The APCO Framework

SITUATION
Between 2010 & 2050 pop. aged ≥60 in APAC is predicted to triple to 1.3 billion people

APCO is home to >1/3 of the world’s population aged ≥ 65 years

5/6 of patients with a fragility fracture who present for care will not be:
- Assessed for osteoporosis
- Appropriately managed to prevent further fracture

SOLUTION
The Framework’s 16 minimum clinical standards:
- ‘Identification’ for assessment
- ‘Investigations’ required
- ‘Indication’ for interventions
- ‘Information’ for self-care
- ‘Integration’ of healthcare systems for optimal provision of care
- Ongoing improvement in provision of ‘quality’ of care

Encourage development of new clinical practice guidelines, or revision of existing guidelines for greater consistency across the region

METHODOLOGY
5IQ analysis & Delphi Consensus process employed to inform development of The APCO Framework

The 1st pan-Asia Pacific clinical practice standards for the screening, diagnosis & management of osteoporosis, targeting a broad range of high-risk groups

ACTION
Significant disparity in APAC osteoporosis guidelines demonstrates need for new benchmark of minimal clinical standards for provision of optimal osteoporosis care

The Framework aims to:
- Ensure osteoporosis care is consistent, optimal & cost-effective
- Increase awareness & understanding of osteoporosis across the region
- Drive research & development

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