

## The Biomechanics of Human Bone Growth and Development

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## **Types of Bone Cells**

- Osteoprogenitor cells: located on the external surface of bone – Divide and proliferate to form osteoblasts
- Osteoblasts: Responsible for mineralization of bony matrix – Respond to stimuli and allow bone to remodel – When completely surrounded by osteoid matrix it becomes an osteocyte
- <u>Osteocyte</u> : Centre piece of bony matrix Synthesize and resorb bony matrix to control blood calcium levels
- Osteoclasts : Phagocytic cell from bone marrow – Responsible for bone breakdown and removal



#### **Adult Bone Development**

- Balance between osteoblasts and Osteoclasts activity
- Increase in age yields progressive decrease in collagen and increase in bone brittleness.
- Greater in women



- Types of Bone
   Cortical (Compact): Forms outer shell of bone (cortex) – Very dense structure –
- Always surrounds Cancellous bone, but thickness varies depending on type of bone. age, diet, and functional requirements
- Cancellous (Trabecular): Inside of bone Thin plates arranged in a loose mesh structure - in a concentric layers with marrow between



#### **Structural Organization**

- Bone mineralization ratio specific to bone
- Two categories of bone:
   Cortical bone( 5-30% non mineralized)
   Trabecular bone(30-90% non mineralized)
- More porous bones have:
  - Less calcium phosphate
  - More calcium carbonate
  - Greater proportion of non-mineralized tissue



## **Gross Anatomy of Bone**



## **Bone Regeneration**

Depends upon

- Size
- Depth
- Location
- Maturity



## **Bony Insertion**

Zone 1 Parallel Collagen Fibers

Zone 2 Unmineralized Fibro cartilage

Zone 3 Mineralized Fibro cartilage

**Zone 4 Cortical Bone** 



## Biomechanical properties of bone Biphasic material: mineral

- as one component and collagen and ground substance as another.
- The most important properties are strength and stiffness.
- Behaviour under loading showed Hypothetical load deformation curve.



## Stress - Strain Curve



- Three parameters for strength:
- Load that it can sustain before failing
- Deformation that it can sustain before failing
- Energy that it can store before failing.
   strength = area under the curve



#### Cortical Bone

#### Low porosity

- 5-30% bone volume is non-mineralized tissue
- Withstand greater stress but less strain before fracturing
- Trabecular Bone
  - High porosity
  - 30 >90% bone volume is non-mineralized tissue
  - Trabeculae filled with marrow and fat
  - Withstand more strain (but less stress) before fracturing

- Both cortical and Trabecular bone are anisotropic
- Bone function determines by structure of bone
- Strongest at resisting compressive stress
- Weakest at resisting shear stress



- Physical difference = apparent bone density = gm per cc
- If Cortical and Trabecular bones tested under different bone densities and similar circumstances.
- Elastic portion of the curve for cortical bone is not straight line hence not linearly curved and opposite for trabecular bone
- Brittles or ductile classified depending upon extent of deformation before failure.



- Structure of the bone is dissimilar in the transverse and longitudinal directions, it exhibits different mechanical properties when loaded under different axes, the property called as ANISOTROPY.
- Human femoral shaft sample tested under in four directions.



## **Anisotropic Nature of Bone**



Bone loading and mechanical properties = complex Strength and stiffness more in directions of daily loads.

#### **BIOMECHANICAL BEHAVIOUR OF BONE**

- Mechanical properties, geometric characteristics, loading mode, direction of loading, rate and frequency of loading.
- Tension, compression, bending, shear, torsion, Combined loading.
- Tensile loading:
- During tensile loading equal and opposite loads are applied outward from the surface of bone and tensile stress and strain result inside the structure.
- Tensile stress can be thought of as many small forces directed away from the surface of the structure.

Structure lengthens and narrows.



## **Compressive loading**

- Equal and opposite loads are applied towards the surface of the bone; and compressive stress and strain result inside the structure.
- Maximal stress along perpendicular plane.
- Structure shortens and widens.
- Example: Vertebral fracture.



## Shear loading

- Load is applied parallel to the surface of the structure and shear stress and strain result inside the structure.
- Deformation = angular manner.
- Most often seen in Cancellous bone.
- Cortical bone = withstands greater stress than strain than shear i.e. 190, 130, 70 M Pa respectively.
- Direction of stress failure results in general in stable fracture.



## THANKS

### Bending

- Loads are applied to a structure in a manner that causes it to bend about an axis.
- Combination of tension and compression.
- Tensile stresses and strains on one side and compressive stresses and strains on other side.
- Three point bending= three forces acting to produce moments. Bone breaks at the point of application of the middle force.
- E.g. boot top fracture in skiers seen in Proximal tibia ,distal tibia and foot.
- Four point bending= two force couples produce 2 equal moments.
- Structure breaks at weakest point.
- E.g. manipulation of postsurgical stiff knee joint.







## torsion

- Ioad is applied to structure that causes it to twist about an axis and torque is produced within the structure.
- Combination of shear, tension and compression.
- Initial crack parallel to the neutral axis, second crack along plane of maximal tensile stress.



## **Combined loading**

Walking , jogging = complexity of the loading patterns.

#### Normal walking:

heal strike- compressive Stance phase-tensile Push off- compressive Later phases- shear stresses. JOGGING:

- Toe strike- compressive
- tensile push off
- More stresses and strains on tibia from slow walking to jogging.

# Influence of Muscle Activity on stress distribution within bone

- Muscle contractions alter the stress distribution.
- Decrease or eliminate tensile stress on bone by producing compressive stress.
- E.g. Compression on anterior surface / tension on posterior surface.
- Increases bone strength.

## Strain Rate Dependency in Bone

- I::: Showed Viscoelastic material -but behaviour varies with the rate it is loaded
- 2:::: Stiffer loads applied at high rates, but also stores more energy
- Bone stronger for brisk walking as compared to slow walking i.e. 30 % more.
- But implications of brisk loading increase chances of for fractures and the type of secondary damage.



- Low loading rate=if resulted in fracture then energy dissipation through formation of single crack fracture.
  - bones and soft tissues relatively intact and no displacement of bony fragments.
- High loading rate:
  - Greater energy ,more for single crack,
  - Comminution of bone and extensive soft tissue damage.
- Three general categories depending upon amount of energy released.
- 1) Low energy: ski fracture
- 2) High energy: automobile accidents
   3) Very high energy fractures: high velocity gap shot



# Fatigue Rate of Bone under repetitive loading

- Fatigue Produced by few repetitions of a high load or numerous repetitions of a low load.
- Bone fatigues rapidly when the load approaches its "yield' point.
- Fatigue determined by: Amount of load - number of repetitions - number of repetitions in a given time period (frequency of load).
- Remodelling process becomes outpaced by the fatigue process.

 Activity results in muscle fatigue that changes how bone is loaded.



- Resistance to fatigue is greater in compression than in tension.
- 5000 cycles of experimental loading = number of steps in 10 miles of running.
- I million cycles correspond to = 1000 miles.
- A total distance of less than 1000 miles could cause fracture of cortical bone tissue.
- Common sites: Lumbar vertebrae, the femoral head, and proximal tibia.

Influence of bone geometry on biomechanical behaviour.

- 1::In <u>tension and compression</u>: load to failure and stiffness are proportional to the crosssectional area of bone.
- Larger the area, the stronger and stiffer will be the bone.
- <u>2::In bending</u>: cross section of the bone as well as Distribution of bone around a central/ neutral axis = AREA MOMENT OF INERTIA or Length of the bone



- Larger moment of inertia and increased length = stronger and stiffer bone in bending.
- Long bones of skeleton.
- In Torsion: same factors as in bending, polar moment of inertia.
- Proximal and distal sections of tibia= fracture common in distal portion.
- Fracture healing: callus formation( Woven Bone). = increased area and polar moment of inertia.

- Certain surgical procedures or bony defects in which weakness in the bone setermined especially in torsion.
- Types of defects

<u>stress raisers</u> |ength less than the diameter of the bone = a small piece of bone removed or screw inserted = stress prevented from being distributed evenly= decrease concentration of stress around the defect. 60% decrease in torsional loading. <u>open section defects</u> = length exceeds the bone diameter. e.g. cutting a slot during

bone biopsy. Outer section no longer continuous.

Reduced ability to sustain loads especially torsional.90% reduction in torsional loading.

## THANKS

### **Bone Remodeling**

- Wolff's Law Remodeling of bone is influenced and modulated by mechanical stress.
- Bone will alter its size, shape and structure to meet the mechanical demands placed on it.
- Accomplished by either: Gravity (influenced by body weight) – Muscle activity
- Positive correlation between bone mass and body weight.

• Weightlessness during space travel.

- Careful consideration during facture healing:
   Immobilization Metal implants
- Bed rest bone mass decrease by 1% per week.
- Immobilization = decrease in strength and stiffness of bone.
- Rigid plates should be removed shortly after fracture has healed.



#### Fatigue Curve (Load vs. Repetition)



# Degenerative Changes in Bone associated with Aging.

- Ageing process = loss of bone density = Longitudinal Trabeculae become thinner and transverse are absorbed.
- Marked reduction in Cancellous bone and thinning of cortical bone.
- Brittleness and reduced energy storage capacity with progressive age.
- Many factors affect the bone loss.
- Can be prevented by :Regular physical activity.



## **Types of Bones**

- Axial Skeleton
- Appendicular Skeleton
- Short Bones
- Flat Bones
- Irregular Bones
- Long Bones
- Articular Cartilage



## **Bone Growth & Development**

#### Longitudinal Growth

- At epiphyses or epiphyseal plates
- Stops at 18 yrs of age (approx.)
  - can be seen up to 25 yrs of age

#### Circumferential Growth

- Diameter increases throughout lifespan
- Most rapid growth before adulthood
  - Periosteum build-up in concentric layers



## **Bone Response to Stress**

- Wolf's Law
  - Indicates that bone strength increases and decreases as the functional forces/stress increase and decrease on bone.
- Bone Modeling and Remodeling
  - Mechanical loading causes strain
  - Bone Modeling
    - If Strain > modeling threshold, then bone modeling occurs.



## **Bone Response to Stress**

#### Bone Remodeling

- If Strain < lower remodeling threshold, then bone remodeling occurs.
  - at bone that is close to marrow
- "conservation mode": no change in bone mass
- "disuse mode": net loss of bone mass
- Osteocytes: imp role in bone loss.

## **Bone Response to Stress**

- Bone mineral density generally parallels body weight
  - Body weight provides most constant mechanical stress
  - Determined by stresses that produce strain on skeleton
  - Think: weight gain or loss and its effect on bone density



## **Bone Hypertrophy**

- An increase in bone mass due to predominance of osteoblast activity.
- Seen in response to regular physical activity
  - Ex: tennis players have muscular and bone hypertrophy in playing arm.
- The greater the habitual load, the more mineralization of the bone.
  - Also relates to amount of impact of activity/sport

## **Bone Atrophy**

- A decrease in bone mass resulting form a predominance of osteoclast activity
  - Accomplished via remodeling
  - Decreases in:
    - Bone calcium
    - Bone weight and strength

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Seen in bed-ridden patients, sedentary elderly, and

astronauts

## **Bone Atrophy**

- Affect on Astronauts
  - Overall cause is unknown
  - Tend to have negative calcium loss
    - Decrease of intestinal Ca<sup>2+</sup> absorption
    - Increase in Ca<sup>2+</sup> excretion
  - One hypothesis:
    - Changes in bone blood flow due to difference in gravitational field



## THANKS

- Porous bone (loss of bone density) resulting from decreased bone mass and microdamage to the bone structure that results in a susceptibility to fracture
- metabolic bone disease, Large prevalence, most common in postmenopausal women.
- Etiology :- Negative calcium balance....diet -Hormonal changes (estrogen) – Sedentary lifestyle



through hip

Solid one matrix Weakened



- A disorder involving decreased bone mass and strength with one or more resulting fractures.
- Found in elderly
  - Mostly in postmenopausal and elderly women
  - Causes more than 1/2 of fractures in women, and 1/3 in men.
- Begins as osteopenia



- Type I Osteoporosis = Postmenopausal Osteoporosis
  - Affects about 40% of women over 50
  - Gender differences
    - Men reach higher peak bone mass and strength in young adulthood
- Type II Osteoporosis = Age-Associated Osteoporosis
  - Affects most women and men over 70



- Symptoms:
  - Painful, deforming and debilitating crush fractures of vertebrae
    - Usually of lumbar vertebrae from weight bearing activity, which leads to height loss
      - Estimated 26% of women over 50 suffer from these fractures



- Men have an increase in vertebral diameter with aging
  - Reduces compressive stress during weight bearing activities
  - Structural strength not reduced
  - Not known why same compensatory changes do not occur in women



## Female Athlete Triad

- 1) <u>Eating Disorders</u> affect 1–10% of all adolescent and college–age women.
   Displayed in 62% female athletes
  - Mostly in endurance or appearancerelated sports
- 2) <u>Amenorrhea</u> is the cessation of the menses.
- 3) <u>Osteoporosis</u> is the decrease in bone mass and strength.

## Amenorrhea & Osteoporosis

- Primary Amenorrhea
- Secondary Amenorrhea
- Prevention
- Impact activities and moderate intensity resistance training beneficial.
- 3 times per week for at least 10-20 minutes, twice a day.

## Anorexia Nervosa

 Is an eating disorder characterized by refusal to maintain a healthy body weight and an obsessive fear of gaining weight, often couple with a distorted self image which may be maintained by various

<u>cognitive biases</u>.



## Bulimia nervosa

Is an <u>eating disorder</u> characterized by restraining of food intake for a period of time followed by an over intake or binging period that results in feelings of guilt and low self– esteem. Self created vomiting.



## Osteoporosis Treatment

- Hormone replacement therapy
- Estrogen deficiency damages bone
- Increased dietary calcium
- Lifestyle factors affect bone mineralization
- Risk factors for osteoporosis:

## Osteoporosis Treatment

- Future use of pharmacologic agents
  - May stimulate bone formation
  - Low doses of growth factors to stimulate osteoblast recruitment and promote bone formation.
- Best Bet:
  - Engaging in regular physical activity
  - Avoiding the lifestyle (risk) factors that negatively affect bone mass.

## **Common Bone Injuries**

- Fractures
  - Simple
  - Compound
  - Avulsion
  - Spiral
  - Bending Moment

#### Stress Reaction

Impacted
Depressed
Greenstick
Stress

## **Common Bone Injuries**

- Bone stronger in resisting compression than tension, so the side loaded with tension will fracture first.
  - Acute compression fractures (in absence of osteoporosis) is rare
- Stress Fractures occur when there is no time for repair process (osteoblast activity)
  - Begin as small disruption in continuity of outer layers of cortical bone.

## **Epiphyseal Injuries**

- Include injuries to:
  - Cartilaginous epiphyseal plate
  - Articular cartilage
  - Apophysis
- Acute and repetitive loading can injure growth plate
  - Leads to premature closing of epiphyseal junction and termination of bone growth.



## **Epiphyseal Injuries**

- Osteochondrosis
  - Disruption of blood supply to epiphyses
  - Associated with tissue necrosis and potential deformation of the epiphyses.
- Apophysitis
  - Osteochondrosis of the apophysis
  - Associated with traumatic avulsions

