

• The extremes of Deformity Require Open Approaches - How I Do It

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### Why Would Anyone do MIS?

- Smaller Incision
- Less Muscle Stripping
- Less Blood Loss
- Lower Infection Rate
- Improve Patient Outcomes
  - Shorter Hospital stay
  - Quicker return to Activities
- Industry Driven
- Improve local/regional marketing of practice
- Technical/Professional challenge



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### Why Not do MIS?

- Potential for prolonged operative time
- Usually associated with increased radiation exposure
- Not appropriate for every case
- Less surface area of bone exposed for fusion cases
- May be difficult to repair a spinal fluid leak if one occurs
- Learning curve for surgeons (takes a few cases to develop competence)



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## Goals Of Adult Deformity Surgery

- Stabilize and Correct Spinal deformity
- Reestablish/Maintain Spinal balance
- Obtain a Fusion
- Do so efficiently with low complication rate

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## Sagittal Balance and Symptoms



What if the leaning tower of Pisa is straight?  
And we're the ones leaning?

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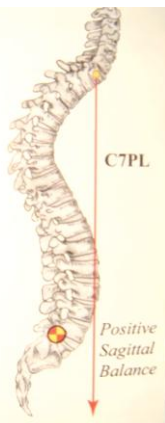
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## Glassman, Berven et al Spine 2005

- Curve type, location, magnitude
- Coronal and Sagittal balance
- SRS 22, ODI, SF-12
- Thoracolumbar curves worse function
- Positive Sagittal Balance > 5cm
  - Most important reliable radiographic predictor of health status
  - Worse pain, function, and self image



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## Glassman, Bridwell et al Spine 2005

- 752 pts, 352 with positive sagittal imbalance
- Kyphosis poorly tolerated in lumbar region
- Health status deteriorated with progressive increase in + sag balance over 5cm

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## Here We Go Again

### Classification of Adult Deformity

#### Curve Type (Cobb angle)

- Type**
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-B or C  
-M or H  
-P or VP

#### S Modifiers

LL-PI	
A:	small <10°
B:	moderate 10-20°
C:	marked >20°

Pelvic Tilt	
L:	PT <20°
M:	PT 20-30°
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Global Balance	
N:	SVA <4cm
P:	SVA 4-9.5cm
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Example: Type L (45°) B,M,VP

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## Pelvic Incidence

- Constant, fixed parameter
- Ave. 53.2 male, 48.2 female
- Adolescent: 49.1

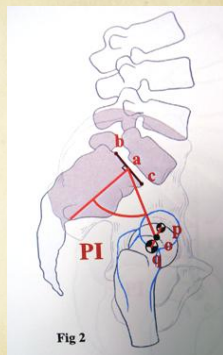


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O'Brien ed. Spinal Deformity Study Group  
"Radiographic Measurement Manual"  
Legaye et al. E Spine Journal 1998  
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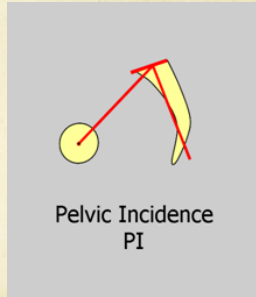
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### LL-PI:

- A: Small <10 degrees
- B: Moderate 10-20 degrees
- C: Marked >20 degrees



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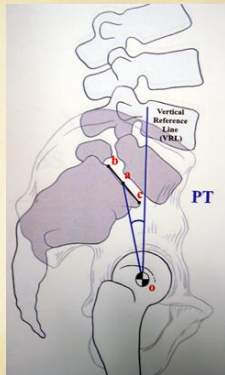
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### Pelvic Tilt

- Ave 11.9 male, 10.3 Female
- Adolescent: 7.7

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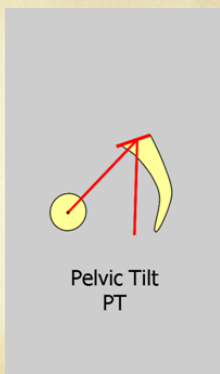
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### Pelvic Tilt:

- L: PT < 20 degrees
- M: PT 20-30 degrees
- H: PT > 30 degrees



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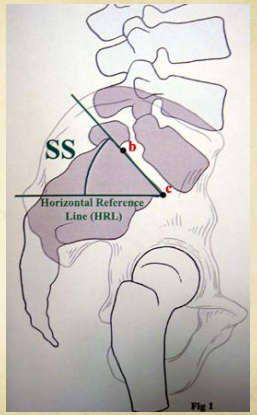
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## Sacral Slope

- Ave 41.9 male, 38.2Female
- Adolescent: 41.4

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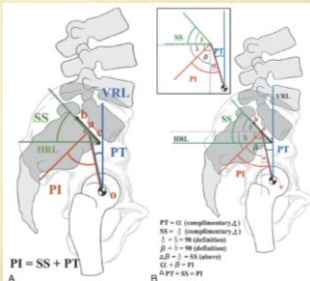
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## Labelle

Relationship between PI, SS and PT

$$PI = SS + PT$$

Therefore a change in one parameter affects the other measurements and the overall alignment of the sacropelvic foundation




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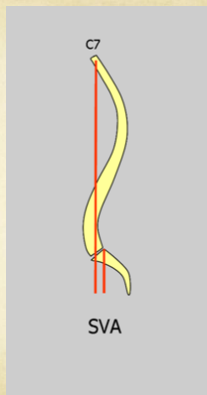
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## Global Balance:

- N:** SVA < 4 cm
- P:** SVA 4-9.5 cm
- VP:** SVA > 9.5 cm




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## Schwab

- Linear regression models demonstrated threshold radiographic spino-pelvic parameters for ODI  $\geq$  40 included:
- PT  $\geq$  22° (normal 10-11°)
- SVA  $\geq$  46 mm,
- PI-LL  $\geq$  11°

0-20% Minimal disability
20-40% Moderate disability
40-60% Severe disability
60-80% Crippled
80-100%

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## Posterior Surgical Options:

- Posterior
  - Osteotomies
    - Ponte/Smith-Petersen
    - Pedicle subtraction
    - Vertebral Column Resection (VCR)

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### Sagittal Balance Corrective Procedures

- Ponte/Smith Petersen
  - Scheuermans/Thoracic Kyphosis
  - T/L Scoliosis Kyphosis
  - Disc spaces open
  - 5-10 ° per level

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### Sagittal Balance Corrective Procedures

- PSO (Pedicule Subtraction Osteotomy)
  - 30 ° to 40 ° correction
  - Global sagittal imbalance >10cm
  - Typically performed at Lumbar L2, L3, L4 level
- VCR ( Vertebral Body Resection)
  - More severe Scoliosis/Kyphosis (thoracic)
  - Performed at apex of Kyphosis
  - Correction 50 ° or greater, limited by

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### Osteotomy Selection

- Flexibility
- Bending Films
  - Dynamic radiographs
  - Traction radiographs
  - Bolster radiographs
  - Supine radiographs
  - Prone intraoperative radiographs



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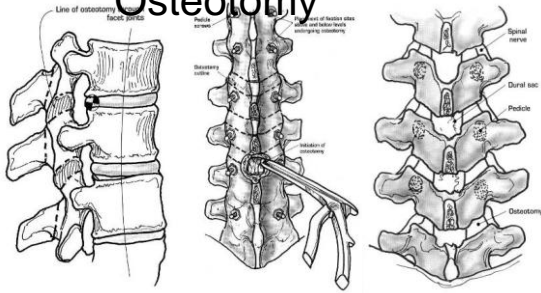
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# Ponte Osteotomy




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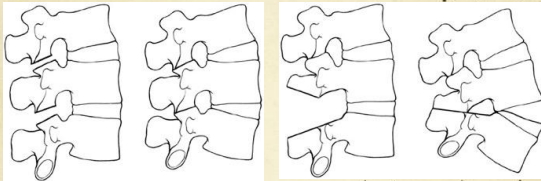
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## SPO vs Ponte



Ponte

SPO

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## Ponte Osteotomy

In Scheuermann's  
Kyphosis




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## MIS Challenge

- Requires Boney Resection over multiple levels
- Requires facet Fusion over the rest
- Not much muscle Sparing by the time you are done




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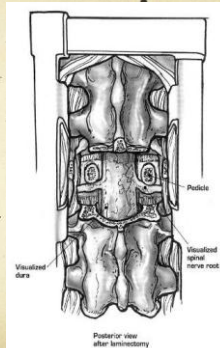
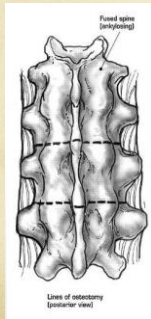
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## Osteotomy

30 – 40 Degrees of Correction




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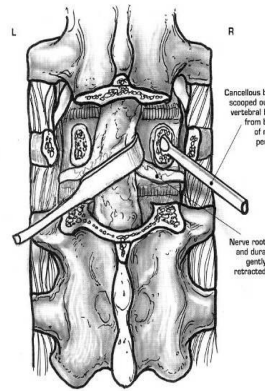
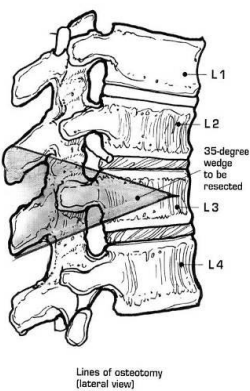
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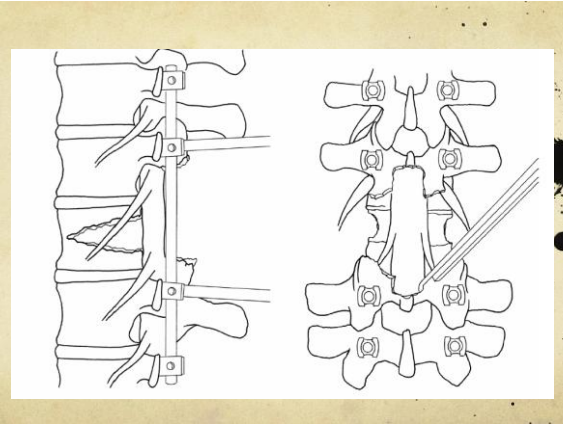
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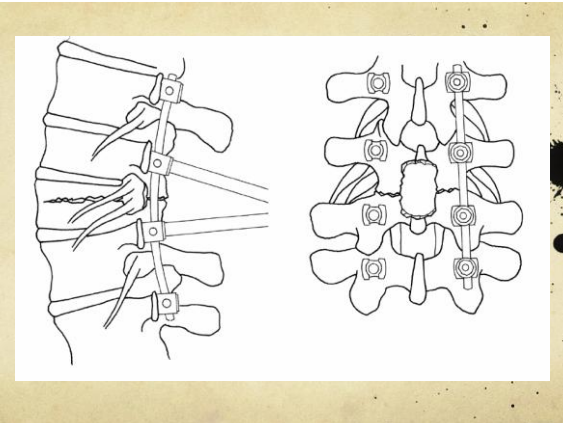
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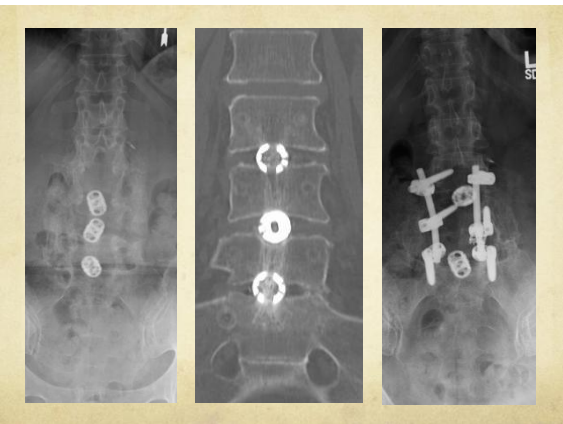
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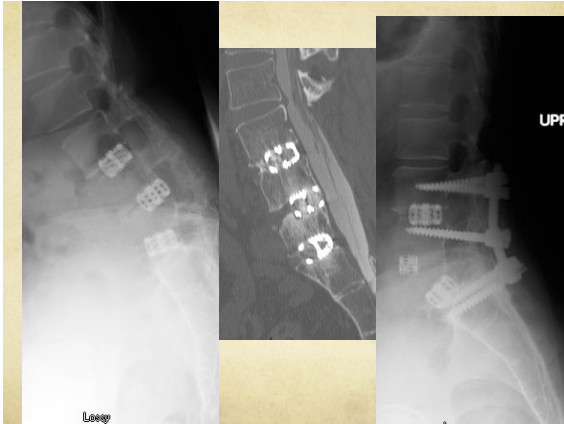
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### MIS Considerations - Perhaps

- Mini open at level of osteotomy
- Perc. Screws and rod elsewhere
- But – Why
- Revision surgery
- Muscle Sparing?
- Radiation

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### Vertebral Column Resection, Indications: The Classic

- Fixed spinal deformity in the coronal plane.
  - Spine must be shortened and translated.
- Pain, progression, neuro deficit, functional decline and cosmesis

Vertebral Column Resection and Arthrodesis for Complex Spinal Deformities

Oheneba Boachie-Adjei and David S. Bradford

*Journal of Spinal Disorders*  
Vol. 4, No. 2, pp 193-202  
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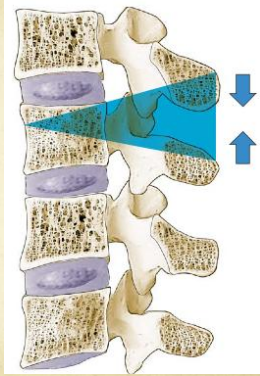
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## An Evolution

- Expanding utilization of the PSO has led to the next step:
- The Dorsal vertebral column resection (VCR)
- Advantages:
  - Neuro elements more readily identified.
  - Can titrate the resection
- Perhaps increased risk to anterior vasculature



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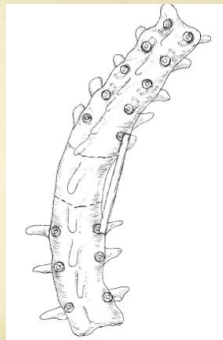
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## Technique

- Mark planned resection with burr
- Plan for resultant angle of correction
- Decompress neural elements longer than planned resection to



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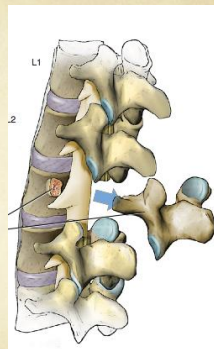
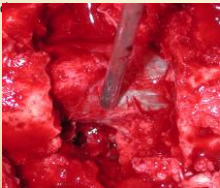
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## Technique

- TEMPORARY ROD FOR STABILIZATION
- Remove lateral fusion mass
- Isolate pedicles and resect to their base
- Identify borders of resection, discs or mid bo



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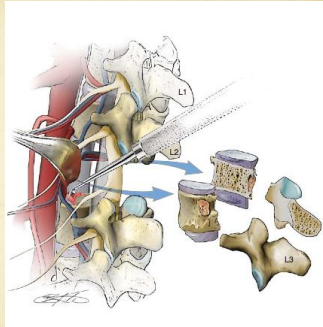
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## Technique

- Bluntly dissect the lateral cortex. Identify segmental vessels
- Decancellate, Decorticate and resect discs
- Posterior cortex last



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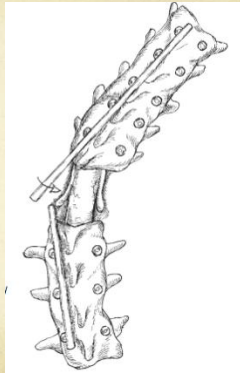
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## Deformity Correction

- Shorten and Translate
- DO NOT DISTRACT
- Prefer Two rod convex technique
- Can convert to solid rod once concave side fixed
- GOAL IS TO HAVE ANTERIOR COLUMN ABUT



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48 yo female with a solid fusion which is out of balance in both the sagittal and coronal planes



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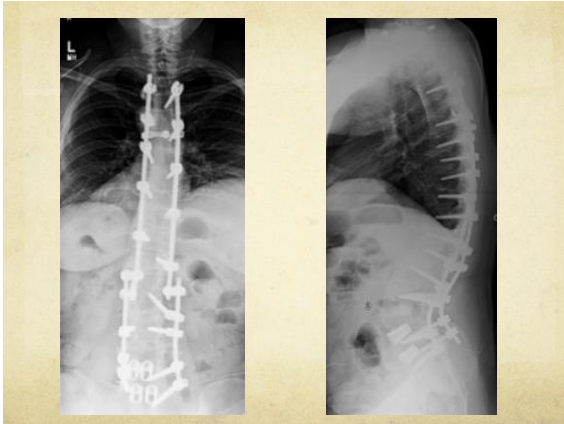
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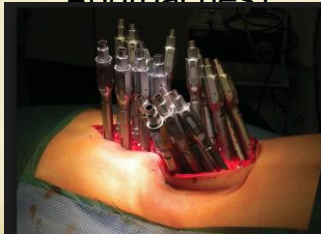
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Do Any of these Procedures lend themselves to MIS Approaches?



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### Essential Problem with MIS in Adult Deformity:

- Advantages are minimized
- Incision
- Muscle sparing
- Disadvantages are Maximized
- Technical Challenges
- Previous Hardware
- Radiation
- Fusion

Perhaps: When spine is solidly fused and out of balance a hybrid approach can be utilized

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## MIS Deformity Correction

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## ACCME Conflicts....

To 2012

- 1) Medtronic Longitude – Perc Trauma developer/ Royalties, Consulting to Mayo Foundation
- 2) MBD Self Funded CME Travel >25K per year
- 3) MBD Self funded Research Support >30 k per year
- 4) Fmr Employer – Research Education Fellowship Royalties – Most Medical Device Companies

Ongoing 2013 to date

CORE Excellence - CoManagement  
Hospital/Industry/Payor Across Musculoskeletal Care  
Education – Medtronic DePuy  
Research – AO Foundation

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## Off Label Use: Most of Cases!!

### Physician Directed Care-

### Informed Patient

- Only On Label use:
  - Interbody Fusion – Lateral Access
    - Above L5
    - One to two levels
    - w/ Post Instrumentation
  - Posterior Instrumentation
    - w/ Fusion

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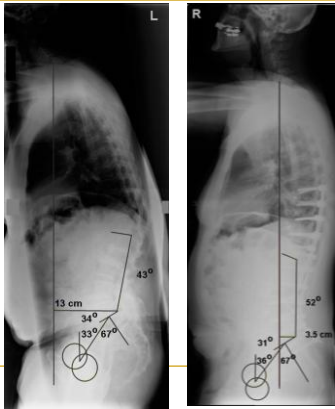
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### MAS Approaches to Deformity

- Anterior Release and Interbody Fusion
- Posterior Facet Fusions/Pontes
- Posterior Instrumentation/Reduction

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### MDB Submitted to SRS, Accepted Spine

AIF/LIF cohort

- 33 cases of degenerative scoliosis treated with LIF were reviewed.
- • 23 patients underwent additional ALIF procedures L5 +/- L4

102 lumbar

79 thoracic LIF

26 patients had an additional Ponte osteotomy

All of the patients had posterior fixation with pedicle screws.

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## PreOP to PO Change

	ALIF/LAT	PSF	
Sagittal Vertical Alignment	-1.1 ± 3.6	0.3 ± 4.6	0.29
Lumbar Lordosis	5.8° ± 16.1°	-1.6° ± 12°	0.036
Pelvic Tilt	-5.2° ± 12.8°	-0.5° ± 9°	0.06
Sacral Slope	1.6° ± 13°	-1.5° ± 10.8°	0.33

## Correction of sagittal plane deformity is the primary goal of surgery for adult degenerative scoliosis.

- Lumbar lordosis and focal lordosis over the levels treated was significantly increased in the AIF/LIF cohort but not in the PSF cohort.
- The change in focal lordosis was achieved significantly more at the LIF levels in comparison to the AIF levels.
- AIF/LIF cohort showed a greater correction of sagittal deformity in comparison to the PSF cohort which showed no significant changes in any sagittal or spinopelvic parameters.

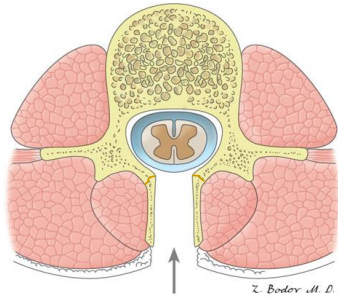
## Lumbar Spinous Process Splitting Laminoplasty: A Novel Technique for Minimally Invasive Lumbar Decompression

### JSDT Accepted

From the Department of Spine Surgery at the Mayo Clinic Rochester MN 55905

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- 3-Bradford L. Currier, M.D.
- 4-Michael J. Yaszemski, M.D., PhD
- 5-Paul M. Huddleston, III, M.D.
- 6-Peter S. Rose, M.D.
- 7-Mark B. Dekutoski, M.D.

### Illustration of the Technique



Banczerowski P, Vajda J, Veres R Neurosurgery.2008 May;62(5 Suppl 2):ONS432-40; discussion ONS440-1.

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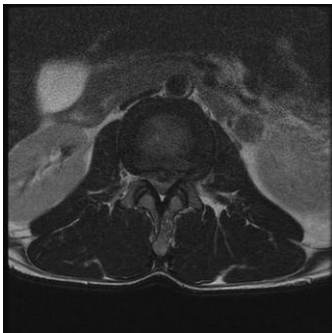
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### Pre-operative Lumbar MRI



Pre-operative MRI showing L2-L3 stenotic level

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### Post-Operative Lumbar MRI



Post Operative MRI showing adequate decompression with evidence of bony union and intact L2 spinous process

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### Conclusion

The Spinous Process Splitting Laminoplasty is a novel technique that allows for a midline exposure and decompression of the lumbar canal while offering the advantages of decreased paraspinal muscle injury and preservation of the multifidus attachment to the bony spinous process for healing

Complication rates with this procedure are infrequent and justify further study into its use. While our experience with this novel technique is increasing we never reported epidural hematomas after using drains in all cases

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### Approach Overview

Day One:  
MAS L5 (+/-L4)  
Structural Graft  
LIF/Fusion on Convexity  
to UEV



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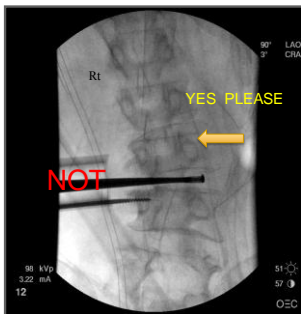
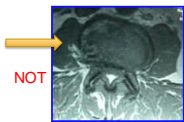
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### Lateral Interbody Fusion *Trans-Psoas Technique*

- Convexity is more Posterior
- Concave – Not!!!
- Plexus is more Anterior
- C Kim 2009



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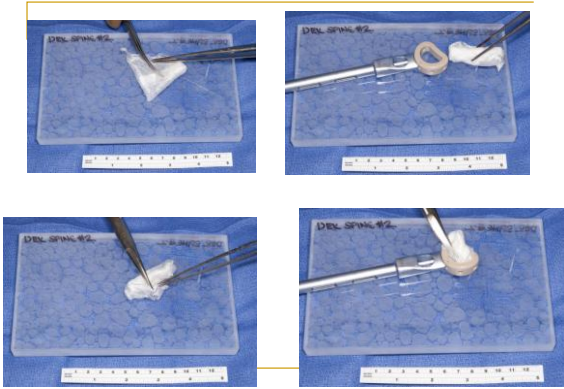
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### Approach Overview

Staged: Two to Four Days  
 Post ML Incision  
 Muscle Dilating  
 Screws/Rod

Facetectomy for Release  
 Facet Fusions if no ant  
 Fusion




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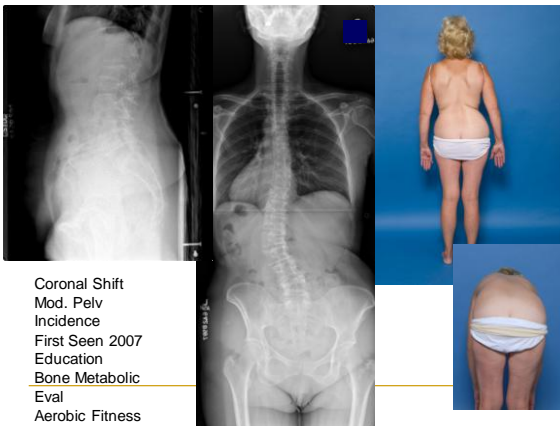
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Coronal Shift  
 Mod. Pelv  
 Incidence  
 First Seen 2007  
 Education  
 Bone Metabolic  
 Eval  
 Aerobic Fitness

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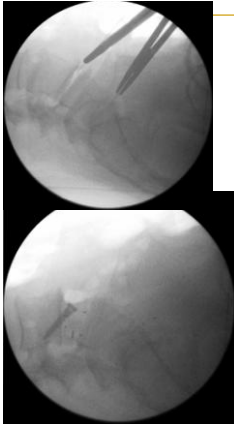
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Gain 10mm L5 S1  
Foramen  
Ten Degrees



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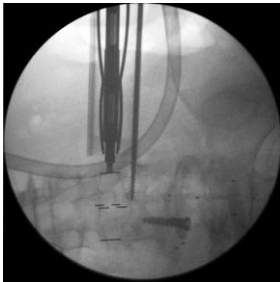
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L45 From Right - Convexity



STD Jackson Table ...  
Rotate Bed to get Horizontal and Vertical Flouro

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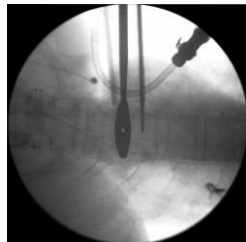
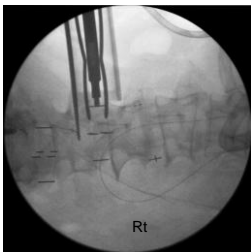
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L2 and Above From Left - Concavity



Graft Delivery...Don't leave it in the iliopsoas!!!!!!

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## Disc Fusion Technique

- Annular Release – Cobbs/Dilators
- Subtotal Disc Removal
- Punctate Bleeding
- Fastidious End Plate Preservation
  - IMAST, CNS 2010 –Fogelson, etal
  - Settling Resorption with Endplate Violation
- Avoid Disc Shavers!!!!!

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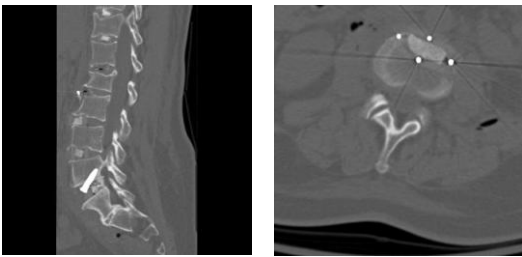
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## L2 SPACER – REVERSED LORDOSIS



Graft Delivery!!! Avoid Spillage into Psoas

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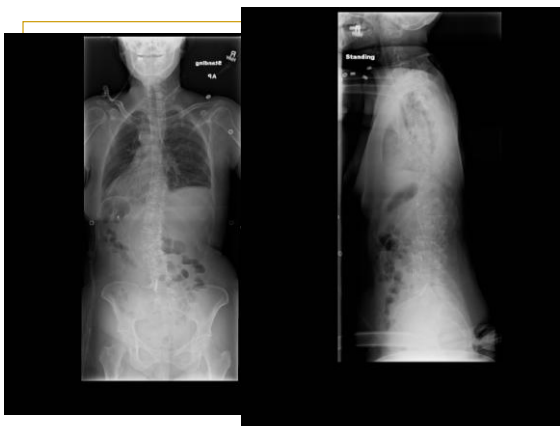
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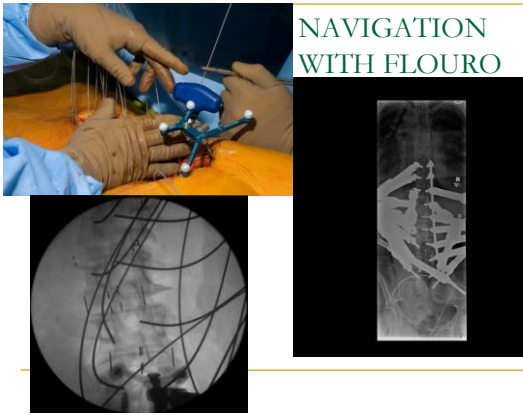
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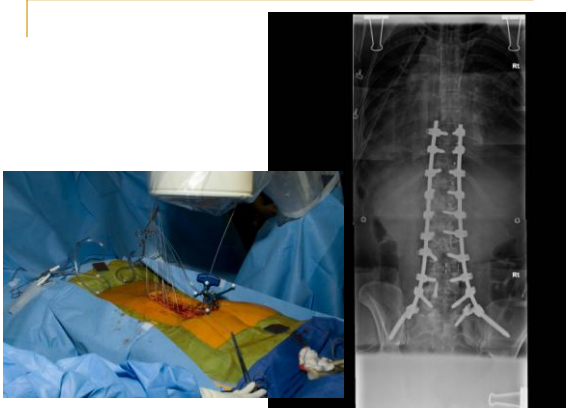
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## Percutaneous Screws/Rods

- Multiple Levels
  - Steerable Rod
  - Screw Tower Reduction
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- Sequential Reduction
  - Translation, Derotation, Compression/Distraction




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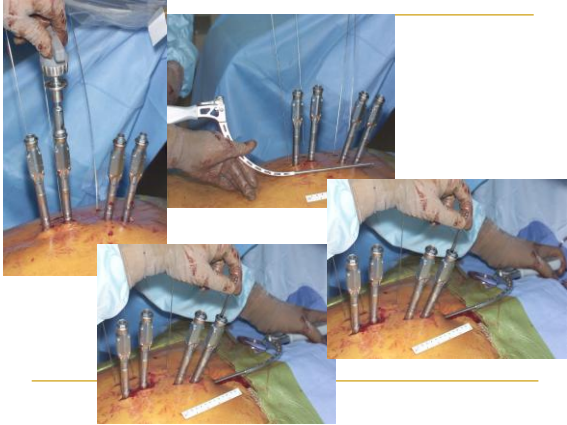
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### Iliac Screws



Pass rod Cephalad to Caudal  
Out past S1 Screw

Hand Rod Benders to increase lordosis  
End Ventral/down bend to reduce rod prominence

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**Caution for Patient Safety!!**

The surgical technique shown is for illustrative purposes only. The technique(s) actually employed in each case will always depend upon the **medical judgment and experience** of the Surgeon and OR Team exercised before and during surgery as to the best mode of treatment for each patient. See package insert for FDA labeling limitations.

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## WHAT ARE THE LIMITS OF MIS APPROACHES TO CORRECTION OF DEFORMITY?

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## DISCLOSURE

- Royalty
  - DePuy, Stryker, Medtronic
- Professional Organizations
  - Chairman, Drugs and Devices Committee AANS/CNS
- Editorial Board
  - Neurosurgery, Neurosurgical Reviews, JSOT, Spinal Surgery, Operative Neurosurgery, Internet Journal of Minimally Invasive Spinal Technology, Pan Arab Journal of Neurosurgery, Journal of Craniovertebral Junction and Spine, The Scientific World Journal
- In Queue Innovations
  - Co-founder and CSO

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## INTRODUCTION

- Open correction of adult deformity remains the gold standard
- However, over the last several years less invasive techniques have developed to accomplish this
  - MIS
  - HYB
- A large body of data has accumulated over the past decade which suggests that less invasive surgery offers multiple potential advantages to open surgery
- Limitations of MIS depend upon what is meant by limitation
  - Radiographic correction
  - Clinical outcome

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## ADVANTAGES OF MIS

- Less pain and pain meds (Fessler and Khoo, 2002; O'Toole et al., 2006)
- Less blood loss (Khoo et al, 2002)
- Lower infection rates (O'Toole et al., 2009)
- Less ICU (Eichholz et al, 2006)
- Less hospitalization (Khoo et al, 2002)
- Less physiologic stress (Huang et al, 2005)
- Fewer complications (Rosen et al, 2007)
- Higher fusion rates (Christie et al, submitted)
- Less muscle atrophy (Bresnahan et al, in press)
- Equivalent decompression of neural elements (Bresnahan, et al., submitted)
- Preservation of normal motion (Bresnahan et al, 2009)
- Preservation of normal biomechanics (Smith et al., submitted)

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## RECENT DIRECT COMPARISON

- Compare the radiographic and clinical outcomes between three surgical techniques for adult spinal deformity
  - OPEN (OPEN)
  - Minimally Invasive (MIN)
  - Hybrid OPEN/MIS (HYB)

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## METHODS

- Retrospective review of prospectively collected databases
- Inclusion criteria:
  - Age  $\geq$  45yrs
  - Lumbar Cobb  $\geq$  20 degrees
  - Minimum 1 year f/u

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## METHODS

- OPEN
  - Open correction of scoliosis using posterior technique for osteotomy and instrumentation
- MIS
  - Combination of LLIF/TLIF/facet fusion with percutaneous posterior instrumentation
- HYB
  - Combination LLIF/TLIF with OPEN posterior instrumentation

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## METHODS

- Radiographic parameters
  - Major coronal Cobb angle
  - Sagittal vertical axis (SVA)
  - Lumbar lordosis (LL)
  - Pelvic incidence (PI)
  - Pelvic tilt (PT)

- Clinical parameters
  - Oswestry (ODI)
  - Visual Analog Scale (VAS)

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## RESULTS

		MIS	HYB	OPEN
COBB ANGLE	PRE-OP	32.1*	44.3	43.2
	POST-OP	13.1*	17.7	20.4
	Δ	18.8	26.6*	22.8

CHANGE IN DEGREES

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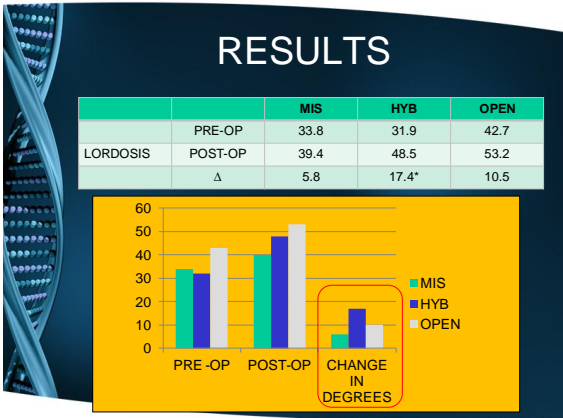
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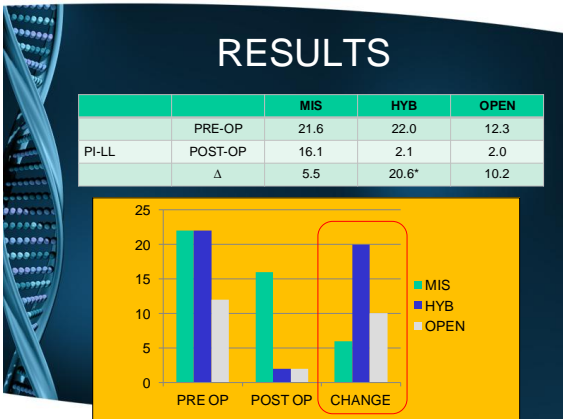
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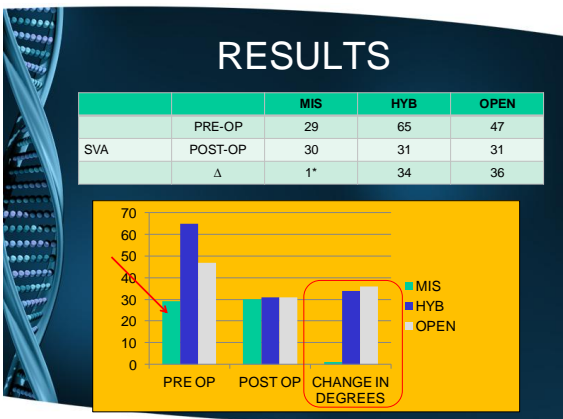
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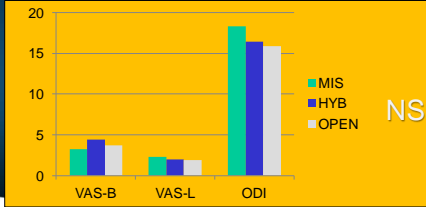
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## RESULTS

		MIS		HYB		OPEN	
		MEAN	SD	MEAN	SD	MEAN	SD
Δ	VAS-B	-3.2	2.1	-4.4	3.3	-3.7	3.0
PRE to	VAS-L	-2.3	3.8	-2.0	3.9	-1.9	3.8
POST	ODI	-18.3	17.0	-16.4	13.9	-15.9	17.4




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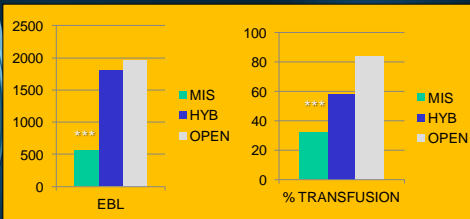
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## EBL AND TRANSFUSION




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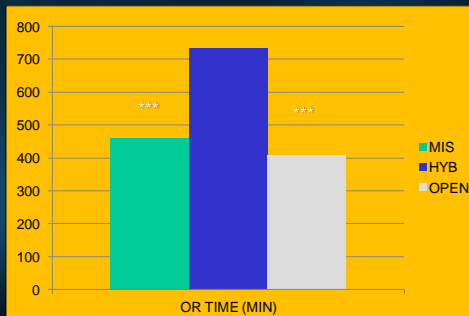
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## OR TIME




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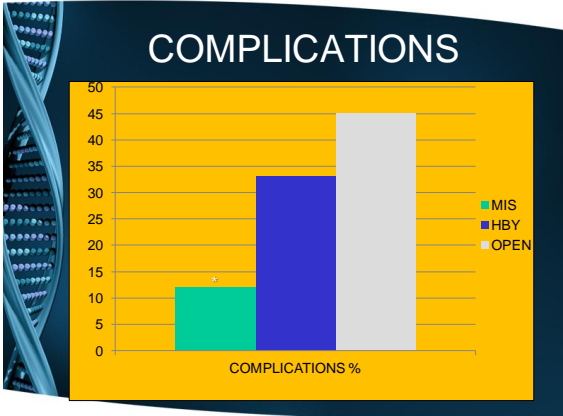
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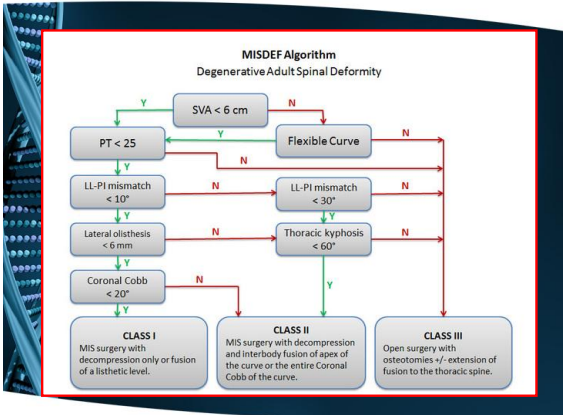
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## SUMMARY AND CURRENT LIMITATIONS

- **RADIOGRAPHIC CORRECTION**
  - MIS, HYB, AND OPEN CORRECTION OF CORONAL DEFORMITY WERE ROUGHLY EQUAL
    - There appears to be minimal limitation of MIS here
  - **HYBRID AND OPEN CORRECTION OF SAGITTAL DEFORMITY WERE SUPERIOR TO MIS**
    - MIS appears to be limited to
      - sagittal correction of less than 10 cm sagittal imbalance
      - LL - PI < 30°

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## SUMMARY AND CURRENT LIMITATIONS

- CLINICAL OUTCOME
  - PAIN AND FUNCTIONAL SCORES WERE EQUAL BETWEEN THE GROUPS
    - There appears to be no limitation here
  - MIS SURGERY HAD LESS EBL, TRANSFUSIONS, AND COMPLICATIONS
    - There appears to be significant benefit to MIS here

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## CONCLUSION

- MIS techniques appear to be a viable option for correction for selected cases of adult spinal deformity
- Limitations will also result from experience of physician in MIS techniques
- Current limitations may be solved as the technology for MIS deformity advances

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THANK YOU



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