# MARKERS OF BONE METABOLISM

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#### BONE STRUCTURE

- Cellular components
  - Osteoblasts
  - Osteoclasts
  - Osteocytes
- Calcified matrix
  - Collagen
  - Glycosaminoglycans
  - Noncollagen calcium binding proteins-Osteocalcin, sialoprotein, osteoprotein

#### DEPOSITION OF COLLAGEN

- Pyridinolines crosslinks
- GAGS
- Proline and hydroxyprolines
- Minerals

#### BONE MASS AND BONE FUNCTION

- Peak bone mass
- Factors determining peak bone mass
- Assessment of bone strength- BMD
- Coupling of bone formation and resorption i.e. modelling and remodelling.

# BONE CHANGES

- Modeling
- Remodelling
  - Resorption
  - Reversal
  - Formation

Remodeling is carried out by BSU

• Normal and abnormal coupling

### BIOCHEMICAL MARKERS OF BONE TURNOVER

- Bone resorption markers
  - Urine hydroxyproline
  - Urine deoxypyridinoline
  - Urine pyridinoline
  - Type I peptide collagen telopeptides-
    - N terminal telopeptides to helix in urine (NTX-I)
    - C terminal telopeptides I to helix in serum( ICTP)
    - C terminal telopeptides- II in urine and serum (CTX)
  - Serum tartarate resistant acid phosphatase, hydroxylysine and its glycosides

# BIOCHEMICAL MARKERS OF BONE TURNOVER

- Bone formation
  - Serum osteocalcin
  - Serum alkaline phosphatase(ALP), bone specific ALP
  - Serum procollagen I extension peptides
- Mineral status- serum calcium, magnesium, phosphorous

#### APPLICATIONS OF BIOCHEMICAL MARKERS

- Monitoring the effects of therapy
- Adjust dosage when appropriate
- Determine consequences of discontinuing therapy
- Identifying fast and slow losers of bone mass.
- Measurement of biochemical markers in conjunction with BMD can identify individuals at risk of osteoporosis.

# BIOCHEMICAL MARKERS OF DISEASE ACTIVITY USED IN OSTEOPOROSIS Bone Formation :

Markers	Source	Osteoporosis
Alkaline phosphatase	Liver/bone/gut	Increased
Skeletal ALP	Bone, osteoblasts	Increased
Osteocalcin	Bone, osteoblasts	Increased
Procollagen peptides	Bone, osteoblasts	Increased
Decarboxylatedosteo calcin	Bone, osteoblasts	Increased

# BIOCHEMICAL MARKERS OF DISEASE ACTIVITY USED IN OSTEOPOROSIS

#### • Bone Resorption

Markers	Source	Osteoporosis
Tartarate resistant acid phosphatase	Osteoclasts	Increased
Deoxypyridinolineand pyridinoline	Collagen crosslinks	Increased
NTX	Collagen	Increased
CTX	Collagen	Increased

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# Thank you