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15.30-16.30 VI sessione - Le patologie endocrine dell'età evolutiva: alterazioni scheletriche.

Inquadramento clinico nell'adolescenza.

S. Palmieri

Aspetti assistenziali con particolare riferimento alle modalità e ai canali comunicativi nell'età evolutiva.

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Pediatric Osteoporosis



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Pediatric Osteoporosis Definition (ISCD 2013 Position Statement)

- 1) One or more vertebral fractures in the absence of local disease or high-energy trauma;

- 2) Low bone density (BMC or areal BMD Z-scores ≤ 2.0 SD) AND a significant fracture history:
 - (a) Two or more long bone fractures by 10 years of age
 - (b) Three or more long bone fractures at any age up to 19 years.



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- In patients with spontaneous vertebral fractures measuring BMD can add to the overall assessment of bone health but is not required as a diagnostic criterion.
- A BMD Z-score of > -2.0 does not preclude the possibility of skeletal fragility and increased fracture risk.



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✓ Aetiology

Primary Osteoporosis

Secondary Osteoporosis



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Primary Osteoporosis



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- Intrinsic skeletal defect of genetic or idiopathic origin.
- Heritable bone fragility may be suggested by the family history or typical physical stigmata.
- The diagnosis remains a possibility in any child with recurrent fractures once a secondary osteoporosis cause has been ruled out.



Primary Osteoporosis



| Condition | Genetic mutation or enzyme deficiency | Mechanism | Inheritance |
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| (1) Osteogenesis imperfecta | COL1A1, COL1A2 and other non-collagen mutations | Quantitative or qualitative defect in collagen, post-translational modification | AR/AD |
| (2) Bruck syndrome | PLOD2 | Impaired collagen cross-linking | AR |
| (3) Osteoporosis pseudoglioma syndrome | LRP5 | Impaired Wnt signalling and osteoblast functioning | AR |
| (4) Ehlers-Danlos syndrome | COL5A1, COL5A2, TNXB, and COL3A1 | Defects in connective tissue | AD |
| (5) Marfan syndrome | FBN1 and TGBR2 | Defects in connective tissue | AD |
| (6) Cleido-cranial dysplasia | RUNX2 | Impaired bone formation | AD |
| (7) Calvarial doughnut lesions | Unknown | Unknown | AD |
| (8) Spondylo-ocular syndrome | Unknown | Unknown | AR |
| (9) Hajdu-Cheney syndrome | NOTCH2 | Abnormal bone remodelling | AD |
| (10) Primary osteoporosis | LRP5 and LRP6 | Impaired Wnt signalling and osteoblast functioning | AD |
| (11) Idiopathic juvenile osteoporosis | Unknown | Unknown | Unknown |

AR = Autosomal recessive; AD = autosomal dominant.

Korula S, et al. Endocr Dev 2015



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Osteogenesis Imperfecta



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- 1 in 25.000 births, M=F.
- Low bone mass, recurrent fracture, bone deformity, short stature.
- Approximately 90% of OI cases result from mutations in *COL1A1* or *COL1A2*, which produce type 1 collagen (quantitative or qualitative defects).
- Clinically heterogeneous (Sillence classification based on disease severity).

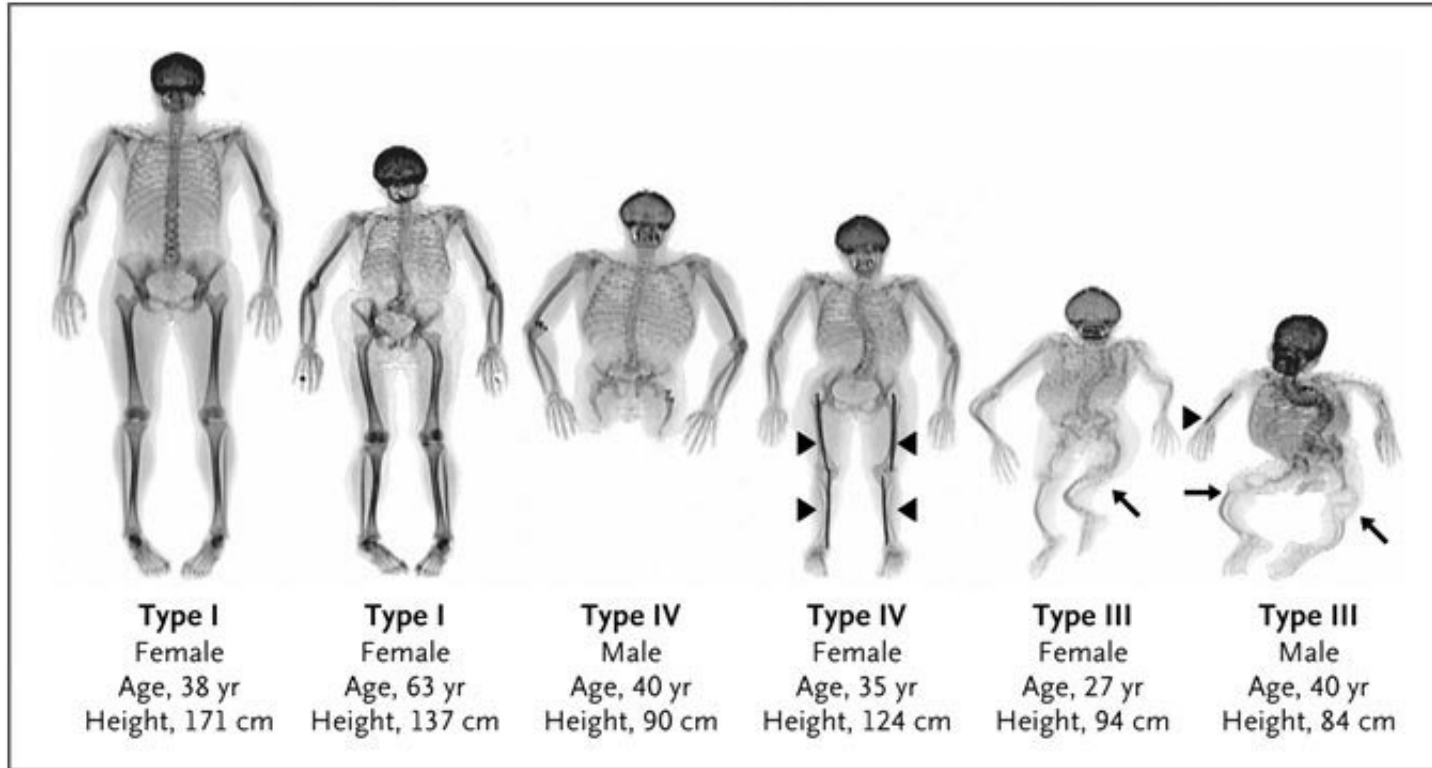


Osteogenesis Imperfecta



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Osteogenesis Imperfecta



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Extra-Skeletal Manifestations:

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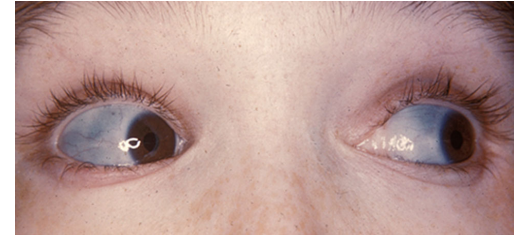
Hypermobility

Flat feet

Abnormalities of the craniocervical junction

Dentinogenesis imperfecta

Hearing loss



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Secondary Osteoporosis



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Secondary Osteoporosis



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- Caused by chronic diseases and/or their treatment



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Genetic diseases

Turner syndrome

Klinefelter syndrome

Lysinuric protein intolerance

Glycogen storage disease

Galactosemia

Gaucher disease

Hypophosphatemic rickets

Hypophosphatasia

Homocystinuria



Secondary Osteoporosis



Neuromuscular Disorders

Cerebral palsy

Rett syndrome

Duchenne muscular dystrophy, other myopathic diseases

Spina bifida

Spinal muscular atrophy

Other diseases associated with chronic immobilization

- Chronic Immobilization: Functional Muscle-Bone Unit
- Nutritional Deficits
- Drugs (Corticosteroid, Anti-epileptic)



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Chronic Diseases

Malignancy (leukemia, lymphoma)

Reumatologic disorders

Cystic fibrosis

Inflammatory bowel disease

Malabsorption syndromes, celiac disease

Renal disease

Transplantation

Thalassemia

- Increased Inflammatory Cytokines
- Nutritional Deficits
- Reduced Physical Activity
- Exposure To Osteotoxic Drugs



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Endocrine disorders

Cushing syndrome

Hyperthyroidism

Hypogonadism, anorexia nervosa, female athletes

Panhypopituitarism

Type 1 diabetes

- Glucocorticoid Excess
- Accelerated Bone Remodeling, Hypercalciuria, low PTH, Fecal Calcium Loss
- Nutritional Deficits, Sex Steroid or Growth Hormone Deficiency – Lower Peak Bone Mass
- Insulin deficiency, Cytokines, Increased risk of falls (hypoglycemia)



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Iatrogenic

Glucocorticoids

Methotrexate

Cyclosporine

Heparin

Radiotherapy

GnRH agonist

Anticonvulsants (phenytoin, phenobarbital, carbamazepine)



Glucocorticoid – Induced Osteoporosis

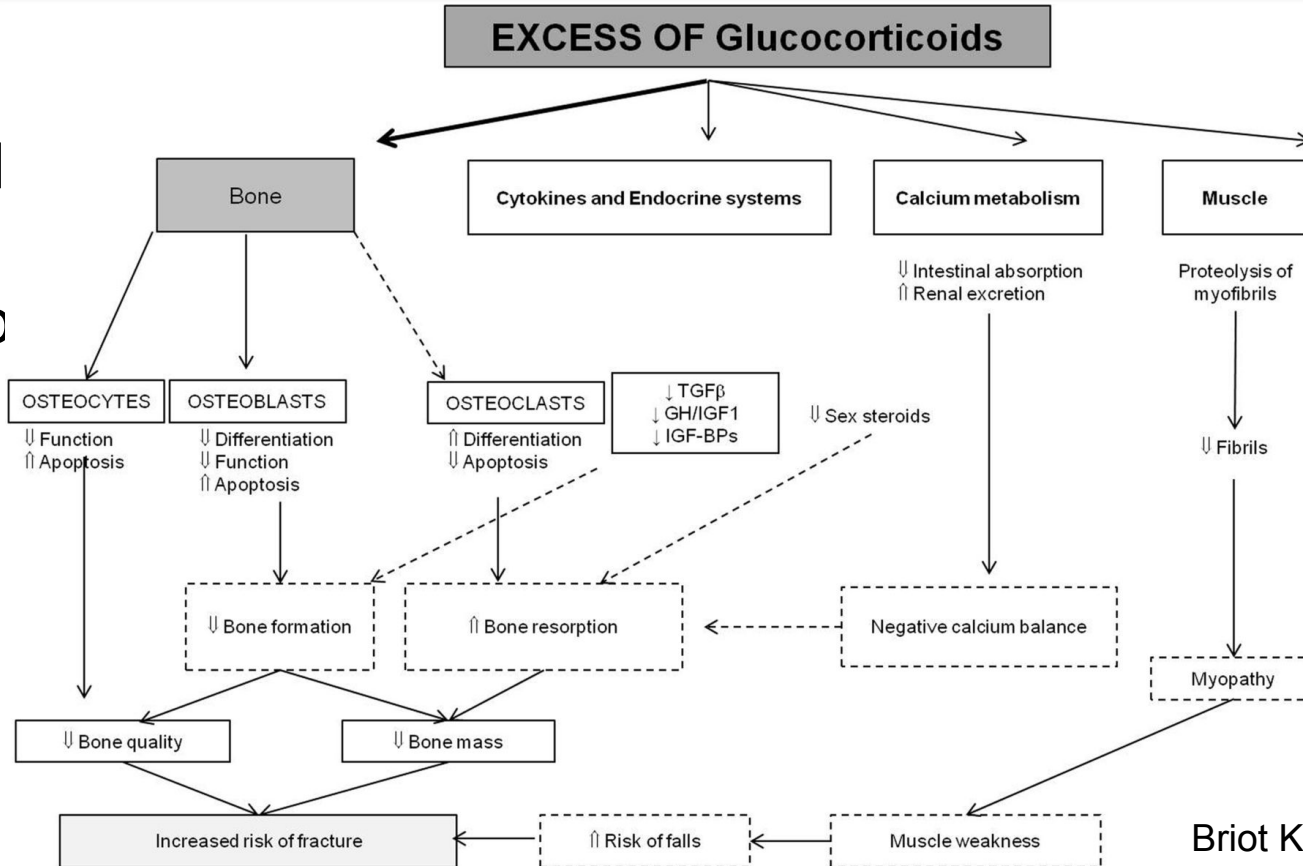


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- GCs seric

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Glucocorticoid – Induced Osteoporosis



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- A “safe” lower threshold has not yet been established
- GC therapy adversely impact the trabecular-rich spine
- Vertebral fractures occur within months of initiating GCs and at a relative better BMD
- Fracture risk returned to normal once GCs were stopped
- Negative skeletal effects of GCs are added to those of the underlying disease



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Skeletal Health Screening



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- Patient and family fracture history
- Disease severity
- Medication exposure
- Back and bone pain
- Review of nutrition (protein and calcium)
- Physical activity
- Pubertal stage



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Biochemical Workup



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Routine

- Creatinine
- Complete Blood Count
- Calcium
- Phosphorous
- Magnesium
- Alkaline Phosphatase
- 25-Hydroxyvitamin D
- PTH
- Anti-Transglutaminase Ab
- Urinary Calcium

II Level Exams

- TSH, FT4
- Sex Steroids
- IGF1
- Ionized calcium
- Cortisol after 1 mg overnight DST suppression
- Bone alkaline phosphatase
- Osteocalcin
- Telopeptide



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DXA



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Dual - Energy Radiograph Adsorptiometry (DXA)

- Gold standard method for bone mass measurement
- Low exposure to ionizing radiation
- Robust pediatric reference data

- Identify patients at greatest risk of skeletal fragility fractures
- Guide decisions regarding treatment
- Monitor responses to therapy



DXA



Skeletal Sites For DXA Assessment:

- Lumbar Spine (L1-L4, trabecular bone)
- Total Body Less Head (whole body scan, cortical bone, body composition)
- Lateral Distal Femur Scans (contractures, metal implants)
- Forearm (obesity > 135 kg, metal implants)



Limits and pitfalls:

- Motion artefacts
- Use of T-score
- Short stature
- Delayed puberty (BMC and BMD adjustment by Tanner stage)
- Fractures are not always associated with a reduced BMD



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Vertebral Fractures



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- VFs are an important yet under-recognized manifestation of osteoporosis in children
- VFs (even severe) can be asymptomatic
- Lateral thoracolumbar spine radiographs (or vertebral fracture analysis by DXA)



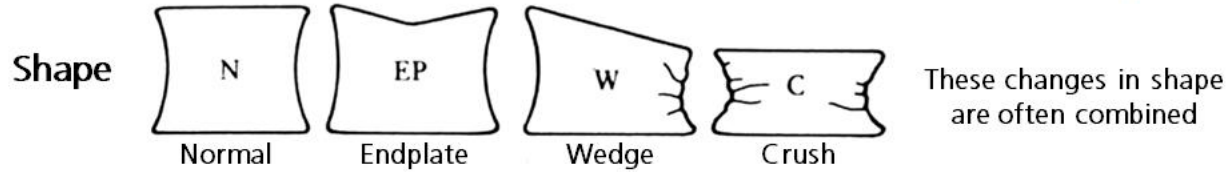
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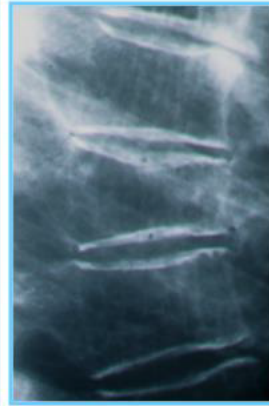
Vertebral shapes and grading



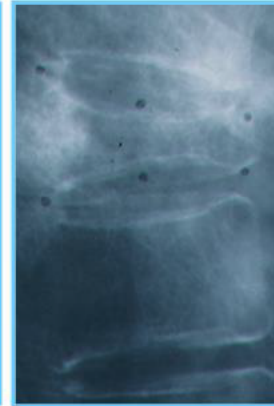
% change in shape



Grade 1
~ 20-25%



Grade 2
~26-40%



Grade 3
~40% +



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Nutritional Support



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- Healthy body mass index
- Optimal intake of calories, protein, calcium and vitamin D

Recommended daily calcium intake:

| Age (years) | Calcium (mg) |
|-------------|--------------|
| 1-3 | 500 mg |
| 4-8 | 800 mg |
| 9-18 | 1300 mg |



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Recommended 25-hydroxivitamin D concentrations:

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| Healty children | > 20 ng/ml |
| Children with increased risk of fracture | > 30 ng/ml |

➤ Higher doses of vitamin D may be needed in patients with obesity, cystic fibrosis other malabsorption disorders



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Physical Activity



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- Weight – bearing activity
- Short period of high – intensity exercise
- Physical therapy or vibrating platforms in patients with immobilization disorders



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Take Home Messages



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- Osteoporosis is an under-recognized complication of chronic illness in evolutive age
- Increased attention to risk factors and early intervention to reduce the frequency of fragility fractures



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