

YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED TO IMPROVE PHARMACARE ACCESS TO MEDICATIONS THAT PREVENT OSTEOPOROTIC FRACTURES

The B.C. Ministry of Health is conducting a survey of patients, caregivers, and patient groups to gather input regarding osteoporosis therapies in British Columbia and B.C. PharmaCare coverage.



WHY YOUR INPUT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT

- Public drug coverage for osteoporosis medications in British Columbia is the **worst in Canada**. All treatments for osteoporosis or fracture prevention require your physician to apply for “special authority” and restrictive criteria need to be met for approval
- Currently in BC, to receive coverage for a fracture-prevention drug, a person must have already had a fracture that is proven before coverage is approved
 - Other provinces in Canada do not have this requirement
- Even after experiencing a fracture, some therapies **require the inability to swallow a pill** before effective and well-tolerated treatments are approved. **Lack of effectiveness or intolerance of medications is not sufficient** for Pharmacare approval of alternative treatment.
- The BC Ministry of Health is asking for your input through a short survey. Please make your voice and opinions heard about osteoporosis medications
- BC PharmaCare will listen to your input and assure us that your voice contributes to their decision
- **This opportunity for patient, caregivers and patient groups will only be available on the B.C. government "Your Voice" website from October 20 to November 17, 2021**

Scan the QR Code below and choose the “Therapeutic review of drugs used for the primary prevention of osteoporosis” to give input.

Or go to the BC Ministry website: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/health-drug-coverage/pharmacare-for-bc-residents/drug-review-process-results/your-voice>



For more information and to access the survey link, go to:

- BC Coalition of Osteoporosis Physicians (<https://www.bccop.org/>)
- Medicines Access Coalition – BC (<https://medaccessbc.org/blog/>)
- Osteoporosis Canada (<https://osteoporosis.ca/>)