Almost 34 million Americans are considered to be at risk for osteoporosis, a progressive disease in which bone mass deteriorates — usually in the hip, spine or wrist — making these bones dangerously weak, brittle and susceptible to fracture.

The Swedish Bone Health and Osteoporosis Program is Swedish’s first comprehensive practice dedicated to the assessment, treatment and monitoring of bone health and disorders, including osteoporosis and related disorders predisposing to fracture.

Comprehensive care
Osteoporosis is a chronic but preventable condition. Early detection and education are central to effective treatment and prevention. We have a strong commitment to educating our patients and their physicians in matters of bone health and are dedicated to working together with them to create a comprehensive treatment plan.

What we do
At the Bone Health Center, we work with patients and referring doctors to improve your bone health and lower your chances of breaking bones. We see patients with bone-health concerns of all kinds: patients on bone-active medications, those thinking about treatment for osteopenia or osteoporosis, those contemplating stopping medications, those who may not see improvement in bone density on treatment, and those with medical problems or on certain medications which predispose to worsened bone health.

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