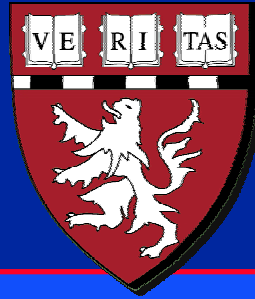


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**BIOMATERIALS FOR JOINT
REPLACEMENT**

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TISSUES COMPRISING JOINTS

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Meniscus	No	Yes*
Ligaments	No	Yes*
Synovium	No	No

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Bone Cement Self-Curing Polymethylmethacrylate

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Porous Coatings for Bone Ingrowth

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Porous Coated Tibial Component

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PROGRESSION OF OSTEOLYSIS: “HYLAMER” CUP

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Why Artificial Joints Fail

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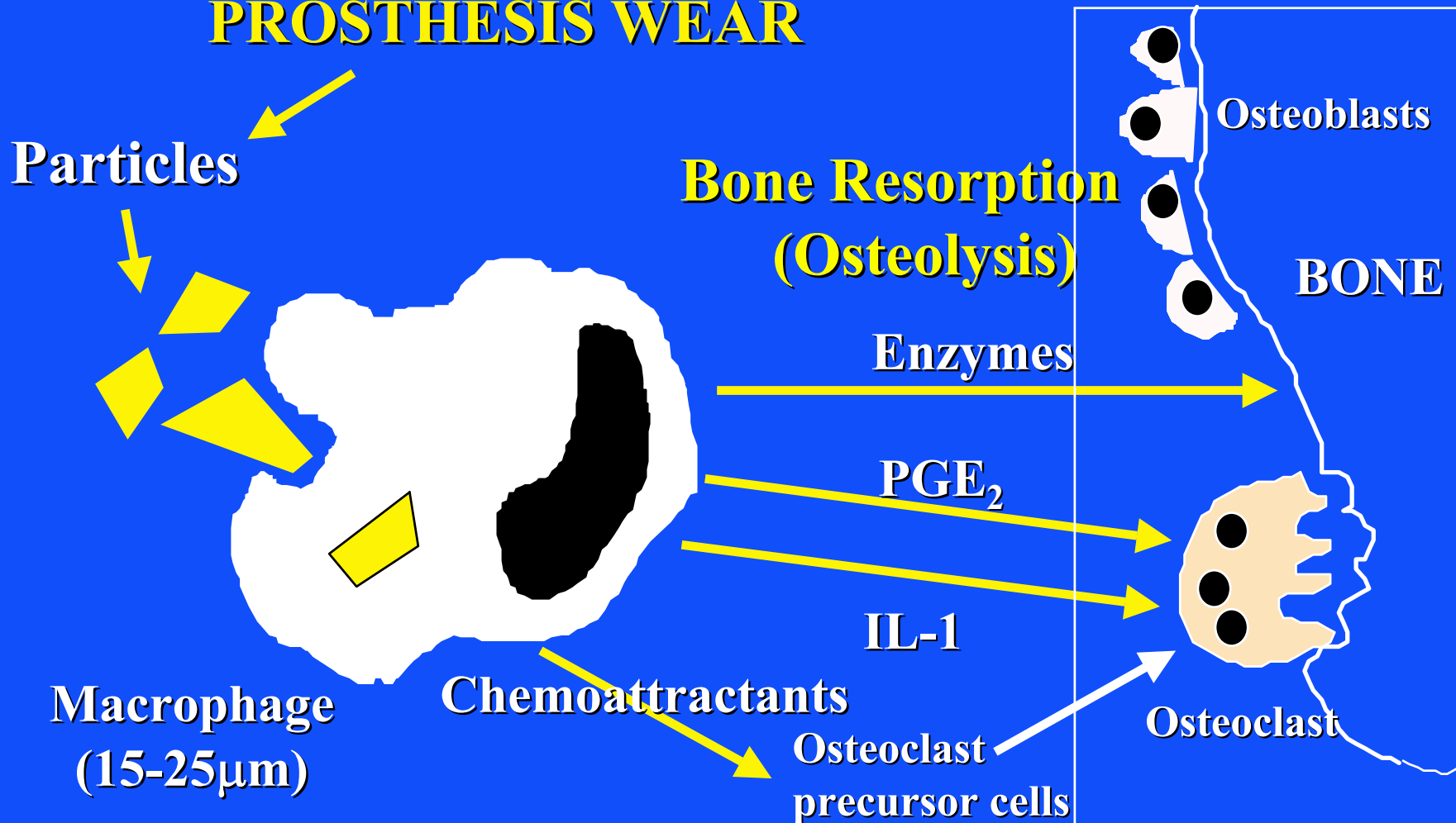
Spice, Byron. “Particle Disease Seen As Plague on Total Joint Replacement” Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

J. Charnley, 1979

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MACROPHAGE RESPONSE TO PARTICLES

PROSTHESIS WEAR



POLYETHYLENE WEAR PARTICLES

H. McKellop, 1994 Hip Society

**The number of particles generated by a hip
prosthesis**

7×10^{11} particles/yr.

700,000 particles/step

NUMBER OF INHALED PARTICLES

Avg. particle burden of urban atmosphere:

10^5 particles/liter

Respired volume in man = 1 liter/min.

Therefore, 10^5 particles are inhaled/min.

10% of the inhaled particles are deposited in the lungs.

Therefore, 10^4 particles are deposited in the lungs per min.

5×10^9 particles/yr.

Titanium Wear Debris

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Co-Cr Particles

CELL RESPONSE TO METAL PARTICLES

- Macrophages *in vitro*
- Particles of Ti alloy not toxic; Co-Cr highly toxic
- Ti induced more release of PGE₂ than Co-Cr
- Exp. to Ti increased the release of PGE₂, IL-1, TNF, and IL-6; exp. to Co-Cr decreased release of PGE₂ and IL-6 and had little effect on IL-1 and TNF
- “release of Ti...worse than...Co-Cr”

D.R. Haynes, *et al.*,
JBJS 75-A: 825 (1993)

CELL RESPONSE TO METAL PARTICLES

- Bovine articular chondrocytes
- Co was toxic to cells at all conc.
- At high conc. Cr, Ti, and Ti alloy were toxic
- At high conc. all metals decreased enzyme activity
- PGE₂ increased with conc., except for Ti alloy

W.J. Maloney, et al.,
J. Appl. Biomater. 5: 109 (1994)

BIOLOGICAL RESPONSE TO METAL PARTICLES AND IONS

Summary

- **Metal particles and ions are released from TJR prostheses; the amounts can be reduced by careful design and manufacturing.**
- **Cellular response to metal particles has some of the same elements as the response to particles of other materials.**
- **No indication yet that metal particles and ions are responsible for profound adverse responses.**

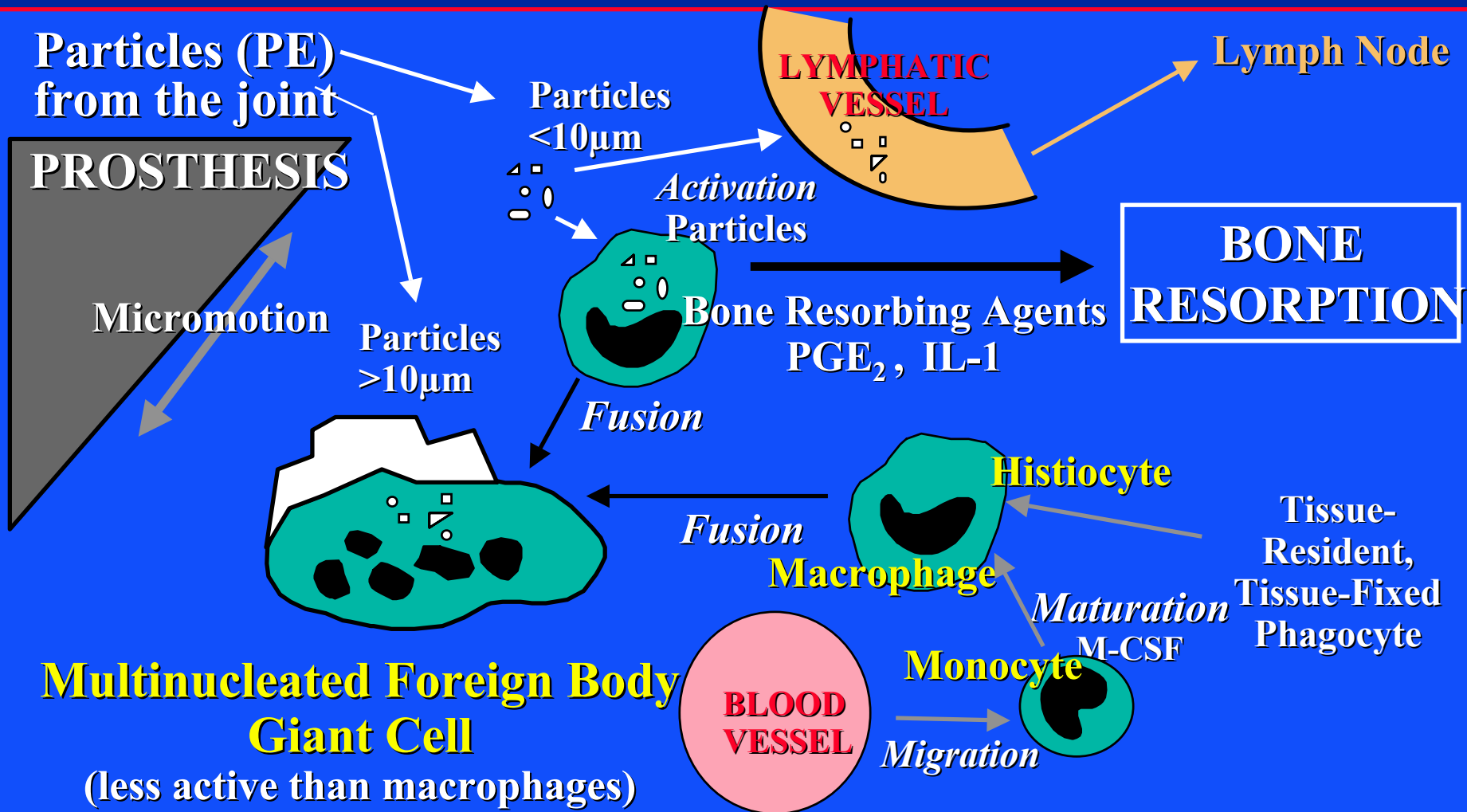
Drainage of Particles by the Lymphatics

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SMALL PARTICLE DISEASE: LYMPHADENOPATHY

- **Enlargement of the node**
- **Particles drained from tissue by the lymphatic system are phagocytosed by macrophages in the nodes**
 - **histiocytes derived from cells that line the sinuses of the node and macrophages derived from circulating monocytes**
- **Sinus histiocytosis**
- **No adverse clinical sequelae yet noted**

MIGRATION OF PARTICLES AND CELLULAR RESPONSES



Lymphadenopathy

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METAL SENSITIVITY IN PATIENTS

- 10-15% of population have dermal sensitivity to metal (14% to Ni)
- Metal ions bind to proteins to form immunogenic complexes
- Metals known as sensitizers:
 - Ni > Co and Cr >>> Ti and V
- 60% of pts. with failed TJRs were metal sensitive vs. 25% with well-functioning implants
 - Did metal sensitivity cause failure or did the failed implant cause metal sensitivity?

Hallab, Merritt, Jacobs,
JBJS 83-A:428 (2001)

METAL SENSITIVITY IN PATIENTS

- “May exist as an extreme complication in only a few highly susceptible patients (< 1%), **or** it may be a more common subtle contributor to implant failure.”
- “It is likely that cases involving implant-related metal sensitivity have been underreported because of the difficulty of diagnosis.”
- Patients who have displayed sensitivity to metal jewelry are at higher risk.

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Bone (Trabecular) Structure

Normal

**Osteoporotic:
Postmenopausal**

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Bone Loss Under the Femoral Component of a Total Knee Replacement Prosthesis: Stress Shielding

1 year post-op

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Knee Joint

Bone

Art. Cart.

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Meniscus

Ligament

Bone

Total Knee Replacement Prosthesis

Co-Cr Alloy

Bone

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Polyethylene

Bone

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LIGAMENT DEVICES

Prosthesis

- Does not require an autograft for support
- Sufficient strength for immediate stabilization
- Do not rely on intra-articular healing to augment strength

Augmentation Device

- Acts as mechanical support to reinforce autograft to increase initial strength
- Load sharing with graft tissue to prevent stress shielding

LIGAMENT REPLACEMENT AND AUGMENTATION DEVICES

Issues

- **Strength**
- **Load-deformation**
- **Insertion site integrity**
- **Tensioning**

LIGAMENT PROSTHESES HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

1960	Emery & Rostrup	Teflon tube; fraying in tunnel
1969	Gupta and Brinker	Dacron cord/rubber coat; fragmentation
1973	James, et al.	Proplast; breakage
1977		Polyethylene; breakage
1978	Jenkins	Carbon fibers; fragmentation; migration to lymph nodes

SYNTHETIC LIGAMENTS

Device	Material	Indication
Prostheses		
Gore-Tex	PTFE (Teflon)	Failed intra-art. reconstruction
Stryker	Dacron	Failed intra-art. reconstruction
Augmentation Device		
Kennedy	Polypropylene	Augmentation of autograft ACL

Polyethylene Fiber Braid: Canine Model

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Olson, Eric J. et al. "The biochemical and histological effects of artificial ligament wear particles: In vitro and in vivo studies." American Journal of Sports Medicine, vol. 16 no. 6 (1988).

LIGAMENT PROSTHESES

- **Wear/fraying occurs**
- **Wear particles of all synthetic ligaments elicit production of inflammatory agents**

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