

# Osteosarcoma and its Variants

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# Osteosarcoma

## ■ Definitions:

- A mesenchymal malignancy (malignant spindle cells) that differentiates to produce osteoid/immature bone
- Considered an osteosarcoma no matter how much osteoid is produced
- Second most common primary malignant tumor of bone (first most common=multiple myeloma)
- 15% of all biopsied primary bone tumors

# Osteosarcoma

## ■ Definitions:

- Primary Osteosarcoma: arises from the bone in the absence of a benign precursor lesion or treatment
- Secondary Osteosarcoma: arises from a precursor lesion to one that is metastatic from a primary osteosarcoma
- Synchronous Osteosarcoma: Lesions that affect multiple bones discovered within 6 mos of each other
- Metachronous Osteosarcoma: Lesions involving multiple bones discovered more than 6 mos apart

# Osteosarcoma

## ■ Definitions:

- Intramedullary Osteosarcoma: Lesion arising within the medullary space of the bone (most common type)
- Juxtacortical Osteosarcoma: Lesion arising on the surface of the bone in apposition to the cortex
- Intracortical Osteosarcoma: Lesion arising from the cortex of the bone

# Osteosarcoma

## Classification

- Intramedullary (75%)
  - Conventional
    - Osteoblastic (82%)
      - Mixed and Sclerosing
    - Chondroblastic (5%)
    - Fibroblastic (3-4%)
    - MFH-like (3-4%)
    - Osteblastoma-like (.5%)
    - Giant Cell-rich (.5%)
    - Small-cell (1%)
    - Epithelioid (.5%)
  - Telangiectatic (3%)
  - Well-differentiated (low grade intraosseous; 4%-5%)
- Juxtacortical/Surface (7-10%)
  - Parosteal
  - Periosteal
  - High-grade surface
- Intracortical (.2%)
- Secondary (older population)
  - Pagets (67-90%); Post RT (6-22%); Bone infarct; Fibrous dysplasia; Metallic implant; Osteomyelitis
- OS with specific syndromes
  - Familial; Retinoblastoma; Rothmund-Thomson Syndrome; Multifocal; OI

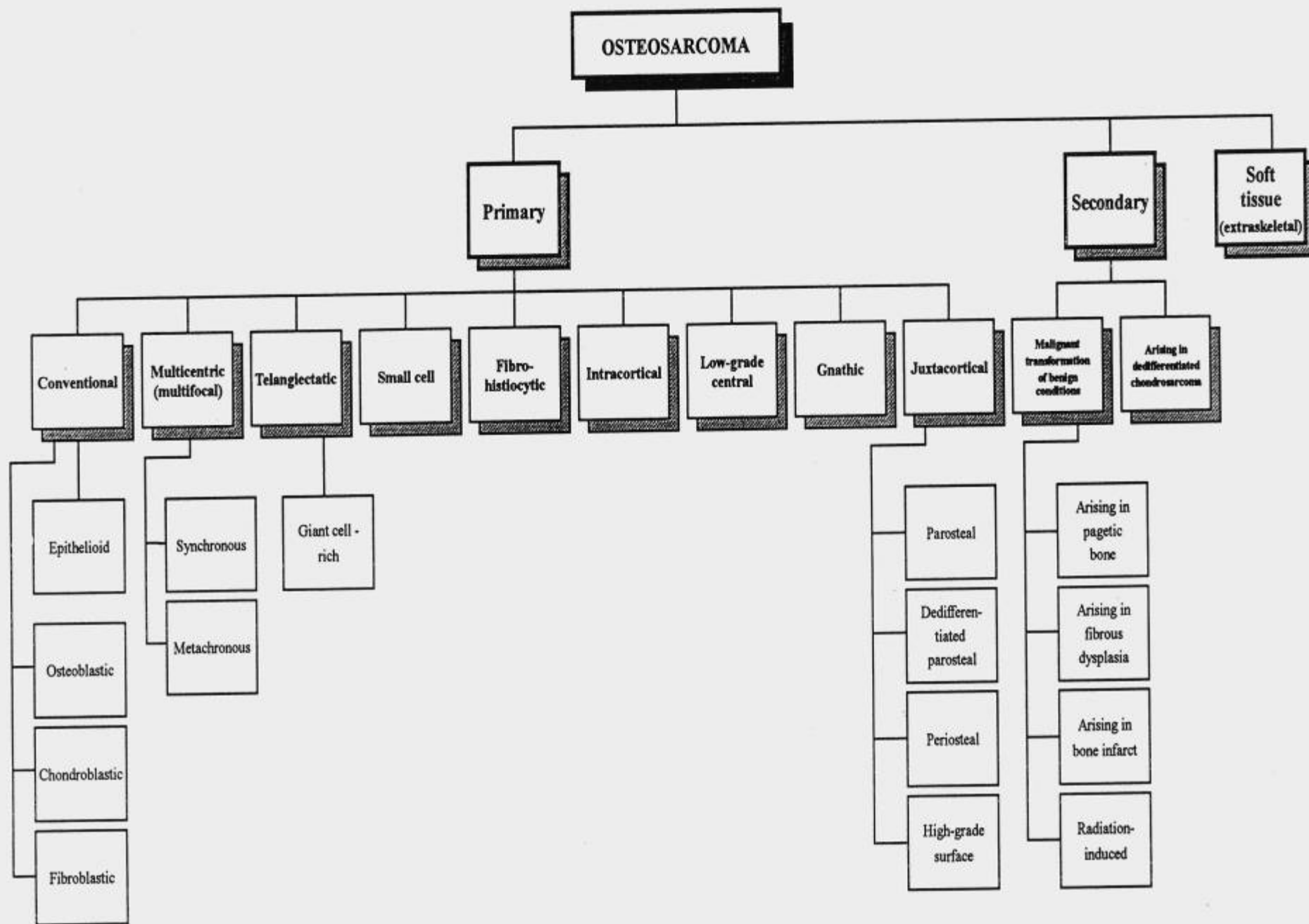
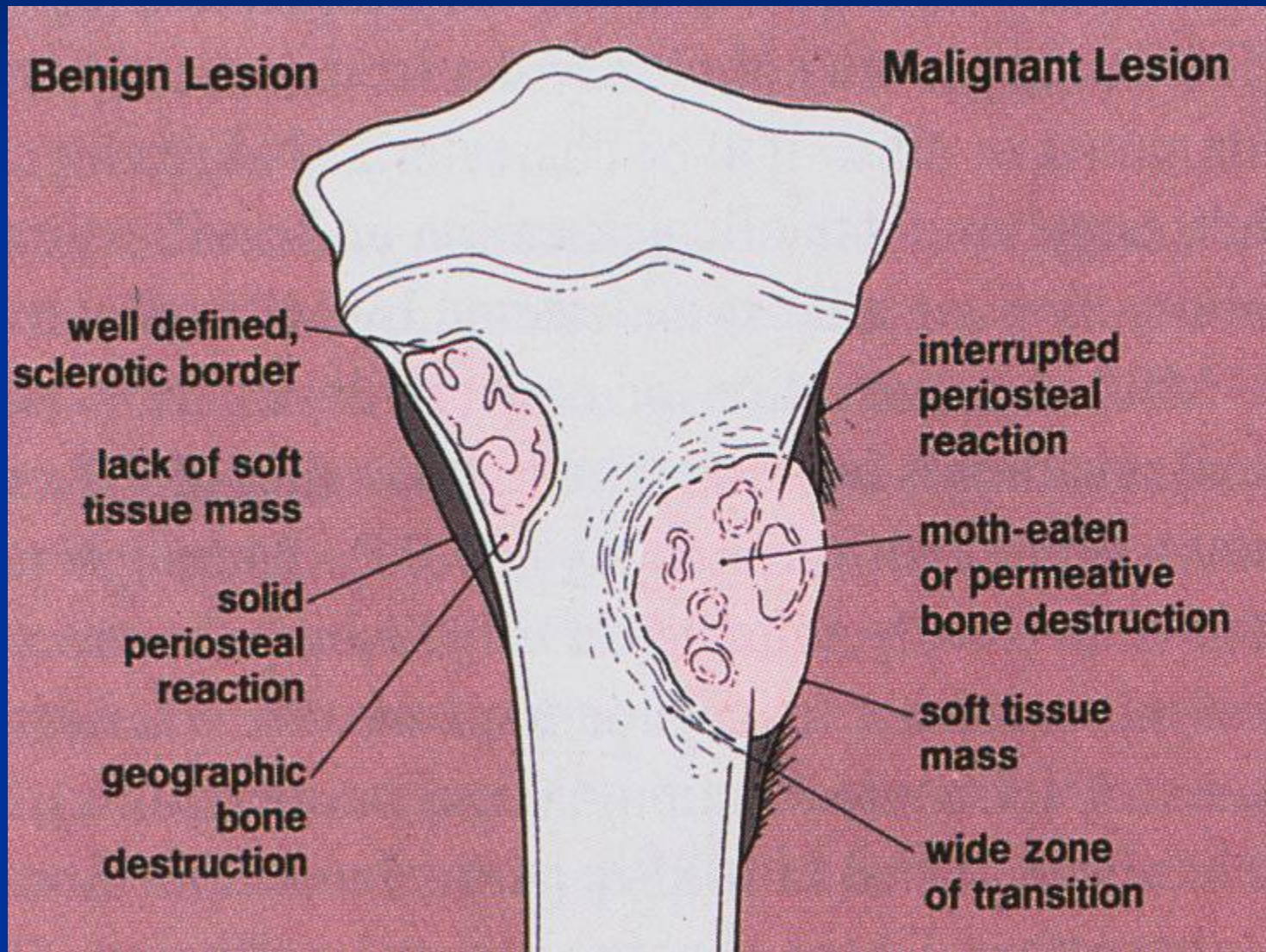


FIG. 55. Osteosarcoma and its subtypes.



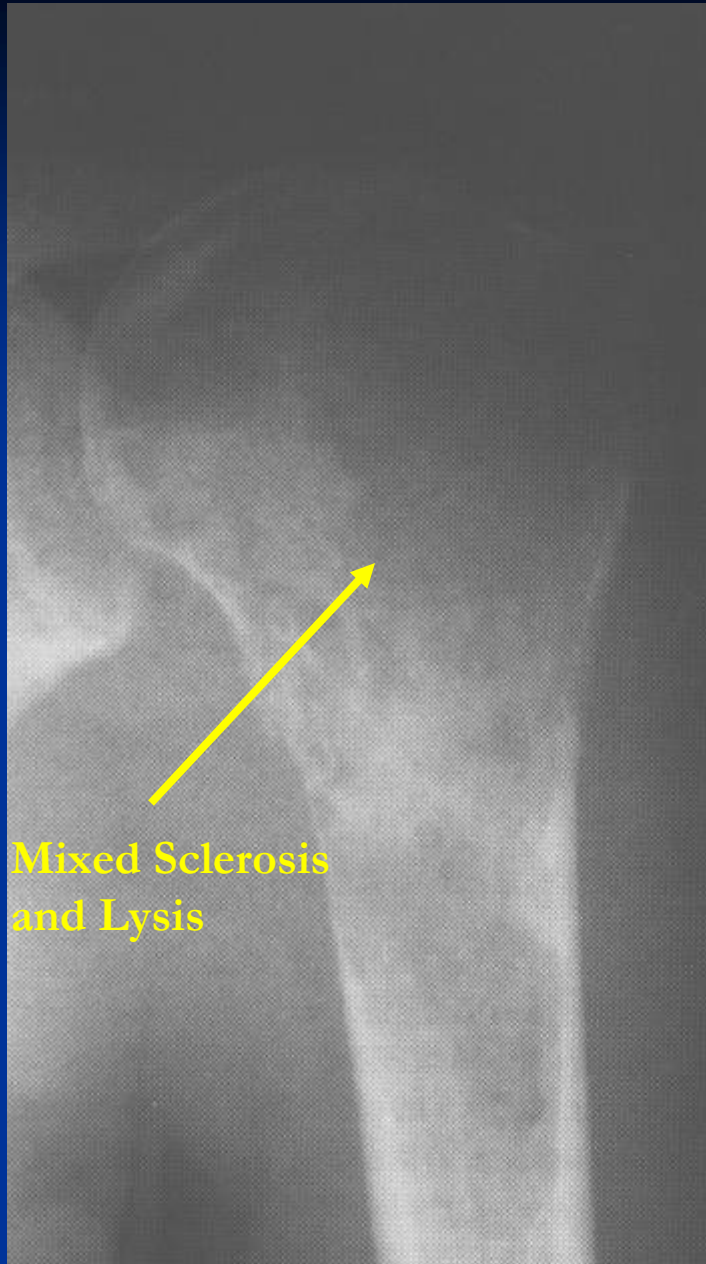
# General Radiology



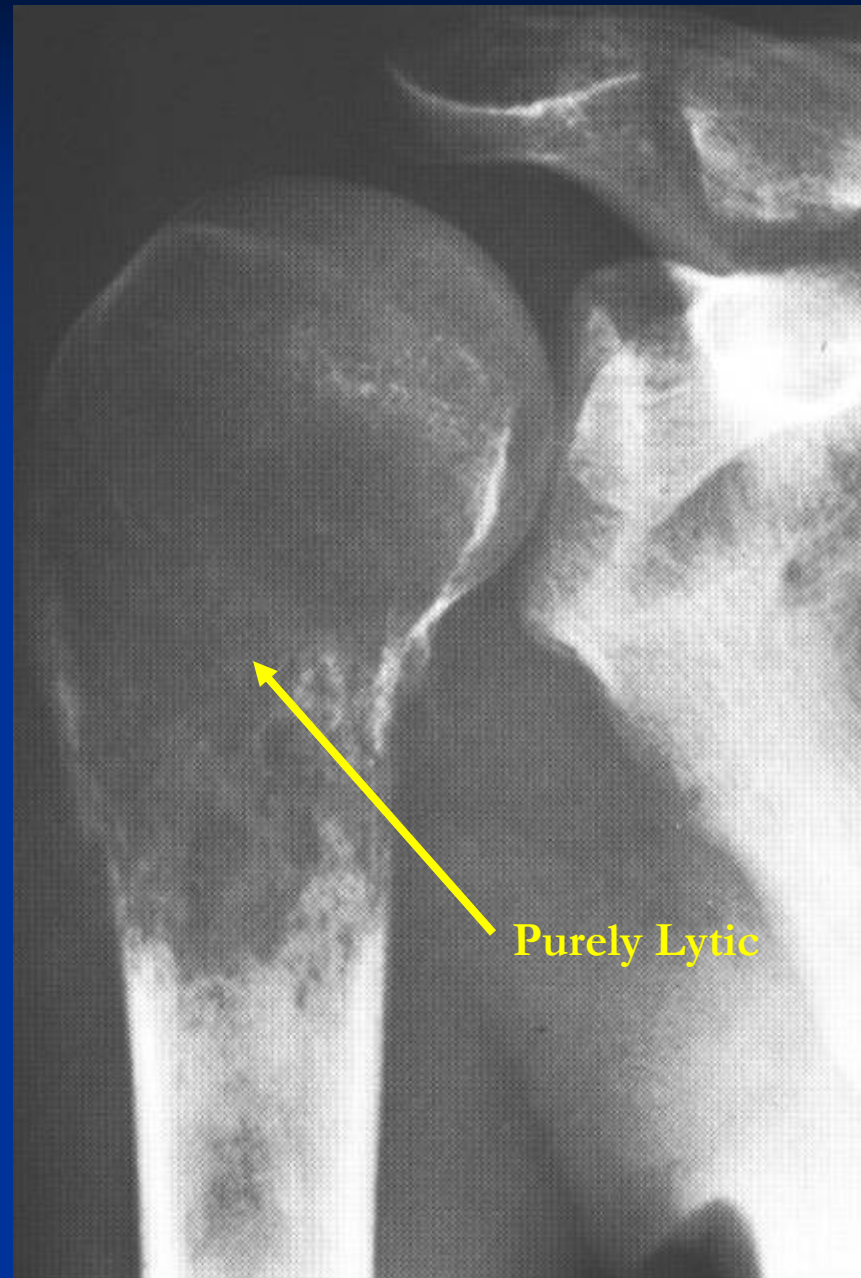
# General Radiology: Plain Radiographic Presentation

- Osteoid/Ossification production on X-Ray
- Mixed Sclerotic and Lytic Lesion—Most common radiographic presentation
- Purely Lytic
- Purely Blastic

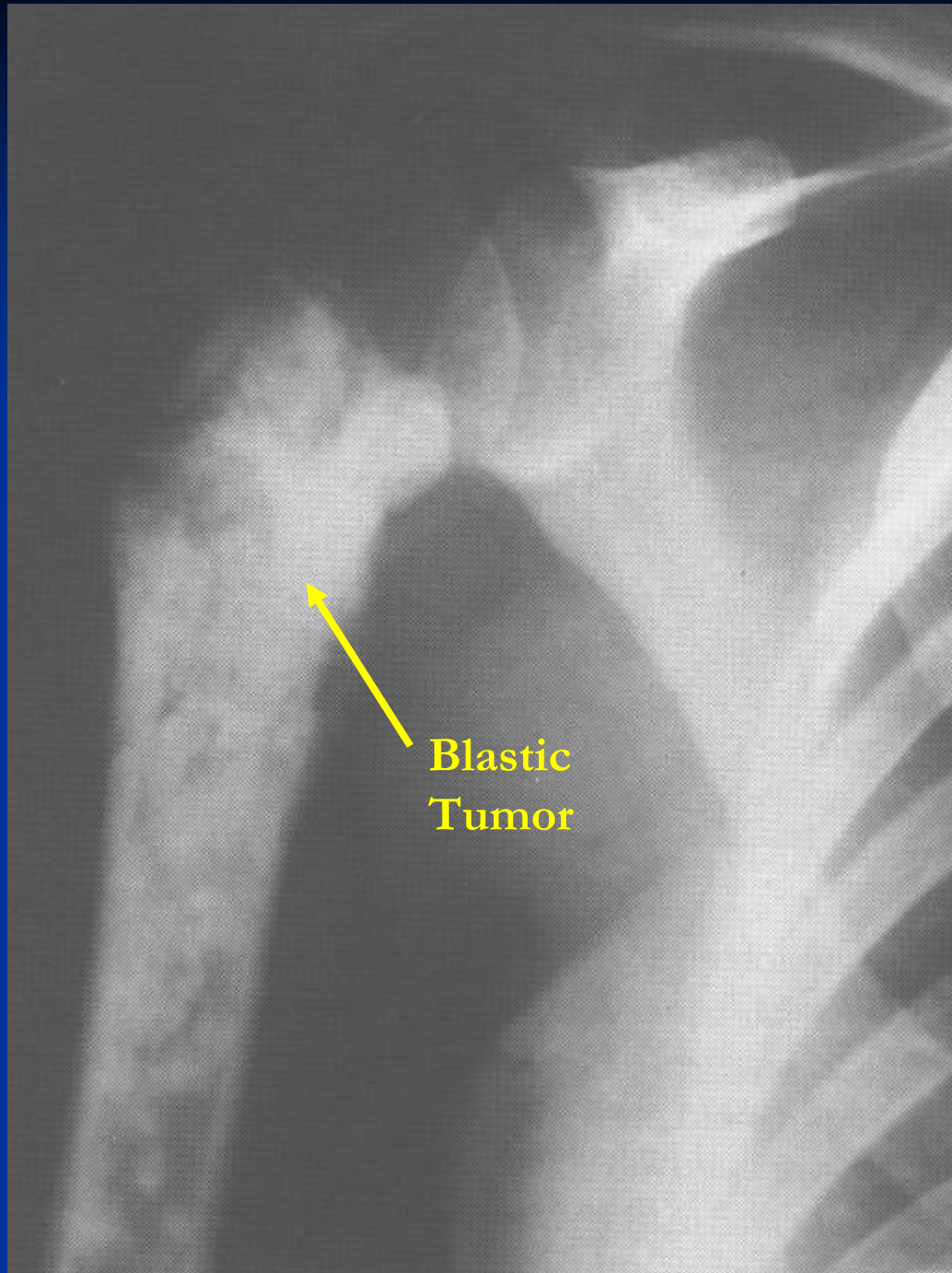




Mixed Sclerosis  
and Lysis



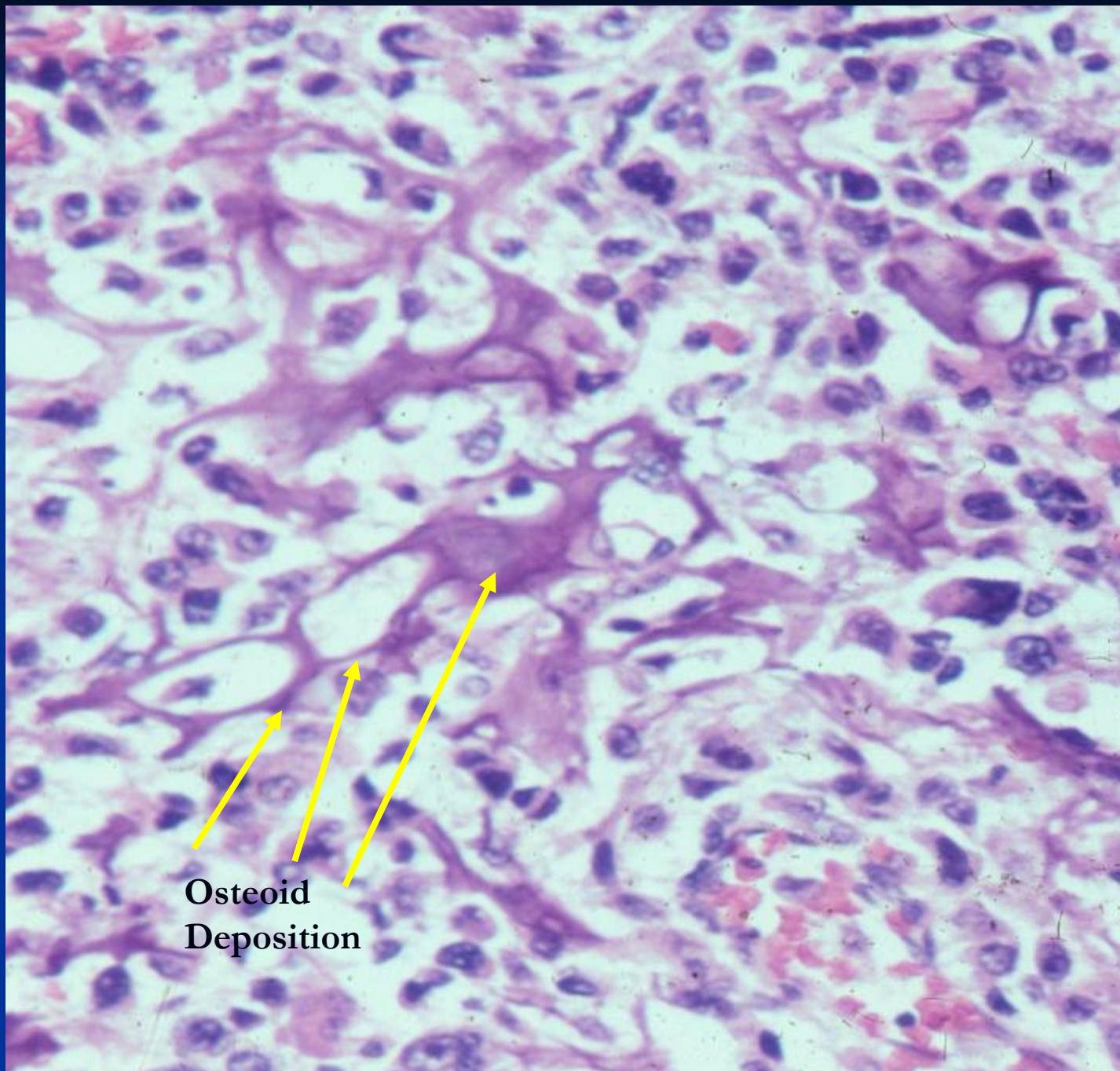
Purely Lytic



# Osteosarcoma

- General Pathology:
  - Osteoid and/or immature bone production by tumor cells
  - Malignant stromal cells
  - Graded on degree of anaplasia I-IV





Osteoid  
Deposition

# Osteosarcoma

- Primary, High Grade, Intramedullary (Conventional)
  - About 75% of all osteosarcomas
  - Ages: 15-25 years (rare <6y or >60y)
  - Sex: Male>Female 1.5-2:1
  - Sites:
    - Long Bones: 70%-80%
      - Distal Femur (40%; about twice as common as proximal tibia)
      - Proximal Tibia (20%)
      - Proximal Humerus (10-15%)
    - Axial Skeleton
      - Pelvis
      - Jaw



# Osteosarcoma

- Sites:

- Metaphysis: 90%
- Diaphysis: 8-10%

# Telangiectatic Osteosarcoma

- Tumor largely composed of cystic cavities containing necrosis and hemorrhage
- ABC- like which can lead to a misdiagnosis on X-rays
- Sites: Similar to conventional
  - Distal femur, proximal tibia, proximal humerus
  - Metaphyseal (90%), diaphyseal (10%)

# Telangiectatic Osteosarcoma

## ■ Radiology:

- Osteolytic and expansile on X-ray
- Small areas of osteoid (more easily detected with CT)
- Pathologic fracture (25%-30%)
- MRI/CT: Fluid-fluid levels; soft tissue mass
- Bone scan: Donut sign

# Juxtacortical Osteosarcoma

- Parosteal Osteosarcoma (65%)
- Periosteal Osteosarcoma (25%)
- High Grade Surface (10%)

**JUXTACORTICAL  
OSTEOSARCOMA**

**Parosteal  
Osteosarcoma**

femur (frequently  
posterior aspect),  
humerus;  
most "benign"  
of all

**Dedifferentiated  
Parosteal  
Osteosarcoma**

same location as  
conventional parosteal;  
very aggressive

**Periosteal  
Osteosarcoma**

tibia;  
histologically  
predominantly cartilaginous

**High-Grade  
Surface  
Osteosarcoma**

tibia, femur;  
like conventional  
osteosarcoma in behavior



# Parosteal Osteosarcoma

- Origin: Arises from outer layer of periosteum
- Usually a low grade tumor with fibroblastic stroma and osteoid/woven bone
- Age: 20-30 yrs; usually about a decade older than conventional osteosarcoma
- Location:
  - Posterior distal femur metaphysis (65%)
  - Proximal humerus (15%); Tibia (10%); Fibula (3%)
- Clinical: painless mass in posterior distal thigh; may be present for several yrs; decreased ROM of adjacent joint
- Sex: Female>Male 2:1

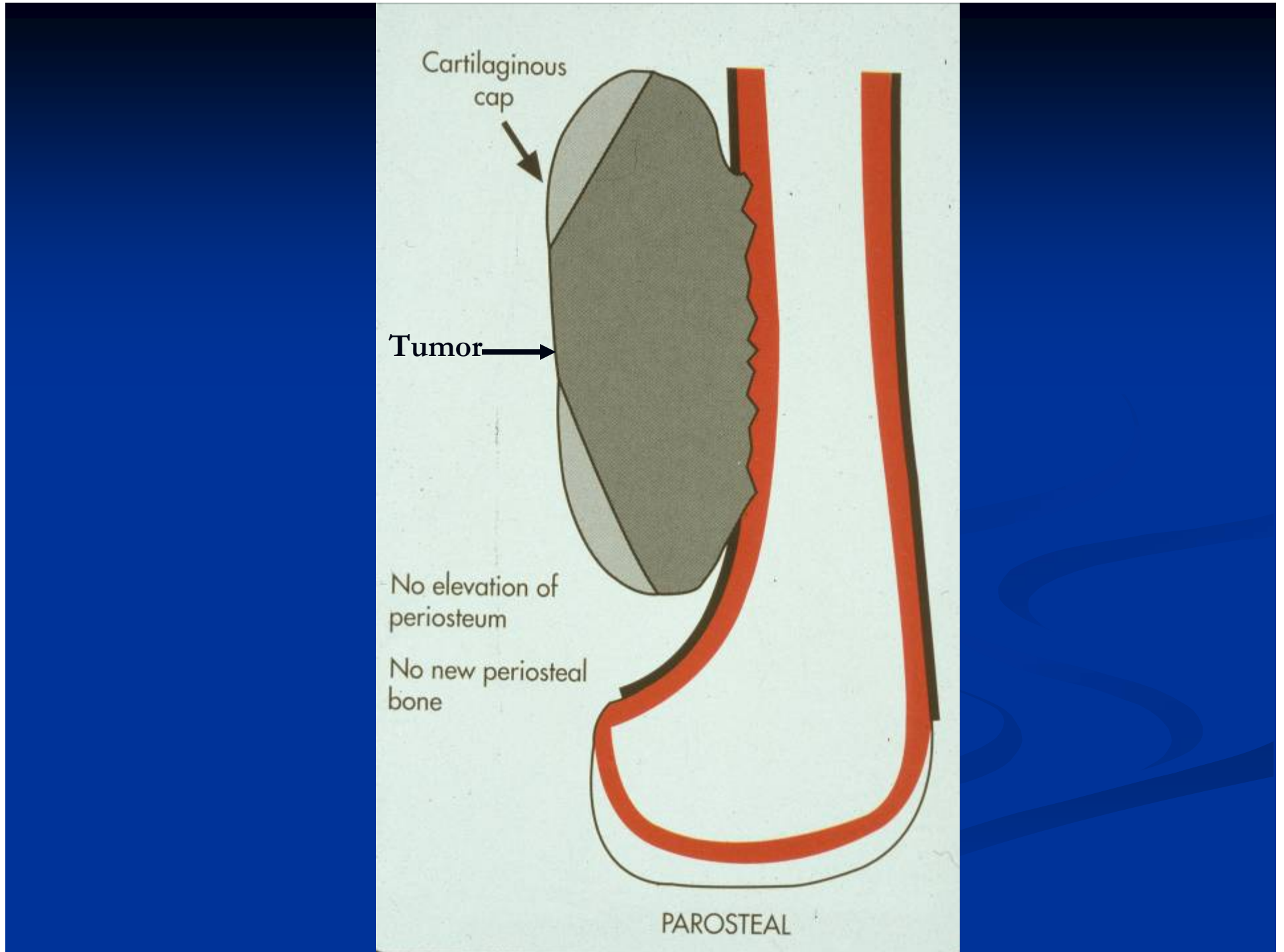
Cartilaginous  
cap

Tumor

No elevation of  
periosteum

No new periosteal  
bone

PAROSTEAL



# Parosteal Osteosarcoma

## ■ Radiology:

### ■ XR:

- Lobulated and ossified exophytic mass (cauliflower-like) adjacent to the cortex with a lucent cleavage plane between lesion and the cortex
- Radiodense centrally
- Cortical thickening
- Large tumors encircle the bone
- Growth may obliterate cleavage plane between lesion and cortex and will appear to have broad attachment
- Invasion of the medullary canal with long standing disease

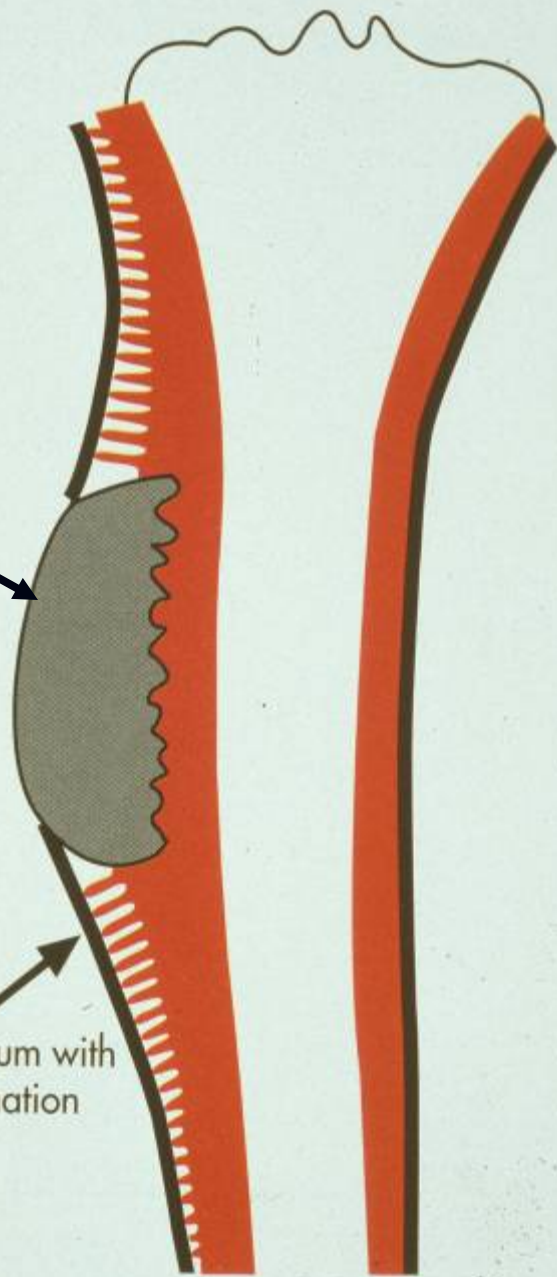
# Periosteal Osteosarcoma

- Low to intermediate grade bone forming sarcoma with predominant chondroblastic differentiation tumor ( $>90\%$  of tumor);  $<2\%$  of osteosarcomas
- Origin: Arises from the inner layer of the periosteum
- Age: 10-20 yrs; similar to conventional osteosarcoma
- Sex: Slight male predominance
- Location: Diaphysis of femur and tibia ( $>85\%$ ); ulna and humerus ( $10\%$ )

Tumor

Elevated periosteum with  
new bone formation

PERIOSTEAL





# Periosteal Osteosarcoma

## ■ Radiology:

### ■ XR:

- Diaphyseal lesion on surface of bone; medullary canal is uninvolved
- Saucerized cortex with chondroblastic soft tissue mass
- Cortical thickening at margins of erosion (40%)
- May have Codman's triangle
- Spiculated or sunburst periosteal reaction (elevates the periosteum)
- Partial matrix mineralization may be seen consistent with chondroblastic nature
- Rarely, intramedullary invasion

# High Grade Surface Osteosarcoma

- High grade osteosarcoma that develops on the surface of the bone without any medullary involvement; very rare (<1% of osteosarcomas)
- Histology is the same as a conventional osteosarcoma with the same potential for mets
- Age: 2<sup>nd</sup> decade
- Sites: Femur (45%); Humerus (26%); Fibula (10%); arises usually on the metaphyseal surface

# High Grade Surface Osteosarcoma

## ■ Radiology:

- Appearance similar to periosteal osteosarcoma but matrix mineralization is similar to conventional osteosarcoma with cloudlike opacities
- Broad based lesion arising on surface
- Codman's triangle; periosteal new bone
- Cortical erosion/destruction but medullary cavity usually uninvolved

# Low Grade Intramedullary Osteosarcoma

- Intramedullary low grade fibroblastic osteoid producing sarcoma characterized by benign cytologic features of spindle cells and maturity of tumor bone
- 1% of all osteosarcomas
- Age: peak— 3<sup>rd</sup> decade; individual cases in 2<sup>nd</sup> decade and 50s
- Sites: Metaphysis of femur and tibia most common

# Low Grade Intramedullary

## ■ Radiology:

### ■ XR:

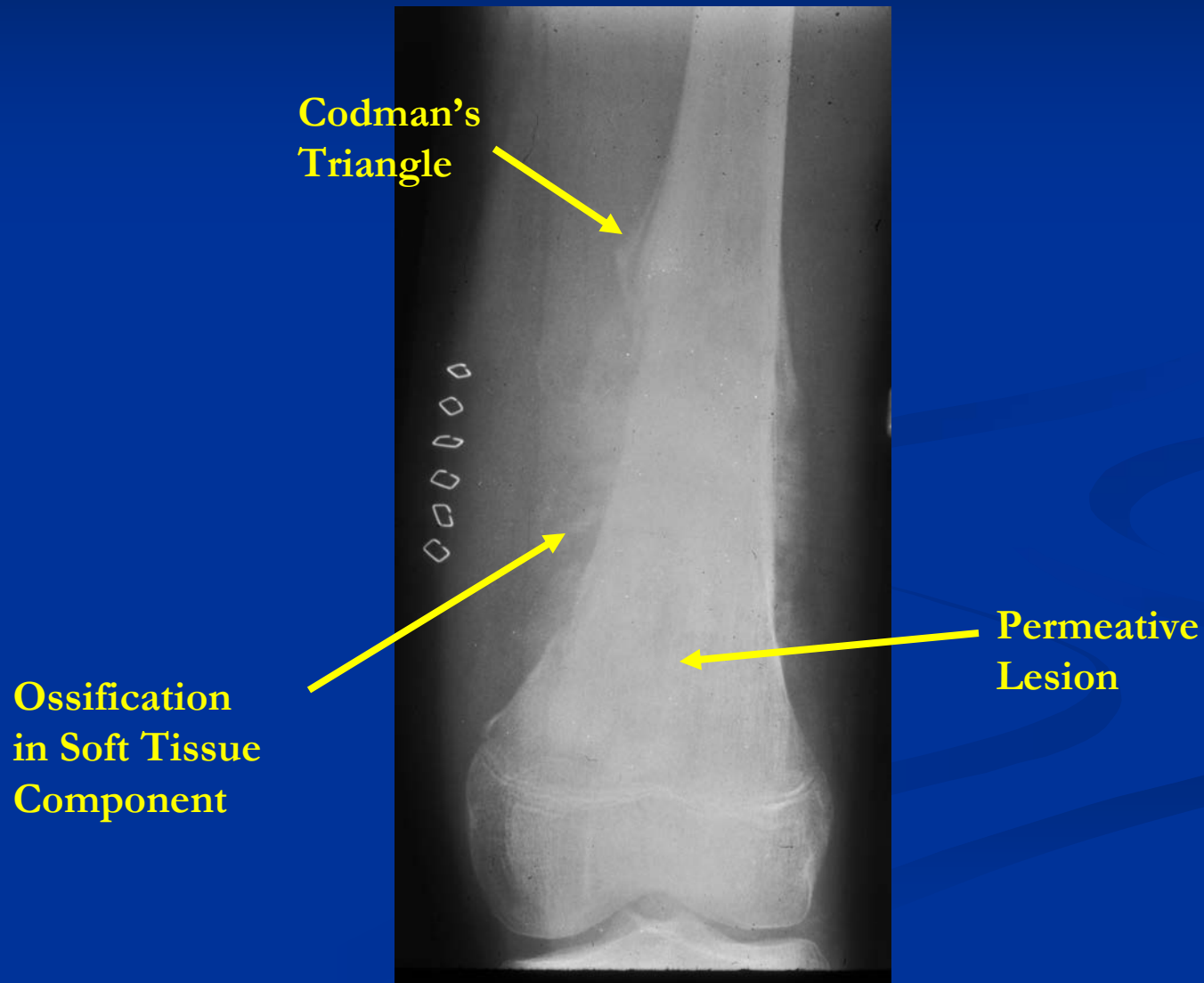
- Meta-epiphyseal
- Central ossification/sclerosis with expansile remodeling
- Ground glass density and internal trabeculation (simulates fibrous dysplasia)
- Usually no soft tissue mass and not as aggressive appearing
- Usually no periosteal reaction

# Intracortical Osteosarcoma

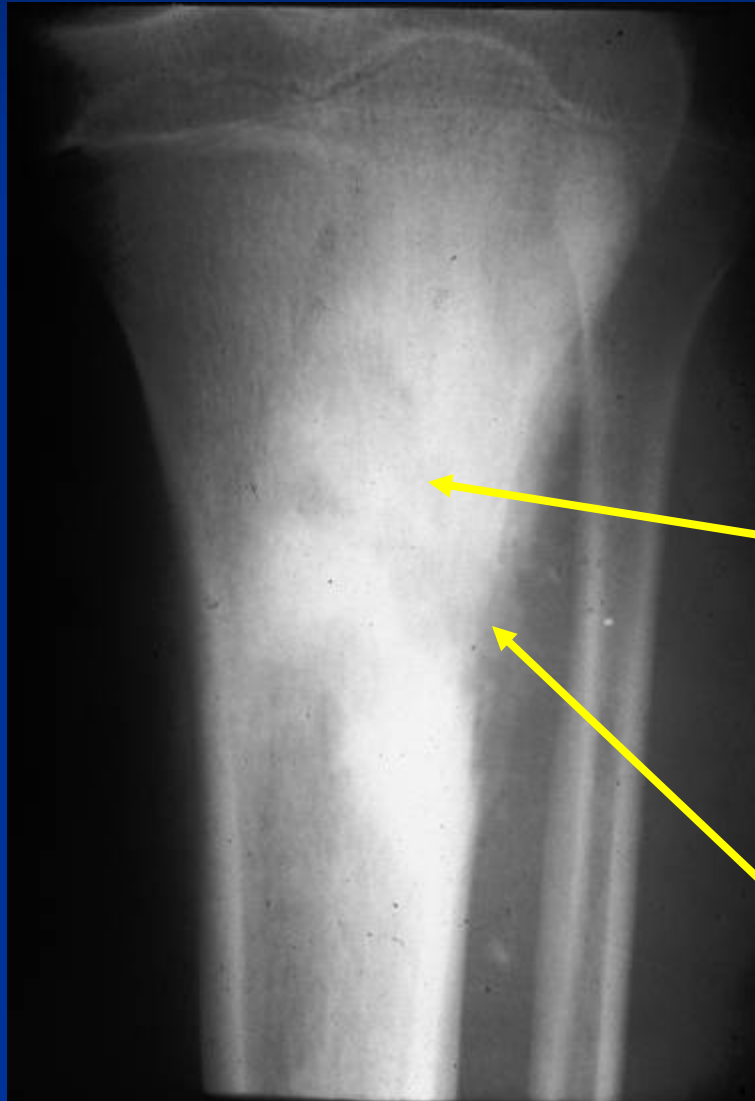
- High grade osteosarcoma confined to the cortex of a long bone
- Very rare; handful of cases
- Age: 10-30 yrs
- Sites: Diaphysis of femur or tibia
- Radiology:
  - Intracortical lucency with surrounding sclerosis of bone
  - No intramedullary or soft tissue involvement
  - Minimal or no periosteal reaction



# Conventional Osteosarcoma of Distal Femur X-Ray

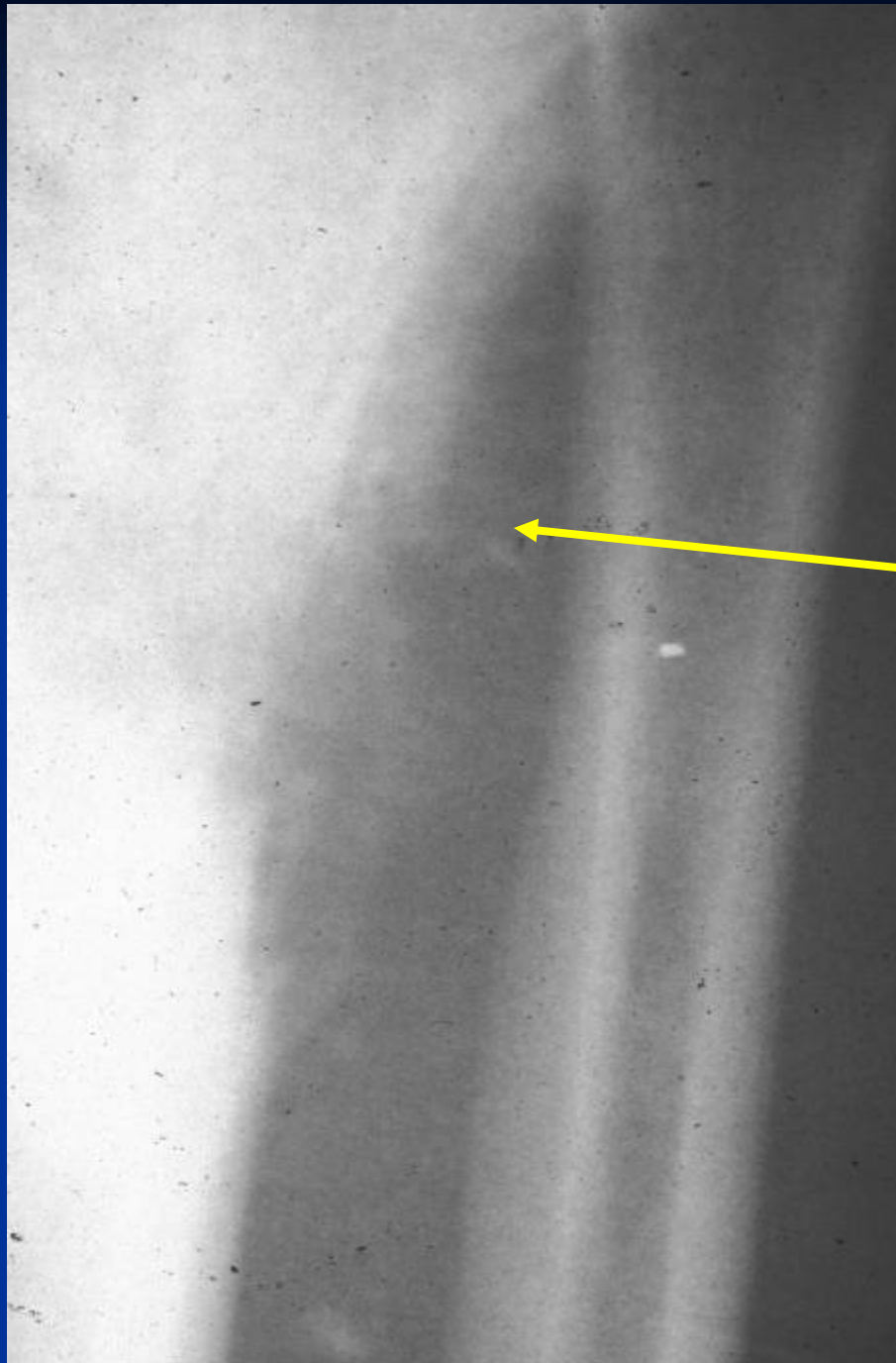


# Conventional Osteosarcoma of Proximal Tibia



Permeative  
Lesion with  
Fluffy White  
Ossification  
(sclerosis)

Cortical  
Destruction



**Cortical  
Destruction  
and Hair on  
End Periosteal  
Reaction**

# Osteosarcoma

## Conventional

### ■ Radiographic Differential Diagnosis:

- Ewing sarcoma
- Fibrosarcoma/MFH
- Chondrosarcoma
- Osteomyelitis
- Osteoblastoma
- Giant Cell Tumor

# **Examples of Conventional Osteosarcomas including Gross and Microscopic Pathology**

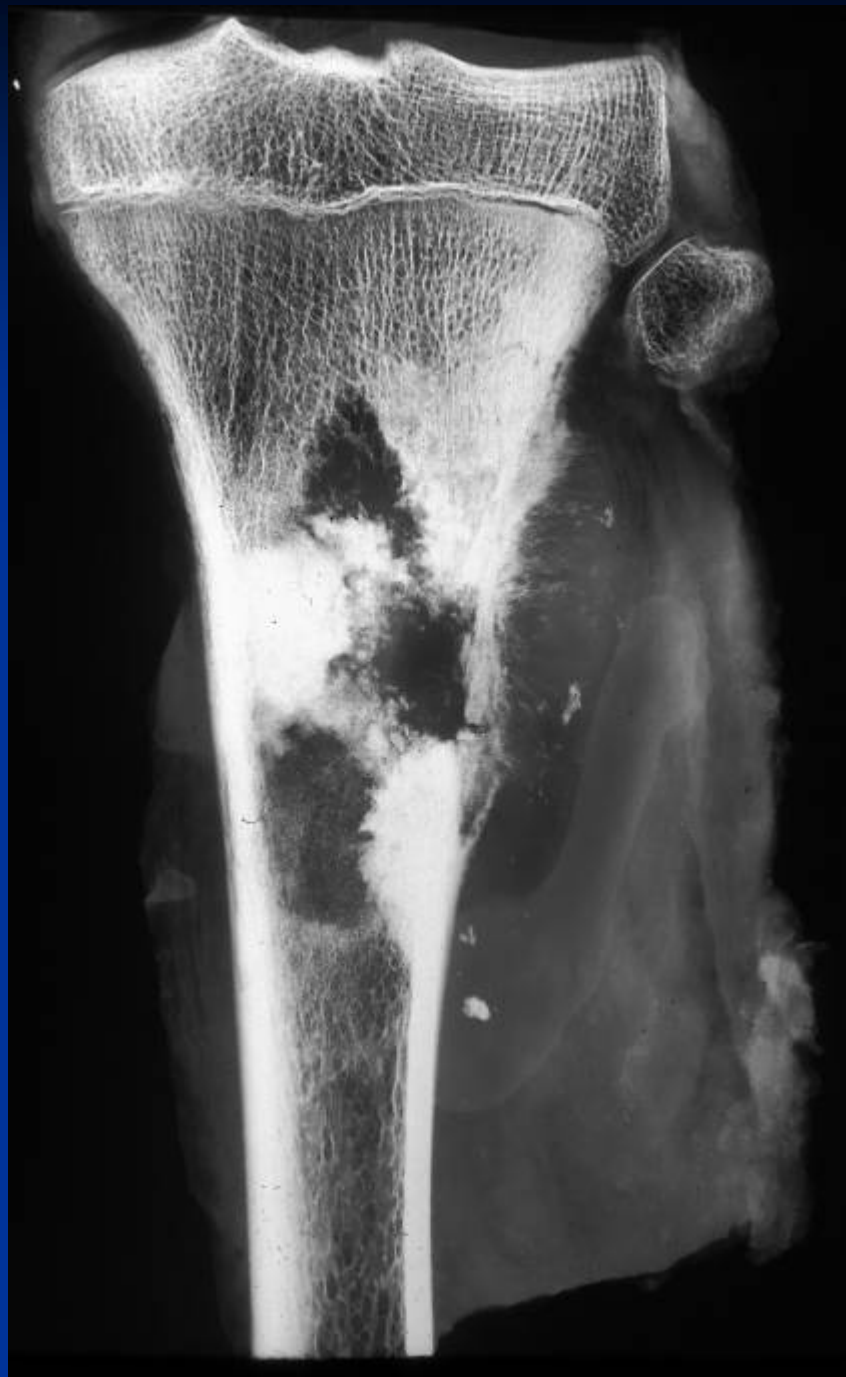






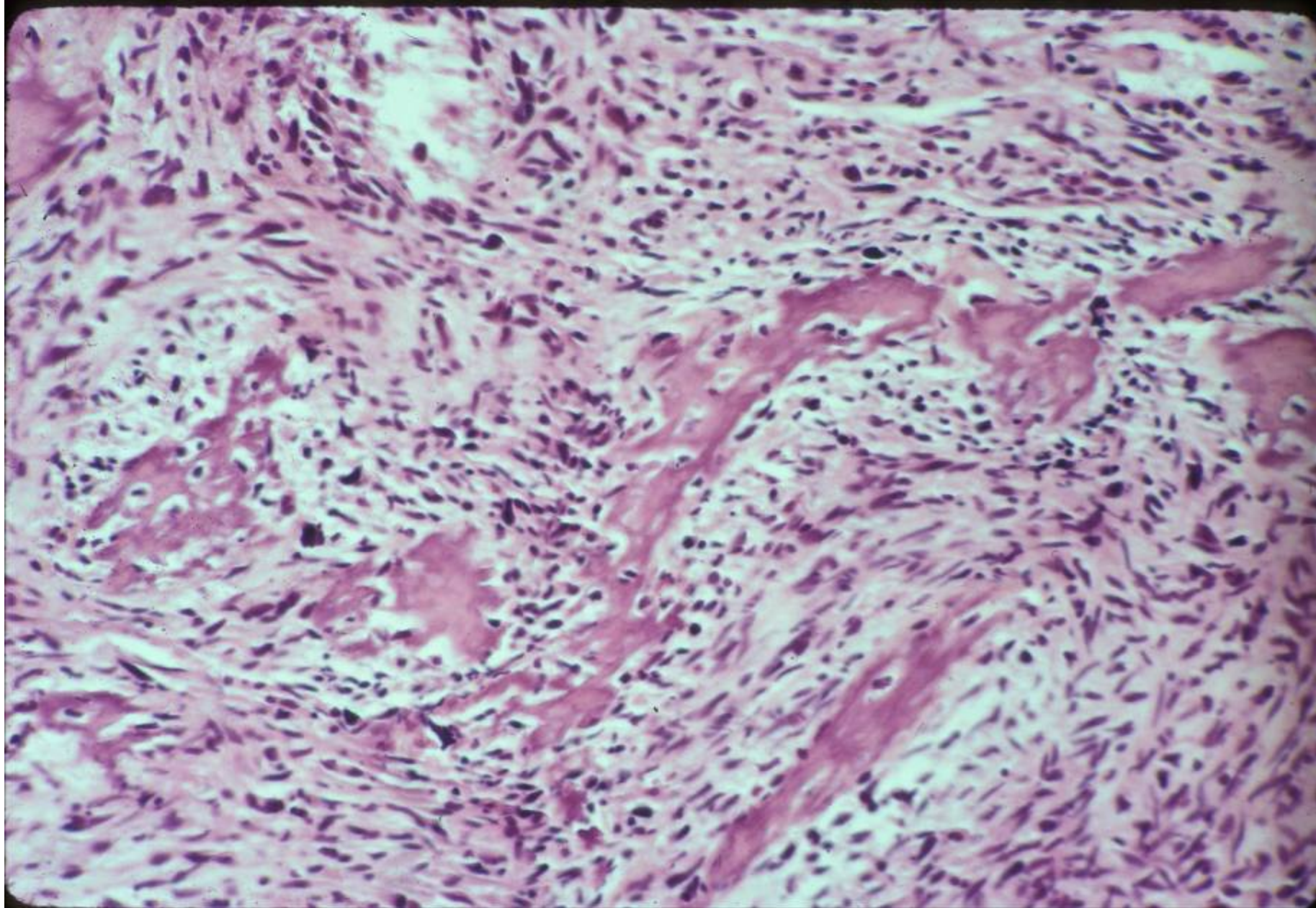




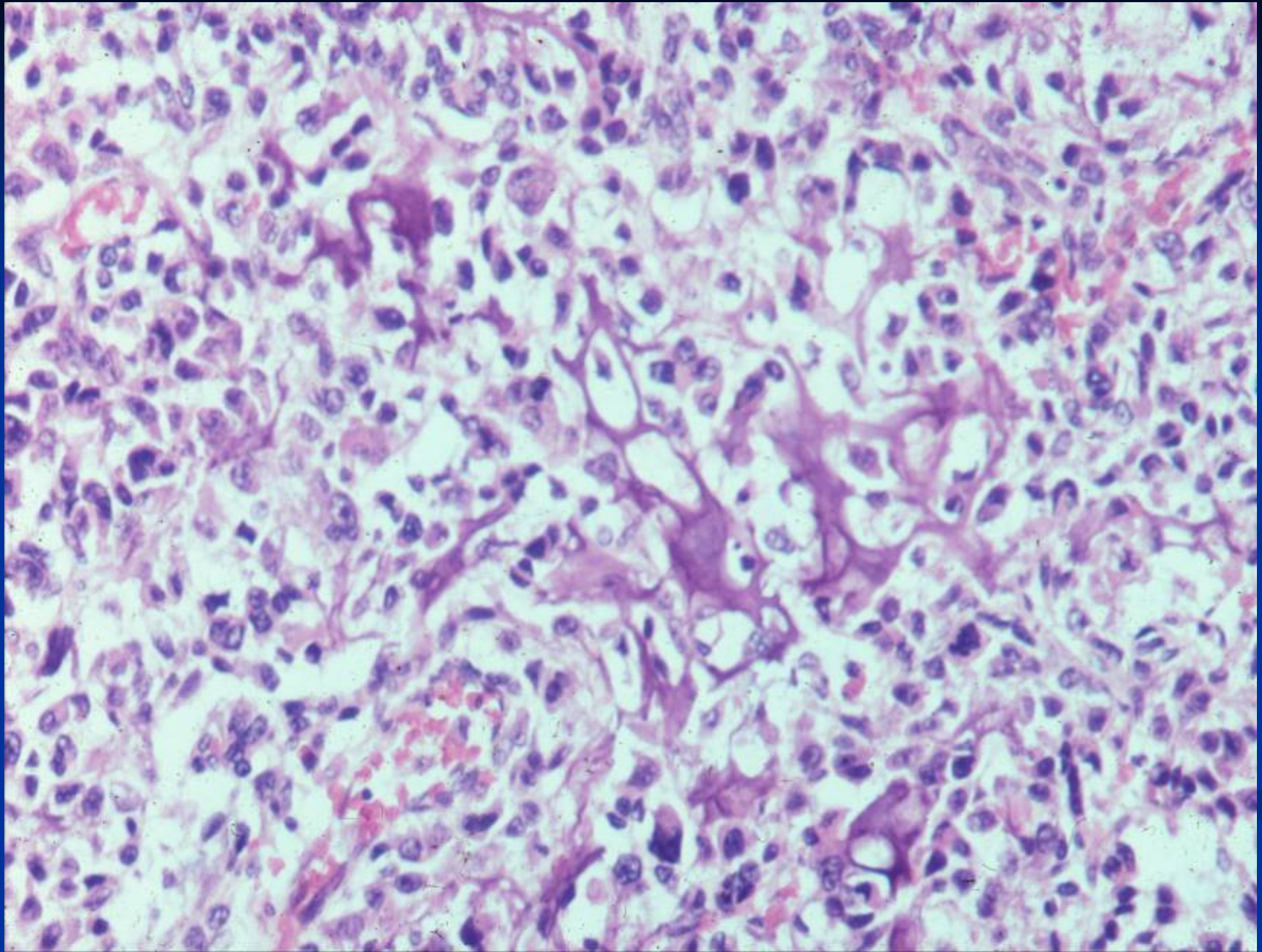




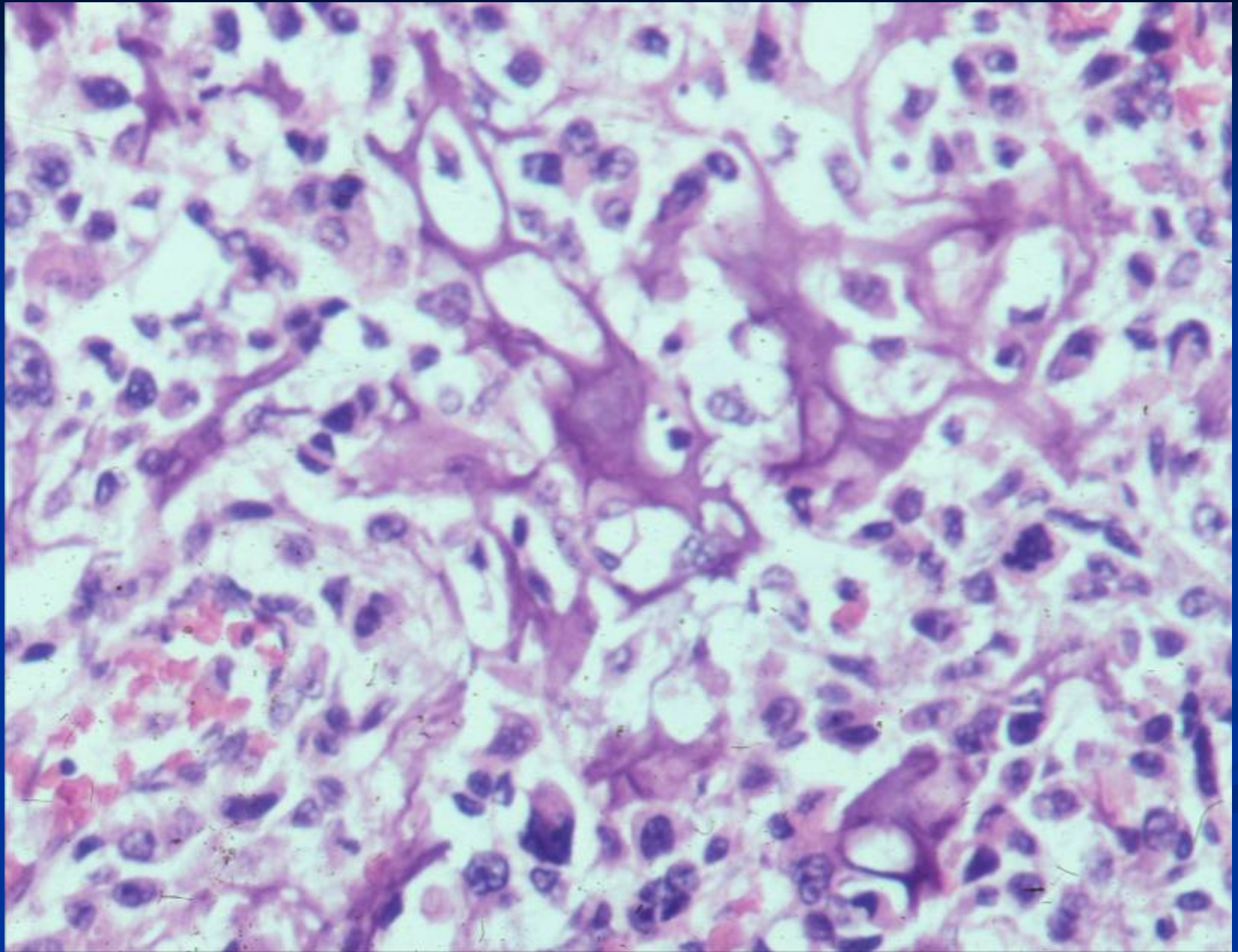


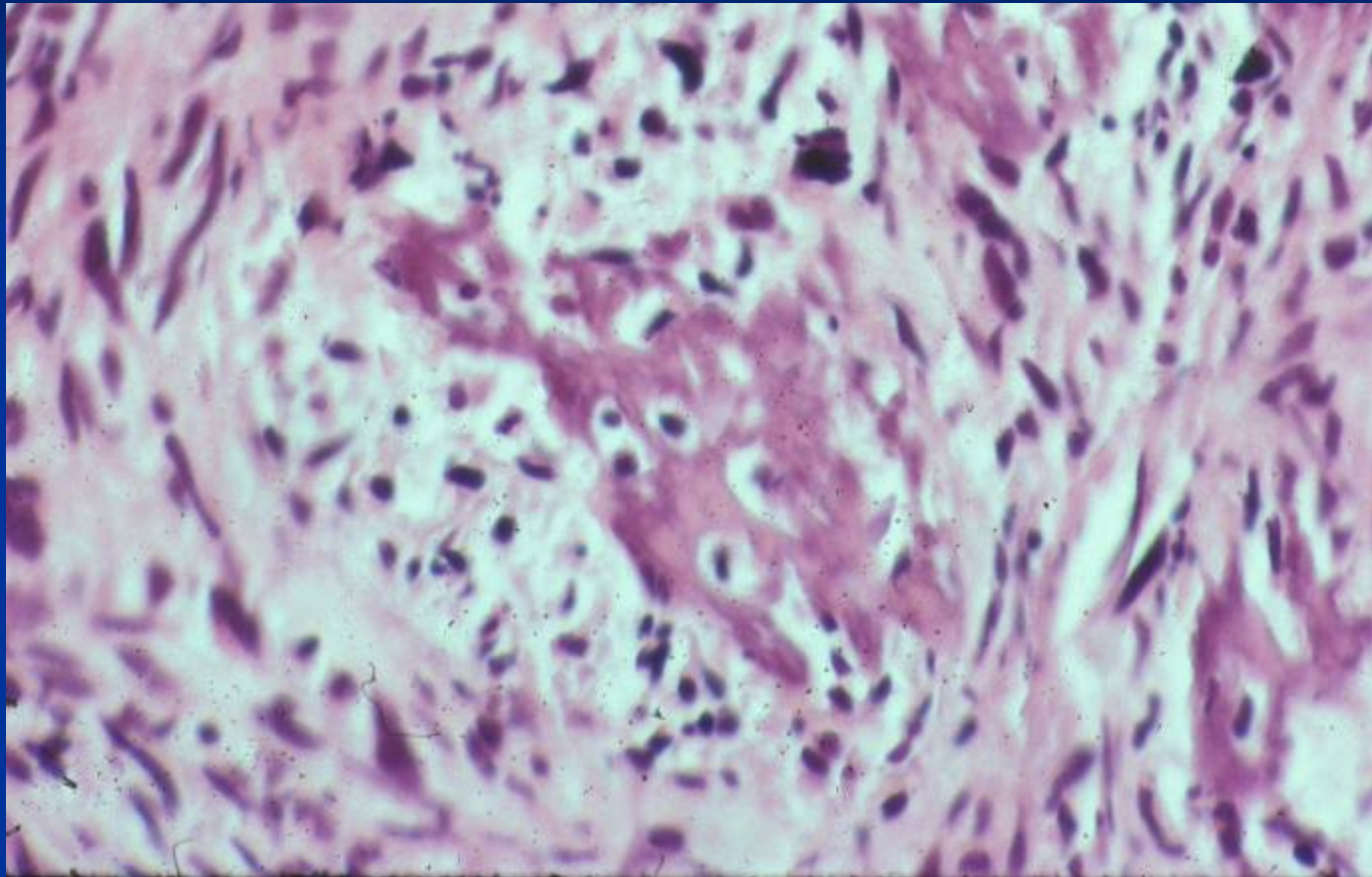










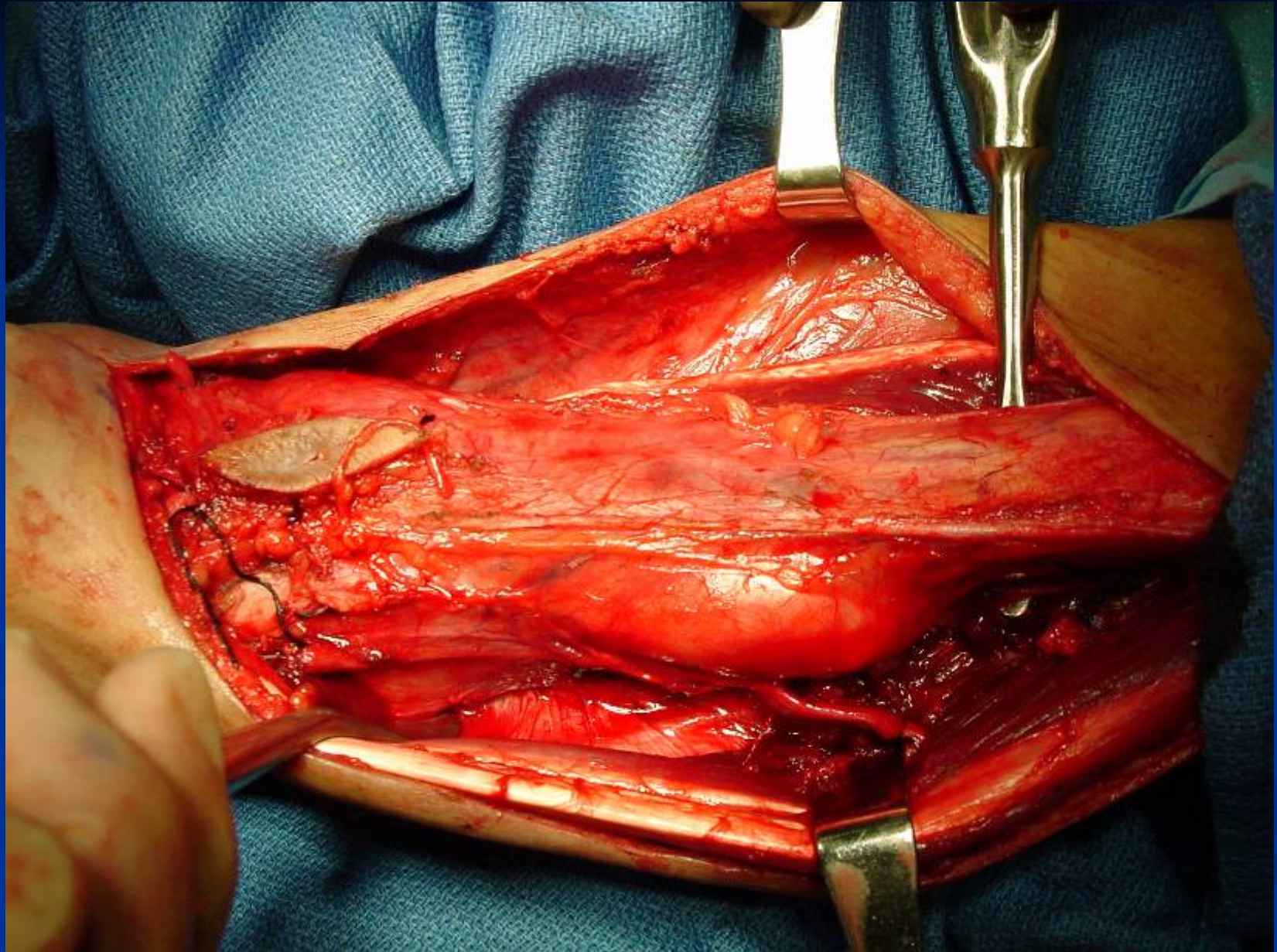


# Chondroblastic Subtype of a Conventional Osteosarcoma of Distal Tibia













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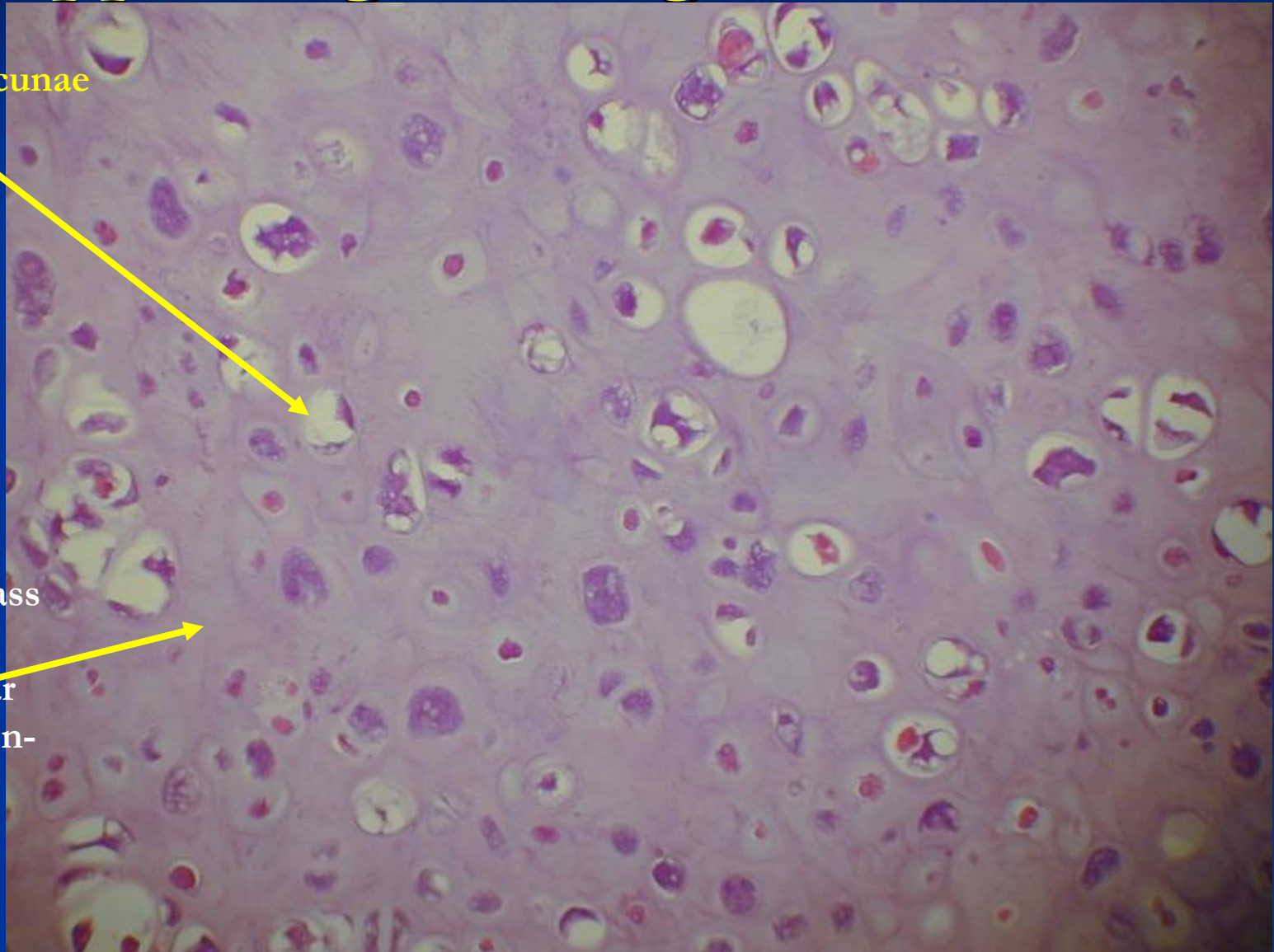




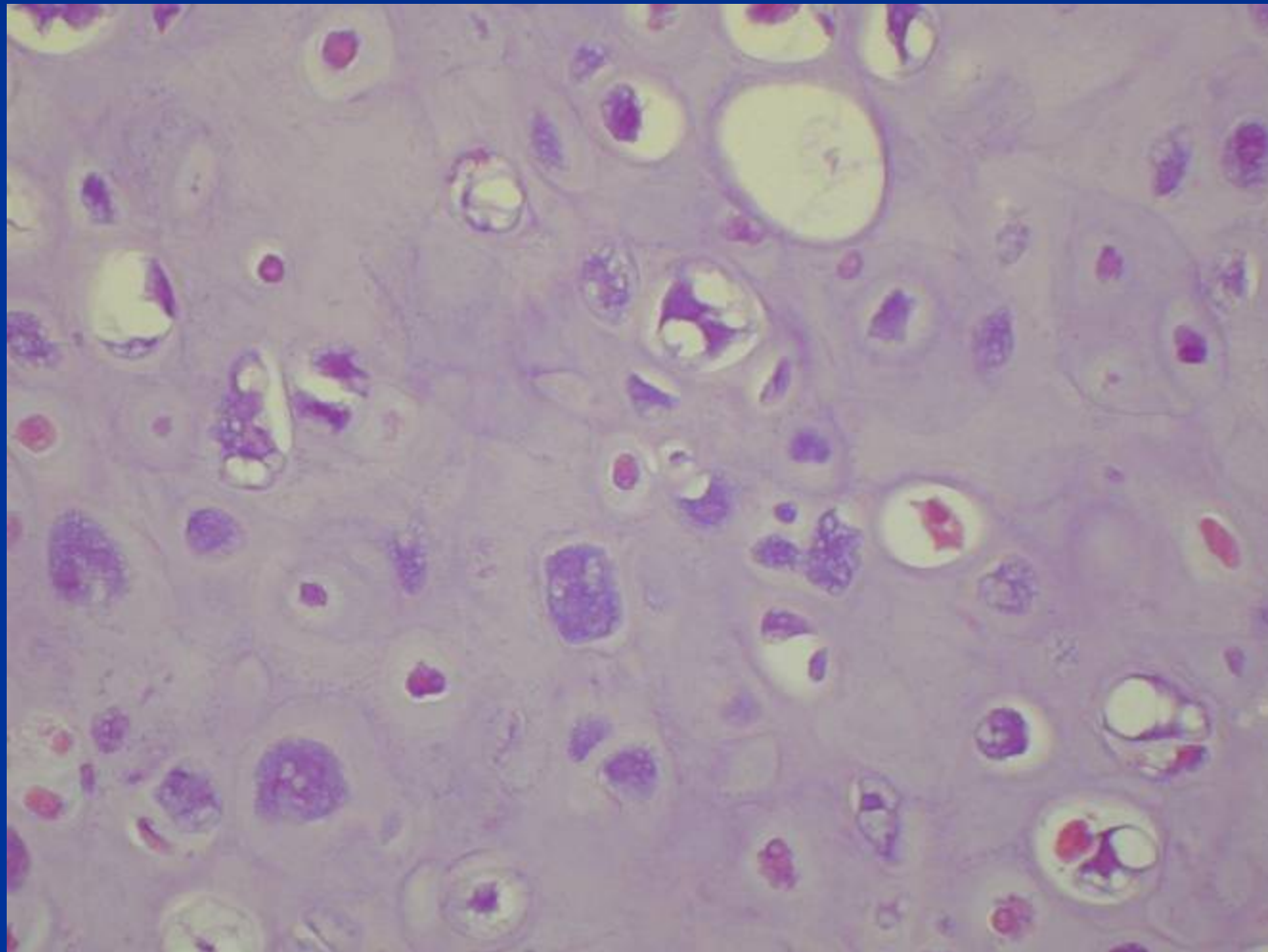
# Microscopic Pathology—Malignant Appearing Cartilaginous Tissue

Cells in Lacunae

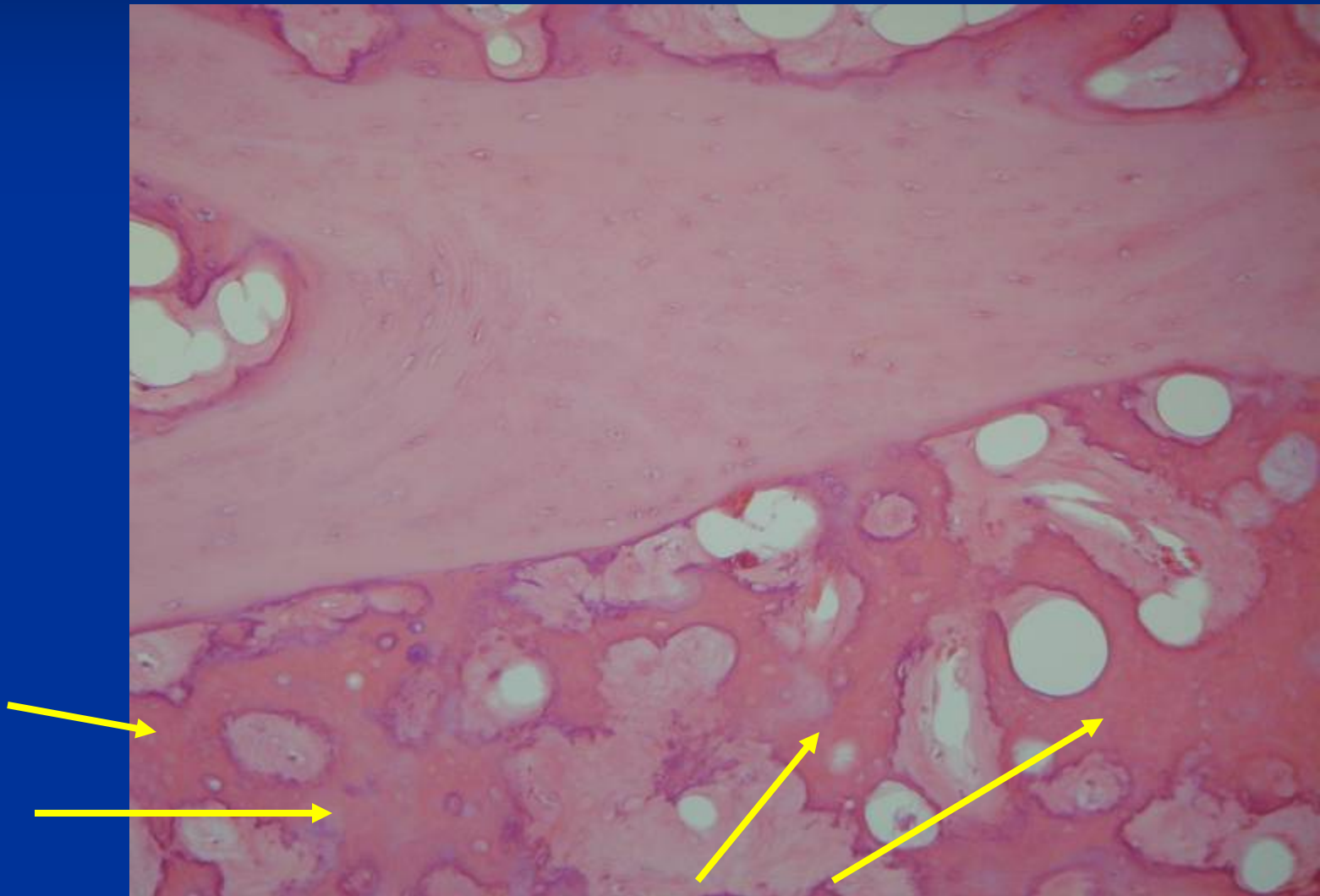
Ground Glass  
Matrix—  
Intercellular  
Matrix (Non-  
cellular  
Substance)



**Hypercellular, Disorganized,  
Crowded Cells, Multinucleated Cells,  
Large Bizarre Nuclei**



# Bone Production Identified which Categorizes it as an Osteosarcoma





# Osteosarcoma

## Conventional

### ■ Pathologic Differential Diagnosis:

- Osteoblastoma
- Osteoid Osteoma
- Giant Cell Tumor
- Fracture Callus
- Fibrosarcoma
- Chondrosarcoma
- MFH

# Osteosarcoma

## ■ Treatment:

### ■ Preoperative (induction) chemotherapy:

- Adriamycin (doxorubicin)
- Cisplatin (cisplatin)
- High Dose Methotrexate (HDMTX)
- Ifosfamide/Etoposide in some regimens  
(2 cycles and then surgery)

### ■ Surgery:

- Wide surgical resection /Limb Salvage(95% of extremity lesions)
- Amputation (5% of extremity lesions)

### ■ Postoperative (adjuvant) chemotherapy:

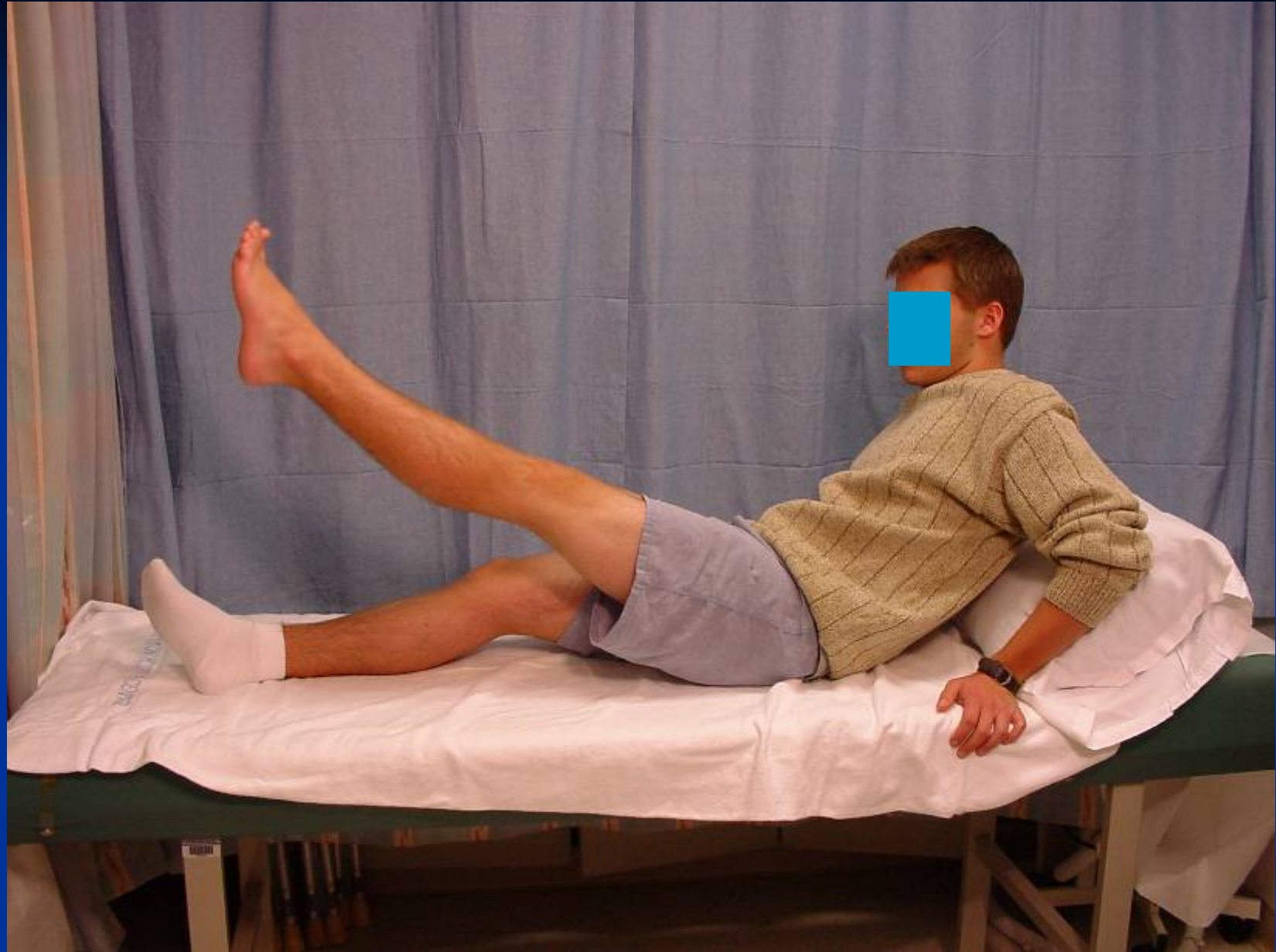
- Same regimen as preop; usually 4 cycles

# Limb Salvage: Radical Resection of Distal Femur Osteosarcoma and Reconstruction with Distal Femur Tumor Prosthesis





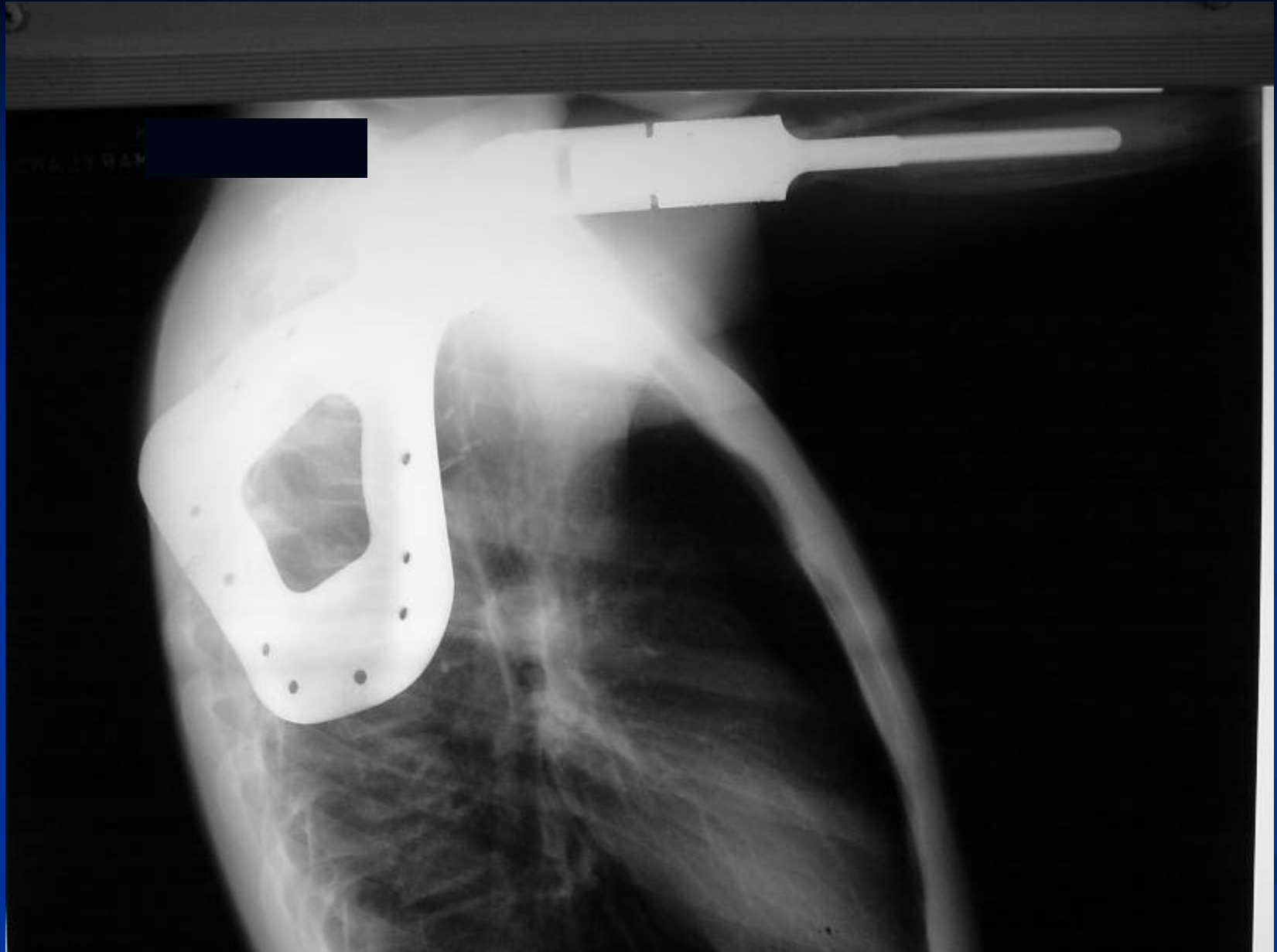






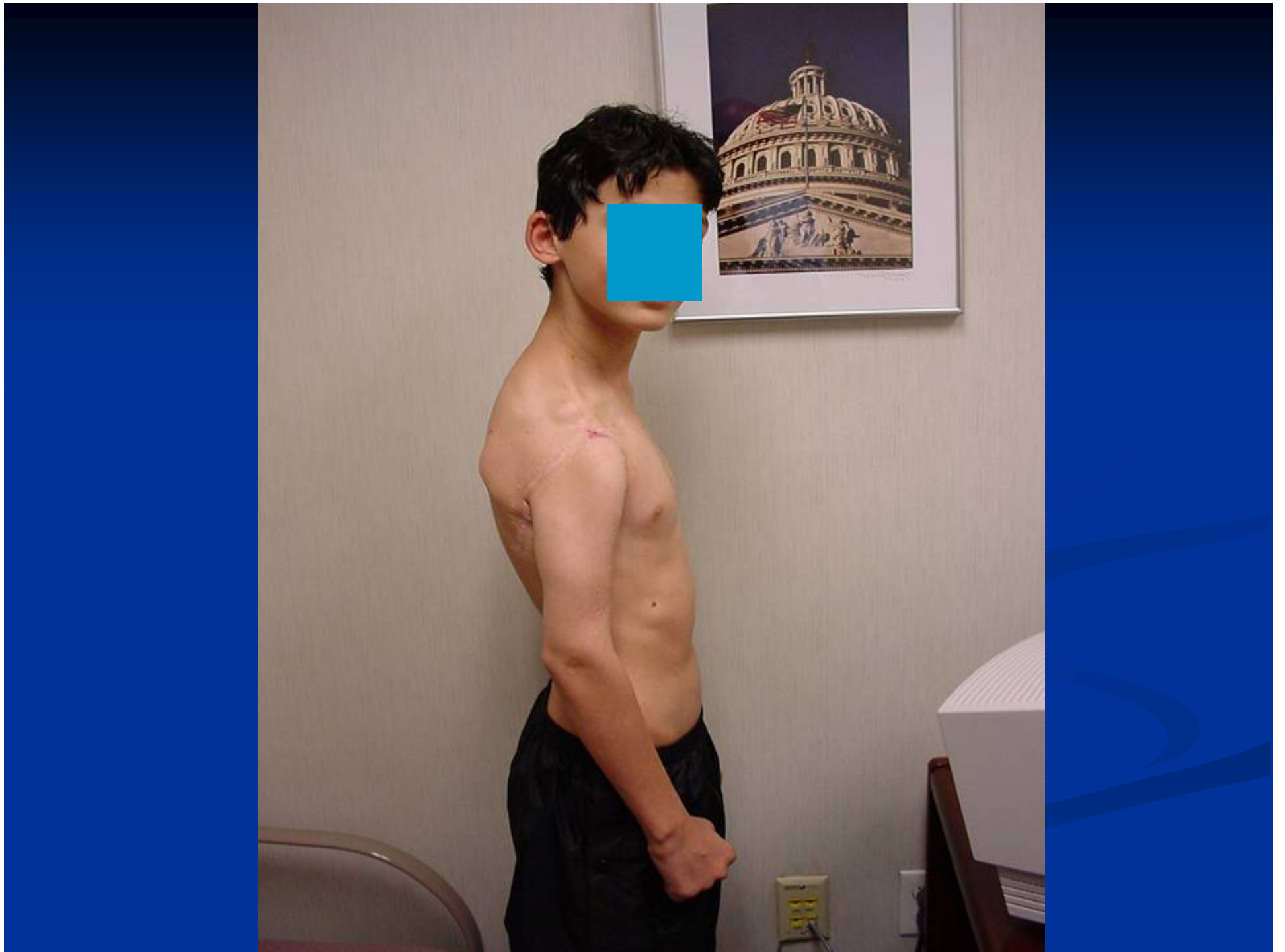
# Radical Resection of proximal Humerus Osteosarcoma with Metastasis to Scapula: Reconstruction with total Scapula Prosthetic Replacement

















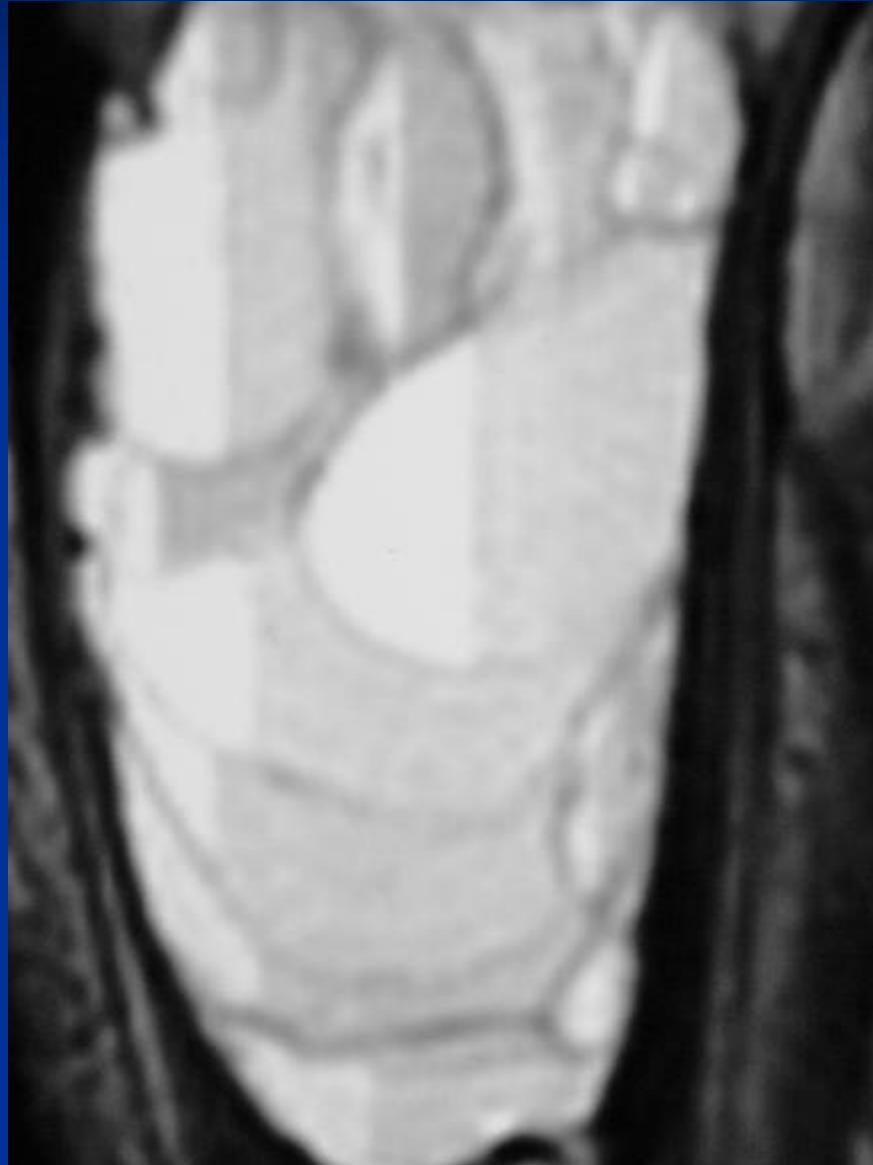
# Telangiectatic Osteosarcoma of Distal Radius







# MRI Demonstrating Multiple fluid-Fluid Levels

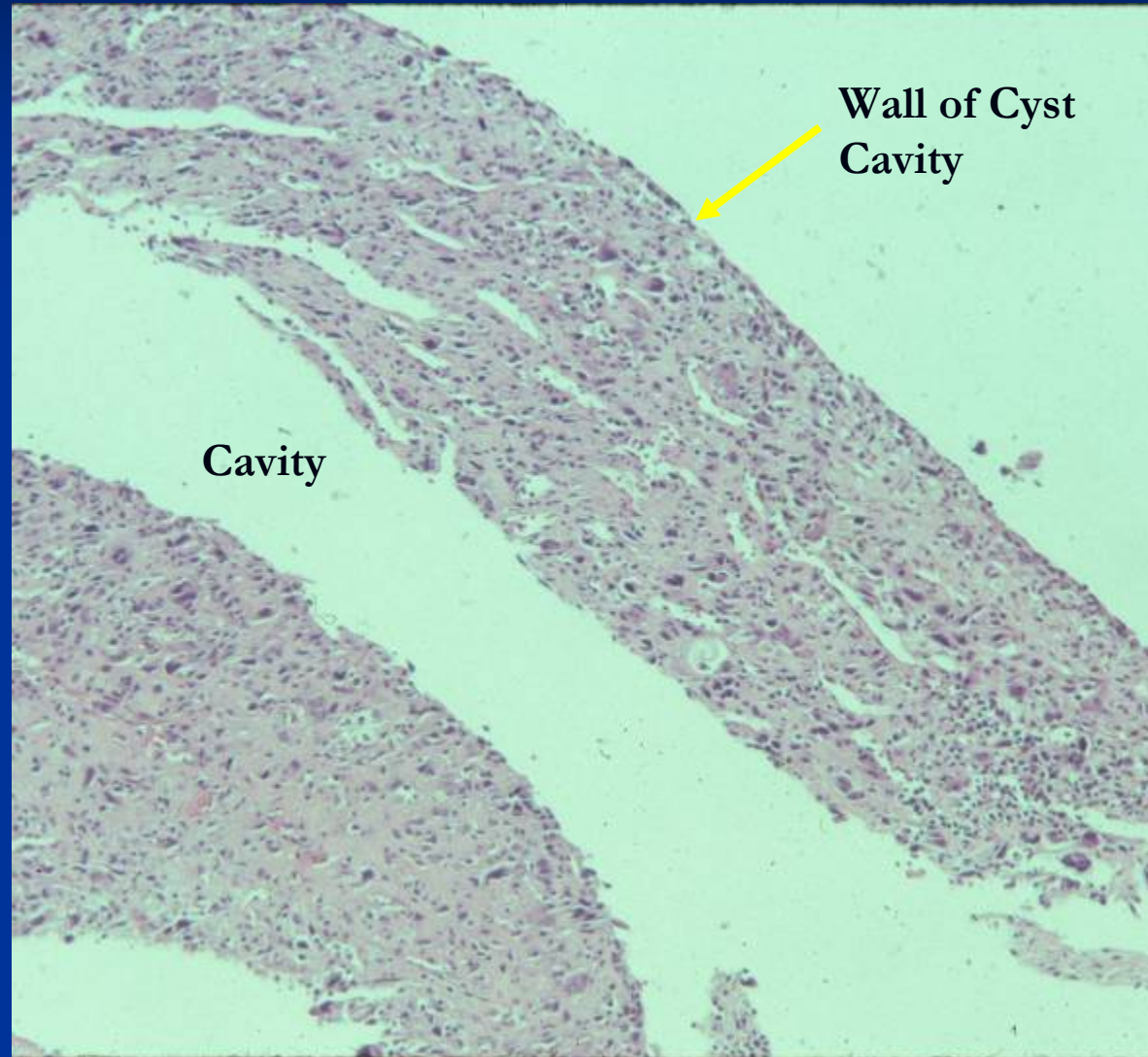


# Gross Pathology: Telangiectatic Osteosarcoma

Multiple Cystic  
and Necrotic  
Spaces/Cavities

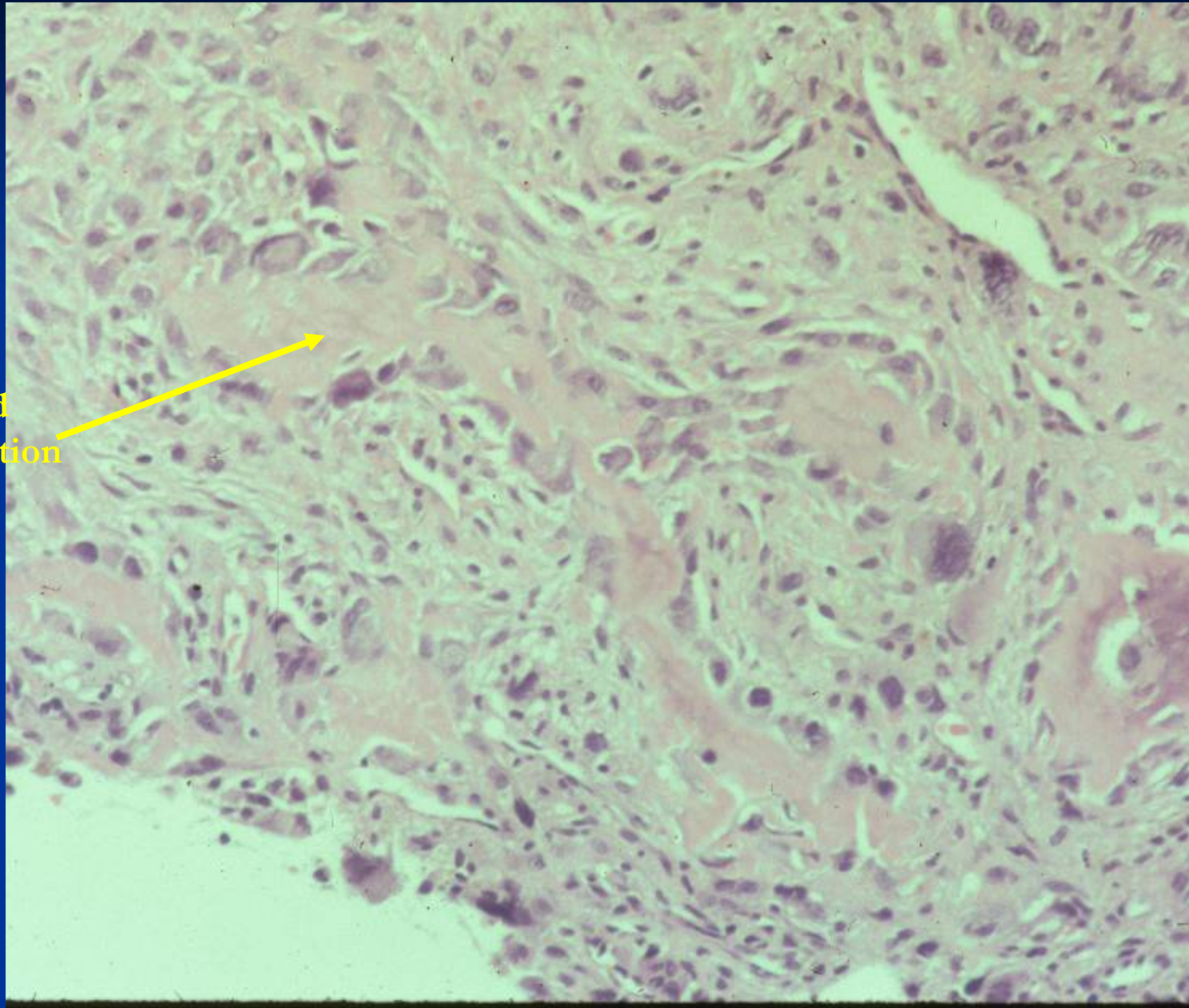


# Microscopic Pathology





Osteoid  
Production





# Telangiectatic Osteosarcoma

## ■ Radiographic Differential Dx:

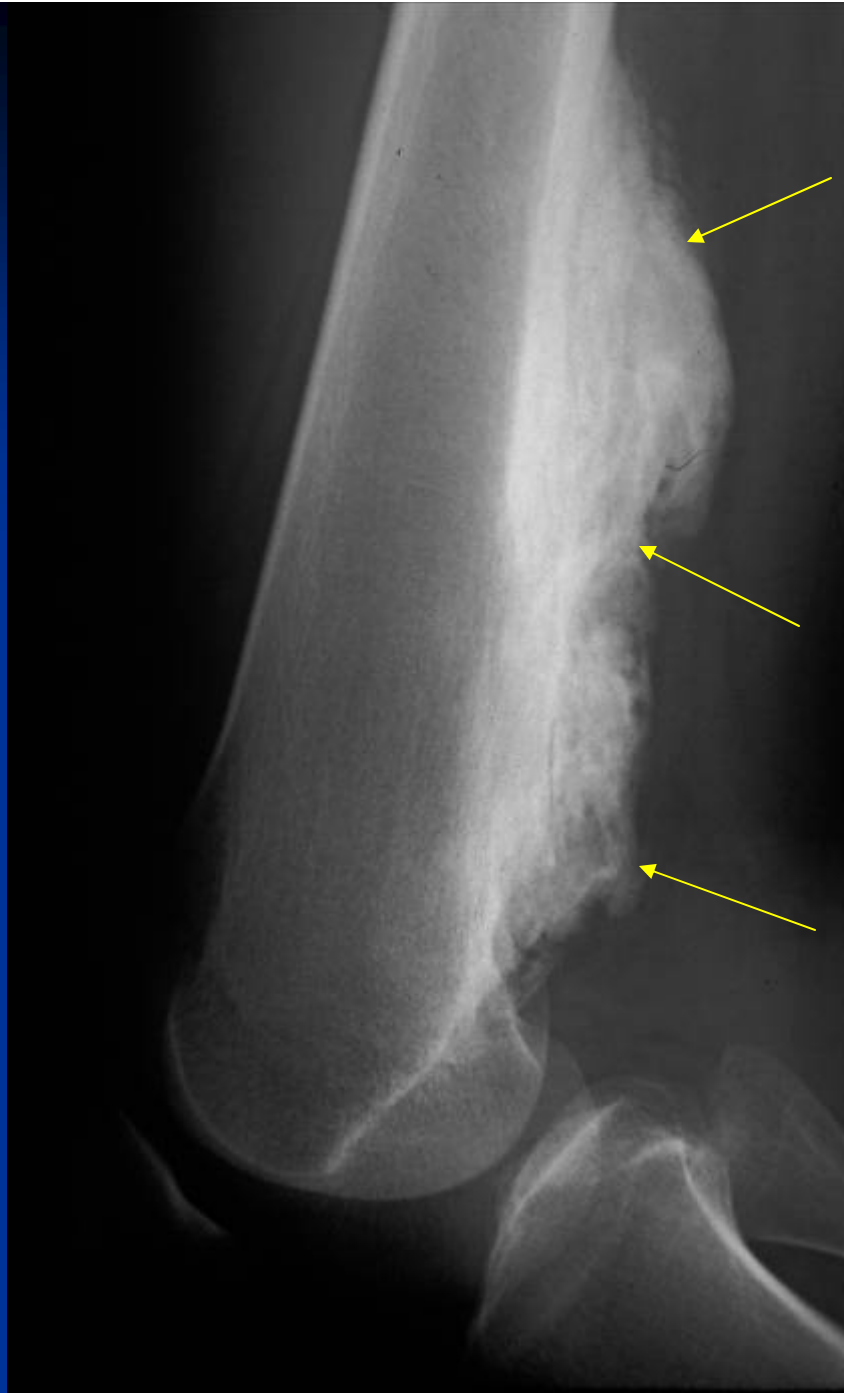
- Conventional osteosarcoma
- Fibrosarcoma
- MFH
- Aneurysmal Bone Cyst

# Telangiectatic Osteosarcoma

- Treatment and Prognosis same as conventional osteosarcoma

# Parosteal Osteosarcoma





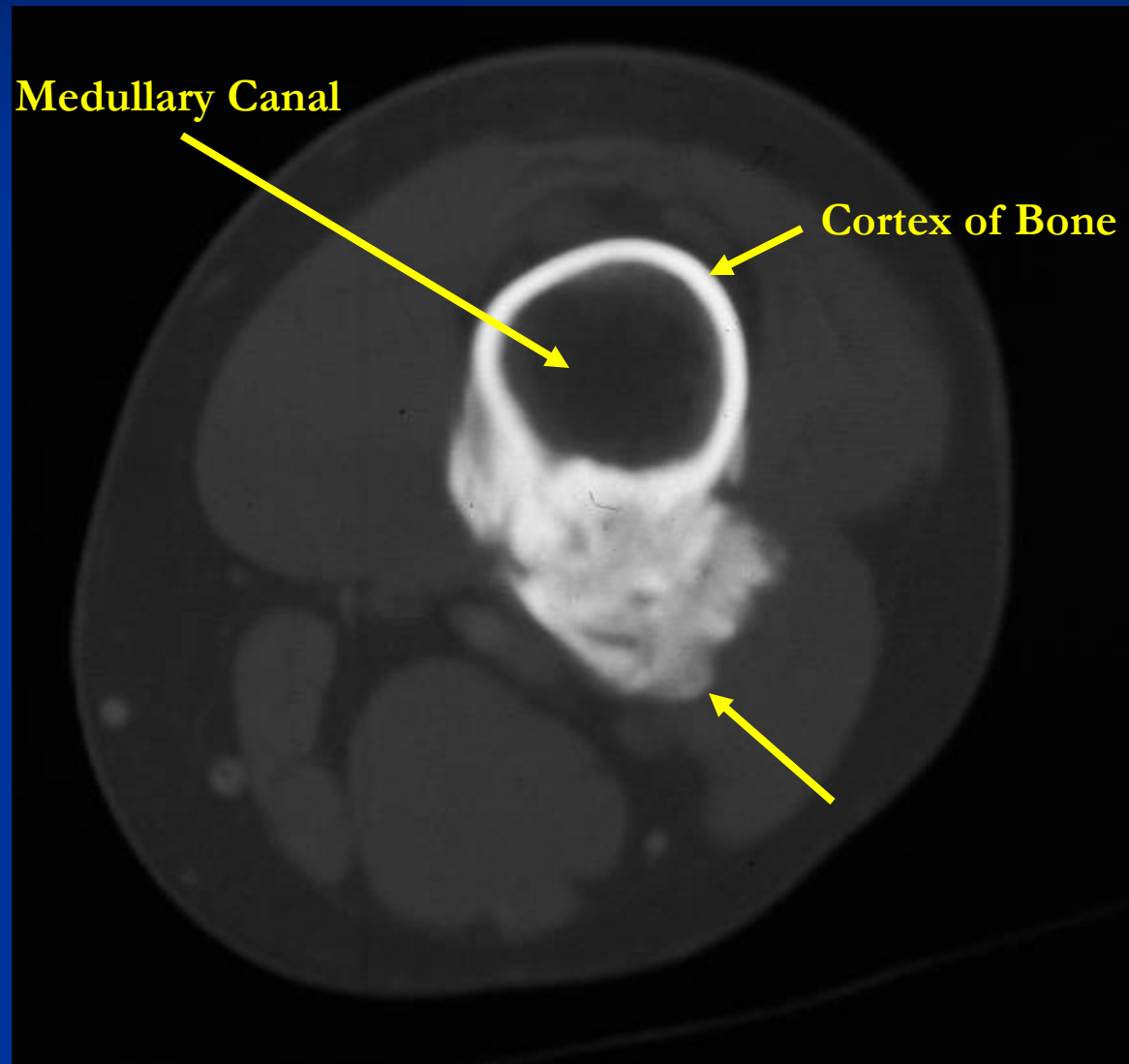




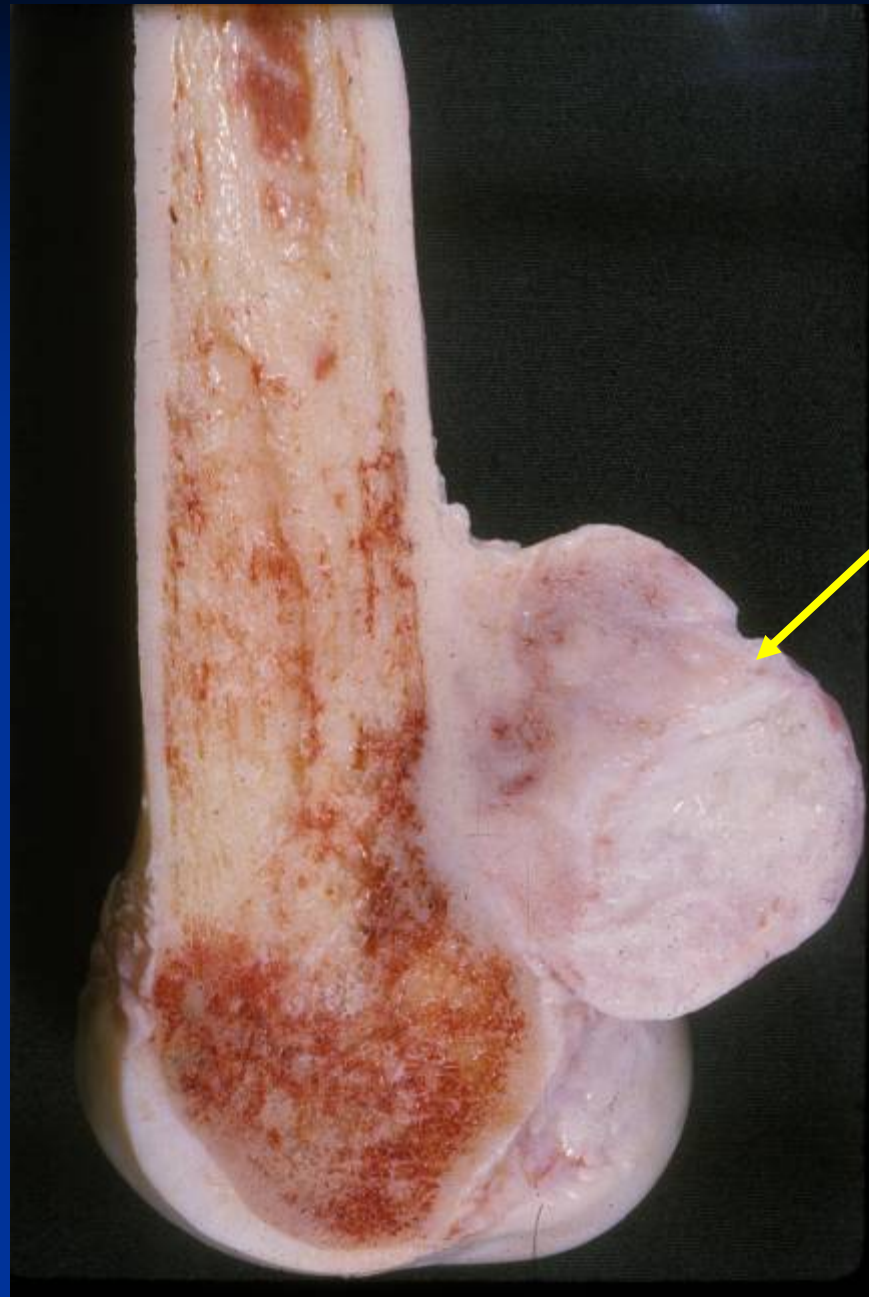
# Parosteal Osteosarcoma

- Radiology:
  - MRI/CT:
    - Medullary invasion
    - Any areas that may be high grade
    - Local extent---circumference of femur
    - CT of chest for detecting pulmonary mets

# CT Scan of Distal Femur Parosteal Osteosarcoma



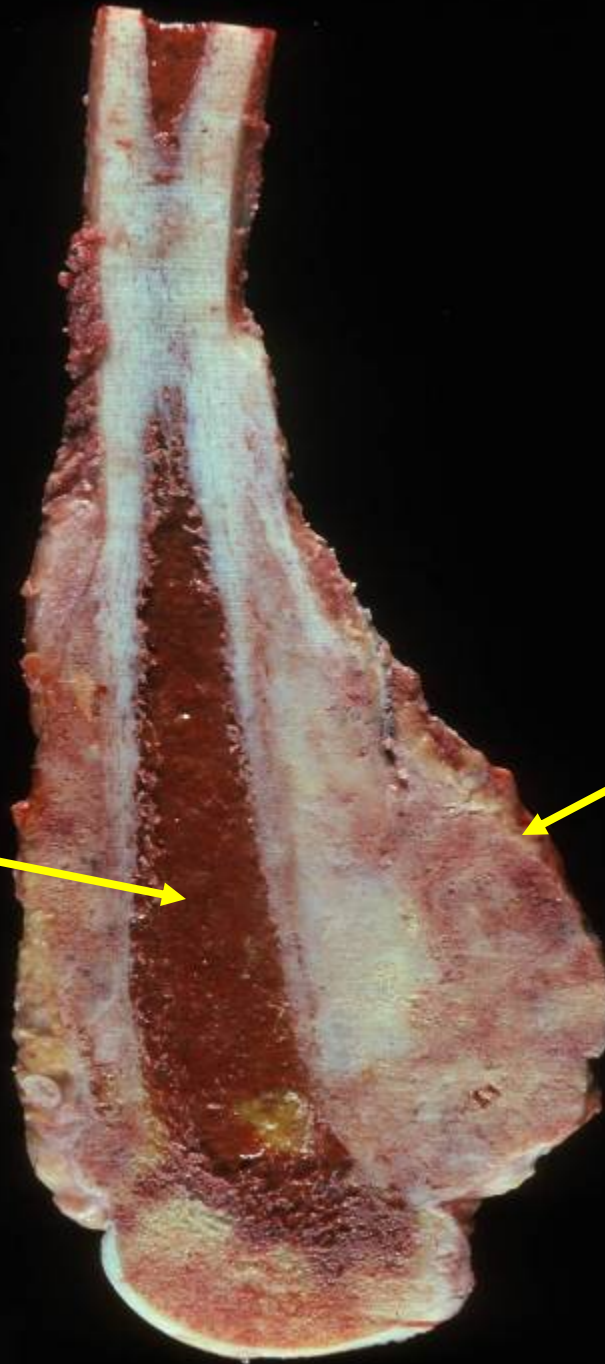
# Gross and Microscopic Pathology



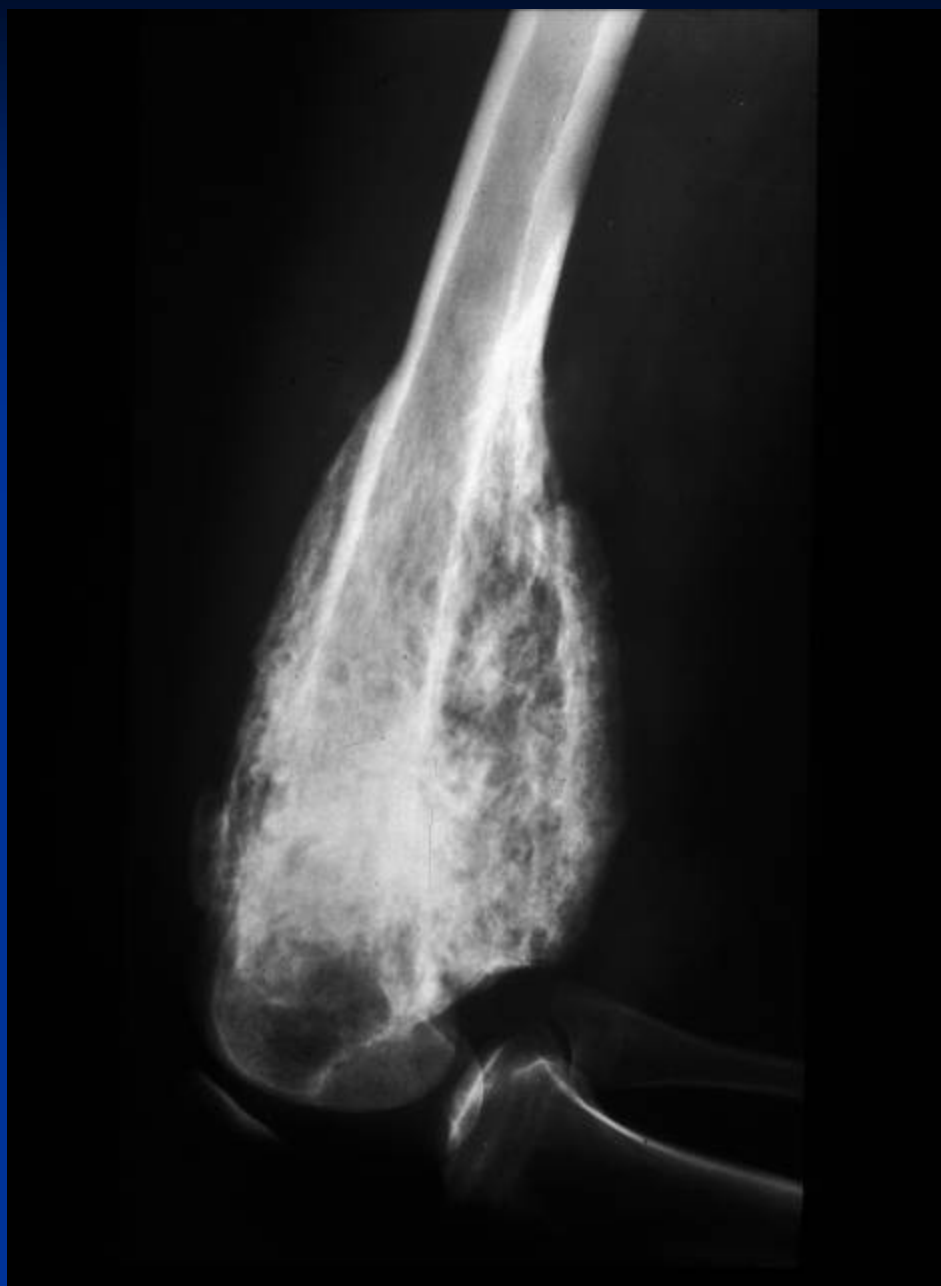
Tumor

**Medullary  
Canal of Bone**

**Tumor on  
Surface of Bone**







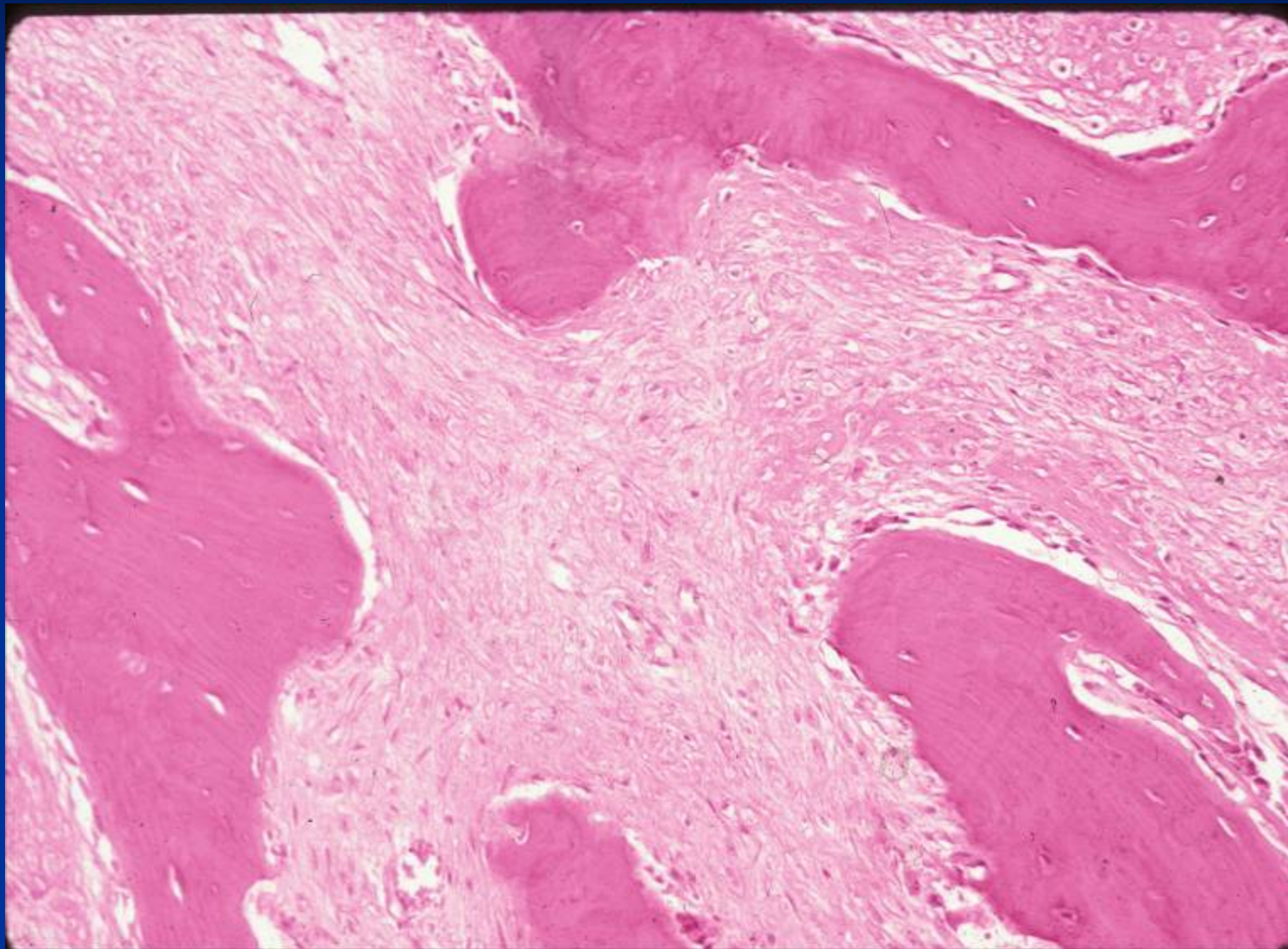
# Pathology

- Microscopic pathology demonstrates a fibroblastic tumor that is producing bone and osteoid
- The islands of bone are interspersed amongst fibrous appearing tissue
- There is minimal nuclear atypia and a minimal number of mitotic figures
- The tumor is typically a low grade tumor

**Bone Production**







# Parosteal Osteosarcoma

- Radiographic Differential Diagnosis:
  - Myositis ossificans
  - Periosteal osteosarcoma
  - Periosteal chondrosarcoma
  - High-grade surface osteosarcoma
  - Conventional osteosarcoma
  - Osteochondroma



# Parosteal Osteosarcoma

- Pathologic Differential Diagnosis:
  - Osteochondroma
  - Myositis ossificans
  - High grade surface osteosarcoma
  - Periosteal osteosarcoma

# Parosteal Osteosarcoma

- Typically a parosteal osteosarcoma is a low grade type of tumor with little risk of metastasizing or spreading
- Most patients are cured with surgery alone. Chemotherapy is usually not used for treatment.
- Occasionally, parosteal osteosarcomas that are present for prolonged periods of time before being identified, can dedifferentiate and develop high grade areas. These higher grade variants have a higher likelihood of spreading and may be treated with chemotherapy in addition to surgery.

# Parosteal Osteosarcoma

## ■ Treatment:

- Wide surgical resection and reconstruction
- Chemotherapy only if grade 3 components or dedifferentiated components identified on biopsy or after resection (Same regimen as conventional)
- Radiation: Not used in treatment of this tumor

## ■ Prognosis:

- 80-90% cure rate
- Mets more common with medullary invasion and high grade components
- Medullary invasion more common with high grade components

# Periosteal Osteosarcoma of Tibia





**Hair on End  
Periosteal Reaction**

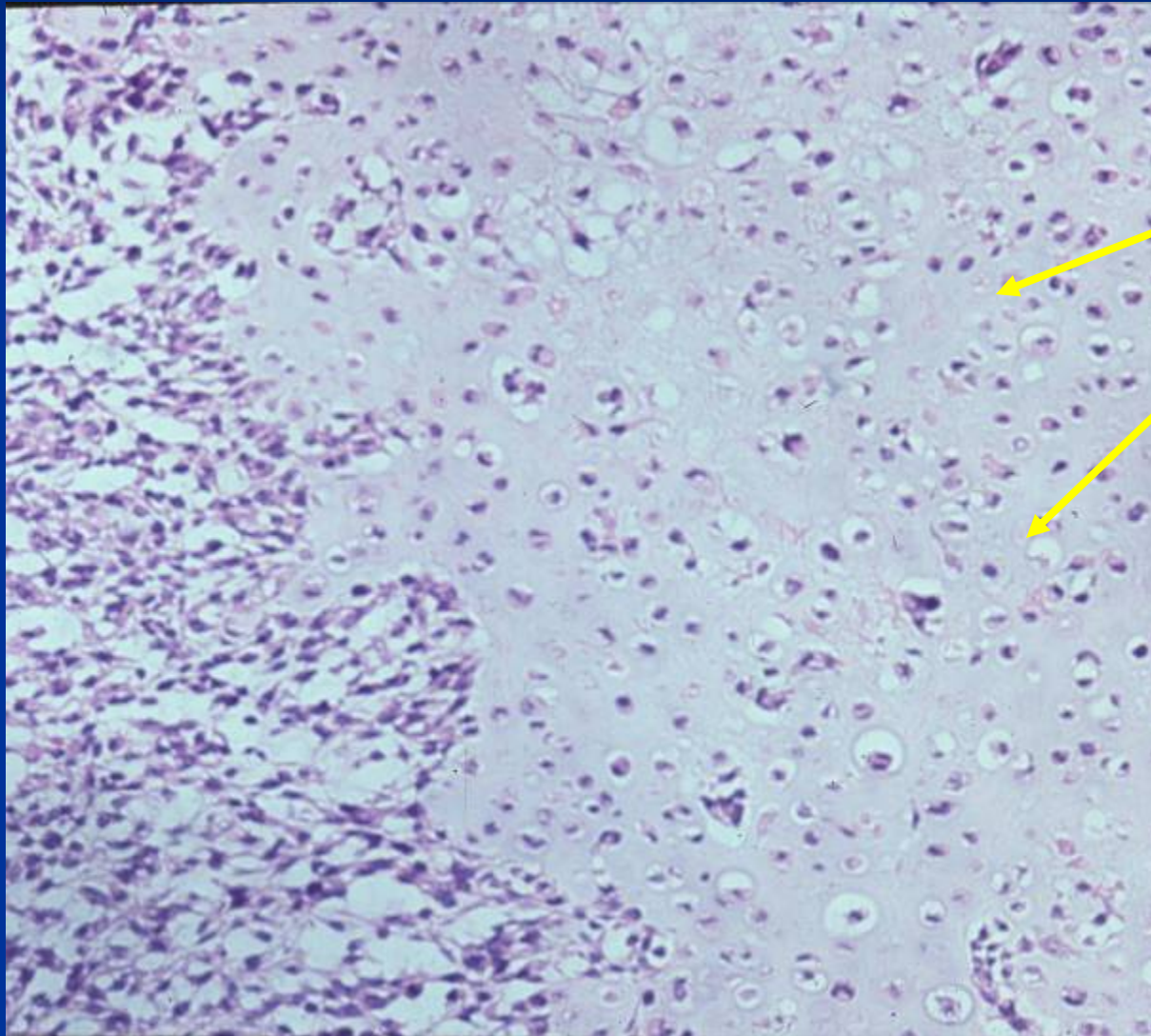






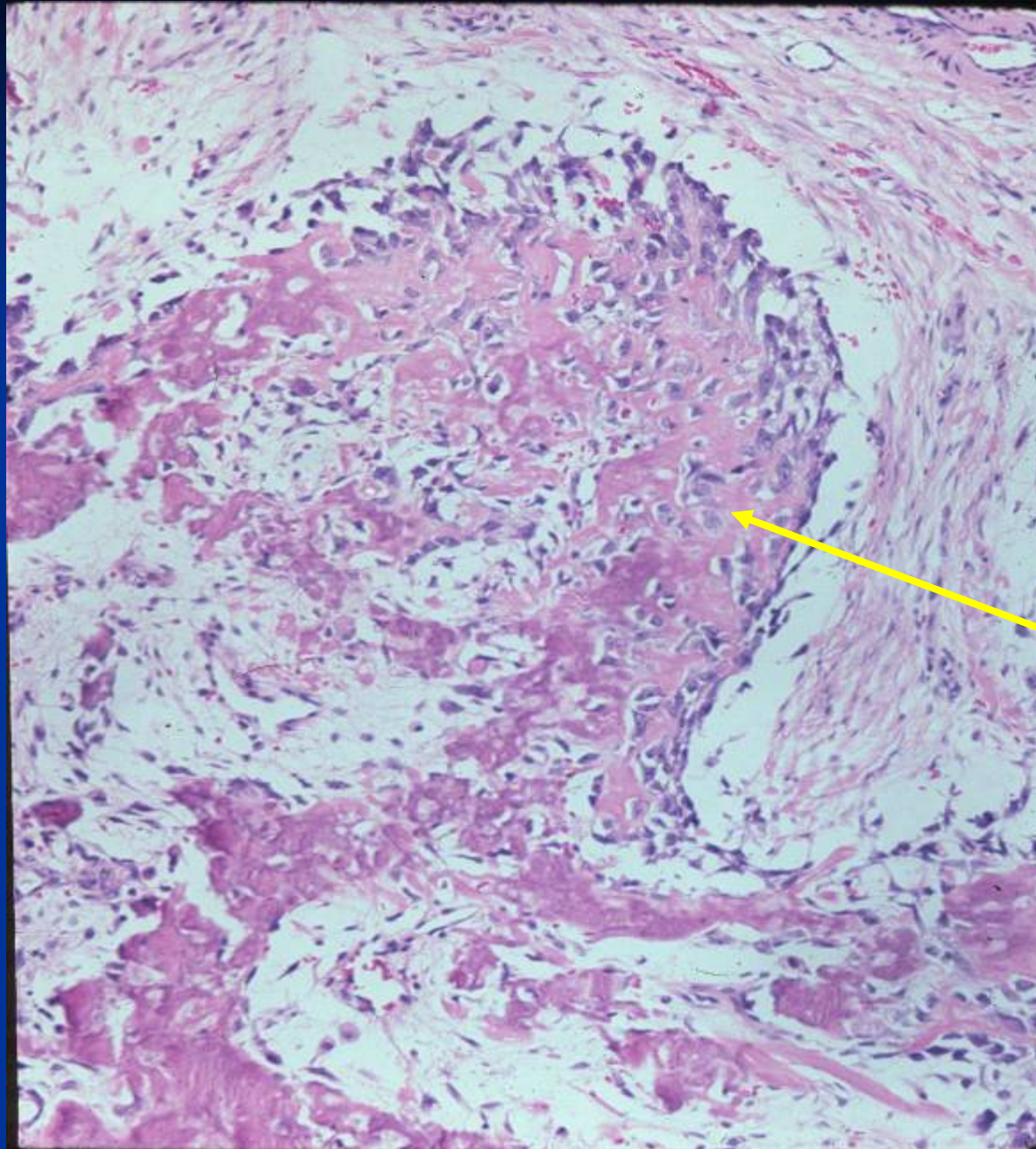


# Pathology: Primarily a Chondroblastic (Cartilaginous) Tumor with Bone (Osteoid) Production



Malignant  
Appearing  
Cartilage





**Osteoid  
Production  
Identified in  
Various Areas  
of Tumor**



# Periosteal Osteosarcoma

## ■ Radiographic Differential Diagnosis:

- Parosteal osteosarcoma
- High grade surface osteosarcoma
- Periosteal chondrosarcoma
- Myositis ossificans

# Periosteal Osteosarcoma

- Pathologic Differential Diagnosis:
  - Periosteal chondroma
  - Periosteal chondrosarcoma
  - High grade surface osteosarcoma
  - Conventional osteosarcoma with chondroblastic component

# Periosteal Osteosarcoma

## ■ Treatment:

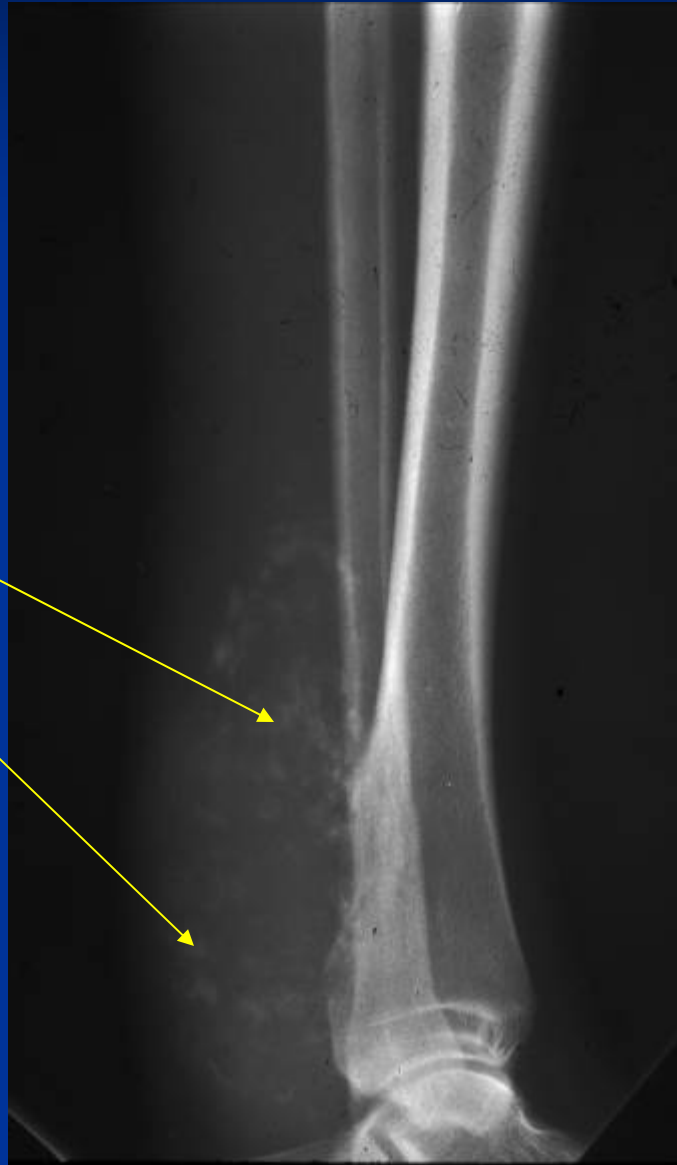
- En bloc resection and reconstruction

## ■ Prognosis:

- 15-25% metastatic rate to lungs
- Role of chemotherapy is questionable

# High Grade Surface Osteosarcoma of Distal Tibia

Ossification  
in Tumor



Necrotic Cystic Cavity

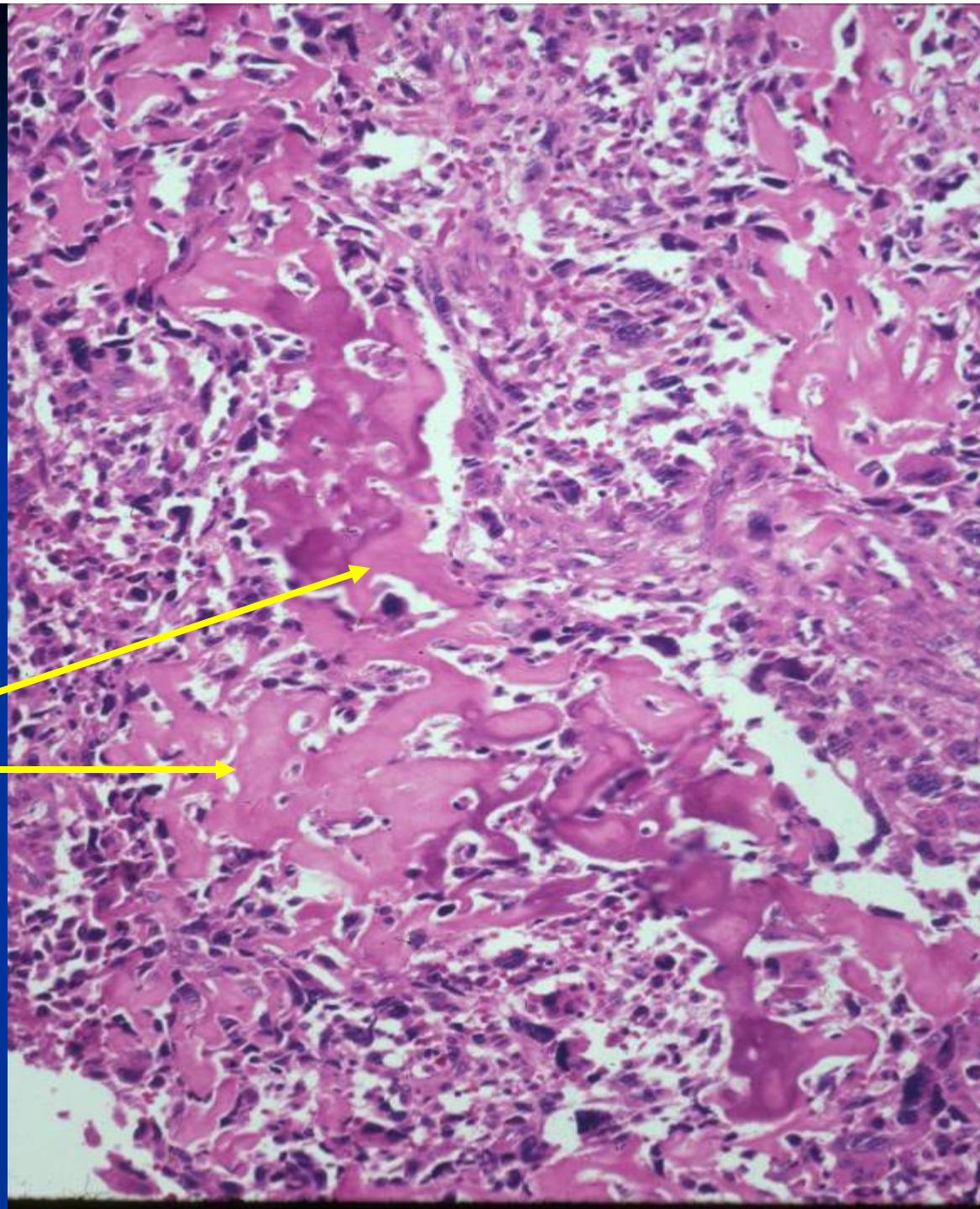




# Pathology

- Microscopically, a high grade surface osteosarcoma looks the same as a conventional intramedullary osteosarcoma

Osteoid  
Production



# High Grade Surface Osteosarcoma

- Radiographic Differential Diagnosis:
  - Periosteal osteosarcoma
  - Parosteal osteosarcoma
  - Periosteal chondrosarcoma

# High Grade Surface Osteosarcoma

## ■ Pathologic Differential Diagnosis:

- Myositis ossificans
- Periosteal osteosarcoma
- Conventional osteosarcoma with prominent soft tissue extension
- Parosteal osteosarcoma

# High Grade Surface Osteosarcoma

- Treatment and Prognosis:
  - Same as conventional osteosarcoma



# Low Grade Intramedullary Osteosarcoma of Distal Femur

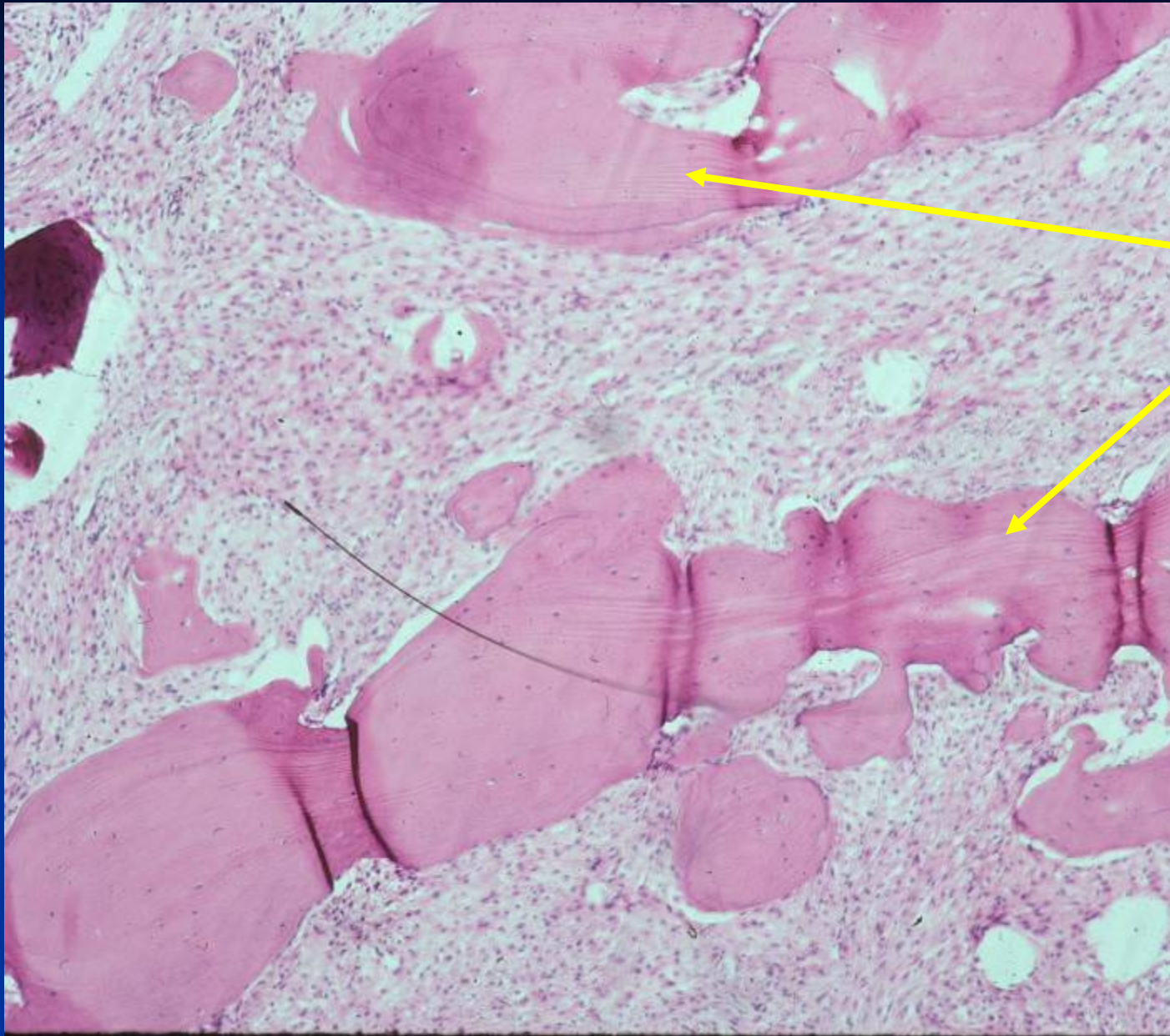


Ossification

Breaking through  
Cortex

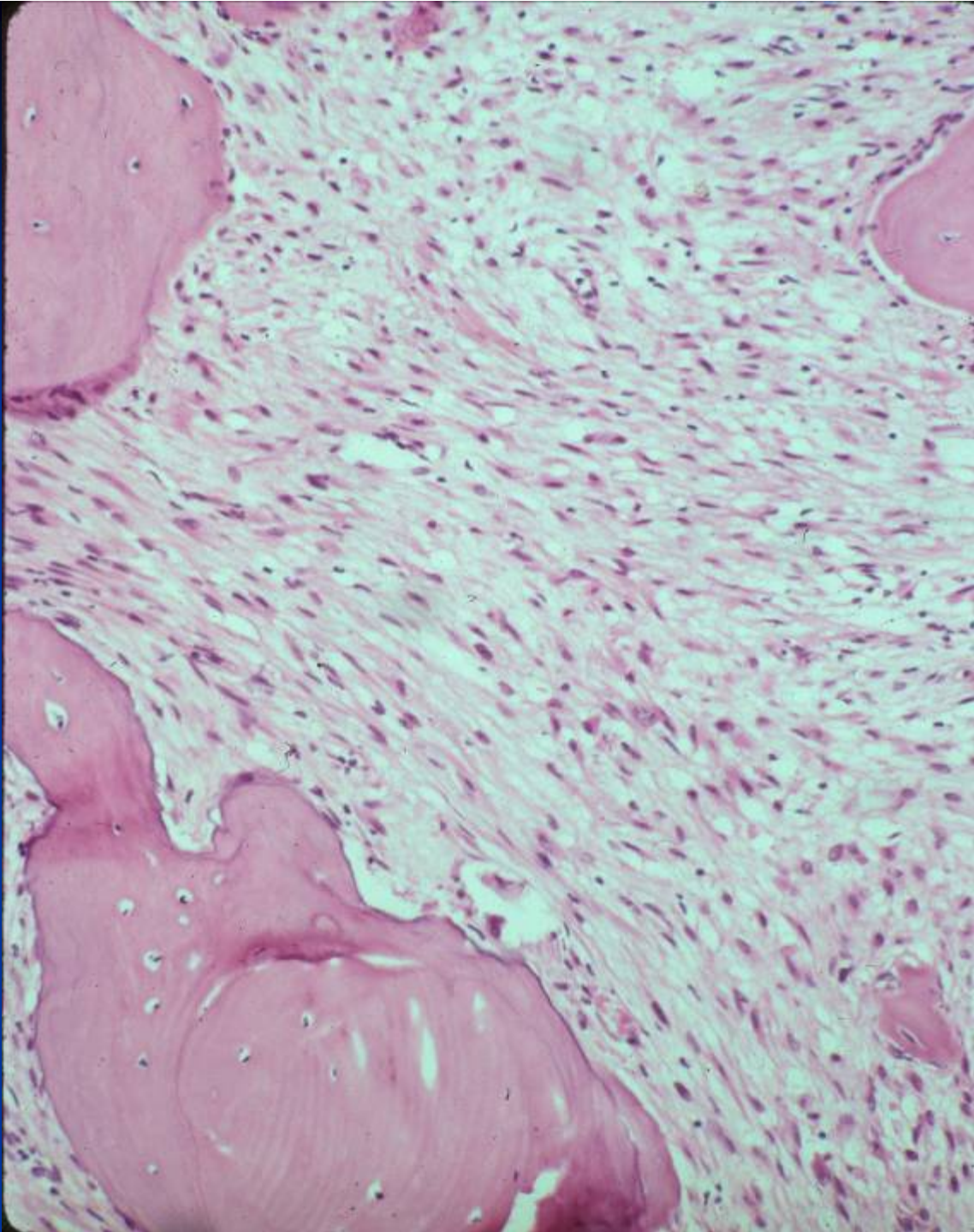
# Pathology

- Microscopically, low grade intramedullary osteosarcoma looks similar to a parosteal osteosarcoma
- Fibroblastic tumor producing bone (osteoid/immature bone)
- Minimal nuclear atypia, mildly hypercellular, minimal mitotic figures



**Osteoid  
Production**





# Low Grade Intramedullary

## ■ Radiographic Differential Diagnosis:

- Fibrous dysplasia
- Giant cell tumor
- Ordinary osteosarcoma
- Fibrosarcoma
- Malignant fibrous histiocyoma



# Low Grade Intramedullary

## ■ Pathologic Differential Diagnosis:

- Fibrous dysplasia
- Osteofibrous dysplasia
- Conventional osteosarcoma
- Parosteal osteosarcoma

# Low Grade Intramedullary

## ■ Treatment:

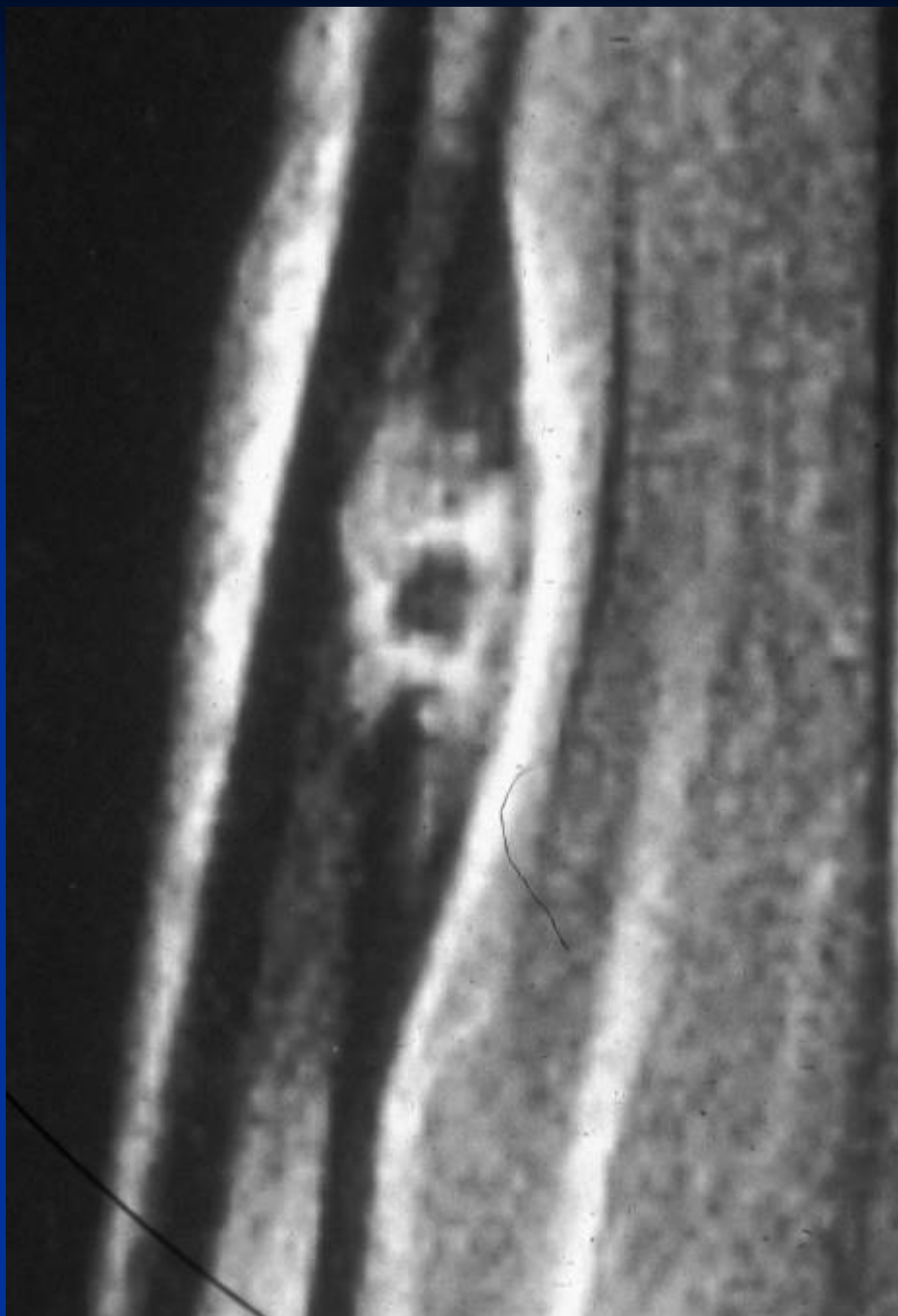
- Surgical resection and reconstruction
- No chemotherapy unless dedifferentiation is present

## ■ Prognosis:

- 90% cure rate (<10% metastatic rate)

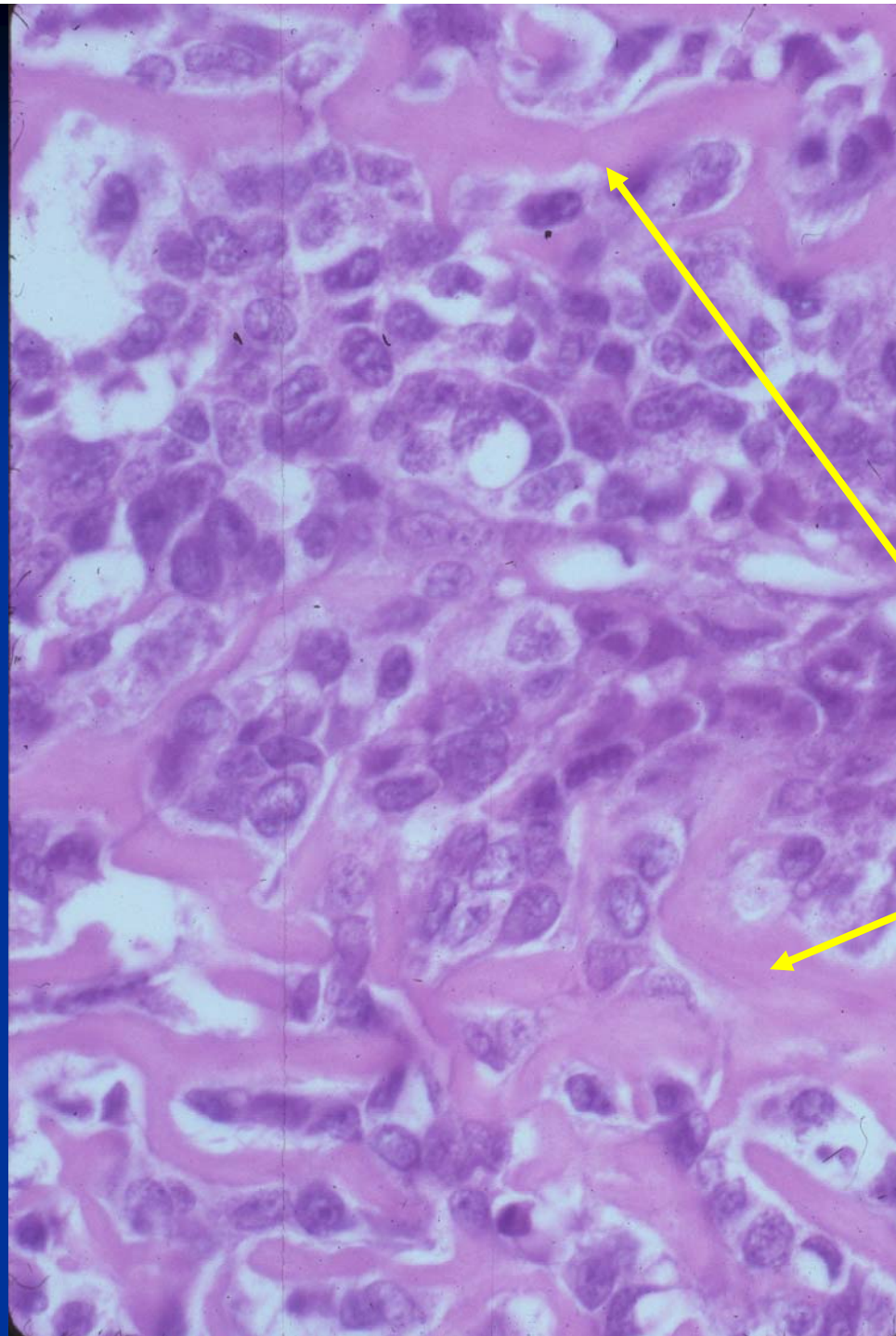
# Intracortical Osteosarcoma











**Osteoid  
Production**

# Intracortical Osteosarcoma

## ■ Differential Diagnosis:

- Stress fracture
- Osteoid osteoma
- Osteoblastoma
- Intracortical abscess
- Fibrous dysplasia
- Nonossifying fibroma
- Adamantinoma

# Intracortical Osteosarcoma

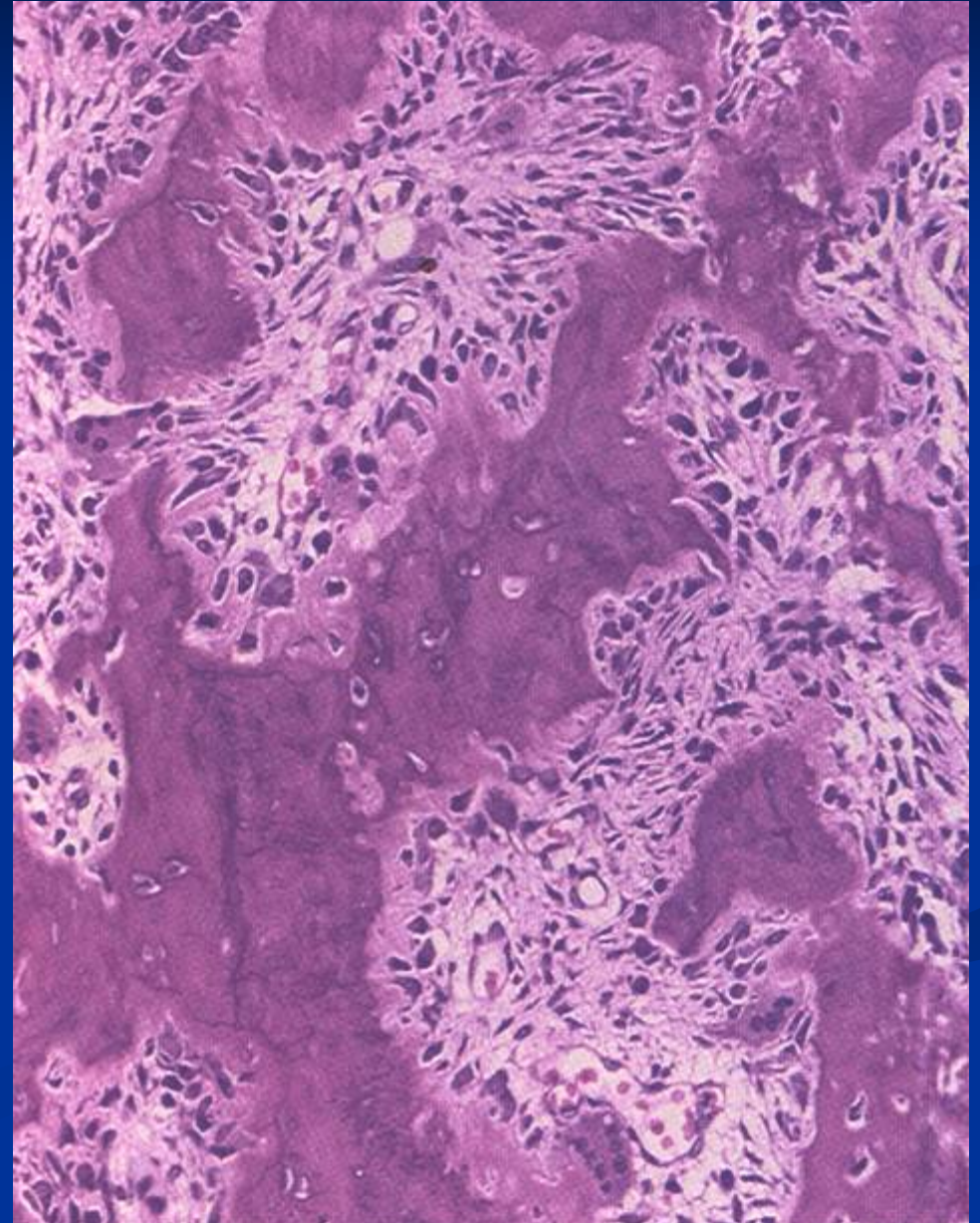
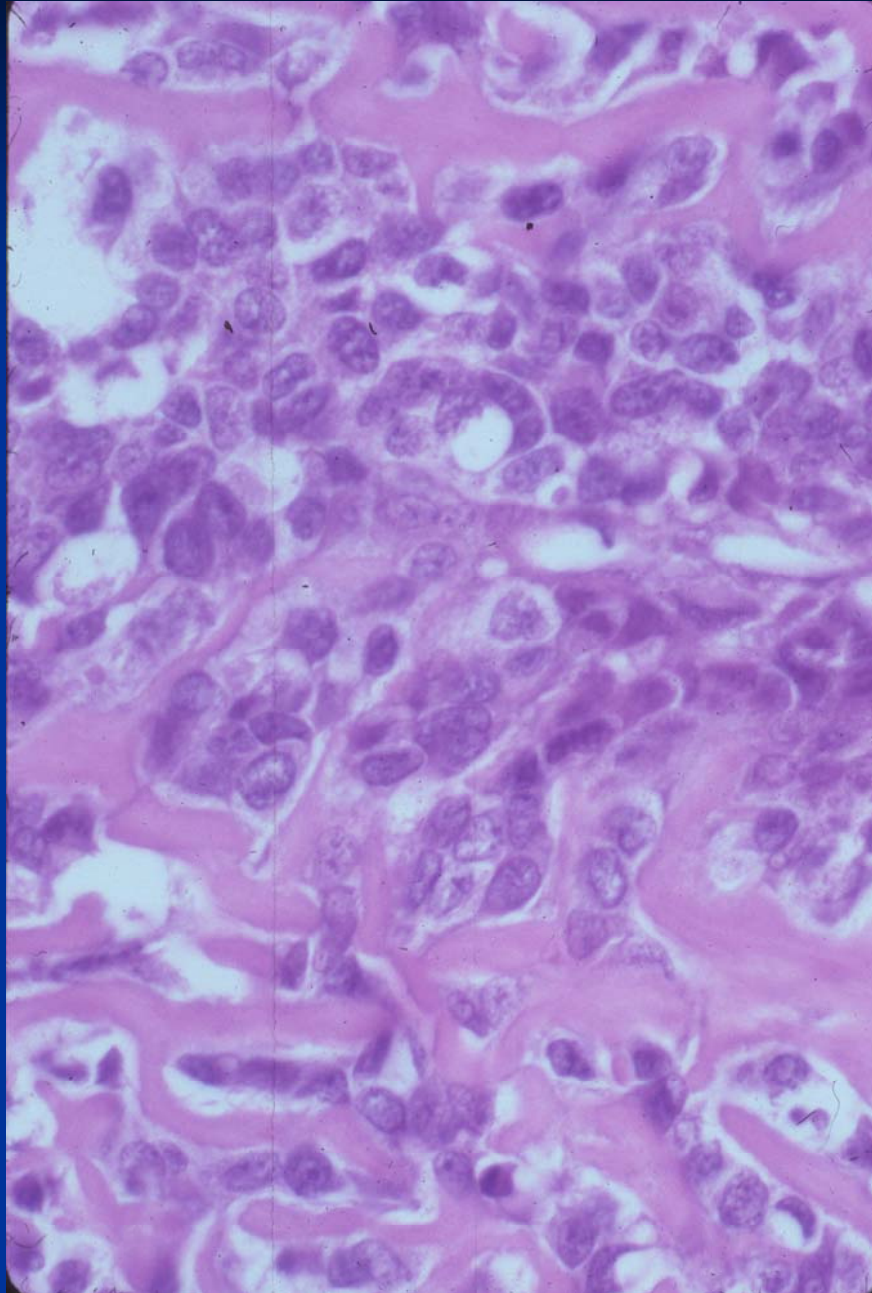
- Treatment:
  - En bloc resection
  - Chemotherapy

# Osteosarcoma vs Osteoblastoma





# Osteosarcoma vs Osteoblastoma

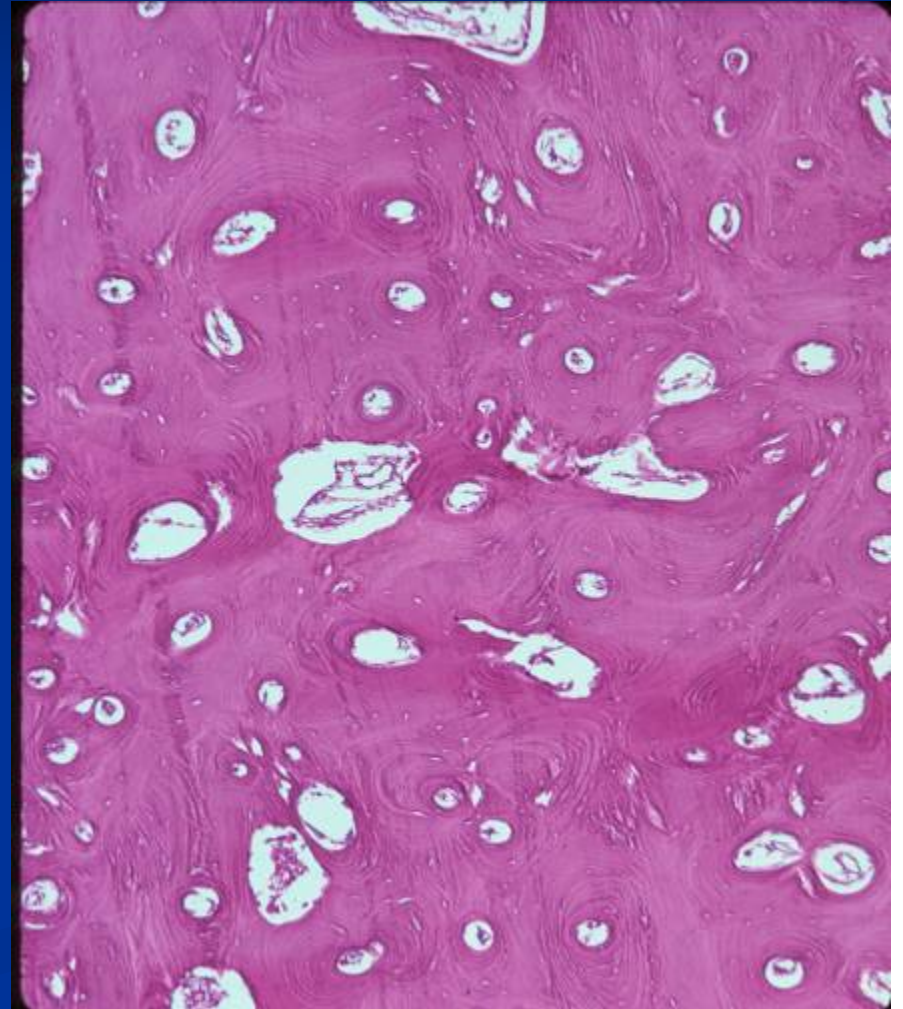




# Parosteal Osteosarcoma vs Osteoma



# Parosteal Osteosarcoma vs Osteoma



# Surface Lesions of Bone: Differential Diagnosis of Parosteal Osteosarcoma

Parosteal osteoma

Parosteal osteosarcoma

Sessile osteochondroma

Juxtacortical myositis  
ossificans

Periosteal osteoblastoma

Ossified parosteal (periosteal)  
lipoma

Melorheostosis (monostotic)