

Πόσο ευρεία πρέπει να είναι η χορήγηση της βιταμίνης D Αντίλογος

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Σύγκρουση συμφερόντων

ΚΑΜΙΑ, για τη σημερινή ομιλία

Θεματολογία

- Σε ποιους πρέπει να μετράμε
- Αξιοπιστία της **μεθόδου** προσδιορισμού
- **Όρια** της υποβιταμίνωσης και της αβιταμίνωσης
- Συμμετοχή της βιταμίνης D στην παθογένεια **εξωσκελετικών** νοσημάτων
- Σκοπιμότητα της εξωγενούς **χορήγησης**
- **Δόσεις** χορήγησης

ΤΟ ΠΡΟΒΛΗΜΑ

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ΠΑΝΔΗΜΙΑ?

8/10 ασθενείς που μπαίνουν στον ιατρείο φέρουν και μια **μέτρηση** επίπεδων βιτ Δ

7/10 ασθενείς που μπαίνουν στον ιατρείο παίρνουν συμπληρώματα βιτ Δ

Τι θα συζητήσουμε ? ΘΕΜΑΤΑ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΗΤΑΣ

ΔΕΝ ΘΑ ΑΣΧΟΛΗΘΟΥΜΕ :

(ειδικές καταστάσεις)

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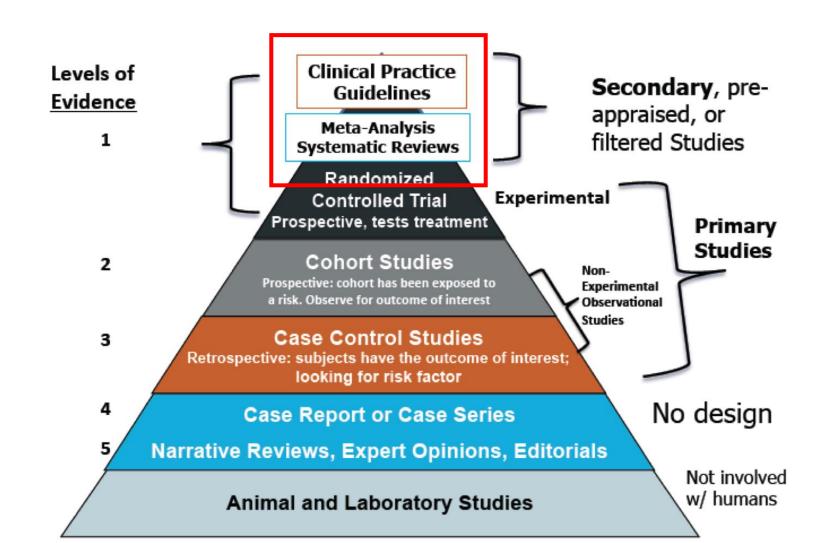
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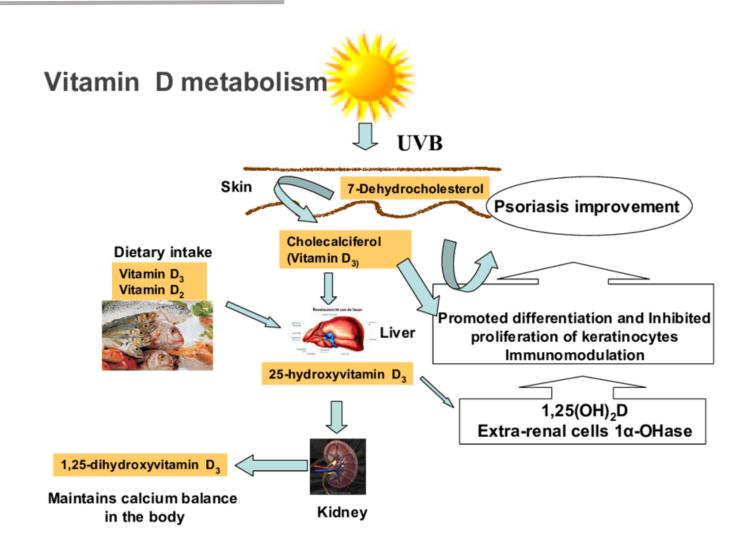
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Evidence based medicine



Παραδοχές

Δεν έχω ιδέα τι είναι η βιτ Δ



Γιατί είμαι εδώ?

μια ιστορία "common sense"

2011: όλοι ζητούσαν σε ΟΛΟΥΣ **έλεγχο** για βιτ Δ

DIETARY REFERENCE INTAKES Calcium Vitamin D

to Review Dietary Reference Intakes for Vitamin D and Calcium Food and Nutrition Board

A. Catharine Ross, Christine L. Taylor, Ann L. Yaktine, and Heather B. Del Valle, *Editors*

INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE

2012: Η Βιτ D σχετίζεται με τα ΠΑΝΤΑ (Ca, CVD, αυτοανοσία κα)

2013: ΟΛΟΙ **έδιναν** σε ΟΛΟΥΣ βιτ Δ

BMJ 2014;348:g2035 doi: 10.1136/bmj.g2035 (Published 1 April 2014)

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Vitamin D Deficiency — Is There Really a Pandemic?

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Vitamin D and multiple health outcomes: umbrella review of systematic reviews and meta-analyses of observational studies and randomised trials

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- 107 systematic literature reviews
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Έλλειψη βιταμίνης D: Τα συμπτώματα που όλοι πρέπει να γνωρίζουν

Περίπου το ένα τρίτο του πληθυσμού έχει ανεπάρκεια στη βιταμίνη D ή αλλιώς στη "βιταμίνη της ηλιοφάνειας".











: the RDA* functions (20ng) as a "cut point" (appropriate level)=> must have a serum 25(OH)D level above 20 ng/milliliter to

RDA, reflects the estimated requirement for people at the **highest** end of the distribution (2,5%)

The **reality** is that the **majority** (about 97.5%) of the population has a requirement of 20 ng per milliliter or less

the goal of achieving population levels above the EAR (16ng), not the RDA

The EAR reflects the **most likely requirement** for the population

=> < 6% are **deficient** in vitamin D[serum 25(OH)D levels (<12.5 ng /ml)

Many studies establish "inadequacy" using the RDA, though it is actually at the upper end of the spectrum of human need

*Institute of Medicine (IOM) Dietary reference intakes: calcium and vitamin D.

Washington, DC: National Academies Press, 2011.

Υπάρχει και ένα 3° paper

US Preventive Services Task Force | Recommendation Statement



April 13, 2021

Screening for Vitamin D Deficiency in Adults US Preventive Services Task Force Recommendation Statement

US Preventive Services Task Force

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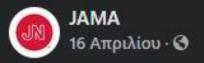
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Table. Summary of USPSTF Rationale

Rationale	Assessment
Detection	 Vitamin D requirements may vary by individual, and there is no one 25(OH)D level that defines deficiency for all individuals. Total 25(OH)D levels are currently considered the best marker of vitamin D status; however, levels are difficult to measure accurately. Evidence suggests that results vary by testing method and between laboratories using the same testing methods.
Benefits of early detection and intervention and treatment	 No direct evidence on the benefits of screening for vitamin D deficiency. Adequate evidence that treatment of asymptomatic vitamin D deficiency has no benefit on mortality, risk for fractures in persons selected solely on the basis of low vitamin D levels (as opposed to clinical risks such as low bone density), or incidence of type 2 diabetes mellitus. Inadequate evidence on the benefit of treatment of asymptomatic vitamin D deficiency on other outcomes, including falls, cancer, cardiovascular events, depression, infection, or physical functioning. Despite adequate evidence to conclude no benefit for a few health outcomes, evidence on the benefits of treatment of asymptomatic vitamin D deficiency in adults for other health outcomes remains inadequate. The overall evidence on the benefits of treatment of asymptomatic vitamin D deficiency in adults is inadequate.
Harms of early detection and intervention and treatment	 No direct evidence on the harms of screening for vitamin D deficiency. Adequate evidence that the harms of treatment of vitamin D deficiency are small to none.
USPSTF assessment	The overall evidence on the benefits of screening for vitamin D deficiency is lacking. Therefore, the balance of benefits and harms of screening for vitamin D deficiency in asymptomatic adults cannot be determined.

Abbreviations: 25(OH)D, 25-hydroxyvitamin D; USPSTF, US Preventive Services Task Force.

Ειδικά γι βιταμίνη



Among asymptomatic, community-dwelling populations with low vitamin D levels, evidence suggests that treatment with vitamin D has no effect on mortality or the incidence of fractures, falls, depression, diabetes, CVD, cancer, or adverse events. Evidence is inconclusive about the effect of treatment on physical functioning and infection. https://ja.ma/3uQkv4T

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Key questions

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- a. Does screening for vitamin D deficiency improve health outcomes?
- b. Does screening efficacy vary among patient subpopulations at higher risk for vitamin D deficiency (eg, persons residing in institutions, persons with obesity, persons with low levels of sun exposure, or older adults) or vary by race/ethnicity?
- What are the harms of screening for vitamin D deficiency?
- (3) a. Does treatment of vitamin D deficiency with vitamin D improve health outcomes?
 - b. Does treatment efficacy vary among patient subpopulations at higher risk for vitamin D deficiency (eg, persons residing in institutions, persons with obesity, persons with low levels of sun exposure, or older adults) or vary by race/ethnicity?
- a. What are the harms of treatment of vitamin D deficiency with vitamin D?
 - b. Do harms vary among patient subpopulations at higher risk for vitamin D deficiency (eg, persons residing in institutions, persons with obesity, persons with low levels of sun exposure, or older adults) or vary by race/ethnicity?

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USPSTF Review: Screening for Vitamin D Deficiency in Adults

Μα και η ΕΕΜΜΟ συμφωνεί ...!



Θεραπευτικοί στόχοι 25(ΟΗ)D

Γενικός Πληθυσμός: -ΔΕΝ απαιτείται μέτρηση στους υγιείς (υγιείς)

βέλτιστα ≥ 20 ng/ml

- δυνητικά επιτρεπτό χωρίς θεραπεία με

συμπληρώματα αλλά μόνο με οδηγίες >12 ng/ml*

- <u>Ασθενείς με οστεοπόρωση: > 20 ng/ml - κατά περίπτωση >30</u> ΧΡΕΙΑΖΕΤΑΙ ΛΟΙΠΟΝ ΘΕΡΑΠΕΙΑ ΜΕ

ng/ml Σ YMΠΛΗΡΩΜΑΤΑ TO 13 ng /ml ?

- Εύρος επιθυμητών τιμών: 20-50 ng/ml





Shah et al. JCEM 20

Η παρουσίαση θα μπορούσε να **τελειώσει** εδώ

Σε διάφορα Σε κορυφαία Κάποιες SLR/ RCTs νοσήματα περιοδικά Όπου χαμηλά ΔΕΝ πρόσφερε το επίπεδα είχαν Όπου η χορήγηση παραμικρό! ενοχοποιηθεί για βιτ Δ την παθογένεια

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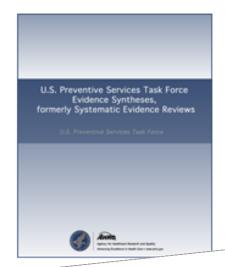
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Interpretation

Our findings suggest that vitamin D supplementation does not

prevent fractures or falls, or have clinically meaningful effects on bone mineral density. There were no differences between the effects of higher and lower doses of vitamin D. There is little justification to use vitamin D supplements to maintain or improve musculoskeletal health. This conclusion should be reflected in clinical guidelines.

bone mineral density (n=41)



Screening for Vitamin D Deficiency in Adults: An Evidence Review for the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force

Evidence Synthesis, No. 201

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Conclusions: No studies have evaluated the direct benefit or harms of screening for vitamin D deficiency. Among asymptomatic, community-dwelling populations with low vitamin D levels, the evidence suggests that treatment with vitamin D (with or without calcium) has no effect on mortality or the incidence of fractures, falls, depression, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, cancer, or adverse events. The evidence is inconclusive about the impact of treatment on physical functioning and infection.

Review > Clin Rheumatol. 2017 May;36(5):1201-1208. doi: 10.1007/s10067-016-3205-1. Epub 2016 Feb 9.

Does vitamin D supplementation alleviate chronic nonspecific musculoskeletal pain? A systematic review and meta-analysis

selection criteria. Three studies were included in the meta-analysis. We found no effect of vitamin D supplementation (standardised mean difference (SMD) 0.004; 95 % confidence interval (CI) -0.248 to 0.256) on pain in CNMP patients. Forest plot is used to present the results from meta-analysis. Contrary to a widespread clinical view, there is a moderate level of evidence that vitamin D supplementation is not helpful for treating CNMP patients.

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Vitamin D Supplementation and Prevention of Type 2 Diabetes

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Among persons at high risk for type 2 diabetes not selected for vitamin D insufficiency, vitamin

D₃ supplementation at a dose of 4000 IU per day did not result in a significantly lower risk of diabetes than placebo. (Funded by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney

Diseases and others; D2d ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT01942694.)

August 25, 2020

Effect of Vitamin D₃ Supplementation on Severe Asthma Exacerbations in Children With Asthma and Low Vitamin D Levels The VDKA Bandania

Conclusions and Relevance Among children with persistent asthma and low vitamin D levels, vitamin D_3 supplementation, compared with placebo, did not significantly improve the time to a severe asthma exacerbation. The findings do not support the use of vitamin D_3 supplementation to prevent severe asthma exacerbations in this group of patients.

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Vitamin D Supplements and Prevention of Cancer and Cardiovascular Disease

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Supplementation with vitamin D did not result in a lower incidence of invasive cancer or cardiovascular events than placebo. (Funded by the National Institutes of Health and others; VITAL ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT01169259.)

June 19, 2019

Vitamin D Supplementation and Cardiovascular Disease Risks in More Than 83 000 Individuals in 21 Randomized Clinical Trials

A Meta-analysis

Conclusions and Relevance In this updated meta-analysis, vitamin D supplementation was not associated with reduced major adverse cardiovascular events, individual CVD end points (myocardial infarction, stroke, CVD mortality), or all-cause mortality. The findings suggest that vitamin D supplementation does not confer cardiovascular protection and is not indicated for this purpose.

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REVIEW

Therapeutic and Preventive Potential of Vitamin D Supplementation in Knee Osteoarthritis

Results. The results of a few studies showed a preventive potential for vitamin D in KOA, but most of the randomized clinical trials that assessed the therapeutic efficacy of vitamin D supplementation in KOA found no clear therapeutic effect, with the exception of one study that found a small but significant effect of vitamin D on pain and knee function. Nonetheless, the results of a few longitudinal studies as well as systematic reviews are promising and thus encourage further studies. Inconsistent results on the effect of vitamin D on KOA may be attributed to factors such as severity of KOA, baseline level of serum vitamin D, duration of treatment, and vitamin D dosages.

August 4, 2020

Effect of Long-term Vitamin D₃ Supplementation vs Placebo on Risk of Depression or **Clinically Relevant Depressive Symptoms** and on Change in Mood Scores

A Randomized Clinical Trial

Conclusions and Relevance Among adults aged 50 years or older without clinically relevant depressive symptoms at baseline, treatment with vitamin D₃ compared with placebo did not result in a statistically significant difference in the incidence and recurrence of depression or clinically relevant depressive symptoms or for change in mood scores over a median follow-up of 5.3 years. These findings do not support the use of vitamin D_3 in adults to prevent depression.

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Effect of a Single High Dose of Vitamin D₃ on Hospital Length of Stay in Patients With Moderate to Severe COVID-19

A Randomized Clinical Trial

Igor H. Murai, PhD¹; Alan L. Fernandes, PhD¹; Lucas P. Sales, MSc¹; et al

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in England) φαίνεται ότι ΔΕΝ ή χορήγηση βιταμίνης D θα

...ς των οποίων και της COVID19

Μια τρίτι, ανασκόπηση (από το Royal Society) έδειξε ότι η ανεπάρκεια βιτ D σχετίζεται με αυξημένο κίνδυνο **ιογενών** λοιμώξεων αναπνευστικού και **ΙΣΩΣ** με ευπάθεια στην COVID19

Βιταμίνη D – κοινότητα

BMJ -> ΚΑΜΙΑ σχέση με εξω-σκελετικές εκβάσεις

3) Αν είναι χαμηλά => Επιφαινόμενο

2) είναι χαμηλά?

Πολλές SLRs -> η **χορήγηση** βιτ Δ ΔΕΝ βελτίωσε καμία έκβαση

ΑΚΟΜΗ και σε ασθενείς με «χαμηλά» επίπεδα βιταμίνης Δ

1) Χαμηλά επίπεδα ΔΕΝ σχετίζονται με το νόσημα

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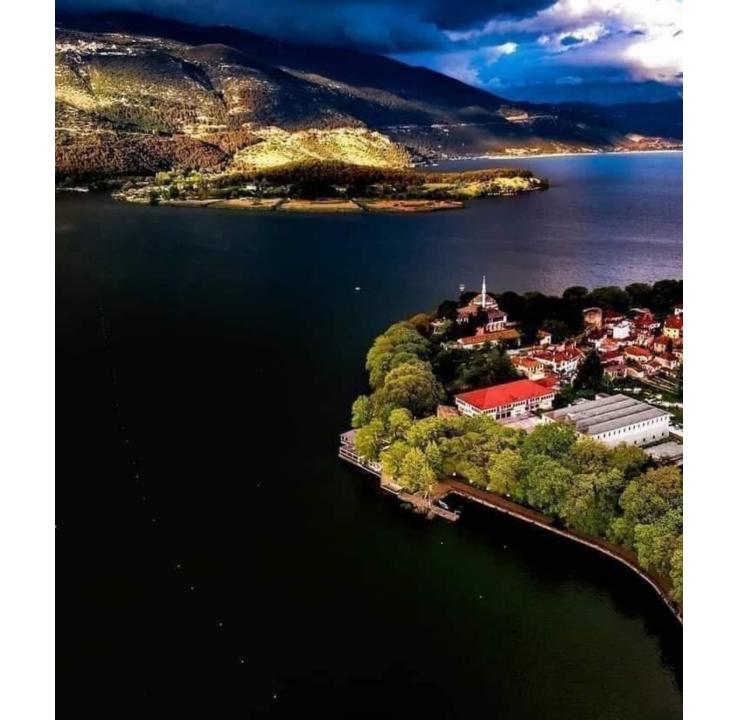


Δεν έχει αξιόπιστη μέθοδο **μέτρησης** Δεν έχει ξεκάθαρα **όρια** (φυσιολογικές τιμές)

Δεν σχετίζεται με **εξω-σκελετικές** εκβάσεις

Δεν έχει **καμία** δράση όταν δίνεις **συμπληρώματα** σε ΟΛΕΣ τις πιθανές εκβάσεις

ΕΧΟΥΜΕ ΓΕΜΙΣΕΙ ΤΟΝ **ΟΛΟ** ΤΟΝ ΚΟΣΜΟ ΜΕ ΕΞΕΤΑΣΕΙΣ -> ΑΣΘΕΝΗ -> ΘΕΡΑΠΕΙΑ



no one serum vitamin D level cutpoint defines deficiency, and no consensus exists regarding the precise serum levels of vitamin D that represent optimal health or sufficiency.

According to the **National Academy of Medicine**, an estimated 97.5% of the population will have their vitamin D needs met at a serum level of 20 ng/mL (49.9 nmol/L) and risk for **deficiency**, relative to bone health, begins to occur at levels **less than 12 to 20 ng/mL (29.9-49.9 nmol/L)**

Ross AC, Manson JE, Abrams SA, et al. The 2011 report on dietary reference intakes for calcium and vitamin D from the Institute of Medicine: what clinicians need to know. J Clin Endocrinol Metab. 2011;96(1):53-58. doi:10.1210/jc.2010-2704

Institute of Medicine. Dietary Reference Intakes for Calcium and Vitamin D. National Academies Press; 2011.

Low **dietary** vitamin D intake may be associated with lower 25(OH)D levels.7 Little or no UV B **exposure** (eg, because of winter season, *high latitude*, *or sun avoidance*) and **older age** are also associated with an increased risk for low vitamin D levels. **Obesity** is associated with lower 25(OH)D levels

The prevalence of vitamin D deficiency varies based on how deficiency is defined. According to data from the 2011 to 2014 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, which used the liquid chromatography—tandem mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS) assay to measure 25(OH)D levels,

- 5% of the population 1 year or older had very low 25(OH)D levels (<12 ng/mL) and
- 18% had levels between 12 and 19 ng/mL

LC-MS/MS is considered the reference assay. However, LC-MS/MS is a complicated process and is subject to variation and error, including interference from other chemical compounds

Herrick KA, Storandt RJ, Afful J, et al. Vitamin D status in the United States, 2011-2014. Am J Clin Nutr. 2019;110(1):150-157. doi:10.1093/ajcn/nqz037

Screening may misclassify persons with a vitamin D deficiency because of the uncertainty about the cutoff for defining deficiency and the variability of available testing assays. Misclassification may result in overdiagnosis

A rare but potential harm of treatment with **vitamin D is toxicity**, which is characterized by marked hypercalcemia as well as hypercalciuria. However, the 25(OH)D level associated with toxicity (**typically >150** ng/mL)20

a more than 80-fold increase in Medicare reimbursement volumes for vitamin D testing from 2000 to 2010

Shahangian S, Alspach TD, Astles JR, Yesupriya A, Dettwyler WK. Trends in laboratory test volumes for Medicare Part B reimbursements, 2000-2010. Arch Pathol Lab Med. 2014;138(2):189-203. doi:10.5858/arpa.2013-0149-OA

Eight RCTs and 1 nested case-control study reported **on all-cause mortality** in community-dwelling adults. Study duration ranged from 16 weeks to 7 years. In a pooled analysis of the 8 trials (n = 2006), there was **no difference** in all-cause mortality in persons randomized to vitamin D treatment compared with controls (relative risk [RR], 1.13 [95% CI, 0.39-3.28])

Kahwati LC, LeBlanc E, Palmieri Weber R, et al. Screening for vitamin D deficiency in adults: updated evidence report and systematic review for the US Preventive Services Task Force. JAMA. Published April 13, 2021. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.26498

Six RCTs reported on fracture outcomes in community-dwelling adults. Study duration ranged from 12 weeks to 7 years. A pooled analysis of the **6 trials** (n = 2186) found no difference in the **incidence of fractures among** those randomized to vitamin D treatment compared with placebo (RR, 0.84 [95% CI, 0.58-1.21])

Kahwati LC, LeBlanc E, Weber RP, et al. Screening for Vitamin D Deficiency in Adults: An Evidence Review for the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. Evidence Synthesis No. 201. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality; 2021. AHRQ publication 20-05270-EF-1.

No organization recommends populationbased screening

- for vitamin D deficiency, and the American Society for Clinical Pathology recommends against it.47 The
 American Academy of Family Physicians supports the USPSTF 2014 recommendation, which states that there
 is insufficient evidence to recommend screening the general population for vitamin D deficiency.48 The
 Endocrine Society49 and the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists50 recommend screening for
 vitamin D deficiency in individuals at risk. The Endocrine Society does not recommend population screening
 for vitamin D deficiency in individuals not at risk.
- that many people have serum concentrations of vitamin D (i.e., 25-hydroxyvitamin D) below 20 ng per milliliter (50 nmol per liter), which the Institute of Medicine (IOM) estimated in 2011 was the appropriate level. Such conclusions, however, are based on misinterpretation and misapplication of the IOM reference values
- Institute of Medicine. Dietary reference intakes: calcium and vitamin D. Washington, DC: National Academies Press, 2011.

No organization recommends populationbased screening

• There is a high prevalence of vitamin D **insufficiency** (25(OH)D < 50 nmol/l (i.e., **20** ng/mL)) or **deficiency** (25(OH)D < 25 nmol/l (i.e., **10** ng/mL)) in patients with fragility fractures and especially in those with a hip fracture.