

FRAX Based Lebanese Osteoporosis Guidelines 2013

Second Update for Lebanese Guidelines for Osteoporosis Assessment and Treatment

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Who to Test?

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Definite indications in men and women

- >65 years: age as a risk factor (20% of women >65 have VFx, 13% of men)
- Presence of vertebral deformity or fragility fracture
- Radiologic evidence of demineralization
- Chronic corticosteroid therapy (>3-6 months)
- Aromatase Inhibitors and androgen deprivation therapy

Less definite indications in PM women and Older men/ Use FRAX Risk Factors to decide on BMD-If overall FRAX risk calculated using risk factors is approaching 10%* then do BMD

*Revised indications in 2015:

If FRAX risk estimate based on risk factors is close to 10% (6-14%), measure BMD to further refine risk assessment

Who to Treat?

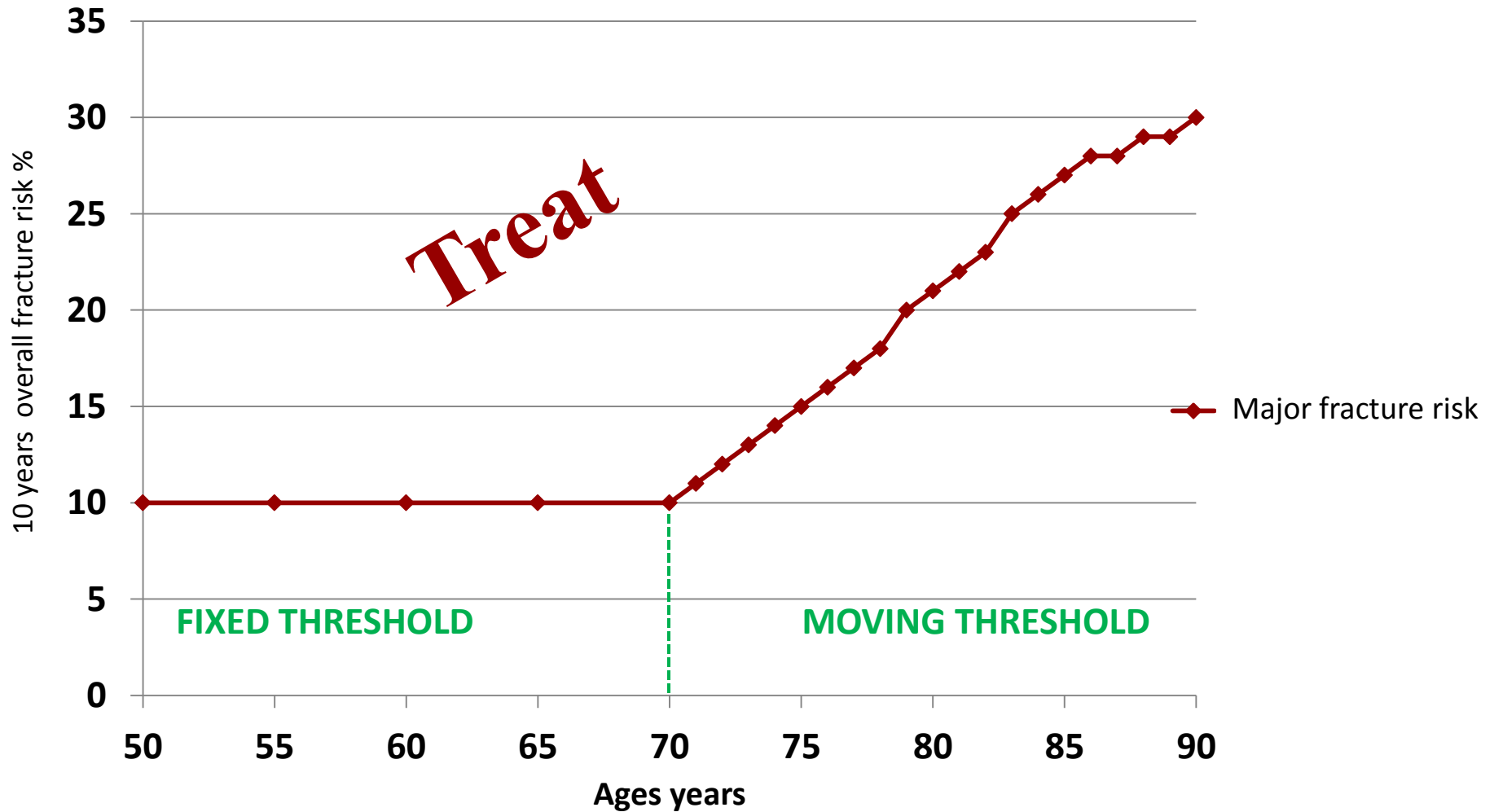
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- Patients with fragility fractures: Spine, Hip, or more than 2 other fragility fractures
- All others use FRAX Calculation and adjust taking into consideration some limitations of FRAX, and additional Risk Factors
 - Under 70 years 10 year FRAX risk $\geq 10\%$
 - More than 70 years: moving thresholds: 15%, 21%, 27%, 31% (GRAPH helper)
- BMD FN T-score ≤ -2.5 alone is NOT an indication to treat in the absence of risk factors

Who To Treat: Hybrid Model

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Treat anyone with calculated 10 year overall fracture risk that fall above red line for corresponding age



Road Map

- Burdd FRAX based guidelines: US and UK
- **FRAX-Based Lebanese Guidelines Full Presentation:**
 - ❖ Who to test
 - ❖ When to treat
- Conclusion

Who to Test?

Lebanese Guidelines for OP 2002 & 2007

Definite Indications in PM Women:

- >65 years: age as a risk factor (1/5 women >65 have VFx)
- Presence of vertebral deformity or fragility fracture
- Radiologic evidence of demineralization
- Chronic corticosteroid therapy (>3-6 months)

Less Definite Indications in PM Women:

- Medical conditions known to cause bone loss
- Other risk factors for bone loss: Low BMI, positive Family Hx of hip fractures

No Indications:

- Healthy cycling premenopausal women
- Men < 65 years

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When to Treat?

Lebanese Guidelines 2002 & 2007

Definite Indications

- Postmenopausal women with fragility fracture
- Postmenopausal women $T \leq -2.5$
- Postmenopausal women on CS and $T \leq 1.5$

Less Definite Indications

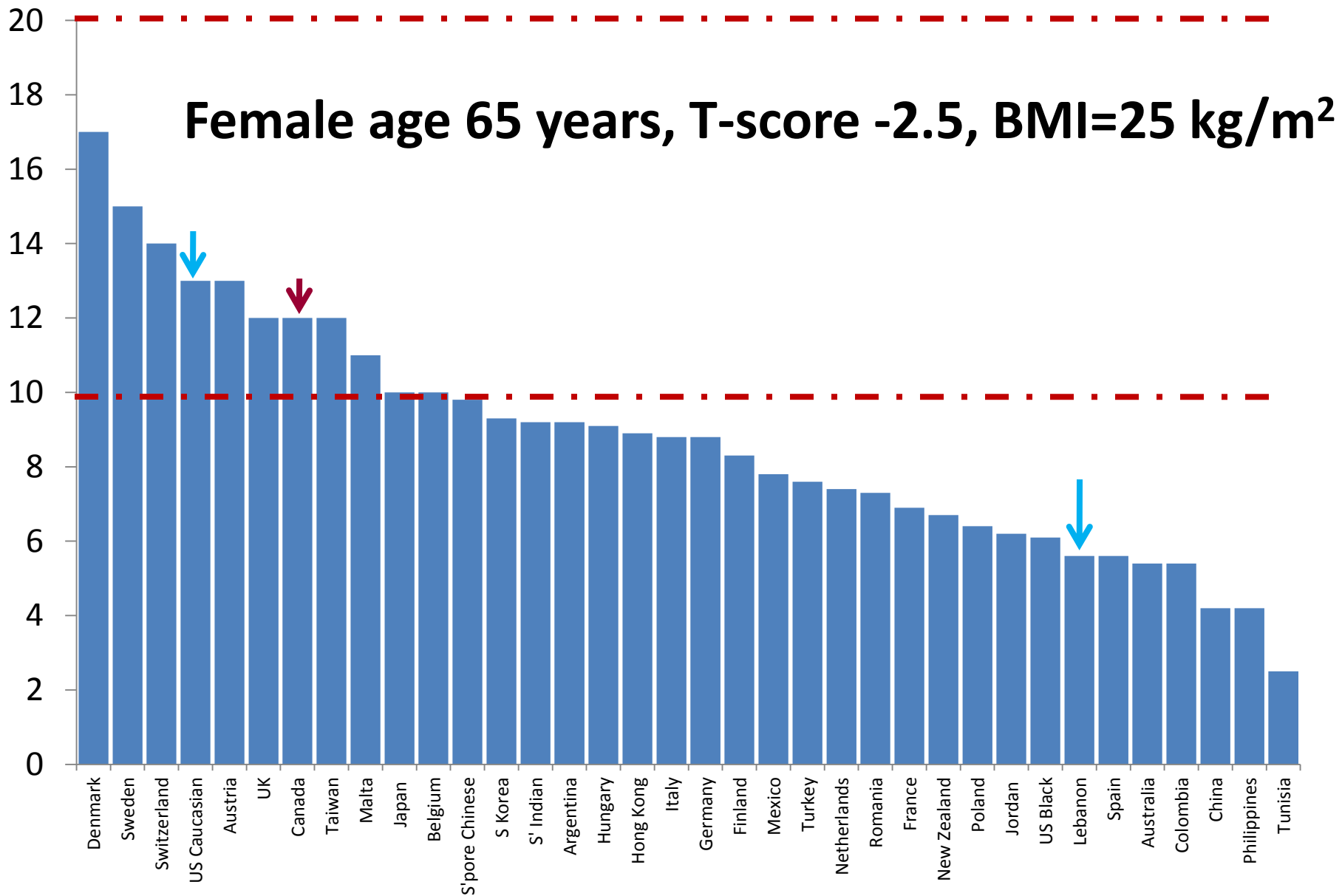
- T- score between -1 and -2.5 (with/without risk factors)

No Indications

- T- score > -1
- Pre-menopausal normally cycling healthy women

http://www.osteofound.org/health_professionals/guidelines/guidelines_list.html

FRAX Calculated 10 year Overall Fracture Risk



Who to Treat?

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BMD T-score \leq -2.5, in absence of RF is NOT an indication to intervene: for a woman

Age 50 years 10 year overall FRAX is 1.9%

Age 60 years 10 year overall FRAX is 3.9%

Age 70 years 10 year overall FRAX is 7.6%

Age 80 years 10 year overall FRAX is 14%

Age 90 years 10 year overall FRAX is 17%

All above risks that are well below Lebanese intervention thresholds

Lebanese Guidelines 2013

T score ≤ -2.5 w/o RF cannot be Used as a Cut-off for Intervention in Lebanese

- Both in men and women estimated FRAX risk with a T-score ≤ -2.5 , in the absence of risk factors, is very low, that is $< 10\%$
 - Up to age 70 yrs in women
 - Up to age 90 years in men

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Suggested Osteoporosis Guidelines Using FRAX

Definite indications: regardless of FRAX and BMD

- Postmenopausal women and men ≥ 50 years with fragility fracture (Spine and Hip, two or more other fragility fractures)

Use FRAX Lebanon: for all others (with or without BMD) to calculate FRAX RISK

Need to decide on FRAX Risk cut-off at which to treat

Moving threshold: i.e. NOGG UK Model ?

Fixed threshold: Examples

Possible treatment at an overall 10 yrs fracture risk of 10-20% Canada

Definite treatment: at an overall 10 yrs fracture risk > 20% USA and Canada, and a
10 year hip fracture risk of 3% (USA only)

Should We Use a Hybrid Model ?

- Moving thresholds over treats in young < 70 yrs with very low risk
(1.8% at 50 and 4.4% at 60 years), and would treat a large proportion of subjects, 30% of Lebanese women across all age groups, which is too taxing, not affordable
- Fixed thresholds under treats the young and over treats at older age groups
- Hybrid model is best compromise
 - Fixed threshold in younger subjects up to 70 yrs
Moving NOGG like threshold above age 70 yrs

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Definite indications: **regardless of FRAX and BMD**

- Postmenopausal women and men \geq 50 years with fragility fractures: Spine, Hip, or \geq 2 other Fragility Fractures.

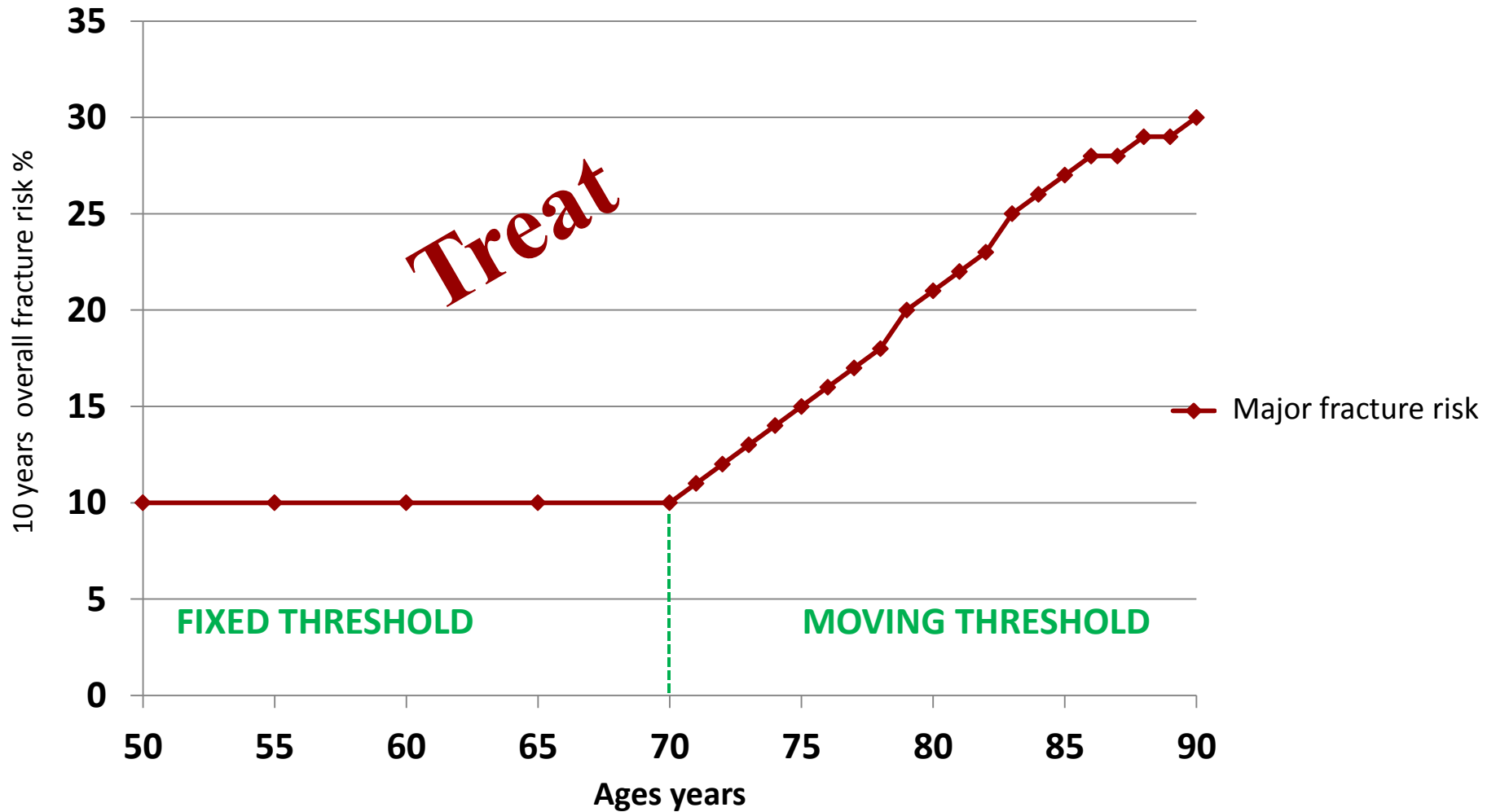
Use FRAX Lebanon for all others -FRAX based risk threshold:

- If below 70 years: treat all with \geq 10% overall fracture risk
- If above 70 years : use **Tables or GRAPH**

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Intervention Thresholds and Proportions of Women Treated

Age (years)	Intervention threshold (%)		Proportions above threshold (%)	
	Fixed at 10 %		10%	20 %
50	10			
52	10		0.11	0.00
55	10			
57	10		1.3	0.04
60	10			
62	10		5.7	0.44
65	10			
67	10		18.8	2.8
NOGG Model				
70	10			
72	12		30	30
75	15			
77	17		30	30
80	21			
82	23		28	28
85	27			
87	28		25	25
90	30			

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Who to Treat?

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Definite Indications: regardless of FRAX and BMD, older men postmenopausal women with fragility fractures, Spine, Hip, or ≥ 2 other fragility fractures.

Use FRAX Lebanon for all Others –FRAX Threshold:

Below 70 years: Fixed cut-off , overall fracture risk $\geq 10\%$

Above 70 years : moving NOGG threshold adapted to Lebanon

Women Overall FRAX Risk

≤ 70 years 10%

75 years 15%

80 years 21%

85 years 27%

90 years 30%

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What to Treat with?

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I-Prevention Treatment:

- **General Measures:**

- Regular weight-bearing exercise.
- Fall prevention.
- Avoid tobacco use and excess alcohol intake.
- Elemental calcium (including dietary intake) at 1200 mg/day.
- Vitamin D supplementation (desirable range 30-60 ng/ml)

What to Treat with?

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II-Pharmacologic Therapy Targeted to High Risk Individuals:

A-Postmenopausal Osteoporosis (PMO):

- For menopausal women requiring treatment of osteoporosis, alendronate, risedronate, zoledronic acid and denosumab can be used as first-line therapies for prevention of hip, nonvertebral and vertebral fractures.

What to Treat with?

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II-Pharmacologic Therapy Targeted to High Risk Individuals:

A-Postmenopausal Osteoporosis (PMO):

- For women 65 years or older with severe osteoporosis defined as a low BMD (T-score ≤ -2.5) and a prevalent vertebral fracture, teriparatide can be used as a first-line therapy to reduce vertebral fracture risk.
- Other potential candidates for teriparatide include :
 - Postmenopausal women with very low BMD (T-score ≤ -3.5).
 - Postmenopausal women who sustain > 2 fragility fractures despite an adequate trial of bisphosphonates (1-year period).

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II-Pharmacologic Therapy Targeted to High Risk Individuals:

A-Postmenopausal Osteoporosis (PMO):

- For early postmenopausal women (< 65 years of age) requiring treatment of osteoporosis, raloxifene can be used as a first-line therapy for prevention of vertebral fractures.
- For early postmenopausal women (< 60 years of age) requiring treatment of osteoporosis in combination with treatment for vasomotor symptoms, hormone therapy can be used as a first-line therapy for prevention of hip, nonvertebral and vertebral fractures.

What to Treat with?

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II-Pharmacologic Therapy Targeted to High Risk Individuals:

B-Osteoporosis in Men:

- For men requiring treatment of osteoporosis, alendronate, risedronate and zoledronic acid can be used as first-line therapies for prevention of fractures.
- Teriparatide should be considered as a second-line therapy for men 65 years or older who have severe osteoporosis and prevalent fragility fractures.
- Testosterone is only indicated in men with a definite diagnosis of hypogonadism and under close expert medical supervision due to various complications.

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II-Pharmacologic Therapy Targeted to High Risk Individuals:

C-Glucocorticoid Induced Osteoporosis (GIOP):

- Recommendations are based on the American College of Rheumatology (ACR) 2010 guidelines (4) and Osteoporosis Canada guidelines (5) and summarized as below :

	Daily Dose	Treatment ^{1,2}
Postmenopausal women and men ≥ 50	≥7.5 mg for > 3 months	Regardless of FRAX
	<7.5 mg for > 3 months	Medium/high FRAX risk*
	FRAX≤10%	If dose >7.5mg for > 3 months*
	FRAX>10%	Treat all*
Premenopausal women and men <50	Treat ONLY if history of FRAGILITY fracture Others no recommendation was made by ACR	
Men and non-childbearing women	>5 mg for 1-3 months >3 months regardless of dose	Treat
Childbearing women	≥7.5 mg	Treat
	1-3 months or <7.5 mg	No consensus*

*ACR.

¹FDA approved therapies for GIOP: alendronate, risedronate, zoledronic acid and teriparatide.

²Teriparatide is indicated in high risk individuals. High risk individuals are defined as postmenopausal women and men ≥ 50 years with high FRAX estimate as defined by FRAX Lebanon treatment thresholds, or premenopausal women and men < 50 years who have a history of fragility fracture and on a prednisone dose ≥7.5 mg daily for more than 3 months

What to Treat with?

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II-Pharmacologic Therapy Targeted to High Risk Individuals:

B-Aromatase Inhibitors and Androgen Deprivation Therapy Patients:

- For women who are taking aromatase inhibitors and men who are undergoing androgen deprivation therapy, bisphosphonates (alendronate, risedronate, ibandronate , zoledronic acid) or Denosumab should be considered.

Fracture Risk Reduction in Postmenopausal Osteoporosis

Medication	Spine	Hip
Estrogen	✓	✓
Estrogen +Bazedoxifene	✓	✓
Raloxifene	✓	
Tibolone	✓	
Alendronate	✓	✓
Risedronate	✓	✓
Ibandronate	✓	
Zoledronic acid	✓	✓
Calcitonin	✓	
Denosumab	✓	✓
Strontium ranelate	✓	✓ ¹
Teriparatide (PTH1-34)	✓	
PTH 1-84	✓	

¹Only approved by EMEA (not FDA); post hoc analysis in high risk postmenopausal women ≥ 74 years and femoral neck T-score ≤-3 SD.

FDA-Approved Medications

Drug	PMO		GIO		Men
	Prevention	Treatment	Prevention	Treatment	
Estrogen	✓				
Calcitonin		✓			
Alendronate	✓	✓		✓	✓
Risedronate	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ibandronate	✓	✓			
Zoledronic acid	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Raloxifene	✓	✓			
Denosumab		✓			
Teriparatide		✓		✓	✓

❖ *The potential benefits and risks of the prescribed agents should be discussed before therapy is initiated, to support informed decision-making.*