

The main health problems of elders. Frailty and its prophylaxis.

The modern strategy of health support
and increasing of independence of seniors

Cardiovascular diseases

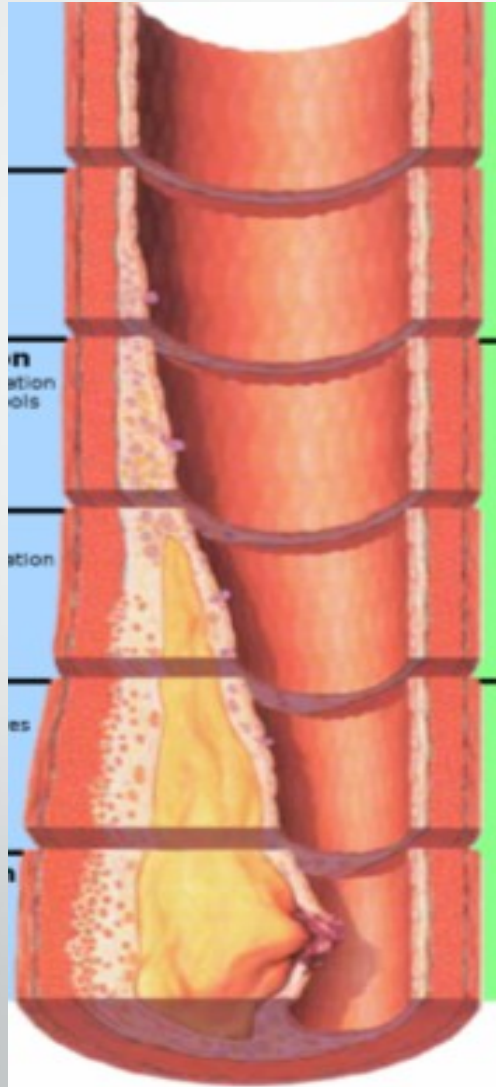
- **hypertension**
- **ischemic heart disease – acute coronary syndrome**
 - **cardiac failure**
 - **arrythmias**
- **valvular disorders**

Vascular changes development

- 1. decade

- 3. decade

- 4. decade



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Hypertension

- isolated systolic hypertension
- unstable hypertension
- compliance problems
- ischemic brain attack
- haemorrhagic brain attack
- cardiac failure

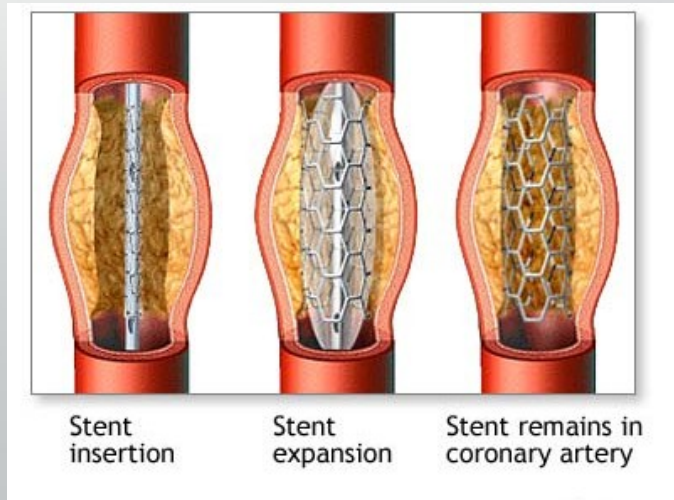
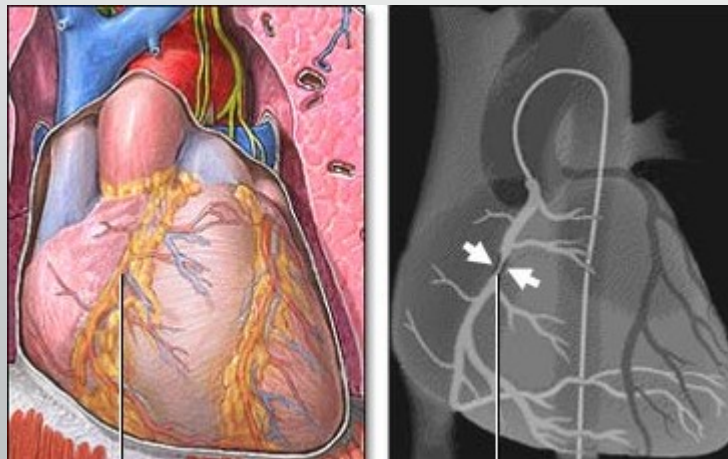
	BPs	BPd
optimal	below 120	below 80
normal	below 130	below 85
normal for seniors	130-150	75-85
borderline	130-139	85-89
hypertension I	140-159	90-99
hypertension II	160-179	100-109
hypertension III	above 180	above 110

Risks

- **unstable blood pressure values – collapsing**
- **orthostatic hypotension**
- **interaction with prostatic medications – uncontrolled BP decrease – dizziness, falls**
- **bradycardia – beta blockers**
- **serum mineral dysbalancies – arrhythmias**
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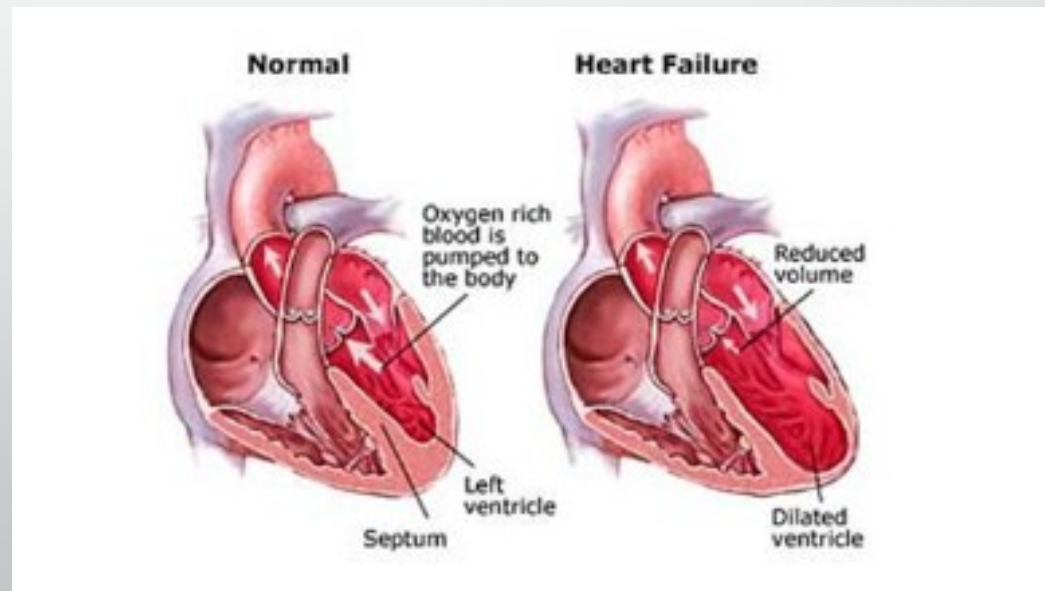
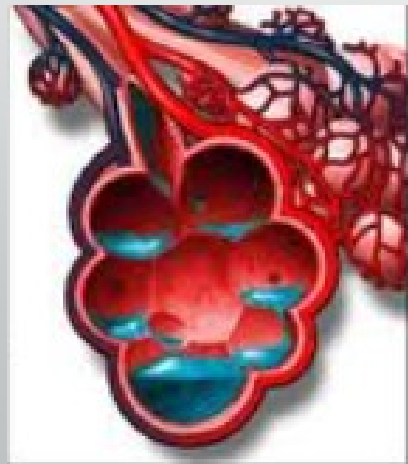
Ischaemic heart disease

- stable angina pectoris – atypical symptomatology – dyspnea, confusion, falls, overall weakness
- acute coronary syndrome – unstable angina pectoris, myocardial infarction – decrease of cardiac output – possibility of confusion or collapse, danger of malignant arrhythmia
- PTCA – coronary angioplasty – all ages!!



Cardiac failure – left ventricle

- causes – hypertension, ischemic heart disease, valvular disorders
- symptoms - dyspnoea, orthopnoea, night cough, confusion, sleeping disorders, pulmonary oedema



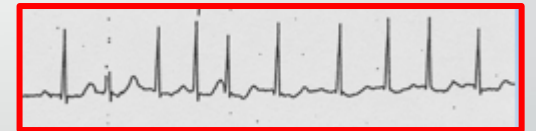
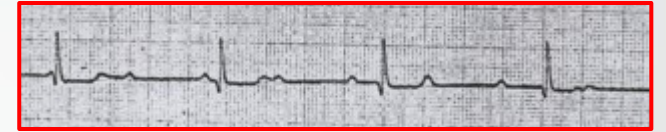
Cardiac failure – right ventricle

- causes – chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
- right ventricle – swellings of legs, peripheral cyanosis, ascites, anasarca, hydrothorax



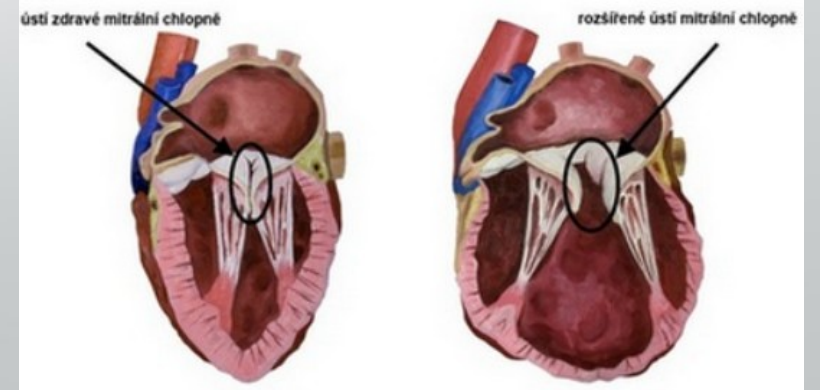
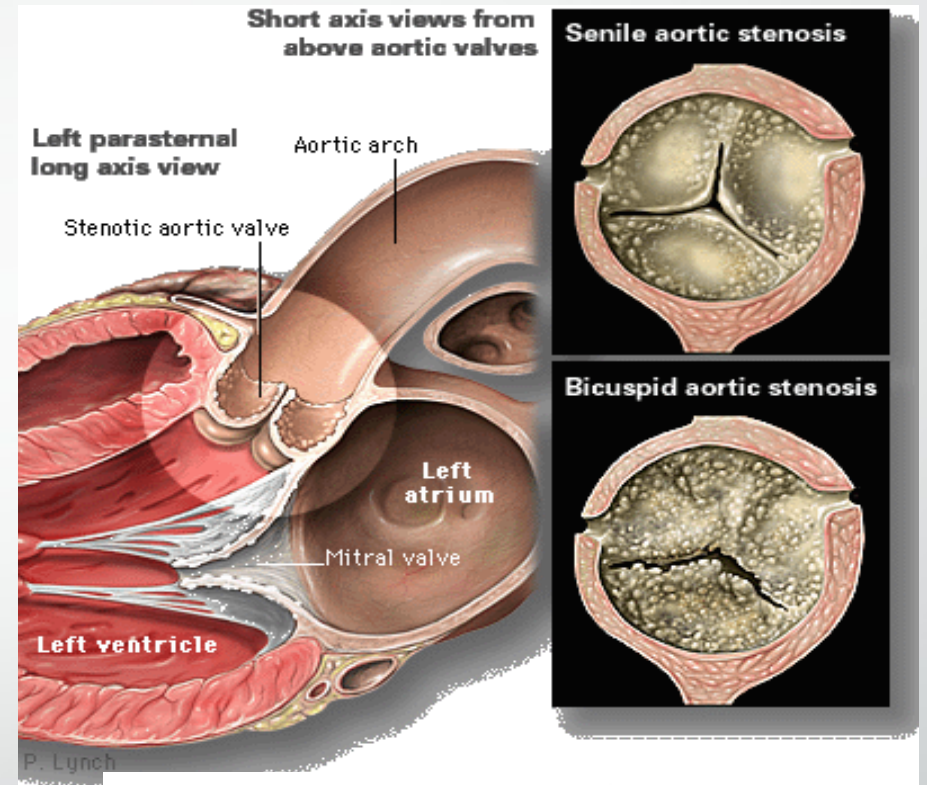
Arrhythmias

- tachyarrhythmias, bradyarrhythmias
- instability, falls, confusion, cognitive decline, consciousness disturbances – palpitations less frequent
- the most frequent diagnosis during checking blood pressure
- atrial fibrillation – risk of ischemic brain attacks, antiaggregation, anticoagulation – warfarin, oral antikoagulants
- pacemaker, cardioverter implantation – all ages!!



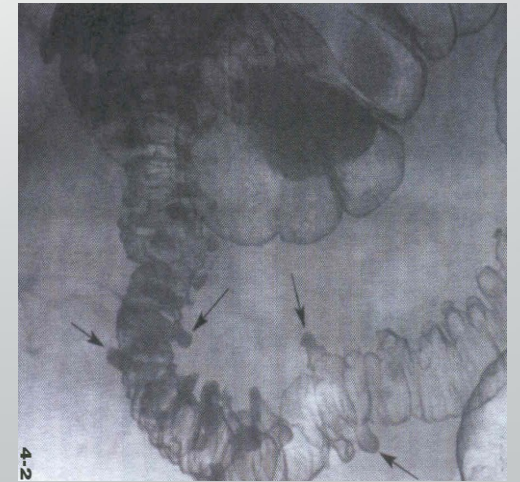
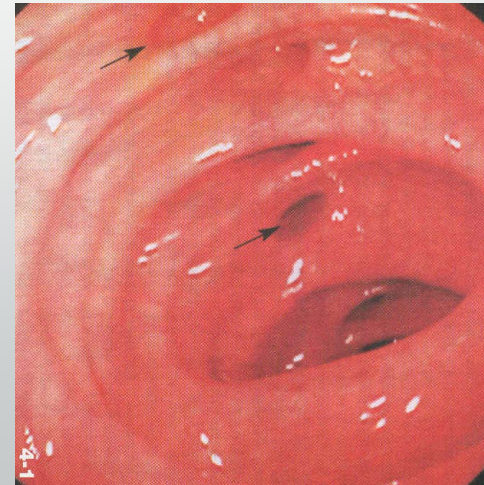
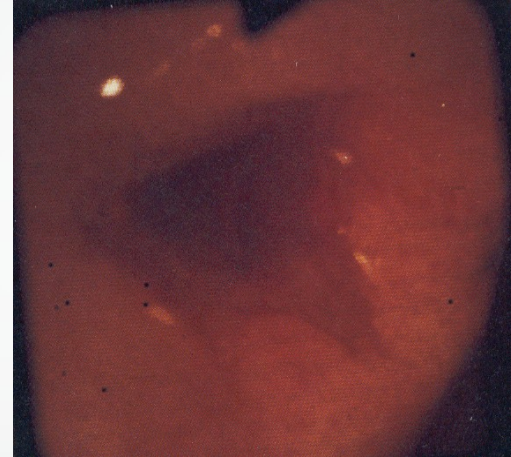
Valvular disorders

- aortic stenosis – short unconsciousness, vertigo
- mitral insufficiency – dyspnea, tendency to pulmonary oedema



Gastrointestinal diseases

- loss of teeth, xerostomia
- swallowing difficulties
- gastroesophageal reflux
- senile gastric ulcers
- maldigestion, malabsorption
- ischaemic colitis, vascular ileus
- diverticulosis



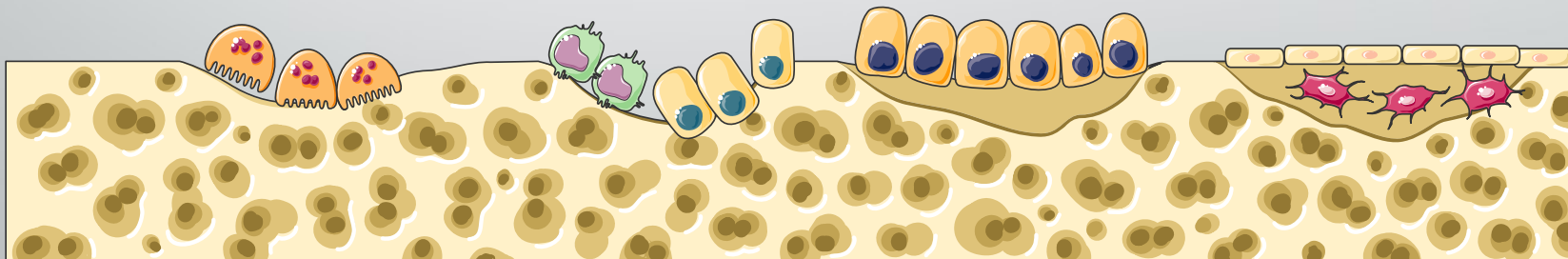
Diseases of locomotor system – osteochoondrosis, spondylarthrosis

- limited reparation of cartilago
- osteochoondrosis – Alzheimer dementia of cartilago
- coxarthrosis, gonarthrosis – long life body overweight, burden
- spondylosis, spondylarthrosis
- up to 70% of seniors – NSAIDs OTC
- pain, immobility, falls, depression

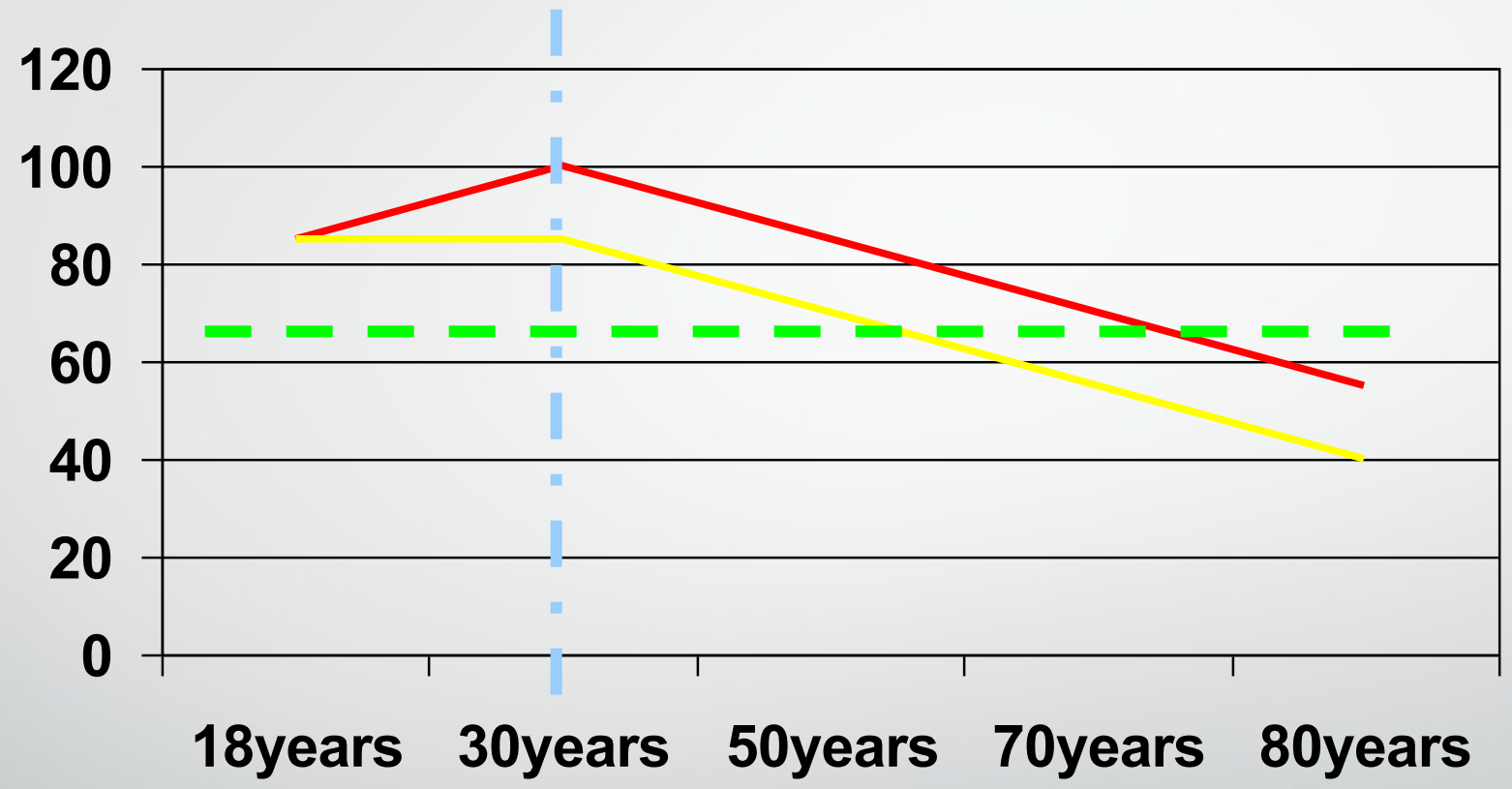


Bone remodeling

- ❑ peak bone mass – up to 30 years of age only
- ❑ permanent controlled bone osteoclasts resorption followed by creation of new bone by osteoblasts – cycle duration 3-4 months
- ❑ bone remodeling units
- ❑ 30% of remodeling runs in compact bone, 70% in spongy bone

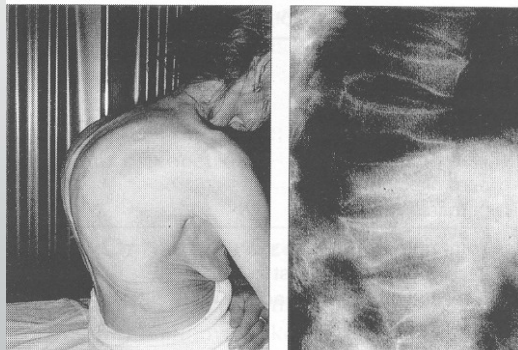
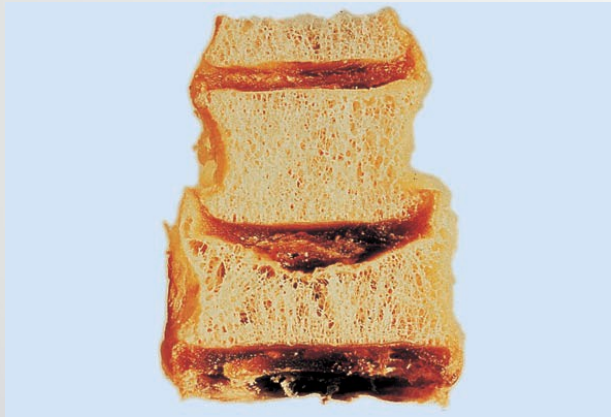


Peak bone mass – up to 30 years of age



— peak bone mass sufficient
— peak bone mass insufficient

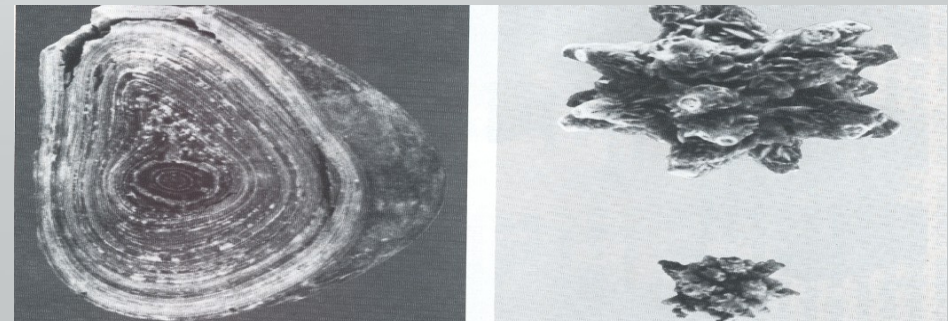
Diseases of locomotor system - osteoporosis



- ❖ postmenopausal osteoporosis – vertebral fracture
- ❖ $\frac{1}{2}$ women with physiological menopause
- ❖ $\frac{2}{3}$ women with artificial menopause
- ❖ senile osteoporosis – hip fracture
- ❖ $\frac{1}{2}$ of women
- ❖ $\frac{1}{3}$ of men

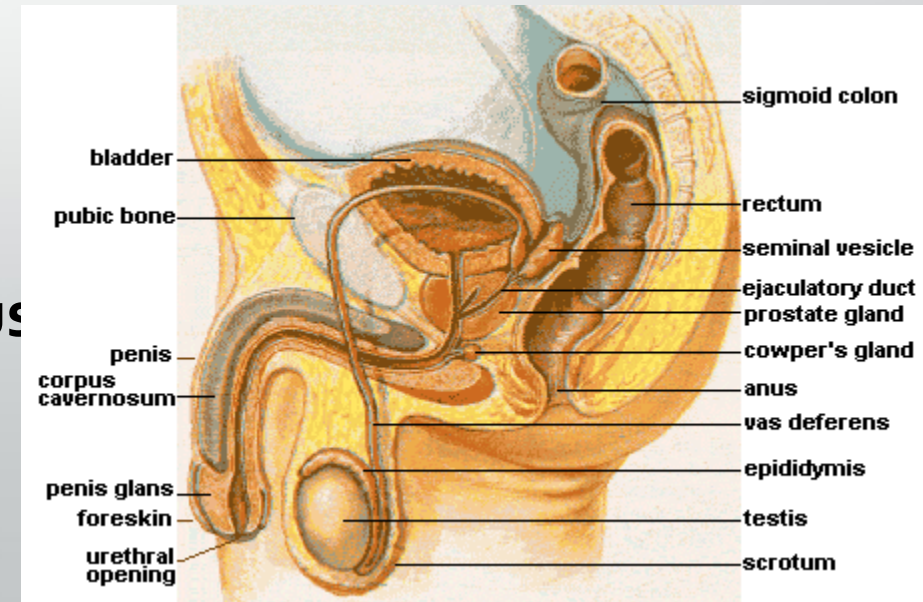
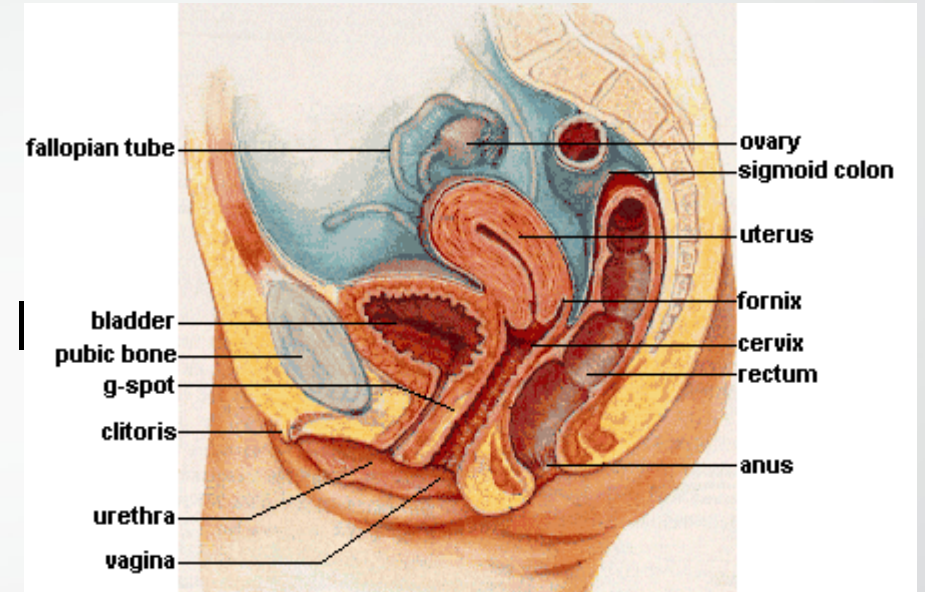
Urogenital diseases in elderly

- UTI – urogenital tractus infections with atypical symptoms
- repeated – permanent subclinical dehydration
 - decreased defence of urinary mucosa
 - slower flow of urine
 - microbial colonization of bladder and urethra
 - permanent catheterization
 - high concentration of urine, lithiasis



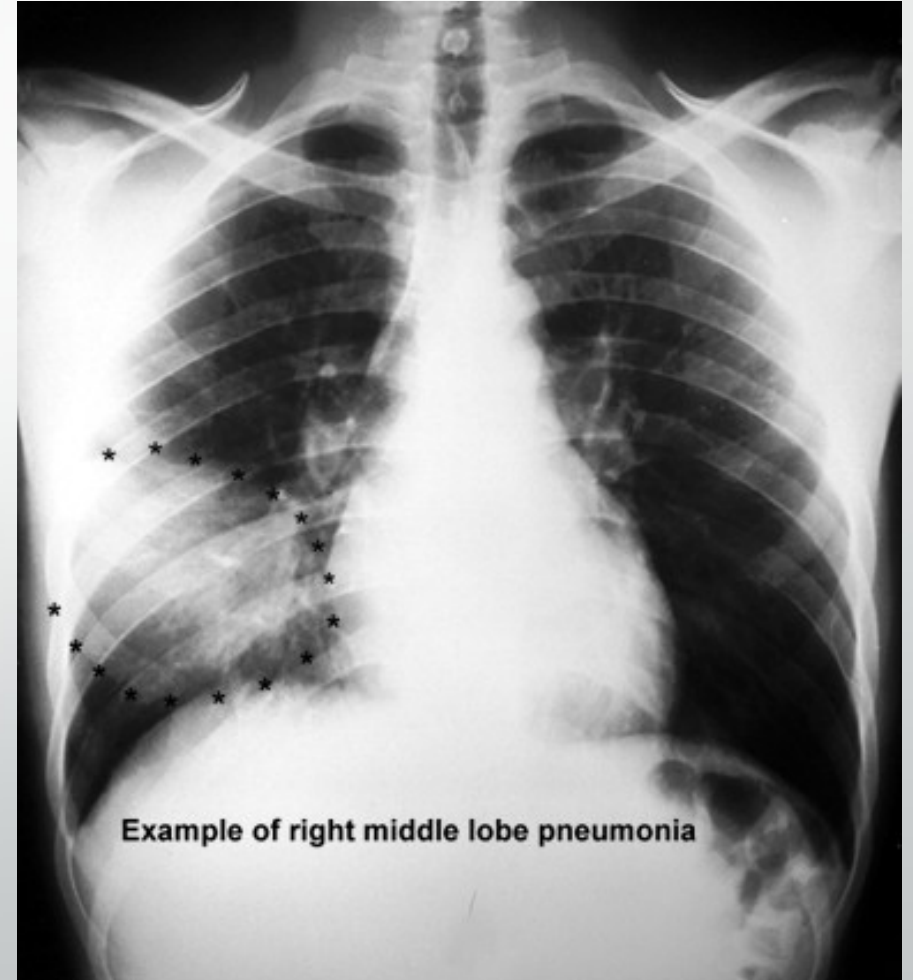
Incontinentia

- stress incontinentia – in women, cough, |
 - weak muscles of pelvic bottom
 - shorter urethra
 - less effective constriction
- urgent incontinentia – in men
 - prostatic hyperplasia
 - permanently higher tonus of detrusor
- mixed incontinentia – in 40% of elderly



Respiratory diseases

- chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, cor pulmonale
- lung stiffness, decrease of vital capacity
- worse function of ciliary epithel – mucus retention – pneumoni
- aspiration risk



Metabolic diseases

➤ metabolic syndrome

hypertension

diabetes mellitus

hyperlipidaemia

truncal obesity

hyperuricaemia



• cardiac failure

• atherosclerosis acceleration

• increase of insulin resistance

• cognitive decline acceleration

• loss of independency

• worsening of locomotor problems



Interdisciplinary syndromes – geriatric giants

instability

cognitive decline

immobilisation

incontinency, skin integrity loss

Interdisciplinary syndromes

- **somatic**
 - eating, drinking disorders
 - thermoregulation disturbances
- **psychical**
 - depression
 - behavior disturbance , maladaptation
- **social**
 - loss of independency
 - social isolation
 - family dysfunction, elderly abuse



Instability and falls

- ❖ backbone disorders
- ❖ vascular origine
- ❖ heart diseases
- ❖ brain damage
- ❖ external influences



Immobility

- caused by trauma
- serious osteoporosis with fractures
- caused by brain attacks
- ancle diseases
- chronic internal diseases

imobilisation syndrome – unfavourable cascade leading to death



Incontinency

- **allways to solve - urology,
gynecology**

⇒ **nursing issue**

⇒ **social issue**

⇒ **economical issue**

Skin integrity disorders

- **sore ulcers, leg ulcers**
- **slower skin renovation**
- **decreased skin barrier function**
- **slower wound healing**
- **decreased immunological reaction**
- **less effective thermoregulation**
- **lower mechanical resistance**



Frailty – aging biomarker

- common geriatric syndrome that embodies an elevated risk of catastrophic declines in health and function
- increases incrementally with advancing age
- connected with weakness, slowing, decreased energy, lower activity, and unintended weight loss – **if 3 or more are present, the risk of death is high**
- increased vulnerability to stressors (e.g. extremes of heat and cold, infection, injury, or even changes in medication)
- components – sarcopenia, osteoporosis, muscle weakness
- **not only fragility of bones**

Risk factors for frailty

- chronic diseases
- cardiovascular disease
- diabetes mellitus
- chronic kidney disease
- depression
- cognitive impairment
- environment-related factors
such as life space and
neighborhood characteristics
- physiologic impairments
- activation of inflammation
and coagulation systems,
- anemia
- atherosclerosis
- autonomic dysfunction
- hormonal abnormalities
- obesity
- hypovitaminosis D in men

Prevention of frailty

- treatment and close follow up of chronic diseases
- vitamin D serum levels above 50-75 nmol/l maintenance
- management of chronic inflammation
- management of coagulation disorders
- stable compensation of diabetes mellitus
- metabolic syndrome management
- promotion of physical activity as a prevention of sarcopenia, osteoporosis and muscle weakness



Thank you for your attention

