# **Spinal deformities**

### Physiological curves of the spine

#### Frontal level





# Sagital level Cervical lordosis

#### Thoracis kyphosis

#### Lumbar lordosis

#### Sacral kyphosis

### Scoliosis is a deformity in frontal level in sagital level and in transversal level



### Scoliosis is 3D deformity

- frontal level scoliosis
- sagital level hypo, hyperkyphosis
- transversal level rotation, torsion
  - rib prominence
  - » proc. spinosus tilted to concave side
  - narrowing of spinal canal





### Curve

Structural curve - no flexibility - based on structural changes

Nonstructural curve - is flexible - nonbased on structural changes



#### Structural curve

### Structural and nonsctructural curve



### Curves

#### Main curve

- occurs earlier
- structural
- more serious

Compensated curve Above and bellow main curve Compensates stability of the trunk Later on changes into structural one



### Scoliosis

### Compensated

### Decompensated



### Trunk compensated/ decompensated





Cervical Cervicothoracal Thoracal Thoracolumbar Lumbar Lumbaral



#### Thorakální

#### Thorakolumbální

# **Clinical examination**

- Compensation of the trunk
- Level of shoulders
- Asymetry of the waist
- Position of the pelvis
- Flexibility of curves
- Gibus in flexion
- Others: laxity, sexual development, lenght of extremities
- Functional examination of lungs- spirometry

## Compensation of the trunk



### Level of shoulders



### Gibus (hump) in flexion



#### Frontal balance

### Sagital balance





#### **Dekompenzace trupu**

## Neurofibromatosis "café au lait"





# X-ray examination

- Long films 30x90 cm
- AP, lateral, in bending, in distraction
- Check up in 6 months
- Cobb angle
- Skeletal development

### Cobb angle





### Rotation of vertebrae- pedicles



### Risser sign

#### 0 no apophysis

- 1 25%
- 2 50%
- 3 75 %
- 4 100 %
- 5 Fusion with iliac bone



# Classification

- Orientation right, left
- Localisation, C, CT, T, TL, L, LS
- Severity of the curve- Cobb angle
- Etiology

# Classification

#### Structural

- Congenital
- Idiopathic (80%) infantile, juvenile, adolescent
- Neuromuscular neuropatic, myopatic
- In neurofibromtosis
- Secondary scoliosis Marfan sy, Ehlers-Danlos sy
- Degenerative scoliosis
- Nonstructural
  - Postural
  - Hysteric
  - in other morbidities tumor, infection

# Idiopathic scoliosis

- Etiology unknown, multifactorial
- Genetic background
- Prevalence in girls 1,5 more often
- Progression- in girls 8 times more

#### Treatment

- Up 10° no scoliosis
- 10-20° exercise therapy, follow up
- 20 40° orthesis, exercise therapy

Above 40° - surgery

### Scoliosis in adults

Progresion of the curvature

– low, in Cobb angle less than 30°

- often, in Cobb angle over 50° in thoracis

and over 30° in lumbar spine

Limited breathing in thoracic curves over 90°

Back pain

## **Idiopatic scoliosis**

- Infantile
  - Up to 3 years of age
    usualy spontaneous resolving (90%),
    in less cases severe progression
- Juvenile
  - 3 years of age to onset of puberty
- Adolescent

Puberty - the end of growth

# **Exercise therapy**

- Exercise, correct posture
- Pelvic alignment
- Strenghtening of trunk and abdominal muscles
- Breathing
- High level activities
- Follow up in 6 moths regime

# Exercise + bracing

- To prevent progression
- Effective only in low curves
- Over 45° no effect
- Indication: in growing children with flexible curve
- Curves are progressive in fast growing periods
- To wear 23 hours per day, up to the end of growth (16-17 years) gradually to wear less hours per day.

# Principles of the brace

- distraction
- derotation
- three point system







# Milwaukee orthesis – curves T6 and above



# TLSO orthesis - curves in Th7 and lower



# Exercise in a brace

- stretching
- correct posture
- exercise using balls
- activation in sports















- Withount a brace
  - swimming
  - hippotherapy



Breathing therapy

- deep breathing
- bottles
- derotation breathing





### • Indication:

- Above 40° in fast progression
- Above 50° in all

### • Principles:

- Correction of the curve (distractions, derotation,

translation of vertebrae)

- Repeated distraction in younger patients (HRI)
- growing rods
- spondylodesis
- Postoperative bracing

- The aim of surgery:
  - Correction of the curve
  - Prevent progression
  - Influence worsening of pulmonar function (cor kyphoscolioticum- ischemic heart disease)
  - Improve situation for better muscle function
  - Prevent degenerative changes (spondylosis and spondylarthrosis)
  - Cosmetic effect

### Dorsal approach



#### skeletizace, resekce kloubů, dekortikace zadních elementů



Transpedikulární šrouby či pedikulární háčky

Dokončení, propojení, štěpy





## Juvenile scoliosis HRI + repeated disctraction, fusion later on



# Dorsal approach







# **Congenital scoliosis**

- from the childbirth
- asymetric growth of the spine
- more often fast progression

Etiology:
1. Disturbance of the form
2. Disturbance of segmentation
3. Combined disturbance

- Management: surgery
  - fusion
  - osteotomy + fusion
  - hemivertebrectomy



#### Disturbance of the form

Wedge vertebra Hemivertebra







Hemivertebra

Disturbance of N segmentation b

Nonsegmented bone rod

Bone block

Combined disturbance







## Neuromuscular scoliosis

Neuropatic: recebral palsy polio, spinal dysraphism Myopatic: muscles dystrophy, arthrogryphosis

"paralytic scoliosis"

Long, severe curves

Therapy: Surgery, long fusion





# Scoliosis in neurofibromatosis

- short curve
- atypical shape of vetebrae severe rotation
- changes of ribs

Typical: Progressive Surgery is necessary

Atypical: Progression as in idiopatic scoliosis- treatment the same





## Secondary scoliosis

- Osteogenesis imperfecta
- Spondyloepiphyseal dysplasia
- Diastrophic nanism
- Rickets
- Marfan syndrom
- TB
- Injuries
- Degenerative scoliosis

# **Degenerative scoliosis**



## Nonstructural scoliosis

- Postural
- In sciatica
- Tumors
- Spondylodiscitis
- Leg length discrepancy
- Contractures in hip region
- Hysterical

# Pathological kyphosis

- Congenial
- Neuromuscular
- Juvenile kyphosis

Others

- congenital deformity (achondroplasia,
  - mucopolysacharidosis)
- postraumatic ( + after laminectomy)
- after spondylodiscitis, TB)
- in tumors
- in osteoporosis, osteomalatia
- Postural kyphosis

- 0,5 8 % of population
- boys more often
- age 12-18 years
- Etiology- idiopatic, multifactorial
- distal thoracic region more often



- Increased thoracic kyphosis above 40°
- Fixed kyphosis (hyperextension test)
- Pain
- Limited movements
- Limited dynamics of the spine
- Progression of degenerative changes





- X ray findings:
- kyphosis above 40°
- Irregularities of end plates
- Schmorl's nodes
- Narrowing of intervertebral disc spaces
- Wedge deformity above 5° at least in 3 vetebrae







### Stages

• I. stage - florid (9-12 years, flexible, round back, painful spine, muscle changes)

• II. stage- deformity (13-16 years, fixed advanced X ray changes)

• III. stage- consequences (chronic back pain)

Therapy:

• Conservative

- exercise therapy
- orthesis
- plaster of Paris brace, later on orthesis
   + exercise
- in florid stage- no sports, no weightbearing
- NSAD, analgetics, myorelaxans
- <u>Surgery + bracing + exercise</u>

# Congenital kyphosis

#### Etiology

- Disturbance of the form
- Disturbance of segmentation
- Combined disturbance

#### Therapy:

- to prevent progression
- Surgery in progressive curves
- Spondylodesis fusion + bracing till the end of the growth
- anterior osteotomy with correction of the curve
  posterior fusion with instrumentation



### Postural kyphosis

in muscle imbalance lack of exercise, lack of sports sedentary way of life
weak trunk and abdominal muscles increased lumbar lordosis and thoracic kyphosis

#### Management:

- regular exercise of muscles- trunk, abdominal ..
- sports activities
- adherence to active life
- profesional fysiotherapy