

CARTILAGE AND BONE

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■ CARTILAGE

20 μm

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General features:

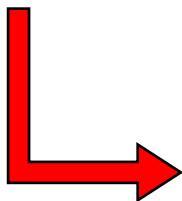
- **specialized connective tissue** with continuous ECM
- flexible, mechanically resistant
- avascular, non-innervated
- support of soft tissues - trachea, larynx
- skeletal support - costal cartilages
- diarthrosis - joints
- bone growth

1. **cells**
2. **fibrils**
3. **amorphous ground substance**



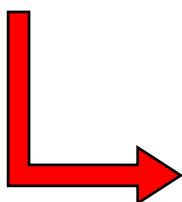
CARTILAGE – COMPOSITION AND STRUCTURE

- Perichondrium – connective tissue around cartilage
(except joints)



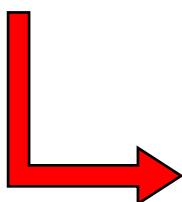
Nutrition
Growth

- Extracellular matrix – water, proteoglycans and collagen fibrils

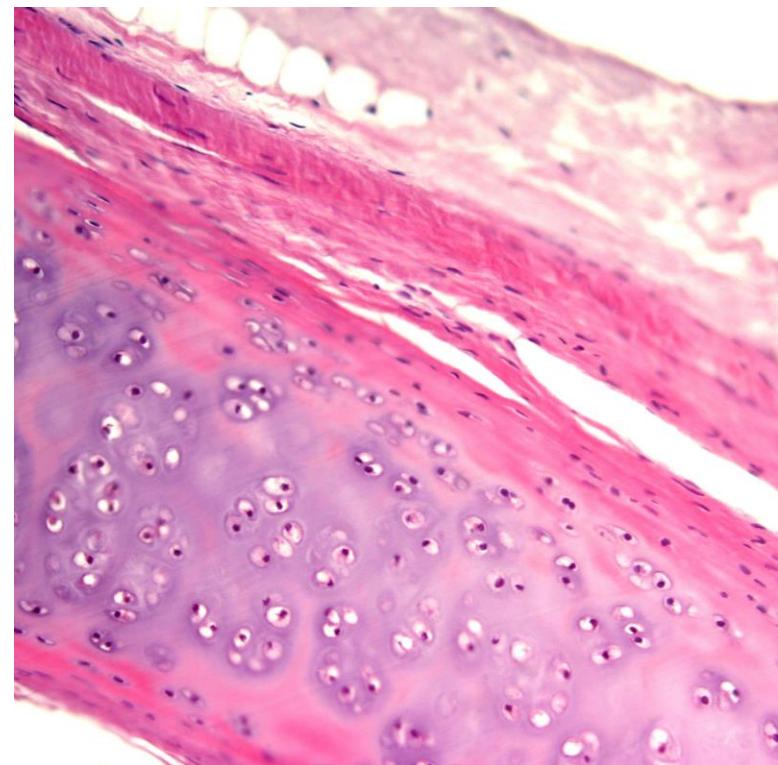


Solid consistence
Pressure elasticity

- Cells of cartilage - chondroblasts, chondrocytes



Growth
ECM production



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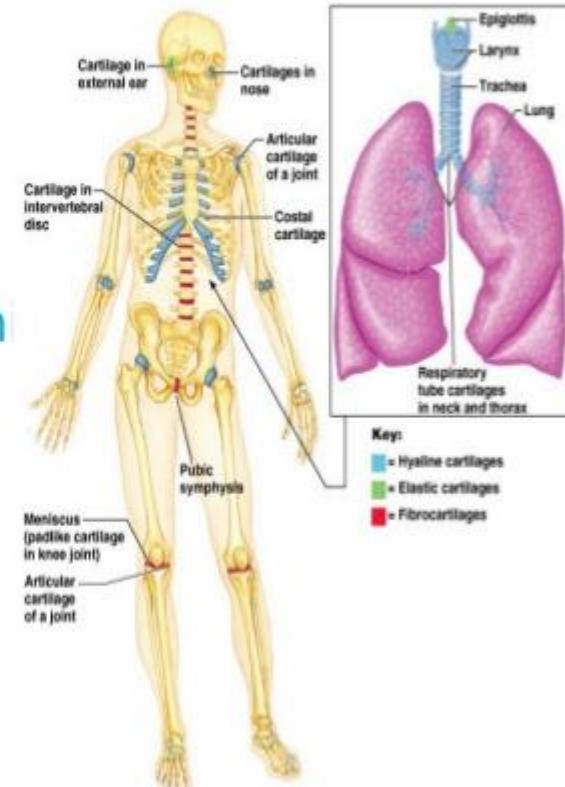
Hyaline

- Nose
- Joint surfaces
- Costal
- Larynx - voice box
- rings of trachea & bronchi

- External ear
- Epiglottis
- Eustachian tube

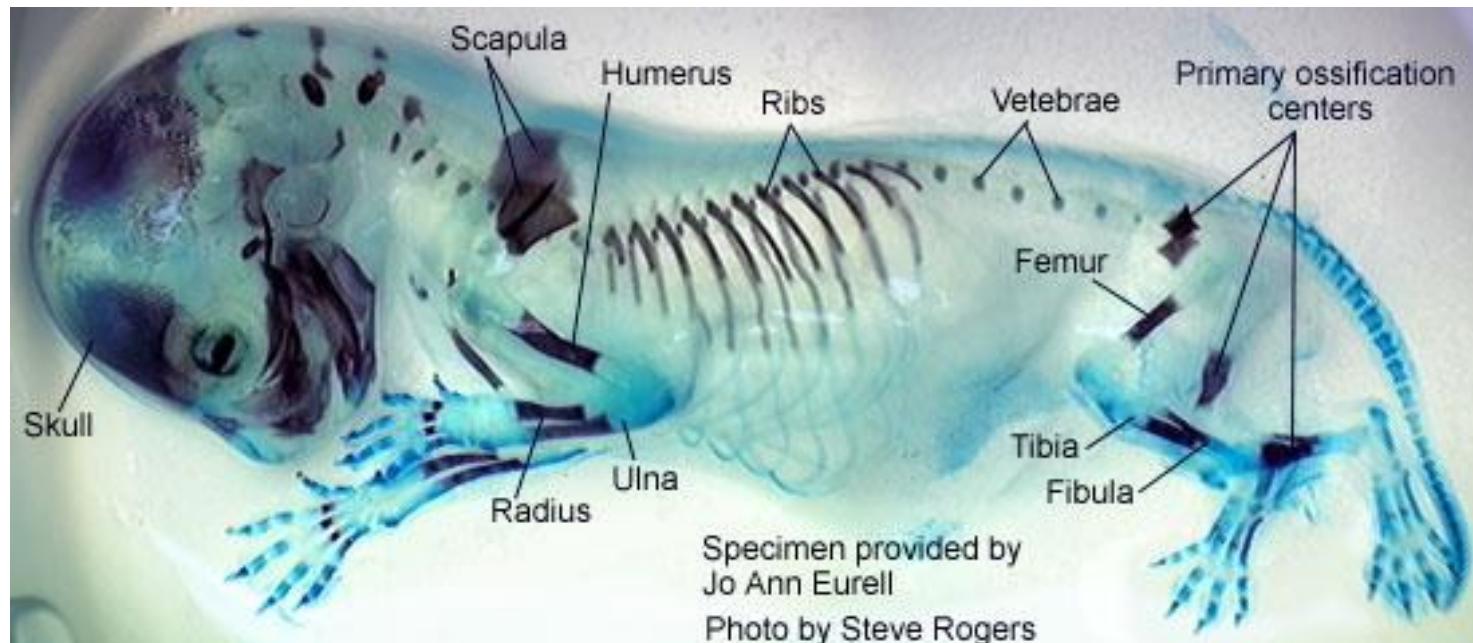
- IVDs
- Pubic symphysis
- meniscus in knee joint

cartilage in adults



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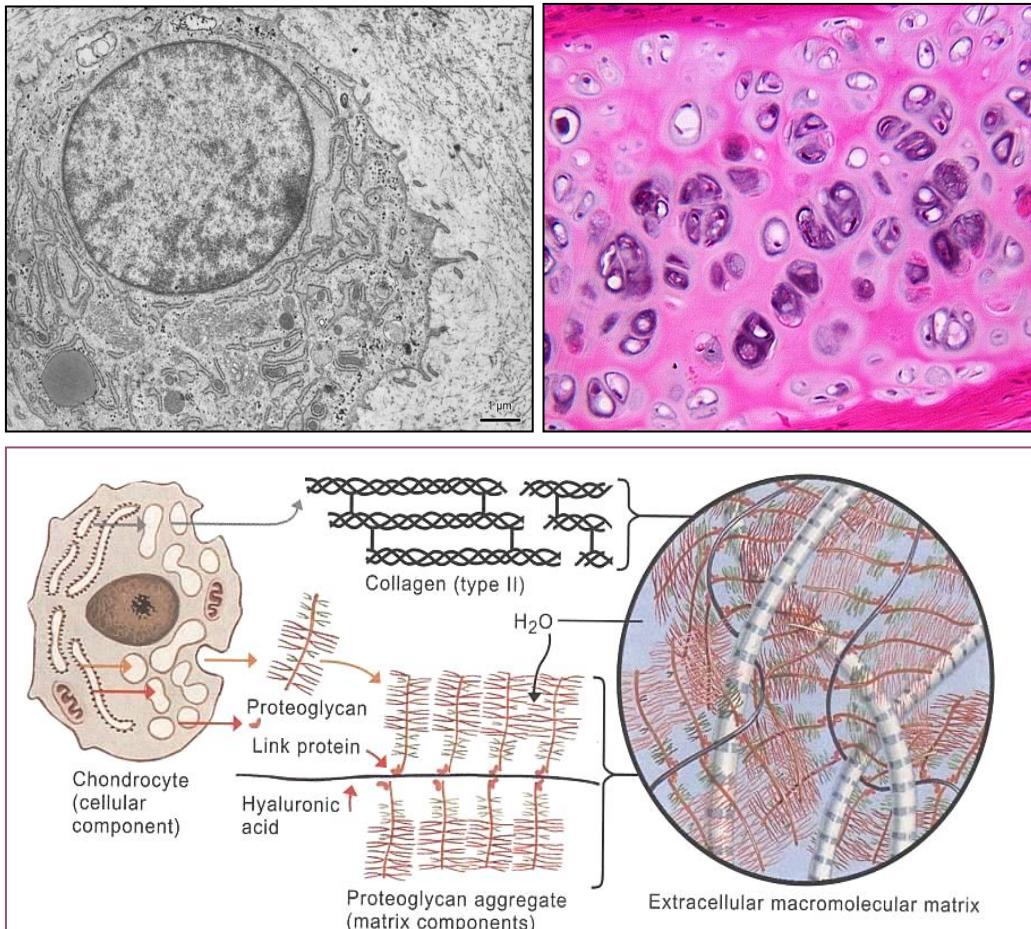
Alcian Blue&Alizarin Red

- most abundant
- temporary embryonal/fetal skeleton
- epiphyseal growth plate
- articulation (joints) respiratory passages

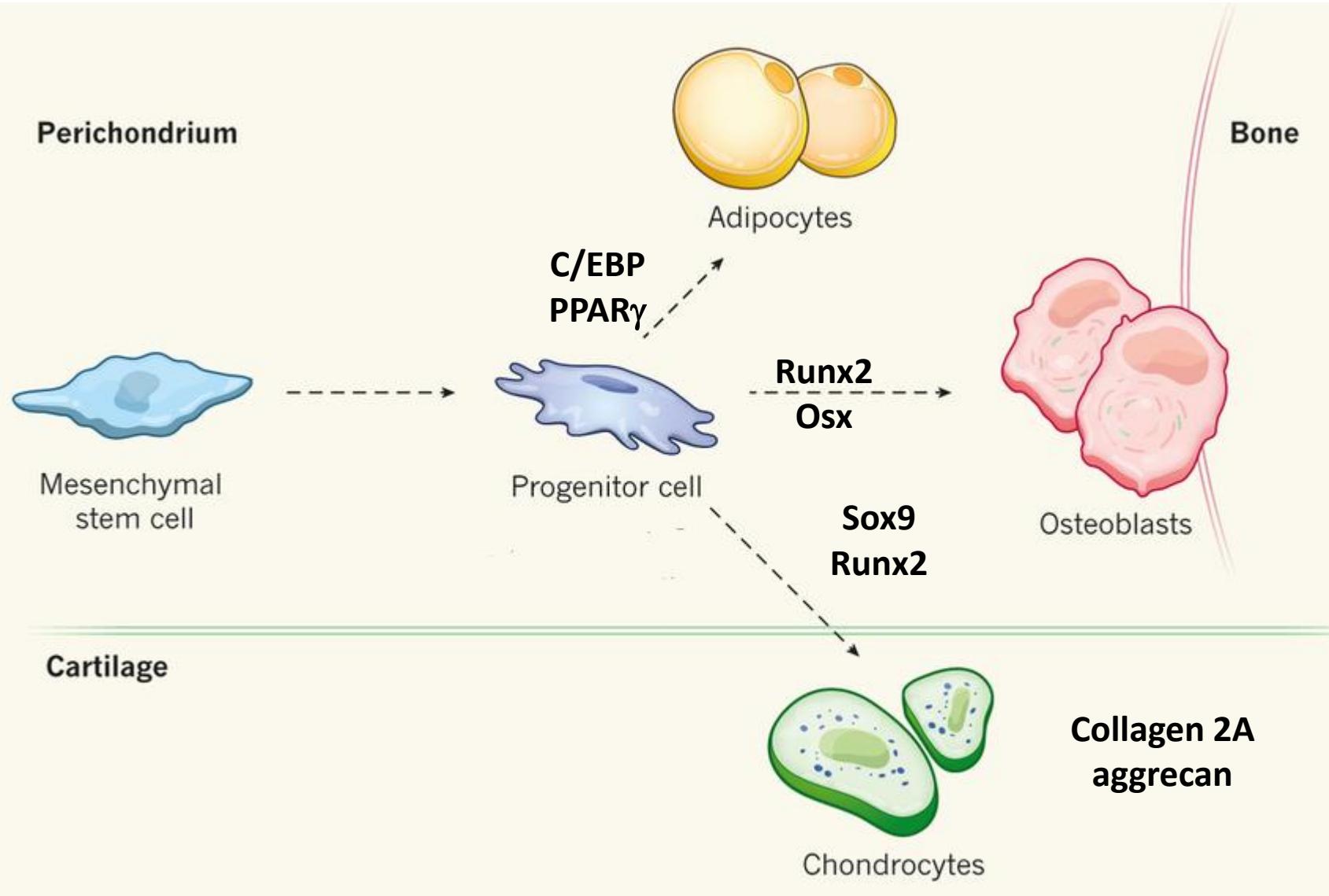
CELLS OF CARTILAGE

■ Chondroblasts and chondrocytes

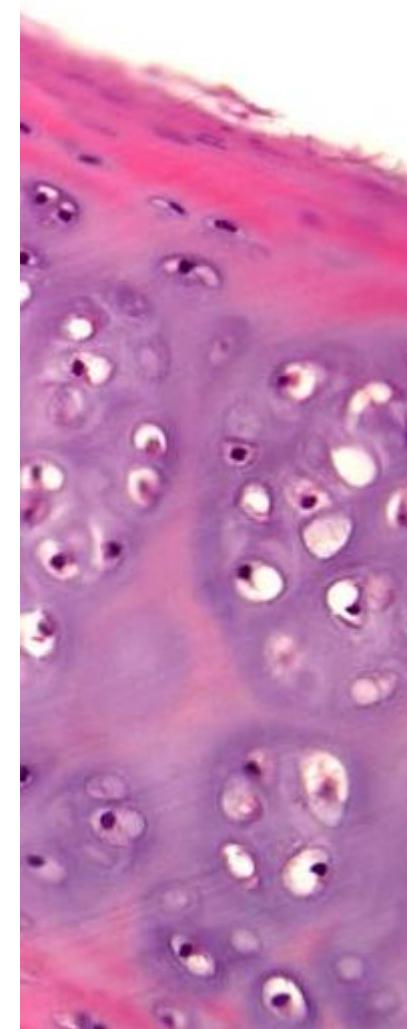
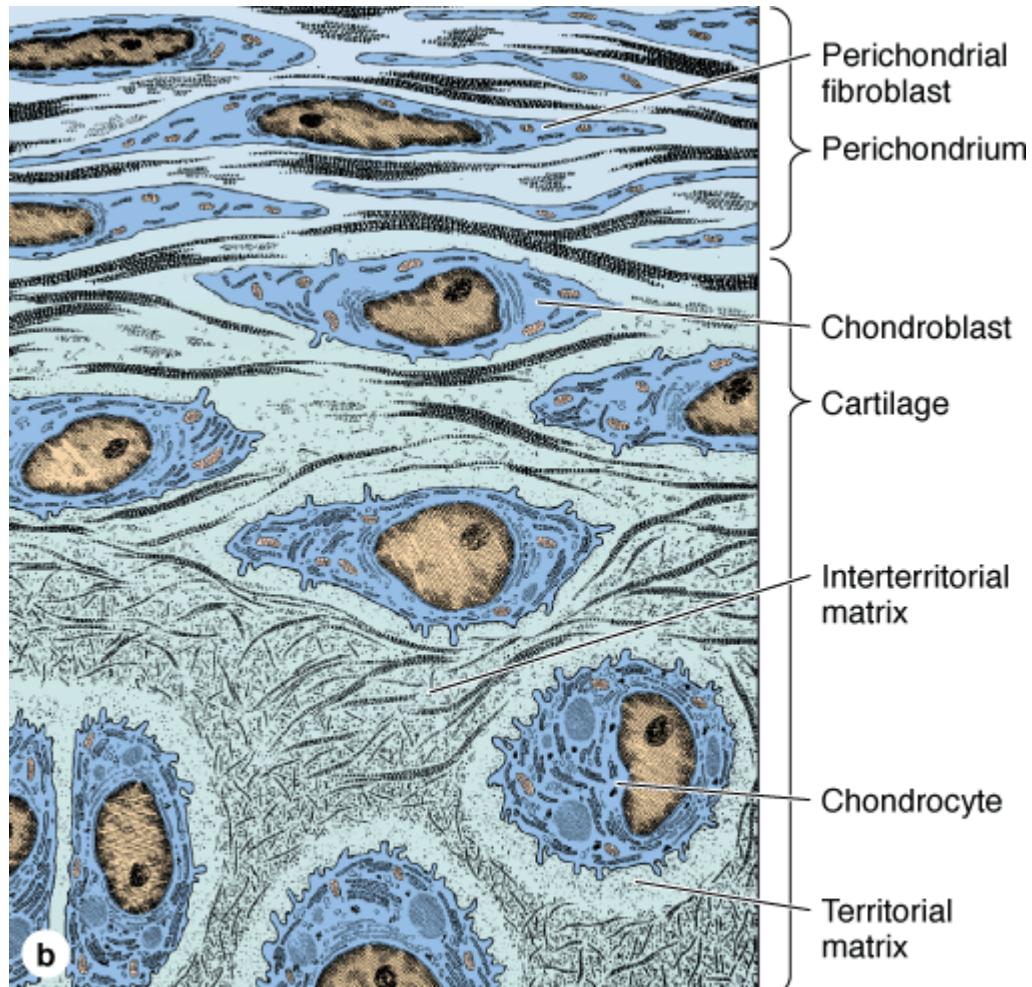
- mesenchymal origin
- typical ultrastructure of proteosynthetically active cells
- production of extracellular matrix
- interstitial proliferation
- isogenetic groups, lacunae



DIFFERENTIATION OF CHONDROBLASTS



DIFFERENTIATION OF CHONDROBLASTS AND CHONDROCYTES

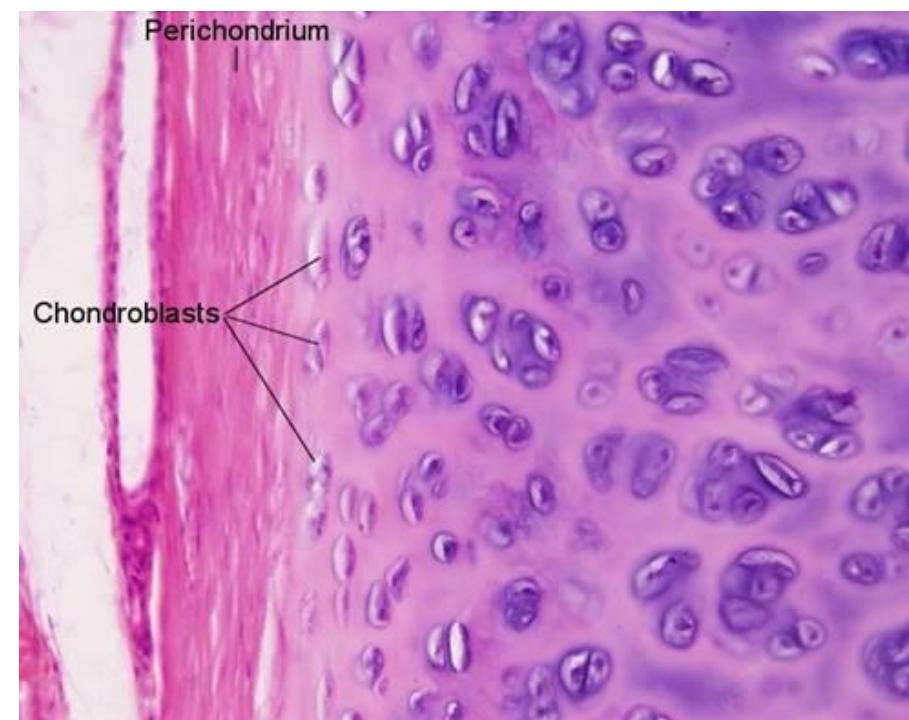


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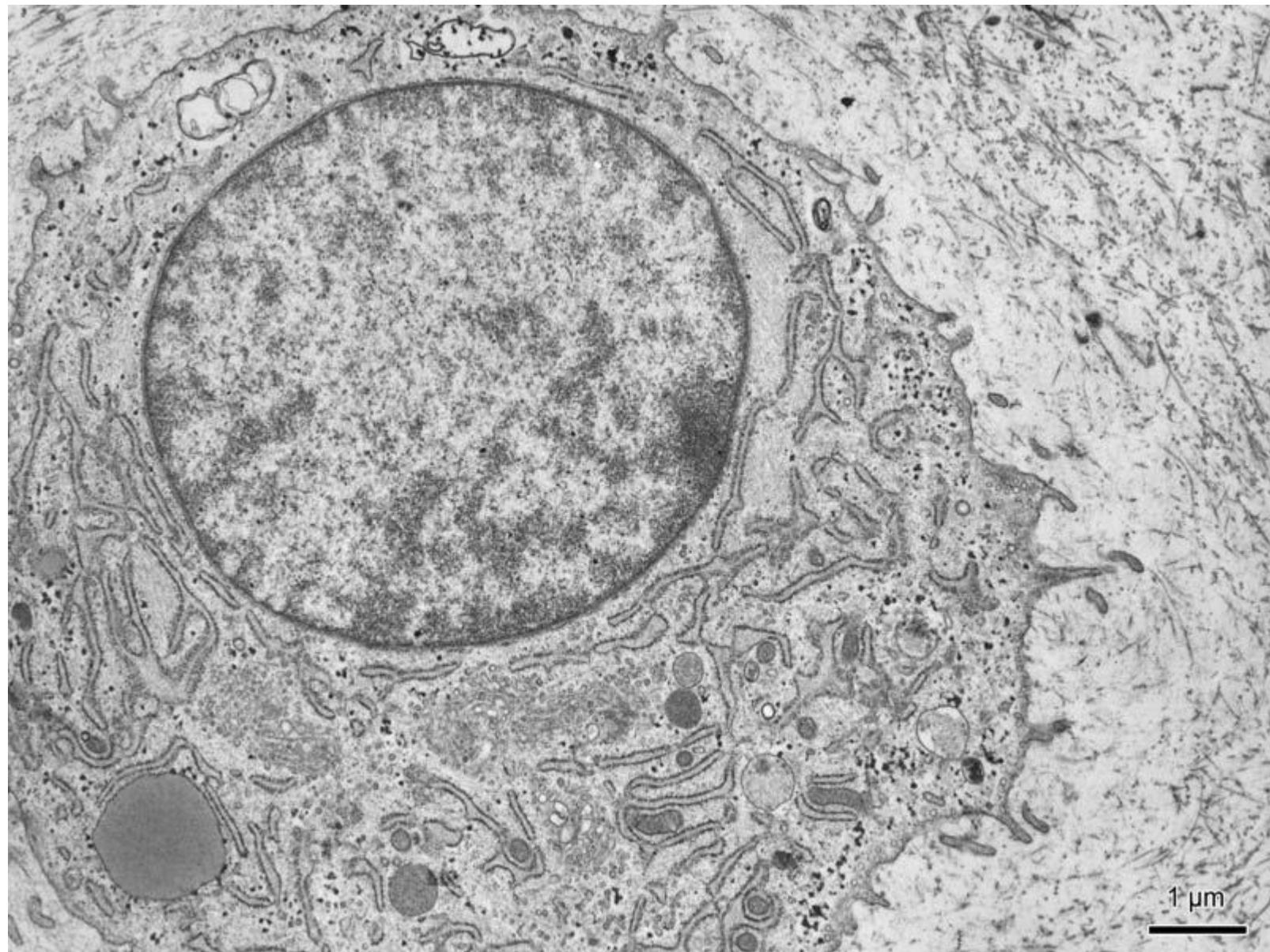
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ULTRASTRUCTURE OF CHONDROCYTES

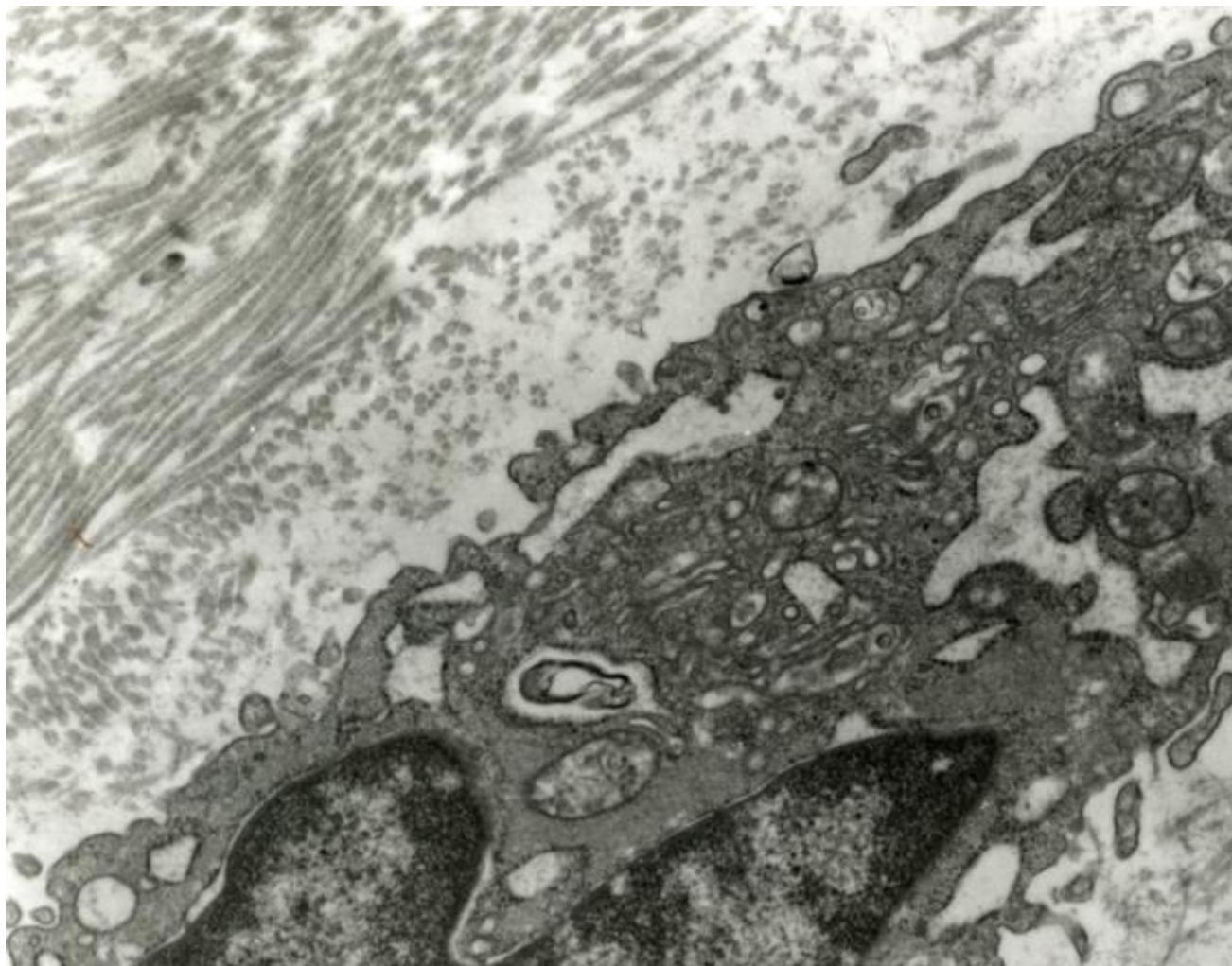
- oval → round cells
- rich in organelles, especially rER and GA
- glycogen granules (anaerobic metabolism)
- occasionally lipid droplets



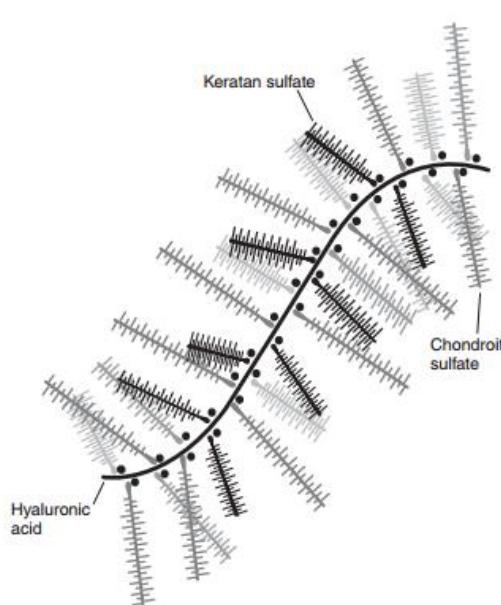
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ULTRASTRUCTURE OF CHONDROBLASTS



■ Extracellular matrix



glycosaminoglycans

fibers

proteoglycans

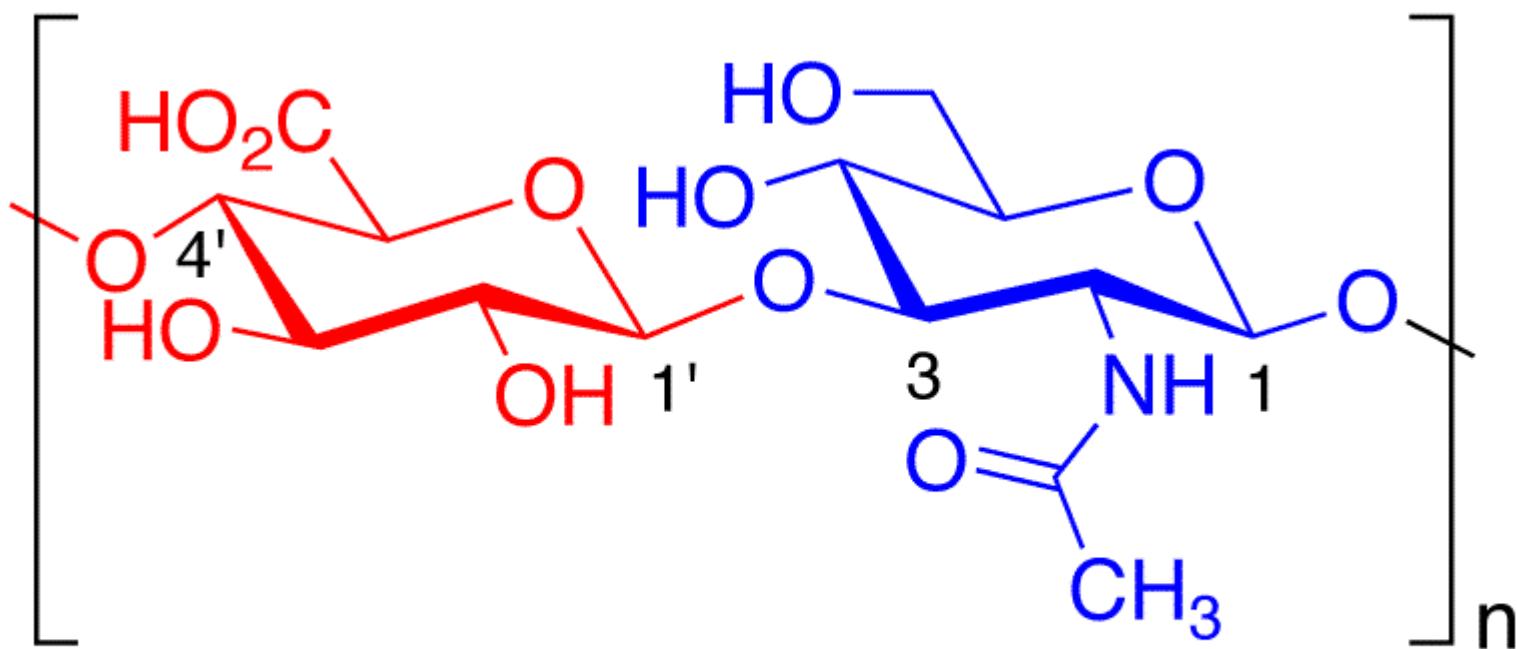
water

biomechanical properties

GLYCOSAMINOGLYCANs IN CARTILAGE

linear unbranched polysaccharides containing a repeating disaccharide unit:

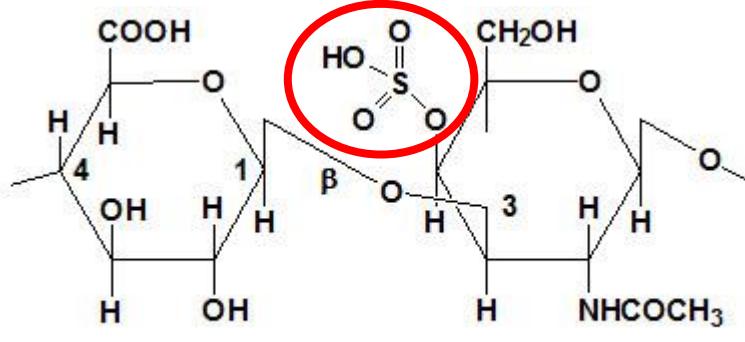
1. N -acetylgalactosamine (GalNAc) or N -acetylglucosamine (GlcNAc)
2. uronic acid (glucuronate (GlcA)) or iduronate.



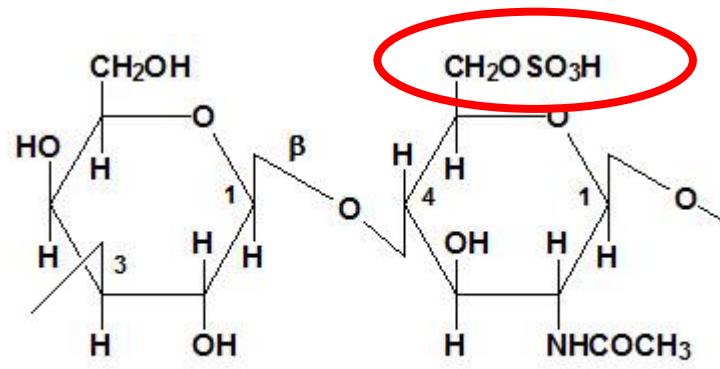
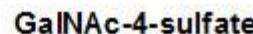
GLYCOSAMINOGLYCANs IN CARTILAGE

Glycosaminoglycan Localization

Hyaluronic acid	Umbilical cord, synovial fluid, fluid of corpus vitreum, cartilage
Chondroitinsulphate	Cartilage, bone, cornea, skin, notochord, aorta
Dermatansulphate	Skin, ligaments, adventitia of aorta
Heparansulphate	Aorta, lungs, liver, basal membranes
Keratansulphate	Iris, cartilage, nucleus pulposus, anulus fibrosus



D-glucuronate



D-galactose

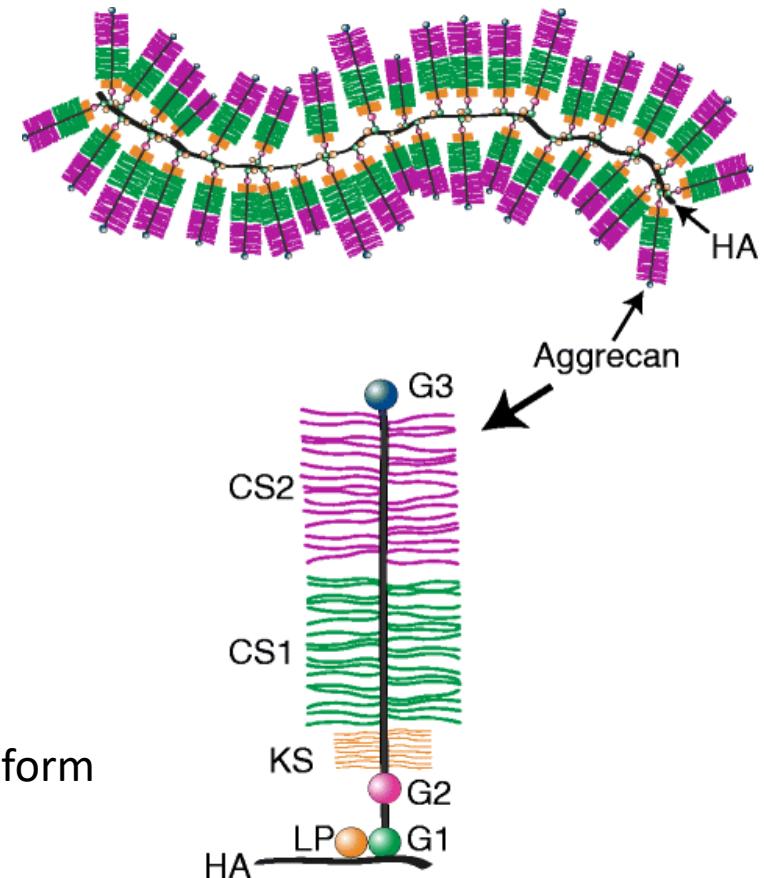
GlcNAc-6-sulfate

Chondroitinsulphate

Keratansulphate

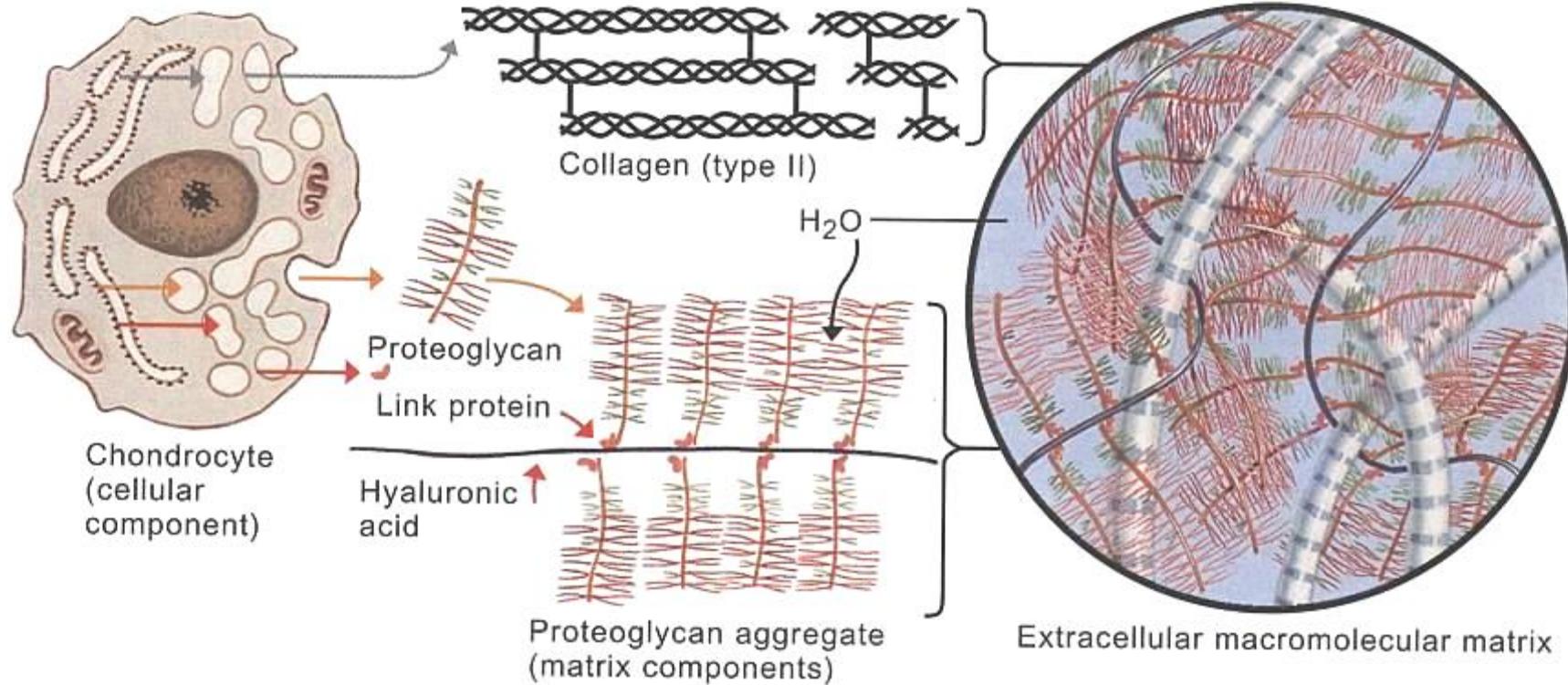
PROTEOGLYCANS AND FIBERS

- **proteoglycans**
 - protein + dominant linear saccharide component
 - proteoglycan aggregates
 - water-binding – 80%, volume dependent of hydration
 - **aggrecan (cartilage)**
 - syndekan
 - fibroglykan



- **collagen fibrils**
 - col II + col IX/XI
 - thin fibrils (15-20 nm → no striation) that do not form fibers like col I
 - interconnected with perichondrium
 - elastic fibers

TISSUE ARCHITECTURE OF CARTILAGE ECM

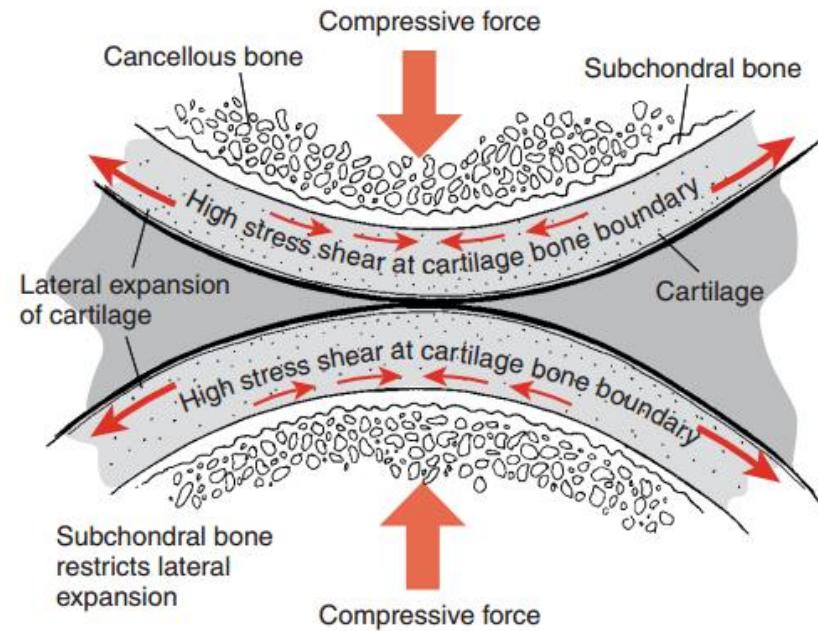


transduction of biochemical and biomechanical signals

TISSUE ARCHITECTURE OF CARTILAGE ECM

- **pressure elasticity**

- proteoglycans – polyanionic (COO^- , SO_4^{2-})
- expansion prevented by collagen fibrils
- repulsion forces



- **biphasic model of cartilage → ECM composition**

- proteoglycans, collagen, cells, and lipids constitute the solid phase of the mixture
- interstitial fluid that is free to move through the matrix fluid phase)
- under impact loads, fluid flows through the framework, until the cartilage start to behave as a single-phase, incompressible, elastic solid - the fluid does not flow
- after load release, fluid returns
- nutritive aspect

TISSUE ARCHITECTURE OF CARTILAGE ECM

- **synovial cartilage**

I. tangential (superficial) zone

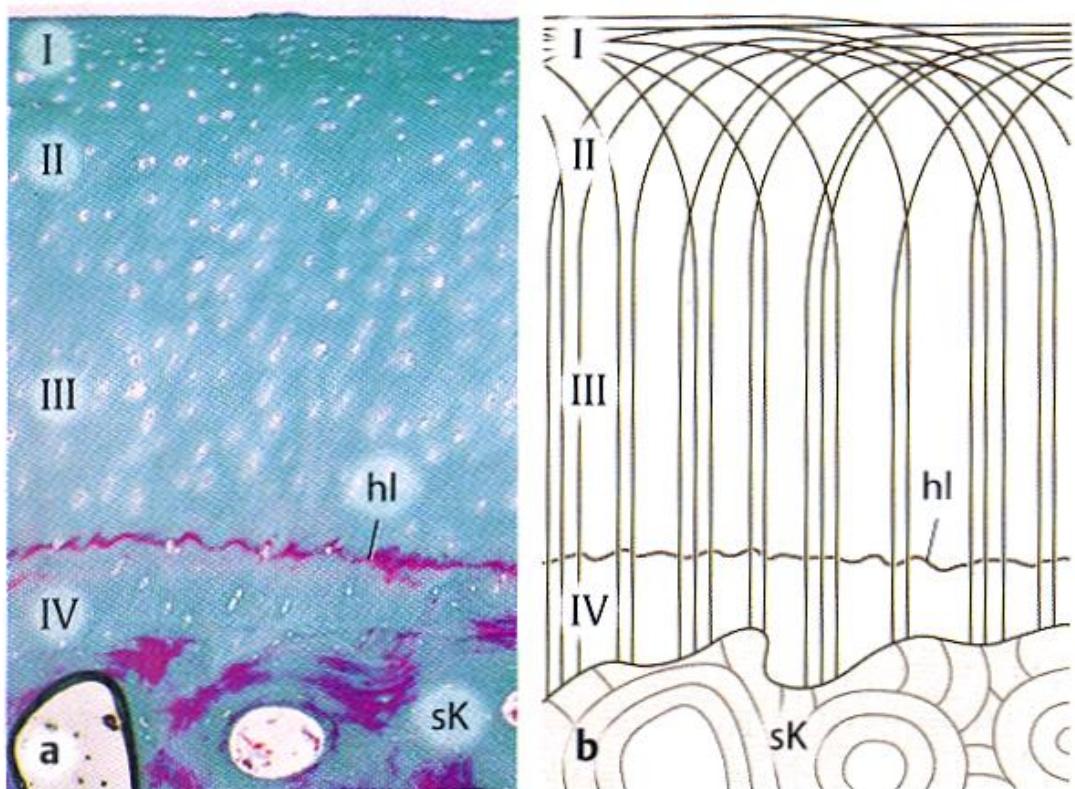
II. transitional zone

III. radial (deep) zone

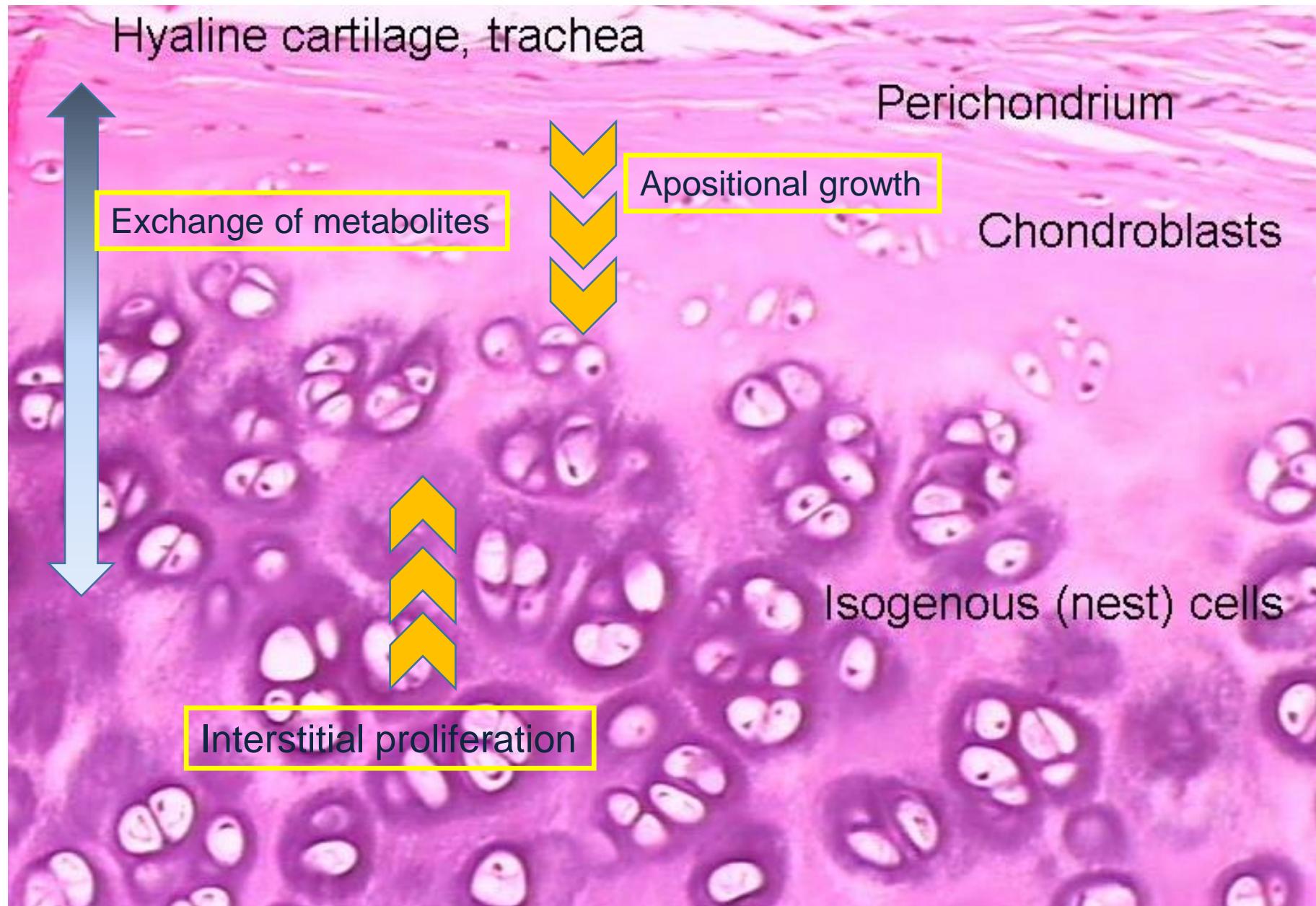
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I. mineralized cartilage zone

subchondral bone

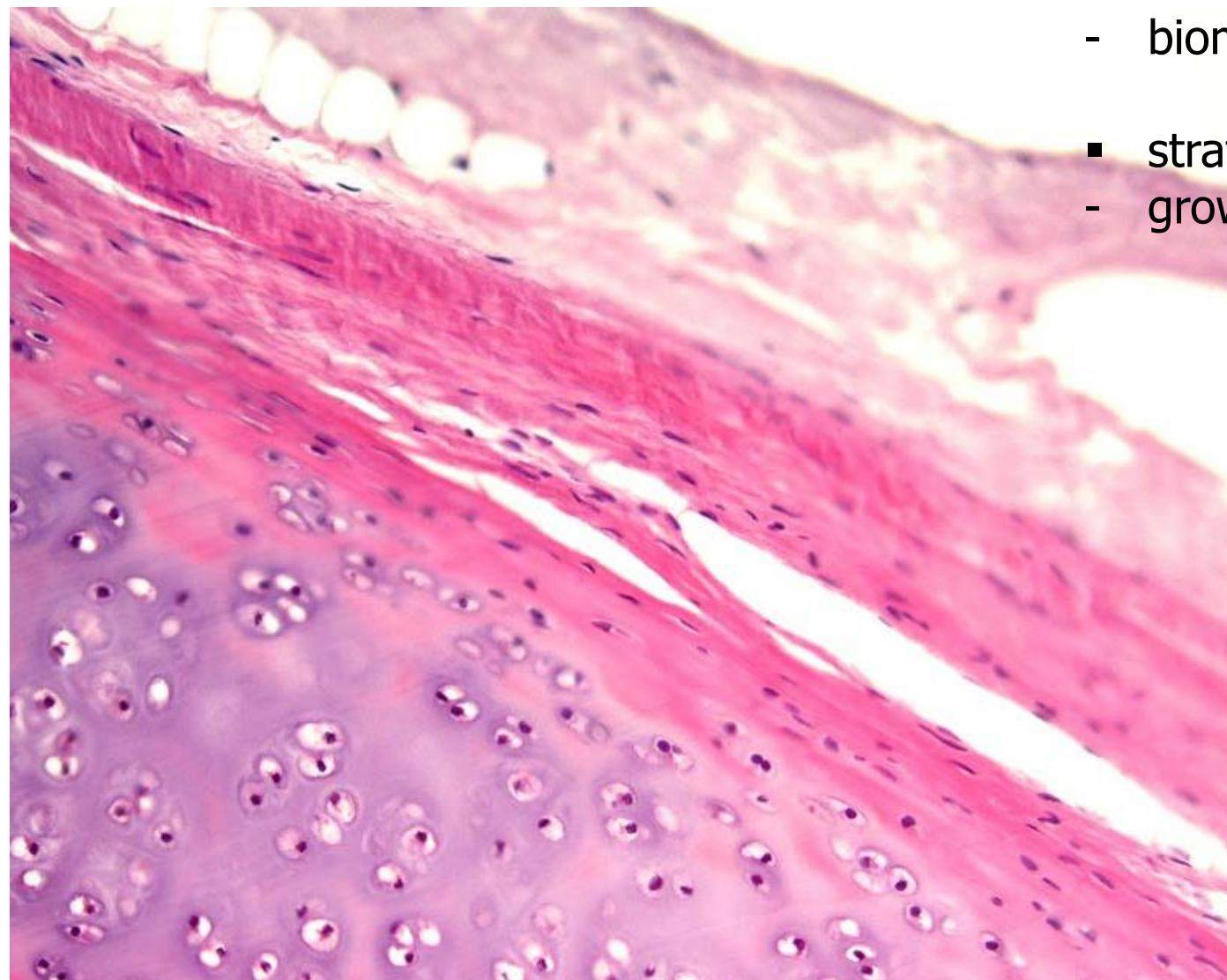


NUTRITION AND GROWTH



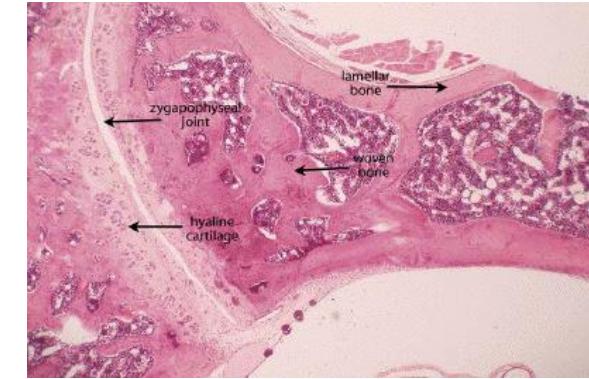
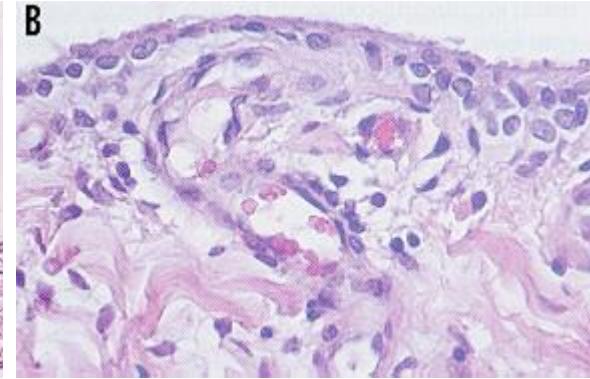
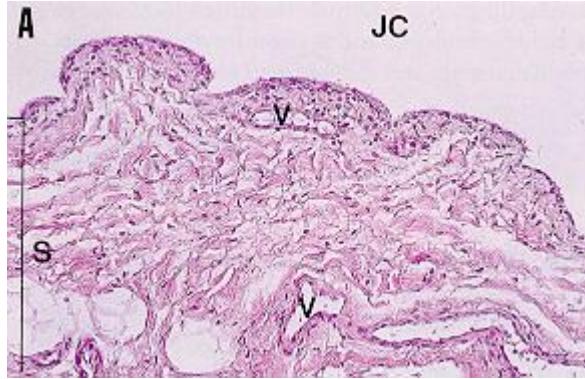
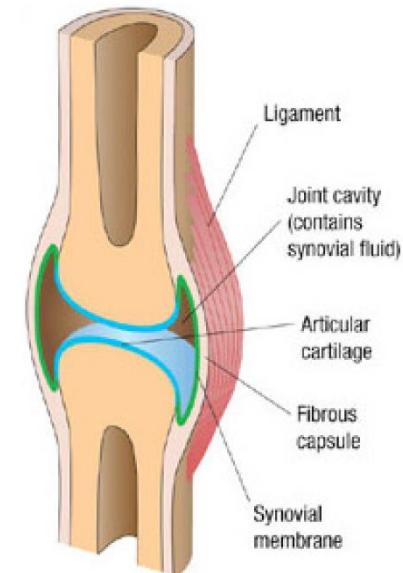
PERICHONDRIUM

- stratum fibrosum
 - biomechanics
- stratum chondrogenicum
 - growth



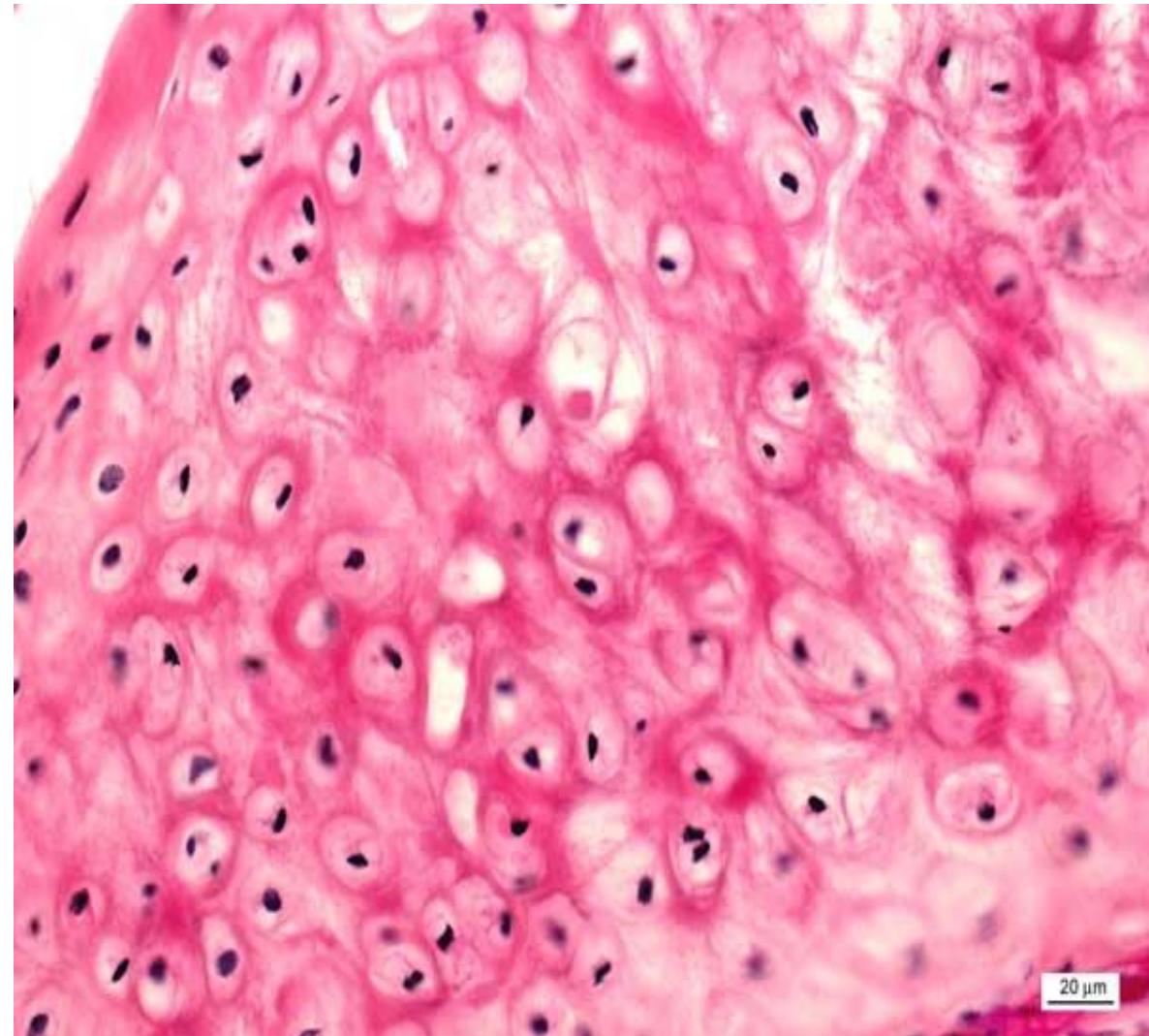
SYNOVIUM

- *membrana fibrosa*
 - dense collagen c.t.
- *membrana synovialis*
- intima, subintima
 - folds extending to the joint cavity
 - numerous blood and lymphatic vessels, nerves
 - discontinuous cell layers (synovialocytes)
 - basal membrane and intercellular junctions absent - **not an epithelium**: mesenchymal (c.t.) origin
 - synovial fluid rich in hyaluronans
 - *bursae synoviales, vaginae tendineum*



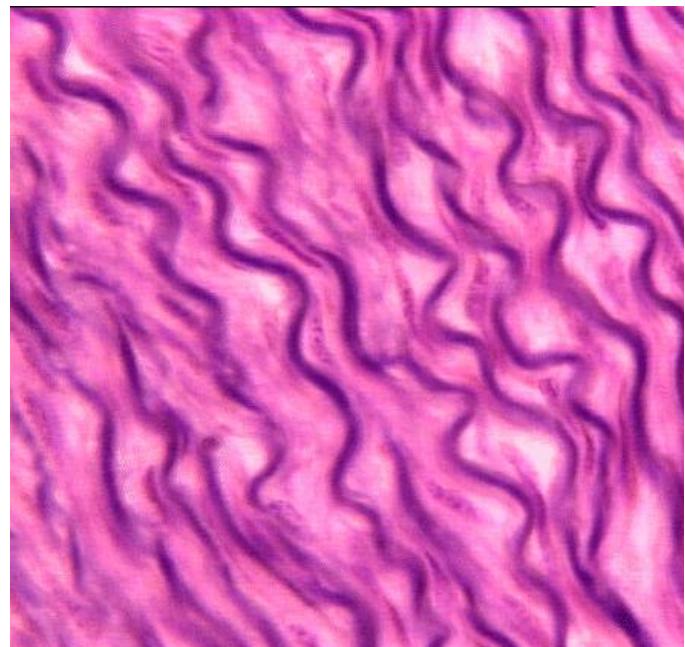
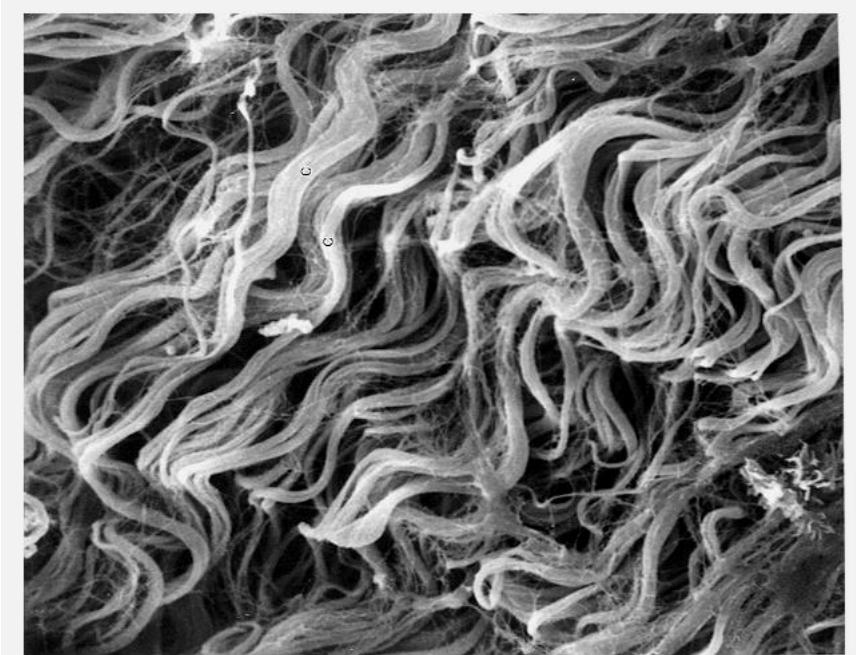
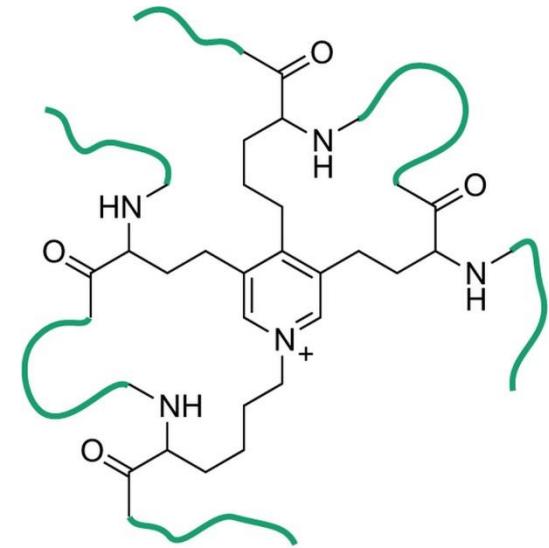
ELASTIC CARTILAGE

- acidophilic elastic fibers dispersed in matrix
- no isogenetic groups
- auricula, meatus, larynx, epiglottis

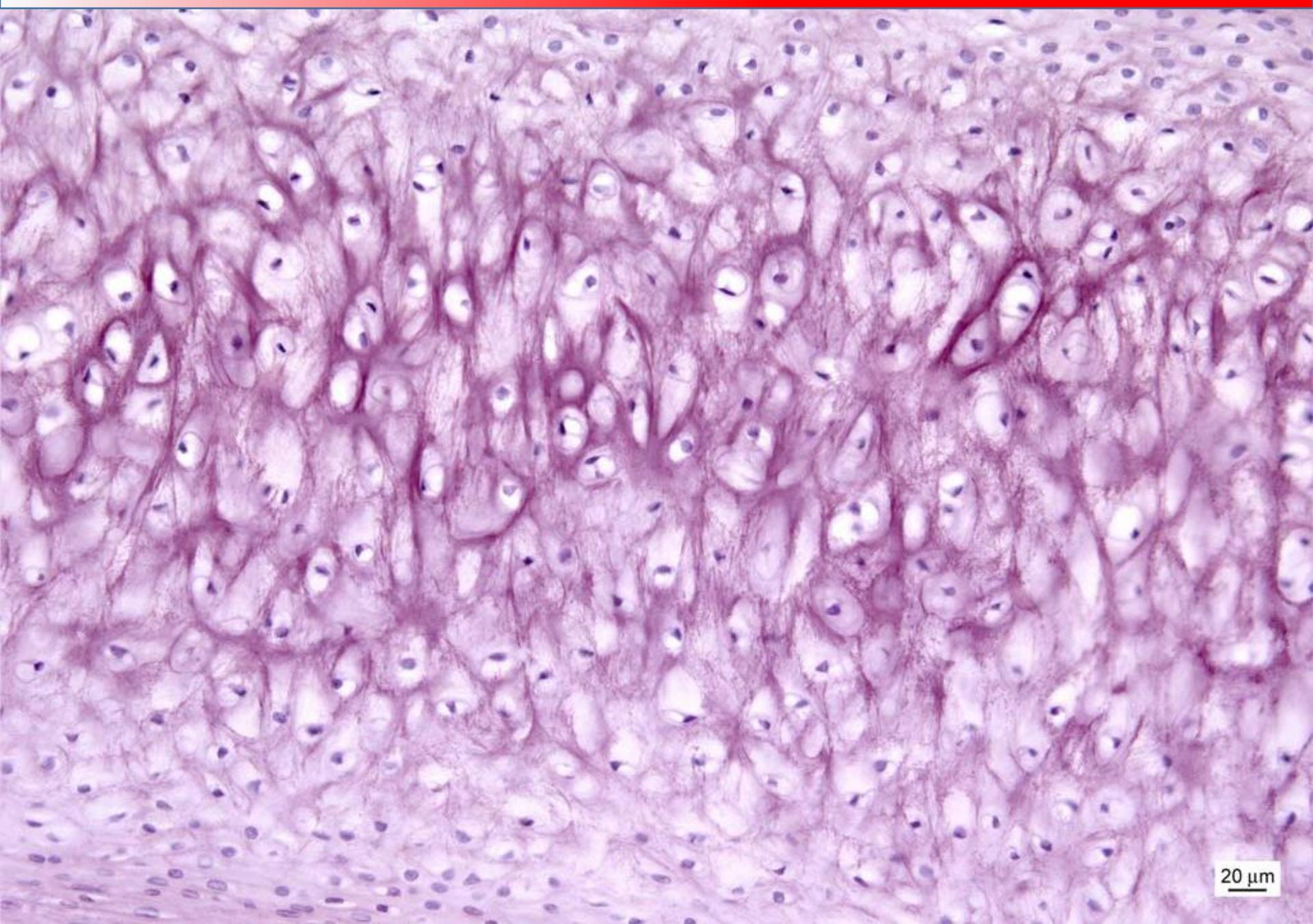


ELASTIC FIBERS

- less abundant than collagen
- polymer – tropoelastin
- minimal tensile resistance, loss of elasticity if overstretched
- reduction of hysteresis = allow return back to original state after mechanic change



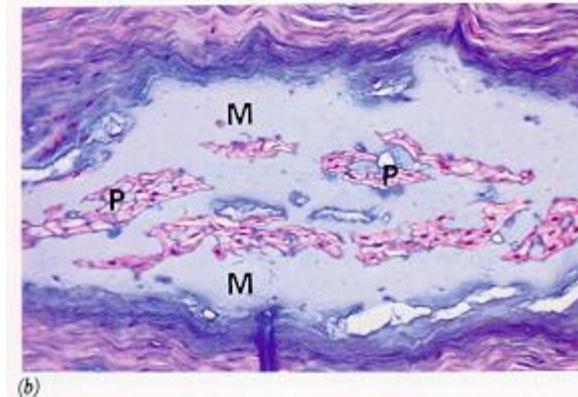
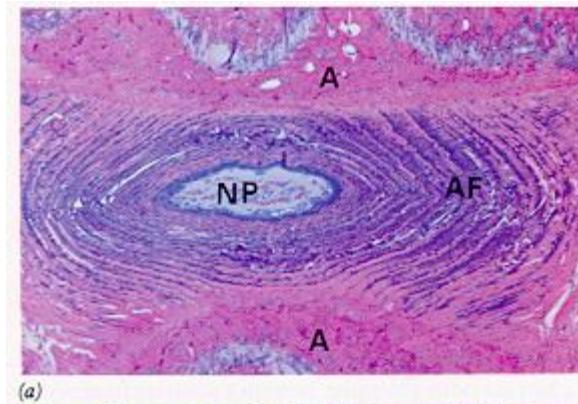
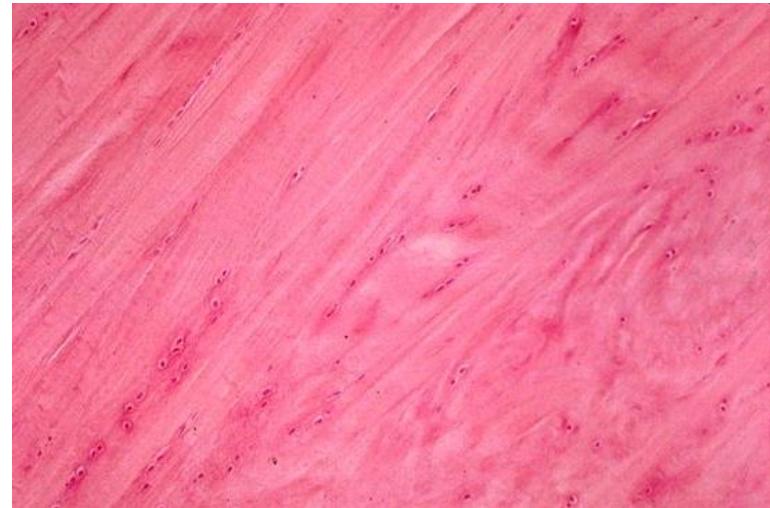
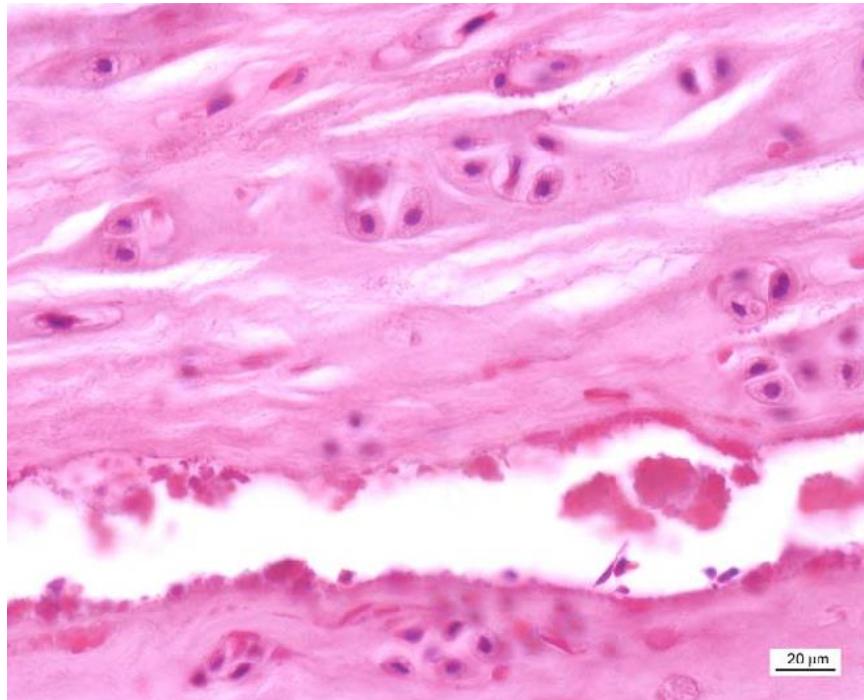
ELASTIC CARTILAGE



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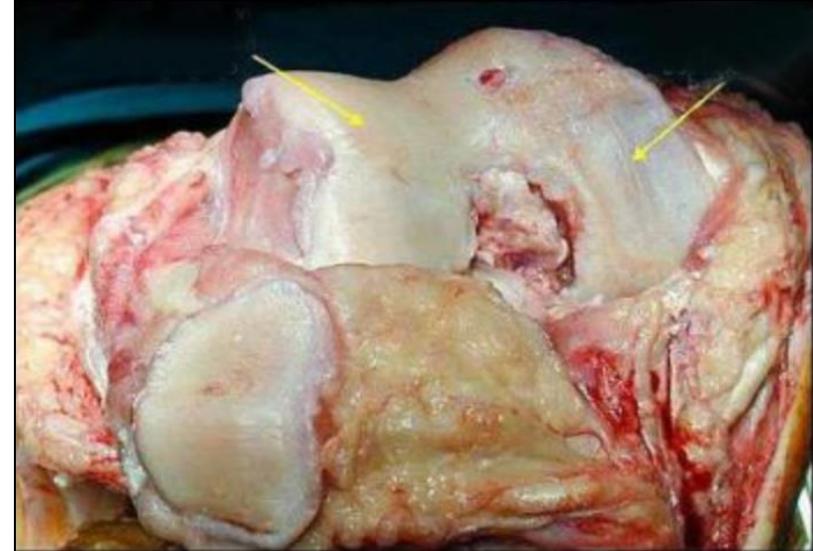
FIBROCARTILAGE

- fibrous compound dominant – collagen I and II
– mechanical durability
- minimum of amorphous matrix-fibers visible
- intervertebral discs, symphysis pubis, articular discs, meniscus



CLINICAL CORRELATION

- Cartilage – no innervation, no vascularization
– no spontaneous regeneration
- No migration of chondrocytes to site of damage
- Initiation of other degenerative events leading to cartilage erosion (arthritis)



Therapy:

- joint mobility
- restoration of biochemical and biophysical parameters of cartilage
- prevention of further damage
- removal of damaged tissue, autologous transplantation
- MSCs on biocompatible scaffolds (still only experimental)

Further reading:

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Human mesenchymal stem cell therapy for cartilage repair: Review on isolation, expansion, and constructs

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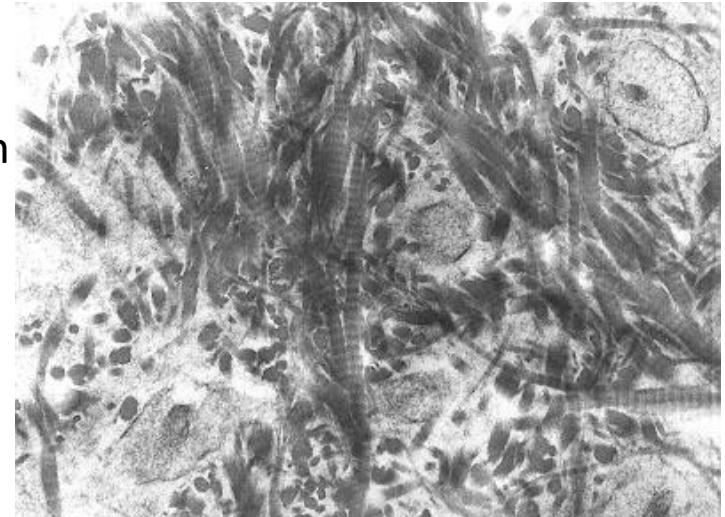
A light micrograph showing a dense, woven structure of bone tissue. The image is stained orange-red, highlighting the collagen fibers and the spaces between them. Several large, dark, irregularly shaped pores are scattered throughout the field. In the center-left area, the word "BONE" is printed in a bold, black, sans-serif font. A small black square is positioned to the left of the word "BONE".

■ BONE

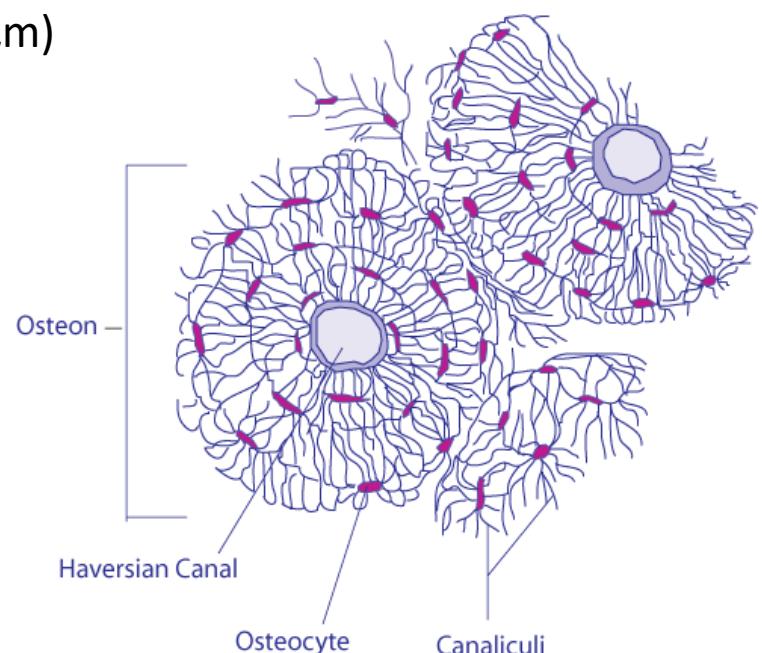
20 μm

HISTOLOGICAL CLASSIFICATION OF BONE TISSUE

- **Primary (woven, fibrous)**
 - Temporary, growth and regeneration of bones, collagen fibrils woven
 - Replaced by secondary bone
 - Remains only in some parts of body - sutures of skull, *tuberositas ossium*, tooth cement

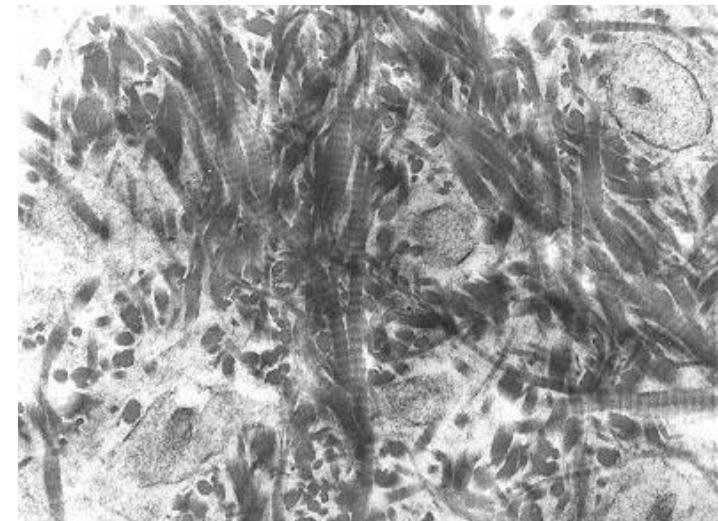
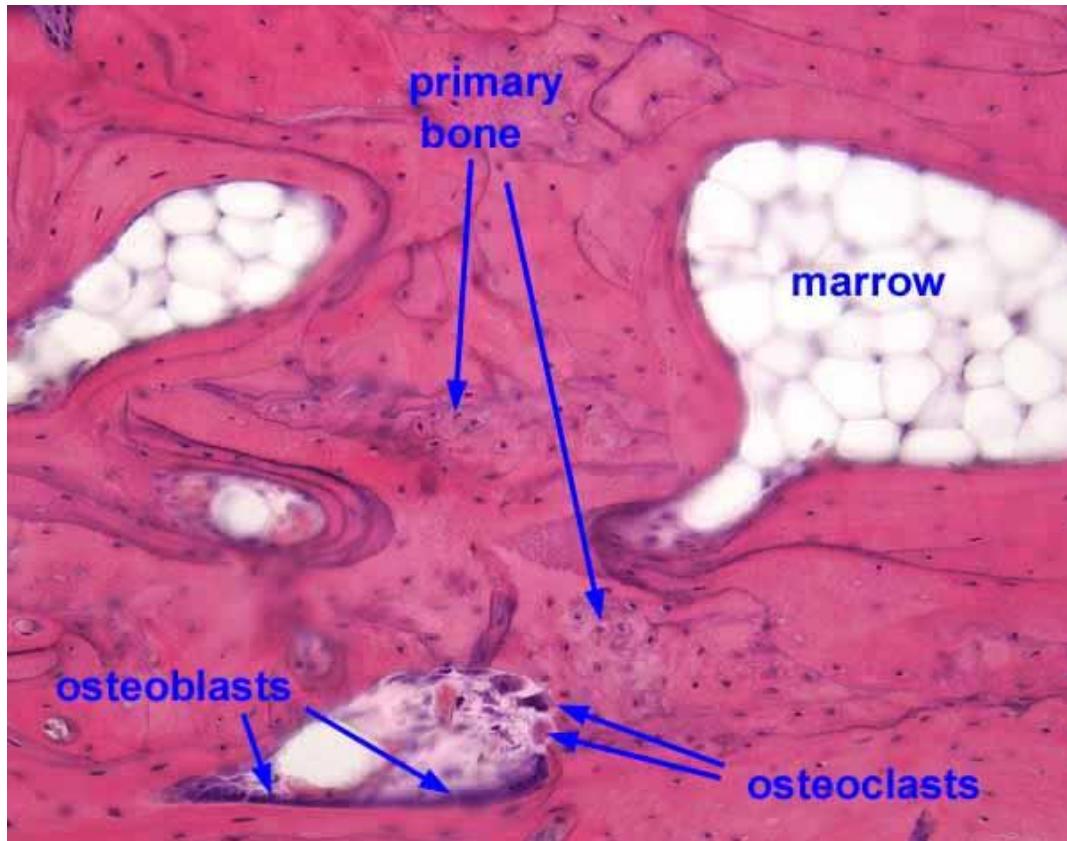


- **Secondary (lamellar)**
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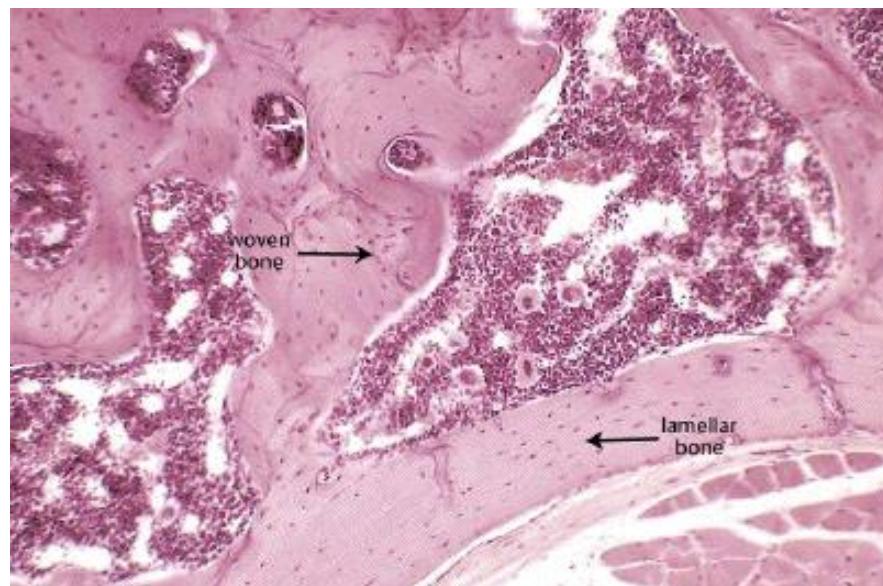
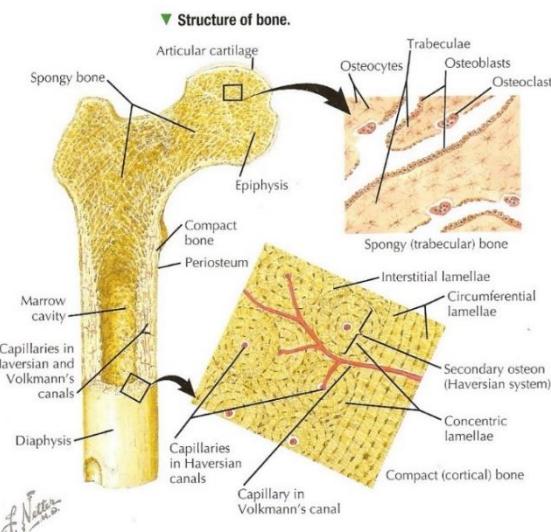
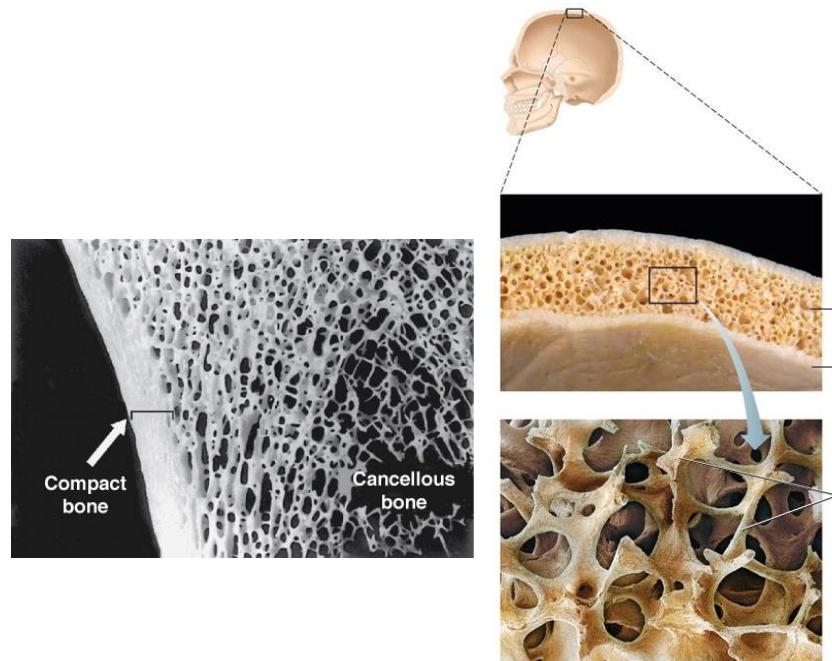
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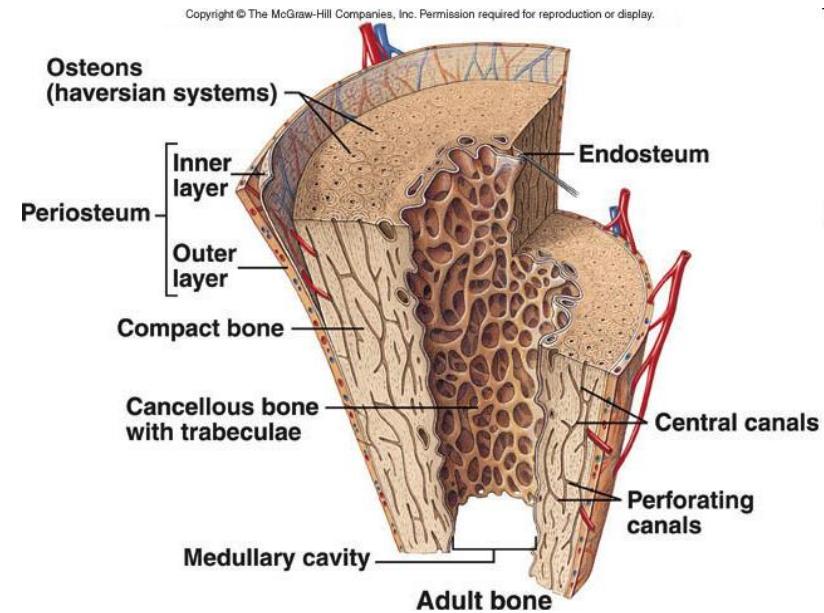
SECONDARY (LAMELLAR) BONE

- Lamellae – collagen fibers in concentric layers ($3-7\mu\text{m}$) around a canal with capillaries = Haversian system (osteon)
- **Spongy (trabecular)**
 - Trabeculae, similar to compact
 - Epiphyses of long bones, short bones, middle layer of flat bones of the skull (*diploe*)
- **Compact**
 - Outer and inner coat lamellae typical Haversian systems
 - Volkmann's canals
 - Interstitial canals

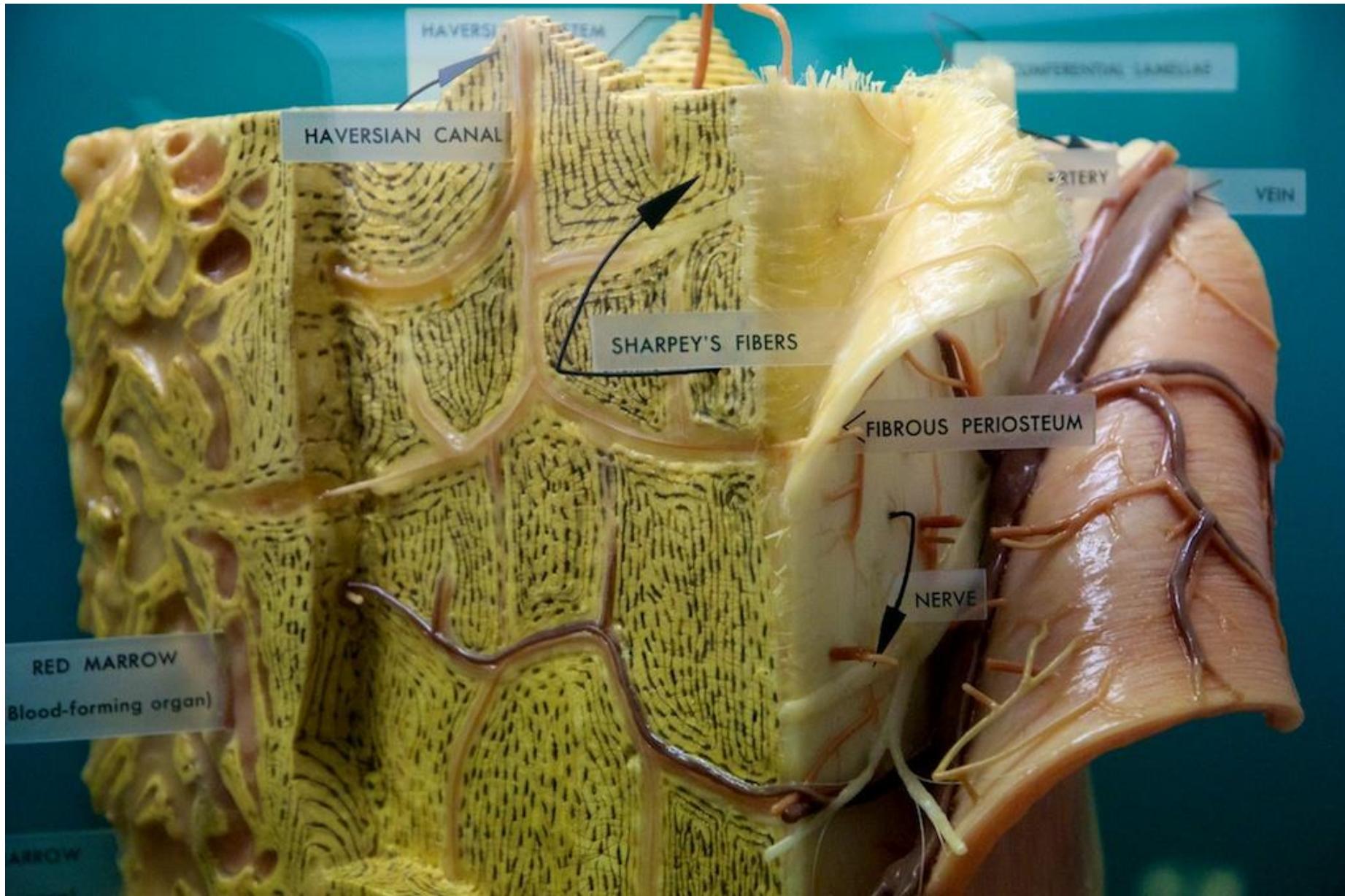


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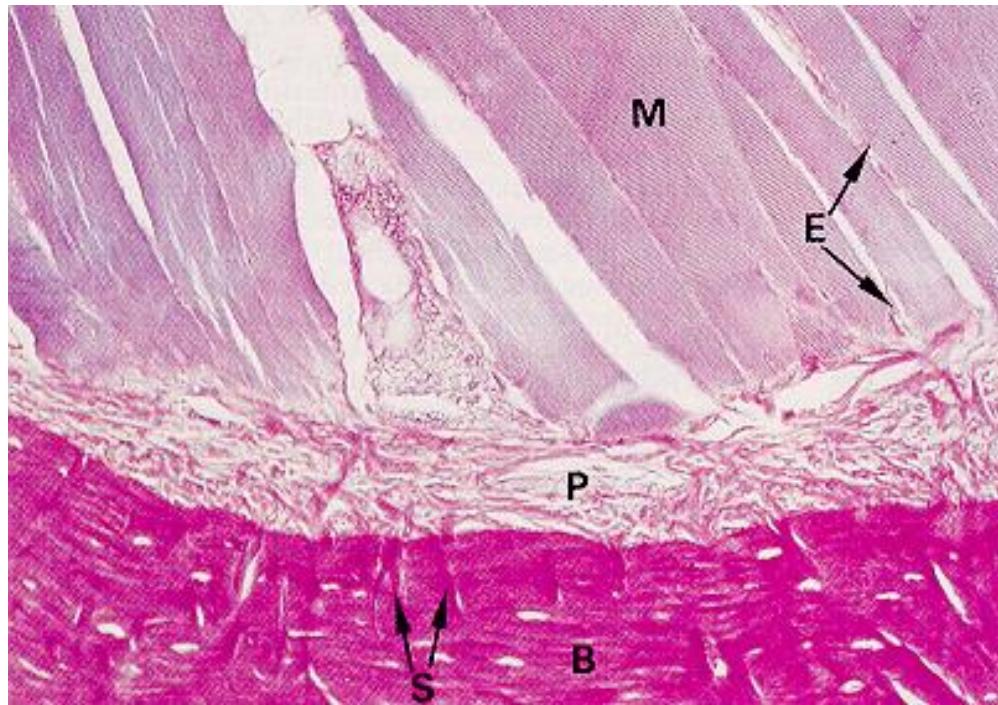
- **Outer surface**
- Synovial joint – hyaline cartilage
- **Periosteum (periost)** – membrane – dense CT, inner layer (osteoblasts) and outer layer (fibrous CT)
- Inactive bone - fibrous CT in periost dominant
- Collagen fibers – parallel to the bone surface
- Sharpey's fibers fix periost to the bone



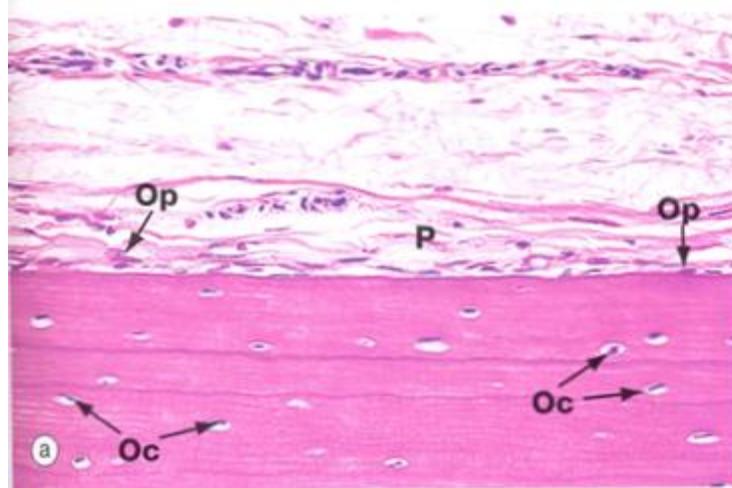
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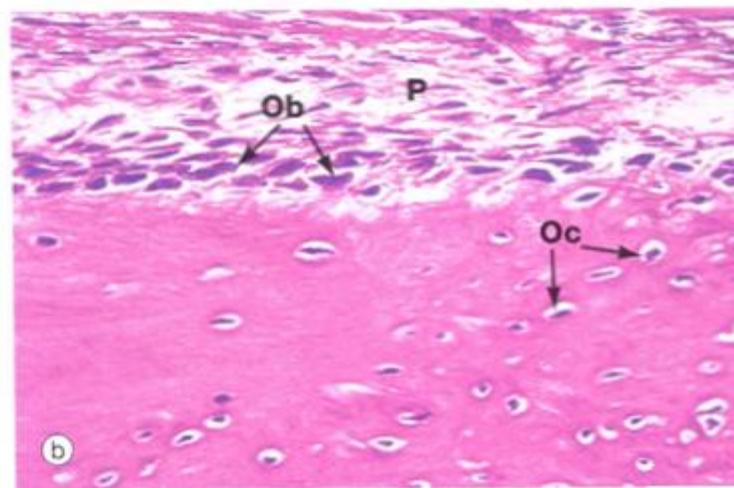
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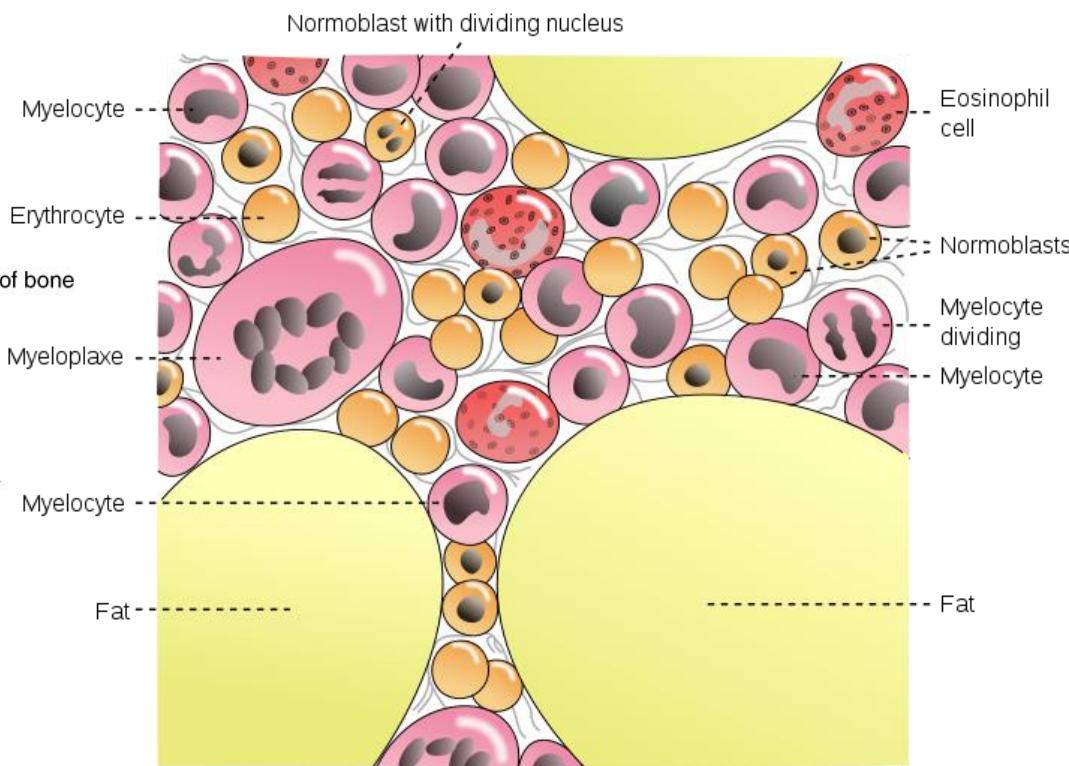
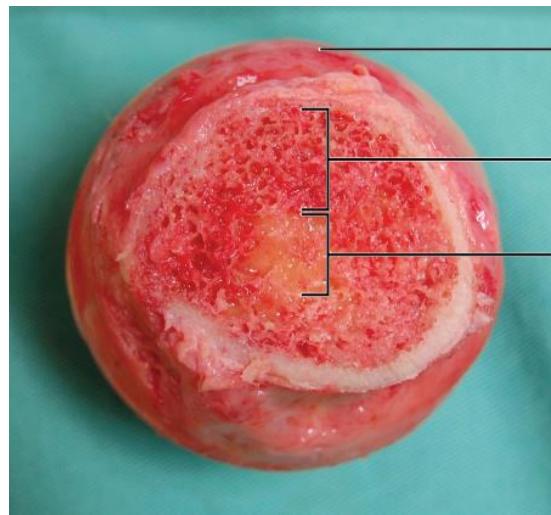
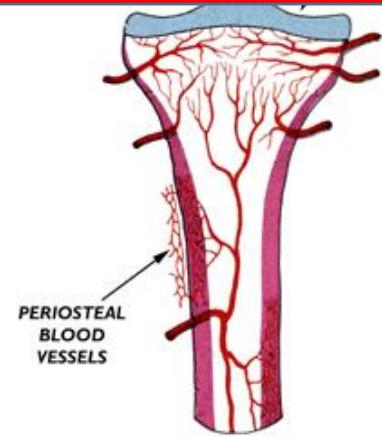


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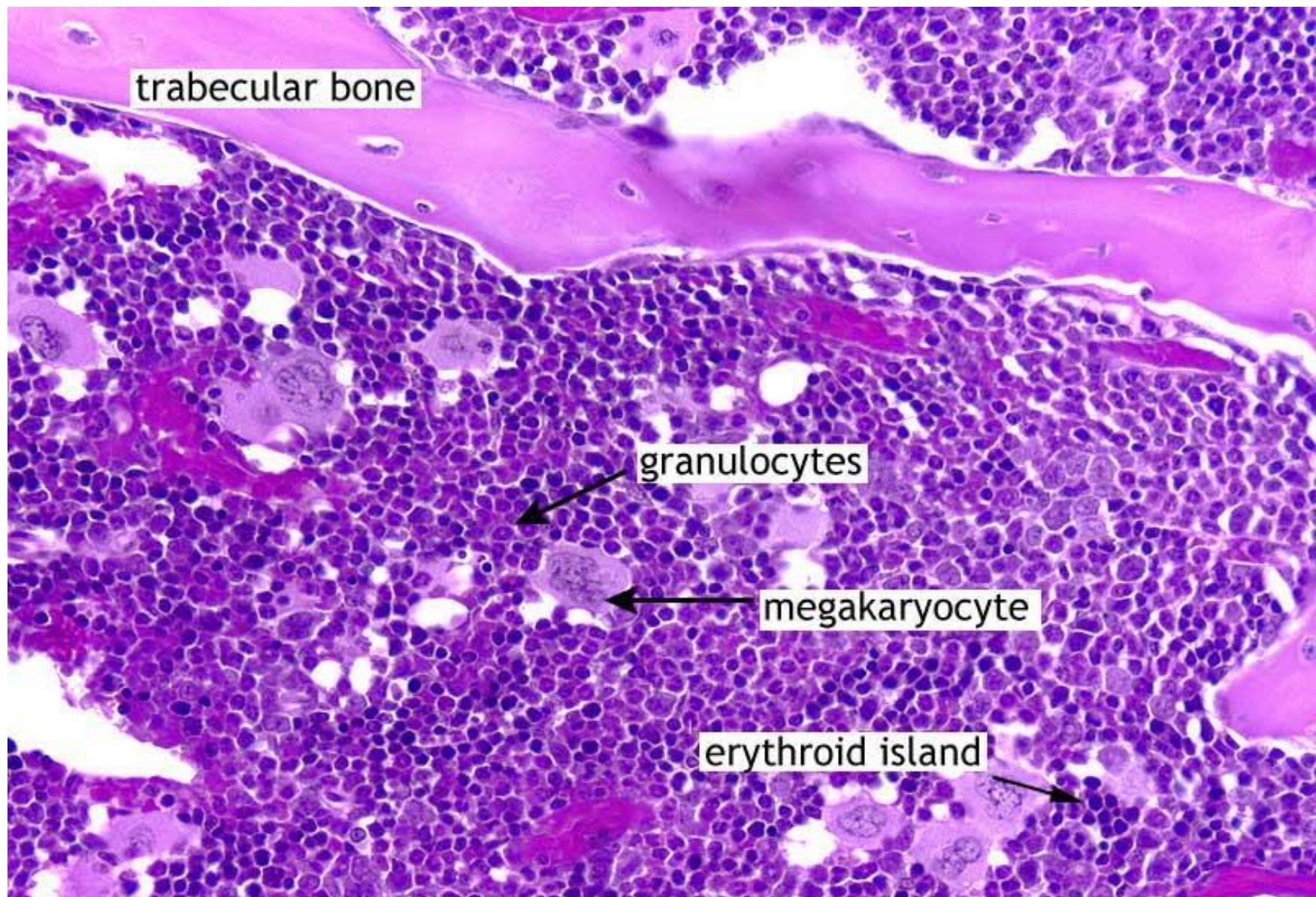


BONE SURFACES

- **Inner surface** – lining of cavities
 - medullar cavity
 - endosteum (endost) – single cell lining – bone remodeling
 - red bone marrow – hematopoiesis
 - yellow and gray bone marrow – adipocytes or CT
 - rich vascularization
 - hematopoietic niche

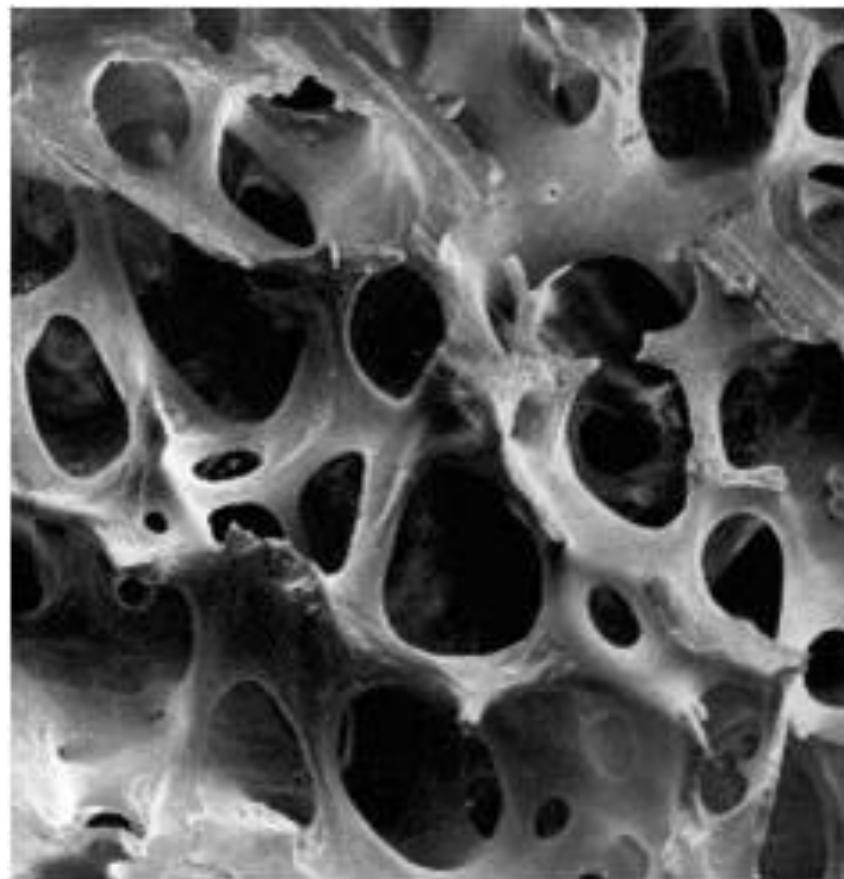


ENDOSTEAL SURFACE OF COMPACT BONE

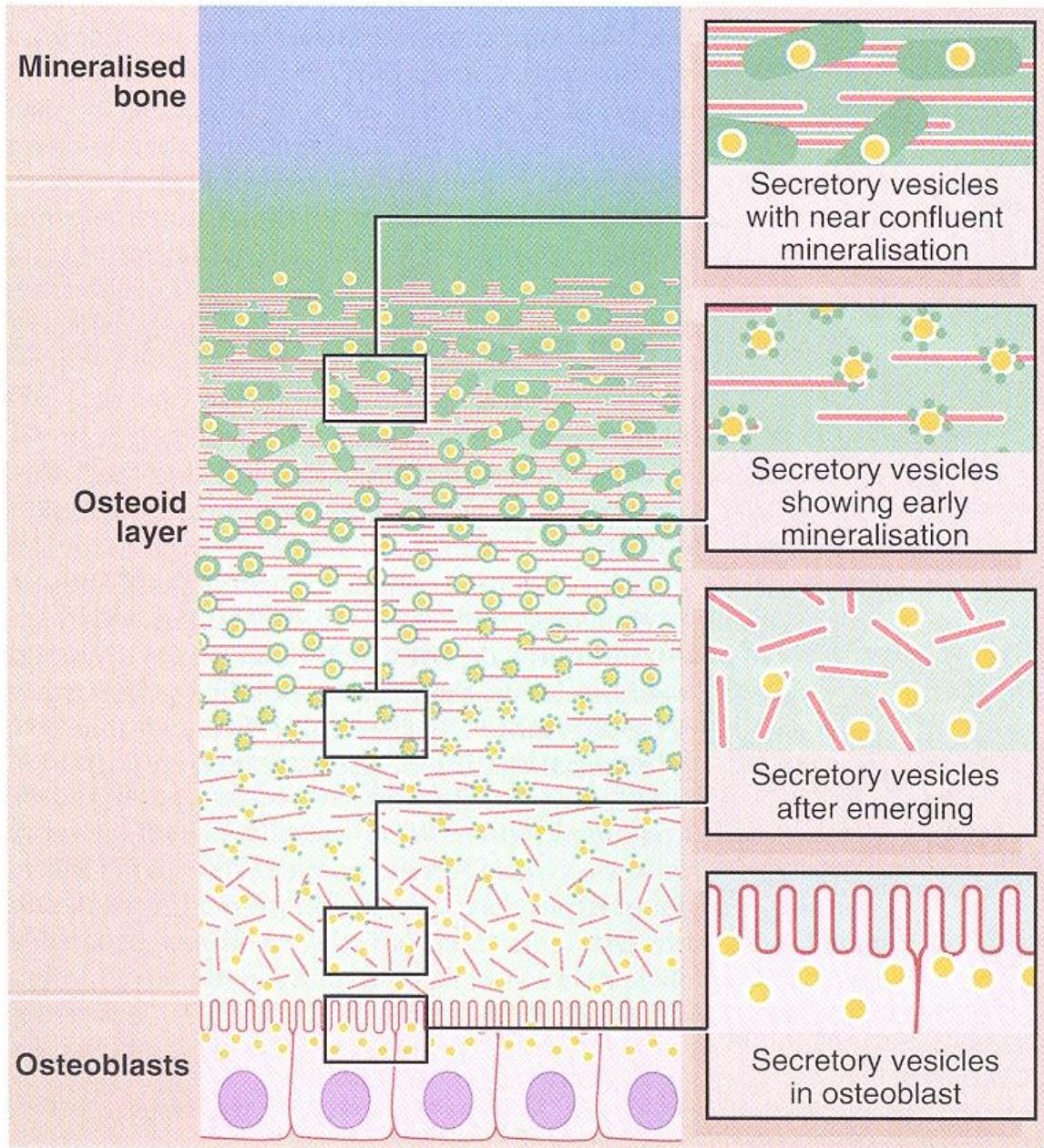
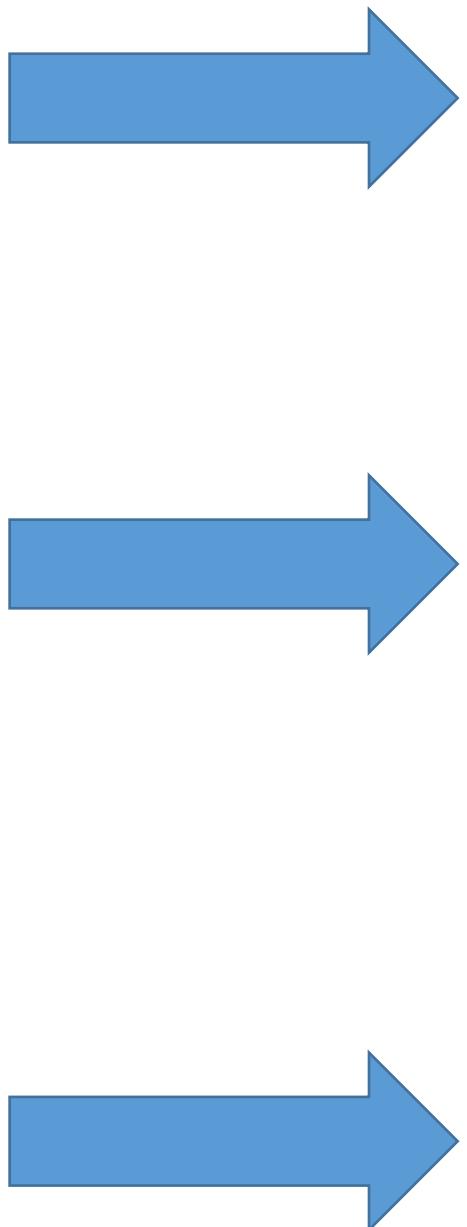


BONE MATRIX

- 60% mineral compound, 24% organic compound 12% H₂O, 4% fat
- crystals – calcium phosphate, hydroxyapatite

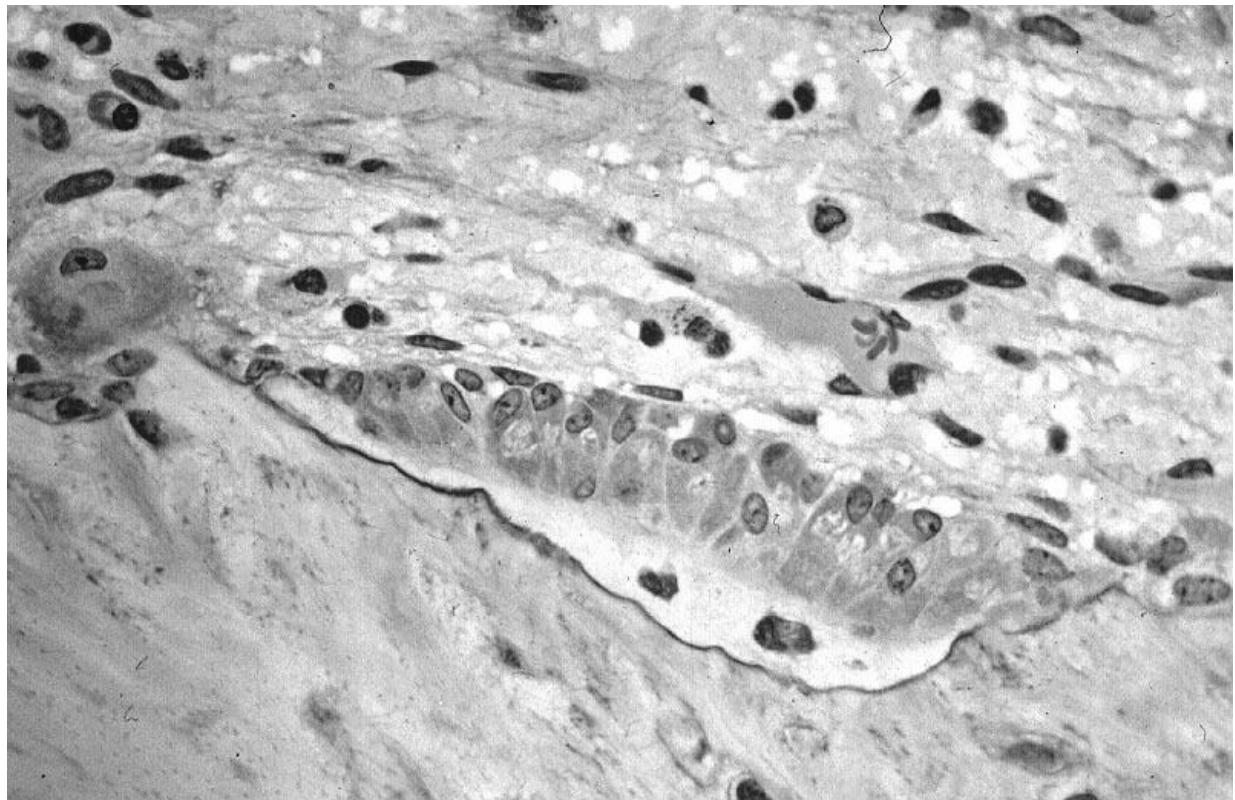


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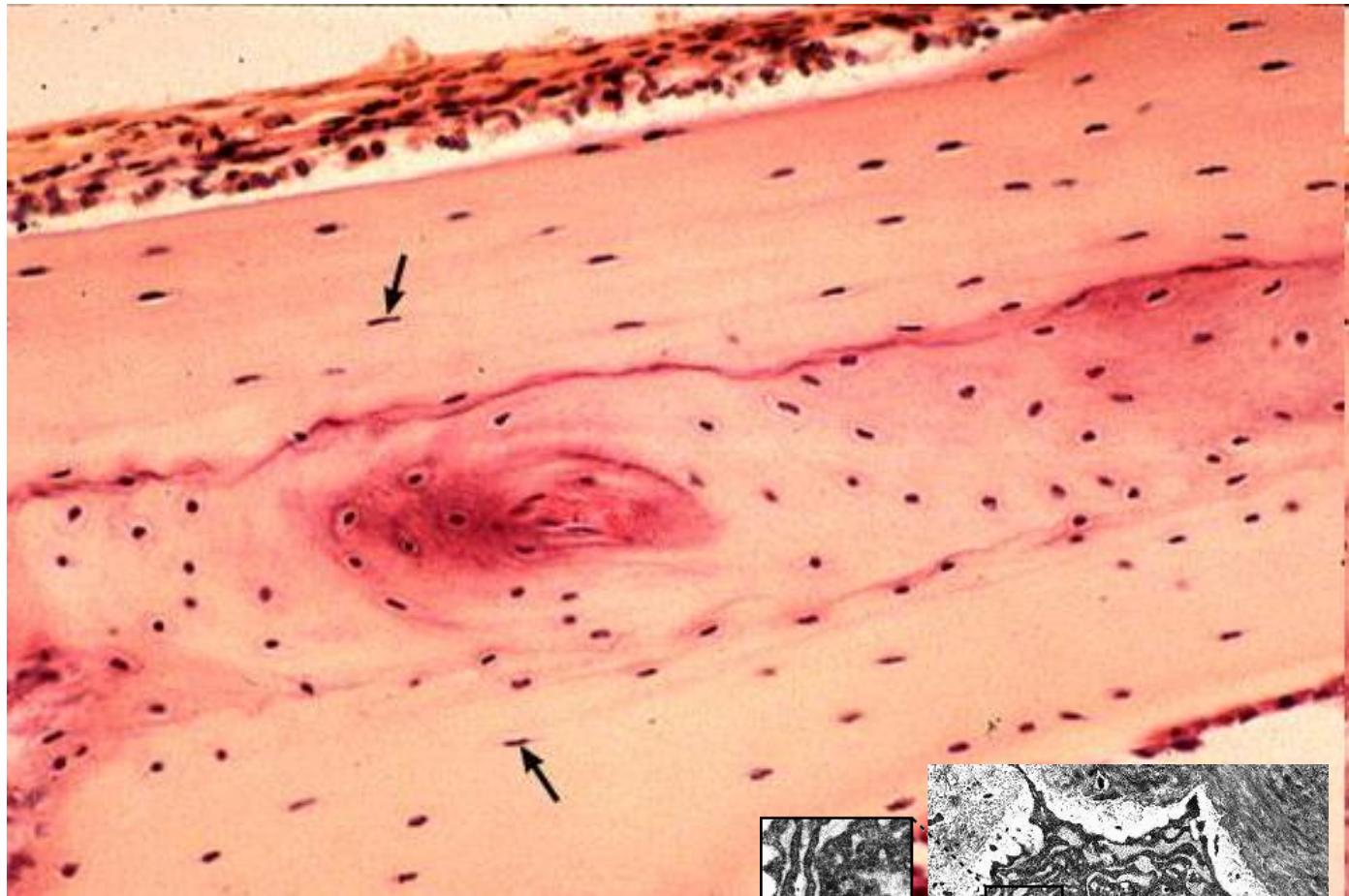
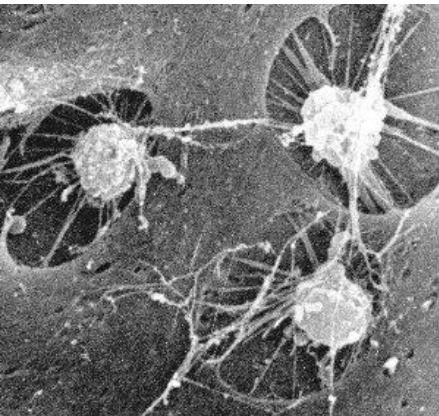


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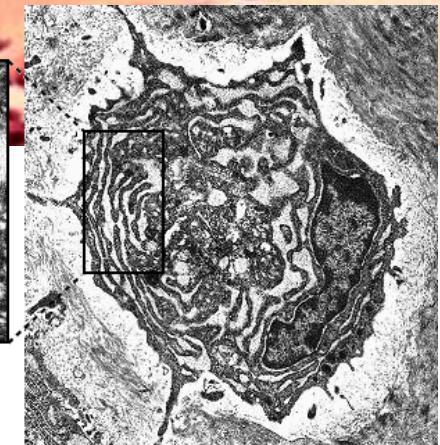
- lining bone surface
 - produce ECM – collagen (I) and noncollagenous proteoglycans, glycoproteins
 - basophilic cytoplasm, rER, well developer Golgi Apparatus
 - euchromatin nucleus
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- **osteocytes** embedded in matrix
 - *canaliculi ossium*



CELLS OF BONE – OSTEOCYTES

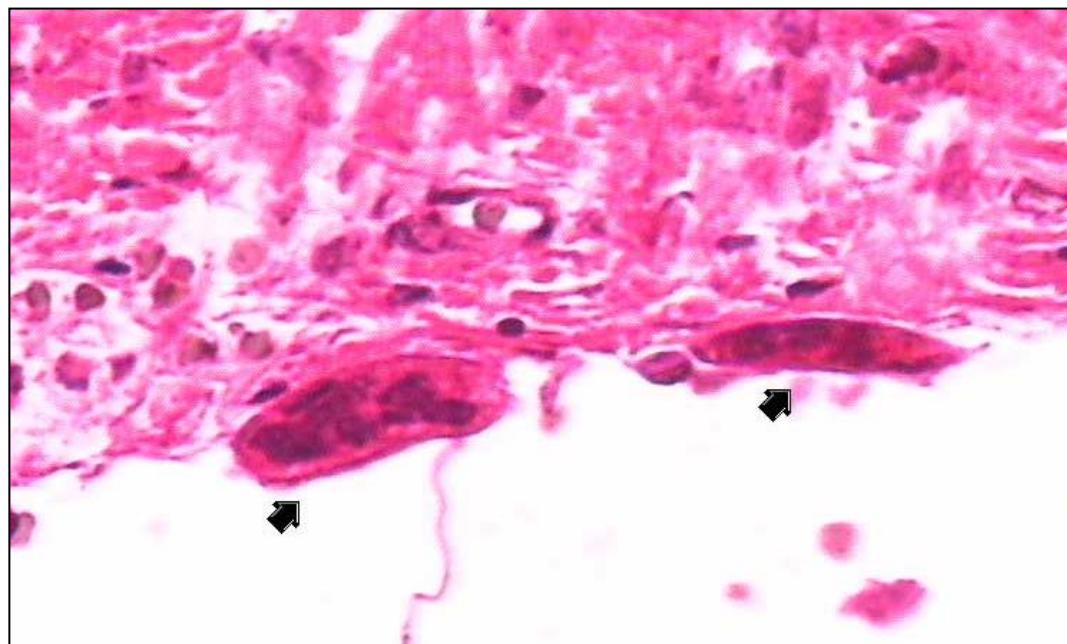
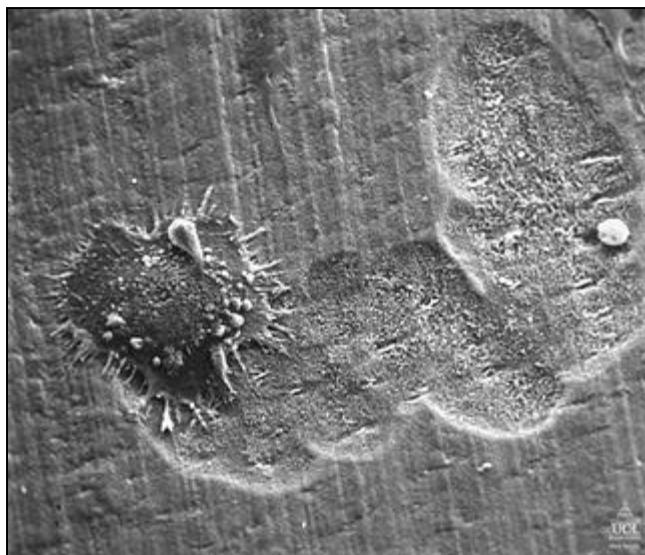


RER
-rough
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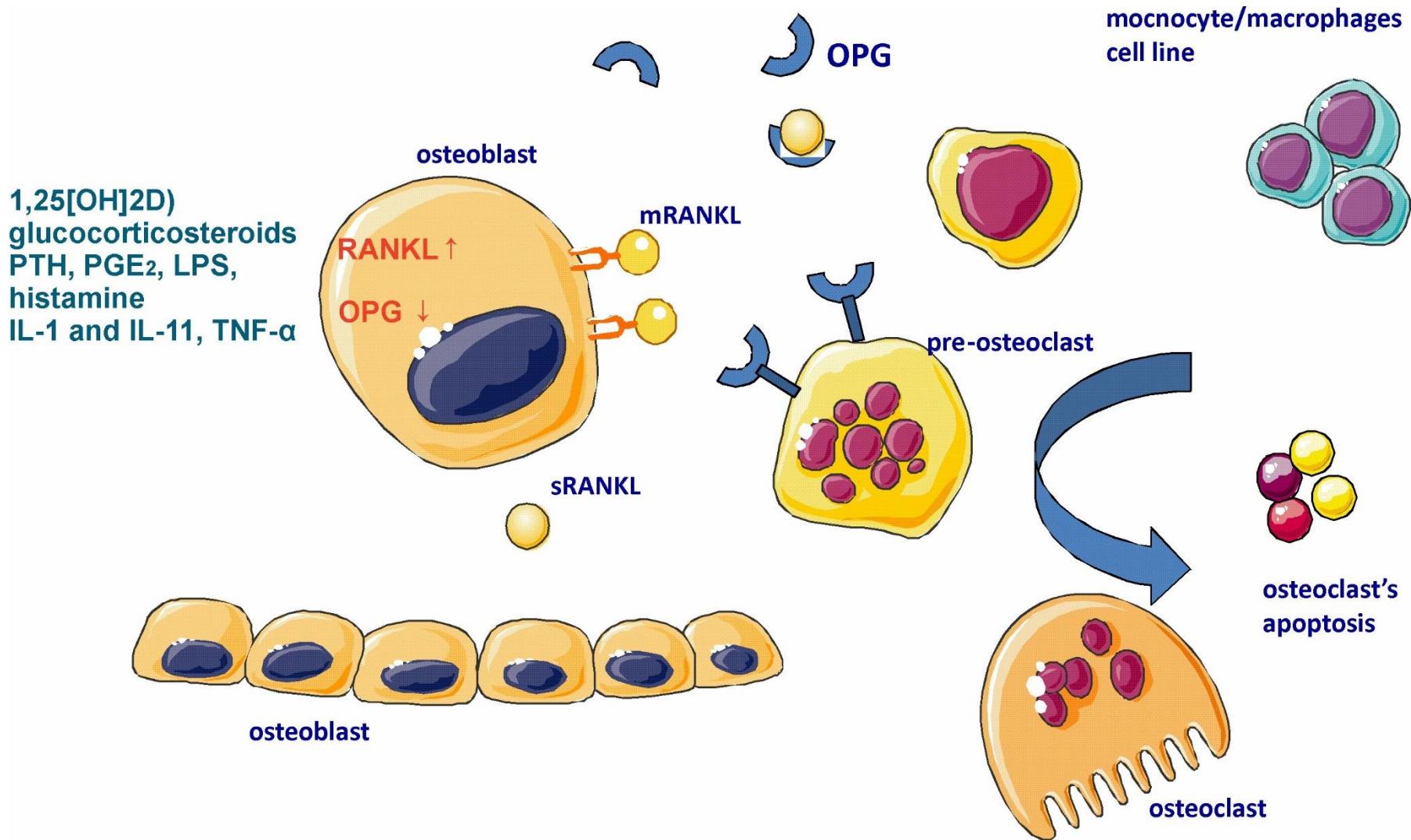


CELLS OF BONE – OSTEOCLASTS

- multinuclear, formed by fusion of mononuclear macrophages
- bone matrix resorption

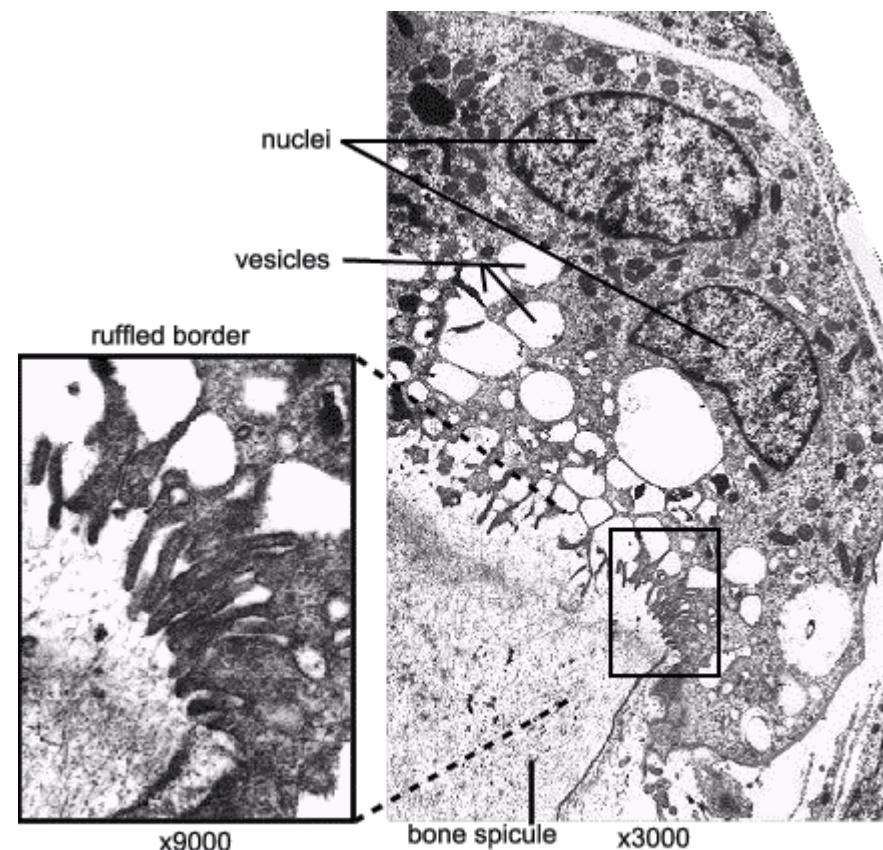
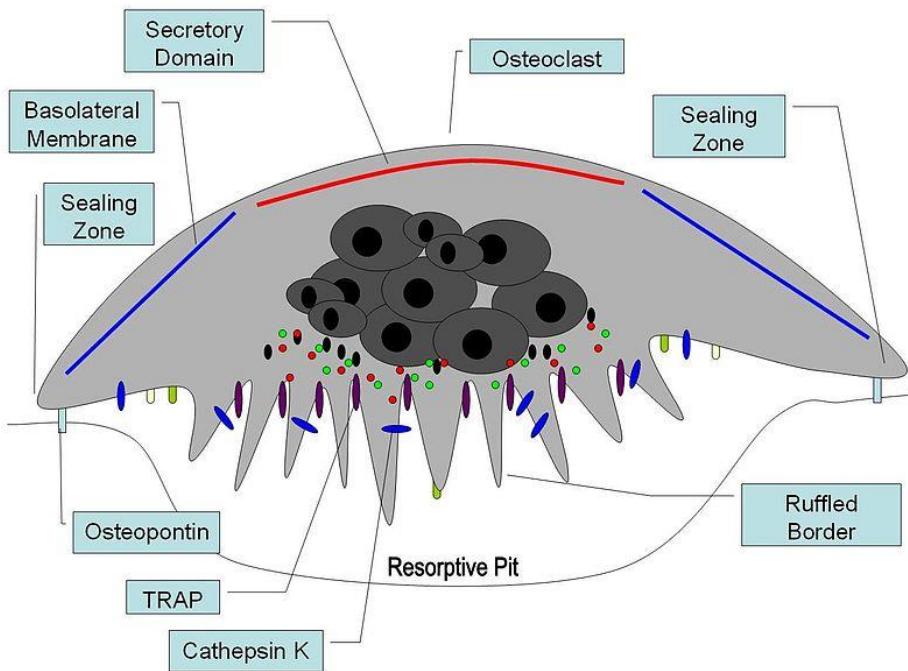


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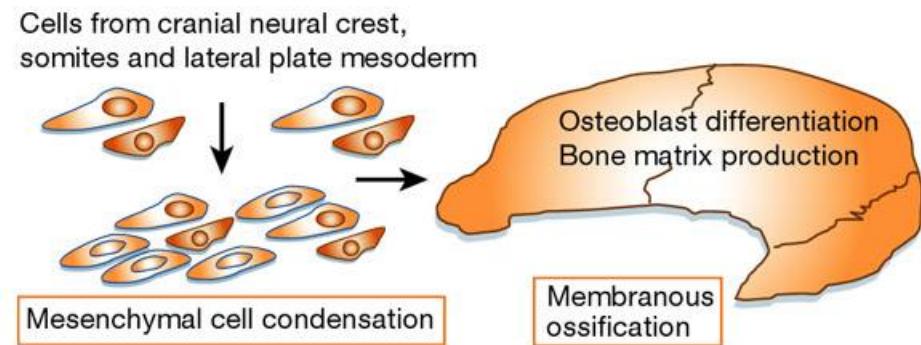
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- complex architecture
- enzymes degrading organic matrix
- HCl

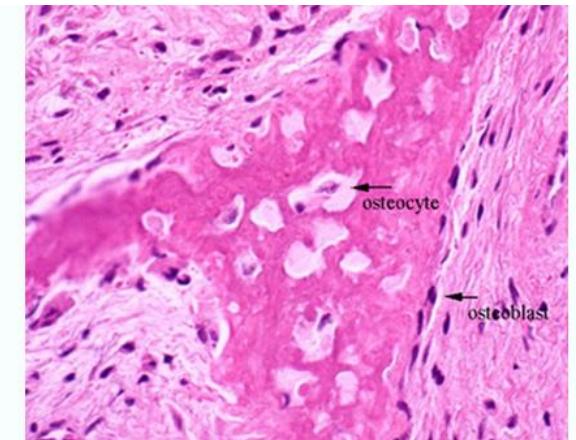
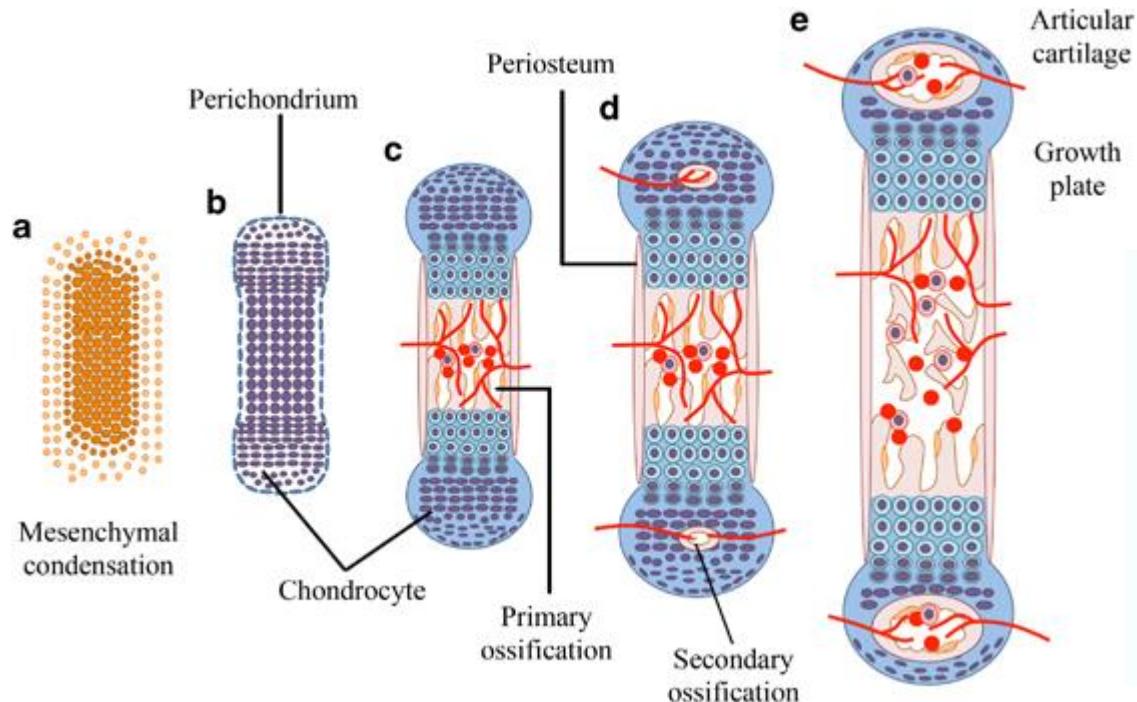


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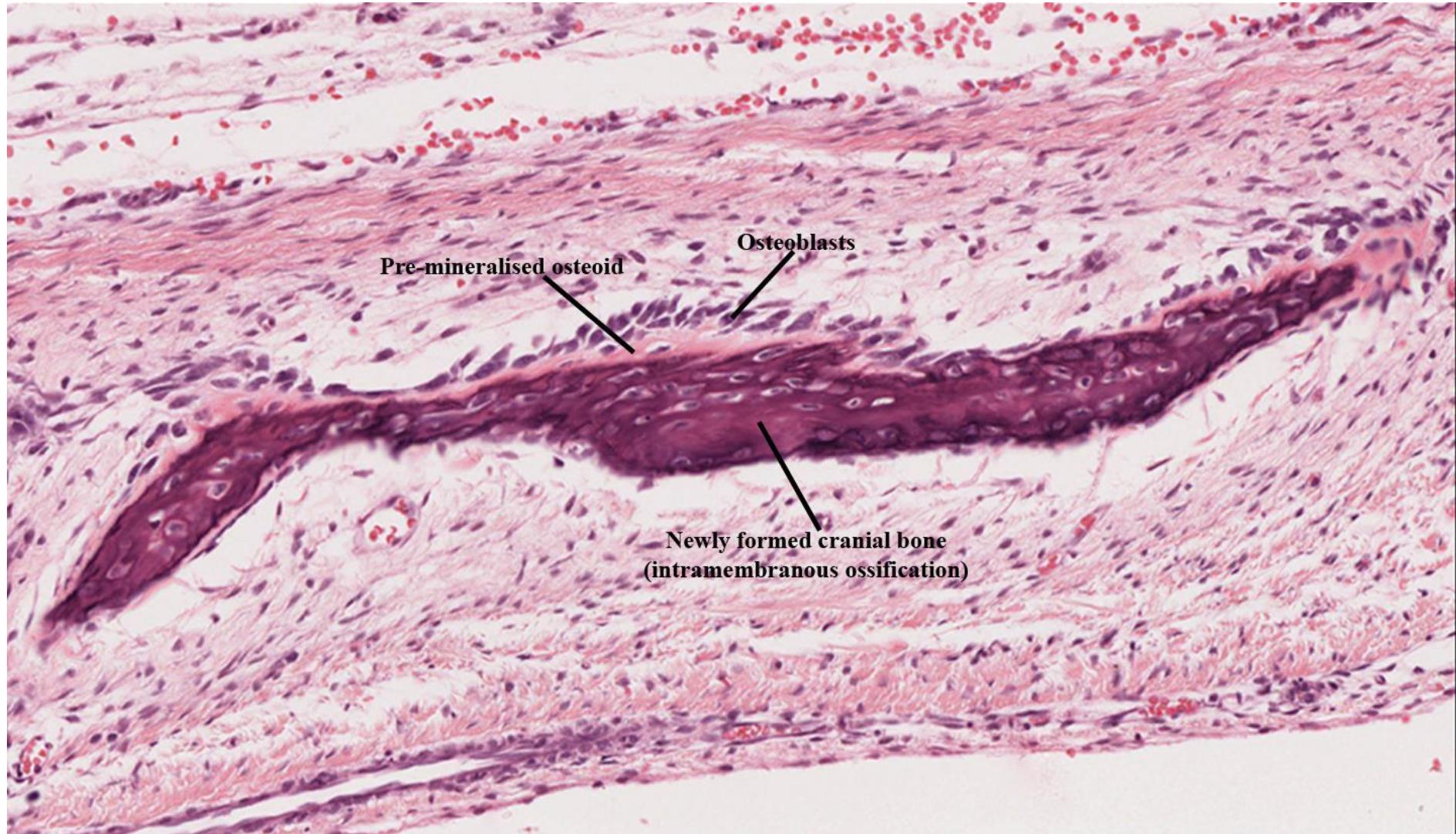
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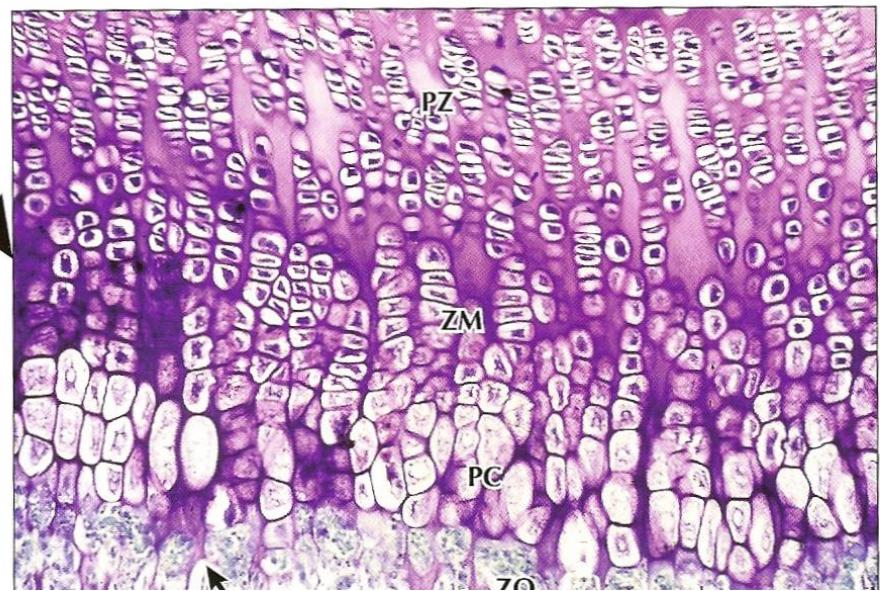
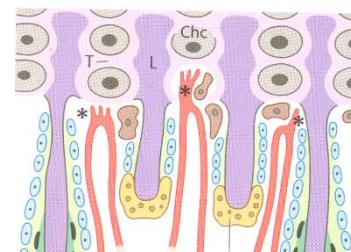
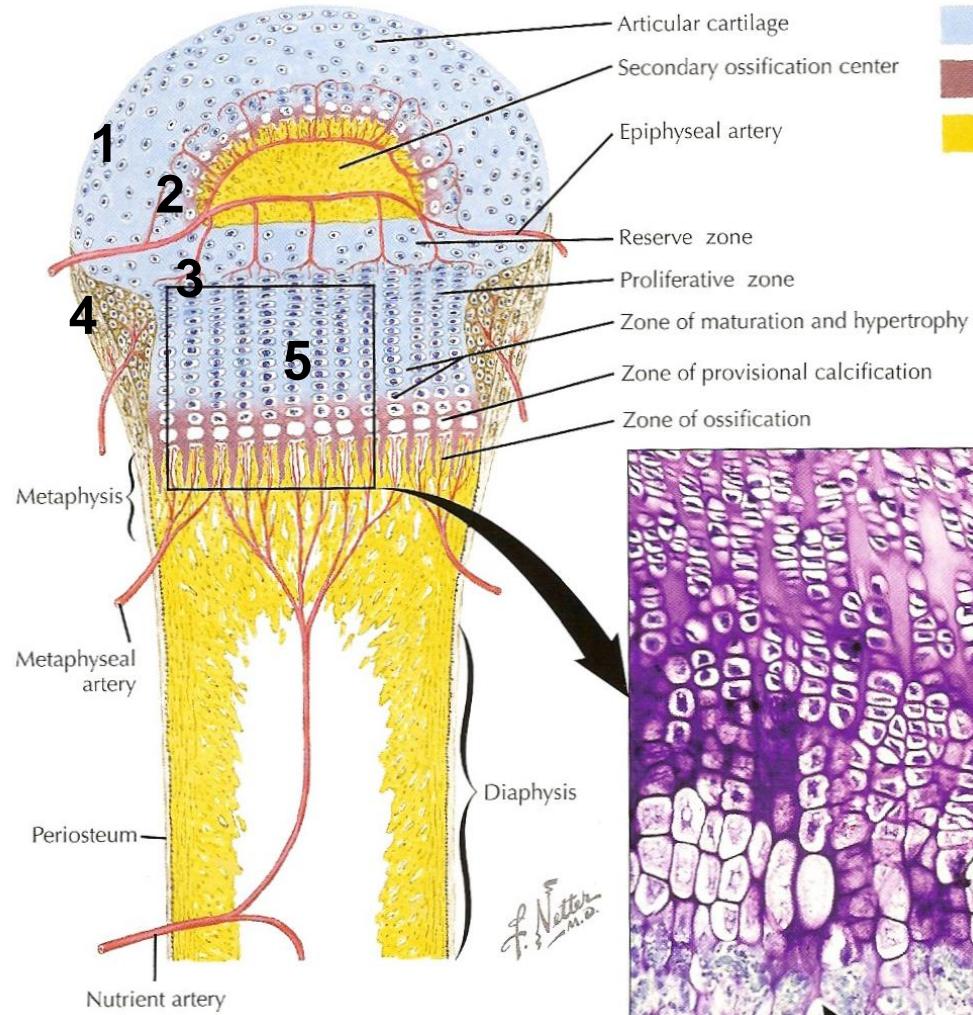
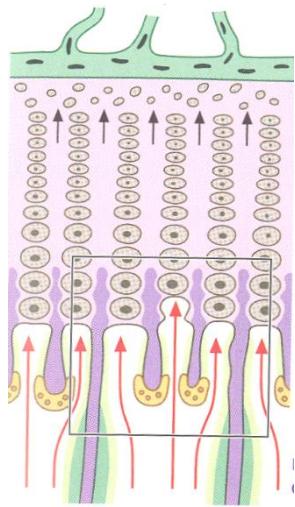
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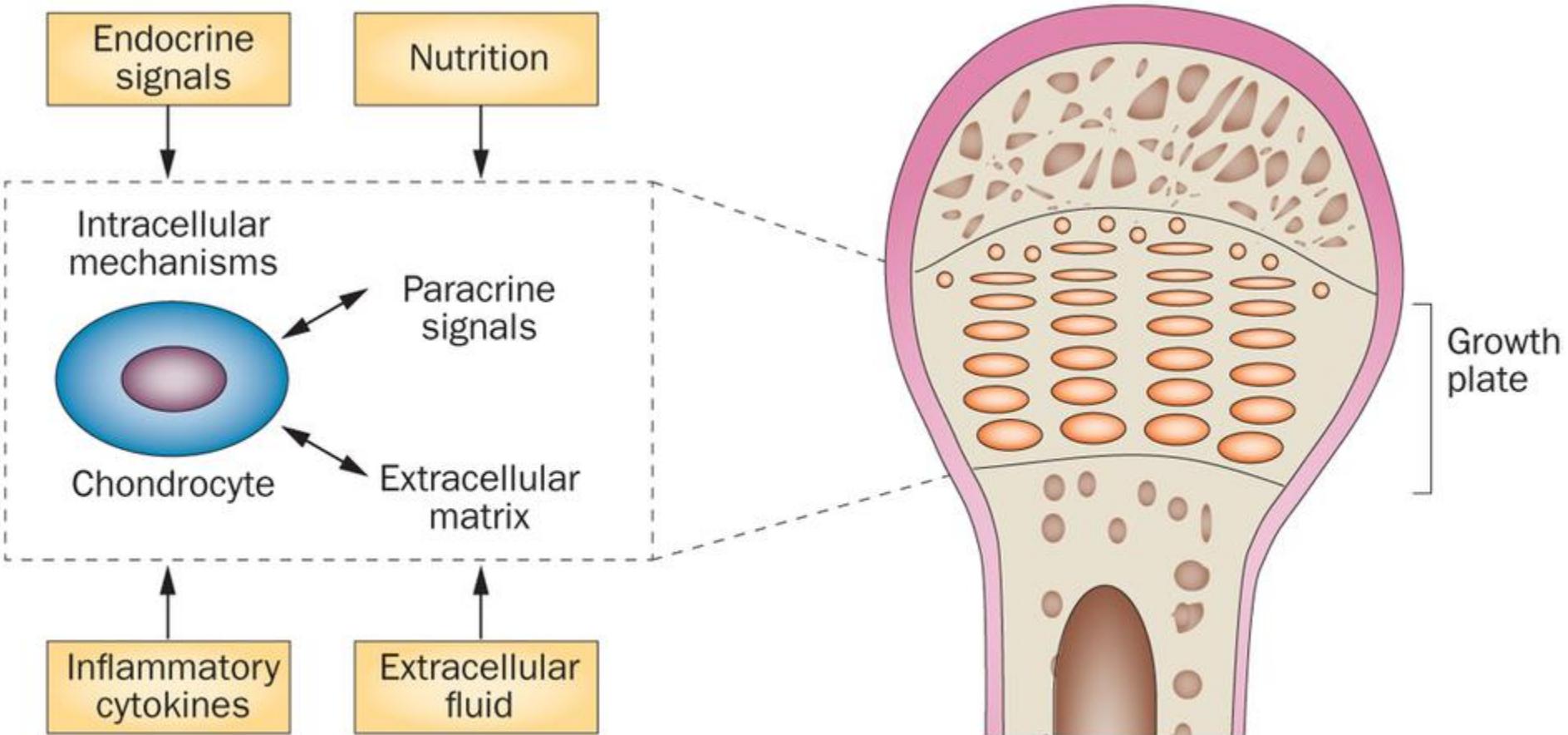
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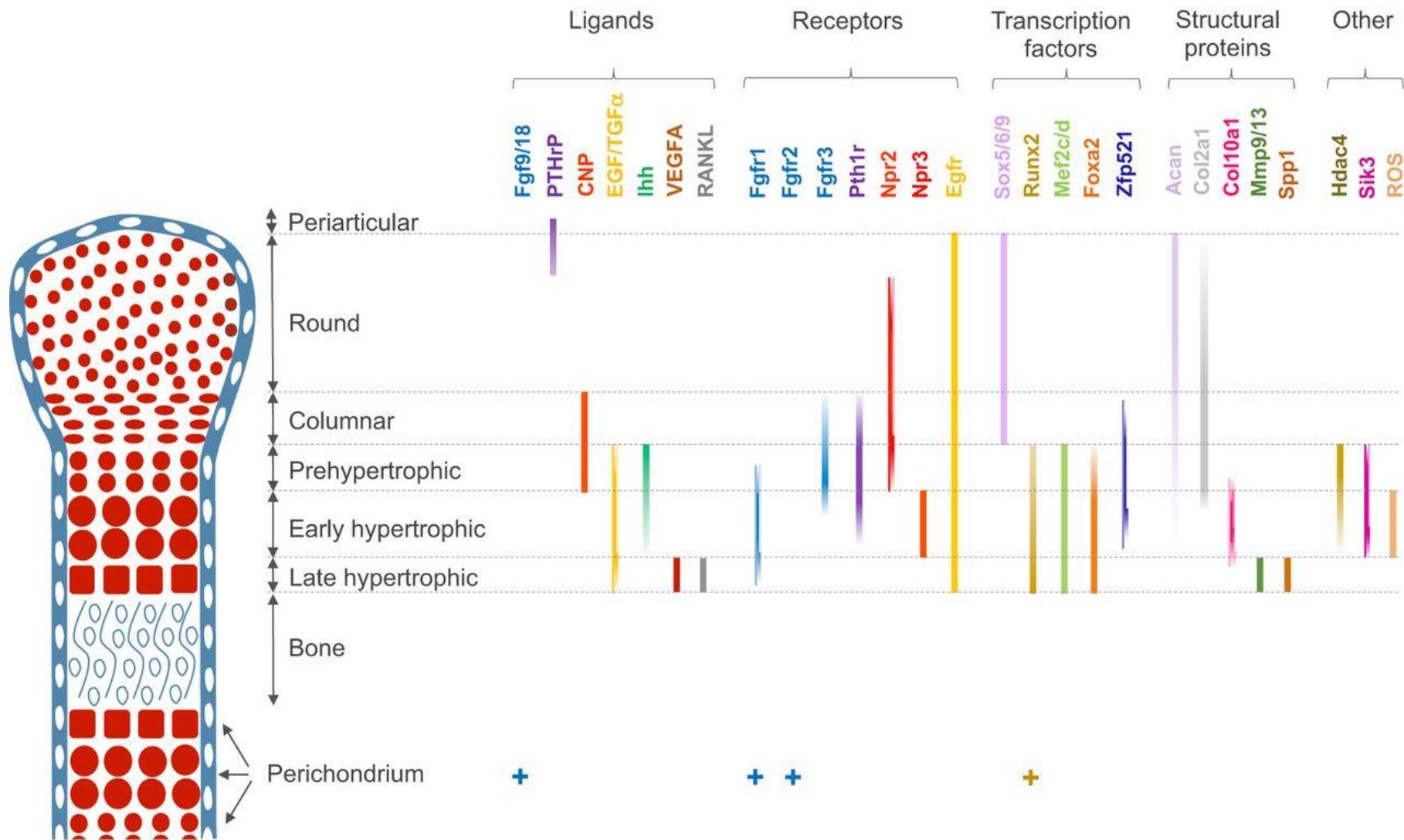
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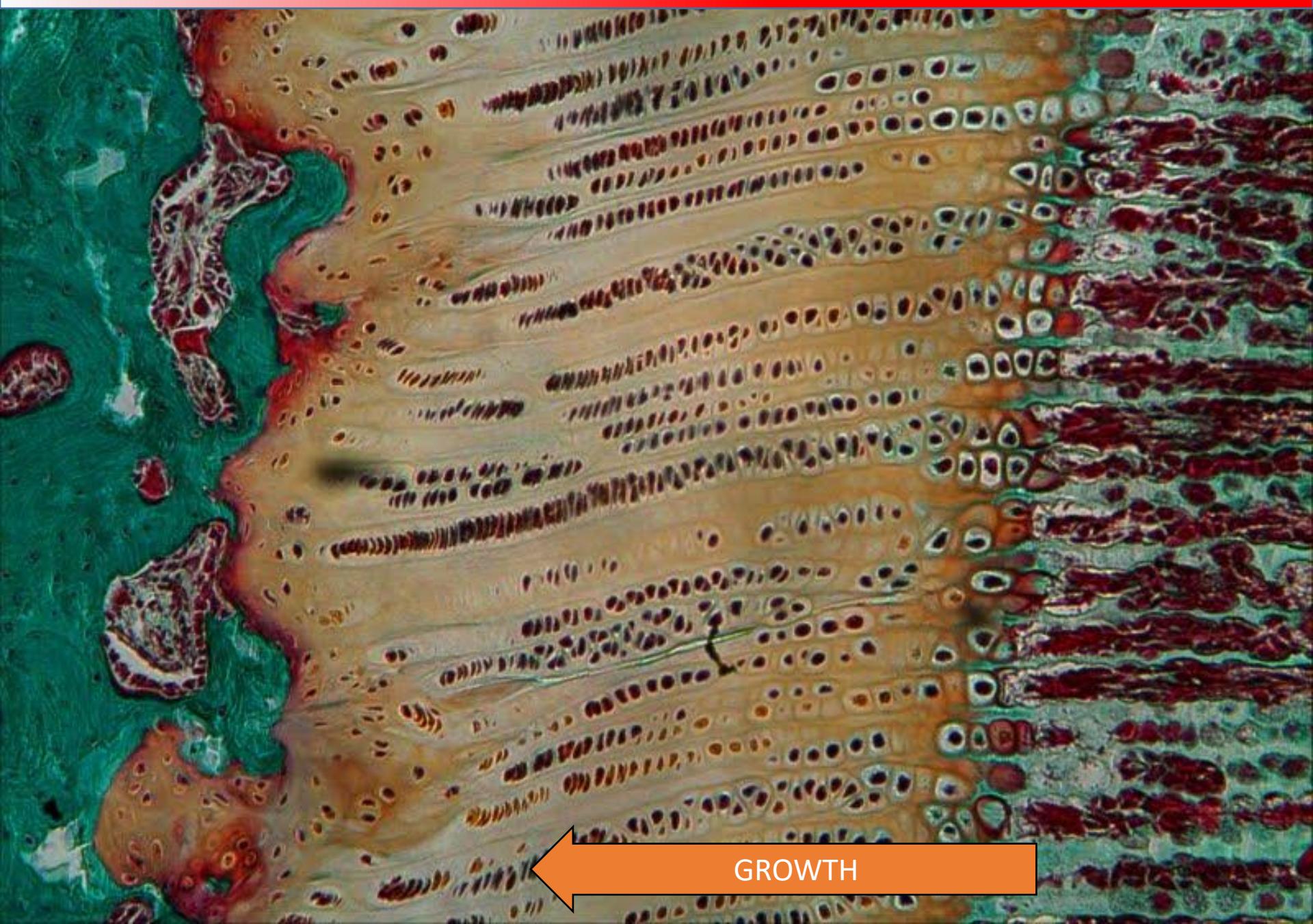
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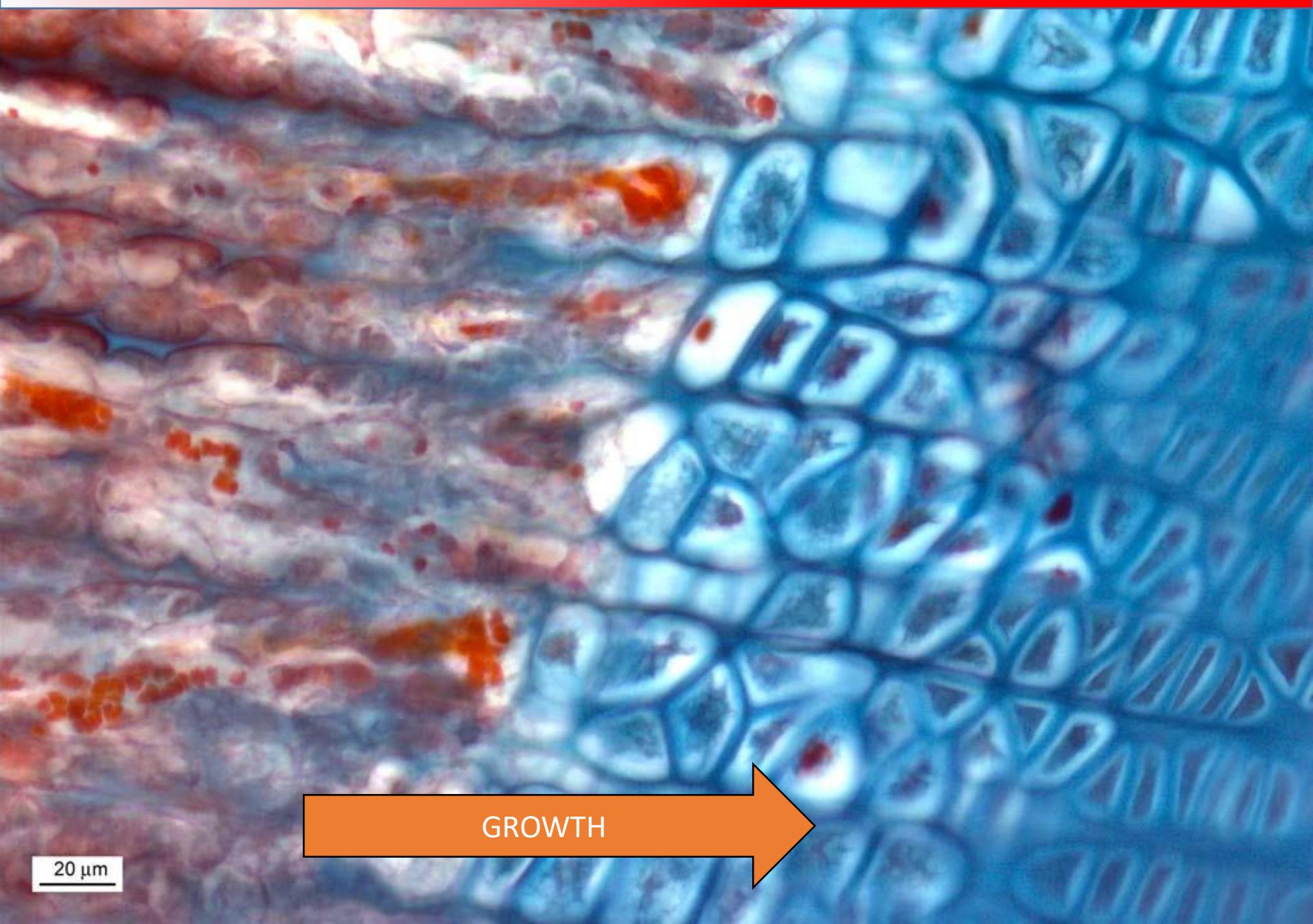


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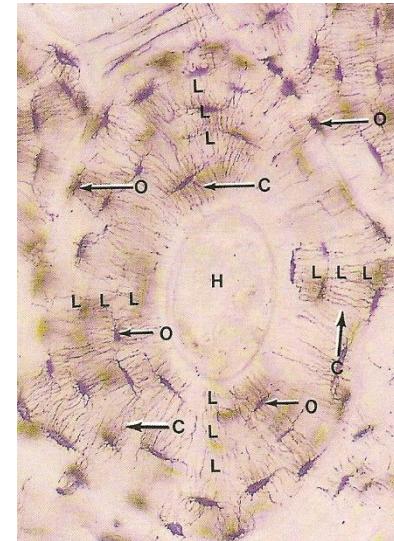
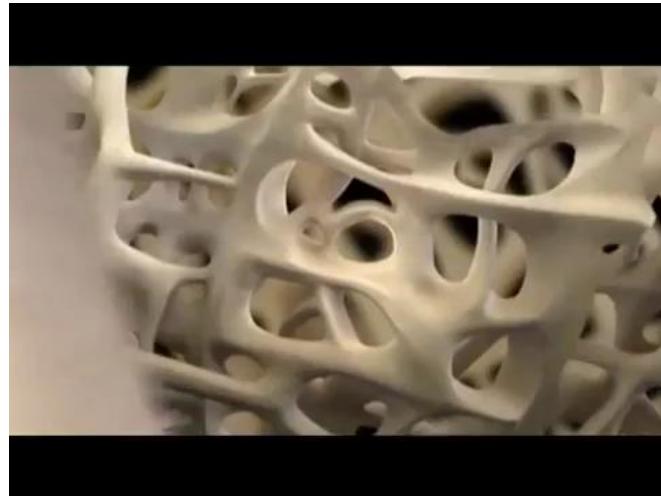
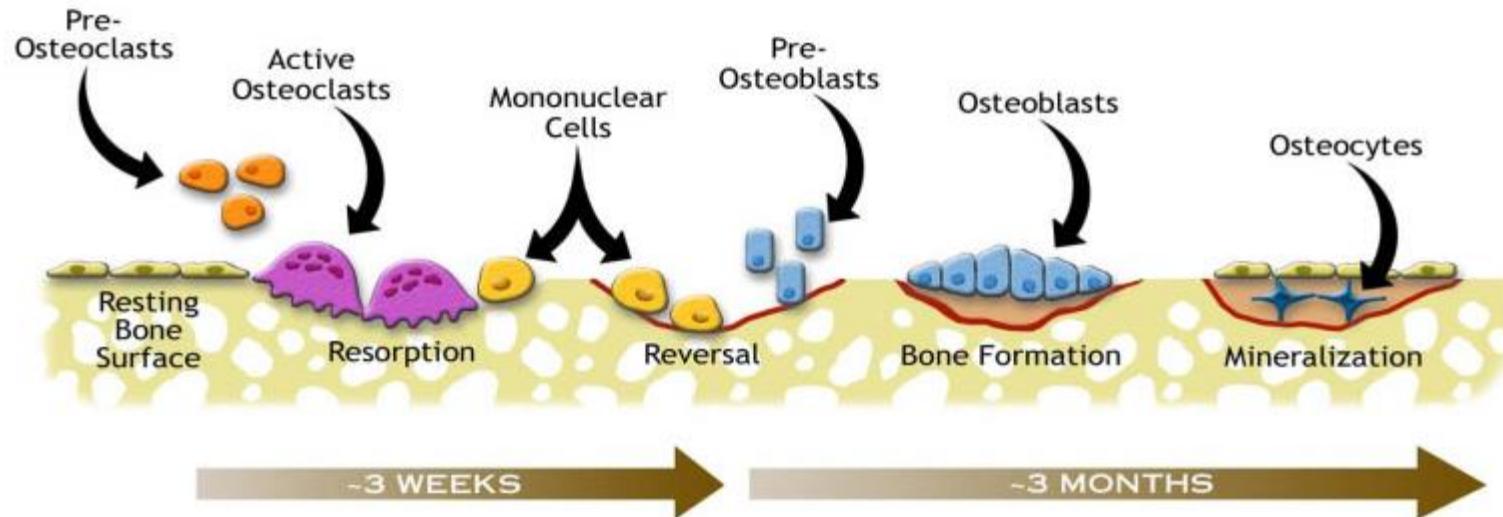


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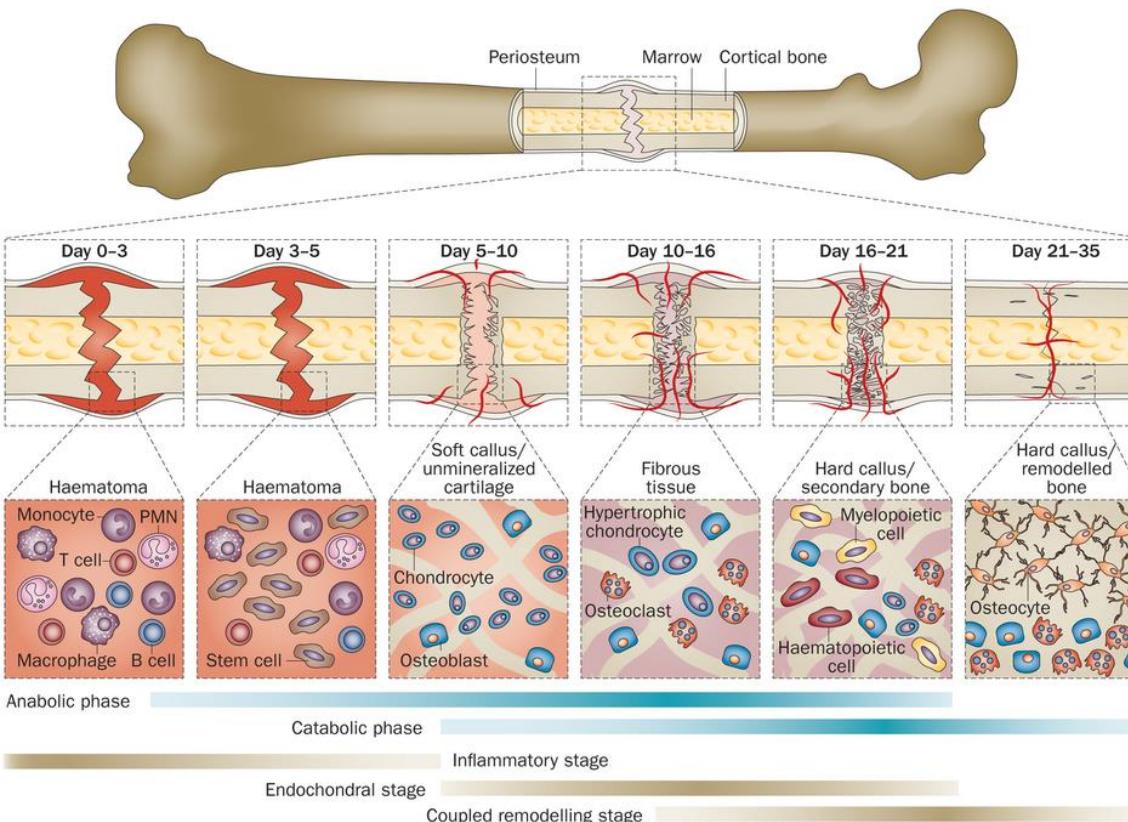
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BONE REMODELLING



CLINICAL CORRELATIONS – FRACTURE HEALING



Reactive phase

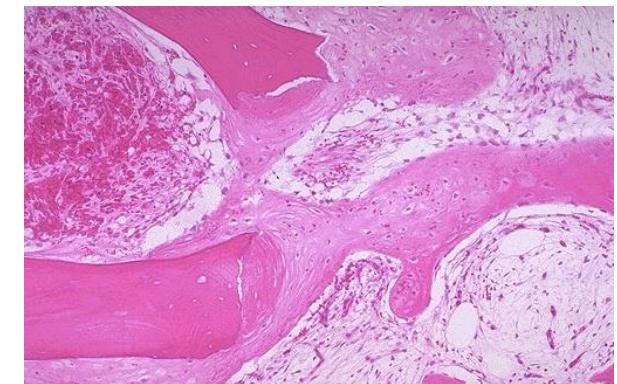
- fracture and inflammatory phase
- granulation tissue formation

Reparative phase

- cartilage *callus* formation
- lamellar bone deposition

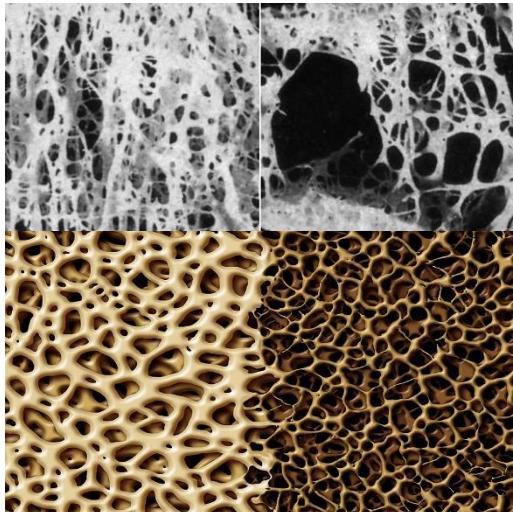
Remodeling phase

- remodeling to original bone shape



CLINICAL CORRELATIONS – DISBALANCE OF BONE HOMEOSTASIS

- **OSTEOPOROSIS**



- **REVMATOID ARTHRITIS**



- **OSTEOPETROSIS**



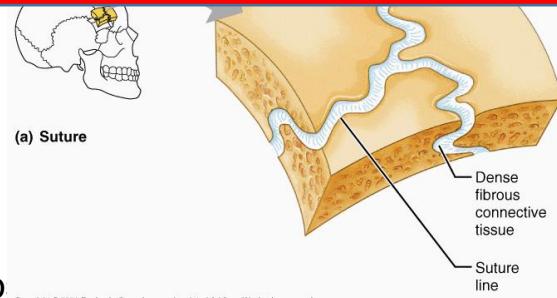
- **PAGET DISEASE**



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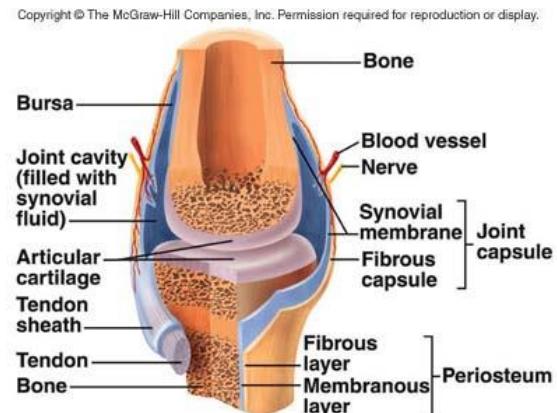
Synarthrosis

- joint by intercalated tissue (cartilage, bone or c.t.)
 - **Synostoses** – joint by bone tissue – os coxae, os sacrum
 - **Synchondrosis** – joint by hyaline cartilage – development of synostosis
 - **Symphysis** – joint by fibrocartilage – os pubis, intervertebral discs
 - **Syndesmosis** – dense collagen regular c.t. – sutures of skull, gomphosis



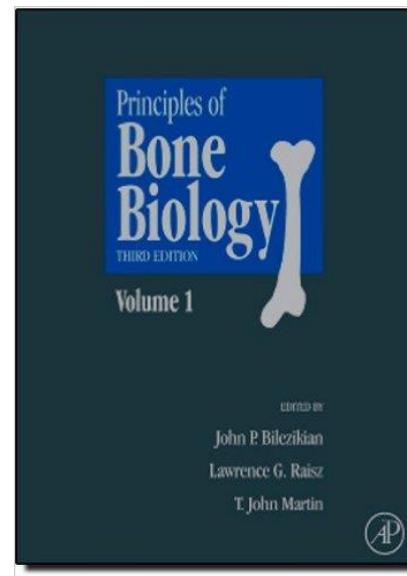
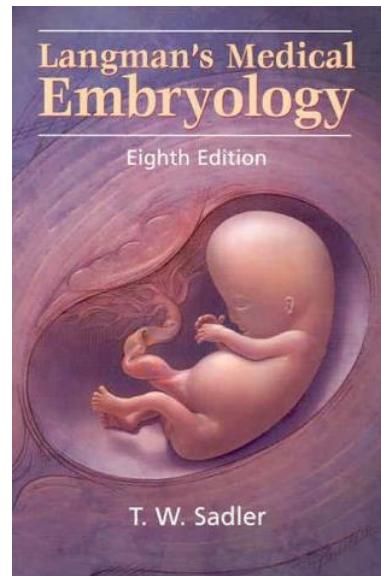
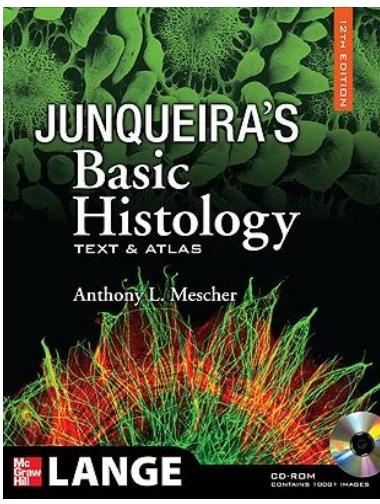
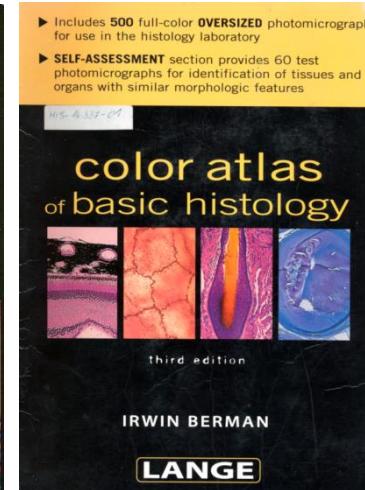
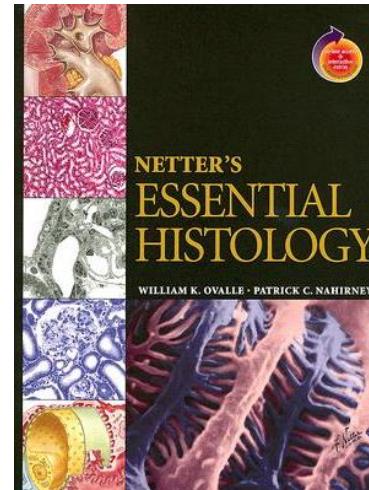
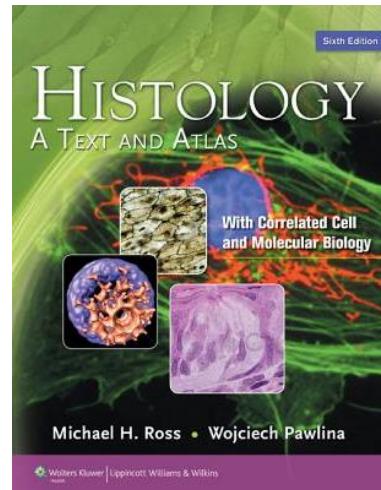
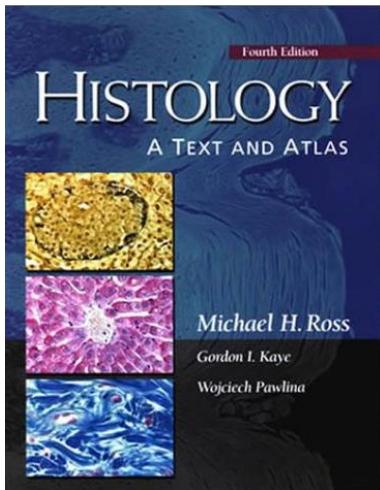
Diarthrosis

- synovial joint
 - hyaline cartilage without perichondrium
 - cartilage calcification in site of attachment to the bone
 - joint capsule
 - *Stratum fibrosum*
 - *Stratum synoviale*



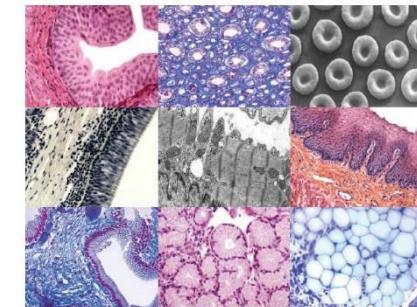
- meniscus – fibrocartilage, avascular, without innervation
- tendons – dense collagen regular c.t., elastic fibers
- bursae – like joint capsule

FURTHER STUDY



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