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#### HUBS191

# Lecture 5: Bone growth Joints: tissues and structures

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#### Lecture objectives

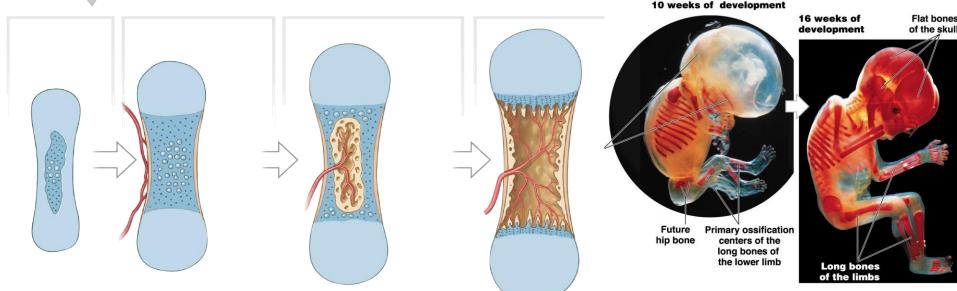
- Describe the general principles of bone growth
- Describe the microanatomy of tissues in the joints, and explain how their structure reflects function
- Describe fibrous and cartilaginous joints

#### The story so far...

- We know:
  - Basic tissues
  - Bone tissue
  - Bones form the skeleton
- We need to know:
  - How bones grow (shape and size)
  - How bones fit together (joints)
  - How bones are held together (soft tissues)

# Bone growth

- Start with cartilage model
  - ~6 weeks after fertilisation
- Endochondral ossification
  - Process of turning cartilage into bone



Start of calcification

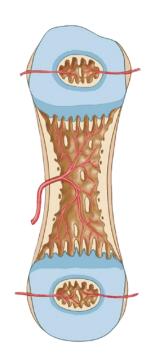
Blood vessels and osteoblasts external

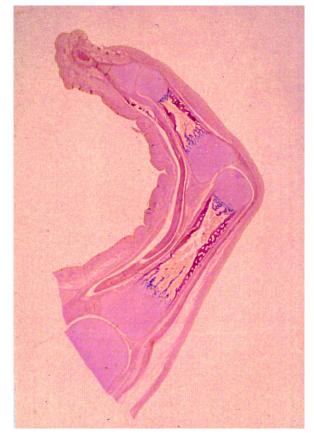
Blood vessels (and osteoblasts) internal

Primary ossification centre developed

# Primary ossification centres

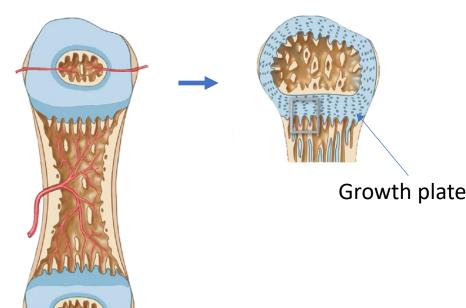
- Diaphysis (shaft) is primary ossification centre
- Epiphyses remain cartilage





# Secondary ossification centres

- Epiphyses
  - same ossification process as primary centres
- Separated from diaphysis by epiphyseal plate/growth plate

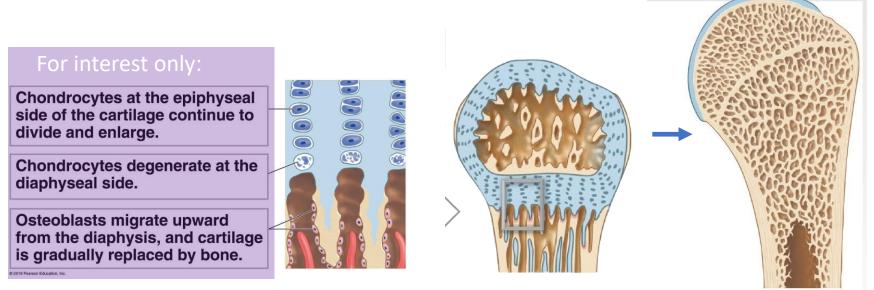




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# Bone growth

- In length:
- Enabled by epiphyseal plates
  - · aka 'growth plates'
  - formed of cartilage
- Starting from puberty, epiphyses start to fuse with diaphyses



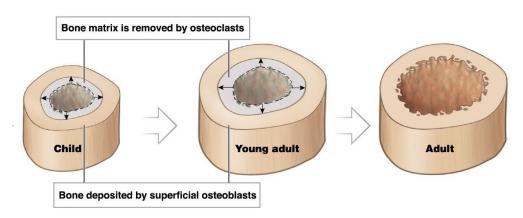
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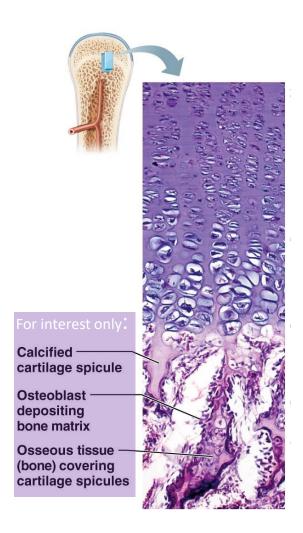




# Bone growth

- In width:
- Appositional growth
- Osteoblast activity produces circumferential lamellae
- Osteoclasts mould bone shape and form medullary cavity





#### How does our skeleton move?

- Bones articulate at joints
- A joint:
  - holds bones together
  - involves bone ends
  - involves soft tissues
  - allows control of movement

# Key soft tissues

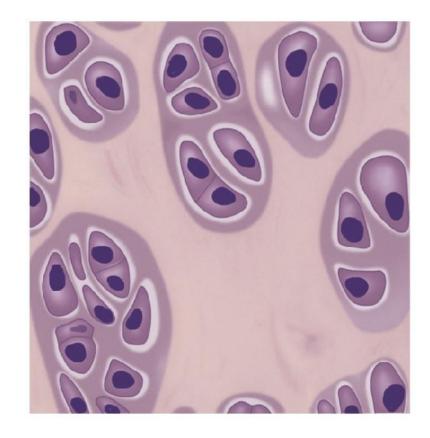
- Cartilage
  - Hyaline (articular)
  - Fibrocartilage
- DFCT
  - Ligaments
  - Tendons
  - Joint capsules

# Cartilage

- Chondrocytes
  - in lacuna
- Collagen fibres embedded in ground substance
- Avascular
  - No blood vessels
  - nutrients diffused through matrix by joint loading
- Two key types in joints:
  - Hyaline (articular)
  - Fibrocartilage

# Hyaline (articular) cartilage

- Function = resist compression
- High water content in matrix
- Sparse collagen fibres



Martini *et al, Visual Anatomy & Physiology*, 3rd Edn, 2018, p.206

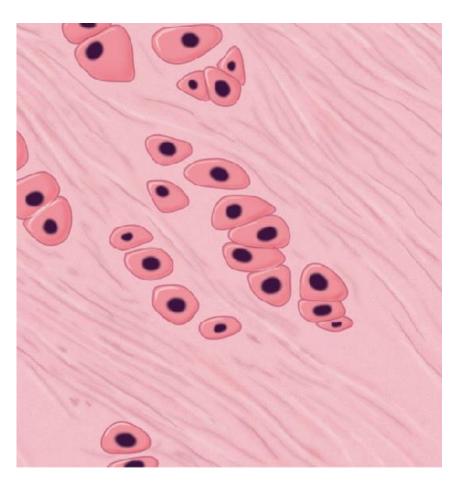
# Hyaline (articular) cartilage

- Moulds to surfaces of bones where they articulate
- Creates smooth surface
   frictionless movement
- Found on articulating surfaces of bones
- Degrades with age



# Fibrocartilage

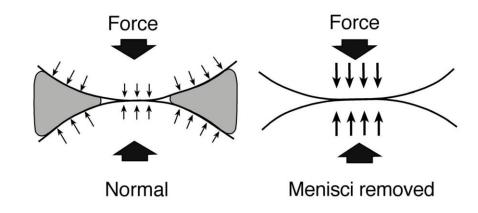
- Function = resist compression AND tension
- Many collagen fibres in bundles
- Orientation of fibres aligns with stresses



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# Fibrocartilage

- Useful at joints that experience both compression and tension
- Acts as buffer/shock absorber
  - distribute force over wider area
- Deepens articular surfaces



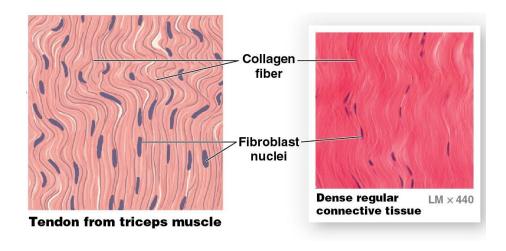
# Hyaline vs Fibrocartilage

#### **Fibrocartilage Hyaline cartilage** Chondrocyte in lacuna Chondrocytes Matrix in lacunae Collagen fiber

Marieb & Hoehn, Human Anatomy & Physiology, 10th Edn, 2018

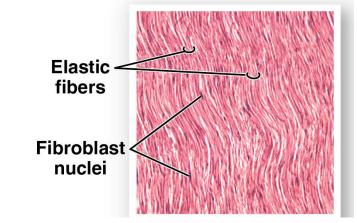
#### DFCT

- Fibroblasts
- Collagen fibres
- (Some) elastin fibres
- Tightly packed
- Function = resist tension
- Little vascularity
- Slow to heal



# Ligaments

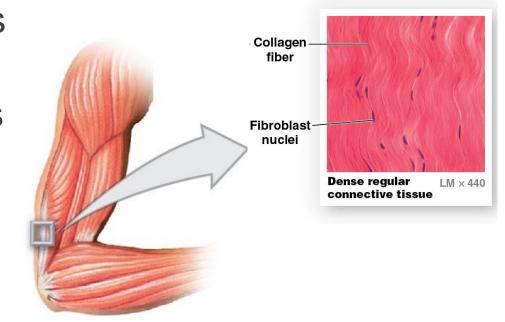
- Connect bone to bone
- Collagen and elastin
  - resist tension
  - allow a little stretch and recoil
- Restrict movement (away from themselves)





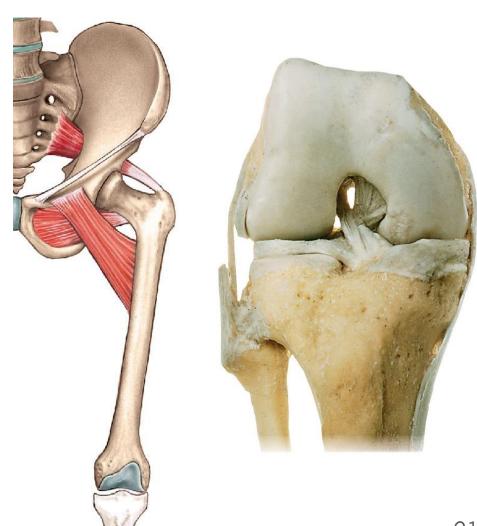
#### Tendons

- Connect muscle to bone
- Less elastin than ligaments
- Facilitates and controls movement
- Contraction of muscles transmitted to bone



#### Bony congruence

- Sum of bone surfaces that form an articulation
- Less congruence = more soft tissue support needed



#### True or False?

Tendons connect bone to bone

The primary centre of ossification is the epiphysis

Hyaline cartilage has a high water content

#### Joint Classifications

Fibrous = least amount of movement

Cartilaginous

Synovial = most amount of movement

#### Some terminology:

#### Tissue

- cells grouped together in a highly organized manner according to specific structure and function
- e.g. DFCT

#### Structure

- something formed of a tissue
- e.g. ligament

# Fibrous joints

- Tissue = DFCT
- Structure = ligament
- Function =
  - limit movement
  - provide stability
- E.g. cranial sutures
  - stability for skull
  - Protects brain



# Fibrous joints

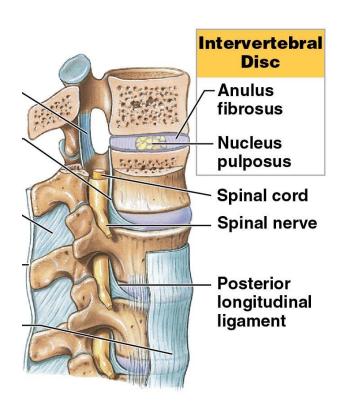
- Tissue = DFCT
- Structure = ligament
- Function =
  - limit movement
  - provide stability
- E.g. distal tibiofibular joint
  - stability for ankle
  - Prevents rotational movements at ankle joint



#### Cartilaginous joints

- Tissue = fibrocartilage
- Structure = varies
- Function = some movement

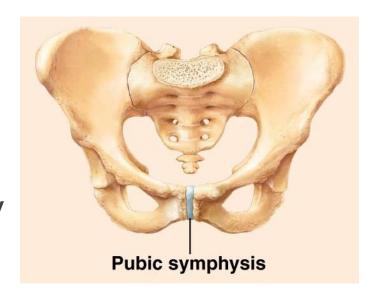
- Bones connected entirely by fibrocartilage
- E.g. Intervertebral disc



#### Cartilaginous joints

- Tissue = fibrocartilage
- Structure = varies
- Function = some movement

 Bones connected entirely by fibrocartilage



E.g. pubic symphysis

# Synovial joints

- Tissues = many
- Structures = many
- Function = allow lots of movement

E.g. most joints in appendicular skeleton

Details next lecture

#### Practice questions

- 1. Which of the following tissues/structures resists both compression and tension?
- A. Ligament
- B. Tendon
- C. Hyaline cartilage
- D. Fibrocartilage

- allow bones to grow in length while growth in width occurs via \_\_\_\_. A. primary ossification centres; secondary ossification centres
- B. growth plates; appositional growth
- C. appositional growth; epiphyseal plates
- D. osteoclasts; osteoblasts

#### Mini-Essay Practice

 Compare the structure and function of the three classes of joints. Include a description of the tissues involved, and a specific example of each class of joint.

Brainstorm what you know so far (2 out of 3 joints) & we'll look at an answer tomorrow!

#### Lecture summary

- Bone begins as cartilage, then undergoes ossification
  - primary and secondary ossification centres
  - Bone growth requires growth/epiphyseal plates, and appositional growth
- Joints require connective tissues
  - Cartilage
  - DFCT
- The three classes of joint are defined by the amount of movement they have

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