

**August 2005 — Radiology Imaging Associates Incorporates Bone Mineral Density and Vertebral Fracture Assessment Into Clinical Practice for Comprehensive Assessment of Fracture Risk:**

RIA is pleased to announce that its Hologic Bone Density system has now been upgraded to include an imaging component called **High Definition Instant Vertebral Assessment**. The evaluation of bone health has become an essential component of women's health. Expanding the tools needed for evaluating osteoporosis, RIA can now assess the two most important risk factors—low bone density and vertebral fracture.

This new technology provides an x-ray image of the spine as part of a normal bone density workup in a 10-second examination of the L4—T4 vertebrae. Imaging of the spine using a DEXA – based bone densitometer is an effective means for assessing the presence of vertebral fractures. This updated capability fills an important gap in diagnosis using bone densitometry that provides patients with a more thorough risk assessment so the best therapy options can be selected.

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