

# ARTICULATIONS:

Functional or Structural classification?

**Synarthrotic:** little or no movement

Fibrous CT - (*suture/gomphosis*) sutures, teeth

Cartilagenous - (*synchondrosis*) skull base, young bone

Bony - (*synostosis*) bone-bone fusion

**Amphiarthrotic:** slight movement

Fibrous - (*syndesmosis*) distal Tibia-fibula

Cartilaginous - (*symphysis*) fibrocartilage in pelvic girdle

**Diarthrotic:** free movement = **Synovial joints**

Monaxial: single plane (*ex. hinge, pure pivot*)

Biaxial: two planes (*ex. gliding, ellipsoid, saddle*)

Triaxial: three planes (*ex. ball & socket*)

## **Movement of various joints:**

- 1) Gliding - clavicle and sternum
- 2) aBduction - away from body's longitudinal axis
- 3) aDduction - toward body's longitudinal axis
- 4) Extension - increase in angle between elements
- 5) Flexion - decrease in angle between elements
- 6) Circumduction - gross orbital movement of element
- 7) Rotation - rolling movement along axis
- 8) Supination - rotation of palm/sole to face anteriorly
- 9) Pronation - rotation of palm/sole to face posteriorly
- 10) Protraction - "extension" anteriorly (horizontal)
- 11) Retraction - "flexion" posteriorly (horizontal)

Feet - inversion/eversion = supination/pronation

Feet - dorsiflexion/plantar flexion = extension/flexion

## Structure of synovial joints:

1. Joint cavity surrounded by articular capsule -
  - a. fibrous outer portion (periosteum of adj. bones)
  - b. inner synovial membrane produces synovial fluid
  
2. Articular surface
  - a. hyaline cartilage (self-lubricating?)
  - b. not covered by perichondrium
  
3. Meniscus
  - a. fibrocartilage pad with shock absorbing capacity
  - b. often torn or displaced
  
4. Synovial fluid
  - a. lubricates/nourishes the chondrocytes
  - b. phagocytic cells
  - c. *cushion?*

## **Arthritis: non-specific term - Inflamed joints**

### **Osteoarthritis** (degenerative joint disease - DJD)

- weight bearing joints suffer cartilage erosion
- osteophyte formation, joint deformity, limited mobility

### **Suppurative arthritis** (bacterial insult - synovitis)

- injury, reduced immuno-competance
- degeneration of cartilage
- typically monoarticular / large joints

### **Rheumatoid arthritis** (chronic inflammatory disease)

- systemic erosion of synovium w/ vascularized mass
- bilateral deforming arthritis - small joints
- typically hands, wrists, elbows

### **Gouty arthritis** (metabolic disorder - *hyperurecemia*)

- body-fluids saturated with monosodium urate
- crystals precipitate out in the joint capsules
- irritation of synovium = pain and joint degeneration

### **Ankylosis** - fusion of adjacent bones due to friction/trauma

## **Reinforcement/Support of Synovial joints:**

- 1) Capsular Ligaments: (all synovial joints)
- 2) Extracapsular ligaments:
  - med./lat. collateral ligaments (Elbow & Knee)
- 3) Intracapsular ligaments:
  - ant./post. cruciate ligaments (Knee)
- 4) Associated structures:
  - a. menisci (knee, jaw)
  - b. bursae/tendon sheaths - synovial-fluid filled sacs

### **Hilton's Law -**

- multiple nerves, blood vessels assoc. with ea. joint

## **Bones + Muscles = Lever Systems**

1. Lever: rigid structure (board, crowbar, or bone)
2. Fulcrum: fixed point (joints)
3. Provide mechanical advantage - make work easier
4. Punchline? ...big bony processes = greater strength

*Humans are designed for a wide range of movement...  
NOT STRENGTH & POWER!*

## **Several classes of lever systems...**

### **Muscle actions:**

1. Agonist: largest muscle @ joint movement
2. Antagonist: muscle that reverses movement  
- *Antagonists* usually found in PAIRS!
3. Synergist: adds to movement/stabilization of the joint

## How are muscles named?

1. Fiber direction: rectus, transversus, oblique
2. Location: temporalis, ulnaris, radialis, femoris
3. Position: externus, lateralis, superficialis, anterior
4. Number of tendons: biceps, triceps, quadriceps
5. Shape: orbicularis, longus, deltoid
6. Origin & insertion: sternocleidomastoid
7. Action: flexor, rotator, levator, abductor

**Uni-articular muscles** - act upon a single joint

**Bi-articular muscles** - muscle span two joints

**Multi-articular muscles** - span multiple joints