

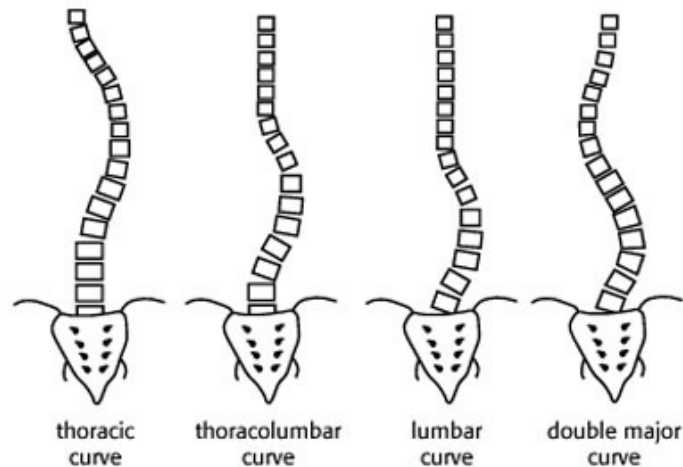
Scoliosis

What is Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis?

- Scoliosis is a curving of the spine. The spine curves away from the middle or sideways. It is a condition that can affect the spines of many children, teenagers and adults.
- The human spine features many natural curvatures which help our bodies to move and be flexible.

Who Gets It?

- People of all ages can have scoliosis. Out of every 1,000 children, three to five of them will develop spinal curves that are considered large enough to need treatment.



Symptoms

- A parent or doctor may suspect scoliosis if one shoulder appears to be higher than the other, or the pelvis appears to be tilted. Untrained observers often do not notice the curving in the earlier stages. Children's modesty causes them not to undress in front of their parents. When they are in a bathing suit, do you notice a sideways curvature of the spine that looks like an "S" or "C" or that one shoulder or hip appears higher than the other?

Examination Signs

- The doctor will ask your child to bend forward, which will show any deformities. This is called the "Adam's forward bend test." He or she will also check for any limb-length discrepancies, abnormal neurological findings, or other potential causes.

