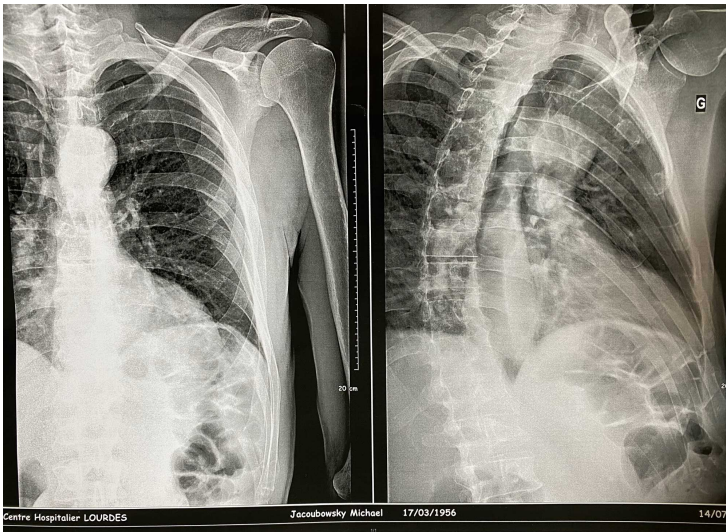


No more riding for me...



No more ride descriptions from me this trip; after Tuesday's stage, Kevin and I went out to get food before our train arrived, and I went down hard on wet pavement. Not so bad at first but started feeling worse over time. I know how that one goes. Kevin and I went to the hospital in Lourdes this morning so I could get checked out. Strange place with a bit of a deserted feeling, and looks like St. Elsewhere. Equipment looks about that old too! Wasn't fast; waited for about an hour to see someone, not because of a line (just one person ahead of us) but, like I said, not much seemed to be going on. But I was well taken care of, just don't know how I'm going to afford the massive bill. \$119 euros (about \$140) for x-rays and doctor consults and all other fees. And another \$20 for three different prescription drugs. Funny, but it's just about what my Kaiser co-pay would have been.