

# Arthropaties and arthritis

## topics to discuss:

### non-infectious

- osteoarthritis (arthrosis)
- revmatoid arthritis and juvenile variants
- arthritis as a part of rheumatic fever
- reactive arthritis
- goiter

### infectious

- purulent arthritis
- Lyme disease
- tuberculosis

## Arthrosis deformans - formerly / now - osteoarthritis

- usually a disease of aging, often affecting people over 65 years
  - the disease is characterized by
    - degenerative changes of cartilage of a joint
  - inflammatory background - pathogenetic contribution
  - starts insidiously at about 50 years
  - in secondary types even earlier

**primary** (oligoarticular)

**secondary** (monoarticular or polyarticular - predispositions)

**posttraumatic changes of a joint**

**congenital defects**

systeme diseases

hemochromatosis

ochronosis

***diabetes***

***obesity***

gender: women - knee, hip, hands + other joints

men hip + other joints

**William Heberden** 1719-1801, St. Jones' College Cambridge, London

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- **at a full blown stage**

  - fragmentation / loss of the cartilage, exposure to a subchondral bone

    - pieces of cartilage form – **joint mice**, pieces may impinge the bone

  - the bone – friction movements lead to smoothing the surface (**eburnation**)

  - the bone underneath **sclerotizes** – there are **pseudocysts** in the sclerosis

  - at a joint periphery – **osteophytes**

the joint fluid (synovial) leaks into the bone and forms a filling  
of the pseudocysts

at a joint periphery – there may develop a fibrous pannus

# Arthrosis deformans / osteoarthritis

| <b>Stages</b>                                          |                                                                           |                                                                     |                                                                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>I. initial</b><br>10% cart. loss<br><br>osteophytes | <b>II. mild</b><br>cart. fragmentation<br>joint slit narrowing<br>initial | <b>III. moderate</b><br>disappearance<br>bone exposure<br>developed | <b>IV. severe</b><br>60% cart. loss<br>severe narrowing<br>large |

## Arthrosis deformans / osteoarthritis

- **symptomatology**

pain

nerve root syndromes

stiffness

contractures

muscle atrophy

- **most affected joints**

hip

knee

vertebra lumbal and neck

distal interphalangeal

carpometacarpal

tarsometatarsal

## Rheumatoid arthritis (RA)

frequency: up to 1 / 100

gender: women 3-5x > men

age: 4. – 6. decade

course: progression 10 – 15 years

- genetic predisposition HLA DR4
- smoking
- switching due to infectious etiology
  
- major role
  - activation of Th1 and Th17
  - lack of Th2 and regulatory T lymphocytes
  
  - TNF, IL1, IL6 → macrophage activation
  - rheumatoid factor - immunocomplexes



## Rheumatoid arthritis (RA)

chronic synovitis

- synovial hyperplasia – from 3 → 10 layers  
production of IL-6, IL-8 and GM-CSF
- Th1 and Th17
- B lymphocytes, plasma cells, macrophages
- neovascularisation
- neutrophils + fibrin at the surface and inside joint
- **pannus formation**
- cartilage erosion → destruction → bone ~  
→ fibrosis, calcification, ossification → **ankylosis**

- periarticular edema
- destruction of tendons, joint capsule
- rheumatoid nodules (extensors, and elsewhere – heart, lungs, vessels)
- rheumatoid factor – IgM / Fc IgG → vasculitis
- effusions (pleural ect.)
- lung fibrosis
- keratoconjunctivitis, uveitis
- amyloidosis secondary

## Rheumatoid arthritis– juvenile forms (JRA)

### heterogeneous group, forms:

- **oligoarticular** (pauciarticular) up to 4 joints in the first 6m, *ANA + freq.*  
frequently large joints – knee, elbow 50%
- **polyarticular** more than 5 joints in the first 6m, even small joints, girls 40%
- **systemic** fever, skin erythema (*color of salmon*), undulates, m : f same 10%  
**Still disease**  
acute  
systemic manifestations  
WBC 15 – 25 thousands  
skin  
lymphadenopathy  
hepatosplenomegaly  
serositis (pericarditis)  
RF absent, rheumatic nodules absent

**sir G. Frederic Still** 1868 -1941, Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, Londýn,  
M.D.thesis Cambridge: A special form of joint disease met with in children, 1896

## Reactive arthritis

- at primary infectious diseases outside joint
  - **urogenital** / chlamydia (Reiter syndrome) HLA-B27 in 80%
  - **GIT** / Shigella sp., Salmonella sp., Yersinia, Campylobacter
- ankles, knees, feet joints - symmetrical
- vertebral column – similar to m. Bechtěrev
  
- **psoriatic arthritis**
  - about 10% of patients with psoriasis
  - distal interphalangeal joints – hands, feet, even large joints, spinal
  - symmetrical distribution
  - similar findings to RA

## Ankylosing spondylarthritis (Bechtěrev disease)

- men 2x
- HLA-B27
- predisposition to T reactivity
  
- chronic synovitis
- destruction of joint cartilages
- tendosynovitis and inflammation of ligaments → ossification
- **ankylosis** – sacro-illiac, intervertebral, hip, sometimes knee, elbow
  
- uveitis
- aortitis
- amyloidosis

# Gout – arthritis uratica

## **primary 90%**

- enzyme defects
  - unknown (85-90%)
  - known (HGPRT)

congenital diseases

Lesch-Nyhan sy

encephalopathy

hyperuricemia

## **secondary 10%**

- increased uric acid turnover
- chronic renal failure

# Arthritis

- **purulent arthritis**

- **blood borne**

mostly monoarticular → knee, hip  
shoulder, elbow, wrist  
sternoclavicular joint

*Haemophilus influenzae* children up to 2 years

*Staphylococcus aureus* children and adults

*Gonococcus* (polyarthritis) women (deficit C5 / C6 / C7)

*Salmonella sp.* sickle cell disease

- **direct infection**

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- stage 1

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stage 2

early disseminated phase  
skin, LN, **joints** + muscle aches  
arrhythmia  
meningitis, head nerves affected

stage 3

**chronic arthritis** (even destructive)  
encephalitis

arthritis - primary **large joints** (knee, elbow), recurrent, migrates  
hyperplastic synovial membrane, papillary, fibrin, lymphocytes, vessels,  

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some resemble RA (10%)



## Joint neoplasms

synovial

lipoma

chondroma / chondromatosis

## Joint neoplasms

pigmented villonodular synovitis

knee, hip

limitation of movements

bone erosion