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The following message is brought to you by Amgen.

Persistence with Prolia® (denosumab) in postmenopausal osteoporosis patients was higher versus both IV and oral bisphosphonates at 3 years¹

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INDICATION

Prolia® (denosumab) is indicated for the treatment of postmenopausal women with osteoporosis at high risk for fracture, defined as a history of osteoporotic fracture, or multiple risk factors for fracture; or patients who have failed or are intolerant to other available osteoporosis therapy. In postmenopausal women with osteoporosis, Prolia® reduces the incidence of vertebral, nonvertebral, and hip fractures.

Contraindications:

Prolia® (denosumab) is contraindicated in patients with hypocalcemia, women who are pregnant, and patients with a history of systemic hypersensitivity to any component of the product. Perform pregnancy testing in women of reproductive potential prior to initiating treatment with Prolia®.

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Dear [Insert Customer Name],

A study of persistence rates with osteoporosis treatments among women with postmenopausal osteoporosis (PMO) showed that Medicare beneficiaries receiving Prolia® had higher rates of persistence than those on other osteoporosis treatments at 3 years.

PERSISTENCE* RATES AT 36 MONTHS*

40

38%

Prolia®

(n = 25,107)

17%

Oral BP

(n = 79,710)

6%

IV BP

(n = 179,454)

Active Ingredients

Oral BP:

77.9% alendronate,
9.9% risedronate,
12.2% ibandronate (oral)

IV BP:

99.4% zoledronate,
5.6% ibandronate (IV)

BP=bisphosphonates; IV=intravenous.

¹Persistence was defined as the duration of continuous use of a medication from initiation[†] to discontinuation.[‡]

[†]The model was adjusted for patient characteristics, including demographics, health history, number of medications used, previous fracture, and previous osteoporosis medication use.

[‡]Initiation of a medication was defined as no use of medication for at least 1 year before this use (at least 14 months for IV zoledronic acid).

[§]Discontinuation date defined as the switch date or the last dosing date plus the allowable treatment gap (60 days), whichever was earlier.

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Medication categories were denosumab, oral bisphosphonates, IV bisphosphonates, and other medications.

Study Design

- The study was conducted to provide 3-year persistence rates of osteoporosis treatments among elderly female Medicare beneficiaries in the US
- This was a retrospective observational study of Medicare beneficiaries who initiated an osteoporosis medication between 2011 and 2014
- Participants were women ≥ 66 years of age at treatment initiation
- The following analyses were done:
 - Percentage of patients in each persistence group (< 12 months, 12 to < 24 months, 24 to < 36 months, and ≥ 36 months) by osteoporosis medication category and patient characteristics in each persistence group
 - Status at the end of persistence (stopped, switched, died, disenrolled from Medicare, end of study) by osteoporosis medication category and persistence group
 - The analyses above were repeated for patients who could be followed for 3 years
 - The association of osteoporosis medication characteristics with persistence adjusted for patient characteristics

Study Assumptions and Limitations

- Persistence was measured from initiation to discontinuation with an allowable gap of 60 days
- It is not known if patients used the medication—only that the medication was filled
- Results may not generalize to younger patients
- Information bias and unmeasured confounders may exist

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