**Trends in oral anti-osteoporosis drug prescription in the United Kingdom between 1990 and 2012: variation by age, sex, geographic location and ethnicity**

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**Highlights**

In UK CPRD we documented rates of anti-osteoporosis treatment by age, sex, ethnicity, geographic location and calendar time.

In women, annual rates of first prescription increased from 1990-2006 followed by a plateau and a 12% decrease 2009-2012.

In men, prescription rates increased less steeply from 1990-2007 and then levelled from 2008 onwards.

There were marked differences in anti-osteoporosis treatment rates by ethnicity and geographic location within the UK.