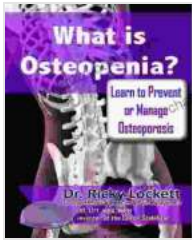


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Osteopenia is a condition in which the bones are less dense than normal. This can lead to osteoporosis, a condition in which the bones become weak and brittle and are more likely to break.

### What causes osteopenia?

Osteopenia can be caused by a number of factors, including:

- Aging
- Menopause
- Certain medications, such as corticosteroids
- Certain medical conditions, such as thyroid disease and Cushing's syndrome

- Family history of osteoporosis
- Smoking
- Excessive alcohol intake
- Low calcium intake
- Low vitamin D intake
- Lack of exercise

### **What are the symptoms of osteopenia?**

Osteopenia is often asymptomatic, meaning that there are no symptoms. However, some people with osteopenia may experience:

- Bone pain
- Bone fractures
- Loss of height
- Kyphosis (hunchback)

### **How is osteopenia diagnosed?**

Osteopenia is diagnosed with a bone mineral density (BMD) test. This test measures the amount of calcium and other minerals in the bones. A BMD test can be done on the hip, spine, or forearm.

### **How is osteopenia treated?**

There is no cure for osteopenia, but it can be prevented and managed. Treatment for osteopenia may include:

- Calcium supplements
- Vitamin D supplements
- Bisphosphonates (medications that help to slow bone loss)
- Hormone replacement therapy (for women who have gone through menopause)
- Lifestyle changes, such as eating a healthy diet, getting regular exercise, and quitting smoking

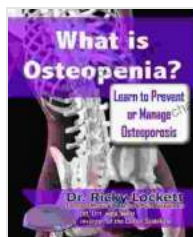
### **How can I prevent osteopenia?**

There are a number of things you can do to help prevent osteopenia, including:

- Get enough calcium in your diet. Good sources of calcium include dairy products, leafy green vegetables, and fortified foods.
- Get enough vitamin D in your diet. Good sources of vitamin D include fatty fish, eggs, and fortified foods.
- Get regular exercise. Weight-bearing exercises, such as walking, running, and dancing, help to build bone mass.
- Quit smoking. Smoking damages the bones and increases the risk of osteoporosis.
- Limit alcohol intake. Excessive alcohol intake can damage the bones and increase the risk of osteoporosis.

Osteopenia is a common condition that can lead to osteoporosis. However, there are a number of things you can do to prevent or manage osteopenia

and keep your bones healthy.



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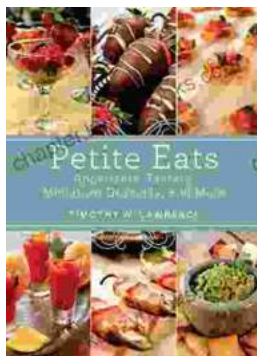
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