

From the Editor-in-Chief

The Editor's desk at *Clinical in Mineral and Bone Metabolism (CCMBM)* receives a flow of articles, addressed to develop and revitalize scientific education in the area of bone and mineral metabolism with a focus on the interactions between metabolists and orthopaedic surgeons.

In this issue of *CCMBM* we have brought together reports on different areas of metabolic bone disorders and of orthopaedic science.

Letizia Vannucci et al. present a protocol for the evaluation of low doses of diclofenac to face the problem of pain in patients affected by fragility fractures.

Vitamin D levels and their impact on mineral metabolism in HIV infected patients is presented by Silvina Mastaglia et al.

The off-label use of teriparatide in patients affected by difficult fractural events is described in an original article by Emanuele Ciurlia et al.

Derya Demirtas et al. discuss the potential side effects of zoledronic acid treatment in patients with metastatic cancer in bone tissue.

The application of novel fixation methods for femoral trochanteric fractures is introduced by Christian Carulli et al.

The use of vitamin D supplementation in patients with hip fractures is discussed by Luisella Cianferotti et al.

The use of HR-pQCT in complex regional pain syndrome is presented by Haider Mussawy et al.

Francesca Marini et al. reviewed in a mini-review article the important area of the genetic tests in the diagnosis of hereditary hyperparathyroidism with a detailed update of what available in 2017.

Raffaella Michieli, a General Practitioner (GP), presents a review on the role of GPs in the management of postmenopausal women, with a profound revision of what available as HRT and intervention with phytoestrogens.

Virginie Rampal et al. reviewed the classifications and prognostic factors of Legg-Calvé-Perthes disease.

A unique collection of seven case reports encompasses neurofibromatosis, femoral stress fractures, primary hyperparathyroidism, and LoCa LoPa myelopathy.

As always, *CCMBM* cares sole responsibility for all editorial content and peer-review.

We hope this comprehensive and lively package will give you food for thought, and help you make up your own opinion on these important presented issues.

At *CCMBM*, we are always trying to enhance your interest in the management of mineral and skeletal disorders. Do not hesitate to send any comments and suggestions about *CCMBM* to marialuisa.brandi@unifi.it.

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