

K-line negative

Although posterior decompressive surgery is widely used to treat patients with [cervical myelopathy](#) and multilevel [ossification of the posterior longitudinal ligament](#) (OPLL), a poor outcome is anticipated if the [sagittal alignment](#) is kyphotic (or K-line negative).



Lateral radiograph showing the K-line (solid line) connecting the midpoints of the spinal canal at C2 and C7 (K-line [-]) (A). Lateral radiograph showing the ossification of the posterior longitudinal ligament not exceeding the K-line (K-line [+]) (B).

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