# Challenges with Assessment of Disease Progression (15 min): Clinical and Structural

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# **OA Reality Check: The Osteoporosis Analogy**

- Common age-related MKS disorder
- Yet Multiple treatments
- AGEISM
- Measurement technology gaps
  No 'DXA' for OA





# Historical perspective: OA in the 20<sup>th</sup> century

#### **Risk Factor Profile**

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#### **Primary or idiopathic**

Septic arthritis

Avascular necrosis

Neuropathic; charcot joints

#### <u>Localized</u>

- Hands: e.g. nodal OA, erosive OA, first CMC joint OA
- Feet: e.g. hallux valgus, hallux rigidus, talonavicular OA
- Knee: e.g. patello-femoral syndrome, medial/lateral compartment OA
- Hip: e.g. diffuse, superior, concentric



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# OA in the 20th century

OA = cartilage *degeneration* 





# OA: Imaging Biomarker Development Cartilage Segmentation



# OA development in late 20th / early 21st C

- Imaging
- Biopsies
- Clinical studies
- Epidemiology
- Biomechanical





# Heuristic evolution of OA pathogenesis



- "OA is not a cartilage disease"
- "multifactorial and complex etiopathogenesis" FDA
- OA as joint failure





#### whole joint disorder **Multiple pathways** wide-ranging clinical appearances system IC cartilage genetic neuromuscular osteophytes A Hand Picture ioint Margina subchondr Need for an overall conceptual model that integrates the numerous pathophysiologic pathways to OA in a joint with the plethora of clinical manifestations in a way that suggests potential treatment targets Punzietal, Best Practice & Rese

Heuristic evolution of OA pathogenesis



Definition of *disease* ...a condition of the living animal ...or of one of its parts that impairs normal functioning and is typically manifested by distinguishing signs and symptoms : sickness, malady ...a condition of the living animal ...or of one of its parts that impairs normal functioning and is typically manifested by distinguishing signs and symptoms

# distinguishing signs

- clinical
- radiographic
- MRI





### impairs normal functioning

PROS

### • pain

- function
- sleep
- activities
- mobility, travel
- employment

# construct of disease severity

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#### worsening

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OS

employment

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• No single (or composite) measure known reflect overall severity





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- TKA is appealing
  - integrates STRUCTURE and PROs
  - But is problematic\*
  - Might be usable if incidence was higher



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  - disease 'modification' requires **structure** + **PRO** effect
    - Illogical on many levels
      - PRO / function improvement should be the goal
      - Poorly related outcomes
        - What is the *disease*?
        - Requires TWO targets (empirical evidence supports this)
    - Contemporary structure measures mostly = accumulated changes
      - Proxy measures of structural severity (eg JSW) -> misconstrued targets (hyaline cartilage)
      - Not measures of *process*



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# Transforming structural outcomes into process measurements



Measure change (= a proxy) KL, JSW, cartilage volume.....

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  - Most feasible RCTs ~2 years







# Barriers to measuring OA progression

- 1. Measurement of PAIN
  - The brain is getting in the way
  - People have two knees (usually)



# Summary: Challenges with Assessment of Progression: Clinical and Structural

Cognitive inteference from outdated heuristics of OA (cartilage) Absence of unified/core measurement of clinical severity Lack of understanding of the structure / PRO relationship