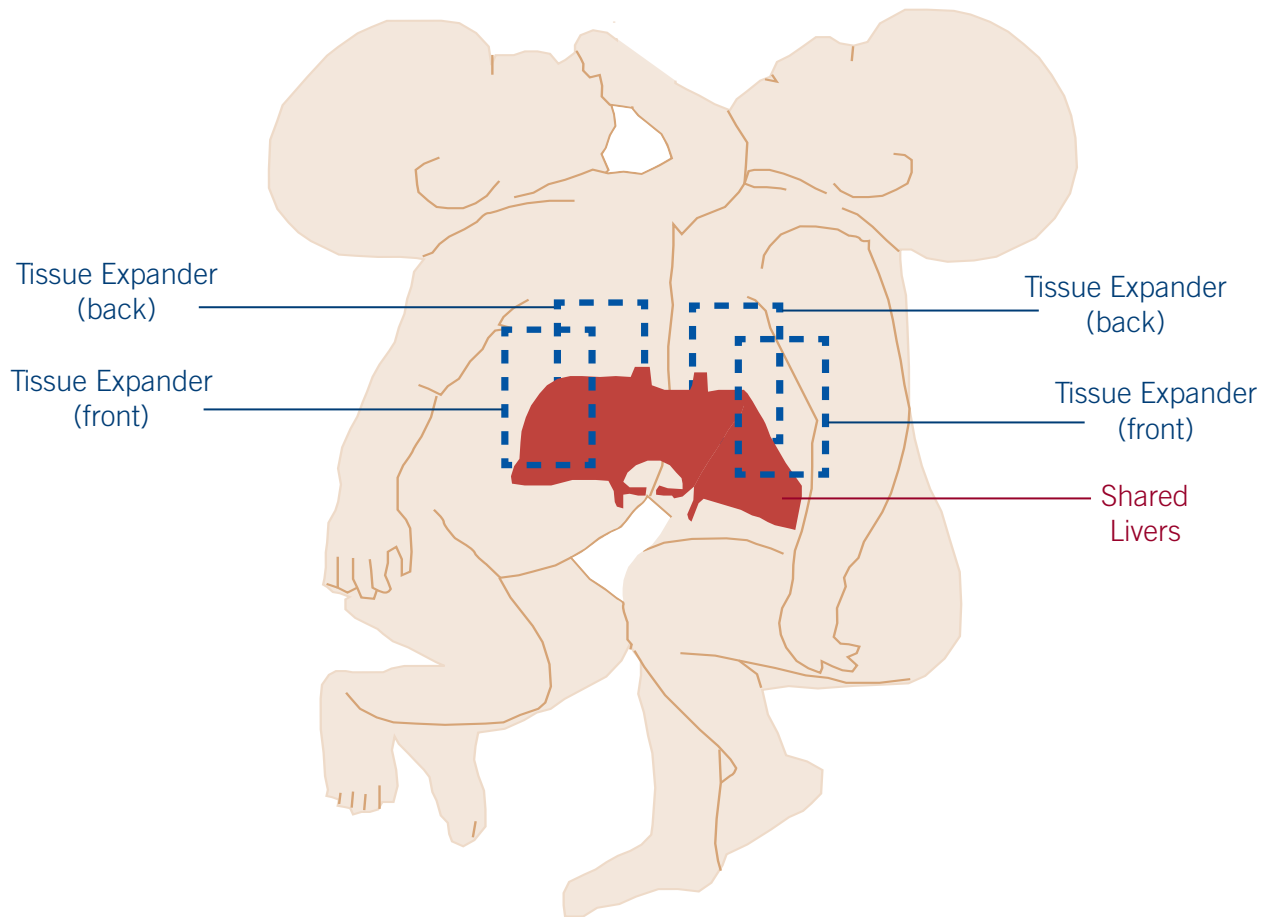


CONJOINED TWINS: Angelina and Angelica



Angelina and Angelica are joined at the chest and abdomen and face each other. This is called a thoraco-omphalopagus connection.

Their livers, diaphragms, breast bones, chest and abdominal wall muscles are fused together.

In preparation for their separation surgery, Angelina and Angelica had tissue expanders inserted in four places under their skin. The expanders are small balloons, gradually inflated with liquid to prompt growth of extra skin that will be used to repair their separation.



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