

DELINEATING DISEASE

drawings by Lucy Lyons

Hunterian Museum at the Royal College of Surgeons

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Since 2005 the artist Lucy Lyons has researched the phenomena of disease through drawing focusing specifically on Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva or FOP. This very rare condition turns connective tissue into bone. A secondary skeleton grows, locking parts of the body, confining the sufferer and rendering them immobile within a bony prison. She has studied the skeletons of patients who suffered from this disease and the effects this dramatic illness had on their bodies.

As well as making drawings of the skeletons of deceased patients and historical specimens showing the condition, Lucy has interviewed patients living with FOP and has worked closely with medical researchers. Her work reveals the power of drawing to delineate the hidden structures of disease.