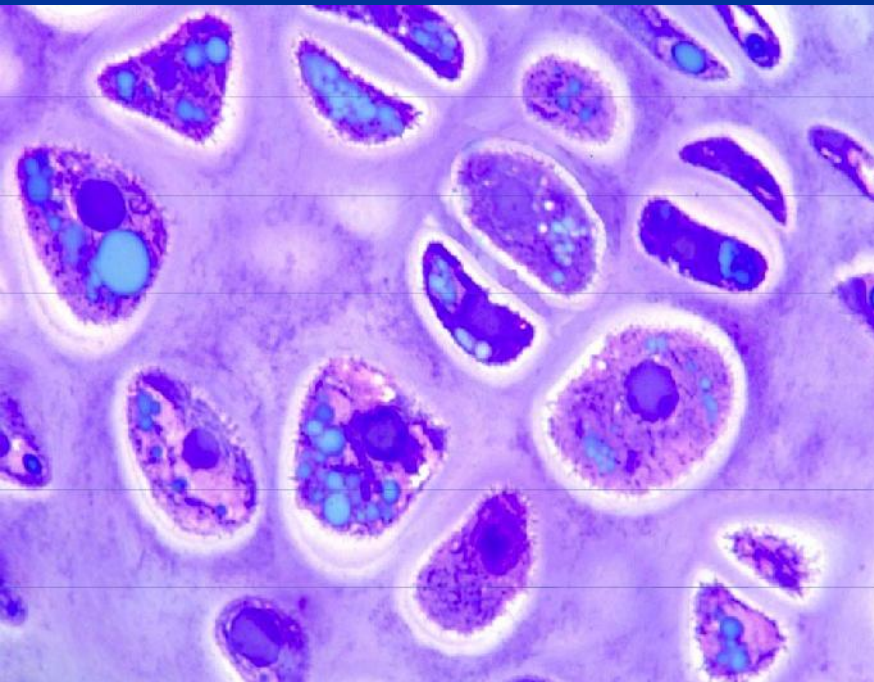




Cartilage
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Chondrocyte

- are the only cells found in healthy cartilage.
- They produce and maintain the cartilaginous matrix, which consists mainly of collagen and proteoglycans.

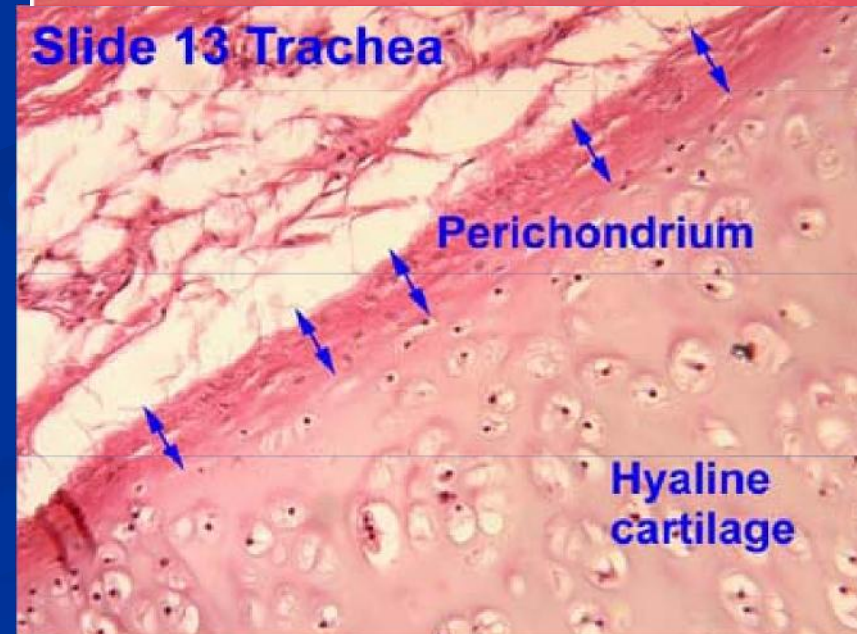
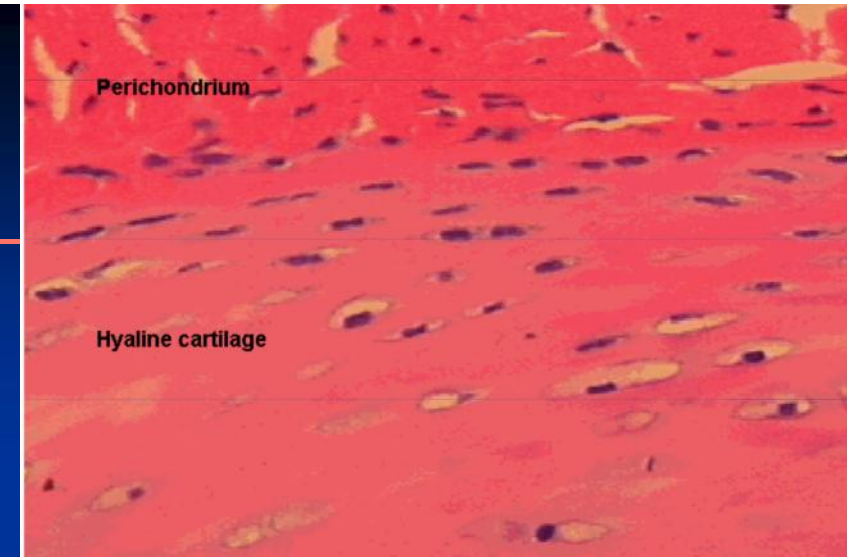


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Skeletal Cartilage

- Contains no blood vessels or nerves
- Surrounded by the perichondrium (dense irregular connective tissue) that resists outward expansion
- Three types –
 - hyaline
 - elastic
 - fibrocartilage



Types of Cartilage

■ Hyaline

- **Smooth** (but not totally flat!), bluish color
- **Articular cartilage** and Cartilaginous Endplate
- Larynx, trachea, bronchi, ribs, articular surface of bones
- – Epiphyseal plate

■ Elastic

- More flexible than hyaline
- Epiglottis, external ear
- Elastic fibers for resiliency

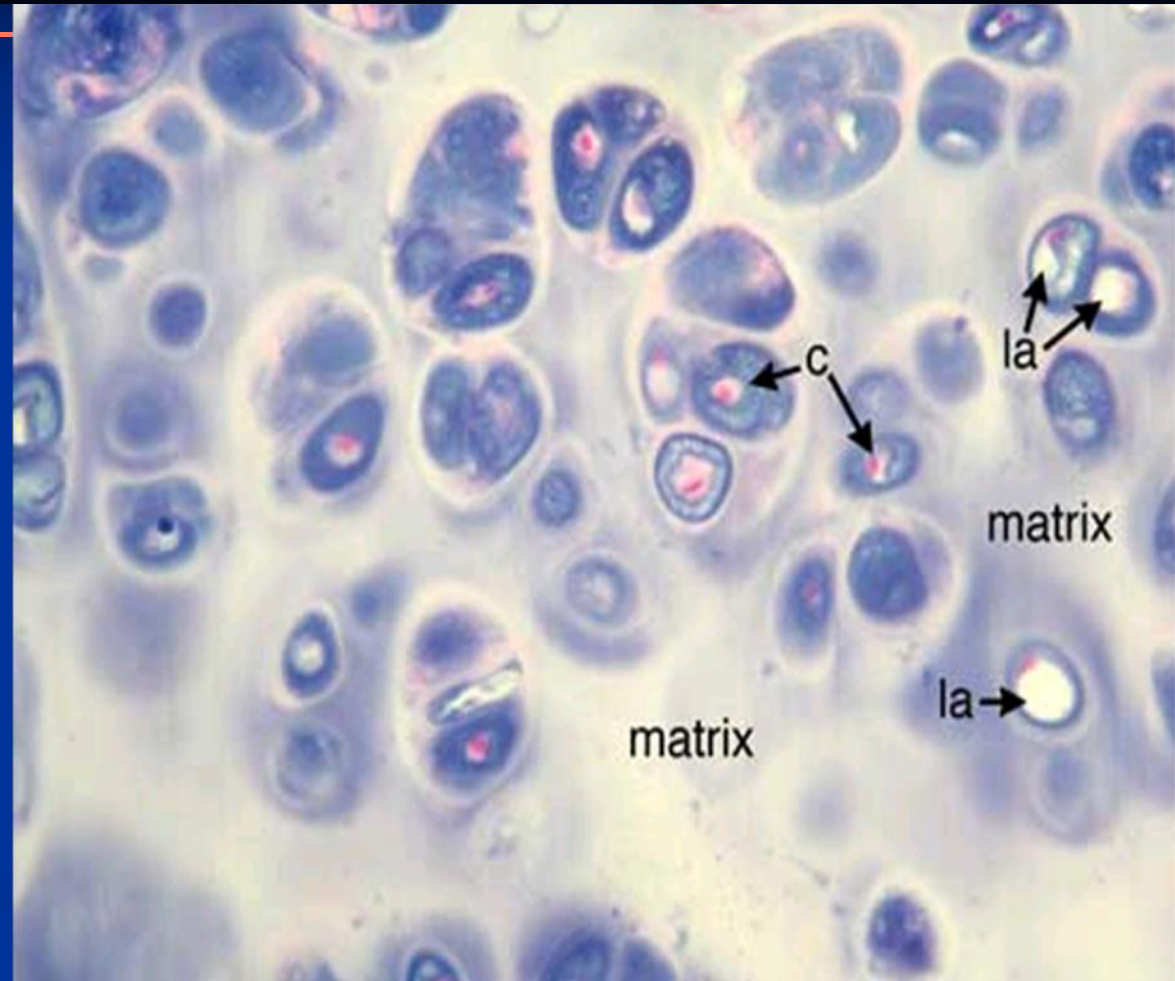
■ Fibrocartilage

- Fibrous tissues
- Annulus Fibrosus (intervertebral discs), Meniscus, pubic symphysis
- Type I collagen fibers for tensile strength, frictional forces
- Between cartilage and connective tissue –,

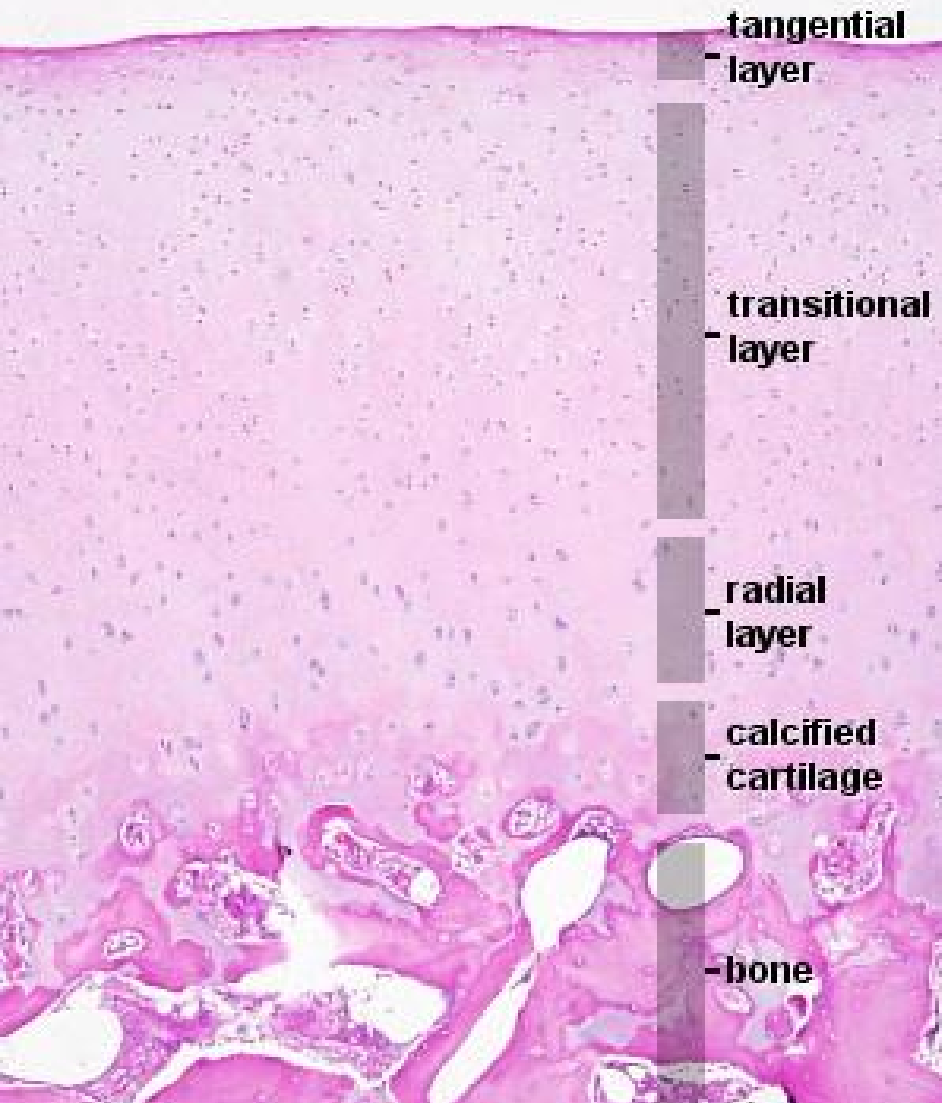
Hyaline Cartilage

- Provides support, flexibility, and resilience
- Is the most abundant skeletal cartilage
- Is present in these cartilages:
 - **Articular** – covers the ends of long bones
 - **Costal** – connects the ribs to the sternum
 - **Respiratory** – makes up larynx, reinforces air passages
 - **Nasal** – supports the nose

la = lacuna (chondrocytes shrunken or lost as artifact of slide preparation)
c = chondrocyte



Articular Cartilage H&E



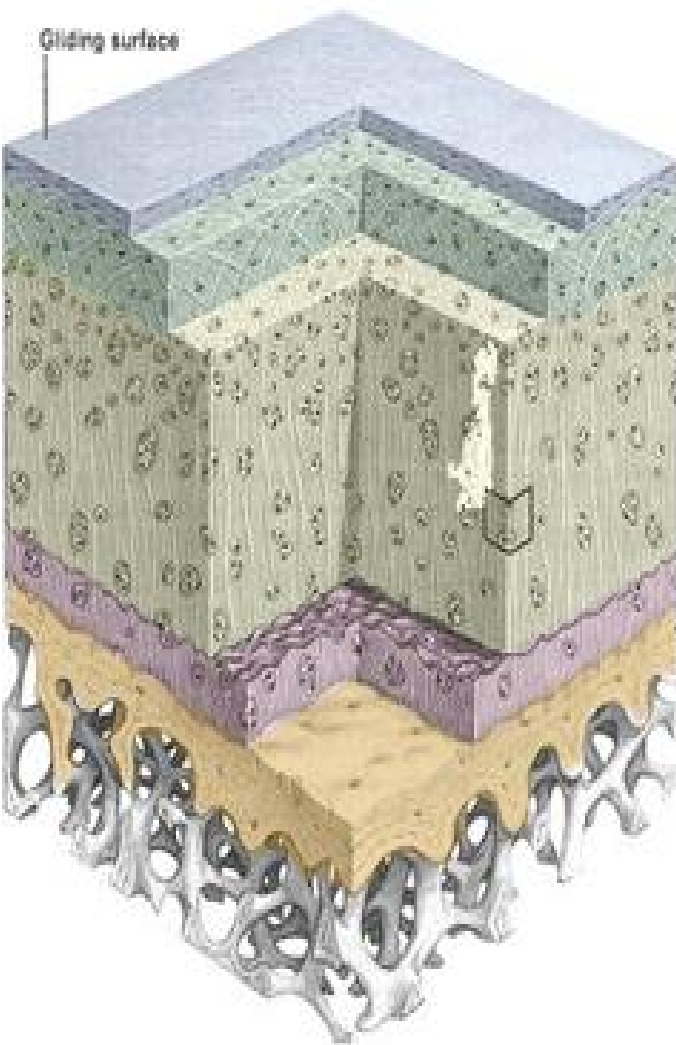
- ## Articular Cartilage

is a specialised form of hyaline cartilage.

transforms the articulating ends of the bones into lubricated, wear-proof, slightly compressible surfaces, which exhibit very little friction.

is not surrounded by a perichondrium and is partly vascularised.

is, depending on the arrangement of chondrocytes and collagenous fibres, divided into several zones:



Superficial Zone
Fibers parallel to surface

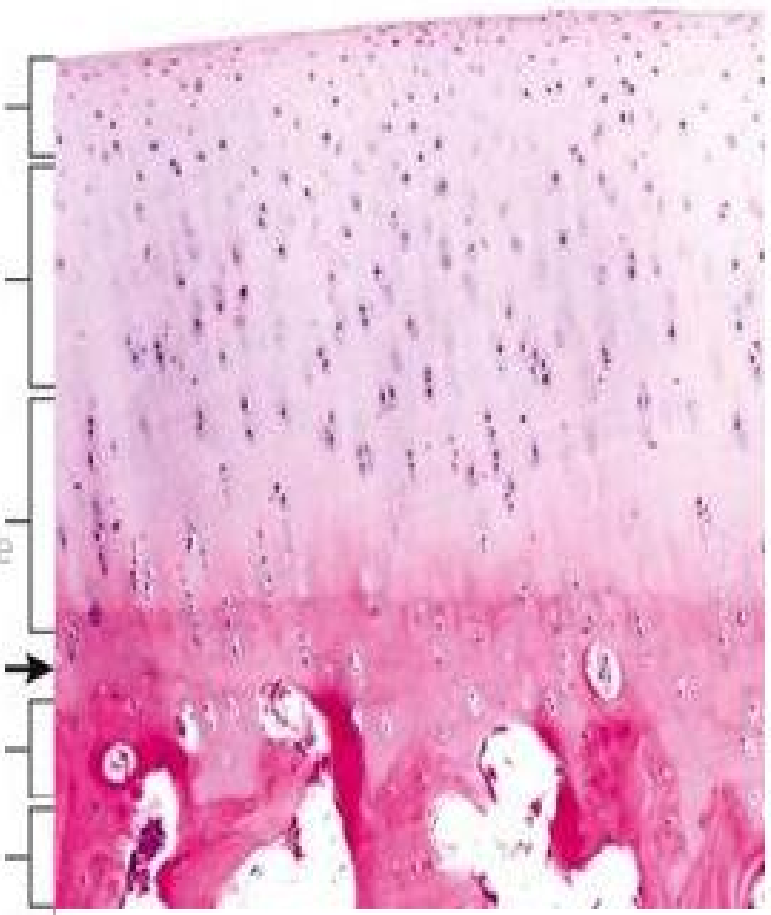
Transitional Zone
Random Fibers

Deep Zone
Fibers perpendicular to surface

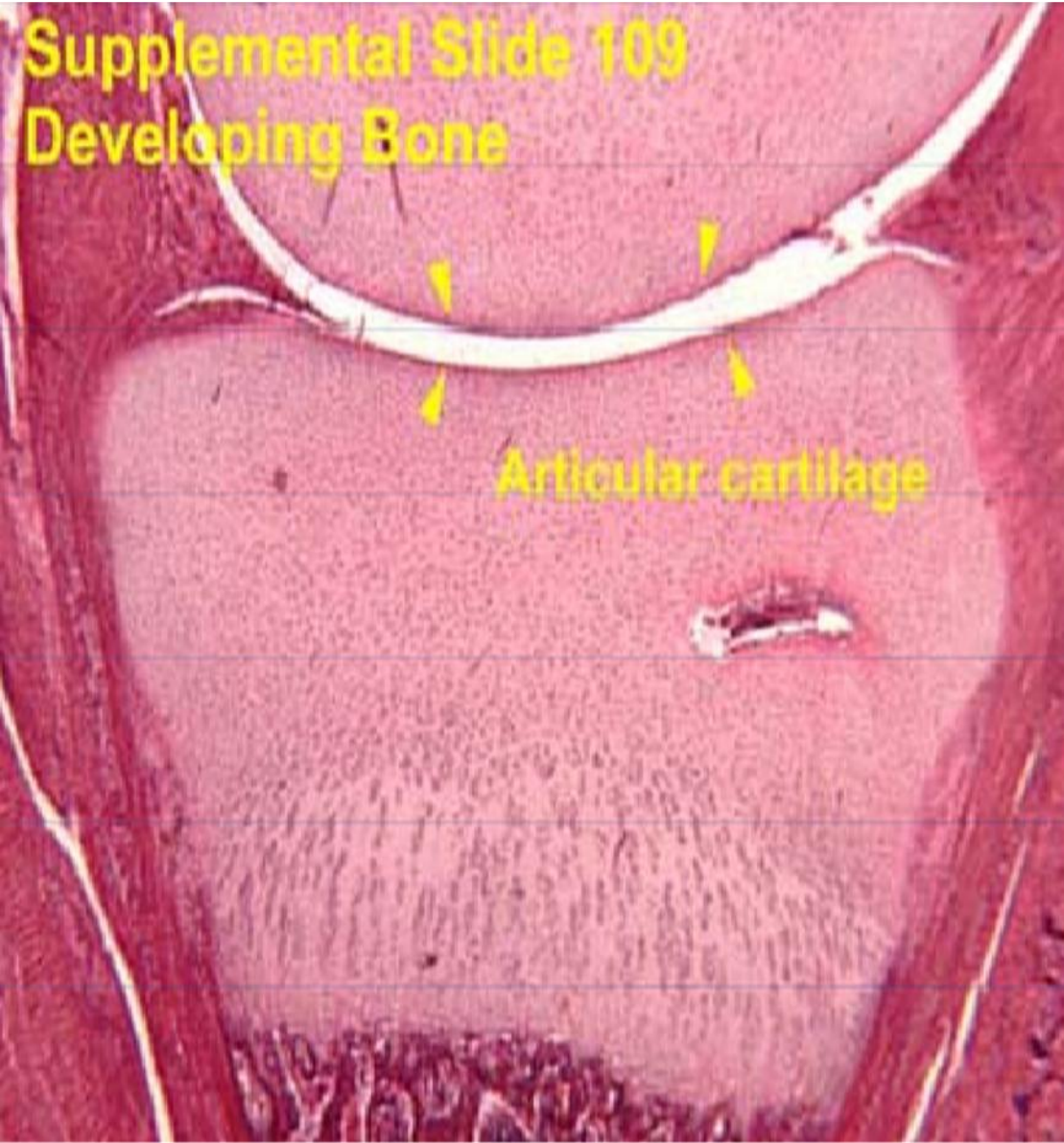
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Subchondral Bone

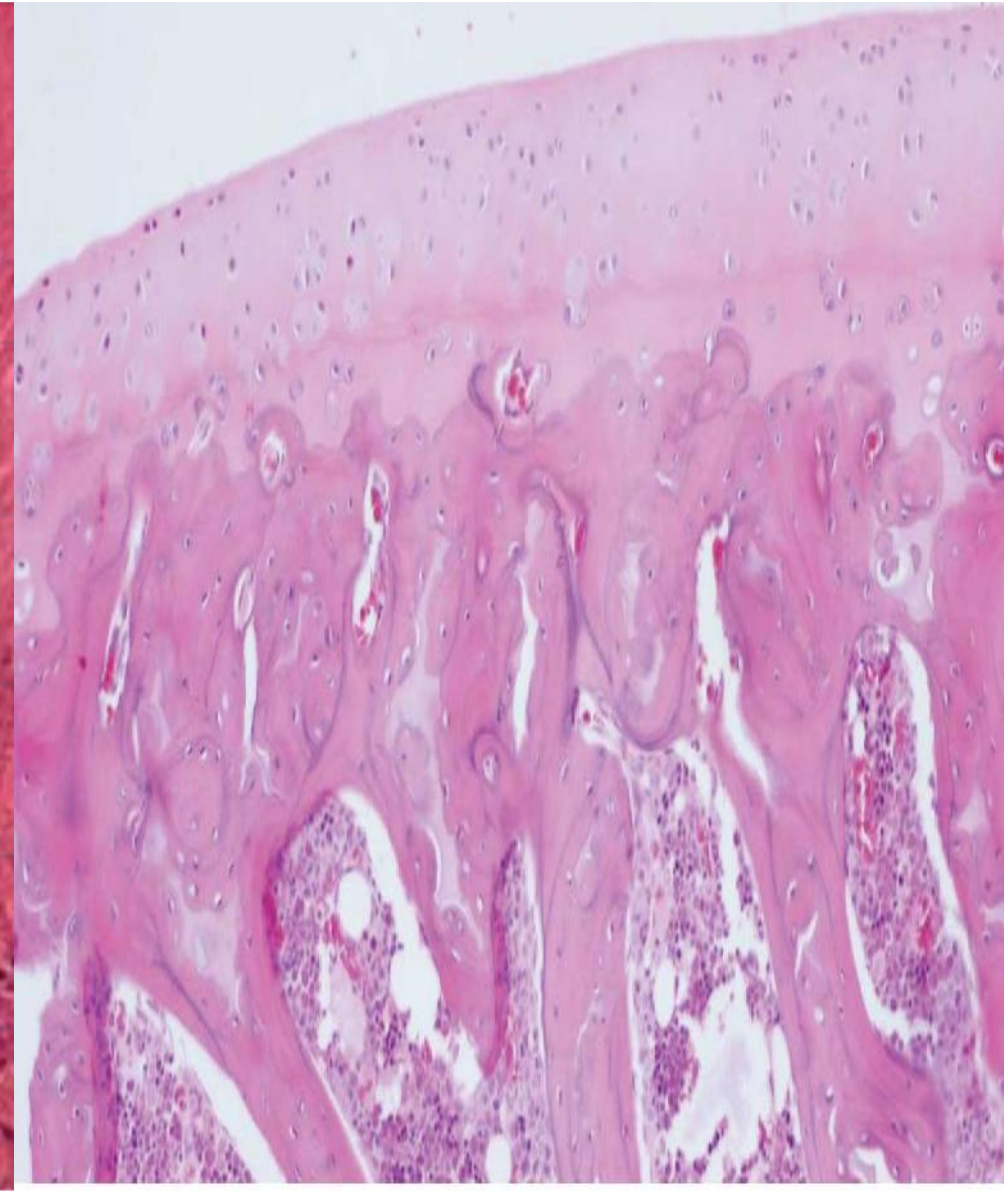
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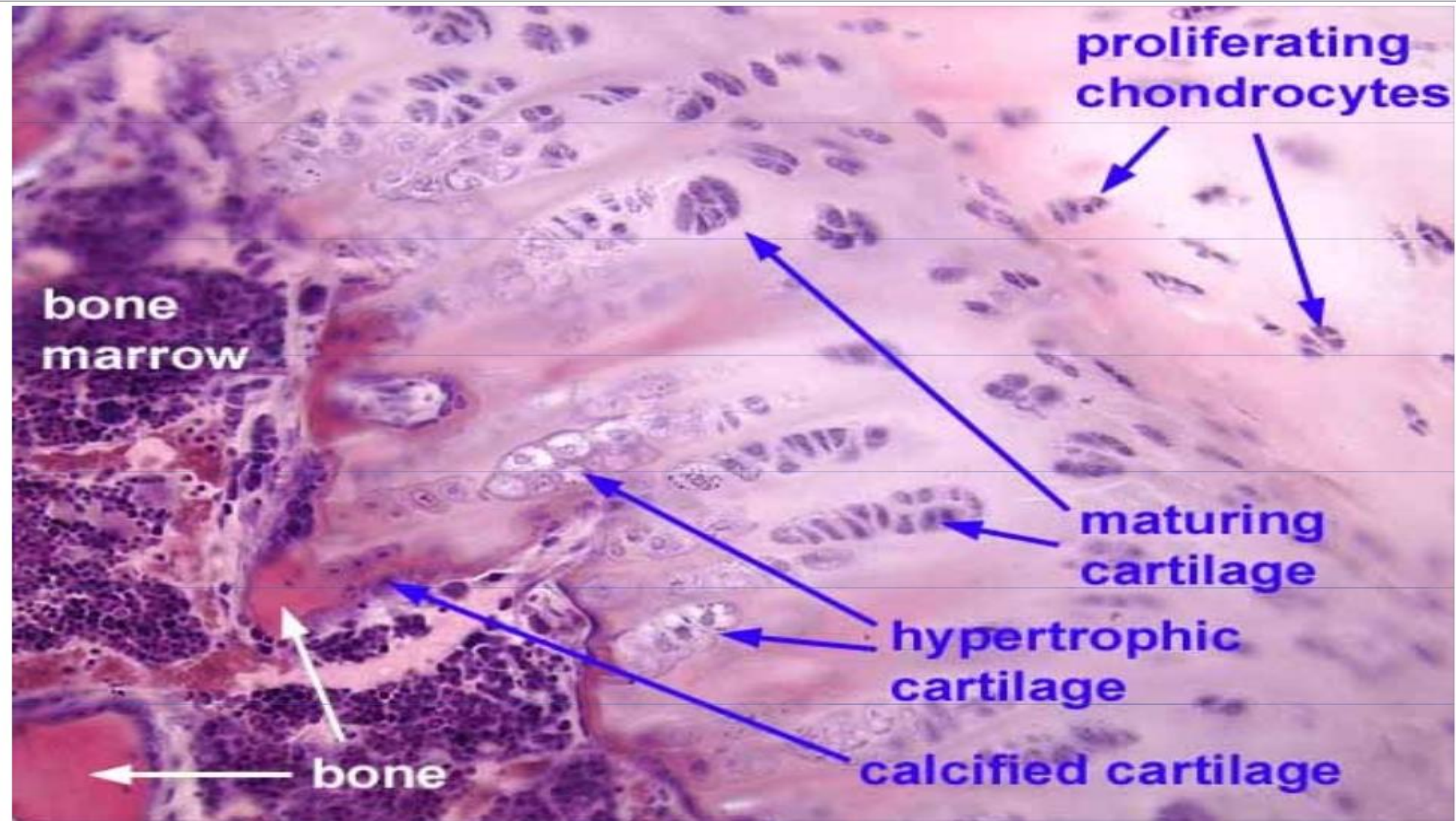


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Developing Bone



Articular cartilage





**proliferating
chondrocytes**

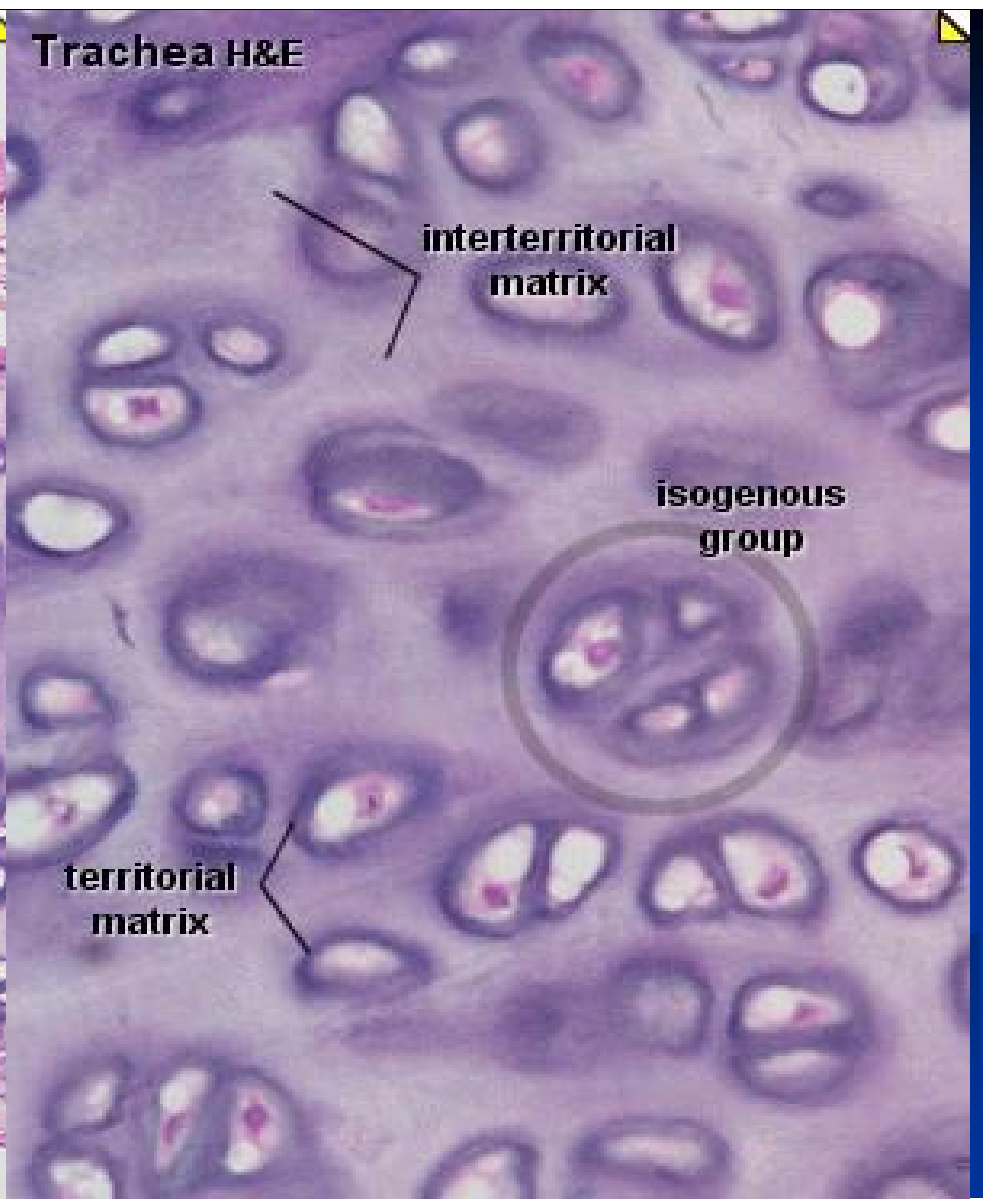
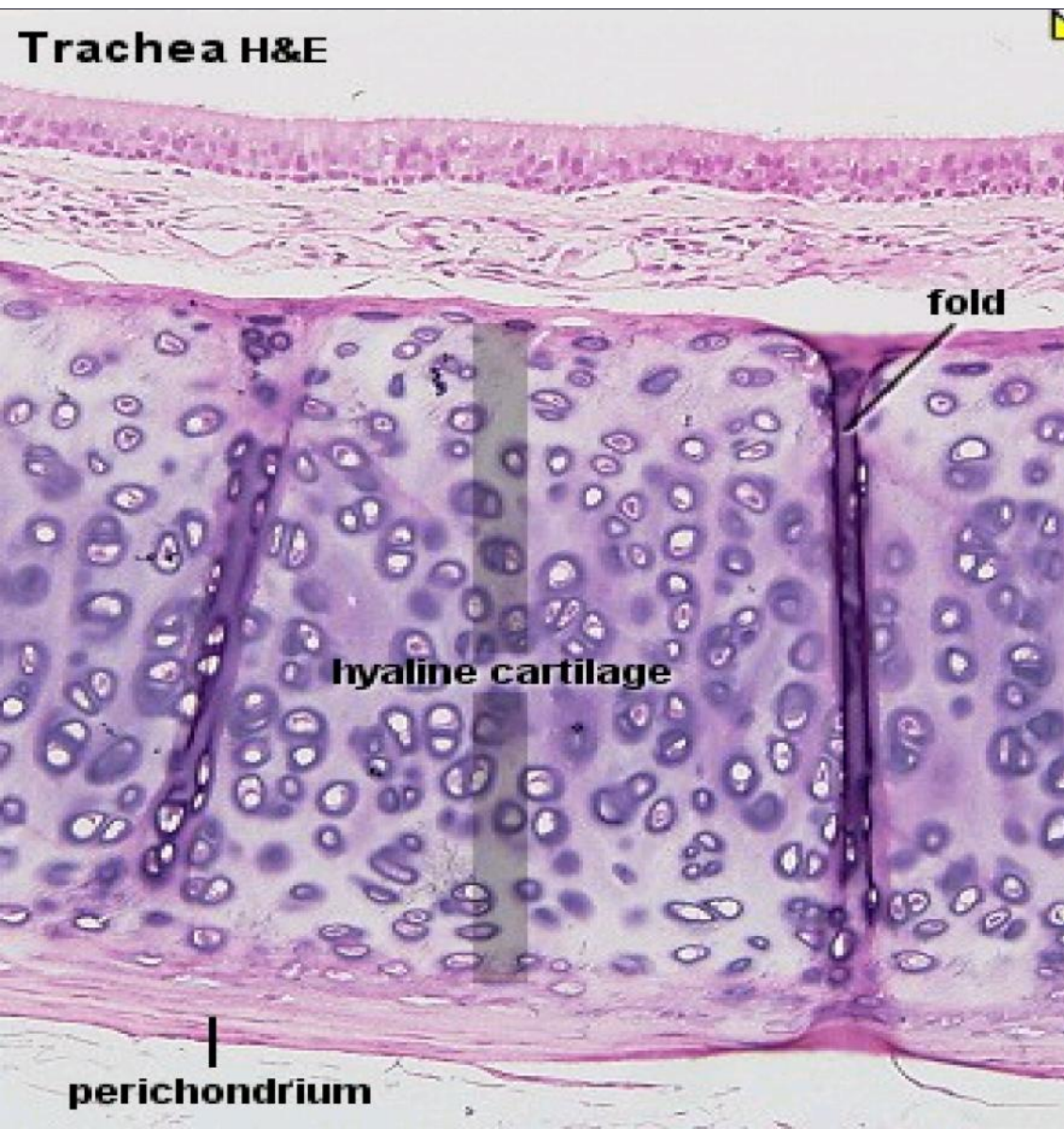
**bone
marrow**

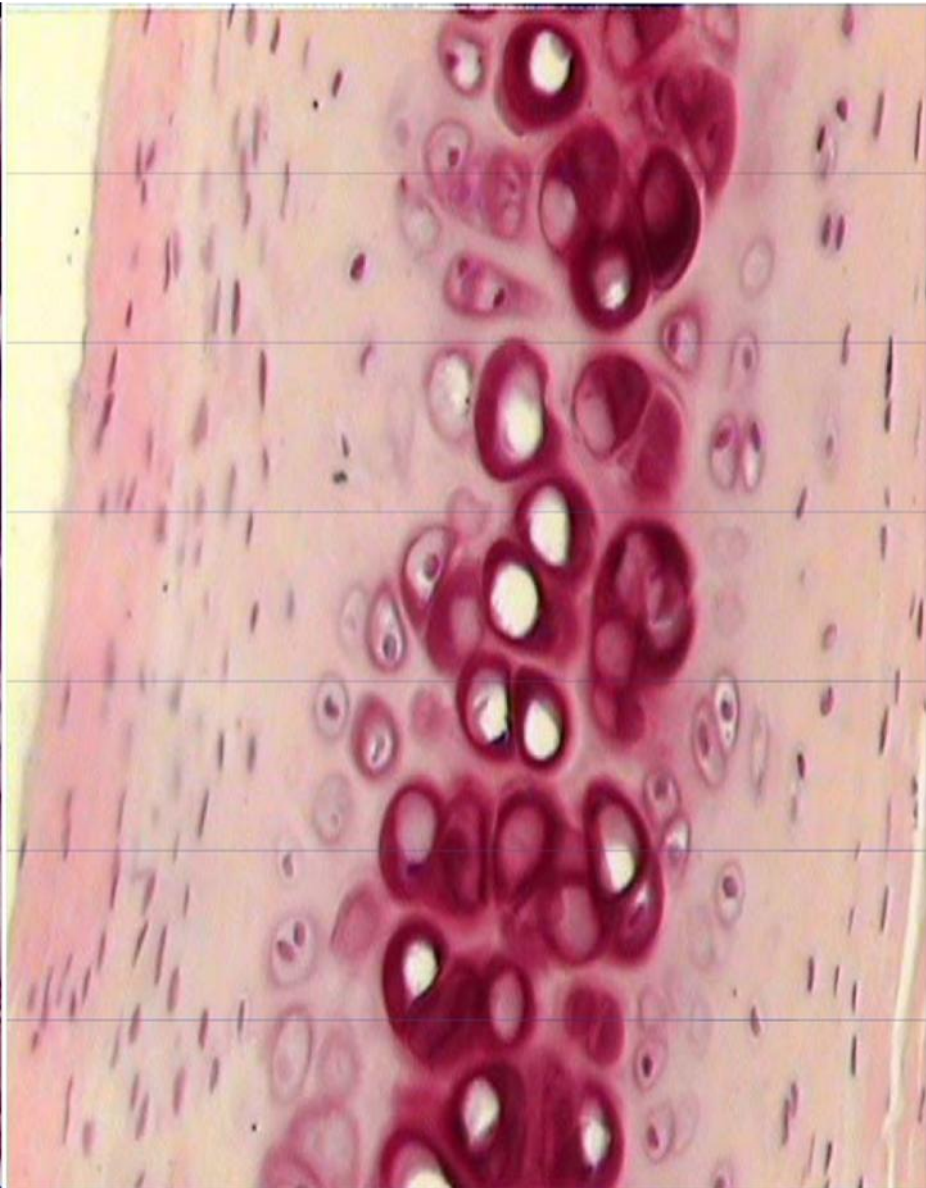
**maturing
cartilage**

**hypertrophic
cartilage**

calcified cartilage

bone





Hyaline Cartilage

Matrix (amorphous & glassy)

hyaluronic acid
chondroitin sulfate
keratin sulfate
H₂O (60-78%)

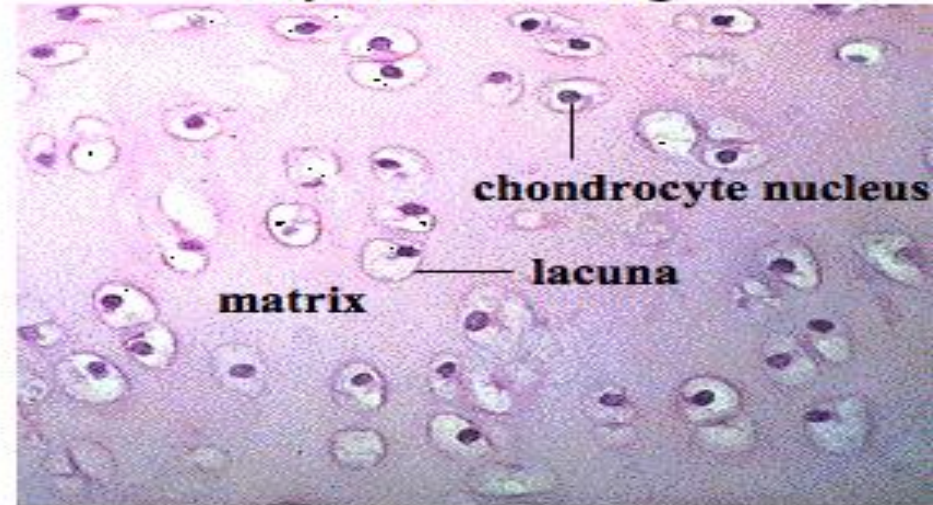
Fibers- collagenous

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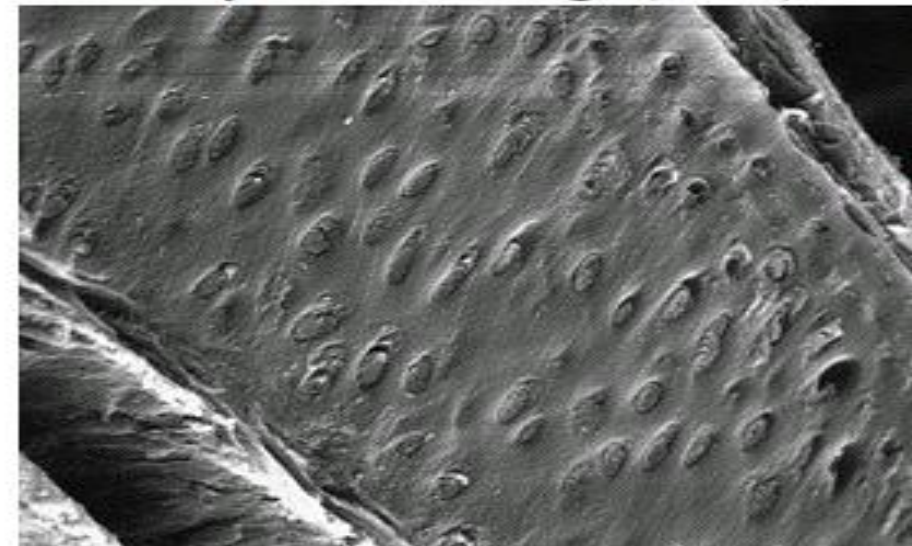
Typical Locations

intercostals (connect ribs to the sternum)
wall of trachea & bronchii
articular cartilage of bone
epiphyseal plate
fetal axial skeleton

Hyaline Cartilage

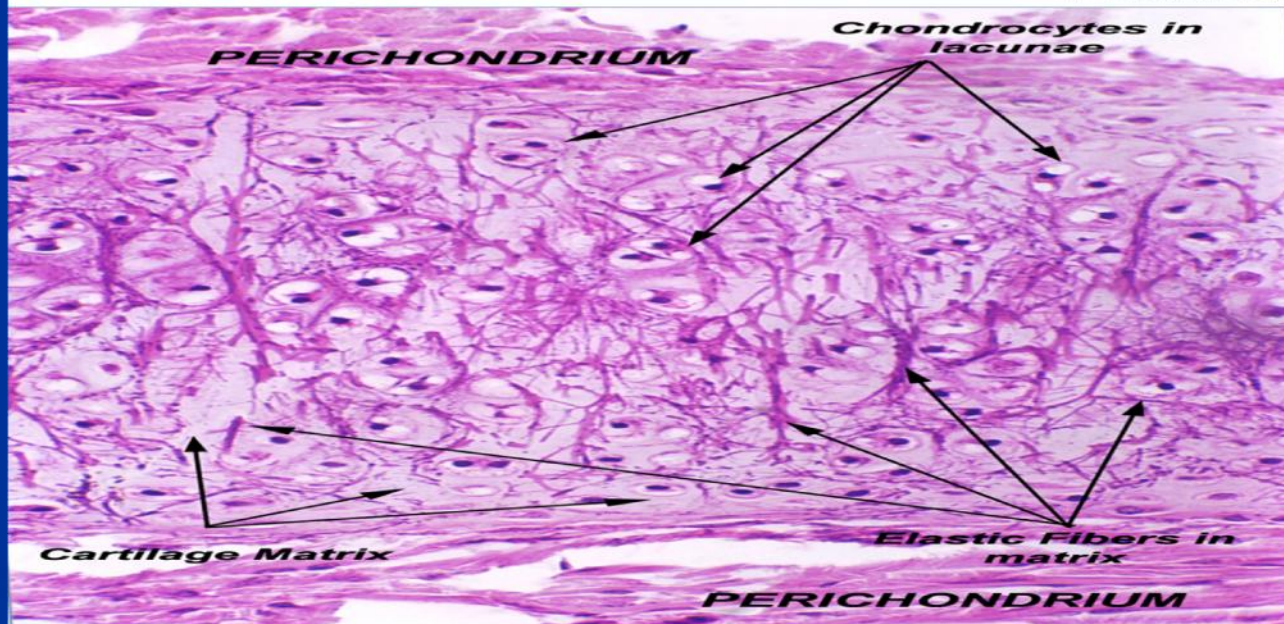
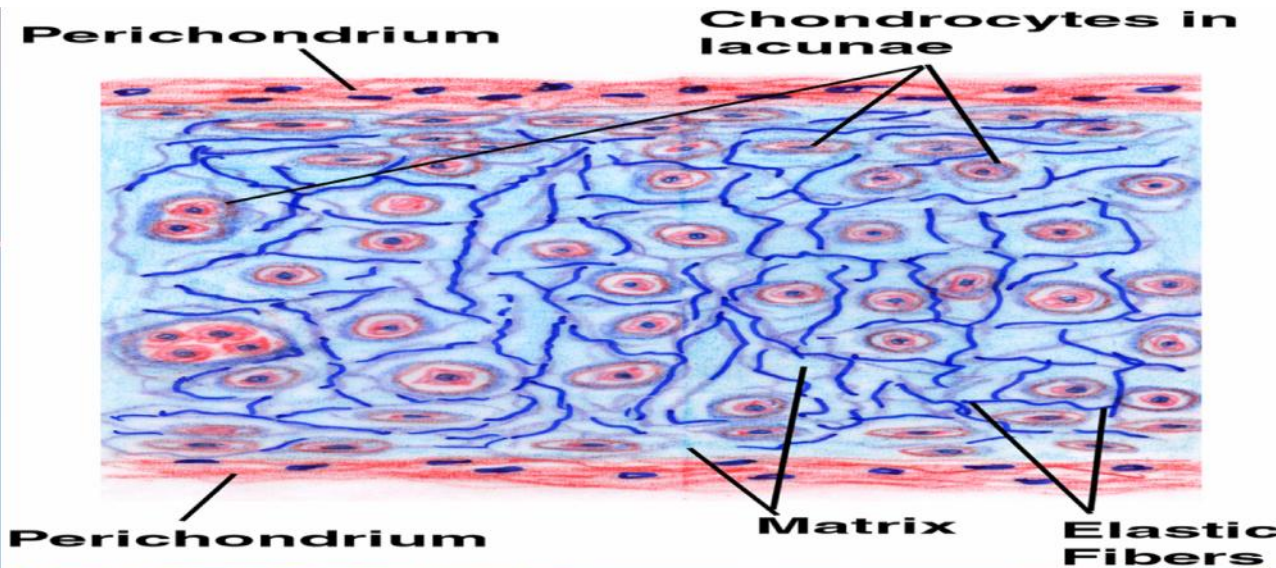


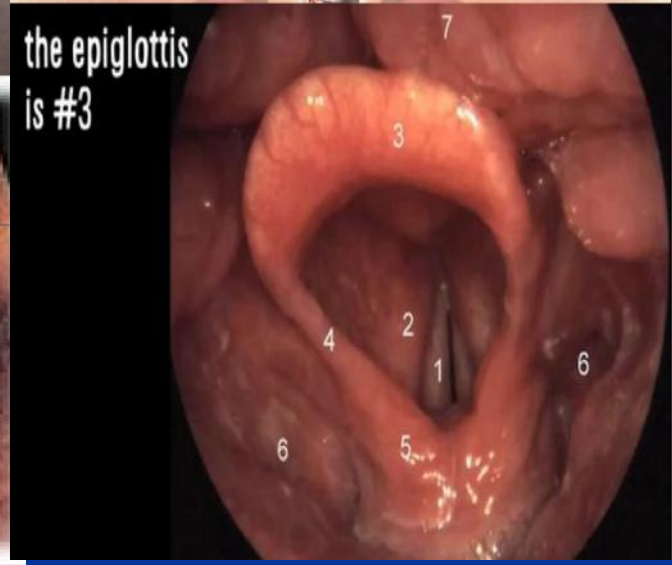
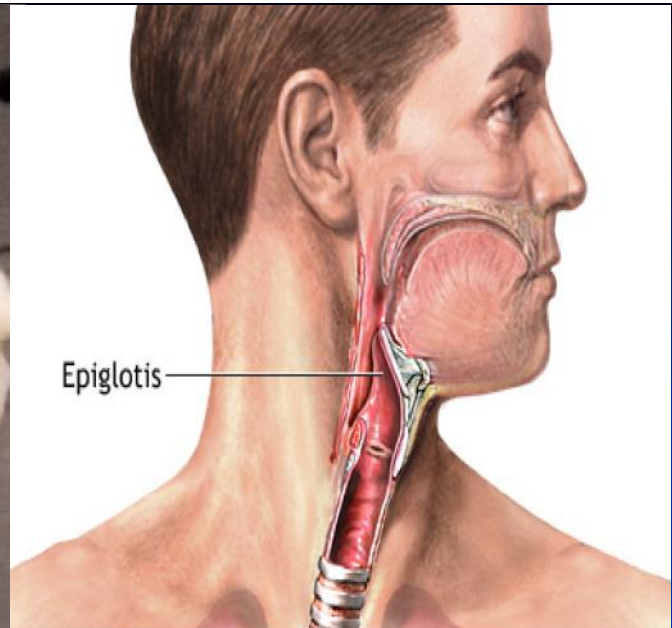
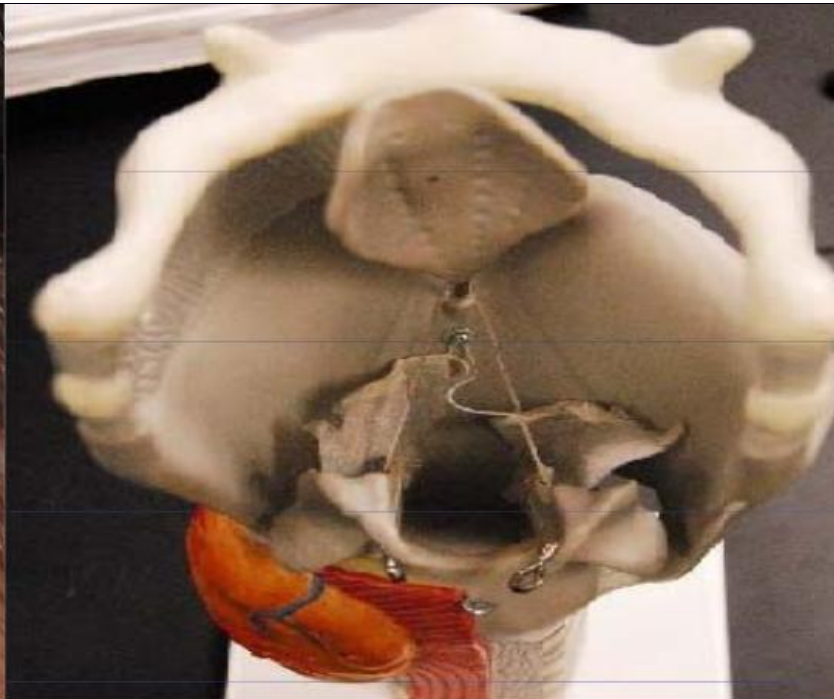
Hyaline Cartilage (SEM)

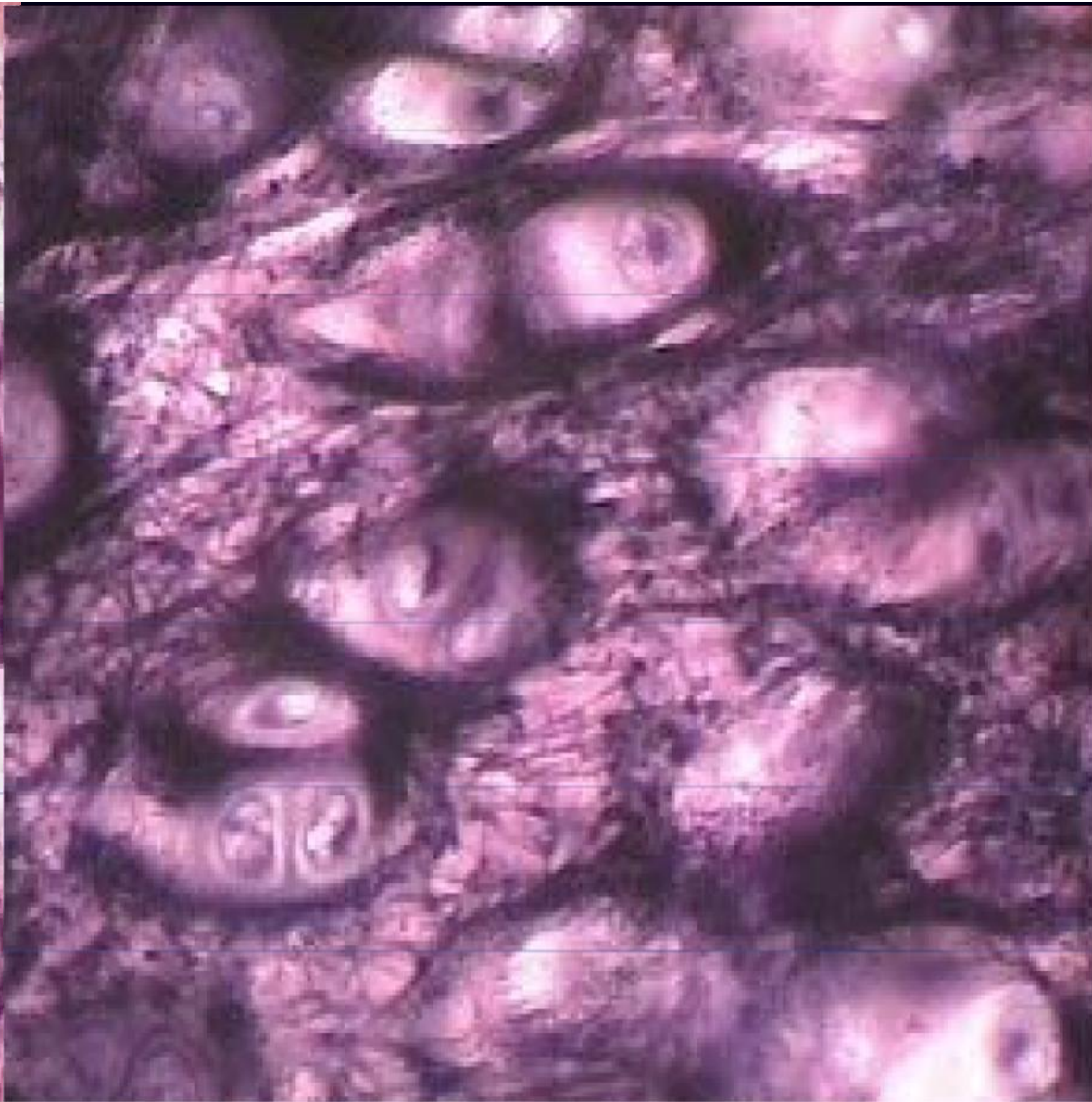
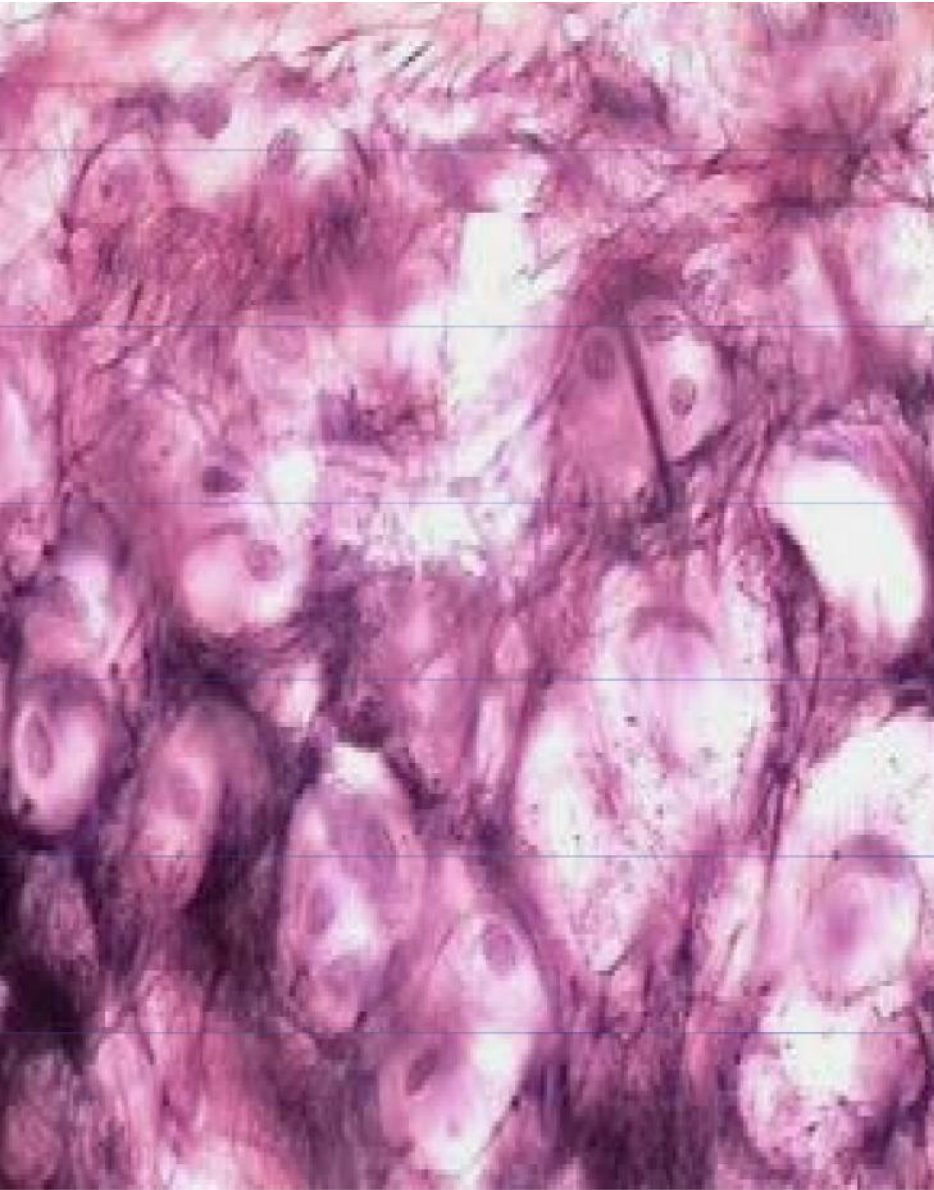


Elastic Cartilage

- Similar to hyaline cartilage, but contains elastic fibers
- Found in the external ear and the epiglottis







Elastic Cartilage

Matrix

hyaluronic acid
chondroitin sulfate
kertatin sulfate

Fibers

elastic (elastin)

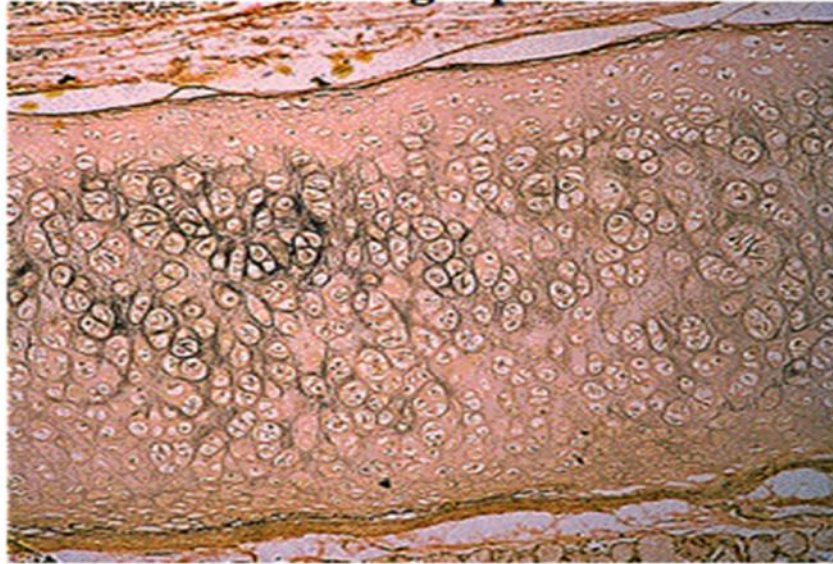
Typical Locations

external ear
walls of external
auditory canal and
eustachian tubes
epiglottis & larynx
bridge of nose

Properties

resiliency and
pliability

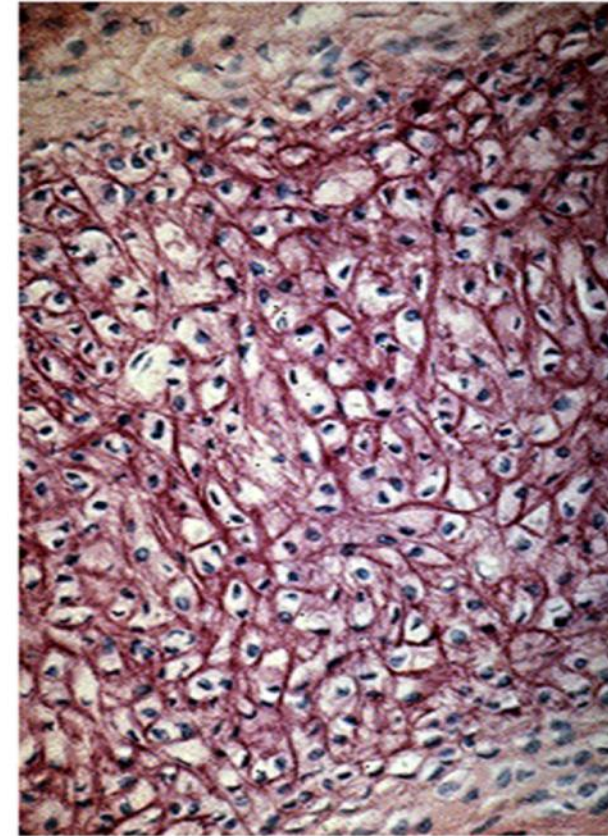
Elastic Cartilage- pinnae of ear



Elastic Fibers- silver stain

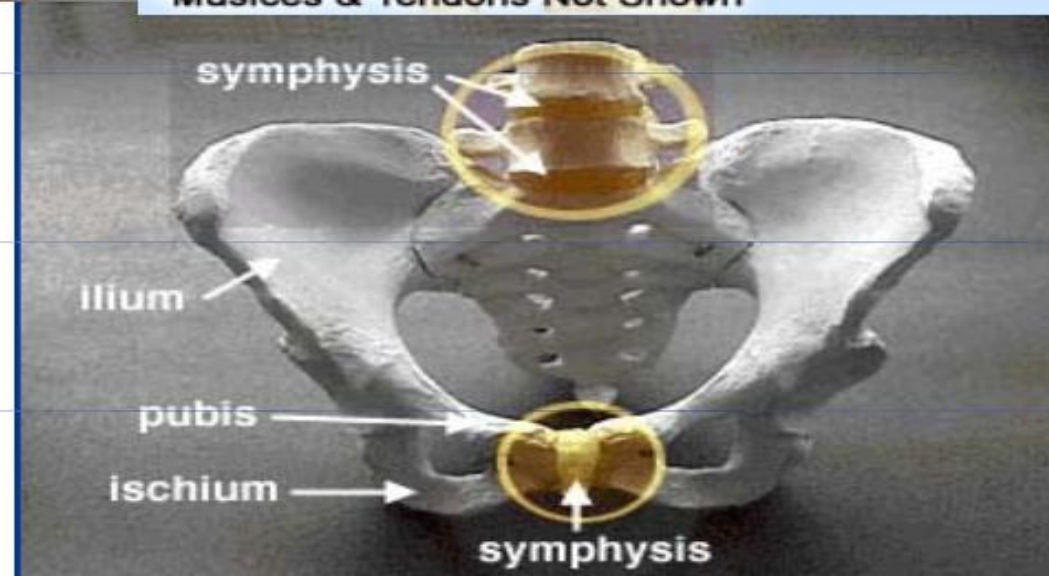
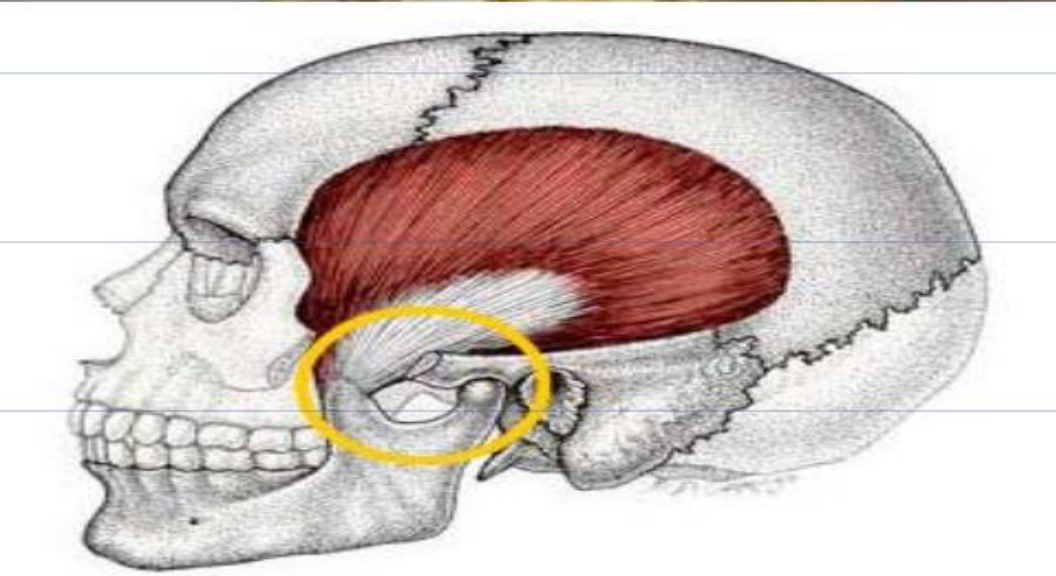
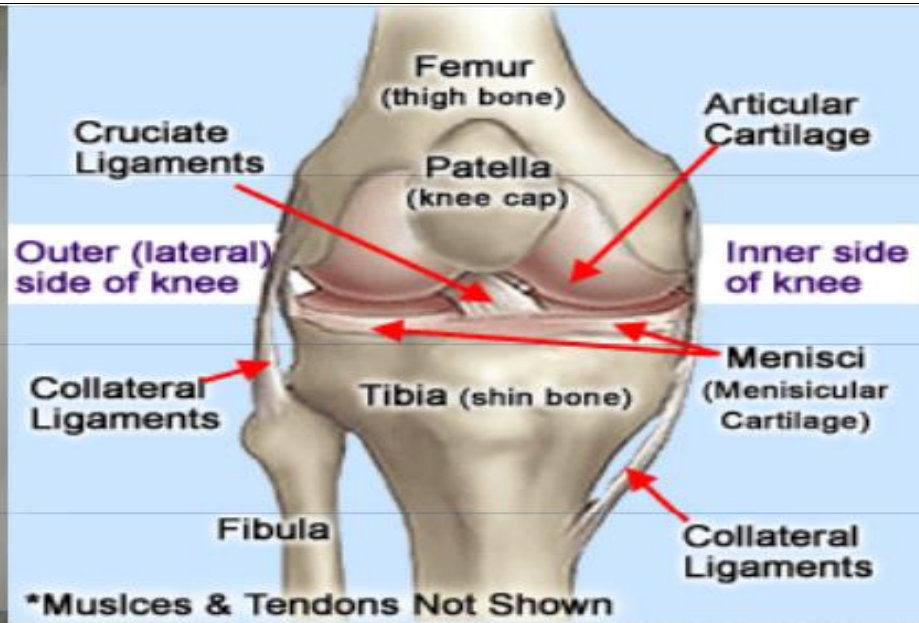


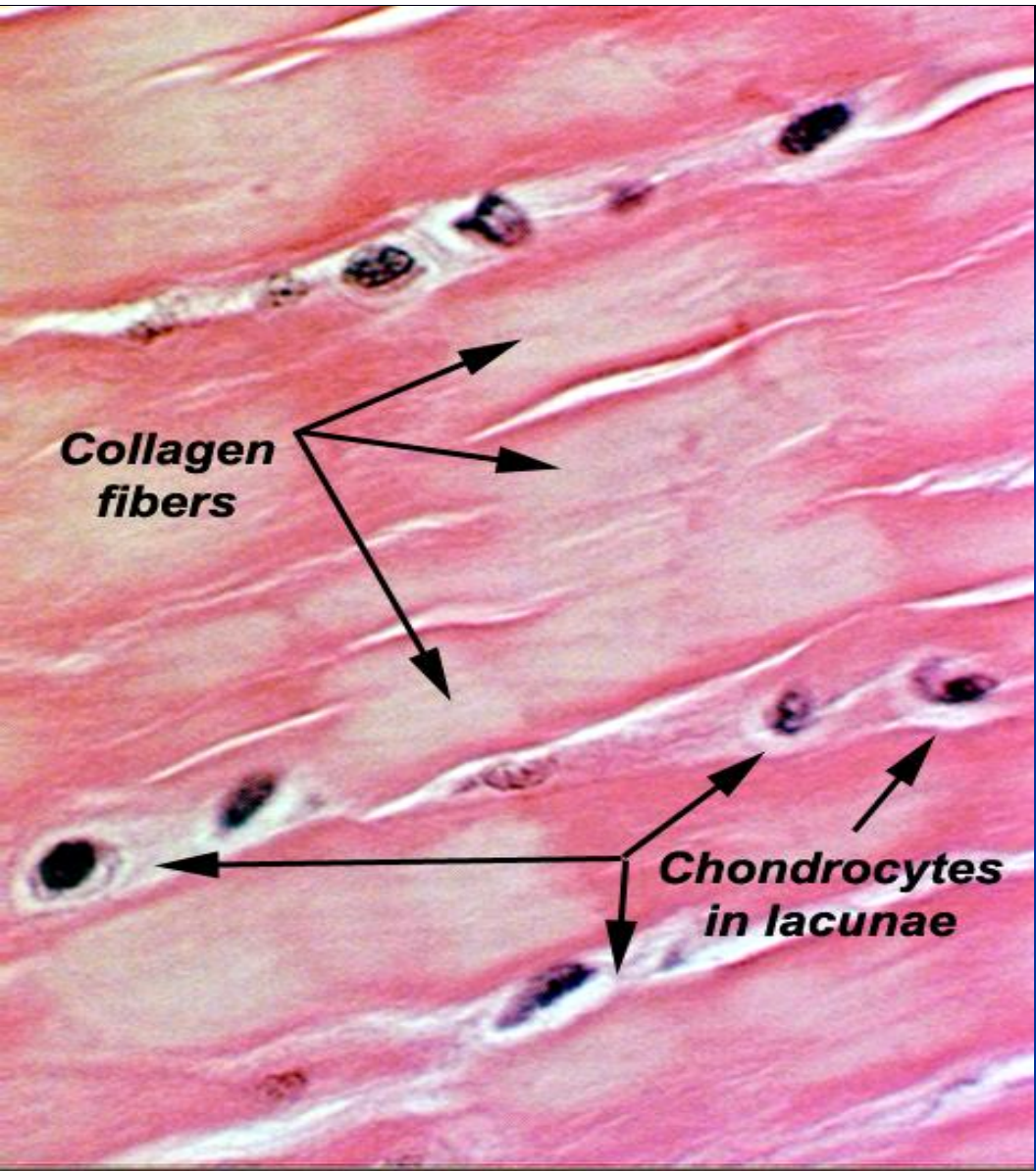
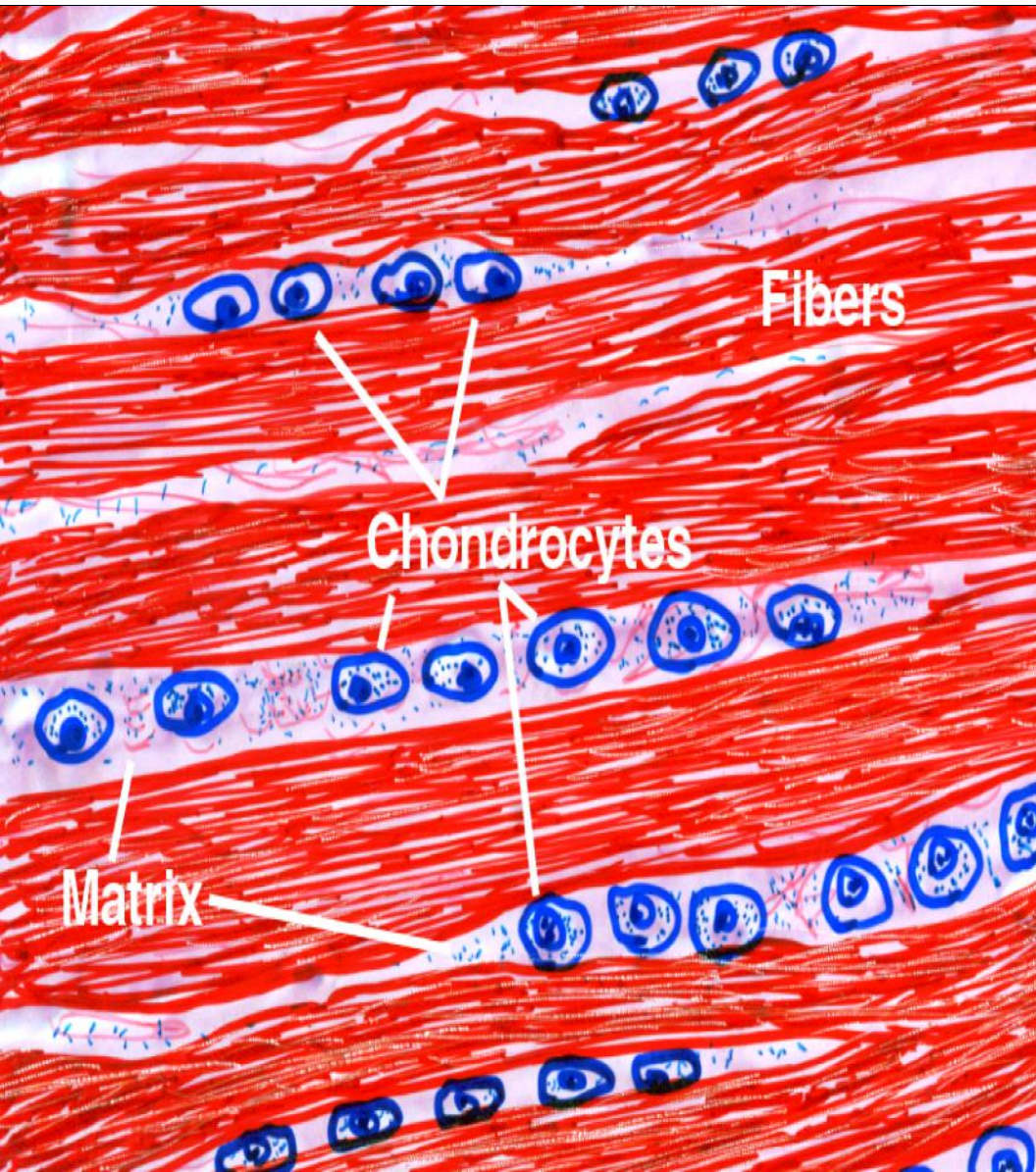
**Elastic Fibers
(resorcin-fuchsin stain)**



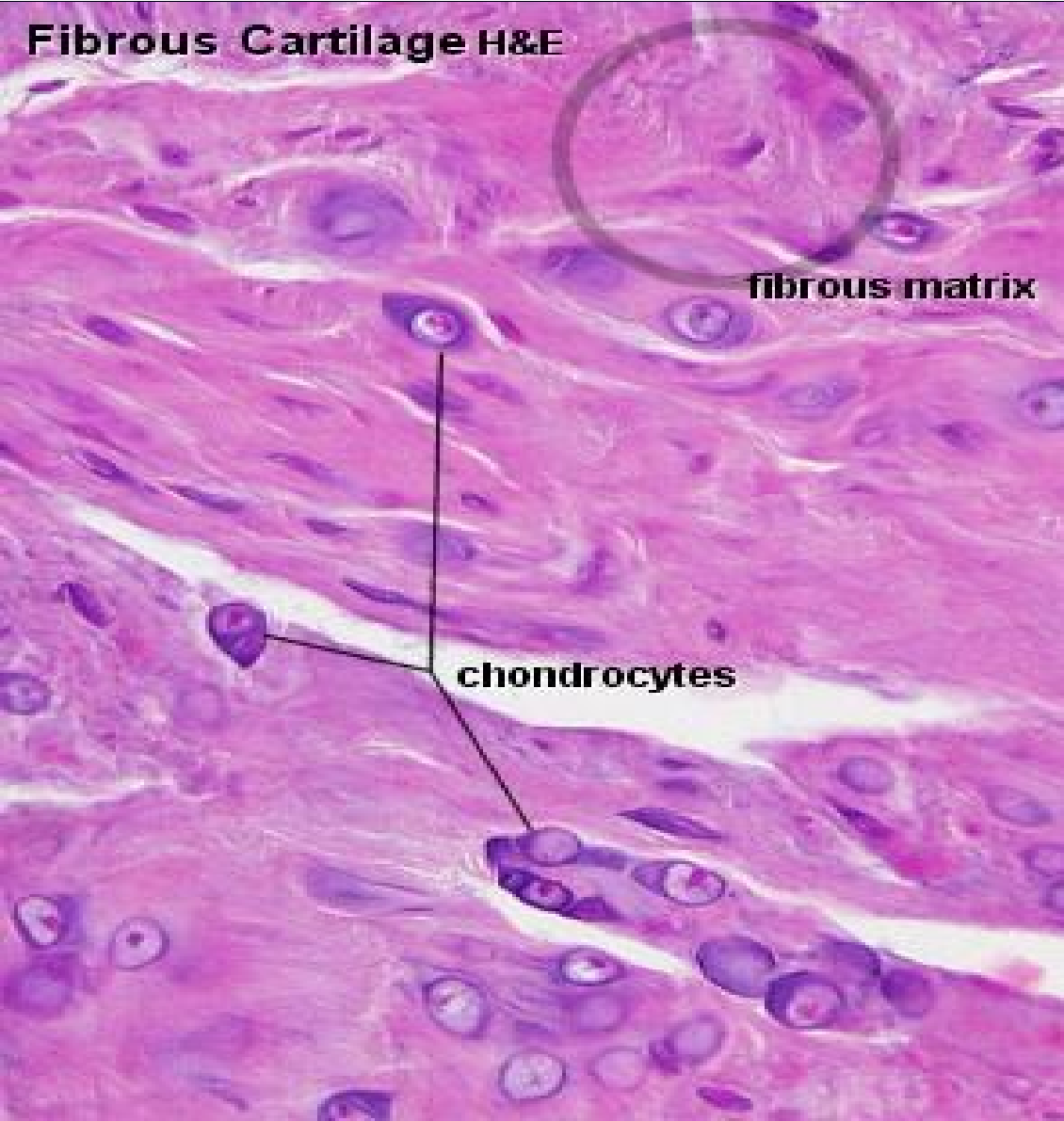
Fibrocartilage

- Highly compressed with great tensile strength
- Contains collagen fibers type I in addition to type II
- Found in menisci of the knee and in intervertebral discs, TMJ, Pubic symphysis

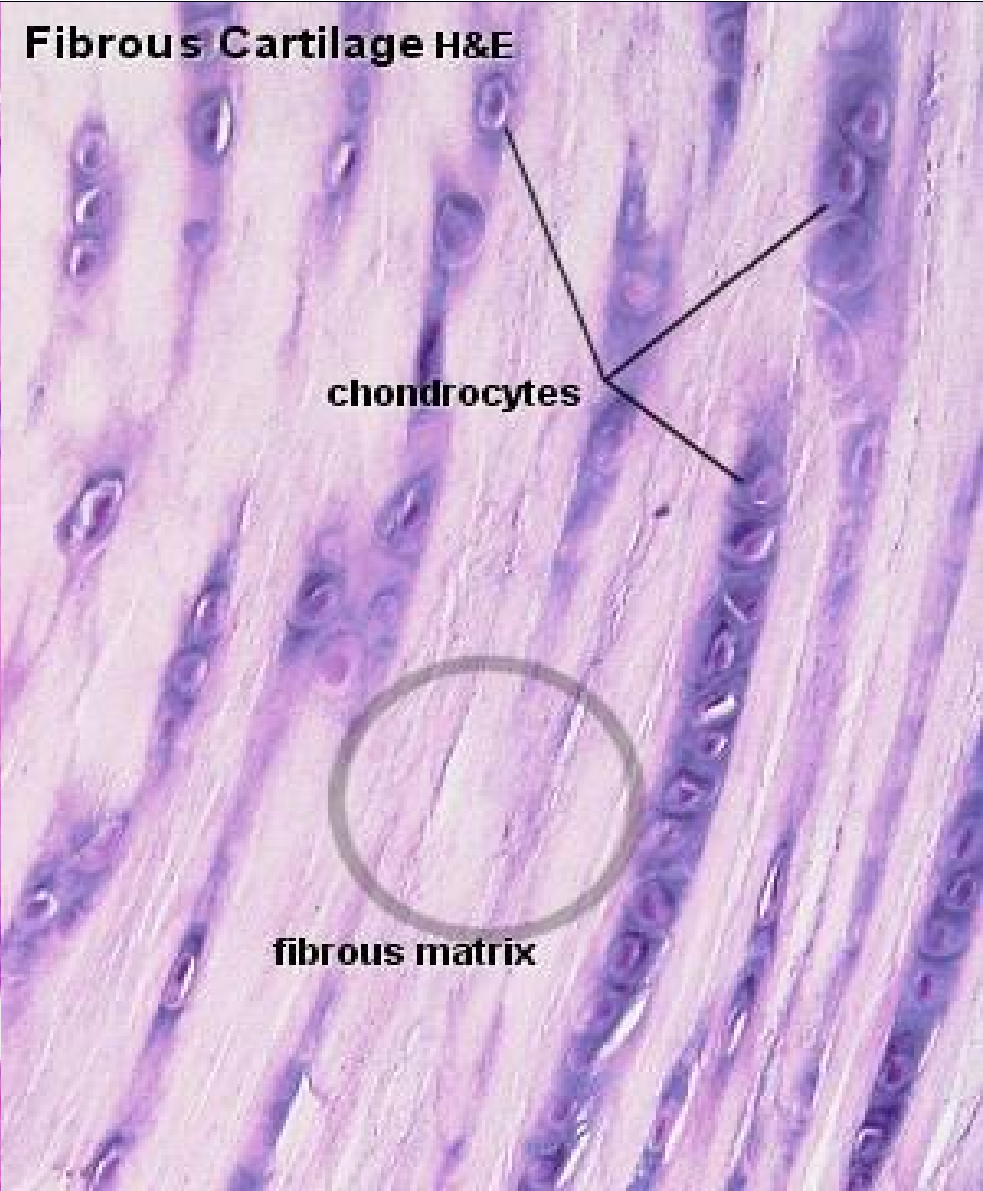


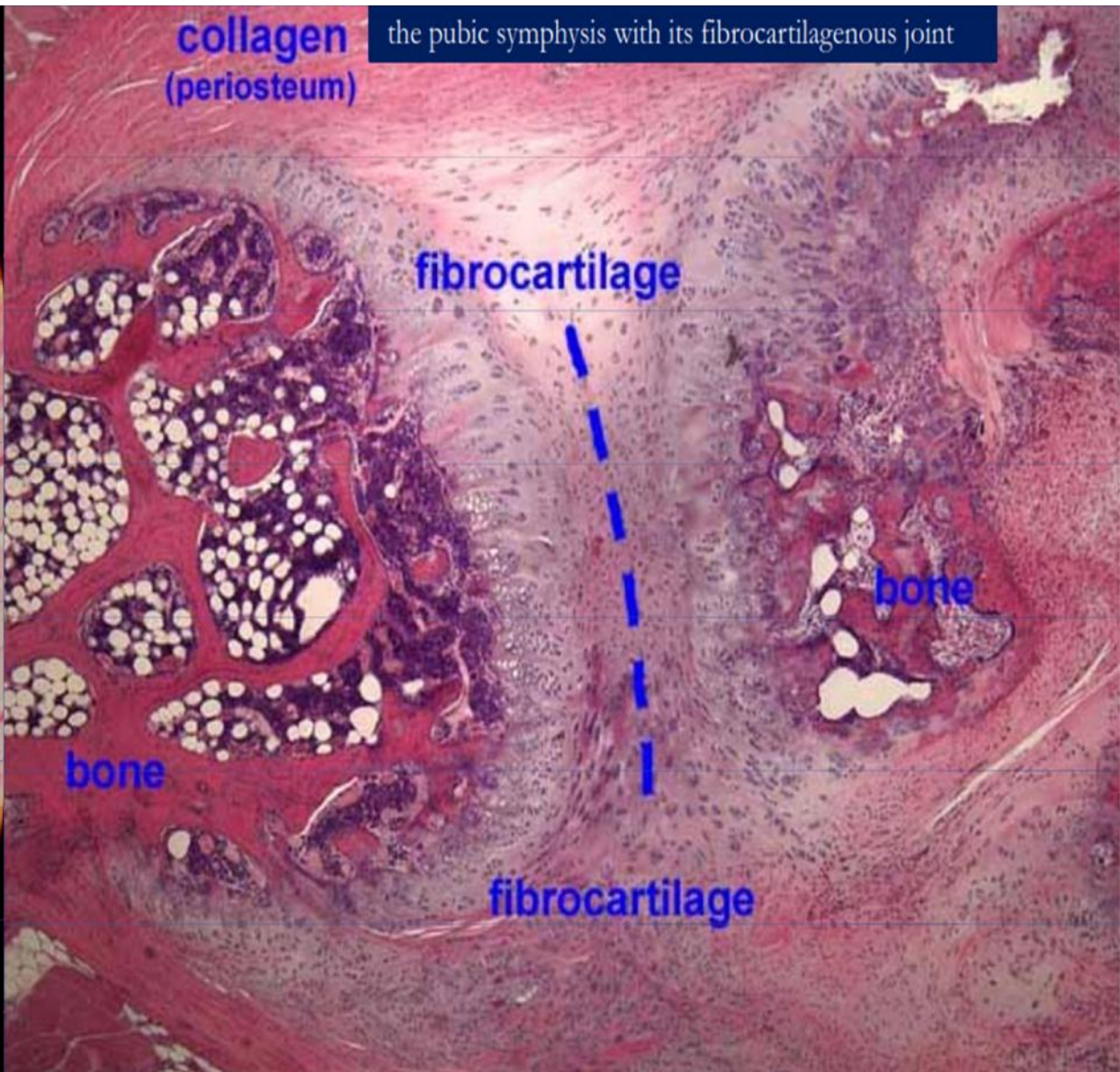
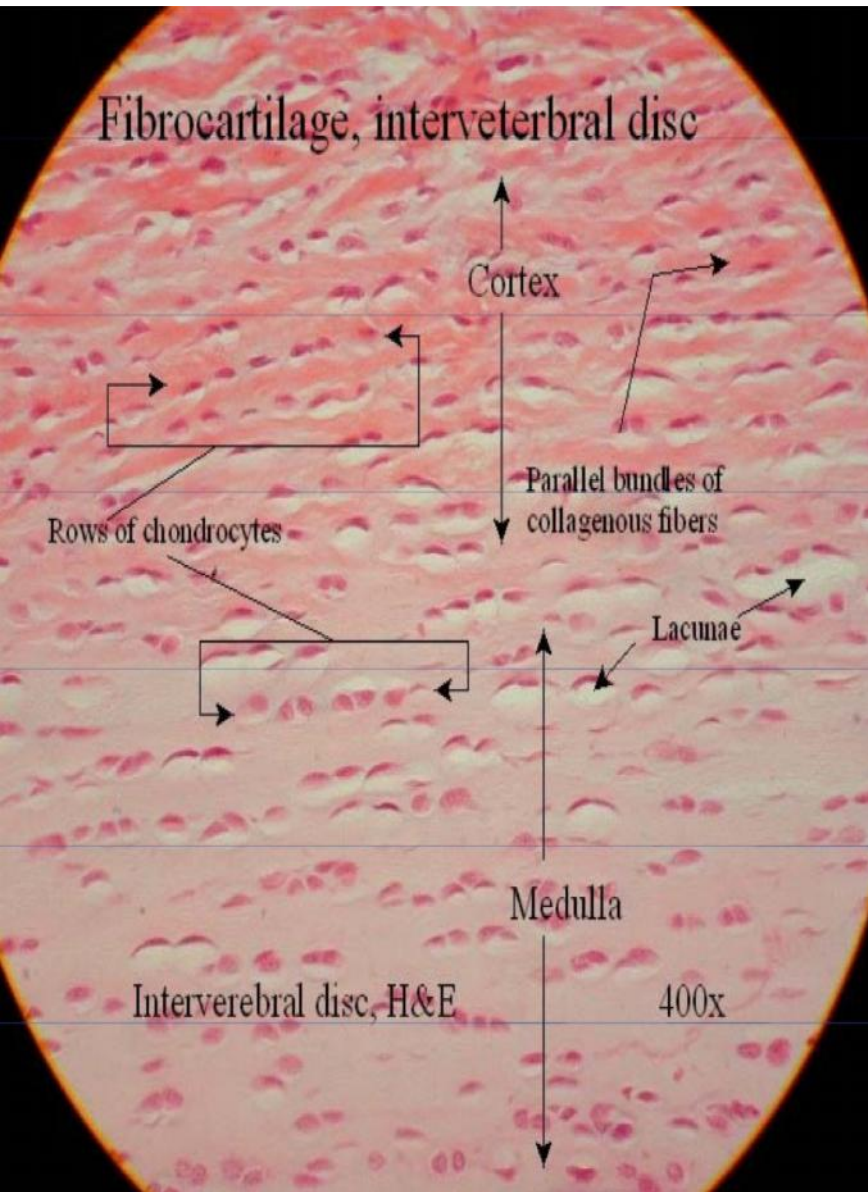


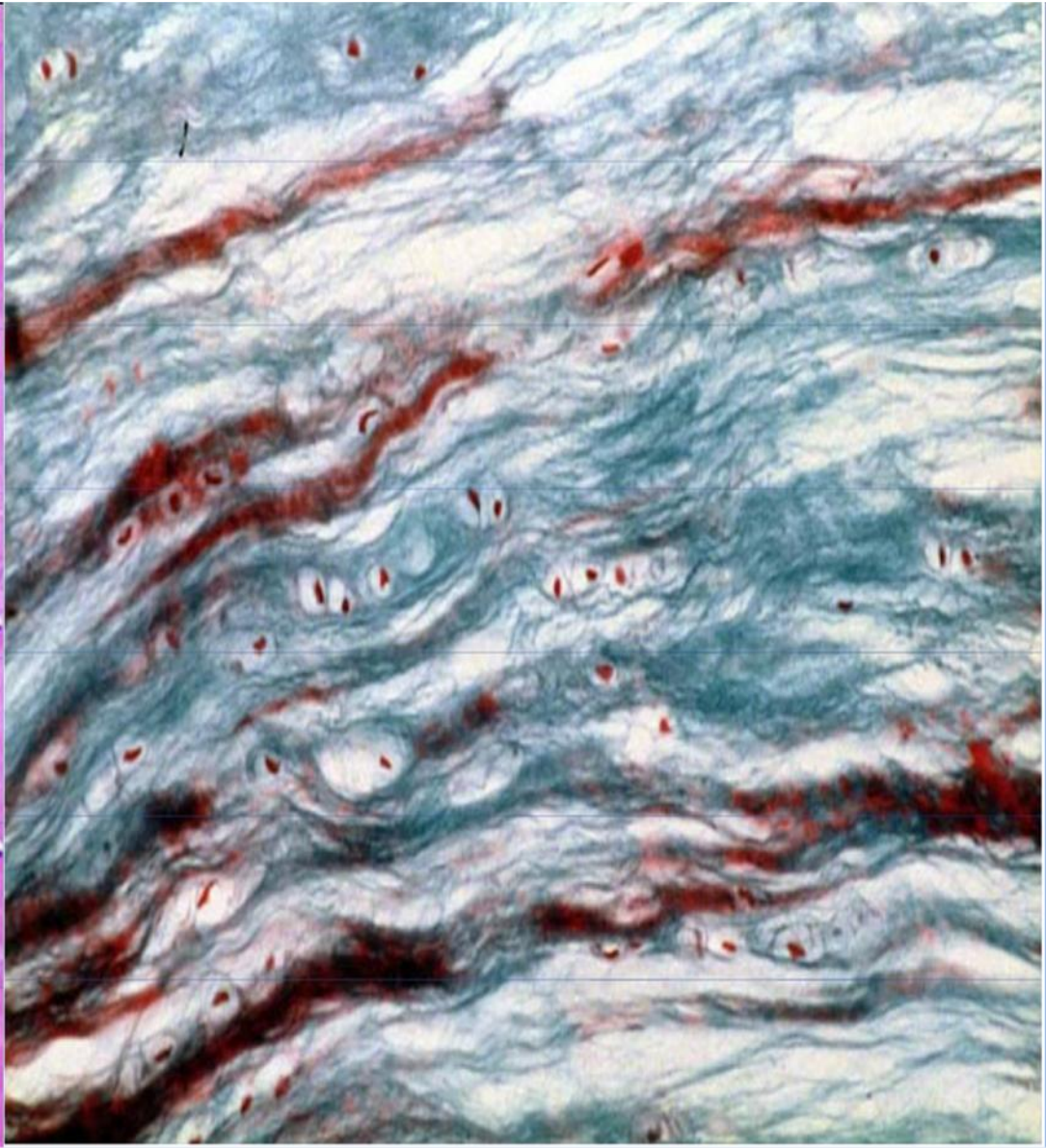
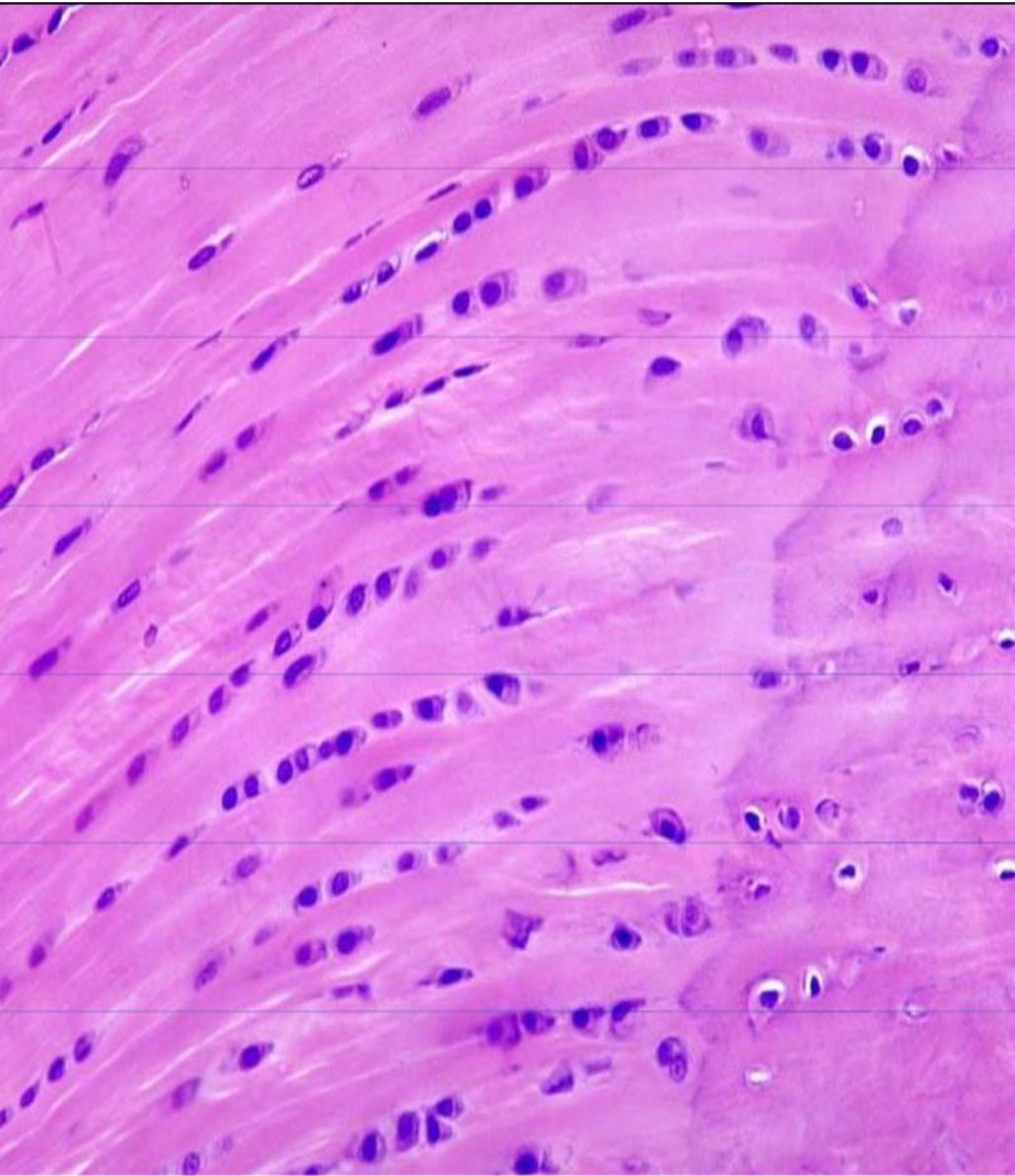
Fibrous Cartilage H&E



Fibrous Cartilage H&E







Fibrocartilage

Matrix

hyaluronic acid
chondroitin sulfate
keratin sulfate

Fibers

dense collagenous
bundles

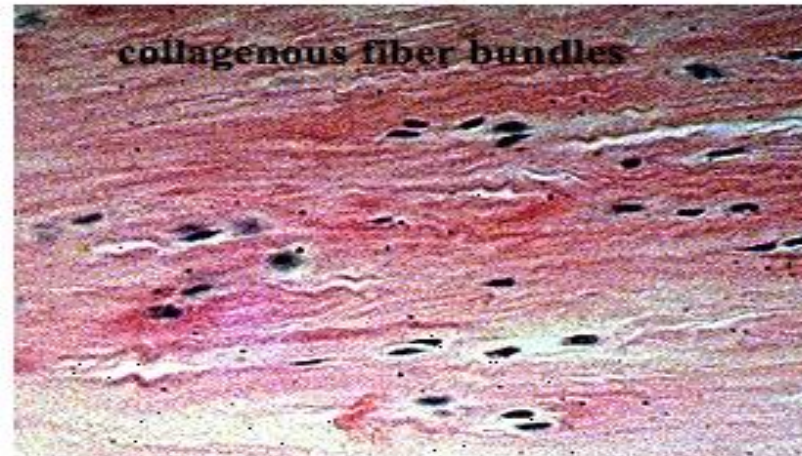
Typical Locations

intervertebral discs
pubic symphysis
meniscus of knee joint
attach tendons to bone

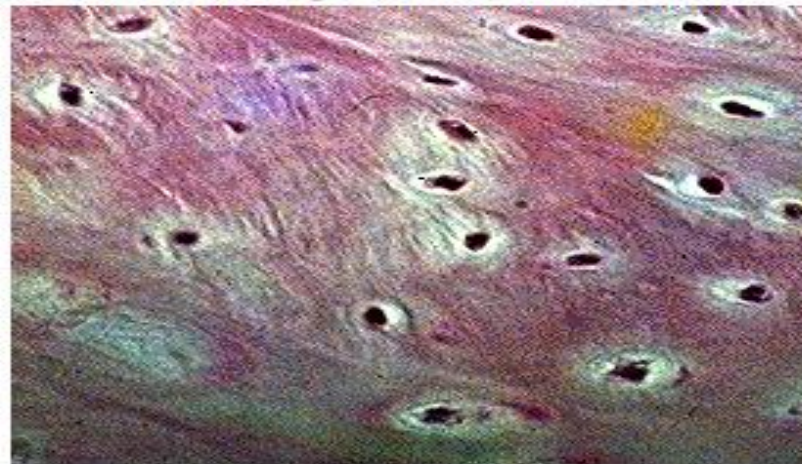
Properties

resistance to
compression and
shear forces

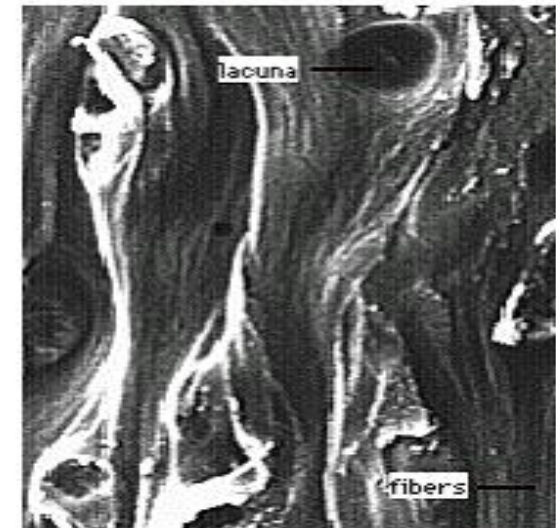
Fibrocartilage- longitudinal section



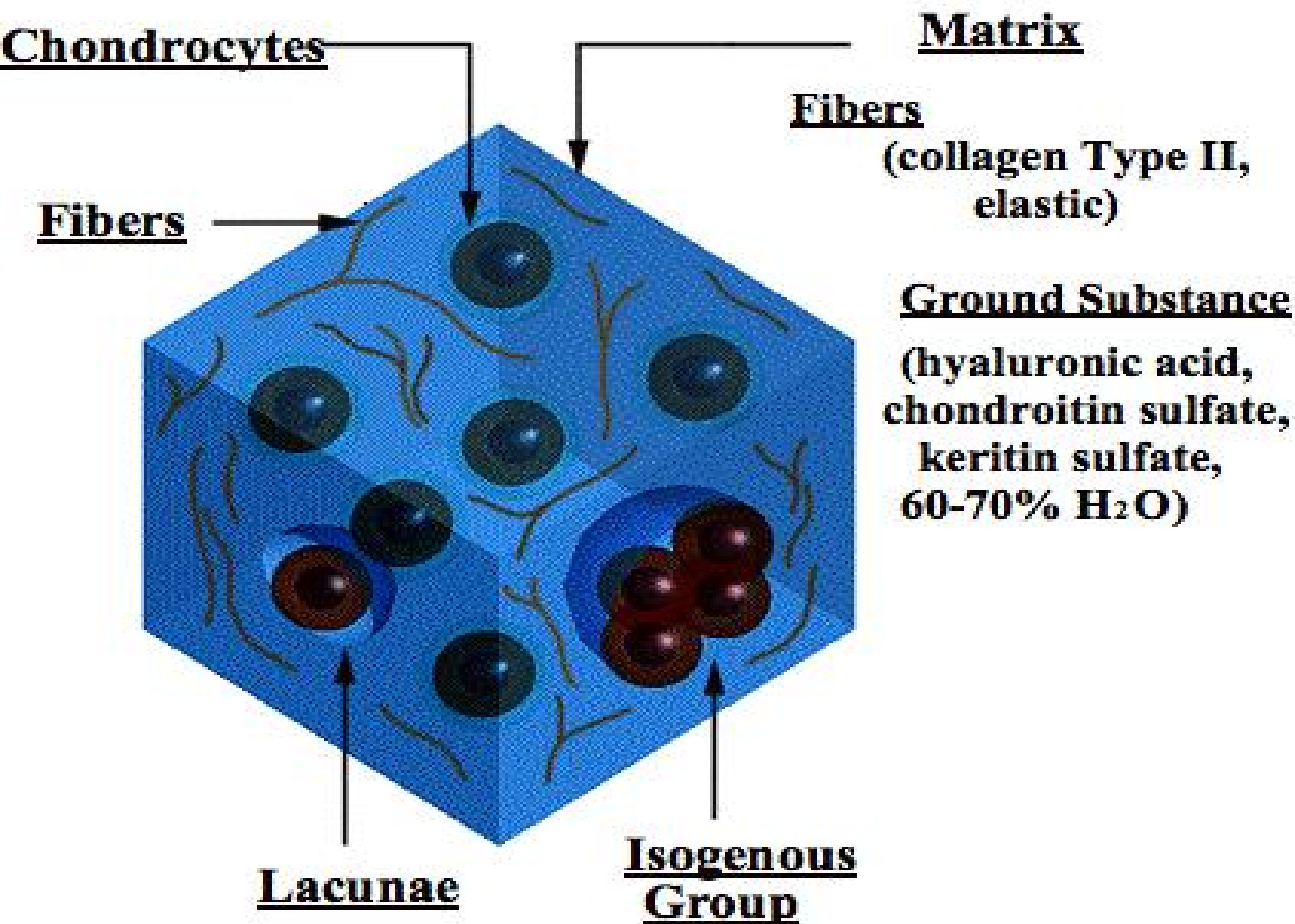
Fibrocartilage- transverse section



Fibrocartilage- SEM



Cartilage



Properties of Cartilage

1. **Avascular**
2. **Permeable**
(conducts nutrients and water)
3. **Flexible but Weight-Bearing**
(resistance to compression)
4. **Elasticity and Resiliency**
5. **Resistance to Shear Forces**
6. **Slippery**
(low friction at articular joints)
7. **Poor Regenerative Capacity**

Bones and Cartilages of the Human Body

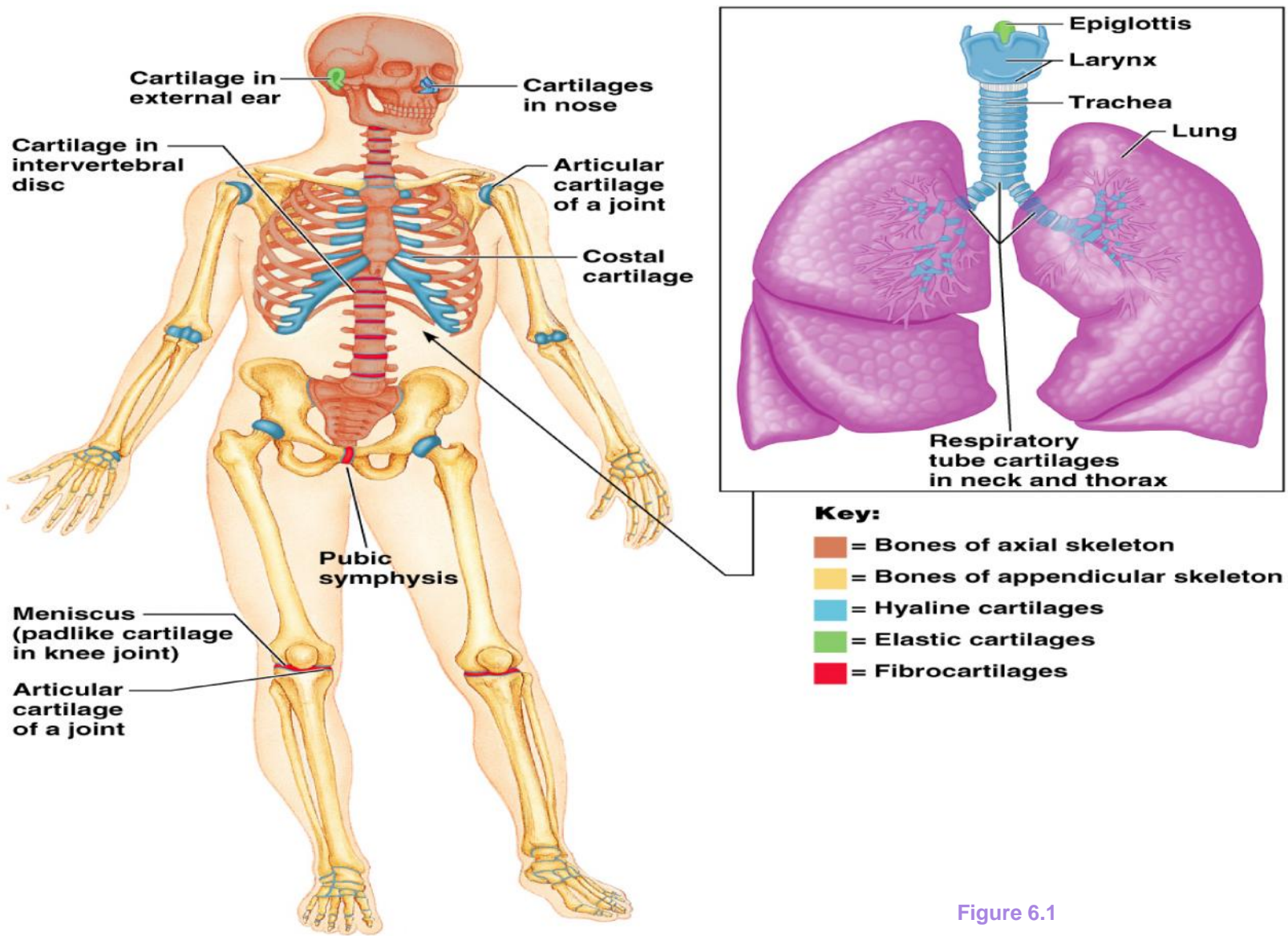


Figure 6.1

Distribution of The Various Types Of Cartilage

Hyaline Cartilage

- Most bones of the embryonic skeleton
- Articular cartilage (synovial jt)
- Epiphyseal Plate
- Costal Cartilage
- Xiphoid process
- Nasal Cartilages
- Most Laryngeal Cartilages
- Tracheal Ring Cartilages
- Cartilage plates in large and medium bronchi

Elastic Cartilage

- Pinna
- External Auditory tube
- Eustachian Tube
- Epiglottis
- Laryngeal Cartilages (2)
- Cartilage plates in small bronchi

Fibrocartilage

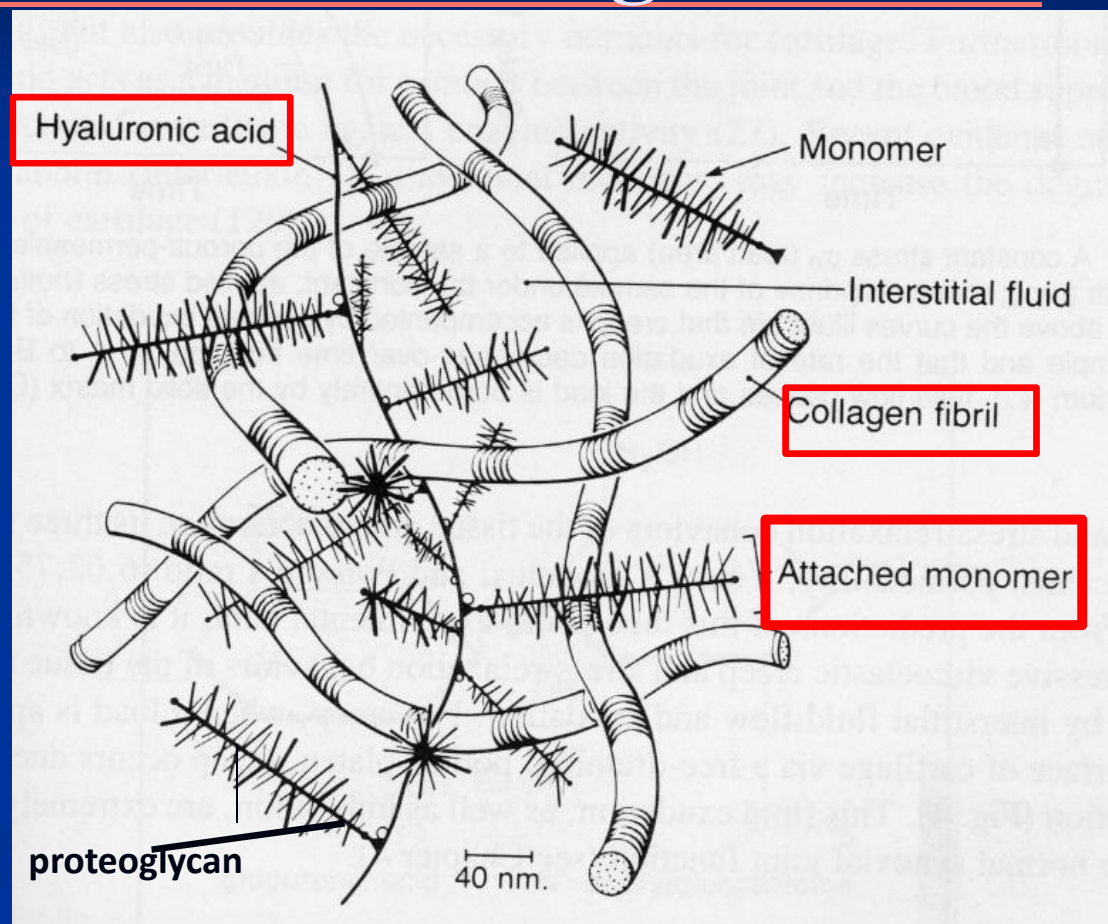
- Symphyses
- - Intervertebral disks
- - Pubic symphysis
- Menisci

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF CARTILAGE

- • **Growth:** appositional and interstitial
- • Perichondrium
- Two layers:
 - • Outer fibrous (type 1 collagen)
 - • Inner chondrogenic (appositional growth)
- Not found in articular cartilage and fibrocartilage
 - • Cells = chondrogenic cells, chondroblasts, and chondrocytes
 - • Matrix (ground substance and collagen)
- Territorial matrix, rich in GAG's= basophilic, surrounds
 - lacunae (also called “capsular” matrix)
- Interterritorial matrix, less basophilic
- Matrix binds water (negatively charged GAG's attract Na⁺, H₂O follows); resistant to compression
 - • Avascular (nourished by diffusion)

- Water
 - 70%
- Collagen Type II, IX, XI
 - 10-20%
 - Tensile strength
 - Shear strength
- Proteoglycans
 - 5-10%
 - Compressive strength
- Chondrocytes
 - Cells ~5%
 - Maintenance of tissue

Components of Cartilage



Collagen Types

TABLE 2. Some Types of Collagen and their Characteristics

Collagen Type	Molecular Structure*	Tissues	Function
Type I	$[\alpha 1(I)]_2 \alpha 2(I)$	Bone, tendon, ligament,	Support tensile loads
Type II	$[\alpha 1(II)]_3$	Cartilage	Support tensile loads; primary collagenous constituent of articular cartilage
Type VI	$\alpha 1(VI)$ $\alpha 2(VI) \alpha 3(VI)$	Cartilage	Pericellular adhesion molecule
Type IX	$\alpha 1(IX) \alpha 2(IX) \alpha 3(IX)$	Cartilage	Fibril association; stabilizes Type II
Type X	$[\alpha 1(X)]_3$	Cartilage	Hypertrophic zone of growth plate; role in calcification postulated
Type XI	$\alpha 1(XI) \alpha 2(XI) \alpha 1(II)$	Cartilage	Core of Type II; controls fibril growth

Major type of collagen in articular cartilage (~80%)

Stabilizes and forms core of the collagen type II fibril

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Proteoglycans</u>	
Articular Cartilage	68-85%	10-20% (type I)	5-10%
Meniscus	60-70%	15-25% (type II)	1-2%

Purpose of Cartilage

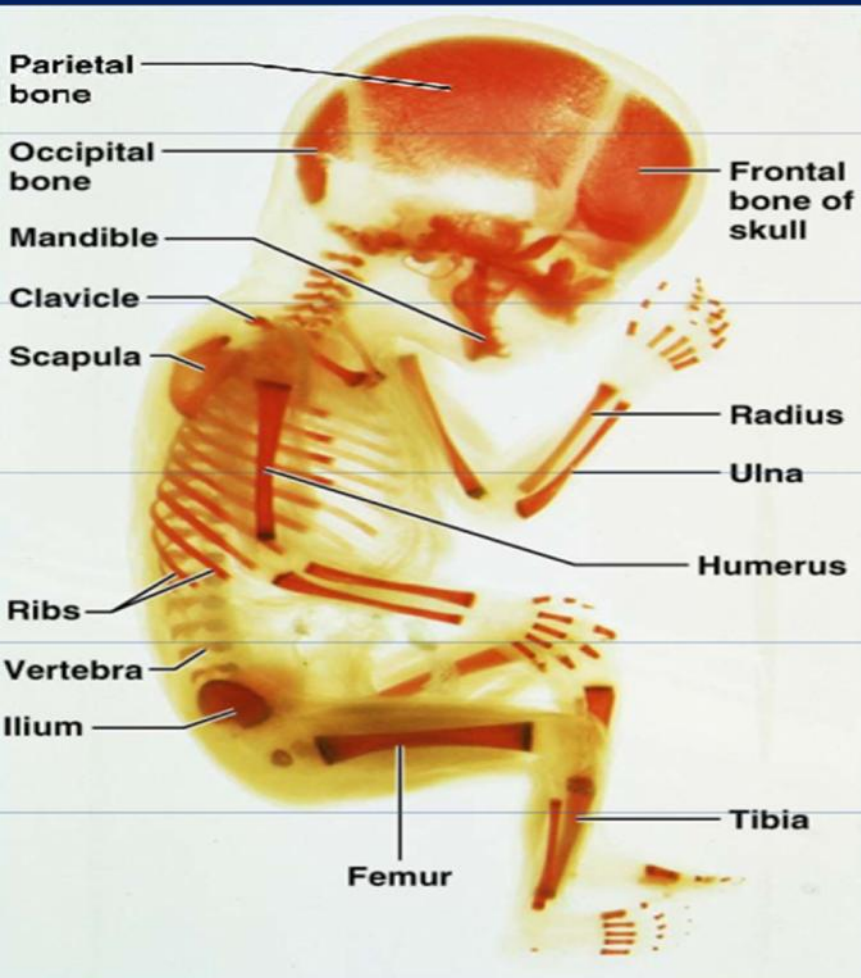
- Connective tissue
 - Transmit load from one bone to another
 - Load bearing surface about 2-3mm thick
 - Allows bones to articulate – or move with respect to one another
 - Friction

Bone Development

■ Osteogenesis and ossification –

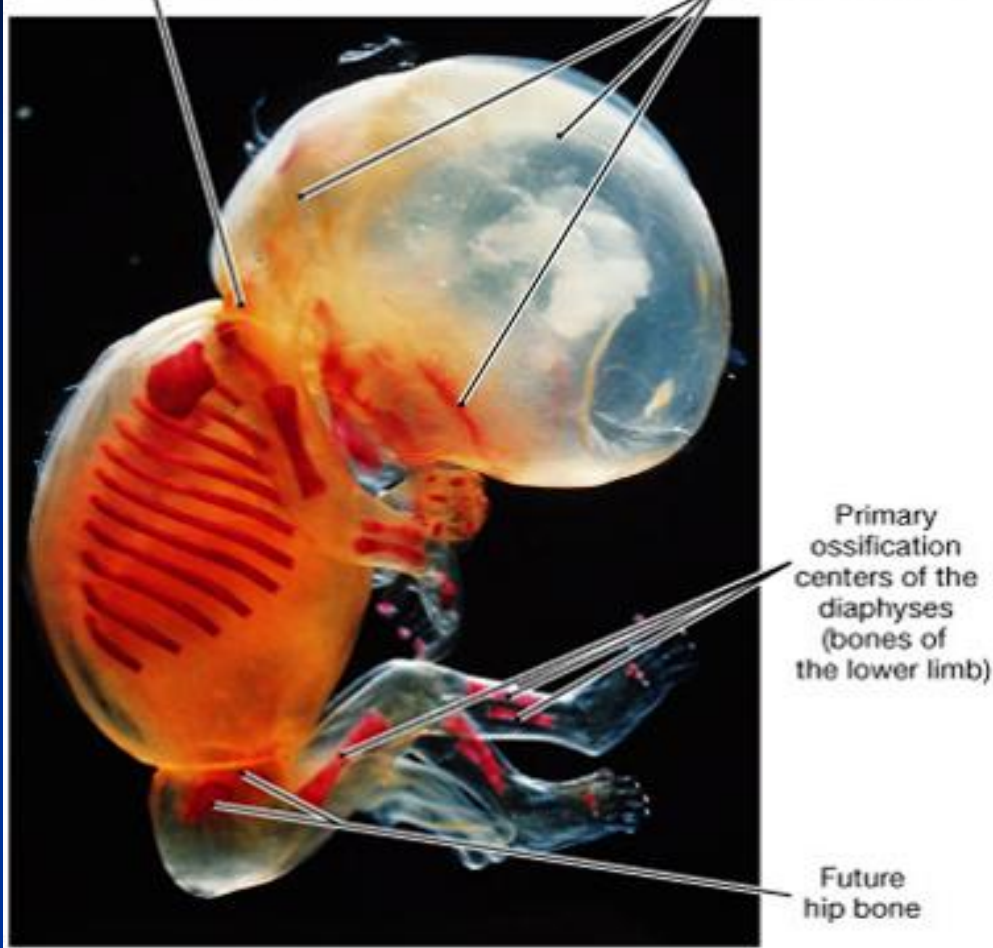
- the process of bone tissue formation, which leads to:
 - **The formation of the bony skeleton in embryos**
 - **Bone growth until early adulthood**
 - **Bone thickness, remodeling, and repair**

Fetal Primary Ossification Centers

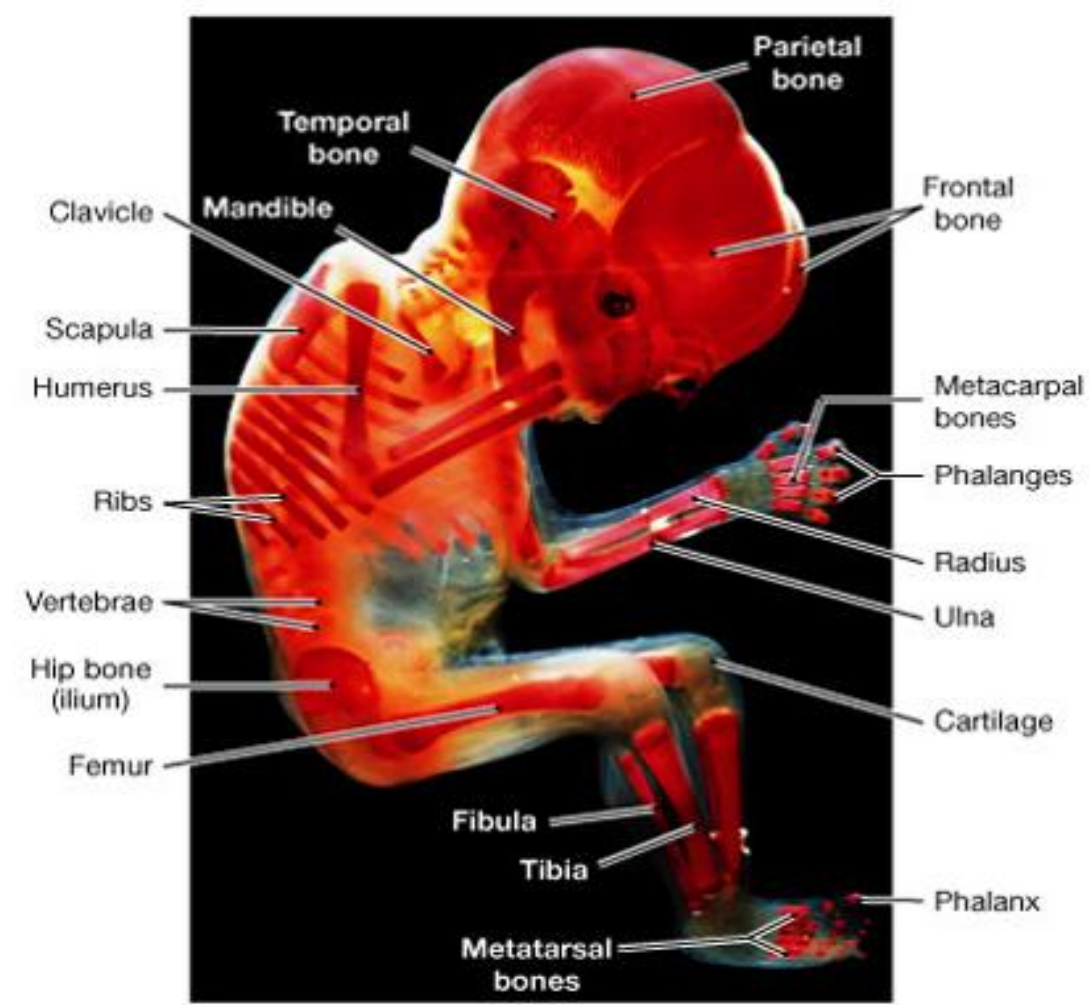


Endochondral ossification replaces cartilages of embryonic skull

Intramembranous ossification produces the roofing bones of the skull



(a)



(b)

SPINE
T4-T5



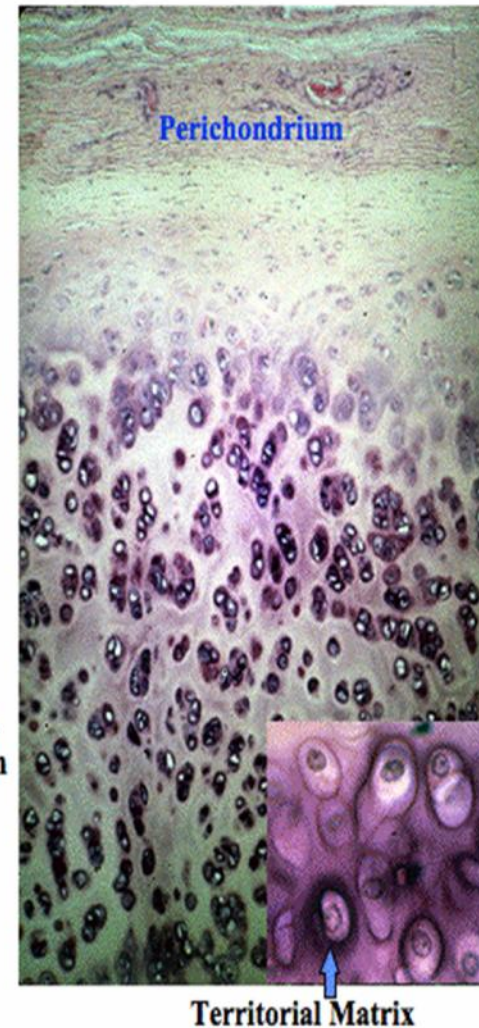
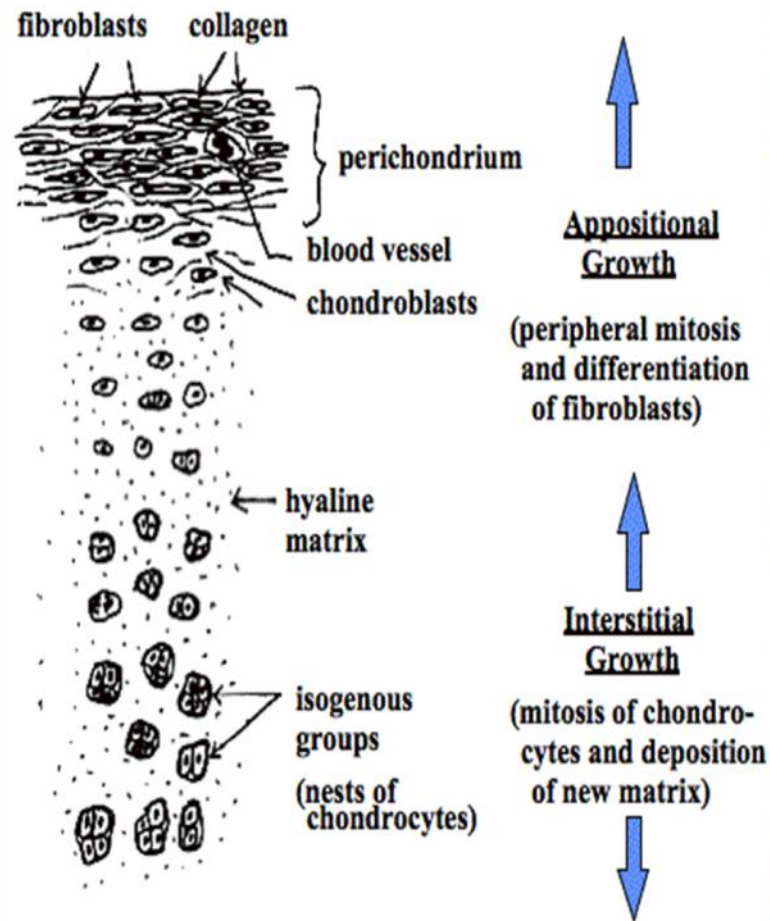
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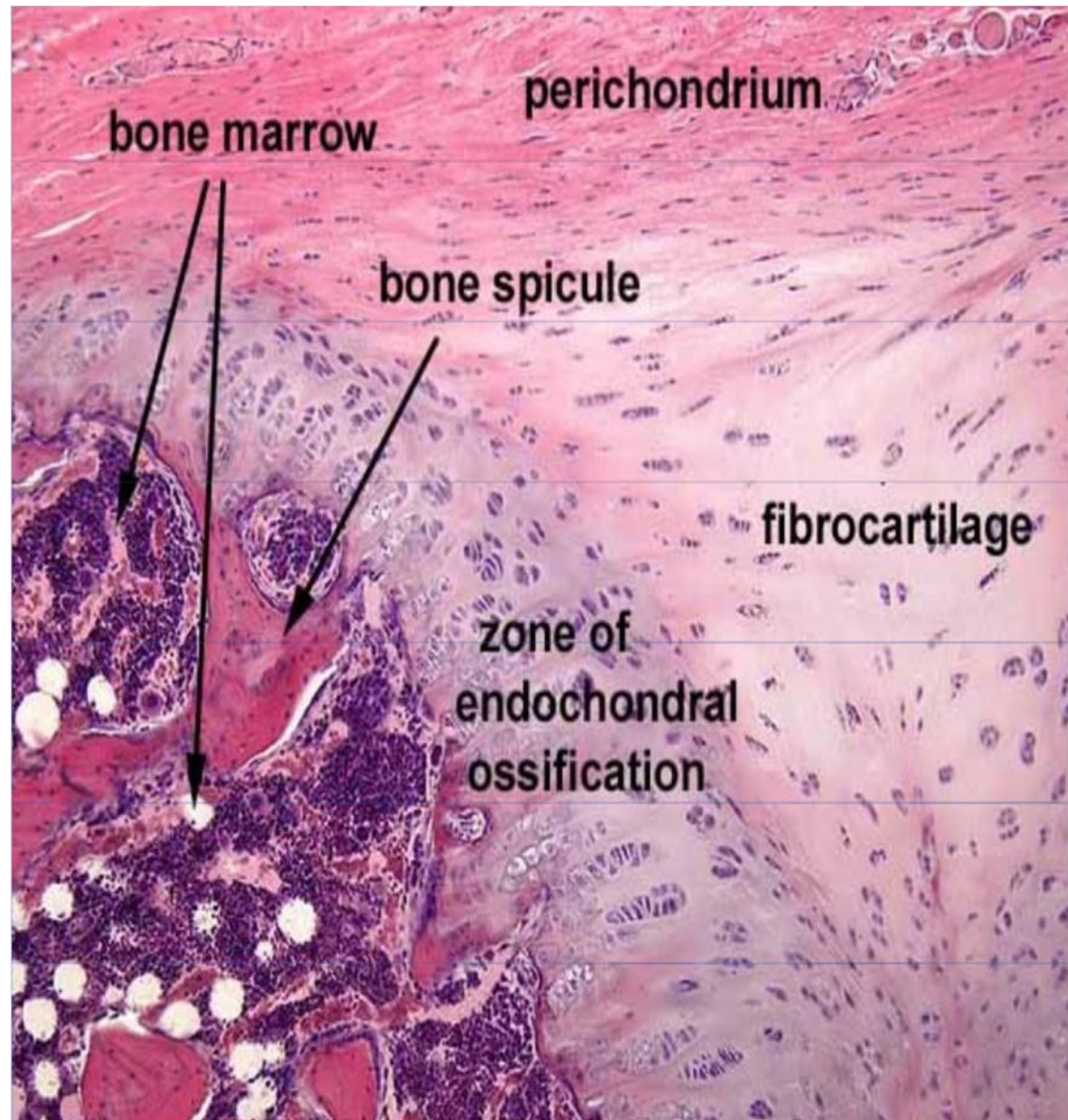
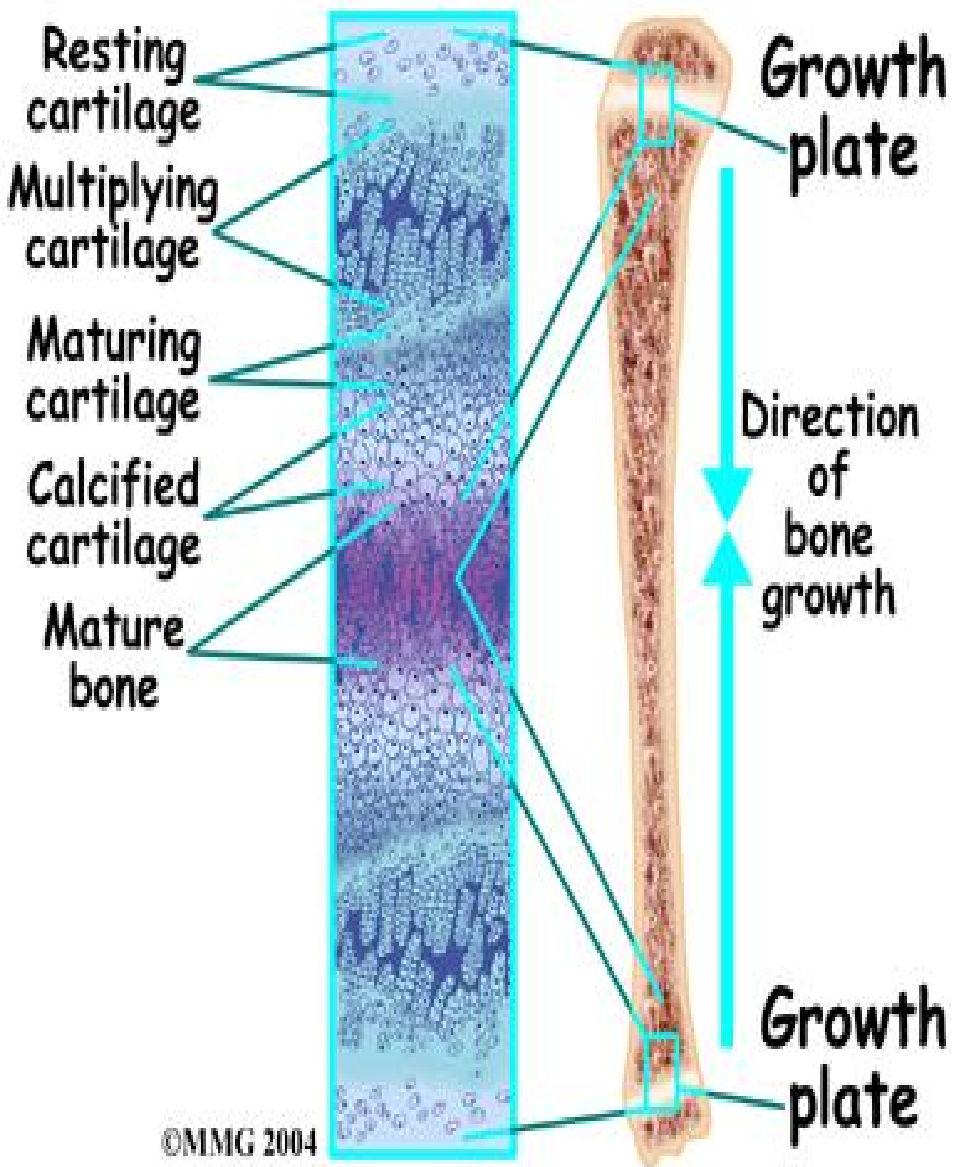


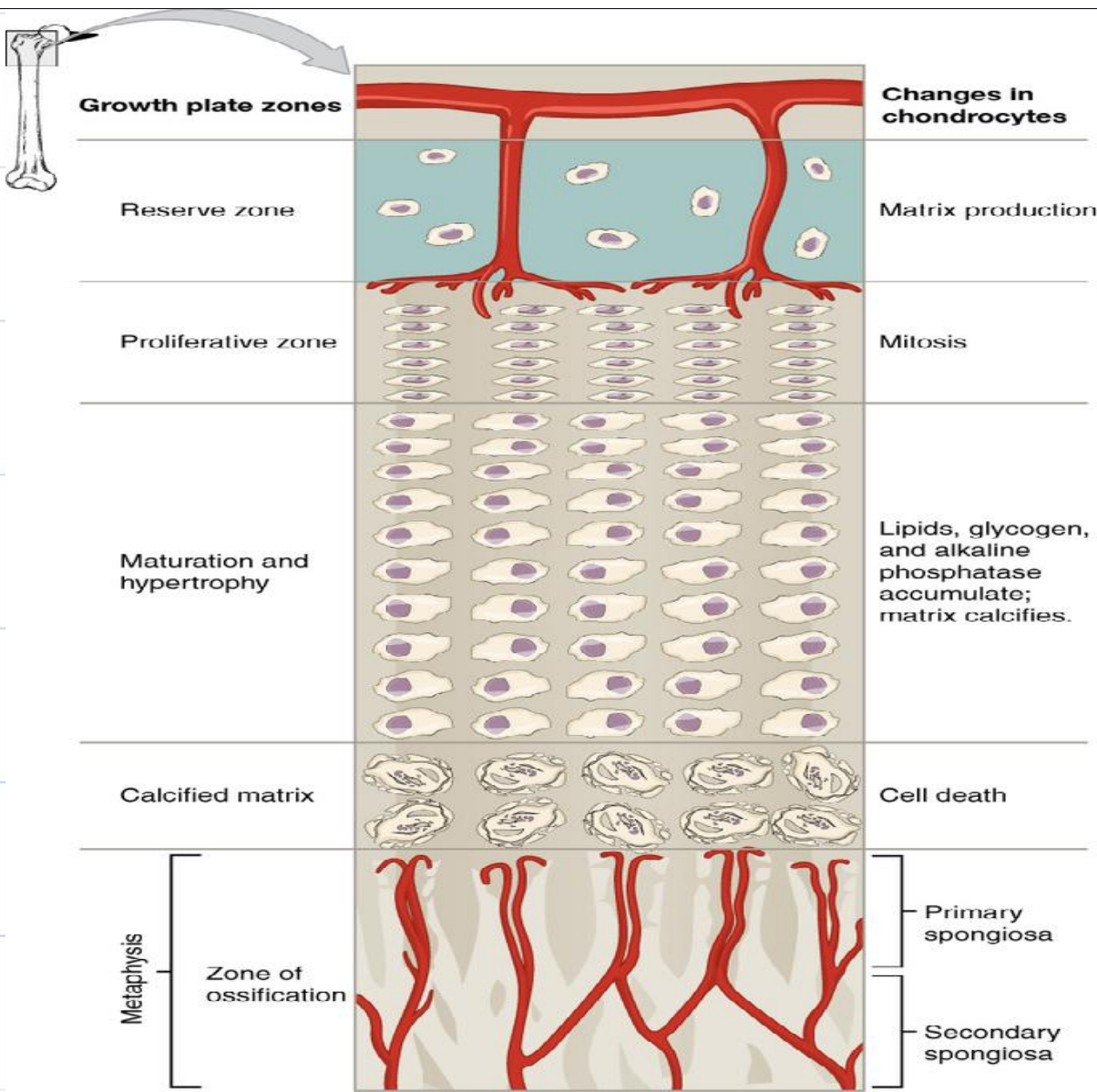
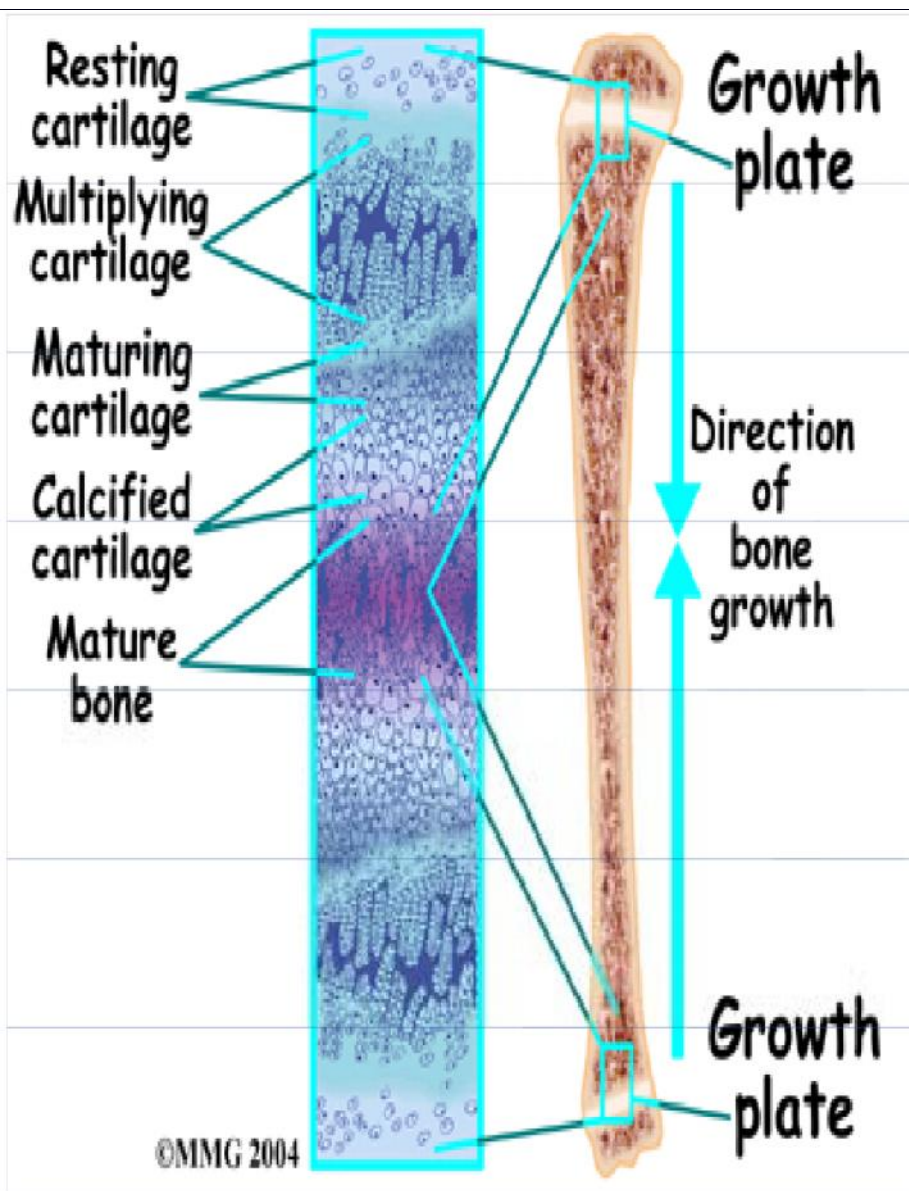
Growth of Cartilage

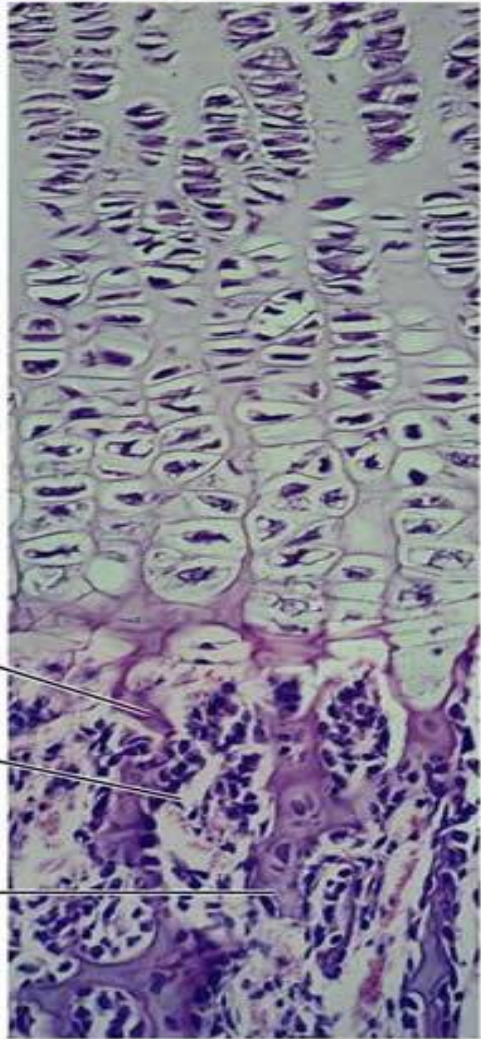
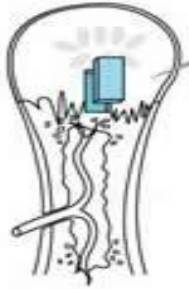
- **Appositional** – cells in the perichondrium secrete matrix against the external face of existing cartilage
- **Interstitial** – lacunae-bound chondrocytes inside the cartilage divide and secrete new matrix, expanding the cartilage from within
- **Calcification of cartilage occurs**
 - During normal bone growth
 - During old age

Growth of Cartilage









Resting (quiescent) zone

Growth (proliferation) zone
Cartilage cells undergo mitosis

Hypertrophic zone
Older cartilage cells enlarge

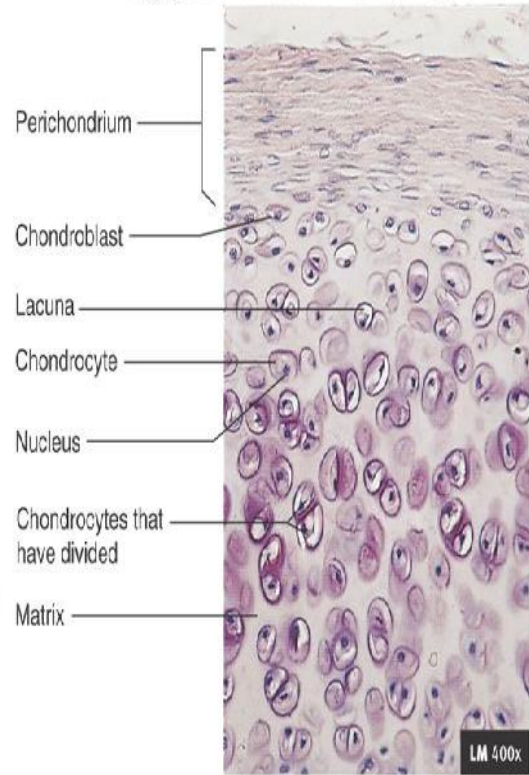
Calcification zone
Matrix becomes calcified; cartilage cells die; matrix begins deteriorating

Ossification (osteogenic) zone
New bone formation is occurring

Calcified cartilage spicule
Osteoblast depositing bone matrix
Osseous tissue (bone) covering cartilage spicules

Cartilage grows by appositional and interstitial growth

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Perichondrium
Chondroblast
Lacuna
Chondrocyte
Nucleus
Chondrocytes that have divided
Matrix

Appositional growth
(new cartilage is added to the surface of the cartilage by chondroblasts from the inner layer of the perichondrium)

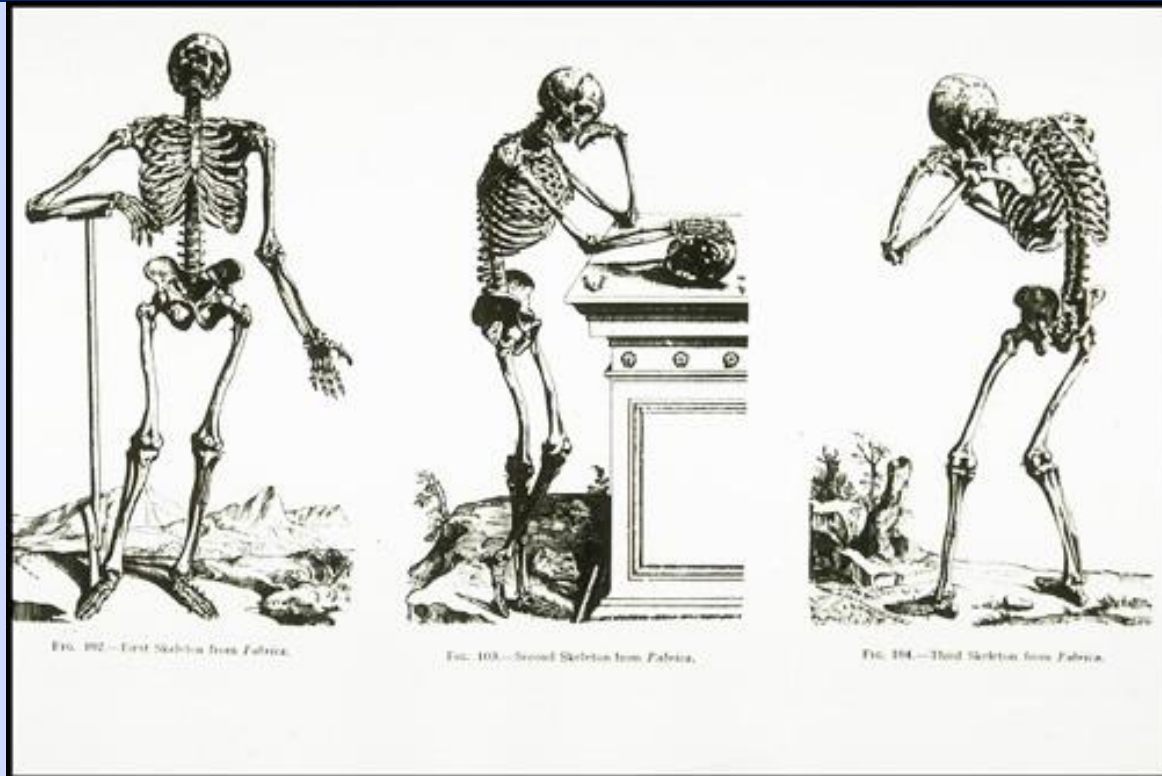
Interstitial growth
(new cartilage is formed within the cartilage by chondrocytes that divide and produce additional matrix)

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Fig. 6.1

Bone Development

- **Osteogenesis** (a.k.a. ossification) is the process of bone tissue formation.
- **In embryos this leads to the formation of the bony skeleton.**
- **In children and young adults, ossification occurs as part of bone growth.**
- **In adults, it occurs as part of bone remodeling and bone repair.**

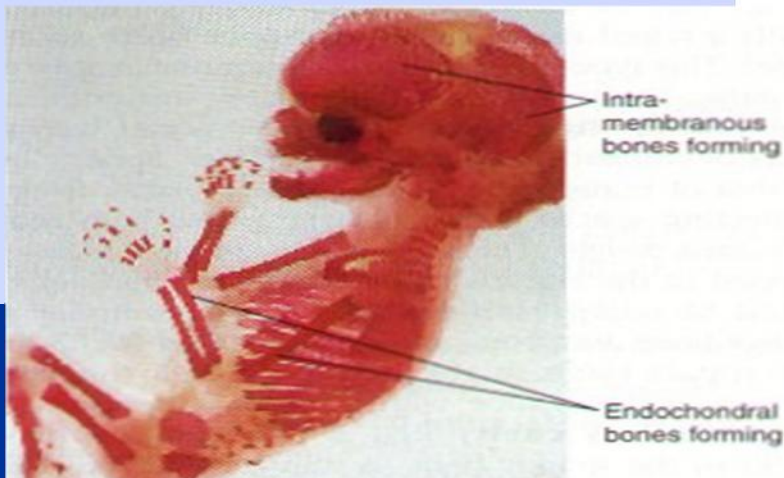


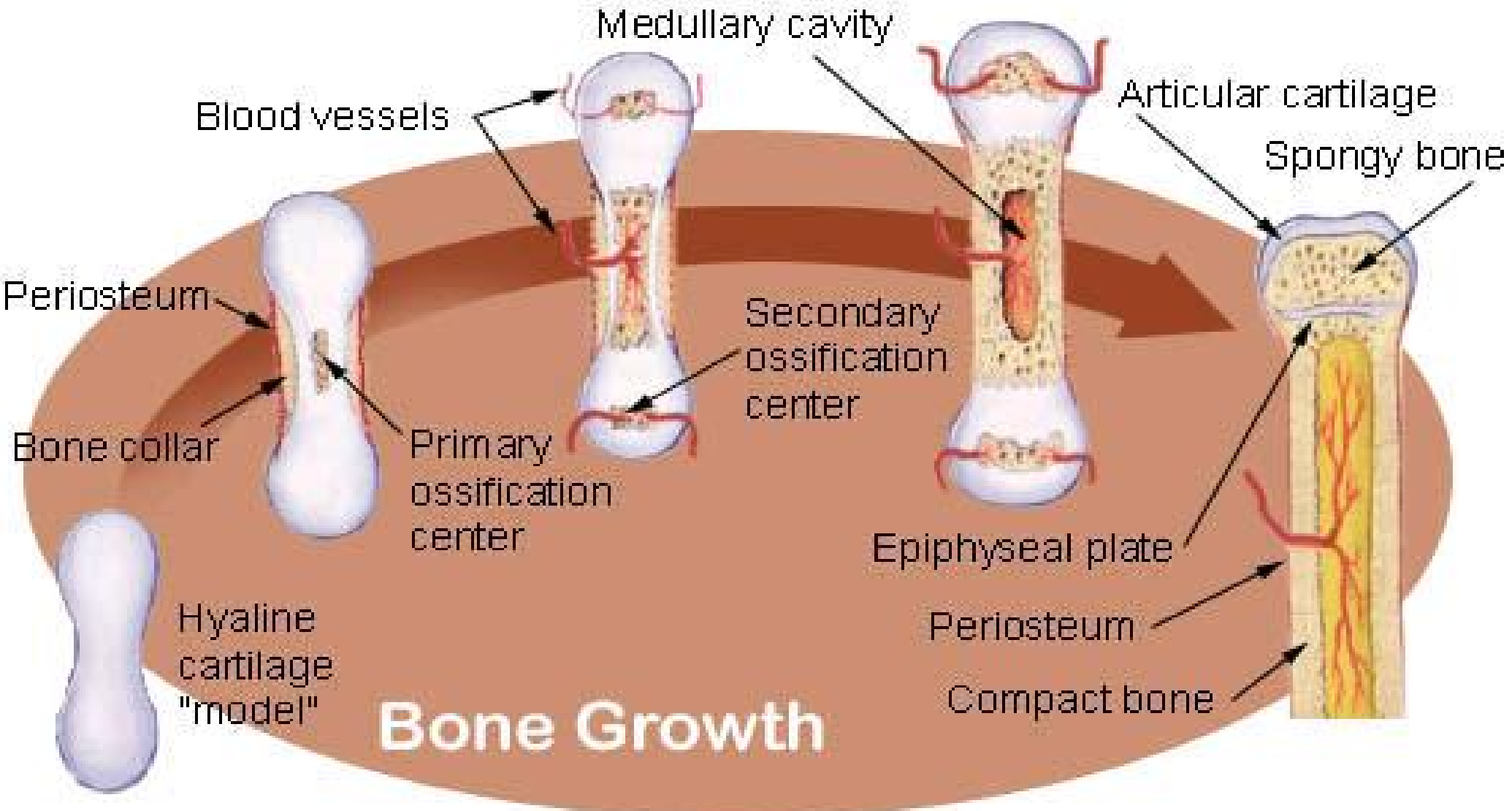
Formation of the Bony Skeleton

- **Begins at week 8 of embryo development**
- **Intramembranous ossification** – bone develops from a **fibrous membrane**
 - **Formation of most of the flat bones of the skull and the clavicles**
 - **Fibrous connective tissue membranes are formed by mesenchymal cells**
- **Endochondral ossification** – bone forms by **replacing hyaline cartilage**
- **By age 25, nearly all bones are completely ossified**
- In old age, bone resorption predominates
- A single gene that codes for vitamin D docking determines both the tendency to accumulate bone mass early in life, and the risk for osteoporosis later in life

Developmental Aspects of Bones

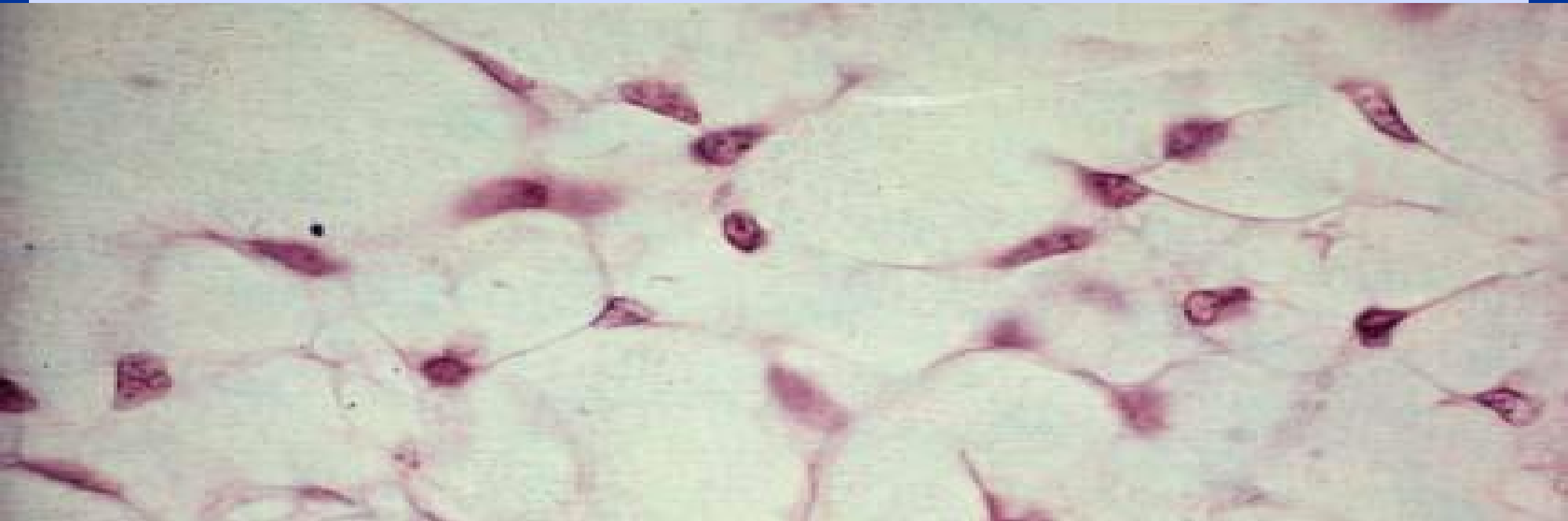
- **Mesoderm** gives rise to embryonic **mesenchymal cells**, which produce membranes and cartilages that form the embryonic skeleton
- The embryonic skeleton ossifies in a predictable timetable that allows fetal age to be easily determined from sonograms
- **At birth, most long bones are well ossified (except for their epiphyses)**





Intramembranous Ossification

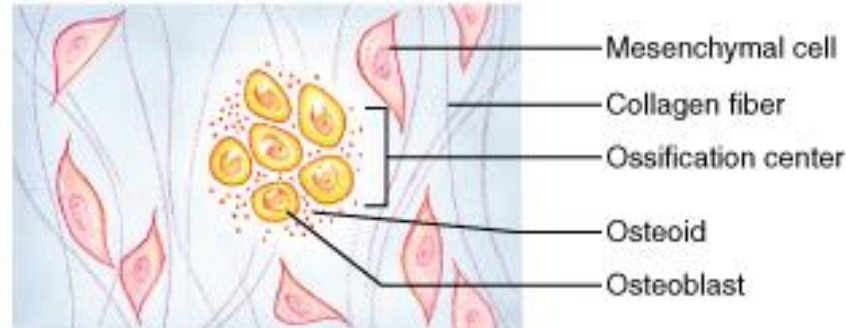
- Some bones of the skull (frontal, parietal, temporal, and occipital bones), the facial bones, the clavicles, the pelvis, the scapulae, and part of the mandible are formed by intramembranous ossification
- Prior to ossification, these structures exist as fibrous membranes made of embryonic connective tissue known as **mesenchyme**.



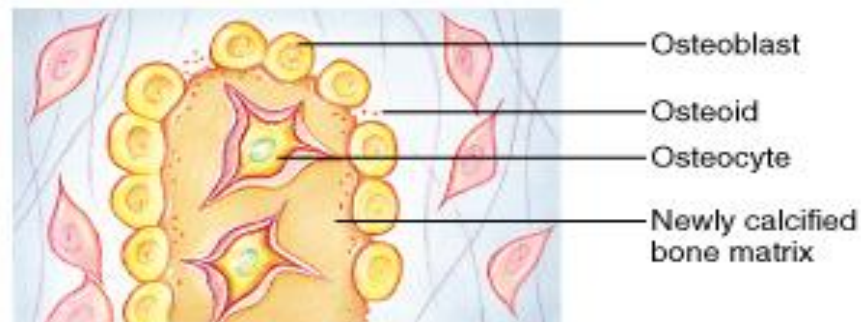
- Mesenchymal cells first cluster together and start to secrete the organic components of bone matrix which then becomes mineralized through the crystallization of calcium salts. As calcification occurs, the mesenchymal cells differentiate into osteoblasts.

- The location in the tissue where ossification begins is known as an ossification center.

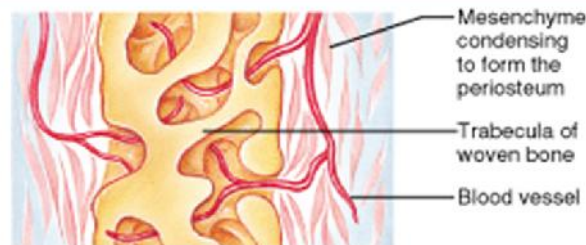
- Some osteoblasts are trapped w/i bony pockets. These cells differentiate into osteocytes.



① An ossification center appears in the fibrous connective tissue membrane.



② Bone matrix (osteoid) is secreted within the fibrous membrane.



③ Woven bone and periosteum form.

- The developing bone grows outward from the ossification center in small struts called spicules.

- Mesenchymal cell divisions provide additional osteoblasts.

- The osteoblasts require a reliable source of oxygen and nutrients. Blood vessels trapped among the spicules meet these demands and additional vessels branch into the area.

- These vessels will eventually become entrapped within the growing bone.

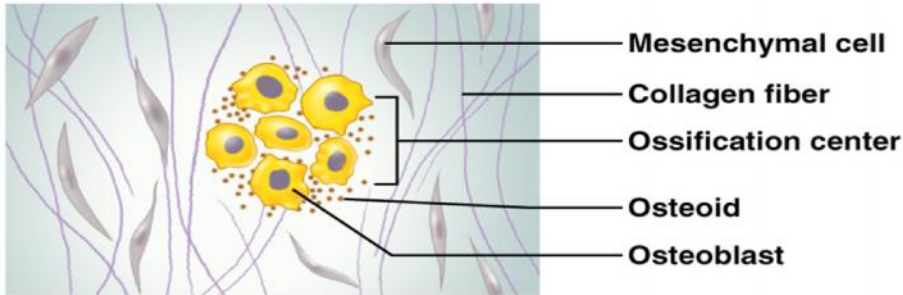
Intramembranous Ossification

- Formation of most of the flat bones of the skull and the clavicles
- Fibrous connective tissue membranes are formed by mesenchymal cells

Stages of Intramembranous Ossification

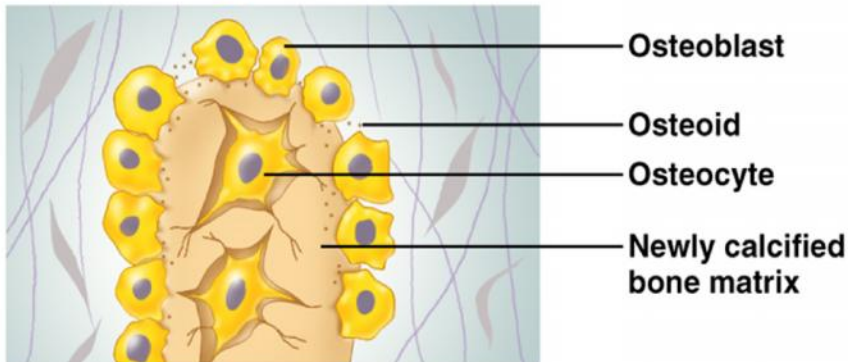
- An ossification center appears in the fibrous connective tissue membrane
- Bone matrix is secreted within the fibrous membrane
- **Woven bone and periosteum form**
- Bone collar of compact bone forms, and red marrow appears

Stages of Intramembranous Ossification



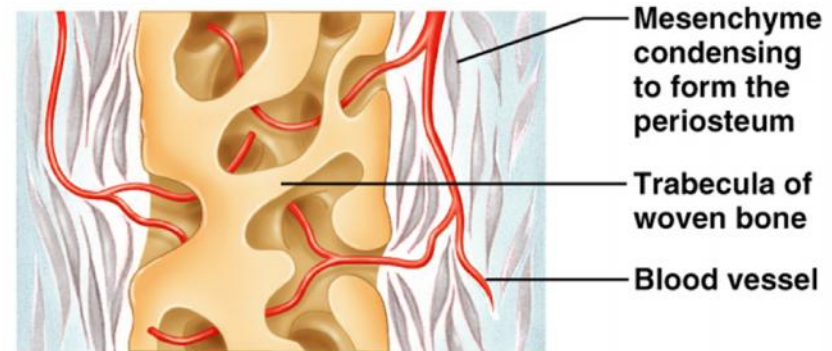
① An ossification center appears in the fibrous connective tissue membrane.

- Selected centrally located mesenchymal cells cluster and differentiate into osteoblasts, forming an ossification center.



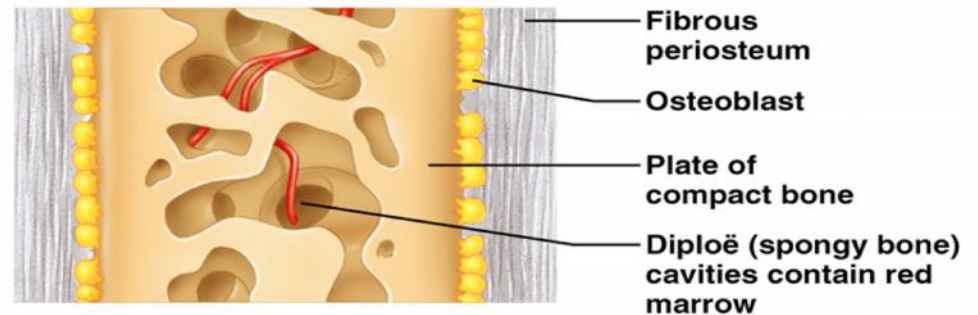
② Bone matrix (osteoid) is secreted within the fibrous membrane.

- Osteoblasts begin to secrete osteoid, which is mineralized within a few days.
- Trapped osteoblasts become osteocytes.



③ Woven bone and periosteum form.

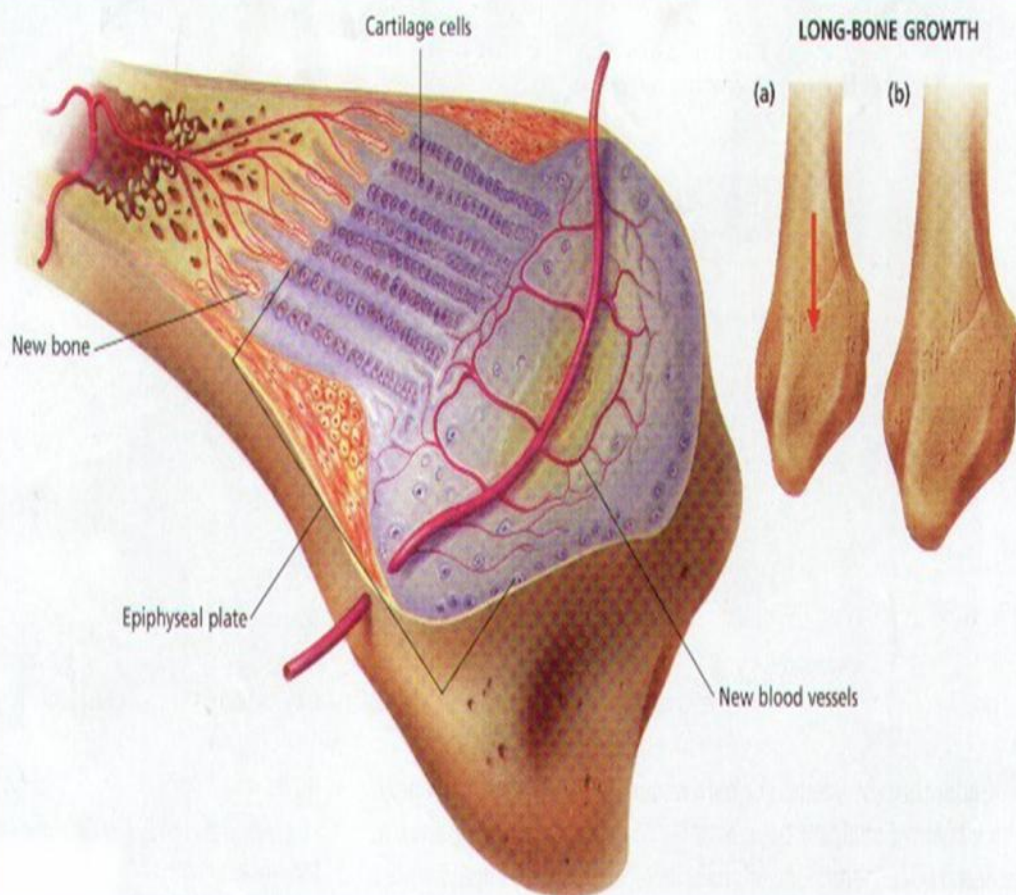
- Accumulating osteoid is laid down between embryonic blood vessels, which form a random network. The result is a network (instead of lamellae) of trabeculae.
- Vascularized mesenchyme condenses on the external face of the woven bone and becomes the periosteum.



④ Bone collar of compact bone forms and red marrow appears.

- Trabeculae just deep to the periosteum thicken, forming a woven bone collar that is later replaced with mature lamellar bone.
- Spongy bone (diploë), consisting of distinct trabeculae, persists internally and its vascular tissue becomes red marrow.

Endochondral Ossification



- **Begins in the second month of development**
- Uses hyaline cartilage “bones” as models for bone construction
- Requires breakdown of hyaline cartilage prior to ossification

Stages of Endochondral Ossification

- Formation of bone collar
- Cavitation of the hyaline cartilage
- Invasion of internal cavities by the periosteal bud, and spongy bone formation
- Formation of the medullary cavity; appearance of secondary ossification centers in the epiphyses
- Ossification of the epiphyses, with hyaline cartilage remaining only in the epiphyseal plates

Mesenchyme



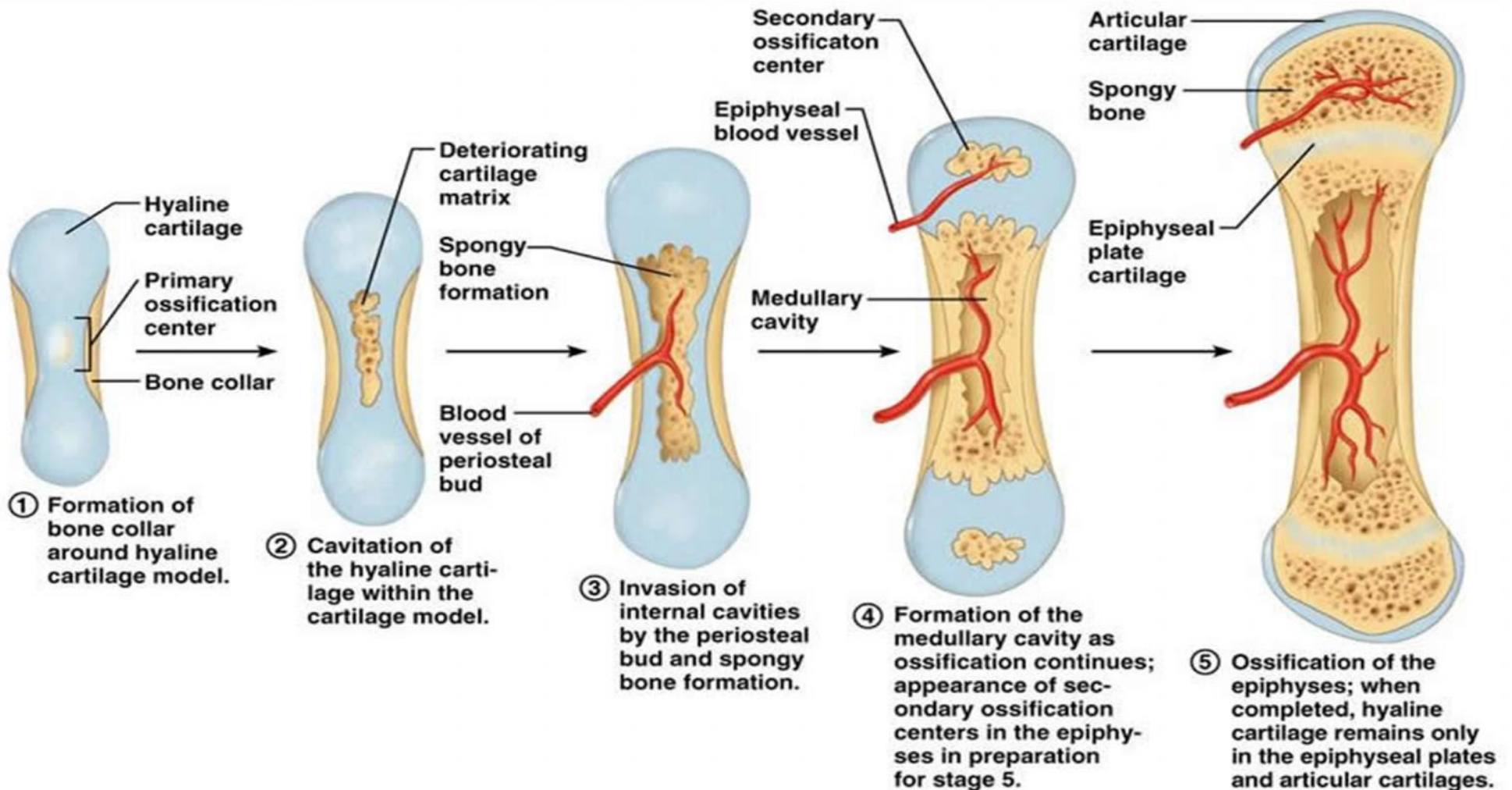
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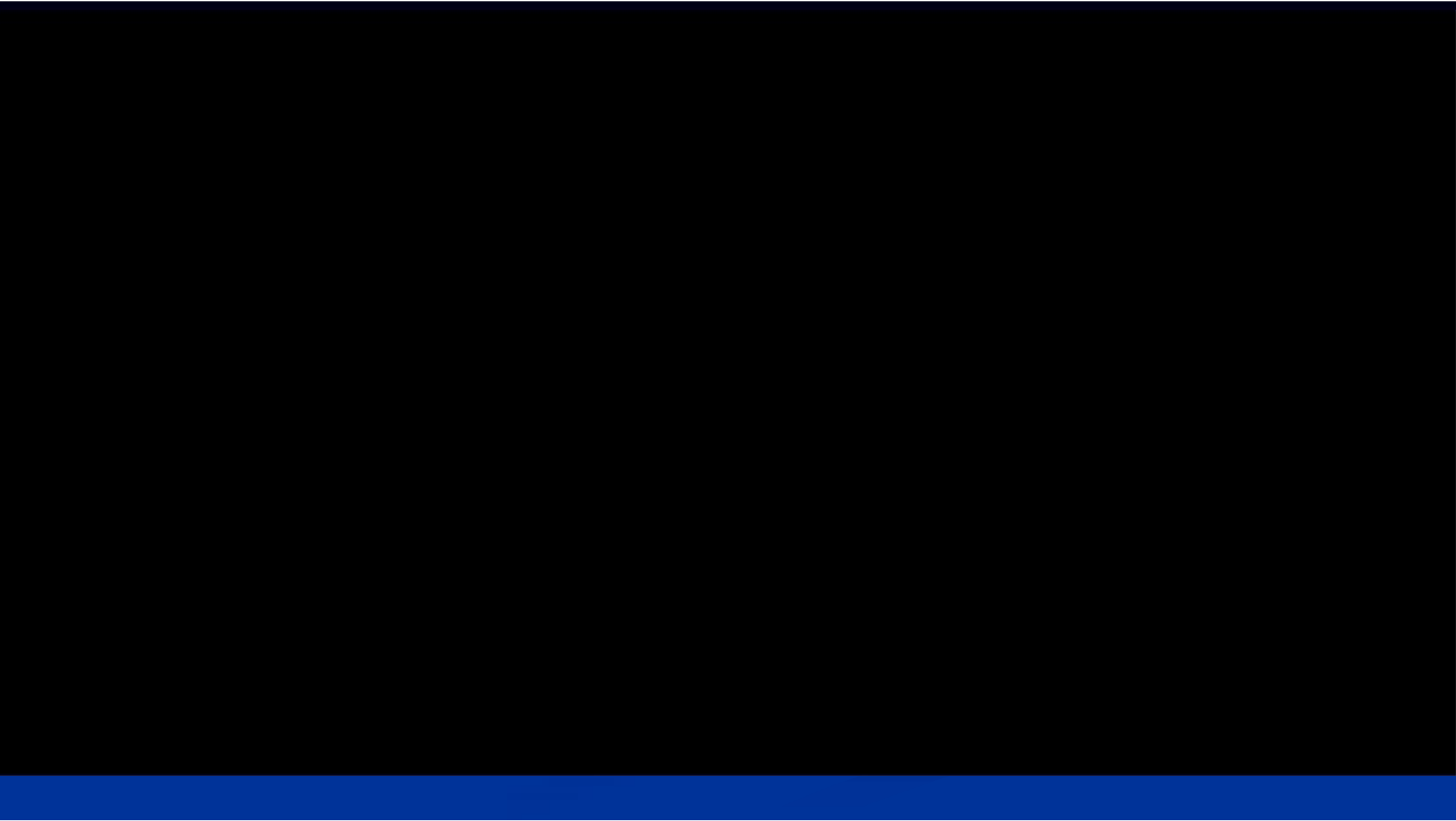


Hypertrophic chondrocytes



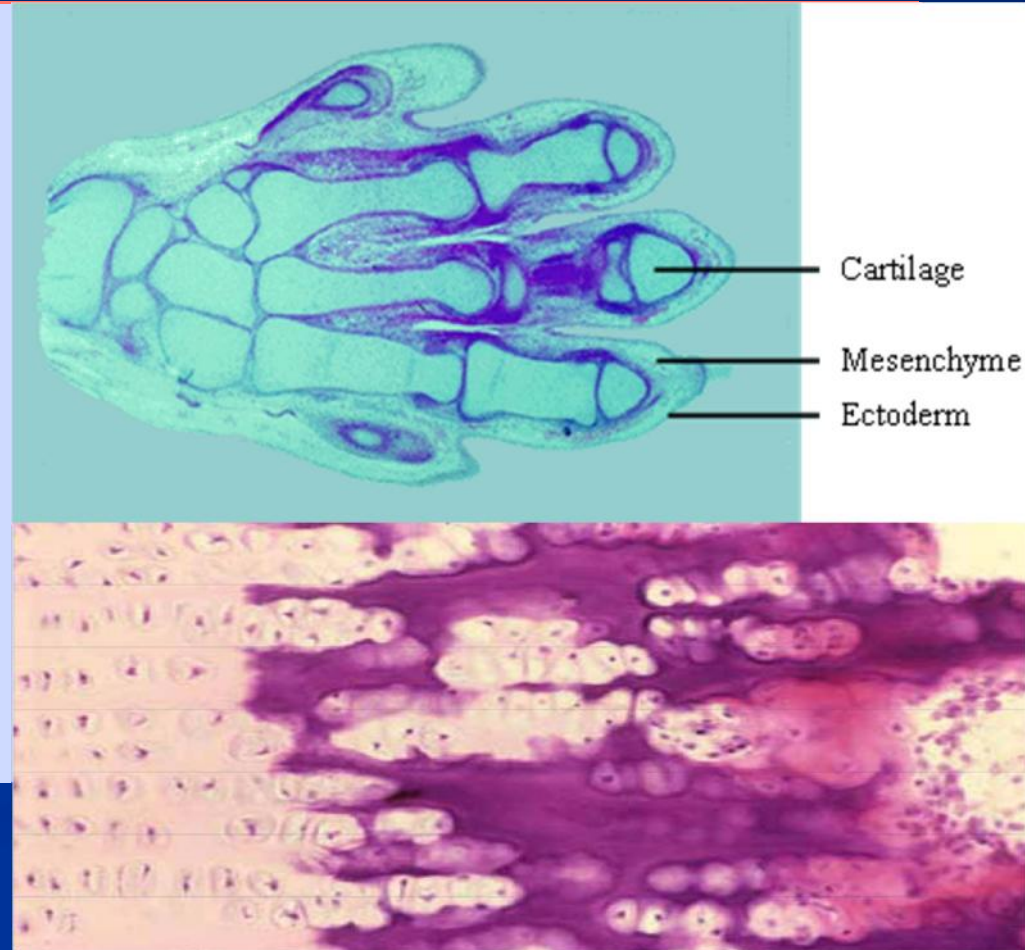
Stages of Endochondral Ossification



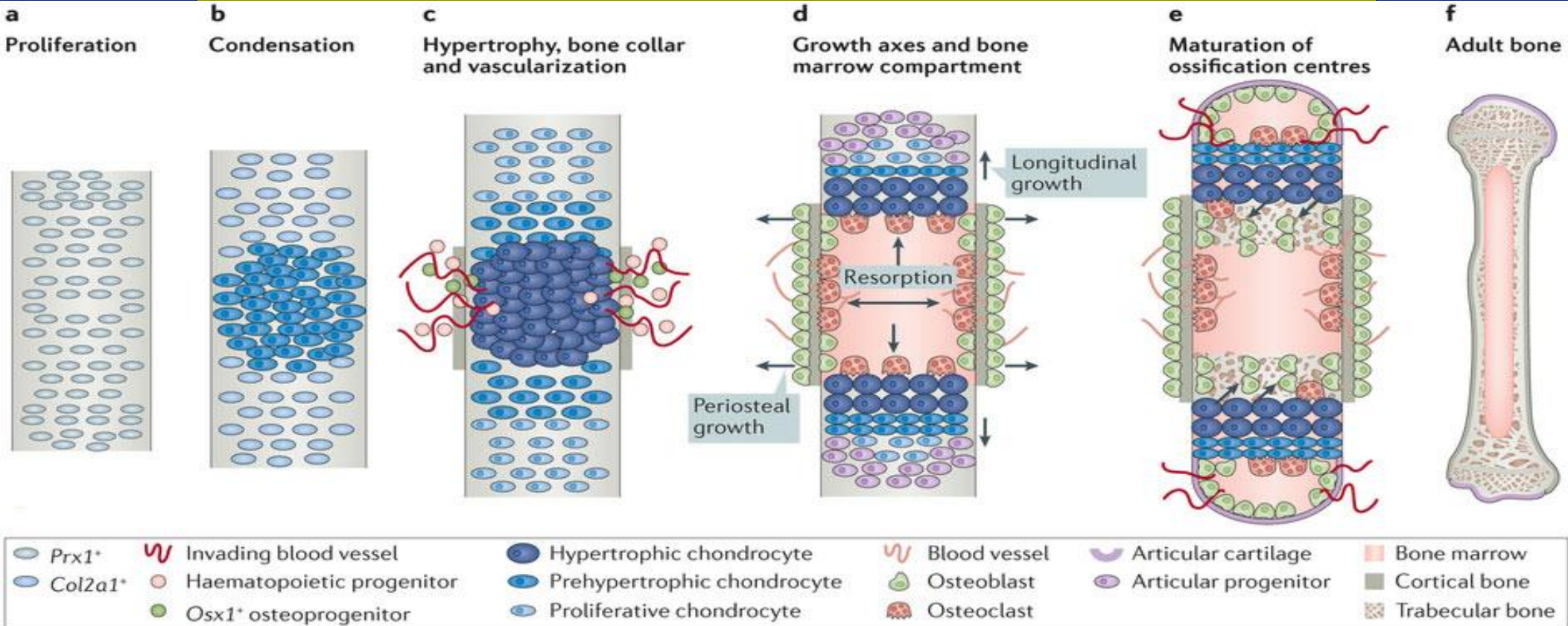


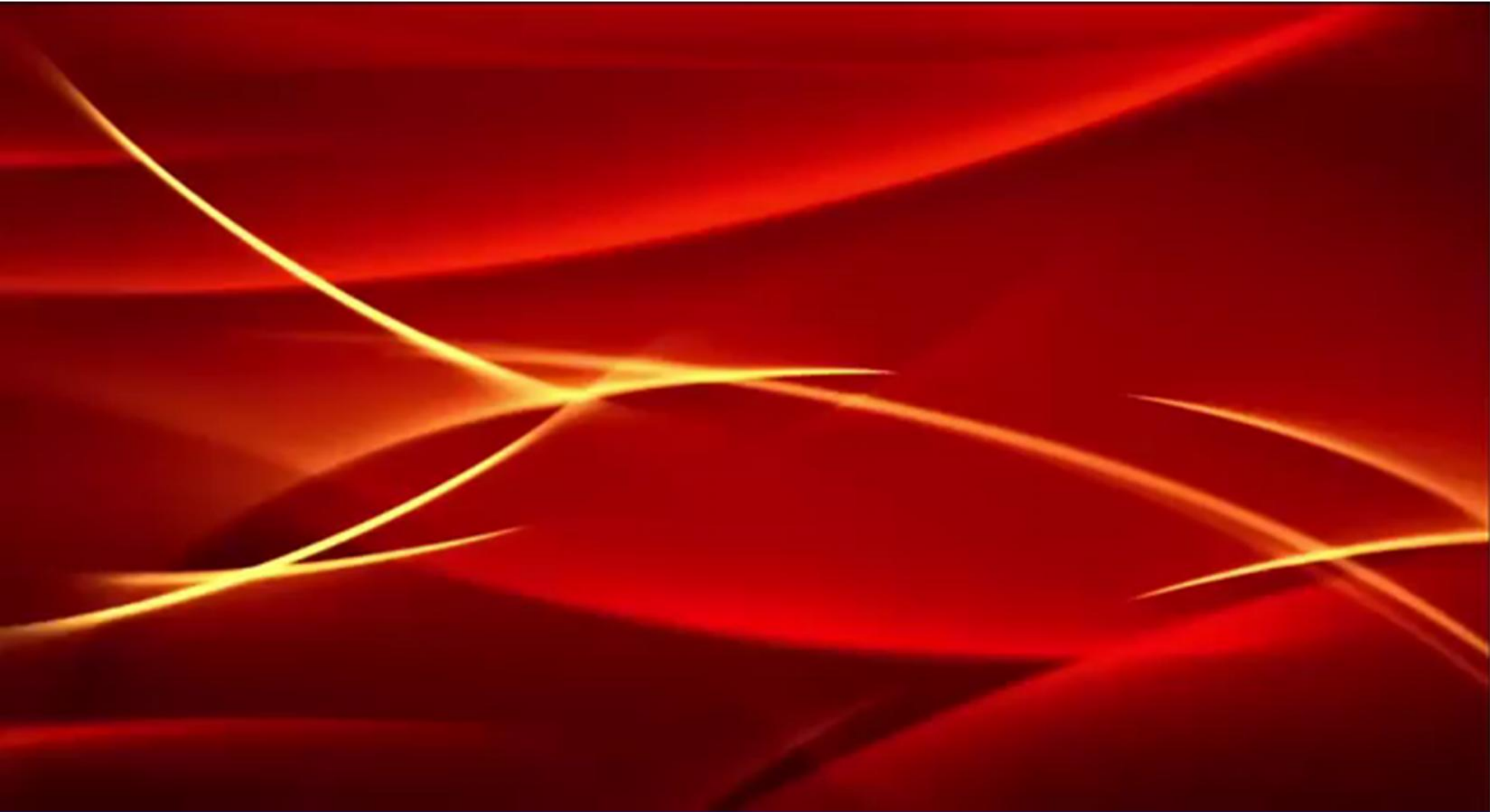
Endochondral Ossification

- Begins with the formation of a hyaline cartilage model which will later be replaced by bone.
- Most bones in the body develop via this model.
- More complicated than intramembranous because the hyaline cartilage must be broken down as ossification proceeds.
- We'll follow limb bone development as an example.



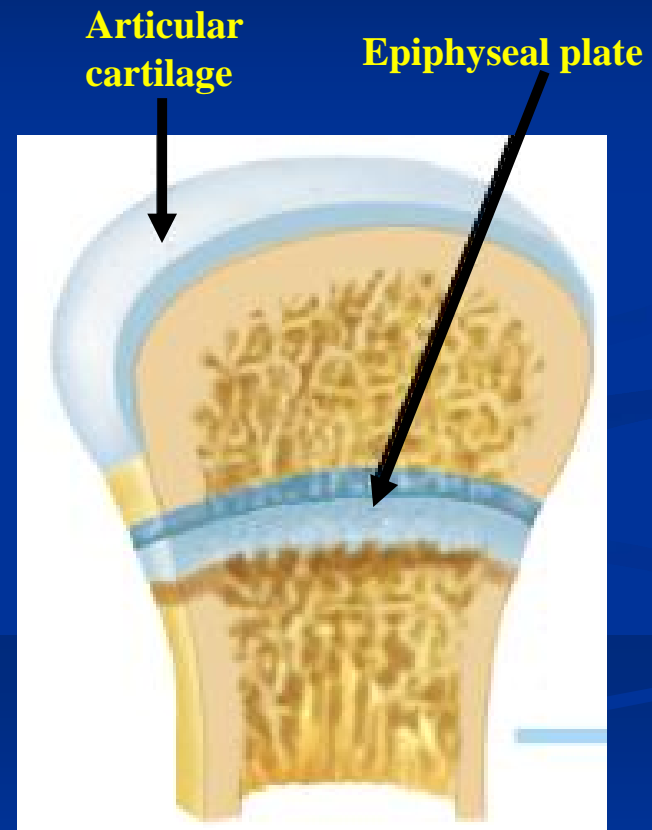
Endochondral Ossification



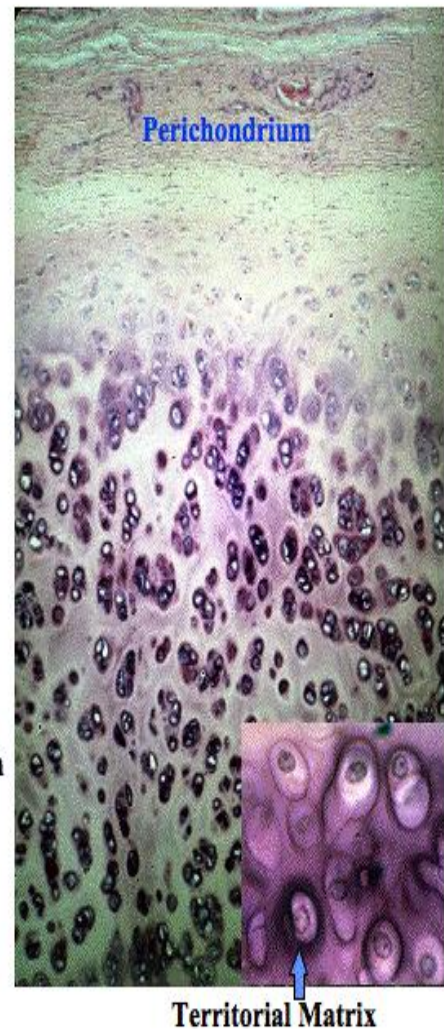
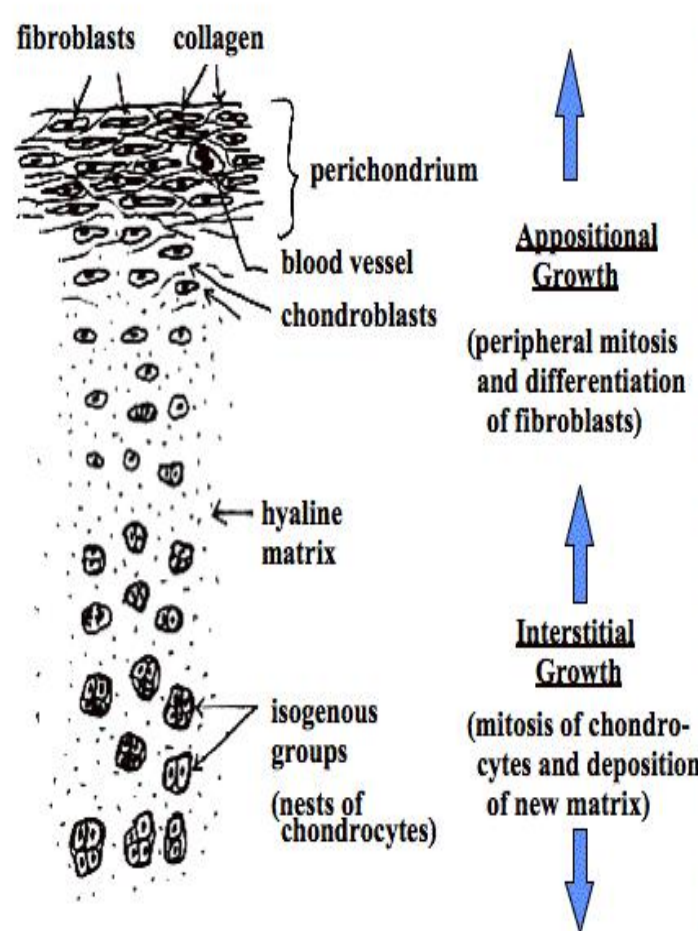
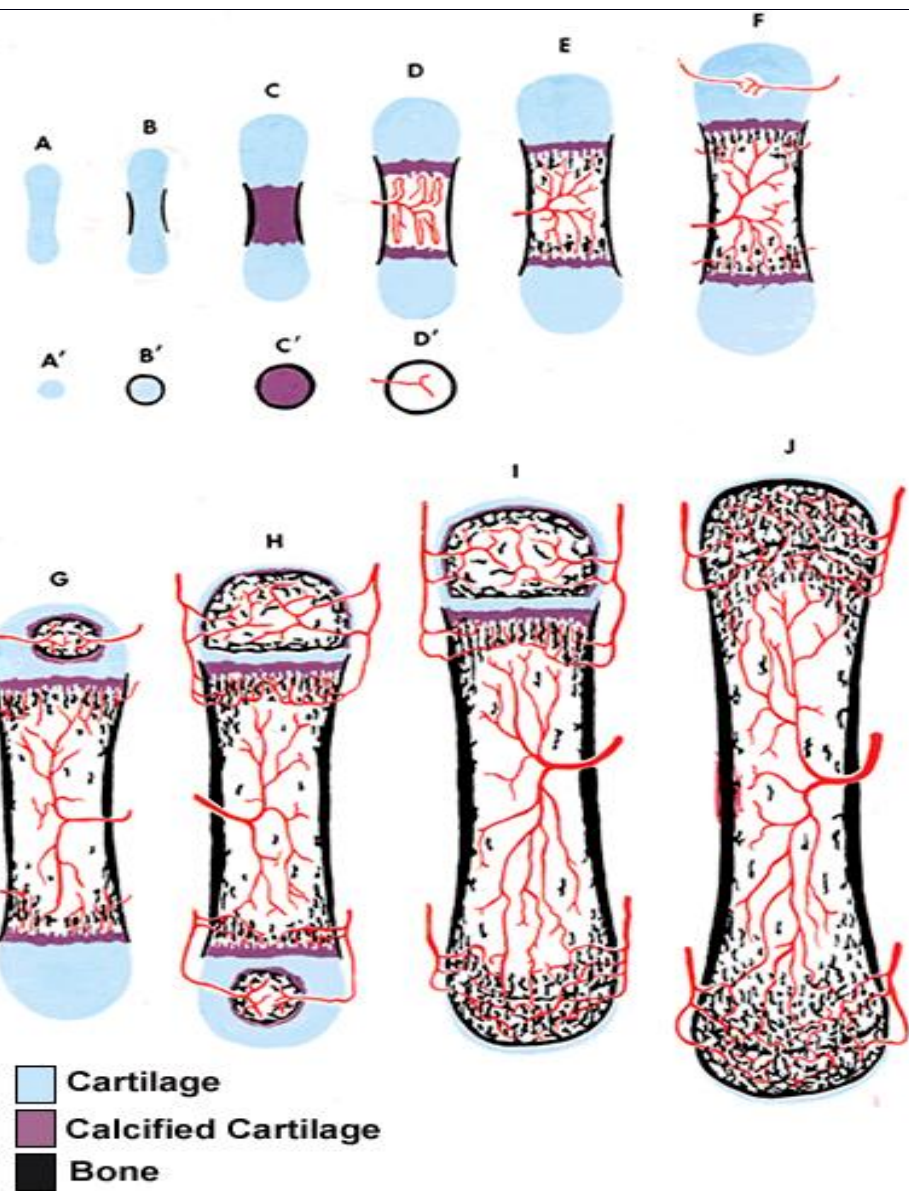


Endochondral Ossification – Step 5

- Around birth, most long bones have a bony diaphysis surrounding remnants of spongy bone, a widening medullary cavity, and 2 cartilaginous epiphyses.
- At this time, capillaries and osteoblasts will migrate into the epiphyses and create secondary ossification centers.
- The epiphysis will be transformed into spongy bone.
- However, a small cartilaginous plate, known as the epiphyseal plate, will remain at the juncture between the epiphysis and the diaphysis.



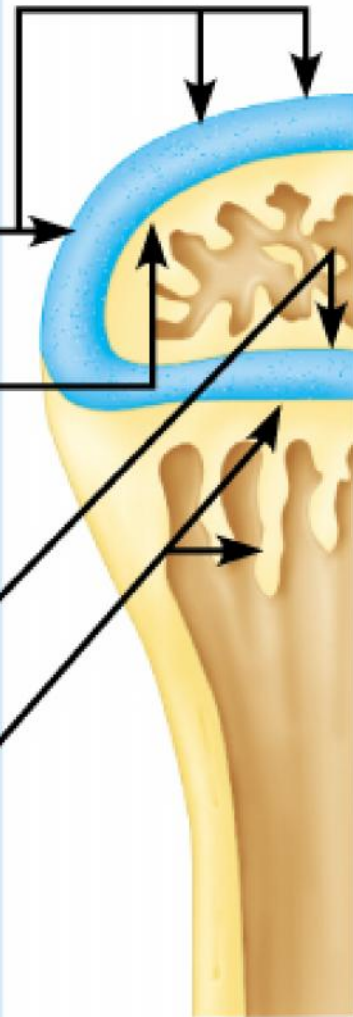
Growth of Cartilage



Growth

Bone grows in length because:

- ① Cartilage grows here
- ② Cartilage replaced by bone here
- ③ Cartilage grows here
- ④ Cartilage replaced by bone here

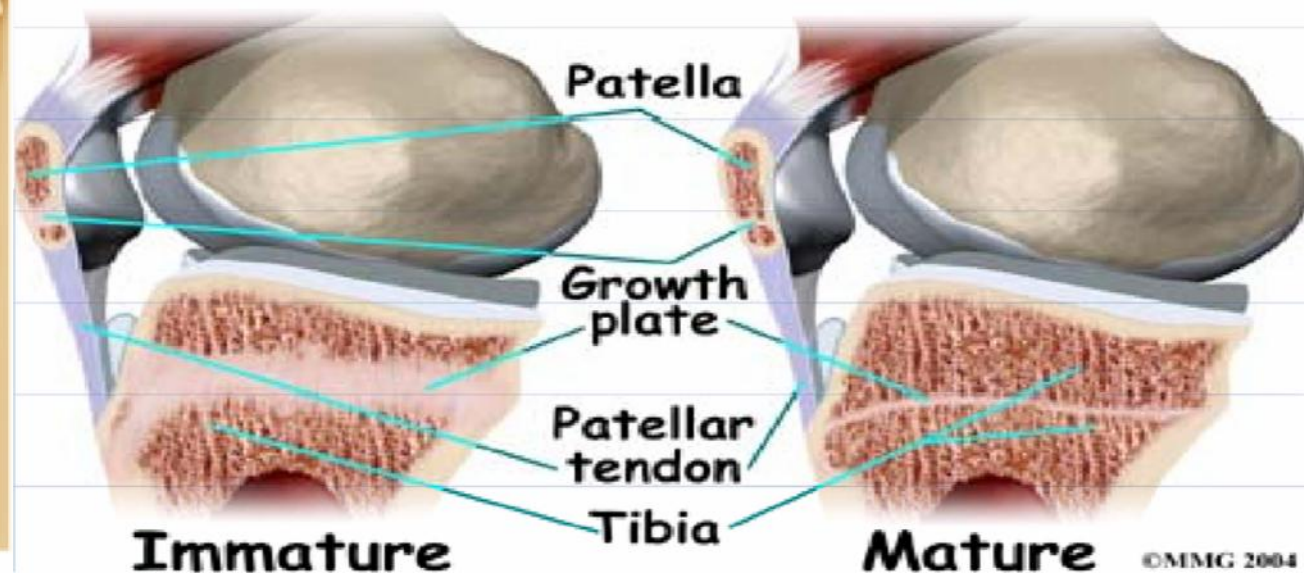


Growth in Bone Length

- Epiphyseal cartilage (close to the epiphysis) of the epiphyseal plate divides to create more cartilage, while the diaphyseal cartilage (close to the diaphysis) of the epiphyseal plate is transformed into bone.
- This increases the length of the shaft.

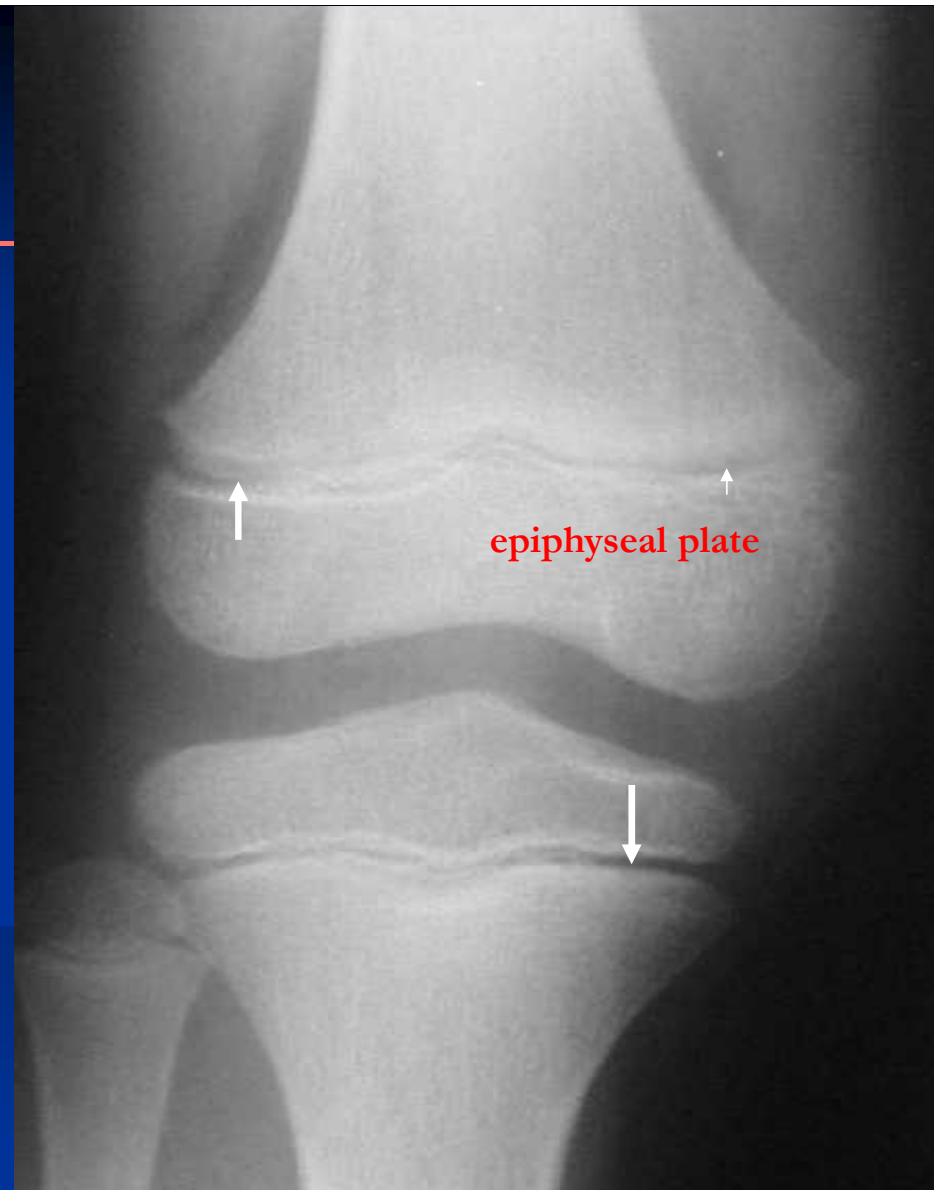
Bone Growth Plate

Cross Section View



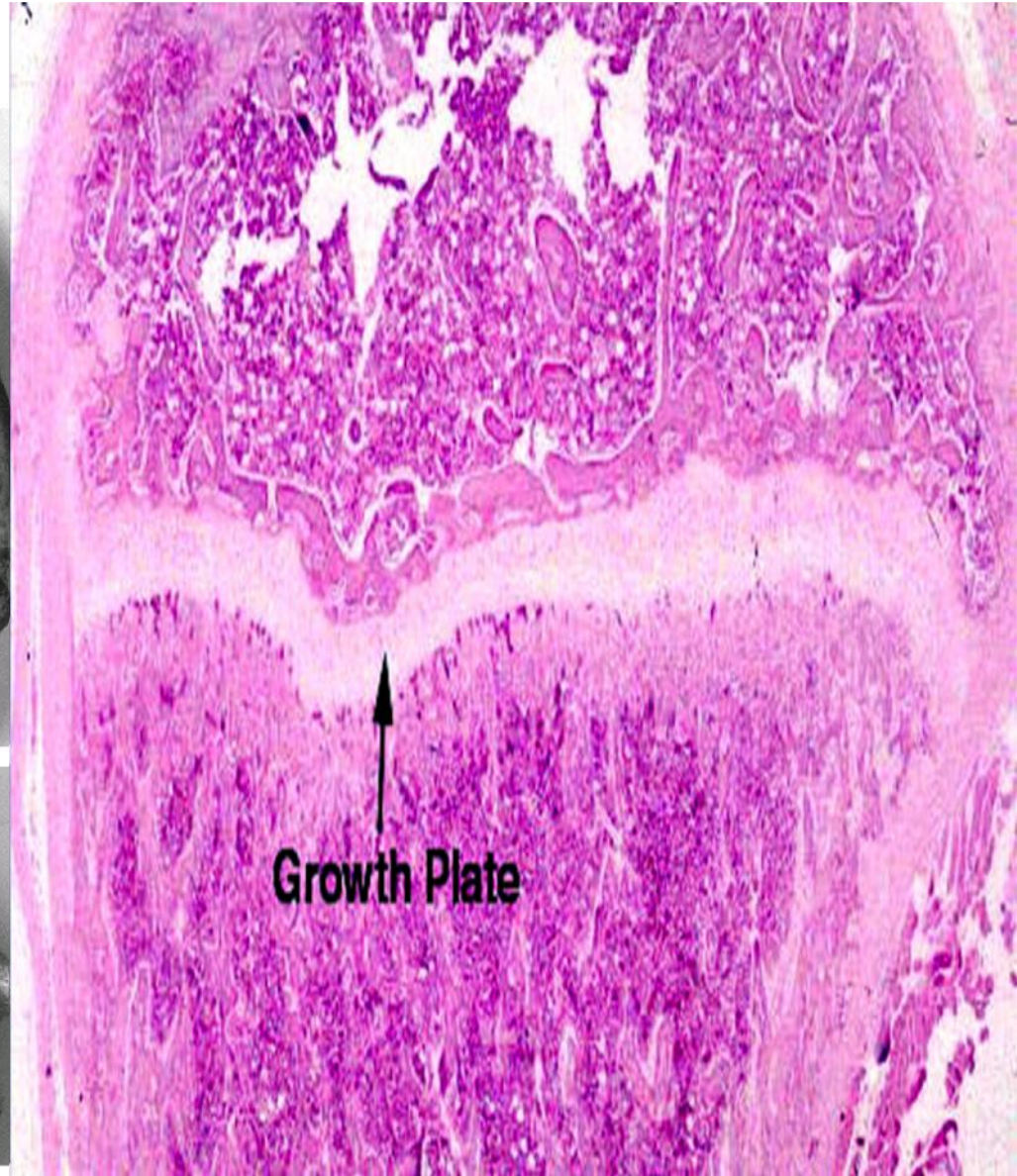
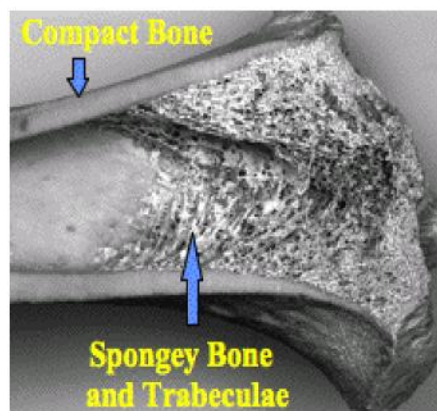
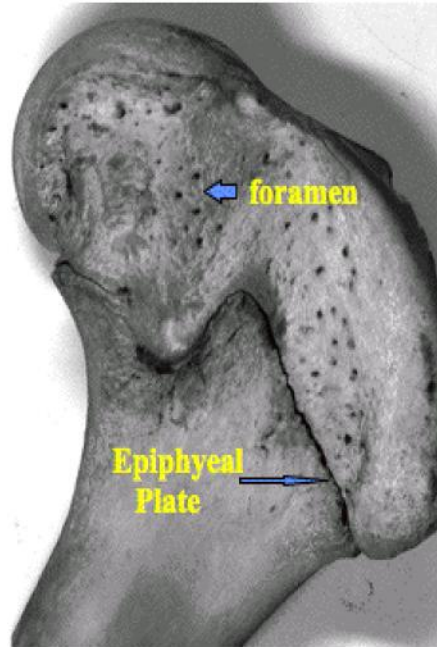
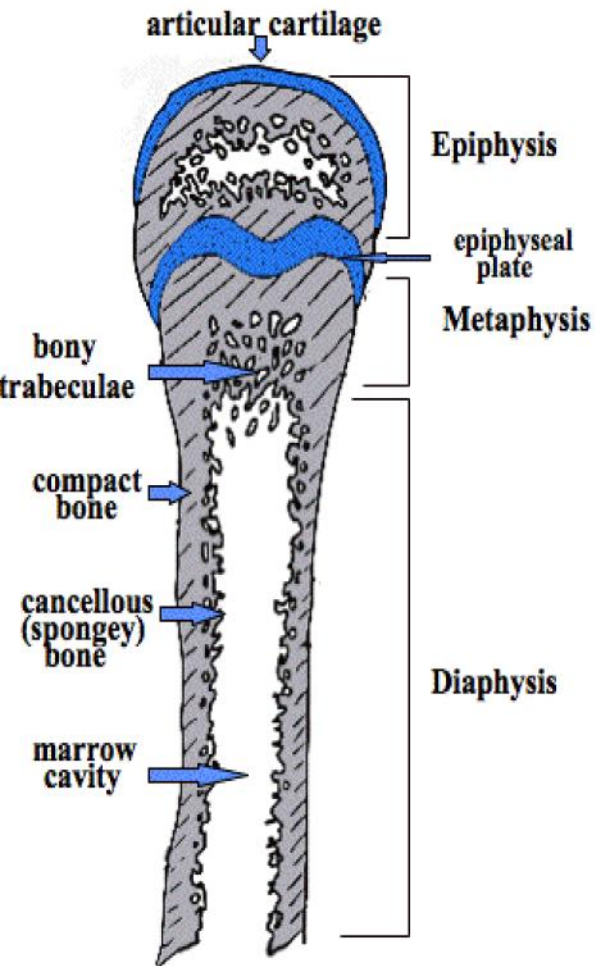
At puberty, growth in bone length is increased dramatically by the combined activities of growth hormone, thyroid hormone, and the sex hormones.

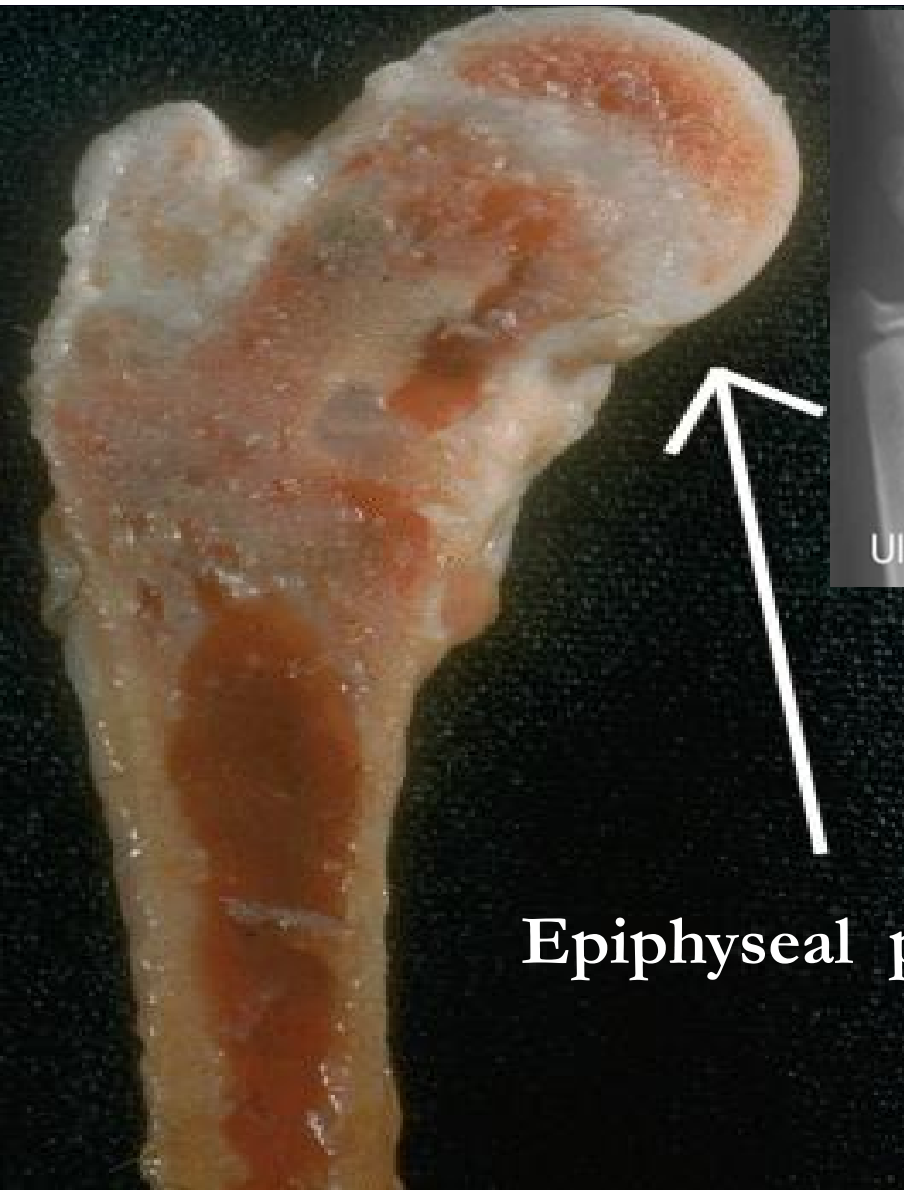
•As a result osteoblasts begin producing bone faster than the rate of epiphyseal cartilage expansion. Thus the bone grows while the epiphyseal plate gets narrower and narrower and ultimately disappears. A remnant (**epiphyseal line for adult**) is visible on X-rays (*do you see them in the adjacent femur, tibia, and fibula?*)



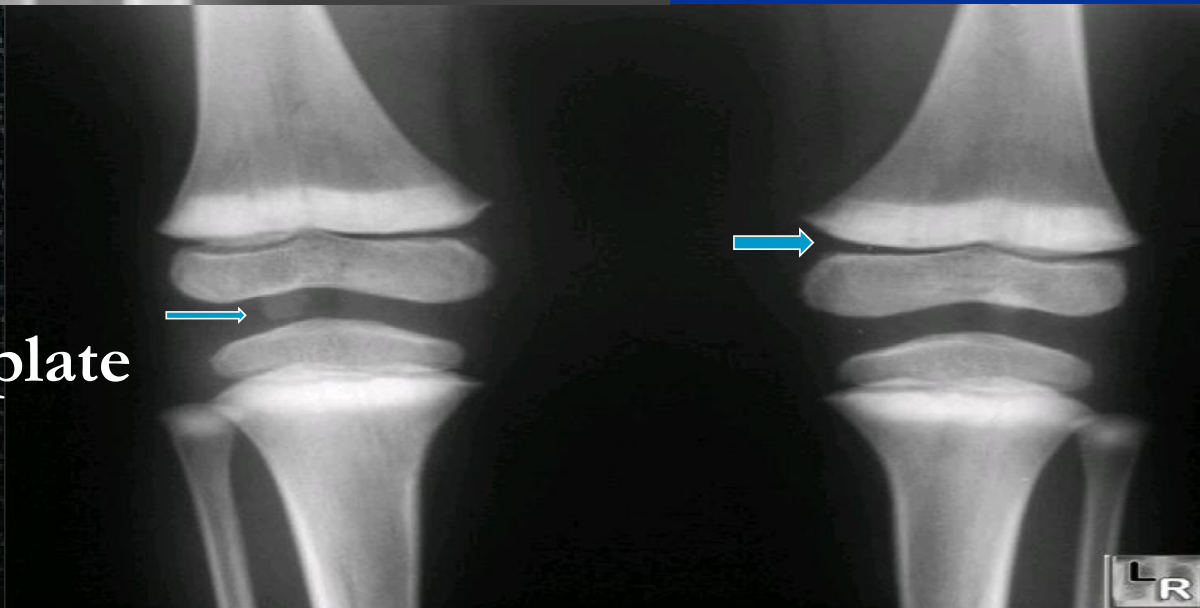
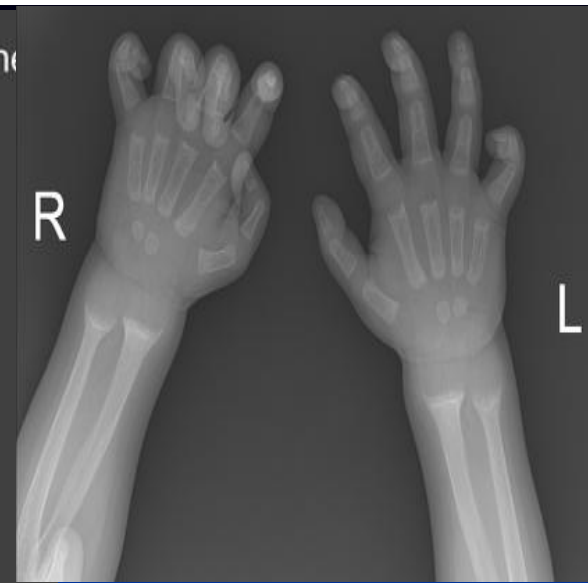
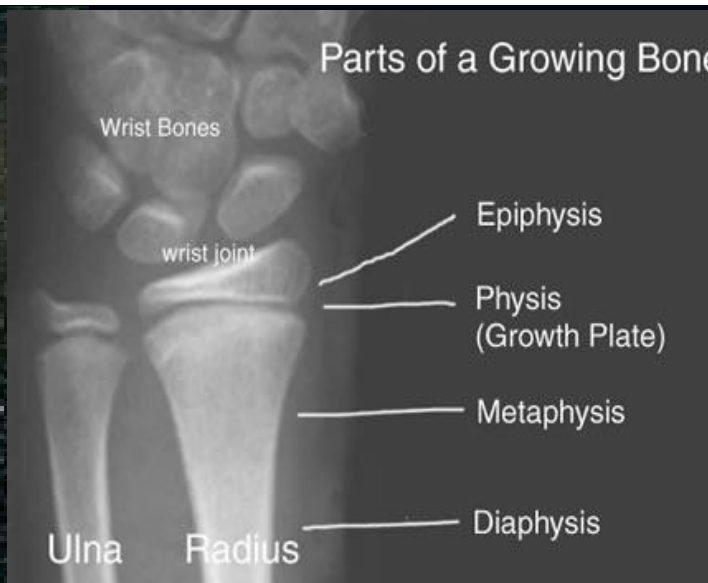
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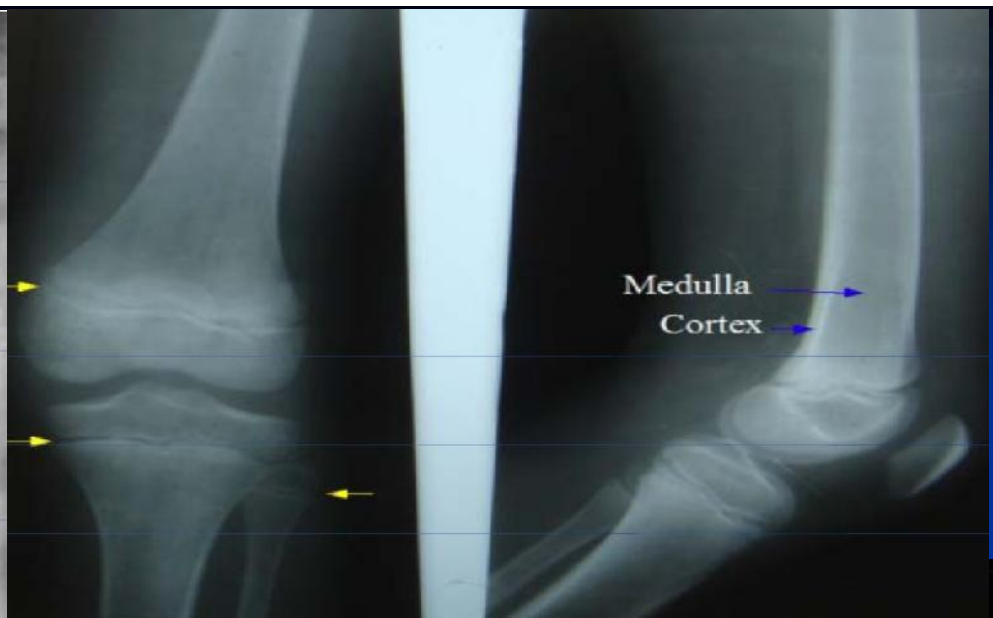
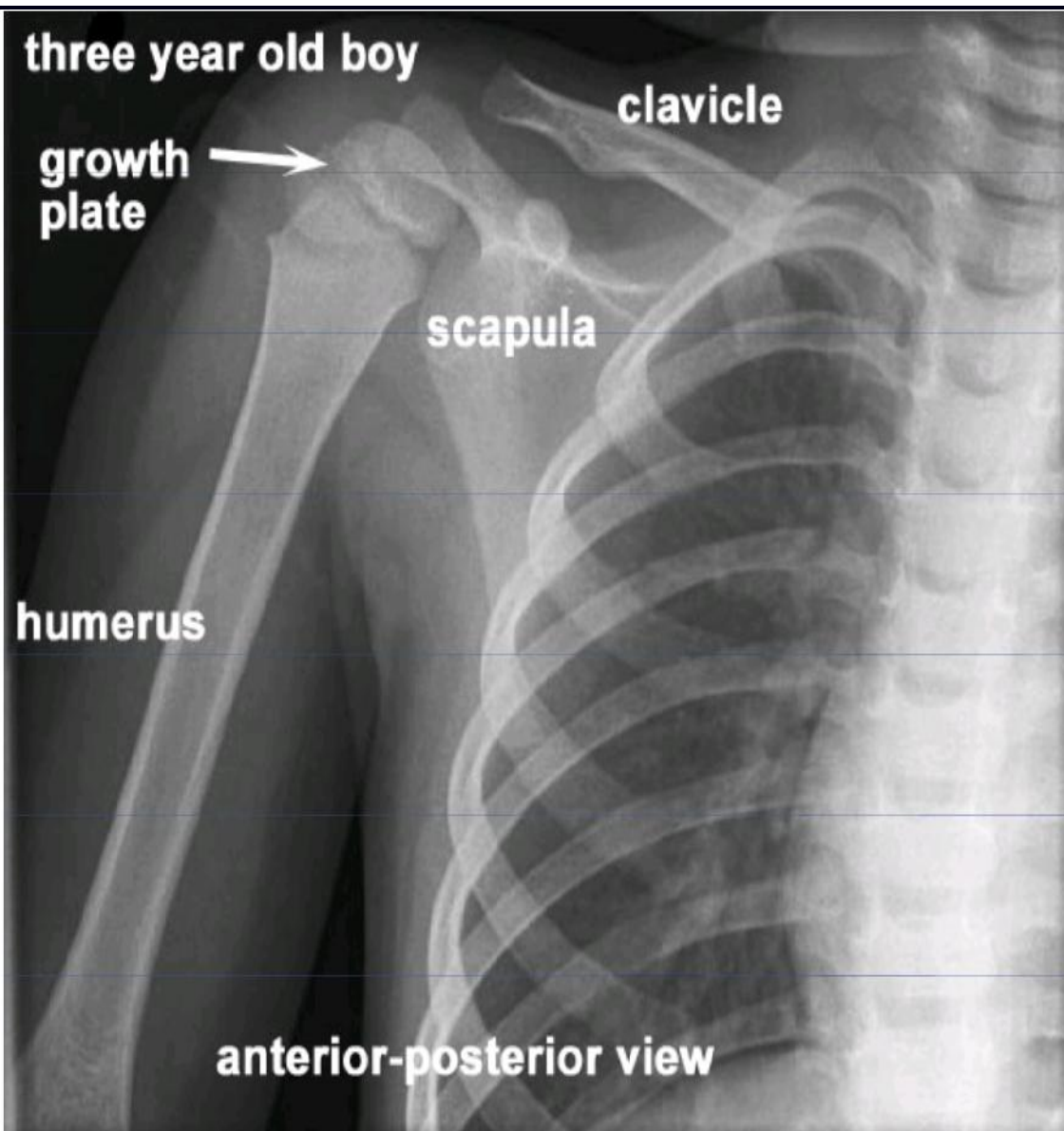
Epiphysis and Metaphysis

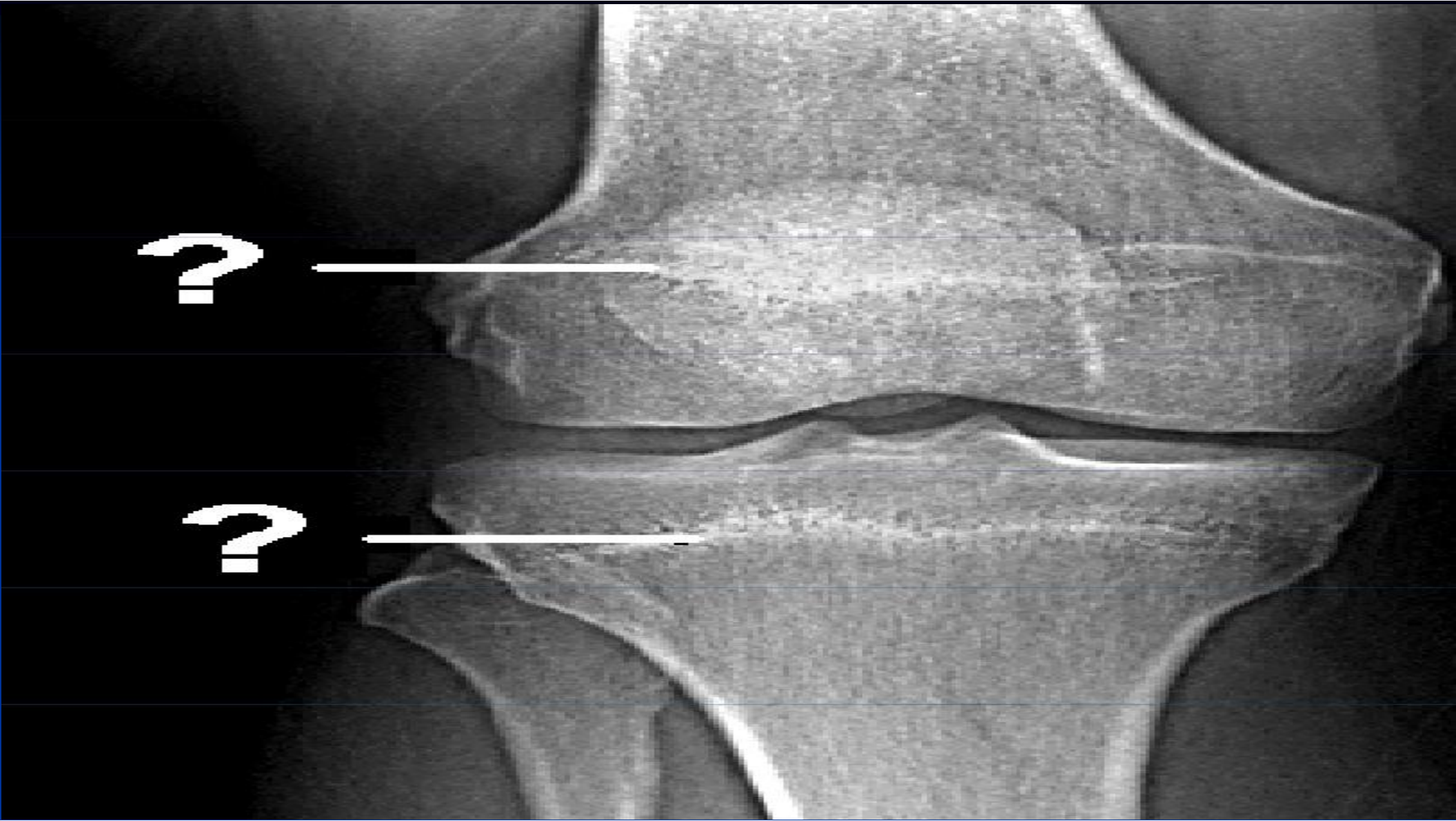




Epiphyseal plate

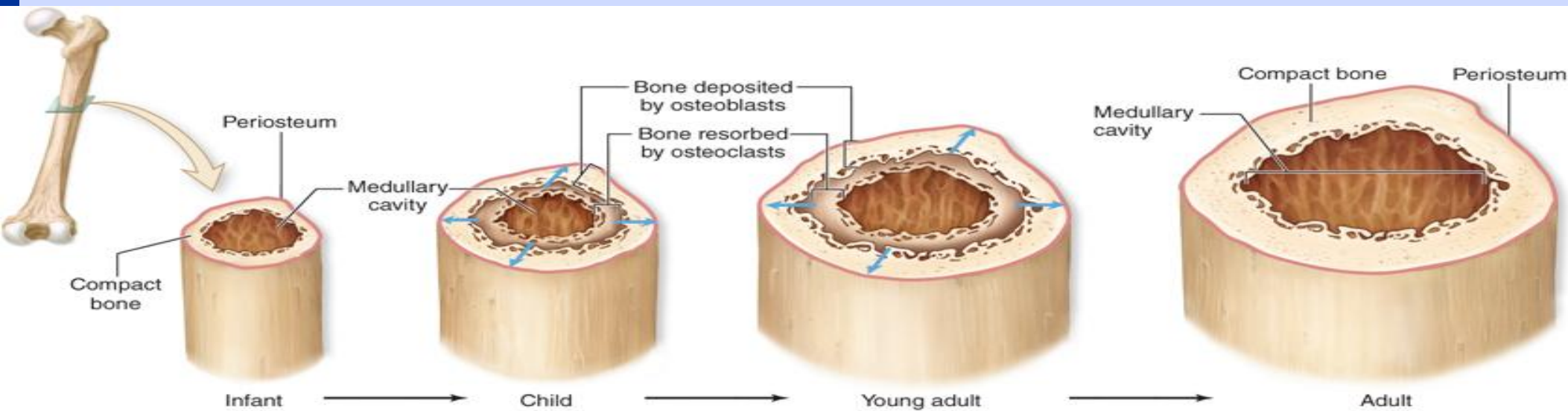






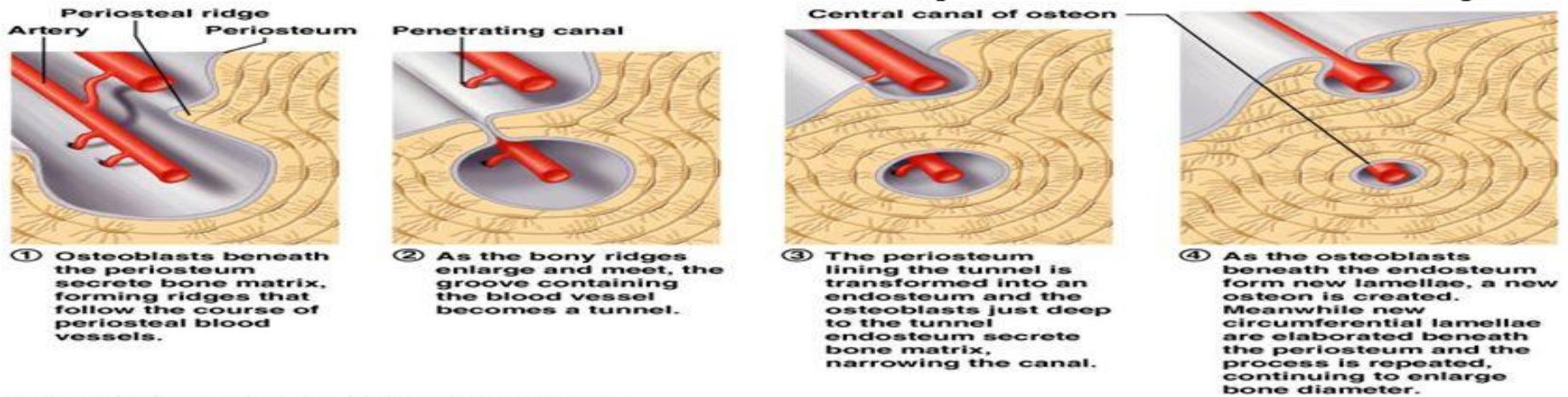
Growth in Bone Thickness

- **Osteoblasts beneath the periosteum secrete bone matrix on the external surface of the bone. This obviously makes the bone thicker.**
- At the same time, osteoclasts on the endosteum break down bone and thus widen the medullary cavity.
- This results in an increase in shaft diameter even though the actual amount of bone in the shaft is relatively unchanged.



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Growth in Width (Thickness)



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- Growing bones widen as they lengthen
- **Increases in thickness by appositional growth**

Postnatal Bone Growth

■ Growth in length of long bones

- Cartilage on the side of the epiphyseal plate closest to the epiphysis is relatively inactive
- Cartilage abutting the shaft of the bone organizes into a pattern that allows fast, efficient growth
- Cells of the epiphyseal plate proximal to the resting cartilage form three functionally different zones: growth, transformation, and osteogenic

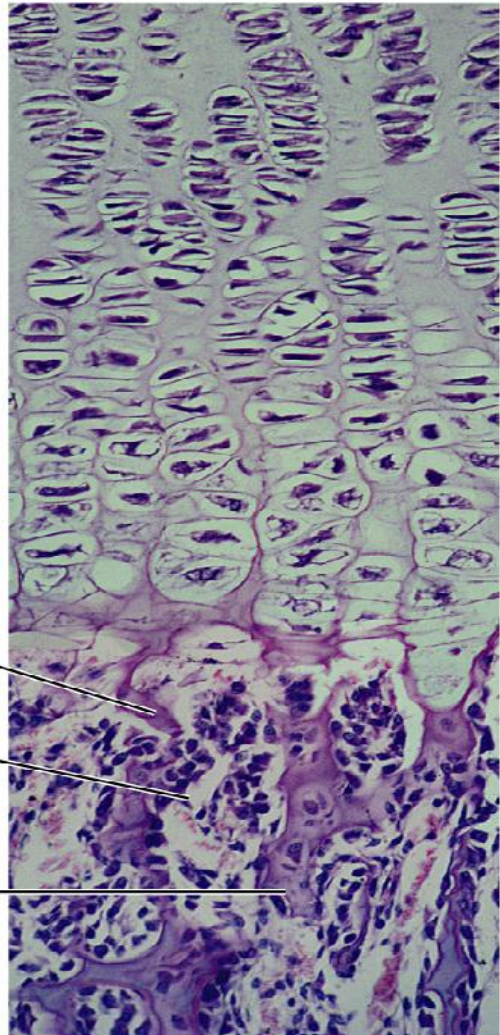
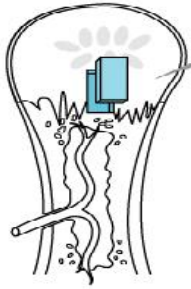
Functional Zones in Long Bone Growth

- **Growth zone** – cartilage cells undergo mitosis, pushing the epiphysis away from the diaphysis
- **Transformation zone** – older cells enlarge, the matrix becomes calcified, cartilage cells die, and the matrix begins to deteriorate
- **Osteogenic zone** – new bone formation occurs

Long Bone Growth and Remodeling

- **Growth in length** – cartilage continually grows and is replaced by bone as shown

- **Remodeling** – bone is resorbed and added by appositional growth as shown



Calcified cartilage spicule

Osteoblast depositing bone matrix

Osseous tissue (bone) covering cartilage spicules

Resting (quiescent) zone

Growth (proliferation) zone
Cartilage cells undergo mitosis

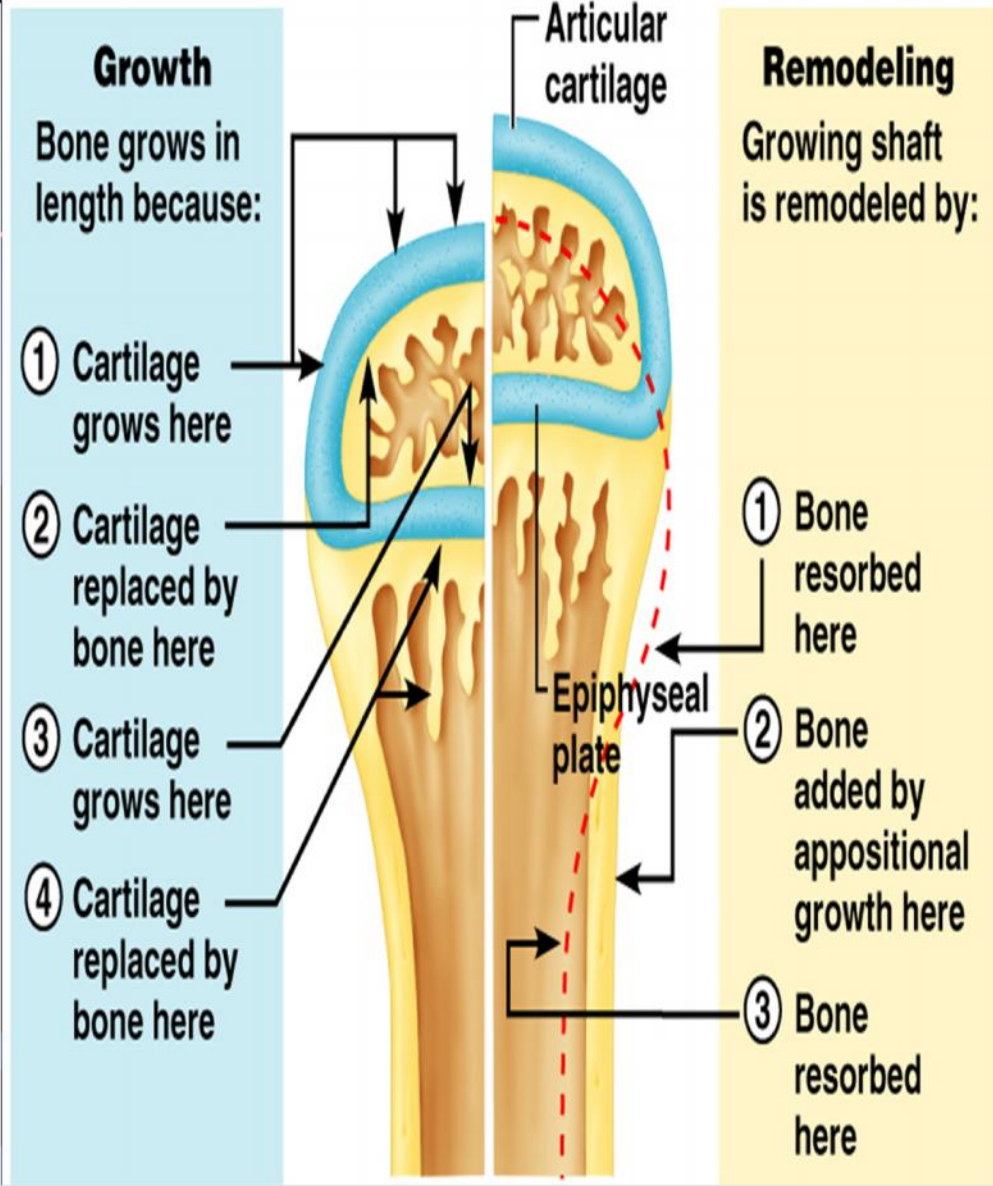
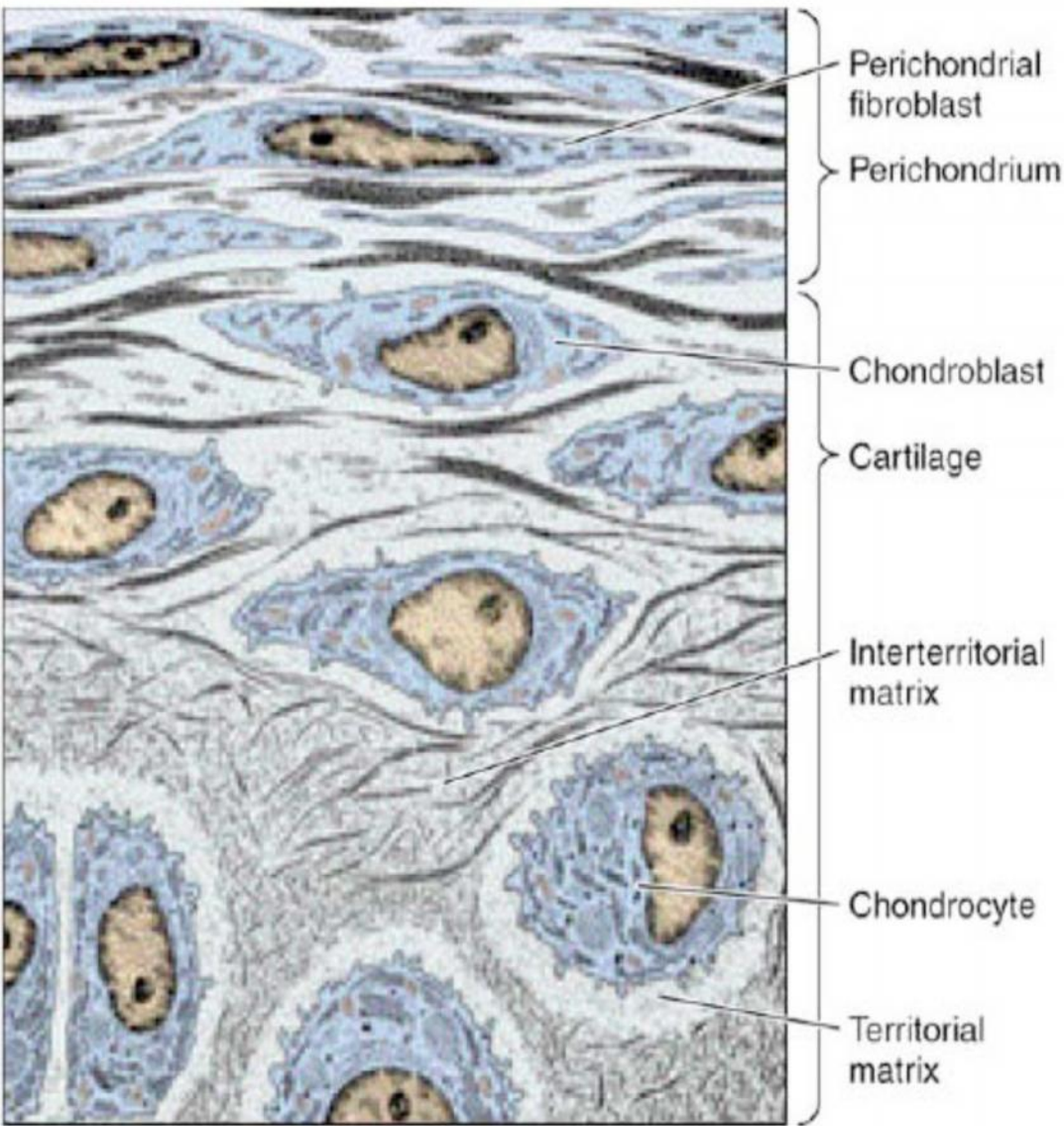
Hypertrophic zone
Older cartilage cells enlarge

Calcification zone
Matrix becomes calcified; cartilage cells die; matrix begins deteriorating

Ossification (osteogenic) zone
New bone formation is occurring

Growth in Length of Long Bone

Figure 6.9

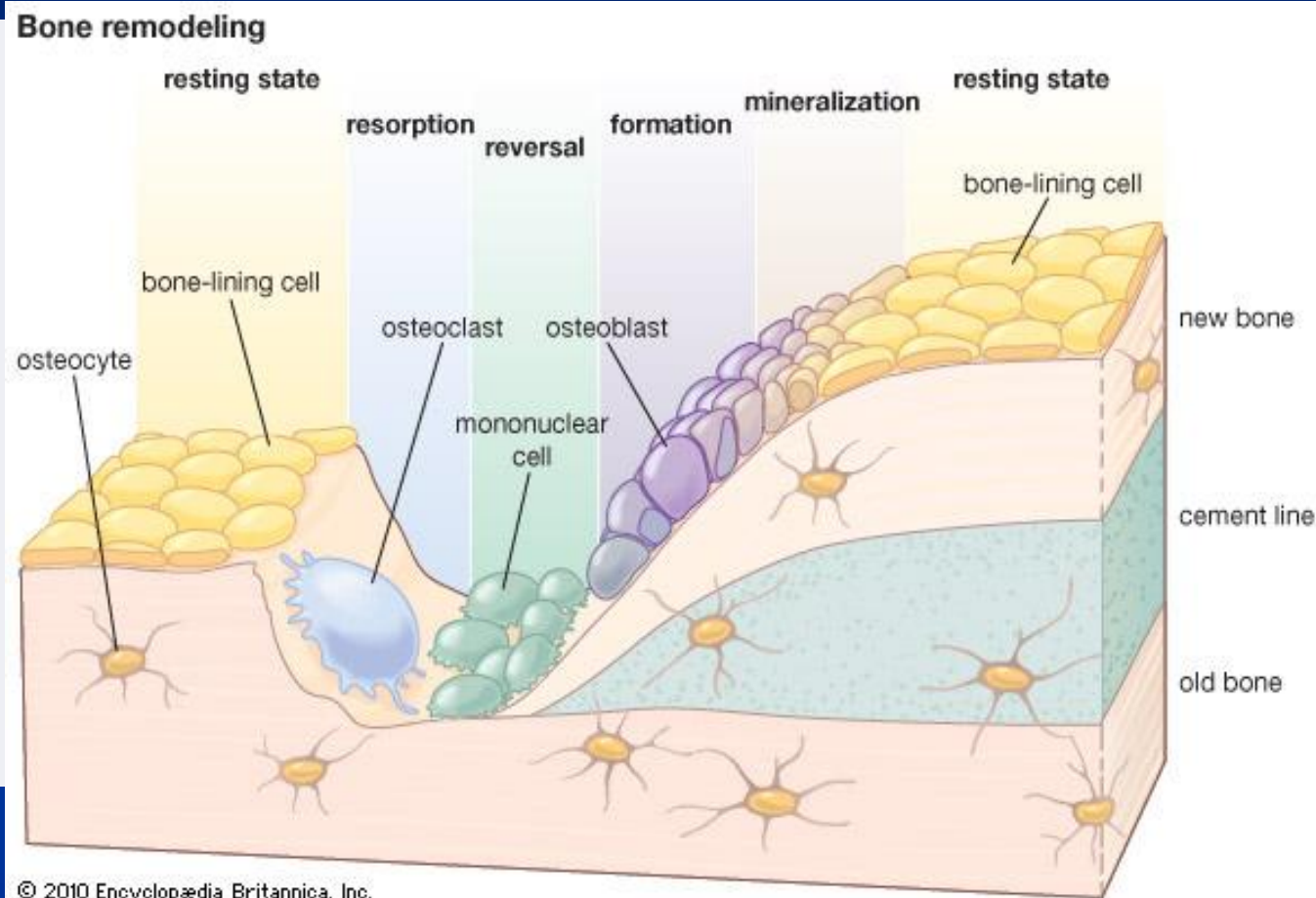


Hormonal Regulation of Bone Growth During Youth

- During infancy and childhood, epiphyseal plate activity is stimulated by growth hormone
- During puberty, testosterone and estrogens:
 - Initially promote adolescent growth spurts
 - Cause masculinization and feminization of specific parts of the skeleton
 - Later induce epiphyseal plate closure, ending longitudinal bone growth

Bone Remodeling

- **Remodeling units** – adjacent osteoblasts and osteoclasts deposit and resorb bone at periosteal and endosteal surfaces



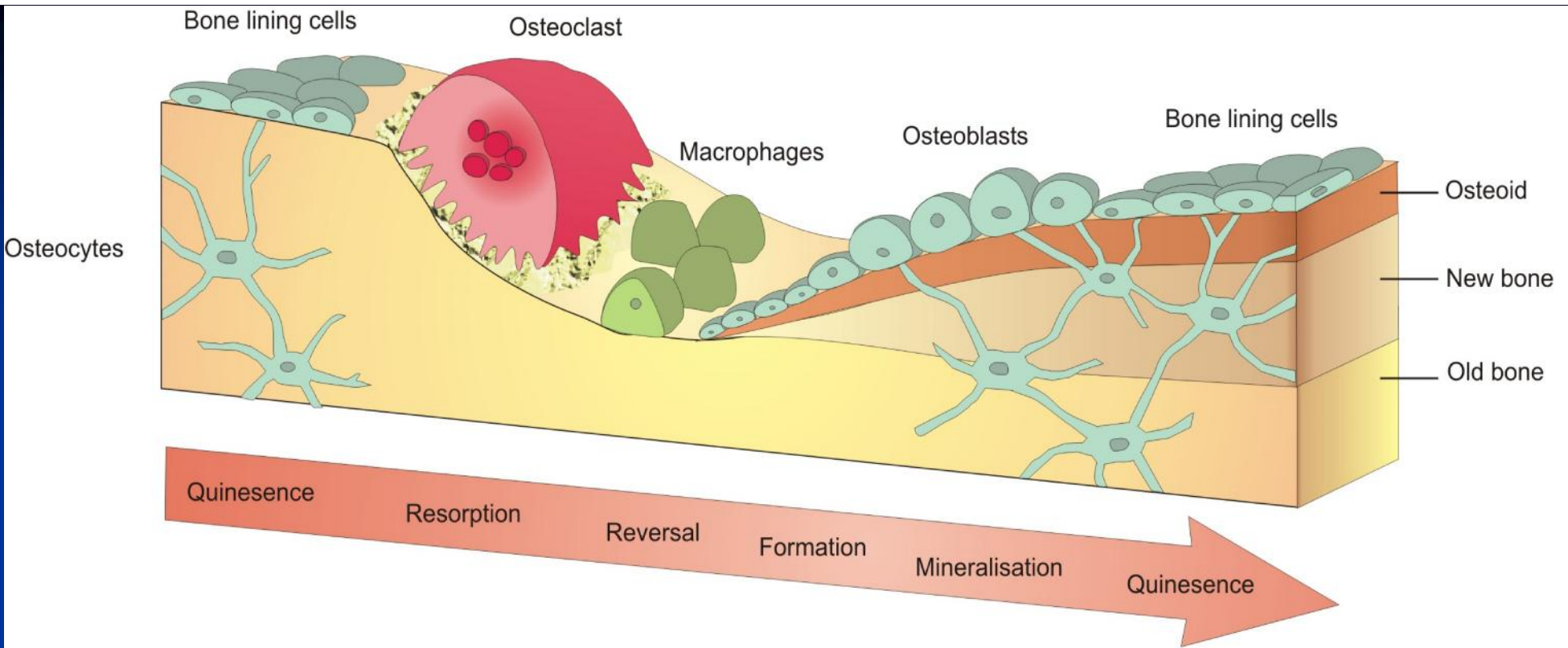
Bone Deposition

- Occurs where bone is injured or added strength is needed
 - Requires a diet rich in protein, vitamins C, D, and A, calcium, phosphorus, magnesium, and manganese
 - Alkaline phosphatase is essential for mineralization of bone
- Sites of new matrix deposition are revealed by the:
 - **Osteoid seam – unmineralized band of bone matrix**
 - **Calcification front** – abrupt transition zone between the osteoid seam and the older mineralized bone

Bone Resorption

- **Accomplished by osteoclasts**
- Resorption bays – grooves formed by osteoclasts as they break down bone matrix
- **Resorption involves osteoclast secretion of:**
 - **Lysosomal enzymes that digest organic matrix**
 - **Acids that convert calcium salts into soluble forms**

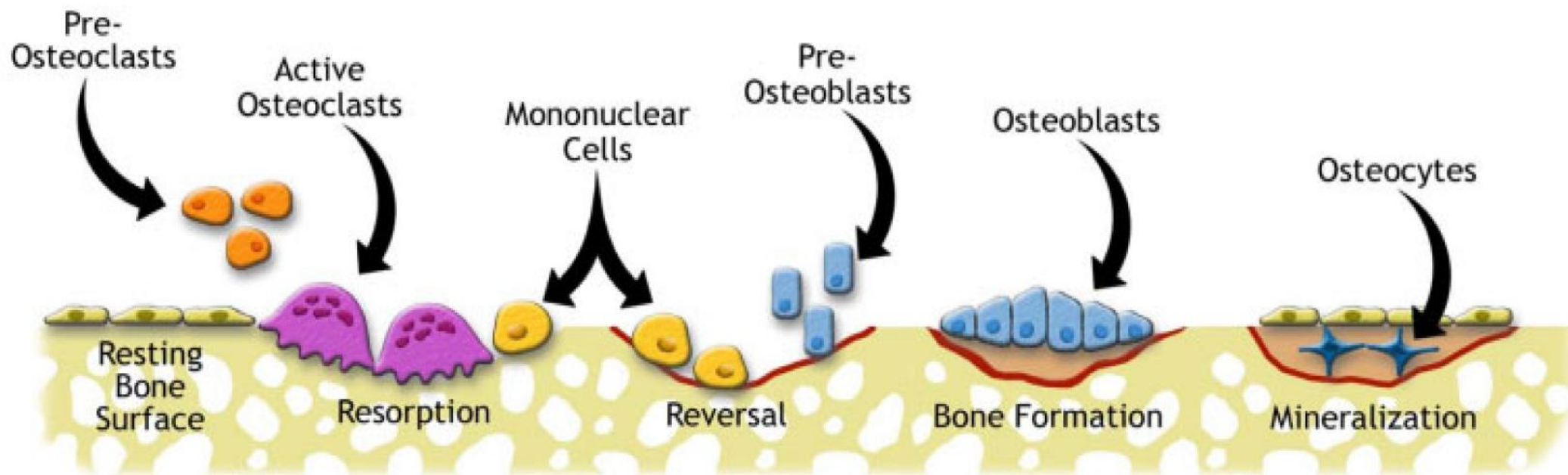
- **Dissolved matrix is transcytosed across the osteoclast's cell where it is secreted into the interstitial fluid and then into the blood**



The bone remodelling process.

Bone is continuously remodelled at discrete sites in the skeleton in order to maintain the integrity of the tissue. During this process, old bone is resorbed by osteoclasts and replaced with new osteoid, secreted by osteoblasts. First osteoclasts are activated, and the resorption phase takes approximately 10 days. Following resorption, unclassified macrophage-like cells are found at the remodelling site in the intermediate, or reversal phase. Osteoblast precursors are then recruited, which proliferate and differentiate into mature osteoblasts, before secreting new bone matrix. The matrix then mineralises to generate new bone and this completes the remodelling process. Copyright BTR©

Bone Remodeling Cycle





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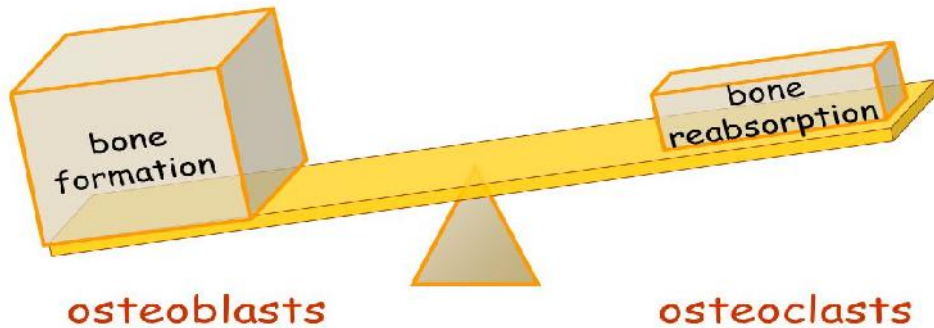


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Response to Mechanical Stress

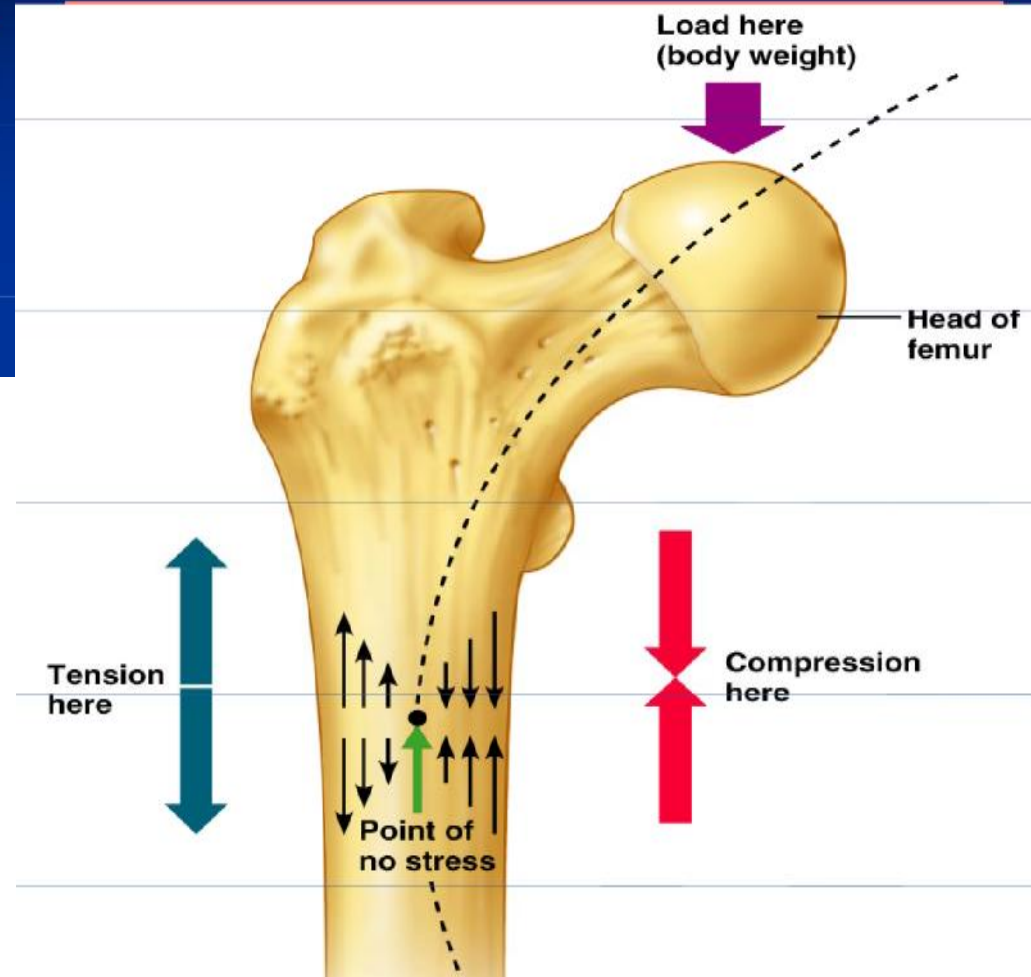
- Trabeculae form along lines of stress
- Large, bony projections occur where heavy, active muscles attach

Stress effects

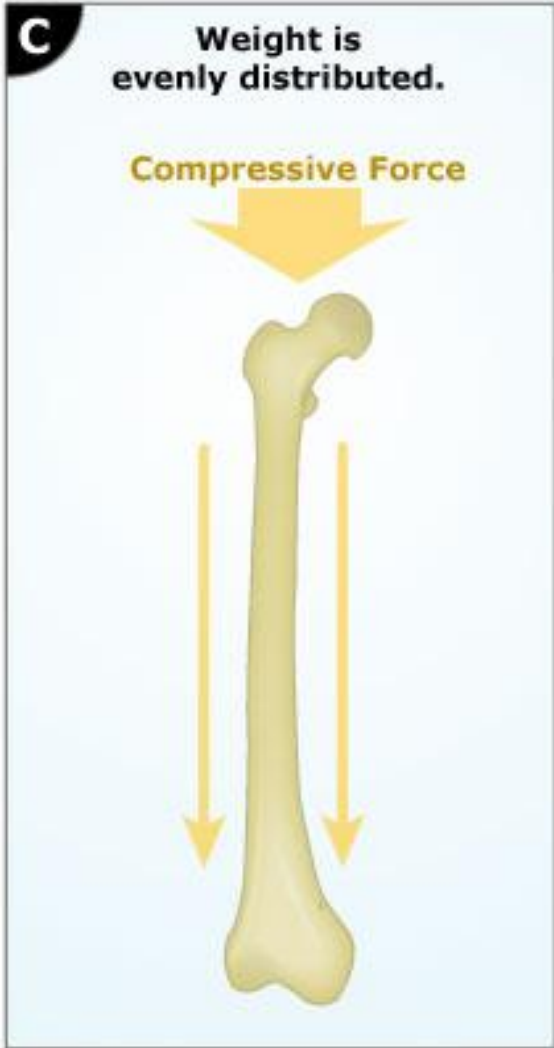
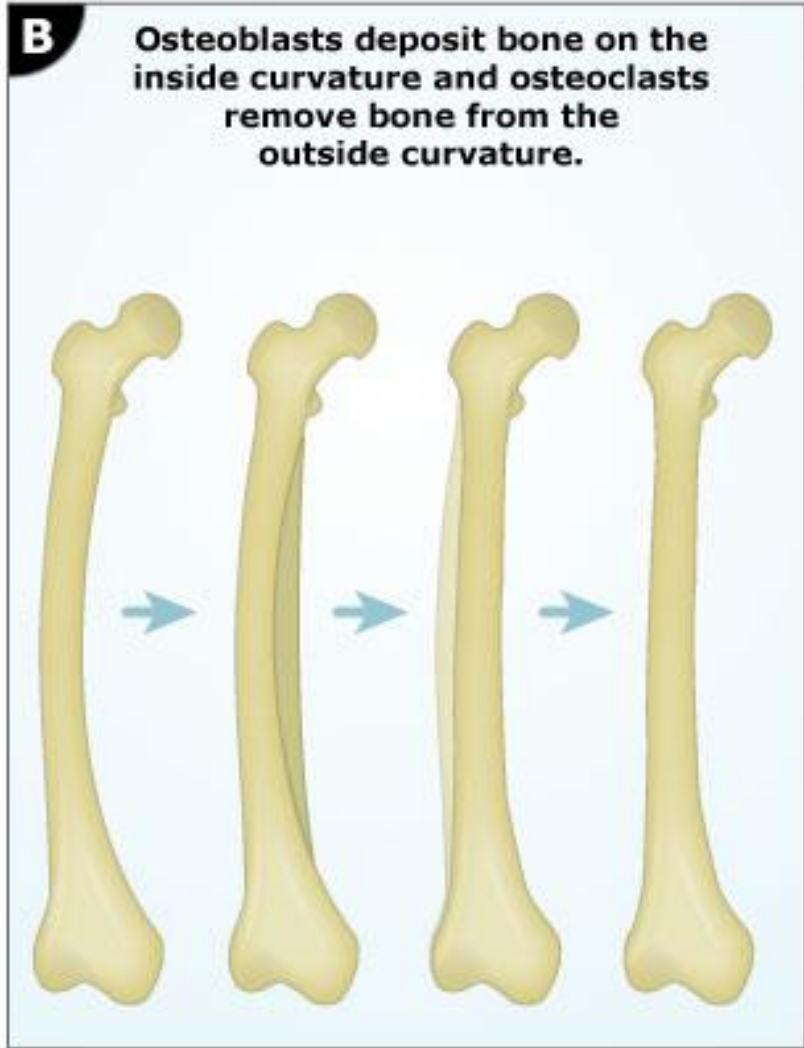
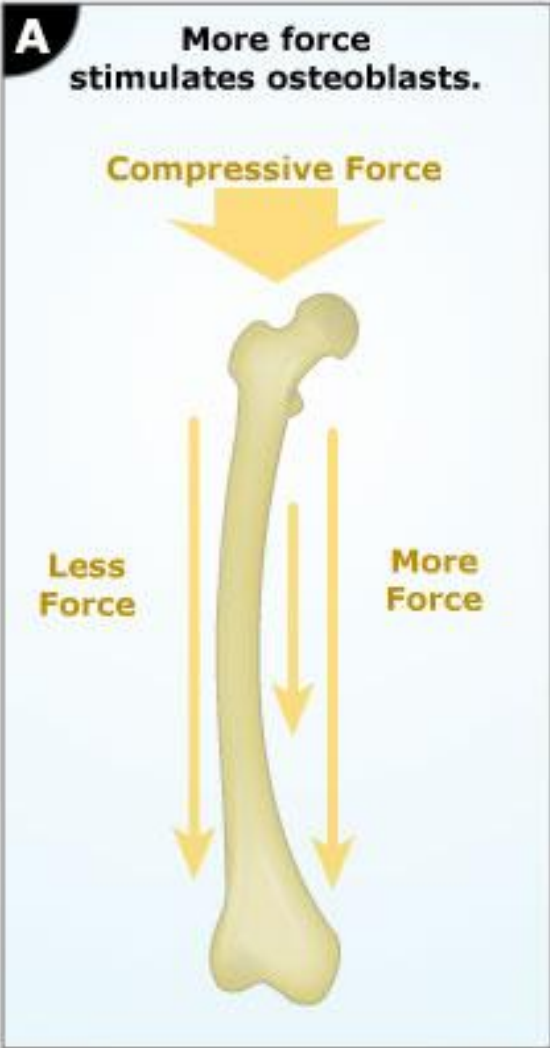


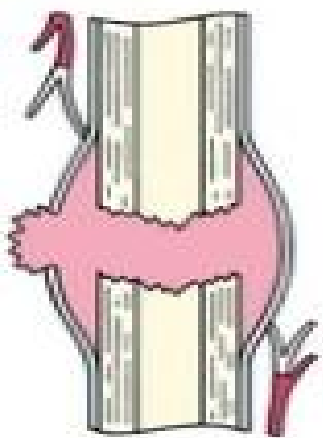
Stress increases bone density

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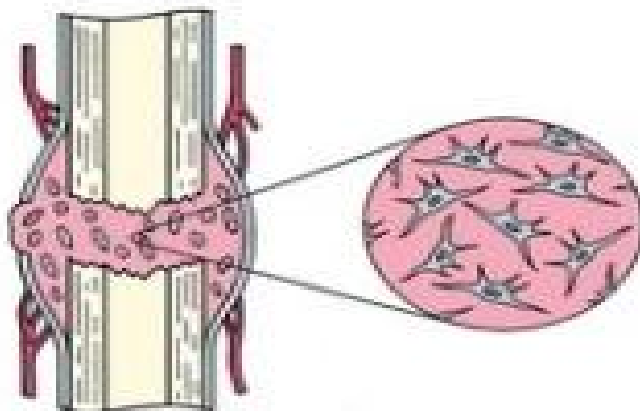


Bone Remodeling

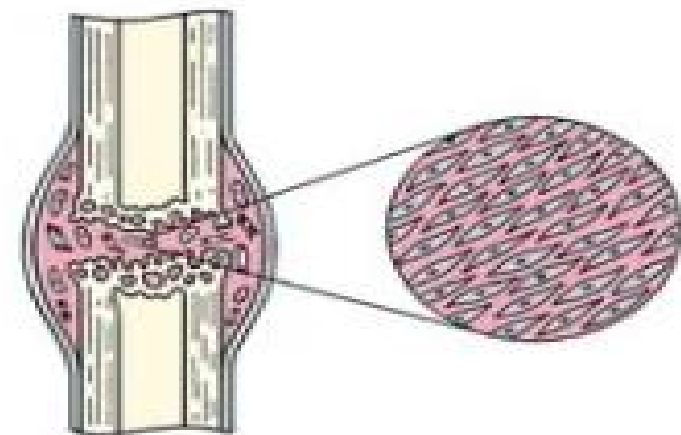




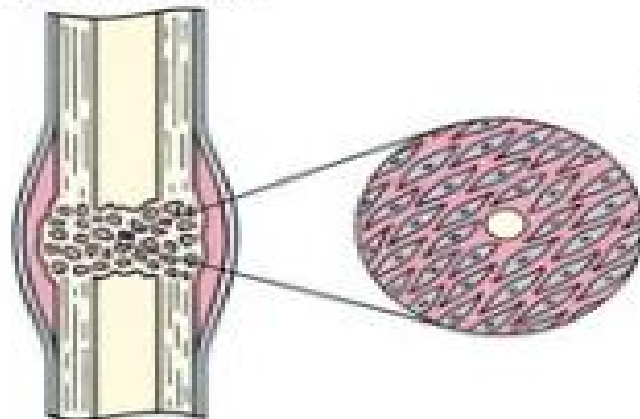
- Fracture occurrence
- Blood vessel disruption
- Hematoma formation



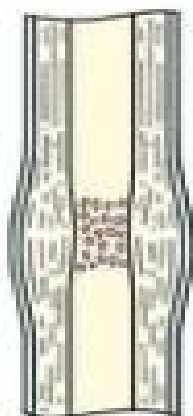
- Chemotactic invasion of osteoprogenitor
- Mitogenic and osteogenic molecules released
- Cellular proliferation begins
- Formation of granulation tissue
- Neovascularization



- Soft callus is formed
- Differentiation starts



- Hard callus is formed



- Remodeling

