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BONE DENSITOMETRY A TOOL TO DIAGNOSE OSTEOPROSIS

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Bone densitometry is most often used to diagnose osteoporosis, a condition that often affects women after menopause but may also found in men. This exam also assess risk for developing fractures, is effective in tracking the effects of treatment for osteoporosis or for other conditions that cause bone loss. In this document we review characteristics of this procedure to know limitations of bone densitometry and the benefits vs. risks.

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