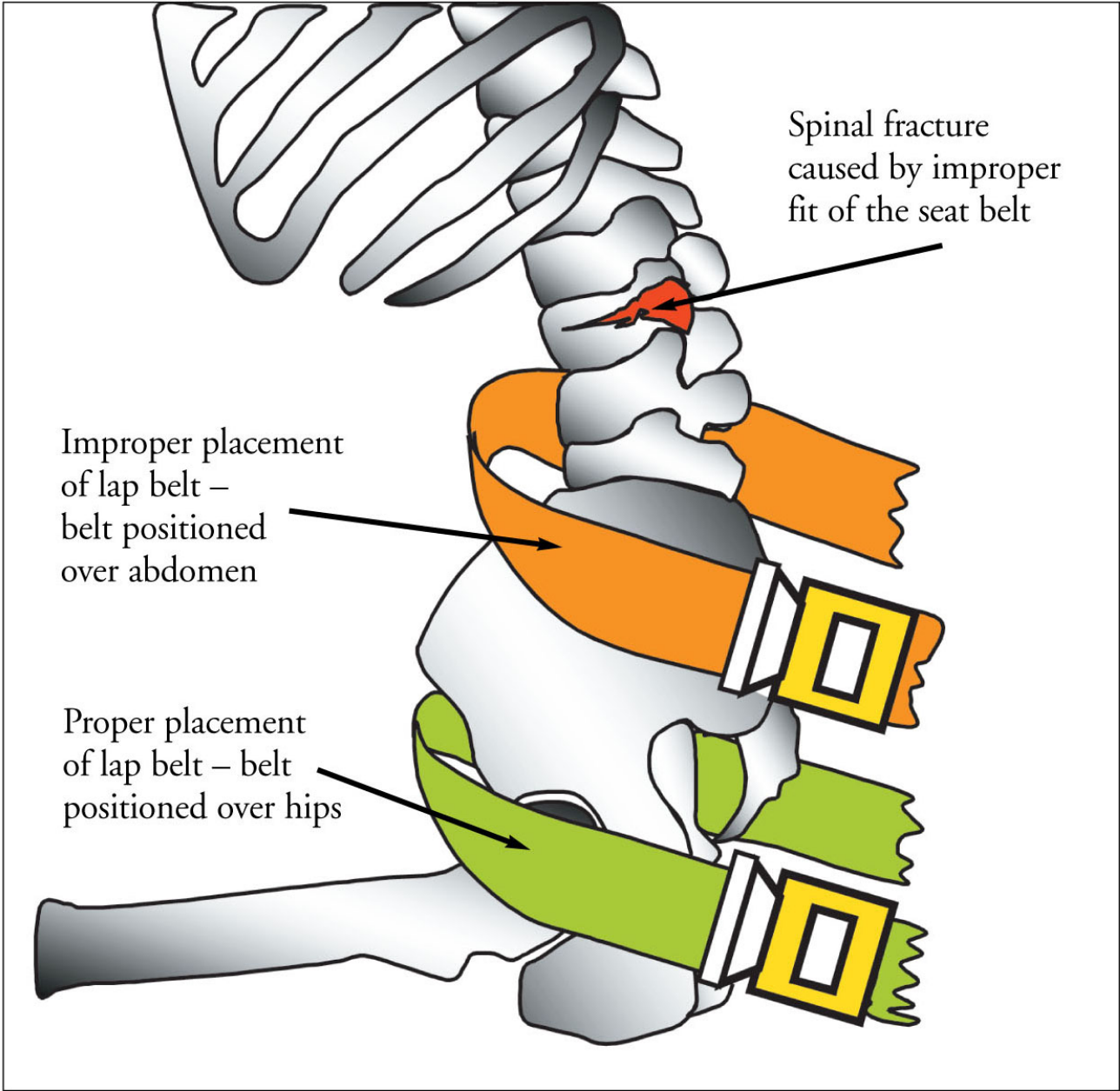


Improper Versus Proper Positioning of a Lap Belt



While any restraint is better than none, a seat belt that doesn't fit properly can cause a pattern of injuring known as "Seat Belt Syndrome," which can include spinal fractures (as shown above) and abdominal organ injuries. This may occur with the improper fit of both lap-and-shoulder belts and lap-only belts.

Source: *Partners for Child Passenger Safety Study*