

Table 4: Prescription of calcium associated with vitamin D supplements and of osteoporosis medications according to initial glucocorticoid prescriber, underlying diagnosis, and whether dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry was performed.

		Overall population n (%)	Women >55 years n (%)
Calcium associated with vitamin D			
Prescriber's speciality	Primary-care physician	1146 (14.6)*	704 (29.5)*
	Rheumatologist	257 (3.2)*	162 (45.5)*
	Pulmonologist	36 (10.6)*	22 (23.2)*
	Gastroenterologist	82 (36.8)*	12 (42.9)*
	Internist	38 (33.6)*	15 (33.3)*
	Other	203 (12.3)*	101 (22.1)*
	Not recorded ^a	780 (23.7)*	520 (31.8)*
DXA	Yes	546 (46.5)*	400 (48.8)*
	No	1996 (15.3)*	936 (26.3)*
Bisphosphonates			
Prescriber's speciality	Primary-care physician	749 (9.5)*	516 (21.6)*
	Rheumatologist	201 (27.5)*	143 (40.2)*
	Pulmonologist	37 (10.9)*	21 (22.1)*
	Gastroenterologist	14 (6.3)*	5 (17.9)*
	Internist	22 (19.5)*	10 (22.2)*
	Other	168 (10.2)*	100 (21.9)*
	Not recorded ^a	538 (16.4)*	259 (25.7)*
DXA	Yes	416 (35.4)*	327 (39.9)*
	No	1313 (10.1)*	727 (20.4)*
Any treatment^c			
Prescriber's speciality	Primary-care physician	2454 (31.2)*	1358 (36.8)*
	Rheumatologist	475 (63.1)*	287 (80.6)*
	Pulmonologist	107 (31.5)*	52 (54.7)*
	Gastroenterologist	109 (48.9)*	20 (71.4)*
	Internist	66 (38.4)*	30 (66.7)*
	Other	501 (30.4)*	243 (53.2)*
	Not recorded ^a	1425 (43.3)*	564 (56.1)*
DXA	Yes	922 (78.5)*	667 (81.3)*
	No	4215 (32.3)*	1887 (33.1)*

^aSpecialty of hospital-based physicians was not recorded in the database.

^bDefined in this study as systemic lupus erythematosus, Sjögren's syndrome, and polyarthritis nodosa.

^cSupplemental calcium+vitamin D or any of the following osteoporosis medications: bisphosphonates, raloxifene, teriparatide, and strontium ranelate.

*p<10⁻⁴, *p<0.05, *p NS