



# **SCOLIOSIS AND SPINE DEFORMITIES RELATED TO RARE DISEASES**

**Surgical Treatment  
of Scoliosis in  
NEUROFIBROMATOSIS**

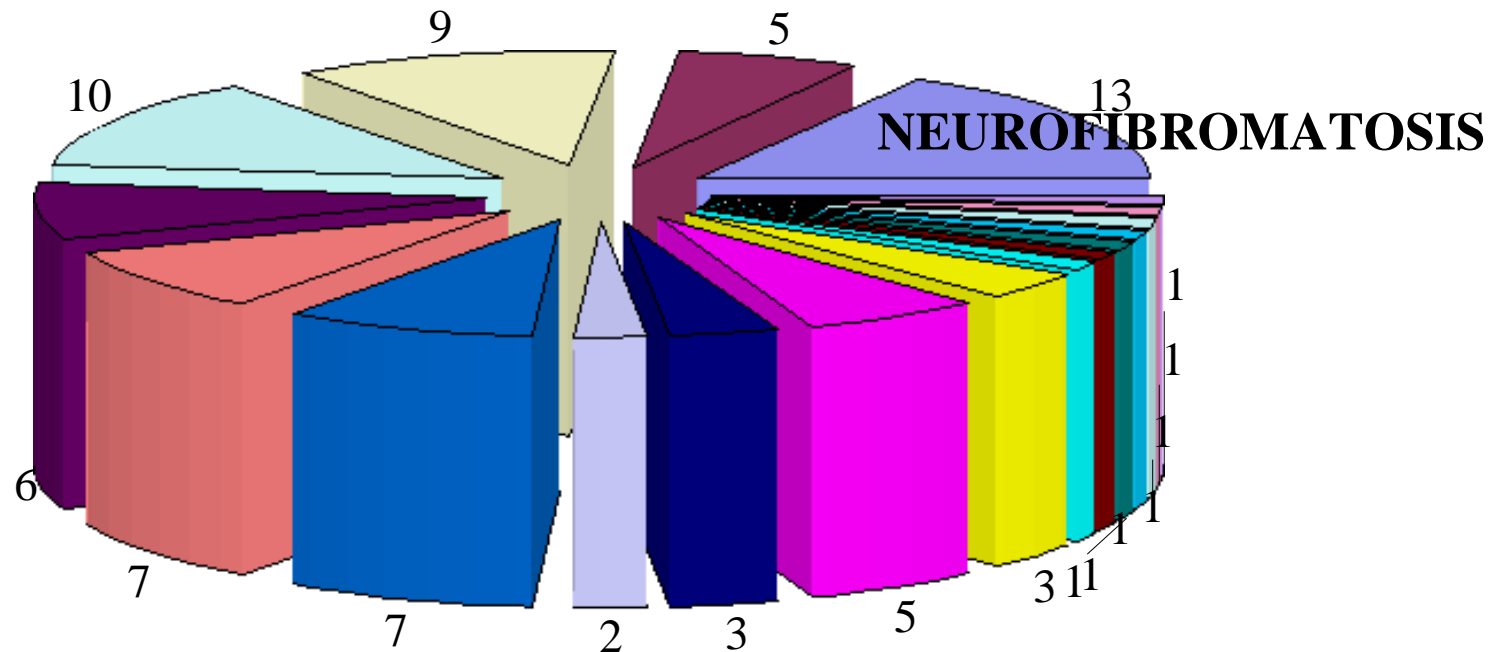
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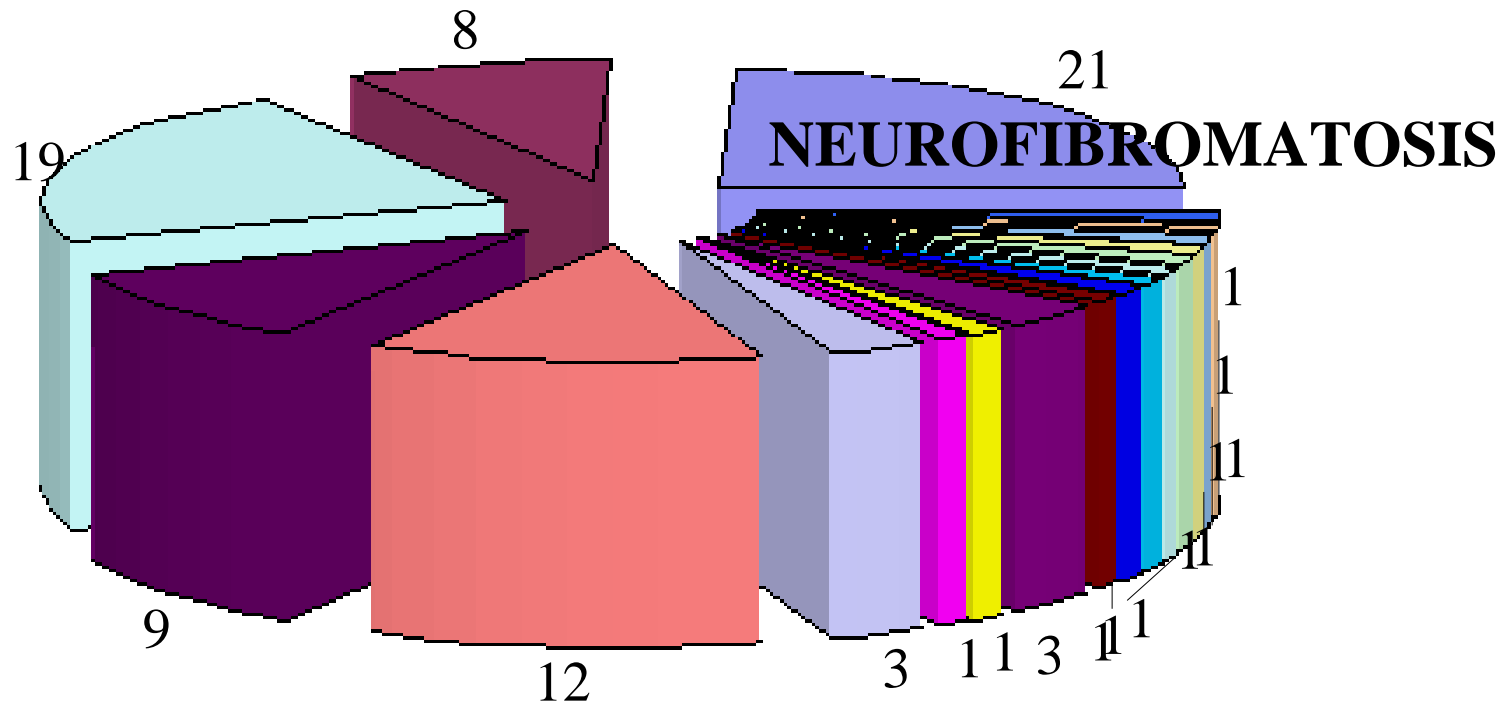
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# RARE DISEASES IN MALES



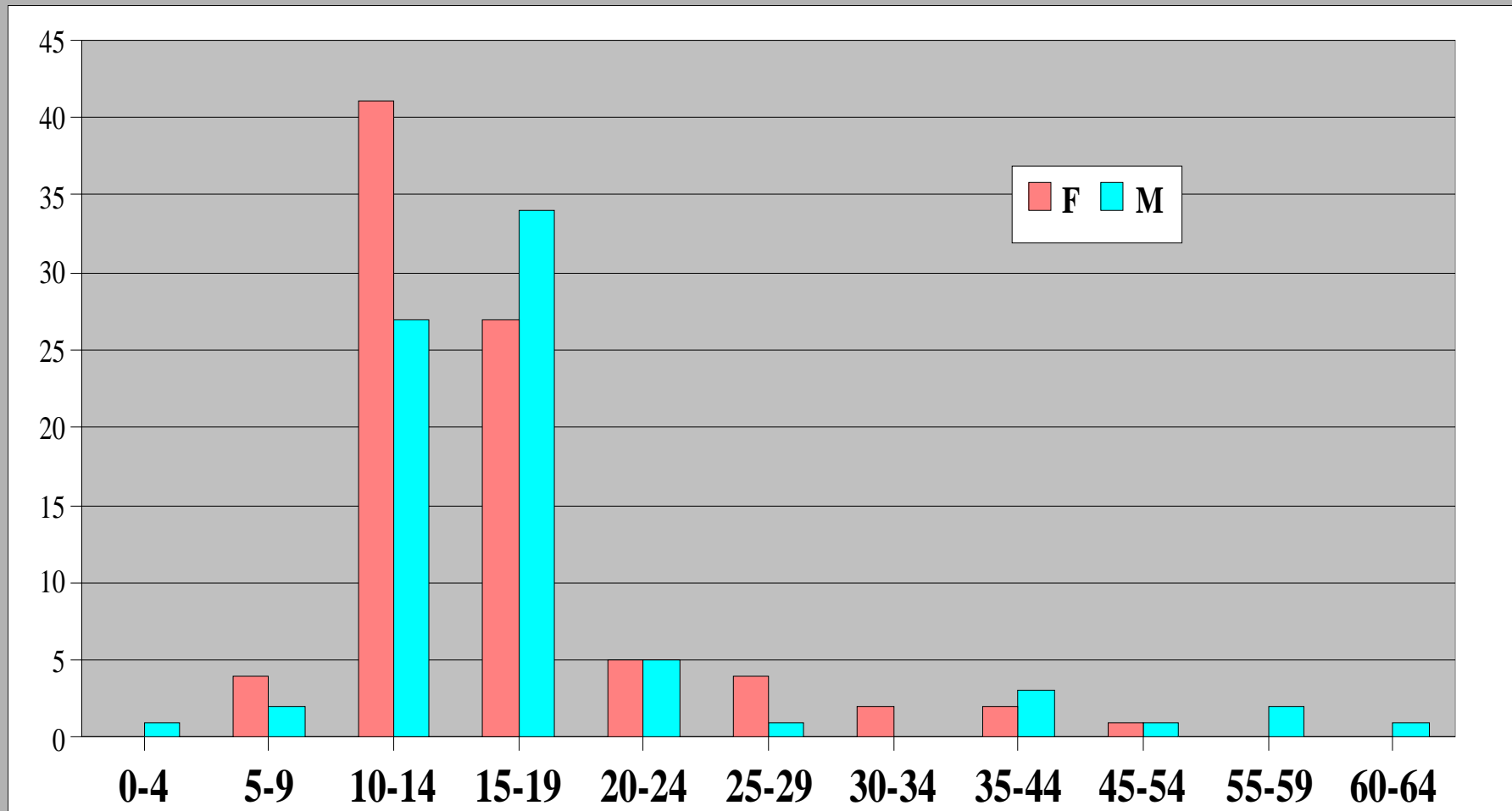
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MYELOMENINGOCELE	MARFAN	PAA	NEUROMUSCULAR
SP-EPIPHYSEAL DYSPLASIA	PRADER-WILLI	CHARCOT-MARIE	DAWN
FRIEDERICH	SYRINGOMYELIA	POLIOMYELITIS+ DIASTEM- ATOMYELIA	DYSOSTOSIS CLEYDOCRANIAL
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# RARE DISEASES IN FEMALES



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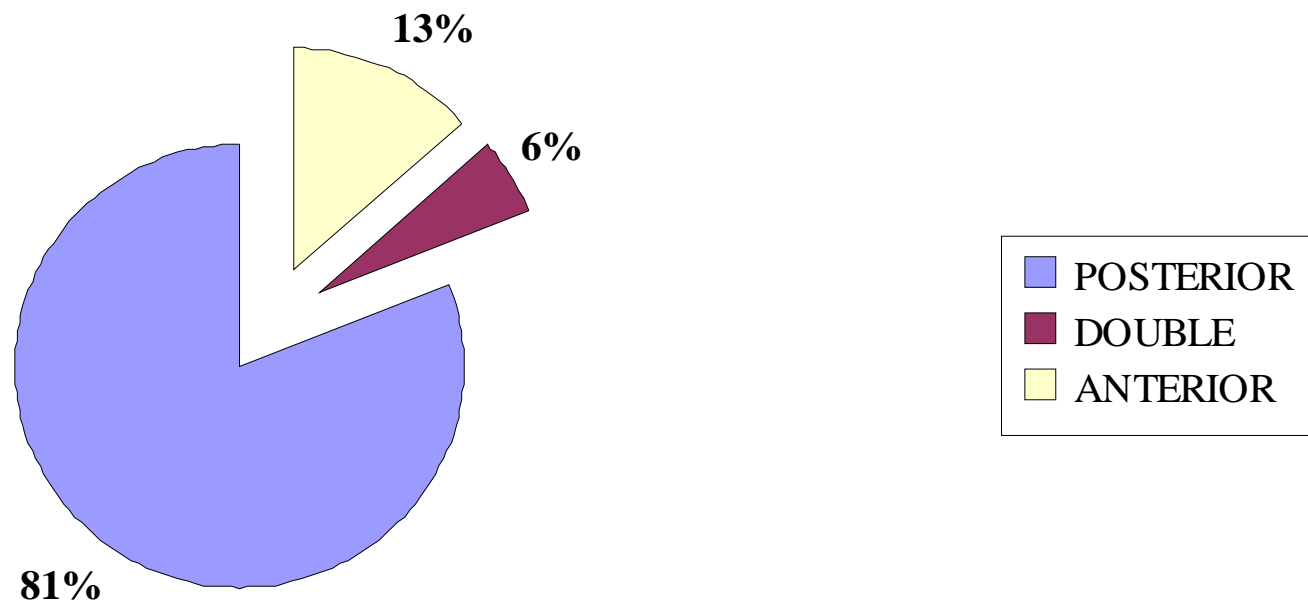
# PATIENTS BY SEX AND AGE AT FIRST SURGICAL INTERVENTION



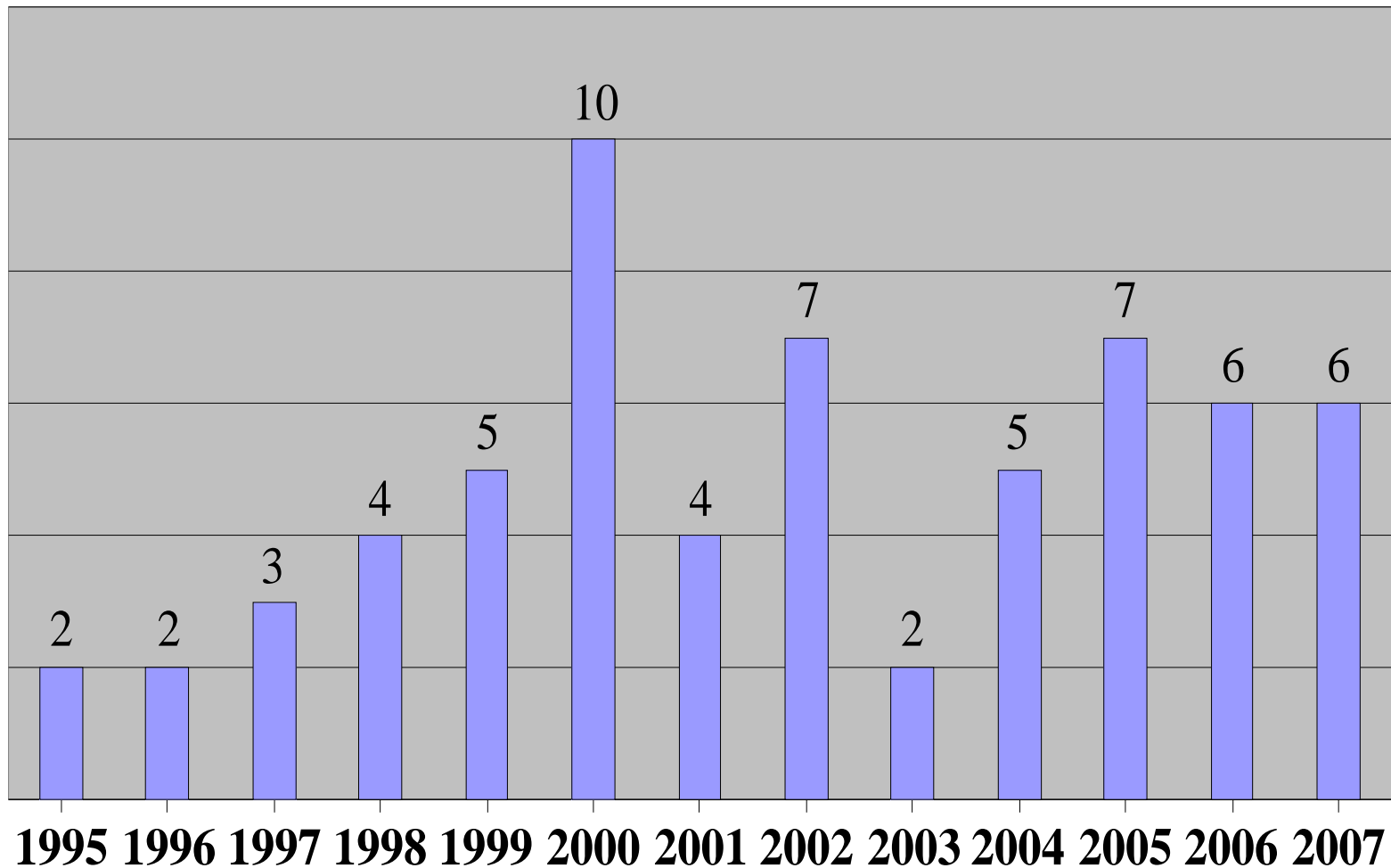
## NUMBER OF PATIENTS BY REGION OR FOREIGN COUNTRY OF ORIGIN (2006)

	SEX		Total
	F	M	
CAMPANIA	9.88%	13.24%	11.41%
EMILIA ROMAGNA	9.88%	13.24%	11.41%
LOMBARDY	7.41%	13.24%	10.07%
PUGLIA	7.41%	11.76%	9.40%
TUSCANY	9.88%	4.41%	7.38%
SARDINIA	3.70%	8.82%	6.04%
LAZIO	6.17%	4.41%	5.37%
SICILY	7.41%	2.94%	5.37%
CALABRIA	6.17%	2.94%	4.70%
VENETO	3.70%	5.88%	4.70%
FRIULI V.G.	3.70%	4.41%	4.03%
PIEDMONT	4.94%	2.94%	4.03%
UMBRIA	6.17%	0.00%	3.36%
BASILICATA	1.23%	2.94%	2.01%
TRENTINO	1.23%	2.94%	2.01%
ABRUZZO	1.23%	1.47%	1.34%
SERBIA-MONTENEGRO	1.23%	1.47%	1.34%
ALBANIA	1.23%	0.00%	0.67%
INDIA	1.23%	0.00%	0.67%
LIBIA	0.00%	1.47%	0.67%
LIGURIA	0.00%	1.47%	0.67%
MOLDAVIA	1.23%	0.00%	0.67%
ROMANIA	1.23%	0.00%	0.67%
TUNISIA	1.23%	0.00%	0.67%
UKRAINE	1.23%	0.00%	0.67%
MARCHE	1.23%	0.00%	0.67%
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

# KINDS OF SURGICAL ACCESS



## NUMBER OF INTERVENTIONS AT THE FIRST TRIMESTER OF EACH YEAR





# Von Recklinghausen's disease

Autosomal dominant genetic disorder

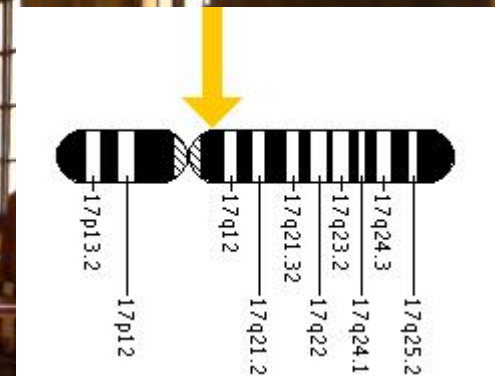
Where is the NF1 gene located?

Cytogenetic Location: 17q11.2

Molecular Location on chromosome 17: base pairs 26,446,242 to 26,725,589

1/5000 individuals

It is inherited as an autosomal dominant trait, but about 50 percent of cases arise as mutations.



**EXCELLENCE MEDICINE  
NOT  
EVIDENCE BASE MEDICINE**

Parisini P, Di Silvestre M, Greggi T,

Paderni S, Cervellati S, Savini R.

Surgical correction of dystrophic spinal curves in **neurofibromatosis. A review of 56 patients.**

Spine. 1999 Nov 1;24(21):2247-53.

Li M, Fang X, Li Y, Ni J, Gu S, Zhu X.

Successful use of posterior instrumented spinal fusion alone for scoliosis in 19 patients with neurofibromatosis type-1 followed up for at least 25 months.

Arch Orthop Trauma Surg. 2008 Jul 24.

**Study Design.** A presentation of the results from 56 patients with dystrophic spinal deformities caused by neurofibromatosis surgically managed from 1971 to 1992. **Objectives.** To focus on the need for combined anterior and posterior fusion in the presence of severe spinal dystrophic changes.

**Summary of Background Data.** It has been stated that the most effective management for dystrophic curves is early and aggressive surgery.

**Methods.** The patients were divided into two groups: Type I scoliosis (kyphosis  $\geq 50^\circ$ ) and Type II kyphoscoliosis (kyphosis  $\geq 50^\circ$ ). Results were evaluated in relation to the type of surgery performed: single posterior instrumented fusion or preplanned combined anterior and posterior fusion.

**Results.** At a mean follow-up period of 15 years (range, 5–22 years), all patients appeared to be stabilized, after a total of 120 surgical interventions. In Group I, the posterior instrumented fusion failed in nine patients (47%), and in Group II it failed in seven patients (63%).

The preplanned combined anterior and posterior fusion failed in two patients (33%) in Group I and in four patients (20%) in Group II. The failure incidence of the posterior instrumented fusion alone and of the planned anterior and posterior fusion was 53% (16 patients) and 23% (6 patients), respectively.

**Conclusions.** The severe dystrophic curve with anterior vertebral scalloping always requires combined anterior and posterior stabilization, particularly in younger patients, even if the sagittal curves have not become pathologic by the time of presentation. [Key words: neurofibromatosis, spine dystrophic deformity, spine fusion] Spine 1999;24:2247–2253

56  
patients with dystrophic spinal deformities  
caused by  
neurofibromatosis surgically managed  
from 1971 to 1992.

**NUMBER OF PATIENTS:  
FROM 1993 TO 2007 ➤ 34**

**NEUROFIBROMATOSIS 100 CASES**

# NEUROFIBROMATOSIS (FROM 1993 TO 2007)

## NUMBER OF PATIENTS BY SEX:



M: 13



F: 21

MEAN AGE: 16.9 yrs. (dev. st.: 9.4 yrs.)



M: 17.1 (dev. st.: 8.2)



F: 16.9 (dev. st.: 10.0)

## NUMBER OF PATIENTS SUFFERING FROM NEUROFIBROMATOSIS BY REGION OR FOREIGN COUNTRY OF ORIGIN (2007)

	F	M	Total
➤ CAMPANIA	9.52%	15.38%	11.76%
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# **NEUROFIBROMATOSIS (FROM 1993 TO 2007)**

**KINDS OF SURGICAL ACCESS:**

 **8      DOUBLE**

**KINDS OF SURGICAL ACCESS:**

 **39      POSTERIOR**

**KINDS OF SURGICAL ACCESS:**

 **15      ANTERIOR**

# Growing SPINE

## 1. Not FUSION

(Johnston et al. 2008, Vitale et al. 2008)

## 2. Correction without fusion

- “Growth Sparing” (< 8 ANNI)
  - Rib based (VEPTR) (Campbell et al)
  - Spine based (DUAL ROD) (Akbarnia et al)
  
- “Growth Modulating” (> 8 ANNI)
  - Staples (Betz et al)
  - Shilla technique (McCarthy et al)
  - Spinal tethering (Newton et al)

# **Surgical Treatment of Scoliosis in Neurofibromatosis**



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**Neurofibromatosis type 1 (NF-1) is a multisystemic disease. It may manifest as abnormalities of the nervous tissue, bones, soft tissue, and skin. The manifestations of NF-1 vary from person to person and range from subclinical to severe. Individuals who carry the gene eventually exhibit some clinical feature of the disease. The penetrance for NF-1 nears 100% during adulthood. Skeletal abnormalities are common in NF-1, with most patients presenting with some type of bony dysplasia. The orthopedic complications usually appear early. They include spinal deformities, such as scoliosis or kyphosis, congenital tibial dysplasia with bowing and pseudarthrosis of the tibia, forearm, other bones, as well as overgrowth phenomenon of an extremity, and soft tissue tumors.**

# Surgical Treatment of Scoliosis in Neurofibromatosis



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## 2 subtypes: idiopathic and dystrophic;

- dysplastic type: (dystrophic) Winter 80%
  - short, sharply angulated curve which involve only few vertebra;
  - associated w/:
    - neural foramina enlargement
    - rib penciling
    - kyphosis;
    - vertebral body scalloping
    - dural ectasia
    - soft tissue masses;

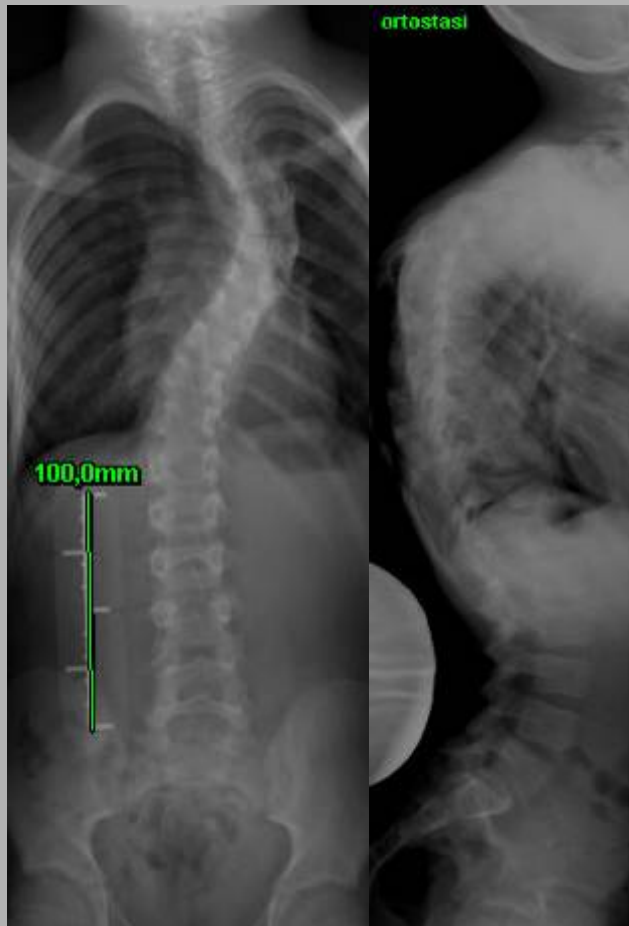
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## - Idiopathic Type M 11YRS



# -soft tissue masses

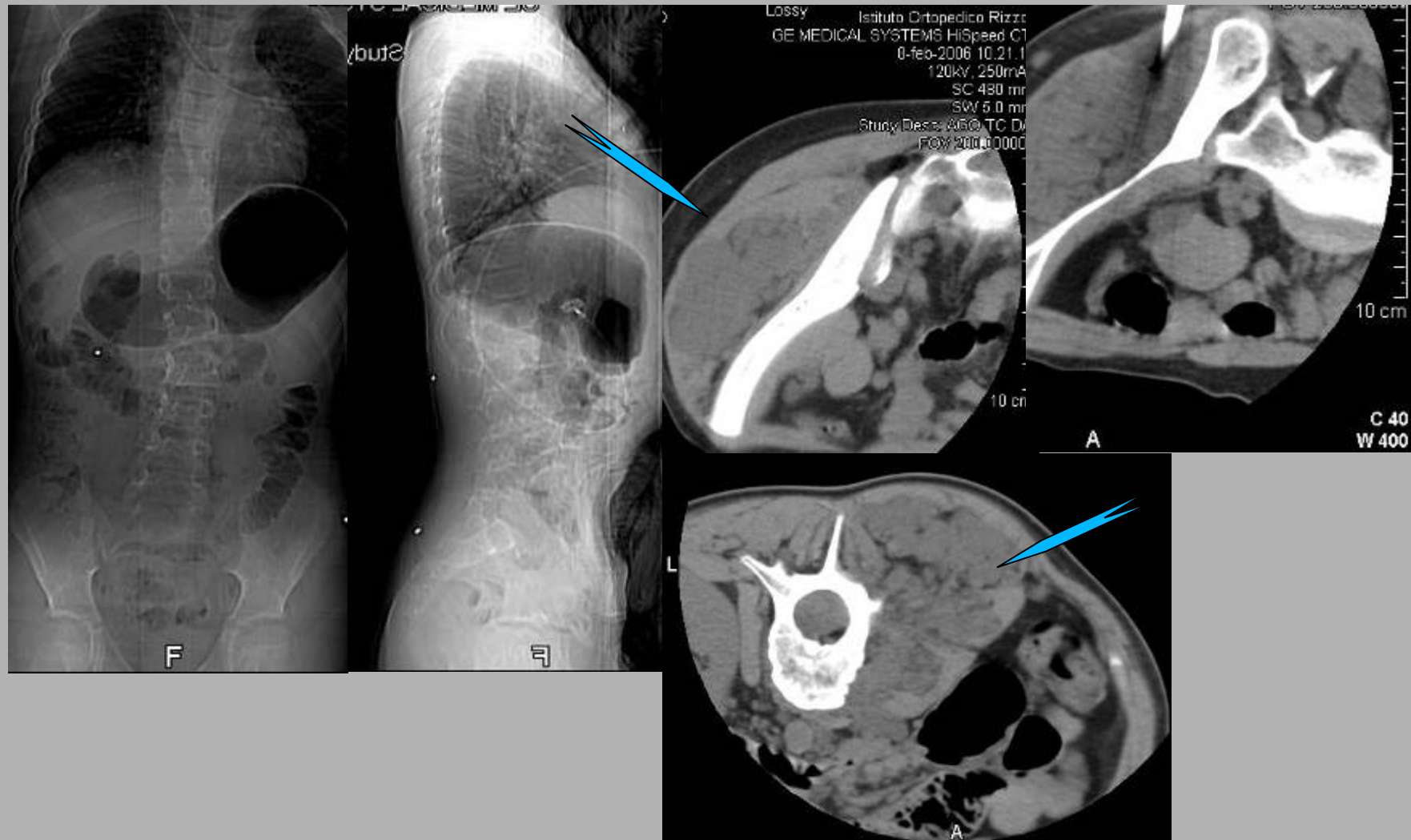
## M 12YRS



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Pathological dislocation of the hip in  
neurofibromatosis: a case report.

Lampasi M, Greggi T, Sudanese A.

Chir Organi Mov. 2008 Apr;91(3):163-6.

Epub 2008 May 21.

# **Surgical Treatment of Scoliosis in Neurofibromatosis**



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## **Spinal Deformity**

### **Nondystrophic type:**

**Treat like idiopathic scoliosis.**

**Observe curves less than 20 degrees**

**Brace from 20 to 35 degrees.**

**Consider posterior spinal fusion with instrumentation for curves 35 to 60 degrees**

**Consider posterior spinal fusion and ant-posterior with instrumentation for curves > 60 degrees**

# **Surgical Treatment of Scoliosis in Neurofibromatosis**



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## **Spinal Deformity**

### **Dystrophic type:**

**Bracing is ineffective.**

**If kyphosis less than 49 degrees, consider posterior fusion with instrumentation.**

**For increased kyphosis or scoliosis greater than 40 degrees, consider anterior-posterior fusion with anterior strut grafting with rib, fibula, iliac crest or tibia and posterior instrumentation. Graft concave side.**

**Curves less than 20 degrees observe every 6 months.**

**Curves from 20-40 degrees scoliosis consider posterior fusion and instrumentation. Fusion from neutral vertebrae above and below curve.**

**Post-op immobilization with Risser cast or TLSO recommended up to one year or until fusion complete. Laminectomy alone is not recommended . Does not eliminate neurological symptoms and results in worsening kyphosis.**

# **Surgical Treatment of Scoliosis in Neurofibromatosis**



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## **Neurologic Deficit Secondary to Spinal Cord Compression**

### **Differential Diagnosis**

#### **Intraspinal Lesions**

- Neurofibroma
- Schwannoma
- Neuroectodermal Tumors

#### **Secondary Compression**

- Kyphosis
- Scoliosis

# Surgical Treatment of Scoliosis in Neurofibromatosis



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**TC- MRI:** evaluates dystrophic forms to characterize soft tissue masses;

## **Treatment: of Dysplastic Scoliosis;**

- one can expect relentless progression that is refractory to bracing;
- surgical fusion is therefore required;
- scoliosis alone: posterior arthrodesis (w/ internal fixation);
- associated kyphosis

there is increases risk of paraplegia & pseudo-arthrosis following surgery;  
anterior fusion combined w/ posteiror instrumentation & fusion is indicated  
when kyphosis > 50 deg or scoliosis is > 80 deg;

# **Surgical Treatment of Scoliosis in Neurofibromatosis**



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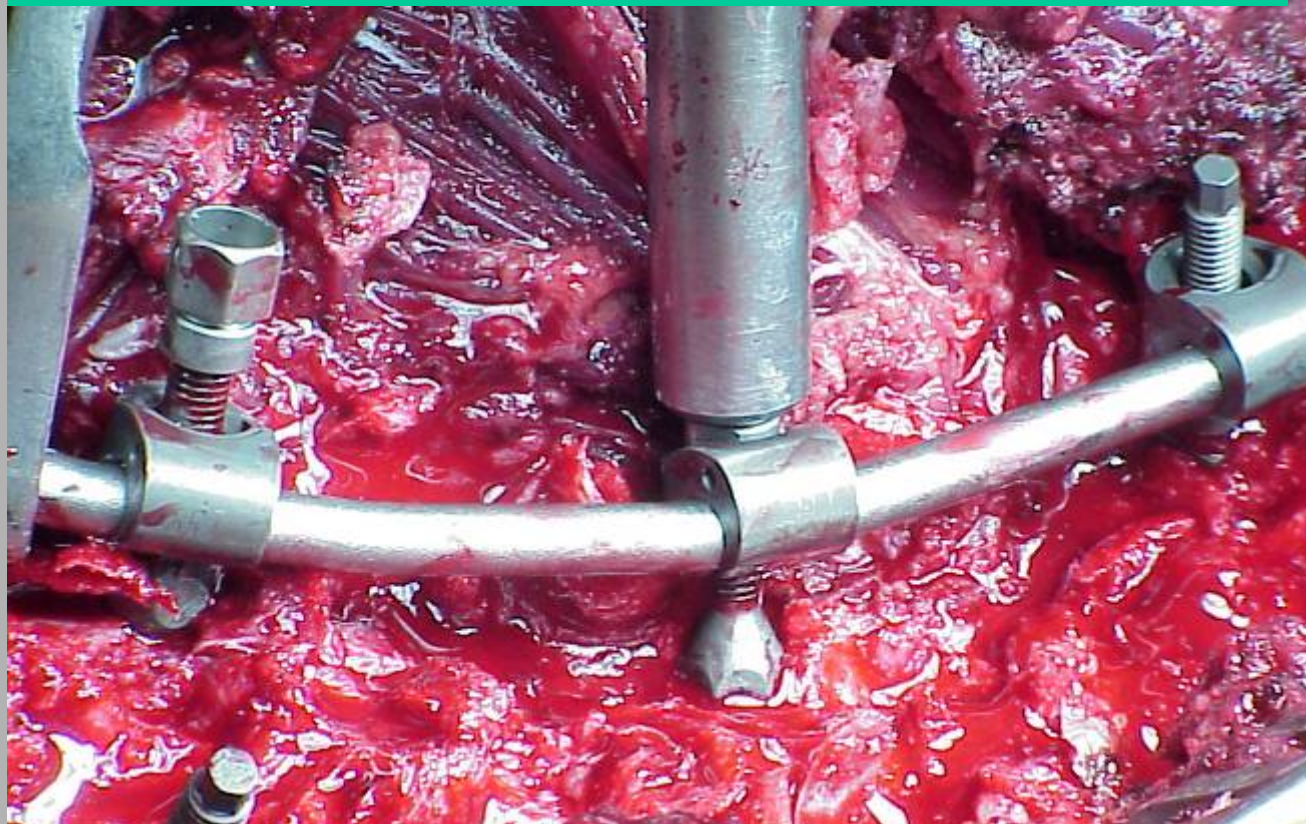
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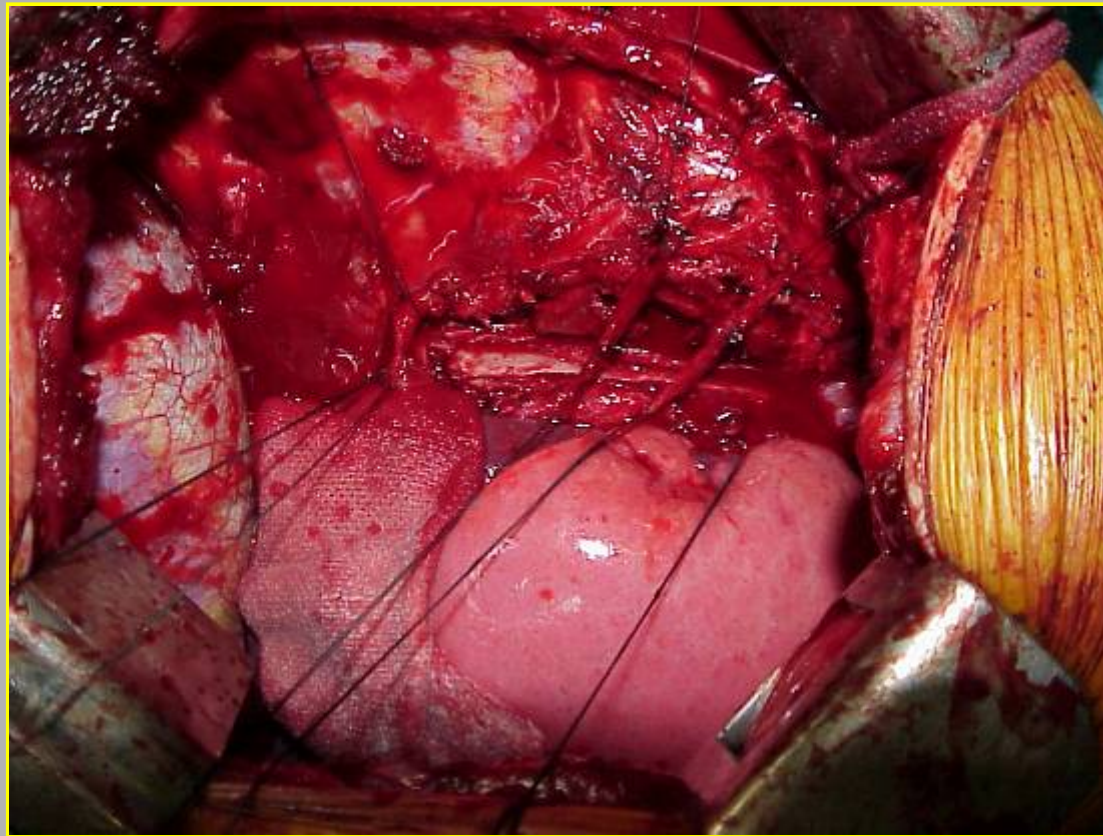
## POSTERIOR SPINAL FUSION AND INSTRUMENTATIONS

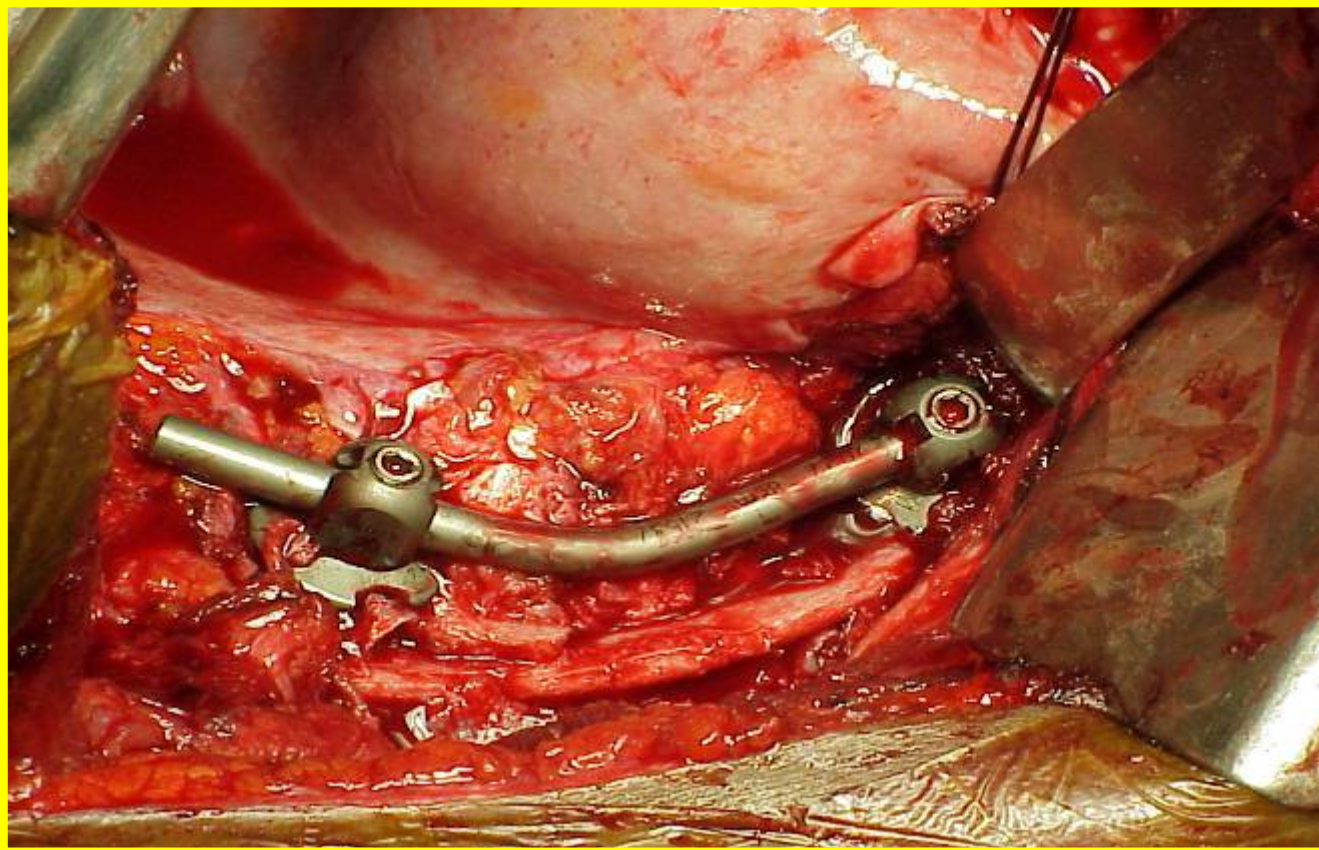




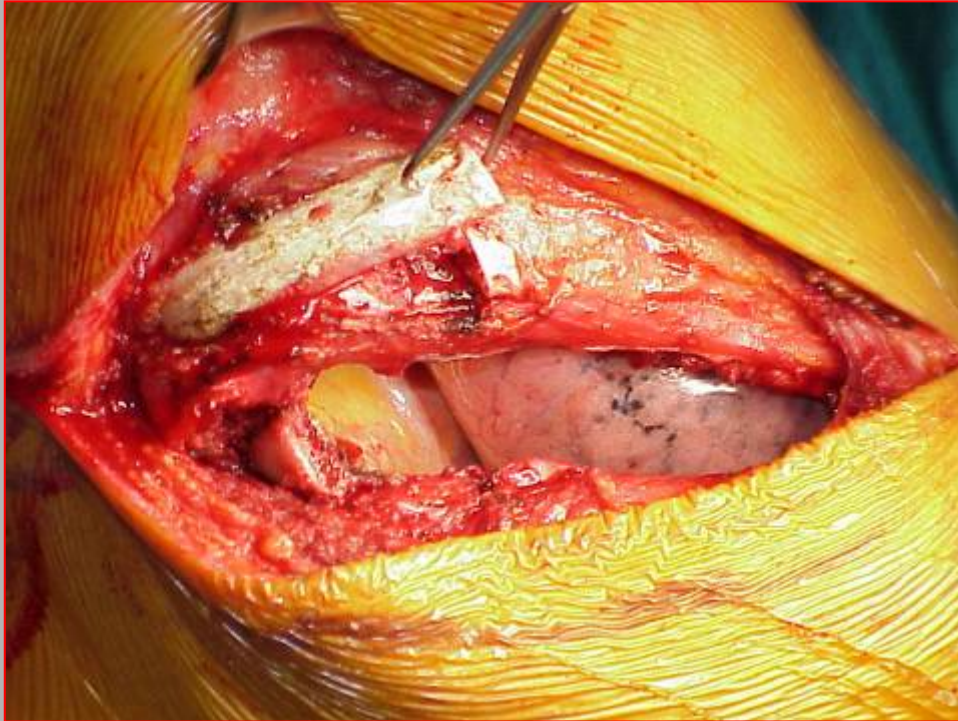
***Posterior instrumentations***

# ANTERIOR ARTRODESIS TORACOTOMIA



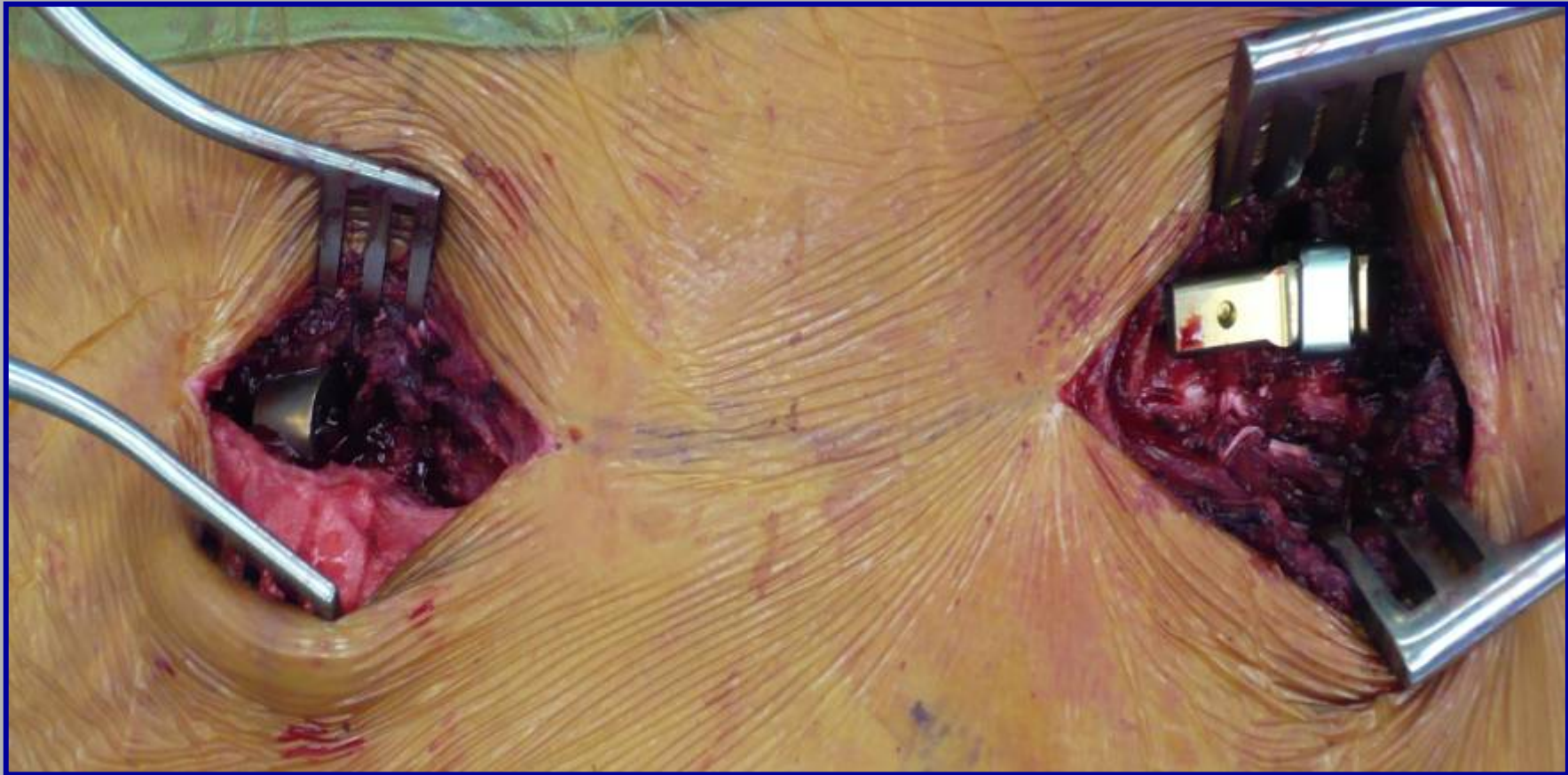


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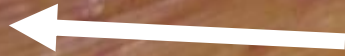
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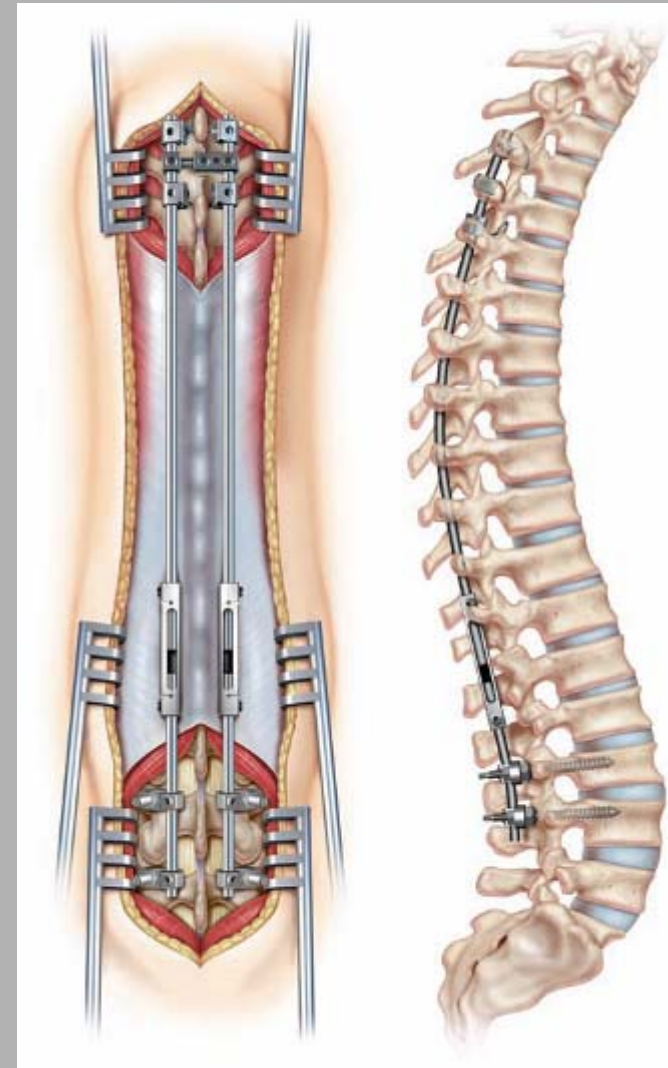




**GROWING-SPINE**

**MINI OPEN**



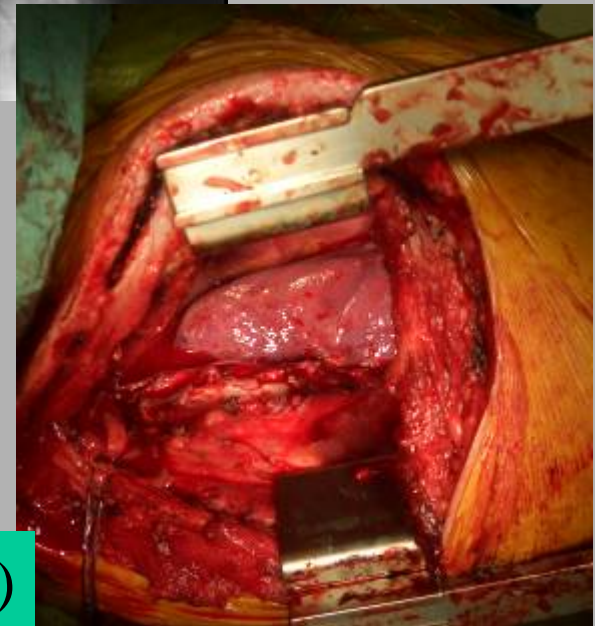


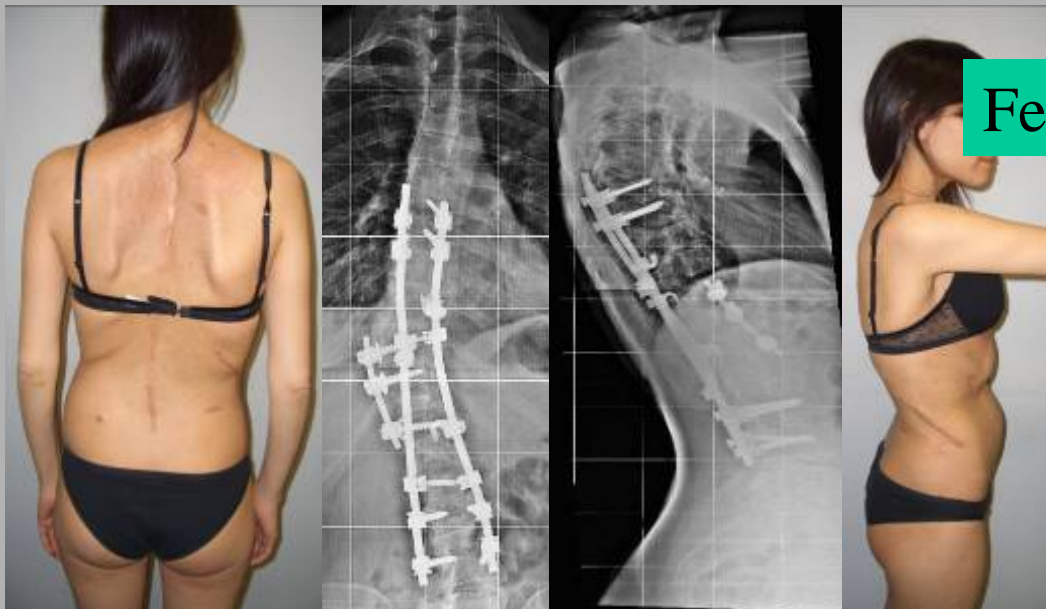
Dual rod



Female 13 years-old (NF-1)

Polson's Thoracotomy)



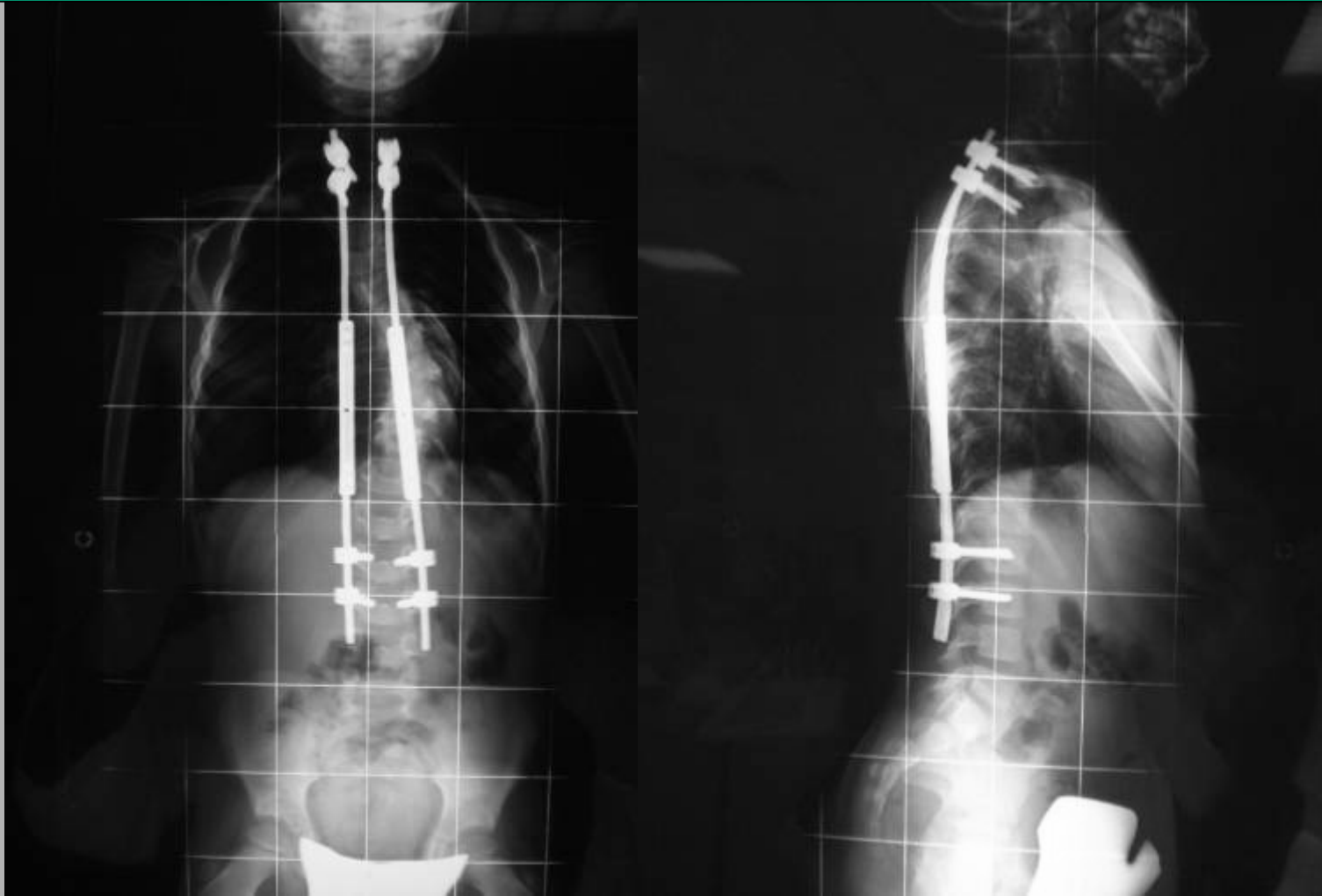


Female 28 years-old (NF-1)

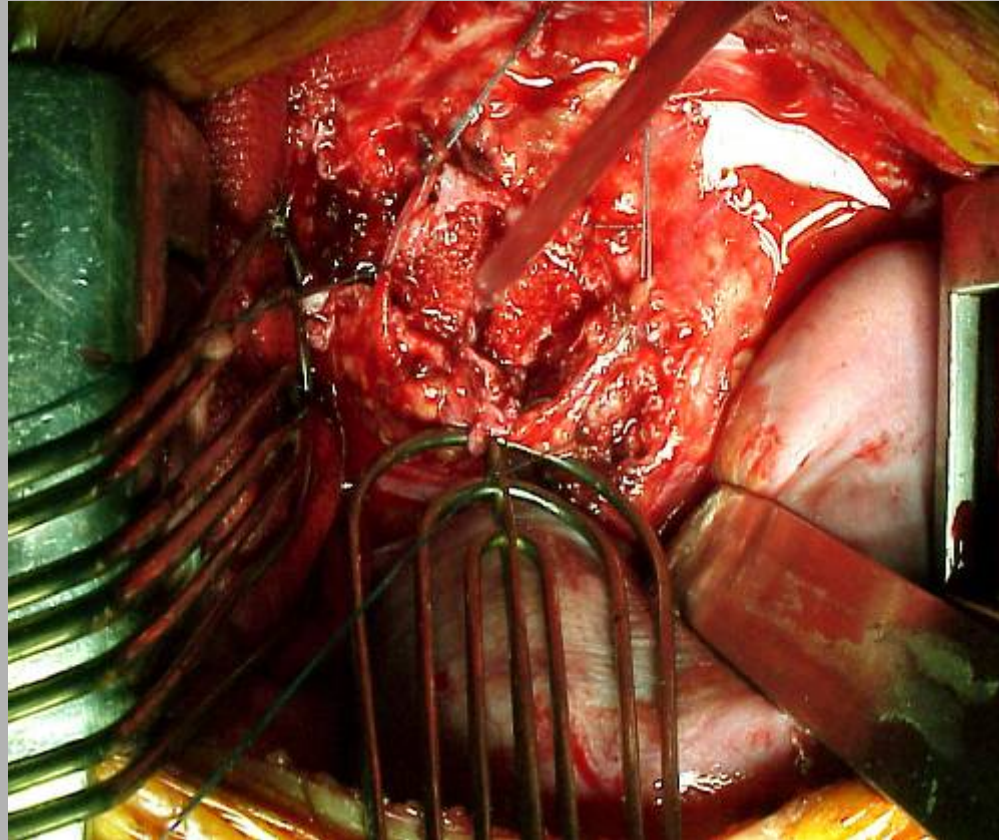
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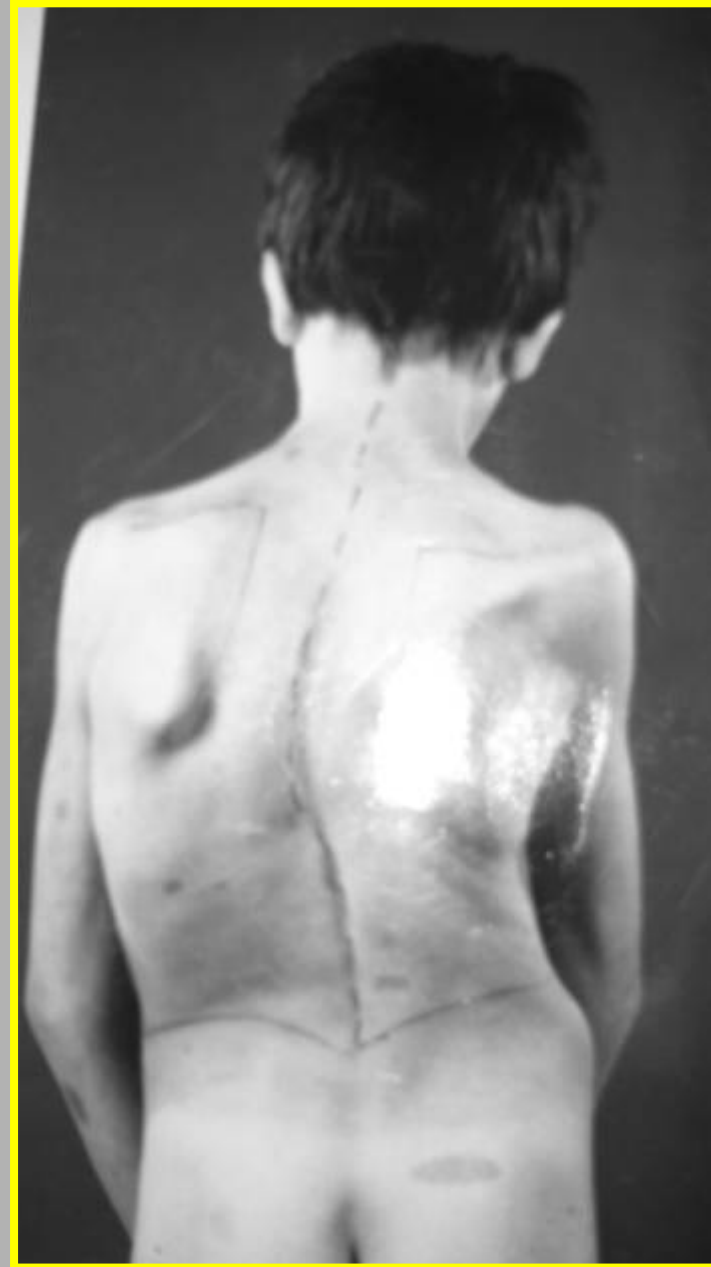
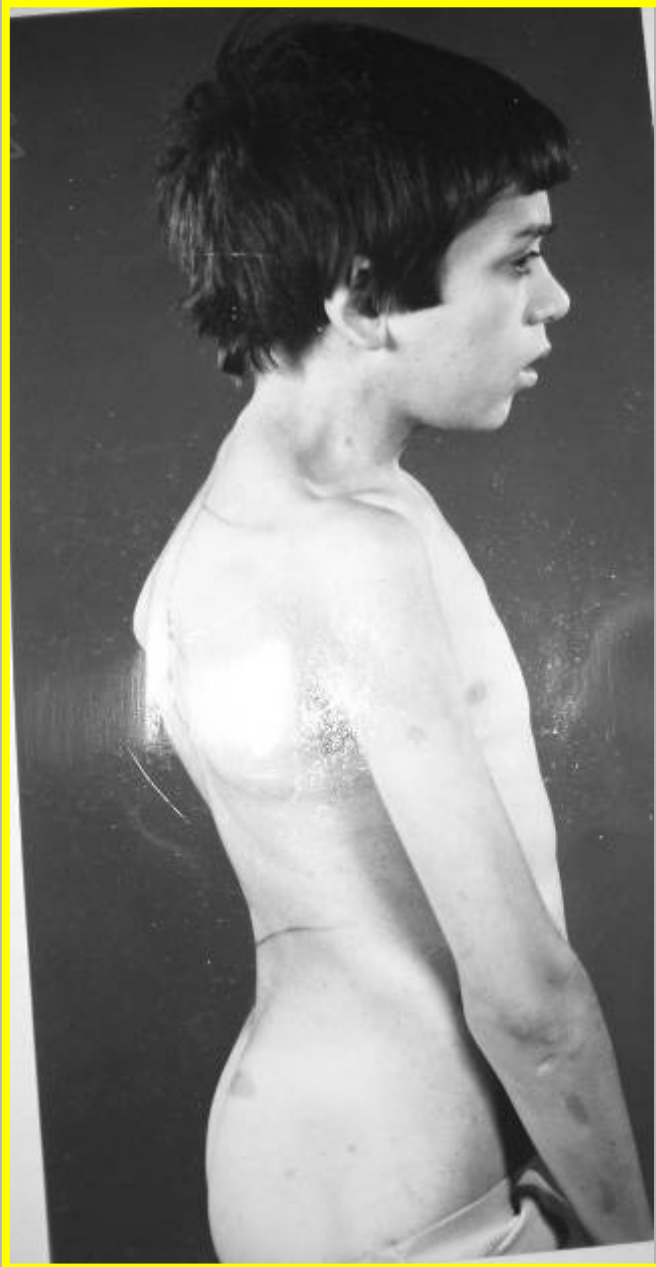
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## **ARTHRODESIS BY DOUBLE ACCESS**



**SPINE fusion  
BY ANTERIOR AND POSTERIOR TIME**



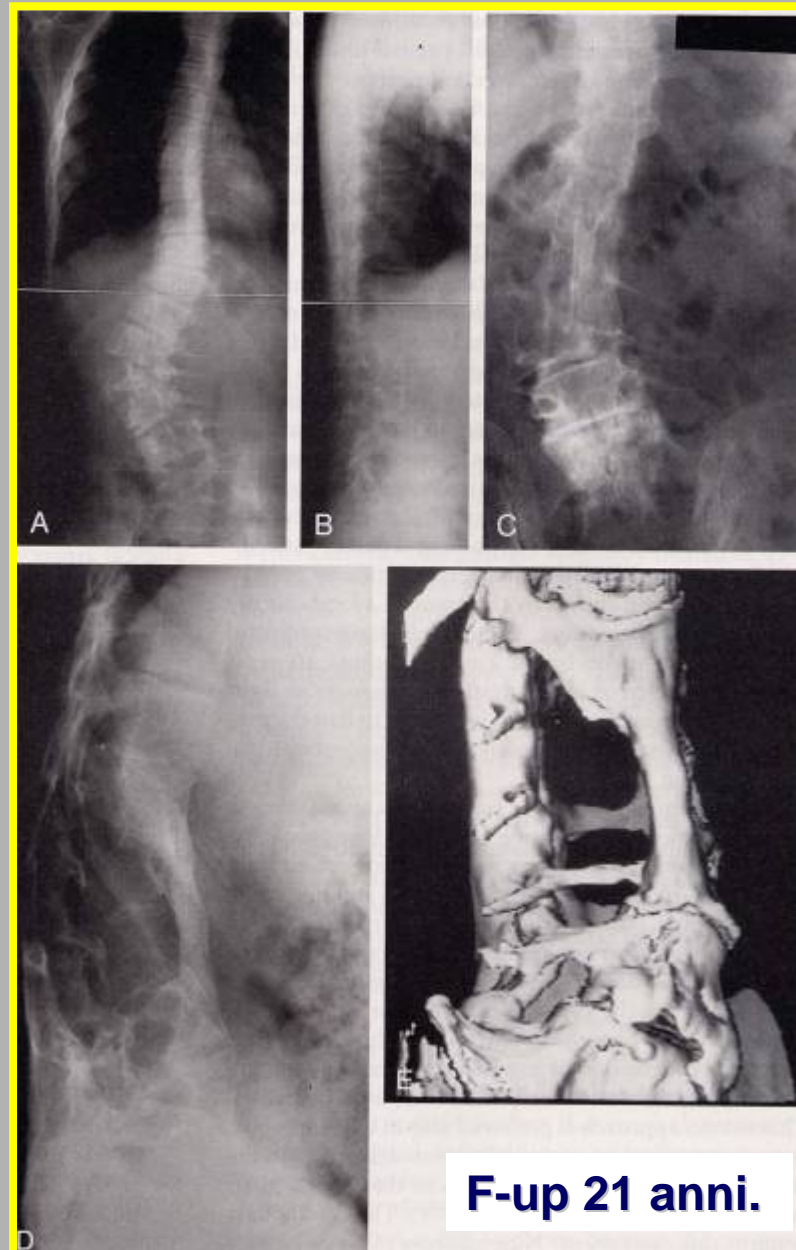
**M. 12 yrs DYSTROPHIC SCOLIOSIS in NEUROFIBROMATOSIS**



**M. 42 yrs**

**2007**

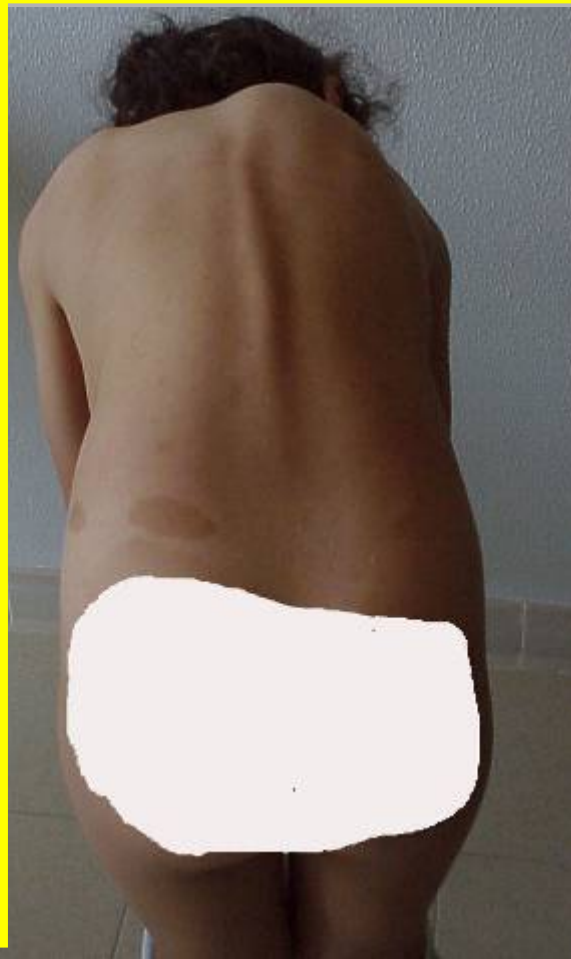
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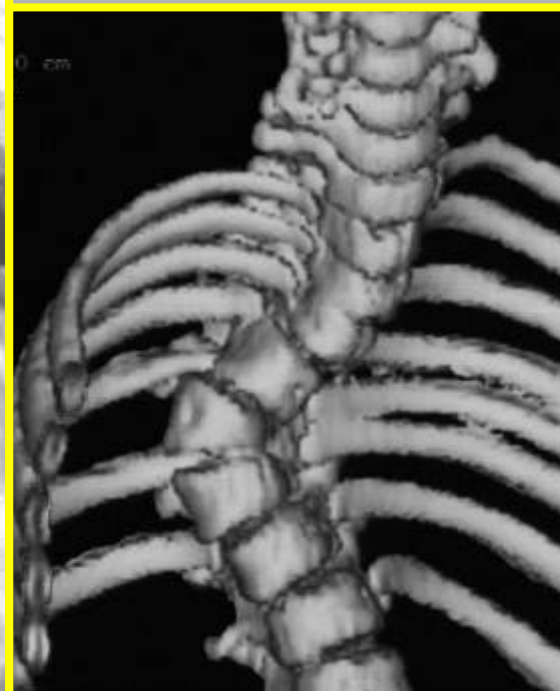
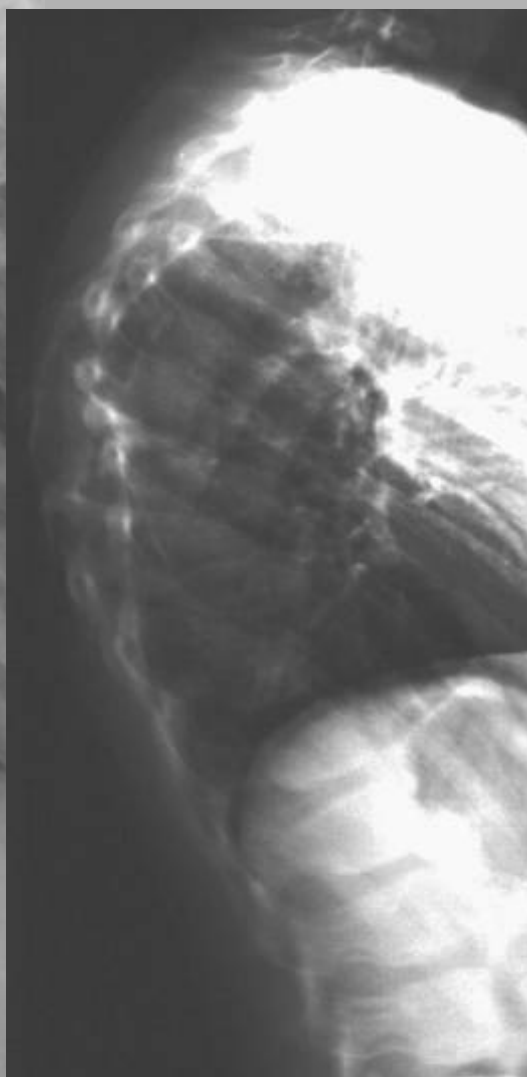


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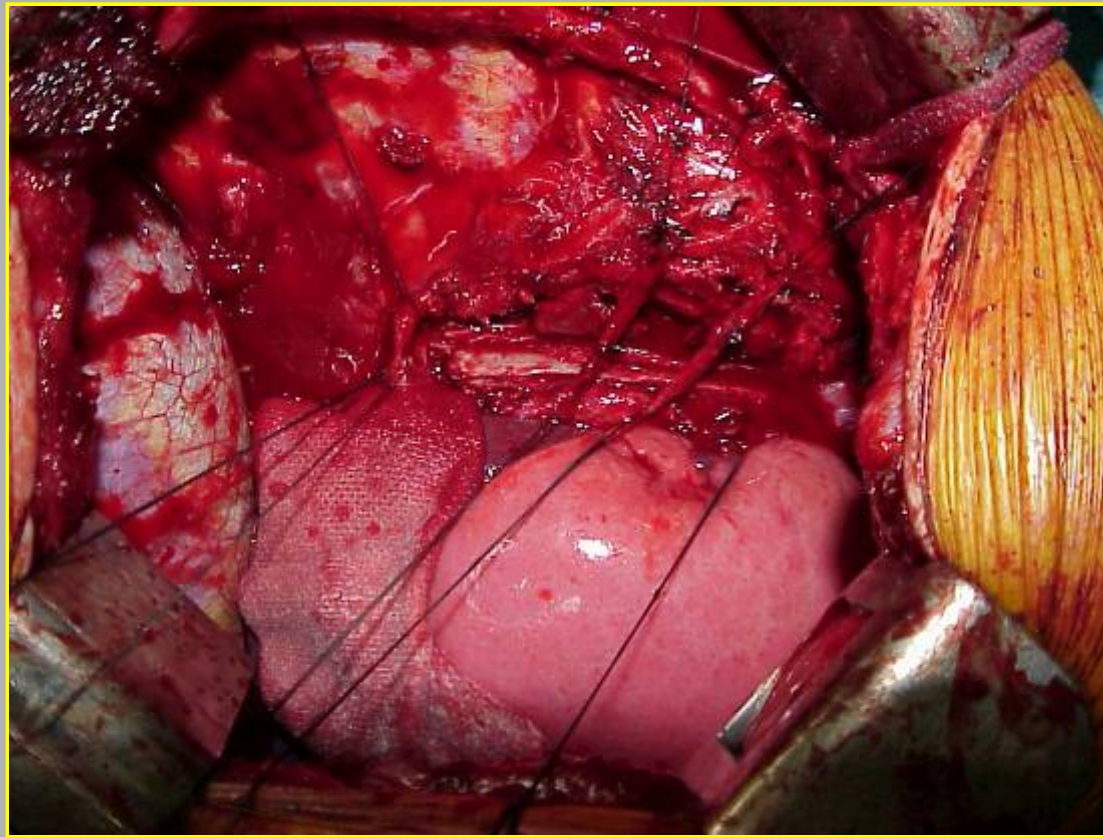
**M. 13 SCOLIOSIS ORIGINATED BY NEUROFIBROMATOSIS**

## **F.,5 CIFOSCOLIOSIS NF-1 dystrophic deformity**

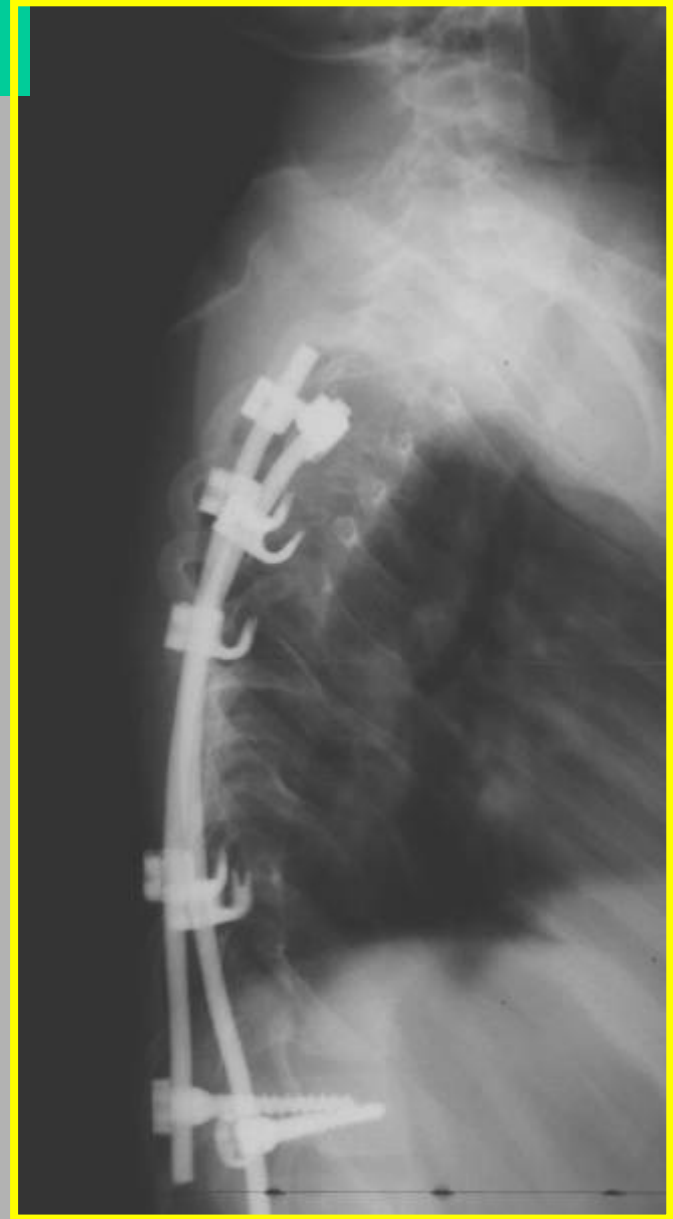




# **Anterior spine arthrodesis : using thoracotomy**



**F-UP 2 yrs.**

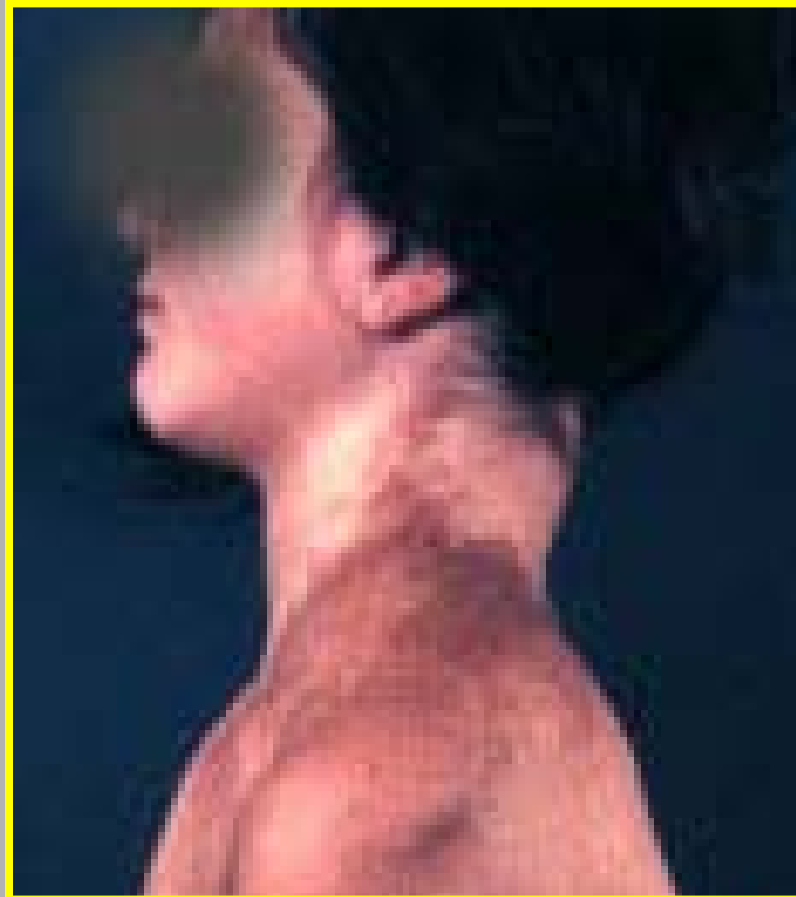
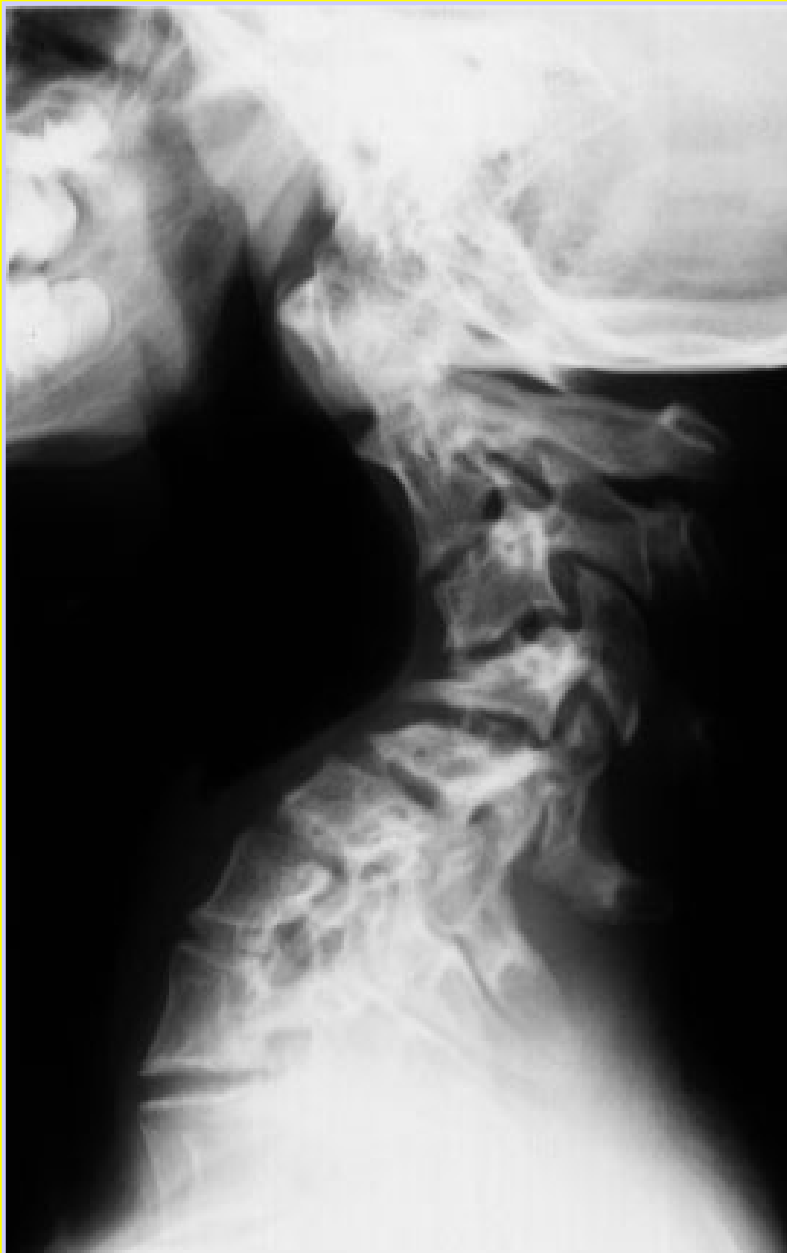




**F-up 4 yrs.**



**F 8 yrs.**  
**CERVICAL KHYPHOSIS**  
**originated by**  
**NEUROFIBROMATOSIS**



**F-UP Rx 10 yrs.**



**Complex cases**

**Diagnostic difficulty**

**Careful study and Clinical  
observation**

**Families' collaboration  
and involvement**



**Importance of  
precocious diagnosis:  
the role of Genetic**

**Availability of  
multidisciplinary expertise**

**Better use of technical  
and available  
organizational resources**

**Guarantee the assistance of  
the best quality**

**Continuous updating by a  
National and International  
Research Network**



# L'ORTHOPEDIE

OU

## L'ART

DE PREVENIR ET DE CORRIGER  
DANS LES ENFANS,  
LES DIFFORMITES DU CORPS.

LE TOUT PAR DES MOYENS A LA PORTEE  
des Peres & des Meres, & de toutes les  
Personnes qui ont des Enfans à élever.

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Avec Figures.

TOME PREMIER.



A PARIS, RUE SAINT JACQUES.

Chez { La Veuve ALIX, au-dessus de la rue des  
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& à Saint Landry.

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