

Bone Tumors

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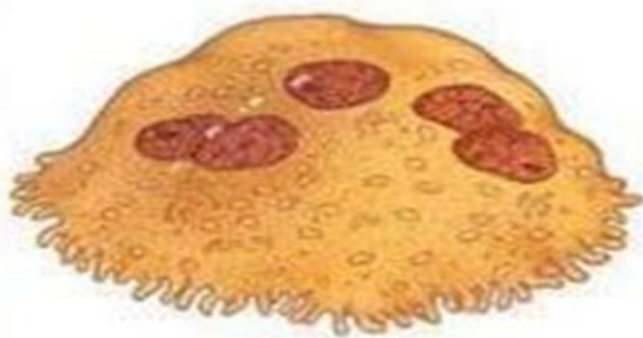
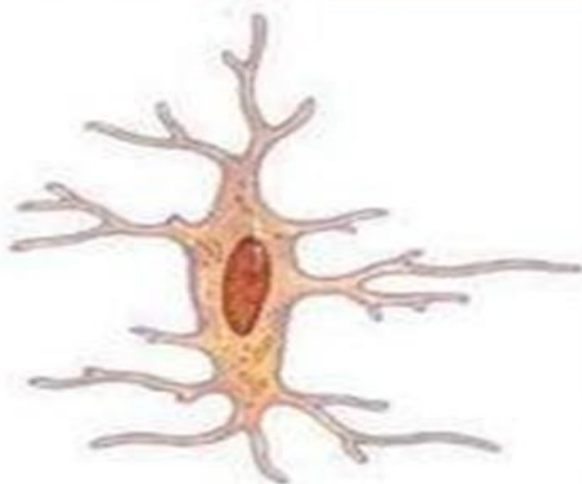
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BONE



- 206 bones
- Types of cells : osteoclasts, osteocytes & osteoblasts



Osteogenic cell
(develops into an osteoblast)

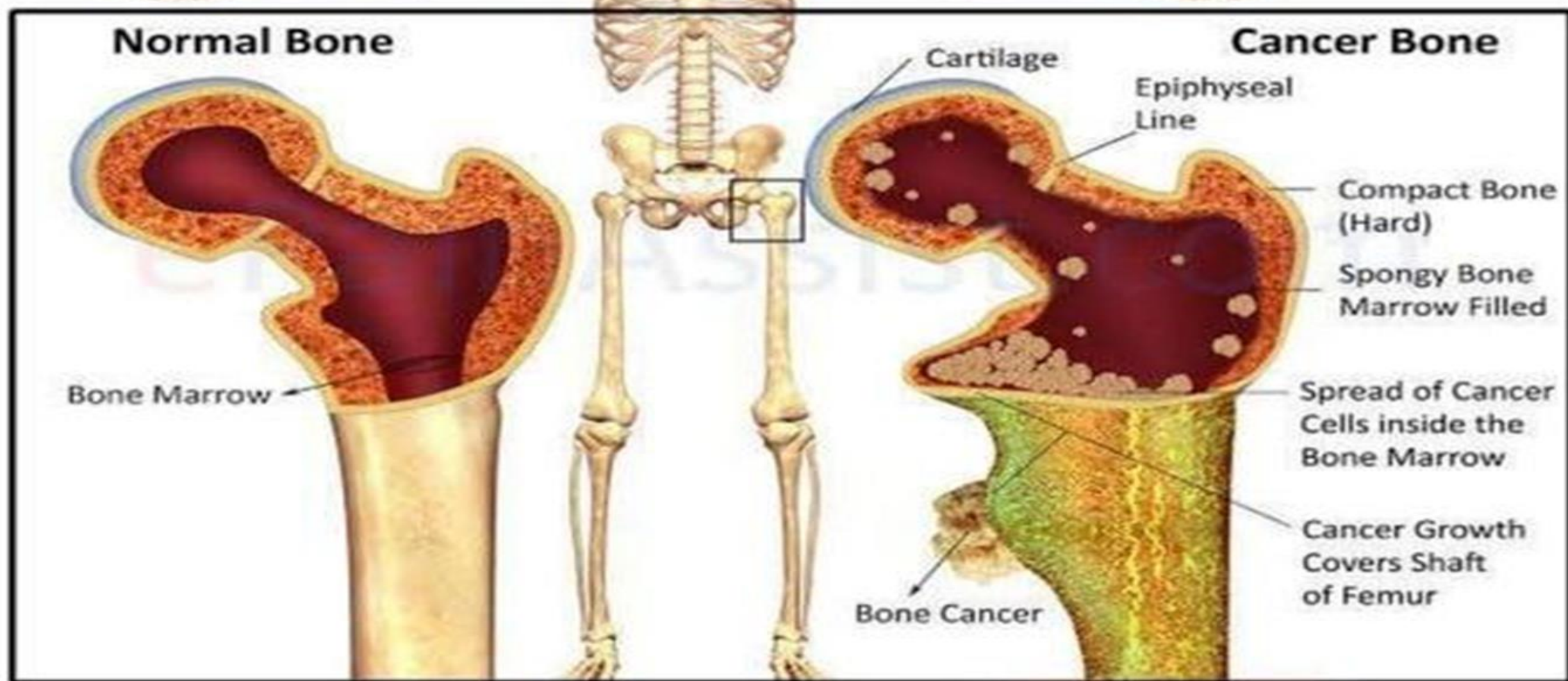
Osteoblast
(forms bone matrix)

Osteocyte
(maintains bone tissue)

Osteoclast
(functions in resorption, the breakdown of bone matrix)

Bone Cancer

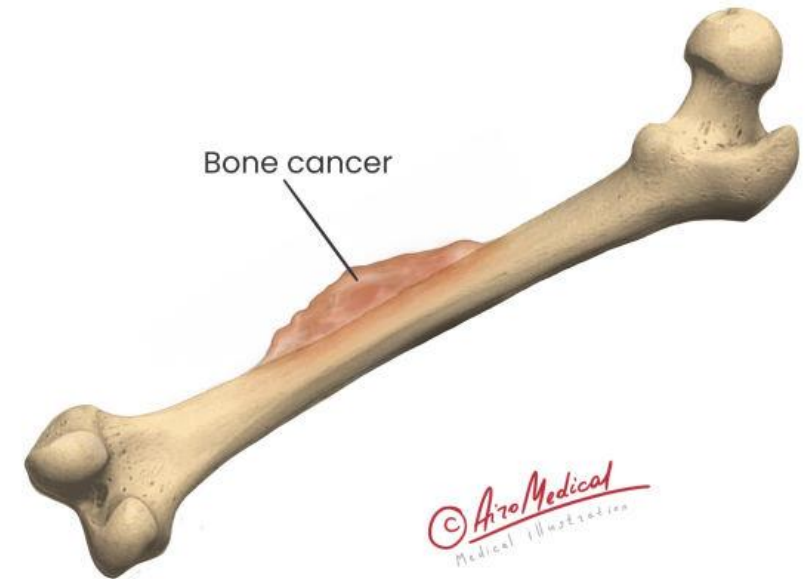
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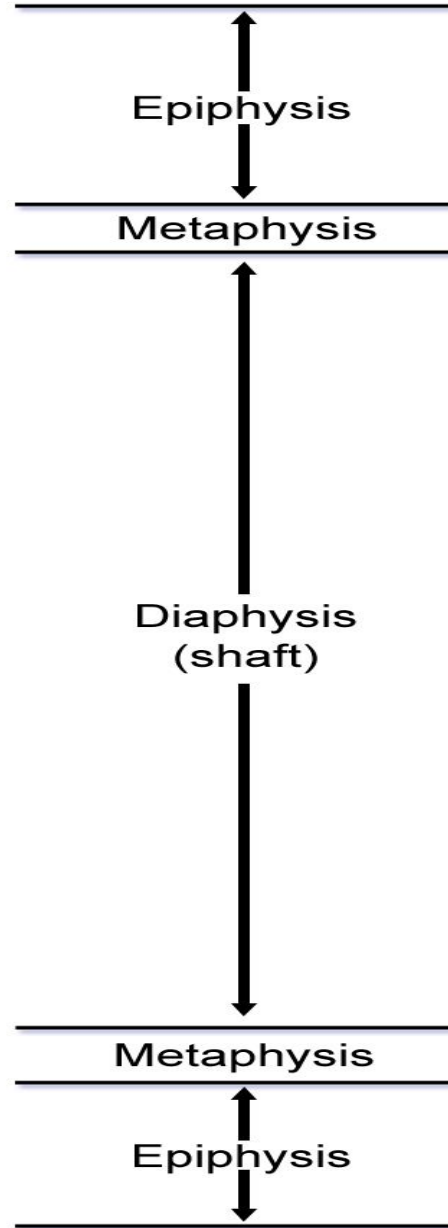
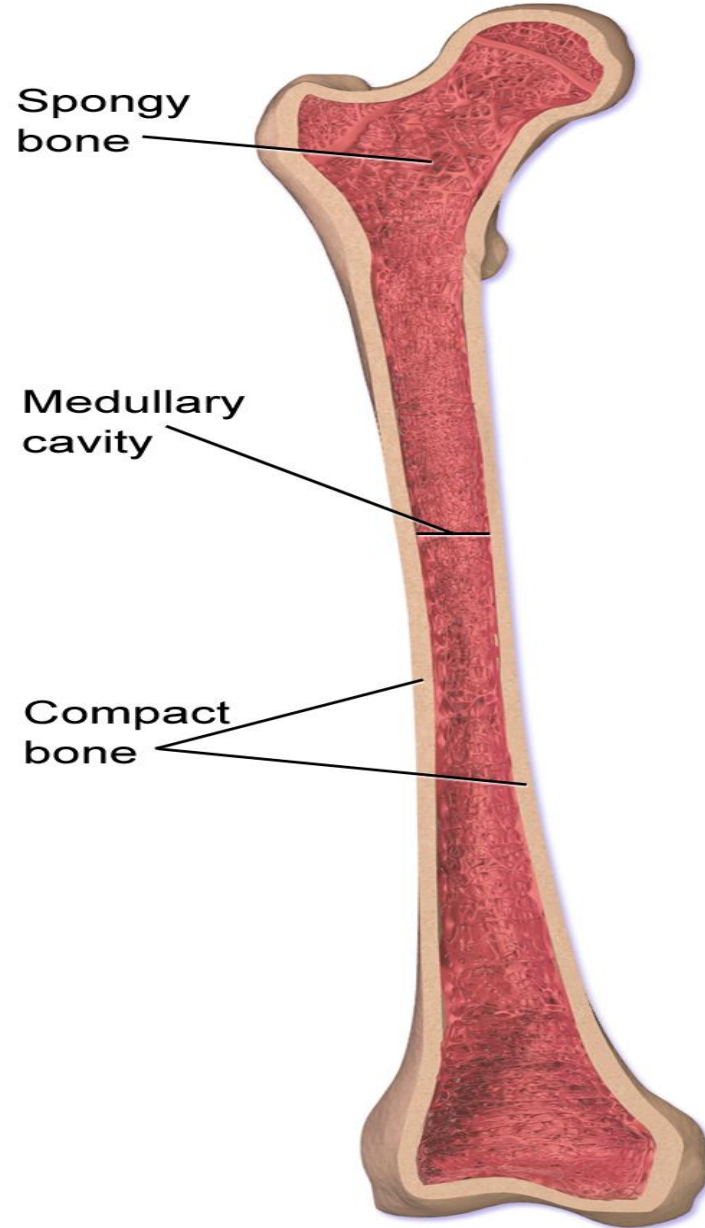
Bone Tumours

Bone tumors are growths of abnormal cells in bones.

Bone tumors may be noncancerous(benign) or cancerous and primary or metastatic.



Structure of a Long Bone



Classification

is based on recognition of the dominant tissue in the lesion, though this is not necessarily the tissue of origin.

Classification of primary bone tumours:

Cell type	Benign	Malignant
Bone	Osteoid osteoma	Osteosarcoma
Cartilage	Chondroma Osteochondroma	Chondrosarcoma
Fibrous tissue	Fibroma	Fibrosarcoma
Marrow	Haemangioma	Angiosarcoma
Uncertain	Giant cell tumour	Malignant giant cell tumor

Diagnosis:

1-History & examination:

Age

asymptomatic

pain

Swelling or lump

History of trauma

Neurological symptoms

pathological fracture



Imaging:

x-ray: site of the lesion/cyst (diaphysis, metaphysis or bone end),
central or eccentric or cortical,
size, single or multiple,
margins (welldefined &sharp or sclerotic =benign or
ill-defined &hazy=malignant),
contents (calcified =cartilage tumor).

Cortical destruction leading to spread of tumor outside the bone with
periosteal new bone formation is suggestive of malignant tumor

Computed tomography(CT): is excellent to show cortical erosion, #, tumor extension in &outside the bone, spine &pelvic tumors &pulmonary metastasis

MRI: to assess tumor spread &it's relation to neurovascular structures. It is the best for soft tissue tumor assessment

99mTc-bone scan: useful in detecting small tumor, skip lesion &'silent' secondaries

PET scan

3 -Laboratory tests:

help to exclude infection & metabolic disorder.

Malignant tumor may have ↑ESR, ↓HB, ↑S. alkaline phosphatase

4-Biopsy: is essential for definite diagnosis .

Needle biopsy (large-bore needle) is less reliable, though useful in inaccessible sites.

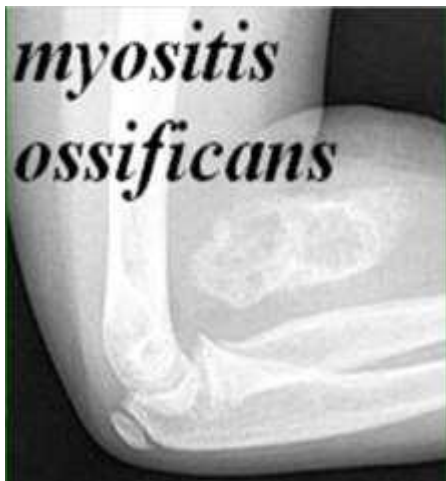
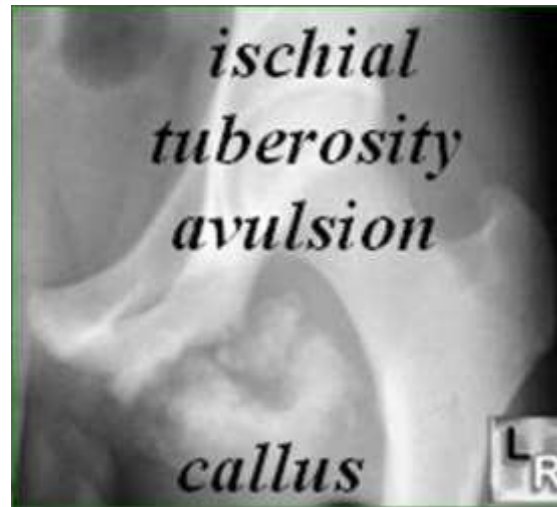
Open biopsy is better:

Incisional biopsy: expose part of tumor, take several tissue blocks from tumor boundary (normal tissue, capsule & abnormal tissue), ensure hemostasis & close without drain.

Excisional biopsy: used for benign tumor (remove the entire lesion).

Differential diagnosis:

- 1-soft tissue hematoma
- 2-myositis ossificans
- 3-stress fracture
- 4-tendon avulsion
- 5-bone infection
- 6-gout
- 7-non-neoplastic lesion e.g. fibrous cortical defect & bone infarct may mimic tumor



Some common types of benign bone tumors



- Non-ossifying fibroma
- Unicameral (simple) bone cyst
- Osteochondroma
- Giant cell tumor
- Enchondroma
- Fibrous dysplasia
- Chondroblastoma
- Aneurysmal bone cyst
- Osteoid osteoma

Non ossifying Fibroma

is the commonest. It is a developmental defect

CF: asymptomatic & discovered accidentally.

Age: children.

Site: long bone metaphysis

X-ray: eccentric(within cortex) oval lytic lesion surrounded by thin sclerosis.



Fibrous Dysplasia

is also developmental disorder

CF: small lesion is asymptomatic while large one may cause pain, deformity, #.

Age: appears in childhood

Site: metaphysis or diaphysis.

X-ray: lytic lesions with 'ground glass' appearance.
A classic deformity is the 'Shepherd's crook'.



Osteoid Osteoma

is a tiny bone tumor.

CF: male <30 years, having persistent pain typically relieved by aspirin.

Site: any bone except the skull; 50% affecting tibia & femur.

X-ray: lytic nidus(<1.5cm) surrounded by dense sclerosis in metaphysis;



Osteoblastoma

is similar to osteoid osteoma but more larger & more cellular.

CF: young male with pain & muscle spasm.

Site: spine & flat bones.

X-ray: well-defined lytic lesion surrounded by thin sclerosis.



Chondroma

*Enchondroma

is arising from islands of cartilage that persist in bone metaphysis;

Age: young people.

Site: any bone but often the tubular bones of hands & feet.

CF: asymptomatic & discovered incidentally

X-ray: well-defined central lytic lesion at the junction of metaphysis & diaphysis with pathognomonic central calcification (mature lesion).



Osteochondroma (cartilage-capped exostosis):

is a common developmental lesion.

CF: a teenage or young adult discovers a painless lump.

Site: any bone but often around knee, proximal humerus & ilium.

X-ray: well-defined metaphyseal exostosis
it's base Continuous with the parent bone.

Osteochondromas

Pedunculated osteochondromas of the proximal fibula with pseudarthrosis.



Excised pedunculated osteochondroma showing cartilage cap



Simple bone cyst: is not a tumor. (solitary cyst or unicameral bone cyst)

Age: appears in children & heals spontaneously.

Site: proximal metaphysis of humerus & femur.

CF: discovered accidentally or after pathological #.

X-ray: well-defined, central, metaphyseal, uni-or multi-locular lytic lesion extending up to the physis; the cortex may be thinned & the bone expanded.



Osteosarcoma:

is a highly malignant bone producing sarcoma, arising within bone & spreads rapidly to surrounding soft tissues.

Age: children & adolescent.

Site: often around knee & proximal humerus.

CF: early is constant pain, more at night & increasing in severity. Lump or pathological # are late.

X-ray: a poorly defined metaphyseal lesion containing hazy osteolytic & osteoblastic areas. If it breaches the cortex, there often be:

Sunburst effect: bone streaks radiating out from the cortex &

Codman's triangle: reactive new bone at angles of periosteal elevation.

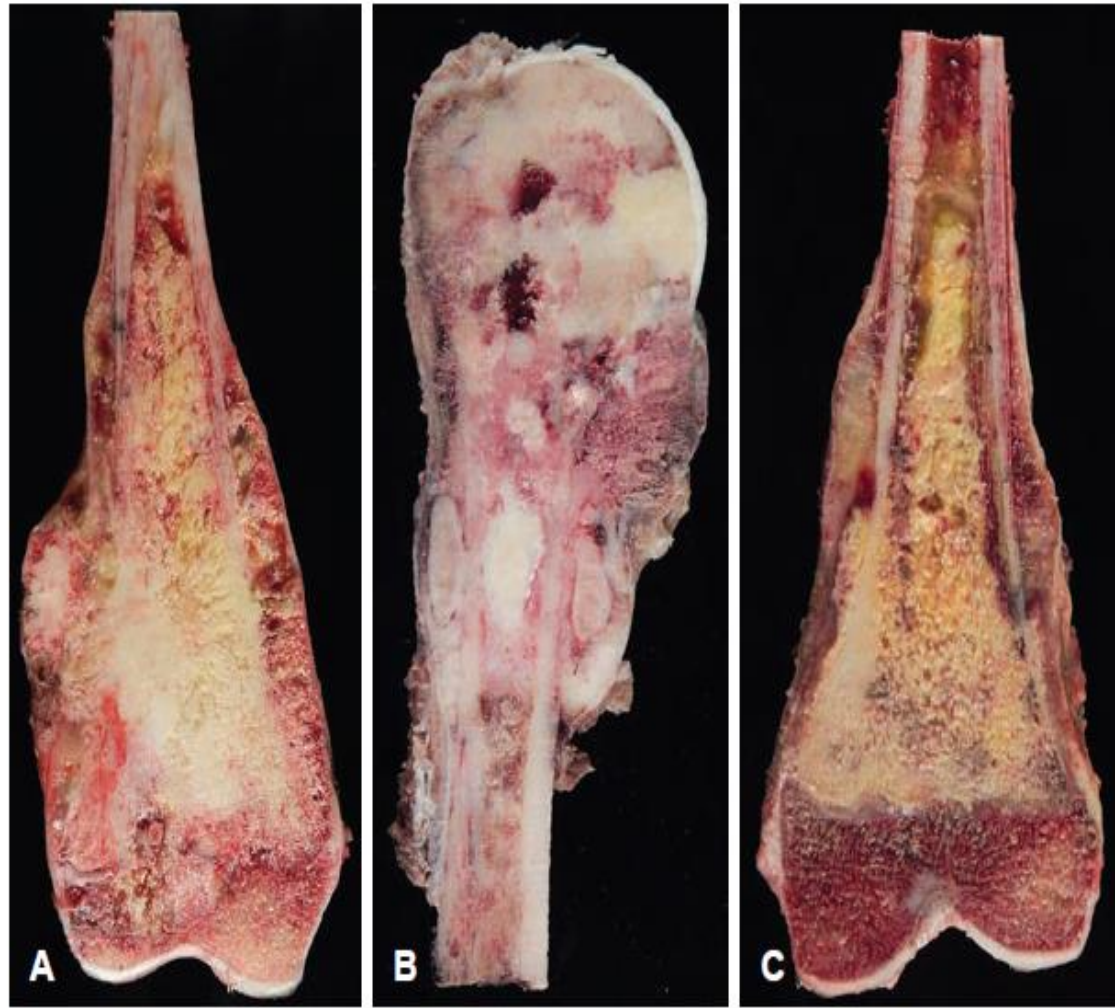


Figure 40.16 Gross appearance of osteosarcoma of the **A**, distal femur, **B**, proximal humerus, and **C**, distal femur. All three lesions extend into soft tissue and cause elevation of the periosteum.



Ewing's sarcoma:

Arise from endothelial cells in bone marrow.

Age: 10-20 yrs.

Site: diaphysis of long bone(tibia, fibula or clavicle).

CF: pain and warm

X-ray: mid-diaphysis area of bone destruction with Codman's Δ , sunray & Onion-peel effect: fusiform layers of new bone around the lesion.

CT & MRI: for extra-osseous extension.

Bone scan: show multiple lesions(25%).



Classical Radiological Features



Onion Peel Appearance → Ewing sarcoma

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Secondary malignant bone tumors(or metastatic bone disease):
the skeleton is a common site for secondary cancer.

Age: >50 yrs.

Site: spine, pelvis, proximal humerus, proximal femur.

Source: breast, prostate, kidney, lung, thyroid, bladder, &GIT. 10%
no primary .

Spread: via blood stream; occasionally, direct spread(pelvis &rib).

CF: asymptomatic, pain, pathological #.

X-ray: osteolytic lesion or moth-eaten or pathological #.

Osteoblastic lesion suggest prostate cancer.

Tc-bone scan: is very sensitive for detecting 'silent' metastasis.

Soft-tissue tumors:

benign ST tumors are common, malign. ones rare.

Features suggestive of malignancy: pain in previously Painless lump ,rapid ↑in size &attachment to surrounding structures.

U/S: may differentiate malignant from benign tumors.

Staging: CT, MRI, CXR &lab tests.

Fatty tumors:

Lipoma:

lobules of fat in (often) subcutaneous layer surrounded by capsule. It is the commonest of all tumors.

Site: anywhere & may be multiple.

CF: patient over 50 with painless lump.

