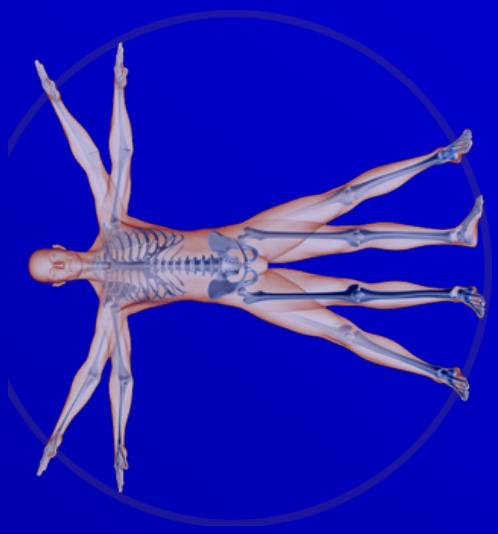


# **Metabolic Bone Disease in Parenteral Nutrition Dependent Patient. Challenges and Management**

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# Objectives

- What is metabolic bone disease (MBD)?
- Importance of MBD
- How to diagnose MBD?
- Causes of MBD in PN patients
- Effects of PN on bone metabolism
- Prevention and therapy for MBD



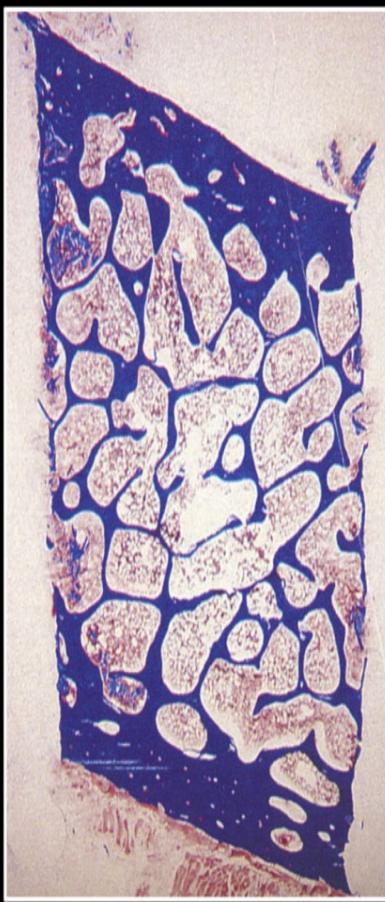


# Introduction

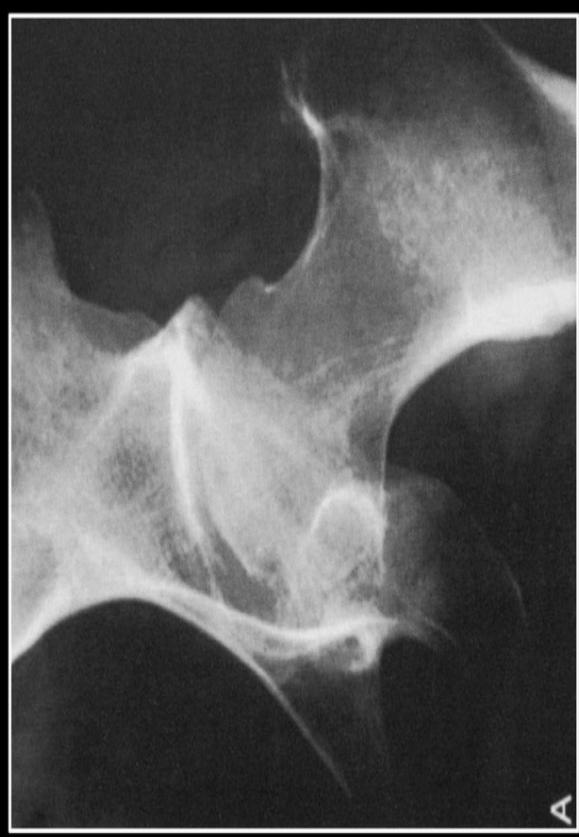
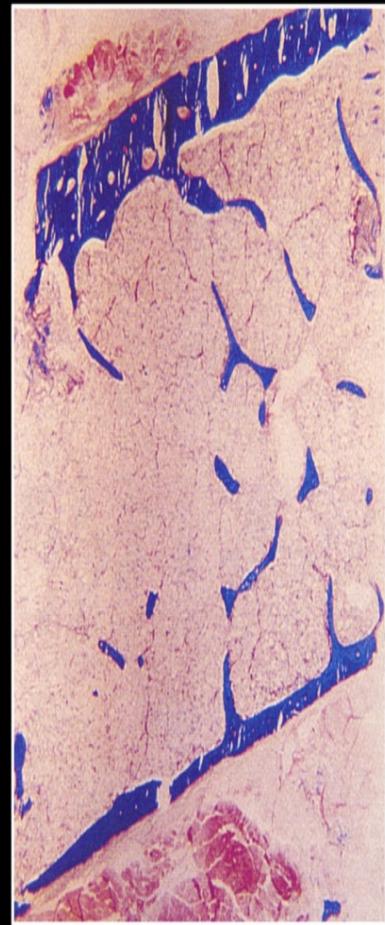
## Significance of OP-fractures in MBD/Osteoporosis

- Fractures due to OP occur every 3 sec. around the world
- 1 in 3 women after age 50 - fragility fracture
- Substantial morbidity and mortality due to OP related fractures
- Bisphosphonates reduce risk of fractures:  
vertebral 40-70%, hip 20-50%

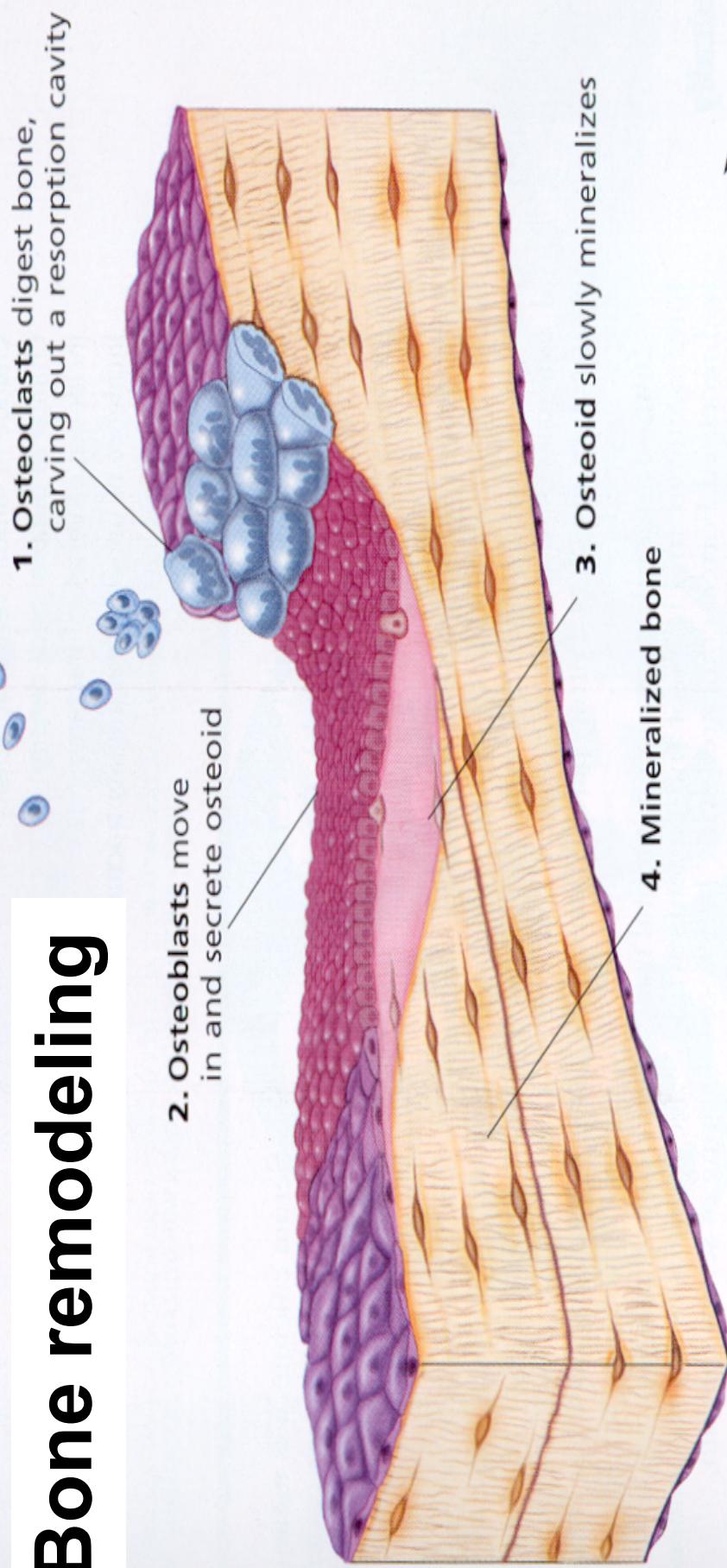
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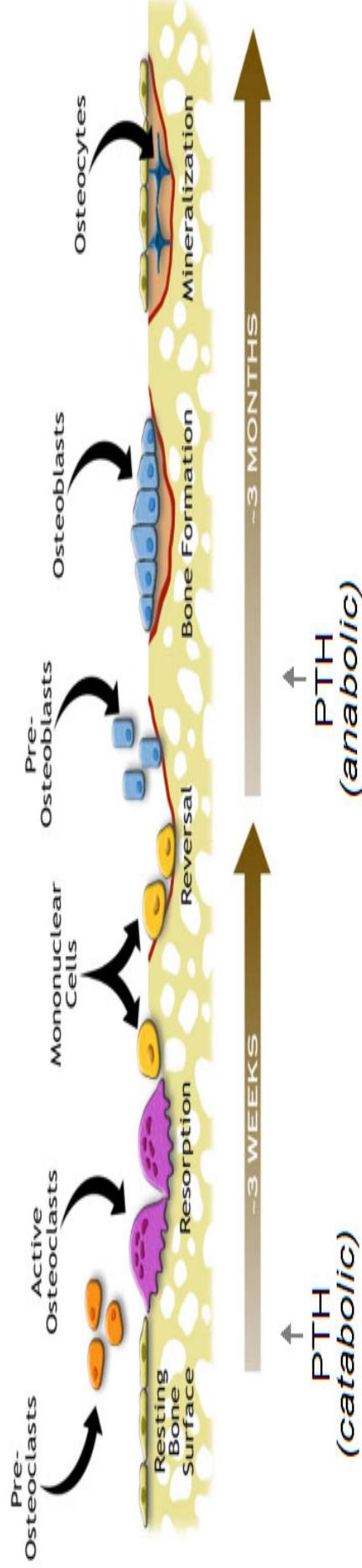
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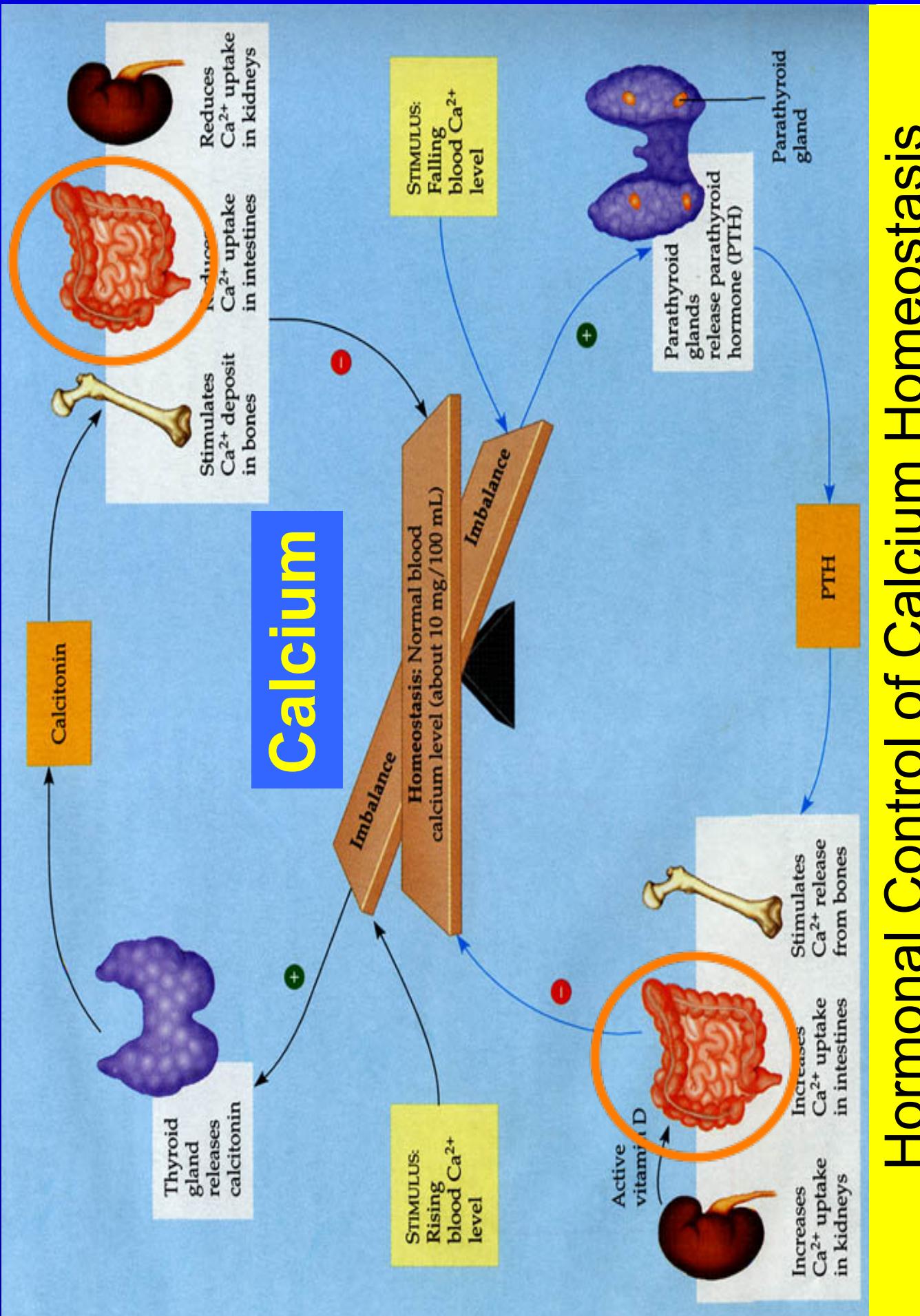


# Bone remodeling



## Bone Remodeling Cycle

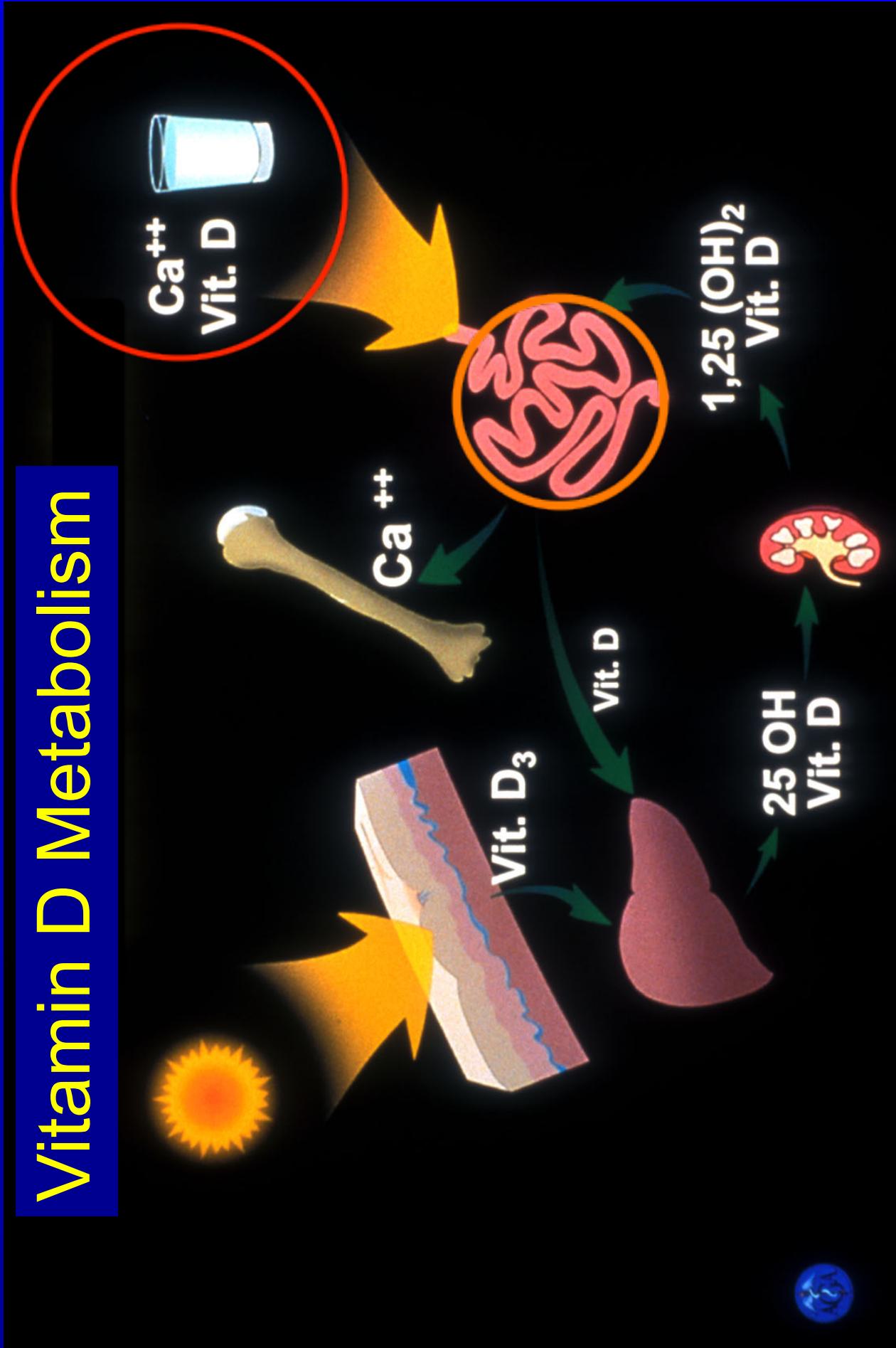




# Hormonal Control of Calcium Homeostasis

# Vitamin D

## Vitamin D Metabolism



# Diagnosis of Osteoporosis

## Measurement of BMD

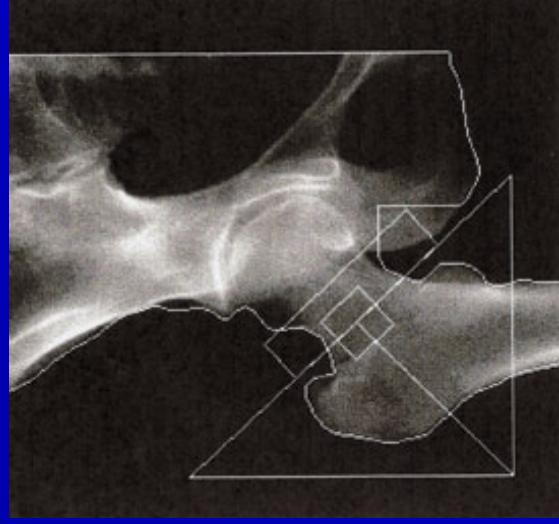
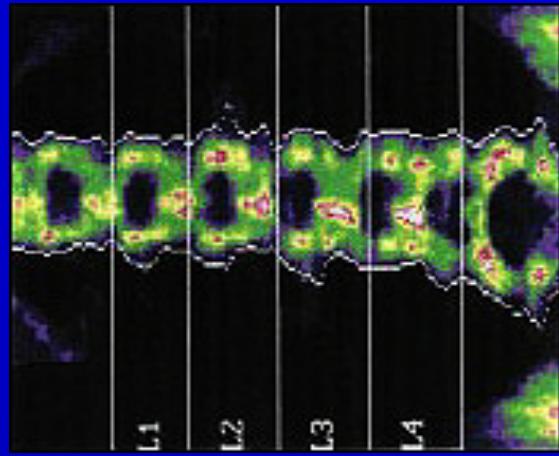
- **DEXA (dual energy X-ray absorptiometry)**

## Biochemical markers Reabsorption:

- Type 1 collagen
- Osteocalcin, AP
- Formation:  
Urinary excretion of  
deoxypyridinoline collagen  
cross linked N-telopeptide
- Serum markers:  
PTH, 1,25(OH) Vit. D,  
Calcium

# Dual Energy X-ray Absorptiometry DEXA Scan

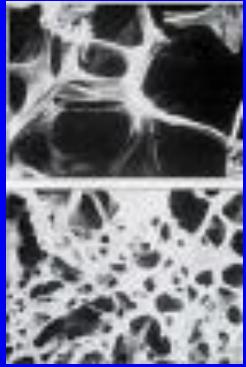
- Quantifies bone mass: lumbar spine, femoral neck, radius
- Precise, accurate, quick, low radiation exposure, low cost

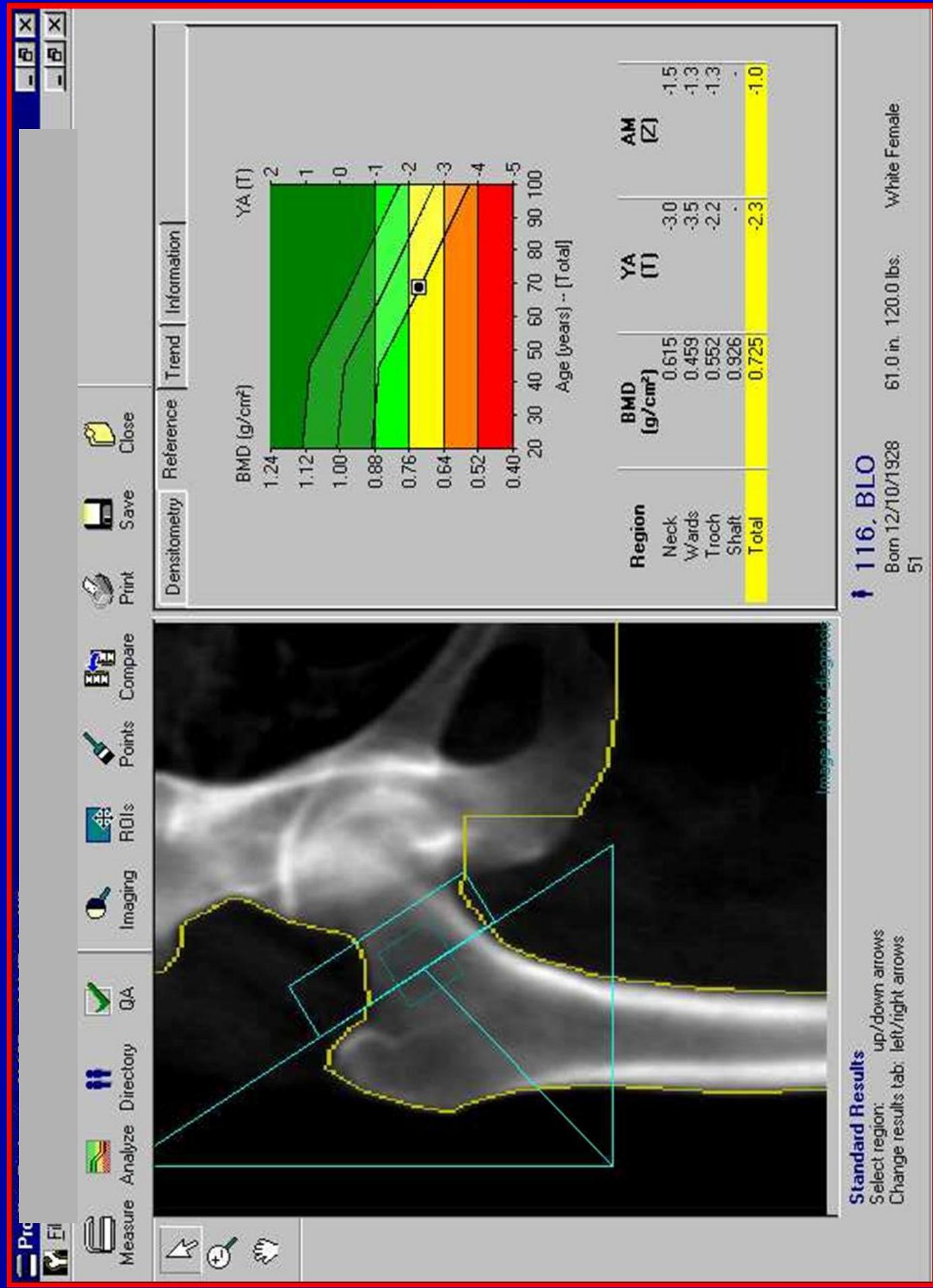


# Interpreting DEXA Definitions



- T score = SD from average young adult bone mass
- Osteoporosis: T-score  $\leq -2.5$
- Osteopenia: T-score from -1.0 to -2.49
- **Results parallel fracture risk!!!**





# MBD and Parenteral Nutrition

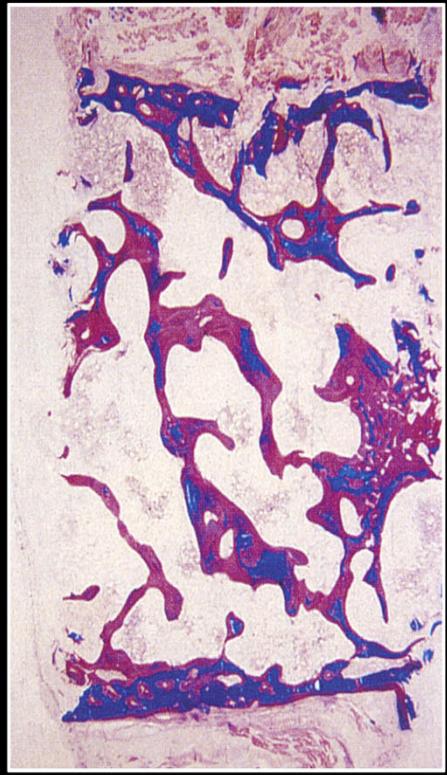
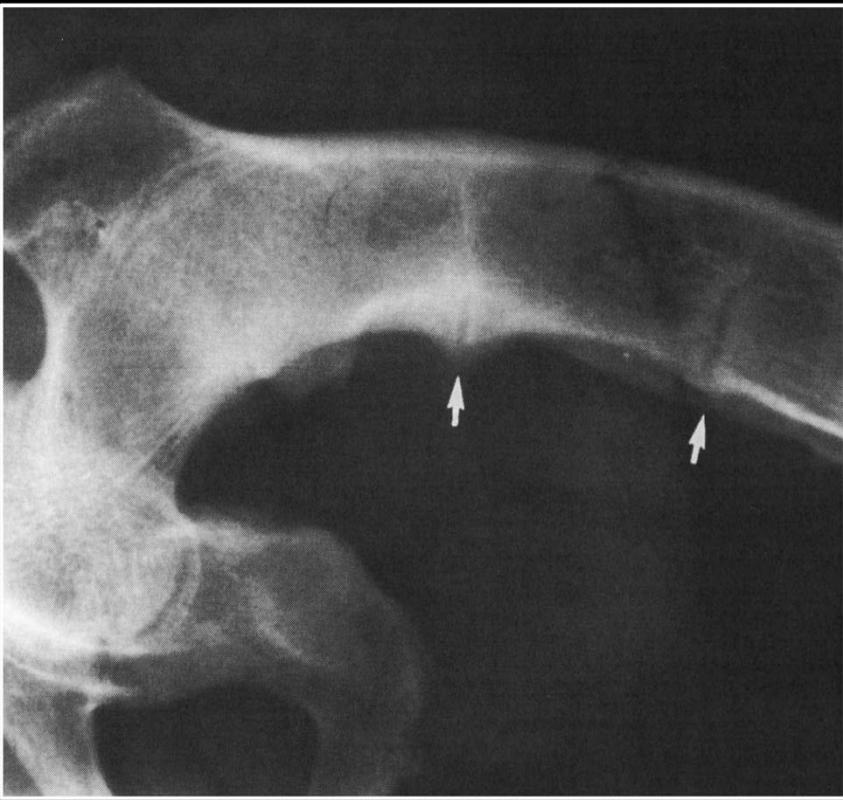
- MBD associated with long-term TPN use first described in 1980
  - Patient suffered from bone pain
  - Labs:
    - Hypocalciuria and AP
    - Normal levels of serum calcium, phosphorus and 25-hydroxyvitamin D
  - Bone biopsy: osteomalacia, increased osteoid, and bone turnover



Klein GL, et al. Lancet 1980;2:1041



## Osteomalacia



- Defective bone mineralization
- Abnormal calcification at the bone-osteoid interface
- bone volume but increased fracture risk

# MBD in TPN Patients

- Incidence of MBD in PN patients is unknown
  - 40-100% long-term PN patients have some degree of bone demineralization
- Symptoms: bone pain, back pain, non-traumatic fractures (vertebra, rib)
  - Many patients are asymptomatic!!
- Normal serum Ca, P, Vitamin D, PTH
  - Hypercalcuria



# Risk Factors for MBD in PN Dependent SBS Patients

- Malnutrition
- Low body weight
- Low intake of dietary vitamin D and calcium
- Malabsorption (vit. K)
- Low absorption of vitamin D & calcium
- Corticosteroids use (IBD)
- Smoking
- Alcohol

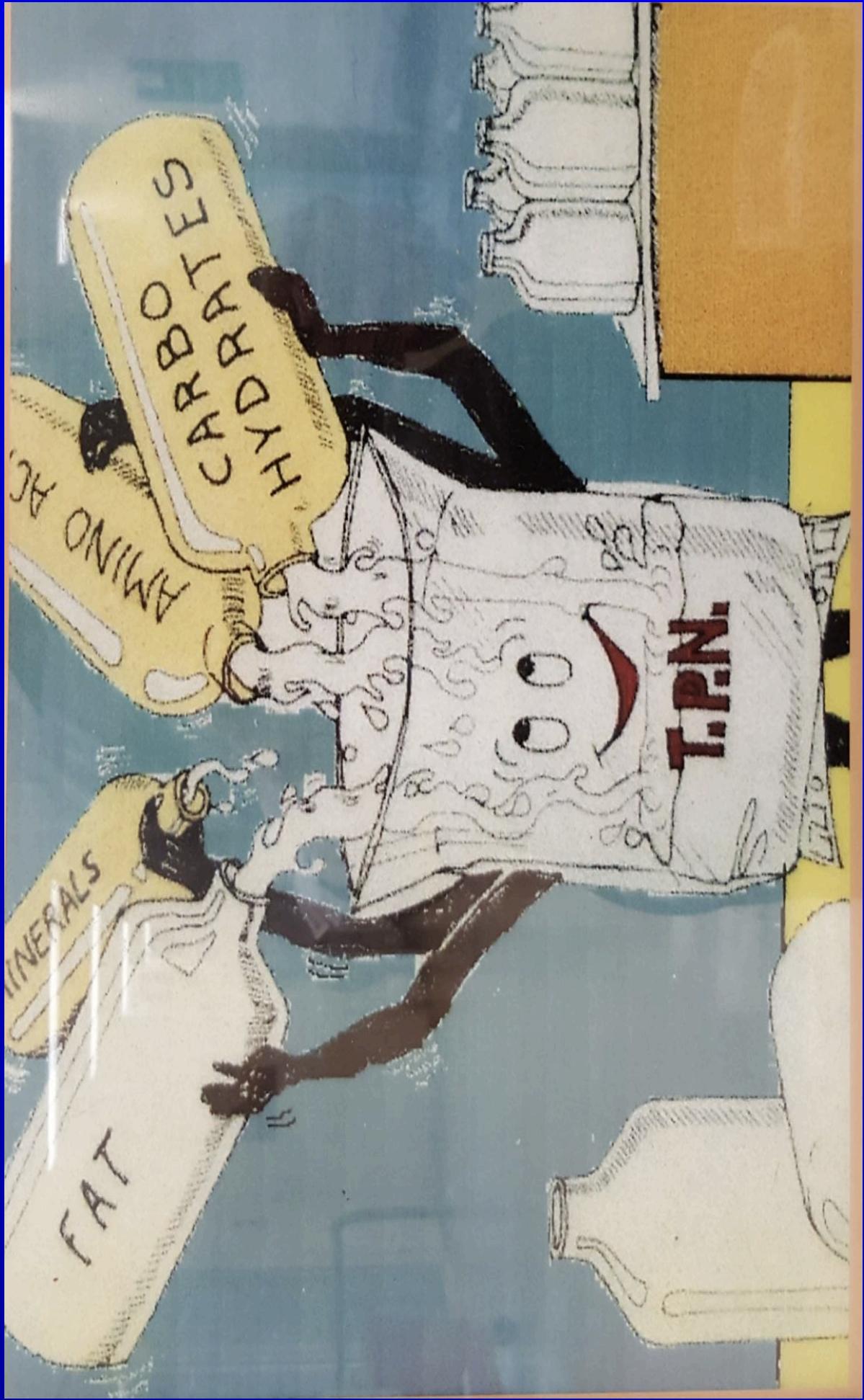


# PN Related Factors Promoting MBD

- Deficiency of
  - Calcium
  - Phosphorus
  - Vitamin D
- Aluminum toxicity
- Vitamin D toxicity
- Excess of
  - Amino acid infusion
  - Dextrose infusion



# PN Factors



# **PN Factors Calcium Losses and Hypocalcemia**

## **urinary calcium excretion**

- Amino acid (titratable acid)
- Dextrose (insulin)
- Calcium in PN
- Sodium (increase GFR)
- Cyclic PN infusion
- Metabolic acidosis
- Phosphorus supplementation
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# **PN Factors Promoting MBD**

- Altered bone metabolism
  - Magnesium
  - PTH secretion and action
  - Metabolic acidosis
  - Amino acids produce weak organic acids
  - Chronic diarrhea, D-lactic acidosis
- Heparin
- Vitamin D
- Aluminum



# Aluminum Toxicity and MBD

- Aluminum toxicity causes osteomalacia
  - Impaired calcium bone fixation
  - PTH secretion, Inhibited conversion vit. D to 1,25-OH vit.D
- Casein hydrolysate [2300 mcg Al/L] – not used in TPN since 1981
- Contaminant in PN - MVI, trace elements, calcium, phosphate salts
- PN Package insert Al < 25mcg/L
  - FDA safe upper permit < 4-5 mcg/kg/d



# Vitamin D Toxicity and MBD

- Vitamin D supplement in PN: 200 IU/d
- Vit. D in PN may be potentially toxic to bones
- Removal of Vit. D from PN - improvement in bone mineralization in HPN patients
  - Calciuria and phosphaturia
  - Positive calcium balance
  - Bone pain
  - Normalization of PTH level



# Evaluation for MBD

## History

- Indication for PN
- FH of osteoporosis
- Tobacco/alcohol use
- Menopausal status
- Thyroid disease
- Bone pain

## Medications

- Estrogens
- Glucocorticoids
- Loop diuretics

- Bone density measurement  
- DEXA

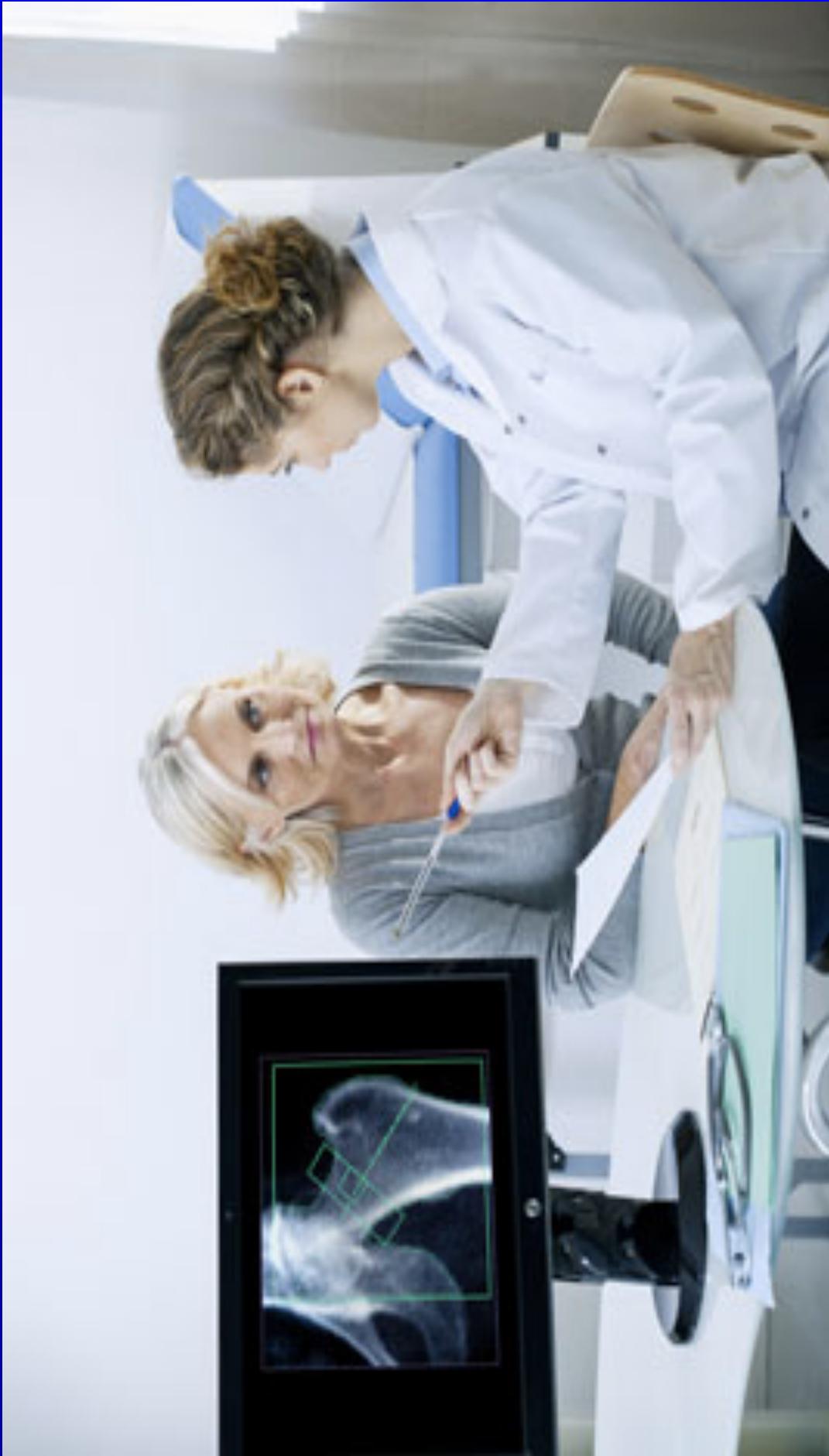
- Physical exam  
- Atraumatic fractures  
- Skeletal deformity



# Evaluation of MBD in PN Patients

Evaluation	Comment
Serum	Initial followed q wk for 3 months
PTH	Malabsorption or hyperparathyroidism suspect
25-Hydroxyvitamin D	Malabsorption suspect
TSH	Hyperthyroidism suspect
N-Teliopeptide collagen	MBD detected
Urine	
N-Teliopeptide collagen	MBD detected
24-hour Ca, Mg	Monitor every 6 to 12 months
Radiographic	
DEXA	Baseline, every 1 to 3 years

# Therapy for MBD





# Prevention. Lifestyle Measures Eliminate Secondary Causes of MBD

- Manage underlying disease
- Discontinue smoking
- Minimize alcohol intake
- Treat hyperthyroidism, hypogonadism, hyperparathyroidism
- Taper or stop glucocorticoids
- Encourage weight bearing exercise

\* Vit. D and calcium supplementation

# Weight Bearing Exercises



Regular exercise - 30 min. 3x /week!!

# **Prevention of MBD Adjustments in PN**

- Sufficient calcium & phosphorus concentration in PN
- ? Removal of vitamin D in PN
- Monitor/limit aluminum in PN solution
- Monitor Vit. D, Ca & Phosphorus
- Amino acids - 1.5 g/kg/d, reduce when visceral proteins normalize
- Add Acetate – keep serum bicarb mid-range



# Guidelines for Pharmacologic Interventions

- History of hip or vertebral fracture
- T-score  $\leq -2.5$  femoral neck or spine
- T-score -1 to -2.5 femoral neck or spine and 10 yr. probability of hip fracture  $\geq 3\%$  or 10 yr. probability of major OP-related fracture  $> 20\%$  based on the WHO algorithm (FRAX)

FRAX - fracture risk assessment





# • Clinical Risk Factors for Fracture

- Previous fracture
- Low body mass index ( $19 \text{ kg/m}^2$ )
- Maternal hip fracture ( $<60$  years)
- Premature menopause (age  $<45$  years)
- Physical inactivity/lack of exercise
- Excessive alcohol consumption
- Smoking
- Corticosteroid therapy  
(prednisolone  $>5\text{mg/d} \times 3$  months)
- Hypogonadism
- Malabsorption
- IBD/Chronic liver disease

# Drug Therapy

- Inhibition of osteoclasts
  - Conjugated estrogens
  - Selective estrogen receptor modulators
    - Calcitonin
    - Bisphosphonates
      - Denosumab (Prolia)
- Stimulation of osteoblasts
  - PTH (Forteo)

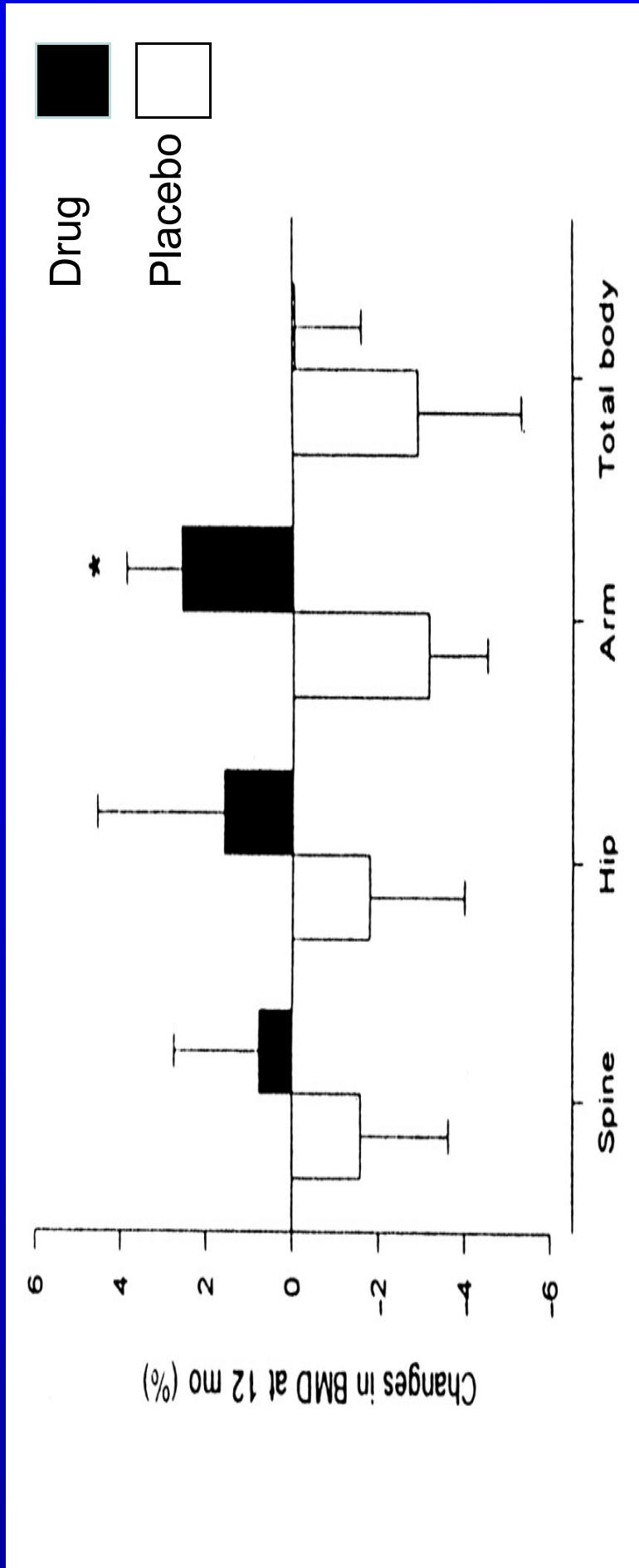


# Drug Therapy



# Bisphosphonate IV in HPN Patients

RCT; N=18 HPN pts. (>1yr); DEXA: T-Score <-1  
IV Clodronate ( $\times$  1 year) vs. Placebo



## Change in BMD (%)

Haderslev, et al. AJCN 76:482, 2002

# Bisphosphonates IV (BPs)

- Treat or prevent OP
- Bone resorption inhibitors

- Ibandronate (Boniva) 3 mg IV q 3 months
- Pamidronate (Aredia) 60 mg IV over 4 hr. q 3 months (off label)
- **Zoledronic acid (Reclast) IV infusion 5 mg over 15 min. q 1 year**

- Concerns: Osteonecrosis of the jaw, atypical femur fracture
- Contraindicated - renal failure GFR <30 ml/min



# New Guidelines on Long-Term Bisphosphonate (BPs) Use

- Fracture risk should be reassessed after 5 yrs. of oral BPs vs. 3 years with IV BPs
- High risk pts. (low T-score; prior OP Fx)
- Oral BPs for up to a decade
- IV BPs should not be continued longer > 6 yrs.
- Fracture risk reassessment q 2-3 yrs.
- Low risk pts. - Stop treatment after 3 yrs. IV BPs therapy – monitor Fx risk



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Adler R. et al. J Bone and Mineral Research 2015:31:16

# Denosumab (Prolia)

- Bone resorption inhibitor; human monoclonal antibody specific for receptor activator of nuclear factor kappa-B ligand (RANKL)
- OP pts. at high risk of fracture (history of OP Frx; multiple risk factors for Frx); and pts. who failed or intolerant to other therapy
- Prolia [60 mg] single SC injection every 6 months
- All pts. give calcium 1000 mg/d + at least 400 IU vit. D daily



# Teriparatide (Forteo)

- Based on PTH
- Given as SC injections daily (20mcg)
- Safety and efficacy of Forteo have not been evaluated beyond 2 yrs. of treatment
- Use of Forteo for > 2 years during a patient's lifetime is not recommended!!
- Concerns: osteosarcoma

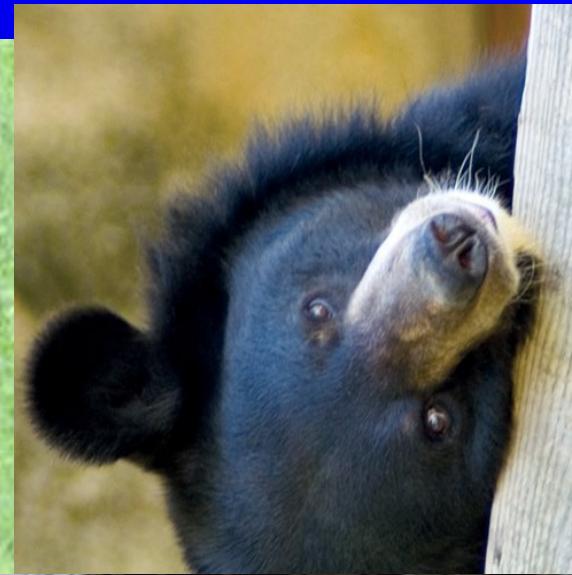
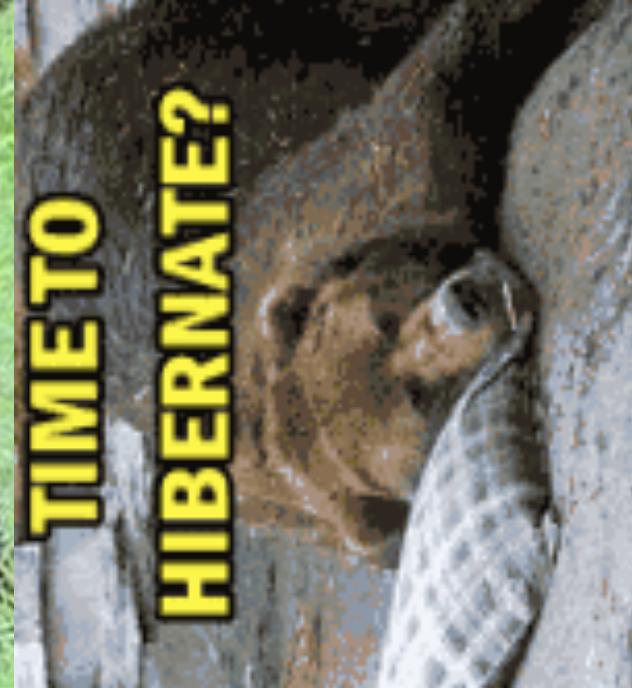
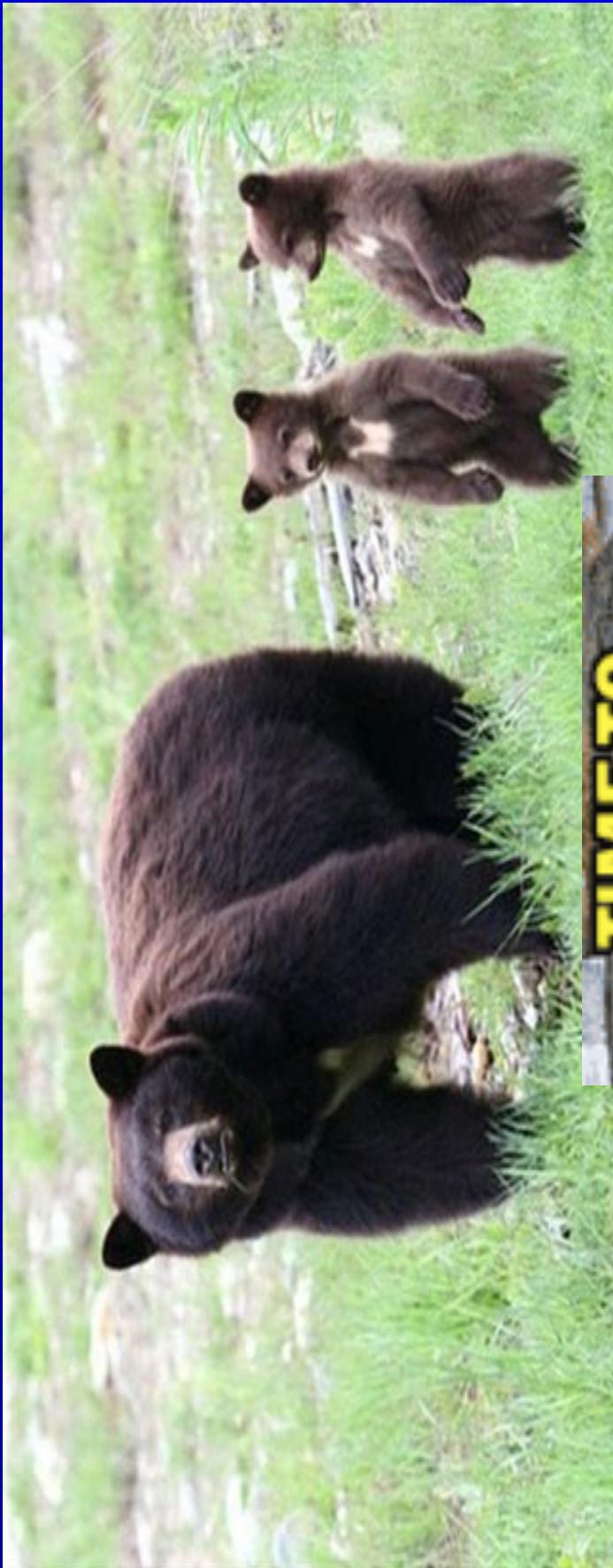


# Conclusions

- MBD is a debilitating complication
- MBD is very common in PN patients
- PN adversely effects calcium metabolism
- All patients receiving long-term PN should be monitored for MBD
- Prevention of MBD is important
- Therapy for MBD is effective and should be implemented early

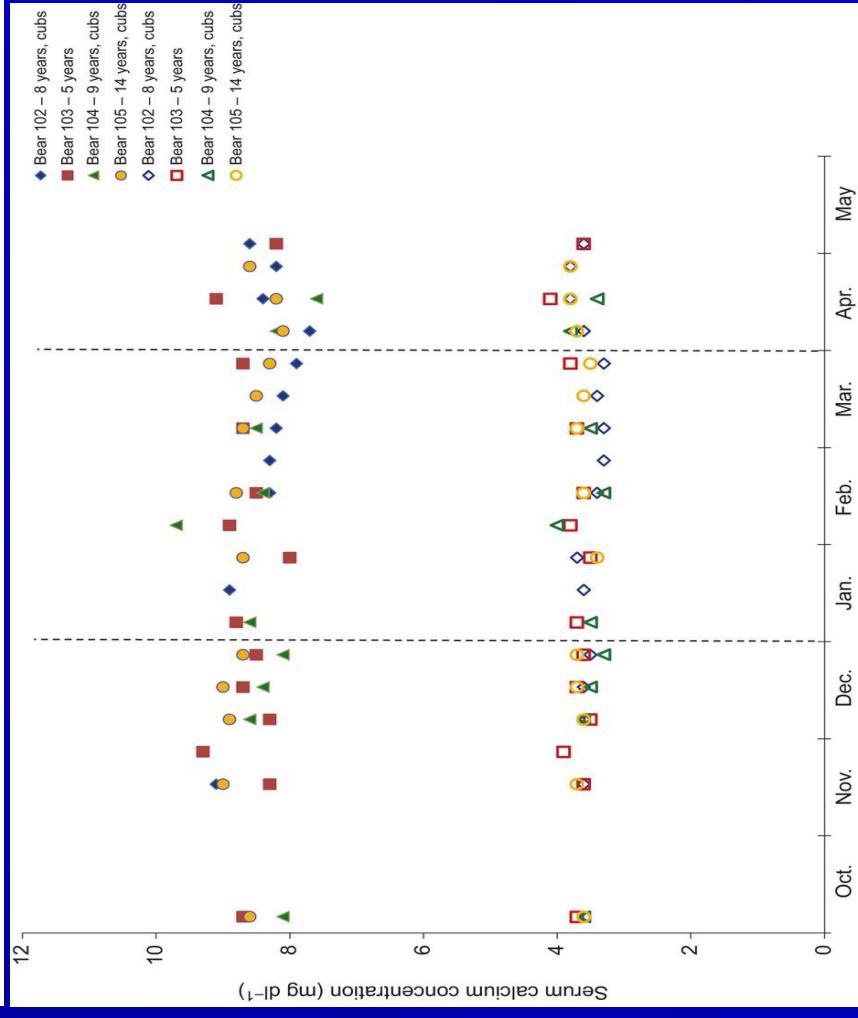


# Bone Issue in Black Bear

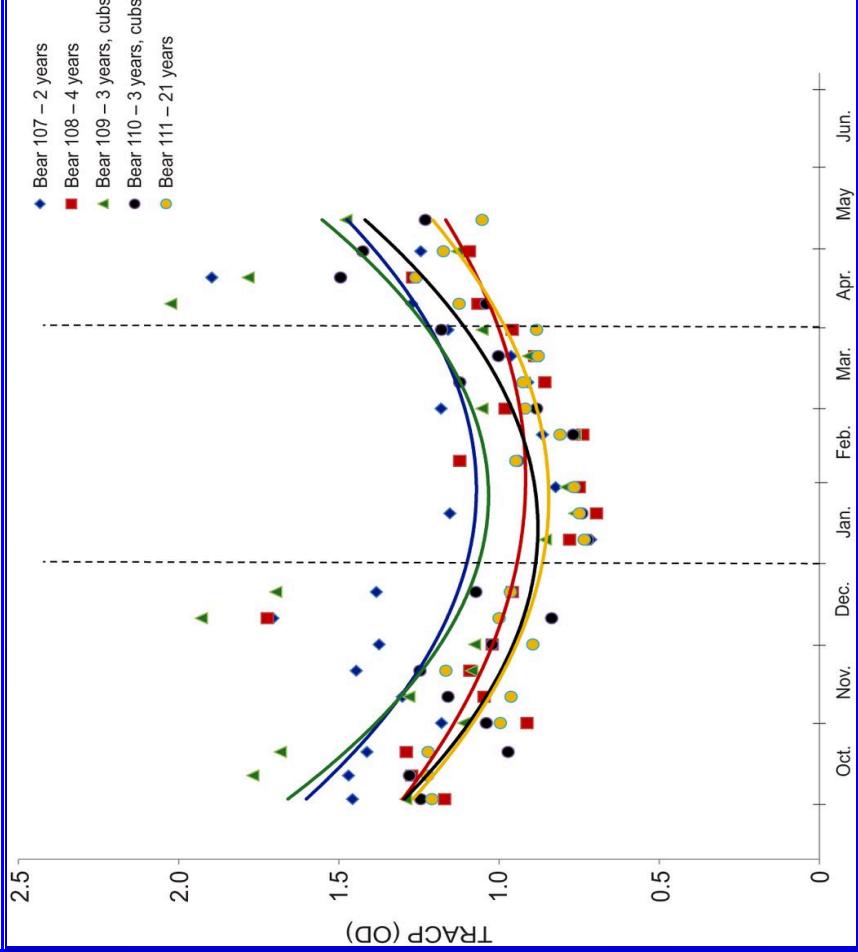


# Suppressed bone remodeling in black bears conserves energy and bone mass during hibernation

Total and ionized calcium concentration in serum from 4 black bears



Optical density for the serum marker of osteoclast number from 5 black bears





The intern who worked on me was an art major before going to medical school

It is  
huge..

