

BASICS OF BONE AND FRACTURE HEALING

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WHAT IS A BONE ?

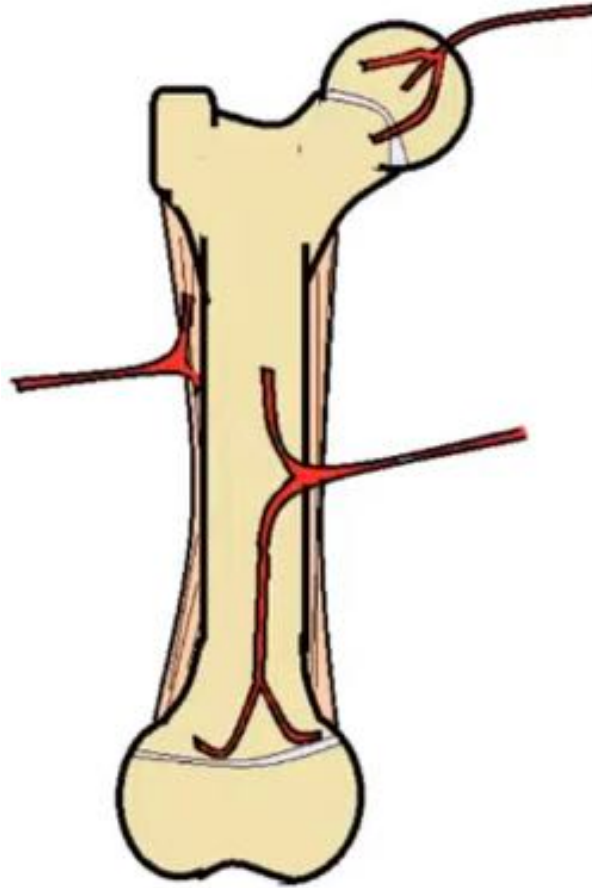
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COMPOSITE AND DYNAMIC FORM OF **SPECIALIZED**
CONNECTIVE TISSUE WHICH IS **ANISOTROPIC**

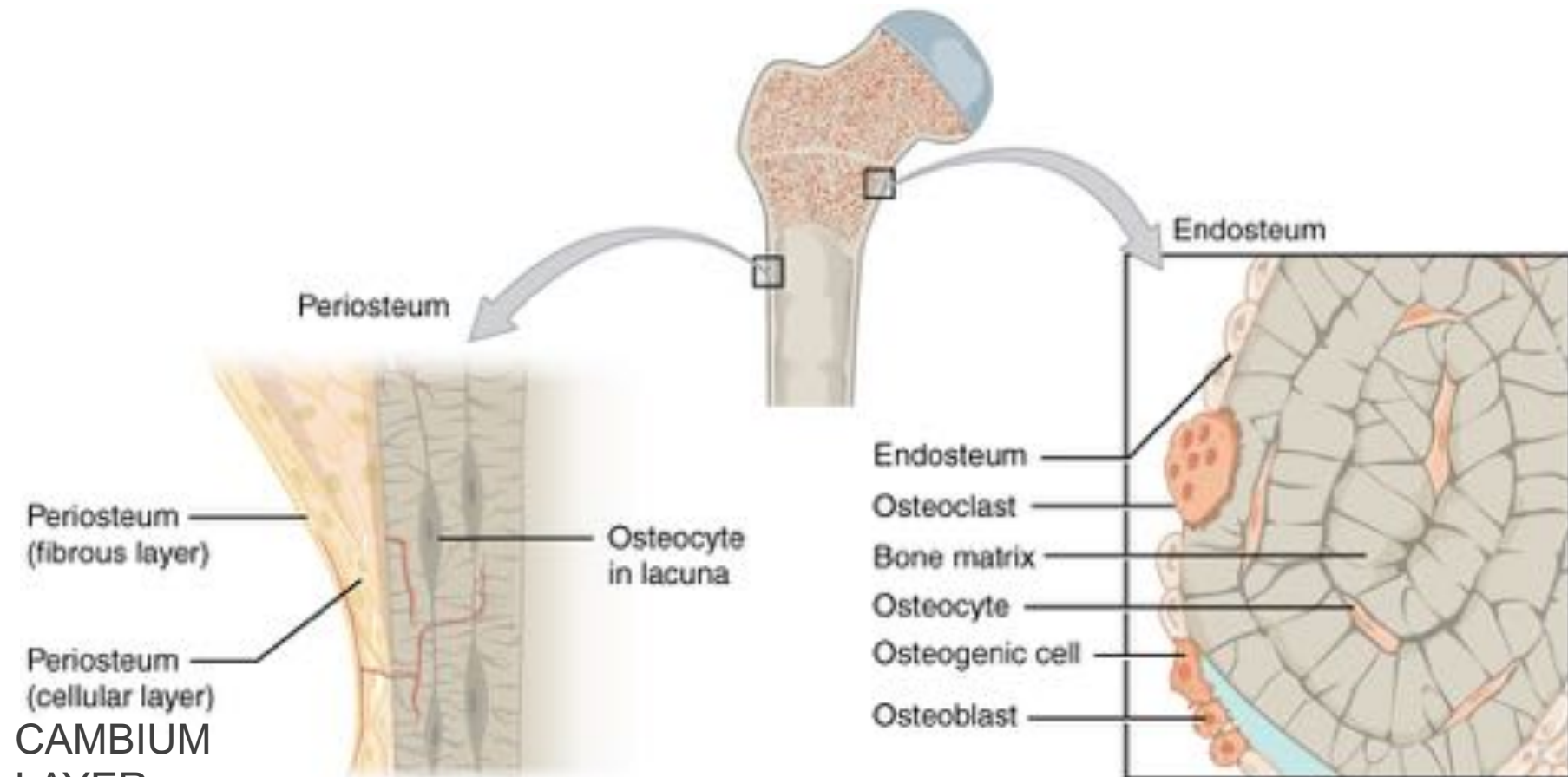
FUNCTIONS OF BONE

- POSTURE
- PROTECTION
- PROPULSION
- PROPRIOCEPTION
- PRODUCTION

STRONG IN COMPRESSION
WEAK IN TENSION
WEAKEST IN SHEER

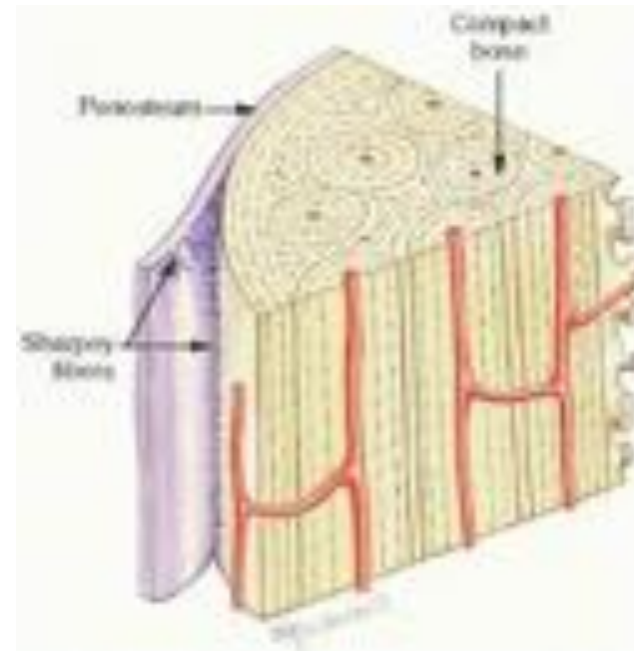


PERIOSTEUM

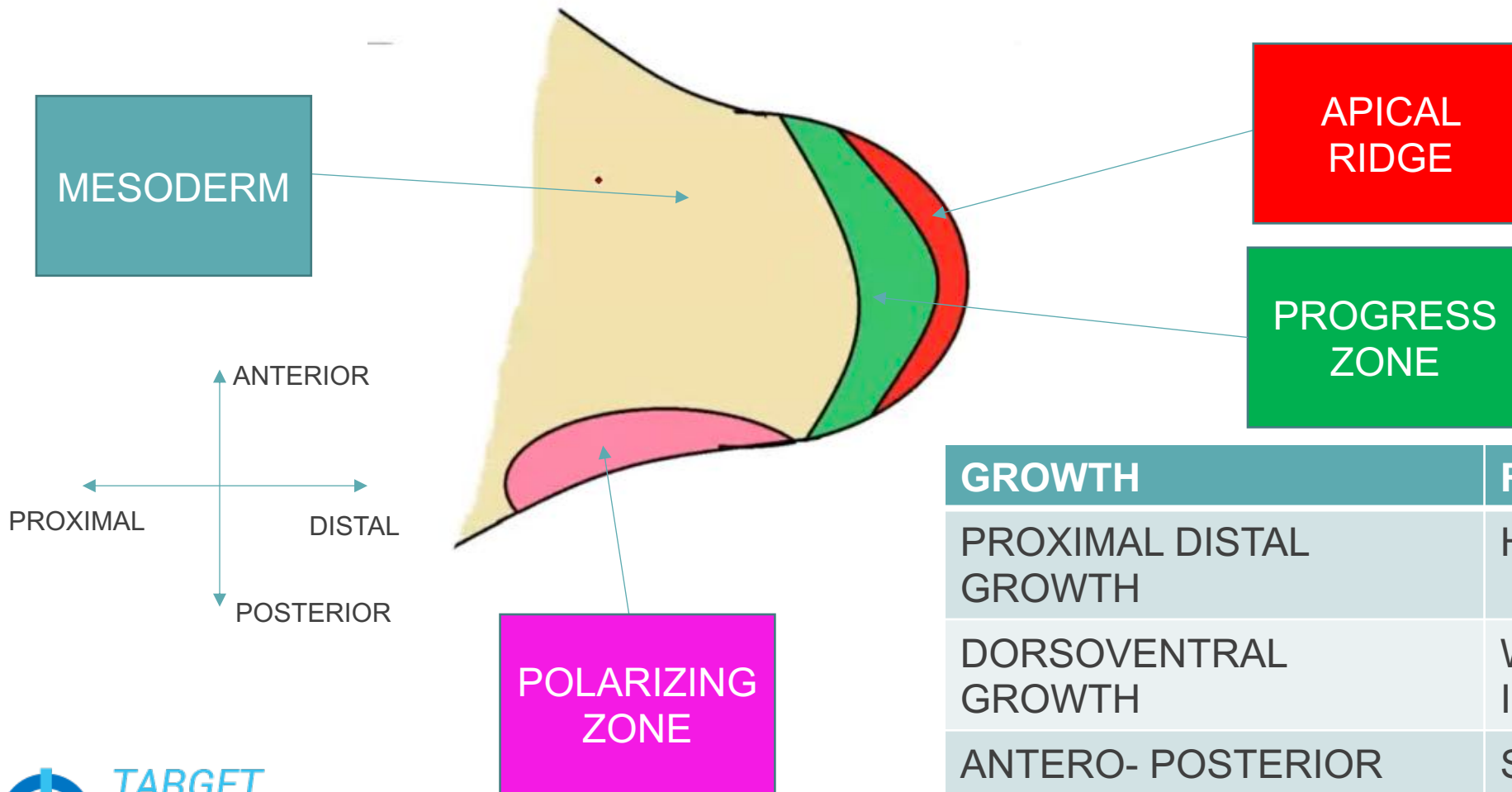


PERIOSTEUM

- FIBROUS SHEATH PROVIDES NUTRITION AND GROWTH
- COVERS ENTIRE BONE, EXCEPT ARTICULAR SURFACE AND SESAMOID BONES (e g PATELLA)
- SHARPEY FIBRES -
ANCHOR PERIOSTEUM TO BONE



BONE DEVELOPMENT

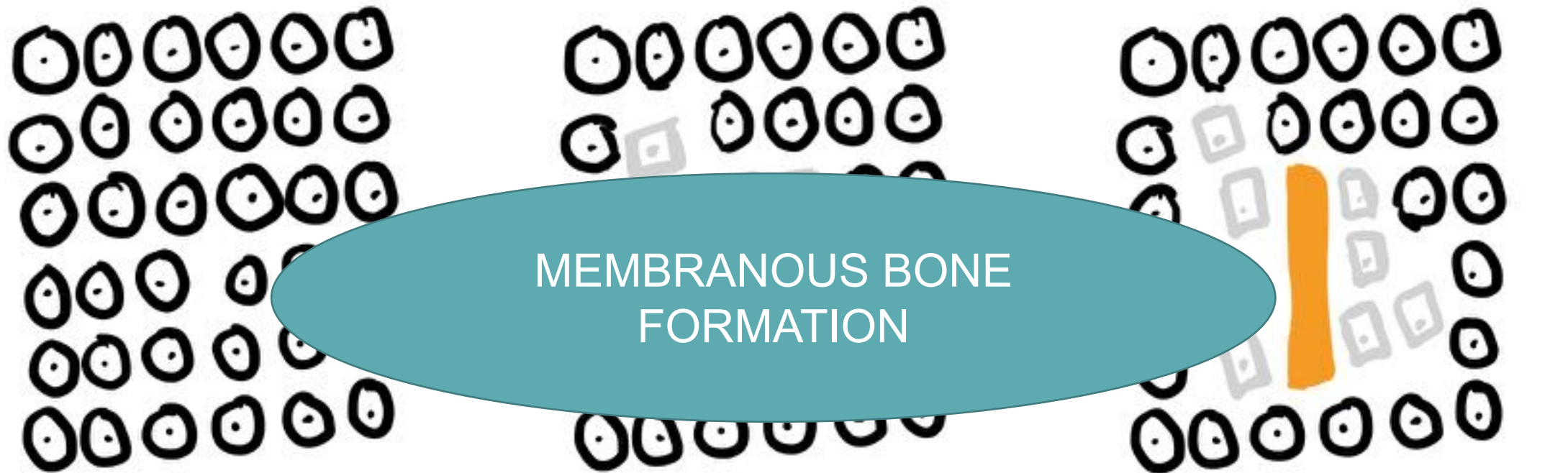


GROWTH	REGULATED BY
PROXIMAL DISTAL GROWTH	HOX GENE - HOMEBOX
DORSOVENTRAL GROWTH	WNT GENE – WINGLESS INTEGRATED
ANTERO- POSTERIOR GROWTH	SHH GENE SONIC HEDGEHOG

OSSIFICATION

- THE PROCESS OF FORMATION OF BONE IS CALLED OSSIFICATION
- OCCURS EITHER BY INTRAMEMBRANOUS OSSIFICATION OR ENDOCHONDRAL OSSIFICATION

BONE DEVELOPMENT



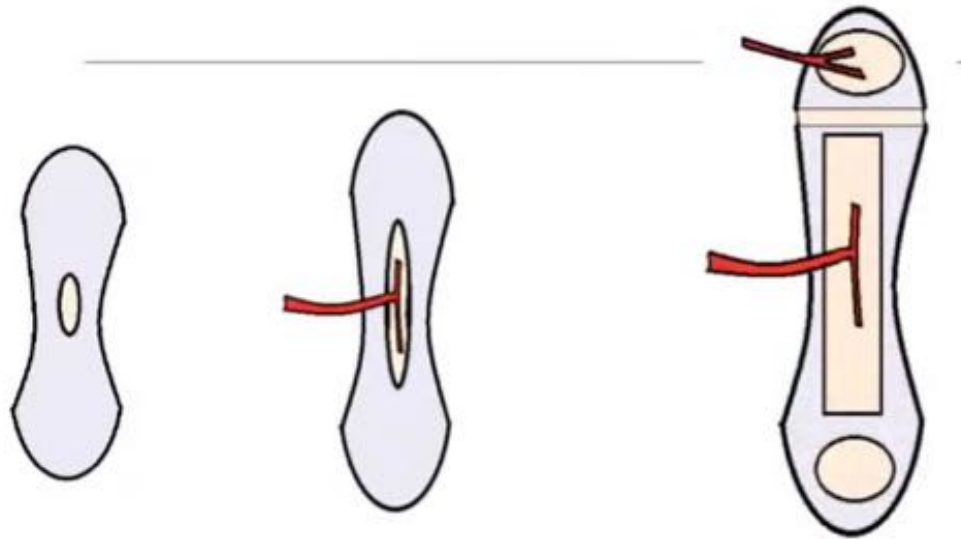
PRIMITIVE
MESODERMAL
CELLS

SOME TRANSFORM
INTO PRE- OSTEOBLASTS

ORGANIZE AND CONVERT
INTO BONE

BONE DEVELOPMENT

ENDOCHONDRAL
OSSIFICATION



LAW OF OSSIFICATION

- AS PER THIS LAW, THE SECONDARY CENTER THAT APPEARS FIRST, FUSES FIRST
- THE BONE THAT DOES NOT OBEY THIS IS **FIBULA**

LAYERS OF GROWTH PLATE

DIRECTION
OF GROWTH



PROLIFERATIVE
ZONE

DEGENERATIVE
ZONE AND ZONE OF
PROVISIONAL
CALCIFICATION

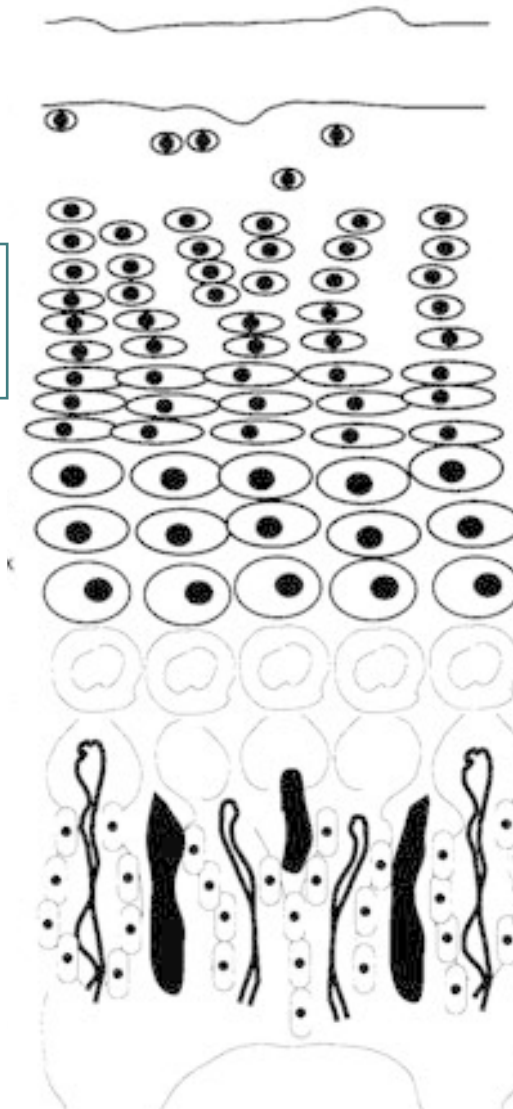
EPIPHYSIS

RESERVE/GERMINAL
ZONE

HYPERTROPHIC
ZONE

PRIMARY AND
SECONDARY
SPONGIOSA

METAPHYSIS



RESERVE / GERMINAL ZONE

- LIES IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO EPIPHYSIS
- CONTAINS RESTING CARTILAGE CELLS
- MOST IMPORTANT LAYER – LONGITUDINAL GROWTH

DISORDERS

INJURY – LONGITUDINAL GROWTH ARREST

LYSOSOMAL STORAGE DISORDER

DIASTROPHIC DWARFISM

PROLIFERATIVE ZONE

- PROLIFERATING CARTILAGE CELLS ARE SEEN
- NUMBER OF CELLS IN THIS ZONE SHOWS ACTIVITY IN GROWTH PLATE

DISORDERS

GIGANTISM

ACHONDROPLASIA

HYPERTROPHIC ZONE

- PRESENCE OF HYPERTROPHIC CELLS , UNDERGO VACUOLIZATION
- WEAKEST PART OF PHYSIS

DISORDERS

SCFE

MUCOPOLYSACCHARIDOSIS

ZONE OF PROVISIONAL CALCIFICATION

- IN THIS AREA , CELLS BECOME IMPREGNATED WITH CALCIUM SALTS
- CALCIFICATION OF MATRIX

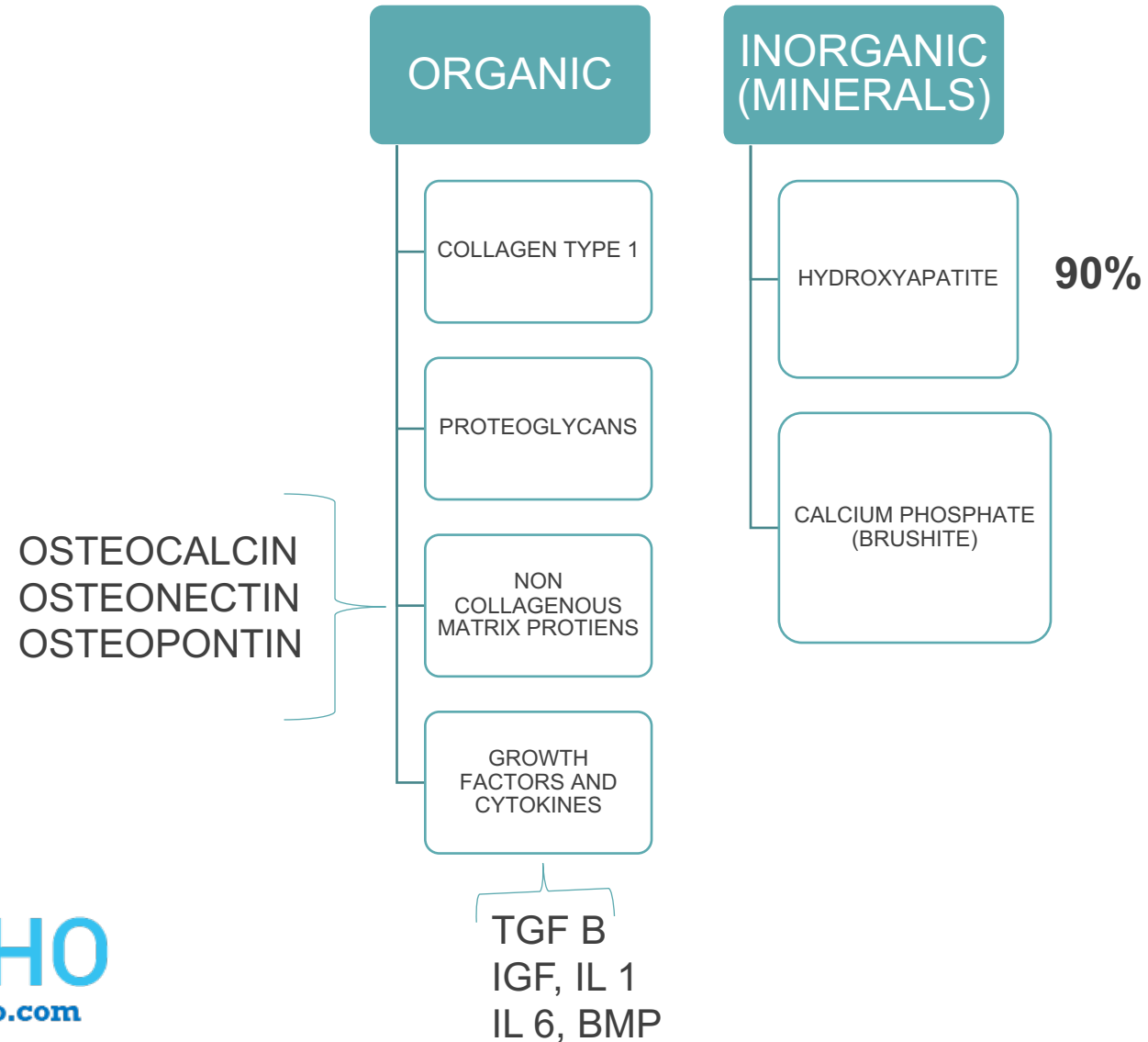
DISORDERS

RICKETS – FAILURE OF CALCIFICATION

PERCENTAGE OF GROWTH

- SHOULDER – 40 %
- ELBOW – 20 %
- WRIST – 40 %
- HIP – 12 %
- KNEE 70%
- ANKLE – 18 %

BONE



BONE MATRIX

INORGANIC

Ca – Hydroxyapatite

$\text{Ca}_{10}(\text{PO}_4)_6(\text{OH})_2$

99% of body Ca^{2+}

85 % of body PO_4^{3-}

40-60% of total body Na^{+}
and K^{+}

Responsible for
compression strength of
bone

ORGANIC

Type 1 Collagen – 90% of
organic matrix

Responsible for **tensile**
strength of bone

Proteoglycan

• Most abundant non collagenous protein in bone is?

- A. Alpha 2-HS-glycoprotein
- B. TGF-beta
- C. Osteocalcin
- D. Osteopontin

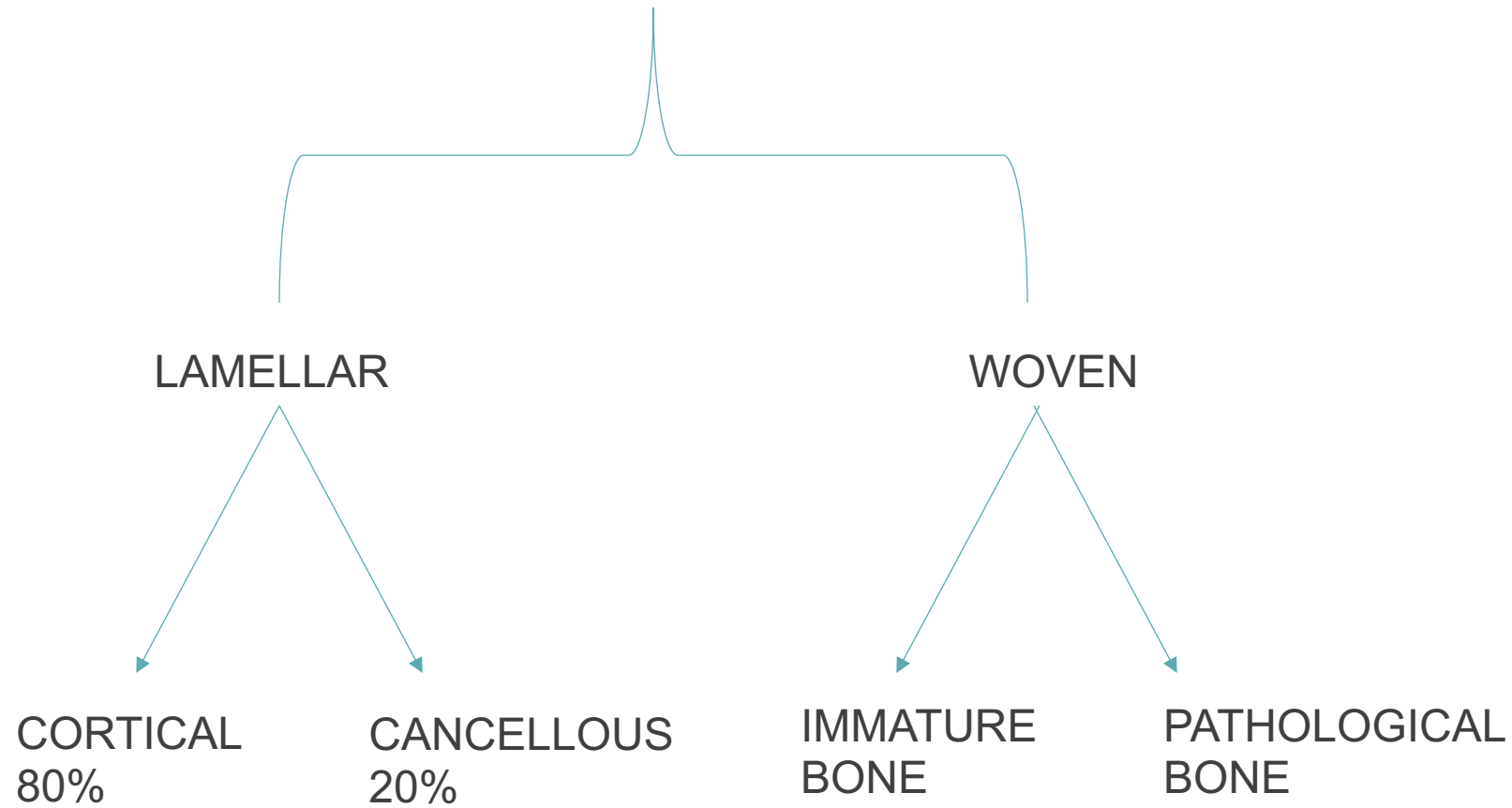
C – Osteocalcin
most abundant noncollagenous
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MCQ

OSTEOCALCIN

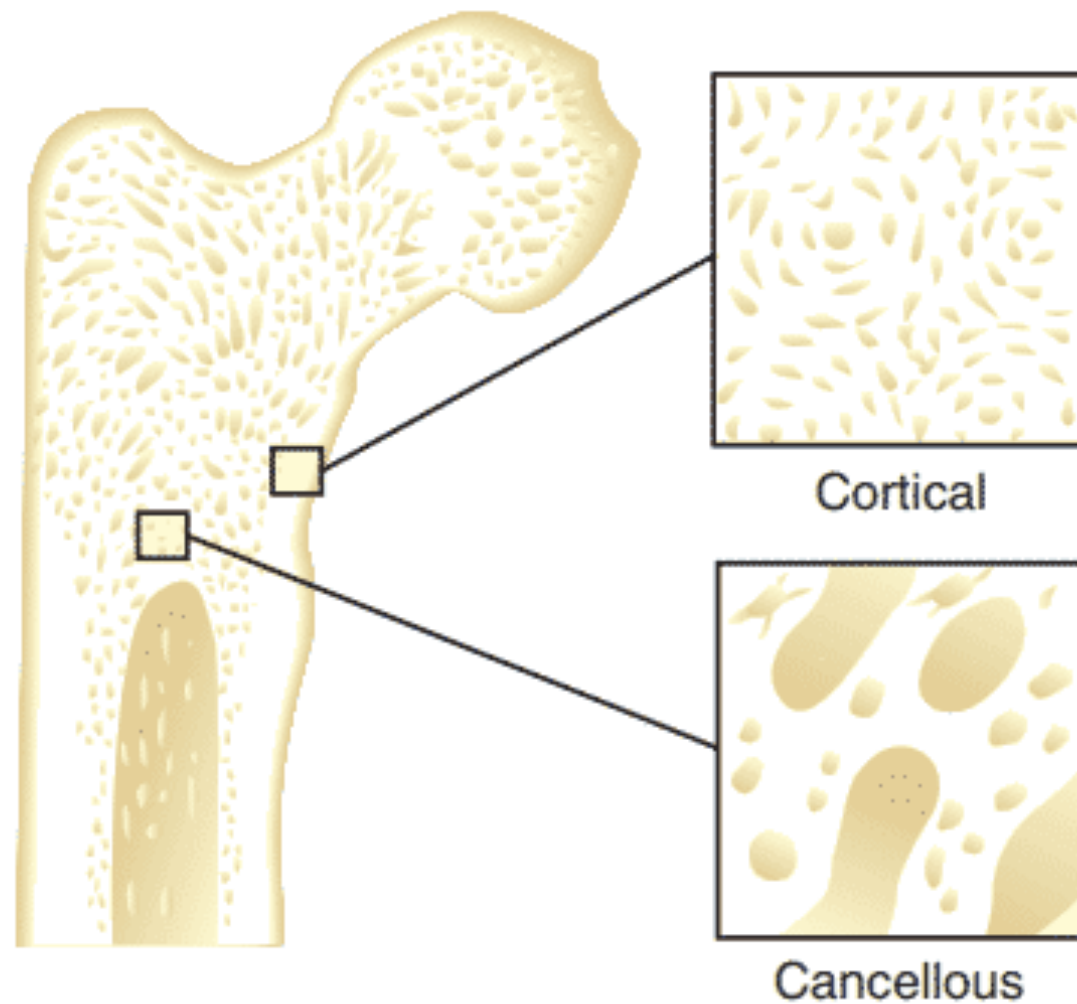
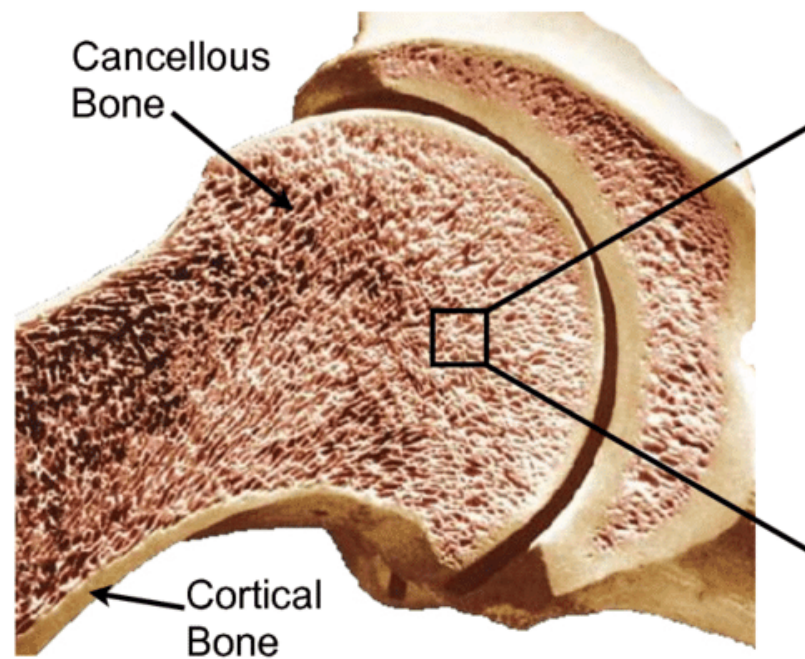
- IT IS A PROTIEN THAT IS EXCLUSIVELY PRODUCED BY OSTEOLASTS
- HENCE USED AS A **MARKER** – DETECTION OF WHICH IS SUFFICIENT TO LABEL A STRUCTURE AS BONE
- ITS CONCENTRATION OF BLOOD IS DIRECT MEASURE OF **OSTEOBLASTIC ACTIVITY**

TYPES OF BONE



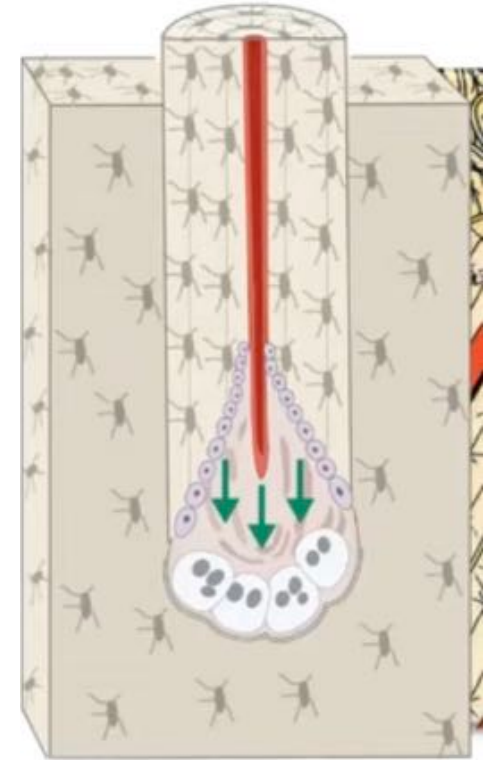
WOVEN BONE (IMMATURE BONE)	LAMELLAR BONE (MATURE BONE)
COLLAGEN FIBRES ARE ALIGNED RANDOMLY	CORTICAL AND CANCELLOUS BONE
NO LAMELLAE	STRESS ORIENTED COLLAGEN FIBER ARRANGEMENT
WEAK AND MORE FLEXIBLE	LAMELLAE ARRANGEMENT
ISOTROPHIC	
EG EMRYONIC AND NEONATAL SKELETON METAPHYSIS OF GROWING BONE FRACTURE CALLUS PATHOLOGICAL – TUMOR, PAGET'S DISEASE, OI	

TYPES OF BONE



CORTICAL BONE

- MADE UP OF OSTEONS
- CONTINUALLY REMODELLED BY CUTTING CONES
- **POROSITY OF CORTICAL BONES** MOSTLY FALLS IN THE RANGE OF **5-10%**



CORTICAL BONE

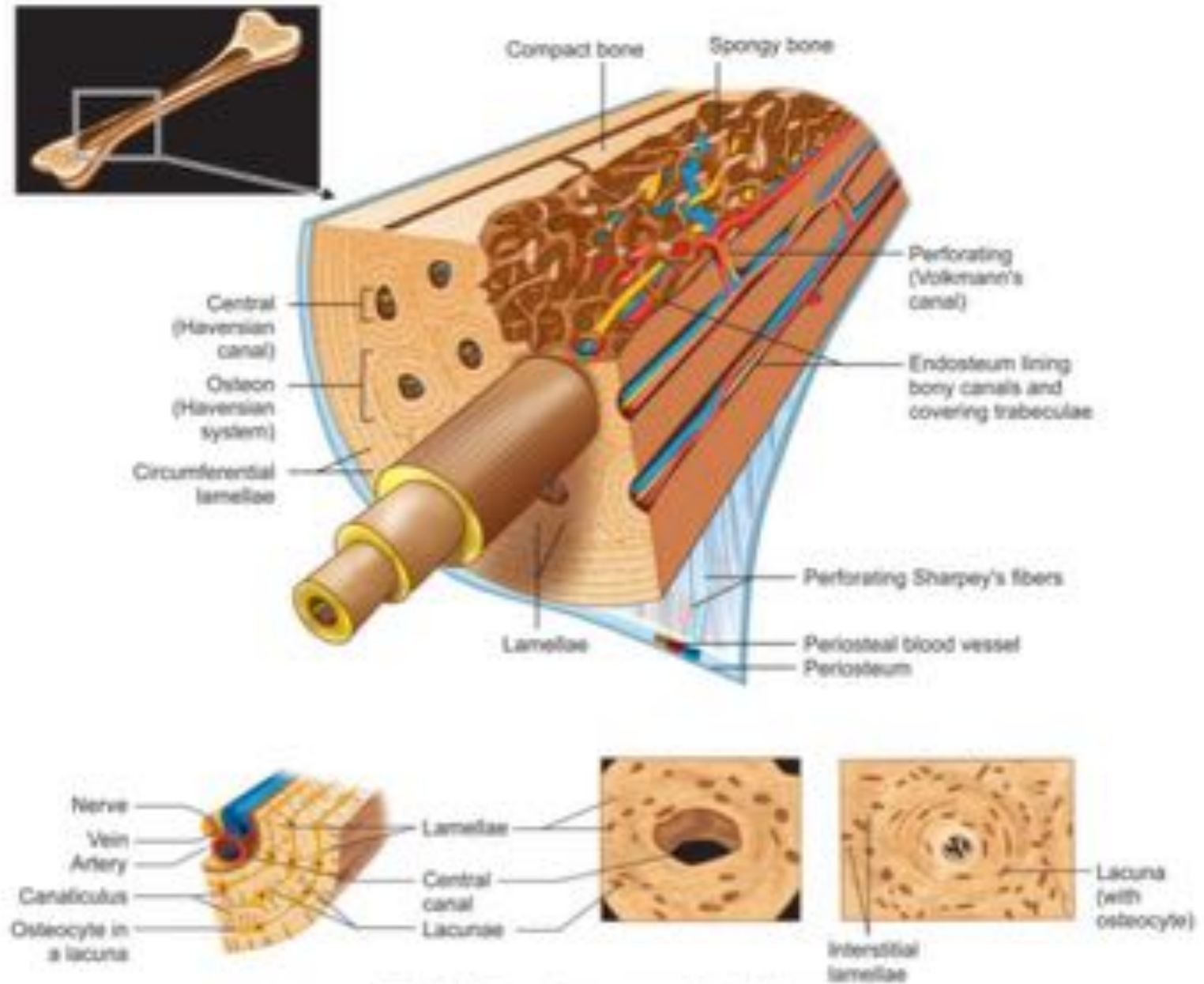


Fig. 2.3h Microscopic structure of cortical bone

CANCELLOUS BONE

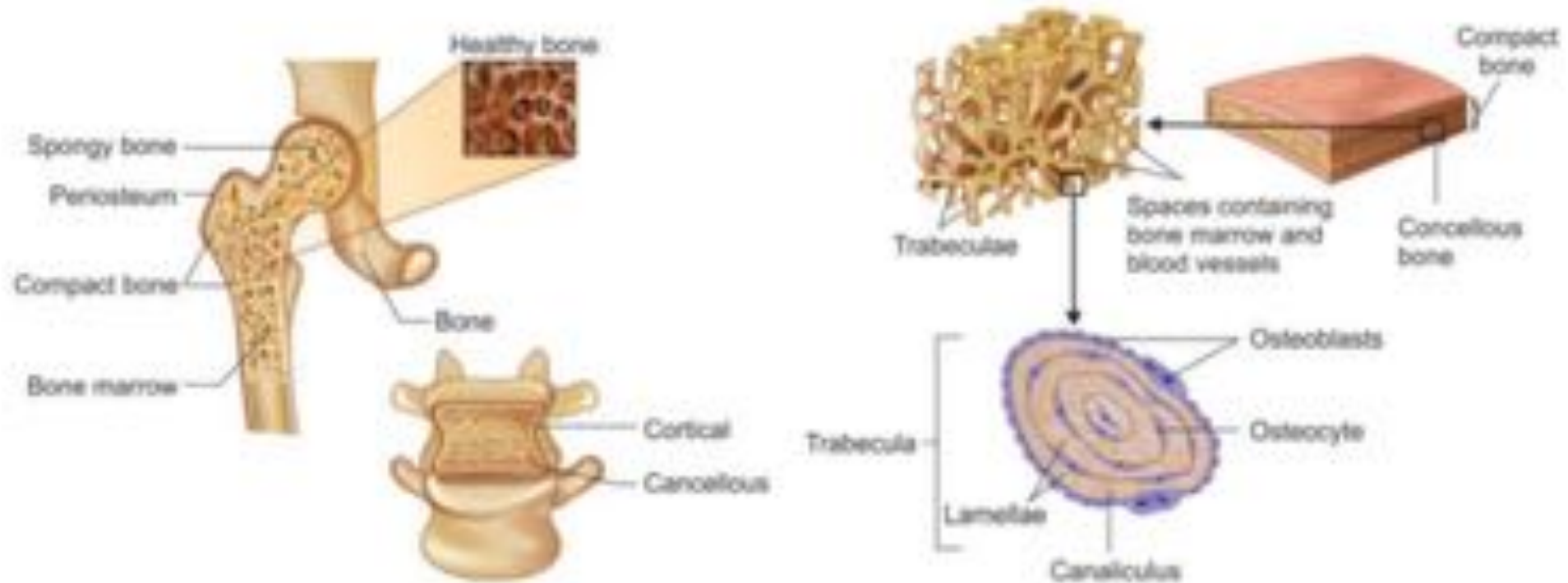
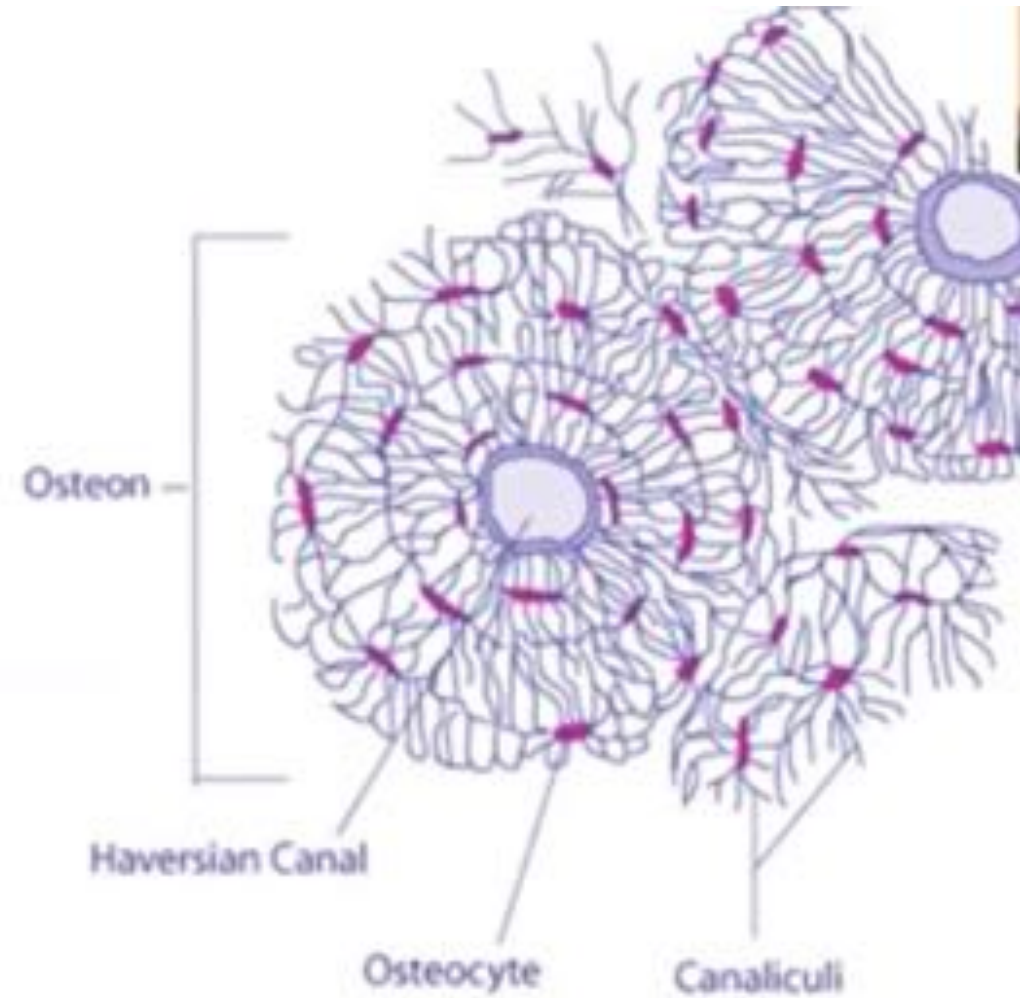
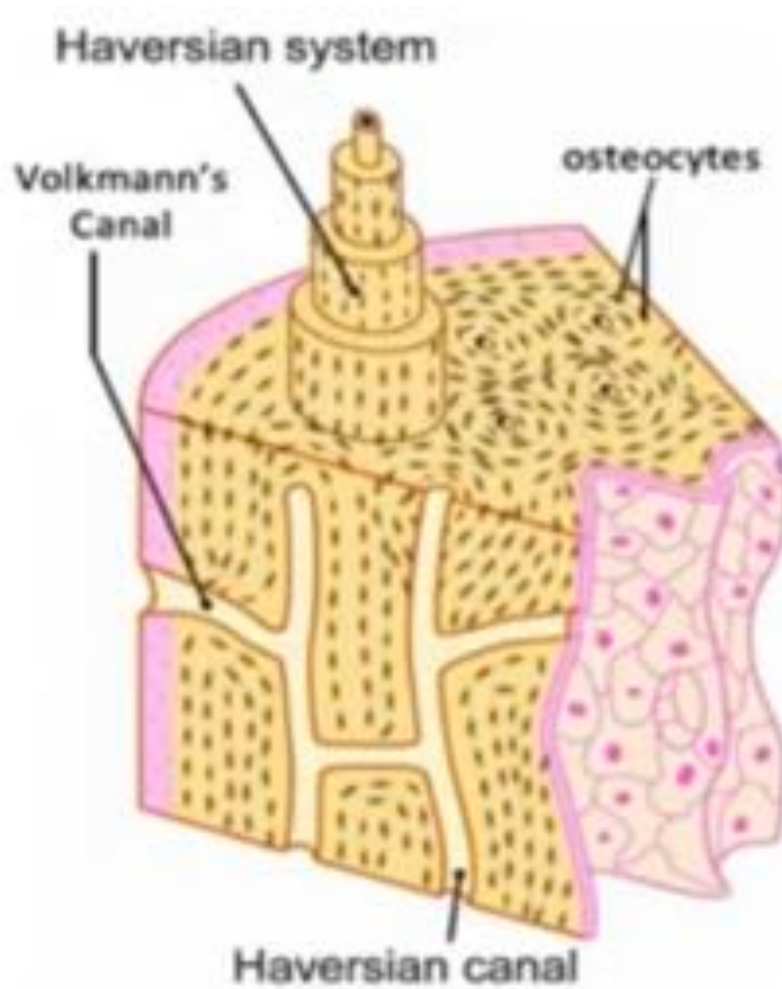


Fig. 2.4: Microscopic structure of cancellous bone

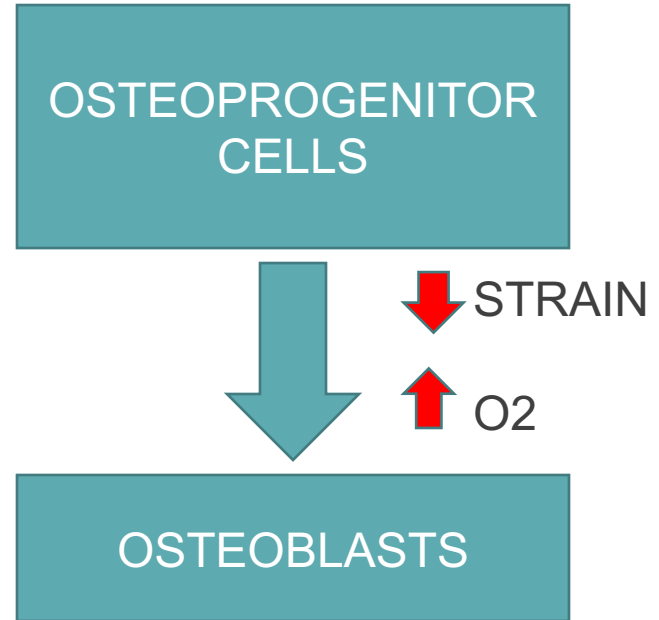
CANCELLOUS BONE

- CANCELLOUS BONE **METABOLIC TURNOVER IS 8 TIMES HIGHER** THAN CORTICAL BONE
- **POROSITY OF CANCELLOUS BONES** RANGE FROM **75-95%**
- VERTEBRAE HAVE MAXIMUM RATIO OF CANCELLOUS BONE COMPARED TO ANY OTHER BONE IN THE BODY (CANCELLOUS TO CORTICAL BONE RATIO IS 75:25)

HAVERSIAN SYSTEM AND VOLKMAN'S CANAL

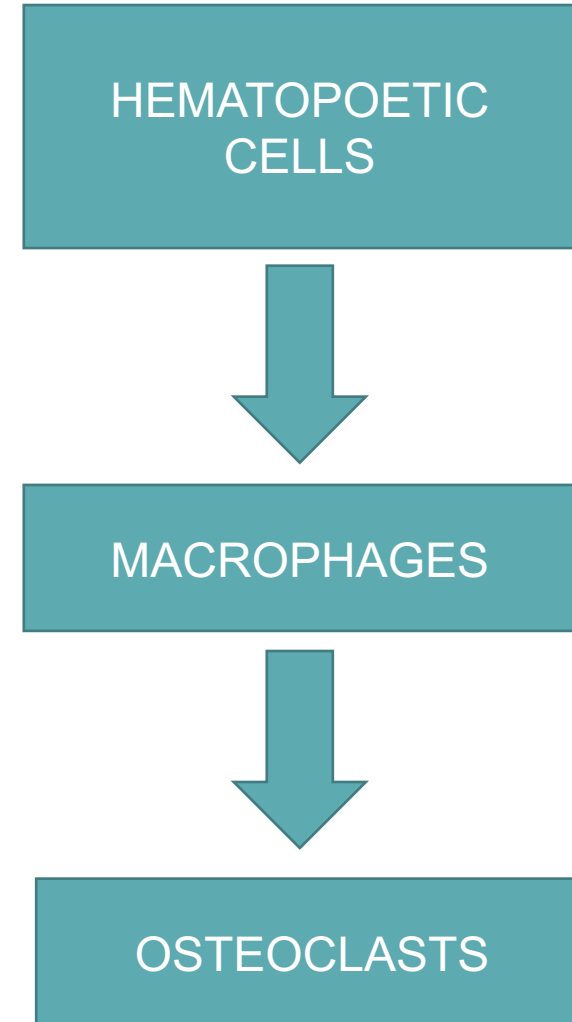
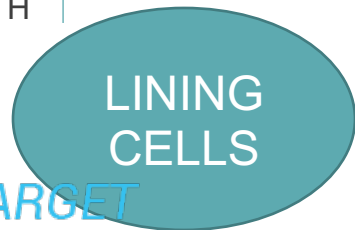


CELL BIOLOGY

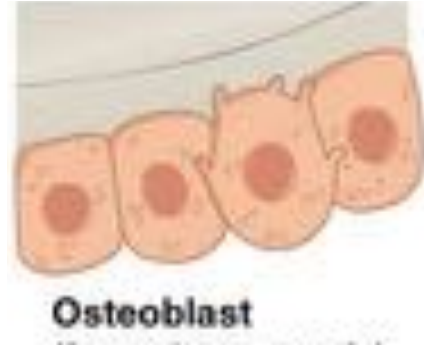


DEDIFFERENTIATE

ACTIVATION
OF GROWTH
FACTORS



OSTEOBLASTS



- CUBOID CELLS
- ALIGNED IN LAYERS ALONG IMMATURE OSTOIDS
- DERIVED FROM **UNDIFFERENTIATED MESENCHYMAL STEM CELLS**



ENDOPLASMIC RETINACULUM
GOLGI APPARATUS
MITOCHONDRIA

} THAN OTHER
BONE CELLS

CENTER FOR SYNTHESIS AND SECREATION OF MATRIX FOR BONE FORMATION

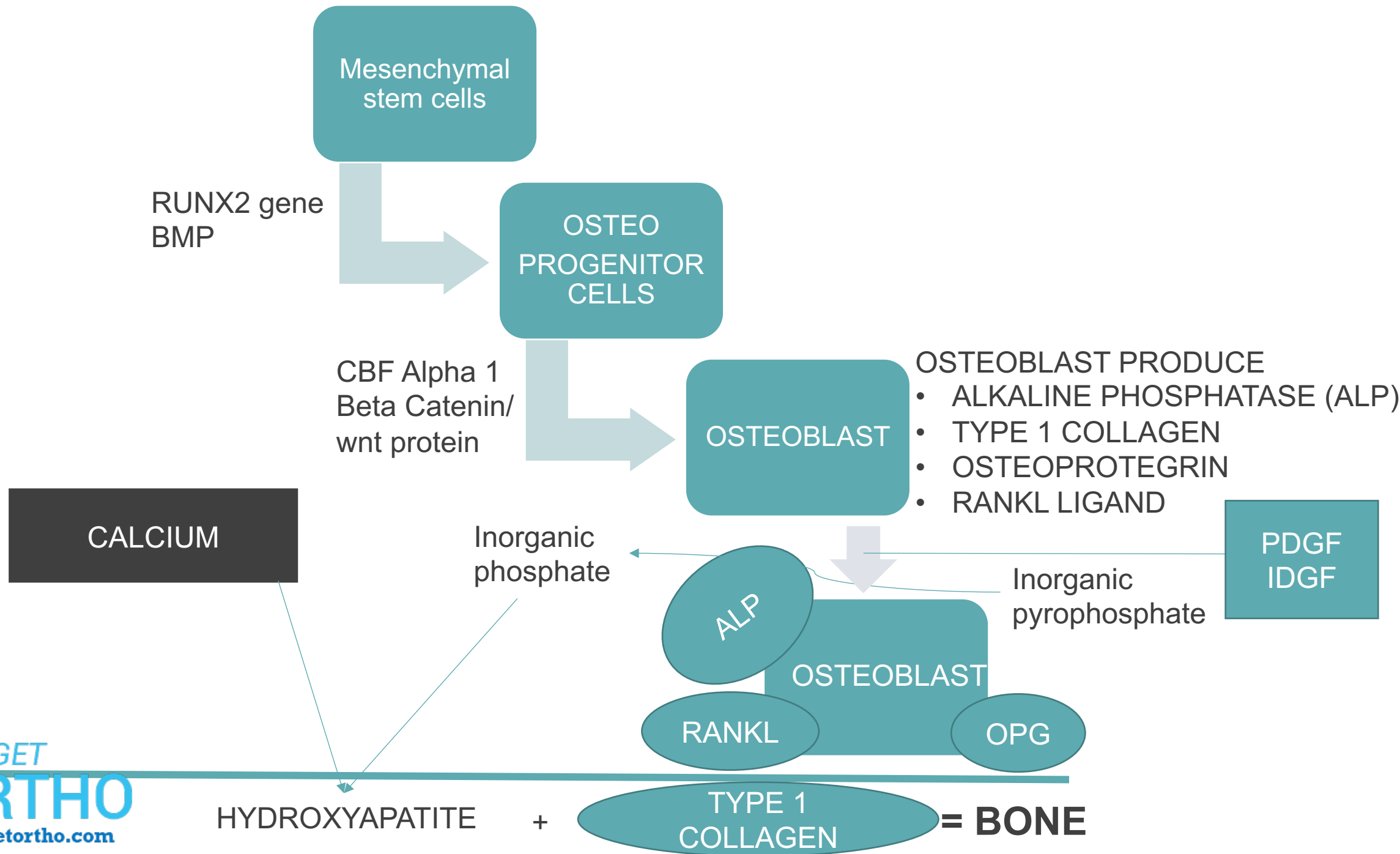
Which one of the following is not involved in Osteoblast differentiation ?

A) Core bonding protein

B) Platelet Derived growth factor

C) Cathepsin K

D) Beta Catenin



OSTEOBLAST DIFFERENTIATION

- BONE MORPHOGENIC PROTIEN
- CORE BINDING PROTIEN FACTOR ALPHA 1
- BETA CATENIN / WNT PROTIEN
- PLATELET DERIVED GROWTH FACTOR
- INSULIN LIKE GROWTH FACTOR

WNT PROTIEN

- Promote osteoblast survival and proliferation

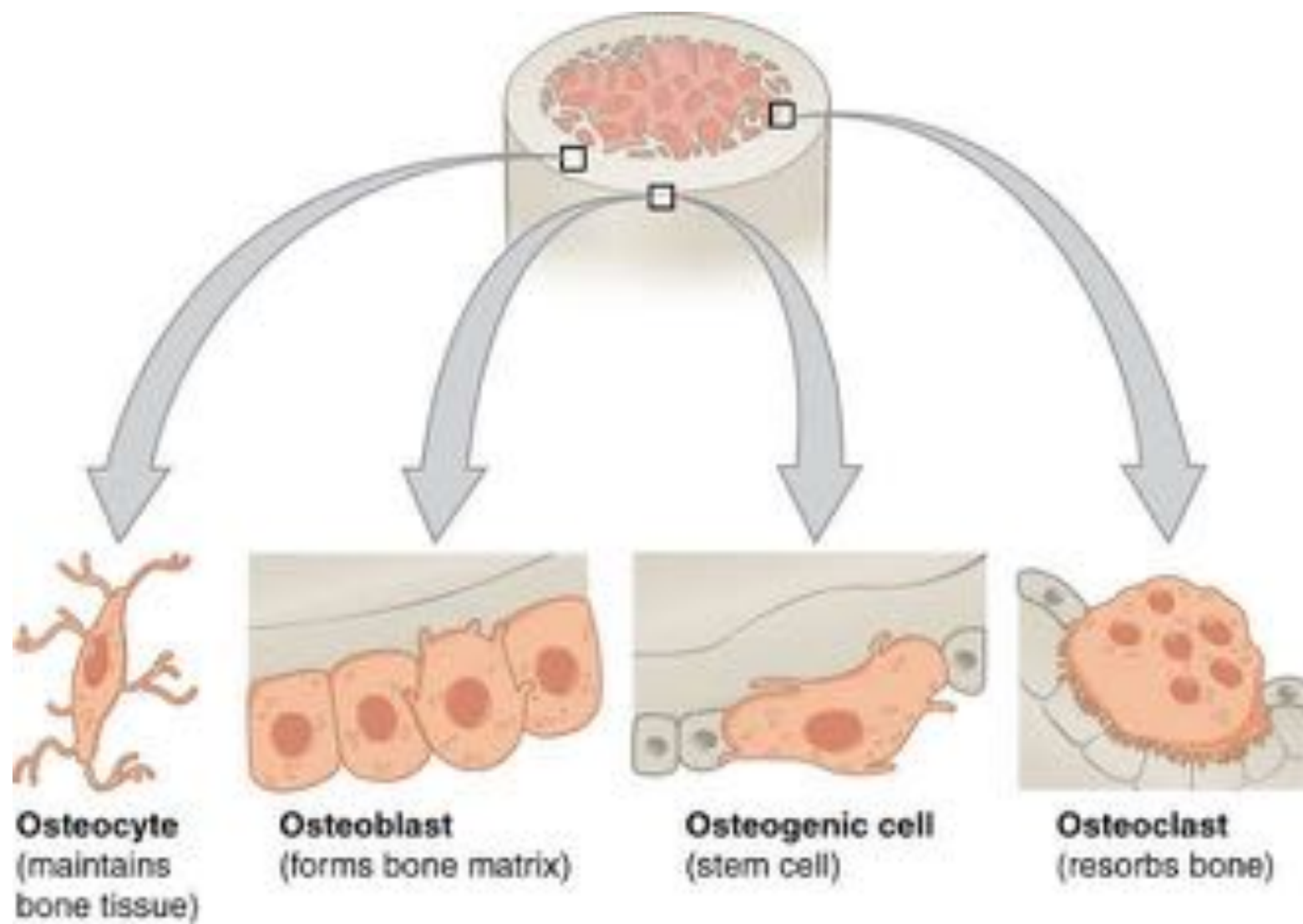
Excess wnt expression – **HIGH BONE MASS**

Deficient wnt – **OSTEOPENIA**



ANTISEPTICS TOXIC TO CULTURED OSTEOBLASTS

- HYDROGEN PEROXIDE
- POVIDONE IODINE (BETADINE)
- BACITRACIN



ULTIMATE FATE OF OSTEOBLAST

- INACTIVE BONE LINING CELLS
- OSTEOCYTES
- APOPTOSIS

OSTEOCYTES



- OSTEOBLAST TRAPPED IN CALCIFIED BONE MATRIX
- 90% CELLS IN MATURE SKELETON
- UNLIKE OSTEOBLAST, OSTEOCLAST- THEY HAVE HIGH NUCLEUS:CYTOPLASM RATIO
- INTERCELLULAR CONNECTION BY CANALICULI

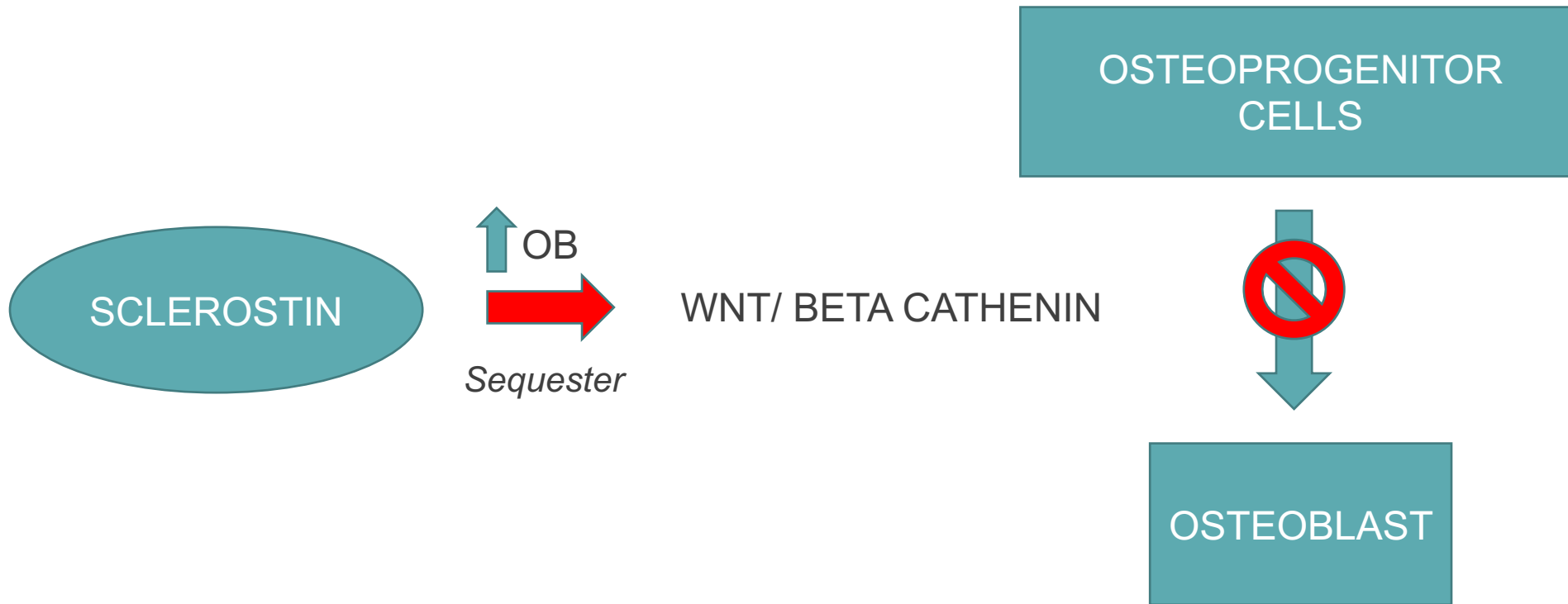
OSTEOCYTES



FUNCTIONS

1. MAINTAINS THE BONE
2. IMPORTANT FOR CONTROL OF EXTRACELLULAR CALCIUM AND PHOSPHORUS CONCENTRATION
3. DIRECTLY STIMULATED BY CALCITONIN AND INHIBITED BY PTH

OSTEOCYTE – OSTEOBLAST



BONE LINING CELLS

- LYING ON THE SURFACE OF THE BONE
- INACTIVE FORM OF OSTEOBLASTS
- MAY REACTIVATE DURING NEW BONE FORMATION

OSTEOCLAST

- ARISES FROM HAEMATOPOETIC MACROPHAGE AND MONOCYTES STEM CELL LINE
- LARGE MULTINUCLEATED GIANT CELL



Osteoclast

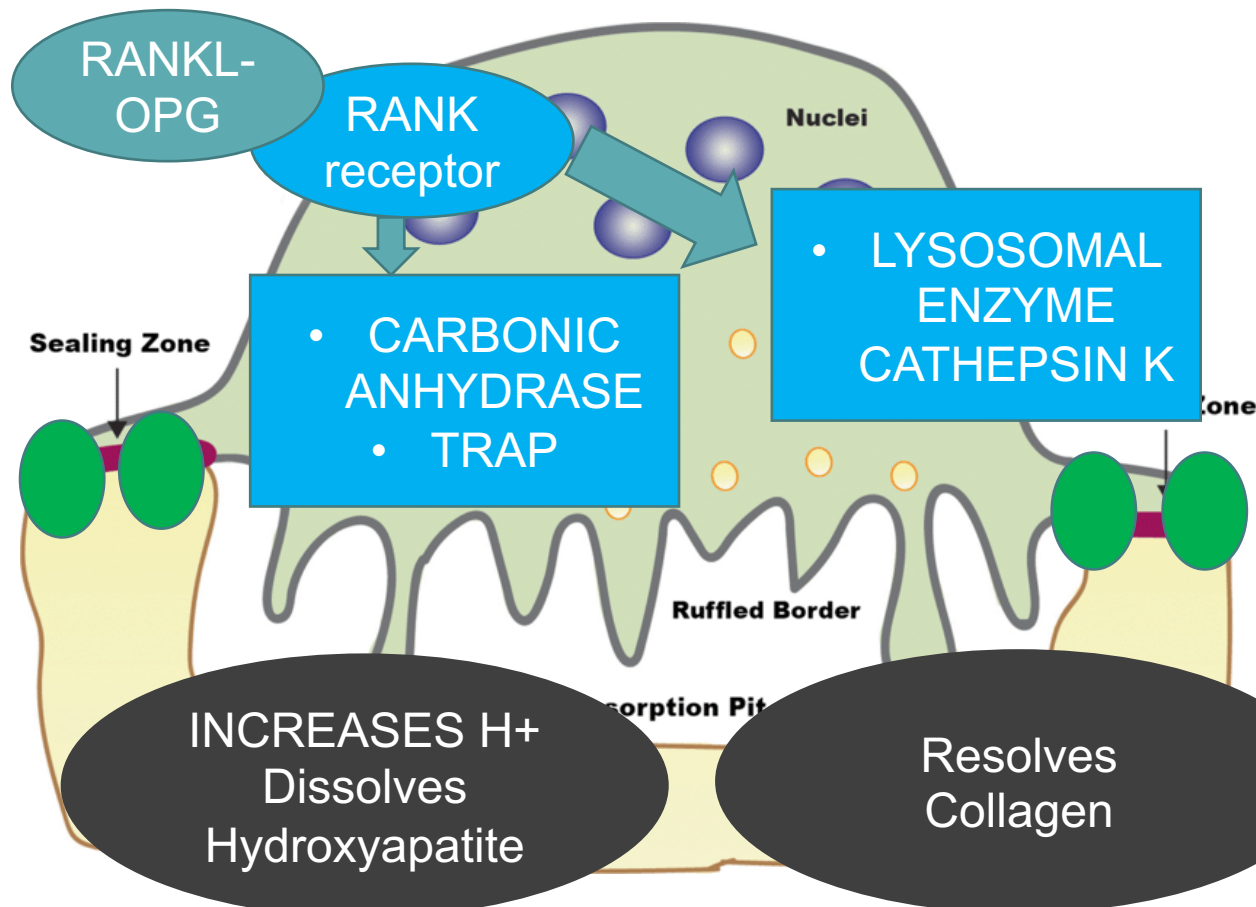
HEMATOPOIETIC
CELLS



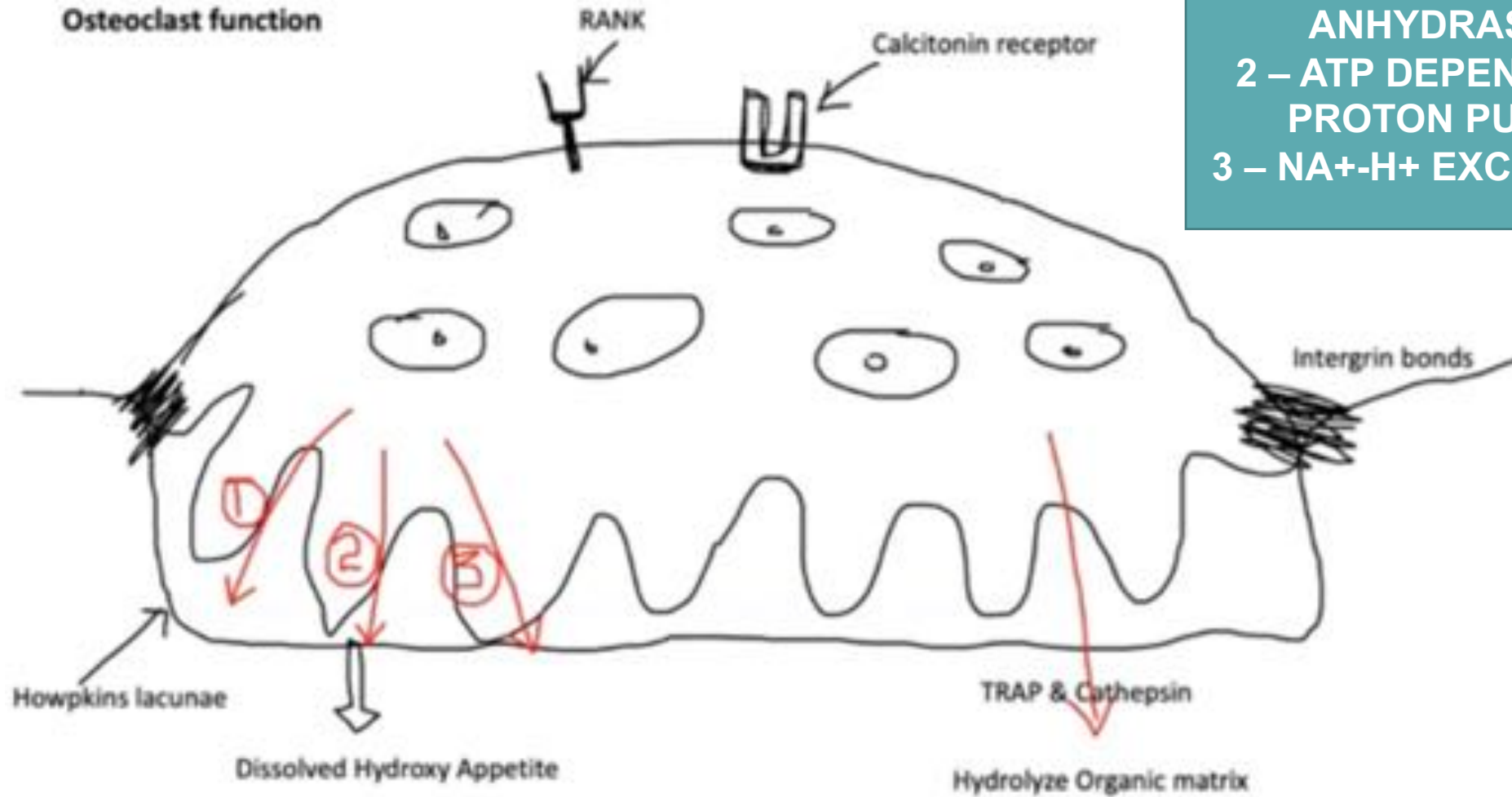
MACROPHAGE
LINEAGE



OSTEOCLAST



Osteoclast function



- 1 – CARBONIC ANHYDRASE
- 2 – ATP DEPENDANT PROTON PUMP
- 3 – Na^+/H^+ EXCHANGE

HOWSHIP'S LACUNAE

FORMED BY RUFFLED BORDERS

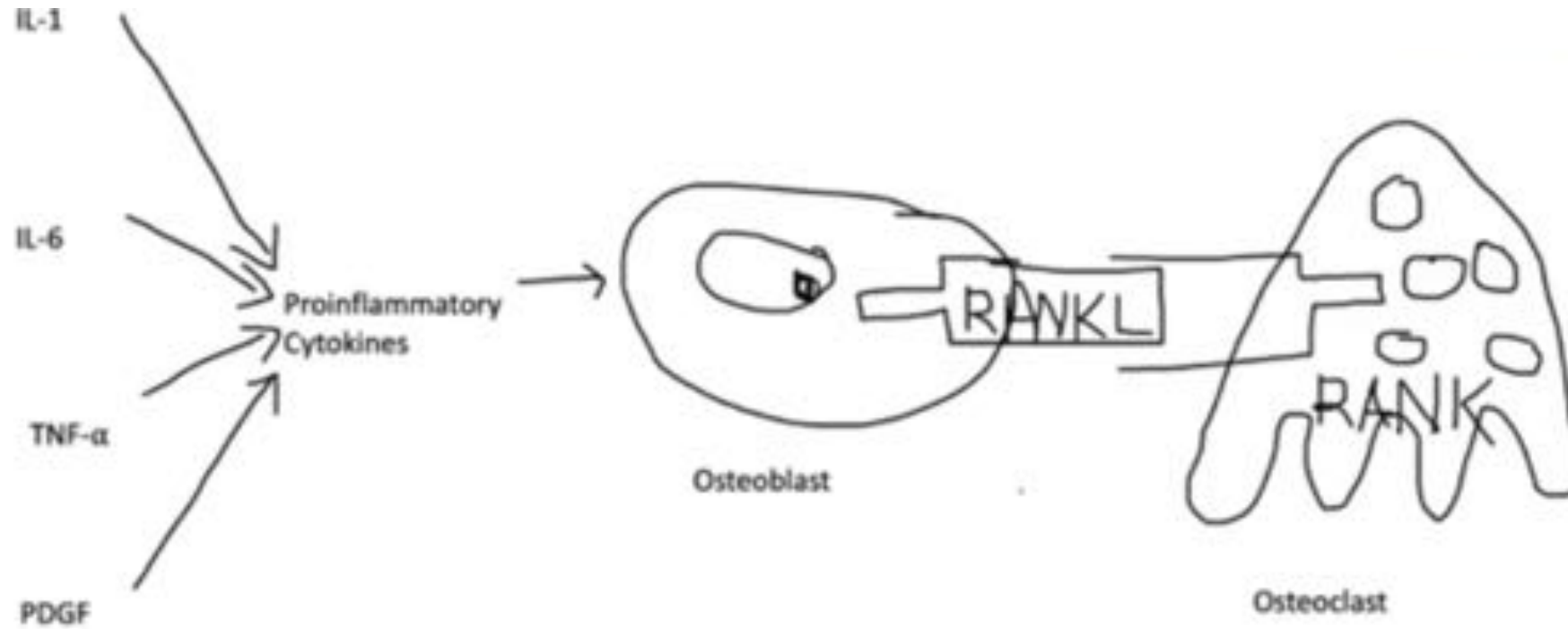
OSTEOCLASTIC ACTIVITY TAKES PLACE HERE



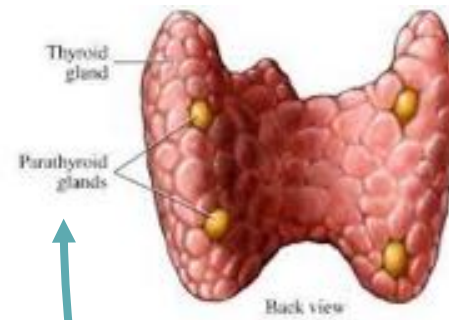
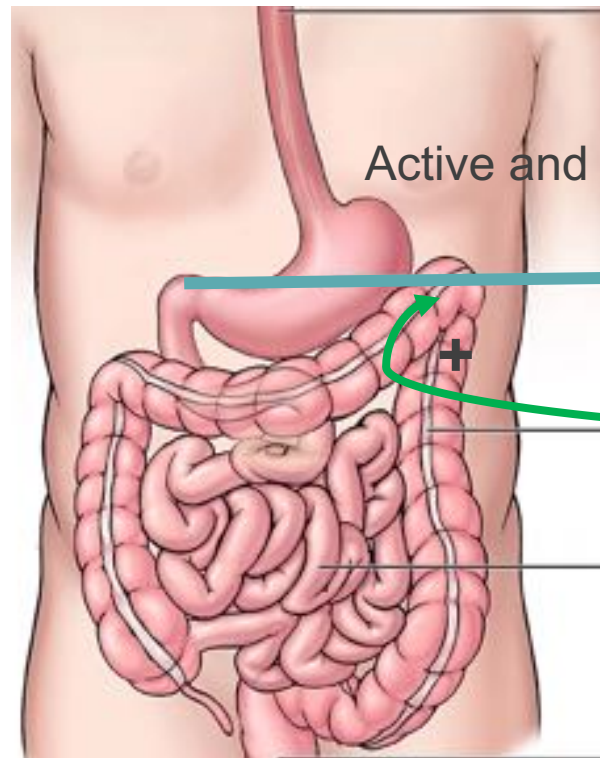
BONE CYCLE



IN BONE TURNOVER



METABOLISM



PARATHYROID
HORMONE

BLOOD

Ca²⁺

Ca²⁺

Ca²⁺
PO₄

VIT D

PTH

PTH

Osteoclastic
activity

Ca²⁺
& PO₄

INACTIVE
VITAMIN D

ACTIVE
VITAMIN D

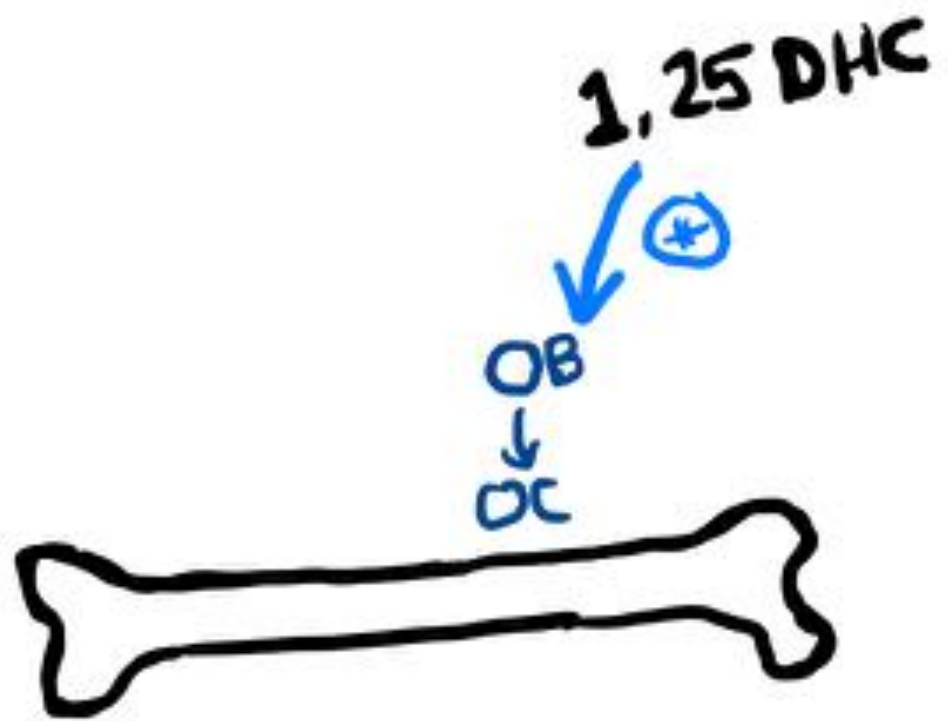
Ca²⁺
reabsorption

Urine
Low Ca, High
PO₄

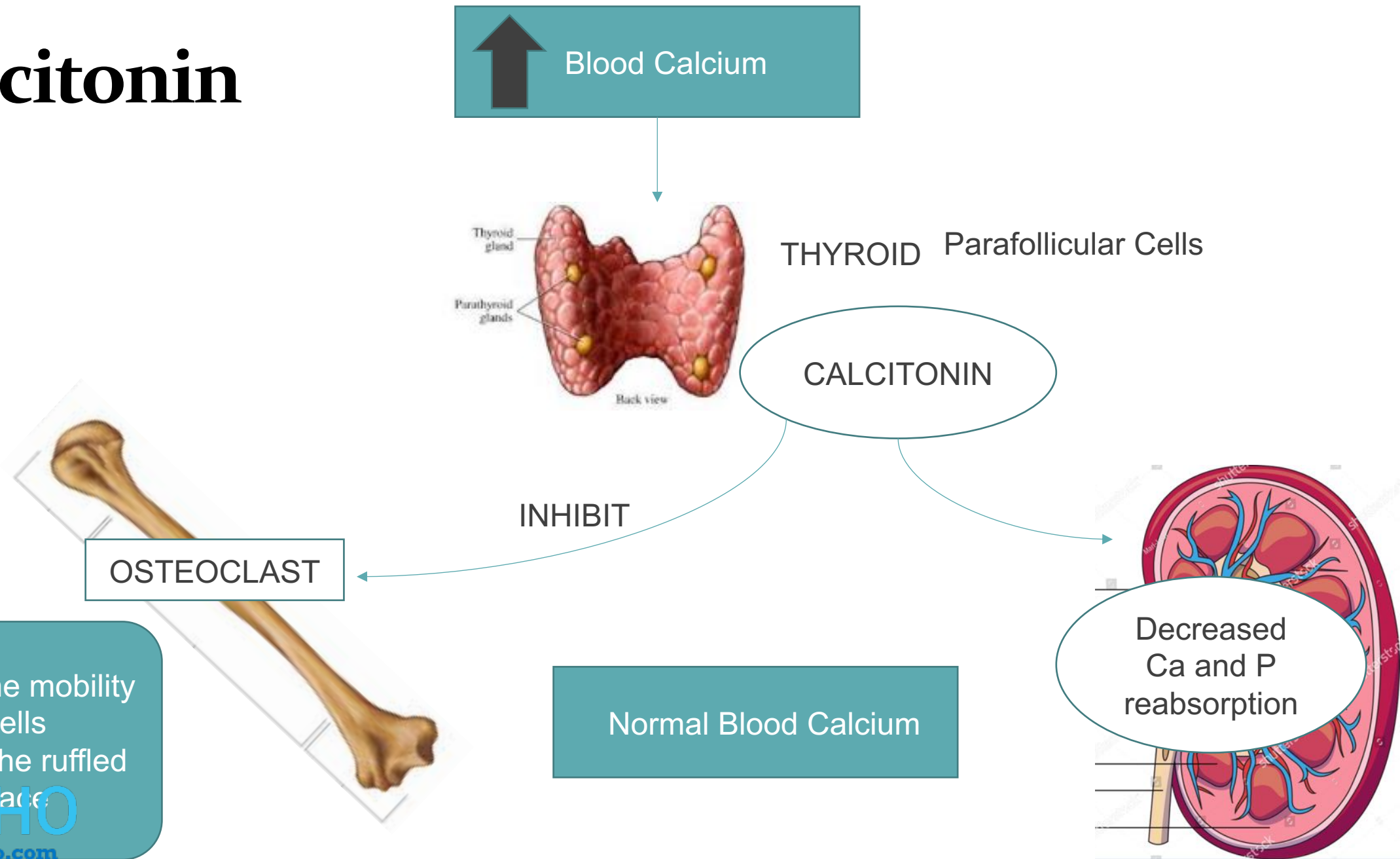
Proximal
epiphysis

Diaphysis

Distal
epiphysis



Calcitonin

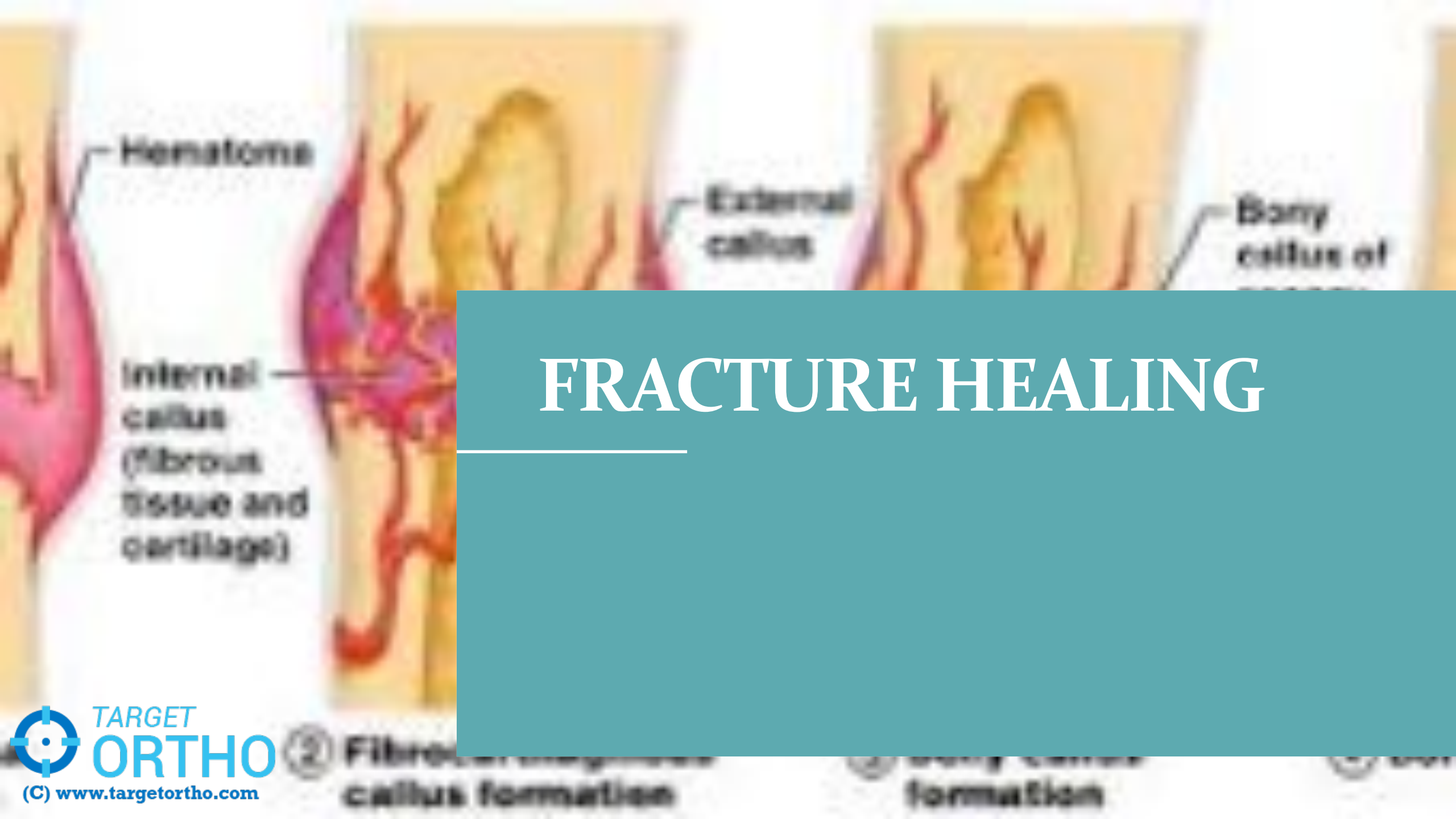


Bones grow both in length and breadth and gain strength as they begin to ossify. The increase in WIDTH of the bone is what type of growth?

- A. Enchondral growth
- B. Appositional growth
- C. Longitudinal growth
- D. Concentric growth

Growth

Type of Ossification	Mechanism	Examples of Normal Mechanisms	Examples of Diseases with Abnormal Ossification
Endochondral	Bone replaces a cartilage model Epiphysis	Embryonic formation of long bones Longitudinal growth (physis) Fracture callus Bone formed with the use of demineralized bone matrix	Achondroplasia
Intramembranous	Aggregates of undifferentiated mesenchymal cells differentiate into osteoblasts, which form bone	Embryonic flat bone formation Bone formation during distraction osteogenesis Blastema bone	Cleidocranial dysostosis
Appositional	Osteoblasts lay down new bone on existing bone Endosteum, periosteum	Periosteal bone enlargement (width) The bone formation phase of bone remodeling	Paget disease of bone Infantile hyperostosis (Caffey disease) Melorheostosis



FRACTURE HEALING

'Fracture' Healing is like sex:

- It's natural
- Needs two parts
- ... and a bit of movement

Alfred Brulow Agley
(1864-1909)





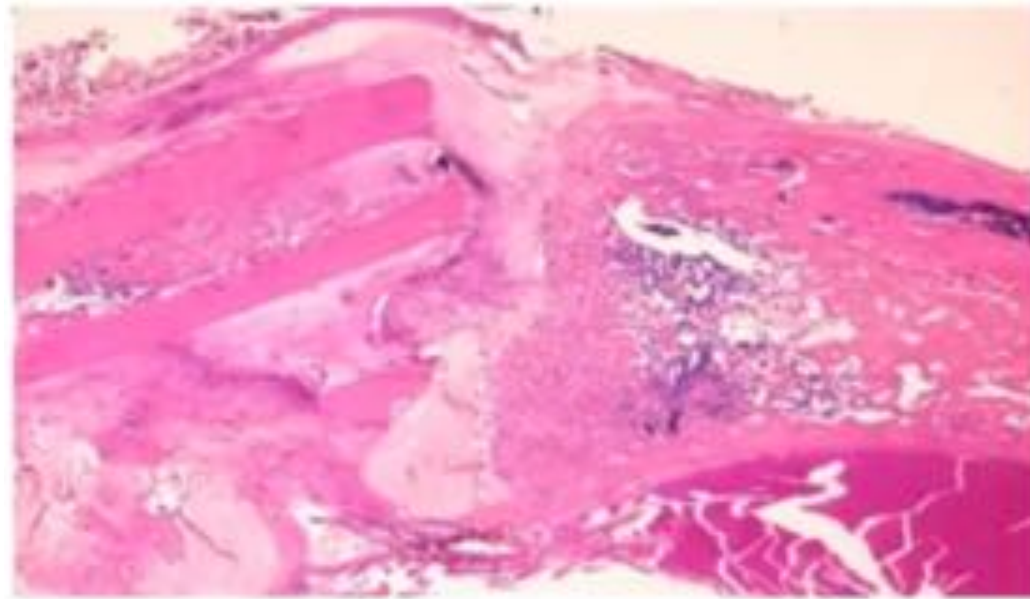
**BONES HEAL
THEMSELVES !**

BONE HEALING !



WHAT DOES NATURE DO WITH A BROKEN BONE ?

IT HEALS BY CALLUS FORMATION



IF THERE IS MOTION BETWEEN THE FRAGMENTS

MECHANO BIOLOGY OF FRACTURE HEALING

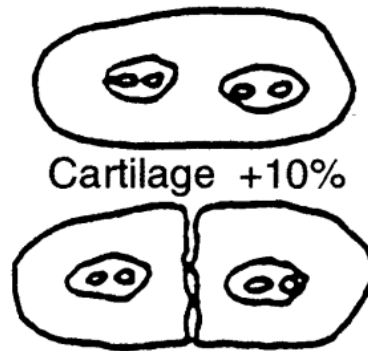
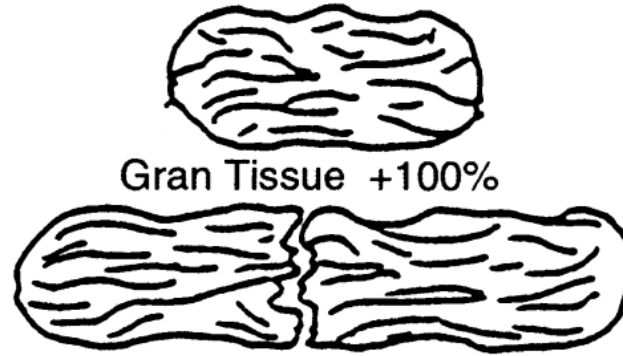
- Strain - deformation of a material under load
- Change in length(Δl) in comparison to original length(l)
- Strain is inductor of callus formation
- Bony bridging occurs if local strain < than the woven bone can tolerate



PERREN STRAIN THEORY

DEPENDS ON
MECHANICAL &
CHEMICAL
ENVIRONMENT

ELONGATION



STRAIN < 2%	PRIMARY BONE HEALING
STRAIN 2-10 %	SECONDARY BONE HEALING - CALLUS
STRAIN > 17%	FIBROUS UNION
STRAIN UPTO 100%	GRANULATION TISSUE

WHICH TYPE OF FRACTURE HEALING OCCURS IN COMPRESSION PLATING ?

A) PRIMARY

B) SECONDARY

C) MIXED

D) INDIRECT HEALING

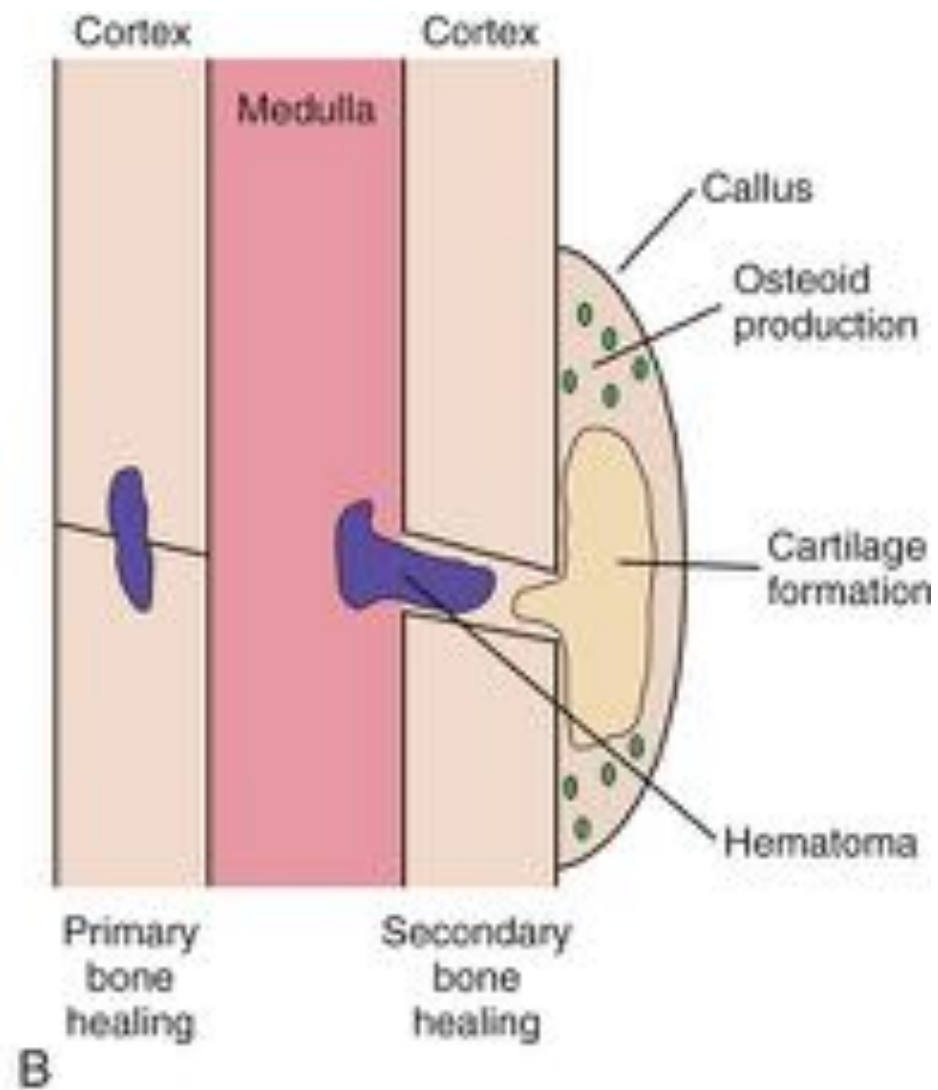
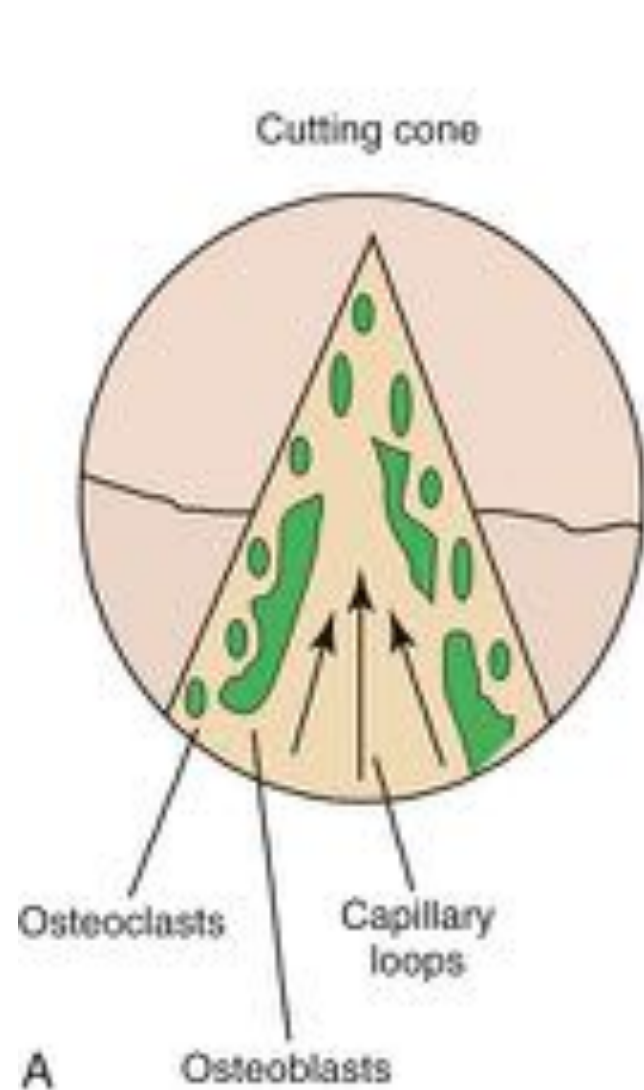
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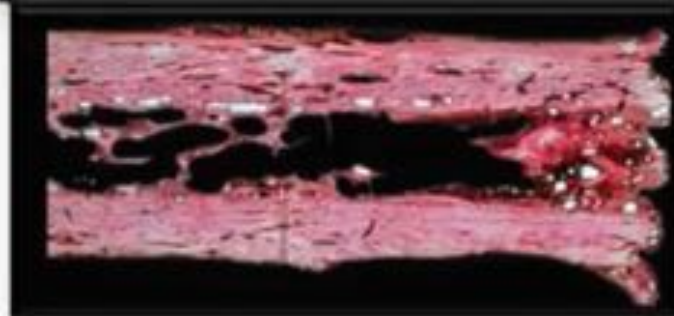
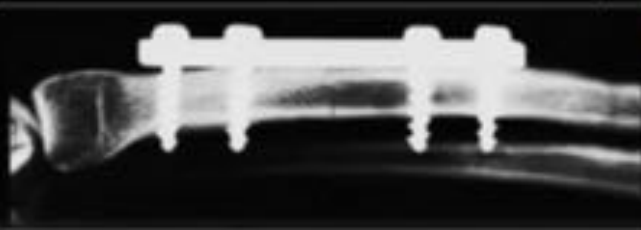
D) CONTACT HEALING



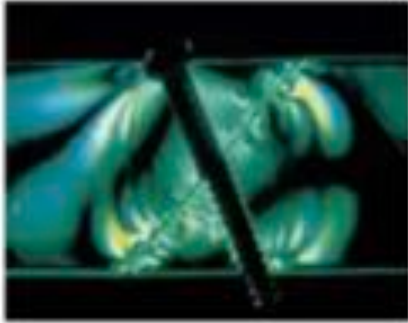
DIRECT BONE HEALING



Schenk and
Willenegger
1958



DIRECT / PRIMARY BONE HEALING



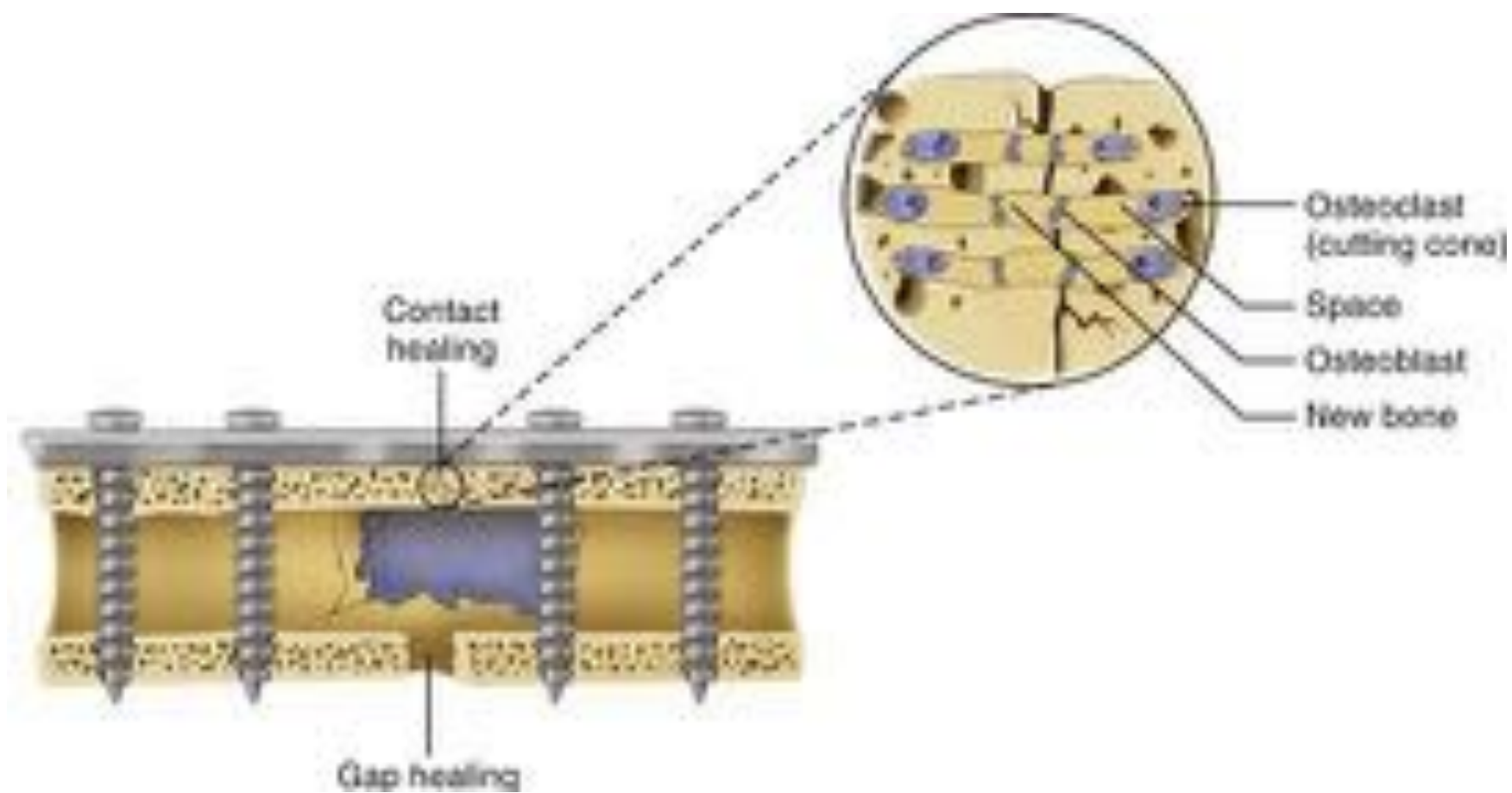
Perfect Anatomical Reduction
+
Interfragmentary Compression



RIGID STABILITY



No stimulus for (peri)osteal
callus formation



DIRECT / PRIMARY BONE HEALING

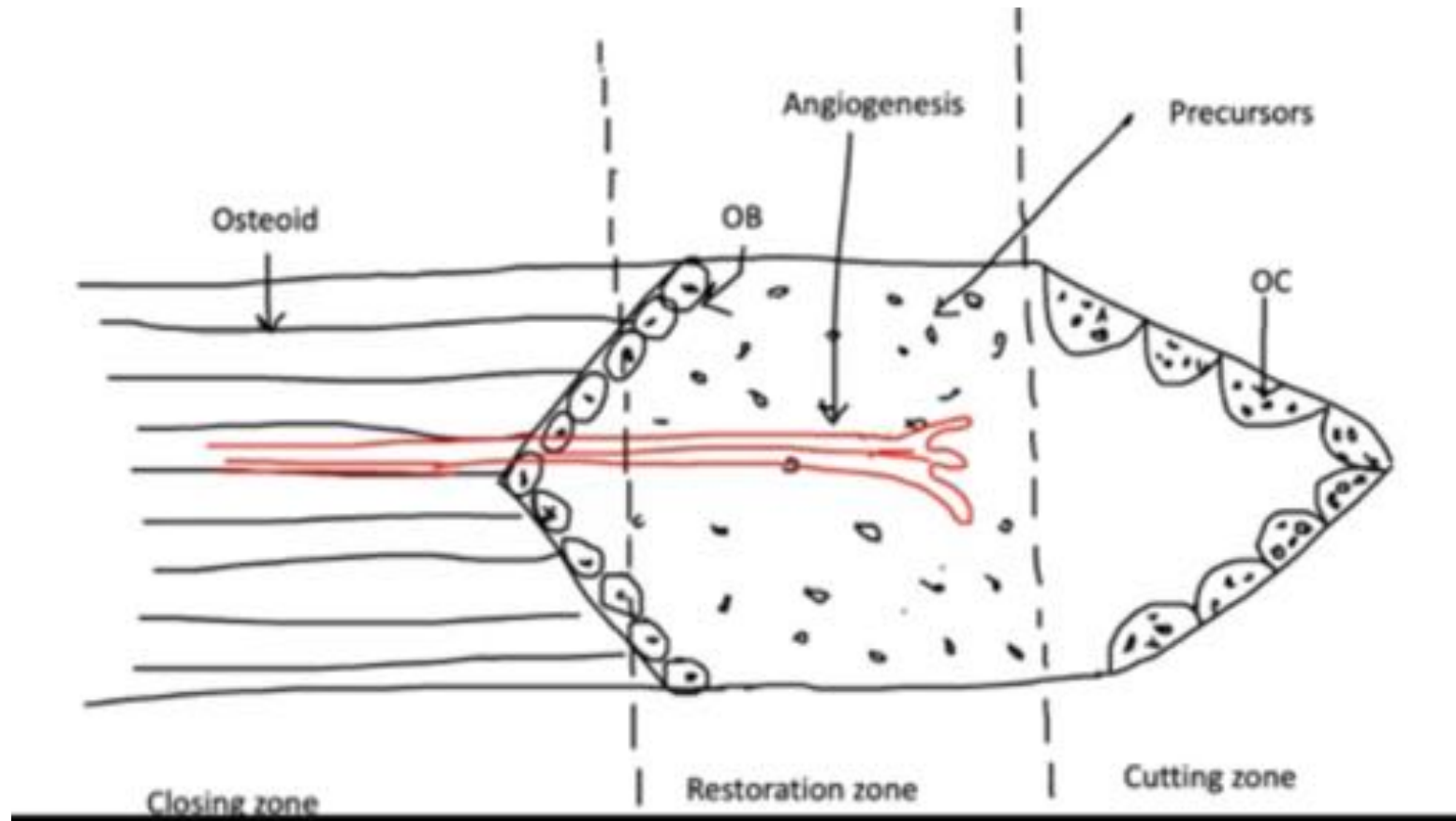
- LESS COMMON MODE OF HEALING
- IT IS A DIRECT ATTEMPT OF BONE TO RESTORE ITS CONTINUITY WITHOUT FORMING FRACTURE CALLUS

EG

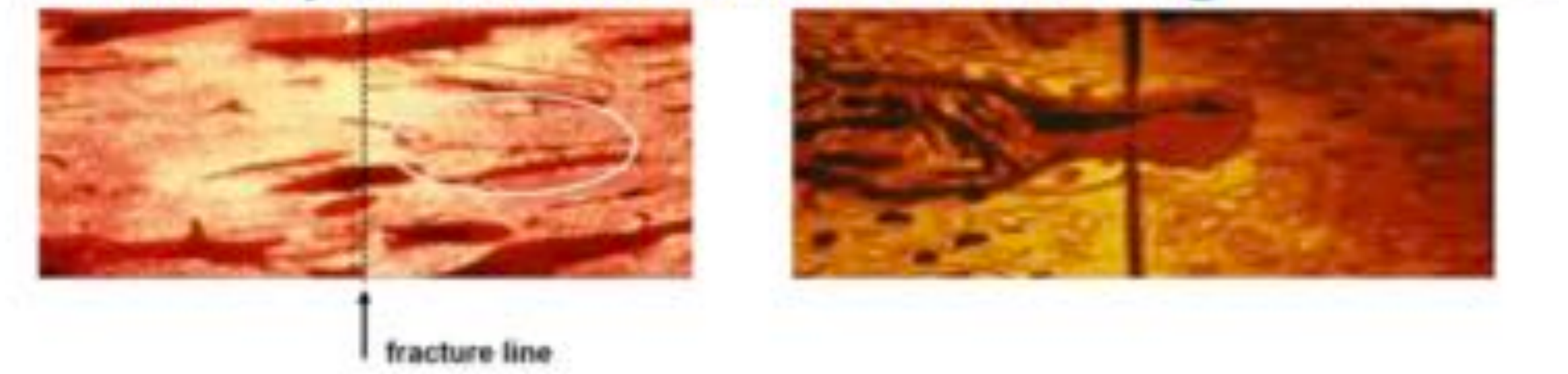
RIGID INTERNAL FIXATION OF FRACTURE (COMPRESSION PLATE)

UNICORTICAL FRACTURE (GREENSTICK FRACTURE)

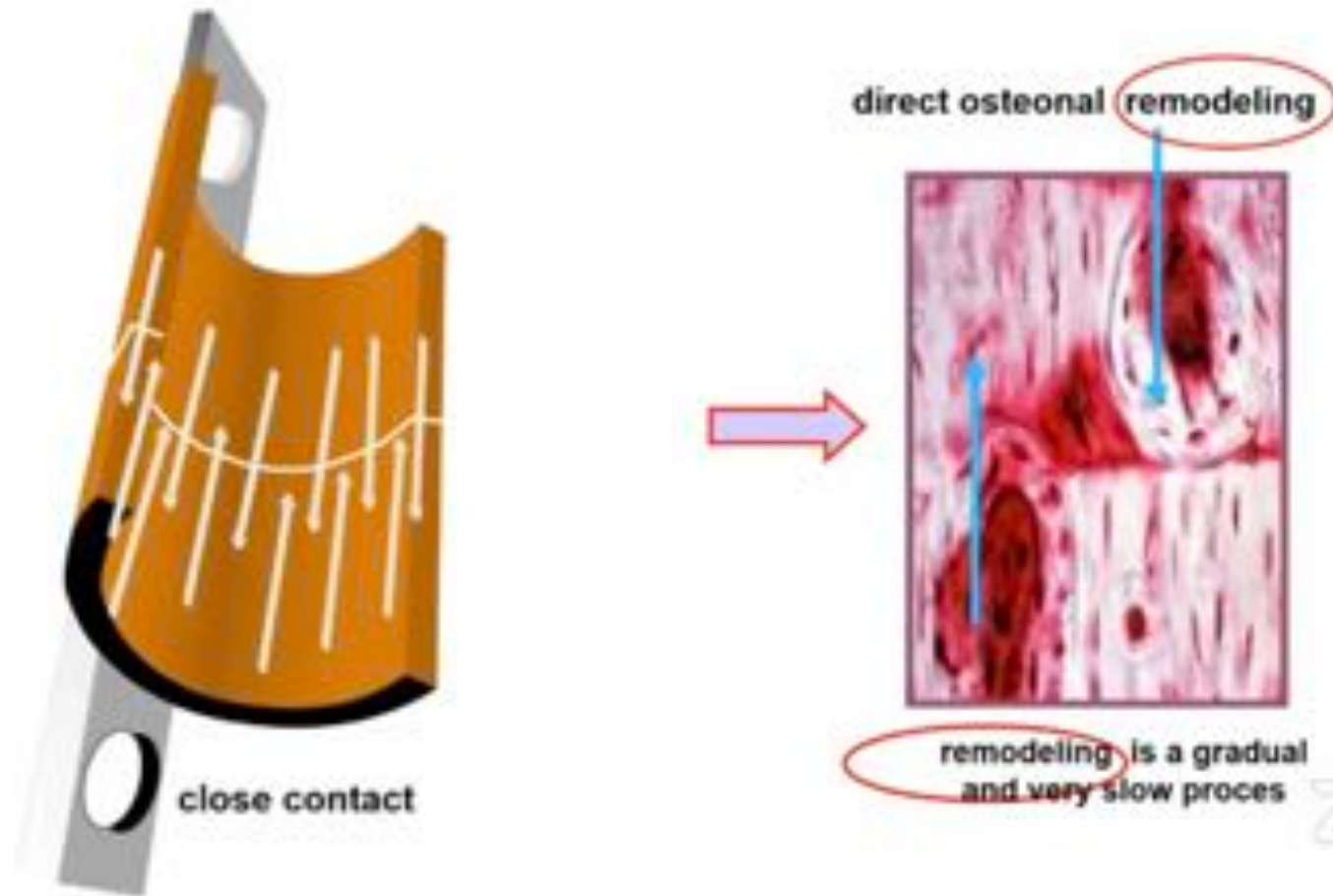
CUTTING CONES



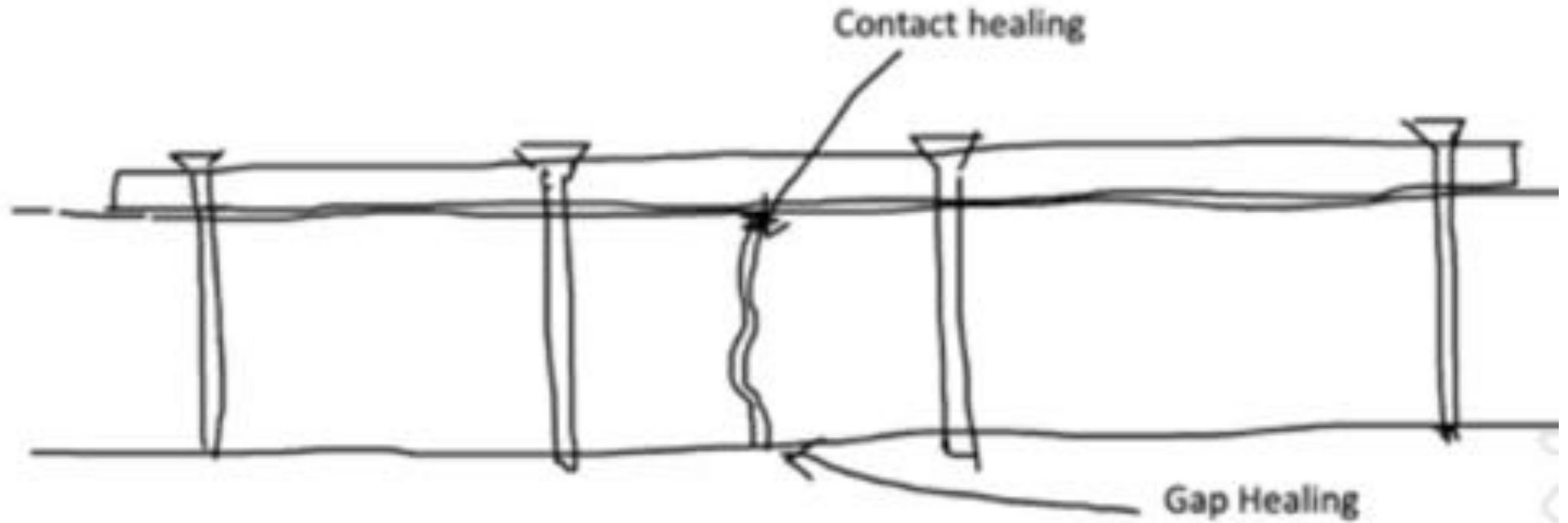
PRIMARY BONE HEALING



COMPRESSION PLATING



TWO TYPES



GAP HEALING

- OCCURS WHEN THERE IS MINIMAL GAP IN BETWEEN RIGIDLYFIXED FRACTURE ENDS
- WOVEN BONE IS INITIALLY FORMED IN TRANSVERSE ORIENTATION BETWEEN FRACTURE GAPS
- LATER REPLACED BY LAMELLAR BONE

CONTACT HEALING

- SEEN WHEN FRACTURE ENDS ARE CLOSELY APPROXIMATED TO EACH OTHER WITHOUT ANY GAP
- CUTTING CONES ARE RESPONSIBLE

WHICH TYPE OF FRACTURE HEALING OCCURS IN COMPRESSION PLATING ?

A) PRIMARY

B) SECONDARY

C) MIXED

D) INDIRECT HEALING

Anatomic reduction and rigid fixation required in



ARTICULAR
FRACTURE



FOREARM
FRACTURE

SECONDARY FRACTURE HEALING

- MORE COMMON METHOD OF FRACTURE HEALING
- SEEN IN ABSENCE OF RIGID FIXATION

EG

CAST IMMOBILIZATION

INTRAMEDULLARY NAILING

BRIDGE PLATING FOR COMMUNUTED METAPHYSEAL FRACTURES

LOCKING PLATE

USED IN COMMINUTED FRACTURE ,
SEGMENTALLY DEFICIENT OR POROTIC BONE
WHERE BONE QUALITY IS POOR

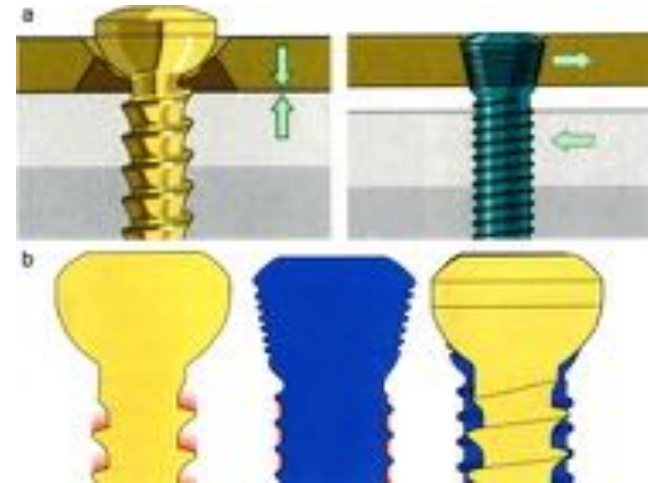


PLATE IS USED AS A **INTERNAL FIXATOR** WITH MULTIPLE ANCHOR POINTS

ANATOMIC REDUCTION IS NOT REQUIRED AS **FIXED ANGLE CONSTRUCT** CONVERTS
AXIAL LOAD TO COMPRESSIVE FORCE ACROSS FRACTURE SITE MINIMISING GAP LENGTH
AND STRAIN

2-10% - SECONDARY HEALING

WHICH TYPE OF FRACTURE HEALING OCCURS IN LOCKED COMPRESSION PLATING ?

A) PRIMARY

B) SECONDARY

C) MIXED

D) CONTACT HEALING

PRIMARY BONE HEALING	SECONDARY BONE HEALING
NEEDS ABSOLUTE STABILITY WITH ANATOMICAL REDUCTION	RELATIVE STABILITY
FRACTURE GAP STRAIN < 2%	STRAIN > 2-10%
HEALING BY CUTTING CONES	
NO CALLUS FORMATION	CALLUS FORMATION – ENCHONDRAL BONE FORMATION
NO REMODELLING	REMODELLING
X-RAY – CAN'T SEE CALLUS	X-RAY – CAN SEE HEALING

TRUE REGARDING FRACTURE HEALING

Rigid internal compression fixation, which minimizes strain, will lead to healing by cutting cones

Cortical bone can tolerate up to 10% strain

Lamellar bone can tolerate up to 2 % strain

Contact healing is seen in locked compression plating

TRUE REGARDING FRACTURE HEALING

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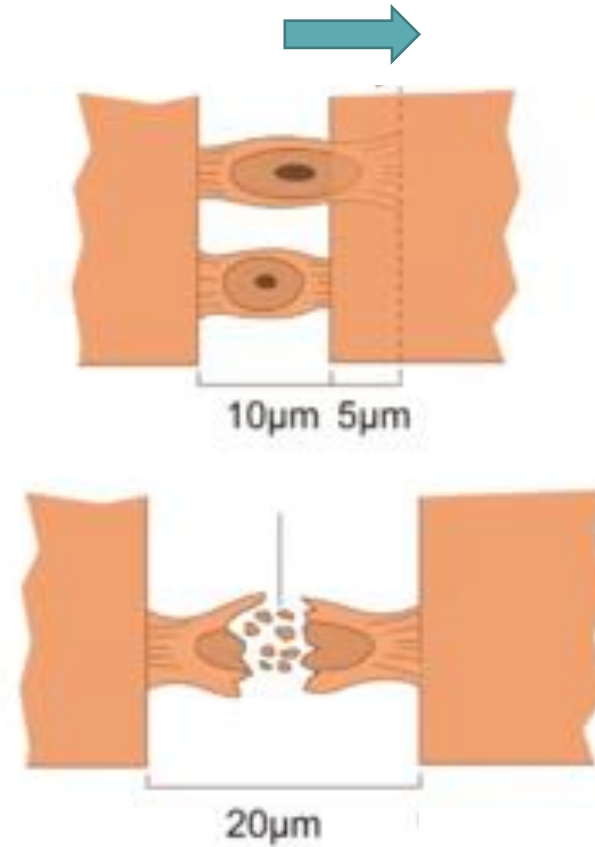
Cortical bone can tolerate up to 2% strain

Lamellar bone can tolerate up to 10% strain

Secondary healing is seen in locked compression plating

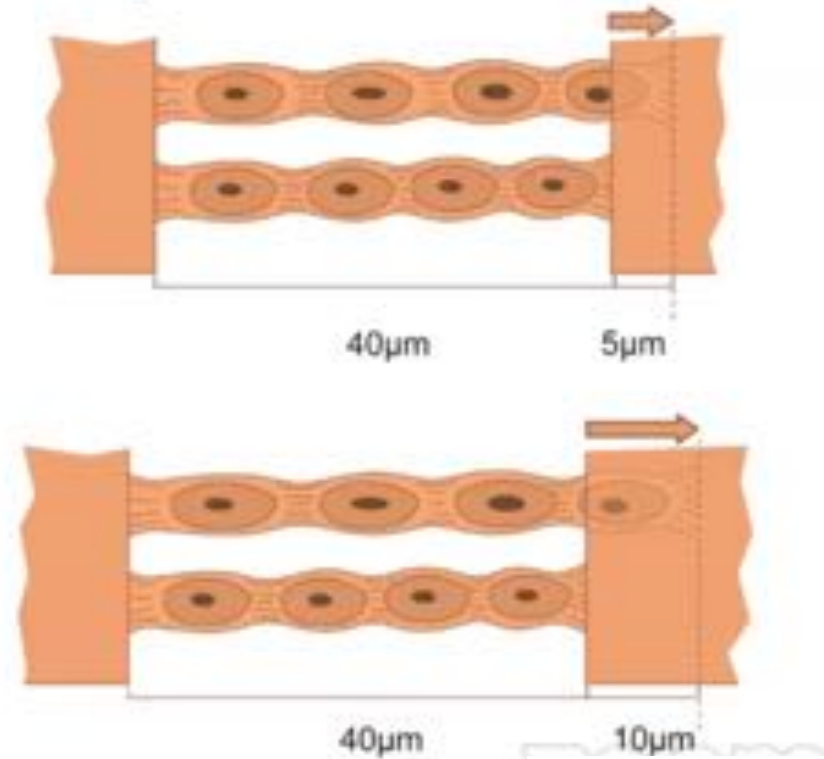
HIGH STRAIN IN SMALL GAP

- In a minute gap with only few bridging cells
- If motion exceeds strain tolerance of the tissue
- Cell structure is destroyed

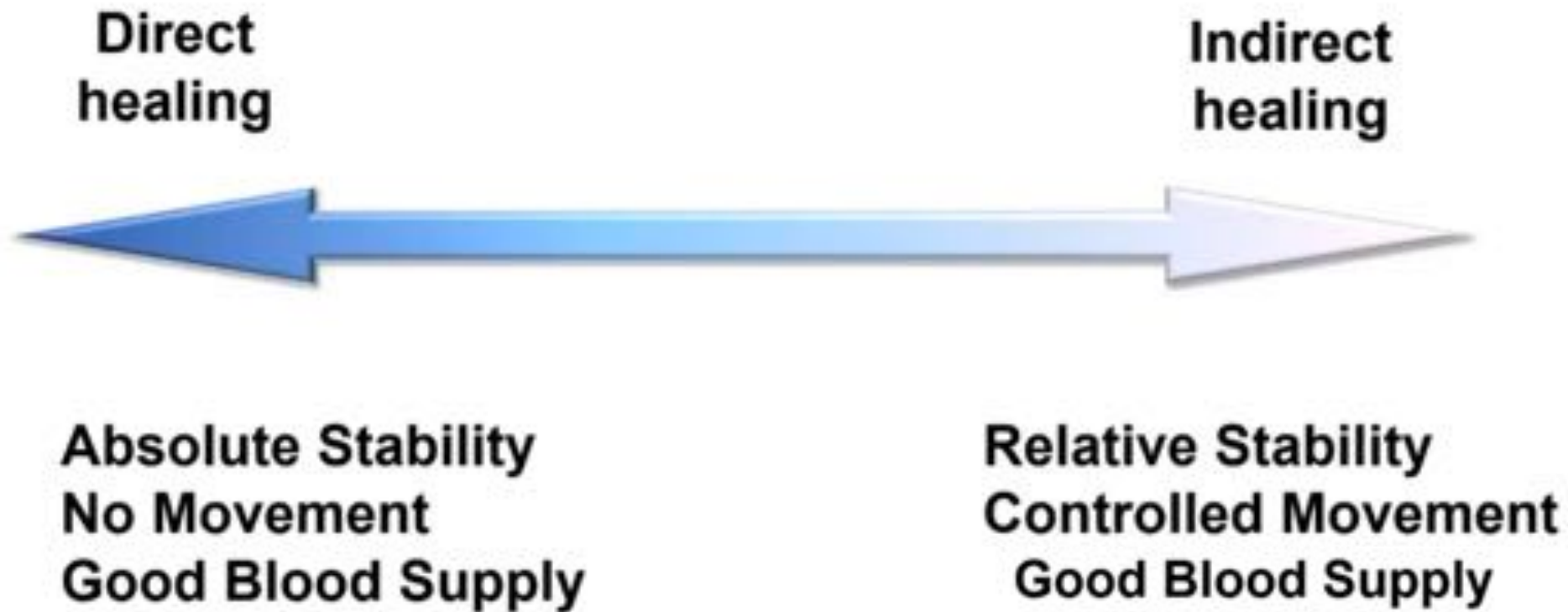


LOW STRAIN IN LARGE GAPS

- If the gap is wider
- Strain is shared by many more bridging soft tissue
- Fragment motion does not cause intolerable strain



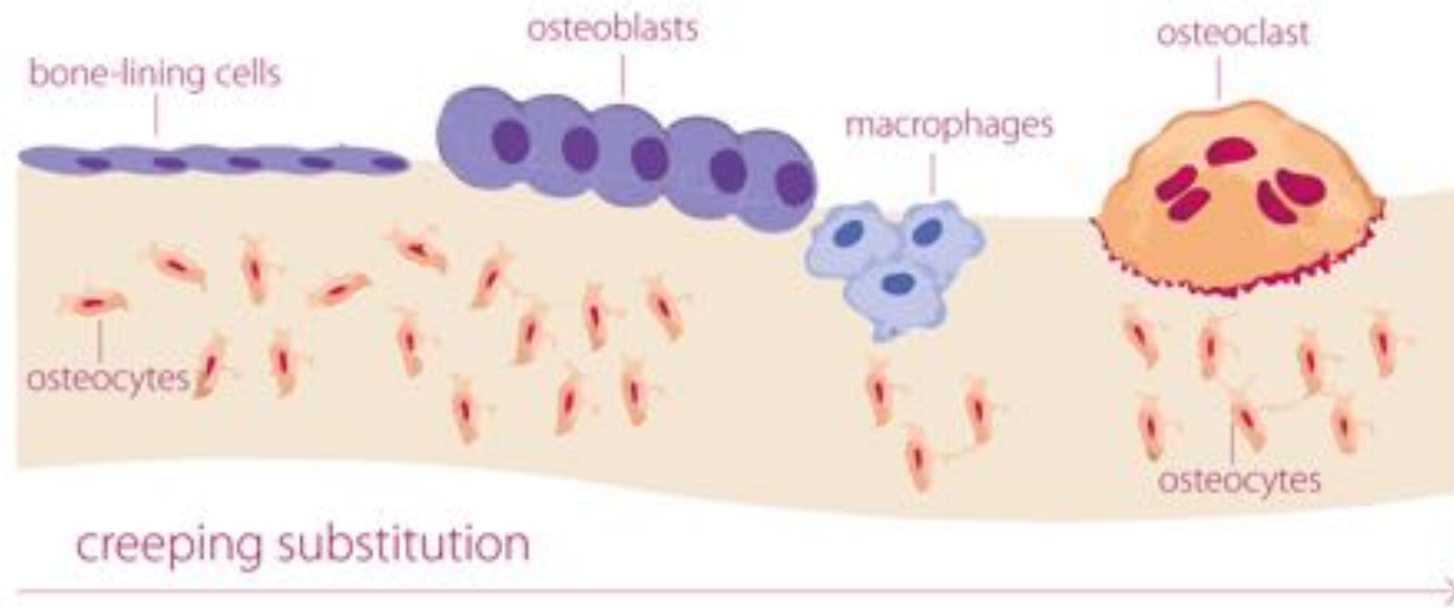
SUMMARY OF HEALING



CANCELLOUS BONE HEALING

- HEALS WITH LITTLE TO NO CALLUS FORMATION AS LONG AS THE BONE ENDS ARE CLOSE TOGETHER
- DIRECT OSTEOBLASTIC ACTIVITY – **CREEPING SUBSTITUTION**
- IF FRACTURE ENDS ARENT CLOSE TOGETHER, THE BONE WILL HEAL WITH CALLUS FORMATION AS A HEMATOMA WILL FILL IN THE GAP BETWEEN THE BONY ENDS

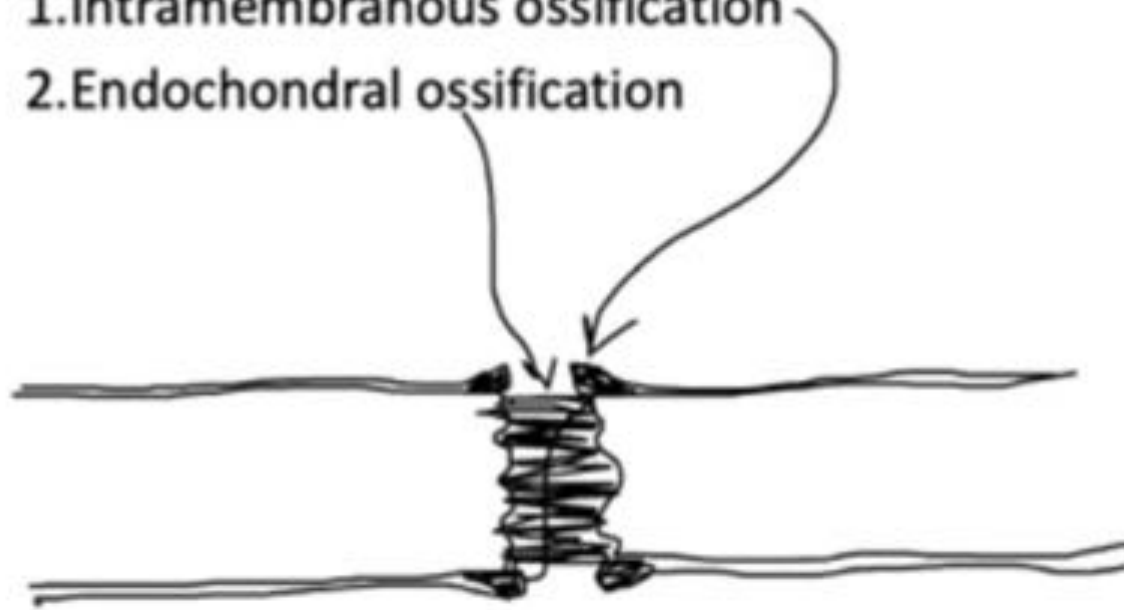
CREEPING SUBSTITUTION



FRACTURE HEALING

- 2 discrete process

1. Intramembranous ossification
2. Endochondral ossification

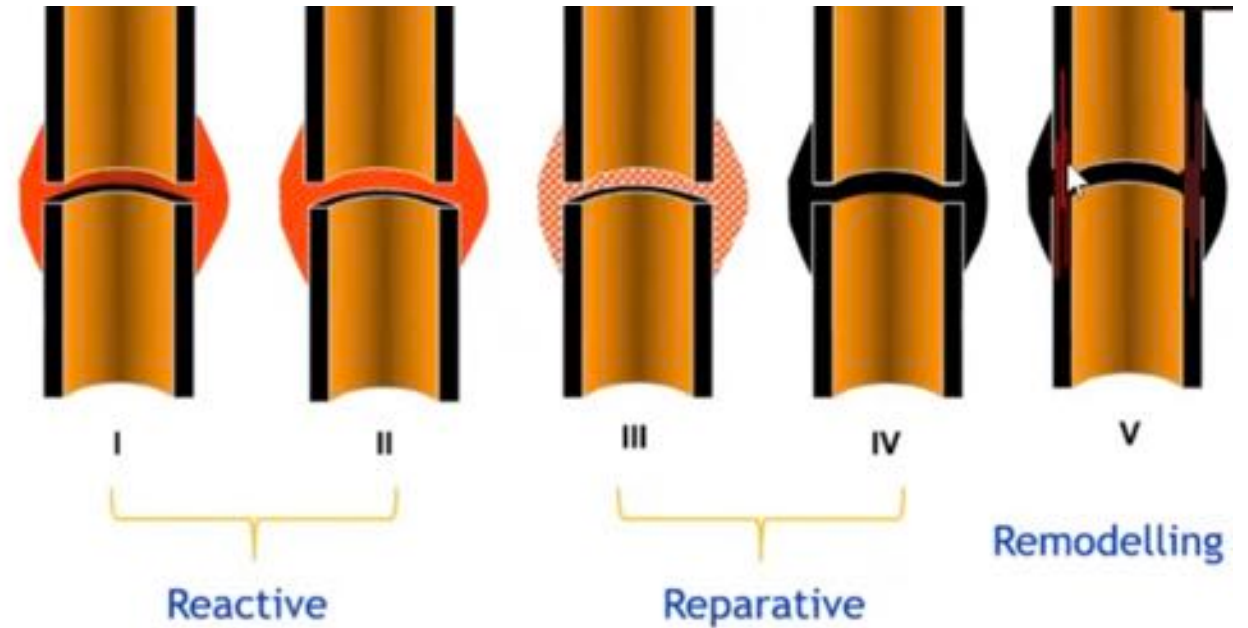


STAGES OF NATURAL BONE HEALING

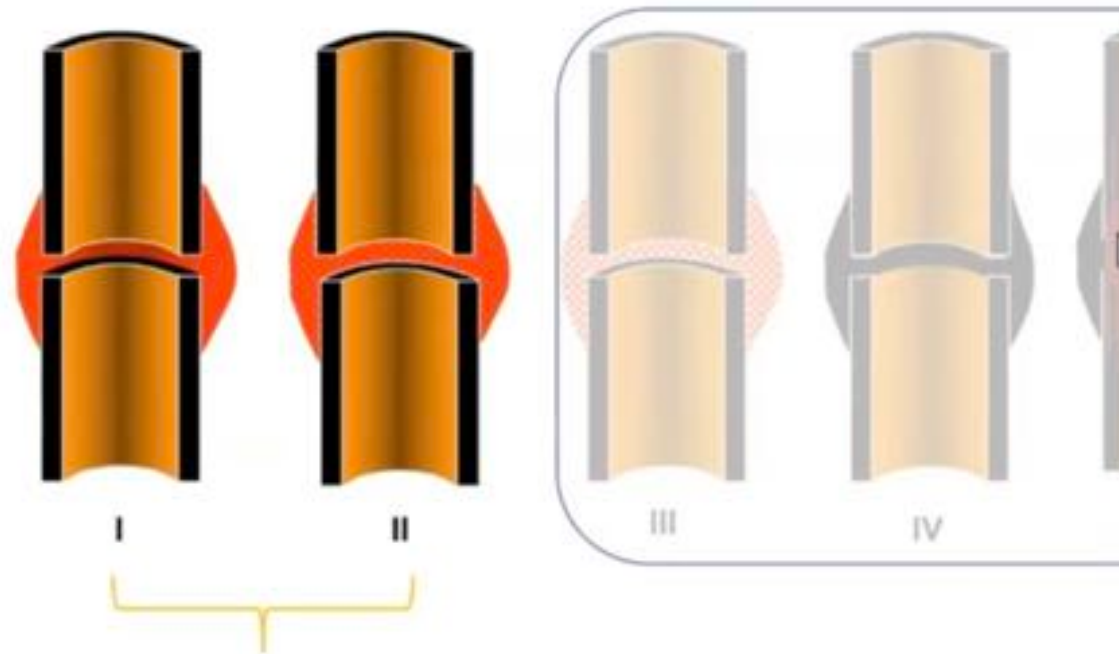
1. REACTIVE STAGE

2. REPARATIVE STAGE

3. REMODELLING STAGE



REACTIVE STAGE



Reactive

I. Haematoma Formation

II. Inflammation

BLOOD CLOT FORMATION / HEMATOMA FORMATION



PLATELET AGGREGATION + CLOT FORMATION



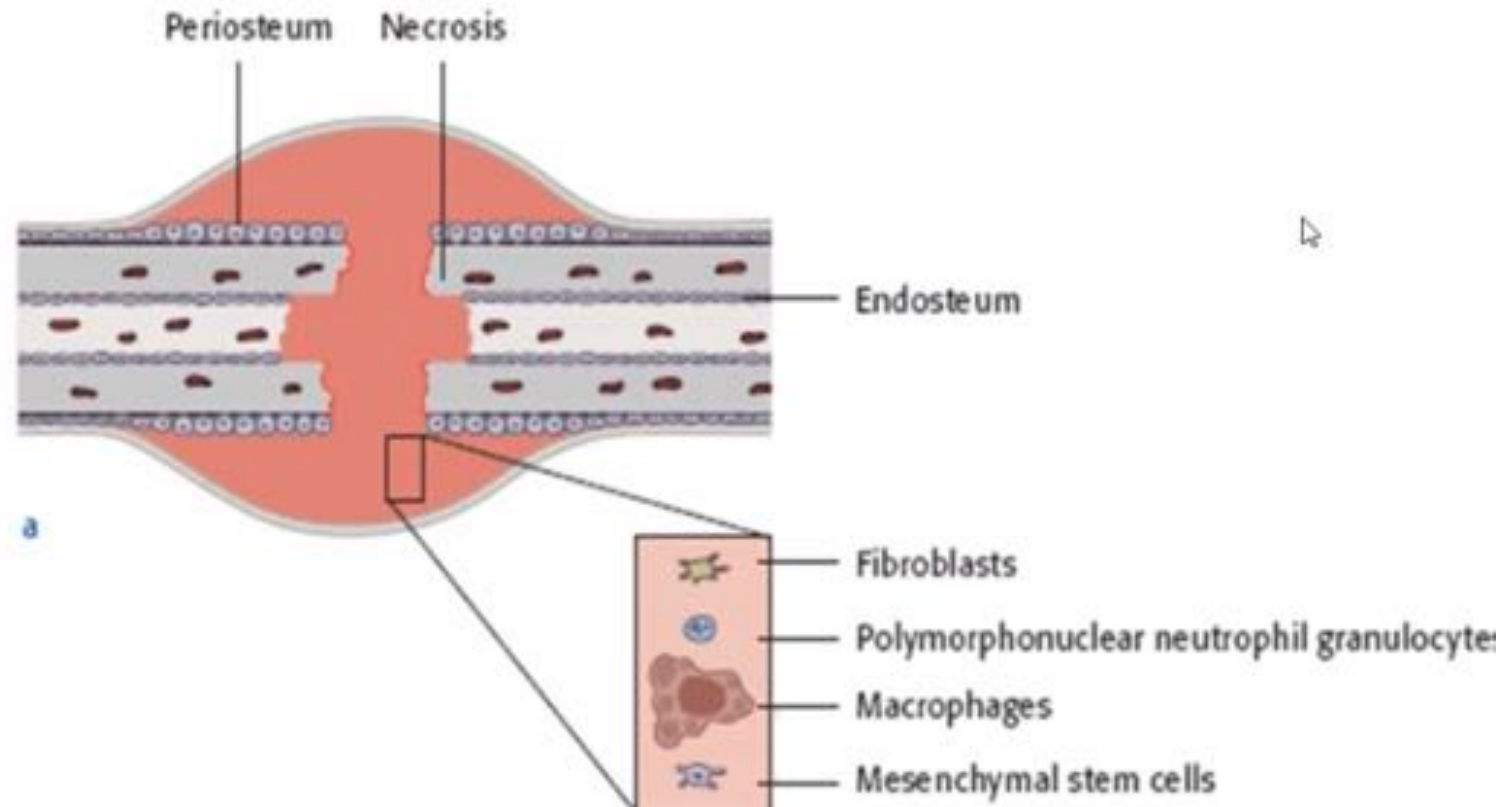
PDGF



Activate clotting cascade + Complement cascade

STEP WISE AMPLIFICATION

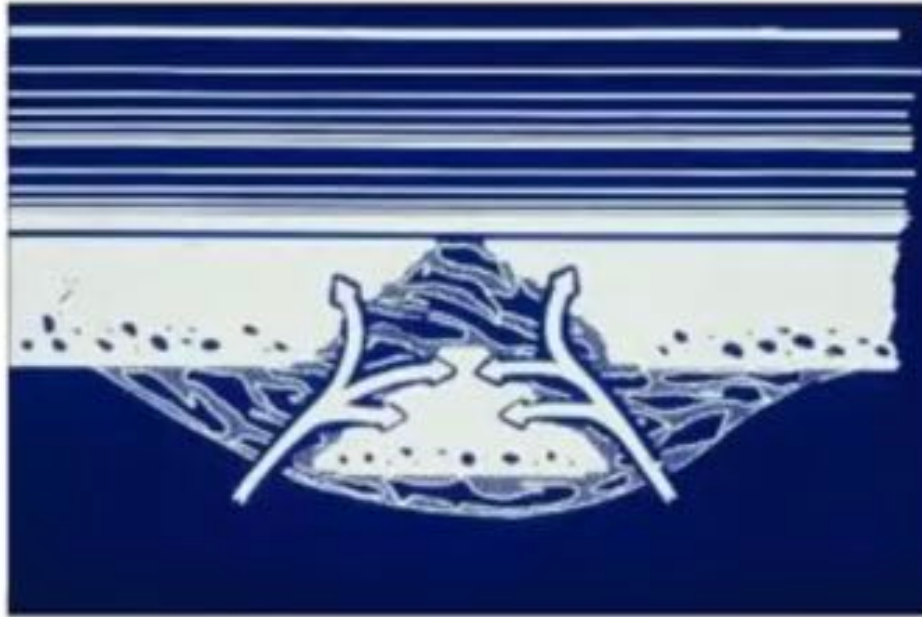
INFLAMMATION



INFLAMMATION

- CHEMOTACTIC – NEUTROPHIL FOLLOWED BY MACROPHAGE
- ANGIOGENIC
- OSTEO-INDUCTIVE





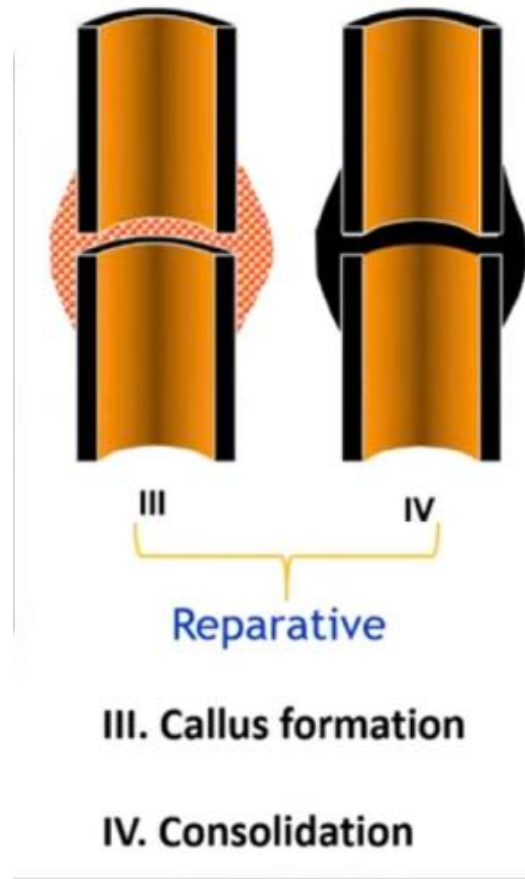
Acute inflammatory reaction

Ingrowth of
blood vessels



Pluripotent
Mesenchymal stem
cells appear

REPARATIVE PHASE



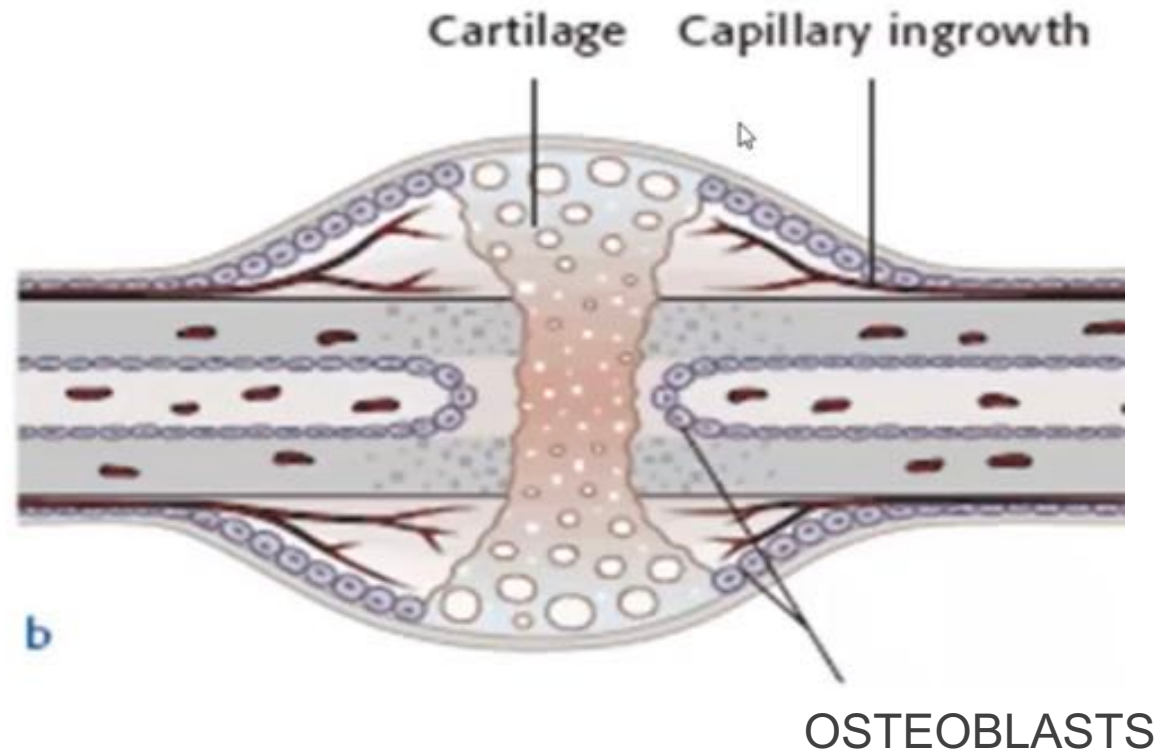
REPAIR PHASE

SOFT CALLUS  HARD CALLUS

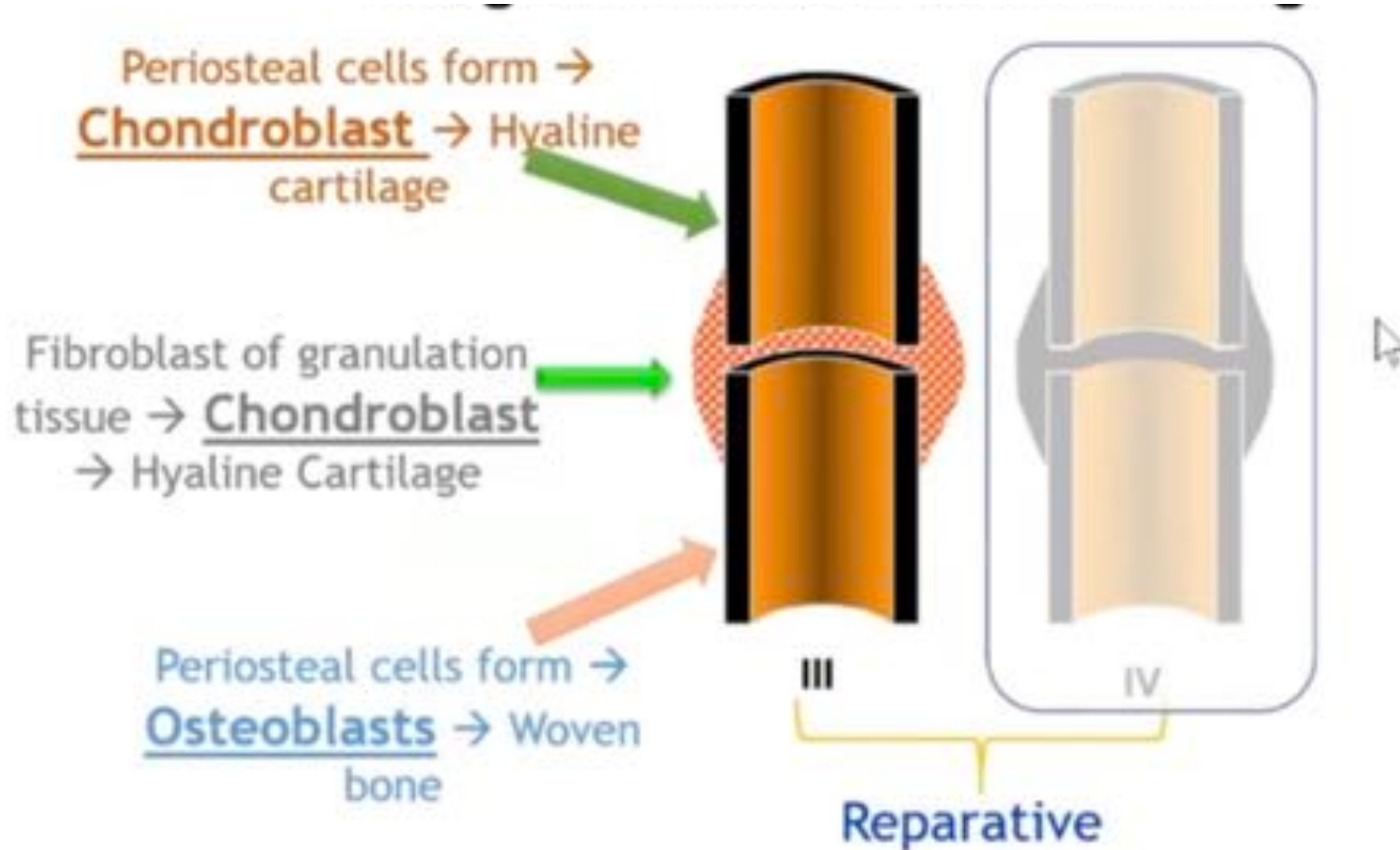


DEPENDS ON **PERREN'S STRAIN THEORY**

SOFT CALLUS

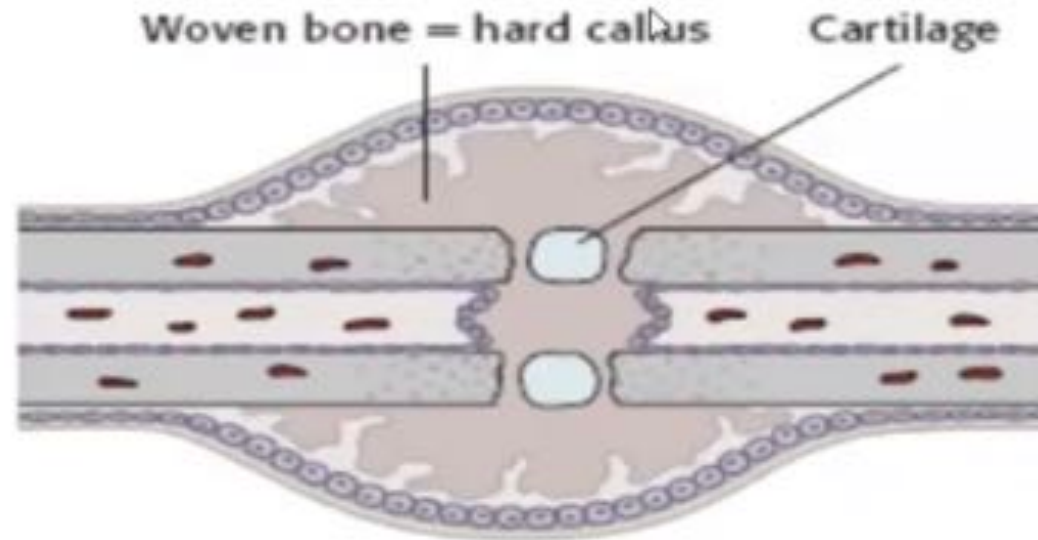


CALLUS FORMATION

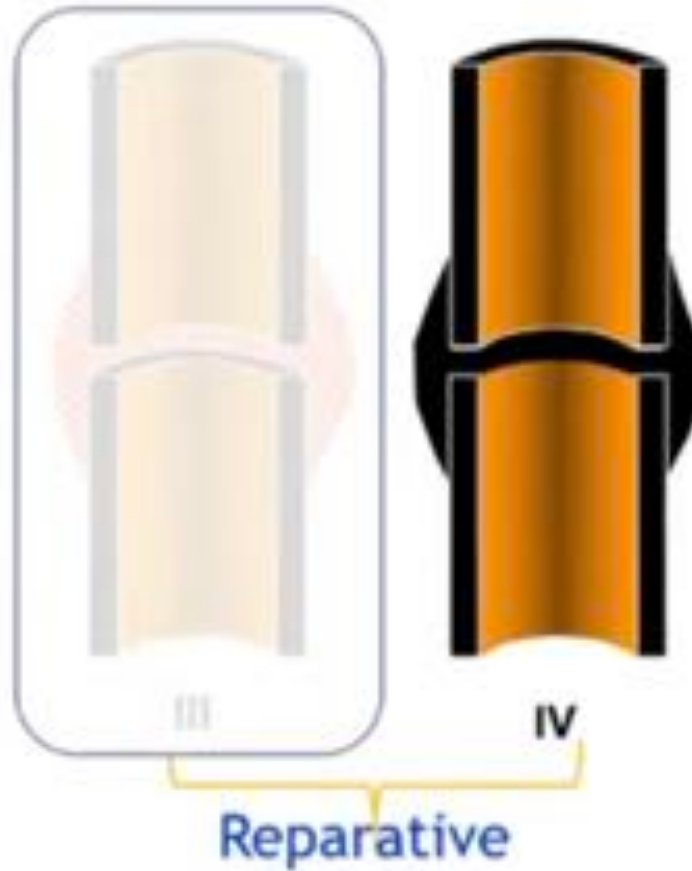
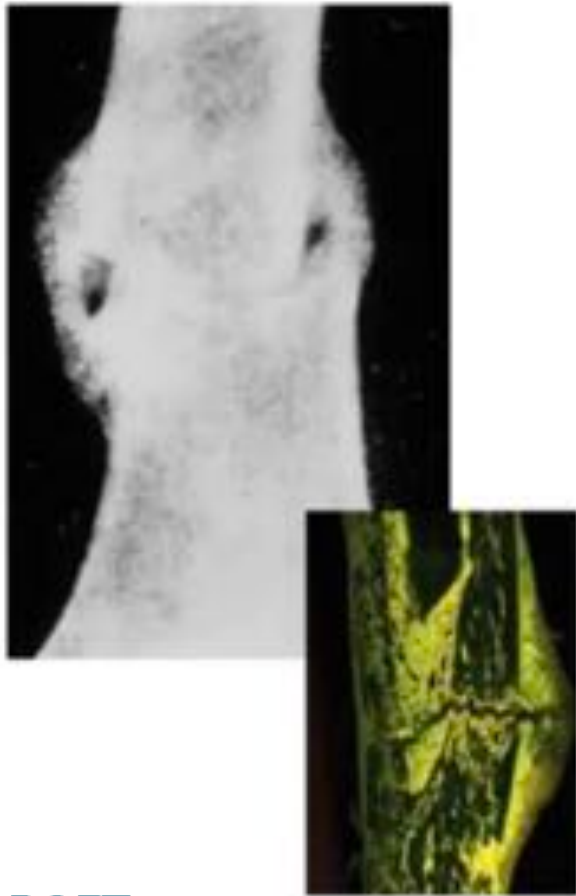


Hard Callus Formation

Intramembranous and endochondral ossification



CONSOLIDATION



- RESORPTION OF BONE ENDS
- FRACTURE LINE VAGUE
- BRIDGING CALLUS

**CONSOLIDATION – SOFT CALLUS
CONVERTED TO RIGID CALCIFIED
TISSUE BY ENCHONDRAL
OSSIFICATION**

REMODELLING



TRABECULAR BONE → COMPACT BONE

Osteoclastic resorption and osteoblastic new bone formation

REMODELLING PHASE

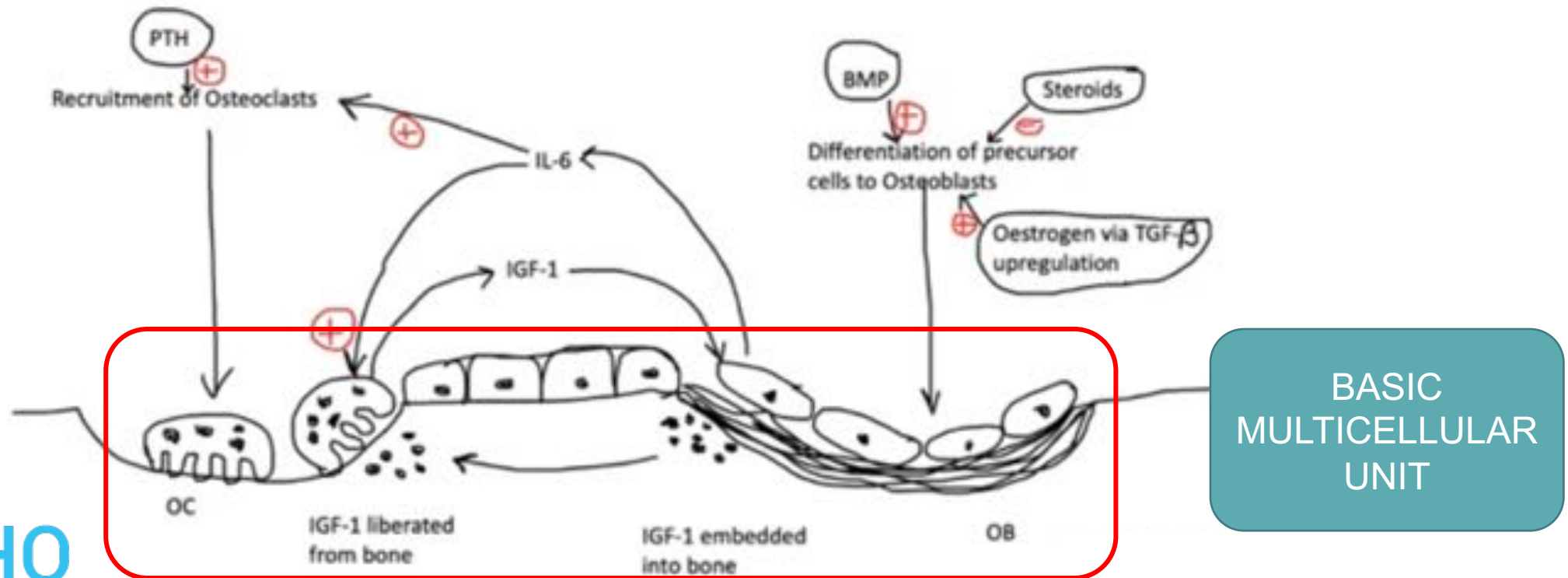
- OVER YEARS
- IT OBEYS **WOLFFS LAW**, BALANCE BETWEEN ANABOLIC AND CATABOLIC PHASE
- REMODEL ALONG THE STRESS LINES

WOLFF'S LAW

- BONE ASSUMES CONFIGURATION AND SHAPE BASED ON STRESSES ACTING ON IT
- OSTEOCLASTIC ACTIVITY BEING PREDOMINANT ON ELECTROPOSITIVE TENSION SIDE
- OSTEOBLASTIC ACTIVITY ON ELECTRONEGATIVE COMPRESSION SIDE

BONE REMODELLING ALWAYS HAPPENS IN THE BONE

ALL BONES PARTICIPATE IN REMODELLING
BONE RESORPTION — BONE FORMATION
OSTEOCLAST OSTEOBLAST



WHY REMODELLING ?

ALLOWS SKELETON TO

- RESPOND TO MECHANICAL LOADING (WOLFFS LAW)
- REPAIR AND PREVENT MICRO DAMAGE (WEAR AND TEAR)
- RELEASE GROWTH FACTORS AND MINERALS (Ca,Ph)

FACTORS AFFECTING BONE HEALING

- LOCAL FACTORS

Degree of soft tissue trauma

Open fracture

Infection

NV injury

Degree of bone loss

Degree of immobilization

Tumor

Site of bone/ type of bone

- SYSTEMIC FACTORS

Smoking

DM

Age

Nutrition level

Drugs

Hormones

Head injury

