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# Periodontal Disease and Systemic Health in Women

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# Bullemia

- Patients fear being overweight
  - Lost control over eating
  - Eat and purge
  - Tend to be normal weight
  - May have electrolyte imbalances leading to arrhythmias etc.
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# Bullemia – Dental Findings

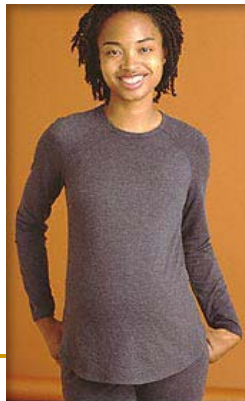
- Enamel erosion
  - Tooth sensitivity
  - Small, purplish-red lesions on the palate due to contact with objects used to induce vomiting
  - Teeth may be discolored or look dull from the acid
  - Xerostomia, dry lips and skin around the mouth
  - Swollen lymph nodes and salivary glands in severe cases
  - Patients often deny the disease
  - Dental finding may aid in ascertainment of cases
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# Pregnancy



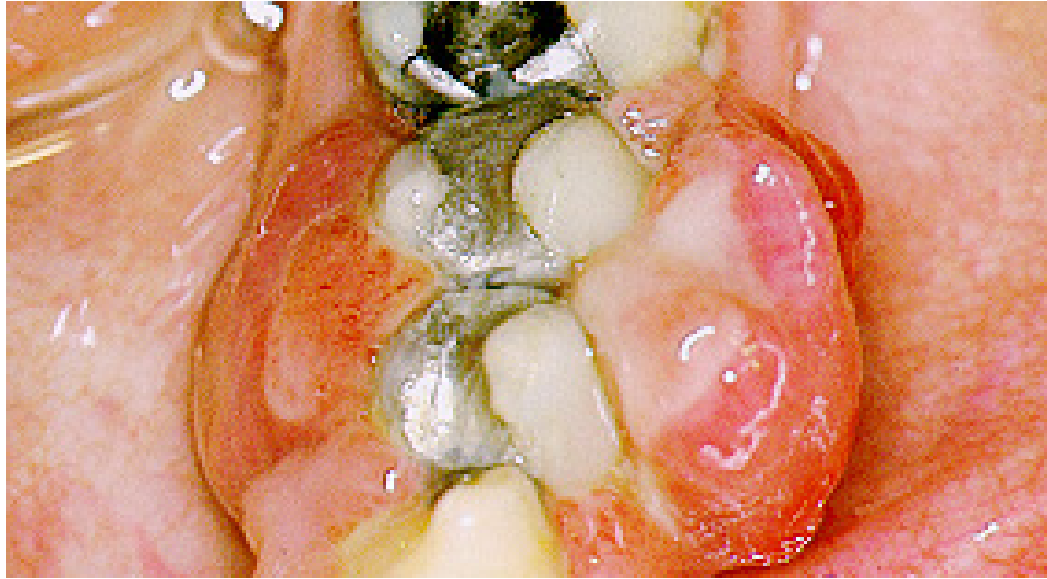
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# Pregnancy gingivitis

- Hormones plus plaque bacteria increase the gingival inflammation
  - Prevention
    - Home care and scaling and root planning
  - Treatment Scaling and root planing
    - Antimicrobial rinses where indicated
    - Tetracyclines are not indicated in pregnant patients
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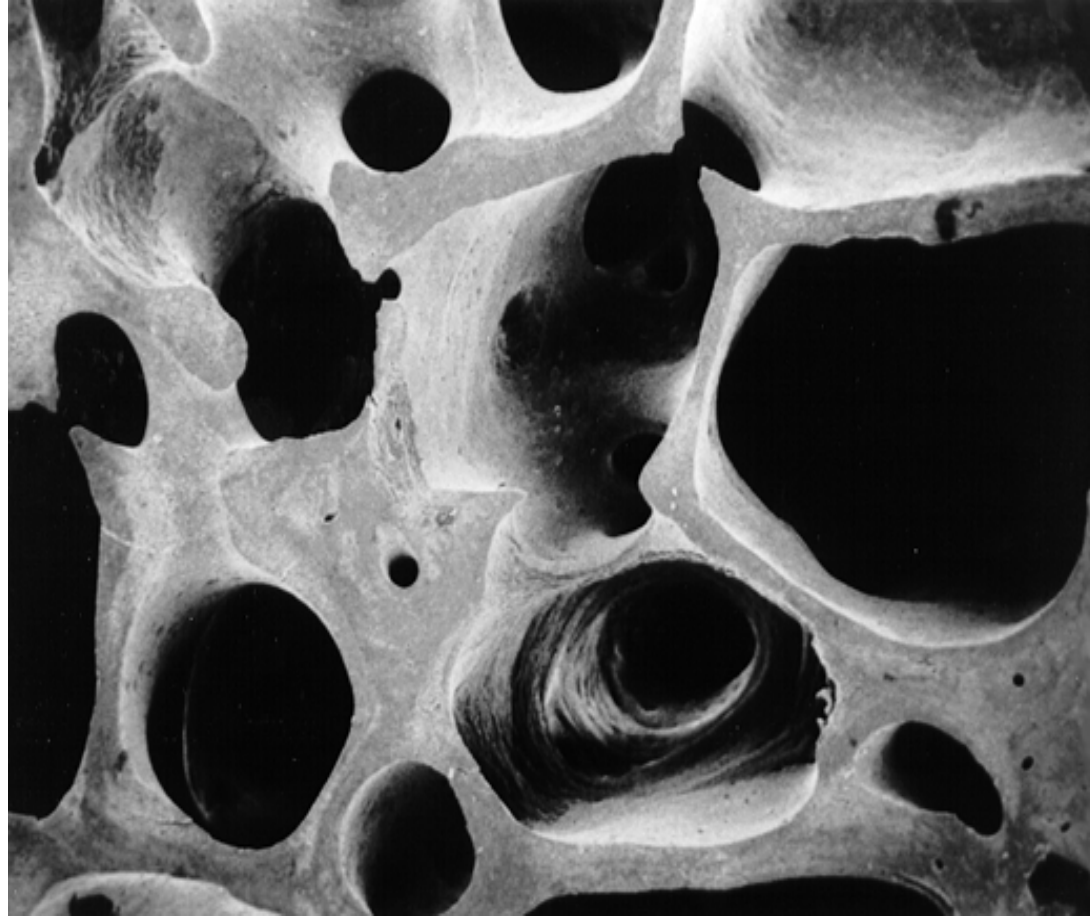


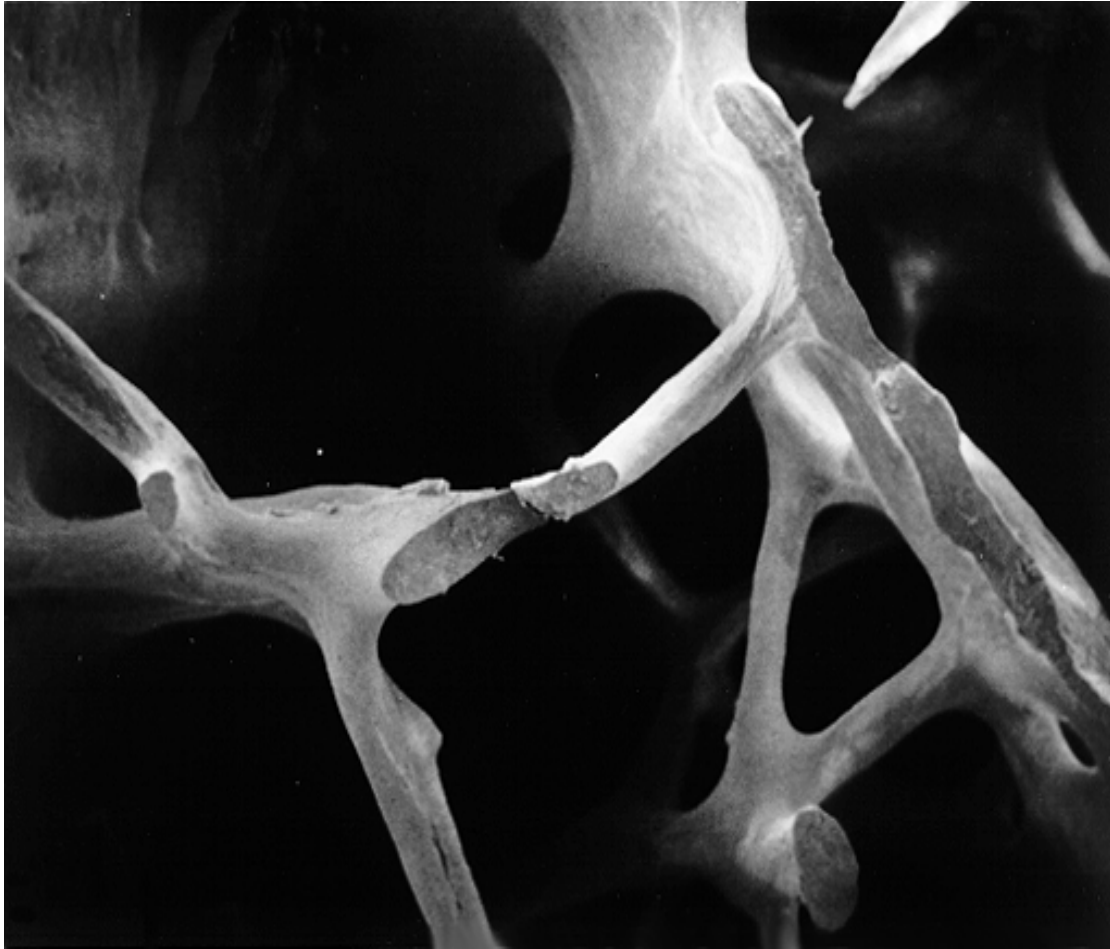


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# Osteoporosis

- Loss of bone density
  - Propensity to fracture
    - Especially,
      - Hips
      - Wrist
      - Spine
  - May result in widows hump
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# Risk factors for Osteoporosis

- Low peak bone mineral density
  - Low body mass index
  - Diet: insufficient calcium 1000-1500mg/day
  - Women
  - Postmenopausal
  - Lack of Estrogen
  - Smoking
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# Risk factors for Osteoporosis

- Drugs
    - Corticosteroids
      - Possible to lose 10% of bone mineral in one years
    - Cytotoxic Drugs
    - Estrogen antagonists
  - Lack of exercise
  - Propensity to fall
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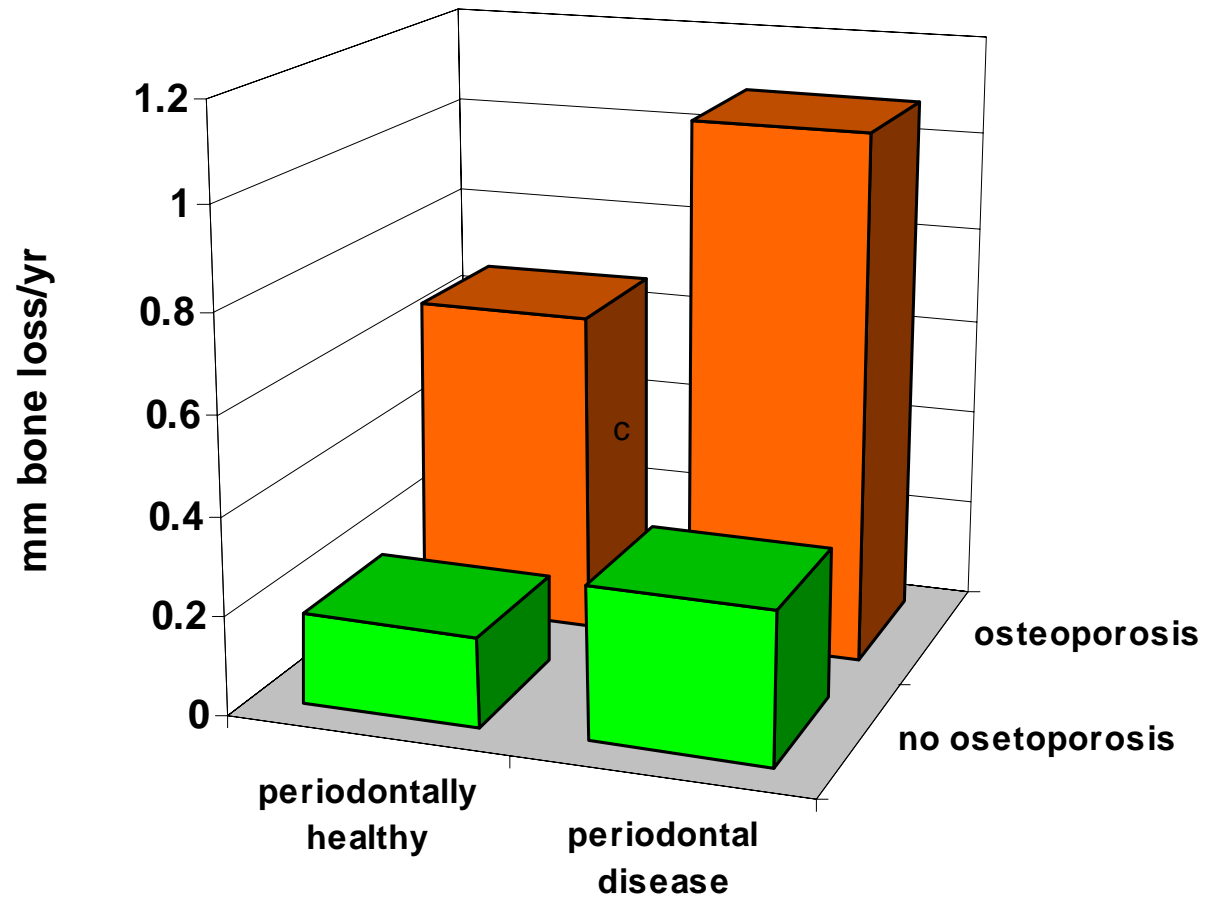
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# Progression of alveolar bone loss and osteoporosis

- Sites with osteoporosis and periodontitis have the highest rate of bone loss



## 3-year Alveolar Bone Loss (mm)



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# What to do?

- Prevention, prevention, prevention
    - Include questions on osteoporosis in the medical history
    - Educate about diet, exercise, etc.
    - Refer for treatment
  - Prevent and treat periodontal disease
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# Prevention of osteoporosis

- Education
  - Attain sufficient peak bone mass
    - Calcium and milk
    - Avoid soda
    - Avoid smoking
  - Attain sufficient bone mass
  - Exercise
  - Appropriate drug treatment
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# Pharmacologic approaches

- Estrogens
  - Nasal calcitonin
  - Bisphosphonates
    - E.g. alendronate, risendronate
  - Designer estrogens
  - PTH (daily injections)
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# Bisphosphonates-Risks

- Patients must drink a full glass of water
  - Risk of esophageal irritation
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## **Intravenous Bisphosphonates-Risks in patients with bone cancer**

- Patients usually are also taking cytotoxic drugs to treat the bone cancer
  - Cases of osteonecrosis of the jaw have been reported
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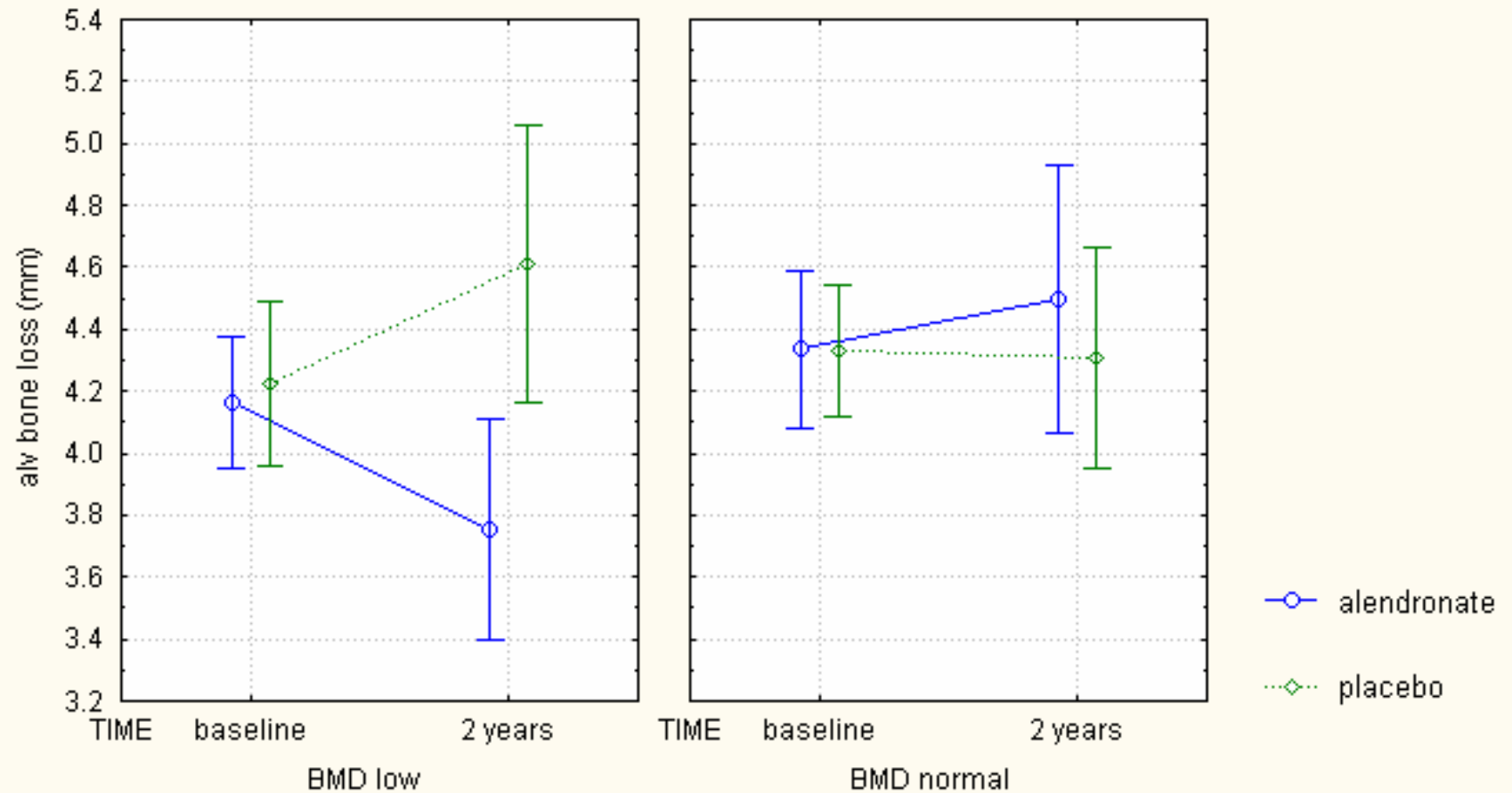
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# Effect of bisphosphonates on alveolar bone

- **Jeffcoat et al 2006**
  - **Double blind randomized controlled clinical trials**
  - **70 mg alendronate weekly**
  - **320 Subjects**
  - **Assess safety and efficacy**
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## Effect of alendronate on alveolar bone



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# Dental Implants

- Endosseous
  - Osseointegrated
  - Usually titanium, titanium alloy, with or without a bioactive coating
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# Risk factors for dental implants

- Smoking.
  - Factors that effect healing of bone (e.g. steroids, diabetes etc.)
  - Untreated periodontal disease
  - Anatomy (inadequate bone to place implants (grafting may be needed)).
  - Poor bone quality
  - Inadequate practitioner training and/or experience
  - Patient compliance
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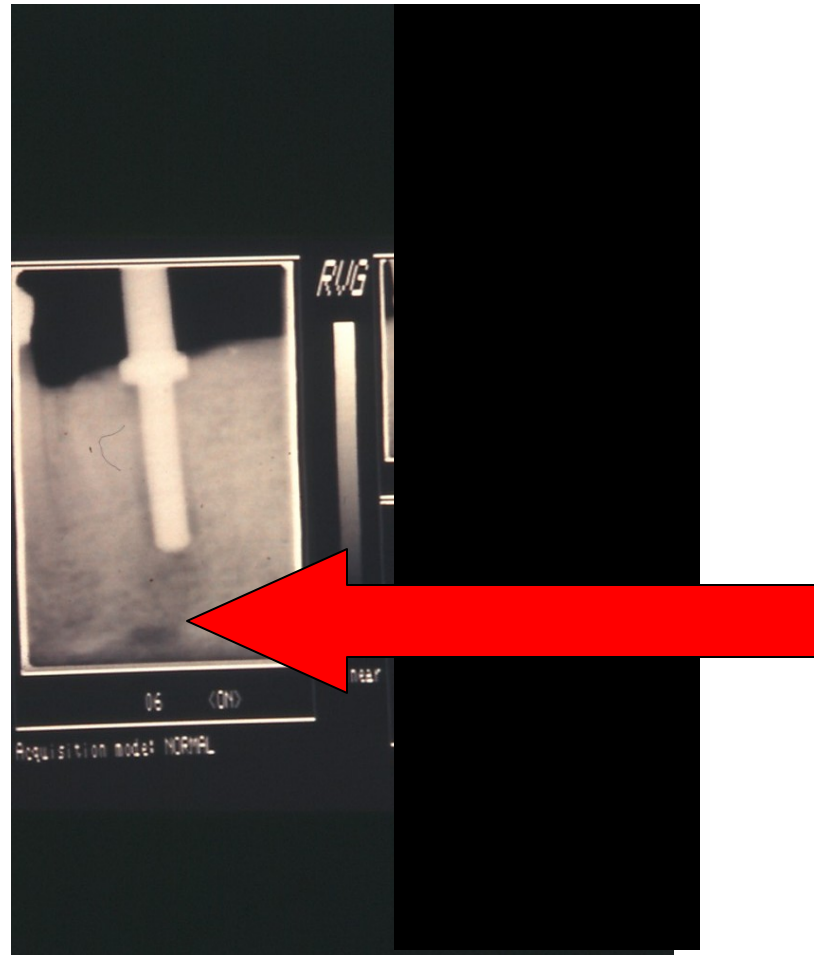
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# Risk Factors For ONJ and Failure

- Smoking
  - Diabetes
  - Pre-existing infection
  - Cortico-steroids
  - Drugs that inhibit the immune response
  - Untreated periodontal disease
  - Allergy
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# ONJ due to metal allergy



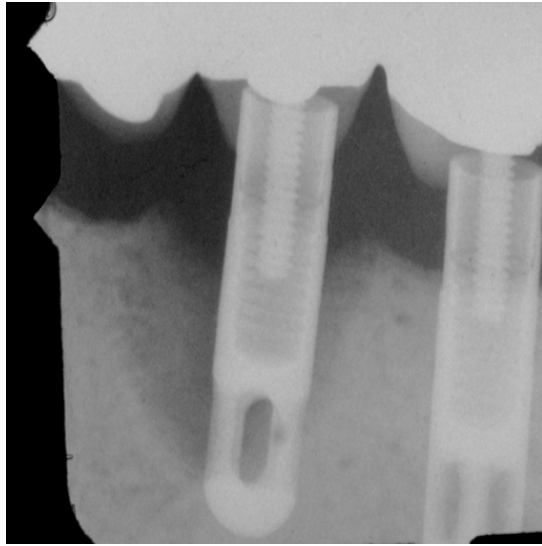
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# Failing Implant - Infection

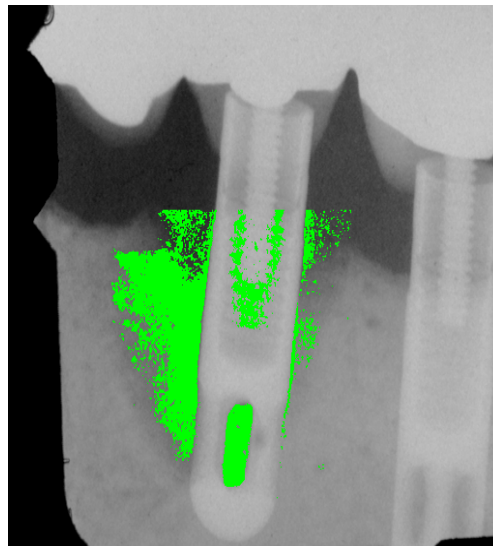


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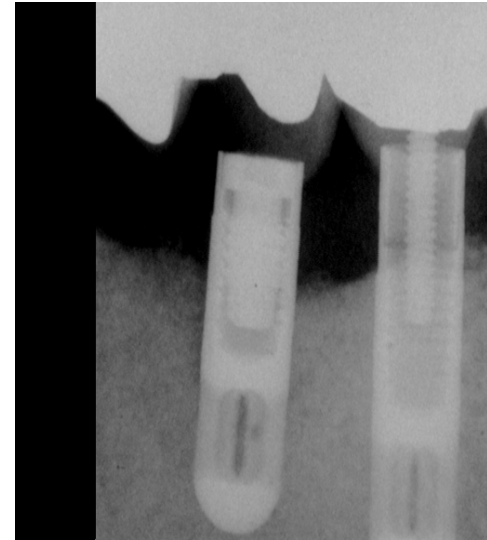
# Bone graft + membrane



**Pretreatment**



**one month**

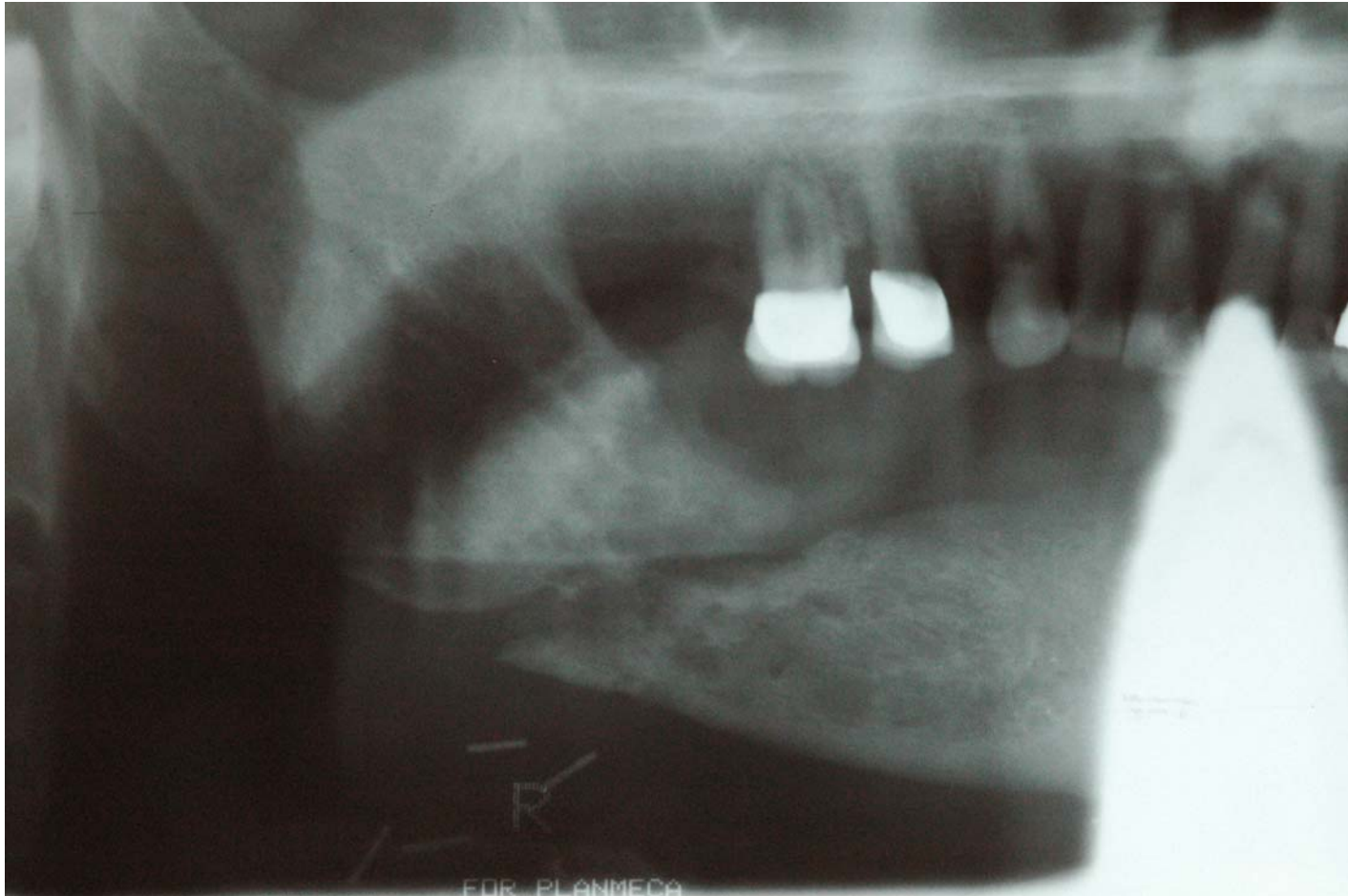


**five years**

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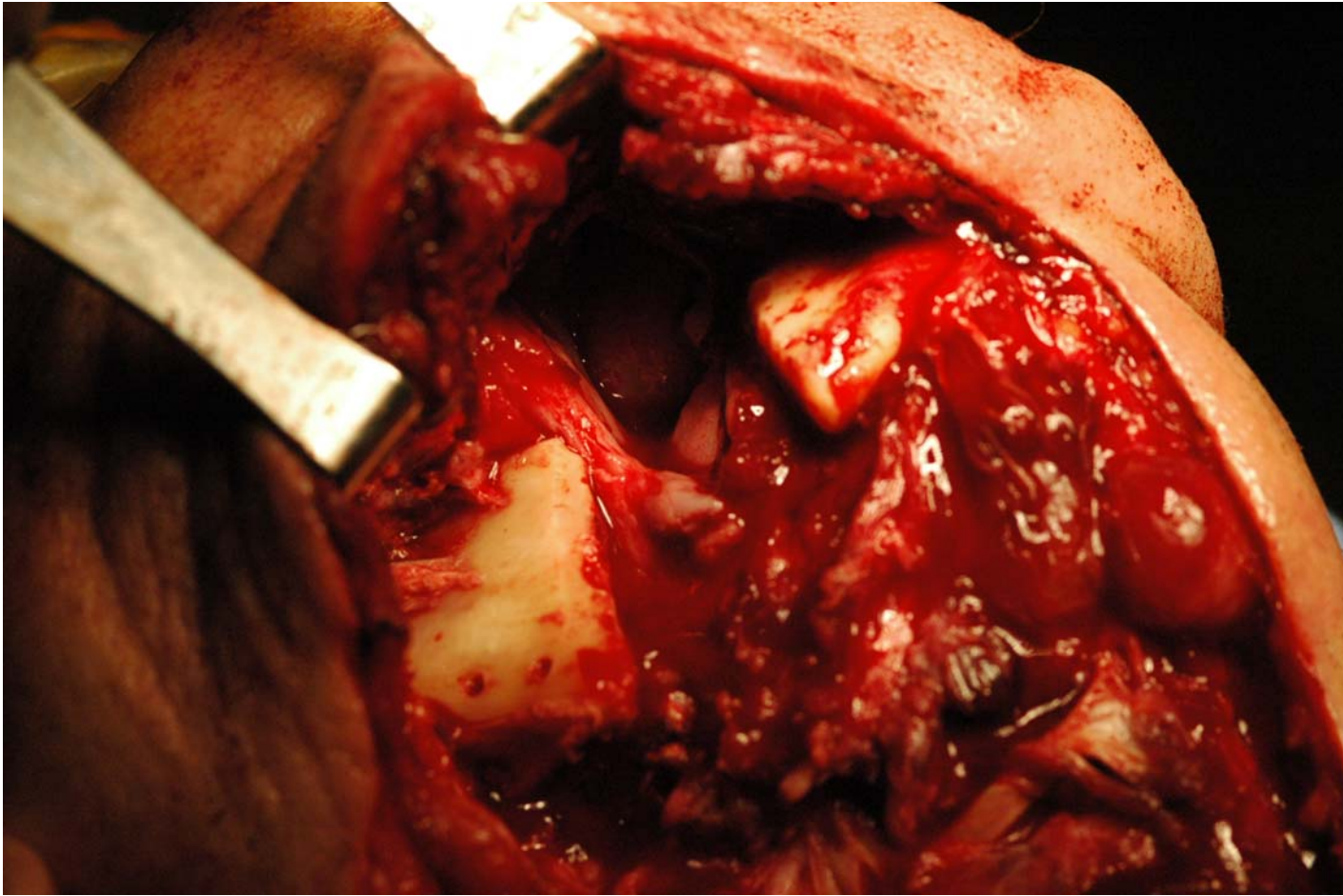
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# ONJ - Radiographic





# ONJ - Clinical



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# Do oral bisphosphonates cause implant failure – after 8 years

- 32 consecutive patients taking bisphosphonates for osteoporosis, and 32 controls
  - Tracked for at least 5 years after implants placed, received bisphosphonates for 3 yrs before placement
  - Looked for evidence of
    - implant loss
    - loss of >2mm bone
    - mobility
    - ONJ
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| Pt No. | Imp loss | Bone loss | Mobility | ONJ |
|--------|----------|-----------|----------|-----|
| 1      | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0   |
| 2      | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0   |
| 3      | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0   |
| 4      | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0   |
| 5      | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0   |
| 6      | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0   |
| 7      | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0   |
| 8      | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0   |
| 9      | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0   |
| 10     | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0   |

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# Oral bisphosphonates

- Low dose
  - All bisphosphonates are not alike
  - Controlled studies involve tens of thousands of subjects
  - Post market studies involve millions
  - Cannot calculate a risk of ONJ – it is very small or non existent
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# Intravenous bisphosphonates

- High dose
  - All bisphosphonates are not alike
  - Standard of care along with high doses of steroids and cytotoxic drugs (both cause bone problems) to treat cancers such as multiple myeloma
  - Difficult to calculate risk of ONJ
  - In Penns experience it is 1-3% but it is unknown if the cancer, the cytotoxic drugs, steroids, or high dose bisphosphonates caused the problem
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# Stay tuned

- More studies are on the way!

