

***Actual Problems in Chronic Kidney Disease -  
Mineral and Bone Disorder (CKD – MBD)***

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## Definition of CKD - MBD

A systemic disorder of mineral and bone metabolism due to CKD manifested by either one or a combination of the following:

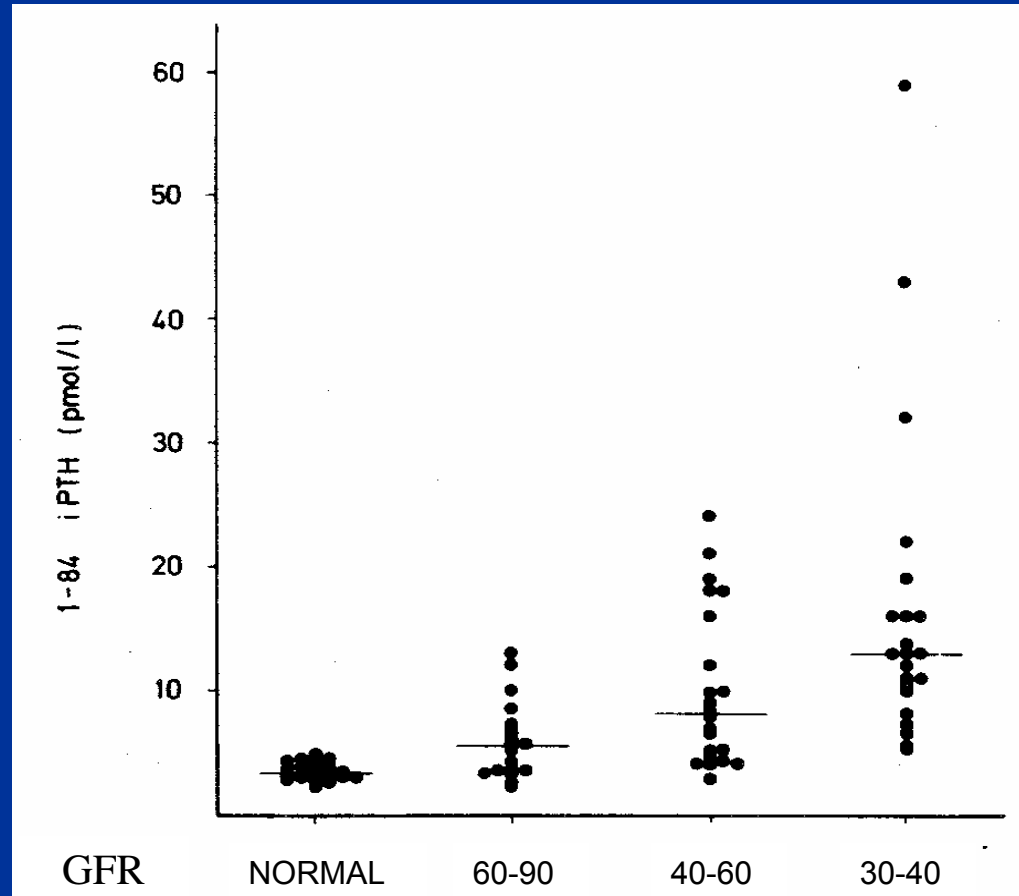
- Abnormalities of calcium, phosphorus, PTH, or vitamin D metabolism
- Abnormalities in bone turnover, mineralization, volume, linear growth, or strength
- Vascular or other soft tissue calcification

Moe et al, KI 2006, 69, 1945-53

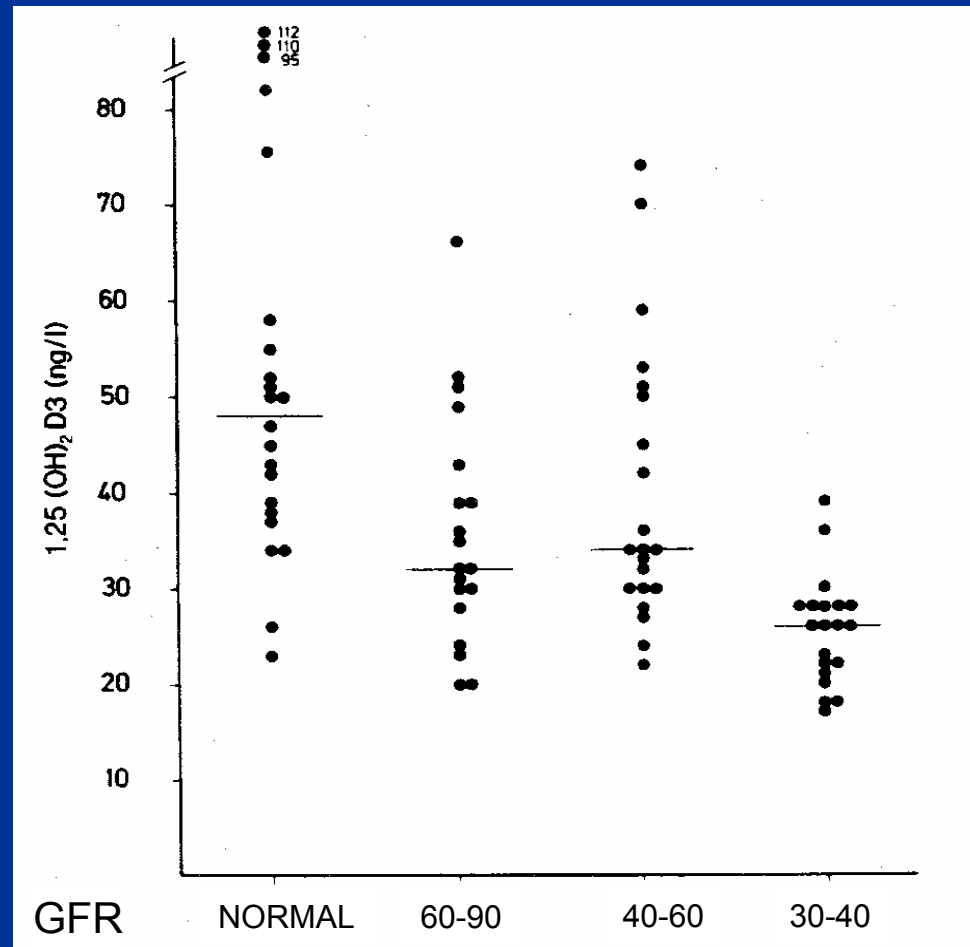
# Outline

- Regulation of bone modelling
- Vascular calcification and mortality
- Vitamin D deficiency
- Prevention and treatment

# GFR and Plasma PTH



# GFR and Plasma 1,25-Vitamin D3

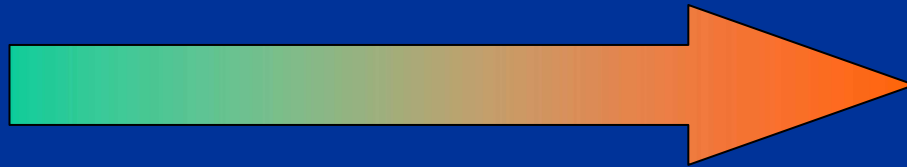


# Spectrum of Renal Bone Disease

Calcium, Vitamin D



PTH



Low turnover

High turnover

Adynamic

Normal bone formation

Mild

Osteitis fibrosa

Osteomalacia

Mixed lesion

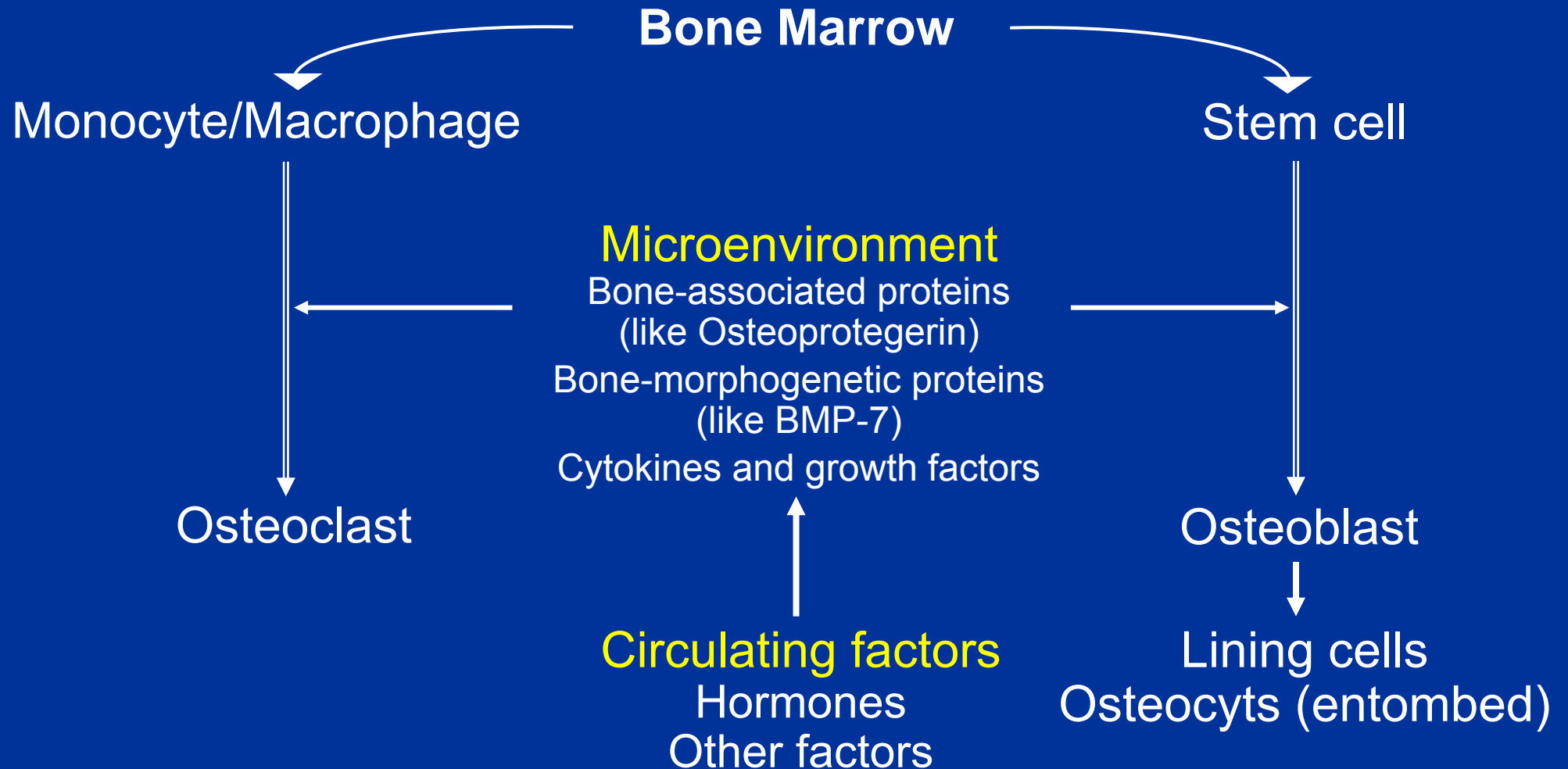
# Physiological Doses of PTH and 1.25(OH)<sub>2</sub>D Do Not Normalize Bone Cells in Uremic Rats

	<i>Sham op</i> (solvent)	<i>NX-PTX</i> (solvent)	<i>NX-PTX</i> (PTH+1.25D)
S 1.25(OH) <sub>2</sub> D (pg/ml)	82	56*	77
PTH (pg/ml)	24	5*	23
OcS / BS (%)	6.3	3.7	3.3
ObS / BS (%)	0.8	0.5	1.7

Szabo et al, Eur J Clin Invest 29, 529, 1999

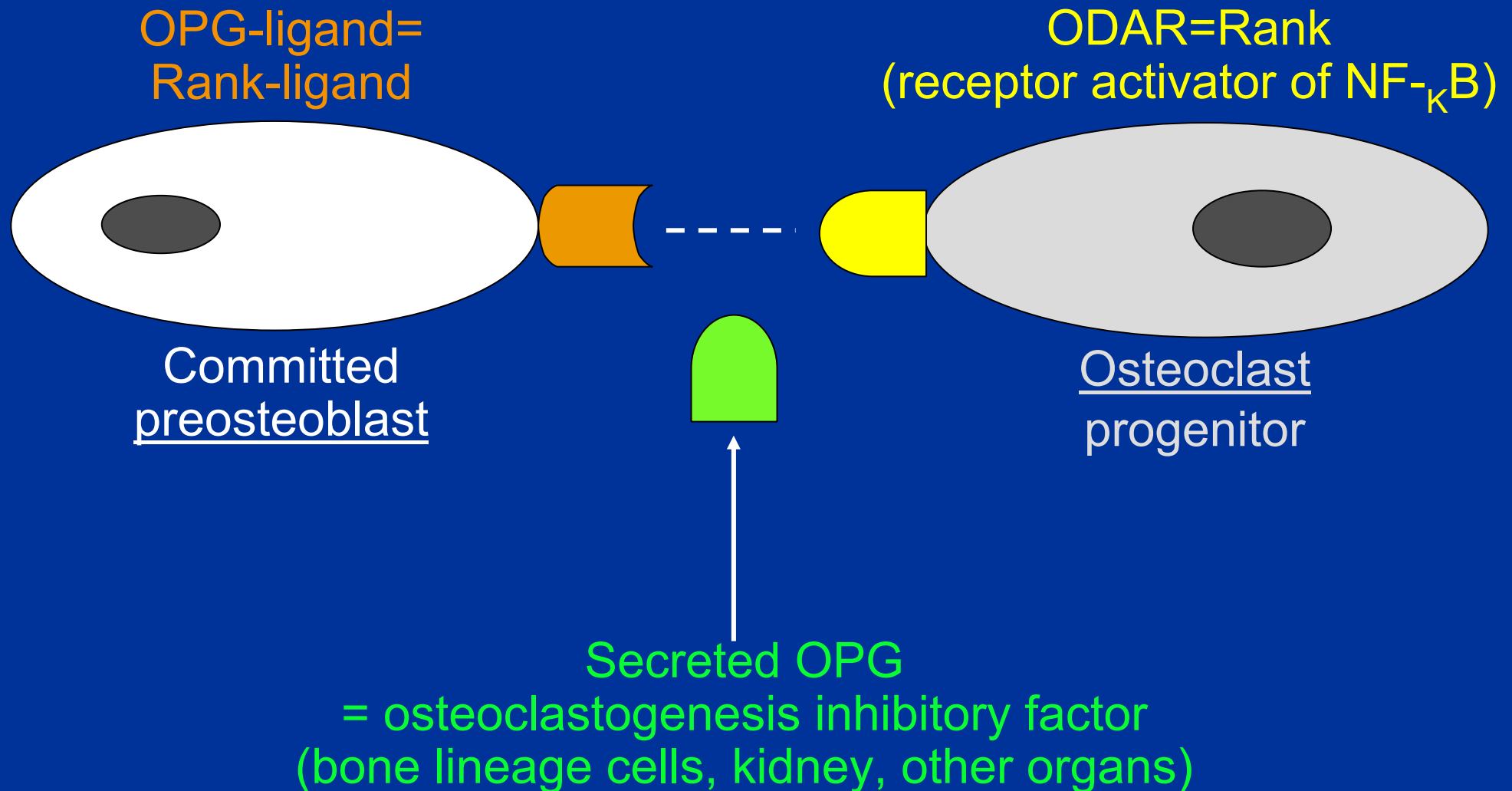
# Bone Remodelling

## New Concept: Parallel Model





# Osteoprotegerin (OPG) System for Osteoclast Differentiation

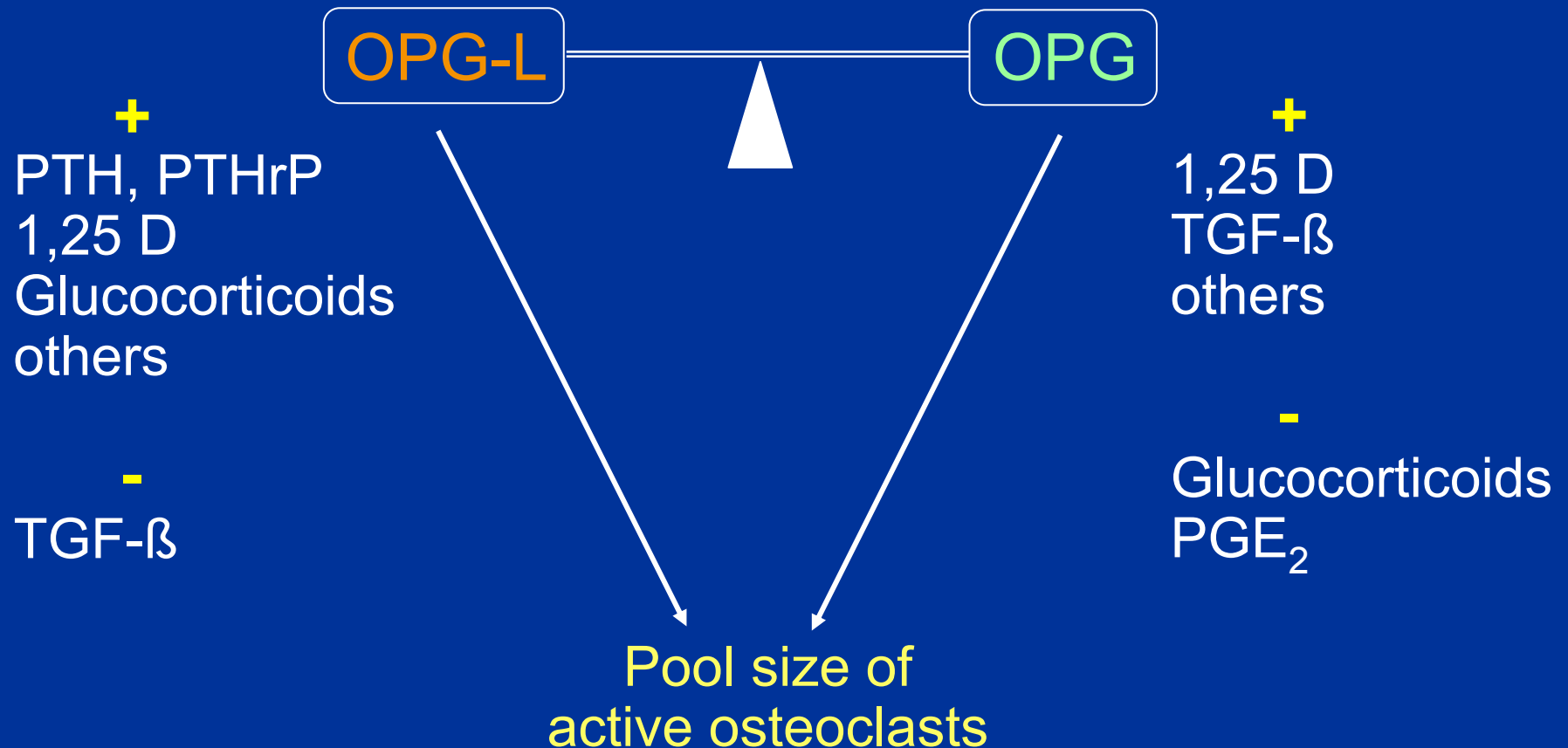


# Circulating Osteoprotegerin May Modulate Osteoclastogenesis

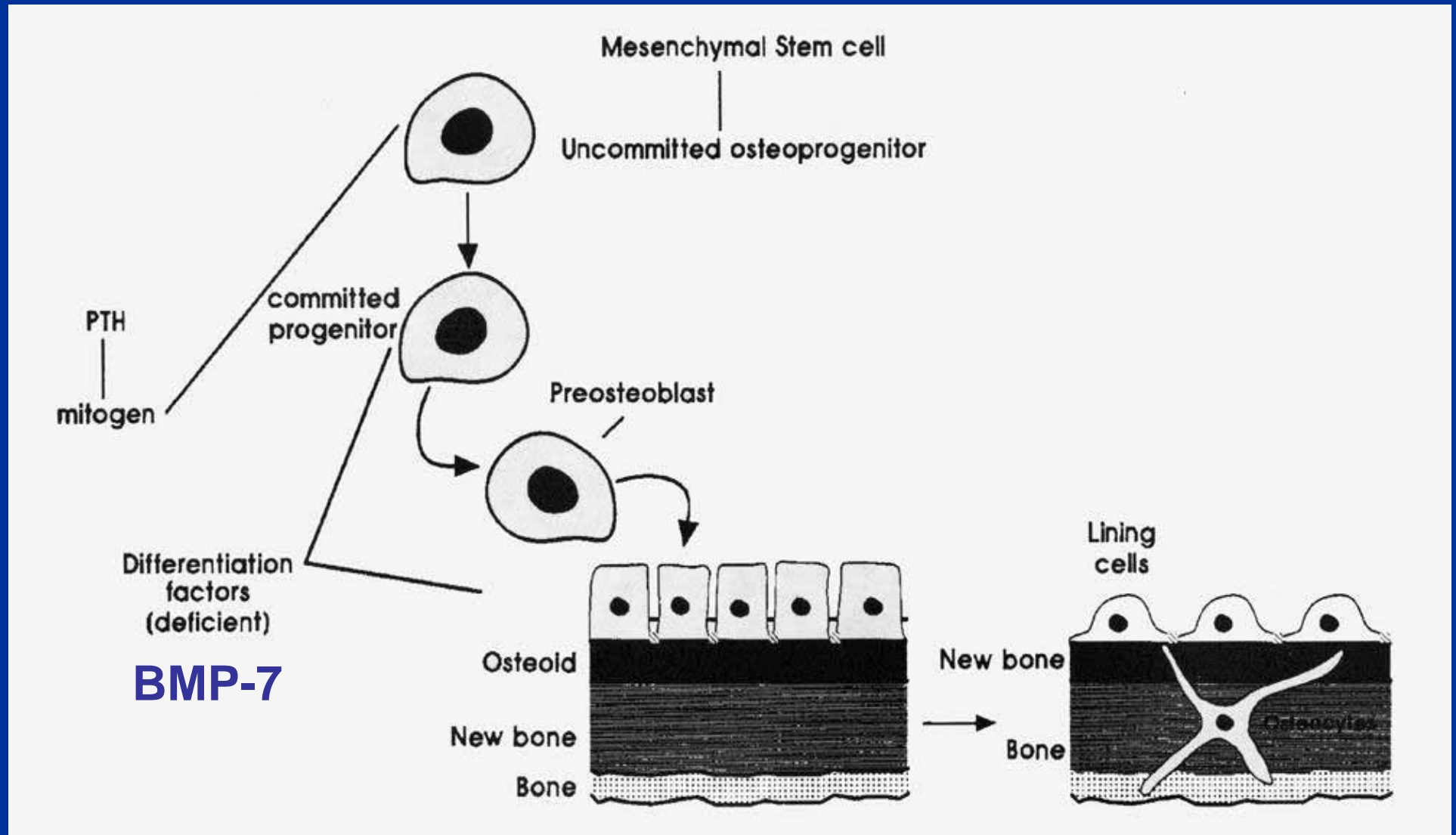
1. OPG attenuates the PTH induced rise of serum  $\text{Ca}^{++}$  *in vivo* (rats)  
OPG decreased serum  $\text{Ca}^{++}$  rapidly in established hypercalcemia  
Yamamoto et al, Endocrinology 139, 4012, 1998
2. OPG serum levels increased in uremia  
Fukagawa et al, Rinsho Byori 49, 236, 2001
3. OPG serum levels decreased by glucocorticoids  
Sasaki et al, NDT 16, 479, 2001

# Regulation of Osteoclastogenesis Convergence Hypothesis

Hofbauer et al, J Bone Miner Res 15,2,2000



# Osteoblast Differentiation Programme



## BMP-7 (Differentiation Factor) Rh BMP -7 is available

Decreases glomerular area, glomerulosclerosis and interstitial nephritis

Hruska et al, J Am Soc Nephrol 13, 45A, 2002

Inhibits monocyte chemoattractant protein-1 (mesangial cells) and renal injury

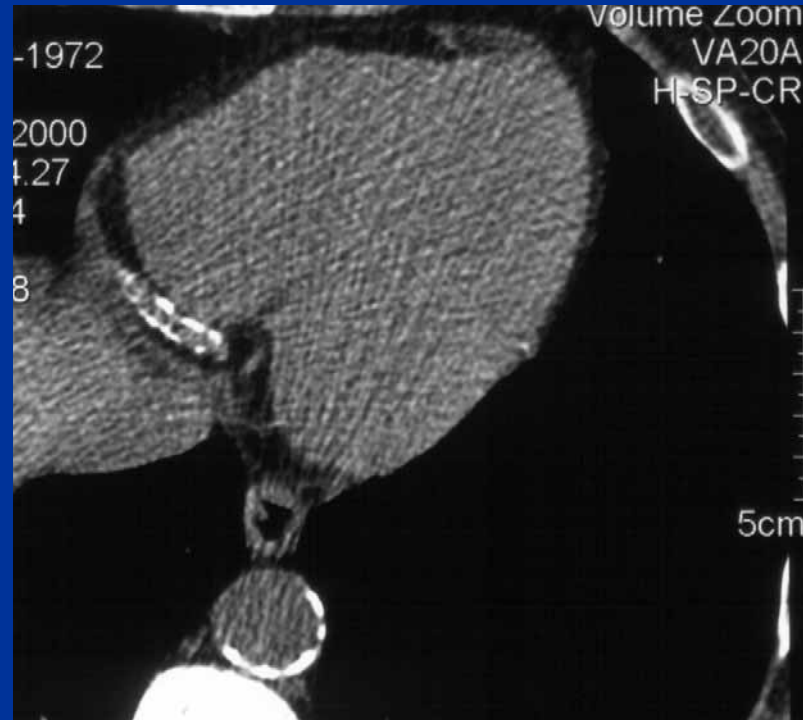
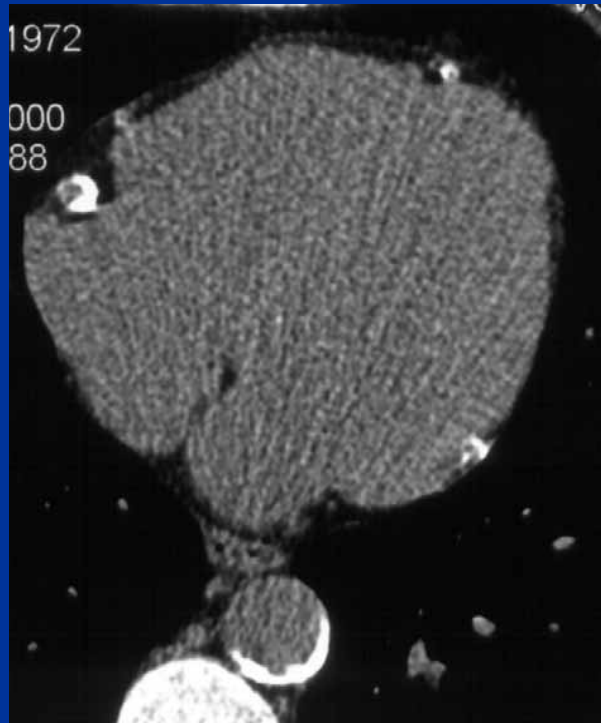
Yong-Soo Kim, J Am Soc Nephrol 13, 353A, 2002

Reverses adynamic bone disease and lowers serum  $\text{PO}_4$

Hruska et al, J Am Soc Nephrol 13, 578A, 2002

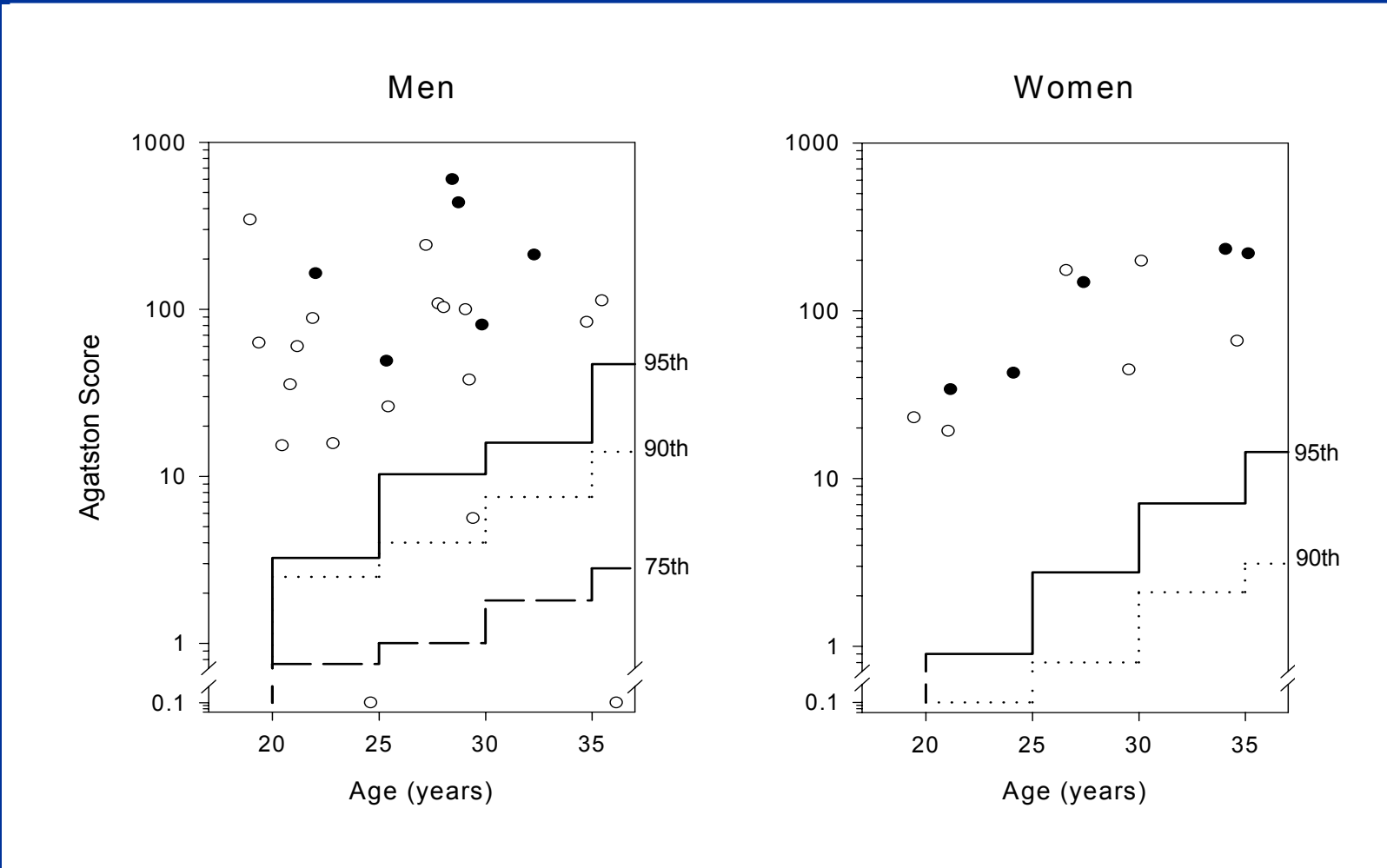
# Vascular Calcification

# Three-Vessel Coronary Artery Disease and Aorta Calcification in a 28-year-old Hemodialysis Patient with Childhood-Onset CRF



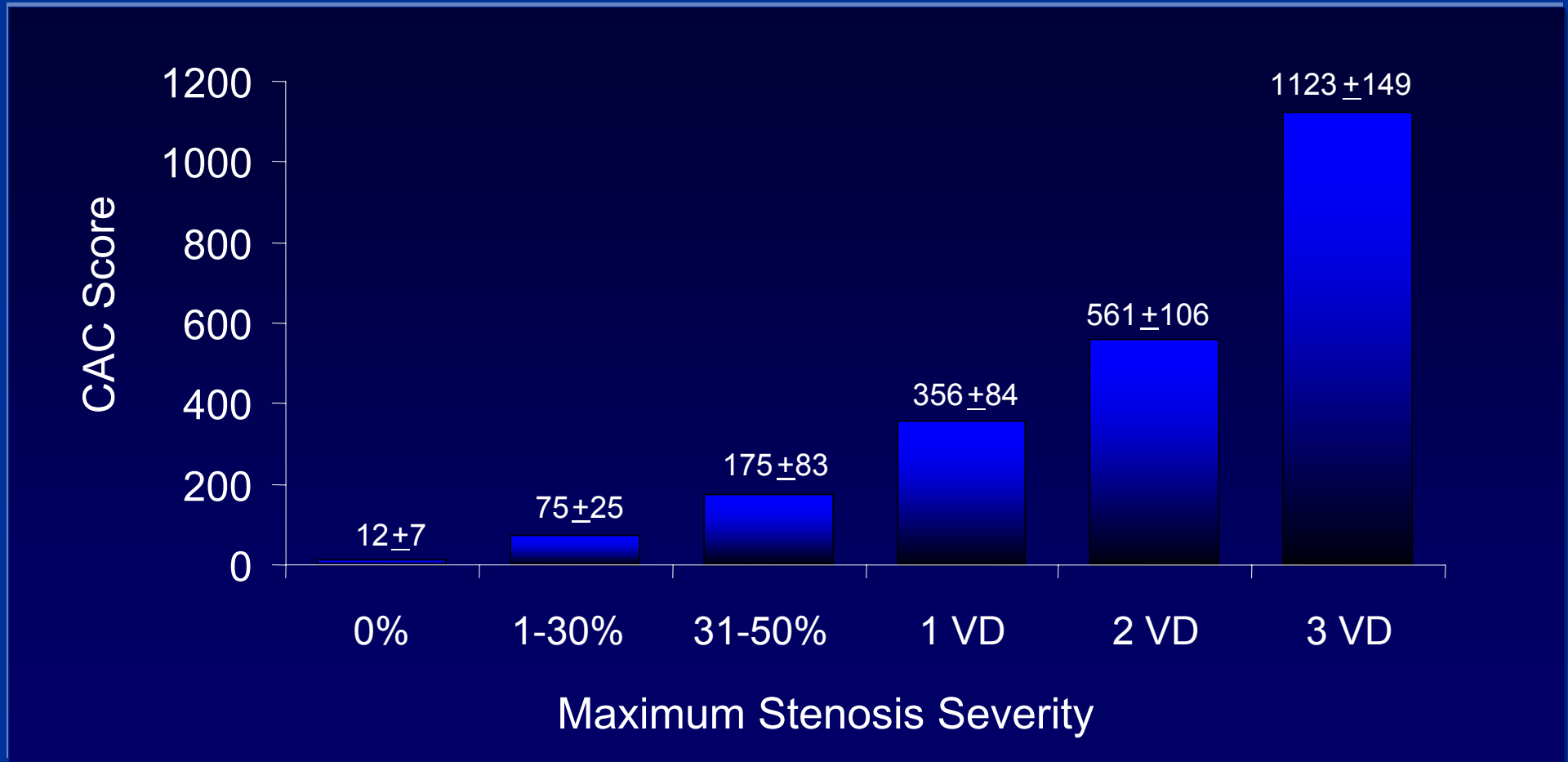
Oh et al. *Circulation* 2002;106:100-5

# Coronary Artery Calcifications in Young Adults with Childhood-Onset ESRD



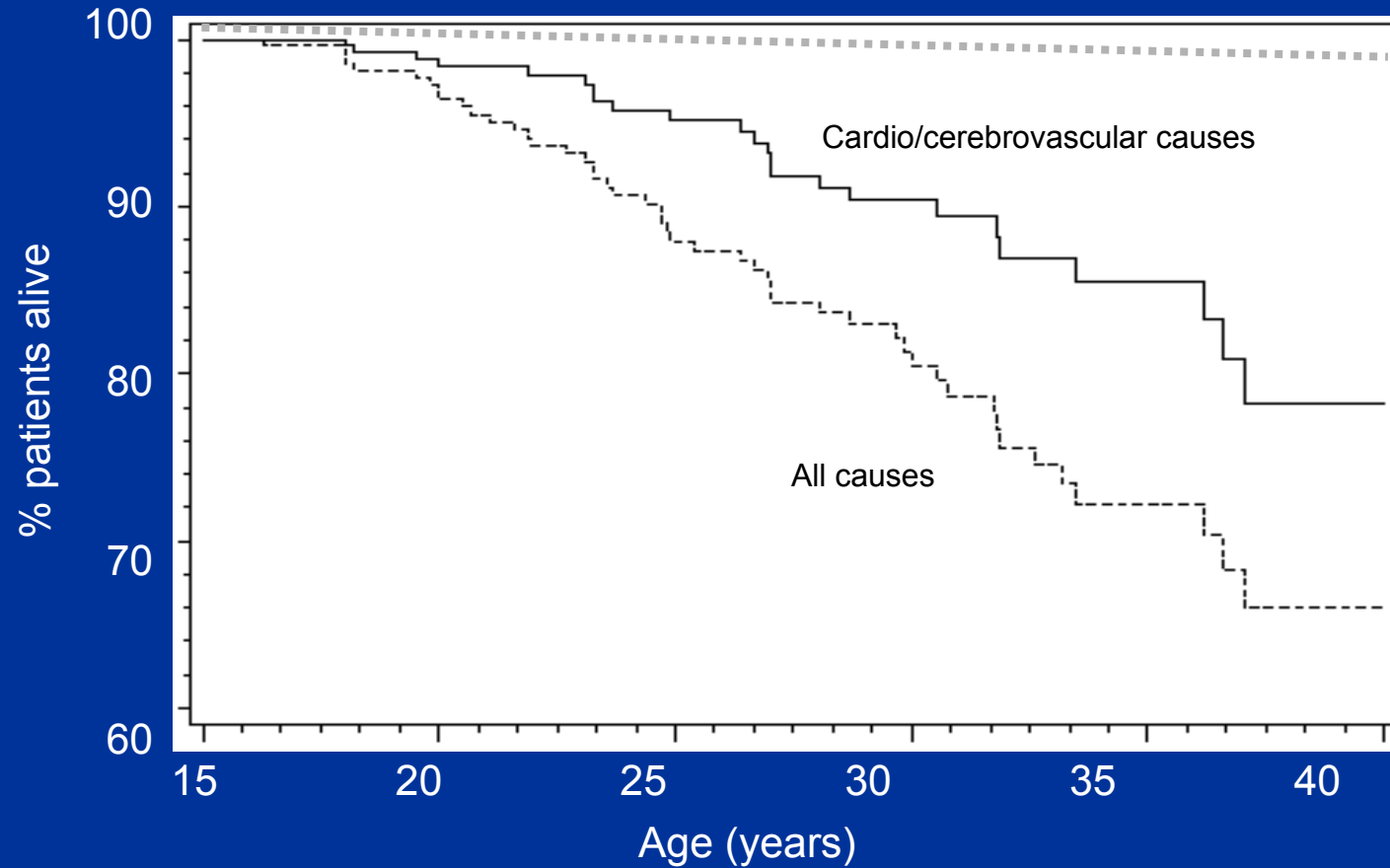


# EBCT Calcium Score and Angiographic CAD Severity

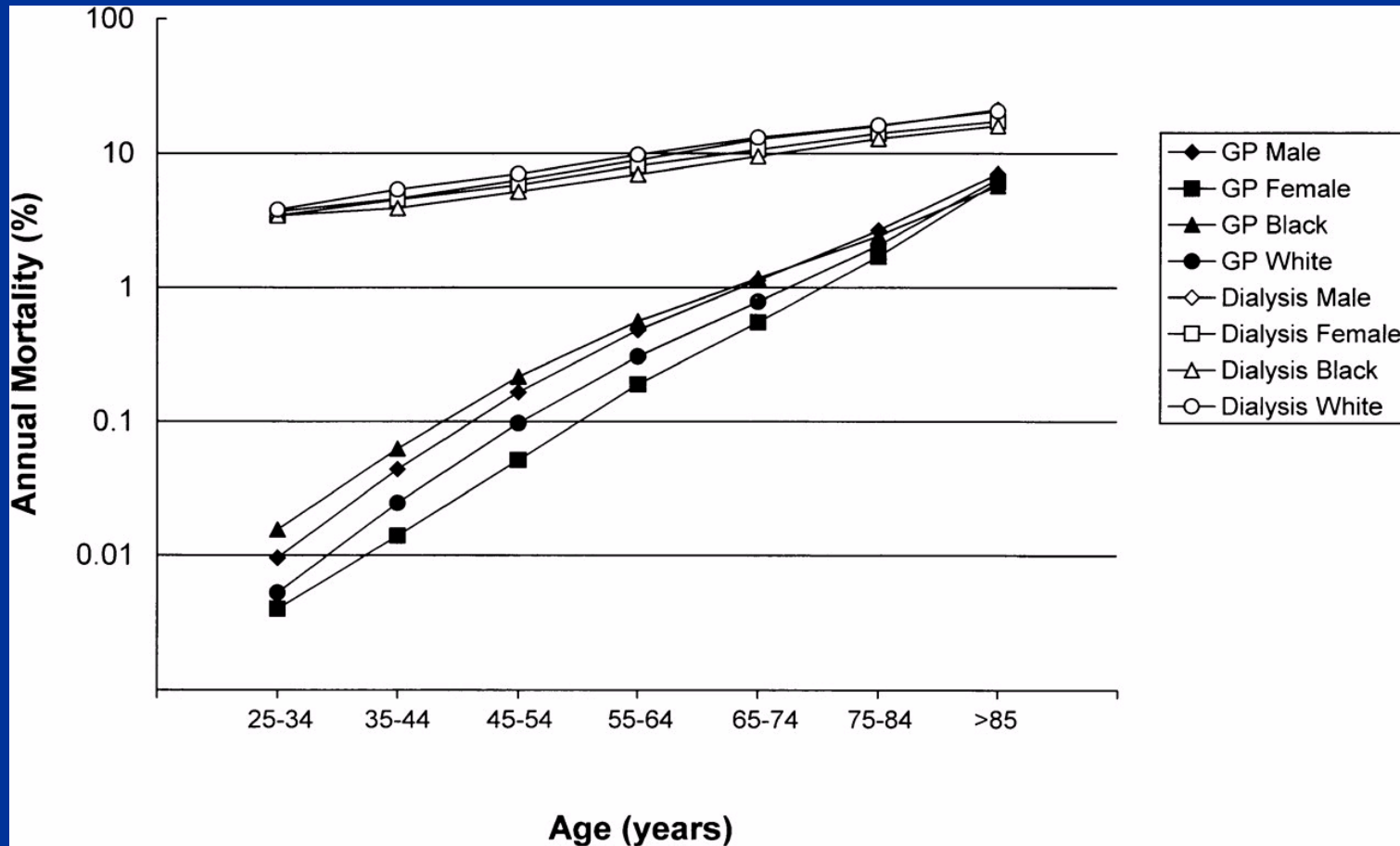


Courtesy of John Rumberger, MD, Mayo Clinic

# Long-Term Survival of Childhood-Onset ESRD Patients



# Excessive Mortality in Young Adults with ESRD



# ESRD-Associated Arteriopathy:

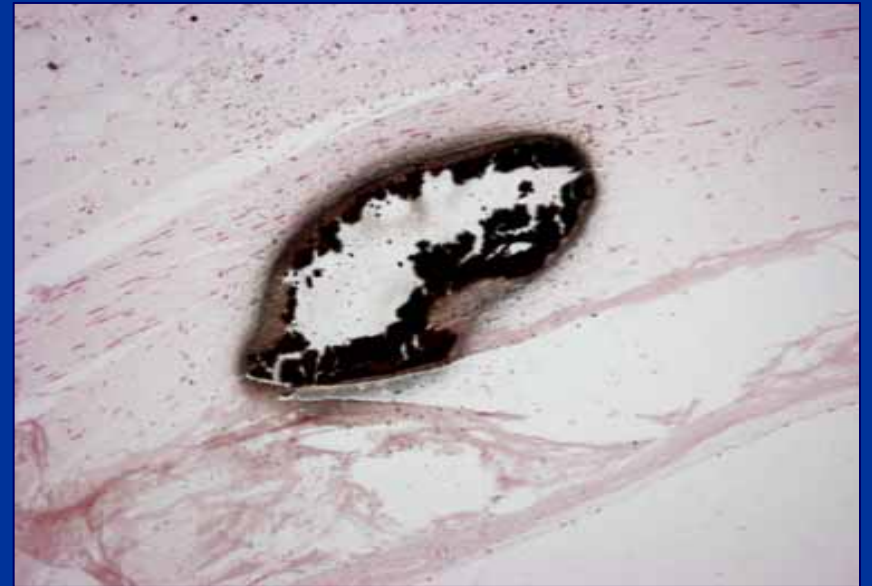
Accelerated Atherosclerosis or

Disease-Specific Pathology?

# Arteriopathy in Adults with ESRD

Schwarz et al. NDT 2001

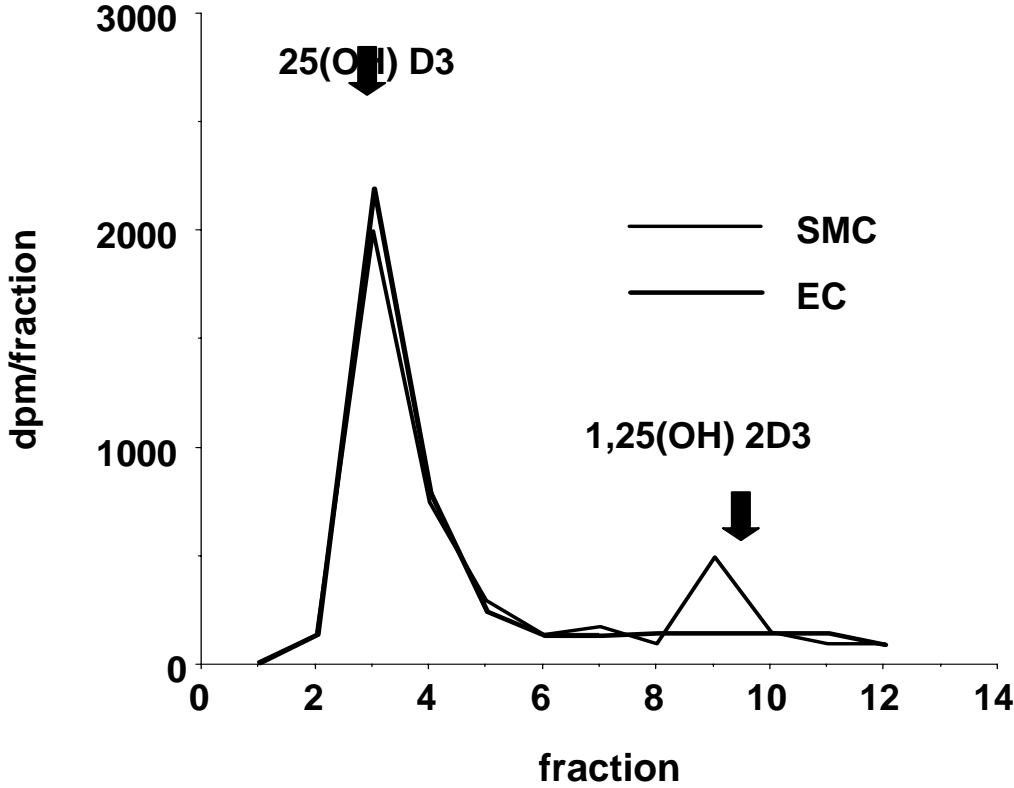
- Mönckeberg-Type Media Degeneration
- Minor Intimal Hyperplasia
- Increased Calcification of Atherosclerotic Plaques
- Diffuse Calcinosi s of Tunica Media



# Vitamin D

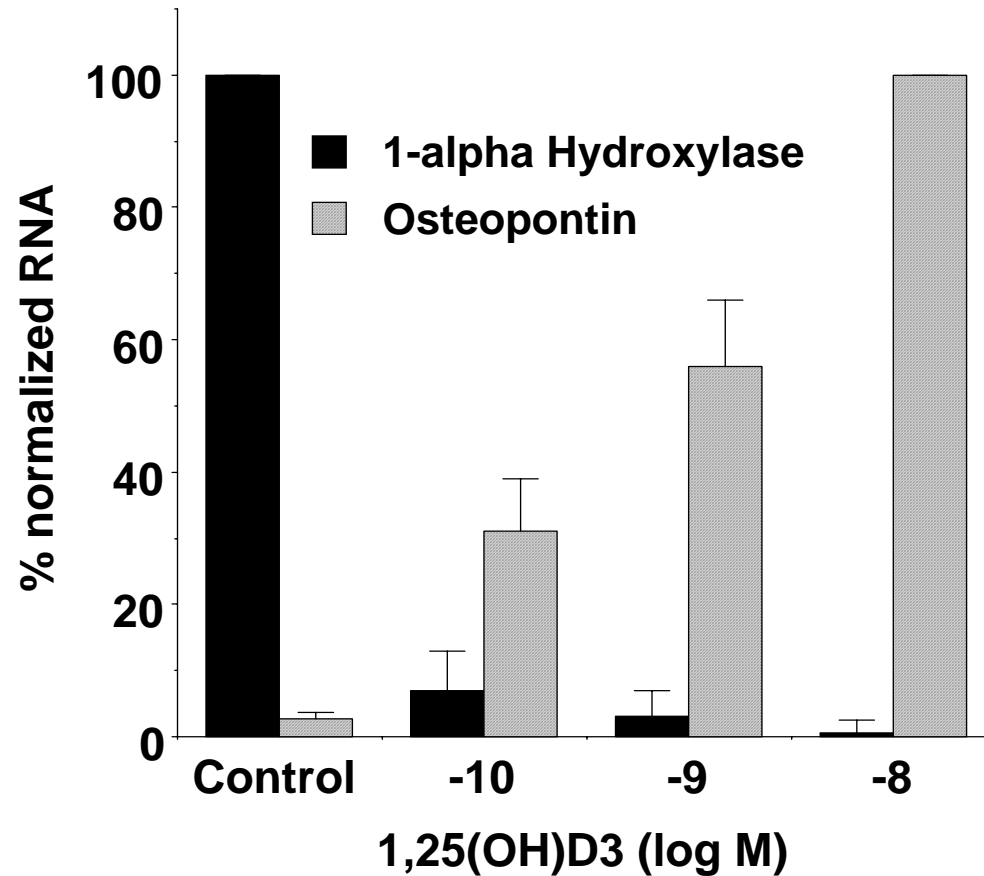
Does it contribute to vascular  
calcification?

# Smooth Muscle Cells Produce Calcitriol



Dengler et al (unpublished)  
Somjen et al. Circulation 2005

## Expression of $1\alpha$ -Hydroxylase and Osteopontin in Smooth Muscle Cells





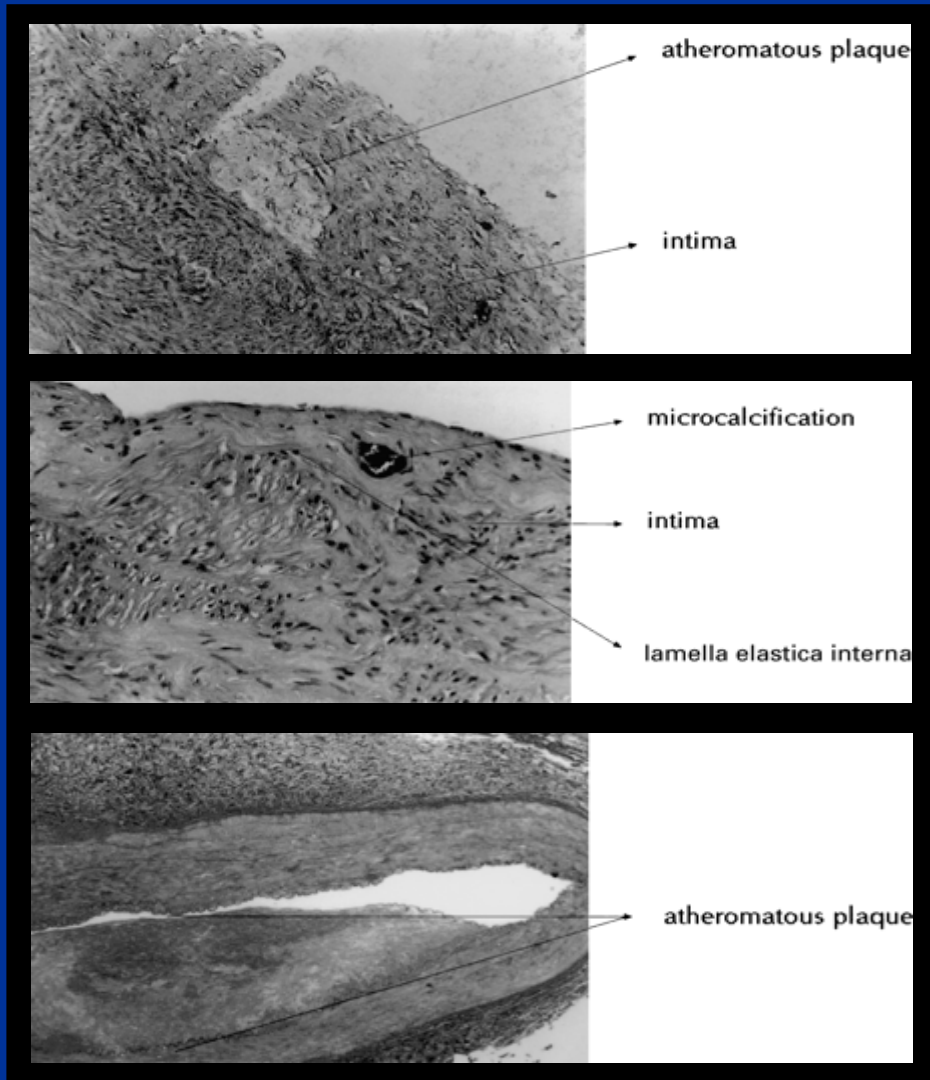
# Effect of Calcitriol on Vascular Calcification

- Vit.D intoxication leads to media calcification
- Vascular smooth muscle cells express Vit.D-R
- Vit.D may initiate mineralization in an osteoblast-like phenotype cell
- But , .....

# Effect of Calcitriol against Vascular Calcification

- Calcitriol levels are inversely correlated with coronary calcification  
Watson et al, Circulation 96, 1755, 1997
- Vit.D upregulates matrix GLA protein in osteoblasts and smooth muscle cells  
Frazer & Price, Calcif Tissue 46, 270, 1990  
Shannan et al, Crit Rev Eukaryot Gene Expr 8, 357, 1998

# Atherosclerosis in Adolescents with ESRD



Iliac artery specimens obtained at TX  
Age: 12-17 yrs  
Mean duration of hemodialysis: 2.3 yrs

Atherosclerotic lesions in 7/12 pts  
Hypoplastic/reflux nephropathy in 6/7

## Predictors of arterial lesions:

Disease Duration  
Serum phosphorus  
Ca x P product

## Not predictive:

Blood pressure  
Fasting glucose  
Triglycerides, cholesterol

# Predictors of Coronary Artery Calcification

## Stepwise Linear Regression Analysis

### Variables offered to model:

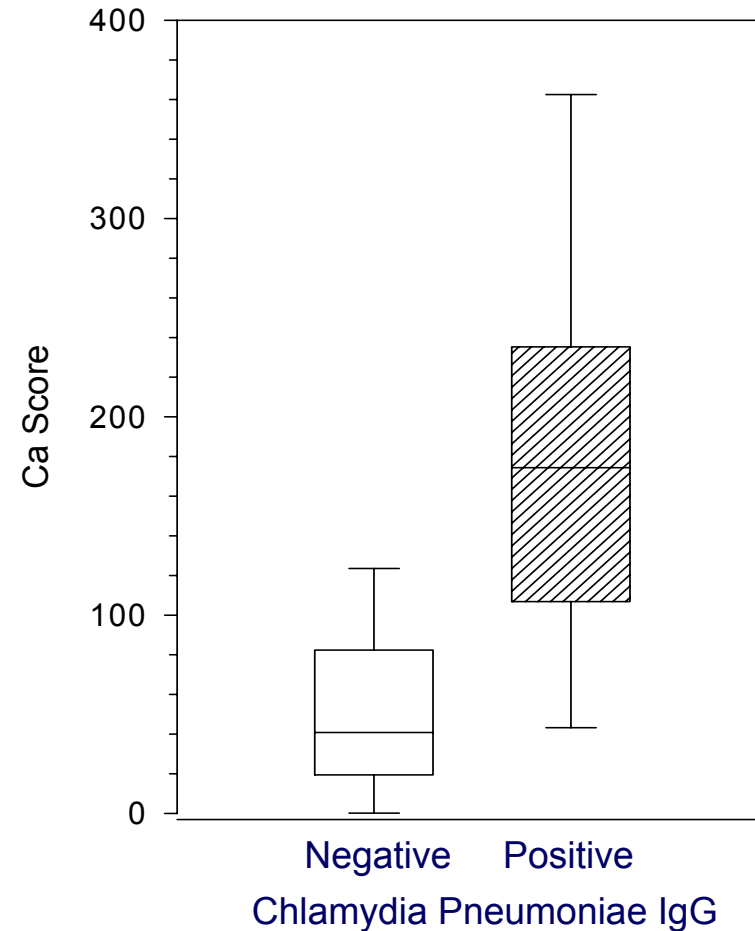
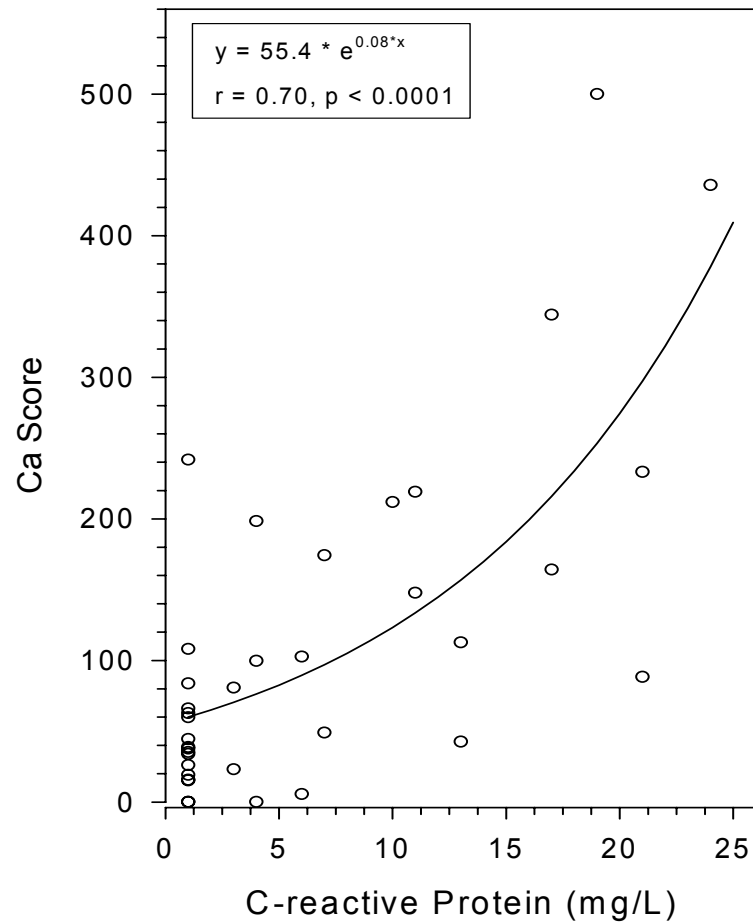
Current age, sex, BMI, current treatment modality, CRP, Hba1c, C peptide, homocysteine, CRP, C. pneumoniae IgG; total, LDL-, HDL-cholesterol

Cumulative duration of CRI, dialysis, transplant; Ca\*Ph, PTH, blood pressure

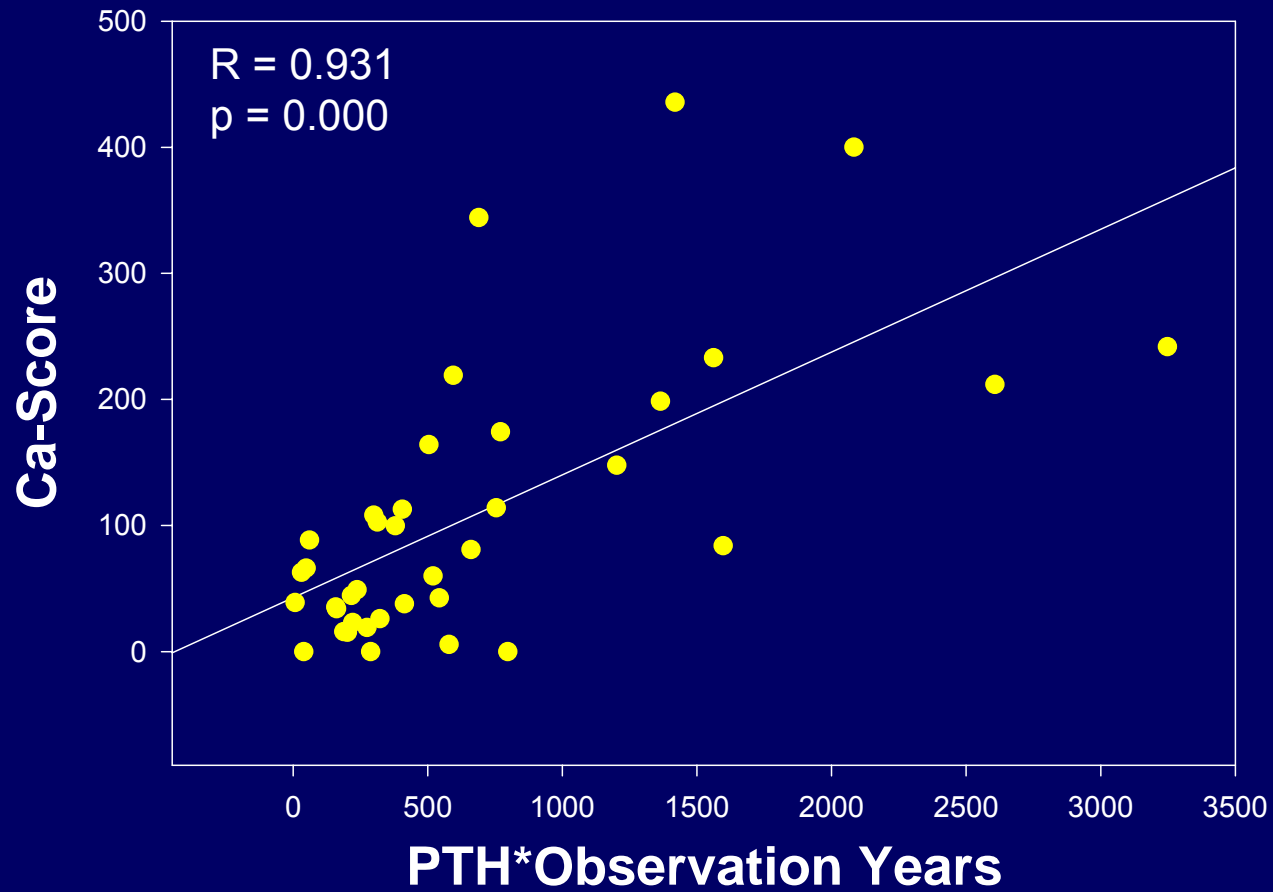
### Variables selected:

	Effect	Partial R <sup>2</sup>	Total R <sup>2</sup>	P
CRP	Positive	0.5	0.50	<0.0001
Mean PTH	Positive	0.15	0.65	0.0006
Mean (Ca*P)*ESRD	Positive	0.07	0.72	0.01
Homocysteine	Positive	0.03	0.75	0.05

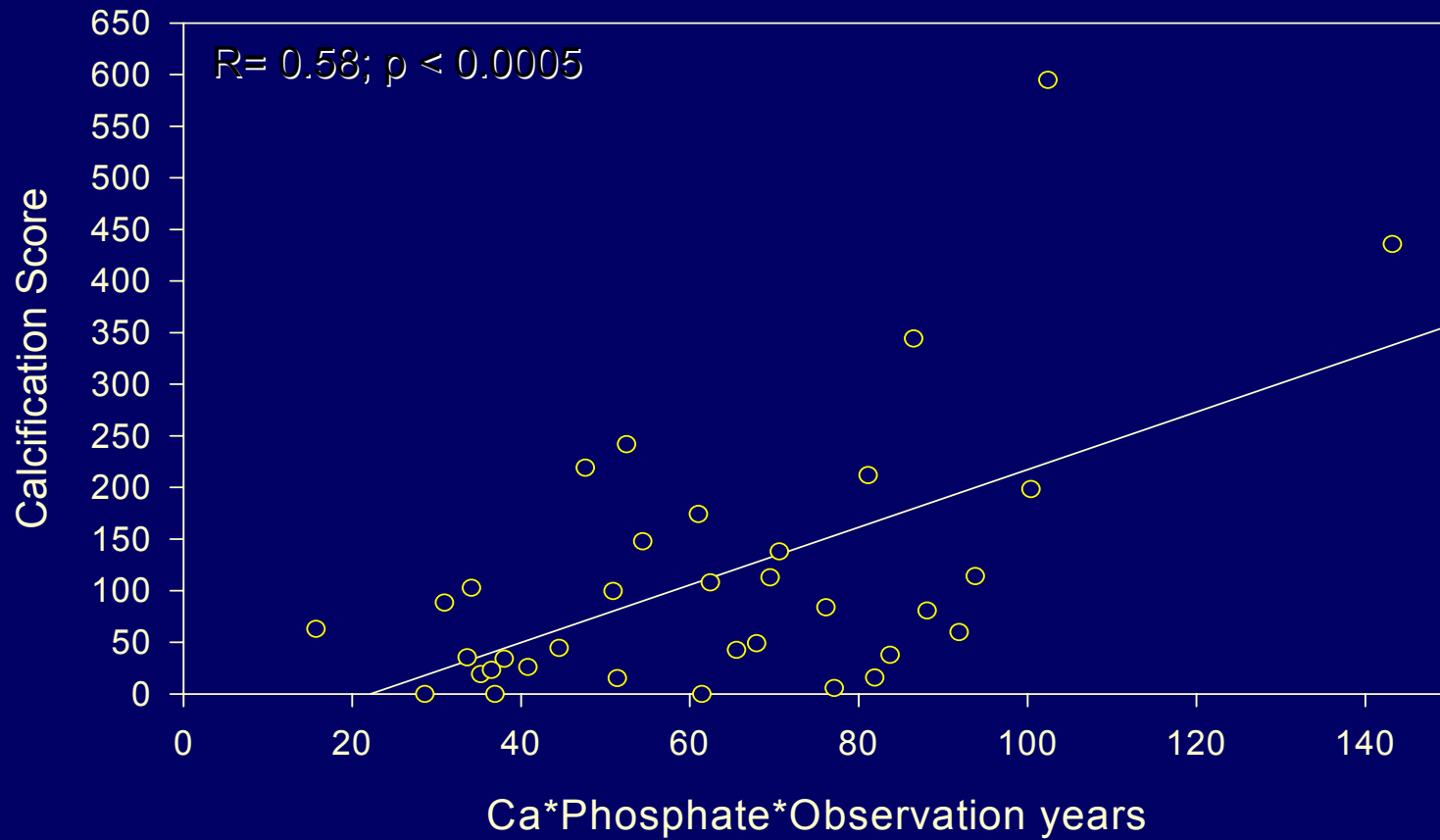
# Inflammation and Coronary Calcification in Childhood-Onset ESRD



# Coronary Calcifications and Cumulative PTH



# Coronary Artery Calcifications and Cumulative Ca\*P Load



# Potential Risk Factors for Coronary Calcifications

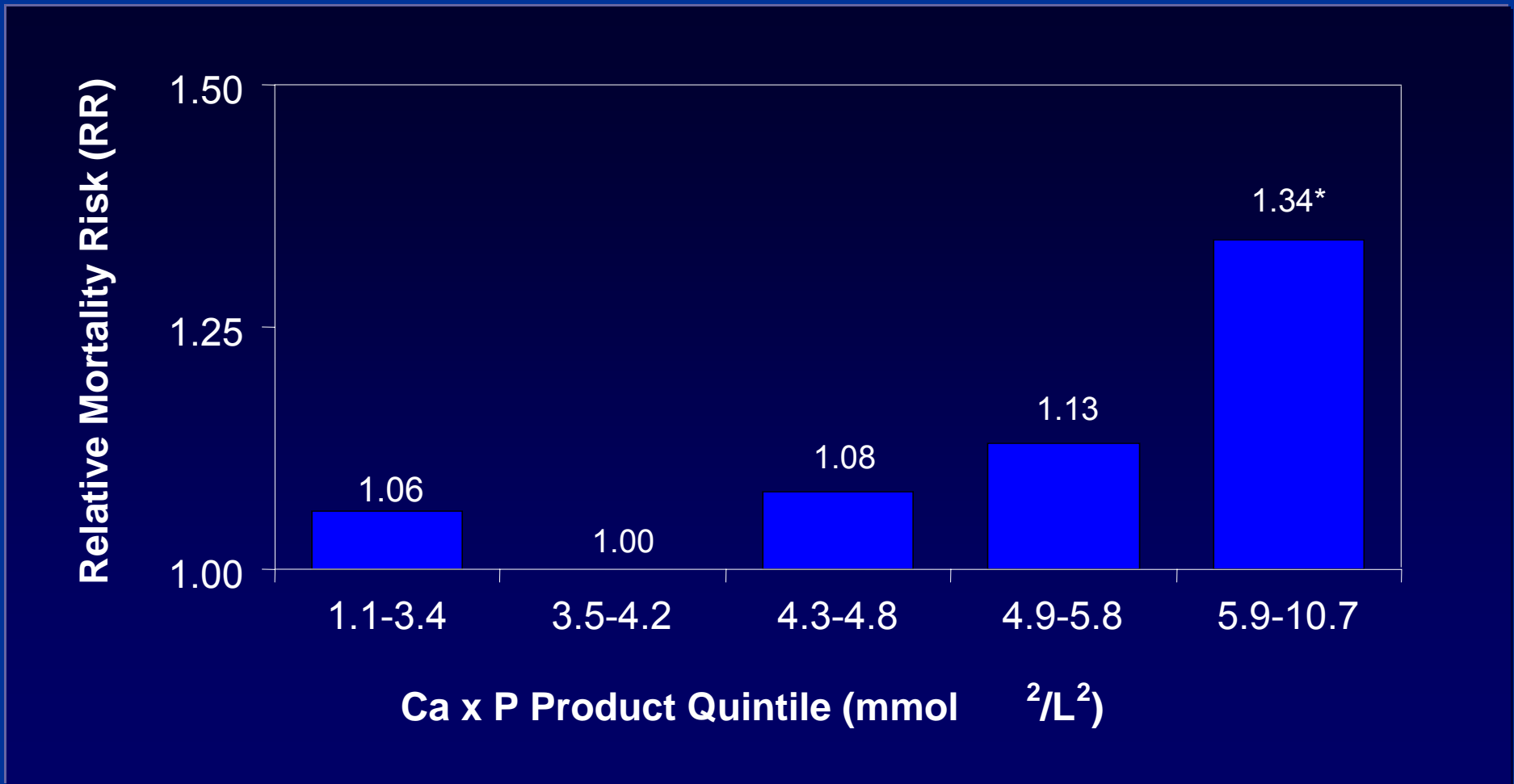
## Univariate Regression Analysis

### Heidelberg study

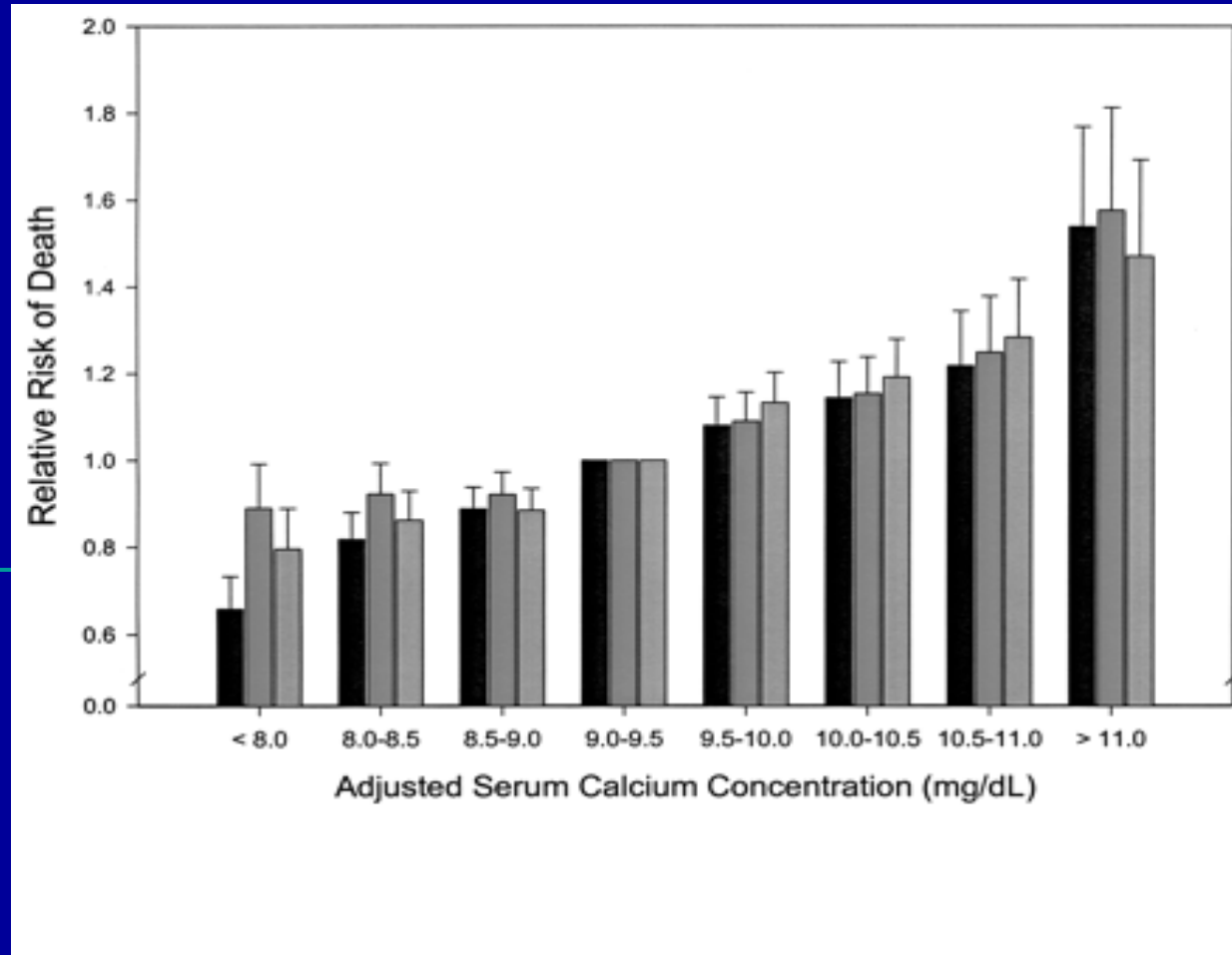
	R	p
CRP (mg/L)	0.62	< 0.0001
Mean PTH ( $\mu\text{mol/L}$ )	0.62	< 0.0001
ESRD (years)	0.59	0.0007
Cumulative time on dialysis	0.33	0.04
Cumulative Ca*P (mg/dl)	0.58	0.0005
Cumulative P (mg/dl)	0.30	0.06
Serum homocysteine ( $\mu\text{mol/L}$ )	0.35	0.03
Cumulative Ca (mg/dl)	0.38	0.02



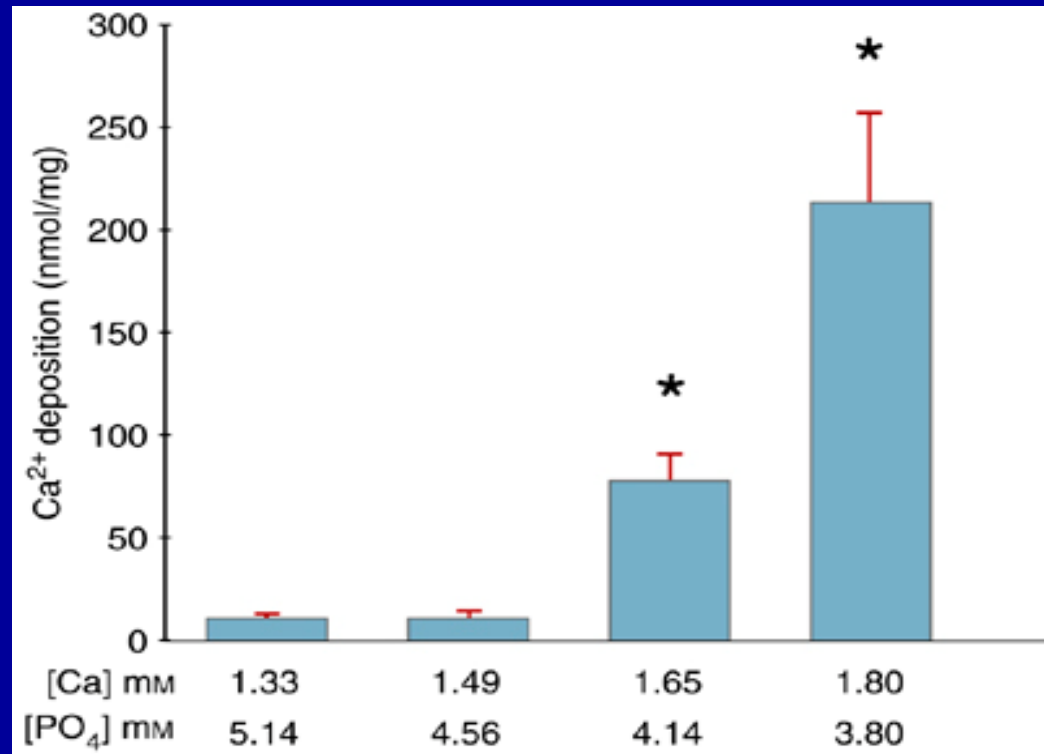
# Elevated Ca\*P Product Increases Mortality Risk



## Relative Risk of Mortality by Serum Calcium



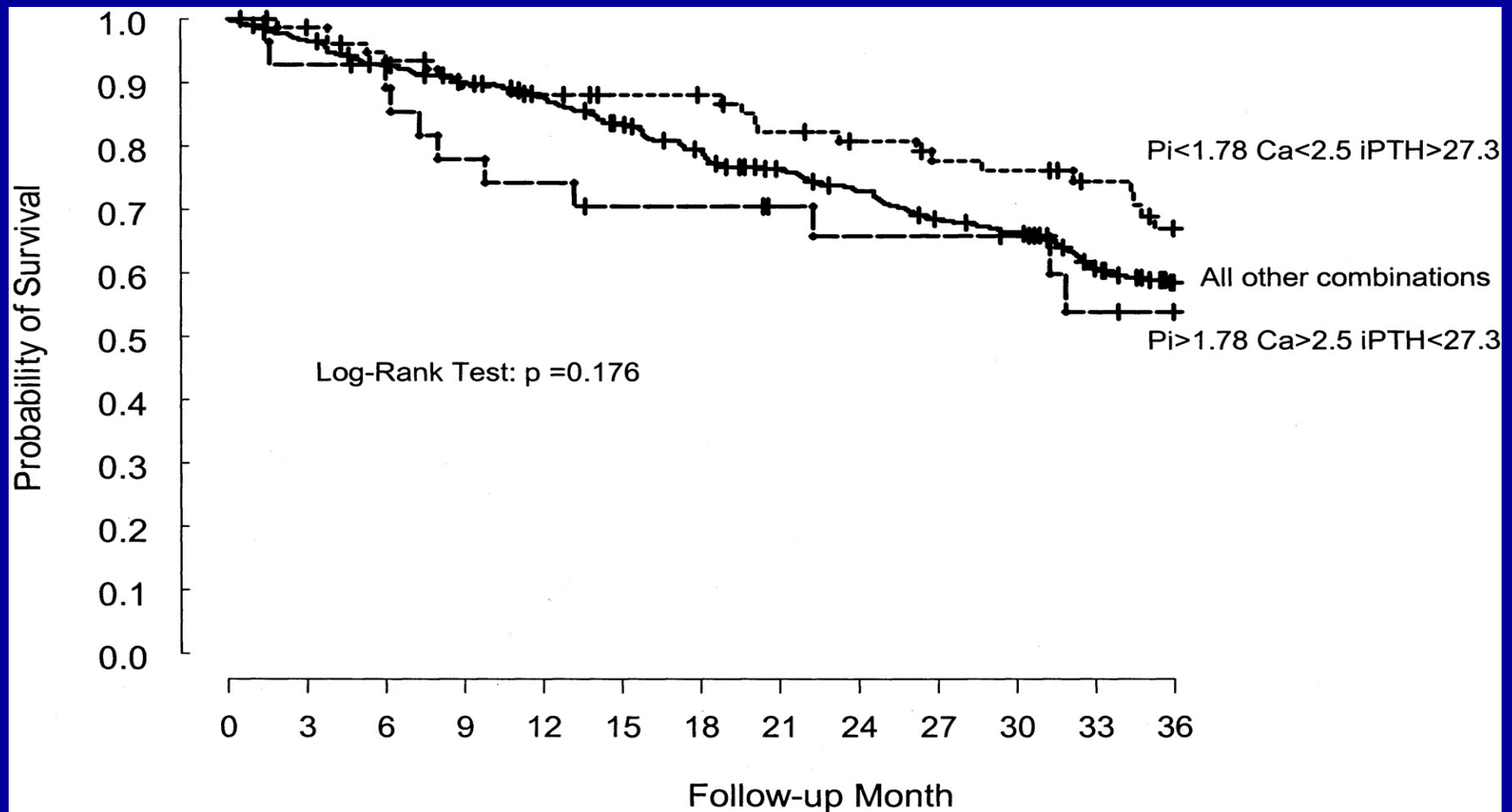
## Calcification of Rat Aorta at a Constant Ca x P Product



Lomashvili et al, Kidney Int 2006, 69, 1464-70

O'Neill Kidney Intern ,2007 ,in press

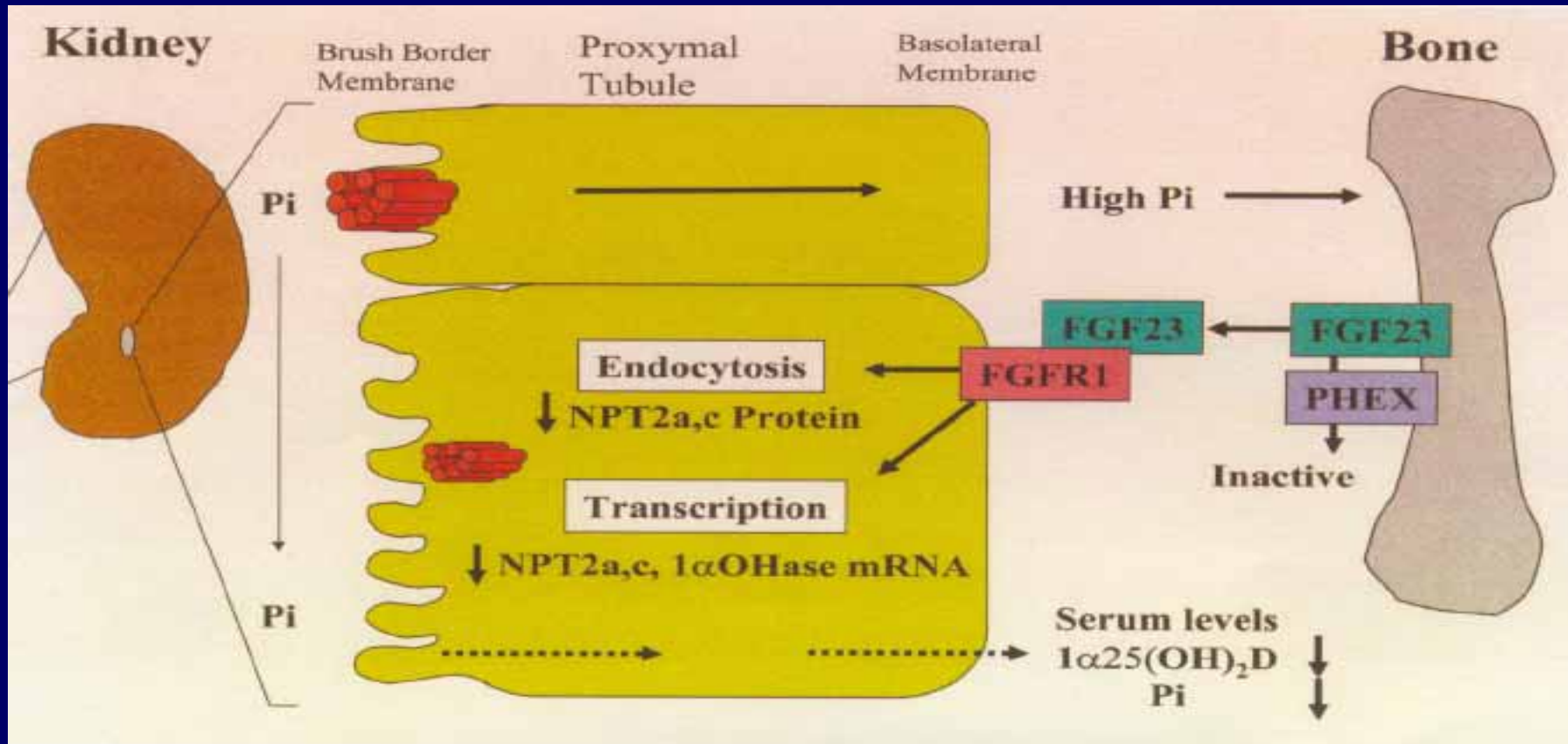
# Survival as a Function of Ca, P, PTH



# Effects of Hyperphosphatemia

- Induction of hyperparathyroidism
  - directly (parathyroid gland)
  - indirectly
- Reduces circulating 1,25(OH)D
  - directly (renal 1 $\alpha$ -hydroxylase)
  - indirectly (stimulates FGF-23 which down-regulates 1 $\alpha$ -hydroxylase)
- Contributes to vascular calcification  
Mechanism?
- Non linear correlation with morbidity

# Phosphate Homeostasis Regulated by FGF23



## Effects of Hypercalcemia

- Decreases PTH secretion
- Decreases  $1\alpha$ -hydroxylase
- Contributes to vascular calcification  
mechanism?
- Induces low bone turnover
- Linear correlation with morbidity

# Mechanisms for Vascular and Cardiac Calcification

- Adynamic bone → decreased bone buffer for Ca and P → precipitation ?  
Kurz et al, *Kidney Int* 46, 855, 1994
- Passive process in need of inhibitors  
Schinke & Karsenty, *NDT* 15, 1272, 2000
- Active processes rather than precipitation  
David & Hruska, *Kidney Int* 60, 472, 2001



# Promoters and Inhibitors of Vascular Calcification in the Microenvironment of vessel wall

**Promoters:** BMP-2  
Cbfa-1 (acting on osteocalcin)

## **Inhibitors:**

- circulating: BMP-7  
Fetuin-A  
Pyrophosphate

- locally acting: Matrix Gla protein  
Osteocalcin  
Osteopontin  
Osteoprotegerin  
PTHrP  
Pyrophosphate

# Pathogenesis of Vascular Calcification

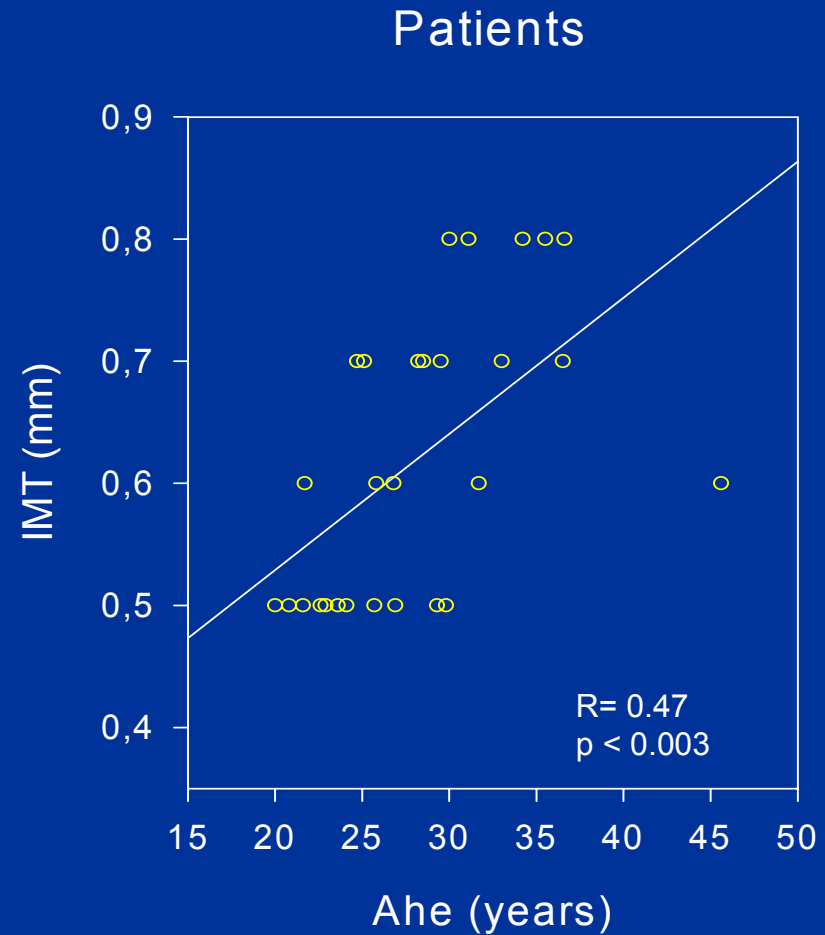
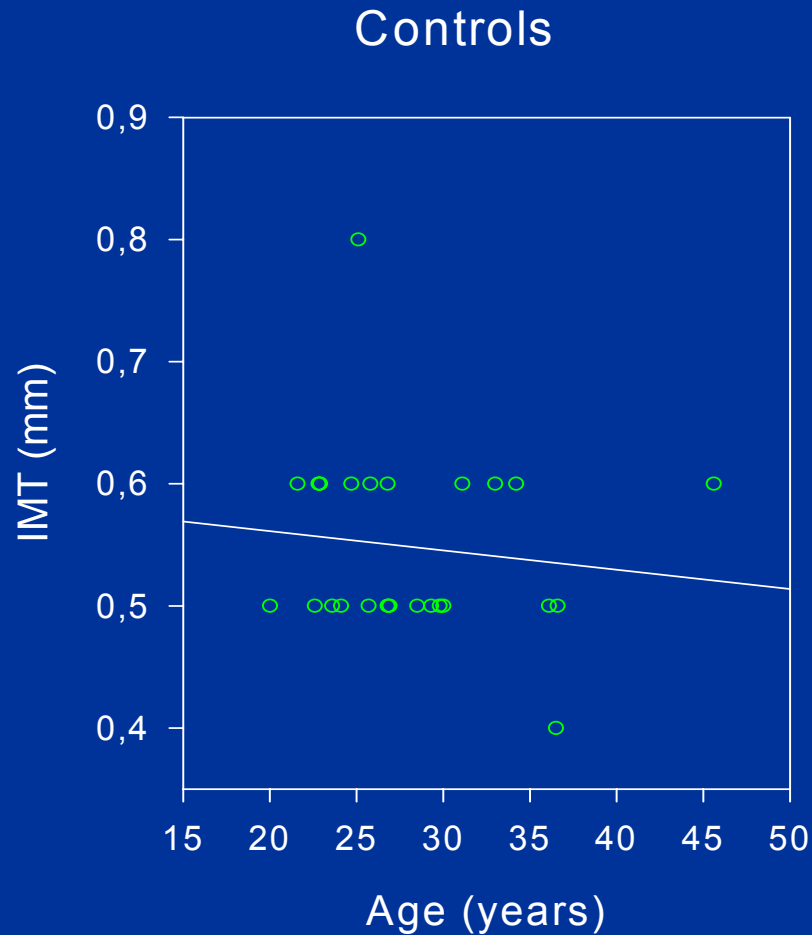
## A Central Role for an Osteoblast-Like Cell

Pericytes and smooth muscle cells

- are derived from common marrow mesenchymal stem cells like osteoblasts
- retain their pluripotentiality and have the capability to become osteoblasts

Campbell & Campbell, Z Cardiol 89 (SII), 54, 2000

# Age-Dependent Carotid Intima Media Thickness in Young Adults with Childhood-Onset ESRD



# Predictors of Carotid Intima Media Thickness

## Stepwise Linear Regression Analysis

### Variables offered to model:

Age, sex, BMI, disease status, smoking habits, CRP, total, LDL, HDL cholesterol, HbA1c, C peptide, Chlamydia IgG, homocysteine

### Variables selected:

	Effect	Partial R <sup>2</sup>	Total R <sup>2</sup>	P value
Homocysteine	positive	0.13	0.13	0.002
Chlamydia IgG	positive	0.05	0.18	0.03
Age	positive	0.07	0.25	0.01
C-Peptide	positive	0.05	0.30	0.05

# Cardiovascular Risk Factors in ESRD

## ‘Conventional’

Hypertension  
Hyperlipidemia  
Obesity  
Insulin Resistance



Endothelial Dysfunction



## Uremia-Related

Hyperhomocysteinemia  
Increased LDL oxidation  
IV iron induced AOPP



Hypo/Hyperparathyroidism  
Ca and Ph ↑



## Dialysis-Related

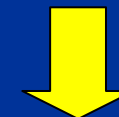
Fluid Overload  
Infections  
Bioincompatibility  
AGE



Proinflammatory Cytokine Release



Systemic Inflammation  
Acute Phase Response



Atherosclerosis / Calcifying Vasculopathy  
Increased Cardiovascular Mortality

# Vitamin D Deficiency in CKD

Does it matter ?

# Vitamin D Deficiency

## Definition

Vitamin D **insufficiency**: Plasma 25(OH)D 10-30 ng/ml

Vitamin D **deficiency**: Plasma 25(OH)D < 10 ng/ml

LaClair et al, Am J Kidney Dis 2005, 45, 1026-33

Vitamin D insufficiency: Plasma 25(OH)D 16-30 ng/ml

Vitamin D deficiency: Plasma 25(OH)D < 16 ng/ml

Drueke et al (KDIGO 2006), KI 2006

Renal  $1.25(\text{OH})_2\text{D}$  Production  
Is Tightly Regulated, but Can Become  
Substrate Dependent:

- Hypoparathyroidism
- Hyperparathyroidism
- Vitamin D deficiency
- Chronic renal failure
- Sarcoidosis



# Tissue Specific Micro-Endocrine Systems for Vitamin D (Extrarenal Production of Calcitriol)

## Organs

- Immune Cells
- Muscles
- Bone cells
- Vascular myocytes
- Parathyroid gland
- Prostate
- Colon
- Breast
- Others

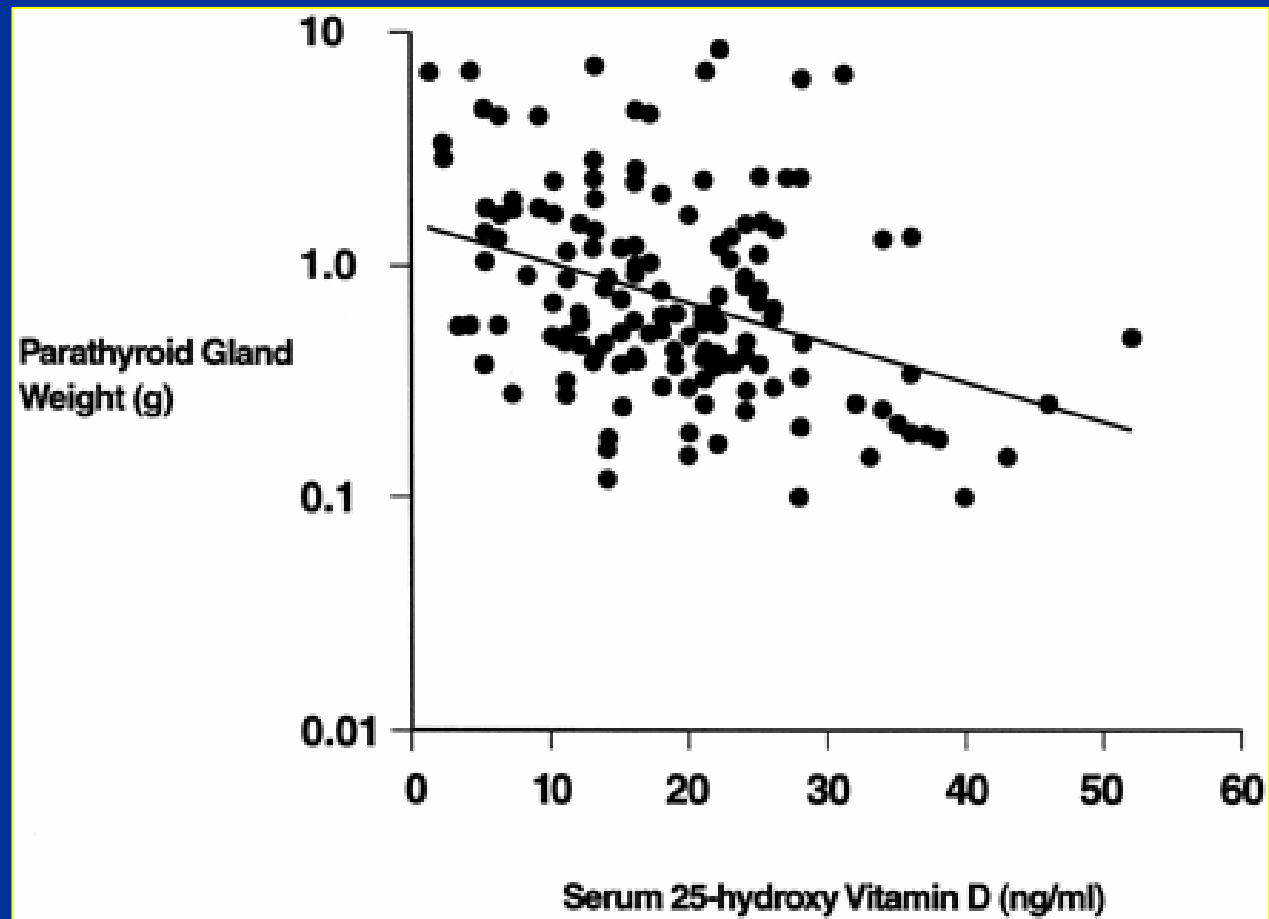
## Diseases

- Immune Diseases
- Weakness
- Osteomalacia
- Cardiovascular disease
- Hyperparathyroidism
- Cancer
- Cancer
- Cancer

# PTH levels are inversely correlated with 25(OH)D levels

- Primary hyperparathyroidism  
Rao et al, J Clin Endocrinol Metab 2000, 85, 1054,
- Secondary hyperparathyroidism  
Lemonte et al, J Nephrol 2005, 8, 96  
Holick AJKD, 2005, 6, 1119

## Effect of 25(OH)-D on Primary Hyperparathyroidism



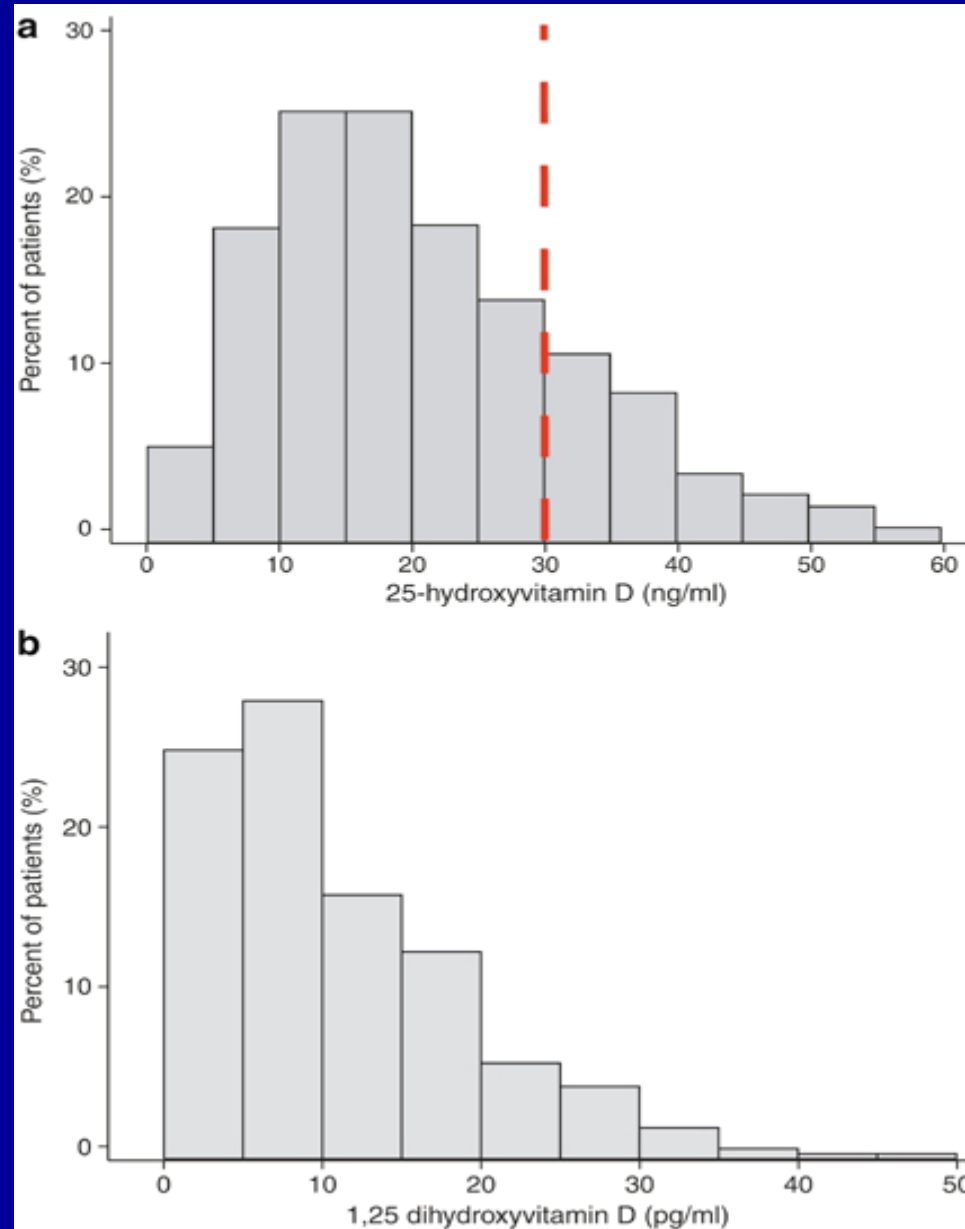
Rao DS et al., J Clin Endocrinol Metab 2000 Mar;85(3):1054-8

# Vit.D Status and PTH in Primary Hyperparathyroidism

	25(OH)D (ng/ml)		<i>p</i>
	<15	>15	
25(OH)D (ng/ml)	9.3 ± 4	24 ± 7	<0.001
1.25(OH) <sub>2</sub> D (pg/ml)	63 ± 22	61 ± 16	n.s.
p-gland weight (g)	1.1 ± 2.7	0.6 ± 2.6	0.002
iPTH (pg/ml)	172 ± 192	104 ± 71	0.002

Rao et al, J Clin Endocrinol Metab 85, 1054, 2000

# Vitamin D levels in Incident Hemodialysis Patients



# Prevalence of Vitamin D Insufficiency in Dialysis Patients

Number of patients:	119
Age (years)	64 ±14
25(OH)D (ng/ml)	17 ± 7
<b>Sufficient</b> 25(OH)D levels (%)	<b>9</b>
25(OH)D after <b>50,000 IU D2/month</b>	54 ±16

Saab et al, Nephron Clin Pract 2007, 105, c132-8

# Prevalence of Vitamin D Deficiency in CKD

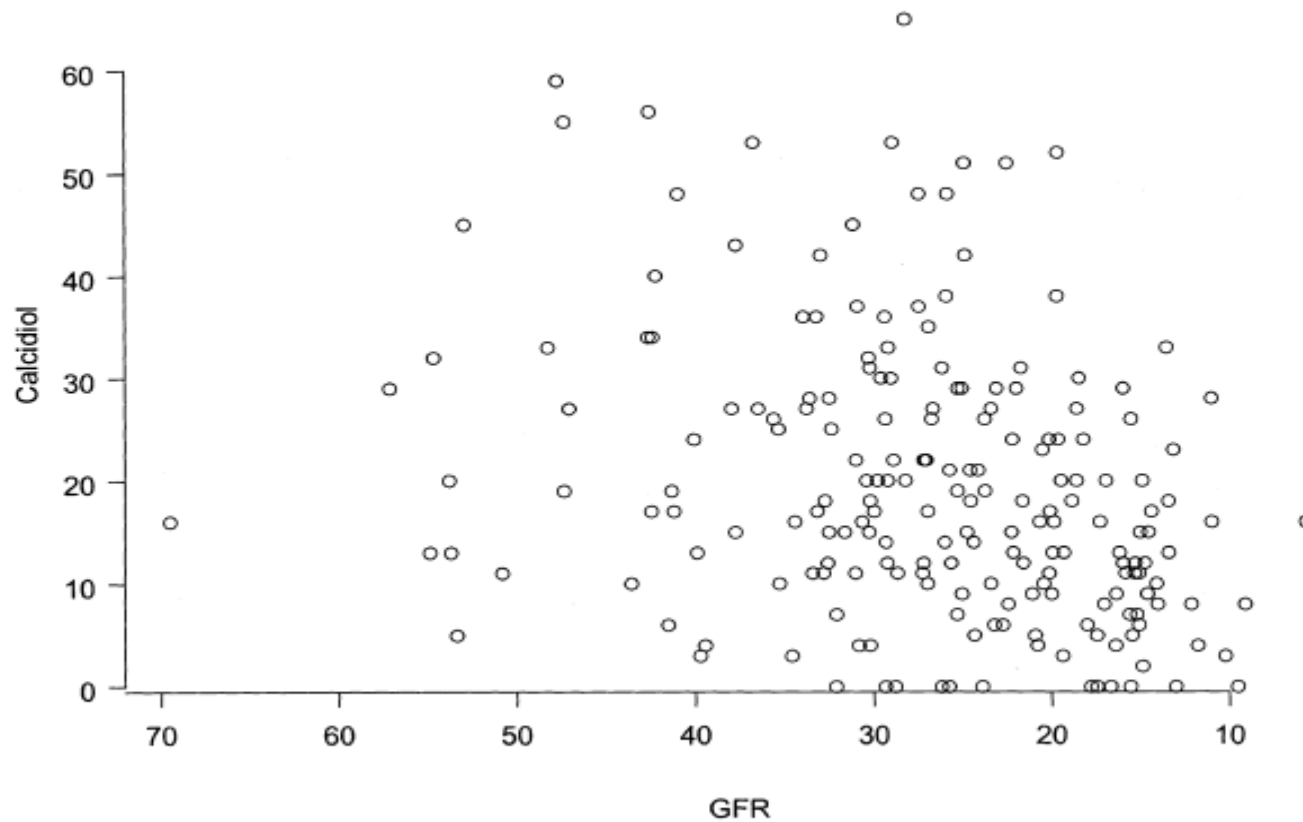
Number of patients:	201
Age (years)	65 ±13
GFR (ml/min x1.73 m <sup>2</sup> )	27 ±11
25(OH)D (ng/ml)	19 ±14
<b>Sufficient 25(OH)D levels (%)</b>	<b>29</b>

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## Independent correlations (multivariate analysis)

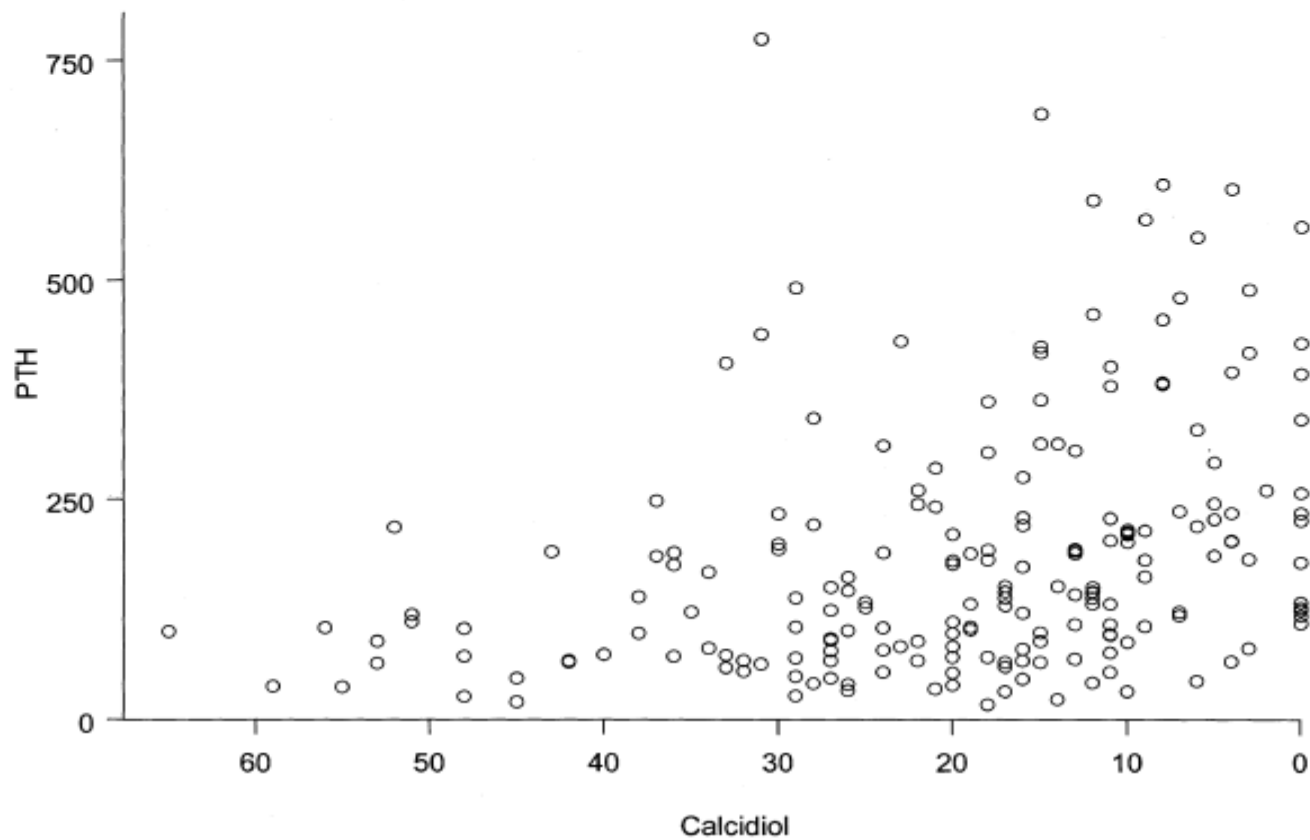
1. Positive with serum Ca<sup>++</sup>
2. Negative with serum PTH
3. No correlation with GFR

## 25(OH)D Level versus GFR





# PTH Level versus 25(OH)D



Multivariate-Adjusted Odds Ratio of  
**Early Mortality** according to Vitamin D Levels  
in Incident Hemodialysis Patients

	Plasma 25(OH)D		
	<10 ng/ml	10-30 ng/ml	>30 ng/ml
All-cause mortality	1.6	1.3	1.0
Cardiovascular mortality	1.6	1.6	1.0

Wolf et al, Kidney Int, August 2007

# Prevention and Therapy

# Vitamin D<sub>3</sub> Prophylaxis and Treatment for Vitamin D Insufficiency/Deficiency

## Health

	Children	Adults
Maintenance prevention	400-1,000 IU/day	800-1,000 IU/day
Treatment	5,000 IU/day 200,000 IU/3 months	15,000 IU/week for 8 weeks

## CKD

Maintenance prevention	1,000 IU/day	15,000 IU bolus every 3 months
Treatment	15,000 IU every 2 weeks	15,000 IU every 2 weeks

Vitamin D<sub>3</sub> 3 times more efficient than vitamin D<sub>2</sub>

# Calcitriol Treatment Recommendations

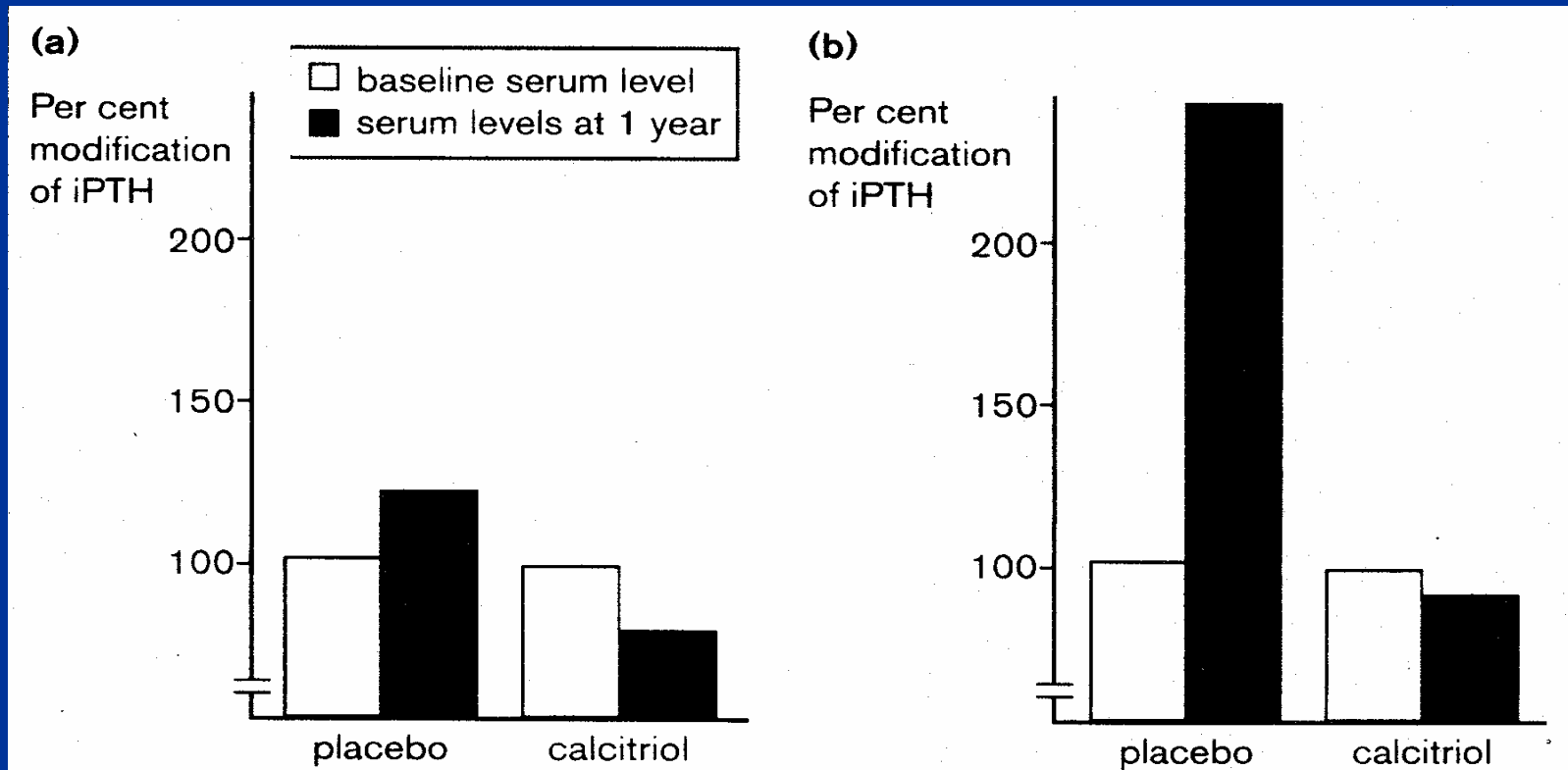
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- Start low-dose daily calcitriol early in CRF (prophylaxis of parathyroid hyperplasia)
- Oral daily calcitriol as effective as and probably safer than . Intermittent (iv or ororal) pulse therapy
- Target PTH: according to renal function, 2-times normal in CKD V
- Monitoring policy:  
Check PTH and  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  frequently, but avoid frequent dose changes (parathyroid rebound activation)!  
Check compliance!

# Prevention of HPT by Calcitriol

Scr < 3 mg/dL

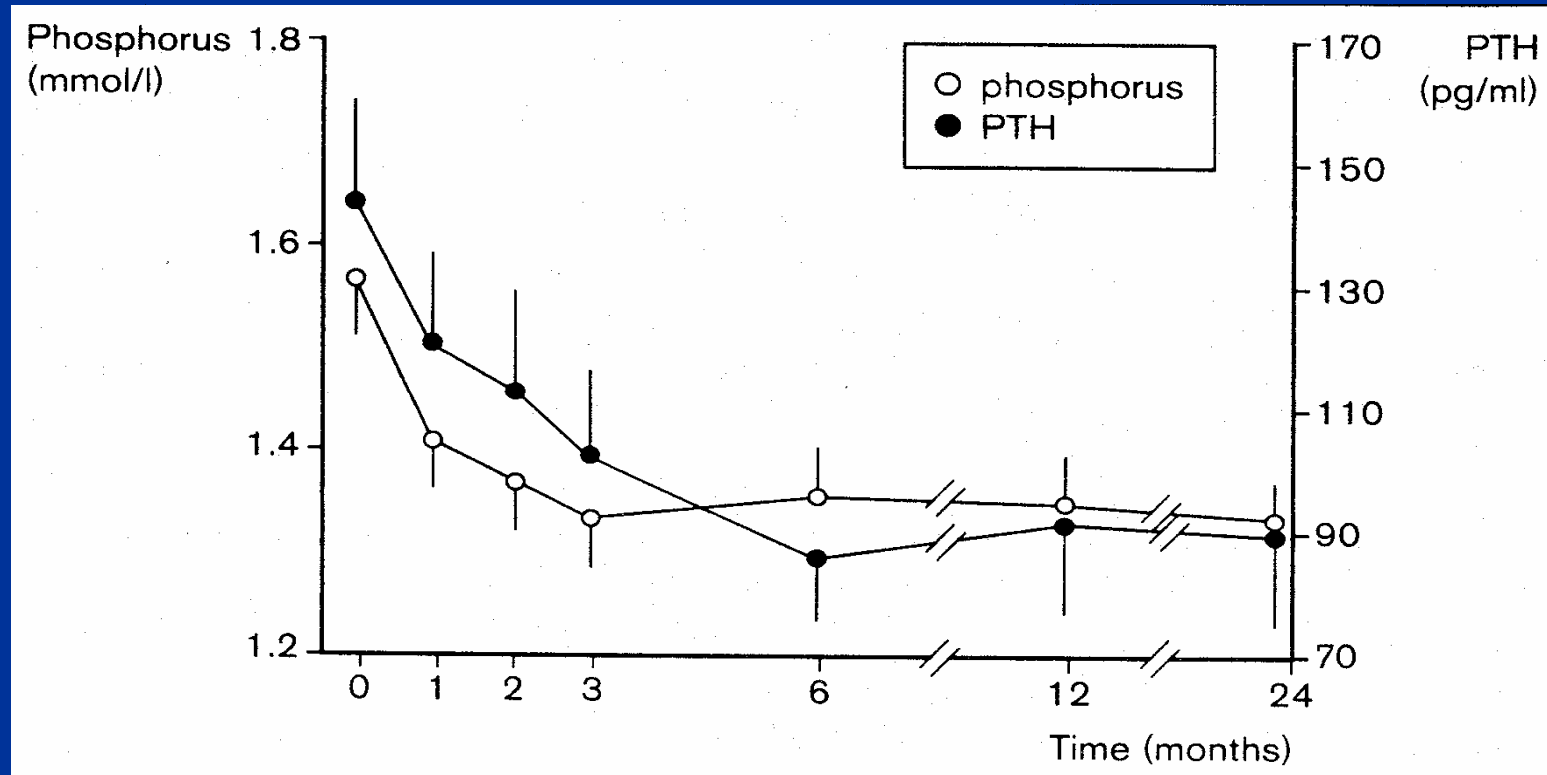
Scr > 3 mg/dL



## Strategies to Control Serum Calcium and Phosphate

- a. Diet: Low phosphate intake
- b. Dialysis: Longer duration for hyperphosphatemia  
Lower  $[Ca^{++}]$  dialysate for hypercalcemia
- c. Vitamin D: Reduce intake if hypercalcemia and/or hyperphosphatemia
- d. Phosphate binder: Ca-free binder for hypercalcemia

# Control of HPT by Low-Phosphorus Diet

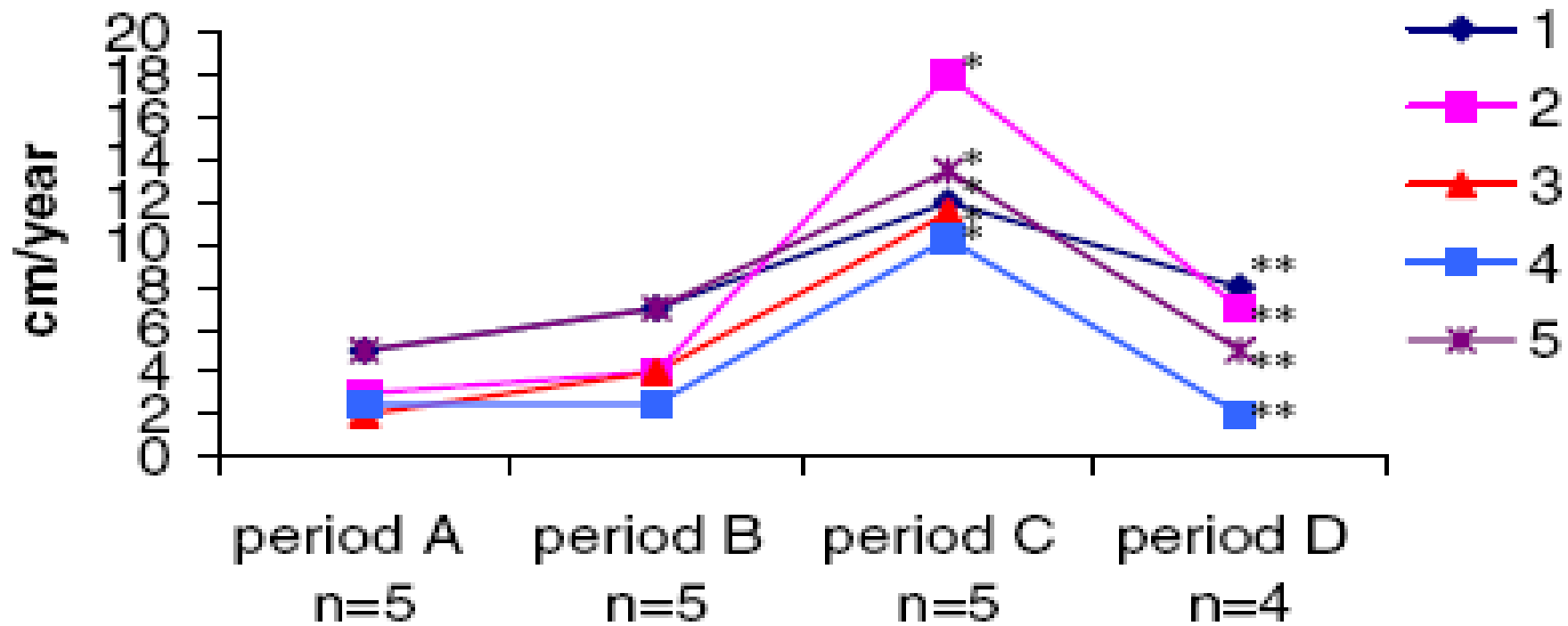




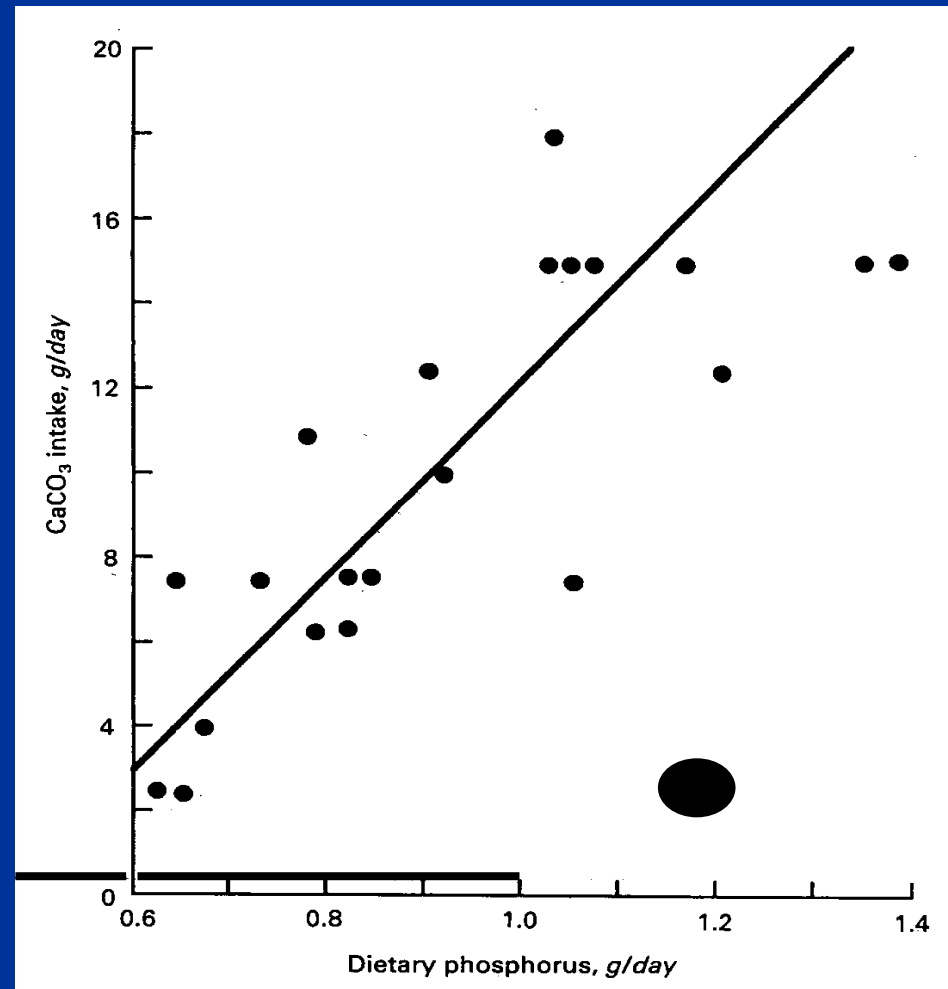
## Phosphate Balance in an Anuric Dialysis Patient

Phosphate intake	1,000 mg/day
Phosphate intestinal absorption	600 mg/day
Phosphate removal by dialysis	2,400 mg/week
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Balance	+1,800 mg/week

# Improvement of response to GH following daily dialysis



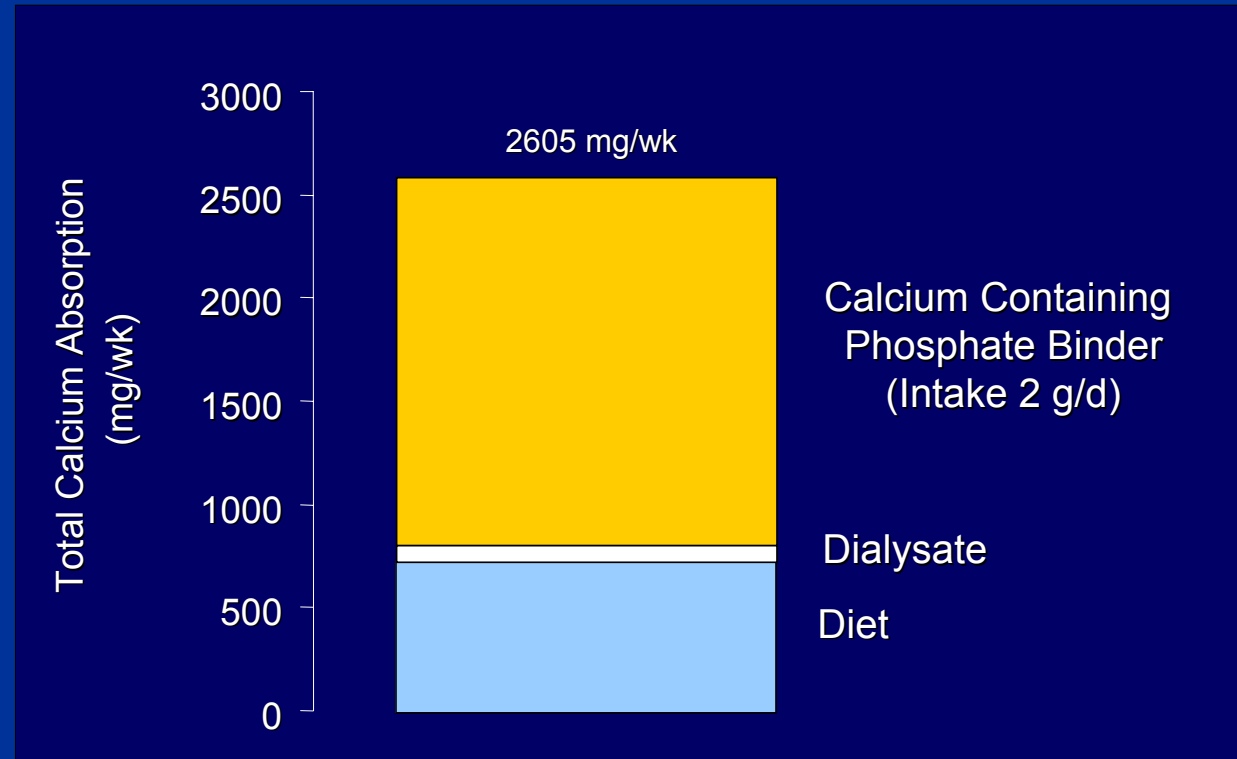
# Phosphorus Intake and Calcium Carbonate Requirements



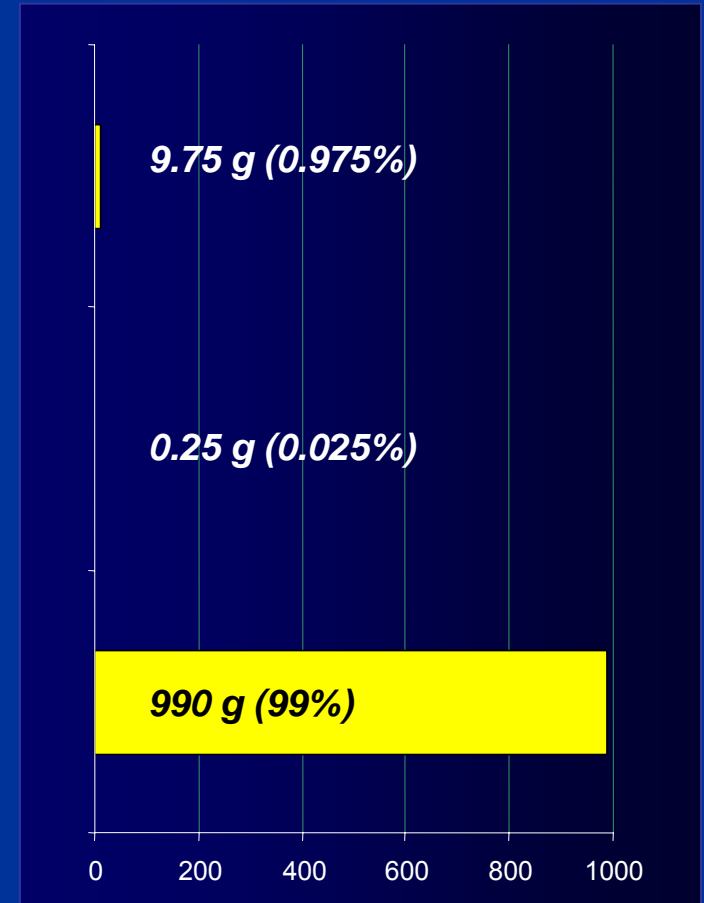
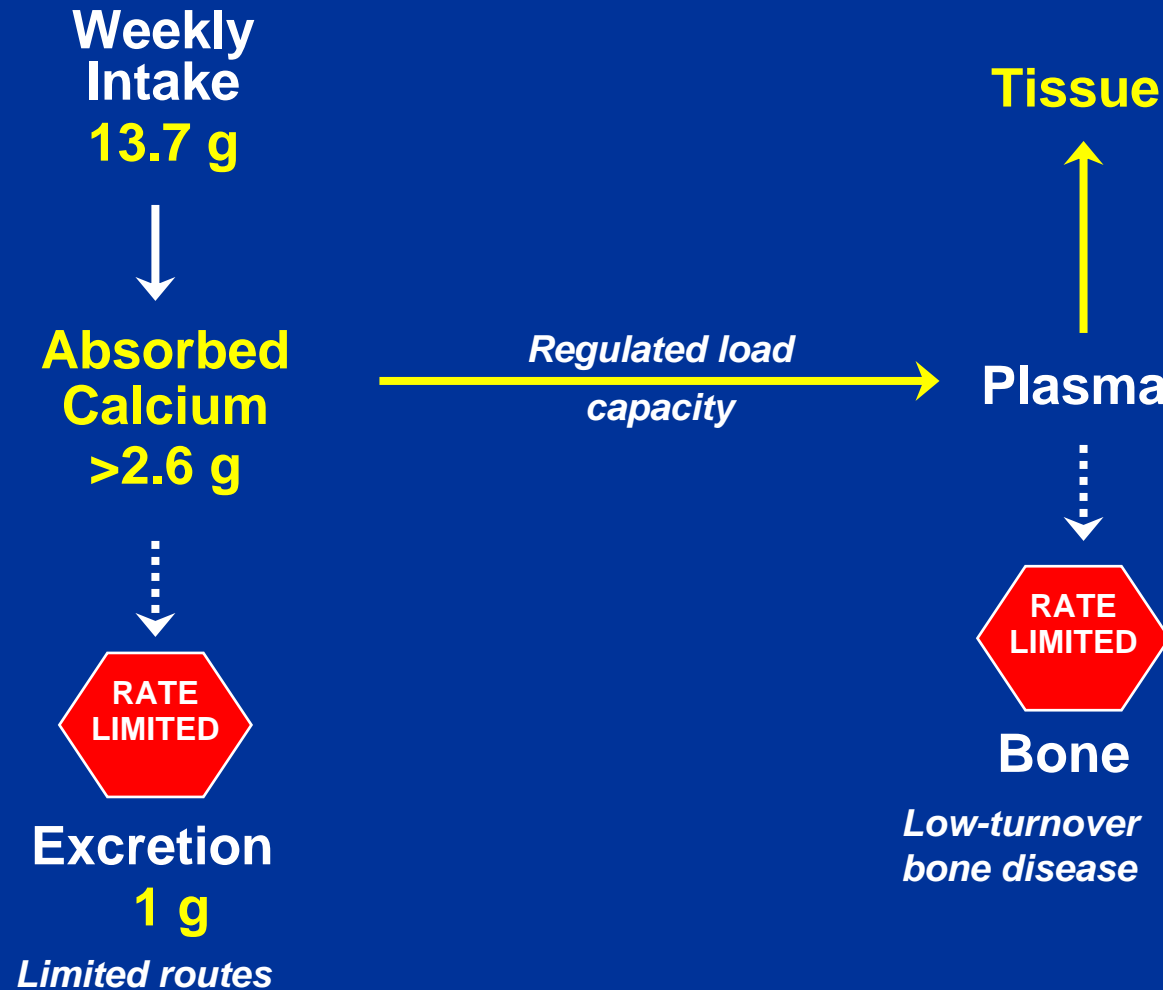
Slatopolsky et al. KI 1989;36:897-903

# Sources of Calcium Load in Dialysis Patients

- Dietary calcium
- Dialysate
- Calcium-containing phosphate binders
- Vitamin D therapy (increases Ca absorption)



# ESRD Patients on Calcium Binders: Where Does Excess Calcium Go?



**Total body calcium reservoir**  
1000 g (normal)

## Alternative: Non-Ca Containing Phosphate Binders

### 1. Sevelamer

Adverse event:           Gastrointestinal discomfort

Pleiotropic effects:   Correction of lipid abnormalities

### 2. Lanthanum carbonate:

Adverse event:           Tissue accumulation of Lanthanum

## Calcimimetics

- Act as allosteric modulators of the calcium-sensing receptor
- Decrease PTH, Ca and P
- Lower cardiovascular risk profile
  - by lowering PTH?
  - by direct effects on vessels and adipocytes?

# Treatment Guidelines

Serum Ca	Serum P <sub>i</sub>	Serum PTH	
Normal or low	High	> 350 pg/ml	Reduce dietary P <sub>i</sub> and begin P <sub>i</sub> binders (CaCO <sub>3</sub> ) Begin daily calcitriol when Pi normalized
High	Normal or low	< 150 pg/ml	Stop Ca-containing Pi binders Stop Calcitriol Use low-Ca dialysate Consider Renagel
Normal or high	High	> 500 pg/ml	Hold calcitriol Scan for PT adenoma Increase Pi binders: Ca acetate, consider Renagel, temporary aluminium hydroxide Consider calcimimetics Consider parathyroidectomy