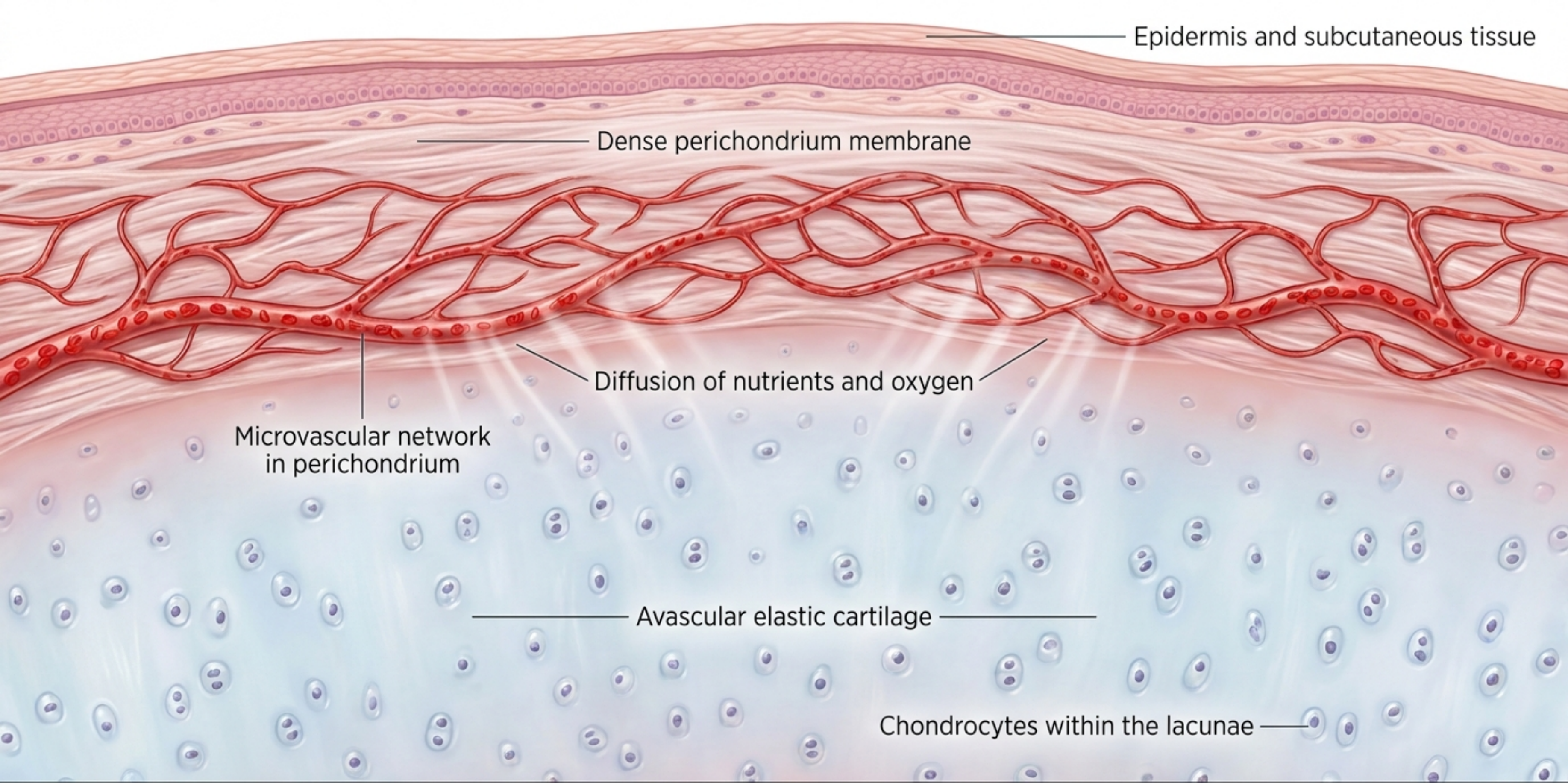




Cartilage relies entirely on the adjacent perichondrium's microvascular network for nutrient diffusion.

**AVASCULAR TISSUE DICTATES HEALING TIME**