

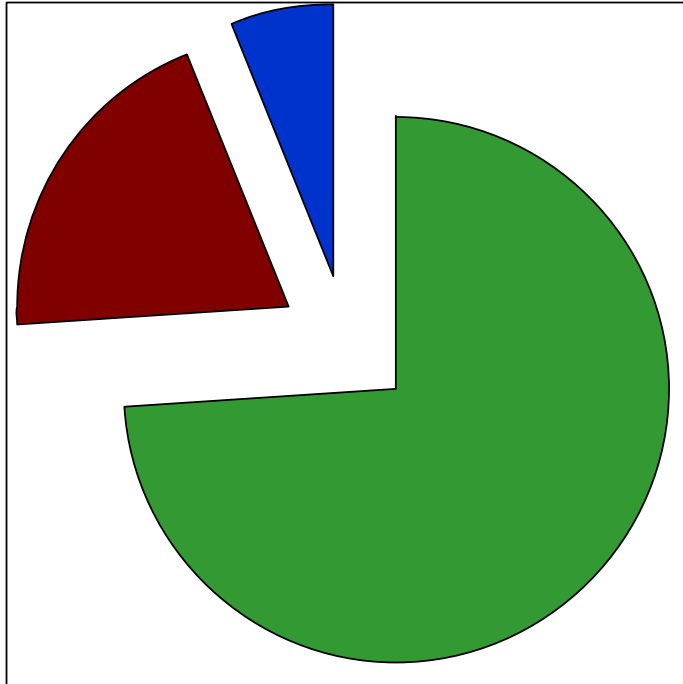
# **Long term results of expanding prostheses for limb salvage surgery in children with bone tumors**

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# Histology and Locations of tumors

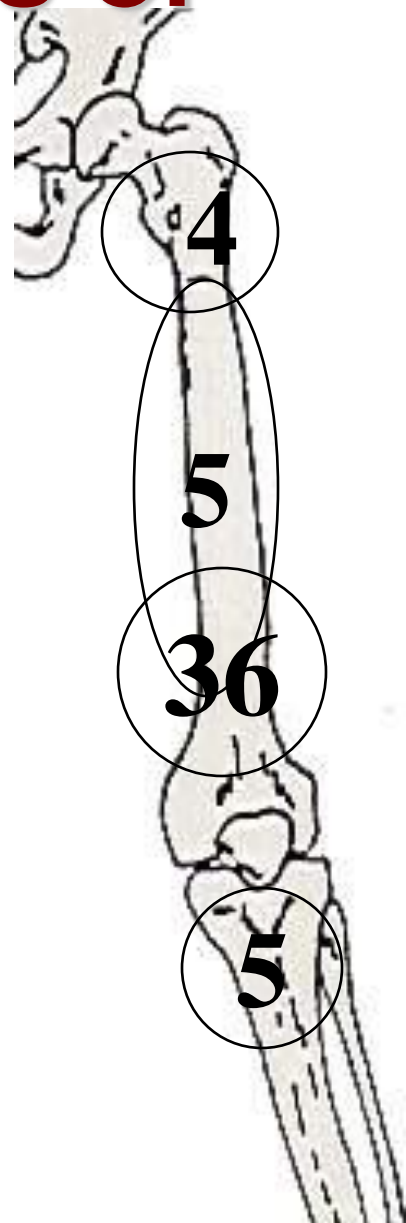


proximal femur 4

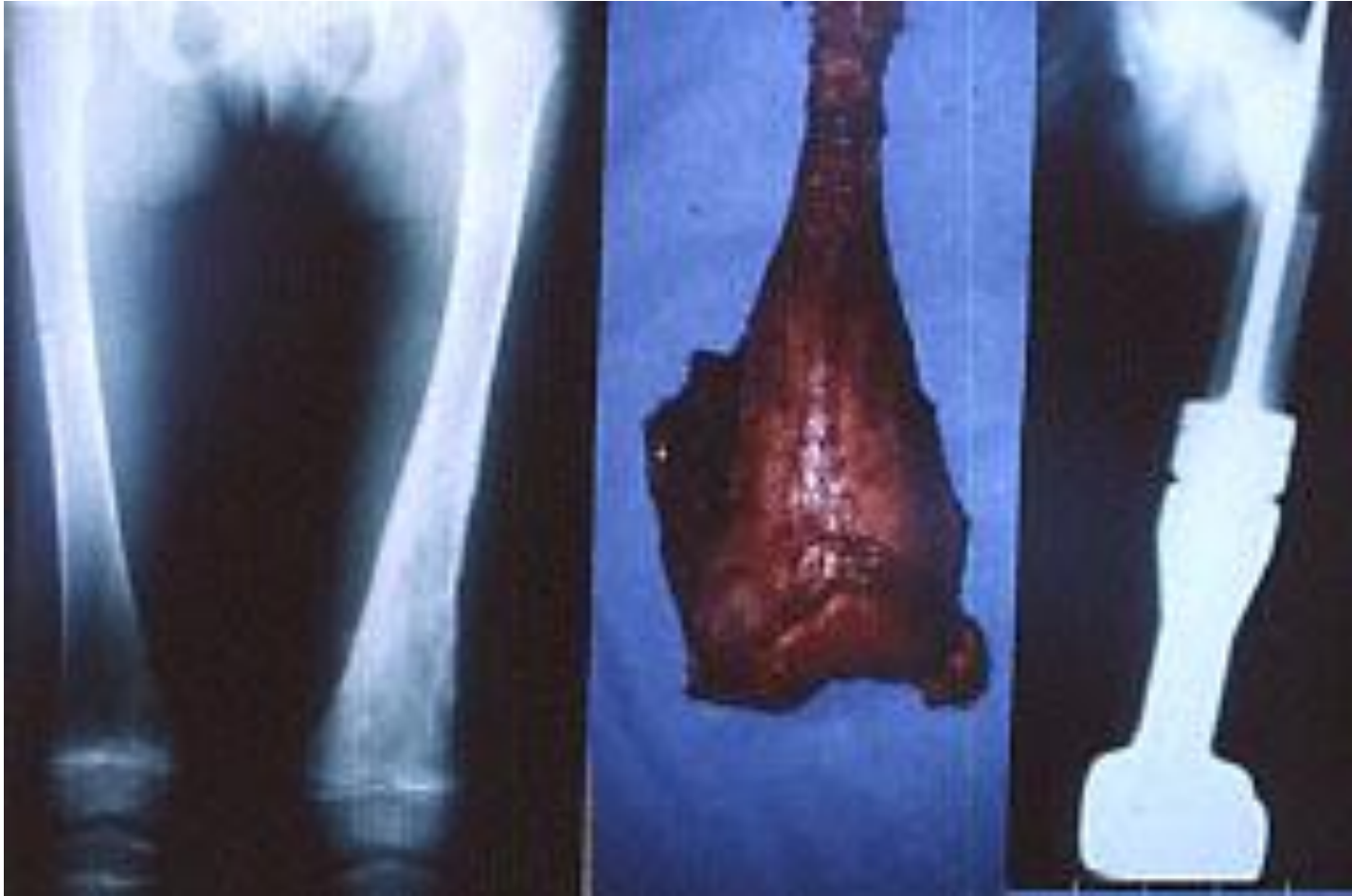
total femur 5

distal femur 36

upper tibia 5.

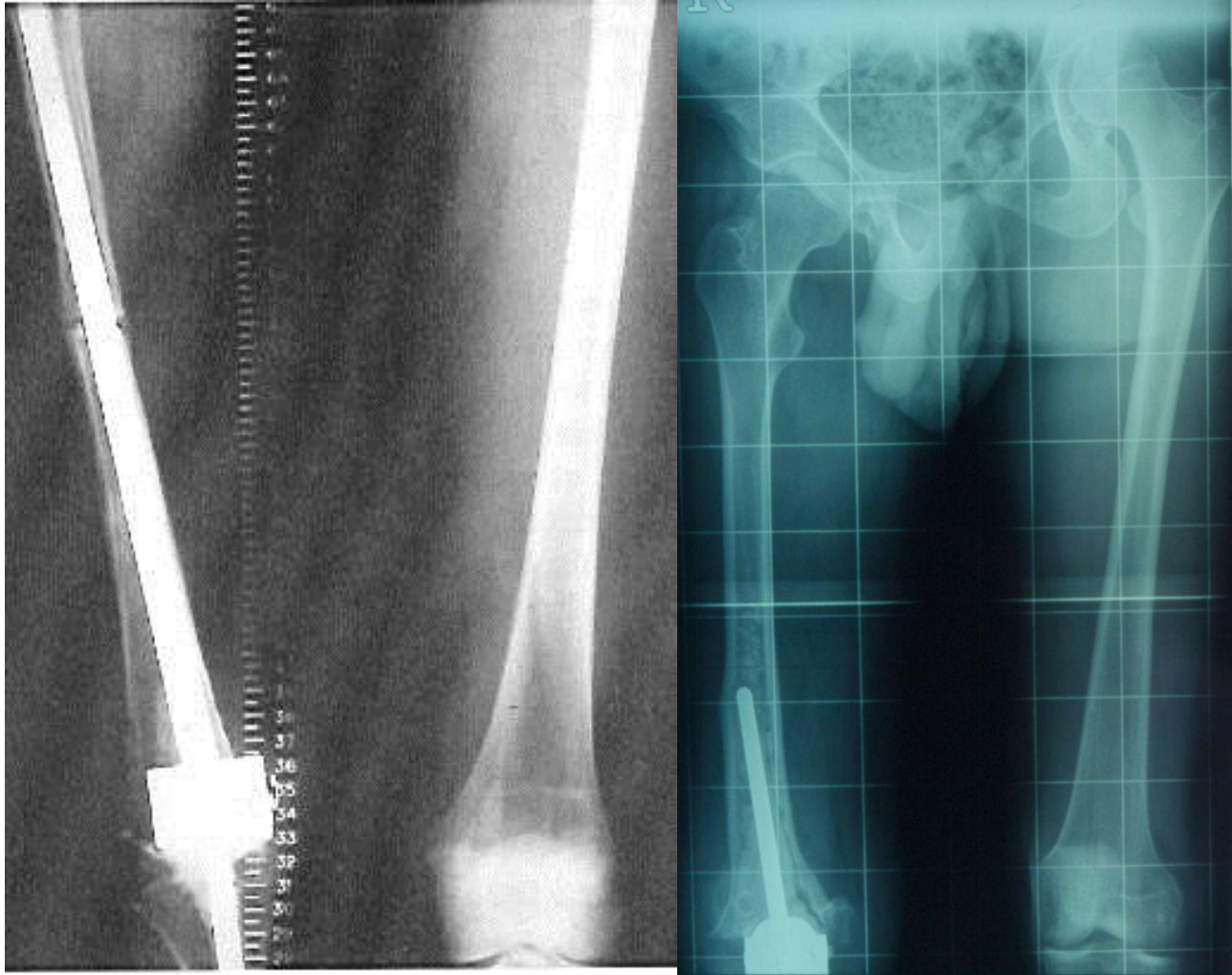


# 27 early prosthesis implantation



- In 18 patients, the expanding prosthesis was inserted immediately after the resection, in 9 during the following year

# 23 secondary implantations to treat leg length discrepancy.



Long term follow up of Expanding prosthesis

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# Active expanding prosthesis



- Consists of a tibial and femoral component joined by a metal on polyethylene hinge .
- The lengthening mechanism is contained in the part of the prosthesis which replaces the tumor.

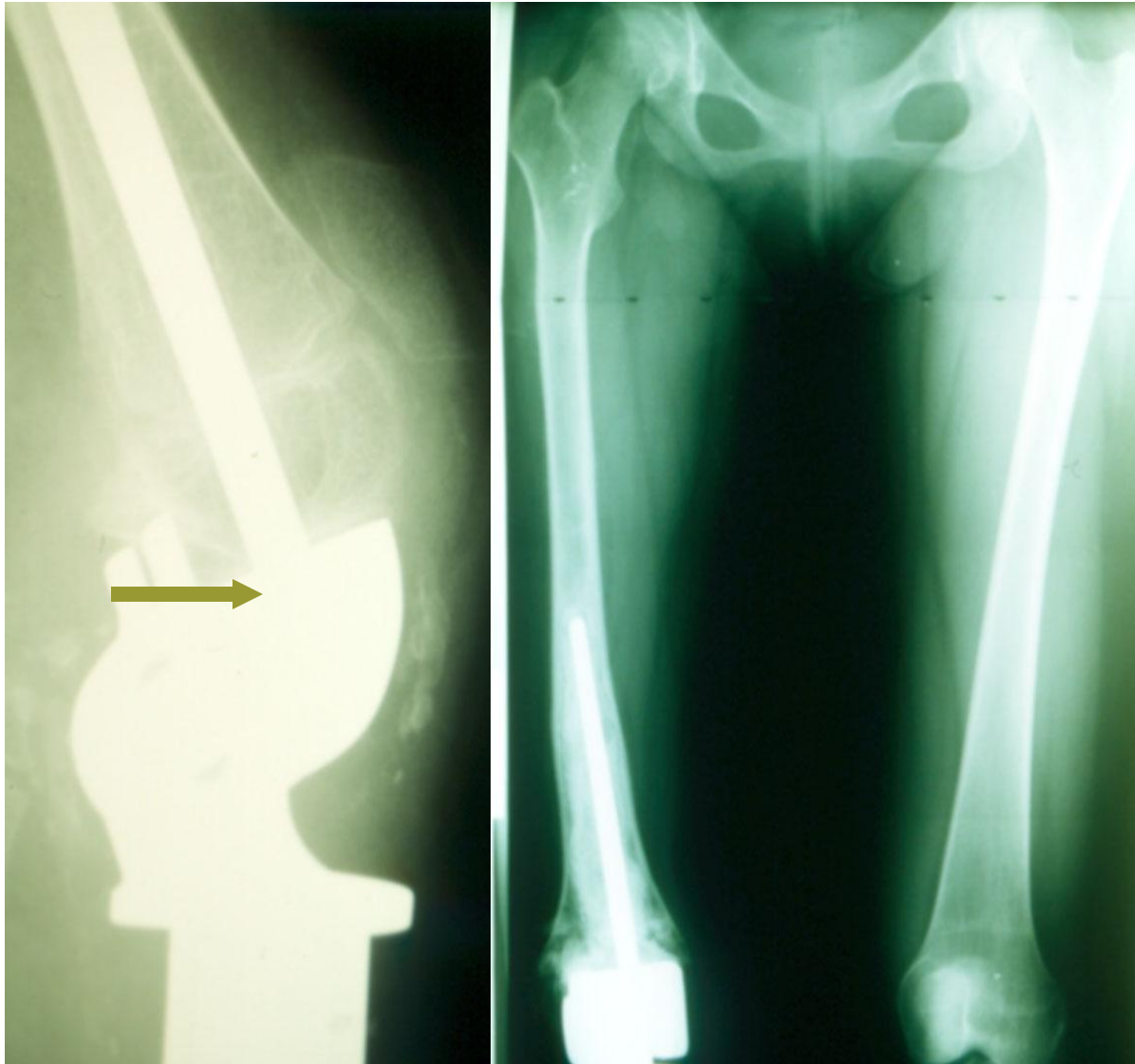


# The tibial passive part for femoral tumor



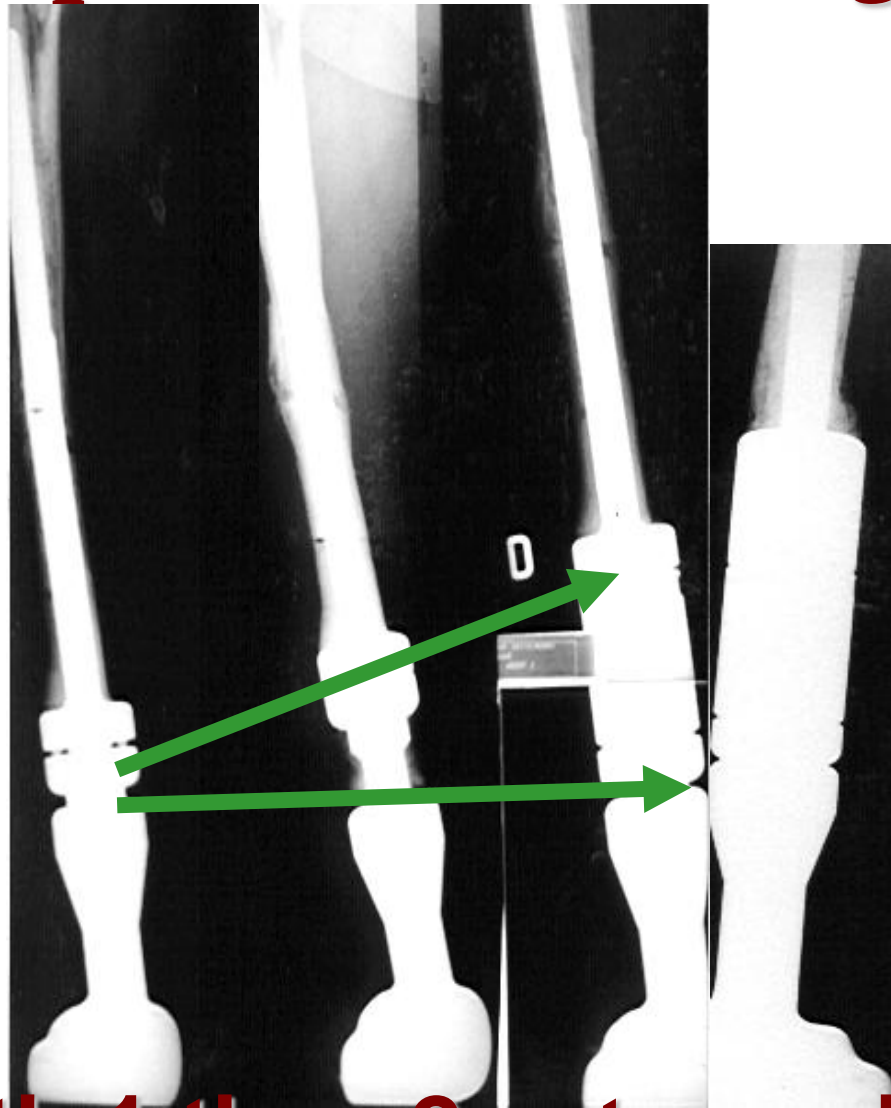
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implantation the  
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# The femoral passive part for tibial tumors



8 years after  
implantation  
the femoral  
growth is  
similar to the  
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# Morse taper unlimited lengthening



**with 1 then 2 extra rods**



# ***The open sky prosthetic mechanism***

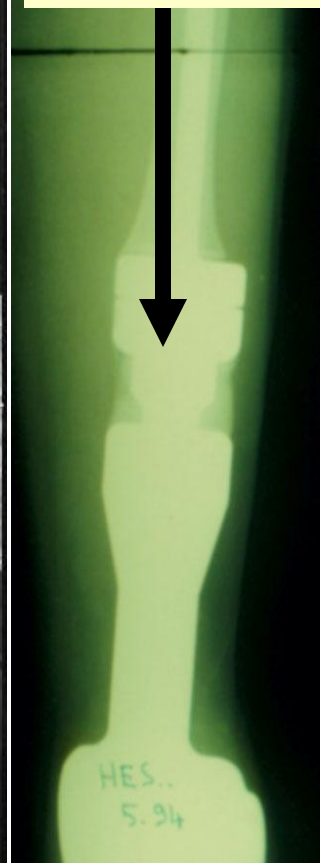
## ***Zimmer Delepine (ZD1)***

The generation 1 « open sky prosthetic mechanism » used a threaded rock which was turned by a screw driver inserted into the knee in the line of the femur.

Screw  
driver



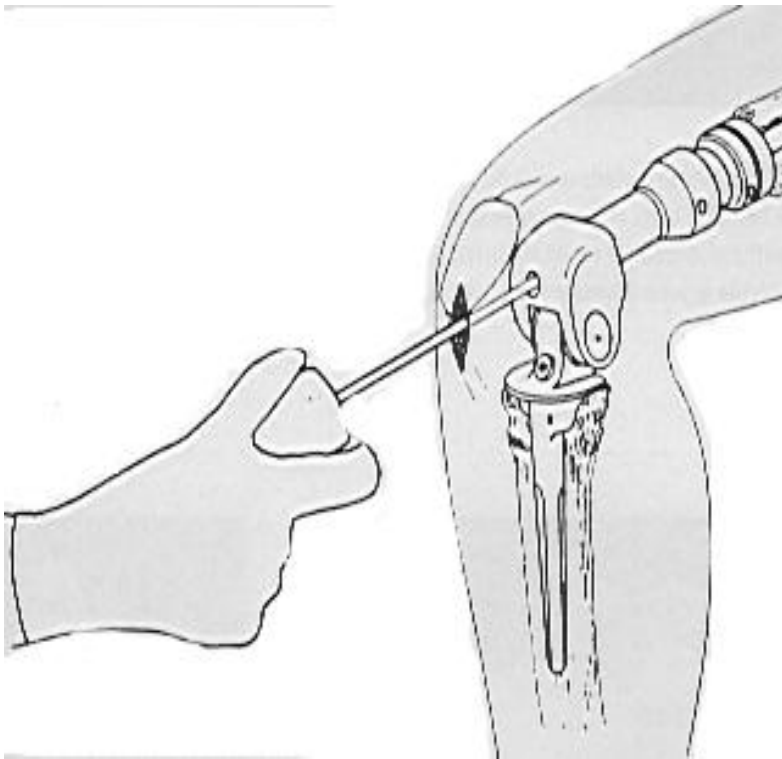
cement



It was insufficiently stable to maintain position and had to be reinforced by using a wedge of acrylic cement.

# the arthroscopic prosthesis

- a better anticollapse device
- elongation is produced arthroscopically using small puncture incisions



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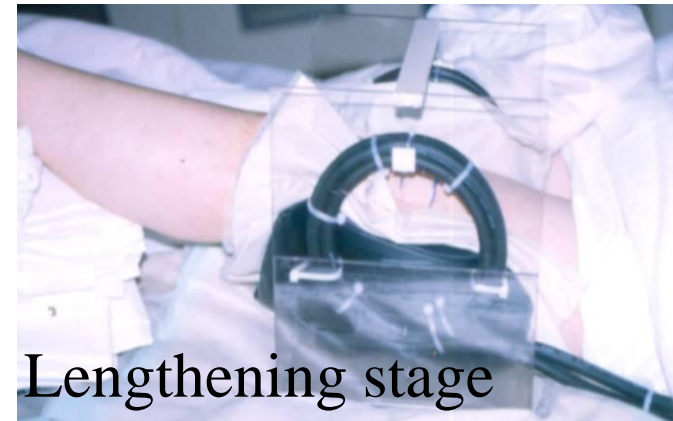
# magnetic prosthesis

## Soubiran - Delepine (SD3)

- The generation 3 prosthesis depends on a compressed spring which can be adjusted by using magnetic stimulation applied externally.
- As there is no need for any incision lengthening, it can be achieved in stages, each of a few millimeters.

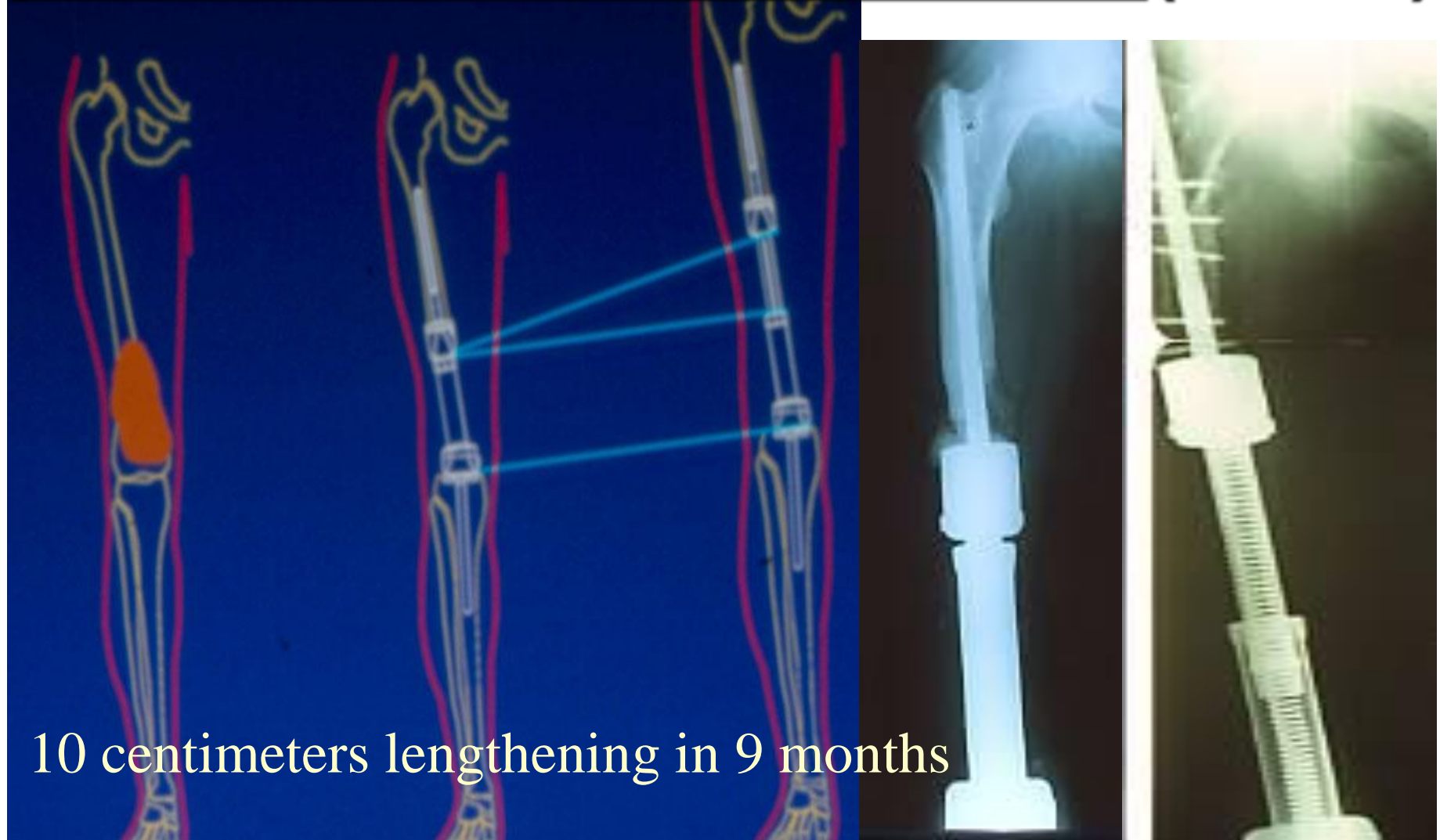


Magnetic field generator



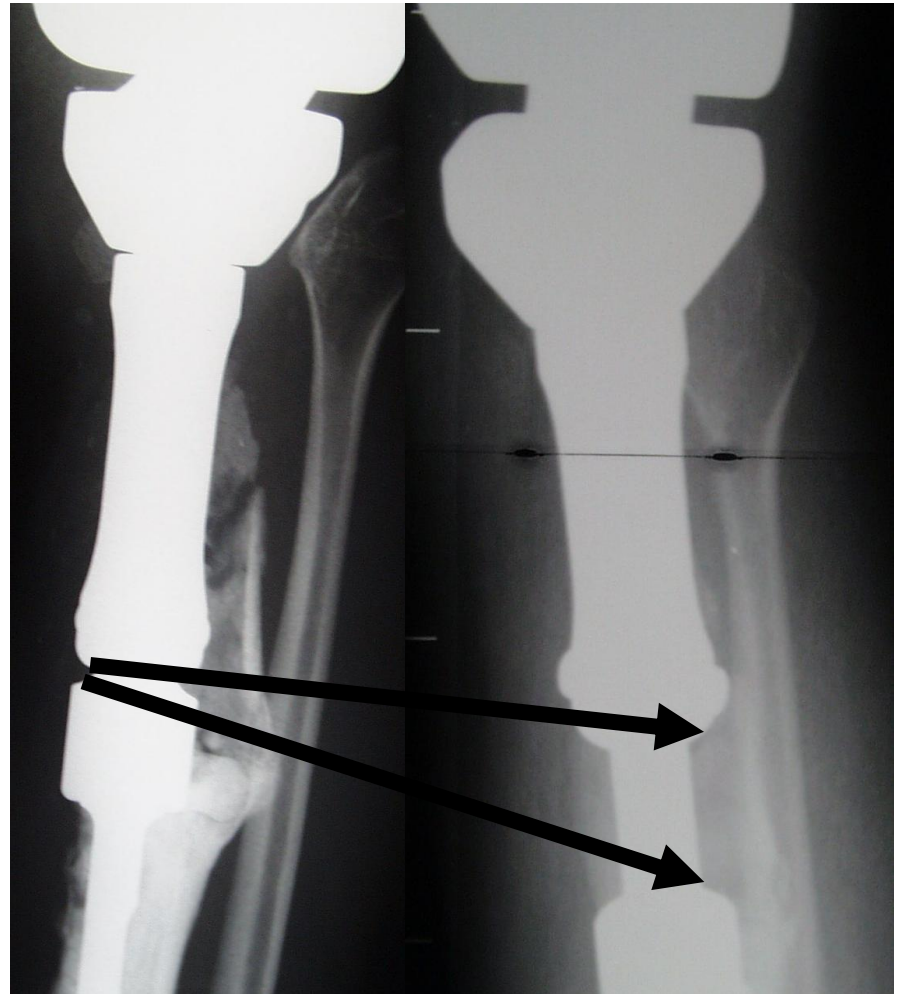
Lengthening stage

# Elongation of a magnetic prosthesis for distal femur( SD3 )





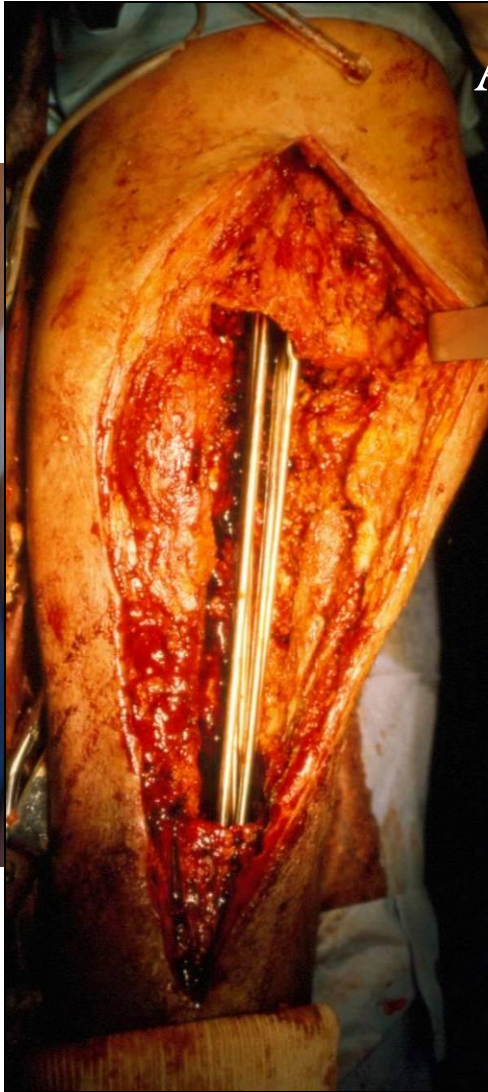
# Aspect of elongation of a magnetic prosthesis for proximal tibia (SD3)



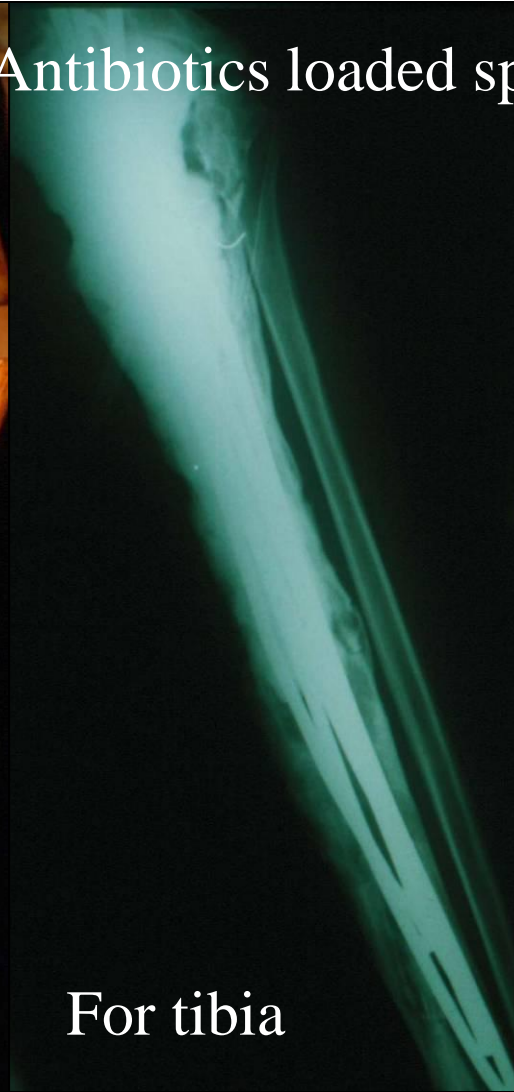


# Deep infection

Spontaneous skin  
breakdown



Antibiotics loaded spacers

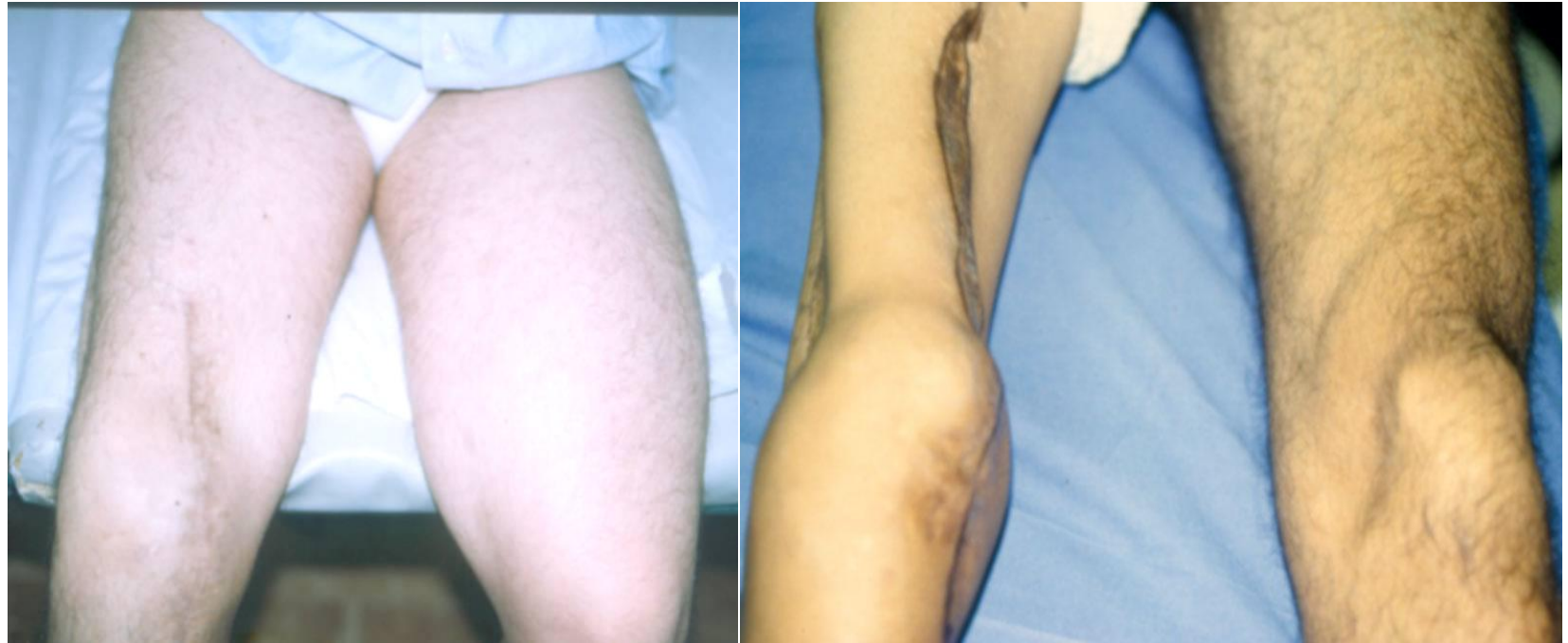


For tibia



For femur

# **trophic sequellae**

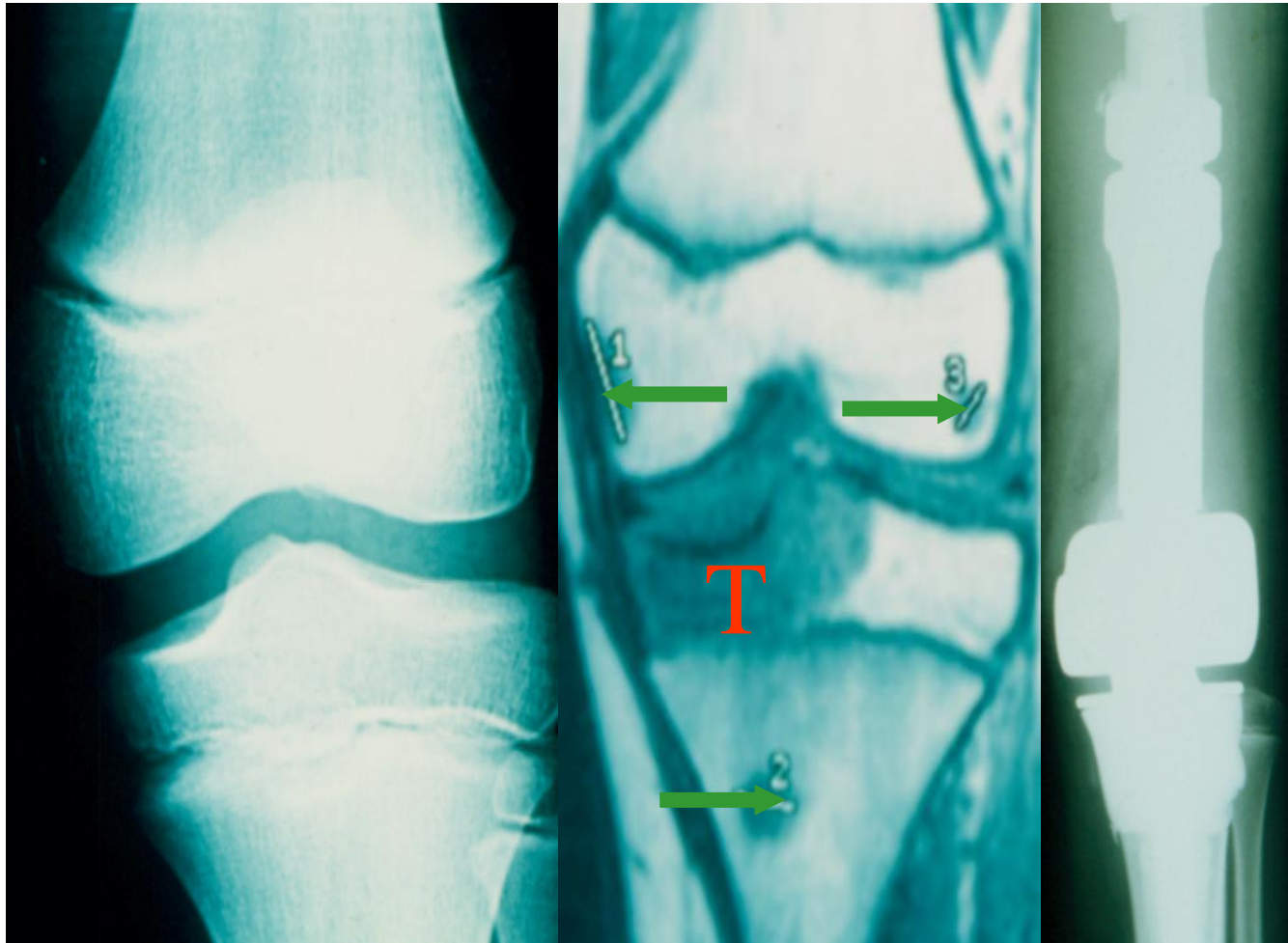


**if we obtain a usually a good lenght, the  
lengthening can lead to trophic sequellae**

# **late functional result (according to EMSOS criteria)**

- Excellent 10
- Good 15
- Fair 10 (total femoral reconstruction and stiff knees)
- poor 5 (among them 4 secondary amputations)

# bifocal Resection



**Upper Tibial Ewing's Sarcoma with 3 skip metastases on NMR. Bifocal Resection.**



# 1989 Osteosarcoma in a 4 years old boy

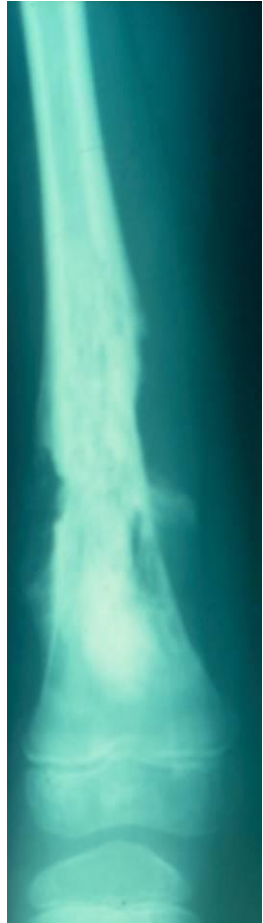


2007, 18 years  
after resection





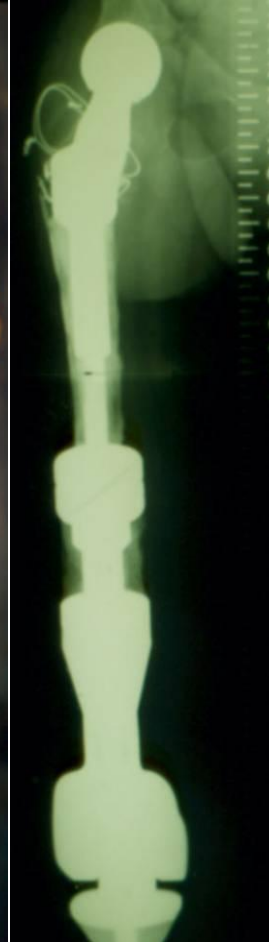
# 4 years old girl



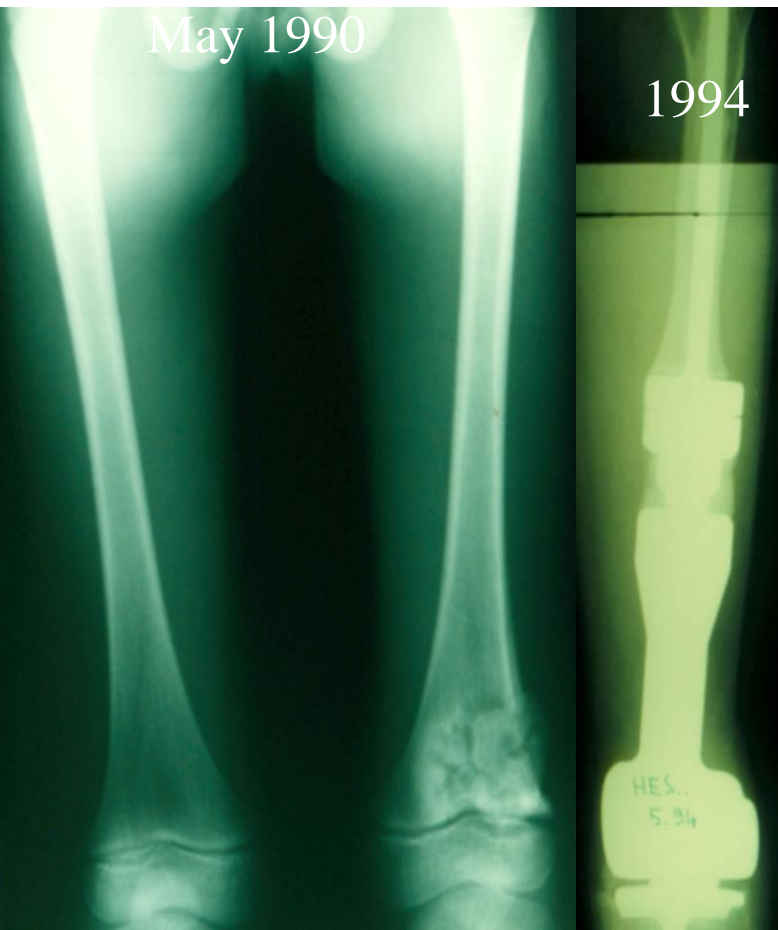
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# :Osteosarcoma in a 7 years old girl.



# osteosarcoma of the proximal tibia in a 10 y old girl (13 Y FU)



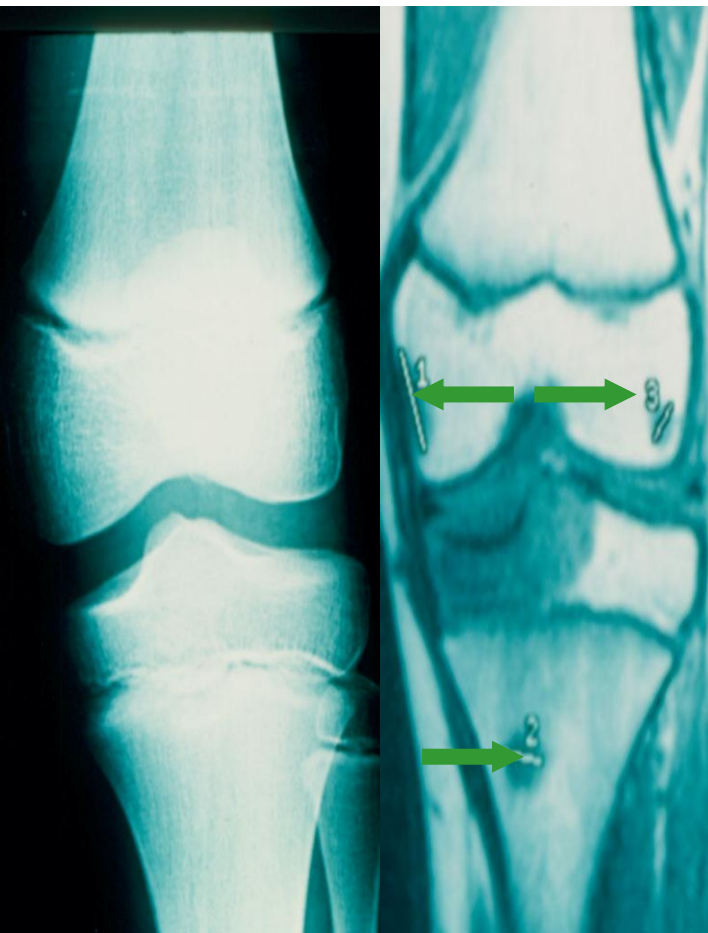
Expanding tibial  
prosthesis (T SD3)



Allograft composite P



# Bipolar Resection



**Distal femur expandable  
prosthesis**

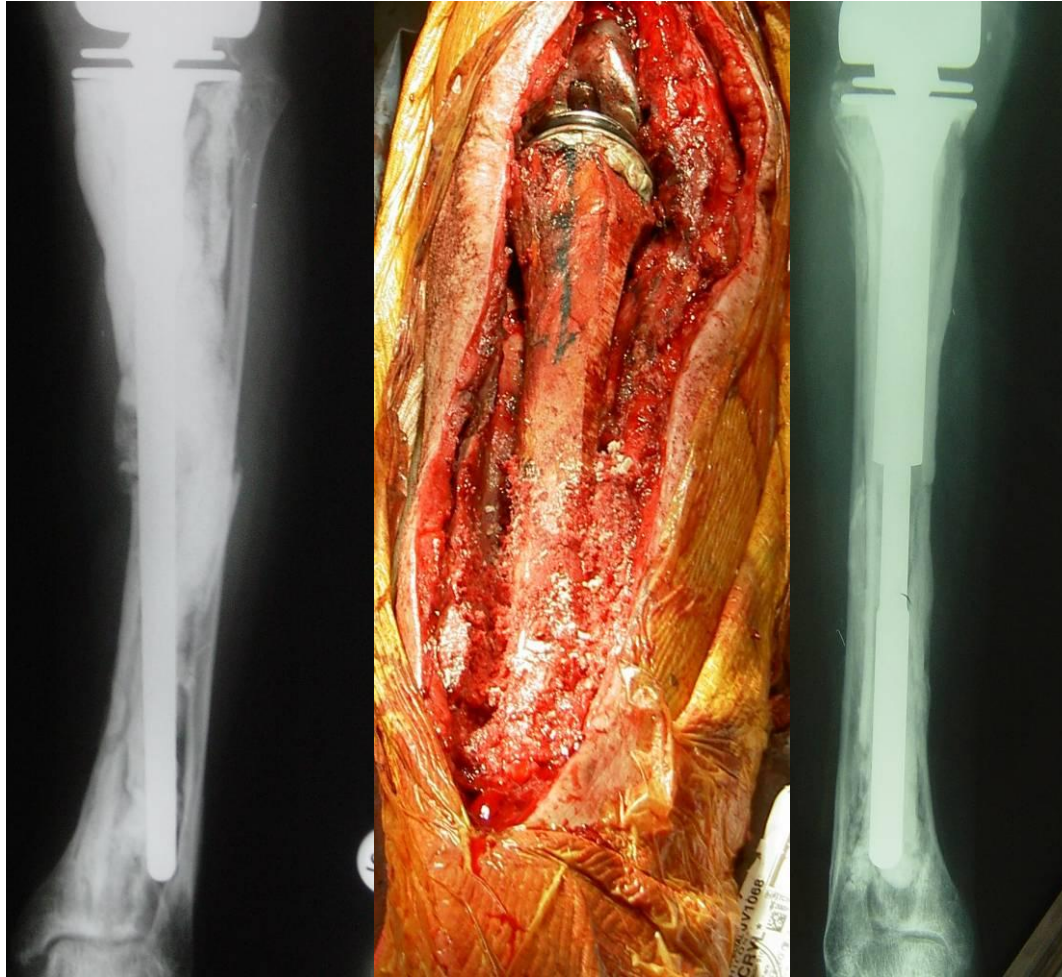
# After large lengthening bone stock may become insufficient



- Patient treated for osteosarcoma of proximal tibia when she was 9 years old.
- 10 years later and after 6 operations the proximal part of femur became too small.



# In these cases we advocate to reconstruct the bone defect with an allograft



# CONCLUSION :

The expandable prosthesis provides an effective alternative to amputation for about 80% young children .

But the number of operations is high for large lengthening with a high rate of infection, frequent stiffness of the knee, and at the adult age , poor trophicity of the limb and bone stock frequently insuffisant.

# Conclusion 2

- When a prosthesis of the knee is planned in a young child.
- avoiding sterilization of the growing plate of the unaffected side of the articulation is mandatory.

