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### Guidelines or a plea for help?

The US Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recently published a guideline on the use of calcium and vitamin D supplements to prevent fractures in adults. I agree with two-thirds of their recommendations.

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### Should healthy people take calcium and vitamin D to prevent fractures? What the US Preventive Services Task Force and others say

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Despite more than 2 decades of use and data from hundreds of thousands of patients, the test remains poorly understood.

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D.J. CANTILLON

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