

# Sarcomas of the soft tissue and bones

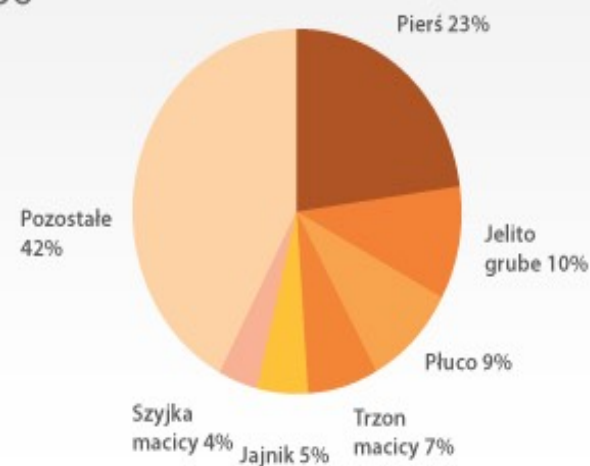
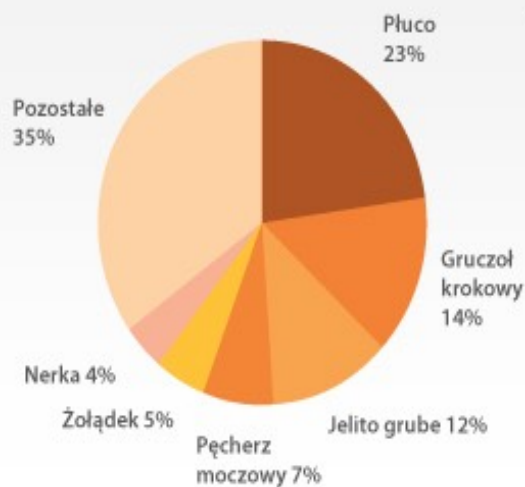
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# Epidemiology of malignant tumors in Poland

## malignant neoplasms in Poland 2011

Liczba nowych zachorowań: 144 336

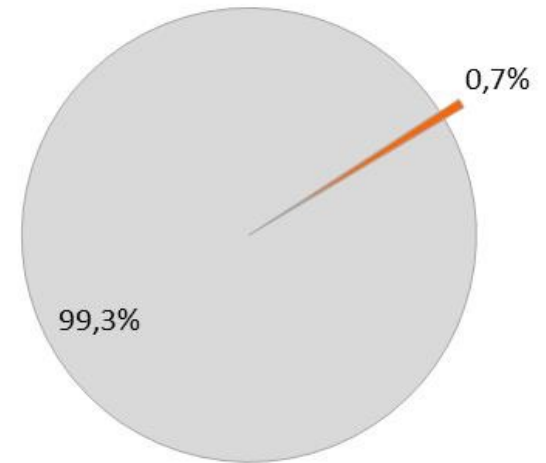


# Soft tissue sarcomas (C48-C49) STS

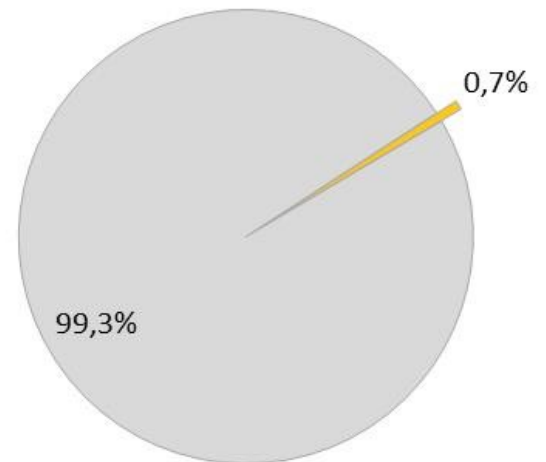


# The incidence of soft tissue cancers in Poland in 2010

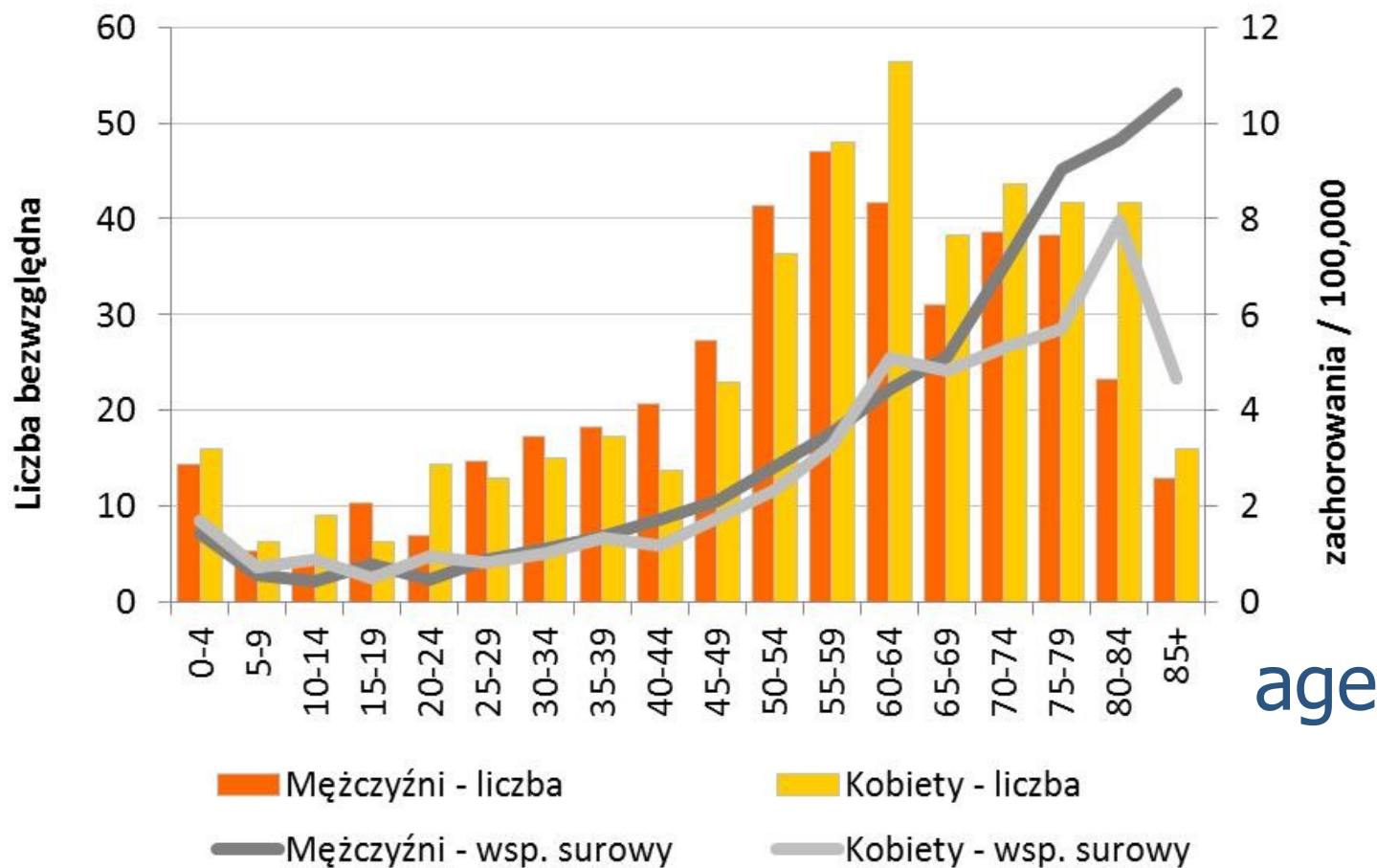
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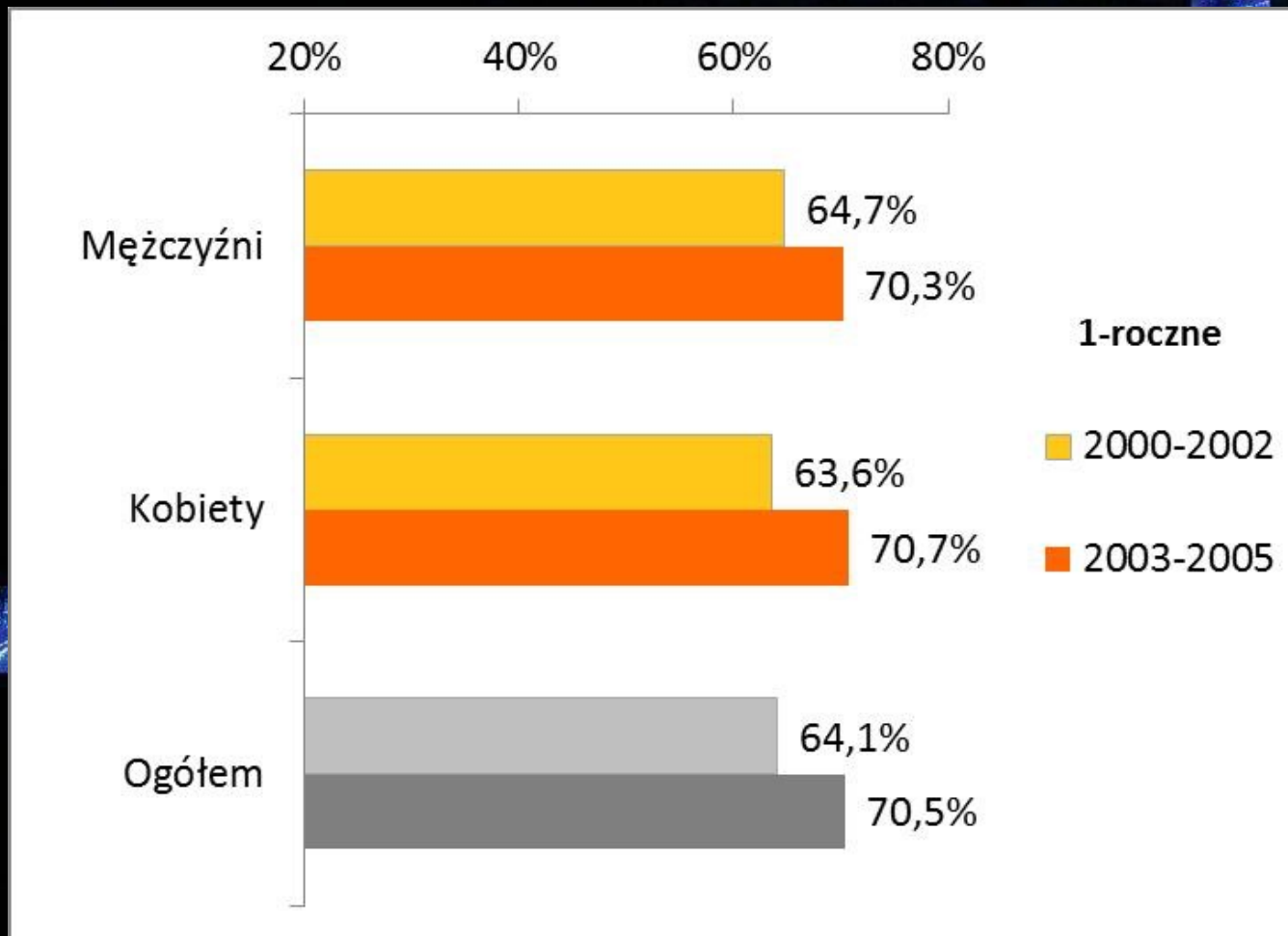
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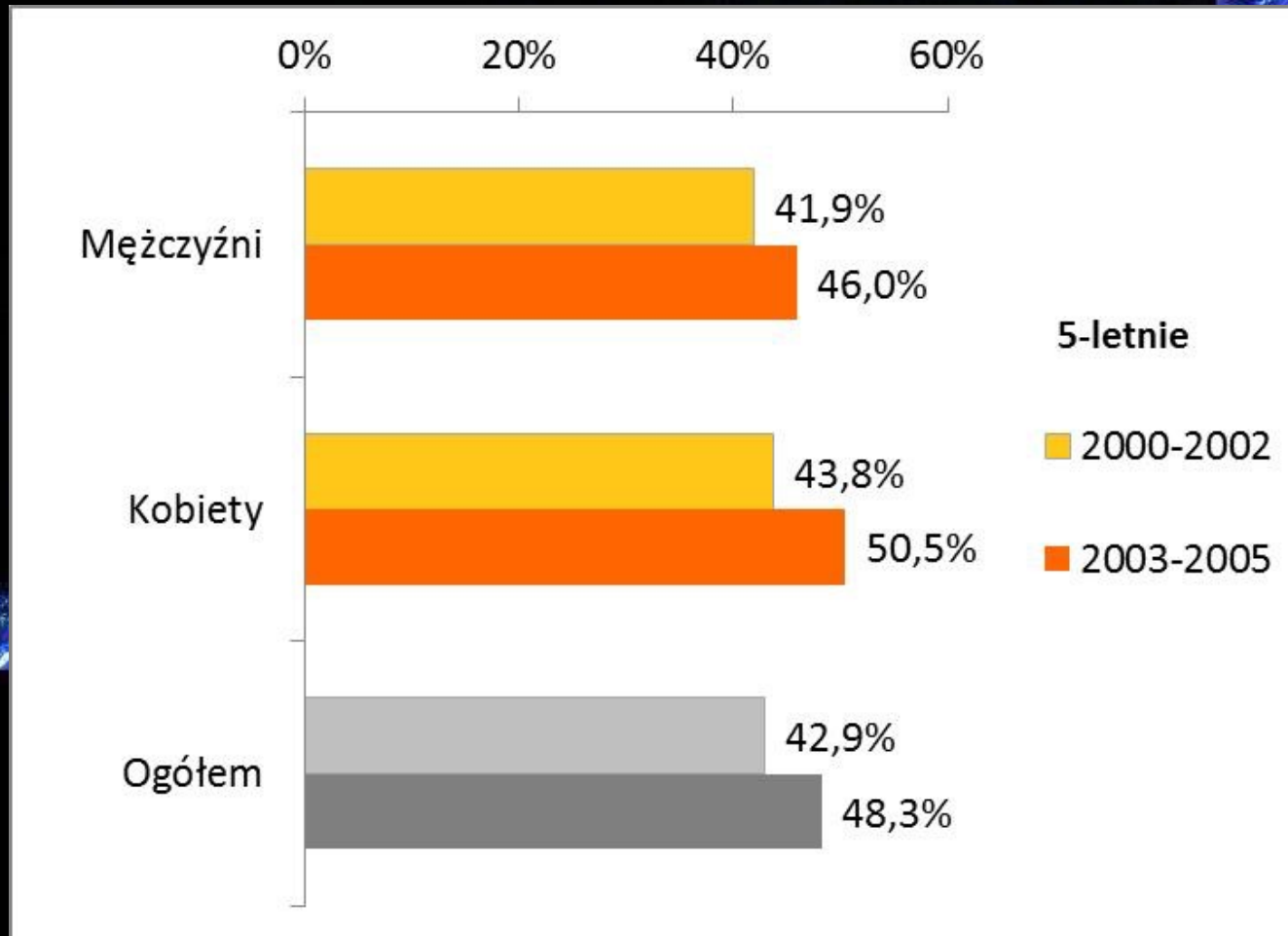
# soft tissue morbidity in Poland 2008-2010



# 1-year survival STS (Poland)

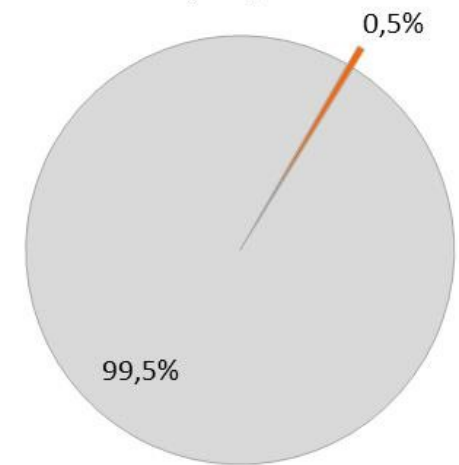


# 5-year survival STS (Poland)

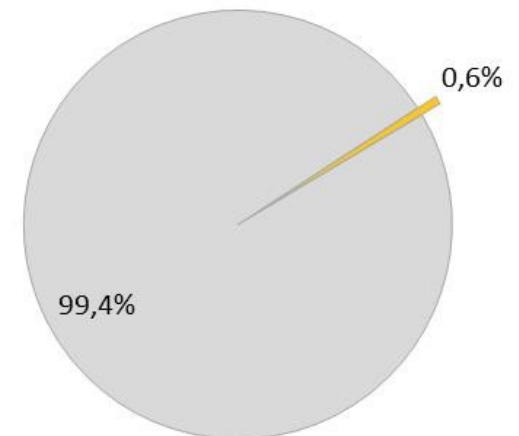


# Incidence of deaths caused by STS in Poland 2010

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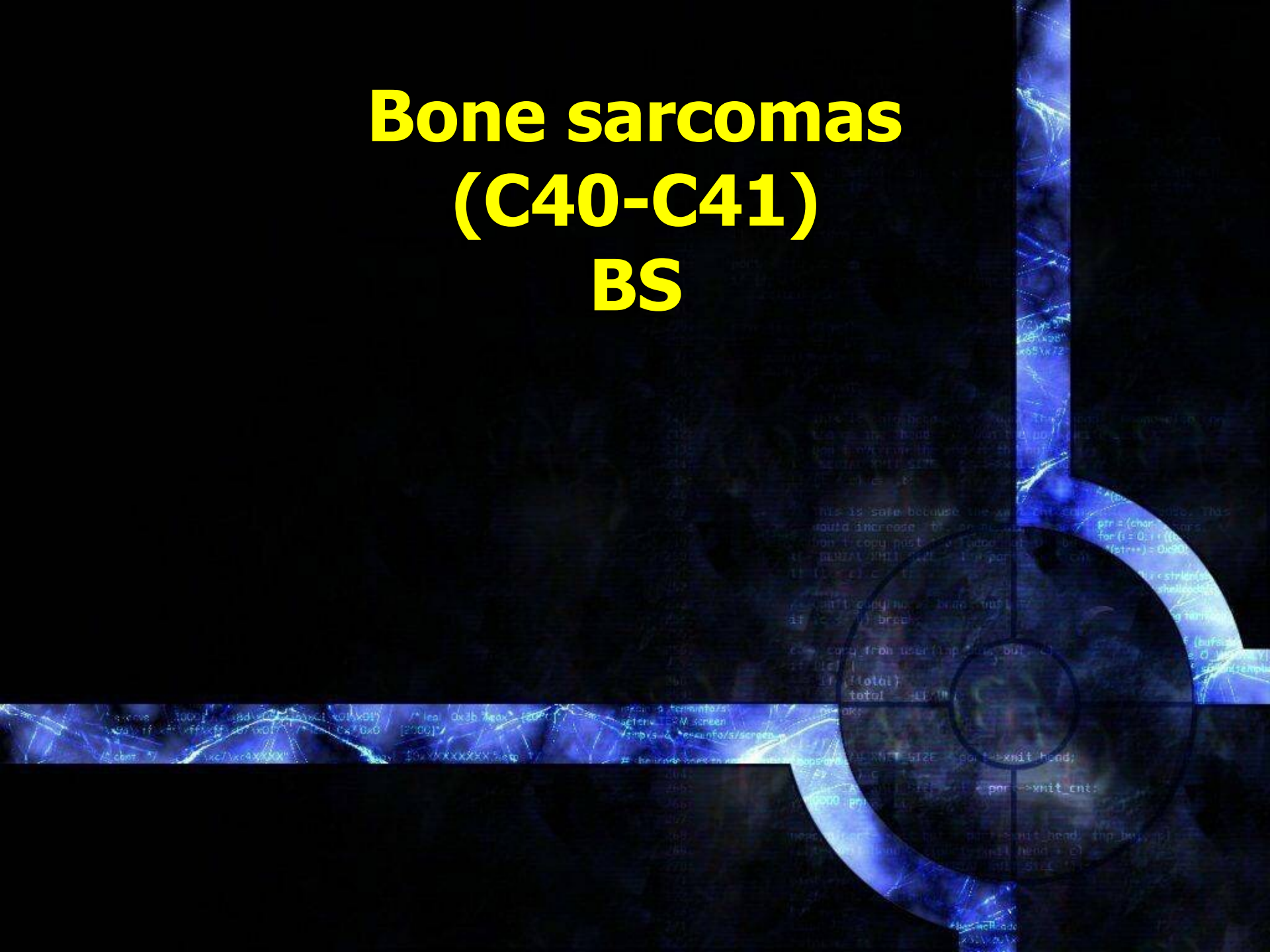


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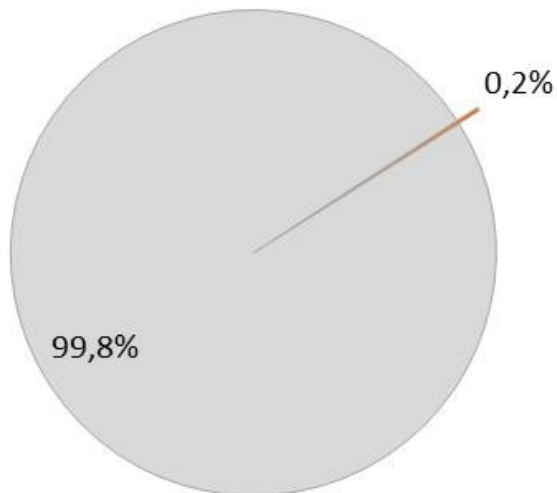


# Bone sarcomas (C40-C41) BS

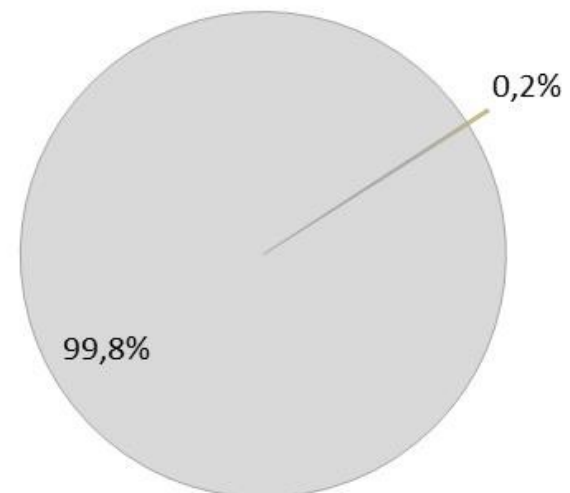


# Incidence of morbidity - bone sarcomas

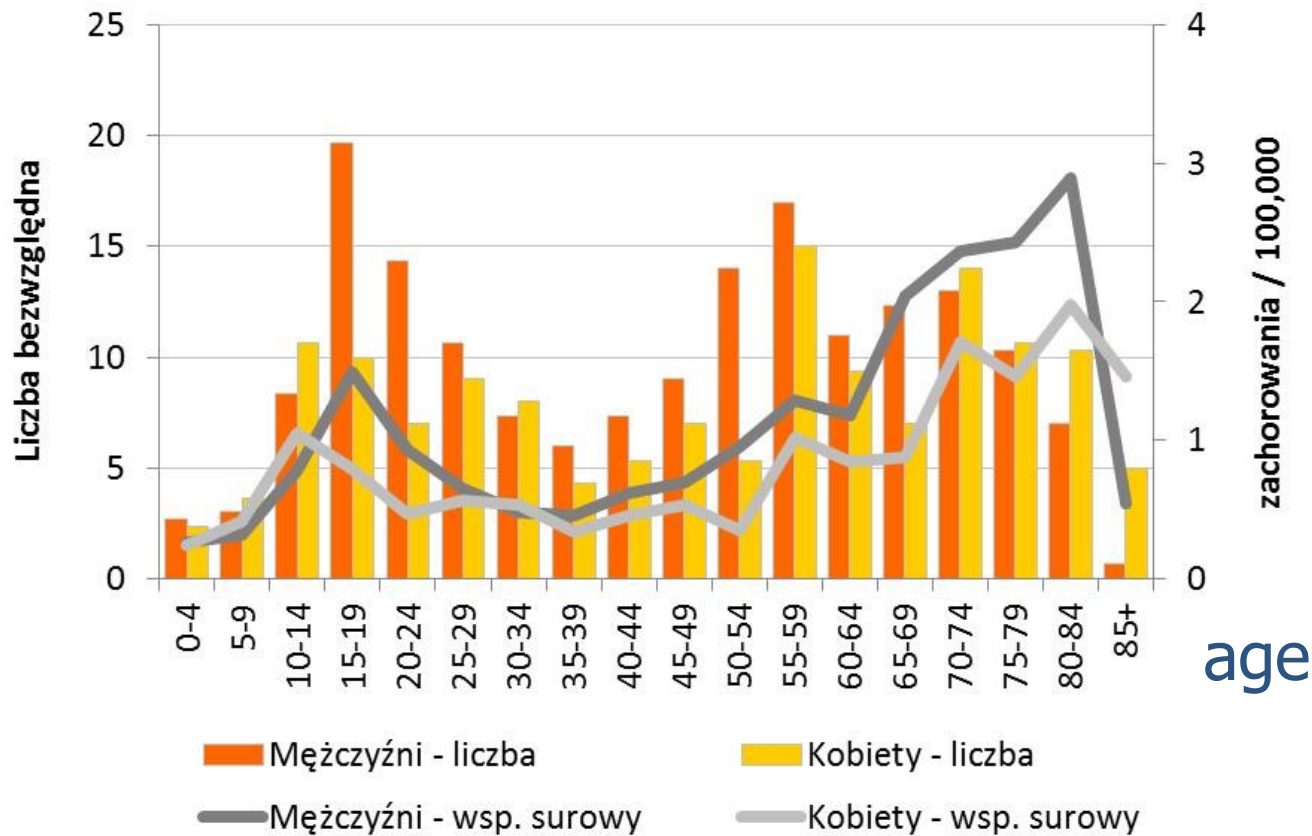
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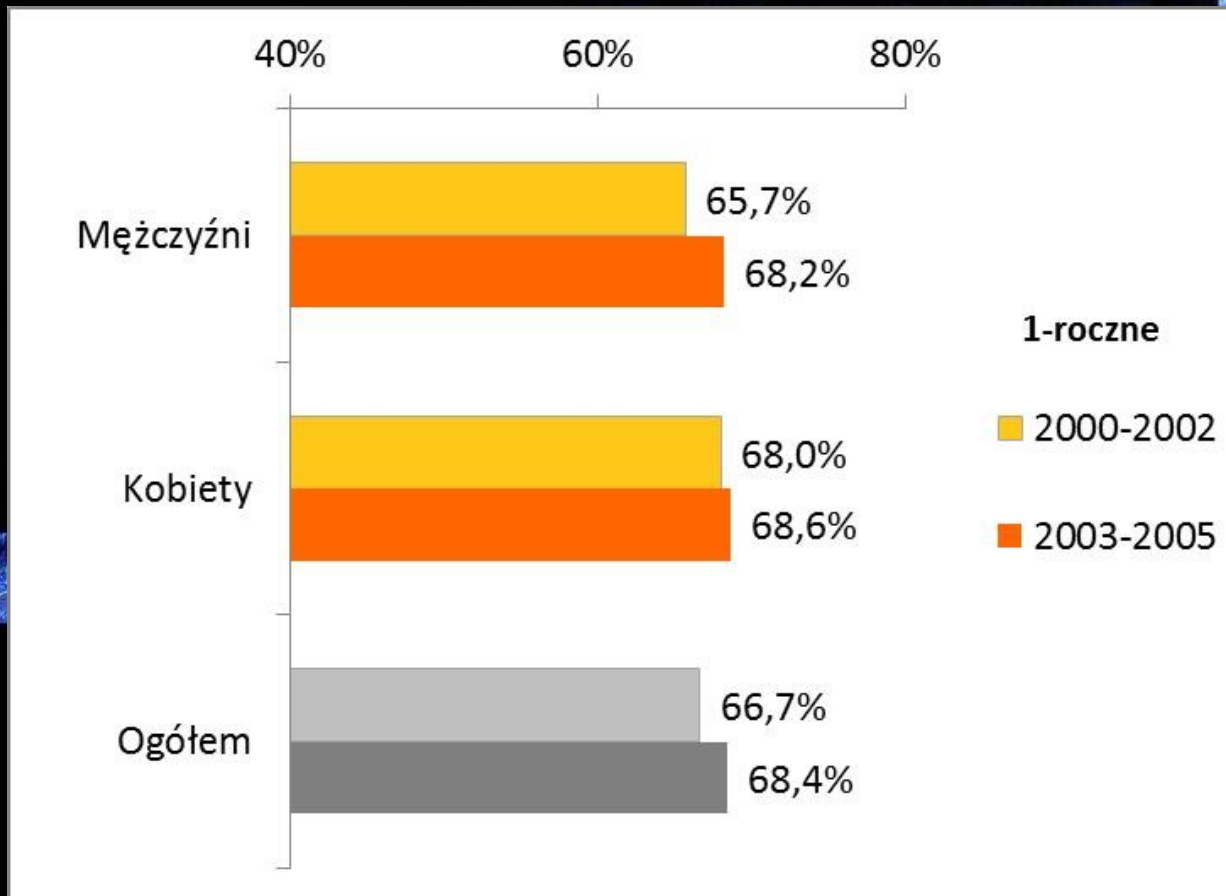
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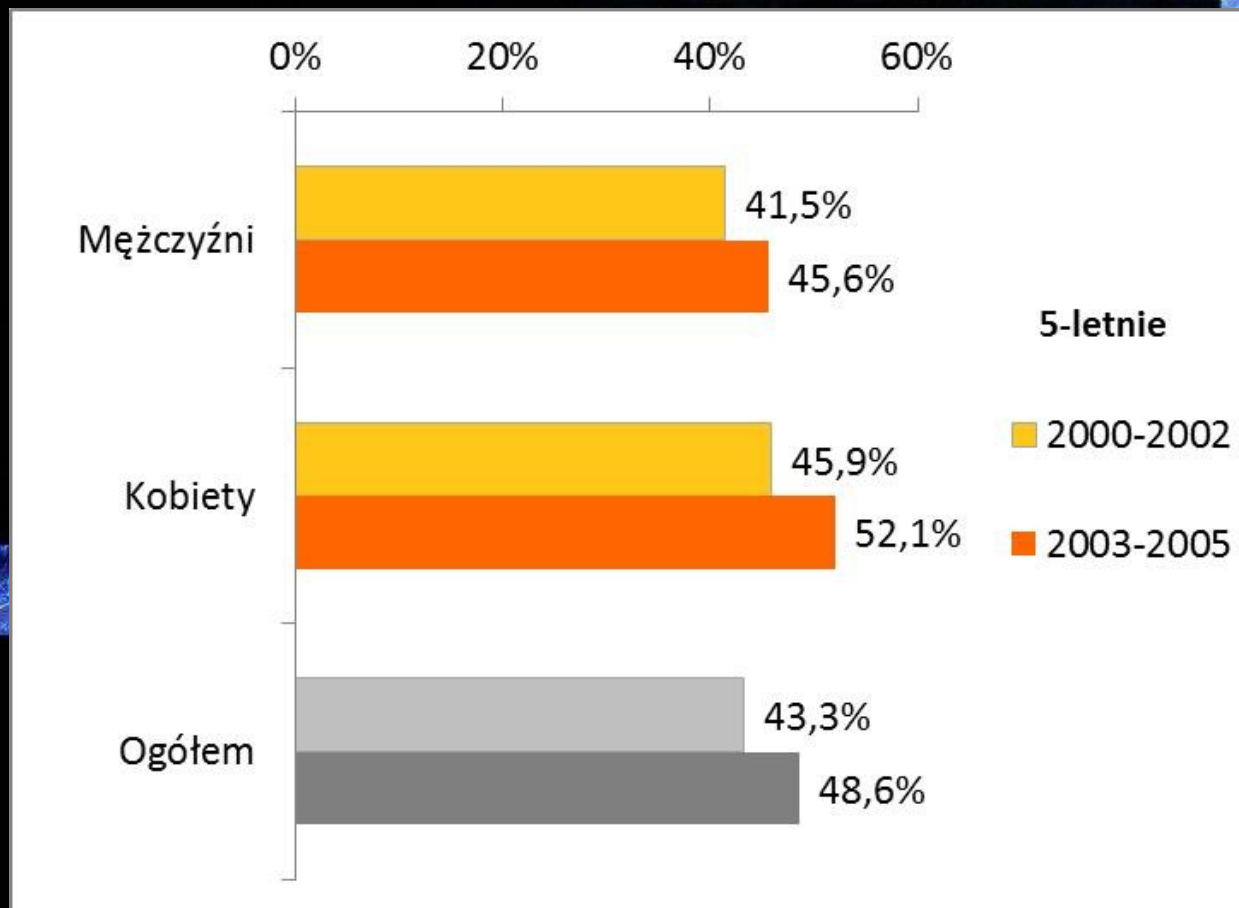
# age dependent morbidity (bone and cartilage sarcoma)



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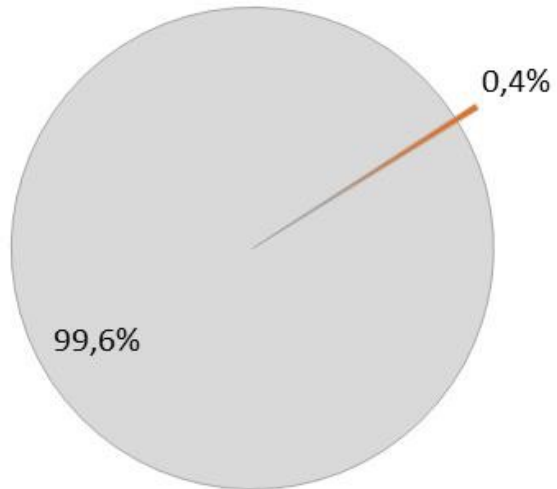


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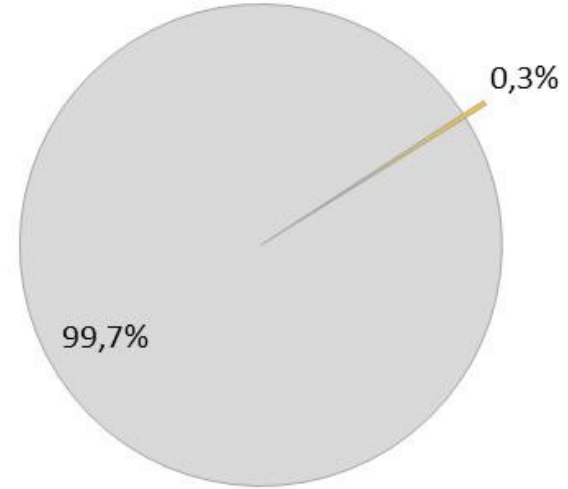


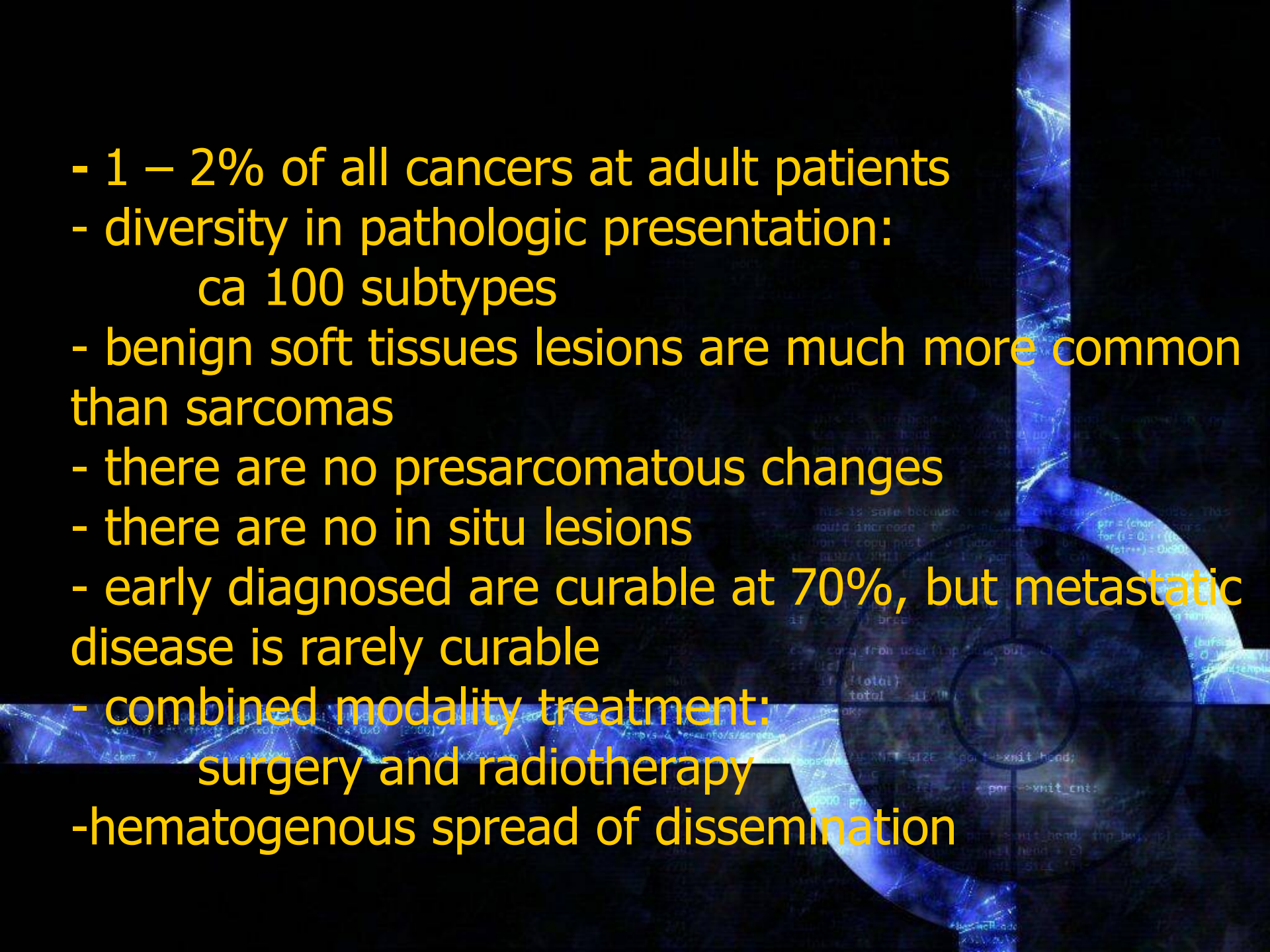
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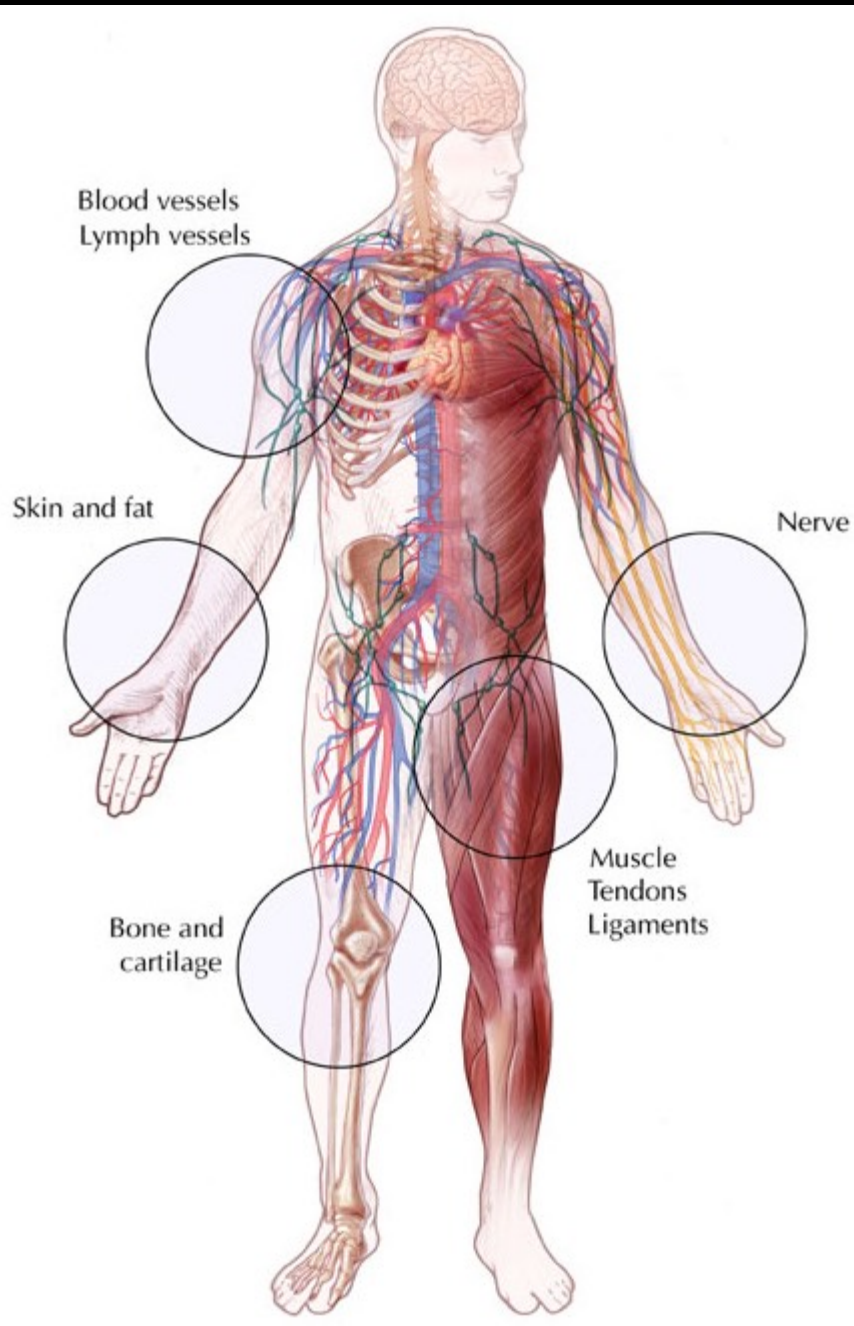
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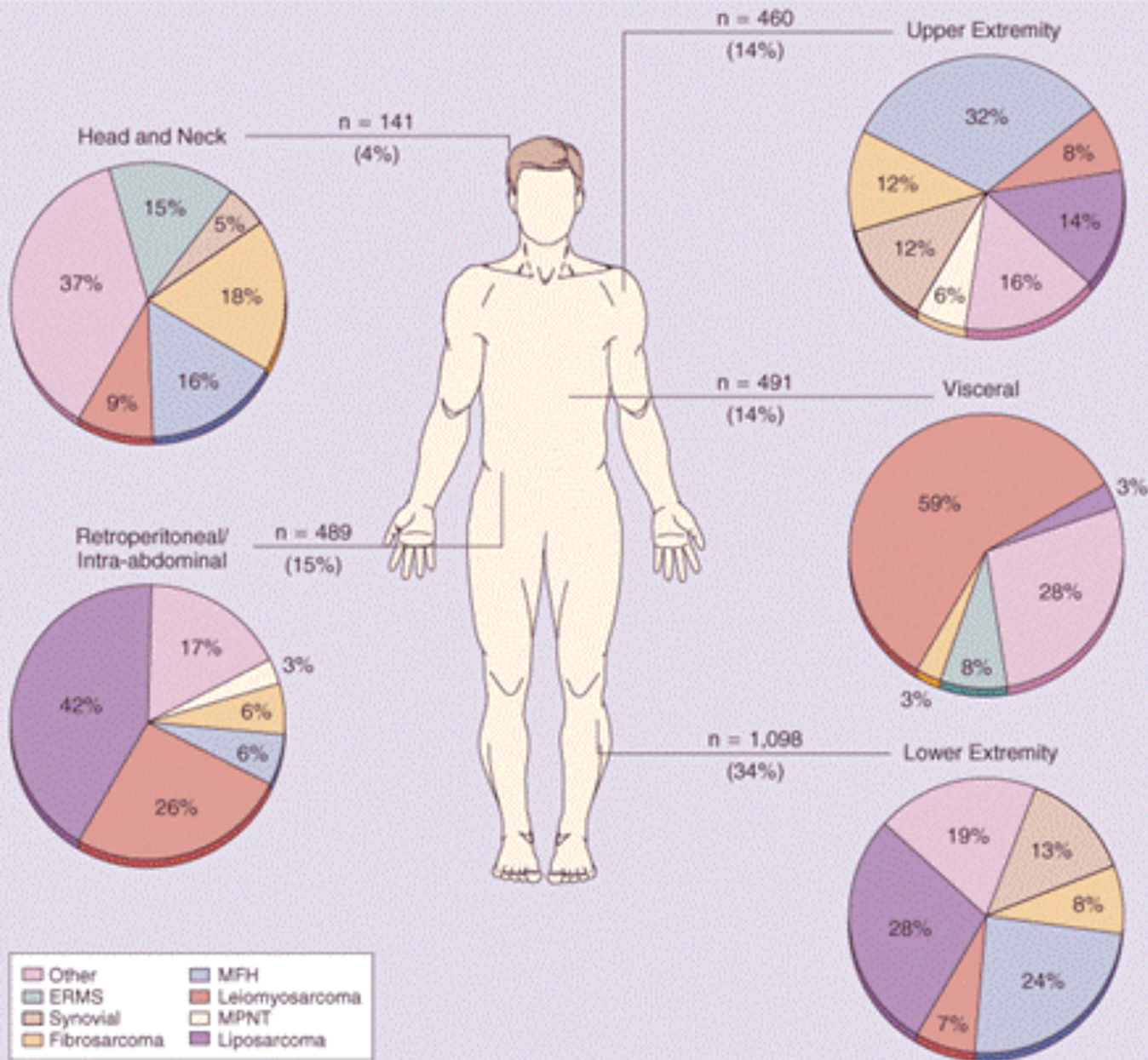
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- 1 – 2% of all cancers at adult patients
  - diversity in pathologic presentation:
    - ca 100 subtypes
  - benign soft tissues lesions are much more common than sarcomas
  - there are no presarcomatous changes
  - there are no in situ lesions
  - early diagnosed are curable at 70%, but metastatic disease is rarely curable
  - combined modality treatment:
    - surgery and radiotherapy
  - hematogenous spread of dissemination



# distribution

- any site of the body
- 50% - in the extremities –  
**2/3 lower limbs**
- 30% - intraabdominal localisations





# Etiology

predisposing and associated factors:

- lymphedema for lymphangiosarcoma, immunosupresion, viral infections (?)

- iatrogenic factors:

- radiotherapy (breast, cervical cancers, lymphoma previously irradiated)

# Etiology and genetics

genetic alterations:

- neurofibromatosis (for MPNST – Malignant Peripheral Nerve Sheath Tumors),
- Li Fraumeni syndrome,
- Gardner's syndrome (Familial Adenomatous Polyposis and desmoids)

# Pathologic clasification

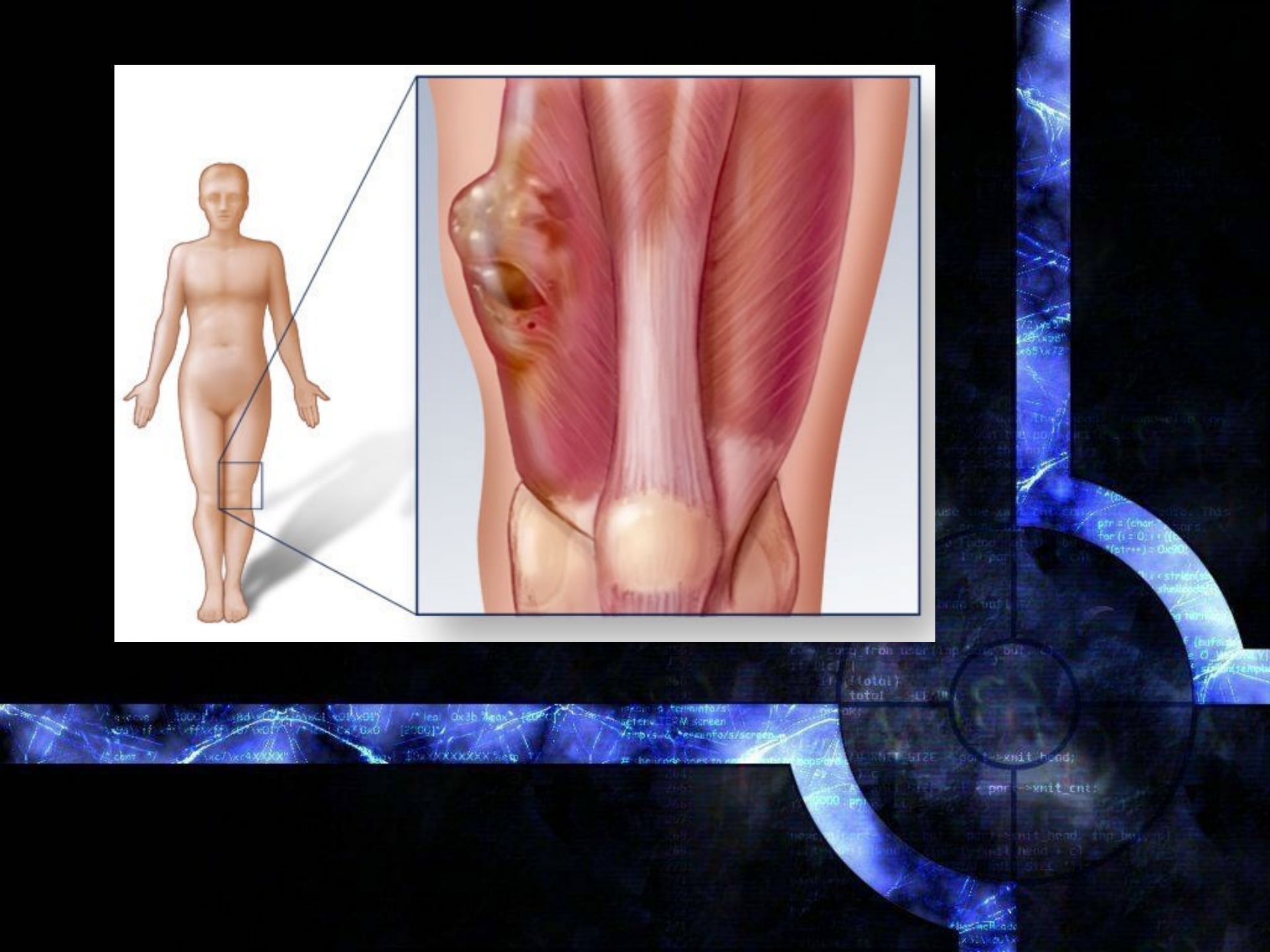
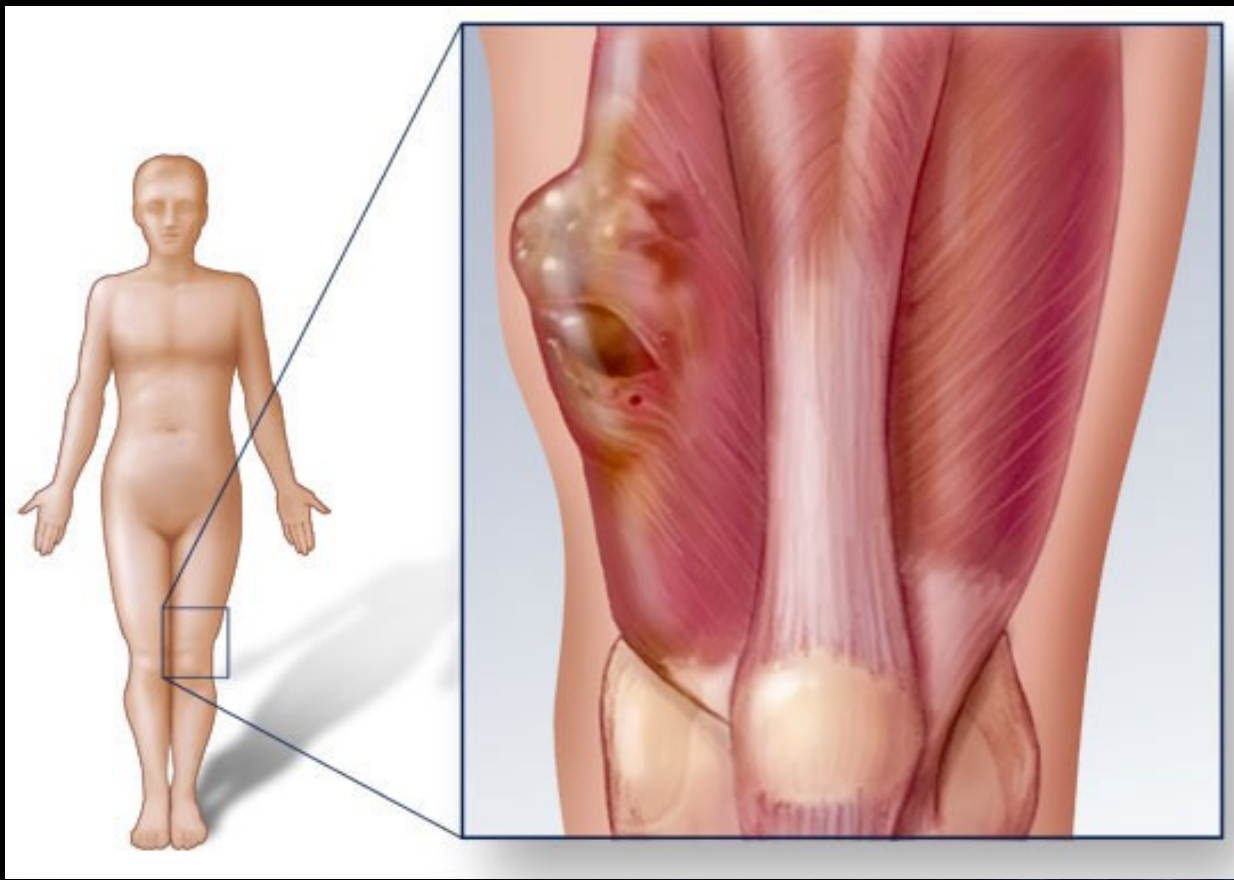
- According to the normal tissue the tumors mimic
- Sarcomas arise from mesoderm
- Hematogenous spread
- Lymphatic pattern of dissemination is uncommon – 10% cases

# Clinical manifestation

- **painless mass**
- **most common localisation: limbs (especially lower limbs)**
- **usually bigger than 5 cm**
- **localisation below the fascia**

# Clinical manifestation

- Rare involvement of neurovascular structures – biologic barriers (although possible) –
  - usually absence of the neurologic and ischemic manifestation
- Paraneoplastic manifestation – anaemia, hypoglycemia at 2- 4% of the cases





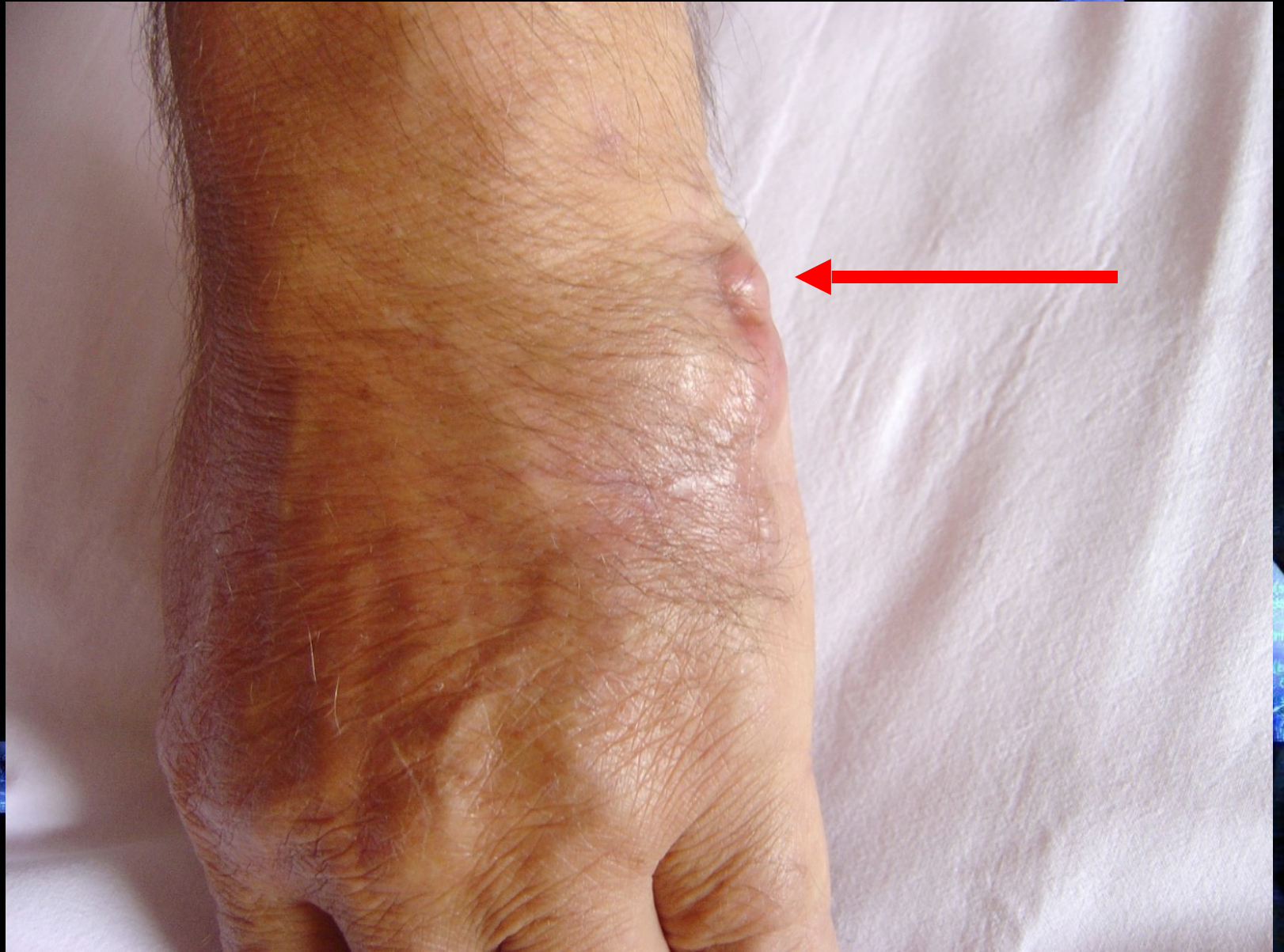






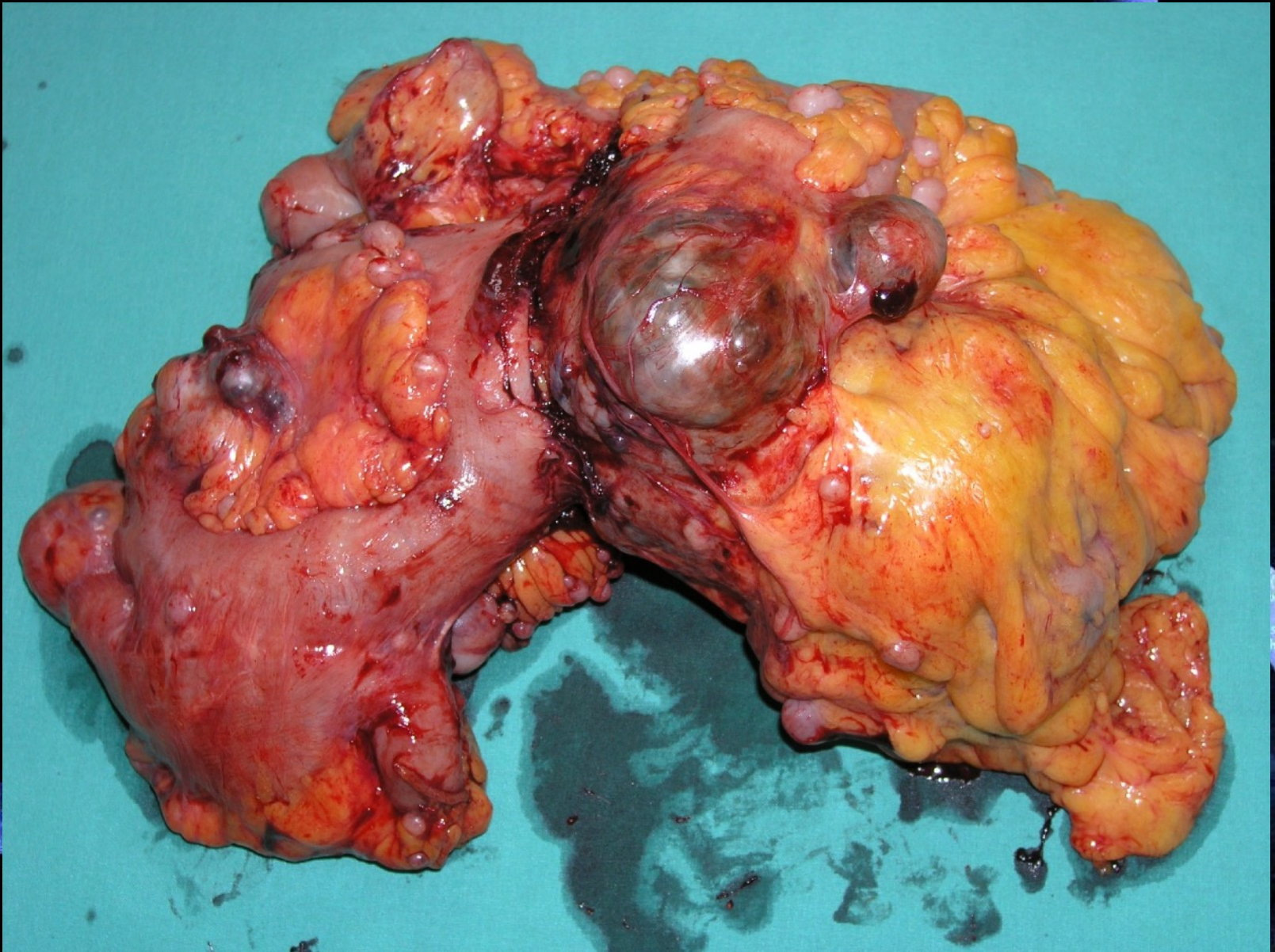
















## Most common soft tissue sarcomas

1. *Liposarcoma* (tłuszczakomięsak):

>50 yrs, lower limb + retroperitoneal space

2. MFH- *malignant fibrous histiocytoma* (włókniak histiocytarny): 50-70 yrs, thigh, bad prognosis

3. *Rhabdomyosarcoma* (2-5 yrs) and *leiomyosarcoma* (women >60 yrs, retroperitoneal space, uterus, GI tract)

4. *Sarcoma synoviale* (mięsak maziówki): big joints, children, bad prognosis

5. MPNST- *malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumor*- Schwannoma malignum: adults, bad prognosis

# Differential diagnosis

-benign soft tissues lesions

(i.e. **lipoma**, fibroma, angiomyolipoma)

- myositis ossificans

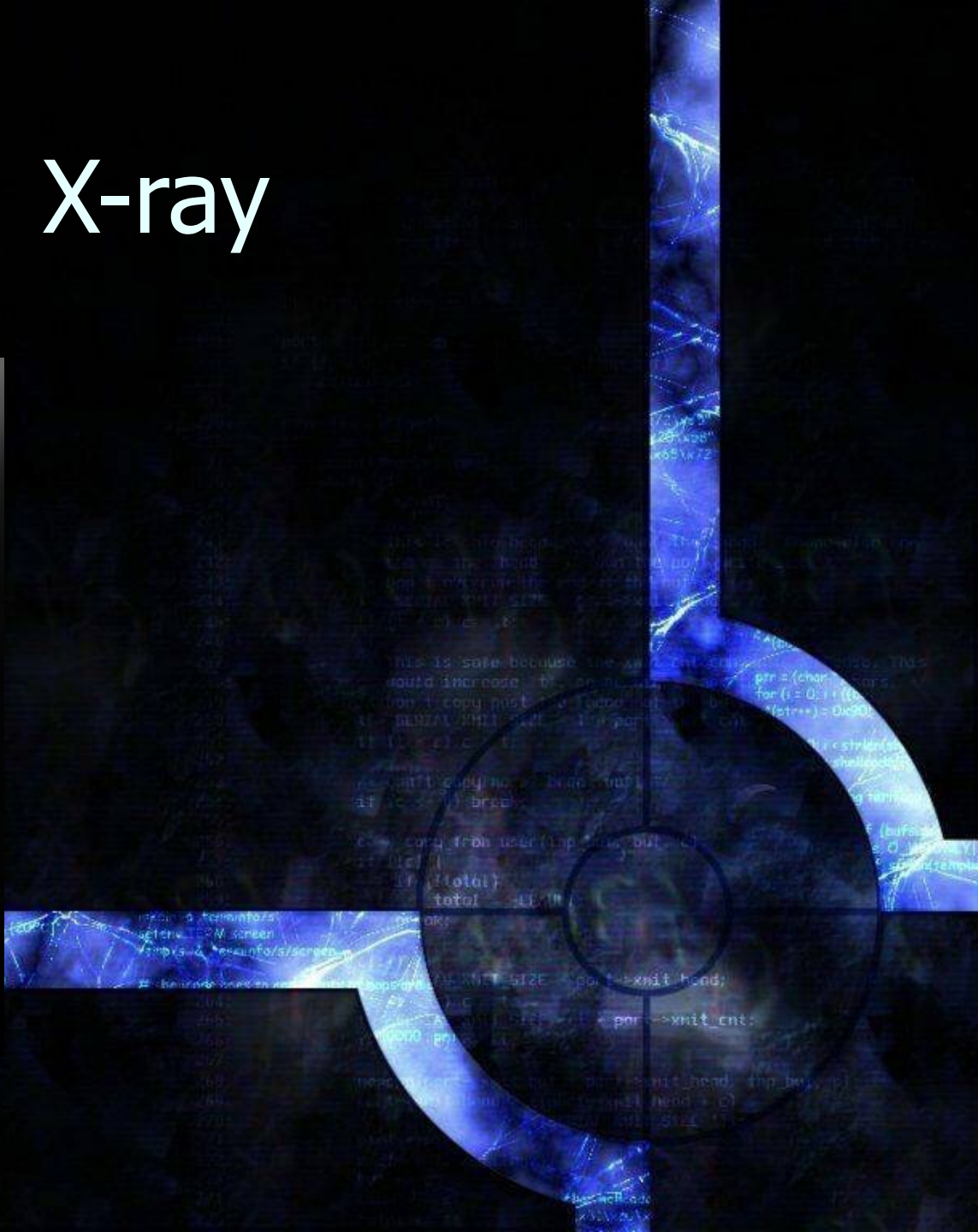
- postraumatic lesions (hematoma, swelling)

## Imaging studies:

- palpation (localisation under the fascia and mobility)
- X-rays
- ultrasound
- CT
- MRI

chest X-ray examination, CT of the chest, abdominal ultrasound for intraabdominal lesions  
and **BIOPSY**

# X-ray



# TK



# NMR



Figure 2 MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) scan of femur with Ewing's sarcoma

# Biopsy

- OBLIGATORY IN ALL CASES
- definitive pathologic confirmation as a gate to invasive surgery





# Excisional biopsy

- Only in small (less than 5 cm) lesions superficially localised



# Biopsy in all other cases (suspicion of sarcoma)

- Fine needle aspiration – not recommended
- Tru – cut biopsy  
or
- Incisional, surgical biopsy
- Frozen section not recommended

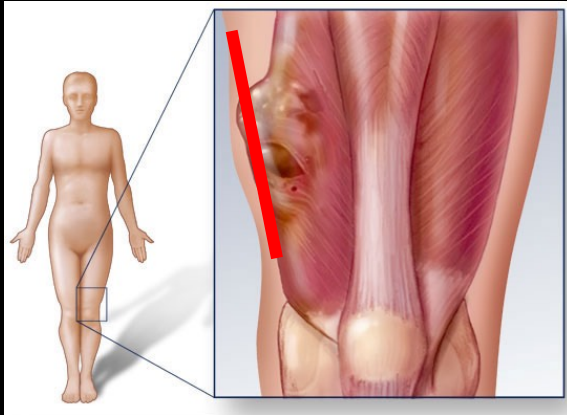
# Biopsy



- Obligatory in all cases
- Safe procedure\*, does not increase the risk of failure

(recurrence and/or dissemination)

- \* When performed by experienced surgical oncologist armed with imagination
- The biopsy site must obligatory be removed en bloc with tumor during radical surgery



- Right

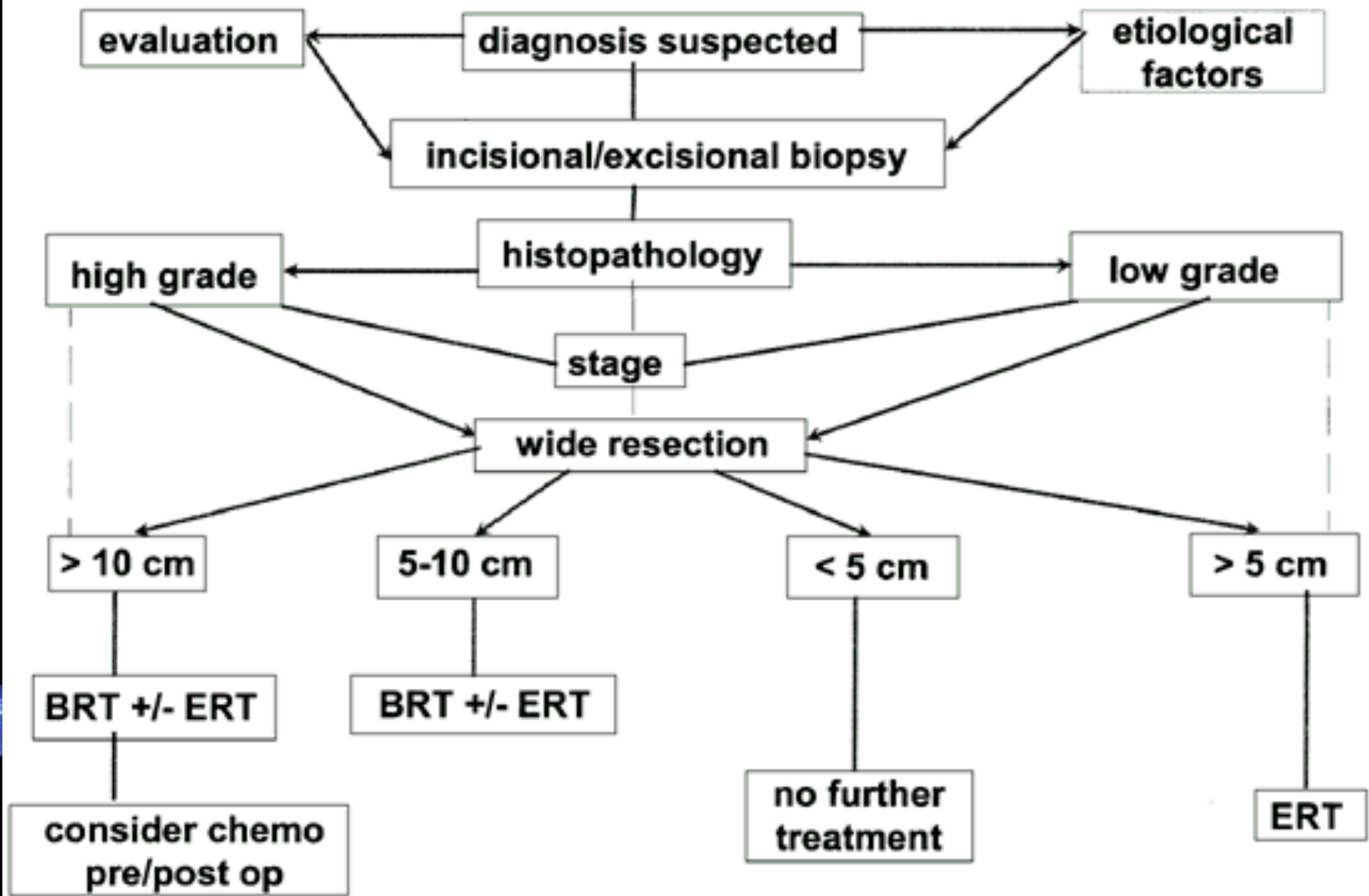
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# The importance of biopsy

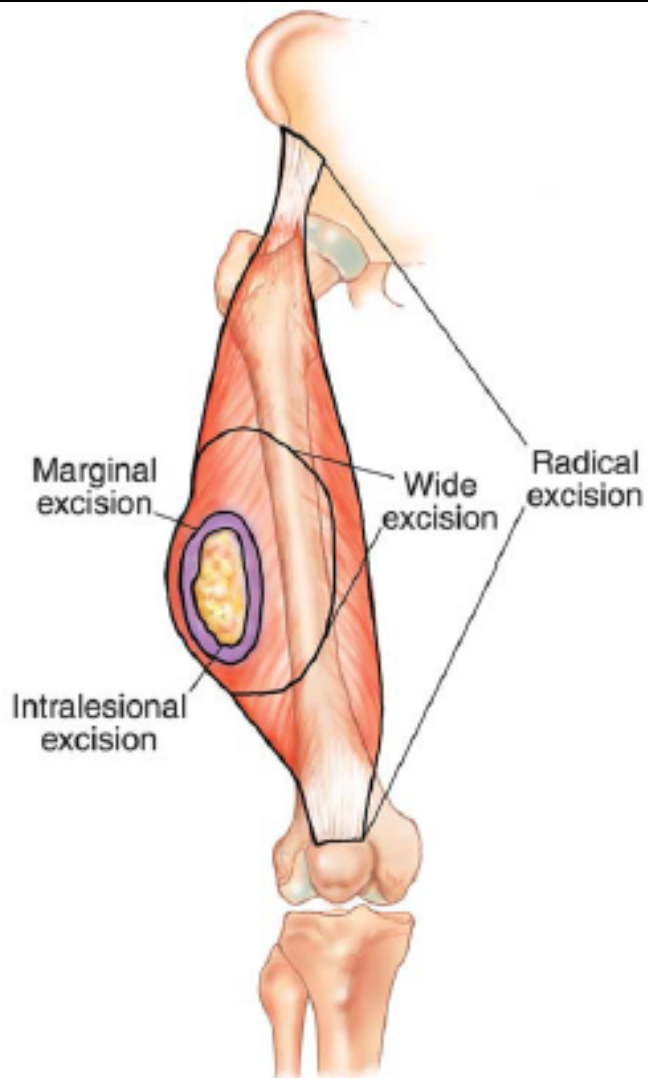
- **Mankin et al.. 1982:**
- Serious diagnostic faults 18%
- Lack of material 10%
- **AMPUTATION** caused by wrong biopsy localisation 4,5%
- Decreased outcome 8,5%

# Management of Truncal /Extremity Soft Tissue Sarcoma

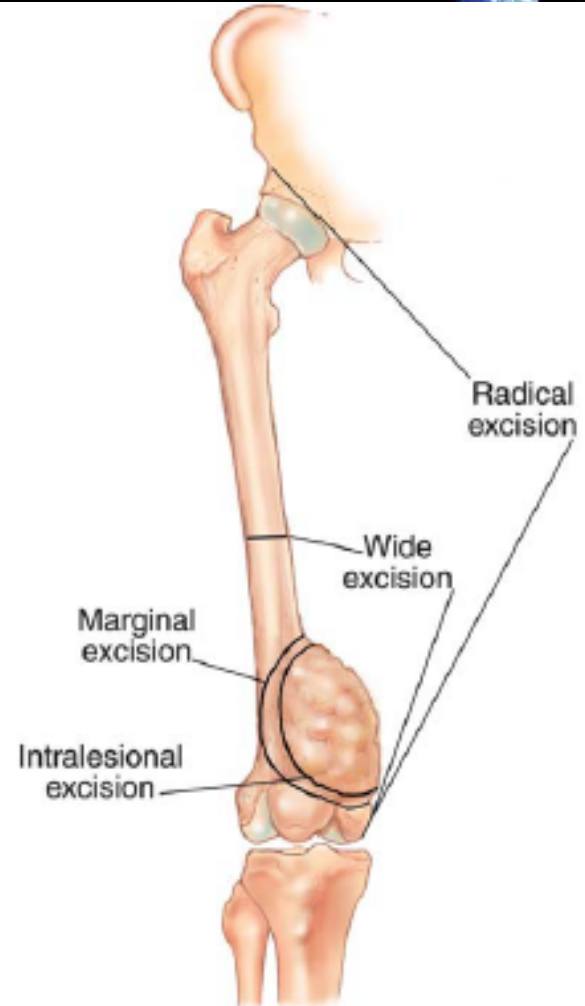


# Treatment: surgery

- radical excision and wide local excision
- caution: pseudocapsule and the tumor's extension beyond it
- the biopsy site and tract taken en block with the tumor/specimen
- regional lymphadenectomy only with cases of the lymph nodes involvement, confirmed with cytologic/pathologic examination (i.e. FNA)

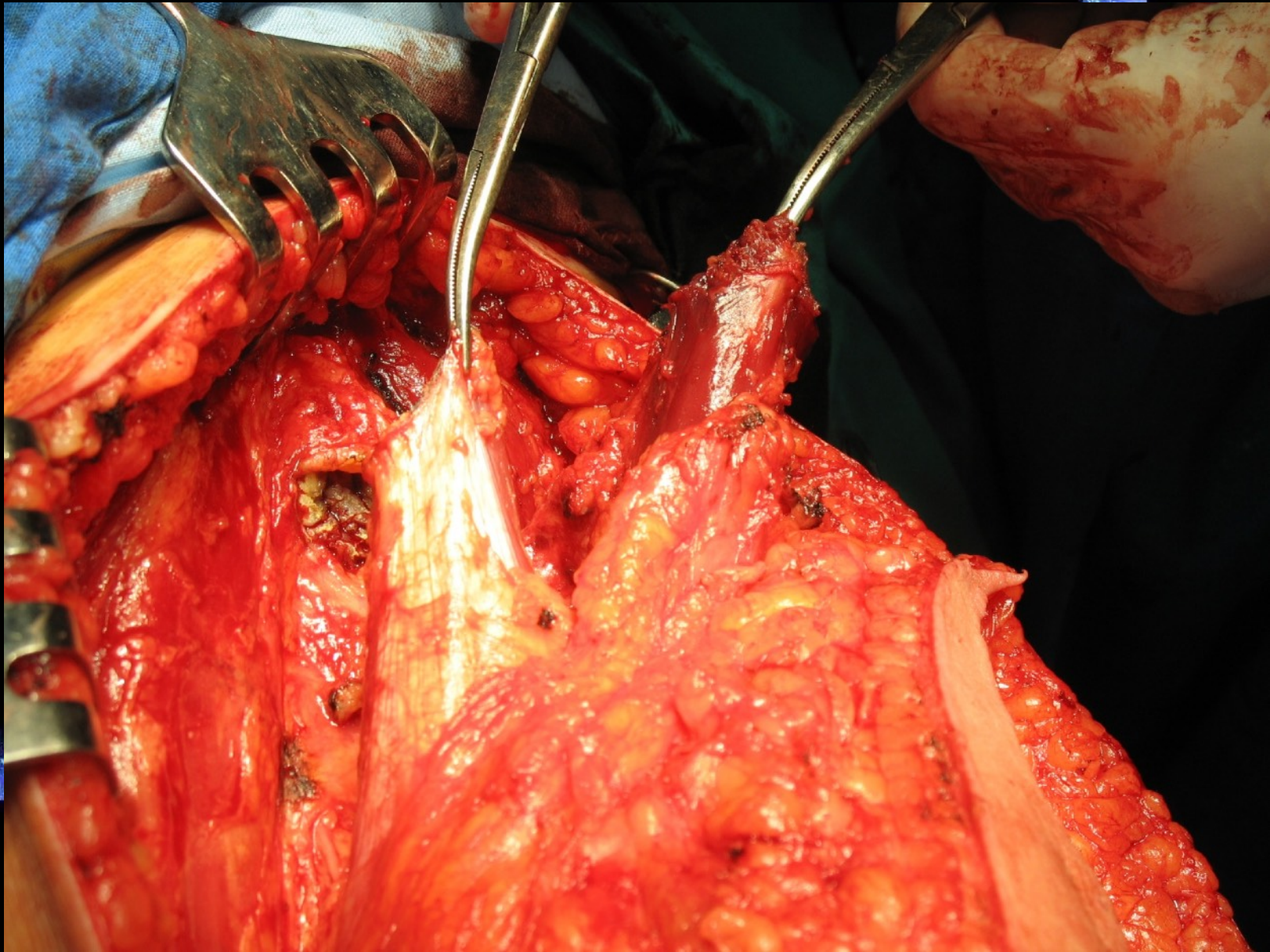


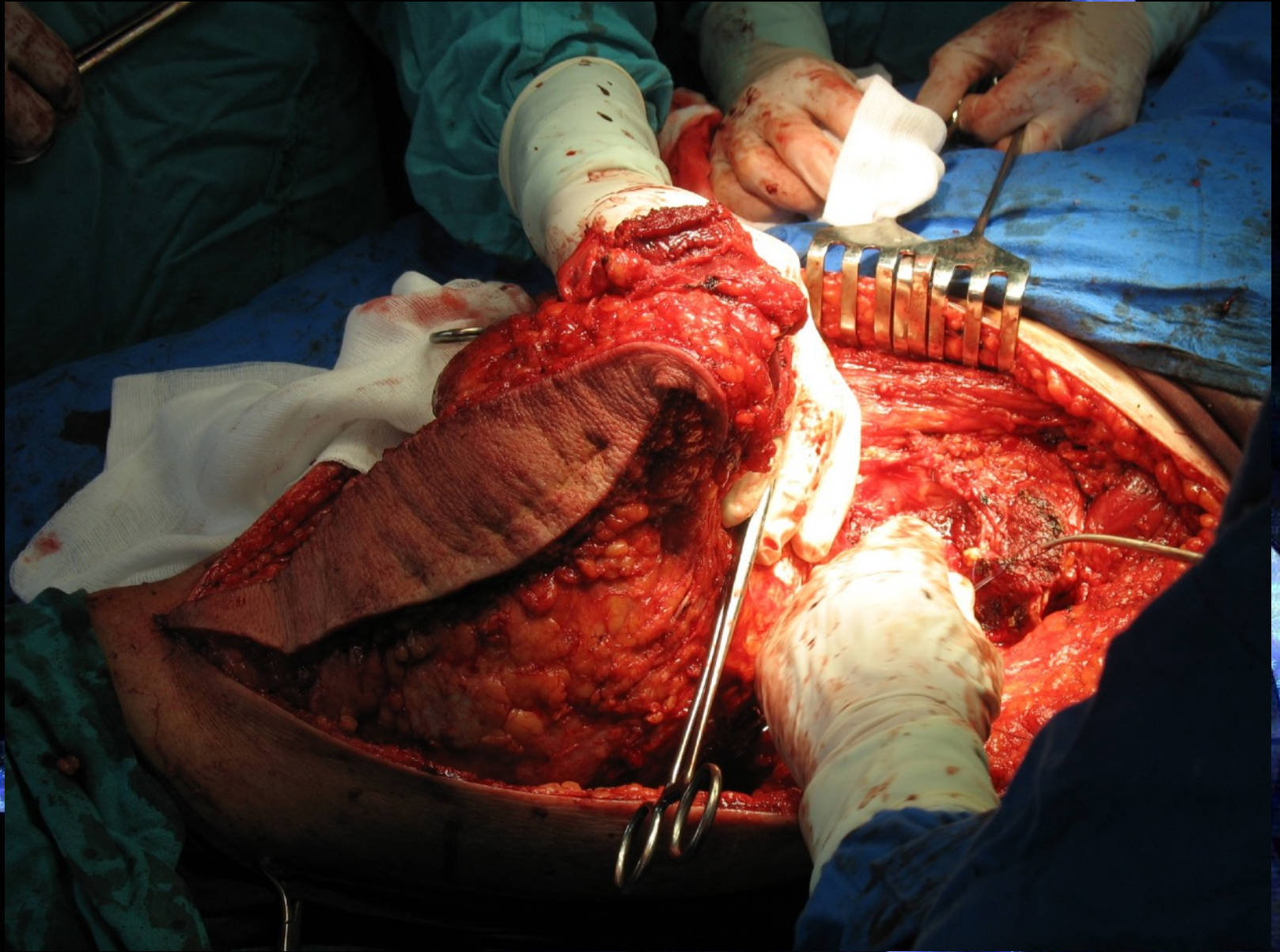
**Figure 1.18** Various excision types for soft-tissue sarcoma.

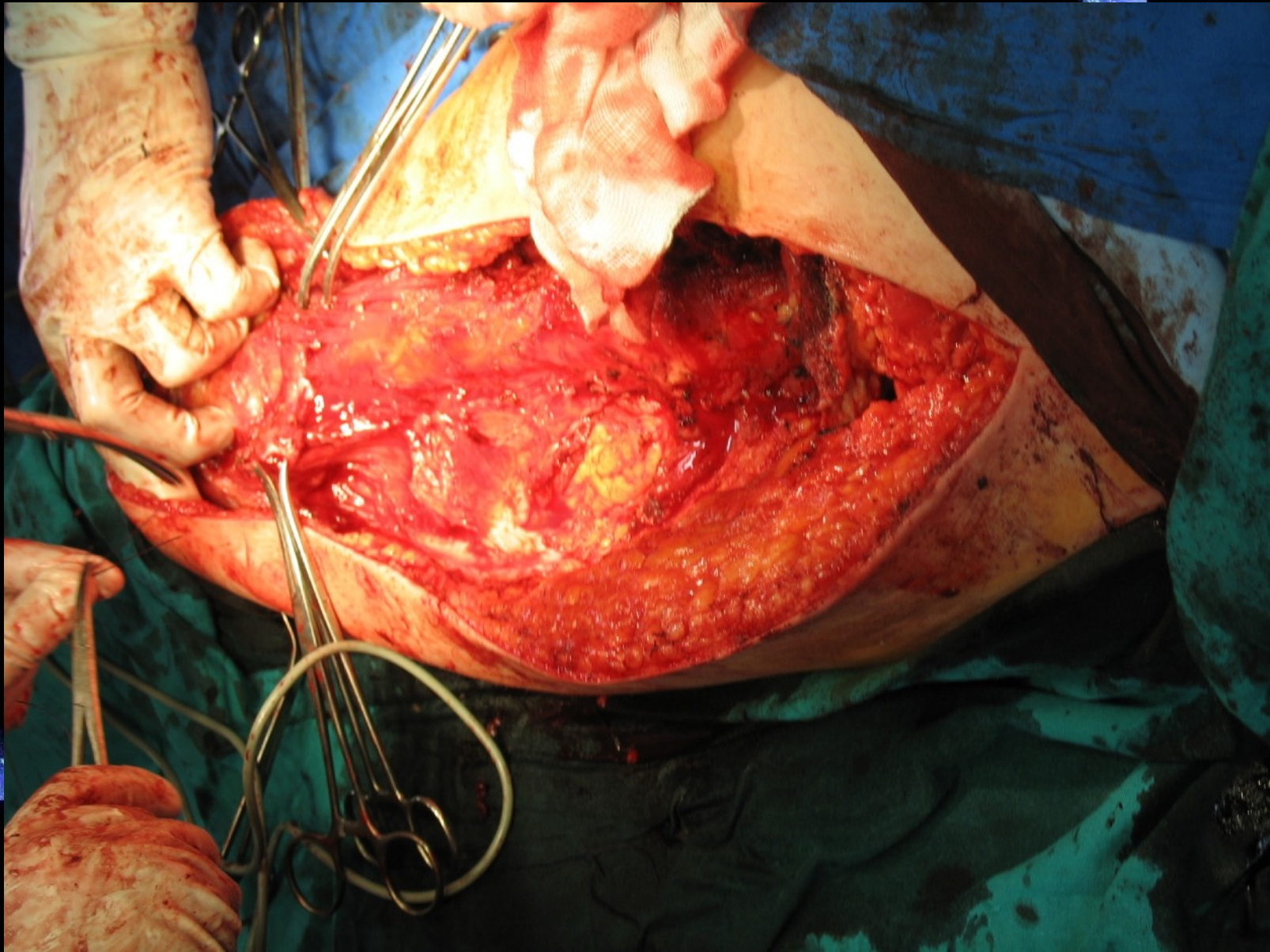


**Figure 1.19** Various excision types for bone sarcoma.







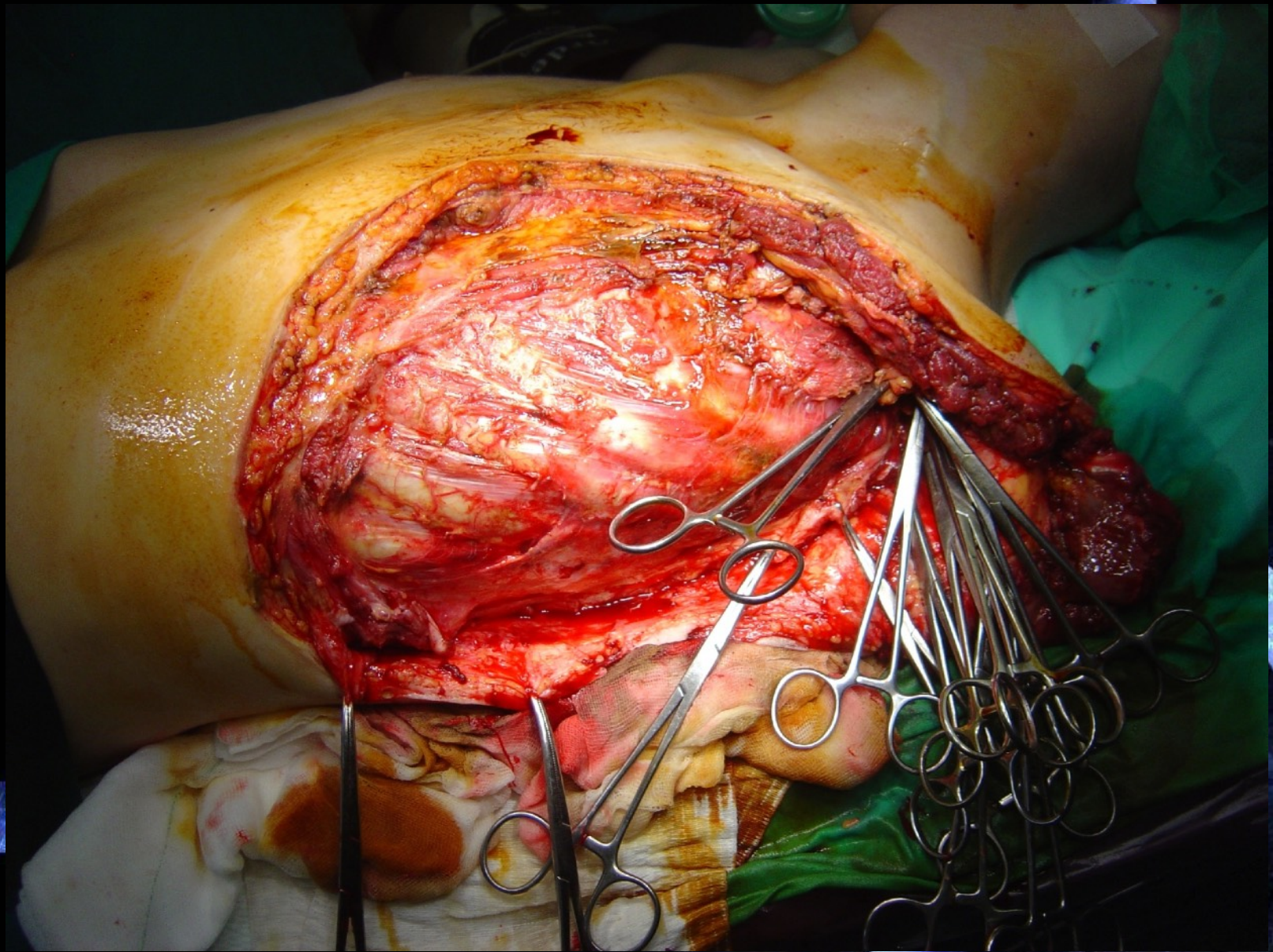


## Amputation (indications):

- extracompartmental localisation
- infiltration of the neurovascular trunks
- local recurrence

palliative amputation:

presence of metastases, pain, odour, limb dysfunction



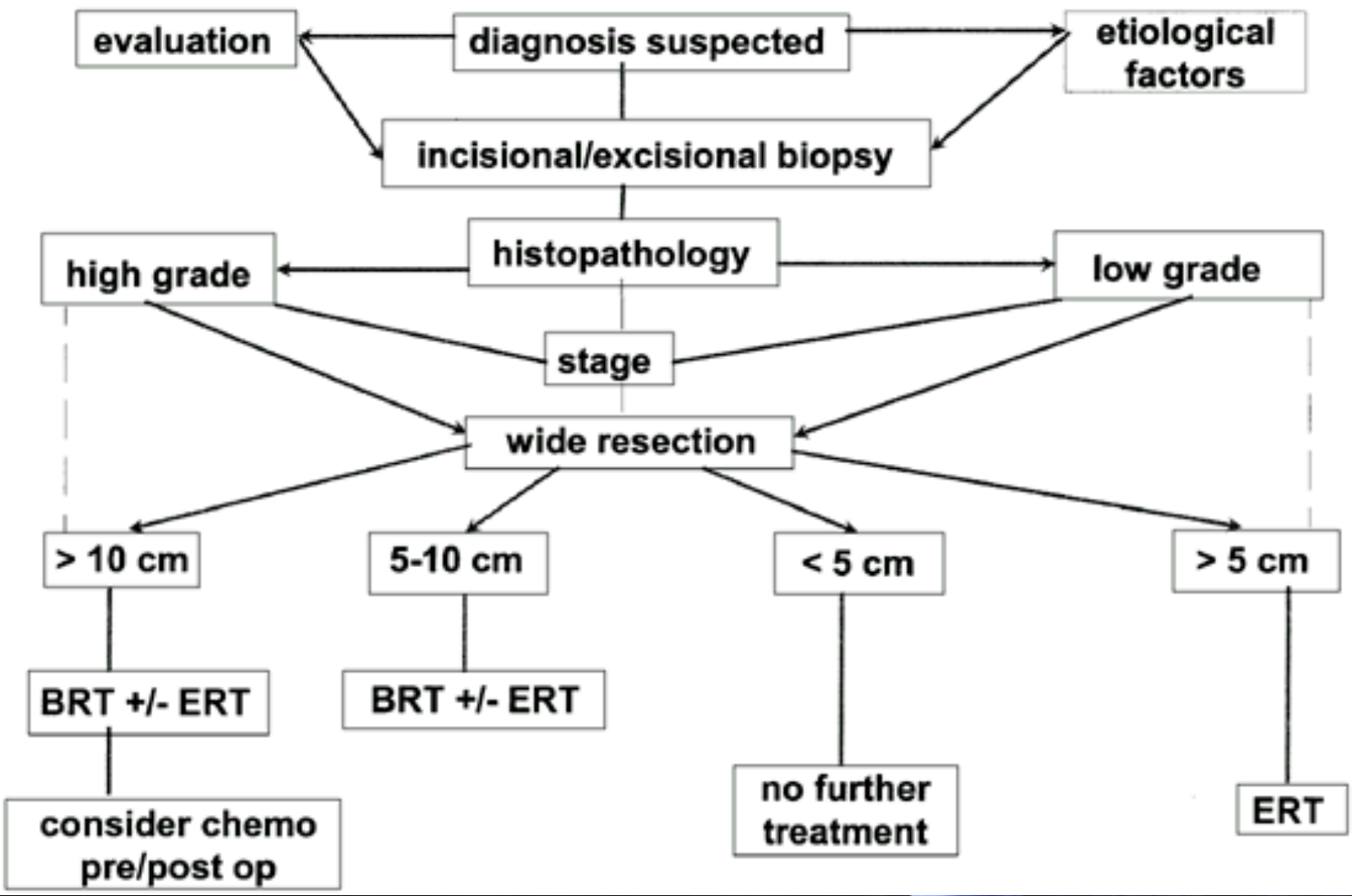
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# Adjuvant treatment

- Radiotherapy
- Amputation vs limb salvage surgery
- Unsufficient margins
- Head and neck

# Management of Truncal /Extremity Soft Tissue Sarcoma



## **Adjuvant treatment**

chemotherapy: range of responses 5 – 30%

clinical trials

Most of the sarcomas are resistant to systemic treatment

place of chemotherapy:

- high-risk localised disease

- metastatic disease

doxorubicine, dacarbazine, ifosofamide

isolated limb perfusion

Trabectedine in liposarcoma



# GIST

## Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumors

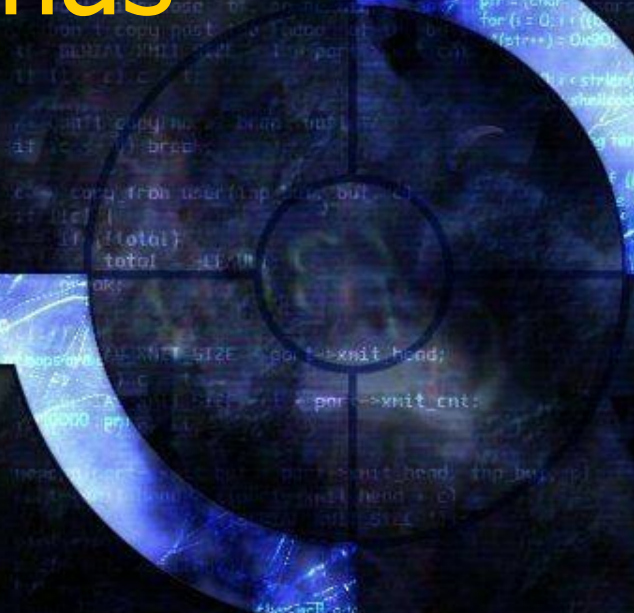
- Stromal tumors of the GI tract
- Uncommon: 1% of the GI tract neoplasms
- Previously classified as leiomyoma and leiomyosarcoma
- Loc.:      stomach –                      65 – 70%  
                  small intestine: 25 – 45%

Less frequently: oesophagus, colon and rectum

# GIST - treatment

- Combined modality treatment:  
Surgery (R0 margin) and imatinib
- Lymph node involvement is uncommon

# Bone sarcomas



# epidemiology

- Malignant tumors of the skeletal system – 0,2% of all cancers (US)
- Osteosarcoma and Ewing's sarcoma are the two most common bone sarcomas.
- Osteosarcoma – frequency peak during adolescent growth
- Ewing's sa – second decade of life

# Etiology

predisposing and associated factors:

- Diseases with increased bone metabolism
- Benign bones lesions (exostoses for chondrosarcoma)

# Clinical presentation

- Pain and swelling of the bone and/or joint
- Caution: traumatic event in anamnesis can delay diagnosis
- Pain more intensive at palpation

# Clinical presentation localisation

- Osteosarcoma – metaphysis of long bones, especially distal femur, proximal tibia, humerus
- Ewing's sarcoma – flat bones and diaphysis of femur, tibia and fibula.

Also in soft tissues

- Chondrosarcoma – pelvis, proximal femur

# Dissemination pattern

- 25% of the patients have metastases at presentation
- Localisation: lungs – 90%, bones – 10%
- Ewing's sarcoma – 25% metastases in bone marrow



# Imaging studies

- **X-Ray**, plain radiographs
- **MRI**
- **Bone scanning**
- **X-Ray/CT of the chest**

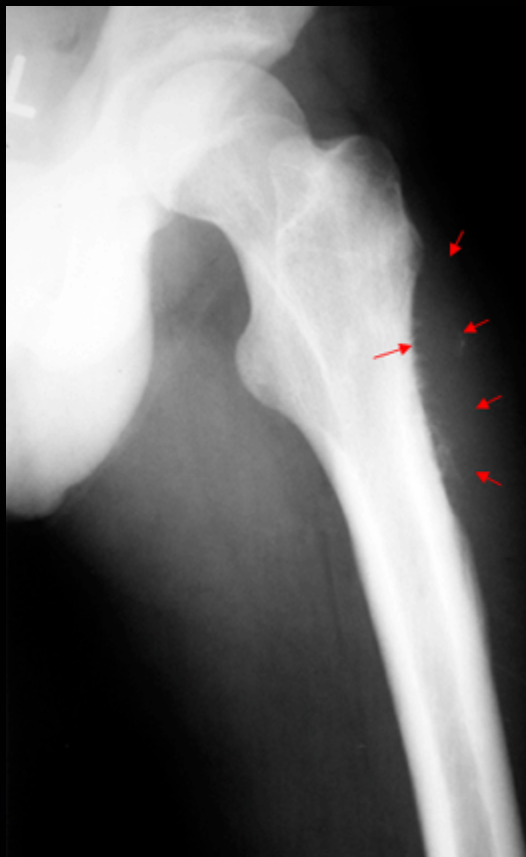


Figure 1 X-ray (radiograph) of thighbone (femur) with Ewing's sarcoma.

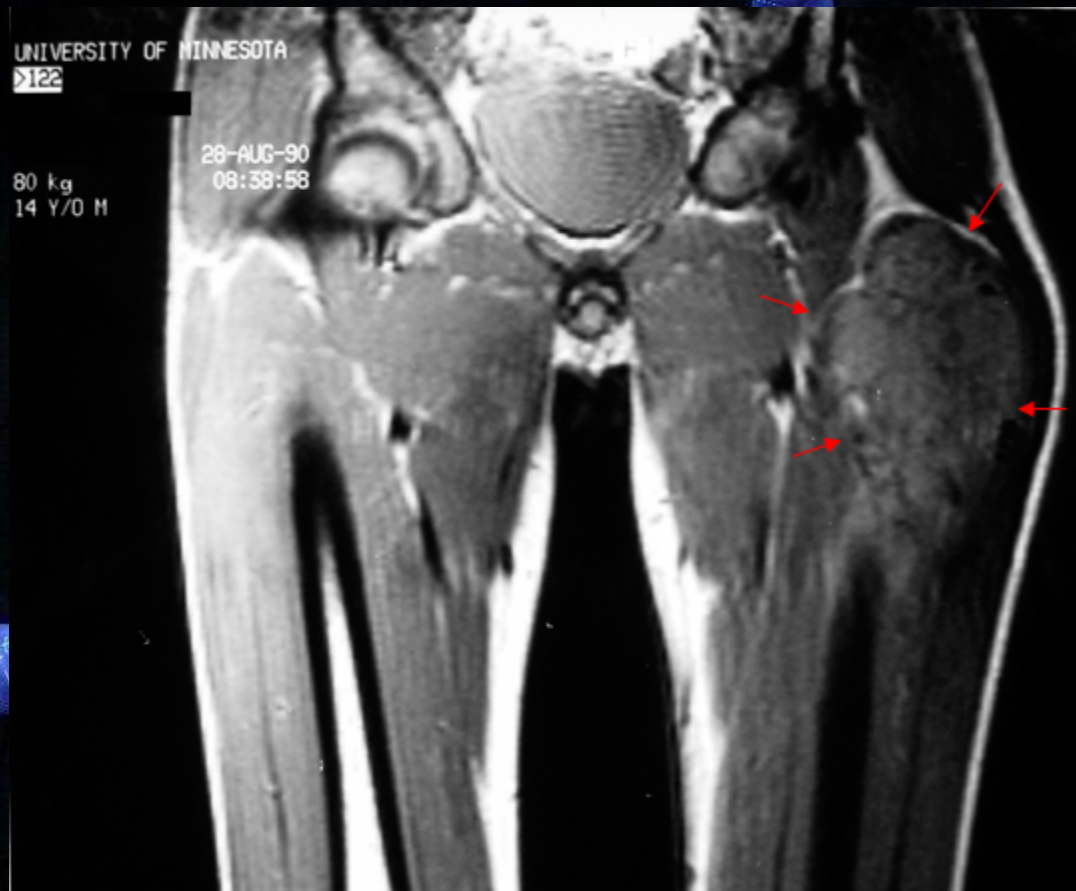
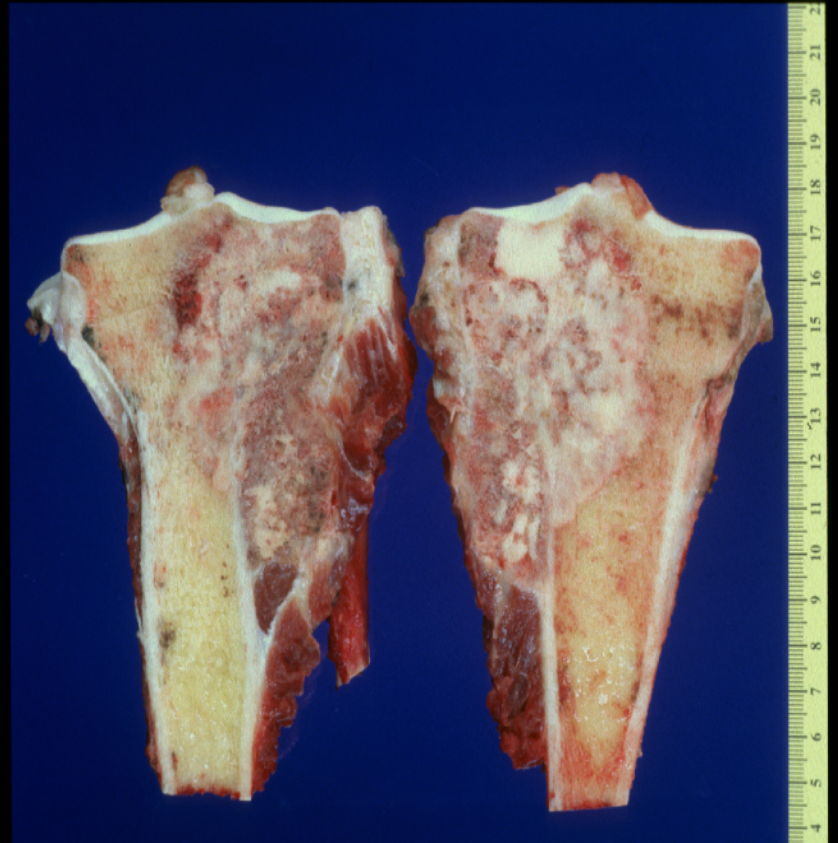


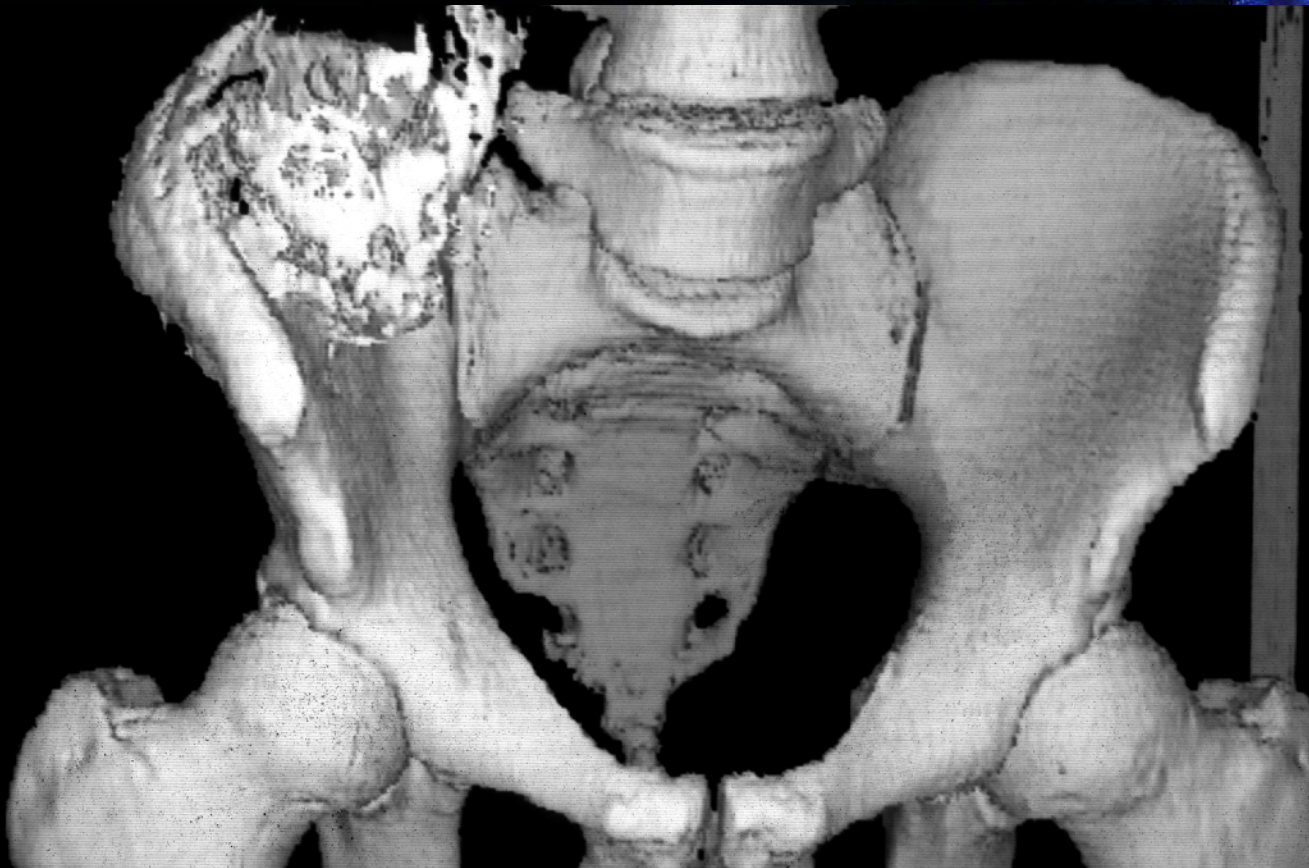
Figure 2 MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) scan of femur with Ewing's sarcoma



# Chondrosarcoma CT scan



# 3D CT



# Biopsy

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- Core needle biopsy and incisional/surgical biopsy

# osteosarcoma

- Biopsy, evaluation
- Chemotherapy as a standard of care
- 15% OS - surgery alone vs 75% OS with combined treatment
- Limb sparing surgery: tumor resection, bone reconstruction, soft tissue coverage
- Limb function
- Postoperative chemotherapy
- Resistant to radiotherapy
- Pulmonary metastasectomy

# Bone sarcomas

- **spindle cell**

Osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, tumor  
gigantocellulare

- **small cell**

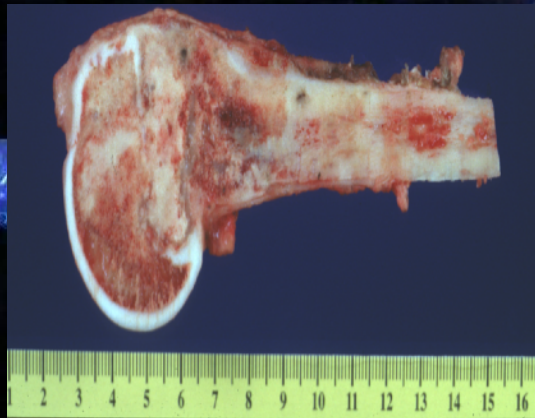
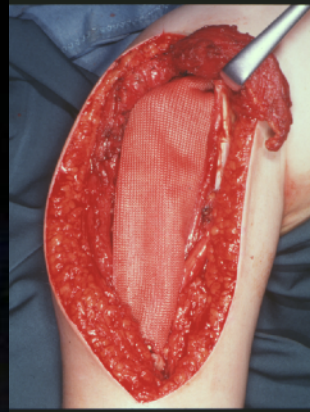
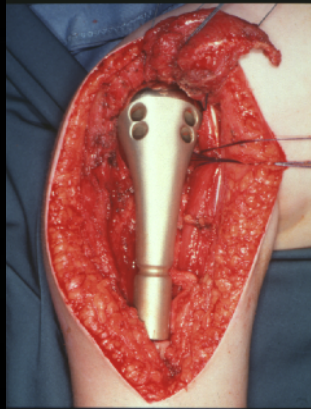
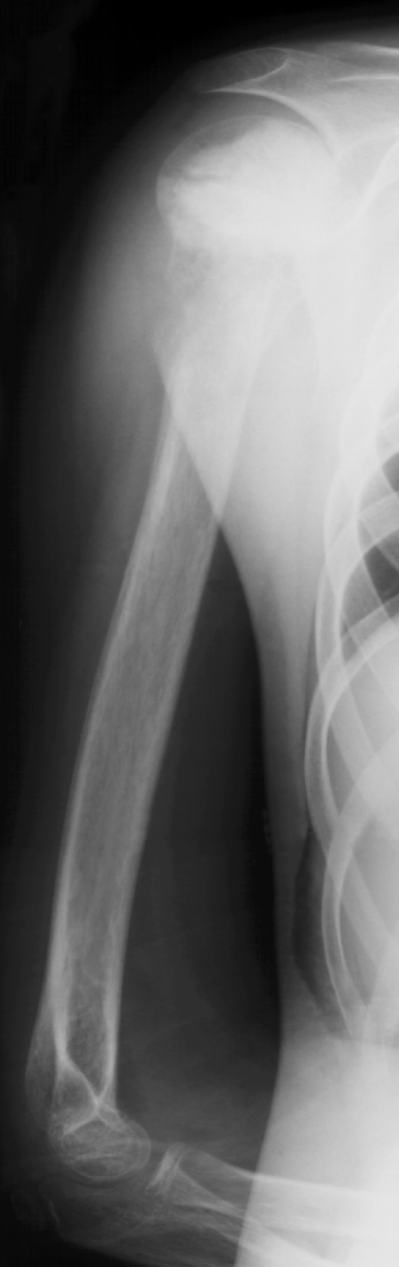
Tumor Ewinga, angiosarcoma, myeloma,  
PNET



# Ewing's tumor

- Age: 5 a 25 r.ž.
- 60% males
- Localisation: limbs – 50% pelvis - 25%, vertebral column and scapula - 15 %
- Pain
- Chemotherapy and radiotherapy, but:
- Surgical excision of the tumor is favorable

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## PROGNOSIS

- ◆ the outcome depends on the type of sarcoma, histopathological grading, the response to adjuvant CHTH
- ◆ bad prognosticators are: grade G3 and 4, large tumor dimension, localization different than the extremities, meta in bone marrow, treatment of the primal focus at the stage of progression