# **Supporting connective tissue**

- Cartilage and bone are modified CT in which ground substance is hardened to provide support for soft tissue
- Cartilage and bone form the skeleton of the body

# PERICHONDRIUM



# Chondroblast



# Chondrocytes



## **HYALINE CARTILAGE**





# **ELASTIC CARTILAGE**



# **VVG** stain

### **Orcein stain**



### White FIBROCARTILAGE



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# **CARTILAGE GROWTH**

### **D**Appositional

Addition of new cartilage over the surface of existing cartilage.

#### □Interstitial

Newly formed cartilage grows by multiplication of cells throughout its substance.







# □ <u>Bone cells (4)</u>

### **1.** Osteoprogenitor cells (mother cells of bone )

arise from UMCs in the connective tissue present where bone formation is initiated

- > present in cellular layer of periosteum
- ≻Endosteum
- ≻Lining Haversian canals

### Function

Proliferate and differentiate to osteoblasts

#### **2.Osteoblasts are bone-forming cells**



#### **3.Osteocytes =** called unit bone cells



#### 4.Osteoclasts = bone macrophages are bone-eating cells



#### Methods of histological study of bone





### **OSTEONS** =Haversian system



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#### **Cancellous bone**



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#### **Compact bone**





#### GROWTH IN LENGTH GROWTH OF CARTILAGE ON THE EPIPHYSEAL PLATE



# Organization of Cartilage within Epiphyseal Plate of Growing Long Bone



- 1 Proliferation zone Chondroblasts quickly divide and push the epiphysis away from the diaphysis, lengthening the bone.

2 Hypertrophic zone
Older chondrocytes enlarge and signal the surrounding matrix to calcify.

Calcified cartilage spicule

Osseous tissue



(3) Calcification zone Matrix becomes calcified; chondrocytes die, leaving behind trabeculae-shaped calcified cartilage. THIS IS NOT YET BONE!

#### -(4) Ossification zone

Osteoclasts digest the calcified cartilage, and osteoblasts replace it with actual bone tissue in the shape of the calcified cartilage – resulting in bone trabeculae.

