

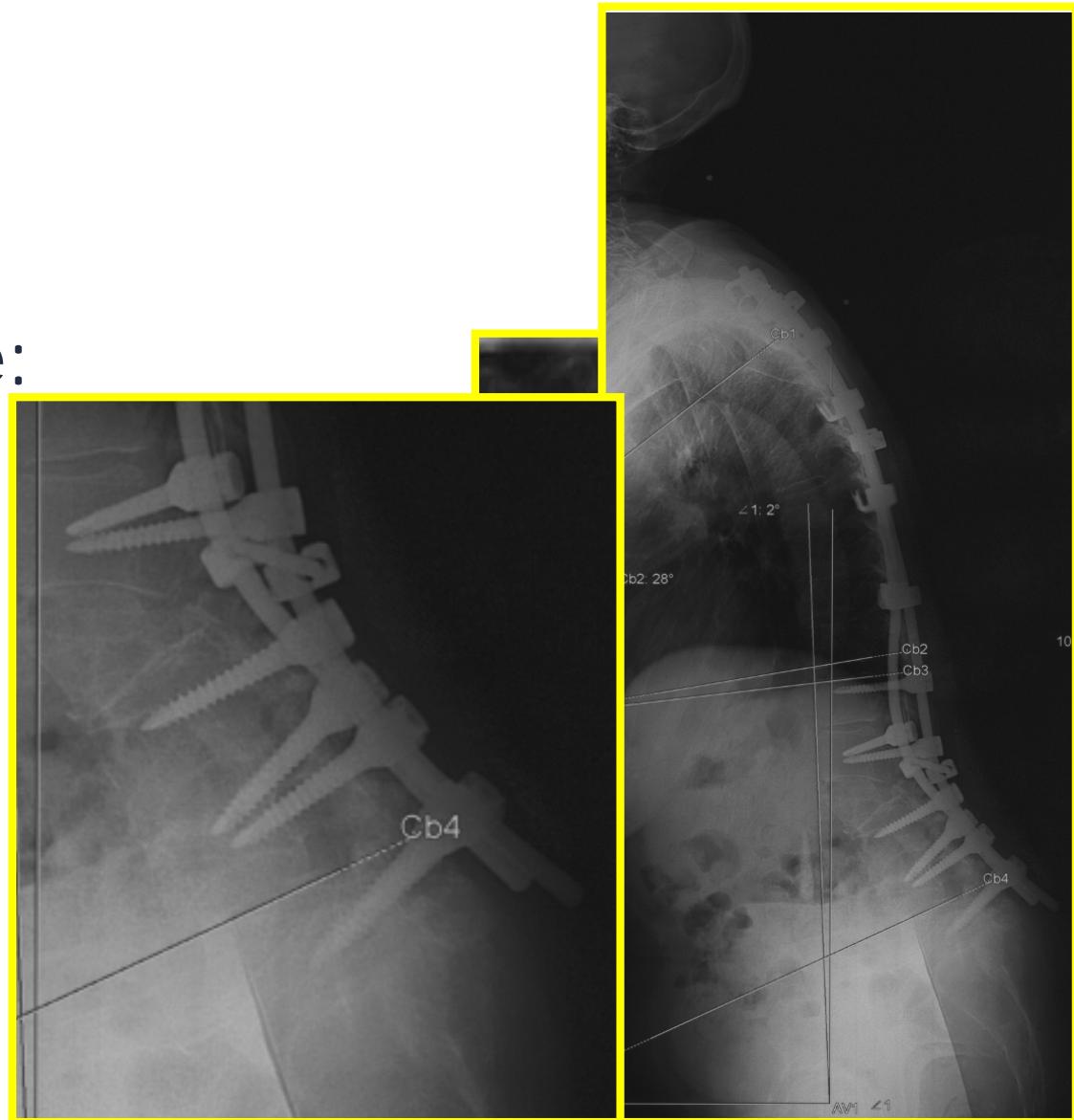
# **Iliac Fixation in spine deformity**

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# Fusion to sacrum

- ↗ Operative time and complication
- ↗ Hardware failure:  
pseudarthrosis (3 to 83%)
  - Rod fracture
  - Screws fracture
  - Screws pull-out



# Fusion to sacrum

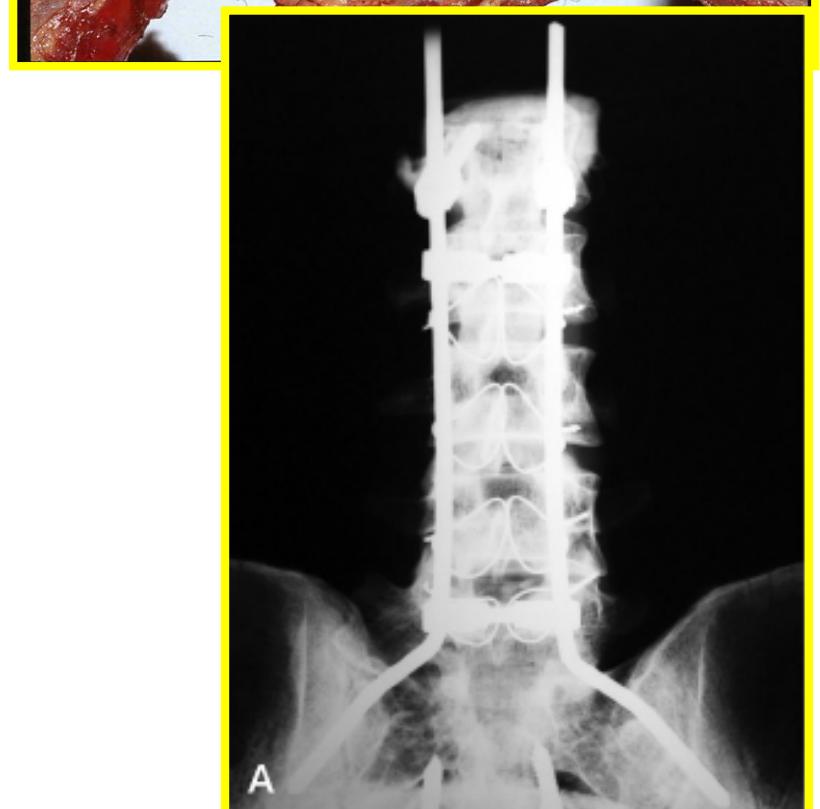
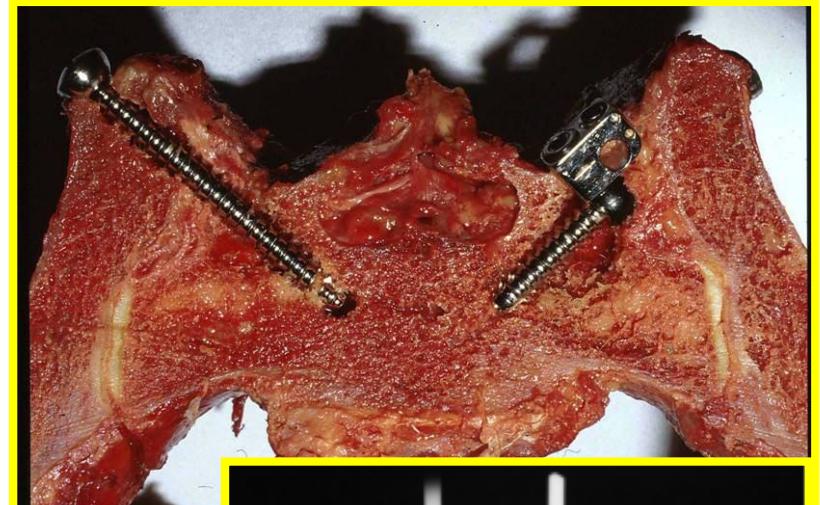
- **Risk factors for those mechanical failures:**

*Kim, Yongjung et al. Spine feb.15 2005 and sept.15 2006*

- Insufficient sacral fixation
- Postoperative sagittal imbalance
- Absence of anterior column Support
- Age at operation

# Spinopelvic fixation

- Iliosacral screws  
(Dubousset 1996 CP)
- Galveston rod  
(neuromuscular CP)



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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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# Spinopelvic fixation

- S1 pedicle screws
- S1 and S2 pedicle screws
- Sacroiliac plate fixation (Colorado fixation): residual motion between plate and iliac and sacral screws

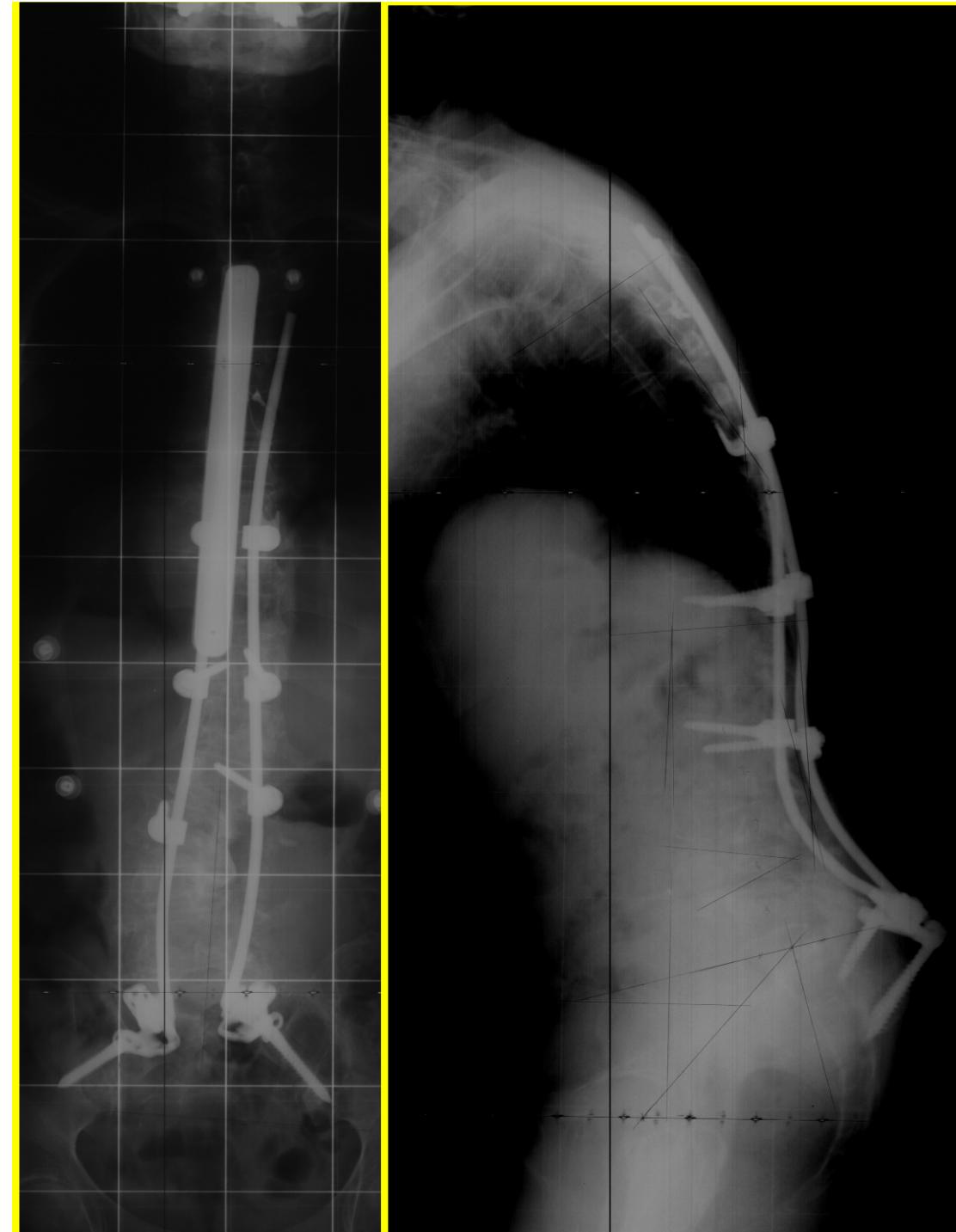


**Insufficient spinopelvic fixation  
Absent anterior column Support**

**62 year old woman**

**L4 TPO for sagittal  
imbalance**

**Mechanical failure  
at 12 months PO**



# Spinopelvic fixation

- Iliac Internal fixator
- Intrailiac instrumentation of the entire iliac column

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# Complete sacropelvic fixation

- Bicortical S1 fixation
- Iliac fixation
- Circumferential fusion (360°)

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

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# Indications

# Adult Scoliosis

- **First hand adult scoliosis**

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- Spondylolisthesis at L5-S1
- Stenosis at L5-S1 (foraminal)
- Severe degenerative disc disease at L5S1
- Prior laminectomy at L5-S1
- Oblique take-off at L5-S1

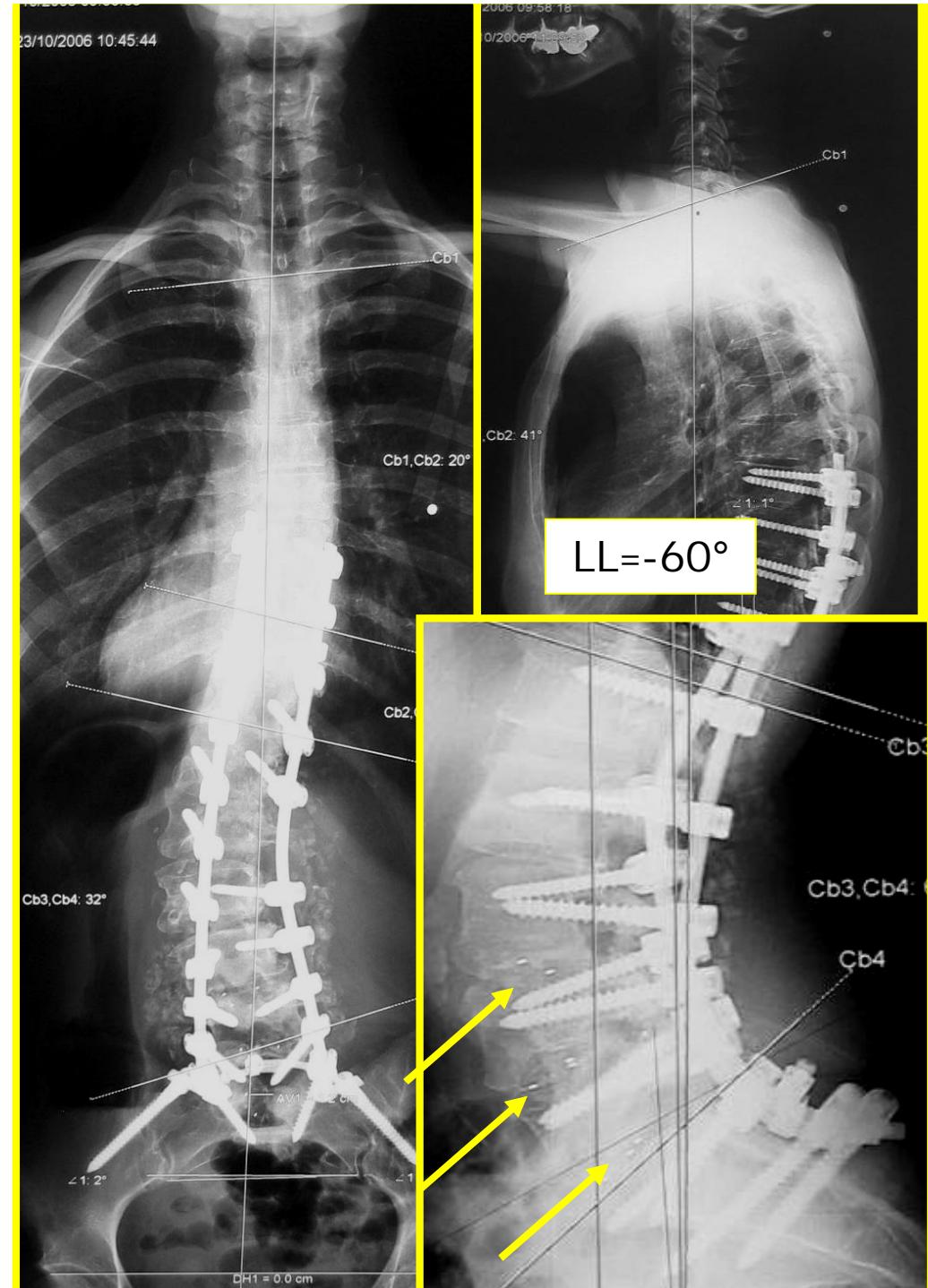
# First hand

57 year old woman

L5 Left sciatica with a  
foraminal L5S1 stenosis  
and L3L4 laterolisthesis

Radiological lumbar curve  
progression

Correction and fusion  
Posterior approach 360°  
multilevel fusion (L3 to  
S1)



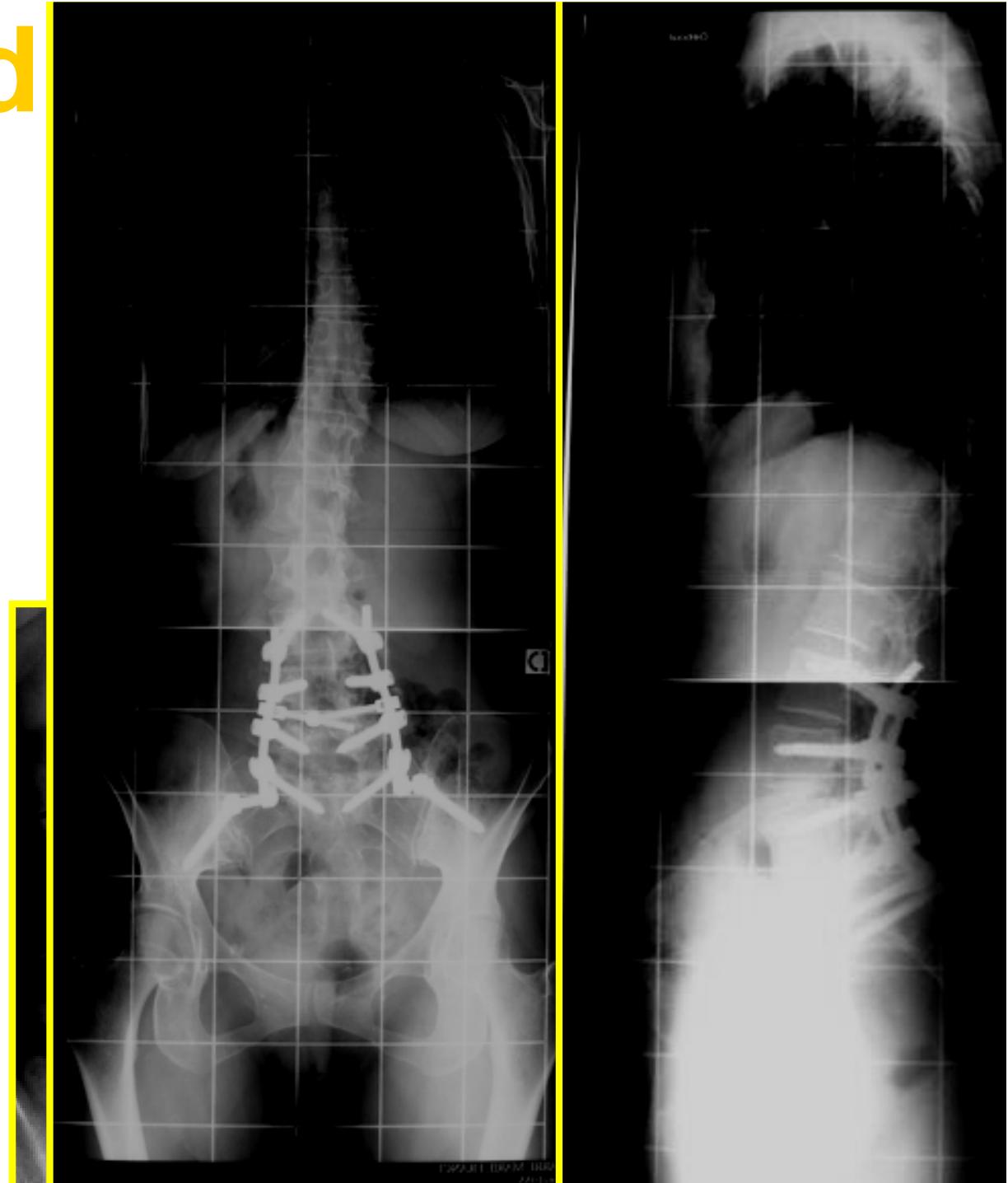
# First hand

51 year old woman

Left L5 sciatica

Correction of L5  
oblique take off and  
L3L4 laterolisthesis

Good correction for  
non instrumented  
lumbar scoliosis



# Redo adult scoliosis

65 year old man

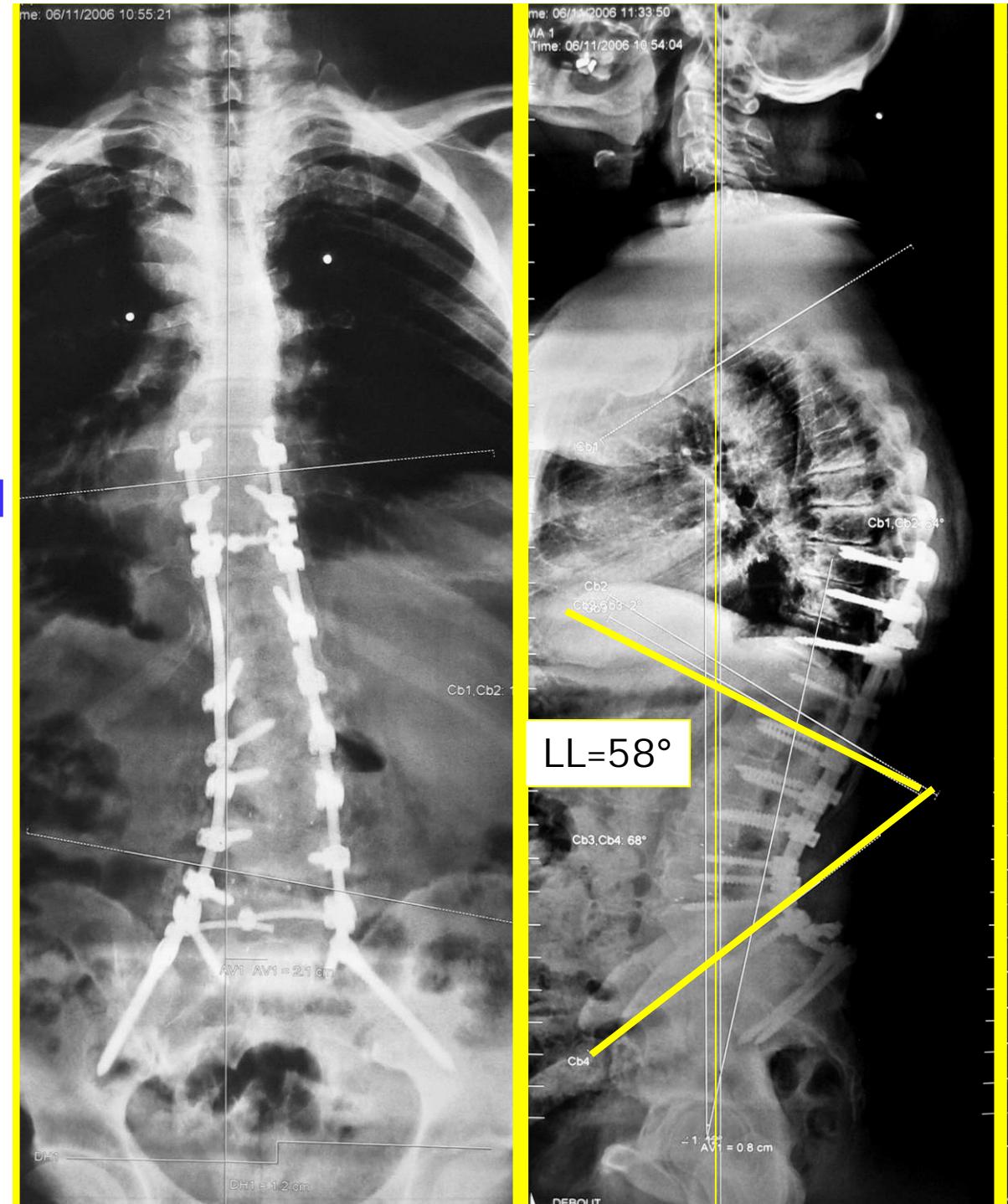
1 year after  
surgery

Distal disc  
degeneration (L5S1  
SPL)

Pseudarthrosis  
(L3 to L5)

Sagittal imbalance

3 level SPO with  
360° fusion



# Redo adult scoliosis

67 year old woman

18 months after  
surgery

Distal disc  
degeneration (L5S1)

Pseudarthrosis  
(L3 to L5)

Sagittal imbalance

2 level SPO with  
360° fusion



# Sagittal Imbalance

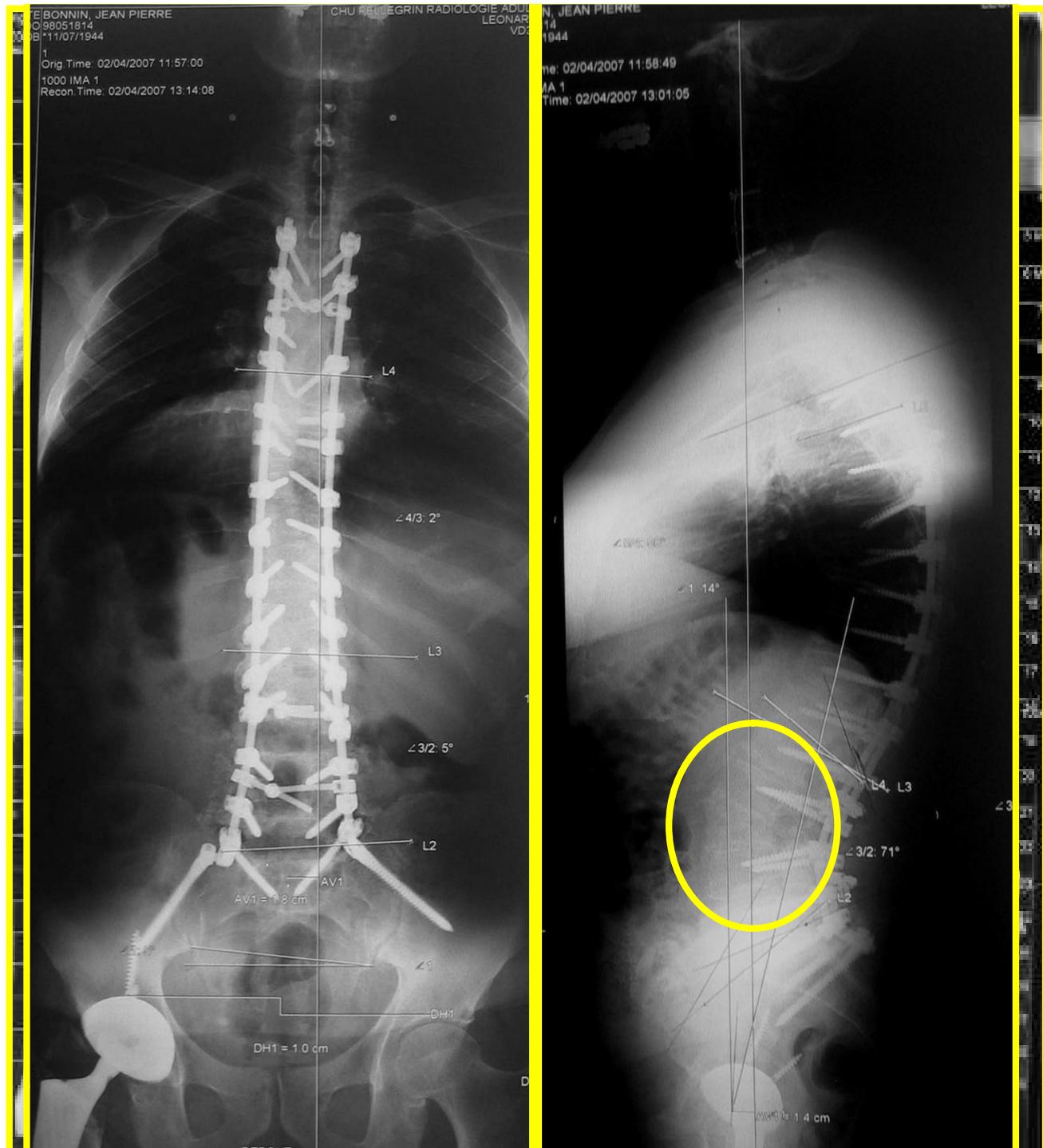
# TPO

68 year old man

Positive Sagittal  
imbalance after  
multiple lumbar  
spine surgery

L5S1  
Pseudarthrosis

L3 TPO



# SPO

54 year old  
woman

Degenerative  
lumbar kyphosis

Anterior Sagittal  
imbalance

## 4 SPO

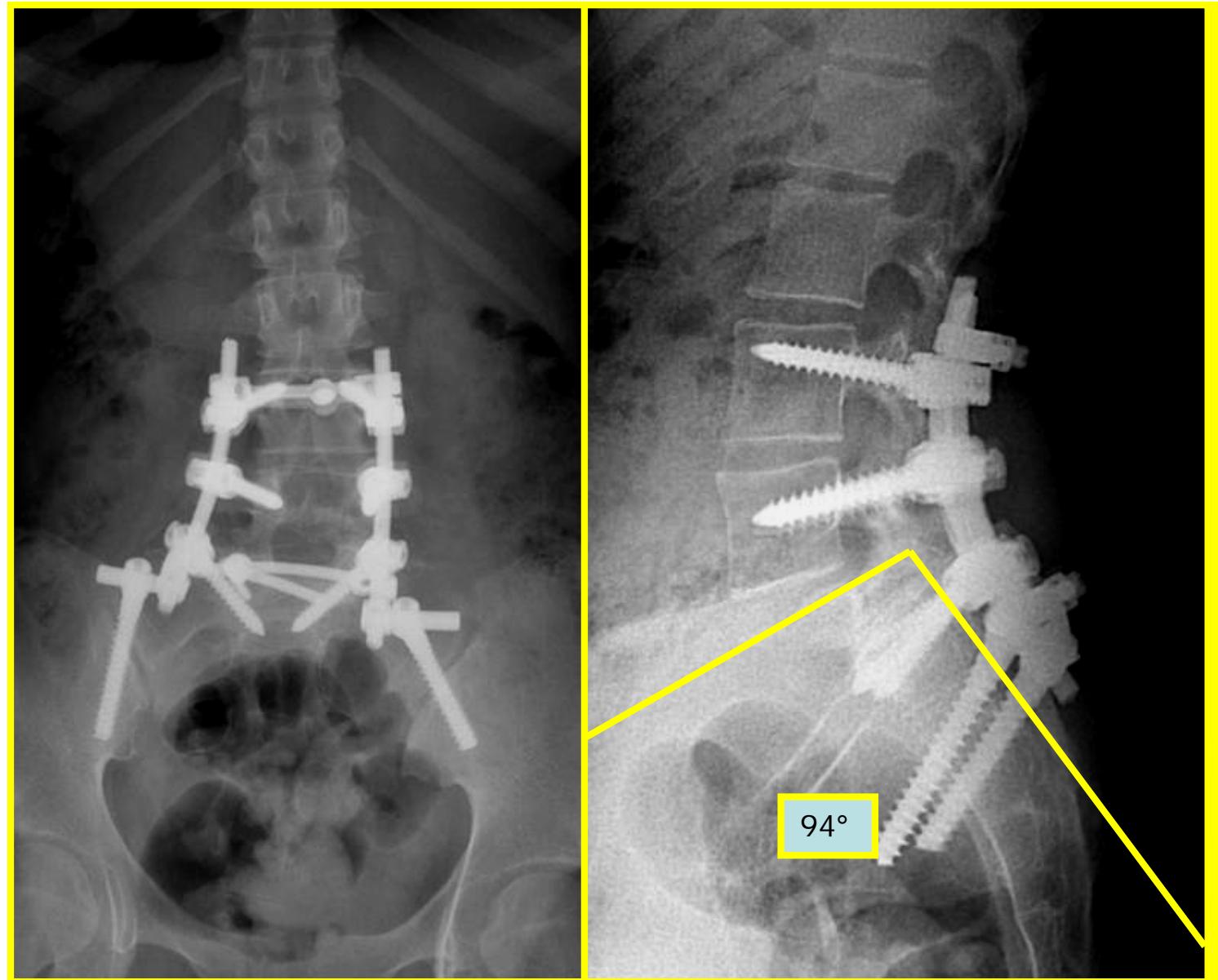


# High grade spondylolisthesis

13 year old  
girl

First surgery  
for isthmic  
SPL

L5 on S1  
Ptosis 3  
years after  
surgery



# **Neurological Spinal Column Deformities**

# Cerebral Palsy

16 year old no walking boy



# Post Traumatic Paraplegia

18 year old  
man



# Traumatic

24 year old man

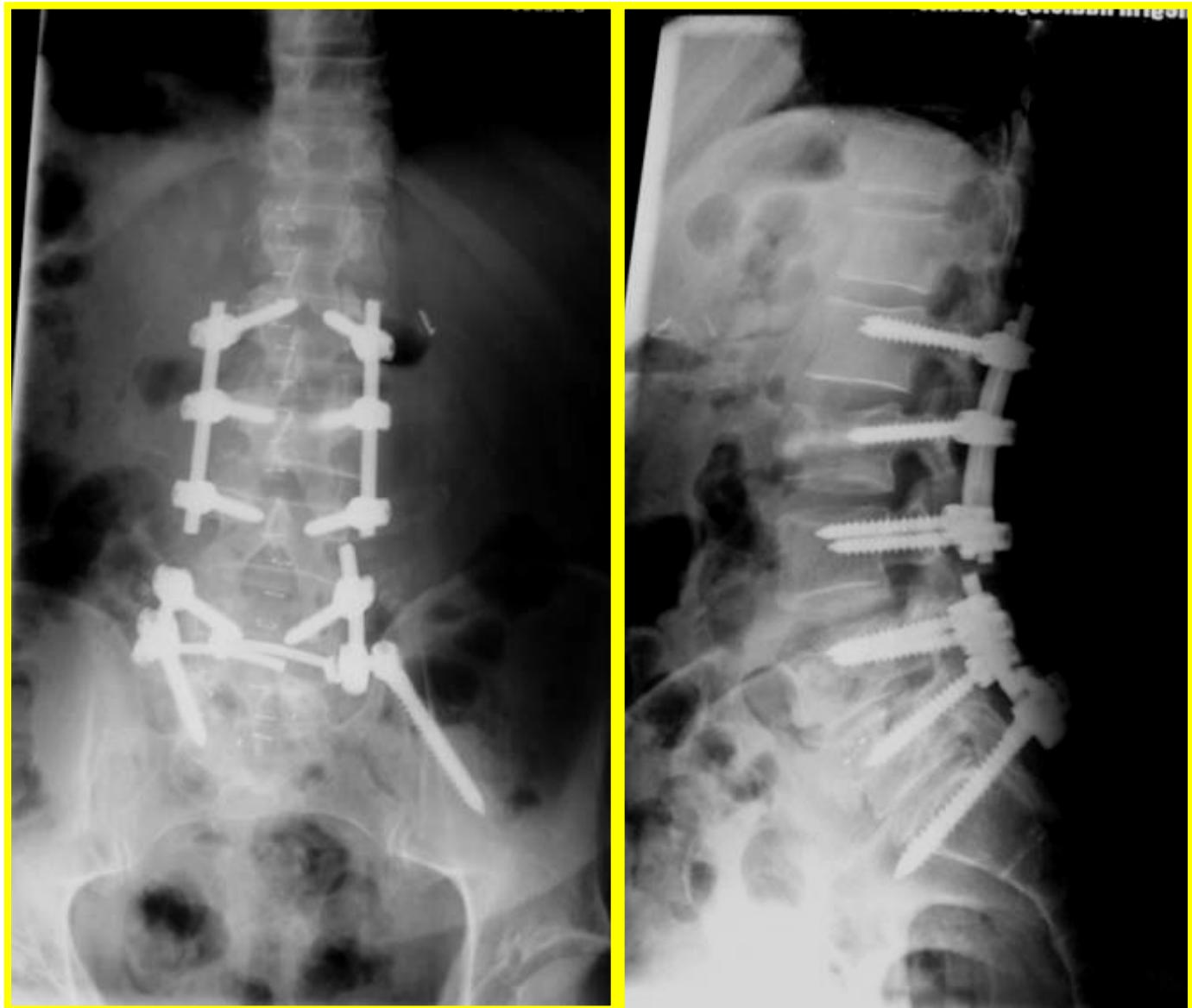
L5 Traumatic  
isthmus  
fracture

S1 left pedicle  
fracture

L3 A22 fracture

L2L4 fixation  
without fusion

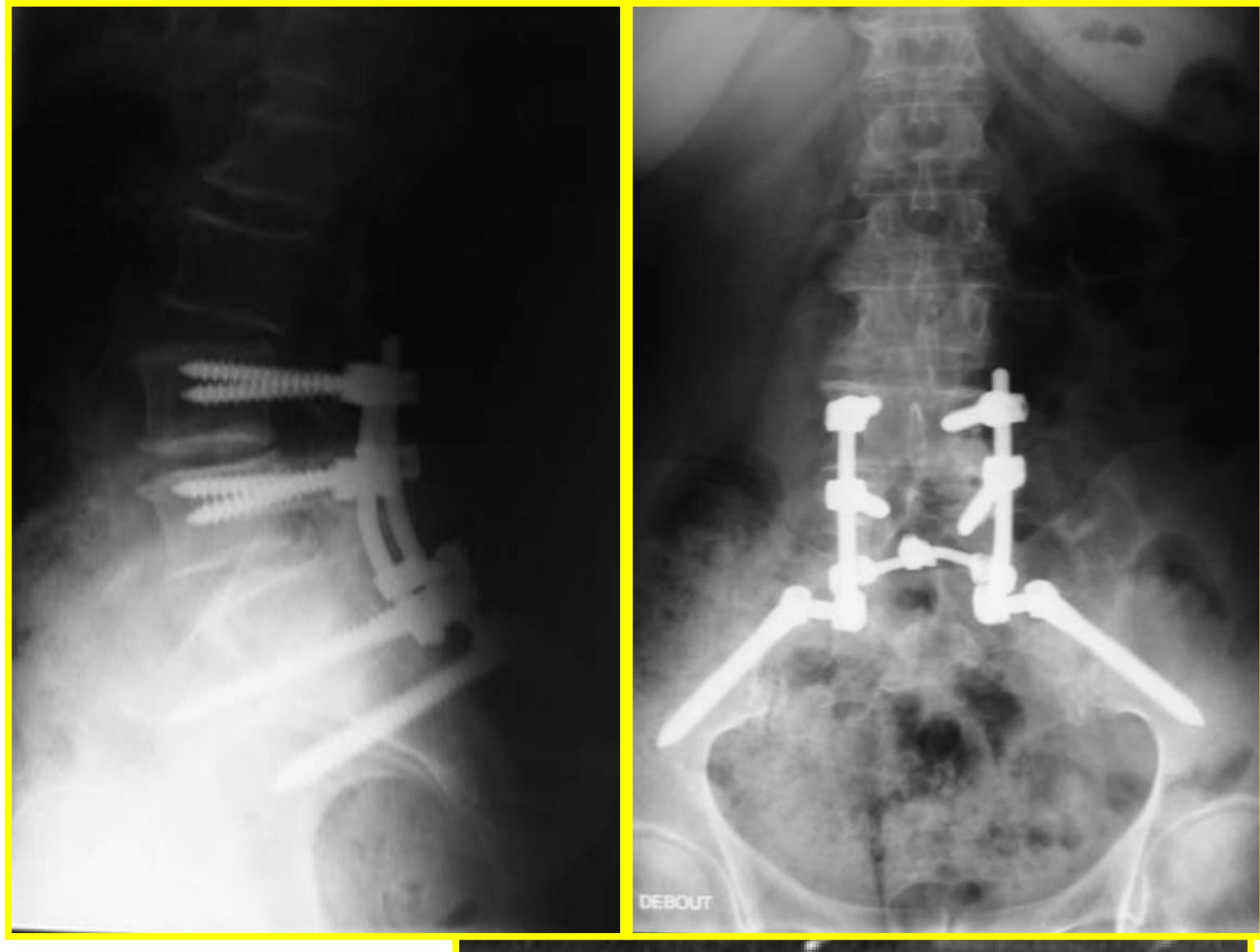
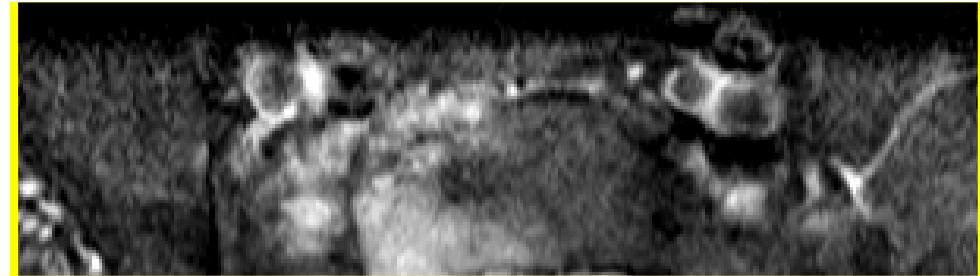
L5S1 360°fusion



# Tumor

72 year old  
woman

S1  
metastasis  
of thyroid  
carcinoma



# Our Experience

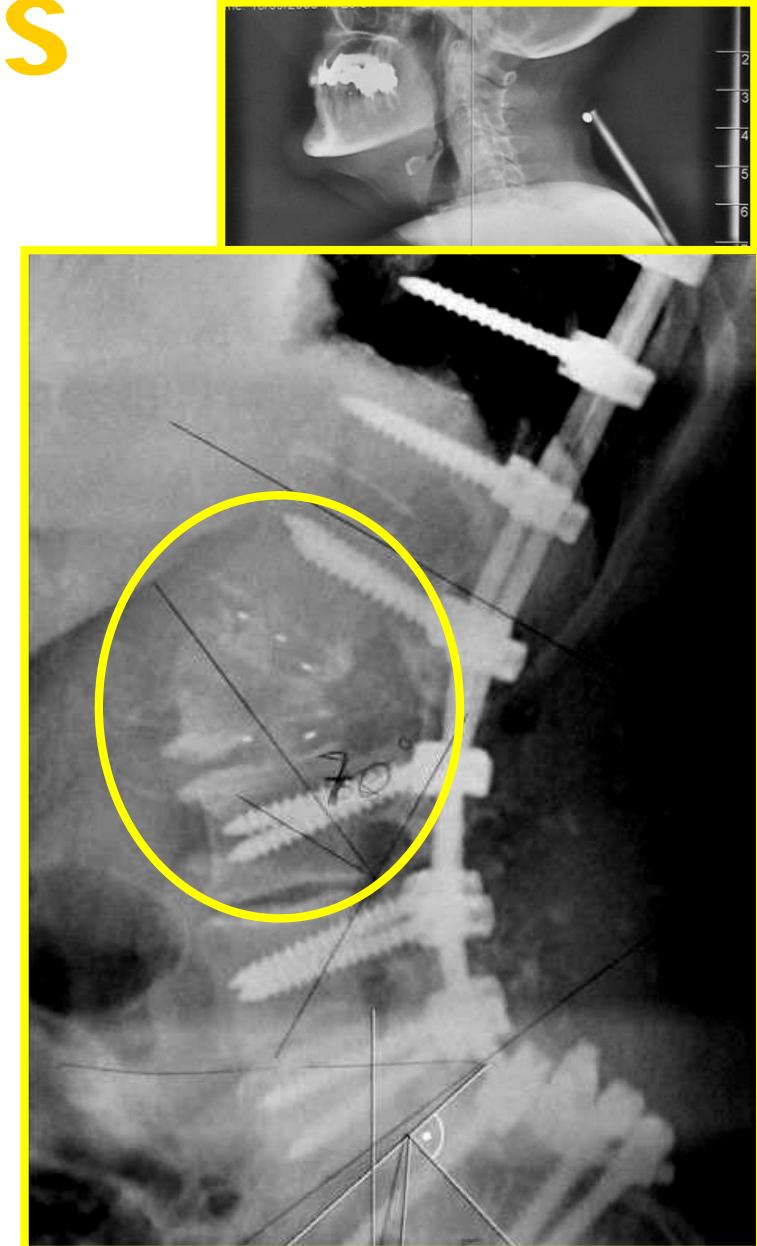
- Since 3 years: Spinal System I liac Fixation
- 46 adult spine deformities fused to sacrum
- Posterior approach only (except one patient)
- TLIF

# Other Indications

- 3 SPL grade 5 (spondyloptosis)
- 2 traumatic
- 4 pediatric neuromuscular scoliosis

# TLIF indications

- Lumbar or Lumbosacral Pseudarthrosis
- Fusion to Sacrum
- Level of SPO (up to 4 cages)
- Over and Below TPO



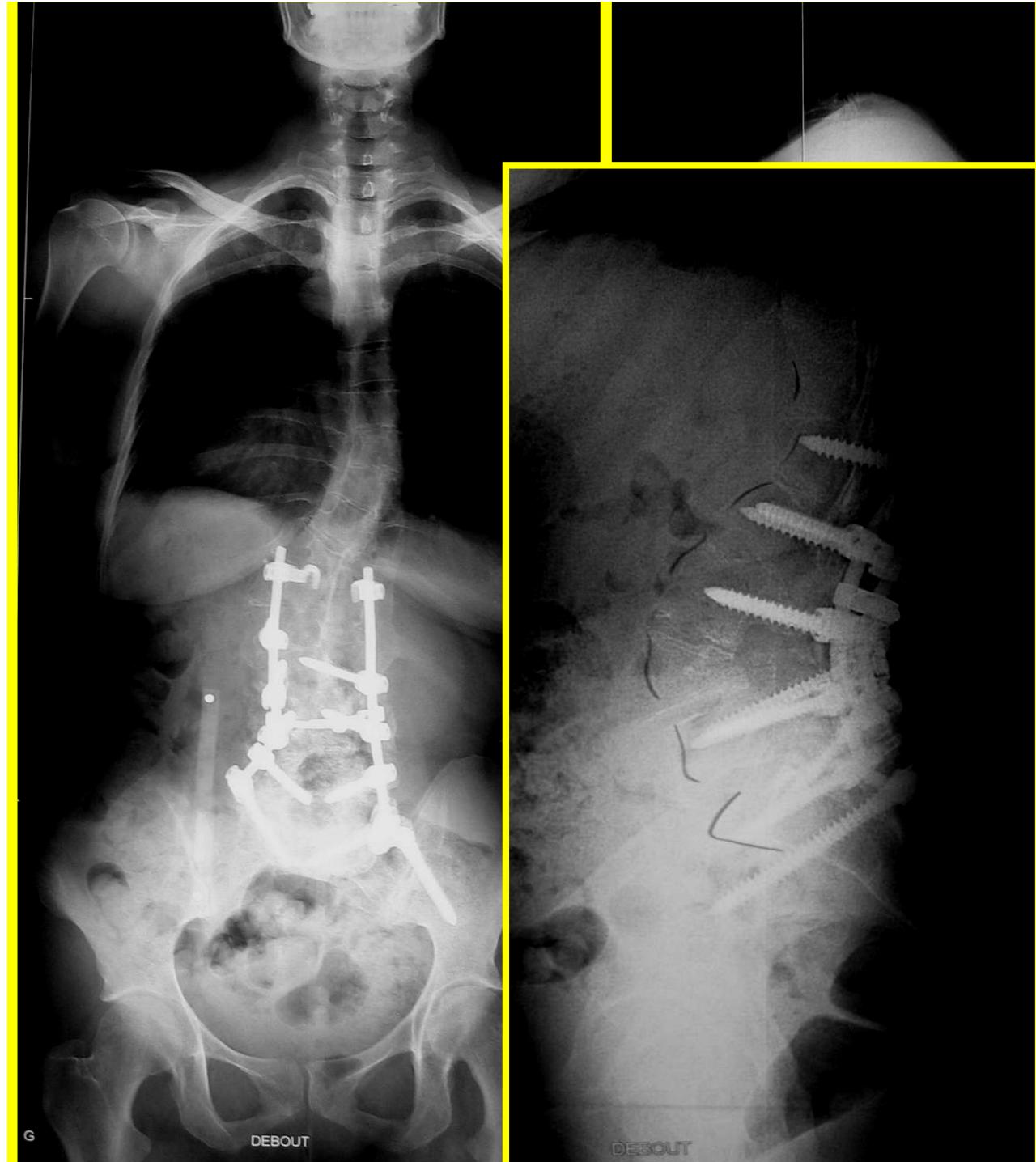
# Unilateral

36 year old woman

Flat back after  
scoliosis surgery

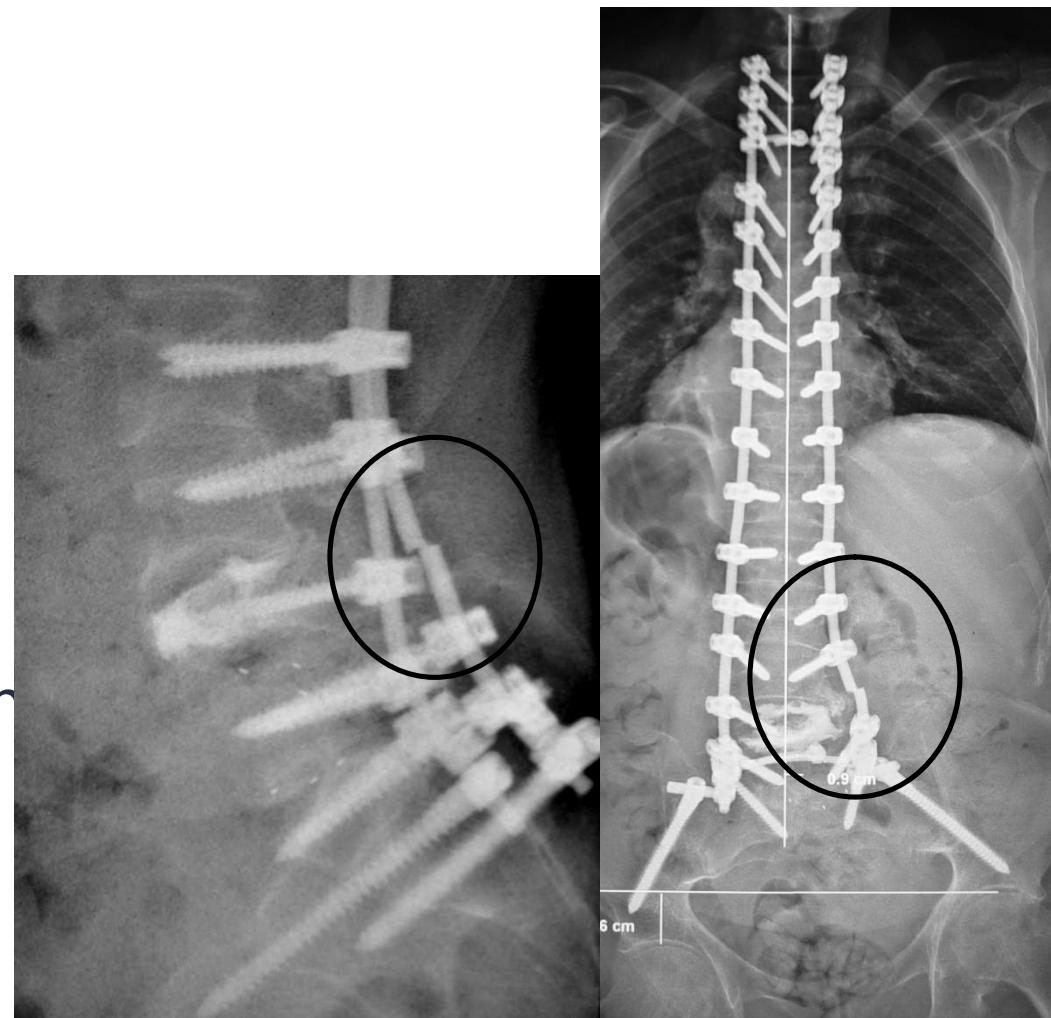
L4 TPO

Technical difficulties  
to put left iliac screw



# Results

- 1 chronic infection and screws removal
- 2 Pseudarthrosis
- No S1 screws fracture or pull-out
- No iliac screws related complication



# Iliac screws removal

- Young patient (SPL)
- Symptomatic patient

# Conclusion

Efficacy

Reproducibility  
and accuracy

Safety

Sacroiliac joint  
problem??

