

## 2. The Skeletal System – Lecture Outline

### 1. Functions

- A. Support: muscles and other soft tissues
- B. Protection: important organs
- C. Movement: works with muscles
- D. Mineral Storage: Ca and P deposited
- E. Blood Cell Formation (Hematopoiesis): in the marrow
  - Erythrocytes – red blood cells
  - Leukocytes – white blood cells
  - Thrombocytes – platelets

### 2. Classification:

- based on size (long, short) and shape (regular, irregular, round, flat)
- made up of compact and spongy parts
- types: appendicular and axial skeleton

### Regular Bones:

- A. Long Bones: rectangular, e.g., arm and leg bones
- B. Short Bones: square, e.g., carpal (hand), tarsal (feet) bones
- C. Flat Bones: flat, e.g., skull, collar bone (clavicle), breastbone (sternum), ribs

**Irregular Bones**: made up of thin, compact bones and deep spongy bones, e.g., shoulder blade (scapula), vertebrae, and pelvis.

**Round or Seseamoid Bones**: e.g., kneecap (Patella)

### 3. Parts of a long Bone

#### A. Tissues, called osteons

- 1. Compact Bone Tissue: found on the outer surface, are columnar, no space between cells
- 2. Spongy Bone Tissue: found inside, osteons loosely arranged, osseous tissue called trabeculae, lots of air spaces

#### B. Structure

- 1. **Diaphysis** – the shaft: made up of compact bone, spongy bone and cavity, called medullary cavity, which is filled with marrow
- 2. **Epiphysis** – wider ends of a shaft, same composition as the shaft
  - a. **Articular cartilage** – makes up the ends of the bone
  - b. **Epiphyseal plate** – cite of bone growth (mitosis) between diaphysis and epiphysis
- 3. **Membranes** – two parts,
  - a. **Periosteum** – covers the outside
  - b. **Endosteum** – inner tissue covering the trabeculae
- 4. **Marrow** – hematopoiesis, 2 types recognized
  - a. **Red marrow** – in children, develops red blood cells

- b. **Yellow marrow** – in adults, red blood cells plus adipose tissue

#### 4. **The Axial Skeleton**

- the skull (cranial and facial bones), vertebral column, and rib cage.

##### A. **Skull** – the cranial bones

1. **Frontal Bone** – one, curved, flat bone; includes forehead, eye sockets (superior orbital bones)
2. **Parietal Bones** – two, slightly curved, flat bones; include the superior, lateral portion of the skull
3. **Temporal Bones** – two, slightly curved, flat bones; include the lateral and inferior (base) of the skull
  - a. **External Auditory Meatus** – tube forming the ear canal
  - b. **Styloid Process** – needle-like bone at the base of the temporal bone, anchors a ligament that is attached to the hyoid bone which attaches to the tongue
  - c. **Mastoid Process** – a large round projection on the inferior, lateral aspect of the temporal bone
4. **Occipital Bone** – one, slightly curved, flat bone; makes up the posterior and inferior base of the skull; is made up of:
  - a. **Occipital Condyles** – two, flattened projections on the lateral aspect of the foramen magnum; forms an articulation with the first cervical vertebrae; nodding bones
  - b. **Foramen Magnum** – is the large hole in the occipital bone; the spinal cord goes through this
5. **Sphenoid Bone** – butterfly-shaped bone at the anterior, inferior cranial floor
  - a. **Sella turcica** – Turkish saddle, located in the center of the sphenoid bone, protects the pituitary gland
6. **Ethmoid Bone** – cuboidal, anterior to the sphenoid bone and posterior to the nasal bones; forms a small portion of the inferior cranial floor, the medial orbits of the eye and the superior nasal cavity
  - a. **Crista Galli** – is the superior projection of the ethmoid bone, attaches to the meninges, protects the brain from sloshing around in the cranial cavity
  - b. **Cribriform Plate** – located laterally to the crista galli, is a series of small foramina allowing branches of the olfactory nerve (cranial nerve I) from the nasal cavity to enter the brain

##### B. **Skull** – **Facial Bones**: anchor muscles, protect organs

1. **Maxillae** – a pair of bones fused together in the center of the face; include the inferior orbits of the eye, hard palate of the roof of the mouth, and sockets for the upper teeth; all bones except the mandible connect with it.
2. **Palatine Bones** – a pair of bones forming the posterior hard palate in the roof of the mouth, arch superiorly to form the posterior nasal cavity
3. **Zygomatic Bones** – a pair of bones that make up the cheek and the lateral aspect of the eye orbits

4. **Nasal Bones** – a pair of bones that form the bridge of the nose
5. **Mandible** – jaw bones, only moveable bone of the skull, joined to the temporal bone, called temporomandibular joint, contains sockets holding the lower teeth
6. **Hyoid Bone** – a small U-shaped bone in the fleshy area between the mandible, does not articulate with other bones in the skull; a long ligament connects the styloid process to the hyoid bone which anchors the tongue

### C. **Vertebral Column**

- made up of irregular bones called vertebrae
- protects the spinal cord
- divided into 5 parts each having differently shaped vertebrae and curvatures
- each vertebra has three parts: body (anterior part), vertebral arch (extends posteriorly from the body), and vertebral foramen (a hole formed by the body and vertebral arch)
  1. **Cervical vertebrae** – 7, superior, located in the neck
    - a. **Atlas** (C –1) – connects with the occipital condyles; the nodding or yes movement due to this
    - b. **Axis** (C – 2) – connects with the atlas, brings about rotation of head and neck, the no movement due to this
      - i. **odontoid process** – connects C- 1 with C-2
  2. **Thoracic vertebrae** – 12, form a posterior, concave curve, each connected with the 12 pairs of ribs
  3. **Lumbar vertebrae** – 5, thick, anterior, convex curve in the posterior lower back or loin region, form the posterior wall of the abdominal cavity, support the weight of the entire upper body
  4. **Sacrum** – 5, fused, posterior, concave curve, form the posterior wall of the pelvic cavity
  5. **Coccyx or tailbone** – 3-4, fused, anterior, convex curve

### D. **Bony Thorax or Rib Cage** – protect the heart, lungs, and major blood vessels

1. **Sternum or breastbone** –flat, anterior, forms the medial thoracic wall; connected to the clavicle (collarbone) and the ribs
  - a. **Manubrium** – most superior portion, together with the paired clavicle forms the thoracic inlet that is the path of the trachea, esophagus, carotid arteries, jugular veins and vagus nerves
  - b. **Body** – middle, long portion
  - c. **Xiphoid process** – pointed, anterior portion
2. **Ribs** – 12 pairs, curved, flat bones; 10 pairs connected to the sternum, 2 floating
  - a. **True ribs** – 7 pairs, directly connected to the sternum
  - b. **False ribs** – 5 pairs, indirectly connected to the sternum or not
  - c. **Floating ribs** – 2 pairs (11 and 12), connected posteriorly to the thoracic vertebrae

### 5. **The Appendicular Skeleton** – shoulder, arm, hip, leg

A. **Pectoral Girdle** (shoulder joint) **and Upper Limb**: – made up of clavicle and scapula

1. **Clavicle or collar bone** – widely S-shaped, flat bone, connects medially with the sternum and laterally with the acromion process of the scapula
2. **Scapula** – irregular, triangular, flat bone, posterior to the rib cage, includes several structures:
  - a. **Acromion process** – superior, lateral process connecting to the clavicle
  - b. **Coracoid process** – anterior projection just inferior and medial to the acromion process, serves as insertions for the tendons of the biceps brachii and pectoralis minor muscles.
  - c. **Glenoid Cavity** – a smooth, convex surface between two bony processes.
3. **Humerus** – single, large, long bone of the upper arm
  - a. **Trochlea** – forms the elbow joint
4. **Radius** – lateral, long bone of the forearm
5. **Ulna** – the medial, long bone of the forearm
  - a. **Olecranon process** – a bony projection of the ulna
6. **Carpals** – 8 per hand, short, round bones, arranged in 2 rows
7. **Metacarpals** – 5 per hand, long bones making up the fleshy part of the hand; knuckles are the distal ends of the metacarpal's bones
8. **Phalanges** – 14 per hand, long bones of the fingers or digits; 3 phalanges per finger except for the thumb (2)

B. **Pelvic Girdle and Lower Limb**:

- pelvic girdle is the hip joint,
  - made up of coxal bones (paired os coxae) of the pelvis and the sacrum,
  - supports the entire weight of the body in a standing position
1. **Ilium** – the large, flared, superior bone of the os coxae, supports organs of the abdominopelvic cavity
    - a. iliac crest – ridge or spine of the ilium; feel it by putting your hands on your hips
    - b. greater sciatic notch – a hole through which the sciatic nerve traverses
  2. **Ischium** – the inferior portion of the os coxae comprising of the lateral portion of the pelvic inlet (large space through which a baby passes during childbirth)
    - a. **ischial tuberosity** – inferior projection of bone from each ischium; feel it when sitting
    - b. **obturator foramen** – a large, round opening covered by a fibrous membrane, a few nerves and blood vessels go through it
  3. **Pubis** – anterior portion of the os coxae comprising the anterior portion of the pelvic inlet
    - a. **acetabulum** – the socket of the hip joint
    - b. **pubic symphysis** – the joint where both pubic bones connect with each other
  4. **Femur** – a single, large, long bone of the thigh, heads fits into the acetabulum

- a. greater trochanter – superior, lateral projection of the proximal femur, origin of several muscles of the thigh.
- 5. **Tibia** (shin bone) – the medial, large, long bone of the lower leg, proximal head of the tibia connects with the femur to form the knee joint
  - a. **tibia tuberosity** – point of insertion of the patellar ligament
  - b. **medial malleolus** – distal tibia that helps stabilize the ankle by providing attachments for ligaments
- 6. **Fibula** – lateral, thin, long bone
  - a. Lateral malleolus – helps stabilize the ankle joint
- 7. **Tarsals** – 7 per foot, short, round bones
  - a. **calcaneus** – largest tarsal bone, the heel; the largest tendon in the body, the Achilles tendon originates from the calf muscle and inserts into the calcaneus
- 8. **Metatarsals** – 5 per foot, long bones
- 9. **Phalanges** – 14 per foot, long bones of the toes; 3 phalanges per toe except the big toe

## 6. Types of Articulations (Joints)

- joints are the weakest parts of the skeletal system,
- connect bone to bone,
- 3 types recognized:
- A. **Synarthroses** – immovable joints in the axial skeleton, fibrous connective tissue, e.g., sutures between cranial bones, interosseous ligament joining the tibia and fibula, the periodontal ligament anchoring the teeth into the skull
- B. **Amphiarthroses** – slightly movable joints in the axial skeleton, cartilage, e.g., ribs to sternum, the inter-vertebral disks, pubic symphysis
- C. **Diarthroses** (Synovial Joints) – freely movable joints in the appendicular skeleton, complex fibrous connective tissue and cartilage, e.g., shoulder, elbow, wrist, hand, finger, hip, knee, ankle, foot and toes.
  - 1. **Ligaments** – connect bone to bone
  - 2. **Tendons** – connect bone to muscle
  - 3. **Synovial membrane** – lines joint capsule
    - a. **synovial fluid** – lubricates joints during movement
  - 4. **Bursae** – fluid sac reducing friction between tendon and bone

## 7. Types of Movements at Synovial Joints

- muscles cause movement to occur,
- movements are grouped in pairs:

1. **Flexion** – bending a joint to decrease the angle between two articulating bones, occurs along a sagittal plane, e.g., hamstring muscles flexing the lower leg, thigh, elbow, wrist, fingers, trunk, and head
2. **Extension** – bending a joint to increase the angle between two articulating bones, e.g., quadriceps muscle extends the lower leg at the knee joint
3. **Adduction** – moving a part toward the midline of the body, e.g., the serratus anterior relaxes the deltoid muscle and lowers the arm
4. **Abduction** – moving a part away from the midline of the body, occurs along a frontal plane, e.g., deltoid muscle raising the arm at the shoulder joint, spreading the fingers and toes
5. **Circumduction** – twisting a part along a central axis to inscribe a cone, e.g., moving the arm about the shoulder joint to draw a circle on a chalkboard, head, wrist, trunk, hip, and ankle, can be clockwise or anticlockwise.
6. **Rotation** – turning a part on its own long axis along a single point, e.g., saying no by shaking a head
7. **Supination** – is rotating the forearm laterally with the palms facing up; the rounded head of the radius rotating about the ulna
8. **Pronation** – is rotating the forearm medially with the palms facing down
9. **Inversion** – the sole facing inward toward the midline
10. **Eversion** – the sole facing outward away from the midline
11. **Elevation** – lifting a part superiorly along the frontal plane, e.g., shrugging your shoulder, closing your mouth
12. **Depression** – dropping a part inferiorly along the frontal plane, e.g., dropping your shoulders, opening your mouth

#### 8. **Connective Tissues Covering Skeletal Muscles**

- A. **Endomysium** – an elastic cover for each individual muscle cell or fiber
- B. **Perimysium** – a cover around groups of muscle cells
  - a. **Fascicle** – a group of muscle cells
- C. **Epimysium** – a cover for the entire muscle, connects with other tissues, e.g., skin, is called the fascia
  1. **Tendon** – the end of all the 3 coverings (Endo-, Peri- and Epimysium), coming together as a sheet or cord anchoring muscle to bone; tendons attach muscle to the periosteum to bone.