Bones and joints
introduction

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GENERALITY

• The human skeleton consists of 206 bones.
• We are actually born with more bones (about 300), but many fuse together as a child grows up.
• These bones support your body and allow you to move.
Function
A). support
B). protection
C). movement
D). mineral storage
E). blood cell formation
• The longest bone in our bodies is the femur (thigh bone).
• The smallest bone is the stirrup bone inside the ear.
• Each hand has 26 bones in it.
• Your nose and ears are not made of bone; they are made of cartilage, a flexible substance that is not as hard as bone.
How many bones

- Skull and upper jaw: 21 bones
- Ears: 3 tiny bones
- Lower jaw
- Front neck bone = hyoid
- Backbone or spine = 26 vertebra
- Ribs = 12
- Breastbone
- Each upper limb = 32 bones: 2 shoulder, 3 in arms, 8 in wrist, 19 in hands and fingers
- Each lower limb has 31 bones: 1 in hip one side, 4 in legs, 7 in ankle, 19 foot and toes.
• The largest bone is the pelvis [6 bones]
• A. ilium
  B. sacrum
  C. acetabulum
  D. pubis
  E. pubic symphysis
• The longest bone = femur
  The smallest bone is = stirrup [ears]
The skeleton has two parts:
• the axial skeleton
• and the appendicular skeleton.

**The axial skeleton includes**
• the skull,
• the hyoid bone,
• the vertebral column (spine, sacrum, and coccyx),
• the sternum, and the ribs.
  • Its components are aligned along the long axis of the body.

**The appendicular skeleton** includes the
• bones of the upper extremities (arms, forearms, and hands),
• the pectoral (shoulder) girdle,
• the pelvic (hip) girdle,
• and the bones of the lower extremities (thigh, knee, leg, and foot).
• Its components are outside the body main axis.
Major bones of the Axial Skeleton:

1. Frontal
2. Parietal
5. Zygomatic
7. Mandible
9. Nasal
10. Sternum
14. Vertebrae
28. Ribs
Appendicular:

11. Humerus
12. Ulna
13. Radius
18. Femur
19. Patella
20. Tibia
21. Fibula
25. Clavicle
There are two main types of bone. **Compact bone**, which makes up most of the bone of arms and legs, is very dense and hard on the outside. The structural units of compact bone are osteons, elongated cylinders that act as weight-bearing pillars, able to withstand any mechanical stress placed on the bone. The center of each osteon contains a hollow canal that acts as a central passageway for blood vessels and nerves.
internal to the compact bone is **spongy bone**, also known as cancellous bone, composed of a honeycomb network of bones called trabeculae that act as supporting beams.

Spongy bone is designed to bear stress from several directions, such as that exerted on the pelvis in bending or stretching.

The spaces between the **trabeculae** are filled with red bone marrow containing the blood vessels that nourish spongy bone.

**Spongy bone is found in bones of the pelvis, ribs, breastbone, vertebrae, skull, and at the ends of the arm and leg bones.**
**Joints**: An articulation, or joint, is where two bones come together. In terms of the amount of movement they allow, there are three types of joints: immovable, slightly movable and freely movable.

- Bones are connected to other bones at joints.
- There are many different types of joints, including:
  - **fixed joints** (such as in the skull, which consists of many bones),
  - **hinged joints** (such as in the fingers and toes),
  - **ball-and-socket joints** (such as the shoulders and hips).
**Skeletal Vocabulary**

- **Tuberosity** – large, rounded projection
- **Trochanter** – large, irregularly shaped process
- **Tubercle** – small, rounded projection
- **Epicondyle** – raised area on or above a condyle
- **Condyle** – rounded articular projection
- **Fossa** – shallow, superficial depression
- **Fissure** – narrow slit-like opening
- **Foramen** – round opening
Bones make up 20% of the body’s mass

There are 5 types of bones throughout the whole human body:

**Long:** longer than they are wide; shaft with 2 ends; examples – femur, humerus

**Short:** cube like bones; examples – carpals, tarsals

**Sesamoid:** type of short bone embedded within a tendon

**Flat:** thin bones, usually curved; examples – sternum, ribs, parietal bone of skull

**Irregular:** bones with complicated shapes consisted mainly of spongy bone enclosed by thin layers of compact bone; example – vertebra
The epiphysis is the end or head of the bone; the diaphysis is the body of the bone.

Bones are enclosed in tough, fibrous connective tissue called the periosteum. The inner layer of the periosteum consists mainly of osteoblasts. Periosteum contains blood vessels that enter the bone and service its cells.

The bones contain bone marrow that form and regulate blood cells.
Long bone

- Articular cartilage
- Spongy bone
- Space occupied by red marrow
- Endosteum
- Compact bone
- Medullary cavity
- Yellow marrow
- Periosteum

Epiphyseal disks
Proximal epiphysis
Diaphysis
Distal epiphysis
Femur
Long Bone Anatomy:
A). diaphysis
B). epiphysis
The epiphysis is usually covered in articular cartilage
C). epiphyseal line or plate:
Anatomy of a Long Bone

- **periosteum** double outer membrane
  - thick outer layer: dense fib. irreg. con. tis; has blood vessels + nerves; fibres merge with tendon/ligament/joint capsules; Sharpey's fibres anchor all these to bone
  - inner cell layer: all adult bone growth

- **cortical bone** shell (cortex)
  - thin at bone ends (epiphyses) and thick in central region (diaphysis or shaft)

- **trabecular bone** (cancellous bone)
  - bony struts (trabeculae) brace the shell, but reduce weight. a.k.a. spongy bone
  - filled with red/yellow marrow. Bones of axial skeleton + girdles have red marrow
• **medullary cavity**
  
  • central cavity filled with marrow, lined with thin cellular membrane: endosteum

• **articular cartilage**
  
  • covers articular surfaces, usually at ends

• **blood/nerve supply**
  
  • enter bone via Volkmann’s canals at 90° to osteons. Branches supply osteons.
Flat bone

The sternum

The Vomer Bone
Medullary cavity

Fig. 4-2. A, Longitudinal section of the humerus of a young dog. B, A longitudinal section of the humerus of a mature dog.
Bone marrow
Within the long bones are two types of bone marrow: red marrow and yellow marrow. The yellow marrow has fatty connective tissue and fills the marrow cavity. During starvation, the body uses the fat in yellow marrow for energy.

The red marrow of some bones is an important site for blood cell production. Here all erythrocytes (red blood cells), platelets, and most leukocytes (white blood cells) form in adults. From the red marrow, erythrocytes, platelets, and leukocytes migrate to the blood to do their special tasks. Red blood cells carry oxygen and nutrients to the body tissues. Platelets help in blood clotting. White blood cells help fight disease and infection.
Figure 4.3. Hematopoietic and Stromal Stem Cell Differentiation.
**Sharpey's Fibers** =
direct extensions of dense irregular CT from periosteum into compact bone.
Functions to anchor tendon (with fibers penetrating periosteum to bone) to bone.
Formation by appositional bone growth around original attachment site.

A, Periodontal ligament fibers; B, Sharpey's fibers; C, Dentino-cementum junction; D, Cementoblasts; E, Acellular cementum
Endosteum

The thin layer of cells lining the medullary cavity of a bone.

Compact bone (CB) with longitudinal osteon canal (OC) and lateral Volkmann's canal (VC).

The inner surface of this bony surface is covered by a layer of endosteum (EO) - osteoprogenitor cells.
E - endosteum;  
A - fat cell;  
S - spongy bone
Bone

• The cellular components of bone consist of
  • osteogenic precursor cells,
  • *osteoblasts*,
  • *osteoclasts*,
  • *osteocytes*,
  • hematopoietic elements of bone marrow
Bone consists of living cells widely scattered within a nonliving material called the matrix.

The matrix is formed by osteoblasts, cells that are constantly renewed in the bone. Osteoblasts make and secrete the protein collagen, which makes bones elastic so that they can give under the stresses generated by walking, lifting, and other activities.

Osteoblasts also secrete mineral salts formed from calcium and phosphorus, which impart hardness so that bones do not break easily.

If more bone is needed, new osteoblasts carry out the task of building it. As bone tissue matures, osteoblasts transform into osteocytes, mature bone cells that carry out daily cellular activities.
calcified cartilage (CC).
Osteocytes (OC)
bone-forming osteoblasts (OB).
Osteoblasts form new bone tissue in response to more demands on bone.

When a person is physically active, the rate of osteoblast activity increases, which thickens and strengthens the bones.

When muscles tense and flex, their tendons pull on the bones. This action causes the osteoblasts to secrete proteins that form lamellar (compact) bone and cancellous (spongy) bone with texture that resembles trabeculae (a web-like network of tunnels).
Osteoblasts present on bone surfaces, layer of calcified osteoid (pink) is thicker.

Cells are trapped in osteoblasts trapped within calcified layer forming osteocytes.
The bone matrix comprises the other major constituent of bone. It has inorganic and organic parts. The inorganic is mainly crystalline mineral salts and calcium, which is present in the form of **hydroxyapatite**. The matrix is initially laid down as unmineralized osteoid (manufactured by osteoblasts).

**Mineralisation** involves osteoblasts secreting vesicles containing **alkaline phosphatase**. This cleaves phosphate groups and acts as the foci for calcium and phosphate deposition.

The vesicles then rupture and act as a centre for crystals to grow on. **The organic part of matrix is mainly Type I collagen.** This is made intracellularly as tropocollagen and then exported. It then associates into fibrils.

Also making up the organic part of matrix include various growth factors, the functions of which are not fully known. Other factors present include GAGs, osteocalcin, osteonectin, bone sialo protein and Cell Attachment Factor.
bone matrix

hyaline cartilage

lacunae

chondrocyte

lacuna

canaliculi
Lacunae occur in cartilage and bone because gelatinous or solid ground substances do not flow around cells like fluids.

After the extracellular matrix of cartilage and bone is formed, cells become less active metabolically and probably shrink in size.

The spaces remaining around them become visible as the lacunae. In bone, lacunae are inter-connected via minute channels called canaliculi.

Osteocytes link to one another via cytoplasmic extensions through canaliculi to provide an avenue for diffusion of nutrients and wastes.

Canaliculi of bone are essential for osteocytes because diffusion cannot occur across crystalline solids.
Within compact bone is a system of canals that contain blood vessels, nerves, and lymph vessels. These canals form functional units called osteons (Haversian systems).

The osteon is a tube-like structure containing a central (Haversian) canal through which nerves and blood vessels pass. Surrounding the central canal is bone matrix, a substance produced by osteocytes.

Within the osteon, osteocytes form lamellae, concentric layers of hard bone matrix. As osteoblasts create lamellae, these osteoblasts become trapped within the compact bone and are called osteocytes.
A Haversian System
Haversian canals
Compact Bone & Spongy (Cancellous Bone)

- Lacunae containing osteocytes
- Lamellae
- Canaliculi
- Osteon of compact bone
- Trabeculae of spongy bone
- Haversian canal
- Periosteum
- Volkmann's canal
1. Haversian Canal
2. Canaliculi gap junction are found at the end of the extension
3. Lamellae
4. Lacunae
1. Haversian Canal
2. Haversian System
Osteoclast & Howship's Lacuna
Compact bone forming the tube shaft of long bones

Spongy bone forming trabeculae in the bone marrow.
• Trabecular bone (also called cancellous or spongy bone) consists of delicate bars and sheets of bone, trabeculae, which branch and intersect to form a sponge like network. The ends of long bones (or epiphyses) consist mainly of trabecular bone.

• Compact bone does not have any spaces or hollows in the bone matrix that are visible to the eye. Compact bone forms the thick-walled tube of the shaft (or diaphysis) of long bones, which surrounds the marrow cavity (or medullary cavity). A thin layer of compact bone also covers the epiphyses of long bones.
Why are canaliculi necessary in bone tissue

• The canaliculi. Canaliculi arising from one lacuna may anastomose with those of other lacunae and, eventually, with larger, vessel-containing canals within the bone.

• Canaliculi provide the means for the osteocytes to communicate with each other and to exchange substances by diffusion.
Interstitial lamellae of cortical bone found in the shafts of long bones are served by systems of canaliculi shaped like a broom. The handle of the broom is crowded by canaliculi which open into a transverse communication between the longitudinal vascular canals of osteons. The existence of these systems of canaliculi has not been previously recorded. Their presence argues against the widely held view that interstitial lamellae are merely the remains of osteons which have been partially resorbed during remodelling of bone. A fresh look at the development of interstitial lamellae needs be taken.
Cancellous or Membrane Bone - Osteoblasts are arranged along the surface of a bone spicule. Some have become trapped in matrix and are now Osteocytes. One multinucleate acidophillic Osteoclast can be seen.
Ground Bone - There is no organic matter in this slice (grinding) of compact bone. The Lacunae, the Canaliculi, and the Haversian Canal look black because of the bending of the light rays passing through the ground bone. The lamellae form concentric rings around the central Haversian Canal. Remember that the collagen in living bone spirals one way in one lamella and the other in the adjacent lamella adding strength to compact bone.
Interstitial Lamellae are left over pieces of old Haversian systems.
The circumferential lamellae are of two types, inner and outer circumferential lamellae, neither of which can be seen in this section. The inner circumferential lamellae, deposited by the endosteum, encircle the narrow cavity, while the outer circumferential lamellae are laid down around the outside of the bone by the periosteum.
To resume

**compact bone**
structural units called **osteons**.
Ostean consists of long cylinders that run parallel to the long axis of the bone.

Structure of an osteon
1). **lamella**: concentric ring
2). **haverson’s canal**: runs through the core .
3). **perforating canals**: Connect the Haverson’s canals
4). **lacuna**: contain osteocytes (mature bone cells)

Types of osteocytes
i). **osteoblasts**: build bone
ii). **osteoclasts**: remove bone

**spongy bone**
    honeycomb or network of flat pieces filled with:
1). **red bone marrow**:
2). **yellow bone marrow**
Periosteum
The periosteum is supplied with nerve fibers, lymphatic vessels and blood vessels, which enter the bone. It also contains osteoblasts (bone builders) & osteoclasts (bone breakers).

Bone development
A). Osteogenesis: Bone tissue formation
1. Cell types
   i. Osteoblasts: build calcium matrix
   ii. Osteoclasts: reabsorb calcium matrix

2. Ossification: formation of bone
   Ossification Replacing cartilage with bone matrix

   Intramembranous Ossification occurs in flat bones only

   Endochondral ossification occurs in long bones and all other bones
3). Differences between Intramembranous Ossification & Endochondral Ossification

a. long bones ossify along hyaline cartilage models
b. flat bones follow membrane like layers of unspecified connective tissue.

c. flat bones ossify inside with spongy bone and work outward to compact bone
d. long bones ossify on the outside with compact bone and move inward to spongy bone.

B). Intramembranous Ossification of flat bones
Intramembranous Ossification of flat bones
1). An ossification center appears in the connective tissue.
2). A bone matrix is secreted in the fibrous membrane.
3). Woven bone and periosteum form.
4). Bone collar of compact bone forms and red bone marrow appears.

Endochondral Ossification
1). Formation of hyaline cartilage model
2). A bone collar forms around the diaphysis of the hyaline cartilage
3). Cartilage in the center of the diaphysis calcifies and then cavitates
4). The periosteal bud invades the internal cavity and spongy bone forms.

   The bud contains a nutrient artery and osteoclasts
5). The diaphysis elongates and a medullary cavity forms
6). The epiphysis ossify.

   *Hyaline cartilage remains on the growth plate and the articulating surface.