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The Anterior (ATSI) and Posterior Trunk Symmetry Index (POTSI) as objective photographic measurement of posture

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Digital photography
For a 2D assessment of body shape
Is a valuable method to:

- ✓ document the body posture
- ✓ calculate quantitative parameters

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The advantages of body posture assessment using digital photography

1. Objectivization
2. Non-invasive
3. Low cost
4. Reliability
5. Simplicity

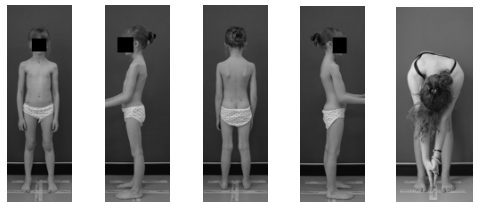
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Projections for digital photography evaluation



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Frontal plane

Tested parameters of posture

with front projection



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POTSI Index

Posterior Trunk Symmetry Index

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POTSI

=

(FAI-C7 + FAI-A + FAI-T)

+

(HDI-S + HDI-A + HDI-T)

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The medio-lateral length difference at the :

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ATSI Index

Anterior Trunk Symmetry Index

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{ATSI} &= \\
 &= (\text{FAI-SN} + \text{FAI-A} + \text{FAI-T}) \\
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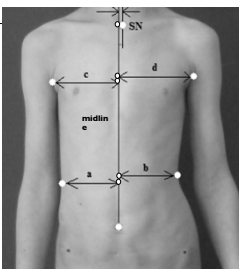
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**How ATSI parameter
on the digital photos may be measured?**

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software

Options

- Grid HDI-S 6.9
- Clear grid HDI-A 2.2
- FAI-A 5.543 HDI-T 3.7
- FAI-T 15.159 FAI-T 11.1
- Incline Distance
- Di line Dia 1
- Horizontal line Dia 2
- Vertical line

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Advantages of the use of ATSI and POTS Indexes

- ✓ possibility to make a photographic measurement with the use of mobile camera with standardized conditions for photographic documentation
- ✓ possibility of the use a simple digital camera for photographs
 - ✓ use a tripod for good stability of digital camera



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Advantages of the use of ATSI and POTS Indexes

- ✓ time for preparing a child for photographic measurements in two projections: front and back is about 3 minutes
- ✓ time for one index calculating (ATSI or POTS) is about 3 minutes

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Advantages of the use of ATSI and POTS Indexes

- ✓ The mean ATSI value 24.3 ± 12.7 (n=421, aged 7-10 y)
- ✓ The intra-observer error 1.07
- ✓ The inter-observer error for the three observers 4.06

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Limitations of the use of ATSI and POTSI Indexes

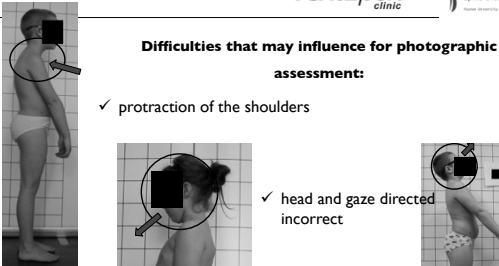
- ✓ lack of marker points on the body before take a photo (C7 and SN)
- ✓ clinical usefulness of the ATSI parameter is still to be determined by undertaking studies on larger groups of healthy and scoliotic children at different age

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Difficulties that may influence for photographic assessment:

- ✓ protraction of the shoulders
- ✓ head and gaze directed incorrect

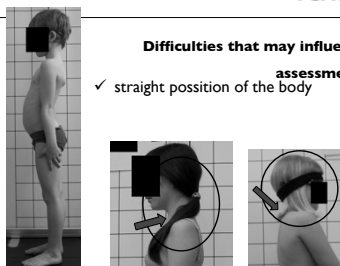


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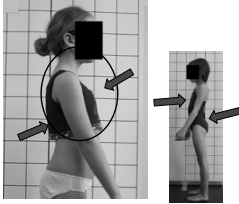
- ✓ straight position of the body
- ✓ hair covering the body contours



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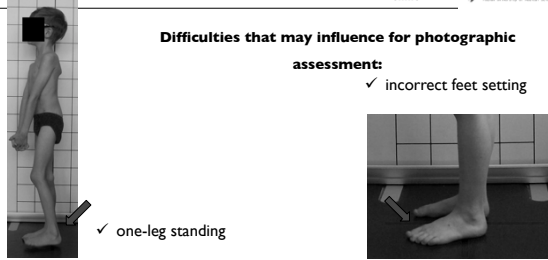
- ✓ brassiere or swimsuit with limited contact of the body and obscuring the trunk

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Difficulties that may influence for photographic assessment:

- ✓ incorrect feet setting
- ✓ one-leg standing

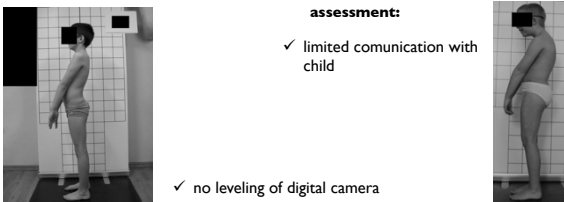


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Difficulties that may influence for photographic assessment:

- ✓ limited communication with child
- ✓ no leveling of digital camera



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Advantages of ATSI and POTSI Indexes

- ✓ Objectivization
- ✓ Non-invasive
- ✓ Low cost
- ✓ Reliability
- ✓ Simplicity

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Advantages of ATSI and POTSI Indexes

- ✓ calculation of quantitative parameters (the actual results) and possibility to show the quantitative results for patient's parents
- ✓ compilation of medio-lateral height differences and length differences between left and right side of the trunk

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Advantages of ATSI and POTSI Indexes

- ✓ digital documentation of the trunk
- ✓ low costs of equipment for photographic measurement
- ✓ possibility to use in private practice

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