

Microscopic structure of the alveolar process, clinical aspects of bone remodelling
Anatomy and histology of temporomandibular joint

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Overview of bone microstructure, and bone plasticity

Two main functions:

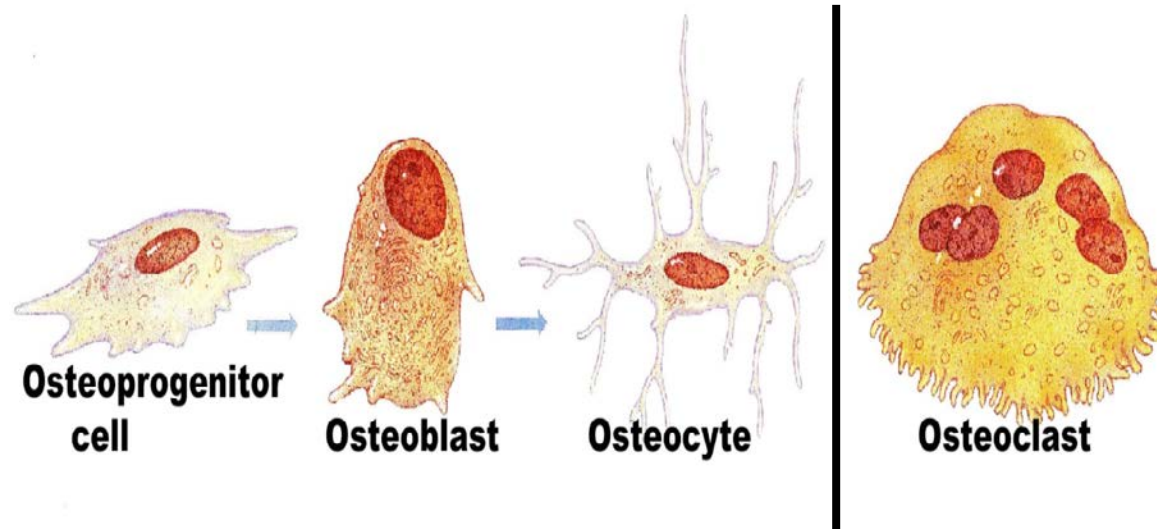
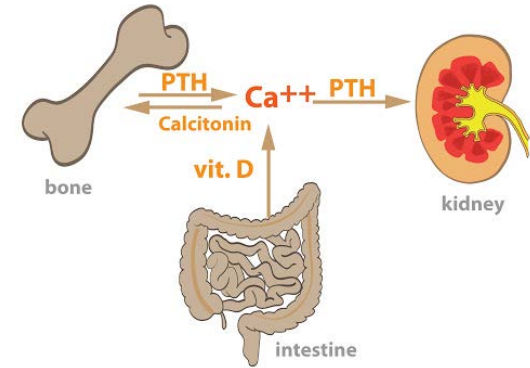
Structural – forming skeleton

Storage of Ca^{2+} in our bodies (99 %) - releasing calcium from bone into blood and vice versa

Composition:

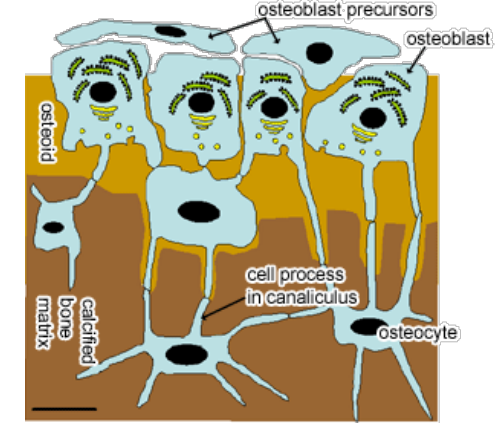
Cells

Extracellular matrix (ECM) - bone matrix



Cells in bone

osteoblasts a osteocytes; osteoclasts



Osteoblasts

Synthesize organic component of extracelullar bone matrix:
Collagen I, proteoglycans, glycoproteins

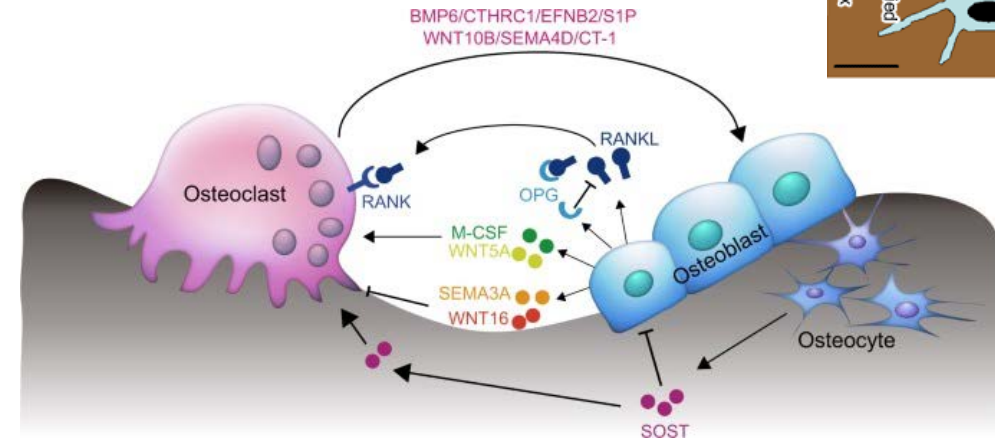
Deposit inorganic salts in matrix

During development forms one layer of cells on the surface

Osteocytes

„Resting“ forms of osteoblasts, have small oval bodies with thin cytoplasmic processes

Inhabit bone lacunea and its procesess are in **canaliculi ossium**

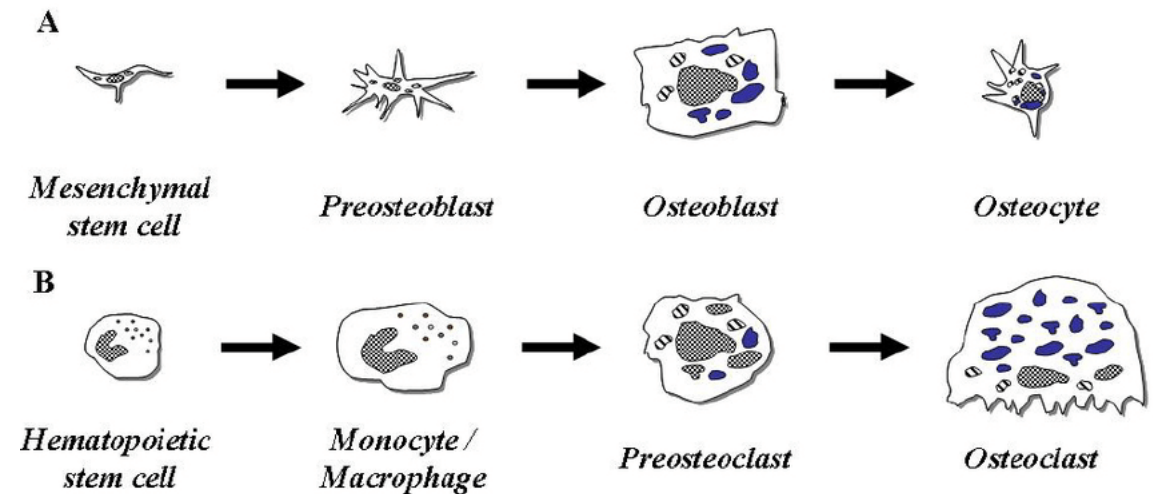


Osteoclasts

Large cells (diameter around 100 um), with multiple iregular procesess

Multinuclear – number of nuclei may be 50 or more, originate by the fusion of monocytes/macrophages

Digest/decompose bone matrix. Essential for bone remodelling



Extracellular matrix (ECM) – Bone matrix

Inorganic (+- 45 %) and **Organic** (+- 30 %), rest is Water

Inorganic component

Responsible for hardness and stiffness of bones

Formed by hydroxyapatite crystals – have shape of flat plates of hexagonal profile measuring 40 x 25 x 3 nm, deposited parallel to collagen fibrils

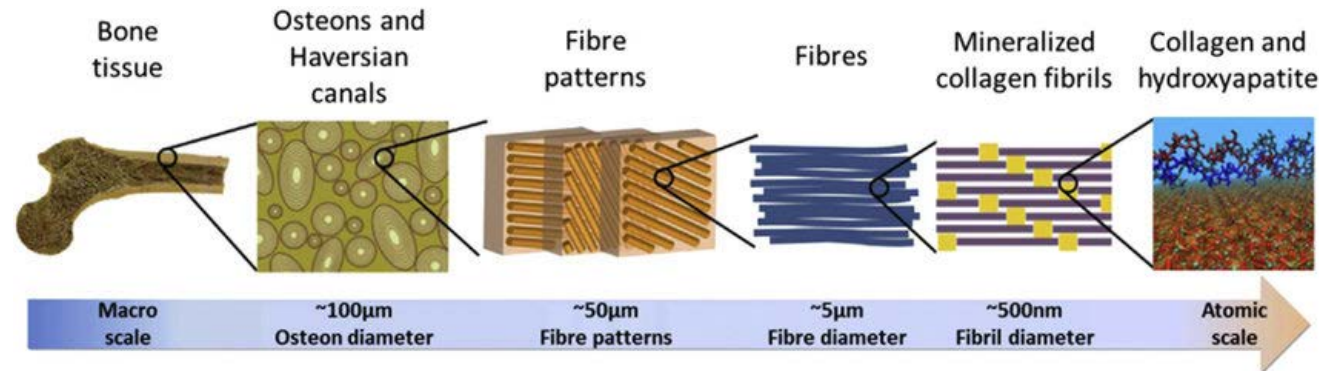
Organic component

Mainly **Collagen I**, then **proteoglycans** (glycosaminoglycans associated with proteins) and **adhesive proteins** – sialoprotein, osteocalcin, osteopontin, osteonectin

Important role in calcium deposition during bone growth and remodelling

Inorganic components are responsible for bone hardness while collagenous fibres determine the resilience and flexibility of bone

The ratio between inorganic and organic component is essential for the right mechanical behaviour



Histologically we divide 2 types of bone tissue

Woven bone (primary)

Primitive structure

Resembles calcified fibrous connective tissue

Firstly developer (during growth and remodelling)

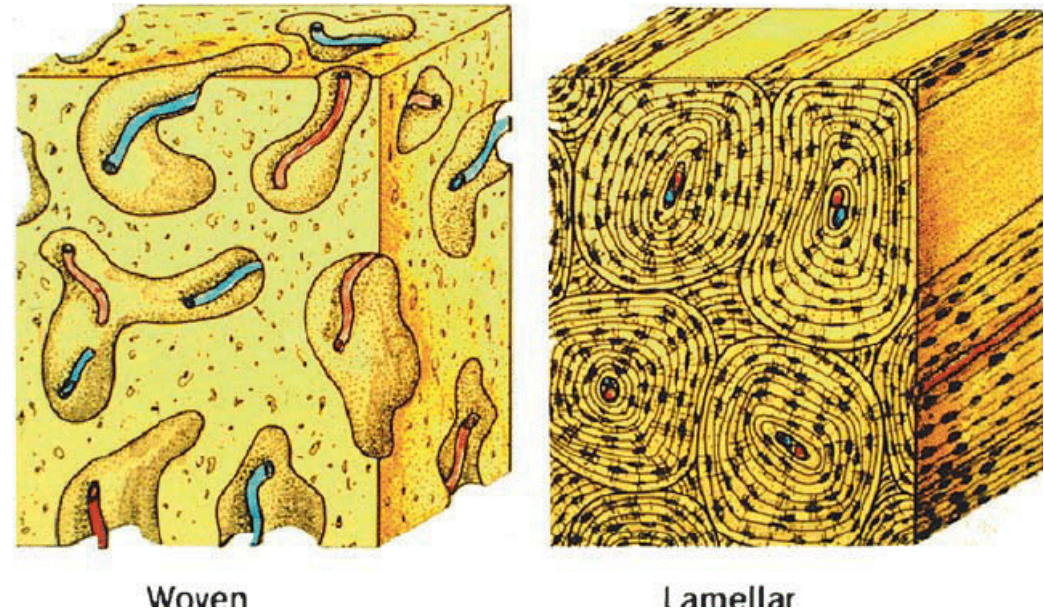
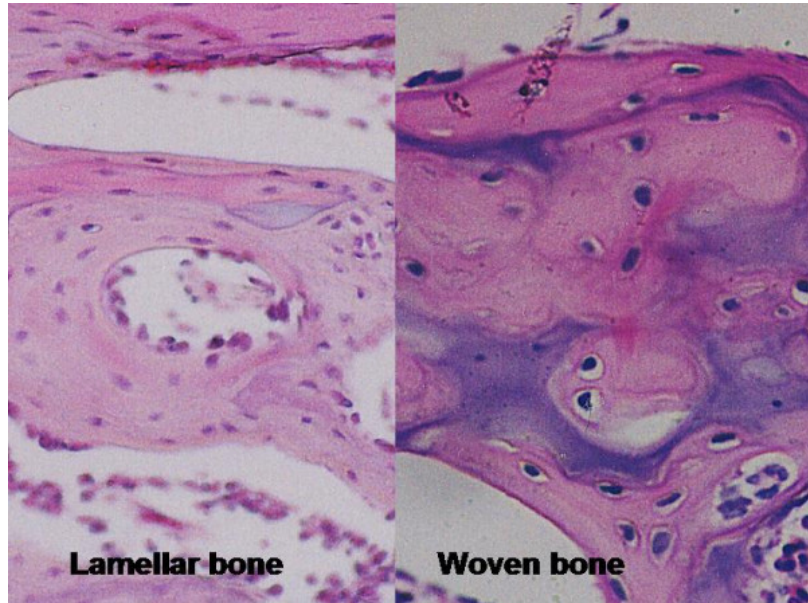
Lamellar bone (secondary)

Developmentally and functionally better developed

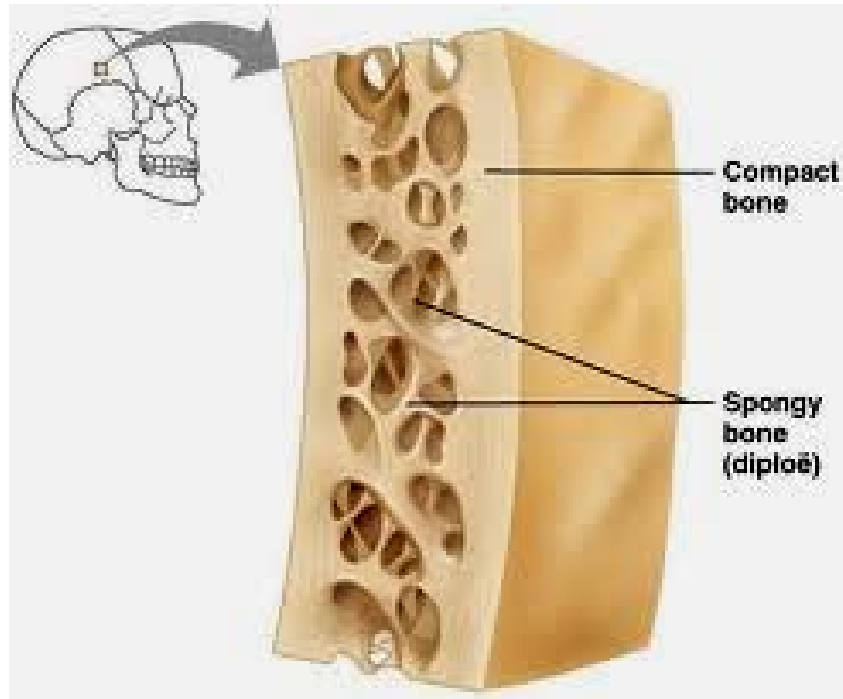
Bone lamellae = 3-7 μm

Collagenous fibres in lamellae always in the same direction

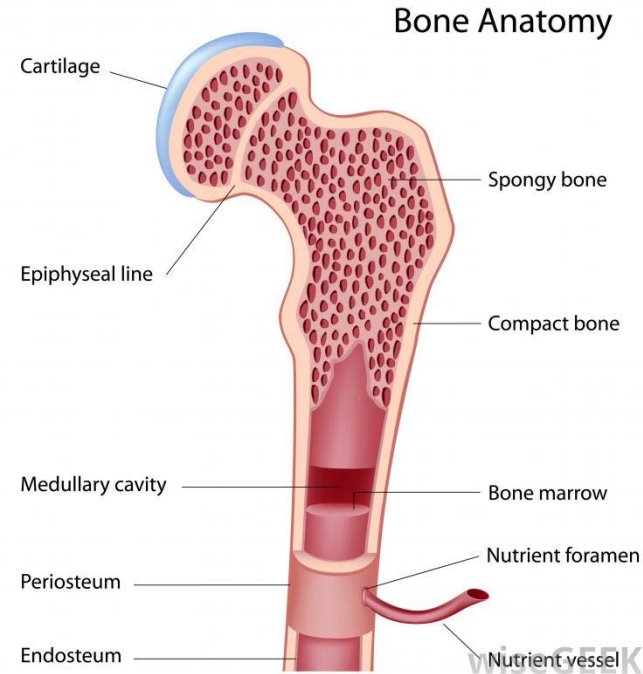
Osteocytes between lamellae



All bones of skeleton (long, short, flat, irregular) – are composed only by lamellar type
Lamellae are present in both forms: **Compact (dense) bone** and **Spongy (cancellous, trabecular)**



Flat bone



Long bone

External and internal surfaces are covered by a connective tissue coats – the periosteum (well developed) and the endosteum (less obvious)

Compact bone consists of **three types** of lamellae

Concentrically arranged lamellae around longitudinal haversian canals, number: 4 to 20

Form cylindrical units called **osteons** that run parallel to longitudinal axis of bone

In cross sections, osteons appear as concentric rings around circular opening (Haversian canal),

In longitudinal sections lamellae resemble closely spaced bands

Interstitial lamellae

Are lamellae without relations to blood vessels

Supposed to be rests of old non-functional Haversian systems which are just being resorbed

Circumferential lamellae

Located at outer and at inner surface of bone

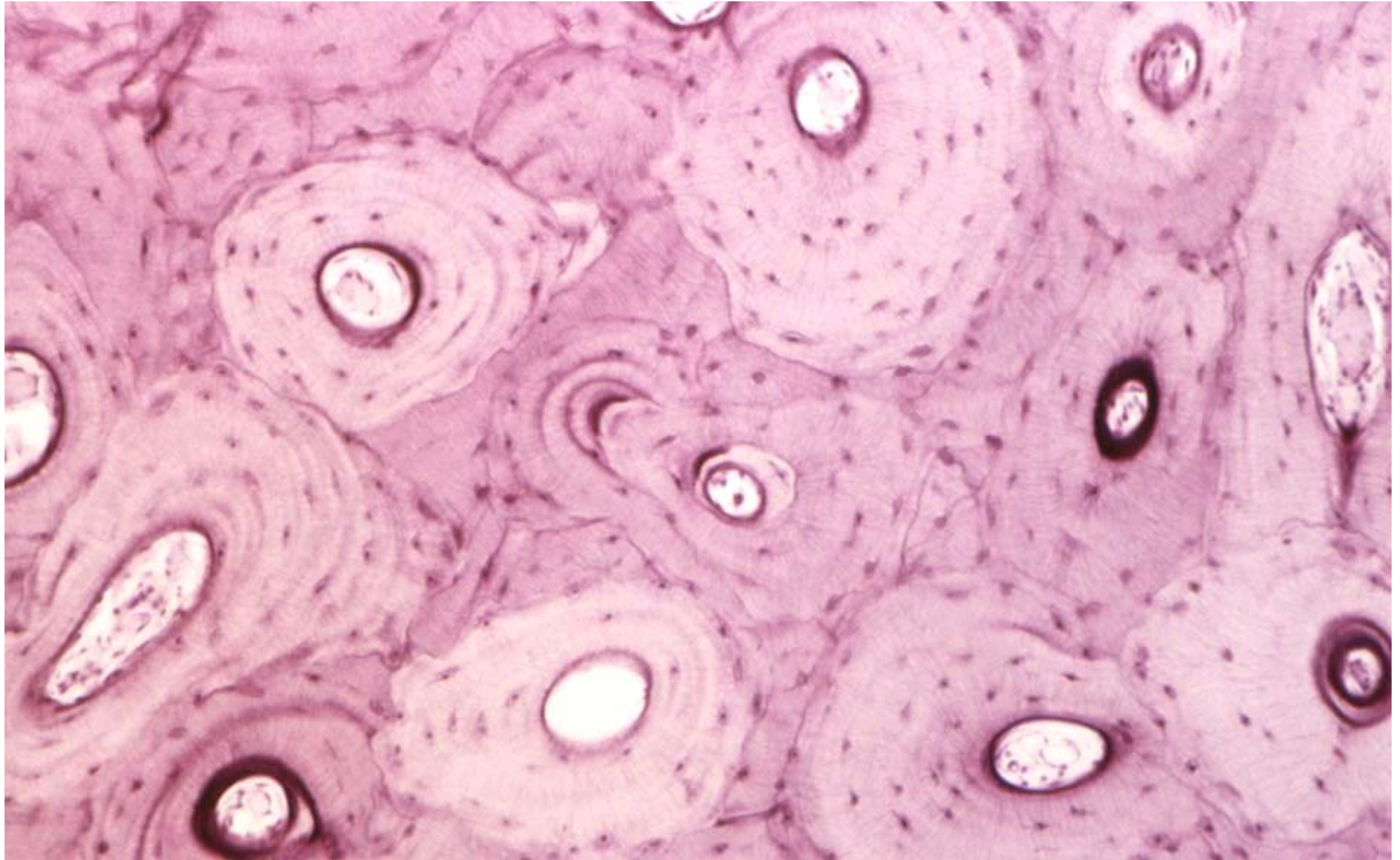
Run in parallel to the periosteum or parallel to endosteum (around the central cavity)

Outer circumferential lamellae

Inner circumferential lamellae



Diaphysis transversally (HE)



2 types of vascular channels in the compact bone

Haversian canals

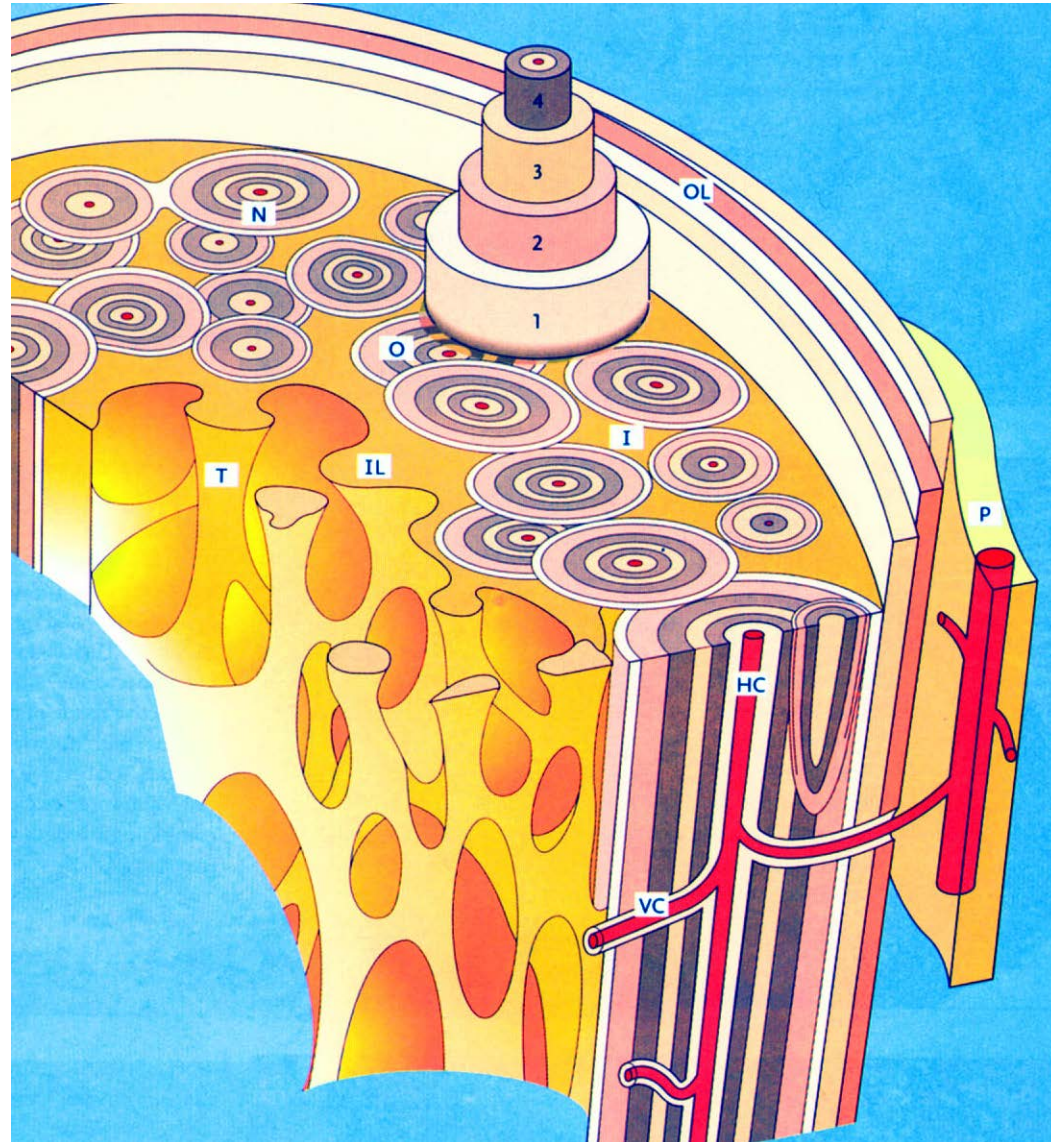
In the centers of Haversian systems

Contain one or two blood vessels

Volkman's canals

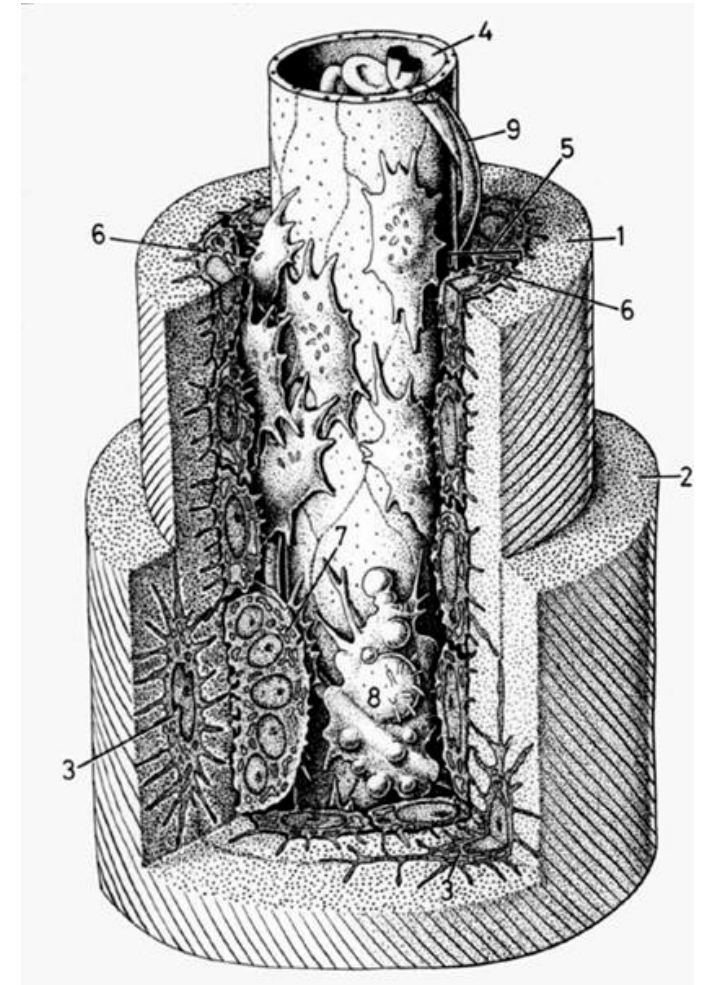
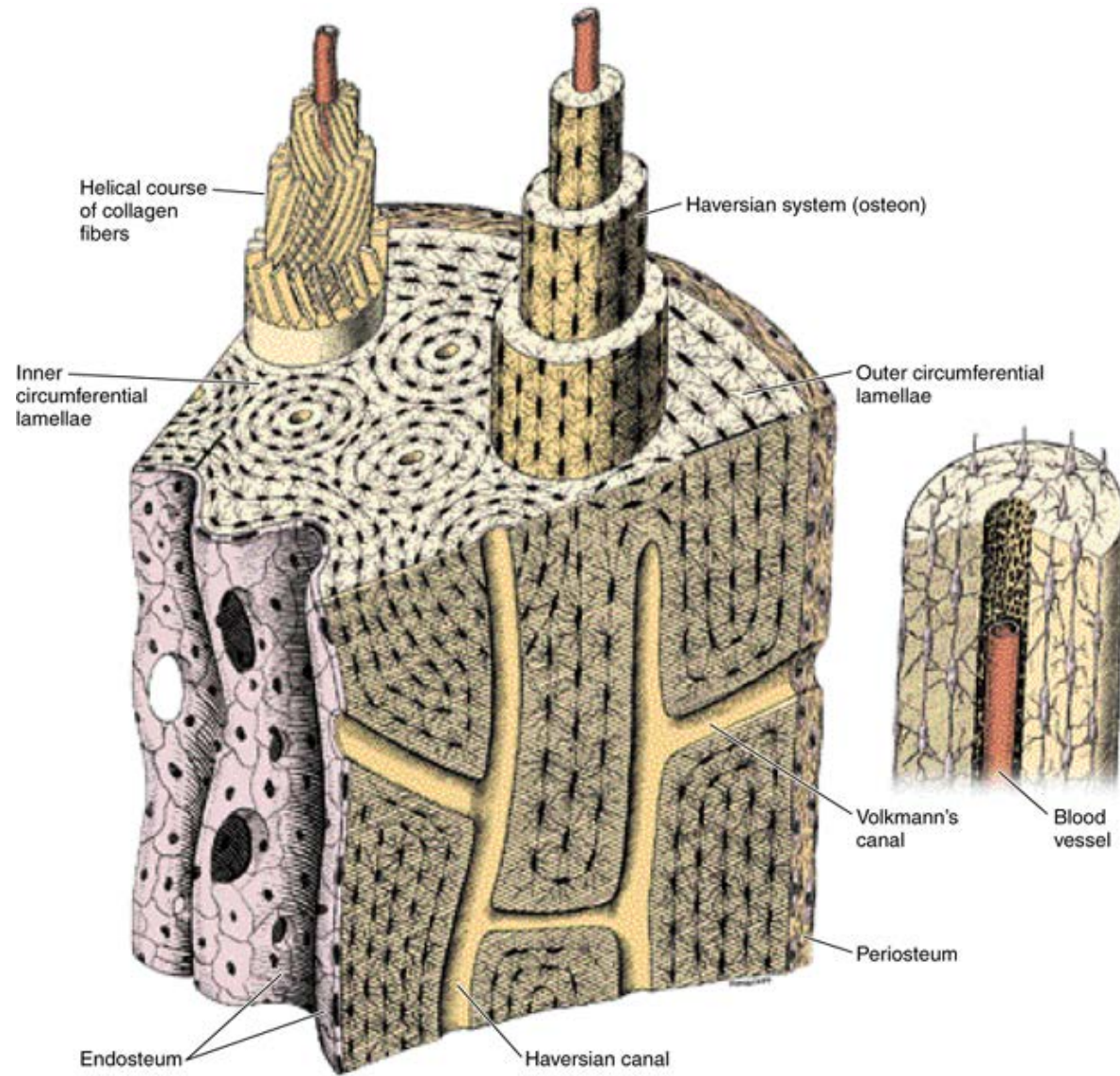
Are not surrounded by lamellae and traverse the bone in perpendicular or oblique direction to the Haversian canals

Function: connect Haversian canals with one other and serve for vessels entering the compact from the periosteum or the marrow cavity



Haversian and Volkmans canals

Osteon



Cancellous/Trabecular bone

composed by trabeculated bone tissue

The course of depends of forces from outer environment



Periosteum

Around the bone – from outside

Highly innervated (pain)

2 layers:

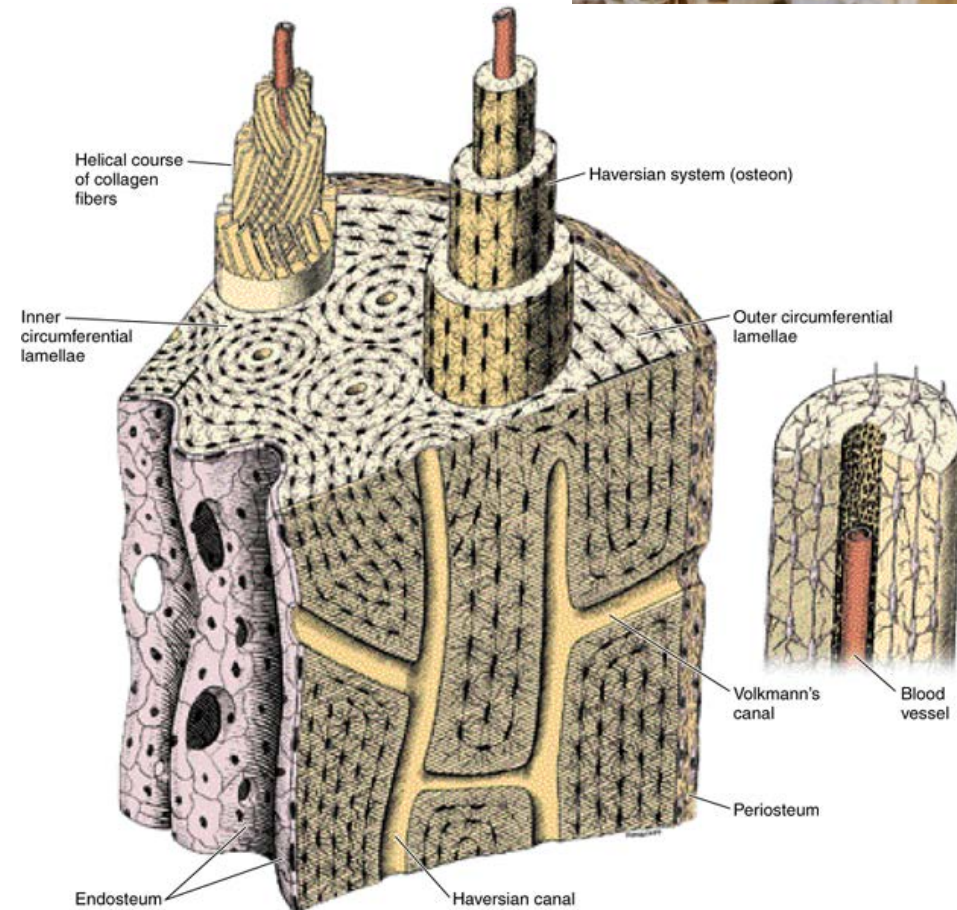
Stratum fibrosum, Sharpey's fibres

Stratum osteogenicum – osteoprogenitor cells

Endosteum

On the inner surface

Same structure as the periosteum, but thinner



Bone plasticity

Bones as organs can remodel the internal structure to match the actual mechanical load

Remodelling: interaction/equilibrium between osteoblasts and osteoclasts activity

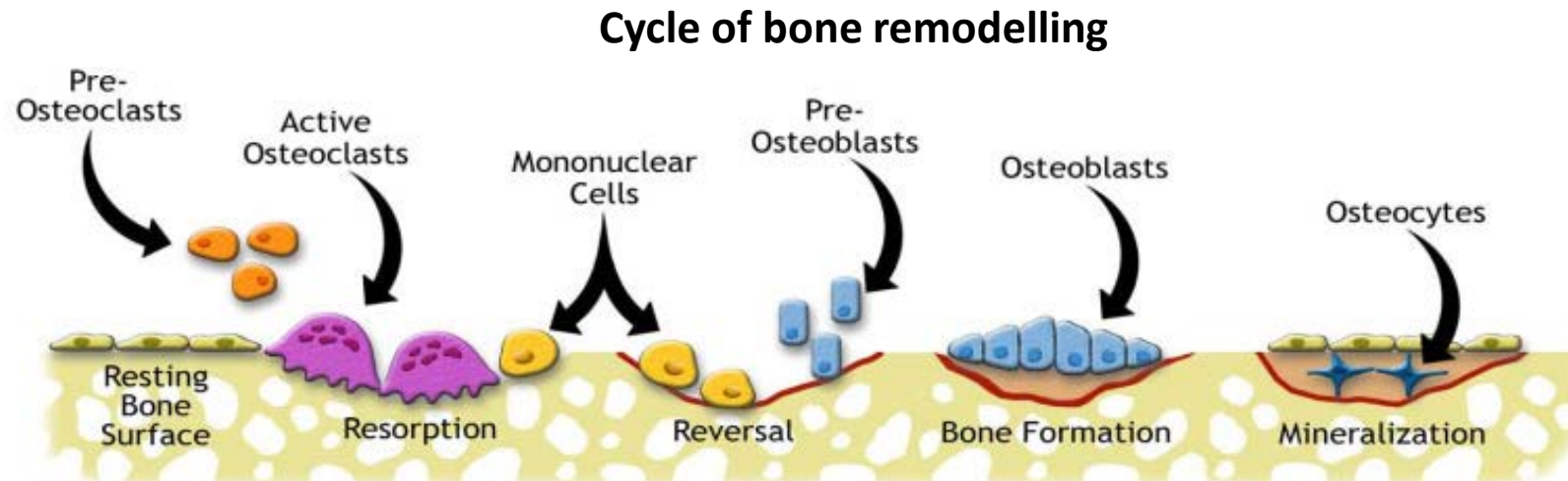
Remodeling is rapid in childhood - it is reported that about 10% of skeletal bones are rebuilt each year

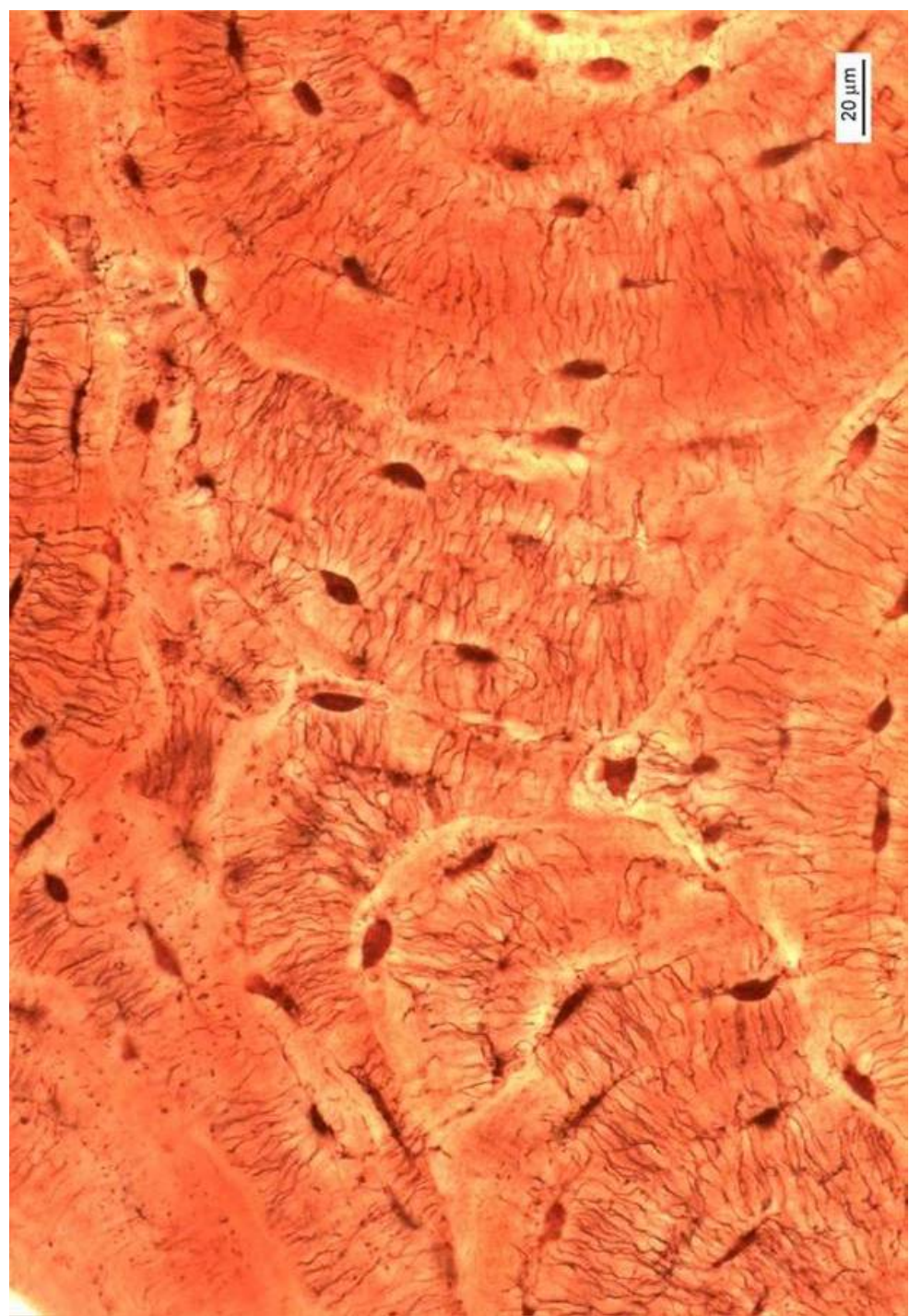
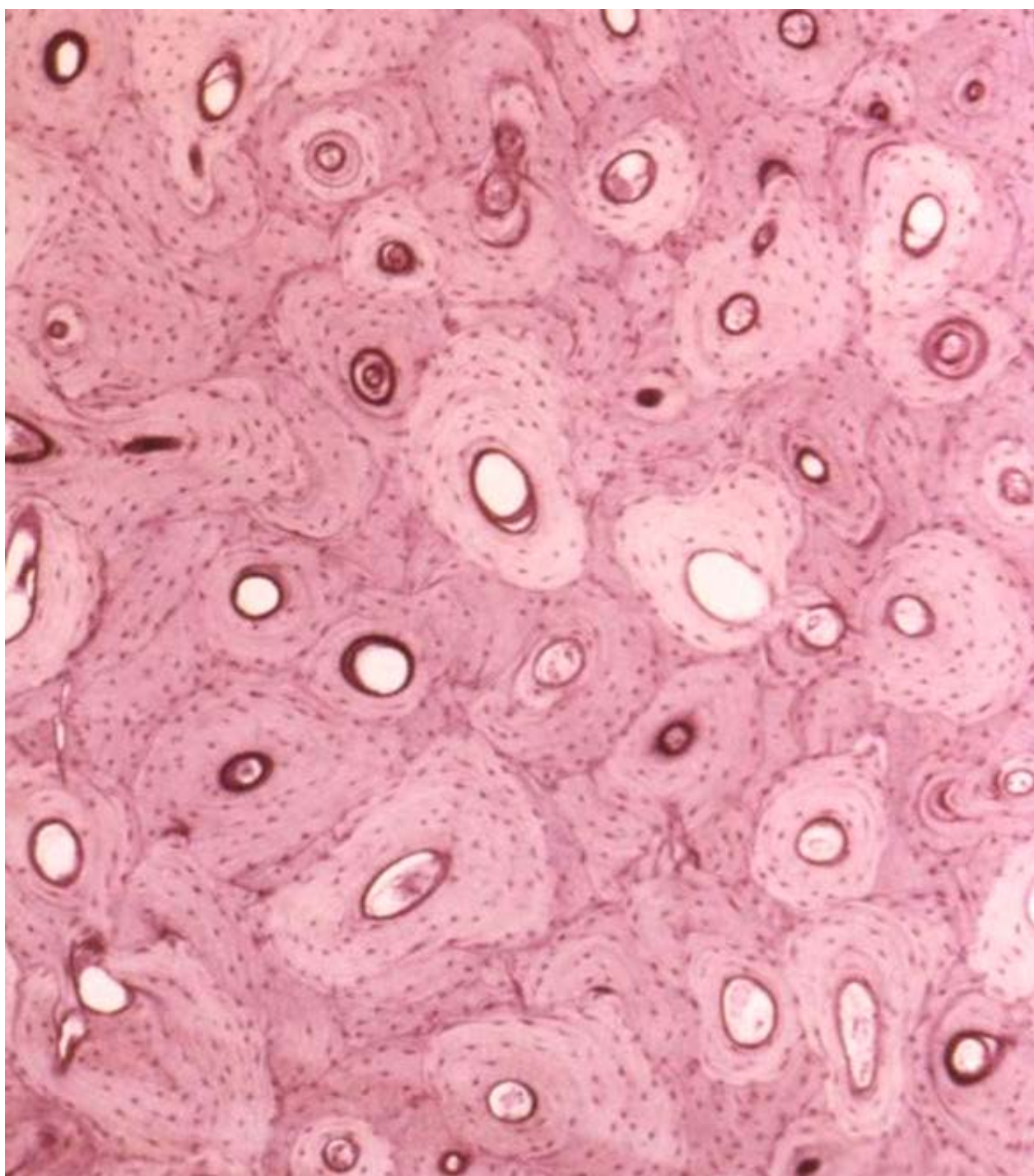
Bone remodeling can be induced by artificial stimuli: by the action of tension or pressure

The action of tension creates new bone tissue,

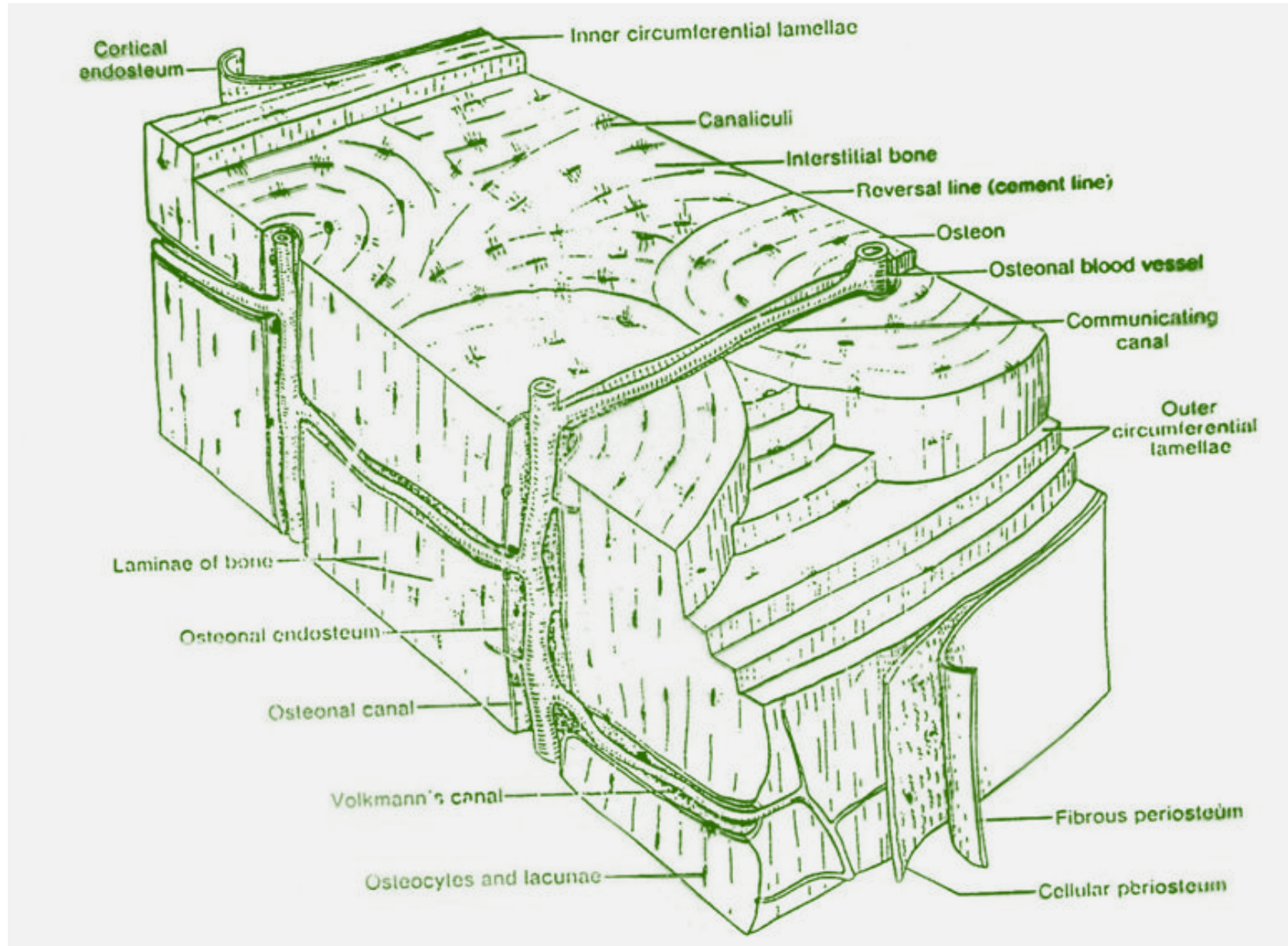
Opposite, it is resorbed under the action of pressure

The role of osteocytes - they act as mechanosensors, they transmit a signal to osteoblasts in the endost or periosteum, and they transmit it to osteoclasts





Summary



Alveolar process (processus alveolaris)

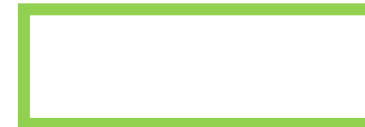
Part of the jaw which form the bony support for teeth (*alveoli dentales*)

The protrusion, like other anatomical sections of the jaws, is composed of **lamellar-type bone tissue - dense and spongy**

Compact bone structure

2 plates:

- **Cortical (external alveolar)** - forms the vestibular or oral side of the alveoli
- **Cribriform (internal alveolar, os alveolaris, lamina dura)** - forms the wall of alveoli



Cortical (outer alveolar) plate

Thickness: 1,5 - 3,0 mm

Divided into:

- Lamina vestibularis
- Lamina oralis

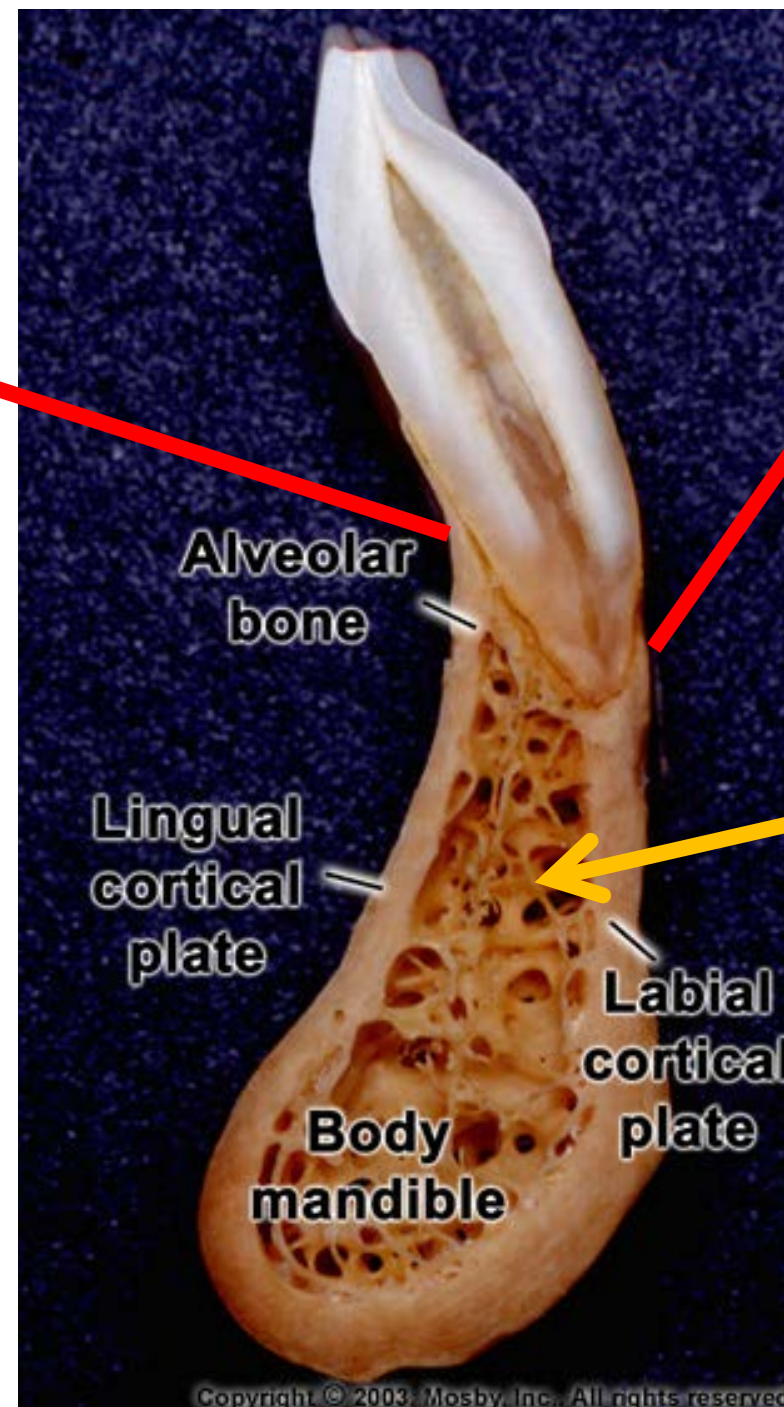
Both are covered by periosteum

Osteons in different directions

In the area of mandibular molars is lamina oralis usually thickened

lamina oralis

lamina vestibularis



Alveolar
bone

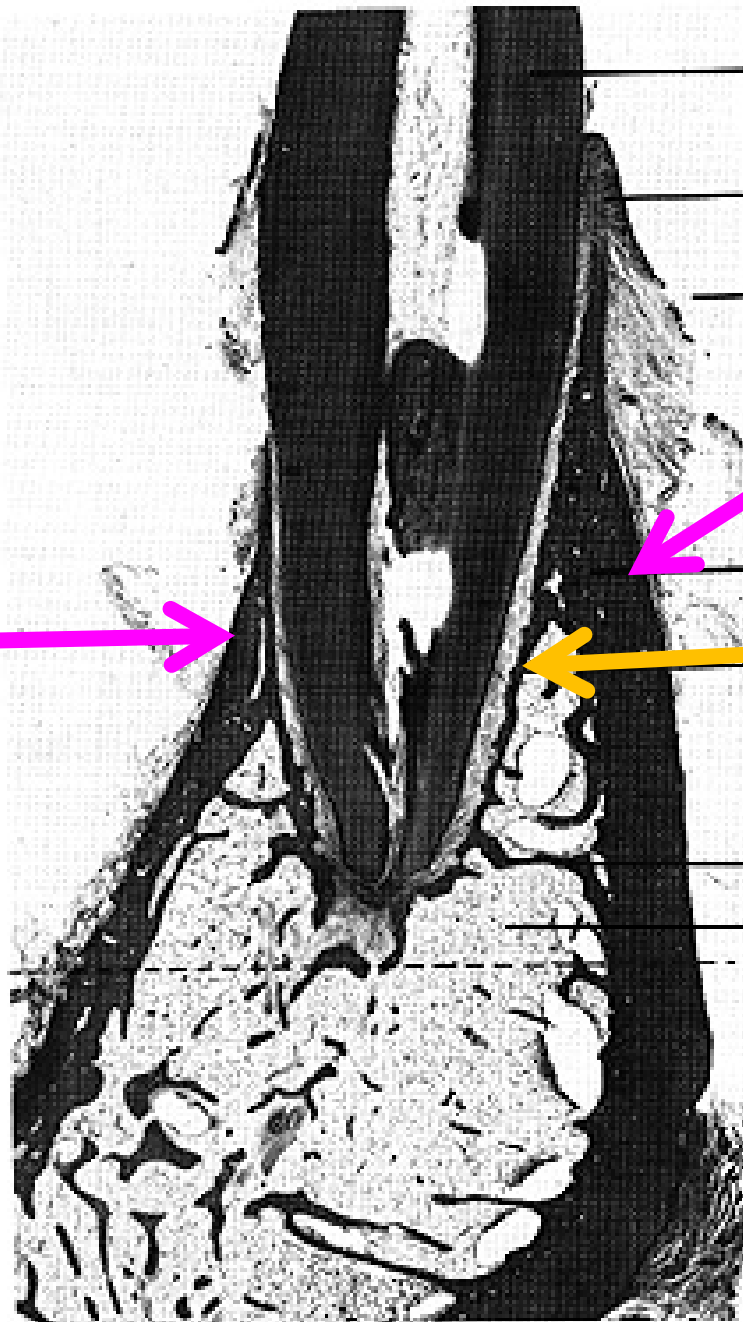
Lingual
cortical
plate

Labial
cortical
plate

Body
mandible

Cancellous
bone

**Cortical
lamina oralis**



Tooth

Gingiva

Buccal surface

Cortical bone
or
cortex

Alveolar bone
proper
(bundle bone)

Supporting
bone

Central Spongiosa

Basal bone

Alveolar
process

**Cortical
lamina vestibularis**

**Cribriform
os alveolare**

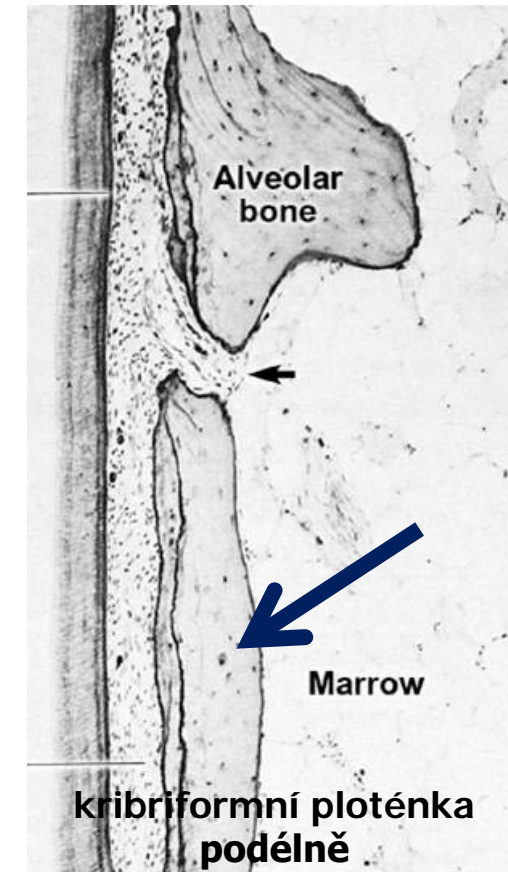
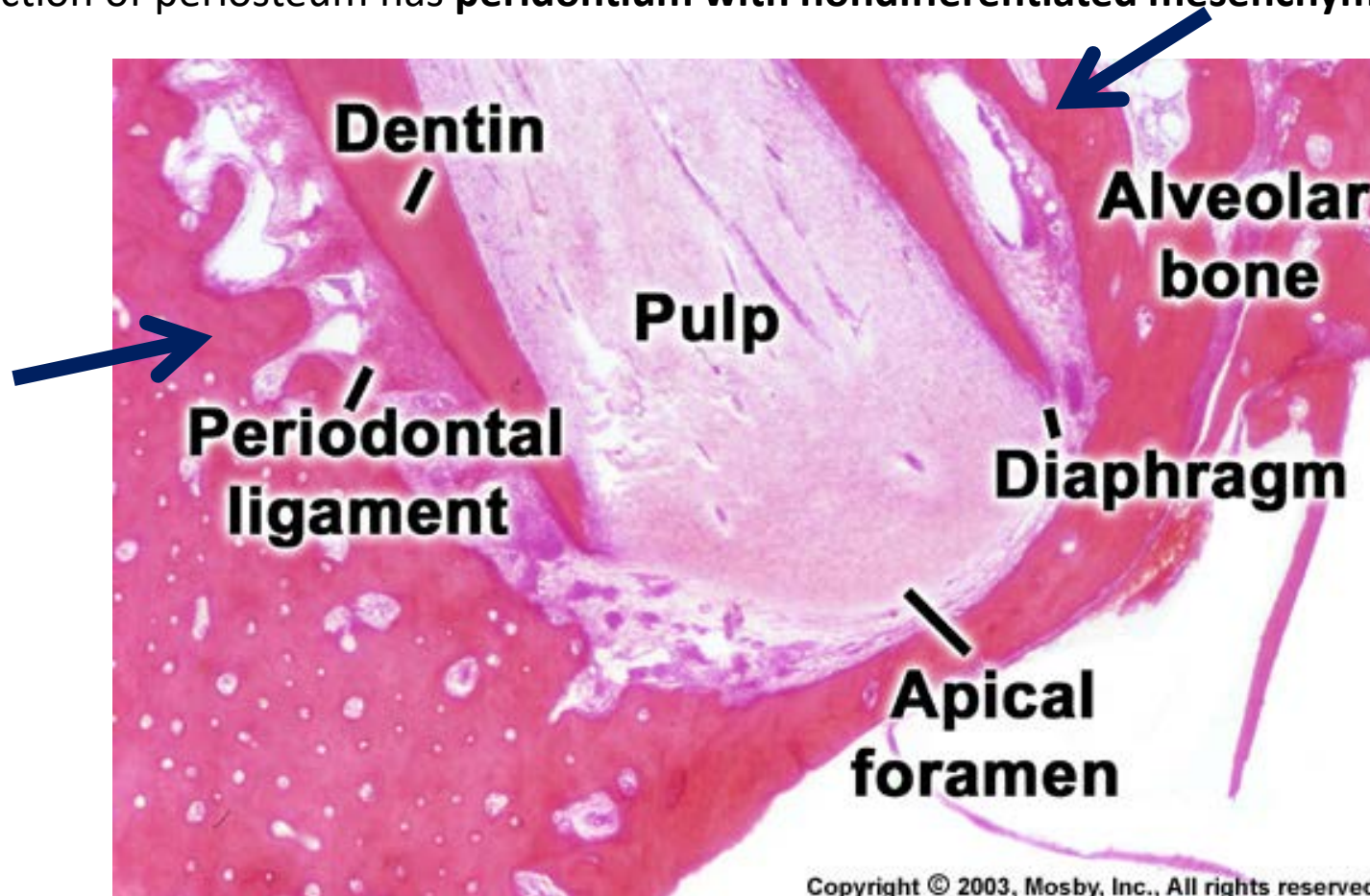
Cribriform plate (inner alveolar plate = os alveolare)

Forms the wall of alveolus, is thinner – 0,5 - 1,0 mm

Perforated by Volmanns channels (for interalveolar vessels and nerves)

Structure similar as in cortical plate, but no periosteum

The function of periosteum has **peridontium with nondifferentiated mesenchymal cells** (diferentiate into different -blasts)



In cribriform plate are anchored PDL endings – Sharpey's fibres

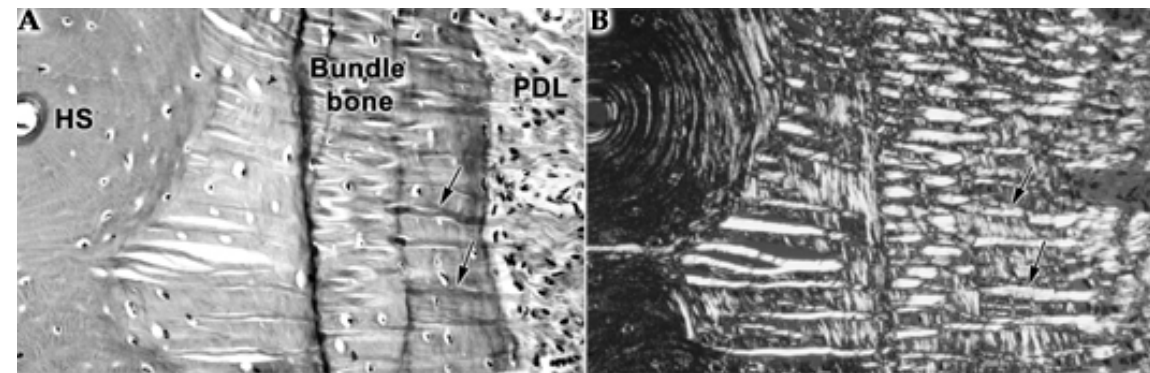
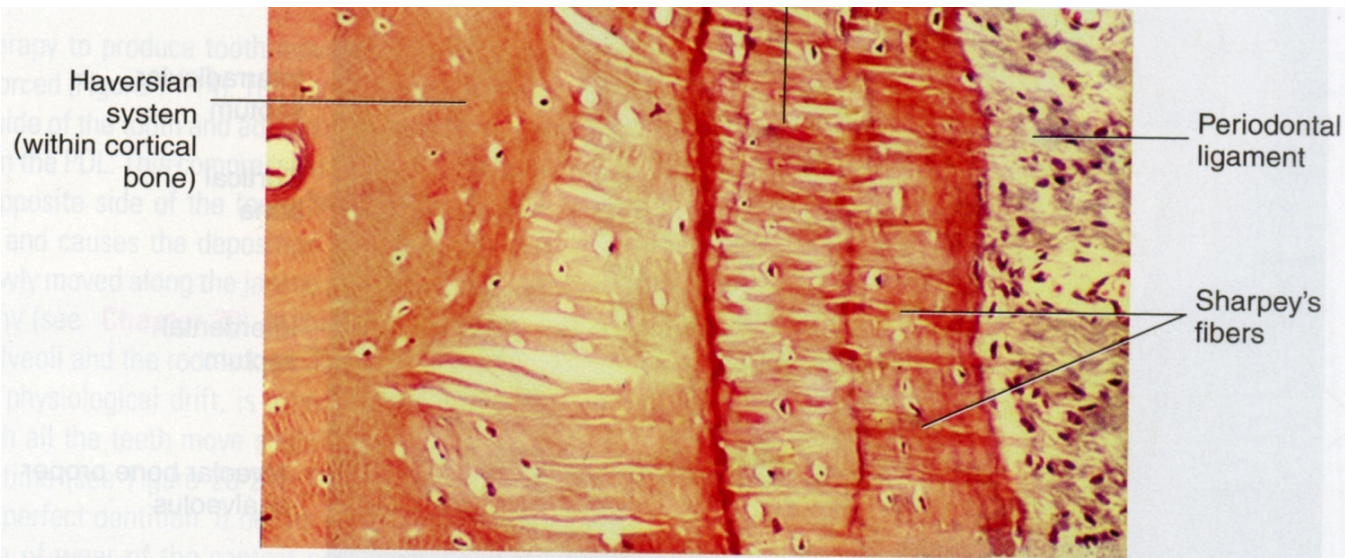
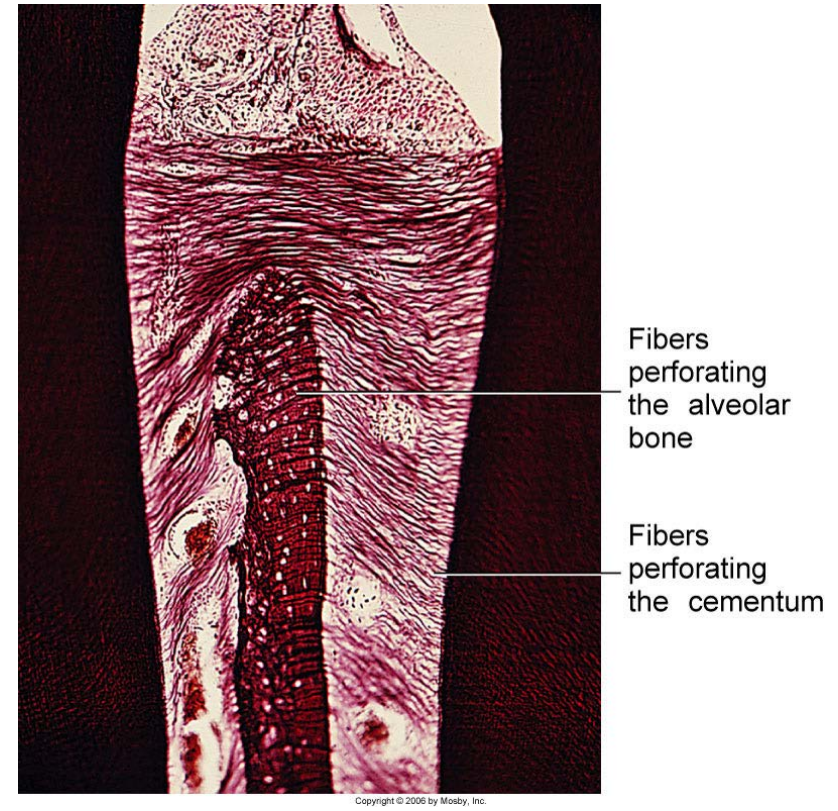
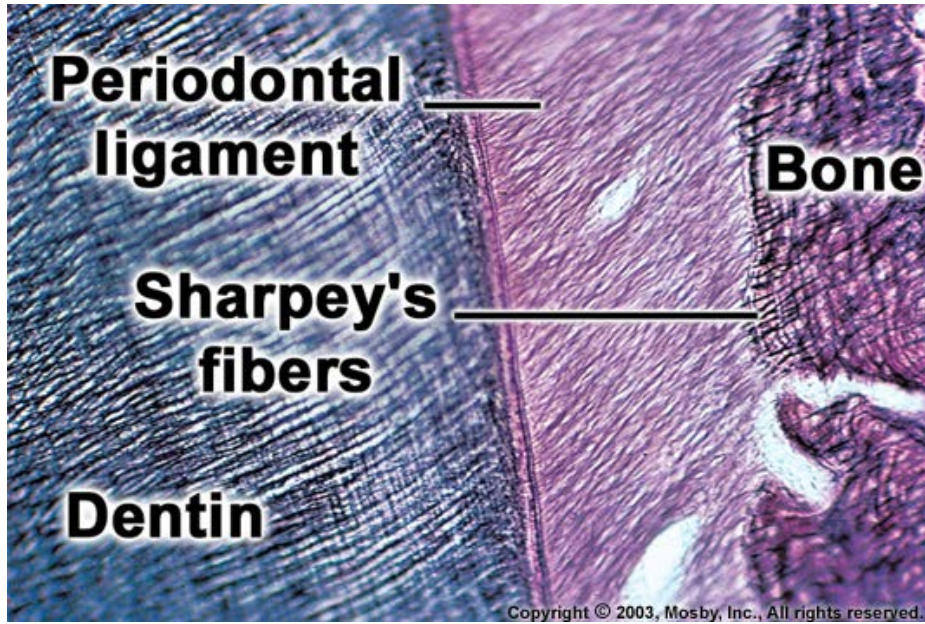


FIGURE 14-16 Microscopic view of the insertion of Sharpey's fibers from the periodontal ligament into the alveolar bone proper in the root area. Note the Haversian system within the cortical bone. (From Nanci A: Ten Cate's Oral Histology, ed 7, Mosby, St Louis, 2008.)

Cribriform plate is more mineralized – on X-ray has higher density – **lamina dura**



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In teeth of primary dentition and young secondary the **lamina dura** is flat, later has wavy structure

Cancellous / Spongy bone

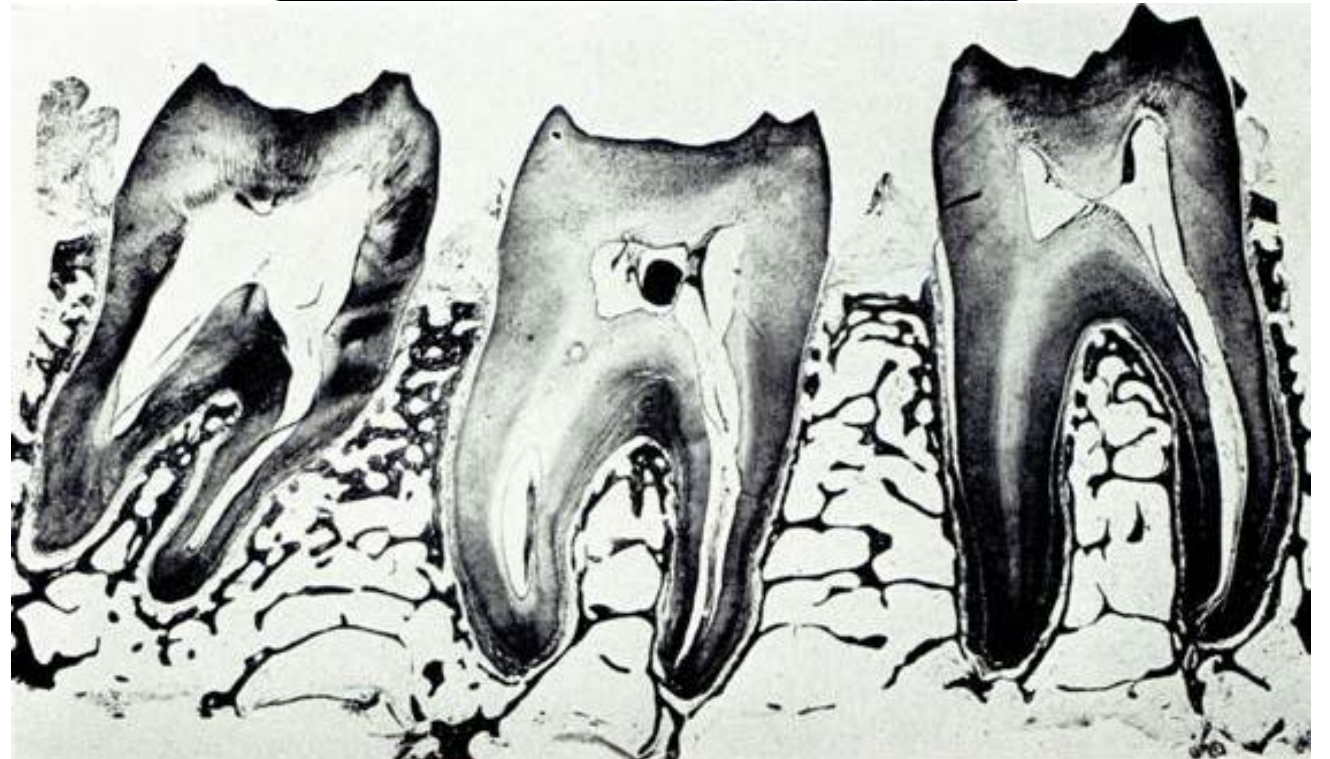
Trabeculae - filling between the plates, high variability in the arrangement of the trabeculae (mostly horizontal direction)

Located between plates and in interdental and interradicular septae

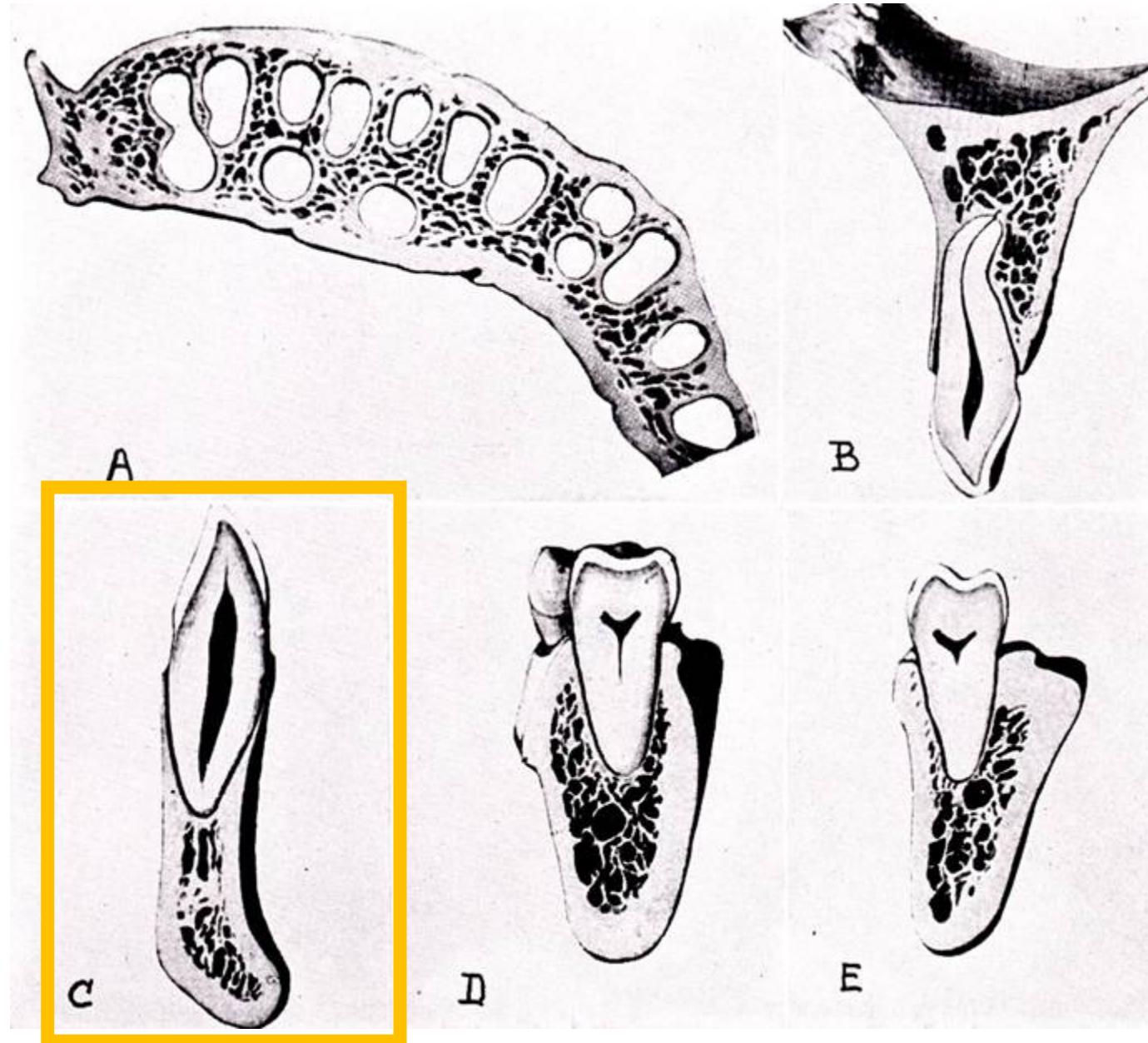
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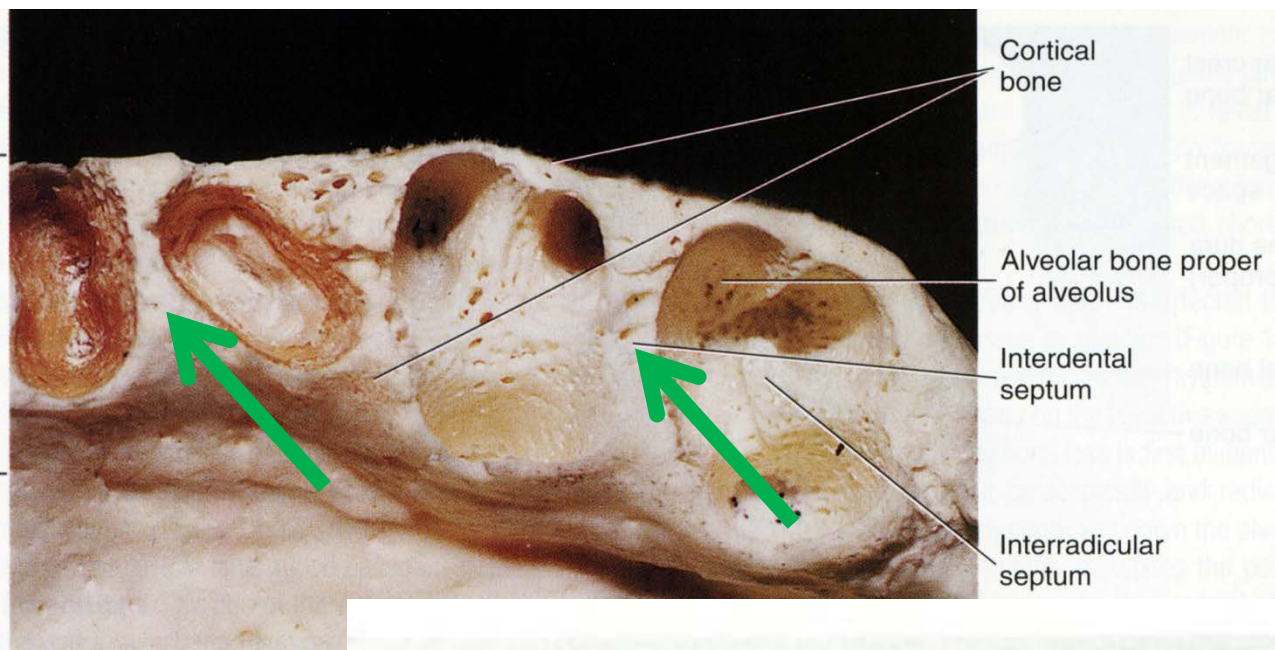
Horizontal course

Between the trabeculae is a hematopoietic bone marrow



In the area of maxillary and mandibular incisors: both lamina oralis and vestibularis fuse with the cribriform plate



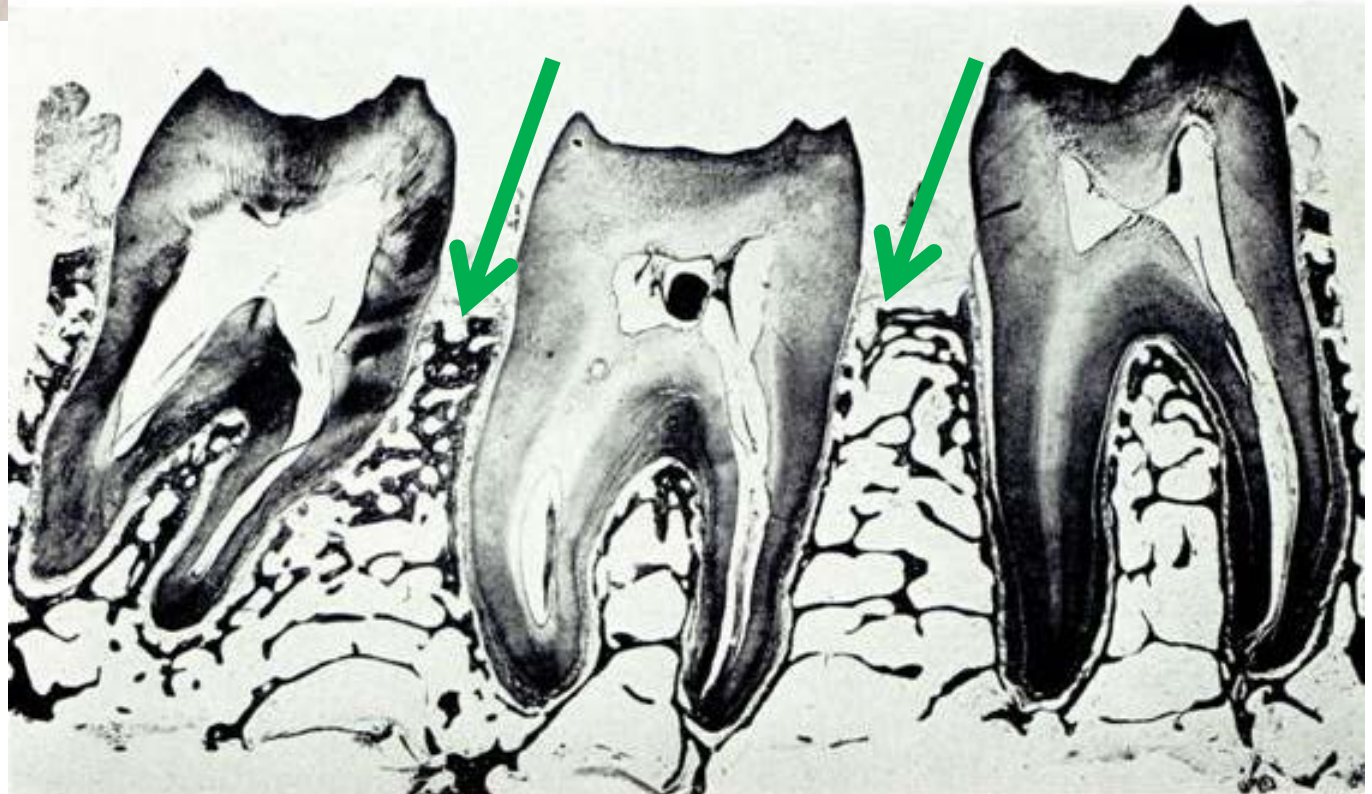


Different alveoli separates:

Interalveolar septae = septae interdentalia

Perpendicularly oriented partitions formed by the fusion of mesial and distal parts of cribriform plates of adjacent alveoli

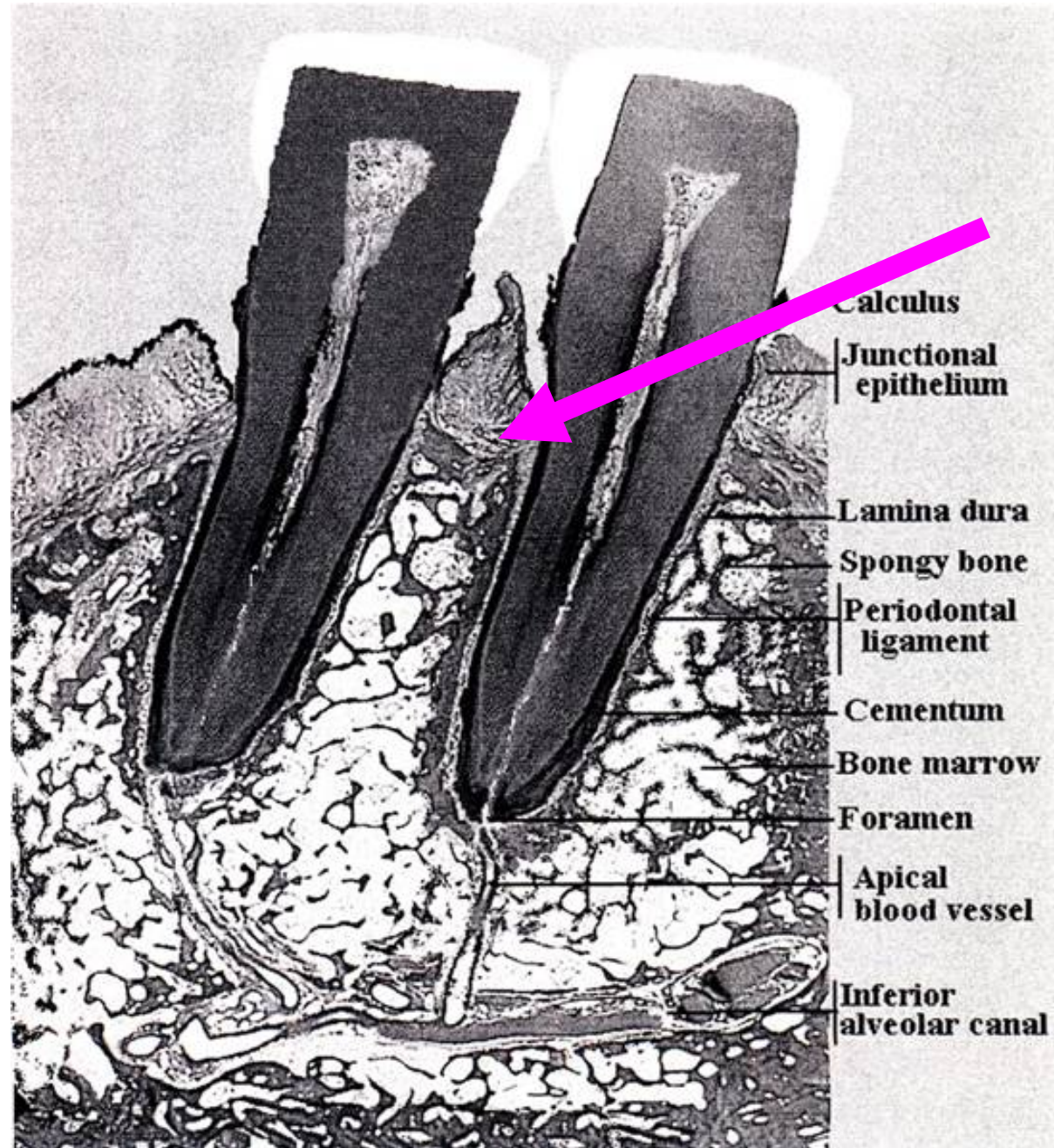
The ridges of the interdental septae are usually rounded and reach the CEJ level



Transseptal fibres

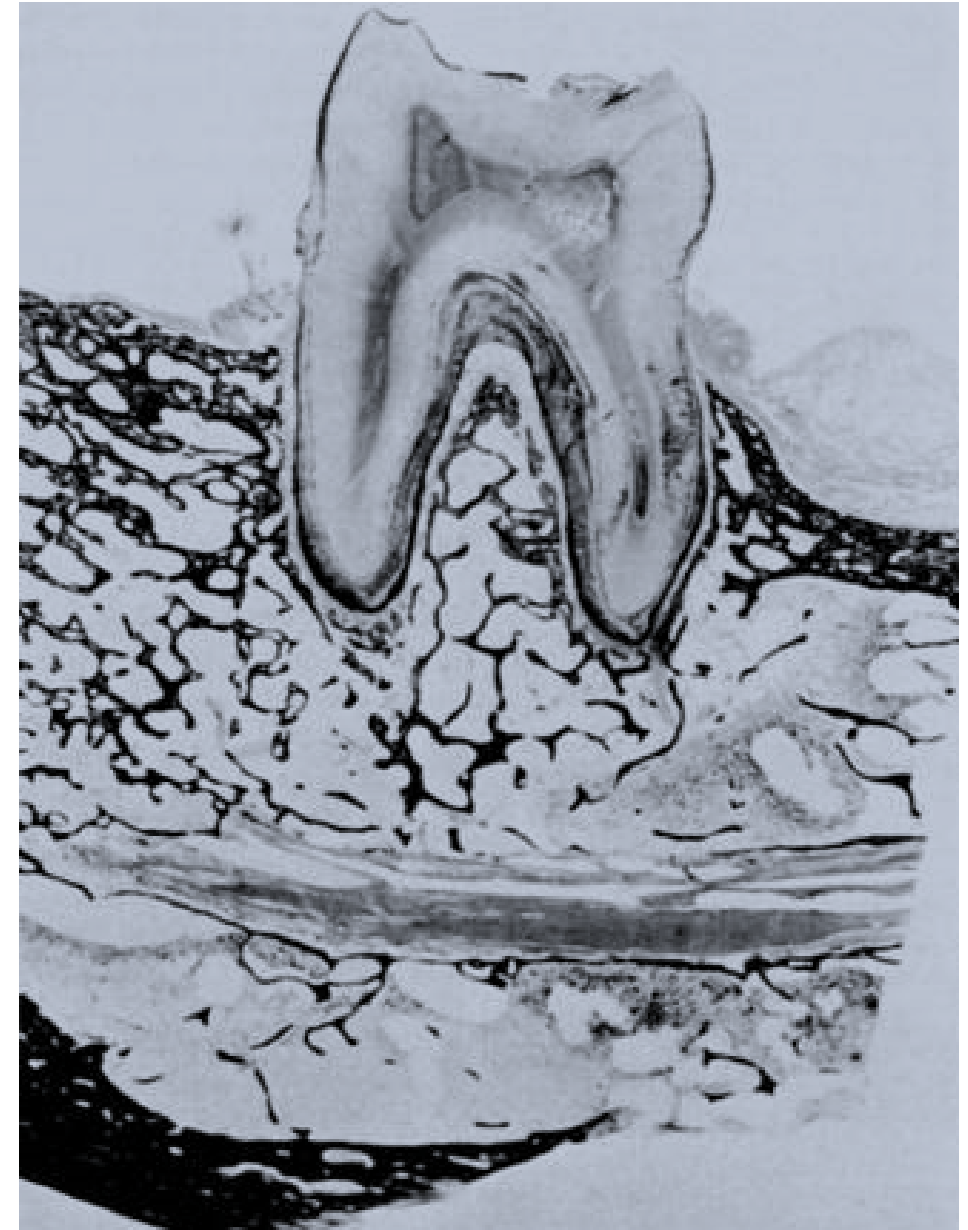
Above interdental septae are **transseptal fibres vlákná** (lig. interdentalia) – forms the shape of crests

When teeth are inclined the pressure of fibres causes the tilt of crest in the direction of inclination (secondarily, the septum may be shortened)

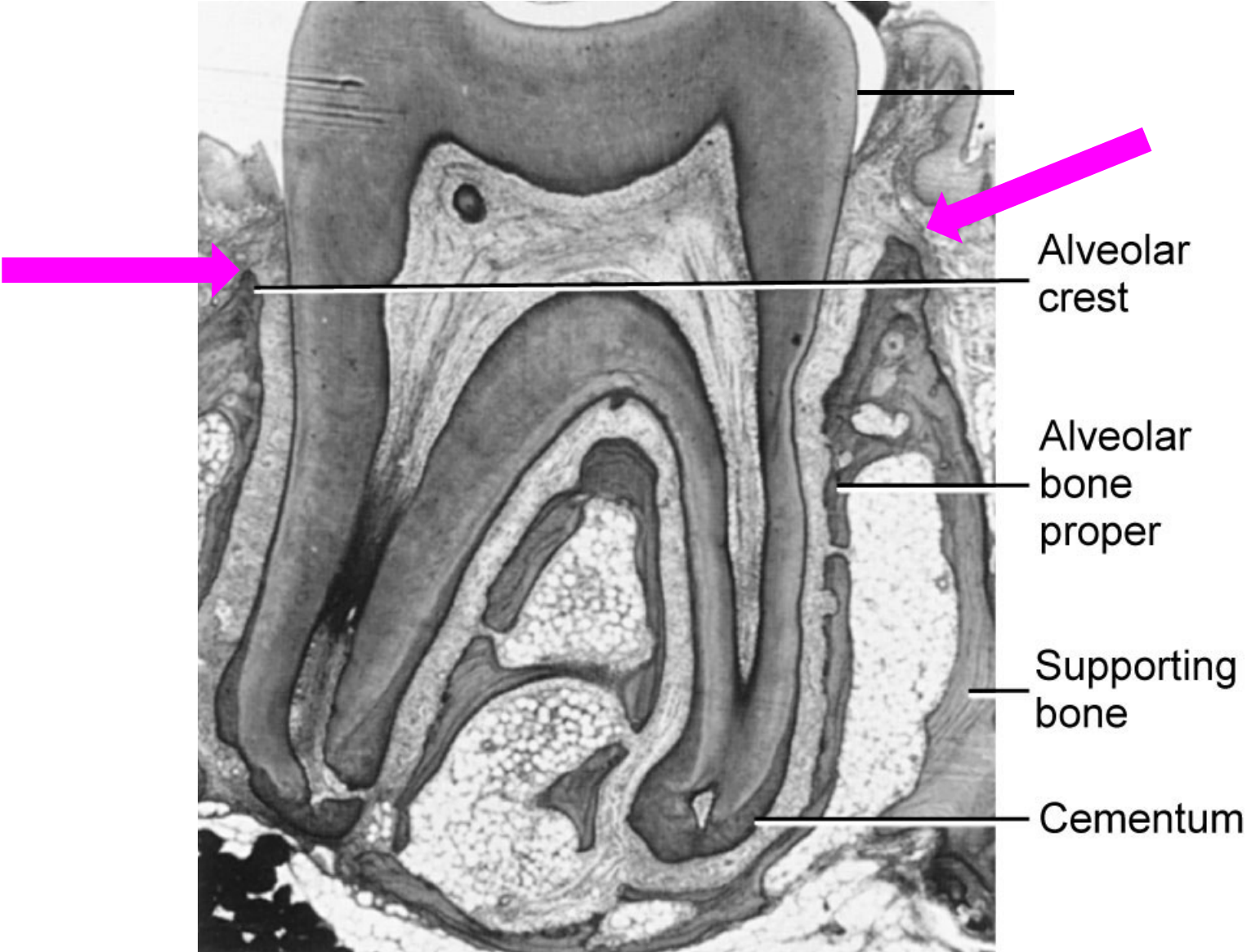


Septa interradicularia

Present only in teeth with more roots
Cribriform plate together with trabecules of cancellous bone forms interradicular septs - **septa interradicularia**



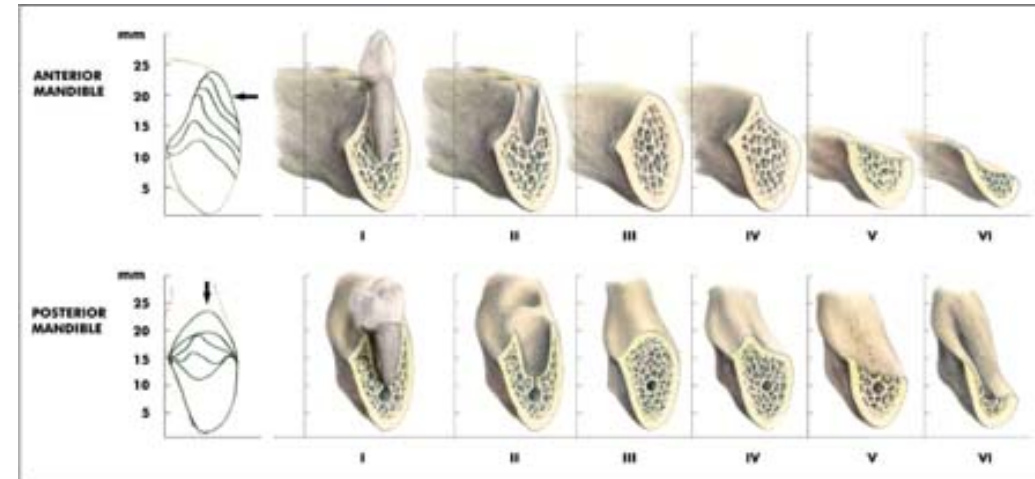
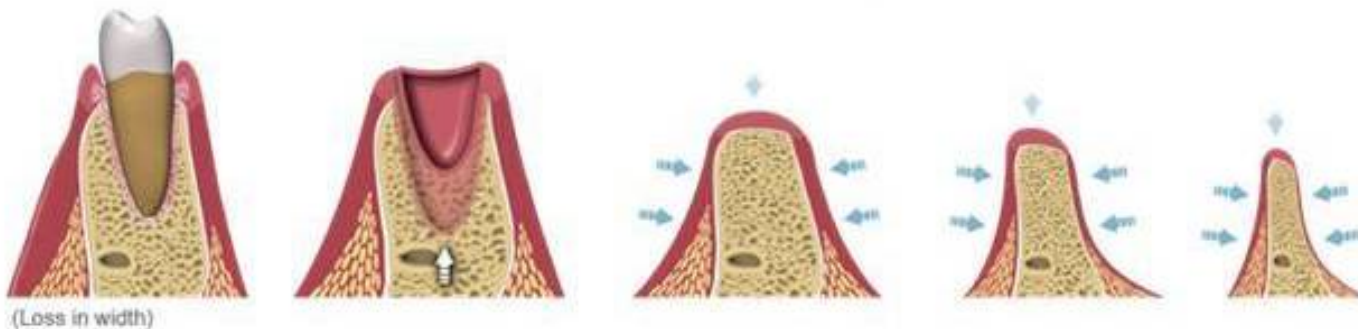
Edge of tooth alveolus – Alveolar crest – is the place where the coronal end of cribriform plate meets lamina vestibularis or lamina oralis



Clinical relevance of alveoli plasticity

The structure and arrangement of the alveolar ridge is affected by a number of factors such as:

- **Overall nutritional status**
- **Hormones (hyper-, hypo- production)**
- **Masticatory forces during food processing**
- **Growth of dental roots and tooth eruption**
- **Infection**
- **Tooth extraction**



Clinical relevance of alveoli plasticity

1. Because of different effect of long-lasting tension and pressure on the bone remodeling the bone structure can be achieved

Long-lasting tension – tooth formation (**tension zone**)

Long-lasting pressure – tooth resorbtion (**pressure zone**)

This is widely used in orthodontics

2. When the bone is not adequately loaded for a long time, structural changes occur

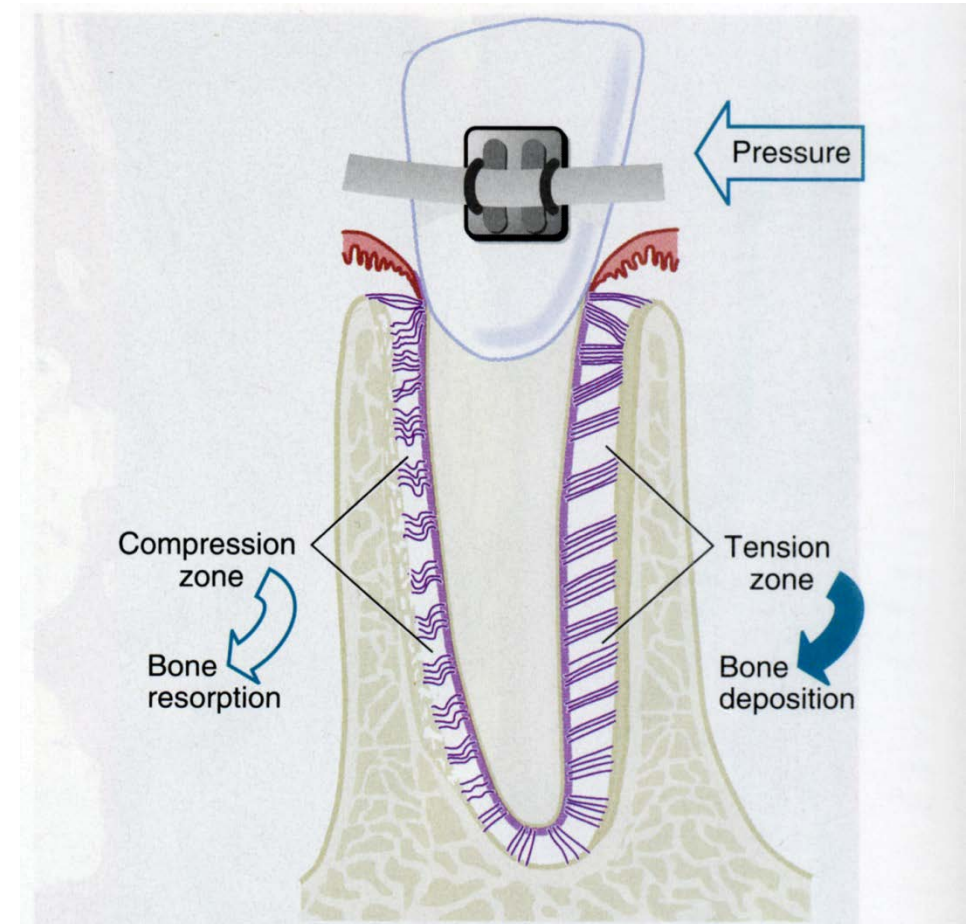
Applies for both the upper and lower jaw

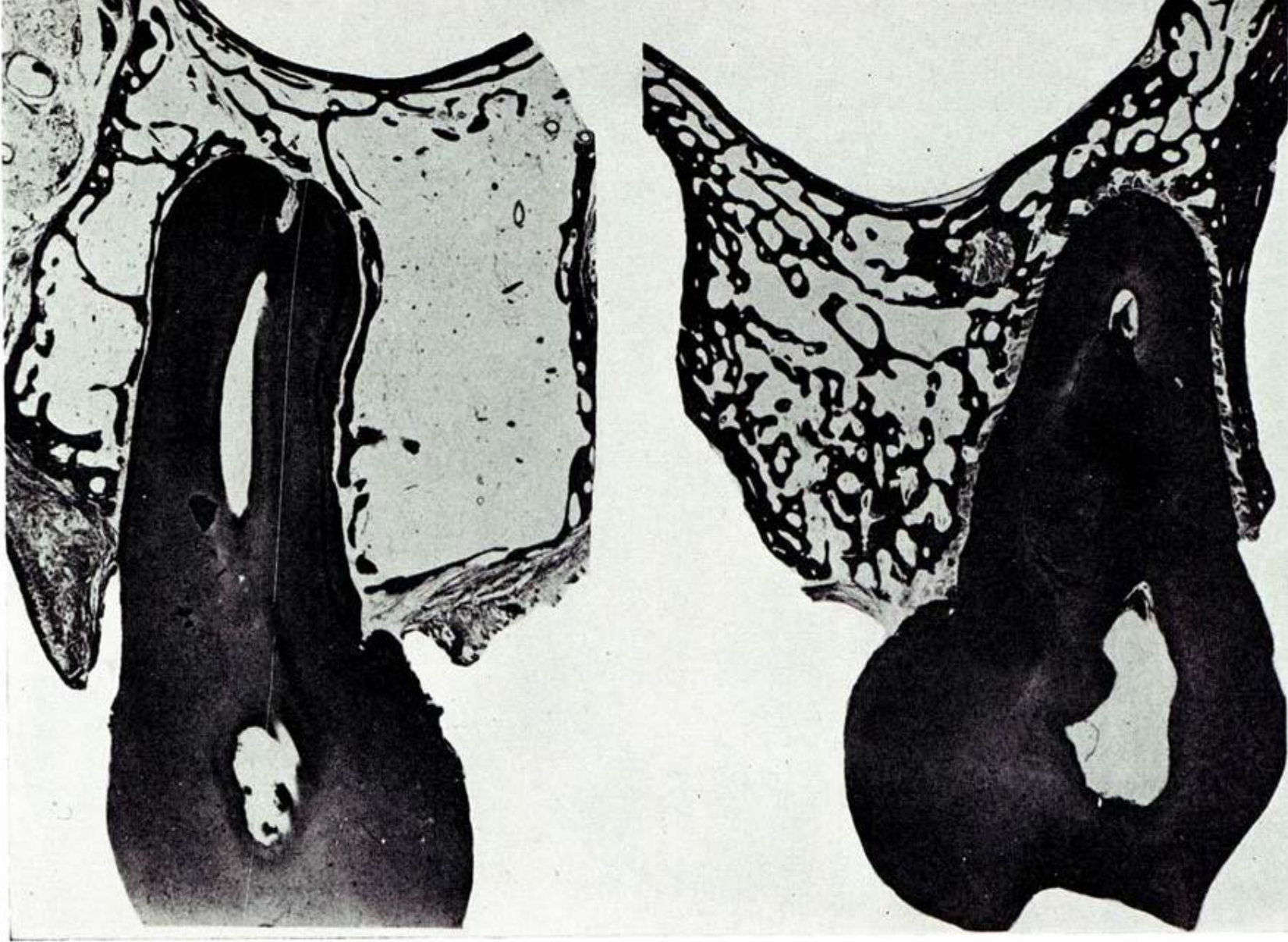
REMEMBER:

When antagonists are lost – if this condition last for a longer period of time (in the order of months) - there are changes in the alveolus and periodontal ligaments

2 conclusions:

- Carefully indicate teeth extractions
- Fill missing or extracted teeth



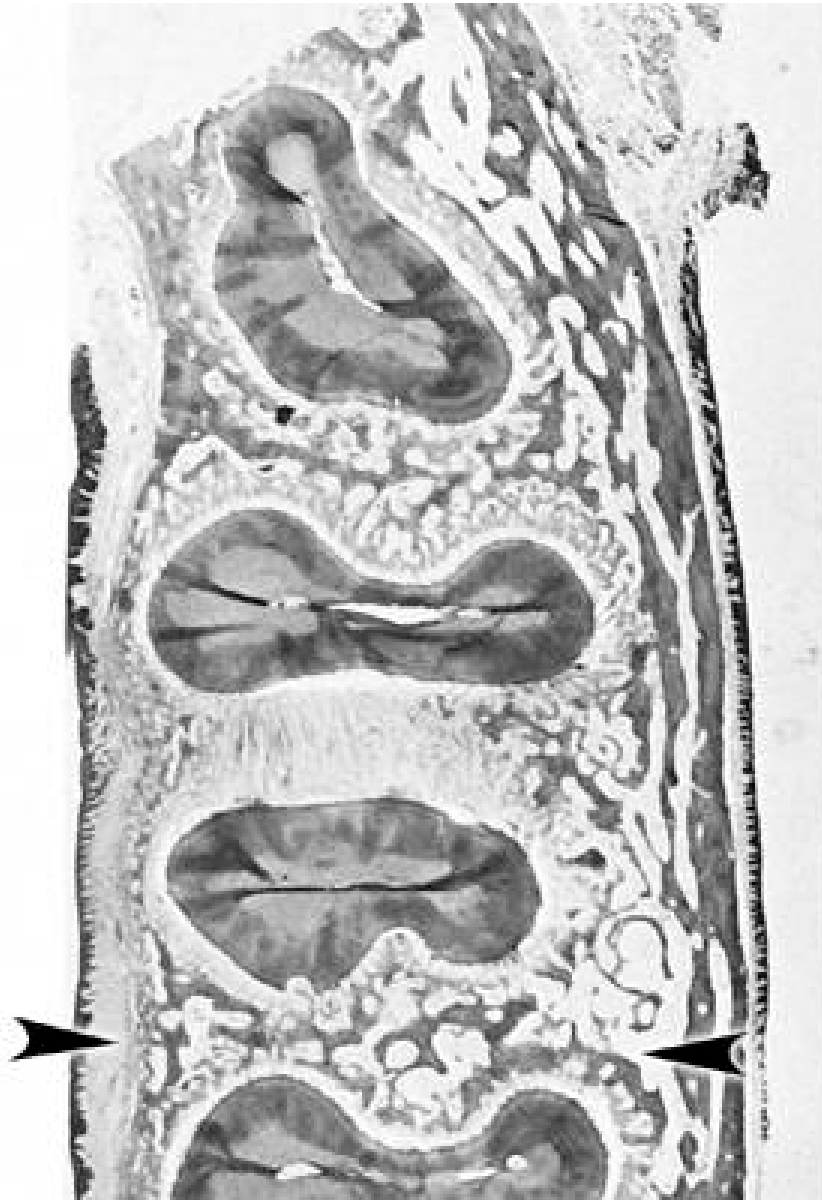


A

B

A – changes after removal of antogonizing teeth

B – control



normal loading



changes from inactivity

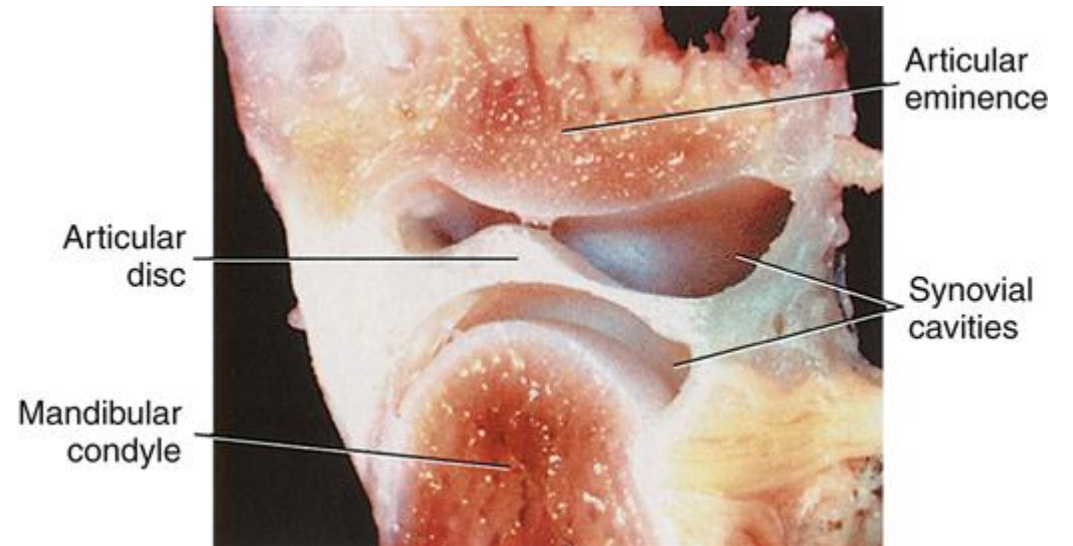
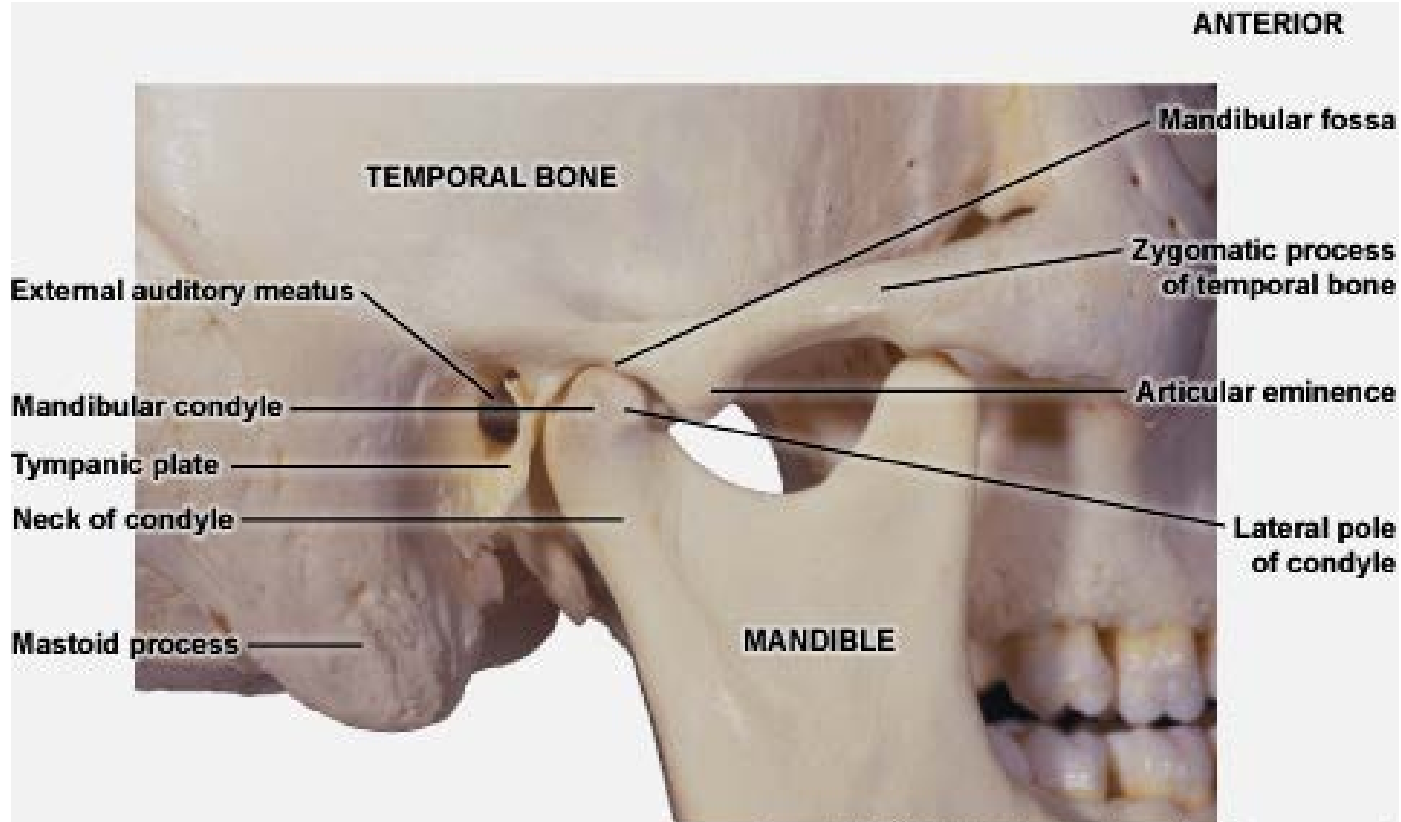
Temporomandibular joint (art. temporomandibularis, TMJ)

The connection between the mandible and the fixed temporal bone of the cranial base

Fossa mandibularis + Tuberculum art. of temporal bone

Caput mandibulae (condylus mandibulae)

Discus articularis – cartilage plate

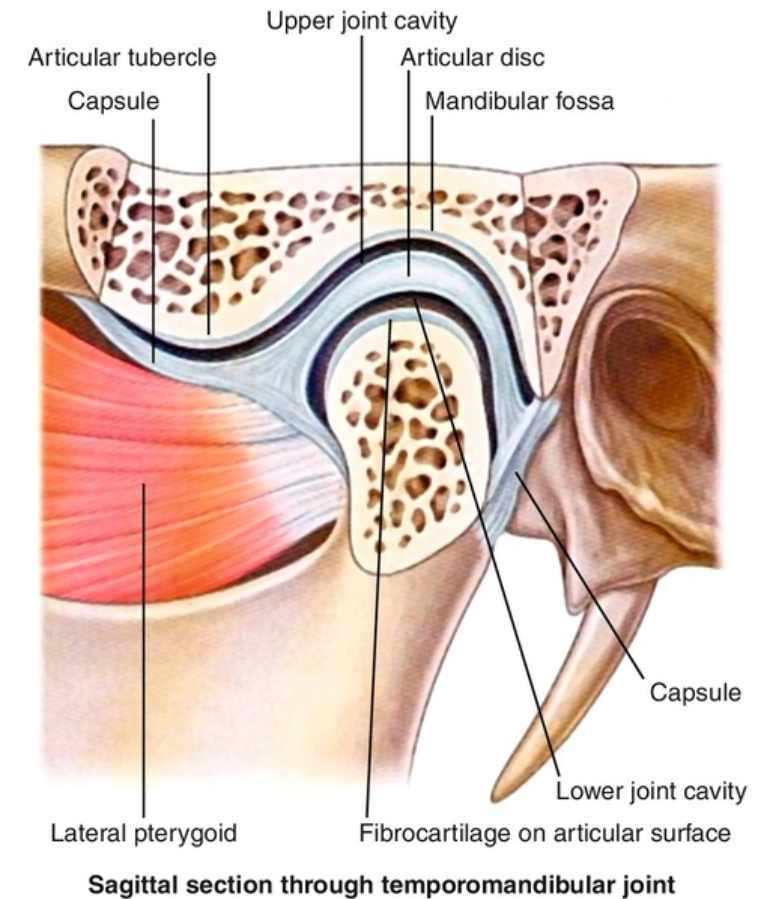
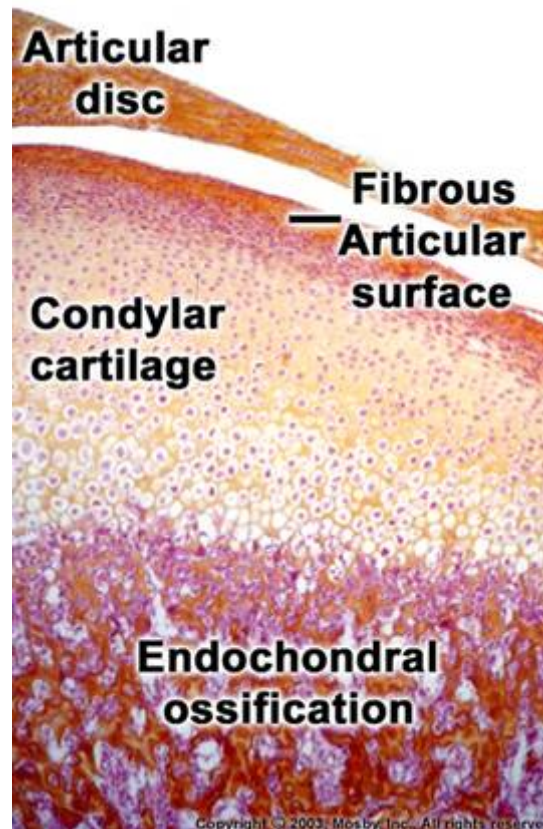
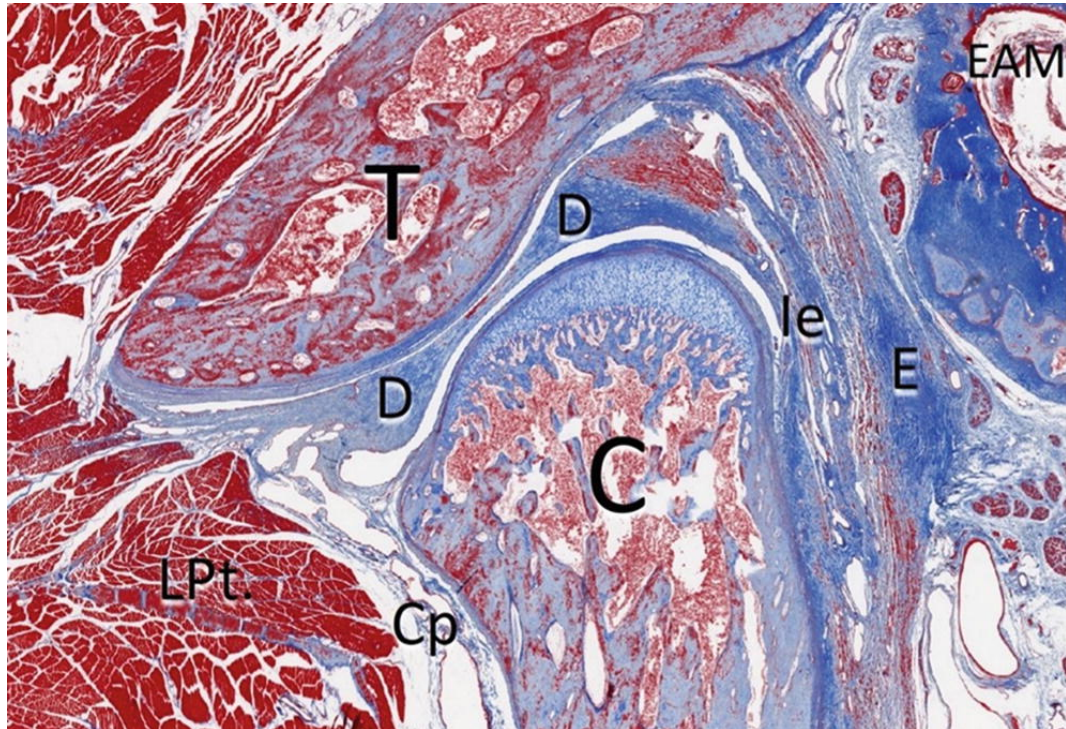


Microscopic structure of TMJ

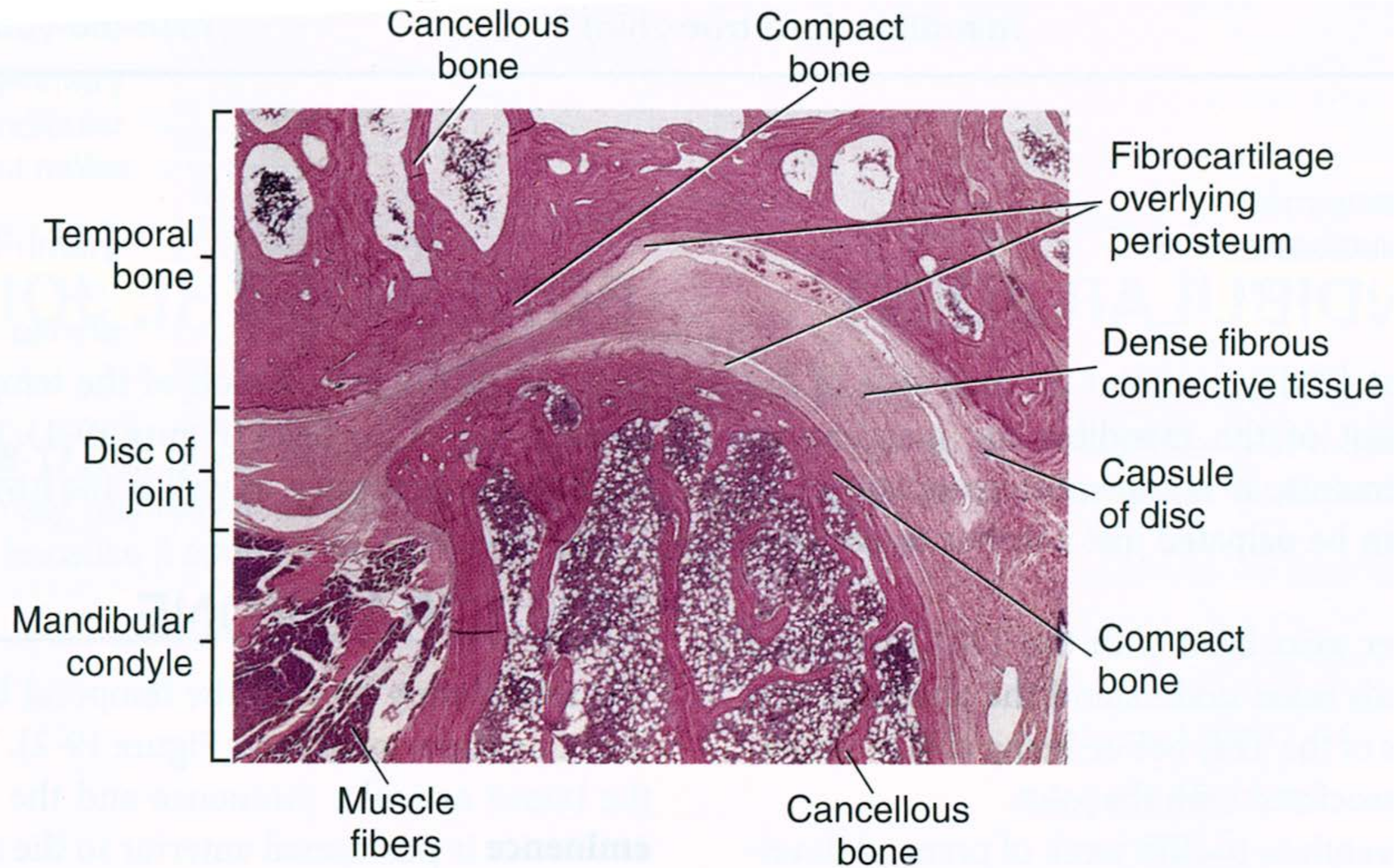
Caput mandibulae (condylus mandibulae) – elongated ellipsoidal shape, elongated axis oriented horizontally on the condyle surface - thin plate of compact

Inside is cancellous bone – trabeculae diverge from the center of the condyle radially to the surface

During childhood trabeculae can contain islands of hyaline cartilage



Sagittal section through temporomandibular joint



Fossa mandibularis

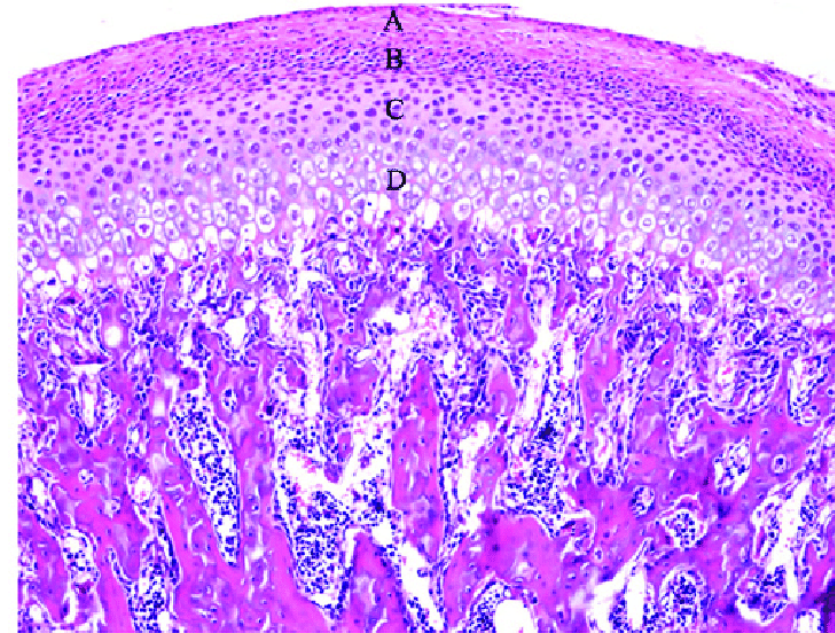
- Plate of compact bone
- The anterior border of mandibular fossa constitutes the **tuberculum articulare** - it has a similar structure to the caput mandibulae

TMJ surfaces - fibrous cartilage

- It is reinforced on the back of the tuberculum articulare
- Cartilage better resists degeneration and has a good ability to regenerate

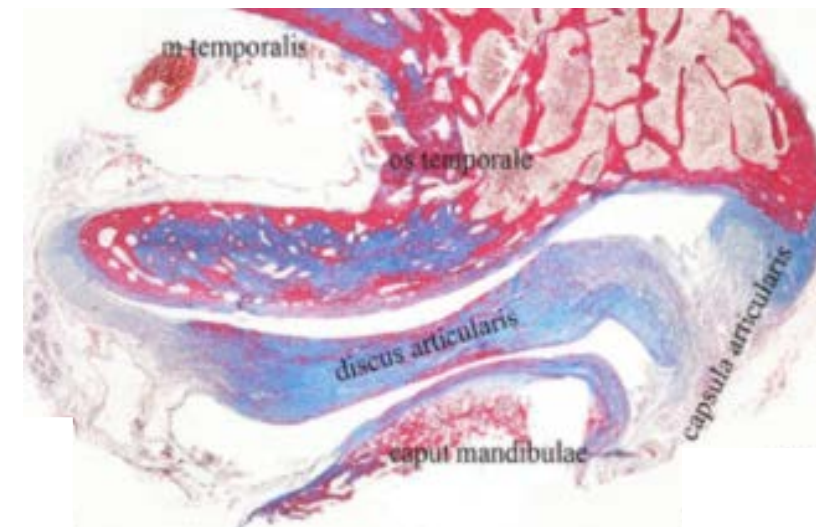
Discus articularis

- Ligament plate 3 - 4 mm thick
- Its edges are fixed in a joint
- Thinner in the middle - intermediate zone (1 - 1.5 mm)
- **Dense collagen tissue of a irregular type**
- In adulthood, it may contain islets of hyaline cartilage
- Function: Stabilization and absorption of shocks and vibrations functions



Mandibular condyle

- A: Articular layer
- B: Proliferative layer
- C: Chondrogenic layer
- D: Hypertrophic layer



Discus articularis

Complex inner structure

Dorsal section is divided in 2 lamellae:

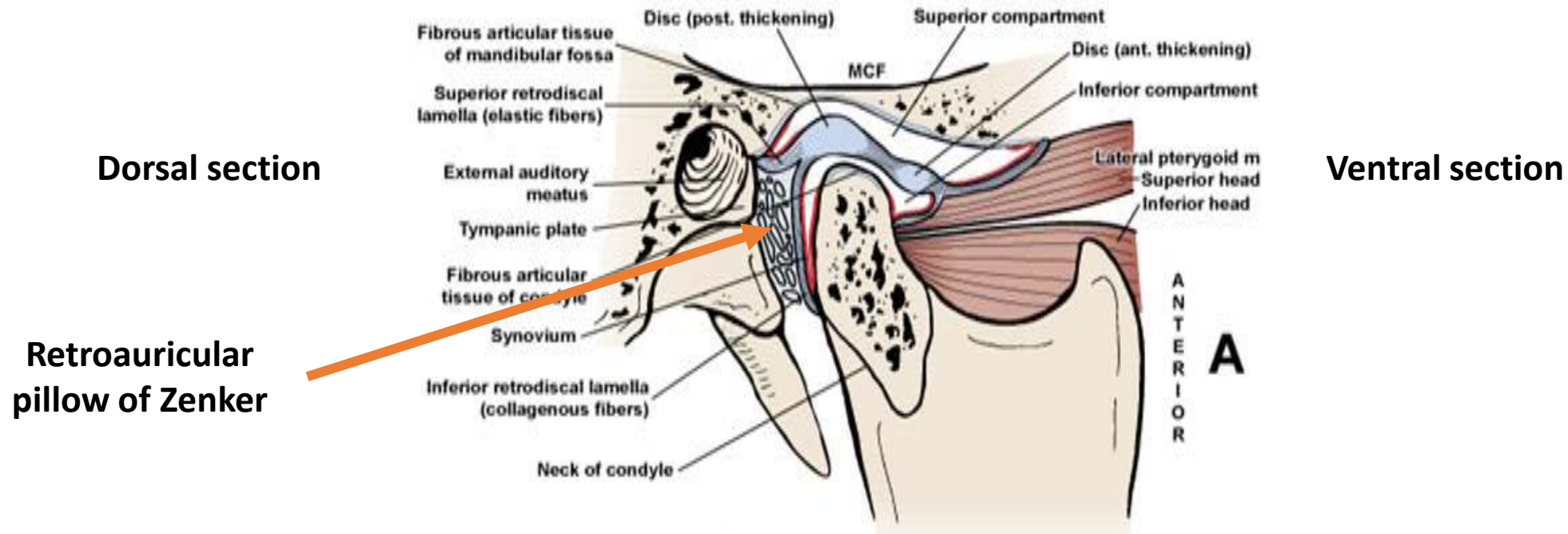
Superior retrodiscal lamella of elastic fibers, which are inserted to dorsal edge of the fossa

Inferior retrodiscal lamella inserts to the rear edge of condyle

Between lamellae the **retroauricular pillow of Zenker** is present - areolar connective tissue with rich venous plexus (it is continuous by pterygoid plexus - plexus pterygoideus)

Ventral section is thickened and ends in places of insertion of lateral pterygoid muscle

Thickened compartments act as stabilizing regions (wedges): stabilize condylus in the fossa



Temporomandibular joint (art. temporomandibularis, TMJ)

Joint capsule - free, especially on the medial side externally supported by the lateral and medial ligaments

2 layers: stratum fibrosum and stratum synoviale

Articular cavity contains synovial fluid and is divided in two sections

upper - **discotemporal**

lower - **discomandibular**

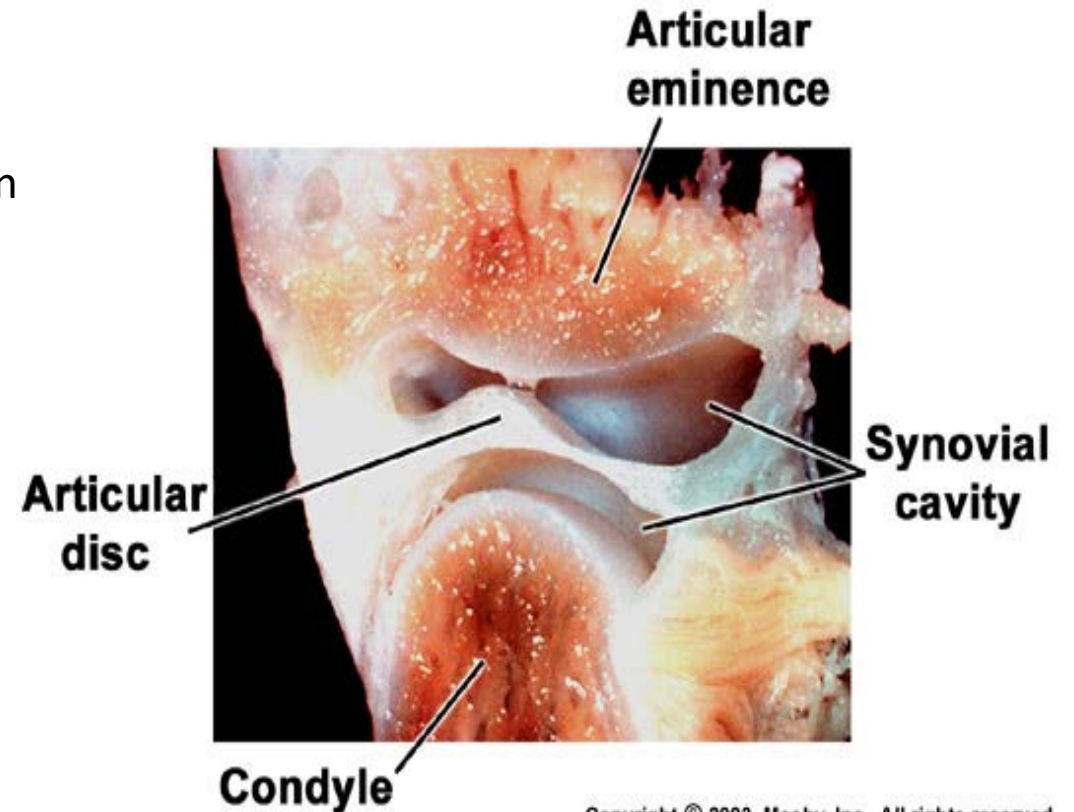
Joint biomechanics:

TMJ (articular disc) movements:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mB468Jh9aAY&ab_channel=AlilaMedicalMedia

MRI:

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Age changes in TMJ

Final form takes between 20 -25 years of age

Adaptability of TMJ – the ability to adapt to new functional requirements

Very good in cartilage

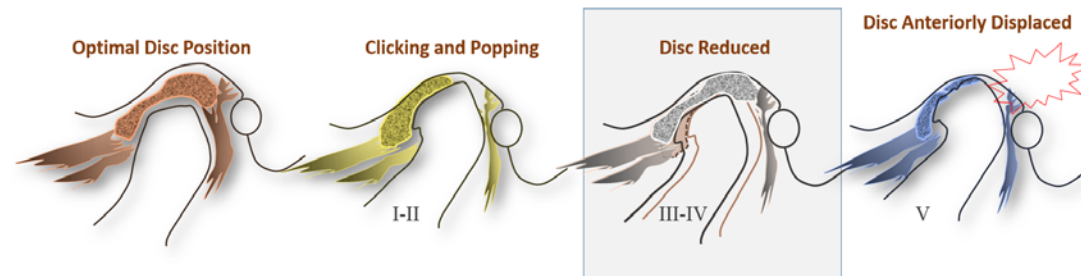
Poor in disc articularis

- a) Degenerative changes in the disc articularis, rupture or disintegration
- b) After the 5th decade perforation of the central disc part and connection of both sections of the articular cavity can occur

TMJ clicking:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Opgz2EUyI0w&ab_channel=WellingtonVillageOrthodonticsOttawa

Staging of Internal Derangement of TMJ



Condyles and positioning can change with age and time.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bq2mXyHz5uA&ab_channel=HackDentistry