# **Vitamin D and Fracture Healing**

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- 1. Physiology of Fx Healing
- 2. Clinical Studies of Vitamin D and Fx Prevention
- 3. Experimental Studies of Vitamin D and Fx Healing



- 1. Inflammation/Hematoma
- 2. Chondrogenesis
- 3. Endochondral Ossification
  - Chondrocyte Hypertrophy
  - Angiogenesis
  - Mineralization





Coagulation PDGF TGF-β





#### BMP 2,4,7

 $TGF-\beta$ 





FGF-2 VEGF PGE-2







### Fracture Healing as a Developmental System

- 1. Post Natal Fx Repair Recapitulates Embryonic Bone Development
- 2. Re-Expression of Genes which Regulate Skeletal Development

#### Prevention of Nonvertebral Fractures with Oral Vitamin D and Dose Dependency

H. Bischoff-Ferrari, et. al. Arch Intern Med. 169(6): 551-561; 2009

- Meta-analysis of 12 RCTs for Nonvertebral Fx (N=42,279) and 8 RCTs for Hip Fx (N=40,886)
- Anti-fx Efficacy: > 400 IU/d Received Vitamin D and > 28 ng / mL Achieved Vitamin D
- Pooled RR for Prevention of Nonvertebral Fx = 0.86 and for Hip Fx = 0.91
- Higher Serum 25(OH)D Reduced Fx Risk by 20%

# **Nonvertebral Fracture Prevention**



# **Hip Fracture Prevention**



# Vitamin D and Fracture Reduction

S. Brown Altern Med Rev 13(1):21-33; 2008

- 1. Serum 25(OH)D ≥ 32 ng/mL Normalizes PTH and Ca Absorption and Reduces Fx Incidence
- 2. 800 IU/d Vitamin D Reduces Falls by 49%

## Vitamin D Deficiency as a Risk Factor for Osteoporotic Fracture

N.M van Schoor, et. al. <u>Bone</u> : 260-266; 2008

- 1311 Men and Women > age 55

   115 (8.5%) Had at Least 1 Osteoporotic Fx
- 25(OH)D:
  - 11.3% < 10 ng/mL
  - 48.4% < 20 ng/mL
  - 82.4% < 30 ng/mL
  - Serum 25(OH)D of 12 ng/mL = Discriminator of Fx Risk
  - Lowest Fx Rate (5.6%) with 25(OH)D > 30 ng/mL

# Vitamin D Insufficiency

C. Rosen <u>N Engl J Med</u> 364: 248-254; 2011

Vitamin D Supplementation 1. 800 IU + 1200 mg Ca Reduced Fx Rates 2. Cochrane Review = No Effect 3. 700 IU + 2000 mg Ca = No Effect 4. 400 - 800 IU = No Effect

Serum 25(OH)D Threshold

- 1. Fx**1**Risk < 16 ng/mL
- 2. Bohe Loss < 20 ng/mL
- 3. Fx<sup>1</sup>Risk < 20 ng/mL
- 4. Fx<sup>1</sup>Risk < 25 ng/mL

# Vitamin D Deficiency and Supplementation

	Serum 25(OH)D	Supplement
IOM	20 ng/mL	600 IU/d
NOF	30 ng/mL	800-1000 IU/d
AGS	-	800 IU/d

### Role for 24, 25(OH)<sub>2</sub> D in Fracture Healing

- Chick Tibial Fx Elevate 24, 25(OH)<sub>2</sub>D and 25(OH)D 24 Hydroxylase (CYP24A1)
- Binding Protein/ Receptor in Chick Tibial Callus for 24, 25(OH)<sub>2</sub>D
- 24, 25(OH)<sub>2</sub>D Optimizes Chick Fx Mechanical Strength

### CYP24A1-Deficient Mice as a Tool to Uncover a Biological Activity for Vitamin D Metabolites Hydroxylated at Position 24

R. St-Arnaud jsbmb 212: 254-256; 2010



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- Fx Healing in *cyp24a1-/-* Mice
- Delay in Endochondral Ossification and Mineralization Compared to Wild-type Controls
- Rescue of Fx Healing with 24, 25(OH)<sub>2</sub>D