MENTING OSTEOPOROSIS *Your Path to Wellness* OSTEOPOROSIS Dr. Crystal Sciarini, ND

Risk factors for developing osteoporosis:

- Female
- Age (risk increases w/ age)
- Thyroid disorders
- Low calcium intake
- Sedentary lifestyle
- Some diseases (such as kidney dz, SLE, RA)

Normal

Osteoporosis

• **Race** (Caucasian or Asian highest risk)

- Family History
- Eating disorders
- Gastrointestinal surgery
- Excessive alcohol or tobacco use
- Some medications (such as steroids)

HOW TO BUILD HEALTHY BONES ∞ Exercise regularly ∞ Eat plenty of fruits and vegetables ∞ Take Vitamin D3 ∞ Take Vitamin K2

Prevention

- Modify risk factors!
- Maintain a healthy diet
- Exercise regularly
- Optimize hormone levels
- Maintain a healthy weight
- Quit smoking
- Limit alcohol intake

Allopathic Treatment

- Antiresorptive drugs are used to increase bone strength.
- Anabolic agents, such as parathyroid hormone analogs
- Romosozumab, a monoclonal antibody

Naturopathic Treatment

- Avoid refined sugar
- Avoid excess intake of caffeine
- Modulate exposure of aluminum, lead, cadmium, and tin
- Supplementation
- Hydrotherapy, such as Russian steam