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# Spine Segmentation & Osteoporosis Screening in CT



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## Screening for Osteoporosis in CT Scans

Osteoporosis – A condition of decreased bone mass leading to fractures

#### Common

- 1.5 million vertebral fractures per year (US)
- 180 thousand patients placed in nursing homes per year (US)

### Devastating & Costly

- immobility, pain, mortality
- 18 billion dollar per year (US)

#### Preventable & Treatable

- diet, exercise
- quit smoking & access drinking
- medication, fall prevention, etc...

## Under Diagnosed

- DXA screening has low compliance rate
- Frequently missed in CT

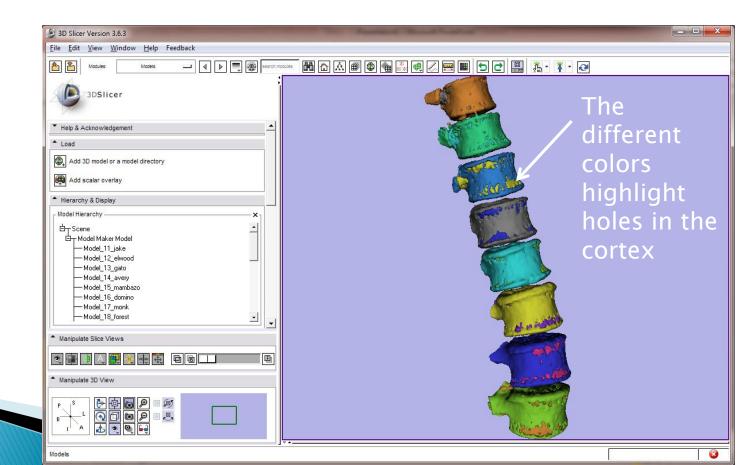
## **Our Solution**

Automated screening for findings of osteoporosis in CT scans performed for other clinical reasons

Vertebral fractures
Low bone density
Etc.

## Milestone 1 - Spine Segmentation

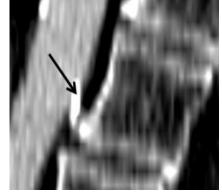
- NA-MIC Spine Segmentation Challenge + full automation
- Slicer integration
  - Basic integration complete
  - Atlas integration in the works



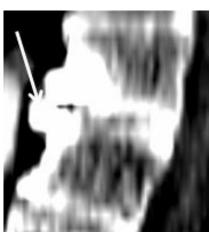
# Not a Silver Bullet (yet)

- Abdomen CT only
- Platform support: windows
- No mapping to formal vertebrae labels
- Known issues
  - Calcifications
  - Contrast

Need to Remove calcification in the aorta



But keep osteophytes



Thank you