

**Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI) Symposium on  
Disease and Therapeutic Response Modeling**

**Applying a Multiscale Physiologic System  
Model to Evaluate Bone-Related Disease and  
Therapeutic Responses**

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# Multiscale Modeling

## - Introduction

- Define 'Scales'
- Examples:
  - ▶ Guyton's Cardiovascular Model
  - ▶ A Calcium/Bone Model

## - Applications of the Calcium/Bone Model

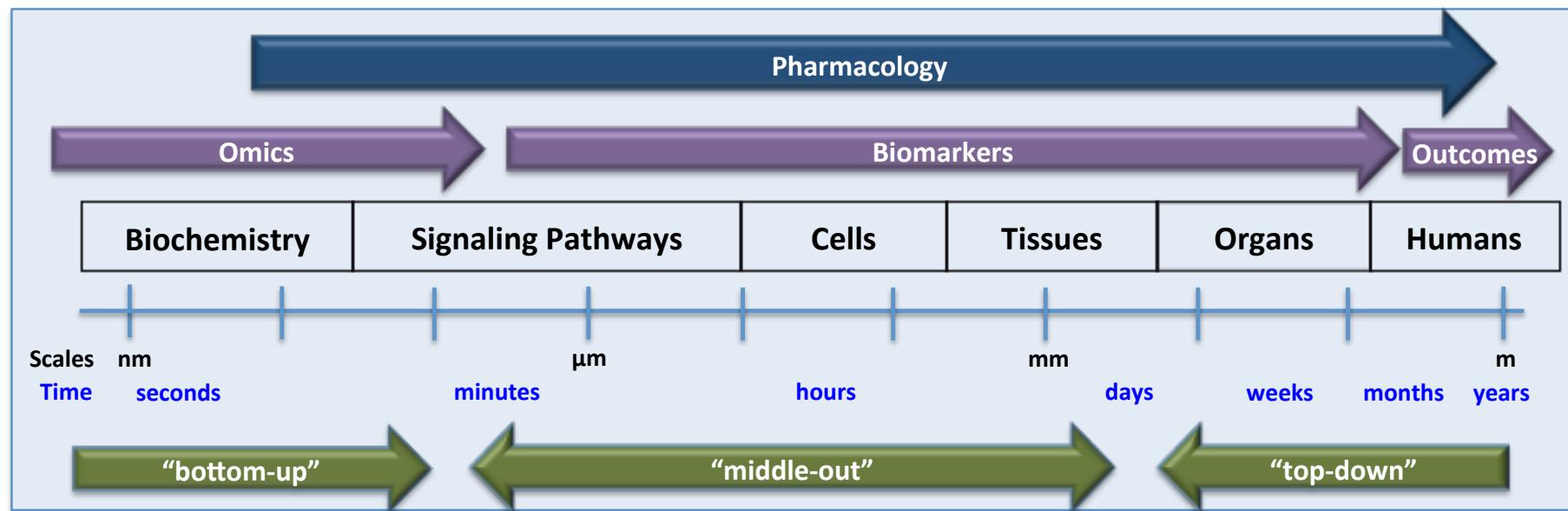
- Disease Response (Chronic Kidney Disease)
- Therapeutic Response

## - In Summary

- Concept: A Research Platform
- Parting Thoughts

# INTRODUCTION

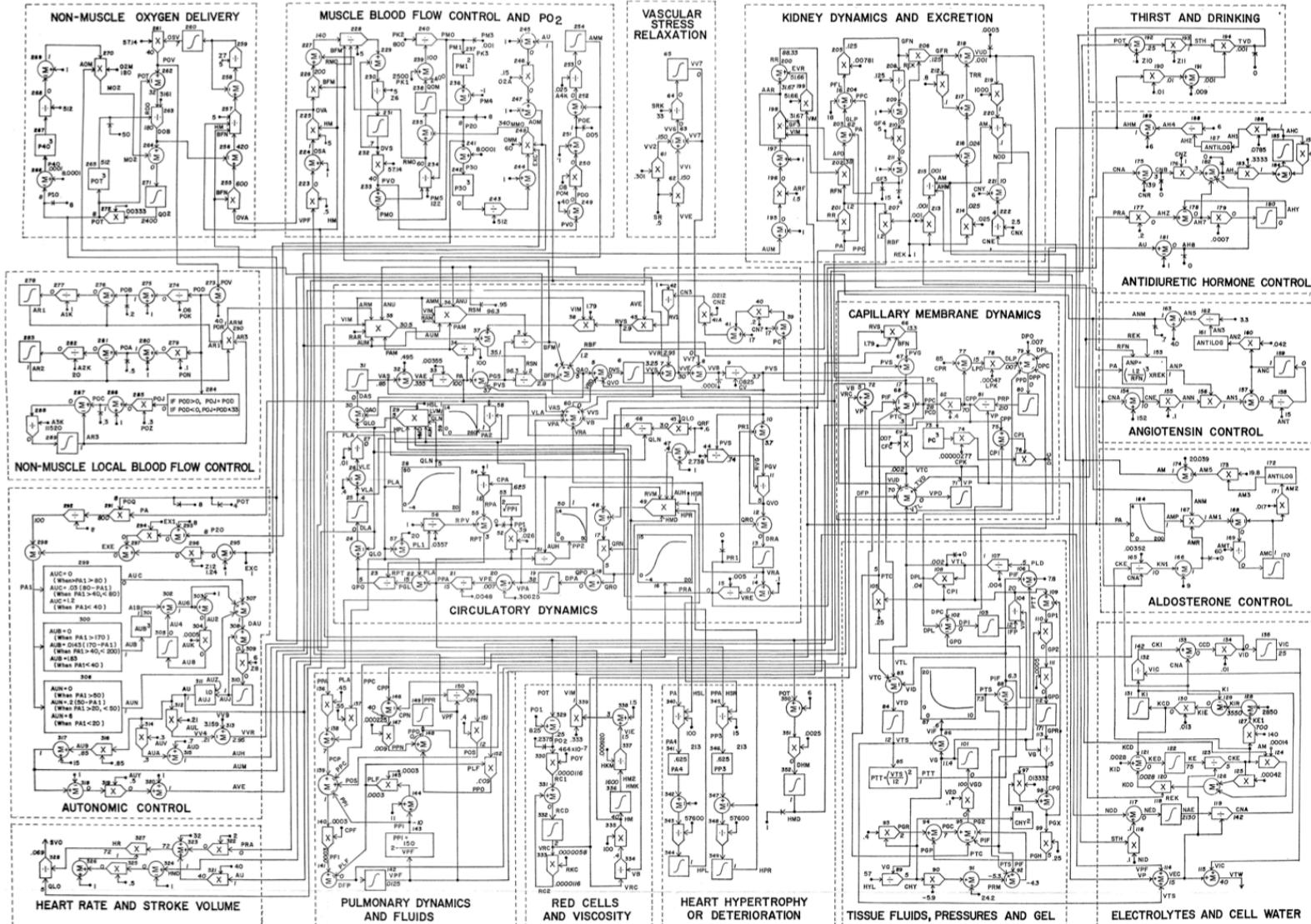
## - What is a Multiscale Systems Model?



From Figure 1 of Riggs M. Multiscale Systems Models as a Knowledge Bridge Between Biology, Physiology and Pharmacology. *AAPS Newsmagazine* (December, 2011) ; in press.

# INTRODUCTION

## Schematic of Cardiovascular Model



Guyton AC, Coleman TG, Granger HJ 1972. Circulation: overall regulation. Annu Rev Physiol 34:13-46.

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### 43 Years Later: Notably Few Multiscale Models of Physiology Exist (Publicly)

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# Multiscale Model of Calcium and Bone

### - Intentions

- Represent physiology
  - ▶ Include multiscale mechanisms (signaling → organs → outcomes)
  - ▶ Incorporate relevant co-factors
    - » Phosphate (PO<sub>4</sub>)
    - » Parathyroid hormone (PTH)
    - » Calcitriol
    - » Cytokines (e.g. TGF<sub>beta</sub>)
    - » Cell Signaling
    - » Bone turnover markers (e.g. osteoblast/osteoclast associated)
- Predict Ca homeostasis and bone remodeling
- Provide a platform for evaluating longitudinal therapeutic and disease state effects

Schematic of physiologic system model to describe calcium homeostasis and bone remodeling (reprinted from Figure 1 of (Peterson and Riggs, 2010))

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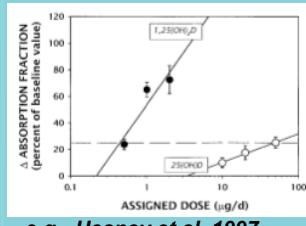
## - Existing Research / Data

- 200+ references
- From 70+ sources (journals, texts, regulatory documents, etc.)
- Publications: 1959 – present (5+ decades)
  
- But How to Bring It All Together?

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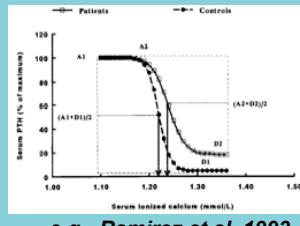
## Integrating Existing Data and Models

### Calcium Absorption



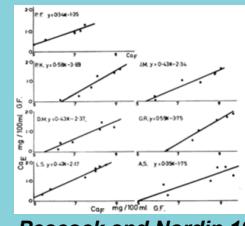
e.g., Heaney et al. 1997

### PTH Secretion



e.g., Ramirez et al. 1993

### Calcium Excretion



e.g., Peacock and Nordin 1968

### Bone Therapeutics

Anabolic  
(*teriparatide*, 2004)

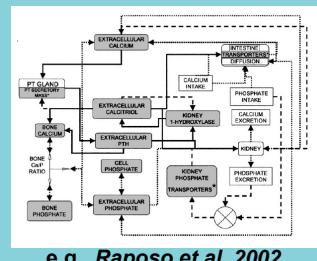
Catabolic  
(*denosumab*, 2006)

### Disease States

Hyper- and hypo-PTH

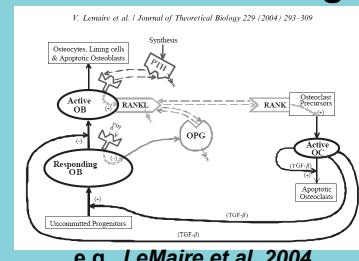
CKD-MBD (Rix et al. 1999)

### Calcium Homeostasis



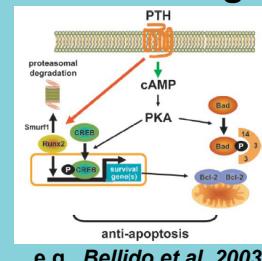
e.g., Raposo et al. 2002

### Bone Remodeling



e.g., LeMaire et al. 2004

### Intracellular Signaling



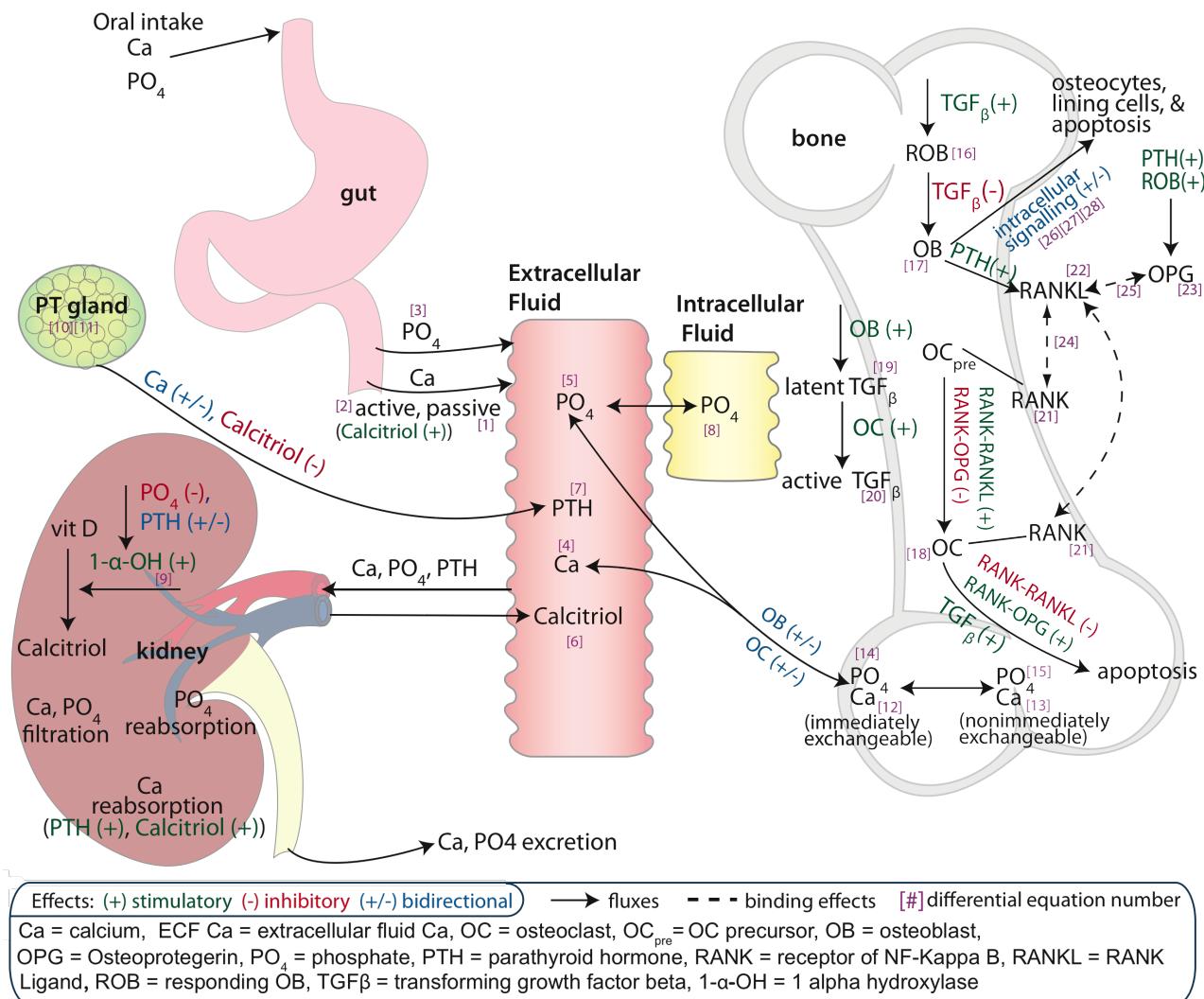
e.g., Bellido et al. 2003

### - Multiscale Model:

- Peterson MC and Riggs MM (2010) A physiologically based mathematical model of integrated calcium homeostasis and bone remodeling. *Bone* 46:49-63.

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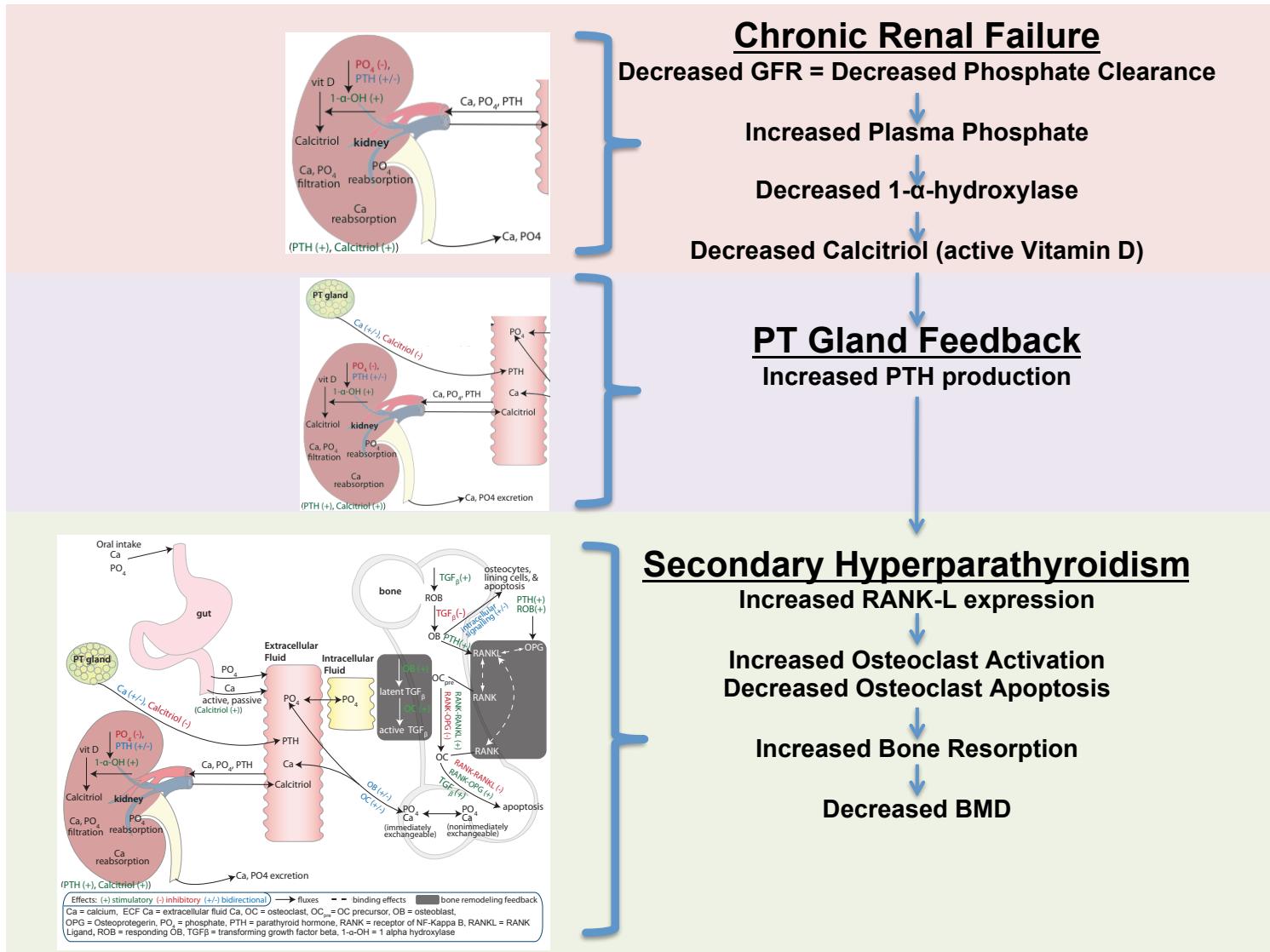
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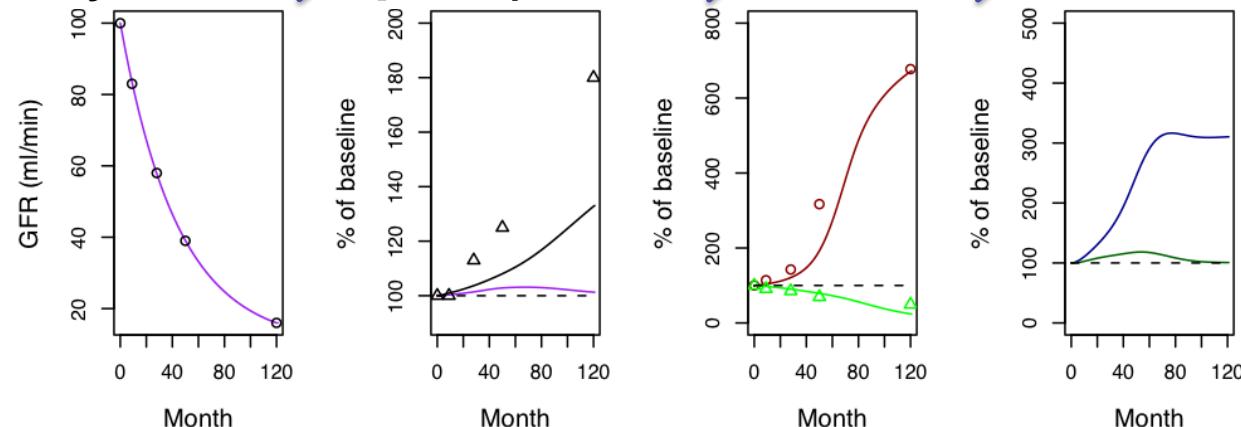


**Fig. 1; Riggs MM, Peterson MC, Gastonguay MR. Multiscale Physiology-Based Modeling of Mineral Bone Disorder in Patients With Impaired Kidney Function. J Clin Pharmacol. In press.**

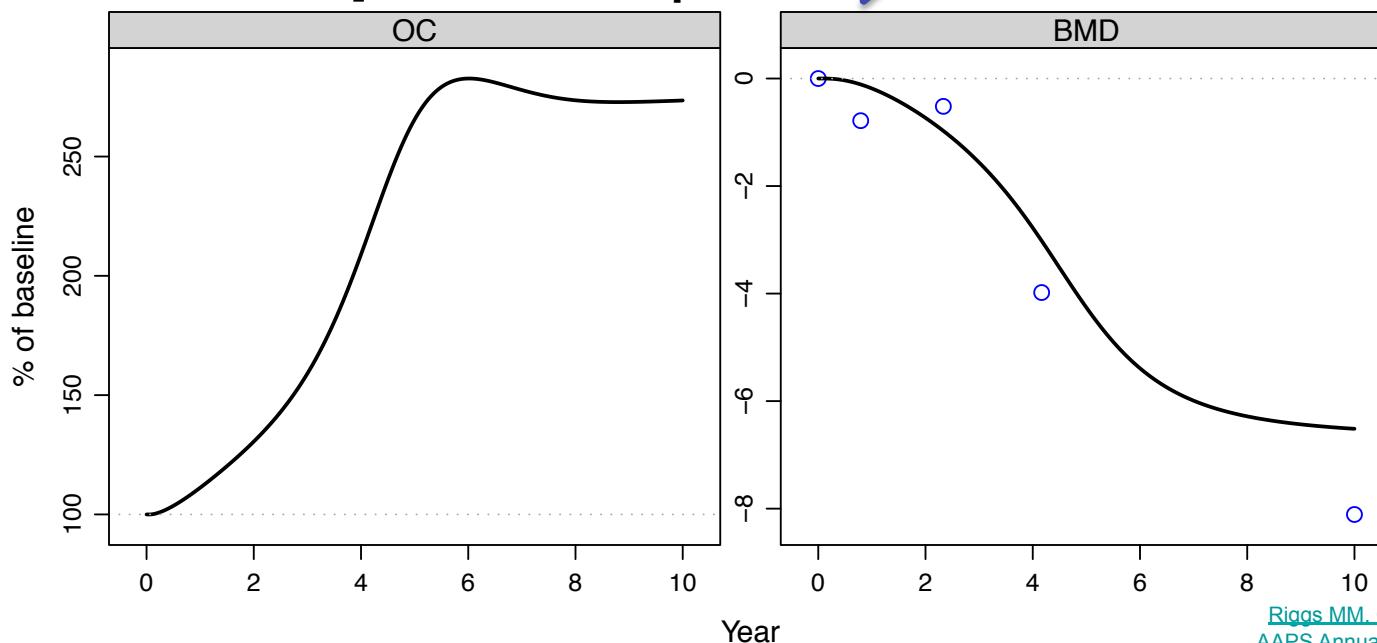
## APPLICATIONS: Disease Response

# Chronic Kidney Disease-Mineral Bone Disorder

Kidneys Fail → ↑ Phosphate → ↑ PTH → ↑ Bone Resorption



↑ Bone Resorption → ↓ BMD



Riggs MM, Gastonquay MR, Peterson MC,  
AAPS Annual Meeting 2010; Poster # W4403

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# Chronic Kidney Disease-Mineral Bone Disorder

### Simulated Effects of CaSR agonism

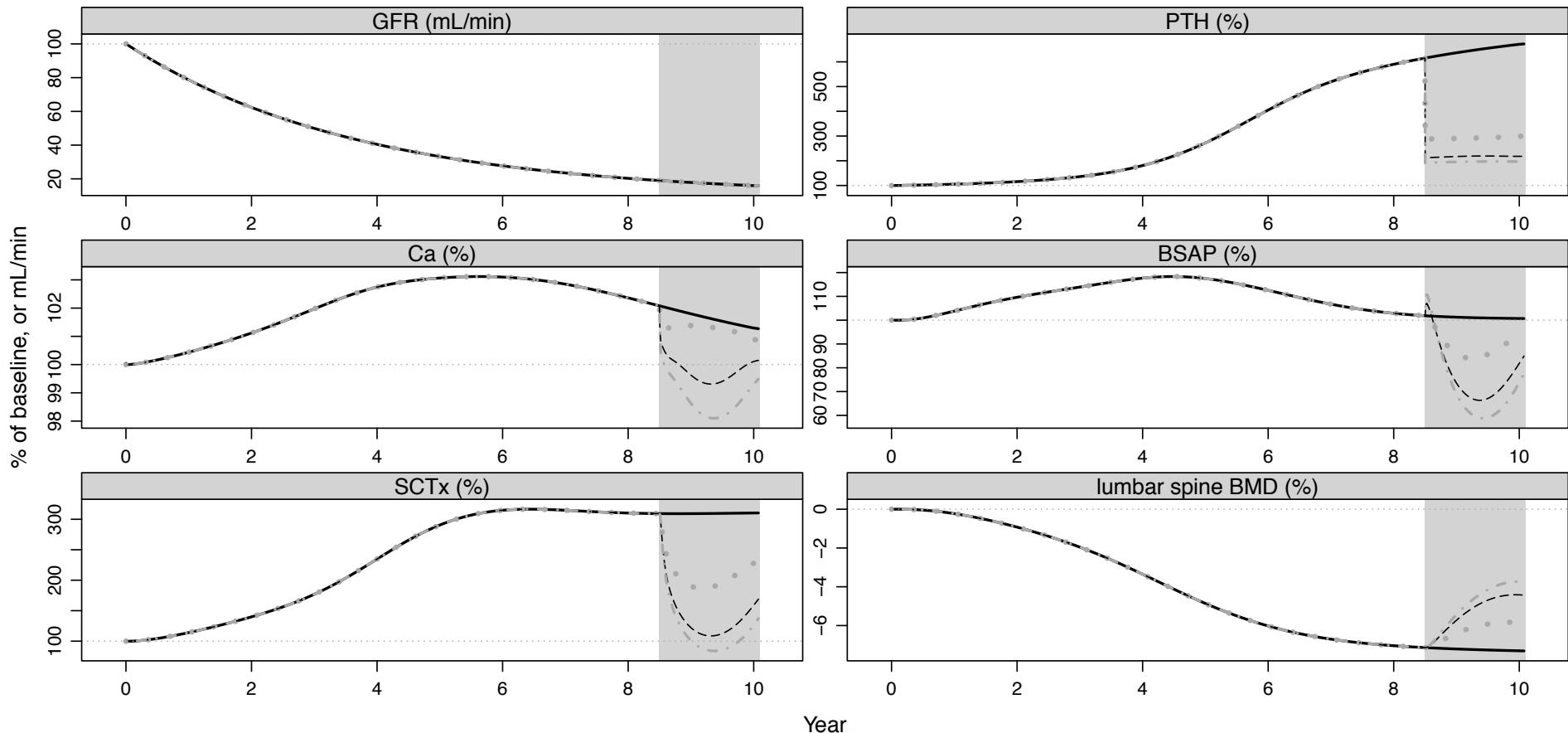


Fig.4; Riggs MM, Peterson MC, Gastonguay MR. Multiscale Physiology-Based Modeling of Mineral Bone Disorder in Patients With Impaired Kidney Function. *J Clin Pharmacol.* In press.

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### Simulated Effects of Calcitriol Infusion

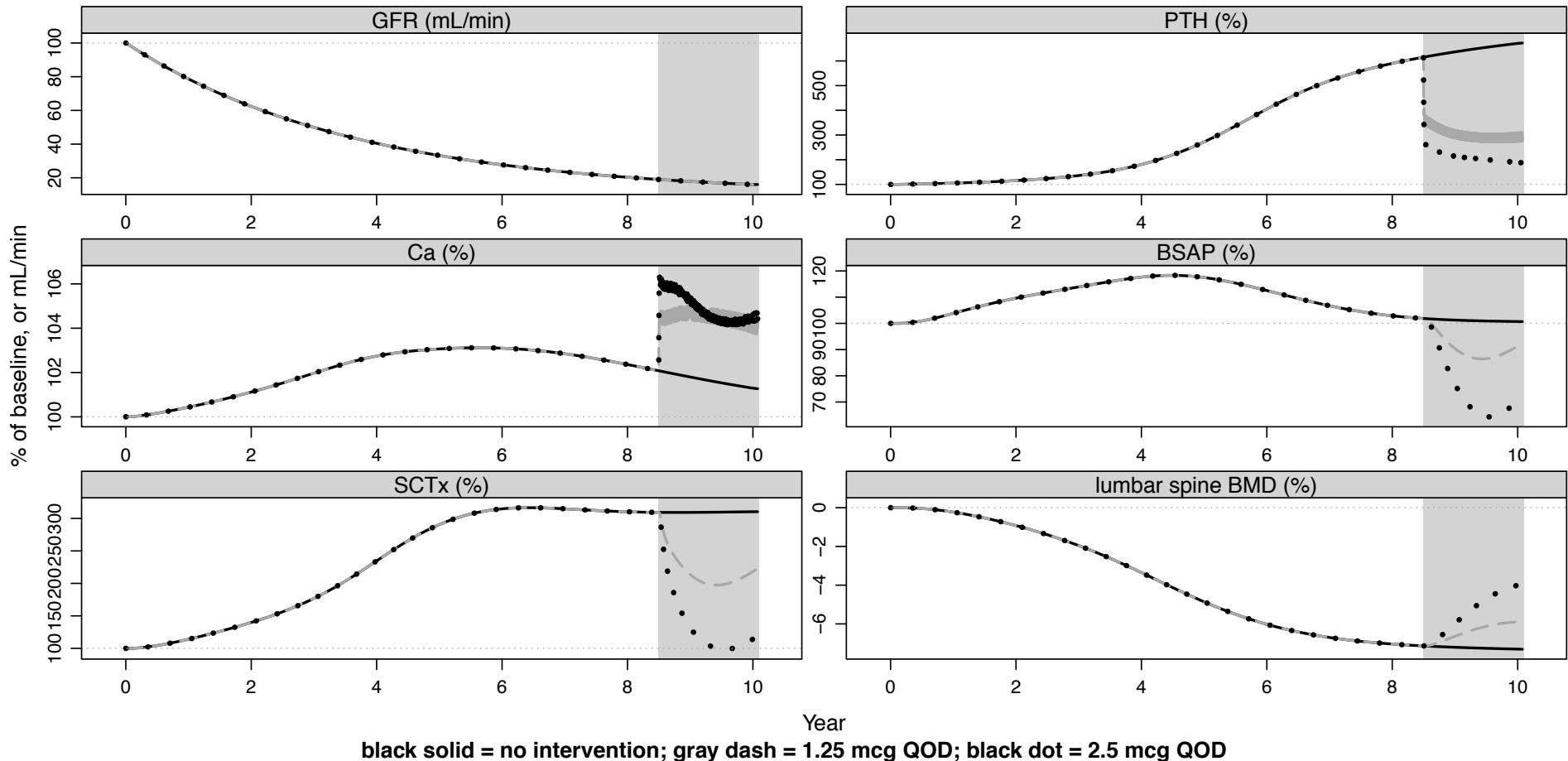
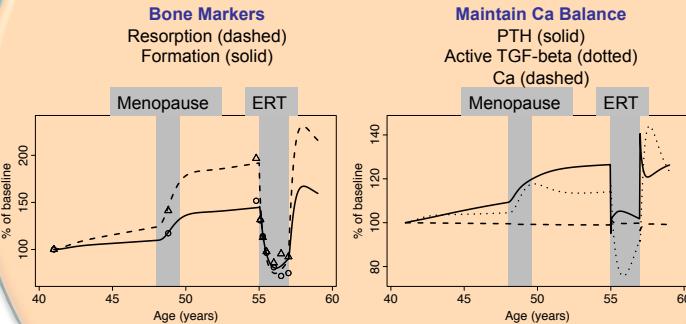


Fig.5; Riggs MM, Peterson MC, Gastonguay MR. Multiscale Physiology-Based Modeling of Mineral Bone Disorder in Patients With Impaired Kidney Function. *J Clin Pharmacol.* In press.

# APPLICATIONS: Disease Response

## AGE + MENOPAUSE

Includes longitudinal estrogen loss  
Predicts Ca & bone estrogen-related effects

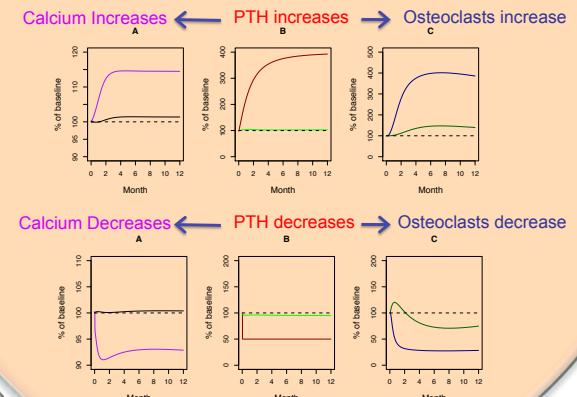


Riggs MM, Gillespie WR, Gastonguay MR, Peterson MC.  
NIGMS Quantitative Systems Pharmacology Workshop II:  
September 9, 2010.

## DISEASE PROGRESSION

## 1<sup>o</sup> HYPER- & HYPO-PARATHYROIDISM

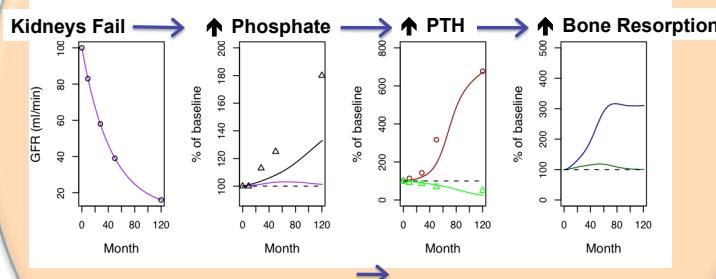
Predicts Ca and bone effects



Peterson and Riggs (2010)  
Bone 46:49-63 (Fig 5 & 7)

## CKD-MBD

Predicts Secondary hyperPTH  
Predicts increased bone turnover

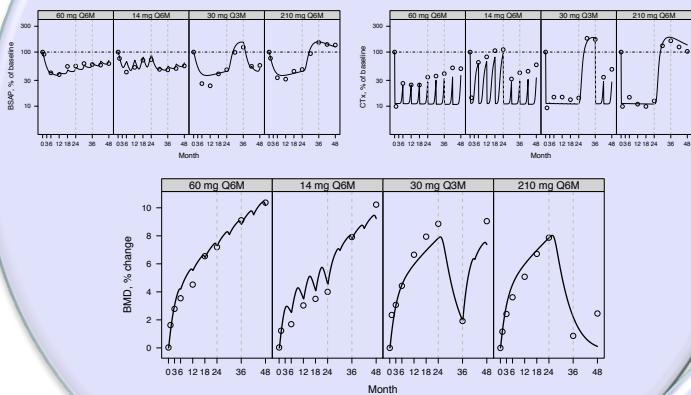


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# APPLICATIONS: Therapeutic Response

## DENOSUMAB

Rebound in bone metabolism is predictable.  
BMD can be modeled as a function of bone markers

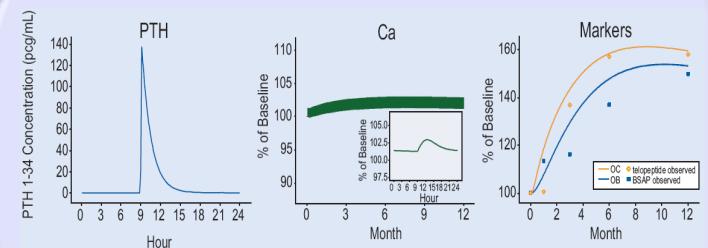


Peterson MC and Riggs MM..  
AAPS-NBC: May 2010

## PHARMACOLOGY

## TERIPARATIDE

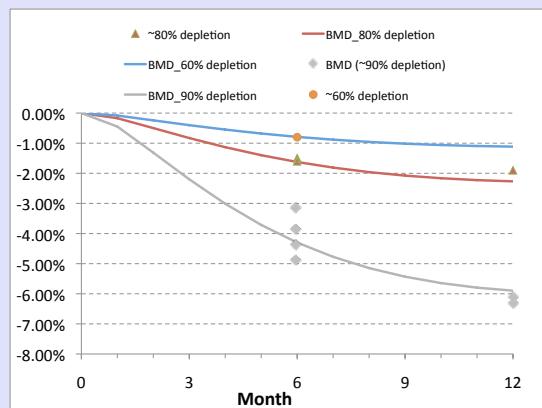
Bone anabolics are predictable.  
Effects on Ca / other physiology can be evaluated



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## GnRH RECEPTOR

Estrogen-BMD relationship is predictable.  
Degree of GnRH modulation targeted



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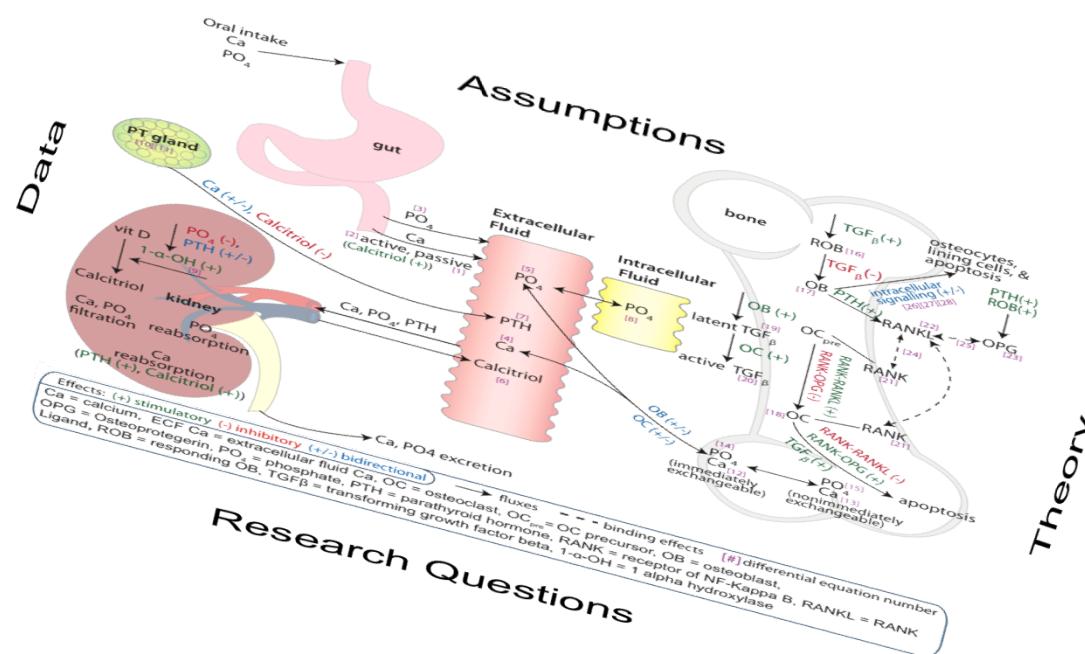
### - Multiscale Models as a Knowledge Platform

- A repository of known mechanisms, hypotheses (theory), and assumptions
- Include supporting data
- Input emerging research
  - ▶ New data = learn/confirm hypotheses and assumptions
  - ▶ Information becomes knowledge
- Sharing within and across R&D teams
  - ▶ Portable across drug and disease states
  - ▶ Expandable to new drug and disease states

# SUMMARY

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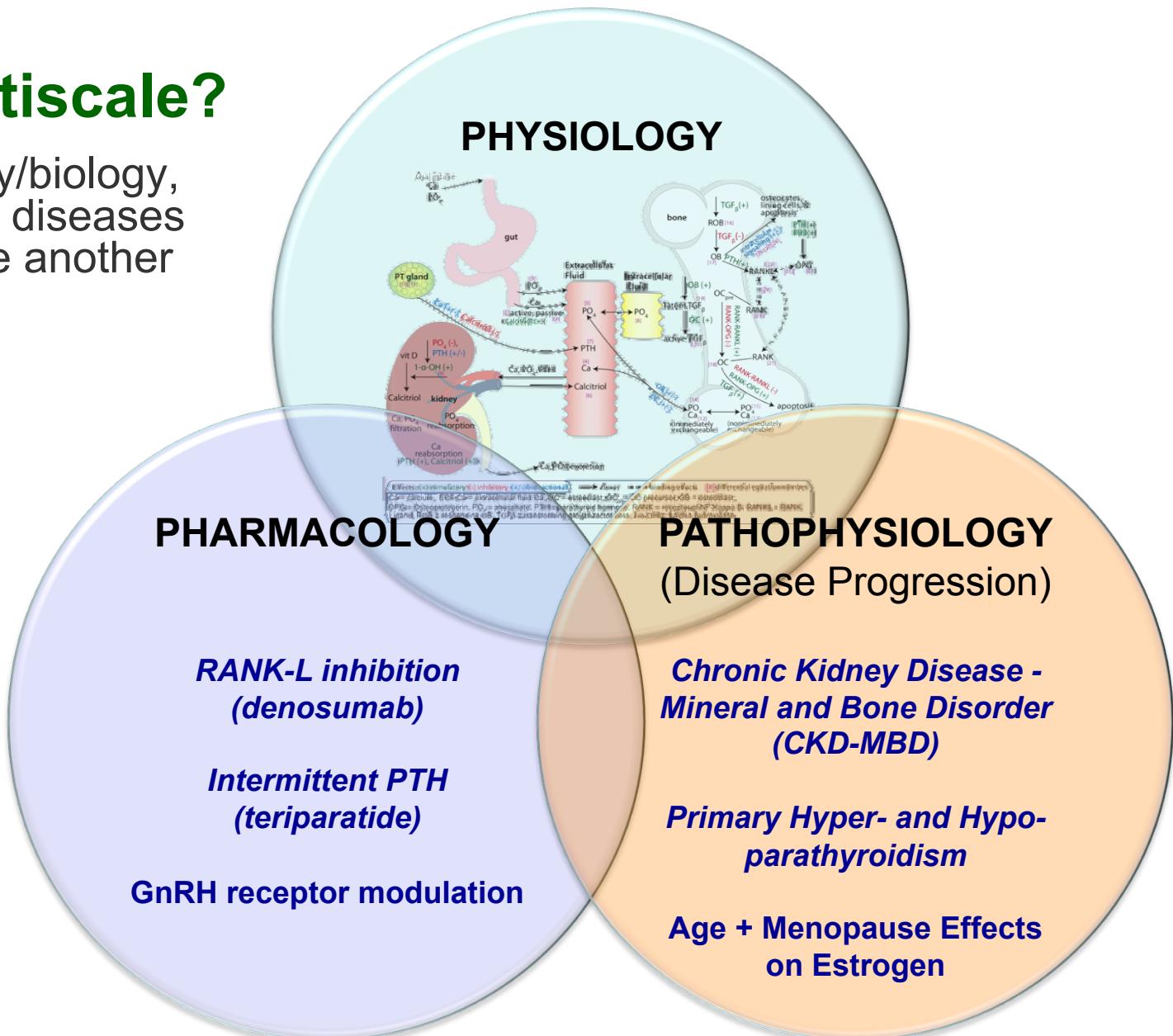
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# SUMMARY

## - Why Multiscale?

- Physiology/biology, drugs and diseases inform one another



### - Parting Thoughts

- The scales do not need to be all inclusive...
  - ▶ but should match the question(s) at hand
- Model validation/evaluation?
  - ▶ Consider model validation at different scales
- Team ownership: biologists, pharmacologists, clinicians
  - ▶ Shared consensus on assumptions
  - ▶ Appropriate representations
    - » the known
    - » the unknown
    - » the 'to be determined'
- These models are complicated, but...
  - ▶ biology, pathphysiology and pharmacology are even more complicated

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### - Benefits: What's to be Gained?

- selection of therapeutic modality
- hypothesis driven experimentation
- holistic drug design
- selection of target pathways and patient populations
- dose / regimen selection
- broad scale understanding of intended (and unintended) effects associated with disease, genetic variants and drug intervention,
- trial (experiment) simulation/optimization
- simultaneous predictions of all involved co-factors -- potential for biomarker identification
- can serve as repository of known, suspected, and assumed effects with supporting data ... information sharing within and across R&D teams
- ...

### - Challenges/Barriers: What's holding us back?

- differing role(s) on R&D teams
- sufficient resources (time, people and/or \$)
- training -- broad skill set required
- leadership investment in defining opportunities for real impact
- intellectual inertia (differing discipline nomenclatures, perspectives, and motivations to develop models),
- data (formatting, availability, quality)
- ...