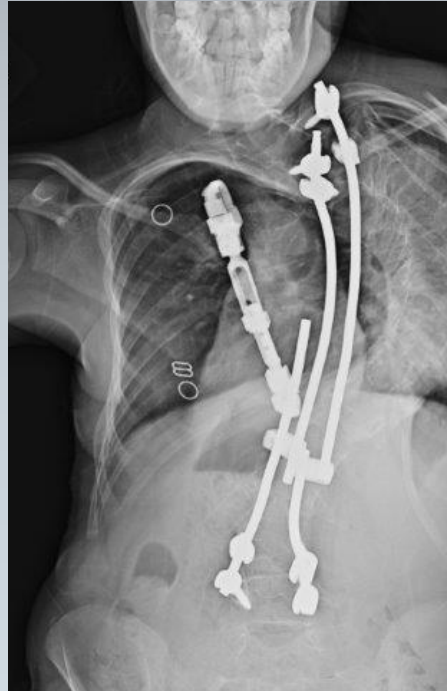


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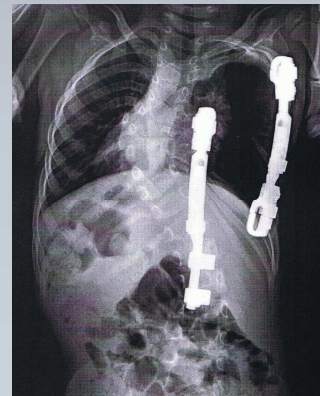
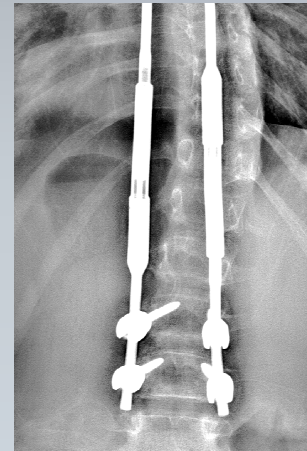


# Introduction

EOS treatment rapidly changing field.

Graduate cohort increasing.

Improved systematic study of EOS patients.



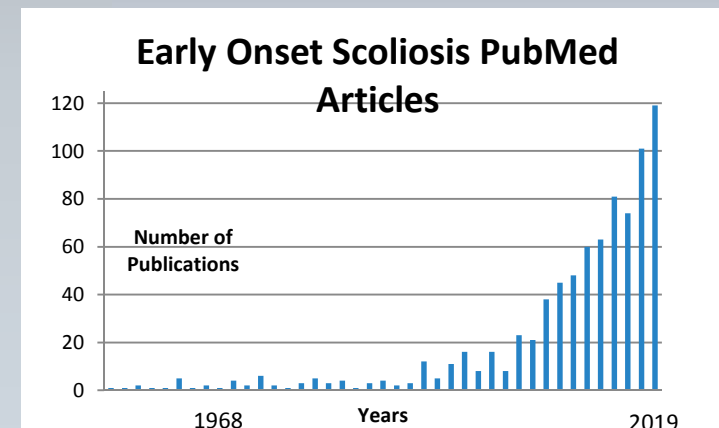


# Introduction

EOS treatment rapidly changing field.

Tremendous technologic advances.

Improved systematic study of EOS patients





# Introduction

Definition of “Graduate”

No long term studies – expert opinion.

Very little is known about EOS patients in adulthood.

Information important for families and health care systems.

# Graduates 2019: Where are we now?



## Pulmonary Function Following Early Thoracic Fusion in Non-Neuromuscular Scoliosis

By Lori A. Karol, MD, Charles Johnston, MD, Kiril Mladenov, MD, Peter Schochet, MD, Patricia Walters, RRT-NPS, and Richard H. Browne, PhD

JBJS 2008

Early in-situ fusion bad: ↓ thoracic height

T1-T2 fusions worse



# Graduates 2019: Where are we now?



Not all graduates with EOS are the same

cEOS classification



# Graduates 2019: Where are we now?



Fusion after growing treatment:  
minimal gain in thoracic height

Radiographic Outcome and Complication Rate of 34 Graduates After Treatment With Vertical Expandable Prosthetic Titanium Rib (VEPTR): A Single Center Report

*Daniel Studer, MD,\* Philippe Büchler, PhD,† and Carol C. Hasler, MD\** **JPO 2019**

minimal curve correction

Avoidance of “Final” Surgical Fusion After Growing-Rod Treatment for Early-Onset Scoliosis

*Amit Jain, MD, Paul D. Sponseller, MD, John M. Flynn, MD, Suken A. Shah, MD, George H. Thompson, MD, John B. Emans, MD, Jeff B. Pawelek, BS, and Behrooz A. Akbarnia, MD, on behalf of the Growing Spine Study Group* **JBJS 2016**

high complication rate

Complications and Radiographic Outcomes of Posterior Spinal Fusion and Observation in Patients Who Have Undergone Distraction-Based Treatment for Early Onset Scoliosis

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# Graduates 2019: Where are we now?



## “Final fusion” may not be final

100 pts mixed etiology (4.2 years mean f/u)  
mean age 12.2 yrs

**20% patients UPROR** (30 complications/57 procedures): 1.5/pt

infection  
instrumentation  
curve progression

### Final Fusion After Growing-Rod Treatment for Early Onset Scoliosis

Is It Really Final?

Connie Poe-Kochert, RN, CNP, Claire Shannon, MD, Jeff B. Pawelek, BS, George H. Thompson, MD, Christina K. Hardesty, MD,  
David S. Marks, FRCS, Behrooz A. Akbarinia, MD, Richard E. McCarthy, MD, and John B. Emans, MD

**JBJS 2016**



# Graduates 2019: Where are we now?

## Observation viable option in some patients

Jain <i>et al</i> (JBJS 2016)	30 patients (mean 3.7 years) 26/30 no further surgery 4/30 infection
Sawyer <i>et al</i> (Spine Def 2016)	12 patients (mean 4.0 years) 12/12 patients no further surgery
Cheung <i>et al</i>	

# Graduates 2019: Where are we now?



## Observation viable option in some patients

Graduation Protocol After Growing-Rod Treatment:  
Removal of Implants without New Instrumentation Is  
Not a Realistic Approach

Ismail Aykut Kocyigit, MD, Z. Deniz Olgun, MD, H. Gokhan Demirkiran, MD,  
Mehmet Ayvaz, MD, and Muharrem Yazici, MD

removal instrumentation is not

9/10 patients deformity progression



# Graduates 2019: Where are we now?



## Growth Sparing Treatment

spine elongation

preservation of baseline pulmonary

similar activity as peers – higher energy

small series (12 pts)

Functional and Radiographic Outcomes Following  
Growth-Sparing Management of  
Early-Onset Scoliosis

Charles E. Johnston, MD, Dong-Phuong Tran, MS, and Anna McClung, BSN, RN

# Graduates 2019: Where are we now?



**Spinal fusion at end of growing treatment**

minimal correction

high complication rate

**Instrumentation removal at end of growing treatment – failure**

**Observation may be best.**

Is there something better?



# Graduates 2019: Where do we need to go?



Define “Graduate”

Patient/etiology specific care plans? (cEOS)

Patient/family outcome measures.

# Graduates 2019: Where do we need to go?

**What will life be like as an adult?**

live independently?

get married?

work?

be alive?



# Graduates: Long term outcome study



developed 2018

EOS patients: age  $\geq 18$  years,  $\geq 5$  years from surgery

Multicenter study

Validated outcome scores



# Graduates: Long term outcome study



70 question survey

3 validated outcome measures:

**SRS-22**

Spine related

**FACIT-Dyspnea**

Pulmonary related

**SF-12**

QOL related

Demographic: married/working/living



# Graduates: Long term outcome study



Data collection started 10/19

Descriptive cohort study – long term follow up

Develop “Graduates” database – future study



## Conclusions:

Tremendous advances made in treatment of EOS patients.

Changes more rapid than our knowledge of outcomes.

**Long term outcome:**      parents & families  
   research  
   health care systems/payors

# Conclusions: Stay Tuned



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