
PATHOLOGY OF THE JAW (MANDIBLE)

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LECTURE OUTLINE

Hereditary bone lesions

Bone lesions of metabolic origin

Bone lesions of unknown etiology

Inflammatory (Infectious) bone diseases

Neoplastic lesions of the jaw

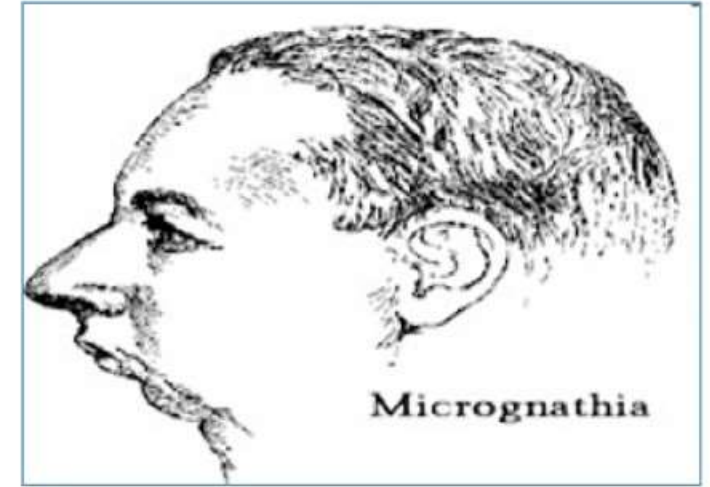
Cystic lesions of the jaw and oral cavity region



HEREDITARY BONE LESIONS



MICROGNATHIA / RETROGNATHISM



Retrognathism:

A type of malocclusion which refers to an abnormal posterior positioning of the maxilla or mandible, particularly the mandible, relative to the facial skeleton and soft tissues.

- *Micrognathia* (undersized jaw)
- Rarely maxillary anteroposition or hyperplasia

Micrognathia

- Potentially life-threatening condition in neonates (airway obstruction!)
- Frequent spontaneous correction in puberty



MICROGNATHIA

Can be part of different syndromes

Cri-du-chat syndrome (deletion in Chr 5)

Marfan-syndrome

Pierre-Robin syndrome

- (micrognathia, cleft palate, glossoptosis)
- can be part of other syndromes
- eating difficulty, difficulty of speech
- crowded teeth

Progeria

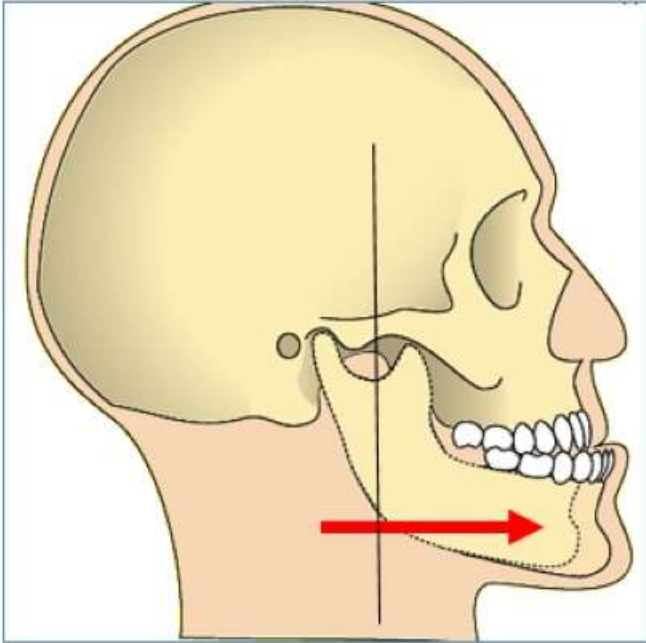
Edwards-syndrome (trisomy 18)

Patau-syndrome (trisomy 13)

Turner-syndrome



PROGNATHISM



Hereditary (AD)

- Spanish Habsburgs

May also be normal variant



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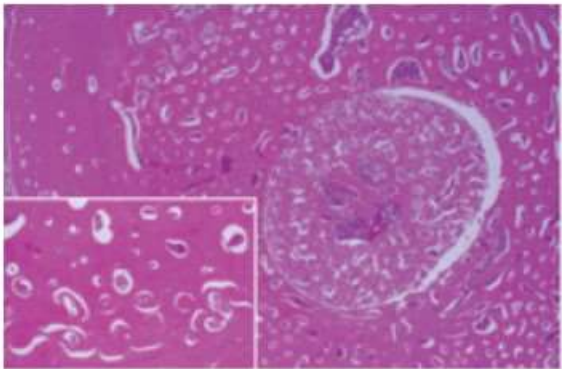
OSTEOGENESIS IMPERFECTA ("BRITTLE BONE DISEASE")



- Rare; AD inheritance; mutation in COL1A1 or COL1A2 genes
- Defective collagen synthesis
- Impaired bone matrix formation (osteogenesis)

- Growth retardation, Skeletal deformities
- Brittle bones, and recurrent fractures from minimal trauma
- Blue sclerae
- Progressive hearing loss; Brittle, opalescent teeth

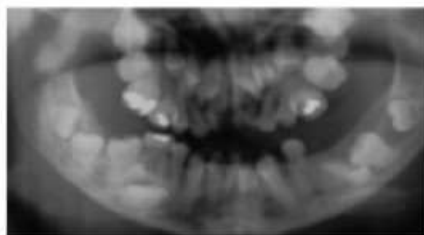
OSTEOPETROSIS (ALBERS-SCHÖNBERG DISEASE; MARBLE BONE DISEASE)



- Rare; AD, AR inheritance; mutation in different genes
- markedly increased bone density

- bone is dense but prone to pathologic fracture
- On dental radiographs, tooth roots often are difficult to visualize because of the density of the surrounding bone
- bone marrow failure, frequent fractures, cranial nerve compression, and growth impairment

CLEIDOCRANIAL DYSPLASIA (CLEIDOCRANIAL DYSOSTOSIS)

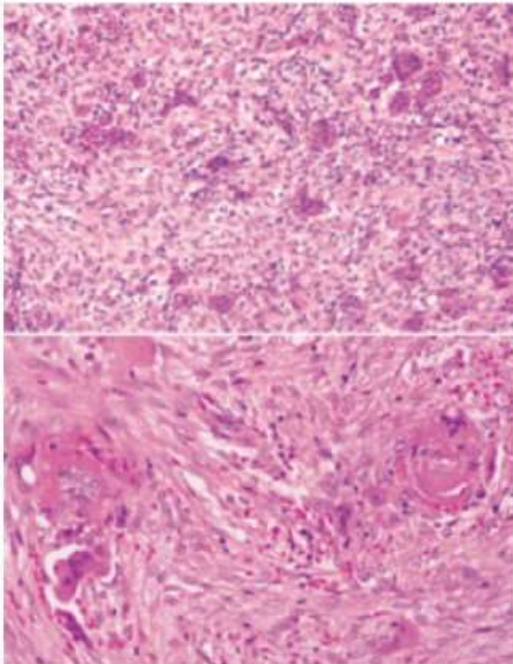


Multiple
unerupted
teeth

- mutation in RUNX2 gene (AD)
- dental and clavicular abnormalities
- clavicles typically are hypoplastic or discontinuous
- short stature, enlarged skull, brachycephaly, ocular hypertelorism

CHERUBISM

- Rare developmental jaw condition
 - Can be inherited as an AD trait with variable expressivity
 - Many cases appear to represent *de novo* mutations
 - Most are caused by gain-of-function mutations in *SH3BP2* gene
- clinical alterations typically progress until puberty, then stabilize and slowly regress
 - plump cheeks result from painless, bilaterally symmetric expansion of the posterior mandible



Scattered giant cells within a background of cellular, hemorrhagic mesenchymal tissue.



RAFFAELLO SANZIO

Angeli (particolare)

The name *cherubism* was applied to this condition because the facial appearance is similar to that of the plumpcheeked little angels (cherubs) depicted in Renaissance paintings.



no relationship to fibrous dysplasia of bone!



BONE LESIONS OF METABOLIC ORIGIN



ACROMEGALY



Etiology

- Benign GH-secreting pituitary adenoma (> 95% of cases)
- Very rare: neuroendocrine or hypothalamic tumors, paraneoplastic syndromes



- Teeth malpositioning
- Malocclusion

Skeletal effects

- Large skull, coarsened features:
- Enlarged nose, forehead, and jaw (macrognathia)
- Widened hands, fingers, and feet
- Painful arthropathy (ankles, knees, hips, spine)

BONE LESIONS OF METABOLIC ORIGIN

OSTEOPOROSIS

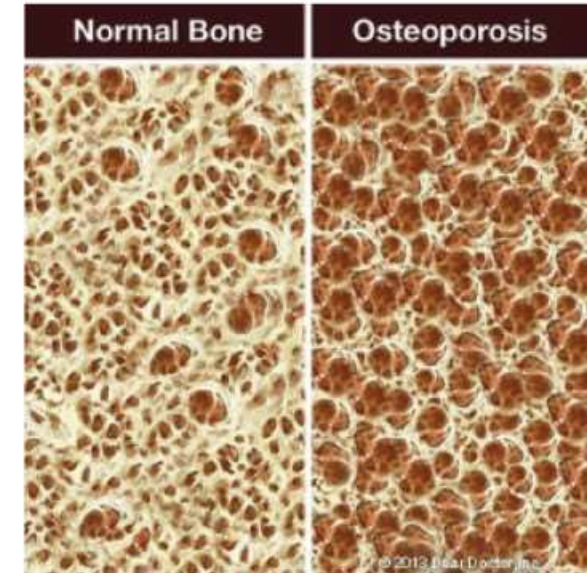
- insufficient bone strength with increased susceptibility to fractures

Primary osteoporosis (most common)

- Postmenopausal osteoporosis: Estrogen stimulates osteoblasts and inhibits osteoclasts. Increased bone resorption.
- Senile osteoporosis: gradual loss of bone mass as patients age (especially > 70 years)

Secondary osteoporosis:

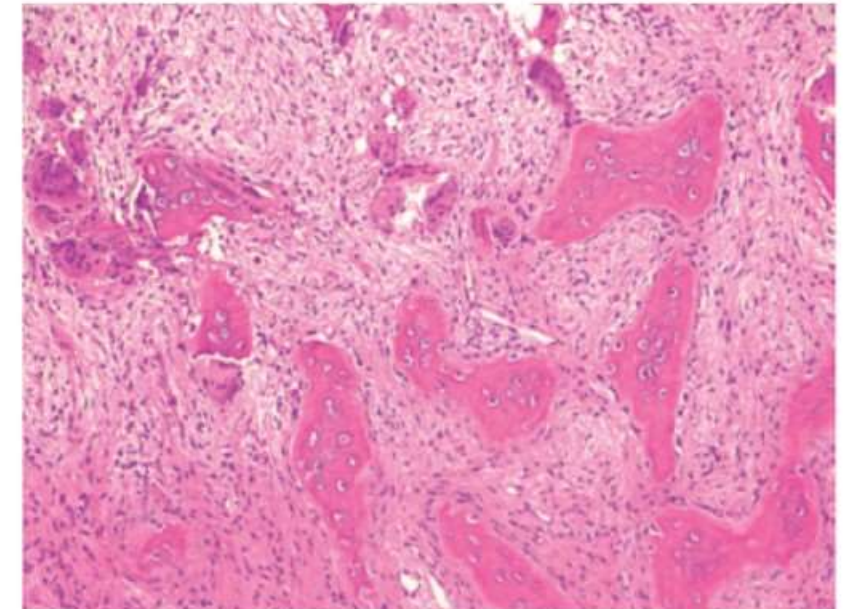
- Drug-induced/iatrogenic



HYPERPARATHYREODISM

- Leads to **osteitis fibrosa cystica**

See more: **Endocrinology**





BONE LESIONS OF UNKNOWN ETIOLOGY



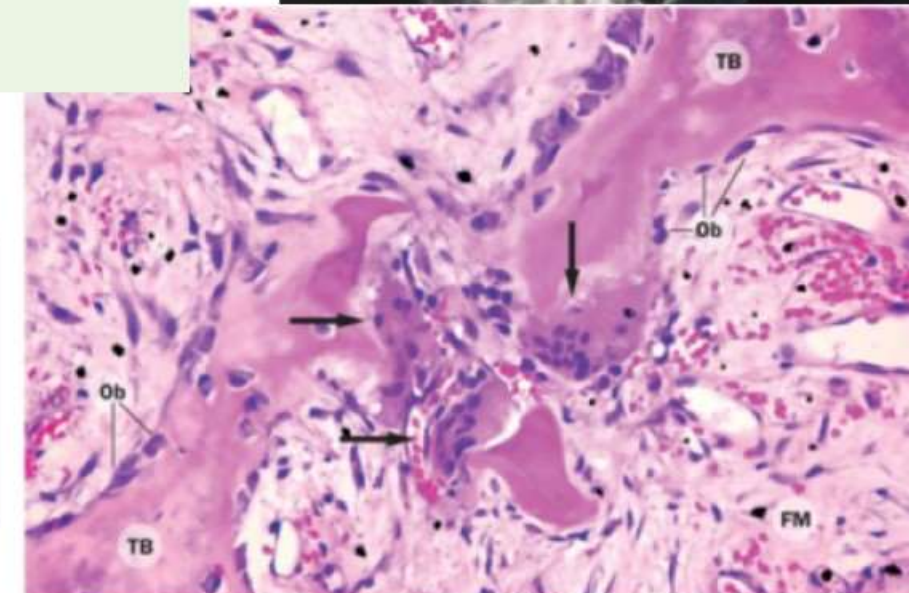
PAGET DISEASE OF BONE (OSTEITIS DEFORMANS)

- Still unknown etiology
- abnormal, anarchic resorption and deposition of bone, resulting in skeletal distortion and weakening
- Second most prevalent skeletal disease after osteoporosis
- Sex: ♂ > ♀ (1.2:1)
- Age of onset: > 55 years
- Approximately 70–90% of cases are asymptomatic.
- Bone pain, which may be associated with erythema and elevated skin temperature over the affected bones
- Bony deformities; e.g., bowing of legs (saber shin)
- Skull involvement (in ~ 40% of cases), Skull enlargement (increasing hat size)
- Cranial nerve deficits, Impaired hearing, Headache
- Pathological fractures



Microscopic examination shows uncontrolled resorption and formation of bone

1. Resorptive phase, numerous hyperactive osteoclasts surround the bone trabeculae
2. Mixed lytic and blastic phase: increased osteoclastic activity is accompanied by an increased number of osteoblasts
3. Sclerotic phase, there are large masses of dense bone with prominent reversal lines.



FIBRO-OSSEOUS LESIONS OF THE JAWS

FIBROUS DYSPLASIA

CEMENTO-OSSEOUS DYSPLASIA

OSSIFYING FIBROMA

developmental tumorlike condition,
characterized by

FIBROUS DYSPLASIA

Non-hereditary, hamartomatous tissue proliferation

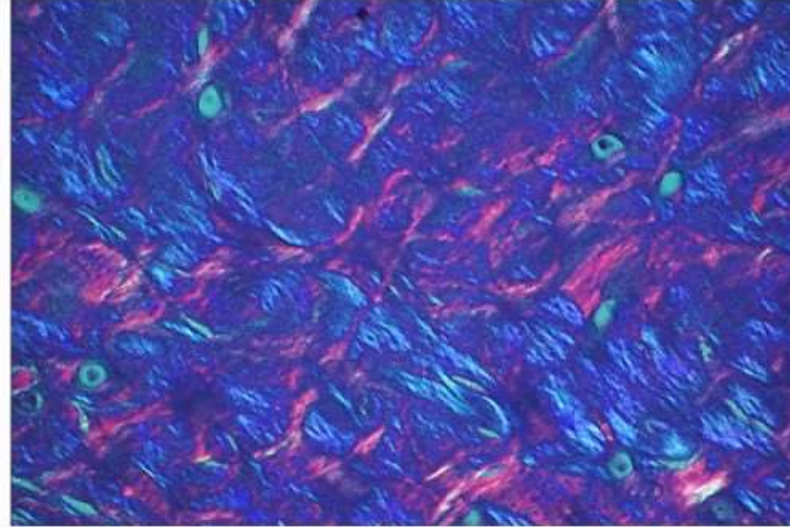
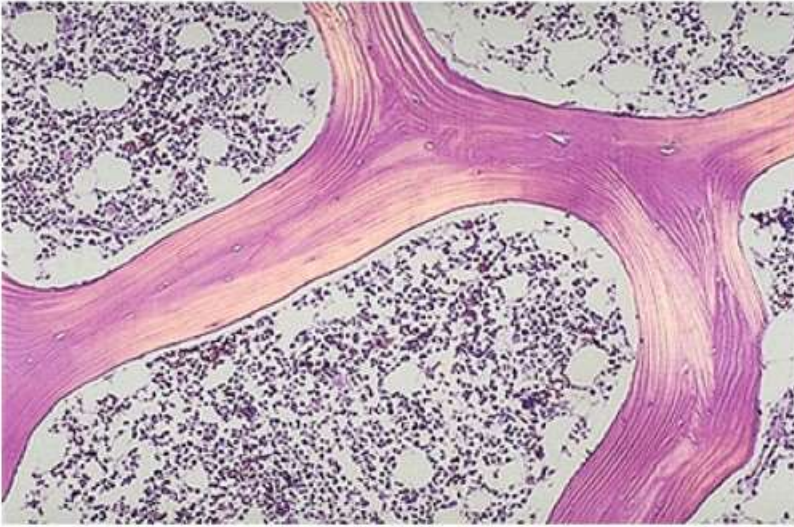
Activating mutation in GNAS gene (20q13.3)

- ➡ Osteoprogenitor cells: expansion → decreased marrow → fibrosis
- ➡ Osteoblasts: abnormal bone matrix production, irregular trabeculae
- replacement of normal bone by a proliferation of cellular fibrous connective tissue with irregular bony trabeculae
- Monostotic – polyostotic
- Mainly in childhood or in puberty
- Slowly growing, painless, spindle-shaped
- Arrested eruption, movement of teeth
- Facial asymmetry
- Maxilla > mandible
- Mandible: mainly molar/praemolar
- Maxilla: may spread into the sinuses

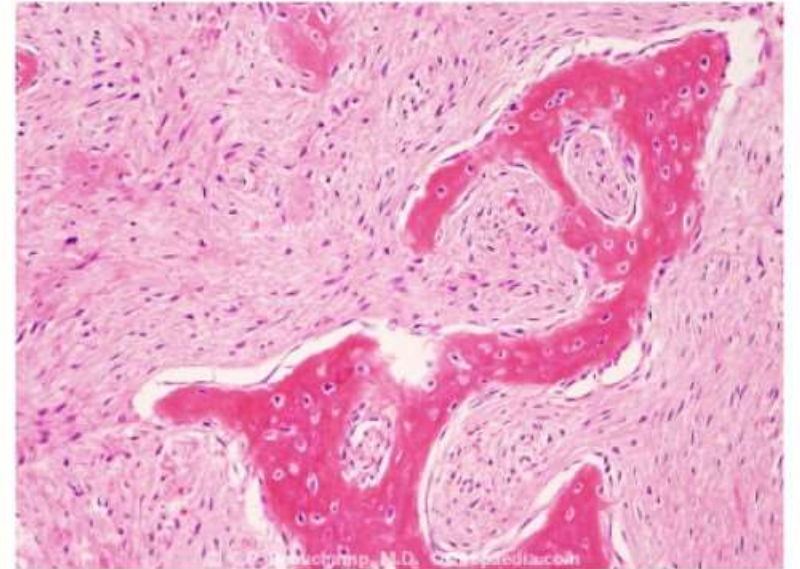
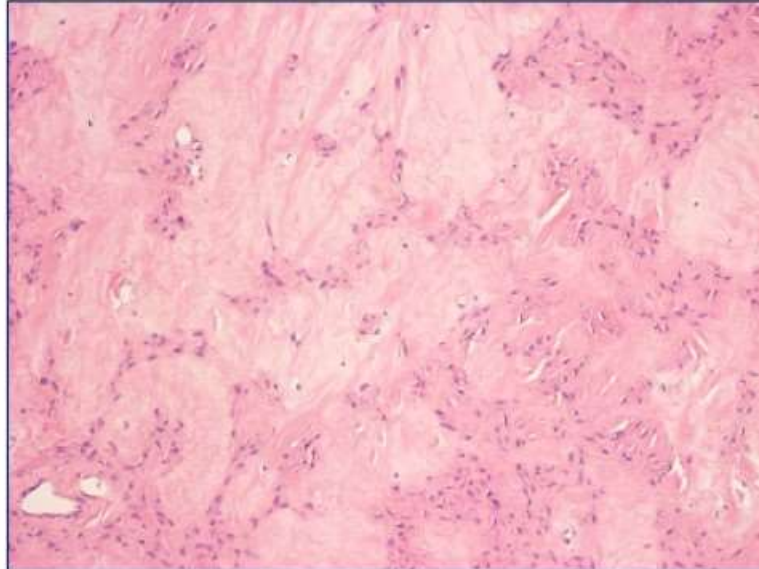
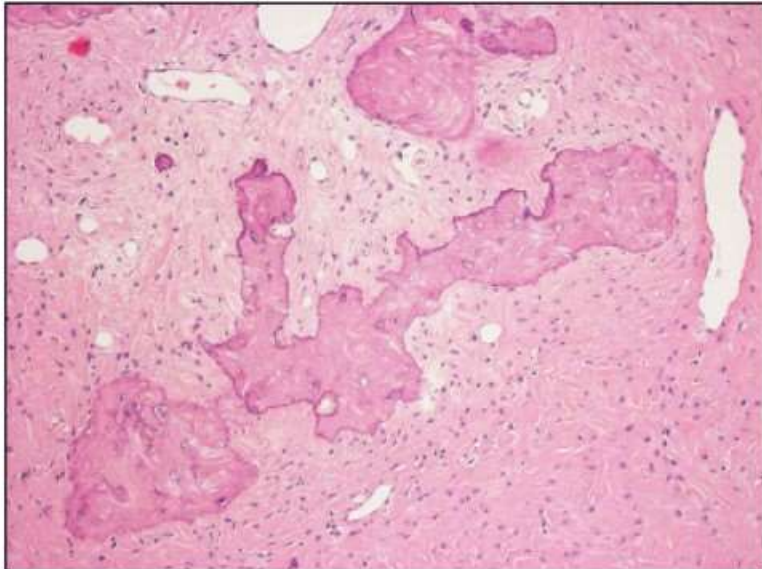


FIBROUS DYSPLASIA

Normal bone structure
Lamellar bone



Fibrous dysplasia:
Woven bone



FIBROUS DYSPLASIA

X-Ray: variable appearance

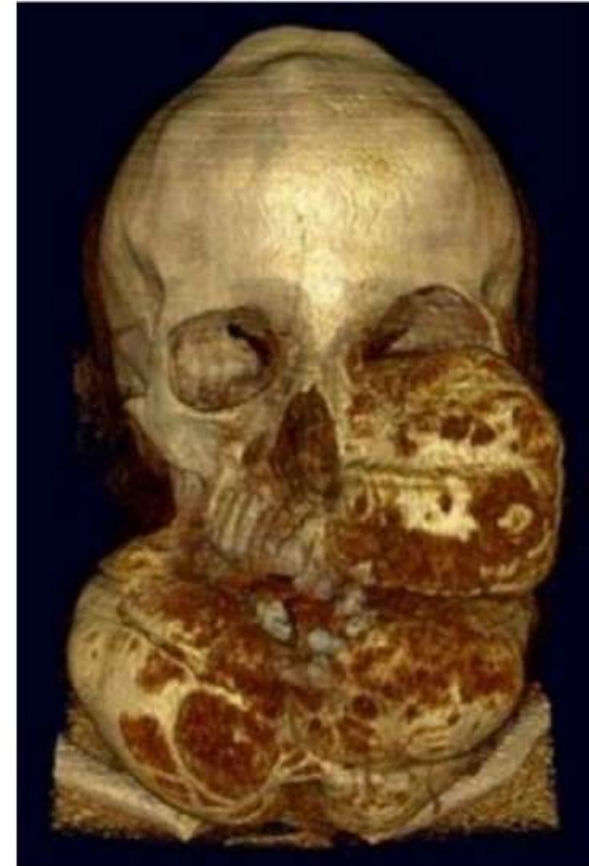
Ill-defined border (\Rightarrow ossifying fibroma)



Facultative praeblastomatosis (1 – 4 %)

Radioresistent!

(irradiation may cause malignant transformation
[fibrosarcoma])



NONODONTOGENIC INTRAOSSEOUS LESIONS

- I. EXOSTOSES (TORI)
- II. OSTEOMYELITIS (INFLAMMATIONS/INFECTIONS)
- III. OSTEONECROSIS

PERIOSTITIS

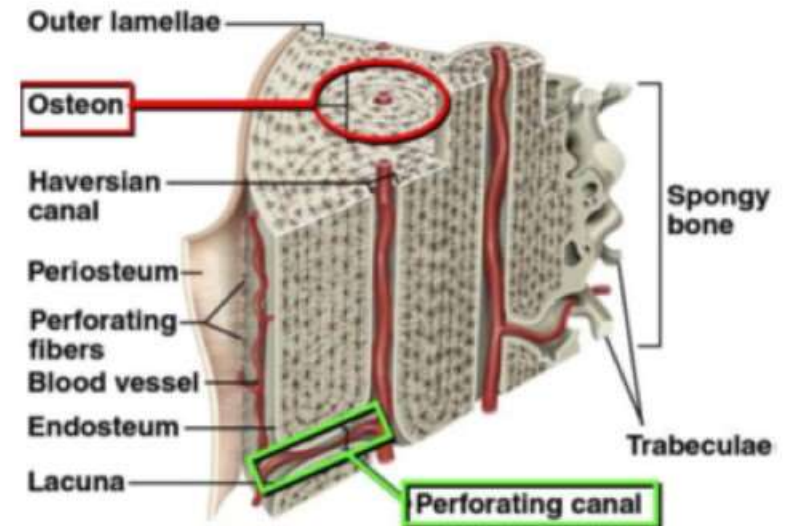
Inflammation of the periosteum

OSTEITIS

Inflammation in the vicinity of the perforating canals (around vessels) in the bone substance

OSTEOMYELITIS

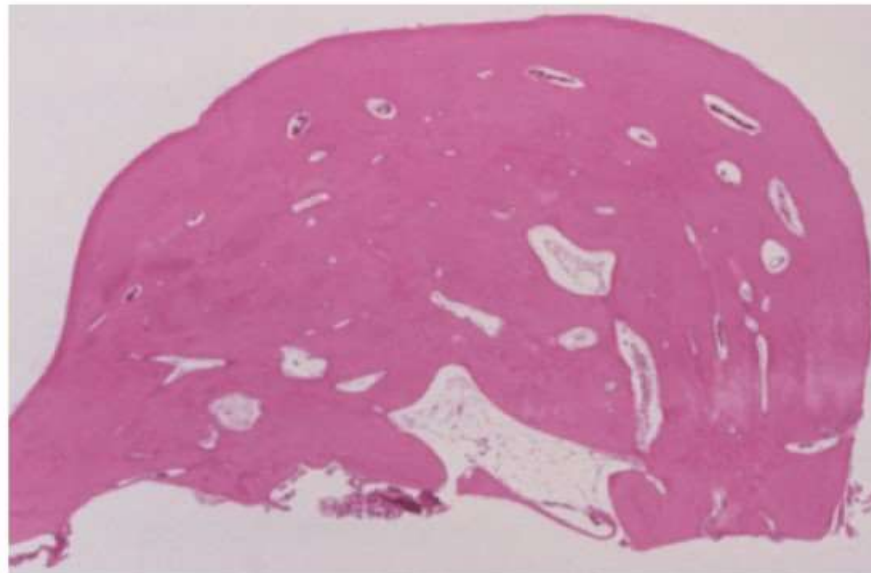
Inflammation of the bone and the bone marrow



TORUS MANDIBULARIS

The **torus mandibularis** is a common exostosis that develops along the lingual aspect of the mandible.

- Palate or mandible
- Following chronic, local traumas or surgical interventions
- Mandible: lingual surface, praemolar region
frequently bilateral
may be multiple
slowly growing bony mass



The *histopathologic* appearance of the torus mandibularis is similar to that of other exostoses, consisting primarily of a nodular mass of dense, cortical lamellar bone

OSTEOMYELITIS

Osteitis: general term for inflammation of the bone

Osteomyelitis: infection of the bone marrow

Acute form: develops within days or weeks

Chronic form: develops slowly (over months or years) and is associated with avascular bone necrosis and sequestrum formation within the bone

- Osteomyelitis of the jaws was a common complication of dental sepsis before the advent of antibiotics, it is now a rare disease
- Various clinical subtypes may be recognised

Factors predisposing to osteomyelitis:



Local:

Trauma
Radiation injury
Paget's disease
Osteoporosis



Systemic factors (impaired host defense)

Immunodeficiency
Immunosuppression
Diabetes mellitus
Malnutrition

Etiology

- Odontogenic infections
- Dental extraction while there is ongoing inflammation
- Soft tissue abscess
- Infected cysts
- Purulent sinusitis maxillaris
- Bacterial:
 - Polymicrobial infection
 - Anaerobs
 - Staphylococcus, Actinomyces

OSTEOMYELITIS

Acute (purulent) osteomyelitis

Onset

- usually gradual, over several days

Chief complaint:

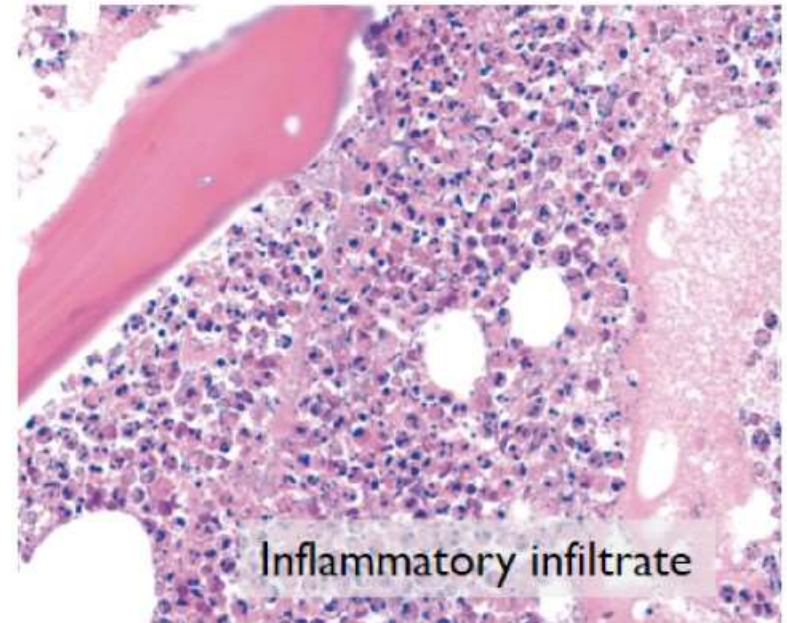
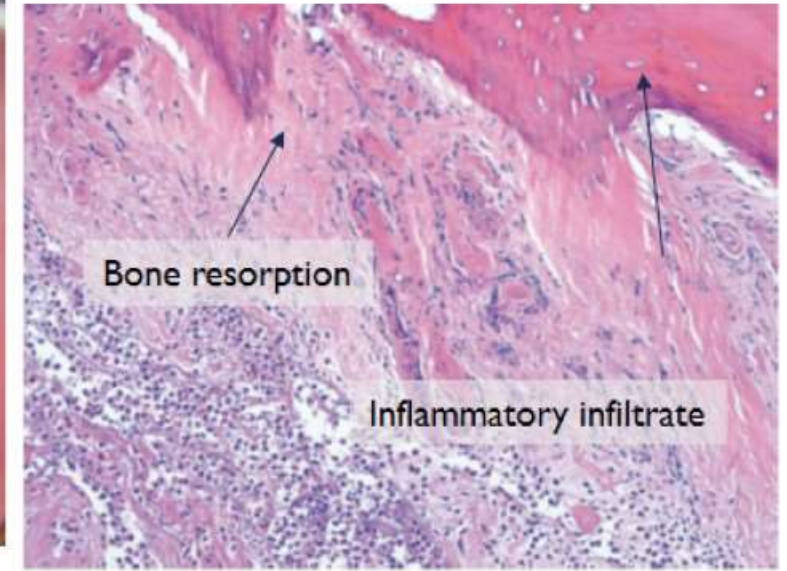
- pain at the site of infection, possibly related to movement

Localized findings:

- point tenderness, swelling, redness, warmth

Systemic findings:

- malaise, fever, chills



OSTEOMYELITIS

Acut → Chronic (slow process)

Acute inflammation
of marrow tissues

Spread of purulent
exudate along the
marrow spaces
and bone canals

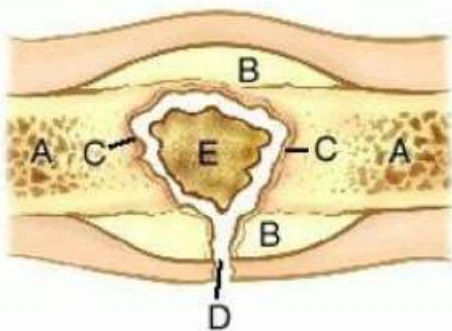
Thrombosis of the
vessels due to
compression
(oedema)

Ischaemia,
Microcirculation
disorder

Bone necrosis

Sequestrum

- Dead piece of bone
- Gradually separated from living bone by granulation tissue
- May pass through sinus tract
- Avascular and dense on Xray
- Involucrum: sleeve of living tissue created by periosteum which is deposited around sequestrum



A: healthy bone
B: periosteum
C: involucrum
D: sinus tract
E: sequestrum

Sequestrum

Osteoclast activity
increases

Lifting periosteum
causing further
necrosis

CHRONIC OSTEOMYELITIS

Several classification schemes!

1. Acute osteomyelitis (< 1 month)
2. Chronic osteomyelitis
 - chronic suppurative (secondary chronic osteomyelitis)
(spread from dental focus)
 - chronic non-suppurative osteomyelitis
(no pus, no fistule)
3. Diffuse sclerosing osteomyelitis
(unknown etiology)
4. Chronic recurrent multifocal osteomyelitis
5. Garré-osteomyelitis
(ossifying periostitis; immature bone tissue outside the cortical)

PRIMARY CHRONIC OSTEOMYELITIS

Juvenile Form
Adult Form
Syndrom-Assoc (SAPHO)

ACUTE OSTEOMYELITIS

SECONDARY CHRONIC OSTEOMYELITIS

Immunity
Virulence of the pathogen
Other factors

Chronic suppurative osteomyelitis

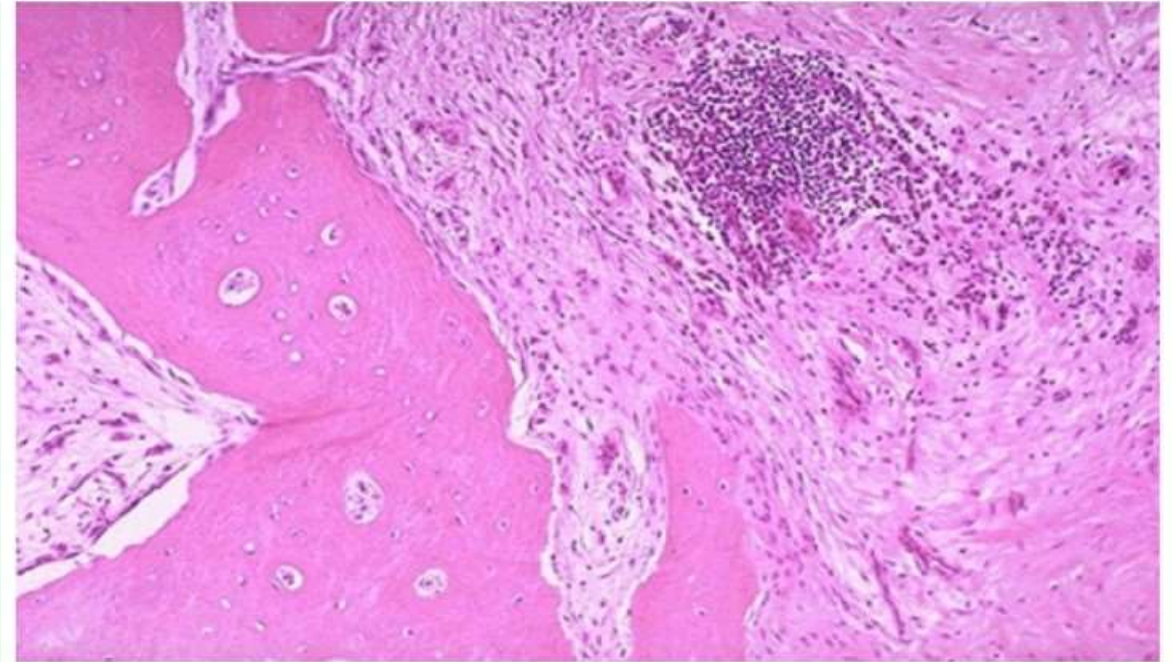
- develops in 15-30%
 - due to delayed treatment,
 - inadequate antibiotics,
 - incomplete surgical debridement of necrotic bone,
 - weakened host defenses

Onset

- usually following a prior episode of osteomyelitis; may last for months

Complaint

- recurrent pain
- Swelling, redness
- Local sinus tract formation, with draining pus



ALVEOLAR OSTEITIS (DRY SOCKET)

- higher freq in the mandible and the posterior areas



If acute osteomyelitis is not resolved expeditiously, the entrenchment of chronic osteomyelitis occurs, or the process may arise primarily without a previous acute episode.

DIFFUSE SCLEROSING OSTEOMYELITIS (DSO)

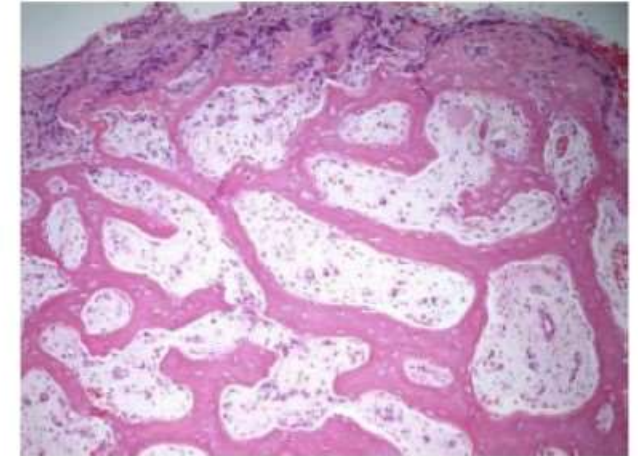
Diffuse sclerosing osteomyelitis is an ill-defined, highly controversial area of dental medicine.

1. Diffuse sclerosing osteomyelitis
2. Primary chronic osteomyelitis
3. Chronic tendoperiostitis

Group of presentations that are characterized by:

- Pain
- Inflammation
- Varying degrees of gnathic periosteal hyperplasia
- Sclerosis

DSO histology demonstrates sclerosis and remodeling of bone. The haversian canals are scattered widely and little marrow tissue can be found.



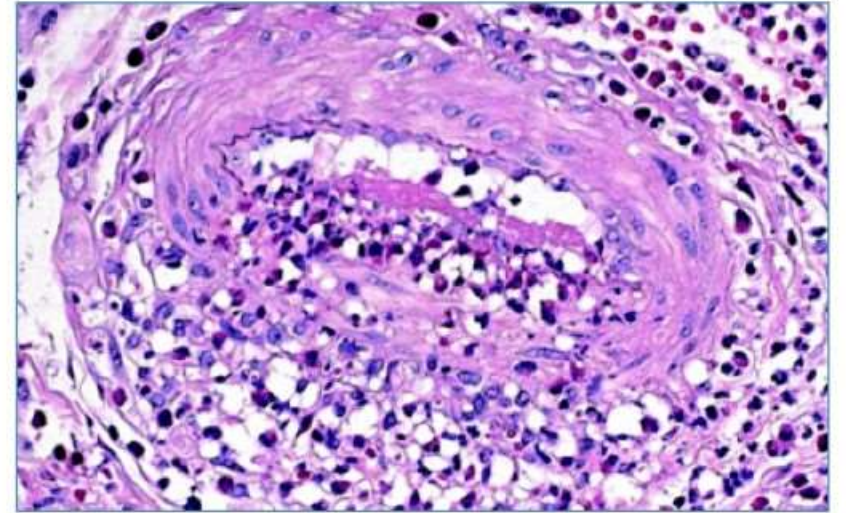
Diffuse area of increased radiodensity



NECROSIS OF THE JAW

Osteoradionecrosis

- 20% following local irradiation
- endarteritis obliterans
- end arteries → coagulative necrosis
- sterile, symptomless
- prone to fracture, infection
- infected: rapid spread → osteomyelitis

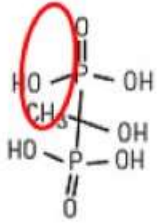


Bisphosphonate-necrosis (BRONJ – Bisphosphonate related ON of the Jaw)

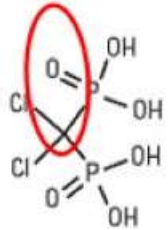
- trauma → necrosis in the devitalized bone
- frequent after extraction
- 6-10 %
- pathological fracture, fistule formation



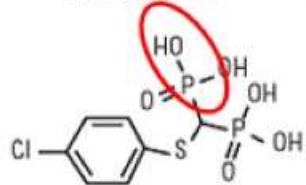
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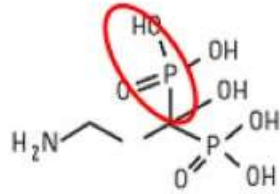
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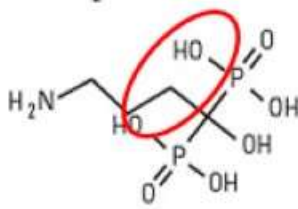
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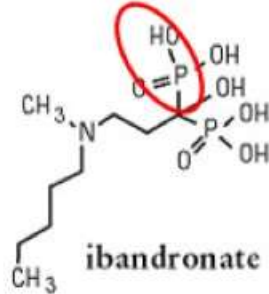
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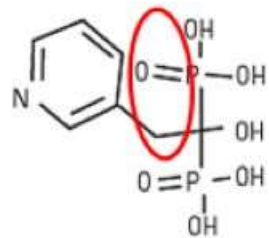
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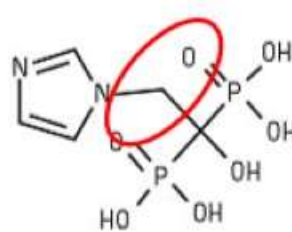
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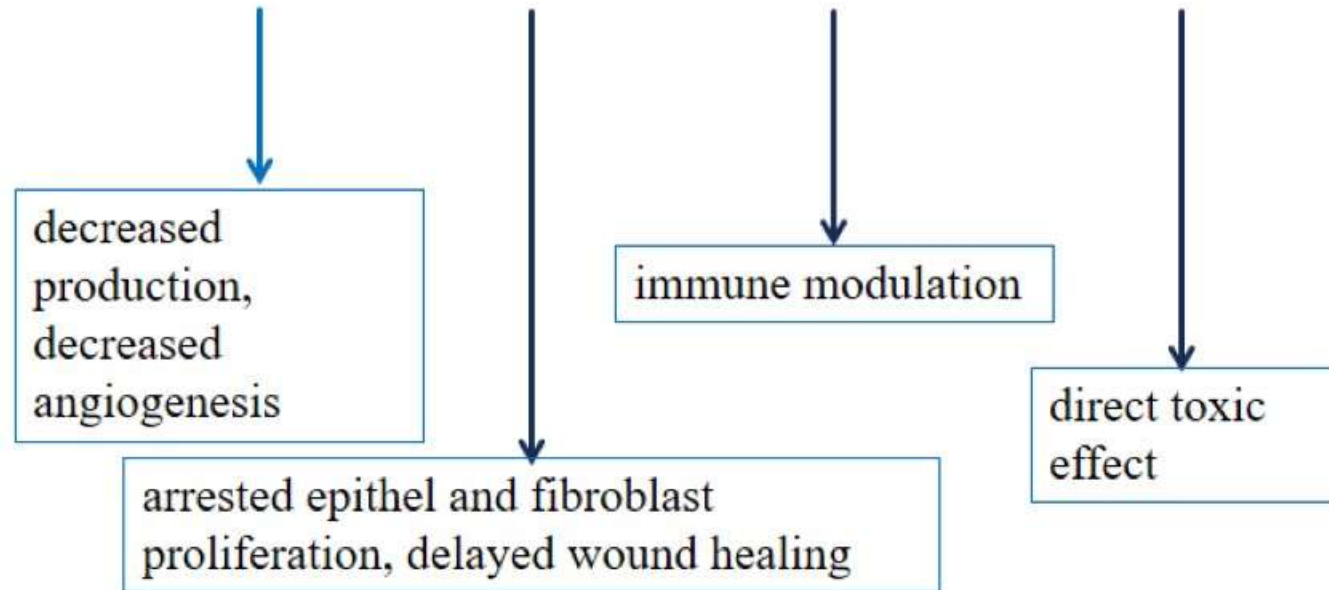
Applications:

Diseases with bone resorption

- malignant tumors with lytic bone met.
- Plasma cell myeloma (multiple myeloma)
- osteoporosis

P – C – P basic structure

BISPHOSPHONATE MECHANISM



Absorption with oral administration: ~ 3 %

Half-life: can be many decades! (low rate metabolism)

Osteoclasts:

Early cell death, decrease of VEGF-production

Osteoblasts:

Deregulation of apoptosis, increase of precursor cells

Tumor cells:

Increased apoptotic rate, inhibition of cell division

BRONJ – Bisphosphonat-related osteonecrosis of the jaw

More frequent in malignant diseases than in osteoporosis

Mandible: 70%, maxilla: 30 %

Most frequently the molar region is involved

Predisposing local factors:

- extraction

- implant

- periapical focus

- continuous pressure from prothesis

75% painful (visible signs of inflammation)

Histology:

- necrosis, inflammatory cells, Actinomyces

- exclude metastasis!



PATIENT Hx !!!

MRONJ – Medication-related osteonecrosis of the jaw

Required characteristics for diagnosis of medication-related osteonecrosis of the jaw (MRONJ):

- Current or previous treatment with antiresorptive or antiangiogenic agent
- Exposed bone in maxillofacial region for longer than 8 weeks
- No history of radiation therapy or obvious metastatic disease to the jaws

Tyrosine kinase inhibitors:

- Sunitinib (Sutent)
- Sorafenib (NexAVAR)

Monoclonal antibody inhibiting VEGF:

- Bevacizumab (Avastin)

PATIENT Hx !!!





NEOPLASTIC LESIONS OF THE JAW



NEOPLASTIC LESIONS OF THE JAW

Rare

Ossifying fibroma

- circumscribed, usually encapsulated

(ddg.: fibrous dysplasia)

Hemangioma

Chondroma

Osteosarcoma

Chondrosarcoma

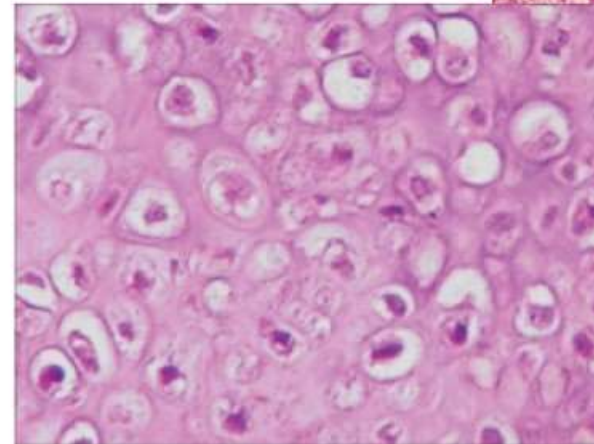
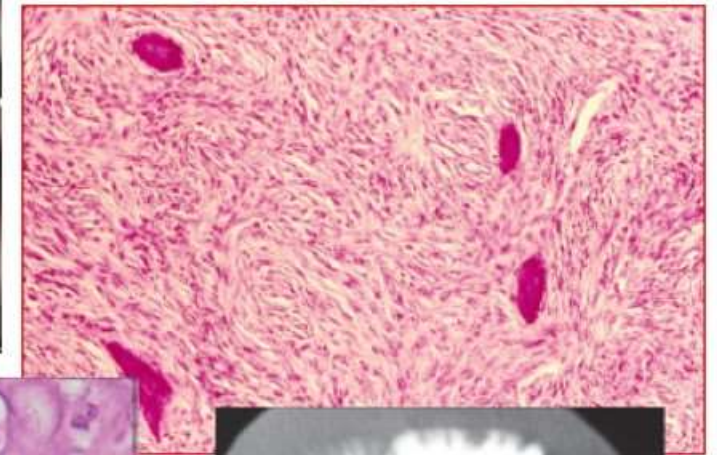
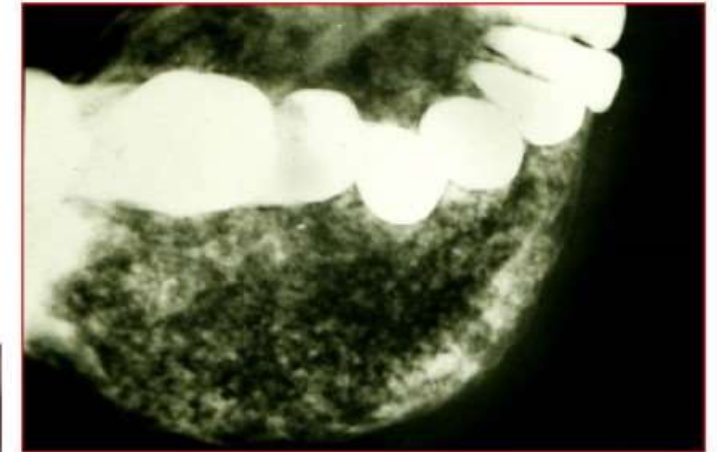
Plasmocytoma

Langerhans-cell histiocytosis

Metastatic tumors (1% of malignant tumors)

breast, lung, kidney

osteolytic, osteoblastic, mixed





CYSTIC LESIONS OF THE JAW



MANDIBULAR (JAW) CYSTS

Odontogenic (90%)

Inflammatory (60-70%)

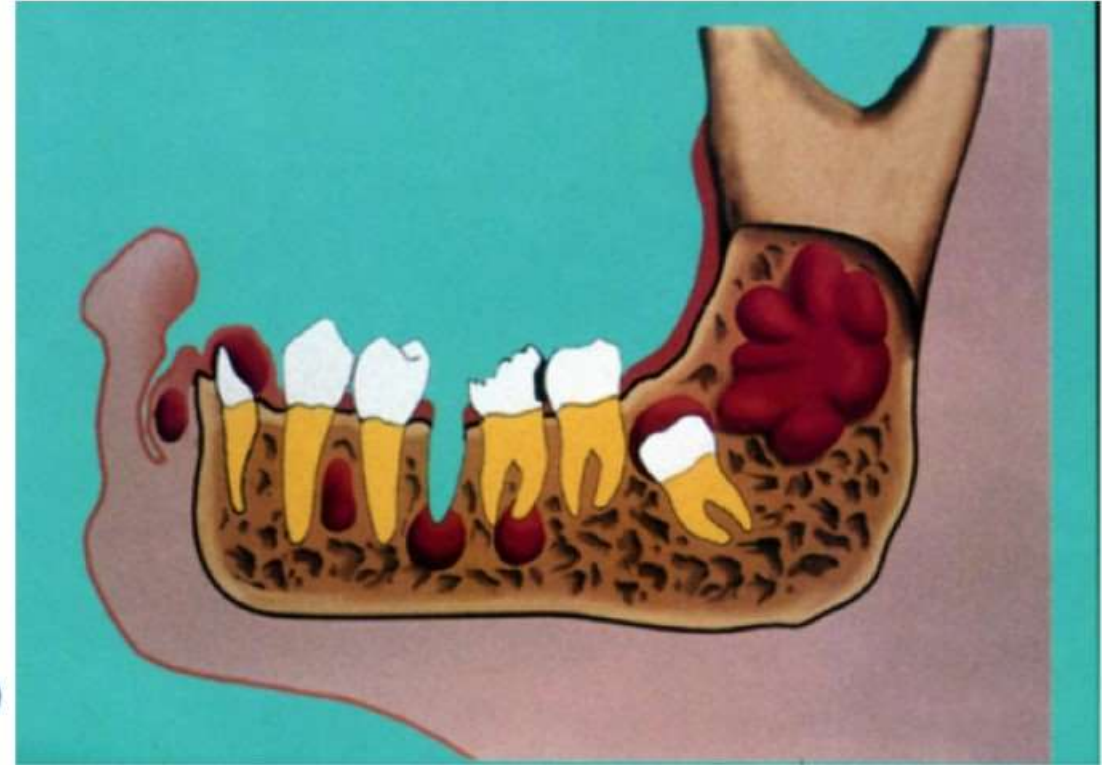
Developmental

Non-Odontogenic (10%)

Nasolabial (nasoalveolar)

Aneurysmal bone cyst

Nasopalatinal cyst (foramen incisivum)



ODONTOGENIC CYSTS

Developmental cysts

Orthokeratinised odontogenic keratocyst
Odontogenic keratocyst (previously tumor*)
Dentigerous (follicular) cyst
Gingival cyst of newborns
Gingival cyst of adults
Lateral periodontal cyst
Glandular odontogenic cyst
Eruption cyst
Calcifying odontogenic cyst

Cystic neoplasms

Unicystic ameloblastoma
Calcifying cystic odontogenic tumor

Inflammatory cysts

Paradental cyst
Radicular/periapical cyst
Residual cyst

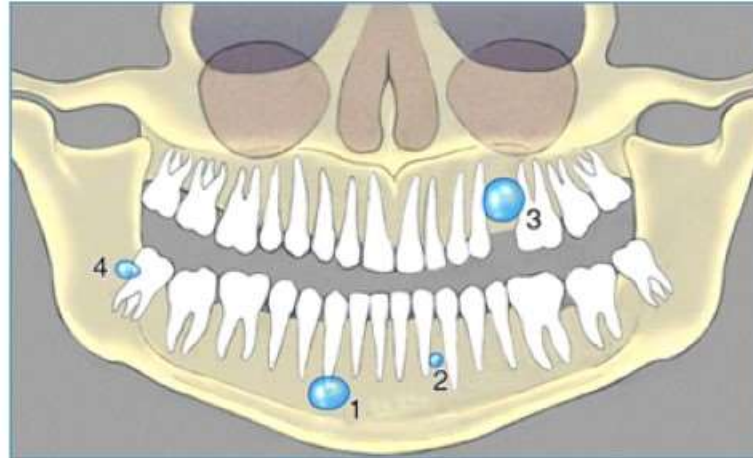
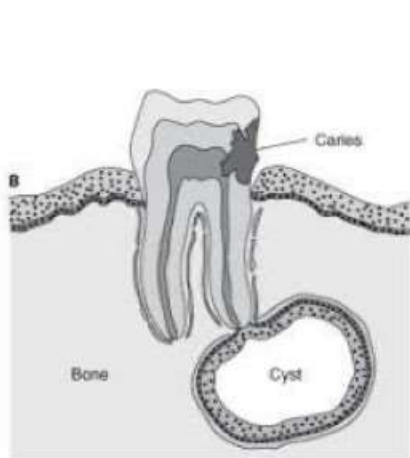
Signs of inflammation:

Pain – Periapical cyst

Redness – Residual cyst

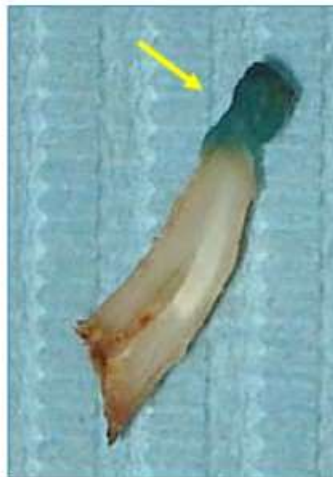
Proliferation – Paradental cyst

RADICULAR CYST



LOCALISATION:

- 1 – apical
- 2 – lateral
- 3 – residual
- 4 – paradental (next to partially erupted wisdom tooth, associated with pericoronitis)

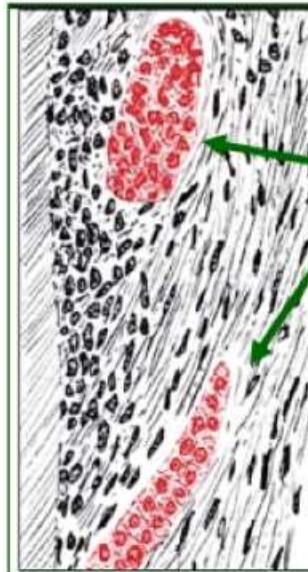
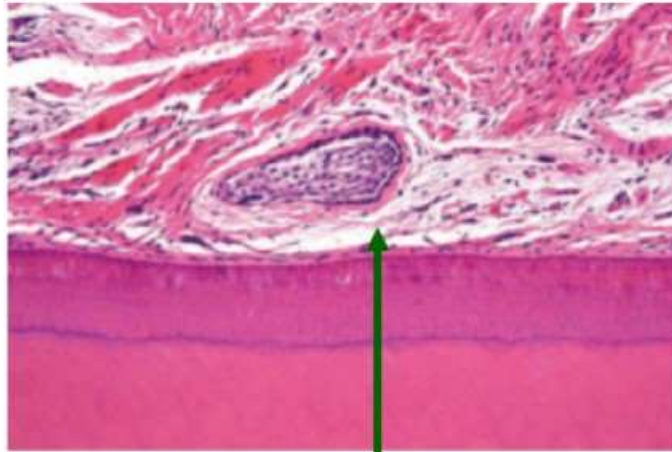


Around necrotised, non-vital tooth

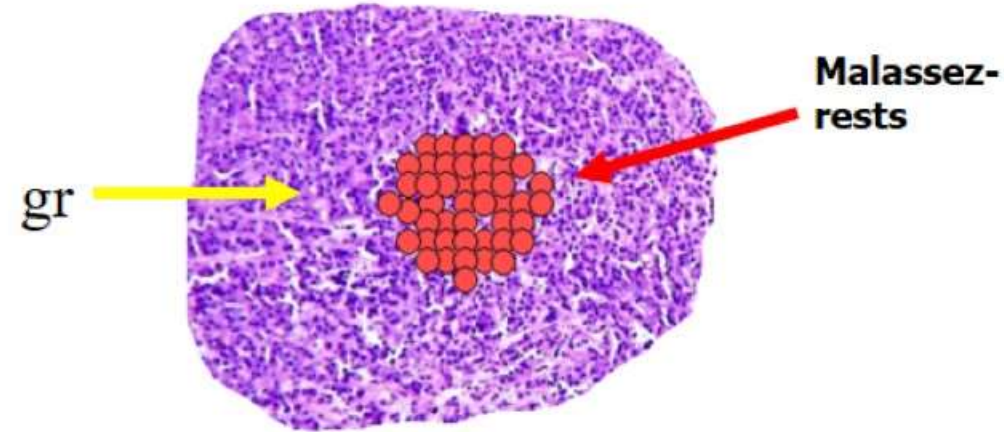
Periapical granuloma → cytokines, growth factors → proliferation of rests of Malassez-f. → **cyst formation**

- Degeneration, death of the central cells, microcysts, confluent microcysts
- Infected root canal, bacteria, lytic effect

RADICULAR CYST

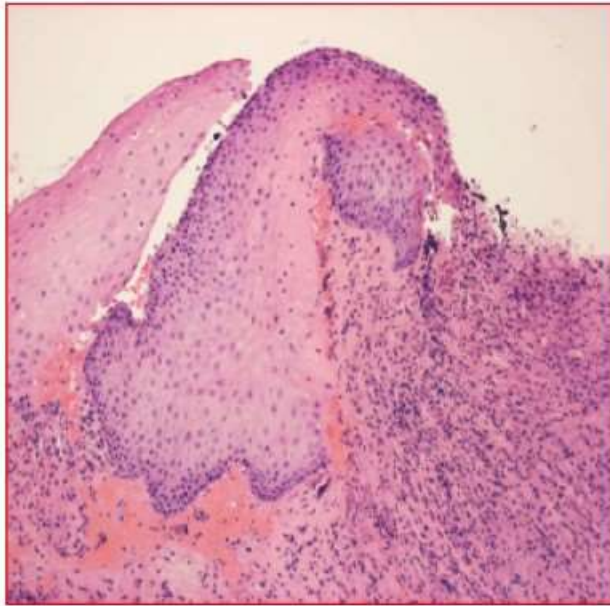


Malassez-rests



1. Periapical granuloma, bacterial endotoxins (mitogenic effect on the epithelial cells + cytokines) - IL-1, IL-6, TNF, PDGF, TGF β -
2. Center: hypoxic necrosis, high protein content
3. Osmotic fluid influx \rightarrow more necrosis \rightarrow more elevated protein content \rightarrow larger cavity
4. Central cavitation becomes independent of the inflammation
5. May result in a bone resorption

RADICULAR CYST

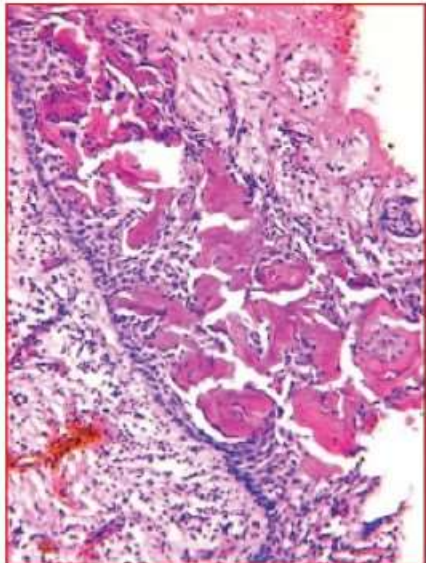
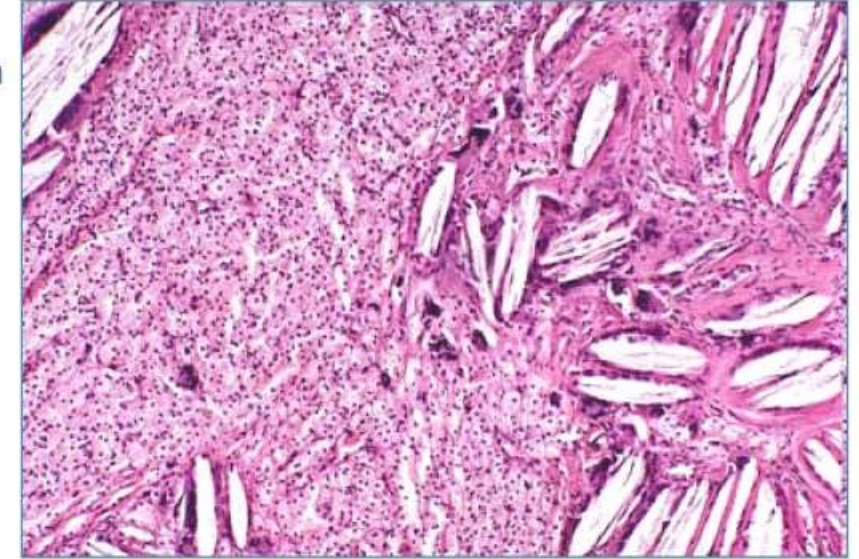


Hyperplastic, non-keratinizing squamous epithelium

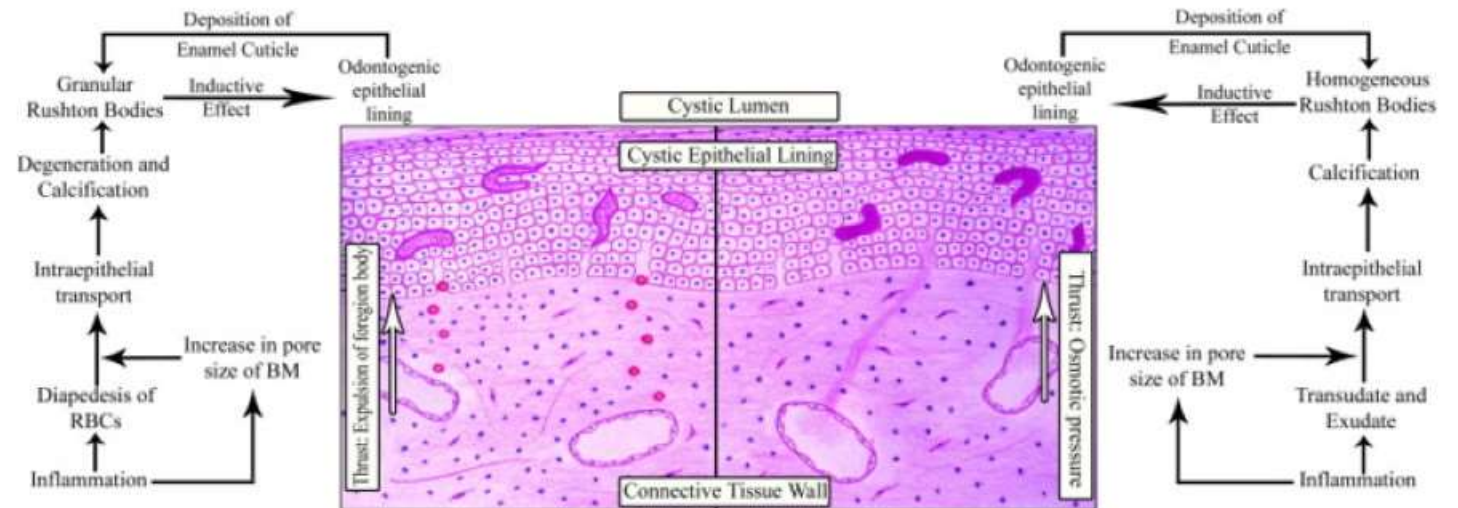
Rushton-bodies (10 %)

Cholesterin clefts

Chronic inflammatory stroma



Development of Rushton bodies



RADICULAR CYST



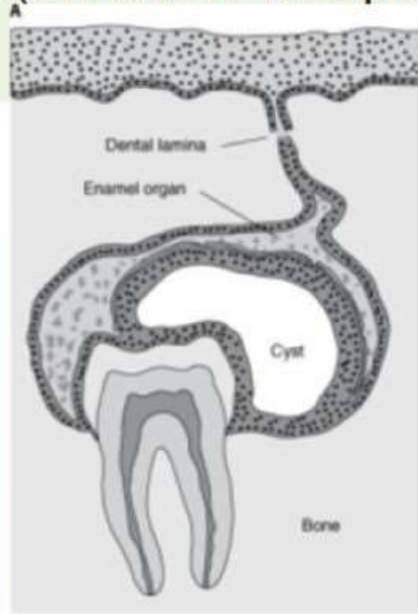
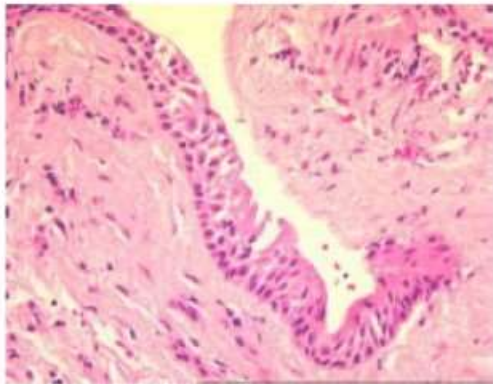
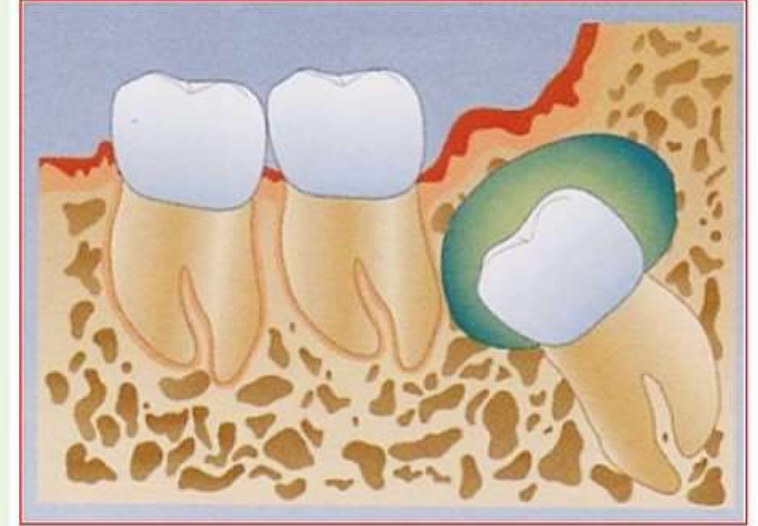
Periapical (radicular) cyst



Residual periapical (radicular) cyst

FOLLICULAR (DENTIGEROUS) CYST

- Encloses part of all of the crown of an unerupted tooth
- Mechanism is largely unknown
- Wide age distribution
- Painless
- Most frequent at the area of molar 3
- Unilocular
- 4-5 layers, non-keratinizing squamous epithelium (\pm mucinous metaplasia)
- Inflammation is usually absent



KERATOCYSTS

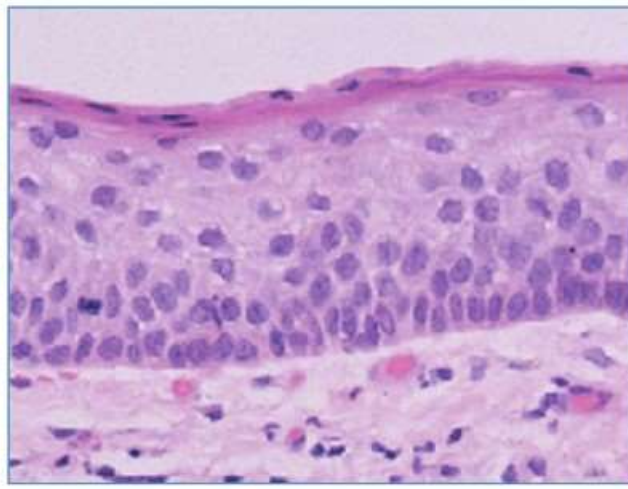
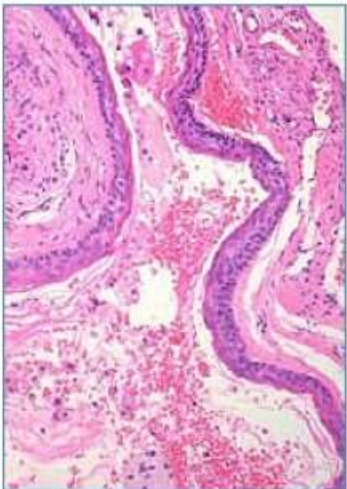
Odontogenic keratocyst (OKC)

(WHO: keratocystic odontogenic tumor (2005-17))
(now: cyst again)

- Frequently more aggressive than other cysts
- More frequent recurrence rate
- May be associated with nevoid basal cell cc syndr.
- 65-75% mandible (mainly molar)
- Young adults
- Unilateral, sclerotic rim
- May be secondarily inflamed

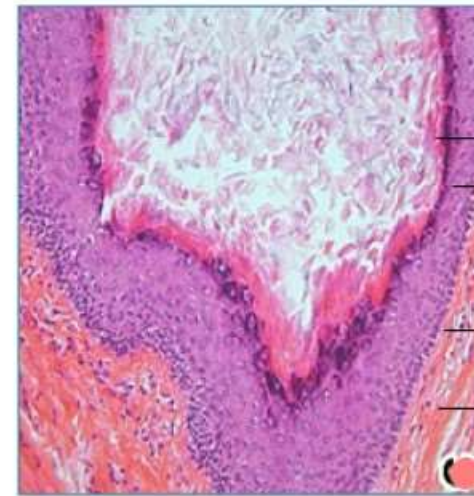
Orthokeratinized odontogenic keratocyst

- Teenagers, young adults
- Male predominance (60-70%)
- Mainly in the posterior part of mandible
- 70% associated with impacted tooth
- Usually unilocular
- Rare recurrence rate (~ 3 %)
- No association with Gorlin-syndrome



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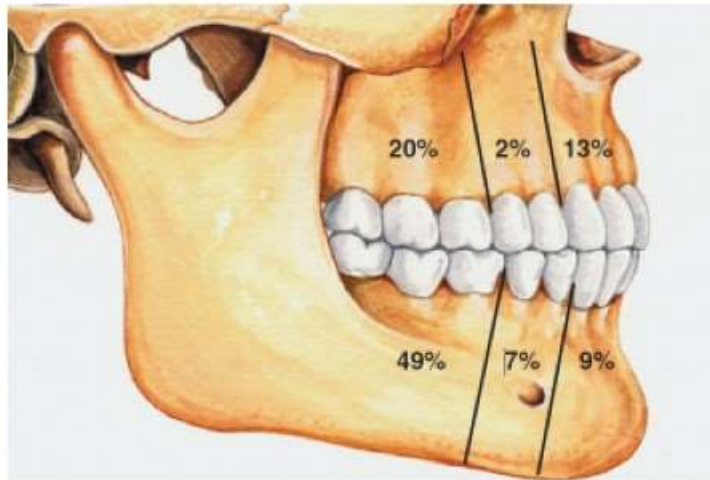
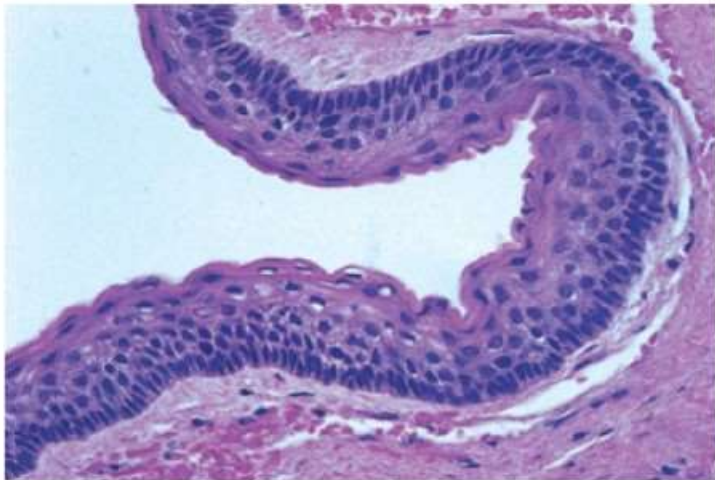
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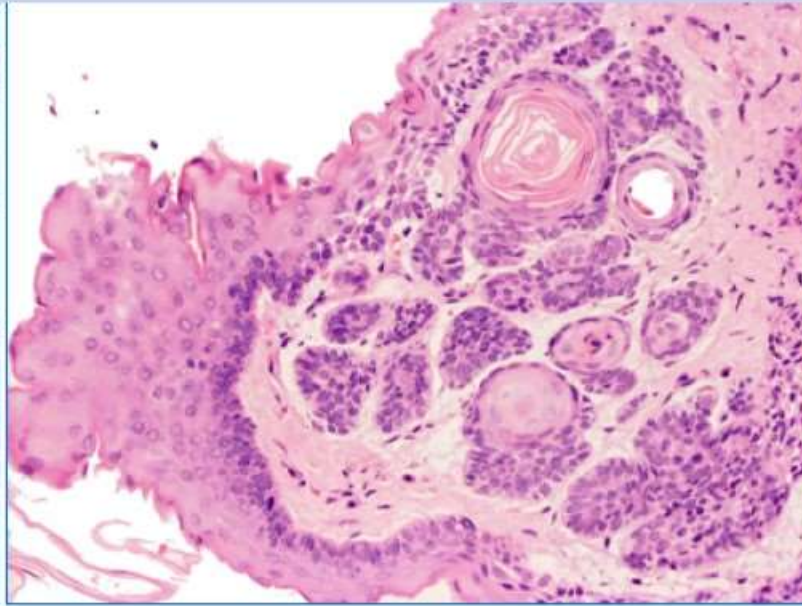
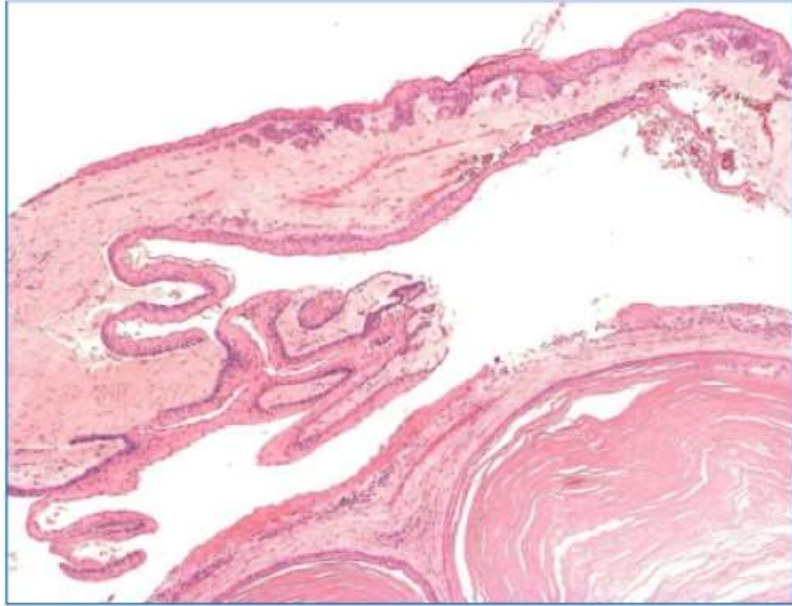


ODONTOGENIC KERATOCYST (OKC)

- the initial terminology for an odontogenic keratocyst (OKC) was "primordial cyst," as the origin of the lesion was thought to be the tooth primordium
- is known for its high recurrence rate, aggressive behavior, and its occasional association with the Gorlin-goltz syndrome (Gorlin-goltz sy = basal cell naevus syndrome BSCNS)
- Odontogenic keratocysts (OKCs) associated with Gorlin-Goltz syndrome have occasionally been reported to transform into aggressive neoplasms such as ameloblastomas and squamous cell carcinoma.



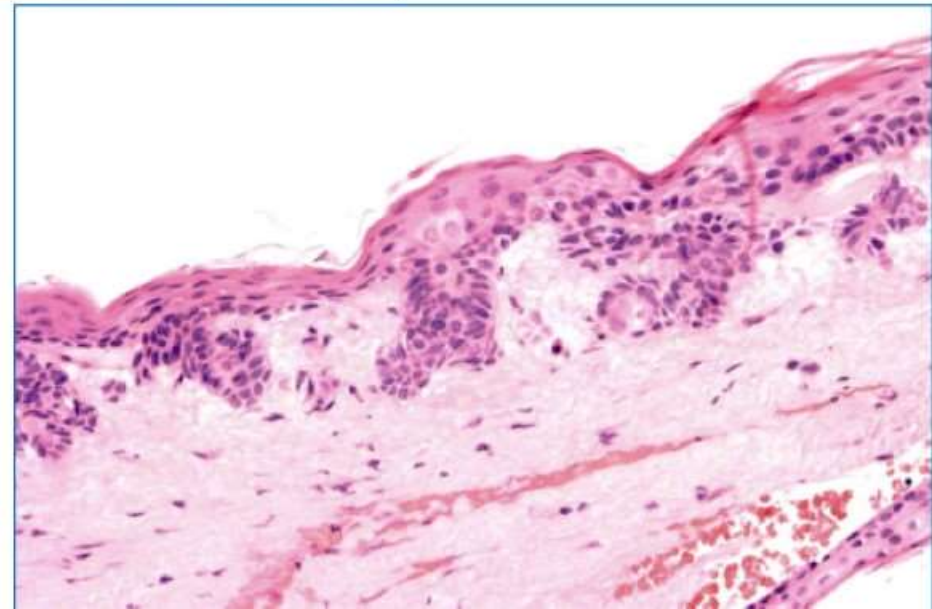
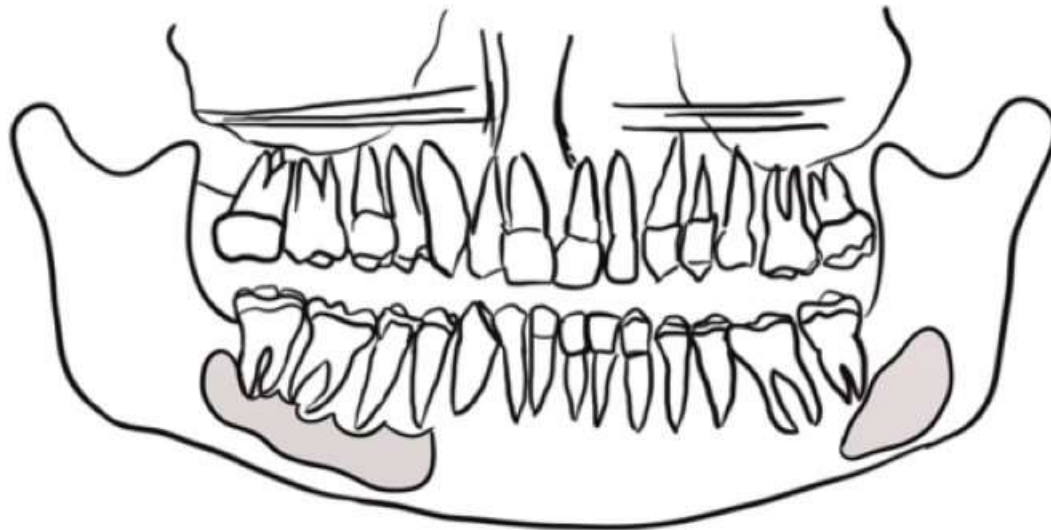
KERATOCYSTS



Radiographs are not diagnostic:

Differential:

- Ameloblastoma
- Unicystic ameloblastoma
- Dentigerous cyst
- Radicular cyst
- Lateral periodontal cyst



GORLIN-GOLTZ SYNDROME

Gorlin-goltz syndrome:

ectomesodermal polydysplasia with numerous manifestations characterized most often by **cutaneous** abnormalities (basaliomas)

- **craniodentofacial anomalies**
odontogenic keratocyst (OKC)
Malocclusion
- **broad nasal bridge**, and increased head circumference;
- **skeletal anomalies**, including frontal and parietal bossing and mandibular prognathism,
- **costal anomalies**



PALATAL CYSTS OF THE NEWBORN (EPSTEIN'S PEARLS; BOHN'S NODULES)

Small developmental cysts are a common finding on the palate of newborn infants.

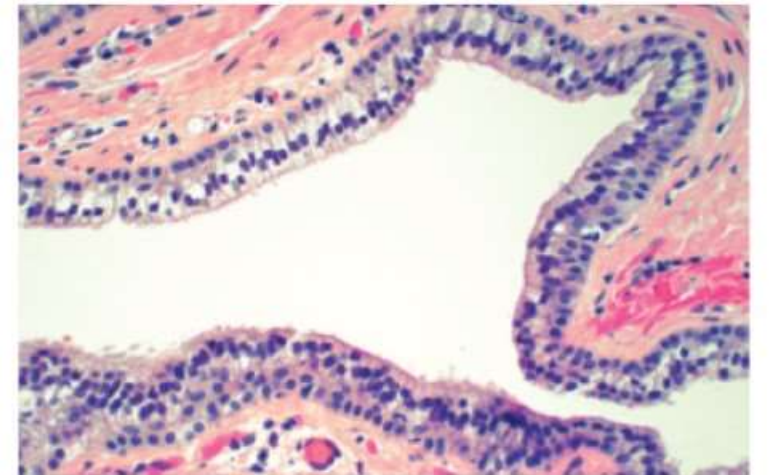
Histopathologic Features

- Microscopic examination reveals keratin-filled cysts that are lined by stratified squamous epithelium.
- Sometimes these cysts demonstrate a communication with the mucosal surface.



NASOLABIAL CYST

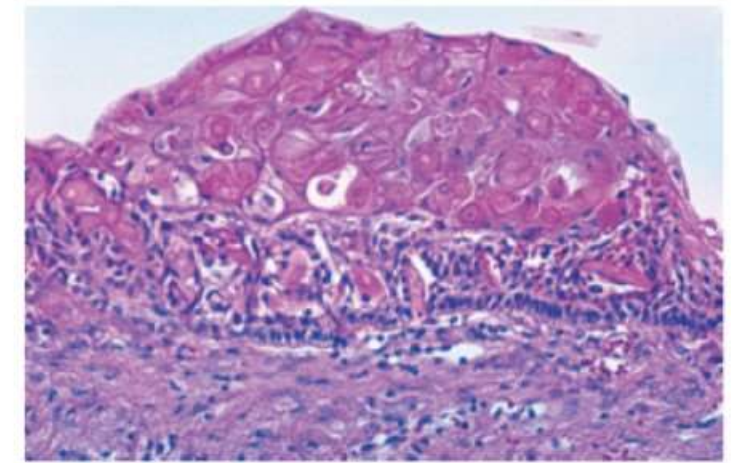
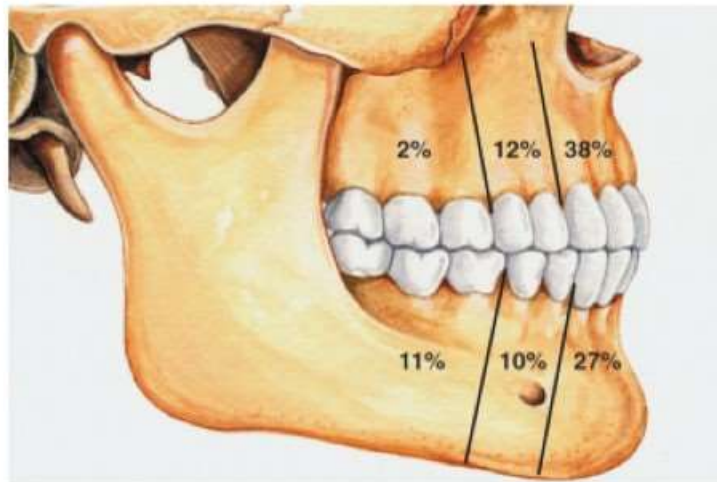
rare developmental cyst that occurs in the upper lip lateral to the midline. The pathogenesis is uncertain



CALCIFYING ODONTOGENIC CYST

Intraosseous calcifying odontogenic cysts:

- Frequency: maxilla = mandible.
- About 65% of cases are found in the incisor and canine areas
- Mean age is 30 years
- The central calcifying odontogenic cyst is usually a unilocular well-defined radiolucency,

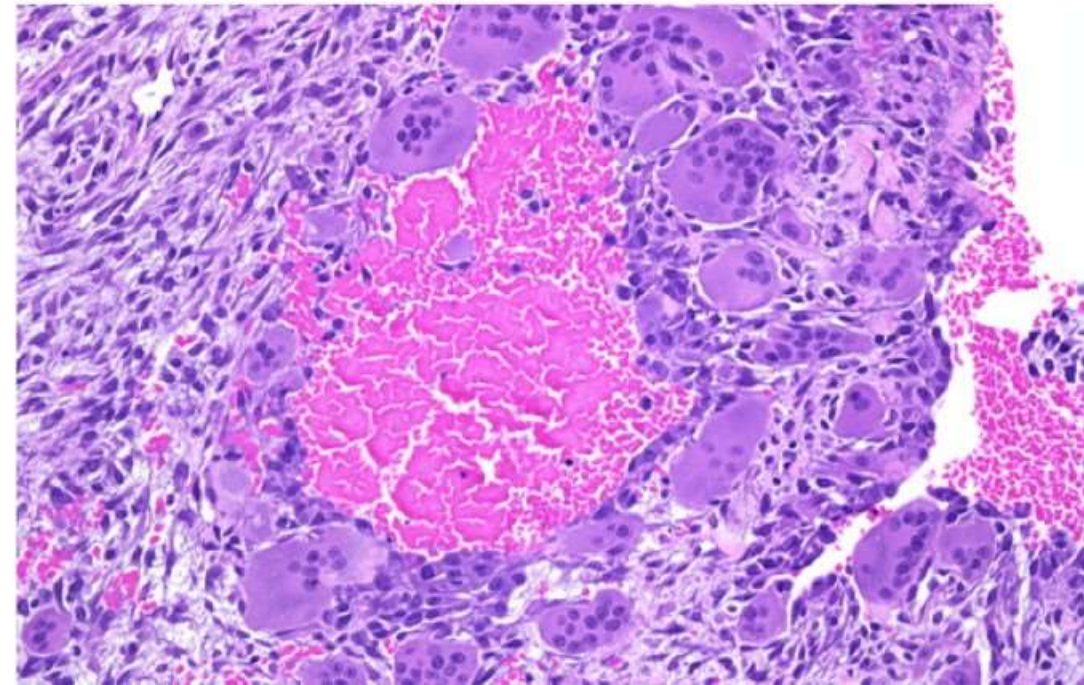
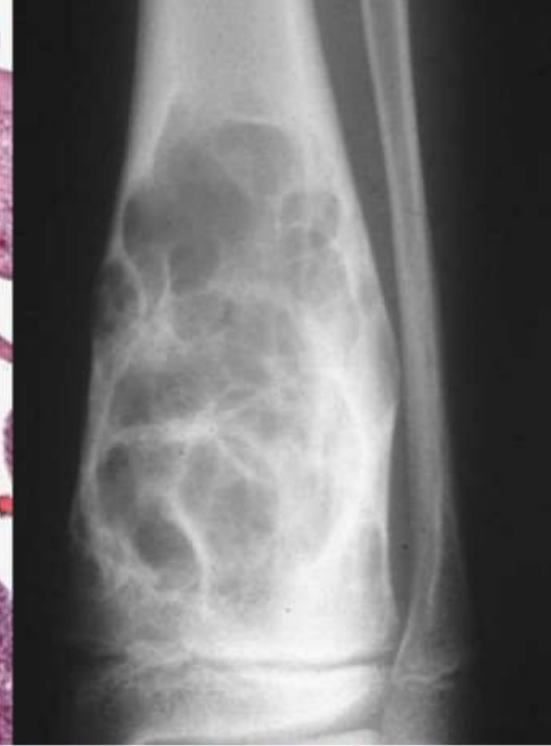
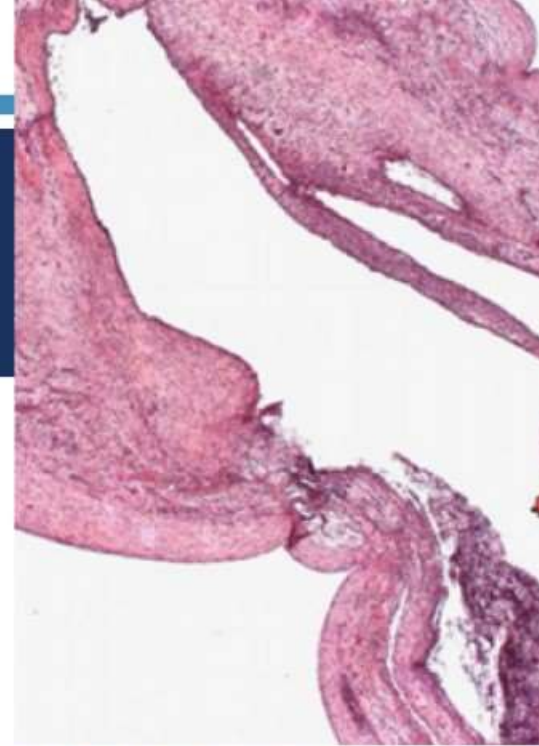


Histology:

Calcifying odontogenic cyst most commonly occurs as a well-defined cystic lesion with a fibrous capsule and a lining of odontogenic epithelium of four to ten cells in thickness

NONODONTOGENIC CYSTS: ANEURYSMAL BONE CYST

- Common bone lesion, but rare in the jaws
- It may arise as a **primary** or a **secondary** lesion (next to a preexisting bone lesion)
- Mandible>maxilla
- May be uni- or multilocular
- May have a ballooned-out appearance due to cortical expansion
- Unknown pathogenesis
- Genetics USP6 rearrangement
- Mikro:
 - Non endothelial lined blood filled cavities of varying sizes of cellular fibrous tissue
 - Multinucleated giant cells
 - Old and recent haemorrhage



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