

Scheuermann's Disease: A Congenital Disorder

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Abstract

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Keywords: hyperkyphosis, Scheuermann's Kyphosis, conservative approach, low back pain..

1. Introduction

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Differential Diagnosis:

1. Postural Kyphosis
2. Ankylosing Spondylitis
3. Post Surgical Kyphosis

**Figure 1A****Figure 1B**

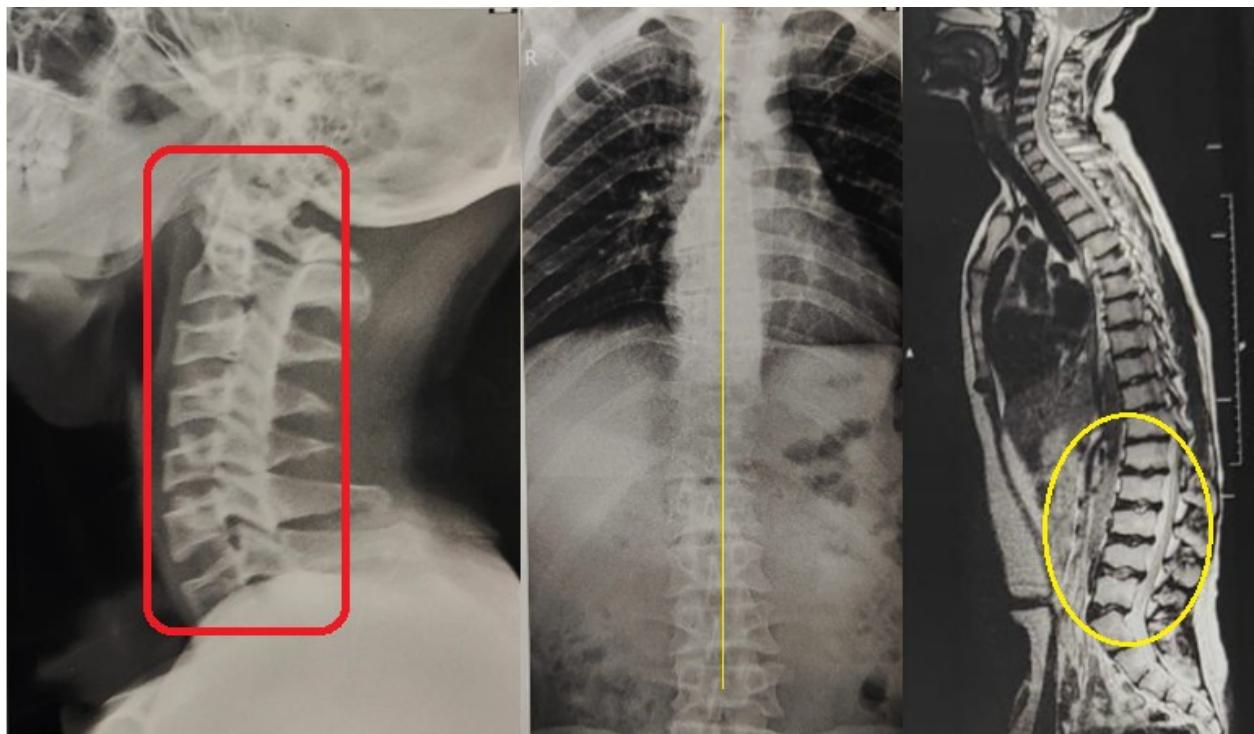


Figure 2A

Figure 2B

Figure 2C