



**NATIONAL BONE HEALTH ALLIANCE**  
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## Eye on Bone Health

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### 2016 Osteoporosis Qualified Clinical Data Registry Launched

NBHA and the National Osteoporosis Foundation (NOF) launched the 2016 Osteoporosis Quality Improvement Registry (QIR) on August 30, 2016. The registry is intended for all providers and specialties caring for patients with osteoporosis. For the third year in a row, the registry is approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) as a Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR) for Eligible Professionals and Group Practice Reporting Option (GPRO) practices.

The NBHA/NOF registry is comprised of *46 quality measures* and, with easy to use reporting, can help providers avoid penalties under quality reporting programs such as the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS), Value Based Modifier (VBM) and satisfaction of the Meaningful Use (MU) Specialized Registry Public Health Objective. These programs collectively place up to 9% of eligible allowed Medicare Part B fee for service charges at risk (up to 3% around MU, 2% around PQRS and 4% around VBM).

The QIR registry can also help providers automate EHR data, track performance against benchmarks, close gaps in patient care and manage patient populations.

To learn more about the 2016 QCDR, visit:

<https://www.medconcert.com/content/medconcert/FratureQIR>.

### Who We Are/What We Do

The National Bone Health Alliance is a public-private partnership that brings together the expertise and resources of its member organizations to collectively: promote bone health and prevent disease; improve diagnosis and treatment of bone disease; and enhance bone research, surveillance and evaluation.

NBHA's 50 member organizations, along with liaisons representing the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, National Institutes of Health and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, are working together to bring about a shared vision: to improve the overall health and quality of life of all Americans by enhancing their bone health.

## NBHA's Fracture Liaison Service Return on Investment (cost offset) Calculator Released

In July, NBHA debuted its fracture liaison service (FLS) return on investment (ROI) calculator on Fracture Prevention CENTRAL and hosted a sponsored webinar to review the features of the FLS ROI calculator.

NBHA developed the FLS ROI calculator in collaboration with the Research Triangle Institute and University of Alabama- Birmingham to provide a variety of estimates of the costs (and potential cost savings) associated with the healthcare use of statistical modeling techniques following fractures. The calculator also allows for estimates tailored to specific providers, payers, managed care organizations and other stakeholders.

The initial version of the calculator applies to patients age 65 and above, while future releases will allow sites to estimate FLS impact on patients age 50 and above and quantify the impact of the transition to value-based payment models.

Visit [www.FracturePreventionCENTRAL.org](http://www.FracturePreventionCENTRAL.org) to download the return on investment calculator (you must have a free account) and watch the archived webinar to learn more about the FLS ROI calculator: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=EA\\_5G75cBoo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EA_5G75cBoo).

## NBHA's David Lee Presenting at the American Academy of Family Practice *Family Medical Experience 2016*

In order to engage primary care and other stakeholders in NBHA's fracture prevention and FLS efforts, NBHA has been conducting outreach to national primary care, women's care, women's health and other organizations.

## Fracture Prevention CENTRAL Fracture Liaison Service Survey

Thank you to the more than 120 individuals who participated in the national fracture liaison service (FLS) survey we disseminated this summer. The survey is designed to quantify and track the number of FLS programs currently active in the United States and to learn more about each of the responding programs.

We will share the survey results next month and will repeat the survey once or twice a year to identify additional active FLS programs and track progress and trends in FLS implementation over time.

## NBHA/ISCD Medicare Data Working Group Presenting at ASBMR: Hip Fractures and Declining DXA Testing: At a Breaking Point?

On behalf of the NBHA/International Society for Clinical Densitometry (ISCD) Medicare Working Group, Dr. Michael Lewiecki is presenting during the Hip Fractures and Declining DXA Testing: At a Breaking Point session of the ASBMR Annual Meeting.

Dr. Lewiecki's oral presentation is based on the working group's ASBMR abstract submission on the recent decline in the hip fracture rate and the plausible chain

As a result, NBHA Executive Director, David Lee, has been invited by Drs. Robin Creamer and Nathan Falk (Florida Hospital Center, Winter Park, FL) to provide remarks during their osteoporosis talks at the American Academy of Family Practice *Family Medical Experience* annual meeting taking place from September 20-24, 2016 in Orlando, FL. David will have an opportunity to provide comments on NBHA's FLS and fracture prevention work during several talks on osteoporosis and osteoporosis prevention and geriatric hip fracture management.

#### Local Cable Distribution of 2Million2Many's "Betty's Story"

Leading up to World Osteoporosis Day 2015, NBHA released two new patient education videos featuring real patient stories to bring to life the connection between bone breaks and osteoporosis and the importance of screening and treatment to prevent secondary fractures.

NBHA recently worked with a cable distribution partner to develop 30 and 60 second PSAs of "Betty's Story" that will be airing on local and regional cable networks starting in October. The PSAs are also available for viewing online and partner organizations are encouraged to share them through their distribution channels. Please contact us at [info@nbha.org](mailto:info@nbha.org) if you're interested in securing the videos to share or keep an eye out to see our video on your local cable network.

[Click here to watch the 30 and 60 second versions of Betty's Story.](#)

of events that may account for the trend.

#### The session is taking place:

- Saturday, September 17, 2016, 4:30-6:30pm (Dr. Leweicki's presentation is from 5:30-5:45 pm)
- Georgia World Congress Center
- Sidney Marcus Auditorium, Building A
- Atlanta, GA

#### Become Part of the NBHA Community - Join Today

If you're interested in becoming part of our community, you can join NBHA as an organization or an individual member.

Learn about the benefits of becoming a member and how you can join

here: <http://www.nbha.org/members/become-a-member>.

#### Get Social with NBHA

If you don't already, please like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#) to keep up with the latest NBHA news and activities.

## Recent AARP Public Policy Institute Report: Few Hip Fracture Patients Receive Osteoporosis Care

A report issued in July by the AARP Policy Institute, in collaboration with OptumLabs, found that fewer than one in five women age 50 and above who suffered from a hip fracture between 2008 and 2013 utilized osteoporosis-related services within six months following their fractures.

The analysis of national health insurance claims by the AARP Public Policy Institute also found that women age 80 and older were 34 percent less likely than those ages 50 to 79 to receive the recommended services in a timely manner. Also, among women 80 and older, failure to undergo bone density testing or to begin taking osteoporosis drugs within six months of a hip fracture was associated with a 62 percent increase in risk of a second hip fracture.

[Read the AARP press release to learn more about the study.](#)

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