

# Important notice to patients taking medications for the treatment of:

Osteoporosis  
Osteopenia  
Bone Cancer  
Metastatic Breast Cancer  
Postmenopausal bone loss

The class of medications used to treat these conditions is known as Bisphosphonates. These medications have been linked to a serious side effect called *osteonecrosis of the jaw*. This condition may be triggered by certain dental procedures, poor oral health, or ill fitting dental appliances. If you have ever taken one of these medications, maintaining your oral health is even more important.

The incidence of this condition (Osteonecrosis) is far greater if the medications have been administered by intravenous means. However, it has been reported in patients taking oral forms of these drugs.

## I.V Bisphosphonates

Aredia (Pamidronate)  
Zometa (Zoledronate)  
Boniva (Ibandronate)

## Oral Bisphosphonates

Fosamax (Alendronate)  
Boniva (Ibandronate)  
Actonel (Risedronate)  
Benefos (Clodronate)  
Ostac (Clodronate)  
Skelid (Tiludronate)  
Didvonel (Etidronate)

\*Any other Bisphosphonates

The complications associated with these medications may be years to lifelong even after you stop taking them.

I certify that I have read and fully understand the above notice.

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Patient or guardian signature

Date

\_\_\_\_\_ I have not taken any of these medications.  
initial

\_\_\_\_\_ I have taken, or am currently taking, or have been administered  
initial one or more of these medications.

**BISPHOSPHONATES**