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Strong bones.
It's vital.

Achilles Bone Ultrasonometers

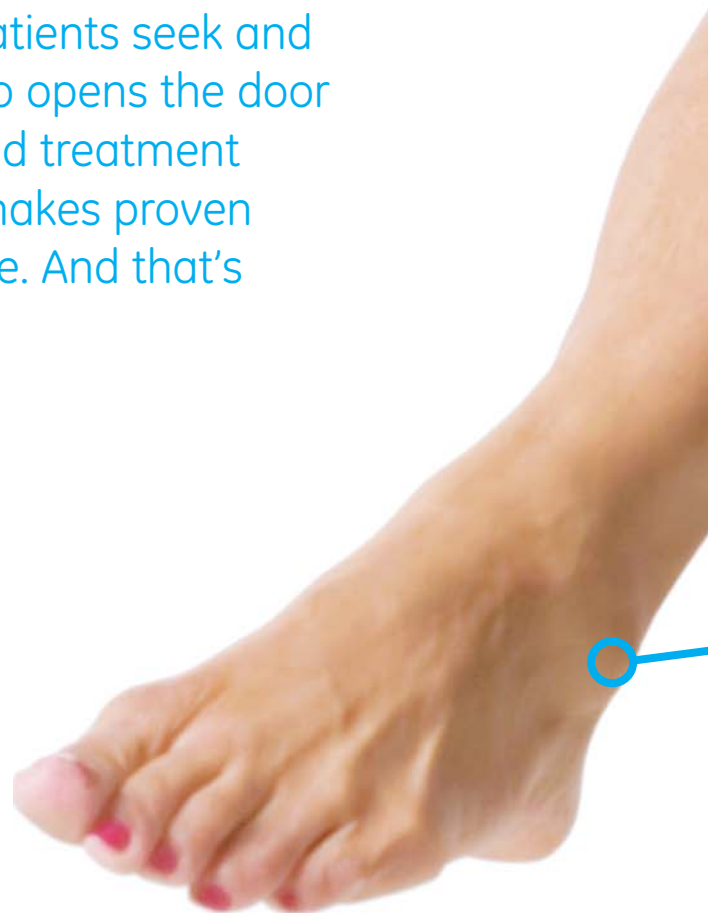


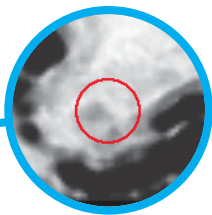
You.

Where vitality begins.

As a health professional, you help your patients seek and achieve lasting quality of life. It is you who opens the door to bone health assessment, diagnosis, and treatment or prevention. Achilles* is here to help. It makes proven fracture risk assessment widely accessible. And that's vital for you and your patients.

Achilles offers accurate fracture risk assessment that is comfortable for patients and convenient for operators. All to help you provide better care to more patients.





Fracture risk assessment proven in 11 prospective clinical studies.

The accuracy of the Achilles family of bone ultrasonometers has been proven in more clinical studies than any other quantitative ultrasound (QUS) device.¹ Results with Achilles closely match the efficiency of DXA, the industry's gold standard, in assessing fracture risk of the hip and spine.^{1,2,3}

Osteoporotic fracture risk assessment as discriminating as DXA at the hip and spine.

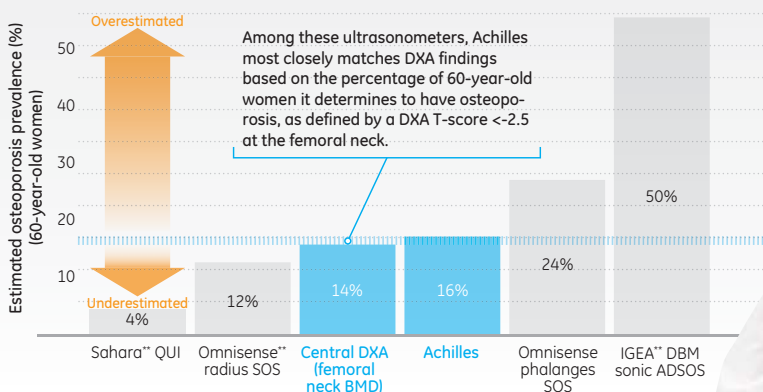
The osteoporotic fracture risk assessment provided by Achilles closely matches prevalence as defined by central DXA (see chart below).¹ Yet it's fast and affordable.

Its high negative predictive value — 97 percent for 50- to 59-year-old Caucasian women — makes Achilles especially useful for discriminating between those not at risk for fracture and those in need of further evaluation by central DXA.⁴

Additionally, Achilles has proven long-term precision, making it useful for monitoring bone changes.^{5,6,7} It's the only QUS device cleared for monitoring by the Food and Drug Administration.

Comparison of Achilles and competitive ultrasonometers to DXA for osteoporosis testing¹

Percentage of 60-year-old women that tested positive for osteoporosis



Clinical confidence is based on many features:

- ▶ Dynamic signal strength compensation allows measurement over a wide range of bone density
- ▶ Bi-directional measurement ensures a consistent reading
- ▶ Measurement site temperature is controlled for more accuracy
- ▶ Results expressed as Stiffness Index — a composite of Speed of Sound (SOS) and Broadband Ultrasound Attenuation (BUA) — compensate for the effect of heel width and temperature
- ▶ Real-time image provides visual confirmation of proper heel placement (Achilles Insight only)

Better care can be anywhere with Achilles

Achilles provides fast, affordable, easily portable care, helping you reach more patients with the accurate assessment and follow-up care they need.

Certainty.



Awareness
and education
can lead to
strength and
vitality.

Protect their vitality.

Comfort.

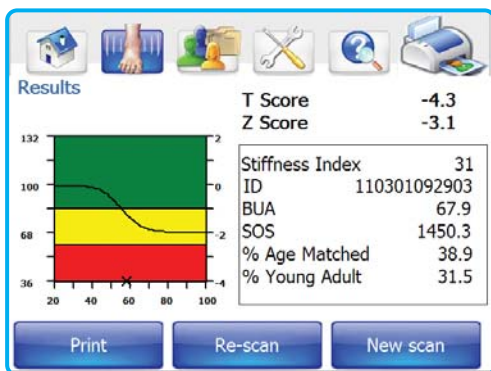
A quick and comfortable exam is the first step toward vitality.

With Achilles, the patient experience is pleasant. The exam is quick: just a few minutes from shoes off to shoes on. The patient is seated. No messy gels are needed. Its ultrasound technology emits no ionizing radiation.

Warm, water-filled membranes hug the heel.



A large, easy-to-read color display tilts back and forth.



Convenience.

Efficient, customizable workflow.

Your staff will appreciate the simplicity of Achilles. It's easy for technicians to learn and to use, and it requires no special rooms, no formal training, and no licensing. Results are concise and easy to interpret.

Along with rugged durability, Achilles boasts plenty of technical features. A large, easy-to-read color display tilts back and forth. Reports print out in full color and full size. The on-board memory stores up to 2,000 patient records. And customizable measurement workflows allow you to select which data to collect and report:

- ▶ Prevalence data
- ▶ Clinical risk factors
- ▶ Patient identification data



Facility Name
Street Address
City, State, Zip
Phone Number

Name: _____ Patient ID: _____
Age / Date of Birth: 50 yrs. Physician: _____
Sex: Male Test Date: _____
Heel: Left

STIFFNESS **T SCORE**

AGE (Years) **SD**


Stiffness Index: 72	T-Score: -1.8	BUA: 54.4
% Young Adult: 72	Z-Score:	SOS: 1500.0
% Age Matched:		

Clinical Risk Factors:
Previous fracture, Smokes, Drinks

Comments: Medium risk of osteoporotic fracture.

Follow Up: None 6 Months 12 Months 18 Months 24 Months

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Vitality for your patients means vitality for your business

When more patients know their risk of fracture, there are benefits for you and your business, too. The ongoing monitoring capabilities of Achilles, as well as the fast, comfortable exam, all can contribute to increased patient loyalty.

Do you want to raise awareness of osteoporosis among the general public? Assess risk to make the most efficient use of your central DXA system? Or provide direct osteoporosis management? Whatever your goal, Achilles can help.

► Contact your GE Healthcare representative for more information on Achilles

Leading hospitals, clinics, and physicians trust Achilles to help provide better care for their patients.

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