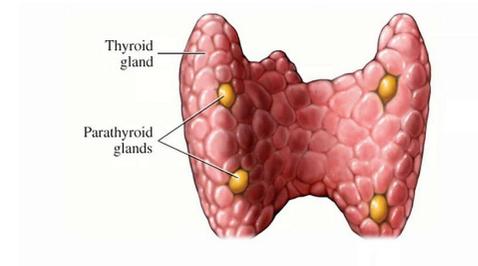




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# Primary hyperparathyroidism

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# Confirm hyperCA: Calculator: Calcium correction in hypoalbuminemia (SI units)

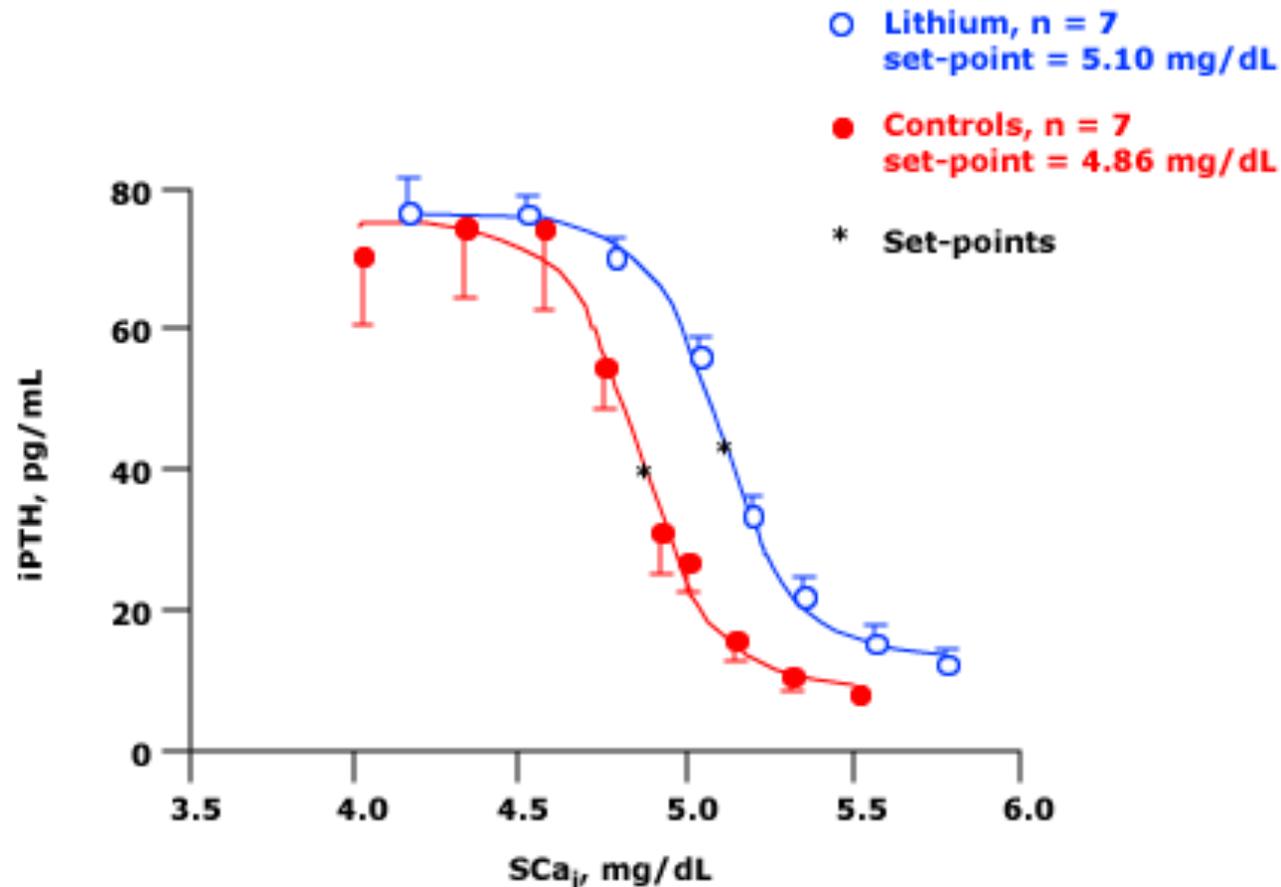
- ◆ Calcium (mmol/L)
  - ◆ = Serum calcium + 0.02 \* (Normal albumin – Patient albumin)
- ◆ Calcium (mg/dL)
  - ◆ = Serum calcium + 0.8 \* (Normal albumin – Patient albumin)
- ◆ And look at paraprotein (MM)

## Causes of hypercalcemia

<b>Parathyroid mediated</b>
<b>Primary hyperparathyroidism (sporadic)</b>
<b>Inherited variants</b>
Multiple endocrine neoplasia (MEN) syndromes
Familial isolated hyperparathyroidism
Hyperparathyroidism-jaw tumor syndrome
<b>Familial hypocalciuric hypercalcemia</b>
<b>Tertiary hyperparathyroidism (renal failure)</b>
<b>Non-parathyroid mediated</b>
<b>Hypercalcemia of malignancy</b>
PTHrp
Increased calcitriol (activation of extrarenal 1 alpha-hydroxylase)
Osteolytic bone metastases and local cytokines
<b>Vitamin D intoxication</b>
<b>Chronic granulomatous disorders</b>
Increased calcitriol (activation of extrarenal 1-alpha-hydroxylase)
<b>Medications</b>
Thiazide diuretics
Lithium
Teriparatide
Abaloparatide
Excessive vitamin A
Theophylline toxicity
<b>Miscellaneous</b>
Hyperthyroidism
Acromegaly
Pheochromocytoma
Adrenal insufficiency
Immobilization
Parenteral nutrition
Milk-alkali syndrome

High PTH  
Or « non suppressed »

## Mean ( $\pm$ SD) calcium-PTH dynamics in normal subjects and patients receiving lithium carbonate

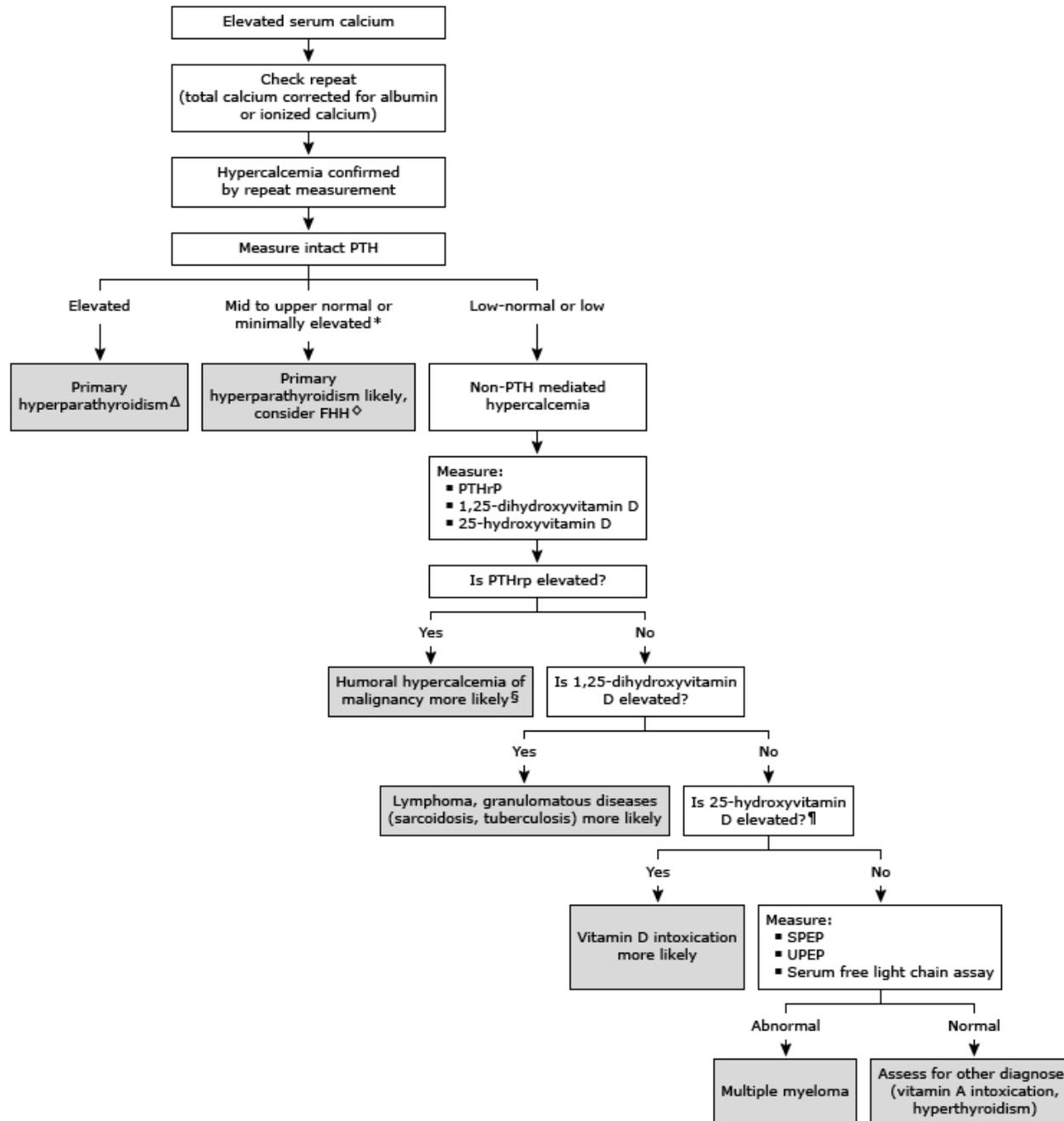


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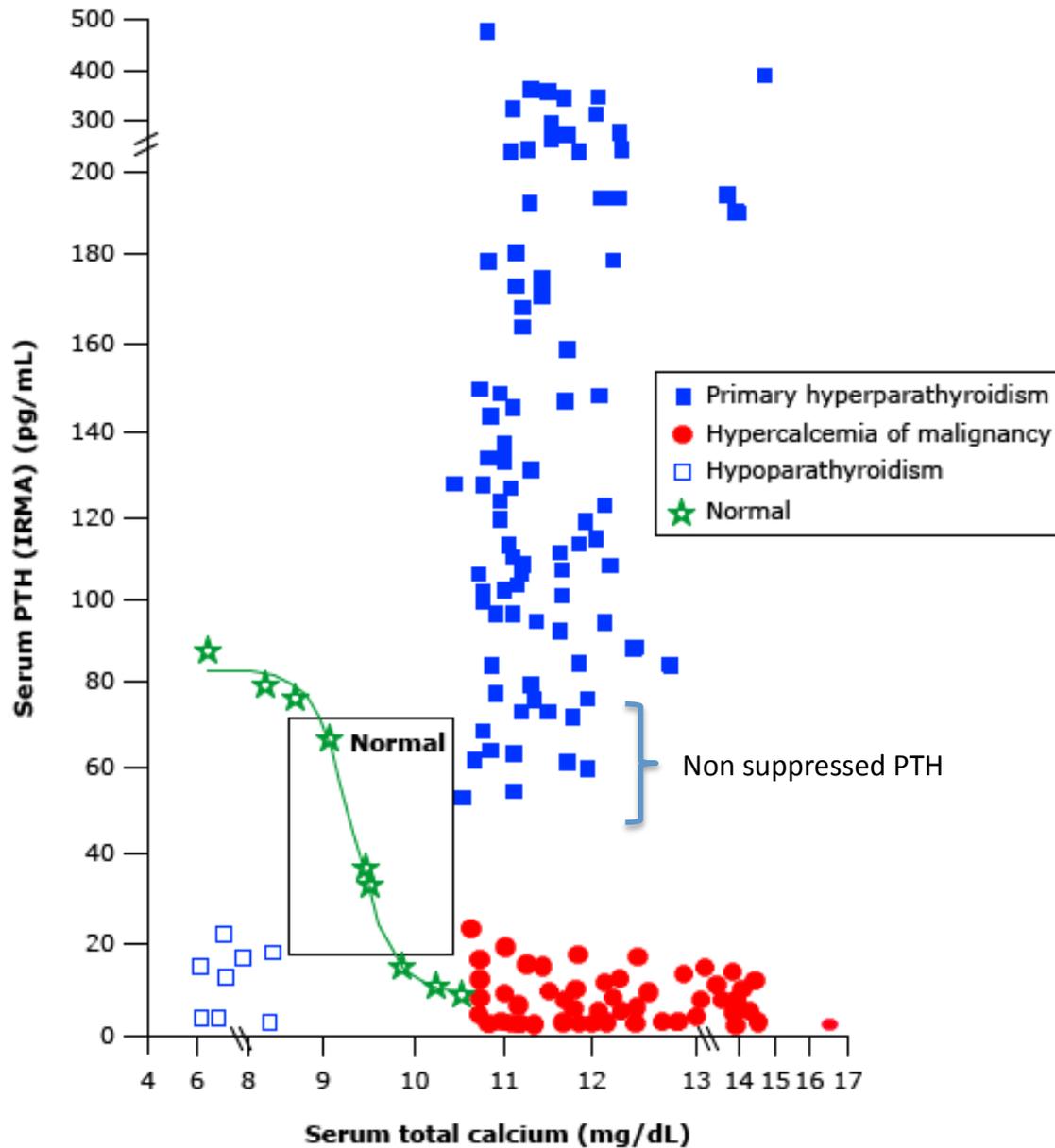
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## Diagnostic approach to hypercalcemia



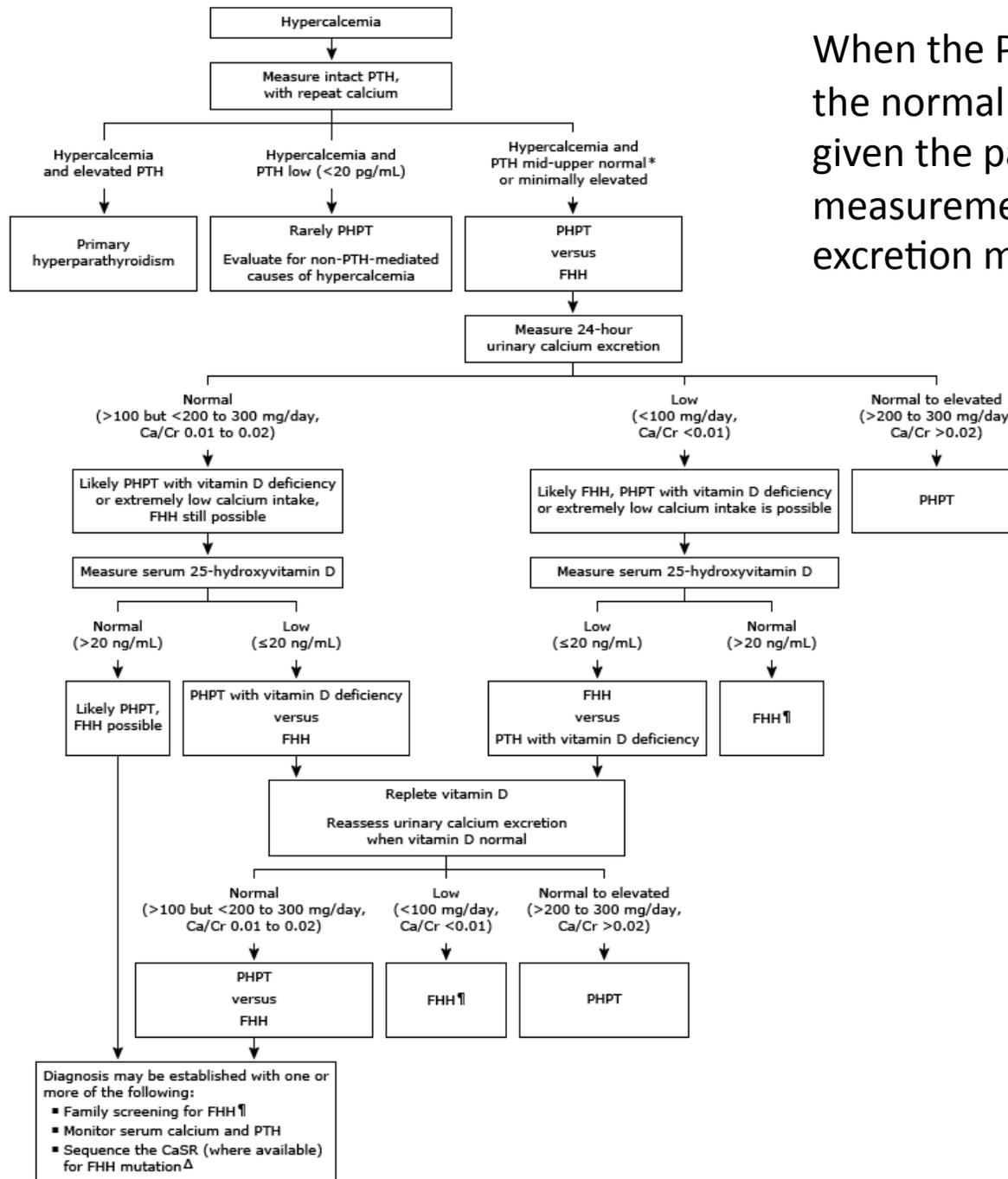
PTH: parathyroid hormone; FHH: familial hypocalciuric hypercalcemia; PTHrP: parathyroid hormone-related peptide; SPEP:



The degree of hypercalcemia also may be useful diagnostically

MW Ca= 40  
10 mg/dL=2,5 mmol/L

## Diagnosis of primary hyperparathyroidism



When the PTH is minimally elevated or within the normal range (but inappropriately normal given the patient's hypercalcemia), measurement of 24-hour urinary calcium excretion may help distinguish PHPT from FHH

## Differential diagnosis of primary hyperparathyroidism, typical laboratory findings

Disease	Laboratory test				
	Intact PTH	Serum calcium	Urinary calcium (mg/24 hours)	Ca/Cr clearance	25OHD
PHPT	High-normal or elevated	Elevated	Normal or elevated	0.01 to 0.05 (>0.02)	Normal, low-normal, or low
Malignancy	Low (<20 pg/mL)	Elevated	Generally high		Depends on malignancy*
FHH	Normal, mildly elevated in 15 to 20 percent	Elevated	Generally low (<100)	<0.01	Normal
PHPT with vitamin D deficiency	Elevated	Normal or elevated	Low-normal or low (<200)		Low (<20 ng/mL)
Normocalcemic PHPT	Elevated	Normal	Normal		Normal
Secondary hyperparathyroidism due to vitamin D deficiency	Elevated	Normal or low	Low		Low (<20 ng/mL)

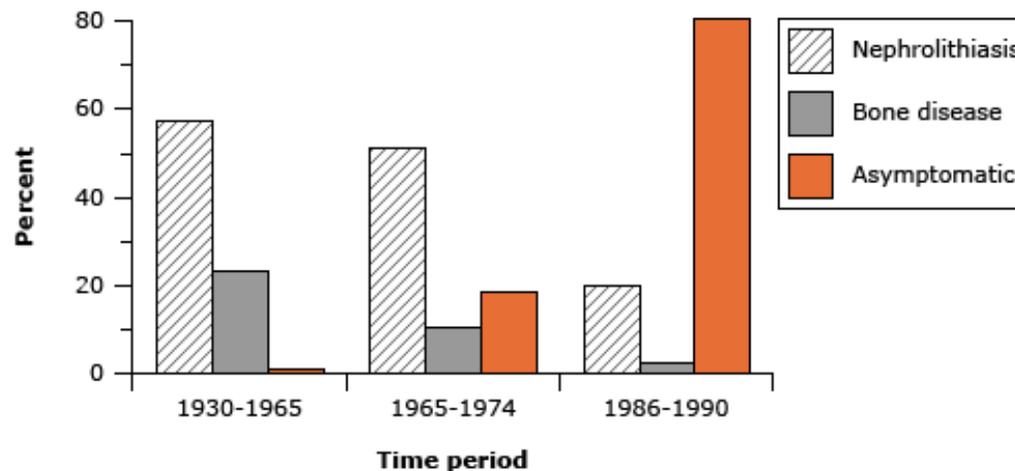
# Diagnosis: summary

- ◆ Ca alb PTH Ca<sup>++</sup>
- ◆ 25OH-vitD
- ◆ calciuria

# Clinical features

- ◆ The most common clinical presentation is ***asymptomatic PHPT*** !
- ◆ The classical manifestations of PHPT ("bones, stones, abdominal moans, and psychic groans") are uncommon in the United States but are still prevalent in other countries, especially developing ones
- ◆ Atypical presentations include normocalcemic PHPT and parathyroid crisis.

# Changing presentation of primary hyperparathyroidism



Different patterns of presentation of primary hyperparathyroidism in three different time periods.

The latest survey shows that **80 percent of patients are asymptomatic** and discovered incidentally on routine blood screening; bone disease (osteitis fibrosa cystica), on the other hand, has virtually disappeared as a presenting symptom.

# Asymptomatic patients

- ◆ have *mild* and sometimes only *intermittent* hypercalcemia.
- ◆ In most asymptomatic patients, the mean serum calcium concentration *is less than 1.0 mg/dL* (0.25 mmol/L) above the upper limit of the normal range. (MW Ca= 40)
- ◆ In most patients, serum calcium and PTH levels remain stable, although they may increase over time in a small subset (<5%) of subjects

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# “*presumed asymptomatic*” ...

- ◆ Some patients with PHPT presumed asymptomatic , when carefully questioned, have ***nonspecific symptoms***, such as:
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  - ◆ weakness,
  - ◆ anorexia,
  - ◆ mild depression,
  - ◆ and mild cognitive or neuromuscular dysfunction, and others simply miss work often

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# “*presumed asymptomatic*” Cognitive function

- ◆ PHPT patients often present elevated *depression* and *anxiety* scores and *cognitive dysfunction*, but rarely as isolated manifestations.
- ◆ These alterations *may be relieved* upon treatment by parathyroidectomy.

# “presumed asymptomatic” Cognitive function

**Table 2** Clinical presentation of patients included in the Swiss Primary Hyperparathyroidism Cohort Study

	PHPT and symptomatic disease 143 (43) <i>n</i> (%)	PHPT and asymptomatic disease 189 (57) <i>n</i> (%)	<i>P</i> value
Renal lithiasis, <i>n</i> (%)	41 (29)	–	
Clinical vertebral fractures	20 (6)	–	
Non-vertebral fractures	41 (12)	–	
Any fractures, <i>n</i> (%)	55 (38 %)	–	
Muscle weakness, <i>n</i> (%)	53 (37)	20 (11)	0.0001
Age <50 years	18 (13)	24 (13)	0.976
Age (years)	68 ± 15	67 ± 15	0.474
Kidney dysfunction, <i>n</i> (%)	16 (11)	11 (6)	0.08
Osteoporosis <sup>a</sup> , <i>n</i> (%)	38 (43)	71 (38)	0.373
Serum calcium ≥2.85 mmol/l, <i>n</i> (%)	27 (22)	34 (20)	0.670
Serum calcium ( <i>N</i> : 2.25–2.60 mmol/l)	2.7 ± 0.3	2.7 ± 0.2	0.846
Serum PTH ( <i>N</i> : 1.1–6.8 pmol/l)	18.3 ± 20.5	14.8 ± 9.4	0.052
25-Hydroxyvitamin D (75–120 nmol/l)	61 ± 33	55 ± 27	0.139

# “presumed asymptomatic” Cognitive function

**Table 3** Changes in neuro-behavioral and cognitive symptoms according to parathyroidectomy using paired data: Swiss Primary Hyperparathyroidism Cohort Study

	Normal range	Parathyroidectomy				Follow-up			
		N	T0 (baseline)	Evaluation 2	P*	N	T0 (baseline)	Evaluation 2	P*
MMSE	≥24	44	28.5 (28.0–29.0)	29 (28.0–30.0)	0.01	15	28 (19.9–29)	29 (24.2–30.0)	ns
MMSE ≤24, n (%)			7 (16 %)	2 (5 %)	0.0001		5 (33 %)	4 (27 %)	0.05
Clock drawing test		36	9.5 (8.0–10.0)	8.0 (8.0–9.0)	ns	11	7.0 (5.0–9.0)	7.0 (3.7–9.0)	ns
<8, n (%)			9 (25 %)	11 (31 %)	ns		7 (64 %)	7 (64 %)	ns
HADS anxiety subscale		44	6.5 (5–8)	5 (5.0–9.0)	0.05	17	5.0 (3.0–6.0)	4.0 (3.0–6.0)	ns
≥8, n (%)			7 (16 %)	10 (23 %)	0.001		2 (17 %)	0 (0 %)	ns
HADS depression subscale		44	3.5 (3.0–4.0)	3 (2.0–4.0)	0.05	17	2.0 (1.0–4.0)	3.0 (2.0–5.0)	ns
			4 (9 %)	0 (0 %)	0.007		0 (0 %)	0 (0 %)	ns

# Normocalcemic primary hyperparathyroidism

- ◆ High parathyroid hormone (PTH) levels in the absence of hypercalcemia
- ◆ In order to make this diagnosis, certain conditions must be met:
  - ◆ In particular, all secondary causes for hyperparathyroidism must be ruled out,
  - ◆ and ionized calcium levels should be normal

## Causes of secondary hyperparathyroidism

Renal failure
Impaired calcitriol production
Hyperphosphatemia
Hypocalcemia
Decreased calcium intake
Calcium malabsorption
Vitamin D deficiency
Bariatric surgery
Celiac disease
Pancreatic disease (fat malabsorption)
Renal calcium loss
Idiopathic hypercalciuria
Loop diuretics
Inhibition of bone resorption
Bisphosphonates
Denosumab
Hungry bone syndrome

# Parathyroid crisis

- ♦ Rare
- ♦ Ca >15 mg/dL (3.8 mmol/L)
- ♦ marked symptoms of hypercalcemia:
  - ♦ in particular, central nervous system dysfunction.
- ♦ In some cases, the syndrome occurs in patients with previously documented PHPT that is not severe. In others, it is the first evidence of parathyroid disease.
- ♦ may be related to an intercurrent illness (often of a life-threatening nature), volume depletion, or infarction of a parathyroid adenoma

## Clinical manifestations of hypercalcemia

<b>Renal</b>
Polyuria
Polydipsia
Nephrolithiasis
Nephrocalcinosis
Distal renal tubular acidosis
Nephrogenic diabetes insipidus
Acute and chronic renal insufficiency
<b>Gastrointestinal</b>
Anorexia, nausea, vomiting
Bowel hypomotility and constipation
Pancreatitis
Peptic ulcer disease
<b>Musculoskeletal</b>
Muscle weakness
Bone pain
Osteopenia/osteoporosis
<b>Neurologic</b>
Decreased concentration
Confusion
Fatigue
Stupor, coma
<b>Cardiovascular</b>
Shortening of the QT interval
Bradycardia
Hypertension

## Symptoms and signs of excess parathyroid hormone hormone secretion

Symptoms and signs of hypercalcemia
Bone disease
Nephrolithiasis
Hypophosphatemia
Increased production of calcitriol
Proximal renal tubular acidosis
Hypomagnesemia
Hyperuricemia and gout
Anemia

# Neuromuscular

- ◆ *weakness and fatigue* are common among patients with PHPT
  - ◆ atrophy of type II muscle fibers was seen
- ◆ . However, that syndrome, as well as any objective evidence of myopathy or weakness, is rarely seen today
- ◆ In some more severely affected patients, neuromuscular symptoms *may improve after cure.*

# Neuropsychiatric disturbances

- ◆ lethargy, depressed mood, psychosis, decreased social interaction, and cognitive dysfunction
- ◆ But:
  - ◆ lack of rigorous assessment for symptoms in many studies,
  - ◆ small size of the studies,
  - ◆ and wide variations in the instrument

# Skelettal

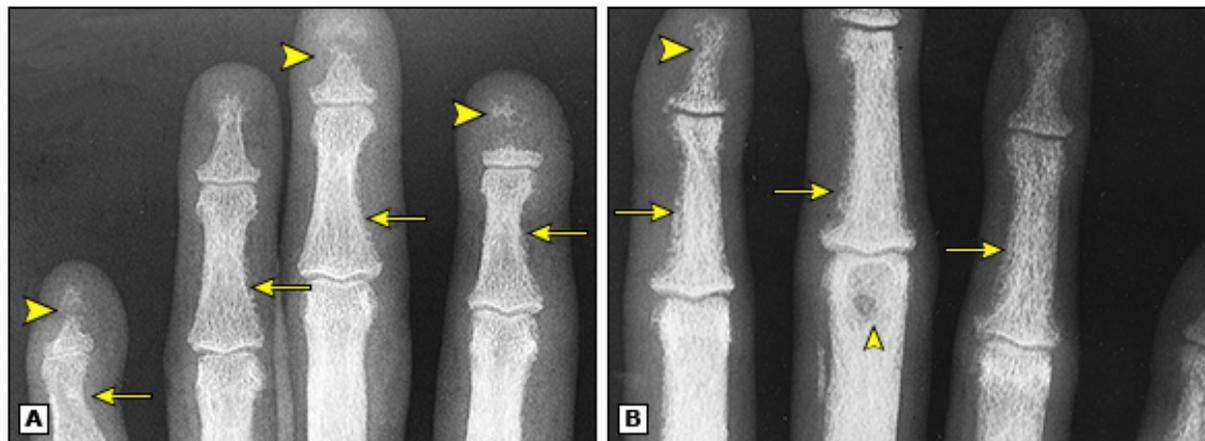
- ◆ Decreased BMD
  - ◆ more cortical sites (forearm and hip) as compared with more trabecular sites (spine)
- ◆ Fractures?
  - ◆ controversial

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# Osteitis fibrosa cystica: Findings on radiograph of the phalanges



(A and B) Posteroanterior (PA) hands. Note the radial margins of the proximal and middle phalanges bilaterally are frayed, irregular, and lace-like (arrows) owing to characteristic subperiosteal resorption. Also note the brown tumor (small arrowhead) and osteolysis of the distal phalanges (large arrowheads).

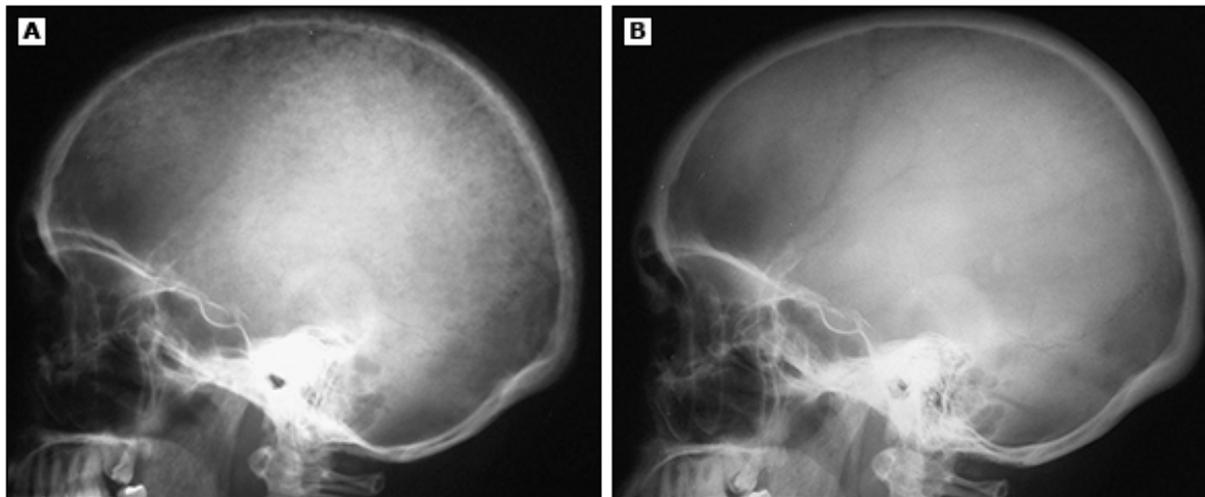
# Osteitis fibrosa cystica: Findings on radiographs of the phalanges and clavicles



A) Detail view of the hands shows subperiosteal resorption in the phalanges (arrows).

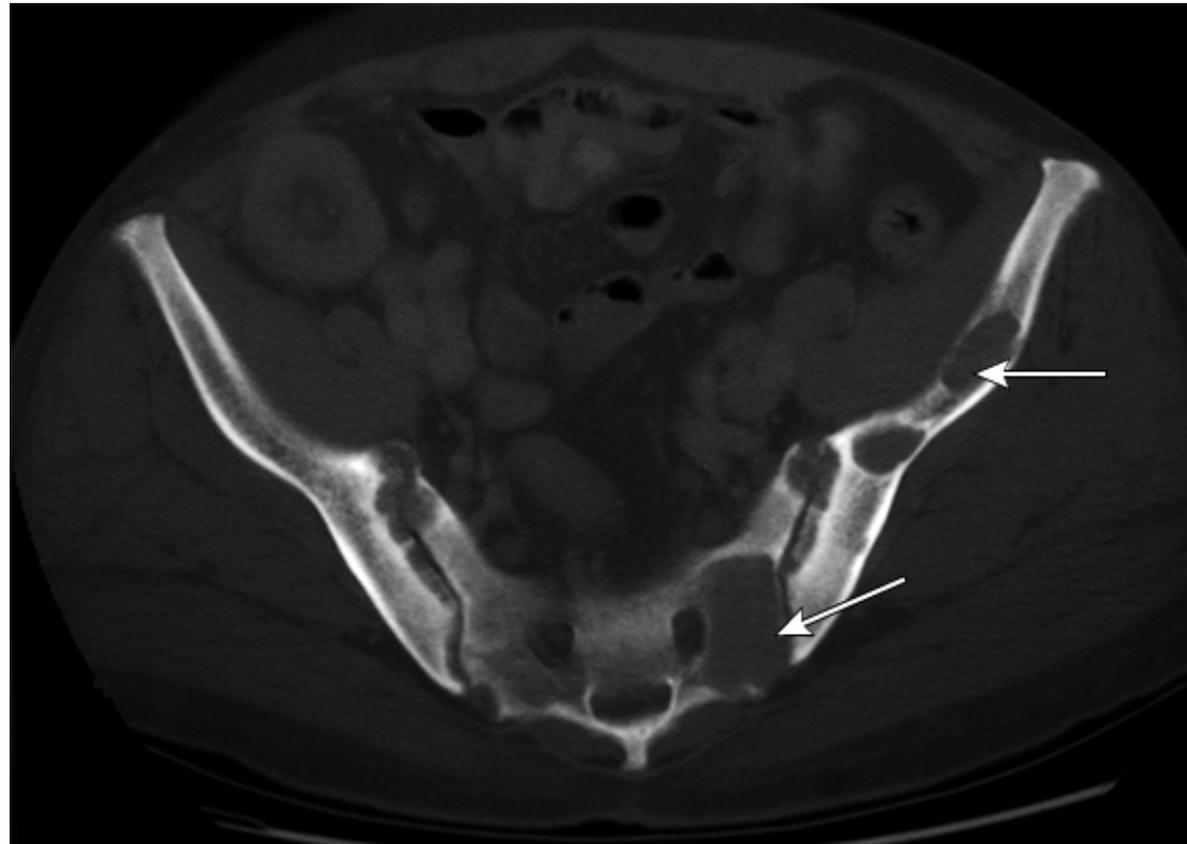
(B) Detail views of both distal clavicles show subchondral resorption bilaterally (arrows).

# Osteitis fibrosa cystica: Findings on skull radiograph



Skull radiograph shows the typical "salt and pepper" appearance caused by osteitis fibrosa cystica (A). Skull radiograph of same patient six months after removal of the patient's parathyroid adenoma (B). The bones have returned to normal.

# Brown tumors of pelvic bones: Findings on CT



# Subclinical renal disease

- ◆ nephrolithiasis, hypercalciuria, nephrocalcinosis, chronic renal insufficiency, and several abnormalities in renal tubular function: in particular, *decreased concentrating ability*

# Cardiovascular

- ◆ hypertension,
- ◆ arrhythmia,
- ◆ ventricular hypertrophy,
- ◆ vascular and valvular calcification

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# Body weight and abnormalities in glucose metabolism

- ◆ A higher than normal frequency of impaired glucose tolerance and type 2 diabetes have been reported in some, but not all, studies of PHPT

# Rheumatologic manifestations

- ◆ Hyperuricemia and gout.
- ◆ Pseudogout with pyrophosphate crystals into the joint.

# Clinical manifestations: summary

- ◆ in western populations is *asymptomatic hypercalcemia* detected by routine biochemical screening
- ◆ Patients with *normocalcemic hyperparathyroidism* typically come to medical attention in the setting of an evaluation for low bone mineral density
- ◆ Parathyroid crisis, which is rare
- ◆ The classical symptoms and signs of PHPT, such as osteitis fibrosa cystica and nephrolithiasis, is rarely seen in the United States and Europe,
- ◆ Patients with PHPT may have *decreased bone mineral density* (BMD), in particular at more cortical sites (forearm and hip)
- ◆ renal manifestations : nephrolithiasis, hypercalciuria, nephrocalcinosis, chronic renal insufficiency, and several abnormalities in renal tubular function: in particular, decreased concentrating ability

# Management

- ◆ Symptomatic: nephrolithiasis, symptomatic hypercalcemia
  - ◆ Parathyroidectomy is an effective therapy that cures:
    - ◆ the disease,
    - ◆ decreases the risk of kidney stones,
    - ◆ improves bone mineral density (BMD),
    - ◆ and may decrease fracture risk and
    - ◆ modestly improve some quality of life measurements
  - ◆ For “poor “surgical candidate” R/ [cinacalcet](#) 30 mg twice daily rather than bisphosphonates.

# Management

- ◆ Asymptomatic:
- ◆ Preventive measures:
  - ◆ Avoid thiazides, Li, volume depletion, prolonged bed rest or inactivity, and a high-calcium diet (>1000 mg/day).
  - ◆ physical activity to minimize bone resorption
  - ◆ adequate hydration
  - ◆ Maintain a moderate calcium intake (1000 mg/day)
  - ◆ Maintain moderate vitamin D intake (400 to 800 international units daily)

## Guidelines for surgery in asymptomatic PHPT: A comparison of current guidelines with the previous one\*

Measurement ¶	2008	2014
Serum calcium (>upper limit of normal)	1.0 mg/dL (0.25 mmol/L)	1.0 mg/dL (0.25 mmol/L)
Skeletal	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. BMD by DXA: T-score &lt;-2.5 at any site ¶</li> <li>2. Previous fragility fracture<sup>Δ</sup></li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. BMD by DXA: T-score &lt;-2.5 at lumbar spine, total hip, femoral neck, or distal 1/3 radius ¶</li> <li>2. Vertebral fracture by radiograph, CT, MRI, or VFA</li> </ol>
Renal	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. eGFR &lt;60 mL/min</li> <li>2. 24-hour urine for calcium not recommended</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Creatinine clearance &lt;60 mL/min</li> <li>2. 24-hour urine for calcium &gt;400 mg/day (&gt;10 mmol/day) and increased stone risk by biochemical stone risk analysis ◇</li> <li>3. Presence of nephrolithiasis or nephrocalcinosis by radiograph, ultrasound, or CT</li> </ol>
Age (years)	<50	<50

# Management: summary

- ◆ Symptomatic
  - ◆ -> surgery
  - ◆ ->cinacalcet
- ◆ Asymptomatic:
  - ◆ assess the risk for end organ effect
  - ◆ Preventive measures