



What to look for on DXA for Vertebral Fractures

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Vertebral Fractures

- Account for significant morbidity and mortality
- So common that they are often overlooked as 'incidental' findings
- Readily available golden opportunity to identify patients requiring bone protecting medication
- Identification makes a real contribution to reducing incidence of hip fractures
- Natural progression can be halted by early identification
- Represent a huge financial burden on NHS







What Makes Vertebral Fractures Different?

- Most do not present acutely
- Many go undiagnosed (50-70%, ref. NICE TA161)
- Incremental process
- Often arise in absence of specific trauma
- Highly predictive of skeletal 'fragility'
- Potentially the most important fractures to identify
- Account for chronic pain and morbidity
- Must be actively 'looked for' ———— (Think fracture!)







Vertebral Fractures Substantially Increase the Risk of New Fragility Fractures



A woman with one vertebral fracture has a 4.4 times increased risk of another vertebral fracture and 2.3 times increased risk of hip fracture (NICE TA161)

One woman in five will suffer from another vertebral fracture within a year (Lindsay et al., JAMA, 2001)

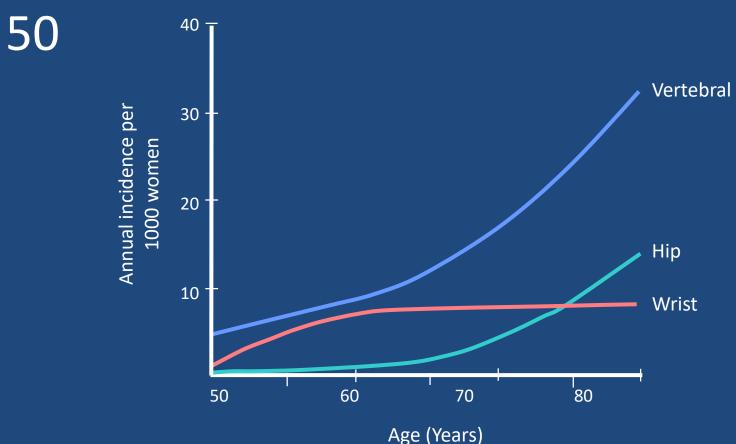
Women with low BMD and one fracture have a 25x risk of a women with normal BMD and no fracture







Incidence Rates for Vertebral, Wrist and Hip Fractures in Women after Age

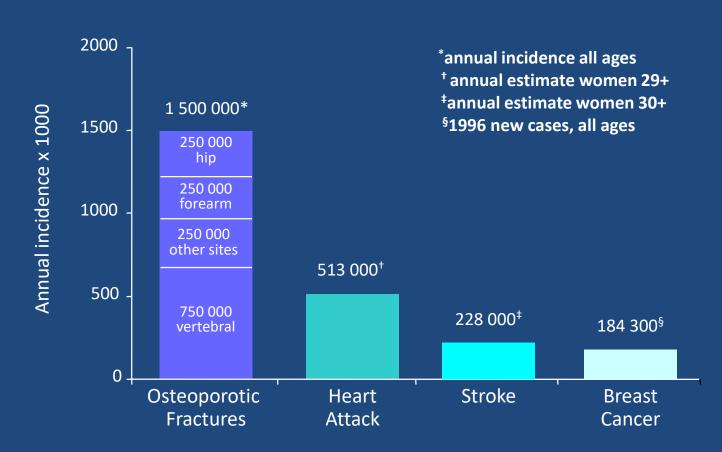








Osteoporotic Fractures in Women: Comparison with Other Diseases

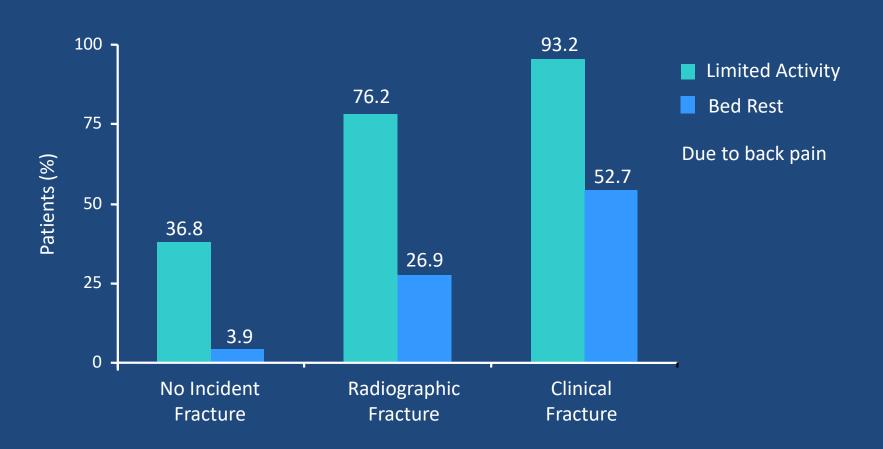








All Types of Vertebral Fractures are Associated With Morbidity





NICE TA161

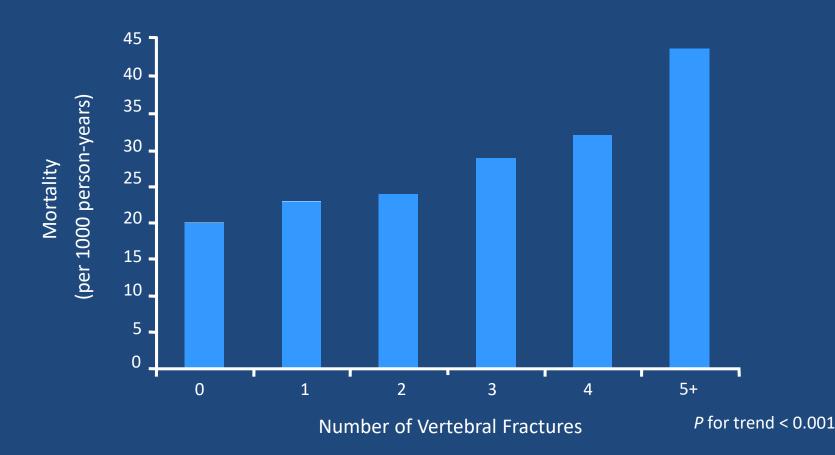
Vertebral fractures are associated with a 4.4% increased mortality (UK specific data)







Mortality Rates by Number of Prevalent Vertebral Fractures









Vertebral Fracture Morbidity

- Chronic pain from multiple 'incremental' fractures
- Exaggerated kyphosis
- Cause reduced mobility, leading to further bone loss
- Impact on respiratory reserve, especially in COPD patients
- Significant increase in GP visits







Vertebral Fracture In Summary

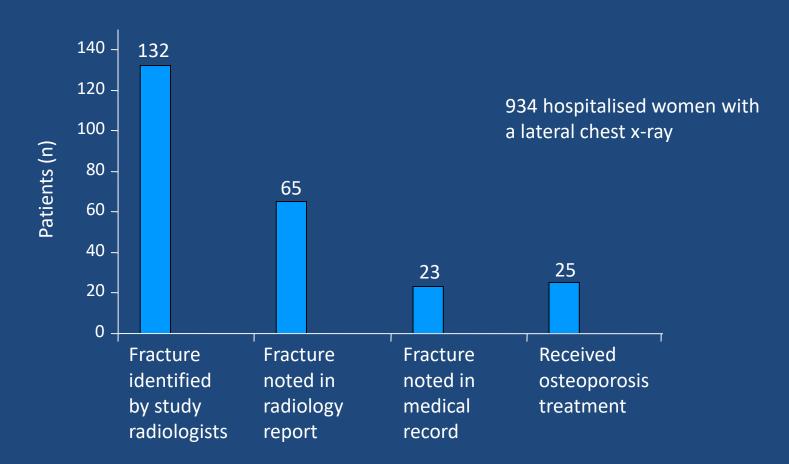
- Are the most common osteoporotic fractures
- Are associated with excess mortality
- Are associated with significant morbidity, even if they do not come to clinical attention
- Increase the risk of subsequent vertebral fracture(s) by 5 fold and of other fragility fractures (including hip) by 2 fold
- Highly predictive of future fracture risk due to the relative absence of trauma in their causation







A Retrospective Study Suggests that Vertebral Fractures are Underdiagnosed



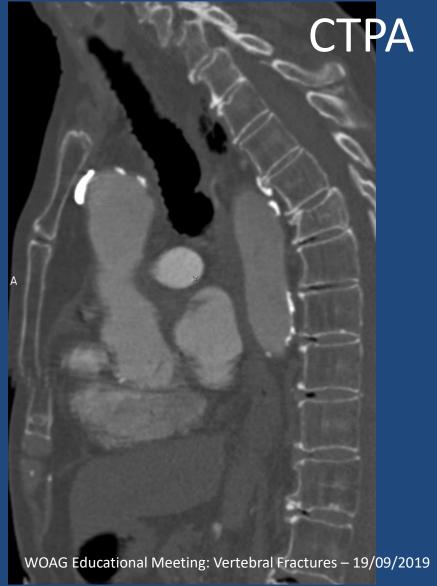






Unreported Vertebral Fractures on







What about DXA??







Identification of Vertebral Fractures in

DXA

Think

- Is there a vertebral fracture
- Is this patient at risk of vertebral fractures?

Interrogate

- Patient questionnaire
- DXA scan image AND data

Act

- Flag
- report









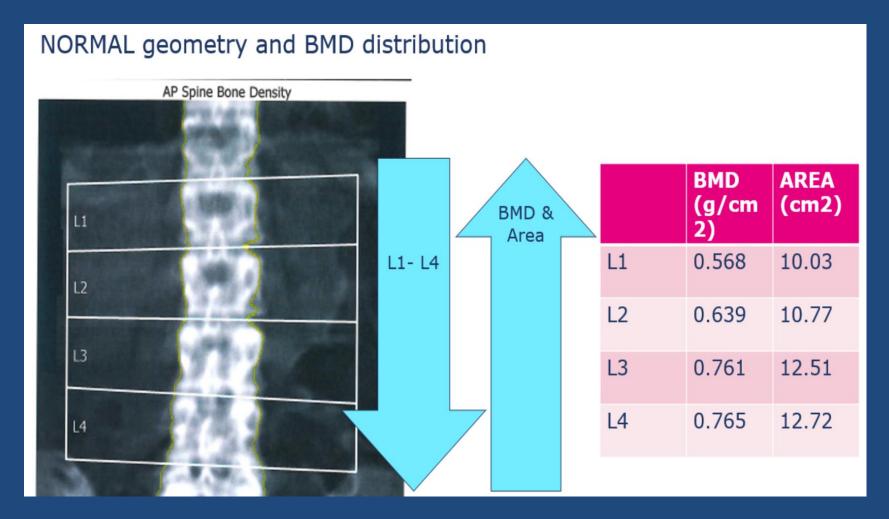
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Referral		<u>Exam Label</u>	Exam Label GP Surgery Label		ore falls in the past 6 months? eplacement? No ? gery and location (cervical, thoracic, lu	Yes Left No	No Right Yes
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		About your family Do any of your relatives have osteoporosis (thin bones)? Has your mother or father broken a hip? This questionnaire is used to complement the	Mother/Father Other, Who? Mother Father Father report of your scan, for future follow-ups and treatment. P.T.O.	At what age did your p Have you had a hystere Have you had your ova	se complete this section eriods start? ectomy? No	At what age stopped? If yes, at what age? One	On going? Two w-ups and treatment.



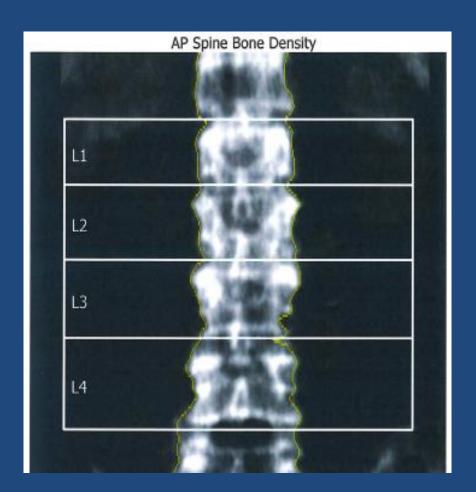
DXA images and data

- Appearances of vertebral height loss??
- Any unexplained reduction in vertebral area?
- Any previous imaging?



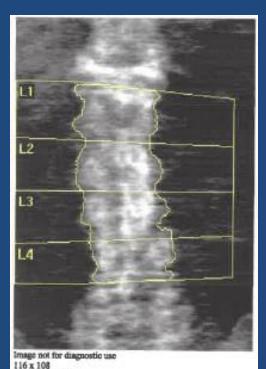






	BMD	Area
L1	0.703	9.11
L2	0.670	11.16
L3	0.745	12.05
L4	0.759	12.66





DAP: 1.8 oGy*cm²

Total BMD CV 1.0%

WHO Classification: Normal

Region	Area (cm²)	BMC (g)	BMD (g/cm³)	T - score	Z- score
LI	11.97	11.24	0.939	-0.5	2.1
L2	10.83	11.56	1.068	0.4	3.2
L3	11.12	12.48	1.122	0.3	3.3
L4	9.40	9.51	1.012	-0.4	2.6
Total	43.32	44.79	1.034	-0.1	2.7

Vertebral Fractures?

- 85 year old
- \bigcirc patient

DAP: 1.6 oGy*cm2

• "Was started on Alendronic acid and calcium/vitamin D in 2014 after a fragility fracture. Since then, has been found to have osteoporotic vertebral fractures thoracic and lumbar – 2016 & 2018? Would benefit from alternative treatments"



DAP: 1.4 oGy4cm2

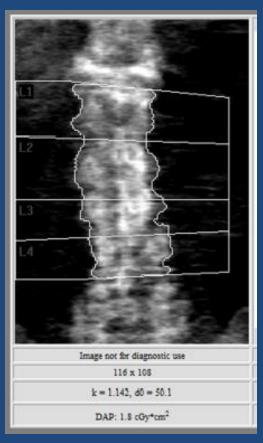
Region	Area (cm²)	BMC (g)	BMD (g/cm²)	T - score	Z - score
Neck					
Left	4.78	2.73	0.572	-2.5	-0.0
Right	5.17	3.05	0.589	-2.3	0.2
Mean	4.98	2.89	0.580	-2.4	0.1
Diff.	0.40	0.32	0.017	0.2	0.2
Total					
Left	32.03	24.00	0.749	-1.6	0.7
Right	30.08	21.41	0.712	-1.9	0.4
Mean	31.05	22.70	0.731	-1.7	0.6
Diff.	1.95	2.59	0.037	0.3	0.3

WHO Classification on Bolded Results: Osteopenia

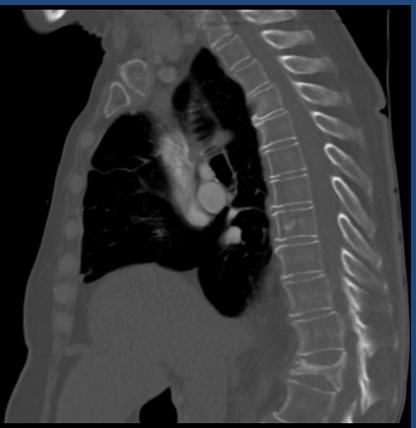








DXA - 11/01/2019



CTPA - 06/06/2016

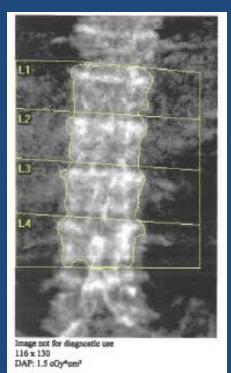


X-ray - 03/06/2016

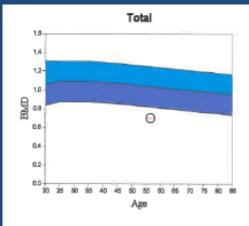


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Case Study 2



Region	Area (cm²)	BMC (g)	BMD (g/cm ²)	T - score	Z - score
L1	14.22	9.44	0.664	-3.7	-3.2
L2	14.42	10.20	0.707	-3.5	-3.0
L3	15.98	11.12	0.696	-3.7	-3.2
L4	14.21	9.88	0.695	-3.6	-3.0
Total	58.84	40.64	0.691	-3.6	-3.1



DXA - 24/01/2019

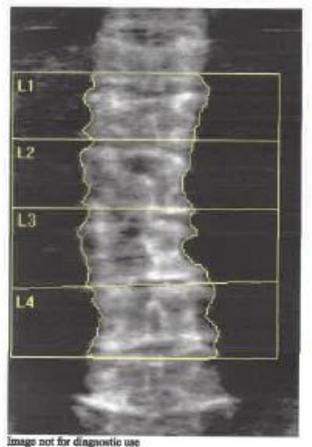


- 56 years old
- 🖒 patient
- "Gentleman presenting with a 2-3 month history of issues with worsening back pain, pointing to the lower thoracic region. Recent imaging shown multiple old rib fractures as well as wedging of the vertebrae in the lower thoracic region as well as the lumbar region. Denies any significant trauma, only reporting falling out of bed 4 weeks ago... I wonder if he is osteoporotic."









116 x 125

DAP: 1.9 cGy*cm2

Vertebral Fractures?

- 83 year old
- ♀ patient
- "H/o falls & hip # as well as distal radial #. No bone protection meds. Osteopenia in 2009."

DXA Results Summary: Region Area (cm²) BMC Т-Z-(g/cm²) score score 14.38 13.56 -0.42.0 13.56 11.60 0.856 16.24 15.97 -0.9 2.0 16.98 17.02 1.002 2.5 61.16 0.951 1.9

WHO Classification: Normal Fracture Risk: Not Increased



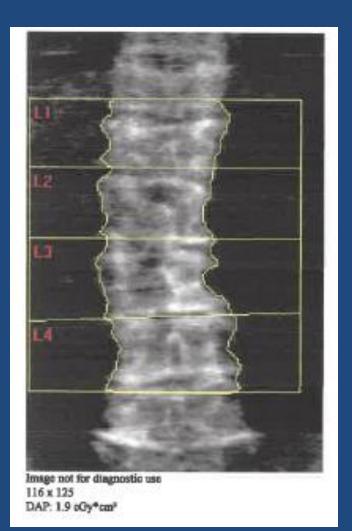
NECK: 51 x 15 DAP: 1.5 cGy*cm*

Region	Area (cm²)	BMC (g)	BMD (g/cm²)	T - score	Z- score
Neck	6.14	3.24	0.528	-2.9	-0.4
Total	40.15	25.61	0.638	-2.5	-0.3









Lumbar Spine X-ray Report (10/11/2018):

"There is an old wedge fracture of L1 (grade II). This appears to be slightly worse when compared with the images of 27/07/2018. This a mild compression fracture of the superior endplate of T12 (grade I). There are severe degenerative changes with multilevel disc narrowing. There is a scoliosis concave to the left with vertebral torsion. There is generalised osteopenia."





Combining BMD & Vertebral Fracture Assessment: An Approach to Improve the Diagnosis Rate of Vertebral Fractures

- Improves risk assessment
- Identification of occult fractures
- Identification of scoliosis
- Identification of artefacts



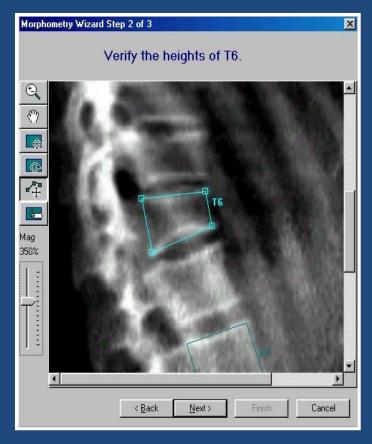






Vertebral Fracture Assessment





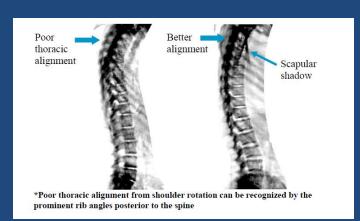




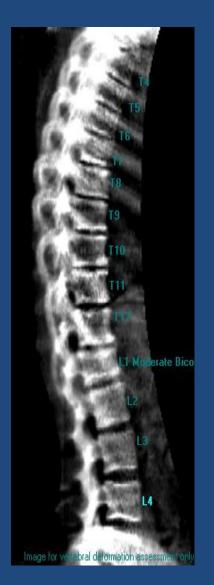


VFA

- Should include part of L5 to top of T4
- Lateral should be seen as rectangular boxes with only one edge.
- L5 should usually sit between the iliac crests
- L4 is frequently bisected by the iliac crests
- Thoracic vertebrae shorter, square and have rib articulations.









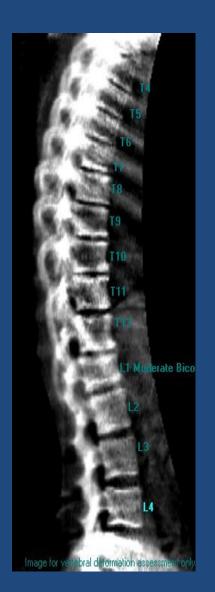




VFA Interpretation

Ultimately, the Question is:
Are The Vertebral Bodies Normal or Abnormal?

- Normal
- Abnormal
 - Definite vertebral fracture
 - Equivocal vertebral fracture
 - Other vertebral abnormalities



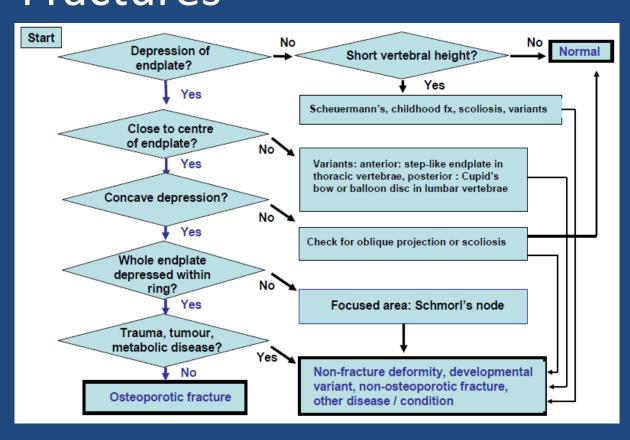


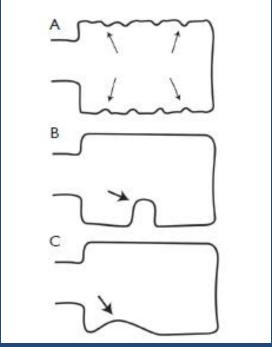




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Algorithm-based Qualitative Assessment for Differential Diagnosis of Vertebral Fractures





Schematic diagram showing endplate impressions caused by (A) Scheuermann's disease; (B) Schmorl's node and (C) Cupid's bow deformity.

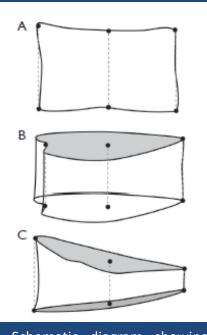




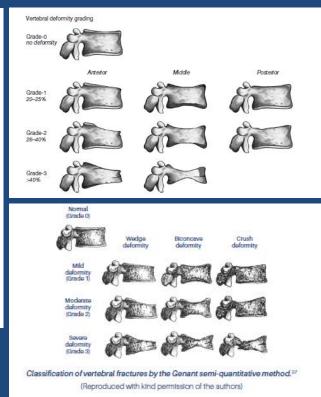


Assessment of Vertebral Fractures for Differential Diagnosis





Schematic diagram showing examples of reference point placement for quantitative morphometry









Action

Non reporting practitioners

Flag suspicion of vertebral fracture to the reporting clinician

Reporting practitioners

- Report suspicion of vertebral fracture
- Confirm vertebral fracture request VFA/plain film or indicate this must be done in report







Comparison Between Vertebral Fracture Assessment (VFA) and Lateral Spine Radiography

VFA

Image acquisition at the same time as DXA for BMD

Lower cost

Lower radiation exposure (≈3-40 mSv)

Poor performance on upper thoracic spine

Lower inter-observer variability and reliability

Lateral Spine x-ray

Higher spatial resolution & less noise

Evaluation of more vertebrae

Higher cost

Higher radiation exposure (600 mSv)

Higher inter-observer variability and reliability







Action

Indications for VFA:

- T-score < -1.0 SD + 1 or more:
 - Woman aged > 70 or man >80
 - Historical height loss > 4 cm
 - Self reported but undocumented prior vertebral fracture
 - Glucocorticoid therapy >5 mg BD > 3 mo
 - Appearances on DXA suggestive of vertebral fracture



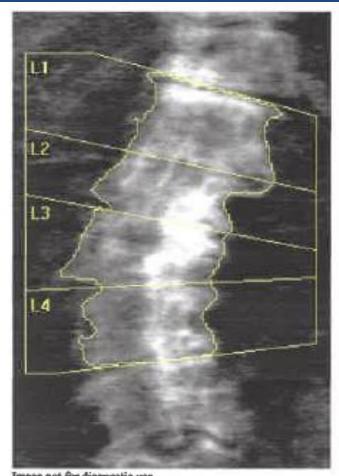


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DAP: 1.8 oGy*cm²

Vertebral Fractures?

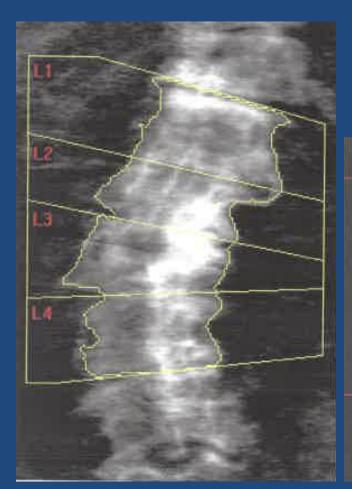
- 88 year old
- 141cm
- 56kg
- ♀ patient
- "X-ray lumbar spine showed severe osteoporosis; not on any treatment; no h/o #."

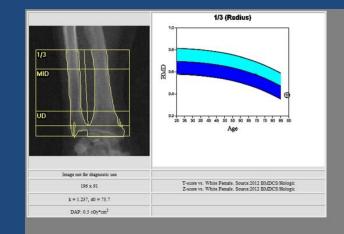
DXA Results Summary:

Region	Area (cm²)	BMC (g)	BMD (g/cm²)	T - score	Z - score
L1	16.78	18.24	1.087	0.9	3.4
L2	13.09	16.16	1.235	1.9	4.7
L3	14.90	17.26	1.159	0.7	3.7
L4	15.23	13.66	0.896	-1.5	1.6
Total	60.00	65.31	1.089	0.4	3.3

Total BMD CV 1.0%

WHO Classification: Normal Fracture Risk: Not Increased





Results Summary:

Region	Area[cm ²]	BMC[(g)]	BMD[g/cm ²]	T-score	PR (Peak Reference)	Z-score	AM (Age Matched)
1/3	2.83	1.10	0.390	-5.1	56		
MID	6.47	2.48	0.383	-4.1	63		
UD	3.79	1.02	0.268	-3.0	61		
Total	13.09	4.60	0.351	-4.2	61		

Total BMD CV 1.0%, ACF = 1.039, BCF = 1.000

Fracture Risk: High; WHO Classification: Osteoporosi







Case Study 4 - VFA



Vertebral Fractures?

- 88 year old
- 141cm
- 56kg
- \bigcirc patient
- "X-ray lumbar spine showed severe osteoporosis; not on any treatment; no h/o #."



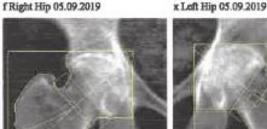




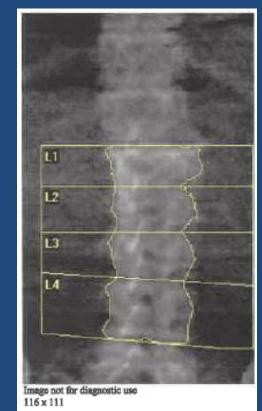
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97 x 111 NBCK: 51 x 15 DAP: 1.5 oGy*cm²

100 x 105 NECK: 47 x 14 DAP: 1.1 cGy*cm²

- 76 year old
- 146cm
- 55.3kg
- \bigcirc patient
- "For monitoring change in BMD. Last scan June 2016. Repeat scan suggested for 3 years time."

Lumbar spine previously excluded



DXA - 25/03/2010

DXA Results Summary:										
Region	Area (cm²)	BMC (g)	BMD (g/cm²)	T - score	Z- score					
Ll	10.45	9.05	0.866	-0.5	1.2					
L2	10.56	7.32	0.693	-3.0	-1.2					
L3	11.13	7.86	0.707	-3.4	-1.4					
L4	15.06	11.87	0.788	-3.0	-0.9					
Total	47.20	36.10	0.765	-2.6	-0.6					

Total BMD CV 1.0% WHO Classification: Osteoporosis Fracture Risk: High

DXA Results Summary:

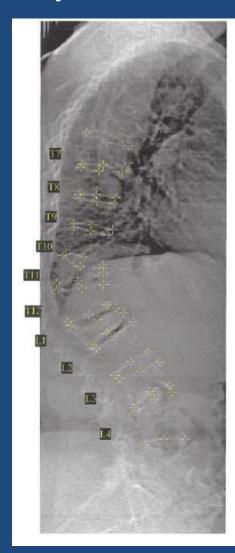
Region	Area (cm²)	BMC (g)	BMD (g/cm³)	T - score	Z - score
Neck					
Left	5.54	3.31	0.598	-2.3	-0.1
Right	5.70	3.43	0.601	-2.2	-0.1
Mean	5.62	3.37	0.600	-2.2	-0.1
Diff.	0.16	0.12	0.003	0.0	0.0
Total					
Left	40.45	26.51	0.655	-2.3	-0.5
Right	41.99	29.57	0.704	-1.9	-0.1
Mean	41.22	28.04	0.680	-2.1	-0.3
Diff.	1.55	3.06	0.049	0.4	0.4

Total BMD CV 1.0%

WHO Classification on Bolded Results: Osteopenia







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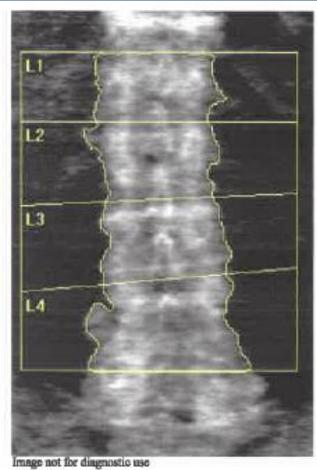
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	Height (mm)			Percent Deformation		
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T8	21.0 Normal	18.4	20.7	1.5%	12.4%	0.0%
T9	20.6 Normal	18.4	20.4	0.9%	10.6%	0.0%
T10	22.3 Normal	21.3	23.6	0.0%	4.1%	5.7%
T11	22,1 Wedge (1	11.2 Severe)	3.2	85.3%	49.6%	0.0%
T12	26.4 Wedge (20.8 Moderat	16.2	38.5%	21.0%	0.0%
L1	20.9 Wedge (13.0 Severe)	7.0	66.2%	37.6%	0.0%
1.2	25.0 Normal	23.4	26.5	0.0%	6.4%	5.9%
L3	25.4 Biconcar	17.7 ve (Mod	19.7 erate)	22.4%	30.6%	0.0%
L4	27.2 Crush (N	31.6 foderate	38.3	0.0%	-16.2%	28.9%
Std Dev	1.0	1.0	1.0	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%

Physician's Comment:

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116 x 134 DAP: 1.9 cGy*cm2

Vertebral Fractures?

- 69 year old
- 154cm
- 70.8 kg
- ♀ patient
- "Routine monitoring post autologous stem cell transplantation for MM."

DXA Results Summary:

Region	Area (cm³)	BMC (g)	BMD (g/cm²)	T - score	Z - score
L1	14.49	16.59	1.145	1.4	3.3
L2	16.26	18.88	1.161	1.2	3.3
L2 L3	17.23	20.55	1.193	1.0	3.2
L4	23.32	25.76	1.105	0.4	2.6
Total	71.29	81.78	1.147	0.9	3.0

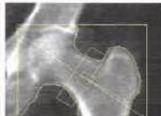
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WHO Classification: Normal Fracture Risk: Not Increased



f Right Hip 16.08.2019





f Last Hip 16.08.2019

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103 x 103 NECK: 49 x 15 DAP: 1.3 oGy*om2

103 x 99 NECK: 49 x 15 DAP: 1.2 cGy*cm2

DXA Results Summary:

Region	Area (cm²)	BMC (g)	BMD (g/cm²)	T - score	Z - score
Neck					
Left	5.00	3.81	0.761	-0.8	1.0
Right	5.34	4.01	0.752	-0.9	0.9
Mean	5.17	3.91	0.757	-0.8	1.0
[Diff.]	0.34	0.21	0.009	0.1	0.1
Total					
Left	33.58	31.97	0.952	0.1	1.6
Right	35.62	34.53	0.969	0.2	1.7
Mean	34.60	33.25	0.961	0.2	1.6
Diff.	2.03	2,55	0.017	0.1	0.1

Total BMD CV 1.0%

WHO Classification on Bolded Results: Normal



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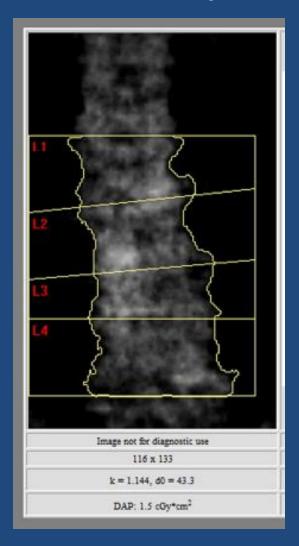
Vertebral Assessment:

	He	ight (m	m)	Percent Deformation			
Label	Post Mid Ant Deformity (Grade)			Wedge	Bleoncave	Crush	
Т8	19.8 Normal	16.5	16.5	16.4%	16.7%	0.0%	
T9	19.2 Normal	18.9	18.1	5.9%	2.0%	0.0%	
T10	23.3 Biconca	17.5 ve (Mild	21.2	9.1%	24.8%	0.0%	
T11	22.8 Wedge (20.9	16.2	28.9%	8.2%	0.0%	
T12	18.8 Wedge (15.7 Mild)	14.3	24.0%	16.2%	0.0%	
Li	23.5 Biconcar	16.5	20.0 lerate)	14.8%	29.7%	0.0%	
L2	28.0 Biconcar	21.0 ve (Mod	27.2 lerate)	2.9%	25.1%	0.0%	
L3	25.4 Normal	22.6	26.6	0.0%	11.1%	4.4%	
L4	27.3 Normal	23.3	24.0	12.1%	14.9%	0.0%	
Std Dev	1.0	1.0	1.0	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	

Physician's Comment:







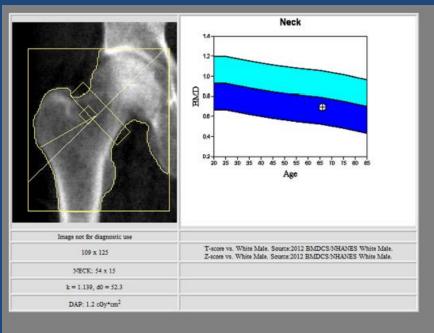
- 66 year old
- 177cm
- 98.5 kg
- \circlearrowleft patient
- "On long-term corticosteroid therapy. On residronate for 17 years. Now stopped. Needs alternative therapy or drug holiday?"











Results Summary:

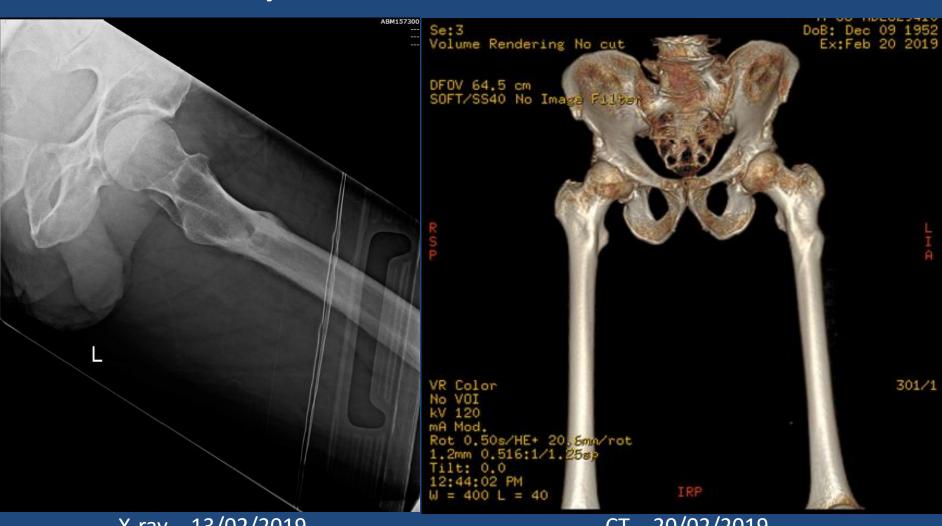
Region	Area[cm ²]	BMC[(g)]	BMD[g/cm ²]	T-score	PR (Peak Reference)	Z-score	AM (Age Matched)
Neck	6.30	4.36	0.691	-1.8	74	-0.7	88
Total	47.24	40.99	0.868	-1.1	84	-0.6	91

DXA - 07/02/2019









CT - 20/02/2019







Bone Mineral Density accounts for 70% of bone strength*



Think

- Vertebral Fracture
- Hip Fracture
- Bone Quality



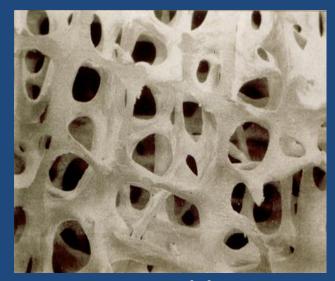




New Definition of Osteoporosis

Osteoporosis is defined as a skeletal disorder characterized by compromised bone strength predisposing a person to an increased risk of fracture. Bone strength primarily reflects the integration of bone density and bone quality.

NIH Consensus Conference 2001



Normal bone



Osteoporotic Bone



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