

# The Skeleton

- The human skeleton contains 206 individual bones.
- The bones of the skull, spine, ribs, and sternum form the axial skeleton.
- The other bones, including those of the arms, legs, pelvis, and shoulder, form the appendicular skeleton.



### Types of bones based on shape



Sesamoid bone (patella)



Distal epiphysis



# Structure of Bone







(a) Osteons (haversian systems) in compact bone and trabeculae in spongy bone

# Growth of Bones

- During development, a type of connective tissue called cartilage is gradually replaced by bone as minerals are deposited.
- In compact bone, new bone cells are added in layers around narrow, hollow channels called Haversian canals.
- Bone cells called osteocytes maintain the mineral content of bone.





# Initial Bone Formation in an Embryo and Fetus Intramembranous ossification





Development of ossification center: osteoblasts secrete organic extracellular matrix.



Formation of trabeculae: extracellular matrix develops into trabeculae that fuse to form spongy bone.



2 Calcification: calcium and other mineral salts are deposited and extracellular matrix calcifies (hardens).



Development of the periosteum: mesenchyme at the periphery of the bone develops into the periosteum.

# Endochondral ossification





### Fracture and Repair of Bone



### Steps in repair of a bone fracture

**1. Reactive phase**: This phase is an early inflammatory phase.

Blood vessels crossing the fracture line are broken.

This mass of blood, called a fracture hematoma usually forms 6 to 8 hours after the injury.

Swelling and inflammation occur in response to dead bone cells.

Phagocytes (neutrophils and macrophages) and osteoclasts begin to remove the dead or damaged tissue in and around the fracture hematoma.

This stage may last up to several weeks.

**2. Reparative phase:** The reparative phase is characterized by two events: the formation of a

fibrocartilaginous callus and a bony callus to bridge the gap between the broken ends of the bones.

Fibroblasts from the periosteum invade the fracture site and produce collagen fibers.

In addition, cells from the periosteum develop into chondroblasts and begin to produce **fibrocartilage** in this region.

The fibrocartilage is converted to spongy bone, and the callus is then referred to as a bony (hard) callus. The bony callus lasts about 3 to 4 months.

**3. Bone remodeling phase:** The final phase of fracture repair is bone remodeling of the callus. Dead portions of the original fragments of broken bone are gradually resorbed by osteoclasts.

# Osteoporosis



Normal bone

Bone in osteoporosis

Dowager's hump

- In young adults, the density of bone usually remains constant.
- Severe bone loss can lead to a condition called osteoporosis. In osteoporosis, bones become brittle and are easily fractured.

# Bone Marrow and Production of Red Blood Cells



# Human Skeleton

#### The Bones of the Adult Skeletal System

DIVISION OF THE SKELETON	STR
Axial skeleton	Skul Cı Fa Hyo Aud Vert Tho St Ri

STRUCTURE OF I	ABER BONES
Skull	
Cranium	8
Face	14
Hyoid bone	1
Auditory ossicles (see Figure 17.18)	6
Vertebral column	26
Thorax	
Sternum	1
Ribs	24
Number of bones =	= 80

DIVISION OF THE SKELETON
Appendicular skeleton

	STRUCTURE	NUMBE OF BON	
ton	Pectoral (shoulder) girdles		
	Clavicle	2	
	Scapula	2	
	Upper limbs		
	Humerus	2	
	Ulna	2	
	Radius	2	
	Carpals	16	
	Metacarpals	10	
	Phalanges	28	
N	Pelvic (hip) girdle		
11	Hip, pelvic, or coxal bone	2	
	Lower limbs		
	Femur	2	
	Patella	2	
	Fibula	2	
	Tibia	2	
	Tarsals	14	
	Metatarsals	10	
	Phalanges	28	
	Number of bor	hes = 126	
	Total bones in an adult skeleton = 206		



# The Skeleton, continued

#### **Axial Skeleton**

- The most complex part of the axial skeleton is the skull. The skull is attached to the top of the spine, or backbone, which is a flexible, curving column of vertebrae.
- Curving forward from the middle vertebrae are 12 pairs of ribs, which form the rib cage.

#### Appendicular Skeleton

- The appendicular skeleton forms the appendages, or limbs—the shoulders, arms, hips, and legs.
- The shoulder attachment is called the pectoral girdle. The hip attachment is called the pelvic girdle.





<sup>(</sup>b) Superior view





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(a) Anterior view of pectoral girdle

(b) Posterior view of pectoral girdle



(b) Posterior view





Anterosuperior view of pelvic girdle









# Joints

- A joint is a place where two bones meet. Pads of cartilage cushion the ends of the bones of a joint, enabling the joint to withstand great pressure and stress.
- The bones of a joint are held together by strong bands of connective tissue called ligaments.

### Joints, continued

#### **Three Main Types of Joints**

- Immovable joints permit little or no movement of the bones they join (ex. cranial bones).
- Slightly movable joints permit limited movement of the bones they join (ex. rib cage).
- Freely movable joints (ex. knee) permit movement. The direction of bone movement is determined by the structure of the joint.



### Joints, continued

#### **Disorders of Joints**

- When a disease afflicts the bones, connective tissue, or lubricating tissues in a freely movable joint, the joint's ability to move may be impaired.
- Rheumatoid arthritis is a painful inflammation of freely movable joints.
  Osteoarthritis is a disorder that causes the degeneration of cartilage that covers the surfaces of bones.