

Factors that contribute
to fracture risk



LOW BONE MASS
(OSTEOPOROSIS)

- Aging
- Menopause or complete hysterectomy <45yrs, treatment with aromatase inhibitors
- Hyperthyroid, hyperparathyroid, vitamin D deficiency, hypercalcaemia
- Smoking history, Alcohol excess
- Rheumatoid arthritis, Lupus, Ank Spon
- Coeliac disease, Crohn's or Ulcerative colitis
- Post bariatric surgery, past eating disorder
- Cortisol excess, acromegaly, diabetes
- Cirrhosis, transplant recipients, CKD
- History of hip fracture in parent
- Glucocorticoids, anti-retrovirals thiozalamides or anti-epileptic therapy

INCREASED
FALLS RISK

- Trip hazards in the home and garden eg. rugs, pets, clutter/debris, steps
- Unbalanced and unsupportive footwear
- Muscle weakness, poor balance
- No assessment for mobility aid
- Vision impairment
- Unaddressed incontinence, especially urge
- Medications: psychotropic and sedative
- Mobilising inside and outside without adequate lighting
- Poor engagement in multimodal exercise program

LOW BONE
MASS
DIAGNOSED
WITH

MINIMAL TRAUMA FRACTURE OVER
AGE 50

DXA SCAN - RECOMMENDED IN
>65Y OR >50Y WITH RISK FACTORS

STRONG BONES
AND
STEADY STEPS

A guide to decreasing
fracture risk in your post-
menopausal patients



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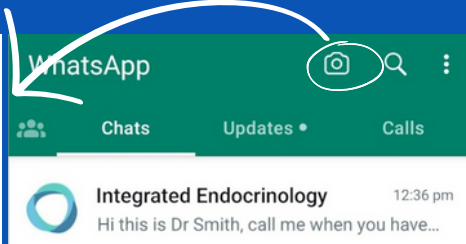
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Interventions

REGULAR REVIEW
OF DXA +/- BONE
TURNOVER
MARKERS

MEDICATION
THERAPY

**SELECT
FROM**

- CALCIUM
- VITAMIN D
- DENOSUMAB
- ANABOLIC AGENTS
- BISPHOSPHONATES
- SELECTIVE ESTROGEN
RECEPTOR MODULATOR

MANAGE FACTORS
CONTRIBUTING TO
LOSS OF BONE

EFFECTIVE
COUNSELLING
TO IMPROVE
ADHERENCE

ADDRESS
FALLS RISKS

CONSIDERATIONS

- ☐ Severity of bone loss
- ☐ Life expectancy and degree of frailty
- ☐ Patient preference for dosing mode and frequency (IV, oral, daily, monthly, annually)
- ☐ Community dwelling vs facility, diet, lifestyle
- ☐ Medicare criteria, financial situation
- ☐ Hx dental disease, reflux, recent MI/stroke
- ☐ Tolerance of potential adverse effects

- ☐ Flat footwear +/- ankle support
- ☐ Rationalise medications
- ☐ Multimodal exercise program
- ☐ Raise awareness of trip risk items in home
- ☐ Counsel to avoid walking in dark inside and outside, avoid walking barefoot
- ☐ Encourage use of mobility aid if required
- ☐ Address vision impairment, weakness, and incontinence