Update on diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis



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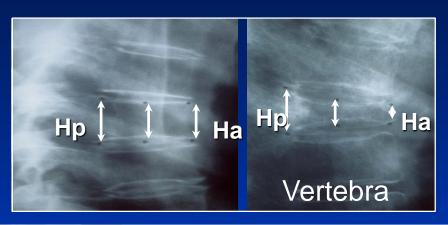
Osteoporosis



Low bone mass and micro-architectural deterioration of bone tissue

→ increase in bone fragility and susceptibility to fracture

Fragility fractures







Epidemiology of fragility fractures in the elderly

- In ♀, 30% of all fragility fractures occur after 80 years 1
- In ♀, 60% of hip fractures occur after 80 years 1,2
- Prevalence of vertebral fractures in ♀

19% at 75-80y → 22 % at 80-85y → > 40% at
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 85y 3

- By age 90 years, ~ 30% of ♀ & 17% of ♂ have had a hip fracture 4,5
- Remaining lifetime risk at 80 years:
 - Any fracture ⁶
 28.6% in ♀
 9.6% in ♂

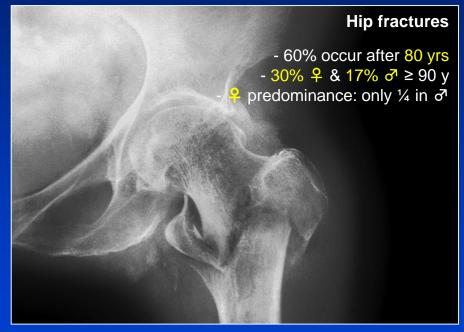
- · Hip fracture ⁶
 12.3% in ♀
 - 3.7% in 3



Consequences of osteoporosis

Impact of hip fractures

- Functional decline: 80% of hip fracture patients still have problems with ADL after 1 year
- **Mobility**: >50% of previously independent hip # patients are not able to walk independently after 1 y
- Institutionalization: 19% of hip fracture patients newly institutionalized over 1 year vs. 4% of controls
- Loss of quality of life: significant in all domains of the SF-36 at hospital discharge and at 1 year
- Mortality: 19% of hip fracture patients over 1 year versus 3% in age- and residence-matched controls



Need for early diagnosis & treatment of osteoporosis to avoid first fracture!

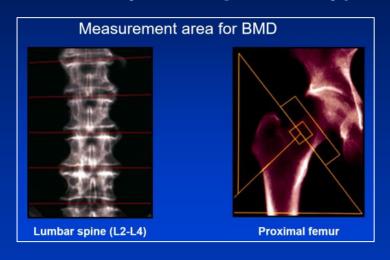
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Diagnosis of osteoporosis

Bone densitometry (DXA, dual x-ray absorptiometry)





T-score

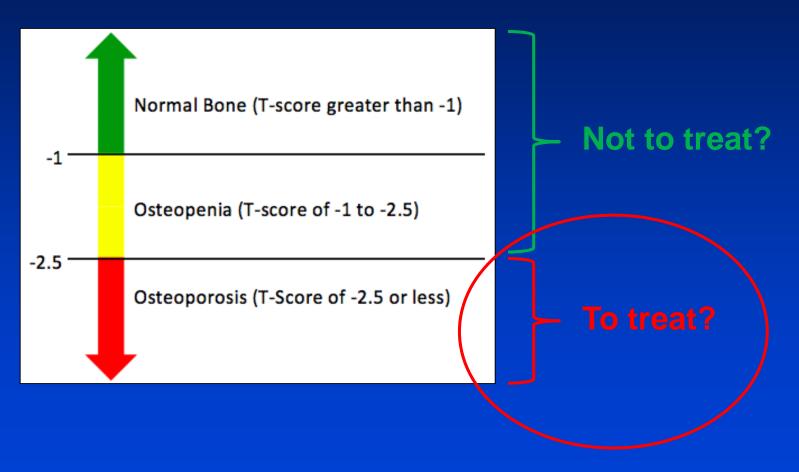
Normal ≥ -1

Osteopenia < -1 and > -2.5

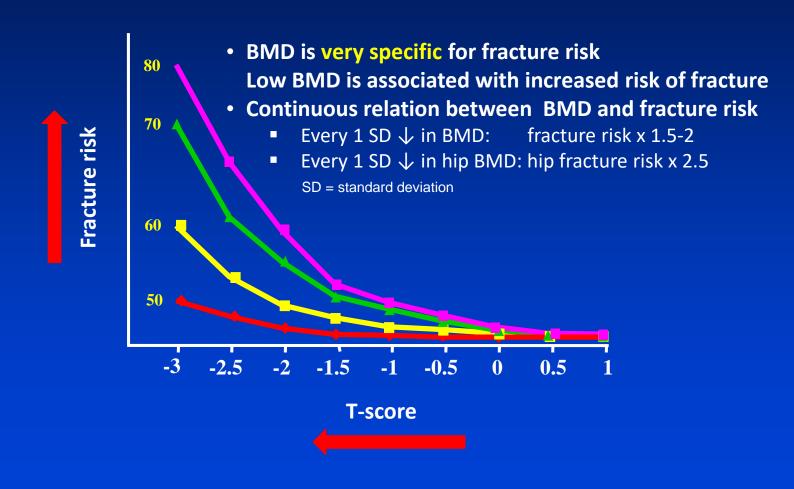
Osteoporosis \leq -2.5

Diagnosis & treatment of osteoporosis

WHO criteria for diagnosis of osteoporosis using BMD



BMD strongly correlates with fracture risk...



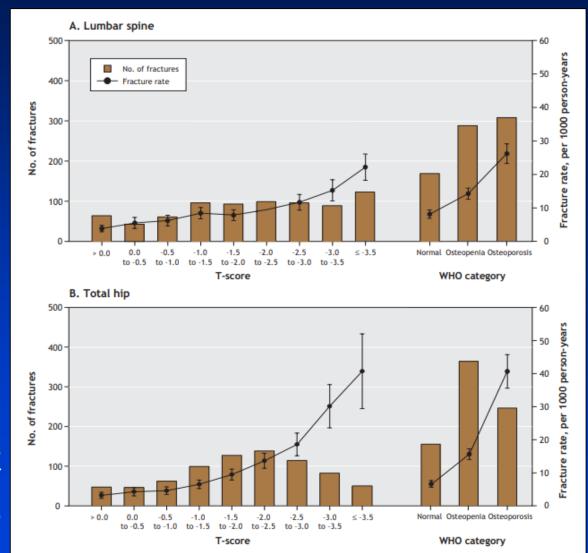
... but normal BMD does not exclude osteoporotic fractures!

BMD is very specific for osteoporotic fracture risk, but not sensitive

Fracture type	T-score hip < -2.5	
Vertebral fractures	27 %	
Hip fractures	46 % 54% of hip # pts have hip	
Wrist fractures	17 %	T-score > -2.5
All non-vertebral fractures	25 %	

Rotterdam Study, 7806 ♀ & ♂ ≥ 55y mean follow-up 6.8 years

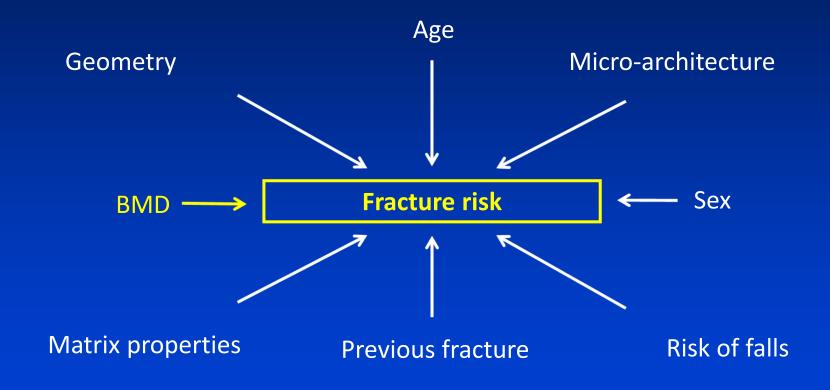
Most fractures occur in persons with osteopenia



Cohort study of 16.505 women ≥ 50 y FU 3.2 (SD=1.5) years

Number of fractures and fracture rate (per 1000 persons years, with 95% CI) by BMD and WHO category

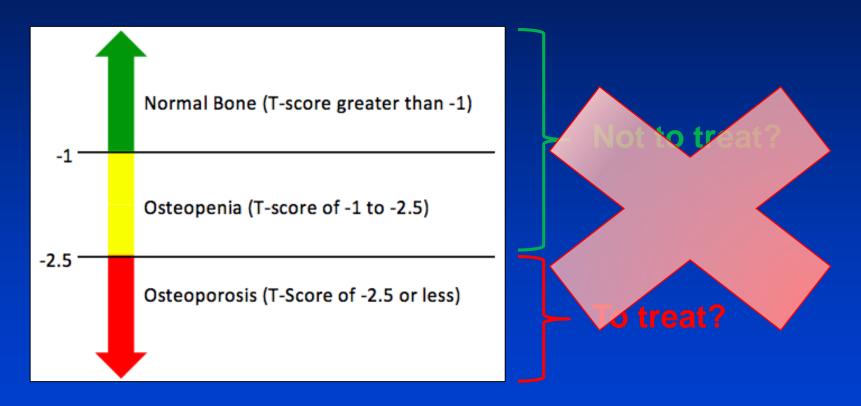
Many risk factors are associated with fracture risk independently of BMD



These risk factors should by taken into account when assessing fracture risk!

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Some persons with osteoporosis may not need osteoporosis treatment Some persons with osteopenia may need osteoporosis treatment

Who are the patients that need osteoporosis treatment?

→ Patients at high risk of fractures

- A. Previous fragility fractures, especially spine or hip
- B. High fracture risk on fracture risk assessment tools
- C. Use of bone turnover markers for fracture risk prediction?

A. Previous fragility fractures

Prior fracture increases the risk of subsequent fracture, independently of BMD

	Location of prior fracture	Location of subsequent fractures				
		Wrist	Vertebral	Hip	Pooled	
	Wrist	3.3 (2.0-5.3)	1.7 (1.4-2.1)	1.9 (1.6-2.2)	2.0 (1.7-2.4)	
	Vertebral	1.4 (1.2-1.7)	4.4 (3.6-5.4)	2.3 (2.0-2.8)	1.9 (1.7-2.3)	
1	Hip	NA	2.5 (1.8-3.5)	2.3 (1.5-3.7)	2.4 (1.9-3.2)	
	Pooled	1.9 (1.3-2.8)	2.0 (1.6-2.4)	2.0 (1.9-2.2)	2.0 (1.8-2.1)	

Pooled analysis of literature in peri/postmenopausal women, RR (95% CI)

A. Previous fragility fractures

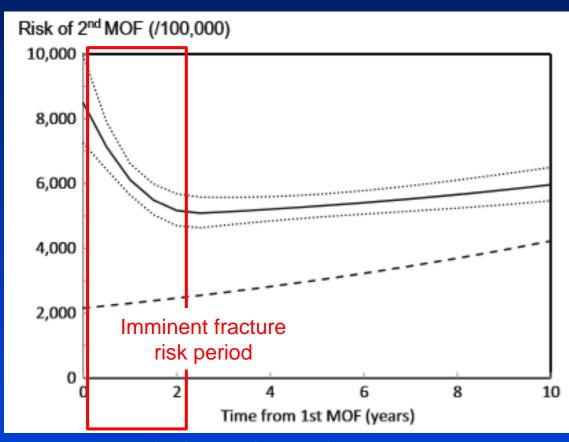
Time since prior fracture is a risk modifier for 10-year osteoporotic fractures

Time since prior fracture	HR (95% CI) incident #	<i>p</i> -value
Major fractures (hip, spine	, humerus, forearm)	
< 1 year	1.90 (1.60-2.25)	<.001
1 to 5 years	1.75 (1.47-2.08)	<.001
5 to 10 years	1.58 (1.29-1.94)	<.001
> 10 years	1.62 (1.25-2.10)	<.001
Minor fractures		
< 1 year	1.49 (1.13-1.86)	.003
1 to 5 years	1.07 (0.82-1.38)	.632
5 to 10 years	1.32 (1.02-1.71)	.040
> 10 years	1.09 (0.78-1.52)	.633

39.991 women ≥ 45y, mean follow-up 4.2 years, maximum 10 years Adjusted hazard ratios (95% CI) for incident # by time since prior #

A. Previous fragility fractures

Imminent fracture risk



- Population based cohort
 N=18.872 ♀ & ♂
- Followed for 510.265 person years
 - N=5039: ≥ 1 MOF
 - N=1919: second MOF

Risk of second MOF:

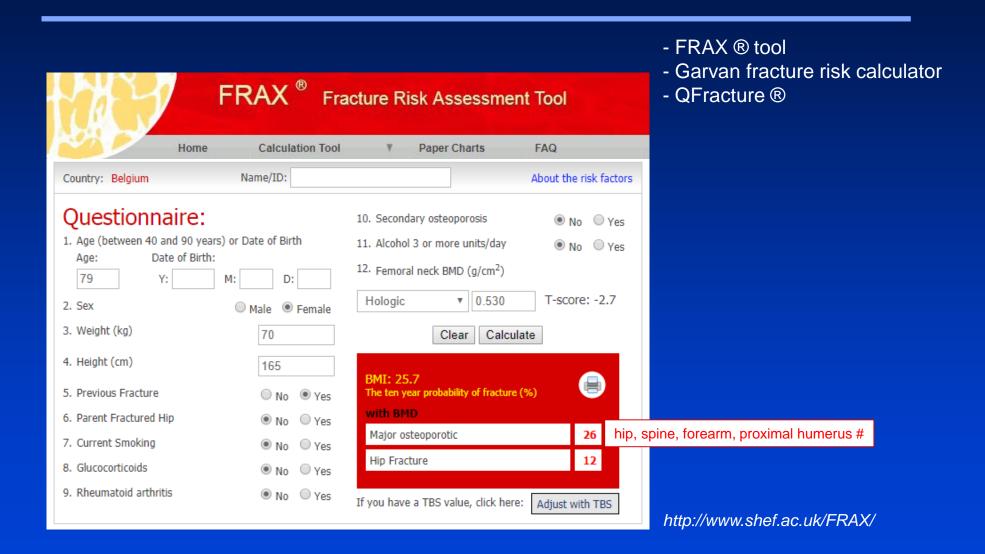
- 1 year after first MOF:
 2.7 (2.4-3.0)x higher than the population risk
- 10 years after first MOF:
 1.4 (1.2-1.6)x higher than the population risk

Time dependency of re-fracture after index fracture

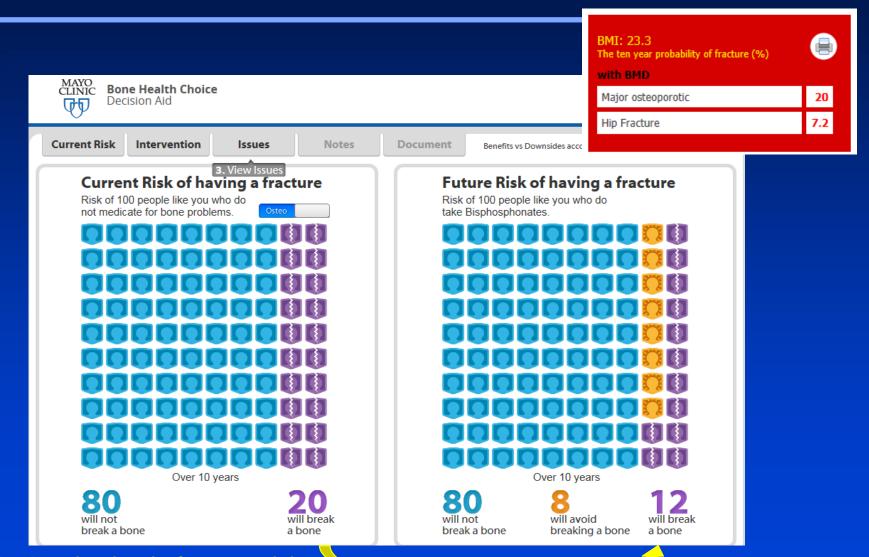
Dashed line is risk of first MOF in whole population for a ♀ 75 years at baseline

MOF= major osteoporotic fracture

B. High fracture risk on fracture risk assessment tools

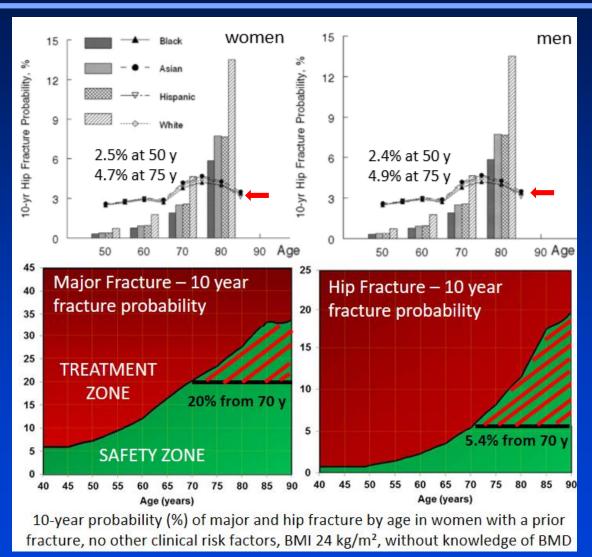


Shared decision making based on FRAX



~ 40% reduction in fracture risk with osteoporosis medication

Which patients should be treated based on FRAX? ~ intervention threshold



Treatment is indicated if:

National Osteoporosis Foundation (NOF), USA

T-score between -1 and -2.5

- + 10-year FRAX probability of fracture:
- ≥ 3% for hip fracture
- ≥ 20% for major fracture

(10-year probability of fracture at which it is cost-effective to treat, to determine for each country)

National Osteoporosis Guideline Group (NOGG), UK

10-year FRAX probability of fracture

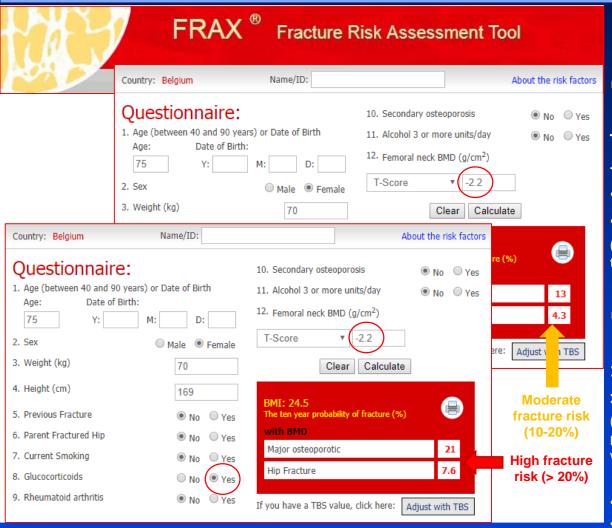
> age-dependent 'fracture threshold'

(10-year probability of fracture by age in (wo)men with prior fracture, no other clinical risk factors, BMI 24 kg/m², without knowledge of BMD)

- → Hybrid FRAX intervention threshold
- ≥ 5.4% for hip fracture (> 70 year of age)
- ≥ 20% for major fracture (> 70 year of age)

Kanis. Osteoporos Int 2008; 19:1395-408; Kanis. Arch Osteoporos 2016; 11; Kanis. Osteoporos Int 2013; 24: 23-57; Dawson-Hughes. J Clin Endocrinol Metab 2008; 93: 2463-2465; Tosteson. Osteoporos Int 2008; 437-447; Kanis. Arch Osteoporos. 2013; 8: 144; McCloskey. Osteoporos Int 2015; 26: 2091-2099

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	FRAX	Garvan	Qfracture-2016	
Age	Yes , 40-90y	Yes , 50-96y	Yes , 30-99y	dementia
Gender	Yes	Yes	Yes	cancer
Height	Yes	No	Yes	astma/COPD
Weight	Yes	No	Yes	heart attack,
Previous fracture	Yes	Yes , since 50y (0, 1, 2, ≥ 3 #)	Yes, fracture of wrist, hip, spine or shoulder	angina, stroke, TIA chronic liver
Parenteral hip fracture	Yes	No	Yes, or osteoporosis	disease
Smoking	Yes, current	No	Yes, non-smoker, ex-smoker, light (< 10), medium (10-19), heavy (≥ 20)	chronic kidney disease (stage 4/5) Parkinson's disease
Glucocorticoid use	Yes, currently or previously prednisolone ≥ 5mg/d > 3mo	No	Yes, taking steroid tablets regularly	malbsorption (Crohn, CU,)
Rheumatoid arthritis	Yes	No	Yes, or SLE	endocrine problem (hyperT,, Cushing, hyperparaT.)
Secondary osteoporosis	Yes	No	→	
Alcohol	Yes , > 3 units daily	No	Yes , none, < 1 unit/d, 1-2, 3-6, 7-9, > 9/d	epilepsy or taking anticonvulsants
Femoral neck BMD	Yes	Yes	No	taking antidepressants
History of falls	No	Yes , last 12 mo (0, 1, 2, ≥ 3 falls)	Yes	taking oestrogen
Living in nursing home	No	No	Yes	only HRT

Falls and sarcopenia independently predict fracture risk

Falls predict fractures independently of FRAX and BMD

HR for fractures	Any fracture	Major osteoporotic	Hip
Falls, adj. for FRAX	1.63 (1.45-1.83)	1.51 (1.29-1.77)	1.54 (1.21-1.95)
Falls, adj. for FN BMD	1.71 (1.51-1.92)	1.58 (1.35-1.85)	1.64 (1.29-2.08)

- Data are hazard ratios (95% CI) adjusted for age and time since baseline
- Meta-analysis of Osteoporotic Fractures in Men (MrOS) Study (N=7857, ≥ 65 y)

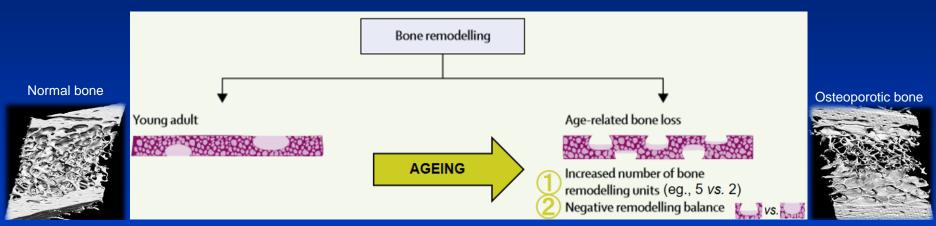
Sarcopenia predicts fractures independently of BMD

HR for fractures	Any fracture	
Sarcopenia (AWGS)	1.87 (1.26-2.79) (p=.002)	 Data are hazard ratios (95% CI) adjusted for age, hip BMD and
low RASM (< 7.0 kg/m²)	1.08 (0.77-1.52) (p=.649)	other factors
low grip strength (< 26 kg)	1.75 (1.17-2.61) (p=.007)	• MrOS Hongkong (N=2000, ≥ 65 y)
low gait speed (< 0.8 m/s)	1.61 (1.11-2.35) (p=.013)	

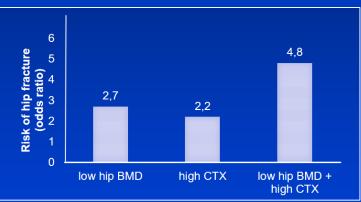
C. Use of bone turnover markers for fracture risk prediction?

Osteoporosis occurs with ageing as a result of

- 1 increase in the rate of bone remodeling &
- 2 imbalance between bone formation resorption



Reference marker	Origin	Further details
s-PINP Serum procollagen type I N propeptide	Precursor molecules of collagen type I synthesised by osteoblasts	Specificity: mostly derived from bone collagen type I Assay: may recognise trimer alone (intact) or trimer and monomer (total PINP) Source of variability: small circadian rhythm
		Automated ECLIA as well as manual RIA and ELISA available Sample: serum or plasma
s-CTX	Osteoclastic hydrolysis of	Standard in assay is well characterised 8-amino acid peptide
Serum carboxy-terminal	collagen, generated by	s-CTX is always isomerised (β)
cross-linking telopeptide	cathepsin K	Specificity: collagen type I, with highest contribution
of type I collagen		probably from bone
		Sources of variability: very dependent on time of day and
		food (must be collected after an overnight fast); influenced
		by renal function, liver function and circadian rhythm
		Automated ECLIA as well as manual ELISA available
		Sample: serum or plasma (EDTA preferred)



Who are the patients that need osteoporosis treatment?

- A. Previous fragility fractures, especially spine or hip
- B. High fracture risk on fracture risk assessment tools
- (C. Use of bone turnover markers?)

➡FRAX MOF > 20% ➡FRAX MOF 10-20%

+ additional factors
that bump patient up
to the high risk level
frequent falls, poor balance
spine BMD << hip BMD
multiple fractures
dosage of CS, smoking

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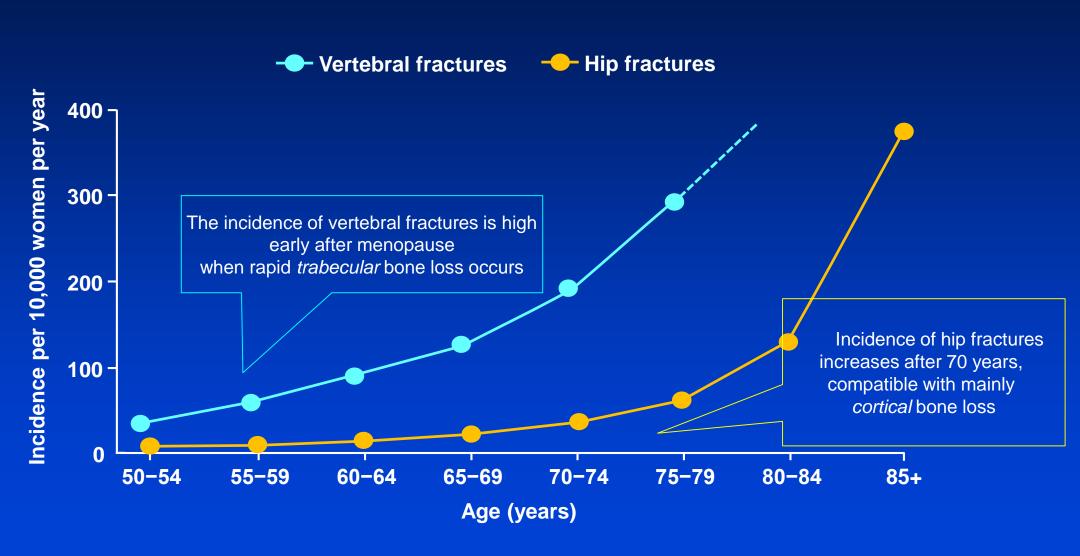
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How to choose the right osteoporosis treatment?

EU approved pharmacological interventions				
	Frequency and route	Fracture risk reduction*		ction*
	of administration	Vertebral	Hip	Non-vertebral
Bisphosphonates				
Alendronate (Fosamax ®)	Oral, once daily or weekly	Yes	Yes	Yes
Risedronate (Actonel ®)	Oral, once daily or weekly	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ibandronate (Bonviva ®)	Oral, once monthly IV, every 3 months	Yes	ND	ND
Zoledronic acid (Aclasta ®)	IV, once yearly	Yes	Yes	Yes
RANK ligand inhibitor				
Denosumab Prolia ®)	SC, every 6 months	Yes	Yes	Yes
Selective oestrogen receptor modulators				
Raloxifen (Evista ®)	Oral, once daily	Yes	ND	No
Bazedoxifen (Conbriza ®)	Oral, once daily	Yes	ND	No
Parathyroid hormone receptor antagonist				
Teriparatide (Forsteo ®)	SC, once daily	Yes	ND	Yes

^{*} Significant fracture risk reduction in primary analysis of clinical trial ND = studies not powered to observe effect on hip or non-vertebral fracture risk

Age-related exponential increase in fracture incidence



How to choose the right osteoporosis treatment?

Kost – terugbetaling!

- Globaal strikte terugbetalingscriteria in België
- Orale bisfosfonaten ⇔ iv Zoledronaat ⇔ Denosumab ⇔ Teriparatide

Nevenwerkingen en contra-indicaties

- nierinsufficiëntie, maagulcera
- Frequent: milde nevenwerkingen (gastro-intestinaal, infusiesyndroom)
- Zeer zelden:
 - osteonecrose van kaakbeen
 - atypische femurfractuur

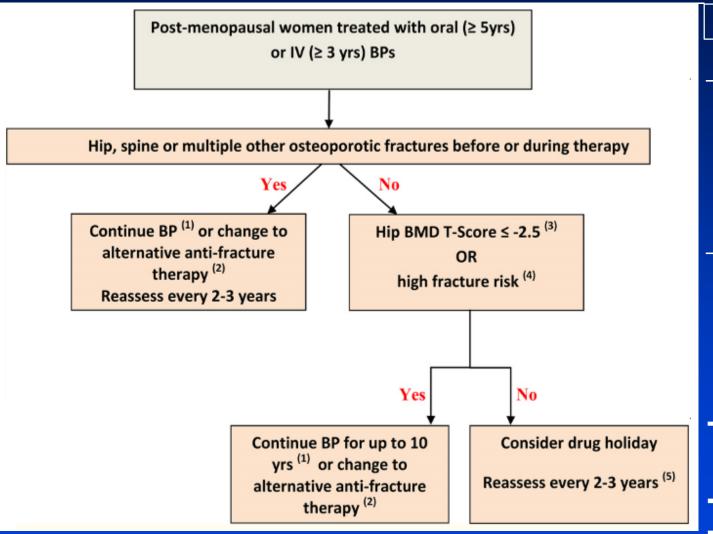
How to choose the right osteoporosis treatment?

- Efficiëntie? Bisfosfonaten, denusomab en teriparitide
 - NNT preventie niet-vertebrale fractuur = 50- 60 / 1-3 jaar
 - Weinig verschil tussen producten (geen vergelijkende # studies, uitz. VERO trial)
 - Potentiële extraskeletale voordelen
 - bv. SERMs en borstkankerpreventie
- Compliantie, toedieningswijze
 - Globaal laag
 - parenteraal > oraal?
 - lange werkingsduur bisfosfonaten!
- Voorkeur patiënt & Shared Decision Making

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When to stop and restart osteoporosis treatment?



Na 5 jaar po BP of 3j ZOL

- T-scores > -2,5 + vooraf geen #
 [of T > -2,0 + vooraf 1 wervel#]
 EN geen nieuwe # tijdens R/
 - → pauze + herevaluatie na 2-3j (vroeger voor Ris)
- T-scores ≤ -2,5
 OF: vooraf heup# of ≥2 wervel#
 OF: nieuwe # tijdens R/
 - → Orale BP: 10 jaar
 - → Zol: 1x/jaar gedurende 6j
- → Na 6x jaarlijks zoledronaat: meestal drug holiday mogelijk
- → Wat na 6-10j?
- → Wat met therapiefalen?
 Switch?

When to stop and restart osteoporosis treatment?

Can we use of bone turnover markers to decide when to restart treatment after a drug holiday?

An increase, greater than the least significant change (LSC)

- P1NP: increase of 10 μg/l
- CTX: increase of 100 ng/l

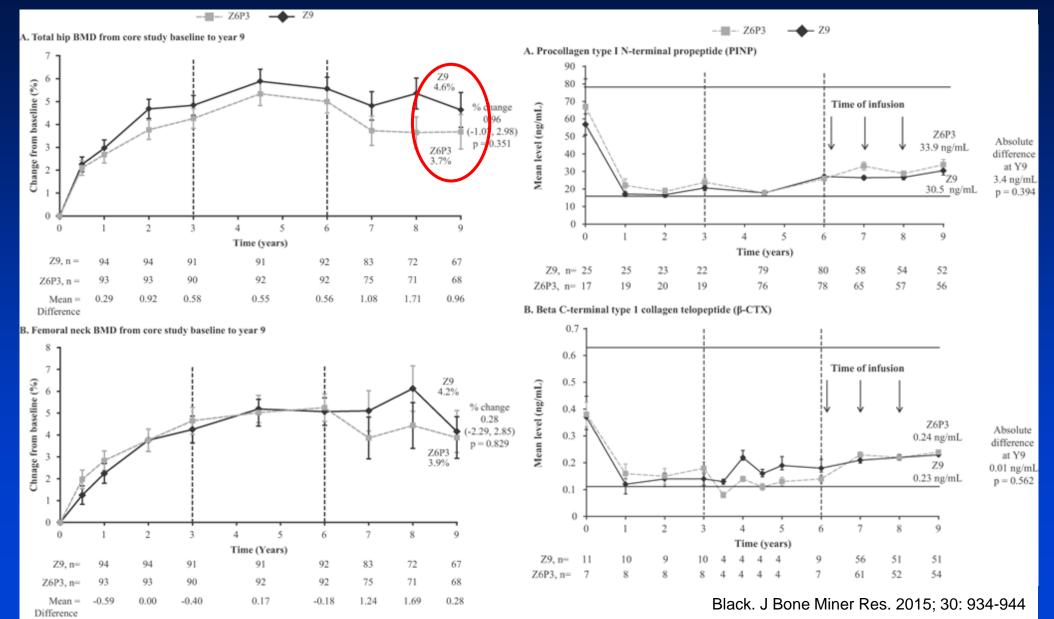
Value above the mean value of a healthy young women

- $P1NP > 35 \mu g/l$
- CTX > 280 ng/l

These approaches need further research!

Drug holiday with Zoledronic acid

Z6P3 vs. Z9: no difference in BMD and BTMs



Therapiefalen

- Geen enkele beschikbare therapie reduceert fractuurrisico tot nul én zeker niet bij patiënten met een hoog baseline fractuurrisico!
- Therapiefalen:
 - ≥ 2 fracturen onder behandeling
 - BTM dalen niet met > 25% en BMD daling van > 5% (axiaal) of > 4% (femoraal)
 - 1 fractuur EN geen significante daling van BTM of daling van BMD
- Indien patiënt compliant & afwezigheid van nieuwe secundaire oorzaken botverlies is therapiefalen (=afwezigheid onderdrukken botresorptie) zeldzaam (max. 3-4 %)
 - 1 nieuwe fractuur onder osteoporosemedicatie = meestal gewoon pech
 - ~ leeftijd, valrisico
- Expert opinion suggereert
 - vervanging oraal door parenteraal alternatief
 - vervanging zwakker door sterker antiresorptivum (? ALN → Dmab)

Denosumab reduces bone turnover markers significantly compared to Aledronate at 12 months

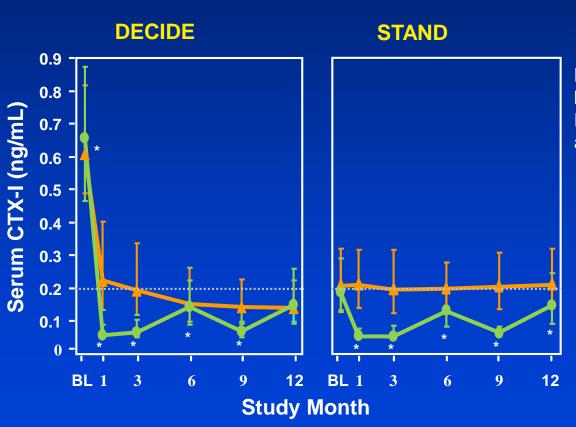
DECIDE: treatment-naïve patients

STAND: previously treated with Alendronate



Denosumab

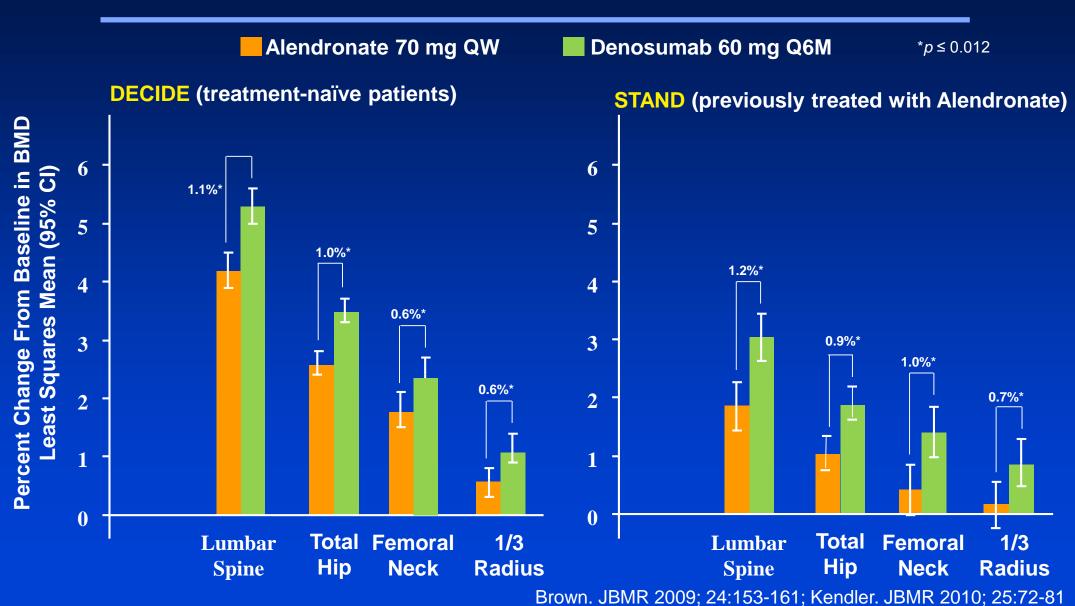
sCTX I (marker of bone resorption)



More profound inhibition of bone remodeling of Denosumab *vs.* Alendronate at any skeletal site.

Brown. JBMR 2009; 24:153-161; Kendler. JBMR 2010; 25:72-81

Denosumab raises BMD significantly compared to Aledronate at 12 months at all key sites measured



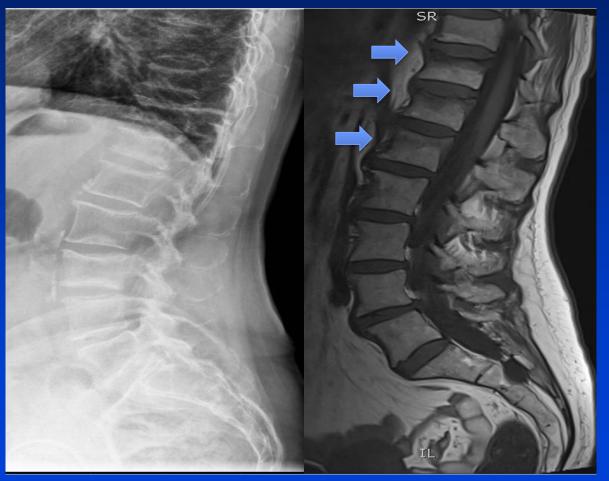
Prolonged osteoporosis treatment

- Lack of any data on BP treatment beyond 10 years in high risk subjects!
- Individual approach:
 - assessment of each patient's individual risk profile
 - risk-benefit analysis
 - shared decision making with the patient
 - careful follow-up
- In clinical practice:
 - sequential therapy with another antiresorptive drug
 - switching from oral to IV BP
 - changing to denosumab
 - → no supportive evidence base



No drug holiday with Denosumab!

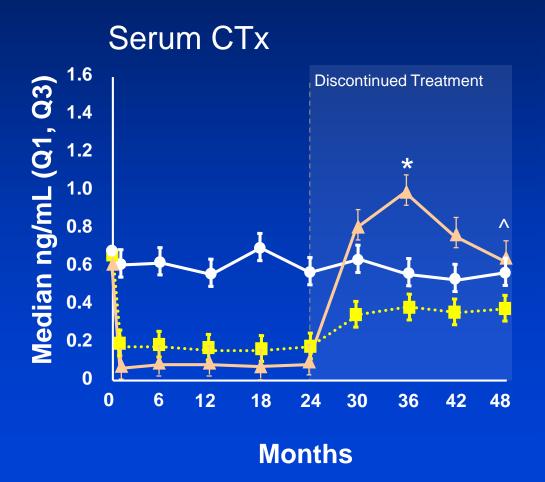
Rebound fracture risk after discontinuation of Denosumab

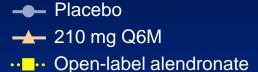


Lamy. J Clin Endocrinol Metab 2017: 102: 354-358

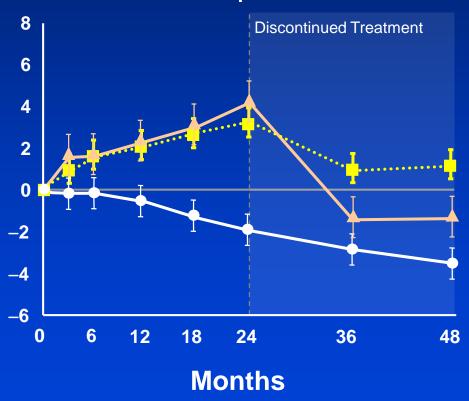
Effect of discontinuation of Denosumab vs Alendronate on bone turnover markers and BMD

Phase 2 study

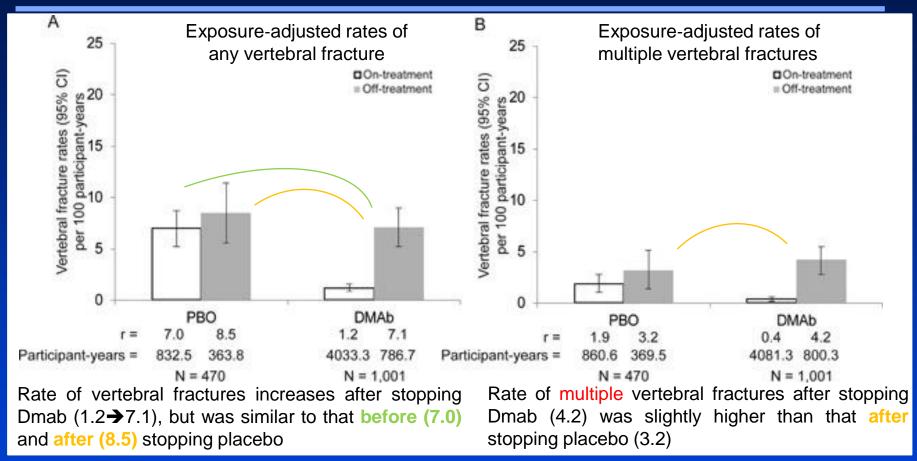




BMD Total Hip



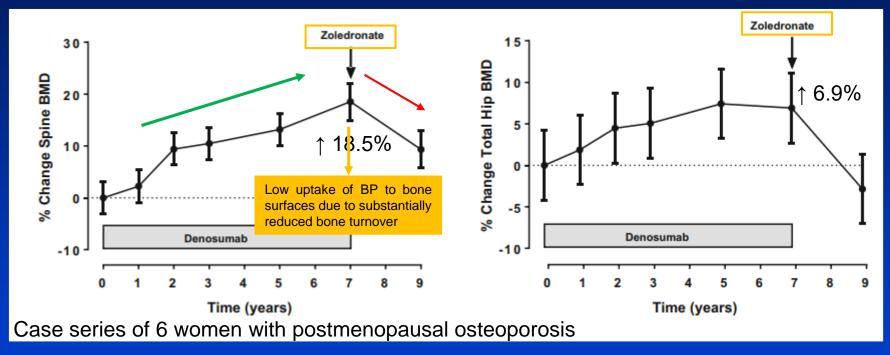
Vertebral fractures after discontinuation of Denosumab



- Proportion of multiple vertebral fractures in those who developed 1 or more vertebral fractures:
 60.7% in those stopping Dmab ⇔ 38.7% in those stopping placebo (p = 0.049)
- Odds of developing multiple vertebral fractures after stoppping Dmab:
 3.9 (2.1-7.2)x higher in those with prior vertebral fractures than those without
- Rates of non-vertebral fractures during off-treatment were similar for placebo (3.8) and Denosumab (2.8)
 Cummings. J Bone Miner Res 2017; 33: 190-198

Reduction of bone loss after stopping Denosumab

Only partial protection with Zoledronate given 6 months after stopping Dmab



- Oral Alendronate maintains BMD after discontinuation of Denosumab
- → To prevent bone loss and rebound vertebral fractures after discontinuation of Denosumab:
- 1. Start po Alendronate
- Zoledronate IV when effects of Dmab start to dissipate (but not delay until risk of rebound vertebral # ↑)
 Expert opinion
 CTx in upper limit of reference range of premenopausal women?
 To investigate!
 Reid. Calcif Tissue Int 2017; 101: 371-374; Freemantle. Osteoporos Int 2012; 23: 317-326

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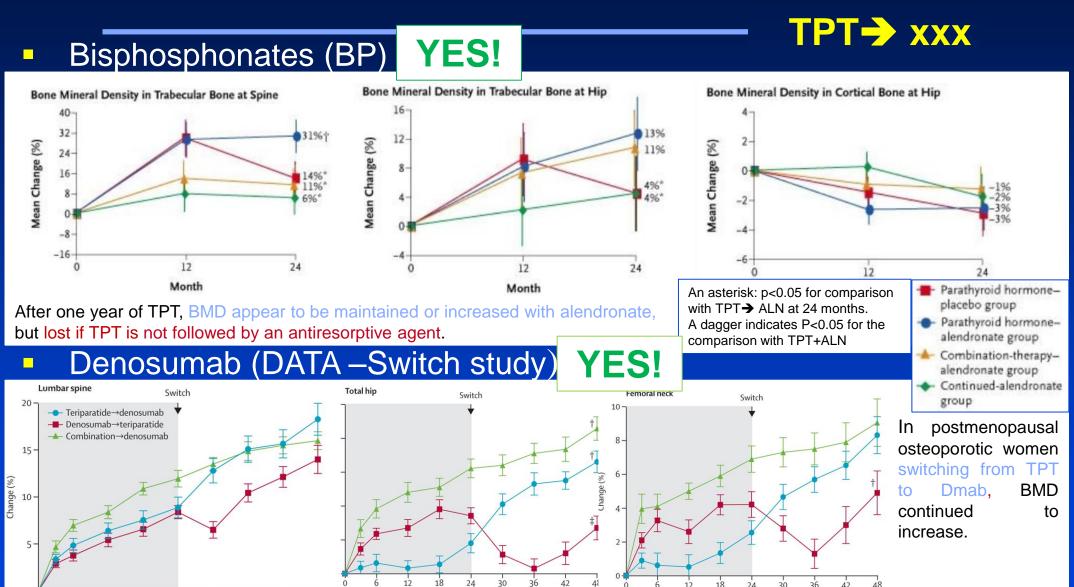
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Sequential treatment for osteoporosis

- 1 Anabolic treatment should be followed by antiresorptive treatment
 - Teriparatide Bisphosphonate
 - Teriparatide

 Denosumab
- 2 Anabolic therapy as initial treatment, followed by subsequent antiresorptive is best, since antiresorptive therapy blunts subsequent bone-forming efficacy
- 3 In real life, most patients considered for bone-forming therapy have had previous antiresorptive therapy
 - Bisphosphonate Teriparatide
- 4 ... but no transition from Denosumab to Teriparatide
 - Denosumab -> Teriparatide

Teriparatide should be followed by treatment with ...



Black. N Engl J Med 2005; 353: 555-565; Leder. Lancet 2015; 3866: 1147-55

Teriparatide (TPT) may follow previous treatment with ...



TPT for 24 months is associated with a significant increase in BMD in patients with and without previous BP use.

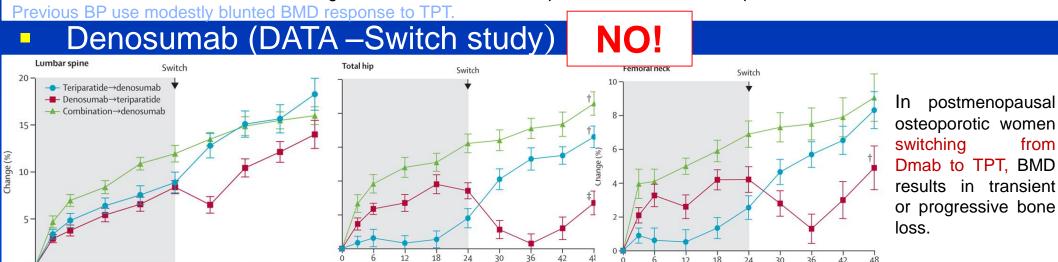
NAIVE

RESPONDERS

ALL CHANGES: p<0.001 VS BASELINE.

A p<0.001 VS NAIVE B p<0.01 VS NAIVE

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Obermayer-Pietsch. J Bone Miner Res 2008; 23: 1591-160; Leder. Lancet 2015; 3866: 1147-55

C n<0.001 VS BASELINE

NAIVE

A p<0.001 VS NAIVE

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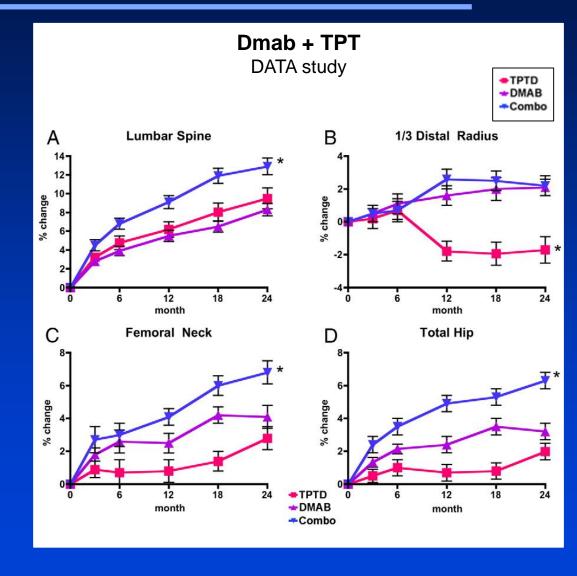
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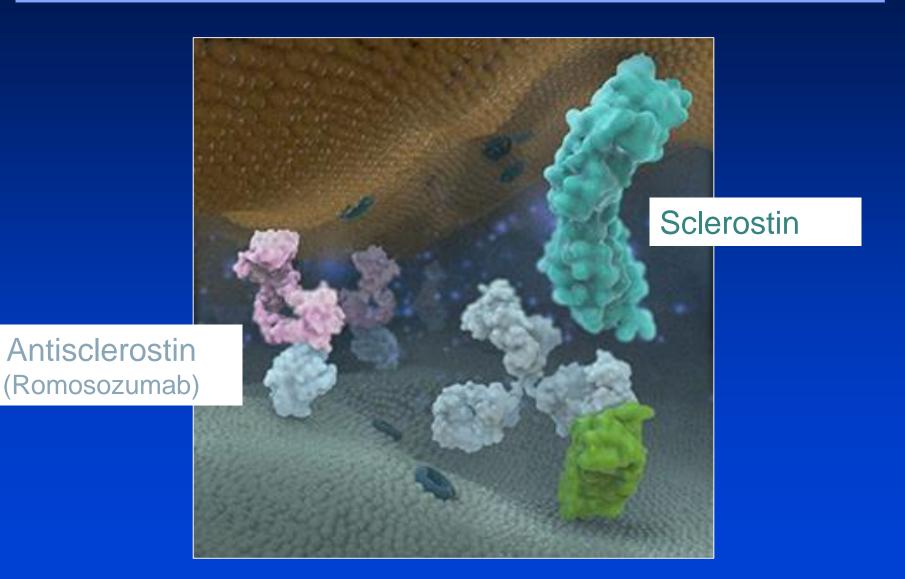


- Combination treatment
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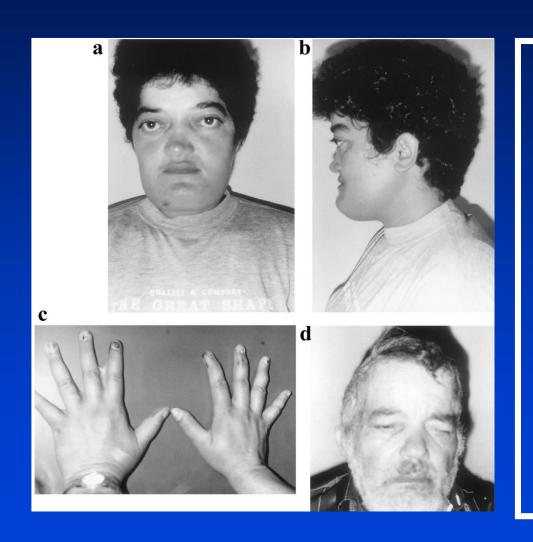
Combination therapy (antiresorptive + Teriparatide)



Antisclerostin

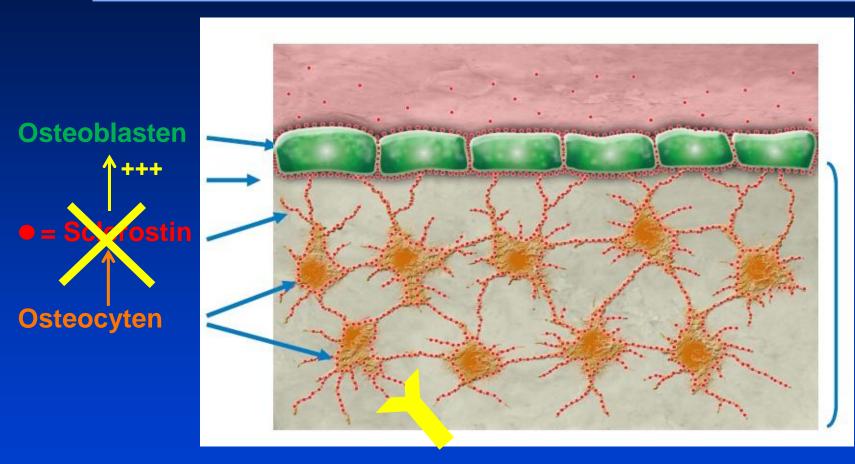


Sclerosteosis (Truswell-Hansen disease)



- Progressieve botaanmaak
- Corticale hyperostose met syndaktylie
- Toegenomen intracraniële druk met zenuwcompressie
- Nooit fracturen
- Relatief frequent bij Afrikaners
- Autosomaal recessief

Dit (d)effect wordt nagebootst door Antisclerostin



Botweefsel

Vorming van nieuw bot door de osteoblasten

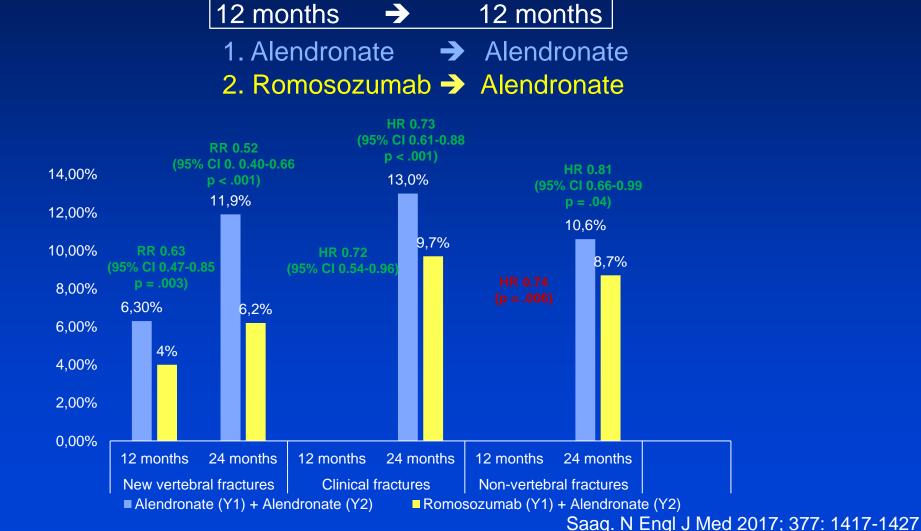
Sclerostin verhindert de vorming van nieuw bot door de osteoblasten

Overdreven botaanmaak door osteoblasten bij een defect in gen voor Sclerostin

Antisclerostin stimuleert de vorming van nieuw bot door de osteoblasten

Romosozumab

4093 postmenopausal women with osteoporosis and a fragility fracture



Conclusion

- Fragility fractures are associated with a substantial burden on morbidity, mortality and socio-economic cost
- More accurate assessment of fracture risk (eg. FRAX)
- Increased range of therapeutic options for osteoporosis
 - Antiresorptive agents reduce (hip/vertebral) fracture rate by ~ 50%
 - Anabolic therapy for persons at very high or imminent fracture risk
- In high-risk patients, benefit vs. risk profile is likely favourable for up to 10 years of treatment with antiresorptive therapy
- In low-risk patients
 - drug holiday may be considered after 3-5 years of bisphosphonates
 - no drug holiday with Denosumab

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