

### What is TBS Osteo?

TBS Osteo, is an Al-ready software for a bone scanning machine called a DXA (Dual-energy X-ray Absorptiometry) that computes your Trabecular bone score (TBS).

### What is a DXA scan?

A DXA scan is a fast, low-dose X-ray that measures how dense or strong your bones are. It is often used to look for osteoporosis.

The scan usually takes a few minutes, and scans the spine and hips, and sometimes the forearm.



# Why is it important?

Osteoporosis is a common condition, affecting around 1 in 3 women and 1 in 5 men aged 50 or over<sup>1</sup>.





There is a gradual loss of bone strength, which increases fracture risk - even from a low-impact fall, such as from standing. Women are often more at risk after the menopause, due to hormonal changes that affect bone health.



Osteoporosis develops gradually, weakening the bone structure and making fracture more likely. There is a visible difference between healthy bone, osteopenia (early bone loss), and osteoporosis.

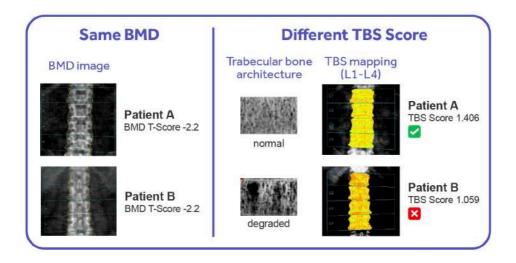
#### Risk factors include:

- > Age
- > Family history of osteoporosis
- > Smoking
- > Low body weight
- Certain long-term medications (such as steroids)
- > Some medical conditions

After a fragility fracture, your risk of another fracture is higher, so early detection is important. With the right tests and timely treatment, your risk can be reduced.

### How does TBS Osteo work?

**TBS Osteo examines the tiny dots** (pixels) in your scan image, **to see how similar or varied their shades are**. A consistent pattern - like the example below - suggests strong, well-connected bone, while more variation between dark and light variation, can show weaker internal support.



Think of the Golden Gate Bridge: if you remove the beams inside but keep the outer frame, it may look the same from afar, but be less stable. **TBS helps detect these changes in your bone.** 

# Do I have osteoporosis?

Only your general practitioner or specialist can diagnose osteoporosis. If you are concerned, have risk factors or past fractures, you can request a DXA scan. You can also ask if the clinic uses TBS Osteo software, to provide additional bone microstructure insight during the scan.

Your doctor may use a tool called **FRAX**, to assess your risk of fracture in the next 10 years. FRAX considers factors such as your age, body weight, smoking, alcohol intake, and family history, and helps your doctor decide if treatment is needed.

# What can I do if I have osteoporosis?

There are effective treatments to improve bone strength, microstructure, and reduce fracture risk. Some medications slow bone loss, while others help build new bone. Your doctor will discuss the best options for you. Because bone rebuilds slowly, improvements usually take one year or more to be seen.

Alongside treatment, lifestyle changes may help:

- Keep active. Weight-bearing exercise, like jogging, dance, strength training, and Pilates can help keep bone and muscle strength. Balance-based exercise like yoga can help to prevent falls.
- > Eat a nutritious diet. Ensure you have enough protein, calories, and especially calcium and vitamin D. Dairy products, leafy greens, and oily fish are good sources. Your doctor may advise supplements.
- > Avoid smoking and limit alcohol. Both can weaken your bones over time.
- Review medications with your doctor to check for effects on your bone health.
- > Connect with support groups. Patient organisations and national societies offer resources, guidance, and community support.
- > Engage with follow-up appointments to track your response to treatment and adjust your care plan if needed.

Taking these steps, with your physician's advice can help protect your bones and lower your fracture risk.

# Did you know?

TBS is included in the FRAX tool, which means your fracture risk can be assessed not only with bone density and clinical risk factors, but also taking into account **your bone quality**. This provides a more complete picture of your bone health.

# TBS Osteo report

If you have a DXA scan with TBS Osteo software installed, the software will make a report, and you may receive a copy. If your next DXA is at the same centre, you may receive a 'trending report' that shows how your bone health is changing over time. This report allows you and your clinician to track your BMD and your TBS.

The TBS Osteo report (accessible via the QR code below) shows a patient's progress over four DXA scans. This helps support informed decisions about your treatment plan and gives a clearer picture of how your bones are responding to your osteoporosis management strategy.



Scan me to access **the report** 



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