

Osteoporosis management in premature ovarian failure and women under age 60

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Definitions

- “Osteoporosis may be diagnosed in postmenopausal women and in men age 50 and older if the T-score of the lumbar spine, total hip, or femoral neck is -2.5 or less:
 - Reference group:
 - Manufacturers should continue to use NHANES III data as the reference standard for femoral neck and total hip T-scores.
 - Manufacturers should continue to use their own databases for the lumbar spine as the reference standard for T-scores
 - If local reference data are available they should be used to calculate only Z-scores but not T-scores.”

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Osteoporosis

- Minimal trauma fracture (not digits)
- AND/OR
- $BMD \leq -2.5$ in PM and perimenopausal women and men over 50
- Low trauma fracture – standing height or less with absence of major trauma

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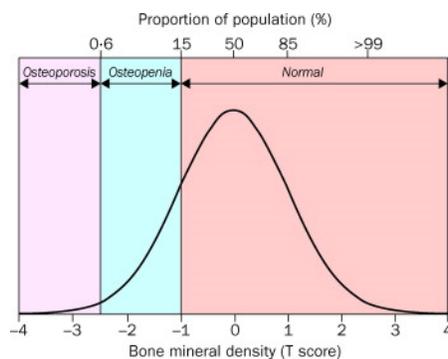
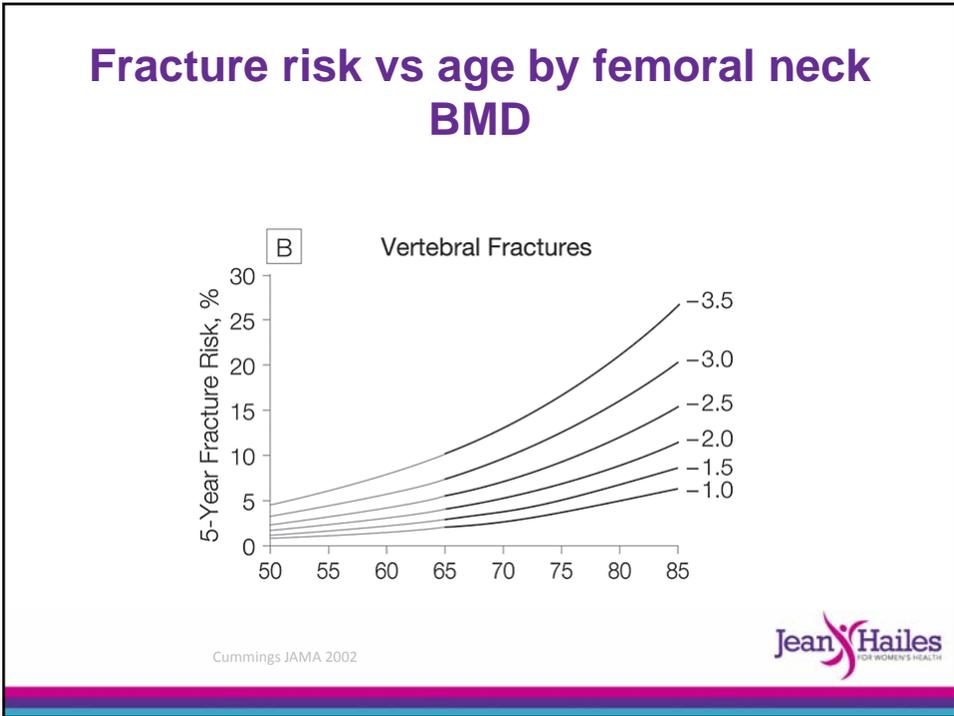
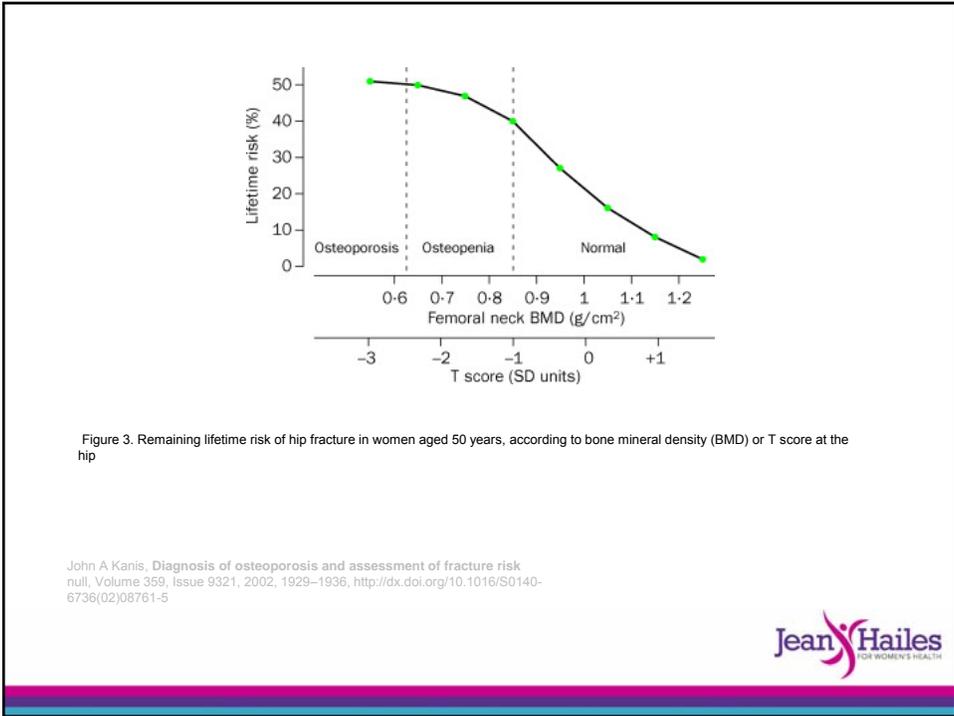


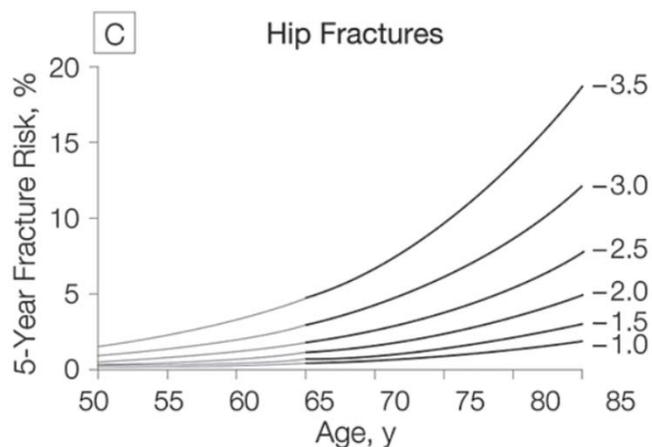
Figure 1. Distribution of bone mineral density in healthy women aged 30-40 years

John A Kanis
Diagnosis of osteoporosis and assessment of fracture risk
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Fracture risk vs age by femoral neck BMD



When to test BMD

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- Women ≥ 65 y
- Postmenopausal or perimenopausal women < 65 y with another risk factor
 - Low BMI
 - Prior fracture
 - Medication or disease known to cause bone loss
- Fragility fracture
- To monitor response to therapy

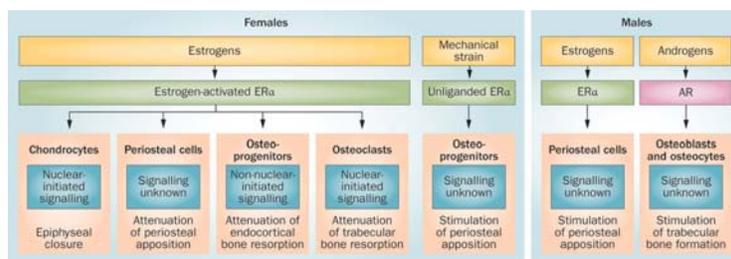
Premenopausal OP

- Not by BMD alone
- In premenopausal women use Z-score with score ≤ -2.0 “below expected range for age” (not same assoc between BMD and fracture in young people)
- Low bone density for age (Z-score ≤ 2.0) plus a risk factor for fracture or a secondary cause of OP

Premenopausal OP: Causes

- Estrogen deficiency
 - Primary ovarian failure
 - Other causes of amenorrhoea: low body weight, eating disorder, hyperprolactinaemia, hypopituitarism
 - Iatrogenic: oophorectomy, chemotherapy, aromatase inhibitors

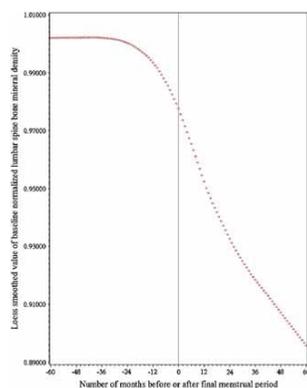
Figure 3 Function and signalling mechanisms of ER α and AR in female and male mammals



Manolagas, S. C. *et al.* (2013) The role of estrogen and androgen receptors in bone health and disease
Nat. Rev. Endocrinol. doi:10.1038/nrendo.2013.179



**Bone mineral density loss in relation to the final menstrual period in a multiethnic cohort:
 Results from the Study of Women's Health Across the Nation (SWAN)**



Journal of Bone and Mineral Research
 Volume 27, Issue 1, pages 111-118, 22 DEC 2011 DOI: 10.1002/jbmr.534
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/jbmr.534/full#fig1>



Premature menopause (<40y)

- Spontaneous primary ovarian insufficiency
- Surgical - ?the worst bone outcomes
- Chemotherapy related

Bone in POI

- In a study of 442 women with spontaneous POI, compared to controls, BMD 2-3% lower at spine and hip
- Factors associated with low bone for age:
 - Low vitamin D
 - Delay in diagnosis > 1 yr
 - Not using estrogen therapy
 - Low dietary calcium
 - Sedentary lifestyle

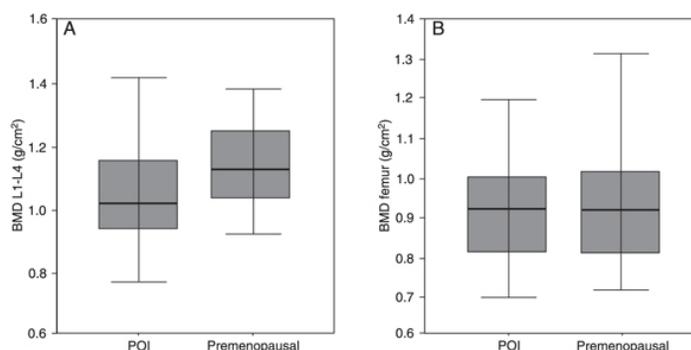


Figure 1. Bone mineral density (BMD) of the primary ovarian insufficiency (POI, N = 32) and premenopausal reference (N = 25) groups. A, L1-L4 lumbar bone mineral density (*P = 0.040; Student *t*-test). B, Femoral bone mineral density.

F. Amarante. Braz J Med Biol Res 2011; 44: 78-83.

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Premenopausal OP: Causes

- Medications
 - Glucocorticoids
 - Prolonged use of depot medroxyprogesterone acetate (estrogen deficiency)
 - Methotrexate
 - Some chemotherapy agents
 - Prolonged use of heparin eg in pregnancy
 - Anti epileptics (eg. Carbamazepine - CYP450 catabolism of vitamin D)
 - ?loop diuretics ?TCAs/SSRI ?PPI

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Premenopausal OP: Causes

- Systemic illnesses
 - Coeliac disease
 - Hyperthyroidism
 - Inflammatory bowel disease
 - Cystic fibrosis
 - Osteogenesis imperfecta
 - Hyperparathyroidism
 - Immobilisation eg spinal cord injury



Premenopausal OP: Causes

- Other risk factors
 - Smoking: pack/day reduces BMD 5-10% over a lifetime
 - depression



Premenopausal OP: Causes

- Pregnancy – decrease in BMD in some studies
- Lactation
 - Approx 5% reduction in BMD over 6 months
 - More pronounced with longer duration
 - PTHrP secreted by breast/estrogen deficiency
 - Recovery of BMD may take 18 months, depending on resumption of menses

Karlsson MK, et al Acta Orthop. 2005;76(1):2.



Pregnancy and Lactation Associated OP

- Fractures in late pregnancy/early post partum
- Usually first pregnancy, rarely recurs
- ?excessive pregnancy bone loss ?other secondary cause ?genetic susceptibility



Premenopausal OP: Causes

- Idiopathic – everything else ruled out
- ?significance of isolated low BMD

Treatments

- Exercise:
 - a small but significant effect in pre and postmenopausal women
 - Decreased fracture risk in older women
 - ET + exercise increases BMD in premature menopause more than ET alone Notelovitz et al, J Bone Min Res 1991 Jun;8(6):583-90.
- Cochrane review 2011 (postmenopausal women)
 - Strength/resistance training best for neck of femur BMD
 - Combination exercise best for spine BMD

Calcium and vitamin D

- Still controversial
- Aim for most calcium intake from dietary sources
- WHI >35, 000 women randomized to Ca 1000mg + vit D 400IU or placebo
 - No difference in MI
 - At 7 yrs hip BMD 1.06% higher in CaD group vs placebo group
 - Decreased risk of hip fracture (HR 0.71, 95% 0.52-0.97) IF compliant (>80%)
 - Increased risk of kidney stones (HR 1.17. 95% CI 1.02-1.34).

Jackson et al, N Engl J Med. 2006;354(7):669



Premature menopause

- Estrogen therapy the mainstay of treatment
- HRT (not contraceptive)
- OCP



Bone Mineral Density in Young Women With Primary Ovarian Insufficiency: Results of a Three-Year Randomized Controlled Trial of Physiological Transdermal Estradiol and Testosterone Replacement

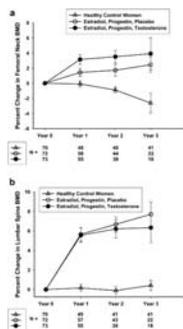
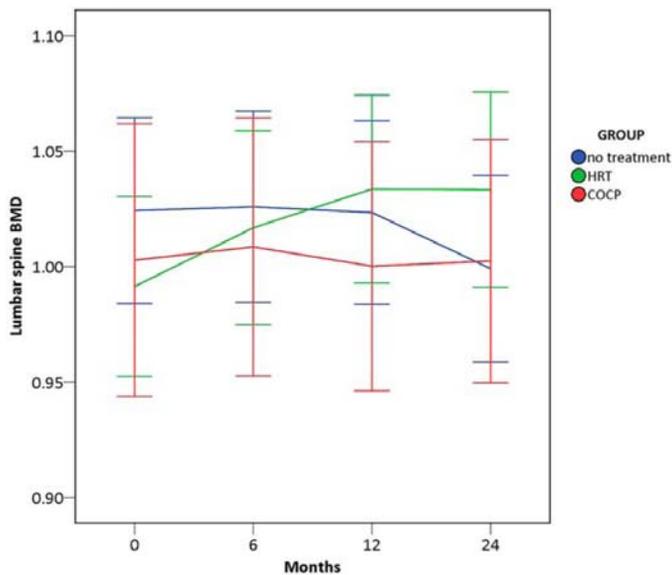
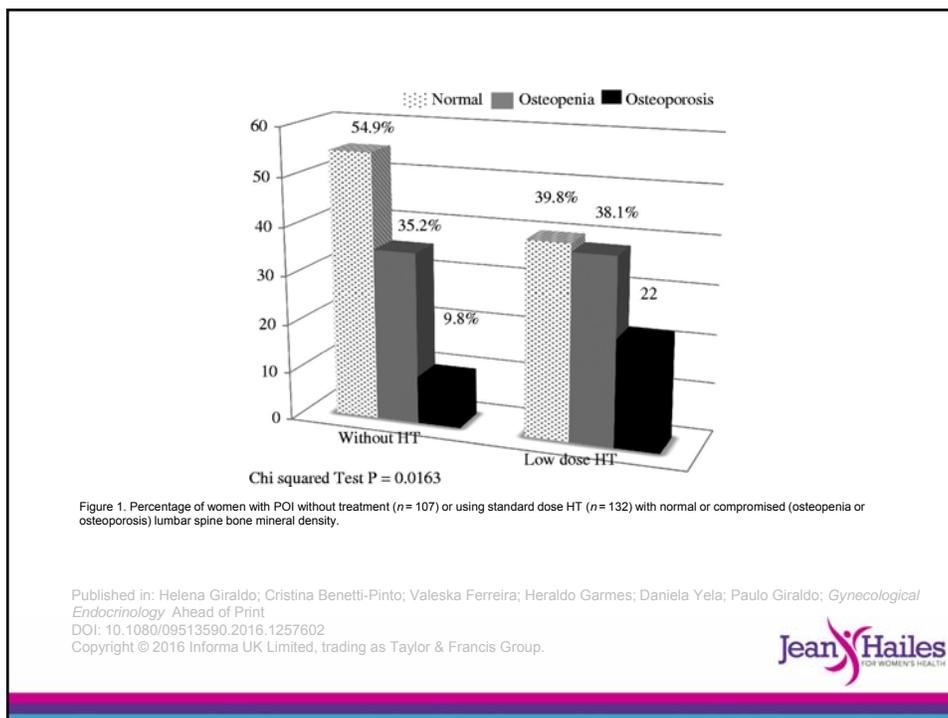
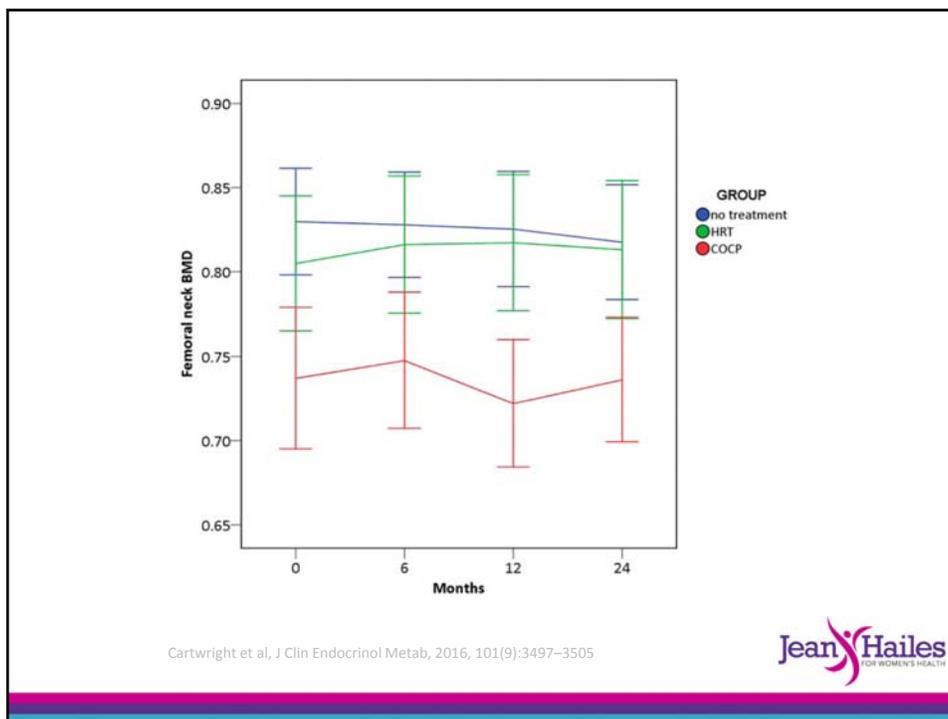


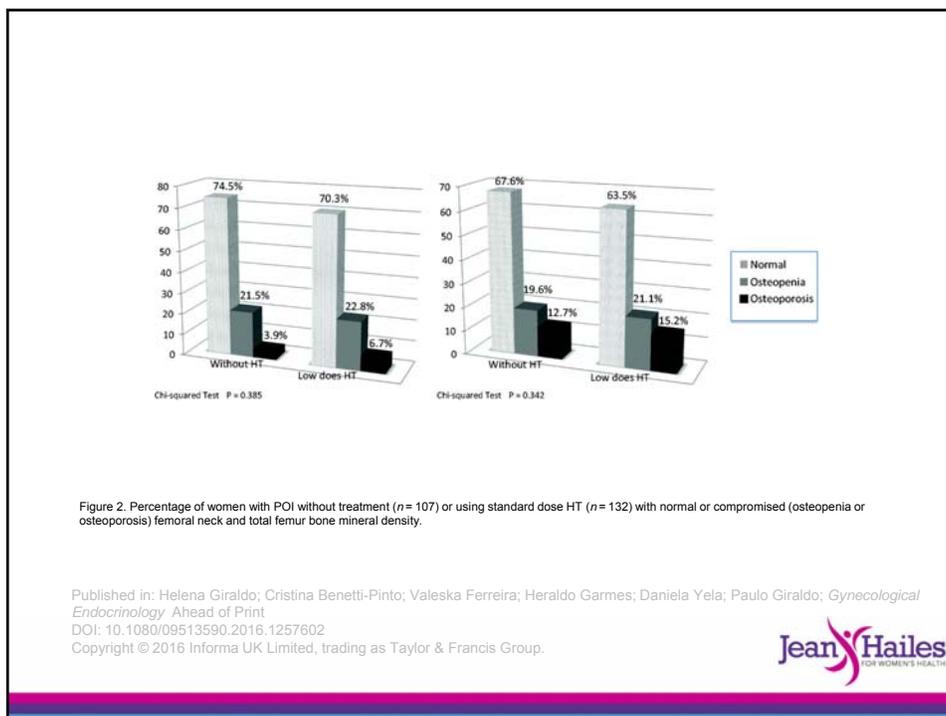
Figure Legend:
A, Mean (SEM) percentage change from screening in the femoral neck BMD. B, Mean (SEM) percentage change from screening in the lumbar spine BMD.

. 2014;99(9):3418-3426. doi:10.1210/jc.2013-4145



Cartwright et al, J Clin Endocrinol Metab, 2016, 101(9):3497-3505





After breast cancer

- Impact and resistance training increases BMD at the hip, and reduces BMD loss at the spine in breast cancer survivors with premature menopause

Winters-stone KM, et al *Osteoporosis Int.* 2013 May;24(5):1637-46

- Zoledronic acid every 3 months improves BMD in premenopausal women with bone loss

Kalder, M et al *Osteoporosis Int.* 2015 Jan;26(1):353-60

After breast cancer

- Risedronate prevents decline in BMD in postmenopausal women on anastrozole
Sestak et al, *Lancet Oncol.* 2014 Dec;15(13):1460-8.
- Denosumab reduces fracture risk in postmenopausal women on aromatase inhibitors
Gnant et al, *Lancet.* 2015 Aug 1;386(9992):433-43

Eating disorders

- Hormone therapy not effective for improving bone density in anorexia nervosa
- Improvements in BMD occur with increase in body weight and resumption of menses

Idiopathic premenopausal OP

- No much data
- Ca/D
- Exercise
- Smoking cessation
- Consider estrogen if amenorrhoea
- Consider bisphosphonate if fractures

Premenopausal OP-other

- Treat secondary causes rather than use antiresorptives eg coeliac disease
- Osteogenesis imperfecta - bisphosphonate

Postmenopausal women < 60y

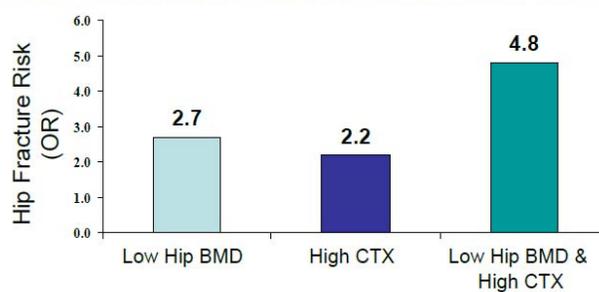
- Lots of guidelines but often difficult
- Fragility fracture
- Postmenopausal and T-score ≤ -2.5
- FRAX 10 year risk of hip fracture $\geq 3\%$
- FRAX 10 year risk of any fracture $\geq 20\%$
- (antiresorptives generally reduce fracture risk by 50% but treatment based on fracture risk assessment not evaluated in RCTs)

When whether to treat is not clear...

- ?use bone turnover markers to further clarify risk

BTMs Predict Fracture Independently of BMD

EPIDOS prospective cohort study of 7598 healthy women; age 75+ yrs



Garnero et al (1996) JBMR 11:1531-1538

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IOF-IFCC Recommendations

- An increase in BTM concentration predicts fracture risk independently of BMD and prior fracture
- More data needed before routine clinical use can be recommended
 - Which marker?
 - What threshold?
 - How to combine with other risk assessment approaches e.g., FRAX?
- BTMs widely adopted in monitoring treatment. Application limited by:
 - Inadequate appreciation of sources of variability
 - Limited data on comparison of treatments using the same BTM
 - Inadequate quality control.

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Antifracture efficacy of major interventions for postmenopausal osteoporosis

	Vertebral fracture risk		Non-vertebral fracture risk	
	Osteoporosis	Established osteoporosis	Osteoporosis	Established osteoporosis
Alendronate	+	+	NA	+ ^{hip}
Risedronate	+	+	NA	+ ^{hip}
Ibandronate	NA	+	NA	+ ¹
Zoledronic acid	+	+	NA	+
HRT	+	+	+	+ ^{hip}
Raloxifene	+	+	NA	NA
Bazedoxifene	+	+	+	+ ¹
Teriparatide/PTH	NA	+	NA	+ ²
Strontium ranelate	+	+	+ ^{1, hip}	+ ^{1, hip}
Denosumab	+	+	+ ^{hip}	+

+ effective drug; ¹ post-hoc analysis; ² for teriparatide only, ^{hip} including hip fracture

JA Kanis, EV McCloskey, H Johansson, C Cooper, R Rizzoli, J-Y Reginster
(2013) *Osteoporosis Int* 24: 23-57

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Risks of antiresorptives

- Reflux/oesophagitis with oral bisphosphonates
- Flu-like symptoms w IV zoledronic acid (1/3 with first infusion)
- Osteonecrosis of the jaw – risk 1:10,000-1:100, 000 in postmenopausal women taking oral bisphosphonates for OP
- Atypical femoral fractures rare with long term use (3-50 cases per 100,000 person-yrs, maybe more with longer duration). Prodrome, bilateral

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Duration of treatment

- Oral bisphosphonate
 - 5 years if low risk (no fracture, T score >-2.5)
 - 10 years if high risk
- IV zoledronic acid
 - 3 years if low risk
 - 6 years if high risk
- ?when resume ?if significant decline in BMD or rise in bone turnover markers

Duration of treatment

- Teriparatide – PTH for severe OP, with fracture on bisphosphonate
- Small studies in younger women, even as first line therapy