Transforaminal lumbar interbody fusion (TLIF) in revision surgery for adult lumbar and thoracolumbar scoliosis





Introduction

- Reoperation rate: 15 to 40%
- Indications for Scoliosis
 reoperation
 - flat back, pseudarthrosis, adjacent segment degeneration...



Radiographic Predictors of Outcome After Long Fusion to L5 in Adult Scoliosis

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Proximal Junctional Kyphosis in Adult Spinal Deformity Following Long Instrumented Posterior Spinal Fusion

Incidence, Outcomes, and Risk Factor Analysis

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Outcome and Complications of Long Fusions to the Sacrum in Adult Spine Deformity

Luque-Galveston, Combined Iliac and Sacral Screws, and Sacral Fixation

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Complications in Posterior Fusion and Instrumentation for Degenerative Lumbar Scoliosis

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Many conditions are frequently associated



Introduction

• Less reoperation risk:

- Good postoperative sagittal balancing
- Multisegmental instrumentation with solid pelvic fixation
- Circumferential fusion: ALIF, PLIF, TLIF and XLIF

Minimum 5-Year Analysis of L5–S1 Fusion Using Sacropelvic Fixation (Bilateral S1 and Iliac Screws) for Spinal Deformity

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Spinal Fusion After Revision Surgery for Pseudarthrosis in Adult Scoliosis

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Functional and Radiographic Outcomes After Surgery for Adult Scoliosis Using Third-Generation Instrumentation Techniques

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The aim of our study

 Usefulness and safety of TLIF in revision surgery for scoliosis



Materials and Methods

- Jan 2005 and May 2007
- 23 Pts (17 women) revision surgery for adult scoliosis
 - 17 patients had flat back, 10 patients had pseudarthrosis, 5 had distal and 1 proximal segment degeneration.
 - 9 patients had more than one indication for revision surgery.
 - Age: 62y (46 to 75)



Material and method

- Surgical technique:
 - 1 only posterior approach only pedicular screw construct
 - Circumferential fusion by TLIF
 - Sacropelvic fixation
- 5: posterior subtraction osteotomy (PSO)
- Previous surgery: 3.2 per patient (1 to 9)
- Fusion to sacrum 22 of 23 patients.
- Mean follow-up: 24 m (12 to 42)



TLIF indications

- Fusion to Sacrum
 (complete sacropelyi
- (complete sacropelvic fixation)
- Lumbar (below T12)
 Pseudarthrosis
- Levels of SPO (up to 4 cages)
- Over and Below PSO



Results

- Operative time: 5h50 (3 to 8).
- Operative bleeding: 2100ml (400 to 4500 ml).
- TLIF levels: 2.3 per patient (1 to 4).
- No correction loss in frontal or sagittal plane except for one patient with deep infection.
- No patient needed anterior approach

	Cobb angle frontal (°)	Cobb angle sagittal L1S1 (°)	Frontal imbalance (cm)	pelvic Incidence (°)	SVA (cm)
Preop	38,5	-29,9	2,4	54,2	8,3
Postop	28,9	-53,5	1,8	53,0	2,9
Р	0,000223	3,817E-06	0,122777	0,367	0,00018

Results : complications

- One operative neurological complication partially recovered (bilateral L3 deficit)
- One deep recurrent infection: partial removal of material
- One recurrence of pseudarthrosis: rapid reoperation after one rod breakage



Discussion

Circumferential fusion:

- Decrease pseudarthrosis
- Decrease correction loss

• TLIF VS PLIF:

- No laminectomy necessary
- One cage per level
- Asymmetric cage more lateral
- TLIF VS ALIF:
 - One only approach

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The Pros and Cons to Saving the L5–S1 Motion Segment in a Long Scoliosis Fusion Construct

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Debate: To Fuse or Not to Fuse to the Sacrum, the Fate of the L5–S1 Disc

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Discussion

 Asymmetric: at the lumbo-sacral junction when frontal imbalance is at the convex side



Thoracolumbar junction below T12





Limit

- Follow-up: preliminary results
 - 45% of pseudarthrosis occurs after 3 years
- Retrospective study

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Pseudarthrosis in Adult Spinal Deformity Following Multisegmental Instrumentation and Arthrodesis

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Conclusion

- Alternative to double approach
- High rate of fusion
- Avoid correction loss



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