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Lysosomal Disorders Presenting As Primary Skeletal Disease

Mucopolysaccharidoses (MPS)

- MPS I (Hurler, Hurler-Scheie, Scheie): Dysostosis multiplex, spinal deformities
- MPS II (Hunter): Joint stiffness, skeletal dysplasia
- 。 MPS IV (Morquio): Severe skeletal abnormalities, odontoid hypoplasia
- MPS VI (Maroteaux-Lamy): Bone deformities, joint contractures

Other LSDs

- Gaucher Disease: Bone marrow infiltration, osteonecrosis, fractures
- Multiple Sulfatase Deficiency: Dysostosis multiplex, short stature
- Mucolipidosis II/III: Severe skeletal dysplasia, joint immobility

Suggested Mechanisms of Skeletal Involvement in Lysosomal Disorders

Molecular Pathophysiology

- o Accumulated substrate(s): Glycosaminoglycans (GAGs) or sphingolipids lipids in lysosome
- Disrupted chondrocyte and osteoblast function, impairing extracellular matrix (ECM) synthesis
- \circ Upregulated inflammatory cytokines (e.g., TNF- α , IL-1 β), promoting osteoclastogenesis

Cellular Effects

- Altered endochondral ossification causes dysostosis multiplex (e.g., flattened vertebrae, abnormal phalanges)
- GAG deposition in synovium and cartilage induces joint stiffness and contractures
- In Gaucher disease, glucocerebroside accumulation in macrophages causes bone marrow infiltration

Bone Remodeling Imbalance

- Increased receptor activator of NF-κB ligand (RANKL) signaling enhances osteoclast activity
- Reduced osteoprotegerin (OPG) levels exacerbate bone resorption, causing osteopenia
- Impaired bone marrow-adipose tissue interaction







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Interdisciplinary Approach

Multidisciplinary Approach

- Integrates geneticists or metabolic specialists, physical therapists, orthopedic surgeons, anesthesiologist
- Coordinates diagnostics, therapeutic interventions, and long-term monitoring

Team Care Benefits

- Holistically manages skeletal and systemic manifestations
- Improves functional outcomes and quality of life

Key Responsibilities

- Regular imaging (X-ray, MRI) to monitor skeletal progression
- Individualized treatment plans based on disease severity
- Patient and family education for adherence to therapies

Orthopedic Surgeon's Role

- Assesses skeletal deformities (e.g., kyphoscoliosis, hip dysplasia) via imaging
- Performs corrective procedures (e.g., spinal fusion, osteotomy, joint realignment)
- Collaborates with team

Prognosis

- Early surgical and medical intervention mitigates skeletal damage
- Team care ensures comprehensive, long-term management
- for pre/post-surgical optimization

Supportive Care

Orthotics, physical therapy, pain management

Bone Complications in Lysosomal Storage Disorders

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Lysosomal Storage Disorders

- Individually rare, but as a group affect ~1:5000 live births
- Accumulation of glycosaminoglycans in the lysosomes
- Usually caused by genetic mutation resulting in failure to manufacture or process enzyme needed for its breakdown
- This can affect the skeleton by causing accumulation of substrates in macrophages or connective tissue cells
- The most common of these are Gaucher disease and the mucopolysaccharidoses (MPSs)
- Pathophysiology likely involves a combination of space occupation, inflammation, and epigenetic factors

Lysosomal Storage Disorders

Туре	Enzyme	Gene(s)	Main clinical findings
Gaucher disease	β-glucocerebrosidase	GBA1	Avascular necrosis, bone crises Osteoporosis, fractures Hepatosplenomegaly Cytopenia Neurologic
Mucopolysaccharidoses	Table 3	Table 3	<u>Dysostosis</u> , coarse facies, short stature, arthropathy coarse facies, visceromegaly, cataracts, psychomotor retardation
α-Mannosidosis	α-mannosidase	MANB	<u>Dysostosis</u> , coarse facies, visceromegaly, cataracts, psychomotor retardation
Fucosidosis	α-fucosidase	FUCA1	<u>Dysostosis</u> , coarse facies, angiokeratoma, psychomotor retardation
Sialidosis I/II	α-neuraminidase	NEU1	<u>Dysostosis</u> , coarse facies, seizures, cherry red spot, viceromegaly, corneal clouding, psychomotor retardation
Galactosialidosis	Cathepsin-A	PPCA	<u>Dysostosis</u> , coarse facies, psychomotor retardation, viceromegaly, corneal clouding, angiokeratoma
Mucolipidosis II/III	UDP-N-acetylglucosamine:	GNPTAB	Similar to MPS I
I-Cell disease/ pseudo-Hurler polydystrophy	lysosomal enzyme N-acetylglucosamine-1-phosphotransferase	GNPTG	\$
Multiple sulfatase	Sulfatase modifying factor 1	SUMF1	Similar to MPS II
Pycnodysostosis	Cathepsin K	CTSK	Short stature, hypoplasia of the mandible, skull abnormalitie pathologic fractures

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Mucopolysaccharidoses (MPSs)

Group of 11 LSDs caused by defects in catabolism of glycosaminoglycans

Type	Syndrome	Enzyme	Gene	Primary storage material
MPS I	Hurler, Hurler-Scheie Scheie	α-L-iduronidase	IDUA	Heparan sulfate + Dermatan sulfate
MPS II	Hunter	Iduronate-2-sulfatase	IDS	Heparan sulfate + Dermatan sulfate
MPS III	Sanfilippo A	Heparan N-sulfatase	SGSH	Heparan sulfate
	Sanfilippo B	α-N-acetyl glucosaminidase	NAGLU	and the state of t
	Sanfilippo C	Acetyl-CoA:α-glucosaminide	HGSNAT	
	Sanfilippo D	acetyltransferase N-acetylglucosamine 6-sulfatase	GNS	
MPS IV	Morquio A	N-acetylgalactosamine-6- sulfatase	GALNS	Keratan sulfate+
	Morquio B	β-D-galactosidase	GLB1	Chondroitin-6-sulfate Keratan sulfate
MPS VI	Maroteaux-Lamy	N-acetylgalactosamine-4- sulfatase	ARSB	Dermatan sulfate
MPS VII	Sly	β-glucuronidase	GUSB	Heparan sulfate + Dermatan sulfate + Chondroitin-4, -6 sulfates
MPS IX	-	Hyaluronidase	HAL1	Hyaluronan

Mucopolysaccharidoses (MPSs)

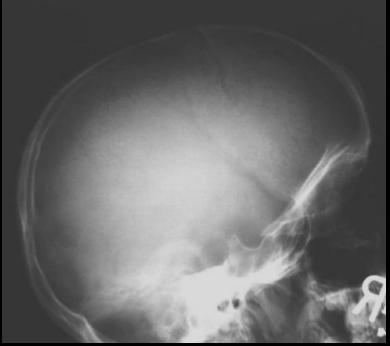
- Each MPS is a progressive multisystem disorder with skeletal manifestations a major cause of morbidity
- Although the primary enzyme deficiency and accumulated substrate have been identified for each MPS, the mechanism underlying the disease symptoms and skeletal manifestations is not clear, and presentation is very heterogeneous
- Skeletal disorders are the presenting symptom for most MPS types, with exception of MPS III (Sanfilippo)
- Skeletal findings (dysostosis multiplex) result from defective endochondral and membranous ossification and bone maturation

Dysostosis Multiplex

- Variable constellation of skeletal abnormalities and changes in bone growth and development
- All types of MPS show dysostosis multiplex to varying degrees
- Dysostosis multiplex is also a feature of mucolipidoses and other lysosomal storage diseases, including
 - Mucolipidoses (ML): Sialidosis I/II, ML II (I-Cell disease), ML
 III (Pseudo-Hurler polydystrophy), ML IV
 - Other storage diseases: α-Mannosidosis, Fucosidosis,
 Galactosialidosis, Multiple sulfatase deficiency,
 Carbohydrate-deficient glycoprotein syndrome, GM I gangliosidosis, Geleophysic dysplasia

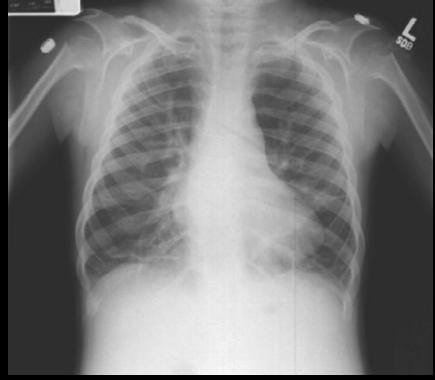
Skull: macrocephaly, J-shaped sella turcica, thickened calvarium



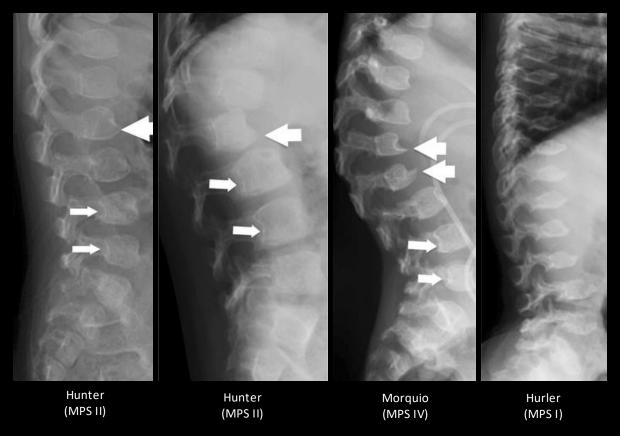


 Thorax: short/thick clavicles, paddle/oar-shaped ribs, short sternum (proximal humeri show medial humeral notching)





 Spine: platyspondyly with beaked/notched vertebral bodies, posterior scalloping, odontoid dysplasia



From Nicolas-Jilwan and Al-Sayed, Pediatric Radiology 2018; 48: 1503-1520.

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 Pelvis: rounded iliac wings, tapered iliac bones (proximal femurs show dysplastic epiphyses and long femoral necks)



 Long bones: hypoplastic/fragmented epiphyses, short/thick diaphyses (long/narrow femoral necks, proximal humeral notching)



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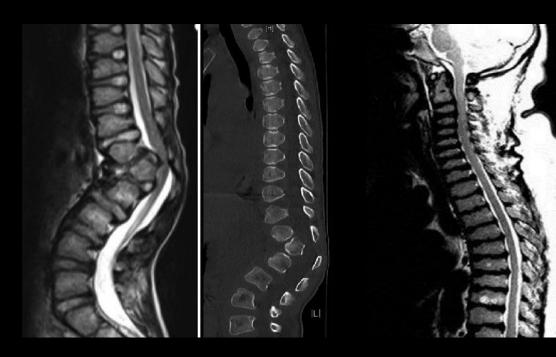


 Hands/feet: short/thick metacarpals and metatarsals with proximal pointing, irregular hypoplastic carpal/tarsal bones

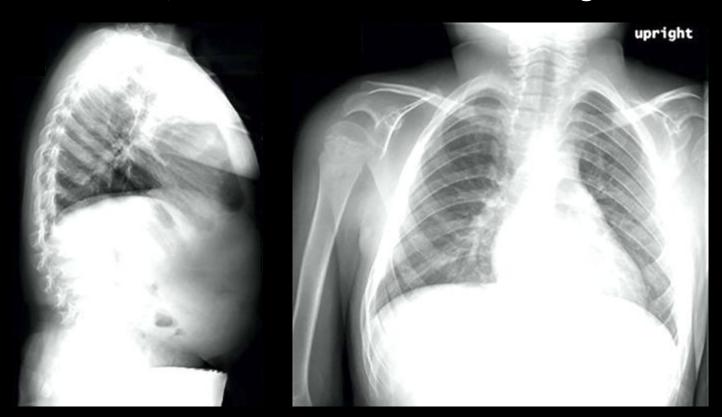


- Disturbance in linear bone growth leading to short stature (typically starts 18 mo, little growth after 8 y)
- Morphologic bone abnormalities:
 - Macrocephaly
 - Spinal deformity with kyphoscoliosis, gibbus, and odontoid dyplasia, plus dural and ligament thickening, which can cause cord compression
 - Chest deformity with pectus carinatum and rib deformities, which can cause restrictive lung disease
 - Progressive arthropathy with contractures and joint destruction

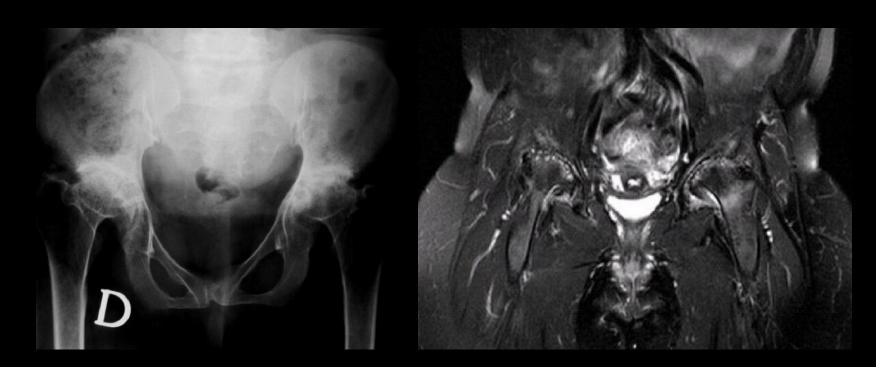
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Pyknodysostosis

- Rare autosomal recessive bone dysplasia caused by deficiency of cathepsin K, which is necessary for osteoclast function
- Clinical features:
 - Short stature, especially limbs
 - Diffuse increased bone density
 - Delayed closure of cranial sutures
 - Frontal and occipital bossing
 - Short, broad hands and nail hypoplasia
 - Long bone fractures with minimal trauma

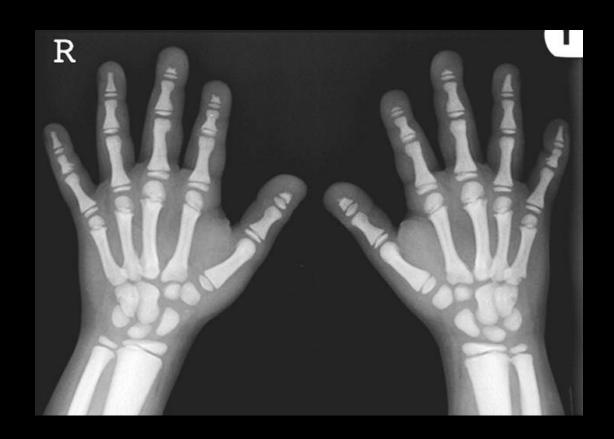
General: short stature (Toulouse-Lautrec)



 Head: marked delay in suture closure, frontoparietal bossing, calvarial thickening



 Hands: short, stubby fingers with partial agenesis of distal phalanges, delayed bone age



 Long bones: generalized osteosclerosis with narrowed medullary cavity, fractures





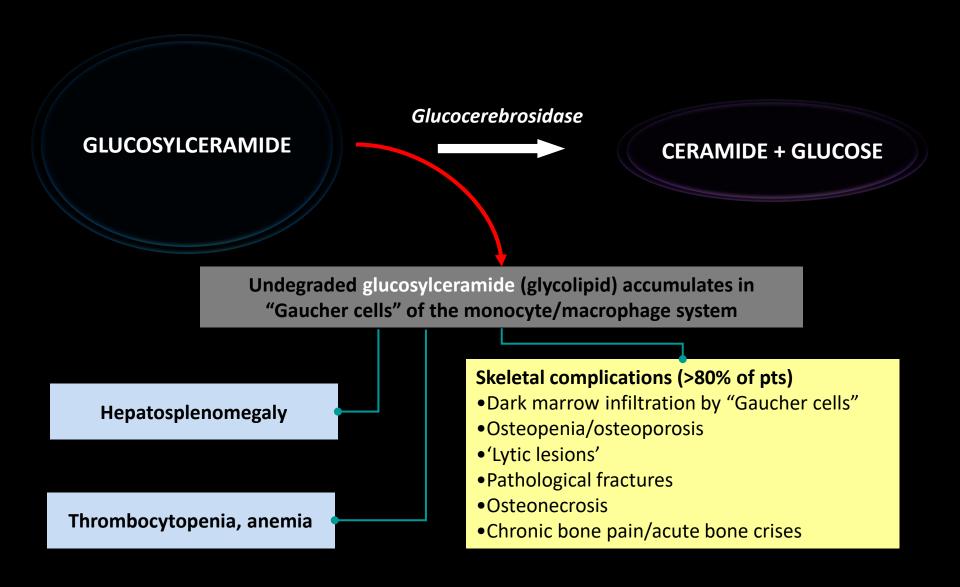
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Gaucher Disease

- Best studied/understood lysosomal storage disorder
- Autosomal-recessive deficiency of acid β -glucocerebrosidase
- Almost 200 known gene mutations, but most common mutation (N370S) accounts for ~50% of cases
- Prevalence is 1:40,000 to 1:60,000
- 3 types: Type 1 (non-neuronopathic) is most common

Gaucher Disease



Gaucher Disease

- Deficient activity of glucocerebrosidase during development:
 - Slowed growth (75% without rx)
 - Delayed puberty (60% without rx)
 - Splenomegaly and hepatomegaly (>80% at time of dx)
 - Thrombocytopenia and anemia (40% at time of dx)
 - BONE DISEASE (>80% at time of dx)
 - Varied skeletal complications

X-Ray: Erlenmeyer Flask Deformity





X-Ray: Fracture



X-Ray: Osteonecrosis



X-Ray: Lytic Lesion



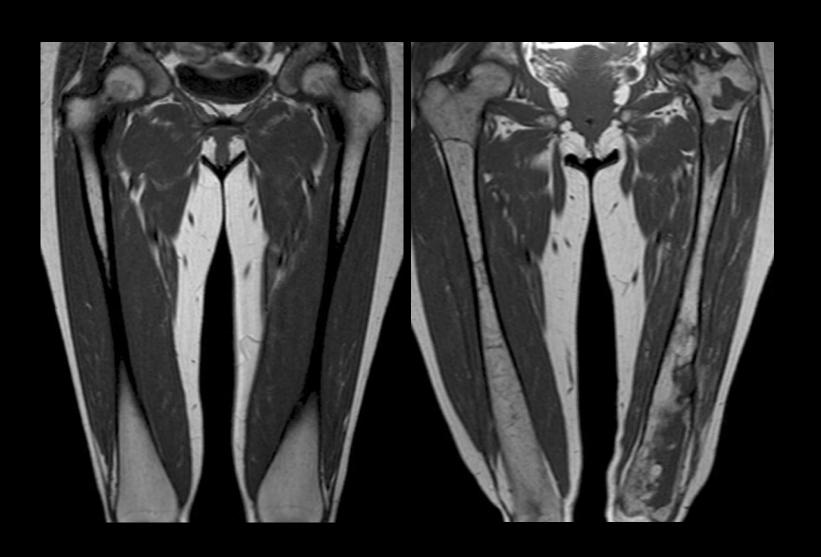
X-Ray: Pathologic Fracture



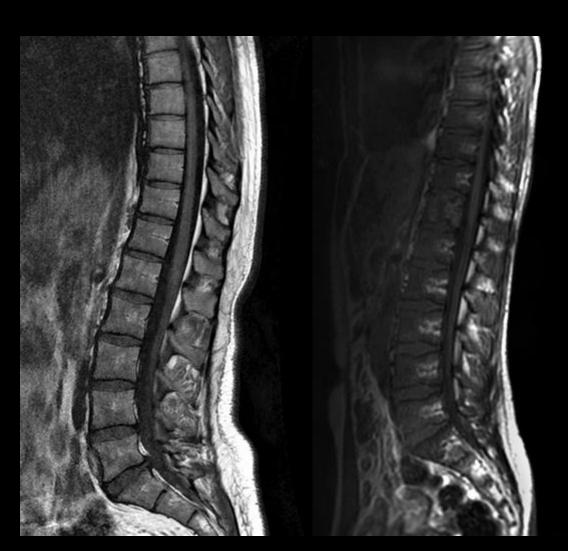
MRI in Gaucher Disease

- On MRI, marrow infiltrated with Gaucher cells typically appears hypointense (dark) on both T1- and T2-weighted images ('dark marrow')
- Affected marrow can also be T2 hyperintense, which can be also be seen with superimposed osteonecrosis, marrow infarction, or infection
- Focal bone lesions ('lytic lesions' or 'Gaucheromas') may be seen in some patients

MRI: Femurs



MRI: Lumbar Spine

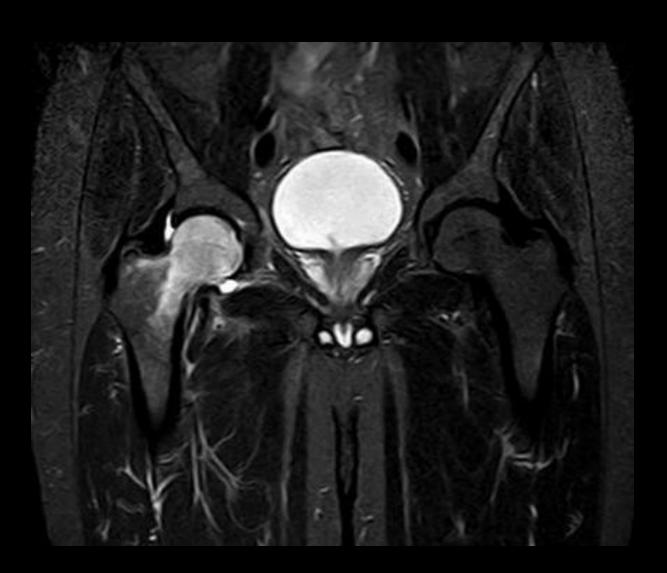




MRI: Dark Marrow



MRI: Bone Crisis

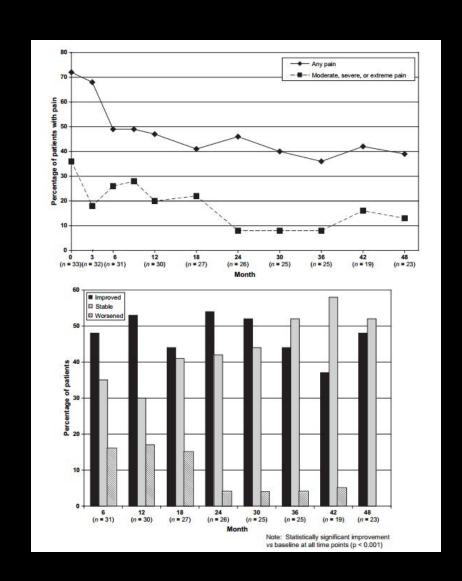


Bone Crisis

- Seen in up to one-third of Gaucher patients
- Acute, severe skeletal pain
- May be accompanied by fever and abnormal lab results
- May show subtle periosteal elevation on radiographs, marrow edema on MRI, or imaging may be normal
- May be difficult to distinguish from subchondral fracture or avascular necrosis in the early phase

Bone Pain

- Bone pain is common in Gaucher disease and does not always have an imaging correlate
- Subjective bone pain does improve with therapy
- Gaucher patients can have bone/joint pain not related to Gaucher

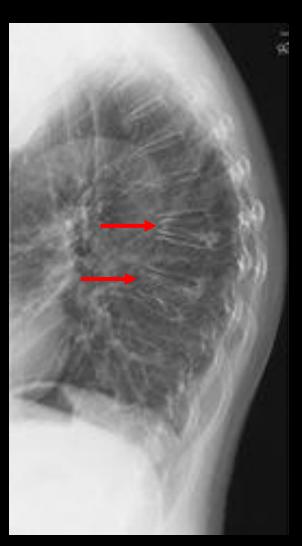


X-Ray vs MRI: Dark Marrow



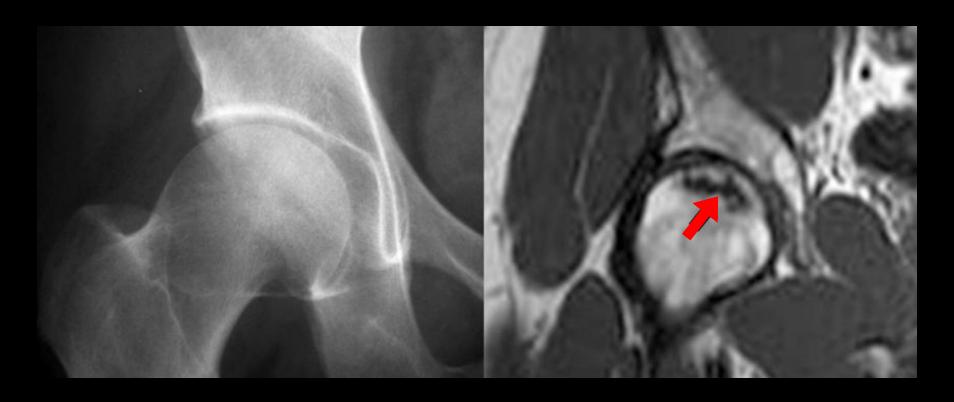


X-Ray vs MRI: Fracture





X-Ray vs MRI: Osteonecrosis

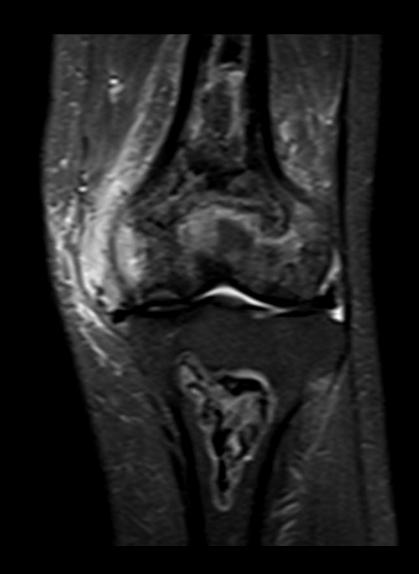


X-Ray vs MRI: Bone Infarct

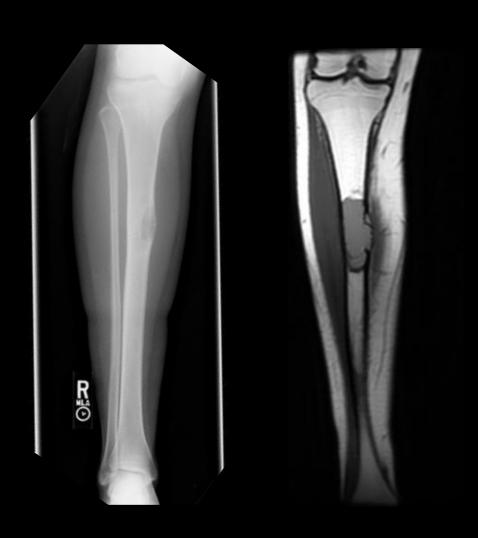


X-Ray vs MRI: Bone Infarct





X-Ray vs MRI: Bone Lesion



Dual-Energy X-ray Absorptiometry



Dual-Energy X-ray Absorptiometry

Classification	T-Score Value	
Normal bone mass	≥-1.0	
Low bone mass (osteopenia)	-1.0 to -2.5	
Osteoporosis	≤-2.5	

T-score compares bone density with the average bone density of **young**, **healthy adults** of the same sex

Z-Score	Classification
More than -2	Normal
-2 or less	Below Normal

Z-score compares a person's bone density with the average bone density of other people of the same age, sex, and body size

Gaucher Bone Imaging Summary

Radiographs (X-rays)	MRI	DEXA
Bone crisis	Bone crisis	
Pathologic fracture	Pathologic fracture	
Osteonecrosis	Osteonecrosis	
Lytic lesions	Lytic lesions	
Bone remodeling (e.g. Erlenmeyer flask deformity)	Bone remodeling (e.g. Erlenmeyer flask deformity)	
Hardware/prosthesis imaging	Hardware/prosthesis imaging	
Cortical thinning/tunneling (osteopenia)	Dark marrow (and quantitative imaging)	Bone mineral density (osteopenia/osteoporosis)

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- Treatment is focused on the underlying cause of the disease, replacing or enhancing the missing or deficient enzyme or shifting the balance between substrate and product
 - Enzyme replacement therapy (ERT)
 - Substrate reduction therapy (SRT)
 - Pharmacologic chaperone therapy (PCT)
 - Hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT)
 - New/emerging therapies, including gene therapy and genome editing

Current treatments available for MPS:

MPS type	Common name	Gene	GAG	ERT/HSCT
MPS I	Hurler, H–S, Sheie	IDUA	DS, HS	+/+
MPS II	Hunter	IDS	DS, HS	+/-
MPS III	Sanfilippo A,B,C,D	GNS, HGSNAT, NAGLU, SGSH	HS	-/-
MPS IV	Morquio A,B	GALNS GLB1	KS, CS KS	+/-
MPS VI	Marateaux-Lamy	ARSB	DS	+/-
MPS VII	Sly	GUSB	DS, HS, CS	+/-
MPS IX	Hyaluronidase deficiency	HYAL1	НА	-/-

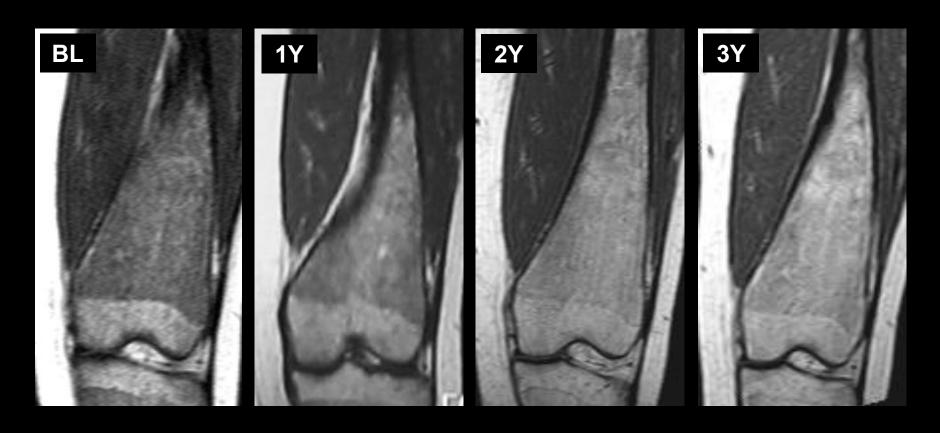
replacement therapy, HSCT hematopoietic stem cell transplantion.

- Current treatments available for Gaucher disease:
 - Enzyme replacement therapy (ERT)
 - Substrate reduction therapy (SRT)
 - Gene therapy (clinical trials)

- This is supplemented by supportive care targeting specific aspects of disease presentation
 - Anti-inflammatory agents
 - Medications to increase/inhibit bone formation
 - Orthopedic procedures to deal with severe/irreversible skeletal complications
 - Other medications and treatments for non-skeletal disease manifestations

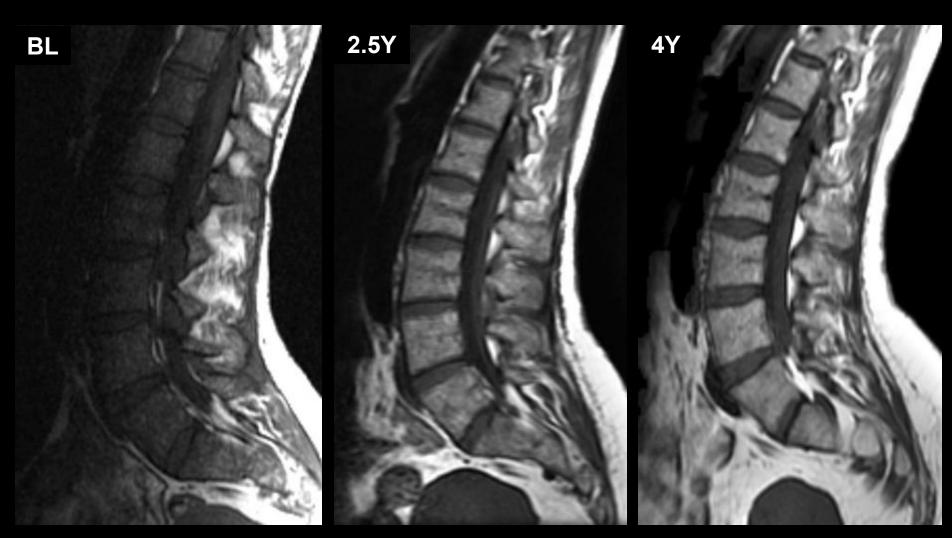
- Studies show improvement in symptoms and quality of life with treatment for patients with LSDs
- However, skeletal problems are notably refractory to therapy, and some skeletal complications are irreversible
- Bone changes in response to therapy have been most thoroughly studied for Gaucher disease

Gaucher Marrow with Therapy



Roughly 60-70% of patients demonstrate bone marrow improvement with medical treatment

Gaucher Marrow with Therapy



From Robertson et al., AJR 2007; 188: 1521-1528.

Gaucher BMD with Therapy

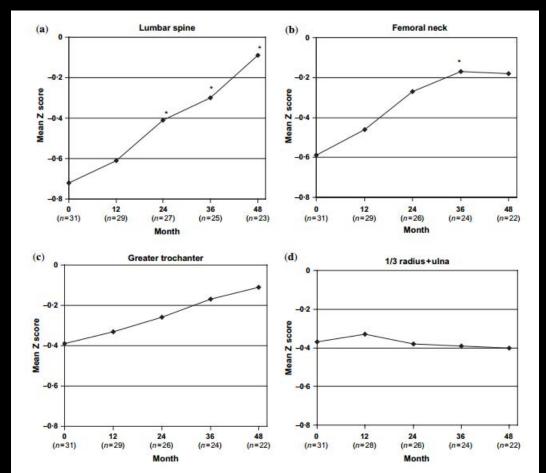
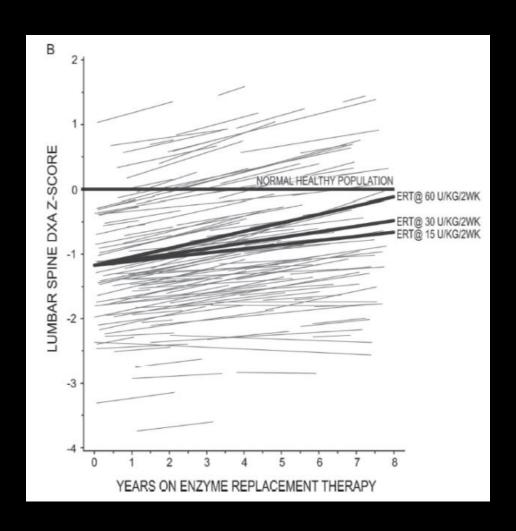


Fig. 2. Bone density (mean dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry Z scores, reflective of age-adjusted normal) as measured in the spine (a), femoral neck (b), greater trochanter (c), and 1/3 radius + ulna (d). P values test the hypothesis that the mean change is equal to zero (t-test). *p < 0.05.

Gaucher BMD with Therapy



Imaging Surveillance for Gaucher

Image test	Patients not on therapy	Patients on therapy		
		Not achieved therapeutic goals	Achieved therapeutic goals	At time of dose change or significant clinical
	Every 12-24 months	Every 12 months	Every 12-24 months	complication
MRI (coronal; T1- and T2-weighted) of entire femora ^a	×	×	×	×
X-ray ^b	×	×	×	×
DEXA°	×	×	×	×

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- Procedures focus on severe/irreversible skeletal complications to improve quality of life
- Most common surgical procedure is carpal tunnel and trigger finger release (sometimes in children)
- Soft tissue surgery for release of joint contractures is sometimes performed, but outcomes have been poor
- Spinal fusion may be needed to treat thoracic kyphoscoliosis and atlantoaxial instability
- Corrective surgery for hip subluxation, genu valgum, and ankle valgus (e.g. pelvic, femoral, or tibial osteotomy)
- Hip or knee arthroplasty may eventually be needed

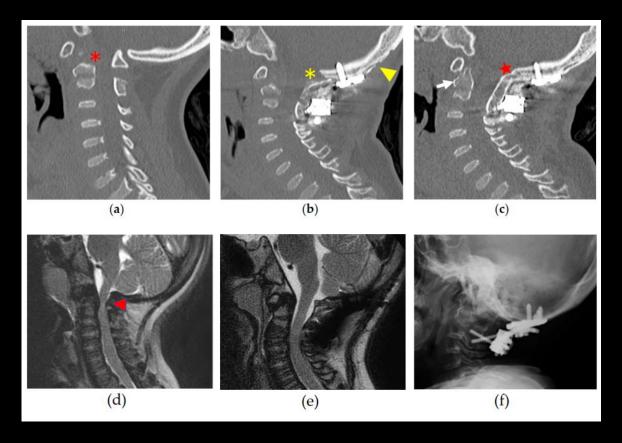
Spinal fusion to treat kyphoscoliosis in MPS I





From Borgo et al. Ital J Pediatr 2018; 44: Suppl 2, 123.

Occipitocervical fusion for atlantoaxial instability in MPS IVa



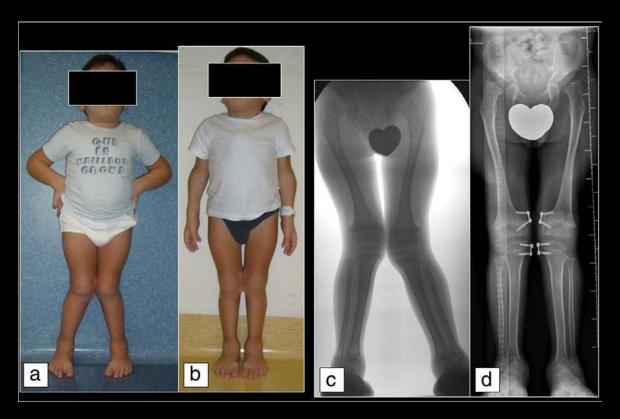
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Hip osteotomies for patient with MPS IVb



From van den Eeden et al. Case Rep Orthop 2021; 2021: 5584408.

 Bilateral temporary hemiepiphysiodesis of femur and tibia to correct genu valgum in a child with MPS IVa



From Borgo et al. Ital J Pediatr 2018; 44: Suppl 2, 123.

Orthopedic Care in Gaucher

- As for MPS, procedures focus on severe/irreversible skeletal complications to improve quality of life
- Hip arthroplasty for femoral head osteonecrosis
- Surgery to address structural abnormalities of the spine
- Fixation of fractures
- Prophylactic fixation of bone lesions at risk for pathologic fracture
- Important to remember that Gaucher patients have additional risks due to bone weakness, delayed healing, and bleeding problems

Prostheses for Osteonecrosis



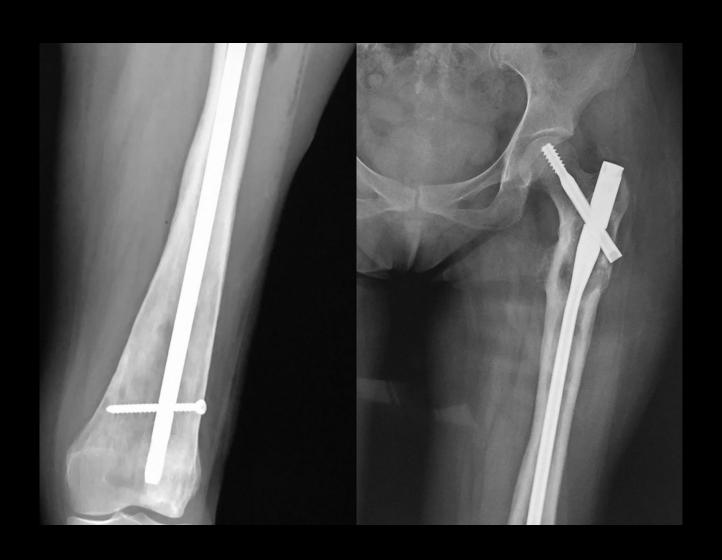
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Pathologic Fracture Fixation



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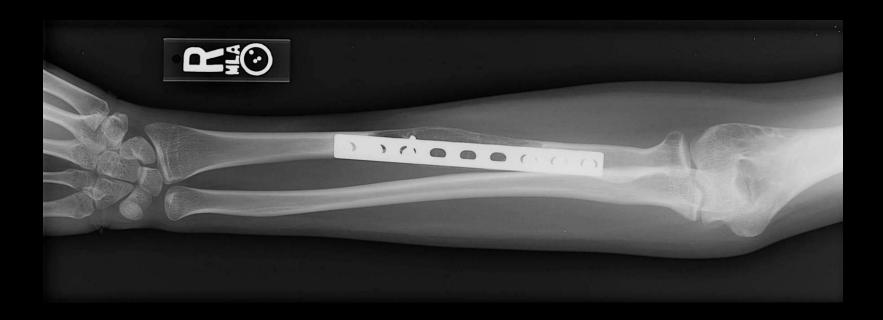
Bisphosphonate Fracture



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Prophylactic Fixation of Bone Lesion



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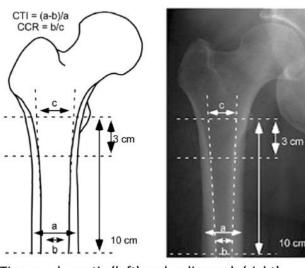
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Research in LSD Bone Imaging

- New/modified imaging techniques to better characterize disease and progression
 - Alternatives to DEXA (bone cortical thickness, HR-pQCT)
 - MR spectroscopy for Gaucher disease
 - Artificial intelligence (AI) for image segmentation and interpretation

Radiographic Cortical Thickness

Radiographic Cortical Thickness Index Predicts Fragility Fracture in Gaucher Disease



CTI on a schematic (left) and radiograph (right).

- Retrospective study in 247 patients with Gaucher disease with a median follow-up of 11 years (range, 2–30 years) showed femoral cortical thinning (cortical thickness index [CTI] ≤ 0.50) predicted fragility fractures (P = .01) independent of age, sex, fracture status, splenectomy, and delayed enzyme replacement therapy.
- CTI was a stronger predictor of future fracture (AUC, 0.96) than dual-energy x-ray absorptiometry, performed at various sites (T-score at total hip [AUC, 0.78], femoral neck [AUC, 0.73], forearm [AUC, 0.78], and spine [AUC, 0.69]).

D'Amore S et al. Published Online: December 20, 2022 https://doi.org/10.1148/radiol.212779



Radiographic Cortical Thickness





Radiographic Cortical Thickness

- Radiographic cortical thickness can provide information without requiring an additional test of piece of equipment
- Potentially useful in resource-poor areas
- Amenable to analysis by artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning algorithms

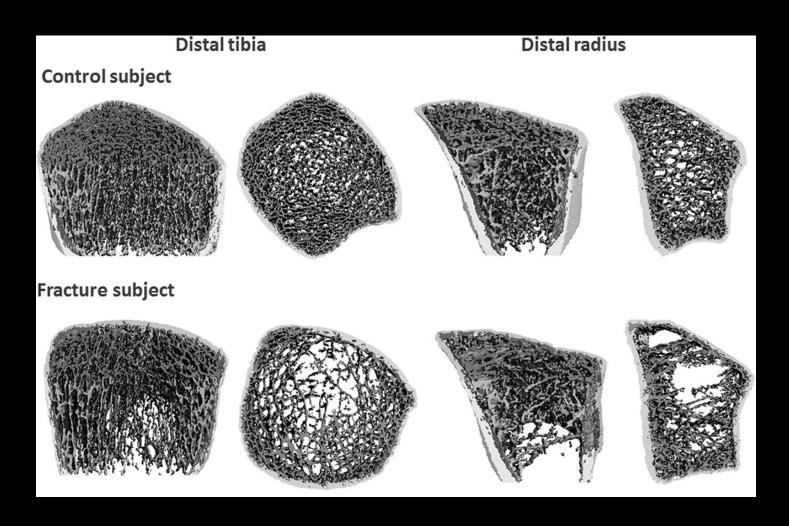
High-Resolution Peripheral QCT

- HR-pQCT uses non-invasive, in vivo imaging of the distal radius and distal tibia to provide volumetric measurement of BMD and 3D assessment of bone microarchitecture
- Can examine structural properties and geometry of cortical and trabecular bone
- Higher sensitivity for detecting skeletal changes as compared to DEXA, including over shorter time intervals

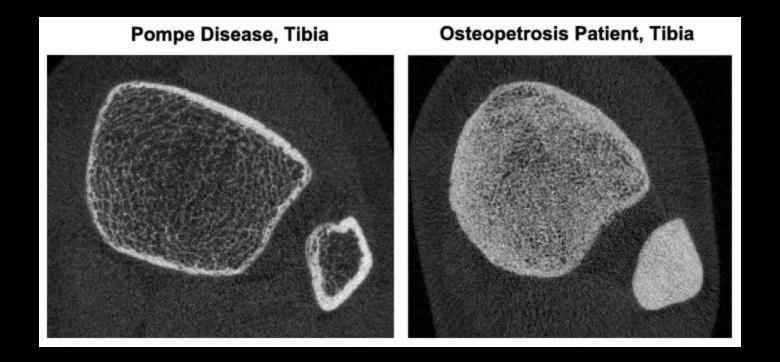




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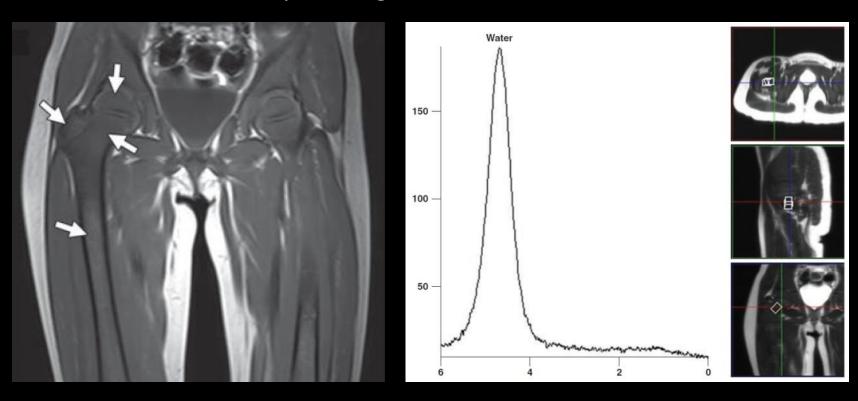


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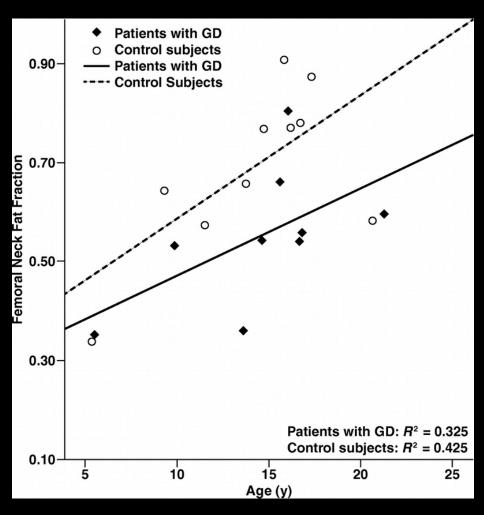


- Difficult to differentiate dark marrow from hematopoietic red marrow in young patients, especially children
- Physiologic process of red marrow conversion during development further confounds assessment
- MRS provides a direct quantitative measurement of the chemical composition of the bone marrow (fat fraction)

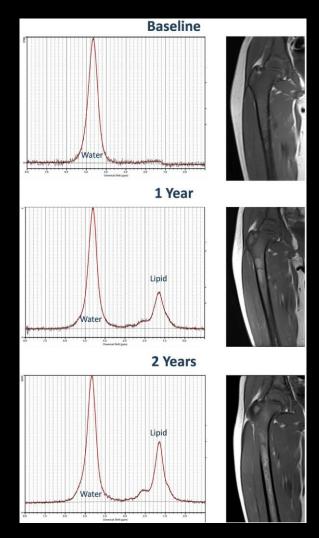
6-year old girl with GD, untreated



Femoral neck FF < 0.01



From Jaramillo et al. AJR 2015; 204: 1296-1302.



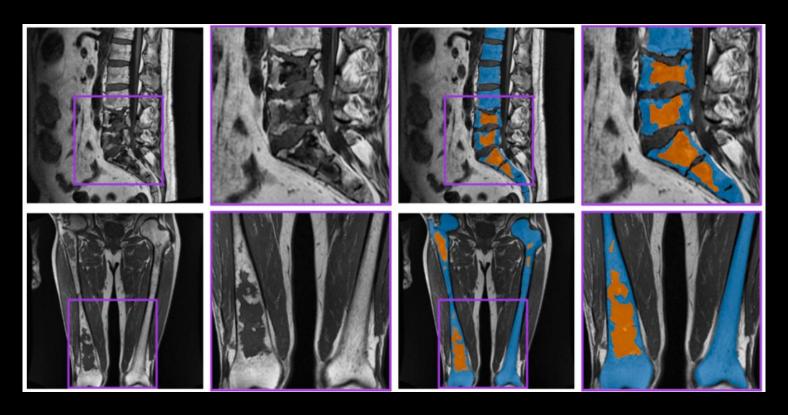
15 years

From Degnan et al. Insights Imaging 2019; 10: 70.

- Proton MRS can quantify marrow burden in pediatric GD when MRI shows no qualitative difference from controls, even when GD patients are/have been on ERT
- Normal marrow conversion can affect results (expected increase in FF with age)
- Need a larger study a prospective longitudinal controlled study of patients with GD from initiation of ERT or SRT

Al/Deep Learning for MRI

 Deep learning-based quantification for the segmentation of osteonecrosis on MRI images of the lumbar spine and femur



Al/Deep Learning for MRI

- Many potential uses, including improved standardization of MRI image interpretation, bone scoring, and evaluation of bone architecture
- Can use to quantify size of bone lesions
- First step in automation of MRI scoring, in order to identify bone lesions to exclude from 'background' bone marrow

Outline

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