

# Bone and soft tissue tumors

## Part one

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# Objectives

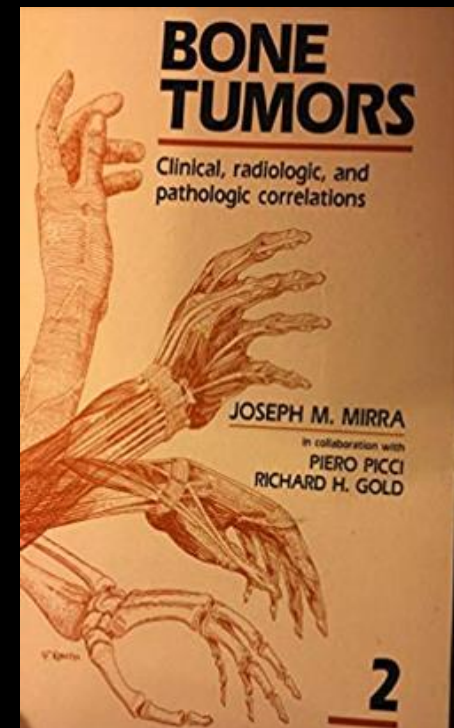
1. Guidelines to analyze Bone Tumors.
2. Focus on leave-me-alone/no-touch bone lesions.
3. Concepts in imaging of Soft Tissue Tumors.

# Bone and STT - Epidemiology – 2019 - USA

- All cancers: 1,762,450 new cases
- Bone sarcomas : 3500 new cases (0,2% / 30° )
- Soft tissue sarcomas : 12750 new cases (0,7% / 22° )
  
- Bone, and not soft tissue, is third most common site for metastases (after lung and liver)

# This lecture will not address

- all bone tumors or tumor-like conditions
- Vertebral tumors and tumor-like conditions
- Histology, genetics
- Treatment options & monitoring
- Texture analysis, elastography, AI,...



# By the end of this lecture, you should

- have a « structured » brain (if not yet).
- be familiar with common no-touch bone lesions.
- be able to propose and guide imaging strategies.

CASE 1: 16-year-old boy; increasing knee pain.  
Pain at night; limited knee flexion



# CASE 2: 16-year-old girl with spontaneous anterior knee pain.



# What are the similarities between case 1 and 2 ?



- 16-year old
- .....



# What are the similarities between case 1 and 2 ?



- 16-year old
- Metaphyseal location

What are the differences between case 1 and 2 ?  
Describe the lesions !



Describe the lesion !



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# Describe the lesion !



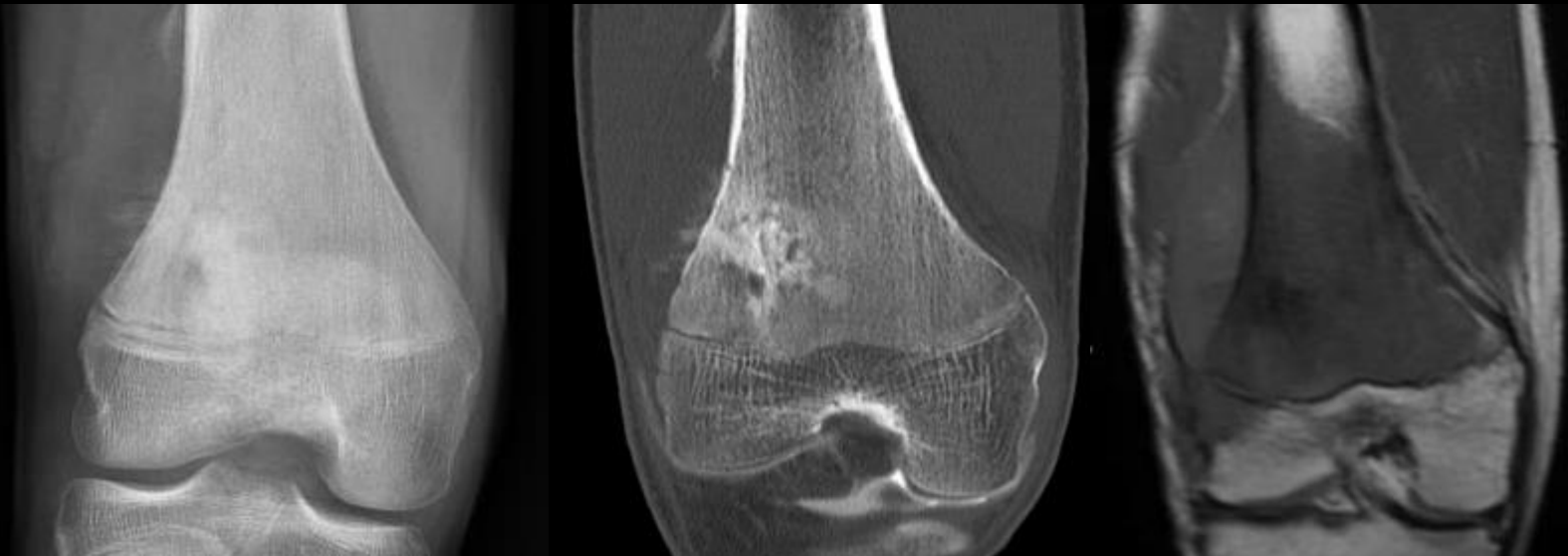
# Strengths of each imaging modality

- X-ray: ?
- CT : ?
- MRI: ?
- Bone scan/FDG-Pet : ?



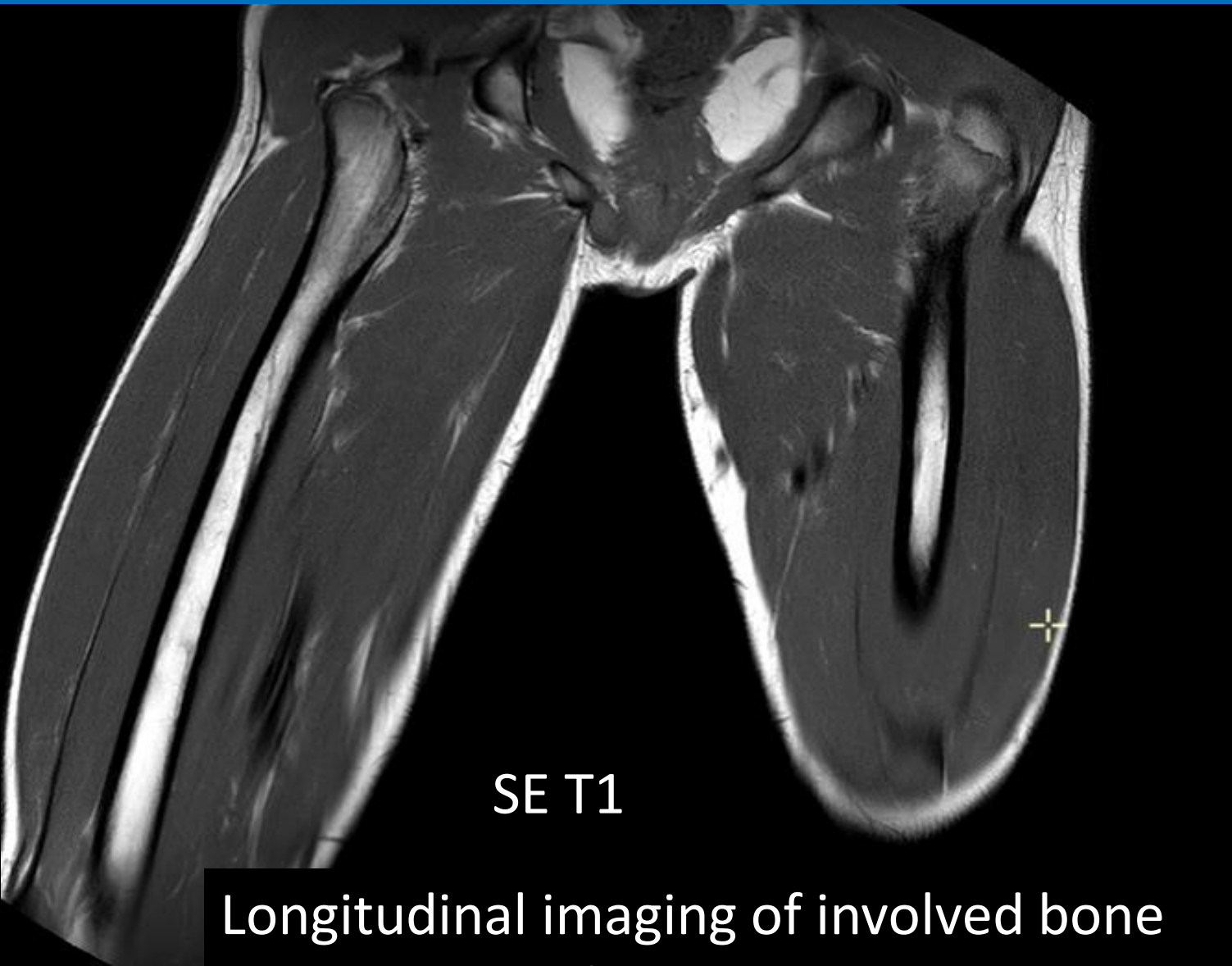
# Strengths of each imaging modality

- X-ray: first line imaging for lesion detection
- CT : characterization of lesion
- MRI: local extent (medullary cavity/soft tissue/joint)
- Bone scan/FDG-Pet : whole-body extent





# Osteosarcoma



Longitudinal imaging of involved bone  
Skip metastases ?

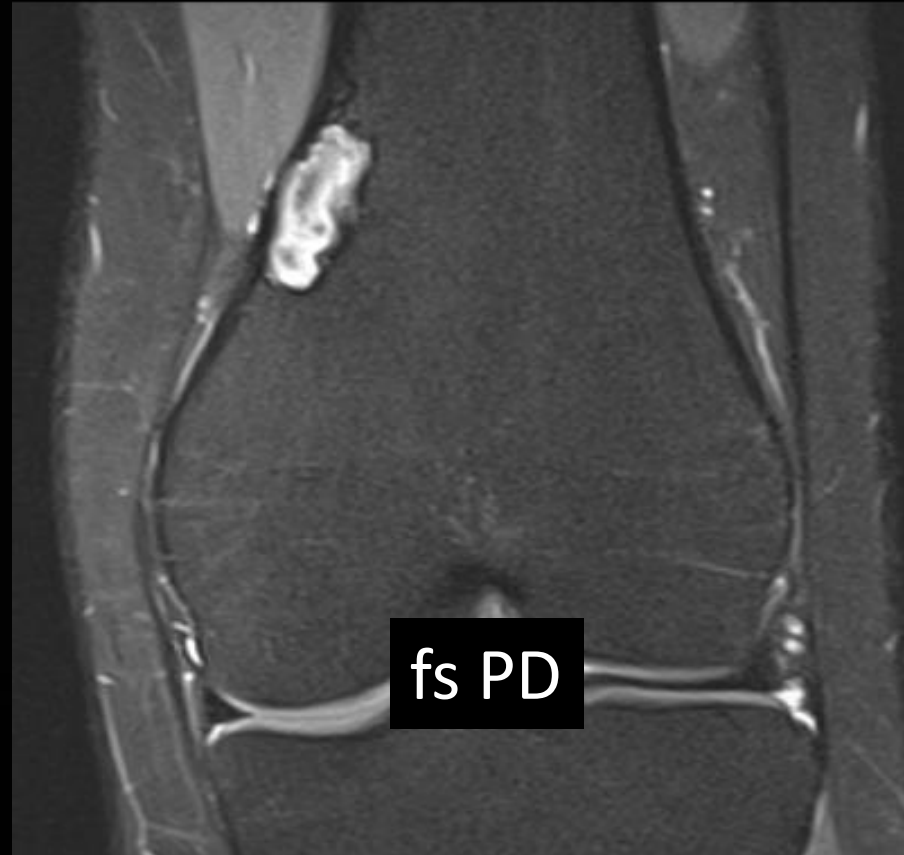


CASE 2: 16-year-old girl with spontaneous anterior knee pain. Describe the lesion .....



# CASE 2: Non-ossifying fibroma

- Cortical lytic and sclerotic lesion
- Longitudinal >>> transverse extent
- No periosteal reaction
- Normal adjacent soft tissues and marrow



# Analysis of bone lesions



- Medullary, metaphyseal
- Ill-delimited
- Bone matrix
- Periosteal reaction



- Cortical, metaphyseal
- well-delimited
- No matrix
- No periosteal reaction

# Distinguishing imaging features of bone lesions

1. Location
2. Structural bone changes
3. Margins (intra- and extra-osseous)
4. Mineralized matrix patterns

~~Distinguishing imaging features of bone lesions~~

Distinguishing **clinical** features of bone lesions

1. ?

2. ?

3. ?

# Distinguishing **clinical** features of bone lesions

1. Age of patient (growing /mature skeleton)
2. Number of lesions (unique/multiple)
3. Symptoms (fortuitous / fracture / bone pain)

# Bone tumors

	1 <sup>ary</sup> malignant	1 <sup>ary</sup> benign	2 <sup>ary</sup> malignant*
Frequency	Rare	frequent	Very frequent
Age	< 25 years	Any	>50 years
Growth	Non-limited	Self-limited	Non-limited
Symptoms	Bone pain, #	Fortuituous, bone pain	Bone pain, #

\* metastasis, multiple myeloma, lymphoma



CASE 3: 63-year-old woman; mild spontaneous anterior leg pain since 3 months; feels a bump.



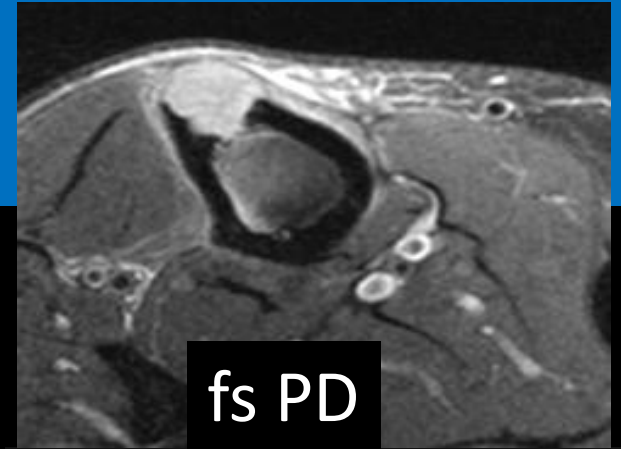
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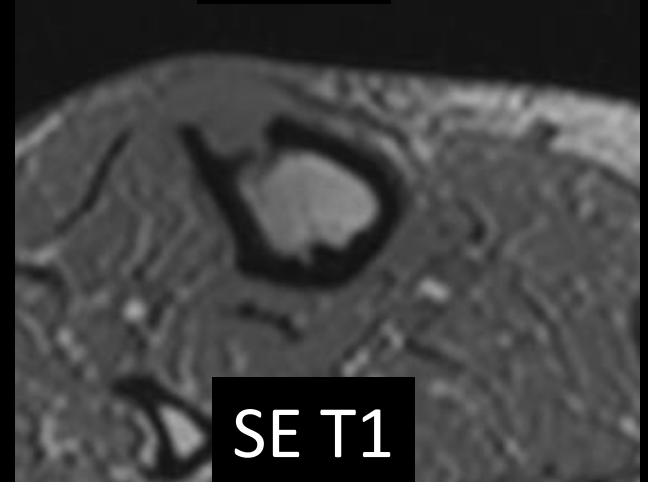
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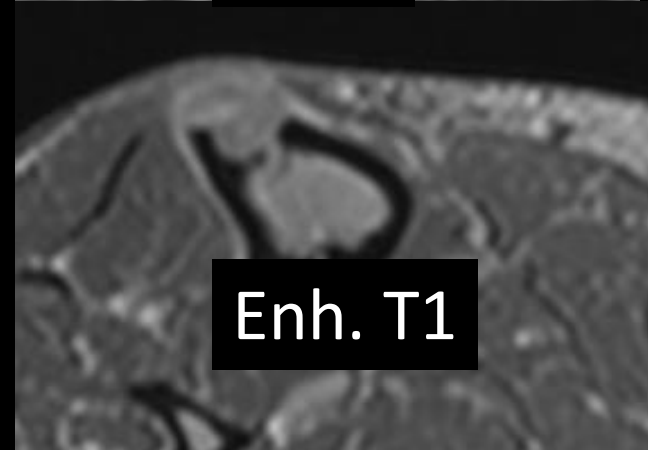
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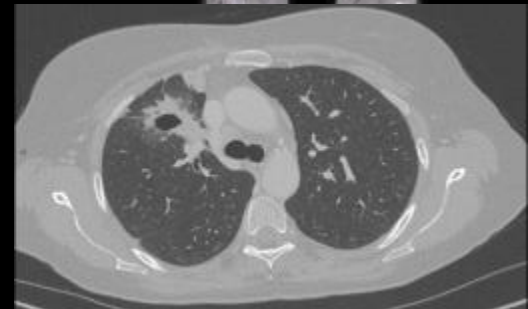
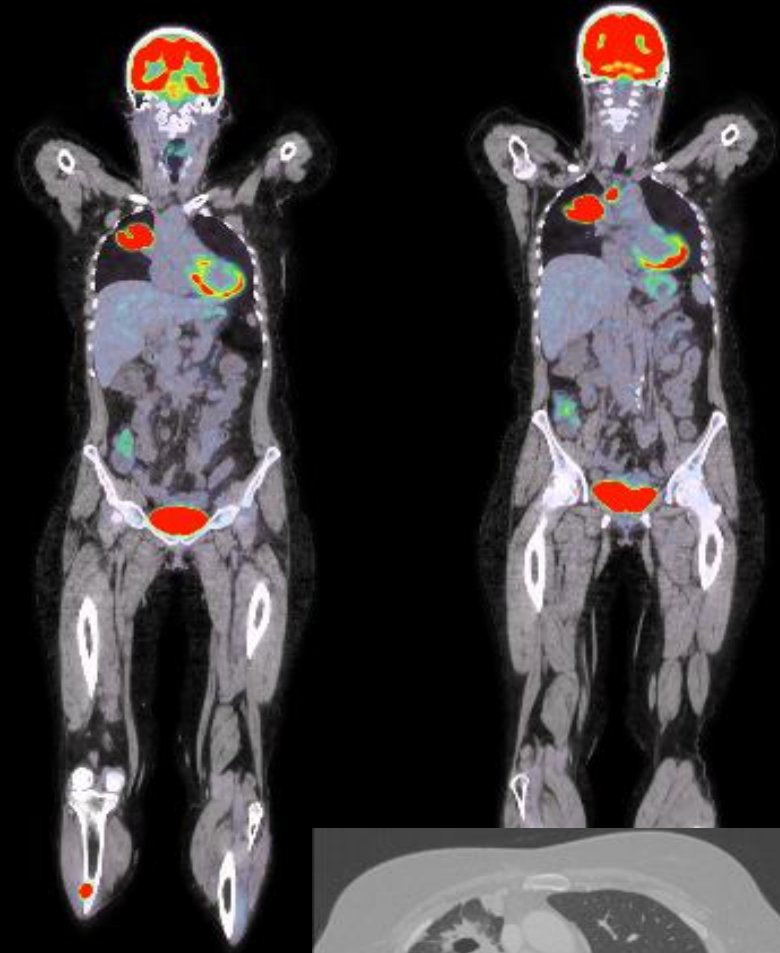


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# CASE 3: 63-year-old woman; Isolated cortical metastasis from bronchial carcinoma



# Rules when facing a bone lesion

- ➔ Rule #1 : age of patient  
If patient > 50 years, think metastases/MM/lymphoma  
Even if uncommon imaging features !
- ➔ Rule #2 : number of lesion  
unique or multiple ?

# Distinguishing imaging features of bone lesions.

Do you remember ?

1. ?

2. ?

3. ?

4. ?



# Distinguishing imaging features of bone lesions

1. Location
2. Structural bone changes
3. Margins
4. Matrix patterns



# Location of bone lesions



Connect each image (letter) with the corresponding lesion location (number).

1. Epiphyseal , medullary

2. Diaphyseal, medullary

3. Meta-epiphyseal medullary

4. Diaphyseal , cortical

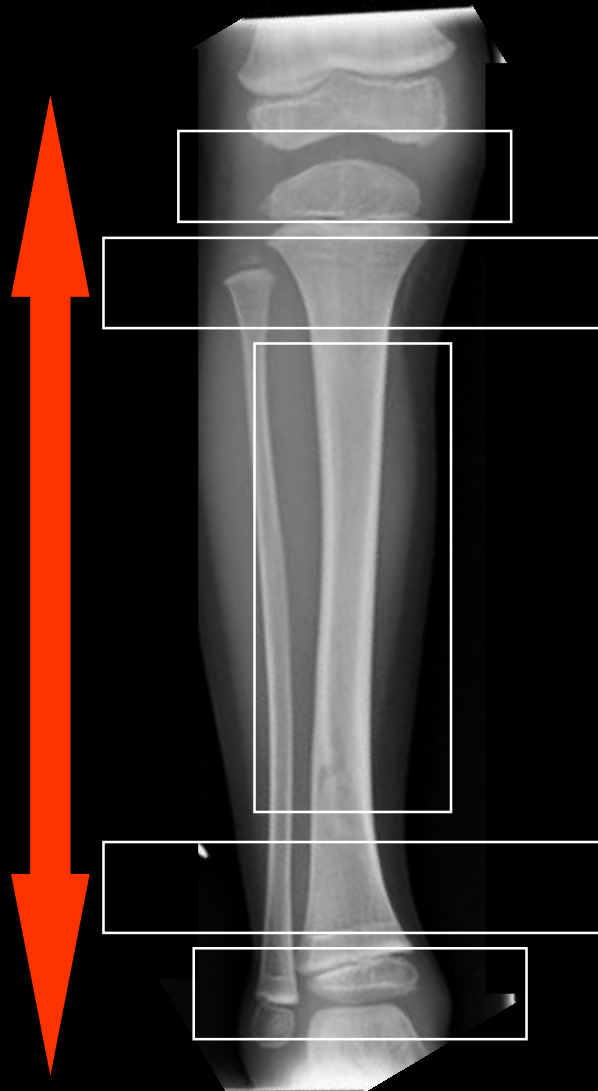
5. Metaphyseal subperiosteal

6. Metaphyseal, cortical

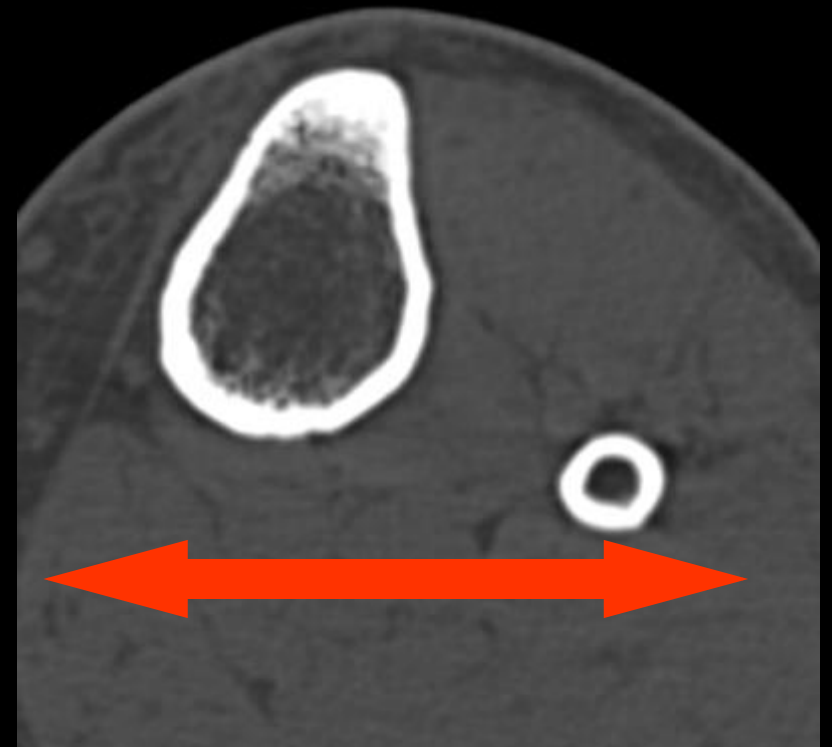


# Location of bone lesions: longitudinal and radial

- Epiphysis
- Metaphysis
- Diaphysis



- Medulla
- Cortex
- Periosteum



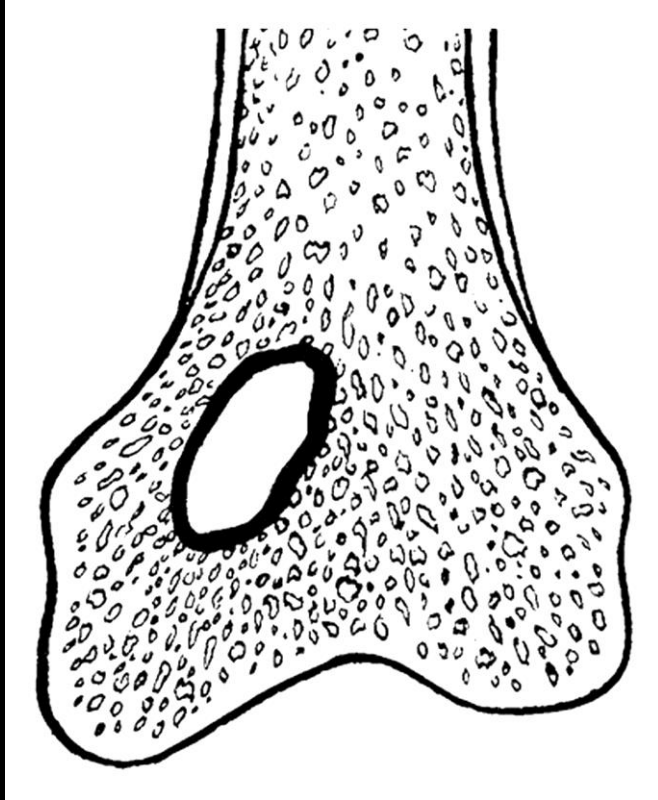
# Structural bone changes



Connect each image(letter) with the corresponding lesion type.

- 1 Geographic type 1A
- 2 Permeative lesion
- 3 Moth-eaten lesion
- 4 Geographic type 1B
- 5 Geographic type 1 c

# Type 1A geographic lesion



Radiologic and pathologic analysis of solitary bone lesions.

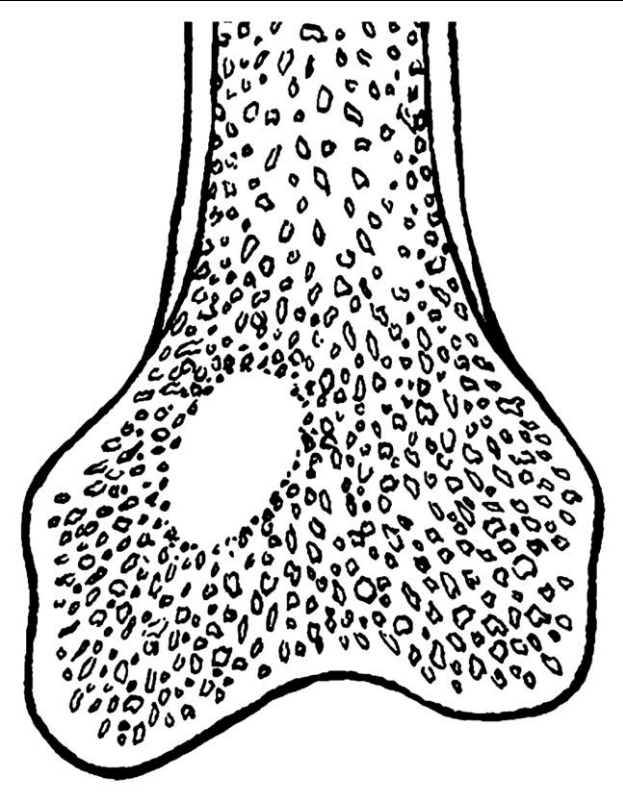
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# Type 1B geographic lesion



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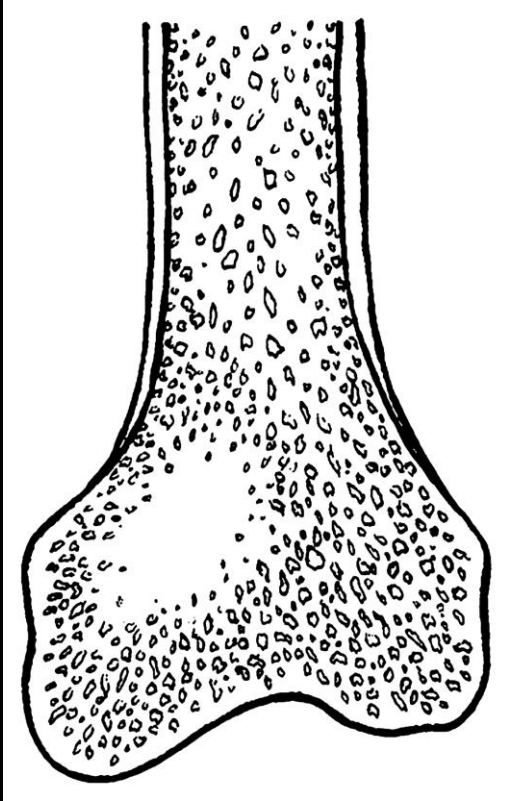
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# Type 1C geographic lesion



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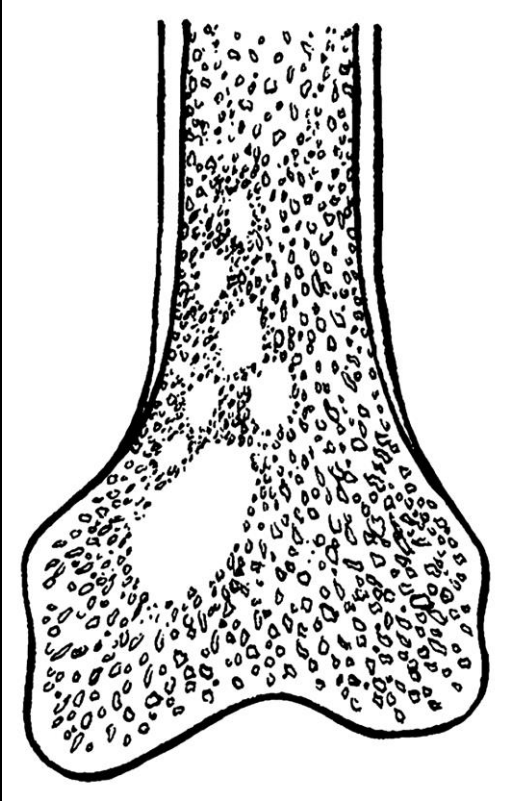
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# Moth-eaten osteolysis or bone destruction



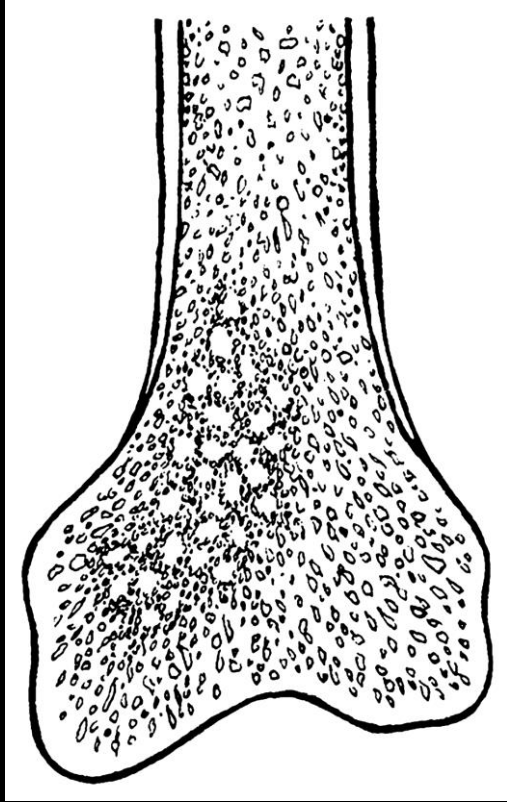
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# Permeative osteolysis



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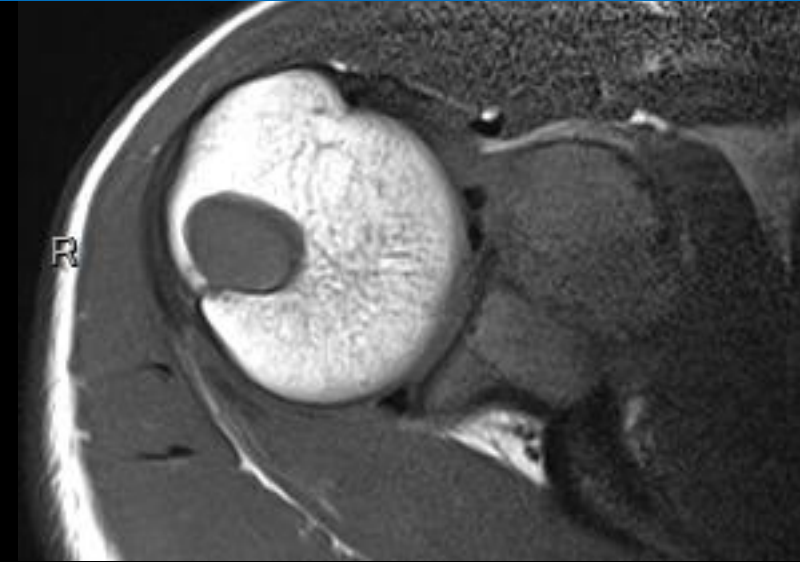
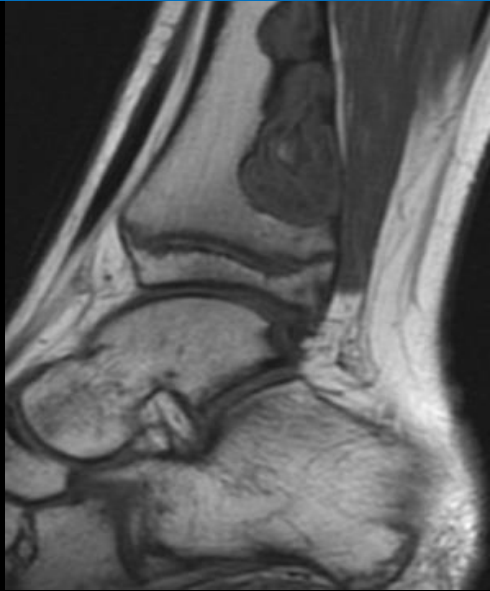
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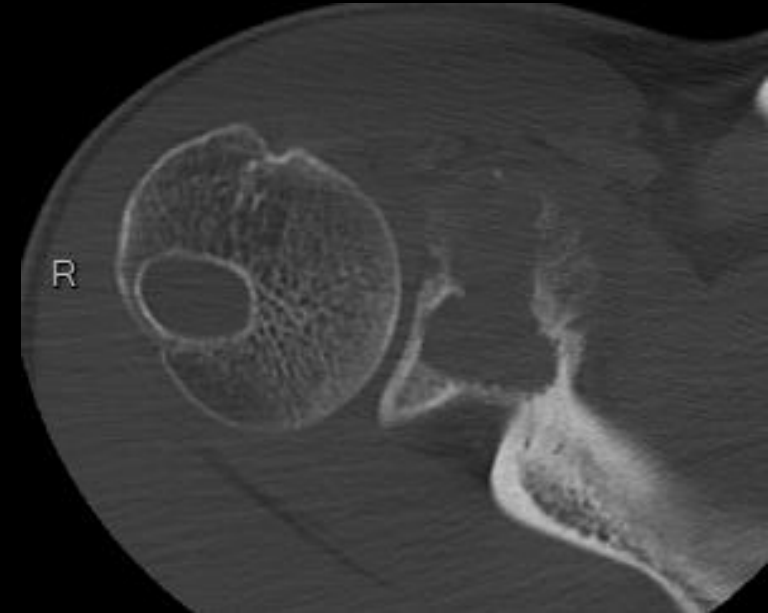
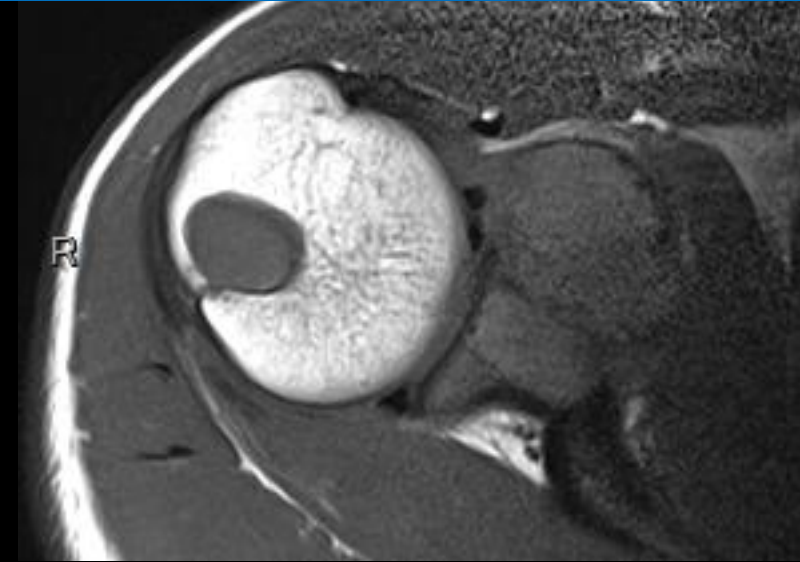
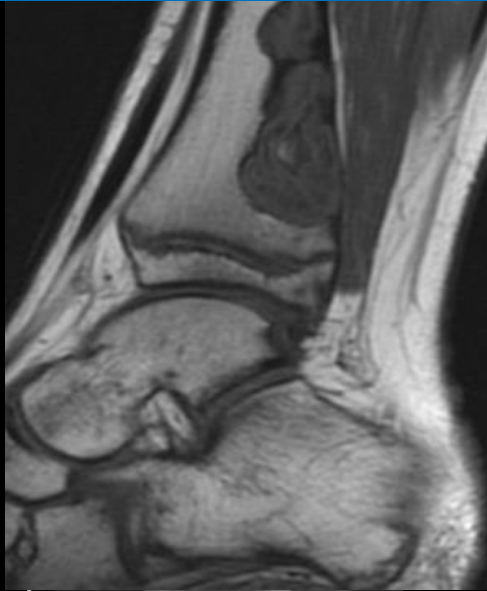


Geo. 1A (very slow/quiescent) versus 1B (growing) lesion ??  
Can you answer the question with MRI ?

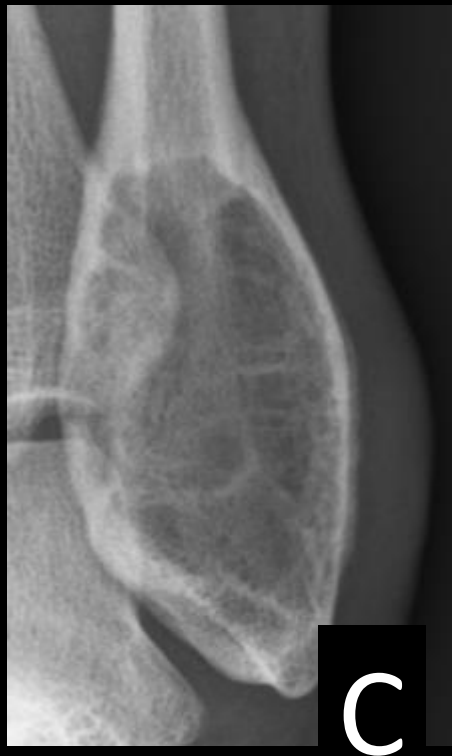




Geo. 1A (very slow/quiescent) versus 1B (growing) lesion ??  
Can you answer the question with MRI ? **NO !**



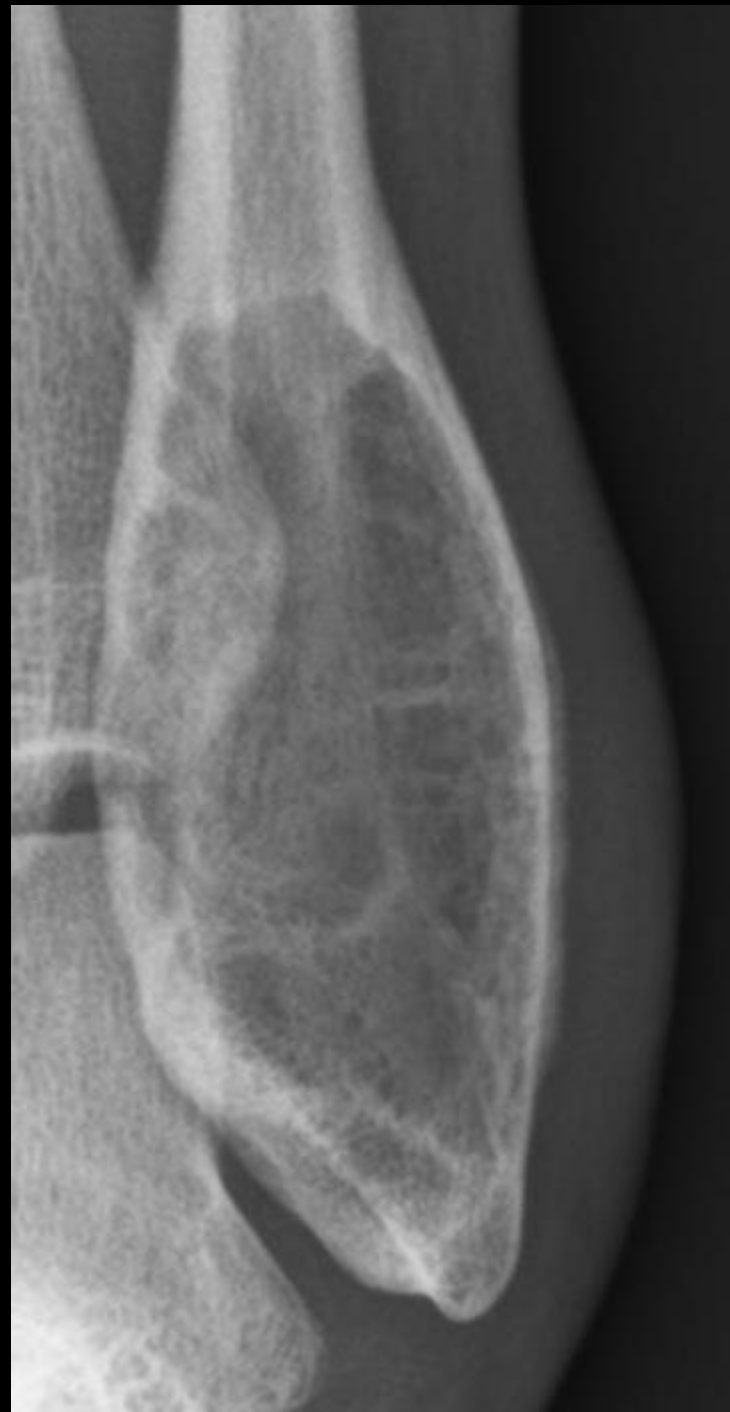
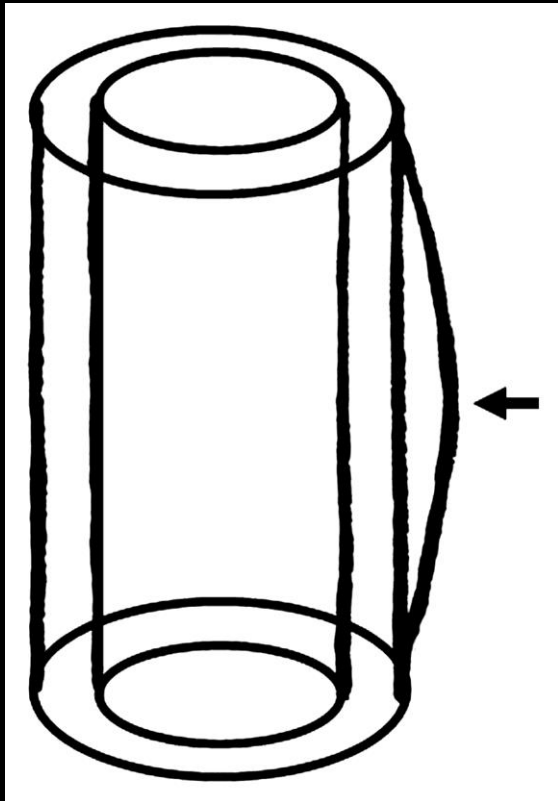
# Periosteal reaction



Connect each image (letter) with the corresponding pattern of periosteal reaction.

1 Lamellar    2. Sun-burst    3. Codmann-'s triangle    4.  
Multilamellar/Onion-skin

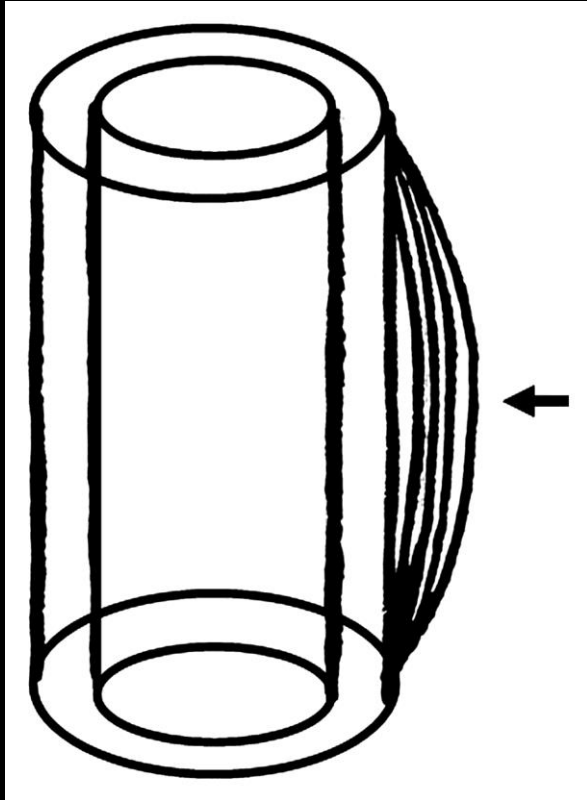
# Lamellar periosteal reaction



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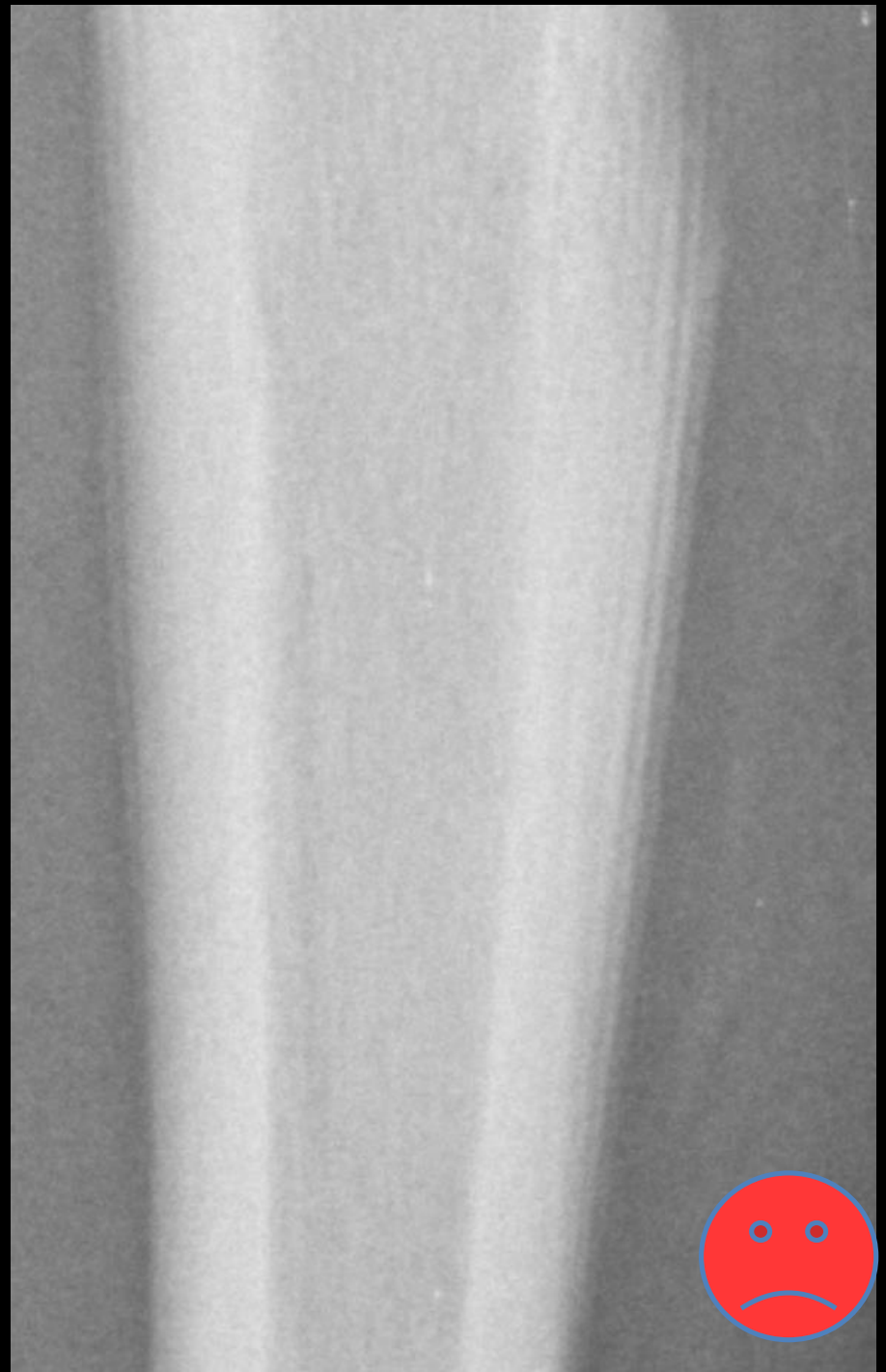
# Multi-lamellar periosteal reaction « Onion-skin »



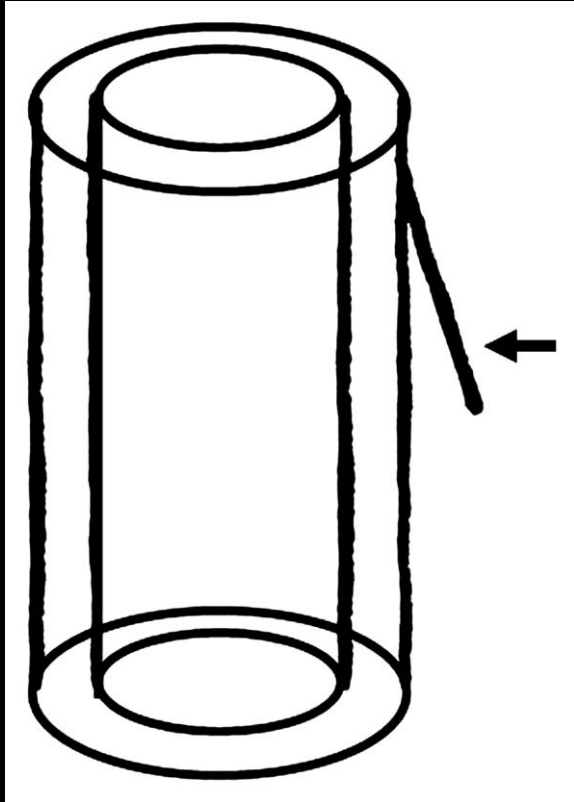
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# Codmann's triangle



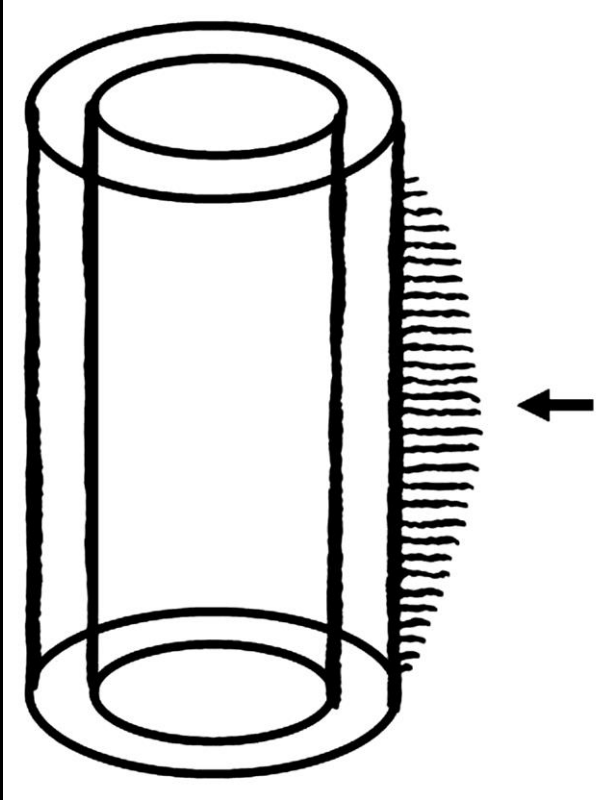
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# Transverse periosteal reaction « Sun-burst »



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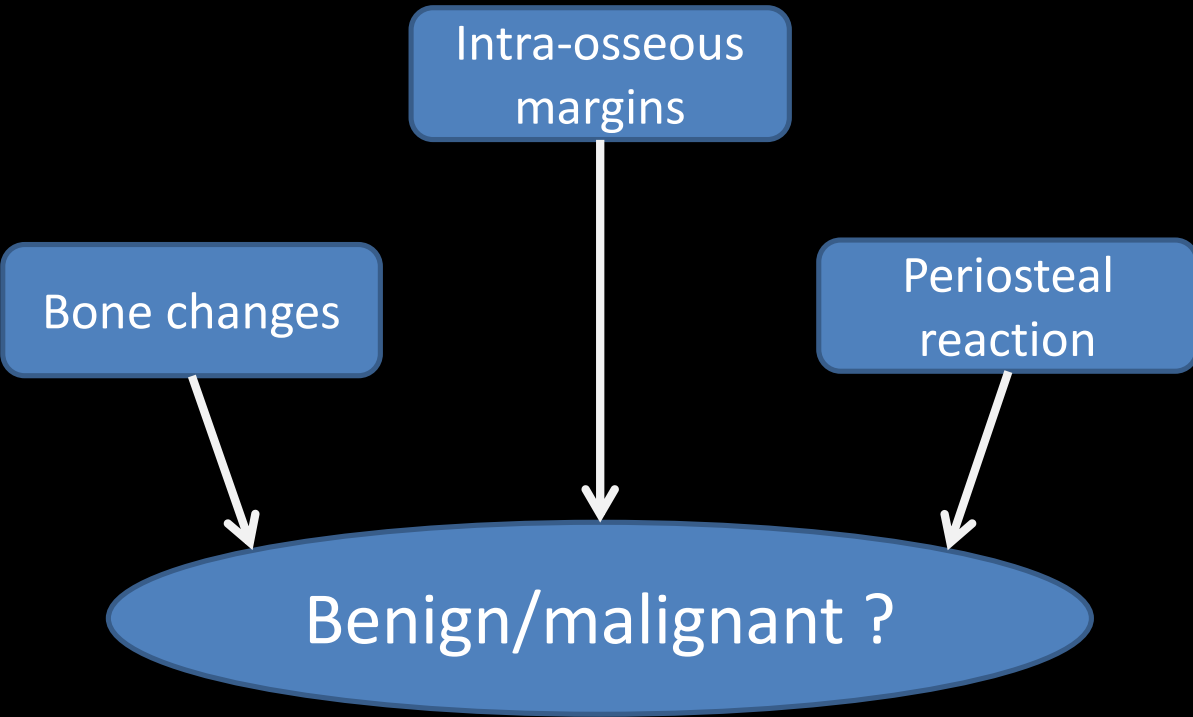


Intra-osseous  
margins

Bone changes

Periosteal  
reaction

Benign/malignant ?

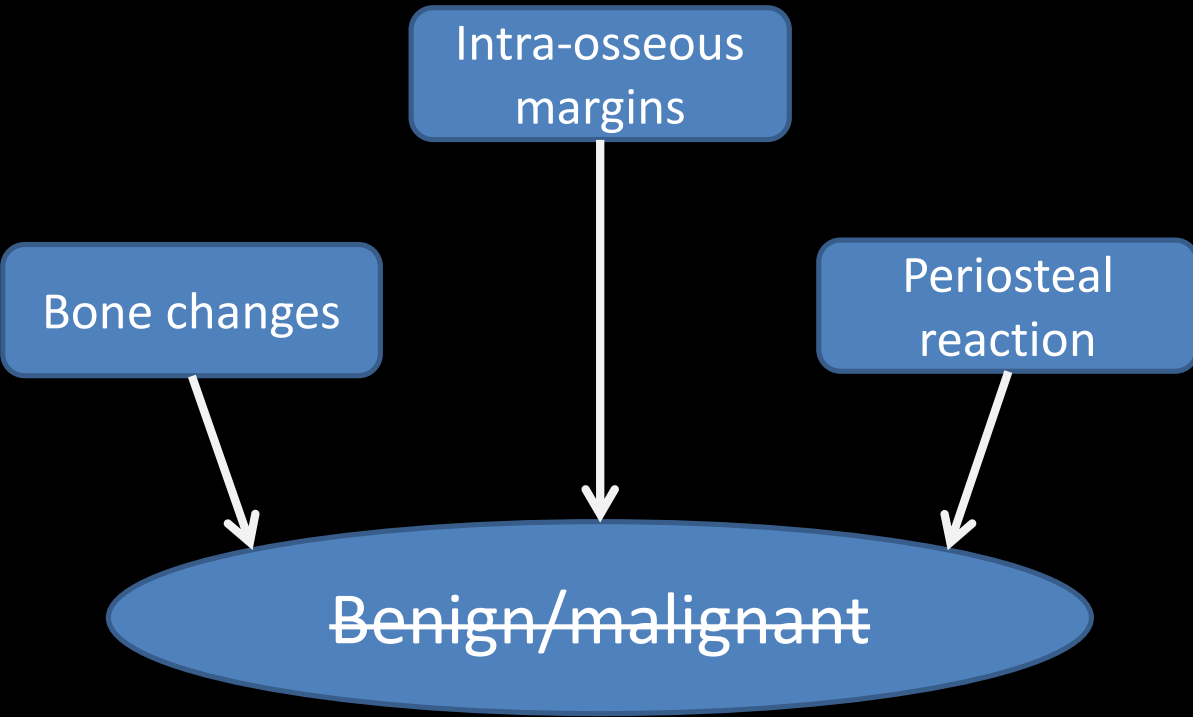


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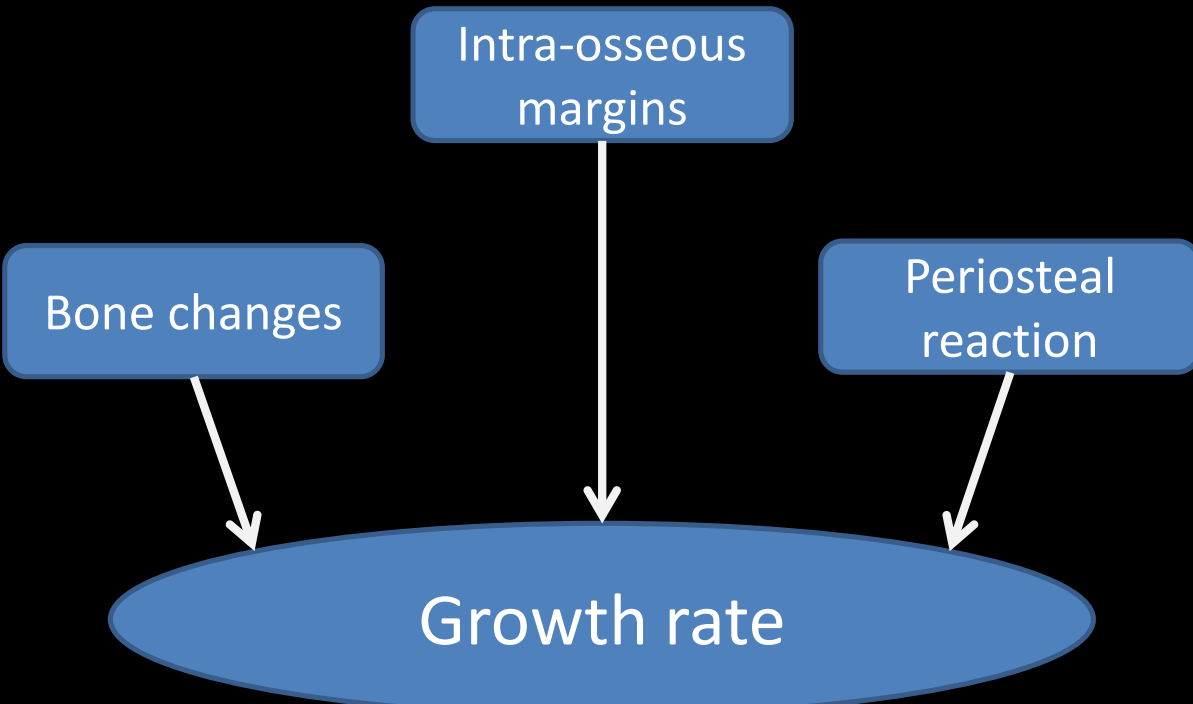
Intra-osseous  
margins

Bone changes

Periosteal  
reaction

Growth rate !

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graph TD; A[Intra-osseous margins] --> D([Growth rate !]); B[Bone changes] --> D; C[Periosteal reaction] --> D;
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**Most rapidly growing lesions are malignant (not all).**

**Most slowly growing lesions are benign (not all).**

**Non-growing lesions are benign (all).**

# Determining Growth Rates of Focal Lesions of Bone from Radiographs<sup>1</sup>

Gwilym S. Lodwick, M.D., Anthony J. Wilson, M.D., Corinne Farrell, M.D., Pekka Virtama, M.D., and Frederick Dittich, B.S.<sup>2</sup>

Rate of growth divides focal lesions of bone into two classes which are largely mutually exclusive. Not all focal lesions require biopsy, and grading is especially helpful in deciding which should be biopsied and which may be safely followed. The statistical proof and logic of grading as an expression of growth rate are presented with a set of rules establishing each of the five grades in the presence of bone destruction. The radiologic signs necessary to establish rates are described and illustrated.

INDEX TERMS: Bone neoplasms, diagnosis • (Skeletal system, error in diagnosis, 4[0].940) • (Skeletal system, fundamental observation, 4[0].910)

Radiology 134:577-583, March 1980

Slow growing malignant	Rapidly growing benign
Multiple myeloma	Aneurysmal bone cyst
Chondro/osteosarcoma Ewing	Eosinophilic granuloma
Metastasis kidney, thyroid, breast	Infection
.....	.....

# Rules when facing a bone lesion

- ➔ Rule #1 : age of patient  
If patient > 50 years, think metastases/MM/lymphoma  
Even if uncommon imaging features !
- ➔ Rule #2 : number of lesion  
unique or multiple ?
- ➔ Rule #3: growth rate of lesion  
structural bone changes/intra- and extra-osseous margins  
Not growing ? Slow growing / rapidly growing ?  
X-ray/CT are highly contributive.

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