# SENIOR BONE HEALTH



# **CALCIUM**

Primary prevention of bone disease.

RDA: 1200 mg. per day

Sources: milk, cheese, canned salmon,

spinach



# **VITAMIN D**

Improves your body's calcium absorption.

**RDA:** 800-1000 IU per day

Sources: low-fat plain yogurt, mushrooms,

canned tuna, sunlight exposure



## **PROTEIN**

Works with calcium to improve bone health.

RDA: varies per person

Sources: lean meats, fish, eggs, cheese, beans, peas



# **SODIUM**

Has negative effects on bone health.

RDA: less than 2300 mg. per day

Sources: table salt, breads, pizza, soups, deli meats

## **BONE DISEASES**

#### Osteomalacia

Cause: vitamin D/calcium deficiency

### Osteopenia

Loss of bone mass

#### **Osteoporosis**

Loss of bone over time

#### **RISK FACTORS**

- Family History
- Age
- Lack of exercise
- Excessive alcohol use
- Smoking
- Diet

## **PREVENTION**

- Weight-bearing exercise (walking, dancing, etc.)
- Limit alcohol
- Eat a well balanced diet

