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Recently, aggressive surgical techniques and a push toward en bloc resections of certain spinal tumors have resulted in a need for creative spinal column reconstruction. latrogenic instability following these resections requires a thoughtful approach to adequately transfer load-bearing forces from the skull and upper cervical spine to the subaxial spine.

Clarke et al. present a series of 7 cases in which lateral mass reconstruction with a cage or fibular strut graft was used to provide load-bearing support, including 1 case of bilateral cage placement.

Lateral mass reconstruction provides a potential alternative or adjuvant method of restoring the load-bearing capabilities of the cervical spine ¹⁾.

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