

Osteoporosis Management Algorithm

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Diagnosis

Any of the following

- * Fragility fracture: occurs spontaneously or from minor trauma (such as a fall from ground level), most often of the spine (can be asymptomatic), hip, or wrist
- * Bone mineral density (BMD) measurement at the hip, spine, or femoral neck on dual-energy x-ray absorptiometry (DXA) testing with a t-score lower than -2.5
- * No BMD measurement by 10-year risk of osteoporotic fracture by FRAX[^] $\geq 20\%$

Treatment

- * Behavioral modifications: physical activity, moderate alcohol use, smoking cessation
- * Optimize calcium intake: consider supplementation (1000mg daily of calcium carbonate) if limited intake of dairy or leafy green vegetables but must take 6hrs before or 2hrs after dolutegravir
- * Optimize vitamin D: goal 25-OH-vitamin D >30 ng/mL
- * Once vitamin D is normal, consider bisphosphonate treatment such as alendronate 70mg PO weekly (take on empty stomach, remain upright for 30min after taking)
- * Consider modifying ART (below)

If not taking tenofovir DF or a protease inhibitor (such as darunavir, lopinavir, ritonavir)

- * No ART adjustment necessary

If taking tenofovir DF or a protease inhibitor (such as darunavir, lopinavir, ritonavir)

- * If on tenofovir DF: consider adjusting medications (such as substituting for abacavir)
- * If on a protease inhibitor (less important than tenofovir adjustment): consider adjusting medications (such as substituting for dolutegravir)

[^]FRAX calculator for Botswana and other select countries in sub-Saharan Africa is available here: <https://frax.shef.ac.uk/frax/tool.aspx?country=82>
(note, select "yes" for the "secondary osteoporosis" question for PWH)