

Osteoporosis: The double threats of diabetes and fat to skeletal health

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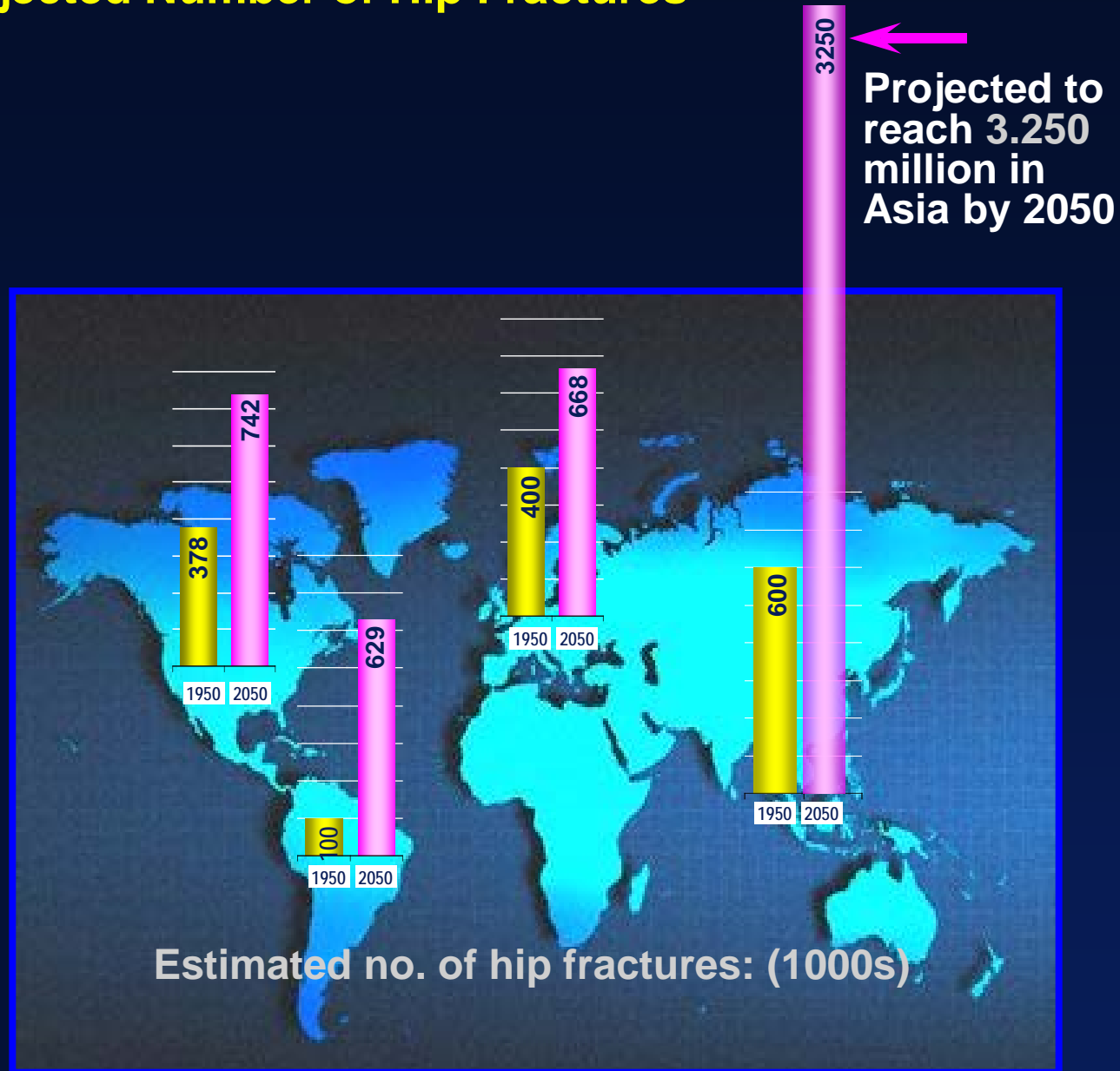
- Key aspects of osteoporosis
- The paradox of diabetes and skeletal health
- How is diabetes bad for bones?
- The paradox of fat and skeletal health
- How is fat bad for bone?

Osteoporosis

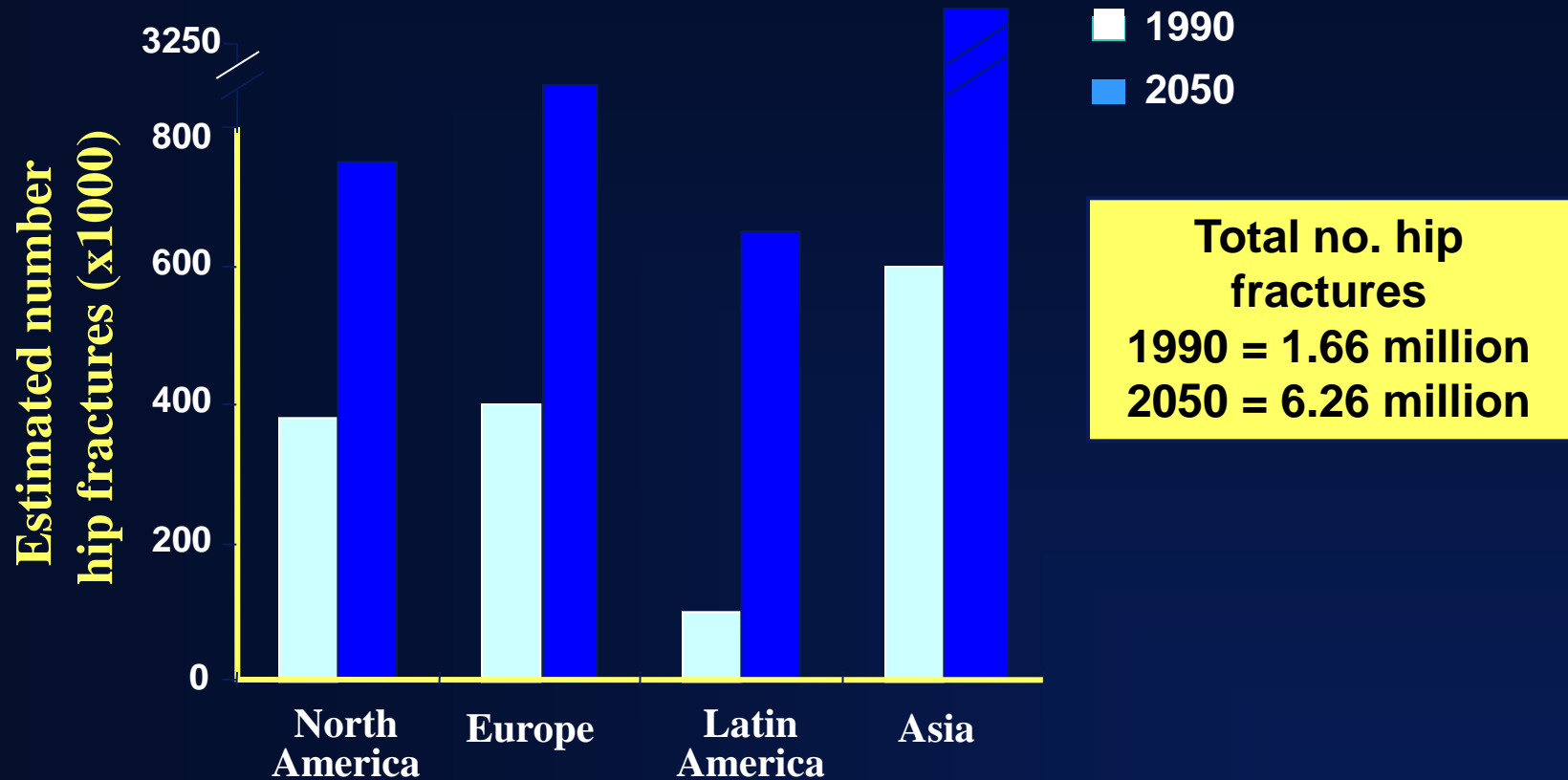
A GLOBAL PROBLEM

Projected Number of Hip Fractures

Total number of hip fractures:
1950 = 1.66 million
2050 = 6.26 million



Projected number of hip fractures worldwide



Osteoporosis: Worldwide Prevalence

- **Affects 200 million women worldwide¹**
 - **1/3 of women aged 60 to 70**
 - **2/3 of women aged 80 or older**
- **Approximately 30 % of women over the age of 50 have one or more vertebral fractures²**

1. International Osteoporosis Foundation Osteoporos Int 1996, 6:233

2. Dennison,2000

Human Costs of Osteoporosis

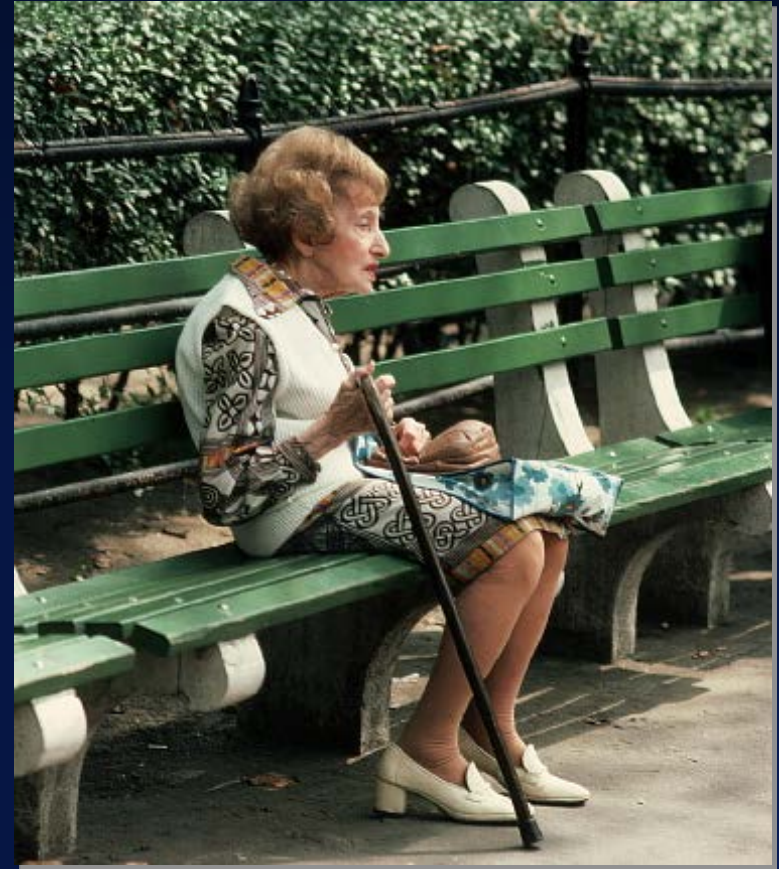
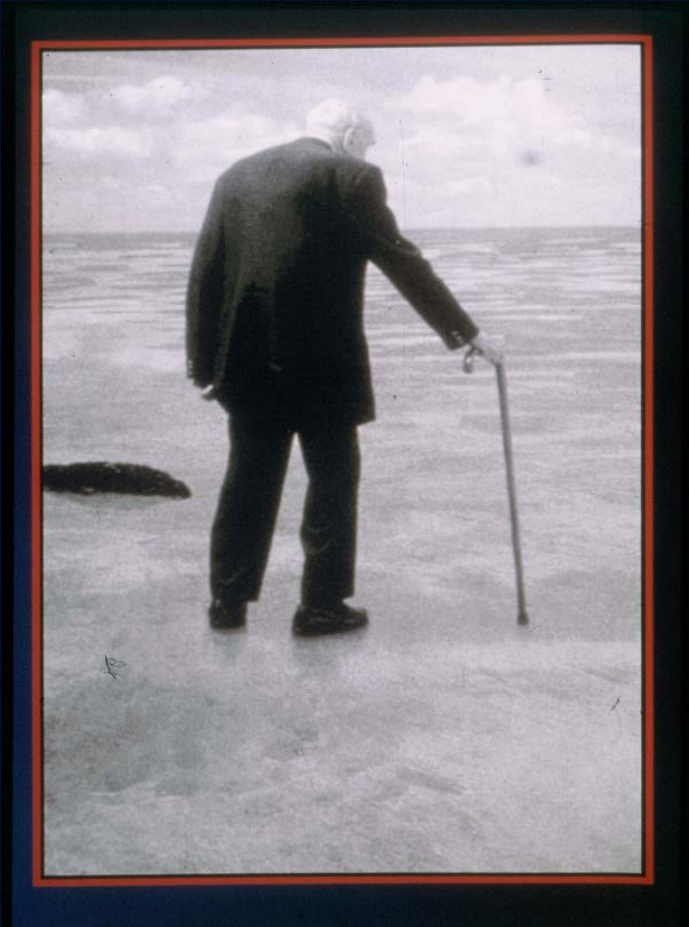
- Impaired function, decreased mobility
- More bone loss due to decreased activity
- Compressed abdomen, reduced appetite
- Reduced pulmonary function
- Sleep disorders
- Shortened survival
- Poor self esteem



Ross PD et al. *Ann Intern Med* 1991;114:23.
Silverman SL. *Bone* 1992;13 (suppl 2):S27-31.
Cooper C, et al. *Am J Epidem* 1993;137:1001-5.
Lyles et al. *Am J Med* 1993;94:595-601.
Schlaich C, et al. *Osteoporos Int* 1998;8:261-7.

Photo courtesy of the National Osteoporosis Foundation

The Physical Signs of Severe Osteoporosis

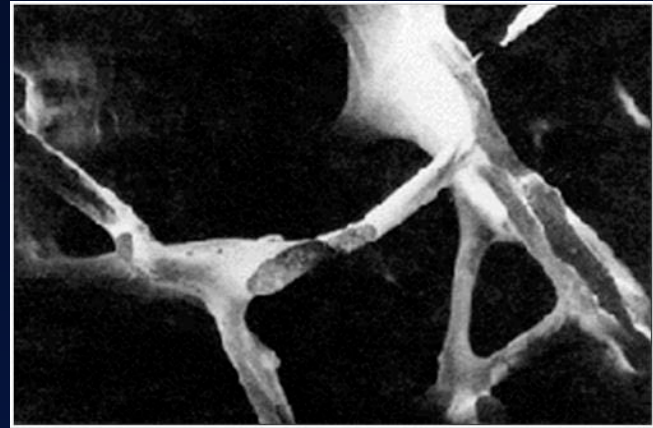


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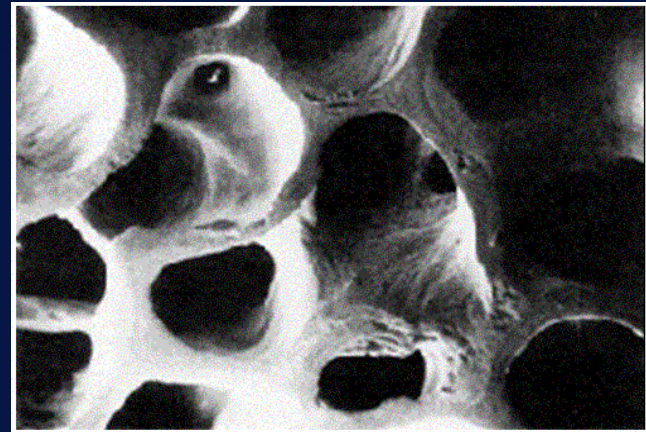
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Osteoporosis: Identifying the Problem

“ A skeletal disorder characterized by compromised bone strength predisposing to an increased risk of fracture.”



Osteoporotic bone



Healthy bone

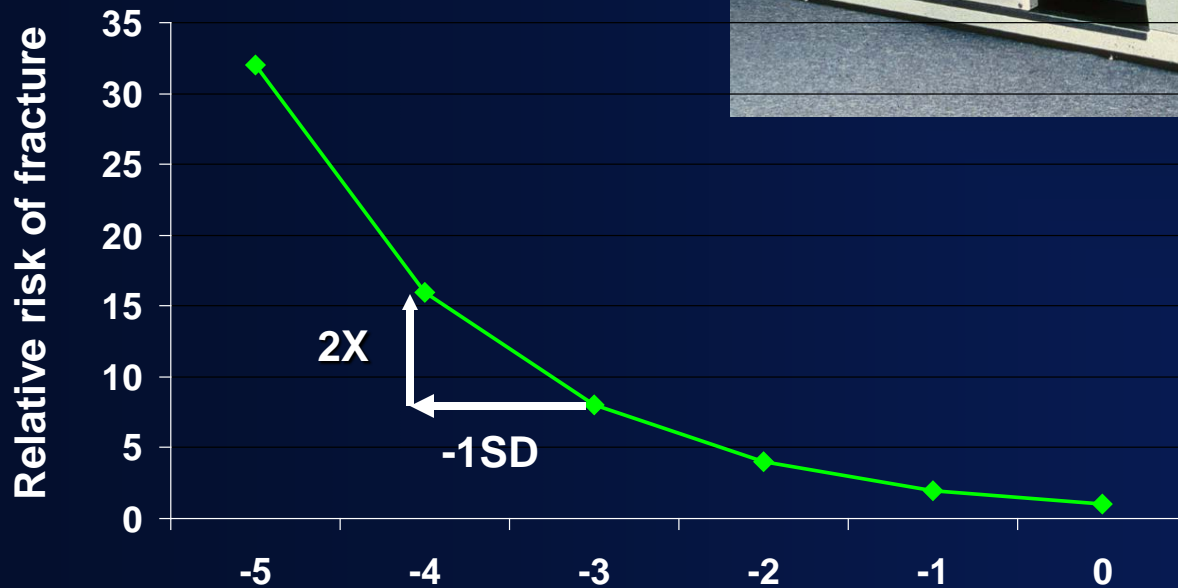
Osteoporosis can be identified before the fracture occurs by dual energy X-ray absorptiometry (DXA)

- Safe
- Accurate
- Precise
- Normative population databases
- Correlates with fracture risk
- A diagnostic standard for osteoporosis



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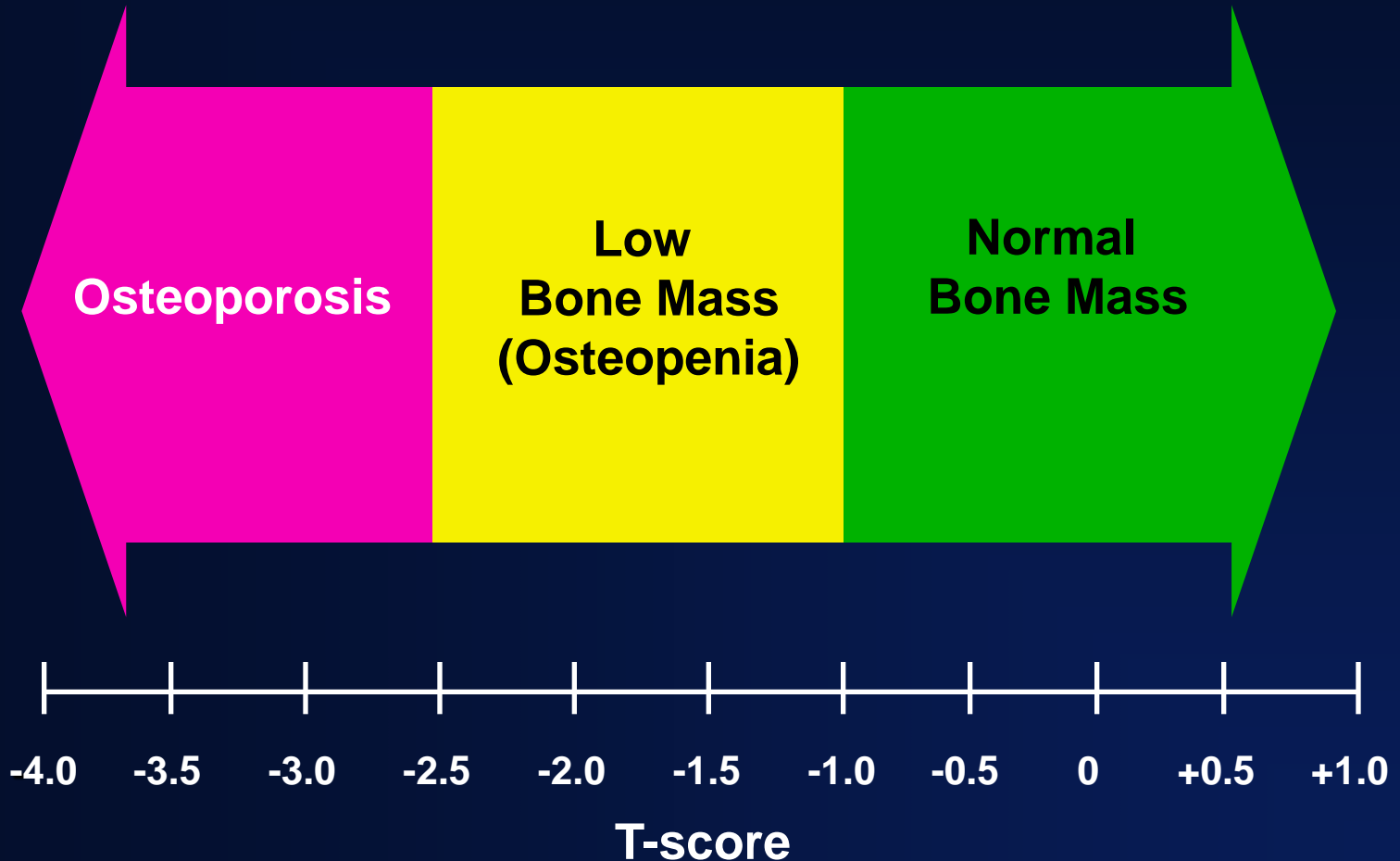
DXA is one of the most powerful predictors of fracture risk



- **Without DXA**....It is exceedingly difficult to diagnose osteoporosis before the osteoporotic fracture occurs
- **With DXA**... .Osteoporosis can be identified before the fracture occurs and plans for prevention and treatment can be implemented

Diagnosing Osteoporosis by DXA: the T-score

Correlates with life time fracture risk for Caucasian Women



Major Points Leading To Osteoporosis Programs in Armenia

- **Recognition:** Osteoporosis is a world wide health problem
- Lack of diagnostic testing equipment in Armenia. In 2007, there was only 1 bone densitometer to measure bone density (bone calcium) in the entire country!
- The Hologic Corporation's generous donations of 7 bone densitometers (6 DXAs and 1 ultrasound instrument) in the past 9 years: (Markarian, YSMU, Erebouni Hospital, Traumatology Hospital, Gyumri, and Karabagh)
- **In 2016: Two more Bone Densitometers will be placed, one in Vanadzor and one in Kapan!**

Historical View

- In 2006, Armenia was among the countries with the **fewest bone density (DXA) instruments/capita in the world**
- In 2013, Armenia gained enough DXA instruments to be placed in the **middle rankings of all countries in the world!**
- In 2016, Armenia will be **above the average in comparison to all other countries in the world per capita!**

Progression (or Consequence) of Osteoporosis

Patient
at age
50...



and
25 years
later

How did this
Happen?

Risk Factors for Osteoporosis

- Age
- Family (genetics)
- The menopause
- Certain medications like glucocorticoids
- Other diseases (rheumatoid arthritis, COPD, Type 1 Diabetes mellitus)
- Nutrition (anorexia, vitamin D deficiency)
- Lifestyle issues (smoking, excessive alcohol, lack of exercise)

Risk factors for Osteoporosis

- Not on most lists:
- Type 2 Diabetes mellitus

WHO Estimate for diabetes in different parts of the world

**382 million adults (8.3%) worldwide are living with diabetes
By 2035 the number will increase to 592 million**

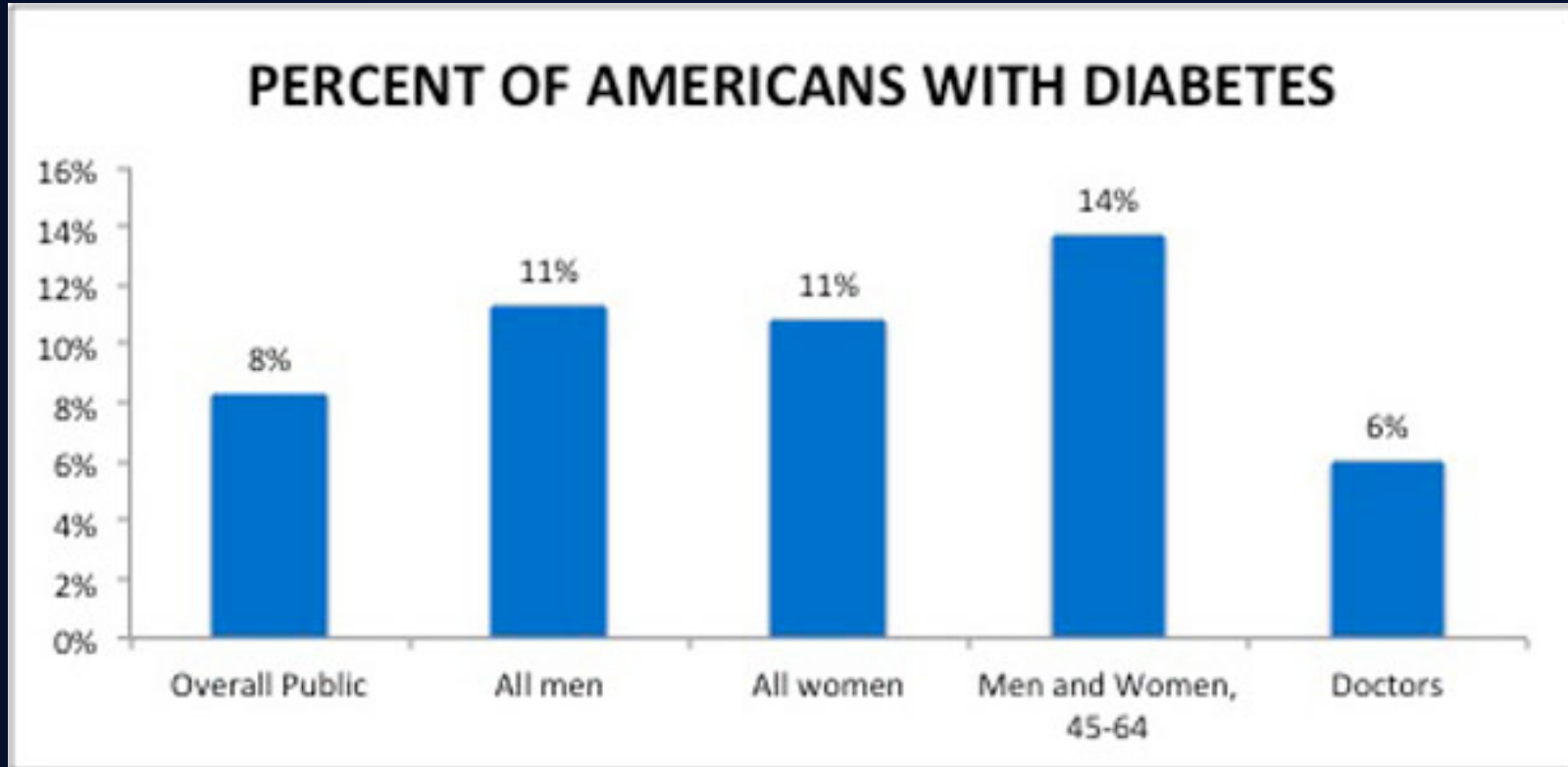
Country	2000	2030
Albania	86,000	188,000
Andora	6,000	18,000
Armenia	120,000	206,000
Austria	239,000	366,000
Azerbaijan	337,000	733,00

http://www.who.int/diabetes/facts/world_figures/en/index4.htm

Prevalence of Diabetes and Prediabetes

- In 2012 - 29.1 million Americans, or 9.3% of the population, had diabetes.
 - The vast majority have type 2 Diabetes
 - Approximately 1.25 million American children and adults have type 1 diabetes.
- Seniors: The percentage of Americans age 65 and older with diabetes is 25.9%, or 11.8 million (diagnosed and undiagnosed).

Diabetes Prevalence in 2013



National Diabetes Statistics Report, June, 2013
<http://www.diabetes.org/diabetes-basics/statistics/>

Diabetes cases reach 422 million as poorer countries see steep rises

- Between 1980 and 2014, diabetes has become more common among men than women.
- Diabetes rose significantly in many low and middle income countries, including China, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, Egypt and Mexico
- Northwestern Europe has the lowest rates of diabetes, lower than 4 percent among women and at around 5 to 6 percent among men in Switzerland, Austria, Denmark, Belgium and the Netherlands.
- No country saw any meaningful decrease in diabetes prevalence.

Diabetes:

Complications/Co-Morbid Conditions

- **Hypoglycemia** –In 2011, about **282,000** emergency room visits for adults aged 18 years or older had hypoglycemia (BG < 70 mg/dl).
- **Hypertension**- In 2009–2012, of adults aged 18 years or older with diagnosed diabetes, **71%** had blood pressure greater than or equal to 140/90
- **Dyslipidemia**- In 2009–2012, of adults aged 18 years or older with diagnosed diabetes, **65%** had LDL cholesterol > 100 mg/dL
- **Kidney Disease**- Diabetes was listed as the primary cause of kidney failure in **44%** of all new cases in 2011

Diabetes:

Complications/Co-Morbid Conditions

- **CVD Death Rates:** In 2003–2006, after adjusting for population age differences, CVD death rates were about **1.7 times** higher than in general population
- **Heart Attack Rates:** In 2010, after adjusting for population age differences, hospitalization rates for heart attack were **1.8 times higher**
- **Stroke:** In 2010, hospitalization rates for stroke were **1.5 times higher**
- **Amputations:** In 2010, about **73,000** non-traumatic lower-limb amputations were performed in adults aged 20 years or older with diagnosed diabetes.

With all the bad news about diabetes...

We have thought, until recently, that one thing we didn't have to worry about was an increased risk of osteoporosis in Diabetes.....

A paradox: Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus should protect against osteoporosis

- Protective Factors:
 - Average or higher BMD than age-matched controls
 - Greater weight in general

In Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus, BMD is higher

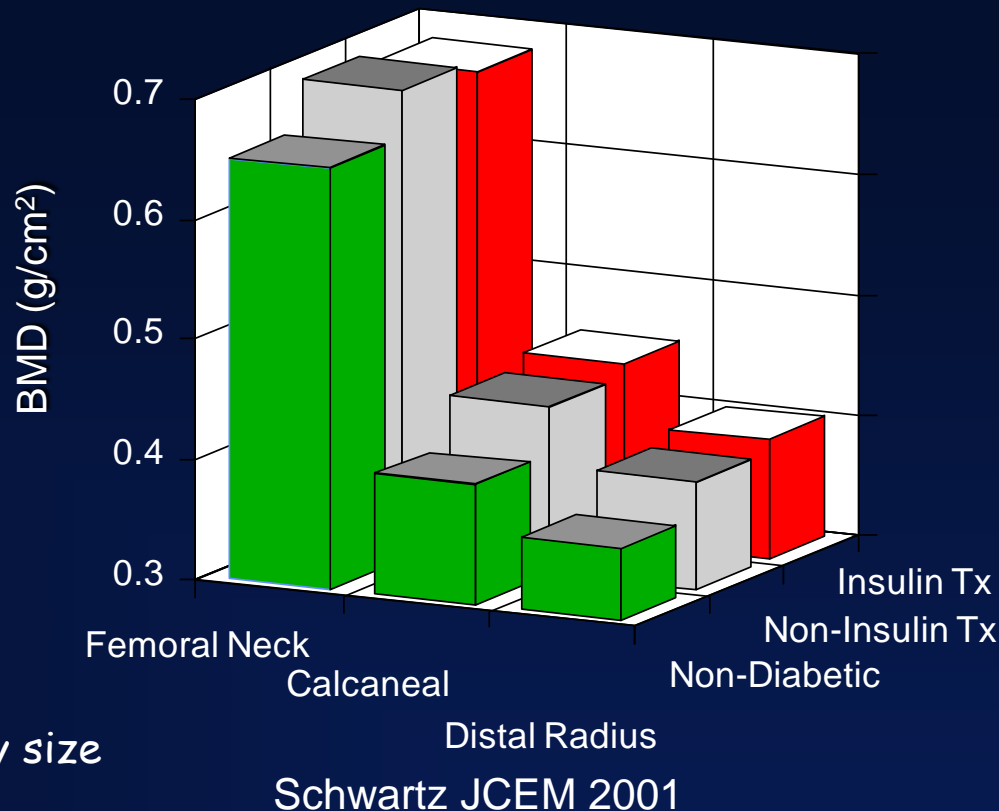
Study of Osteoporotic Fractures

(n=9654 women, ≥ 65 yo)

BMD in T2D:

- 5% higher at radius
- 5% higher at calcaneus
- 3% higher at femoral neck

With or without insulin, adjusted for body size



T-scores in T2D are 0.3-0.8 higher than those in controls

Hanley J Bone Miner Res 2003
Bonds J Clin Endocrinol Metab 2006
Melton J Clin Endocrinol Metab 2008

Expectations of fracture risk in Diabetes Mellitus based upon bone mineral density

Should be lower than age- and weight-matched controls

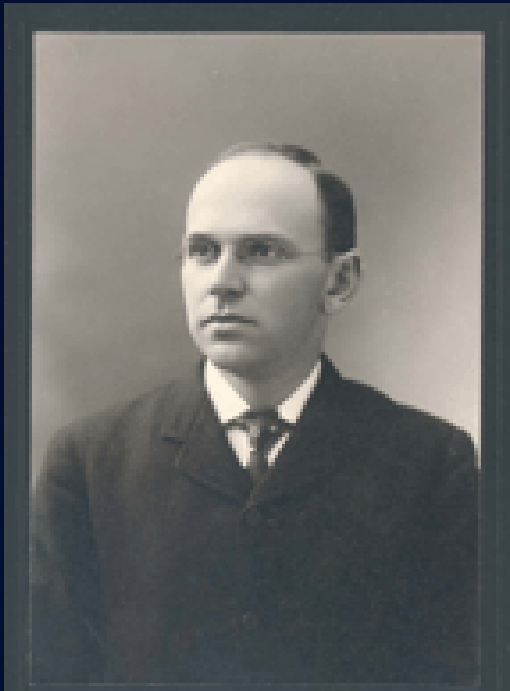
Type 2 Diabetes

- Expectation:
 - Lower Fracture Risk

but....

- **Fracture risk is higher**

History of Diabetes and Fractures



THE TREATMENT
OF
DIABETES MELLITUS

WM. O. SOLOMON
WITH OBSERVATIONS UPON THE DISEASE BASED
UPON THIRTEEN HUNDRED CASES

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SECOND EDITION, ENLARGED AND THOROUGHLY REVISED

ILLUSTRATED

The fracture of an extremity is often accompanied by glycosuria. Among 61 cases at the Surgical Clinic at Kiel, 24 showed alimentary glycosuria, and in 3 unsuspected diabetes was discovered. Hyperglycemia was present in 31 out of 36 of the cases examined.¹ It

Type 2 Diabetes and Fracture Risk Meta-analyses

- Vestergaard et al. 2007 (8 Studies)
 - Age-adjusted
 - By BMD alone, the RR would be expected to be lower, approximately 0.77
 - **But RR for hip fracture is higher, 1.38 (1.25-1.53)**
- Janghorbani et al. 2007 (8 Studies)
 - Adjusted for multivariables
 - **Hip fracture RR=1.7 (1.3-2.2)**
 - **Any fracture RR=1.2 (1.01-1.5)**

Increased Fractures are at Multiple Sites in T2D

WHI (n=93,676; 7 years follow-up)

RR for fracture in T2D:

- Hip 1.41
- Foot 1.44
- Upper arm 1.30
- Ankle 1.34
- Spine 1.28
- Forearm 0.98

Fractures and Diabetes

Table 2—Risk of fracture for cohorts with and without diabetes

	<i>n</i>	Person-years	Fracture events	Incidence*	HR	95% CI
No diabetes	64,942	423,320	7,232	17.1	1.00	Reference
All diabetes†	32,471	229,210	5,540	24.2	1.66	1.60–1.72
Type 1	2,992	22,627	382	16.9	1.22	1.10–1.36
Type 2	29,479	206,583	5,158	24.9	1.76	1.69–1.83

Fractures in diabetes can have a devastating effect on quality and length of life

- Deep wound infection **OR= 1.54** (95% CI 1.00–1.71)
- Septicemia **OR= 1.42** (95% CI 1.23–1.64)
- Mortality **OR= 1.27** (95% CI 1.02–1.60)

Duration of T2D is associated with higher risk of hip fracture: Scottish Registry Study:

(Hothersall et al. J Bone Mineral Res, 2013)

Entire Cohort:*

Men: **RR 0.97** (0.92-1.02)

Women: **RR 1.05** (1.01-1.10)

T2D duration > 7 years:

Men: **RR 1.25** (1.08-1.45)

Women: **RR 1.55** (1.38-1.75)

*In T1 DM: Men: RR 3.28 (2.52-4.26)

Women: RR 3.54 (2.75-4.57)

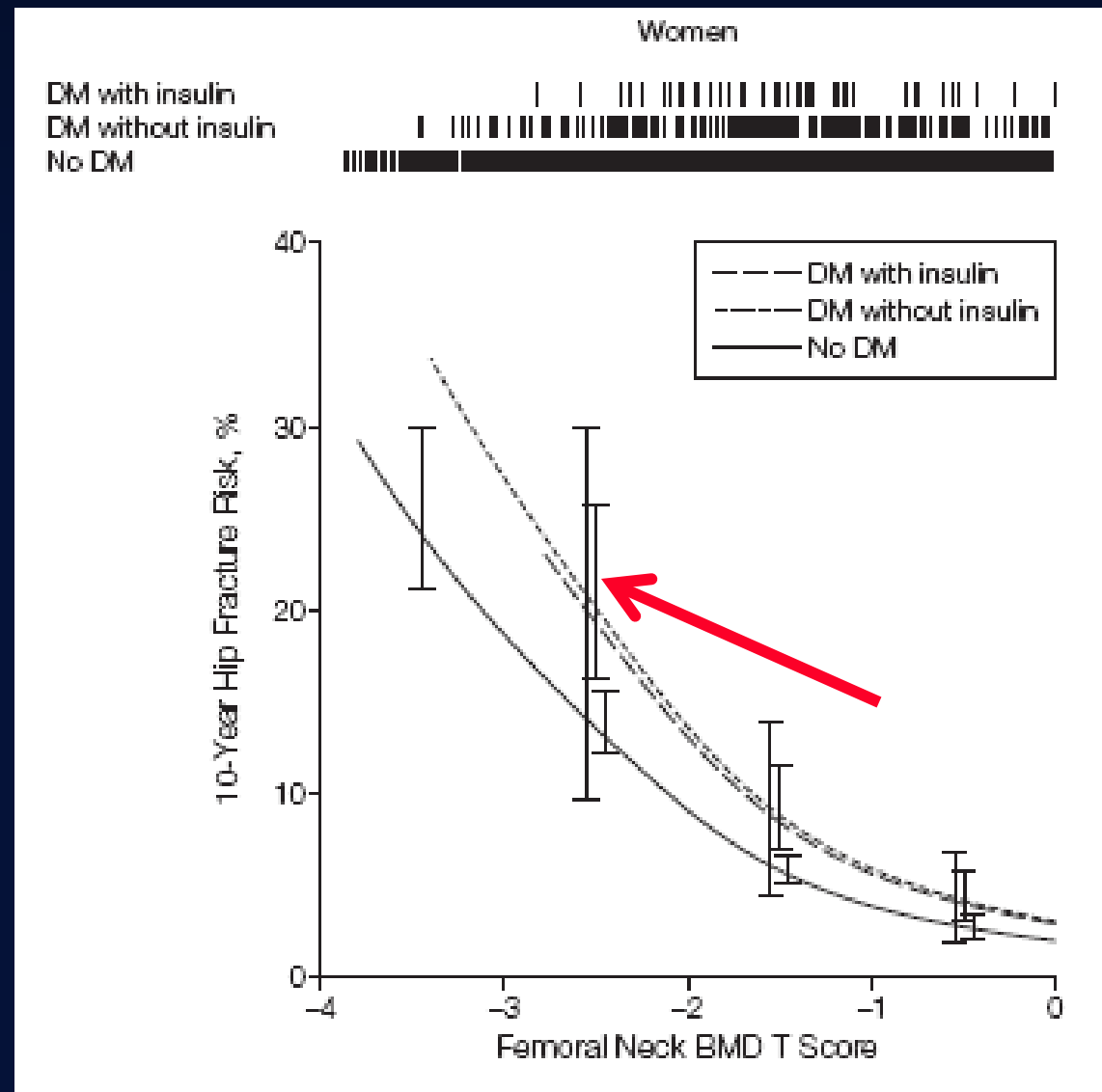
Question: If BMD is higher on average, in Diabetes, can we still use it to predict fracture ?



Answer: Yes, BMD is predictive of fracture risk in T2D, But the relationship is different

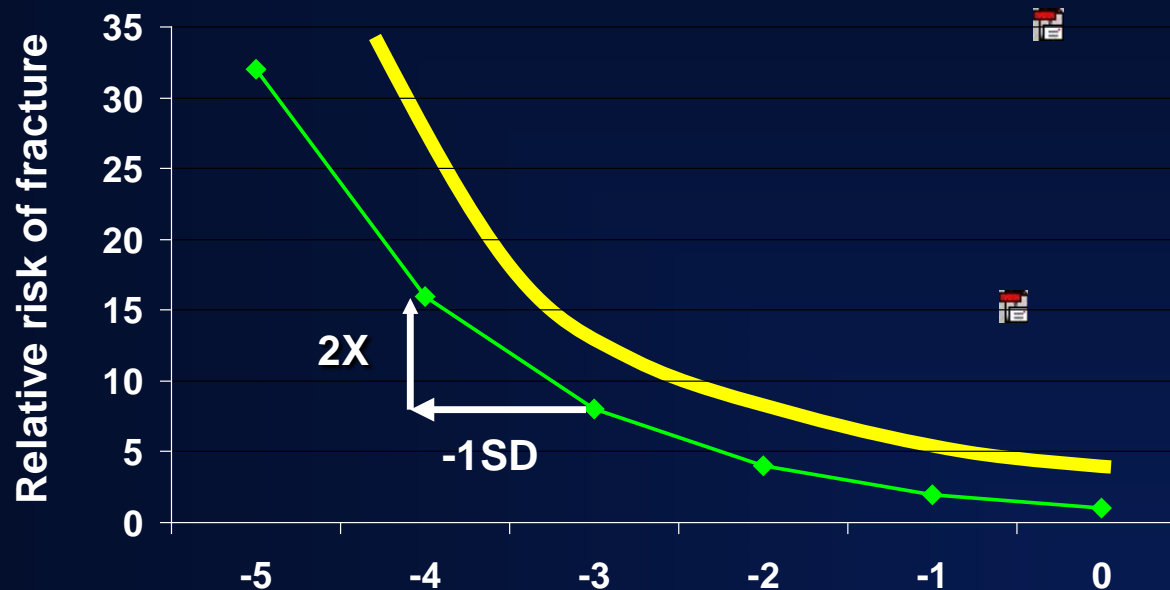
3 prospective cohorts:

- SOF
- MrOS
- Health ABC



BMD Can Predict Fracture in T2D

But for a given T- score,
T2D will have a higher fracture risk

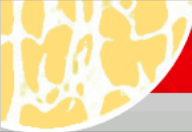


T score difference of 0.6 for same fracture risk

Bone Density and Fracture Risk in Diabetes Mellitus

Patients with Diabetes
mellitus fracture at a
higher BMD than patients
without Diabetes mellitus

Does FRAX Also Predict Fracture in T2D?




FRAX[®] WHO Fracture Risk Assessment Tool

Home Calculation Tool Paper Charts FAQ References English


Calculation Tool

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

Country: **US (Caucasian)** Name/ID: [About the risk factors](#) 

Questionnaire:

1. Age (between 40-90 years) or Date of birth Age: <input type="text"/> Date of birth: Y: <input type="text"/> M: <input type="text"/> D: <input type="text"/>	10. Secondary osteoporosis <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
2. Sex <input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female	11. Alcohol 3 or more units per day <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
3. Weight (kg) <input type="text"/>	12. Femoral neck BMD (g/cm ²) Select DXA <input type="text"/>
4. Height (cm) <input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Clear"/> <input type="button" value="Calculate"/>
5. Previous fracture <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes	
6. Parent fractured hip <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes	
7. Current smoking <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes	
8. Glucocorticoids <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes	
9. Rheumatoid arthritis <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes	



Weight Conversion

Pounds  kg

Height Conversion

Inches  cm

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Individuals with fracture risk assessed since 1st June 2011

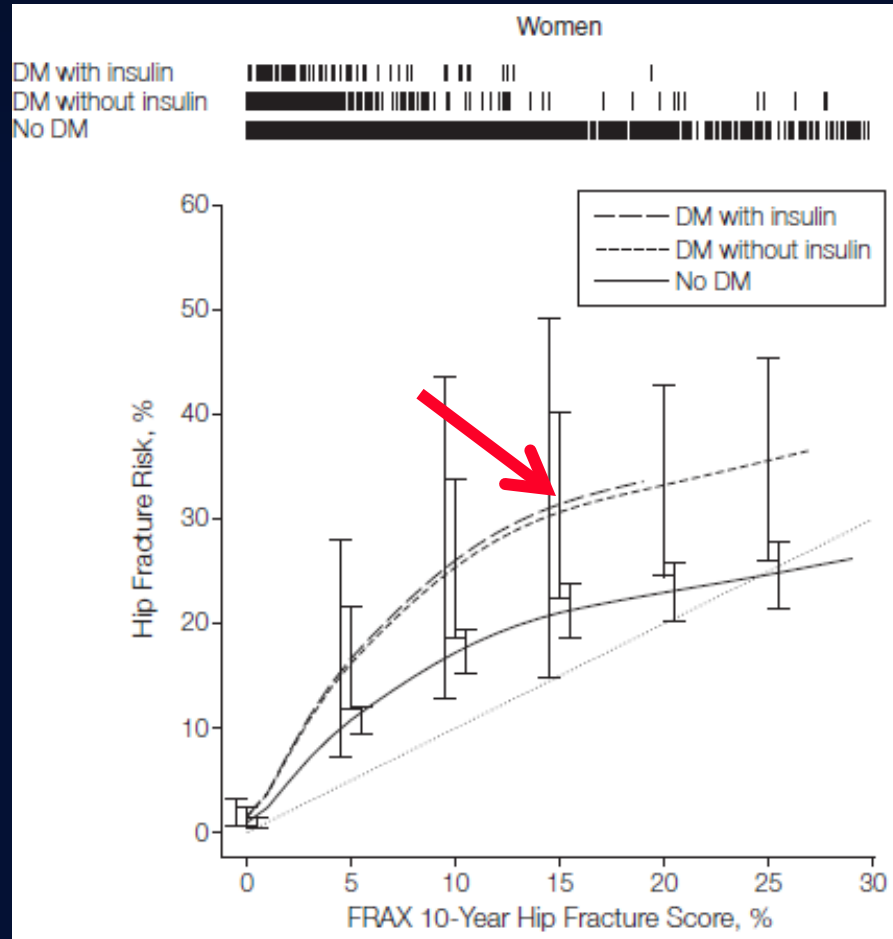
Can the FRAX Score, as currently constituted, be used reliably in T2D?*

BMD (femoral neck T-score)
Age
Gender
Race
BMI
Fracture history
Parental history of hip fracture
Current smoker
Recent corticosteroid use
Rheumatoid arthritis
3+ alcohol drinks/day

* Diabetes is not listed as a clinical risk factor!

FRAX is Predictive of Fracture Risk in T2D, But the Relationship is Different

*For a given
FRAX score,
T2D will have a
higher fracture
risk*



Schwartz JAMA 2011

For a given FRAX score, fracture risk is higher than predicted in T2D

Type 2 Diabetes and Fracture

- For a given BMD, fracture risk in Diabetes Mellitus is greater
- For a given FRAX score, fracture risk in Diabetes Mellitus is greater

There must be factors that account for fracture risk in T2D that are not captured by either BMD or FRAX!

Why in T2D is there an increase in fractures?



Possible contributing factors for increased fracture risk in T2 Diabetes Mellitus

- Contributing Factors:
 - Falls?
 - TZDs?
 - Skeletal abnormalities?
 - Fat?



Possible reasons for increased falls in T2D



- Peripheral neuropathy (impaired balance, gait)
- Poorer Vision (Retinopathy)
- Knee and hip osteoarthritis
- Cardiovascular (CHF and arrhythmias)
- History of CVA
- Hypoglycemia (with insulin use)
- Low vitamin D

Higher Risk of Falls in T2D

Finland 20-92 y.o.

1.6 (1.1-2.4)



Insulin tx

3.3 (1.4-8.0)



Rotterdam 55+

♀

0.6 (0.6-1.2)



♂

1.4 (0.9-2.1)



St. Louis AA 70+ y.o.

1.8 (1.1-3.2)



NHANES 60+

♀

1.6 (1.2-2.1)



♂

1.2 (0.8-1.8)



EPESE 65+

1.4 (1.0-1.8)



SOF 65+

♀

1.5 (1.1-2.0)



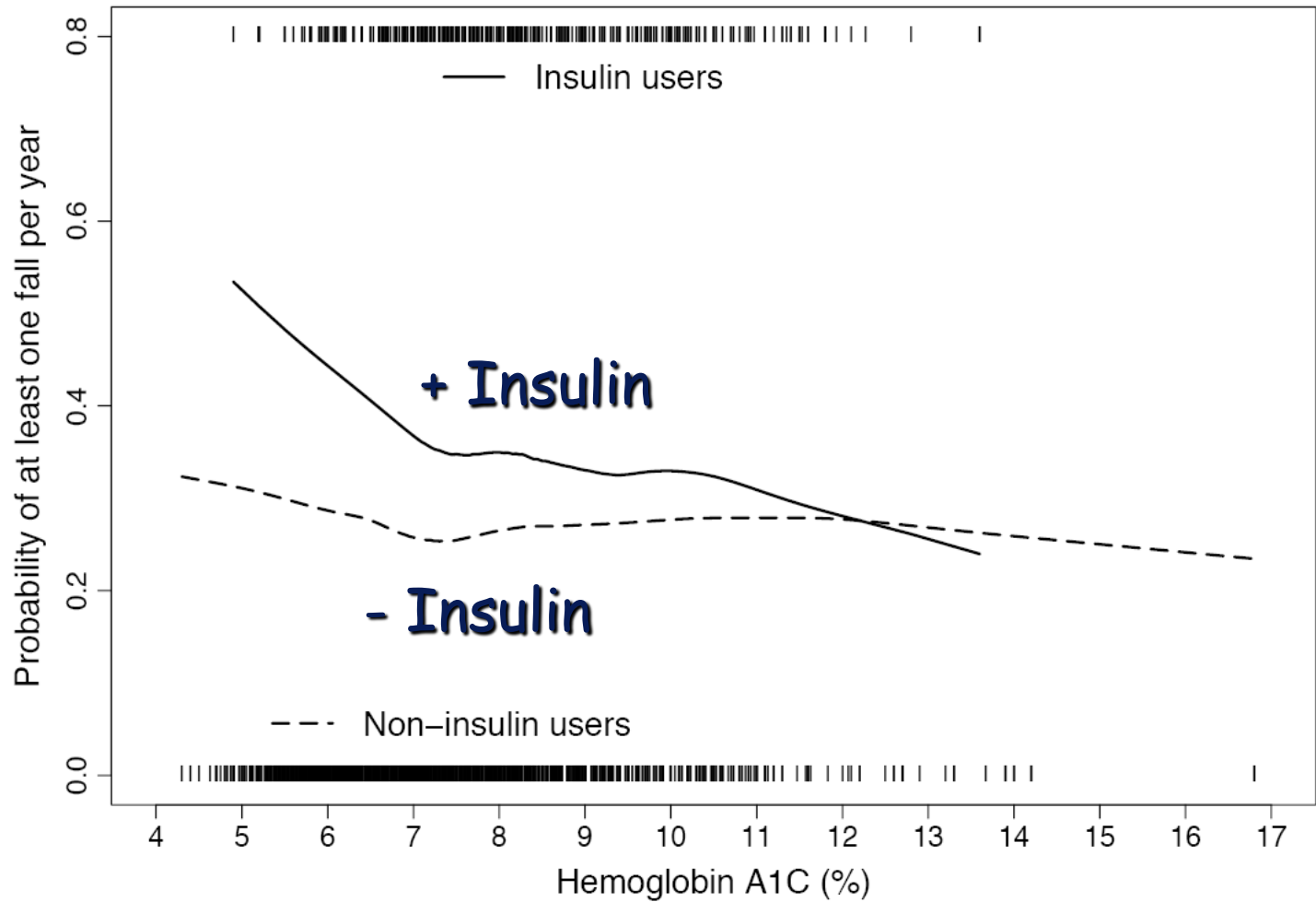
Insulin tx

4.0 (2.2-7.0)



0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Fall Risk: A1C and Insulin Use



But when studies adjusted for falls,
T2D was still associated with increased fracture risk

All accounted for falls:

- WHI Bonds 2006
- Health ABC Strotemeyer 2005
- SOF Schwartz 2001
- Rotterdam study de Liefde 2005

Falls are not the whole story

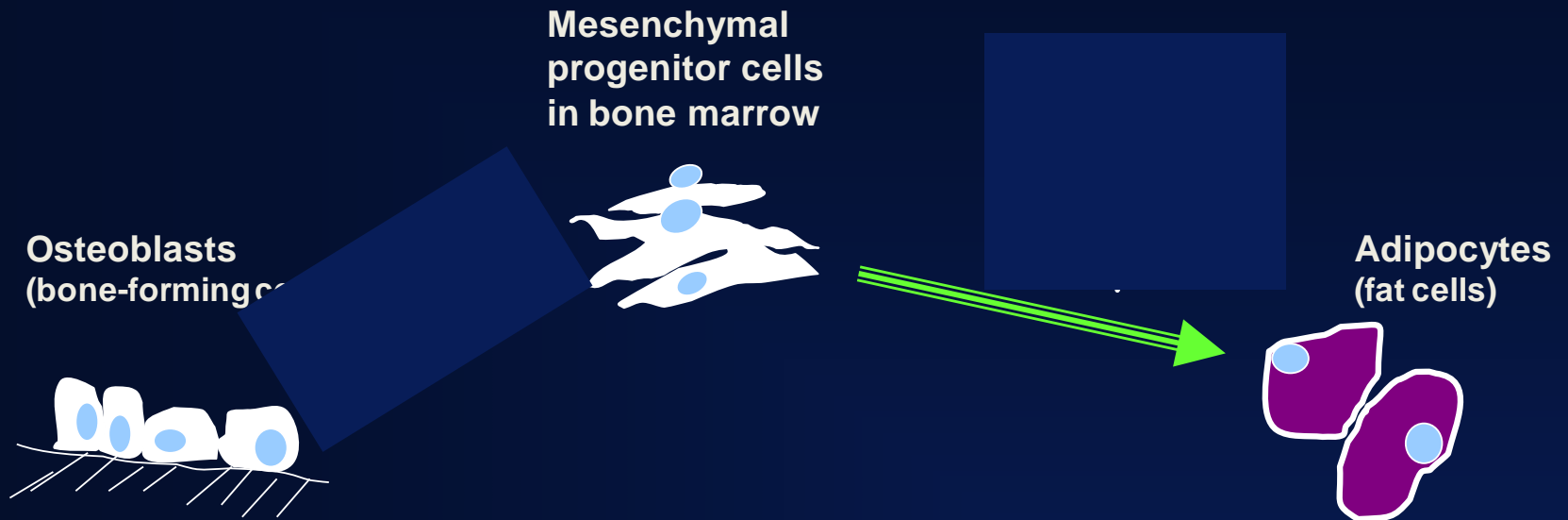
Advise against risky behavior for falls in all, especially those with Diabetes Mellitus!



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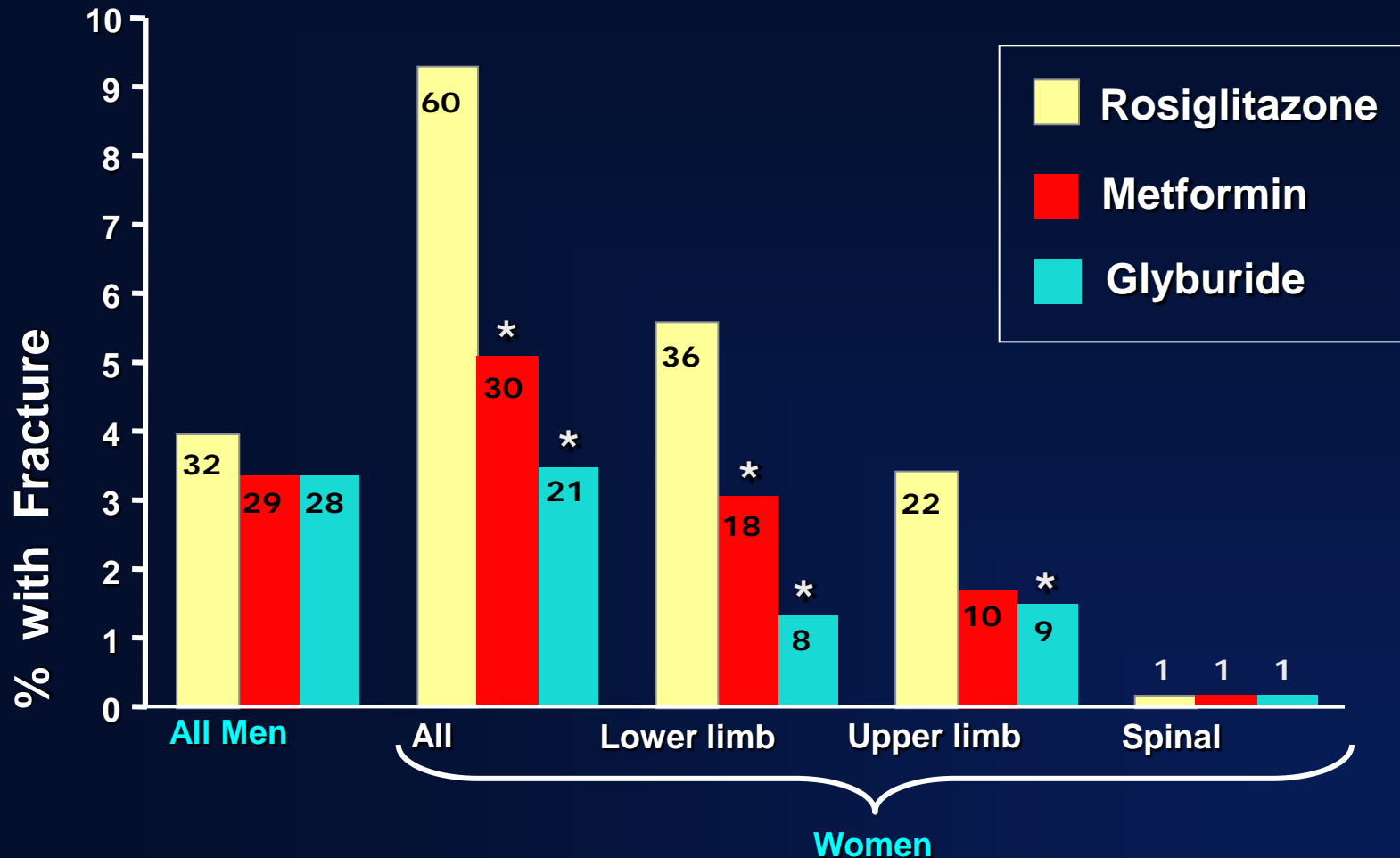
TZDs influence the lineage pathway of marrow mesenchymal progenitors



TZDs are likely to shift bipotential bone marrow precursor cells from the osteoblast lineage tract to the adipocyte lineage tract

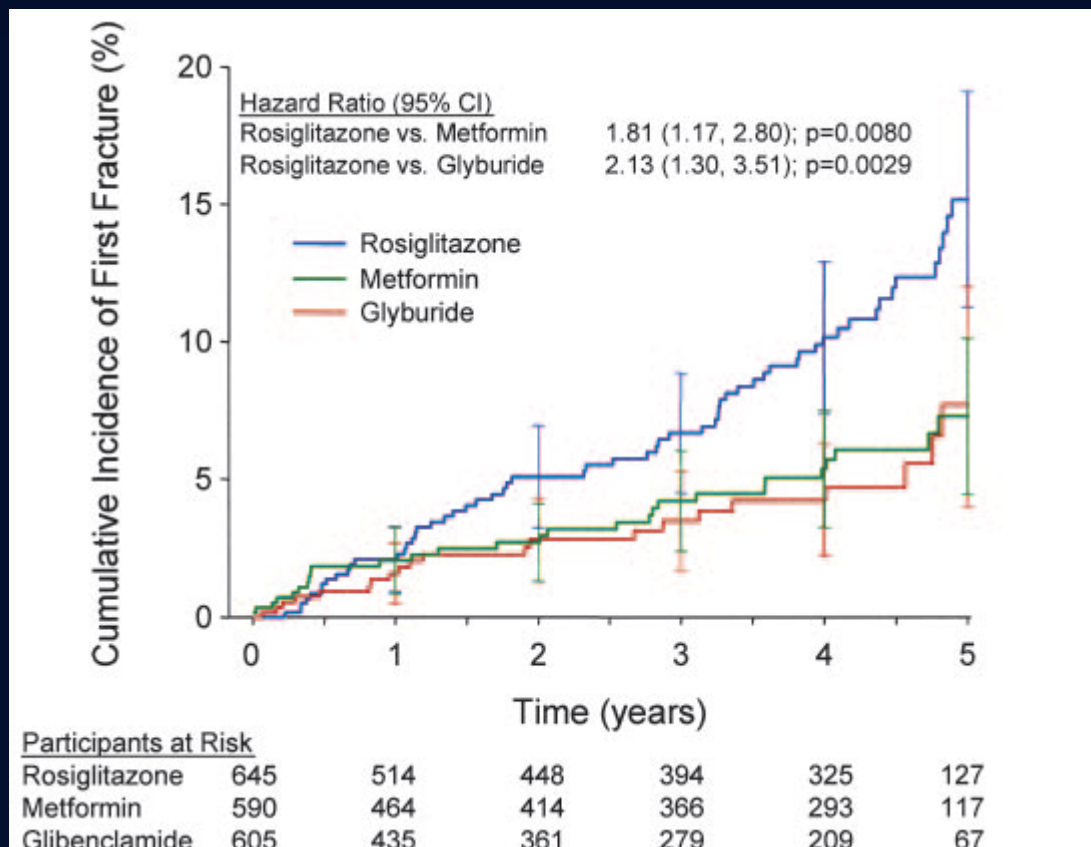
ADOPT Trial: RPCT

Rosiglitazone increased fracture risk in women



* $P < 0.05$ for the comparison with rosiglitazone (unadjusted, contingency chi-square test).

TZDs and Fracture



TZDs should not be used in women at higher risk of fracture

TZDs increase fracture risk

But, TZDs cannot account for fracture risk in Diabetes because they are used sparingly in this population

TZDs are not the whole story

Diabetics Have Multiple Risk Factors for Poor Skeletal Health

- Contributing Factors:
 - Falls
 - TZDs
 - **Abnormal Skeletal Properties**
 - **Reduced Turnover?**
 - **Abnormal Biomechanics?**
 - **Reduced Bone Quality?**

Reduced Bone Formation in T2D

The circulating bone formation marker, osteocalcin, is reduced

Gerdhem OI 2005, Dobnig JCEM 2006,
Yamamoto JCEM 2012

By bone biopsy, bone formation rate is low

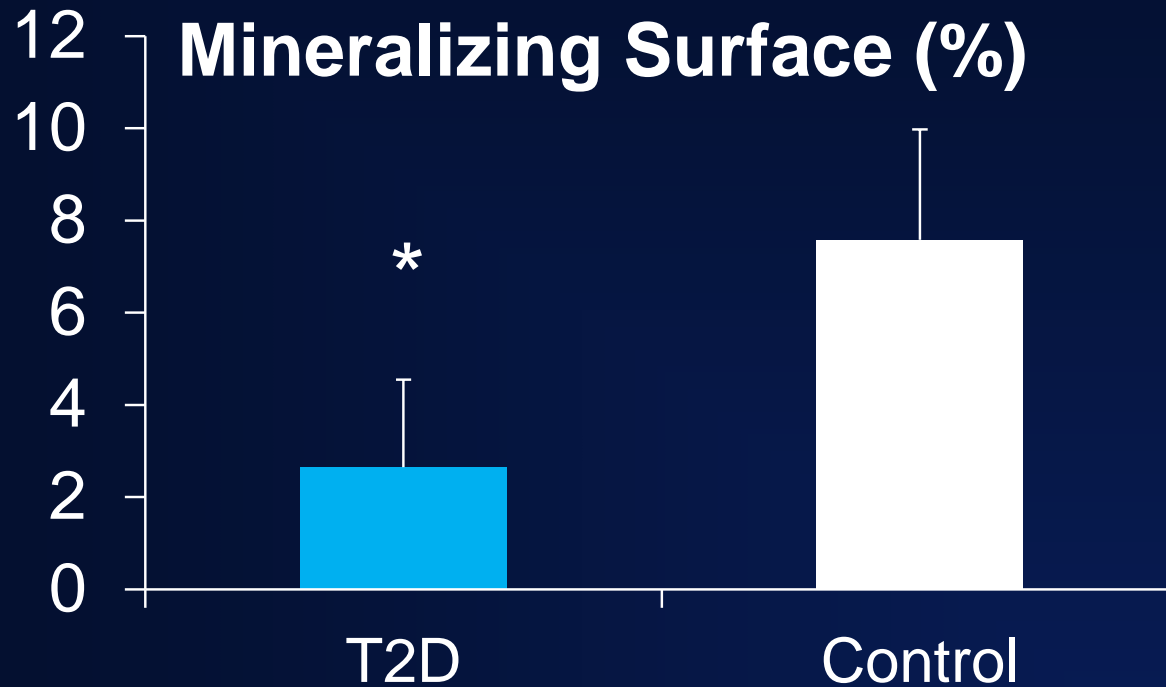
T2D (n=6) compared with premenopausal women

Krakauer et al 1995

T2D (n=5) compared with controls
(n=5), postmenopausal women

Manavalan et al 2012

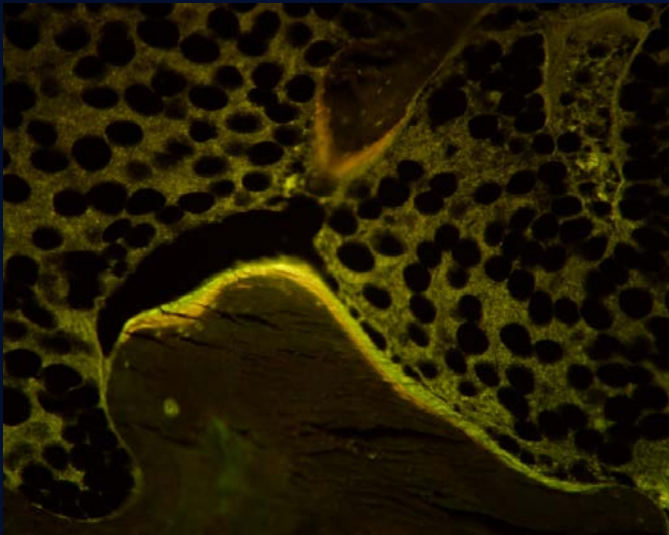
Histomorphometric Bone Formation is Low in T2D



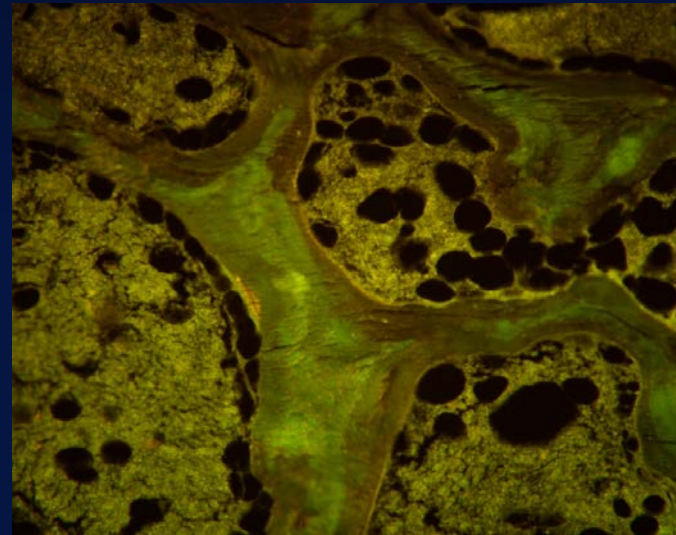
Low Bone Formation in T2D

Osteocalcin is decreased

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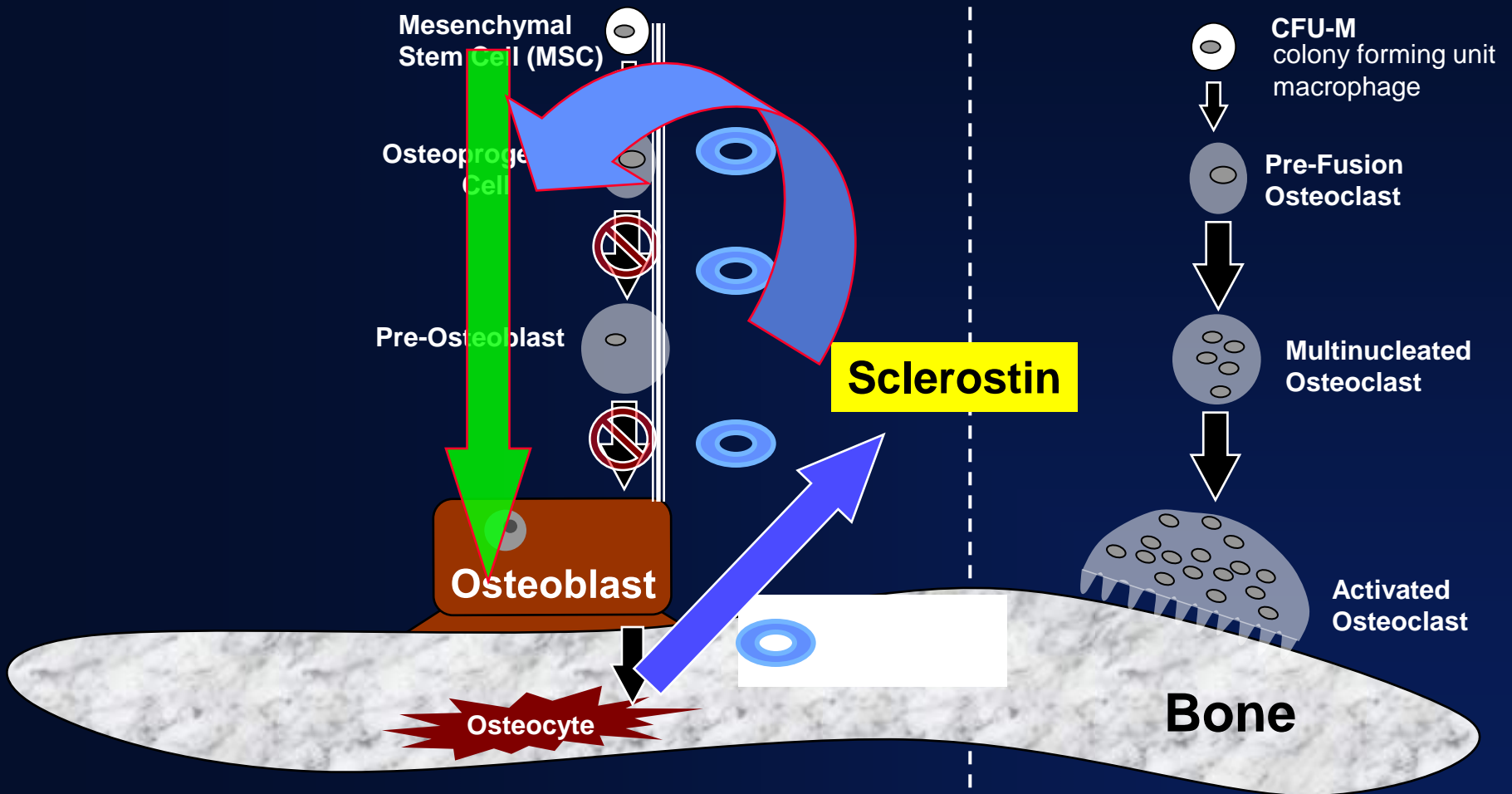
Control



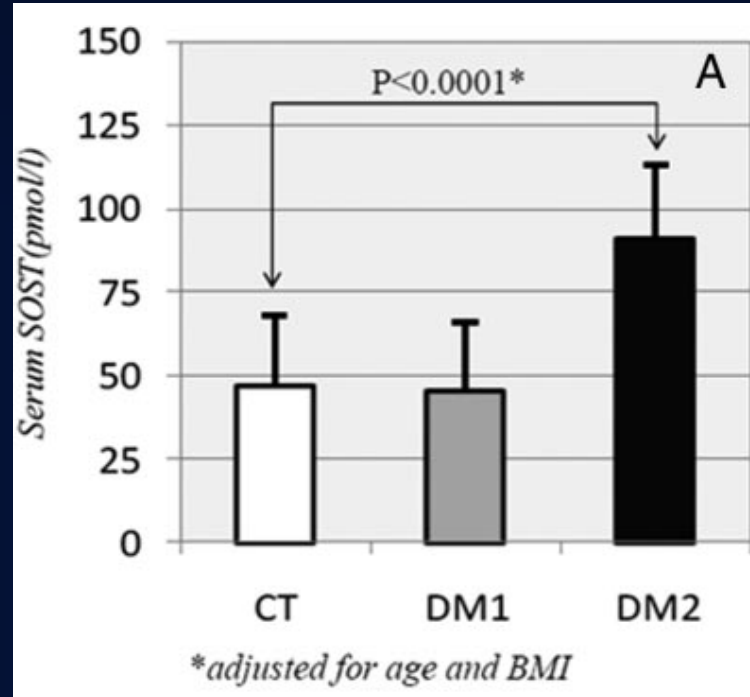
T2D

Krakauer Diabetes 1995, Manavalan JCEM 2012

Sclerostin, a product of the osteocyte, inhibits bone formation



Sclerostin is Increased in T2D



Sclerostin may suppress bone formation in T2D

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 - **Abnormal Skeletal Properties**
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 - **Abnormal Biomechanics?**
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Skeletal Geometry is Worse in T2D

- **By BMD:** femoral neck aBMD is higher, but femoral neck strength is lower relative to load

Ishii J Clin Endocrinol Metab 2012

- **By QCT:** Trabecular BMD is higher but load to strength ratio for hip fracture is not enhanced

Melton J Clin Endocrinol Metab 2008

- **By pQCT:** Cross sectional area and bone bending strength at cortical sites are lower

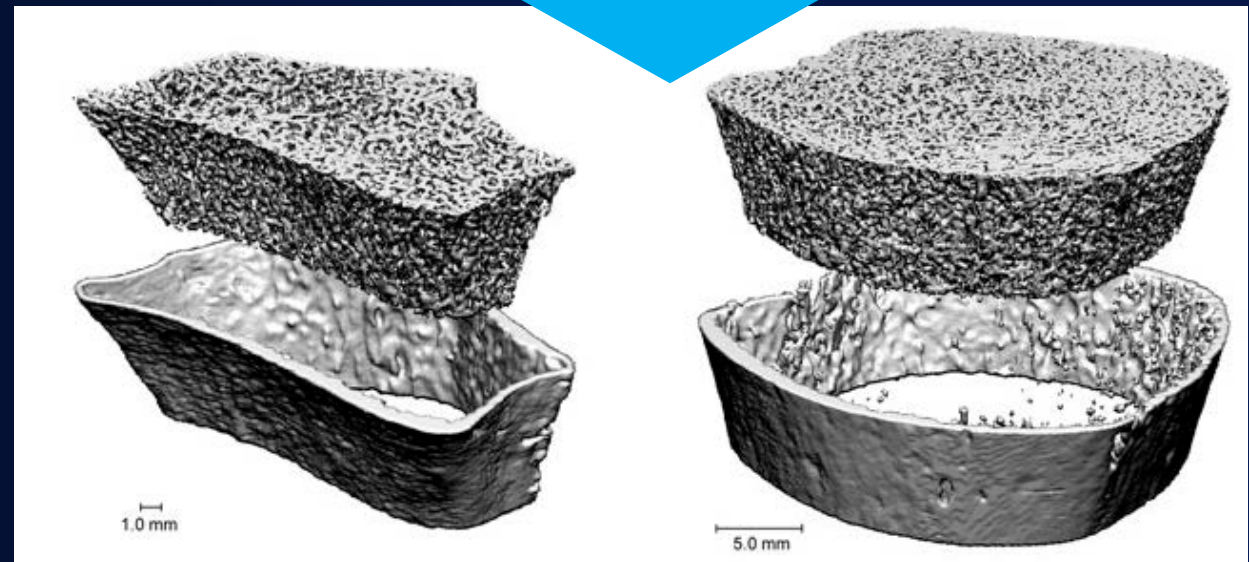
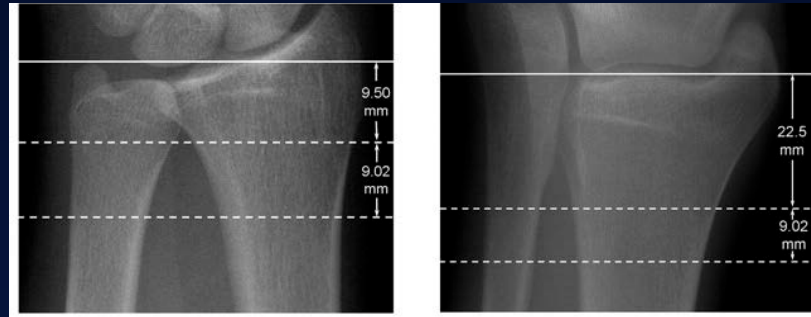
Petit J Bone Miner Res 2010

**Despite higher areal BMD,
biomechanical indices are worse**

Skeletal Abnormalities in T2 Diabetics Mellitus

- Reduced Turnover
- Abnormal Biomechanics
- **Reduced Bone Quality?**
 - **Cortical**
 - Trabecular
 - Matrix (AGEs)
 - Marrow fat

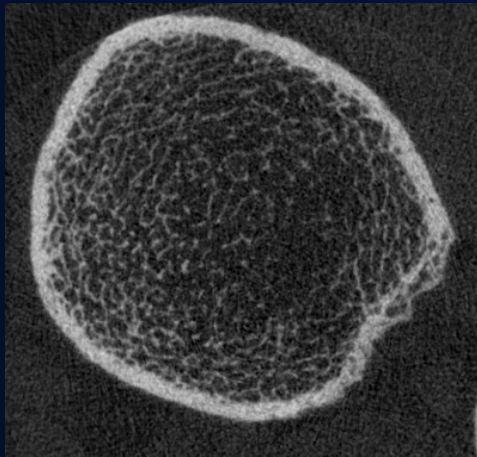
Extreme CT: Is Microarchitecture Abnormal in T2D?



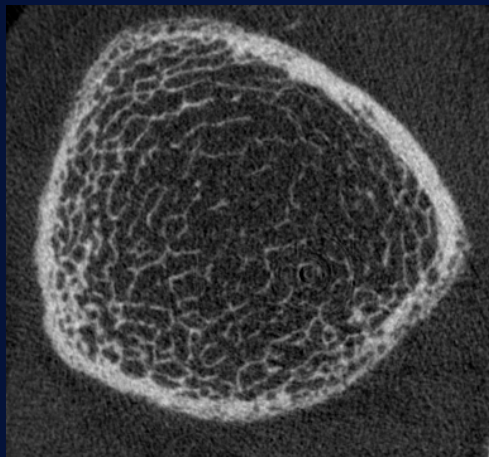
High Resolution
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Quantitative
Computed
Tomography

Cortical Porosity May be Increased in T2D

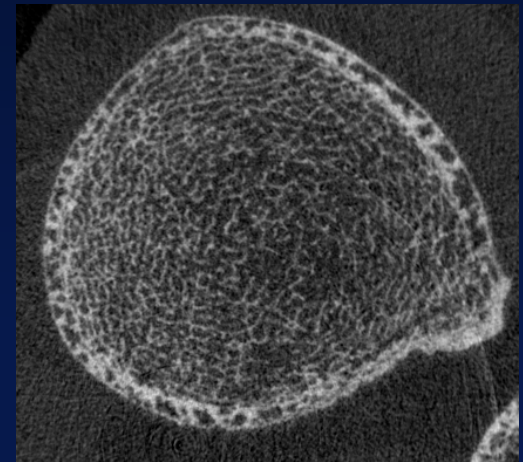
- 19 T2D women vs 19 controls
- Cortical porosity was 124% higher in T2D at radius



Control



Diabetes



Diabetes + fracture

Cortical Porosity: Higher in T2D with fracture

Postmenopausal women

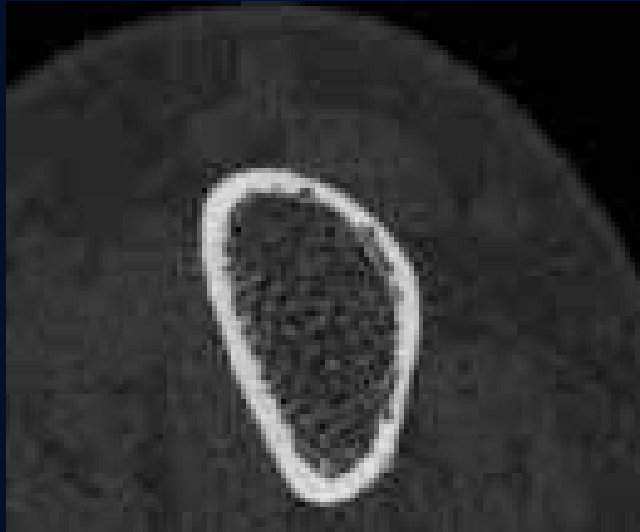
	No diabetes		T2 diabetes	
	No fracture	History of fracture	No fracture	History of fracture
N	20	20	20	20
Distal radius	1.2%	2.5%	0.8%	3.9%*
Distal tibia	4.3%	4.8%	3.0%	5.7%*

*p<0.05 compared to T2D without fracture

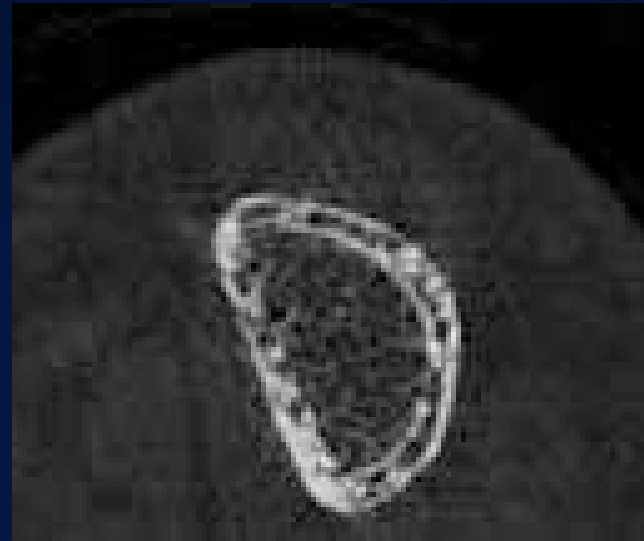
Standard HRpQCT variables did not differ by diabetes or fracture status

Cortical Porosity May be Increased in T2D With Fragility Fractures

Distal Radius



Diabetic



Diabetic with Fracture

Changes in cortical bone are captured by HRpQCT
in T2D with fractures

Skeletal Abnormalities in T2 Diabetes Mellitus

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 - **Trabecular?**
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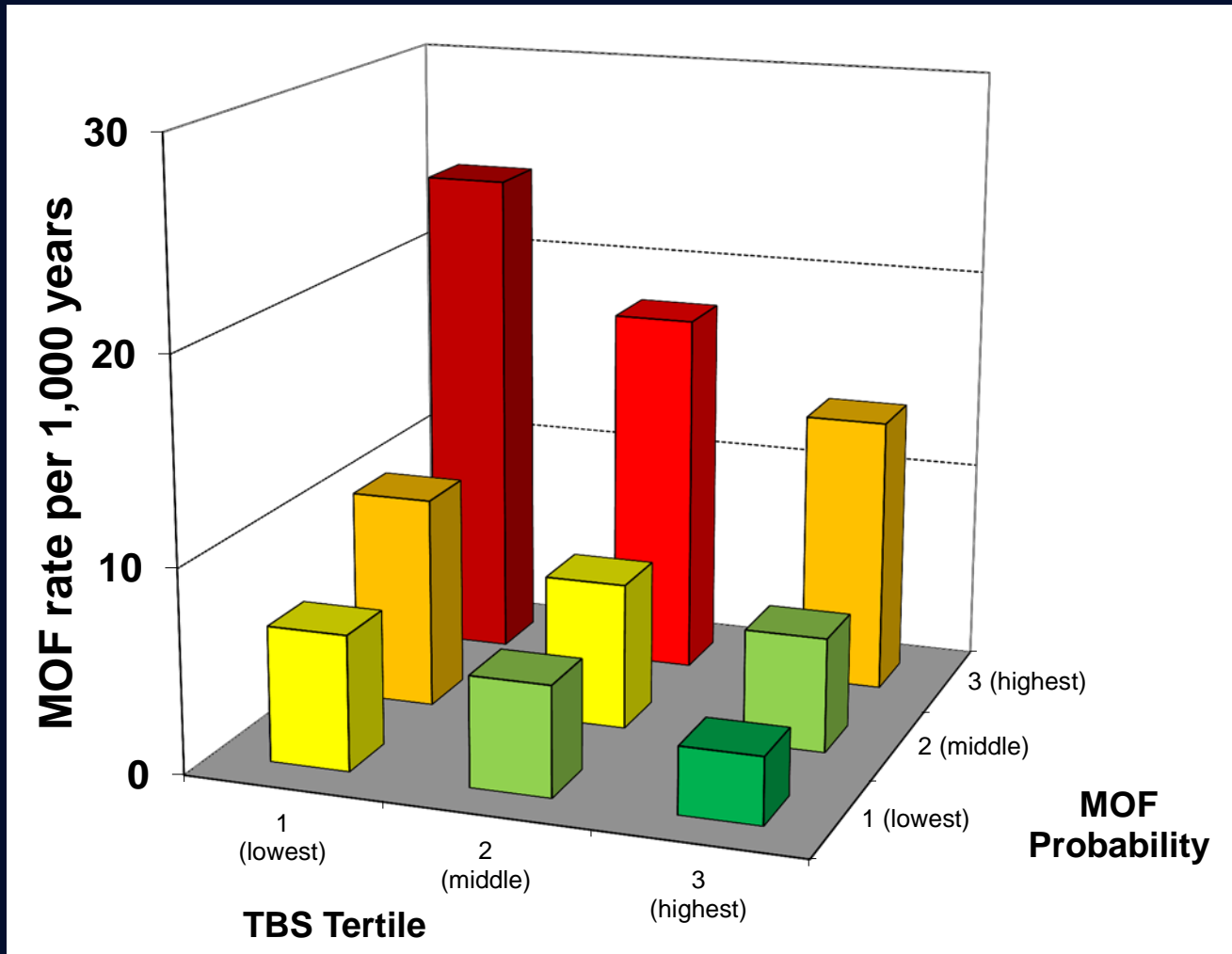
IMAGING AND BIOMECHANICS

TRABECULAR BONE SCORE (TBS)

TBS Simplified Principle



Fracture rates per 1,000 woman-years according to FRAX and TBS tertiles



TBS Predicts Osteoporotic Fractures in Diabetes

In Diabetes:

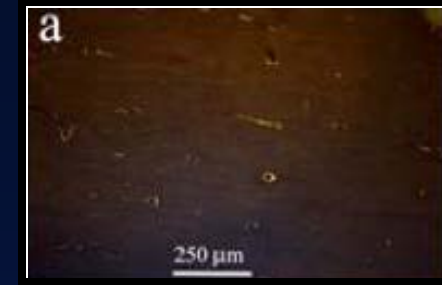
- Higher BMD but lower TBS
- TBS predicted fracture, independent of BMD:
adjusted hazard ratio of 1.27 (1.10-1.46)

**TBS captures a larger portion of the
diabetes-associated fracture risk than BMD**

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Advanced Glycation Endproducts (AGEs)



Glucose + amino acid protein



Schiff's base



Amadori product

Oxidative pathway

Non-oxidative pathway

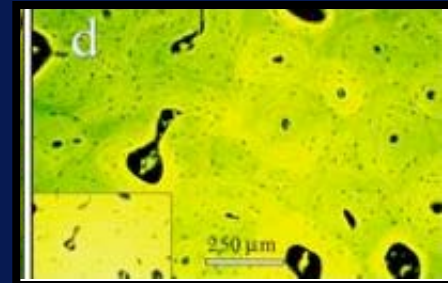
CML

Pentosidine

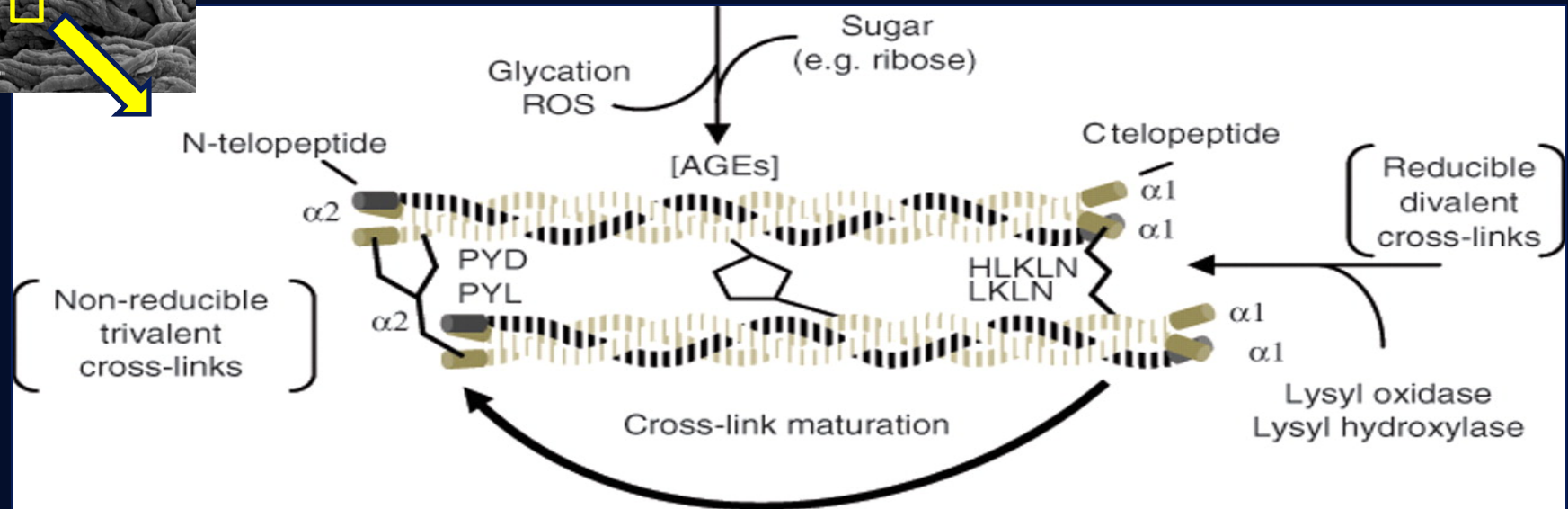
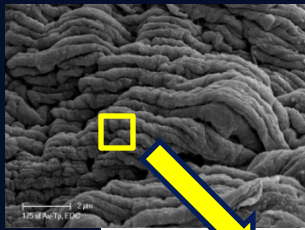
pyrraline

“Browning” meat

“Browning” bone



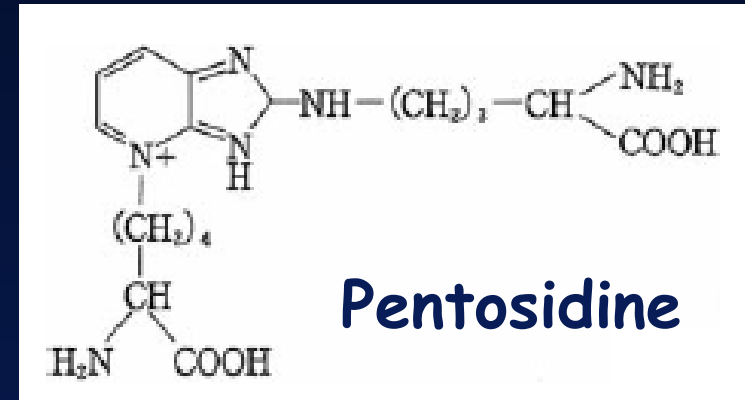
AGEs Alter Bone Material



- Type 1 collagen: scaffolding and toughness
- Enzymatic cross-linking: stiffness
- *Non-enzymatic cross-linking (AGE):*
 - accumulate with age and glucose
 - slow bone turnover
 - brittleness
 - **decrease bone strength independent of BMD**

AGEs are associated with fractures

- 765 postmenopausal women followed for 5 years; *HR for 1 SD increase in urinary pentosidine 1.18 for vertebral fracture and 1.20 for long bone and vertebral fracture.* Tanaka J Bone Miner Res 2011
- 76 T2D women had *higher serum pentosidine levels if they had vertebral fracture (OR 2.50, CI: 1.09-5.73).* Yamamoto J Clin Endocrinol Metab 2008
- Health ABC: 1,000 patients followed for 7.5 years, *urinary pentosidine was associated with increased clinical fracture incidence in T2D (RH 1.42, 1.10-1.83).* Schwartz J Clin Endocrinol Metab 2009



Findings were independent of BMD

Possible contributing factors for increased fracture risk in T2 Diabetes Mellitus

- Contributing Factors:
 - Falls
 - TZDs
 - Skeletal abnormalities
 - Obesity?



A Link Among Osteoporosis, Diabetes, and Obesity?



Obesity: Shared Problem

Obesity Rates (BMI \geq 30)	U.S. (2009-2010) ¹	Armenia (2010) ²
Men	35.5%	40%
Women	35.8%	30%
Boys (ages 2-19)	18.6%	
Girls (ages 2-19)	15.0%	
Children (under age 5)		15.0%



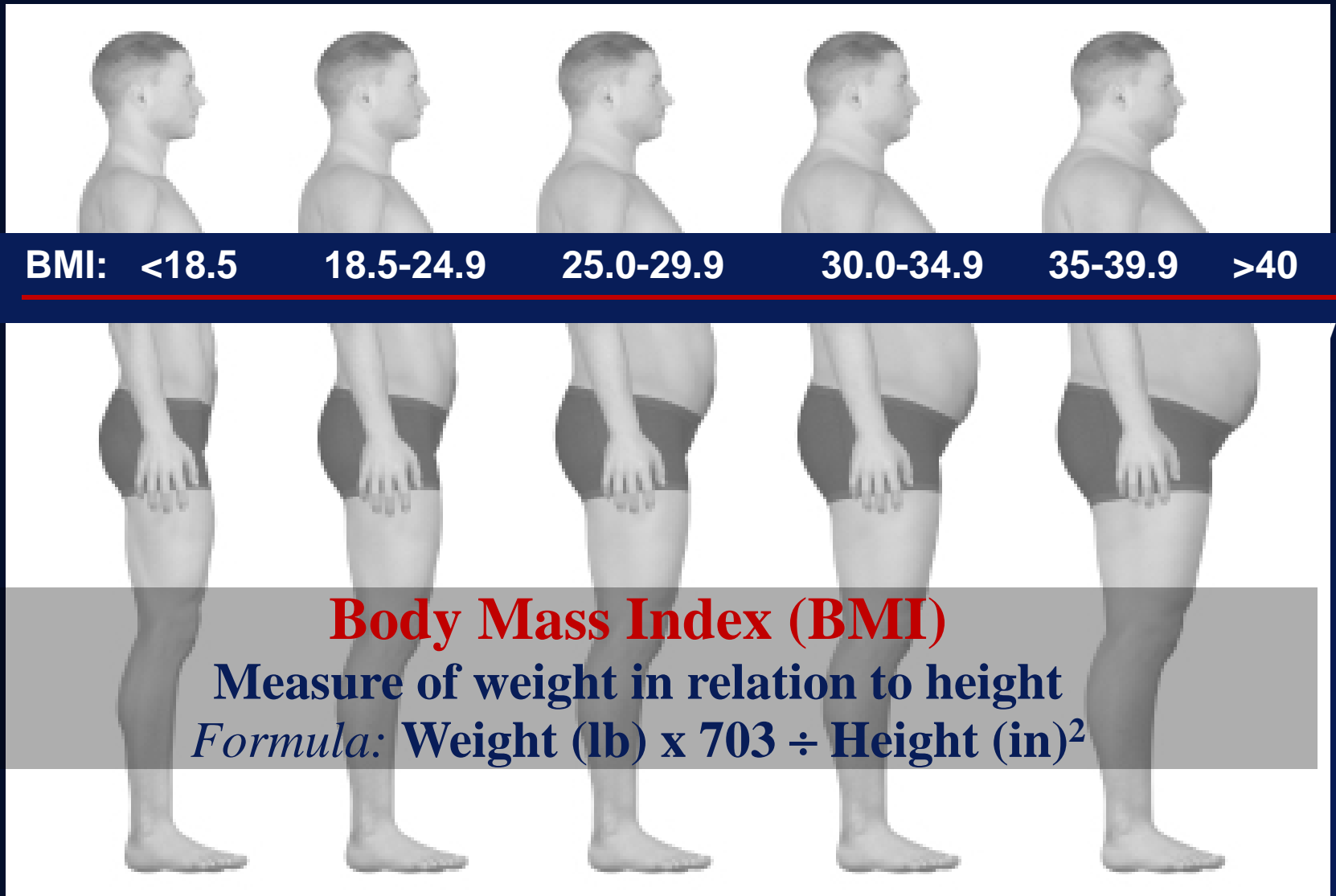


45-52%
of American WOMEN
will be obese by 2030

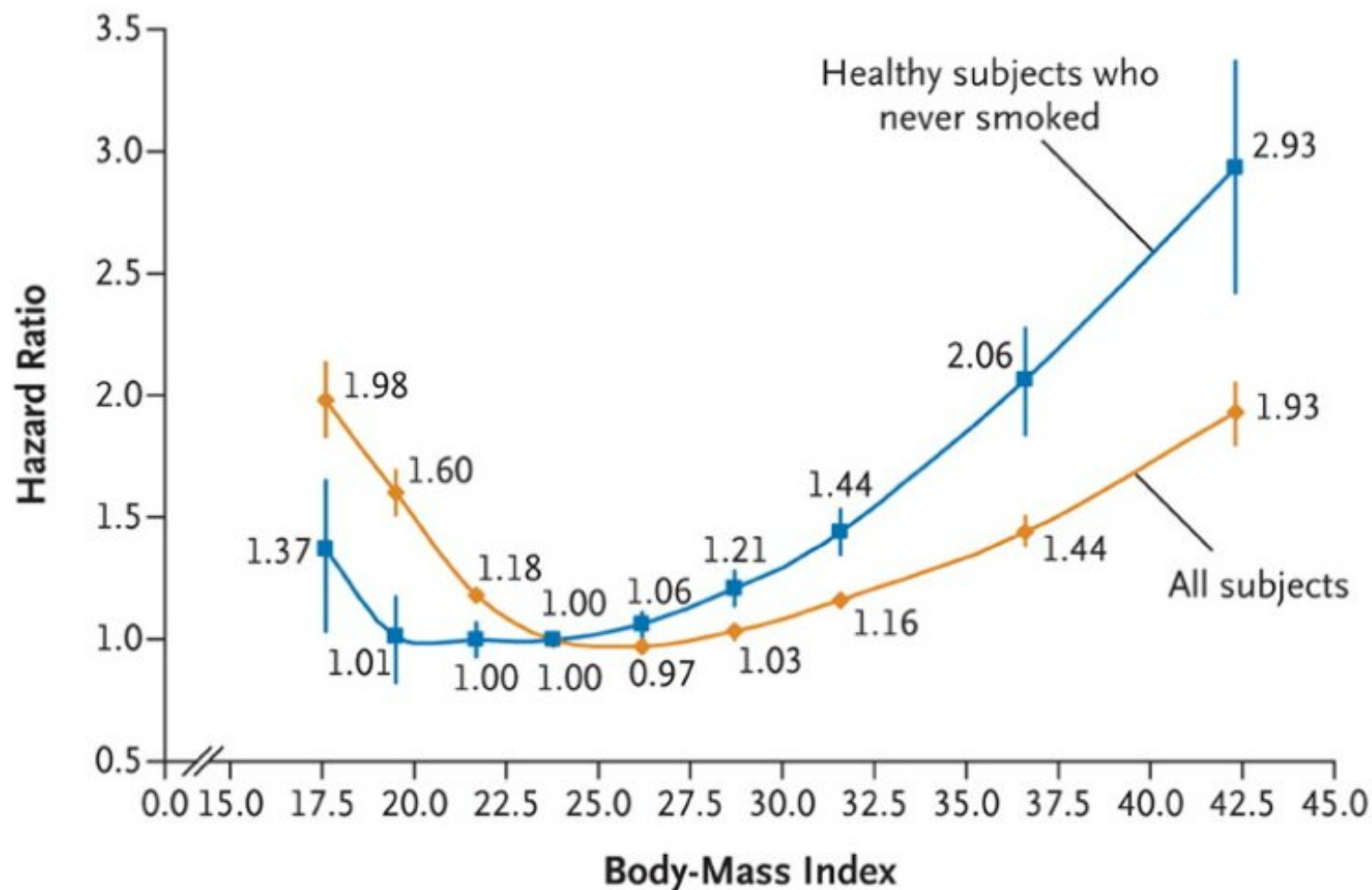
50% of American **MEN**
will be obese by 2030



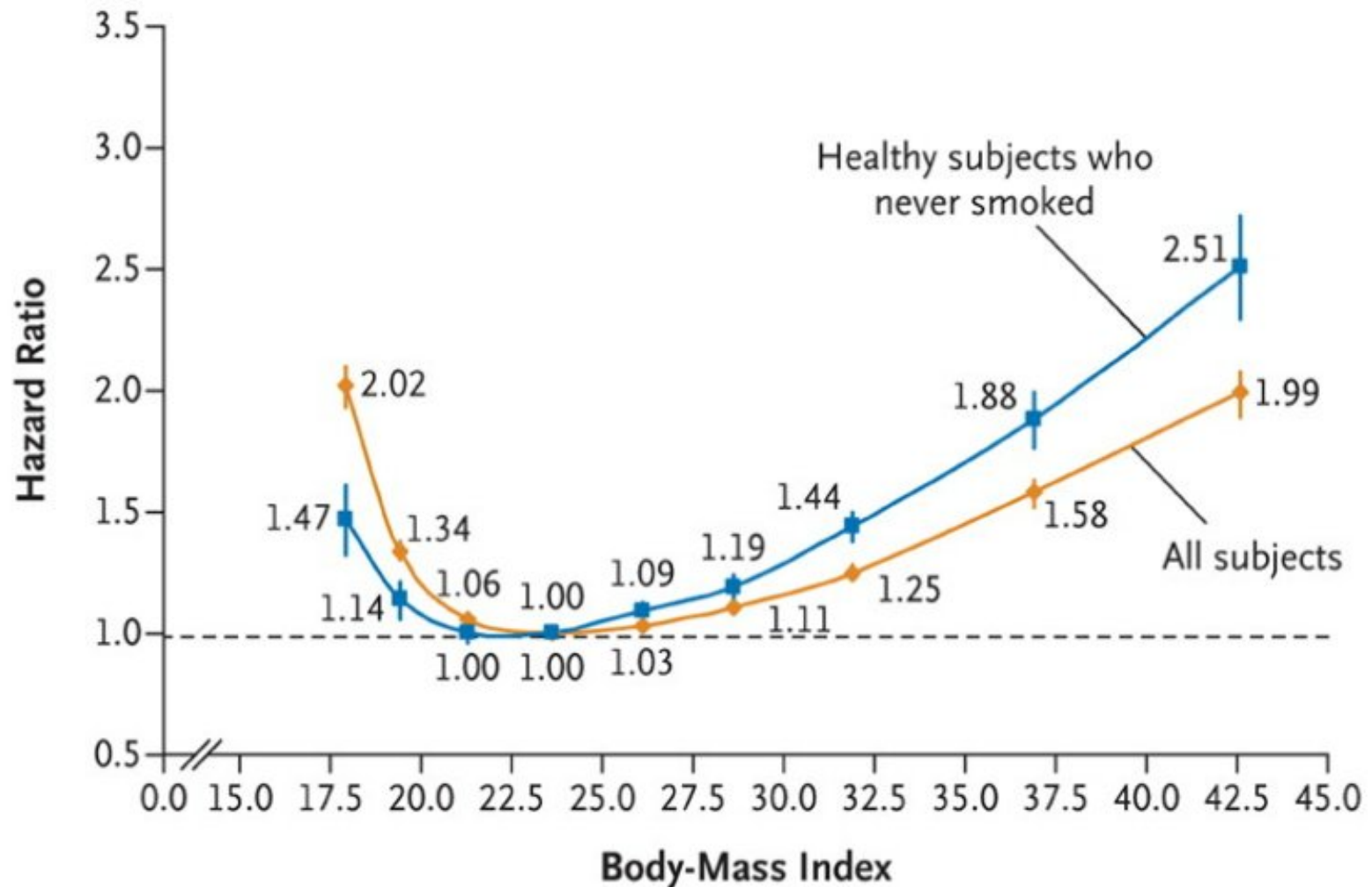
Weight Classification



Underweight, Overweight and Obesity Associated with Increased All-cause Mortality: MEN



Underweight, Overweight and Obesity Associated with Increased All-cause Mortality: WOMEN



Armenia 2012

Nutritional “Double Burden”



Obesity in Armenian Children

11% in 2005

15% in 2010

- After the Soviet Union fell, healthy school food canteens were transformed into school cafes
 - Offerings were: chips, burgers, hot dogs, buns, popcorns, soft drinks, crackers and candy bars



1. Armenia Demographic and Health survey, 2010 <http://www.measuredhs.com/pubs/pdf/FR252/FR252.pdf>
2. http://www.armenianow.com/society/health/41791/armenian_children_obesity_schools_canteens_healthy_life_style

Armenian Children: Obesity

Study of Renata Markosyan (Supervised by Dr. Elena Aghajanova):

202 school children, ages 12-15

- 117 boys: 14.5 % are overweight and 2.5% % were obese
- 85 girls: 12% were overweight and 2.1% were obese

Adult Obesity Rates: Armenia

Percent of Adults, \geq age 15,
Body Mass Index \geq 30 in 2010

- 40% Men
- 30% Women

Armenia Demographic and Health survey, 2010

<http://www.measuredhs.com/pubs/pdf/FR252/FR252.pdf>

2010 ADHS interviewed 5,922 women, ages 15-49, and 1,584 men, ages 15-49, in over 7,000 Armenian households



Armine Pashinyan, a chief specialist at the Bormental Center, told that 57% of the country's population turns out to be overweight³

- Problem more widespread in the regions, target group is middle-aged individuals, particularly women, May 2012

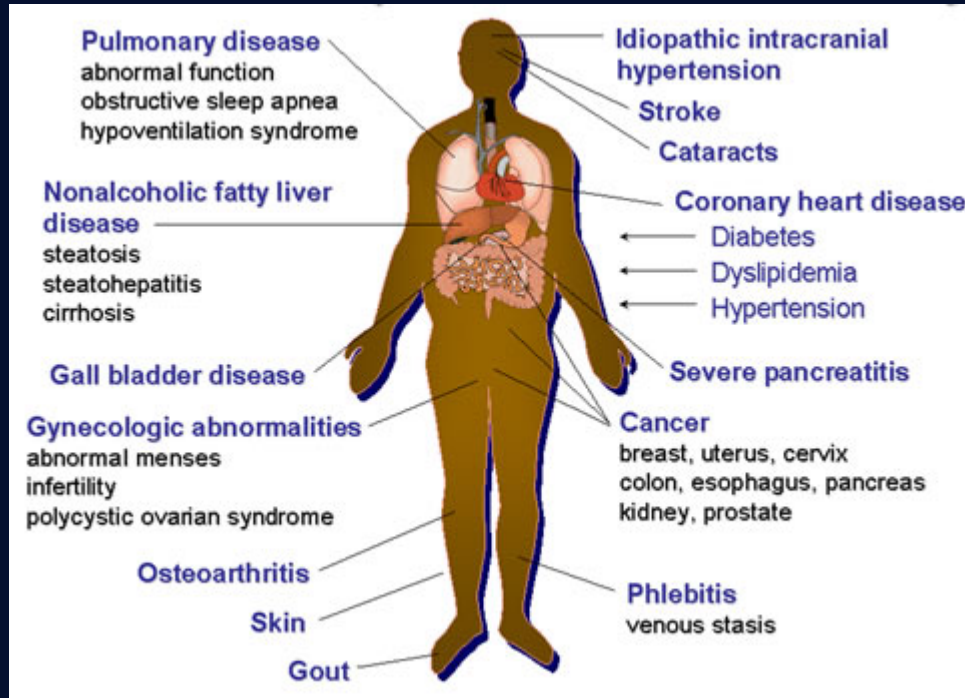
Health Fair in October 2013 at YSMU

Mariam Manoukian, MD, PhD, Director



**70% of 250 people screened during
the fair were obese with a BMI of
above 30 kg/m²**

Medical Consequences of Obesity



Diabetes

Fractures?

FAT and BONE

- Dogma: **Fat is good for bone**
 - Low weight is a risk factor for osteoporosis/fractures
 - Higher weight has been associated with higher BMD and lower fracture rates
 - Fat is a source of estrogens (good for bones)
 - Higher insulin levels may be a positive skeletal factor
 - The extra padding of fat helps to lessen the impact of a fall!

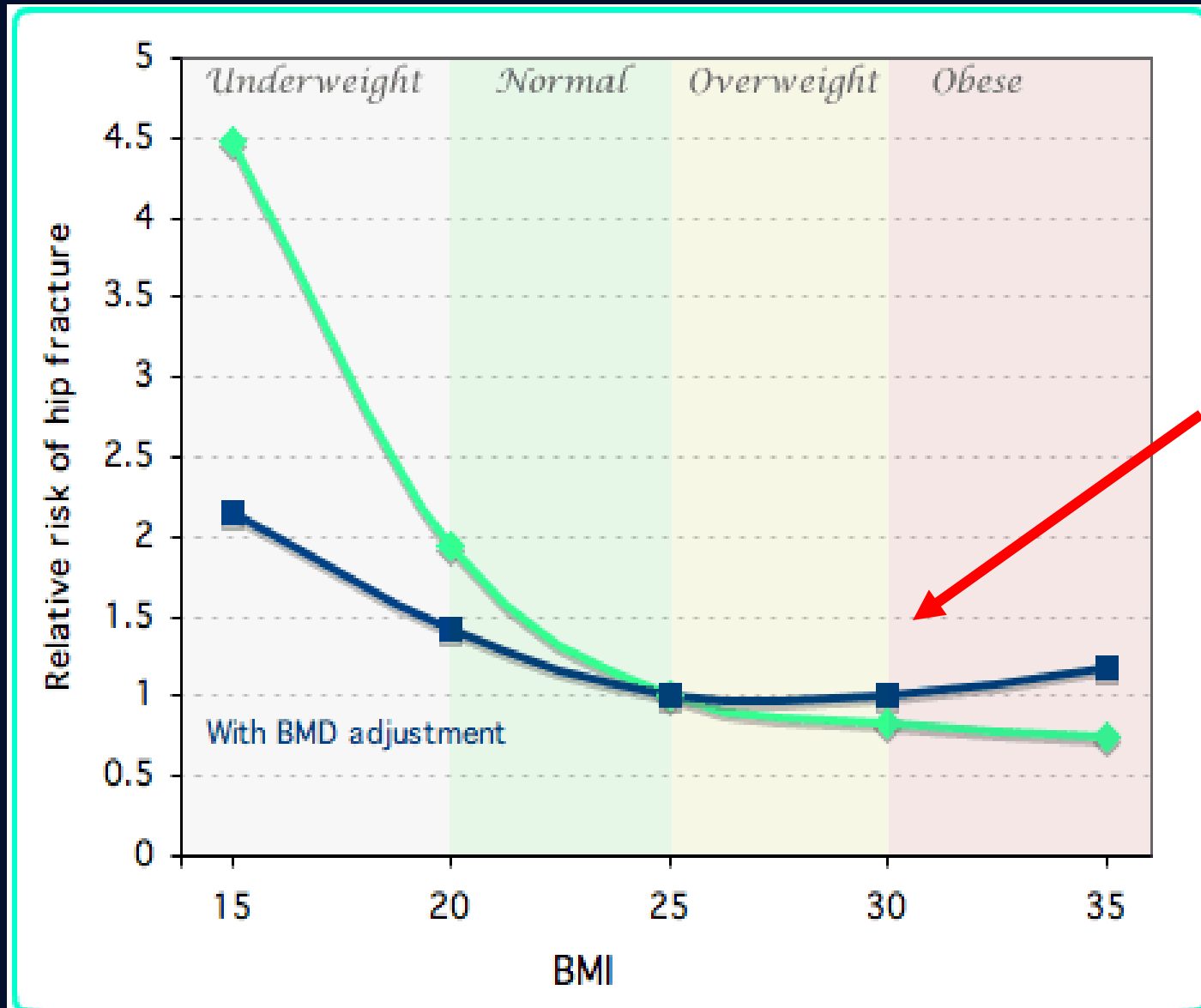
FAT and BONE

- A challenge to the dogma: **Fat is bad for bone***
 - Fat can induce an artifact of the DXA measurement giving a falsely elevated BMD
 - Co-morbidities such as diabetes and vitamin D deficiency are often present
 - In women, an earlier menopause; in men lower testosterone levels
 - Marrow has more fat; fewer osteoblasts
 - Increased incidence of falls!

FAT and BONE; A bad combination!

- More challenges to the dogma:
 - *By fracture incidence:* higher rates of fractures at all ages when compared to non-obese subjects
 - *By body composition:*
 - Lean/muscle mass associated with higher BMD
 - Fat mass associated with lower BMD

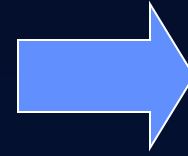
Low body weight and high body weight may both be risk factors for fracture!



FAT IS NOT FAT IS NOT FAT!

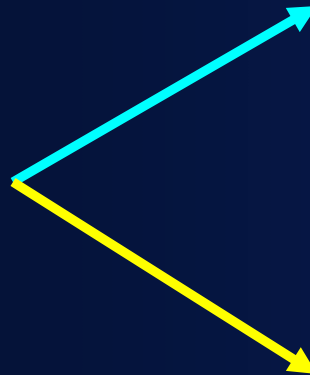
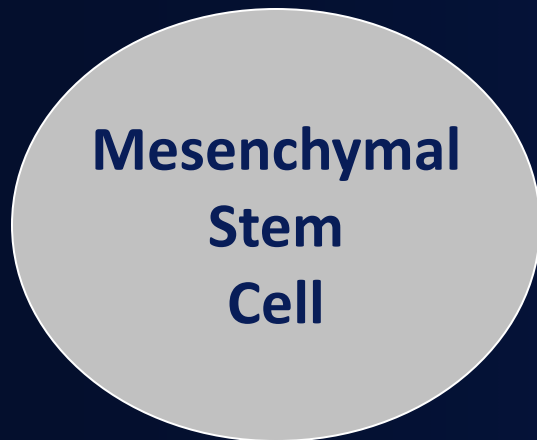
- Where is the fat?
 - Marrow
 - Visceral vs peripheral

Evidence of a bone formation defect



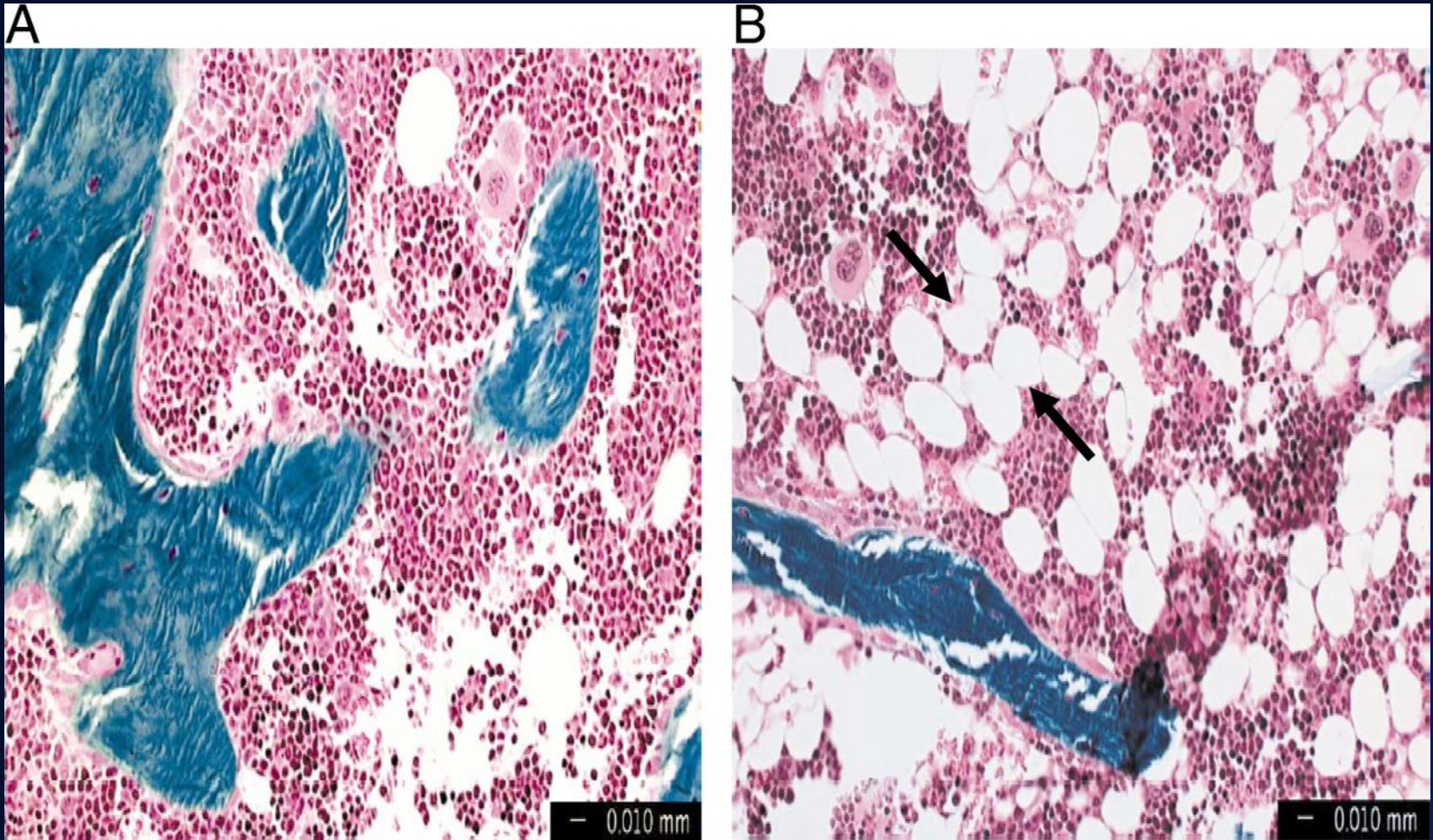
**The
Osteoblast**

In the bone marrow:



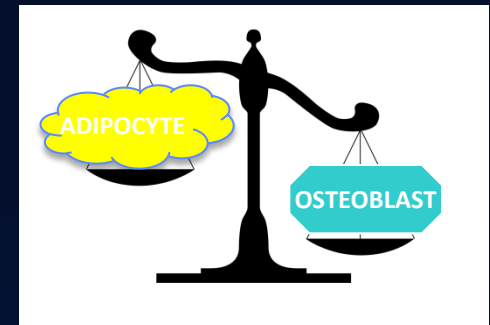
Marrow fat increases with aging

Fazeli P K et al. JCEM 2013;98:935-945



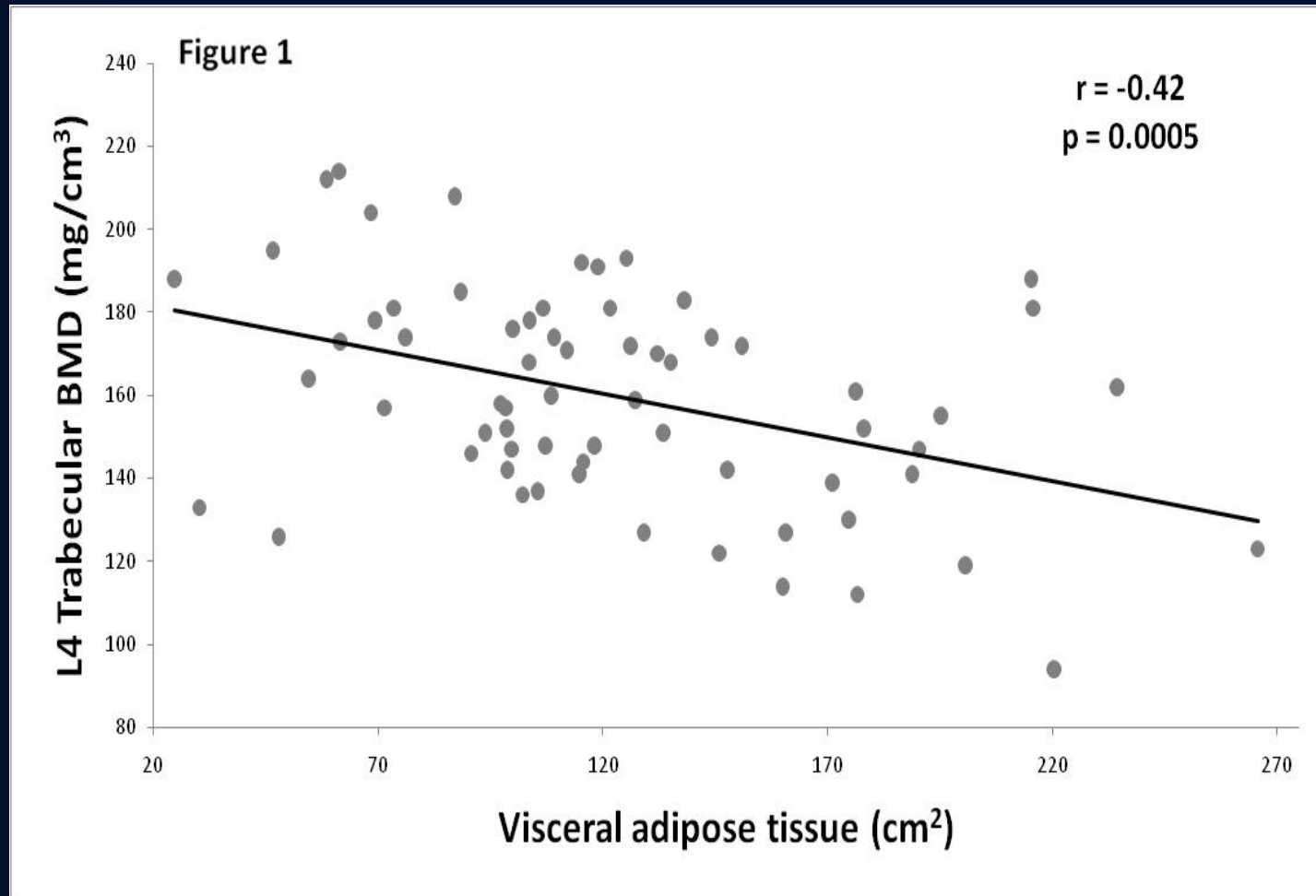
Human marrow from the iliac crest of an 18 year old (A) and an 80 year old (B), demonstrating the age-related increase in marrow adipocyte “ghosts” (arrows) in human marrow.

Marrow Fat and Osteoporosis



- **Reciprocal** relationship between adipocytes and osteoblasts has been implicated in osteoporosis related to
 - Aging
 - Diabetes (T1 and T2)
 - Menopause
 - Anorexia nervosa
 - Glucocorticoids
 - Thiazolidinediones

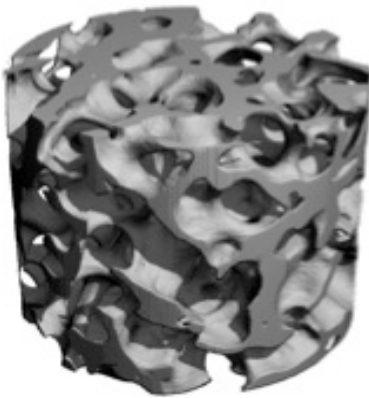
Visceral Fat is bad for bones: Negative association with trabecular BMD by QCT



TERTILES based on %Trunk Fat BONE STRUCTURE (Cohen, et al, 2013)

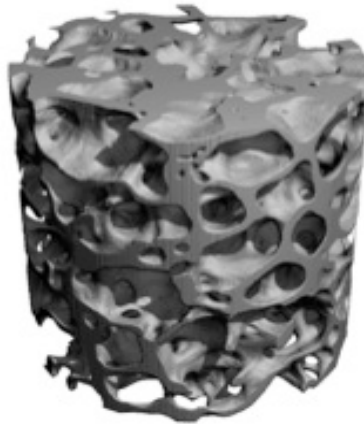
Bone volume fraction by μ CT in premenopausal women from each tertile of trunk fat by DXA

Lowest Tertile



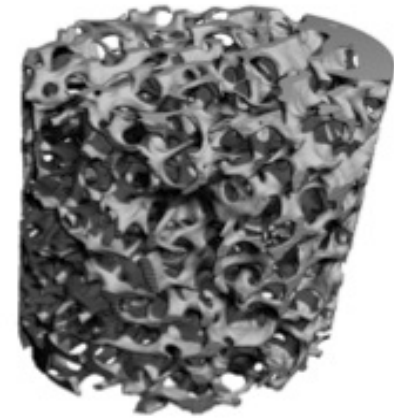
BMI: 22.2 kg/m²
Trunk Fat: 16.8%
LS Z score: -0.5
BV/TV: 30.8%

Middle Tertile



BMI: 28.3 kg/m²
Trunk Fat: 36.2%
LS Z score: +1.4
BV/TV: 22.5%

Highest Tertile



BMI: 36.9 kg/m²
Trunk Fat: 42.0%
LS Z score: +3.6
BV/TV: 19.6%

High Abdominal Fat group has substantially:

↓ Bone volume

↓ Trabecular number

↓ Trabecular thickness

↓ Estimated bone stiffness (FEA)

Summary:

Skeletal health in Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus

- Fracture risk is greater after accounting for BMD and known clinical risk factors
- Contributing factors include falls and TZDs
- More important contributing factors include abnormalities in bone quality (bone formation, geometry, cortical porosity, trabecular structure, accumulation of AGEs, bone marrow fat)
- Obesity

Summary -2-

Skeletal health in Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus

- T-score and FRAX predict fracture but underestimate risk
- Intensive glycemic control does not increase fractures. Poor control may increase fracture risk.
- Apply standard guidelines for fracture prevention: fall prevention, nutritional adequacy (calcium and vitamin D), lifestyle modification
- If fracture has occurred or if fracture risk is high, pharmacological treatment is appropriate, but current therapies have not been well-studied

Adding to the growing list of risk factors for Osteoporosis

- Age
- Family (genetics)
- The menopause
- Certain medications like glucocorticoids
- Other diseases (rheumatoid arthritis, COPD, Type 1 Diabetes mellitus)
- Nutrition (anorexia, vitamin D deficiency)
- Lifestyle issues (smoking, excessive alcohol, lack of exercise)
- **Diabetes Mellitus**
- **Obesity**

Bottom Lines

- Diabetes is bad for bones!
- Obesity is bad for bones!
- Diabetes AND obesity are doubly bad for bones!

Diabetes and bone:
a not very sweet
problem!
and....
Obesity makes it worse



Diabetic Foot, circa 1700

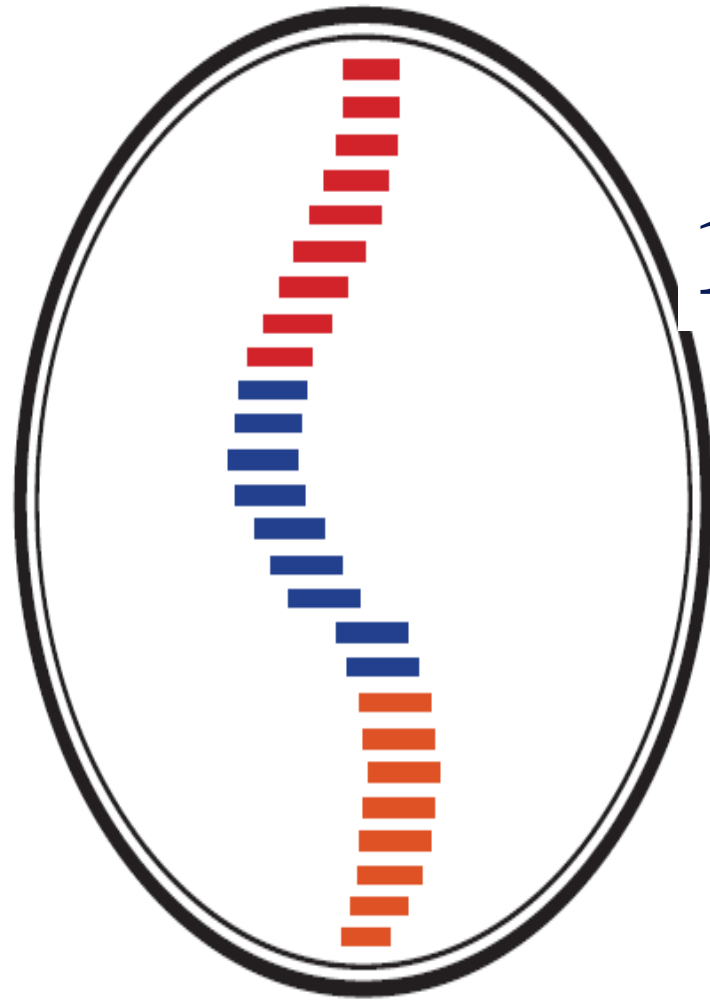
COMING THIS FALL TO YEREVAN

Two important events!

An International Summit on Osteoporosis

15 Eastern European and Central Asian Countries will meet in Yerevan for the first such conference to be held outside Russia!

Tuesday, 4 October 2016



**10th International
osteoporosis
Symposium**

Yerevan, Armenia

6 October 2016



Thank You!