

# Cartilage and Bone

- ◆ Cartilage--function, types, location
- ◆ Bone Tissue--structure, types
- ◆ Long Bone Structure and Development
- ◆ Most common bone problems
  - Fractures
  - Osteoporosis

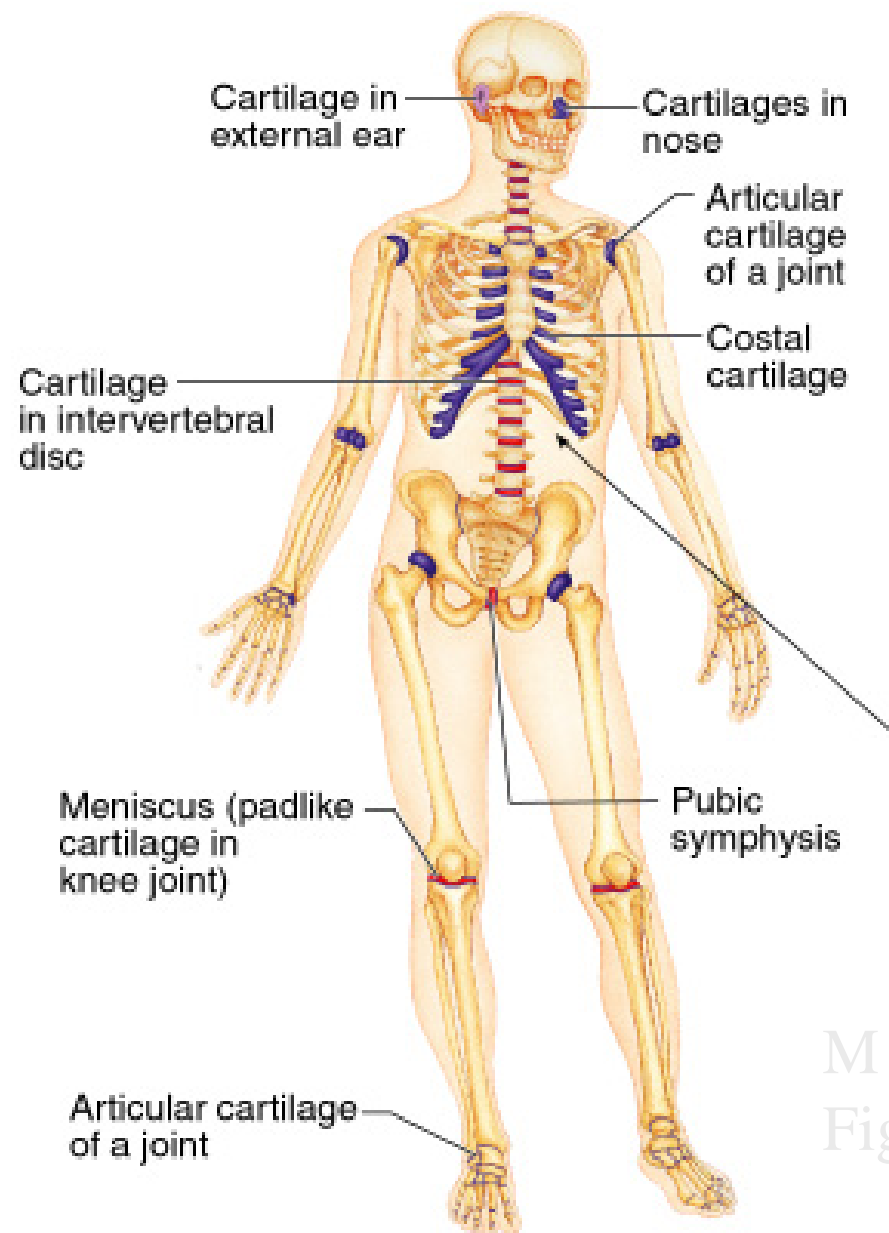
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# What is cartilage?

- ◆ Skeletal tissue--maintains certain shape and form
- ◆ Very resilient (bouncy or rubbery), mostly water
- ◆ Grows fast--forms embryonic skeleton

# Kinds of cartilage

- ◆ Hyaline cartilage--most common, found in joints
- ◆ Elastic cartilage--epiglottis, ear
- ◆ Fibrocartilage--annular fibrosis of intervertebral disk, menisci of knee



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Figure 6.1

# Bones provide:

- ◆ Support and movement (limbs, axial skeleton)
- ◆ Protection (skull bones)
- ◆ Mineral storage
- ◆ Blood cell development (long bone marrow)

## Bone is made up of:

- ◆ 35% collagen, ground substance and cells
- ◆ 65% inorganic calcium (hydroxyapatite)

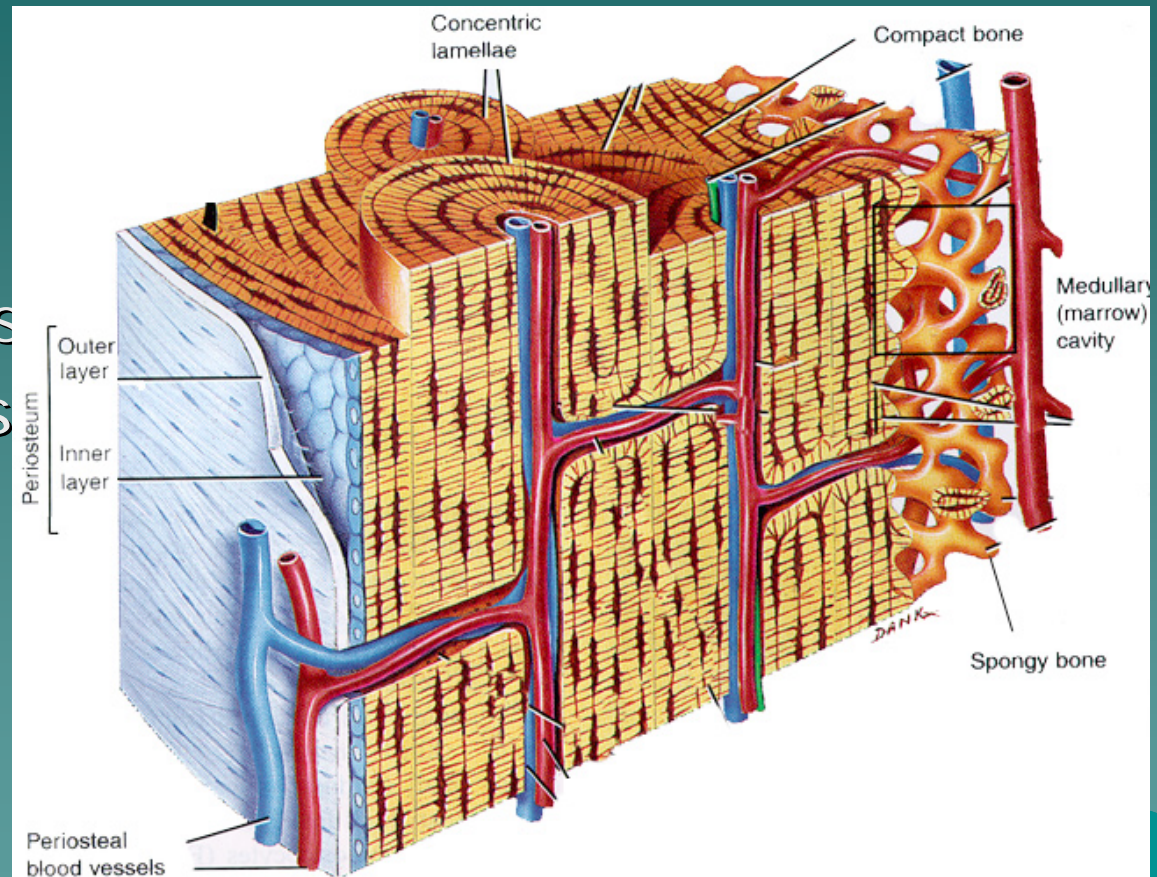
# Bone is alive!! Bone cell types:

- ◆ Osteoblasts: Make and deposit components of bone extracellular matrix
- ◆ Osteoclasts: Degrade and resorb bone for remodeling
- ◆ Osteocytes: “watcher cells” Sit in bone and monitor its current status

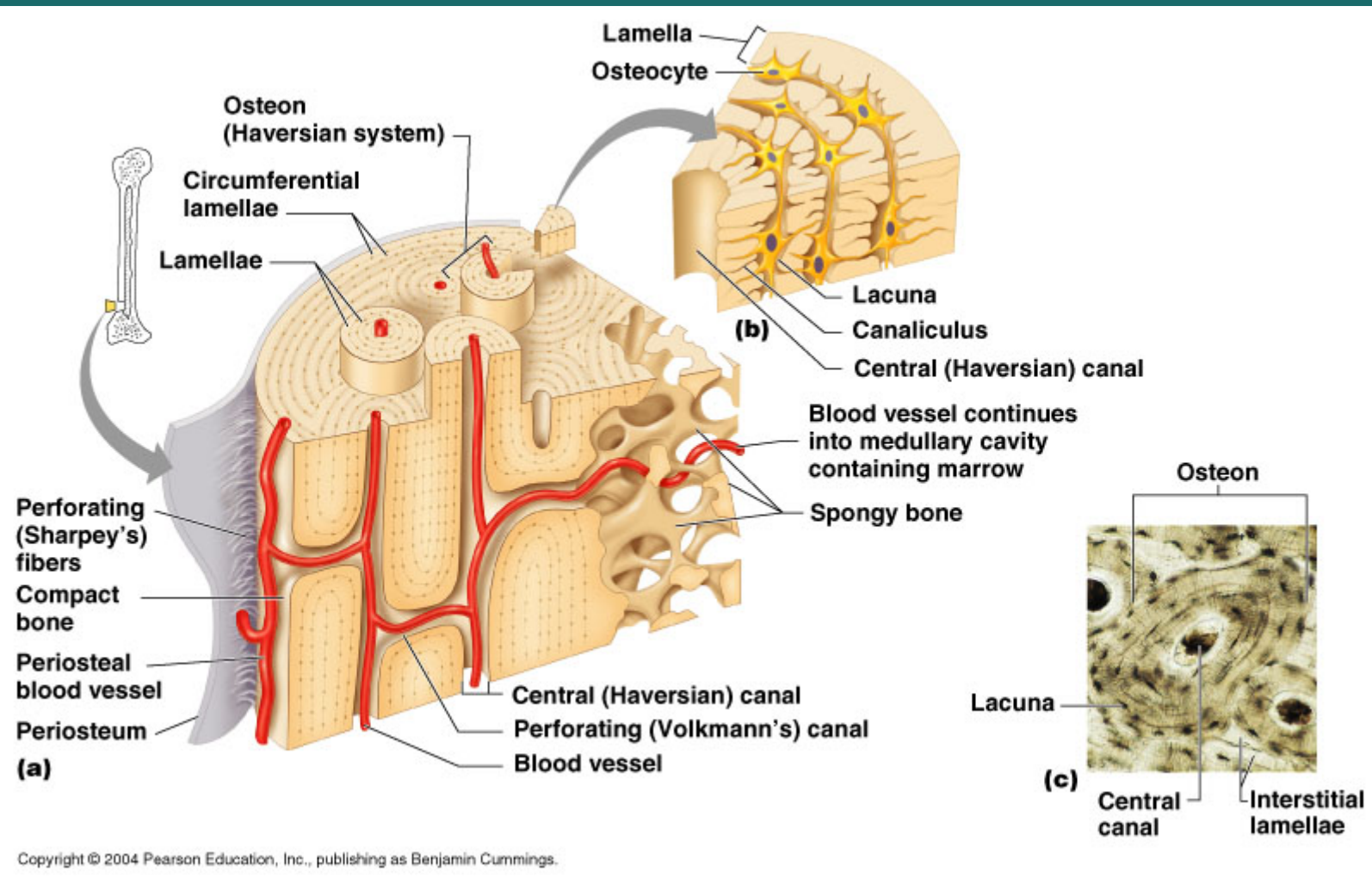
# Types of bony tissue

## ◆ Compact Bone

- Dense tissue at surface of bones
- Haversian canals
- Osteocytes in lacunae
- Highly vascularized
- Fig. 6.6, p. 138





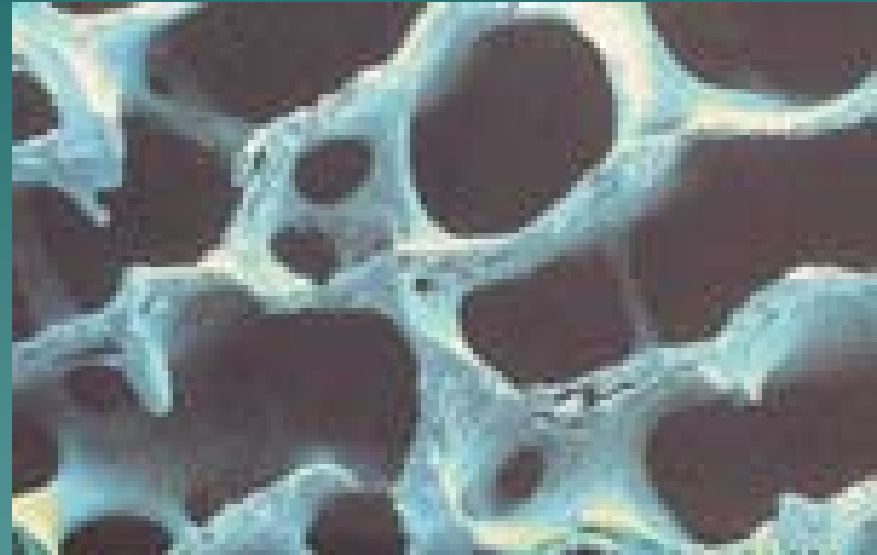




# Types of bony tissue

## ◆ Spongy bone

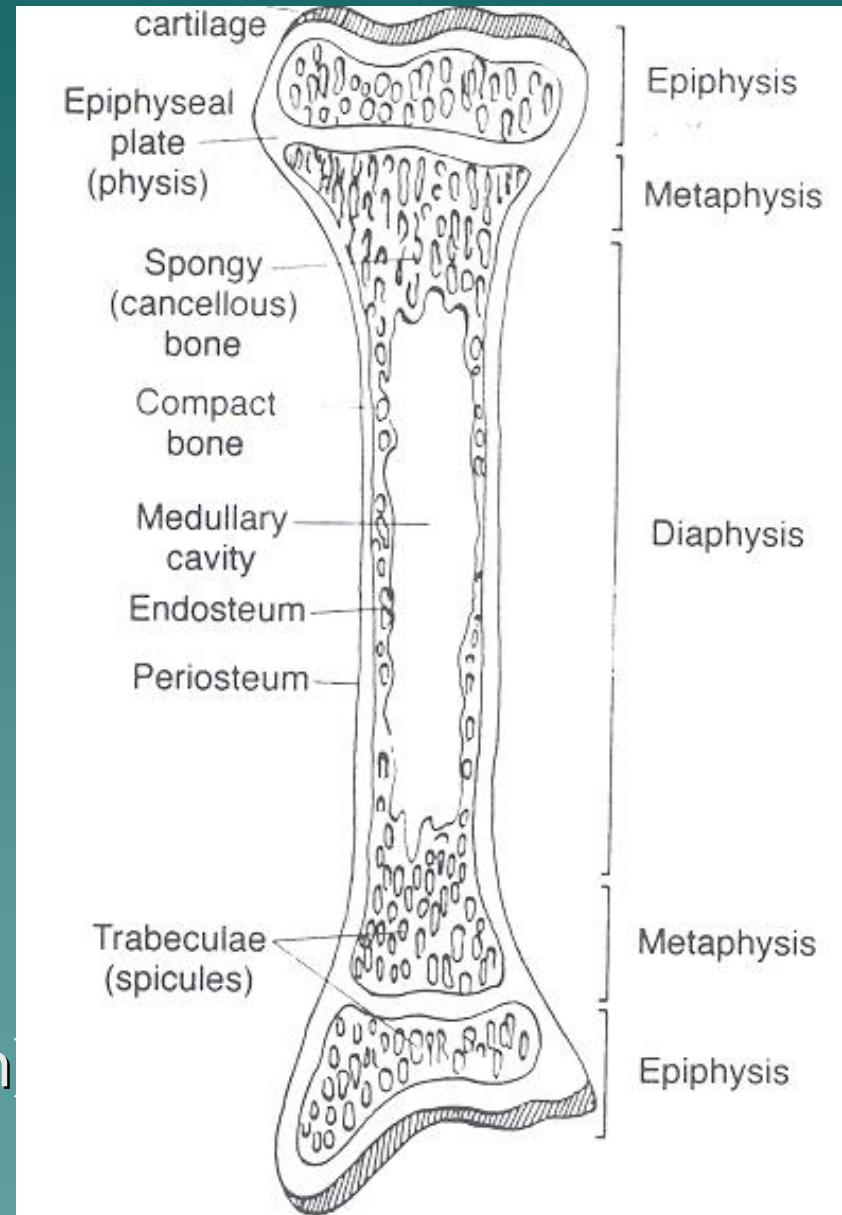
- Trabeculae (oriented to give mechanical strength)
- Interior of long bones, skull bones
- Epiphyses of long bones
- Intramembranous ossification (osteoblasts lay down bone around blood vessels in connective tissues of dermis (after 8 weeks of development))

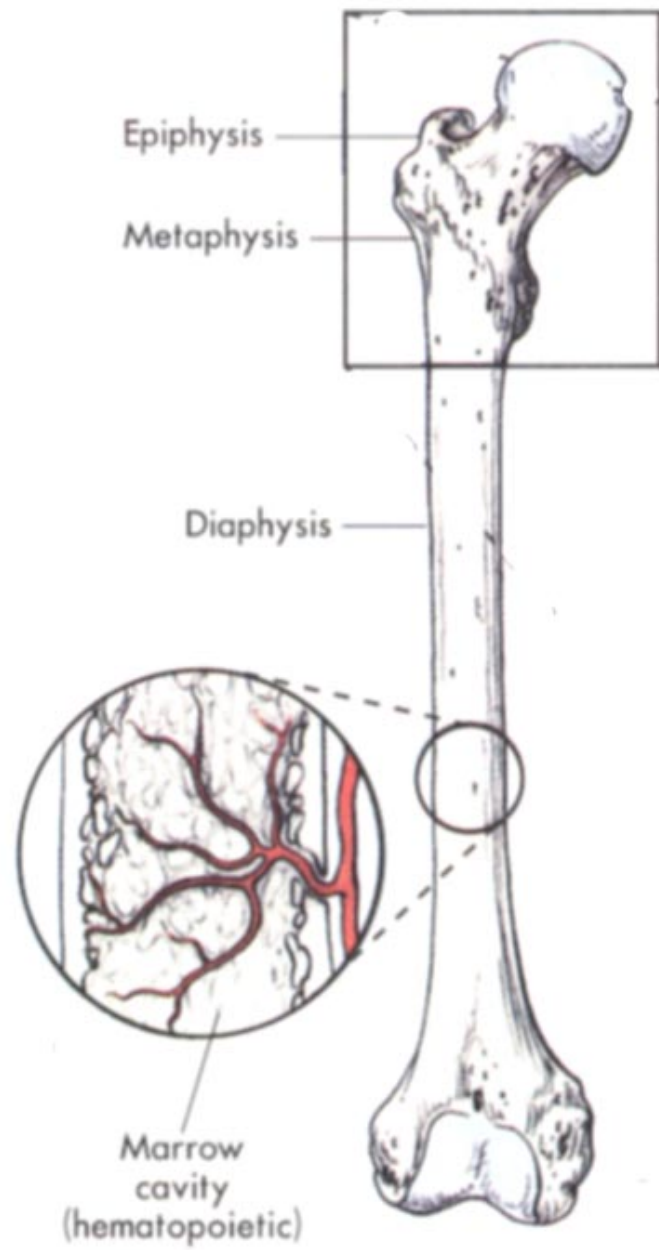


# Structure of a long bone

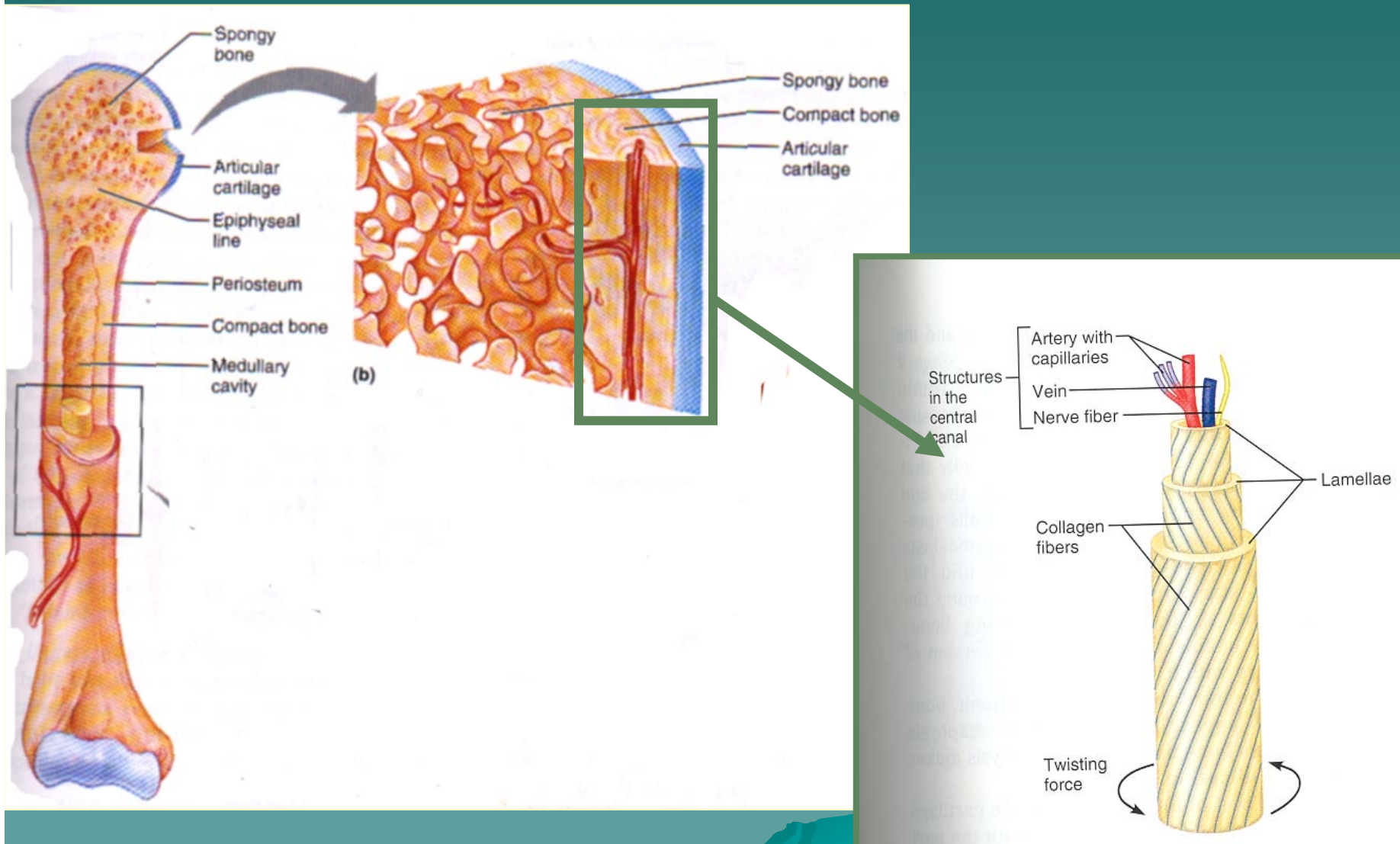
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- ◆ Diaphysis (shaft)
- ◆ Epiphysis
  - Proximal
  - Distal
- ◆ Compact bone
- ◆ Spongy bone
- ◆ Periosteum
- ◆ Medullary cavity
- ◆ Articular/hyaline cartilage
- ◆ Nutrient V/A/N
- ◆ Epyphyseal (growth plates)

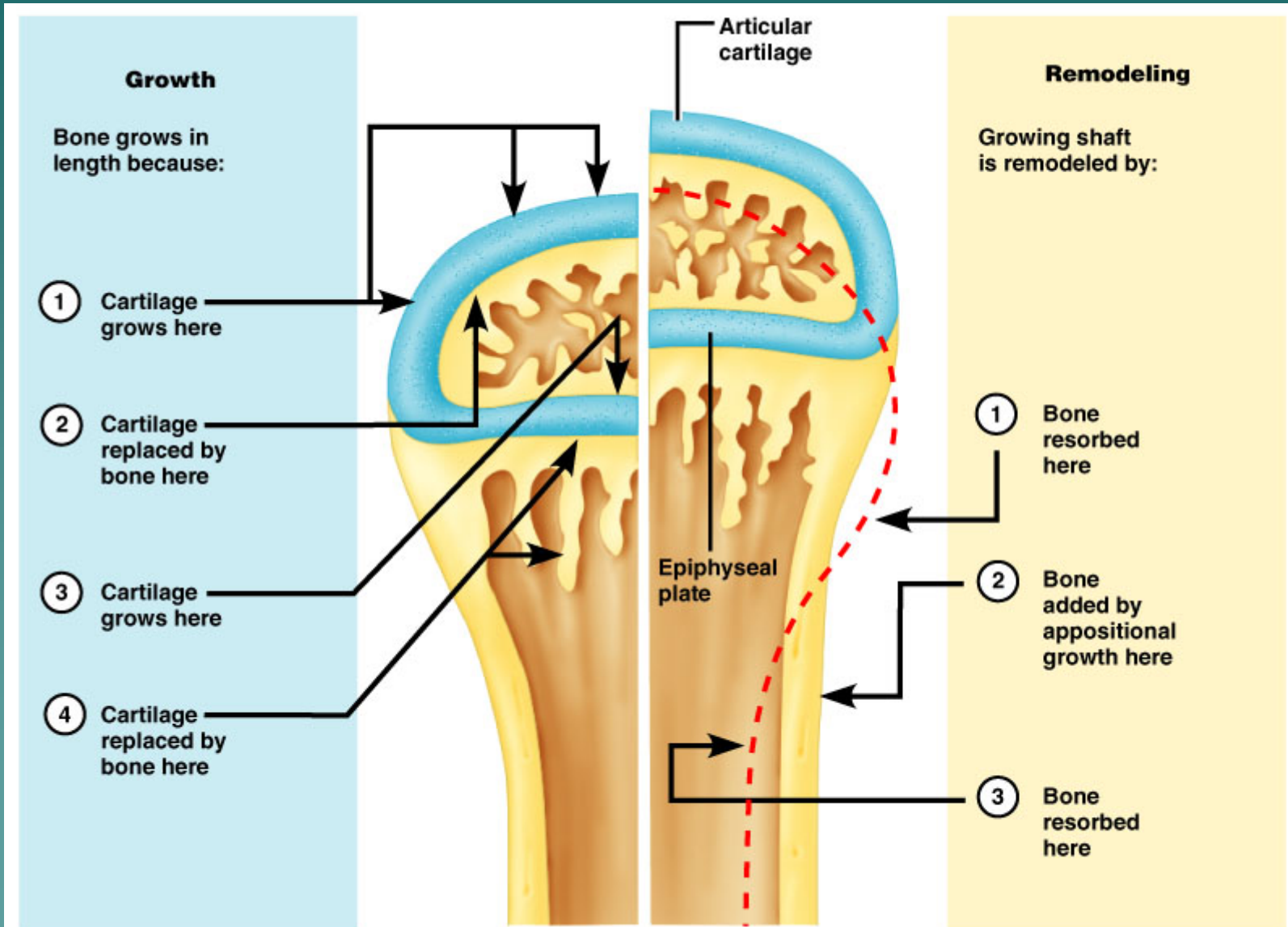




# Bone Tissue within a Bone



# Why do bones need to “remodel?”

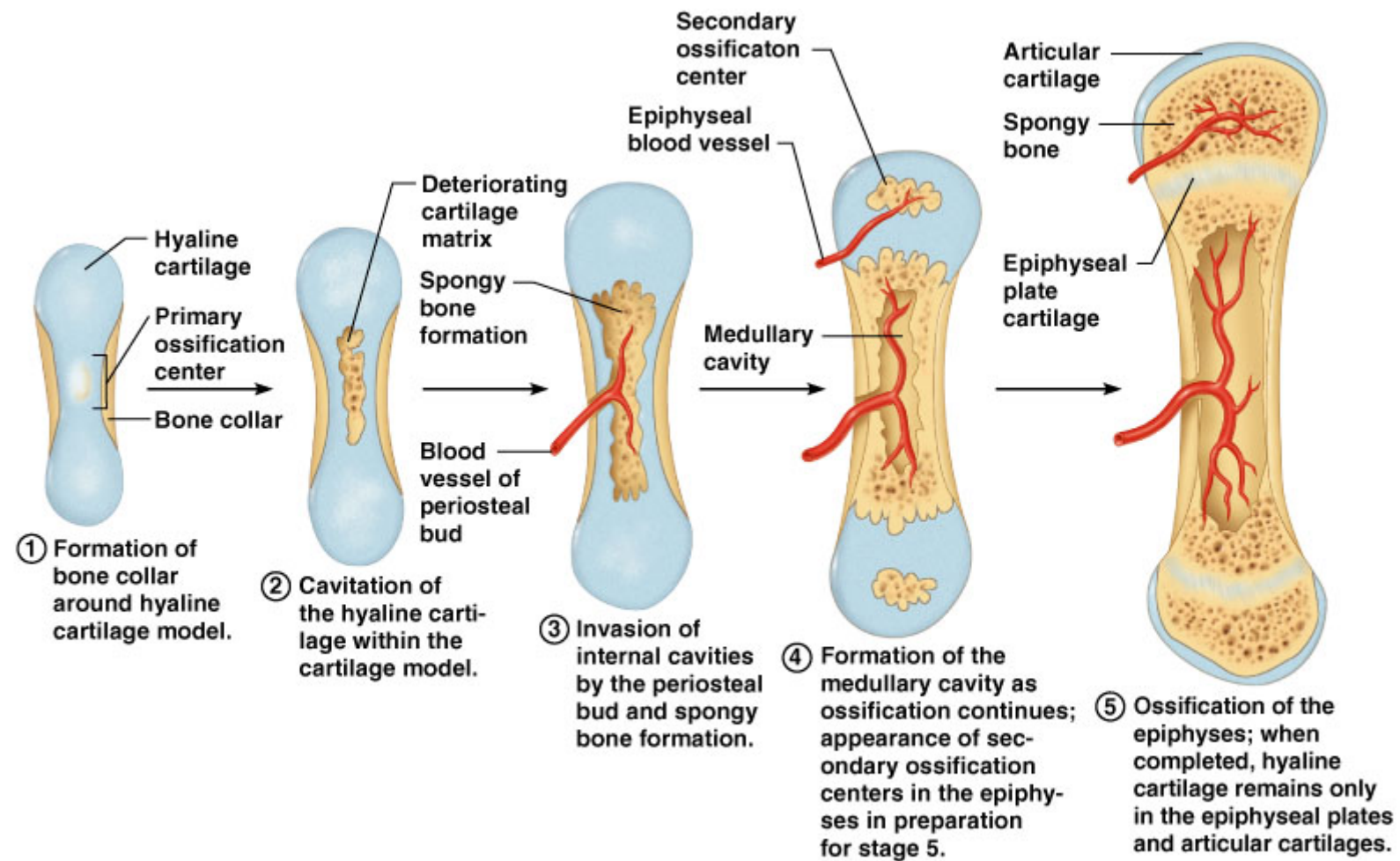


# Endochondral Ossification

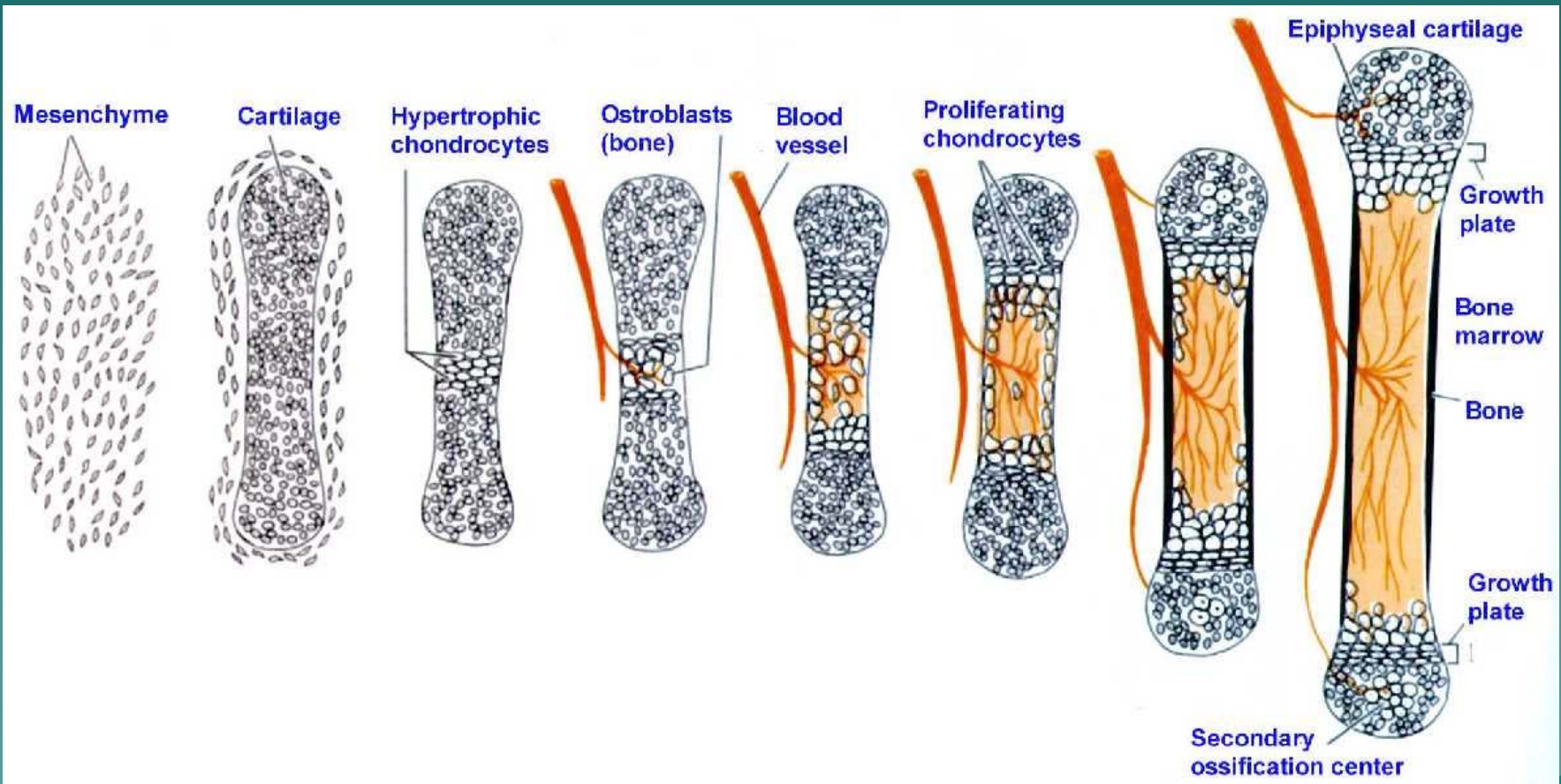
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1. Cartilage model
2. Bone collar forms in diaphysis (dense bone)
  - ❖ Cartilage chondrocytes in center of diaphysis die and cartilage disintegrates
3. Periosteal bud enters diaphysis
  - ❖ Makes spongy bone at ends of diaphysis (primary ossification center)
4. Epiphysis begins to ossify (secondary ossification center)
5. Hyaline cartilage remains only at
  - ❖ Epiphyseal surfaces (articular surfaces of joints)
  - ❖ Epiphyseal growth plates between

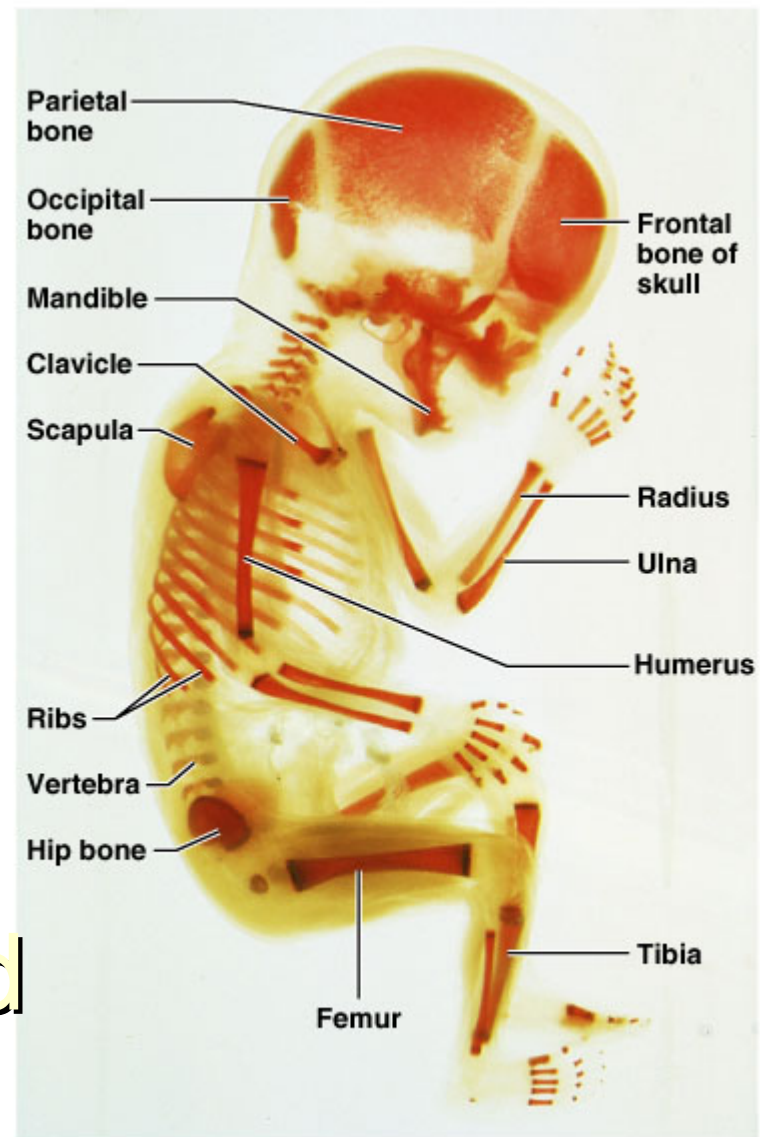








Endochondral  
ossification  
centers—newly  
formed bone  
within cartilage  
shown is stained  
red



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# Osteoclasts

- ◆ “Dig holes” with hydrochloric acid
- ◆ Degrades calcium
- ◆ Phagocytize collagen fibers and dead osteocytes

# Osteoblasts

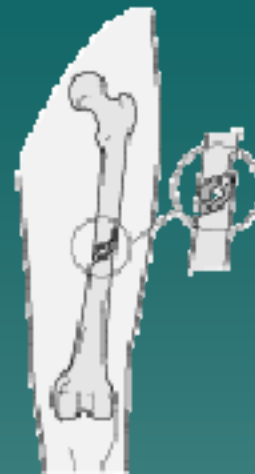
- ◆ Line tubes (Haversian canals) left by osteoclasts
- ◆ Lay down new bone in circular concentric lamellae
- ◆ Unique to warm-blooded animals-- dinosaurs???

# Bone Fractures

- ◆ Treatment is reduction
  - Closed--set in place by physical manipulation from outside body
  - Open--surgical placement of pins or screws
- ◆ Healing
  - Hematoma
  - Fibrocartilaginous callus
  - Bony callus
  - Remodeling by osteoclasts/osteoblasts
- ◆ Types of Fractures



simple (transverse)



spiral



comminuted



compound  
(open)



impacted



fracture

epiphyseal  
plate

growth plate

### Comminuted

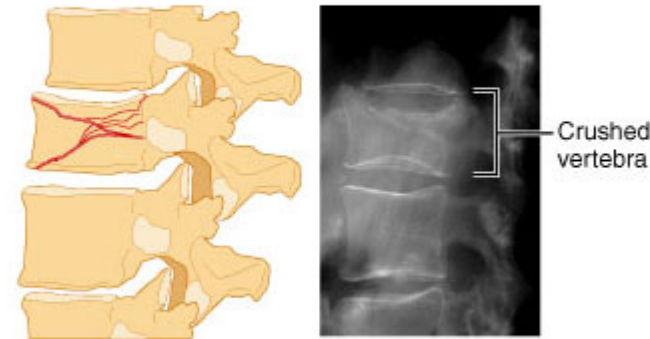
Bone fragments into three or more pieces  
Particularly common in the aged, whose bones are more brittle



### Compression

Bone is crushed

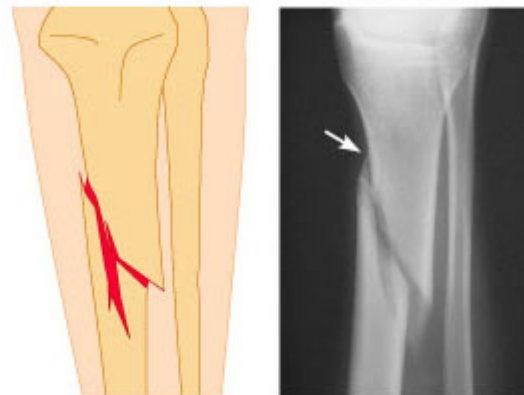
Common in porous bones (i.e., osteoporotic bones) subjected to extreme trauma, as in a fall



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### Spiral

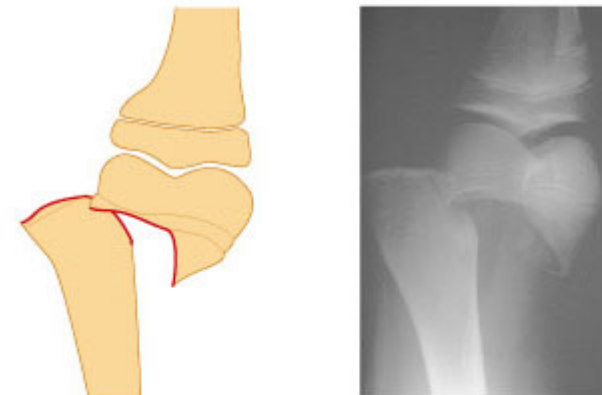
Ragged break occurs when excessive twisting forces are applied to a bone  
Common sports fracture



### Epiphyseal

Epiphysis separates from the diaphysis along the epiphyseal plate

Tends to occur where cartilage cells are dying and calcification of the matrix is occurring

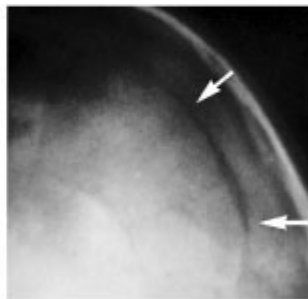


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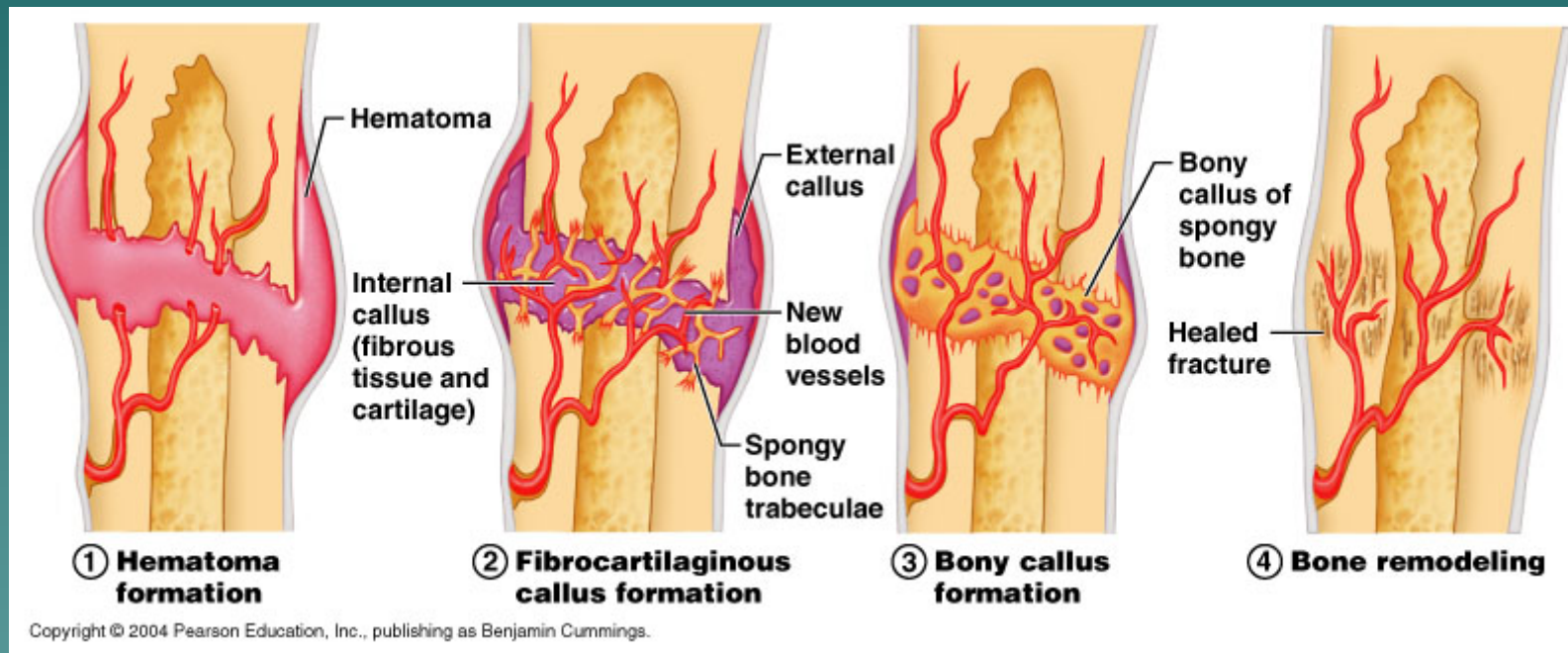
**TABLE 6.2** Common Types of Fractures (*continued*)

Fracture Type	Description and Comments	Fracture Type	Description and Comments
Depressed	Broken bone portion is pressed inward Typical of skull fracture	Greenstick	Bone breaks incompletely, much in the way a green twig breaks. Only one side of the shaft breaks; the other side bends  Common in children, whose bones have relatively more organic matrix and are more flexible than those of adults

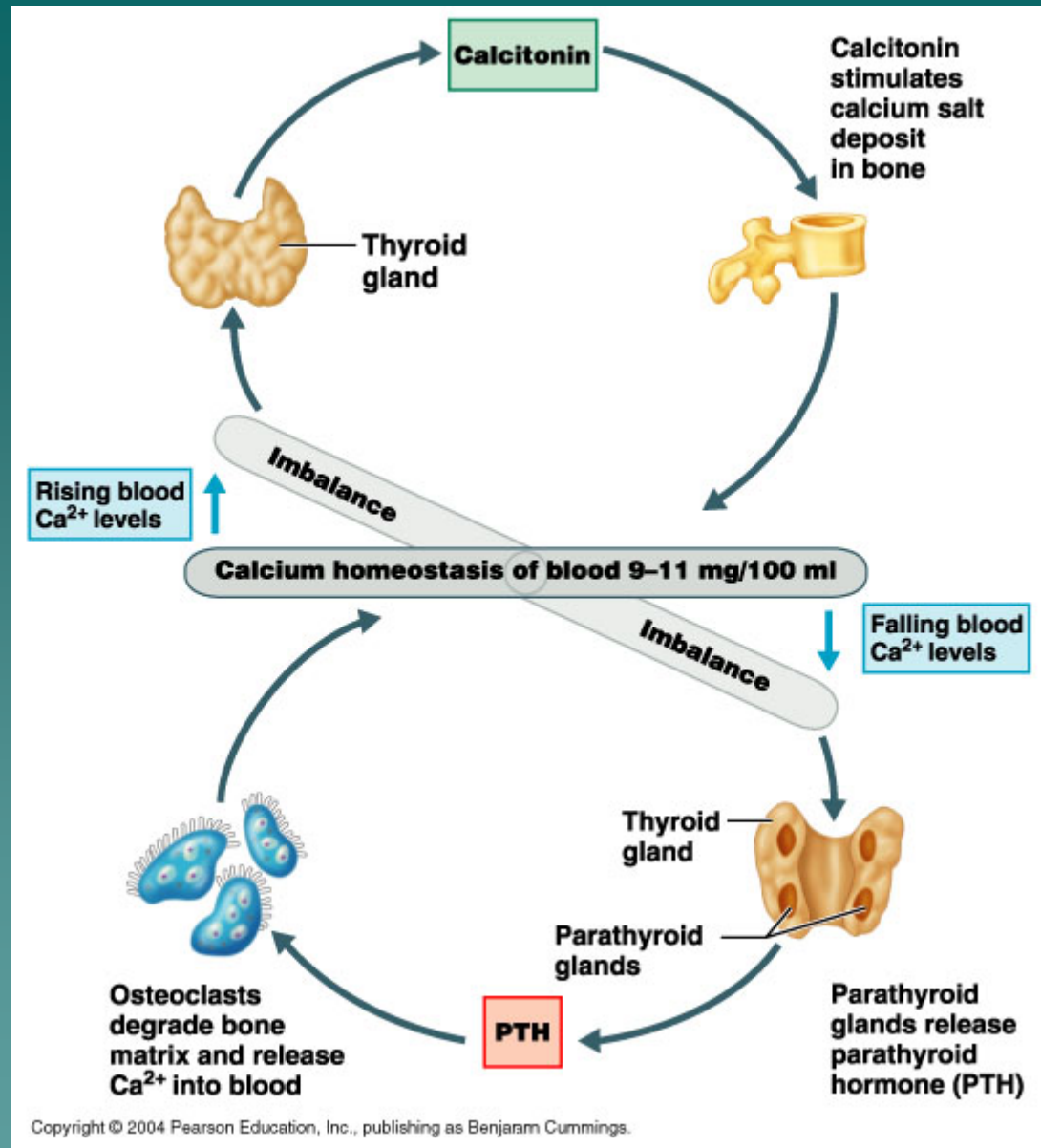




# Fracture repair



# Calcium regulation is negative feedback mechanism





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- ◆ Affects elderly, especially women
- ◆ Bone resorption proceeds faster than deposition
- ◆ Low estrogen levels implicated but estrogen replacement now considered risky
- ◆ Importance of calcium in diet???
- ◆ Leads to fractures
  - Compression fractures of vertebrae
  - Neck of femur

# Bone grafts and artificial bone

- ◆ Widely used cutting-edge technologies
- ◆ Bone cells highly regenerative and move into any suitable matrix
  - Use bone pieces from same body—fibula
  - Use crushed bone from cadavers
  - Use bone substitutes—coral, synthetics—  
"nanotechnology"
- ◆ Applications are numerous
  - Jaw bone filler for dental work
  - Birth defects
  - Osteoporosis
  - Bone repair