

EOS Initiative



We would like to introduce an initiative on early onset scoliosis (EOS) within *JPOSNA*. The initial idea for this project was born from Pediatric Spine Study Group (PSSG) meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic and was initially championed by founding PSSG member, Behrooz Akbarnia, MD. Contributors in this series are PSSG members across many generations of pediatric spine practice. Our goal is to create a repository of information that is easily accessible for learners in all stages. Each decision in the care of an EOS patient is steeped in decades of experience, triumph, and failure. This history not only shapes our current practice but informs the future of EOS care.

Over the course of three editions we will explore greater than 50 years of EOS experience, technique, and research. Each offering will have Current Concept Reviews with a coupled educational video. In this first edition, we present reviews on the first generation of care in EOS and on the evolution of casting in the EOS patient. The casting review is accompanied by an exceptional master technique video. In future editions, we will explore thoracic insufficiency syndrome, instrumentation in the early onset scoliosis patient, refining/redefining our research efforts for this population, and finally, a long-range view of what the future holds in EOS.

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