

# Early traces of a lysosomal storage disease

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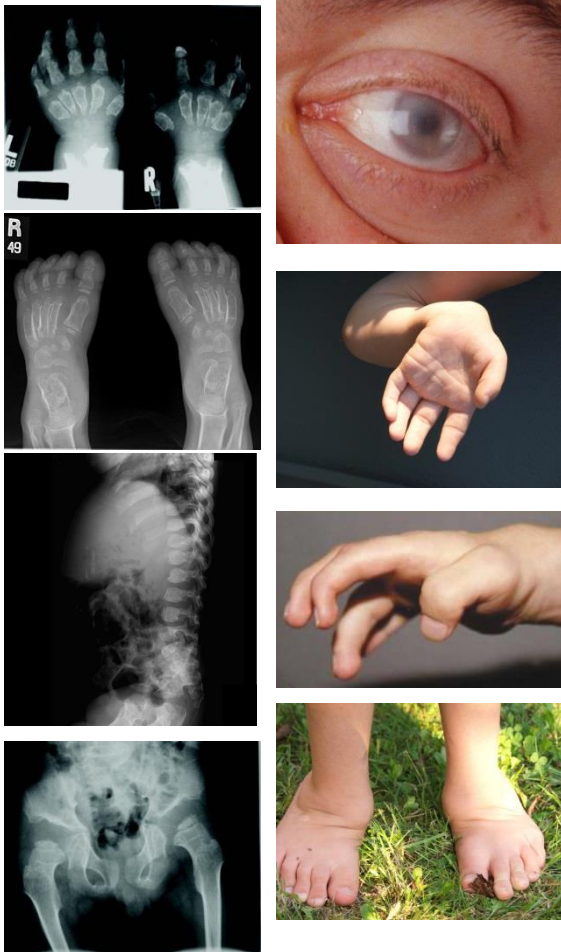
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# Overview

- What is “dysostosis multiplex”?
- First descriptions of these specific bone changes in Mucopolysaccharidosis (MPS)
- Other lysosomal diseases with dysostosis multiplex
- Earlier findings interpreted as dysostosis multiplex
- Austrian Medieval skeleton

# From last year: Characteristics of MPS



Dysostosis multiplex

- ▶ MPS is a group of **rare genetic diseases** in the extracellular matrix of the connective tissue
- ▶ Connective tissue is represented all over the body – therefore MPS are **multisystemic disorders**
- ▶ Clinical spectrum: from very severe forms with early death to very mild - better: **attenuated - forms** with **survival until late adulthood** (in all types of MPS)
- ▶ MPS cause **increasing organ dysfunctions with advancing age**
- ▶ **X-rays of the bones are part of the diagnostic pathway**

# What is “dysostosis multiplex”?

# Skeletal changes in all bones and joints

- Macrocephaly, sclerosis of the skull (thick), j-shaped sella turcica
- Saddle nose, small or large mandibula
- Malformation of the vertebral bones (ovoid, platyspondyly), broad ribs, severe changes in cervical spine and thoracolumbal spine (thoracolumbal „gibbus“)
- Changes in the acetabular roof, flattening of the femoral heads
- Cone shaped metacarpals

**Bone changes and related clinical signs**



# Typical radiological findings in dysostosis multiplex



# First descriptions of these specific bone changes in Mucopolysaccharidosis (MPS)

# First publication about „dysostosis multiplex“



**Prof. Meinrad von Pfaundler (Austria), Gertrud Hurler (Germany):**

**1919: First presentation: „Demonstrationen über einen Typus kindlicher Dysostose“**

**Published 1919: MMWS: „Über einen Typus multipler Abartungen, vorwiegend am Skelettsystem“**



**In 1973: MPS I - Morbus Hurler (Pfaundler-Hurler) – enzyme deficiency: Iduronidase**



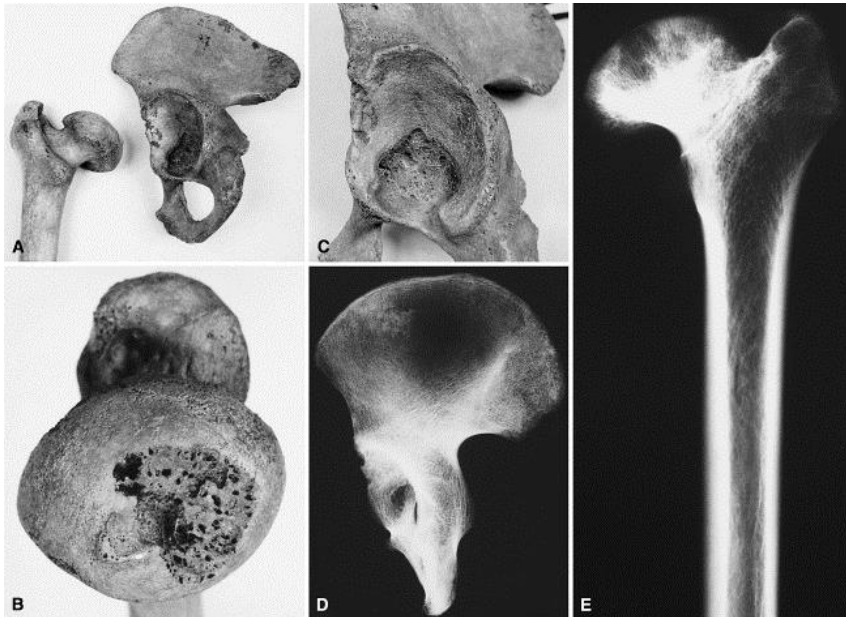
# Other lysosomal diseases with dysostosis multiplex

# Differential diagnoses

- Mucopolysaccharidoses
- Mucolipidoses
- Glycoproteinoses: alpha-mannosidosis, fucosidosis, GM1-gangliosidosis, aspartylglucosaminuria, sialidosis...
- **= from the group of lysosomal storage diseases**

# Earlier findings - interpreted as dysostosis multiplex

# Earlier findings interpreted as Legg-Calvé-Perthes Disease, probably MPS or gangliosidosis *(Smrcka V et al. Clin Orthop Pelat Res 2009; 467:293-297)*



Man, older than 50 years, end of the 5th to 6th century, South Moravia, Langobard cemetery, Czech Republic



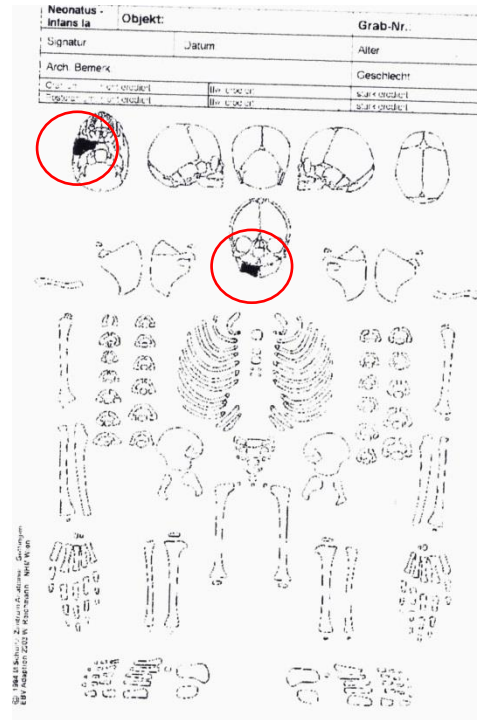
Adult man, 9th to 10th century, Branýsek/Bohemia, Czech Republik

# Early findings interpreted as MPS



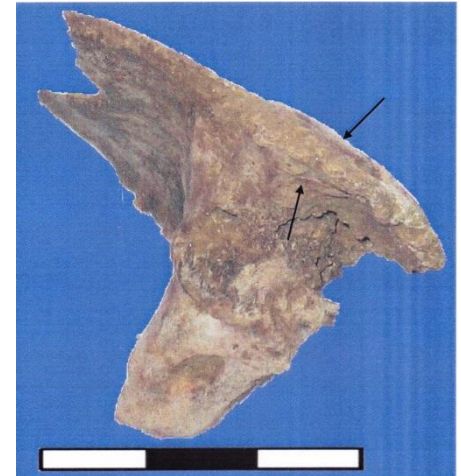
Egypt, early dynasty (3000 b.c.):  
Humeri with possible  
Mucopolysaccharidosis;  
about 14 years old person.

British Natural Museum London, nach:  
*DJ Ortner, WGL Putschar, 1985*



Saladorf, Austria, 4th century:  
Population from Pannonia and  
Noricum, temporal bone and part of maxilla

*P Pail in: Diploma Thesis, University of Vienna, 2009*



# Austrian Medieval Skeleton

# Skeleton from Pitten, Lower Austria, 9th century

- Found between 1970 – 1973
- Young male adult, 20 – 30 years old
- Burial position at the edge of the cemetery – mental retardation?
- Skull form resembled picture of *R Virchow (1862)*
- Authors interpreted and published as Pfaundler-Hurler-syndrome
- Authors:
  - Szilvássy J, Kritscher H, *Ann Naturhist Mus Wien* 1981; 85/A: 73-84
  - Schultze M, Kritscher H, Szilvássy J. *Ann Naturhist Mus Wien* 1984; 86/a:89-93
- **Reevaluation of the skeletal findings – dysostosis multiplex?**



*Kircher SG: JSM Biochemistry & Molecular Biology 2017;4(2)*

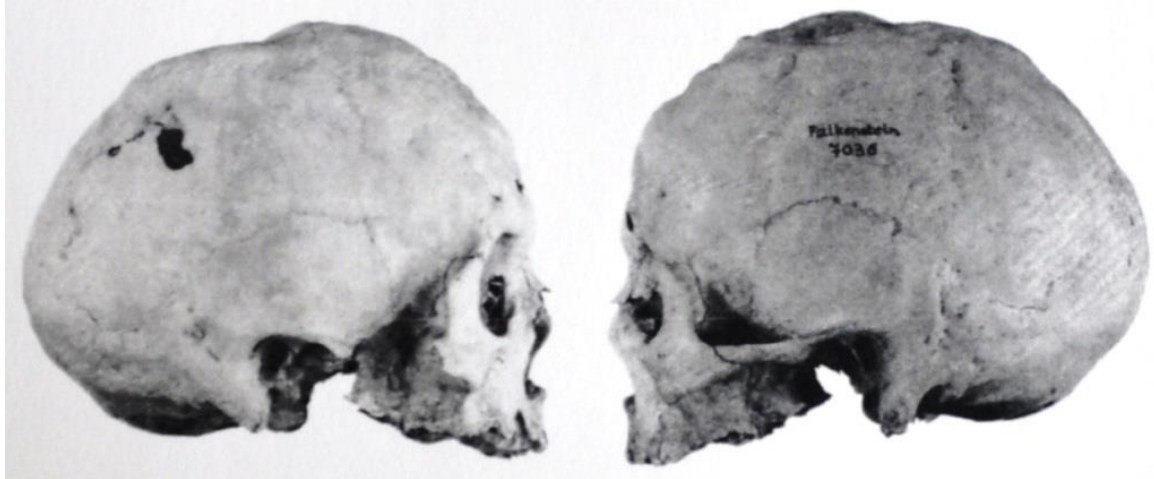


# What are the signs of dysostosis multiplex?

## Skull - form



Medieval  
skull



Comparison: Medieval  
skull man, 40 years  
old, suffered from  
syphilis.

*Bauer G, Szilvássy J,  
Kritscher H. Ann  
Naturhist Mus Wien  
1983; 85/A: 59-72*

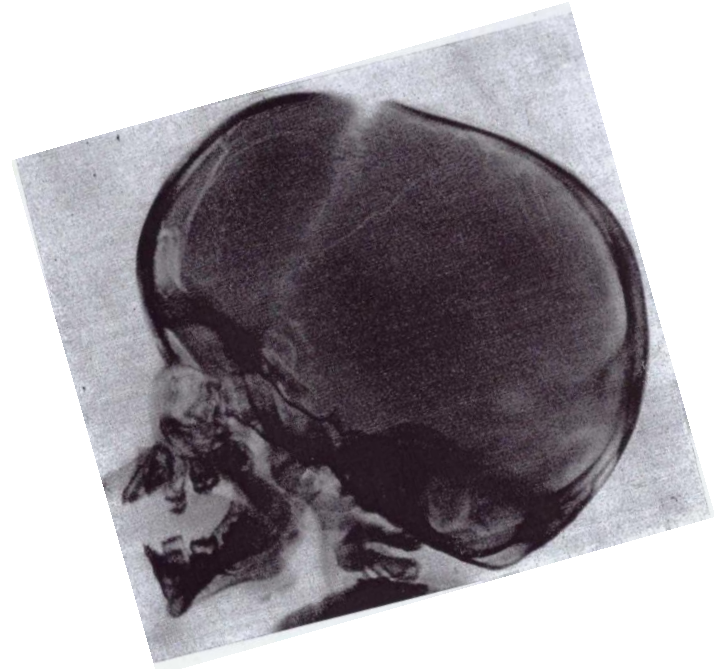


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## Skull – x-rays



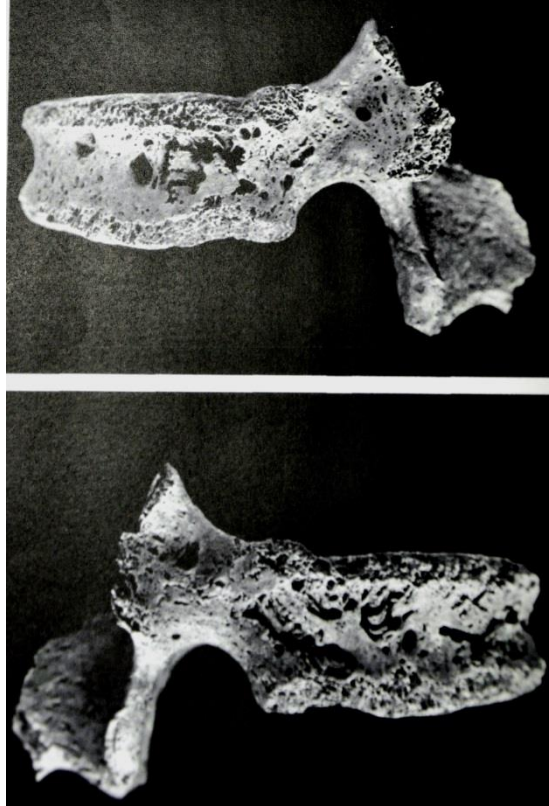
Medieval  
Skeleton – X-ray



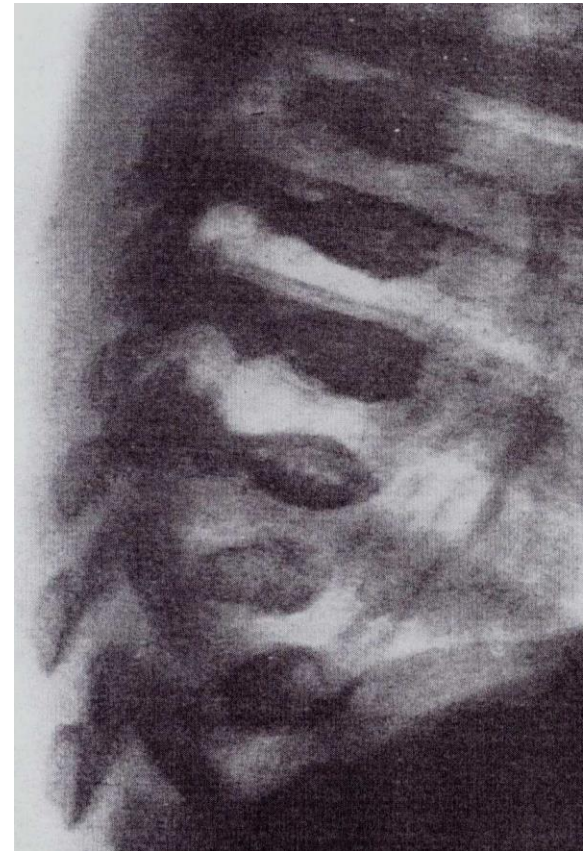
Comparison: Ullrich O. Chapter X: Die  
Pfaundler-Hurlersche Krankheit.  
*In: Ergebnisse der Inneren Medizin, 1943,*  
*Editors: M.v.Pfaundler, A. Schittenhelm*

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## Spine, vertebral bodies

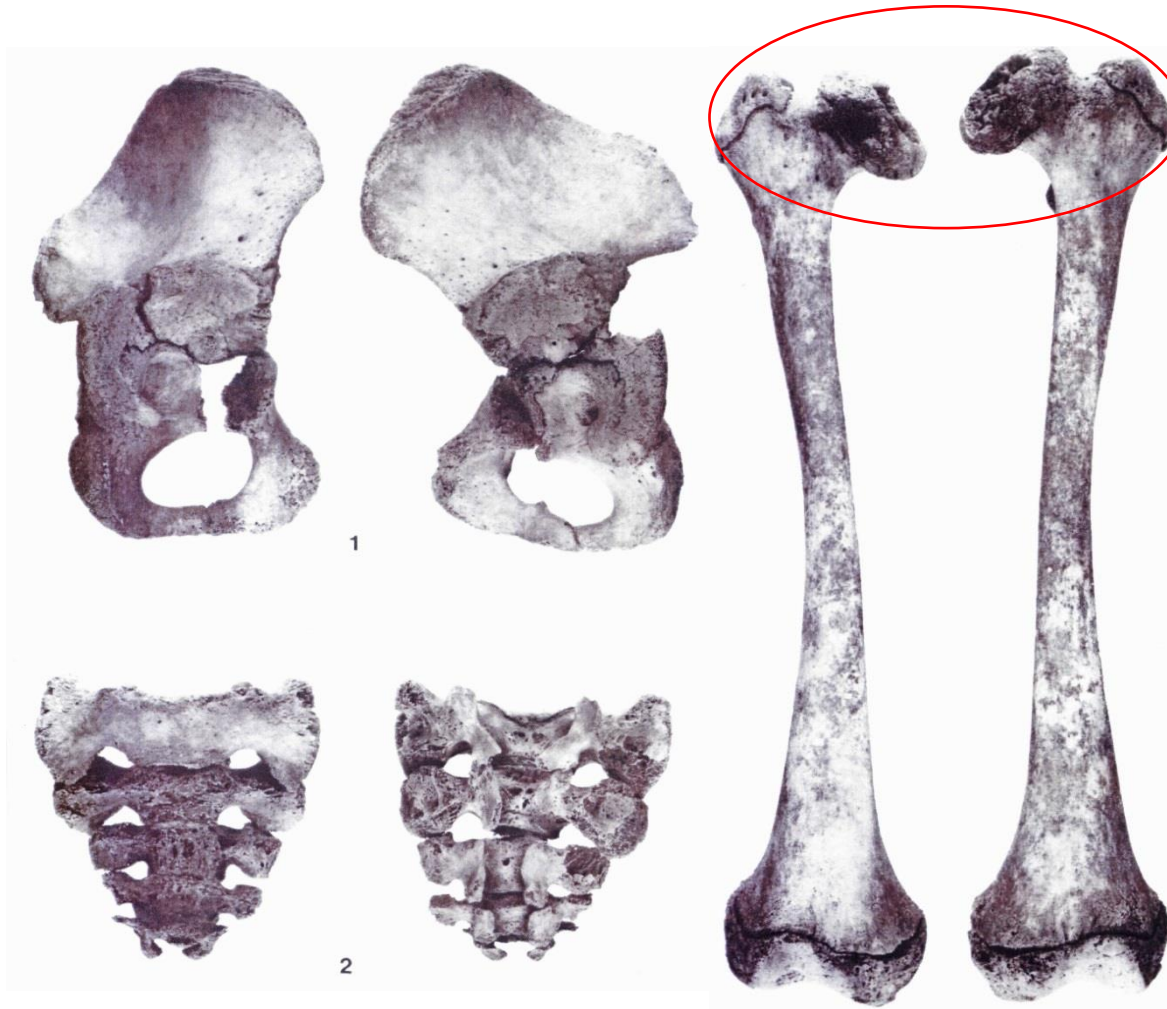


Thoracal  
vertebra 11



Feldman N et al.  
Osteochondrodystrophia deformans  
(Morquio Brailsford Disease). *Arch  
Dis Childh* 1950; 279-288.

# What are the signs of dysostosis multiplex? Pelvis and femoral heads



Girl, 8 years old,  
diagnosed: MPS VI  
(Maroteaux-Lamy).  
*Lachman RS et al.*  
*Skeletal Radiol* 2014;  
43:359-369

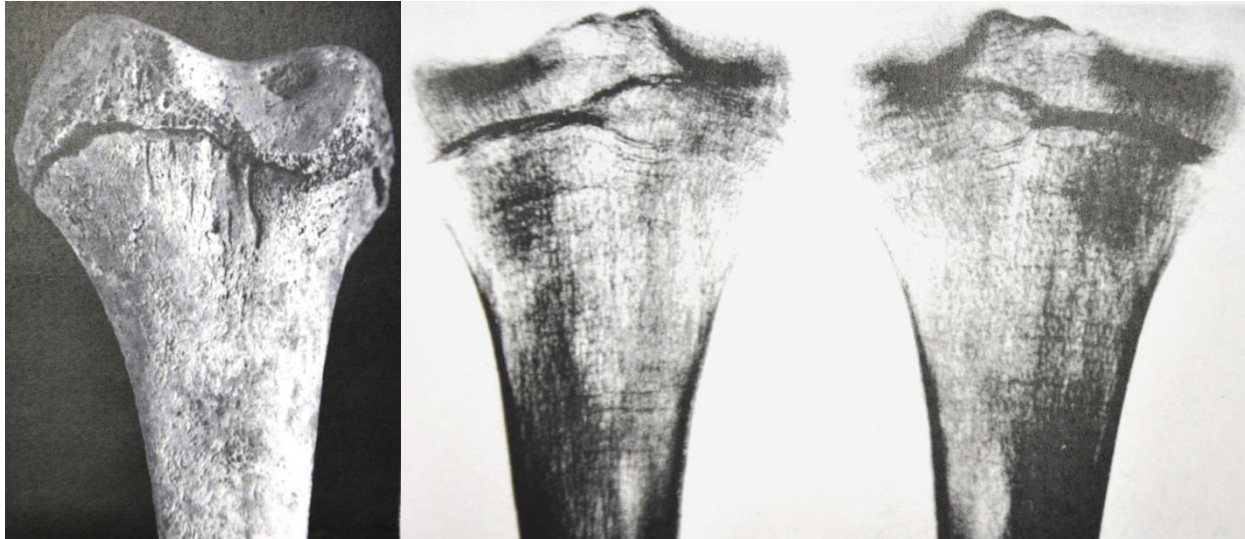


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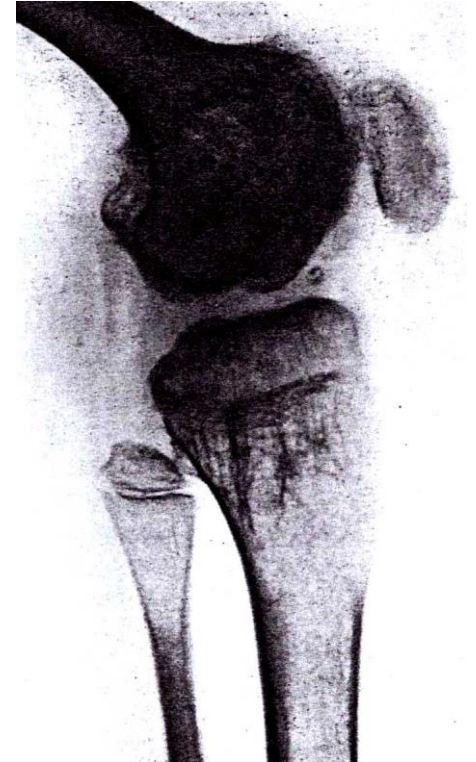
## Lower extremities



# What are the signs of dysostosis multiplex? Knee-joints (tibiae)



Medieval Skeleton: Harris lines in X-ray.  
Observed in diseases with inborn  
disturbances of osteochondrotic  
maturation *Harris HA. Brit J Radiol 1931;  
4:561-588*



Sur une form de dystrophie  
osseuse familiale.  
*Morquio L. Arch Méd Enf  
Paris 1929; 32:129-135*



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