

# Advances in the Management of Hypoparathyroidism

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# Hypoparathyroidism

- Low levels of PTH lead to hypocalcemia and hyperphosphatemia
- Main clinical symptoms are tetany, tingling, muscle cramps, and seizures
- Common etiology:
  - Children: genetic variants
  - Adults: damage to parathyroid gland from neck surgery
- Estimated prevalence: 30 per 100,000 individuals worldwide.

Hypoparathyroidism is one of the few hormonal insufficiencies not treated with replacement of its missing hormone

Conventional therapy (FDA approved)

- Active vitamin D (calcitriol; alphacalcidol)
- Calcium
- Magnesium
- Multiple pills taken 2-4 times daily

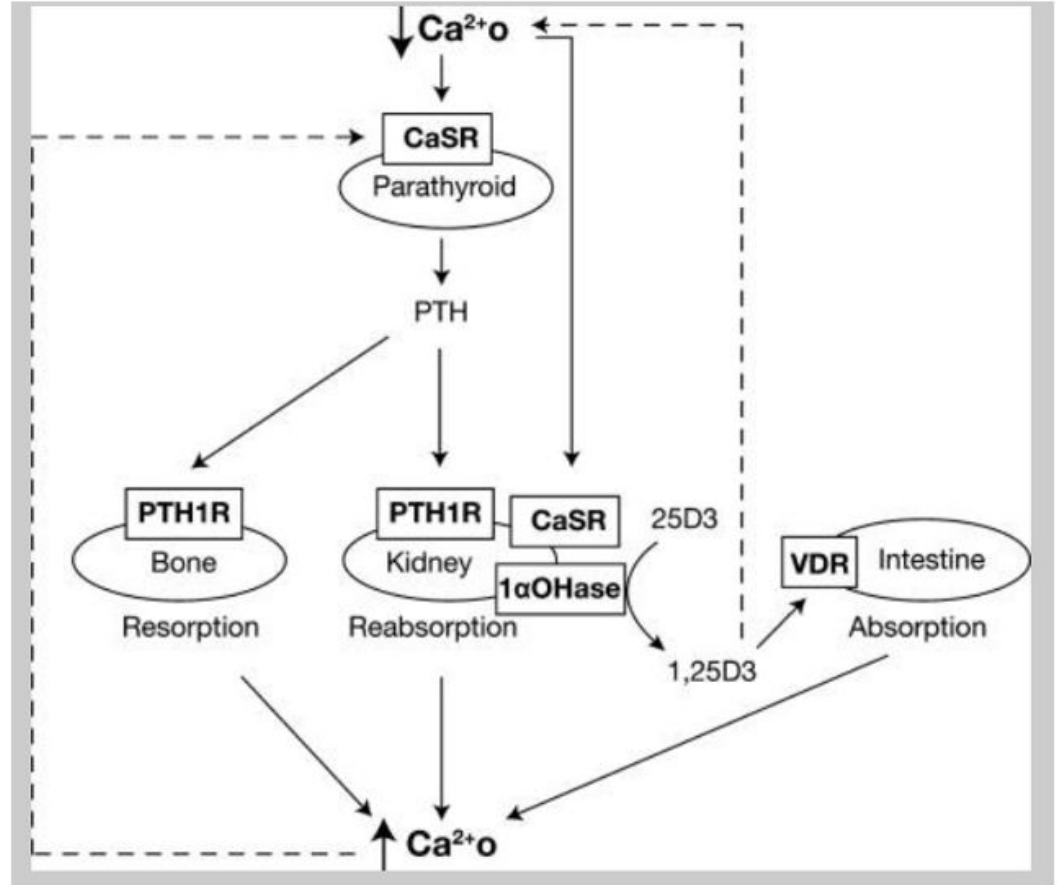
# Treatment Challenges Associated with Conventional Therapy

- Relies entirely on the GI tract to raise serum calcium
- Vitamin D analogs have no direct effect on kidney to reabsorb calcium
- High urinary calcium leads to kidney damage, renal insufficiency

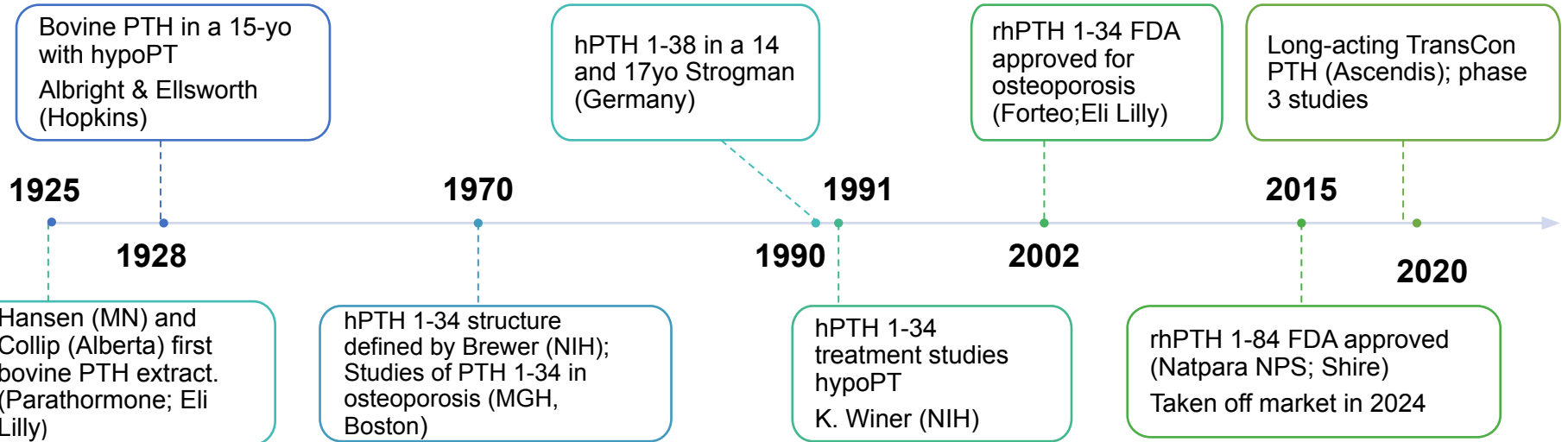
# Hypoparathyroidism

HypoPT leads to a loss of PTH-mediated:

- renal calcium reabsorption
- phosphaturia
- vitamin D synthesis
- bone turnover



# Key Milestones in the Development of PTH as a Therapy for Hypoparathyroidism



# Baseline Clinical Characteristics of Patients With HypoPT Followed Over 27 Years

192 patients with hypoPT:

- 50% children
- 64% female
- 25% post-surgical (96% Adults)
- 62% hereditary/familial

	Entire Cohort	APS-1	CaR*	Post-surgical	Idiopathic
Numbers of Patients	192	90	21	49	32
Female	123	55	16	41	11
Male	69	35	5	8	21
Children (2-19 years)	97	64	13	2	18
Adults (20-74 years)	95	26	8	47	14
Age (years) at baseline	26	18	18	47	23
Age (years) at disease onset	15 ± 17	6 ± 4	7 ± 12	38 ± 13	13 ± 13
Duration of Disease (mean ± SD years)	11 ± 11	12 ± 13	11 ± 6	9 ± 10	10 ± 9
Duration on Protocol (mean ± SD years)	3 ± 5	4 ± 6	5 ± 4	2 ± 3	3 ± 4

APS-1, autoimmune polyglandular syndrome type 1; CaR, gain-of-function mutation in the *CaSR* gene; hypoPT: hypoparathyroidism.

Winer KK, et al. *Bone*. 2021;149:115977.

# Baseline Imaging of ~50% of Patients With HypoPT on Conventional Therapy Showed Renal or Brain Calcifications

Baseline imaging at baseline:

- Renal calcifications
  - APS-1: 60%
  - CaR: 100%
  - PS: 20%
- Brain calcifications
  - APS-1: 50%
  - CaR: 80%
  - PS: 0%

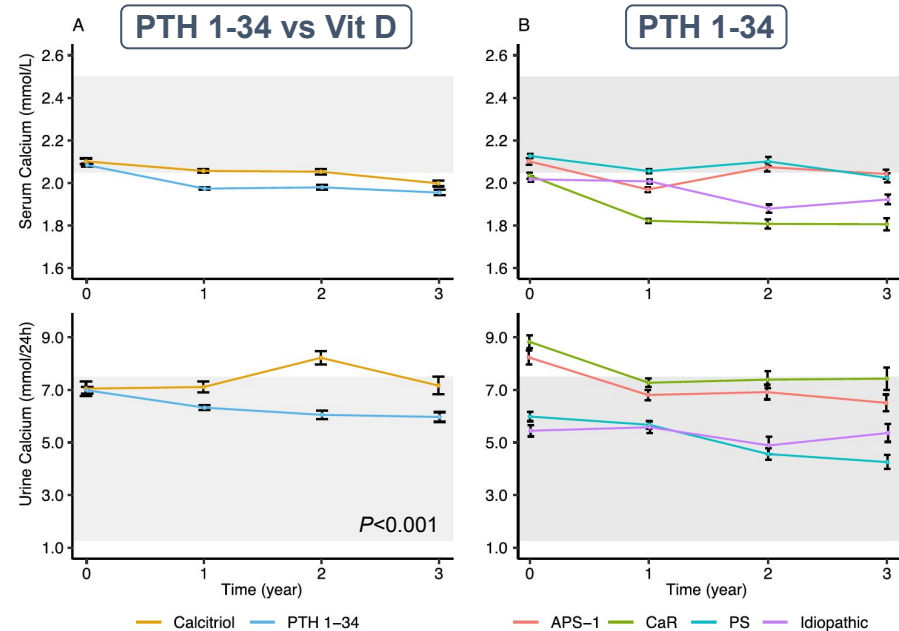
Etiology of HypoPT	Entire cohort	APS-1	CaR	Post-surgical	Idiopathic/Familial
Kidney imaging	145	70	21	35	19
Nephrocalcinosis	77	42	21	7	7
Brain imaging	55	34	10	6	5
Brain calcification	29	17	8	0	4



# Comparative 3-Year Profile of Serum and Urine Calcium Levels With Twice-Daily PTH vs. Conventional Therapy

Pooled analysis of serum and urine calcium in 112 adults and children with hypoPT:

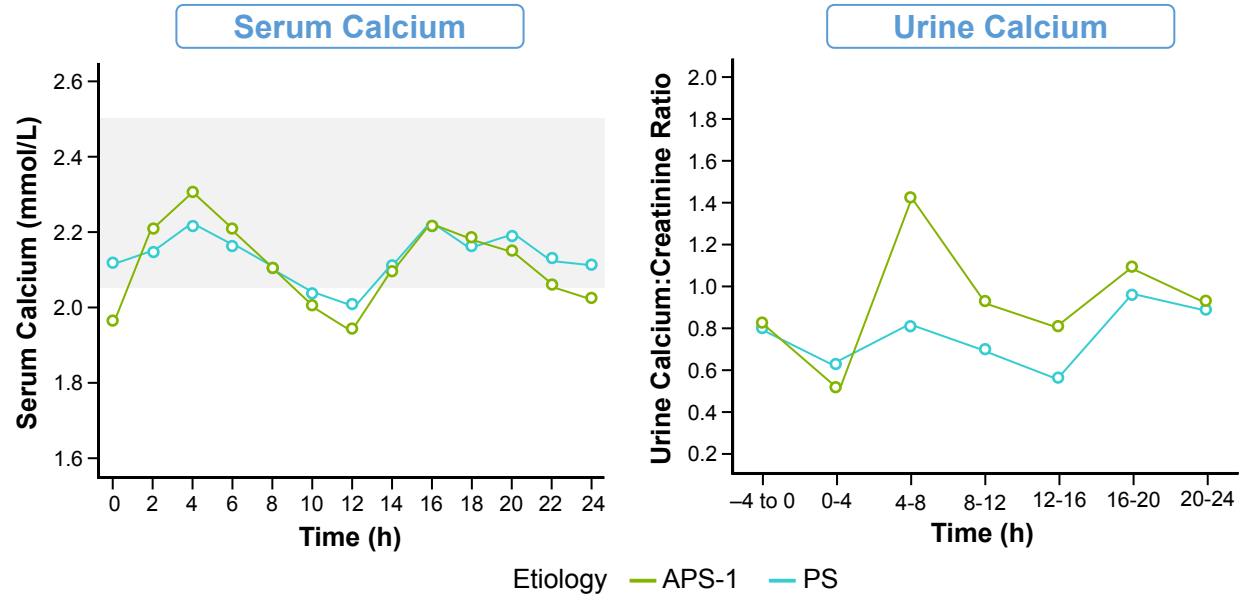
- 3-year follow-up
- PTH maintains average urine calcium in the normal range
- Response to twice-daily PTH injections varies by etiology



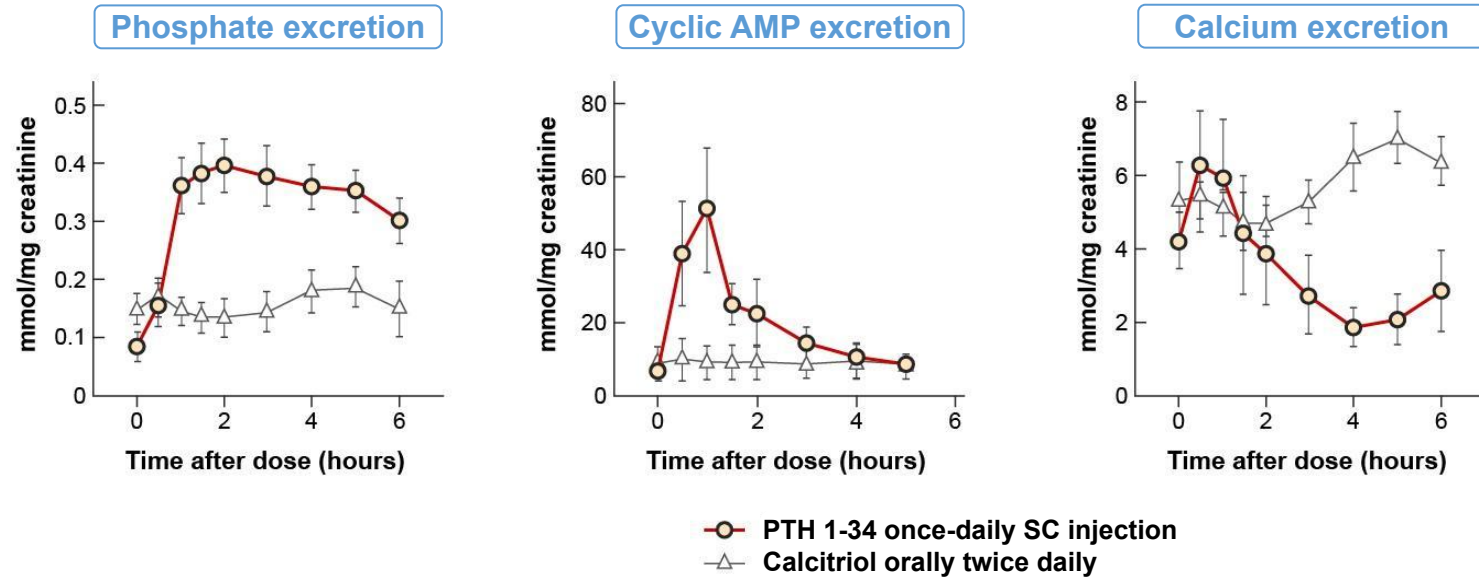
# Calcium Patterns in Response to Twice-Daily PTH 1-34: U-Calcium differs Post-Surgical vs APS-1 Etiologies

Pooled analysis in 35 patients with hypoPT:

- 24-h response to twice-daily PTH injections (t = 0, 12 h)
- Etiologies: 13 APS-1, 22 PS



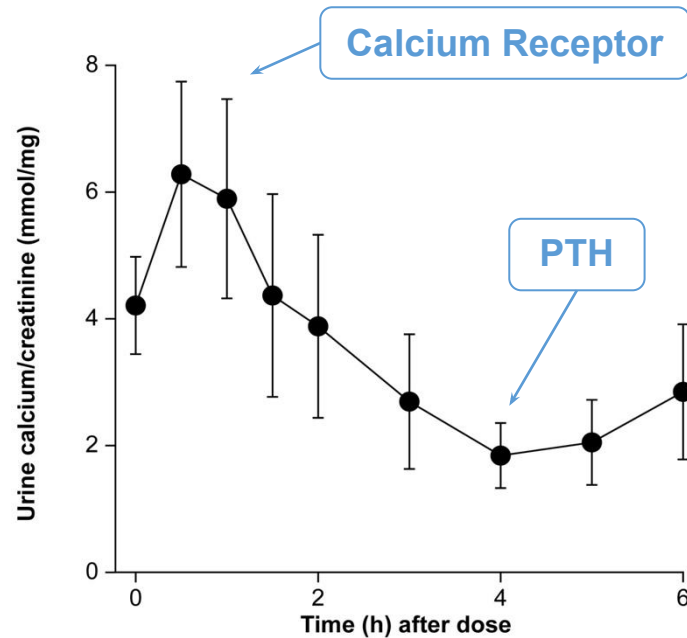
# Comparative Pharmacodynamic (PD) Responses to PTH 1-34 vs Calcitriol in Patients With HypoPT



AMP, adenosine monophosphate; hypoPT, hypoparathyroidism; PTH, parathyroid hormone.

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# PTH Induces a Biphasic Response in Calcium Excretion



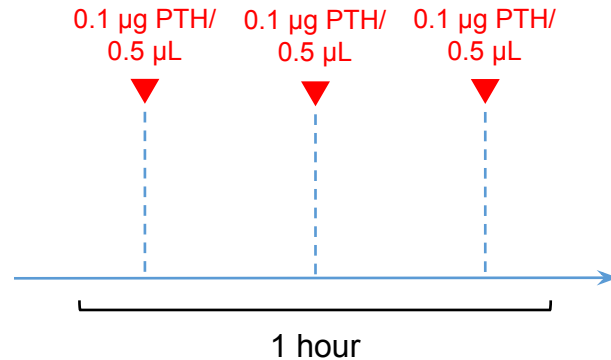
- Magnitude of the initial rise in UCa is PTH-dose dependent
- Hypothesis: Hypercalciuria could be mitigated by increasing injection frequency with smaller PTH doses
- Twice daily injections led to a reduction of PTH dose by 50%

# Normal PTH Physiology May Be Replicated by Delivery of PTH Microboluses by Pump

Hypothesis: PTH given via pump will mimic normal physiology and maintain blood and urine calcium within a narrow range of normal.

Example:

- 7.2  $\mu\text{g}$  PTH/day
- 3 pulses/hour

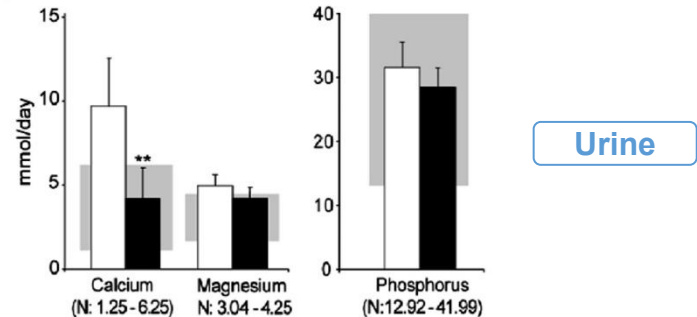
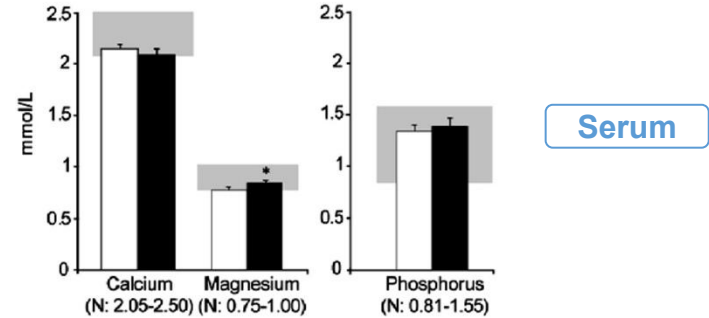
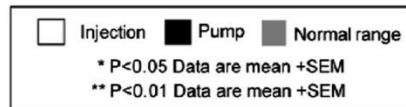


Omnipod® insulin pump (Insulet)  
for PTH delivery

# Pump Delivery of PTH 1-34 Produces Normal Serum and Urine Minerals

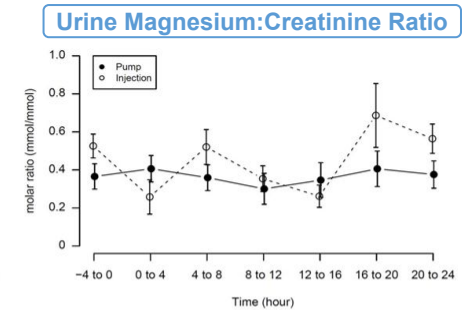
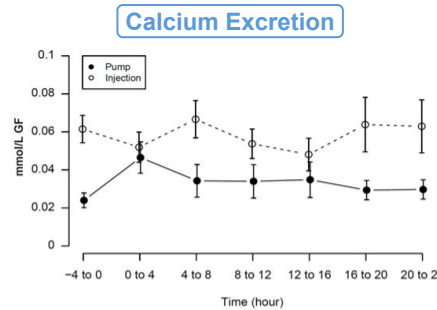
In adults with post-surgical hypoPT, PTH 1-34 delivered by pump resulted in:

- 50% reduction in urine calcium
- 65% reduction in PTH dose (0.2 µg/kg/day)
- Higher serum magnesium and reduced magnesium supplementation requirement

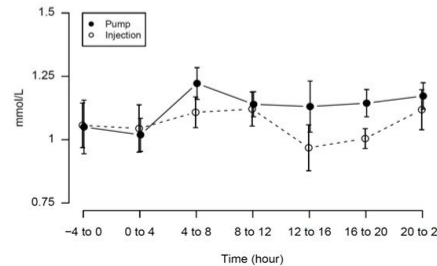


# Pump Delivery of PTH 1-34 Produces Improved Circadian Patterns in Urine Excretion vs Twice-Daily SC Injections

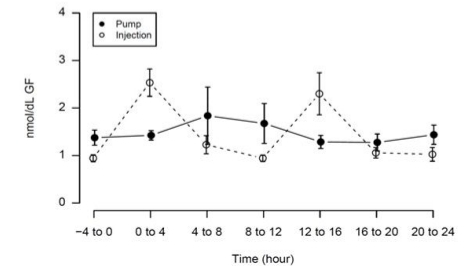
- 8 adults with post-surgical hypoPT
- Reduced fluctuation for urinary calcium, magnesium, phosphate, and cAMP ( $P < 0.01$  pump vs twice-daily PTH)



**Tubular Phosphate Reabsorption (TmP/GFR)**



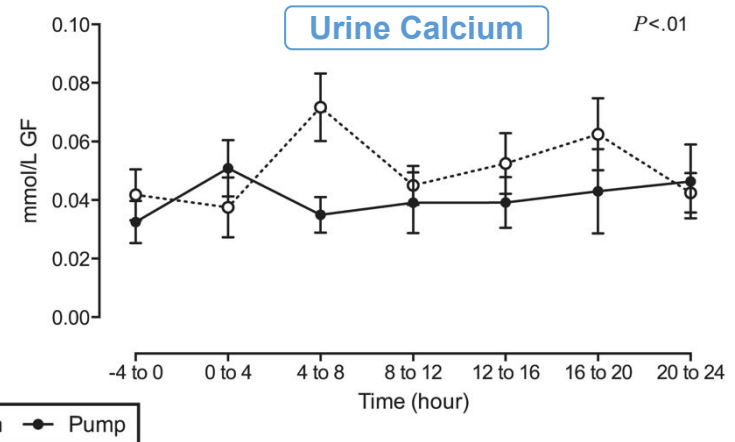
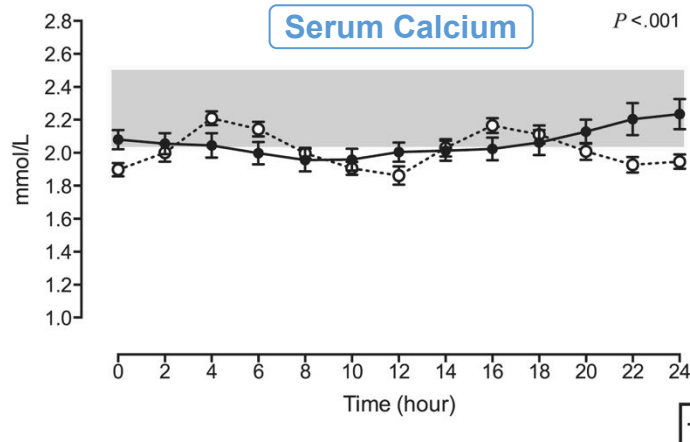
**Urine cAMP**



cAMP, cyclic adenosine monophosphate; GFR, glomerular filtration rate; hypoPT, hypoparathyroidism; PTH, parathyroid hormone; SC, subcutaneous; TmP, tubular maximum reabsorption of phosphate.

# Pump Delivery of PTH 1-34 Produces Improved Serum and Urine Calcium Profiles vs Twice-Daily SC Injections

- 7–20-year-old patients with APS-1 (n=5) or ADH (n=7)
- Pump delivery improved serum and urine calcium with minimal fluctuations



ADH, autosomal dominant hypocalcemia; APS-1, autoimmune polyglandular syndrome type 1; PTH, parathyroid hormone; SC, subcutaneous.

Winer K, et al. *J Pediatr.* 2014;165(3):556-563.



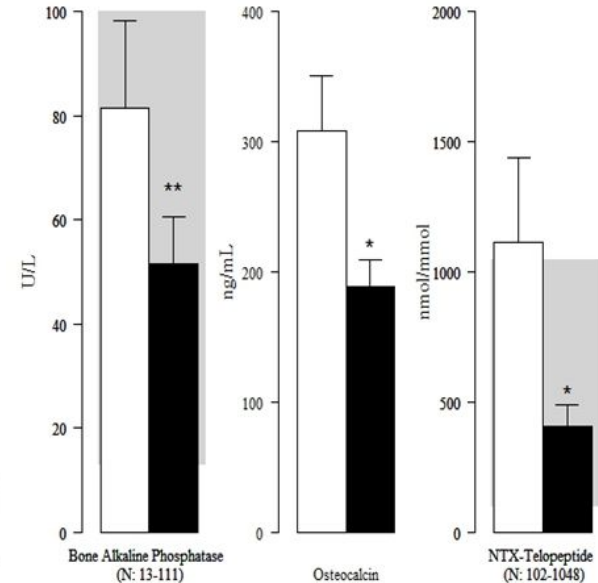
# Pump Delivery of PTH 1-34 Reduces Markers of Bone Turnover vs Twice-Daily SC Injections

In children with APS-1 or ADH, PTH delivered by pump resulted in (vs. twice-daily injections):

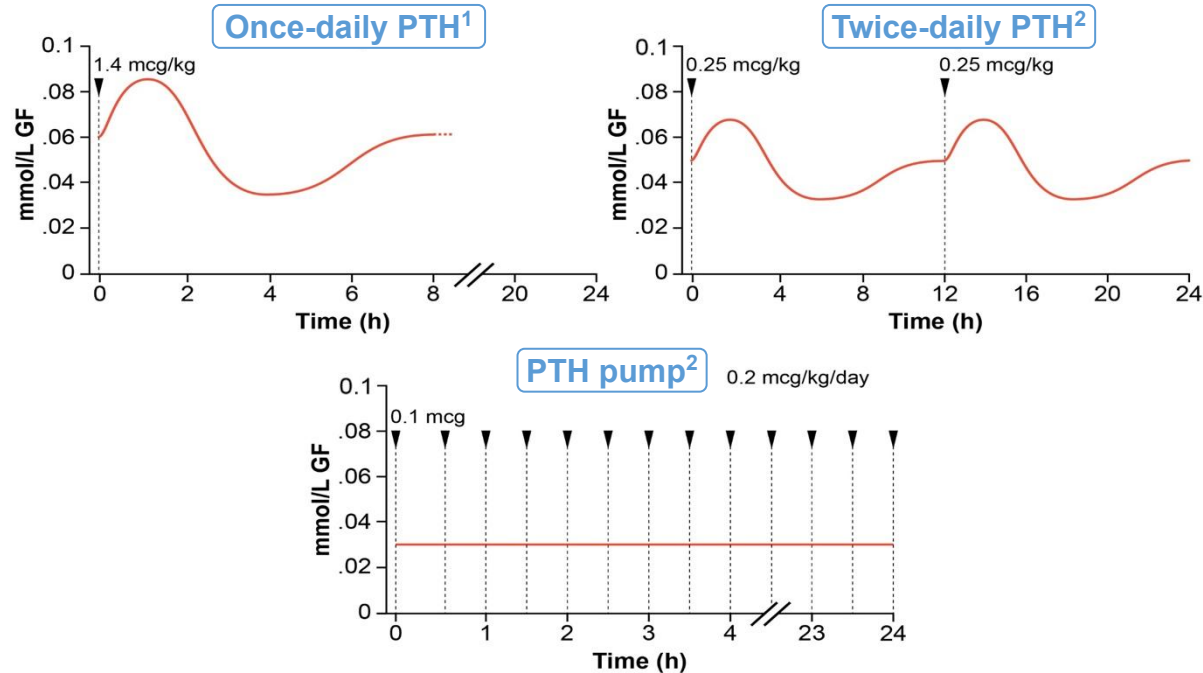
- 60% Reduction in PTH dose (0.32 vs 0.82  $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}/\text{day}$ )
- Bone turnover markers reduced by 37%-63%
- 40% reduction on magnesium supplement dose

□ Injection ■ Pump ■ Normal Range  
\* $p < .05$  \*\* $p < .01$  \*\*\* $p < .001$

## Markers of Bone Turnover



# Increase in PTH 1-34 Injection Frequency Reduces Dose and Urine Calcium Excretion



GF, glomerular filtrate; PTH, parathyroid hormone.

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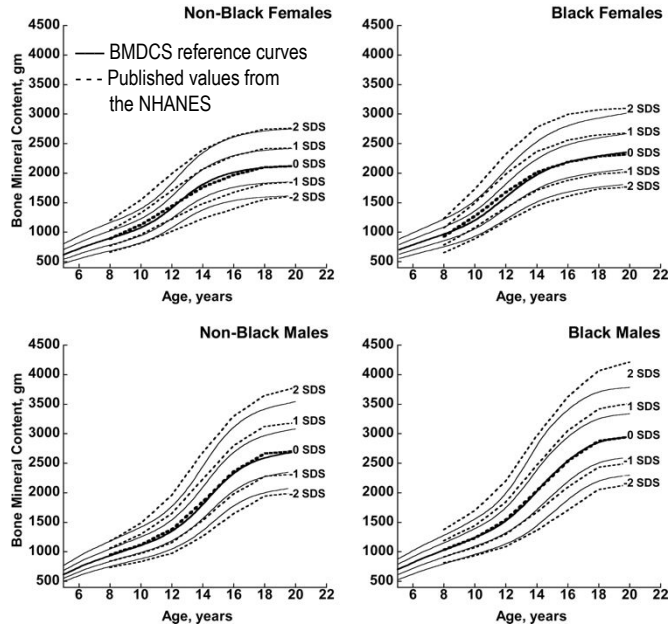
# Long-term Effects of PTH 1-34 Therapy in Adults and Children With HypoPT

# Risk Factors for Osteoporosis in APS-1

- 1.** Malabsorption leading to poor weight gain and linear growth
- 2.** GH deficiency
- 3.** Hypogonadism, delayed puberty, irregular menses in women
- 4.** Chronic inflammation
- 5.** Use of pharmacological doses of corticosteroids<sup>1</sup>

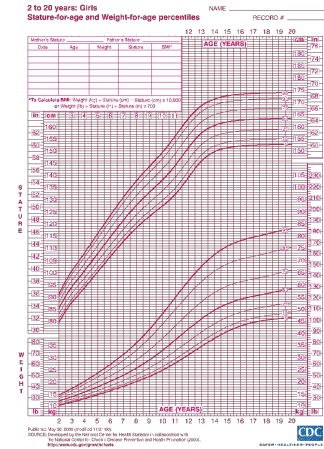
# Bone Growth Reference Curves Resemble CDC Percentile Growth Charts

Reference Curves for Bone Density<sup>1</sup>

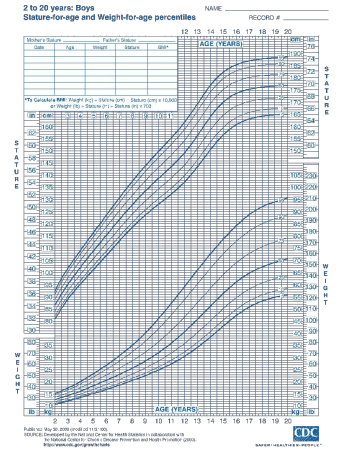


CDC Percentile Growth Charts<sup>2</sup>

Girls (2-20 Years Old)



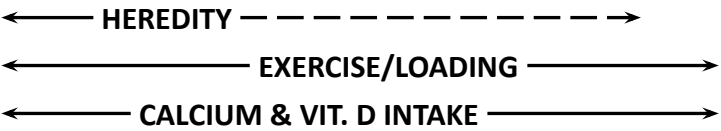
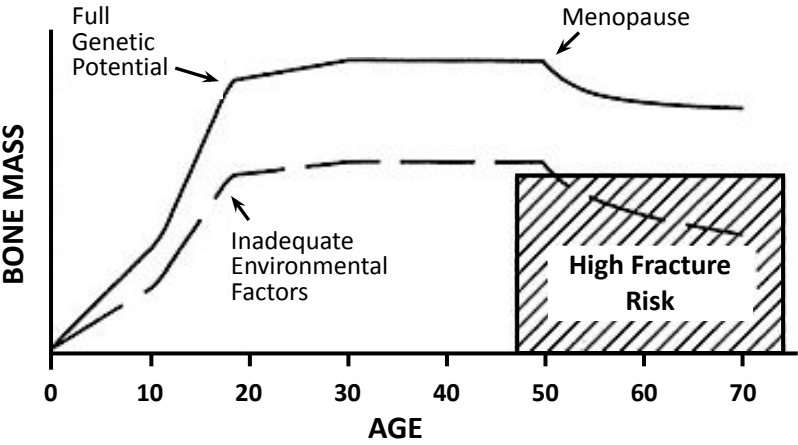
Boys (2-20 Years Old)



BMC, bone mineral content; BMDCS, Bone Mineral Density in Childhood Study; NHANES, National Health and Nutrition Examination Surveys.

1. Zemel BS, et al. *J Clin Endocrinol Metab.* 2011;96(10):3160-3169. 2. CDC Growth Charts. [https://www.cdc.gov/growthcharts/clinical\\_charts.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/growthcharts/clinical_charts.htm)

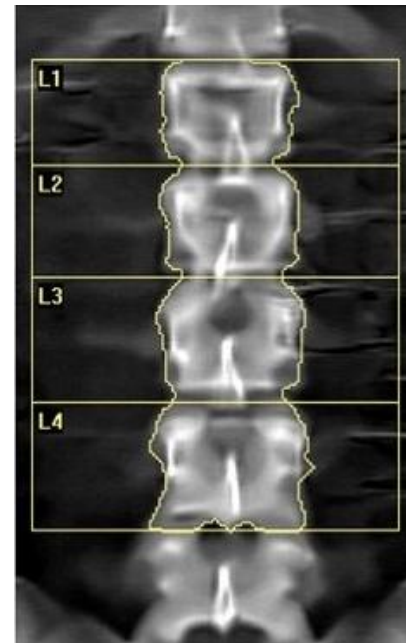
# Bone Mass Life-Line in Women: Normal vs Compromised Peak Bone Mass Development



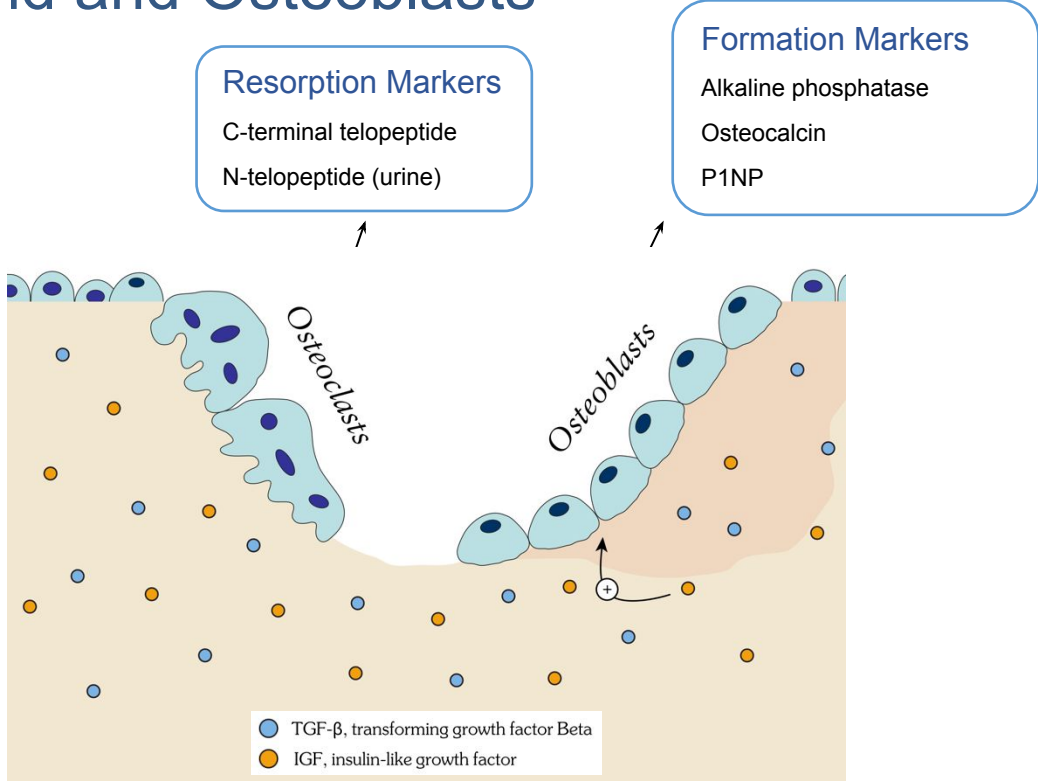
# DXA Is Used to Evaluate Bone Mineral Density

- Compared to reference norms
- In children, normal bone acquisition tracks along percentiles
- Abnormal scans are red flag for change in medical management

DXA of lumbar spine



# Bone Turnover Markers Reflect the Activity of Osteoclasts and Osteoblasts

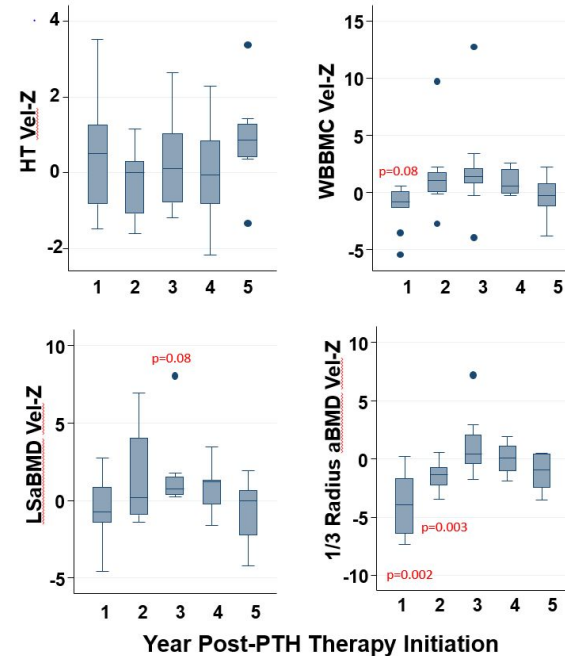




# PTH 1-34 Therapy Provided Linear Growth and Bone Mineral Accrual in Children With HypoPT

Observational study in 14 children aged 7-16 years with hypoPT (APS-1 or CaR) receiving twice-daily PTH 1-34

- Normal height velocity
- Normal bone accrual velocity
  - Whole body
  - Lumbar Spine
  - Distal Radius-suboptimal bone accrual velocity in year 1



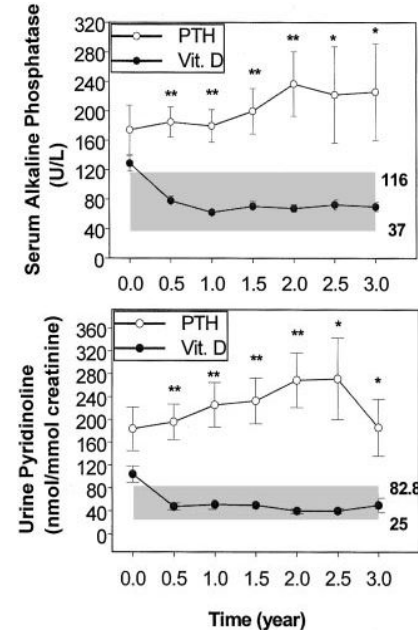
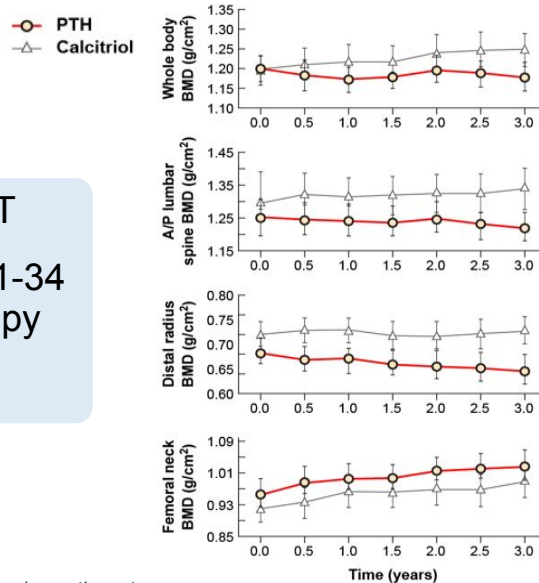
aBMD, areal bone mineral density; HT, annualized height velocity; hypoPT, hypoparathyroidism; LS, lumbar spine; PTH, parathyroid hormone; Vel-Z, velocity Z scores; WBBMC, whole body bone mineral content.

# PTH 1-34 Showed no Difference in BMD vs Conventional Therapy

## BMD by DXA: PTH similar to vit. D

## Bone markers remain elevated for 3 years

- 27 adults with hypoPT
- Twice-daily SC PTH 1-34 vs conventional therapy
- 3-year follow-up



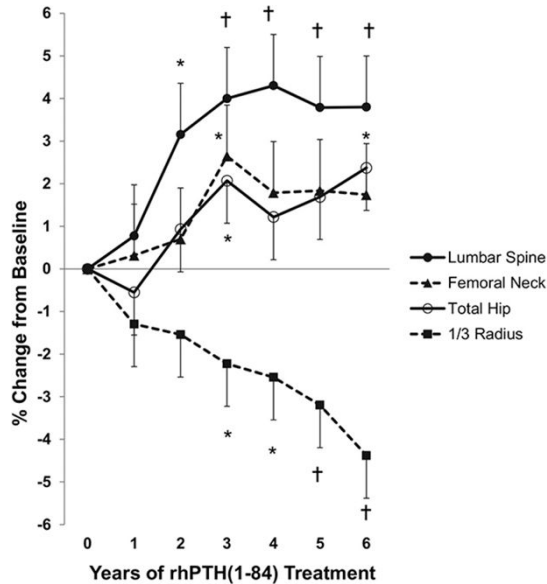
BMD, bone mineral density; DXA, dual energy X-ray absorptiometry; hypo-PT, hypoparathyroidism PTH, parathyroid hormone; SC, subcutaneous.

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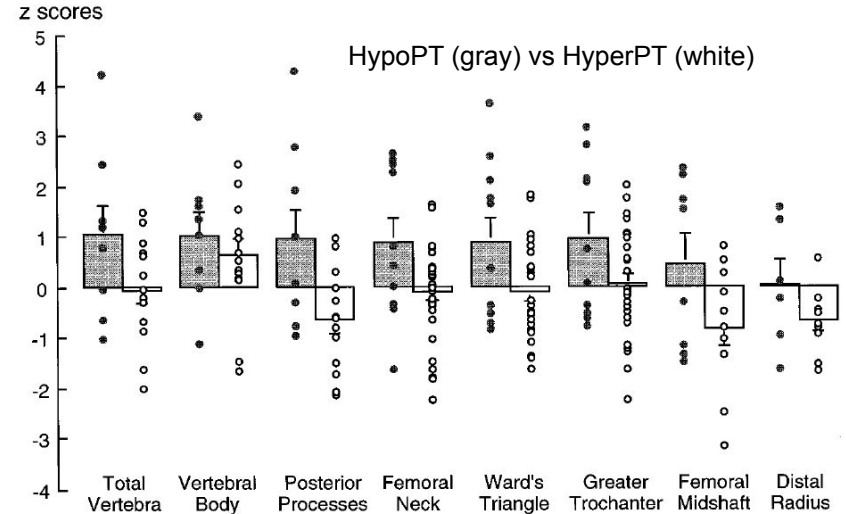
# Bone density in patients with hypoparathyroidism

## PTH 1-84 dosing:

- 100 µg QD or QOD for 3 years
- Lower doses of 50 µg and 75 µg introduces thereafter 3 years



Hypoparathyroidism is associated with elevated bone density in adults



HypoPT, hypoparathyroidism; PTH, parathyroid hormone, QD, once daily; QOD, once every other day.

1. *J Clin Endocrinol Metab.* 2016;101(7):2742. 2. *J Clin Endocrinol Metab.* 1999;84(2):718-722.

# Summary

- Hypoparathyroidism due to APS-1 is often refractory to conventional therapy
- PTH 1-34 given by twice-daily injections reduced mean calcium excretion compared to calcitriol therapy
  - Responses to PTH differed according to etiology.
- Twice-daily SC PTH produced normal linear growth and bone accrual in children
- Pump therapy produced the most physiologic profile of serum calcium, urine calcium excretion, and markers of bone turnover with a reduced PTH dose.
- Response to PTH delivered by pump was similar across etiologies.

# Emerging Therapies For Patients With HypoPT

## Long-acting PTH

- TransCon™ PTH: PTH 1-34 transiently conjugated to linker and carrier molecule, which increases the half life of the PTH peptide (phase 3, adults; Ascendis)<sup>1</sup>
- LA-PTH: PTH/PTHrP hybrid molecule (AZP-3601); single injection calcemic effects last 48 hours (Amolyt)<sup>2</sup>



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Thank You