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THE CURRENT SITUATION IN THE APPROACH
TO OSTEOPOROSIS IN OLDER ADULTS IN TURKEY:
AREAS IN NEED OF IMPROVEMENT WITH A MODEL
FOR OTHER POPULATIONS

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Objectives: The total number of older adults in Turkey is striking, amounting to around 8 million, and this translates into considerably higher numbers of cases of osteoporosis (OP) and fractures in older adults. We aimed to outline the current situation of OP in older adults in Turkey and investigate the differences between Turkey and a representative developed European country (Belgium), in terms of the screening, diagnosis, and treatment of OP. Our intention in this regard was to identify areas in need of improvement and subsequently to make a clear call for action to address these issues.

Material and Methods: Herein, considering the steps related to the OP approach, we made a complete review of the studies conducted in Turkey and compared with the literature recommendations.

Results: There is a need for a national osteoporotic fracture registry; measures should be taken to improve the screening and treatment of OP in older males, such as educational activities; technicians involved in dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry (DXA) scanning should undergo routine periodic training; all DXA centers should identify centerspecific least significant change values; all older adults should be considered for routine lateral dorsolumbar X-ray imaging for the screening of vertebral fractures while ordering DXA scans; the inclusion of vertebral fracture assessment (VFA) software in DXA assessments should be considered; screening using a fracture risk assessment tool (FRAX) algorithm that is specific to Turkey should be integrated; the fortification of foods with vitamin D is required; the high fracture risk by country-specific FRAX algorithm and the presence of falls/high fall risk should be integrated in reimbursement terms; and finally, more "fracture liaison services" should be established.

Conclusion: We suggest that the practical consideration of our suggestions will provide considerable support to the efforts for combating with the adverse consequences of OP in society. This approach can be

subsequently modeled for other populations to improve the management of OP globally.

NSS63 VITAMIN D AND FIBROMYALGIA

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Fibromyalgia is a chronic disorder of unknown etiology, characterized by widespread musculoskeletal pain, which is associated with a range of other symptoms such as fatigue, sleep disturbance, and somatic and cognitive symptoms. in contrast, signs on physical examination are scarce and are limited to the well-localized tender points on palpation.

Vitamin D has been suggested to be involved in pain processing and modulate cytokine production, and it is possible that the modulation of painful stimulus transmission may be altered by reduced levels of vitamin D.

The association of vitamin D deficiency with musculoskeletal pain has been highlighted by different authors; and at the present time, the serum measurement of 25 (OH) D is part of the initial study of all patients with an initial diagnosis of fibromyalgia.

Different studies reported lower vitamin D levels in FM patients when compared with healthy controls, however, however, there is conflicting evidence regarding vitamin D supplementation in these patients. However, the exact role of vitamin D supplementation in fibromyalgia remains to be defined.

NSS64 VITAMIN D IN RHEUMATIC DISEASES

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Vitamin D leves are instrumental in several rheumatic diseases including fibromyalgia (FM), rheumatoid arthritis (RA) and systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE).

Vit D has been suggested to be involved in pain processing and modulate inflammation and cytokines production in patients with RA and was associated with SLE activity levels.

Assurance of Vit D levels above 30 ng/ml in crucial in patients with chronic rheumatic disorders. This is particularly important in patients receiving long term glucocorticoid therapy more than 5 mg of prednisone or equivalent for more than 3 months. Moderate to severe Vit D deficiency correlates with chronic musculoskeletal pain that may worsen chronic pain and inflammation parameters. Das 28 and other RA clinical parameters are linked to Vit D levels. The same occurs in patients with SLE.

NSS65 THE CROSSTALK BETWEEN BONE, KIDNEY AND VASCULATURE: NEW INSIGHTS

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Investigation into the chronic kidney disease-mineral bone disorder (CKD-MBD) has elucidated the disruption of a multiorgan systems biology produced by renal injury in early stages of kidney diseases. The disordered systems biology causes the CKD-MBD and contributes major components of increased cardiovascular risk for CKD

