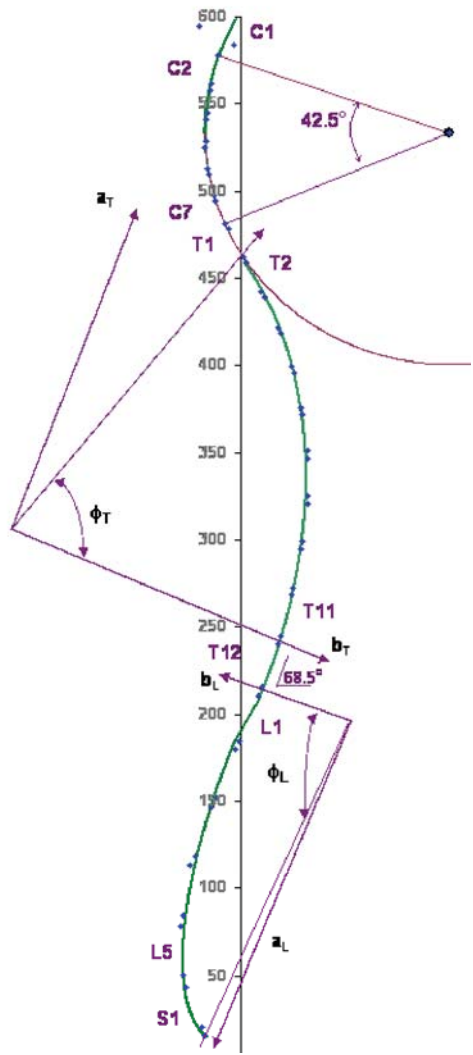


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Welcome

You have chosen to be a patient at an office that utilizes posture and x-ray to evaluate your spinal alignment. While a postural analysis can provide a knowledge of gross postural/spinal abnormalities (your outside alignment), only a radiographic evaluation can provide the details of your spine's alignment and condition (your inside alignment). Your spinal alignment, any possible spinal arthritis, and disc disease (S.A.D.D.) are both conditions of interest to your doctor. With the knowledge from analyzing your spinal x-rays, your health care provider can determine a beginning clinical impression (diagnosis from any abnormalities found on your x-rays) and determine an initial program of corrective care.

What is Normal for the Spine?

Your doctor performs several levels of analyses on your spinal x-rays. First, an overall evaluation of your alignment in front-to-back radiographic views and your side radiographic views is performed. In the Front view, your spine should be straight or vertically aligned with gravity. In the Side view, your spine should have four natural curves. These four curves should be a convex forward curve in the neck (termed lordosis), a concave curve in the rib cage area (termed thoracic kyphosis), another convex forward curve in the low back (termed lumbar lordosis), and a concave curve in your sacrum-tailbone area.

Figure 1.

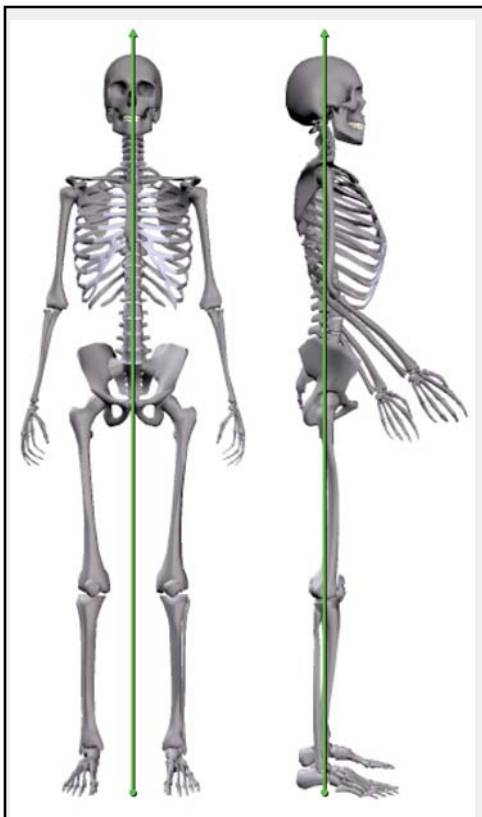


Figure 1.

Normal spinal alignment is depicted in both the front and Side views. In the front view, the center of mass of the skull, thorax, and pelvis are in a vertical line which falls between mid-stance. The spinal column is vertically aligned with respect to gravity. In the side view, the center of mass of the skull, thorax, and pelvis are in vertical alignment over the ankle. The cervical spine is lordotic, the thoracic spine is kyphotic, and the lumbar spine is lordotic.

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For a second evaluation, your doctor looks for any obvious spinal ligament damage by observing individual spinal vertebra for any left or right misalignments in the front view and any forward or backward misalignments in the side view. Figure 2 illustrates cases of spinal ligament damage.

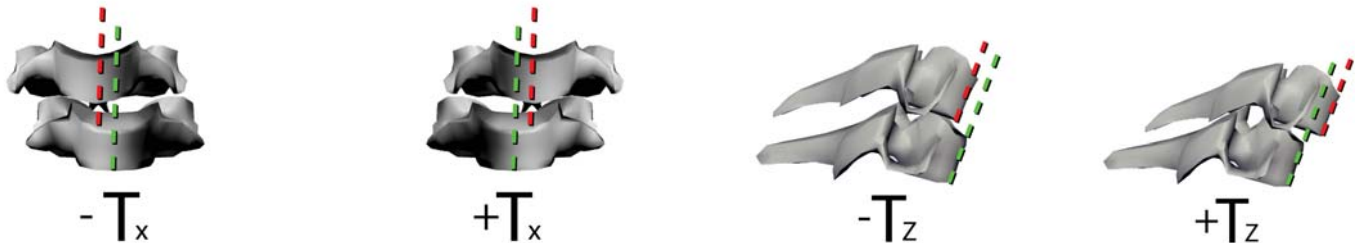


Figure 2. Ligament damage is present when a spinal vertebra does not align properly with either the vertebra immediately above it or immediately below it. In the 1st and 2nd picture, abnormal alignment of a vertebra translating left and right, signifying spinal ligament damage, is illustrated for the front view. In the 3rd picture, in the side view, forward slippage of the top vertebra is depicted. In the 4th picture, in the side view, backward slippage is shown.

For a third evaluation of your spinal x-rays, your doctor checks each vertebra for normal contour and density. This evaluation determines the state of any possible spinal arthritis and disc disease (S.A.D.D.) that you may have. Figure 3 provides an example of this analysis.



For a fourth evaluation of your spinal x-rays, your doctor checks the spacing between each pair of vertebrae. This spacing is where the spinal discs lie. Any narrowing of the normal spacing indicates disc injury and disc disease. Figure 4 presents an example of disc narrowing and disease.

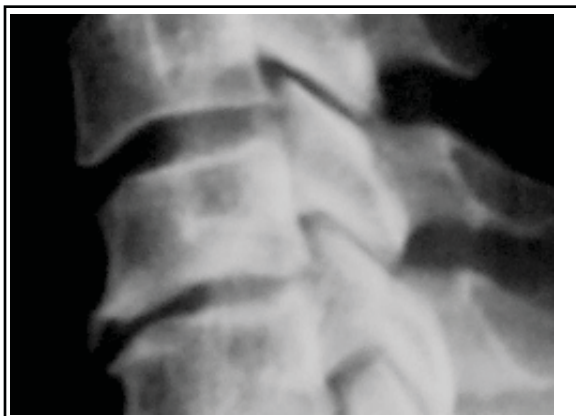


Figure 4. Between the top and middle vertebrae, a normal disc spacing is seen. However, between the middle and lower vertebrae, the disc space is narrowed. This indicates that the disc has been injured and is losing its water content. While disc disease can have several causes, generally, it is a result of abnormal stress (pressures) applied to the disc from abnormal spinal alignment.

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For a fifth evaluation of your spinal x-rays, your doctor determines the alignment of each spinal region (neck, rib cage, and low back) compared to the region immediately below by comparing each region to a vertical line in both the front view and side view. The following vertebrae should be vertically aligned with each other: C1 (first neck vertebra), T1 (first rib cage vertebra), T12 (last rib cage vertebra at the level of your kidneys), and S1 (first vertebra in your sacrum). Figure 5 illustrates this alignment for the three separate spinal regions, neck, rib cage, and low back.

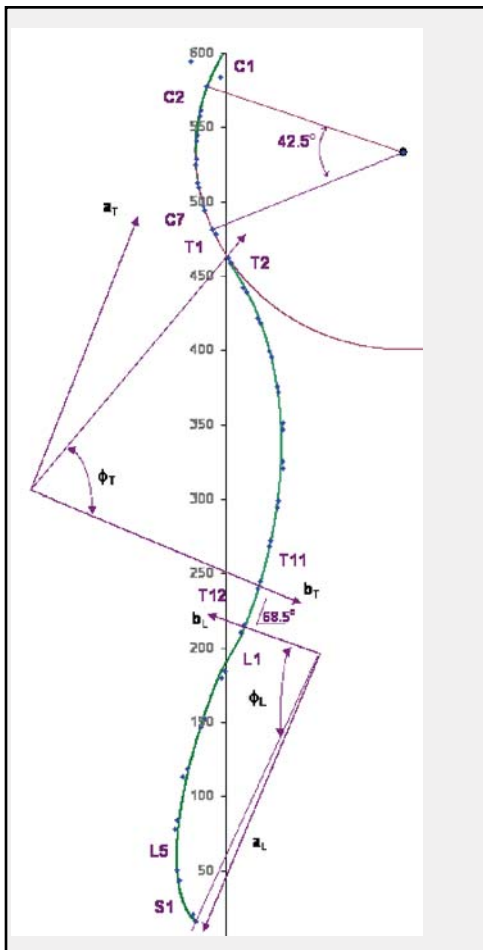


Figure 5. Normal spinal balance from the side is when a vertical line will pass through C1, T1, T12, and S1. This can be observed all at once on a full-spine side view x-ray or for individual regions on smaller x-ray views, termed sectional x-rays. The figure to the left shows only the posterior points of each vertebra. If we look at the side view cervical (neck), C1 is aligned with T1 (thick vertical black line), with a forward convex curve termed cervical lordosis. If we just look at the side view of rib cage (thoracic), T1 is aligned with T12 and there is the presence of a concave curvature (termed thoracic kyphosis). If we look at the side view lumbar (low back), T12 is aligned with S1, with a forward convex curve termed lumbar lordosis.

For a sixth evaluation, your doctor measures any displacements of the individual spinal vertebra and/or spinal regions. These measurements are in degrees for any angular or turning (rotational) displacements and in millimeters for any sliding or shifting (translational) displacements. Figures 6 and 7 illustrate these measurements.

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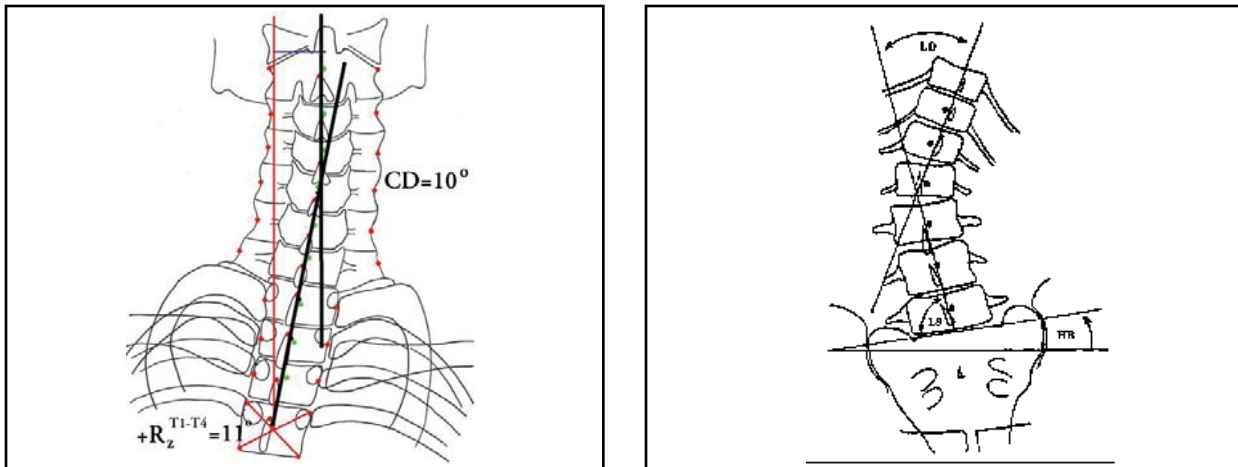


Figure 6.

In the front x-ray views, lines are drawn through the centers of mass of each spinal vertebra to measure your abnormal spinal alignment. In A, an example of an analysis of abnormal spinal alignment of the neck in the front view is provided, and in B, an example of an analysis of abnormal spinal alignment of the low back is shown.

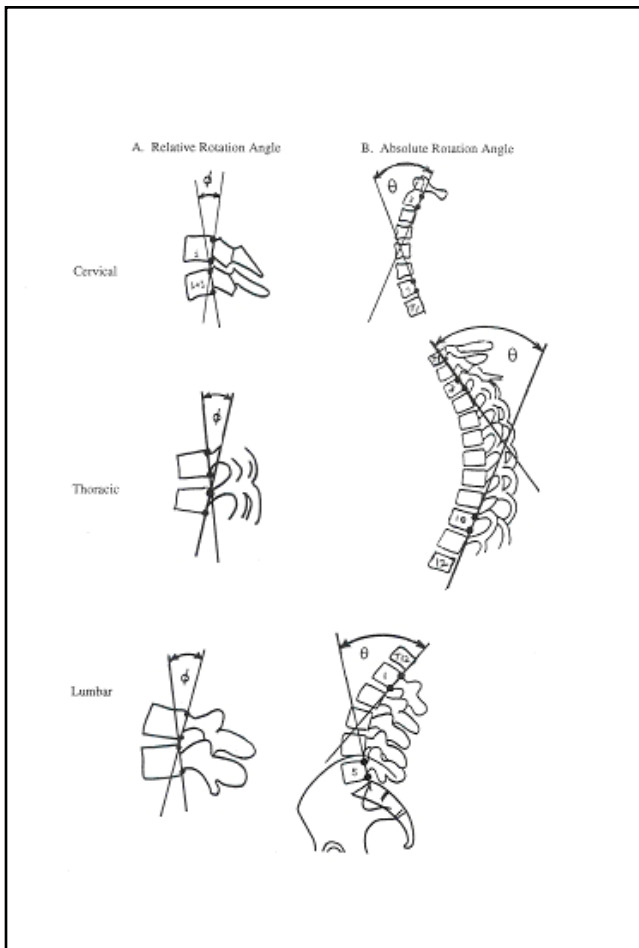


Figure 7.

In the side view, lines are drawn on the back part of each spinal vertebra. These lines are termed “Posterior Tangents”. When measuring angles between adjacent posterior tangents, the angles are termed Relative Rotation Angles (RRA). When angles are formed by posterior tangents on the top and bottom vertebrae in any spinal region, these angles are termed Absolute Rotation Angles (ARA). There are precise normal values published in the scientific literature for each spinal RRA and each spinal ARA. Your alignment will be compared to these published normal values.

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What Are the Risks of X-ray Exposure?

While we must constantly work towards the reduction of health risks in all endeavors, we may be led to accept a minimal level as normal. While there is no data indicating diagnostic radiology has a present risk, any radiation dose must be compared to the benefits of useful information gained. The necessity for appropriate treatment selection is indeed an acceptable trade-off when put into perspective. The need for x-ray imaging is especially clear when one considers that radiographic (x-ray) imaging is the only valid method for determining abnormal spinal alignment and the presence of any spinal degeneration. However, since 1990, there has been a growing knowledge base that suggests medical x-rays may have health benefits. While an actual benefit from radiation exposure may seem outrageous, there is much scientific evidence for this phenomenon. This phenomenon/field of study is termed Radiation Hormesis.^{12-27,29-48}

Radiation Hormesis is the stimulatory or beneficial effect of low doses of ionizing radiation. This topic is in direct conflict with the “Linear No-Threshold Hypothesis” (LNT), which has been assumed to be true for more than 50 years. This LNT model comes from estimating the risks at lower doses of radiation, in the absence of data, by extrapolating in a linear model from the extremely large doses of radiation from atomic bombs dropped on Japan in the 1940s.

This LNT model has been used to set limits of radiation exposure by all official and governmental associations around the world.¹⁷ Recently in 2003, Kauffman¹² reiterated that authors critical of exposure from diagnostic radiation always use the LNT model. This use of the LNT model includes the recent 2005 report by the USA National Research Council.²⁸ This report stated, “there will be some risk, even at low doses (100 mSv or less), although the risk is small” and “there is no direct evidence of increased risk of non-cancer diseases at low doses.”²⁸ This 2005 report ignored and contradicted an earlier 2003 review by Kant et al.²⁹

For a comparison of exposures, USA citizens are exposed to an average annual natural background radiation level of 3 mSv, while exposure from a chest x-ray is approximately 0.1 mSv and exposure from a whole body computerized tomography (CT) scan is approximately 10 mSv.²⁸ Also it is noted that 10mSv = 1,000mrem, which equates to about 46 cervical series or 8 lumbar series. Thus, the x-ray views taken to evaluate your spine in this office constitute a very small exposure compared to a CT scan or even annual background radiation from your natural environment.

Thus, it is obvious that the extremely small health risks (and maybe even some health benefits), associated with the x-ray exposure, needed to determine the state of health of your spine in this Report, are small indeed compared to the knowledge gained from this information.

From your radiographic examination at our office, we have determined the state of degeneration of your spine, and have determined the exact displacements of your spine. This knowledge not only gives us a working Clinical Impression/diagnosis of your spinal condition, but also determines the type of treatment that is needed to improve your spinal health condition.

We hope that you appreciate our thoroughness in examining and diagnosing your spinal health problems. In the next few pages, for each x-ray view obtained, we will present a normal view on the left hand side to compare to your x-ray on the right hand side. A table of values of normal measurements and your abnormal alignment will be provided on a Summary page after the x-ray photographs.

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This Analysis Has Been Researched

We are proud to state that the normal spinal alignment presented in this report is the result of many research projects on spinal alignment in normal subjects.1-6 Normal values for all spinal angles and distances, utilized in this report, have been reported in the most prestigious journals in the Index Medicus literature.1-6 Your abnormal spinal displacements (subluxations) will be compared to these normals.

These measurements of spinal displacements, utilized here, are mathematical utilizing geometric methods. This geometric line drawing analysis has been shown to be very reliable (repeatable) and valid (accurate).7-11

Clinical Impression/Diagnosis

A Clinical Impression (Diagnosis) of your condition is derived from a variety of sources, including the consultation and discussion of your health history with your doctor, any orthopedic and/or neurological examinations, range of motion examination, postural examination, and the radiographic examination.

For recordkeeping purposes, the Clinical Impression is reduced to numerical codes, which have been agreed upon world wide. These International Classification of Diseases codes are termed “ICD” codes, are given to healthcare providers in code books, and are lists of specific agreed upon numbers followed by brief descriptions. These numbered ICD codes make for easy communication of your health problems, when given to any third party payers or state government entities, i.e., insurance companies, Workers Compensation, lawyers, courts, State Boards, etc.

Generally, a patient can trace his/her present condition back to a past injury, which is termed mode of onset. Using ICD codes, your doctor has reduced your condition to 5 different categories: (1) mode of onset of condition (accidents, falls, etc), (2) global postural displacements, (3) regional and/or segmental spinal displacements, (4) unchangeable complicating factors (ligament damage, spinal fractures, osteoarthritis, etc), and (5) disease syndromes (headaches, neck pain, arm pain, mid back pain, low back pain, leg pain, sciatica, etc.).

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 Your Doctor's Clinical Impression of your condition is:

1) Mode Of Onset Conditions

Motor Vehicle Accidents

E812.0 Driver in a Motor Vehicle collision with another vehicle

2) Spinal Subluxation

Sagittal Curve Subluxation

839.08 Loss of the Cervical lordotic curve

3) Permanent Injuries

Cervical

728.4 Ligament laxity

Lumbar

722.52 Lumbar disc degeneration, Specify level at:

L5-S1

756.12 Anterolisthesis

4) Pain or Disease Syndromes

Cervical

723.1 Cervicalgia

847.0 Cervical sprain/strain, Specify:

Sub acute (3- 6 weeks)

Thoracic

724.1 Thoacicalgia (pain)

Lumbar

724.2 Lumbalgia

728.85 Muscle spasms

782.0 Abnormal skin sensation

846.0 Lumbo-sacral sprain/strain, Specify:

Sub acute (3- 6 weeks)

847.2 Lumbar strain/sprain, Specify:

Sub acute (3- 6 weeks)

Abnormal Posture: Yes

Segmental Instabilities: Yes

Special description

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Side View of Your Neck (Lateral Cervical View)


The normal healthy curvature of a neck from the side.

The green curved line represents the normal, healthy position for your neck.

No spinal arthritis is apparent and healthy disc spaces are visualized.

Your neck position from the side

 This colored curved line represents the normal, healthy position for your neck.

 This dotted line represents where your neck is currently positioned.



Notes about your condition:

Your head is positioned **27.8 mm forward**, and you have lost **122.9%** of your normal neck curve.

John, this reversal of your neck curve is a major reason why you are suffering from the headaches and neck/ the patient has a reversal of the expected normal lordosis. No other findings are noted. upper back pain following you crash.

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Front View of Your Neck (AP Cervical View)


The normal, healthy position of a neck from the back/front

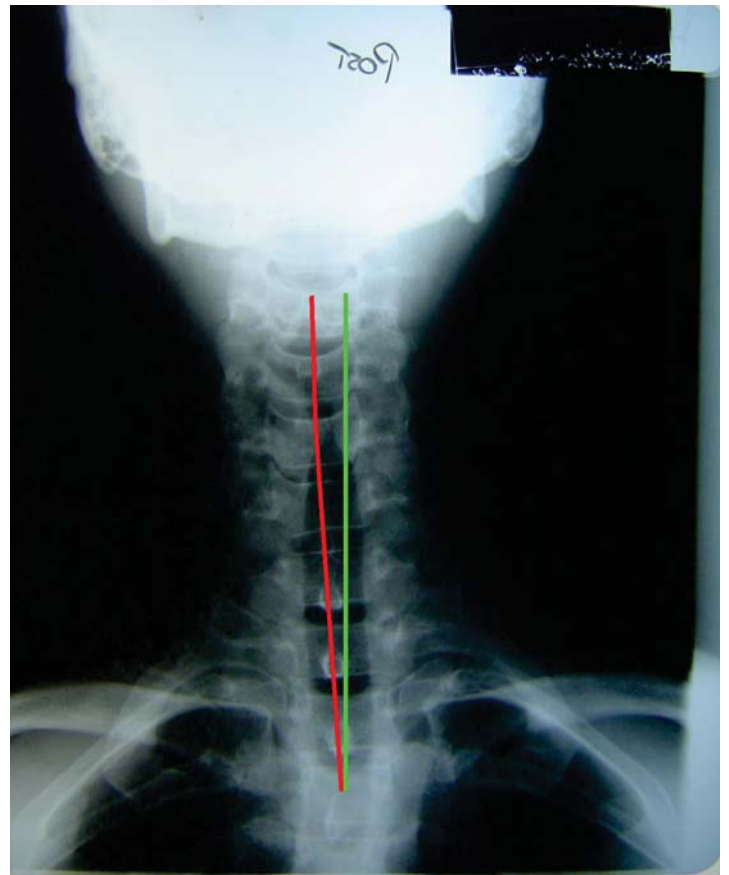
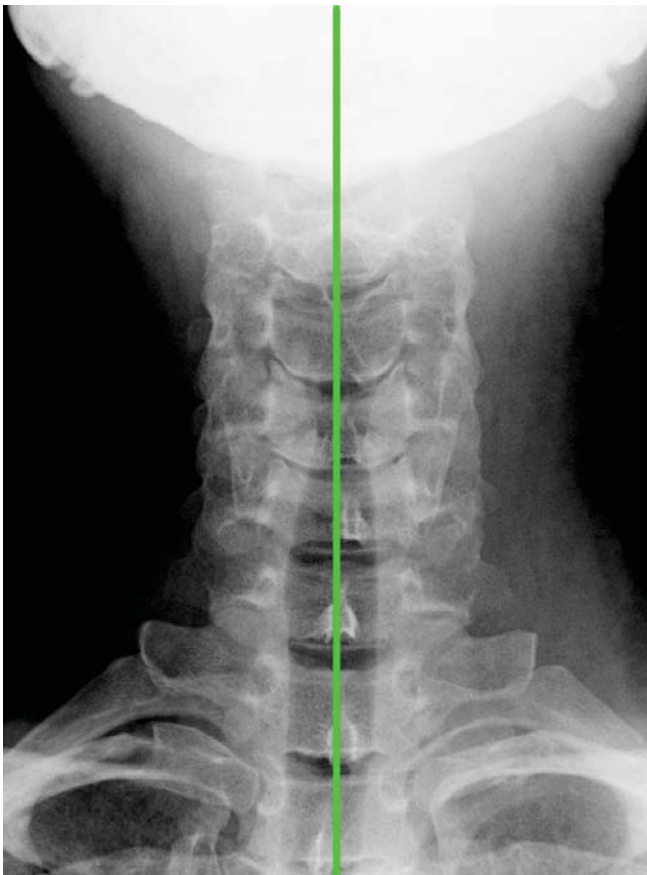
The green line represents the normal, healthy position for your neck

No arthritis and healthy joint spaces are visualized

Your neck position from the back

 This colored line represents the normal, healthy position for your neck.

 This colored line represents where your neck is currently positioned.



Notes about your condition:

Your head is shifted **11.7 mm right**, you have a mid neck scoliosis of **4.0°** and a lower neck tilt of **2.1°**

John, can you see how shifted your neck is from normal? If you follow our rehab methods, I believe we can improve your spinal structure towards a more normal alignment.

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Side View of Your Low Back (Lateral Lumbar View)

The normal healthy curvature of a low back curve from the side.

The green curved line represents the normal, healthy position for low back curve.
No spinal arthritis is apparent and healthy disc spaces are visualized.

Your low back curve position from the side

- This colored curved line represents the normal, healthy position for your low back curve .
- - - This dotted red line represents where your low back curve is currently positioned.



Notes about your condition:

Your rib cage is positioned **21.4 mm forward** relative to your pelvis, and you have lost **27.8 %** of your normal low back curve.

John, notice that your L5 is shifted forward? This is the cause of your low back pain.

Unfortunately, I can not fix this problem. However, I believe we can manage your pain and improve the balance of your spine above this point of injury.

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Front View of Your Low Back (AP Lumbar View)


The normal, healthy position of a low back from the front/back

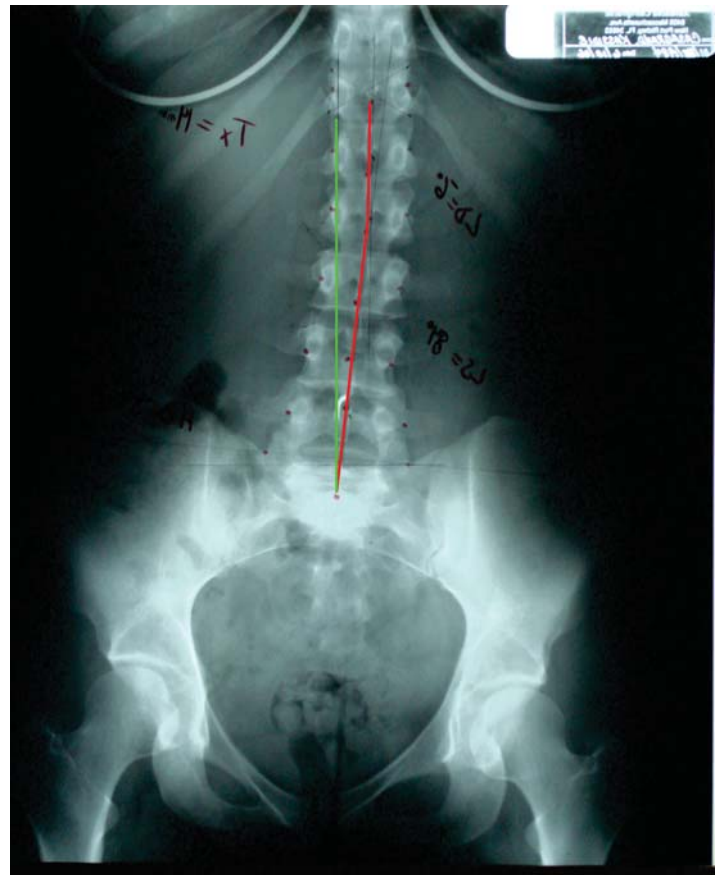
The green line represents the normal, healthy position for your low back.

No arthritis and healthy joint spaces are visualized.

Your low back position from the front

 This colored line represents the normal, healthy position for your low back.

 This colored line represents where your low back is currently positioned.



Notes about your condition:

Your low back is shifted **15.2 mm to the left**, you have a mid low back scoliosis of **5.6°** and a lower tilt of **4.7°**

This abnormal position of your low back puts increased pressure on your spinal discs, muscles, bones, and nerves. This condition may lead to premature spinal arthritis and disc disease (S.A.D.D.).

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Summary

By looking at your x-ray views compared to the normal views in the preceding photographs, you get a visual idea of what is wrong with your spinal alignment, which Chiropractors term vertebral subluxations.

However, a visual image does not provide the details of your misalignments. Therefore, we have provided the following Table, which has normal values for the lateral x-ray views for segmental and global alignment compared to your segmental and global alignment. These sagittal (lateral view) values were determined using a geometric analysis of the positions of your vertebrae on each x-ray view.

Cervical Spinal Level

Segments Analyzed	RRA Normal Values	RRA Patient Values	Difference From Normal	Segmental Translations *
C1 to Horizontal	29°	1.5°	94.7%	
C2-C3	-10°	0.2°	101.8%	-2.2 mm
C3-C4	-8°	15.2°	290.2%	-1.1 mm
C4-C5	-8°	4.5°	156.4%	-1.8 mm
C5-C6	-8°	-4.9°	39.3%	-1.7 mm
C6-C7	-8°	-5.4°	31.9%	-1.8 mm
C7-T1	-8°	-11.2°	40.4%	0.5 mm
Global Analysis	Normal Values	Patient Values	Difference From Normal	
ARA C2-C7	-42°	9.6°	32.4°	
Translation C2-C7	0 mm	27.8 mm	27.8 mm	

RRA = Relative Rotational Angle of Measurement

ARA = Absolute Rotational Angle of Measurement

* Values in Red Exceed Established Normal

Anterior/Posterior Cervical Level

Global Analysis	Normal Values	Patient Values	Difference From Normal
RZA T3	0°	4.0°	4.0°
CDA C3-T3	0°	2.1°	2.1°
Translation C3-T3	0 mm	-11.7 mm	11.7 mm

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Lumbar Spinal Level

Segments Analyzed	RRA Normal Values	RRA Patient Values	Difference From Normal	Segmental Translations *
L1-L2	-5°	-5.3°	6.2%	-0.3 mm
L2-L3	-6°	-17.2°	186.0%	-7.3 mm
L3-L4	-9°	-9.3°	3.1%	-4.9 mm
L4-L5	-19°	-19.4°	1.9%	-3.8 mm
L5-S1	-33°	-22.8°	31.0%	14.4 mm
Sacral Base Angle	40°	45.8°	14.6%	
Global Analysis	Normal Values	Patient Values	Difference From Normal	
ARA L1-L5	-40°	-51.1°	11.1°	
Translation L1 - S1	0 mm	21.4 mm	21.4 mm	
Pelvic Tilt	50°	58.6°	8.6°	
Pelvic Incidence	56°	58.3°	2.3° WNL	
CBP PTPIA	67°	65.9°	1.1° WNL	

RRA = Relative Rotational Angle of Measurement

ARA = Absolute Rotational Angle of Measurement

* Values in Red Exceed Established Normal

Anterior/Posterior Lumbar Summary

Global Analysis	Normal Values	Patient Values	Difference From Normal
HB Angle	0°	-4.7°	4.7°
LS Angle	90°	-88.1°	1.9°
LD Angle T12-L5	0°	5.6°	5.6°
Translation T12-S1	0 mm	15.2 mm	15.2 mm

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