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UCSF Medical Center Your Health Matters

SHOULD I HAVE A BONE DENSITY TEST?

If you answer 'yes' to one or more of these questions, you should talk to your doctor about whether you need a bone density test.

		Yes	No
1. l am age 65 or older.			
2. I had a bone fracture after age 2	21.		
3. My mother, sister, or grandmoth	er had a fracture after age 21.		
4.1 am Caucasian.			
5. My health is generally poor.			
6. I smoke cigarettes.			
7.1 weigh less than 127 pounds.			
8.1 had menopause before age 45.			
9. There was a time when I didn't I	have periods for one year.		
10.1 have had a low calcium intak	e all my life.		
11.I consume more than two alcoholic drinks per day.			
12.1 have bad vision despite glass	es.		
13. I tend to have trouble with falling.			
14. I get very little exercise.			
15. I take one or more of these medicines:			
Anti-seizure pills	Hormone blockers		
Steroids	Thyroid Pills		
16. I have one or more of these medical problems:			
Adrenal problems	Anemia		
Cancer	Cushings		
Diabetes	Emphysema		
Endometriosis	Growth hormone		
Hemochromatosis	Hemophilia		
Kidney problems	Liver disease		
Malabsorption	Multiple myeloma		
Multiple sclerosis	Nutritional disorder		
Ovarian failure	Overactive parathyroid		
Overactive thyroid	Sarcoidosis		

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