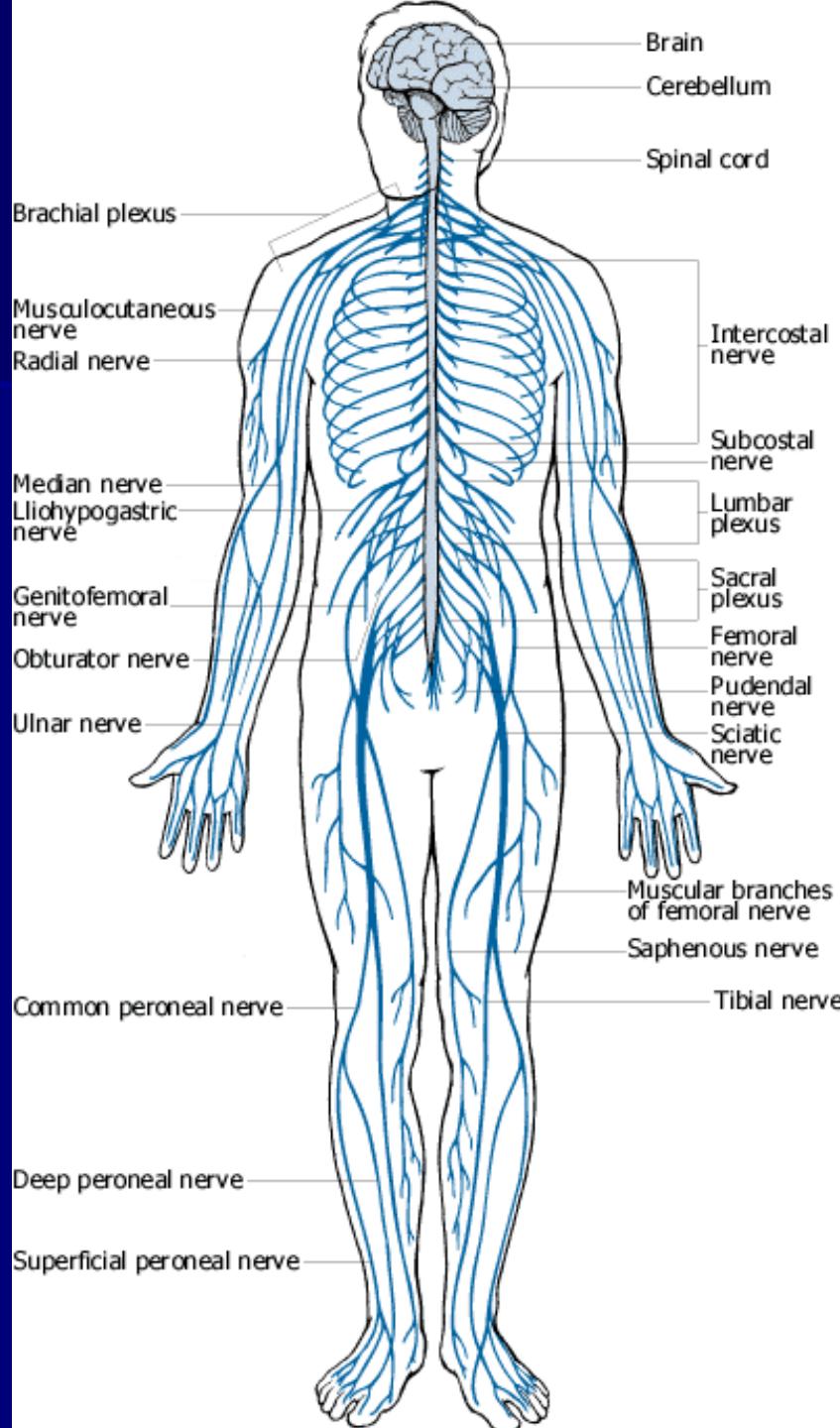
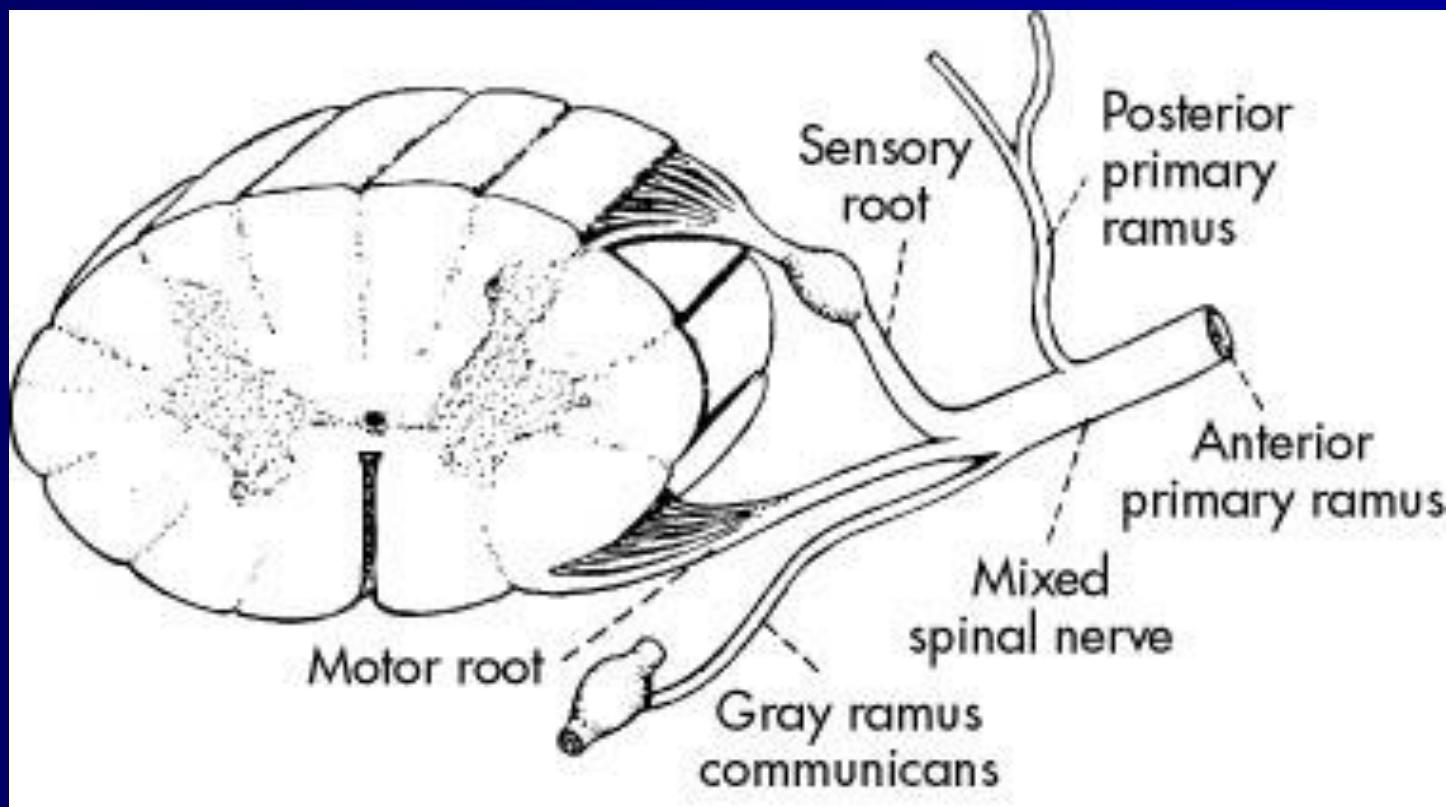


Peripheral nerve injuries

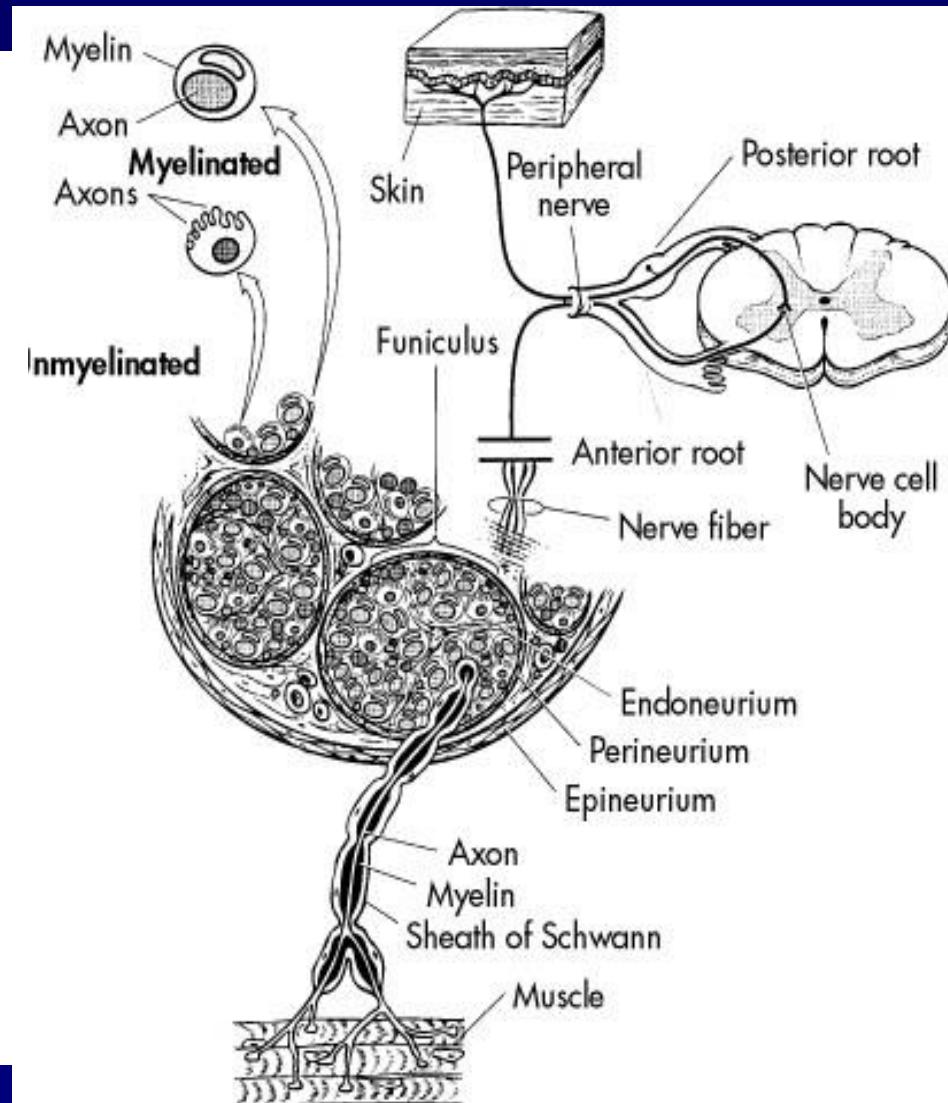
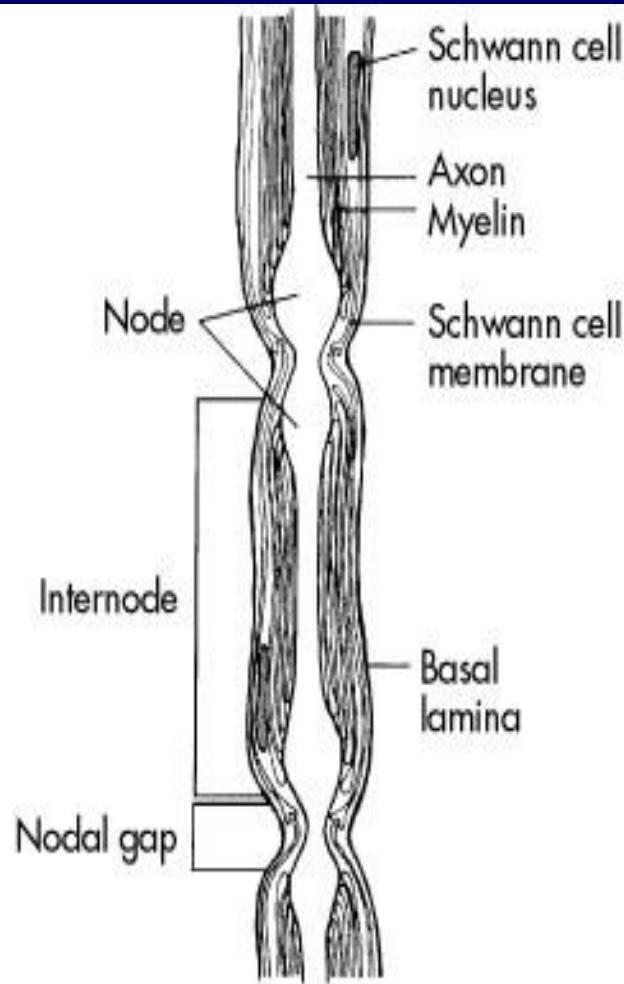
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Anatomy of mixed spinal nerve



Microscopic anatomy



Fascicular Patterns in Peripheral Nerves

Monofascicular

Oligofascicular

Polyfascicular

Grouped

Ungrouped (diff)

Peripheral Nerve Composition

External Epineurium

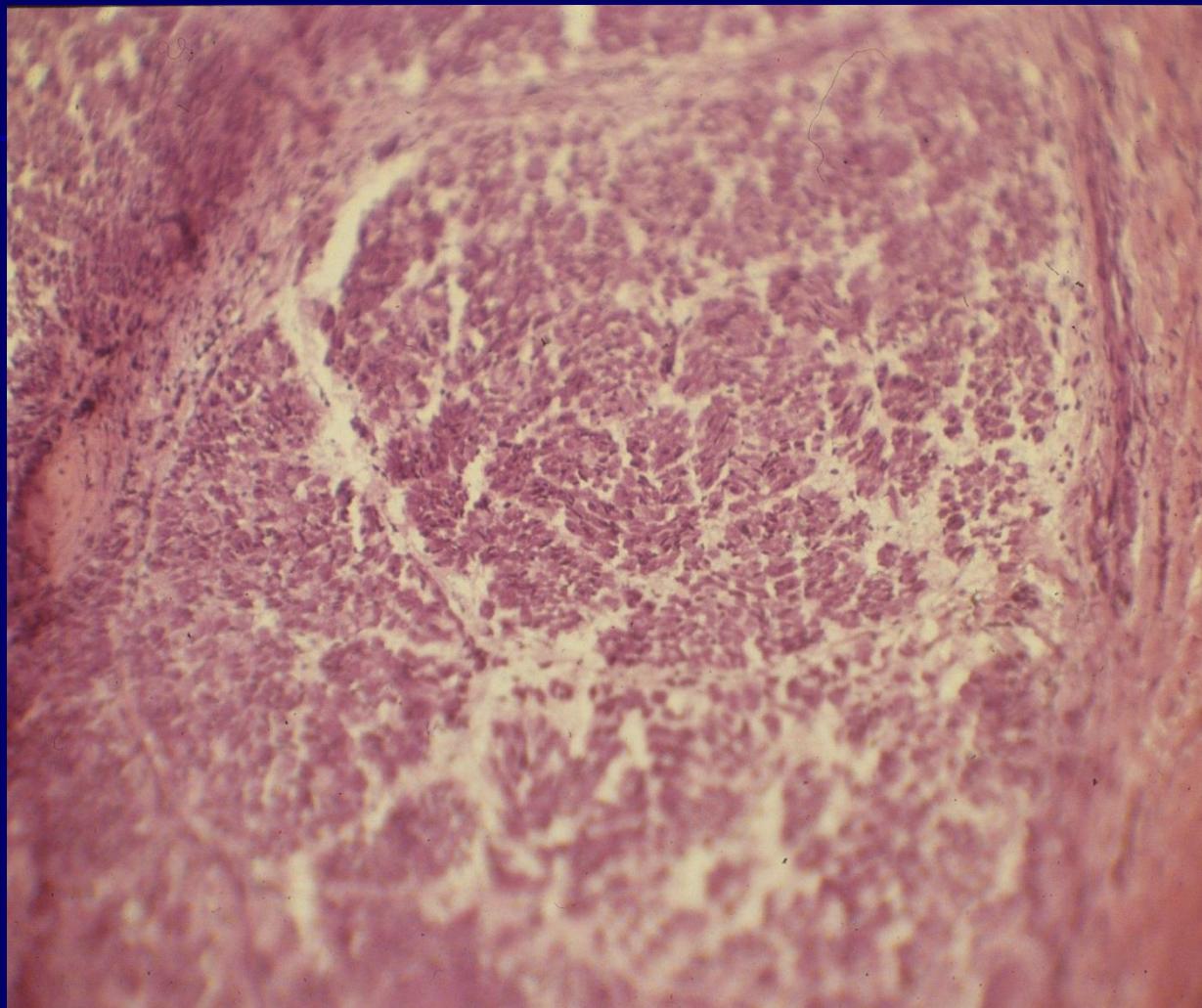
Internal Epineurium

Fascicle

Perineurium

Endoneurium

Nerve Fiber



Classifications of peripheral nerve injuries

■ Seddon's classification divided the nerve injuries into three types:

- (a) neuropraxia.
- (b) axonotmesis.
- (c) neurotmesis.

- **Sunderland** contributed a further subdivision of nerve injuries and listed five grades according to their severity:
 - grade I, loss of conduction in the axons.
 - grade II, loss of continuity of the axons without affecting the endoneurium.
 - grade III, loss of continuity of the nerve fibers (endoneurium affected).
 - grade IV, loss of continuity of the fascicles (perineurium affected).
 - grade V, loss of the entire nerve

■ Non-degenerative (Neuropraxia)

■ Degenerative

- Axonotmesis
- Neurotmesis

Etiology of peripheral nerve injuries

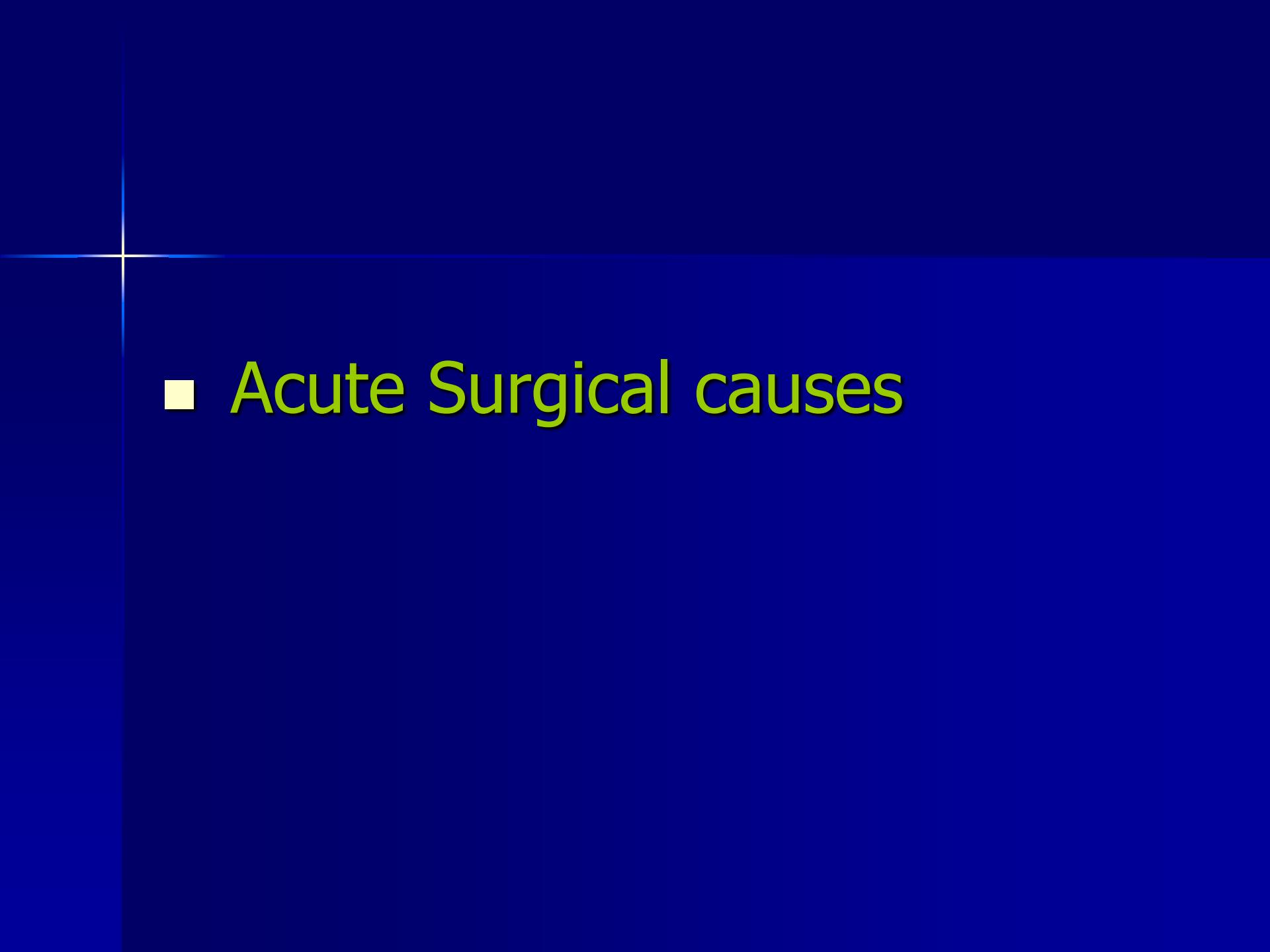
- Surgical causes
- Non Surgical Causes

■ Non surgical causes

- Metabolic.
- collagen diseases.
- Malignancies.
- endogenous or exogenous toxins.
- Thermal.
- chemical.
- Nutritional.

■ Surgical Causes

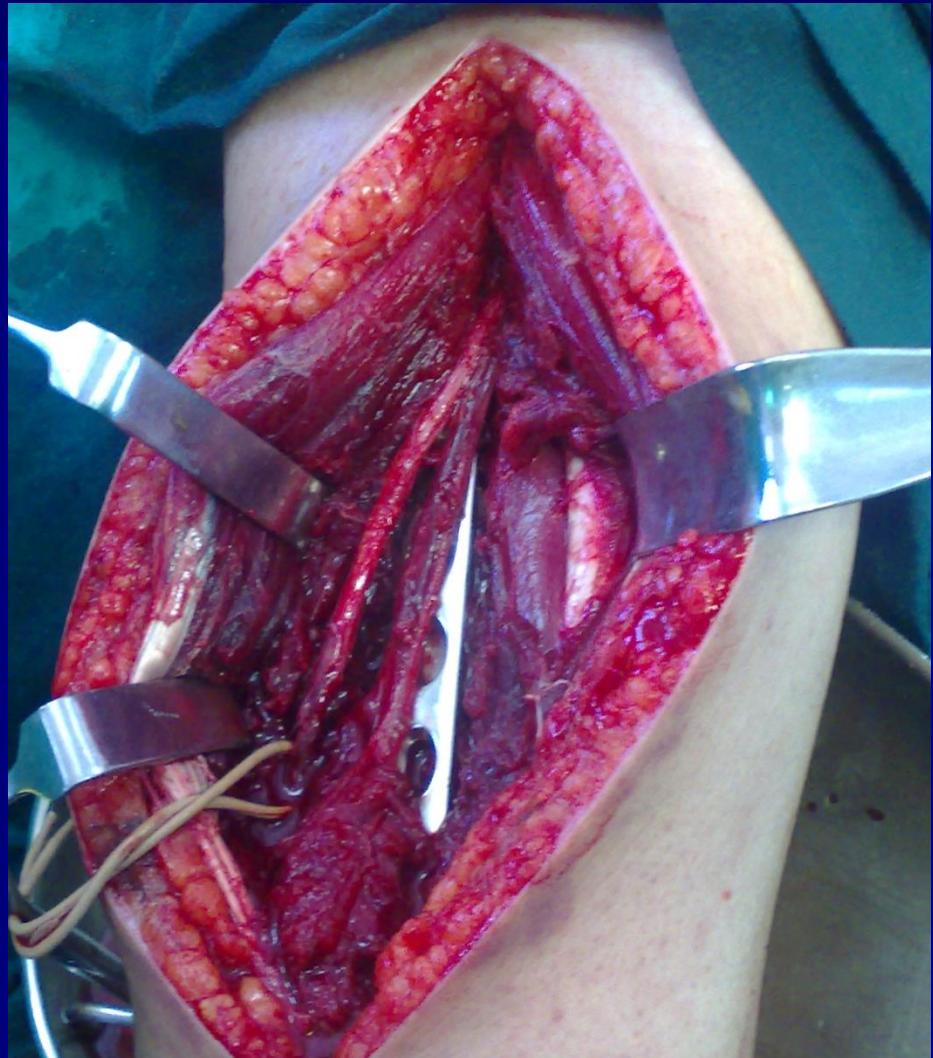
- Acute
- Chronic



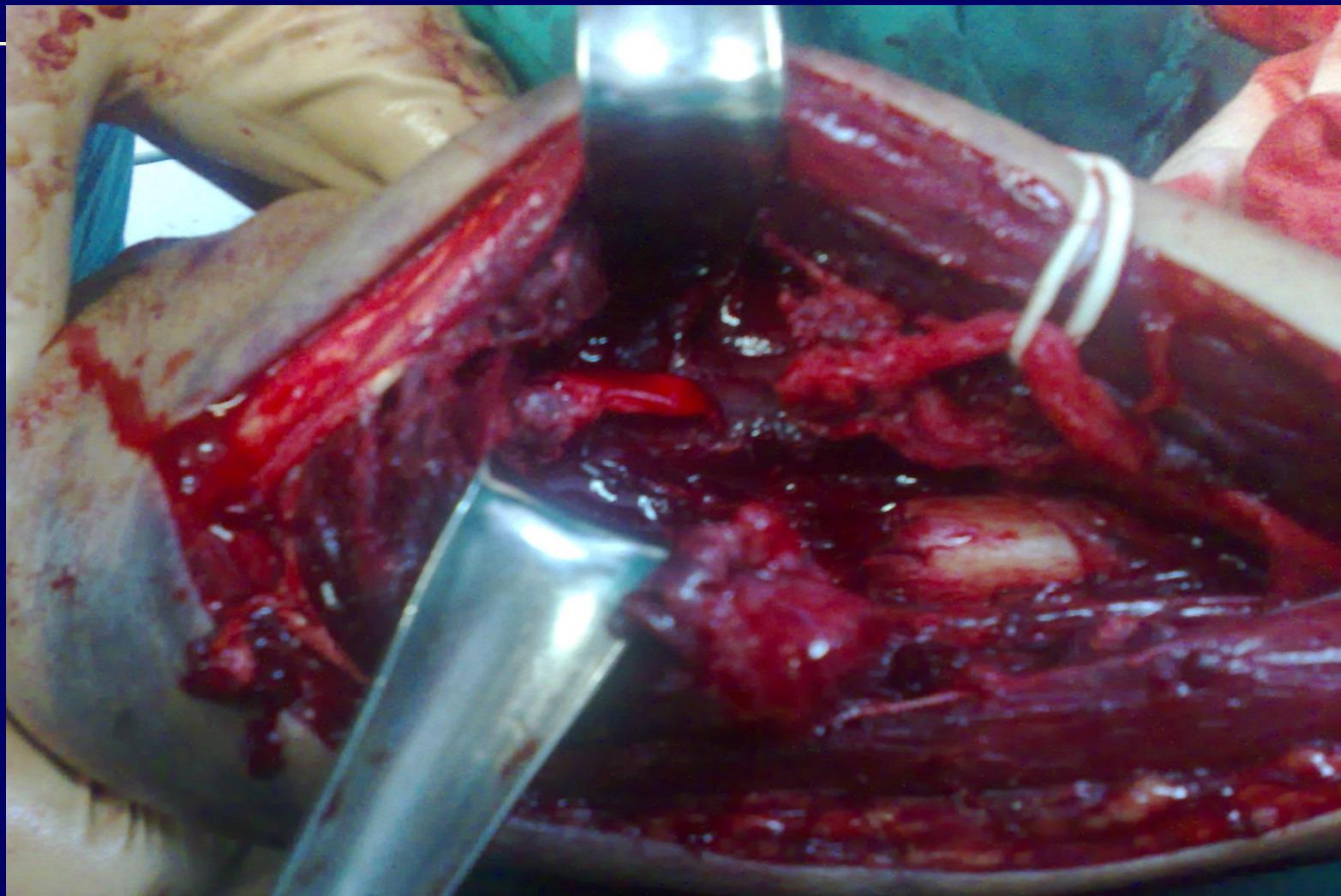
■ Acute Surgical causes

Fractures

- Simple fracture

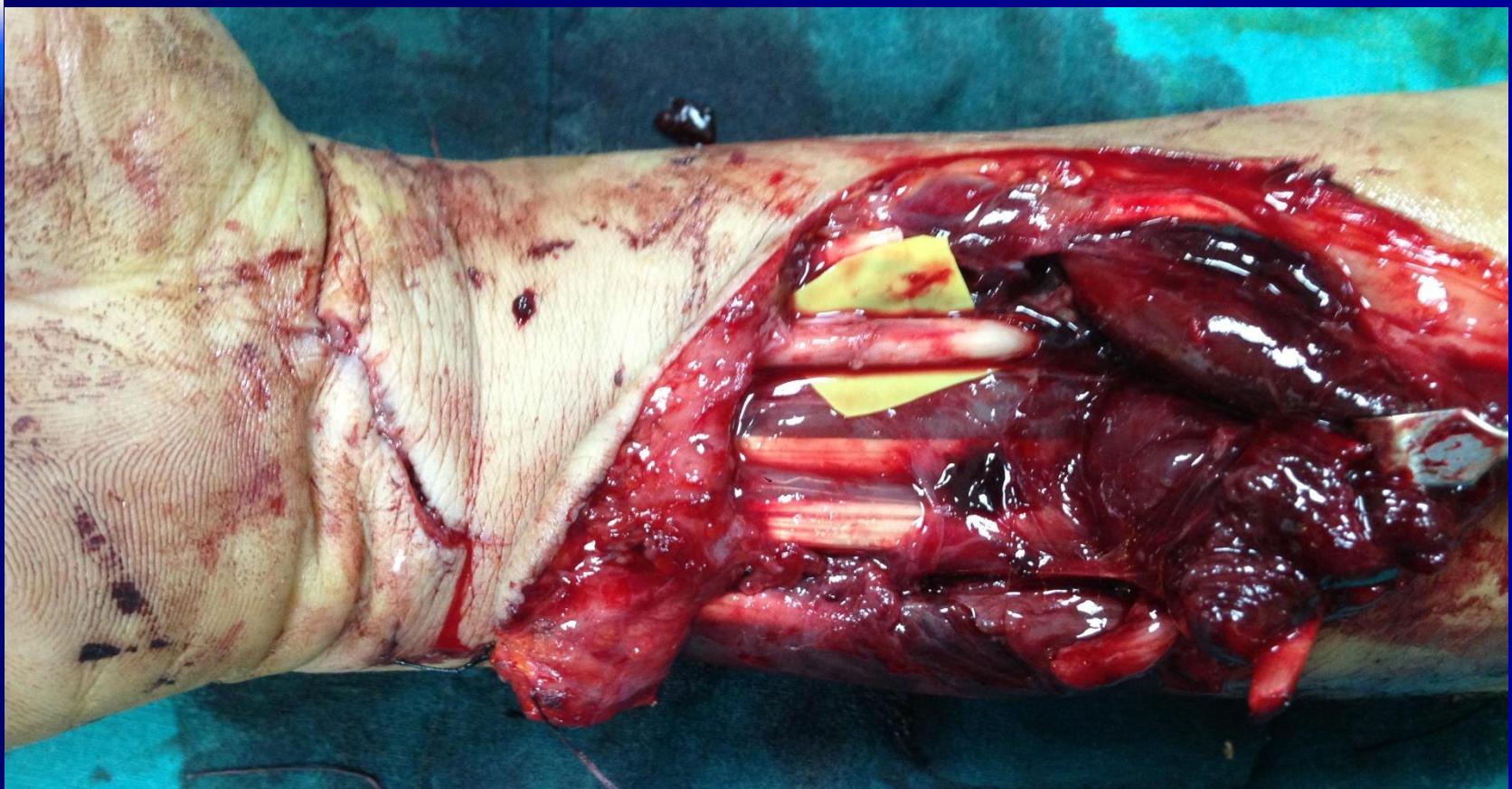


Open Fracture



Cut wounds





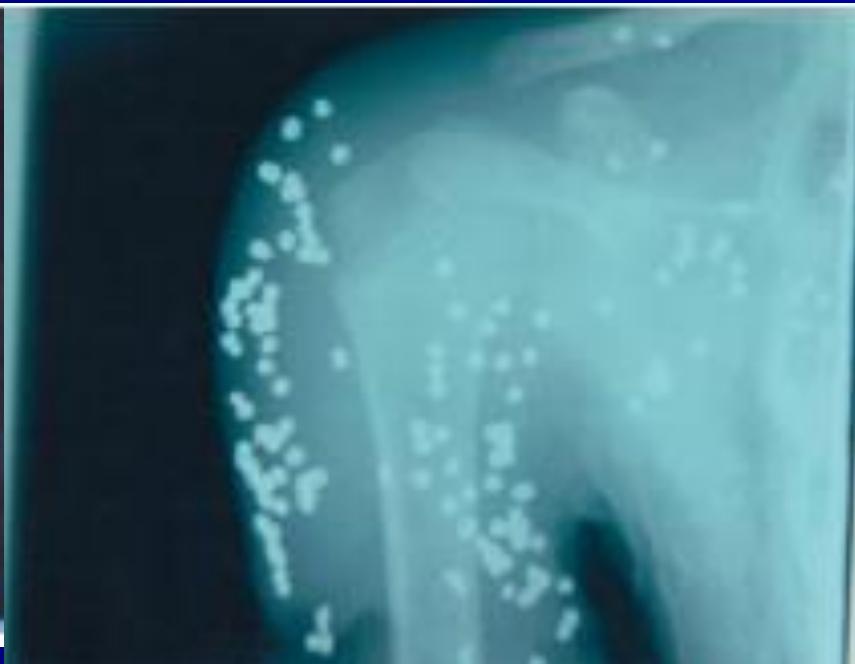
Traction injury



- The peripheral nerve can be stretched approximately 10% without losing function
- 15% to 20% with temporary loss of function (neurapraxia).
- Greater than 20%, the elastic limits of the perineurium are surpassed, thus creating at least an axonotmesis and, not infrequently, a neurotmesis or complete rupture.

■ Gunshot injuries

- Thermal effect
- Direct injury



Crushed injuries



Camel bite injury



Chronic nerve injury (neuromas)



Entrapment neuropathies

