



Phil Macavity says "Just Floss 'Em"

## Are you taking Bisphosphonates?

Please let us know if you are taking any of the following drugs. They greatly affect the way the body reacts to dental treatments and we need to know now before we start work. Certain treatments are contraindicated if you have taken any of these drugs for the last two years.

Fosamax Plus D	generic name:	alendronate/cholecalciferol
Zometa (Pro,	generic name:	zoledronic acid
Didronel (Pro	generic name:	etidronate
Reclast	generic name:	zoledronic acid
Boniva (Pro,	generic name:	ibandronate
Actonel (Pro,	generic name:	risedronate
Actonel+Calcium	generic name:	calcium carbonate/risedronate
Aclasta	generic name:	zoledronic acid
Atelvia	generic name:	risedronate
Aredia (Pro,	generic name:	pamidronate
Binosto (Pro,	generic name:	alendronate
Skelid	generic name:	tiludronate

You must let us know

Bisphosphonates are drugs that inhibit mineralization or resorption of the bone by blocking the action of osteoclasts. Bisphosphonates are enzyme-resistant analogues of pyrophosphate, which normally inhibits mineralization in the bone. Their effect is dose dependent and they reduce the turnover of bone by inhibiting recruitment and promoting apoptosis of osteoclasts. They interfere with the growth and repair of bone.

Bisphosphonates are used to treat postmenopausal and glucocorticoid induced osteoporosis, Pagets Disease. Studies show that bisphosphonates increase bone thickness and may lower the risk of fractures.

All medicines have side effects. But many people don't feel the side effects, or they are able to deal with them. Ask your pharmacist about the side effects of each medicine you take. Side effects are also listed in the information that comes with your medicine.

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL THE OFFICE IF ANY PROBLEMS OCCUR.**

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