



Non-infectious arthritis



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Objectives

To know the primary articular defect in osteoarthritis, (degenerative joint disease), its pathogenesis, morphology, major joints affected and the clinical course.

Understand the etiology, pathogenesis, morphology major joints affected, serology and the clinical course of rheumatoid arthritis.

Be aware of Gout and gouty arthritis, its pathogenesis, morphology of acute and chronic lesions and its clinical course.

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• a non-neoplastic disorder of progressive degeneration of cartilage results in structural and functional failure of synovial joints .

• most common disease of joints, and important degenerative disease, with both destructive and reparative components.

• Intrinsic disorder of cartilage in which chondrocytes respond to biochemical and mechanical stresses resulting in the breakdown of the matrix and failure of its repair.

Aetiology	
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Pathogenesis

In general, osteoarthritis affects joints that are constantly exposed to wear and tear. It is an important component of occupational joint disease.

e.g. osteoarthritis of:

a. the fingers in typists. b. the knee in professional footballers

Results from degeneration of the articular cartilage and its disordered repair.

Normal articular cartilage performs two functions:

A. Provides friction-free movement within the joint with the help of the synovial fluid.

B. In weight-bearing joints, it spreads the load across the joint surface.

These functions require the cartilage to be elastic (i.e. to regain normal architecture after compression) and to have high tensile strength.

These attributes are provided by proteoglycans and type II collagen, both produced by chondrocytes.

chondrocyte function is affected by a variety of influences: mechanical stresses ,aging and Genetic factors.

Imbalance in the expression, activity, and signaling of cytokines and growth factors that results in degradation and loss of matrix.

The type II collagen network also is diminished as a result of decreased local synthesis and increased breakdown.

Pathogenesis Cont.

The changes to chondrocytes can be divided into three phases:

1-Chondrocyte injury, related to genetic and biochemical factors.

2-Early OA:

Chondrocytes proliferate and secrete inflammatory mediators, collagens, proteoglycans, and proteases.
Result in remodeling of the cartilaginous matrix and initiate secondary inflammatory changes in the synovium and subchondral bone.

3-Late OA:

 Repetitive injury and chronic inflammation lead to chondrocyte drop out, marked loss of cartilage, and extensive subchondral bone changes.

- The early change: destruction of articular cartilage, which splits (fibrillation), becomes eroded, and leads to narrowing of the joint space on X ray.
- There is inflammation and thickening of the joint capsule and synovium.

Common sites

- usually one joint or same joint bilaterally
- Gender has some influence:
- \circ Women : knees and hands
- \circ Men : hips
- Pathological changes involves:

cartilage , bone , synovium , joint capsule with secondary effects on muscle(atrophy).

Morphologic changes/pathogenesis

1. Normal articular cartilage.

2. Fibrillation and cracking of the matrix occur as the superficial layers of the cartilage are degraded.

- 3. fragmentation of articular surface and thinning of cartilage.
- 4. Calcification of cartilage margins.
- 5. Eventually, full-thickness portions of

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the cartilage are lost, and the subchondral bone plate is exposed and is smoothened by friction, giving it the appearance of polished ivory, constant friction of bone surfaces with polished bone (bone eburnation).

6. Small fractures can dislodge pieces of cartilage and subchondral bone into the joint, forming loose bodies.

7. The fracture gaps allow synovial fluid to be forced into the subchondral regions to form fibrous walled cysts, of underlying bone (small cyst).
8. formation of lips of new bone Mushroom-shaped <u>osteophytes</u> (bony outgrowths) develop at the margins of the articular surface.

9. extensive loss of cartilage cystic degeneration of underlying bone.

Primary (idiopathic):

- appears insidiously with age and without apparent initiating cause
- usually affecting only a few joints (oligoarticular)

Secondary: in younger age group

Types

- Some predisposing condition, such as previous traumatic injury, developmental deformity (anomaly), or underlying systemic disease such as diabetes, ochronosis, hemochromatosis, or marked obesity, SCD.
- Secondary osteoarthritis usually affect young
- Often involves one or several predisposed joints
- Less than 5% of cases.

Osteoarthritis: Histologic demonstration of the characteristic fibrillation of the articular cartilage. Cracking and fibrillation of cartilage.

- Eburnated articular surface exposing subchondral bone
 Subchondral cyst
 Residual articular
 - cartilage

Clinical features/course

An insidious disease predominantly affecting patients beginning in their 50s and 60s.
Characteristic symptoms include deep, aching pain exacerbated by use, morning stiffness and limited range of movement, crepitus (grating or popping sensation in the joint).

- Swelling of affected joints
- Osteophyte impingement on spinal foramina can cause nerve root compression with radicular pain, muscle

spasms, muscle atrophy, and neurologic deficits.

• Heberden nodes in fingers of women only (osteophytes at DIP joints).

- Loose bodies: may form if portion of articular cartilage breaks off.
- Usually only one or a few joints are involved

 Common joints: hips, knees, lower lumbar and cervical vertebrae.

 Proximal and distal interphalangeal joints of the fingers, first carpometacarpal joints, and first tarsometatarsal joints of the feet.

Prognosis

• Osteoarthrosis is a slowly progressive, chronic joint disability.

- With time, significant joint deformity can occur.
- Eventually, elderly sufferers may become confined to wheelchairs.
- Recent advancements in the technique of joint replacement with prostheses have improved the outlook of these patients.
- Treatment usually is based on symptoms, with joint replacement in severe cases

 NSAIDs, (could cause throat pain)intra-articular injection, arthroplasty

Nodes

Heberden nodes

prominent osteophytes at the <u>distal</u> interphalangeal joint, are common in women

Bouchard node

a similar swelling affecting the proximal interphalangeal joint

Bouchard=Proximal

Examples of Disc Problems

(Left) In this x-ray of a normal knee, the space between the bones indicates healthy cartilage (arrows). (Right) This x-ray of an arthritic knee shows severe loss of joint space.

Rheumatoid arthritis

DEFINITION

- Systemic, chronic inflammatory autoimmune disease affecting synovial lining of joints, bursa and tendon sheaths and many tissues(skin, heart, blood vessel, lung,muscles) but principally attacking the joints
- Cause (produces) a nonsuppurative proliferative synovitis that frequently progresses to destroy articular cartilage and joint ankylosis and underlying bone with resulting disabling arthritis and ankylosis (adhesions)

Extra-Articular Manifestations

Pathogenesis/Aetiology

The changes are caused mainly by cytokine-mediated inflammation, with CD4+ T helper cells being the principal source of the cytokines autoimmune reaction then occurs with

T helper activation and release of inflammatory mediators, TNF and cytokines, that destroys joints

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Many patients produce antibodies against cyclic citrullinated peptides (CCPs)

Antibodies to citrullinated fibrinogen,
 type II collagen, α-enolase, and

vimentin are the

most important

 Form immune complexes that deposit in the joints Initiate the autoimmune response in RA by reacting with an arthritogenic agent, perhaps microbial or a self-antigen

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triggered by exposure of immunogenetically susceptible host to arthitogenic microbial antigen

circulating immune complexes deposit in cartilage, activate complement, cause cartilage damage Parvovirus B19 may be important in pathogenesis

Rheumatoid factor (autoantibodies)

Can be found in patients without the disease

About 80% of patients have serum immunoglobulin M (IgM) or IgA autoantibodies that bind to the Fc portions of their own IgG

They may form immune complexes with self- IgG that deposit in joints and other tissues, leading to inflammation and tissue damage

They are not uniformly present in all patients with RA and also can be found in patients without the disease

 Typically manifests as a symmetric arthritis principally affecting the small joints of the hand and feet

The characteristic histologic features include

Morphology

Synovial cell hyperplasia and proliferation

Pannus

a mass of edematous synovium,formed by proliferating synovial-lining cells admixed with inflammatory cells, granulation tissue, and fibroblast fibrous connective tissue that grows over the articular cartilage and causes its erosion

 Eventually the pannus fills the joint space, In time, after the cartilage has been destroyed ,the pannus bridges the opposing bones to form a fibrous ankylosis, which eventually ossifies and results in fusion of the bones, called bony ankylosis (subsequent fibrosis and calcification may cause permanent ankylosis.)

Congested hyperplastic synovium Eroded bone and cartilage

Swan neck:

hyperextension of the proximal interphalangeal joint (PIP) and flexion of the distal interphalangeal joint (DIP) Boutonniere: flexion of the PIP and hyperextension of the DIP.

Laboratory findings

joints are warm, swollen, painful, stiff in morning

Dx: clinical data, rheumatoid nodules, rheumatoid factor, Antibodies against cyclic citrullinated peptides and typical radiographic changes

- (1/4 of RA patients)
- Subcutaneous tissue including the forearm, elbows, occiput, and lumbosacral area
- Rarely, RA can involve the lungs (rheumatoid nodules, interstitial lung disease)
- Rheumatoid nodules are firm, nontender, oval or rounded masses as large as 2 cm in diameter
- Histologically resemble necrotizing granulomas
- Central focus of fibrinoid necrosis surrounded by a palisade of macrophages
- Which in turn is rimmed by granulation tissue and lymphocytes

Example : Female slide only

Multiple rheumatoid nodules in the lung

These nodules are more common in men. They may cavitate; they may require further investigation to exclude the possibility of malignancy

Subcutaneous rheumatoid nodule

The upper forearm and elbow are the most common sites for skin nodules in rheumatoid arthritis. These nodules result from vasculitis, and they may ulcerate or become necrotic, as has occurred at the elbow of this patient.

Rheumatoid episcleritis

May present acute as a localized area of inflammation.It is common ocular complication of rheumatoid arthritis but does not carry the same poor prognosis as scleritis

Prognosis

- The clinical course of RA is highly variable
- In a minority of patients, the disease may stabilize or even regress
- In most patients it pursues a chronic, remitting-relapsing course
- Progressive joint destruction leading to disability after 10 to 15 years
- The outcome has been dramatically improved by recent advances in therapy
- Reactive amyloidosis, which develops in 5% to 10% of these patients, particularly
- those with long-standing severe disease
- Reduces life expectancy by 3-7 years
- Death due to amyloidosis, vasculitis, GI bleeds from NSAIDs, infections from steroids.

- The disease is caused by an autoimmune response against an unknown self antigen(s)
- RA is a chronic inflammatory disease that affects mainly the joints, especially small joints, but can affect multiple tissues
- The cytokine TNF plays a central role, and antagonists against TNF are of great benefit
- This leads to T-cell reactions in the joint with production cytokines that activate phagocytes that damage tissues and stimulate proliferation of synovial cells (synovitis)

Comparison of Osteoarthrosis & Rheumatoid Arthritis

	Osteoarthrosis	Rheumatoid Arthritis			
Basic process	Degenerative	Immunologic, inflammatory			
Site of initial lesion	Articular cartilage	Synovium			
Age	50 plus	Any, but peaks at age 20–40 years			
Sex	Male or female	Female > male			
Joints involved	Especially knees, hips, spine; asymmetric involvement	Hands, later large joints; multiple symmetric involvement			
Fingers	Herberden's nodes	Ulnar deviation, spindle swelling			
Nodules	No	Rheumatoid nodules			
Systemic features	None	Uveitis, pericarditis, etc.			
Constitutional symptoms	None	Fever, malaise in some			
Laboratory findings	None	Rheumatoid factor; rerythrocyte sedimentation rate; anemia, leukocytosis, hyperglobulinemia			
Joint fluid	Clear, normally viscous; no inflammatory cells	Clear; low viscosity, high protein; neutrophils, some lymphocytes; immunoglobulins, complement, rheumatoid factor			

Gout(podagra)

<u>Helpful Video</u>

Gout is an inflammatory disease.

The most commonly affected site is: first metatarsophalangeal joint.

It is swollen, red, and very painful

sodium urate crystals have precipitated into the joint, producing an acute inflammatory response.

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Gout(podagra)

Transient attacks of acute arthritis initiated by urate crystals deposited within and around joints

Gout affects about 1% of the population, and shows a predilection for males

It is caused by excessive amounts of uric acid

- Overproduction
- Under excretion

Hyperuricemia (plasma urate level above 6.8 mg/dL) is necessary, but not sufficient, for the development of gout

Monosodium urate crystals precipitate from supersaturated body fluids and induce an acute inflammatory reaction

Recurrent episodes of acute arthritis, sometimes accompanied by the formation of large crystalline aggregates called tophi, and eventual permanent joint deformity

Risk Factors

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Gout(podagra)

Morphology

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Morphology

Acute arthritis

- Dense inflammation in synovium and synovial fluid
- Crystals in cytoplasm of neutrophils and synovium
 - Long, slender, needle, negative birefringence
 - Synovium is edematous and congested with few lymphocytes, plasma cells and macrophages

- Chronic tophaceous arthritis
- Repetitive precipitation of crystals
- Chalky deposits in synovium
- Synovium: hyperplastic, fibrotic and thickened by inflammatory cells that form PANNUS destroy the cartilage

Acute on chronic gout in the little finger

The tophi helped to confirm the diagnosis. On aspiration, they were found to contain monosodium urate monohydrate crystals

polarized light

Gout(podagra)

Long, slender, needle-shaped monosodium urate crystals

TOPHI

- Large aggregations of urate crystals surrounded by an macrophages,
- lymphocytes intense foreign body giant cell reaction. In routinely processed sections, the crystals are removed during processing.
- Cartilage, ligaments, tendons, and bursae are pathognomonic of gout

Gouty nephropathy

- Urate crystals or tophi in the renal medullary interstitium or tubules
 - Uric acid nephrolithiasis and pyelonephritis

Approximately 20% of patients die of renal the collecting tubes failure. Renal lesions are many:

- precipitation of urates in the medulla forms tophi uric acid stones
- acute renal failure due to precipitation of urates in the collecting tubes

Uric acid crystals from a synovial fluid sample

long ,slender, needle-shaped monosodium urate crystals

Appears around puberty in men and after menopause in women

		joint pain, hyperemia,	Resolution of acute	attack
		warmth		
perty in	50% metatarsophalangeal joint	Symptom free	Radiology: show characteristic juxta-articular bone erosion caused by	
	Last for hours to weeks	Frequent attacks and multiple joints (in the	osteoclastic bone resorption	
			treatment)	Loss of joint space

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White tophi involving the joint and soft tissues

Disease	Findings				
Pyogenic arthritis	Purulent fluid exudate; large numbers of neutrophils; culture positive for bacteria				
Tuberculous Fluid exudate (high protein and specific gravity); neutrophils and mononuc arthritis culture positive for Mycobacterium tuberculosis					
Rheumatoid arthritis	Clear fluid, high protein content; inflammatory cells: neutrophils and mononuclear cells; increased immunoglobulins and complement; rheumatoid factor present in many cases				
Osteoarthrosis	Clear fluid, high protein content; no inflammatory cells				
Gout	Urate crystals				
Chondrocalcinosis	Calcium pyrophosphate crystals				

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Calcium Pyrophosphate Crystal Deposition Disease (Pseudogout)

- Also known as pseudo-gout and chondrocalcinosis
- This condition is due to the deposition of CPP in the synovium (pseudogout) and articular cartilage (chondrocalcinosis)
- It can occur in three main settings:
- 1. Sporadic (more common in the elderly)
- 2. Hereditary
- 3. Secondary to other conditions, such as previous joint damage, hyperparathyroidism, hypothyroidism, haemochromatosis and diabetes
- The crystals first develop in the articular cartilage (chondrocalcinosis), which is usually asymptomatic.
- From here, the crystals may shed into the joint cavity resulting in an acute arthritis, which mimics gout and is therefore called pseudogout.

Pseudogout can

be differentiated from gout in three ways:

The knee is most commonly involved, wrist, elbow, shoulder, ankle

X-rays show the characteristic line of calcification of the articular cartilage

The crystals look different under polarizing microscopy, they are rhomboid in shape, positively birefringent

Word (disease)	The word that leads to the disease (symptoms, features or a word)			
Rheumatoid arthritis	Associated with HLA-DR4 , Hallmark is synovitis leading to formation of pannus (inflamed granulation tissue) , Anti-CCP is specific marker for this disease			
Rheumatoid arthritis	swan neck shaped fingers			
Osteoarthritis	Results from <u>degeneration</u> of the articular cartilage and its disordered repair.			
Osteoarthritis	formation of lips of new bone Mushroom-shaped <u>osteophytes</u> The fracture gaps allow synovial fluid to be forced into the subchondral regions to form fibrous walled <u>Cysts</u>			
Osteoarthritis	constant friction of bone surfaces with polished bone (bone eburnation).			
Osteoarthritis	<u>Bouchard node=Proximal</u> IPJ Heberden nodes=Distal IPJ			

Q1: A 50 years old woman was complaining of joint pain that she felt in different intervals in the last couple of years mainly in hands and feet, after examination it was revealed that she had swan neck shaped fingers with ulnar deviation What serologic test would confirm the diagnosis ?						
A. IgM		B. Anti CCp		C. IgG		D. IgA
Q2: As a medical stu 59-year old lady who	Q2: As a medical student, you have been asked by your supervisor to perform a clinical examination on a 59-year old lady who is a known case of rheumatoid arthritis. Which one of the following can be detected in her hands and wrists?					
A. Bouchard's nodes		B. Swan-neck deformity		C. Heberden's nodes		D. Tophi
Q3-a non-neoplastic disorder of progressive erosion of articular cartilage?						
Osteoarthritis		rheumatoid arthritis		septic arthritis		SLE
Q4-A 36 year old type 2 diabetic(Obese) Male was complaining of aching pain in his Knee joint with limited joint mobility, Which one of the following is most likely to be the cause?						
Primary Osteoarthritis		rheumatoid arthritis		Secondary Osteoarthritis		gout
Q5:Which ONE of the following is a possible cause for secondary gout?						
A. Increase uric acid production		B. Increased purine degradation		C. Lambert eaton syndrome		D. Increased purine excretion
Q6:What joint is most commonly involved in gout?						
A. 2nd metatarsophal angeal joint		B. 1st proximal interphalangeal joint		C. 1st metatarso-phalang eal joint		D. 1st distal interphalangeal joint

3nswers; 1:B, 2:B, 3:A, 4:C, 5:A, 6:C

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