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Osteoporosis Update

Osteoporosis is a major public health threat for fifty-five percent of the population age fifty and older in the United States. This information was recently provided by the National Osteoporosis Foundation (NOF).

The total number of people age fifty and older at risk for osteoporosis and low bone mass is estimated at 44 million in 2002. While women age fifty and older are at greater risk for developing the disease, men with osteoporosis total more than 14 million in the United States in 2002. The figure is expected to increase by several million over the next ten years.

National Osteoporosis Foundation stated that in the United States direct medical costs for treating fractures resulting from osteoporosis is 17 billion dollars per year.

This is a huge public health problem, which is treatable, and public awareness is increasing significantly.



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