

René Rizzoli, M.D.

Brief Biographical Sketch

Dr. René Rizzoli is an internist and endocrinologist, with a subspecialty focus on metabolic bone diseases, osteoporosis and disorders of mineral metabolism. He is presently emeritus professor of medicine at the Geneva University Hospitals and Faculty of Medicine, Geneva, Switzerland, where he used to be the head of the Division of Bone Diseases and the chair of the Department of Geriatrics. Dr. Rizzoli is the former chairman of the Committee of Scientific Advisors of the International Osteoporosis Foundation, of which he is now the treasurer. He is the chairman of the Scientific Advisory Board of the European Society for Clinical and Economic Aspects of Osteoporosis and Osteoarthritis, and co-chairing the scientific program committee of the annual IOF-ESCEO congress. He used to be involved in both basic and clinical research projects investigating hormone action, regulation of bone growth, pathophysiology of osteoporosis and of calcium and phosphate homeostasis disorders, and the role of nutrition, calcium, protein, bisphosphonates, selective estrogen modulators, parathyroid hormone, denosumab and strontium ranelate in the prevention and treatment of osteoporosis. Dr. Rizzoli is author of close to 1000 scientific articles, editor-in-chief of *Calcified Tissue International and Musculoskeletal Research* and associate editor of *Osteoporosis International*.

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