

Important Information Regarding Patients Who Have Taken Bisphosphonate Drugs

Important notice to patients taking medications for the treatment of:

Osteoporosis

Osteopenia

Bone Cancer

Post-menopausal bone loss

If you are currently taking or have been previously treated with Fosamax, Aredia, Actonel, or Zometa you should know there may be a risk of future complications with surgical dental treatment. This is especially true if you have received the drugs directly intravenously.

Fosamax, Aredia, Actonel, Zometa, and Boniva.....drugs which are taken in pill form, are associated with the problem of poor bone healing. This reduction in bone healing can occur after dental treatments that affect the bone surrounding your teeth, such as: tooth extraction, periodontal infection, or dental implant placement. If the bone surrounding your teeth does not heal properly, it could result in osteonecrosis of the jaw. Osteonecrosis means “death of the bone”. This is a destructive process in the jawbone that is often difficult or impossible to eliminate.

If you have ever taken one of these drugs, maintaining your oral health is even more important. Speak to your general dentist and boost your hygiene visits to three or four times per year. Make sure you get at least one dental check-up per year from your general dentist. These extra actions will help prevent complications and preserve your jawbone.

Signature

I certify that I speak, read and write English and have read and fully understand the above notice and have had my questions answered.

Patient's Signature / Date

Witness' Signature / Date

Doctor's Signature / Date