

7 Cervical vertebrae

12 Thoracic vertebr

5 Lumbar vertebrae

Sacrum

rpals

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Phalanx

fracture

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osteochondritis



Definition

Group of disorders in which there is <u>demarction</u>, <u>fragmentation</u> or <u>separation</u> and necrosis of bone and cartilage

Mainly adolescent and young adult. During phases of increase physical activity. > May initiated by trauma or repetitive stress. > Occur in epiphysis or apophysis > There is no inflammation

Pathology : Features of AVN

Pathgenesis... still not completely understood.

Impact injuries cause bleeding or oedema in the subarticular bone.

Capillary compression or thrombosis and ischemia.

separation a necrotic oseteochondral fragment.

Types:-

• Crushing

• Splitting (osteochondritis dissecans)

• Pulling (tractional apophysitis)

Crushing Osteochondritis

AVN of the ossification centre in a long bone epiphysis or one of the cuboidal bones of the wrist or foot.
 usually in late adolescent.

The path.... same as those in other form of osetonecrosis

bone death.

fragmentation.

distortion of the necrotic segment.

reactive new bone formation around the ischemic trabeculae.

Clinical F:

x-ray :

pain
limitation of movement.
Tenderness

increase density.
Later stages distortion and collapse

Examples of a crushing Osteochondritis

➢ Freiberg's d. of metatarsal.→ → → → → →

\succ köhler's d. of navicular. $\rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow$

\succ Kienböck's d.of lunate. $\rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow$



Panner's d.of capitulum .
 Scheuermann's d.of vertebra
 Perthes d. of femoral head.

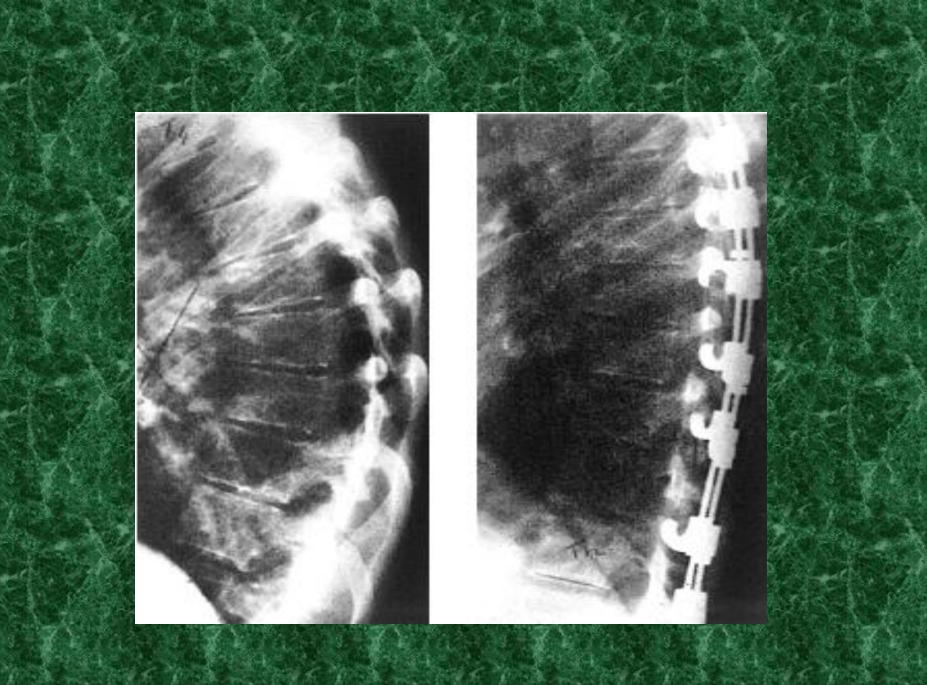
Scheuermann's disease

vertebral Osteochondritis, without clear evidence of bone death.
 compression and fragmentation of the vertebral epiphyseal plate lead to distorted growth of the vertebral body.

 occurs during adolescent and may cause back pain and dorsal kyphosis(adolescent K.).

X-rays
show irregularity of the vertebral end plate.
wedge-shape vertebrae(kyphosis).









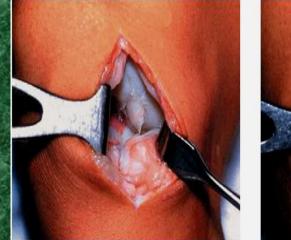
18.21 Lumbar Scheuermann's disease (a) The x-ray appearances of lumbar Scheuermann's disease are often mistaken for a fracture (or worse). The 'fragmentation' anteriorly is due to abnormal ossification of the ring epiphysis. (b) Schmorl's nodes (arrows) may also be seen.

Splitting-Osteochondritis (Osteochondritis dissecans)



A small segment of articular cartilage and the subjacent bone may separate(dissect) as an avascular fragment.

In young adults, usually man





Repeated minor trauma resulting in oseteochondral fracture of a convex surface and the fragment loses its blood supply.
 Intermittent pain and joint effusion.
 Detachment, cause loose body and may locking.

Usual sites:

Knee the lateral surface of the medial femoral condyle(commonest)
 antromedial corner of the talus
 superomedial part of the femoral head
 the humeral capitulum
 the first metatarsal head

Imaging

- x-ray :- dissecting fragment is defined by radiolucent line of demarcation , when separated the crater may be obvious.
- early changes by MRI.
 - Radionuclide scanning show increase activity.

Treatment :-

in early stage , load reduction and restriction activity

In children complete healing may occur (2 years).

partially detached fragments may pinned .

completely detached and causes symptoms, either fixed or removed.

> arthroscopy.

Pulling-Osteochondritis (Traction apophysitis):-> due to stress on the physeal junction with unusual traction forces from powerful tendons on unfused apophysis. Localized pain increase density on x-ray Sites:- The tibial tuberosity (Osgood's – schlatter's disease) Calcaneal apophysis (Sever's disease). The bone changes may be reaction to repetitive local trauma rather than true necrosis. Rx:rest...analgesia....Immobilization.....

