

- **polyostotic fibrous dysplasia**
- **café au lait spots**
- **endocrine dysfunction**

Albright syndrome (*also called **McCune-Albright syndrome***) is the most severe form of **polyostotic fibrous dysplasia**. It affects young people (*males and females equally*). It is characterized by Café au lait spots on the skin, and endocrine abnormalities (*the most common of which is precocious sexual development in females*). The extent to which each of these problems exists in those with the syndrome is quite variable. The hallmark of Albright syndrome is **premature puberty in the female**. Early sexual development in the male is less common than in the female.

Clinical features:

- Early childhood
- Multiple, slow-growing, painless expansile bone lesions confined to the craniofacial area or throughout the skeleton
- endocrine manifestations; in females often **sexual precocity**
- Irregular shaped Café au lait spots on the torso and sometimes intraorally
- Disfigurement
- Increased level of serum alkaline phosphatase

***** Pathologic fractures** are frequently associated with this syndrome.

There is no specific treatment for this syndrome. Drugs that inhibit estrogen production, such as testolactone, have been tried with some success.

Important: An additional complication is the **malignant transformation potential** of both the **monostotic (*mainly*) and polyostotic** fibrous dysplasia into **osteosarcomas**.