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Dear <Patient Name>

DOB: <Date of Birth> NHS No: <NHS number>

We are writing to inform you of an important update regarding your prescription for Denosumab.

Denosumab is an effective treatment for the management of conditions such as osteoporosis. Below we have shared some important information to ensure that you get the best outcomes from your therapy.

Blood tests you will need whilst receiving denosumab.

The following blood tests are required to monitor your treatment and prevent side effects occurring. These are required before each injection. **Your next appointment is: XXXXXX**

Blood Test	My last results	Reason for test
Calcium	<Numerics>	If low, you may be susceptible to side-effects
Vitamin D (Choleciferol)	<Numerics>	If low, you may be susceptible to side-effects.
Creatinine	<Numerics>	To monitor your kidney function

Side-effects to report

If you have the following side effects, please contact your surgery straight away:

- Muscle spasms, twitches, cramps, numbness or tingling in the fingers, toes, or around the mouth
- Thigh, hip, or groin pain

Information to share / further reading

- Whilst on this medication, you will need to visit the dentist for a check-up each year – explain to your doctor that you are prescribed denosumab.
- Talk to your doctors if starting any new medications – to avoid any drug interactions.
- Avoid getting pregnant.
- For further information, please read the medication leaflet inside your medication box, or visit www.patient.co.uk and search for 'denosumab'.

The brand of denosumab prescribed across Dorset is changing:

Denosumab is known as a 'biologic medicine', which are very effective but more expensive than traditional chemical medicines because of the way they are manufactured. When the patent (exclusive licence) for these medicines ends, other companies can make similar versions, called '[biosimilar](#)' medicines. These work in the same way as the original medicines, have the same benefits and side effects, but are better value for the NHS, meaning that more patients can receive treatment.

You next prescription for Denosumab 60mg injection will be prescribed as biosimilar denosumab called XXXXXXXX. If you have any questions regarding this, please speak to us your GP team at your next appointment.

Yours sincerely

<GP Name>

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