

## Evaluation and Management of Low Bone Density in Premenopausal Women

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## Ms. A.A., 29 yo healthy woman

- Fractured left hip after minor fall
- BMD below expected range for age
  - -2.5 at spine, -2.8 at total hip, -3.1 at femoral neck
- Menarche age 15, regular menses, no amenorrhea, G0P0
- PMH unremarkable, no medications, tobacco, ETOH
- + FH osteoporosis - maternal aunt & grandmother
- Physically active, 2 servings dairy/day
- Slim but not undernourished
  - 5'3" (160cm) 100lb (45.4 kg) BMI 17.7 kg/m<sup>2</sup>
- No blue sclerae, kyphosis, bone tenderness
- Routine and special labs normal
- Bone turnover markers in normal premenopausal range

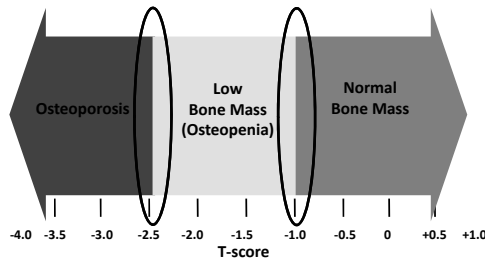
## Osteoporosis in Premenopausal Women

- Uncommon
- Most have a secondary cause
- Difficult to diagnose in absence of low trauma fractures

## Outline

- Osteoporosis in premenopausal women
  - Diagnosis
  - Etiology
  - Evaluation
- Management of osteoporosis in premenopausal women with
  - Secondary osteoporosis
  - Idiopathic osteoporosis

## World Health Organization T Scores



T scores correlate with life time fracture risk for postmenopausal Caucasian women.

## Diagnosis of Osteoporosis in POSTmenopausal Women

- Based on the WHO classification <sup>1</sup>
- Areal BMD by DXA
  - T-Score  $\leq -2.5$  SD below young adult mean at spine, hip or forearm

No comparable data are available for PREmenopausal women.

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## Indications for Treatment of Osteoporosis in POSTmenopausal Women

- Low areal BMD by DXA (T score  $\leq -2.5$ )
- Low trauma fractures

No clear intervention thresholds for PREmenopausal women.

– By FRAX

## Diagnosis of Osteoporosis in PREmenopausal Women is NOT Straightforward

Measurement of BMD by DXA has pitfalls in PREmenopausal Women

## In young women, low areal BMD by DXA may be due to...

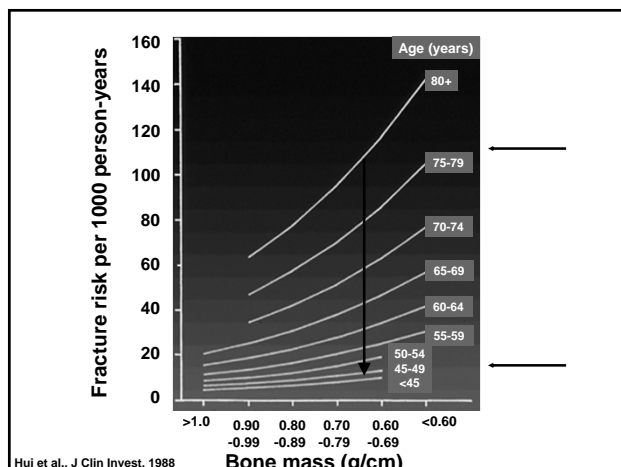
- Low Peak Bone Mass <sup>1-3</sup>
  - Genetics
  - Suboptimal bone mass accrual during adolescence due to lifestyle choices, medical conditions or drug exposures
- Statistical Definition of Z or T Score – in population of normal women
  - 2.5% will have Z score  $\leq -2.0$
  - 0.5% will have T score  $\leq -2.5$
- Small Stature
  - DXA underestimates BMD in small individuals
- Constitutional Leanness <sup>4-6</sup>
  - Non-pathological state of underweight, normal menses, often familial
  - Low BMD by DXA
  - Abnormal microarchitecture, low strength by HR-pQCT

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## Low BMD in YOUNG women is not associated with the same risk of fracture as low BMD in OLDER women.

- Premenopausal women are estrogen replete and have more muscle, lower bone turnover, thicker cortices, better trabecular connectivity and fewer falls
- Incidence and prevalence of fractures **much lower** in PREmenopausal than POSTmenopausal women <sup>1-5</sup>
  - Even when BMD is very low

1. Thompson, Injury, 2004 2. Melton, Osteoporos Int, 1998 3. Hosmer, Osteoporos Int, 2002  
4. Wu, Arch Intern Med, 2002; 5. Hsu, Am J Clin Nutr, 2006



## The 2007 ISCD Guidelines for Reporting BMD Results in **PREmenopausal Women** **Use the Z SCORE, NOT the T SCORE!**

Z scores compare people to age-matched controls instead of peak bone mass (age 30)

In premenopausal women and men < age 50

- Z scores above -2.0 should be reported as “within the expected range for age”
- Z scores below -2.0 should be reported as “below the expected range for age”

Goal: Avoid terms like “osteoporosis” and “osteopenia” as their predictive meaning less clear in young women

Does not apply to perimenopausal women where the T-score is now used

[www.iscd.org](http://www.iscd.org)

A premenopausal woman can be considered to have osteoporosis when she has.....

- Low BMD - Z-score  $\leq -2.0$  or T score  $\leq -2.5$
- +
- Secondary cause of osteoporosis
  - e.g., glucocorticoids, hypogonadism, celiac disease, hyperparathyroidism, rheumatoid arthritis

OR

- History of vertebral or non-vertebral low-trauma fracture(s) at major site
  - Whether or not BMD is frankly low

What about premenopausal women with low BMD (T-score  $\leq -2.5$ , Z score  $\leq -2.0$ )

**BUT**  
**NO SECONDARY CAUSE**  
**AND**  
**NO FRACTURES?**

- Neither ISCD nor IOF would say such a woman has osteoporosis.
- I am not convinced that is true.

## Etiology & Evaluation of Premenopausal Osteoporosis

## Who Should Be Evaluated?

- Women with fragility fracture(s) or prevalent vertebral fracture(s), regardless of BMD
- Women with low BMD
  - Z score  $\leq -2.0$
  - T score  $\leq -2.5$

## Goals of Evaluation

- Identify secondary causes of osteoporosis
- Especially treatable causes

## Secondary Causes of Osteoporosis in Young Women

- Genetic
  - Idiopathic hypercalciuria
  - Osteogenesis imperfecta
  - Thalassemia
- Endocrine
  - Estrogen deficiency
    - Amenorrhea (except pregnancy)
    - Eating disorders - anorexia, bulimia
    - Prolactinoma, Sheehan's
  - Hyperthyroidism
  - Cushing's syndrome
  - Primary hyperparathyroidism
- Gastrointestinal
  - Celiac disease
  - Malabsorption
  - Inflammatory bowel disease
  - Lactose intolerance
- Rheumatologic
  - Rheumatoid arthritis
  - Systemic lupus erythematosus
- Pulmonary
  - Cystic fibrosis
  - Emphysema
- Medications
  - Prednisone
  - Antiepileptic drugs
  - GnRH agonists
  - Thyroid hormone
  - Depo-Provera
  - Cancer chemotherapy
  - SSRIs
  - PPIs
  - HAART
- Miscellaneous
  - Major depression
  - Pregnancy-associated
  - HIV
- Idiopathic

## Most Common Causes of Osteoporosis in Premenopausal Women

- Glucocorticoid excess
- Premenopausal estrogen deficiency
- Eating disorders
- GI disease
  - Celiac disease, inflammatory bowel disease, malabsorption
- Medications
  - Antiepileptic drugs, cancer chemotherapy, prednisone
- Alcoholism
- Primary hyperparathyroidism
- Osteogenesis imperfecta
- Idiopathic

Khosla et al, Bone 1994      Kulak et al, Endocr Pract, 2000      Bagur et al., ASBMR 2014 SU0312  
Peris et al, Sem Arthr Rheum, 2003      Cohen et al, J Women's Health, 2009

## Secondary Causes of Osteoporosis in Young Women How often will you find a cause?

- In a population-based study of ♂/♀ age 20-44
  - 90% had a secondary cause <sup>1</sup>
- In series from tertiary referral centers (young ♀)
  - Only ~50% had a secondary cause <sup>2-5</sup>

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## Evaluation of Low BMD in a Premenopausal Woman

### A careful history and physical exam are **KEY**

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|--|---|
| <p>Ask about</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fractures</li> <li>• Family history of fractures</li> <li>• Kidney stones</li> <li>• Menstrual history</li> <li>• Dieting &amp; exercise behavior</li> <li>• Eating disorders</li> <li>• Subtle GI symptoms</li> <li>• Medications, including OTC supplements</li> </ul> | <p>Look for signs of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cushing Syndrome</li> <li>• Thyroid hormone excess</li> <li>• Systemic mastocytosis – urticaria, dermatographia</li> <li>• Inflammatory disease</li> <li>• Connective tissue disorders               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Osteogenesis imperfecta</li> <li>– Ehlers-Danlos</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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## Initial Laboratory Evaluation

- Complete blood count
- Serum calcium, phosphate
- Electrolytes, renal function
- Serum albumin, transaminases, total alk phosphatase
- Serum TSH
- Serum 25-hydroxyvitamin D
- 24 hour urine for calcium, creatinine, free cortisol

## Additional Laboratory Tests As Indicated

- Estradiol, LH, FSH, prolactin
- PTH
- 1,25-dihydroxyvitamin D
- Iron studies
- Vitamin A (retinol)
- Celiac screen
- Serum/urine protein electrophoresis
- Erythrocyte sedimentation rate or C-reactive protein
- Serum tryptase and histamine
- Genetic testing for OI, EDS
- Whole exome sequencing for mutations in Wnt, LRP5/6, other genes?

## Bone Turnover Markers??

- If low or normal
  - Suggests prior bone loss or low peak bone mass
- If above premenopausal range
  - Suggests ongoing bone loss
- Cautionary notes:
  - Wide normal range
  - Highly variable
  - Must be interpreted according to age
    - Physiologically high in growing children
    - High after fractures

## Tetracycline-labeled Transiliac Bone Biopsy?

- Not widely available
- Primarily a research tool
- May be indicated in patients with idiopathic low-trauma fractures
- May identify other sources of bone fragility and guide therapy
- May be more accurate reflection of bone turnover at the tissue level than bone turnover markers

## Idiopathic Osteoporosis (IOP) <sup>1,2</sup>

- Operational definition
  - Premenopausal women and men < 50
  - Otherwise healthy
  - Normal gonadal function
  - No secondary cause of bone loss
- Usually Caucasian
- Often present in mid-30s
  - May present during pregnancy or lactation
- One or more low trauma fractures
  - Cluster over 5-10 yrs
- May be mild or devastating

1. Albright & Reifenstein, 1944

2. Khosla et al, Bone 1994

## IOP Without Fractures?

- Clinical significance of isolated low areal BMD in otherwise healthy young woman uncertain
  - Short-term fracture risk increased?
  - Microarchitecture - normal or abnormal?

## Do women with Fractures differ from those with Low BMD?

## Cross-sectional Case-Control Study

### Control – 40

- No adult fractures
- Normal BMD – Z score  $\geq -1.0$

### Low BMD group - 19

- No low trauma adult fractures

### Fracture group - 45

- 1-12 adult fractures
- Mean age at 1<sup>st</sup> fracture – 30
- Fracture type
  - Vertebrae, ribs, hip, pelvis, forearm, humerus, ankle, metatarsal

Cohen et al., Osteoporos 2012, 23:171-82

## Central QCT of Spine and Hip in IOP



Avoids problem of apparent low areal BMD by DXA in small people

Measures

- Important fracture sites
- Bone size
- Volumetric BMD at the spine and hip
- Cortical thickness at hip

Lang et al JBMR 2004, 2006;

Cohen, et al., J Clin Endocrinol Metab 2011

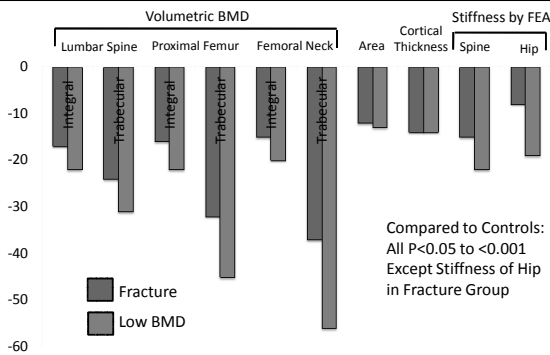
In Premenopausal IOP, Low Areal BMD by DXA ( $Z \leq -2.0$ ) Predicts Low Volumetric BMD by cQCT

Used cQCT results from Controls to calculate Z-scores for IOP Subjects

- At the spine, 18 of 19 Subjects with  $Z \leq -2.0$  by DXA also had central QCT Z scores  $\leq -2.0$
- Positive predictive value of DXA for cQCT Z-score  $\leq -2.0$ 
  - 95% at the lumbar spine
  - 90% at the total hip
  - 86% at the femoral neck

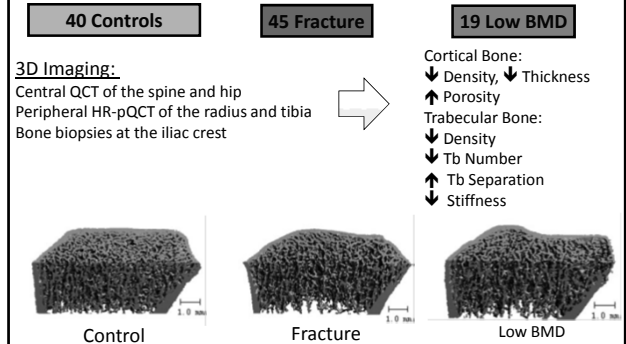
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## Central QCT in IOP: % Lower Than Controls



Cohen, et al., J Clin Endocrinol Metab 2011

## Bone Micro-architectural Deficits

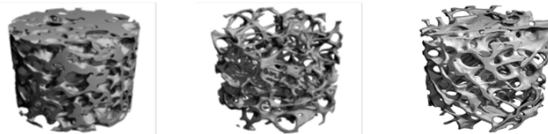


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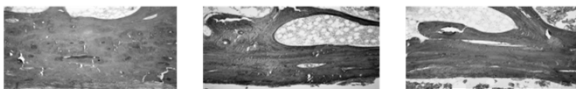
## Bone Micro-architectural Deficits on Transiliac Biopsy

40 Controls      45 Fracture      19 Low BMD

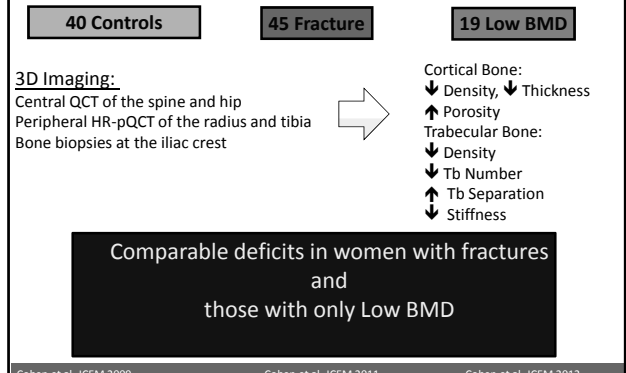
Trabecular Bone Microstructure by MicroCT



Cortical Thickness and Porosity by 2D Histomorphometry



## Bone Micro-architectural Deficits in IOP

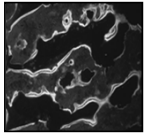


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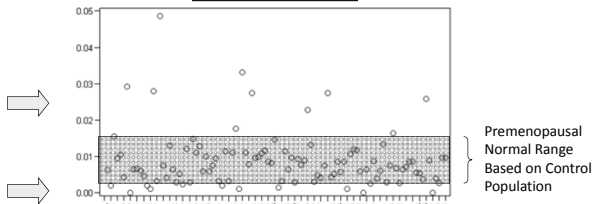
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## Remodeling Was Heterogeneous



- No significant group differences between Controls and Fracture or Low BMD
- High, normal and low turnover (BFR/BS)

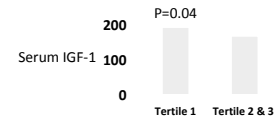
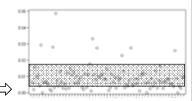
### Bone Formation Rate



Cohen et al., JCE&M 96:3095-3105, 2011

## Women in **LOWEST** Tertile of BFR

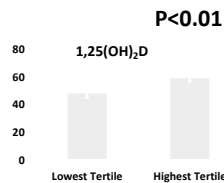
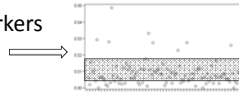
- Lowest serum bone turnover markers
- Lowest volumetric BMD & strength
- Significantly **HIGHER** serum IGF-1
- c/w IGF-1 resistance at the osteoblast level?



Cohen et al., JCE&M 96:3095-3105, 2011

## Women in **HIGHEST** Tertile of BFR

- Highest serum bone turnover markers
- Higher  $1,25(\text{OH})_2\text{D}$
- Higher Urine Calcium and PTH
- c/w Idiopathic Hypercalciuria?

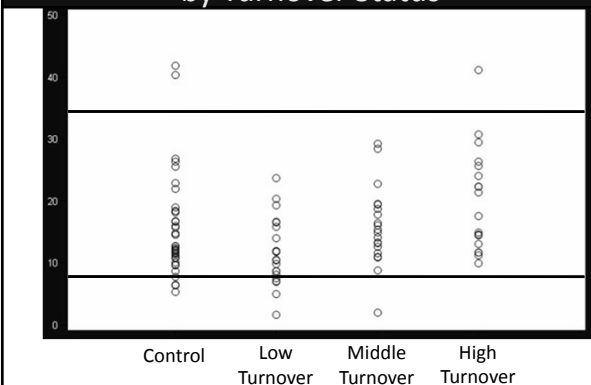


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Did serum bone turnover markers predict bone formation rate on iliac crest bone biopsies in women with IOP?

**NO**

## Serum Osteocalcin in Premenopausal IOP by Turnover Status

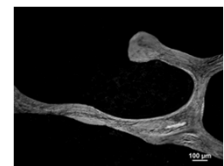
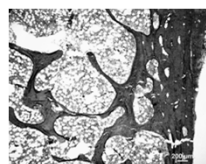


## Ms. A.A. Tetracycline-Labeled Transiliac Biopsy

- Thin, porous cortices
- Thin, disconnected trabeculae
- Normal eroded surface
- Normal mineralization rate, no osteomalacia
- Low bone formation rate, DESPITE normal bone turnover markers

Bone Volume Fraction 19.8%  
Cortical Width 661 microns

Bone Formation Rate 0.006 mm<sup>2</sup>mm/yr



## IOP in Premenopausal Women

- Consistent deficits in volumetric BMD, microarchitecture, stiffness at spine & hip <sup>1</sup>, distal radius & tibia <sup>2</sup>, iliac crest <sup>3</sup>
- Heterogeneous turnover - varying pathogeneses <sup>4,5</sup>
  - Primary osteoblast dysfunction, IGF-1 resistance
  - Idiopathic hypercalciuria

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4. Cohen et al., Osteoporos 23: 171–82, 2012

## Conclusions

- Assessment of bone turnover by bone biopsy may provide clues to pathogenesis of IOP in individual patient

Fracture and Low BMD subjects:  
Differed comparably from Controls  
Did NOT differ from each other  
Selection bias?  
Part of a continuum?  
Fractures due to happenstance?

## Outline

- Osteoporosis in premenopausal women
  - Diagnosis
  - Etiology
  - Evaluation
- Management of osteoporosis in premenopausal women with
  - Secondary osteoporosis
  - Idiopathic osteoporosis

## The challenge for physicians caring for premenopausal women with osteoporosis

1. To decide WHETHER to treat
2. To decide HOW to treat

## Management of Premenopausal Osteoporosis

- General Measures
  - Adequate nutrition, calcium, vitamin D, exercise
  - Avoid tobacco, excess alcoholMakes sense but minimal effects on BMD <sup>1</sup>
- Specific therapy of secondary cause(s) often yields large increases in BMD
  - Celiac Disease <sup>2-5</sup>, Primary hyperparathyroidism <sup>6</sup>
  - Control inflammation in chronic inflammatory states (RA<sup>7</sup>, inflammatory bowel disease <sup>8,9</sup>)

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## Conservative Treatment in Premenopausal Women With Unexplained Fractures

- 16 women
- Calcium, vitamin D and exercise
- BMD followed annually for average of 3 yrs
  - Spine BMD increased by ~2%
  - Femoral neck BMD increased by ~6%
- **NO** new fractures

Peris, Clin Rheumatol, epub August, 2006



## Ms. A.A. Conservative Management

- Calcium intake 1200 mg day from food and supplements
- Vitamin D ~1000 IU daily
- OCP for birth control
- Over next 10 years
  - BMD remained very low but quite stable
  - 2 pregnancies with expected bone loss
  - No new fractures
- Subsequent evaluations for 2° osteoporosis
  - No new medical diagnoses or medications

## Management of Premenopausal Osteoporosis

- Pharmacologic therapy **rarely justified** unless
  - Fractures
  - Ongoing bone loss with conservative Rx
  - Extremely low BMD (T or Z score  $\leq -3.0$ )

## Management of Premenopausal Osteoporosis

- If drug therapy necessary, avoid SERMs (e.g., raloxifene)
  - Cause bone loss in premenopausal women <sup>1,2</sup>
- Use bisphosphonates with caution in childbearing women <sup>3</sup>
  - Long residence in the skeleton and cross placenta
  - Animal studies - adverse effects on fetus (high doses)
  - Case reports suggest safe in pregnancy & lactation <sup>4-9</sup>
- Teriparatide & Denosumab contraindicated in pregnancy

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## BPs or Teriparatide Improve BMD in Premenopausal Women With Secondary Osteoporosis

- Anorexia nervosa
- Chemotherapy induced amenorrhea
- GnRH therapy for endometriosis
- Crohn's disease (+ infliximab)
- Cystic fibrosis
- Thalassemia major
- HIV-associated osteopenia
- Glucocorticoid-induced osteoporosis

### CAVEATS

1. BPs and TPTD are only FDA-approved in premenopausal women taking Glucocorticoids.
1. No data that treatment with BPs or TPTD prevent fractures in premenopausal women.

Ferrari et al., Osteoporos Int. 2012; 23:2735-2748

## Glucocorticoids in Premenopausal Women

- Bisphosphonates and teriparatide prevent bone loss and/or increase BMD in premenopausal women on GCs <sup>1-4</sup>

### HOWEVER

- Premenopausal women on GCs may not lose bone
- Bone loss more likely if oligomenorrhea or amenorrhea
- Less likely to fracture on GCs than postmenopausal women

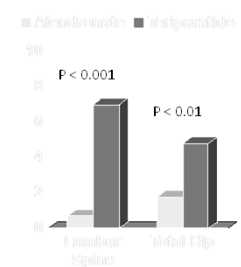
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## Teriparatide vs Alendronate for Treatment of GC-Induced Osteoporosis

Saag et al, NEJM, 2007

- Randomized active comparator trial of 528 patients with GIOP
- Sub-analysis of BMD changes and fractures in 51 premenopausal women
- No fractures in either group



Langdahl et al. Osteoporos Int, 2009;20:2095-04

## Recommendations For Premenopausal Women on GCs: ACR 2010

- Assess for
  - prevalent fragility fractures
  - childbearing potential
  - dose and likely duration of GC therapy
- Measure BMD
- Prescribe calcium and vitamin D
- Prescribe estrogen if deficient

American College of Rheumatology. *Arthritis Care and Research* 62;1515-26, 2010

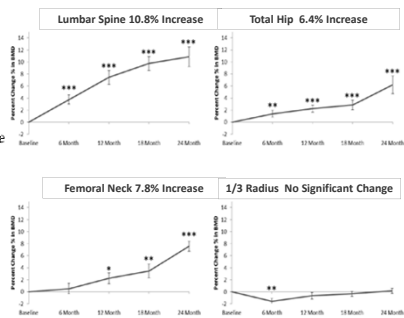
## Recommendations For Premenopausal Women on GCs: ACR 2010

- In women of NONchildbearing potential, prescribe BPs if
  - Prevalent fragility fracture(s)
  - Prednisone  $\geq 5$  mg/day for  $\geq 1$  month
- In women of childbearing potential, prescribe BPs if
  - Prevalent fragility fracture(s)
  - Prednisone  $\geq 7.5$  mg/day for  $\geq 3$  months
- No consensus about
  - Those with no prevalent fragility fracture
  - Women of childbearing potential with prevalent fracture on GCs for  $< 3$  months

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## Teriparatide for Premenopausal IOP: Open-Label Observational Study

- 21 women
- Mean age 39
- TPTD 20 mcg x 2 yrs
- BMD every 6M
  - % change from baseline
- Transiliac biopsies
  - Baseline and 18M
- HR-pQCT
  - Baseline and 18M

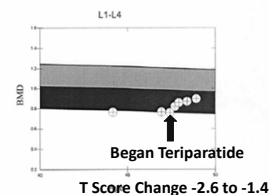


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## Ms. A.A. Spine BMD Changes on Teriparatide

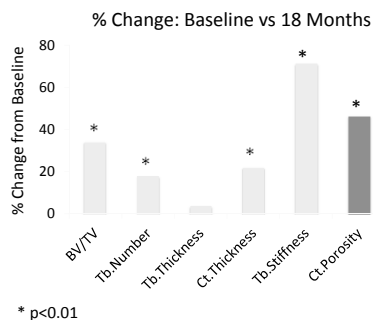
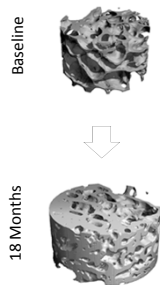


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## Teriparatide for Premenopausal IOP: Bone Structural Changes on Biopsies

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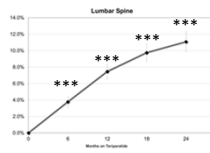
Cohen A et al. *J Clin Endocrinol Metab* 2013

## What about after TPTD?

- In postmenopausal women and men, BMD declines after TPTD stopped if not followed by anti-resorptive therapy.

**In menstruating women, is endogenous estrogen production sufficient to prevent this?**

## Partial Loss at Lumbar Spine 2 Years after Stopping TPTD



- 15 women from pilot study rescanned at ~ 2 yrs
- ~5% loss at spine ( $p < 0.001$ )
- Stable BMD at total hip and femoral neck
- Those who lost >3% BMD at spine were older  
— 46 vs 38;  $p = 0.046$

Cohen A et al. ASBMR 2014; Poster SU00373

Do premenopausal women need antiresorptive treatment to prevent bone loss after teriparatide?

**PROBABLY**

Which antiresorptive should be used?

## DEPENDS ON THE CLINICAL SITUATION

Estrogen?

Bisphosphonates?

Denosumab?

Possible future choices – more anabolic therapy?

Anti-Sclerostin Antibodies?

PTHrP analogues?

## Key Diagnostic Points

- Diagnosis of osteoporosis in premenopausal women most secure if secondary cause or low trauma fractures
- Low areal BMD by DXA in otherwise healthy women should be interpreted with caution  
— **But may reflect low volumetric BMD and strength**
- Bone turnover markers of limited assistance in assessing bone turnover  
— Bone biopsies may be helpful

## Key Management Points

- Crucial to assess for secondary causes of bone loss and treat specifically

**No fracture data are available for treatment studies of premenopausal women...**

**Given relatively low fracture rates in premenopausal women, there probably never will be...**

premenopausal women with various causes of bone loss

## FDA-Funded RCT of TPTD in Premenopausal IOP

- New study enrolling
- Randomized, placebo-controlled, single switch-over
- Quadruple tetracycline-labeled transiliac biopsy at 3 months
- Funded by FDA Orphan Products/Disease Branch
- At completion, observation vs antiresorptive Rx with denosumab funded by Amgen and hopefully FDA
- To refer women with IOP:  
— Call 212-305-7225



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**Thank you!**

