

# The Continuum of Women's Health: From Menopause to Osteoporosis

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## Learning Objectives

At the completion of this activity, pharmacists will be able to:

1. List health screenings recommended for adult women
2. Describe the efficacy and place in therapy for osteoporosis prevention and treatment options
3. Identify pros and cons for postmenopausal treatment options

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## Pre-Assessment Question 1

At which age should all women be screened for osteoporosis, regardless of risk?

- A. 55
- B. 60
- C. 65
- D. 75

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## Pre-Assessment Question 2

Which therapy option listed below provides benefit in reducing risk of vertebral, non-vertebral and hip fractures and is an oral therapy option?

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- B. Calcitonin
- C. Denosumab
- D. Zoledronic acid

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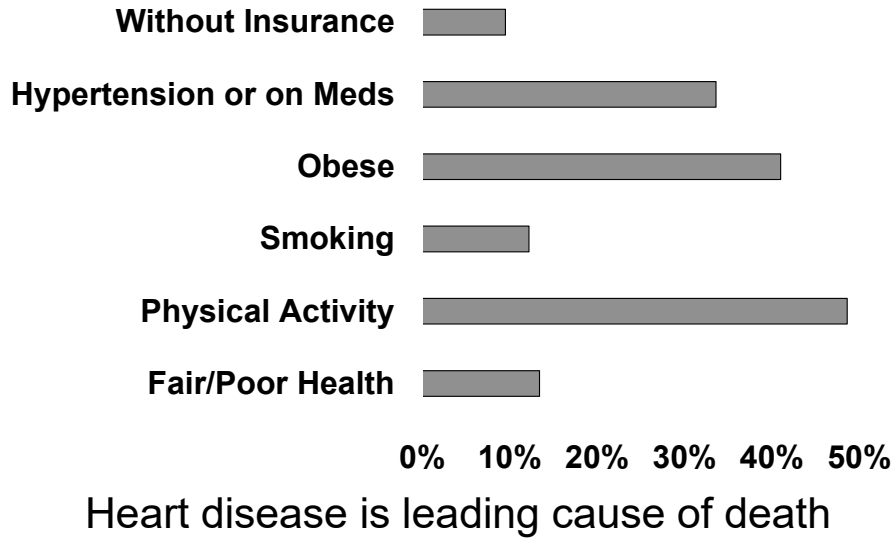
## Pre-Assessment Question 3

A 68 year old female complaining of vasomotor symptoms with a significant history of CVD and breast cancer (on tamoxifen) would best be treated with which option?

- A. Black cohosh
- B. Hormone replacement therapy (transdermal)
- C. Gabapentin
- D. Paroxetine

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## Current Landscape



CDC National Center for Health Statistics: FastStats – Women’s Health.

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## Health Screening Recommendations

## Updated USPSTF A and B Recommendations

Screen	Description	Evidence Grade	Date
Cervical Cancer	Screen every 3 years with cervical cytology alone in women aged 21-29. Age 30-65, screen cervical cytology alone, every 5 years with high-risk human papillomavirus (hrHPV) testing alone, or every 5 years with hrHPV testing in combination with cytology (cotesting)	A	Aug 2018
Syphilis	Screen early for syphilis infection in all pregnant women	A	Sep 2018
Fall Prevention	Exercise interventions to prevent falls in community-dwelling adults 65 years and older who are at increased risk of falls	B	April 2018
Osteoporosis	Screen postmenopausal women <65 who are at increased risk as determined by a formal clinical risk assessment tool and screen all women ≥65	B	June 2018

Campos-Outcalt D. USPSTF Update. 2018;67(5):294;USPSTF A and B Recommendations. US Preventive Services Task Force. February 2019

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## Updated USPSTF A and B Recommendations

Screen	Description	Evidence Grade	Date
Obesity	Offer or refer adults with a BMI ≥30 kg/m <sup>2</sup> to intensive, multicomponent behavioral interventions	B	Sep 2018
Intimate Partner Violence	Screen for intimate partner violence in women of reproductive age and provide or refer women who screen positive to ongoing support services	B	Oct 2018
Unhealthy Alcohol Use	Screen for unhealthy alcohol use in primary care settings in adults ≥18, including pregnant women, and providing persons engaged in risky or hazardous drinking with brief behavioral counseling interventions to reduce unhealthy alcohol use	B	Nov 2018
Perinatal Depression	Provide or refer pregnant and postpartum persons who are increased risk of perinatal depression to counseling interventions	B	Feb 2019

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## Screening Recommendations

- Pelvic/Breast Exam
- Blood Pressure
- Depression
- Cholesterol
- Mammography
- Genetic Risk Assessment and BRCA Mutation Testing
- Diabetes
- Papanicolaou Test
- Colorectal Cancer
- Lung Cancer
- Statin Use
- Hep C
- Obstructive Sleep Apnea

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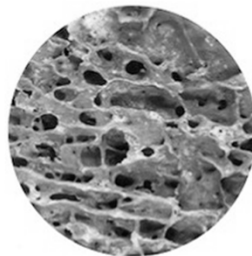
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## Osteoporosis

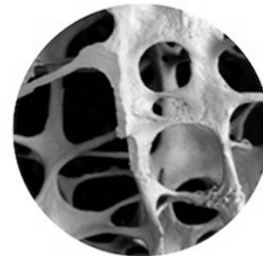
### STOP OSTEOPOROSIS



Healthy, strong bones



Osteoporosis, brittle bones



## Available Guidelines

- US Preventive Services Task Force
- National Osteoporosis Foundation
- American College of Rheumatology
- National Institute for Health and Care Excellence
- American College of Physicians
- American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists and American College of Endocrinology

## National Statistics

- Estimated 10 million people in US have osteoporosis
- 40% regain prefracture independence
- 10-20% increased mortality at one year
- 500,000 hospitalizations/year
- 800,000 emergency department visits/year
- 2.5 million office visits/year
- Total healthcare costs expected to increase to \$25 billion by 2025 (\$18 billion in 2002)

## Statistics for Women

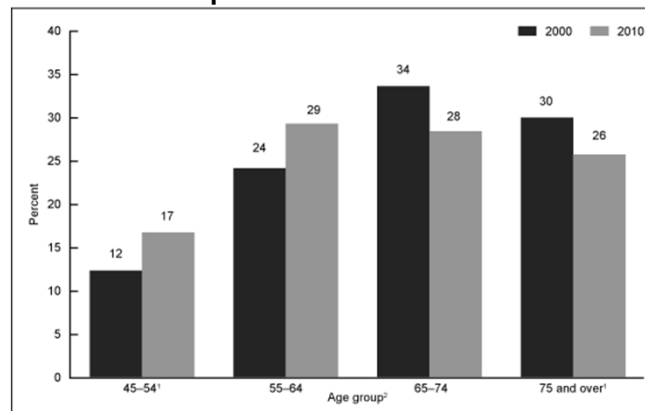
- Affects 25% of women (1 in 4) aged  $\geq 65$
- 24.5% of women  $\geq 65$  have osteoporosis of the femur neck or lumbar spine
- Half of all postmenopausal women have an osteoporosis related fracture during their lifetime
- 25% of women develop a vertebral deformity

NCHS Data Brief No. 187, Feb 2015; CDC National Center for Statistics

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## Hip Fractures

- Women fall more often than men, three quarters of all falls
- In 2010, there were 310,800 total hip replacements performed in adults  $\geq 45$



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## Osteoporosis Pathophysiology

- Characterized by low bone mass and structural deterioration of bone tissue, “porous bone”
- Bone resorption > bone formation as we age
- Key components in bone health
  - Calcitonin: inhibits bone resorption
  - RANKL: stimulates hematopoietic stem cell differentiation for development of mature osteoclasts
  - Estrogen: helps to maintain normal bone resorption rate
  - Calcium: chief mineral component and essential to development of bone
  - Vitamin D: modulates calcium and phosphate homeostasis

RANKL = receptor activator of nuclear factor kappa B ligand

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## Osteoporosis Diagnosis

- Fragility fracture
- Bone Mineral Density (BMD) measurements
- T-score is a measure of an individual’s BMD in standard deviation relative to the normal young adult mean BMD (with DXA)
- Every standard deviation decrease in BMD represents a 10-12% decrease in bone mass and a 1.5-2.6 fold increase in fracture risk
  - Normal bone mass: T-score -1 or higher
  - Osteopenia: T-score of -1 to -2.5
  - Osteoporosis: T-score -2.5 or lower

DXA = dual energy x-ray absorptiometry assessment

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## Osteoporosis Risk Factors

- Increase in age
  - Women >65
  - Men >70
- Gender – Women
- Hormone deficiency
  - Women – estrogen
  - Men – androgen
- Race – Caucasian and Asian
- Bone structure and body weight <127 lbs
- Family history
- Social history (smoking, alcohol, caffeine)

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## Medication Related Risks

- Anticonvulsants
- Lithium
- Proton pump inhibitors
- Systemic corticosteroids (>5mg daily prednisone or equivalent for ≥3 months)
- Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors
- Excessive thyroid supplementation
- Tricyclic antidepressants
- Warfarin
- Thiazolidinediones
- Methotrexate

Cosman F. Clinician's Guide to Prevention and Treatment of Osteoporosis. Osteoporosis. 2014;25:2359

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## Treatment Considerations

- Osteoporosis = treatment
- Osteopenia
  - Calculate FRAX WHO Fracture Risk Assessment (<http://www.shef.ac.uk/FRAX/>)
  - FRAX 10-year probability risk hip fracture  $\geq 3\%$  or major fracture  $\geq 20\%$ , consider treatment

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## Treatment Options

- Lifestyle
- Medication Classes
  - Bisphosphonates
  - RANKL antagonists
  - Parathyroid hormone
  - Calcitonin
  - Estrogen
  - Selective estrogen receptor modifier (SERM)

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## Lifestyle

- Weight-bearing and balance exercises
- Calcium and Vitamin D supplementation
  - Meta-analysis demonstrates 15% reduced risk of total fractures and 30% hip fractures
- Limit alcohol intake ( $\leq 4$  drinks/day M and  $\leq 2$  drinks/day W)
- Smoking cessation
- Fall risk assessment/prevention
- Limit caffeine intake ( $\leq 2.5$  cups coffee/day)

Age	Calcium	Vitamin D
19-50	1000mg	400-800 IU
M 51-70	1000mg	800-1000 IU
W >51; M>70	1200mg	800-1000 IU

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## Bisphosphonates

<b>Drugs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alendronate (Fosamax, Fosamax Plus D, Binosto)</li> <li>• Ibandronate (Boniva)</li> <li>• Risedronate (Actonel, Atelvia)</li> <li>• Zoledronic Acid (Reclast)</li> </ul>
<b>MOA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Binds to hydroxyapatite, inhibiting osteoclastic activity leading to decrease in bone turnover</li> </ul>
<b>Adverse Effects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GI symptoms (OR 1.6-3.3)</li> <li>• Atypical subtrochanteric fractures (100/100,000 people)</li> <li>• Osteonecrosis of the jaw (primarily with zoledronic acid and with long-term use)</li> </ul>
<b>Evidence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All bisphosphonates have evidence to support use for preventing vertebral fractures 40-70%</li> <li>• Alendronate, risedronate, and zoledronic acid have evidence to support prevention of non-vertebral fractures and hip fractures</li> </ul>

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<b>Bisphosphonates</b>	
<b>Dosing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caution in patients with impaired renal function or low serum calcium concentration</li> <li>• Frequency options: once daily, once weekly, once monthly, quarterly, and yearly infusions</li> </ul> <p>Alendronate: P 5mg/day or 35mg/week; T <u>10mg/day or 70mg/week</u>                      Risedronate: P and T 5mg/day, <u>35mg/week</u>, 150mg/month                      Ibandronate: P 150mg/month; T 150mg/month, 3mg/IV quarterly                      Zoledronic acid: P 5mg every 2 years; T <u>5mg every year</u></p>
<b>Clinical Pearls</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If patient is unable to tolerate one, try another</li> <li>• Moderate to high fracture risk duration of therapy 5-10 years with consideration of restarting in 2-3 years (may consider teriparatide or denosumab treatment during drug holiday)</li> <li>• Cost efficacy analysis show alendronate and risedronate as most cost-effective</li> </ul>
<p>P = Prevention; T = Treatment; Underlined = Male dosing</p> <p>AACE and ACE Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Postmenopausal Osteoporosis, 2016; Gullapalli K. Treatment of Osteoporosis Clinical Guideline Synopsis. JAMA. 2018;319(10); Lexi-Comp; Tu K. Osteoporosis A Review of Treatment Options. P&amp;T. 2018;43(2):92</p>	

<b>RANKL Antagonist</b>	
<b>Drugs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Denosumab (Prolia)</b></li> </ul>
<b>MOA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inhibits formation and activity of osteoclasts by blocking receptor activator of nuclear factor kappa B ligand (RANKL)</li> </ul>
<b>Adverse Effects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GI symptoms, infection, cellulitis</li> </ul>
<b>Evidence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decreased incidence of vertebral 68%, non-vertebral 20% and hip 40% fractures</li> <li>• Increased BMD in hip 6% and lumbar spine 9.2%</li> </ul>
<b>Dosing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 60mg subcutaneous injection every 6 months (men and women)</li> </ul>
<b>Clinical Pearls</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comparable efficacy to bisphosphonates</li> <li>• Drug holiday not recommended</li> <li>• Treatment of choice in renal insufficiency</li> </ul>
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<b>Parathyroid Hormone</b>	
<b>Drugs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teriparatide (Forteo)</li> <li>• Abaloparatide (Tymlos)</li> </ul>
<b>MOA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stimulates osteoblasts activity</li> </ul>
<b>Adverse Effects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orthostatic hypotension, Hypercalcemia</li> </ul>
<b>Evidence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increases vertebral BMD</li> <li>• Decreased incidence of new or worsening vertebral 35-65% and non-vertebral 47-53% fractures</li> <li>• Prevents BMD loss and vertebral fractures in patients receiving chronic systemic corticosteroid therapy</li> </ul>
<b>Dosing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20mcg subq once daily for 2 years (M and W)</li> <li>• 80mcg subq once daily for 2 years</li> </ul>
<b>Clinical Pearls</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initiate anti-resorptive therapy upon discontinuation</li> </ul>
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<b>Calcitonin</b>	
<b>Drugs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calcitonin (Miacalcin)</li> </ul>
<b>MOA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Directly inhibits osteoclastic activity</li> </ul>
<b>Adverse Effects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GI symptoms, Flushing, Rhinitis, Nasal congestion</li> </ul>
<b>Evidence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduced incidence of recurrent vertebral fractures by 33%</li> <li>• Beneficial effects on BMD in spine</li> </ul>
<b>Dosing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100 units injected subcutaneously or intramuscularly or 1 spray in one nostril daily</li> </ul>
<b>Clinical Pearls</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited comparative efficacy; not preferred</li> <li>• Short-term treatment may provide analgesic effects in patients with acute painful vertebral fractures</li> </ul>
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## Estrogen Replacement

<b>Drugs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Estrogen</b></li> </ul>
<b>Adverse Effects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GI symptoms, Breast discomfort, Vaginal bleeding, Risk of venous thromboembolism, stroke, coronary heart disease</li> </ul>
<b>Evidence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduced risk of vertebral fractures 33-40%</li> <li>• Reduced risk of non-vertebral fractures</li> </ul>
<b>Dosing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Once daily oral dosing</li> </ul>
<b>Clinical Pearls</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women's Health Initiative, risk of A/E exceeds benefit of therapy for fracture prevention</li> </ul>

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## SERM

<b>Drugs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Raloxifene (Evista)</b></li> <li>• <b>Estrogen/Bazedoxifine (Duavee)</b></li> </ul>
<b>MOA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Estrogenic agonists decreasing bone resorption and turnover</li> </ul>
<b>Adverse Effects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Athralgias, Hot flashes/flushes, Peripheral edema, Increased risk of stroke and venous thromboembolism</li> </ul>
<b>Evidence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increases BMD of spine (2.6%)</li> <li>• Reduced incidence of clinical vertebral fractures 30-68%</li> </ul>
<b>Dosing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 60mg once daily (Evista)</li> <li>• 20mg/0.45mg daily (Duavee)</li> </ul>
<b>Clinical Pearls</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rates of venous thromboembolism similar to rates of preventing clinical vertebral fractures</li> </ul>

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## Treatment Algorithm

- First line for individuals with no prior fragility fracture or at moderate risk
  - Alendronate, risedronate, zoledronic acid, and denosumab
- First line for individuals requiring risk reduction in spine fracture
  - SERM
- Last line for high risk individuals
  - Estrogen, calcitonin
- Combination therapy is not recommended

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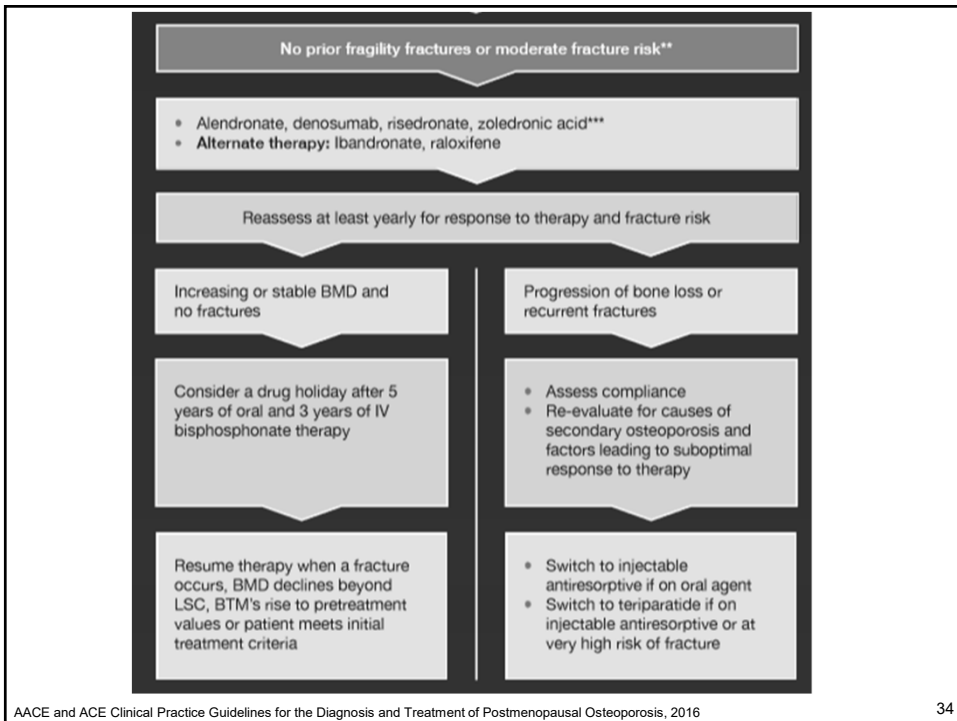
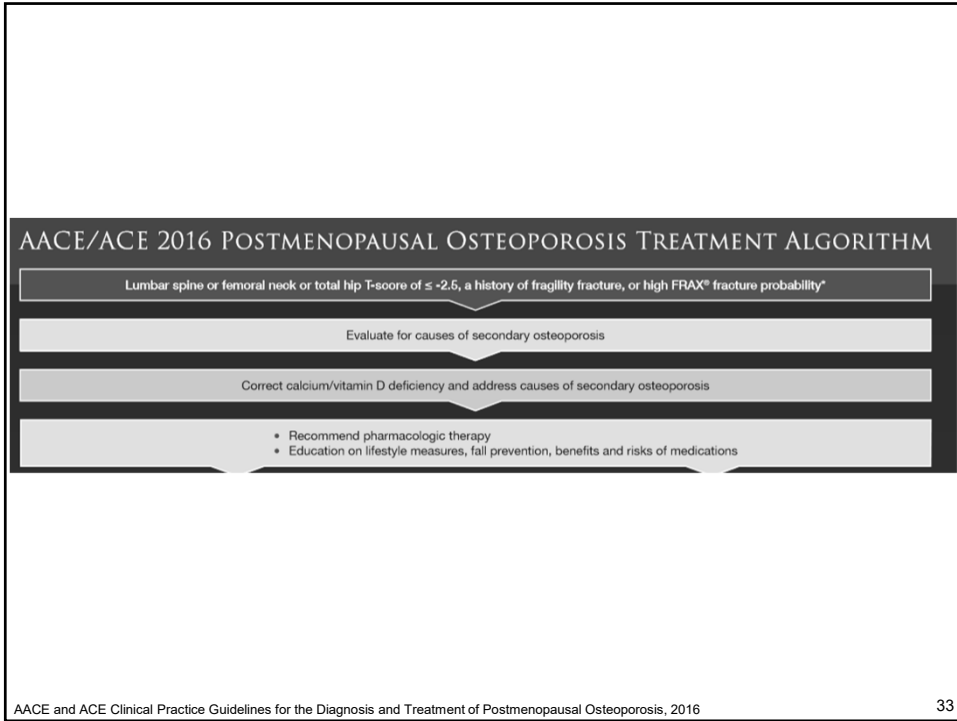
## Summary of Treatment Principles

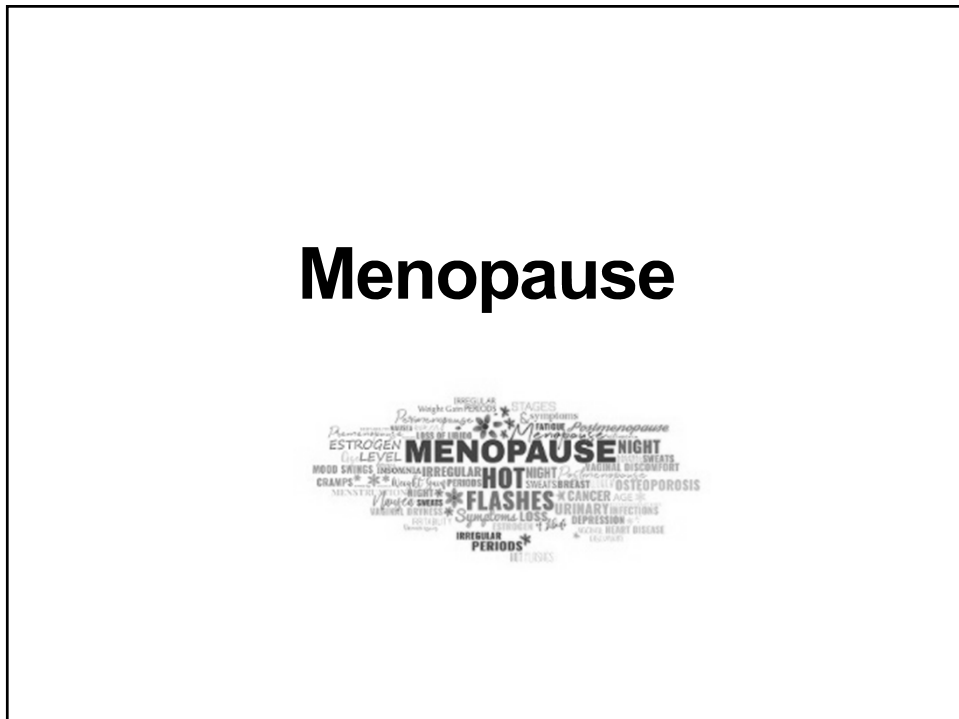
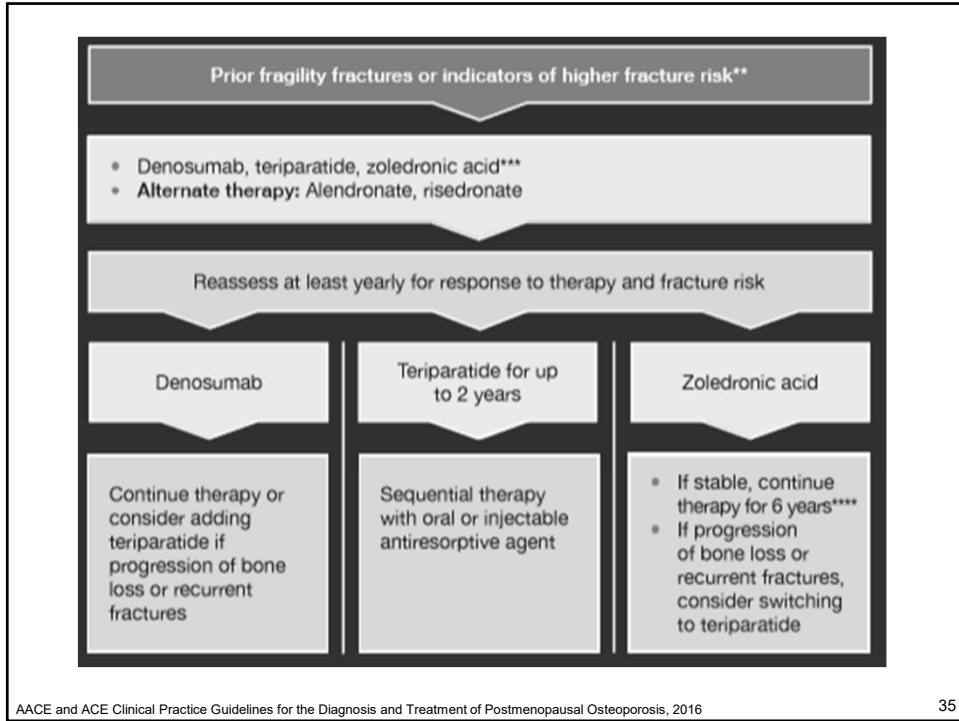
- Treatment with bisphosphonates should be continued for 5 years then drug holiday if low risk
- Individuals on treatment, BMD testing every 1 to 2 years is appropriate; once stable longer intervals may be appropriate
- Patients not on therapy, can recheck DXA every 5 years
- Bisphosphonates, denosumab, and teriparatide are recommended treatments to reduce the risk of hip and vertebral fractures
- Estrogenic treatment options are associated with increased risk of cerebrovascular accident and venous thromboembolism

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## Available Guidelines

- American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
- North American Menopause Society
- Endocrine Society

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## Overview of Symptoms

- 75% of women experience vasomotor symptoms (hot flashes, chills, perspiration, and palpitations)
- 10-40% of women experience vaginal atrophy (vulvar pain, burning, itching, vaginal dryness, vaginal discharge, dyspareunia, and spotting or bleeding after intercourse)
- Psychological symptoms include mood changes, insomnia, memory loss, depression, and anxiety
- Osteoporosis risk increases

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## Guideline Updates

- No previous 2011 recommendations were reversed or changed
- Use of hormone therapy should be based on all risk factors for CVD, age and time from menopause
- Use of transdermal route (vs oral) may be less likely to produce thrombotic risks and perhaps the risk of stroke and CAD
- When progesterone is needed, use micronized
- High risk women should use non-hormonal therapy for symptom management
- Bioidentical hormone therapy not supported

SSRI = selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor

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## Treatment Options

- Hormonal replacement therapy (HRT)
- Bioidentical hormones
- Combination selective estrogen receptor modifier (SERM) and conjugated equine estrogen (CEE)
- Selective serotonin re-uptake inhibitors (SSRIs)
- Anticonvulsants
- Black Cohosh

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## Hormone Replacement Therapy

Recommendation	Most effective therapy; treatment individualized (all equally effective); clearest benefit in women <60 yoa or within 10 years of menopause
Evidence	Evidence for vasomotor symptom relief and atrophic vaginal symptoms
	If only vaginal symptoms, use local therapy (premarin vaginal, vagifem, estring, or femring) in lower doses
	KEEPS trial had 728 women treated to oral estrogen (premarin 0.45mg), transdermal estradiol (Climara 50mcg) or placebo for 12 days/month. No difference in breast cancer, MI, TIA, stroke, or VTE
Adverse Effects	Breast tenderness, bloating, headaches, VTE, stroke, breast cancer

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## Compounded Bioidentical Hormones

Recommendation	Not recommended due to lack of evidence to support superior safety and lack of consistency between products
Evidence	No controlled trials to support efficacy or safety

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## Combination SERM/CEE

Recommendation	Limited data; weigh risk/benefits (breast cancer risk in humans unknown)
Dose	<u>Estrogen/bazedoxifene</u> : 0.45mg/20mg daily
Evidence	Decreases the incidence of hot flashes and improves vaginal dryness compared to SERM alone
	Risk of deep vein thrombosis remains

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## SSRI

Recommendation	In symptomatic women at risk from using HRT, this may offer significant relief
MOA	Increases serotonin and reduces leutinizing hormone
Dose	<u>Venlafaxine</u> : 37.5 – 75 mg/day <u>Citalopram</u> : 10-20 mg/day <u>Escitalopram</u> : 10-20 mg/day <u>Paroxetine</u> : 10-20 mg/day; 12.5-25 mg/day (avoid in women on tamoxifen)
Evidence	Pooled data from 3 RCT with 899 women with 14 bothersome vasomotor symptoms per week compared 0.5 mg estradiol with 75 mg venlafaxine or 10-20 mg escitalopram. Significant reductions in hot flashes were seen: 54% escitalopram, 48% estradiol, and 49% venlafaxine
Adverse Effects	Headache, insomnia, GI, drowsiness

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<b>Anticonvulsants</b>	
Recommendation	In symptomatic women at risk from using HRT, this may offer significant relief
MOA	Modifies serotonergic and adrenergic pathways of the pituitary hypothalamic region impacting thermoregulatory process
Dose	<u>Gabapentin</u> : Initial 300-400 mg once daily at bedtime; titrate based on response to 300-2400 mg/day divided in 2-3 doses <u>Pregabalin</u> : 50 – 150 mg/day
Evidence	RCT of 600 women with 7 or more moderate to severe hot flashes per day over 6 months, 1800 mg/day gabapentin, reported improvements in hot flashes and sleep
Adverse Effects	Dizziness, headache, somnolence, peripheral edema
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<b>Black Cohosh</b>	
Recommendation	Advise against the use in women who have a history of breast cancer; limited data
MOA	Weak estrogenic activity and some serotonergic effects
Dose	40-80 mg/day
Evidence	Meta analysis with 14 RCT, 7 uncontrolled trials, and 5 observational studies concluded beneficial effect compared to baseline but not to placebo
	2 observational studies showed significant reduction in risk of primary breast cancer (OR 0.47, 95% CI 0.27-0.82) and risk of recurrence (OR 0.75, 95% CI 0.63-0.89)
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## Summary of Treatment Principles

- Hormonal therapy is most effective and dosage and route of administration should be tailored to individual (start low and titrate to response)
  - Topical avoids first-pass metabolism
  - Progestin decreases risk of endometrial hyperplasia in women with intact uterus taking estrogen
- If symptoms are specific to genitourinary symptoms, choose local therapy
- If significant cardiovascular risk, nonhormonal therapy options should be considered; consider comorbidities
- For moderate cardiovascular risk, consider transdermal route of hormonal therapy

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## Post-Assessment Question 1

At which age should all women be screened for osteoporosis, regardless of risk?

- A. 55
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- C. 65
- D. 75

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## Post-Assessment Question 2

Which therapy option listed below provides benefit in reducing risk of vertebral, non-vertebral and hip fractures and is an oral therapy option?

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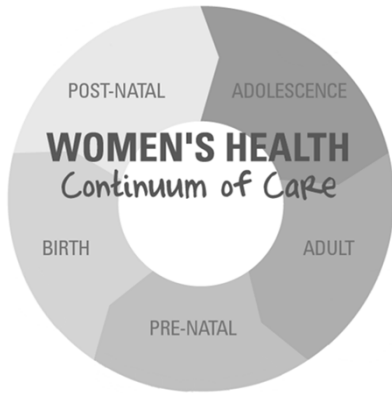
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## Post-Assessment Question 3

A 68 year old female complaining of vasomotor symptoms with a significant history of CVD and breast cancer (on tamoxifen) would best be treated with which option?

- A. Black cohosh
- B. Hormone replacement therapy (transdermal)
- C. Gabapentin
- D. Paroxetine

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