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#### **Spine Problems in Skeletal Dysplasia**

Instability - O-C 1, C 1-2, Sub -axial Stenosis – Cervical, thoracic or lumbar

Deformity – Scoliosis/Kyphosis/Lordosis



Clarify diagnosis prior to treatment as the natural history and associated problems vary with dysplasia type

#### **Scoliosis**

- Spondyloepiphyseal dysplasia
- Diastrophic dysplasia
- Chondrodysplasia punctata
- Metatropic dysplasia
- Camptomelic dysplasia
- Pseudoachondroplasia





#### **Diastrophic Dysplasia**

- Scoliosis
  - Remes et al Spine 2001
- Incidence ~ 75%
- Onset
  - Most common 2<sup>nd</sup> decade
  - < 3y more progressive and severe</p>
- Bracing (? Useful)
- Spinal stenosis common
- Poor spine flexibility
  - Vertebral deformity, facet and disc degeneration



## **Diastrophic Dysplasia**



4 months



1.5 years



## Initially braced then serial "Mehta" casting





Diastrophic Dysplasia – 3 m











Serial "Mehta" Cast

## Pulmonary Problems in Skeletal dysplasia

- Casting for Early Onset Scoliosis
  - Causes restrictive lung disease
    - Peak inspiratory pressures increased an average of 108% with cast application prior to belly window cutout
    - Most pressures returned to within 10% baseline with the cutout
- Impulse Oscillometry and Thoracoabdominal Motion Analysis
  - Pulmonary function evaluation possible in very young
  - Chest resistance and compliance can be determined
  - Abnormal thoraco/abdominal motion can be measured

# **Diastrophic Dysplasia**



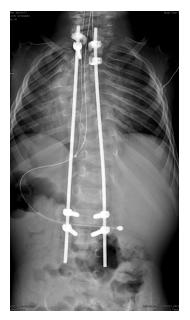
19 months



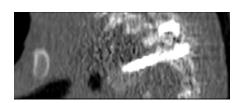
2 years 9 months



# Diastrophic Dysplasia Growing Rod

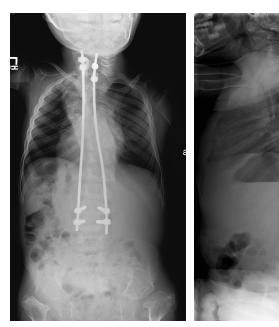






3 yo





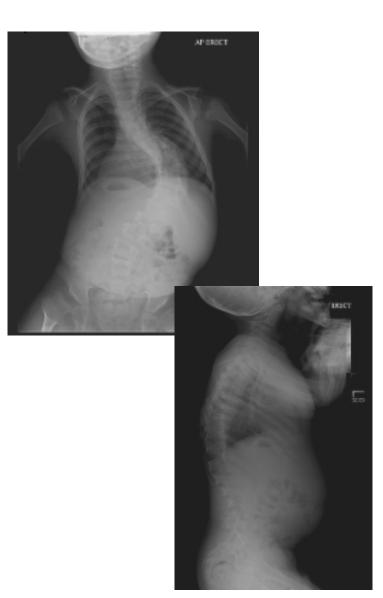




5 yo

# **Diastrophic Dysplasia 4 years**





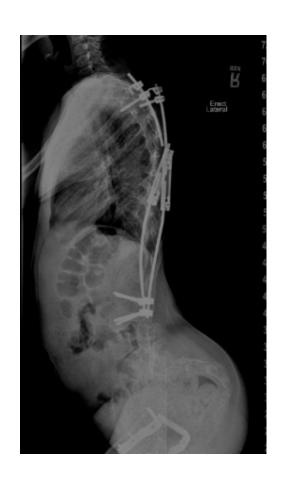
# **Spinal Growing Rod System - 4 years old**





# One revision of thoracic fixation and then rod fracture at 9 years with loss of upper thoracic fixation





#### Replaced Rods and revised fixation and now 10 years old

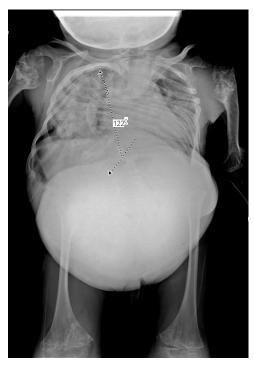




#### Results of Growing Rod Systems

- Bess et al JBJS Am 2088, Watanabe et al Spine 2013, Kabirian et al JBJS Am 2014, Noordeen Spine 2011
- Infection
- Revision
  - Fixation failure, rod breakage, length
- Psychological
- MAGEC- early but promising- Akbarnia Spine 2013

#### **SEMD - Kyphoscoliosis**





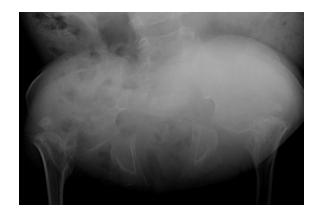


7yo boy

Traction

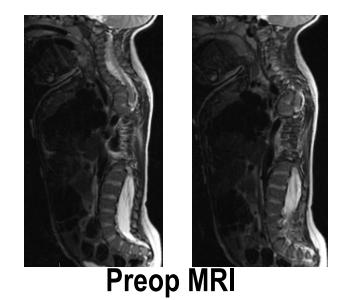
- Untreated severe kyphoscoliosis with lordosis assoc with coxa vara
- Neurological exam normal
- Restrictive lung disease

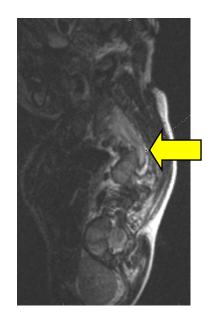
## **Anterior Spinal Cord Injury**



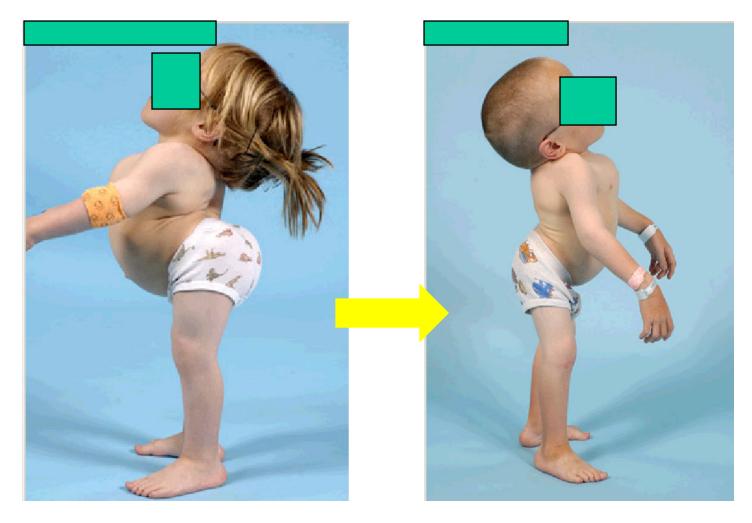


~3 hrs, 200 cc blood loss, no movement of legs post op with good sensation

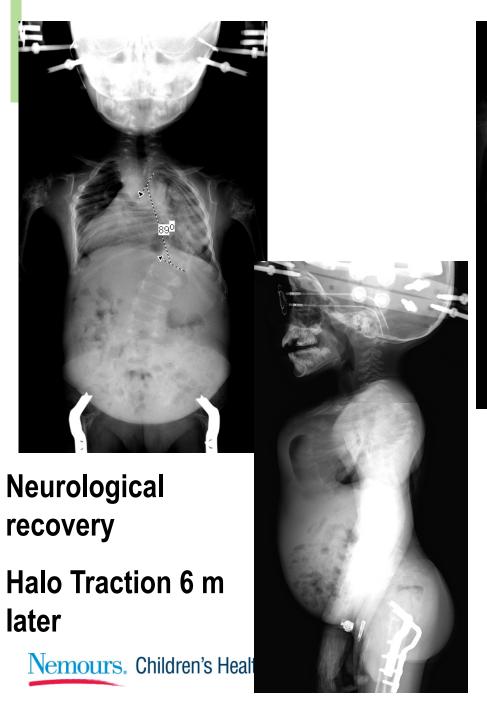


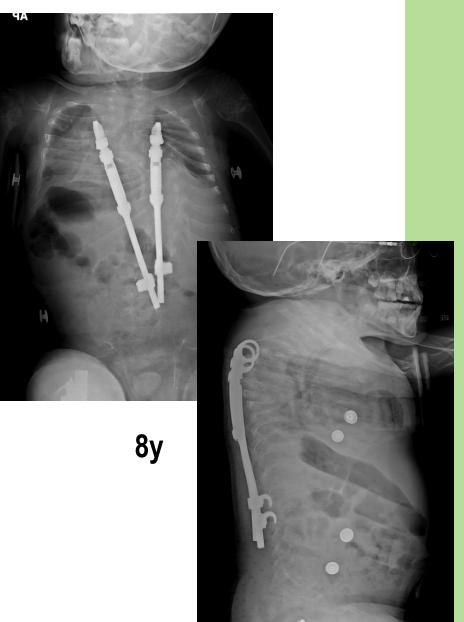


**Postop MRI** 



Difference between these pictures is  $\sim$  6 months, a haircut and correction of coxa vara



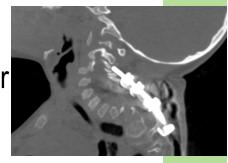




11yo

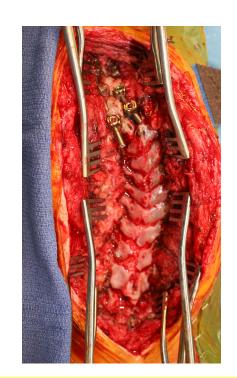
Progressive kyphosis at upper end of VEPTR

PSF and instrumentation





#### **Final PSF and Instrumentation- 12y**







No spontaneous fusion

# **Metatropic Dysplasia Kyphoscoliosis - 17 months**





# **Metatropic Dysplasia** 8 years old







Stiff chest, Restrictive lung disease

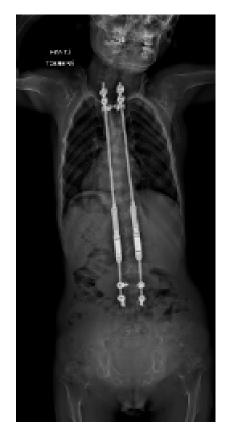
# Anterior Thoracoscopic Release with Halo traction (bed, sitting and standing)



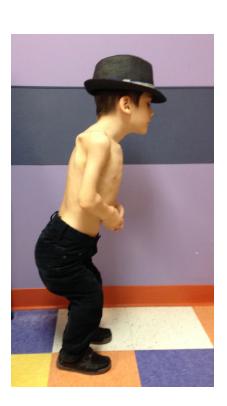




# Post op







#### Metatrophic Dysplasia, Kyphoscoliosis

- 7-year-old boy with metatrophic dysplasia, kyphoscoliosis, restrictive lung disease and an anomalous pulmonary artery.
- Presented with a progressive kyphoscoliosis with the kyphosis measuring 105 degrees preoperatively
- Anterior thoracoscopic release of the apex of his kyphosis and was placed in halo traction for 4
- He demonstrated remarkable improvement and on the standing and extension x-rays there was excellent correction
- Neurological examination remained normal

# Pre-Op





#### **Traction**





# **Initial Post-Op**





## 1<sup>st</sup> lengthening-9/2015

Left side 5.5 mm



Nemours. Children's Health System

Right side 5.5mm



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Lengthening-1/2016

Left side 2.8 mm 3 rounds



Nemours. Children's Health System

2.5 mm 3 rounds



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Lengthening-4/2016

Left side 2.0mm 3 rounds



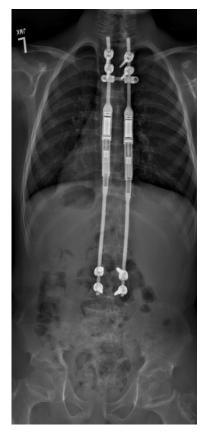
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Right side 2.5mm 3 rounds



# 4<sup>th</sup> Lengthening-7/2016

Left side 3.0mm 2 rounds



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Right side 3.0mm 1 round



### 5<sup>th</sup> Lengthening-11/2016

Left side .5mm- 3 rounds(one of the rounds with 1 compression/1 distraction



Right side 2.0 3 rounds



## SMD

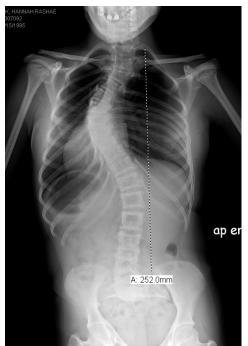






#### **Primordial Dysplasia**







- Majewski Osteodysplastic Primordial Dysplasia
  - Type II
- 12yo
- 3'3", 28 lb
- T1-L5 25 cm
- SMALL endotracheal tube



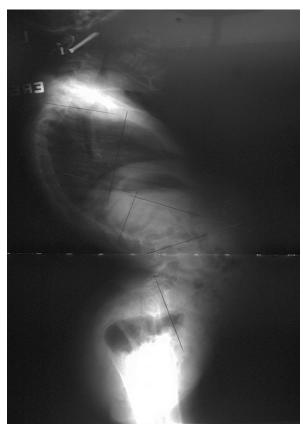




- 3.5 mm titanium instrumentation
- These children can have severe vascular disease
  - Moya moya

#### Relationship of Spine and Limb Alignment

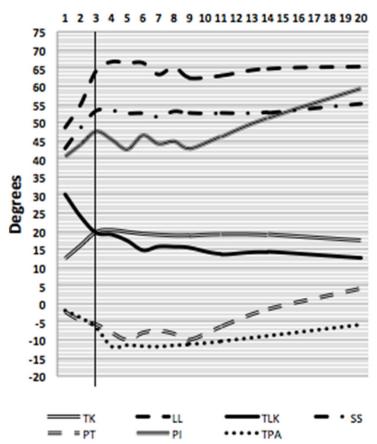
Sagittal spine
 malalignment
 (thoracic kyphosis,
 lumbar lordosis)
 often associated
 with flexion
 contractures in the
 lower extremities





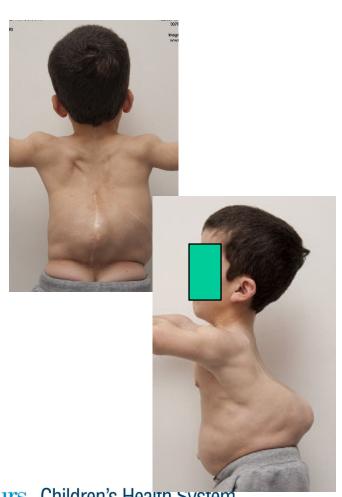
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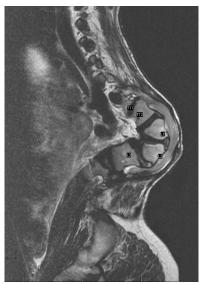
#### Achondroplasia 16y- previous ASF/PSF with pseudarthrosis, progression and symptomatic spinal stenosis











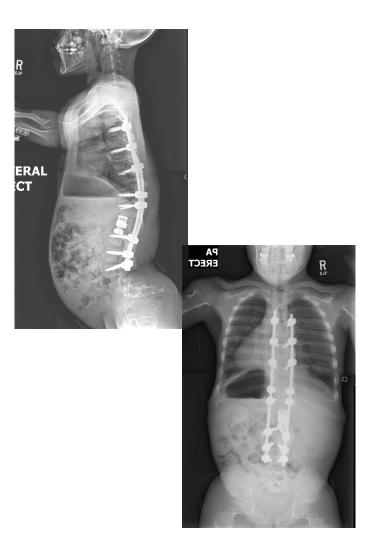




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## **Diastrophic Dysplasia**





18 y with progressive scoliosis and normal neurological exam







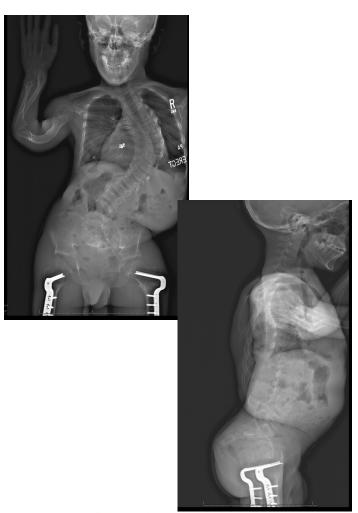


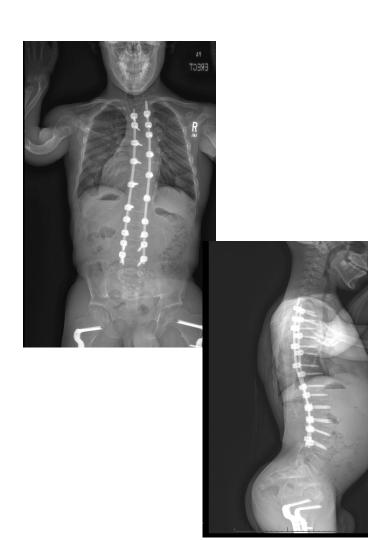




**Spinal Stenosis common** 

# **SEDC** – 16y





#### **Conclusions**

- If the diagnosis is known, natural history is predictable
- Preserve thoracolumbar growth and avoid aggravating restrictive lung disease
- Beware kyphosis