

Pediatric X-ray Zebras Crazy cases from the Archives

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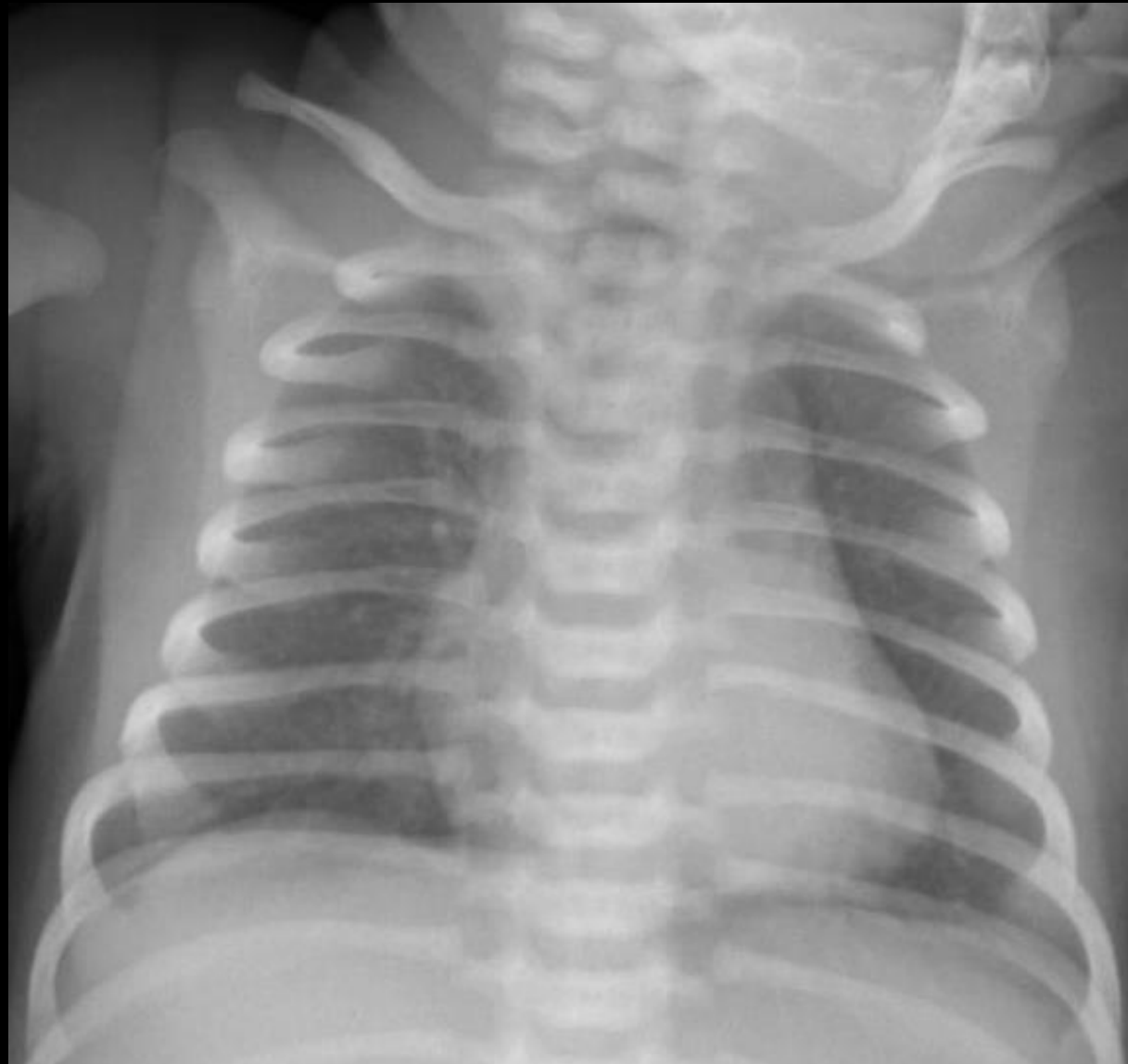


Objectives

- Recognize uncommonly encountered imaging findings in pediatric patients
- Understand the imaging work up of several rare diseases
- Be aware of some imaging pitfalls when imaging pediatric patients in children in the urgent care setting
- Case based, interactive format

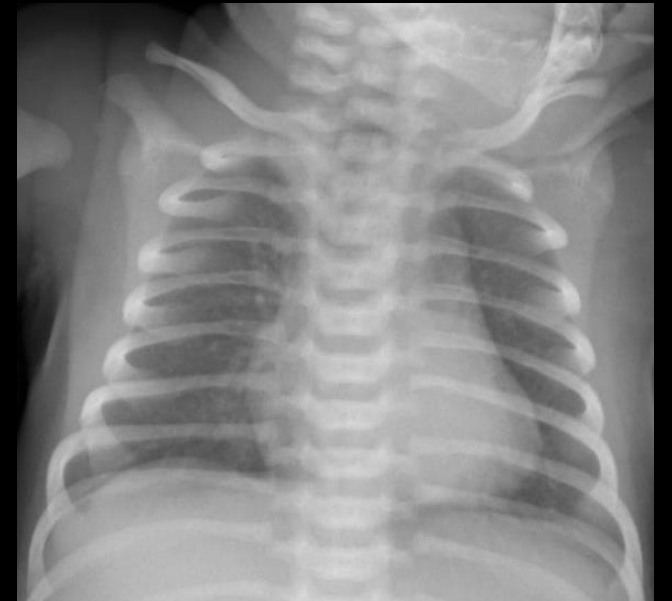
CASE 1

1 yo with fever and cough

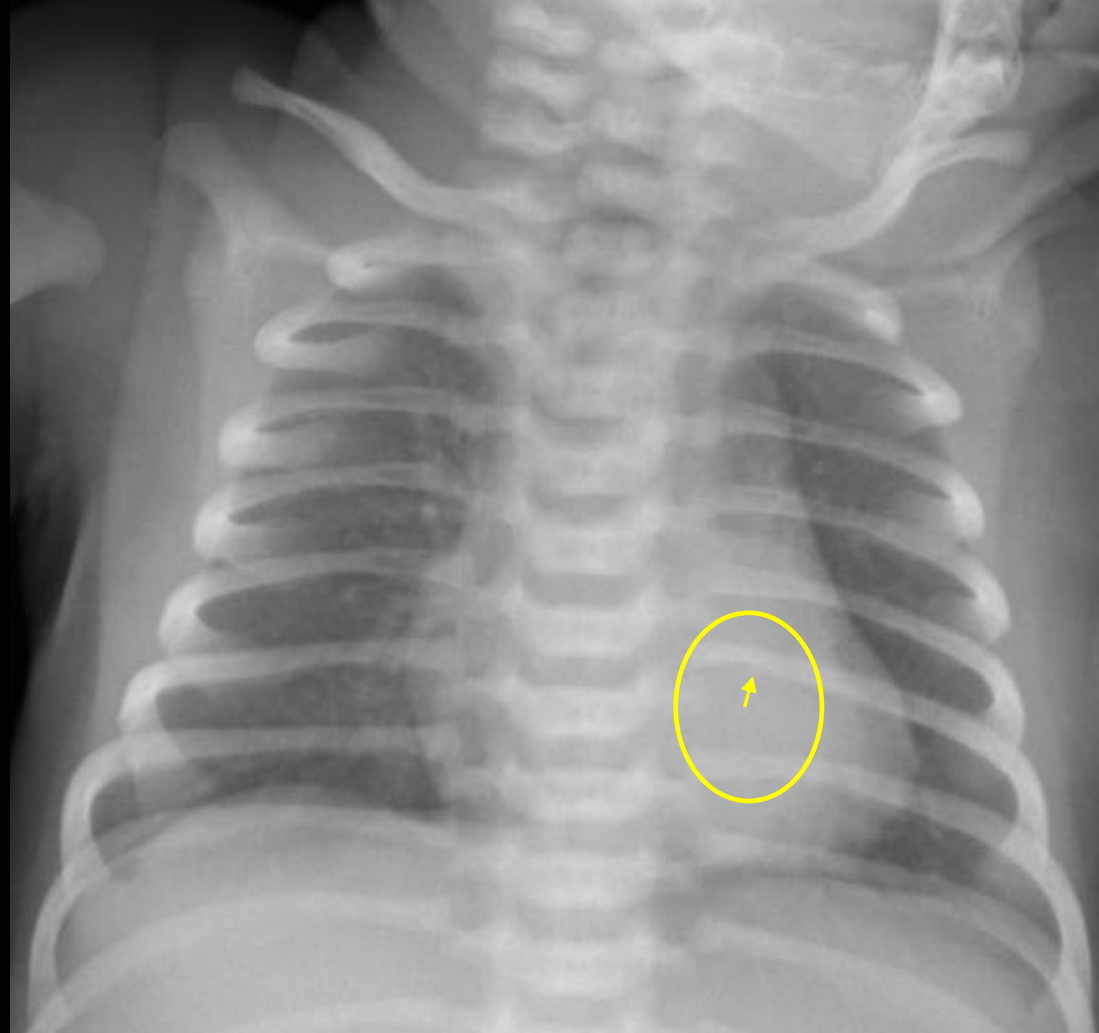


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- A. Supportive management for viral pneumonia
- B. Antibiotic therapy for left lower lobe pneumonia
- C. Cross sectional imaging (CT or MRI)
- D. Skeletal survey for child abuse work up

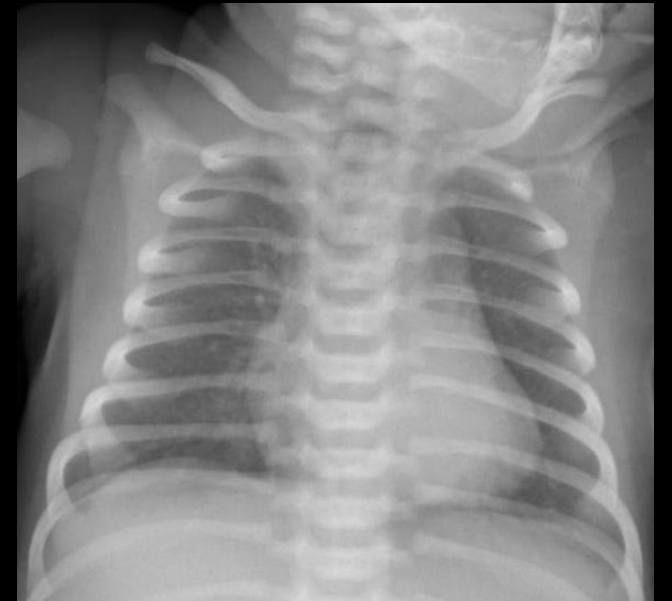


? Bronchiolitis with LLL atelectasis or pneumonia



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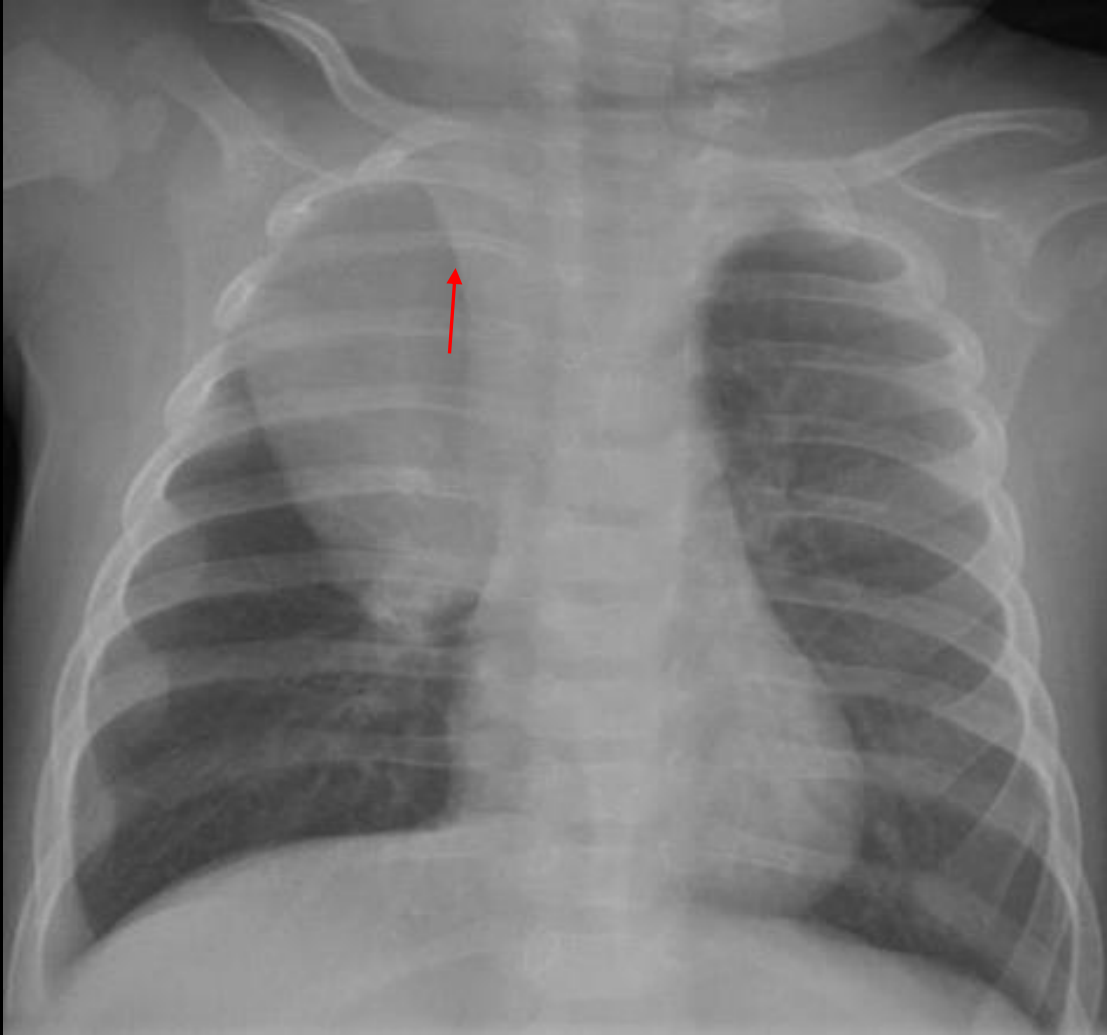


3 months later presents with signs of spinal cord compression



Thoracic neuroblastoma with intraspinal extension (*)

Companion case: Thoracic Neuroblastoma



- Posterior mediastinal mass
 - Sympathetic chain and nerve sheath tumors
 - Neuroblastoma most common
 - Children < 2 yrs
 - 10-16% neuroblastoma occurs in thoracic region
 - May mimic pneumonia or sequestration
 - Air trapping due to extrinsic bronchial compression

Thoracic Neuroblastoma



- MRI
 - Best to assess intraspinal extension
- CT
 - Variable enhancing mass
 - 40% with speckled or curvilinear Ca⁺⁺

CASE 2

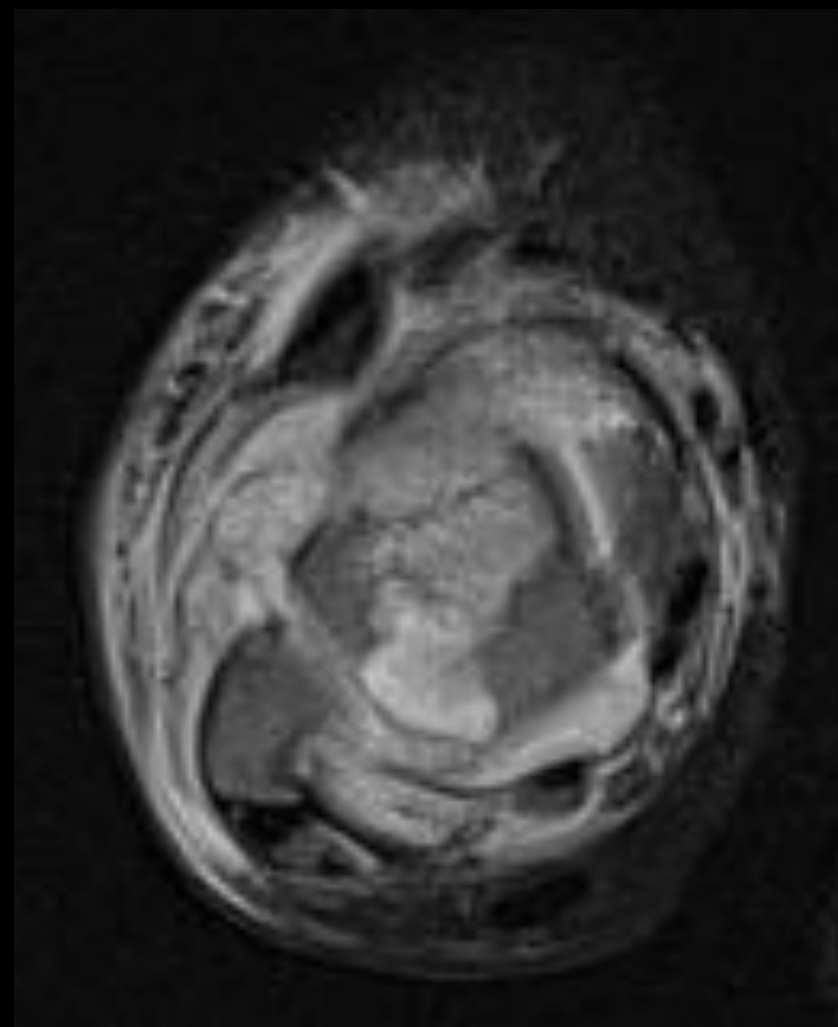
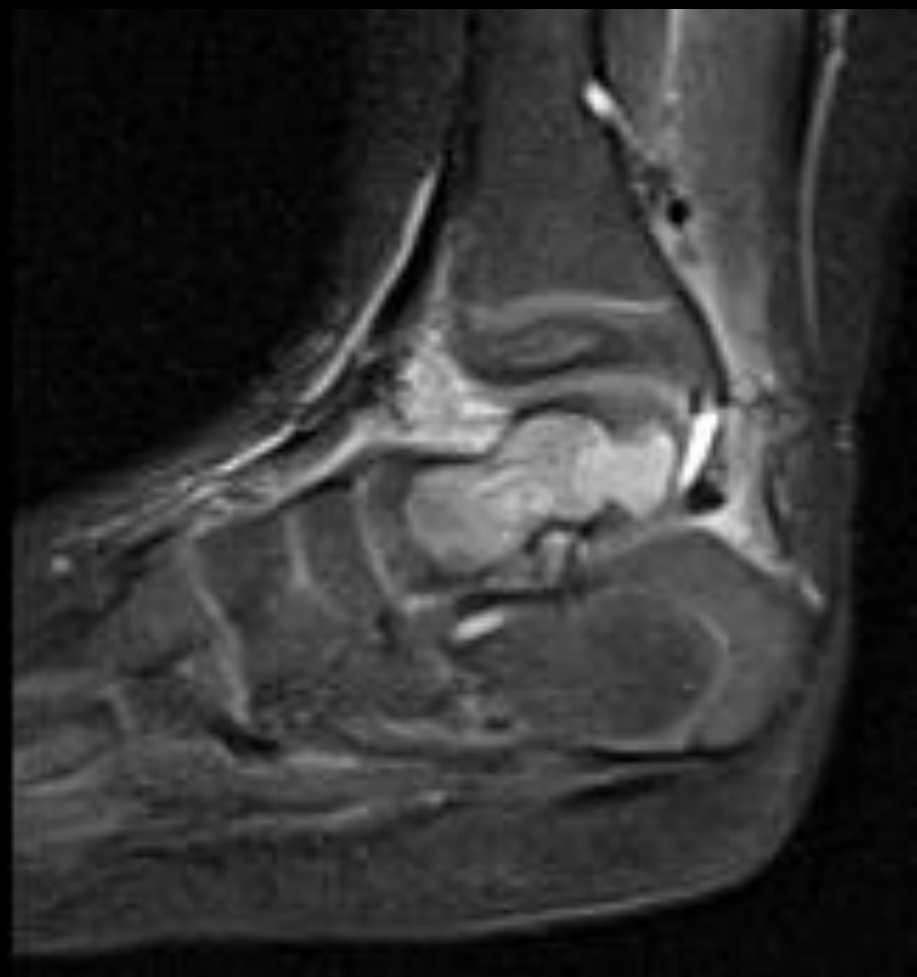
1 yo with lateral ankle swelling for 3 weeks



Which bone is abnormal?

- A. Tibia
- B. Fibula
- C. Talus
- D. Navicular
- E. Cuboid





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Epiphyseal osteomyelitis

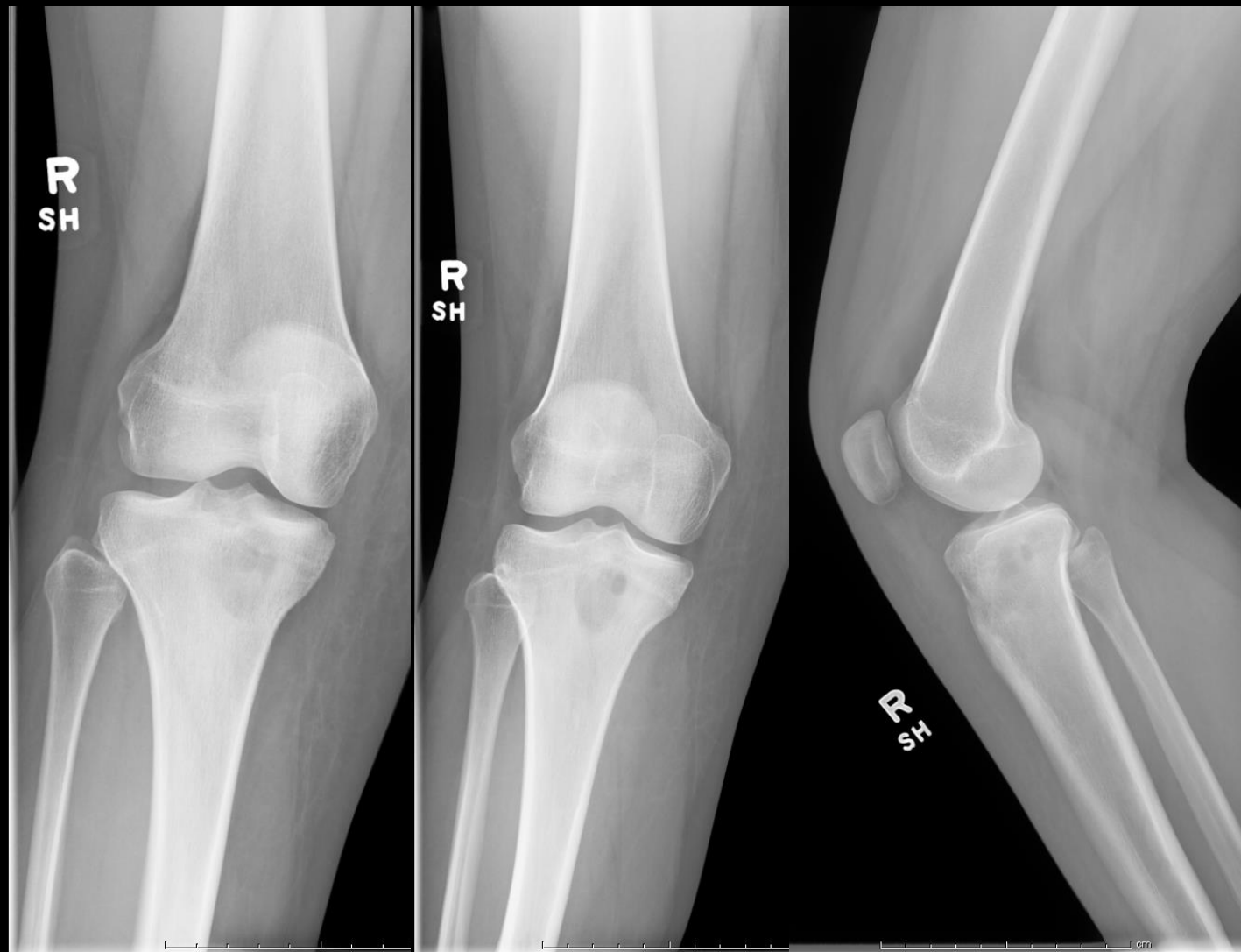
Tarsal bones are “epiphyseal equivalents”

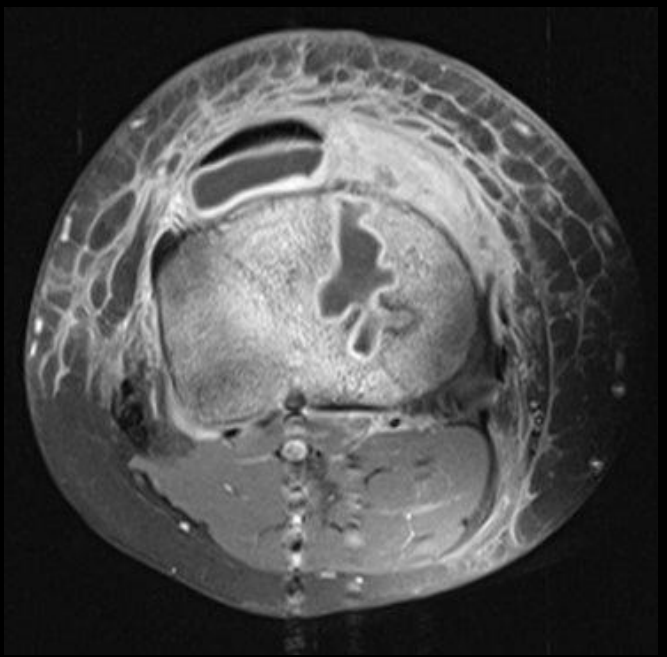
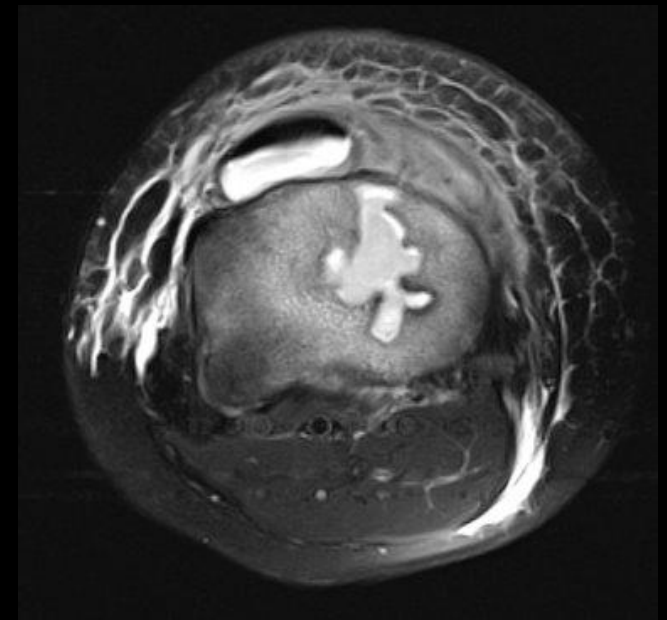
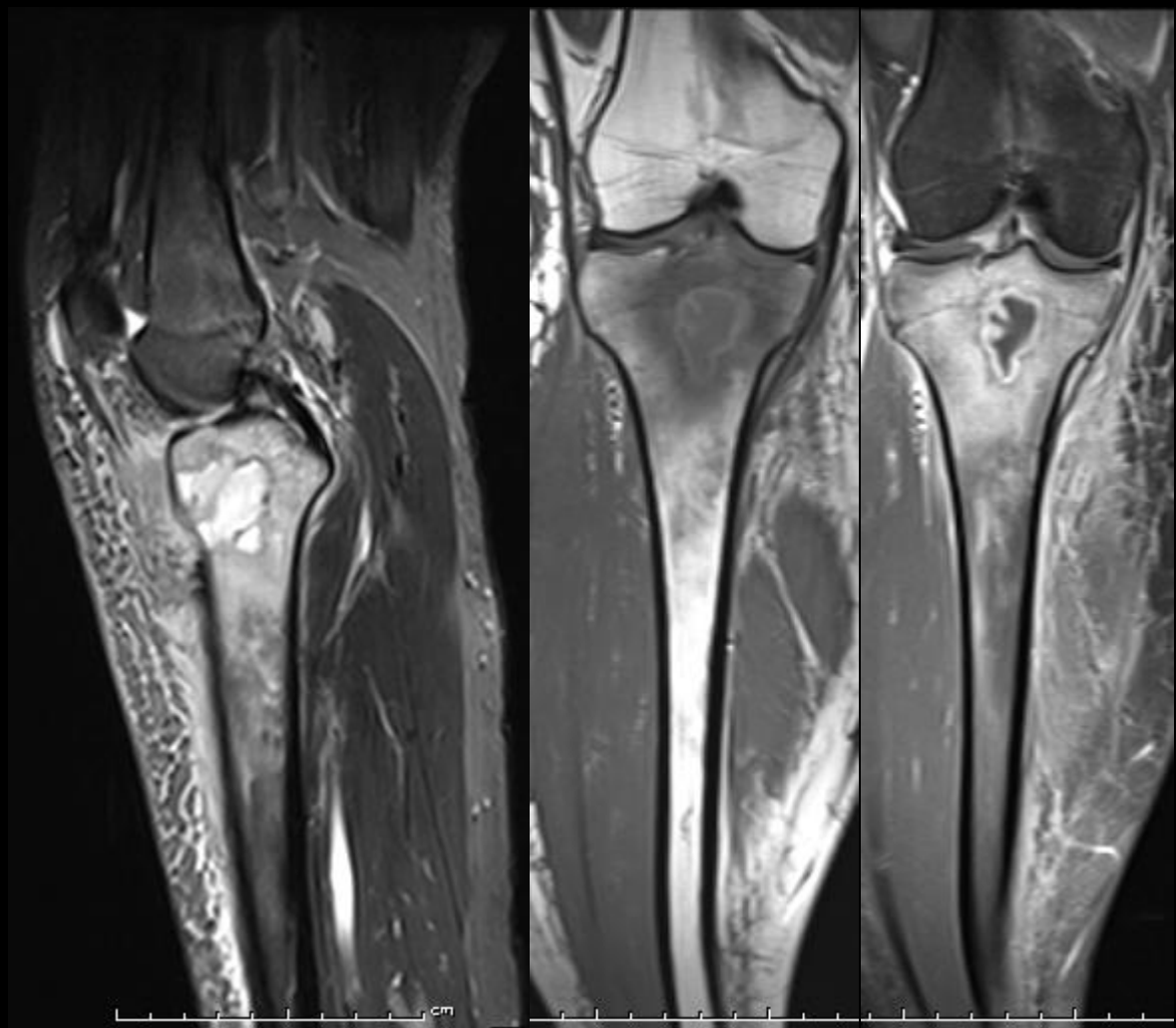
End of bone lesion Ddx: Chondroblastoma, osteomyelitis, Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis, Osteochondral defect (OCD)

Epiphyseal osteomyelitis: Metaphyseal location is most common site of osteomyelitis in children due to terminal vascular configuration

Young children have vessels crossing physis; they may develop osteomyelitis in epiphysis or both locations

Companion case: metaphyseal osteomyelitis, Brodies abscess



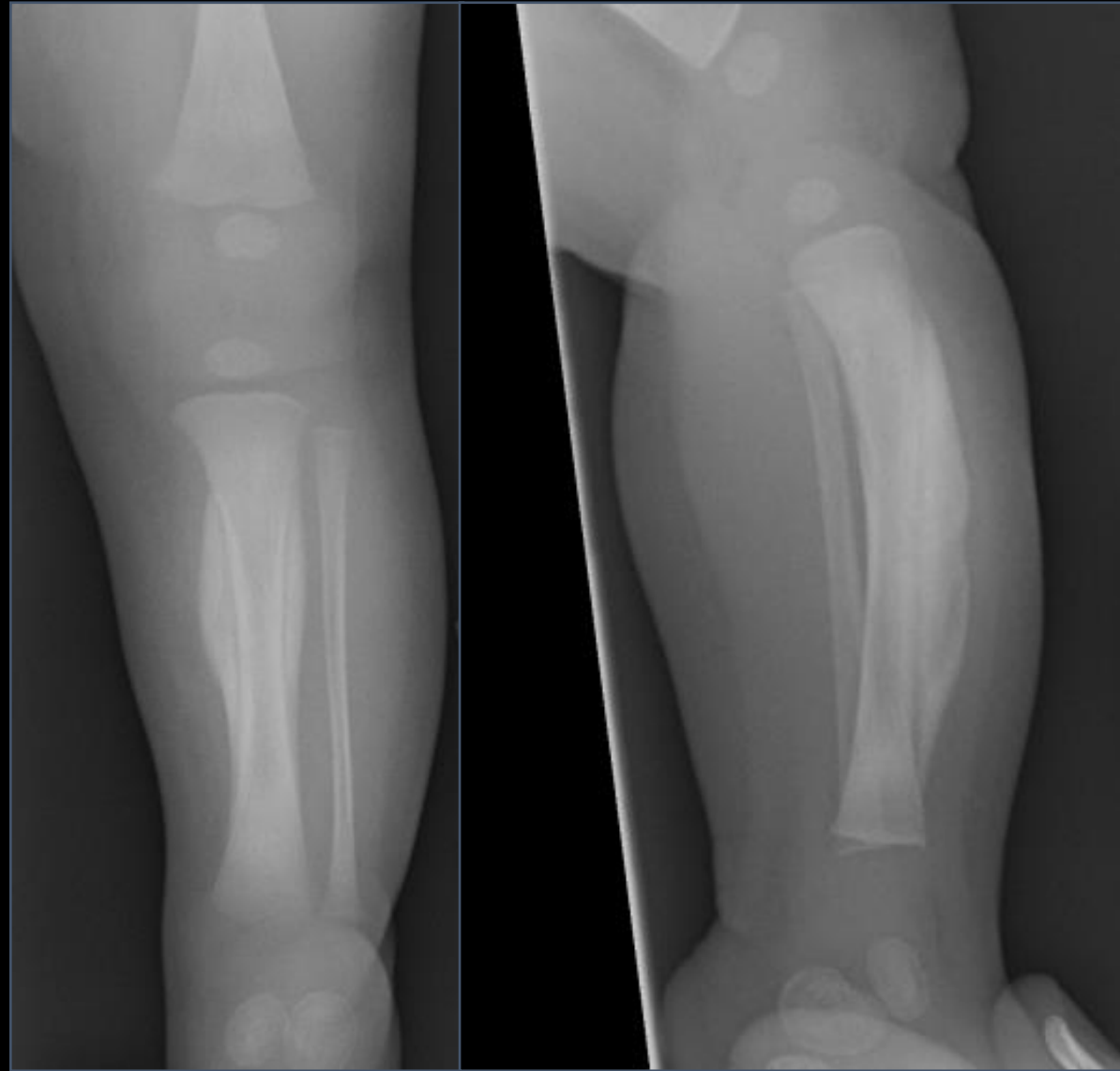


Osteomyelitis, brodies abscess

- Geographic, lucent lesion, non sclerotic margins
- Metaphyseal, juxta physeal location
- Tx: surgical debridement and Abx
 - Goal: avoid leg length discrepancy

CASE 3

Infant with fever and irritability



The type of periosteal reaction is:

- A. Benign
- B. Aggressive



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Caffey's = infantile cortical hyperostosis

- 1945 by Caffey
 - DeToni-Caffey
- Average age = 9 weeks, almost always < 6 months
- Self-limiting condition, lasting 2 weeks – 3 months
- Irritability, soft tissue swelling, fever
 - Laboratory: mild leukocytosis, elevated estimated sedimentation rate (ESR), and alkaline phosphatase
- Familial and sporadic forms
 - Autosomal dominant with variable penetrance
 - Mutations in type 1 collagen (COL1A1 gene)
- Mandible (75%), clavicle and ulna most common locations

Caffey's Disease

DDx for periosteal reaction:

P: physiologic, prostaglandin

E: EG/LCH

R: Rickets

I: Infantile cortical hyperostosis = Caffey's

O: Osteomyelitis

S: Sickle cell

T: Trauma

E: Ewings sarcoma

A: Hypervitaminosis A

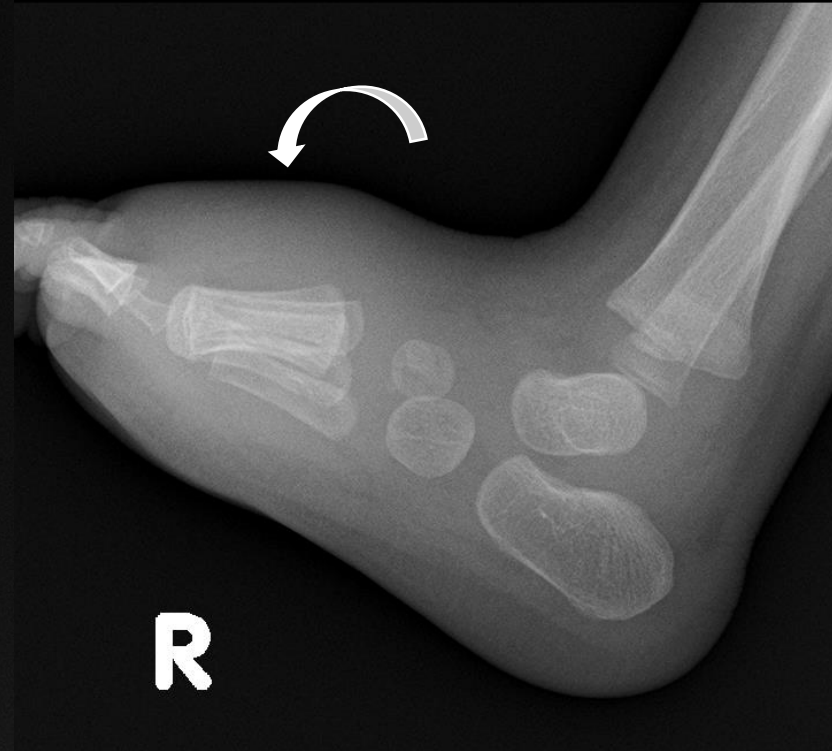
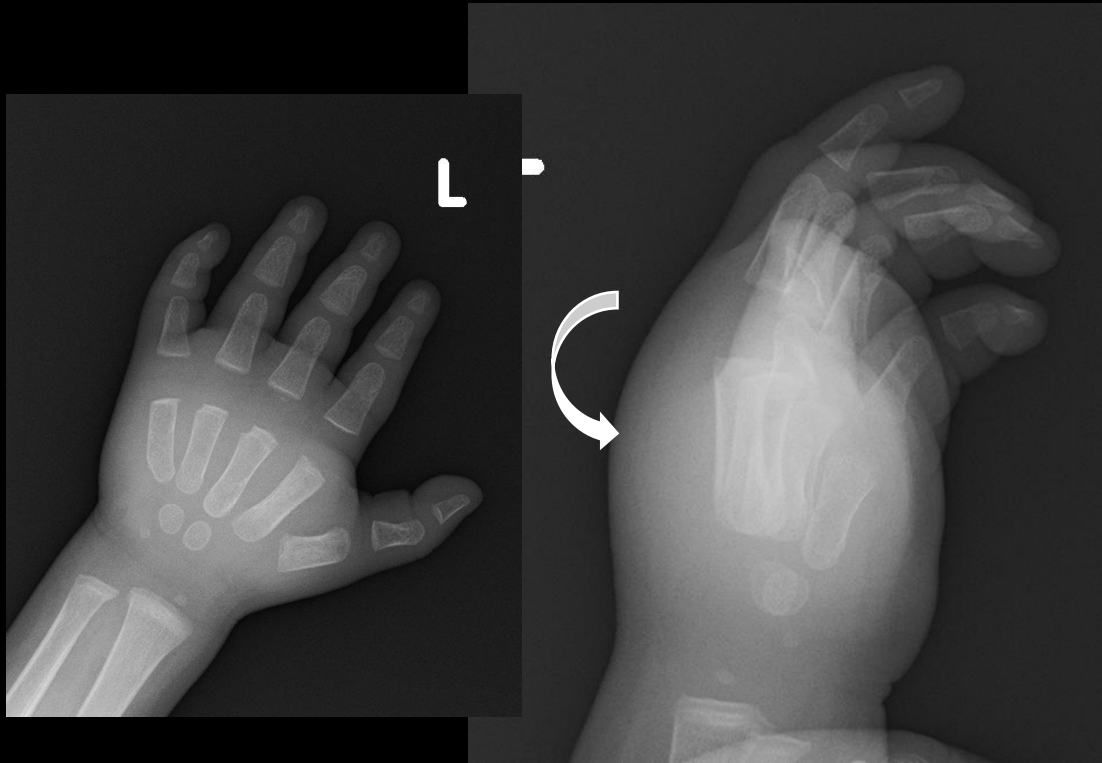
L: Leukemia

SOCKS: Syphilis, osteosarcoma, child abuse,
kinky hair, scurvy



CASE 4

9 month old male with fever, Left hand & Right foot swelling,
concern for osteomyelitis



4 weeks later



Sickle Cell Dactylitis

- AKA Hand Foot Syndrome
 - Due to marrow infarction of red marrow
- Infants and young children
 - most common 6 months – 2 years
- Acute onset of symmetric hand and foot swelling, +/- fever
- XR: changes seen 7-10 days after onset of symptoms
 - Cortical thinning, bone destruction.

CASE 5

Foreign Body Ingestion



The foreign body represents:

- A. Bracelet
- B. Batteries
- C. Magnets
- D. Legos



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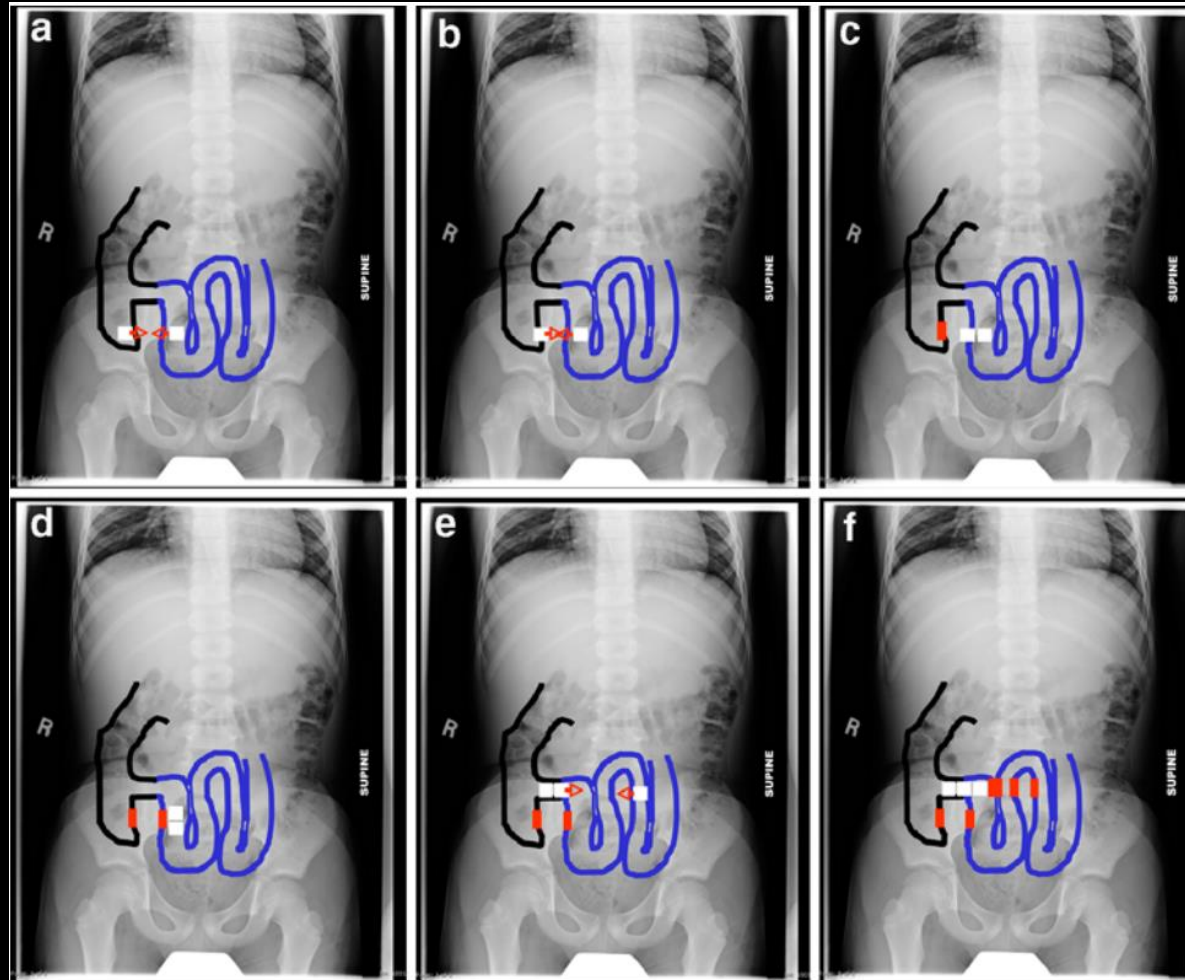
Ingestion of magnet foreign bodies → multiple bowel perforations



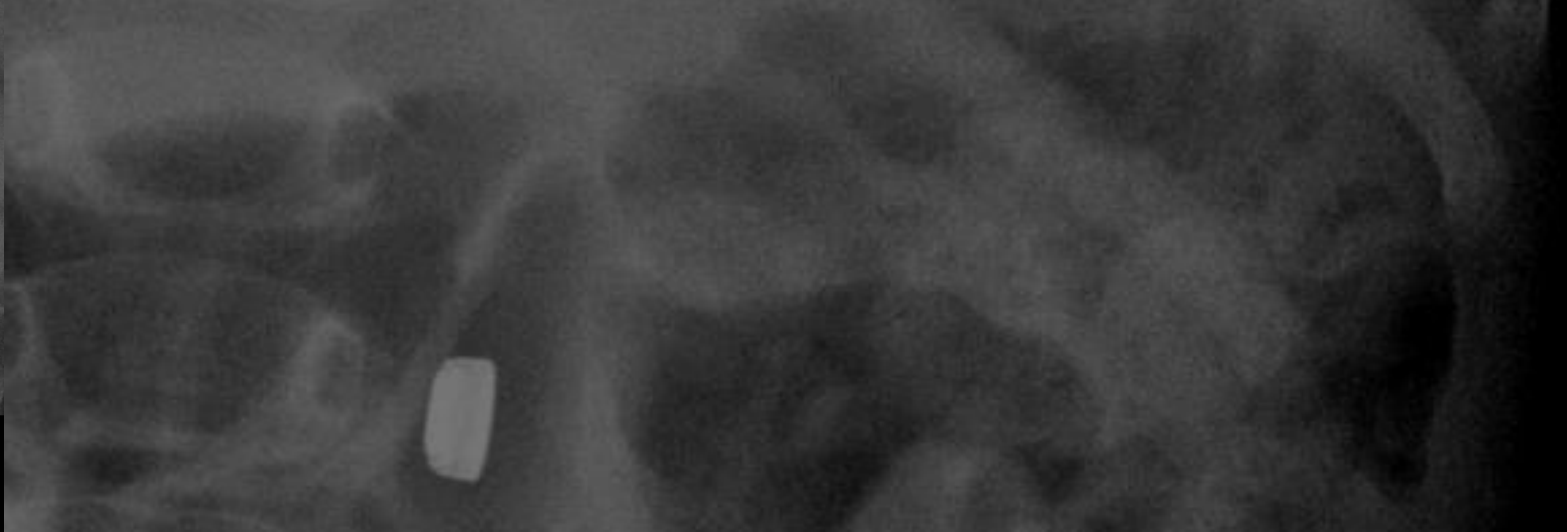
- Ingestion of multiple magnets is an ominous scenario
- Located in different bowel loops, attract each other → pressure necrosis → bowel perforation.

Ingestion of magnetic foreign bodies causing multiple bowel perforations

Moritz F. Kircher · Sarah Milla · Michael J. Callahan



Companion case: 10 month old with foreign body ingestion



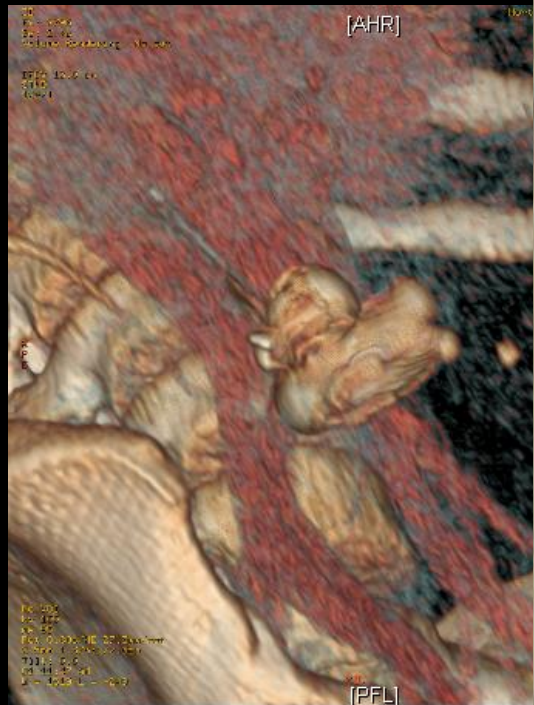
Companion case: 9 year old autistic male with emesis





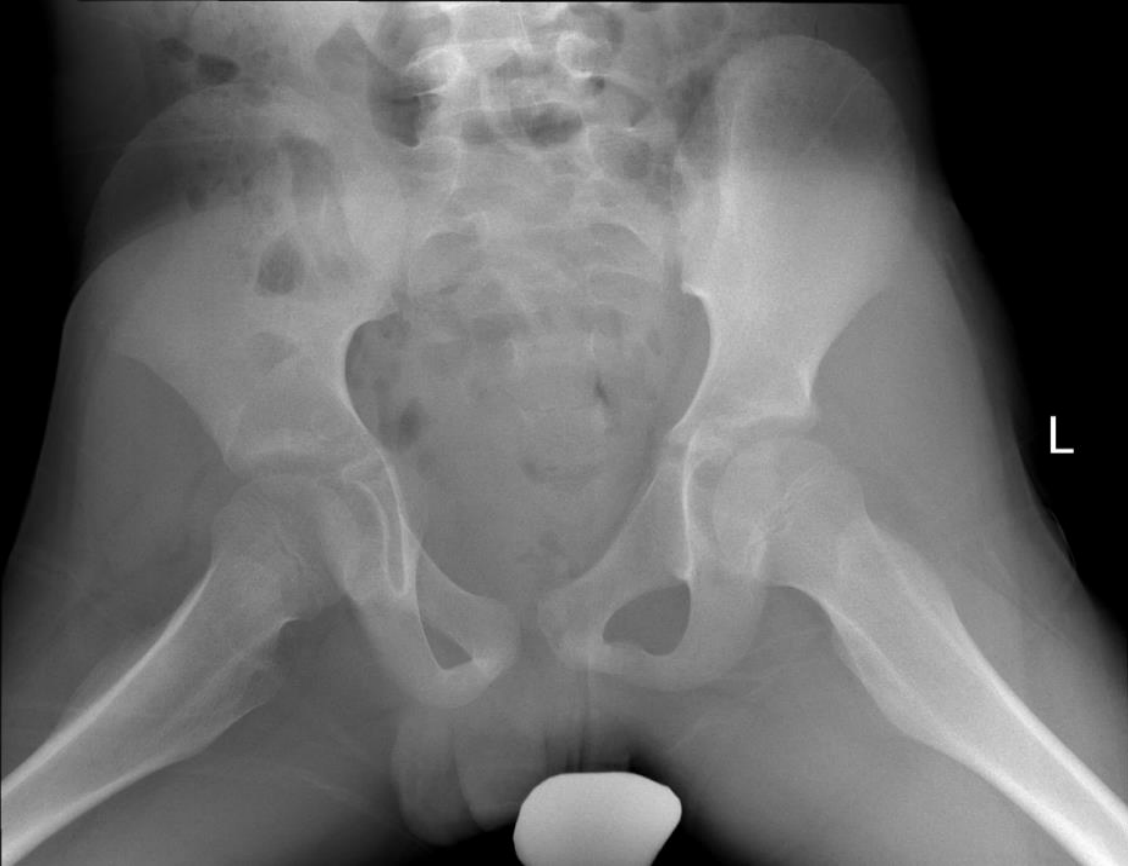




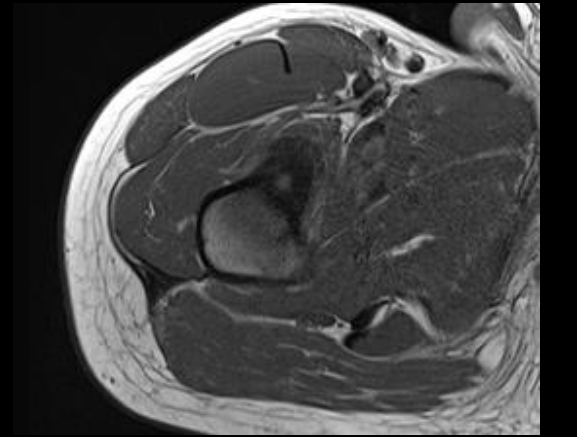
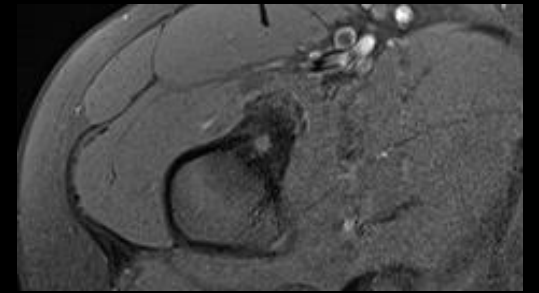
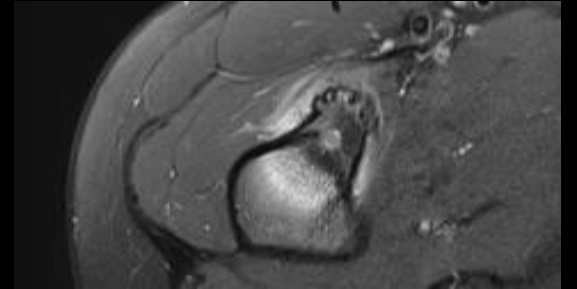
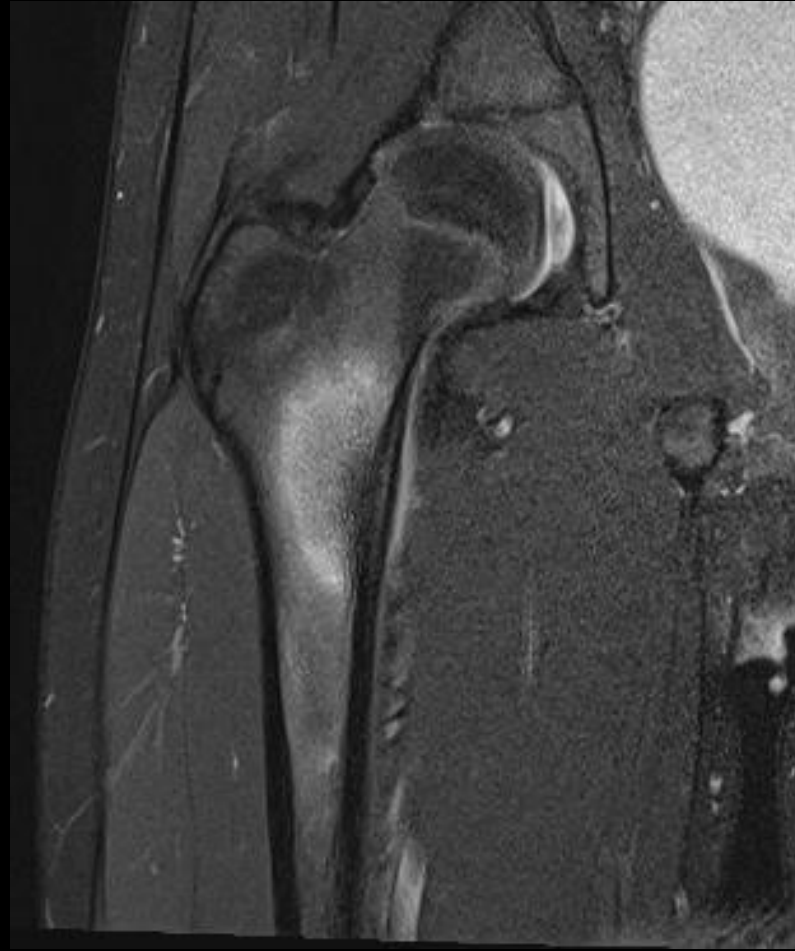


CASE 6

11 yo M with right hip pain



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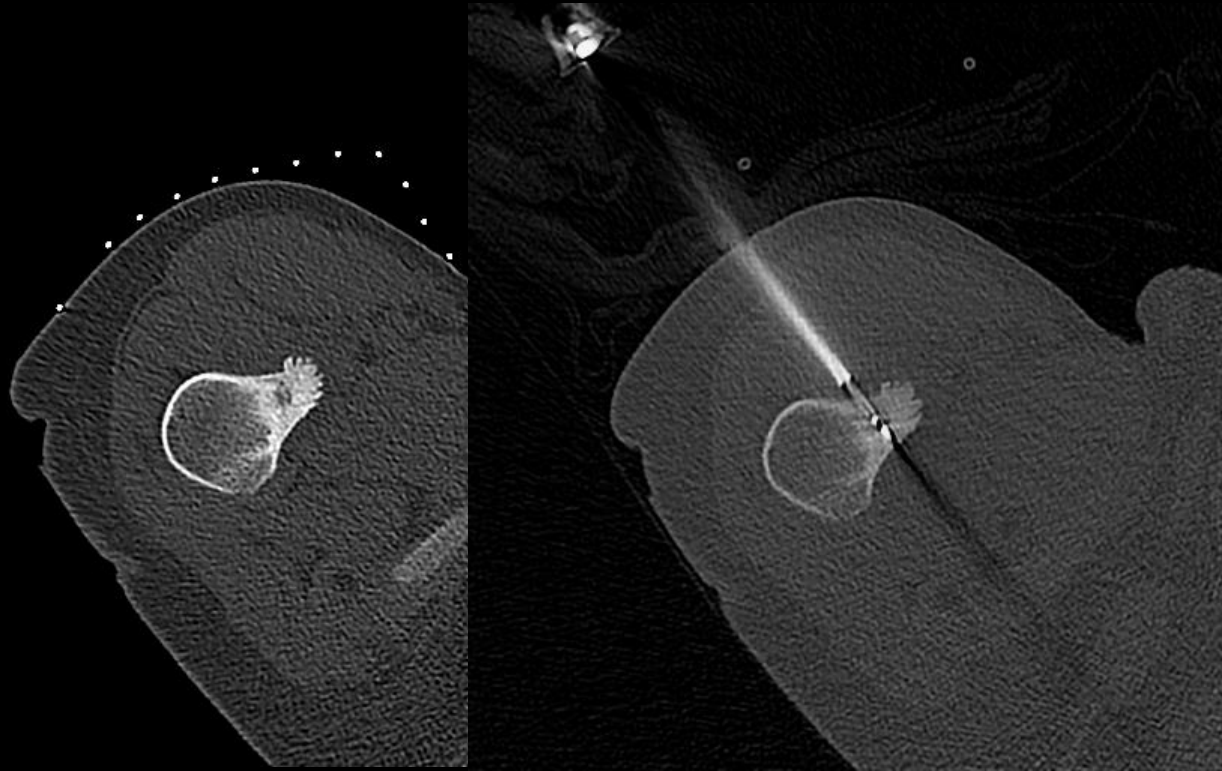
Osteoid Osteoma

- First described in 1953, most common benign bone producing tumor
- Typically small, <1cm
- Nidus composed of osteoid within a vascular stroma, central mineralization
- Males > females, 2-3:1
- Pain, predominant at night, relieved by NSAIDS

Osteoid Osteoma Imaging Appearance

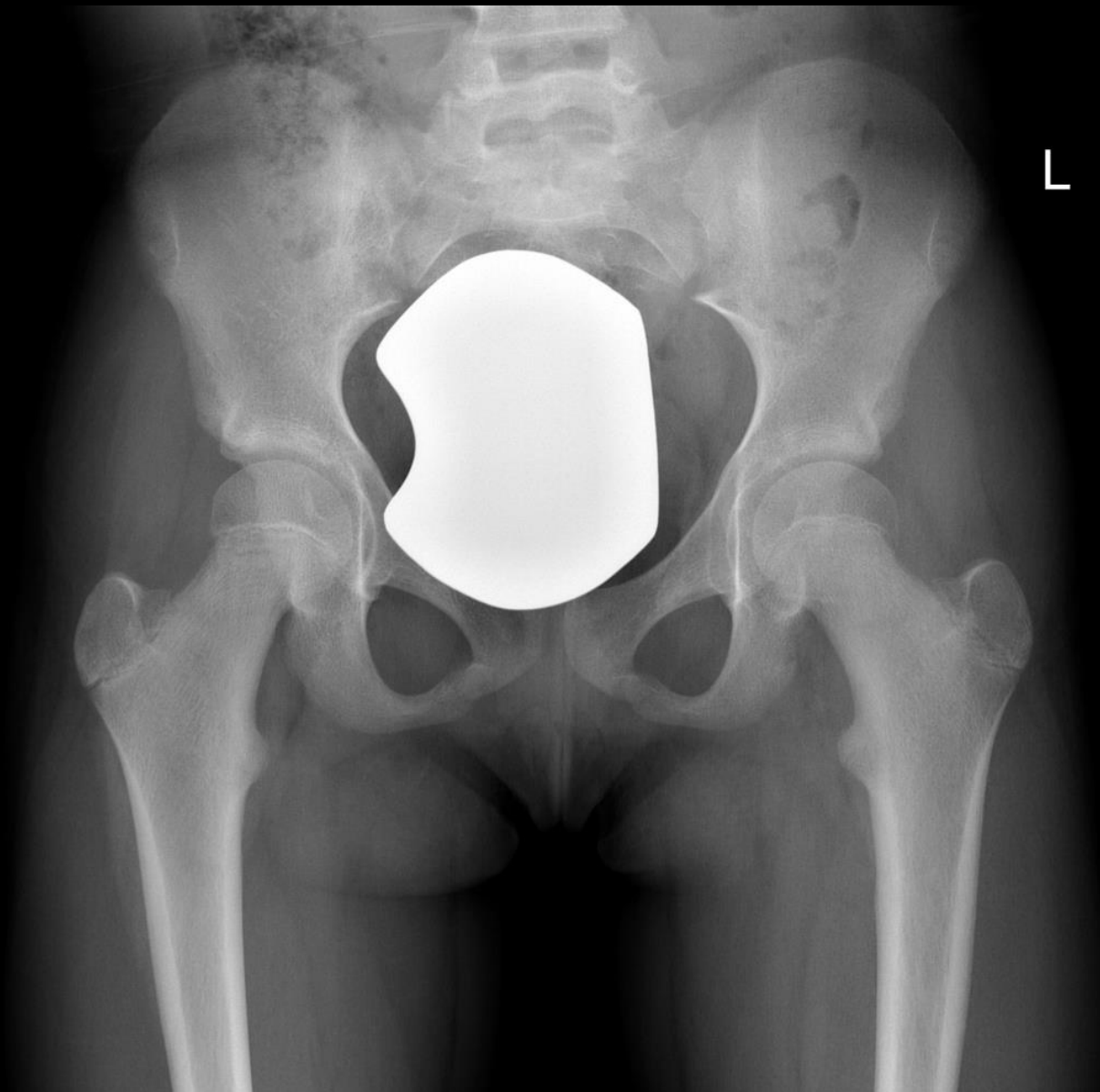
- Long bones most common, spinal 10%
 - Cortically based diaphyseal, metaphyseal
 - Intramedullary, subperiosteal, epiphyseal
- Increased vascularization and osteogenesis dictate its imaging appearance
- XR: Small round/ovoid lucent nidus, oblong thickening of a single cortex, nidus may be occult
- Bone scan: double density sign, intense uptake with surrounding halo
- CT: Well-defined round or oval lucent nidus with +/- central mineralization, surrounding sclerosis, vascular grooves
- MR: Sometimes fails to depict the nidus; intermediate SI on T1WI, variable T2, surrounding edema

Treatment: CT guided Radiofrequency ablation

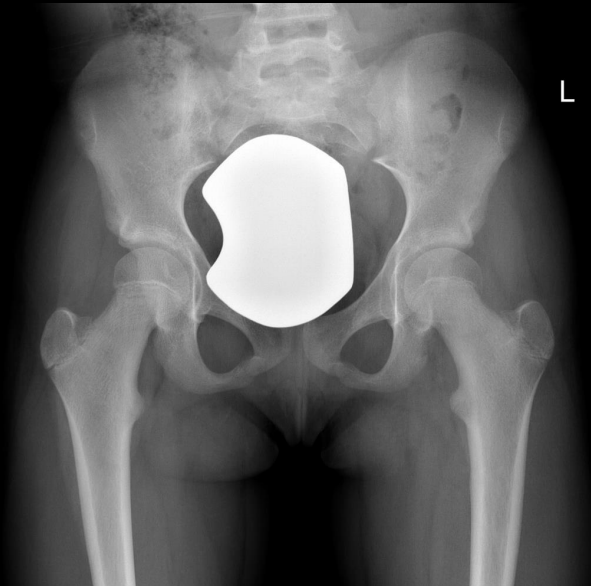


CASE 8

11 F with left hip pain and limp since injury 2 months ago



Valgus SCFE

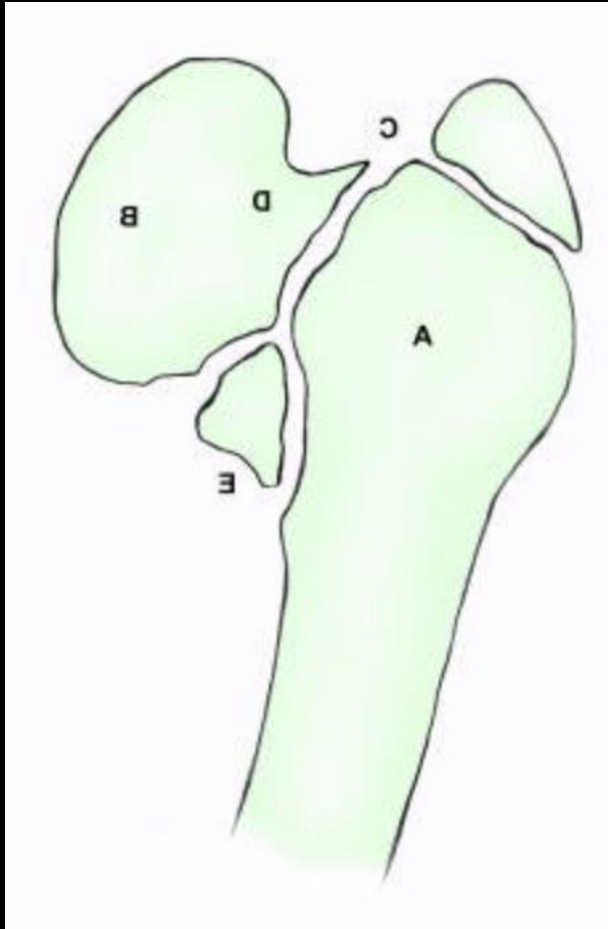


- Rare
- Superolateral
- Increased lateral extension of the epiphysis past Klein's line
- Underlying coxa valga

Companion case: 10 year old Tanzanian boy hit by brother one year ago



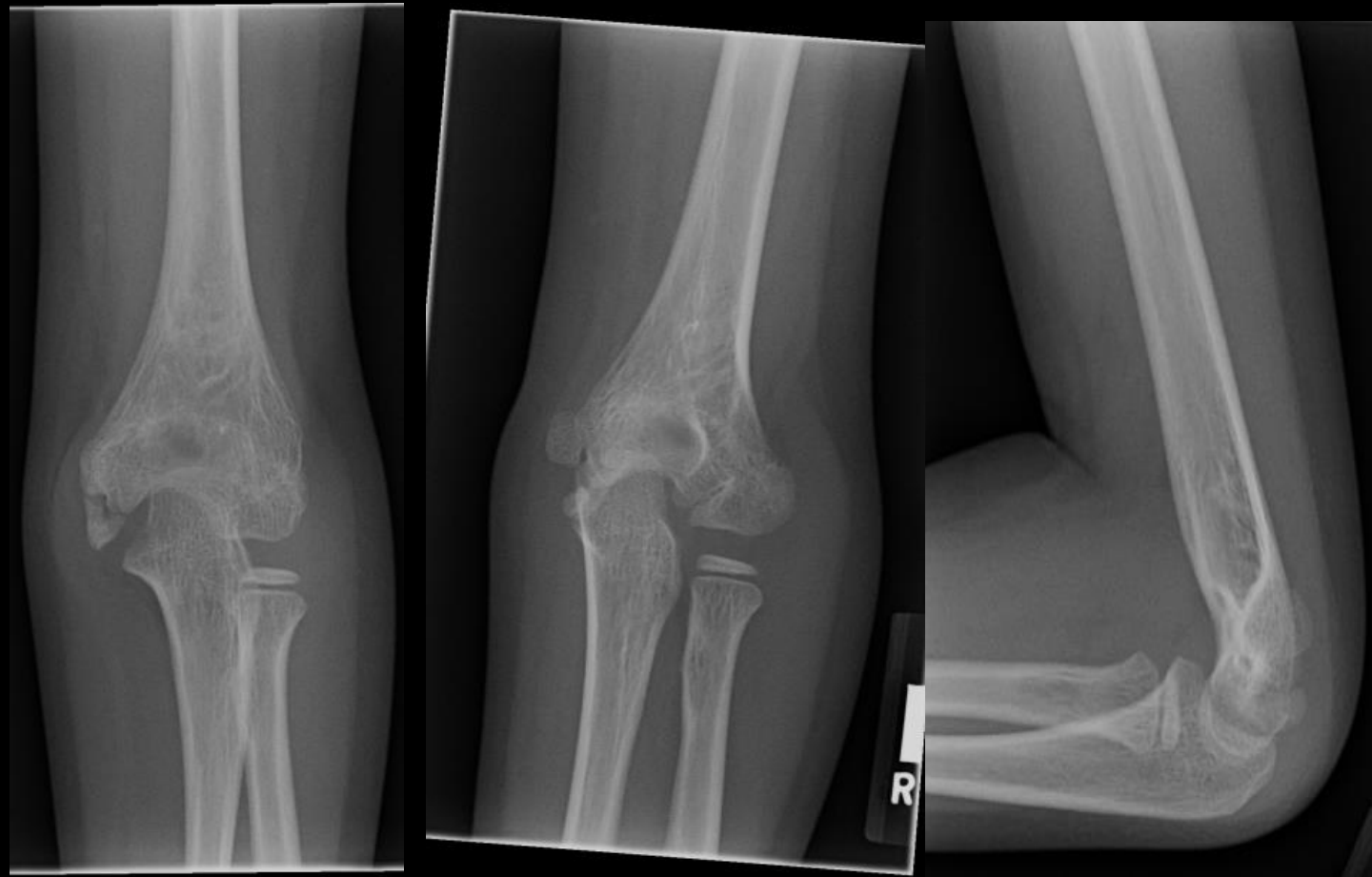
Coxa Vara



- Decreased neck-shaft angle
 - <120 degrees
- Congenital or acquired
- Bilateral in up to 50%
- ? Abnl medial physeal cartilage
 - Increased lateral growth
 - Vertical physis
 - Triangular inferomedial fragment
- Surgical treatment

CASE 8

9 year old male with elbow pain and limited ROM

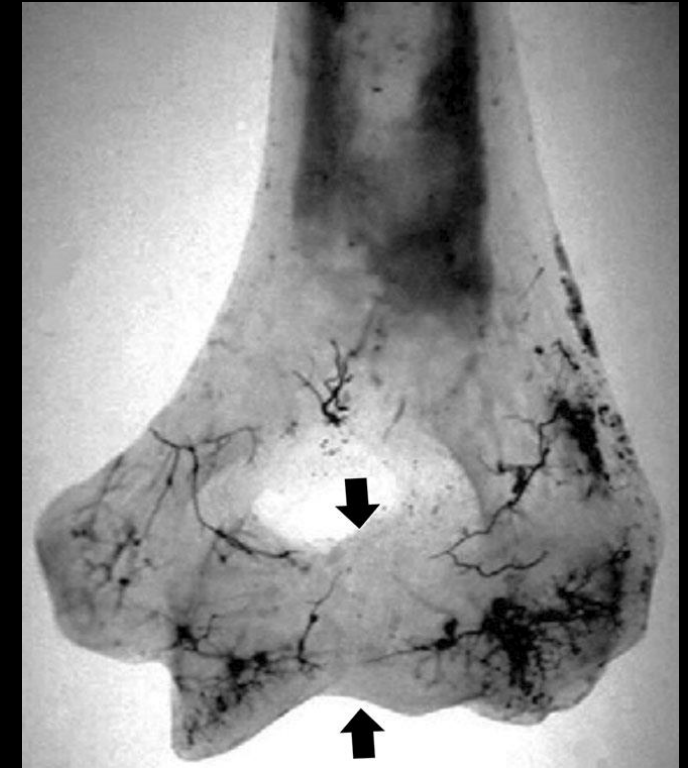


3 Years Prior



Fishtail Deformity

- Post-traumatic growth arrest/avascular necrosis of the lateral trochlea, resulting in abnormal development
- Trochlear ossification center has a tenuous blood supply
- Can be partial or total involvement-Type A involve lateral aspect of trochlea, Type B involvement of entire trochlea (Beaty and Kasser)
- Clinically manifests several years (2-7, avg 5 years) after a distal humerus fracture
- Most commonly status post supracondylar fractures



Kimball JP, Glowczewskie F, Wright TW (2007) Intraosseous blood supply to the distal humerus. *J Hand Surg [Am]* 32:642-646

Fishtail Elbow

- Limited flexion and extension
- Chevron/Fishtail sign on radiographs
- Subject to osteoarthritis, loose bodies, cubitus valgus deformity, proximal migration of the ulna, radial subluxation

Treatment

- Variable
- Conservative
- Debridement with removal of loose bodies, capsulotomy, epiphysiodesis, osteotomy, ulnar nerve transposition, arthroplasty, grafting





Case 9

Adolescent male with thumb pain



Ewing's sarcoma

- Aggressive, small round blue cell tumor
- Central diaphyseal ill-defined lucent lesion
- Permeative, moth-eaten
- Aggressive periosteal reaction
 - Sunburst, hair-on-end, Codman triangle, onion skinning
- Any bone

Case 10

11 yo M with weakness and pain







1x

Tumor-induced osteomalacia (oncogenic rickets)

- Paraneoplastic syndrome resulting in phosphate wasting
- Phosphaturic mesenchymal tumor
- Tx: surgical resection, good prognosis

Companion case: Rickets



- Vitamin D deficiency
- Failure to mineralize cartilage:
 - Prematurity, hypophosphatasia, dietary + sunlight deficiency, liver dz, renal failure
- Metaphyseal cupping, fraying and splaying
- At sites of endochondral bone formation
- Wide physis DDX: chronic trauma, infection, rickets, systemic illness, leukemia, skeletal dysplasia

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Trevor Fairbank Disease

- Synonyms: dysplasia epiphysealis hemimelica, Trevor disease, Fairbank disease
- Definition: osteochondroma involving 1 or multiple epiphyses
- Localized: 1 epiphysis, usually ankle
- Classic (2/3 of cases): > 1 epiphysis in same limb, usually medial knee and ankle
- Generalized: entire (usually lower) extremity
- Presentation
 - Limb length discrepancy (premature physeal closure)
 - Malalignment (usually varus/valgus)
 - Joint mass
 - Early osteoarthritis
- Demographics
 - Developmental; arises in childhood
 - M > F (3:1)
 - Rare: 1/1,000,000 population



Growth Disturbance 2° to Sepsis

- Meningococemia (pneumococcal in this case)
- Growth disturbances
 - Lower extremity > Upper
 - Metaphyseal cupping
 - Physeal bars
 - Leg length
 - Angular

Bowing

- Bowing of the lower extremity is a common referral to pediatric orthopedic clinic
- Differential Diagnosis:
 - Physiologic bowing
 - Blounts
 - Physeal Disturbance (trauma, infection, etc.)
 - Metabolic bone disease
 - Skeletal dysplasia

LCP Mimic: Meyer's Dysplasia



2.5 year-old with right hip abnormality seen on abdominal radiograph **asymptomatic**

Meyer's Dysplasia vs LCP

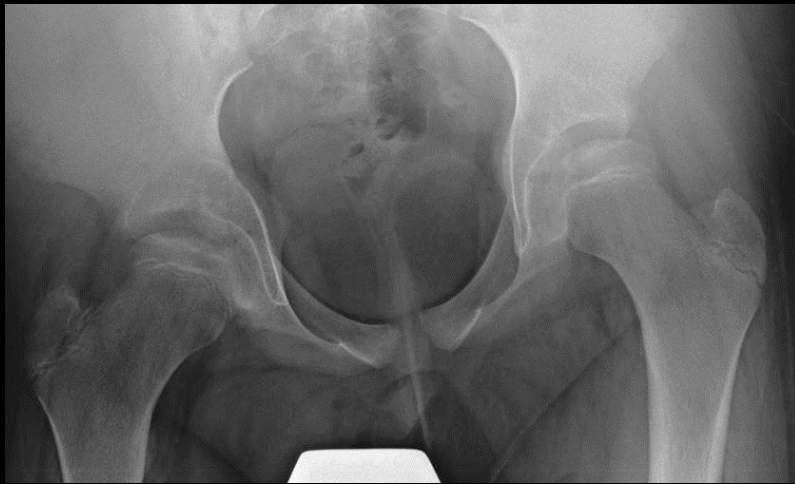
Meyer's Dysplasia

- Asymptomatic irregularity, usually incidental
- <4 yo
- 50-60% bilateral
- MRI: nl signal in fragments
- Good prognosis
- No treatment required

Perthes

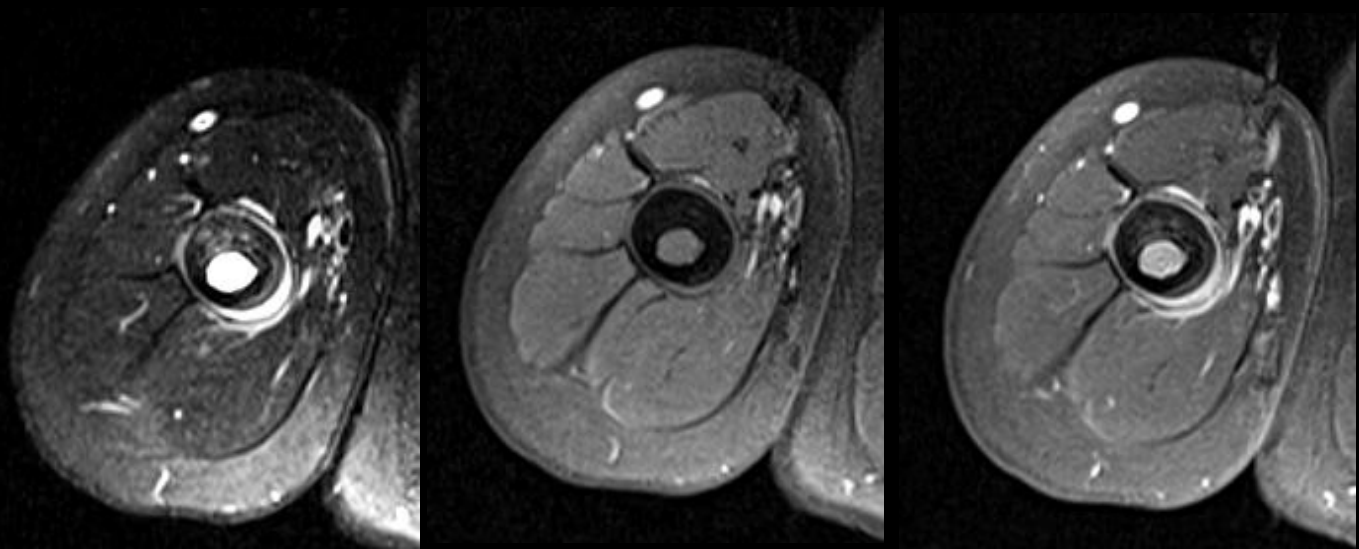
- Limp, pain
- 4-8 yo
- 10-20% bilateral
- MRI: abnl
- Prognosis depends on various factors

LCP Mimics: Spondyloepiphyseal Dysplasia & Multiple Epiphyseal Dysplasia (MED)









What is the most common site affected by CRM0?

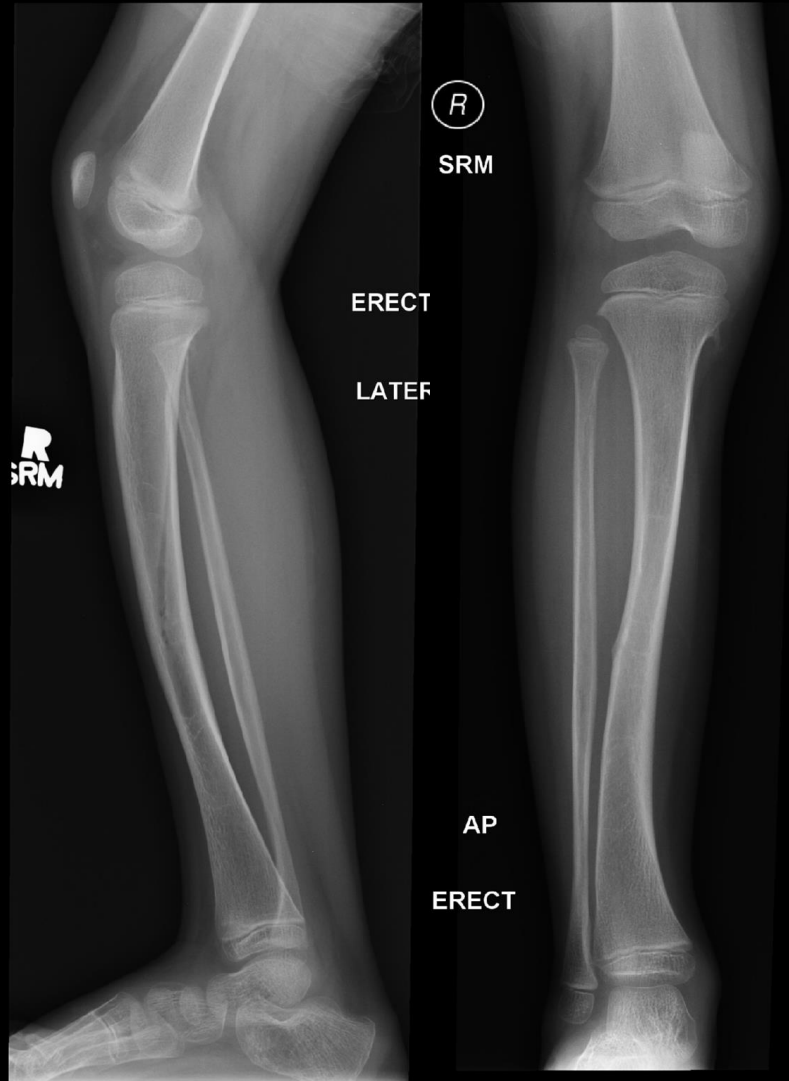
- A. Long bone metaphyses
- B. Long bone epiphyses
- C. Diaphysis
- D. Cervical spine
- E. Lumbosacral spine

CRMO

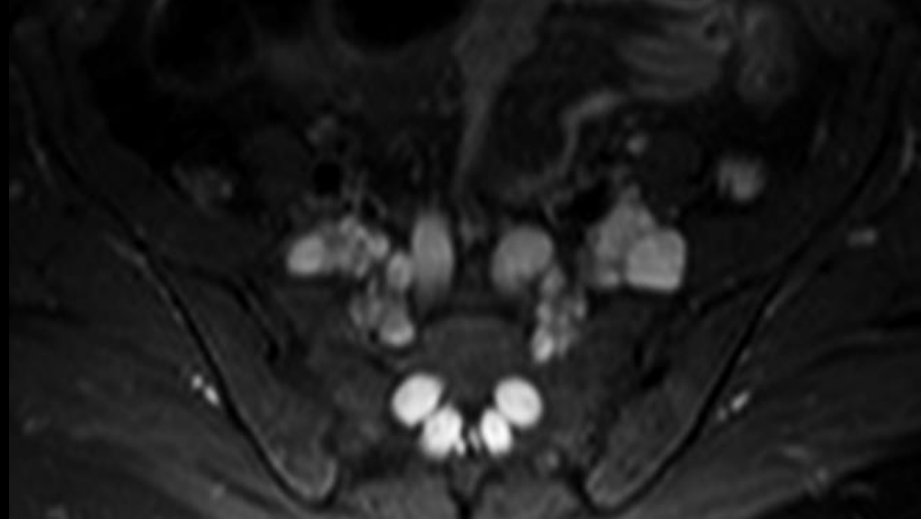
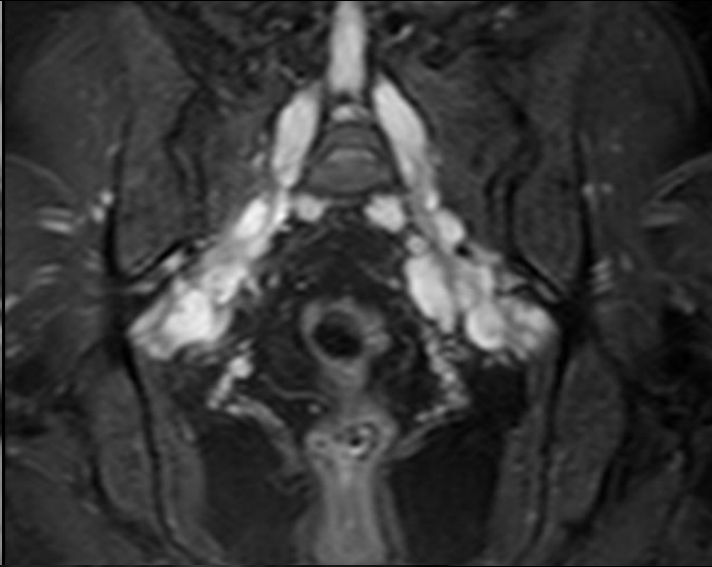
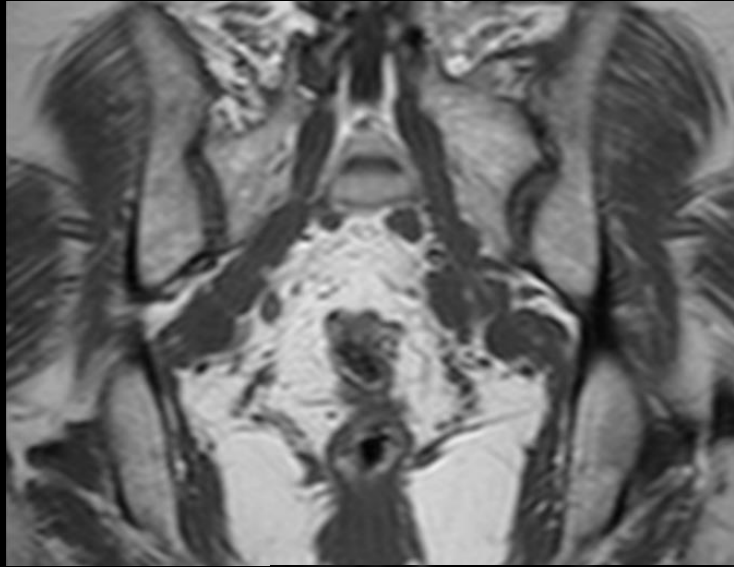
- Children and adolescent
 - Median age of 10 years, F>M
- Insidious onset of pain and swelling x years
 - +/- systemic symptoms, skin disorder
- Metaphyses of tubular long bones > clavicle > spine
 - multifocal
- Dx of exclusion
- Tx: NSAIDS, steroids, TNF alpha

Chronic Recurrent Multifocal Osteomyelitis (CRMO)

- DDX:
 - Bacterial subacute or chronic osteomyelitis
 - Ewings sarcoma
 - Leukemia or Lymphoma of bone



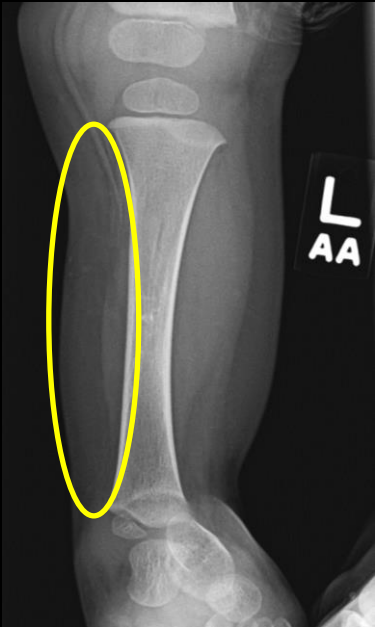
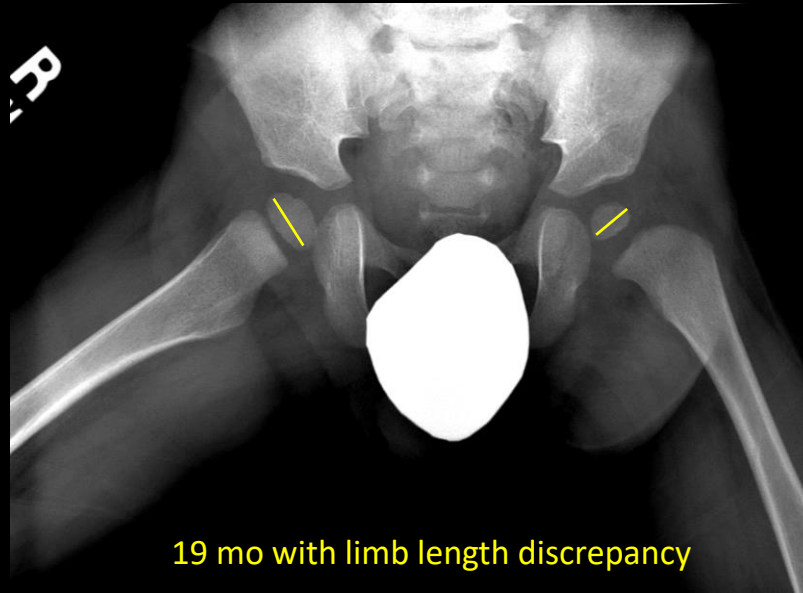
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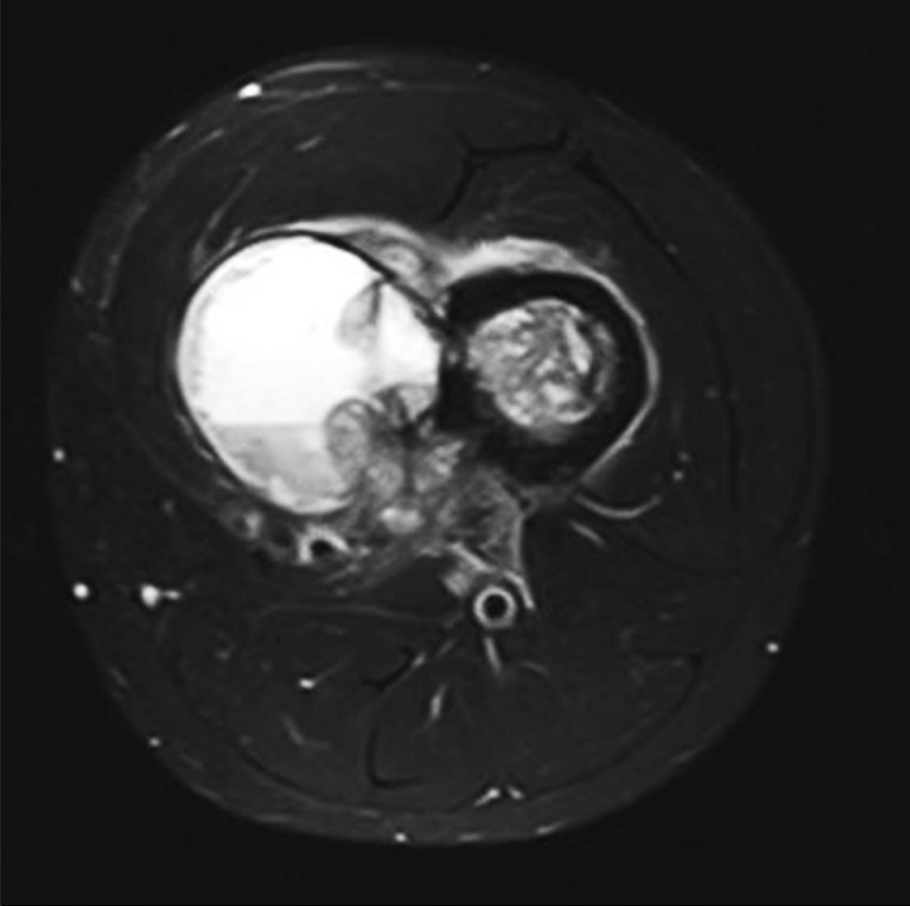
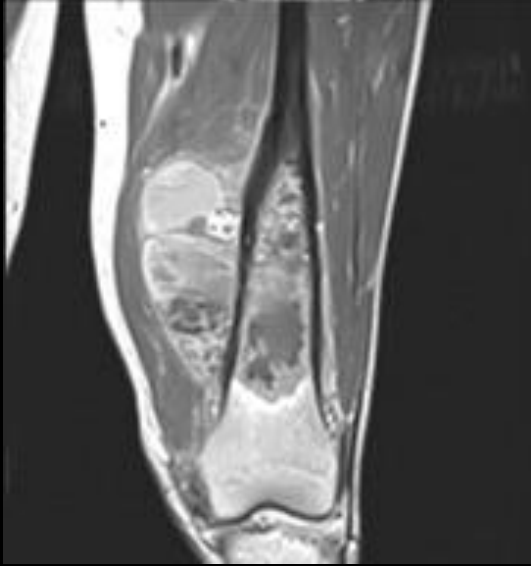
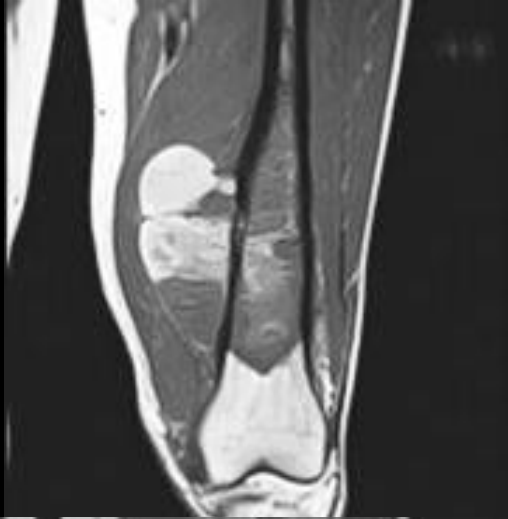
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- Anterolateral bowing
- ☐ nonunion fracture/pseudoarthrosis

Proximal Focal Femoral Deficiency (PFFD) & Fibular Hemimelia (FH)

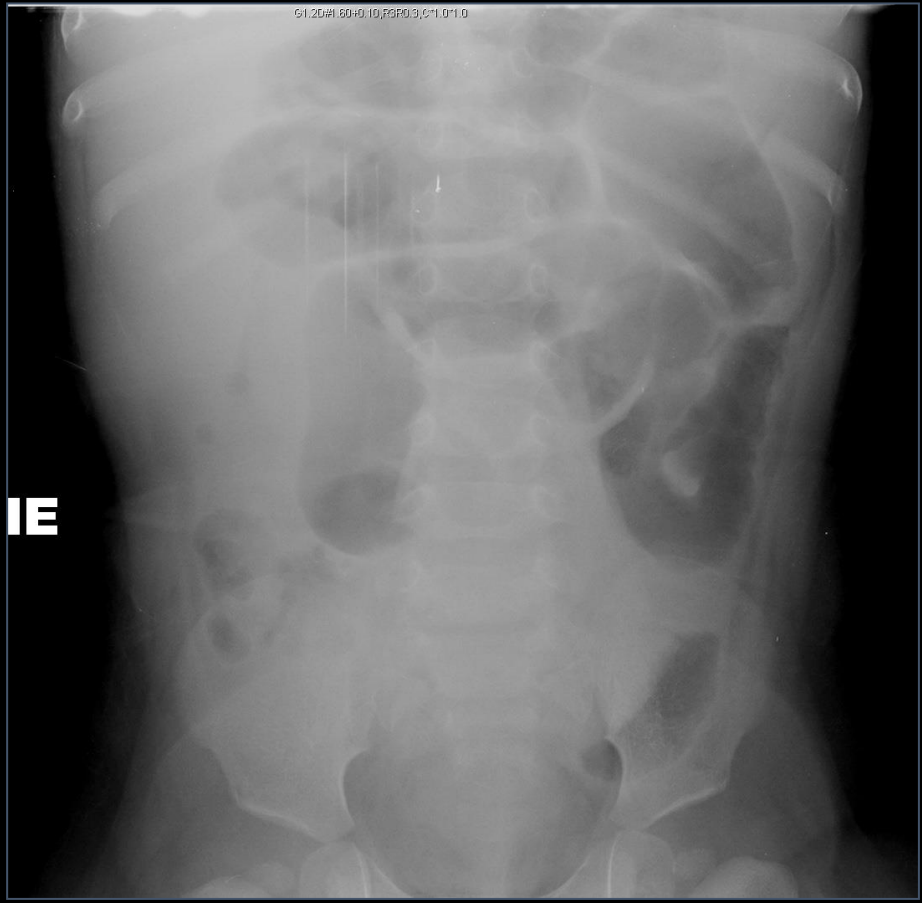


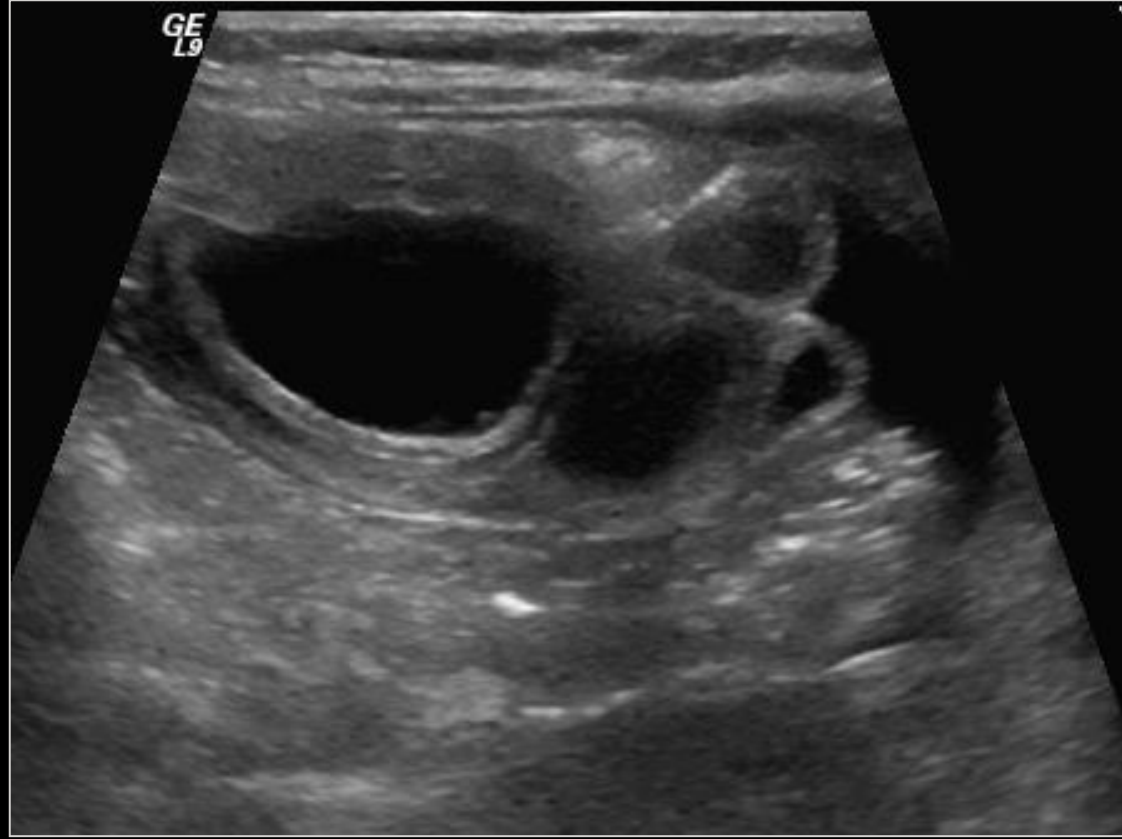




Telangiectatic osteosarcoma

- Rare osteolytic variant of OS
- Distal femur/prox tibia are MC
- Moth-eaten, permeative, wide zone of transition, aggressive perisoteal rxn
- MRI: fluid-fluid levels, heterogeneous, enhancing nodular components







Enteric Duplication Cyst

- Can occur anywhere (mouth to anus), ileum is MC
- Classic U/S appearance, muscular rim sign
- Cx:
 - Intussusception
 - Obstruction
 - Volvulus
 - Hemorrhage
 - Ulceration/perforation
 - Malignancy (rare)
- Sx treatment

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