## Notice to Patients in Regards to Medicines to Increase Bone Density (Such as Actonel, Aredia, Atelvia, Bonefos, Boniva, Didronel, Evista, Fosamax, Prolia, Reclast, Skelide, and Zometa)

(Name of Patient)
The important class of these medications is called bisphosphonates.
Some are taken in <u>pill form</u> for osteoporosis treatment and have brand names such as: <b>Actonel, Atelvia, Boniva, Didronel, Evista, and Fosamax</b>
Some are given <b>by injection</b> in cancer treatment and have brand names such as: <b>Aredia, Bonefos, Reclast, Skelide, and Zometa</b>
These drugs stay in the body and can cause side effects <u>many years</u> after they were taken.
Precautions Regarding Dental Treatment
If you are taking (or have taken) any bisphosphonate medication, you should know that there can be a risk of future complications attendant to dental treatment. This is especially true if you have received these drugs by injection.
In recent dental research, bisphosphonate drugs have been associated with osteonecrosis, which means "death of the bone." This destructive process can result in significant loss of jawbone.
If you have ever taken one of these medications, it is important to maintain your oral health. You should inform each dentist you see about your history of use of these medications.
Signature I certify that I speak, read, and write English. I further certify that I have read and fully understand the above notice and have had all of my questions answered.
Patient's Signature (Parent or Legal Guardian)  Date
Witness' Signature Date