## OSTEOPOROSIS

# Treatment of Osteoporosis

Osteoporotic fractures are 4 times more common than stroke.

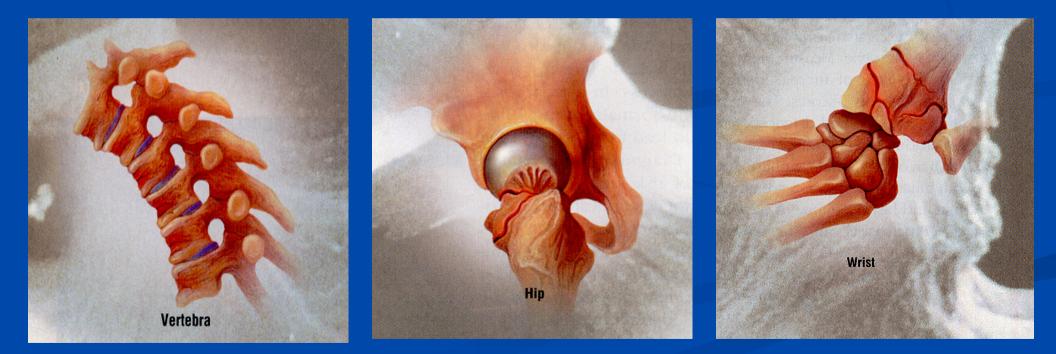
Osteoporotic fractures pose a lifetime risk of death comparable to breast cancer.

Osteoporosis is still undiagnosed and untreated in over 15 million women.

## **OSTEOPOROSIS**

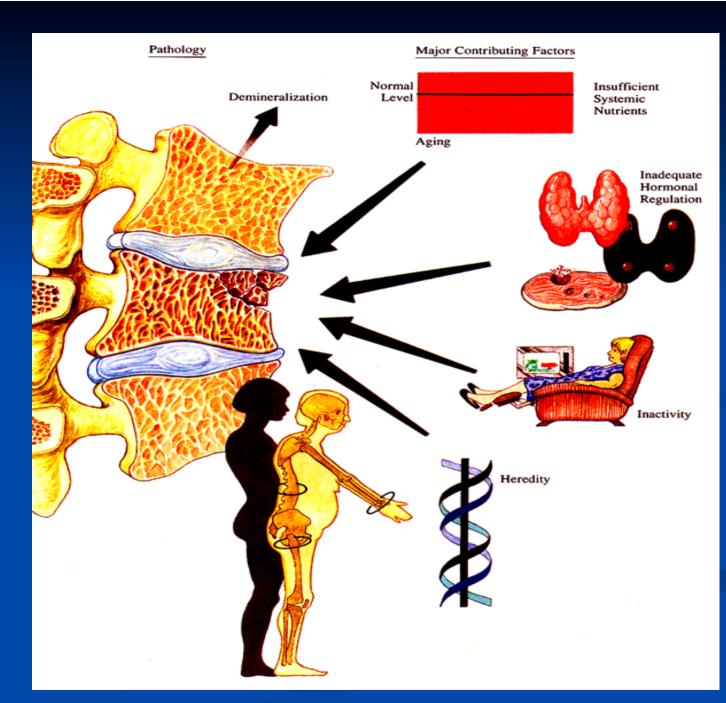


**OSTEOPOROSIS** accounts for more than 1.3 million fractures annually, affecting more than 25 million Americans. These fractures occur mainly in three areas: the vertebra, the hip, and the wrist.

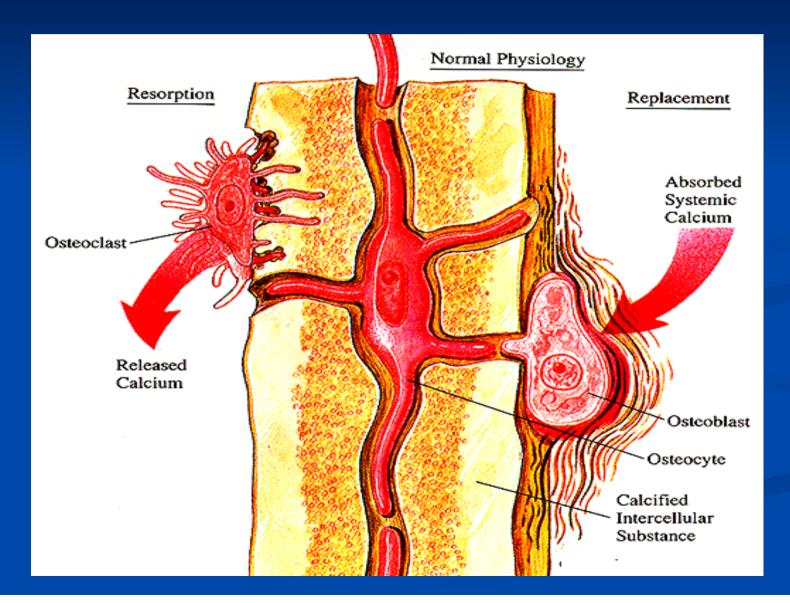


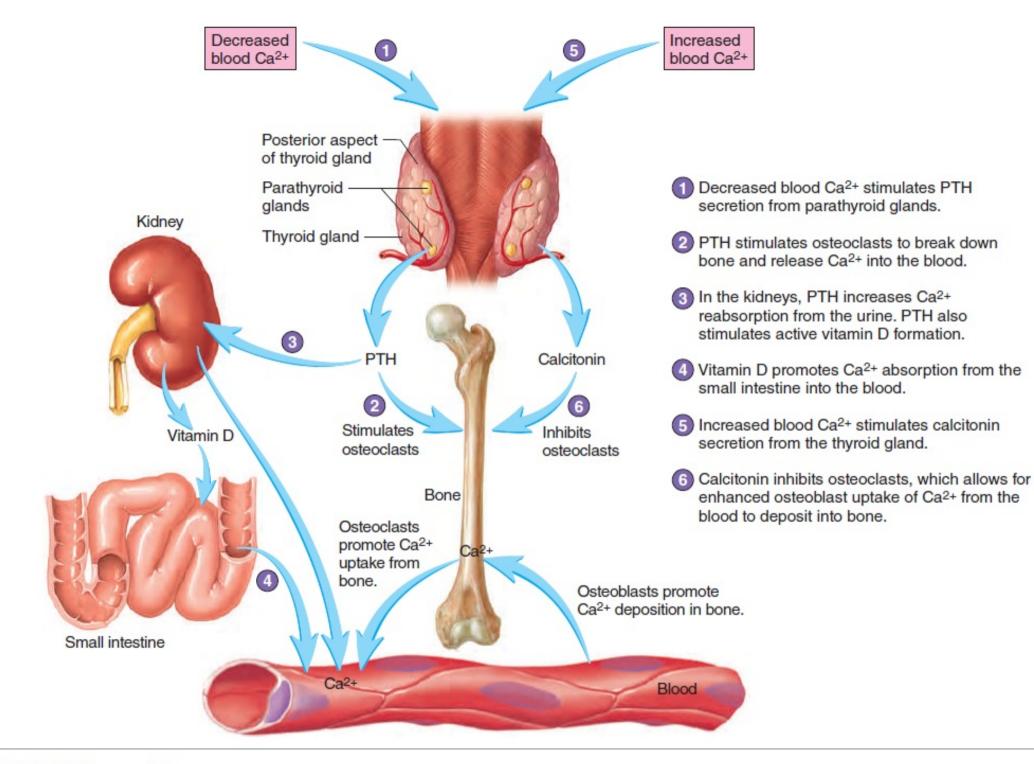
## **RISK FACTORS**

- diet: Ca deficiency
- estrogen deficiency
- hyperparathyrodism
- sedentary lifestyle
- alcohol / smoking
- family history
- drugs:
  - glucocorticoids
  - heparin
  - phenobarbital
  - phenytoin



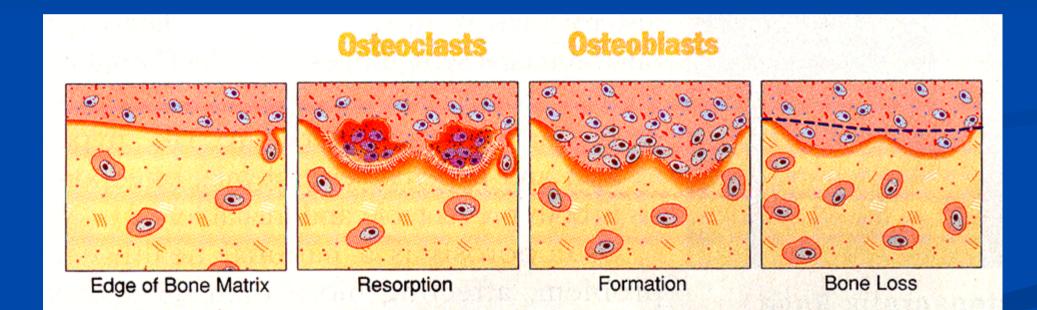
## Osteoclasts are responsible for bone resorption. Osteoblasts are responsible for bone formation.





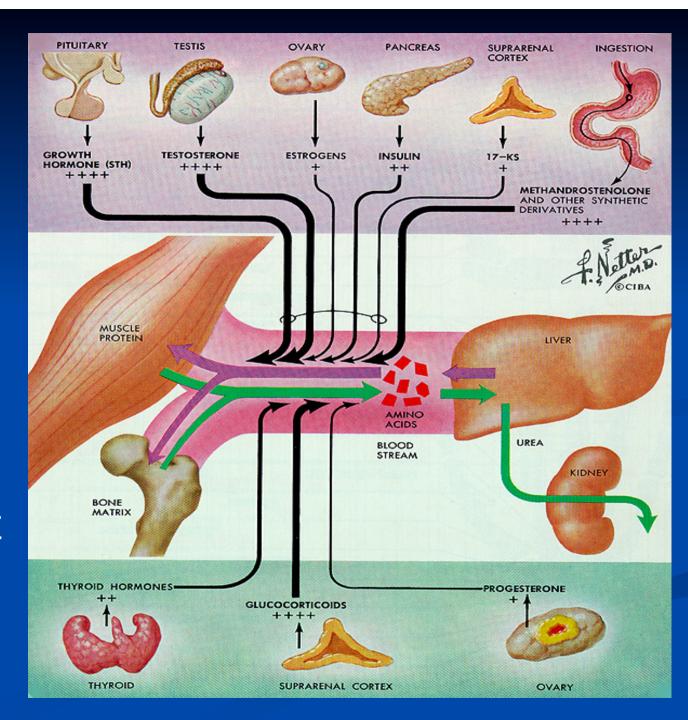
#### **PROCESS Figure 6.9** Calcium Homeostasis

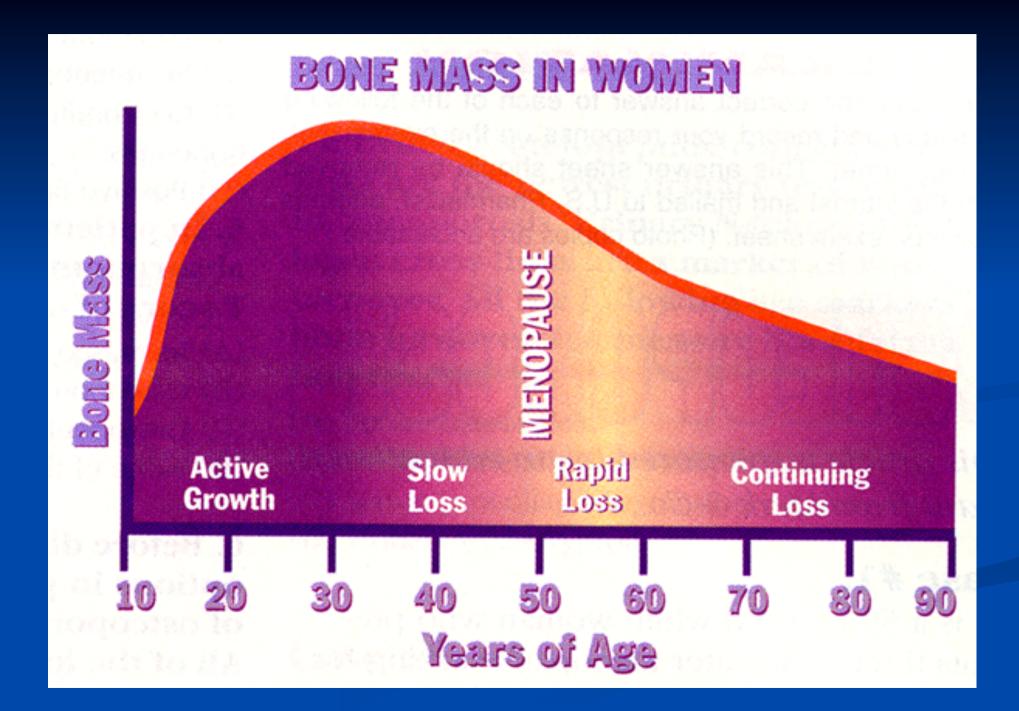
**OSTEOPOROSIS** is a disorder of the remodeling process in which resorption process exceeds formation  $\rightarrow$  either too much bone is being resorbed or too little is being formed.



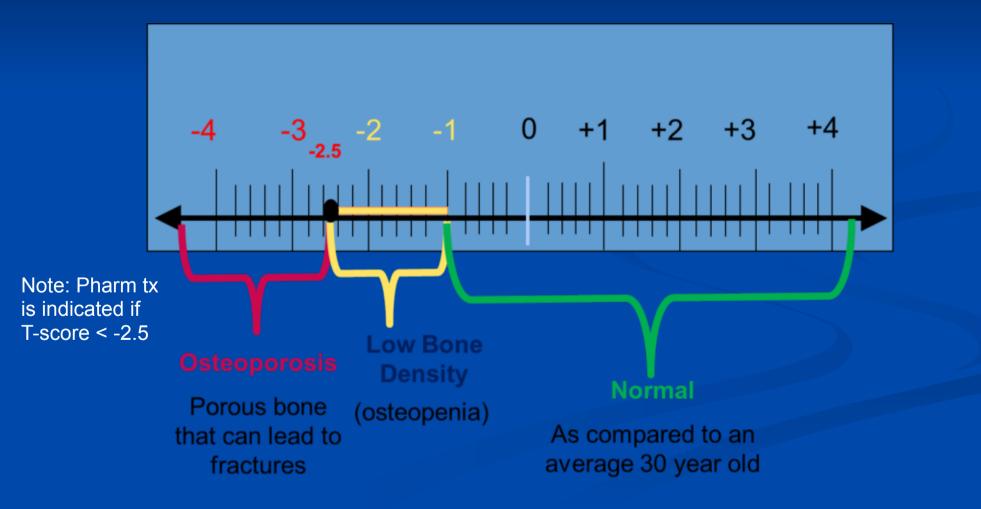
## ANABOLIC EFFECTS versus CATABOLIC EFFECTS

- GROWTH HORMONE
- TESTOSTERONE
- ESTROGEN
- GLUCOCORTICOIDS
- THYROID HORMONE (LEVOTHYROXINE)
- PARATHYROID HORMONE





<u>A standard method of identifying osteoporosis</u> is measurement of bone density at either the femur neck region of the proximal femur (hip) or the lumbar spine. (as the T-score decreases, risk for fracture increases)



## Prevention of Osteoporosis

(1) adequate calcium intake / vitamin D intake

(2) weight-bearing and strengthening exercise

jogging, walking, running, biking, tennis, weight lifting

## (3) reduced alcohol consumption

- excessive alcohol (> 2 drinks/day) → decreased BMD (bone-mineral density) & moderate alcohol → increased BMD
   Alcohol • decreases intestinal absorption of Ca / Vit D
  - decreases estrogen
  - decreases estrogen
  - increases cortisol / PTH

### (4) smoking cessation

- smoking impairs absorption of dietary calcium, influences estrogen metabolism
- increases cortisol levels

#### Table 110-2

## **Dietary Reference Intakes for Calcium and Vitamin D<sup>33</sup>**

Life Stage Group	RDA Calcium	RDA Vitamin D		
Males				
19–50 years	1,000 mg	600 IU (15 mcg)		
51–70 years	1,000 mg	600 IU (15 mcg)		
>70 years	1,200 mg	600 IU (15 mcg)		
Females (Nonpregnant)				
19–50 years	1,000 mg	600 IU (15 mcg)		
51–70 years	1,200 mg	600 IU (15 mcg) <sup>a</sup>		
>70 years	1,200 mg	800 IU (20 mcg) <sup>a</sup>		

<sup>a</sup>NOF recommends vitamin D 800 to 1,000 IU in patients  $\geq$  50 years.

IU, International Unit; RDA, Recommended Dietary Allowance.

## **CALCIUM SUPPLEMENTS**

<u>SUPPLEMENT</u>	ELEMENTAL CALCIUM
Calcium Carbonate	40 %
Calcium Lactate	13 %
Calcium Gluconate	9 %
Calcium Citrate	21 %
Calcium Phosphate	39 %
Calcium Glubionate	6.5 %

## Vitamin D (25-OHD) Serum Levels

Vitamin D Status	Blood levels (ng/mL)	Blood levels (nmol/L)
Severe deficiency	Less than 10	Less that 25
Deficiency	10-20	25-50
Insufficiency	20-30	50-75
Normal	Above 30	Above 75
Overdose	Over 100	250

(25-OHD = 25-hydroxyvitamin D)

## **PHARMACOTHERAPY**

Pharmacologic treatment is indicated in the following patients:

(1) Patients who have experienced a hip or vertebral fracture

(2) Patients with T-scores < -2.5 at the femoral neck, total hip, or lumbar spine

(3) Postmenopausal women and men age > 50 years-old with low bone mass and high risk of fracture

## Agents for Prevention & Treatment of Osteoporosis

(1) Estrogen (Premarin) / Medroxyprogesterone (Provera)

(2) Raloxifene (Avista)

(3) Denosumab (Prolia Injectable)

(4) Biphosphonates: Alendronate (Fosamax)

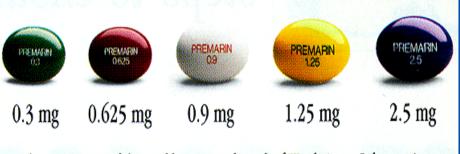
(5) Calcitonin: Miacalcin Nasal Spray / Calcimar Injectable

## ESTROGEN / PROGESTIN THERAPY (EPT)

- An estimated 10-15% of a woman's bone mass is estrogen dependent.
- <u>EPT</u> is approved for the prevention of osteoporosis in postmenopausal women with a uterus
- ET is approved for postmenopausal women without a uterus
- <u>EPT/ET</u> are only prescribed in women who have failed other therapies for osteoporosis after assessing "Risks vs Benefits."
  - <u>Risks</u>: EPT/ET are associated with increased risk of breast & uterine cancers, DVT, PE, coronary heart disease (CHD)
    estrogen —> increases clotting factors
- When prescribed, ET and EPT should be used at the lowest effective doses and the shortest duration indicated

## **ESTROGEN REPLACEMENT**

# Nothing else is **PREMARIN**® (conjugated estrogens tablets)



The appearance of these tablets is a trademark of Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories.

## simple as it looks.

it's a complex blend of estrogens.



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Contraindications: Estrogens should not be used in women (or men) with any of the following conditions: known or suspected 10 prognancy, 2) hereast cancer, 3) estrogen-dependent neoplasia, 4) undiagnosed abnormal genital bleeding, 5) active thrombophthethis or thrombonabled disorders.

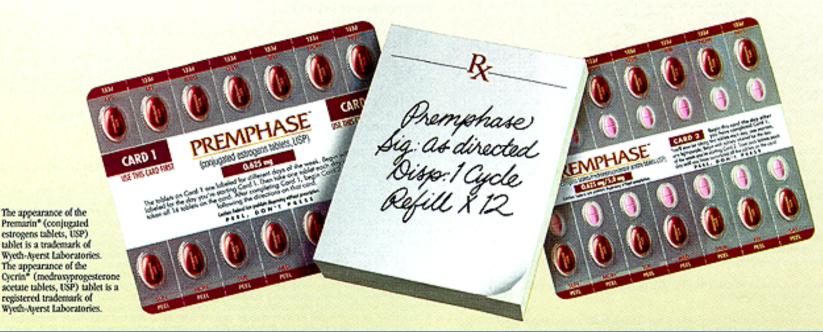
NOTE: Estrogens have been reported to increase the risk of endometrial carcinoma in postmenopausal women.



## For nonhysterectomized postmenopausal women Cyclic HRT\* with new convenience

## INTRODUCING NEW PREMPHASE

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## PREMPRO PACKAGING



## Raloxifene (Avista)

• Raloxifene is a SERM (selective estrogen receptor modulator) with agonist and antagonist properties

## Mechanism of Action:

 Raloxifene binds to estrogen receptors as an <u>agonist</u> in bone and lipid metabolism
 → inhibits osteoclasts → decreases bone resorption
 → increases BMD (bone mineral density)

2. Raloxifene binds to estrogen receptors as an <u>antagonist</u> in breast and endometrial tissue

—> decreases risk of breast and uterine cancers

## Raloxifene (Avista)

- <u>Dose</u>: Raloxifene (Avista) 60 mg PO daily.
- <u>Efficacy / Indication</u>: Studies have demonstrated that Raloxifene is not as effective as Alendronate (Fosamax) for increasing BMD (4.8% vs. 2.2%).

#### **Contraindications:**

- 1. Patients with active venous thromboembolism (VTE) or a past medical history of VTE
- 2. Women who are pregnant, plan to become pregnant, and those nursing (i.e., lactation)

## <u>Biphoshonate: Alendronate (Fosamax)</u>

<u>Mechanism of Action</u>: Alendronate concentrates in mineral tissue and interfere with osteoclast-medicated bone resorption  $\rightarrow$  increases BMD

Indication: Alendronate is considered 1<sup>st</sup> line therapy for prevention and treatment of osteoporosis in postmenopausal women due to its efficacy and low side effect profile

<u>Side Effects</u>: GI symptoms  $\rightarrow$  acid regurgitation

 Alendronate is taken with 6-8 oz of water 30 mins before breakfast, in an upright position

## FOSAMAX (Alendronate)

## Prevention: 5 mg PO daily OR 35 mg PO weekly

## Treatment: 10 mg PO daily OR 70 mg PO weekly

## Postmenopausal Osteoporosis If you don't treat it, who will?

FOR THE TREATMENT OF OSTEOPOROSIS IN POSTMENOPAUSAL WOMEN

For appropriate postmenopausal patients with osteoporosis...

#### Help change the future

In clinical studies

FOSAMAX dramatically reduced vertebral fracture incidence" by building healthy bone

Built bone in the overwhelming majority of patients'

Generally well-tolerated nonhormonal therapy

**Prescribe FOSAMAX today** 

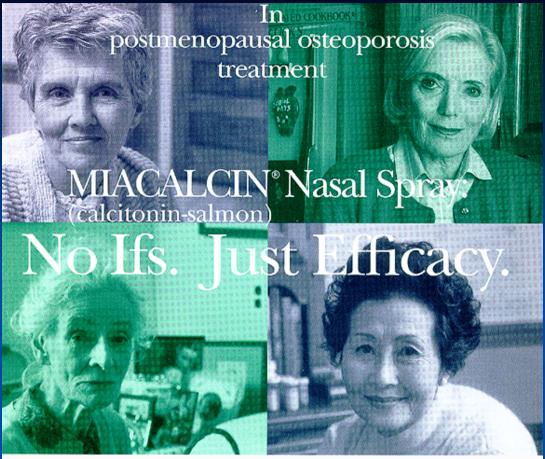
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(alendronate sodium tablets)

## MIACALCIN (calcitonin) NASAL SPRAY

 $\underline{\mathsf{MOA}}$ : inhibits osteoclasts  $\rightarrow$  deceases bone resorption

Indications:  $3^{rd}$  line agent, used in women who have been postmenopausal for at least 5 years  $\rightarrow$  fractures reduction has not been shown in clinical trials.



Absorption, Safety, and Efficacy. Anytime. Anywhere.

Side Effects: rhinitis, sinusitis nasal irritation

## MIACALCIN (cont.)

## **Dosage**: 1 spray daily in alternating nostrils



Now, for many postmenopausal osteoporosis patients

## NEW MIACALCIN<sup>®</sup> (calcitonin-salmon) Nasal Spray

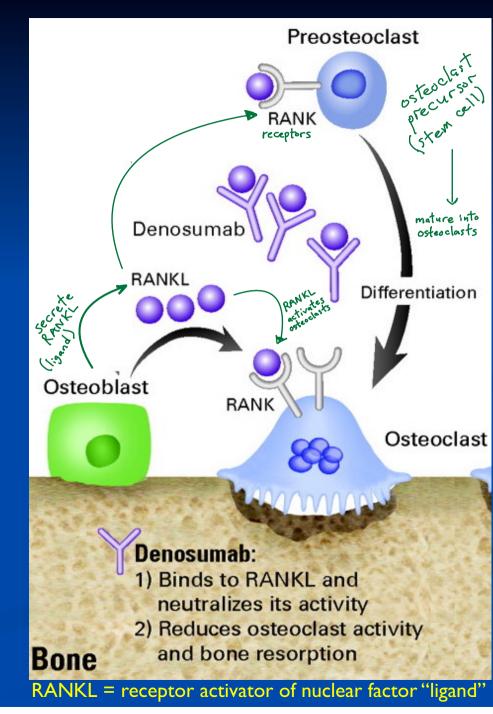
Indicated for the treatment of postmenopausal osteoporosis infemales greater than 5 years postmenopause with low bone masswho refuse or cannot tolerate estrogens, or in whom estrogens are contraindicated. Patients should ensure adequate calcium and vitamin D intake.

## Denosumab (Prolia)

## Mechanism of Action:

Denosumab is a human monoclonal antibody that binds to and inhibits RANKL prevents maturation and development of osteoclasts reduces osteoclastic activity reduces bone resorption prevents RANKL from activating osteoclasts decreases osteoclast activity

decreases bone resorption



## Denosumab (Prolia)

Indication: Denosuman is approved for treatment of postmenopausal women with osteoporosis who are at high risk for fracture

**Dosage**: Denosuman is administered SC every 6 months and inhibits bone turnover with a rapid onset.

Side Effects:, pain in extremity (i.e., arms & legs), hypercholesterolemia, back pain, musculoskeletal pain, and cystitis

You can't reveal washboard abs except by losing body fat. Rippling women may have as little as 6 % fat; the healthy range is 15 to 23 %. Most women stop menstruating when fat falls below 10 %. The resulting estrogen loss can cause osteoporosis even in 20year-olds. Is a chic stomach worth a dowager's hump?

Rippling Abs Can Be Bad

