



The SKELETAL System

The framework of bones and cartilage which protect organs, and provides a lever system that allows locomotion.

Functions of the Skeletal System

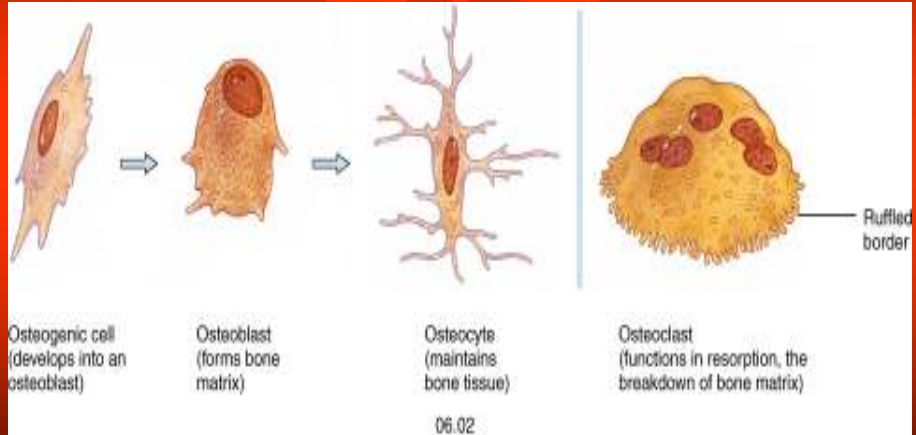


- Support
- Protection
- Movement Facilitation
- Mineral Storage and Homeostasis
- Hematopoiesis
- Storage of Energy

Types of Bone Cells

- Osteoblasts deposit mineral salts and collagen fibers
- Osteocytes maintain bone tissue
- Osteoclasts break down bone tissue

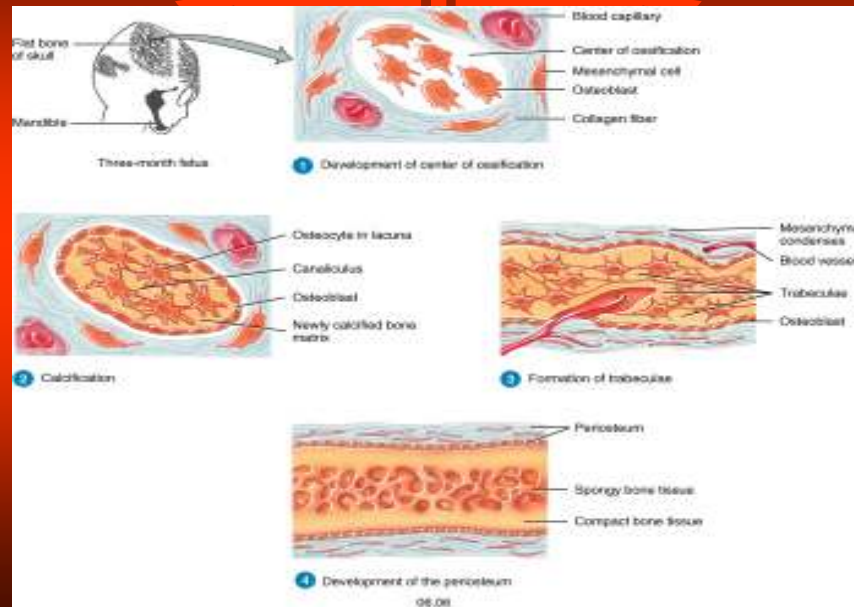
Bone Cells



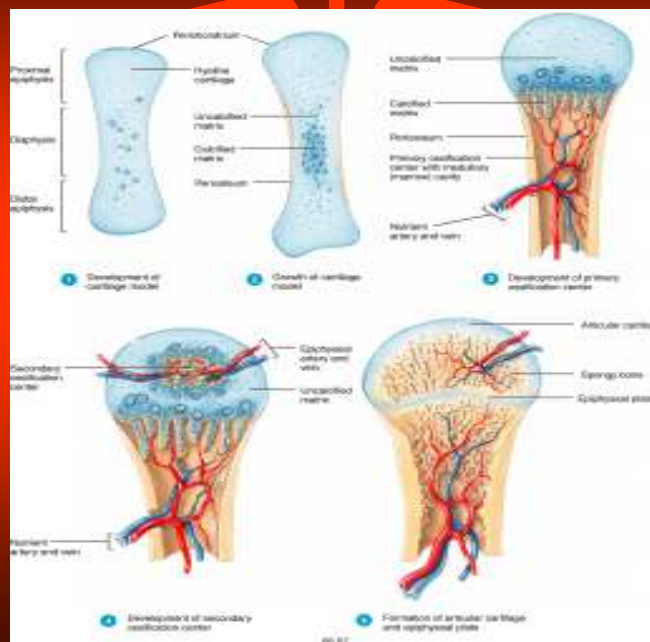
Ossification

- the process by which bones form in the body (Osteogenesis)
- the replacement of pre-existing connective tissue with bone
- Intramembranous Ossification
 - Membranes ----> Bone
 - (Periosteum - Width-wise Growth)
- Endochondral Ossification
 - Cartilage ----> Bone
 - (Epiphyseal Plate - Length-wise Growth)

Intramembranous Ossification



Endochondral Ossification



Homeostasis and Bone Remodeling

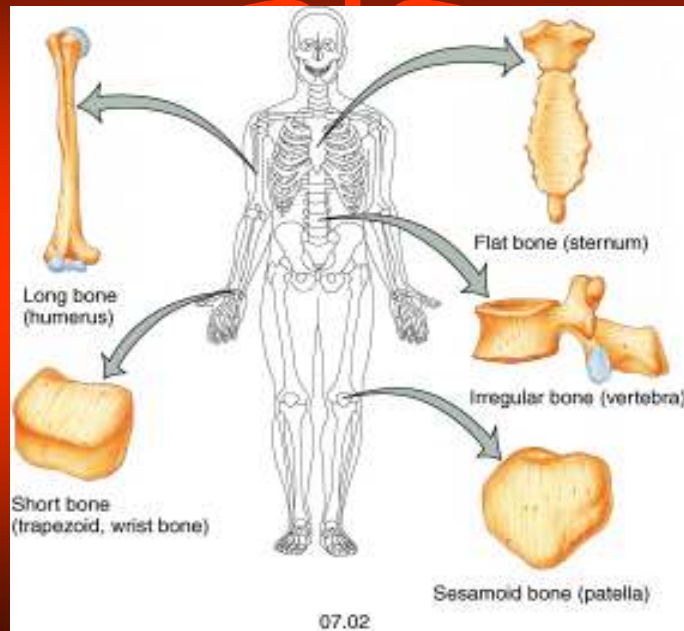
- Bones are constantly undergoing ossification and remodeling
- Replacing old bone matrix with new bone matrix
 - bone reabsorption (osteoclasts)
 - bone deposition (osteoblasts)
- Allows injured or worn out bone to be replaced
- Compact bone tissue is formed by the reorganization of spongy bone tissue

Types of Bones



- Long Bones
- Short Bones
- Flat Bones
- Irregular Bones
- Sesamoid Bones (not a classification used by all anatomists)

Types of Bones



Long Bones

- Greater length than width
- Have a distinct diaphysis and a variable number of epiphysis
- Slightly curved for strength
- Examples: humerus, ulna, radius, femur, tibia, fibula, metacarpals, metatarsals, phalanges

Short Bones



- Cube-shaped bones
- Nearly equal in length and width
- Spongy texture on inside of the bone
- Examples: carpal and tarsal bones

Flat Bones



- Generally thin and flat
- Compact bone on anterior and posterior surfaces with spongy bone in the middle
- Provides protection to organs
- Large surface area for muscle attachment
- Examples: cranial bones, sternum, scapula, ribs

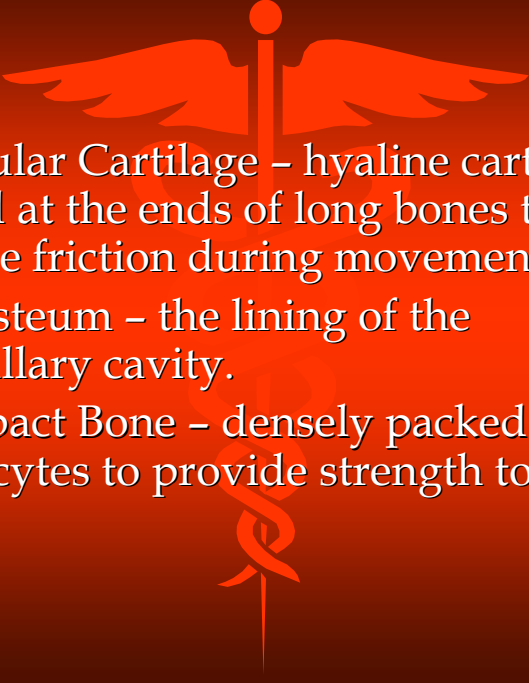
Irregular Bones

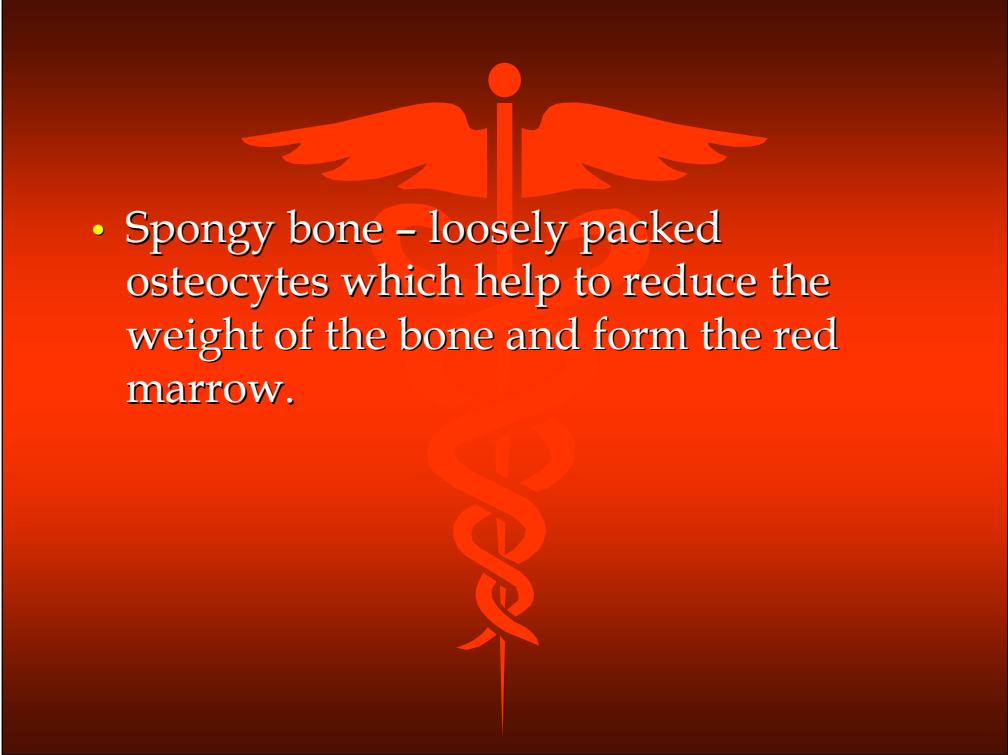


- Complex shaped bones
- Cannot be classified into other categories
- Vary in the amount of spongy and compact bone
- Examples: vertebrae, facial bones, patella

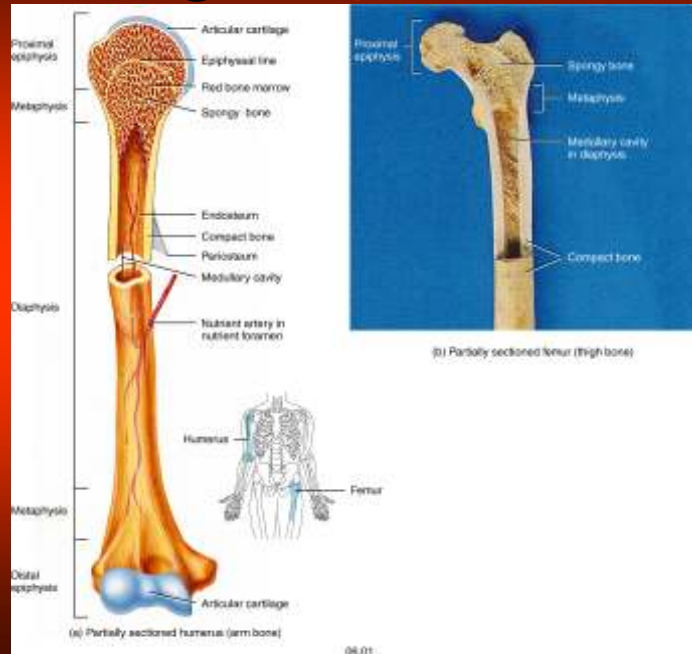
Long Bone Structure

- Periosteum - the outer covering
- Diaphysis - shaft of a long bone
- Epiphysis - ends of a long bone
- Medullary Cavity - contains marrow
- Red Marrow - where blood cells are produced.
- Yellow Marrow - where fat is stored

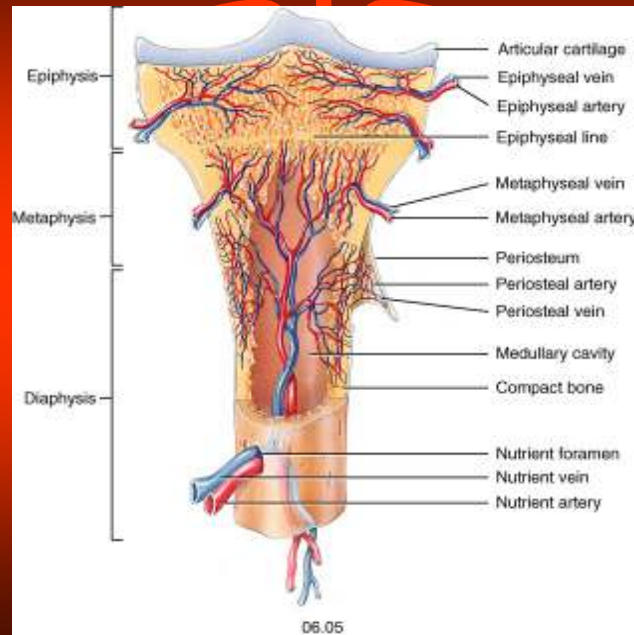
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- Articular Cartilage – hyaline cartilage found at the ends of long bones to reduce friction during movement.
 - Endosteum – the lining of the medullary cavity.
 - Compact Bone – densely packed osteocytes to provide strength to the bone.

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- Spongy bone - loosely packed osteocytes which help to reduce the weight of the bone and form the red marrow.

Long Bone Structure

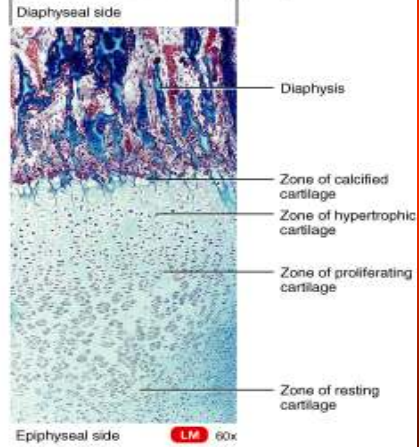
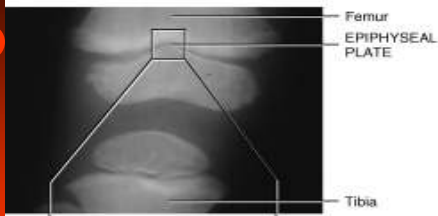


Proximal End of a Long Bone



Epiphyseal Plate

(a) Radiograph showing the epiphyseal plate of the femur of a 3-year-old

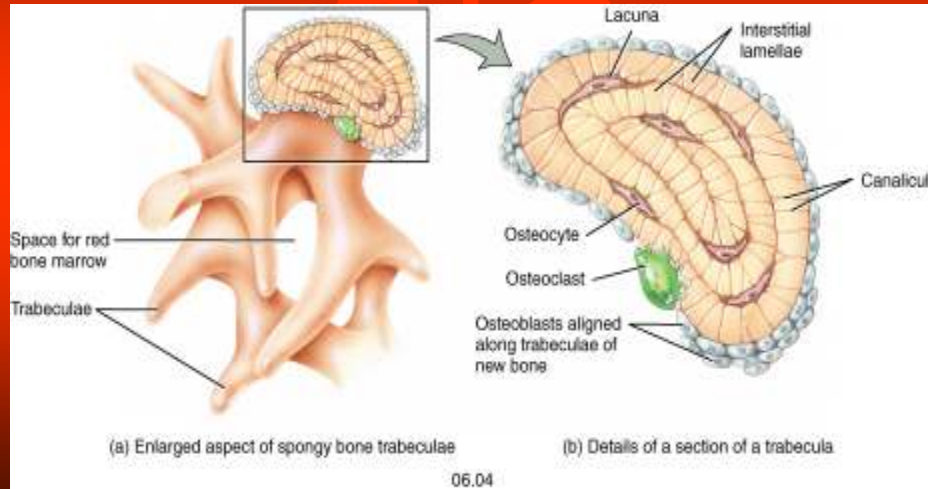


(b) Histology of the epiphyseal plate
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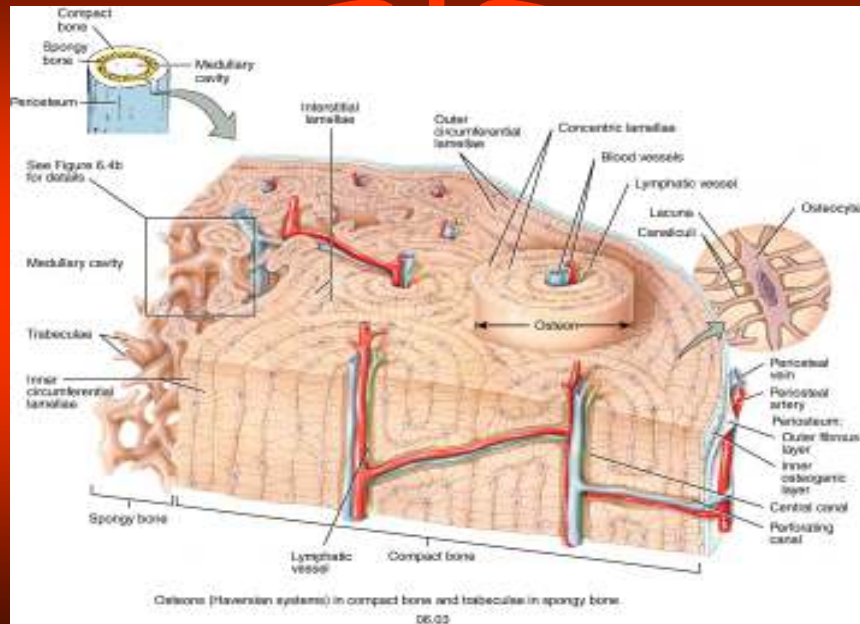
Classification of Bones

- Compact Bone (Dense Bone)
 - little space between the solid components of bone
- Spongy Bone (Trabecular Bone)
 - made up of an irregular network of thin plates of bone with many intercellular spaces called trabeculae (spicules)
 - spaces between trabeculae filled with red bone marrow
 - responsible for hematopoiesis

Spongy Bone Structure



Compact Bone



Bone Markings

- Foramen - an opening or hole in a bone
- Meatus - a tube-like passageway within a bone
- Sinus - a space within a bone lined with mucus membrane that reduces the weight of a bone
- Fossa - a depression or groove on a bone

Bone Markings

- Condyle - “Knuckle” - a large rounded prominence on a bone
- Tuberosity - an elevated, rounded, usually roughened area of a bone
- Trochanter - a large blunt process found only on the femur
- Tubercle - a small rounded process

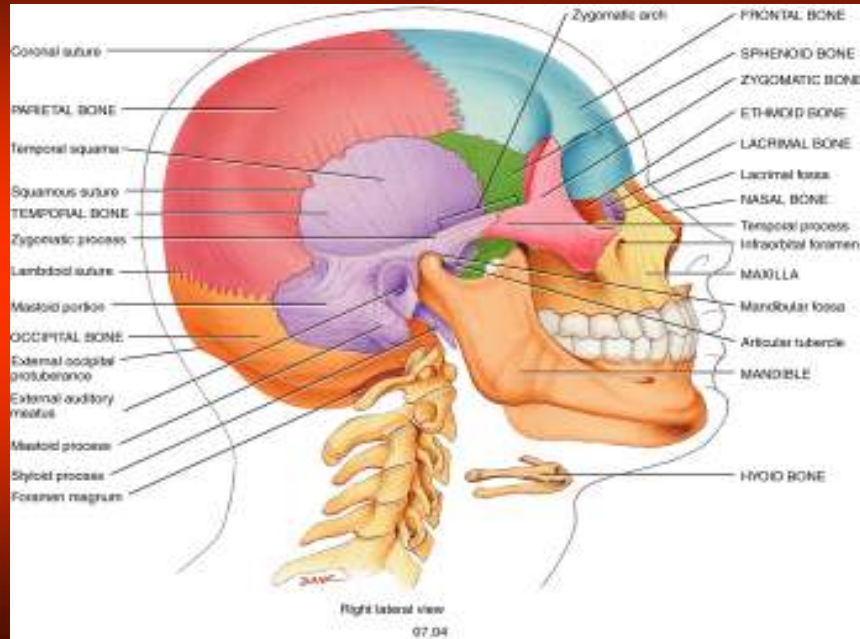
Bone Markings

- Process - any projection from the surface of a bone

Suture and Fontanel

- Sutures are the joints between the skull bones. They fuse together between the ages of 18 months old and 3 years.
- Fontanels are the soft, membranous spots of a baby's skull that allows for brain growth and the delivery of the fetus through the birth canal.

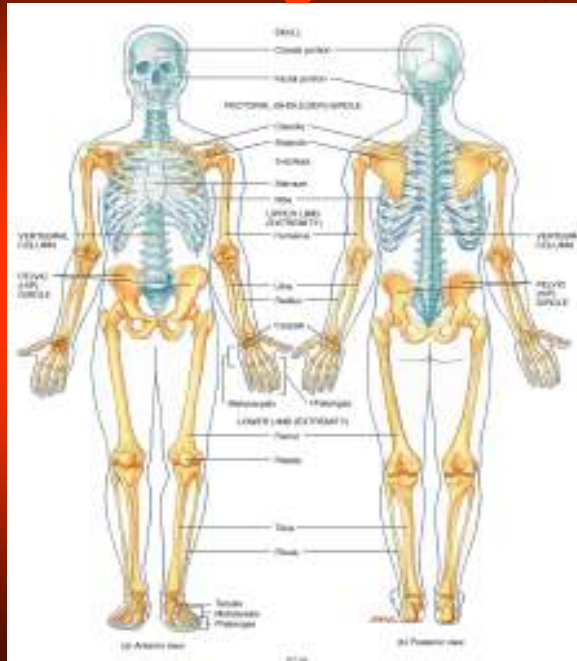
Skull - Lateral View



Divisions of the Skeleton

- Axial Skeleton - bones that lie along the long axis of the body. Includes the skull, hyoid bone, sternum, ribs, and vertebrae.
- Appendicular Skeleton - bones of the extremities.

Bones of the Skeletal System





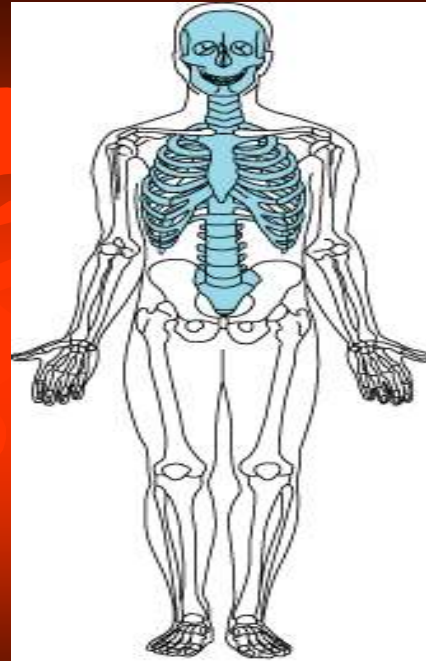
The Axial Skeleton

Axial Skeleton

80 Bones

- Skull
- Hyoid Bone
- Vertebral Column
- Sternum
- Ribs

Axial Skeleton



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Location of Basic Skull Bones

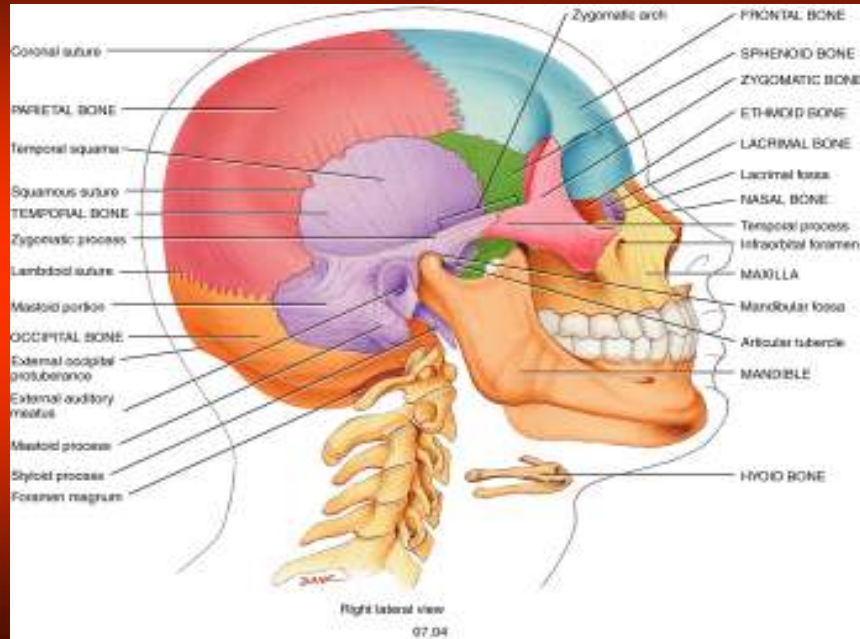


- Mandible
- Maxilla
- Zygomatic
- Frontal
- Parietal
- Occipital
- Sphenoid

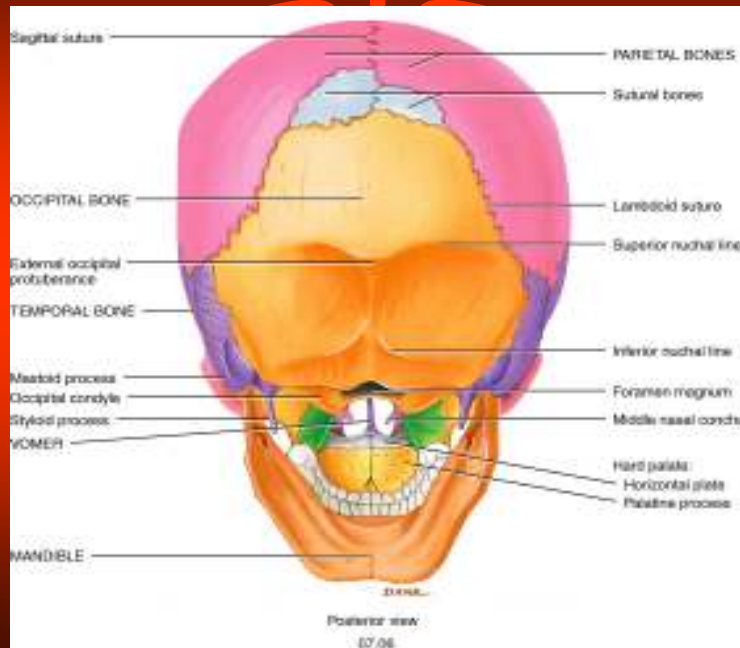
Location of Basic Skull Bones

- Ethmoid
- Hyoid
- Temporal
- Mastoid Process

Skull - Lateral View



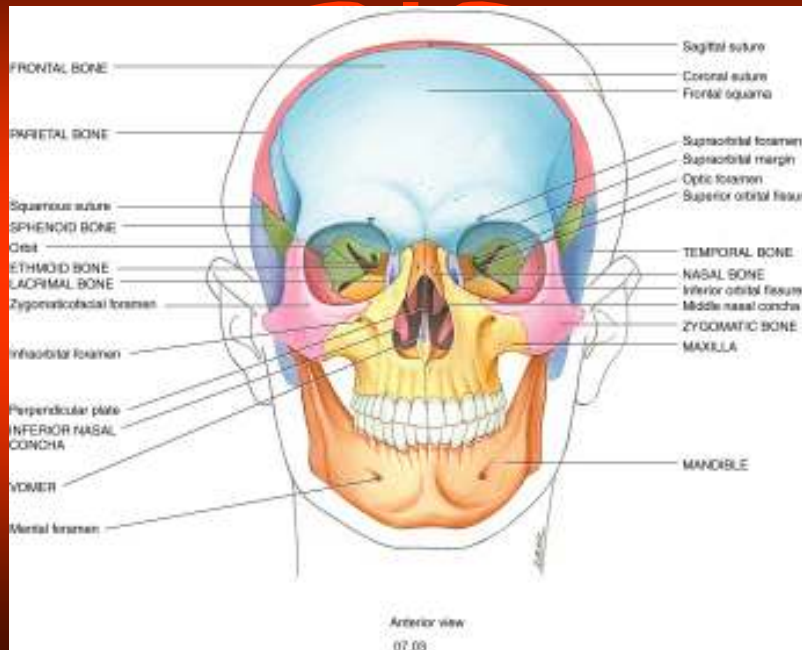
Skull - Posterior View



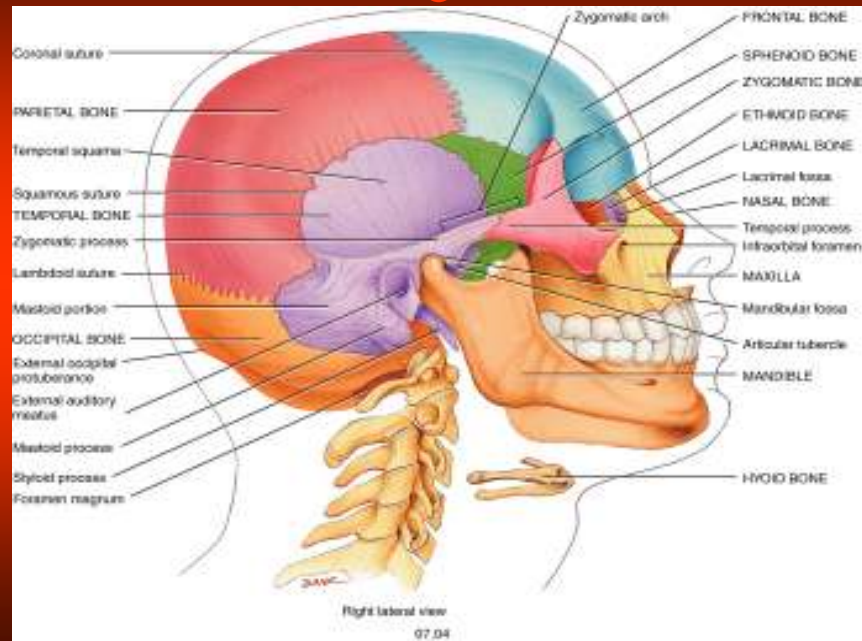
Cranial Bones (8)

- Frontal Bone
- Parietal Bones (2)
- Temporal Bones (2)
- Occipital Bone
- Sphenoid Bone
- Ethmoid Bone

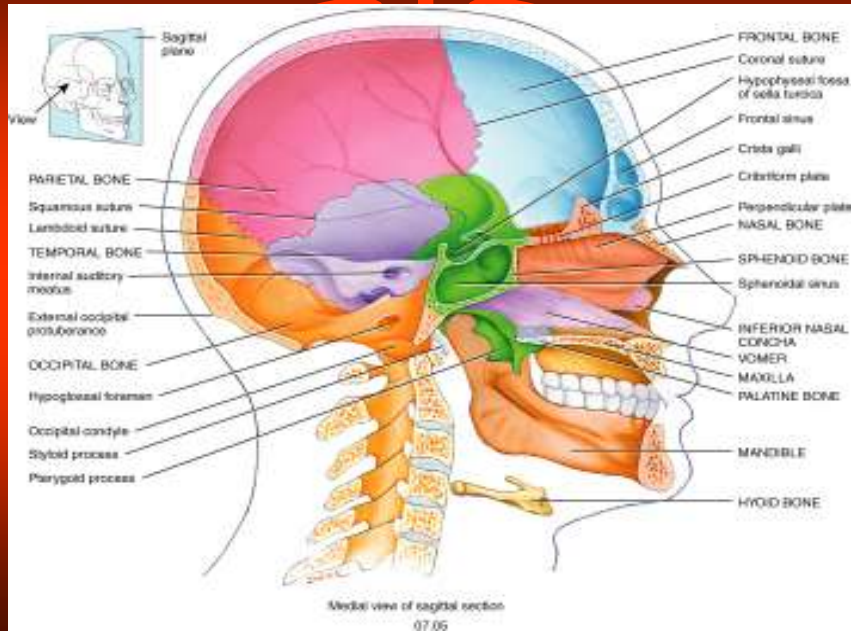
Skull - Anterior View



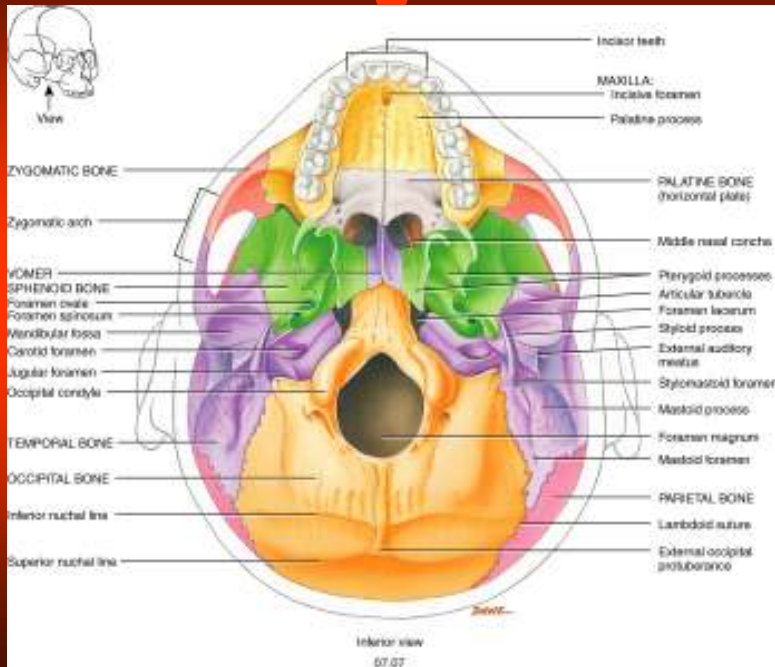
Skull - Lateral View



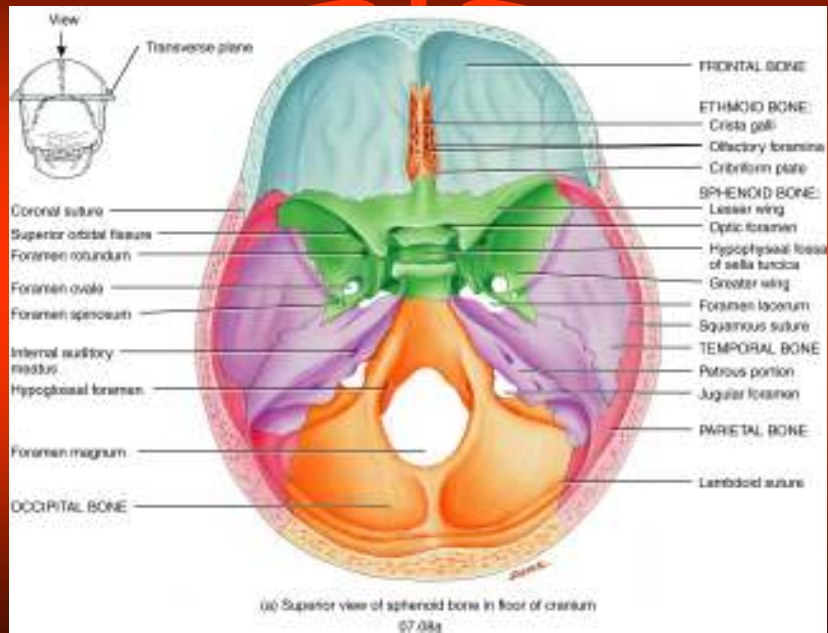
Skull - Sagittal View



Skull - Inferior View



Skull - Transverse Section



Frontal Bone

- Forms the forehead
- Forms the roof of the orbits (eye sockets)
- Forms most of the anterior portion of the cranial floor

Parietal Bones (2)

- Form the greater portion of the sides and roof of the cranial cavity

Temporal Bones (2)

- Form the inferior sides of the cranium and part of the cranial floor
- Temporal bone landmarks:
 - Zygomatic Process
 - Mandibular Fossa
 - External Auditory Meatus
 - Mastoid Process
 - Styloid Process

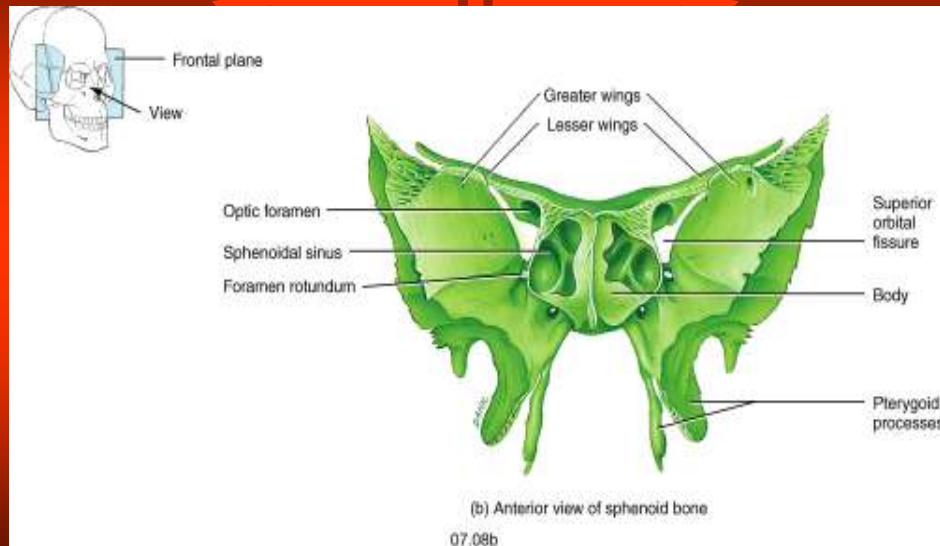
Occipital Bone

- The posterior part and prominent portion of the base of the cranium
- Occipital bone landmarks:
 - Foramen Magnum
 - Occipital Condyles
 - External Occipital Protuberance

Sphenoid Bone

- Bone situated in the middle part of the base of the skull
- Shaped like a bat
- Only bone that connects to all other cranial bones
- Sphenoid bone landmarks:
 - Body
 - Sella Turcica
 - Greater Wings
 - Sphenoid Sinuses

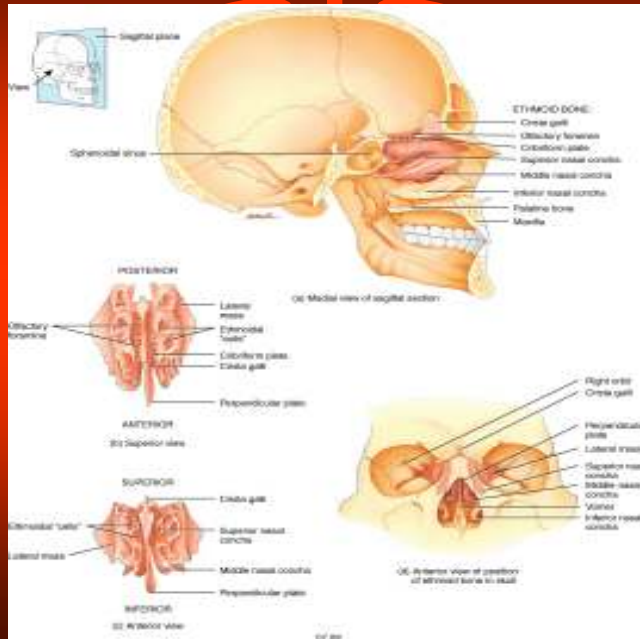
Sphenoid Bone



Ethmoid Bone

- Light, spongy bone located in the anterior floor of the cranium between the orbits
- Makes up much of the structure of the nasal cavity
- Ethmoid bone landmarks:
 - Lateral Masses (Labyrinths)
 - Ethmoid Sinuses
 - Perpendicular Plate
 - Superior Nasal Conchae
 - Middle Nasal Conchae
 - Crista Galli
 - Cribriform Plate

Ethmoid Bone

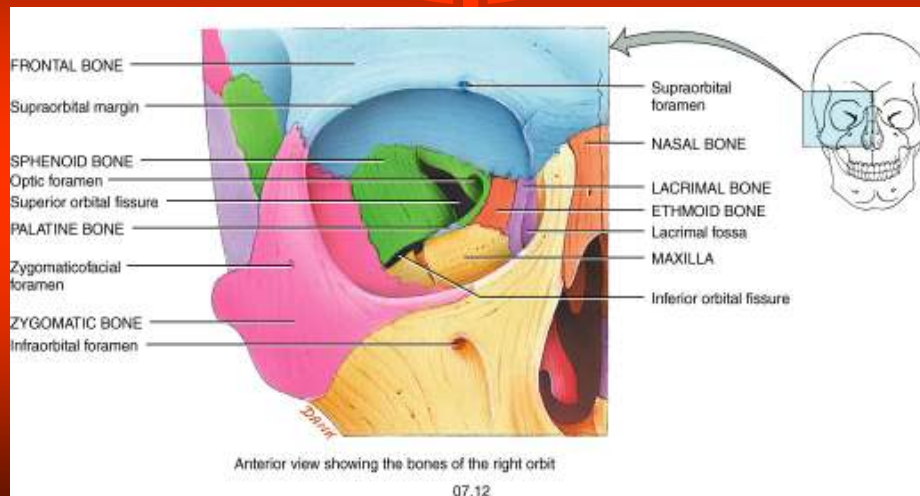


Facial Bones (14)



- Nasal Bones (2)
- Maxillae (2)
- Zygomatic Bones (2)
- Lacrimal Bones (2)
- Palatine Bones (2)
- Inferior Nasal Conchae (2)
- Vomer
- Mandible

Facial Bones



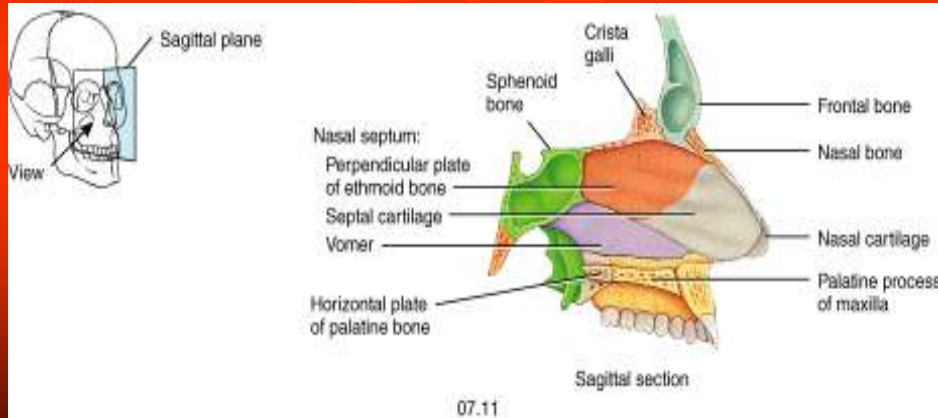
Zygomatic Bones (2)

- cheek bones
- form the prominences of the cheeks and the floor and outer walls of the orbits
- Zygomatic bone landmarks:
 - temporal processes
 - zygomatic arches

Maxillary Bones (2)

- Pair of bones that unite to form the upper jaw
- Articulate with every bone of the face except the mandible
- Maxillary bone landmarks:
 - Alveolar Processes
 - Alveoli
 - Palatine Processes - horizontal projection from the maxillae that forms the anterior three fourths of the hard palate
 - Cleft Palate
 - Cleft Lip

Facial Bones Sagittal Section



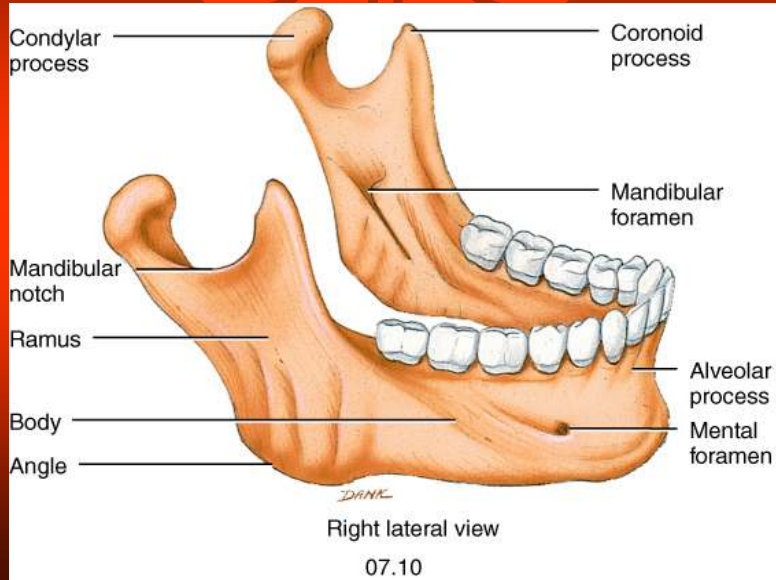
Mandible (Lower Jaw) Bone

- Largest and strongest bone in the face
- The only moveable skull bone
- Articulates with the temporal bone to form the Temporal Mandibular Joint (TMJ)

Mandibular Landmarks

- Body - front and sides of the bone
- Rami - perpendicular portions of bone
- Angle
- Condylar Processes - joint
- Coronoid Processes - muscles
- Mandibular Notch
- Alveolar Processes and Alveoli
- Mental Foramen - front/body
- Mandibular Foramen - posterior ramus
- Mandibular Canal

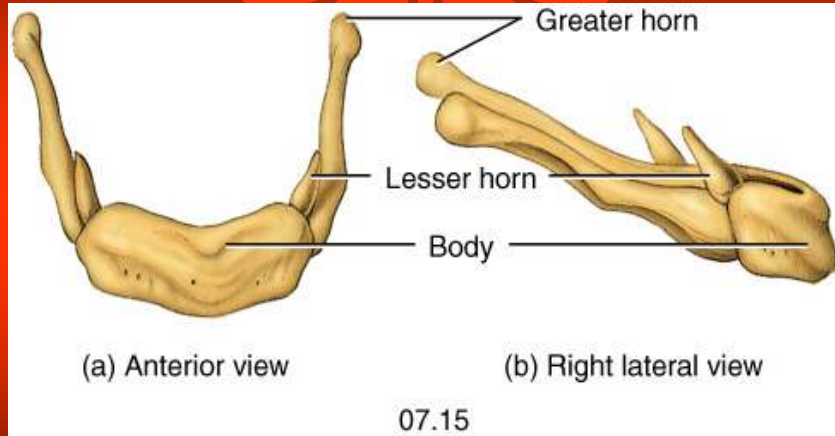
Mandible



Hyoid Bone

- U-shaped bone suspended from the styloid processes by ligaments
- Only bone in the body that doesn't directly articulate with another bone
- Located between mandible and larynx
- Supports the tongue and provides point of attachment for some tongue and neck muscles

Hyoid Bone



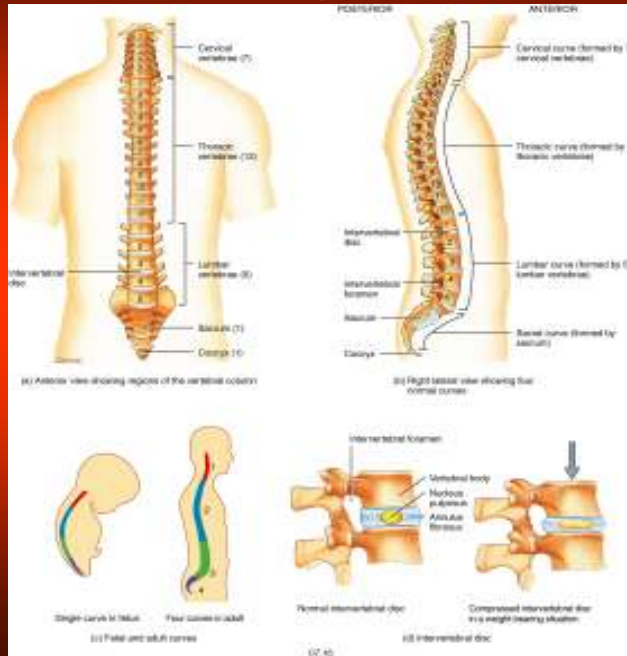
The Vertebral Column (Spine)

- Together with ribs and sternum provide about two-fifths (40%) of the height of the body
- Composed of 33 (26) different bones
- Encloses and protects the spinal cord
- Supports the head
- Lower vertebrae supports the weight of the entire upper body

Vertebrae

- Bones of the vertebral column
- Cervical vertebrae (7) - neck
- Thoracic vertebrae (12) - ribs
- Lumbar vertebrae (5) - lower back
- Sacral vertebrae (5) - pelvic bones
- Coccygeal vertebrae (4) - tail bone
- Intervertebral Foramina - openings between the vertebrae for nerve exit

Vertebral Column



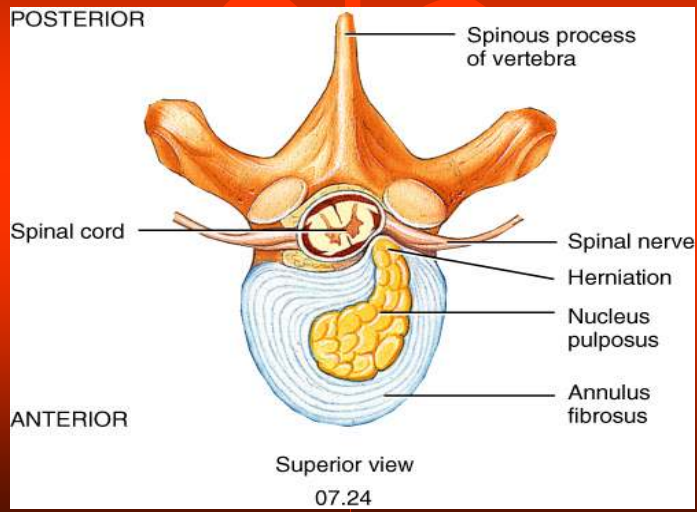
Intervertebral Discs

- Discs of fibrocartilage found between the vertebrae from C1 to the sacrum
- Functions to absorb shock
- Allows for the multi-directional motion between each vertebrae
 - Annulus Fibrosis - outer fibrous ring
 - Nucleus Pulposus - inner, soft pulpy portion of the intervertebral discs

Herniated Discs (Slipped Discs)

- Rupture of the fibrocartilage discs
- Usually caused by compression forces
- Usually occurs between L4 and L5 or L5 and the 1st Sacral Vertebrae
- Disc protrudes and exerts pressure on spinal nerves
- To decrease risk of herniated discs:
 - 1. maintain optimal body weight
 - 2. strengthen abdominal muscles
 - 3. increase lower back flexibility

Herniated Disc



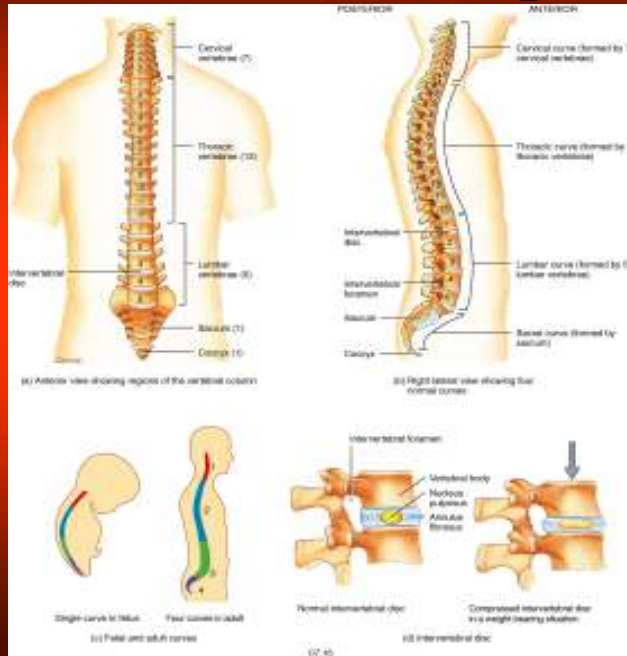
Spina Bifida

- congenital defect where the neural arch fails to unit
- usually involves the lumbar vertebrae
- symptoms may be mild to severe
 - usually results in paralysis
 - partial or complete loss of bladder control
 - absence of reflexes
- can be diagnosed during pregnancy by sonography, amniocentesis, blood tests

Curvature of the Spine

- Increases strength of the spine
- Helps maintain balance
- Dissipates vertical shock
- Protects spinal column from fracture
- Anterior Curves (Secondary Curves)
 - Cervical Vertebrae
 - Lumbar Vertebrae
- Posterior Curves (Primary Curves)
 - Thoracic Vertebrae
 - Sacral Vertebrae

Curvature of the Spine

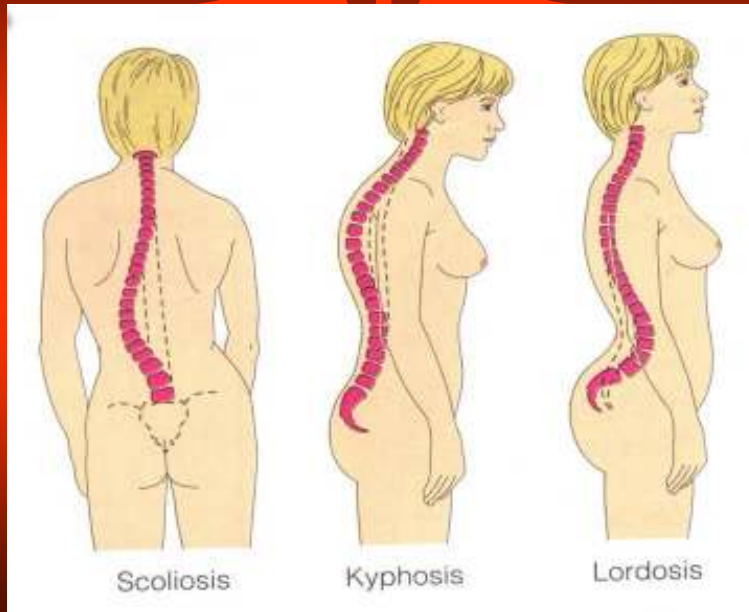


Abnormal Curvatures of the Spine



- Scoliosis - lateral curvature of the spine
 - usually in thoracic and lumbar region
- Kyphosis - hunchback/humpback
 - exaggeration of thoracic curvature
- Lordosis - swayback (sprinters butt)
 - exaggeration of lumbar curvature

Abnormal Curvatures





The Appendicular Skeleton

Appendicular Skeleton

126 Bones

- clavicle
- scapula
- humerus
- ulna
- radius
- carpals
- metacarpals
- phalanges
- pelvis
- femur
- patella
- tibia
- fibula
- tarsals
- metatarsals
- phalanges

Appendicular Skeleton



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Joints (Articulations)

The points of contact between bones, between bones and cartilage, or between teeth and bones.

Structural Classification of Joints



- Classification of joints based upon how they are held together
- Fibrous Joints
 - held together by fibrous connective tissue
- Cartilaginous Joints
 - held together by cartilage
- Synovial Joints
 - joint enclosed within a synovial or joint capsule

Synovial Joints

- Enclosed within a joint or synovial capsule
 - fibrous capsule - outer layer
 - attaches to periosteum of bone
 - synovial membrane - inner layer
 - secretes synovial fluid
- Space between the ends of articulating bones called a synovial space
- End of articulating bones are covered with hyaline (articular) cartilage

Typical Synovial Joint



Menisci

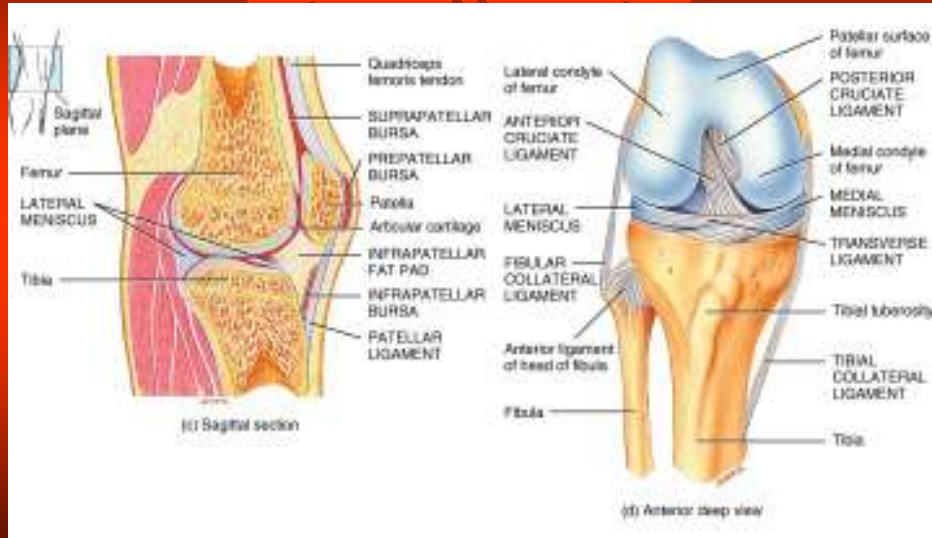
- Pads of fibrocartilagenous discs found between bony surfaces in some joints
- Allows the bones to fit together better
- Maintains the stability of the joint
- Absorbs shock
- Directs the flow of synovial fluid to areas of greatest friction

Bursae



- Sac-like structures that resemble joint capsules situated within body tissues
- Function like ball-bearings
- Reduces friction between bones and soft tissues
- Reduces friction between bones and skin

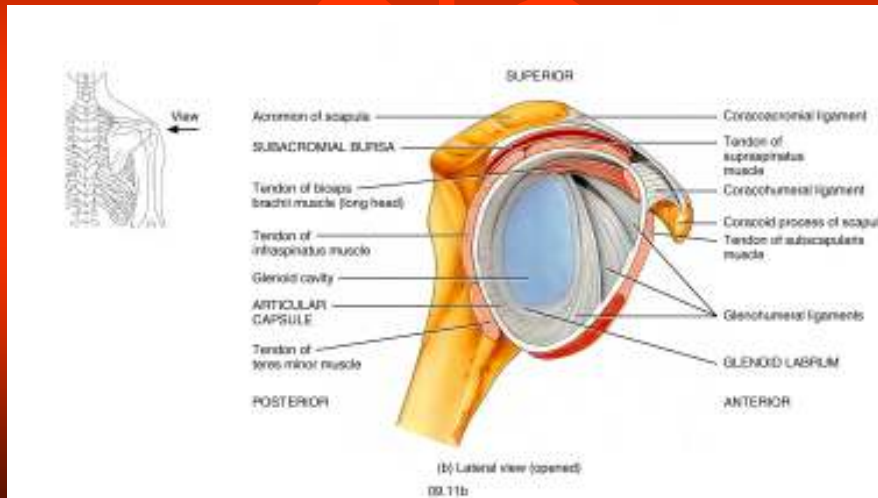
Knee Joint



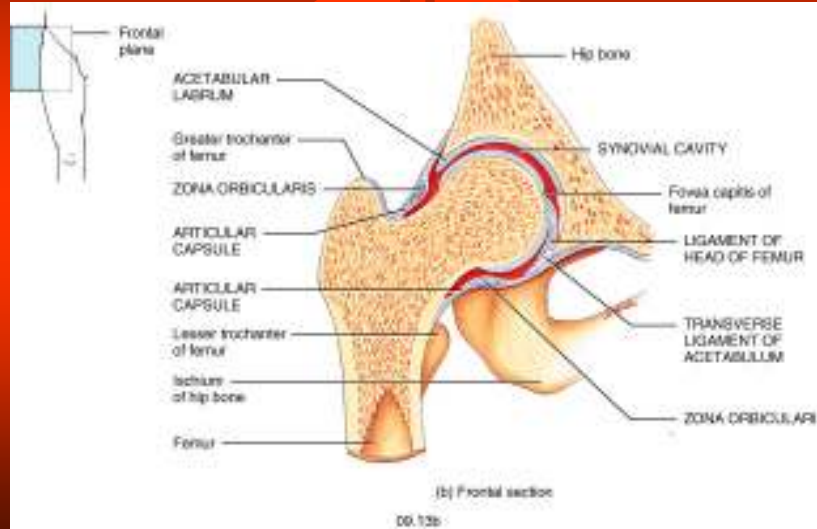
Shoulder Joint



Shoulder Joint



Hip Joint



Tendons and Ligaments



- Tendons - connect muscle to bone
 - A band or cord of dense fibrous connective tissue extending from a muscle to a bone for attachment
- Ligaments - connect bone to bone
 - A band or cord of dense fibrous connective tissue extending from one bone to another bone to provide a joint with structural stability

Osteoarthritis



- Degenerative joint disease associated with aging
- Usually preceded by traumatic joint injury
- Characteristics:
 - degeneration of articular cartilage
 - development of bone spurs
 - usually effects large joints (knees, hips, etc)
- Treatment:
 - rest
 - removal of bone spurs
 - joint replacement



Decrease in bone mass and
increased susceptibility
to fractures.

Osteoporosis Contributing Factors

- Decreased estrogen production
- Poor nutritional status
- Low activity levels
- Weight
- Smoking
- Drugs and alcohol consumption
- Gender/race/hereditary factors

Osteoporosis - Treatment



- Calcium supplementation
- Estrogen Replacement Therapy
- Weight-bearing exercise
- Steroid treatment therapy