

### **MEETING ABSTRACT**

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# Muscle-skeletal fragility: data about elderly people who live in RSA in Calabria

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#### Clinical background

This screening aims to value the osteoporosi's and the ipo-vitamin D incidence in patients who live in RSA. The vitamin D is important for calcium and bone metabolism and its deficiency causes Miopatia prossimale, one muscle disease. People over 65 live in the RSA live.

#### Materials and methods

The valuation begins with a clinical situation to show the risk factors for osteoporosi's disease: the risk of falls and the previous fragility fractures in particular. After we value the BMD, the blood exams and the x-ray of lumbar and dorsal spine to show the vertebral fractures.

#### Results

54 people, 35 females, 19 males, average 80. 19 patients showed one fragility fracture. The risk of falls was absent in 21 patients, light in 3 patients, middle in 10 patients, high in 20 patients. The BMD was osteoporotic in 37 patients, osteopenia in 8 patients, normal in 6 patients. All patients showed ipo-vitaminosys D. we could make xray in 16 patients only. This was this was the result: 13 patients showed one vertebral fracture, at least.

#### **Conclusions**

We demonstrate, once again, that the ostoeporosis and the ipovitaminosys D state are under estimated.

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