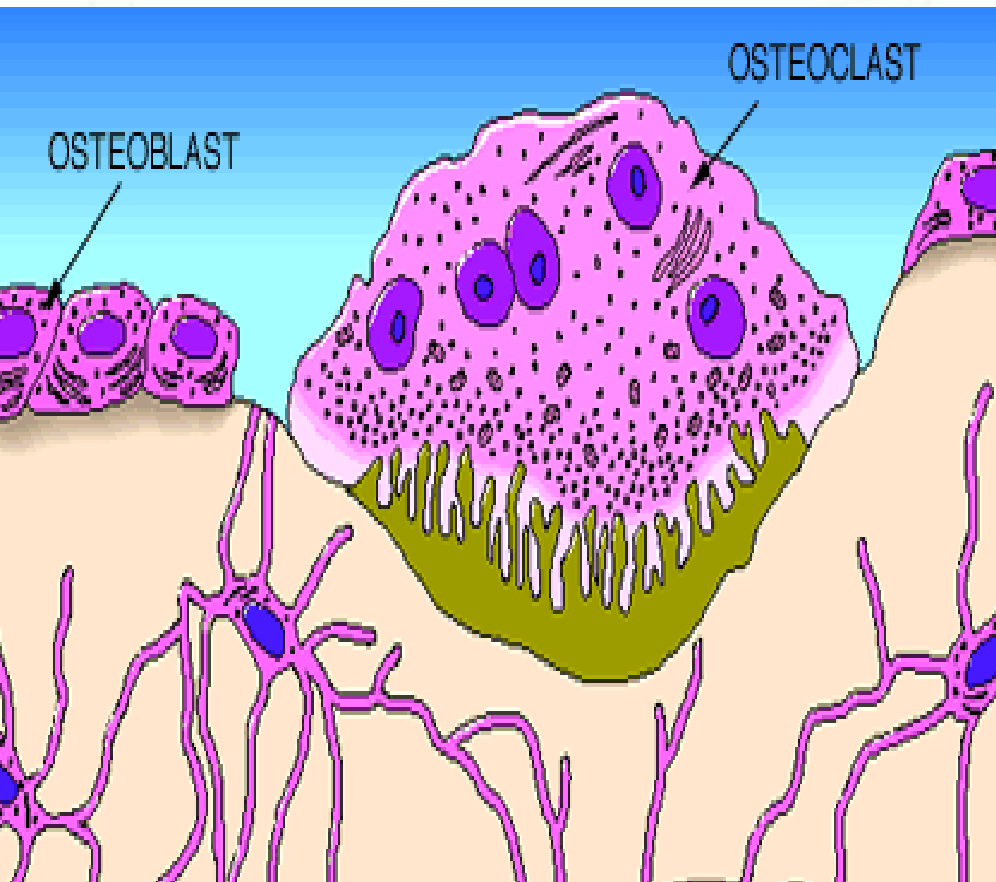


# Physiology of Bone



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## **Lecture1:- Bone physiology**

### **Objectives:-**

**At the end of this lecture the student should be able to:-**

- Define bone and differentiate between types and sites of bone (cortical& trabecular)**
- Appreciate differences between both types of bone in function**
- know  $Ca^{++}$  concentration and forms in the ECF& its relation to  $PO_4$** 
  - differentiate bone cells &function of each**
  - know Bone remodelling & bone formation**
    - Define osteoporosis**
- Appreciate effect of different hormones on bone physiology**

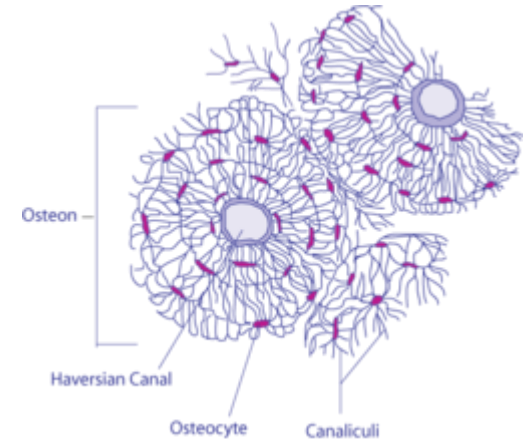
## Functions of bone:-

- 1-Supports soft tissue
- 2-Protects vital organs (cranium, thoracic cavity)
- 3-Contains bone marrow for blood cells synthesis خلیق
- 4-Reservoir of  $\text{Ca}^{++}$ ,  $\text{PO}_4$  to maintain constant concentrations of them in body fluids

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- The human skeleton is actually made up of 2 types of bones: :
- (1) Cortical bone ( compact bone) → 80 %
- -Constitutes the dense concentric layers of long bones
- -Also outer layer surround trabecular bone at ends of long bones
- (2) Trabecular bone (spongy) → 20%
- -Present in the interior of skull, ribs, vertebrae, pelvis and (in long bones present only **in epipheseal and metaphysal** regions )
- It has five times greater surface area than cortical bone ( 80% of the bone surface area).

## • Compact bone

- -Forms a protective outer shell (غلاف) around every bone in the body.
- -has a **slow**  $Ca^{++}$  turnover معدل دوران rate
- -Has high resistance to bending تقويس
- (where bending would be undesirable as in the middle of long bones.)

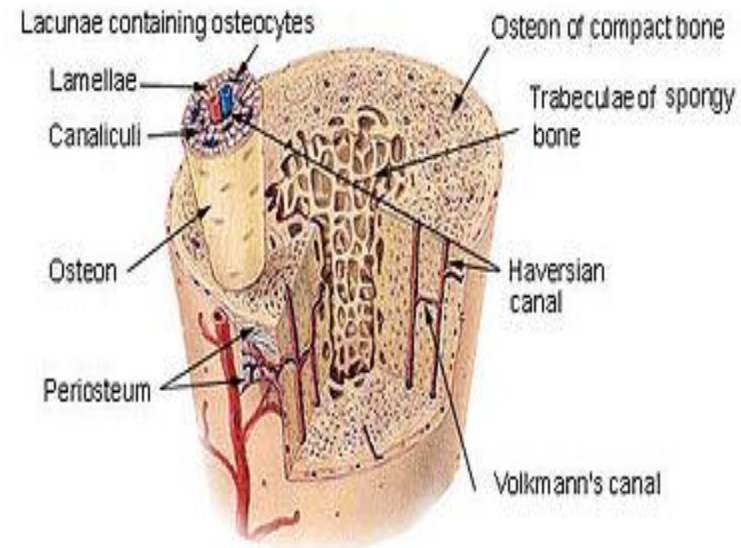


- -There is a series of adjacent bull's eye called osteons or Haversian systems.

- -Osteon is composed of a central vascular channel called the Haversian canal, surrounded by a kind of tunnel نفق of concentric lamellae of mineralized bone.

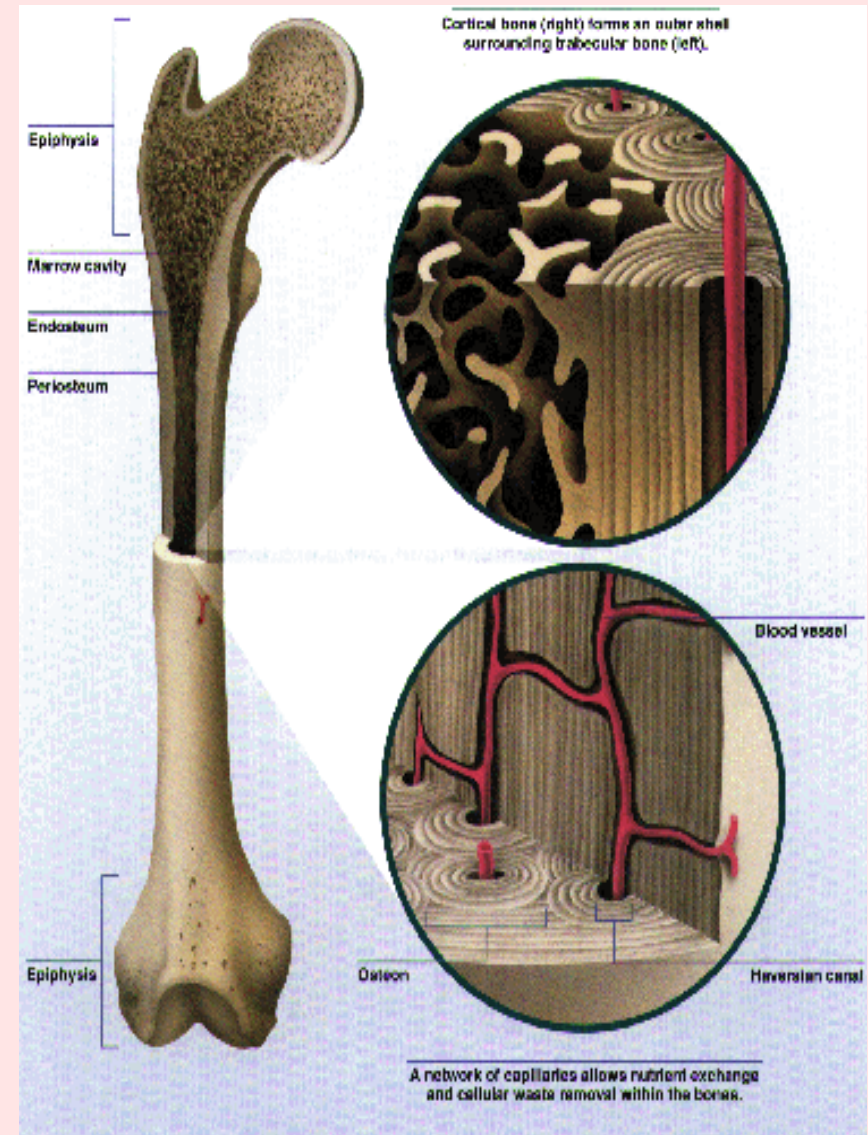
- Haversian canal can contain capillaries, arterioles, venules, nerves and possibly lymphatics.

### Compact Bone & Spongy (Cancellous Bone)



# Trabecular ( spongy-Cancellous ) Bone

- -Rigid but appears spongy
- - Forms the interior scaffolding(هيكل) which helps bone to maintain their shape despite compressive forces.
- Compared to cortical bone it is:
  - (1) less dense
  - (2) more elastic
  - (3) greater surface area
  - (4)it has high calcium turnover rate because of the greater surface area



- Calcium Homeostasis

# Extracellular Fluid ( ECF) Calcium

- Normal Ca<sup>2+</sup> level in plasma ranges from 8.5-10 mg/dL
- It exists in fractions :
- (1) Free ionized calcium → 50% of total ECF calcium
- (2) Protein-bound calcium → 40%
  - -90% bound to albumin
  - - Remainder bound to globulins
- Alkalosis increases calcium binding to protein and decreases ionized calcium
- (3) Calcium bound to serum constituents → 10% (citrate & phosphate )
- Only the free, ionized Ca<sup>2+</sup> is biologically active.



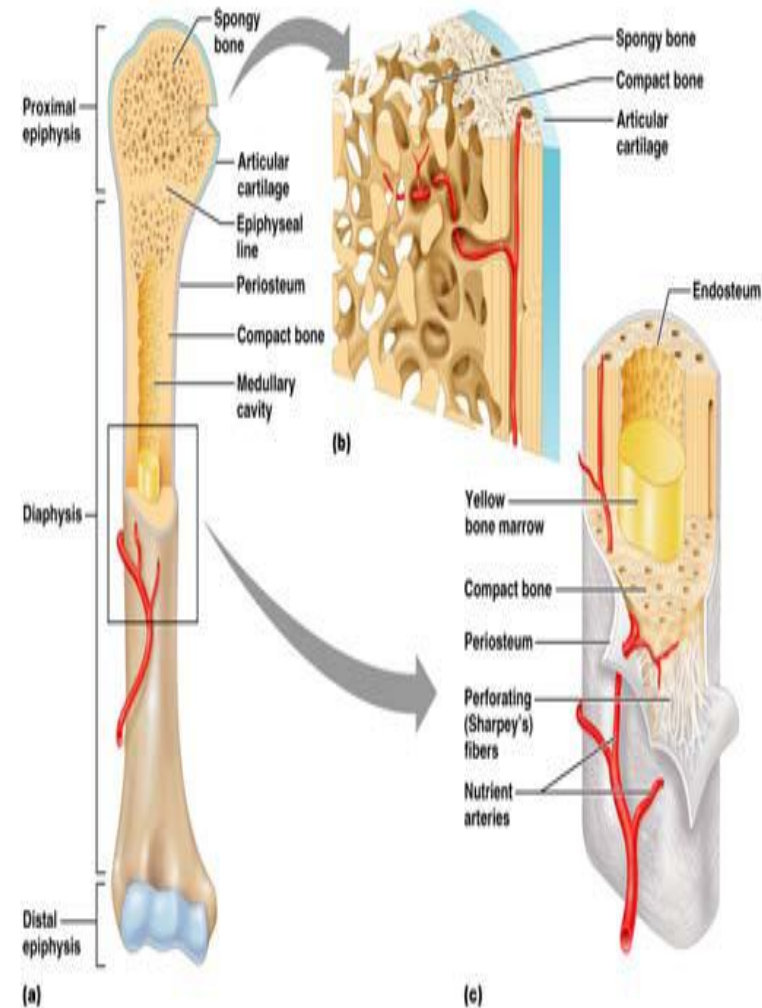
- **PO<sub>4</sub> :-**
- Calcium is tightly regulated with Phosphorous in the body.
- PO<sub>4</sub> normal plasma concentration is **3.0-4.5 mg/dL**.
- 1- **13 %** Non- diffusable protein bound (85-90 % is found in bone.)
- 2- **87 %** Diffusable form (52% ionized & rest bound to ions)
- 2- small amount in ATP, cAMP and proteins compounds
- **Ca<sup>++</sup> x PO4 = constant (solubility product)**
- -if any one increase it should precipitate مترسب in bone

- **Bone & Ca<sup>++</sup>:-**

- 70% of Bone is formed of calcium (99% of the Calcium of bone in form of hydroxyapatite crystal) & phosphate salts (CaPO<sub>4</sub> and hydroxide)
- Calcium salts in bone provide structural integrity of the skeleton
- About 99% of Ca of our body is in bone. Whereas < 1% of our body Ca is in ECF, if it falls below normal, Ca will move from bone into ECF**

## ● BONE GROWTH:-

- -Linear **طولي** growth occurs at **epiphyseal** **المشاشي plates**.
- -Increase in width occurs at **periosteum**
- غشاء العظم
- -During growth , rate of bone formation exceeds resorption **امتصاص** and bone mass increases.
- -**10%** of total adult bone mass turns over each year during **remodeling process** **إعادة تشكيل**
- Once adult bone mass is achieved **equal rates of formation and resorption to** maintain bone mass
- -At about 30 years old , rate of resorption begins to exceed formation and bone mass slowly decreases.



# Bone Cells

- There are three types of bone cells:

## (1) Osteoblast :

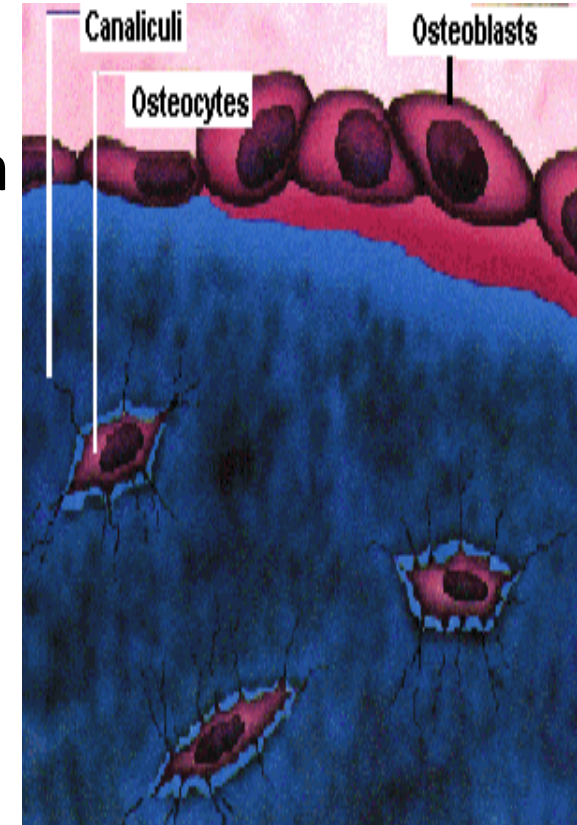
- - **Bone forming cell** that secretes collagen forming bone matrix around themselves then they calcified (on which  $\text{Ca}^{++}$  and  $\text{PO}_4$  precipitate **يترسب**)

## (2) Osteocytes :

- is the **mature bone cell**.
- It is enclosed in bone matrix.
- Q - What is the function of osteocytes ?
- A -Transfer of calcium from bone canaliculi to the ECF

## (3) Osteoclast :

- is a large multinucleated cell derived from monocytes
- -function is to **resorb** **يرتشف** **the formed bone**. (secrete HCl to acidify area of bone to dissolve hydroxyapatite & acid proteases digest collagen)



# Canaliculi

Within each bone unit is minute fluid-containing channels called the **canaliculi**.

- Canaliculi traverse تعبّر خلال the mineralized bone.

-Interior osteocytes remain connected to surface cells (osteoblasts) via syncytial cell processes.

- Osteocytes transfer calcium from bone canaliculi to the ECF

-These processes permits transfer of calcium from (large) surface area of the interior of canaliculi to extracellular fluid

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# Bone formation

- 1-Bone formation begins when Active osteoblasts synthesize uncalcified Collagen fibrils to form arrays صفائف (raws) of an organic matrix called the osteoid.
- 2- Then mineralization ( Deposition of Calcium &
- Phosphate on the Osteoid Matrix )  
Mineralization
  - Requires adequate Calcium and phosphate
  - Dependent on Vitamin D
  - Alkaline phosphatase and osteocalcin play roles in bone formation(their plasma levels are indicators of osteoblast activity).

## Control of bone resorption ارتشاف

- Bone resorption of  $\text{Ca}^{++}$  occurs by two mechanisms :
- (1) osteocytic osteolysis → this is a rapid and transient effect
- (2) osteoclastic resorption → is slow and sustained mechanism .
- Both are stimulated by Parathyroid Hormone ( PTH ) .

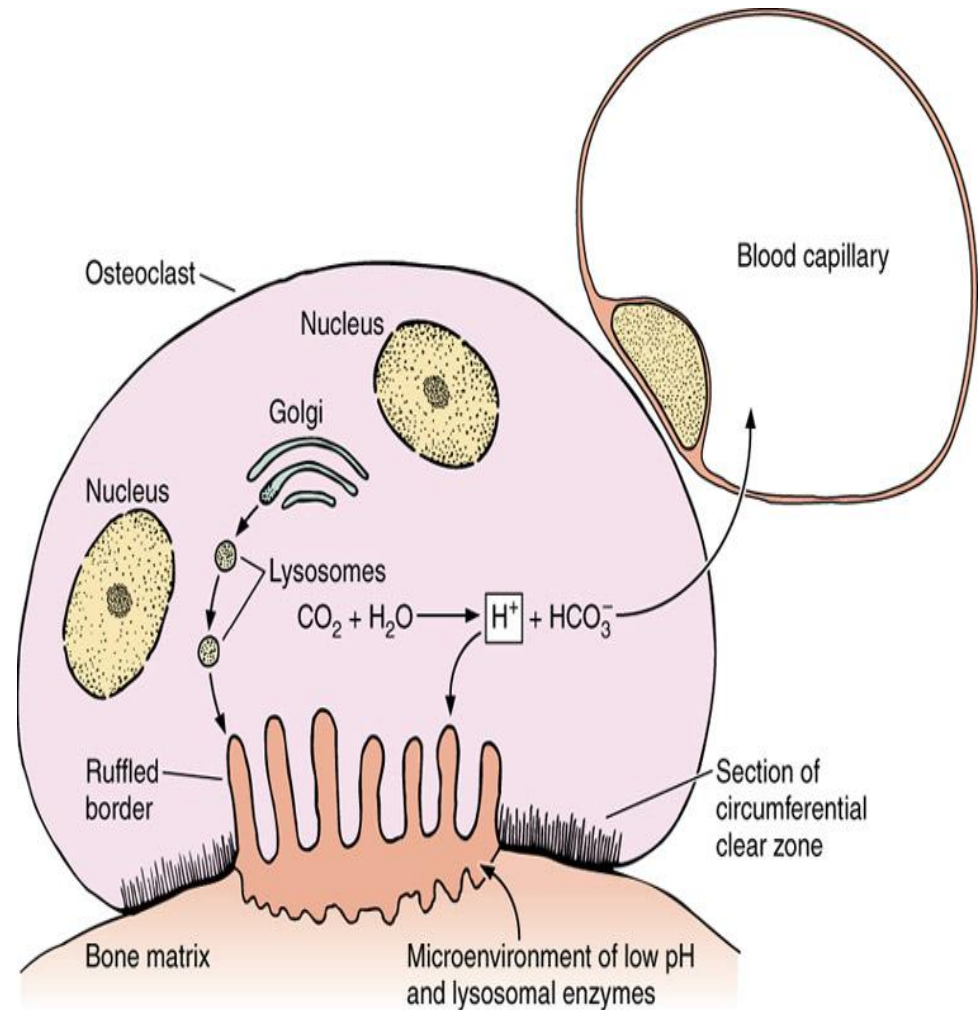
# 1-Osteocytic osteolysis

- Cell responsible for resorption is the osteocyte.
- Activity of osteocytes digest mineralized bone area then calcium transfer from canaliculi to extracellular fluid
- Does not decrease bone mass.
- Removes calcium from most recently formed crystals
- Quick process.



## (2) Osteoclastic resorption → is slow and sustained mechanism .

- - destroys **matrix of old bone**
- - diminishes bone mass.
- Cell responsible for resorption is the **osteoclast**.
- (acidify area of bone to dissolve hydroxyapatite by HCl then lysosomes & acid proteases digest collagen)



# Bone remodeling

- Remodeling (إعادة تشكيل) means continuous deposition of newbone by osteoblasts & absorption of old bone by osteoclasts
- -Endocrine signals to resting osteoblasts generate paracrine signals to osteoclasts
- Osteoclasts digest and resorb an area of mineralized bone.
- Local macrophages clean up debris.
- Then osteoblasts are recruited to site and deposit new matrix which will be mineralized.
- New bone replaces previously resorbed bone.



## **Bone remodeling affected by;-**

**1-mechanical stress on bone stimulates formation of stronger bone**

**2- Parathyroid hormone (PTH)&  
1,25**

**DIHYDROXYCHOLECALCIFERO  
L stimulates osteoclastic activity &  
formation of osteoclasts**

# Osteoporosis

- The total bone mass of humans peaks at 25-35 years of age.
- Men have **more** bone mass than women.
- A gradual decline occurs in both genders with aging, but women undergo an accelerated loss of bone due to increased resorption during peri-menopause
- قبل سن اليأس
- Bone resorption exceeds formation.

- **Osteoporosis** :-
  - -Reduced bone density and mass
  - -Susceptibility to fracture.
  - -Earlier in life for women than men
  - **-The rate of osteoclastic resorption exceeds deposition of new bone**
    - Cause/ **loss of anabolic steroids as estrogen & testosterone which stim osteoblastic activity**
    - bone becomes weak &  $Ca^{++}$  is lost from skeleton
- **Reduced risk by:**
  - High Calcium in the diet
  - habitual exercise
  - avoidance of smoking and alcohol intake
  - avoid drinking carbonated soft drinks

# Hormonal control of Calcium

Three principal hormones regulate  $\text{Ca}^{++}$

1-Parathyroid hormone (PTH)

2- 1,25-dihydroxycholecalciferol ( active form of Vitamin D3)  
(cholecalciferol = Vitamin D3)

3- Calcitonin

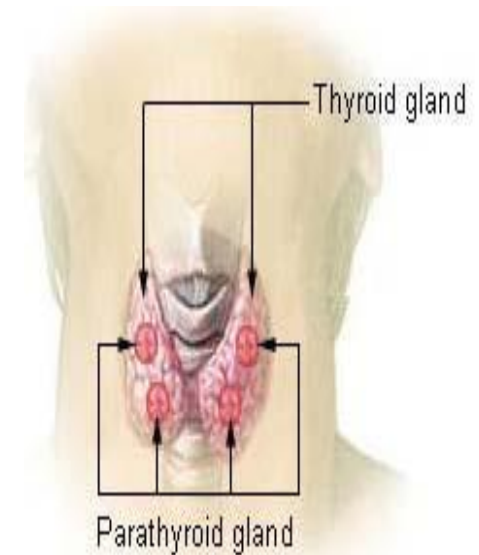
- They regulate  $\text{Ca}^{++}$  resorption, absorption and excretion from the three organs that function in  $\text{Ca}^{++}$ homeostasis ( bone, kidney and intestine).

# 1-Vitamin D

- Humans acquire vitamin D from two sources.
  - (1) -produced in the skin by ultraviolet radiation on cholesterol to form Vit D3
  - (2) ingested in the diet
- In **liver** Vit D3 converted to 25 hydroxycholecalciferol , in **kidney**
- **PTH** convert it to **1,25 dihydroxycholecalciferol (active form)**
- The main action of active Vitamin D (1,25 dihydroxycholecalciferol )
  - - stimulate absorption of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  from the intestine
  - - stimulate Ca reabsorption in kidneys
  - - help in bone formation
  - - mobilize  $\text{Ca}^{++}$  from bone into plasma by increasing number of **osteoclasts** to **increase plasma  $\text{Ca}^{++}$  levels** (**only when it drops** )

## 2-Parathyroid Hormone (PTH) Action

- Parathormone from parathyroid gland
- Functions:-
- - To increase plasma  $\text{Ca}^{++}$  levels when it drops and decrease plasma phosphate levels.
- 1- acts directly on the bones to stimulate  $\text{Ca}^{++}$  resorption by activating osteoclasts
- 2- on kidney to stimulate  $\text{Ca}^{++}$  reabsorption in the distal tubule & to inhibit reabsorption of phosphate (thereby stimulating its excretion).
- 3-PTH also acts indirectly on kidney by activation of 25-(OH) -D into 1,25-(OH)<sub>2</sub>-D(active vit D)





## 3-Calcitonin

- Calcitonin is synthesized and secreted by the parafollicular cells of the thyroid gland (C cells)
- -Calcitonin acts to decrease plasma  $\text{Ca}^{++}$  levels.
- The major stimulus of calcitonin secretion is a rise in plasma  $\text{Ca}^{++}$  levels
- -it suppresses osteoclastic activity and number in bone
- -it increases osteoblastic activity to mineralize bone