

# Diagnosis and Treatment of Patients with Primary and Metastatic Breast Cancer



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# Bisphosphonates in Metastatic Breast Cancer

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- **Hypercalcemia**
- **Reduction of skeletal events (complications)**
- **Reduction of bone pain**
- **Increasing bone pain-free survival**
- **Treatment beyond osseous progression**
- **Use of bone resorption marker for therapy monitoring**
- **Bisphosphonates used alone for pain control**

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
Hypercalcemia	1a	A	++
Reduction of skeletal events (complications)	1a	A	++
Reduction of bone pain	1a	A	++
Increasing bone pain-free survival	1a	A	++
Treatment beyond osseous progression	5	D	++
Use of bone resorption marker for therapy monitoring	5	D	-
Bisphosphonates used alone for pain control	5	D	-

# Denosumab in Metastatic Breast Cancer

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- **Reduction of hypercalcemia**
- **Reduction of skeletal complications**
- **Reduction of bone pain**
- **Increasing bone pain-free survival**
- **Treatment beyond progression**
  - **Progression while on bisphosphonates**
- **Use of bone resorption markers for therapy monitorin**
- **Denosumab alone for pain control**

Oxford		
LoE	GR	AGO
1a	A	++
1a	A	++
1a	A	++
1b	A	++
5	D	+
4	C	+/-
5	D	-
5	D	-

# Longer-Interval vs Standard Dosing of Zoledronic Acid

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- **<sup>1</sup>CALGB 70604 trial: n= 1822 patients with metastatic breast cancer, metastatic prostate cancer, or multiple myeloma, 795 completed the study**

**SRE after 2 yrs:**

29.5 % zoledronic acid every 4 weeks
28.6 % zoledronic acid every 12 weeks

- **<sup>2</sup> Optimze-2-trial: n=460 with metastatic breast cancer**

**SRE after 1 year<sup>3</sup>:**

22,0% zoledronic acid every 4 weeks
23,2% zoledronic acid every 12 weeks

- <sup>1</sup> Himelstein et al. Effect of Longer-Interval vs Standard Dosing of Zoledronic Acid on Skeletal Events in Patients With Bone Metastases: A Randomized Clinical Trial. JAMA 317(1):48-58. 2017
- <sup>2</sup> Horobagi GN et al. Continued Treatment Effect of Zoledronic Acid Dosing Every 12 vs 4 Weeks in Women With Breast Cancer Metastatic to Bone: The OPTIMIZE-2 Randomized Clinical Trial. JAMA Oncol 3(7):906-912, 2017
- <sup>3</sup> Patients eligible for this trial had prior exposure to zoledronate or pamidronate for approx. 1 year or more

# Bone Modifying Agents for the Therapy of Bone Metastases

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- Clodronate PO 1600 mg daily
- Clodronate IV 1500 mg q3w / q4w
- Pamidronate IV 90 mg q3w / q4w
- Ibandronate IV 6 mg q3w / q4w
- Ibandronate PO 50 mg daily
- Zoledronate IV 4 mg
  - q4w
  - q12w
- Denosumab 120 mg s.c. q4w
- Denosumab 120 mg s.c. q12w
- Other dosing or schedules, e.g. derived from adjuvant studies or therapy of osteoporosis

Oxford		
LoE	GR	AGO
1a	A	++
1a	A	++
1a	A	++
1a	A	++
1a	A	++
1a	A	+
1a	A	++
1a	A	++
4	C	-
5	D	--

# Skeletal Metastases

## Treatment with Radionuclids

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- Tumor progression after standard treatment of multiple / disseminated metastases and intolerable bone pain (Prerequisite: hot spots in the bone scintigraphy)
  - <sup>186</sup>Rhenium-hydroxyethyliden-diphosphonat
  - <sup>153</sup>Samarium
  - <sup>89</sup>Strontium
  - <sup>223</sup>Radium
  - <sup>177</sup>Lu-EDTMP

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
	1b	B	+
	2b	B	+
	1b	B	+
	1b	B	+
	1b	B	+
	1b	B	+

**Caveat: the potential benefits should be weighed against the risk of myelosuppression with pancytopenia**

# Metastatic Bone Disease of the Spine

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## Indications for surgery

**Oxford LoE: 2b**

**GR: C**

**AGO: ++**

- **Spinal cord compression**
  - With progressive neurological symptoms
  - With pathological fractures
- **Instability of the spine**
- **Lesions in pre-irradiated parts of the spine**



# Bone Metastases Acute Spinal Cord Compression / Paraplegia

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	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decompression surgery, reduction of tumor volume, stabilisation surgery (&lt; 24 h) and irradiation of the spine (RT)</li> </ul>	2b	C	++
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Irradiation of the spine (&lt; 24 h) +/- steroids</li> </ul>	3b	C	++
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Immediate start of treatment</li> </ul>	1c	D	++

**Clinical trials have included patients with different tumor entities!**

# Surgery for Bone Metastases

## Technical Aspects

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### Spine and limbs

**Oxford LoE: 3b**

**GR: C**

**AGO: +**

- Marrow splints
- Plate osteosynthesis
- Compound osteosynthesis (replacement by PMMA and osteosynthesis)
- Vertebral replacement by titanspacer
- Tumor-Endoprothesis
- Vertebroplasty / Kyphoplasty +/- thermoablation of the tumor
- Kypho-IORT (in studies only)\*
- Resection of involved bone in oligometastatic disease  
(sternum, ribs, vertebrectomy and replacement with spondylodesis)

# Metastatic Bone Disease: Radiotherapy (RT)

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## Bone metastases

- With fracture risk
- With functional impairment
- With bone pain
  - Single dose RT = fractionated RT
- With neuropathic bone pain
- Asymptomatic isolated bone metastasis
- Reduction of radiation induced pain flare by dexamethasone
- Radiotherapy in combination with hyperthermia

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
With fracture risk	1a	B	++
With functional impairment	1a	B	++
With bone pain	1a	B	++
Single dose RT = fractionated RT	2a	B	++
With neuropathic bone pain	1b	B	++
Asymptomatic isolated bone metastasis	5	D	+/-
Reduction of radiation induced pain flare by dexamethasone	1b	B	+
Radiotherapy in combination with hyperthermia	2b	B	+/-

# Metastatic Bone Disease

## Recurrent Bone Pain after RT

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### Recurrent bone pain in pre-irradiated parts of the skeleton

- Single dose RT \*
- Fractionated RT \*
- Radionuclid therapy
- Magnetic resonance-guided focused ultrasound
- Radiofrequency ablation
- Cryoablation

Oxford		
LoE	GR	AGO

3b	C	++
3b	C	+
3b	C	+
1b	B	+
4	C	+
4	C	+

# Side-Effects and Toxicity – Bisphosphonates (BP) and Denosumab (Db)

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	<u>LoE</u>
▪ <b>Renal function deterioration due to IV-aminobisphosphonates</b>	<b>1b</b>
▪ <b>Osteonecrosis of the jaw (ONJ) mostly under IV-BP and denosumab therapy (1.3 % / 1.8 %)</b>	<b>1b</b>
▪ Association with (simultaneous) anti-angiogenetic therapies	<b>3b</b>
▪ <b>Severe hypocalcemia (Dmab &gt; BPs)</b>	<b>1b</b>
▪ <b>Acute Phase Reaction (IV Amino-BPs, Db) 10–30 %</b>	<b>1b</b>
▪ <b>Gastrointestinal side effects (oral BPs) 2–10 %</b>	<b>1b</b>
▪ <b>Atypical femur fractures</b> (absolute risk of 11 per 10,000 person years of BP use)	<b>2b</b>
▪ <b>Extremely rare: Uveitis / Scleritis under BP treatment</b>	<b>4</b>

# Frequent side effects under treatment with BPs and Denosumab

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Drug	Acute phase- reaction	Kidney Tox.	Upper GI	Diarrhea	Osteo necrosis of the jaw	
Clodronate 1500 i.v.	0	+	0	0	0	Non-Amino.
Clodronate 1600 p.o.	0	0	+	+	0	Non-Amino.
Ibandronate 50 mg p.o.	0	0	+	0	0	Aminobisp.
Ibandronate 6 mg i.v.	+	0	0	0	+	Aminobisp.
Zoledronate 4 mg i.v. q4w oder q12w	+	+	0	0	+	Aminobisp.
Pamidronate 90 mg i.v.	+	+	0	0	+	Aminobisp.
Zoledronate 4 mg i.v. q6m	+	0	0	0	0	Aminobisp.
Denosumab 120 mg sc q4w	0	0	0	+	+	

**Cave: Hypocalcemia under antiresorptive therapy in pts with bone metastases!**

# Recommendations for Prevention of Osteonecrosis of the Jaw (ONJ)

Oxford LoE: 4

GR: C

AGO: +

- During bisphosphonate or denosumab treatment, avoid any elective dental procedures involving jaw bone manipulations should be avoided during treatment with bisphosphonates or denosumab (LoE 2b)
- Optimize dental status before start of bisphosphonate or denosumab treatment (LoE 2b)
- Inform patients about ONJ risk and educate about early symptom reporting
- In case of high risk for ONJ, use oral bisphosphonate
- Good oral hygiene, limiting of alcohol intake and stopping smoking should be recommended

In adjuvant bisphosphonate therapy, ONJ was rare

# Adjuvant Bone Targeted Therapy for Reduction of Bone Metastases and Survival Advantage

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	LoE	GR	AGO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Clodronate (oral)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Postmenopausal patients</li> <li>▪ Premenopausal patients</li> </ul> </li> <li>■ <b>Aminobisphosphonate (iv or oral)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Postmenopausal patients</li> <li>▪ Premenopausal patients</li> </ul> </li> <li>■ <b>Denosumab (60 mg s.c. q6mo)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Postmenopausal patients</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	1a	A	+
	1a	B	+/-
	1a	A	+
	1a	B	+/-
	1b <sup>a</sup>	B	+/-



# Dosage of Adjuvant Bisphosphonates for Improvement of Survival

- **Non-Aminobisphosphonates:**
- **Clodronat po 1600 mg/d (Bonefos / Clodronic acid)**
- **Clodronat po 1040 mg/d (Ostac / Clodronic acid)**
  
- **Aminobisphosphonates:**
- **Zoledronat iv 4 mg/6 m (Zometa / Zoledronic acid)**
- **Ibandronat po 50 mg/d (Bondronat / Ibandronic acid)**
- **Pamidronat po (orally not available in most countries)**
- **Risedronat po 35 mg/w (Actonel / Risedronic acid)**
- **Alendronat po 70 mg/w (Fosamax / Alendronic acid)**
- **Optimal duration yet to be defined; in adjuvant studies duration of BP treatment varied from 2–5 years**

## **Aminobisphosphonates include:**

Zoledronic acid (65 %), oral ibandronate (24 %), oral pamidronate (8 %), oral risedronate (2 %), oral alendronate (1 %) (data from EBCTCG-metaanalysis)

# Therapy and Prevention of Tumor Therapy-Induced Bone Loss / Osteoporosis

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
■ <b>Bisphosphonates</b>			
■ Therapy	1b	B	++
■ Prevention	1b	A	+
■ <b>Denosumab</b>			
■ Therapy	1b	B	++
■ Prevention	1b	A	+
■ <b>Hormone replacement therapy</b>	5	D	-
■ <b>Clinical risk assessment for osteoporosis at baseline</b>	5	D	++
■ <b>DXA-Scan at baseline in pts with AI or with premature menopause</b>	5	D	+
■ <b>Antiresorptive therapy in pts. with reduced bone density</b>	5	D	++
■ <b>Repeat DEXA-scan based on risk</b>	5	D	+

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# Therapy and Prevention of Tumor Therapy-Induced Bone Loss / Osteoporosis

Further recommendations (based on DVO-guidelines for treatment, diagnosis and prevention of osteoporosis)\*

	Oxford LoE	GR	AGO
■ Physical activity	4	C	++
■ Avoiding immobilisation	4	C	++
■ Calcium (1000–1500 mg/d)**	4	C	++
■ Vitamine D3 suppl. (800–2000 U/d)	4	C	++
■ Cessation of smoking, reduction of alcohol	2b	B	++
■ Avoiding BMI < 20 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	3b	C	++
■ Antiresorptive therapy after discontinuation of Denosumab	4	C	+/-
■ Drugs approved for the treatment of osteoporosis in adults (see next slide)			

\* [http://www.dv-osteologie.org/dvo\\_leitlinien/dvo-leitlinie-2014](http://www.dv-osteologie.org/dvo_leitlinien/dvo-leitlinie-2014); revised version expected in 2018

\*\* if nutritional supply is insufficient, (in combination with Vit D3 only)

# Effect of Denosumab Discontinuation

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## FREEDOM / FREEDOM Extension Trial

**N=1001,  $\geq 2$  dose of Denosumab or placebo, follow up  $\geq 7$  months after discontinuation treatment**

Vertebral fracture rate per 100 participant year :

- 1.2 during denosumab therapy
- 7.1 after denosumab therapy
- 8.5 placebo

Non vertebral fracture rate per 100 participant year:

- 2.8 after denosumab vs. 3.8 placebo (n.s.)

**Multiple vertebral fracture (% of all vertebral fractures):**

- 60.7% after denosumab therapy vs. 38.7% placebo; p=0.049**

# Medical Treatment of Osteoporosis

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- Alendronate 70 mg po/w\*
- Denosumab 60 mg sc/6m\*
- Ibandronate 150 mg po/m\*
- Ibandronat e 3 mg iv/3 m
- Parathyroid hormone (1-84) 100 µg sc/d
- Raloxifene 60 mg po/d (improves spine only)
- Risedronate 35 mg po/w\*
- Strontium ranelate 2 g po/d\*\*
- Teriparatide (1-34) 20 µg sc/d
- Zoledronate 5 mg iv/12 m\*

Oxford		
LoE	GR	AGO
1b	B	++
1b	B	++
1b	B	++
1b	B	++
1b	B	+
1b	B	+/-
1b	B	++
1b	B	+
1b	B	+
1b	B	++

\* Drugs tested in clinical studies with breast cancer patients and tumor therapy-induced osteoporosis

\*\* Elevated risk of myocardial infarction. Substance restricted to postmenopausal pats. with severe osteoporosis and high risk of fractures

<http://www.dv-osteologie.org/uploads/Leitlinie%202014/DVO-Leitlinie%20Osteoporose%202014Rev%20Kitteltaschenversion%2015.12.2014.pdf>  
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**TABELLE 4.2.: INDIKATION FÜR EINE MEDIKAMENTÖSE OSTEOPOROSETHERAPIE NACH RISIKOPROFIL** in Abhängigkeit von Geschlecht, Lebensalter, DXA-Knochendichte und weiteren Risikofaktoren.<sup>1</sup>

Lebensalter in Jahren		T-Score (Nur anwendbar auf DXA-Werte. Die Wirksamkeit einer medikamentösen Therapie ist für periphere Frakturen bei einem T-Score > -2,0 nicht sicher belegt.)				
Frau	Mann <sup>2</sup>	-2,0 bis -2,5	-2,5 bis -3,0	-3,0 bis -3,5	-3,5 bis -4,0	< -4,0
50-60	60-70	Nein	Nein	Nein	Nein	Ja
60-65	70-75	Nein	Nein	Nein	Ja	Ja
65-70	75-80	Nein	Nein	Ja	Ja	Ja
70-75	80-85	Nein	Ja	Ja	Ja	Ja
>75	>85	Ja	Ja	Ja	Ja	Ja

<sup>1</sup> Alternative Risikomodellierungen können bei Bedarf vergleichend zu Rate gezogen werden (siehe Langfassung).  
<sup>2</sup> bei Verwendung eines männlichen Referenzkollektivs für die T-Scores

**Therapieindikation auch schon bei um 1,0 höherem T-Score<sup>3,4</sup>, wenn:**

- Glukokortikoide oral ≥ 2,5 mg und < 7,5 mg Prednisolonäquivalent tgl. (außer bei rheumatoider Arthritis +0,5)
- Diabetes mellitus Typ 1
- ≥ 3 niedrigtraumatische Frakturen in den letzten 10 Jahren im Einzelfall (mit Ausnahme von Finger-, Zehen-, Schädel- und Knöchelfrakturen)