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# **What Is Paget's Disease And Why Is Fosamax The Treatment?**

With the controversies of Fosamax still ringing in the ears of many, more people, even [men, are filing Fosamax femur fracture lawsuits](#). Long-term consumption of this drug has been reported to result in a number of unfavorable events. The widely known osteoporosis medication is also approved by the Food and Drug Administration to treat this often overlooked bone disorder known as Paget's disease.

Our bones go through a life-long process where mature bone tissues breakdown and are replaced with new bone tissues. In people with Paget's disease of the bone, what happens is an abnormal breakdown of bone tissue, followed by abnormal bone formation. The newly-formed bones are badly shaped, enlarged, undermined and filled with new blood vessels.

The cause of Paget's disease is still unknown however it is thought to be associated with genetic disposition or a previous viral infection. The disease may only affect one or two areas, or it could affect all throughout the body. The bones of the arm, the collar, the leg, the pelvis and the spine are the areas usually affected with the disease.

By and large, patients with Paget's disease only have mild symptoms or no symptoms at all. Often, symptoms are attributed with arthritis or other disorders. Symptoms may include:

- Enlarged head, headache and hearing loss especially if the skull is affected
- Fracture especially on the long bones
- Joint pain or stiffness
- Neck pain
- Bone pain – the most common symptom and usually occurs on the affected bone or the areas adjacent to the joints
- Bowing of the legs and other visible deformities
- Warmth of skin over the affected bone

Some cases do not need treatment. Nevertheless, those who require treatment are prescribed with drugs to avert further bone destruction. Fosamax and other biphosphonates are the most preferred medical intervention at present to help augment bone density.

When treatment is given before major changes in the affected bones have occurred, the outlook is generally good. Among the complications of the disease are, bone deformities and fractures, deafness, paraplegia – or the paralysis of lower extremities, and very rarely, osteogenic sarcoma, which is a form of bone cancer.

Fosamax is the drug of choice for Paget's disease. Still, it is best to ask for your doctor's advice if you are planning to take the drug so that unfavorable conditions are kept away. Additionally, you may have a strong basis for filing a [Fosamax femur fracture lawsuit](#) if you have endured damages as a result of long-term consumption of the drug.

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