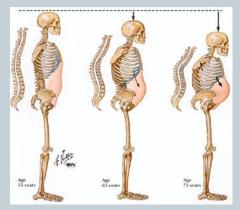
# Principles of Osteoporosis Management

#### 2019 REHAB SYMPOSIUM FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>



#### Laura Fogle PT Suzanne Artz McIlwee PT, OMPT

• Discuss general principles of osteoporosis management (exercises, ADLs, and diet).

• Present treatment of patient with Osteoporosis/ lumbar compression fracture.

• Introduce VH rehabilitation's osteoporosis collaborative.

#### **Principles of Osteoporosis Management**

# 常常 WOMEN OVER 50 WILL EXPERIENCE OSTEOPOROTIC FRACTURES. AS WILL 常常常常 MEN.

## **OSTEOPOROSIS**

- There is a fracture every 20 seconds affecting 55% of the US population 50 and over
- It occurs in 1 of 2 women and 1 of 4 men
- Is estimated to affect 54 million persons in the US
- Is more prevalent than coronary heart disease (12. 5 million), diabetes (17 million), or heart attack (1.1 million)-reference Surgeon's General report of 2004
- Is more common than breast, uterine, and ovarian cancer combined

# A systemic skeletal disorder with compromised bone strength that predisposes an individual to increased fracture risk

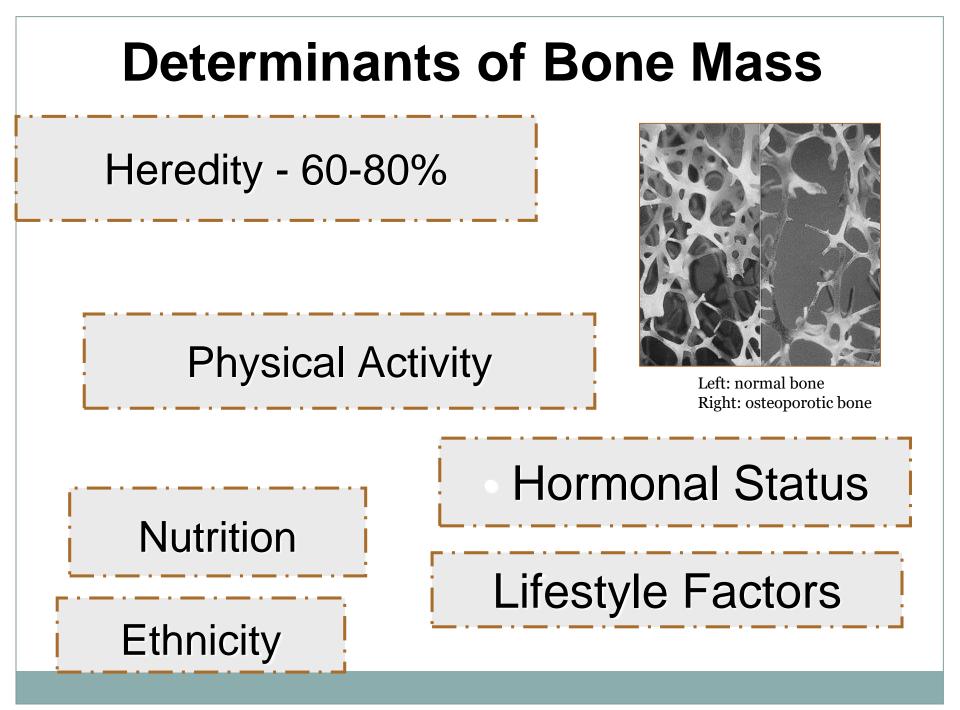
NIH Consensus Development Panel on Osteoporosis Prevention, Diagnosis, and Therapy. JAMA 2001: 285:785-795

#### OLDER DEFINITION OF OSTEOPOROSIS BONE MINERAL DENSITY (DXA) SCAN

Reduction of bone mass, both quantity **AND** quality so that bones become fragile and easily fracture

# **PEAK BONE MASS** The amount of bone we accumulate as a young adult (generally age 30-35)

About 90-98% is accumulated by age 18-20



All Health and Exercise Professionals Need to be Knowledgeable

- Regarding risk factors and first signs
- Incidence in our client's population

- Management
- Guidelines and precautions



#### Vertebral Body and Osteoporosis

- Bones of the spine are usually the first to show signs of bone loss.
- Primarily effects trabecular bone.
- Fractures occur with spinal flexion (loads the vertebral body which is composed of trabecular bone).
- Sitting and forward bending puts the most pressure on the vertebrae.

#### Vertebral Fractures

• Risk for 2<sup>nd</sup> fracture increases 5 fold

 1 woman in 5 will suffer a 2<sup>nd</sup> vertebral fracture within one year of their 1<sup>st</sup> fracture

• Only 20% of vertebral fractures are symptomatic.

# Evaluation

Cluster to Support Likelihood of an Osteoporotic Vertebral Fracture

- 1. Older than 52 years
- 2. No presence of leg pain
- 3. BMI <22
- 4. Does not exercise regularly
- 5. Female gender

\*\*2 or more demonstrated high sensitivity to R/O compression fracture \*\*4 of the 5 revealed a moderate value in ruling in compression fracture

"The Development of a Clinical Decision Making Algorithm for Detection of Osteoporotic Vertebral Compression Fracture or Wedge Deformity." Roman, et. al., <u>Journal of Manual and Manipulative</u> <u>Therapy</u>, 2010, Vol 18., pg 44-49



Healthier, together.

#### **CLINICAL CONSEQUENCES OF SPINE FRACTURES**

SYMPTOMS	SIGNS	FUNCTION	FUTURE RISKS
Back Pain acute/chronic) Sleep Disturbance Anxiety Depression Decreased Self Esteem Fear of future: Falls and Fractures Reduced Quality of Life Early Satiety	Height Loss Kyphosis Decreased Lumbar Lordosis Protuberant Abdomen Reduced Lung Function Weight Loss	Impaired ADL's Difficulty Fitting Clothes Difficulty Bending, Lifting, Descending Stairs, Cooking	Increased Risk of Fracture Increased Risk of Death

Source: Papaioannou et al. 2002. Reprinted from The American Journal of Medicine, Diagnosis and management of vertebral fractures in elderly adults. 113(3):220-228 (2002)

#### Bone Health and Osteoporosis A Report of the Surgeon General October 2004

#### **Hip Fracture**

- Most disabling/life threatening
- Older women who fall backward are most likely to fracture a hip
- 1/2 of women with hip fracture die within 1 year
- At 6 months s/p hip fracture only 15% can walk across a room unaided.
- Women are 2-3x's at a higher risk for fx than men

#### Hip Fracture (continued)

- Mortality rate for men is almost 2 x women's
- 80,000 men per year have hip fractures, 1/3 of these die within 1 year
- Risk factors for hip fracture include needing arms to go from sit to stand and on feet less than 4 hours a day

#### DEXA Scan Results/Definitions

- Normal: 1 standard deviation (+1 to -1) as compared to young adult mean
- Osteopenia: 1 to 2.5 standard deviation below as compared to young adult mean
- Osteoporosis: >2.5 standard deviation below as compared to young adult mean
- <a>www.nof.org</a> (National Osteoporosis Foundation)

#### FIRST signs to look for in the clinic

- Postural changes (increased thoracic kyphosis, Dowager's Hump, protruding abdomen)
- Loss of body height
- Wrist, compression, stress, hip, or low trauma fracture
- Loss of teeth due to periodontal disease
- Transparent skin
- Persistent back pain

# Diseases that Increase Risk

- Hypo or hyperthyroid
- Congenital disorders
- Burns
- Cushing's Disease
- CA
- Chronic inflammation
- TB
- RA
- Organ transplants
- Eating disorder
- Mental illness
- Ankylosing spondylitis

- Primary
   hyperparathyroidism
- Liver dysfunction
- DM
- COPD
- Seizures
- Neurological Disorders
- Malabsorption Syndromes
- Kidney Dialysis
- Endometriosis
- Idiopathic scoliosis
- Multiple sclerosis
- Pernicious anemia
- Osteogenesis imperfecta

# Medications that increase Risk

- Corticosteroid
- Diuretics
- Heparin
- Methotrexate (CA medication)
- Cyclosporine A (immunosuppressant)
- Long term thyroid meds
- Excessive alcohol

- Anticonvulsants
- Coumadin
- Cholestyramine (Cholesterol medication)
- Antacids with aluminum
- GnRH (hormones for endometriosis)
- Cigarette smoking
- Lithium



# **Other Risk Factors**

- Female
- Caucasian or Asian
- Post menopausal
- Small boned
- Family history
- Delayed puberty
- Early menopause
- Weight below 130 lbs

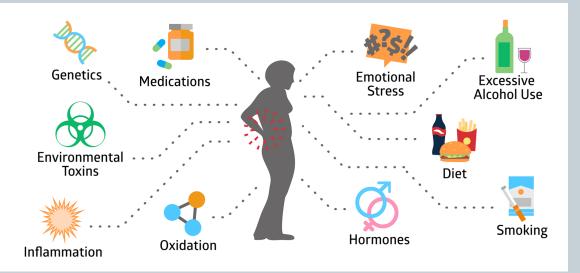
Vertebral Compression Fracture

- Smoking
- Sedentary life style
- Advanced age
- Over exerciser
- Nulliparous (female never having a child)

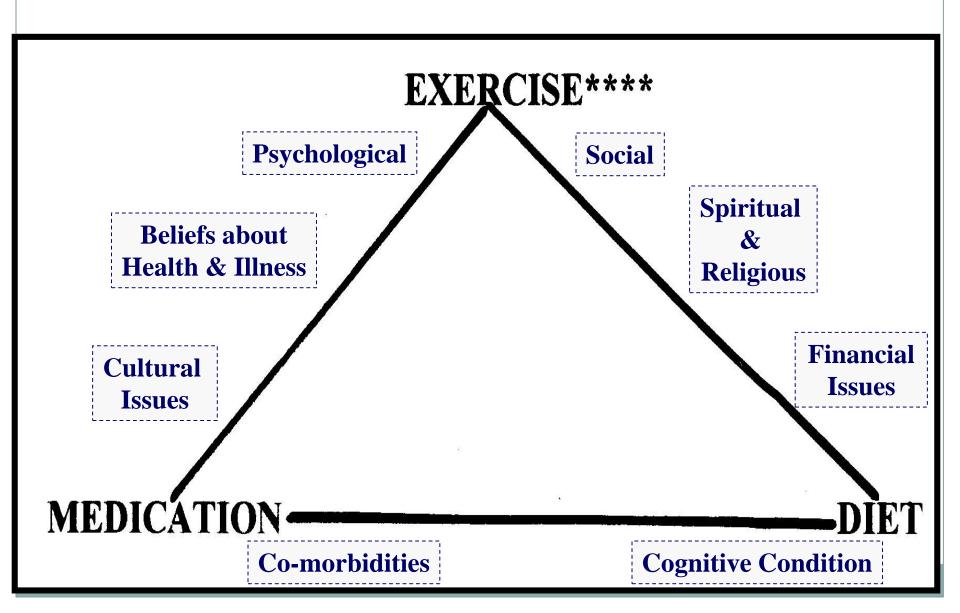


## Nutritional Risk Factors

- Eating disorders
- High protein diet
- High alcohol intake
- Low calcium
- High sodium
- Caffeine



# **TRIANGLE OF MANAGEMENT**



## Optimum Nutrition for Bone Health www.nof.org

- Daily Calcium
   Daily Vitamin D
- WOMEN under 50=1000 mg
  age 50 and over=1200 mg
  MEN under age
  70=1000 mg
  age 71 and

over=1200 mg

 Under age 50=400 to 800 IU

 (international units)
 Over age 50=800 to 1000 IU

Some people may have to take more than 1000 IU

## • Vitamin D

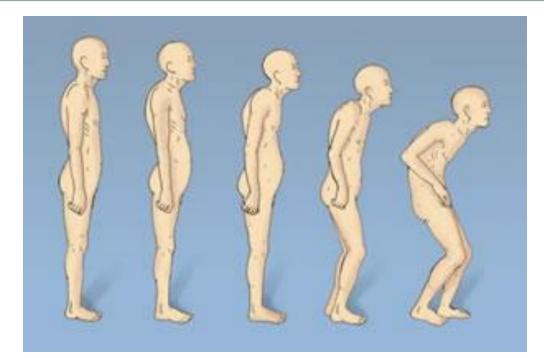
# Osteoporosis Education Project has initiated a call for universal vitamin D as the primary basis for osteoporotic fracture prevention.

Vitamin D serum should be at least at 32 ng/ml

Ideal serum level goal is between 50-60 ng/ml

Patients may have to take additional daily doses to maintain





Prevention of Fracture is the "bottom line"

## Focus on Exercise to Reverse the Patterns of Postural Change

#### References

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- <u>www.nof.org</u>
- <u>www.betterbones.com</u>
- <u>www.iofbonehealth.org</u>
- <u>www.fragilityfracturenetwork.org</u>

## Patient - Paula (Subjective History)

- 74 year-old female
- Acute L1 Compression Fracture
- Past Medical History
- DEXA Scan
- FOTO 41/100
- Pain at 2/10 presently, flares of 4/10
- 2 weeks post-injury 8/10



#### **Patient Goals**

- **1**. Clean horse stalls.
- 2. Regain ability to ride and perform dressage.
- 3. Return to fitness at VH Wellness.
- 4. Return to household chores.
- 5. Get up/down off of floor.



\*Not Paula's X-Ray\*



## Patient (Objective Findings)

- Posture
- Gait
- Balance
- Strength
- Range of Motion (ROM)



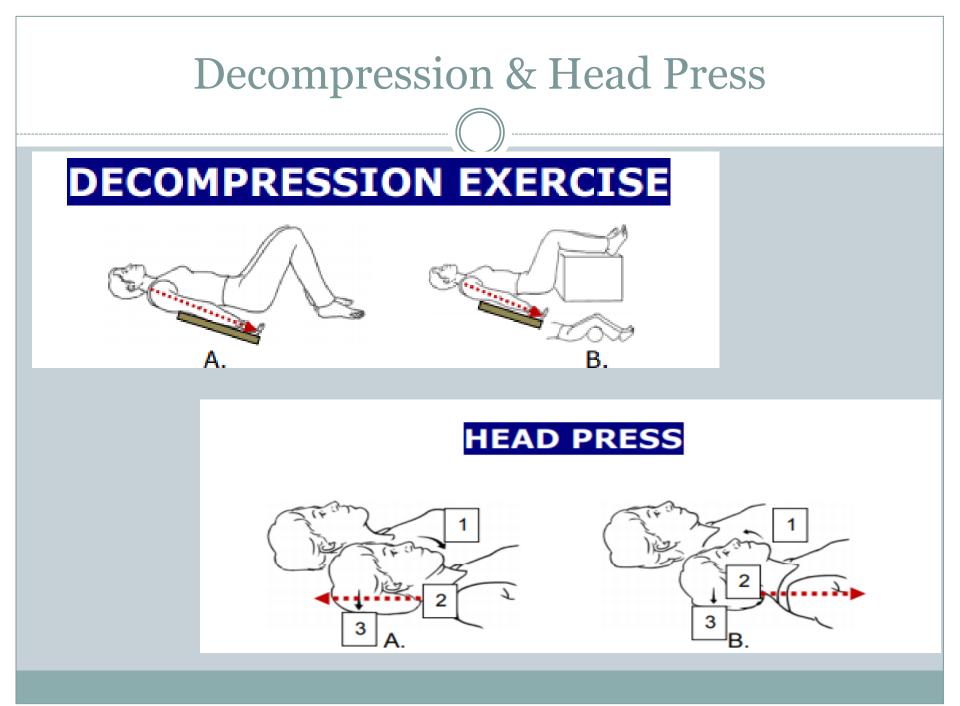
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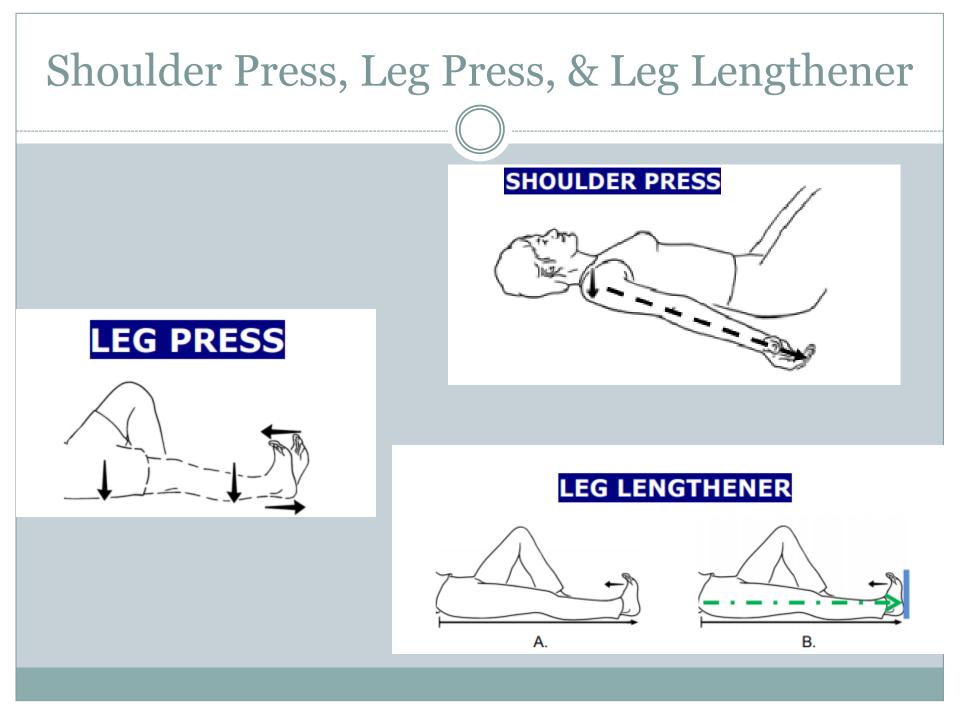
#### Realignment Exercises

- Decompression
- Head Press
- Shoulder Press
- Leg Press
- o Leg Lengthener

#### Body Mechanics and ADL's

- Bending
- Sit-to-stand
- Turning





- Pain 1/10
- Treadmill Warm-Up
- HEP Review
- Prone Exercises
- Standing Hip Abduction/Extension Machine
- Standing T-band Hip Exercise
- Body Mechanic Review with Hip Hinging (stick)

# **Prone Exercises**

- Pain 2/10
- Riding In Car 1 hour
- Standing 1.5 hours
- Treadmill Warm-Up –
  3.2 mph for 20 minutes
- Reviewed Previous Exercises
- \*Initiated referral for Spinomed IV brace\*



- Pain 2/10
- Reviewed Home Program & Activities
- Prone Scapular Exercises





- Pain 1/10
- Wearing Spinomed IV (2 hours a day)
- Cleaned animal stalls
- Excellent body mechanic knowledge



### Treatment #6

- Pain 0/10
- Spinomed and Lumbar Support while riding
- Systematic Progressive Resistance Training Program



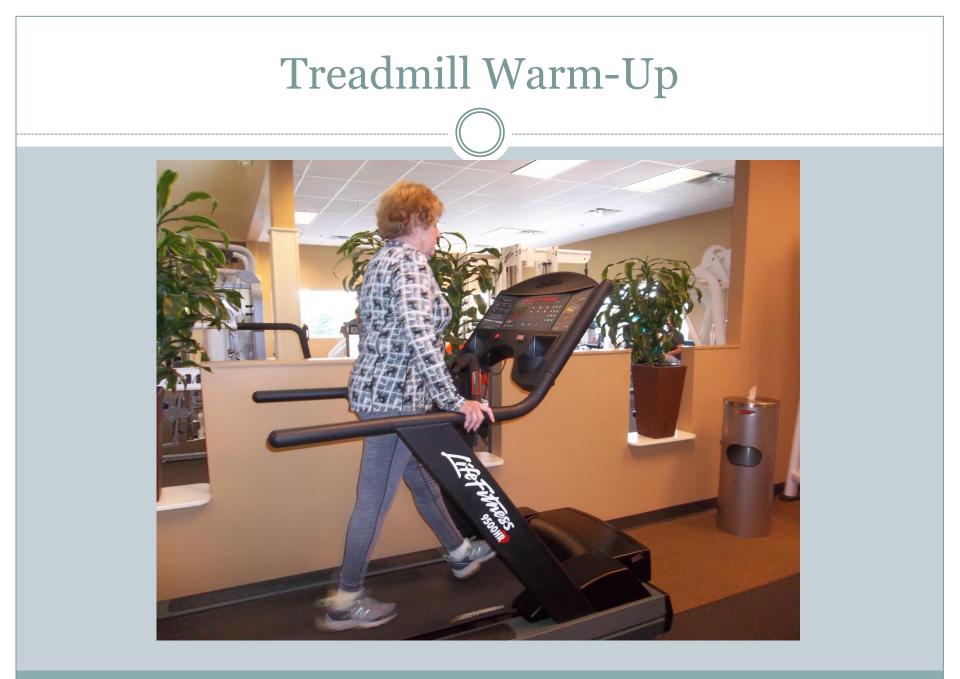
### Bone, Estrogen, Strength Training (BEST)

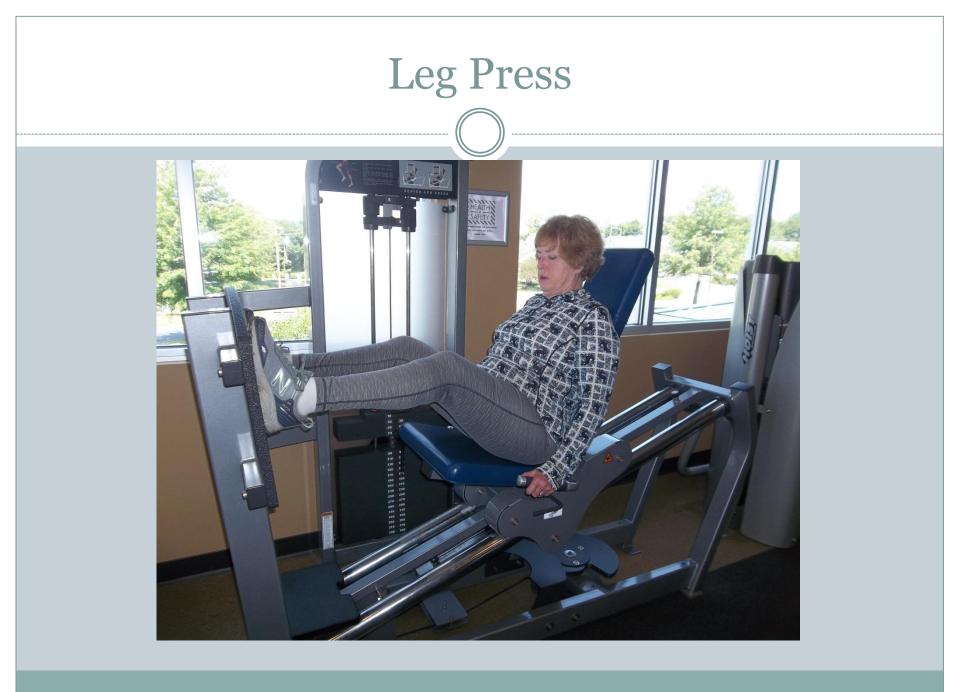
### <u>Components of the 3 times a week yearly</u> <u>community fitness program</u>

- Warm Up (5-10)
- Progressive Weight Bearing (25)
- Resistance Exercises large muscle groups (20)
- Resistance Exercises small muscle groups (10)
- Abdominal Strengthening (5)
- Stretching and Balance (5)

### Paula's Fitness Workout (Overview)

- Treadmill Warm-Up
- Leg Press
- Standing Overhead Press (dumbbells)
- Lat Pull Down
- Seated Rowing
- Progressive Wall Sits

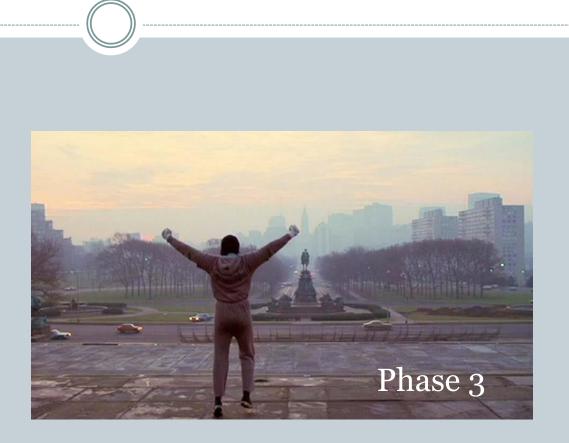


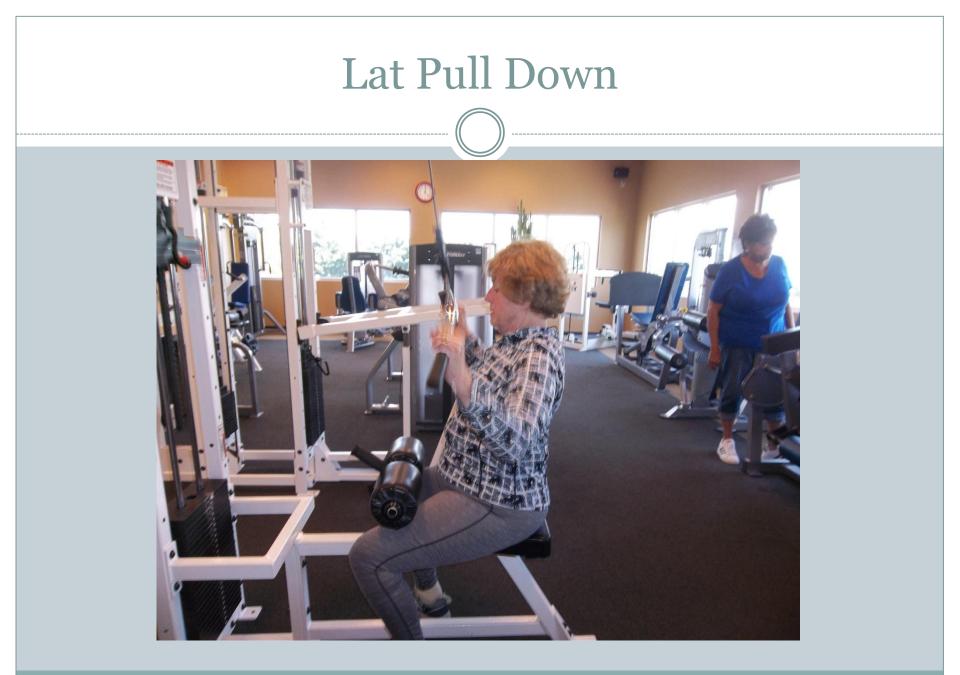


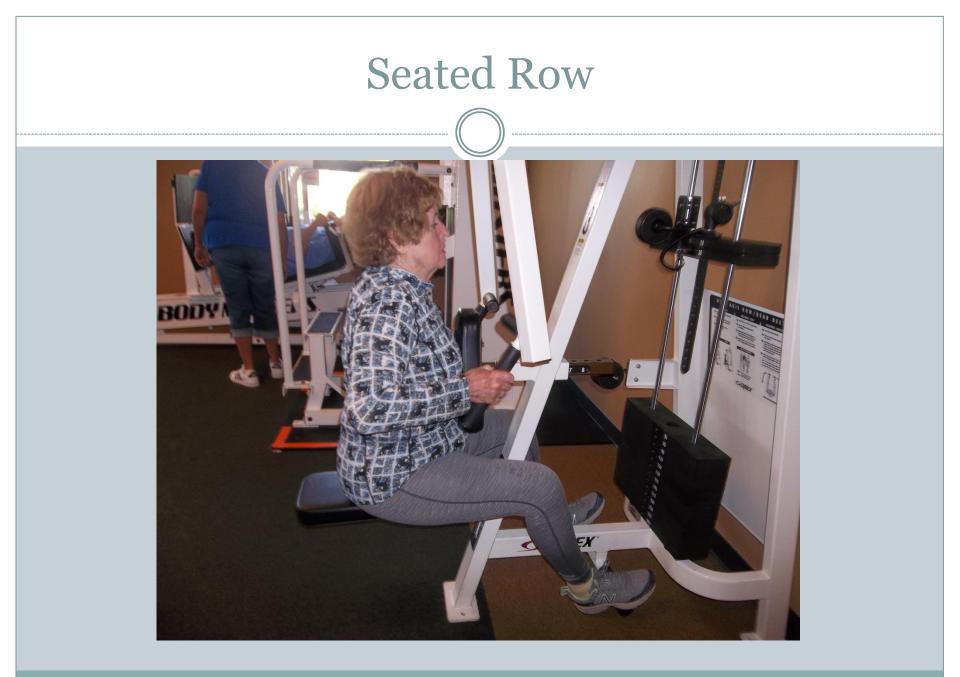
### Standing Overhead Press (Dumbbells)











# **Progressive Wall Sits**





### Treatment #7 (2 Week Follow-Up)

- Pain 2/10
- Now doing dressage 30 minutes every other day
- Stadiometer (1) height is unchanged
- Prone Extension Endurance Test (2) 2 min.
- Loaded Stance Test (3) 2 min. & 3 sec.





### Treatment #8 (One Month Follow-Up)

- Pain 2/10
- FOTO 54/100
- Stadiometer Height Maintained
- Prone Extensor
   Endurance Test 3 minutes
- Loaded Stance 3 minutes







### VALLEY HEALTH REHAB OSTEOPOROSIS COLLABORATIVE

# Healthy Bones – Stand Tall For Life

## **VH Osteoporosis Collaborative**

- March 24 25, 2018 Level 1 Meeks Method comprehensive exercise and movement approach to the treatment of osteoporosis was sponsored by Valley Health.
- Many therapists throughout Valley Health attended this course and became aware of a need to incorporate this valuable training into the services we provide across the system.
- The initial organizational meeting took place on **January 18, 2019**.

# Goals of the VH Osteoporosis

# Collaborative

### (Collaborative Goals)

• To establish an organized and consistent approach to identifying and addressing the needs of Physical and Occupational therapy patients(in-patients, out-patients and home health patients) who suffer from or are at risk for developing osteoporosis/osteopenia no matter what their referring diagnosis may be.

• To offer training to the VH Rehab staff that is easily accessible and offers a way for our therapists to effectively treat the physical effects of osteoporosis without requiring them to take a formalized training course.

### (Collaborative Goals)

• To compile educational materials for: \*patients \*caregivers \*medical professionals \*the community To assist in their understanding of this disease and how to identify, manage and reduce the effects of osteoporosis on functional mobility and quality of life.

# How did we achieve these goals??

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VALLEY HEALTH OSTEOPOROSIS EVALUATION         PATIENT PORTION         Date:       Pt label         Email address:       Pt label         Email address:       Pt label         Bone Fracture History (please check all that apply):       •         •	<ul> <li>4. Are you up on your feet at least 4 hours per day? Y / N</li> <li>5. How many hours per day on average do you spend sitting, reading, watching TV, doing needlework, other seated activity? (circle answer) 1 2 3 4</li> <li>6. Do you have any difficulty with everyday activities such as: Getting in/out of bed, standing up from a chair, dressing, brushing teeth or hair, cooking, taking care of your home? Y / N</li> <li>Explain:</li> <li>7. Is there anything else you would like to add that you think might help in your treatment?</li> <li>VALLEY HEALTH OSTEOPOROSIS EVALUATION</li> <li>THERAPIST PORTION</li> <li>Pt label</li> </ul>			

<b>Treatment Guidelines</b>						
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#### <u>Healthy Bones: Treatment Guidelines</u> for People with Osteopenia, Osteoporosis or Vertebral Compression Fracture

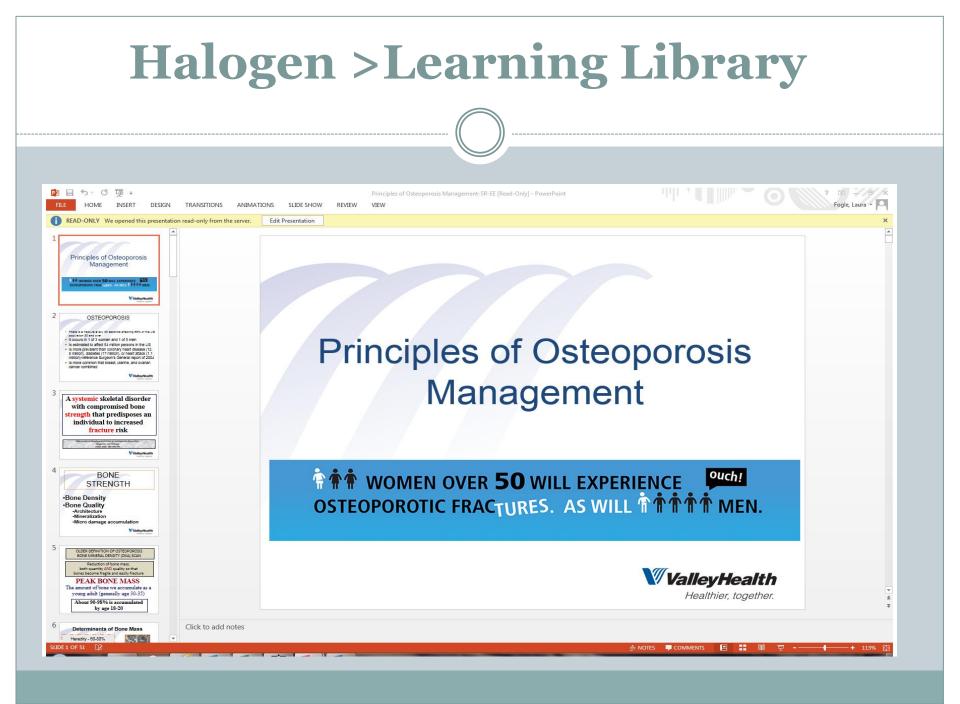
- I. <u>Prevention</u>
  - a. Patient Education
  - b. Positioning
  - c. Body Mechanics
  - d. Postural Correction
  - e. Body Alignment
  - f. Therapeutic Exercise
    - i. Meeks decompression position
    - ii. Core activation
  - g. Balance
  - h. Gait
  - i. Home Exercise Program
  - i. Walking program

#### II. Acute

- a. Pain Relief Modalities
  - i. Hot, cold, ES, FIC, TENS
- b. Positioning
  - Appropriate positioning in bed to include use of pillows for support and to encourage position of spinal decompression, elongation of spine as much as possible
  - ii. No out of bed to chair orders due to increased compressive forces in sitting vs supine, sidelying, and standing
  - iii. Schedule position changes at regular intervals
- c. Body Mechanics
  - i. Logroll technique
  - ii. Sit to stand
- d. Bracing

- i. Advise and train in use of braces that support muscle reeducation (ie, spinomed or osteomed)
- e. Isometric Strengthening
  - i. Initiate 5 realignment exercises (decompression, head press, bilateral shoulder press, leg press, leg lengthener)
- f. Staff Education
  - i. Appropriate positioning
  - ii. Strategies for assisting patient mobility with minimal spinal loading
- g. Dietary Recommendations
  - i. Discuss general guidelines for calcium and Vit D
  - ii. Dietician referral as needed
- III. Subacute & Chronic
  - a. Modalities for pain relief and soft tissue mobility
  - b. Positioning
  - c. Body Mechanics
    - i. Review of proper body mechanics for ADLs, home management,
  - etc
  - d. Bracing
    - i. Spinomed or Osteomed
    - ii. Lumbolock or Lordoloc more rigid bracing for heavier work
    - iii. Use of weighted kypho orthosis (WKO) by TechnoTan company as a tool to strengthen spinal extensors
    - iv. Consider Rock tape to thoracolumbar area (consider skin integrity)
  - e. Postural Correction
  - f. Therapeutic Exercise
    - i. Strengthening
      - 1. Back and scapula per Meeks presentation in SharePoint
      - LE exercises such as QS, GS, standing hip abd/ext, marching, standing heel raises, standing toe raises, wall slides/sits, SL hip abd/ER, standing resisted abd/ext with Tband
      - 3. UE: include rotator cuff

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### **Exercise Programs**

#### (Available in SharePoint under "Healthy Bones")

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#### **Phase I Beginner Osteoporosis Exercises**

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#### 1). Decompression

Position: Lie on back with knees bent, feet flat, arms resting on floor/table, and palms turned upward and out from the side of the body about 35 degrees. Head, neck, and arms supported as needed. Hold 3-10 minutes.



Accomplishes: takes compression off vertebral bodies (spine). Increases tolerance for lying on back. Help relieves back pain.

#### 2). Shoulder Press

Position: start in decompression position. Press shoulders downward towards supporting surface (table/floor). Hold 5-8 seconds. Relax. Repeat 3-5 reps



Accomplishes: Strengthens upper back extensors and scapular retractors.

3). Head Press

Position: Bring cervical spine into neutral position (either tuck chin towards the chest or tilt chin upward). Feel the weight on the back of your head. Press head downward into supporting surface. Hold 5-8 seconds. Relax. Repeat 3-5 reps



Accomplishes: Strengthens neck extensors

#### 4). Leg Press

Position: Straighten one leg down to table/floor surface. Keep leg in alignment with hip. Press entire leg downward (as if making impression of leg in sand). Engage buttock and low back muscles as well as leg. Hold 5-8 seconds. Repeat 3-5 times. Repeat on other leg.



Accomplishes: strengthens gluteus maximus, lower erector spinae, ankle dorsi-flexors

#### 5). Leg lengthener

### (supine exercises)

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#### Meek's Theraband Scapular Stabilization Exercises for Oste-

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#### 1). Side Pull

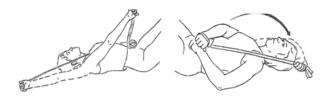
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Position: Grasp band with both hands. Wrap band around your hand, not your fingers or thumb. With your elbow straight, bring arms up to shoulder height (right angle) about shoulder width apart. Keeping your elbows straight, pull band out to the sides bringing hands down towards the floor/bed. The band should be at chest and collarbone level. Hold 3 seconds and slowly return to starting position controlled. Repeat 10 times.



#### 2). Sash

Position: Grasp band with left hand, place left hand on prominent left front hip bone. Bring right hand with thumb pointed down over left hand. With some tension on the band, pull the band up and in a diagonal direction across your chest/upper body. Continue pulling as able and make a straight line between your left hip and right shoulder. The band should cross the sternum. Hold position 3 seconds and then return slowly to starting position. Repeat 10 times and then switch to the right hand holding the band and left hand pulling upward.



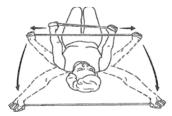
SASH position

Head cradle (alternate position)

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#### 3). The Overhead

Position: Grasp band with both hands around hip level with your elbows straight and palms facing down. Put tension on the band by pulling hands apart outward. Keep elbows straight and with steady tension on the band, bring your arms up and overhead as far as you can. Hold for 3 seconds and then return to start. Repeat 10 times.



#### 4). Arm rotation

Position: With hands turned towards face/palms up. Lay the band across the palms of your hands as if it's a ribbon. Grasp the band and bend elbows to right angle (90 deg) while tucking your elbows in close to your side. If you need

### (prone exercises)

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#### Prone Osteoporosis Exercises -Beginner to Ad-

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Position: Begin lying on your stomach with your head resting on your hands or a towel roll, looking straight down. Can place a pillow under abdomen for support as needed.

Position: Begin lying on your stomach, resting your elbows low to floor or bed. Push up gently on your elbows, causing your upper back to slowly bend upward. Make sure to keep your hips in contact with the floor or bed and maintain a gentle chin tuck throughout exercise. Can use a pillow for support under pelvis region if needed.

Hold 5-10 seconds, repeat 10 times





#### **Prone Pelvic Press**

Hold positon for 3-5 minutes

**Prone lying** 

Position: Begin lying on your stomach with your head resting on your hands or a towel roll, looking straight down. Maintain this position and gently press front part of pelvis down into bed or pillow. Make sure to continue breathing during contraction as well as to not fire buttock muscles solely.

Hold 5-10 seconds, repeat 10 times



#### Prone press up on elbows

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#### **Prone Press up**

Position: Begin lying on your stomach, with your hands placed by your shoulders resting flat on bed or floor. Make sure they are shoulder width apart as well. Gently push against bed/floor with hands bending your back upward. Keep your hips in contact with the floor/bed and maintain a gentle chin tuck. Breathe in as you go up and out before you go down gently sagging your stomach into bed/floor. Can use a pillow for support under pelvis region if needed.

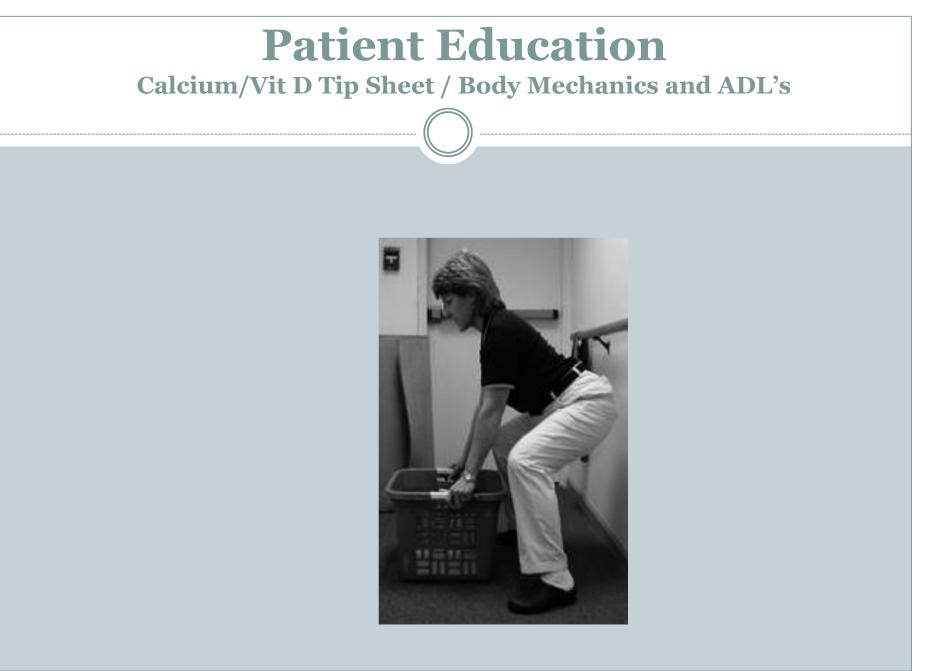
Hold 3-5 seconds, slowly return down. Repeat 10 times



**Prone Knee flexion** 

### (advanced exercises)

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	Single leg wall slide with stability ball	Tandem		
	Angels in Snow	Romberg		
	Wall push up			
	Lift Aways (facing wall, keep arms straight overhead and lift away from wall)	Foam roller exercises		
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	Modified Plank			
	Hip flexor stretch in standing			
	Gastroc stretch in standing			
	Sit to stand in 30 seconds			
	Walking			
	Walk 15 steps, 13 steps, 11 steps			
	Side step			
	Backwards walk			
	Cone tap/cone hip circle			



# Where we are now????

 Ongoing staff training/skills labs in process for clinicians in VH entities

 Needed tools to perform pt evaluations and treatments have been added to the Rehab clinics

### Rack Card/Information Brochure in Process



#### Healthy Bones

Stand Tall for Life — A Program for Osteoporosis Management and Prevention

Healthy Bones is a program designed to reverse the patterns of postural change and restore normal body alignment through education and exercise. Benefits include:

- · Improved posture, balance & gait
- Increased bone & muscular strength
- Minimized fracture risk
- Enhanced body image
- Safer return to regular exercise

Participants will receive an evaluation by a Physical or Occupational Therapist and a customized program which may include:

- Pain relief measures
- · Muscular stretching & strengthening



# Meeks II Course

# Hopefully coming in 2020!

### Thanks For Listening, Are There Any Questions?

