Juvenile Paget disease

Juvenile Paget disease is a disorder that affects bone growth. This disease causes bones to be abnormally large, misshapen, and easily broken (fractured).

The signs of juvenile Paget disease appear in infancy or early childhood. As bones grow, they become progressively weaker and more deformed. These abnormalities usually become more severe during the adolescent growth spurt, when bones grow very quickly.

Juvenile Paget disease affects the entire skeleton, resulting in widespread bone and joint pain. The bones of the skull tend to grow unusually large and thick, which can lead to hearing loss. The disease also affects bones of the spine (vertebrae). The deformed vertebrae can collapse, leading to abnormal curvature of the spine. Additionally, weight-bearing long bones in the legs tend to bow and fracture easily, which can interfere with standing and walking.

Frequency

Juvenile Paget disease is rare; about 50 affected individuals have been identified worldwide.

Causes

Juvenile Paget disease is caused by mutations in the TNFRSF11B gene. This gene provides instructions for making a protein that is involved in bone remodeling, a normal process in which old bone is broken down and new bone is created to replace it.

Bones are constantly being remodeled, and the process is carefully controlled to ensure that bones stay strong and healthy. Mutations in the TNFRSF11B gene lead to a much faster rate of bone remodeling starting early in life. Bone tissue is broken down more quickly than usual, and when new bone tissue grows it is larger, weaker, and less organized than normal bone. This abnormally fast bone remodeling underlies the problems with bone growth characteristic of juvenile Paget disease.

Inheritance Pattern

This condition is inherited in an autosomal recessive pattern, which means both copies of the gene in each cell have mutations. The parents of an individual with an autosomal recessive condition each carry one copy of the mutated gene, but they typically do not show signs and symptoms of the condition.
Other Names for This Condition

• chronic congenital idiopathic hyperphosphatasemia
• familial idiopathic hyperphosphatasemia
• familial osteoectasia
• hyperostosis corticalis deformans juvenilis
• hyperphosphatasemia with bone disease
• hyperphosphatasia, familial idiopathic
• idiopathic hyperphosphatasia
• JPD
• juvenile Paget's disease
• osteochalasia desmalis familiaris
• osteoectasia with hyperphosphatasia

Diagnosis & Management

Genetic Testing Information

• What is genetic testing?
/ primer/testing/genetictesting
• Genetic Testing Registry: Hyperphosphatasemia with bone disease

Research Studies from ClinicalTrials.gov

• ClinicalTrials.gov
  https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/results?cond=%22juvenile+Paget+disease%22+OR+%22Paget%27s+Disease+of+Bone%22

Additional Information & Resources

Health Information from MedlinePlus

• Health Topic: Bone Diseases
  https://medlineplus.gov/bonediseases.html

Genetic and Rare Diseases Information Center

• Juvenile Paget disease
  https://rarediseases.info.nih.gov/diseases/2831/juvenile-paget-disease
**Additional NIH Resources**

- National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases: Understanding Bone Health  
  https://www.niams.nih.gov/community-outreach-initiative/understanding-bone-health

**Educational Resources**

- MalaCards: paget disease of bone 5, juvenile-onset  
  https://www.malacards.org/card/paget_disease_of_bone_5_juvenile_onset
- Orphanet: Juvenile Paget disease  
  https://www.orpha.net/consor/cgi-bin/OC_Exp.php?Lng=EN&Expert=2801

**Patient Support and Advocacy Resources**

- National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD)  
  https://rarediseases.org/rare-diseases/hereditary-hyperphosphatasia/
- Paget's Association  
  https://paget.org.uk/

**Scientific Articles on PubMed**

- PubMed  
  https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed?term=%28%28juvenile+paget+disease%5BTIAB%5D%29+OR+%28juvenile+paget's+disease%5BTIAB%5D%29+OR+%28idiopathic+hyperphosphatasia%5BTIAB%5D%29+OR+%28osteoeclastia+with+hyperphosphatasia%5BTIAB%5D%29%29+AND+english%5Bla%5D+AND+human%5Bmh%5D+AND+%22last+3600+days%22%5Bdp%5D

**Catalog of Genes and Diseases from OMIM**

- PAGET DISEASE OF BONE 5, JUVENILE-ONSET  
  http://omim.org/entry/239000

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