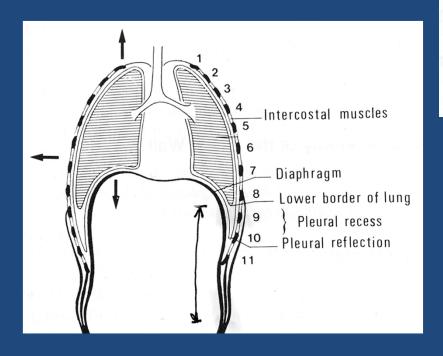
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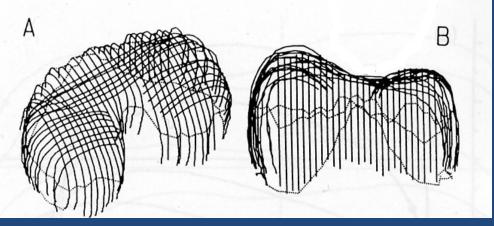
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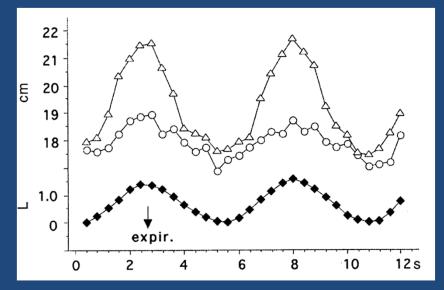
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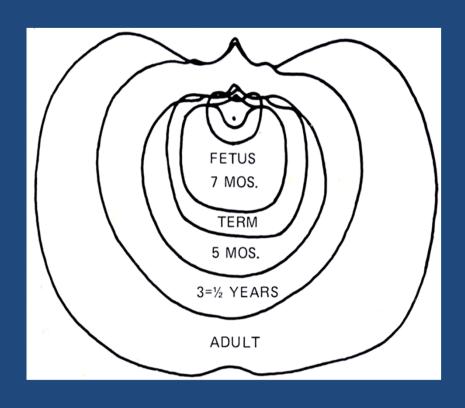




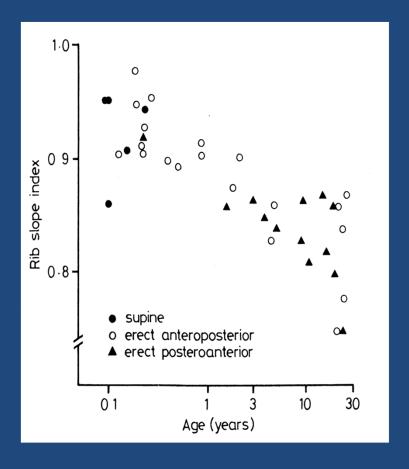
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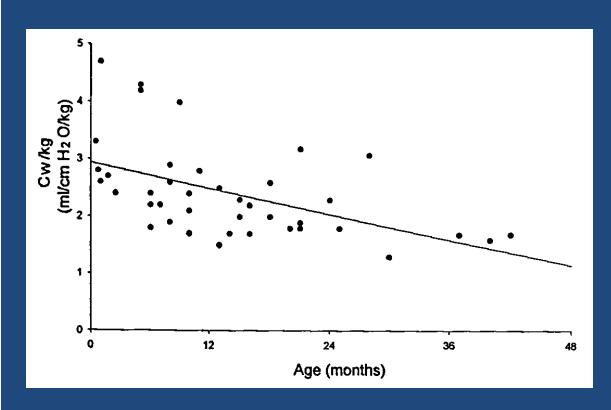
#### Developmental Thoracic Features Impacting Respiratory Muscle Function



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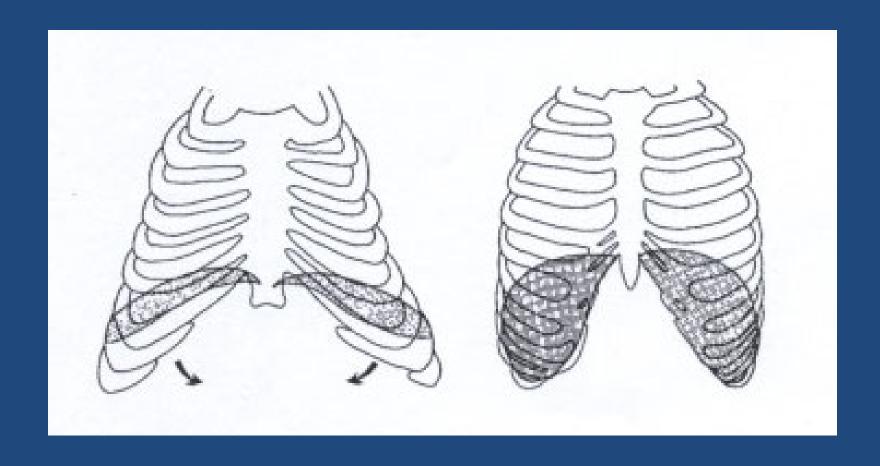


# Chest Wall Compliance in the First 3 Years of Life

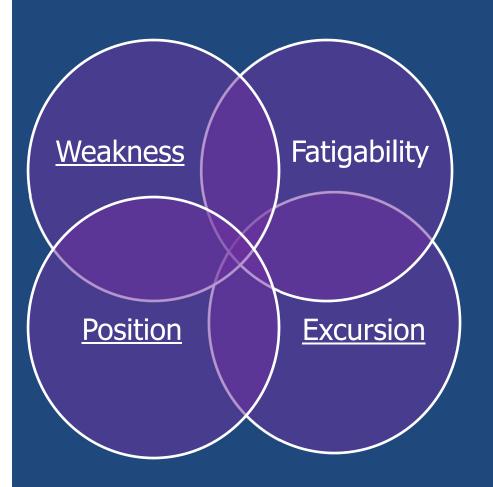




# Developmental Diaphragm Features: Newborn vs Adult



#### Features of Diaphragm Function



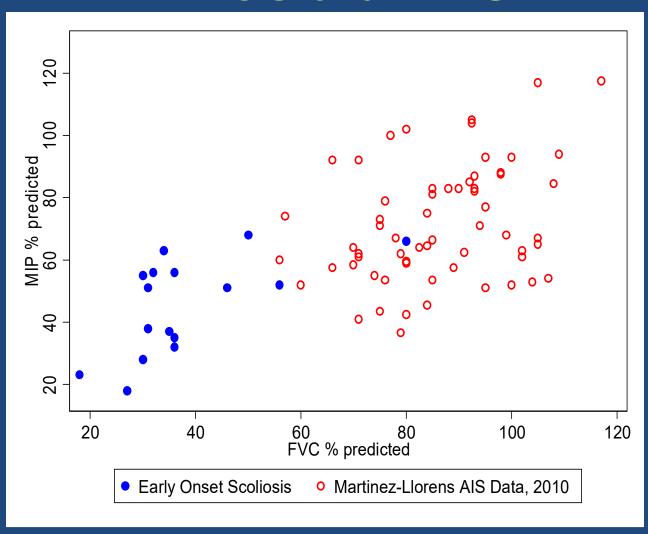


### Restrictive Respiratory Disease due to Scoliosis

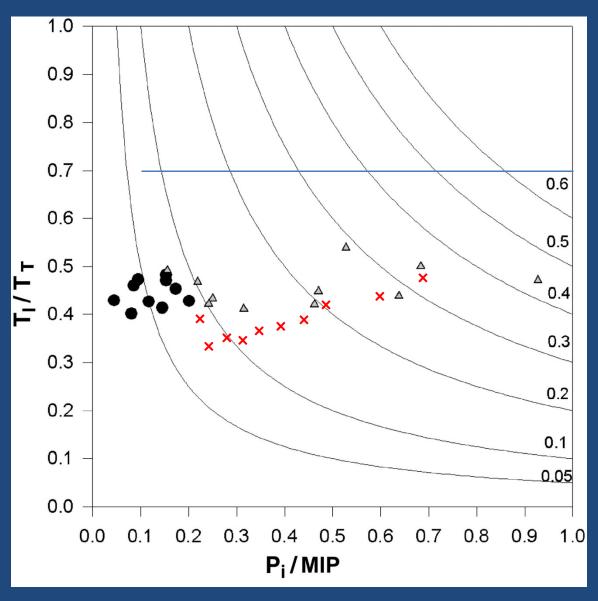


- Loss of lung volume and lung distensibility
- Loss of rib mobility and chest wall excursion
- Increased reliance on diaphragm function as the primary muscle of inspiration
- Loss of respiratory muscle strength

# MIP and FVC are Reduced more in EOS than AIS



#### Time Tension Index: Muscle Fatigability in EOS compared to normal children and those with neuromuscular weakness.

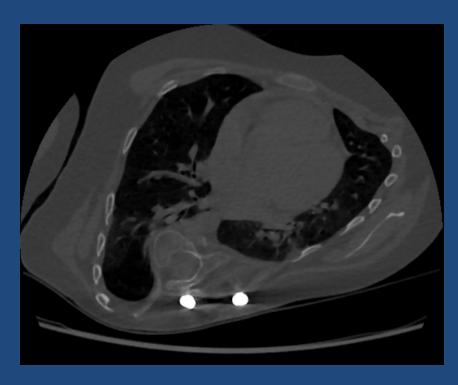


= Normals

 $\Delta$  = Neuromuscular weakness

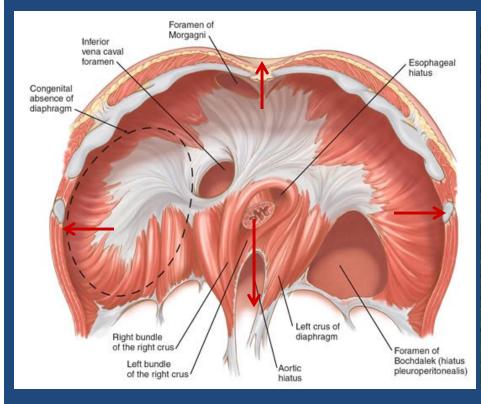
X = EOS without weakness

# Does Spine Rotation Influence Diaphragm Function in Infants?



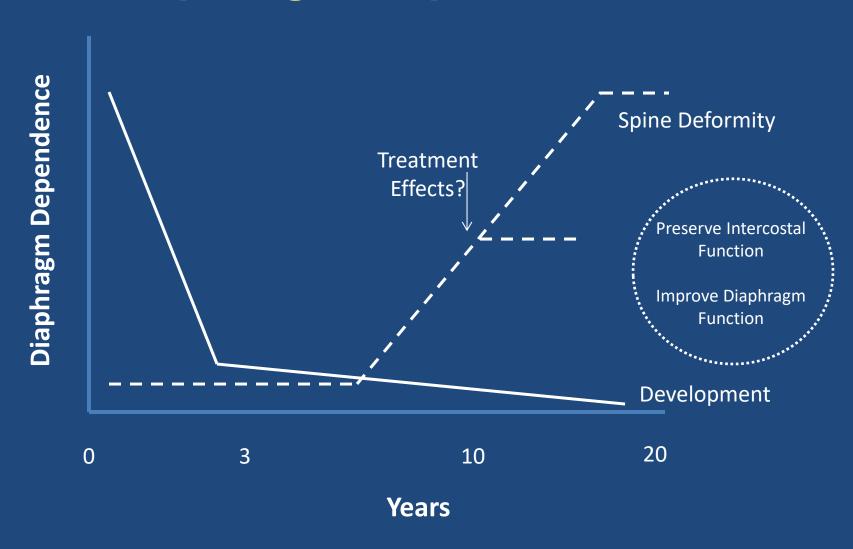


### Role of The Central Tendon as a Tether in Older Children with EOS?





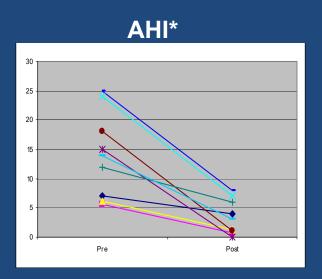
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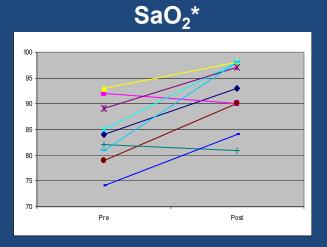


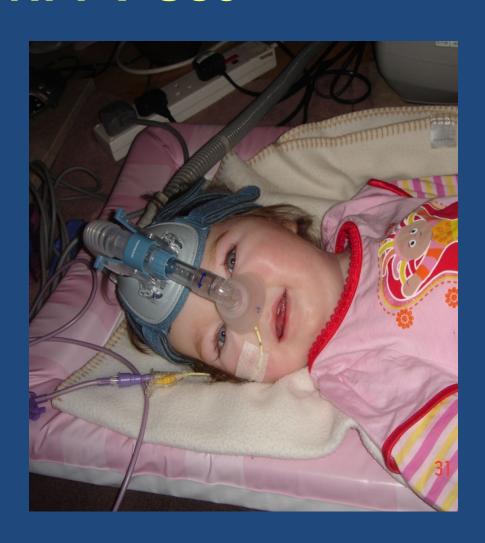
#### Summary

- The diaphragm is critical to breathing for newborns and infants and in children with EOS.
- The intercostal and accessory muscles play a greater role after age 2-3 years until rendered less effective by limited rib motion due to EOS.
- Diaphragm dysfunction occurs in EOS at a time when there is no back up system to power ventilation.
- Future surgical strategies for EOS will target preservation of diaphragm function to improve long term outcomes.

### Results: Changes in Sleep Indices After NPPV Use







\*Significant p<-05 by paired t-test