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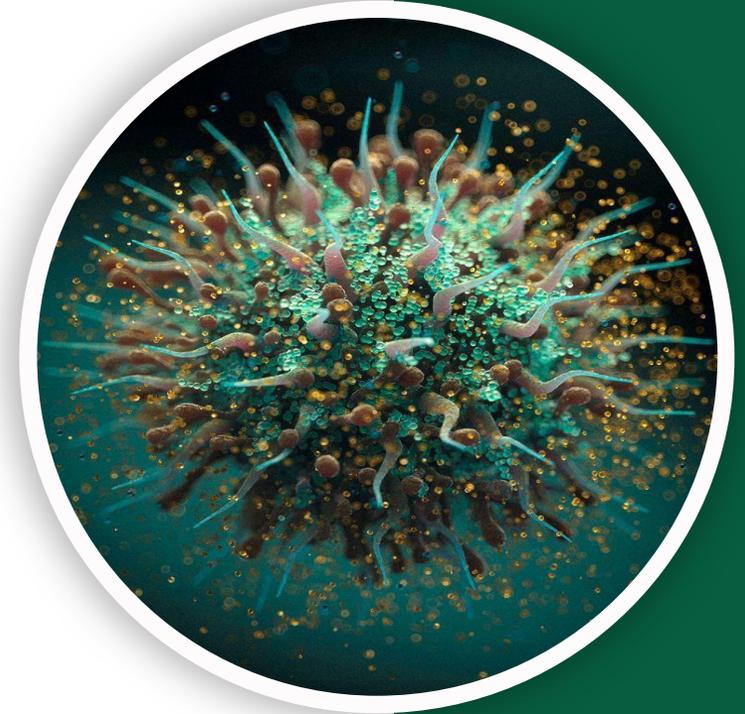


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MSS Pathology | MID 7

Case Discussion

MSS 1



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CASE DISCUSSIONS
MSS (CASES 1-3)
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CASE 1

A 5-year-old boy is brought to clinic for recurrent fractures after minimal trauma. His parents report he fractured his femur at age 2 after falling from standing height. On exam, he has blue sclera, mild hearing difficulty, and joint hypermobility. Radiographs show generalized osteopenia. Genetic testing reveals mutation affecting type I collagen synthesis



Thin bone there's no proper collagen



Due to abnormal matrix

Multiple fractures
The femur looks like a phone hand called phone handle deformity



Blue sclera



Discussion points:

- **Q1. What is the most likely diagnosis?**
- **Q2. What is the underlying molecular defect?**
- **Q3. Why do patients develop blue sclera?**
- **Q4. What are the major systemic manifestations?**
- **Q5. What is the histologic abnormality?**
- **Q6. What is the major complication affecting prognosis?**

Q1. What is the most likely diagnosis?

ANSWER:

Osteogenesis imperfecta

One of the congenital
anomalies of bone
formation

Q2. What is the
underlying molecular
defect?

The responsible gene for structure formation is called COL1

ANSWER:

- Mutation affecting type I collagen synthesis (COL1A1 or COL1A2 genes) → structurally weak bone matrix.

There are many types of collagen, but the four most clinically important types are types I, II, III, and IV.

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Type II collagen is the major collagen found in cartilage.

Type III collagen is found in reticular fibers, especially in blood vessels and granulation tissue.

Type IV collagen is a major component of the basement membrane and is associated with laminin.

Collagen is the most abundant protein in the body.

Q3. Why do patients develop blue sclera?

ANSWER:

Thin sclera poor collagen →
visualization of underlying
choroidal veins blue

Q4. What are the major systemic manifestations?

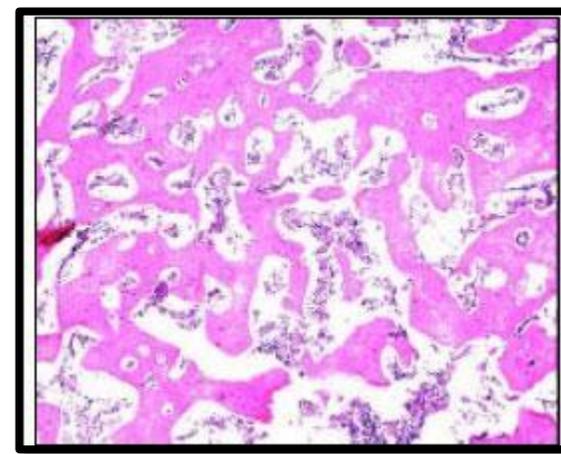
ANSWER:

- **Fragile bones → recurrent fractures**
- **Blue sclera**
- **Hearing loss (abnormal ossicles)**
- **Dentinogenesis imperfecta**
- **Ligament laxity that's why you find that he can do hyperextension on elbow which isn't good**

Q5. What is the
histological
features of OI?

ANSWER:

usually we don't get biopsy to confirm osteogenesis imperfecta its diagnosed clinically



**Reduced and
abnormal osteoid
with defective
collagen framework**

Q6. What is the major complication affecting prognosis?

- OI is a spectrum of diseases not one disease, severe forms causes death in utero or immediately after birth

ANSWER:

- Repeated fractures and skeletal deformities (severe forms → respiratory failure most common in children)

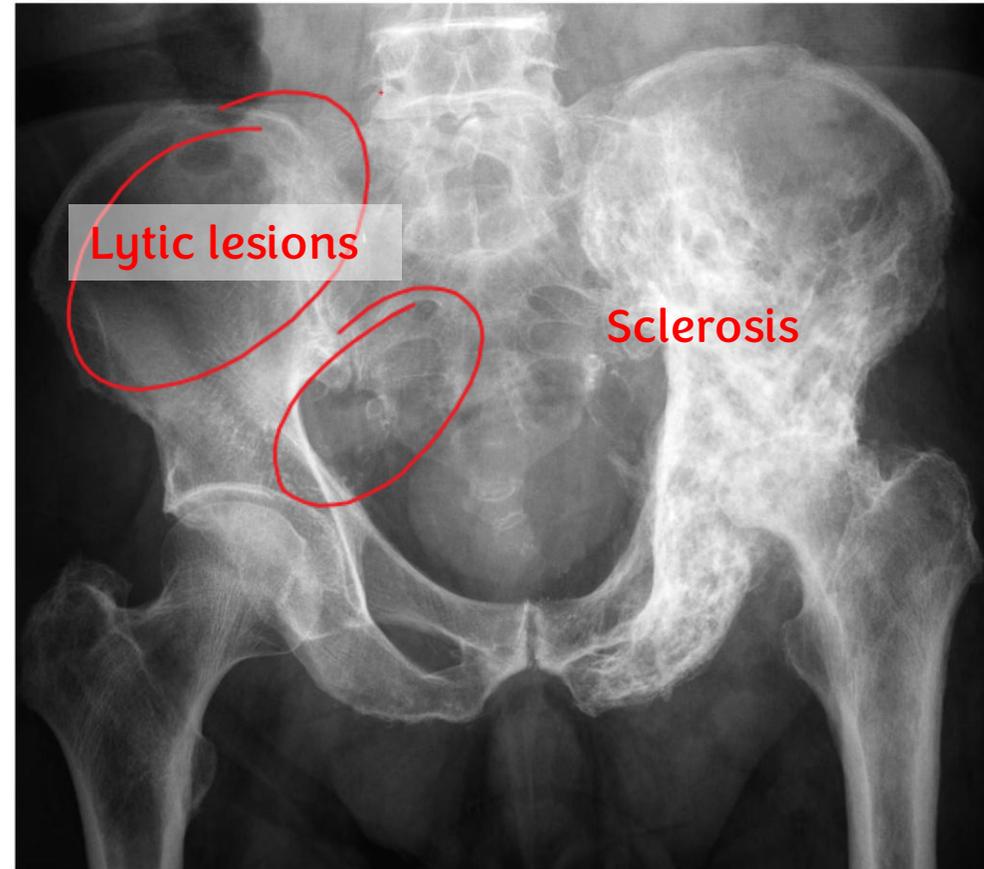
CASE 2

A 68-year-old man presents with increasing hat size and dull skull pain. Labs show markedly *elevated alkaline phosphatase with normal calcium and phosphate*. X-ray of skull shows *thickened bone with patchy sclerosis*. Bone biopsy shows *mosaic pattern* of lamellar bone.

SKULL

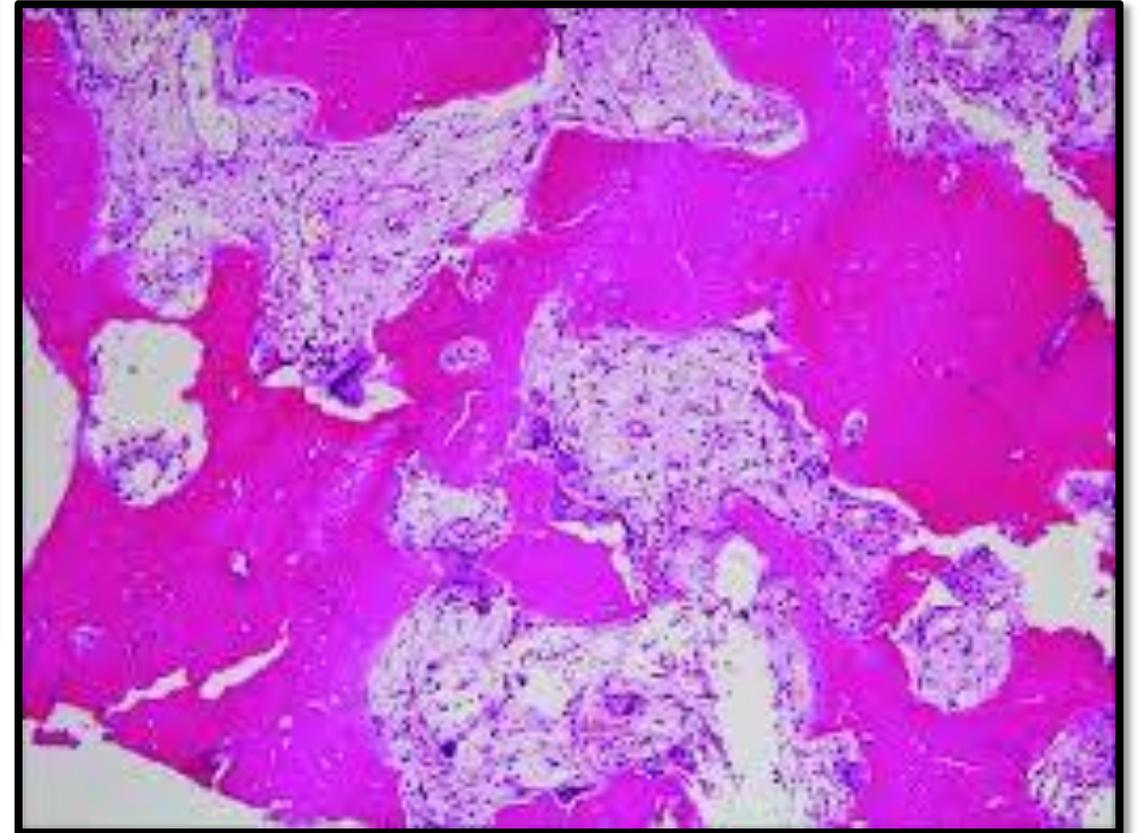
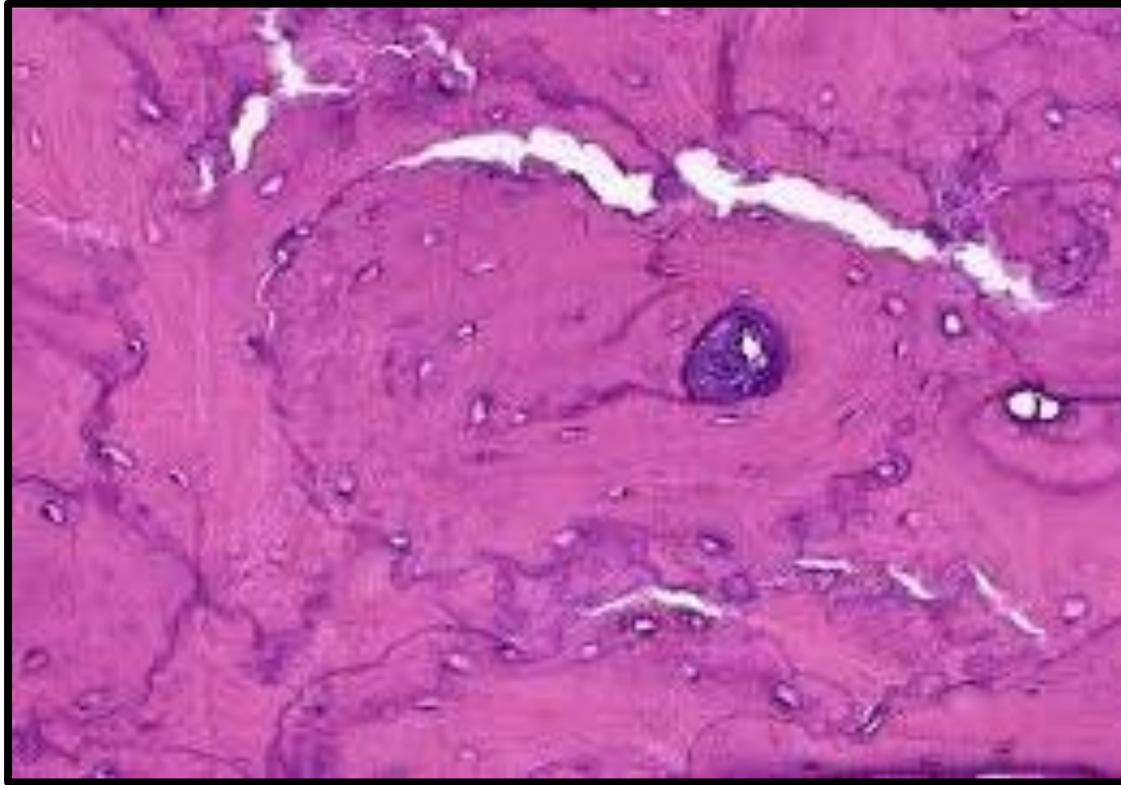
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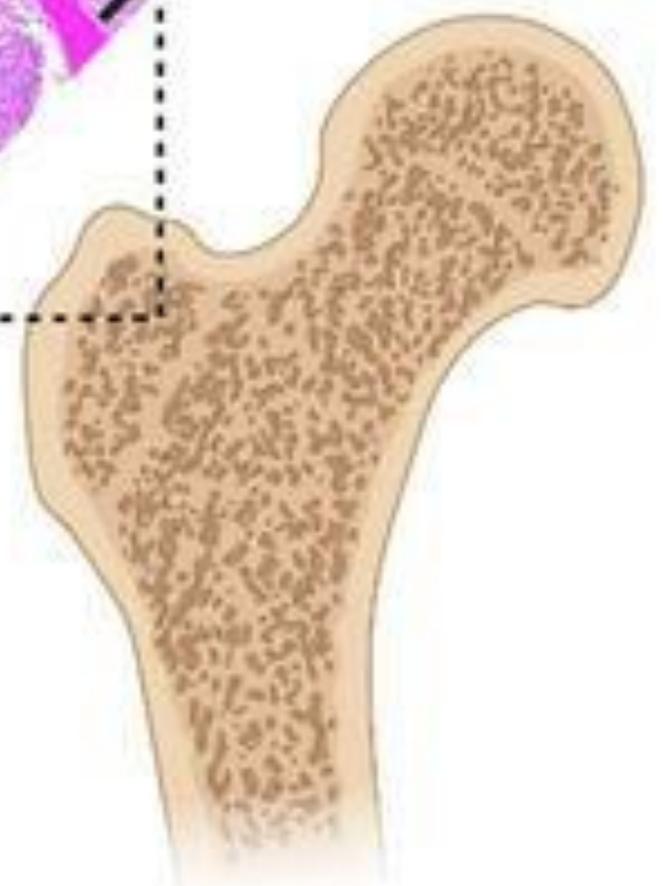
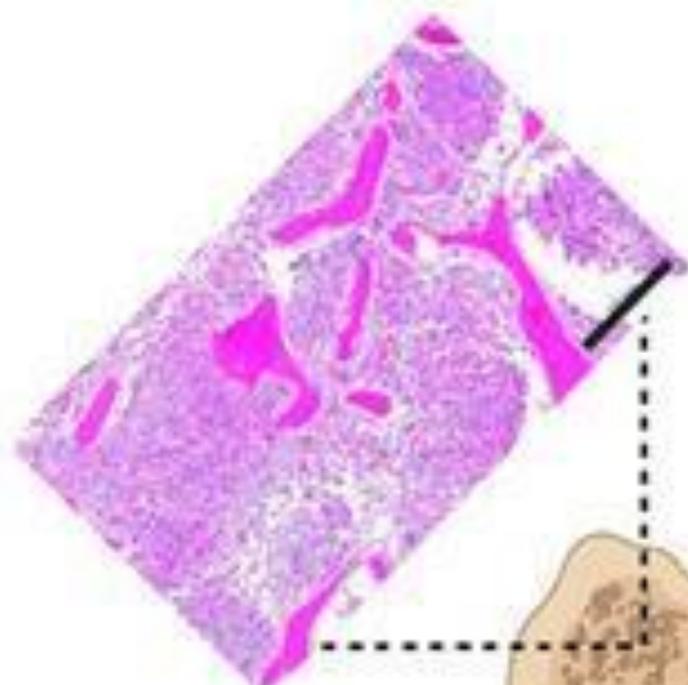
Mixed dark lytic and light sclerotic areas.
This is classic of paget disease



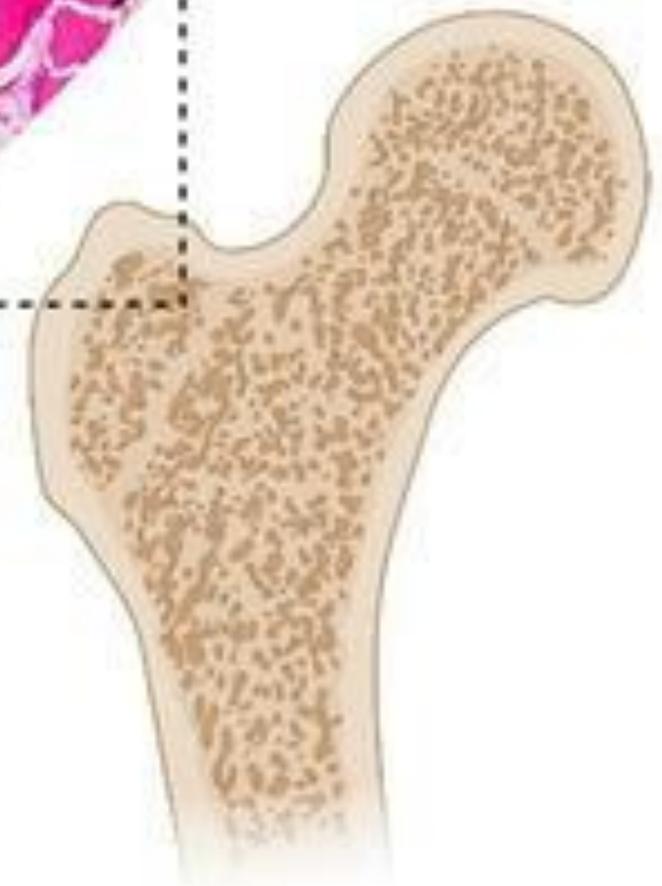
Paget disease of the breast, vulva, and vagina is a different story. In the breast, it is a malignant adenocarcinoma of the breast that involves the skin, specifically the epidermis. The same story applies to the vulva and the vagina.

HISTOLOGY: MOSAIC PATTERN





Normal Bone



Paget's Disease

DISCUSSION POINTS:

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Q2. What are the three classic phases of Paget disease?

Q3. Why is alkaline phosphatase elevated?

Q4. What causes the mosaic bone pattern?

Q5. What are important clinical complications?

Q6. Why is calcium usually normal?

Q1. What is the most likely diagnosis?

ANSWER:

**Paget disease of
bone**

Q2. What are the three classic phases of Paget disease?

ANSWERS:

**There's no communication
between osteoclast and osteoblast**

- **Osteolytic phase → ↑ osteoclast activity**
- **Mixed phase → osteoclast + osteoblast activity**
- **Sclerotic phase → disorganized osteoblast bone formation**

Not always we receive a biopsy of Paget disease most of them are mild and asymptomatic sometimes they reach 80-70 and then get a fracture form from osteoporosis or osteoarthritis and we discover that they have paget disease



LYTIC

SCLEROTIC

MIXED

Q3. Why is alkaline phosphatase elevated?

ANSWER:

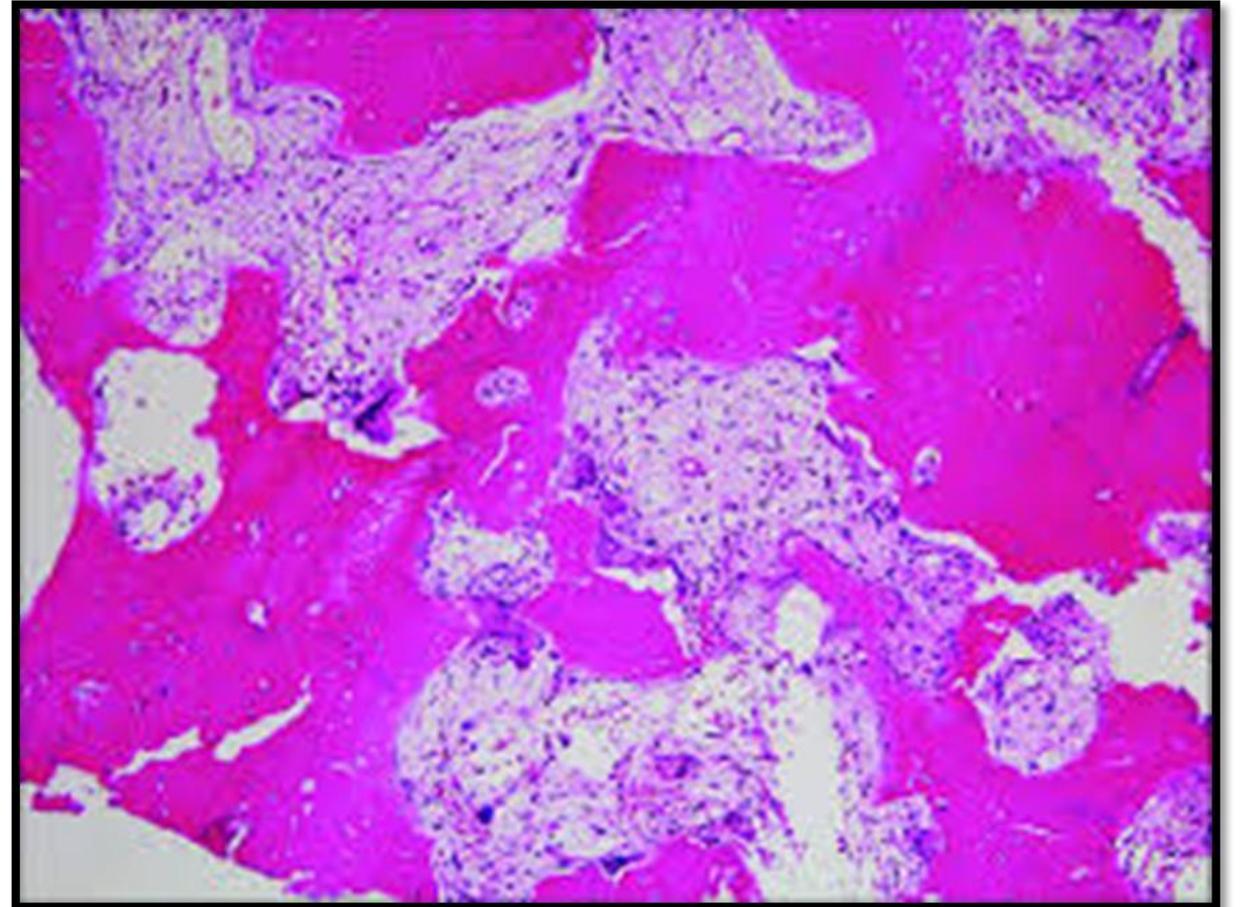
**It reflects increased
osteoblastic bone
formation activity**

Q4. What causes the mosaic bone pattern?

ANSWER:

The osteoclast and osteoblast aren't communicating properly

Disorganized
lamellar
bone
deposition
with irregular
cement lines.



Q5. What are important clinical complications?

The complications only in severe cases, the mild ones they live normally

ANSWER:

- **Bone deformity**
- **Hearing loss (skull involvement)**
- **Pathologic fractures**
- **Rare: secondary osteosarcoma transformation (long term, rare)**

Q6. Why is calcium usually normal?

The calcium metabolism isn't only controlled by osteoclast activity, it's also controlled by vitamin D activity and parathyroid glands which are normal

ANSWER:

Bone turnover is increased, but balanced systemically unless immobilized.

Usually, during the highly lytic phase, hypercalcemia would be expected. However, because kidney function is normal, vitamin D levels are normal, and the parathyroid glands are functioning properly, calcium levels remain systemically balanced.

Case 3

- **A 67-year-old postmenopausal woman presents with back pain and progressive loss of height. She has history of vertebral compression fracture after minor trauma. DEXA scan shows T-score -2.9.**

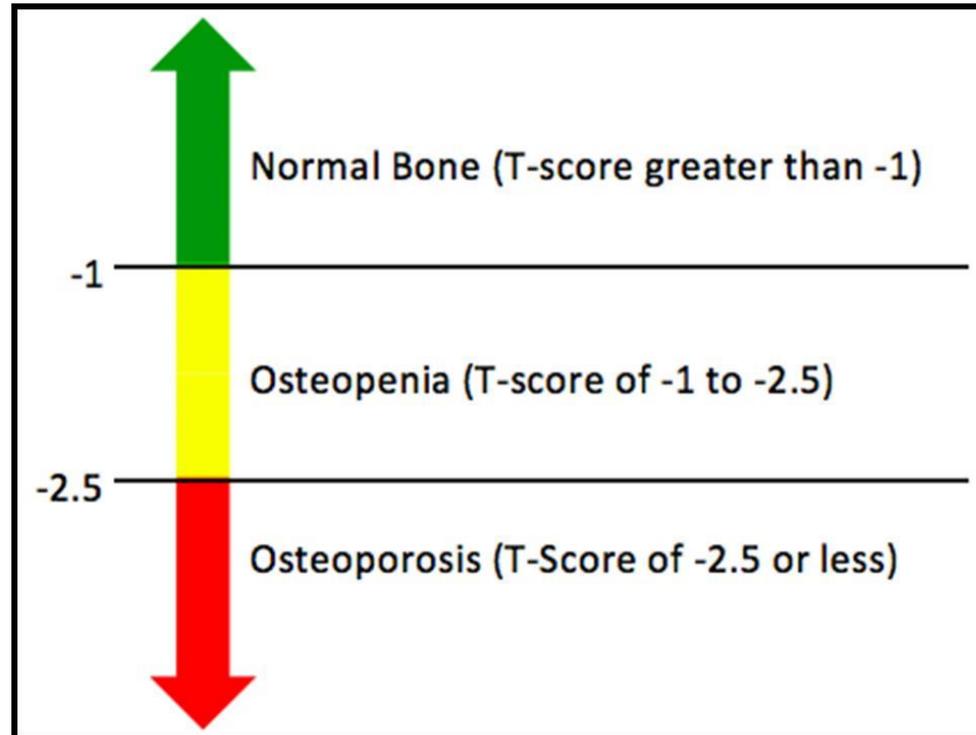
DISCUSSIONS POINTS:

- **Q1. What is the most likely diagnosis?**
- **Q2. What is the WHO diagnostic definition?**
- **Q3. What is the fundamental pathophysiology?**
- **Q4. What are the most common fracture sites?**
- **Q5. What are the major risk factors?**
- **Q6. What is the microscopic appearance?**

Q1. What is the most likely diagnosis?

ANSWER:

OSTEOPOROSIS



The T score indicated that it's osteoporosis not osteopenia

Q2. What is the WHO diagnostic definition?

ANSWER:

DEXA scan results:

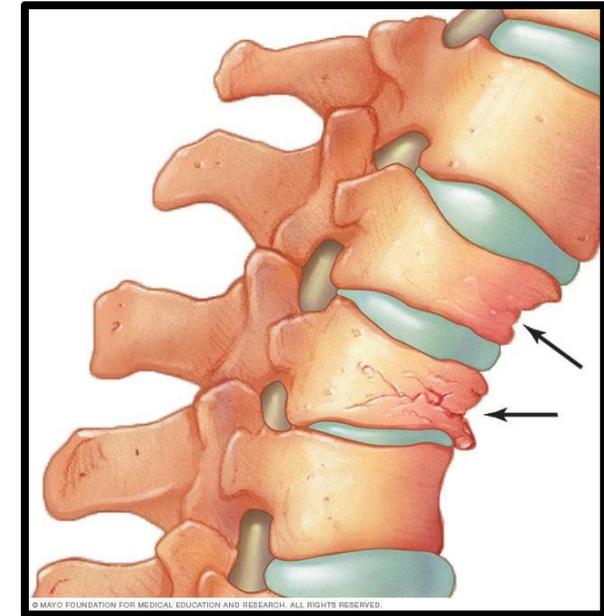
T-score ≤ -2.5

Q3. What is the
fundamental
pathophysiology?

ANSWER:

The basic pathophysiology/pathogenesis that

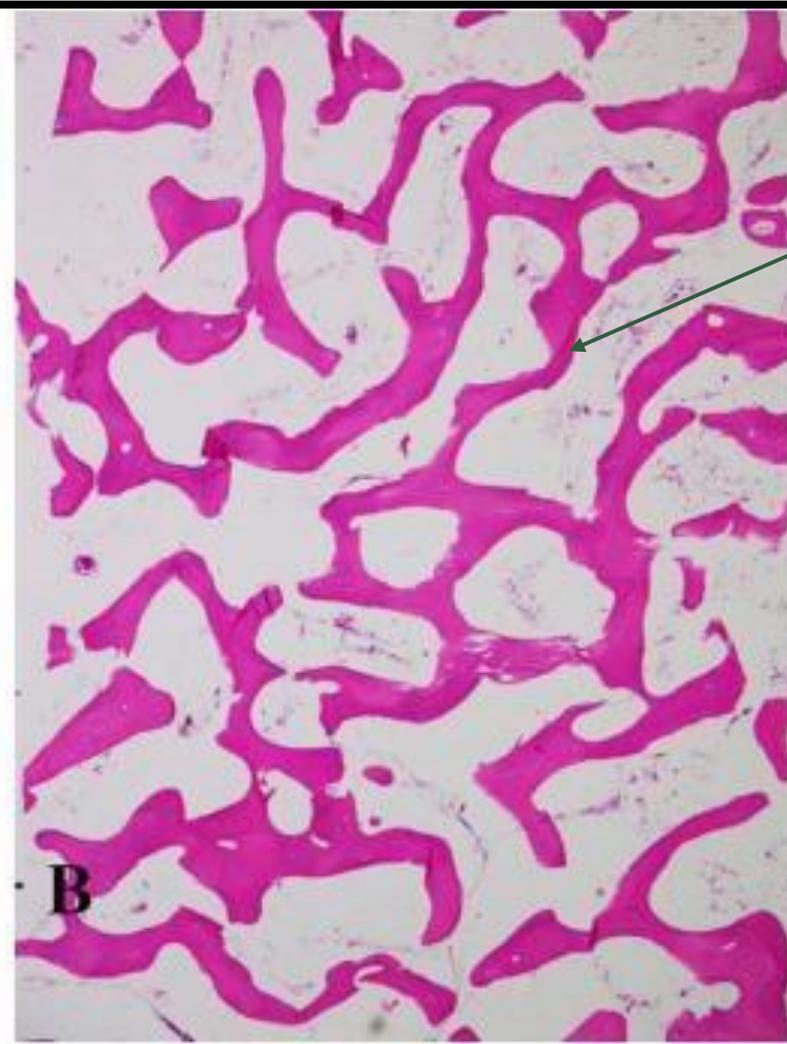
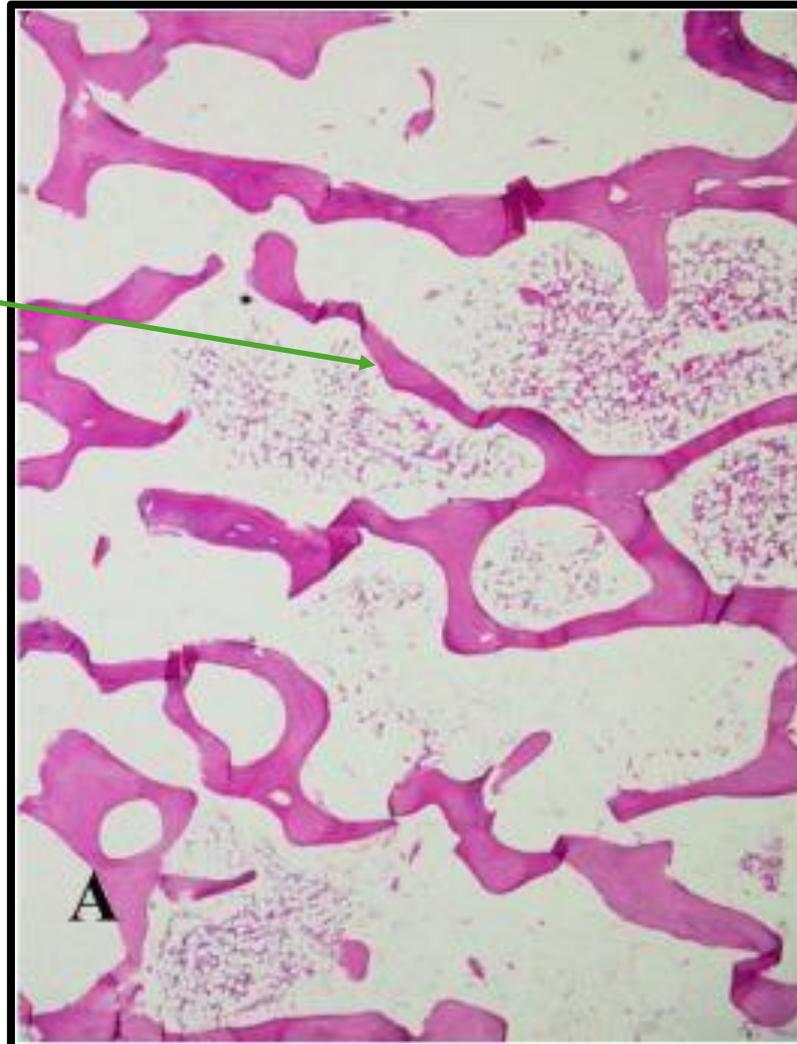
Bone resorption > bone formation → loss of bone mass and microarchitecture. Osteoporotic bone (which is weak and thin) shows thinning of trabeculae and cortex, predisposing to fragility fractures.



OSTEOPOROSIS

NORMAL

Thinning and weakness of the bone trabeculae, exposing to fractures especially compression fractures



Notice the Bone trabeculae compared to the total area

Q4. What are the most common fracture sites?

ANSWER:

- **Vertebral bodies**
- **Femoral neck**
- **Distal radius**

Q5. What are the major risk factors?

ANSWER:

- **Postmenopausal estrogen deficiency**
- **Aging**
- **Smoking**
- **Steroid use** especially chronic glucocorticoid
- **Low BMI**
- **Vitamin D deficiency**
- **Sedentary lifestyle**

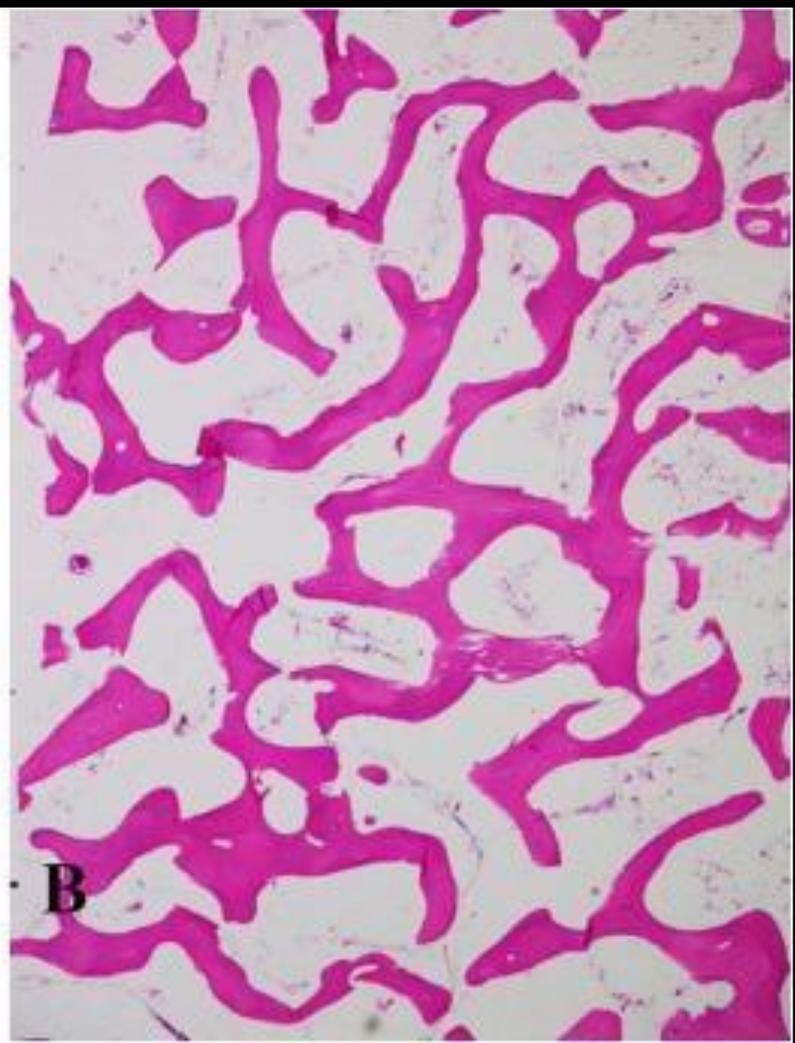
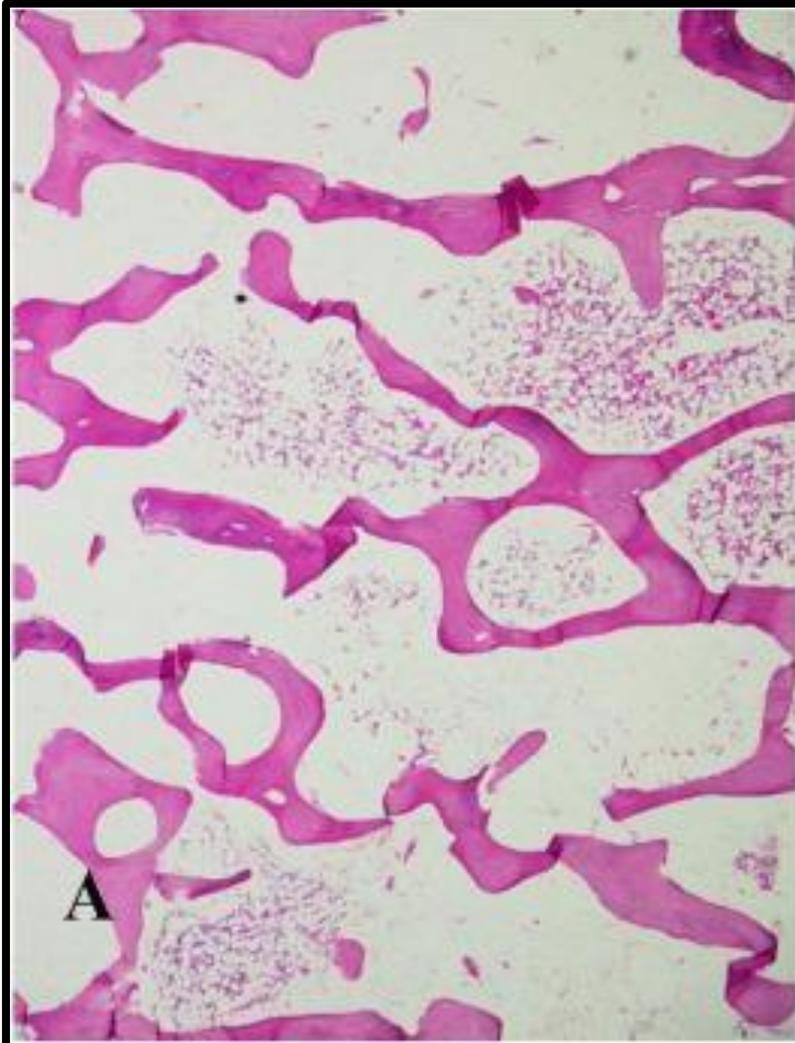
Q6. What is the
microscopic
appearance?

ANSWER:

**Normal mineralization
but decreased bone
quantity (thin
trabeculae, cortical
thinning).**

OSTEOPOROSIS

NORMAL



رسالة من الفريق العلمي:

- لا تَزُولُ قَدَمًا عَبْدٌ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ، حَتَّى يُسْأَلَ عَنْ عُمُرِهِ؛ فِيمَ أَفْنَاهُ؟ وَعَنْ عِلْمِهِ؛ فِيمَ فَعَلَ فِيهِ؟ وَعَنْ مَالِهِ؛ مِنْ أَيْنَ اكْتَسَبَهُ؟ وَفِيمَ أَنْفَقَهُ؟ وَعَنْ جِسْمِهِ؛ فِيمَ أَبْلَاهُ؟

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