# Biopsy and Staging of Musculoskeletal Neoplasms

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#### **Definitions**

- Bone / Soft tissue tumors (Primary)
  - Mesenchymally derived tumors (Mesodermal)
  - Benign or Malignant (Sarcoma)
  - Sarcoma=fleshy (Greek), fish flesh
  - Sarcoma—ability to metastasize systemically and invade locally

#### Classification

- Derived from primitive pluripotential mesenchymal cell
- Pluripotential mesenchymal cell can form
  - Bone
  - Cartilage
  - Fibrous Tissue
  - Lipogenic
  - Blood Vessels
  - Nervous tissue
  - Small Round Blue Cells

#### Classification

- Bone and soft tissue tumors are classified according to the predominant type of tissue (Pattern of Differentiation)
- Important to think in terms of these categories when evaluating
- Unique findings on imaging studies and pathology
- Specific types of tumors in each age group and anatomic site

Histologic Type*	Benign	Malignant
Hematopoietic (41.4%)		Myeloma Reticulum cell sarcoma
Chondrogenic (20.9%)	Osteochondroma Chondroma Chondroblastoma Chondromyxoid fibroma	Primary chondrosarcoma Secondary chondrosarcoma Dedifferentiated chondrosarcoma Mesenchymal chondrosarcoma
Osteogenic (19.3%)	Osteoid osteoma Benign osteoblastoma	Osteosarcoma Parosteal osteogenic sarcoma
Unknown origin (9.8%)	Giant cell tumor	Ewing's tumor  Malignant giant cell tumor  Adamantinoma
	(Fibrous) histiocytoma	(Fibrous) histiocytoma
Fibrogenic (3.8%)	Fibroma  Desmoplastic fibroma	Fibrosarcoma
Notochordal (3.1%)		Chordoma
Vascular (1.6%)	Hemangioma	Hemangioendothelioma Hemangiopericytoma
Lipogenic (<0.5%)	Lipoma	
Neurogenic (<0.5%)	Neurilemmoma	

## **Natural History**

- Benign
  - Latent
  - Active
  - Aggressive
- Malignant
  - Low Grade
  - Intermediate
  - High Grade

- Sarcomas grow locally in a centrifugal manner
- Form "Ball –Like" masses
- Periphery is least mature
- Benign aggressive and malignant tumors compress adjacent tissue into a pseudocapsular layer
- Pseudocapsular layer-microscopic extension of main tumor mass (satellite nodules)

- Pseudocapsule: 2 zones
  - Compressed tumor cells
  - Fibrovascular zone of reactive tissue with an inflammatory component that interdigitates with normal tissue—contains satellite lesions
- True capsule—surrounds a benign lesion; composed of compressed normal cells and mature fibrous tissue

 Surgical resection must include the pseudocapsule to ensure removal of the entire lesion

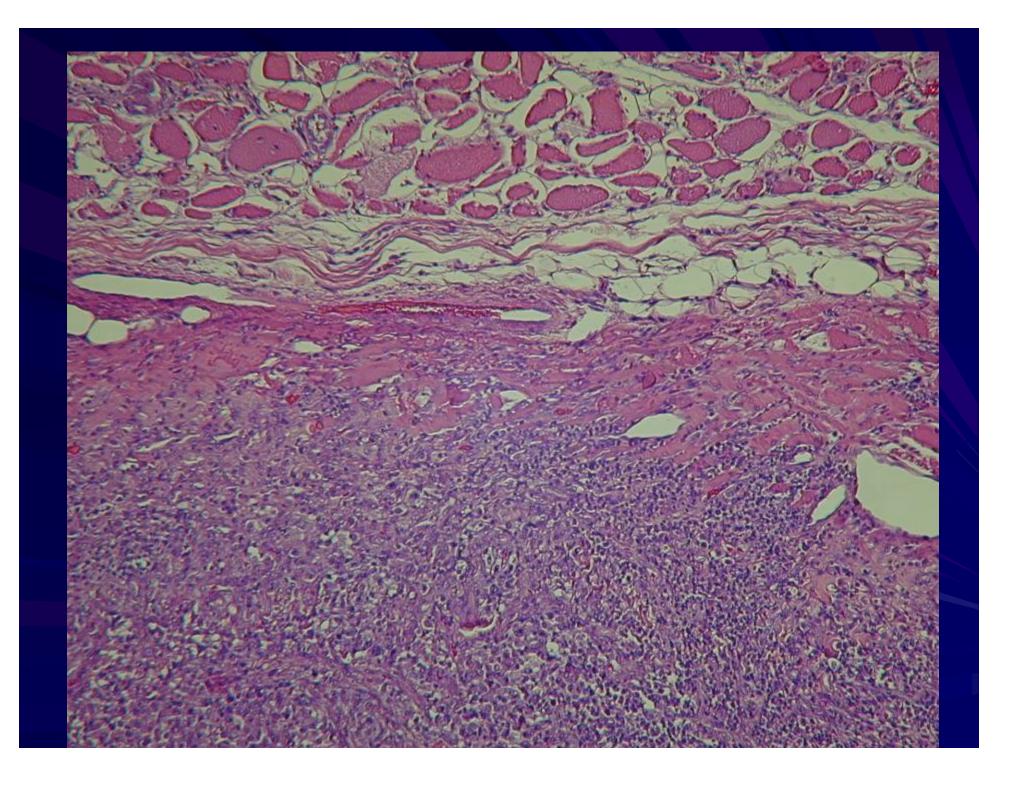
 Skip metastasis: High grade sarcomas have the ability to break through the pseudocapsule and metastasize within the same compartment

- High Grade Bone Sarcomas
  - Intraosseous Skip Mets---embolization of tumor cells within the marrow sinusoids
  - Transarticular Skip Mets---occur via periarticular venous anastomoses

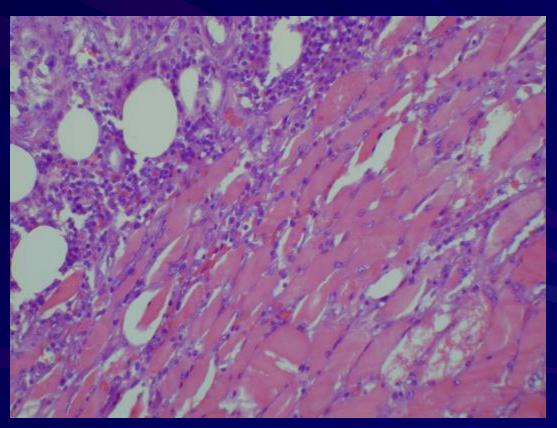
- Clinical Incidence of Skip Mets<1%</li>
- Very poor prognosis (0% cure)

- Sarcomas have the ability to metastasize systemically—hematogenously
- (contradistinction to carcinomas—lymphatic spread primarily)
- Most common sites:
  - Lungs
  - Bones
  - Liver (primarily retroperitoneal soft tissue sarc)

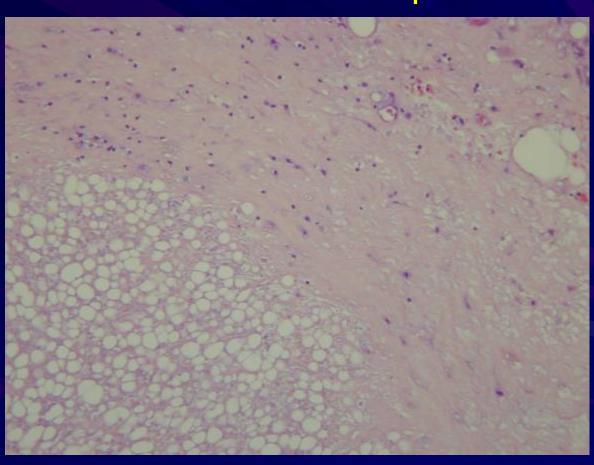
- Low Grade tumors—mets<5-10%</p>
- High grade lesions— mets 60%-100%
- Some benign aggressive lesions can metastasize to the lungs, other bones (rare event)
  - Giant Cell Tumor
  - Chondroblastoma
- Multicentricity: Multiple bony sites at presentation (??synchronous mets)
  - GCT, Osteosarcoma, Ewings

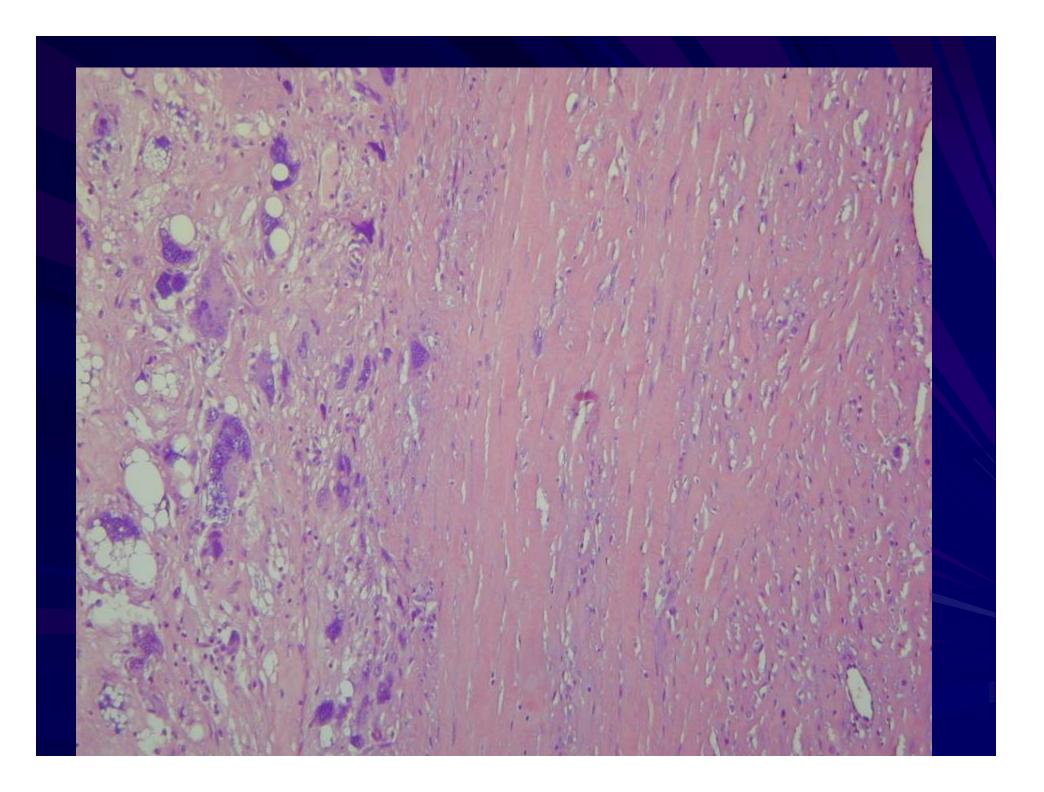


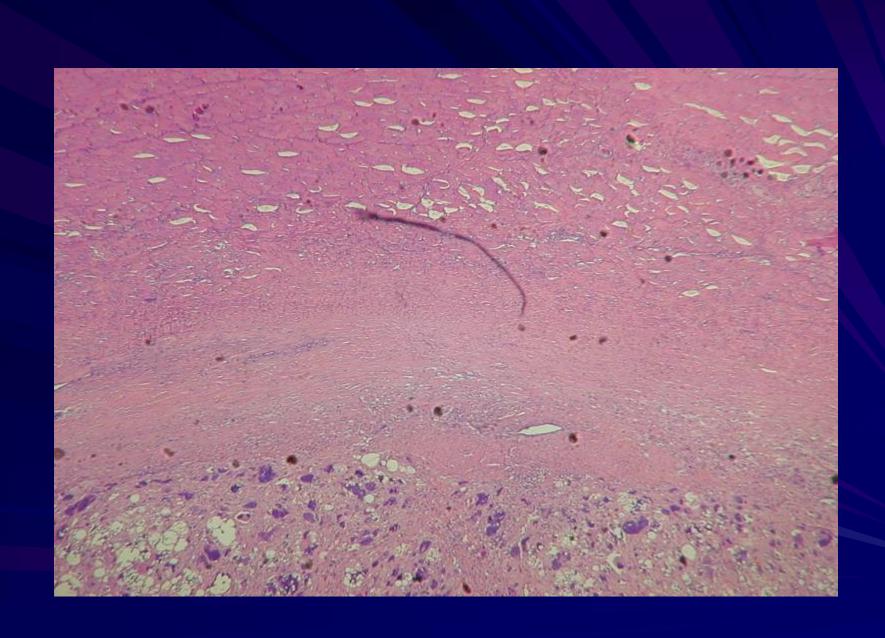
## Reactive Zone or Pseudocapsule Tumor Compressing Muscle and Infiltrating between Muscle Fibers



## High Grade Sarcoma After Good Respose to Chemotherapy: the Pseudocapsule is Converted to a True Fibrous Capsule







#### Local Growth of Sarcomas

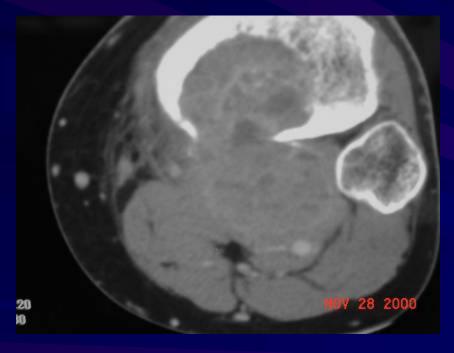
- Local growth obeys fascial borders/compartmental borders
- Fascial borders resist tumor penetration
- Compartment refers to the bone or muscle of origin; muscle compartment surrounded by fascia (investing fascia on all sides resists tumor penetration)
- When a bone tumor destroys the cortex and spreads into the surrounding soft tissue---extracompartmental

- Bone Tumors that extend extracompartmental compress the surrounding muscles into a pseudocapsule
  - (the fascia of the surrounding muscle usually contains the tumor and protects other muscles and structures)
    - Distal Femur: Vastus Intermedius
    - Proximal Tibia: Popliteus
    - Proximal Humerus: Subscapularis
    - Scapula: Rotator Cuff

- Soft Tissue Sarcomas
  - Intramuscular---if extends beyond fascia extracompartmental
  - Intermuscular—extracompartmental



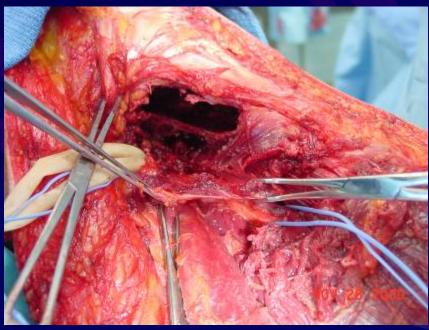
## GCT Proximal Tibia

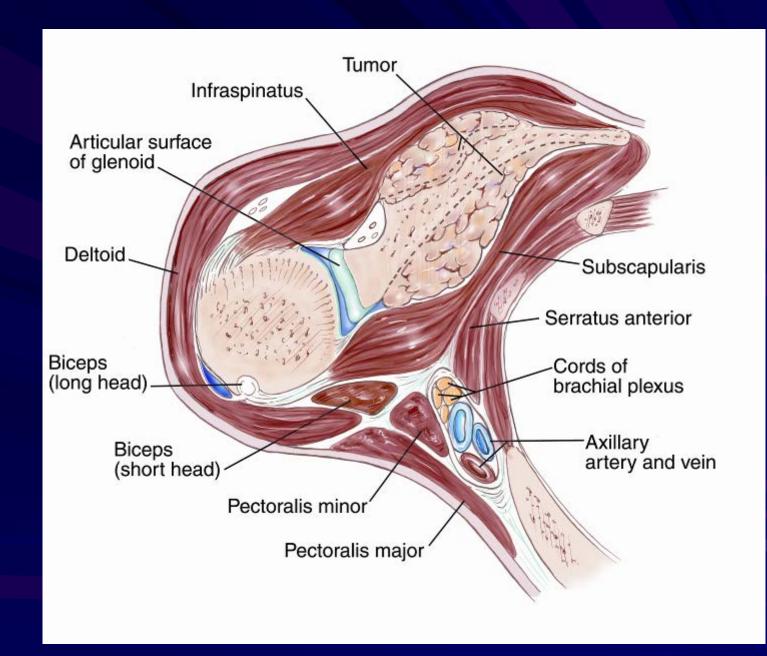




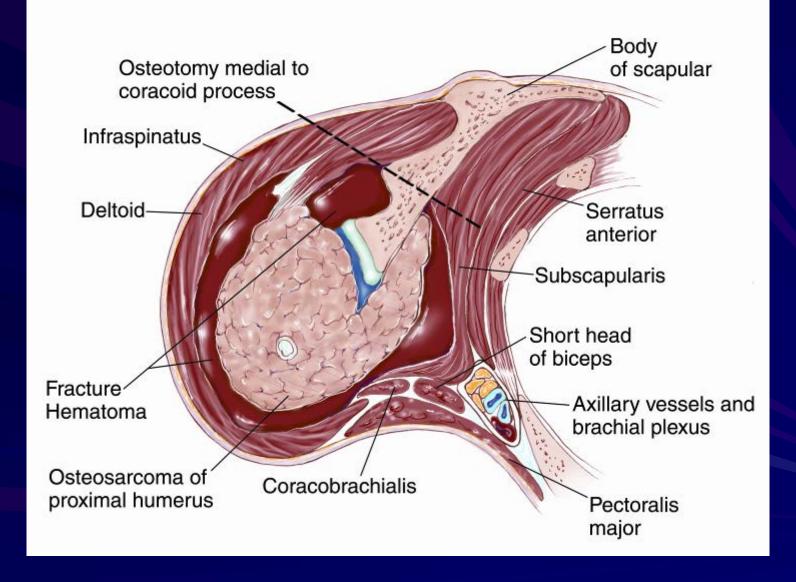
## Popliteus (Pseudocapsule)







#### LOCAL SPREAD OF HEMATOMA SECONDARY TO PATHOLOGICAL FRACTURE



## Staging

- Purpose
  - Determine tumor type
  - Determine prognosis
  - Guide treatment
  - Compare results between study groups
  - Delineate extent of local and distant disease

## Staging Studies

- Plain Radiograph
- MRI
- CT scan
- Chest CT
- Bone Scan

## Plain Radiographs

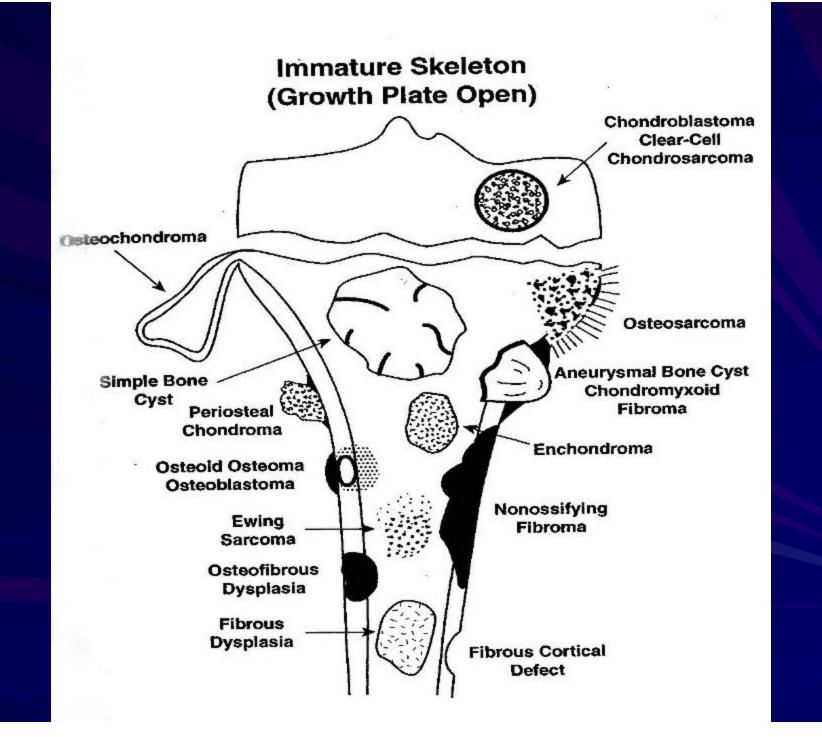
- Rate of tumor growth
- Tumor interaction with surrounding nonneoplastic tissue
- Internal composition of tumor

### Plain Radiographs

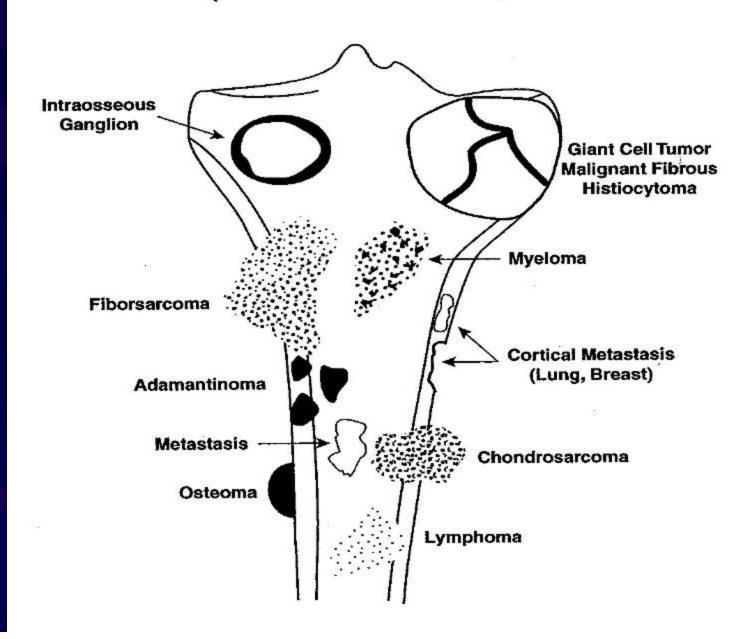
- Bone involved
- Is involved bone normal?
- What part of the bone?
- Open or closed growth plate
- Epicenter of lesion (cortex or medullary canal)
- Tumor contour and zone of transition between tumor and host bone

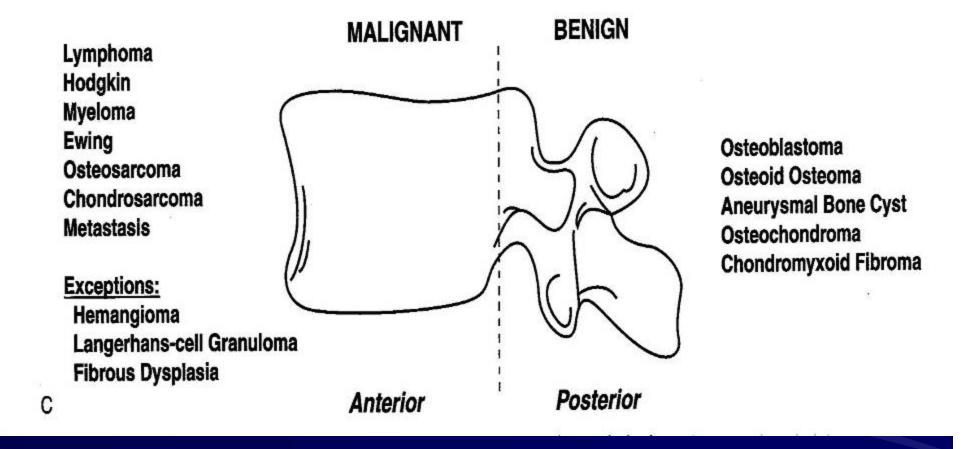
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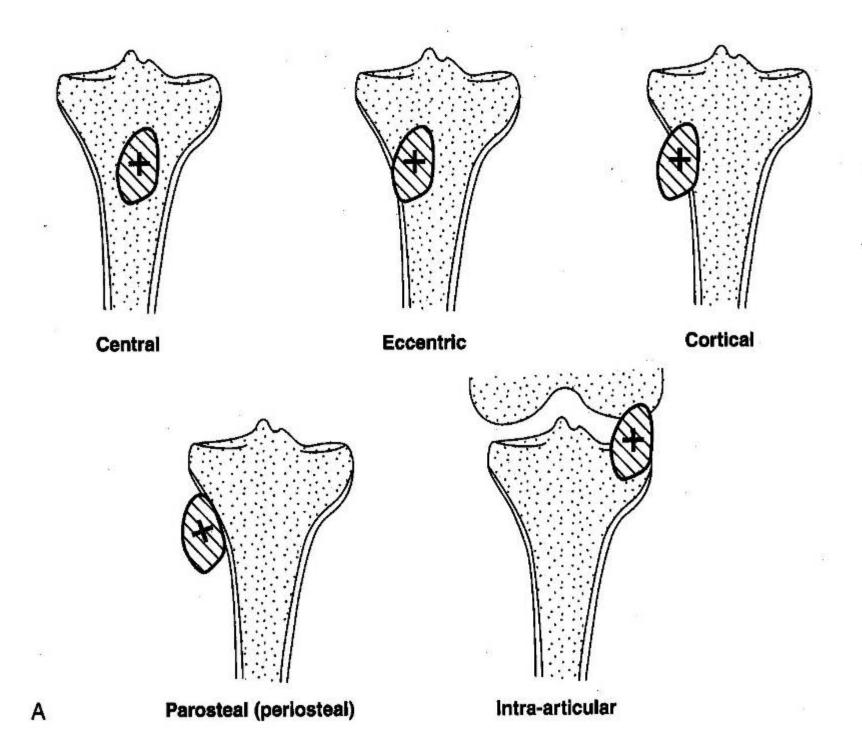
- Mineralized matrix?
- Cortical destruction?
- Periosteal reaction? What type
- Involvement of joint space?
- Tumor multifocal?
- Is tumor of uniform appearanceor does it have several different components?

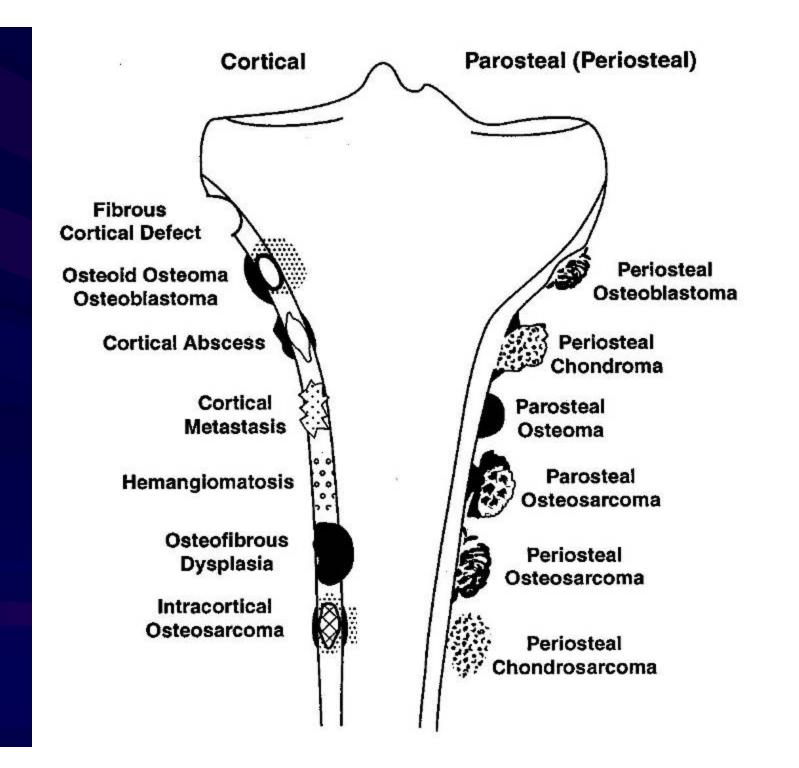


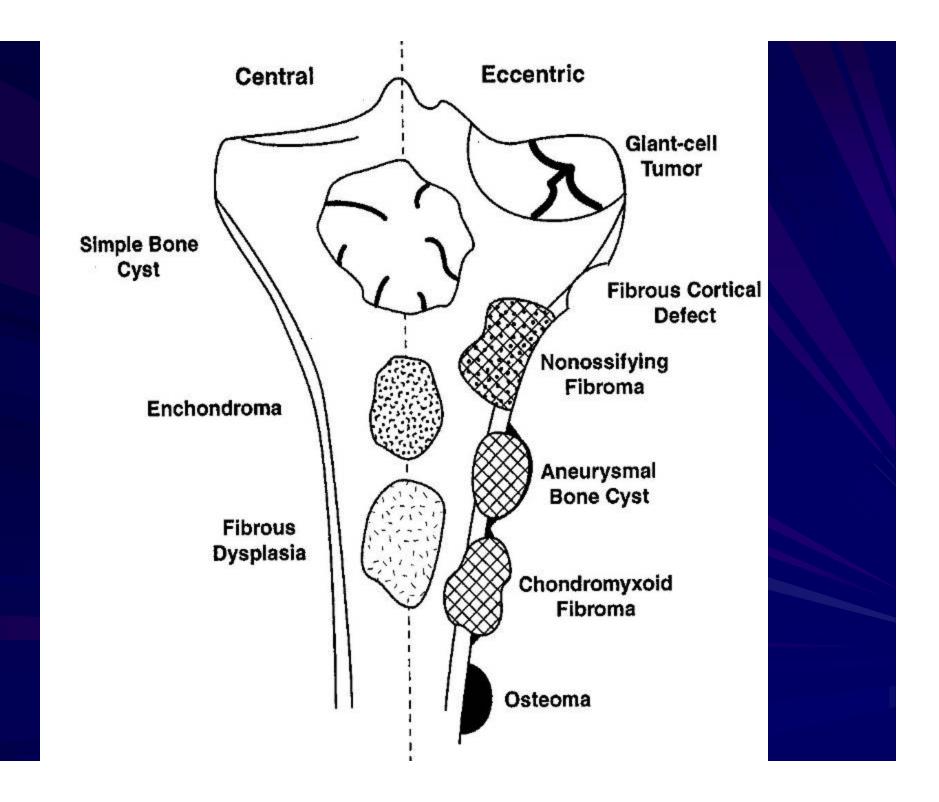
## Mature Skeleton (Growth Plate Closed)

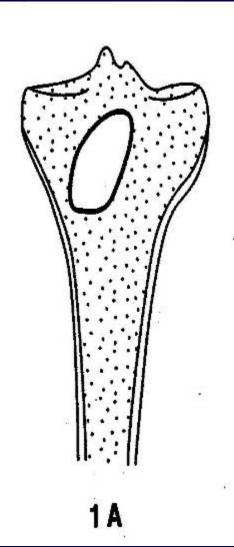


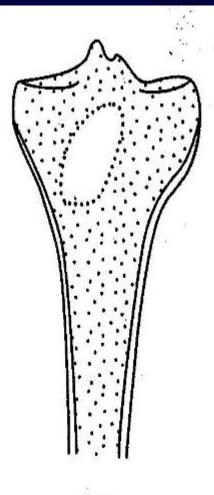


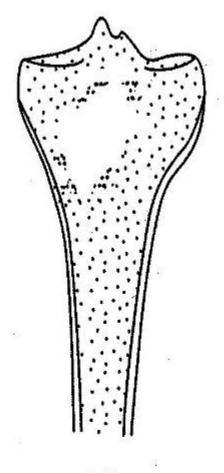






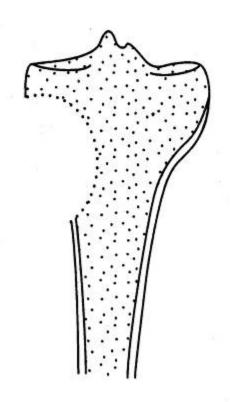




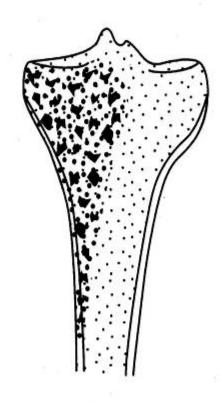


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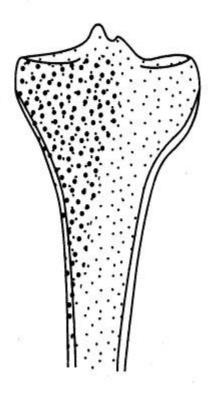
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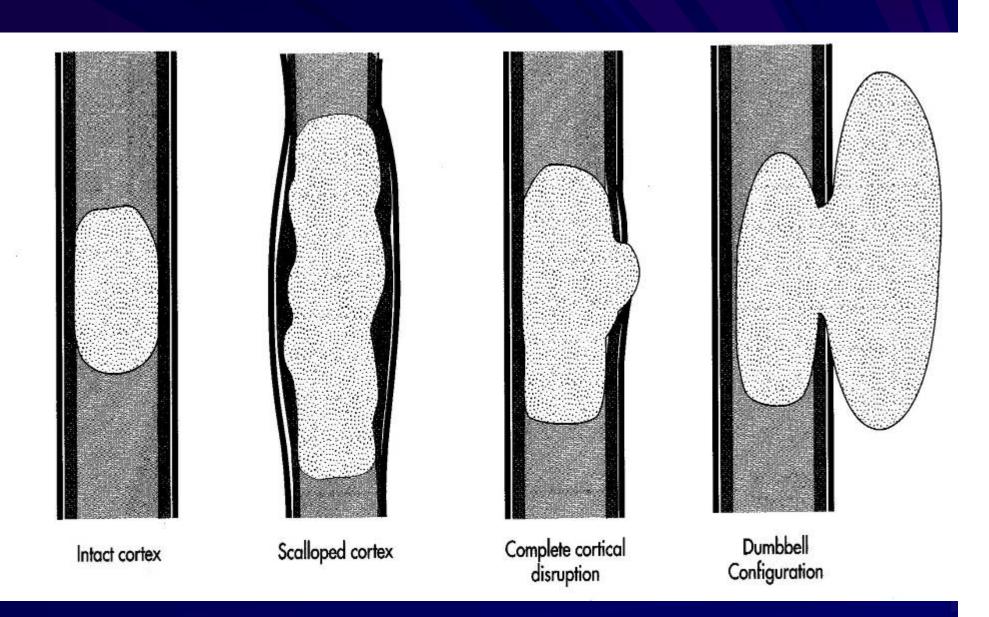
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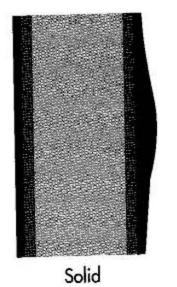
**Permeative** 

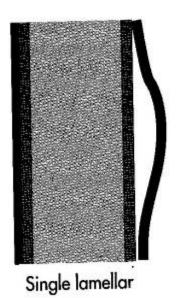
#### SIMPLIFIED RADIOLOGIC GRADING OF BONE TUMORS\*

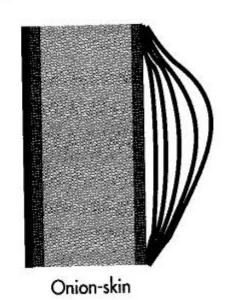
Grade	Radiologic Features
Low grade, nonaggressive	Geographic destruction with sclerotic rim
Medium grade, moderately aggressive	Geographic destruction, no sclerotic rim, and/or cortex "expanded" more than 1 cm or completely penetrated
High grade, very aggressive	Moth-eaten and/or permeative destruction only

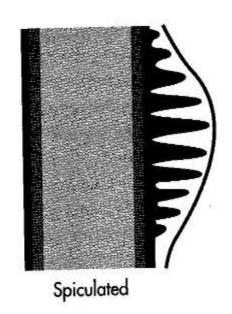


#### Continuous

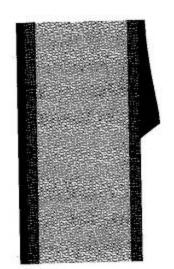




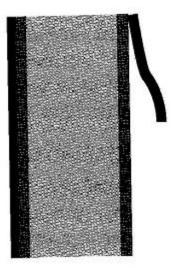




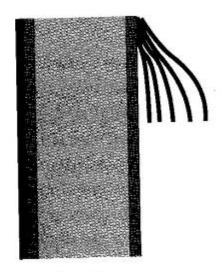
Interrupted



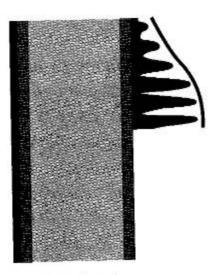




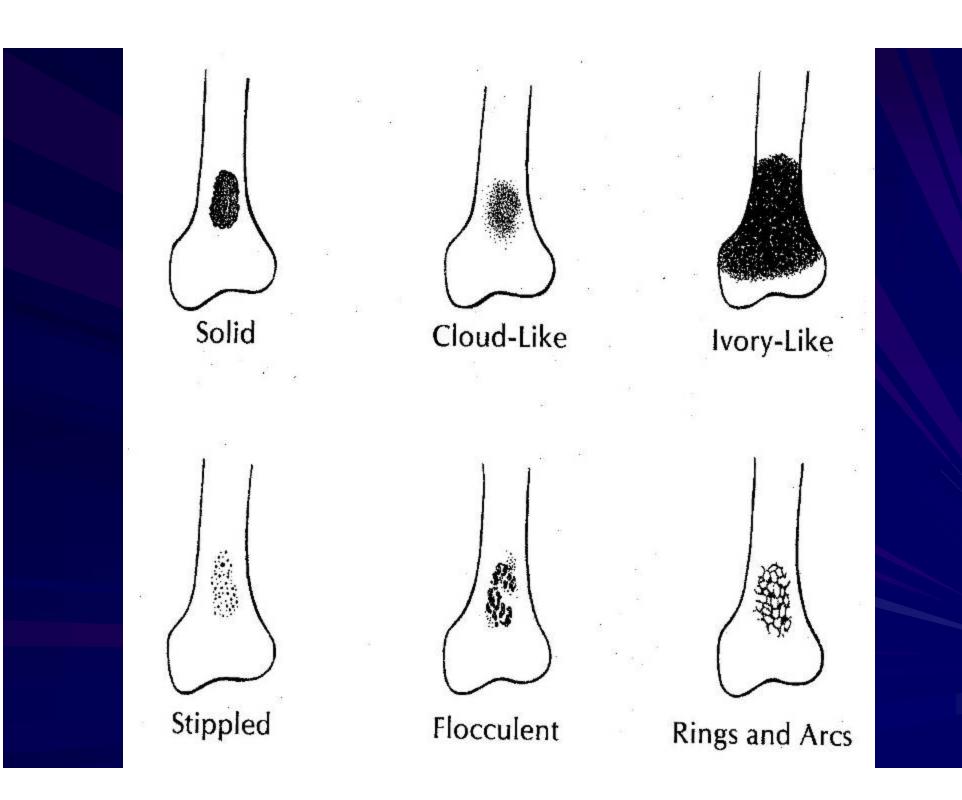
Codman's triangle



Lamellar

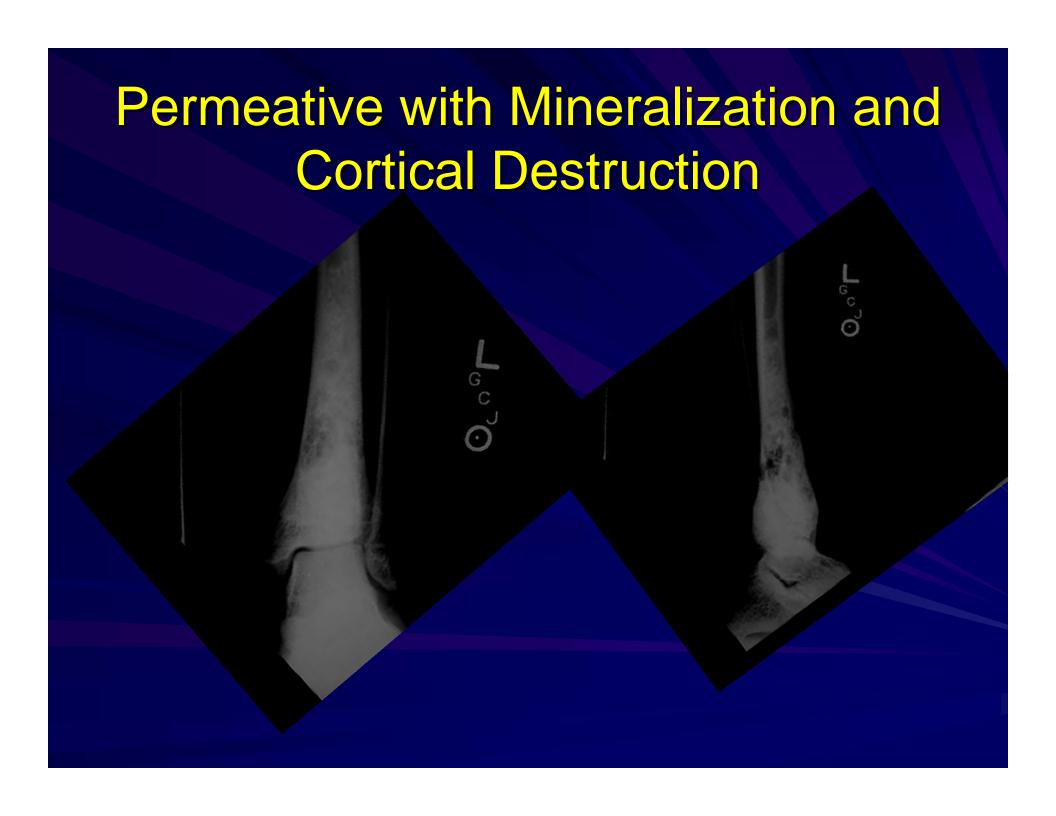


Spiculated

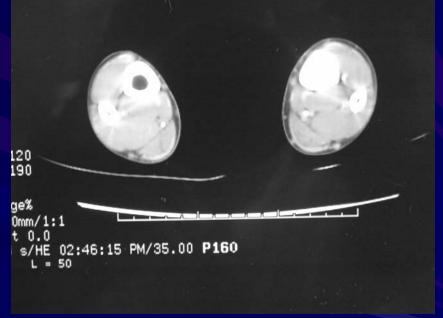


## Geographic

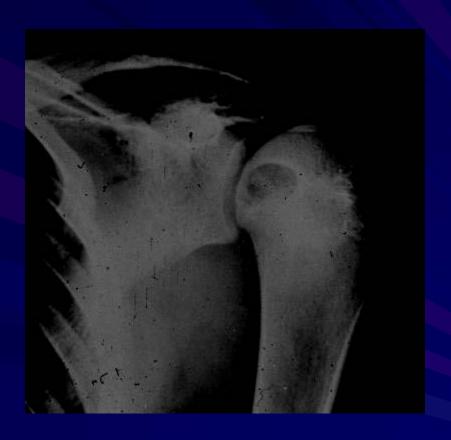








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# Permeative with Calcifications in a Ring and Arc-like Manner



## Geographic Lesion



## Permeative with Cortical Destruction and Soft Tissue Mass



# Hair on End and Codman's Triangle Periosteal Reactions



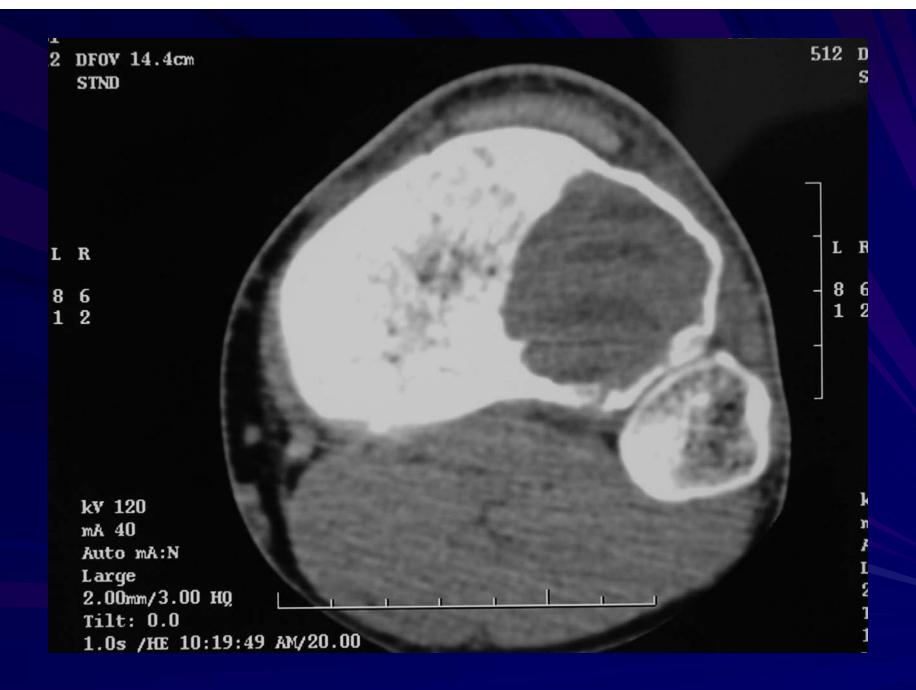
# Geographic Lesion Intracortical Continuous Periosteal Reaction/Cortical Thickening

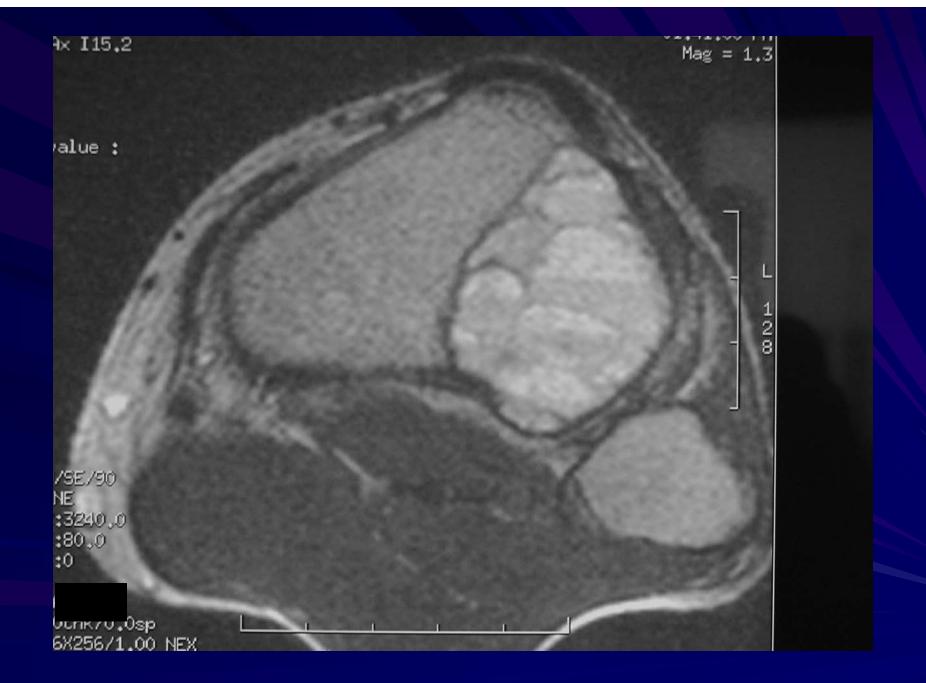
## Geographic Lesion



#### Geographic Lesion







## Permeative Lesion with Ossification, Cortical Destruction and Codman's Triangle



#### MRI

- Evaluates entire bone and adjacent joint
- Best test for intraosseous extent and soft tissue extent
- Skip mets
- Proximity to vascular structures
- Occasionally helpful in diagnosis of bone or soft tissue tumors (experienced radiologist)

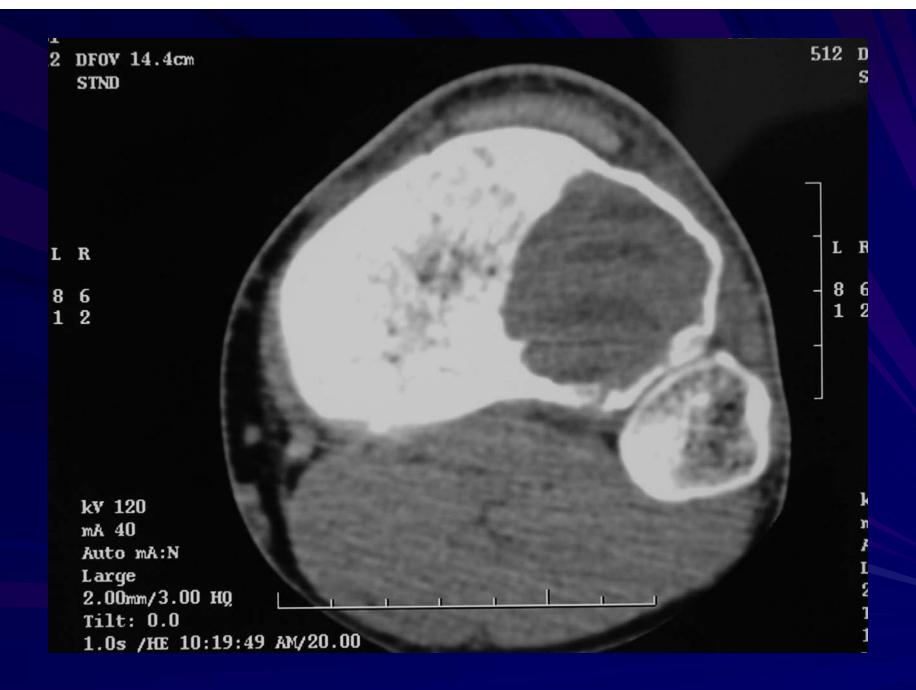




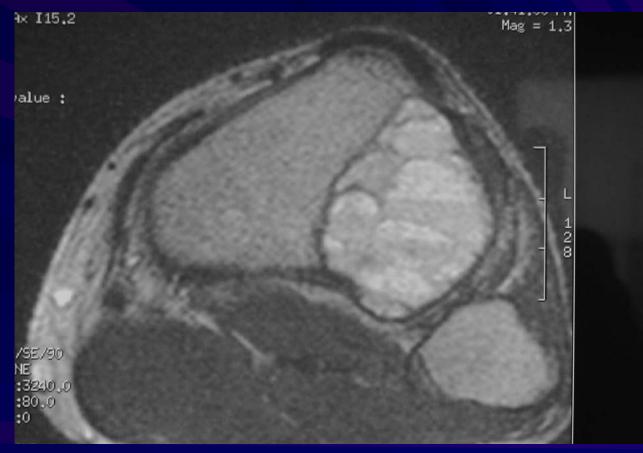


#### CT

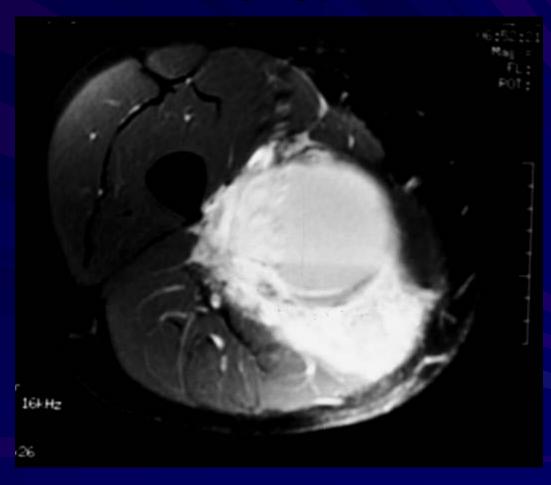
- Good for evaluating cortical details and destruction
- Subtle cortical erosions (endosteal;periosteal)
- Calcifications / ossification

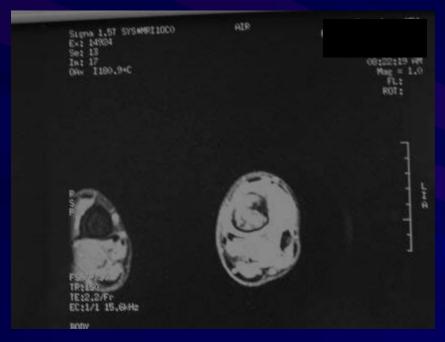


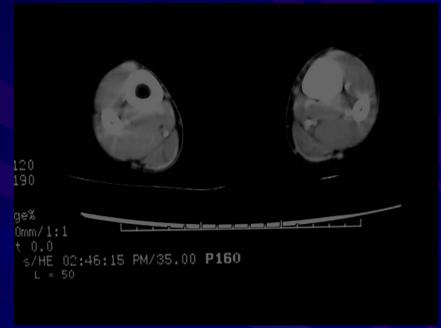
# Fluid-Fluid Levels: Anuerysmal Bone Cyst Changes



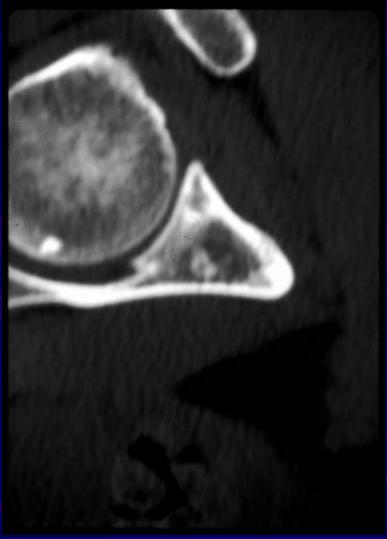
# Soft Tissue Extent and Fluid-Fluid Level











#### **Bone Scan**

- Whole body bone scan
- Sites of bony mets
- Active lesion??

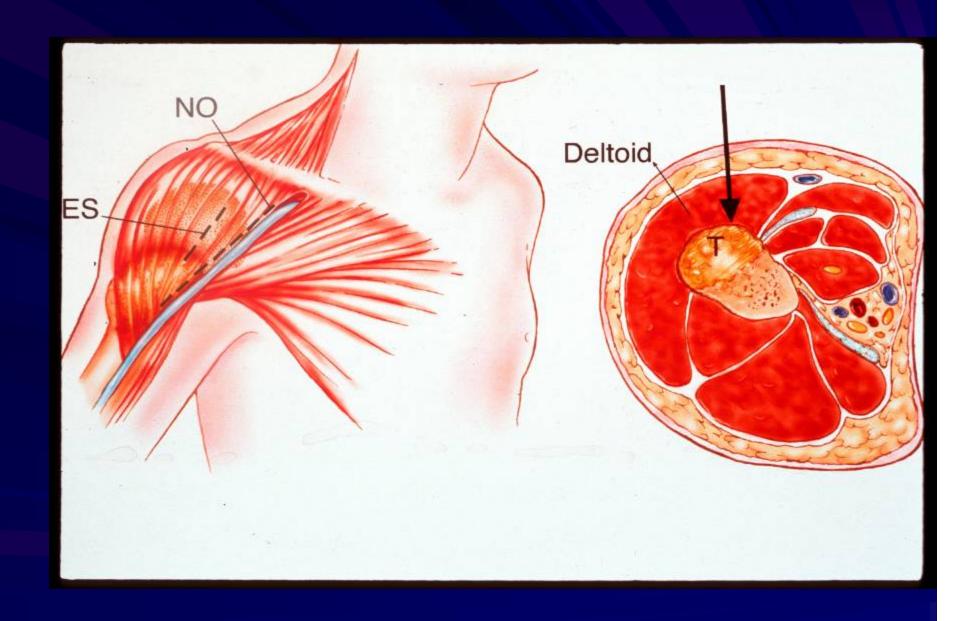
#### **Chest CT**

Presence of metastatic disease



#### Biopsy

- CT guided or Open
- Through one compartment'
- Avoid neurovascular structures
- Biopsy soft tissue component
- Biopsy by surgeon who will perform procedure or by radiologist after communication with surgeon
- Tumors with necrosis and hemnorrhage



Benign Staging System (Enneking)

Stage 1: Latent

Grow slowly with growth of individual and then stop; tendency to heal spontaneously

(ex. NOF; UBC)

Stage 2: Active

Progressive growth

Stage 3: Aggressive

#### Malignant Bone Tumors

#### TNM Staging System (AJC)

<u>Stage</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Tumor</u>	<u>Node</u>	Mets			
IA	G1,2	T1	N O	M O			
IB	G1,2	T2	N O	ΜO			
IIA	G3,4	T1	N O	M O			
IIB	G3,4	T2	N 0	M O			
III Undefined for bone tumors							
IVA	Any G	Any T	N1	M 0			
IVB	Any G	Any T	Any N	M 1			

## Enneking Staging System Malignant Bone Tumors

<b>Stage</b>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Site</u>			
IA	G1	T1			
IB	G1	<b>T2</b>			
IIA	G2	T1			
IIB	<b>G2</b>	<b>T2</b>			
III	Mets	Mets			
(based on biological behavior)					

Biological Behavior / Natural History
 G1

LG Chondrosarcoma

Chondrosarcoma

Secondary Chondrosarc

Osteosarcoma

Parosteal Osteosarcoma

Sarcoma/PNET

Adamantinoma

High Grade

Conventional

Ewing's

MFH

Angiosarcoma

- Soft Tissue Sarcomas
- Important Prognostic Characteristics
  - Tumor Size (>5cm, worse prognosis)
  - Tumor Depth (Deep, worse prognosis)
  - Grade (High grade, worse prognosis)
  - Presence of Mets

## Malignant Tumors TNM Staging System (AJC)

Stage	Grade	Tumor	Node	Mets
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IB	G1,2	T2a	N O	M 0
IIA	G1,2	T2b	N 0	M 0
IIB	G3,4	T1a-b	N 0	M 0
IIC	G3-4	T2a	N 0	M 0
Ш	G3,4	T2b	N 0	M 0
IVA	Any G	Any T	N1	M 0
IVB	Any G	Any T	Any N	M 1

- Soft Tissue Sarcomas (Biological Behavior)
  - Tumors that are definitionally high grade
    - Ewing's Sarcoma
    - PNET
    - Rhabdomyosarcoma
    - Angiosarcoma
    - Pleomorphic Liposarcoma
    - Soft Tissue Osteosarcoma
    - Mesenchymal Chondrosarcoma

- Soft Tissue Sarcomas (Biological Behavior)
  - Tumors that are definitionally low grade
    - Well Differentiated Liposarcoma
    - Dermatofibrosarcoma Protuberans
    - Infantile Fibrosarcoma
    - Angiomatoid MFH

- Soft Tissue Sarcomas
  - Tumors not gradable but which metastasize often
    - Alveolar soft part sarcoma
    - Clear cell sarcoma
    - Epitheloid sarcoma
    - Synovial sarcoma
    - Low grade fibromyxoid sarcoma

- Soft Tissue Sarcomas
  - Tumors of varying behavior—grading may be useful
    - Myxoid liposarcoma
    - Leiomyosarcoma
    - MPNST
    - Fibrosarcoma
    - Myxoid MFH

- Soft Tissue Sarcomas
  - Tumors of varying behavior—grading parameters not yet established
    - Hemangiopericytoma
    - Myxoid chondrosarcoma
    - Malignant granular cell tumor
    - Malignant mesenchymoma

# Evaluating Response to Chemotherapy

### Sarcoma of Biceps





# Pseudocapsule after Chemotherapy

