

# **Osteoporosis in CKD: A diagnosis & therapeutic challenge on the move**

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# Definitions

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- **Osteoporosis** is defined as a hx of fragility fx &/or a T-score of -2.5 or lower on dual energy X-ray absorptiometry (DEXA).
- **Osteopenia or Low bone mass** is defined as a T-score between -1.0 & -2.5 on DEXA.

Falls are the **leading cause** of both fatal & nonfatal injuries in people aged  $\geq 65$ .

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- **Fragility fx** is one caused by a degree of trauma not expected to cause a fx; i.e., a fall from standing height or lower.
- Fragility fxs, such as vertebral compression fxs & distal forearm fxs, are common in the elderly but can occur at any age.
- Major osteoporotic fx is a fx of the hip, spine (clinical), wrist, or humerus.

# Definitions

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- **Osteoporosis** involves a loss of bone mass & changes in microarchitecture not associated with specific mineralization, cellularity or bone turnover defect.
- Although **OP & ABD** share some common clinical characteristics, their pathogenesis, histopathology & treatment are different.

# Definitions

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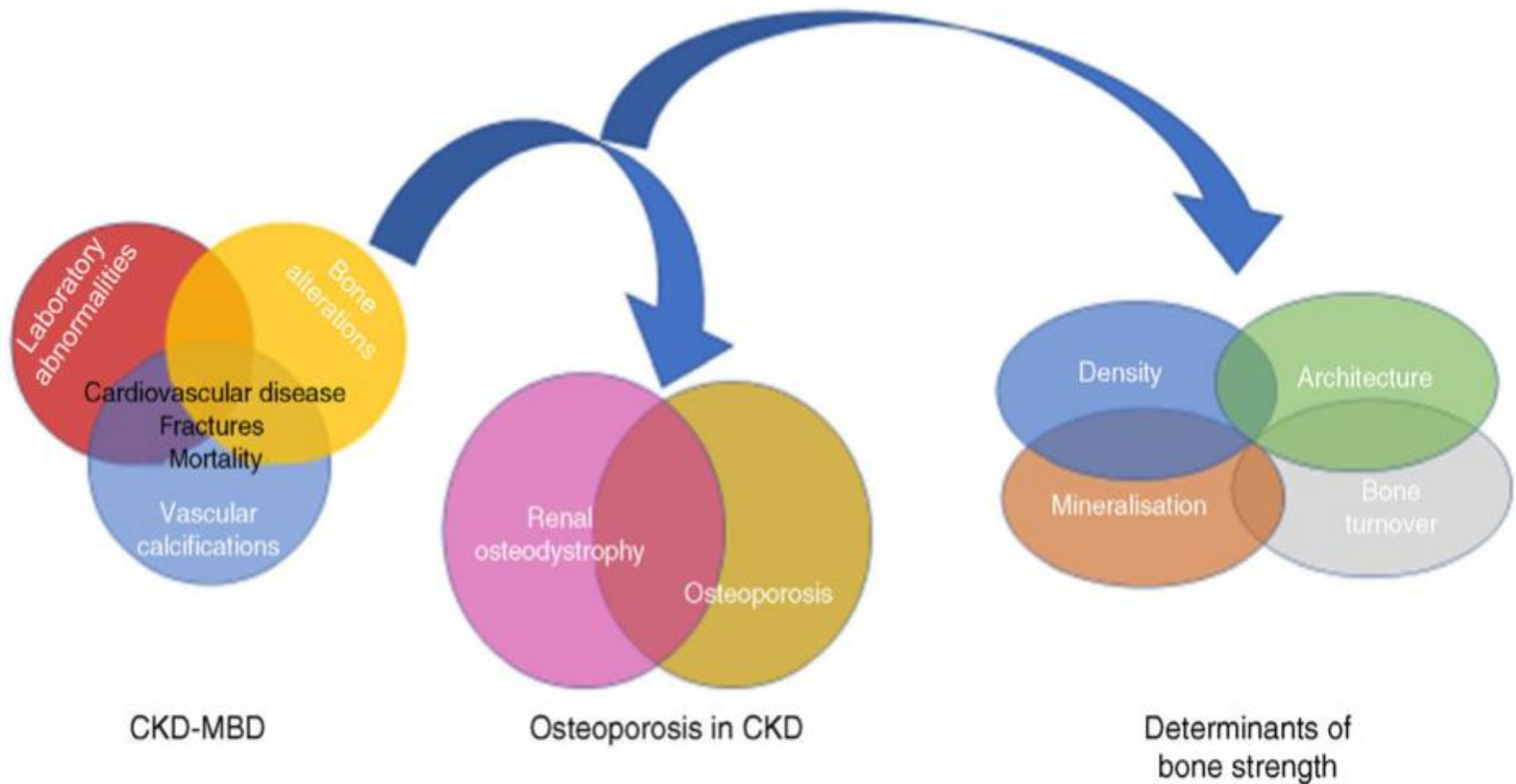
- **Uremic OP** emphasizes the particularly complex relationship between BMD & the risk of Fx & mortality in CKD patients.

# Epidemiology

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- Fxs were more frequent in the group of dialysis patients vs. the general population in all countries, & **non-vertebral fxs** were always much more frequent than the vertebral fxs.
- All fxs occur at a younger age (**≠ 10 ys younger**) & are associated with a significant increase in morbidity & mortality i.e. the death/rehospitalisation rate is **4 ×** higher in patients on dialysis with fxs compared with patients with no fxs.

# Relationship between CKD-MBD, ROD & OP



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# Diagnosis



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- **Peripheral DEXA & QUS bone densitometry**
  - Their results are more limited & not equivalent to DEXA. Abnormal results should be confirmed with central DEXA.
- **HR-pQCT**
  - Does not provide information on bone turnover & mineralization that can be obtained from bone BX & it is expensive & not widely available.
- **Central DEXA**
  - Gold standard
- **Bone Bx**
  - Rarely used due to logistical difficulties involved.

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- 3.2.1: In patients with CKD **G3a to G5D** with evidence of CKD–MBD &/or risk factors for op, we suggest **BMD** testing to assess fx risk if results will impact treatment decisions.  
(Grade 2B)

# Diagnosis

- BMD measured as T-score (number of SD from BMD of women aged 20–29) exponentially increases the risk of fx.
- In the absence of BMD measurement, this could be indicated by the presence of **a major risk factor (other than age) or 2 minor risk factors**, or, according to different guidelines, 2 major or 1 major + 2 minor.
- Other risk factors important for nephrologists would be:
  - The use of loop diuretics, chronic use of heparin or anticoagulants, PPIs, antihistamines, SSRIs, estrogen & testosterone blockers, antiepileptics, aromatase inhibitors, etc.

# FX risk factors

- **Major (RR  $\geq$  2)**

1. BMD  $\leq$  -2.5
2. Previous Fx
3. Age  $\geq$  65
4. BMI  $\leq$  20
5. Hx of hip fx in a first- degree relative
6. HPTH
7. Untreated premature ovarian failure
8. Falls in the previous year ( $\geq$  2)
9. Eating disorder
10. Chronic malnutrition or malabsorption syndromes

# FX risk factors

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- **Minor**

1. Female gender
2. Early menopause (40-45 y)
3. Current smoker
4. Consumption of  $\geq 3$  u alcohol/day
5. Type 1 DM
6. RA
7. Hyperthyroidism

## Welcome to FRAX

The FRAX<sup>®</sup> tool has been developed to assess the individual patient models that take into account bone mineral density (BMD) at the hip and spine.



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The FRAX<sup>®</sup> models have been developed from population-based cohorts from Australia. In their most sophisticated form, the models are computer-driven and is available in both paper versions, based on the available, and can be downloaded.

The FRAX<sup>®</sup> algorithms give the 10-year probability of fracture. The output is a 10-year probability of hip fracture and the 10-year probability of a major osteoporotic fracture (clinical spine, forearm, hip or shoulder fracture).

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## Clarification

# Calculation Tool

Please answer the questions below to calculate the ten year probability of fracture with BMD.



Country: Iran

Name/ID:

About the risk factors

## Questionnaire:

1. Age (between 40 and 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 or more units/day ☒ No ☐ Yes

12. Femoral neck BMD (g/cm<sup>2</sup>)

Select BMD

Clear

Calculate

## Weight Conversion

Pounds ☒ kg

Convert

## Height Conversion

Inches ☒ cm

Convert

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Individuals with fracture risk  
assessed since 1st June 2011

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T-Score

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**BMI: 27.1**

**The ten year probability of fracture (%)**



**with BMD**

Major osteoporotic

**15**

Hip Fracture

**7.6**

If you have a TBS value, click here:

[Adjust with TBS](#)

## Weight Conversion

Pounds ➡ kg

## Height Conversion

Inches ➡ cm

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## Herramienta de Cálculo

Por favor responda las preguntas siguientes para calcular la probabilidad de fractura a diez años sin DMO o con DMO.

país: **España**      Nombre/ID:       [Sobre los Factores de riesgo](#)

### Cuestionario:

- Edad (entre 40-90 años) o fecha de nacimiento  
 Edad:       Fecha de Nacimiento: A:  M:  D:
- Sexo      ☐ Hombre ☒ Mujer
- Peso (kg)
- Estatura (cm)
- Fractura previa      ☐ No ☒ Sí
- Padres con Fractura de Cadera      ☒ No ☐ Sí
- Fumador Activo      ☒ No ☐ Sí
- Glucocorticoides      ☒ No ☐ Sí
- Artritis Reumatoide      ☒ No ☐ Sí
- Osteoporosis secundaria      ☒ No ☐ Sí
- Alcohol, 3 o más dosis por día      ☒ No ☐ Sí
- DMO de Cuello Femoral  
 T-Score

**IMC: 20.8**  
 La probabilidad de diez años de fractura (%) con DMO

Mayor osteoporótica	<b>11</b>
La fractura de cadera	<b>4.1</b>

Si usted tiene un valor TBS, haga clic aquí:



### Peso de Conversión

libras → kg

### Conversión Altura

pulgadas → cm

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Individuals with fracture risk assessed since 1st June 2011

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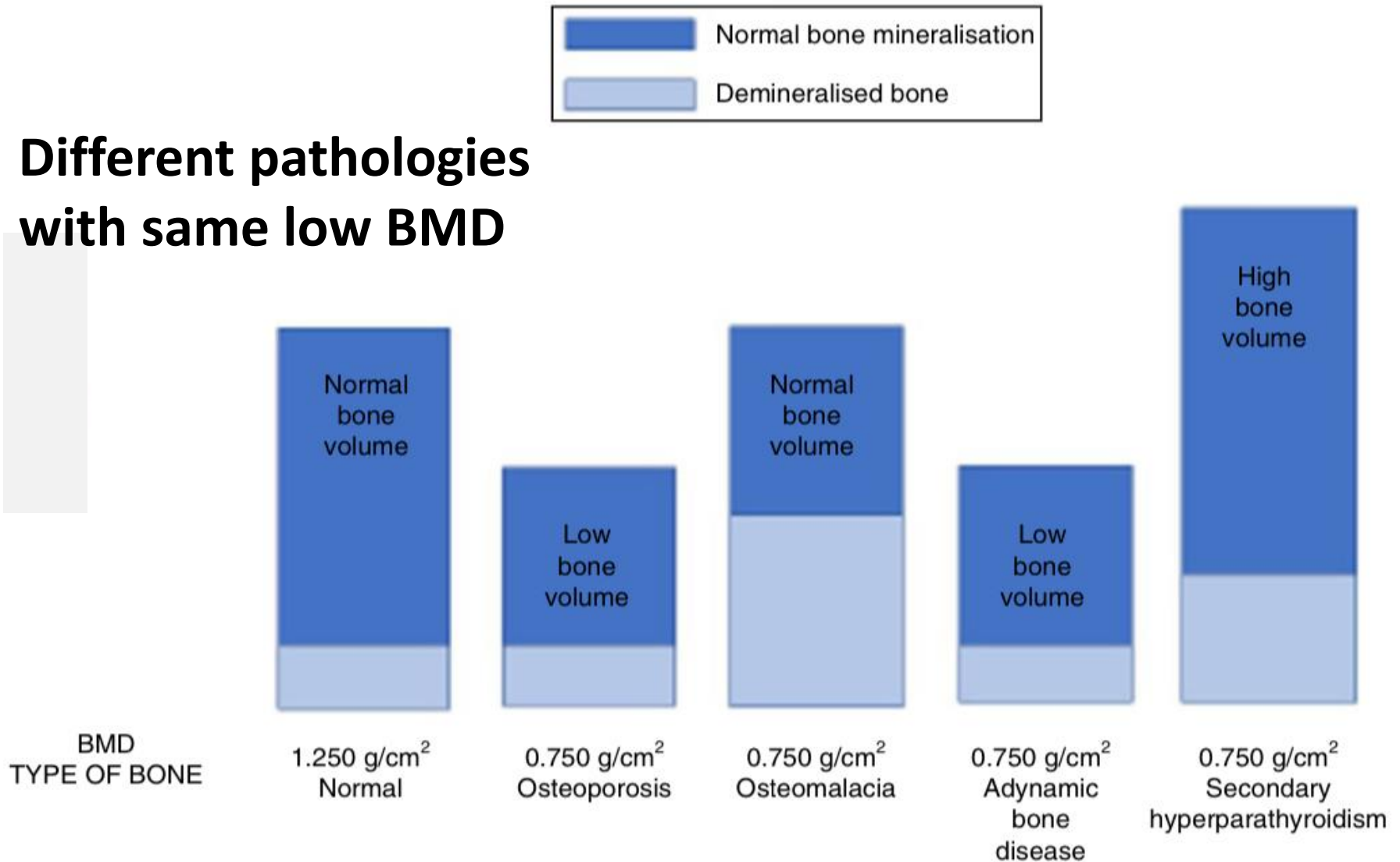
# Diagnosis

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- BMD alone does not distinguish between its underlying causes (HPTH, ABD &/or senile OP, etc.).
- In patients with CKD (especially mild-moderate), risk factors for fx should be assessed & quantified if possible (i.e. with **FRAX**) in a similar way to the general population.

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# Different pathologies with same low BMD



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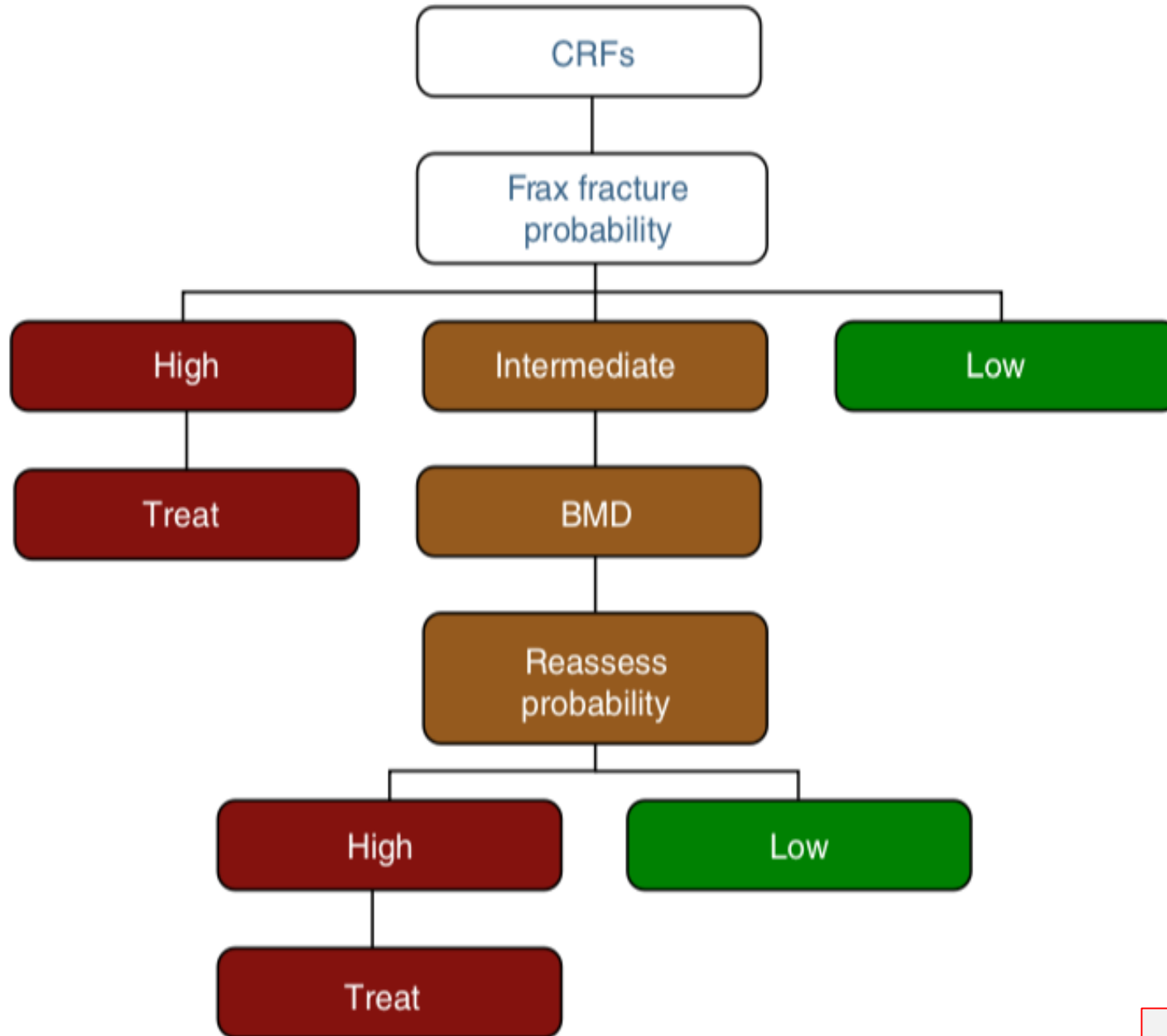
- 3.2.2: In patients with CKD **G3a to G5D**, it is reasonable to perform a bone biopsy if knowledge of the type of ROD will impact treatment decisions. (Not graded) due to limited clinical experience with performance of bone biopsy & evaluation of the results, as well as growing evidence that antiresorptive therapies are effective in patients with CKD stage G3a to G4, **bone biopsy is no longer a prerequisite for initiation of these therapies.**

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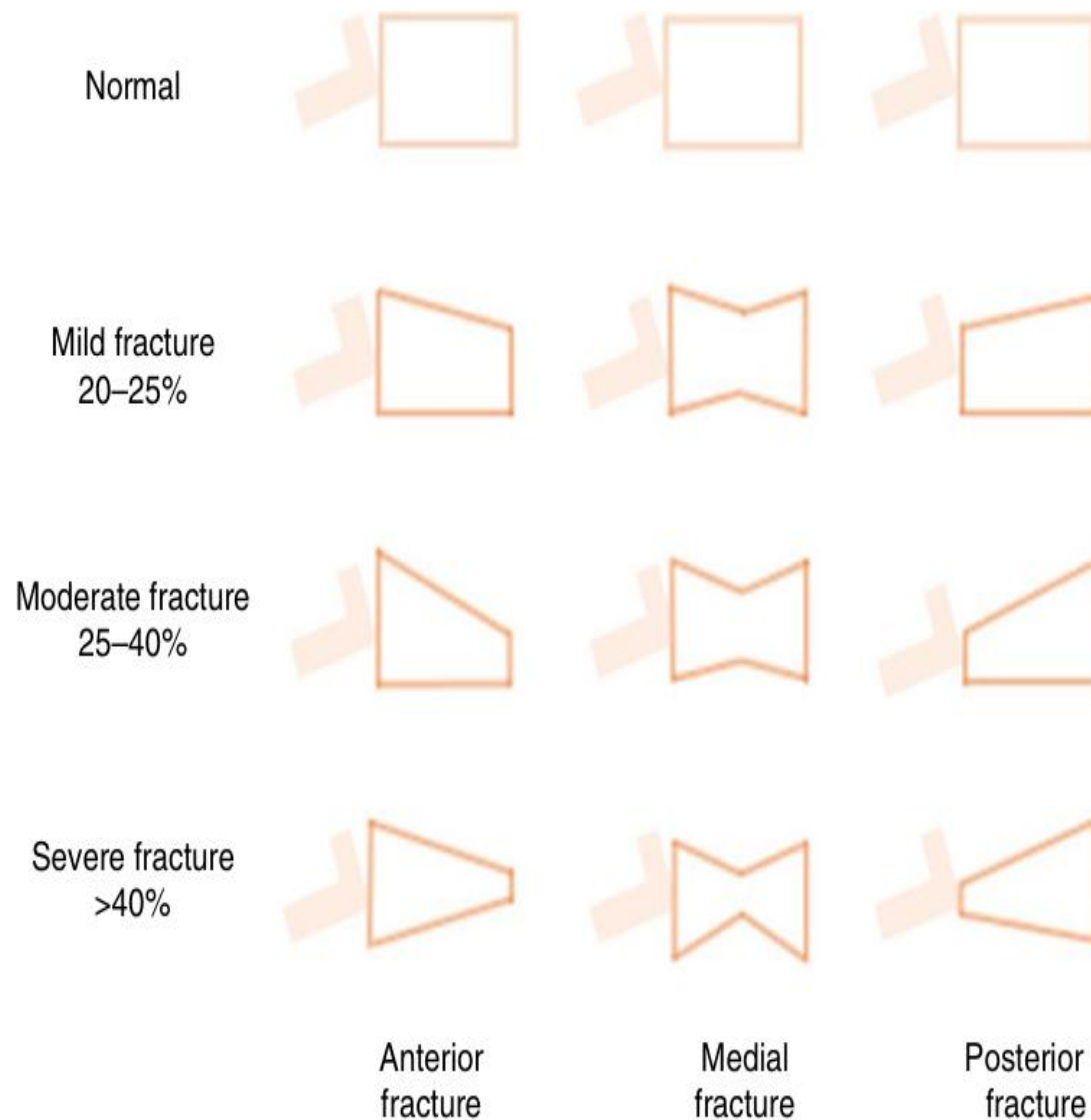
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- As fxs occur at a younger age 2011 Spanish guidelines suggested that:
  - BMD should be performed in **women > 50** ys of age & **men > 65** ys of age with CKD (unlike the usual indication in women >65 ys of age & men >70 ys of age).

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**Fig. 5 – Schematic representation of Genant's semi-quantitative approach to the visual measurement of vertebral deformities. Normal = 0; mild = 1; moderate = 2; severe = 3; doubtful = 0.5. Vertebral fractures are often diagnosed fortuitously (morphometric fracture), although diagnosis can also be made on the basis of symptoms. It is based on more than 20% loss**

# Management



# Comparisons of Interventions for Preventing Falls in Older Adults

## A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

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**IMPORTANCE** Falls result in substantial burden for patients and health care systems, and given the aging of the population worldwide, the incidence of falls continues to rise.

**OBJECTIVE** To assess the potential effectiveness of interventions for preventing falls.

**DATA SOURCES** MEDLINE, Embase, Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials, and Ageline databases from inception until April 2017. Reference lists of included studies were scanned.

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# What type of fall-prevention programs may be effective for reducing injurious falls in older people?

- In a network met-analysis including 54 studies & 41 596 participants:
  - Exercise (OR, 0.51)
  - Combined exercise, vision assessment & treatment, & environmental assessment & modification (OR, 0.30)
  - Combined exercise, & vision assessment & treatment (OR, 0.17)
  - Combined clinic-level quality-improvement strategies, multifactorial assessment and treatment, Ca & vit D supplementation (OR, 0.12)were significantly associated with reductions in injurious falls.
- Combinations of interventions likely to be more effective than usual care for preventing injurious falls.

# What type of fall-prevention programs may be effective for reducing injurious falls in older people?

- 1. Be physically active.**
- 2. Check your vision.**
- 3. Wear proper shoes or slippers.**
- 4. Check your medications—especially sleeping pills.**
- 5. Be safe in the bathroom.**
- 6. Get the right equipment.**
- 7. Avoid too much alcohol.**
- 8. Eliminate household hazards.**
- 9. Consider vit D.**
- 10. Talk to your health care team about your risk.**

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- 4.2.2: In adult patients with CKD **G3a to G5** not on dialysis, we suggest that calcitriol & vit D analogues **not be routinely** used.  
(Grade 2C) It is reasonable to reserve the use of calcitriol & vit D analogues for patients with CKD G4 to G5 with severe & progressive HPTH. (Not graded)

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- 4.2.4: In patients with CKD **G5D** requiring PTH-lowering therapy, we suggest calcimimetics, calcitriol, or vit D analogues, or a combination of calcimimetics with calcitriol or vit D analogues. (Grade 2B)

# KDIGO 2017 Update for CKD-MBD



- 4.3.1: In patients with CKD **G1–G2** with op &/or high risk of fx, as identified by WHO criteria, we recommend management as for the general population (1A).
- 4.3.2: In patients with CKD **G3a–G3b** with PTH in the normal range & op &/or high risk of fx, as identified by WHO criteria, we suggest treatment as for the general population (2B).

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- 4.3.3: In patients with CKD **G3a to G5D** with biochemical abnormalities of CKD–MBD & low BMD &/or fragility fxs, we suggest that treatment choices take into account the magnitude & reversibility of the biochemical abnormalities & the progression of CKD, with consideration of a bone biopsy. (Grade 2D)

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- **Bisphosphonate & Denosumab** are the **most** widely used antiresorptive agents for osteoporosis.
- The amount of bisphosphonate retained in the skeleton is likely a function of:
  - **The baseline remodeling space**
  - **The chronic rate of bone turnover**
  - **The GFR.**



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- Approximately **50%** of the absorbed dose of oral bisphosphonates & of the administered dose of IV bisphosphonates is excreted by the kidney.
- Oral bisphosphonates have **never** been shown to have renal toxicity, while IV bisphosphonates, especially Zolindronic acid, may acutely reduce GFR via a tubular lesions that mimics **ATN**.

**TABLE 101-6** Inhibition of Metaphyseal Bone Resorption in Vivo by Bisphosphonates

Chemical Modification	Examples	Anti-resorptive Potency
First generation: short alkyl or halide side chain	Etidronate	1
	Clodronate	10
Second generation: NH <sub>2</sub> -terminal group	Tiludronate*	10
	Pamidronate	100
	Alendronate	100-1000
Third generation: cyclic side chain	Risedronate	1000-10,000
	Ibandronate	1000-10,000
	Zoledronate	10,000

Endocrinolo Metab Clin North Am. 1998;27.

# Bisphosphonates

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- They have a high affinity for bone mineral, & therefore, they are typically retained in the skeleton for **several years**.
- Over the past decade, data suggest that these agents are safe in patients with an eGFR of **15-59** ml/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>.

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# Denosumab

- Is a **monoclonal antibody** that is directed against RANK ligand & inhibits osteoclast proliferation & development.
- 60 mg/6 ms SQ.
- Is effective at reducing the fx risk & the efficacy is not influenced by the kidney function.
- This agent is liable to cause **hypocalcemia** in patients with an impaired renal function.

Inter Med. 2017;56

# Denosumab

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- Hypocalcemia induced by denosumab should be avoided by practicing appropriate precaution & preemptively administering **active vit D** to eligible CKD patients before starting denosumab.
- The serum Ca levels usually reach their nadir around **7 days** after administration, with a less-extensive Ca decrease with the second denosumab administration.

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# Teriparatide (rhPTH)

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- 20 µg/day SQ for 18-24 ms.
- 20 µg/week in dialysis patients.
- Potential for serum **Ca elevation**.

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# Abaloparatide

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- Is an analog of **PTHrp**.
- Is more purely anabolic with approximately **50%** lower risk of hypercalcemia.

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# Selective Estrogen Receptor Modulators

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- Raloxifen 60 mg/day
- Estrogen agonist on bone & antagonist effects on breast & uterus

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# Selective Estrogen Receptor Modulators

- SERMs must be administered with caution, since prolongation of the plasma elimination half-life has been reported in patients with CKD.
- SERMS are contraindicated in the patients who have or once had **venous thrombosis** as CKD patients, especially nephrotic patients who may suffer from coexisting venous thrombosis.

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