

IOF Global Patient Charter

Taking action for a world without fragility fractures

Osteoporosis is a **major public health concern**. It is an underlying cause of chronic pain, long-term disability and premature death. Yet the condition remains severely underdiagnosed and undertreated. **THIS MUST STOP!**

OUR CHARTER, OUR RIGHTS

PATIENTS + FAMILIES HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

**DIAGNOSIS:**

Timely and accurate assessment of fracture risk, falls risk and diagnosis of osteoporosis.

**PATIENT CARE:**

Access to effective intervention options (treatment, lifestyle changes) and to regular drug treatment review by an appropriate healthcare professional.

**PATIENT VOICE:**

Involvement and choice in a long-term management plan with defined goals.

**SUPPORT:**

Care and support from society and healthcare providers, to ensure active and independent living.

HELP DRIVE IMPROVEMENT, AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT:

PATIENTS: Speak to your healthcare professional to identify your risk, and take action for change.

HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS: Protect communities' bone health through appropriate assessment and treatment.

POLICYMAKERS, HEALTH AUTHORITIES, AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS: Support the establishment of coordinated models of care (Fracture Liaison Services) to help reduce the global human and socioeconomic burden of fragility fractures.

SHOW YOUR COMMITMENT, SIGN THE IOF GLOBAL PATIENT CHARTER AT

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Your signatures will help raise the profile of this silent disease, to make fracture prevention a global health priority.

