

WITH HYPOPHOSPHATASIA

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Hypophosphatasia (HPP) is a progressive, systemic, inherited metabolic disorder<sup>1,4,5</sup>



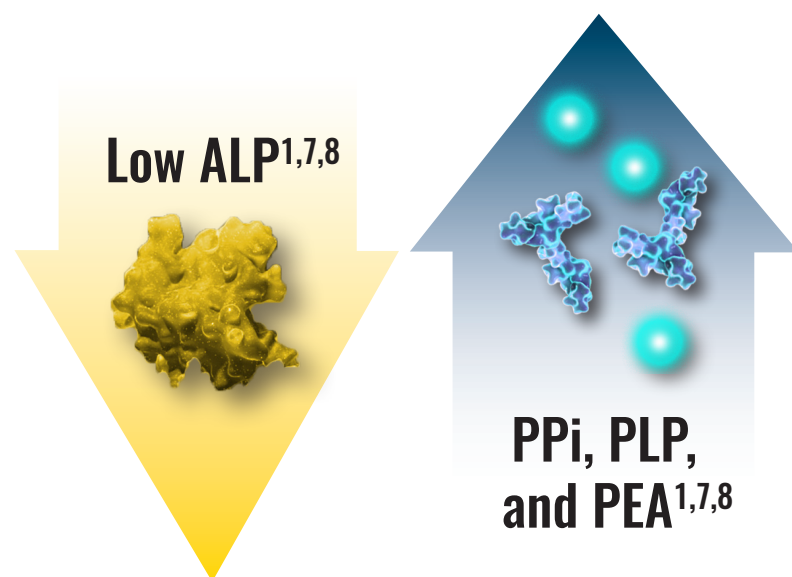
In HPP, a loss-of-function mutation in the *ALPL* gene leads to deficient alkaline phosphatase (ALP) enzyme activity, the biochemical hallmark of HPP<sup>1,6</sup>

In healthy bone

- ALP activity results in the generation of hydroxyapatite and bone mineralization<sup>1,6</sup>

In HPP, low ALP activity

- Leads to substrate (PPi, PLP, PEA) accumulation that results in<sup>1,5,7</sup>
  - Impaired bone mineralization leading to diminished bone strength and quality
  - Multisystemic complications
- May impact calcium and phosphate regulation<sup>1</sup>



ALP, alkaline phosphatase; HPP, hypophosphatasia; PEA, phosphoethanolamine; PLP, pyridoxal 5'-phosphate; PPi, inorganic pyrophosphate.

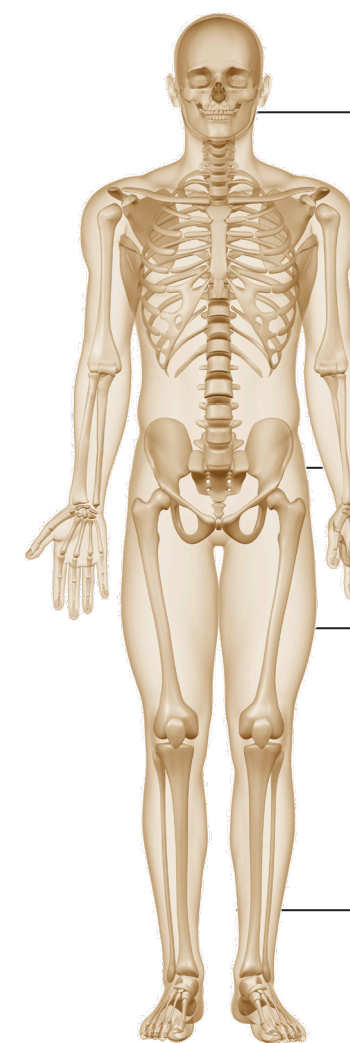
Patients with HPP may experience unpredictable, devastating, and life-limiting consequences<sup>1,5</sup>



HPP is a heterogeneous disease<sup>1,4,9</sup>

- Age at presentation and severity of symptoms vary broadly<sup>1,4,9</sup>

### Systemic Manifestations of HPP



- Premature primary tooth loss with the root intact<sup>1,5,10,11</sup>
- Abnormal dentition<sup>1</sup>
- Periodontal disease<sup>12,13</sup>



- HPP-related rickets/osteomalacia<sup>14,15</sup>
- Skeletal deformities<sup>1,5</sup>
- Bone pain<sup>5</sup>
- Fractures<sup>1,5,16-18</sup>



- Hypercalcemia/hypercalciuria leading to<sup>1,5,19-22</sup>
- Nephrocalcinosis
- Renal damage



- Muscle/joint pain<sup>1,5</sup>
- Muscle weakness<sup>1,5,23</sup>
- CPPD/pseudogout/chondrocalcinosis<sup>1</sup>
- Unusual gait<sup>1,5,23</sup>
- Impaired mobility/ambulation<sup>5</sup>
- Fatigue<sup>2,5</sup>



- Short stature<sup>1,5</sup>
- Failure to thrive<sup>1,5</sup>
- Developmental delays<sup>15,24</sup>
- Missed motor milestones<sup>1,5,15</sup>

CPPD, calcium pyrophosphate deposition.

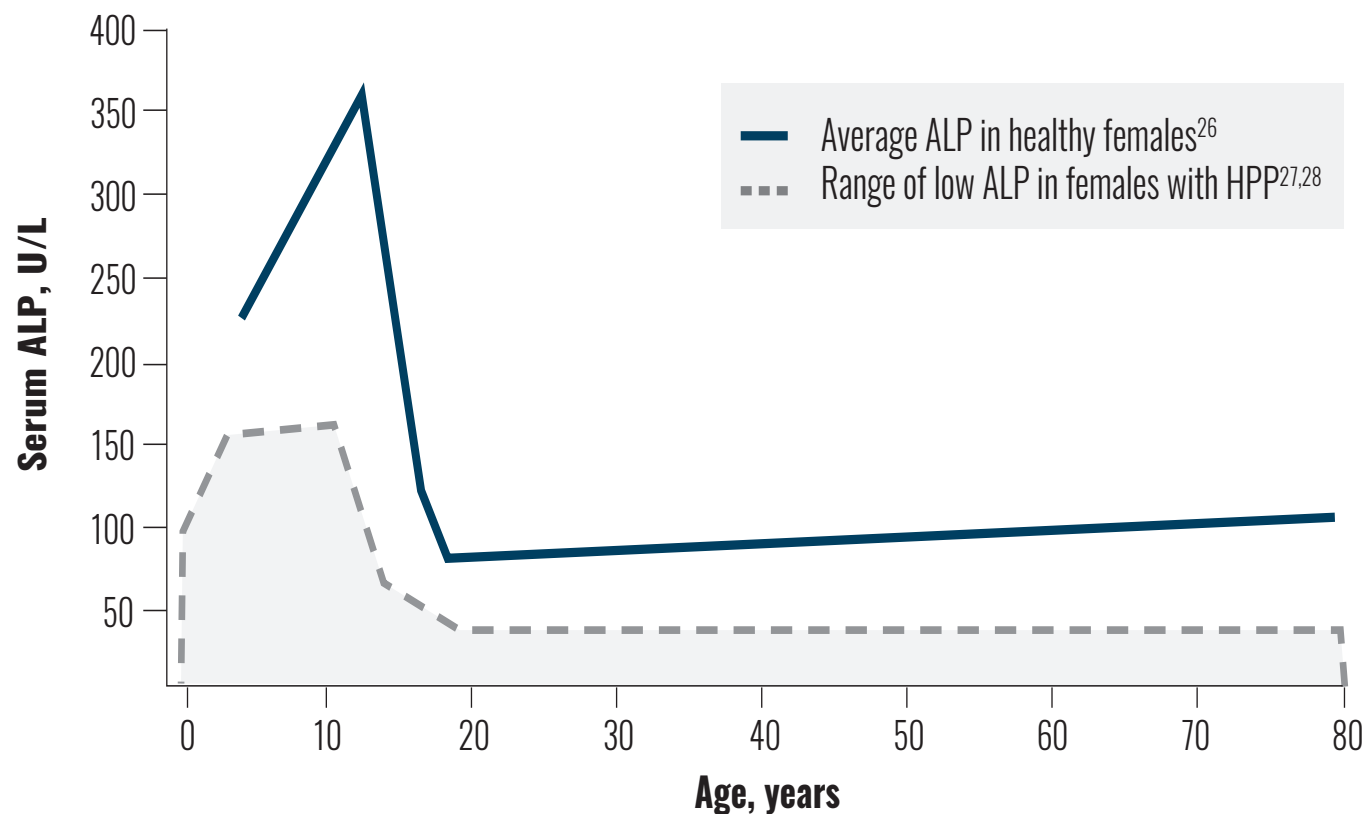


Because HPP is rare and the presentation can vary, it may be mistaken for other skeletal, rheumatologic, and metabolic disorders<sup>1,5,25</sup>

- HPP is diagnosed based on the presence of one or more key clinical signs/symptoms with low ALP activity<sup>5</sup>

In HPP, ALP activity levels are low throughout life<sup>8</sup>

**Average ALP in healthy females  
vs  
Range of ALP levels indicative of HPP in females<sup>26-28,a,b</sup>**



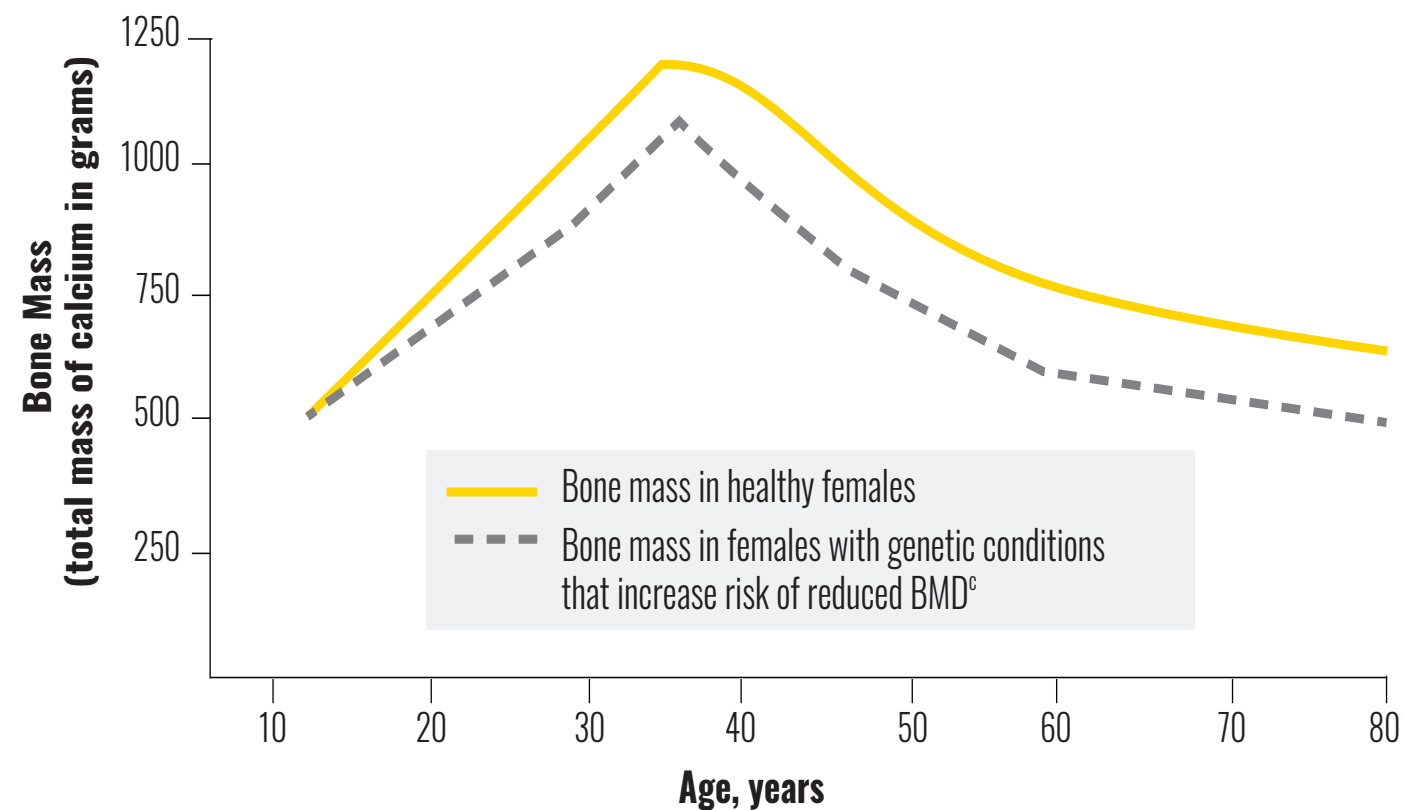
U/L, units per liter.

<sup>a</sup>Based on data and reference intervals from the Canadian Laboratory Initiative on Pediatric Reference Intervals (CALIPER) project (Colantonio et al. 2012). Caliper values used were from healthy females aged 3 to 79, from 2007 to 2011.<sup>27</sup> <sup>b</sup>Sample graph of ALP values for females from CALIPER and Abbott Laboratories. Values for normal ALP may vary by lab and must be adjusted for age and sex.<sup>27,28</sup>

**ALP levels are highest during childhood, years before peak bone mass is achieved<sup>26</sup>**

Reduced levels of ALP during bone mass development in childhood may impact peak bone mass in adulthood<sup>26,29</sup>

**Peak bone mass in healthy females  
vs  
Females with factors or diseases that increase the risk of osteopenia/osteoporosis and fracture later in life<sup>30</sup>**



BMD, bone mineral density.

<sup>c</sup>Curve is a representative line of peak bone mass seen in females with conditions or factors that influence peak bone mass, including chronic diseases, endocrine factors and diseases, auxological features, genetic factors, and pharmacological treatments.<sup>30</sup>

**In adulthood, mineralization deficits can lead to risk of osteopenia, osteoporosis, and increased risk of fracture<sup>30</sup>**



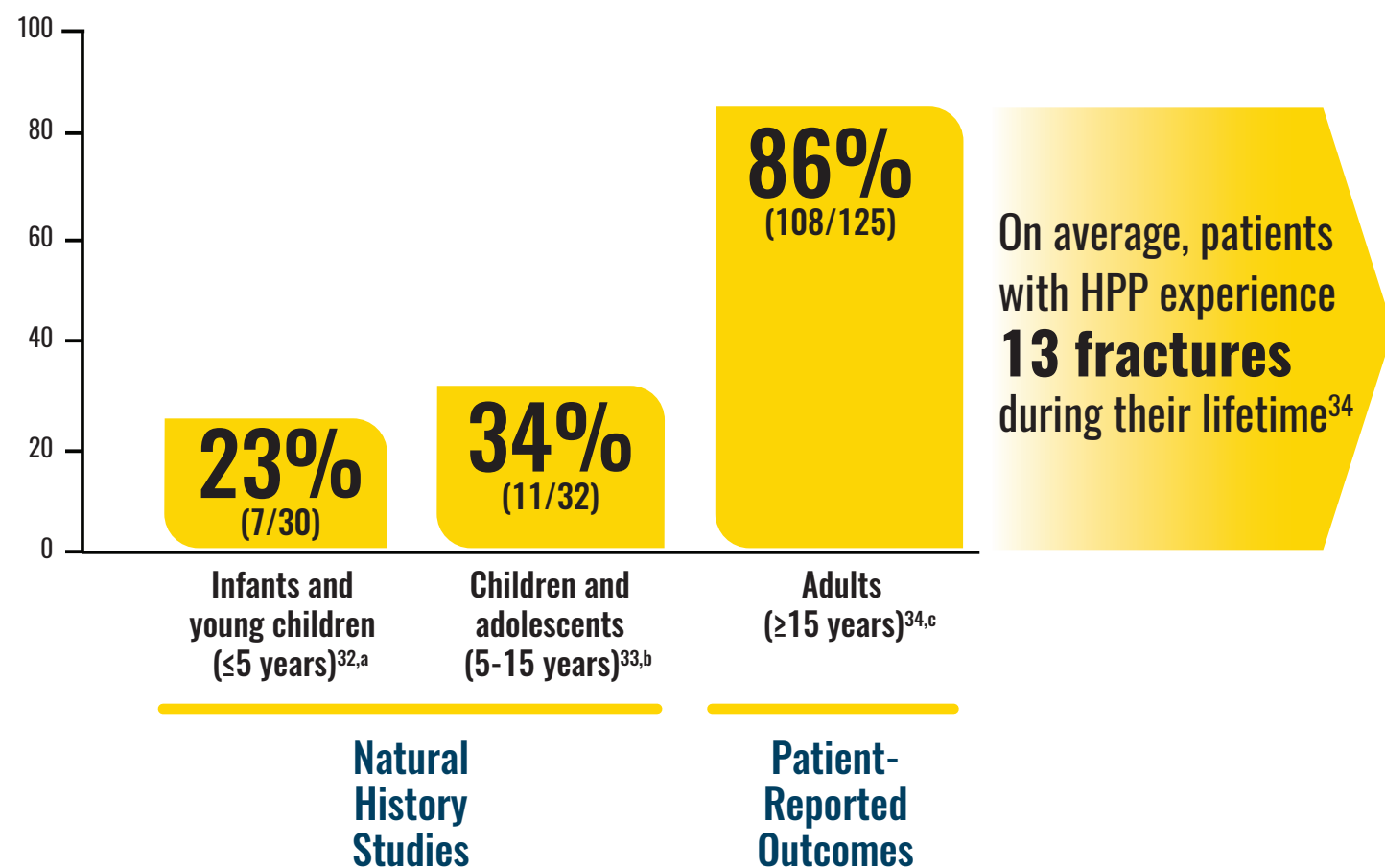
Low ALP and impaired bone quality during growth years can be a risk factor for long-term consequences<sup>1,30</sup>

## Disease Burden in HPP<sup>3</sup>

- Developmental delays<sup>15,24</sup>
- Unusual gait<sup>5,23</sup>
- Impaired mobility<sup>5</sup>
- Fractures<sup>1,5</sup>
- Bone, muscle, or joint pain<sup>1,5</sup>
- Fatigue<sup>2,5</sup>
- Missed school or work<sup>21,31</sup>
- Limited ability to perform everyday activities<sup>3</sup>
- Decreased quality of life<sup>3</sup>

Over the course of a lifetime, patients with HPP can experience accumulated burden of disease<sup>3</sup>

### Percentage of patients with HPP with fractures<sup>32-34</sup>

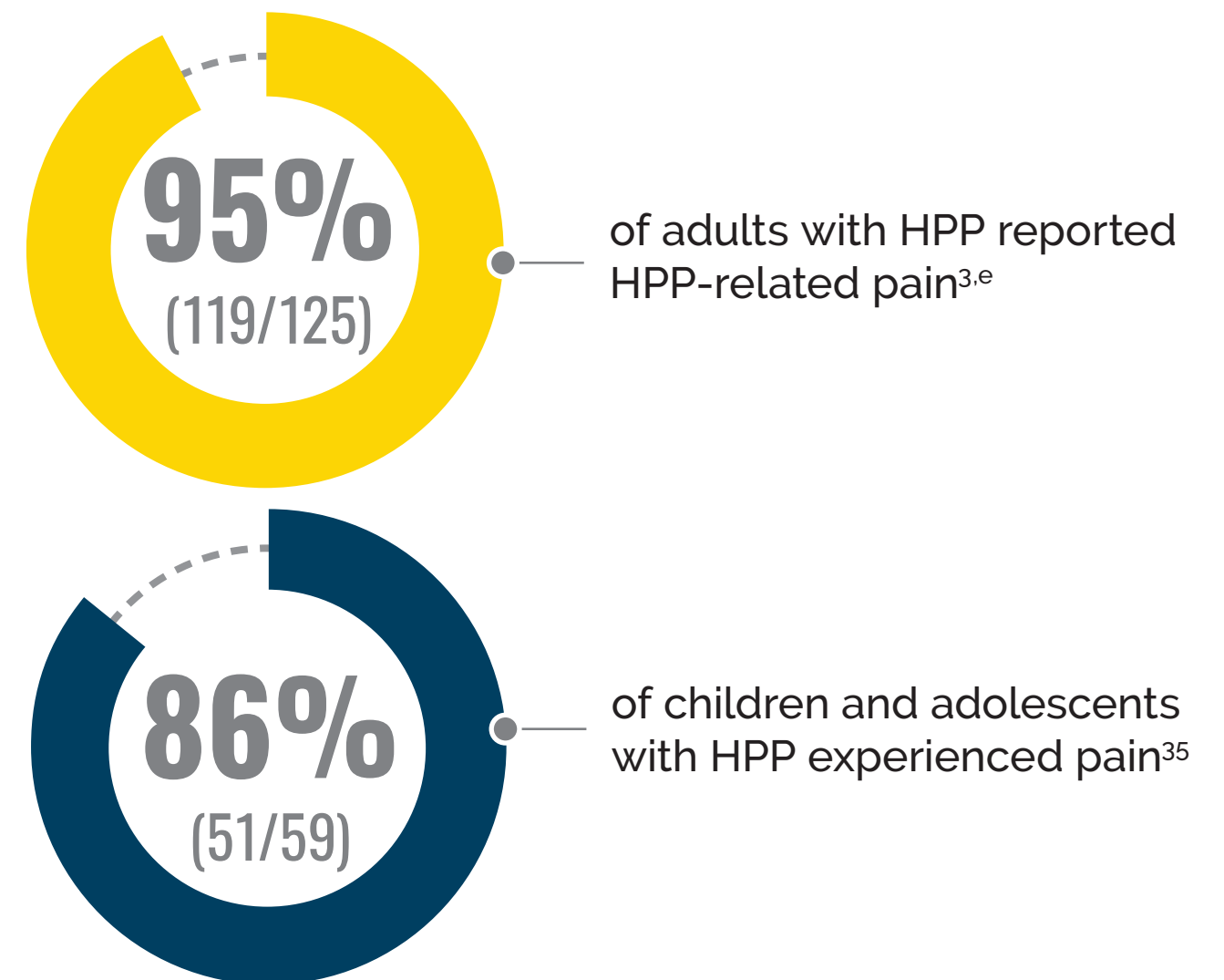


<sup>a</sup>Data from a noninterventional, retrospective chart review study designed to understand the natural history of 48 patients ≤5 years of age with severe perinatal- and infantile-onset HPP. Patients included in the study were those diagnosed with HPP based on at least one of the following: serum biomarker levels (below-normal ALP and above-normal PLP or PEA), below-normal ALP and radiographic abnormalities, or genetic analysis of the *ALPL* gene. Additionally, onset of HPP must have occurred prior to 6 months of age based on signs that included at least one of the following: respiratory compromise, rachitic chest deformity, and/or vitamin B<sub>6</sub>-responsive seizures.<sup>32</sup> <sup>b</sup>Data from a retrospective, multinational, noninterventional natural history study of childhood HPP in patients 5 to 15 years of age (N=32).<sup>33</sup> <sup>c</sup>Combined data from HIPS/HOST, an Internet questionnaire and telephone survey that queried demographics, HPP-related illness history, disease progression, and health-related quality of life. One hundred twenty-five adults participated.<sup>34</sup>

“The biggest struggle for me is the energy, and keeping my pain at a place where I can still function.” - Brittan, patient with HPP



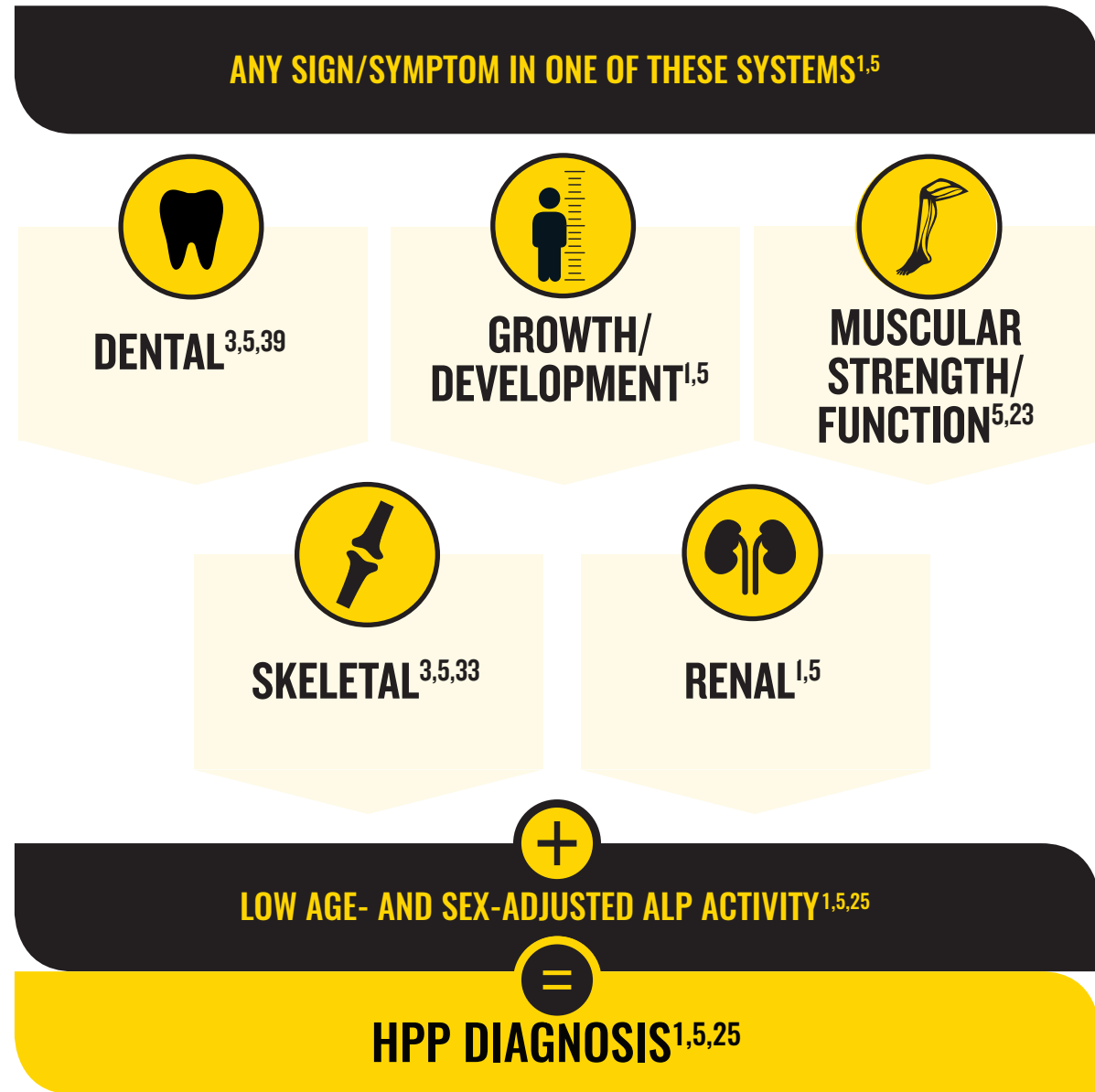
### In a survey conducted in patients with HPP<sup>3,35,d</sup>



<sup>d</sup>Combined data from HIPS/HOST, an Internet questionnaire and telephone survey that queried demographics, HPP-related illness history, disease progression, and health-related quality of life. One hundred twenty-five adults and fifty-nine children participated.<sup>3,35</sup> <sup>e</sup>76% of the adult patients in the HIPS survey (n=84) stated that their bone pain was severe enough to limit activity.<sup>3</sup>

**HPP can cause a high burden of illness with a risk of accumulation or worsening of symptoms over time<sup>2,3,20,36,37</sup>**

## Early diagnosis of HPP is critical<sup>1,38</sup>



### When considering a diagnosis of HPP, rule out secondary causes of low ALP, including<sup>5,40,a</sup>

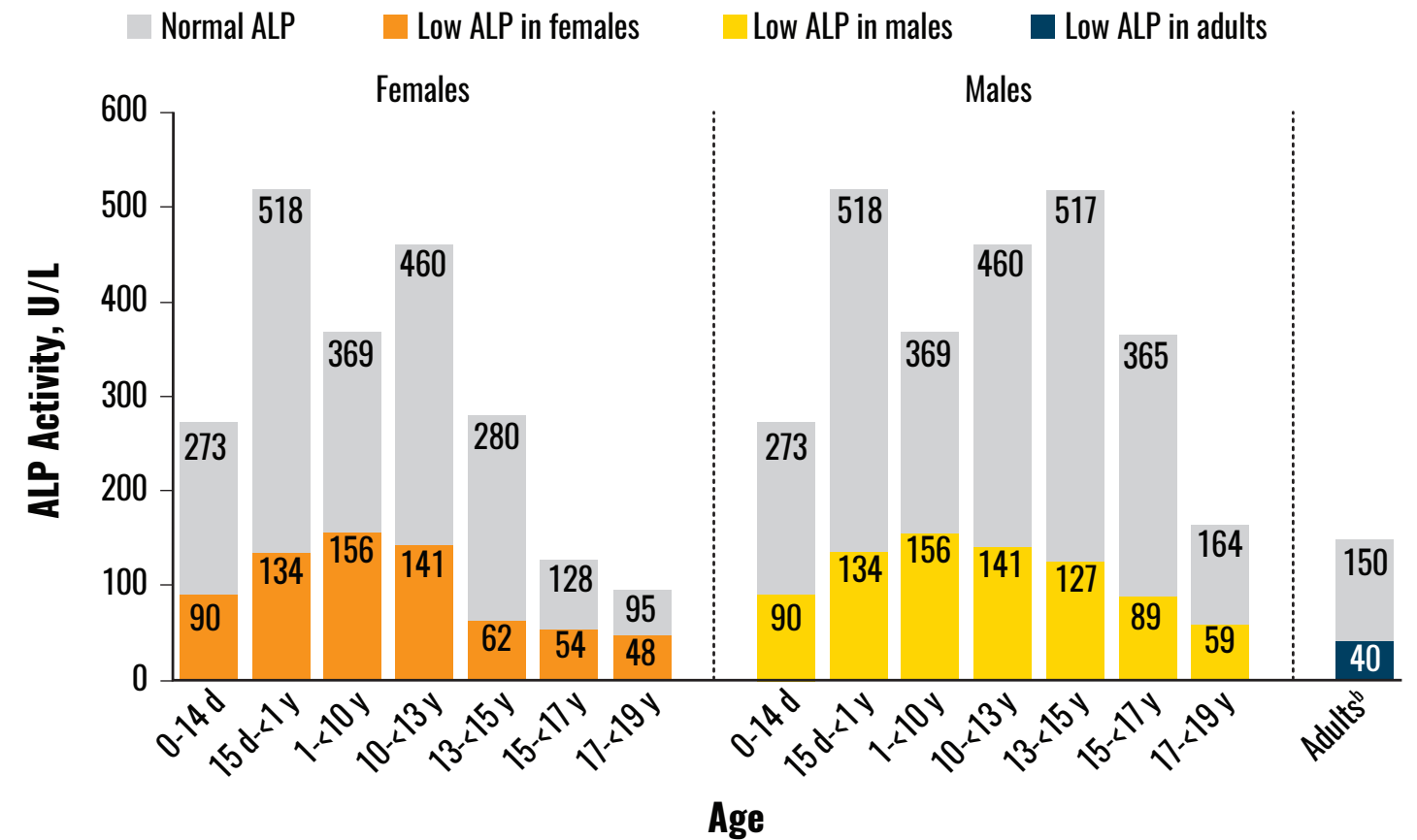
- Certain medications
- Large blood transfusions
- Improper blood collection
- Profound hypothyroidism
- Celiac disease
- Severe malnutrition
- Pernicious anemia
- Wilson disease
- Multiple myeloma
- Magnesium, vitamin C, or zinc deficiency

<sup>a</sup>Not an all-inclusive list.  
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## Age- and sex-adjusted ALP reference intervals must be used to correctly diagnose HPP<sup>1</sup>

Low ALP may not be flagged if your laboratory does not use age- and sex-adjusted reference intervals in children when testing ALP activity<sup>1,27</sup>

### Age- and sex-adjusted ALP reference ranges, U/L<sup>27,28</sup>



d, day; y, year.

NOTE: Graph adapted from the Canadian Laboratory Initiative on Pediatric Reference Intervals (CALIPER) project (Colantonio et al. 2012). Caliper samples from 1072 male and 1116 female participants (newborn to 18 years) were used to calculate age- and sex-specific reference intervals. No variation in ALP based on ethnic differences was observed. Reference intervals shown were established on the Abbott ARCHITECT c8000 analyzer.

<sup>b</sup>Adult interval provided by the Abbott ARCHITECT ALP product information sheet is for females >15 and males >20 years of age. For younger ages, Abbott does not provide lower limits of normal.<sup>28</sup>

**When you suspect HPP, review your lab results critically, as some labs might not use age- and sex-adjusted reference intervals for ALP<sup>1,27</sup>**

## Misdiagnosis and delayed diagnosis can lead to ineffective management<sup>1</sup>

### Patients with HPP may be misdiagnosed with other, more common conditions<sup>1,19,25,41-47</sup>

Misdiagnosis	Treatment	Impact on Patients With HPP
Osteoporosis/ Osteopenia	Bisphosphonates <sup>1,25,41-43</sup>	Analogues to PPI; may worsen skeletal hypomineralization in HPP
	Hormone therapy <sup>43-45</sup>	Does not address the underlying cause of HPP
	RANKL inhibitor <sup>46</sup>	Does not address the underlying cause of HPP
Rickets/ Osteomalacia	High-dose vitamin D and calcium <sup>1,19</sup>	Can exacerbate hypercalcemia and hypercalciuria in HPP
Fibromyalgia	GABA analogues <sup>47</sup>	Does not address the underlying cause of HPP

GABA, gamma-aminobutyric acid; RANKL, receptor activator of nuclear factor kappa- $\beta$  ligand.

**Rule out HPP before initiating any of these treatments<sup>1</sup>**

## Additional assessments can inform diagnosis and management of HPP<sup>48</sup>

### Vitamin B<sub>6</sub> (PLP)

- PLP is a substrate of ALP, and levels are often elevated in patients with HPP but may be borderline or within normal range<sup>38,40,49,50</sup>

### Genetic testing

- Detection of an *ALPL* mutation can support diagnosis when biochemical and clinical data are not clear<sup>48</sup>
  - Prediction of a phenotype from a genotype may be unreliable<sup>4</sup>
- Lack of an identified *ALPL* gene mutation or report of a variant of unknown significance cannot be used to exclude a diagnosis of HPP<sup>48,a</sup>

### Physical therapy

- Physical therapy can serve an important role in the functional evaluation and ongoing management of a patient with HPP<sup>48</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Standard sequencing of *ALPL* by Sanger or next-generation sequencing may miss approximately 5% of known *ALPL* mutations.<sup>48</sup>

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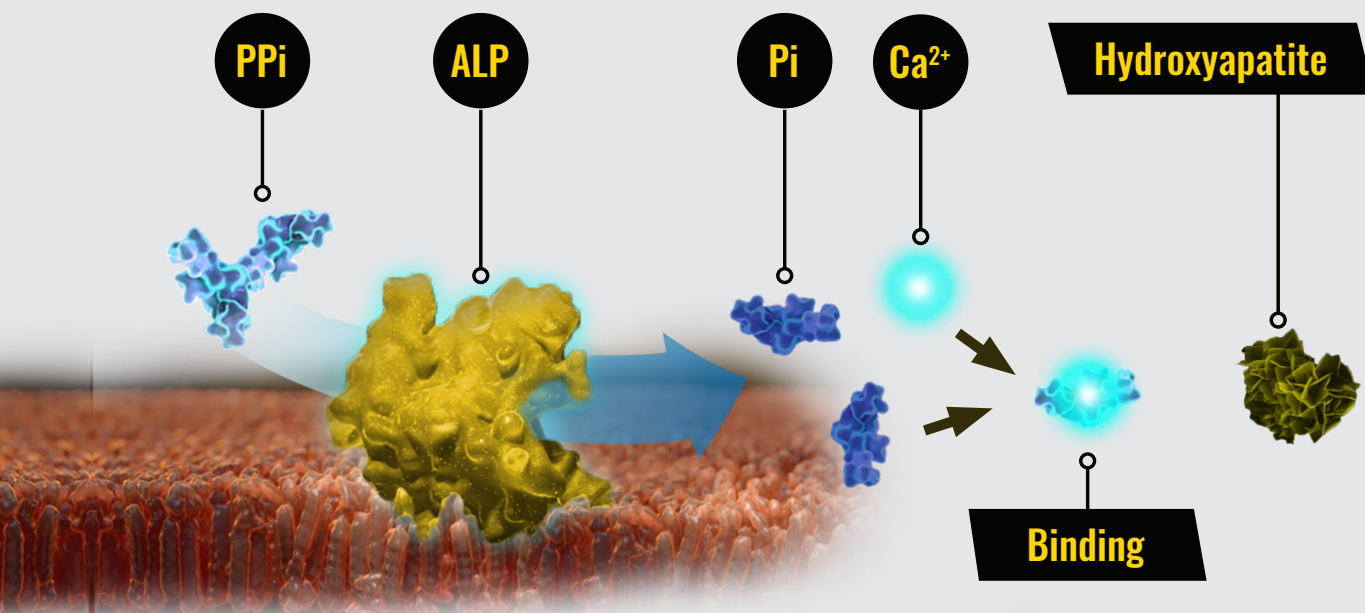
**Performing these assessments may help with diagnosing and managing your patients with HPP<sup>48</sup>**

Functional ALP is essential for building strong, quality bone<sup>1,6,51</sup>

Bone strength is derived through formation and deposition of hydroxyapatite crystals<sup>1,6,51</sup>

### The role of ALP in healthy bone<sup>1,6,51</sup>

ALP splits inorganic pyrophosphate (PPi), releasing inorganic phosphate (Pi) that binds with calcium ( $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ) to form hydroxyapatite—the building block of bone mineralization<sup>6</sup>



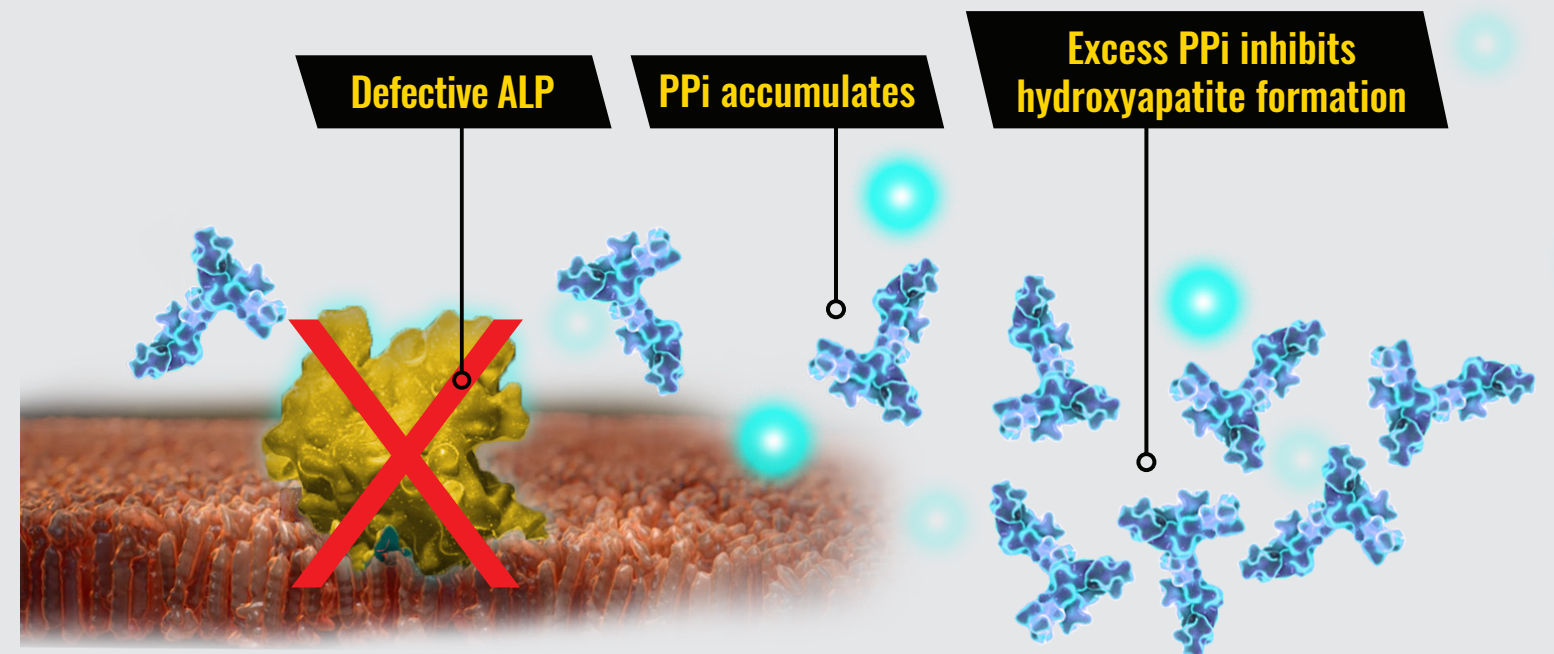
Hydroxyapatite is essential for mineralization and building functional strength in bone<sup>6</sup>

In HPP, a loss-of-function mutation in *ALPL* leads to low ALP enzyme activity, impairing bone mineralization<sup>1</sup>

This enzymatic defect leads to accumulation of substrates and altered calcium and phosphate regulation, resulting in poor bone mineralization, diminished bone strength/quality, and multisystemic complications<sup>1</sup>

### Bone in HPP<sup>1</sup>

Impaired/low ALP activity results in accumulation of PPi, a potent inhibitor of hydroxyapatite formation, leading to diminished bone mineralization<sup>1</sup>



Low ALP activity results in disrupted bone mineralization that has physical and metabolic consequences throughout life<sup>1</sup>



# HPP can cause severe complications at every stage of life<sup>1,3</sup>

HPP is a lifelong disorder characterized by poor-quality bone and systemic manifestations<sup>1</sup>

Patients with HPP may experience unpredictable, devastating, and ongoing consequences<sup>1</sup>

Early and accurate diagnosis of HPP is critical<sup>1,38</sup>

Patients with any of the key signs/symptoms and low ALP<sup>a</sup> should be evaluated for HPP<sup>1,5,25</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Based on age- and sex-adjusted reference intervals.<sup>1,27</sup>

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