# **Osteoporosis & Women's Health**

Osteoporosis is a silent disease. Many women don't know they have it. Yet it is a leading cause of bone fractures in postmenopausal women. Raising awareness about screening, diagnosis and preventive care is essential.

## What is Osteoporosis?

Osteoporosis is a bone disease that develops when bone mineral density and bone mass decreases, often during mid- and later-life stages. It can lead to a decrease in bone strength and can increase the risk of fractures.





#### Osteoporosis & Menopause

Menopause leads to significant hormonal changes that can impact women's bone health.

Estrogen plays a key role in maintaining bone density. But estrogen levels drop after menopause, resulting in an increased risk of broken bones.

### Bone Health by The Numbers



Of the estimated 10 million Americans with osteoporosis, **8 million are women.** 



#### One in two women

over age 50 will break a bone because of osteoporosis.



A woman can **lose up to 20%** of her bone density during the 5-7 years following menopause.

### Managing Bone Health

By being proactive, women can prevent osteoporosis. Healthy habits include:



Eating a balanced diet



Exercising regularly, including strength training



Monitoring bone density with a doctor



Preventing falls

By taking control of their bone health, women can reduce their risk of osteoporosis.



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