

Skeletal System Notes

1. Bone functions:

- a. Support organs
- b. Protect organs
- c. Allow Movement
- d. Store Calcium (Ca) and other minerals
- e. Blood cell formation
- f. Fat storage

2. Five bone types

- a. Long bones: slightly curved for strength
 - i. Femur
 - ii. Humerus
- b. Short bones: cube-shaped
 - i. Carpals
 - ii. Tarsals
- c. Flat bones: thin - provides protection and areas for muscle attachment
 - i. Ribs
 - ii. Skull
- d. Irregular bones: complex shapes
 - i. Vertabrae
 - ii. Facial bones
- e. Sesamoid bones: tiny; shaped like a sesame seed
 - i. develop in tendons (friction) - not in everyone
 - ii. exception - Patella

3. Bone structure

a. Spongy Bone

- i. Contains many large spaces filled with red marrow
- ii. Found in short bones, flat bones, irregular bones, and the ends of long bones.

b. Compact Bone

- i. Contains few spaces between mineral matrix
- ii. Deposited in layers over spongy bone
- iii. Provides support and protection

c. Two types of marrow

- i. Red: where blood cells are made
- ii. Yellow: fat storage

4. Macroscopic structure of long bone (pg. 163-171)

a. Epiphysis: enlarged ends of long bone

- i. Articular Cartilage: hyaline cartilage that covers the joint surfaces of bones
- ii. Secondary center of ossification.

b. Diaphysis: shaft of long bone

- i. Periosteum: tough fibrous CT that covers the diaphysis (shaft) and is continuous with tendons & ligaments
- ii. Medullary Canal: hollow central canal in shaft (contains marrow)
- iii. Primary center of ossification.

5. Microscopic structure of compact bone

- a. Osteon: microscopic unit of structure in compact bone
- b. see attached diagram

6. Bone development and growth: Ossification

- a. Flat bones originate as membrane
Example: fontanelles – soft spots in an infant's skull
- b. Other bones originate as hyaline cartilage
- c. Three types of bone cells involved:
 - i. Osteoblast: secrete mineral matrix
 - ii. Osteocyte: mature bone cells, maintain bone
 - iii. Osteoclast: dissolve mineral matrix
- d. Homeostasis of bone tissue: bone is constantly being remodeled by osteoblasts and osteoclasts in order to:
 - i. Regulate blood calcium
 - ii. Respond to stress
 - iii. Reshape bone as it grows

7. Joints

- a. Immobile joints: Sutures
 - i. Separated by fibrous C.T.
 - ii. Example - Skull

- b. Slightly movable joints
 - i. Held together by fibrocartilage or by ligaments
 - ii. Example - Pubic Symphysis
- c. Movable joints: Synovial Joints
 - i. Surface covered in hyaline cartilage
 - ii. Articular capsule encloses and unite bones; parts include:
 1. Ligaments: to hold bones together
 2. Synovial Fluid: to lubricate
 3. Meniscus: pads of fibrocartilage for cushioning
 4. Bursa: fluid filled sacs that reduce friction with tendons moving

Note - ligaments connect bone to bone and Tendons connect muscle to bone (or muscle to muscle)

8. Types of Synovial joints

- a. Ball and socket: allows the greatest movement (ex. Hip and Shoulder)
- b. Hinge joint: allows movement in one plane (ex. Elbow)
- c. Pivot joint: rotates around an axis (ex. Radius-Ulna)
- d. Saddle joint: variety of movements (ex. Thumb)
- e. Gliding joint: one surface glides over the other (ex. Vertebrae)
- f. Condylloid joint: allows much motion, but not rotation (ex. Metacarpals-Phalanges)

9. Types of joint movements:

- a. Flexion vs. Extention vs. Hyperextention
- b. Dorsiflexion vs. Plantar Flexion
- c. Abduction vs. Adduction
- d. Rotatiō
- e. Pronation vs. Suppination
- f. Retraction vs. Protraction
- g. Elevation vs. Depression
- h. Eversion vs. Inversion
- i. Circumductiō

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