

## PROGETTO ALIMENTAZIONE E VITAMINA D

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# Utilità del dosaggio del 25OHD



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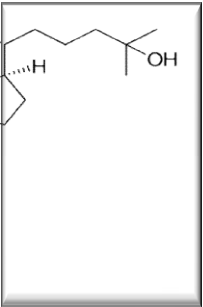
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# OUTLINE

- **Assessment of vitamin D status and related limitations**
- **Measurement of 25OH vitamin D levels**
  - Patient Settings:
    - *General population*
    - *Institutionalized patients*
    - *Before Antiresorptive/Osteoanabolic treatment*
- ❖ SIOMMMS Guidelines
- ❖ Indications from Nota 96

# DETERMINATION OF VITAMIN D STATUS

## Serum 1,25(OH)<sub>2</sub>D

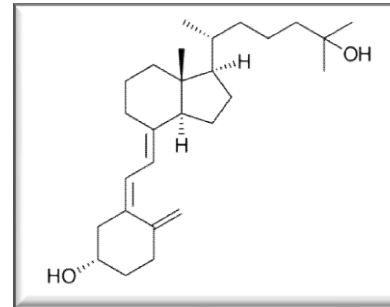


- tightly regulated by PTH
- *Normal level may be maintained even in the setting of hypocalcemia*
- *Short Half-Life (4-6 hours)*

Measurement of 1,25(OH)<sub>2</sub>D may be useful in **diagnosis of acquired and inherited disorders in the regulation of 25(OH)D and phosphate**, including:

chronic kidney disease  
 hereditary phosphate-losing disorders  
 idiopathic hypoparathyroidism  
 pseudovitamin D-deficiency rickets  
 vitamin D-resistant rickets  
 chronic granuloma forming  
 (e.g., sarcoidosis and some lymphomas)

## Serum 25(OH) D



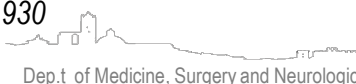
- *Long Half-Life (2-3 weeks)*

➤ Serum concentration of **25(OH)D**, the main circulating metabolite of vitamin D, has been accepted since 1997 by the Panel on Calcium and Related Nutrients of the Food and Nutrition Board (IOM–NAS) as the correct functional indicator of vitamin D status

IOM=Institute of Medicine; NAS=National Academy of Sciences

Adapted from Lips P. In: *Advances in Nutritional Research*, Vol 9. New York: Plenum Press, 1994:151–165; Webb AR et al 1990;51:1075–1081; Lips P *Endocr Rev* 2001;22:477–501; Boonen S et al *Osteoporos Int* 2004;15:511–519; *Dietary Reference Intakes for Calcium, Phosphorus, Magnesium, Vitamin D, and Fluoride*. Washington, DC: Institute of Medicine, National Academy Press, 2005.

Holick MF et al. *Evaluation, Treatment, and Prevention of Vitamin D Deficiency: an Endocrine Society Clinical Practice Guideline* *J Clin Endocrinol Metab* 2011;96(7):1911–1930



25(OH)D (ng/mL)	25(OH)D (nmol/L)	
<20	<50	Deficiency
20-30	50-75	Insufficiency
30-100	75-250	Sufficiency
>100	>250	Excess
>150	>375	Toxicity

#### Reference Intakes for Calcium and Vitamin D

November 30, 2010



Individuals were at risk of **vitamin D deficiency** when their serum 25(OH)D levels were less than **12 ng/mL (30 nmol/L)**.

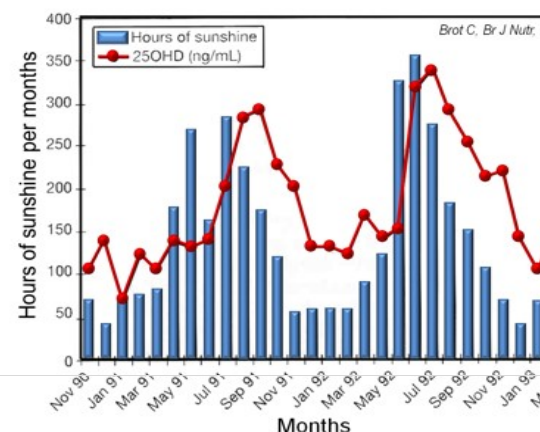
Not all—but not all—individuals were at risk of **vitamin D deficiency** when their serum 25(OH)D levels were **between 12 and 20 ng/mL (30–50 nmol/L)**.

Ultimately all individuals were **vitamin D replete** when their 25(OH)D levels were **20 ng/mL or greater (50 nmol/L)**.

Dietary reference intakes for calcium and vitamin D. In: Washington, DC: The National Academies Press 2011

## Challenges and limitations of measuring 25OHD and establishing a threshold for Vitamin D sufficiency

- Variations in calcium Intake
- Duration of 25OHD depletion
- Racial and Ethnic differences
- Seasonal variation in 25OHD levels
- Differences in 25OHD Assays (*substantial variability*)
- Differences in Study Design (*cross-sectional, statistical approach*)



- **GOLD STANDARD TECHNIQUE:** Liquid Chromatography Tandem Mass Spectrometry
- **DEQAS** (Vitamin D External Quality Assessment Scheme)
- **VDSP** (Vitamin D Standardization Program)

# MEASUREMENT OF VITAMIN D LEVELS

Should the biochemical assessment of serum 25(OH)D levels be done in the **general population?**

Should the biochemical assessment of serum 25(OH)D levels be done in the **population at risk of hypovitaminosis D?**

Is baseline serum 25(OH)D testing necessary in subjects candidates for **pharmacological treatment for osteoporosis?**

# g requests for vitamin D measurement: costly, g, and without credibility

Why important for vitamin D?	Examples
Many risk factors are related to both low 25OHD and poor health outcomes; statistical models might be incomplete if such factors are not measured, or measured imprecisely	Little physical activity (outdoor activity often related to sunlight exposure); low socioeconomic status; obesity; smoking; season
Sunlight exposure is a major determinant of circulating 25OHD concentrations; pain or illness can limit sunlight exposure through inactivity, and thus disease could cause inadequacy rather than the reverse	Clinical diagnosis of many disorders (eg, multiple sclerosis) can be preceded by a period of preclinical disease when little time is spent outdoors; acute inflammation can drive down circulating 25OHD concentrations so that in acute illnesses or many hospitalised patients, low measurements are secondary to an acute-phase response
Null or negative findings are less likely to be published, especially when overwhelming perception is of a positive association; thus, investigators are less likely to pursue publication or persist after manuscript rejection than if results were positive; null findings that are published are not frequently cited and result in little media interest, and therefore perception of the weight of evidence can be heavily skewed	Marniemi and colleagues' 2005 report <sup>8</sup> of no association of 25OHD with 130 cases of myocardial infarction in elderly people has been cited 33* times in Web of Science; by contrast, Wang and co-workers' 2008 article <sup>9</sup> reporting 25OHD inadequacy associated with 120 cases of cardiovascular disease in Framingham offspring has been cited 409* times

m 25-hydroxyvitamin D. \*As of Nov 28, 2011.

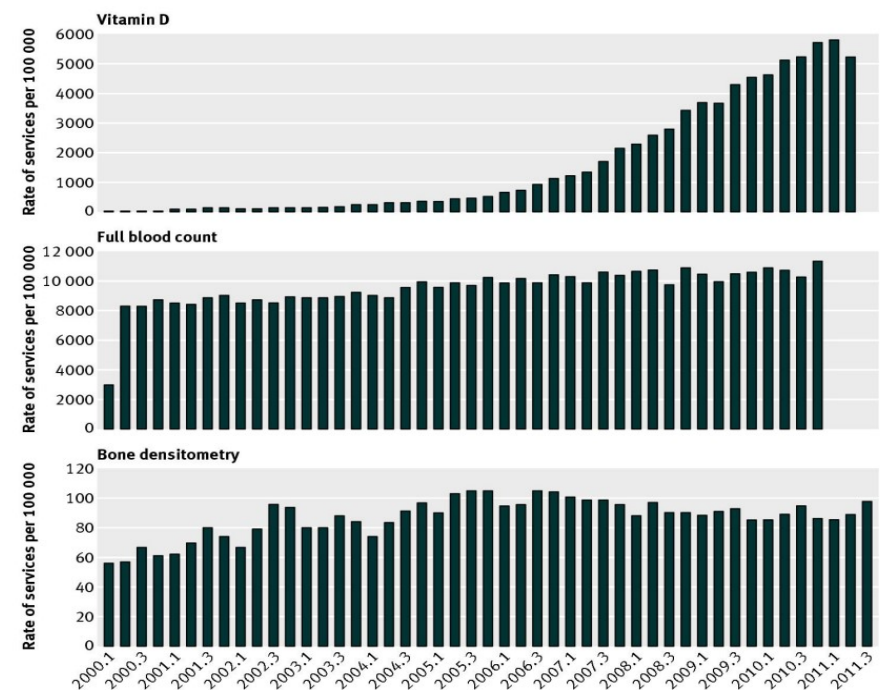
tial limitations in making causal inferences from observational epidemiology for vitamin D

Sattar N, Welsh P, Panarelli M, Forouhi NG. *Lancet* 2012;379:95–6

## PREVENTING OVERDIAGNOSIS

# The rise and rise of vitamin D testing

Similar concerns exist for overdiagnosis and overtreatment of vitamin D deficiency.<sup>2,3</sup> Currently, the appropriate timing and frequency of testing for the diagnosis of vitamin D deficiency is unclear. The cost of testing in Australia increased from \$A1m (£0.66m; €0.83m; \$1m) in 2000 to \$95.6m in 2010, on average 59% each year.<sup>2</sup> Similarly, in Ontario, Canada, testing increased 25-fold from 2004 to 2010. Projections suggest that \$C150m (£95m; €120m; \$147m) will be spent on vitamin D testing in 2012, up from \$38m in 2009.<sup>4</sup> Similarly, the UK has seen a sixfold increase in such tests between 2007 and 2010.<sup>5</sup>

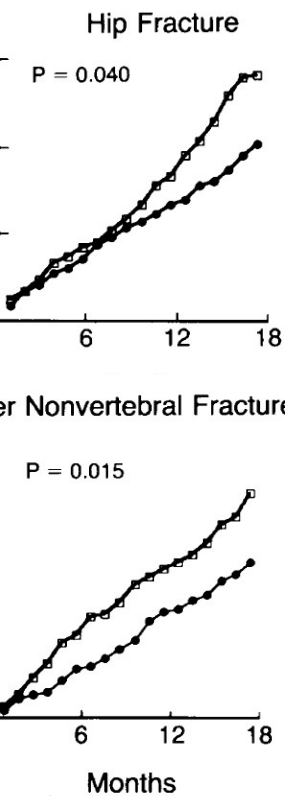


Requests per 100 000 for vitamin D, full blood count, and bone densitometry between 2000 and 2011.3

# Effects of vitamin D supplementation on musculoskeletal health: a systematic review, meta-analysis, and trial sequential analysis

Mark J Bolland, Andrew Grey, Alison Avenell

## VITAMIN D<sub>3</sub> AND CALCIUM TO PREVENT FRACTURES IN ELDERLY WOMEN

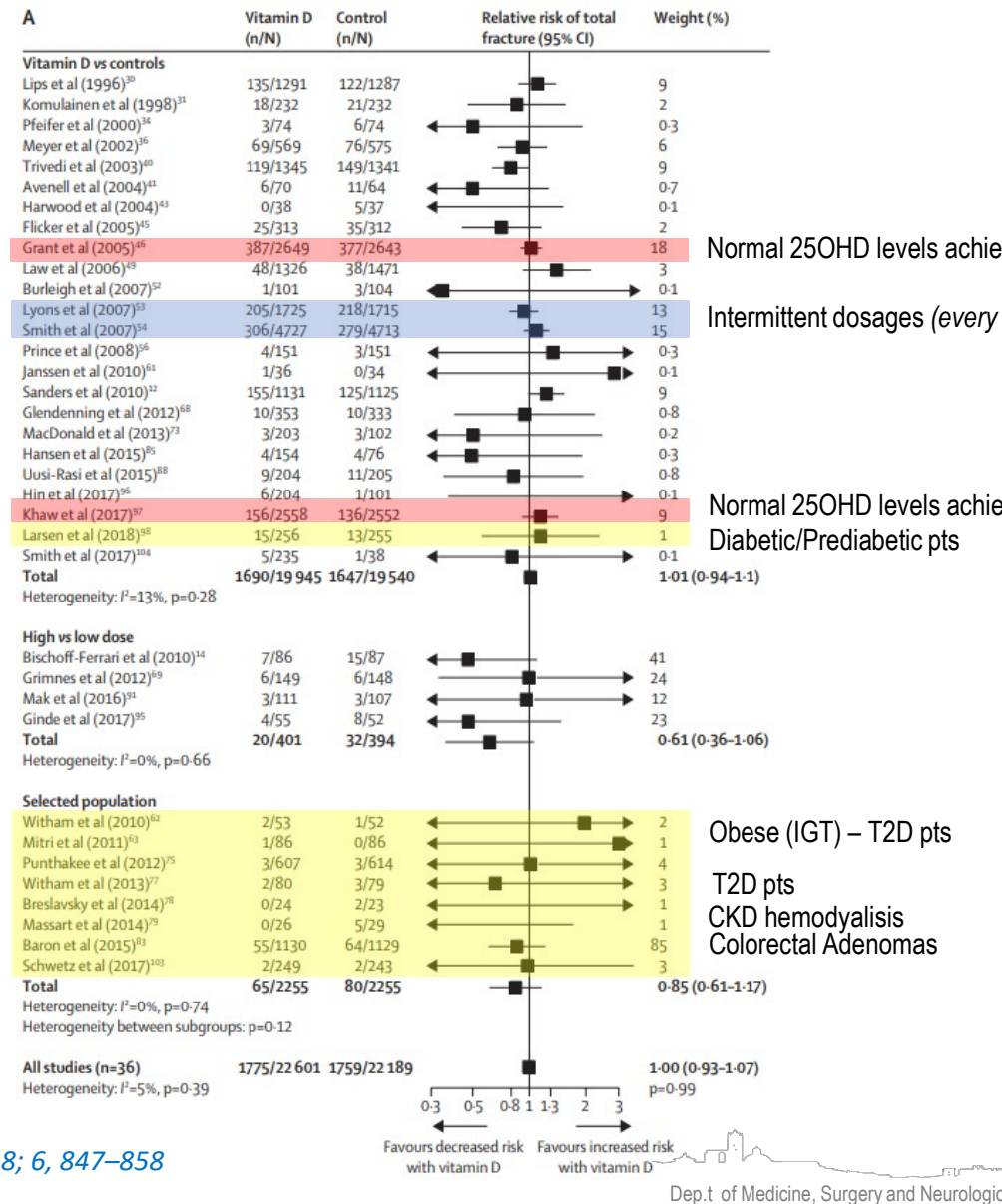


et al.  
1992;327:1637-42

All trials (n=81)	
Population unselected for underlying illness	61 (75%)
Treatment studied	
Vitamin D vs controls	39 (48%)
Vitamin D with agent vs agent	26 (32%)
Calcium	20 (25%)
Exercise	2 (2%)
Calcium and exercise	1 (1%)
Other	3 (4%)
High-dose vs low-dose vitamin D	16 (20%)
Vitamin D dose >800 IU per day	55 (68%)
Frequency of vitamin D dose	
Daily	44 (54%)
Intermittent	36 (44%)
Mixed	1 (1%)
Trial duration ≤1 year	55 (68%)
>200 participants	39 (48%)
Community-dwelling participants	69 (85%)
Majority of participants female	62 (77%)
Baseline mean age <65 years	33 (41%)
Baseline mean BMI <30 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	58 (72%)
Baseline 25-hydroxyvitamin D concentration	
<25 nmol/L	4/72 (6%)
<50 nmol/L	41/72 (57%)
<75 nmol/L	71/72 (99%)
Achieved 25-hydroxyvitamin D concentration	
≥50 nmol/L	69/76 (91%)
≥75 nmol/L	44/76 (58%)
Outcome data	
Fracture	42 (52%)
Falls	37 (46%)
Bone mineral density	41 (51%)

Data are n (%) or n/N (%), since some characteristics were not reported in all trials. See appendix (pp 4-9) for full details of trial characteristics.

Bolland MJ et al. *Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol* 2018; 6, 847-858



# Falls, fractures and vitamin D: a never-ending story?

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Vitamin D is important for skeletal metabolism and calcium homeostasis, but conflicting evidence exists as to whether vitamin D supplementation has a protective effect on musculoskeletal outcomes. Do the results of a new meta-analysis bring clarity or increase confusion?

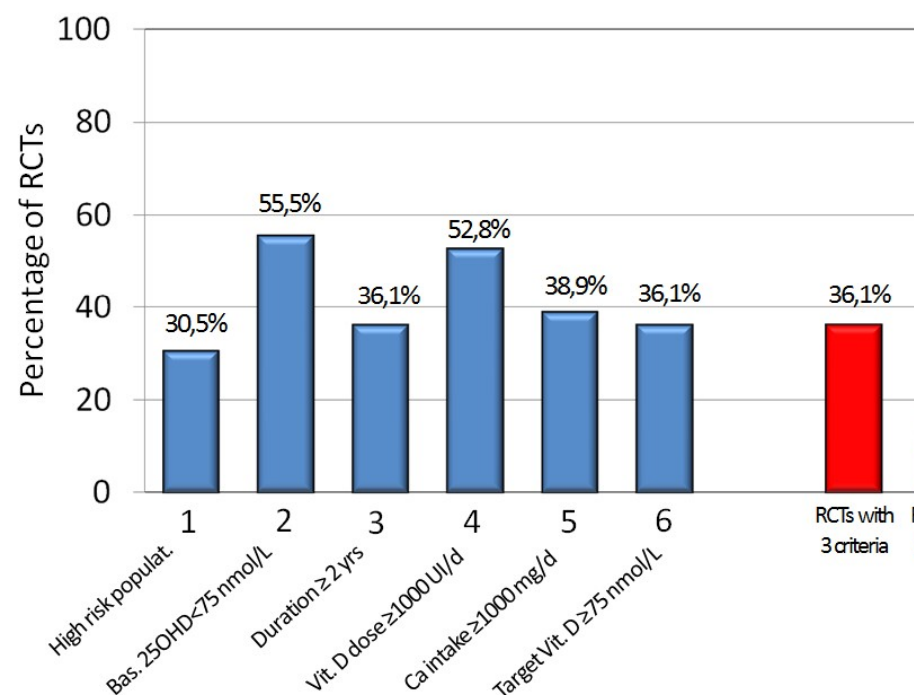
Refers to Bolland, M. J. et al. Effects of vitamin D supplementation on musculoskeletal health: a systematic review, meta-analyses, and trial-sequential analyses. *Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol.* 6, 847–858 (2018).

## Box 1 | Proposed recommendations for vitamin D trials on musculoskeletal outcomes

The usefulness of data from trials of vitamin D supplementation for musculoskeletal outcomes could be improved by adhering to the following proposed recommendations:

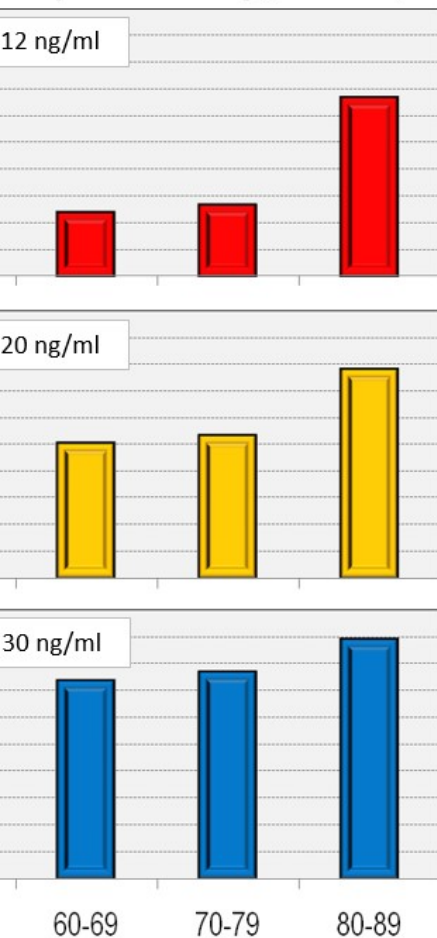
- the inclusion of patients from high-risk populations (such as patients who have become institutionalized or individuals with a bone mineral density (BMD) within the osteopenic range);
- the inclusion of patients with a baseline 25-hydroxyvitamin D (25(OH)D) concentration of <75 nmol/L;
- the use of cholecalciferol doses equivalent to  $\geq 1,000$  IU per day (either daily or monthly regimens<sup>a</sup>);
- the use of calcium supplements for individuals with a calcium intake  $\leq 1,000$  mg per day;
- a target 25(OH)D concentration of  $\geq 75$  nmol/L for the duration of the study;
- a study duration of  $\geq 2$  years for the evaluation of BMD and fractures;
- the registration of all major comorbidities.

<sup>a</sup>Depending on the baseline 25(OH)D concentration, consider using a cumulative high dose to rapidly achieve a healthy vitamin D status ( $\geq 75$  nmol/L) during the entry phase of the study.

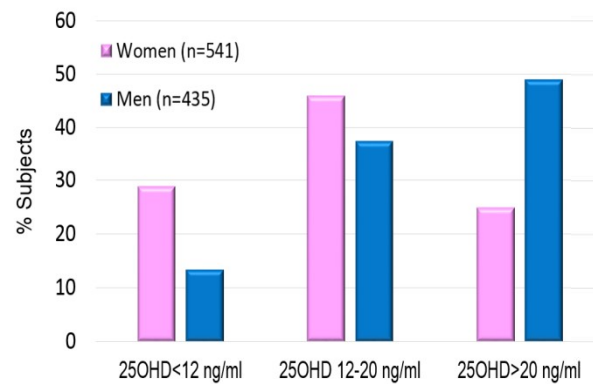


# 1. Should serum 25OHD assessment be done in the general population?

**Osteoporosis Study (2004-2009)**



**The InCHIANTI Study ( $n=976$ ;  $>65$  yrs)**



64.2% < 20 ng/ml

➤ as recently outlined by an updated report and systematic review for the US Preventive Services Task Force, the study published to date evaluated the efficacy and safety of vitamin D supplementation according to a randomization performed on screening versus non-screening for vitamin D deficiency

# Screening for Vitamin D Deficiency in Adults

## US Preventive Services Task Force Recommendation Statement

Vitamin D is a fat-soluble vitamin that performs an important role in calcium bone metabolism and also affects many other cellular regulatory functions of the immune system. Vitamin D requirements may vary by individual; thus, no one level cutpoint defines deficiency, and no consensus exists regarding the levels of vitamin D that represent optimal health or sufficiency.

At its 2014 recommendation, the US Preventive Services Task Force commissioned a systematic review on screening for vitamin D deficiency, including the benefits and harms of screening and early treatment.

For asymptomatic, community-dwelling, nonpregnant adults who have no signs or symptoms of deficiency or conditions for which vitamin D treatment is recommended.

**Recommendation:** The USPSTF concludes that the overall evidence on the benefits of screening for vitamin D deficiency is lacking. Therefore, the balance of benefits and harms of screening for vitamin D deficiency in asymptomatic adults cannot be determined.

**Conclusion:** The USPSTF concludes that the current evidence is insufficient to assess the benefits and harms of screening for vitamin D deficiency in asymptomatic adults.

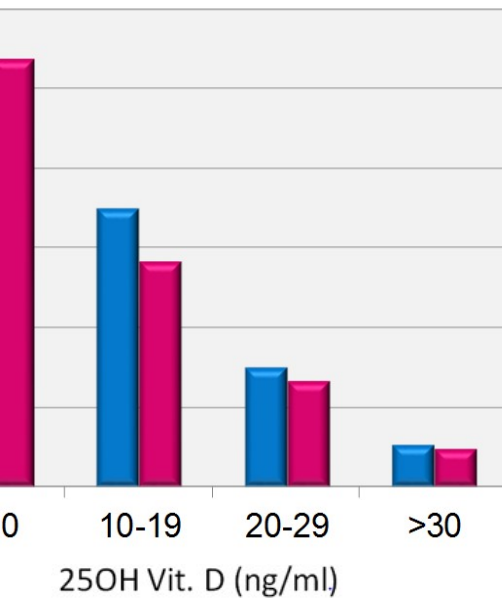
436-1442. doi:10.1001/jama.2021.3069

Figure. Clinician Summary: Screening for Vitamin D Deficiency in Adults

What does the USPSTF recommend?	For asymptomatic, community-dwelling, nonpregnant adults: The USPSTF found that the evidence is insufficient to assess the balance of benefits and harms of screening for vitamin D deficiency. More research is needed. <u>I statement</u>
To whom does this recommendation apply?	Community-dwelling, nonpregnant adults who have no signs or symptoms of vitamin D deficiency or conditions for which vitamin D treatment is recommended. It does not apply to persons who are hospitalized or living in institutions such as nursing homes.
What's new?	This recommendation is consistent with the 2014 USPSTF statement.
How to implement this recommendation?	There is insufficient evidence to recommend for or against screening for vitamin D deficiency.
Where to read the full recommendation statement?	Visit the USPSTF website ( <a href="https://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org">https://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org</a> ) to read the full recommendation statement. This includes more details on the rationale of the recommendation, including benefits and harms; supporting evidence; and recommendations of others.

The USPSTF recognizes that clinical decisions involve more considerations than evidence alone. Clinicians should understand the evidence but make their own decision-making to the specific patient or situation.

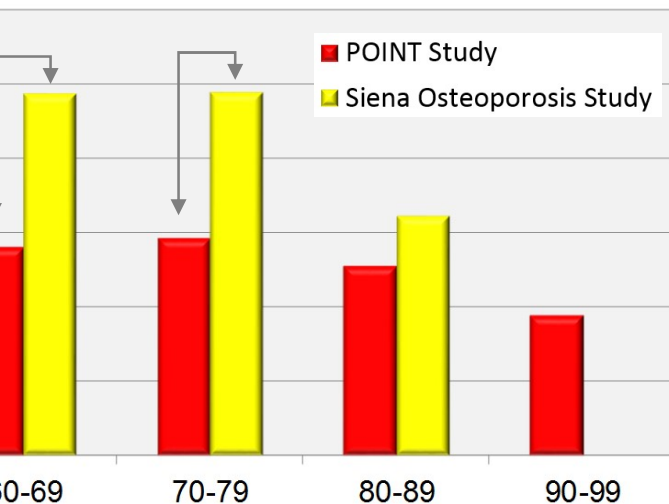
# Should serum 25OHD assessment be done in the population at risk of hypovitaminosis



## POINT Study

<20 ng/ml

- Males 79.8% (88.7% in winter)
- Females 81.9% (87.3% in winter)



## Populations/conditions at risk of hypovitaminosis

- **Old people** ( $\geq 75$  yrs)
- **Institutionalized pts** or conditions associated with inadequate solar exposure
- **Obesity**
- **Pregnancy** and breastfeeding
- **Metabolic bone diseases** and other skeletal disorders
- Vegan diet
- Nervous anorexia
- **Chronic renal failure**
- Cancer (in particular breast, prostate, and colon)
- **Type 2 diabetes mellitus**
- **Intestinal malabsorption** and bariatric surgery
- **Drugs** that interfere with the absorption or hepatic metabolism of vitamin D (antiepileptics, glucocorticoids, antiviral AIDS, antifungal agents, cholestyramine)
- Cystic fibrosis

Should serum 25OHD assessment be done in the population at risk of hypovitaminosis D?

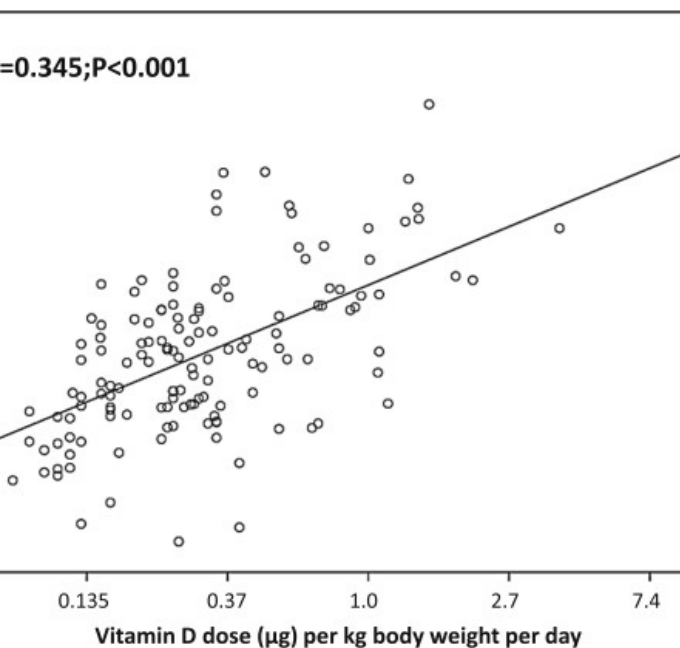
- A. *Is there any direct evidence that basal 25(OH)D levels represent an essential parameter for prescribing vitamin D supplementation?*
- B. *In a population at risk of hypovitaminosis D is there evidence that the a basal 25(OH)D measurement may contribute in preventing potential toxicity?*
- C. *In a population at risk of hypovitaminosis D, is baseline 25(OH)D measurement cost-effective?*

uld serum 25OHD assessment be done in the population at risk of hypovitaminosis D

- Theoretically, the **goal of 25(OH)D testing** should be to facilitate the normalization of 25(OH)D levels, with potential skeletal, muscular or extra-skeletal benefits.
- Although the majority guidelines consider the measurement of serum 25(OH)D levels as highly recommendable, at least in subjects defined at risk of hypovitaminosis D, **there is no direct evidence supporting a clear advantage** in performing an assessment of the basal vitamin D status

# Vitamin D supplementation, body weight and human serum 25-hydroxyvitamin D response: a systematic review

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Gummert · Jochen Börgermann



**Table 2** Determinants of change in circulating 25-hydroxyvitamin D (in nmol/l) in 144 cohorts on vitamin D

Variables	Regression coefficient	95 % confidence interval		P value
		Lower bound	Upper bound	
Intercept	49.4	42.5	56.2	<0.001
Ln dose in µg/kg body weight/day	16.03	13.3	18.8	<0.001
Age (years)	0.22	0.12	0.31	<0.001
Type of supplement				
D <sub>2</sub>	−20.19	−26.4	−14.0	<0.001
D <sub>3</sub>	Ref.			
Calcium supplements				
No	Ref.			0.007
Yes	−6.34	−10.9	−1.75	
Baseline 25OHD (per nmol/l)	−0.13	−0.23	−0.03	0.012

Variables included in analysis: age, ethnicity, diseases, Ln vitamin D dose, frequency and duration of intake, type of vitamin D supplement, method of 25OHD measurement, baseline 25OHD level, co-administration of calcium supplement or other nutrients and vitamin D producer

**Table 3** Calculated daily vitamin D<sub>3</sub> dose for achieving target 25-hydroxyvitamin D levels in D-deficient individuals a target 25-hydroxyvitamin D level of 50 nmol/l and 75 nmol/l, respectively

	30-year-old person	70-year-old person
Baseline 25OHD level 25 nmol/l; target 25OHD level 50 nmol/l		
50 kg body weight	9 µg (360 IU)	5 µg (200 IU)
75 kg body weight	13.5 µg (540 IU)	7.5 µg (300 IU)
100 kg body weight	18 µg (720 IU)	10 µg (400 IU)
Baseline 25OHD level 25 nmol/l; target 25OHD level 75 nmol/l		
50 kg body weight	42 µg (1,680 IU)	24 µg (960 IU)
75 kg body weight	63 µg (2,520 IU)	36.5 µg (1,460 IU)
100 kg body weight	84 µg (3,360 IU)	49 µg (1,960 IU)

IU international unit

# Serum 25(OH)D response to vitamin D<sub>3</sub> supplementation: A meta-regression analysis

analysis for DM from baseline of serum 25(OH)D

	DM	95% CI	P-value
D dose (IU/d)			
	32.5	28.1–37	<0.001
	39.3	42.4–57.4	
	34.2	32.6–43.2	
n (mo)			
	25.6	18.1–33.1	<0.001
	41.7	33.8–49.5	
	39.5	36.5–52.5	
e serum 25(OH)D (nmol/L)			
nmol/L	39.6	34.0–45.2	<0.001
nmol/L	30.8	25.6–36	
	28.4	23.6–33.2	<0.001
	35.5	28.1–51	
	40.5	32–49	

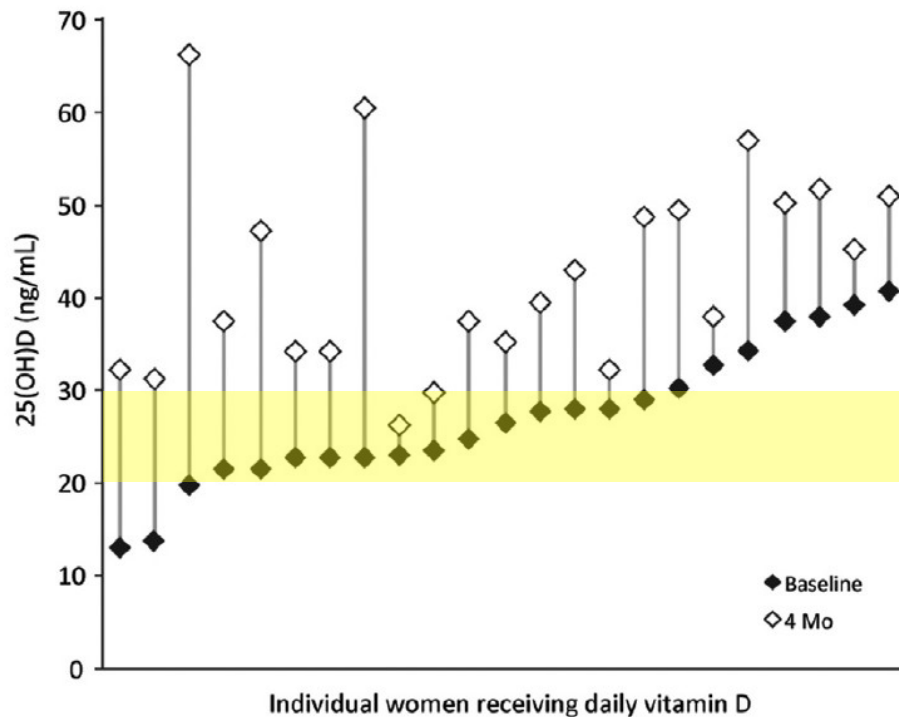
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Summary of meta-regression analysis between PMD and dose, duration  
25(OH)D and age

	Slope	(95% CI)
Dose (IU/d)	0.006	0.005–0.007
Duration (mo)	0.21	0.14–0.27
Baseline 25(OH)D (nmol/L)	–0.19	–0.21 to –0.18
Age (y)	0.42	0.40–0.46

# Variable response to vitamin D supplementation

*(Increases in 25OHD following 2300 IU vitamin D daily for 4 months)*

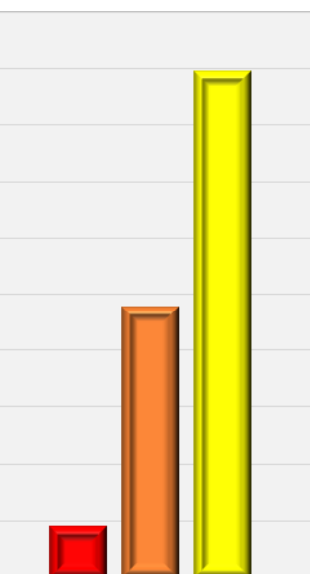


*Is repeating 25OHD measurement at 4-6 months after starting vitamin D supplementation a reasonable approach?*

➤ Some patients experience little or no increase in serum 25OHD even following what is generally considered a high dose vitamin D-supplementation.

# Preoperative severe vitamin D deficiency is a significant independent risk factor for poorer functional outcome and quality of life after surgery for hip fractures

N= 664 pts  
Age (77±9 yrs)



25OHD

<10 ng/ml

<20 ng/ml

<30 ng/ml

Variable		6 months			Baseline		
		Mean	Std. deviation	One-way ANOVA p-value	Mean	Std. deviation	One-way ANOVA <i>p</i> -value
Parker Mobility Score	Normal	4.15	2.841	.003	6.26	2.842	.002
	Insufficiency	4.63	2.650		6.67	2.555	
	Deficient	4.50	2.583		6.47	2.609	
	Severe deficiency	3.17	2.307		5.27	2.510	
	Total	4.41	2.642		6.42	2.625	
Harris Hip Score	Normal	72.96	17.155	.181	Not available		
	Insufficiency	75.70	14.394				
	Deficient	76.01	14.734				
	Severe deficiency	71.59	14.616				
	Total	75.19	14.881				
SF36 PF	Normal	35.63	33.040	.047	51.23	30.370	.014
	Insufficiency	35.95	29.214		54.48	30.731	
	Deficient	35.67	28.362		52.76	30.378	
	Severe deficiency	23.73	27.474		40.33	32.402	
	Total	34.79	29.289		52.20	30.888	

Regression estimate (95% confidence interval) p-value

	Parker Mobility Score	SF36 Physical Functioning
Preoperative serum total 25-hydroxyvitamin D (severe vitamin D deficiency as reference)		
Normal vitamin D	1.05 (0.16 to 1.94)	12.85 (2.72 to 22.97)
Vitamin D insufficiency	1.25 (0.52 to 1.98)	10.07 (1.78 to 18.35)
Vitamin D mild deficiency	1.15 (0.42 to 1.89)	10.23 (-1.90 to 18.56)
Age	-0.10 (-0.12 to -0.08)	-1.06 (-1.30 to -0.83)

### 3. Is baseline 25OHD assessment necessary in patients candidates for pharmacological treatment for osteoporosis ?

Indeed, the **verification of the achievement of "optimal" 25(OH)D levels** before the start of anti-fracture therapy, where standard doses are used, **might have some benefit for the effectiveness of the therapy itself and eventually prevent possible complications** (i.e. hypocalcemia and, in case of intravenous regimens of bisphosphonates acute phase reaction).

However, the cost-effectiveness of this approach remains to be demonstrated. Similar indications can be drawn in case of bone antiresorptive or anabolic treatment for other skeletal diseases.

# The 25(OH)D level needed to maintain a favorable bisphosphonate response is $\geq 33$ ng/ml

of non-response to bisphosphonate therapy was the EUROFORS study, which identified patients for therapy after “failing” anti-resorptive agents (mean duration of bisphosphonate treatment was 36 months). Non-response included any of the following:

1. T-score  $\leq -3.0$  at the lumbar spine, femoral neck, total hip, or trochanter despite  $>24$  months of bisphosphonate therapy

2. A decrease of  $>3.0\%$  in BMD at the lumbar spine, bilateral hip, total hip, or trochanter between the baseline and follow-up DEXA scans

3. A low-trauma fracture despite  $>12$  months of bisphosphonate therapy

**Table 3** Predictive performance for response of various vitamin D cut points

	<i>N</i> (Ref/Exp) <sup>a</sup>	Odds ratio	95% CI	<i>P</i> value
<i>Unadjusted models</i>				
25(OH)D (ng/ml)				
$\geq 20$	26/184	1.81	0.77–4.27	0.18
$\geq 30$	66/144	5.35	2.72–10.53	$<0.0001$
$\geq 33$	85/125	5.06	2.74–9.32	$<0.0001$
$\geq 40$	134/76	3.65	2.02–6.62	$<0.0001$
<i>Adjusted models<sup>b</sup></i>				
25(OH)D (ng/ml)				
$\geq 20$	26/184	1.001	0.35–2.83	0.999
$\geq 30$	66/144	4.45	1.98–9.99	0.0003
$\geq 33$	85/125	4.53	2.17–9.48	$<0.0001$
$\geq 40$	134/76	4.32	1.96–9.52	0.003

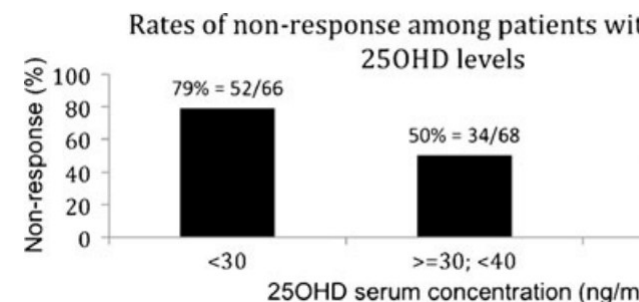
*P* values in reference to OR=1

CI confidence interval

<sup>a</sup> The 25 (OH)D levels were selected based on their frequent use as clinically relevant cut points.

Comparisons were made as follows:  $<20$  vs.  $\geq 20$ ,  $<30$  vs.  $\geq 30$ ,  $<33$  vs.  $\geq 33$ , and  $<40$  vs.  $\geq 40$ . Thus, each level of 25(OH)D uses all the subjects with lower values (reference [ref]) vs. those at and above the cutoff value (experimental [exp])

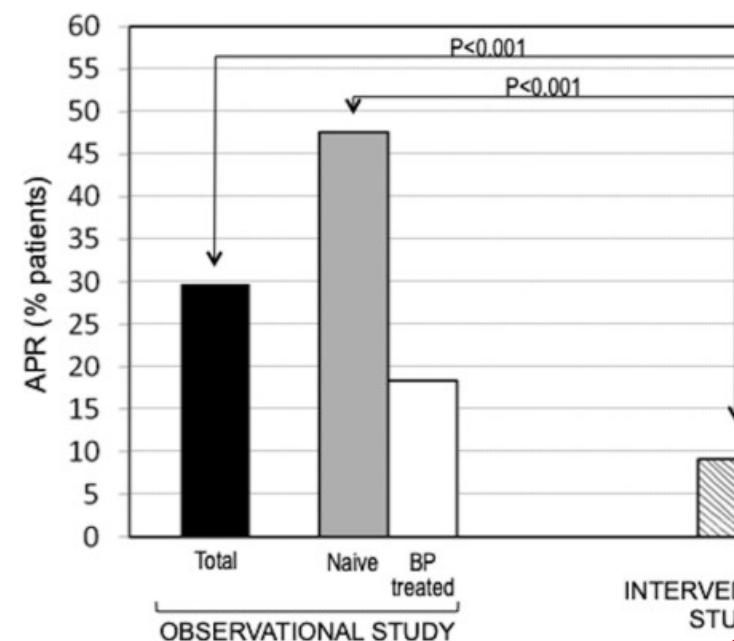
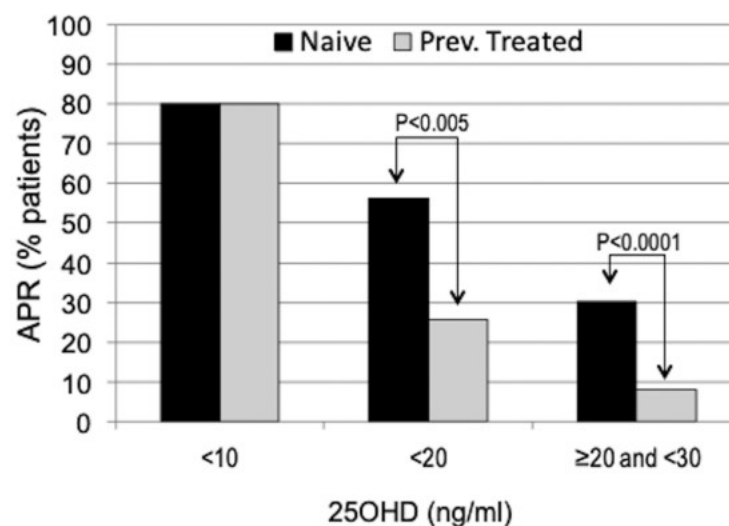
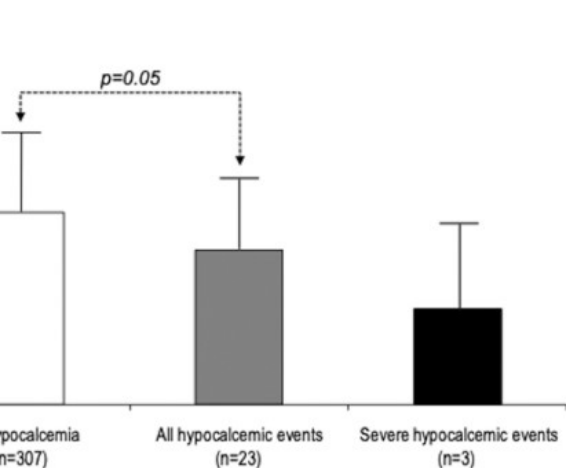
<sup>b</sup> Adjusted for age, BMI, race, baseline T-score at the lumbar spine, oral bisphosphonate vs. iv-zoledronate, concurrent calcium supplementation, history of SERM use, history of HRT use, study site, Charlson index, total duration of bisphosphonate therapy, duration between DEXA scans, and 25(OH)D level



**Fig. 2** Association between 25OHD level and bisphosphonate response. When patients are stratified by 25OHD level, response decreases as vitamin D level increases

# Preventive Role of Vitamin D Supplementation for Acute Phase Reaction after Bisphosphonate Infusion in Metastatic Disease

	Zoledronate IV (n = 219)	Neridronate IV (n = 111)
Acute phase reaction, n (%)	67 (30.6)	31 (27.9)
Severe illness	40 (18.3)	29 (26.1)
	38 (17.3)	28 (25.2)
	40 (18.3)	29 (26.1)
	18 (8.2)	13 (11.7)
	15 (6.8)	10 (9.0)
	5 (2.3)	3 (2.7)
	13 (11.7)	10 (9.0)
	1 (0.46%)	0
	0	0
	0	0



Cholecalciferol  
50000 IU  
for 8 w  
(before N-E)

# NOTA 96



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Farmaci inclusi nella Nota  
AIFA:

- colecalciferolo
- colecalciferolo/Sali di calcio
- calcifediolo

La prescrizione a carico del SSN dei farmaci con indicazione “**prevenzione e trattamento della carenza di vitamina D**” nell’adulto (>18 anni) è limitata alle seguenti condizioni:

Prevenzione e trattamento della carenza di vitamina D nei seguenti scenari clinici :

indipendentemente dalla determinazione della 25(OH) D

- persone istituzionalizzate
- donne in gravidanza o in allattamento
- persone affette da osteoporosi da qualsiasi causa o osteopatie accertate non candidate a terapia remineralizzante (vedi nota 79)

previa determinazione della 25(OH) D (vedi algoritmo allegato)

- persone con livelli sierici di 25OHD < 20 ng/mL e sintomi attribuibili a ipovitaminosi (astenia, mialgie, dolori diffusi o localizzati, frequenti cadute immotivate)
- persone con diagnosi di iperparatiroidismo secondario a ipovitaminosi D
- persone affette da osteoporosi di qualsiasi causa o osteopatie accertate candidate a terapia remineralizzante per le quali la correzione dell’ipovitaminosi dovrebbe essere propedeutica all’inizio della terapia \*
- una terapia di lunga durata con farmaci interferenti col metabolismo della vitamina D
- malattie che possono causare malassorbimento nell’adulto

\* Le terapie remineralizzanti dovrebbero essere iniziate dopo la correzione della ipovitaminosi D.

Without  
measure

After 25O  
measure

(adattato da NICE 2018)



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## Nota 96 - Allegato 1

1. Esiste almeno un sintomo persistente fra quelli elencati suggestivo per carenza di vitamina D ?
  - Sintomi di osteomalacia come dolenzia in sedi ossee o dolore (anche pulsante) lombosacrale, pelvico o agli arti inferiori; senso di impedimento fisico; dolori o debolezza muscolare (anche di grado elevato) soprattutto ai quadricipiti ed ai glutei con difficoltà ad alzarsi da seduto o andatura ondeggiante;
  - Dolori diffusi di lunga durata;
  - Propensione alle cadute immotivate.
2. È prevista una terapia di lunga durata con farmaci interferenti col metabolismo della vitamina D (ed es. antiepilettici, glucocorticoidi, anti-retrovirali, anti-micotici, colestiramina, orlistat etc.) oppure esiste una condizione di malassorbimento (ad es. fibrosi cistica, celiachia, m. Crohn, chirurgia bariatrica, etc) ?
3. Esiste una patologia ossea accertata (osteoporosi, osteomalacia o malattia di Paget) che può beneficiare dal trattamento con vitamina D oppure necessita di terapia remineralizzante?
4. Esiste un riscontro di PTH elevato con calcemia normale o bassa?

↓ SI

È appropriata la prescrizione di una determinazione della 25(OH) D.

Nell'interpretazione dei risultati considerare che il laboratorio potrebbe NON condividere i medesimi intervalli di normalità.

↓ NO

La determinazione della 25(OH) D, NON è appropriata.

### Livelli di 25 (OH D

0 – 12 ng/mL (0-30 nmol/L)	13-20 ng/mL (30-50 nmol/L)	>20 ng/mL (50 nmol/L)
Prescrizione di: colecalfiferolo in dose cumulativa di 300.000 UI somministrabile in un periodo massimo di 12 settimane, suddivisibili in dosi giornaliere, settimanali o mensili (non oltre le 100.000 UI/dose per motivi di sicurezza)	Prescrizione di: colecalfiferolo in dose giornaliera di 750-1.000 UI o in alternativa dosi corrispondenti settimanali o mensili.	Considerare altre possibili cause dei sintomi. Con l'eccezione di patologie ossee riconosciute, la supplementazione con vitamina D non è raccomandata e pertanto non rimborsata dal SSN.
Prescrizione di: calcifediolo 1cps 2 volte al mese	Prescrizione di: calcifediolo 1cps/mese	

La supplementazione con vitamina D, dopo la eventuale fase intensiva iniziale di 3 mesi, prevede:

- l'interruzione del trattamento a correzione avvenuta dei sintomi da carenza salvo ricomparsa degli stessi
- la prosecuzione per tutta la durata delle terapie remineralizzanti,
- la prosecuzione per la durata delle terapie interferenti col metabolismo della vitamina D (antiepilettici etc.)
- la prosecuzione in caso di osteomalacia, osteoporosi e malattia di Paget

Verifica dei livelli della 25OH D a tre mesi nel caso non vi sia risoluzione del quadro clinico di partenza



## of insufficient serum vitamin D status in older validated model

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oped an externally validated simple prediction model to predict serum 25(OH)D levels < 30, < 40, < 50 and  
women with risk factors for fractures. The benefit of the model reduces when a higher 25(OH)D threshold is

in D deficiency is associated with increased fracture risk in older persons. General supplementation of all  
vitamin D could cause medicalization and costs. We developed a clinical model to identify insufficient serum  
D (25(OH)D) status in older women at risk for fractures.

le of 2689 women  $\geq 65$  years selected from general practices, with at least one risk factor for fractures, a  
administered and serum 25(OH)D was measured. Multivariable logistic regression models with backward  
loped to select predictors for insufficient serum 25(OH)D status, using separate thresholds 30, 40, 50 and  
and external model validations were performed.

n the models were as follows: age, BMI, vitamin D supplementation, multivitamin supplementation, calcium  
ily use of margarine, fatty fish  $\geq 2\times/\text{week}$ ,  $\geq 1$  hours/day outdoors in summer, season of blood sampling, the  
d and smoking. The AUC was 0.77 for the model using a 30 nmol/L threshold and decreased in the models  
lds to 0.72 for 60 nmol/L. We demonstrate that the model can help to distinguish patients with or without  
5(OH)D levels at thresholds of 30 and 40 nmol/L, but not when a threshold of 50 nmol/L is demanded.

externally validated model can predict the presence of vitamin D insufficiency in women at risk for fractures.  
al benefit of this tool is highly dependent of the chosen 25(OH)D threshold and decreases when a higher

## Research and Applications

## Decrease in unnecessary vitamin D testing using clinical decision support tools: making it harder to do the wrong thing

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## ABSTRACT

**Objective:** To evaluate the impact of clinical decision support (CDS) tools on rates of vitamin D testing. Screen  
ing for vitamin D deficiency has increased in recent years, spurred by studies suggesting vitamin D's clinical  
benefits. Such screening, however, is often unsupported by evidence and can incur unnecessary costs.

**Materials and Methods:** We evaluated how rates of vitamin D screening changed after we implemented 3 CD  
tools in the electronic health record (EHR) of a large health plan: (1) a new vitamin D screening guideline, (2) a  
alert that requires clinician acknowledgement of current guidelines to continue ordering the test (a "hard stop"  
and (3) a modification of laboratory ordering preference lists that eliminates shortcuts. We assessed rates o  
overall vitamin D screening and appropriate vitamin D screening 6 months pre- and post-intervention.

**Results:** Vitamin D screening rates decreased from 74.0 tests to 24.2 tests per 1000 members ( $P < .0001$ ). The pro  
portion of appropriate vitamin D screening tests increased from 56.2% to 69.7% ( $P < .0001$ ), and the proportion o  
inappropriate screening tests decreased from 43.8% pre-implementation to 30.3% post-implementation ( $P < .0001$ ).

**Discussion:** To our knowledge, this is the first demonstration of how CDS can reduce rates of inappropriate vita  
min D screening. We used 3 straightforward, inexpensive, and replicable CDS approaches. We know of no pre  
vious research on the impact of removing options from a preference list.

**Conclusion:** Similar approaches could be used to reduce unnecessary care and decrease costs without reducin  
quality of care.

