

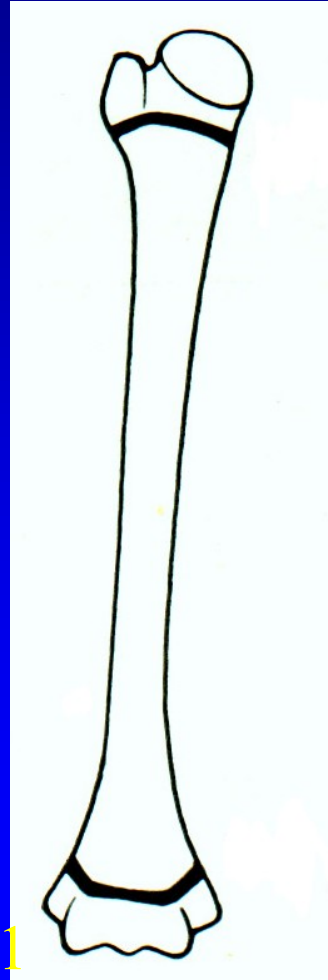
# Epiphyseal disorders

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# Epiphyseal disorders

Idiopathic avascular  
necrosis of epiphysis  
of long bones

Etiology unknown



Obr. 1

Epiphysis

Metaphysis

Diaphysis

Metaphysis

Epiphysis

# Perthes disease

It is a complication of the necrosis of proximal epiphysis of the femur

4 -12 years

10 % bilateral

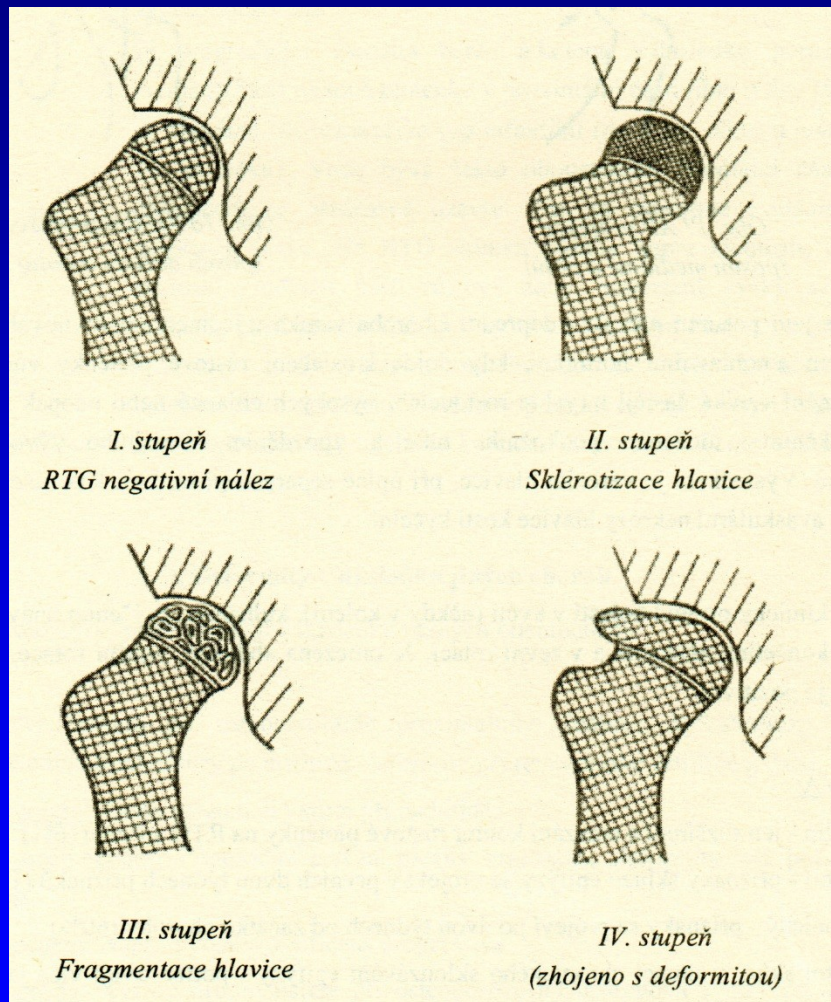
More often in boys

Symptoms: limping, pain  
limited ROM (rotation, abduction)

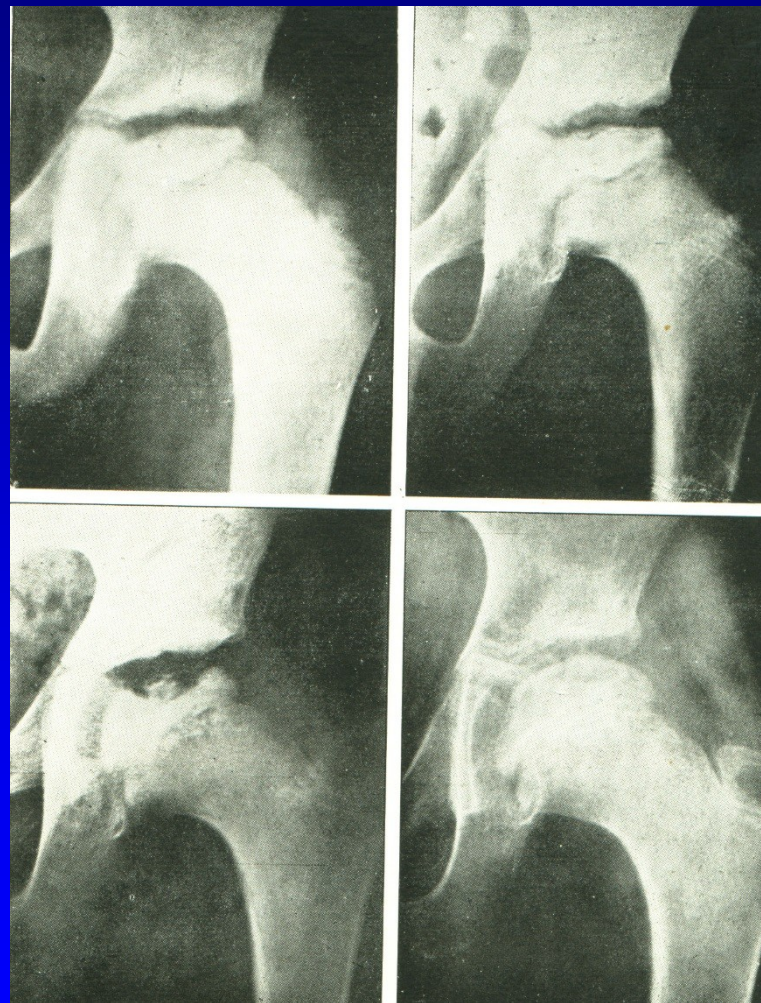


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# Perthes disease- stages



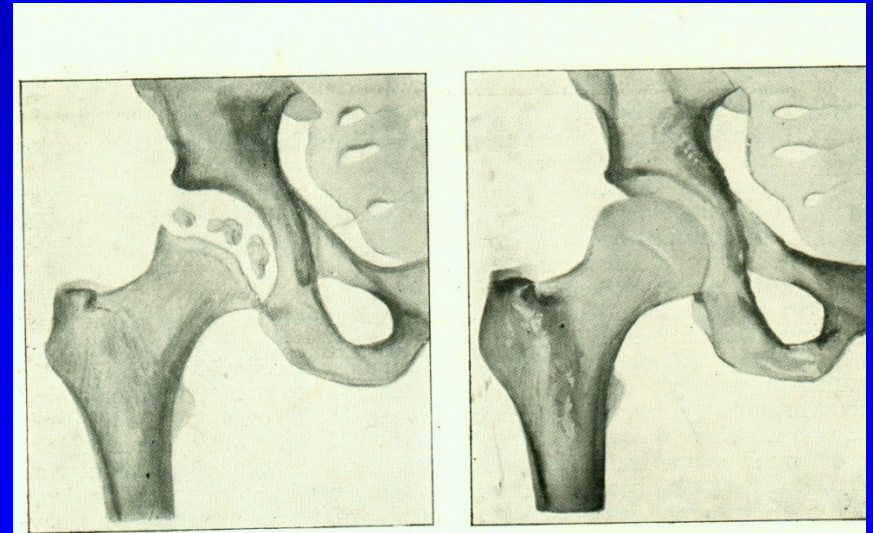
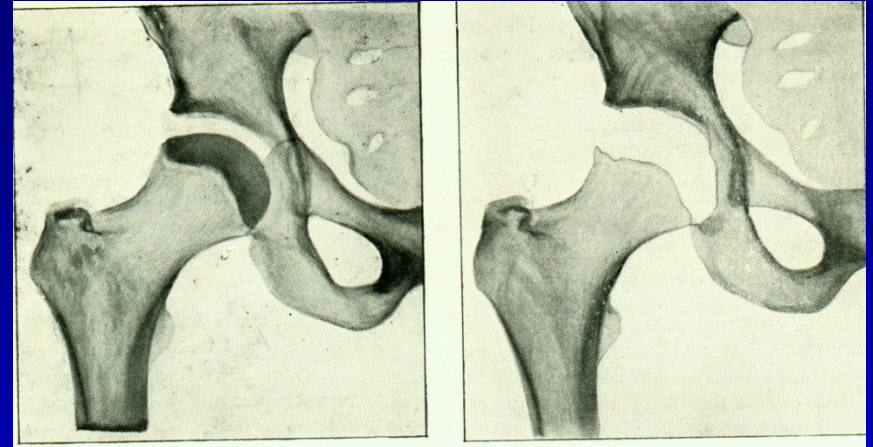
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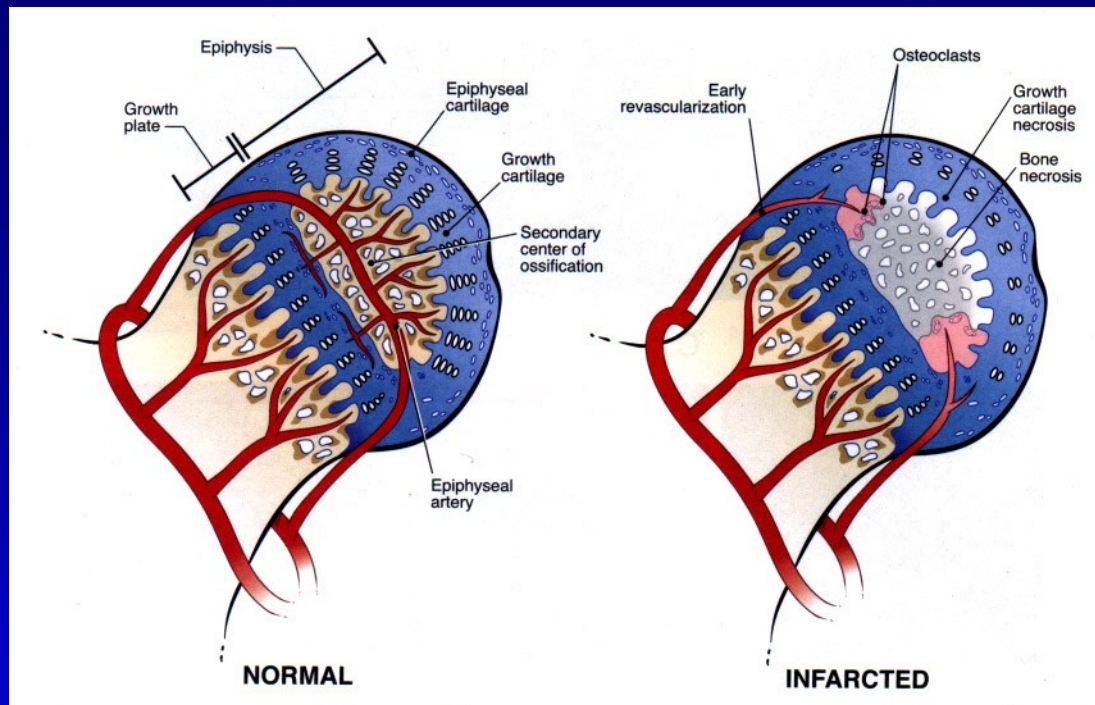


Obr. 5

# Frejka classification

1. st. latency 6 - 12 months
2. st. necrosis
3. st. decalcination
4. st. recovery- fragmentation
5. st. consequences





Ischemic necrosis of epiphysis

Loss of vascularity of epiphysis

Necrosis of cartilage

Microdamage in osseous part- resorption

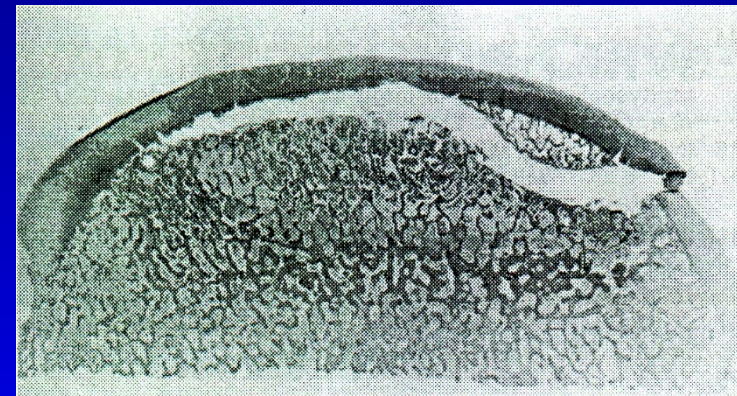
Diminished mechanical strength

Damage of the physeal plate- coxa vara, coxa brevis

Radiolucent lesions in metaphysis

# Perthes disease

Ischemia of the whole epiphysis  
Articular cartilage continues to grow  
Bone is resorbed and replaced  
by woven bone  
The bone is soft and vulnerable  
Subchondral fracture  
- shows the extent of damage  
New bone is gradually revascularised  
New bone is plastic-  
can be deformed



Obr. 6  
Subchondral fracture  
of femoral epiphysis

# M. Perthes

1. Ischemic stage: avascular necrosis  
growth arrest of epiphysis  
revascularisation from periphery  
ossification
2. Ischemic stage: trauma, subchondral fracture  
resorption under the fracture  
replacement by plastic woven bone  
subluxation, deformity



# Catterall classification

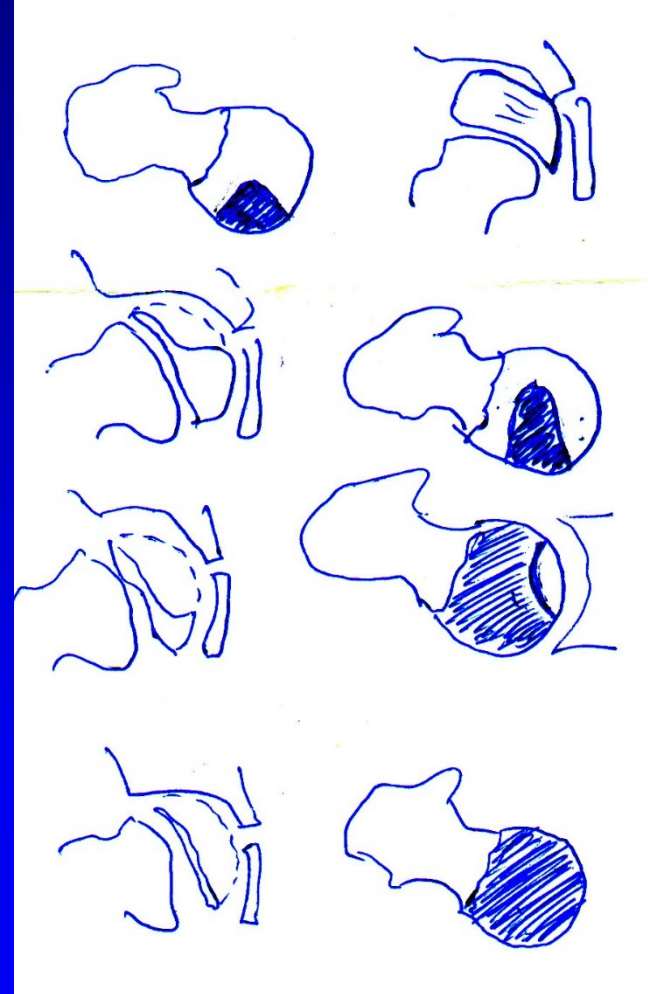
I. 25 %

II. 50 %

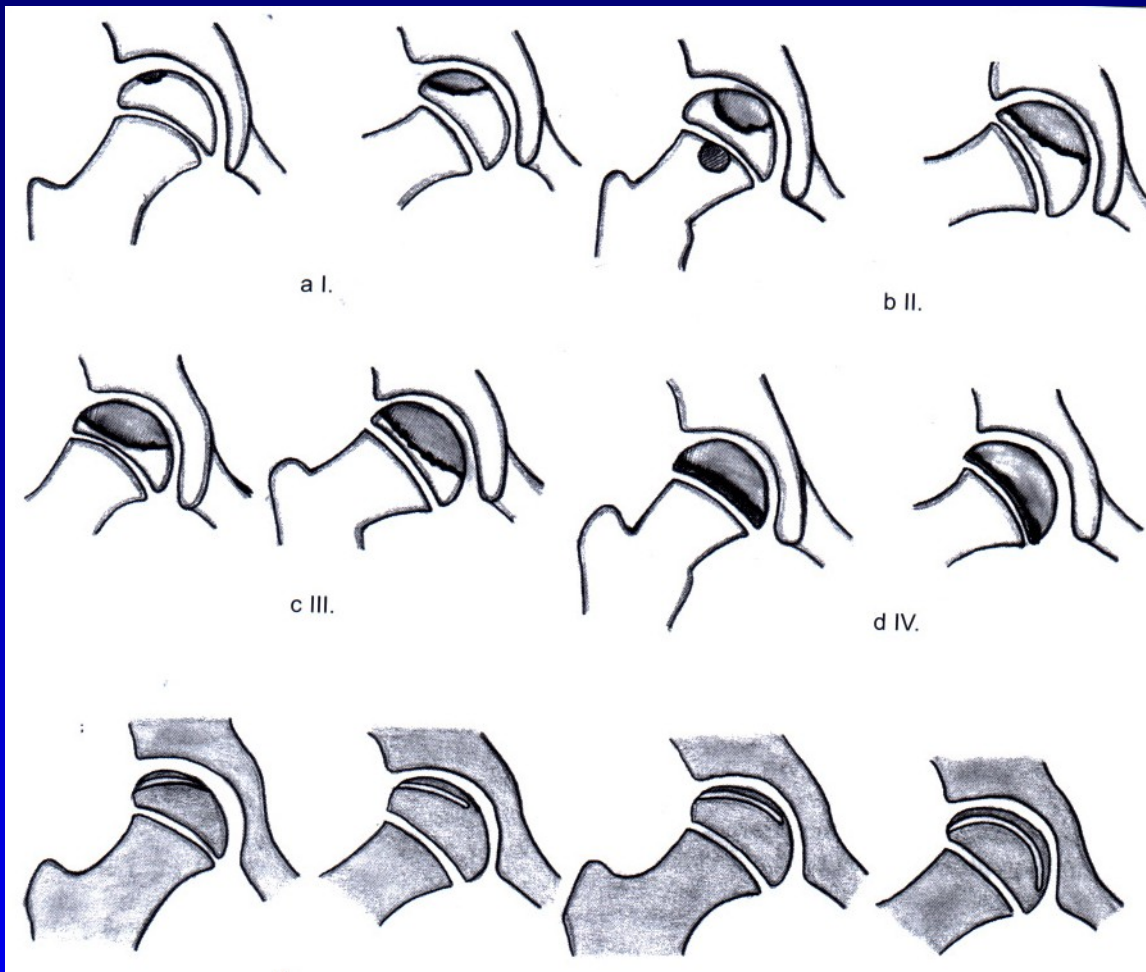
med.- lateral column

III. 75 %

IV. 100 %

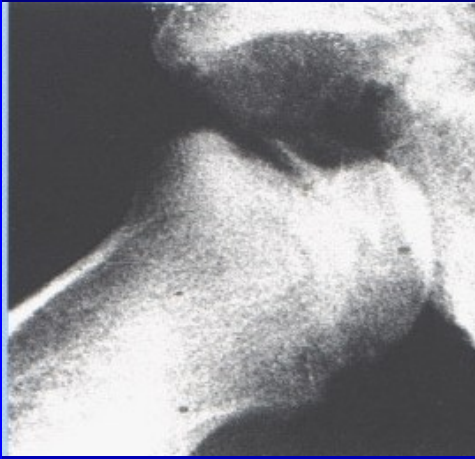
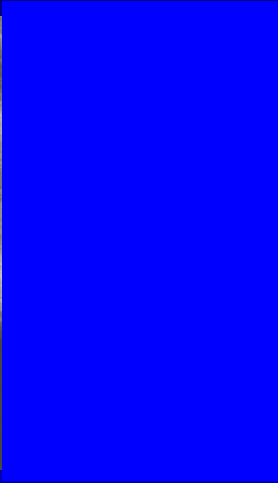
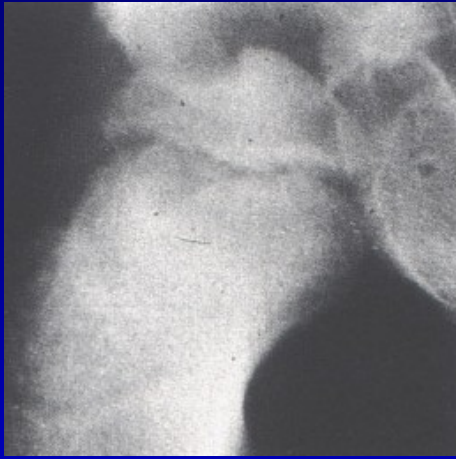


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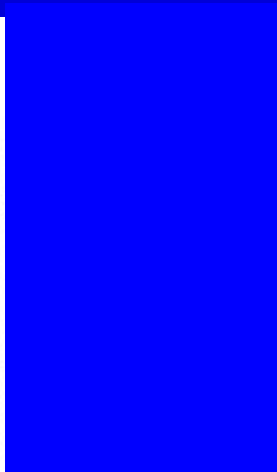
Subchondral fx  
less than one half

Subchondral fx  
more than one half



Catterall I

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Catterall II

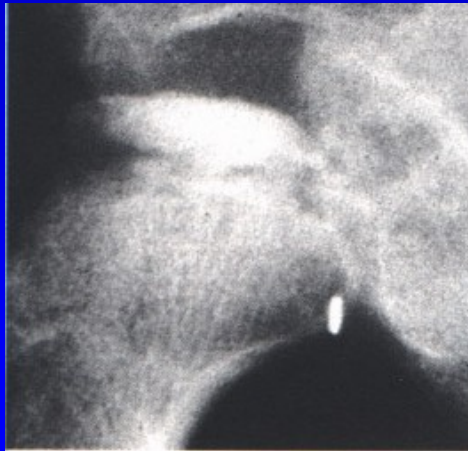
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Obr. 10



Catterall III



Obr. 11



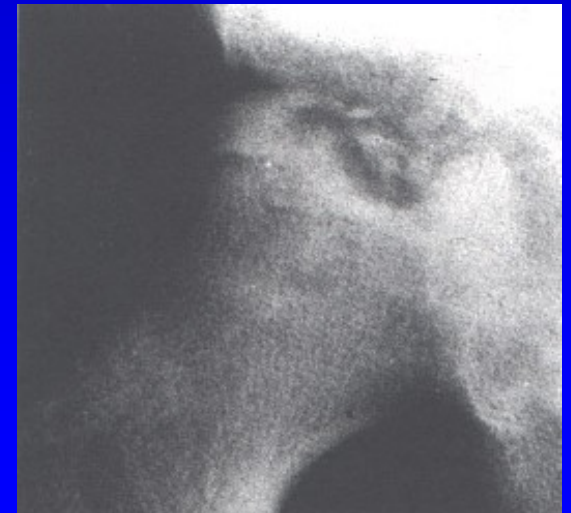
Catterall IV

# Salter classification

- A Catterall I. a II.  
less than one half of the epiphysis  
short subchondral fracture  
lateral column intact  
conservative treatment



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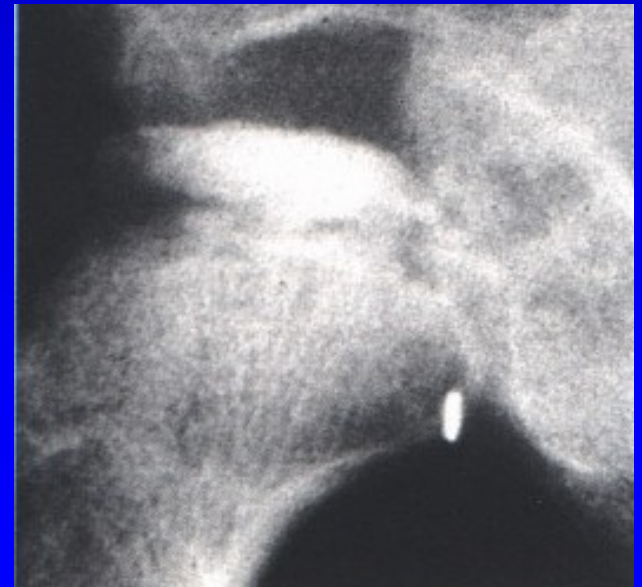
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# Salter classification

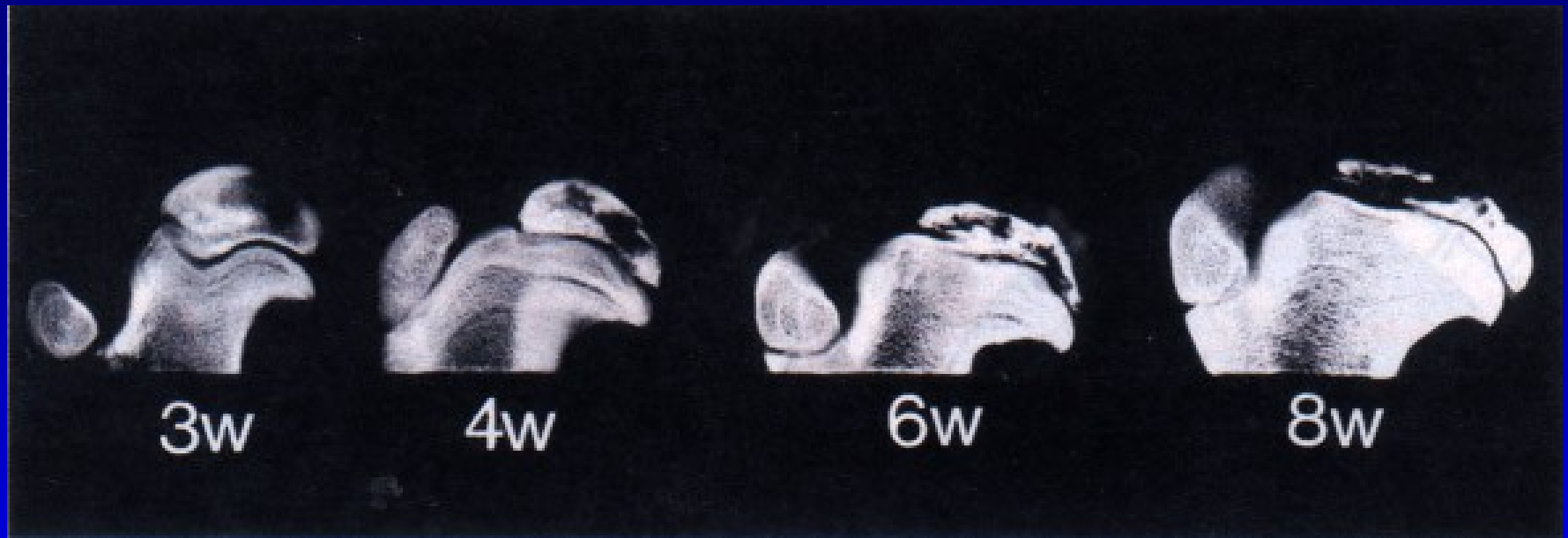
B Cateral III. a IV.  
more then one half of the epiphysis  
long subchondral fracture  
lateral column is absent  
operative treatment



Obr. 14



Obr. 15



Experiment in piglet

# Examination

X-ray

Arthrography

CT - 3 D reconstruction

MRI

Scintigraphy

Ultrasonography



# Prognosis

I. and II. stage	good prognosis
III. and IV. stage	wrong prognosis

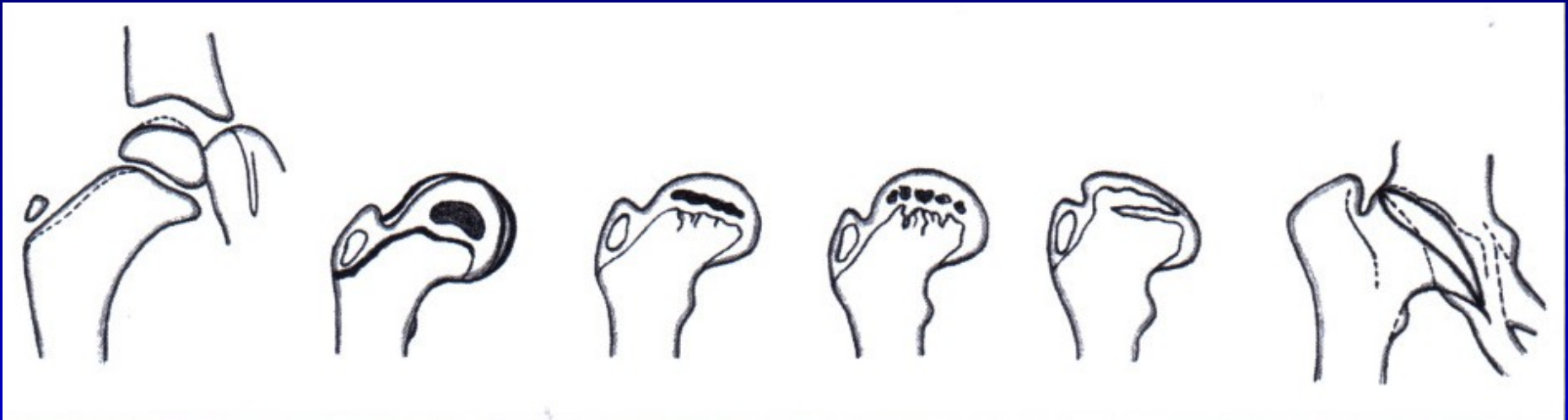
Risk factors:

Older age

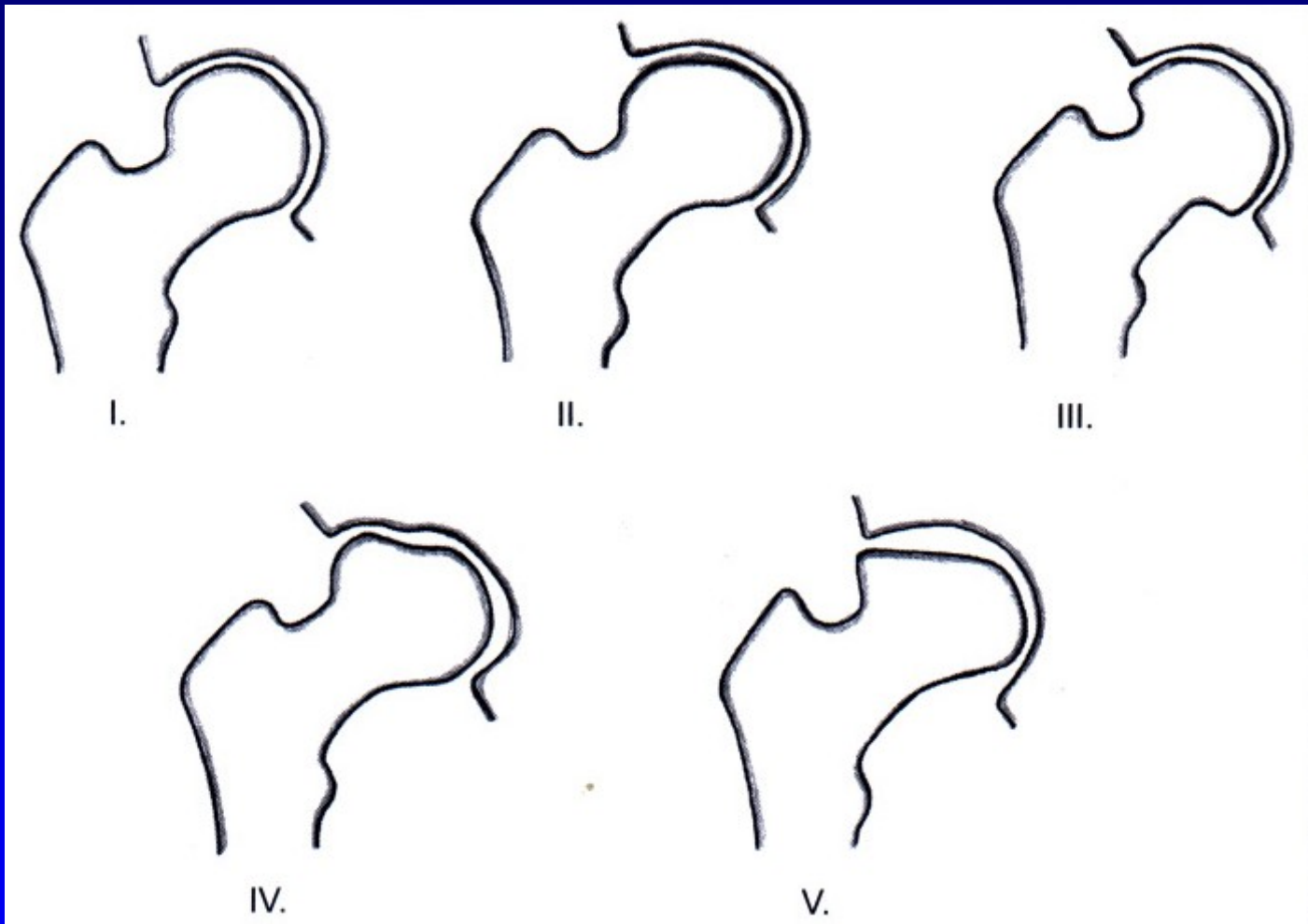
Loss of containment, subluxation

Large extent

Limited movements



Types of deformity in Perthes disease



Stulberg classification of deformity  
of the femoral head in Perthes disease

# Management

- containment of the head in the acetabulum
- good range of motion

## Conservative methods

- Atlanta orthosis, no weightbearing

## Operative methods

Osteotomy of the pelvis (Salter, Steel, Sutherland, Dungal)

Osteotomy of the femur

# Conservative methods

Rest in bed

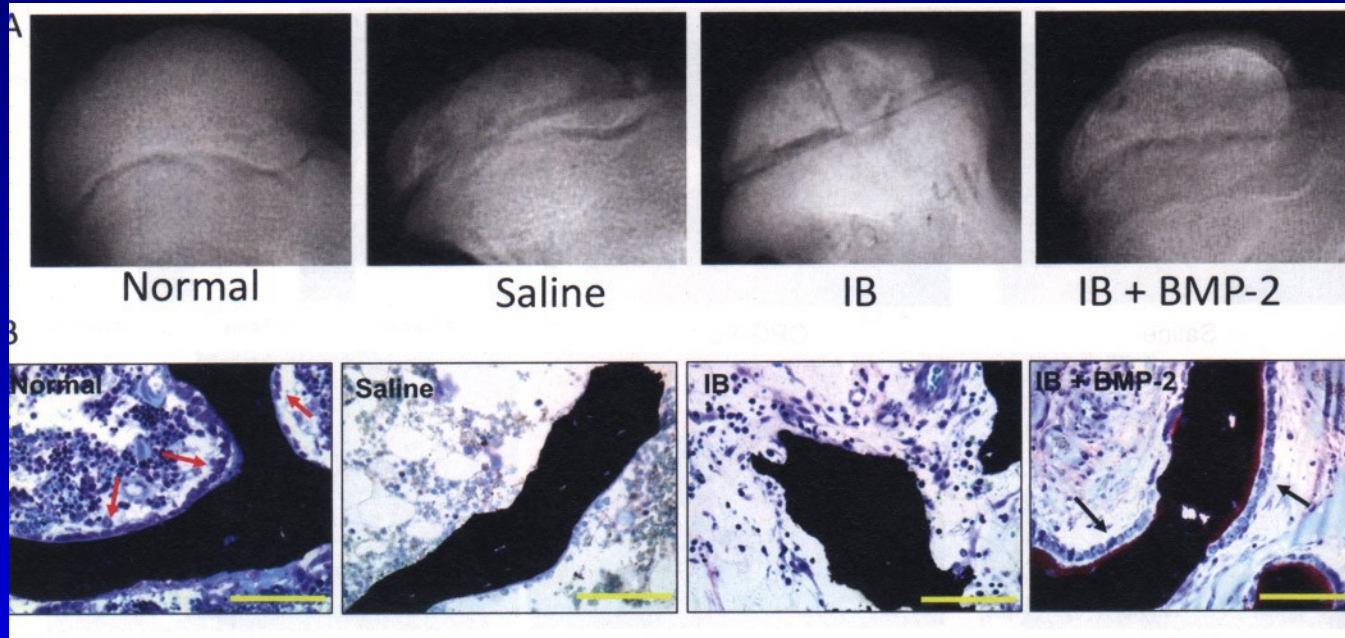
Crutches

Atlanta orthosis

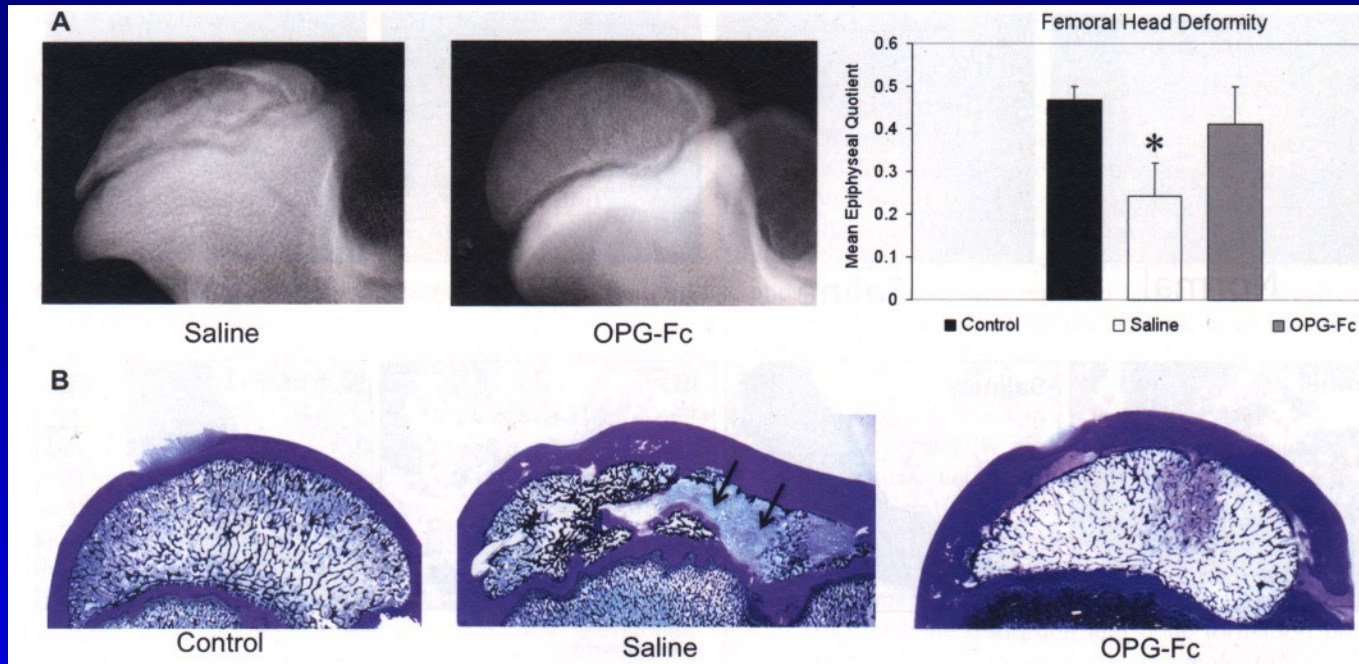


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Atlanta orthosis



## Experiment: Ibandronate + BMP

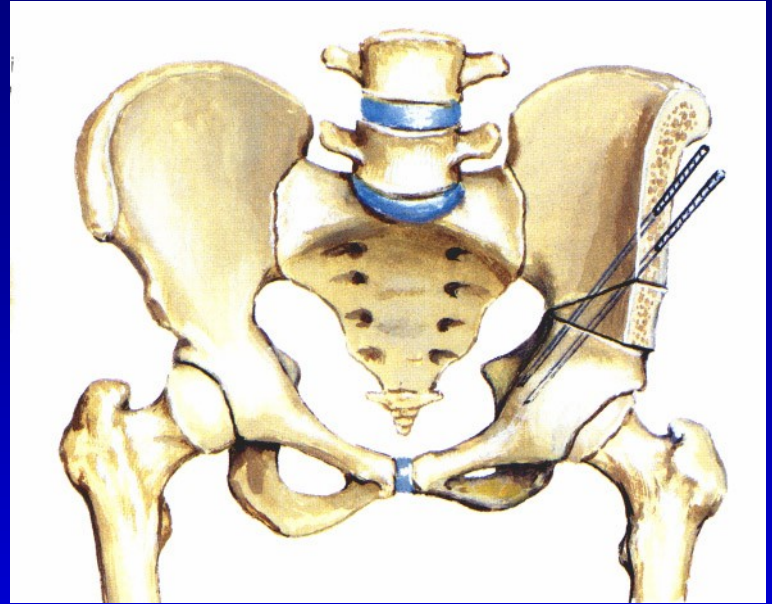


## Experiment: Osteoprotegerin

# Operative methods

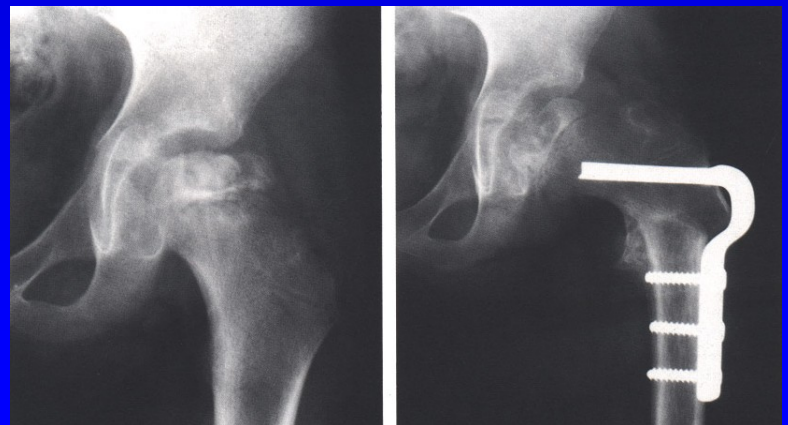
Salter pelvic osteotomy

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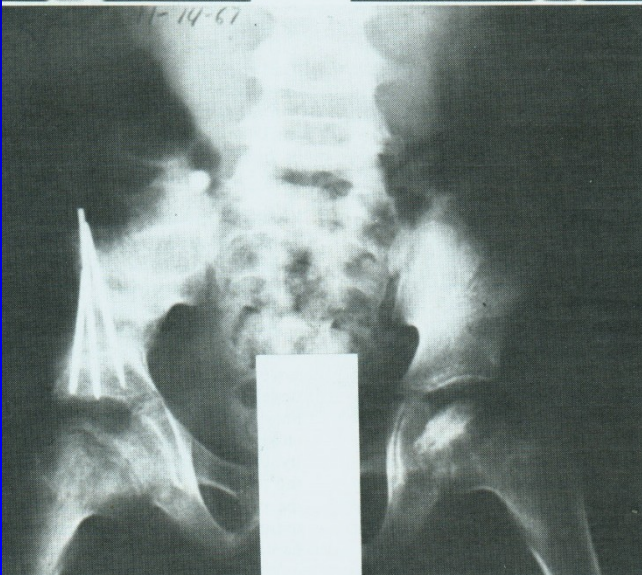
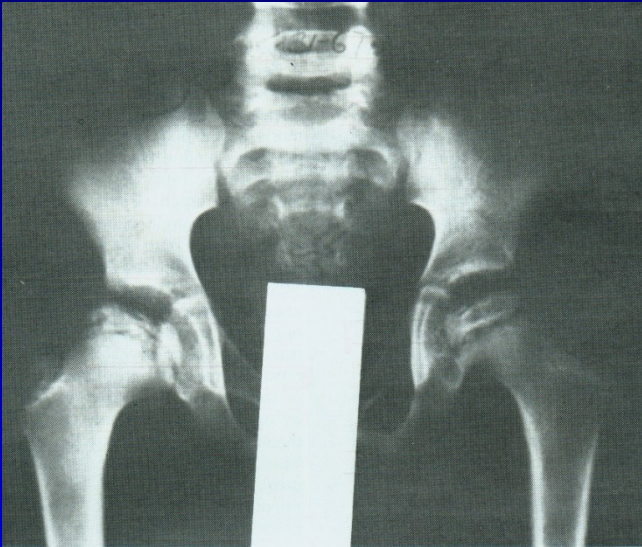
Varus osteotomy of the femur

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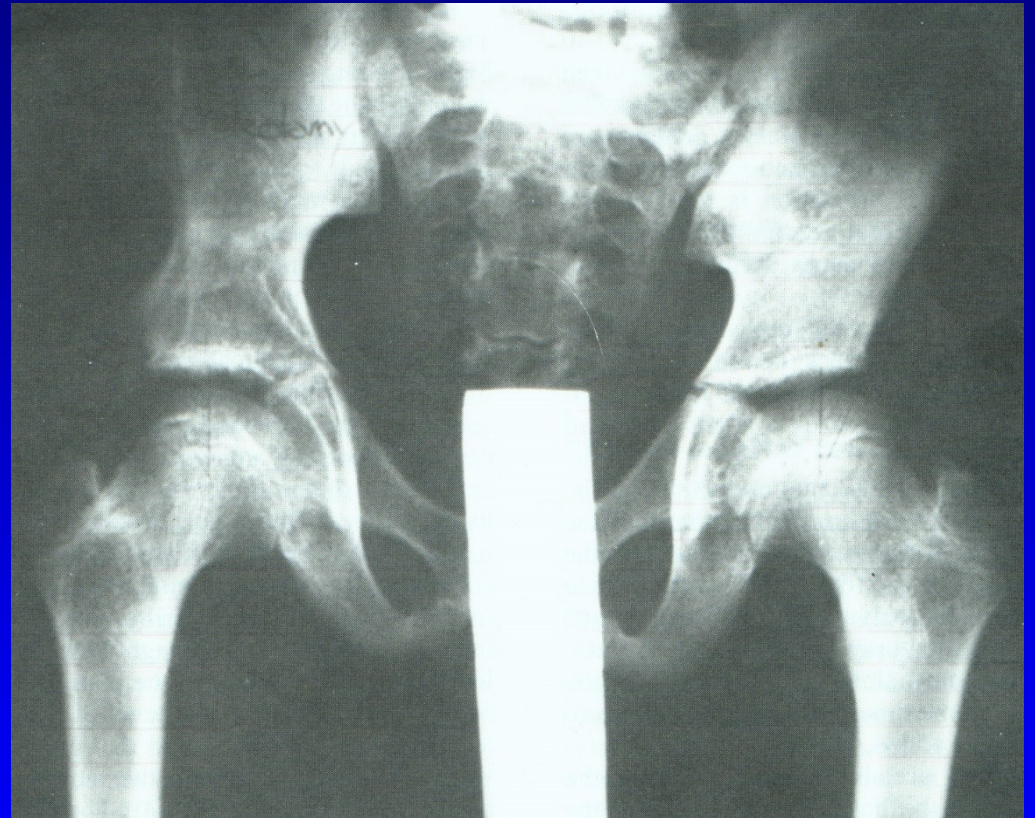




# Salter osteotomy



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Perthes disease on the right hip  
after Salter osteotomy  
Almost normal hip in 18 years of age

# Consequences of Perthes disease

Coxa plana

Shortening of the leg

Limited movements

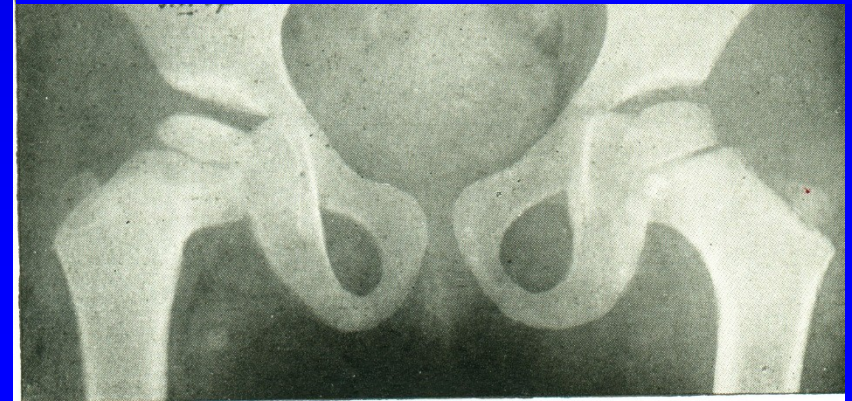
Early osteoarthritis

Better prognosis

Younger age

Less extent of damage

No subluxation



# Tibia vara Blount

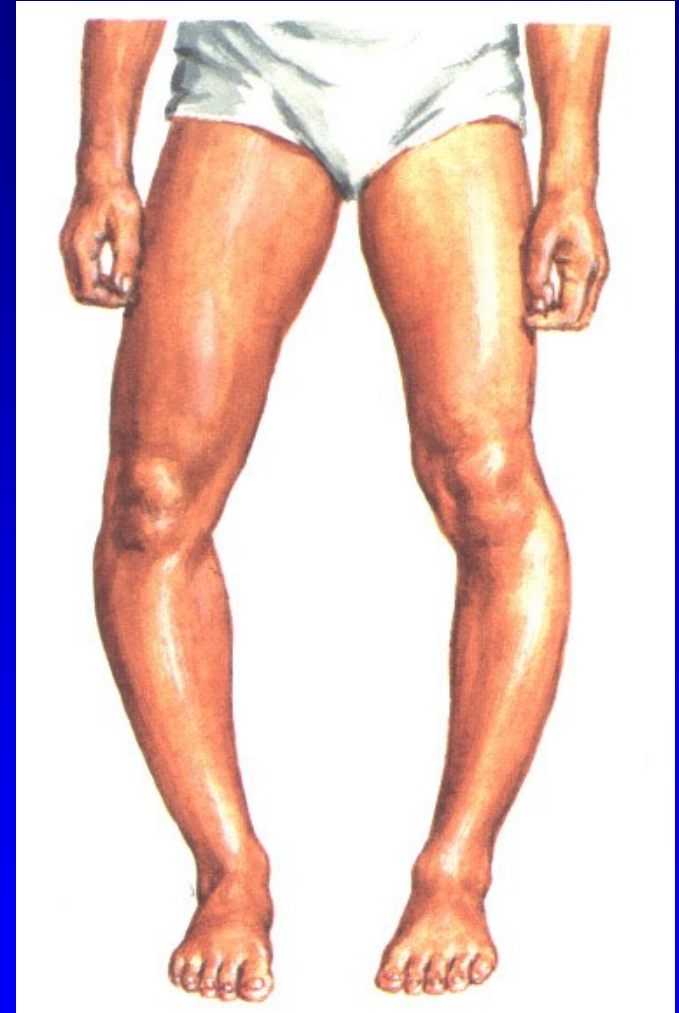
Disorder of proximal epiphysis  
of the tibia

Early arrest of growth plate on medial  
side with smaller epiphysis

Infantile – up to 3 years

Juvenile - up to 10 years

Th: orthosis, osteotomy

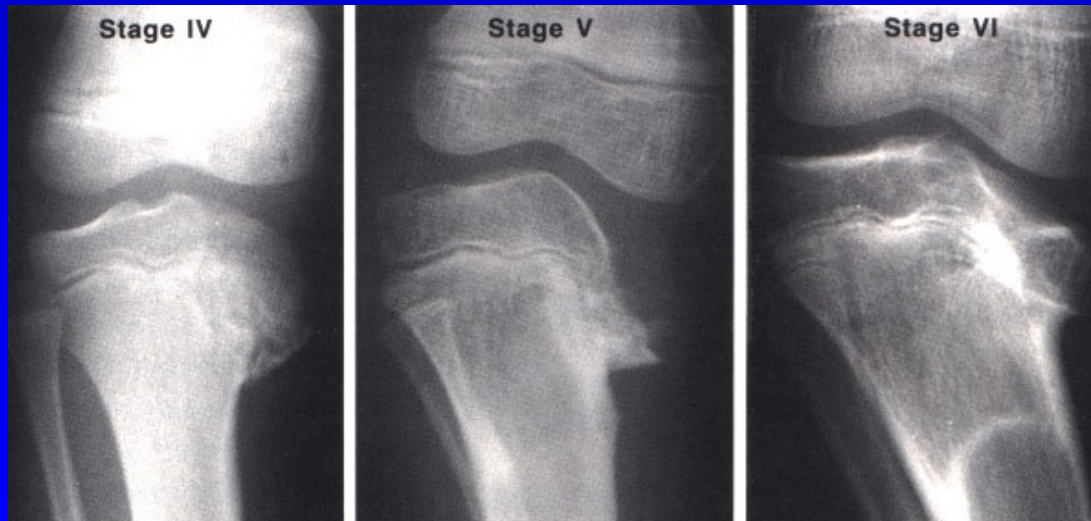


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# Tibia vara Blount



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# Slipped upper femoral epiphysis

Growth plate of proximal epiphysis

of the femur is weak and soft

Imbalance of growth hormon and  
sexual hormones

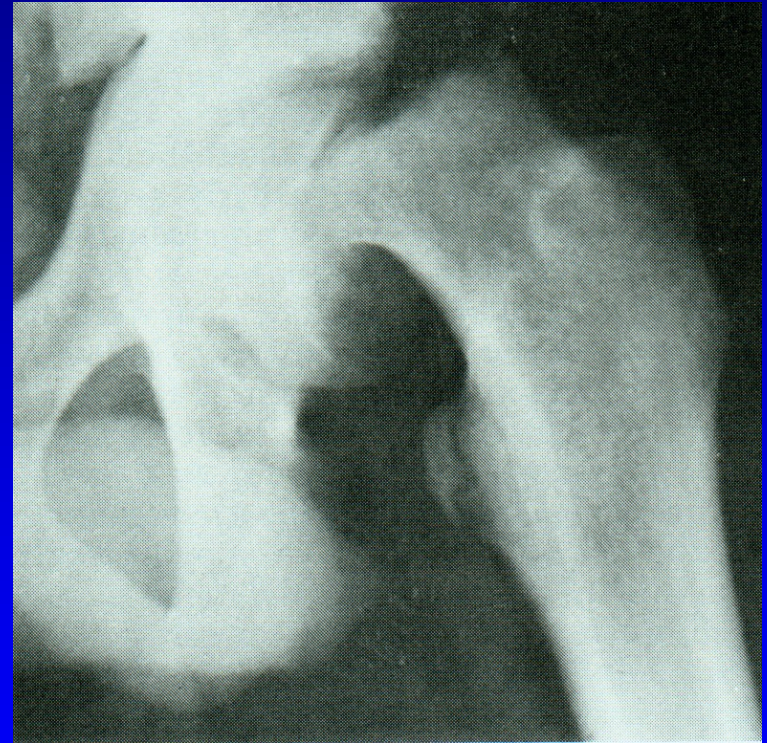
Obese patients

Fröhlich syndrom

Adiposogenital syndrom

9-15 years

Bilateral in one third

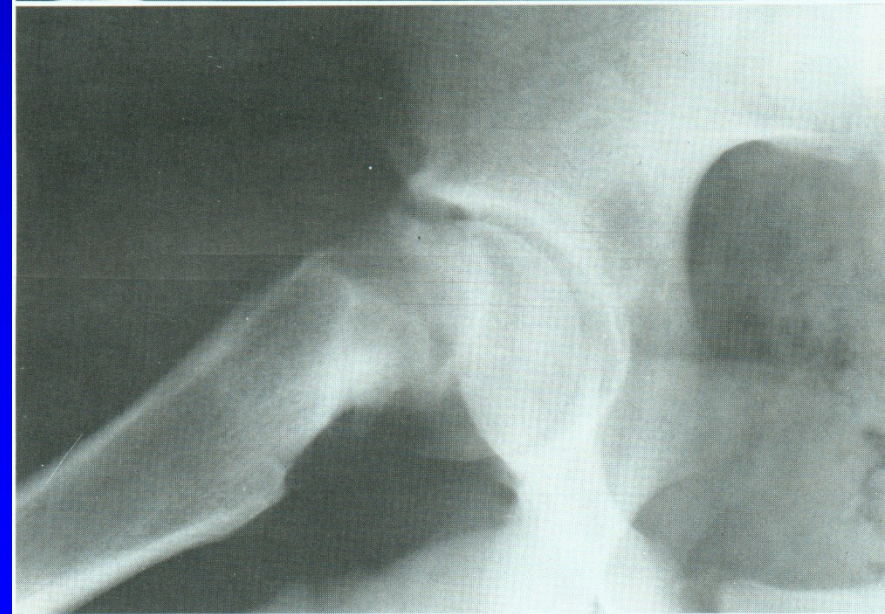
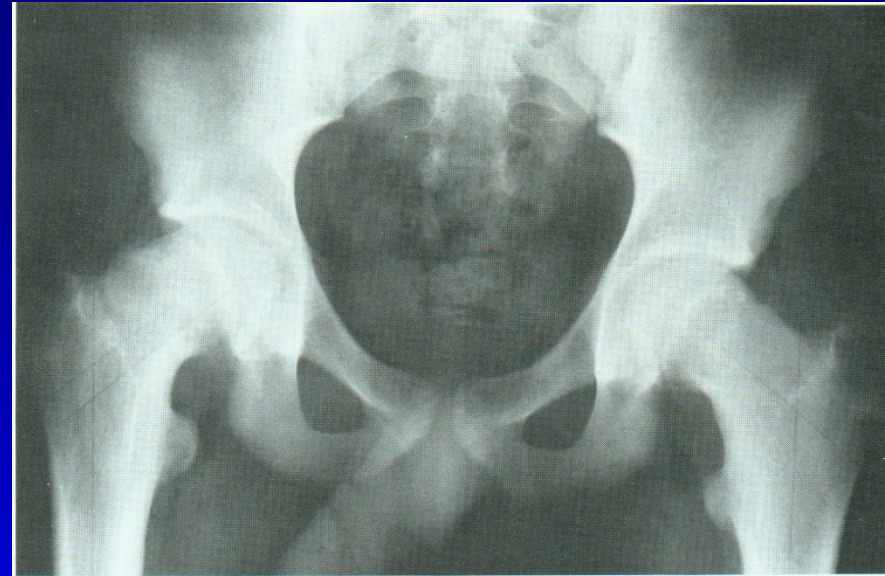


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# Slipped upper femoral epiphysis

Slipping of epiphysis  
down and backwards  
to varus and to retroversion

Metaphysis goes proximally  
and to external rotation



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# Symptoms

Pain in groin and in the thigh

Limping

Shortening of the leg

Limited abduction and external rotation

Positive Trendelenburg sign

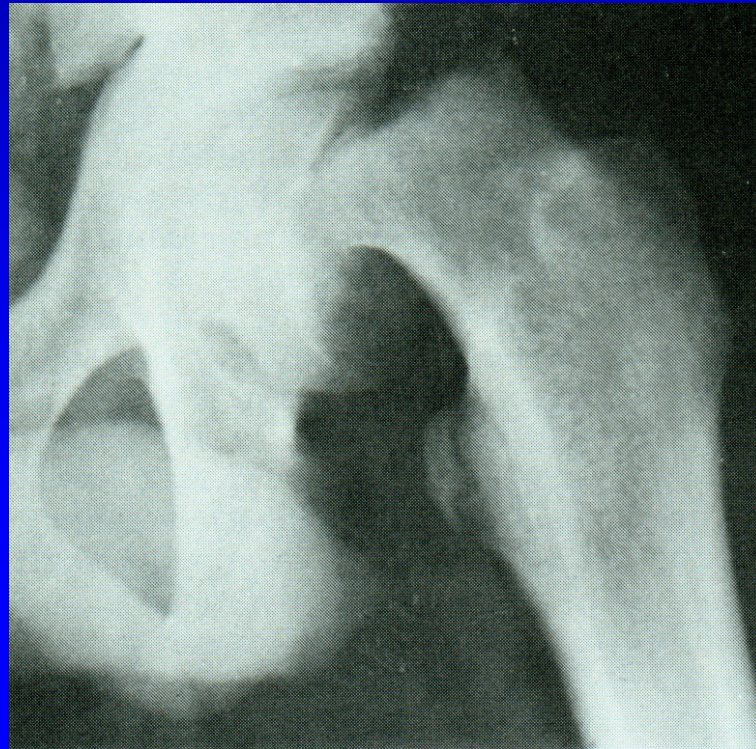


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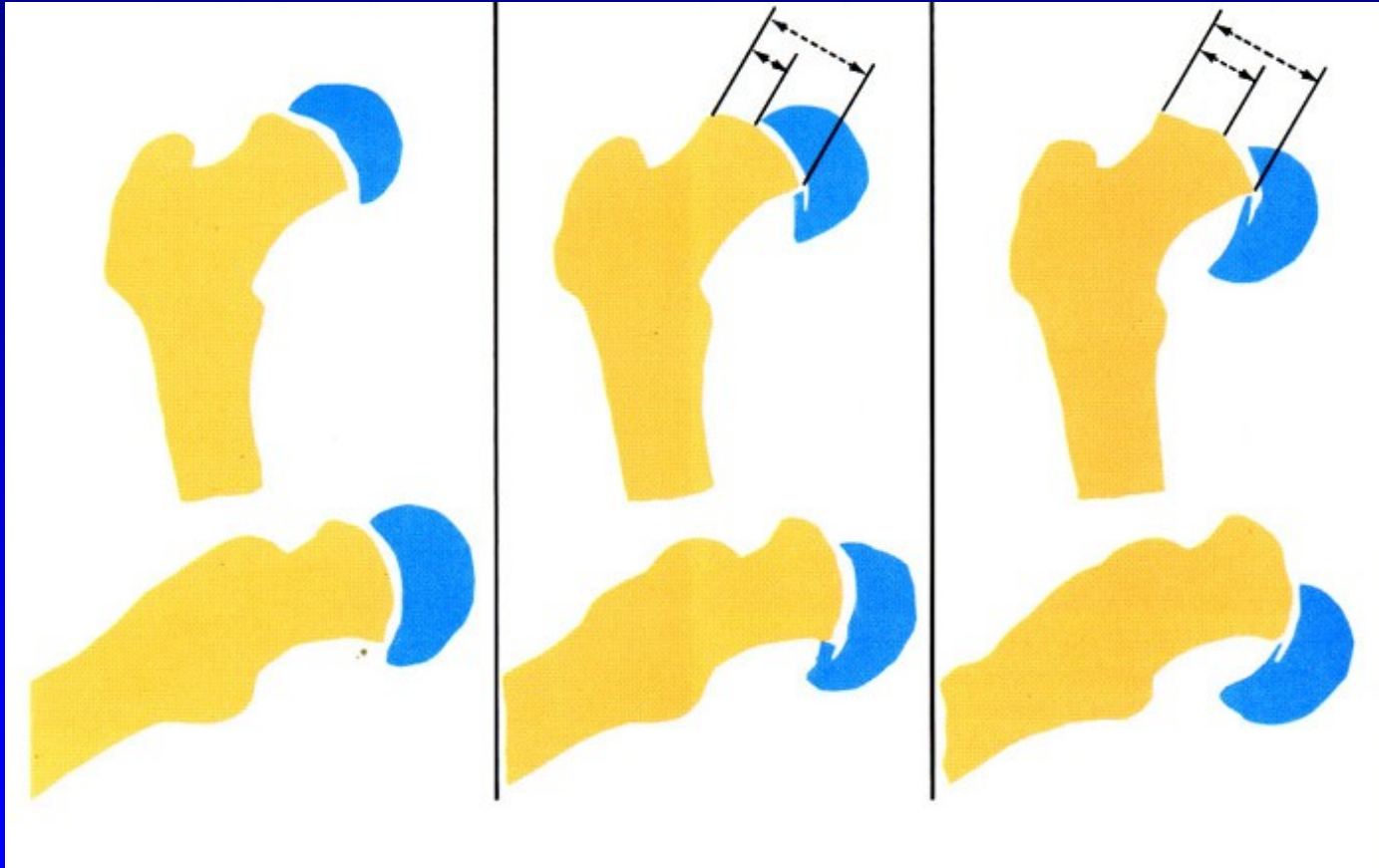
# Types

1. Preslip (6%)
2. Acute slip (11%)
3. Chronic slip (after two weeks, 60 %)
4. Acute slip on chronic slipping (23%)



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# Stages



1.

2.

3.

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# Stages

1. Slight: slip up to 30%
2. Moderate : slip 30-60 %
3. Severe: slip above 60 %

# Management

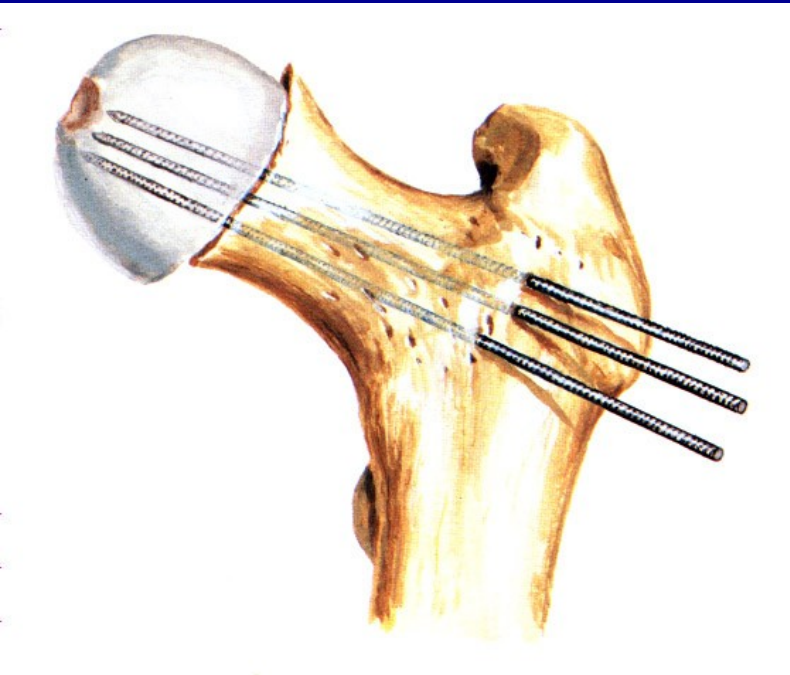
Fixation in situ (K wires, Knowles pins)

Closed reduction and K wires

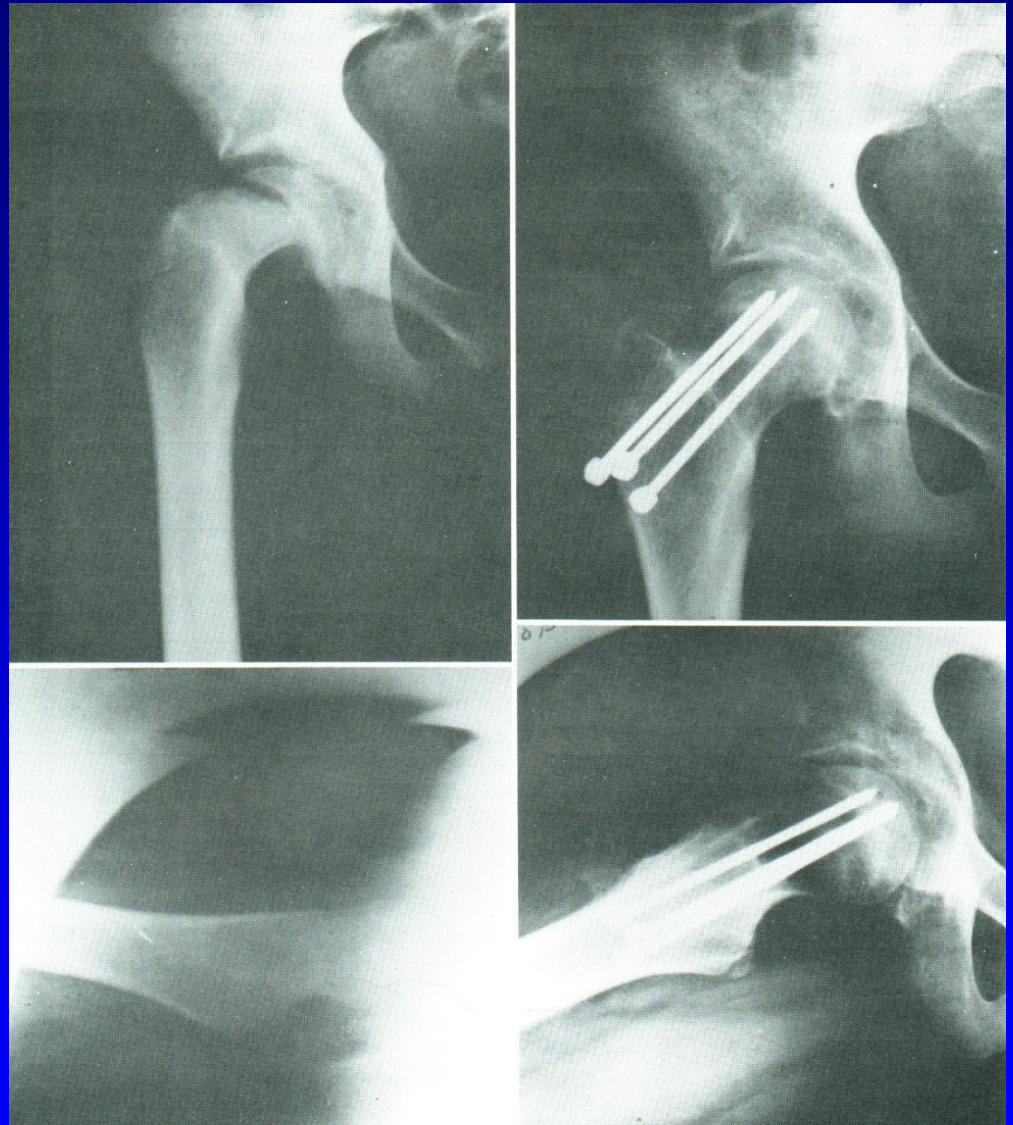
Open reduction

Osteotomy of proximal femur -  
Southwick, Imhäuser-Weber

# Fixation in situ

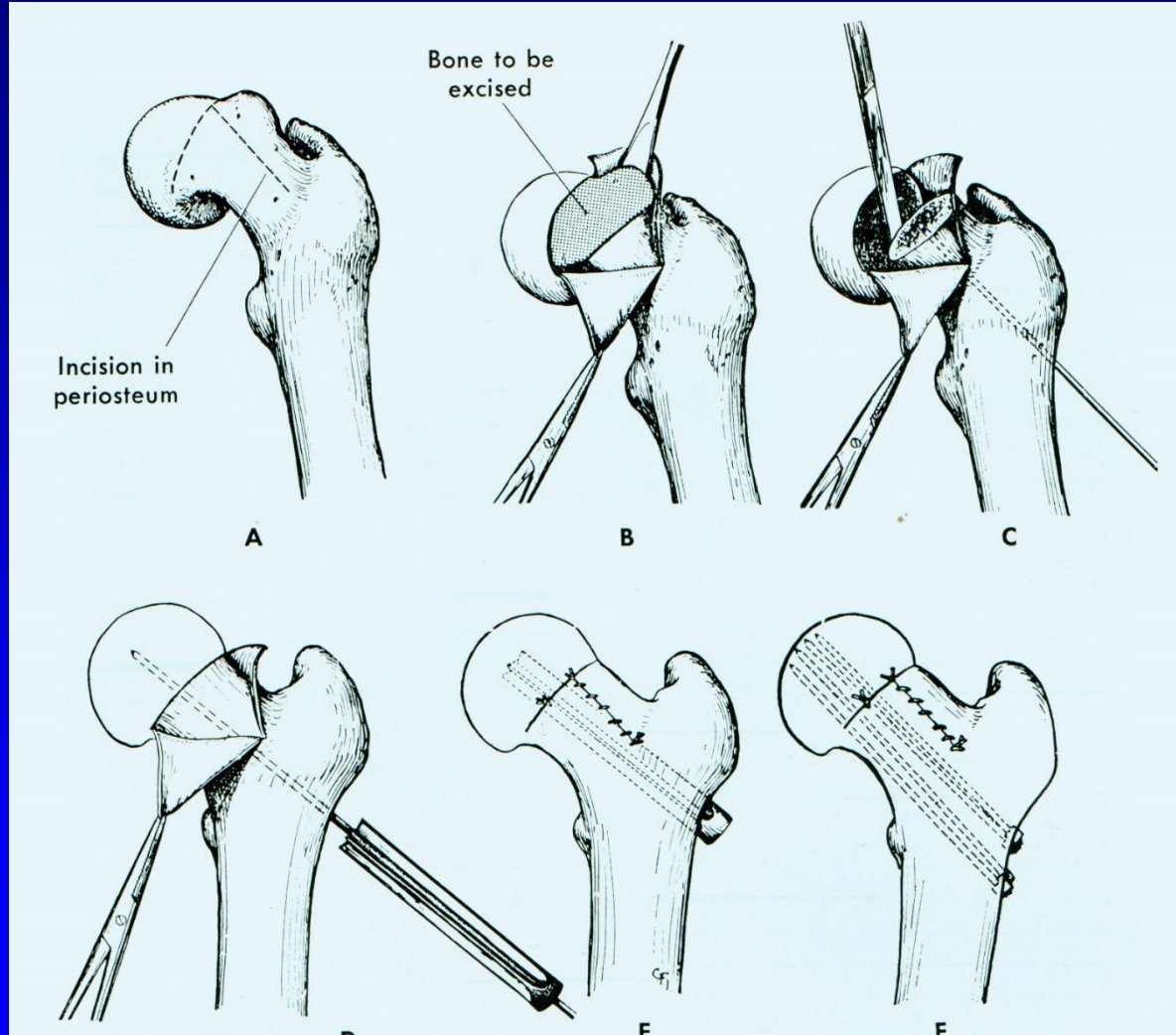


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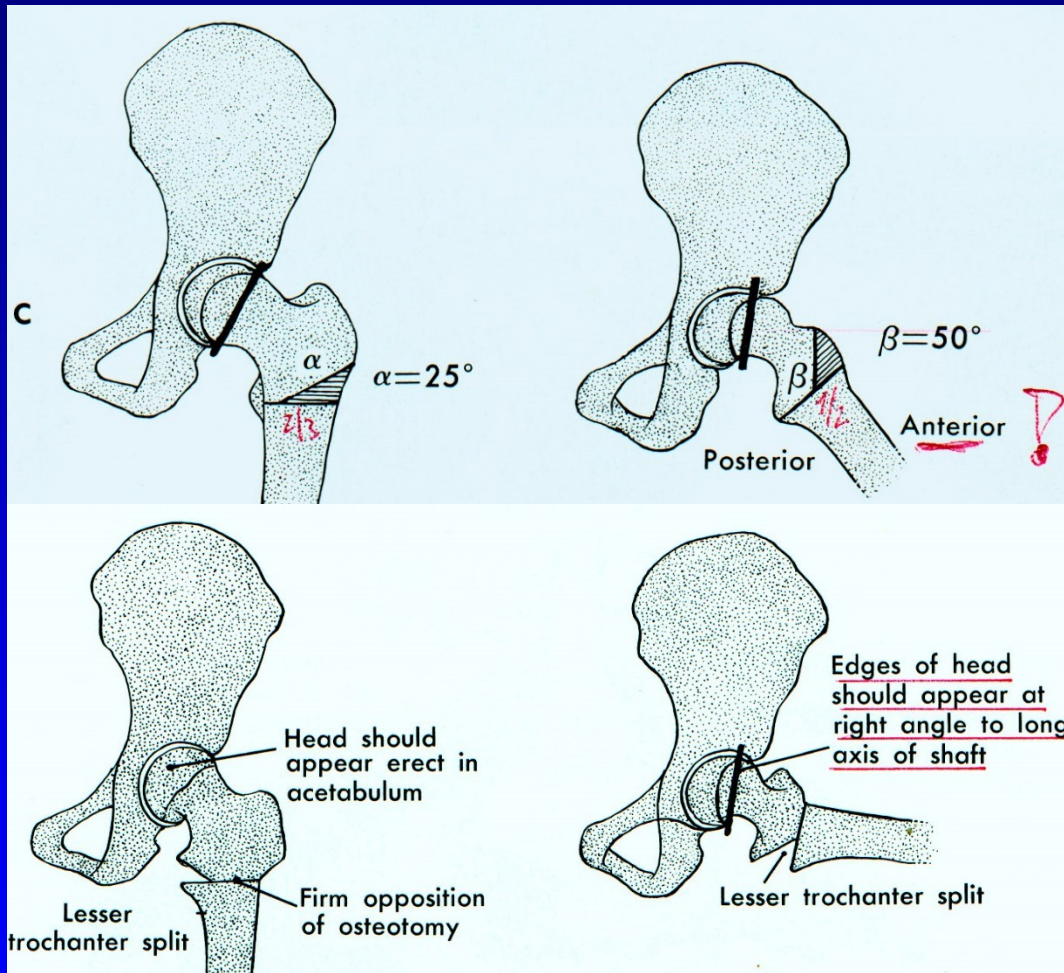
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# Open reduction

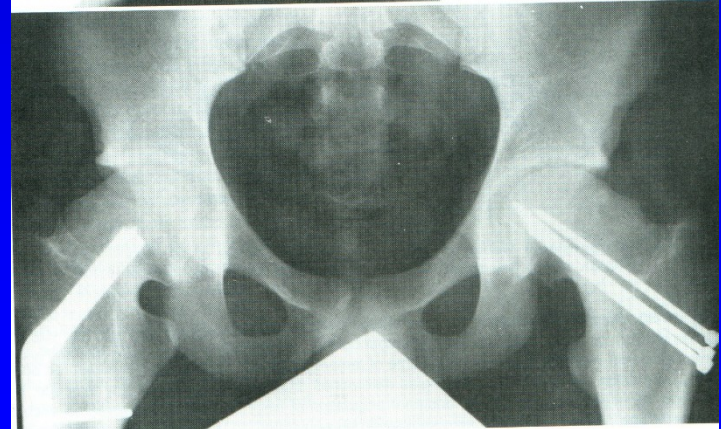
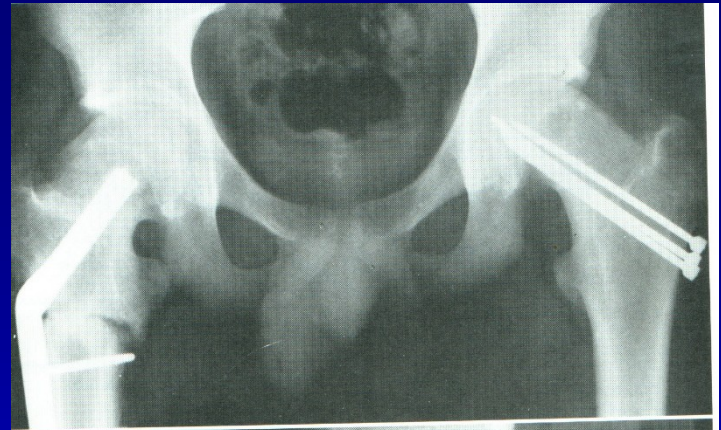


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# Southwick osteotomy



# Pertrochanteric osteotomy



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Complication of slipped upper femoral epiphysis

Avascular necrosis of the femoral head

Chondrolysis of the femoral head

Osteoarthritis of the hip

# Necrosis of os lunatum m. Kienböck

## Therapy

Rest

Immobilisation

Removal and replacement  
by tendon, by os pisiforme  
or by artificial material



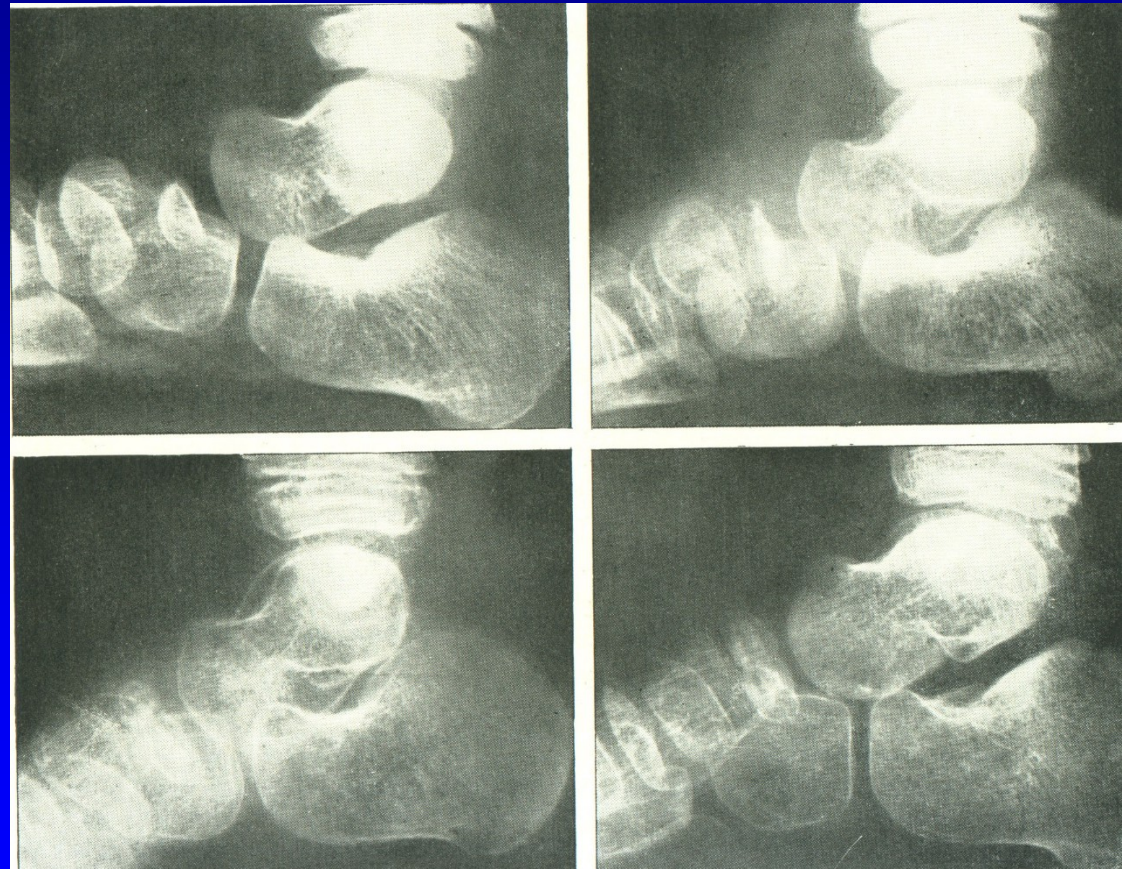
# M. Köhler I. - necrosis of navicular bone

Therapy

Rest

Immobilisation

Arthrodesis



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M. Köhler II.  
M. Freiberg-Köhler  
Necrosis of metatarsal head

Therapy

Rest, padding

Surgery:  
Removal of necrotic part  
Osteotomy



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# Avascular necrosis of femoral head in adults



Etiology unknown

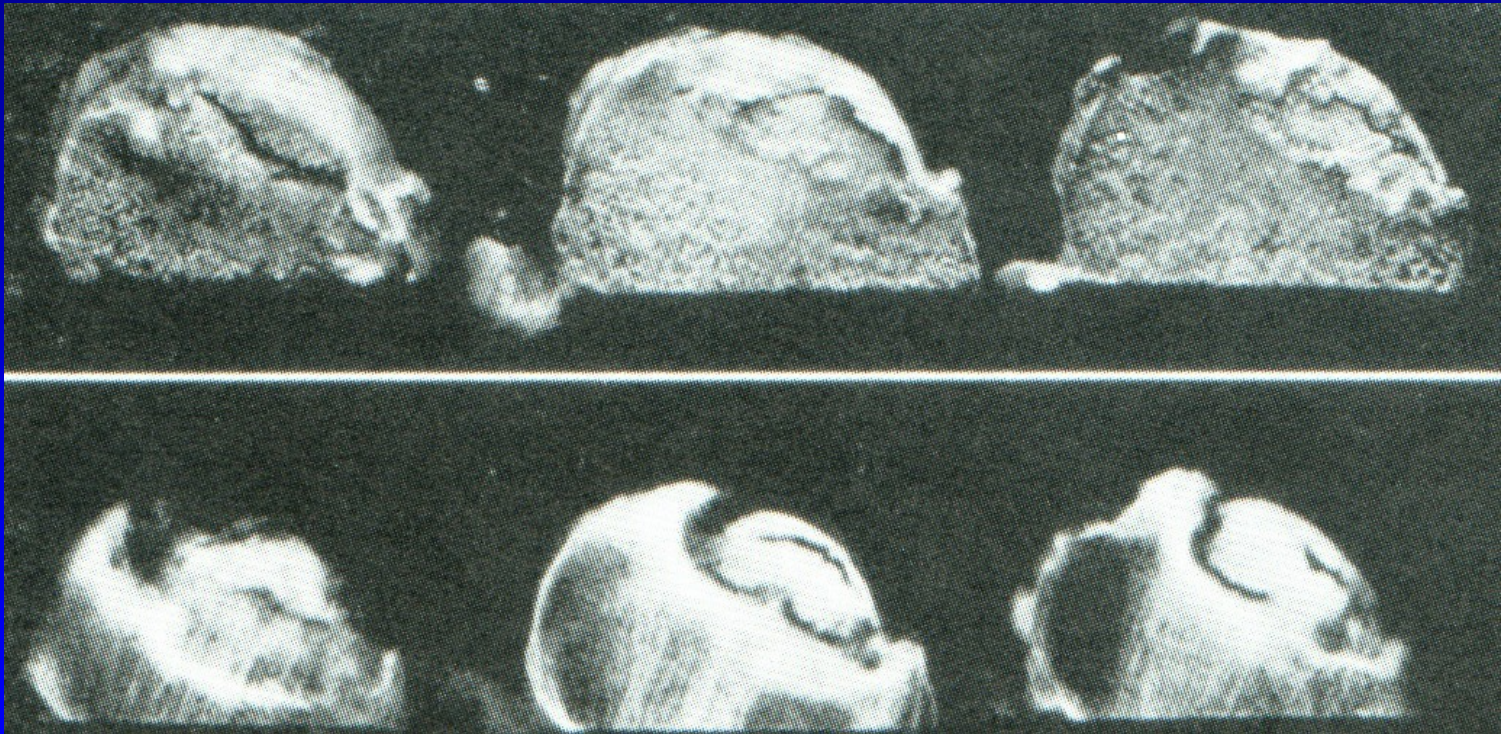
Pain

Limited movements

Limping

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# Avascular necrosis of femoral head



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Etiology unknown

72 % bilateral

Without management- 85 % progress into colaps  
of the femoral head

5-12 % indications to THA

Genetic background

Risk factors



**Table 1** Conditions that may cause or are related to ONFH

**Trauma**

Femoral neck fracture

Hip dislocation

Extensive burns

Direct vessel trauma

**Hypercoagulation**

Deficit of antithrombin III

Deficit of protein C

Deficit of protein S

Resistance to activated protein C

Deficit of plasminogen activator inhibitor

Surplus of inhibitor for plasminogen activator

Factor V Leiden mutation

**Secondary conditions of hypercoagulation**

Corticosteroids

Alcoholism

Hemoglobinopathy

Trombophilia

Corticosteroids

Haemoglobinopathies (sickle-cell disease)

Polycythemia

**Metabolic diseases**

Hyperparathyroidism

Gout

Cushing's disease

Gaucher's disease

**Alimentary system diseases**

Pancreatitis

Ulcerative colitis

Chrohn's disease

**Other risk factors**

Smoking

Decompression disease

Radiation

Chemotherapy

Hemodialysis

HIV infection

## **Secondary conditions of hypercoagulation**

Corticosteroids

Alcoholism

Myelodysplastic syndromes

Pregnancy

Oral contraceptive use

Hyperlipidaemia

Collagen diseases

Ehler–Danlos syndrome

Raynaud's disease

Diabetes mellitus

**Antiphospholipidaemic antibodies (APLA)**

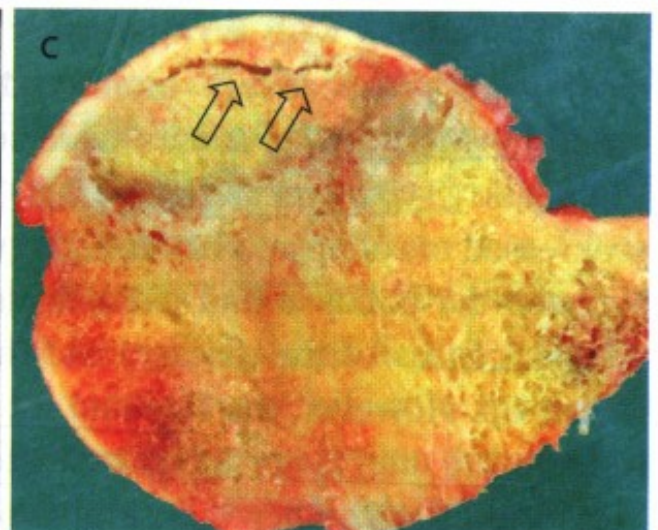
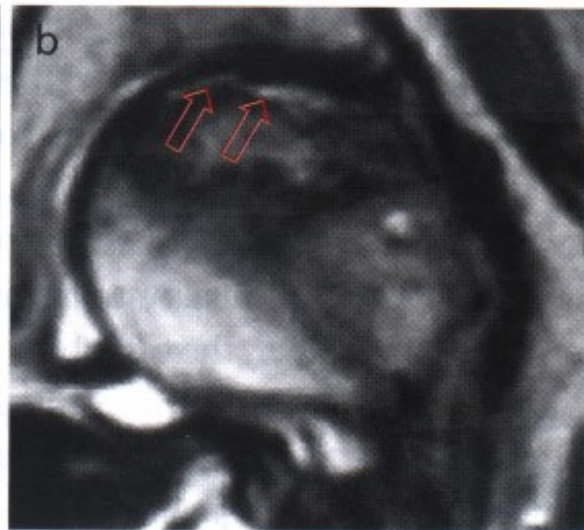
## Diagnosis

Bone infarction at the onset is asymptomatic

Groin pain, around the hip, limping

X-ray

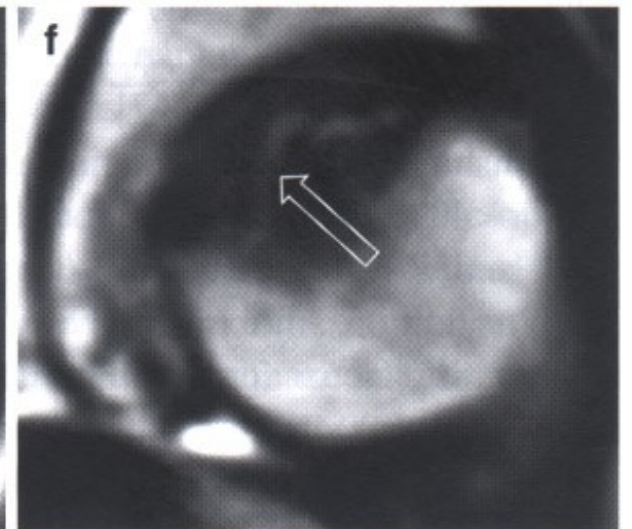
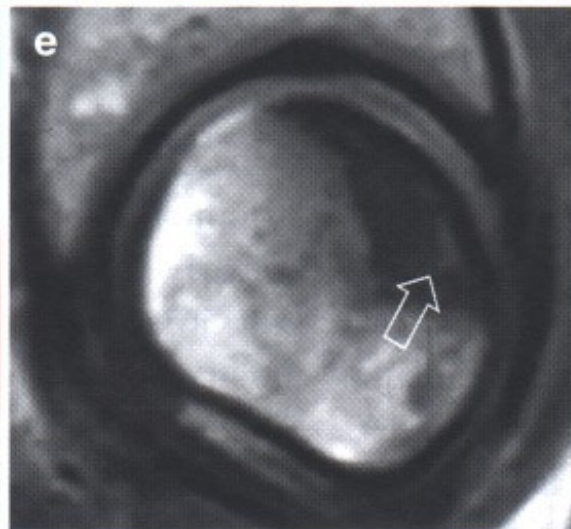
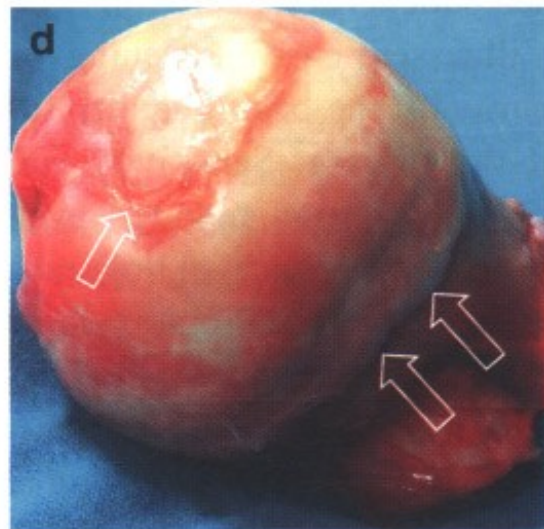
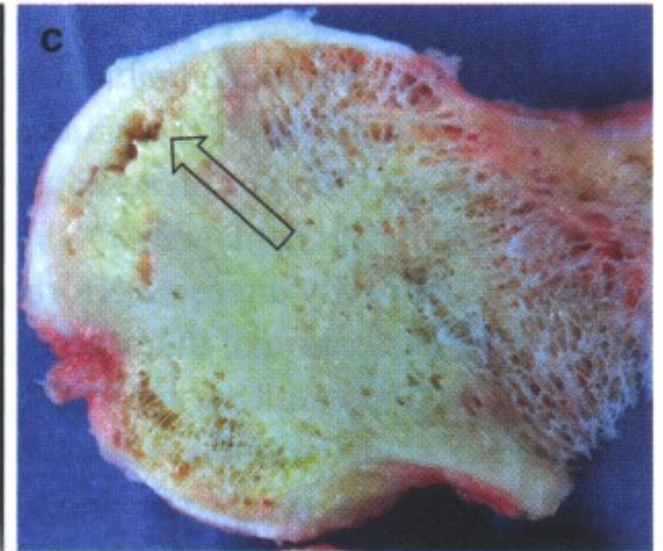
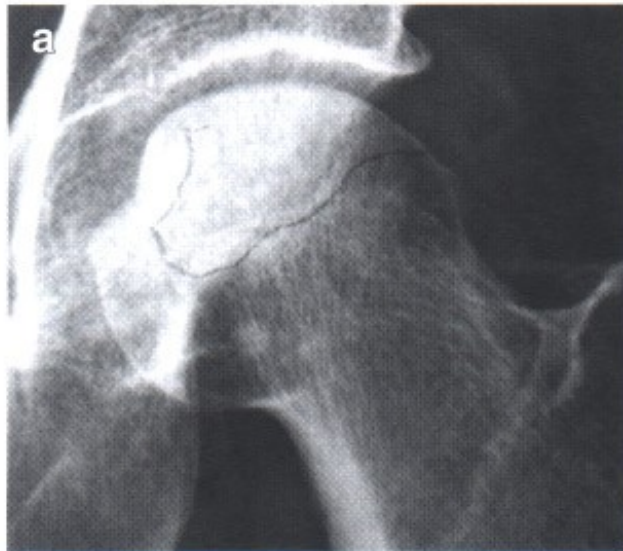
MRI



X-ray  
Subchondral changes

MRI

Specimen



Subchondral fracture

# Management

Cons: crutches, bisphosphonates

physiotherapy, drugs for promotion of vascularity

Oper.:

Forrage, decompression, drilling, bone grafting

Long cylindrical bone graft

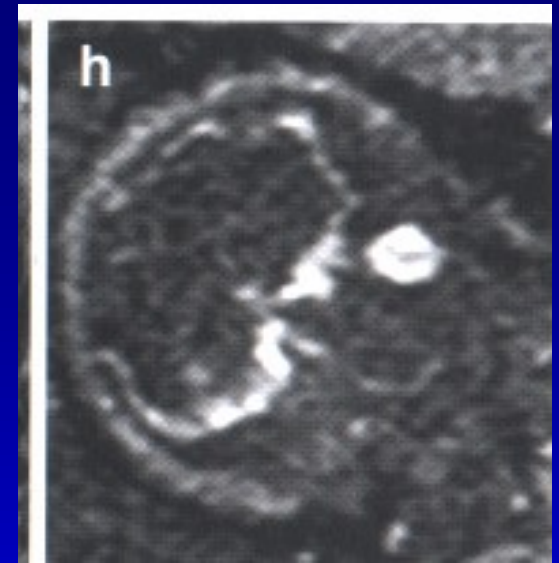
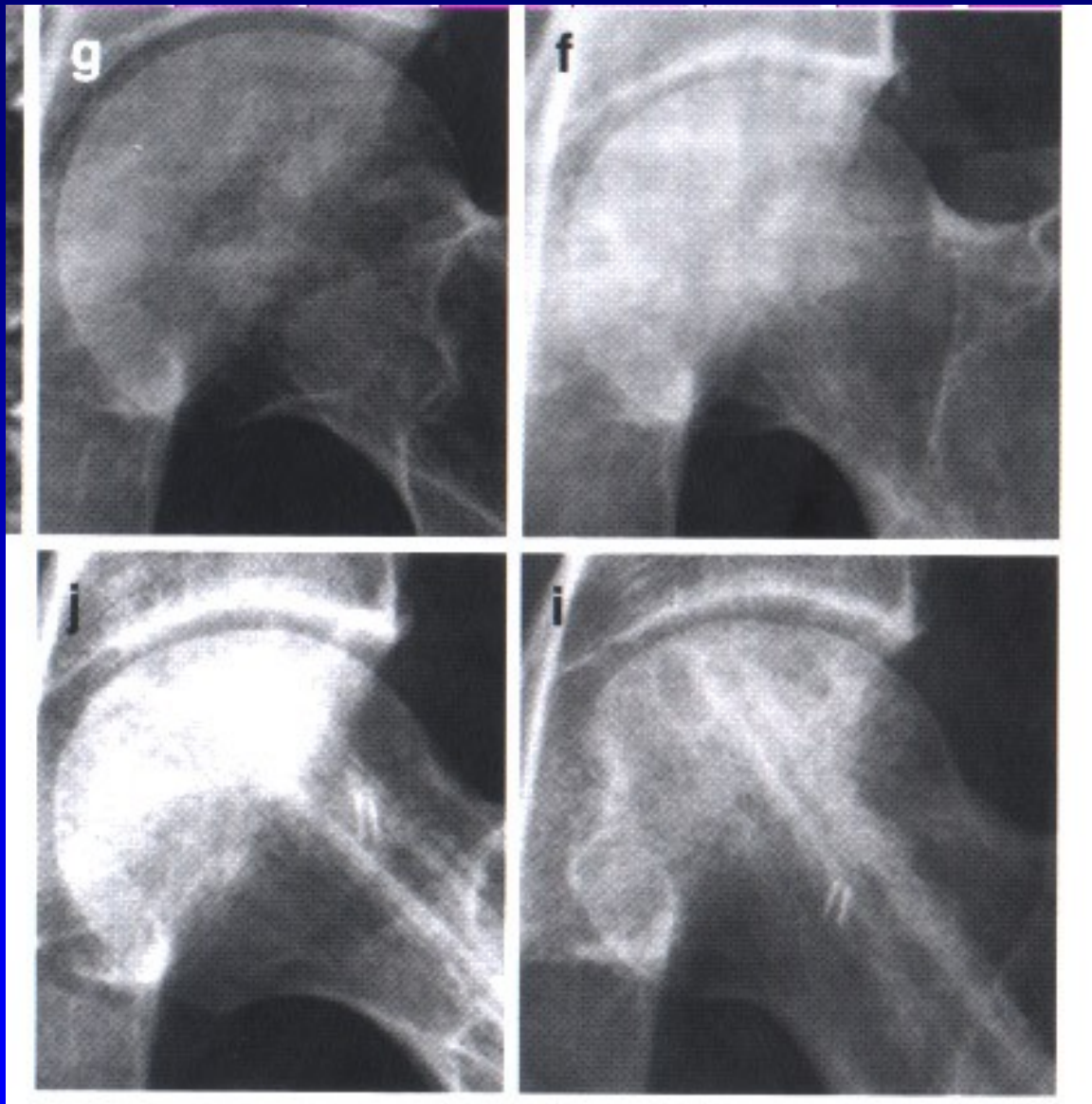
Osteotomy –varus, valgus, rotation

Free vascularized fibular graft - stage II , III.

Nonvascularised bone grafts

Drilling + stem cells + BMP

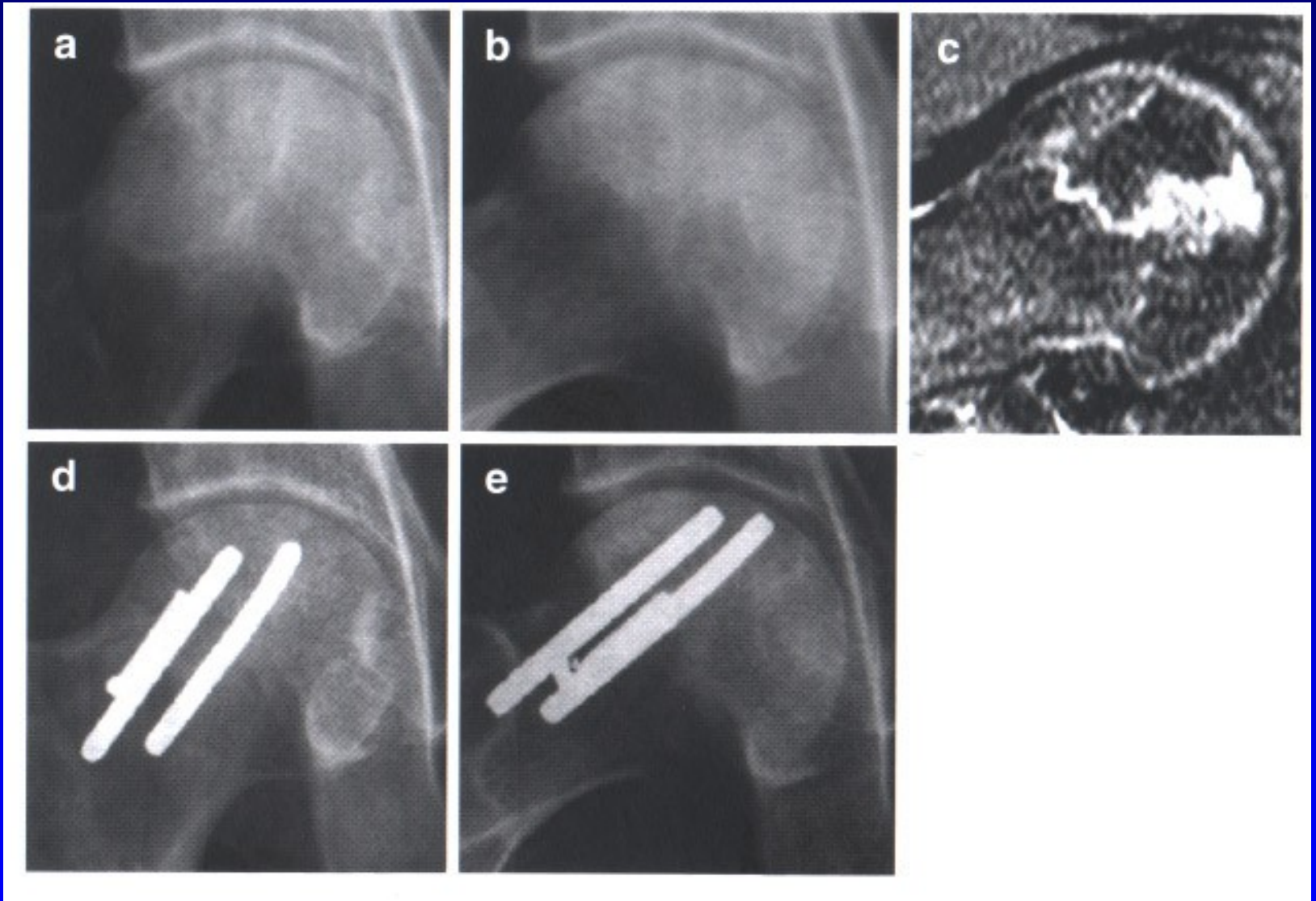
THA



Preop.

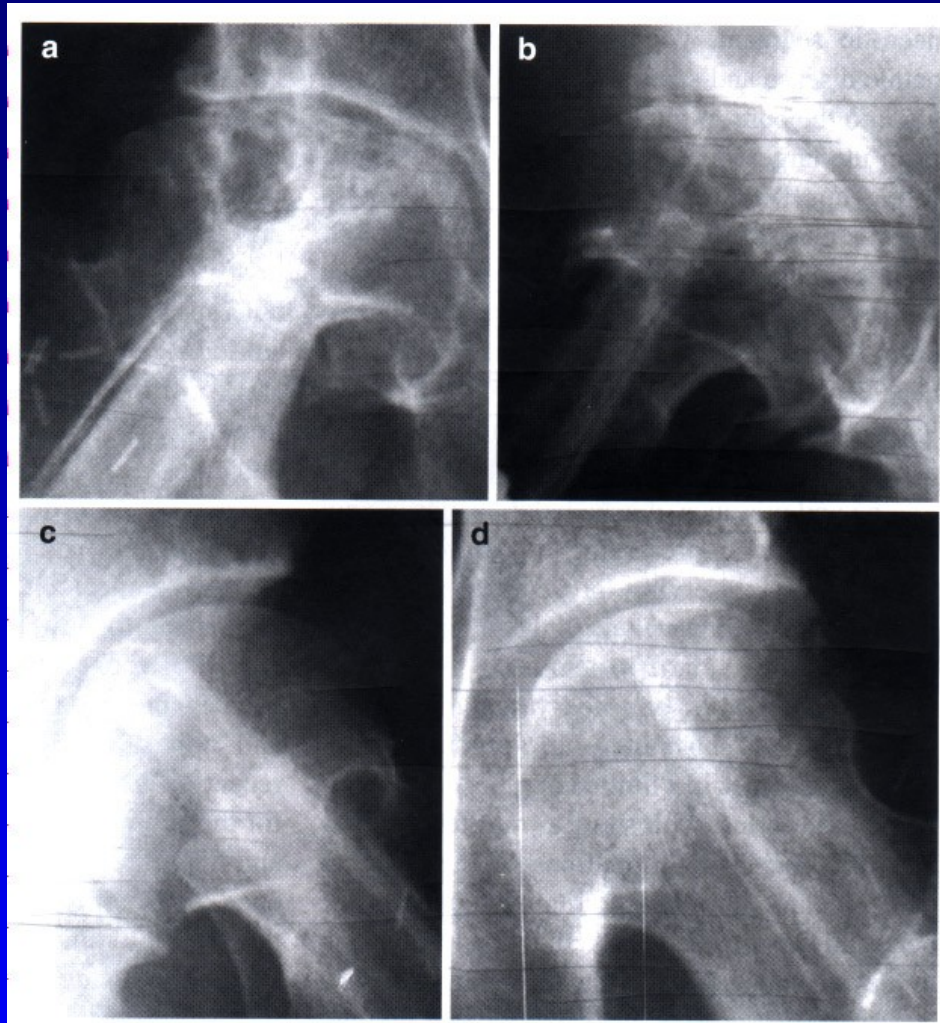
Vascularised fibular graft  
5 y.





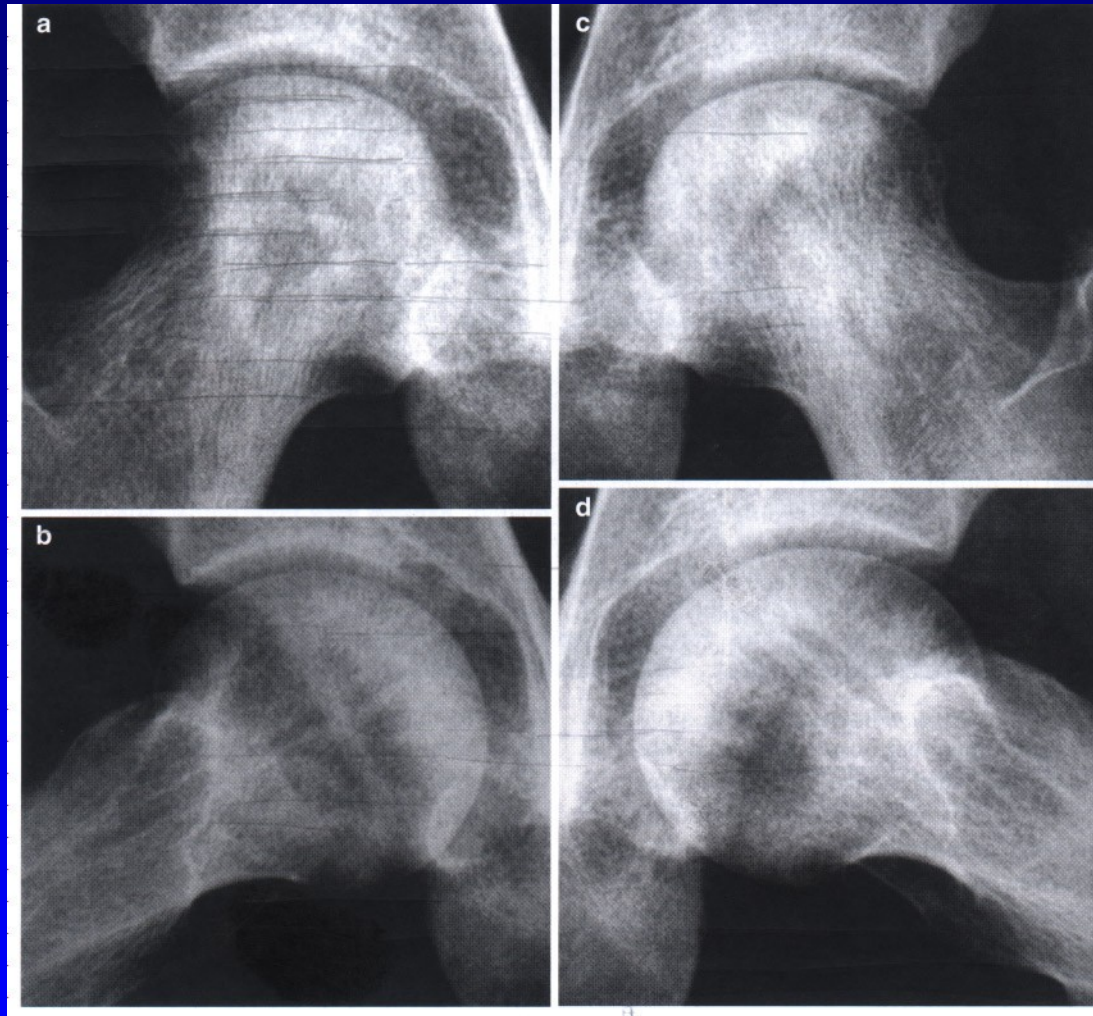
Trabecular metal Tantal rods  
4 y. post op

11 y. postop.



10 y postop  
Asymptomatic.

Vascularised fibular graft



LED, percutaneous drilling – Steinman pin

Necrosis after fracture  
of the neck of the femur



Necrosis of the femoral head  
after coxitis



M. Ahlbäck – necrosis of medial condyle of the femur

m. Osgood- Schlatter – proximal apophysis  
of the tibia

Necrosis of sesamoid bone

M. Panner – osteonecrosis of humeral head

Vertebra plana Calvé

Necrosis of apophysis of calcaneus

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