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IMMATURE SPINE and thorax

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The growing spine : What we have learned?

The thorax is the heart of the problem in severe scoliosis

Growth of the spine, thorax, lung are intricated

The spine and ribs dictate lung function

The cranckshaft phenomenon is an uncontrollable factor

The growing spine : What we have learned ?

Mosaic of growth plates Changes in rhythm All parameters do not progress at the same speed The thorax is the fourth dimension

Challenging the growing spine: to maintain spinal growth, thoracic growth, lung growth and keep the spine supple

ONE DEFICIT LEADS TO AN OTHER DEFICIT

- Consider the complete life span
- What is the functional benefit ?
 - What is the morbidity risk ? What quality of Life ?

Domino effect

The goal is to break up the vicious circle.

The growing spine now

- Still high morbidity
- The first priority is the pulmonary growth
- Differents etiologies, different strategies
- Keep the spine supple
- Avoid thorax retraction
- Have a pediatric approach

The final dream? - Avoid arthrodesis

The final goal - Weight : 40 Kg - T1 – T12: 22 cm -T1 - S1 : 30 cm - VC : 50 %

No ideal device !







Shilla...Phenix...Ellipse...Staples...Vertebral body tethering

The growing spine

130 growth plates working in a perfect synchronisation

EOS breaks

Harmony Hierarchy Synergy

With the growing spine EOS becomes a growth plate disorder



Ossification starts at the third month of intra-uterine life

3 months intra-uterine life



Lentil

4 months intra-uterine life



Ovoid

8 years



Rectangular



3 Months





2 Years



Closure at eleven years

Zang Sucato 2008







At age 5 years, the spinal canal has grown to 95% of its definitive size.

The growing spine before age five . J Pediatric ortho B 1993

GROWTH IS A VOLUMETRIC REVOLUTION

AT BIRTH 30% OF THE SPINE IS OSSIFIED

Repeat the measurements

... To understand the dynamic of growth and to anticipate



SITTING HEIGHT INCREASES BY 29 CM IN BOYS AND 28 CM IN GIRLS FROM BIRTH TO AGE OF 5 YEARS The growing spine Springer 2009



27 cm



^{18,5} cm



Boys sitting Height





REMAINING GROWTH AT 5 YEARS SITTING HEIGHT





WEIGHT : an excellent parameter Many chidren are hypotrophics ! Birth: 3.5 Kg 5 years: 20 Kg **10 years: 30 Kg** After 1 year, the annual gain is 2.5 Kg / year...up to puberty

ANNUAL GROWTH VELOCITY WEIGHT



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VOLUMETRIC GROWTH

The thorax: the fourth dimension of the spine

100%



The growing spine, Springer Velarg 1990





Physiotherapy



20 muscles 10 insertions by rib







Birth

AP: 70 mm FL: 80 mm Volume Right 70 cm3 Volume Left 60 cm3

5 years

AP: 130 mm FL: 180 mm Volume Right 400 cm3 Volume Left 350 cm3

Frontal diameter grows faster than AP Diameter

Thoracic volume X5

Gollogly spine 2004

Birth 5 years 10 years

18 years







THORACIC PERIMETER GROWTH



The gain is particularly important the first 5 years (24 cm) with a slow down after 5 years and a new peak at puberty.



Infantile scoliosis, 16 Years Deficit on the sitting height 25 cm Weight 22 kg Normal Length of the lower limbs









Thoracic deformity in severe scoliosis

- Thoracic insufficiency Syndrome
- Congenital scoliosis and fused ribs
- Campbell et al. J Bone Joint Surg (Am) 2003

> Spinal penetration index

Neuromuscular scoliosis Syndromes Dubousset et al. J Orthop Sci 2003



Influence of idiopathic scoliosis on volumetric thoracic growth and proportions?



Parasol effect

Campbell et al. J Bone Joint Surg (Am) 2003

Follow the different stages of growth

• The first five years : crucial period

- After five years : a slowing down
- Puberty : thoracic peak

ANNUAL GROWTH VELOCITY T1 – L5

Birth – 5 yr 5 yr – 10 yr 10 yr – Puberty 2.2 cm 1.1 cm 1.8 cm



Magnetic device ?

PUBERTY IS A TURNING POINT



Girls: remaining sitting height is 12 cm (14%) Boys: remaining sitting height is 13 cm (15%)








Remaining growth : 13% Remaining weight : 40%

Annual gain : 5 Kg







13 YEARS

15.6 YEARS RISSER I 18 YEARS RISSER V

3 Periods in growth / Standing height









THE THORACIC VOLUME DOUBLES BETWEEN 10Y AND SKELETAL MATURITY

Constant relationships during growth

Thoracic perimeter



| birth | = 100% |
|-------|--------|
| 5y | = 90% |
| 15y | = 96% |

Sitting height



Risser 1

five years : remaining growth of the thorax is 70% remaining sitting height is 35%





T1 – S1 a strategic segment

 T1 - S1 :
 50% of the sitting height

 T1 - T12 :
 32%

 L1 - S1 :
 18%



GROWTH CURVE T1 – S1 BOYS

 GAIN

 T1 - S1 : 25 cm

 T1 - T12 : 16 cm

 L1 - L5 : 9 cm

From birth to skeletal maturity



A peri-vertebral arthrodesis in the T1-S1 segment at 5 years causes a sitting height deficit of 15 cm T1 - T12 = 10 cm; L1 - L5 = 5 cm

Evolution of T1-T12 Segment



The growing spine, Springer Verlag 2009

Evolution of L1-L5 Segment

Lumbar vertebra in Boys

mm 1.6 ********************** 1.6 1.4 1.2 0.65 0.8 0.6 -0.2 -0-13 Age L1 L1 L1 16 L1 10.5 12.5 7 cm Birth 5 years 10 years Adult

The growing spine, Springer Verlag 2009

Boys: remaining growth T1 – S1





5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 Years Conversion to final instrumented fusion is possible at the beginning of puberty

Avoid early arthrodesis

POSTERIOR ARTHRODESIS OF THE THORACIC SPINE IN PRE-PUBERTAL RABBITS: EFFECTS ON THORACIC GROWTH

Does a posterior arthrodesis influence the thoracic growth patterns, the length of the sternum and the thoracic volume?

. Montpellier

Canavese, Dimeglio Spine 2007.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

•12 female White New Zeland pre pubertal rabbits 9 weeks old

Implant of 2 "C" shaped titanium bars placed beside the spinous processesof the first 6 thoracic vertebrae

| • 3 CT SCAN: | day 10 (T1) |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| | day 55 (T2) |
| | day 139 (T3) |
| • Myran Pro® program : | Thoracic Diameters |
| | Lung Volume |
| | Vertebral Body Size |
| | |

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RESULTS

Vertebral Body Size



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Canavese, Dimeglio Spine July 2007.

Metha spine 2006

Growing rabbit model : a unilateral deformity of the spine or the thorax induces both scoliosis and thoracic cage deformity with asymetric lung volumes.

Karol JBJS A. 2008

Early arthrodesis reduces AP diameter, shortens T1-T12 index.
 Fusion causes respiratory insufficiency.
 Optimum length T1-T12 : 22 cm
 Respiratory insufficiency worsens after skeletal maturity

The growing spine tomorow

- We must go to the ideal by taking in consideration the reality
- We have to believe in the magic of the impossible
- Repetitive surgery leads to fibrosis
- Magnetic rod is the future
- The maximum is not the optimum
- The grey matter is more important than the material



Don't stick on X Ray

E. O. S is not an orthopedic disease. It's a Pediatric disease !

- Annual trunk velocity ?
- Annual weight velocity ?
- Respiratory status ?



More attention to vital capacity and spinal penetration index

Distance $T1 - T \overline{12}$

thoracic perimeter





Thorax : volumetric expression of the growing spine More growth on the horizontal plan

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Scoliosis - 3D spinal deformity















Thorax - fourth dimension of scoliosis







> Surgical strategies





Thoracic growth

100%



15 years



New

nrod



5 years

50%



10 years

Assessment of thoracic growth



Transversal diameter

30% sitting height



AP diameter

21% sitting height



Thoracic perimeter = 95% sitting height
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Optical data acquisition Orten System



Thoracic growth parameters

> AP diameter

Transversal diameter

Thoracic perimeter





➤ T1-T12 length

Thoracic volume

Patient groups

Reference group: n = 126 61 boys / 65 girls

Scoliosis group: n = 130 20 boys / 110 girls



Clinical growth parameters



Spinal deformity assessment

Frontal standing radiographs Cobb angle range: 15° - 45° Average = 24°

Rib hump
Range: 5 - 25 mm
Average = 11 mm



Average thoracic parameters

in reference and scoliosis < 45° groups

| | Boys | | Girls | |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| | normal | scoliosis | normal | scoliosis |
| Volume | 8.9 dm ³ | 7.9 dm ³ | 7.4 dm^3 | 8.3 dm ³ |
| Perimeter | 68.3 cm | 66.5 cm | 64.1 cm | 66.8 cm |
| AP diameter | 17.0 cm | 16.2 cm | 15.8 cm | 16.0 cm |
| Transv. diameter | 24.5 cm | 23.0 cm | 22.9 cm | 24.1 cm |
| T1-T12 length | 24.6 cm | 23.4 cm | 23.2 cm | 24.4 cm |
| Sternum | 16.0 cm | 15.8 cm | 15.3 cm | 16.4 cm |

> No significant difference : Wilcoxon test p > 0.05

Thoracic growth - Boys Average volumes



Thoracic growth - Girls Average volumes



Regression analysis Thoracic volume - growth parameters

| | Boys | | Girls | |
|-----------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| | normal | scoliosis | normal | scoliosis |
| Age | r = 0.73 | r = 0.43 | r = 0.69 | r = 0.58 |
| Standing height | r = 0.84 | r = 0.87 | r = 0.76 | r = 0.69 |
| Sitting height | r = 0.85 | r = 0.88 | r = 0.70 | r = 0.69 |
| Weight | r = 0.92 | r = 0.92 | r = 0.90 | r = 0.87 |

Growth parameters better than chronological age

Constant relationships during growth in reference and scoliosis < 45° groups

AP diameter

r = 0.78

Sternal length



r = 0.88

20% sitting height



Constant relationships during growth in reference and scoliosis < 45° groups

Frontal diameter

r = 0.85

T1-T12 length



r = 0.89

30% sitting height



Constant relationships during growth in reference and scoliosis < 45° groups

r = 0.93

Thoracic perimeter



Sitting height



Conclusions

Thoracic parameters need to be related to sitting height

> Thoracic volume triples from 4 to 16 years and doubles during pubertal growth

No significant difference of thoracic volume between normal subjects and scoliosis < 45°</p> Clinical relevance of three-dimensional thoracic concept

> Conception of optimised braces

> Analysis of surgical strategies

Further investigation on major scoliosis leading thoracic deformity





Garçon







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LUMBAR VERTEBRA VOLUME

5

10

years



5



05/05/2006 15:26:32 15:25:37 7 L5 : 29.9 cm³

L4 : 30.7 cm³
L3 : 30.6 cm³
L2 : 33.1 cm³
L1 : 32.5 cm³

15

30



cm³

The vertebrae volume triple after ten.

10

Where are we going ?

I There is a normal interaction between the spine, the thoracic cage and the lungs.

2 Deformities of the spine adversely affect the development of the thorax by changing its shape and reducing its normal mobility.

3 The rib-vertebral-lung complex should be considered as a whole, it is an elastic structural model; in the presence of scoliosis it becomes rigid thus preventing from normal development lungs.