

**Long term results of composite  
prosthesis-allograft in tumor  
surgery.**

**The adverse effects of  
radiotherapy and chemotherapy**

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# Introduction

In Creteil we implanted our first massive composite prosthesis allograft (MCP) in 1984.

We hoped that MCP could **permit a better muscle anchorage** and that restoration of bone stock **would decrease the loosening risk** of prosthesis.

- The aims of this study is to verify if these advantages are clinically relevant.
- And to **precise the effect of adjuvant therapies** on late results in order to discuss the optimal indications of this material

# The allografts

- All allografts of this study were provided by the bone bank of Creteil :
- Sterile harvesting,
- Cryopreservation by  $-40^{\circ}$
- Irradiation before implantation **25 Kgray**)
- Selection of graft on plain X rays without immunologic matching.
- 3 months quarentaine before implantation.

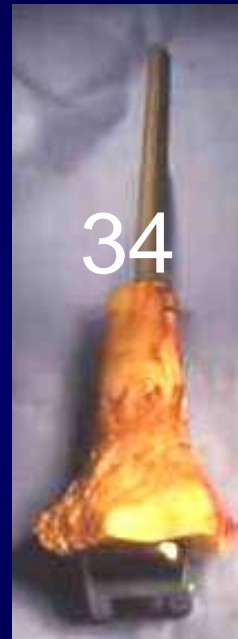
# Technique

Prosthesis first cemented into the allograft  
Then composite prosthesis cemented into  
the bone



# 78 patients

Locations were  
proximal femur (20),  
distal femur (34),  
proximal tibia (19)  
upper humerus (5).



- Median follow up of 19 years (12 to 24)

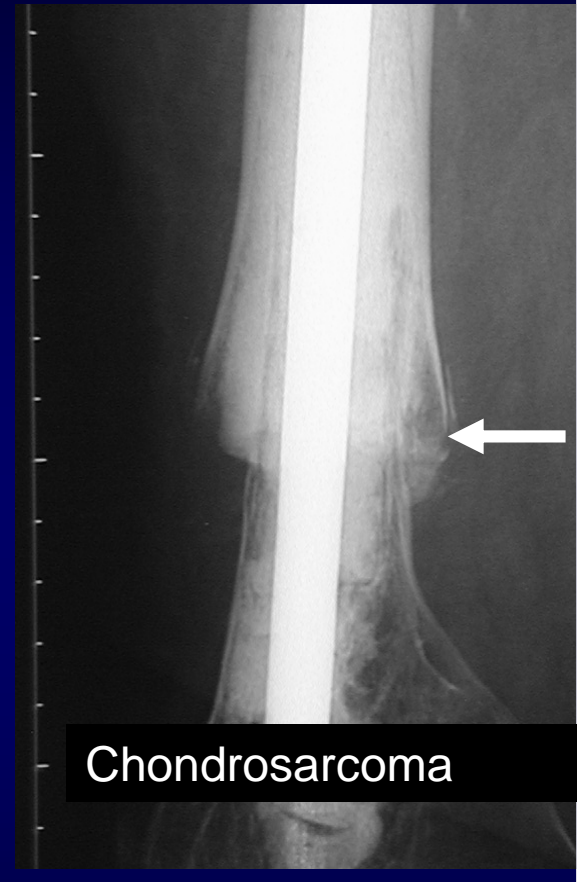
# 78 patients

48 males and 30 females median age 17

- The tumors were
- osteosarcoma (46),
- Ewing's (10),
- fibrosarcoma, MFH (10),
- chondrosarcoma (7).

60 patients received chemotherapy and 21 chemotherapy and radiotherapy.

# Bone healing



# Long Term Results

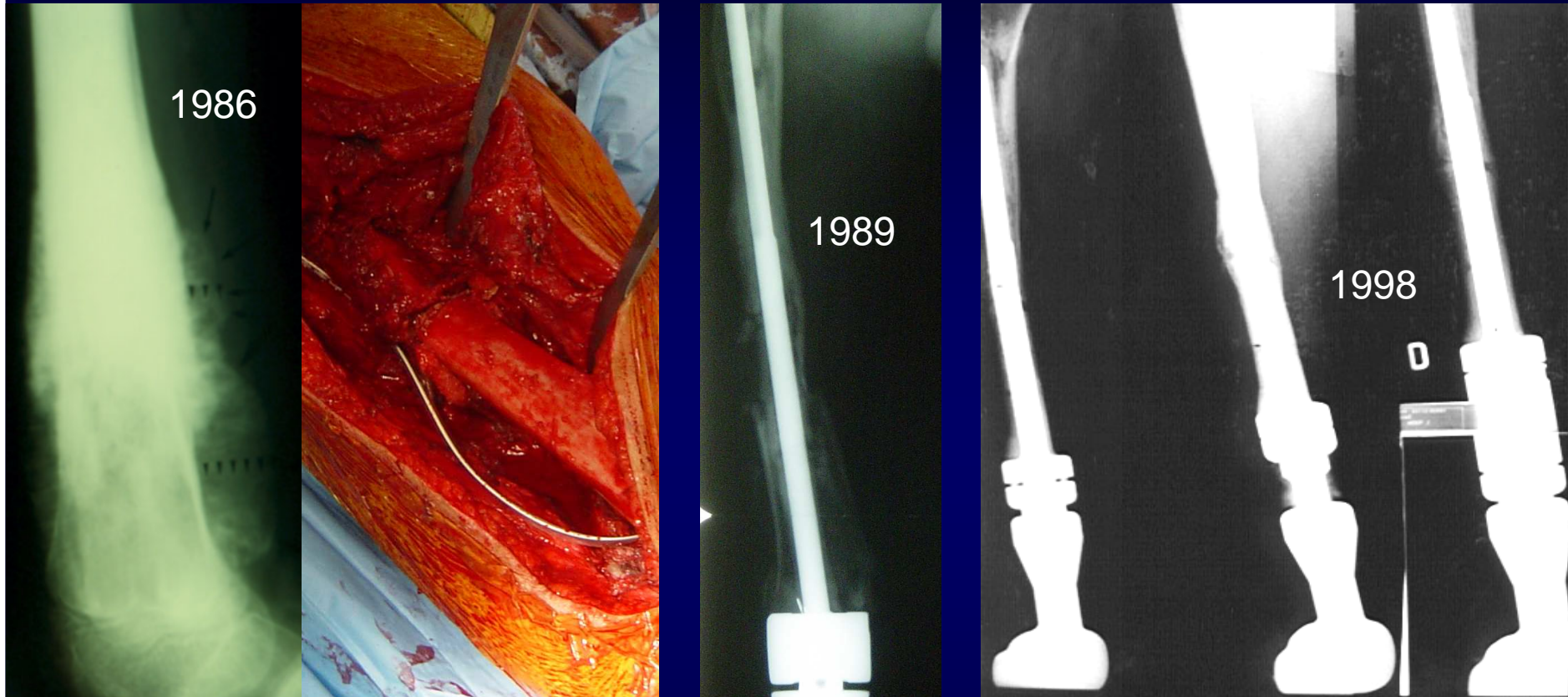
- With a median follow up of 19 years (12-24) , all patients have been reoperated for
- Lengthening,
- Wear of prosthesis,
- Loosening,
- Resorption of allograft,
- Infection (21) or tumour recurrence (2).



# Infection or tumour recurrence.

- 21 patients suffered of deep infection 7 of them were secondary amputated).
- 2 other were amputated for tumour (1 local recurrence and 1 post irradiation sarcoma).

# Secondary Lengthening



- The healing of the graft permit a longer anchorage for the stem of the expanding prosthesis.
- Secondary lengthening 8 centimeters

# 78 composite allograft protheses

## Resorption of allograft in 51 patients

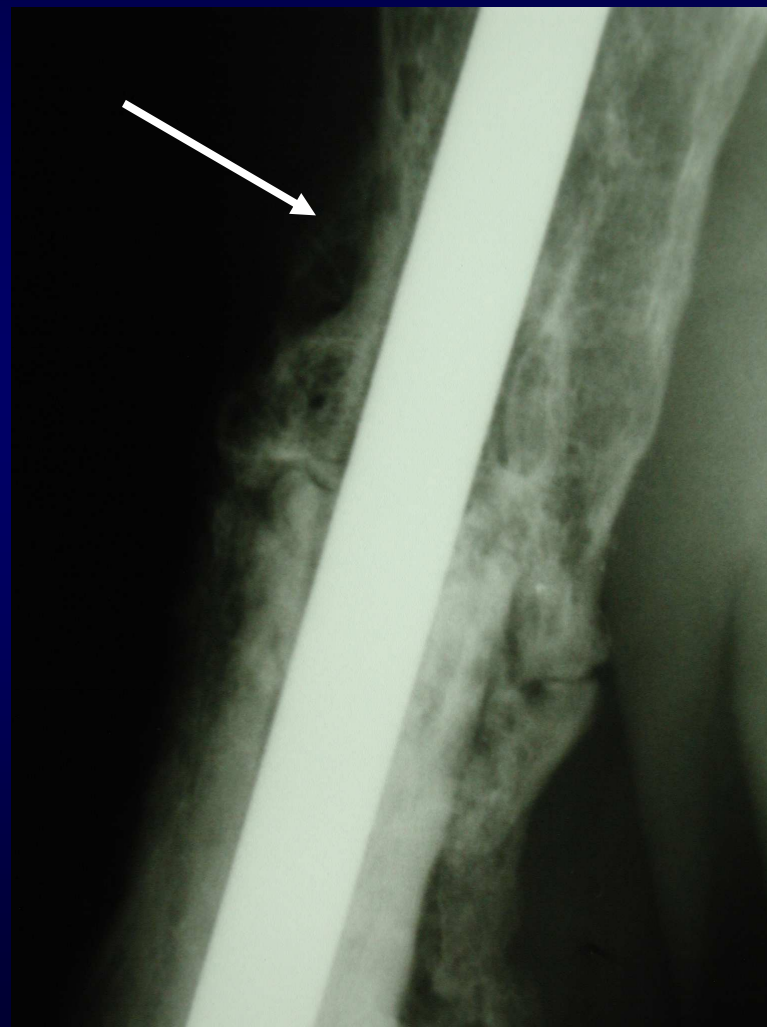
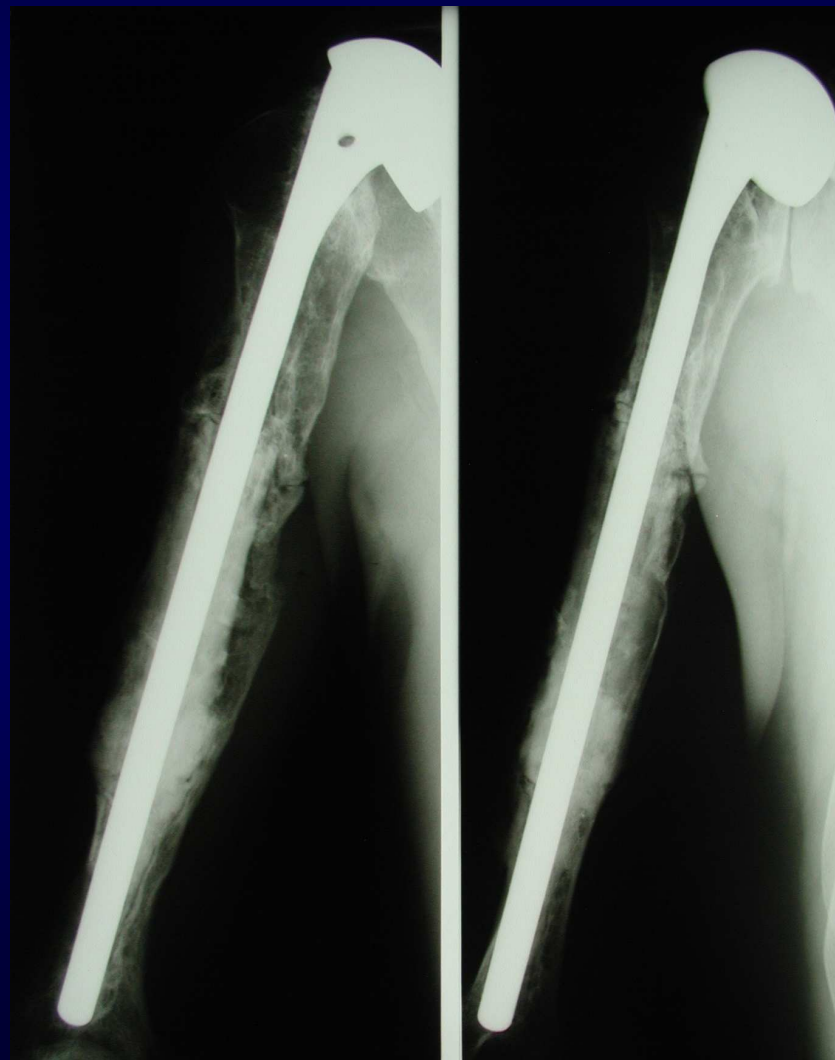
### 51 resorptions

25 minor,  
16 severe  
10 major

**Complications  
are correlated  
with adjuvant  
therapies**

The 21 irradiated patients  
suffered of  
15 non union  
18 secondary fractures  
8 secondary major  
resorptions  
and 11 deep infections  
resulting in 6 amputations.

# Minor RESORPTION



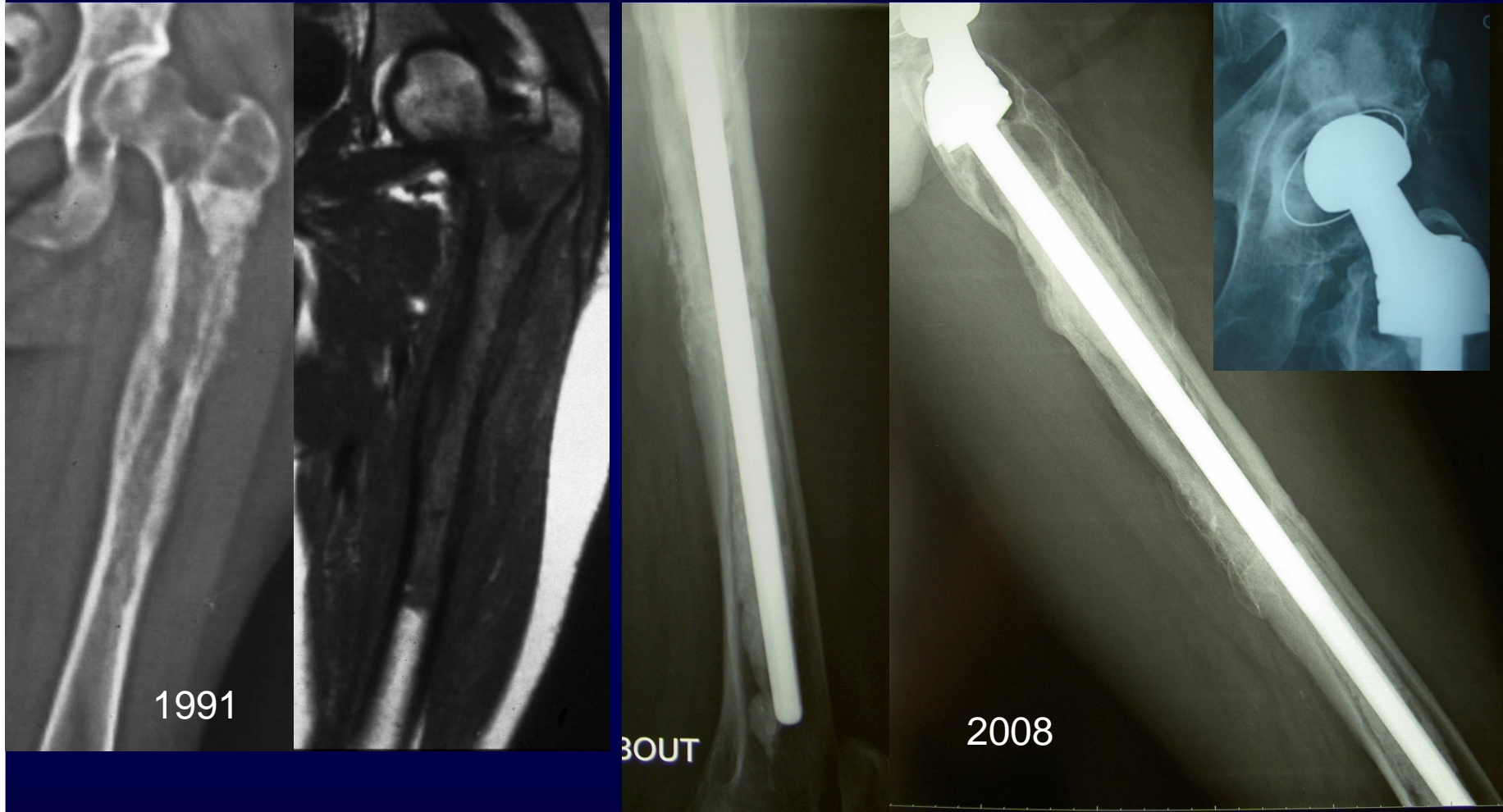
# 12 years EVOLUTION



Chondrosarcoma. No adj.

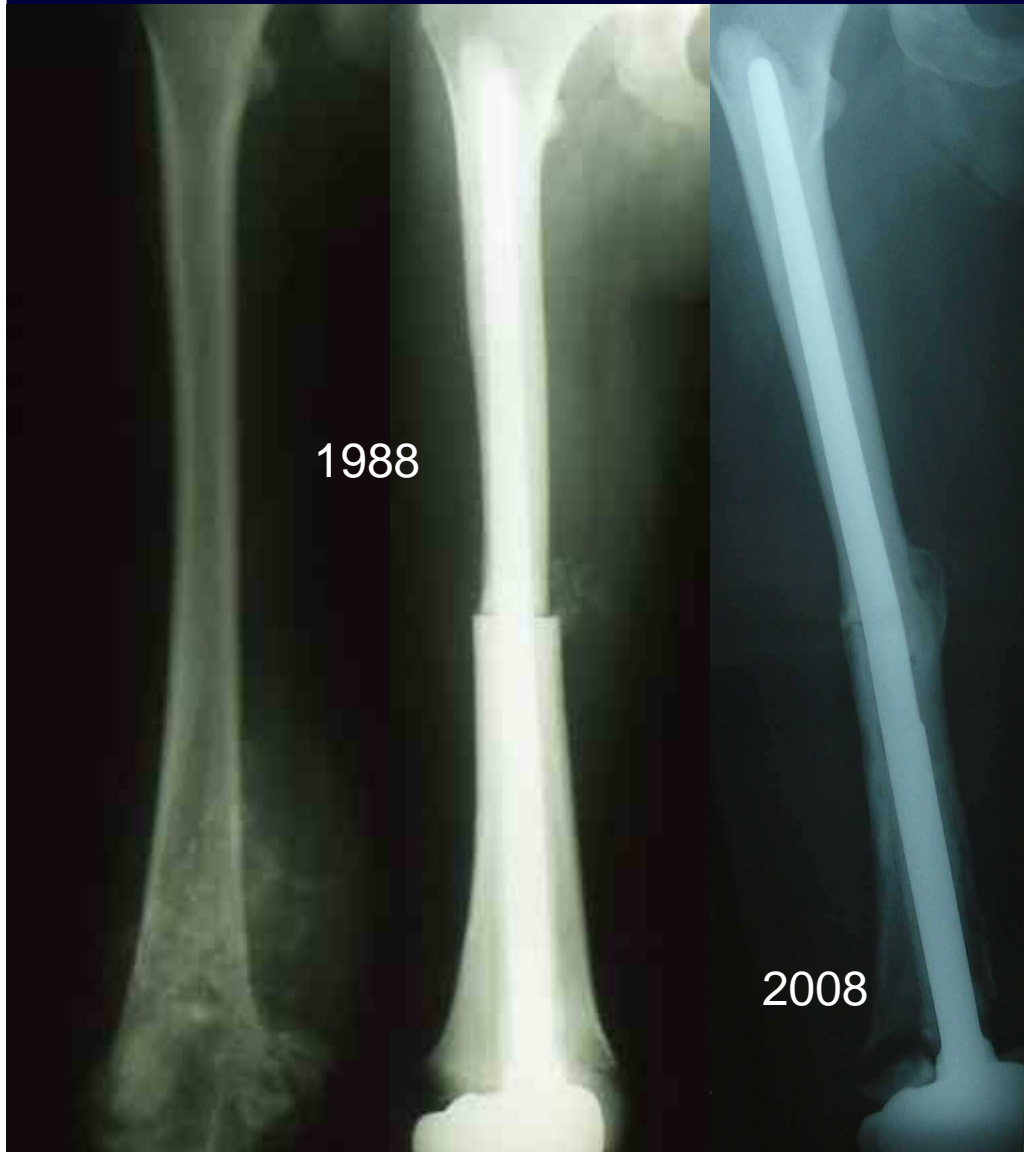
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# 17 Years follow up



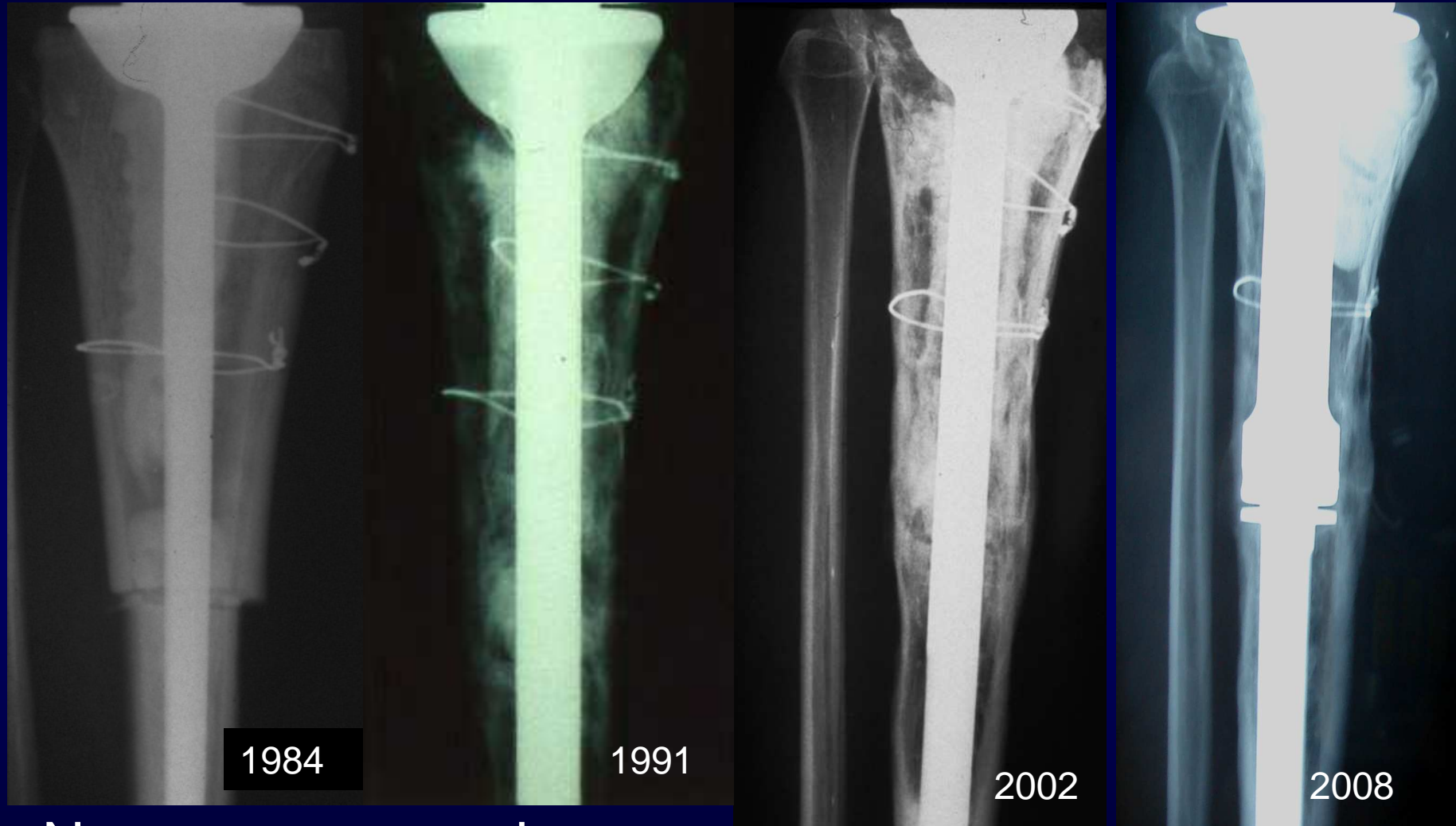
- Chondrosarcoma no adjuvant therapy.
- Wear of the acetabulum

# 20 years evolution



- High grade osteosarcoma
- High dose chemotherapy
- CDFS
- No radiotherapy
- Excellent graft evolution
- Excellent fonction

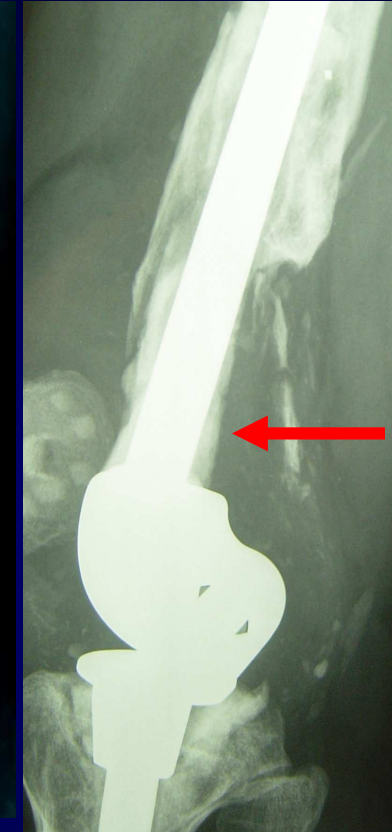
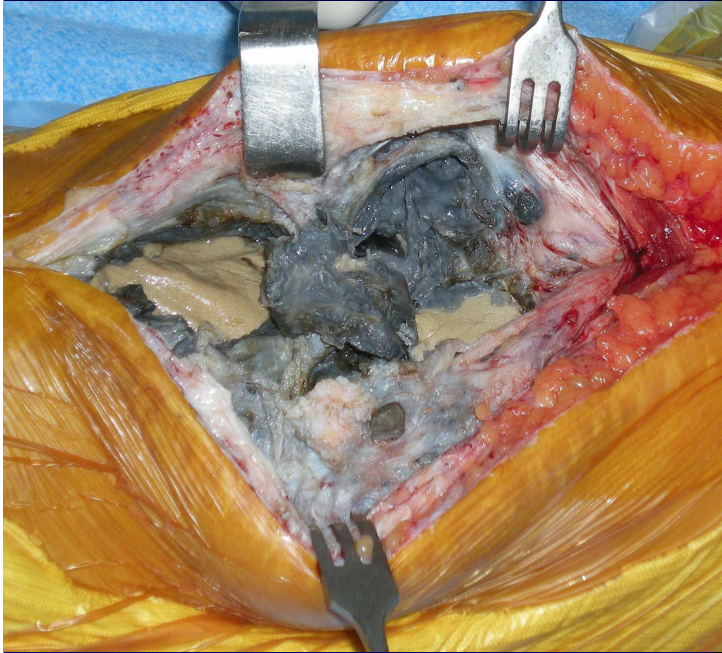
# 24 Y F U (no adjuvant treatment)



- No severe nor major resorption were observed despite 3 exchange of knee prothesis

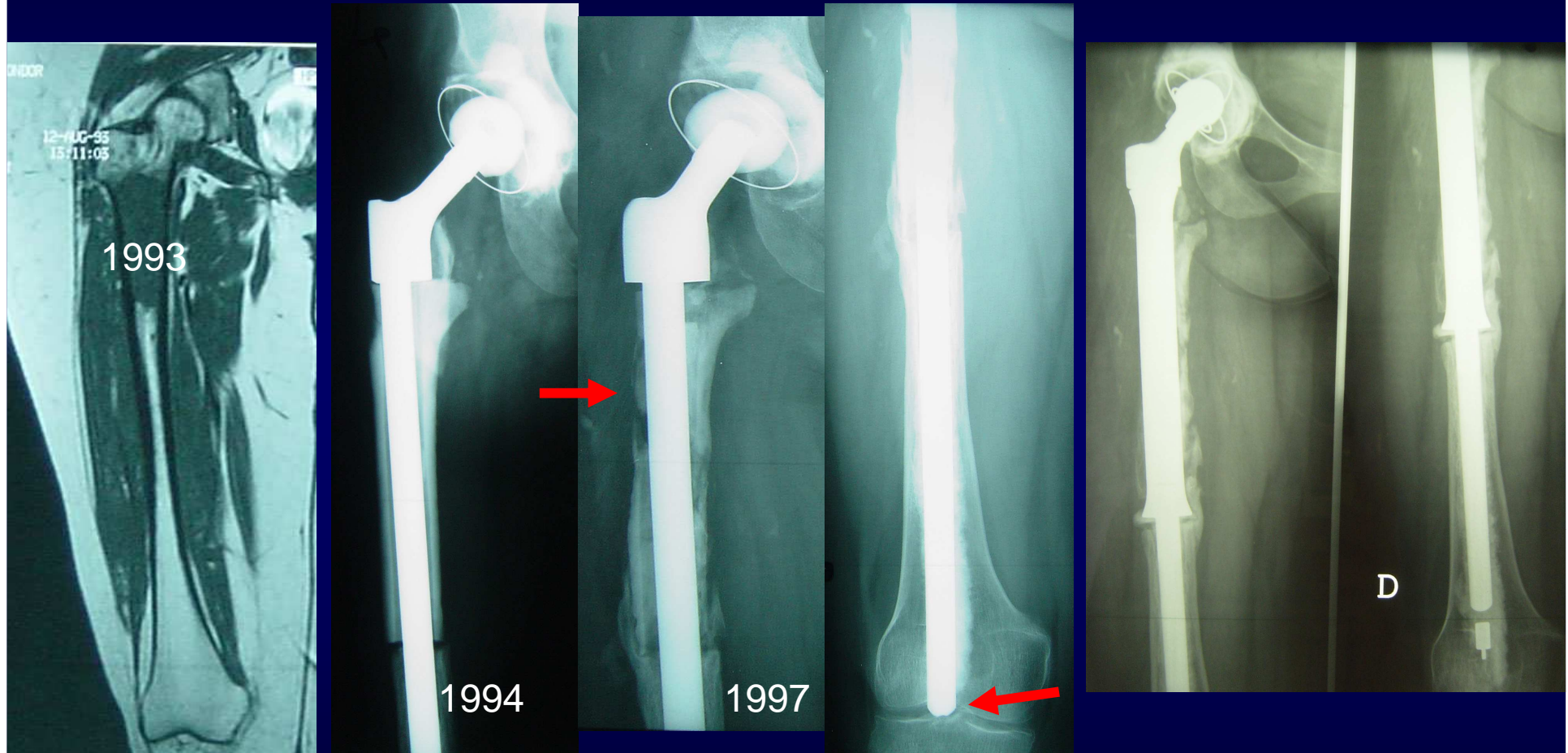


# Wear of prosthesis



- Liberation of wear particules sometimes induced **a bone resorption** near the articulation or distally around the stem.

# Chemotherapy, Resorption, Fracture of graft, Loosening

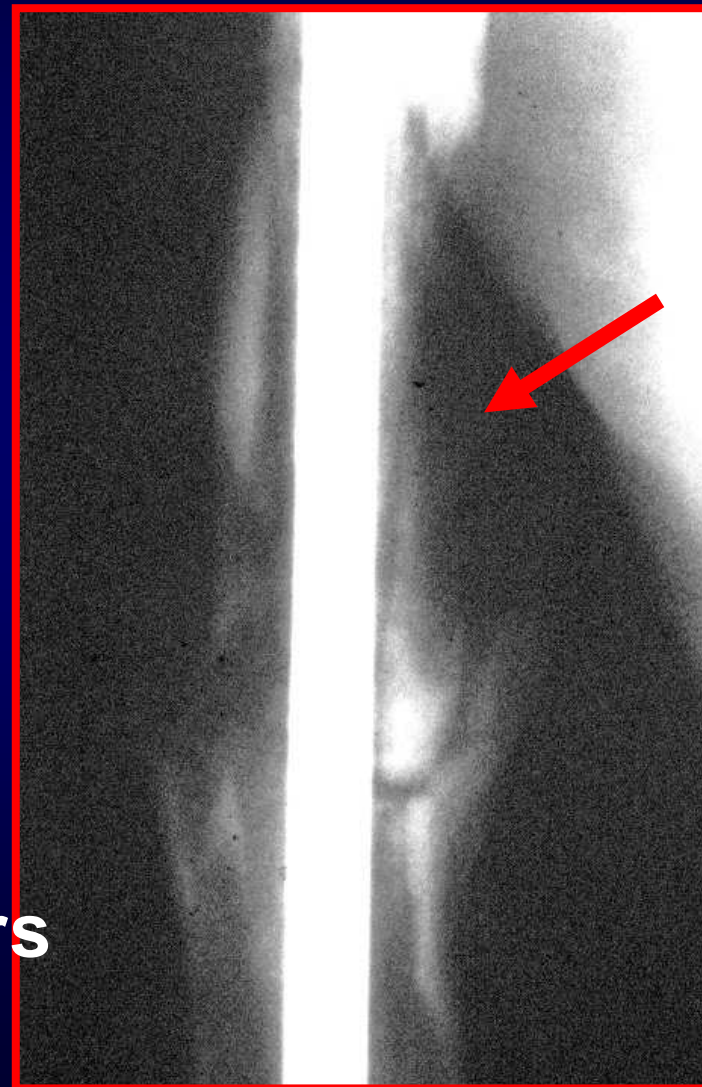


- High grade OS High dose chemotherapy. Mal union and Resorption of graft induced loosening of prosthesis

# RADIOTHERAPY: non union, major resorption, fracture



# MAJOR RESORPTION



At last evaluation the function  
(EMSOS criteria) is rated:

excellent in 31,  
good in 23,  
fair in 12,  
poor in 12.



# Conclusion

- MCP permits a better muscle re insertion and gives usually **a better function** than massive prosthesis.
- This advantage is more evident for upper femur and proximal tibia and humerus especially when a long resection is necessary.
- With long follow up the loosening risk of MCP does not seem different from that of massive metallic prosthese.

# Conclusion

- MCP permits a better muscle re insertion and gives usually **a better function** than massive prosthesis but are threatened by **non union during chemotherapy** and **massive osteolysis and fracture after irradiation**.
- When radiotherapy can not be avoided, a massive custom made prosthesis should be preferred to MCP.



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