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Osteoporosis

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Division of bone diseases

WHO collaborating center for osteoporosis prevention

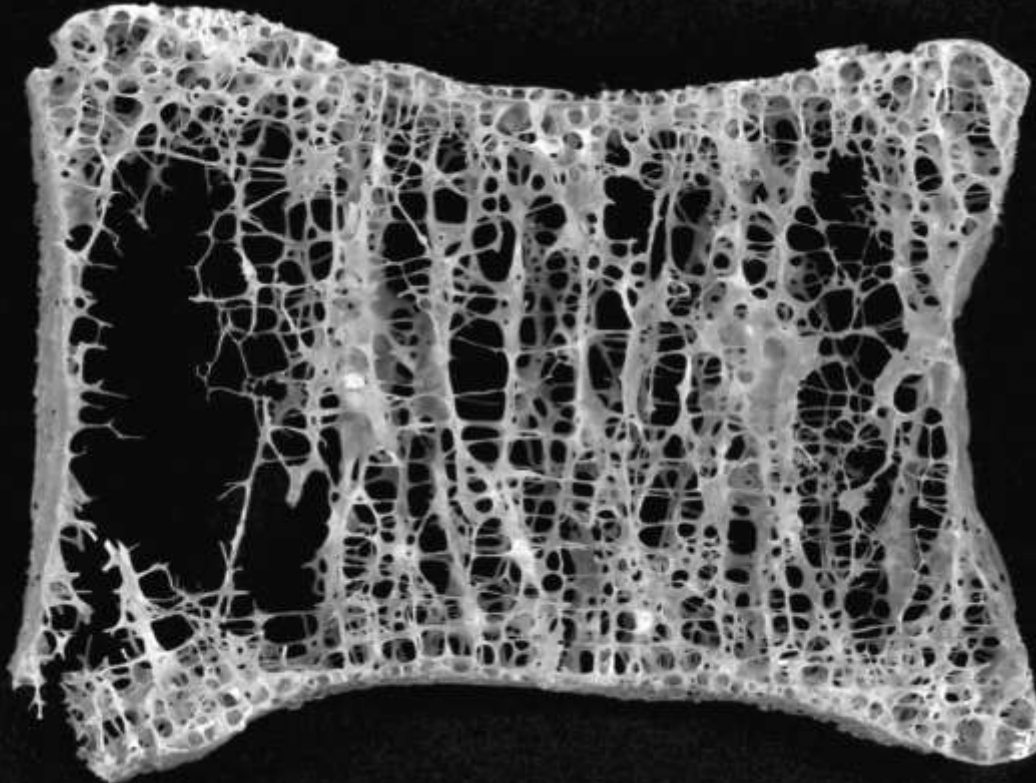
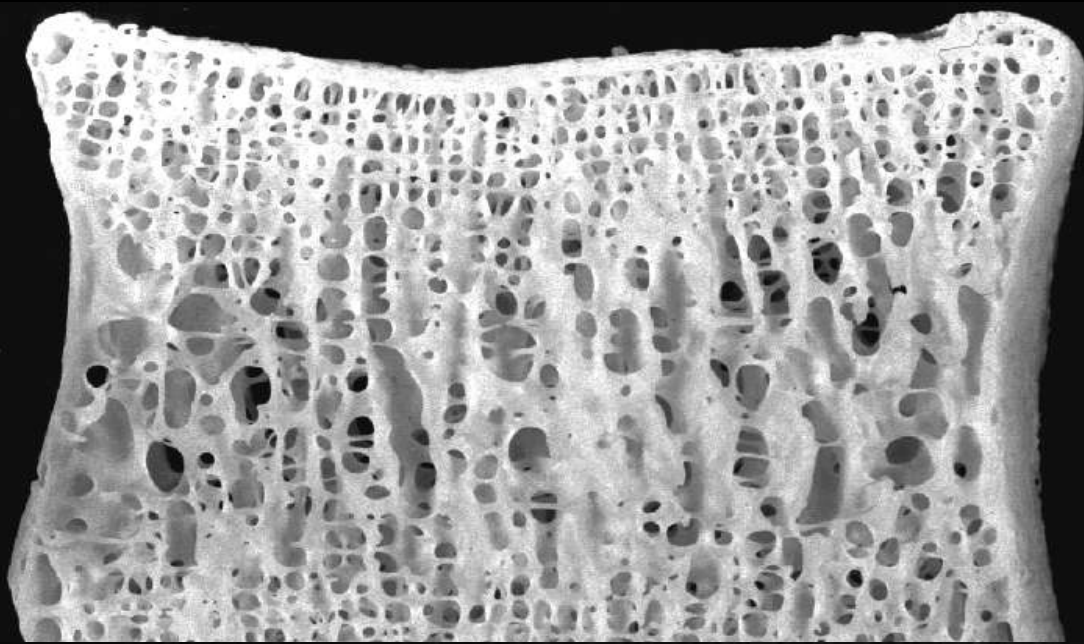
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Osteoporosis Definition

A systemic skeletal disease characterized by low bone mass and microarchitectural deterioration, with a consequent increase in bone fragility with susceptibility to fracture.

Consensus Development Conference: *Am J Med* 1991;90:107-110



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Osteoporosis: a 2-Stage Disease

- With
- Without Fracture



Osteoporosis: Lecture Content

- **Disease Definition**
- **Epidemiology**
- **Burden**
- **Diagnosis**
- **Pathophysiology**
- **Management**



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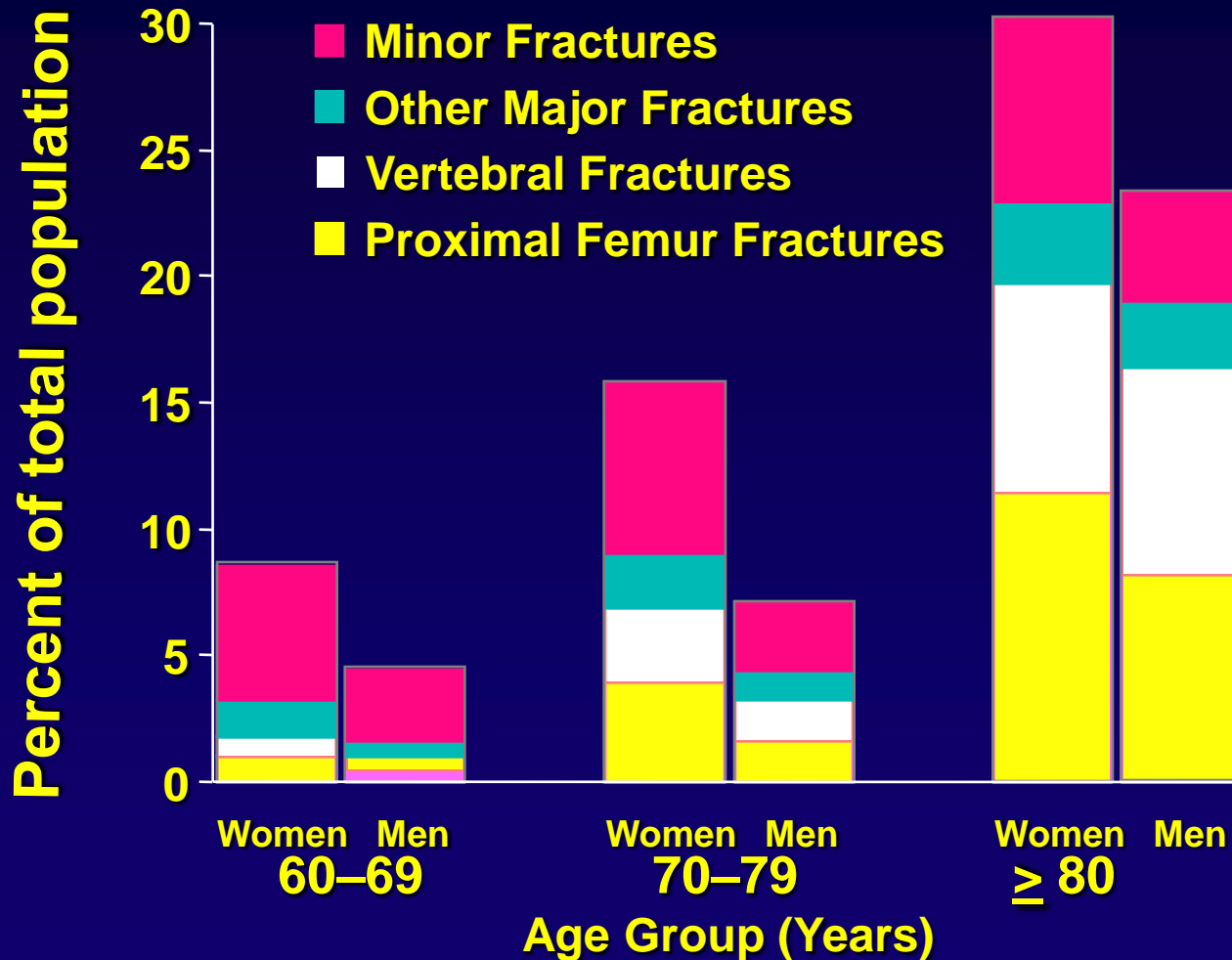




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Fractures by Age and Gender

Dubbo Osteoporosis Epidemiology Study, 1989–1994





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Lifetime risk of fragility fracture in the Swedish population at the age of 50 years (%)

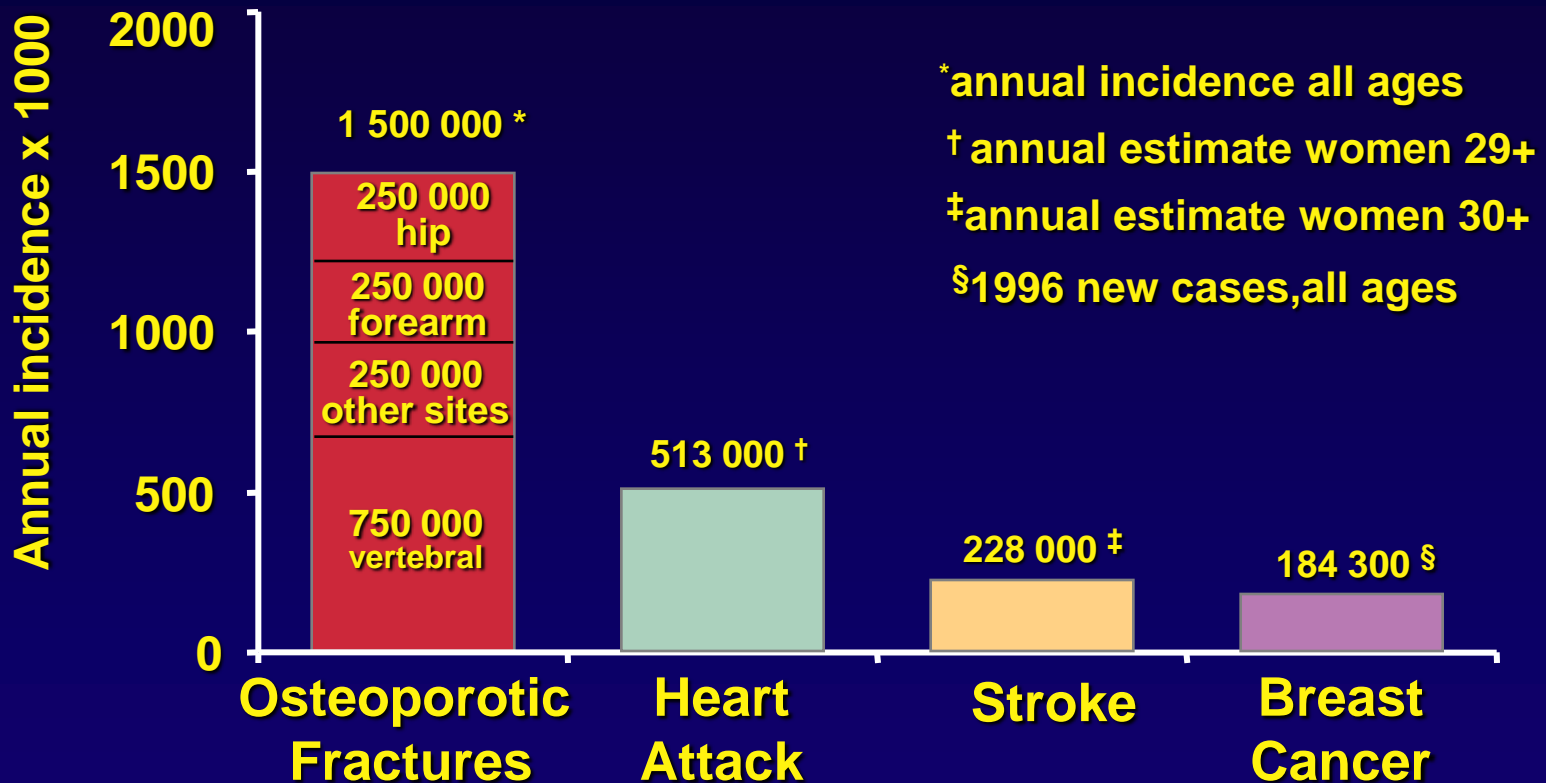
	Women	Men
• Proximal femur	23	11
• Distal forearm	21	5
• Vertebral (clinical)	15	8
• Proximal Humerus	13	5
• Any	46 %	22 %
(Switzerland	51 %	20 %)

From Kanis et al 2000



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Osteoporotic Fractures in Women: Comparison With Other Diseases

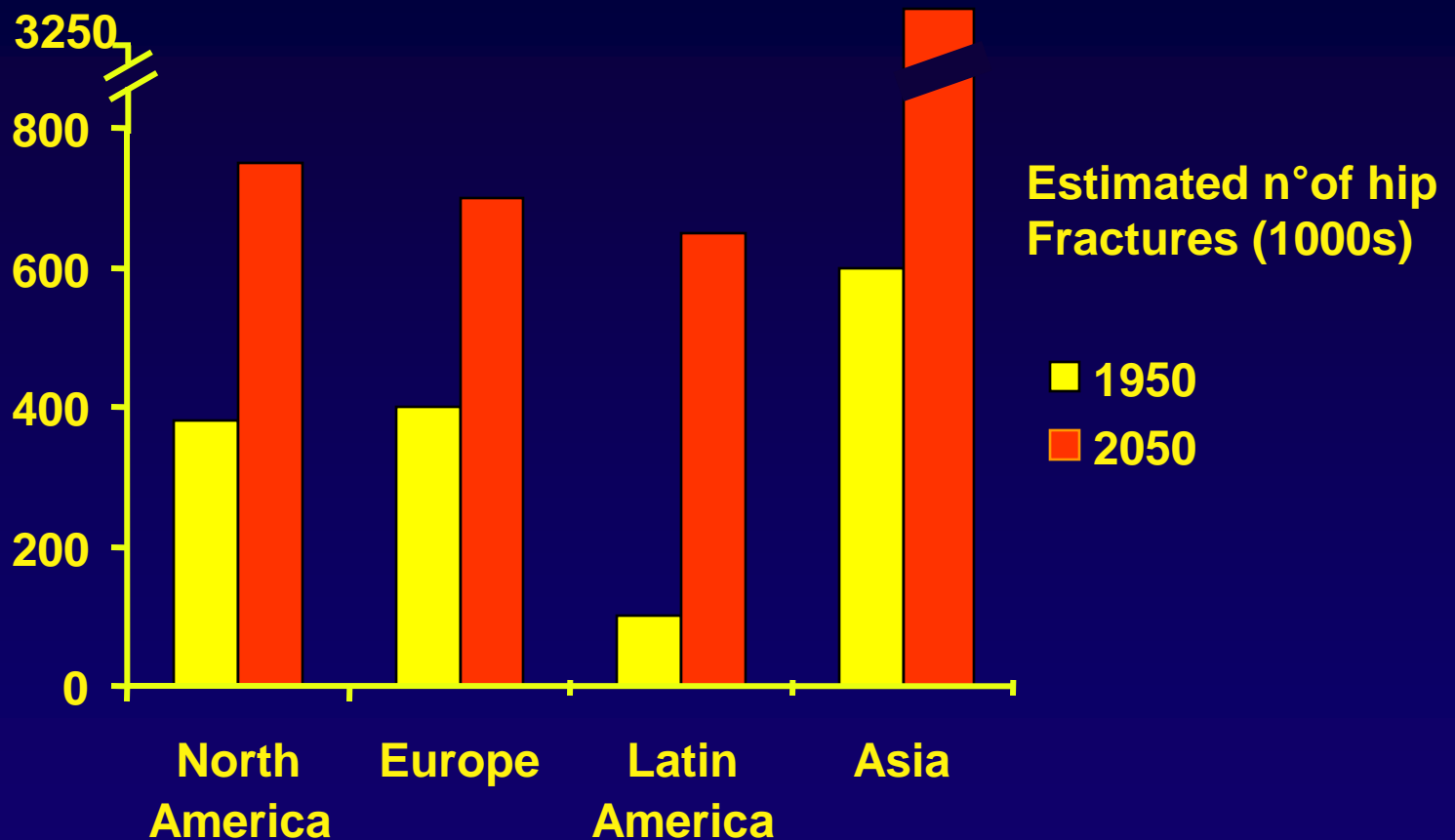


Riggs BL, Melton LJ. *Bone*. 1995.
Heart and Stroke Facts. 1996. American Heart Association.
Cancer Facts & Figures. 1996. American Cancer Society.



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Projected burden of osteoporotic hip fractures worldwide



Number of hip fractures: 1990: 1.66 million; 2050: 6.26 million

Adapted from Cooper C., Melton U, *Osteoporosis Int* 2:285-289, 1992



If the prevalence of hip fracture continues to rise at current rates, it may well be that in the next few decades, orthopaedists will do little else but treat this problem.

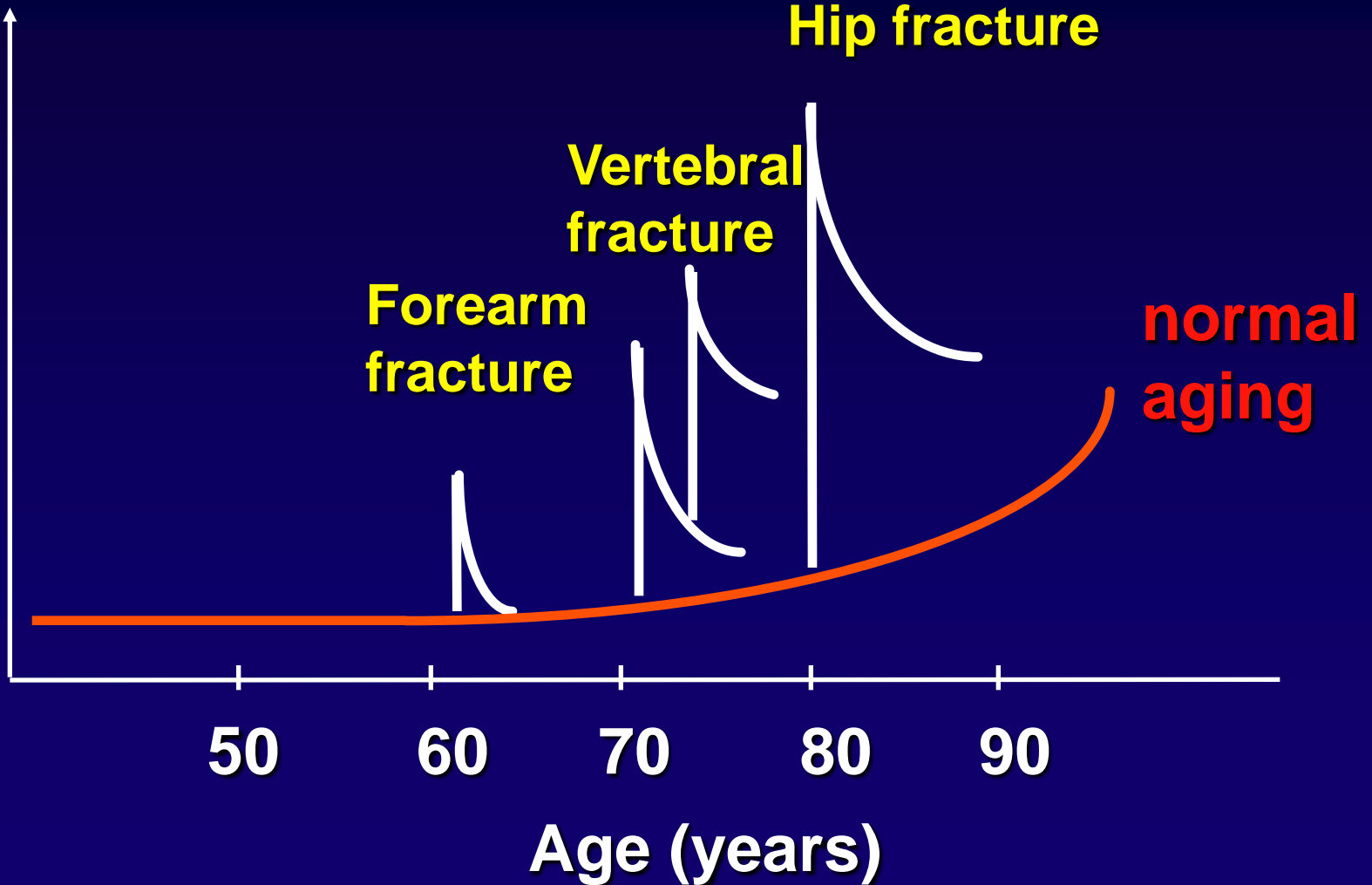
**W. C. Hayes, In: Bone Formation and Repair
(American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons) 1994**



Burden



Degree of dependence





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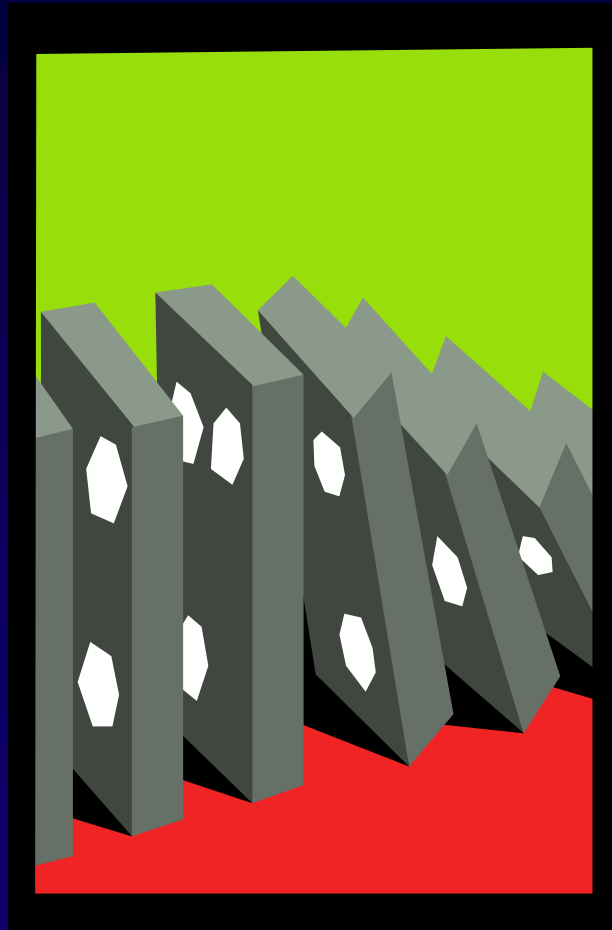
Morbidity After Vertebral Fractures

- **Back pain**
- **Loss of height**
- **Deformity (kyphosis, protuberant abdomen)**
- **Reduced pulmonary function**
- **Diminished quality of life: loss of self-esteem, distorted body image, dependence on narcotic analgesics, sleep disorder, depression, loss of independence**

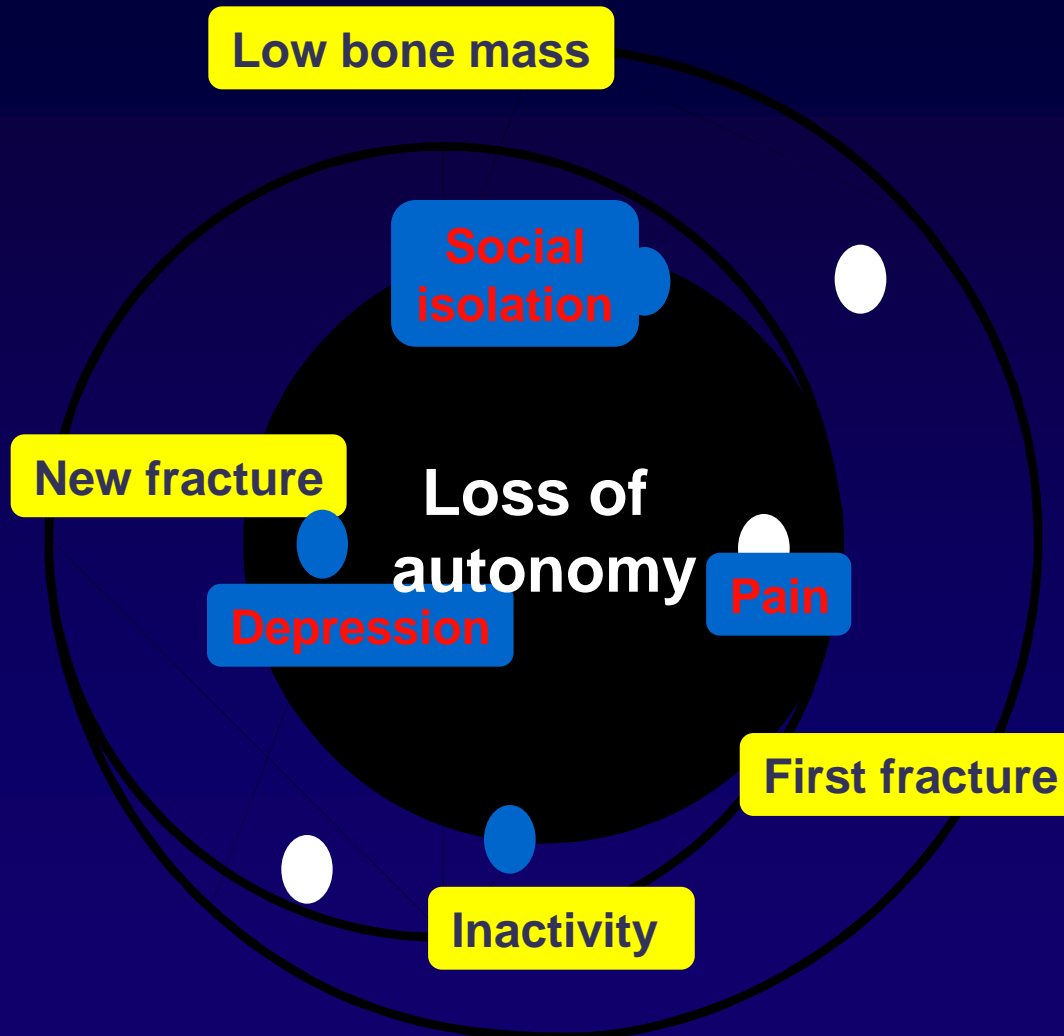


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A Fragility Fracture -> Fracture



A dangerous vicious circle





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Mortality after Major Types of Osteoporotic Fracture in Men and Women: an Observational Study

Center et al, Lancet 1999

5 - Year Prospective Cohort Study

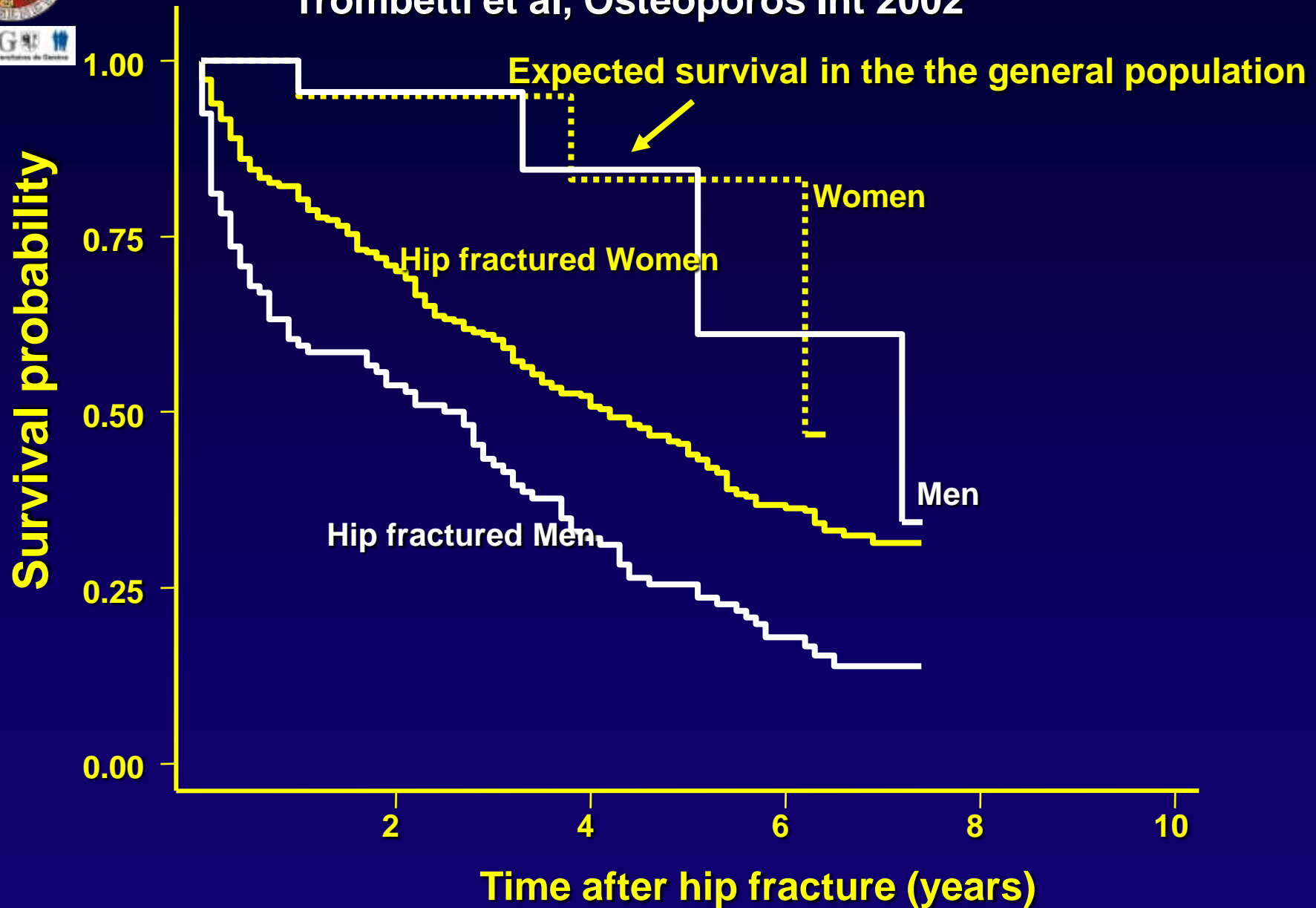
Age-Standardized Mortality Ratio

Fracture	<u>Women</u>	<u>Men</u>
Proximal Femur	2.2	3.2
Vertebral	1.7	2.4
Other Major	1.9	2.2
Other Minor	0.8	1.5



Survival after Hip Fracture

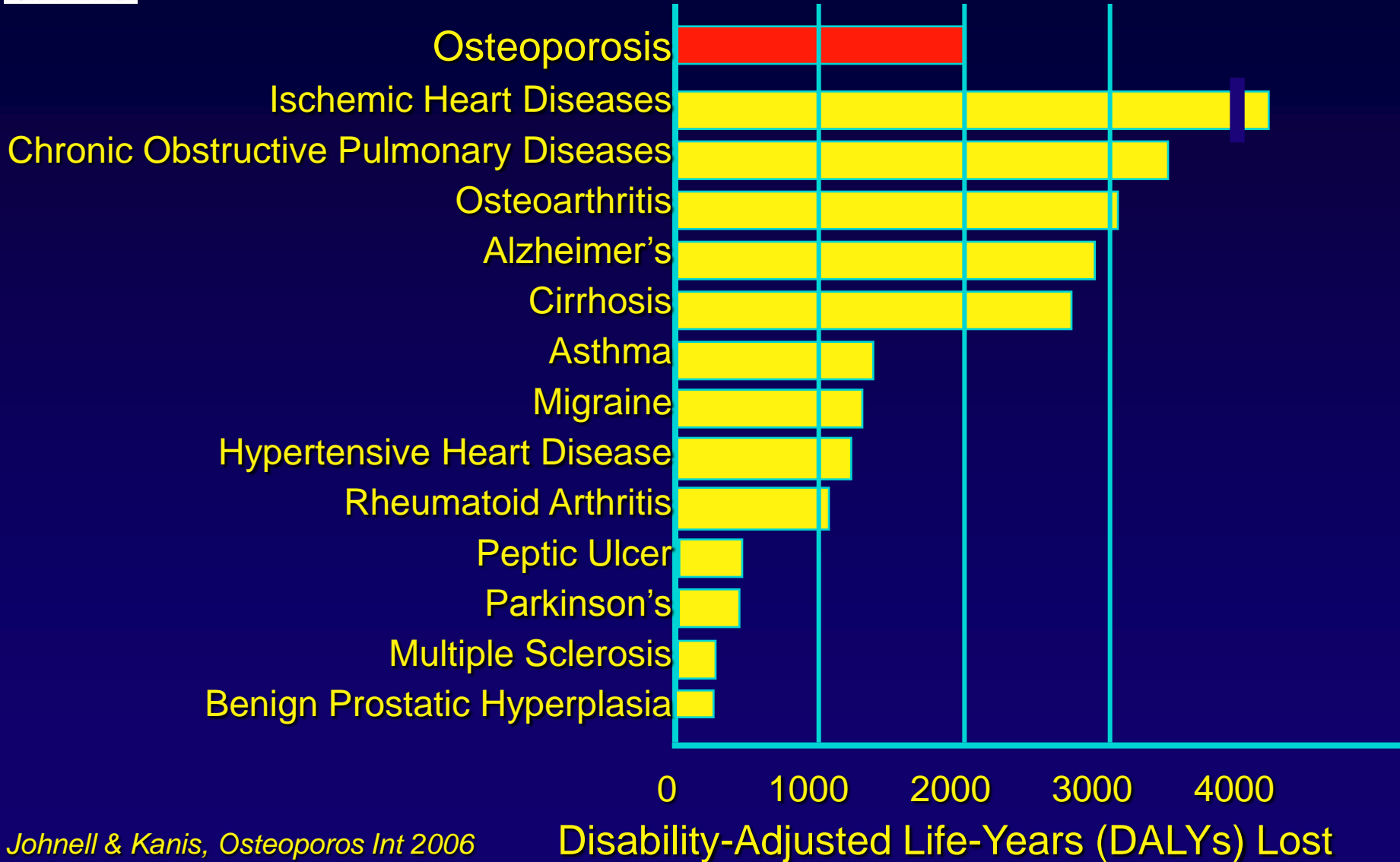
Trombetti et al, Osteoporos Int 2002





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Disability-Adjusted Life-Years Lost because of Non-communicable Diseases in Europe





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Osteoporosis Results in More Cost than Many Other Diseases

Number of bed days (men and women)

- 701,000 for osteoporosis
- 891,000 for COPD
- 533,000 for stroke
- 328,000 for myocardial infarct
- 201,000 for breast cancer

Osteoporosis
1 when
looking at
women only



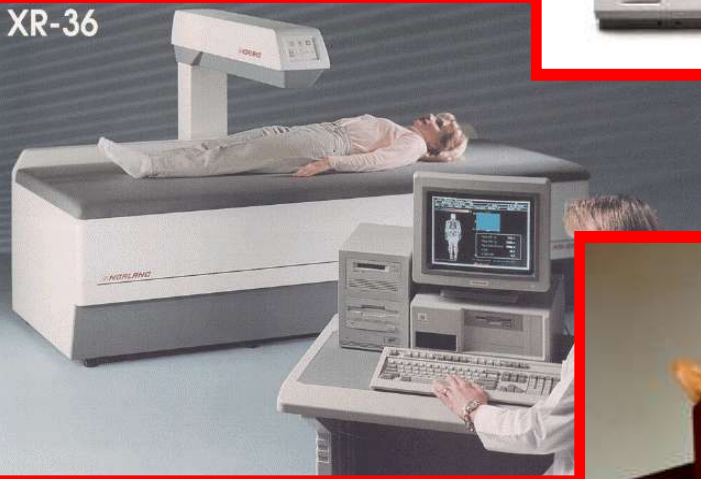
Diagnosis

X-ray techniques

pDXA



XR-36



DXA



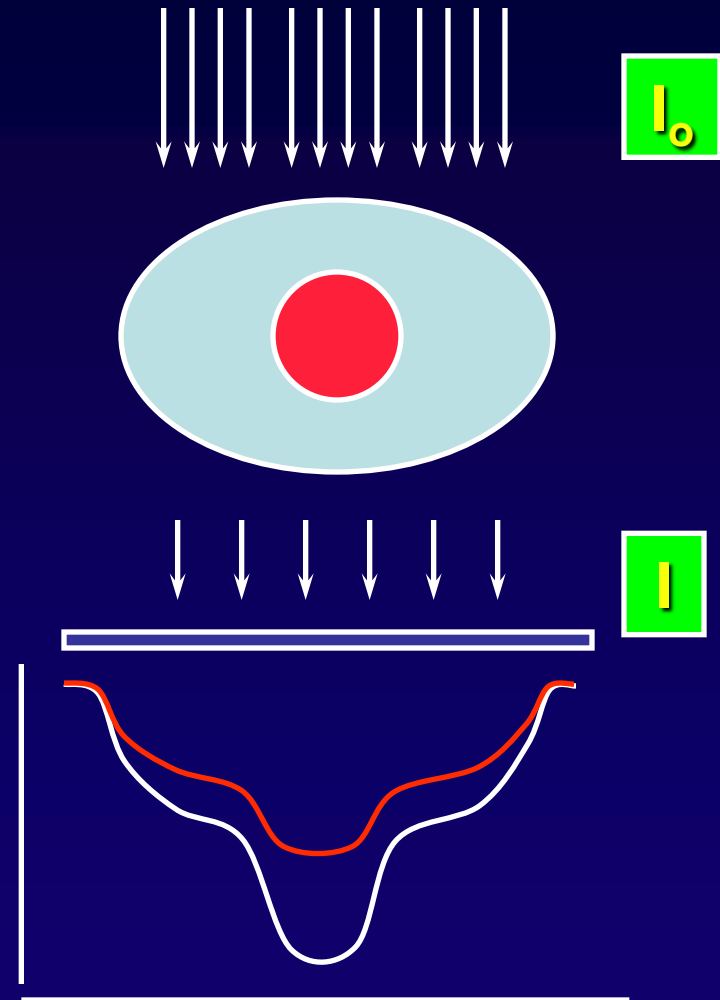
pQCT



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DXA: Principle

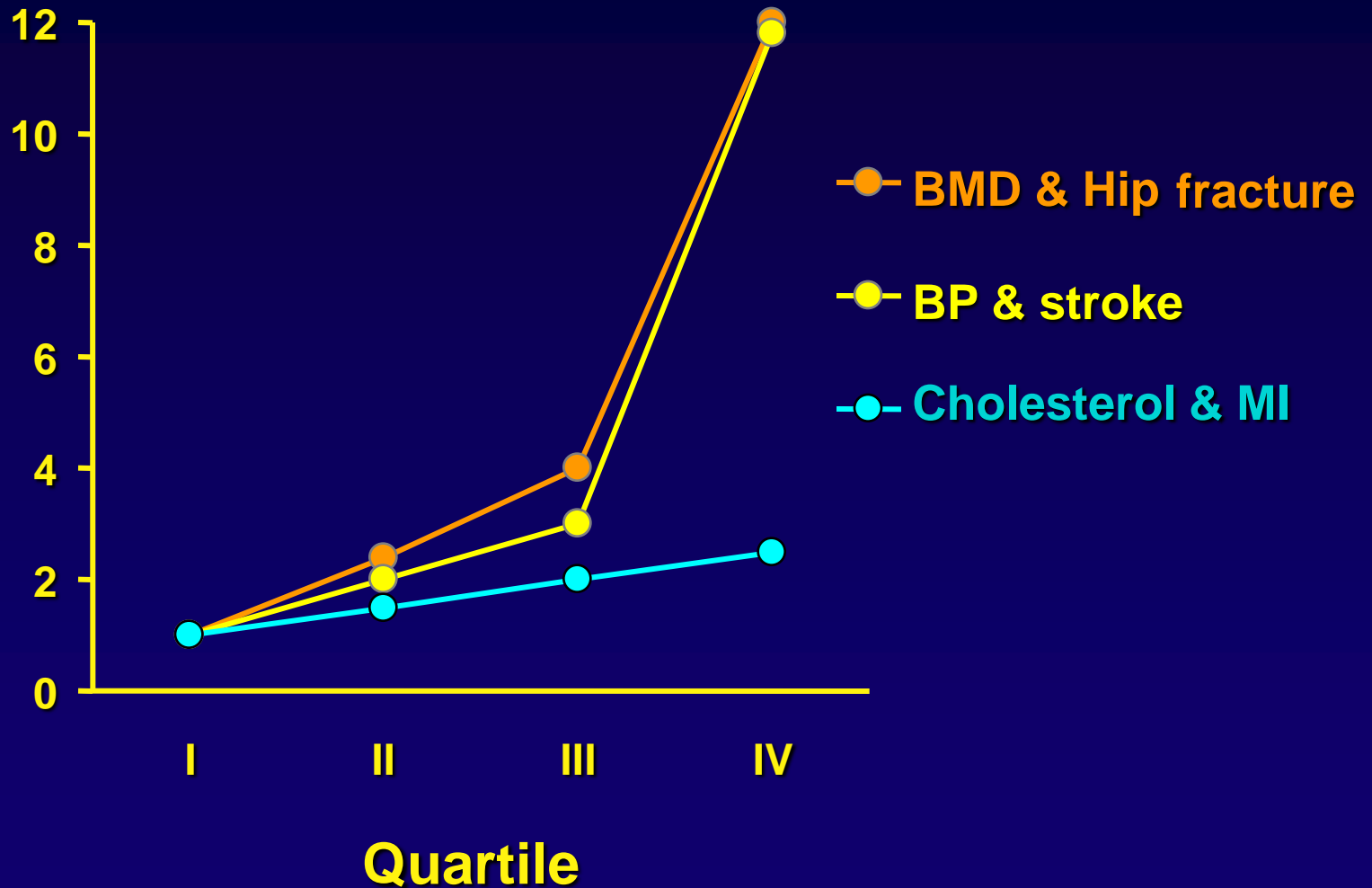
- **Two attenuation profiles:**
Low energy X-ray attenuation
High energy X-ray attenuation
- **Multiply high energy profile by 'k' factor (ratio of soft tissue attenuation at low- & high-energy)**
- **BMD along scan = Low-energy profile - k-corrected high energy profile**





Gradients of risk

Relative risk





Noninvasive Measurement of Bone Mineral Mass

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<u>Technique</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Precision</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Response to Therapy</u>
SXA	Forearm	++	±	±
	Heel			
DXA	Spine	++	+	++
	Hip	+	+	+
	Tot. Body	++	+	±
QCT	Spine	±	++	+
	Forearm	++	+(+)	±
US	Heel	±	-	-
	+ Fingers			



Medicare Coverage for BMD Tests



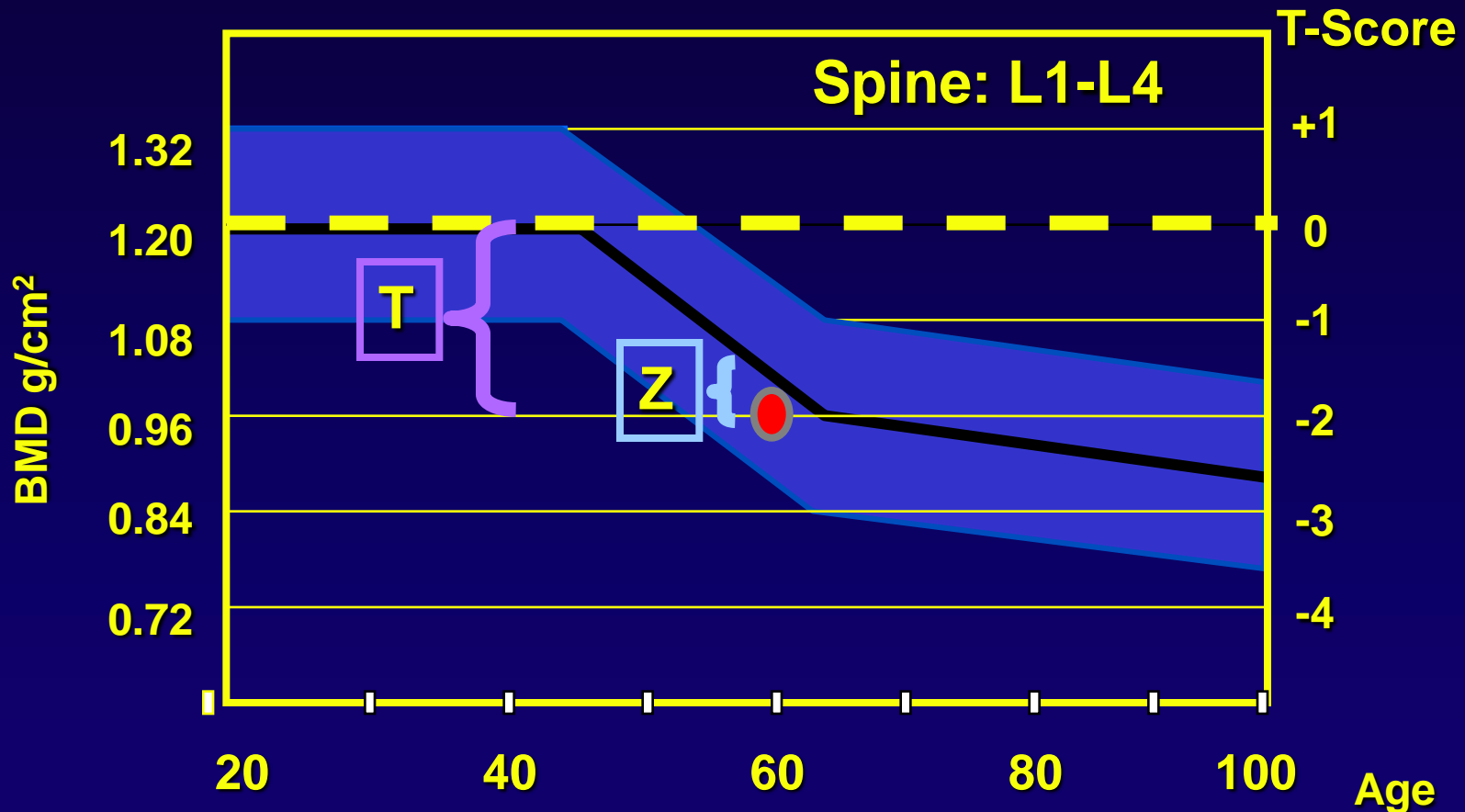
<u>Procedure</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Fee Schedule</u> <u>Medicare *</u>
DXA	Axial	\$ 128
pDXA	Appendicular	\$ 40
RX Absorptiometry	Appendicular	\$ 38
QUS	Appendicular	\$ 53
SXA	Appendicular	\$ 40
QCT	Axial	\$ 185
pQCT	Appendicular	\$ 40

* Medicare Allowable Charge = 80% of the Costs



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Example for T-score = - 2.0, 60 year old and Z-Score = - 0.5





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Diagnosis of Osteoporosis Using Central DXA

WHO-Definition

	T-score
Normal	≥ -1
Osteopenia	< -1 and > -2.5
Osteoporosis	≤ -2.5
Severe Osteoporosis	≤ -2.5 with Fracture

Mainly for Spine and Hip in Women



Pathophysiology



Osteoporosis Pathogenesis and Management

Fracture



Fracture Treatment



Rehabilitation

-> To Restore Independence

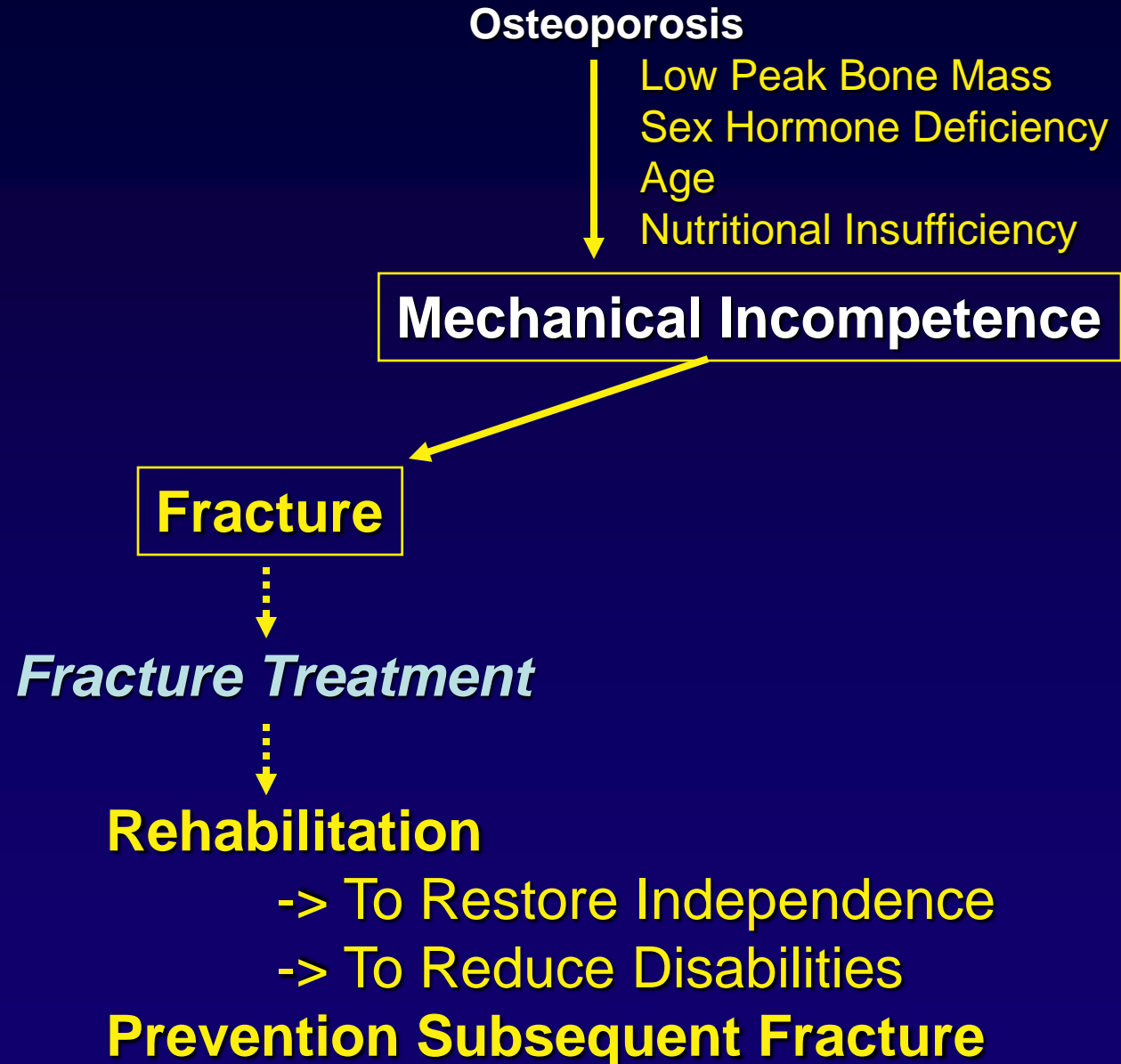
-> To Reduce Disabilities

Prevention Subsequent Fracture



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Osteoporosis Pathogenesis and Management





Osteoporosis Pathogenesis and Management

Falls

Sway
Walking
Muscle Strength
Neuro-muscular Impairment

Mechanical Overload

Osteoporosis

Low Peak Bone Mass
Sex Hormone Deficiency
Age
Nutritional Insufficiency

Mechanical Incompetence

Fracture

Fracture Treatment

Rehabilitation

- > To Restore Independence
- > To Reduce Disabilities

Prevention Subsequent Fracture

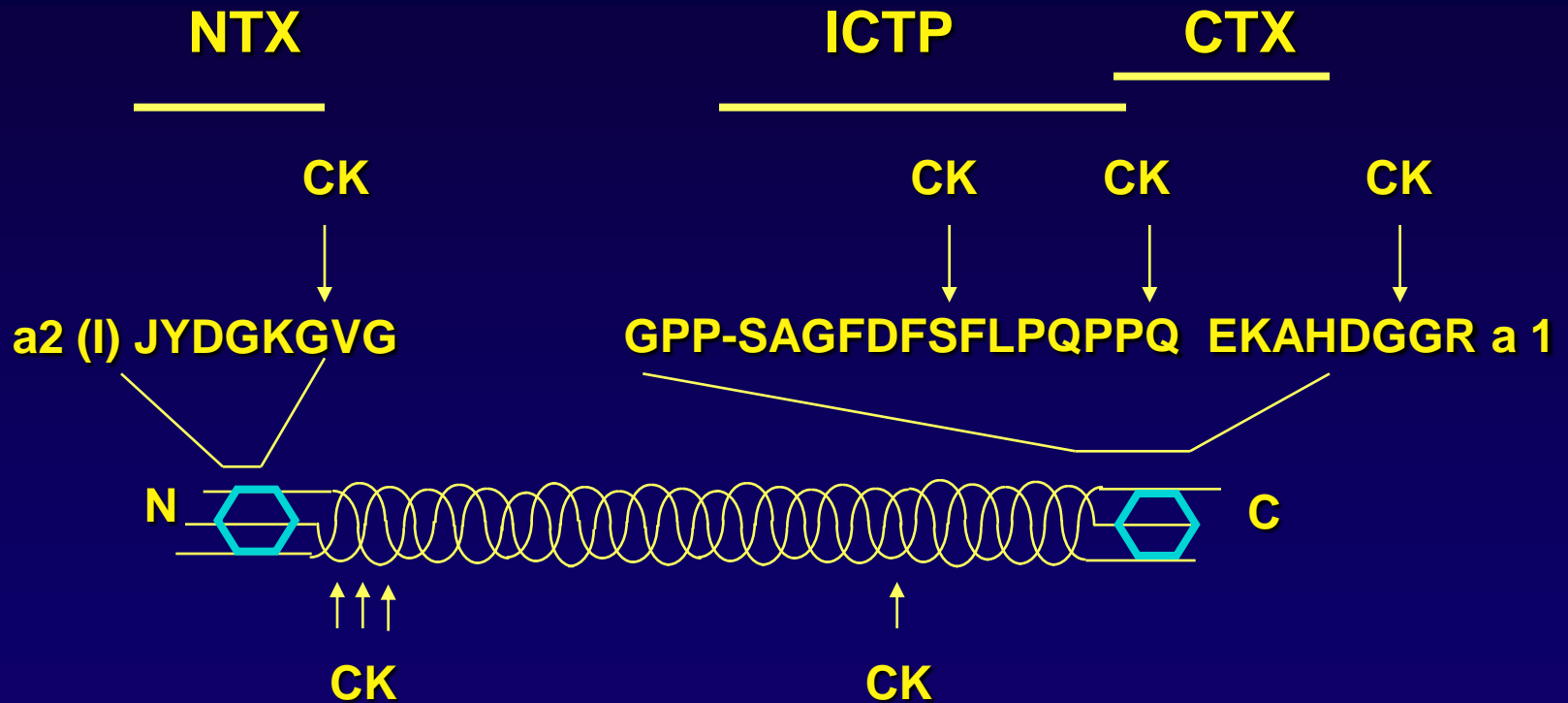


Determinants of Fracture Risk

1. Age
2. Prevalent Fracture
3. Family history of Fracture
4. Glucocorticoid
5. Low BMI
6. Alcohol, Smoking
7. Baseline BMD
8. Baseline Turnover



Type I collagen epitopes and Cathepsin K cleavage sites



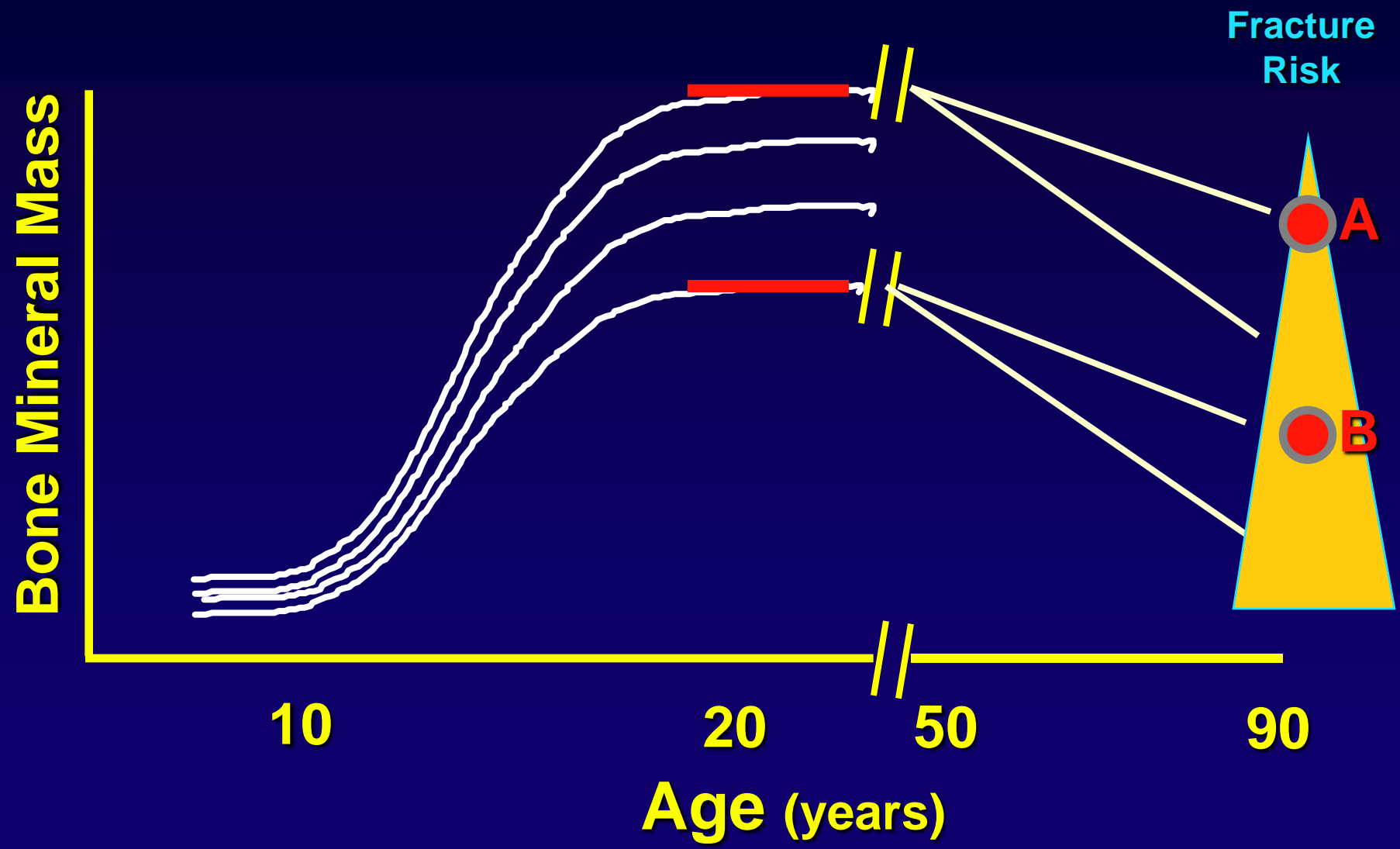
Deoxypyridinoline
Pyridinolines

Garnero et al., JBC, 1998

Sassi et al., Bone, 2000

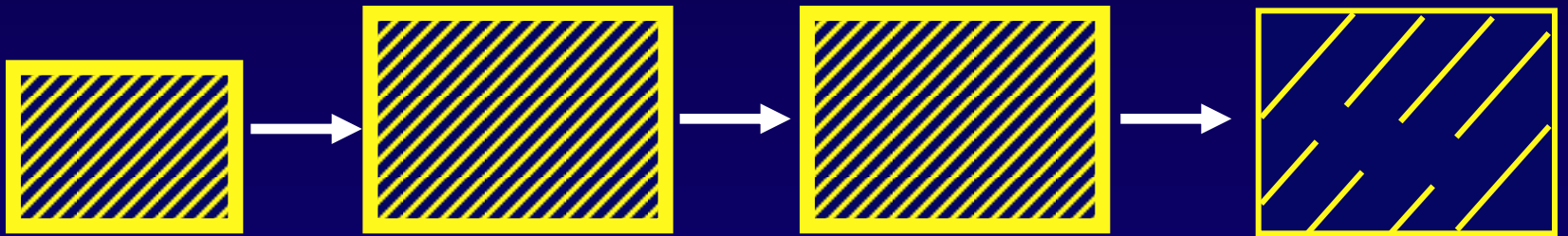
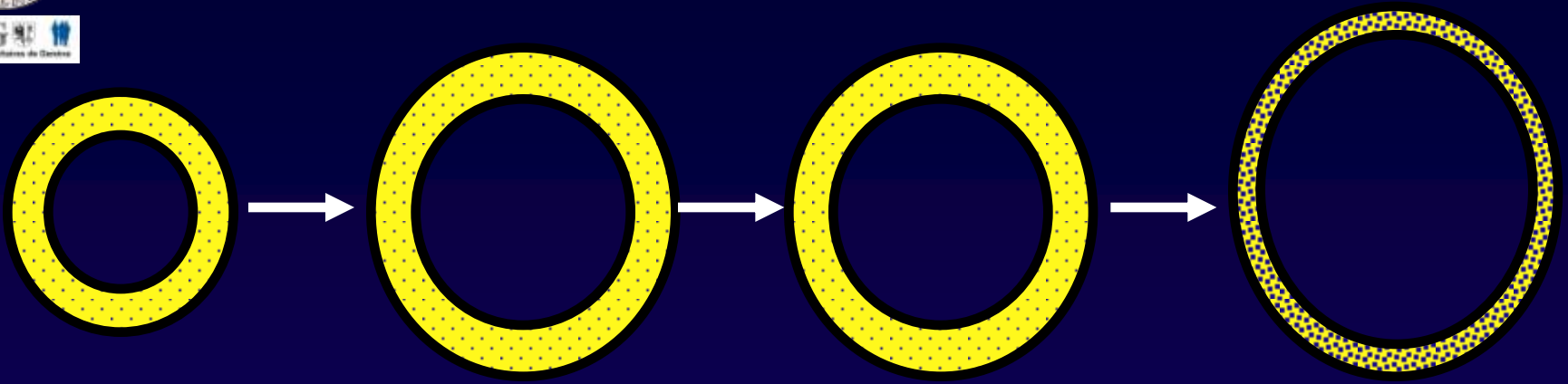


Tracking of Bone Mineral Mass





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Age: 10

20

40

70

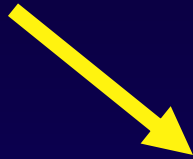
Rizzoli et al., J Mol Endocrinol 2001



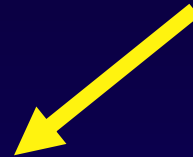
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Heredity

Gender



Mechanical
Forces

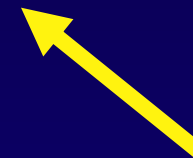


Peak Bone Mass

Hormones

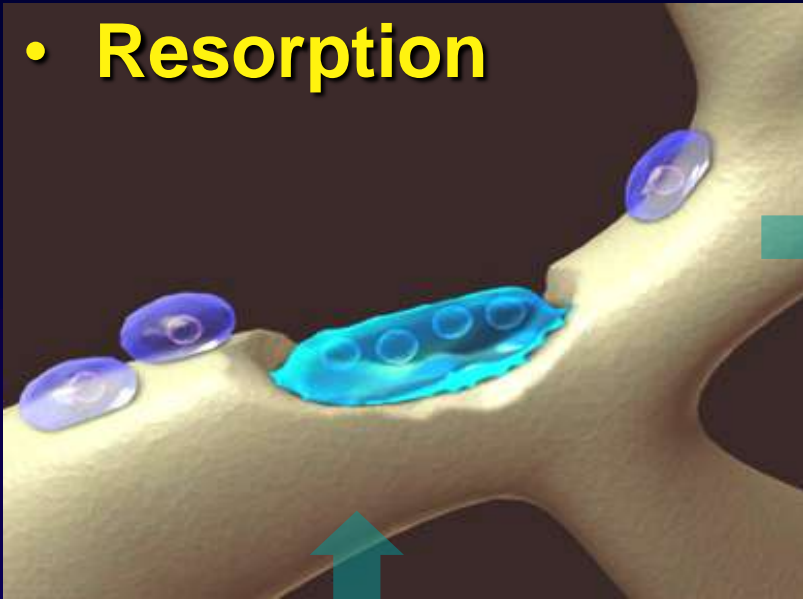


Risk Factors



Nutrition

- **Resorption**



- **Reversal**



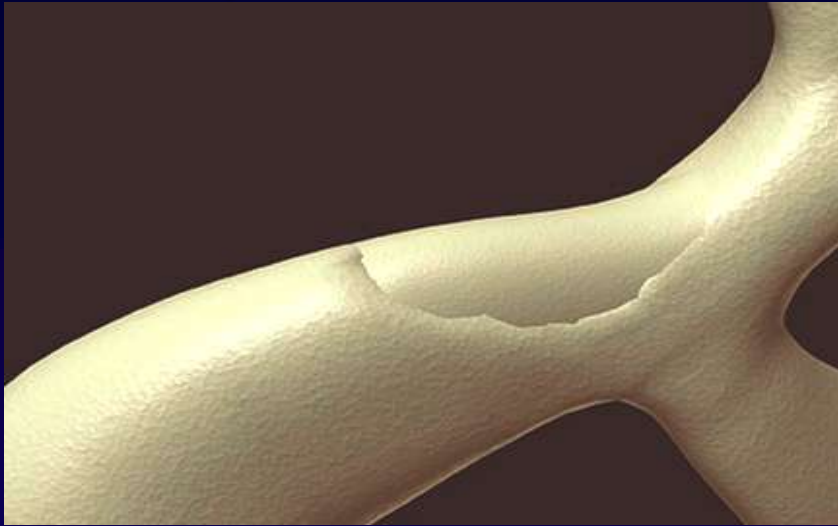
- **Resting**



- **Formation**



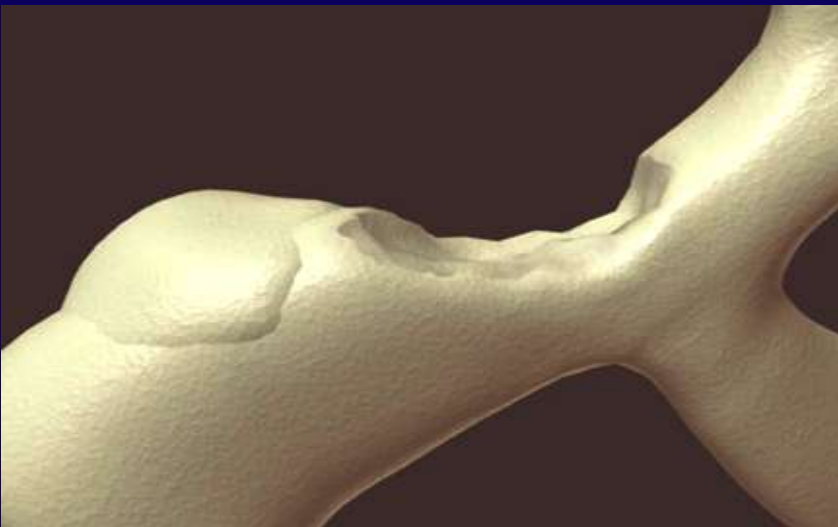
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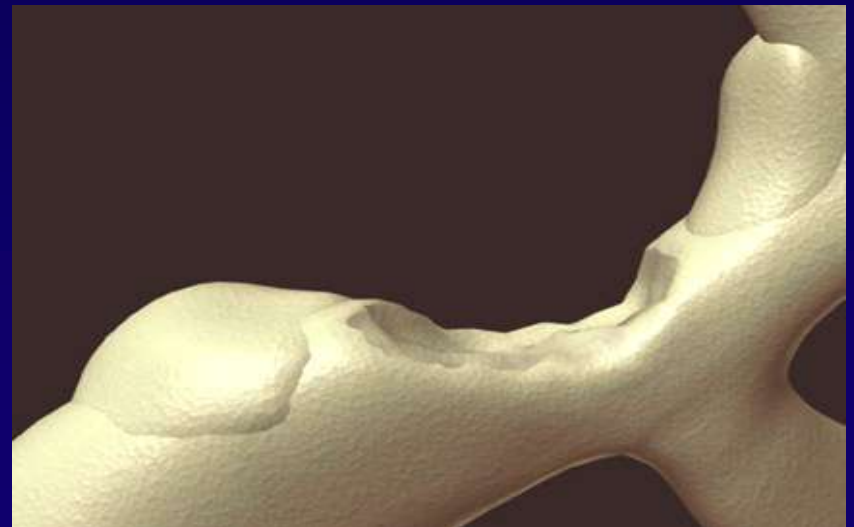
•Coupled but imbalanced



•Uncoupled but balanced



•Uncoupled and imbalanced





MALNUTRITION IN ELDERLY



Calcium Deficiency

Vitamin D Deficiency



PTH

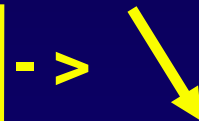


Bone Resorption

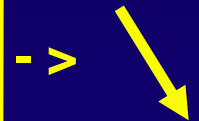


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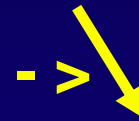
Protein Deficiency



IGF-1



**Sensitivity
to IGF-1**



Bone Formation





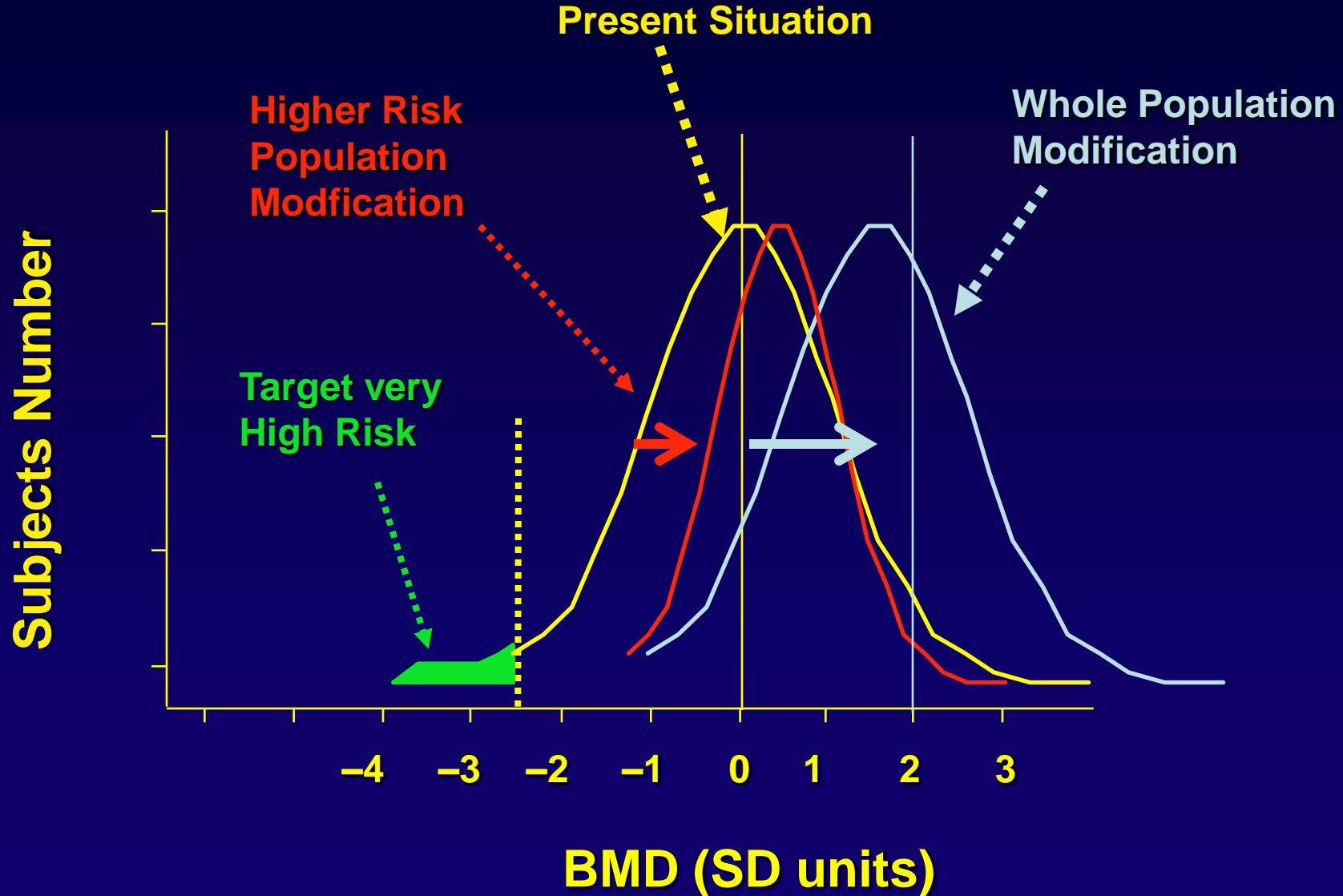
Management

- Indication to treatment
- Treatment possibilities



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Osteoporosis Preventive Strategies





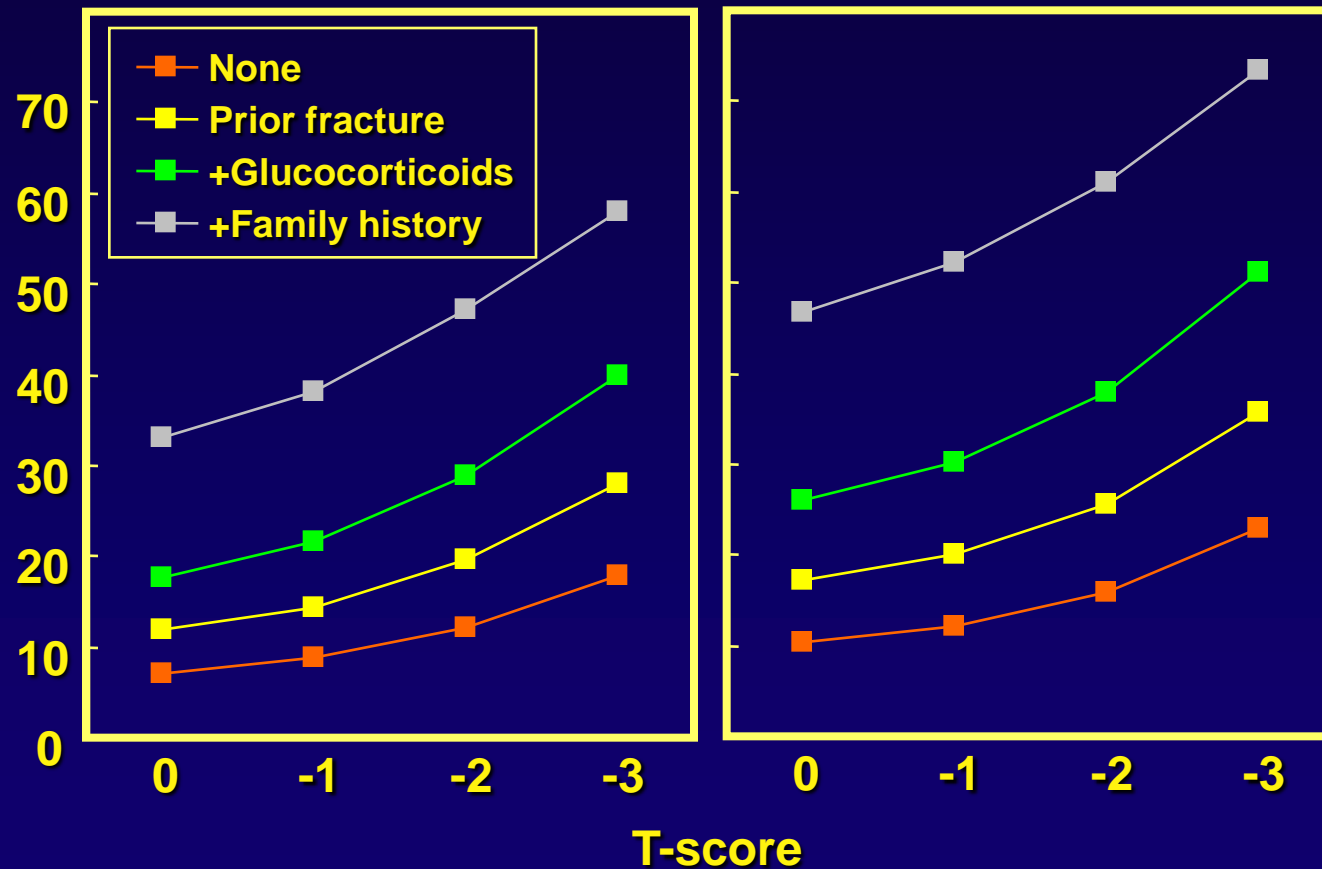
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Probability of osteoporotic fracture* at age 65

Men

Women

10-year probability (%)



US Caucasian, no CRF, BMI=24

*Hip, spine, humerus, forearm



FRAX WHO Fracture Risk Assessment Tool

[HOME](#)[CALCULATION TOOL](#)[FAQ](#)[REFERENCE](#)Your Country : **UK**Name / ID : [About the risk factors](#)

Weight Conversion:

pound: [convert](#)1 pound = 0.453592 kg

Height Conversion:

inch : [convert](#)1 inch = 2.54 cm

Questionnaire:

1. Age (between 40-90 years) or Date of birth

Age:

Date of birth:

Y:

M:

D:

2. Sex

Male

Female

3. Weight (kg)

4. Height (cm)

5. Previous fracture

No

Yes

6. Parent fractured hip

No

Yes

7. Current smoking

No

Yes

8. Glucocorticoids

No

Yes

9. Rheumatoid arthritis

No

Yes

10. Secondary osteoporosis

No

Yes

11. Alcohol 3 more units per day

No

Yes

12. Femoral neck BMD

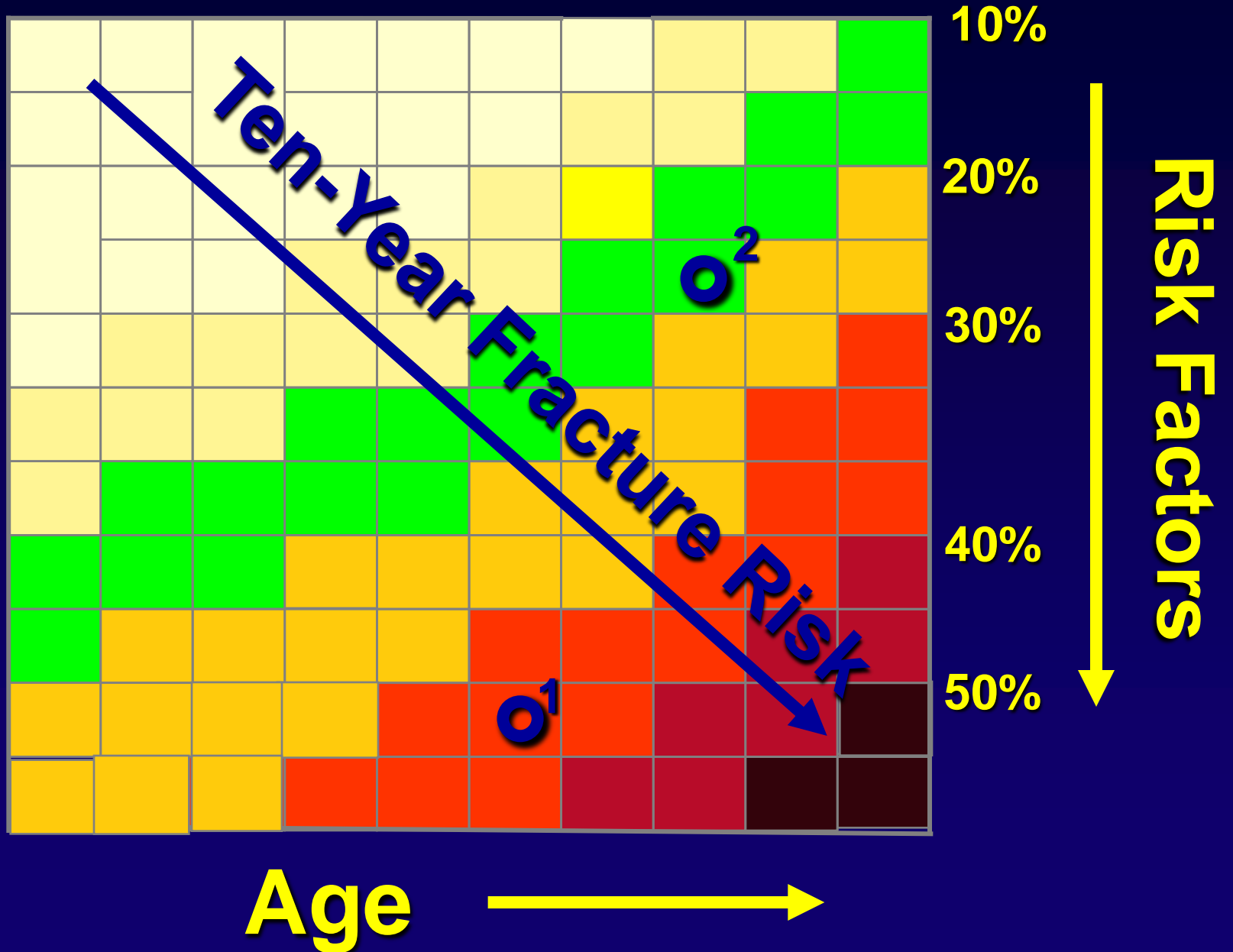
T-score

[Clear](#)[Calculate](#)**BMI:****24****The ten year probability of fracture (%) with BMD****Major osteoporotic fracture****23.9****Hip fracture:****8.0**



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10-Year Risk:





General Management

- **Treatment of any Disease Causing Bone Loss**
- **Ensure Dietary Calcium Intake ≥ 1000 mg /d**
- **Ensure Adequate Dietary Protein Intake**
- **Correct or Prevent Vitamin D Insufficiency (800 IU/d)**
- **Promote Weight-Bearing Physical Exercise**
- **Reduce Falling Risk**
- **Reduce Fall Consequences (Hip Protectors)**



Risk Factors Associated with Falls



- 1. Impaired Mobility, Disability**
- 2. Impaired Gait and Balance**
- 3. Neuromuscular or Musculoskeletal Disorders**
- 4. Age**
- 5. Impaired Vision**
- 6. Neurological, Heart Disorders**
- 7. History of Falls**
- 8. Medication**
- 9. Cognitive Impairment**

After Myers et al., Bone 1996

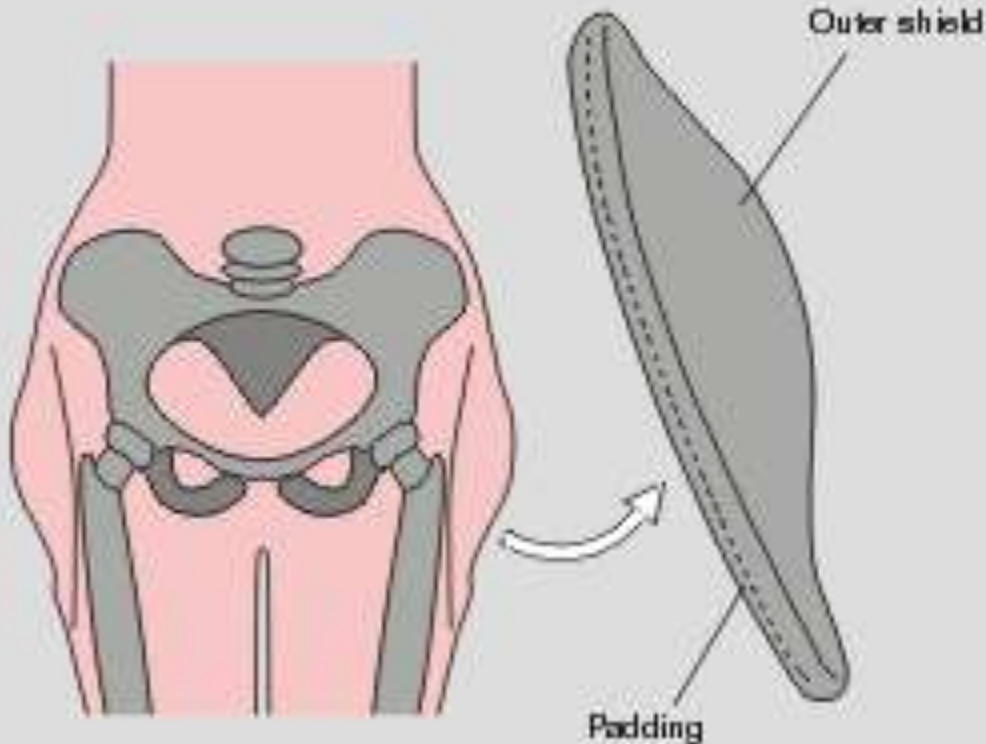


The Hip Protector

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Hip Fracture Prevention

- RCT in Community: No
- RCT in Nursing Homes:
Cluster Random.: Yes
Individual Random.: No
Left vs Right: No
- Problems
Compliance
Persistence





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Therapeutic Agents Used in Osteoporosis

Anticatabolic Agents

- **Estrogens ± Progestagens**
- **SERMs**
- **Bisphosphonates**
- **Calcitonin**
- **Calcium**
- **Denosumab**

Complex Action

- **Vitamin D and Derivatives**
- **Anabolic Steroids**
- **(Ipriflavone)**
- **Tibolone**

Anabolic Agents

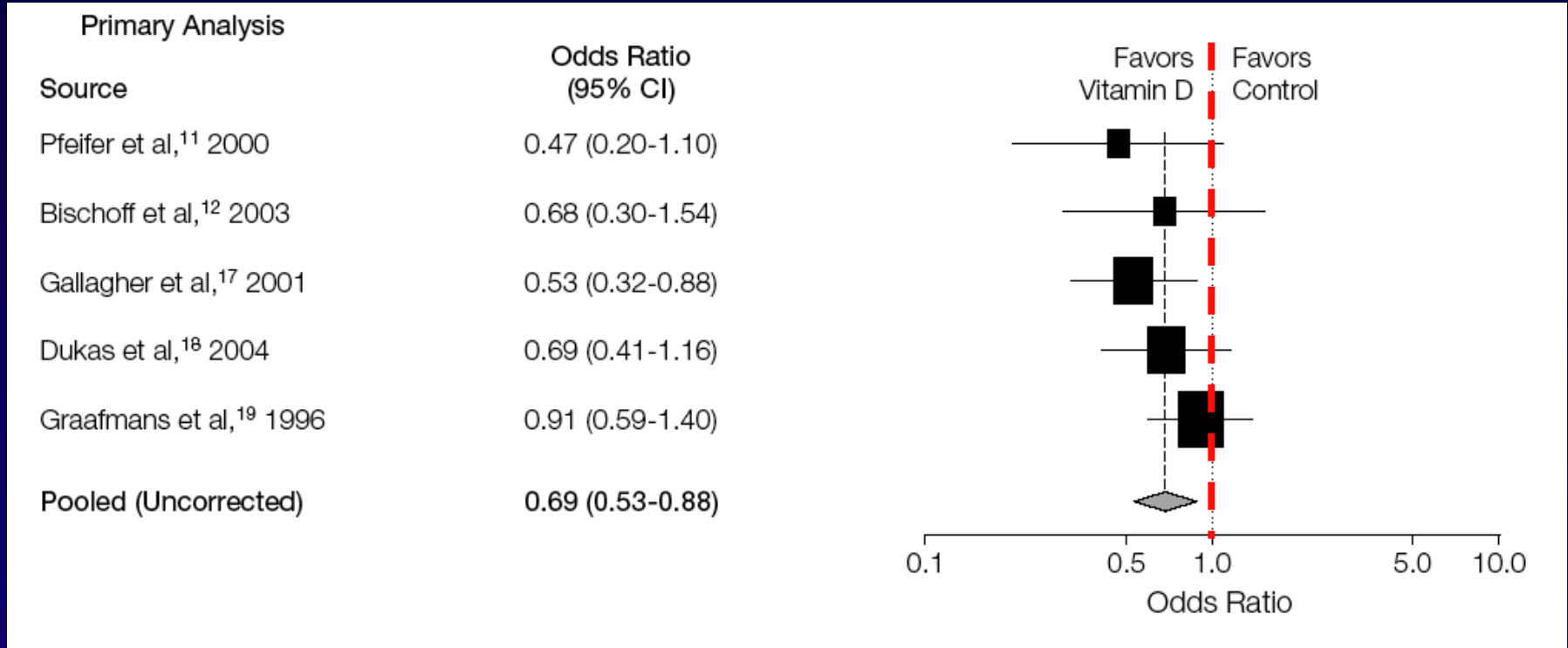
- **(Fluoride)**
- **Parathyroid Hormone**

Mixed Action

- **Strontium Ranelate**



Vitamin D and Risk of Falling



H. Bischoff-Ferrari et al JAMA 2004



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Hormone Replacement Therapy and Fracture Risk

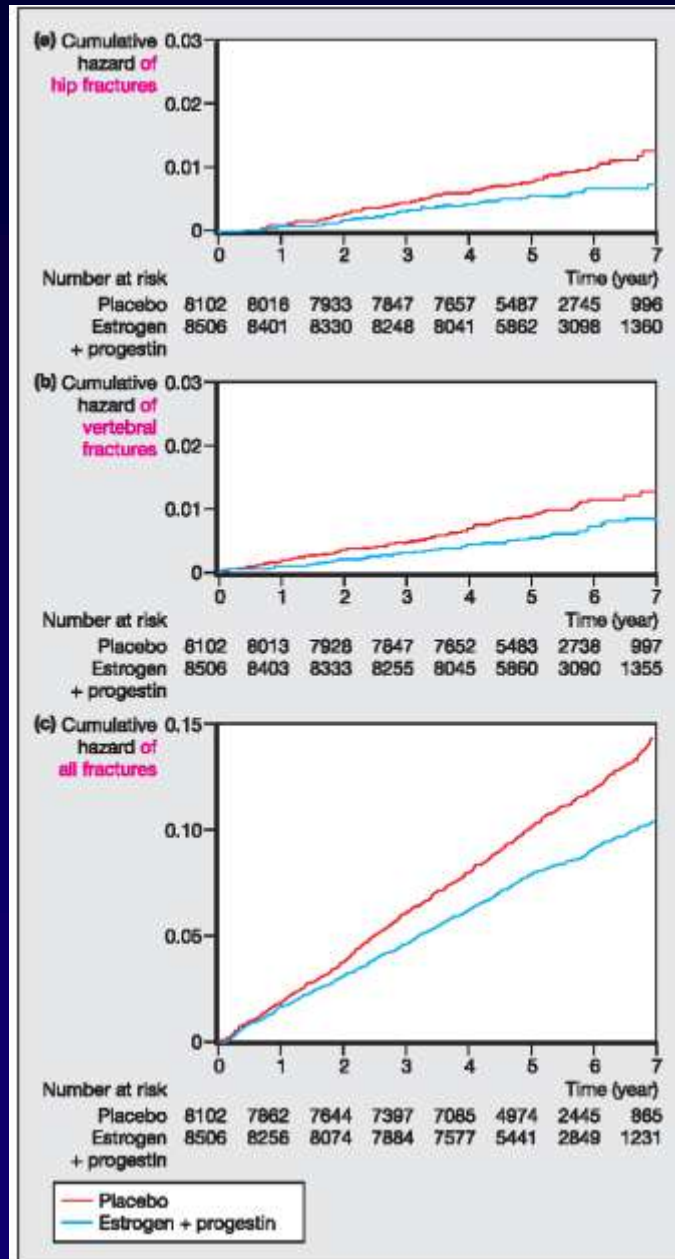
Hip

Placebo
HRT

Vertebral

WHI Study,
Cauley et al, 2003

All Fractures

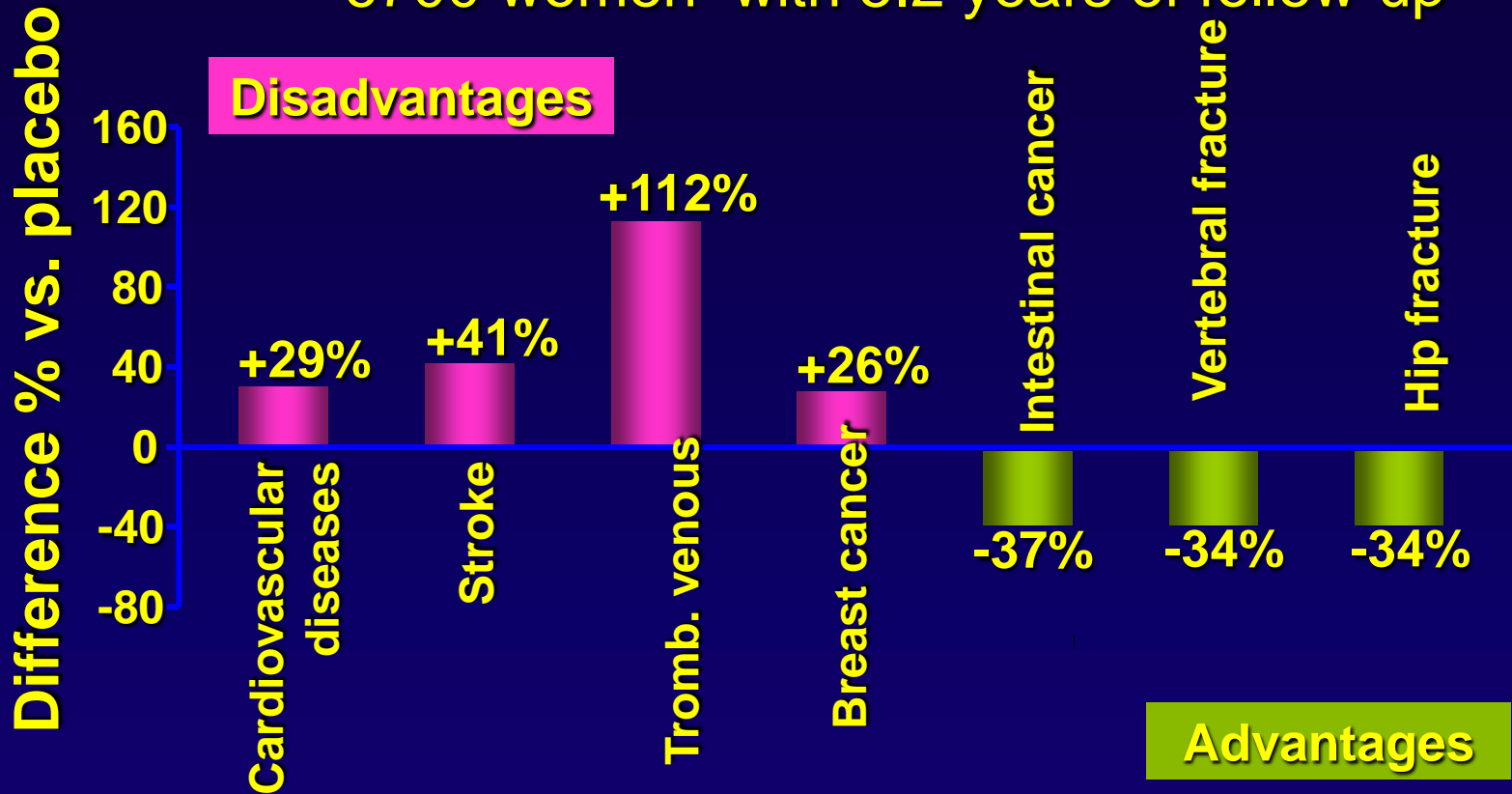




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Women's Health Initiative - First randomized, controlled trial in women (50-79 years) treated with HRT

6700 women with 5.2 years of follow-up



Manson JE et al, N Engl J Med, 2002;347:523-534



Anti -fracture efficacy (RR \pm 95% CI)

Vertebral Fx



* with prev vert fracture(s) ** without prev vert fractures

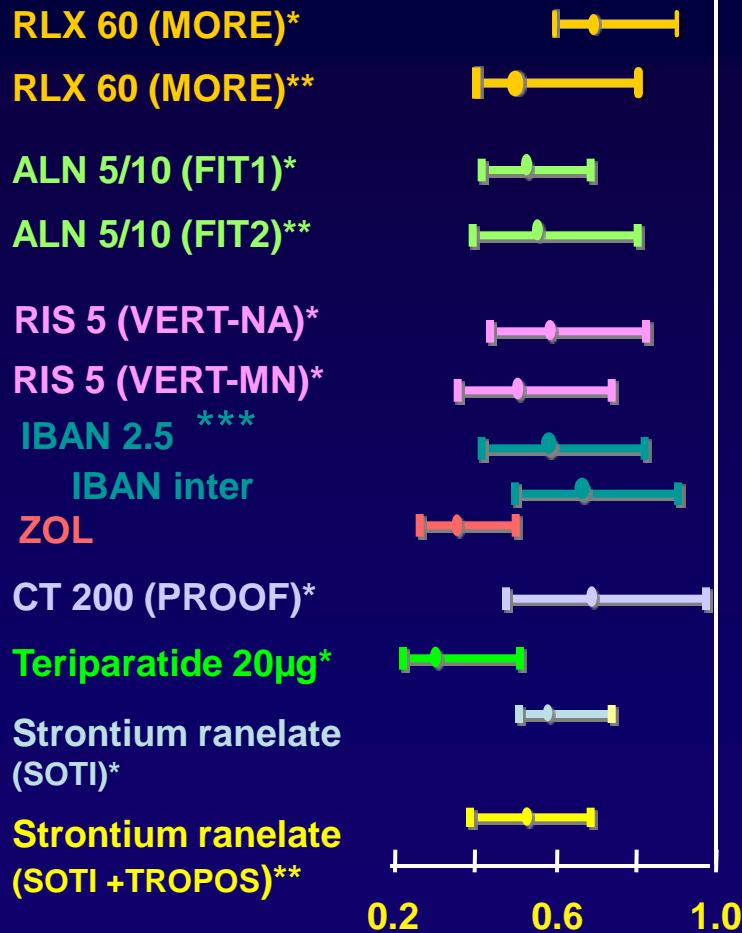
*** with or without prev vert fractures



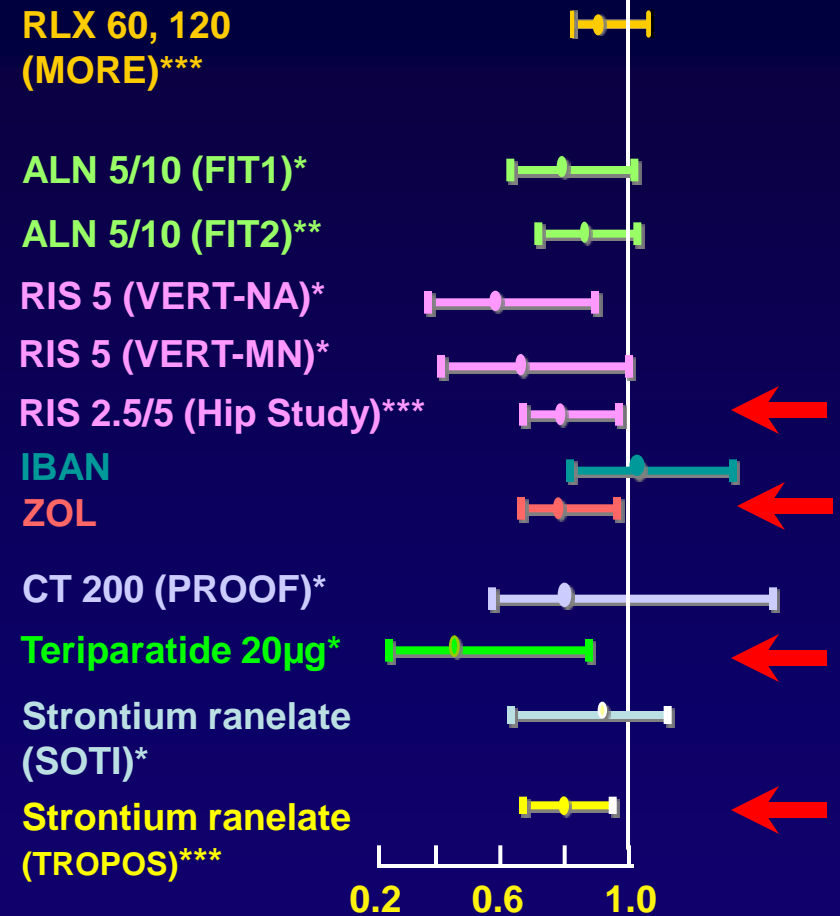
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Anti -fracture efficacy (RR ± 95% CI)

Vertebral Fx



Non-Vertebral Fx



* with prev vert fracture(s) ** without prev vert fractures

*** with or without prev vert fractures



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Anti -fracture efficacy (RR \pm 95% CI)

Hip Fx

Significant hip fracture risk
Reduction: 3 studies

Only studies with
preplanned analysis:
RIS 2.5/5 (Hip Study)
ZOL 5 mg (Horizon Study)

RLX 60, 120
(MORE)***

ALN 5/10 (FIT1)*

ALN 5/10 (FIT2)**

RIS 5 (VERT-NA)*

RIS 5 (VERT-MN)*

RIS 2.5/5 (Hip Study)***

IBAN

ZOL

CT 200 (PROOF)*

Teriparatide 20 μ g*

Strontium ranelate
(SOTI)*

Strontium ranelate
(TROPOS)***

0.2 0.6 1.0

* with prev vert

*** with or without prev vert fractures



Bisphosphonate New Schedules of Administration

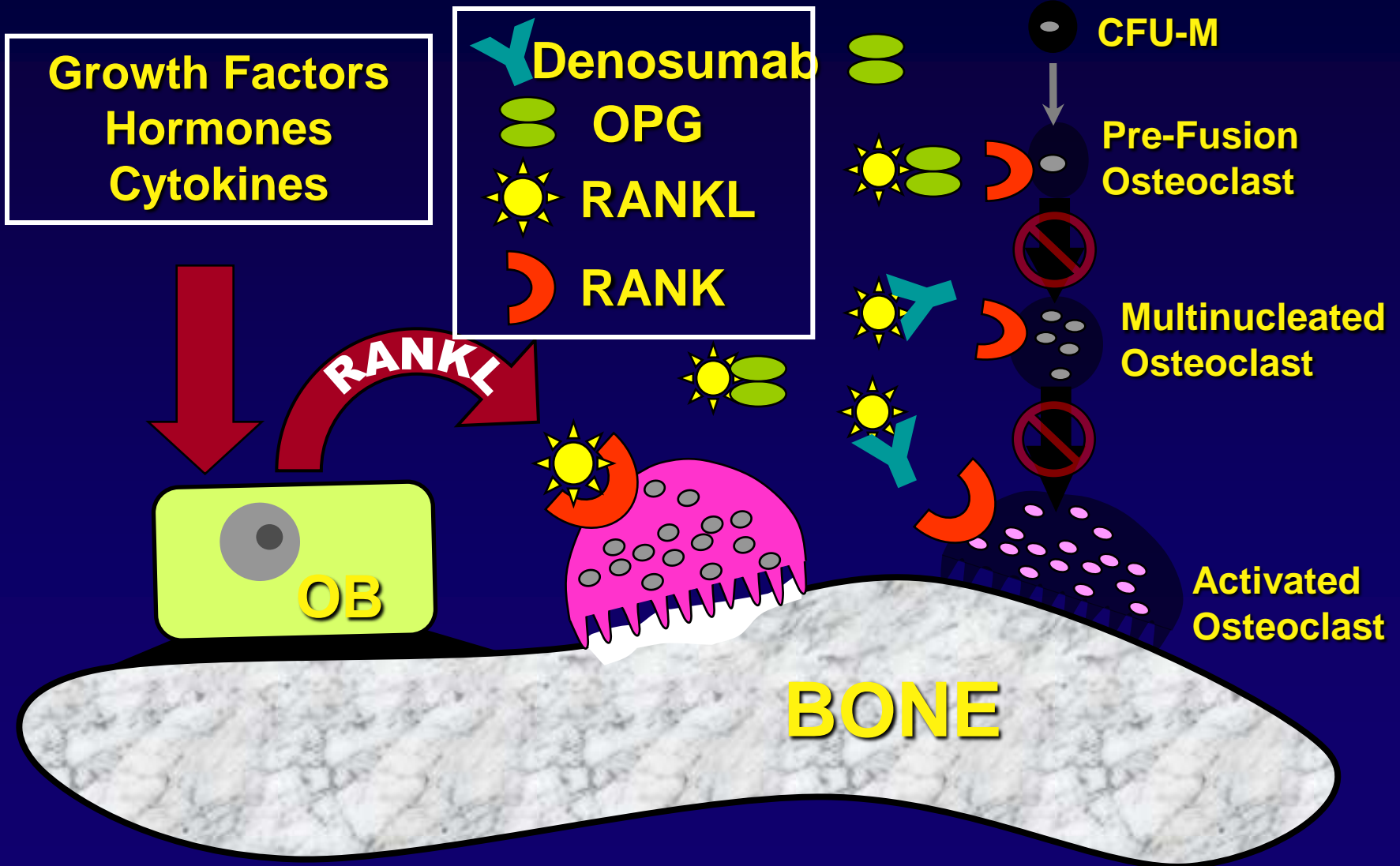
1. Weekly (Alendronate, Risedronate)
-> Monthly Oral Administration
 - Ibandronate
 - Risedronate
2. Trimonthly Intravenous Administration - Ibandronate
3. Annual Intravenous Administration - Zoledronate *
4. Sequential Regimen (PTH -> ALN, RIS or ALN -> PTH)

*: Fracture Data



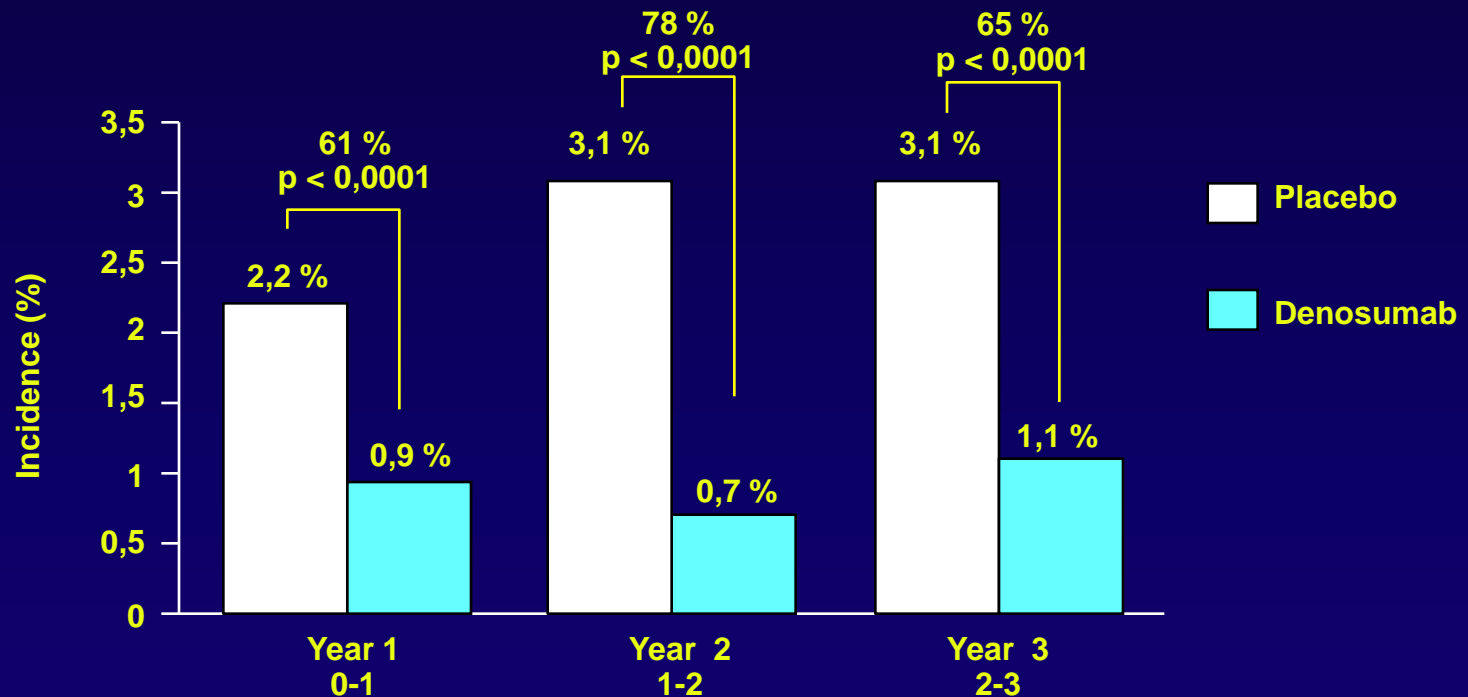
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Mechanism of Action of Denosumab



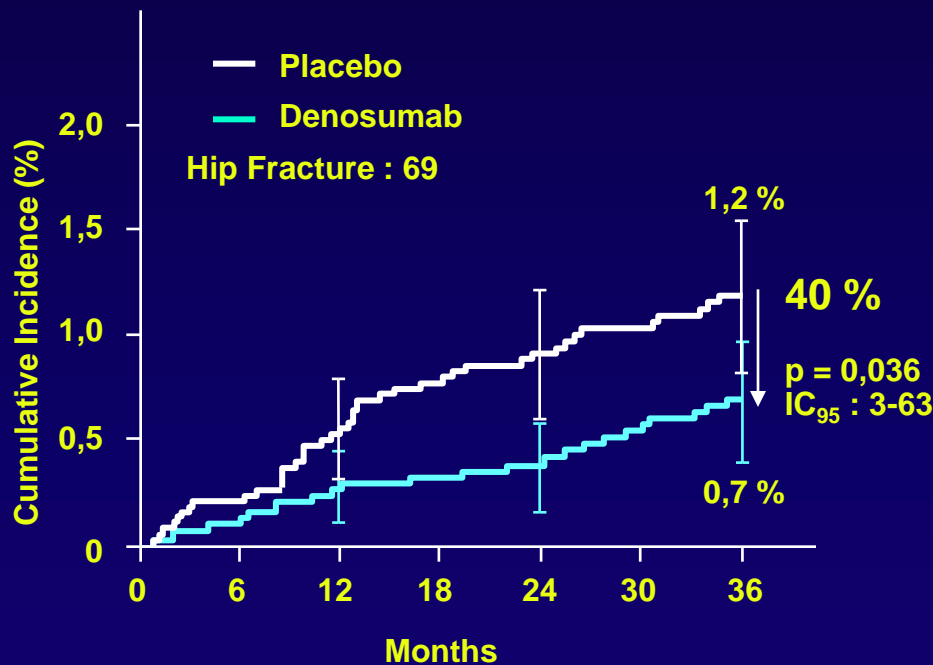
Phase III Trial on the Effects of Denosumab on Vertebral Fracture Risk in Women with Postmenopausal Osteoporosis

Reduction in vertebral fracture risk

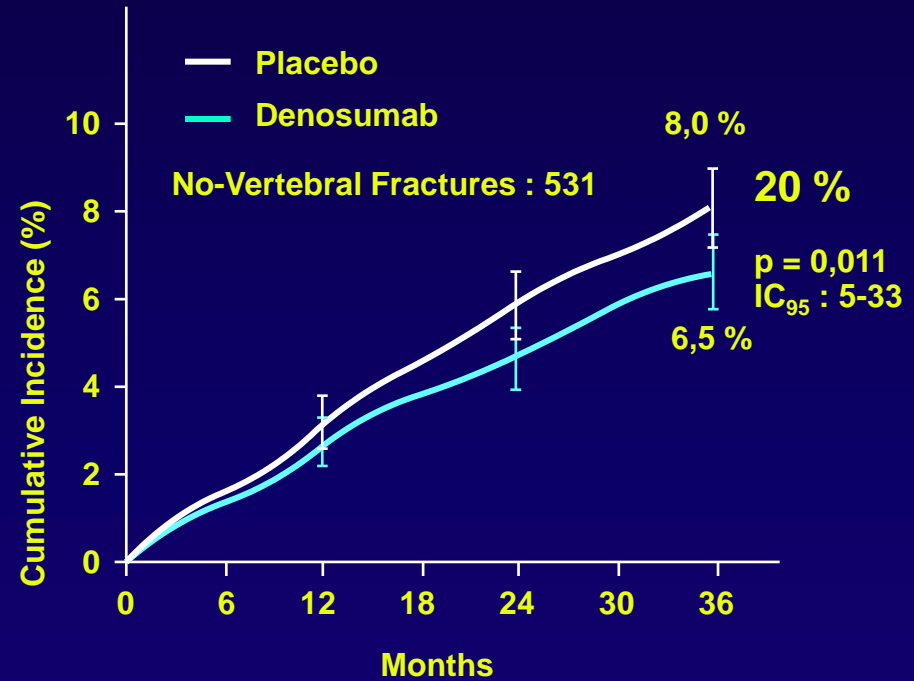


Phase III Trial on the Effects of Denosumab on Non-Vertebral Fracture Risk in Women with Postmenopausal Osteoporosis

Hip Fractures



Non-Vertebral Fractures





Osteoporosis Treatment in 2009

Summary

- HRT: ↓ spine fx; ↓ hip fx
- SERMS: ↓ spine fx; no effect on peripheral fx
- Calcitonin: possible ↓ spine fx; no hip data
- Alendronate: ↓ spine fx; ↓ hip fx
- Risedronate: ↓ spine fx; ↓ hip fx
- Ibandronate: ↓ spine fx; no effect on hip
- Zoledronate: ↓ spine fx; ↓ hip fx
- PTH: ↓ spine fx
- Strontium Ranelate: ↓ spine fx; ↓ hip fx
- Denosumab: ↓ spine fx; ↓ hip fx



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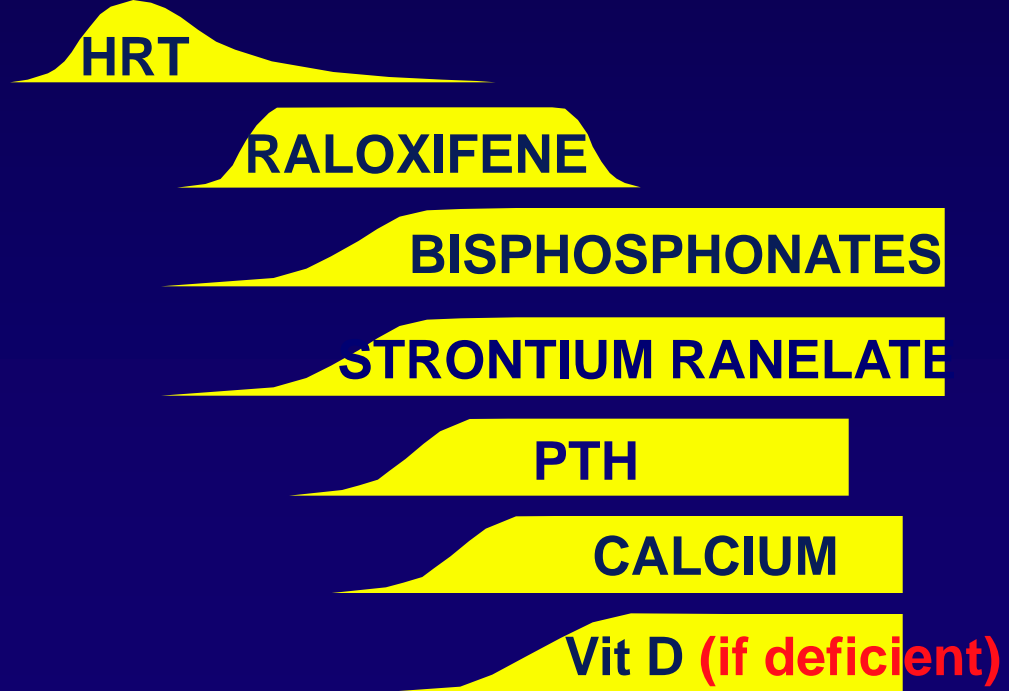
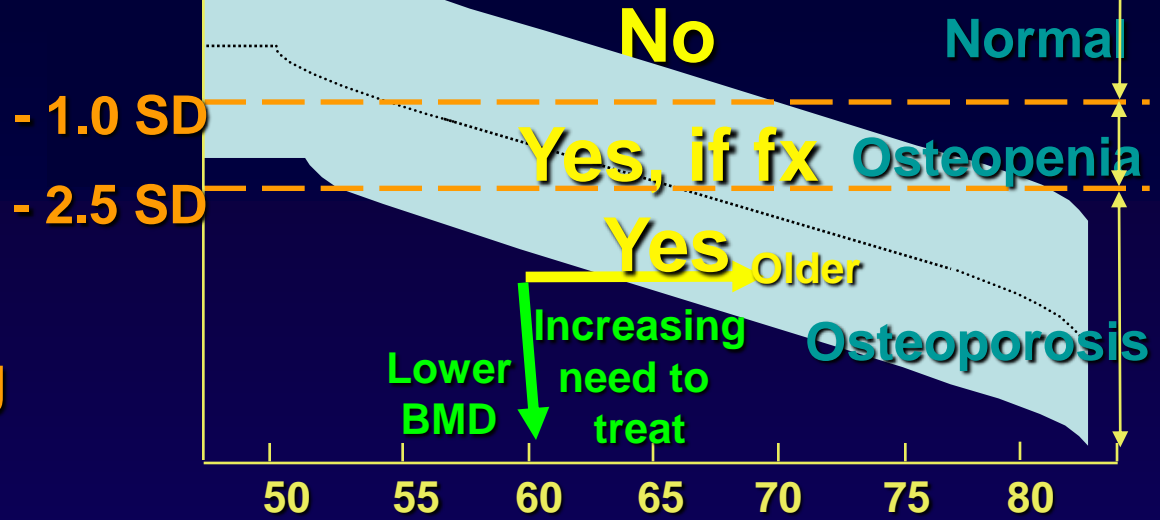
Adapted from
E. Seeman
(2004)

Factors Influencing Treatment Decision

- Advancing age
- Lower BMD
- Presence of Fracture
- Risk factors or disease causing continued bone loss
 - Leanness
 - Family history

BMD Treatment

T score





1. Aim of Therapy

- ≠ Treatment of Osteoporosis**
- = Treatment of Patients with Osteoporosis**

2. Never Too Late



Fractures are not Unavoidable Expenses to Pay as a Consequence of Increased Life-Expectancy

Because of

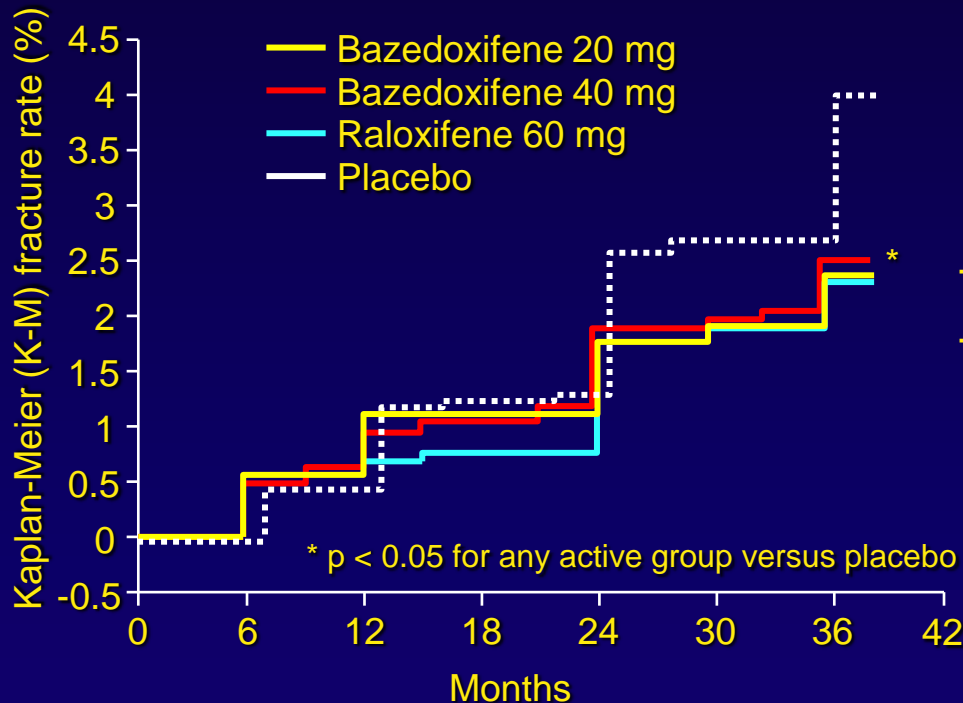
- **Better Identification of Risk Factors for Osteoporosis**
- **Early Diagnosis, before the First Fracture**
- **A Larger Use of Preventive and Therapeutical Strategies, whose Efficacy has been Demonstrated in Randomized Controlled Trials, with Fracture Incidence as Primary End-Point**



Effect of Bazedoxifene on Vertebral Fracture in Postmenopausal Women with Osteoporosis

• Results

Incidence of new vertebral fracture (intent-to-treat population 0-36 months)



– the reduction in the incidence of new vertebral fractures was (as compared to placebo)

- - 42% in group I
- - 37% in group II
- - 42% in group III

– there was no treatment effect on NVF

– there was no difference between the different groups with regard to adverse effects

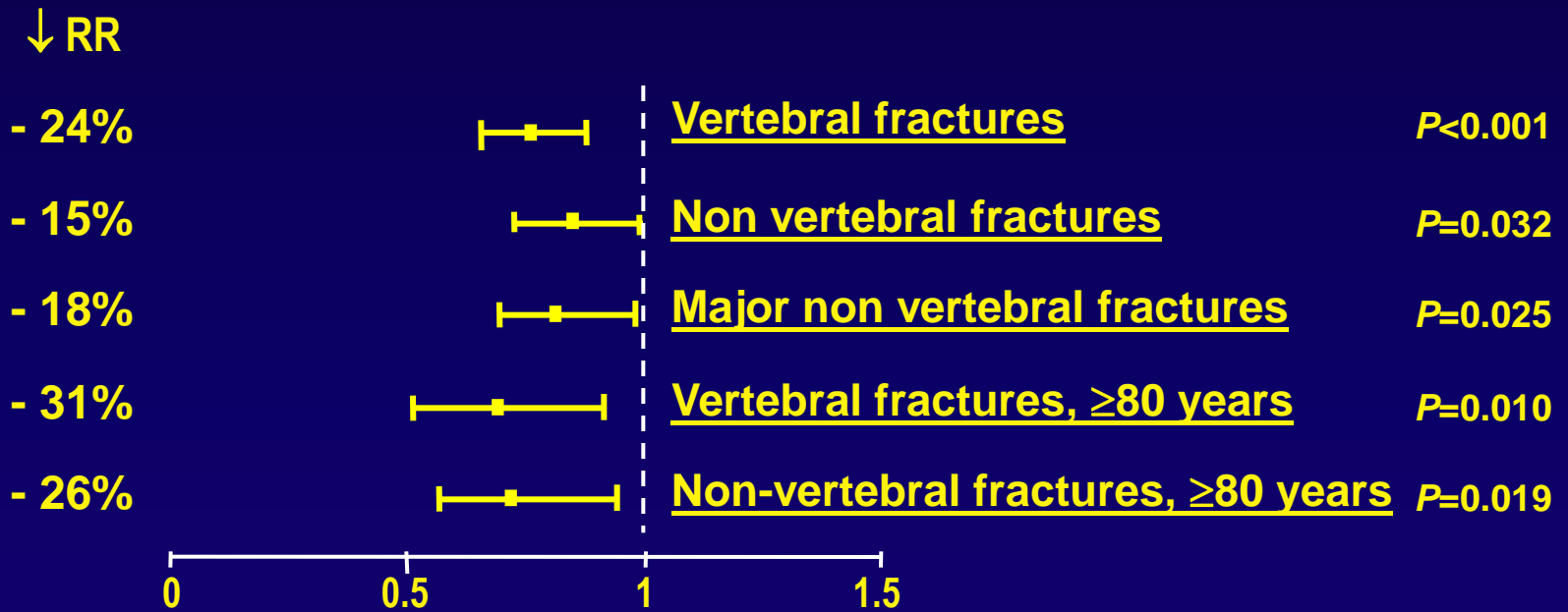
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Favors Strontium ranelate

Over 5 years

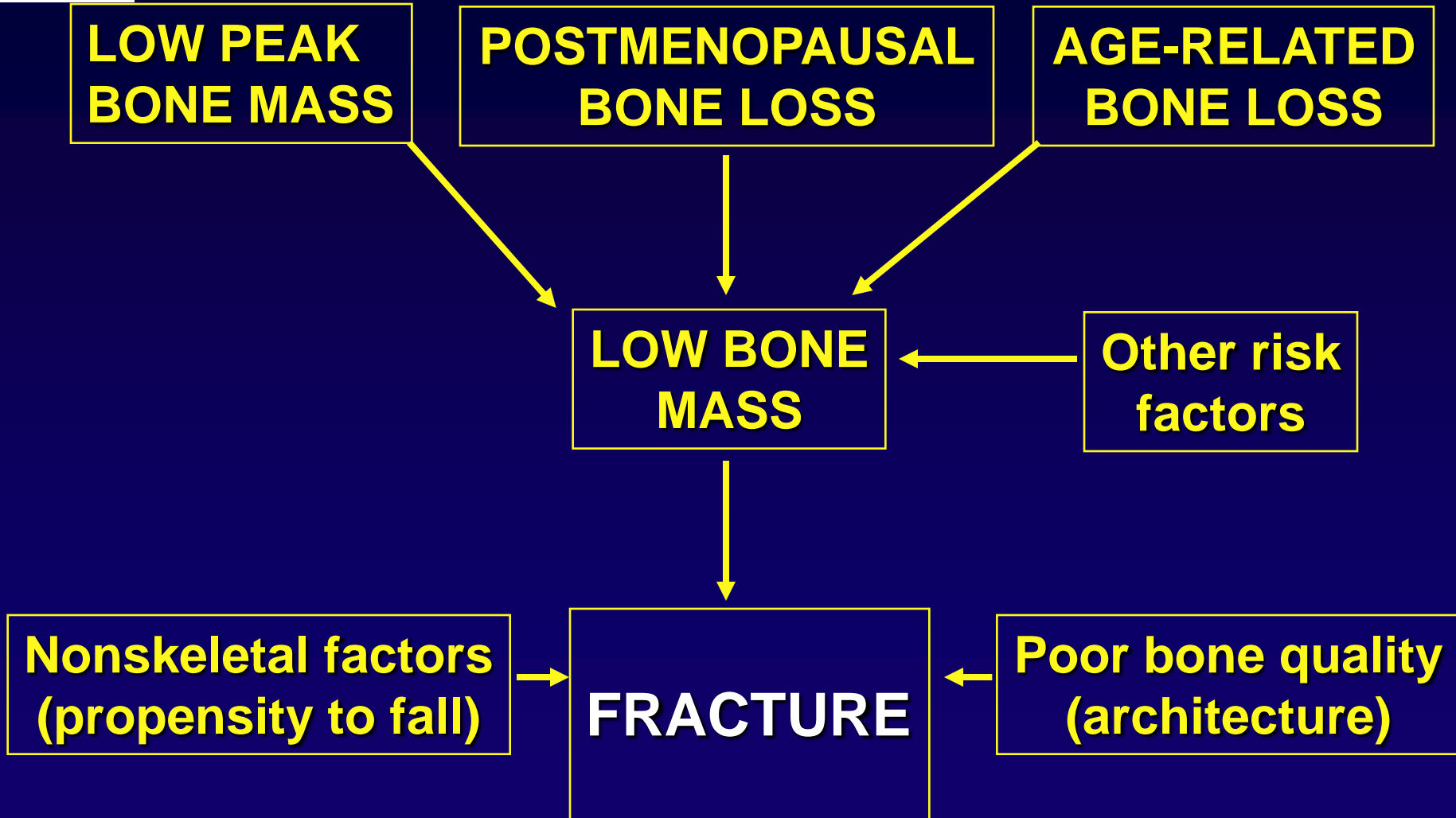


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RELATIVE RISKS AND 95% CI

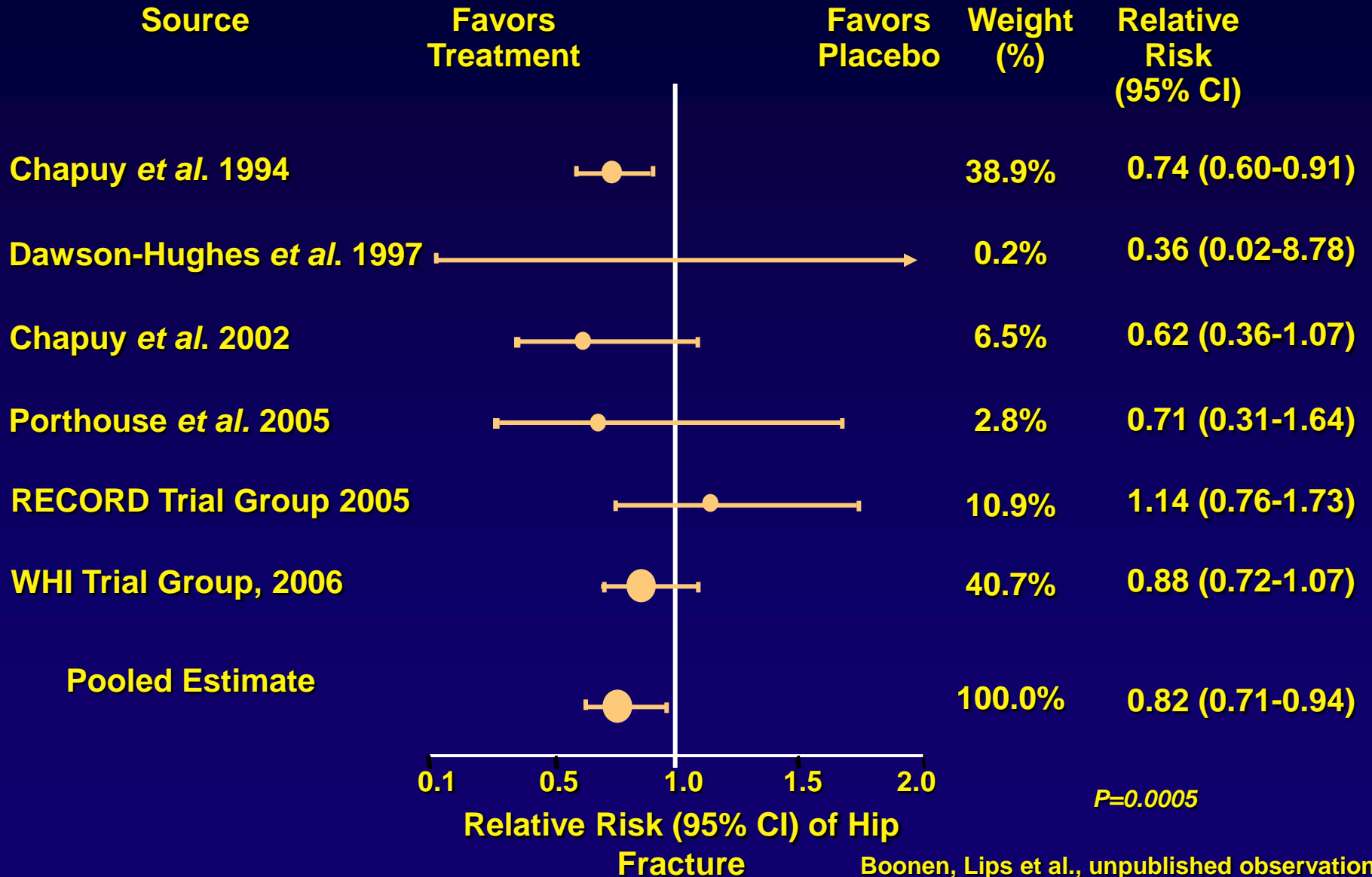


Pathogenesis of Osteoporotic Fracture





Hip Fracture Risk – *Vitamin D & Calcium* Versus Placebo/No Treatment





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Tracking of Bone Mineral Mass Accrual

