Musculoskeletal Block

Pathology of Musculoskeletal System

Practical

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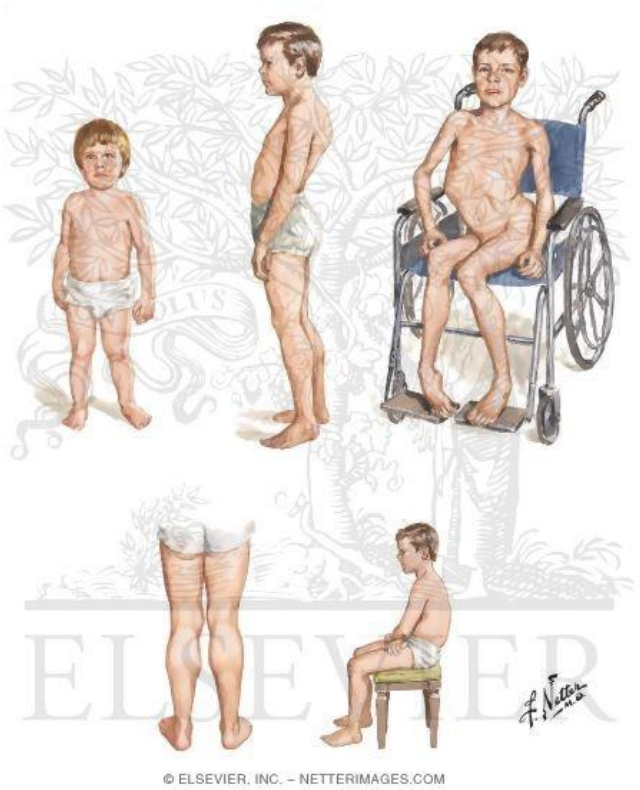
Muscular Dystrophies

Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD)

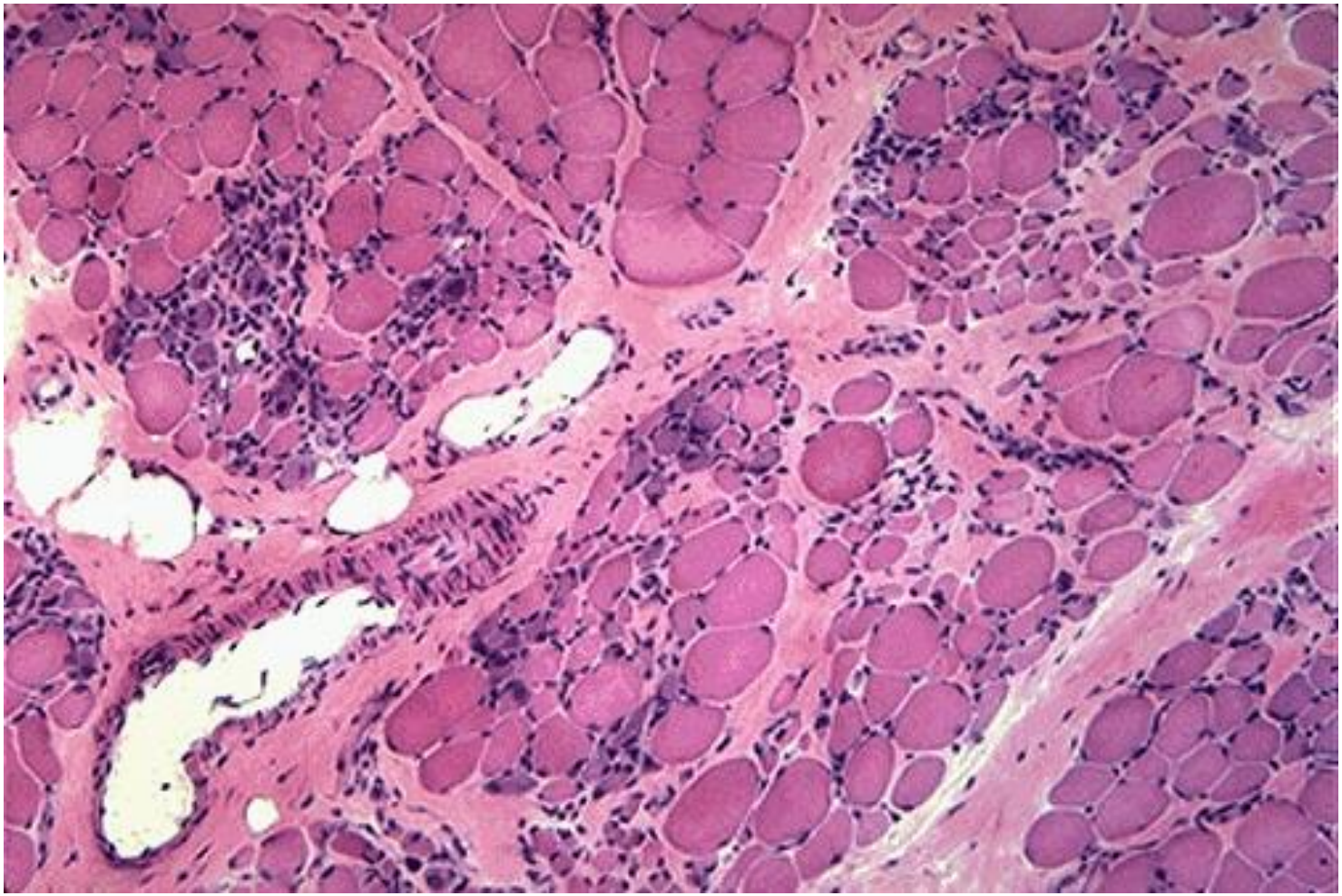
Case # 1

- A 3 - year- old boy presented to his pediatrician with complaint of his parents from difficulty in walking , poor balance , and frequent falls .
- Laboratory investigation shows elevated creatine kinase .
- Muscle biopsy show absence of dystrophin by western blot analysis



What is your provisional diagnosis?

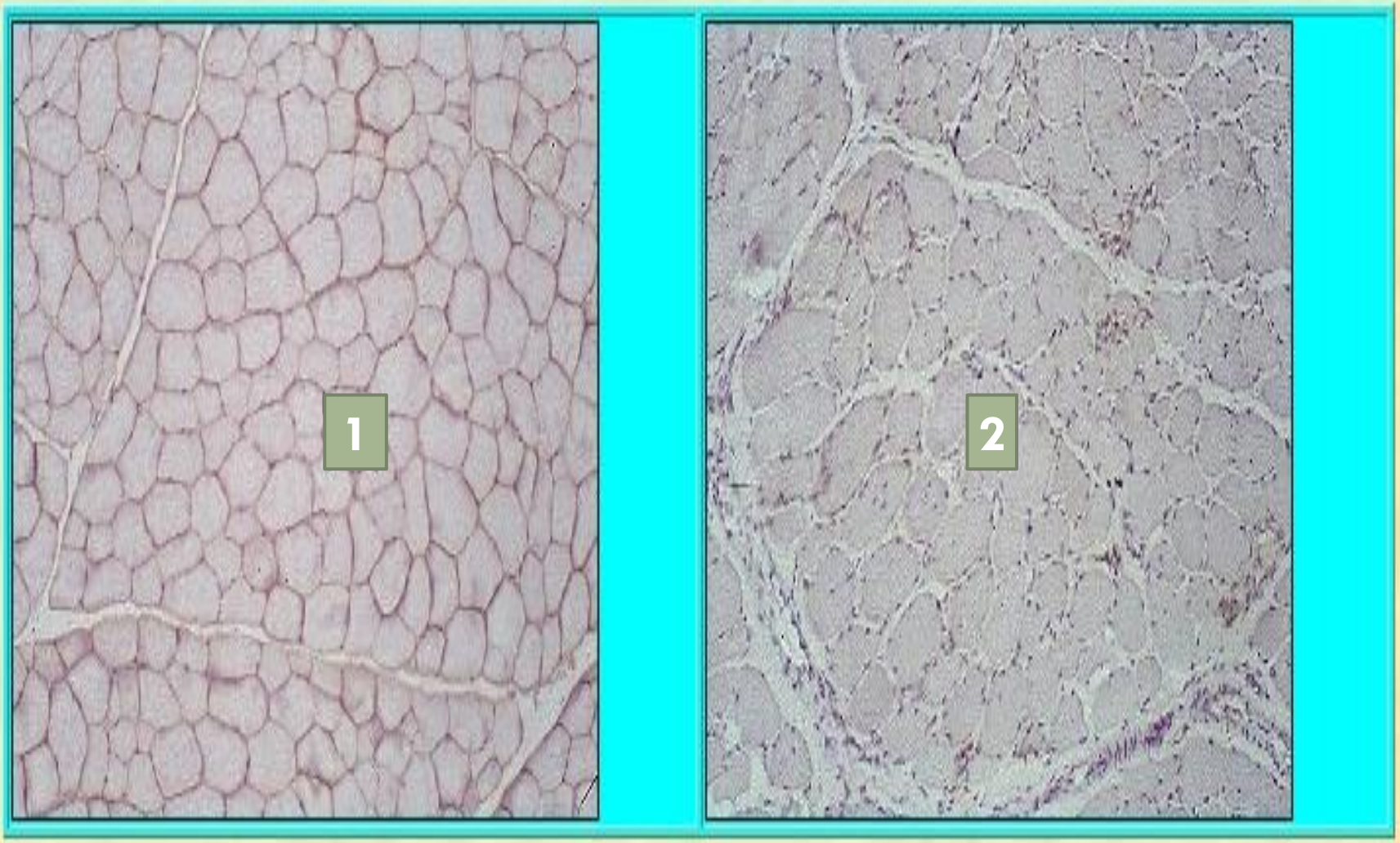
Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy - LPF



Duchenne muscular dystrophy showing variations in muscle fiber size , increased endomysial connective tissue , and regenerating fibers (blue tint)

NORMAL Ms

DMD



In DMD : Dystrophin, an intracellular protein, forms an interface between the cytoskeletal proteins and a group of transmembrane proteins

Dermatomyositis

Case # 2

A 52-year-old woman presents with 6-month history of progressive muscle weakness and a skin rash.

Physical examination is remarkable for a diffuse purple/red discoloration of the skin over her cheeks, nose, and eyelids. Examination confirms proximal muscle weakness.

Laboratory findings show an increase in creatine kinase (10 times the normal).

Dermatomyositis

- is an *autoimmune disorder.*

-Serological test that is usually abnormal are high CK and increased anti nuclear antibodies (ANA)

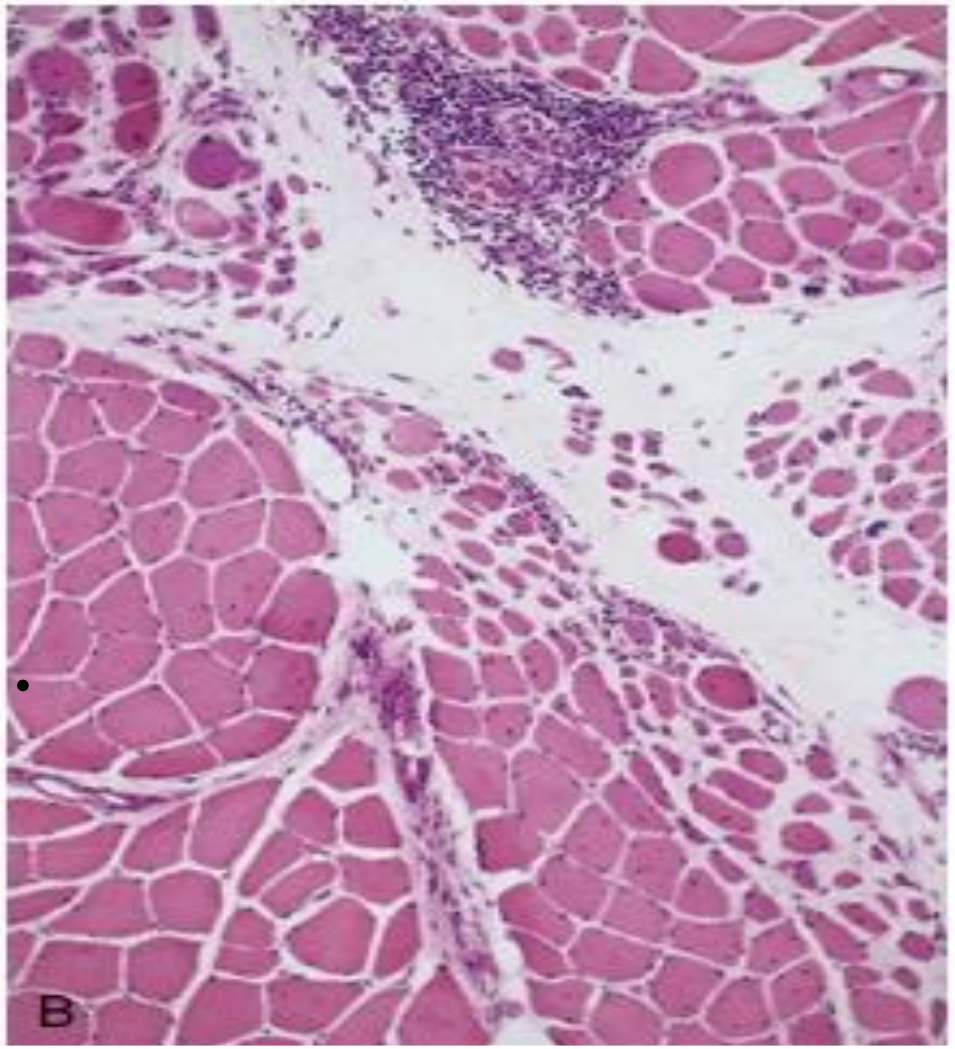
-Clinically: Purple/red colored discoloration mainly around eyelids

-Dermatomyositis can be associated with internal malignancies including a primary in lung, ovary and stomach

Dermatomyositis

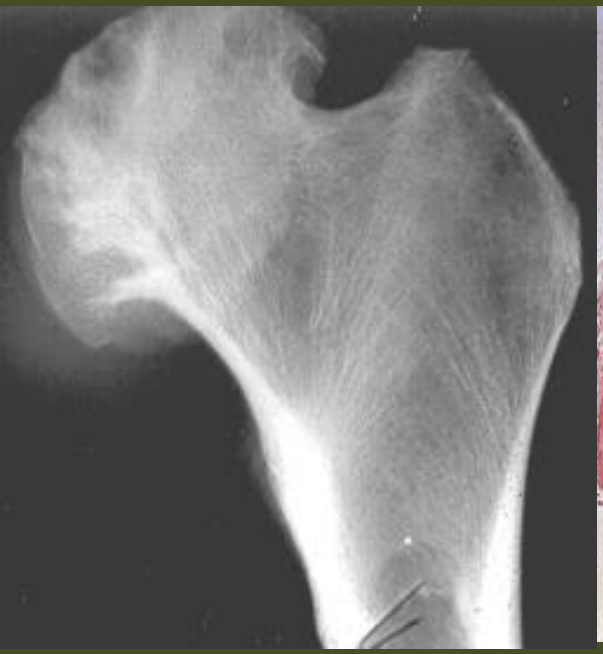
Microscopically:

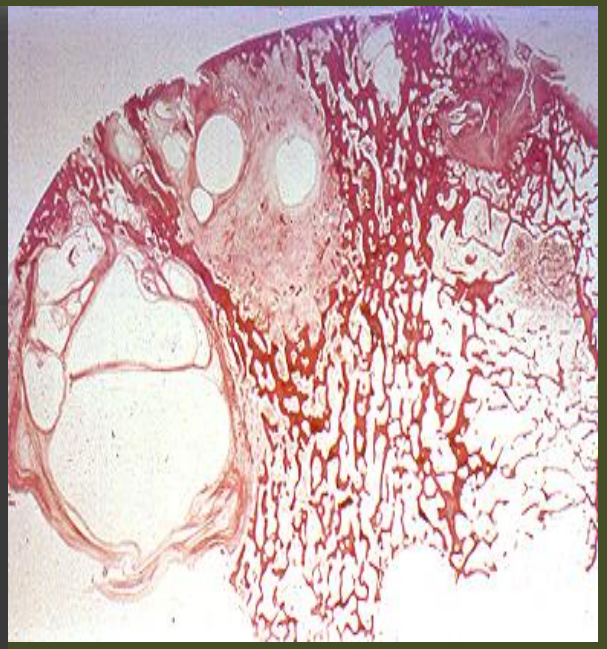
- **Perifascicular atrophy of muscle fibers**
- **Chronic inflammation .**

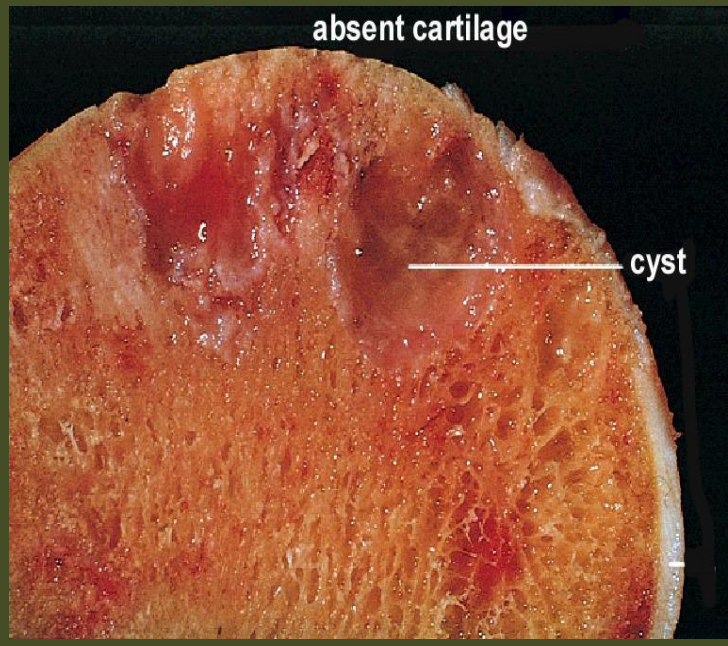


NON INFECTIOUS ARTHRITIS

Osteoarthritis



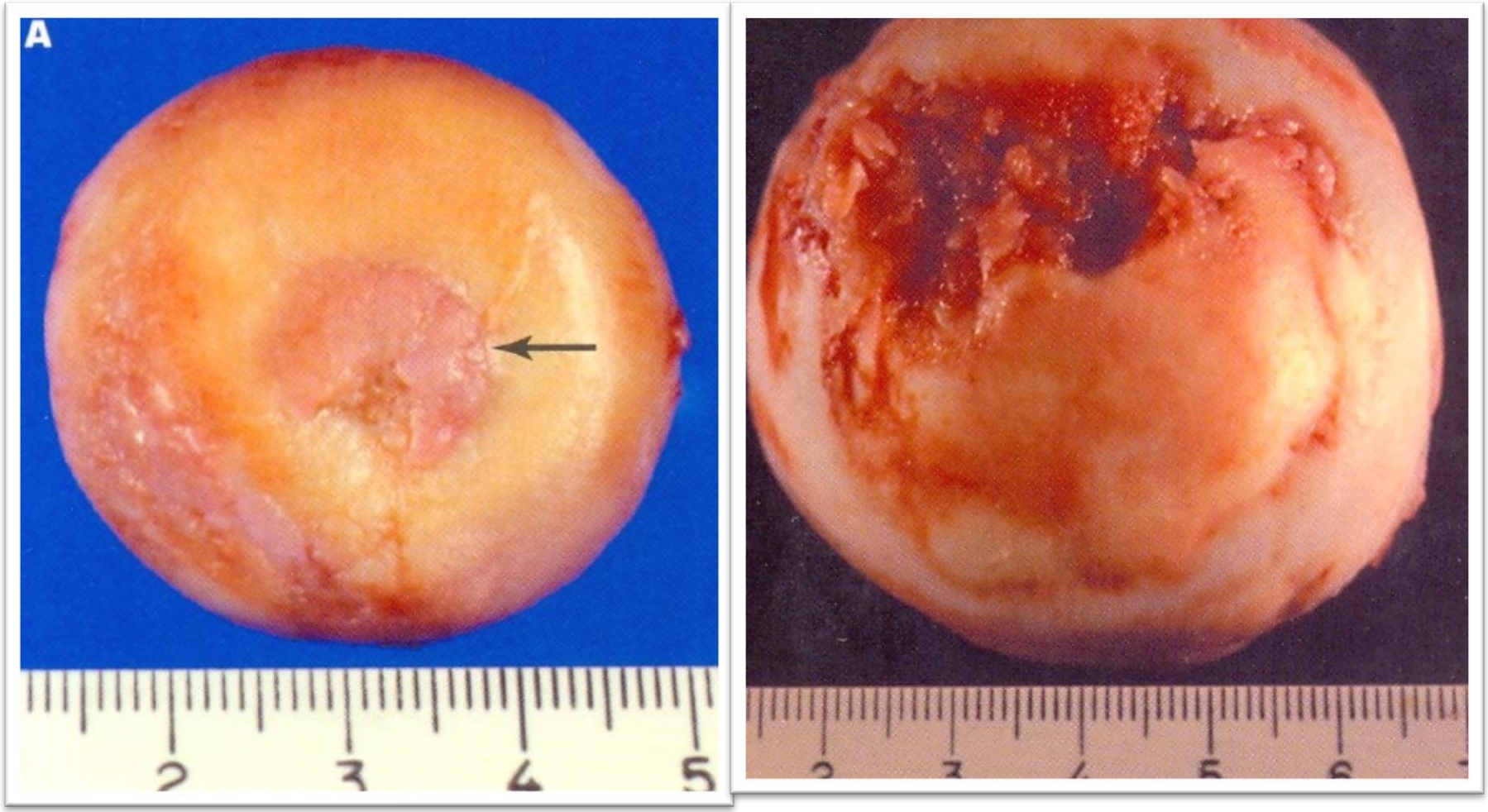




Case # 3

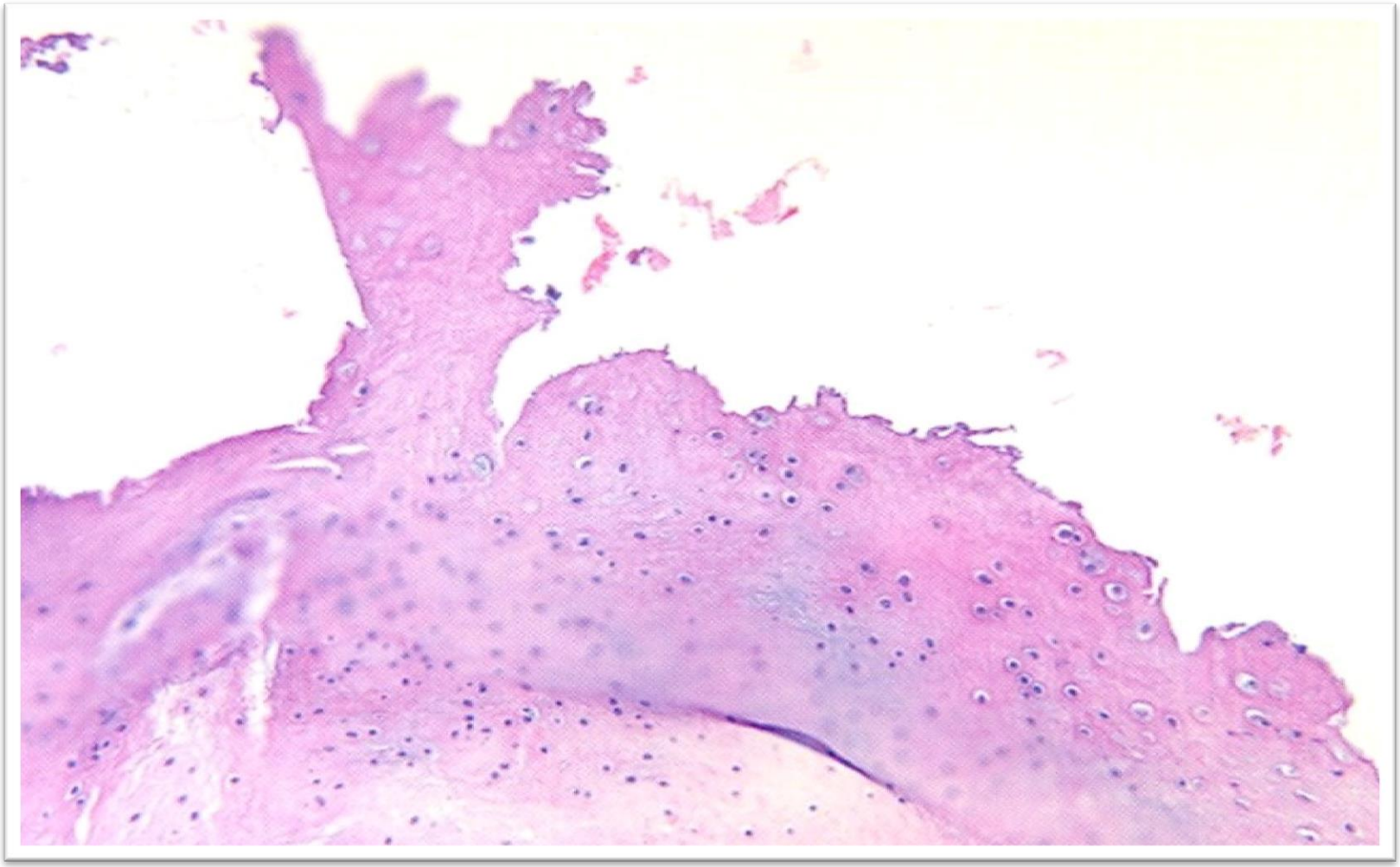
- An obese 56-year-old woman presented with bilateral localized pain to her knees, hands and difficulty in walking .

Osteoarthritis - Gross



Progressive erosion of articular cartilage, eburnated articular surface , subchondral cyst and residual articular cartilage (Osteoarthritis)

Osteoarthritis - LPF



Mushroom-shaped osteophytes (bony outgrowths) develop at the margins of the articular surface and are capped by fibrocartilage and hyaline cartilage that gradually ossify . Note the absence of inflammation . (Osteoarthritis)

Case # 4

- A 45 -year- old woman complains of low grade fever , malaise and stiffness in her joints each morning .

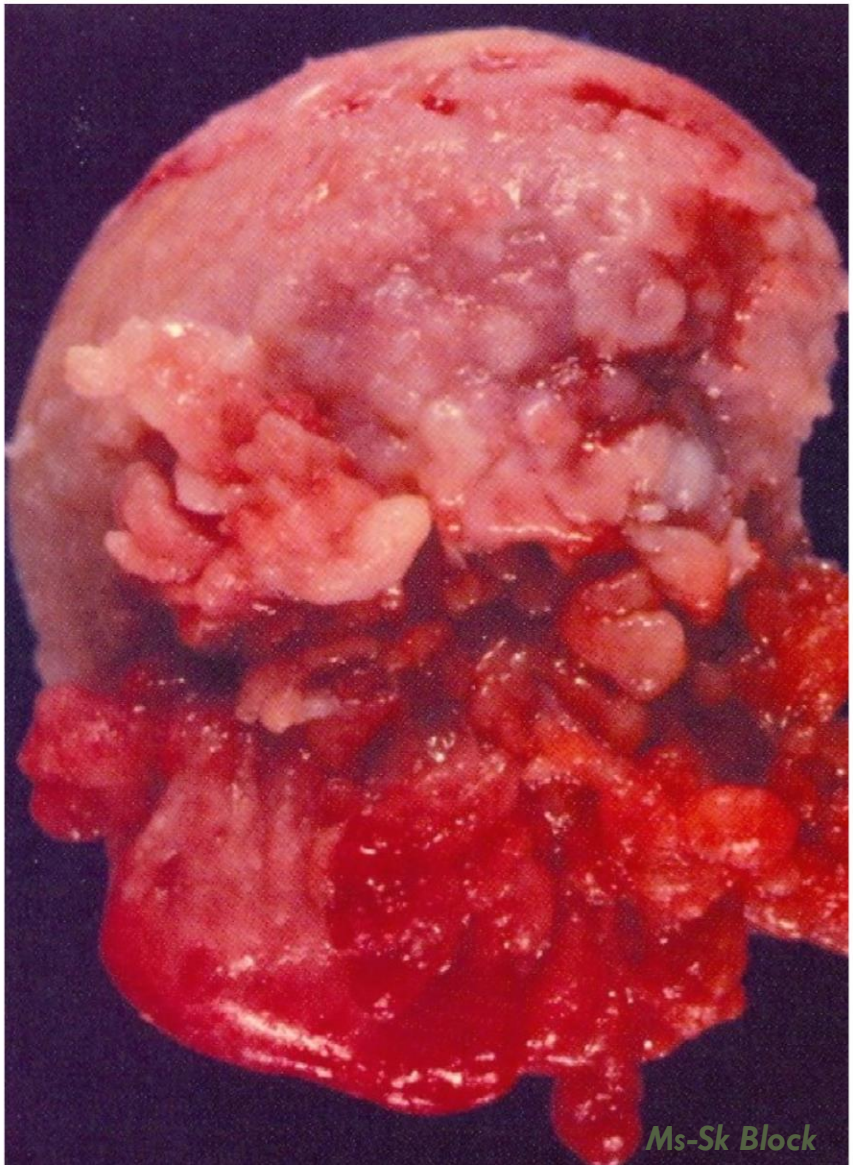
Rheumatoid Arthritis

- Affecting the head of the femur.
- The synovium becomes edematous, thickened and hyperplastic and transforming its smooth contour to one covered by delicate and bulbous fronds .
- Serological tests which are somewhat specific for this disease:

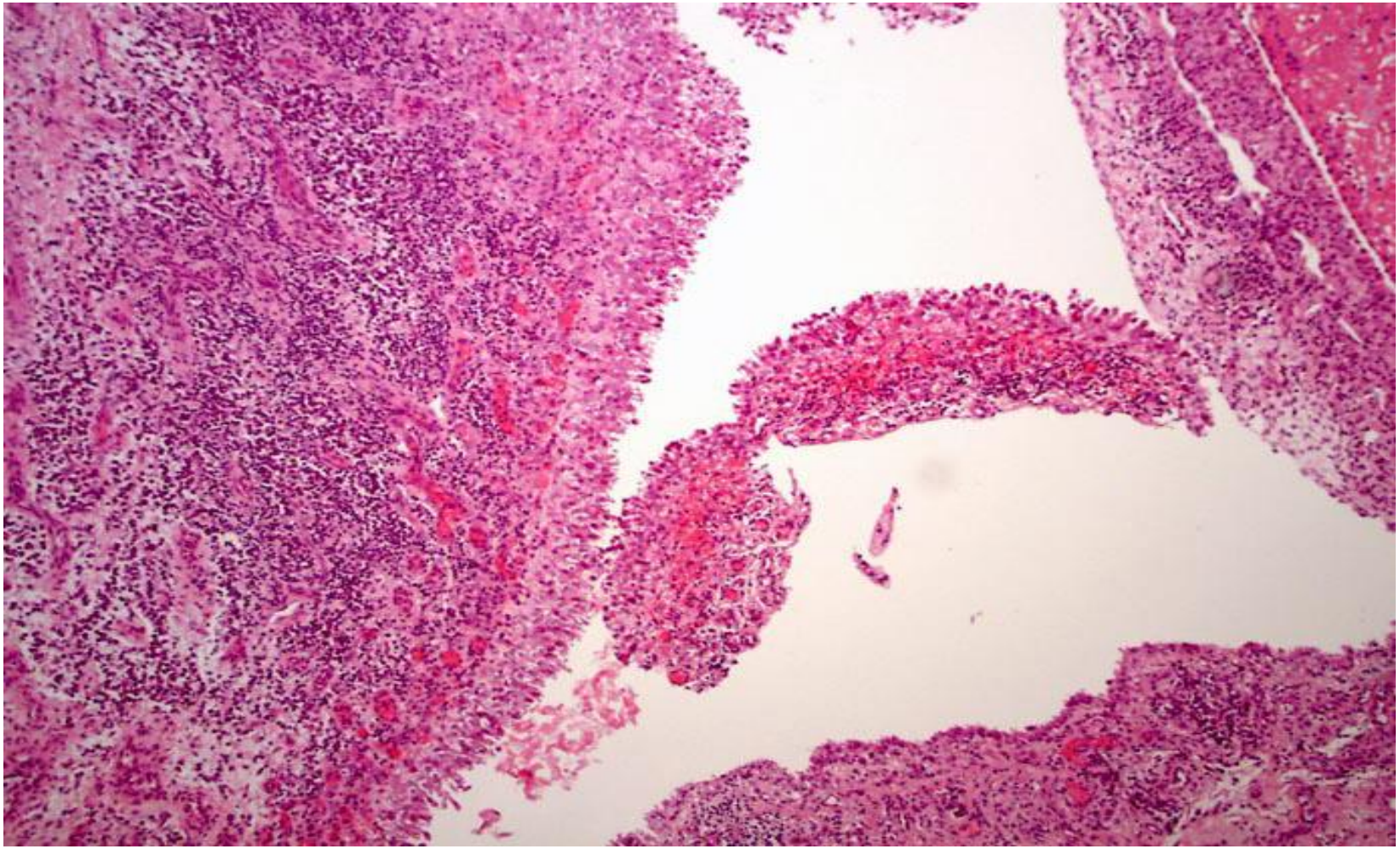
1- Rheumatoid factor (RF)

2- Antibodies to citrullinated peptides in the serum

3- C-Reactive protein (CRP) and ESR (Non specific)

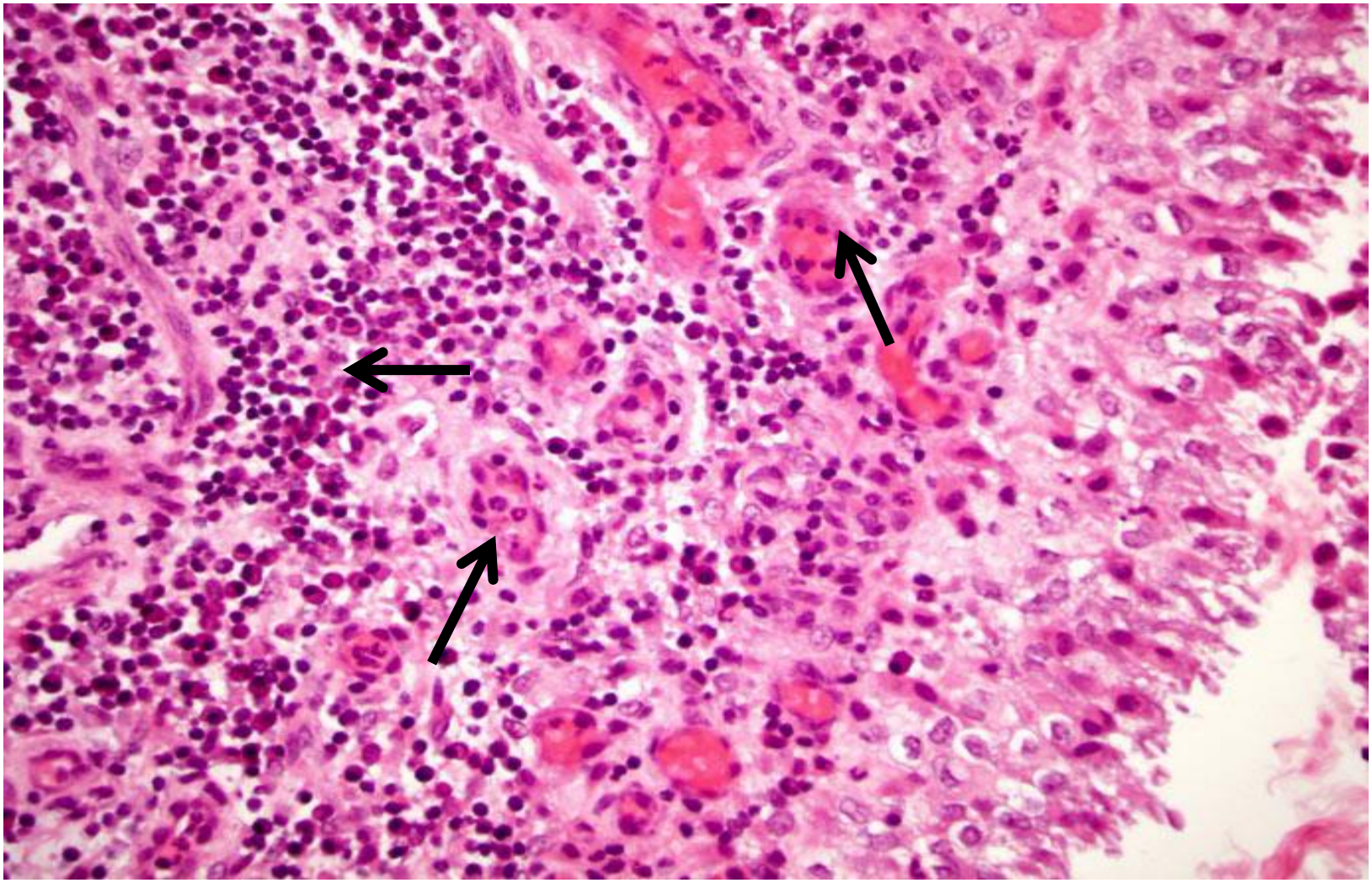


Hyperplastic Synovium - LPF



Hyperplastic synovial lining with villous like projections

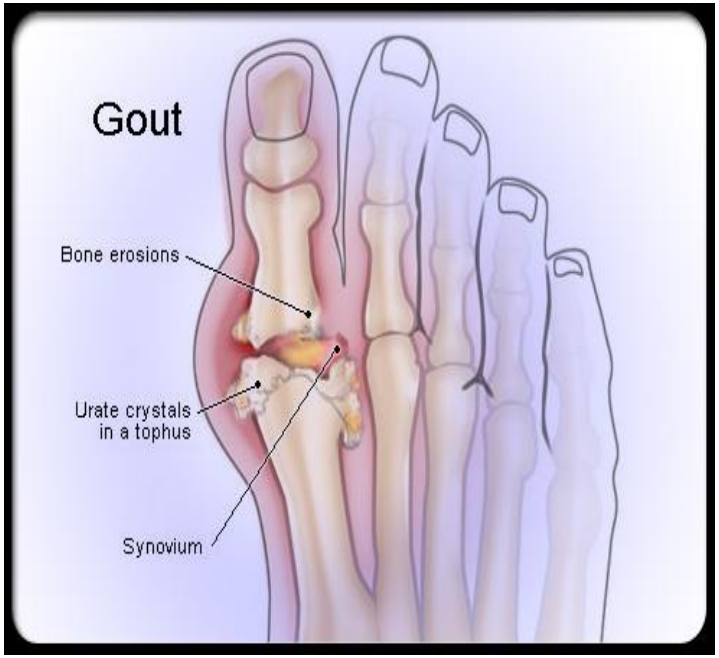
Hyperplastic Synovium - HPF



Hyperplastic synovium *with underlying plasma cells and lymphocytes including many congested blood vessels in* **Rheumatoid arthritis**

GOUT

Gout is a syndrome caused by the inflammatory response to tissue deposition of monosodium urate crystals (MSU).

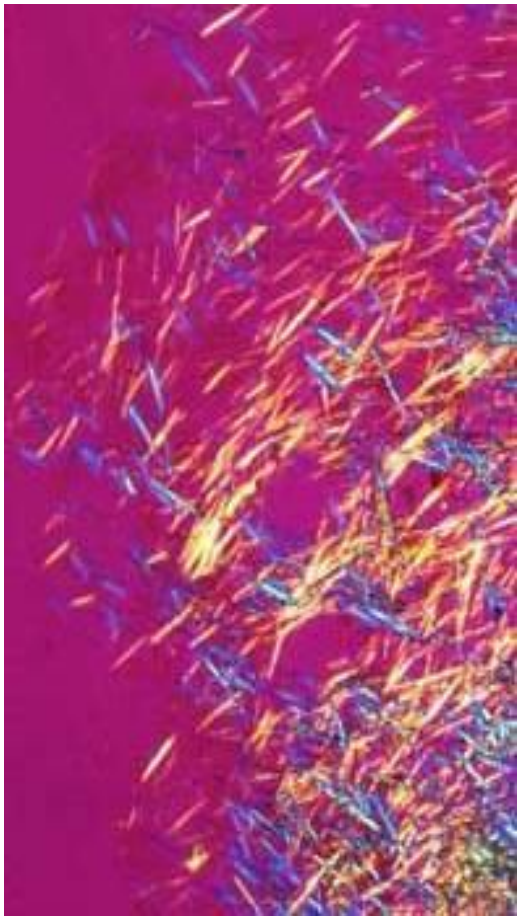


Severe gout in the fingers resulting in large, hard deposits of crystals of uric acid. These deposits are called Tophi

The main cause of this condition is **accumulation of uric acid tophi with secondary inflammation.**

Acute gouty arthritis on the big toe of an elderly man.

Needle-shaped monosodium uric acid crystals diagnostic of gout from an acutely inflamed joint as seen under polarized microscopy



- Gouty Arthritis **can be secondary to**
- Leukemia, Chronic renal diseases, post chemotherapy and drugs like thiazide diuretics.

- Syndrome which is responsible for the **inherited form of gouty arthritis is:**

  Lesh-Nyhan syndrome due to lack of HGPRT enzyme.

Osteomyelitis

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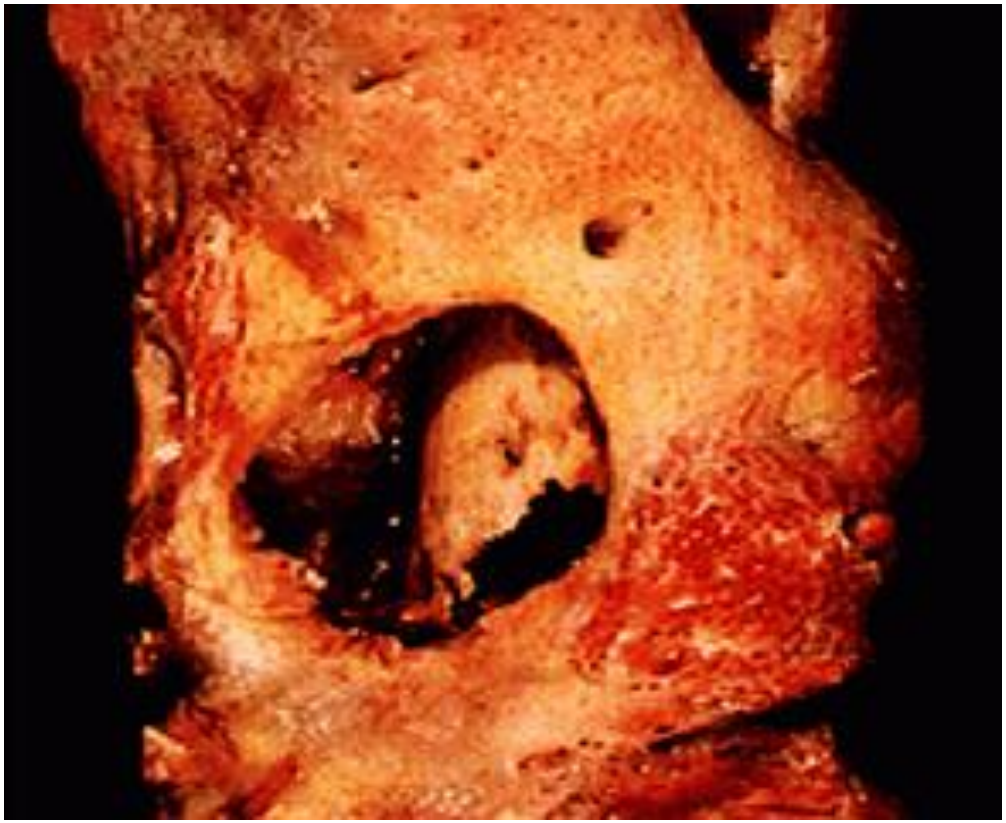


Resected femur in a patient with draining osteomyelitis. The drainage tract in the subosteal shell of viable new bone (involucrum) reveals the inner native necrotic cortex (sequestrum)

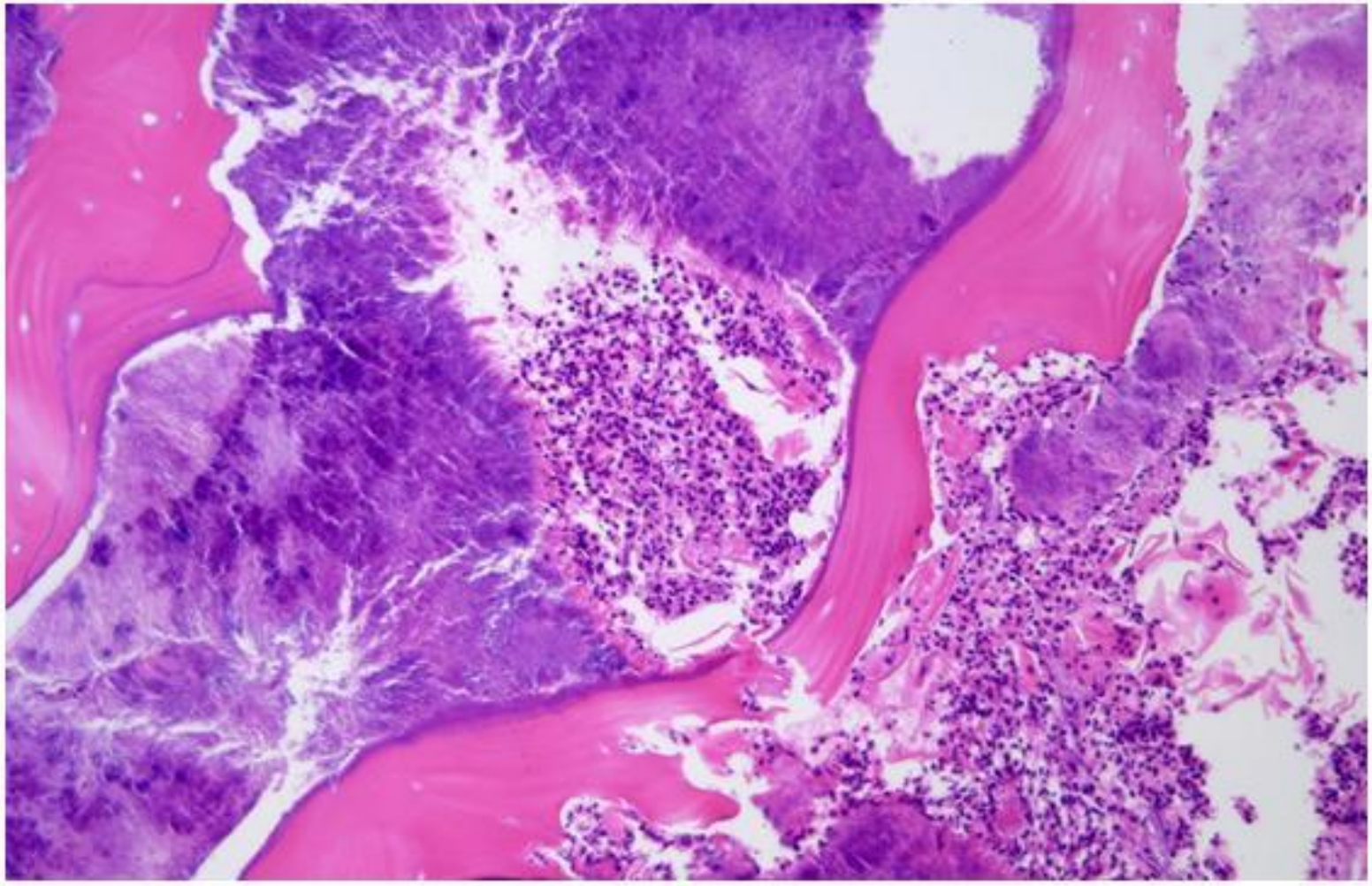
- Direct infection of bone.
- Bacterial most often
  - Staphylococcus
  - Salmonella
    - Sickle Cell Disease
  - Tuberculosis
    - Spine first

Case # 5

- A 22- year- old male presented with localized pain above his right knee joint with recurrent fever. Later, he had a discharging sinuses from the skin overlying the right knee.

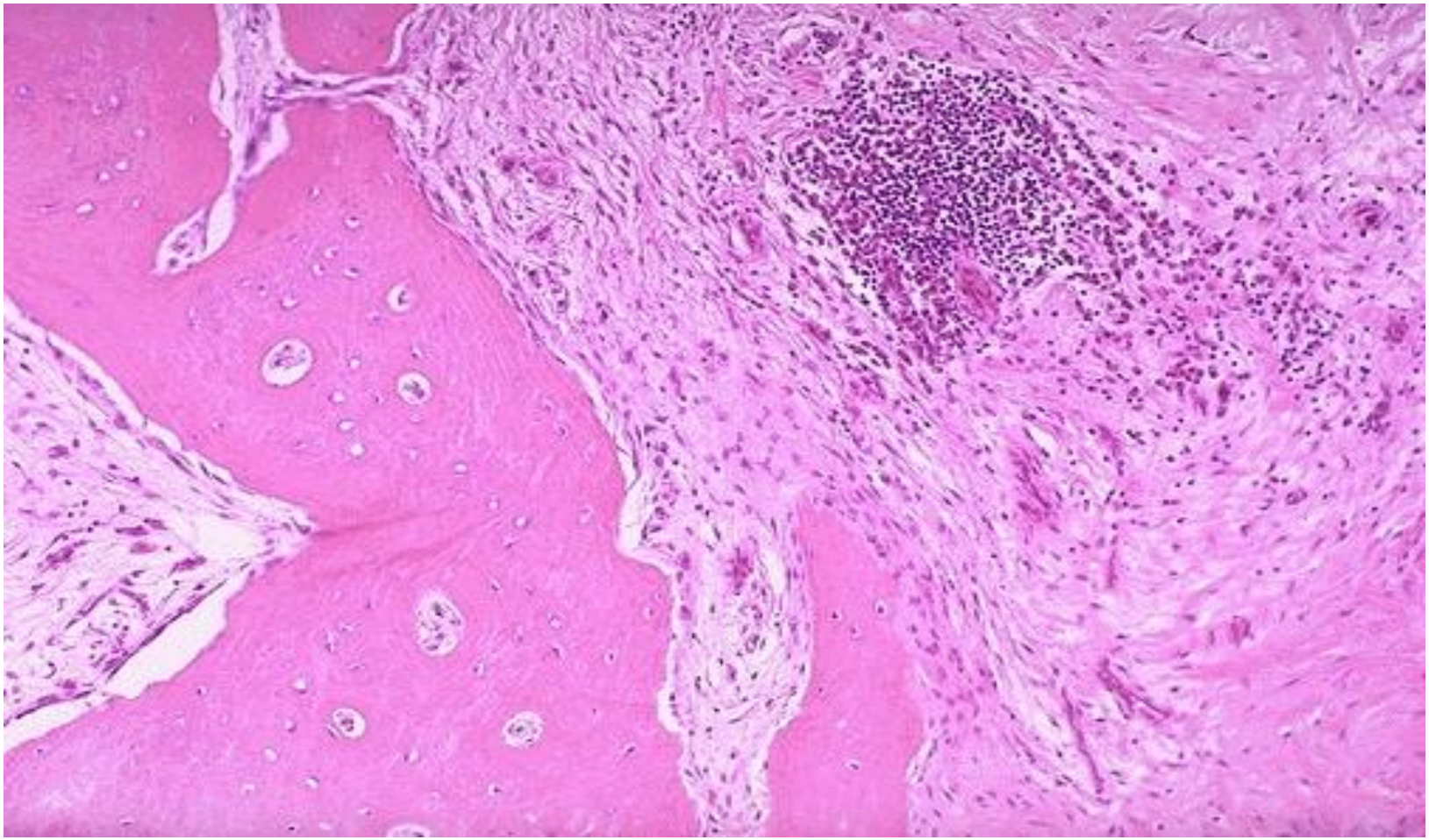
What is the most likely diagnosis ?

Acute Osteomyelitis - LPF



***Acute Osteomyelitis*. Bony sequestrae are surrounded by colonies of bacteria as well as purulent infiltrate.**

Chronic Osteomyelitis - LPF

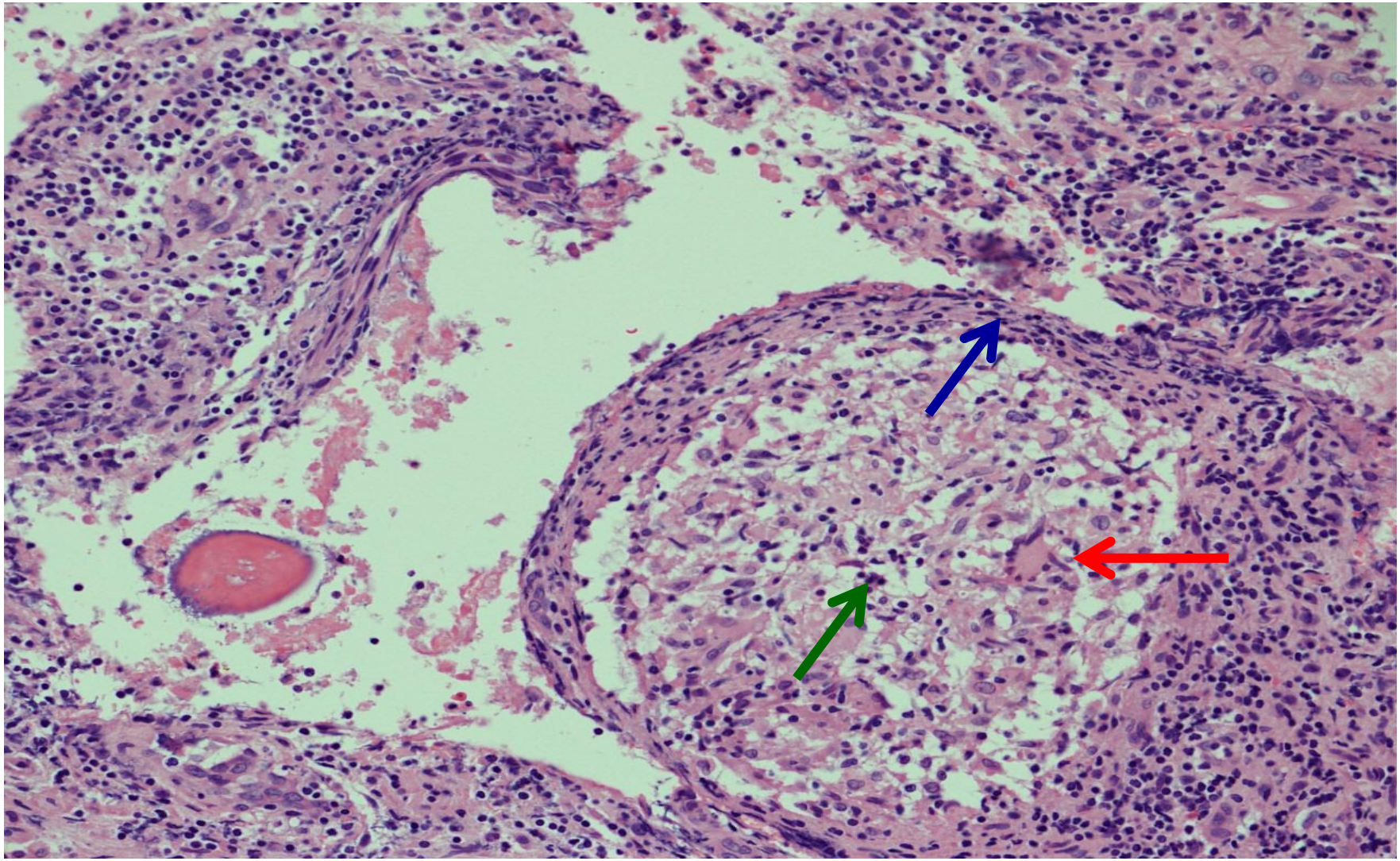


***Chronic Osteomyelitis*. Note the fibrosis of the marrow space accompanied by chronic inflammatory cells. There can be bone destruction with remodeling.**

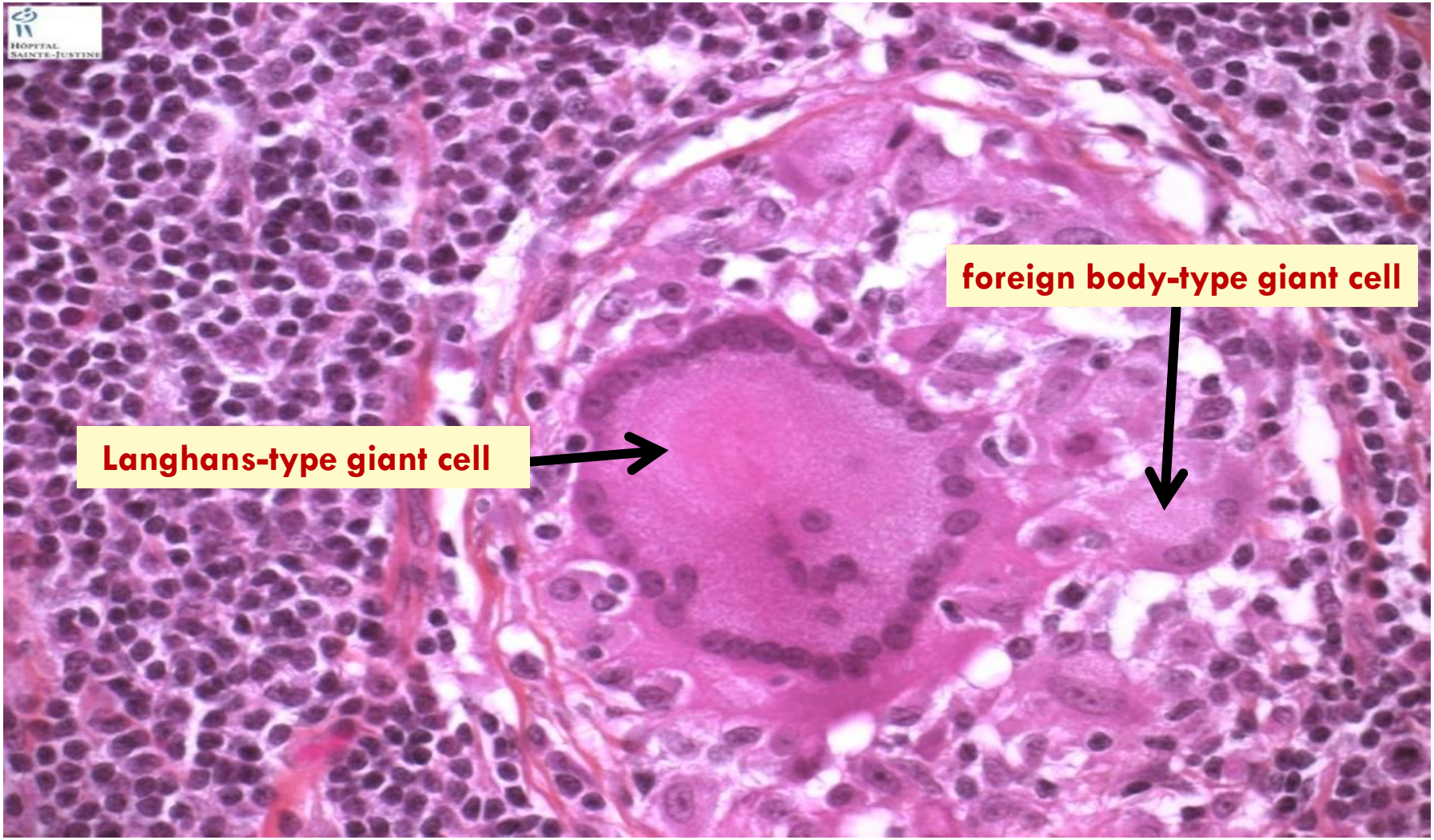
Tuberculous arthritis

Case # 6

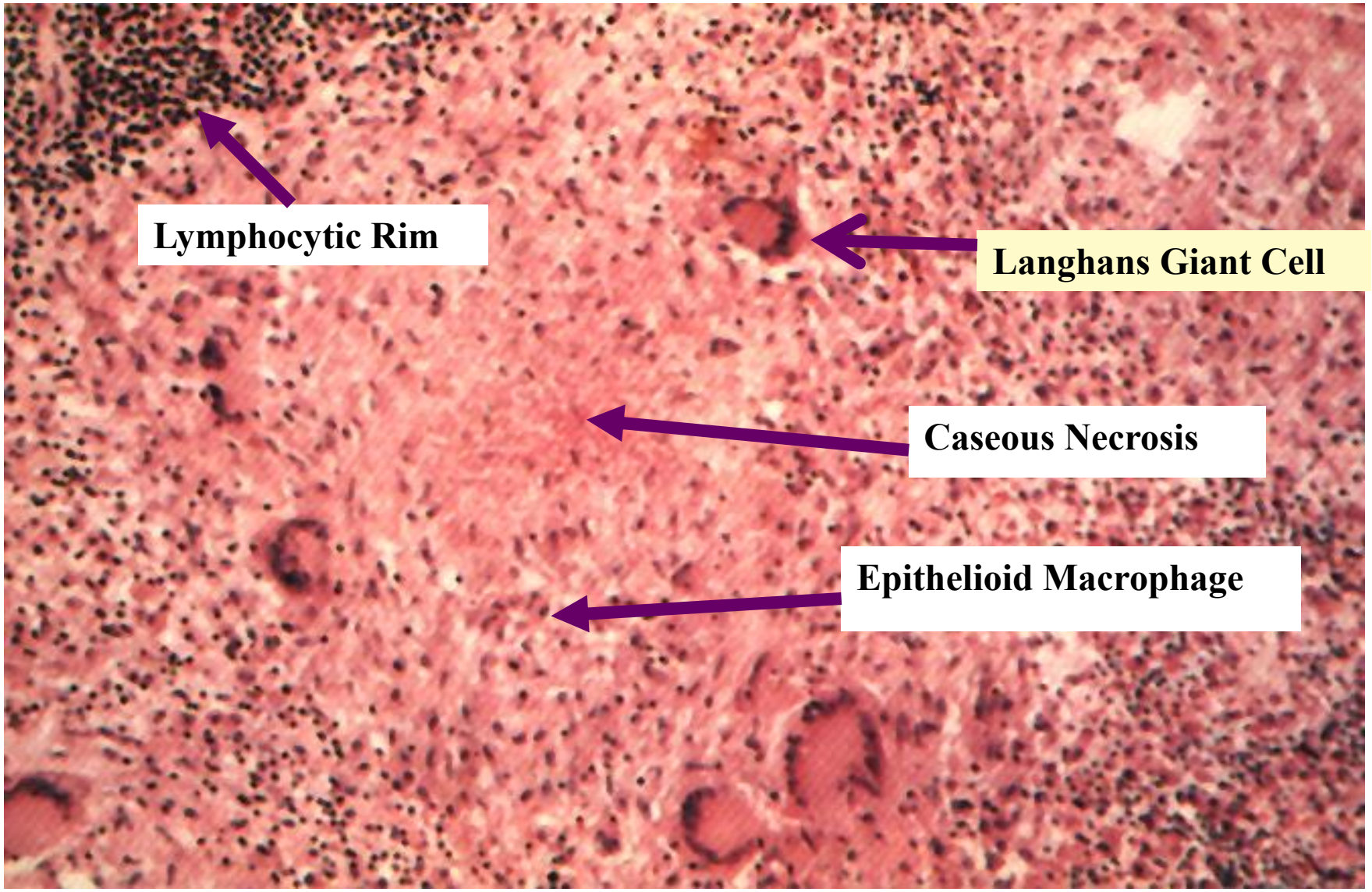
- A 30 -year-old debilitated man presented to the orthopedic clinic with increasing swelling and pain in right knee joint, low grade fever, marked elevation of sedimentation rate.
- The patient has a history of coughing up blood, fever, chills, night sweats, weight loss, pallor, and often a tendency to fatigue very easily.
- The biopsy was taken from the synovium.



Section of synovial biopsy shows granuloma formation with epithelioid like cells , langhans-type giant cells and rim of lymphocytes

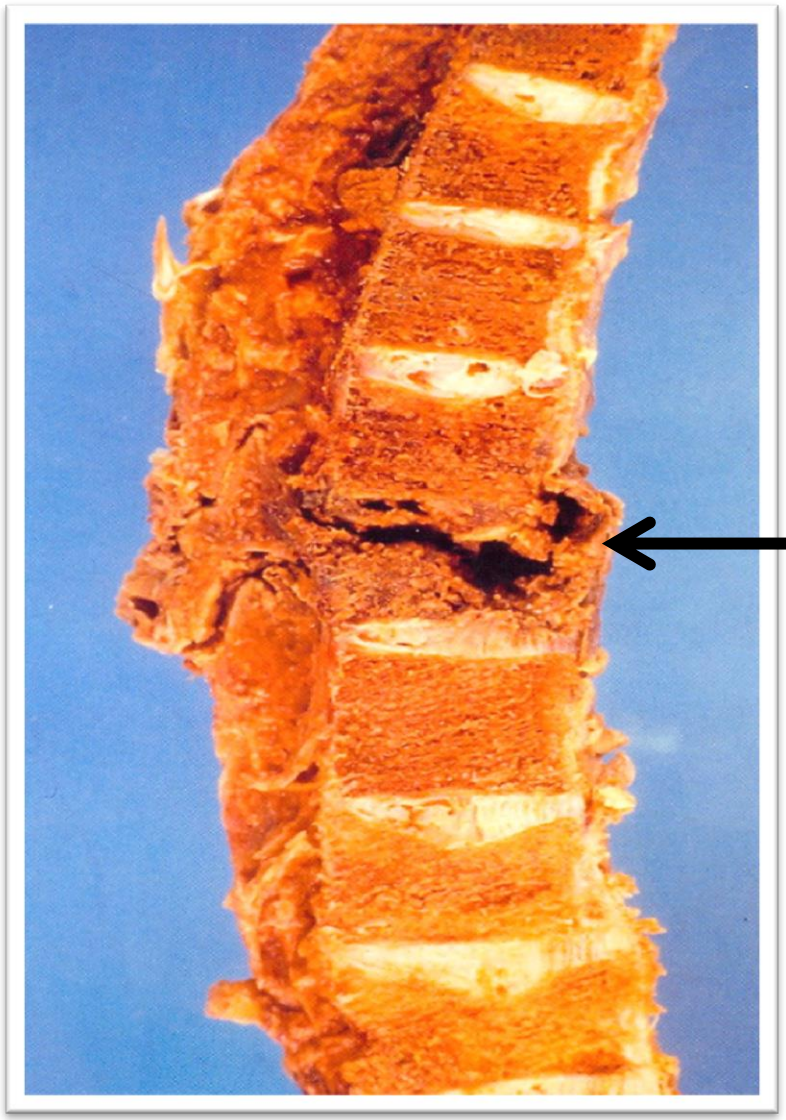


- *Bone section shows Epithelioid cells fuse to form giant cells containing 20 or more nuclei. The nuclei arranged either peripherally (Langhans-type giant cell) or haphazardly (foreign body-type giant cell). These giant cells can be found either at the periphery or the center of the granuloma.*



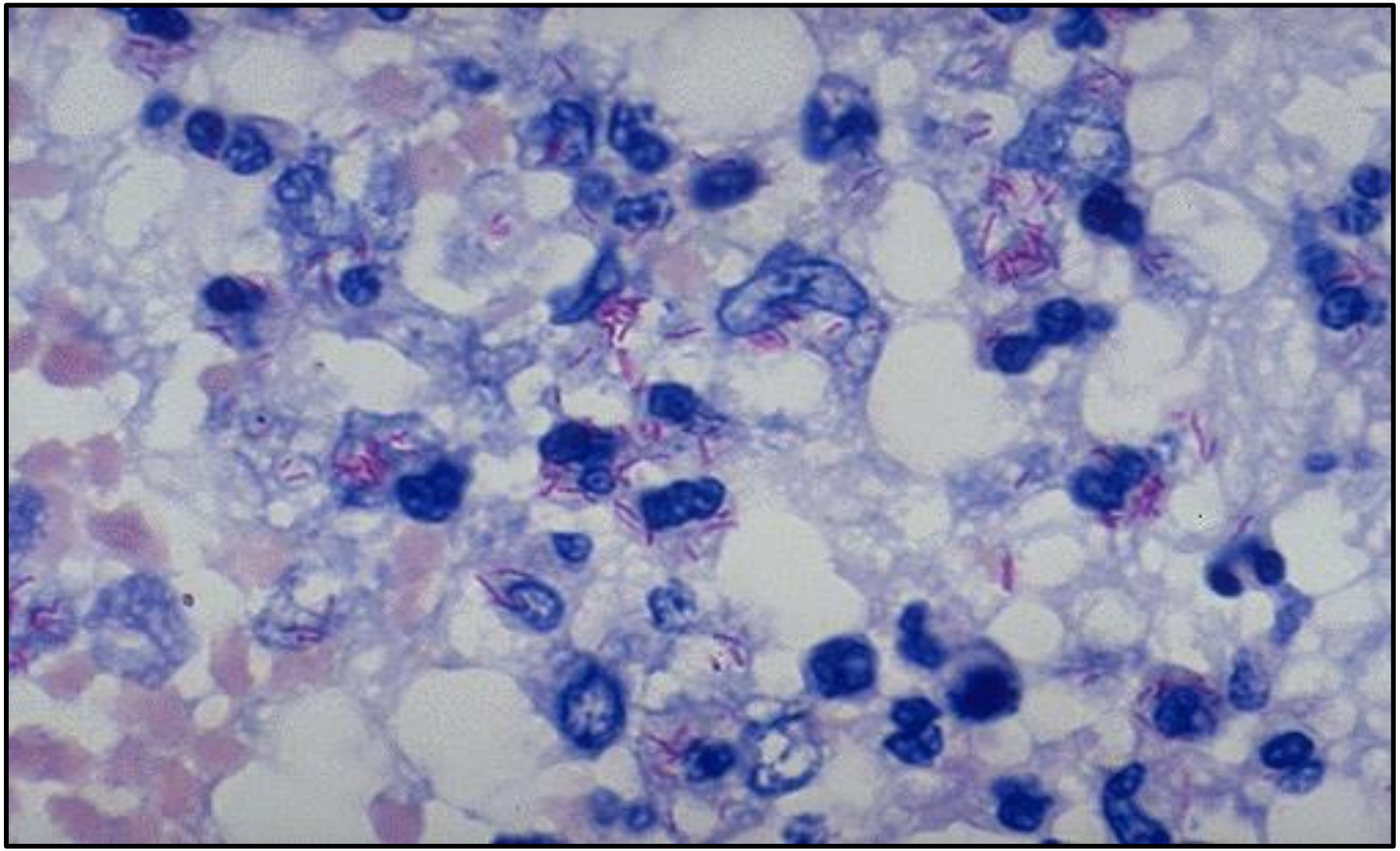
Section of bone shows granuloma formation with epithelioid like cells , langhans-type giant cells and rim of lymphocytes

Gross pathology of T.B Osteomyelitis of the vertebral Column (Pott's Disease)



Granulomatous necrosis of vertebral column

Acid Fast bacilli of Mycobacterium TB in the Lung



A stain for Acid Fast Bacilli (AFB stain) also called Zeil Nelson stain is done to find the mycobacteria . The mycobacteria stain as red rods, as seen here at high magnification.
Molecular test → PCR (Polymerase chain reaction) is also done for acid fast bacilli

BONE TUMORS

Osteochondroma
(osteochondroma exostosis)

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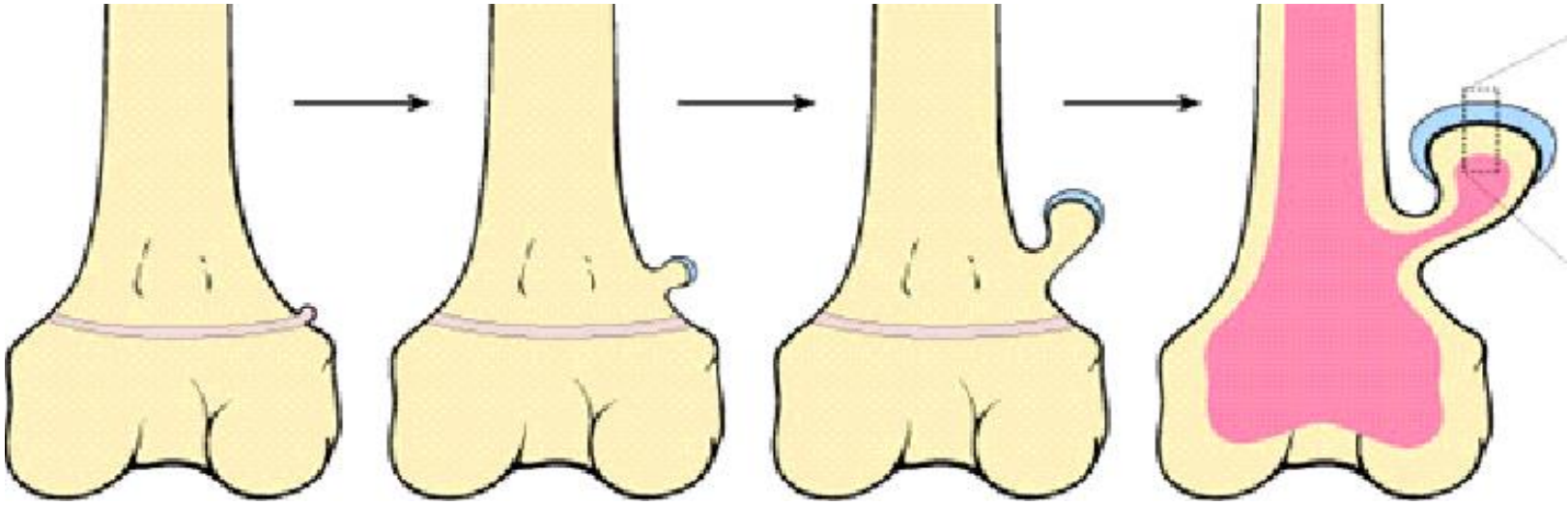


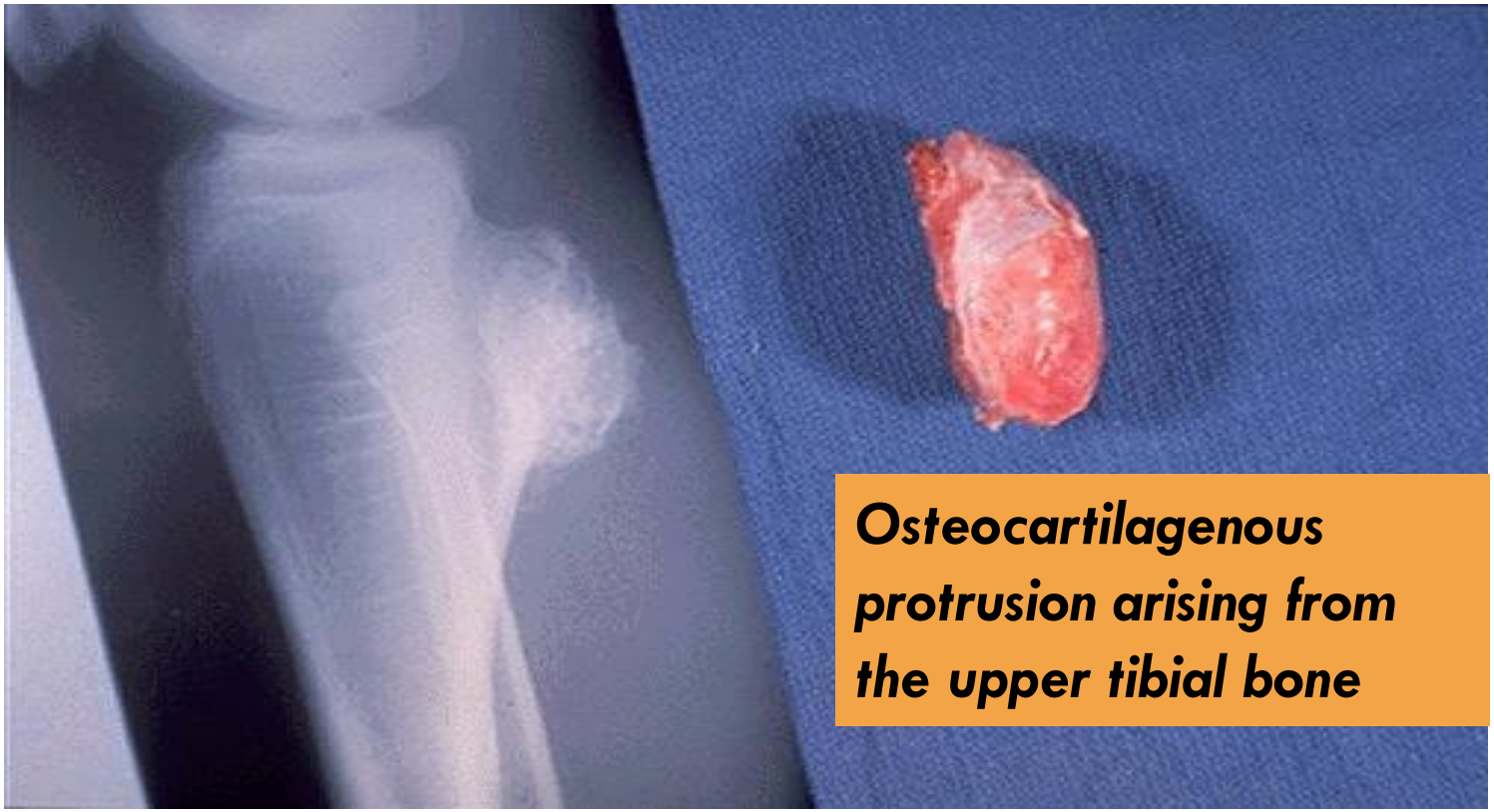
- The solitary osteochondroma is the most common benign bone tumors
- Seen in patients aged from 10-30 years
- Arise during skeletal growth
- Equally in males and females
- Etiology is unknown

Case # 7

- A 16 -year-old male was found to have a small swelling protruding from upper part of his leg with local pain .

MRI picture showing two osteochondromatous exostosis which are arising from the upper third of fibula .

Osteochondroma: Gross & X-ray

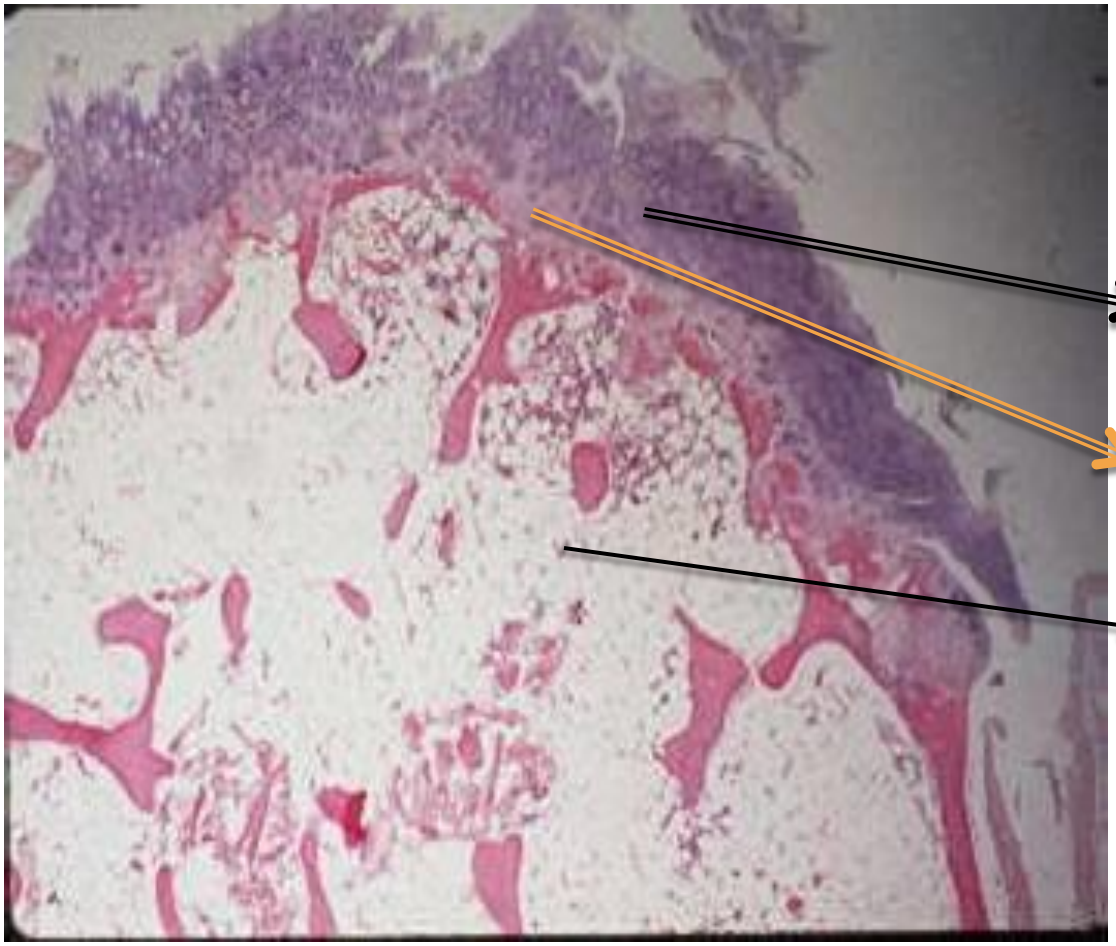


Most are solitary, incidental lesions that may be excised if they cause local pain. There is a rare condition of multiple osteochondromatosis marked by bone deformity and by a greater propensity for development of chondrosarcoma.

Osteochondroma - Gross

Solitary osteochondroma. Gross osteochondroma specimen at the time of resection. Bone stalk and overlying membrane on cartilage cap.

Osteochondroma - LPF



The microscopic appearance of an osteochondroma displays the benign cartilagenous cap at the upper and the bony cortex at the left lower.

Prognosis is Excellent

Possible complication : *- Chondrosarcoma may occur if these lesions are multiple*

Osteosarcoma

Case # 8

- An 18-year-old female presented to the rheumatology clinic with 2 months history of pain and swelling in her upper thigh with weight loss .

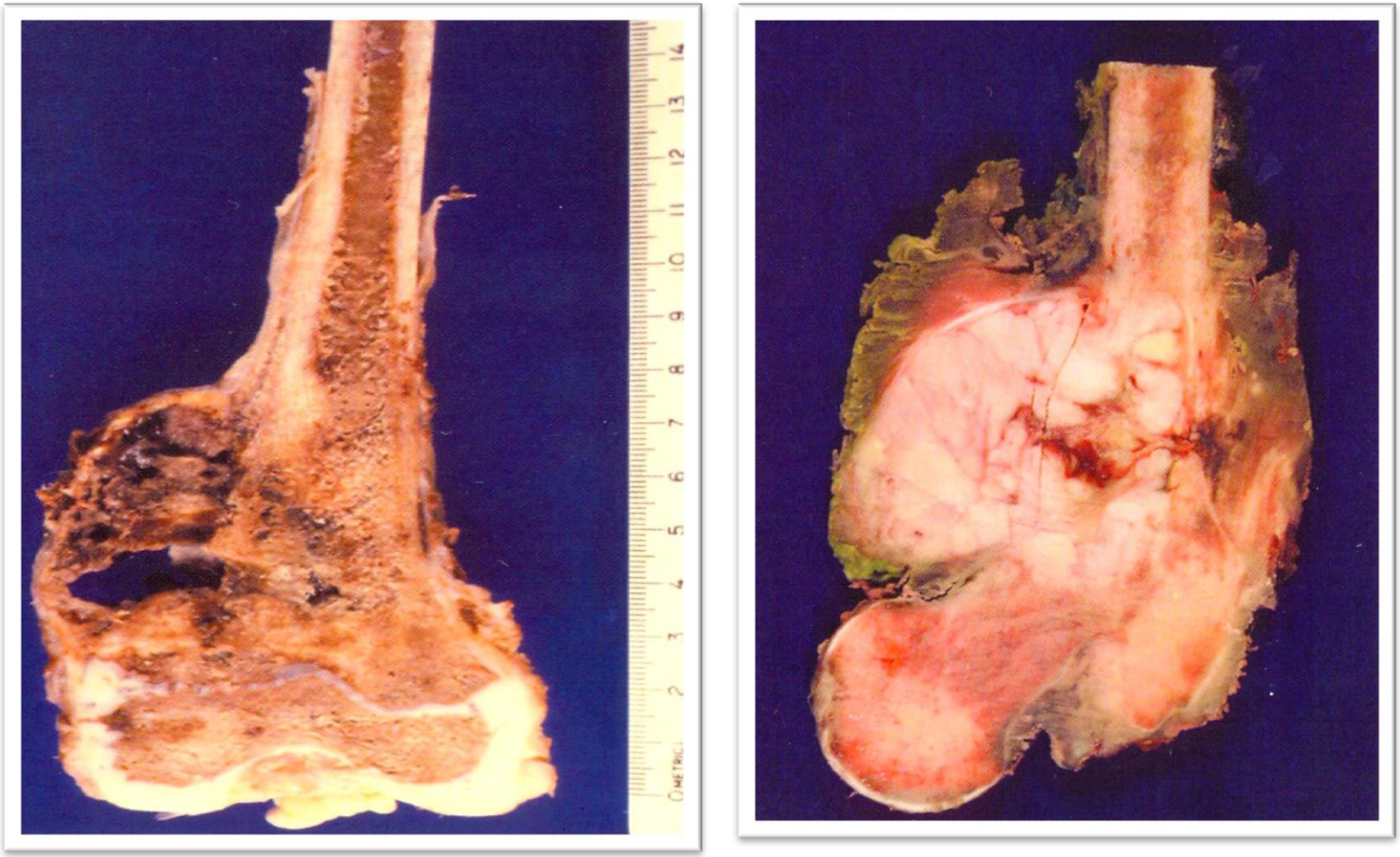
Osteosarcoma of the upper end of the tibia

- Malignant tumor of mesenchymal origin
- 2nd most common primary bone tumor
- *RB gene mutation is seen in 60% of these cases.*
- *In elderly patient, paget's disease and previous radiation exposure are predisposing factors.*
- *Classical radiological feature seen is CODMAN triangle*

The tan-white tumor fills most of the medullary cavity of the metaphysis and proximal diaphysis.

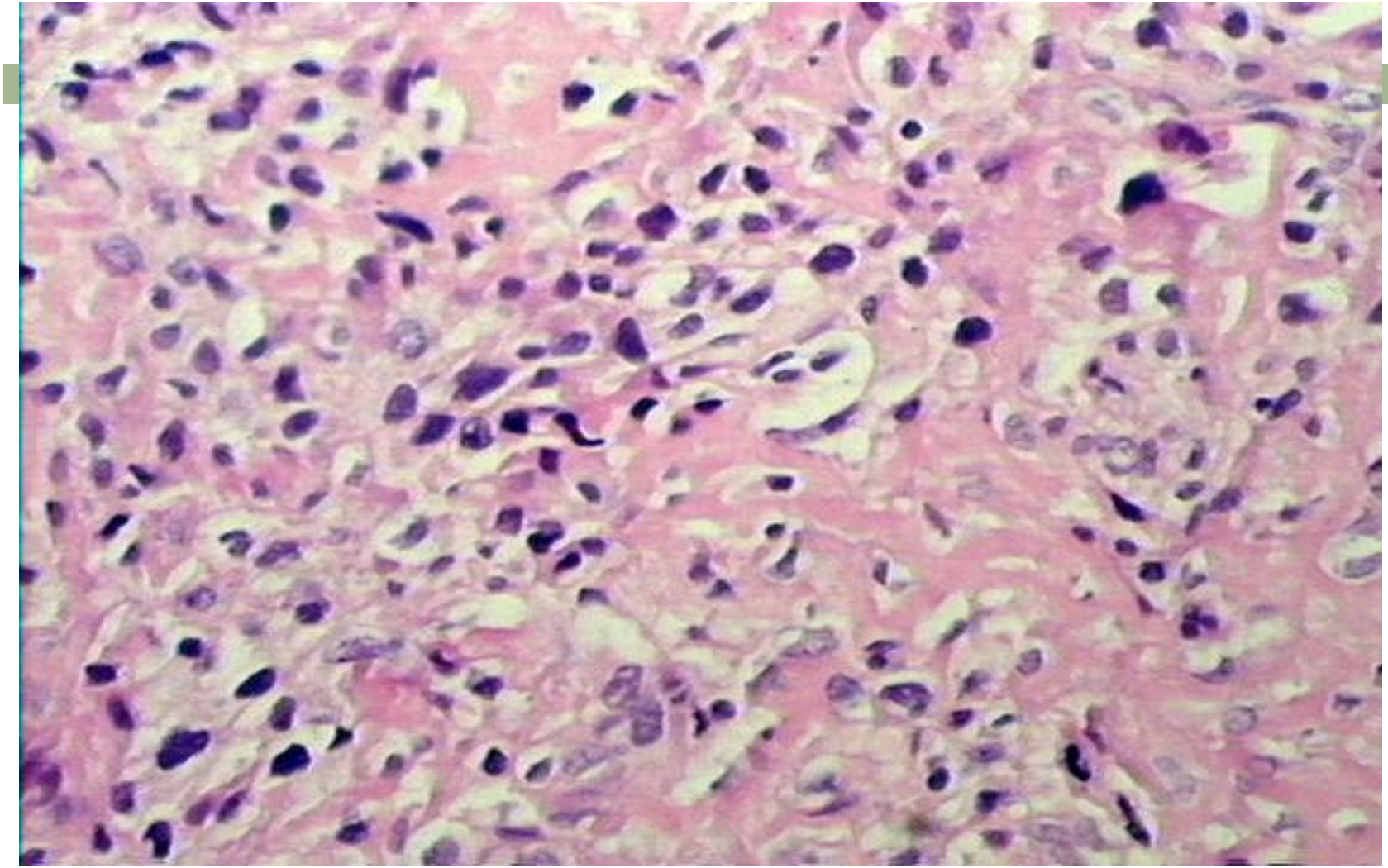
It has infiltrated through the cortex, lifted the periosteum, and formed soft tissue masses on both sides of the bone.

Conventional Osteosarcoma - Gross



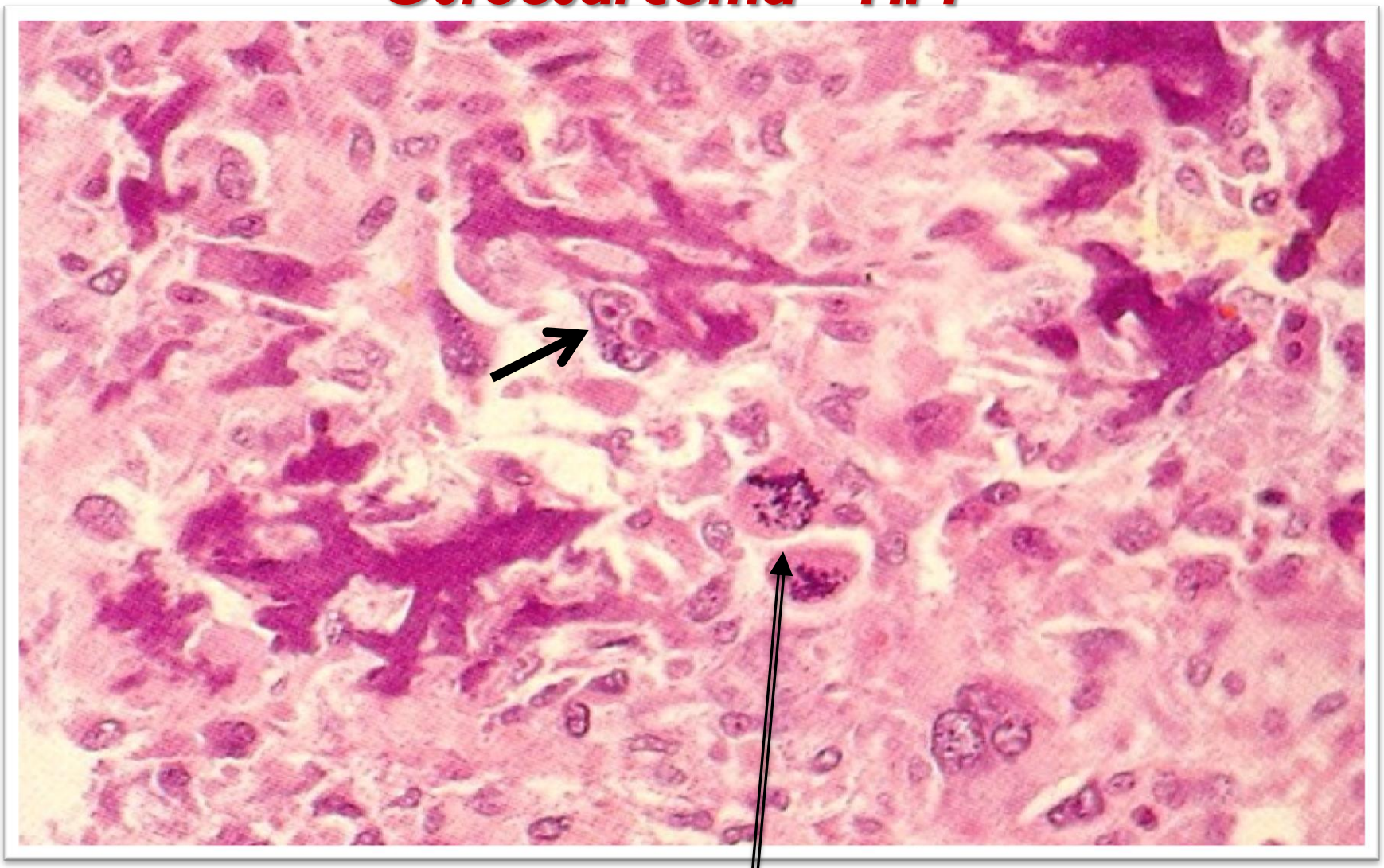
Mixture of osteoid, fibrous, cartilaginous, necrotic, hemorrhagic, cystic areas

Osteosarcoma - LPF



- *Pleomorphic and hyperchromatic nuclei of malignant cells.*
- *Osteoid formation by the tumor cells.*

Osteosarcoma - HPF



Malignant osteoid producing Spindle cells, giant cells,

Abnormal Mitosis

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