

## "Bad to the Bone"

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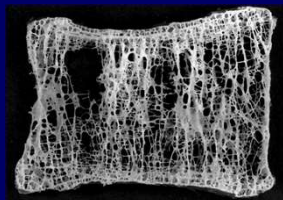
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## Definition of osteoporosis

- NIH Conference  
"A skeletal disorder characterized by compromised bone strength predisposing to an **increased risk of fracture**. Bone strength reflects the integration of two main features: **bone density and bone quality.**"



JAMA 2001;285:785

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### Case #1

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### Screening BMD recommendations

- Women  $\geq 65$  years
- Postmenopausal women with risk factors
  - Previous fracture\*
  - Family history
  - Alcohol, current tobacco use
  - 2° causes of osteoporosis (e.g., GI malabsorption, hyperPTH, early menopause/hypogonadism, liver disease)
- Men
  - $> \text{Age } 65? >70? > 75? \text{ years}$
  - 2° causes of osteoporosis

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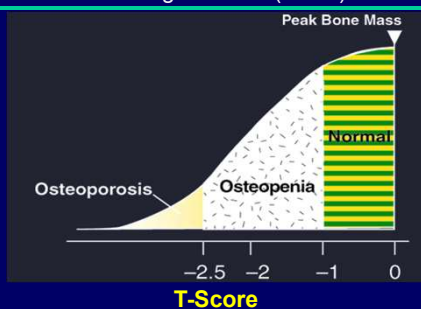
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### World Health Organization (WHO) Criteria



**IDSA: Diagnosis of Osteoporosis**  
Postmenopausal ♀ or ♂ >50 years old with T-score < -2.5  
Low trauma fragility fracture at any age

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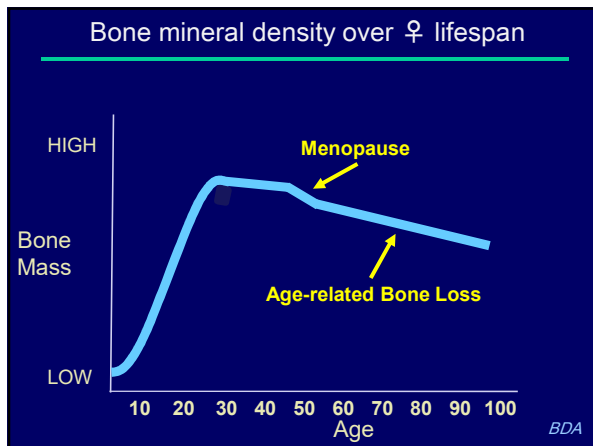
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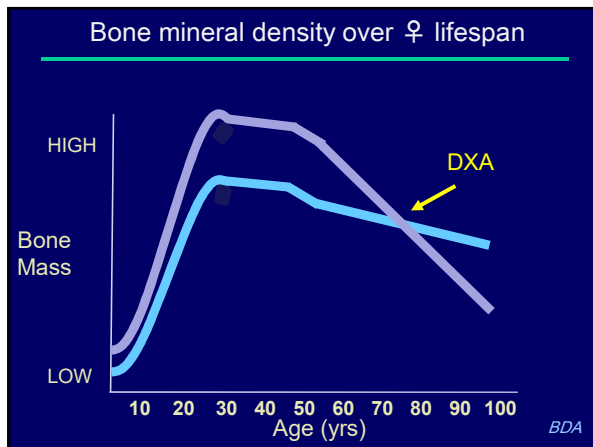
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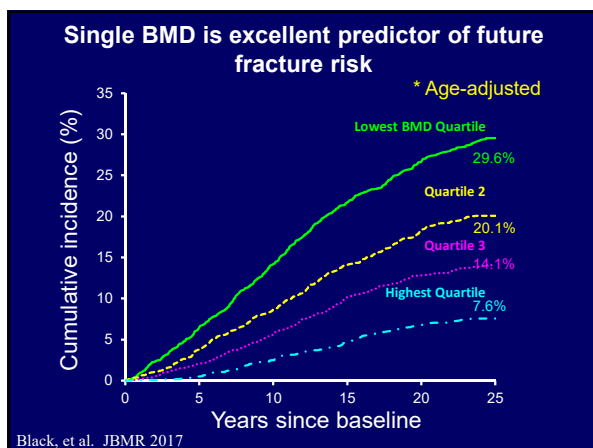
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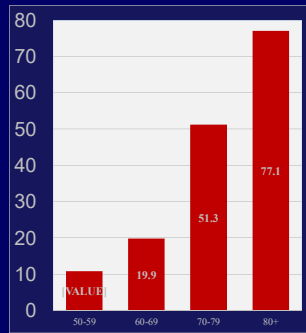
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## Epidemiology of osteoporosis

% post-menopausal women with osteoporosis

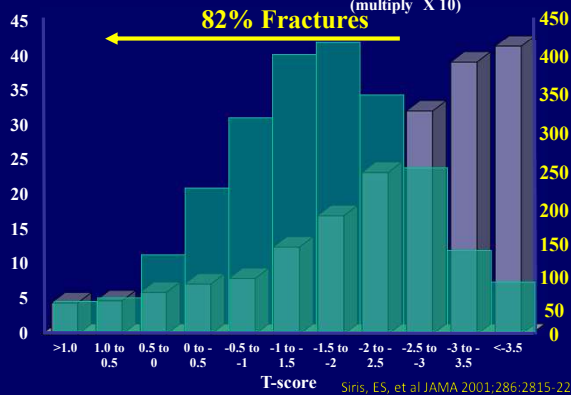
(T score  $\leq -2.5$   
Low trauma fx  
FRAX criteria)



Wright, et al *Osteo Int*, 2017;28:1225

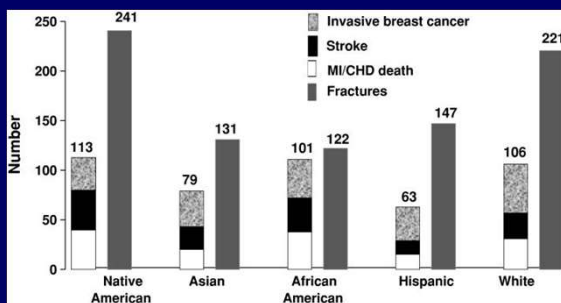
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Fracture rate per 1000 patient/years ■ # of women with fractures (multiply X 10) ■



Sims, ES, et al *JAMA* 2001;286:2815-22

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Cauley, et al *Osteo Int* 2008;19:1717-23

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### Case #1 (cont'd)

Further history:

PMH:

No low-trauma fractures (fall from standing or less)

No history of liver, kidney or GI disease

FMH: Mother with vertebral fracture at age 63

What bone densitometry study would you order?

- A. Heel ultrasound
- B. Quantitative CT
- C. DXA
- D. DXA with trabecular bone score
- E. No bone densitometry

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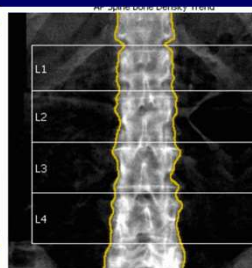
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### Case #1: 55-year old woman with DXA results



Total hip T-score -2.3  
Femoral neck T-score -2.1



LS BMD T-score -2.7

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 3. Weight (kg)  65.8   
 4. Height (cm)  162.6   
 5. Previous Fracture ☐ No ☒ Yes   
 6. Previous Fractured Hip ☐ No ☒ Yes   
 7. Current Smoking ☐ No ☒ Yes   
 8. Glucocorticoids ☐ No ☒ Yes   
 9. Rheumatoid arthritis ☐ No ☒ Yes

10. Secondary osteoporosis ☐ No ☒ Yes   
 11. Alcohol 3 or more units/day ☐ No ☒ Yes   
 12. Femoral neck BMD (g/cm<sup>2</sup>)  Select BMD  2  -2.1   
 Clear Calculate

**BMI: 24.9**  
**The ten year probability of fracture (%)**

**Major osteoporotic: 11**  
**Hip Fracture: 6.5**

[www.shef.ac.uk/FRAX/index.htm](http://www.shef.ac.uk/FRAX/index.htm)

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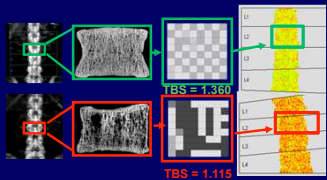
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### Trabecular Bone Score (TBS)



**TBS measures bone heterogeneity**

Fracture predictor  
 >1.35 good quality  
 1.22-1.35 moderate quality  
 <1.21- poor quality  
 Adjust FRAX risk

Pothuaud et al. *Bone* 2008;42:775-87.  
 Hans et al. *JCD* 2011;14:302-12

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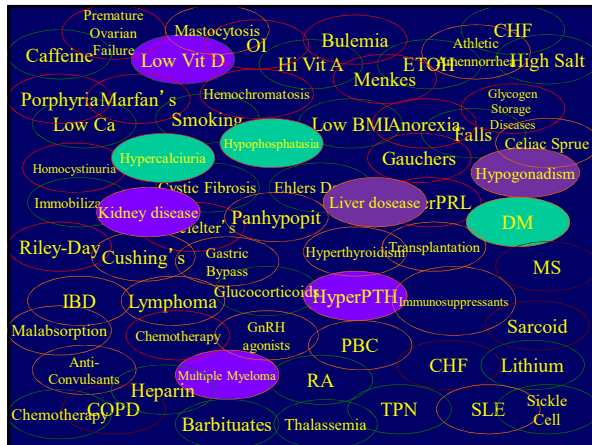


## Evaluation of cause of osteoporosis

- Biochemistry Panel with calcium, phosphate, HCO<sub>3</sub>, creatinine, hematocrit
- Liver function tests (if not previously done)
  - Albumin and SGOT
- 25 OH Vitamin D (Goal 25-40 ng/dl)
- PTH
- Sex hormone evaluation
  - Men- Testosterone
  - Women- menstruation history
- If history or Z score worse than -2, consider more extensive w/u (e.g., 24-hr urine calcium)

Luckey MM, et al. *J Clin Endo Metab.* 2003;88:1405

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## Case #2 answer

A 71-year old white woman is referred to your clinic for management of osteoporosis. She has no history of fragility fracture, but a recent DXA demonstrated a T score of -2.9 at the lumbar spine and -2.7 at the hip and femoral neck. Her last menstrual period was at age 51. She has no history suggestive of a secondary cause of osteoporosis. She has hypertension. She takes losartan, aspirin and simvastatin. She walks daily.

Which of the following is the most important next step?

- Gait assessment
- Calcium, phosphate
- Calcium, phosphate, creatinine, SGOT
- Calcium, phosphate, creatinine, SGOT, 25-OH
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## Case #2 (cont'd)

This 71-year old woman has a normal gait. Her laboratory results show no secondary osteoporosis. Her FRAX score is 13% for major osteoporotic fracture and 3.3% for hip fracture. After diagnosing age-related, postmenopausal osteoporosis and recommending adequate calcium and vitamin D intake plus daily weightbearing exercise, which of the following is the most appropriate next step?

- A. Zoledronic acid IV every 12-18 months
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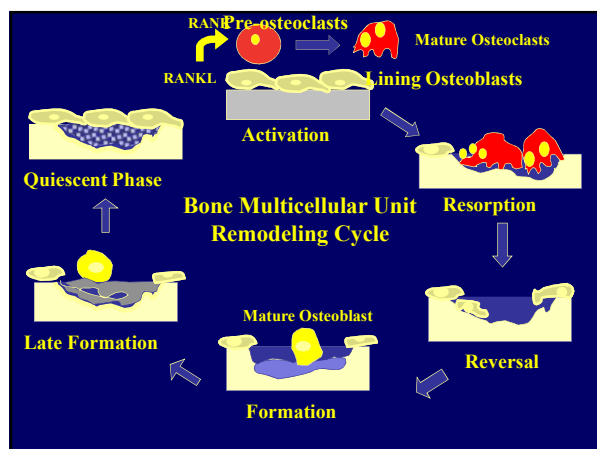
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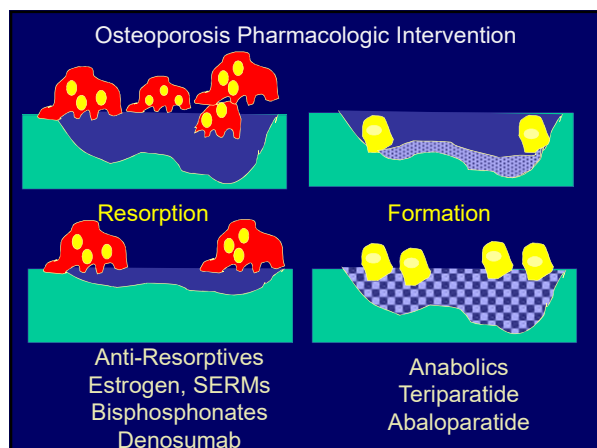
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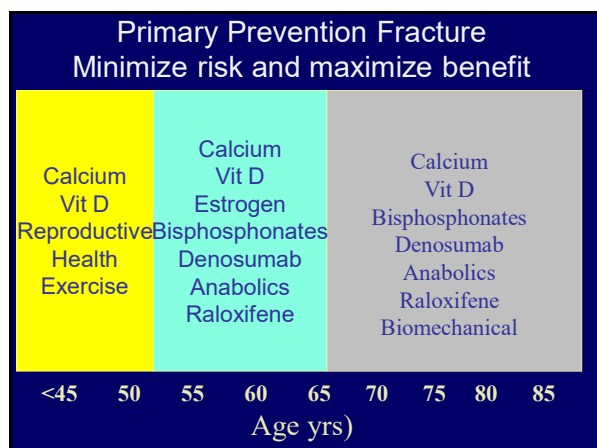
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### Bone Loss Prevention Options

DRUG	BMD LS Increase	BMD TH Increase	Fx	COMMENTS
Estrogen + progestogen	4%-3 yrs	1.7%-3 yrs	YES	Treats VMS ↑ Risk of CV in older ♀
Raloxifene	2.4%-2 yrs	2.4%-2 yrs	SPINE	Reduction of Breast Ca
Bazedoxifene	2.3%-1yr	1.4%-1yr	SPINE	No menstruation
BPN	6.7%-3yr	4%-3yr	YES	Long skeletal T <sub>1/2</sub> BMD plateau
Denosumab	9.2%-3yr 21%-10y	6%-3 yr 9.2%-10y	YES	Large gains Rapid BMD loss

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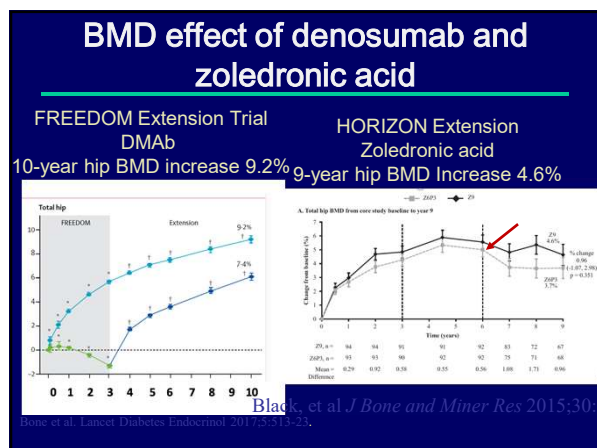
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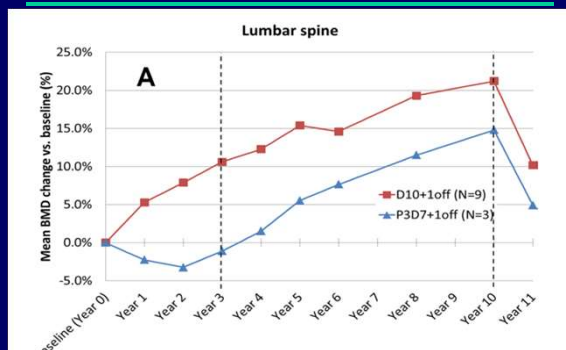
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## Anabolics vs Anti-resorptives

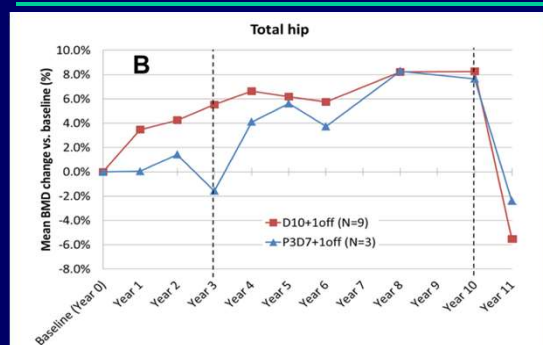
	Teripar- tide	Abalopara- tide	Biphos- phonates	Deno- somab
BMD 2 year	9.7% LS 2.4% Hip	11% LS 4% Hip	5.5% LS 4% Hip	8% LS 4% Hip
Vert Fx	70%	86%	50%	68%
Nonvert Fx	54%	45%	40%	40%
ONSET	6 mos	6 mos	1 year	1 year
COST	+++	+++	+	++
PREFER				

## Vertebral BMD ↓ ↓ 1 year after Denosumab Discontinuation



Popp, et *Ca Tiss Int* 2018;103:50-5

## Hip BMD ↓ ↓ 1 year after Denosumab Discontinuation



Popp, et *Ca Tiss Int* 2018;103:50-54

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### Concerns about anti-resorption therapy



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Atypical Femoral Fracture

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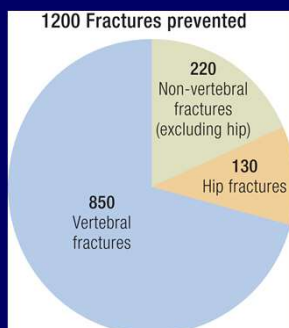
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### Benefits > risks: 3-year event rate



1 atypical femoral fracture (1:2000)

Osteonecrosis of jaw even rarer: 1:10,000-100,000

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### Case #3

A 72-year old woman has a DXA that demonstrates a lumbar spine T-score of + 0.8 and a T score of femoral neck of -3.5. She is on an aromatase inhibitor for breast cancer and has no other secondary causes osteoporosis. What is the explanation for her discordant vertebral and femoral neck T-scores?

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- A. 2%
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- E. 30%

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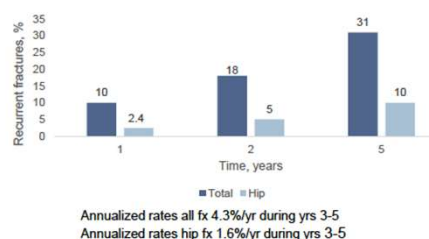
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### Absolute Risk of Recurrent Fracture after First Fracture

377,561 women with first clinical fracture (excluding fingers/toes/face/skull) identified from Medicare Database



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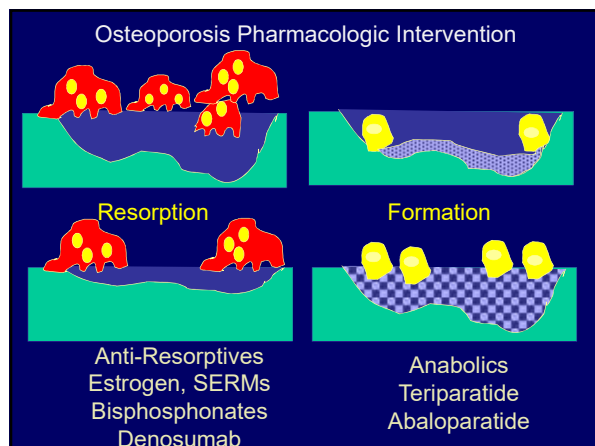
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Of the following, which therapy would you recommend?

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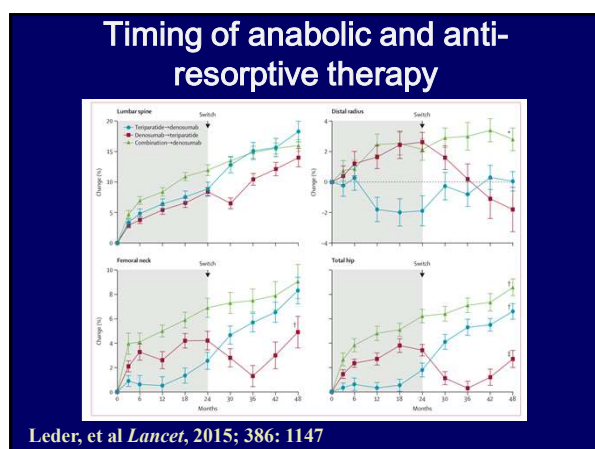
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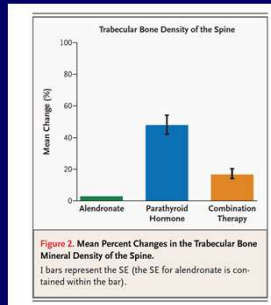
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## Timing of anabolic and anti-resorptive therapy



Finkelstein, et al *NEJM* 2003;349:1216

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