

Structured approach to diagnosis, investigation and treatment of hypertension including device therapy

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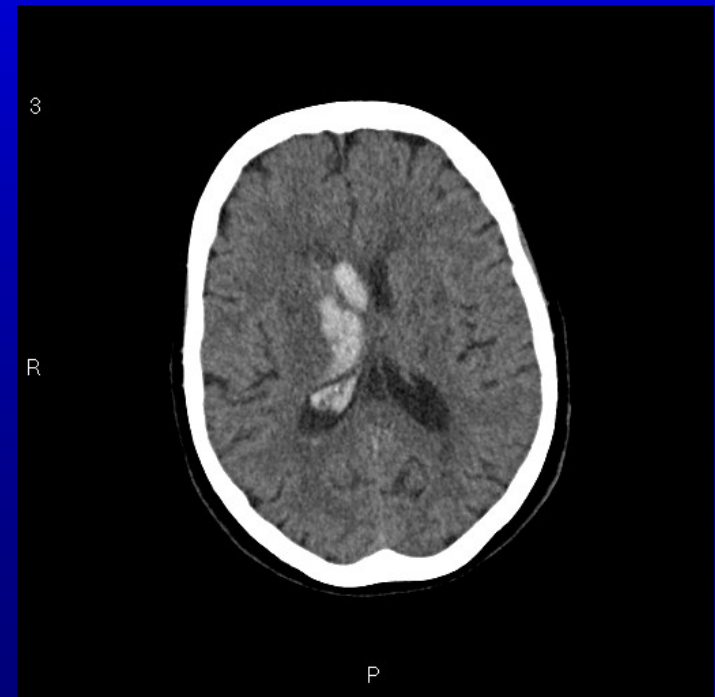
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A Cornerstone of Cardiology

- A non-fatal MI is an inconvenience.
- A non-fatal stroke is a catastrophe.



Clinical Pharmacology – Advanced Specialist Area Modules Hypertension

Aims of the Hypertension/Cardiovascular Risk Module

The purpose of this module is to equip future physicians with the essential knowledge, aptitude and skill to function as independent hypertension specialists supporting other cognate specialties within the framework of the National Health Service. The training will be as an adjunct to existing specialty training and will be designed to add value to the management of hypertensive patients and cardiovascular risk.

Once training is completed the physician should:

- Be able to apply diagnostic and management knowledge and skills to the prevention of cardiovascular diseases, due to hypertension and other cardiovascular risk factors.
- Be able to formulate a differential diagnosis of potential causes for raised blood pressure and develop an appropriate treatment plan incorporating lifestyle and pharmacological therapy.
- Have the necessary understanding and appreciation of the role of multi-disciplinary working across specialties and primary care to facilitate the most cost-effective and efficient management of hypertensive patients.
- Possess the ability to advise, develop and evaluate the Clinical Effectiveness of hypertension and cardiovascular risk services in partnership with other cognate disciplines.

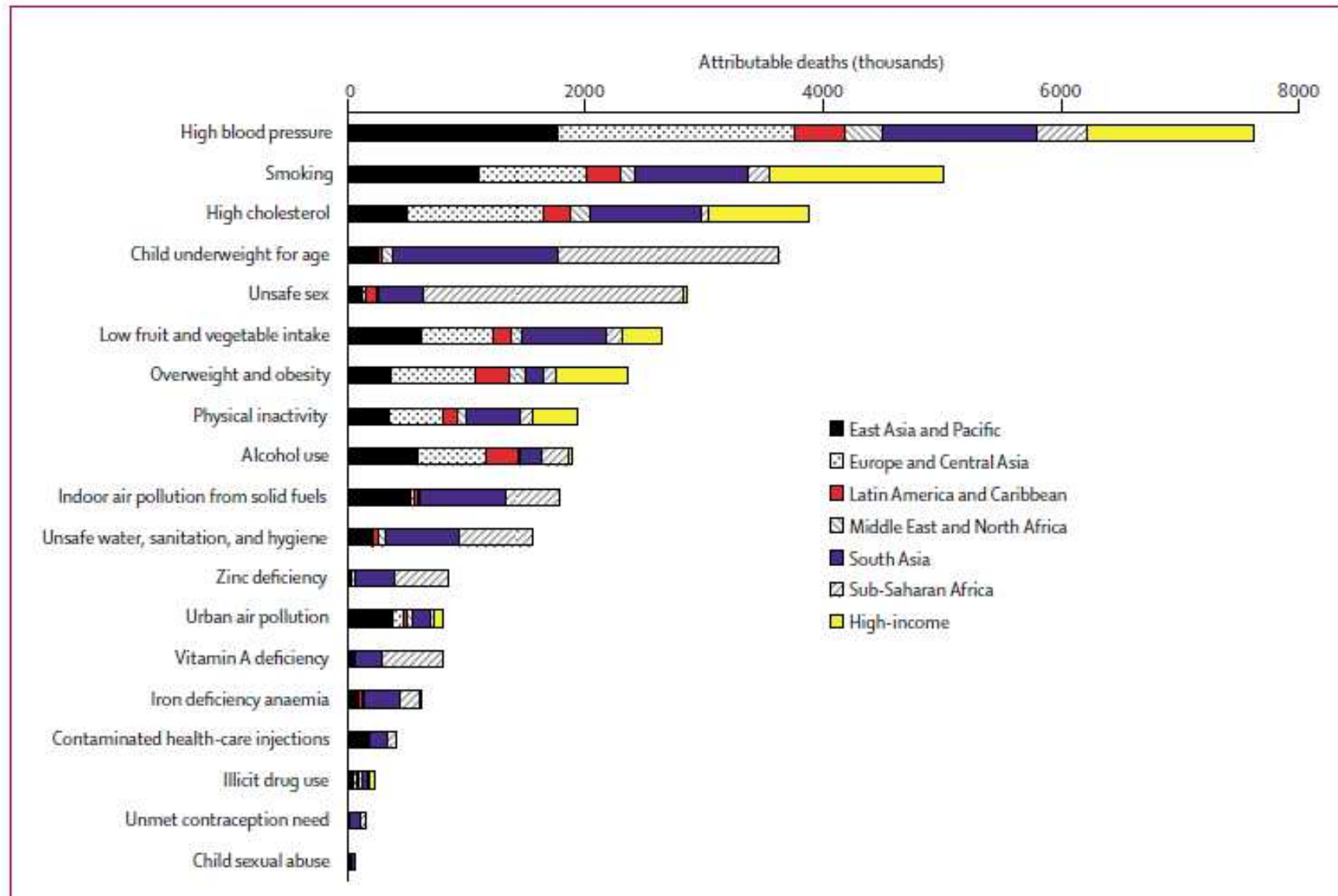
Question: Which risk factor accounts for the most CV disease according to the World Health Organisation?

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Figure 5
Prevalence of Hypertension in 5 European Countries by Gender and Age

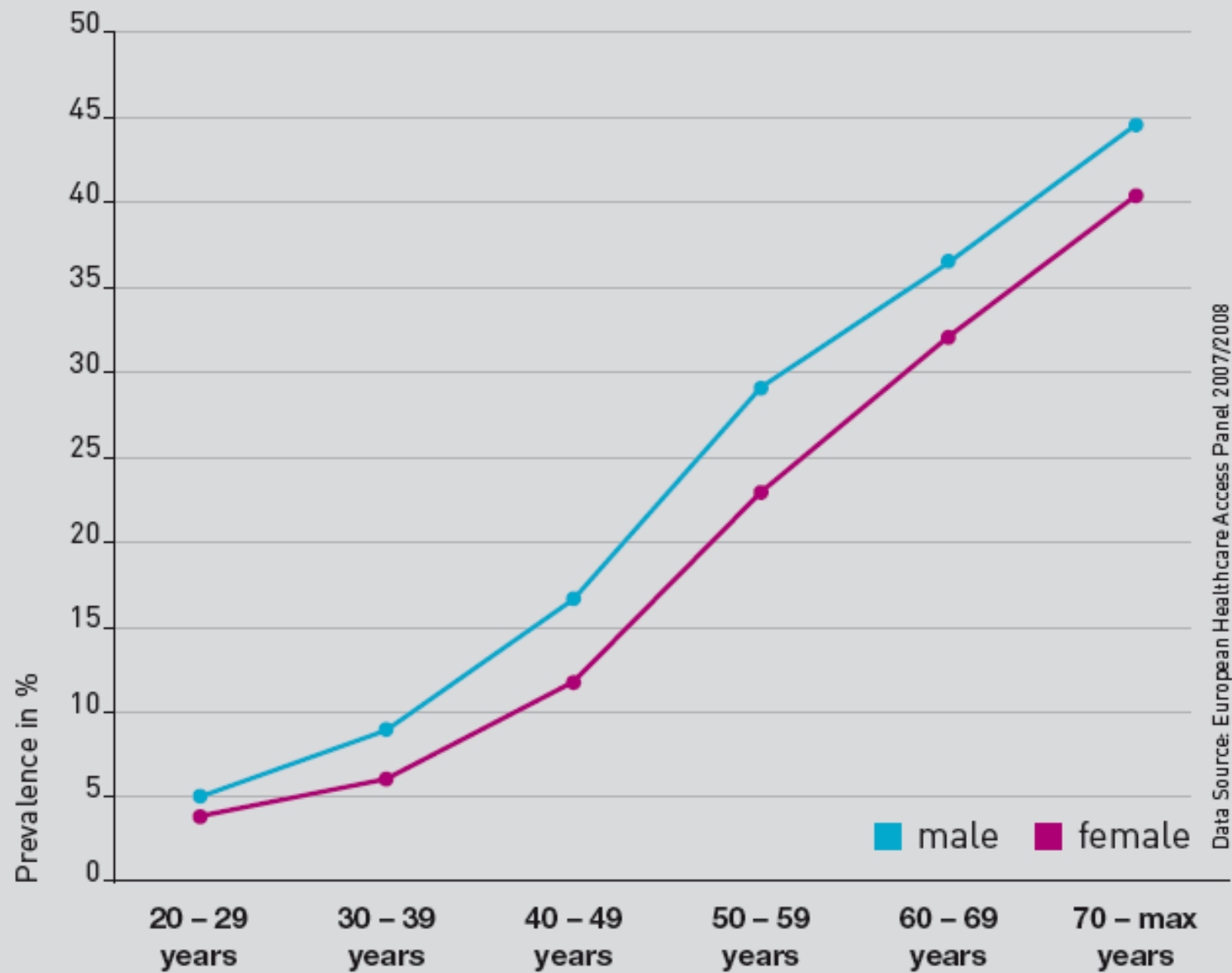
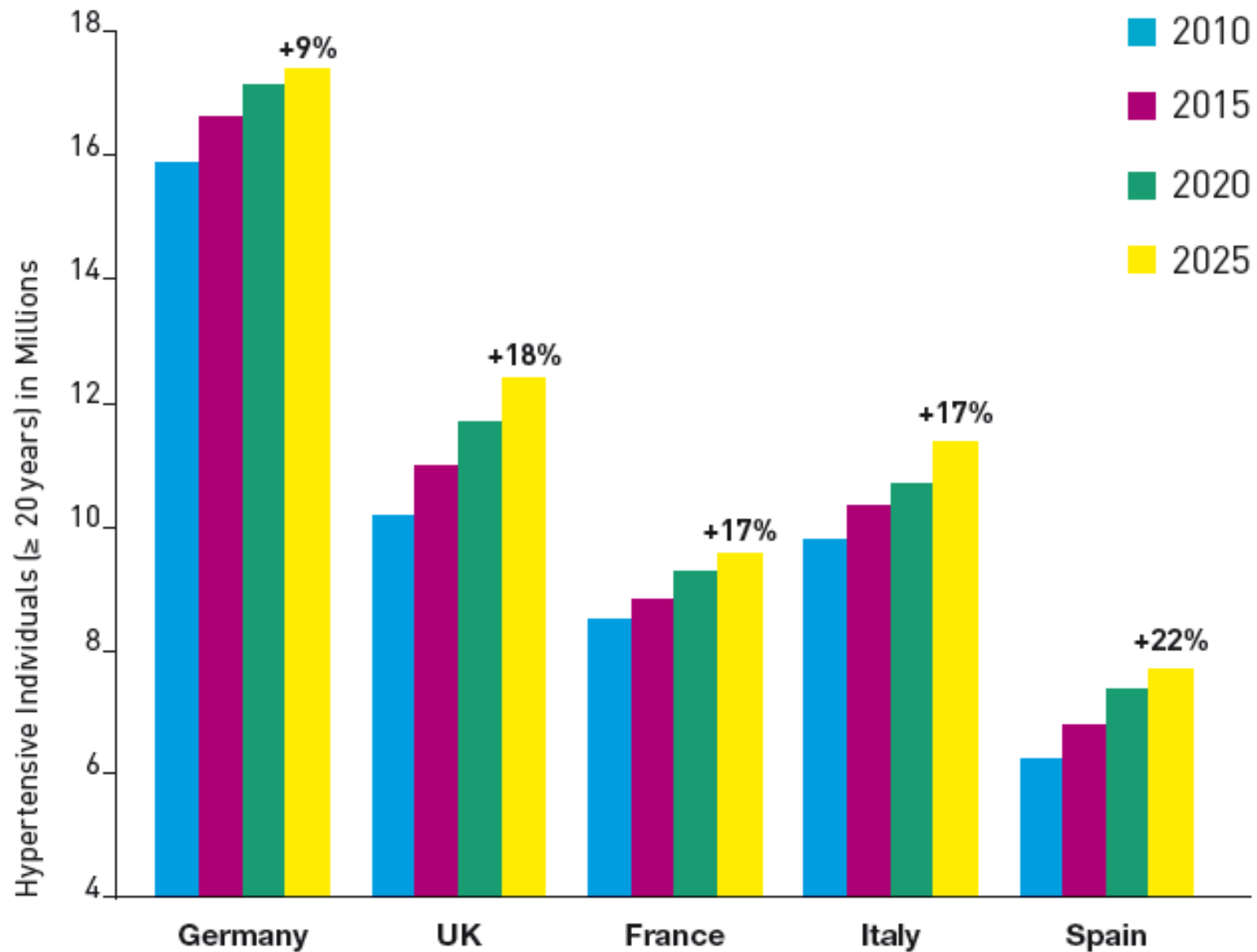
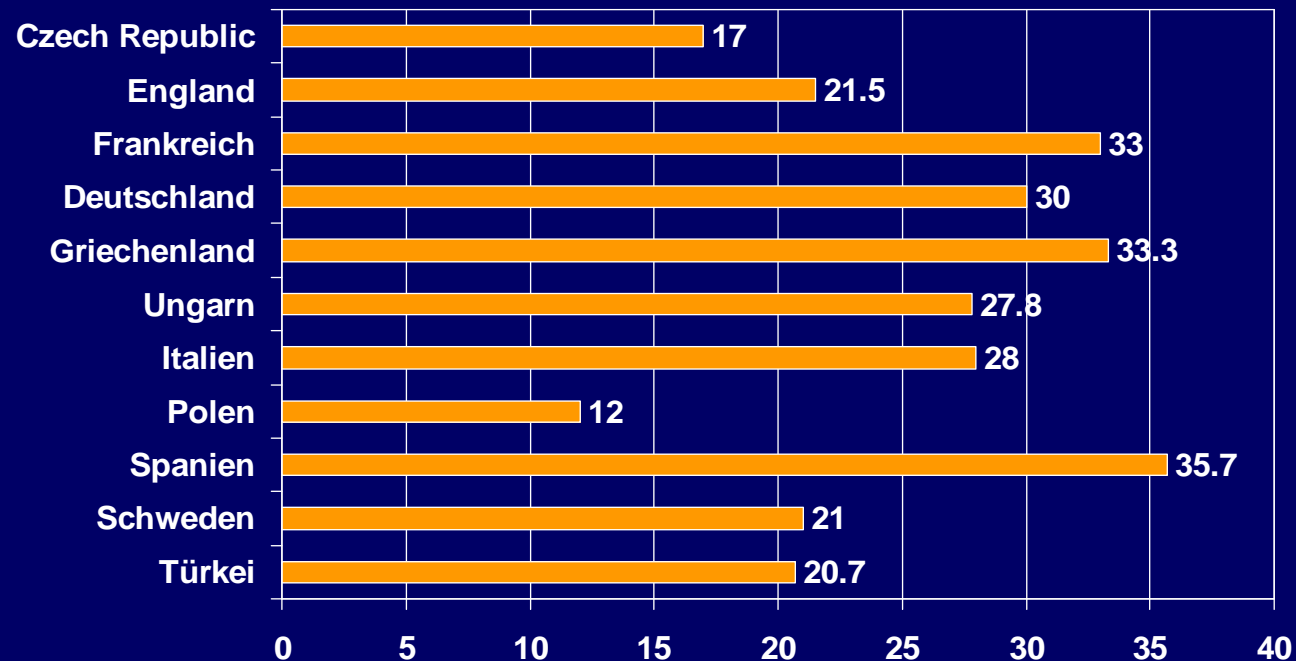


Figure 2

Projected Number of Hypertensive Individuals in 5 European Countries



Percentage of Hypertensive Patients with controlled Blood Pressure (<140/90 mmHg) in Europe



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High blood pressure

Billion people have high blood pressure, mostly in poorer countries

Rate of hypertension doubles globally but falls in wealthy countries with health awareness, better diet and access to medicines thought to be factors

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Definitions

Stage 1 hypertension:

- Clinic blood pressure (BP) is 140/90 mmHg or higher **and**
- ABPM or HBPM average is 135/85 mmHg or higher.

Stage 2 hypertension:

- Clinic BP 160/100 mmHg is or higher **and**
- ABPM or HBPM daytime average is 150/95 mmHg or higher.

Severe hypertension:

- Clinic BP is 180 mmHg or higher **or**
- Clinic diastolic BP is 110 mmHg or higher.



Key priorities for implementation

- Diagnosis.
- Initiating and monitoring antihypertensive drug treatment.
- Choosing antihypertensive drug treatment.

Diagnosis (1)

If the clinic blood pressure is 140/90 mmHg or higher, offer ambulatory blood pressure monitoring (ABPM) to confirm the diagnosis of hypertension.



Assessing cardiovascular risk and target organ damage: updated recommendations

- Use a formal estimation of cardiovascular risk to discuss prognosis and healthcare options with people with hypertension. For all people with hypertension offer to:
 - test urine for presence of protein
 - take blood to measure glucose, electrolytes, creatinine, estimated glomerular filtration rate and cholesterol
 - examine fundi for hypertensive retinopathy
 - arrange a 12-lead ECG.

Additional recommendations

Lifestyle interventions

- Offer guidance and advice about:
 - diet (including sodium and caffeine intake) and exercise
 - alcohol consumption
 - smoking.

Patient education and adherence

- Provide:
 - information about benefits of drugs and side effects
 - details of patient organisations
 - an annual review of care.

Initiating drug treatment

Offer antihypertensive drug treatment to people:

- Who have stage 1 hypertension, are aged under 80 and meet identified criteria
 - if aged under 40 also consider specialist evaluation of secondary causes of hypertension and further assessment of potential target organ damage.
- Who have stage 2 hypertension at any age.

Monitoring drug treatment (1)

Use clinic blood pressure measurements to monitor response to treatment. Aim for target blood pressure below:

- 140/90 mmHg in people aged under 80
- 150/90 mmHg in people aged 80 and over

ABPM and HBPM superior to office BP



BP Measurement Artefacts

- Cuff too small = \uparrow 10–30 mm Hg
- Talking during measurement:
 \uparrow 20 mm Hg

Clues to measurement artifacts:

- Less target organ damage than expected⁴
- Hypotensive symptoms with treated

¹JAMA 1988;259:225–228.

²Am J Hypertens 2001;14:1263–1269.

³Hypertension 1983;5:122–127.

⁴Ann Int Med 1990;112:270–277.

Treatment Resistant Hypertension

2013 Definitions: ESC/ESH AHA BIHS

1. BP above goal on a rational ≥ 3 med regimen with complementary mechanisms of action at optimal doses preferably including a diuretic.

BIHS: – A+C+D

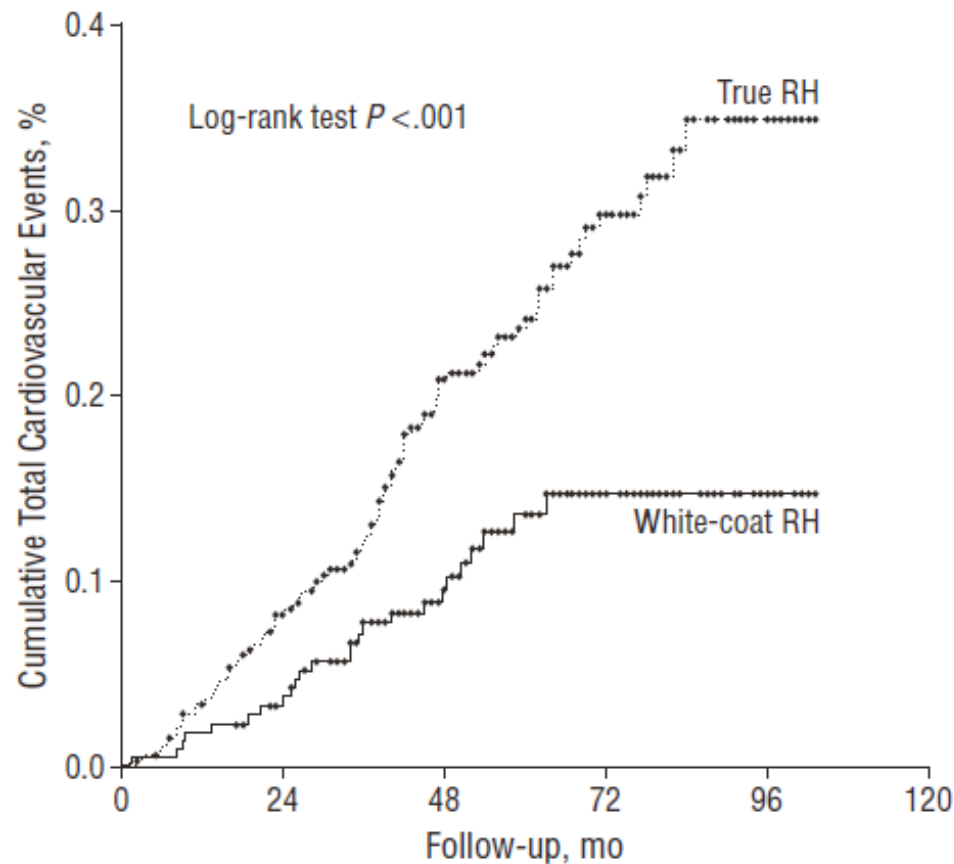
2. Controlled Resistant Hypertension. BP controlled to goal on ≥ 4 BP meds (optimal doses, preferably including a diuretic).

Calhoun DA, et al. *Hypertension*. 2008;51:1403–1419.

Mancia G, et al. *Eur Heart J* 2013 doi:10.1093/eurheartj/eh151

Prognosis in Resistant Hypertension

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No. of patients at risk

True RH	338	300	200	93	14
White-coat RH	218	203	136	44	9

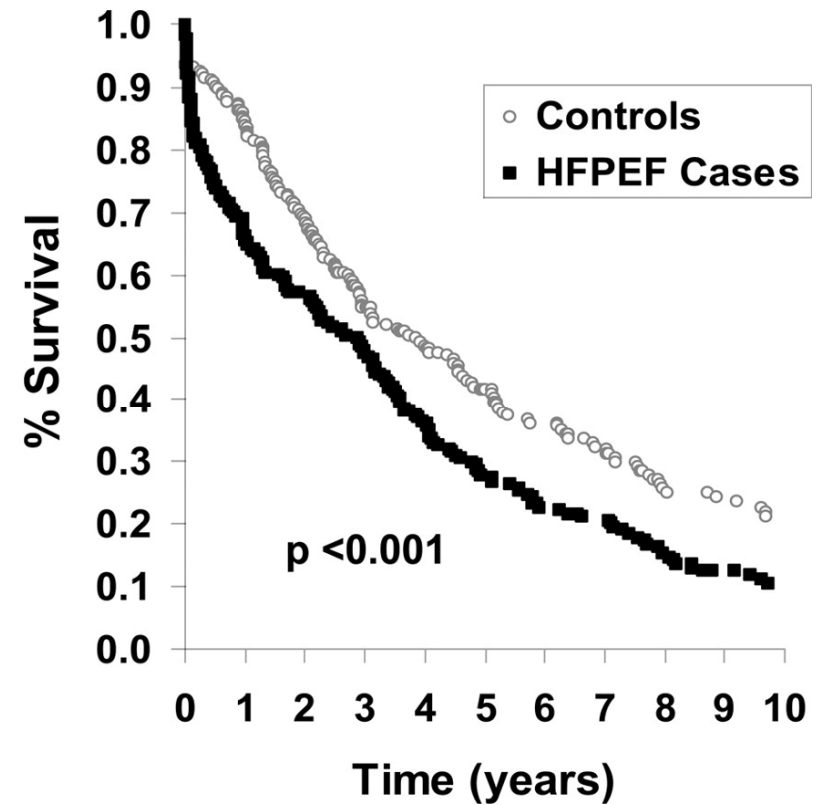
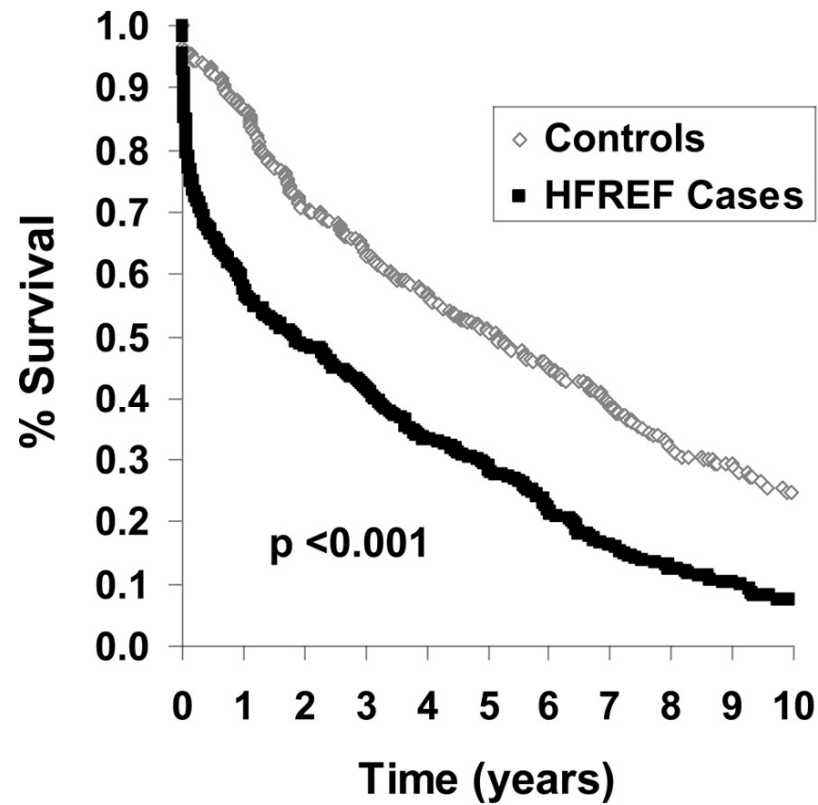
556 patients with TRH,
based on office BP

338 (61%) had
confirmation of TRH on
24-hr ABPM.

Mean follow-up 4.8 years

Salles GF, et al. *Arch Int Med.*
2008;168:2840–2346. (Brazil)

Heart failure, hypertension, and Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction



Bar graphs of EDVI, indexed left atrial volume (LAVI), EDP, plasma brain natriuretic peptide (BNP), and derived τ by subject group.

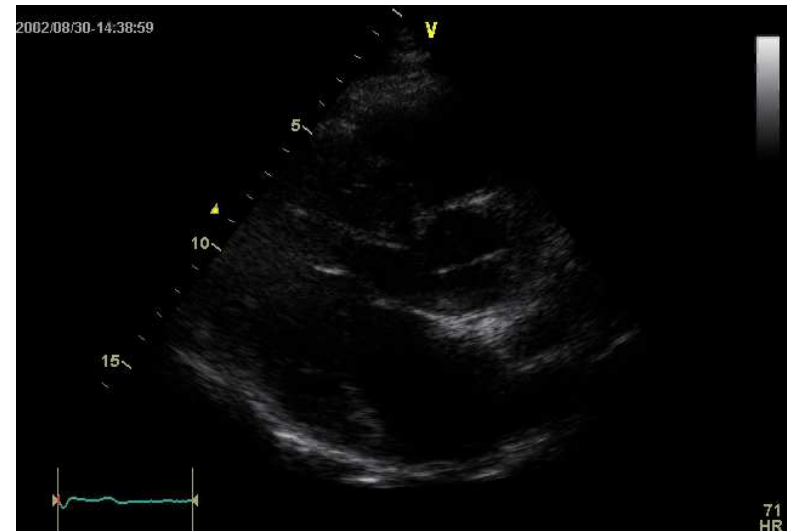
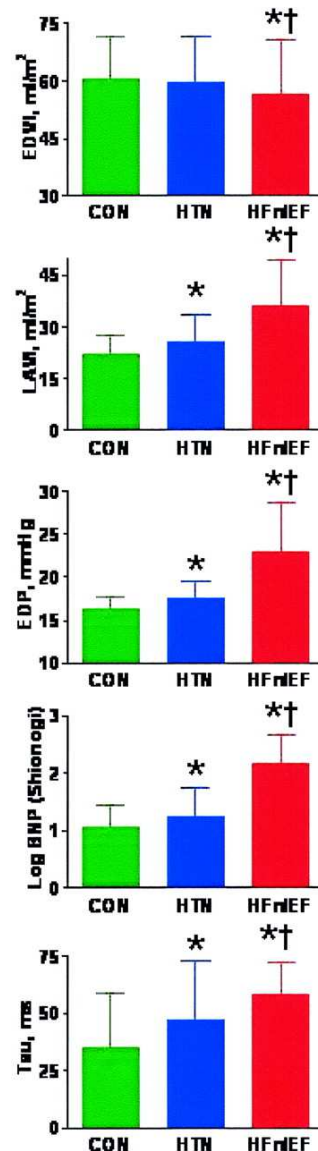
End Diastolic volume

Left atrial volume

End Diastolic pressure

BNP

τ = Diastolic function time



Stratified Approach to Diagnosis and Treatment of Resistant Hypertension

1. ABPM / HBPM
2. Identify contributing lifestyle factors
3. Discontinue / minimize drugs that ↑ BP
4. Investigate for secondary causes of hypertension
5. Maximize and optimize pharmacotherapy
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Suboptimal adherence (concordance)

- Case report: Mrs PC 76
HT 15y
- Atenolol 100 mg, Enalapril 20 mg,
Amlodipine 10 mg, Doxazosin 8 mg,
Bendroflumethiazide 2.5 mg, Amiloride 5 mg.
- Referred for specialist opinion
- 177/79 mm Hg
- Heart sounds normal; heart rate 88, regular



Suboptimal adherence (concordance)

Case report: Mrs PC
76 HT 15y

- Admitted as day case
– given her own medication
- Collapse in hospital shop
- BP 70/40 mm Hg



Suboptimal Regimens

- Switching between monotherapies
- Poor combinations
- Side effects of other drugs
- Diet

Diet

- Salt restriction
- Weight loss
- Exercise

21 August 2013

Dear Dr

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Thank you very much indeed for asking me to examine Mrs Axxx and it was a pleasure to meet Sxxx today. Mrs Axxx has been treated for high blood pressure for about 20 years, and has been on Bendroflumethiazide 2.5 mg for a long time.

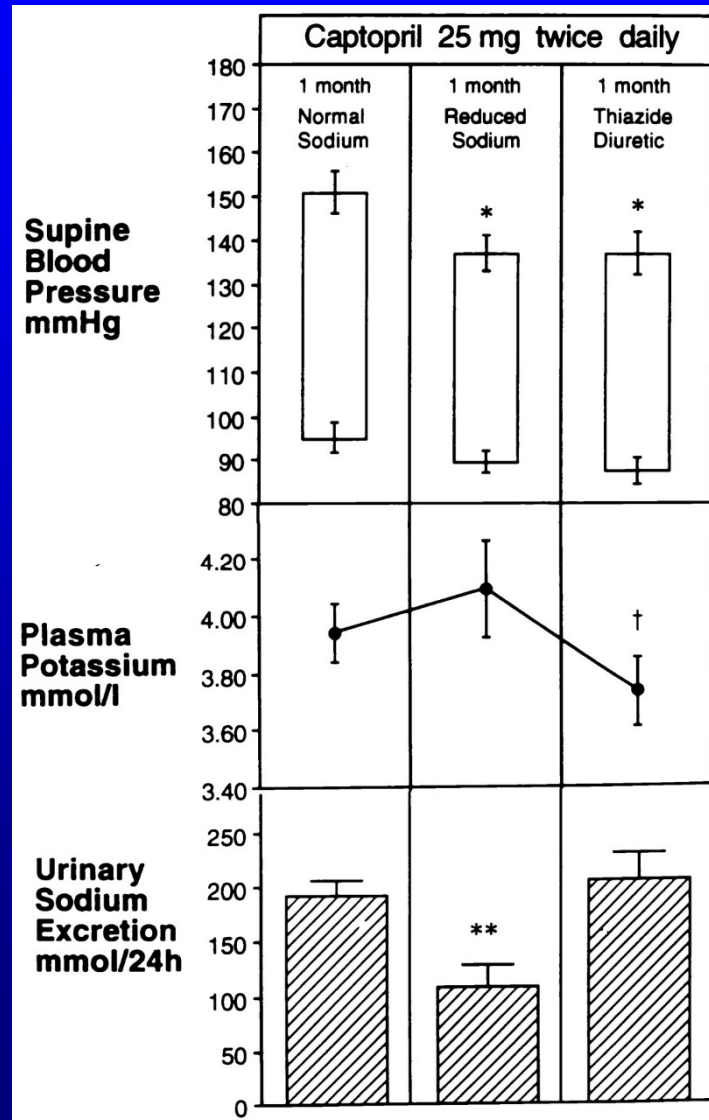
She looks after her health and measures blood pressure at home. This is variable but is often around 150/80 mmHg. This is using an Omron machine, approved by the British Hypertension Society.

You performed ambulatory blood pressure monitoring, averaging 164/94 mmHg without a nocturnal dip, although she did feel rather tense with the device insitu.

Sxxx consumes some salt and is on no other medication.

On examination she looked well, blood pressure 165/90 mmHg, gradually falling to 151/89 mmHg. |

Effects of salt restriction on blood pressure in ACEi treated patients



Singer D et al.
Hypertension
1995;25:1042-1044

Mrs S.A. Clinical Progress

- Only alteration – salt restriction and switch to LoSalt (K⁺ based)
- HBPM ~ 137/78 mm Hg

NSAIDs and BP Control

Case Presentation:

AR 55 y/o man 12 year HT & arthritis.

HBPM ~156/94 mm Hg. HCTZ 25 + Losartan 100 mg daily.

Celebrex 200 mg 1–2 /d

O/E: Office BP 162/98 mm Hg & BMI 29

Rx: Switch COX 2 to paracetamol, follow the DASH Eating Plan and take more exercise.

NSAIDs and BP Control (follow up)

1 month follow up visit:

Paracetamol 500 mg bd, HCTZ+ Losartan

Too busy to change eating and exercise patterns.

BP 118/72 mm Hg, BMI unchanged

Re-challenge with celocoxib X 2 raises BP 40 – 50/20 – 25 mmHg within 1–2 days with return to normal BP values within 2–3 days.

Is salt bad for you?

**How much should salt should we
consume per day?**

1-3 g

3-5g

5-7g

7-10g

Controversies in Cardiovascular Medicine

The technical report on sodium intake and cardiovascular disease in low- and middle-income countries by the joint working group of the World Heart Federation, the European Society of Hypertension and the European Public Health Association

Giuseppe Mancia^{1*}, Suzanne Oparil², Paul K. Whelton³, Martin McKee⁴, Anna Dominiczak⁵, Friedrich C. Luft⁶, Khalid AlHabib⁷, Fernando Lanas⁸, Albertino Damasceno⁹, Dorairaj Prabhakaran¹⁰, Giuseppe La Torre¹¹, Michael Weber¹², Martin O'Donnell¹³, Sidney C. Smith¹⁴, and Jagat Narula¹⁵

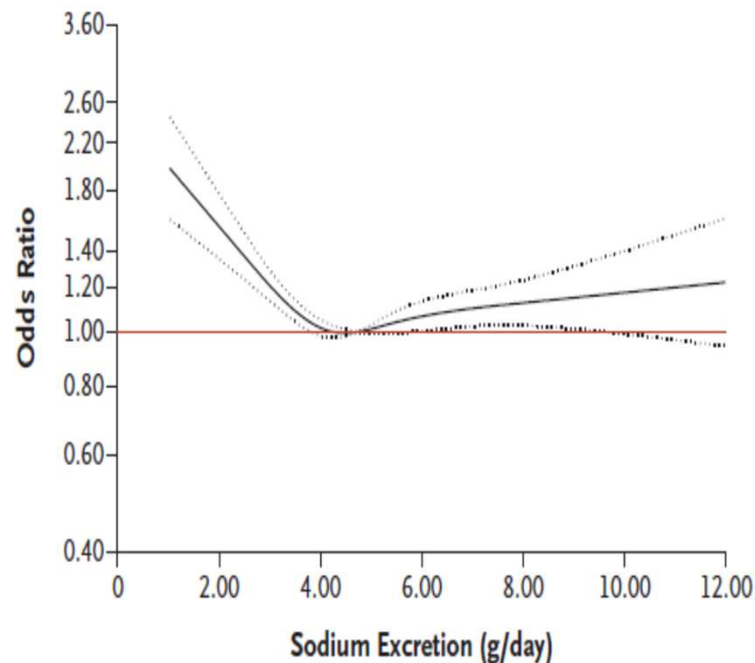
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Is salt bad for you?

- Prospective cohort studies have identified the optimal range of sodium (3–5 g/ day), where the risk of cardiovascular disease and death is lowest.
- Therefore, there is consistent evidence from clinical trials to support reducing sodium intake to <5 g/day in populations, but inconsistent evidence for further reductions below a moderate intake range (3–5 g/day).
- Unfortunately, there are no large randomized controlled trials comparing low sodium intake (< 3 g/day) to moderate sodium intake (3–5 g/day) in general populations.
- Until such trials are completed, it is likely that controversy about optimal sodium intake range will continue

SODIUM INTAKE AND MORTALITY + CVD (PURE)

Primary Outcome



No. of Events	101	1,023	1,437	597	126	25
No. at Risk	1817	30,124	46,663	18,395	3885	756

CV Events and Death

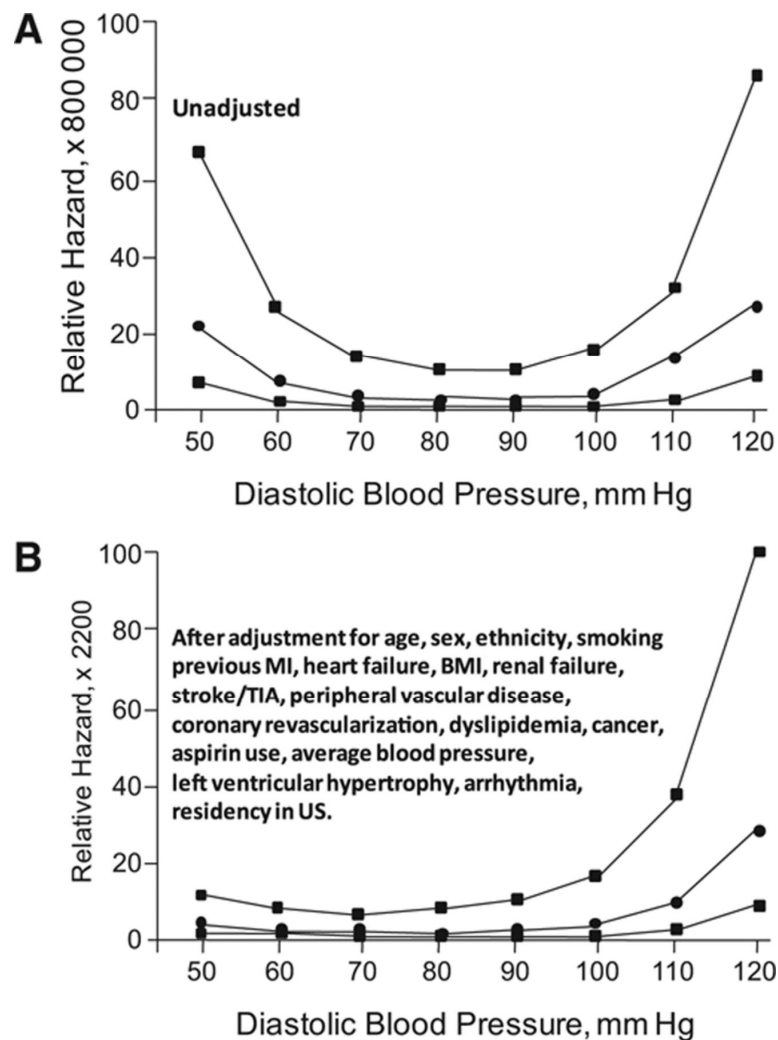
(17 Countries, N=101,945; 3,317 events)

- International Population
 - N America/Europe/Africa/Asia/S America
- Average CV Risk (General population)
 - Hx CVD (8.3%)
 - Hypertension (41.5%)
 - Diabetes (9.1%)
 - Current smoking (18.9%)
- 3.7 years Follow-up
- Morning fasting urine to estimate 24-hour intake (Kawasaki formula)
- Mean intake: 4.9g/day

PURE Investigators *NEJM* 2014

Is there a J-shaped curve for BP?

Unadjusted (A) and adjusted (B) relation between achieved (average in-treatment) diastolic blood pressure and risk of primary outcome in hypertensive patients with coronary artery disease enrolled in the International Verapamil-Trandolapril Study.



Verdecchia P et al. Hypertension. 2014;63:37-40

Causes of Secondary Hypertension

Renal artery stenosis

Sleep apnoea

Drug-induced or drug-related hypertension (e.g. NSAIDs)

Chronic renal disease

Primary aldosteronism

Renovascular disease

Chronic steroid therapy and Cushing's syndrome

Pheochromocytoma

Coarctation of the aorta

Thyroid or parathyroid disease

2013 Standard Investigations for Secondary Hypertension

U&Es, Ca²⁺, creat, Lipids, LFTs, TFTs, glucose

urine Albumin/creatinine ratio, 24h urinary catecholamines

ECG + echo

24h ABPM + HPBM

Renin + Aldosterone + cortisol

MRI with renal angiography

Stratified Drug Therapy for Resistant Hypertension

Table 1. Dates of discovery of therapies to treat hypertension	
Year	Blood pressure treatment
2000 BC–	Acupuncture, venesection, leeches, cupping
1900–	Sodium thiocyanate
1920–	Surgical sympathectomy
1930–	Reserpine
1940–	Intravenous pyrogens, ganglion blocking drugs, sulphanilamide, Kempner diet (low salt)
1950–	Thiazide-type diuretics (chlorothiazide), aldosterone-receptor antagonist (spironolactone), hydralazine, guanethidine
1960–	Methyldopa, beta blocker (propranolol), loop diuretics (furosemide)
1970–	Central alpha ₂ -agonist (clonidine), alpha ₁ -blocker (prazosin), angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors (captopril), calcium channel blocker (verapamil)
1980–	Potassium-sparing diuretic (amiloride)
1990–	Angiotensin-receptor blockers (losartan)
2000–	Direct renin inhibitor (aliskiren), renal sympathetic denervation (Symplicity™)

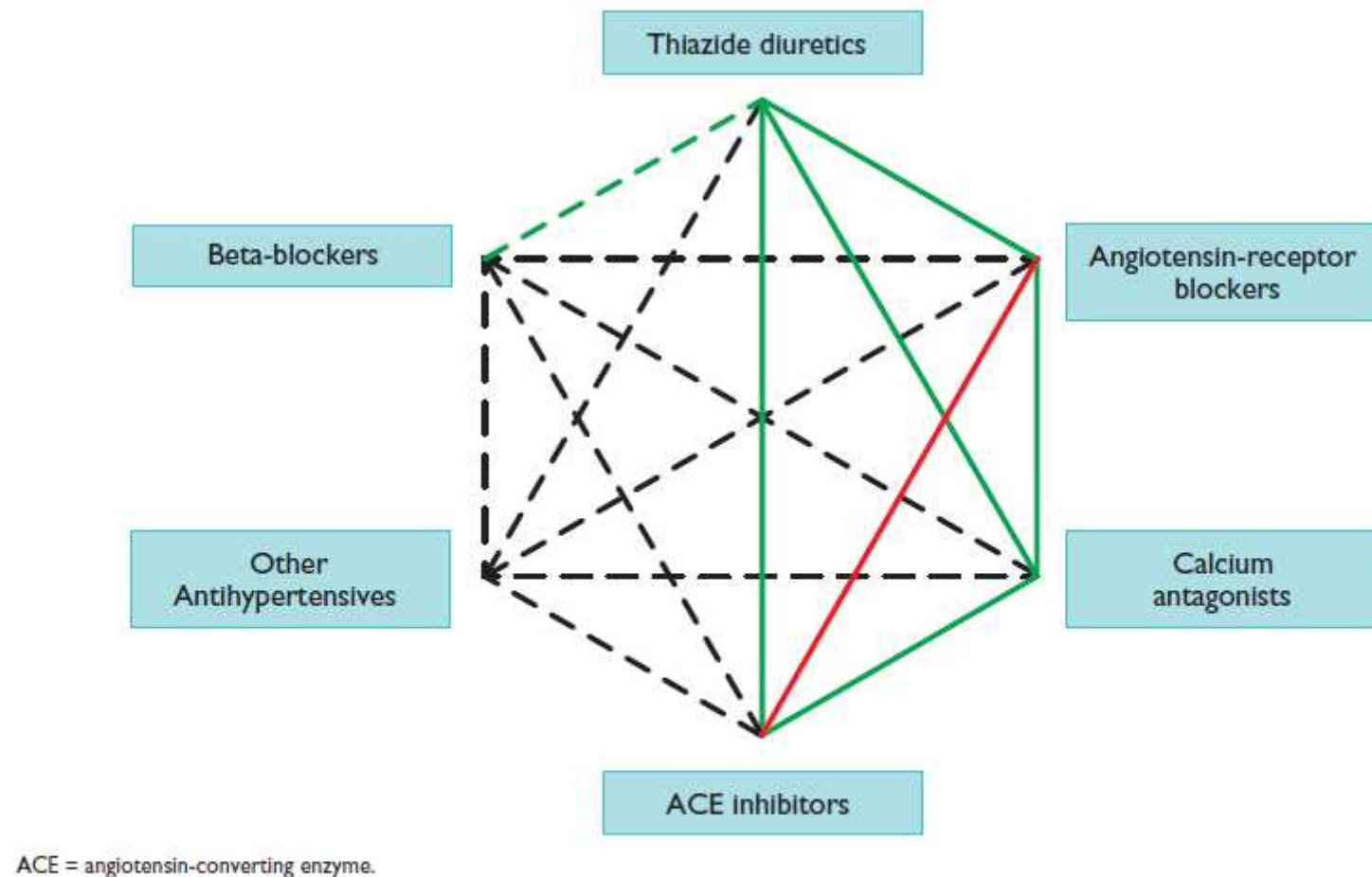
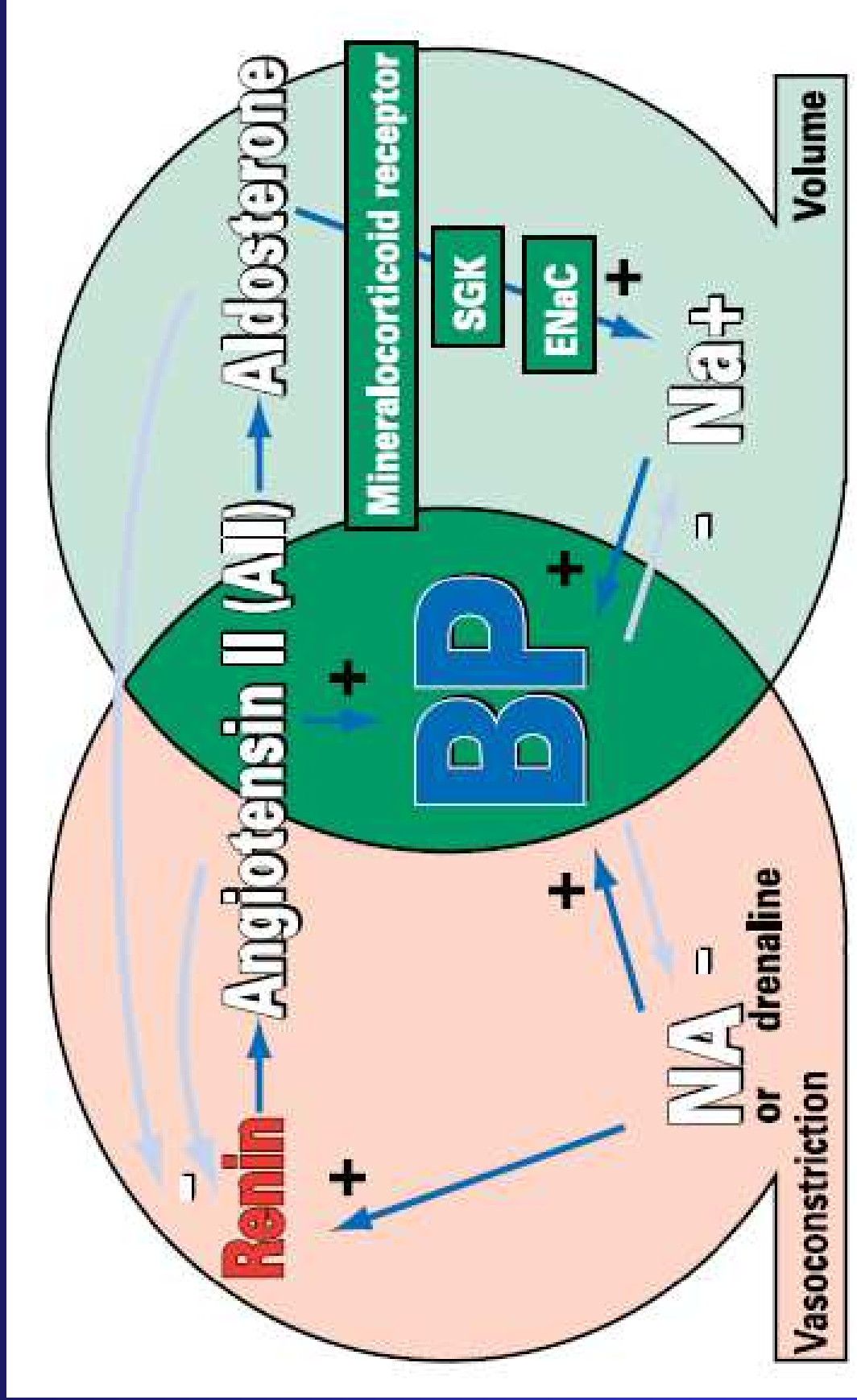
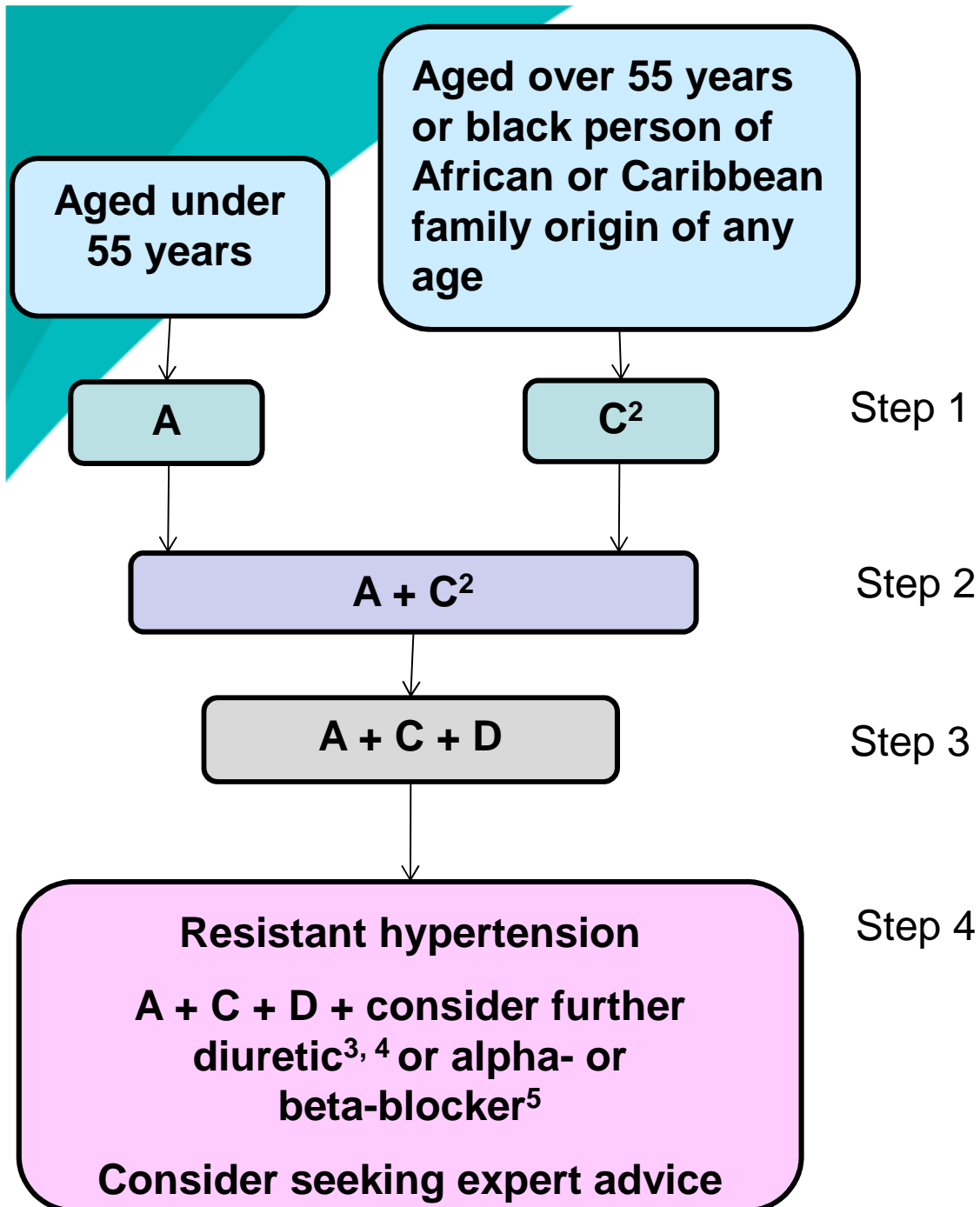


Figure 4 Possible combinations of classes of antihypertensive drugs. Green continuous lines: preferred combinations; green dashed line: combination (with some limitations); black dashed lines: possible but less well-tested combinations; red continuous line: not recommended combination. Although verapamil and diltiazem are sometimes used with a beta-blocker to improve ventricular rate control in permanent atrial fibrillation, only dihydropyridine calcium antagonists should normally be combined with beta-blockers.



Drug treatment



Key

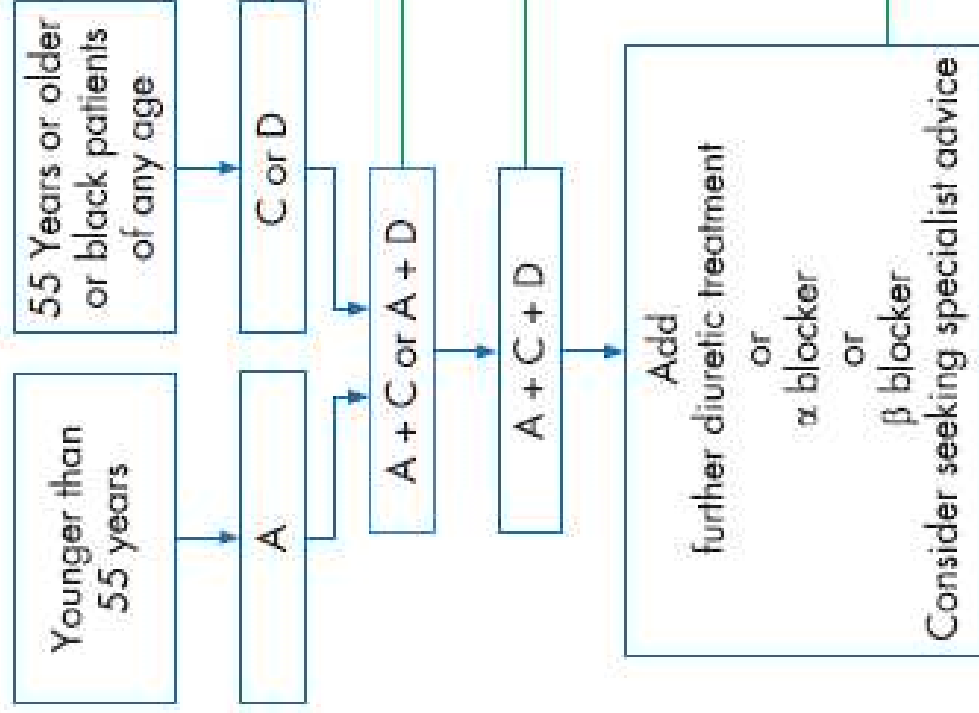
A – ACE inhibitor or angiotensin II receptor blocker (ARB)¹

C – Calcium-channel blocker (CCB)

D – Thiazide-like diuretic

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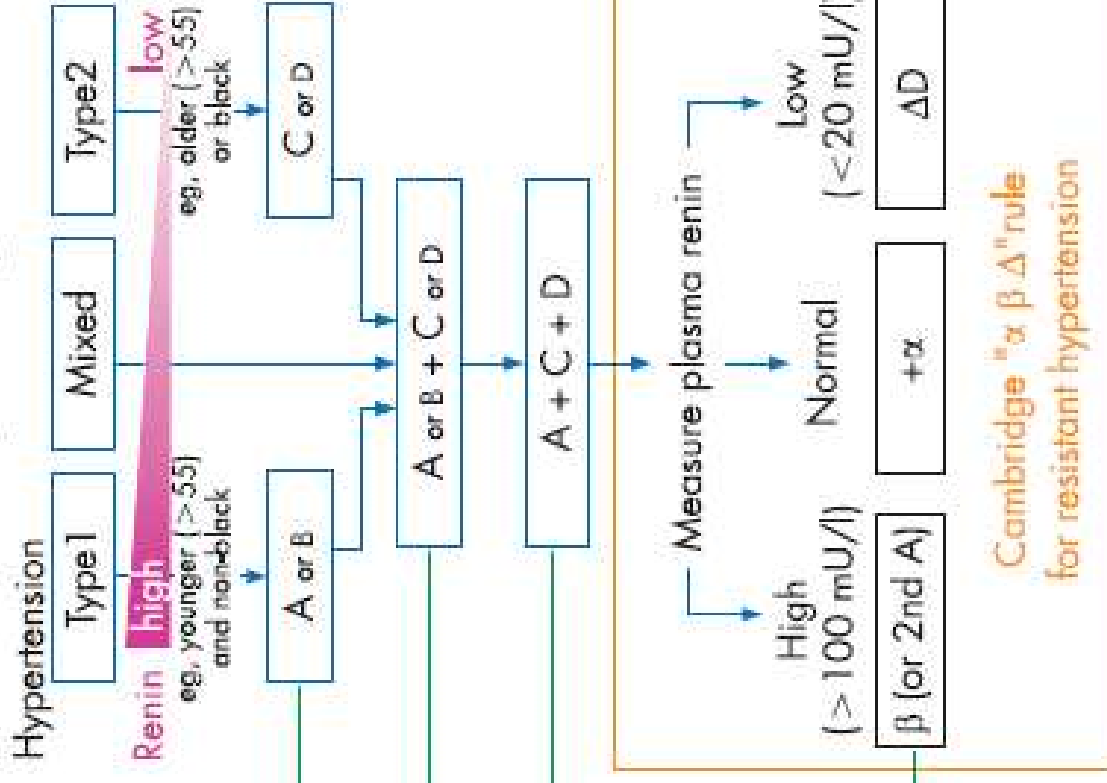
The NICE/BHS guideline



A: ACE inhibitor or ARB
 B/ β : β blocker
 C: Calcium channel blocker

B

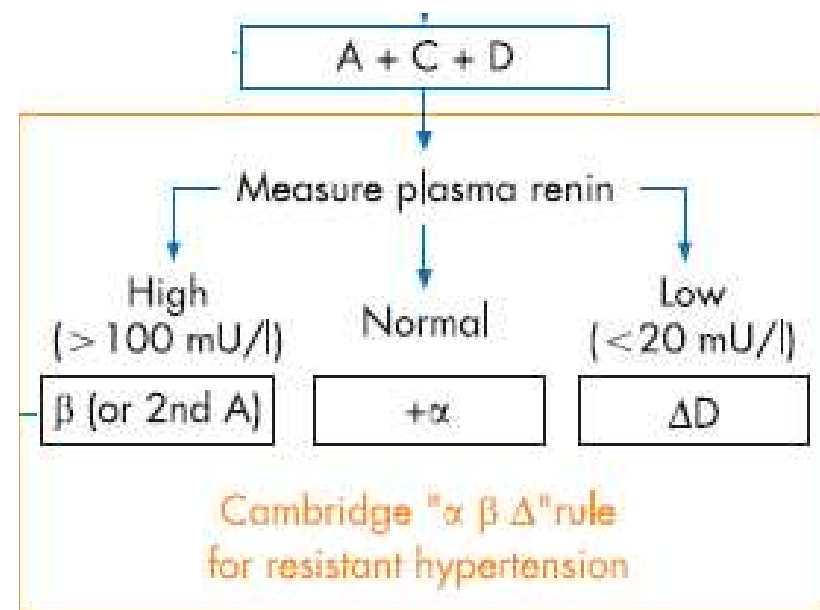
Cambridge AB/Cd guideline



D: Diuretic (thiazide and thiazide-like)
 α : α blocker
 Δ : Change drug or dose (of diuretic)

How to investigate and treat True Resistant Hypertension

Patient established on optimal triple therapy



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Other drugs for resistant hypertension

- **Doxazosin**
- **Diuretics**
- Nitrates
- Hydralazine
- Moxonidine
- Minoxidil
- Direct renin inhibitors –
Aliskerin
- Methyl dopa

Optimal Treatment of Drug Resistant Hypertension PATHWAY-2

Principal Results

Bryan Williams, Tom MacDonald and Morris Brown
on behalf of the PATHWAY Investigators

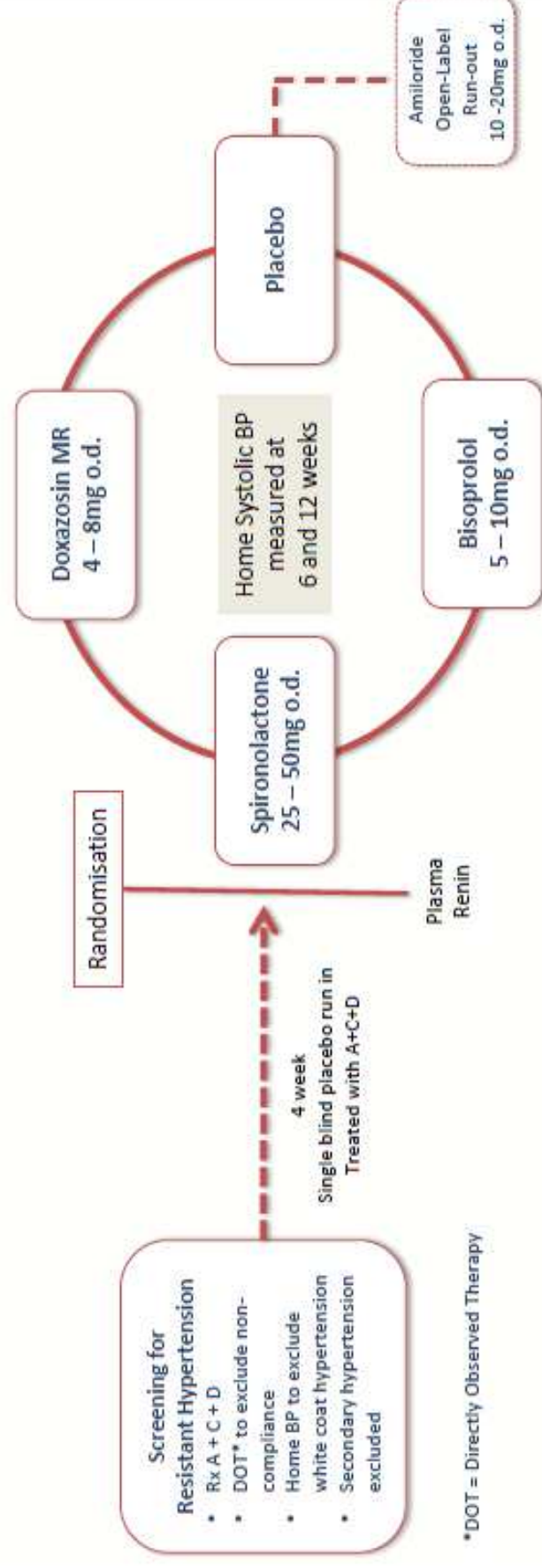


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PATHWAY-2 Study Design

Double blind, Randomised, Placebo-Controlled, Cross-over Study

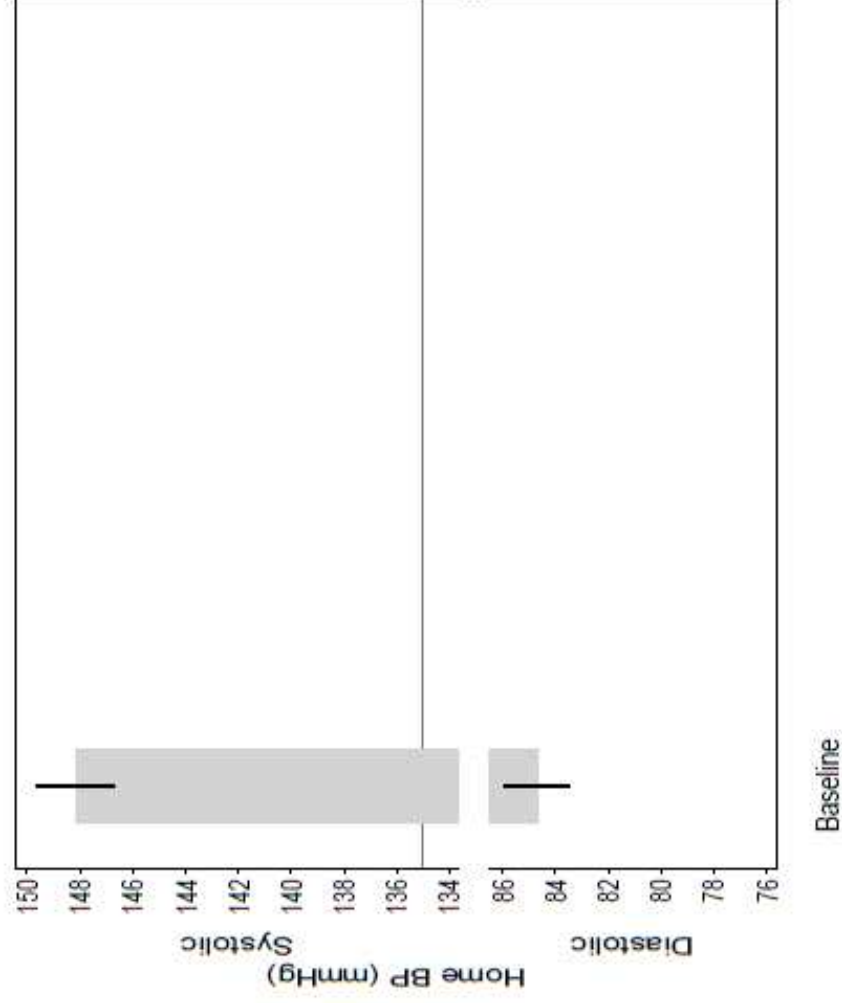


*DOT = Directly Observed Therapy

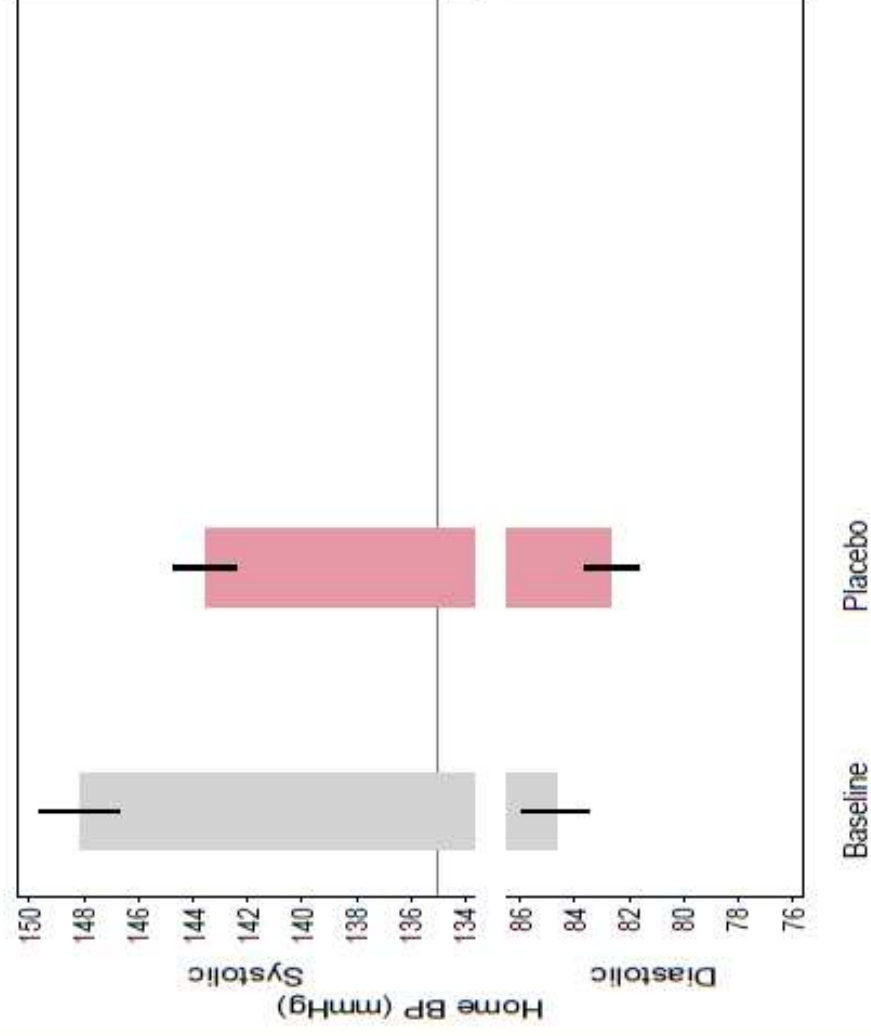
- 12 weeks per treatment cycle
- Forced titration; lower to higher dose at 6 weeks
- No washout period between cycles

Williams B, et al. BMJ Open, 2015

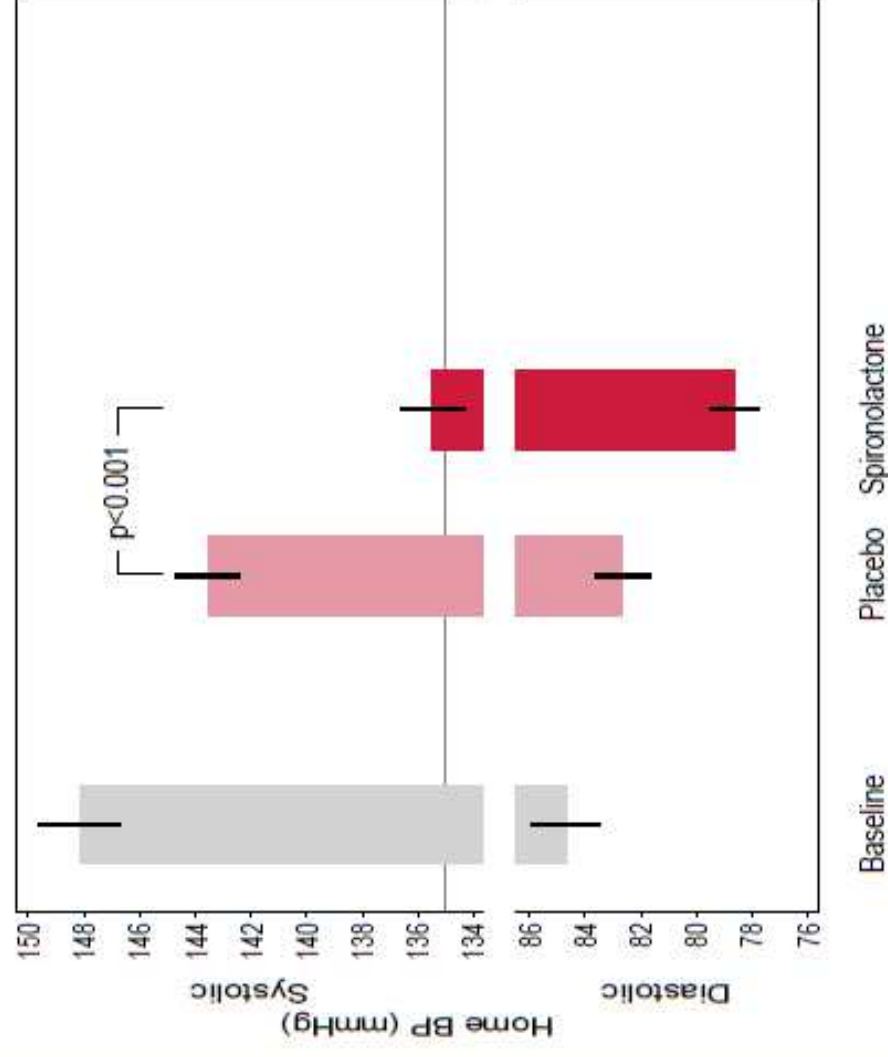
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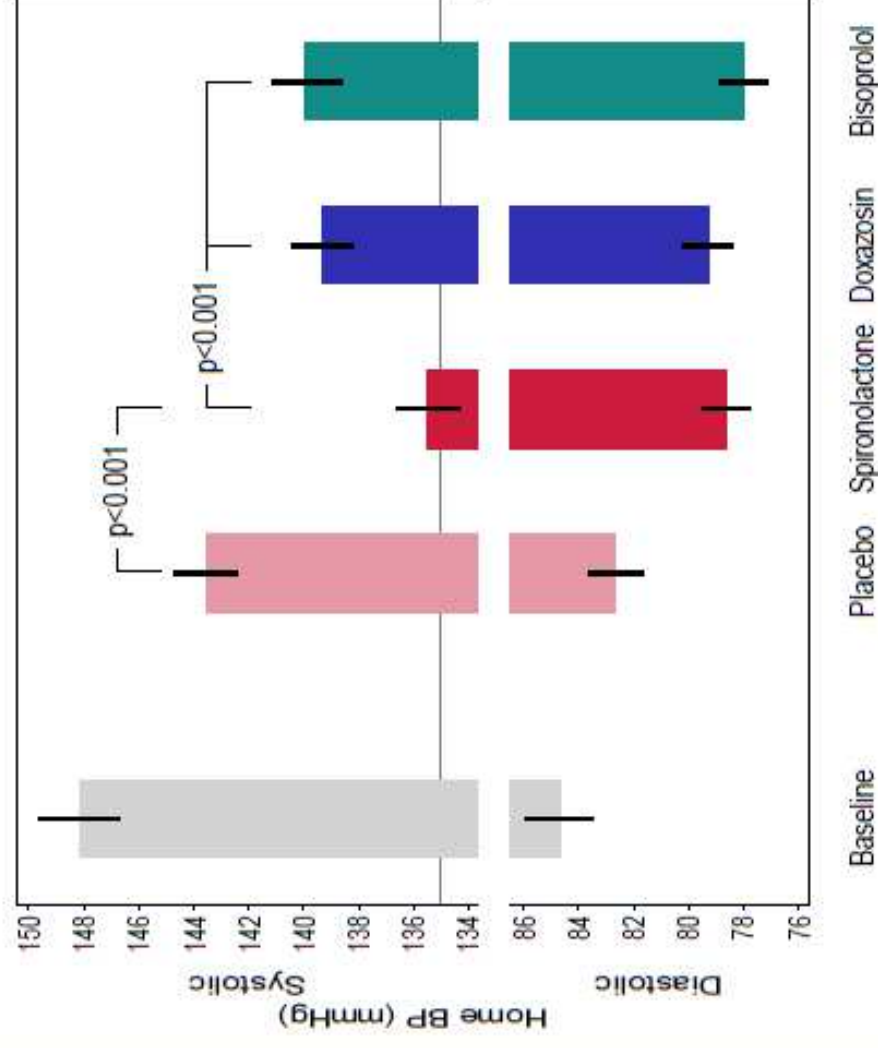
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Prevention **A**nd **T**reatment of **H**ypertension **W**ith **A**lgorithm based therapy
(PATHWAY)

Amiloride-hydrochlorothiazide versus individual diuretic effects on glucose tolerance and blood pressure

PATHWAY-3

Principal Results

Morris Brown, Bryan Williams, Tom Macdonald
on behalf of the British Hypertension Society's
PATHWAY Investigators



Study Methods and Design

Screening

Uncontrolled hypertension (SBP > 140 mmHg)
Eligible for diuretic treatment
At least 1 additional component of metabolic syndrome

Randomisation (440 patients)

Amiloride
10mg to 20mg
*Force-titration at
12 weeks*

Amiloride + HCTZ
5mg to 10mg 12.5 to 25 mg
Force-titration at 12 weeks

HCTZ
25mg to 50mg
*Force-titration at
12 weeks*

Primary Outcome

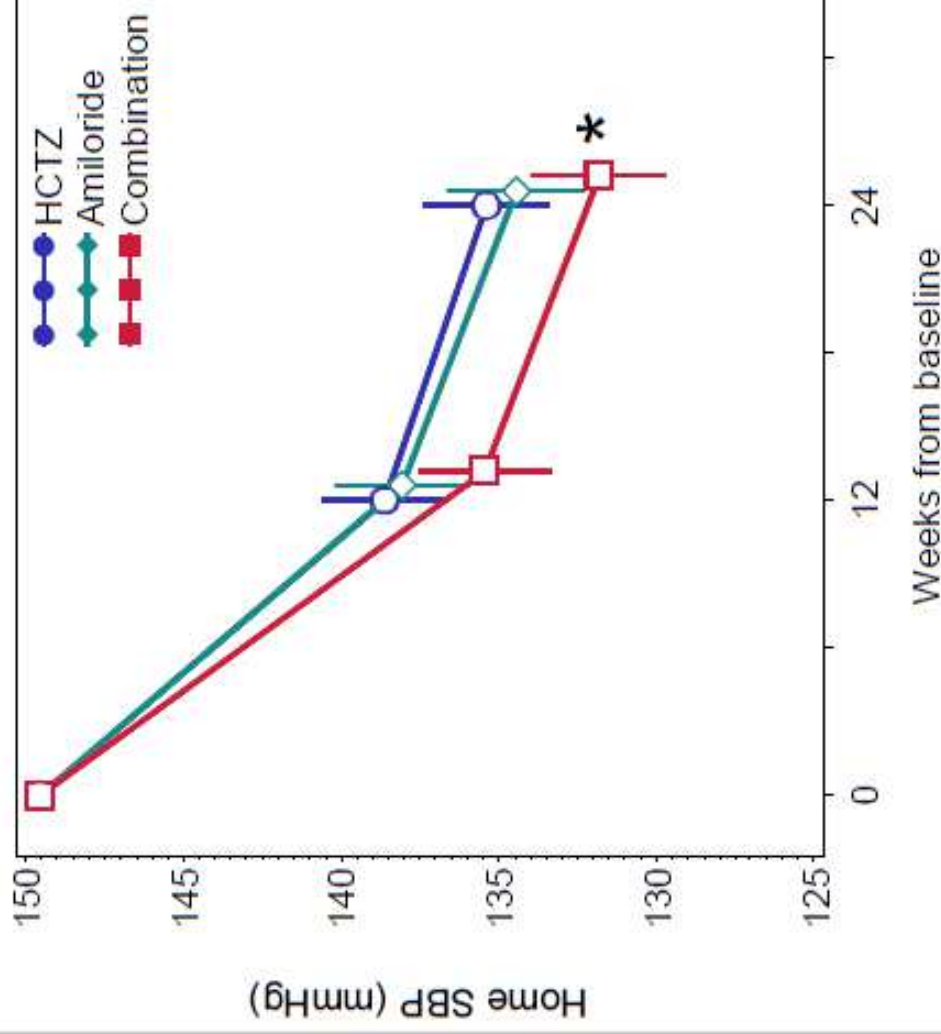
Difference from baseline in 2-hr glucose at 12 & 24 weeks, on oral glucose tolerance test (OGTT)

Principal Secondary Outcome

Difference in home SBP at 12 and 24 weeks.

Secondary endpoints

Blood Pressure reduction



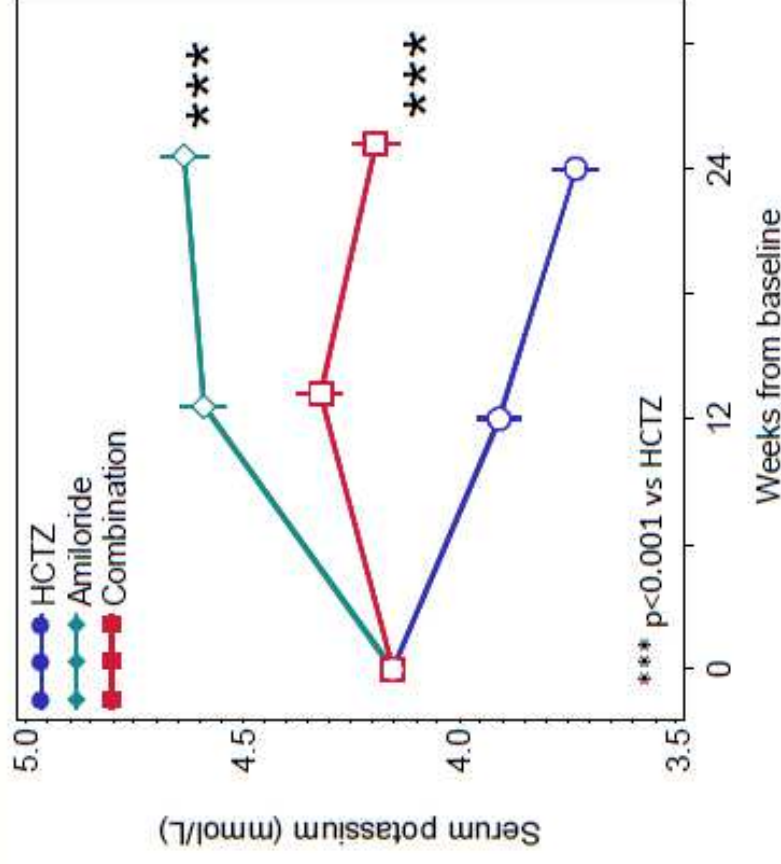
Home SBP (mean, 95% CI) adjusting for baseline covariates

* $p=0.02$ for combination vs HCTZ at week 24.

Across weeks 12 (low-dose) and 24 (high-dose), BP fall on combination of amiloride and HCTZ was 3.4 (0.9, 5.8) mmHg greater than on HCTZ ($p=0.007$)

Secondary Outcomes

Potassium

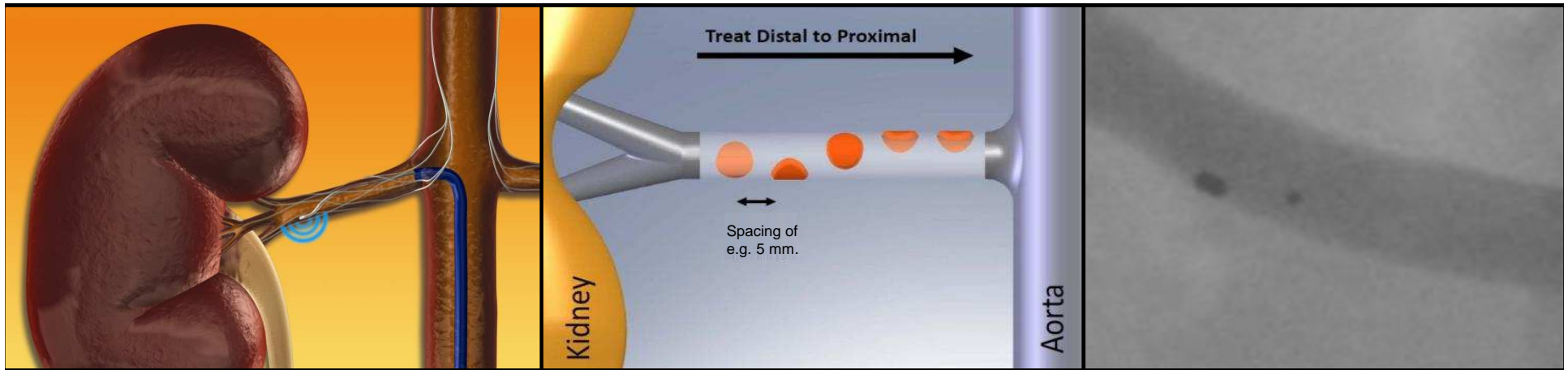


Mean (95% CI) serum potassium, on a model adjusting for baseline covariates

Interventional Techniques

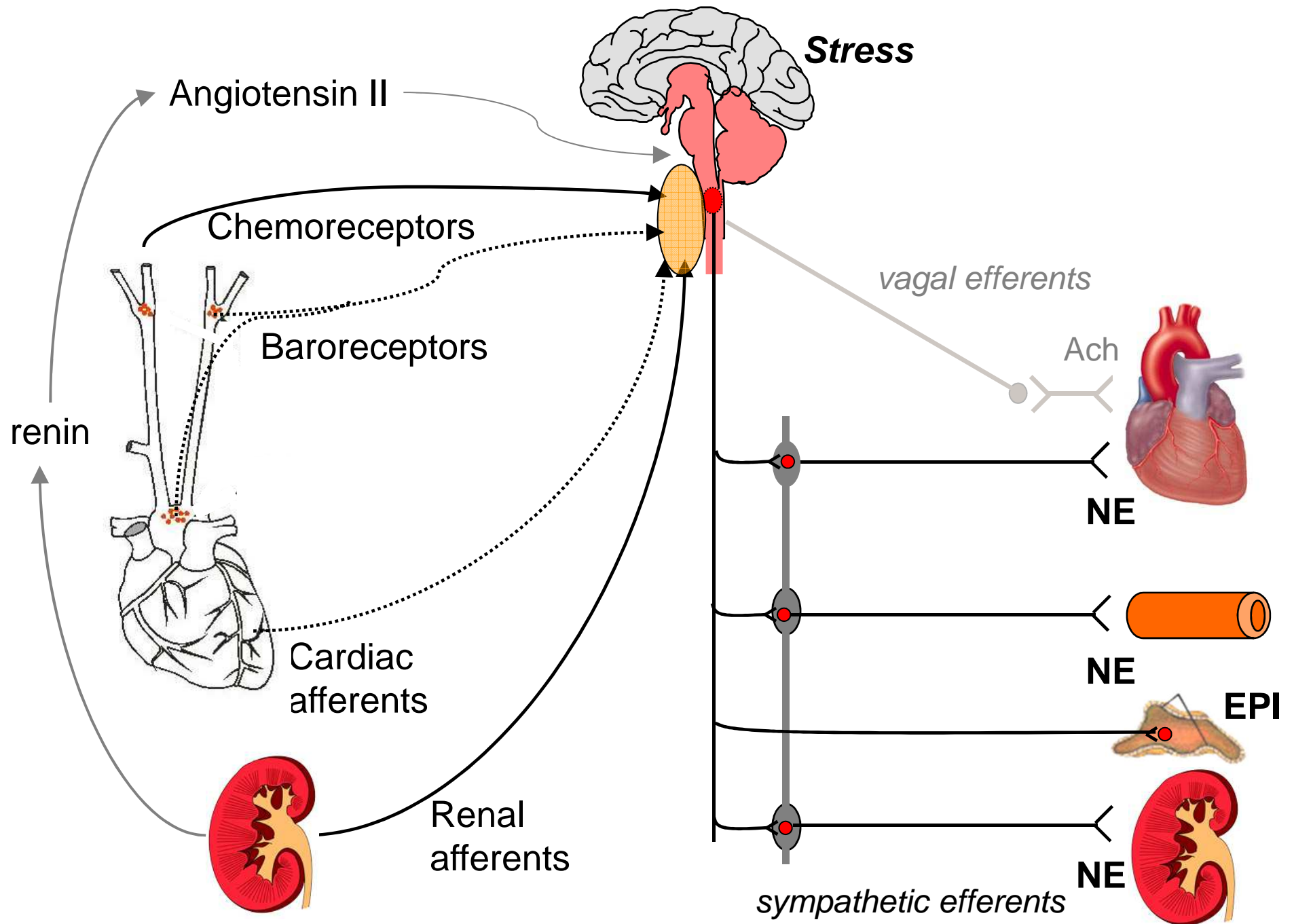
- Renal Denervation
- A-V fistula formation
- Renal Artery Stenosis
- Other techniques

Catheter-Based Approach for renal denervation



- Renal artery access via standard interventional technique
- 4-6 two-minute treatments per artery
- Proprietary RF generator
 - Automated
 - Low power
 - Built-in safety algorithms





PHYSIOLOGIC EFFECTS OF EXTENSIVE SYMPATHECTOMY FOR ESSENTIAL HYPERTENSION: FURTHER OBSERVATIONS*

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IN previous communications we have presented our experiences with extensive sympathectomy for essential hypertension.¹⁻⁵ We are now reporting our experiences with a large number of patients and with the effects of operation on patients who have been observed over longer periods of time than were those of the earlier reports. We have continued to treat patients with essential hypertension by extensive sympathectomy for we are impressed with the fact that essential hypertension is in many instances an extremely serious disease for which medical treatment is far from satisfactory. Prosecution of this work, the aim of which was remedy or cure while there yet was possibility of either, opened the opportunity to determine the effects of the operation on blood pressure, symptoms and health, and to learn whether the surgical treatment modified the eventual mortality in essential hypertension. It also became possible to investigate the question of whether good results of operation are transient or permanent and whether or not patients could be selected so that more of them would benefit from operation.

The surgical treatment of essential hypertension is relatively new and the only way one can gain information about the results of extensive sympathectomy is to survey a relatively large number of patients. Such a survey will draw more sharply the distinction between patients who are suitable, and those who are unsuitable for operation.

THE TECHNIC AND RATIONALE OF THE OPERATION

The technic used was that which Adson devised and which has been described in detail elsewhere³; it consists of bilateral subdiaphragmatic extraperitoneal resection of the splanchnic nerves, celiac ganglions and the upper two lumbar sympathetic ganglions. First the operation is performed on one side and then, about ten days later, on the opposite side. In addition, in the first 25 operations one-third to two-fifths of each suprarenal gland was removed. This procedure apparently did not offer any advantage or disadvantage over removal of only the other structures named.

It is known that in essential hypertension the fundamental cause of the

THE HEMODYNAMIC EFFECTS OF SYMPATHECTOMY IN ESSENTIAL HYPERTENSION*

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SURGICAL sympathectomy has been employed so extensively for the treatment of essential hypertension that one might assume its hemodynamic effects to be completely understood. Quite to the contrary, however, very little is known concerning its direct vascular or indirect metabolic effects that will explain its success in some cases and its failure in others. Until these matters are fully understood the rationale for surgical treatment, and indeed for medical management, of essential hypertension must remain on an empirical basis. For this reason these problems have been and will continue to be the subject of long-term investigation in this laboratory.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Patients with essential hypertension selected for splanchnicectomy¹ have been made freely available for study through the active coöperation of Dr. Reginald H. Smithwick, under whose direction sympathectomy was performed. They were studied before and again, if possible within three weeks after bilateral operation, usually of the lumbodorsal type.² In addition, some patients were studied a third time four to 10 months after operation, whereas a few patients were studied only once—from one to nine years post-operatively.

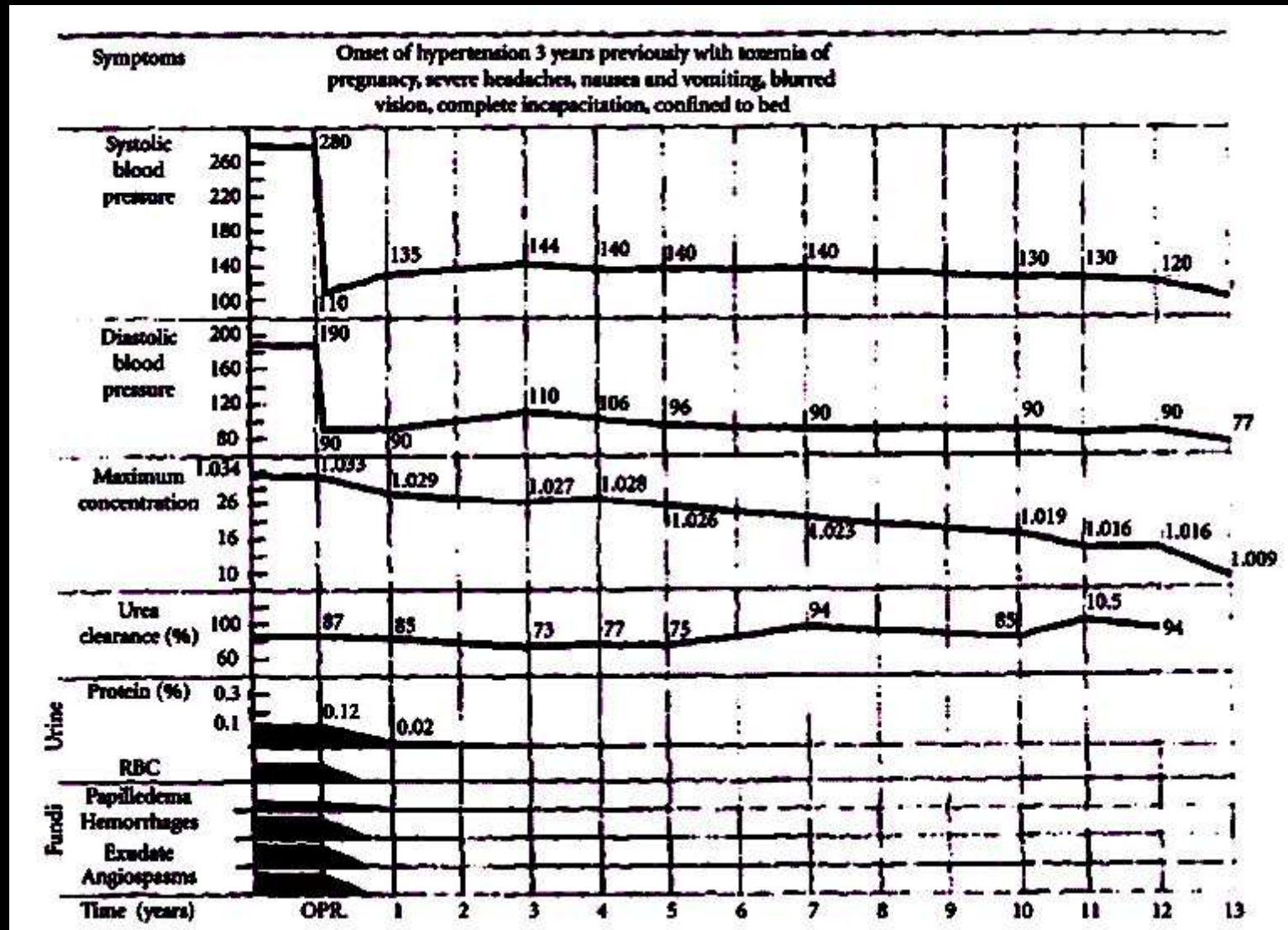
Arterial pressure was measured with a Hamilton manometer³ attached to a needle in the brachial or femoral artery. Cardiac output was determined by the Fick principle with the intravenous catheter method of Cournand.⁴ Hepatic-portal (splanchnic exclusive of renal and adrenal) blood flow was estimated by the bromsulfalein method of Bradley et al.⁵ Both before and after operation the patients, while under study, were given a number of vasomotor stimuli designed to produce, if possible, sympathetic nervous vasoconstriction.^{6,7} The most useful of these stimuli were (a) tilting the subject into the upright position and (b) having him perform the Valsalva maneuver.

Cardiac Output. Confirming the observations of others,^{8,9} no great or consistent change was found in basal cardiac output of patients after sympathectomy as compared with before, regardless of how much the arterial

* Presented before the Fifth General Session of the Twenty-ninth Annual Session of the American College of Physicians in San Francisco, California, April 23, 1948.

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Long Term Effect of Renal Denervation in Human Hypertension



Case Report



- 68 year old female
- First diagnosed with hypertension 1979 (age 36)

2007- 186/86 spironolactone/ramipril/atenolol/valsartan/
amlodipine/furosemide

Renin/aldo profile in normal range

MRI adrenals normal

2008- 187/99 aliskerin added

- **20/09/10- admitted for renal denervation as part of SYMPLICITY-2-HTN trial**
- **Admission BP 220/120 (same therapy)**
- **Pre-procedure 190/100**



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- **Post procedure BP 163/77**
- **No antihypertensives given that night**
- **Next morning 135/74 pre therapy**
- **Discharged on atenolol 25mg**
- **Stopped 1 week later**
- **1 year later BP 134/77, no antihypertensive Rx**
Creatinine 76, ACR 10.5

Glasgow Renal Artery Sympathectomy

Study (GRASS) summary



Mark P, Brady AJB, et al. J Human Hypertension 2013 suppl

- **Promising treatment for resistant hypertension**
- **In our hands approx 20-25% ‘non responder’**
- **The rest- variable degrees of response representing ‘real world experience’**
- **Considerable need for pre, peri, post procedural care- i.e. not a day case procedure**
- **Longer term studies in real world and in better defined patient groups required**



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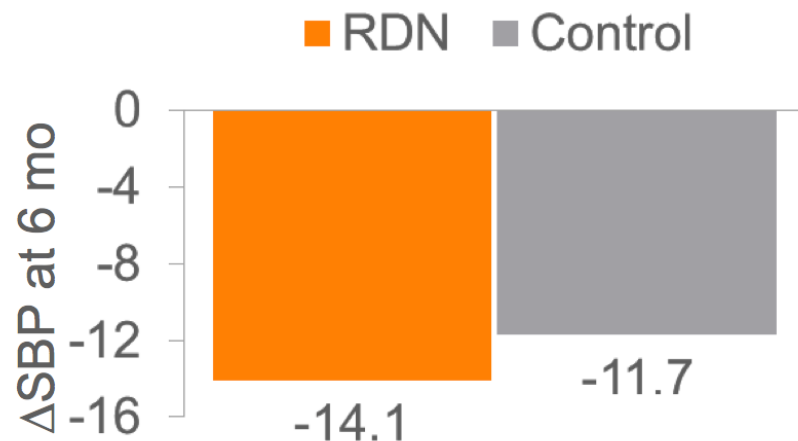
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MINNEAPOLIS, MN — The **SYMPLICITY HTN-3** trial, a phase 3 study testing catheter-based renal denervation for the treatment of resistant hypertension, failed to achieve its primary efficacy end point, according to a statement released by Medtronic ¹.

Despite no safety concerns, the study, which randomized 535 treatment-resistant hypertension patients, failed to show that treatment with the investigational procedure resulted in a

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Symplecity HTN 3-Primary efficacy endpoint



	RDN	Control	P value
Baseline SBP	179.7	180.2	0.765
6 mo SBP	165.6	168.4	0.260

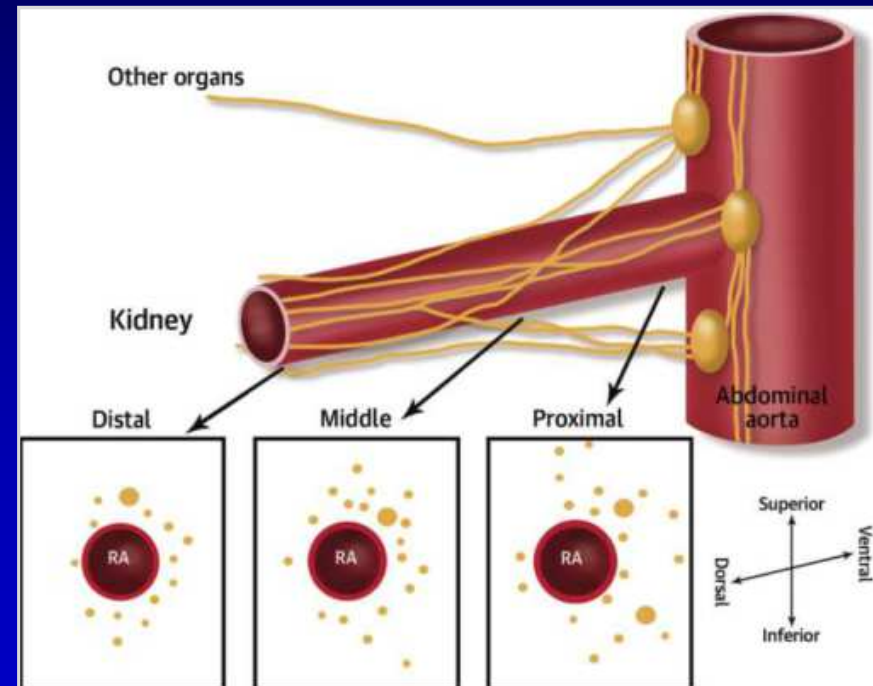
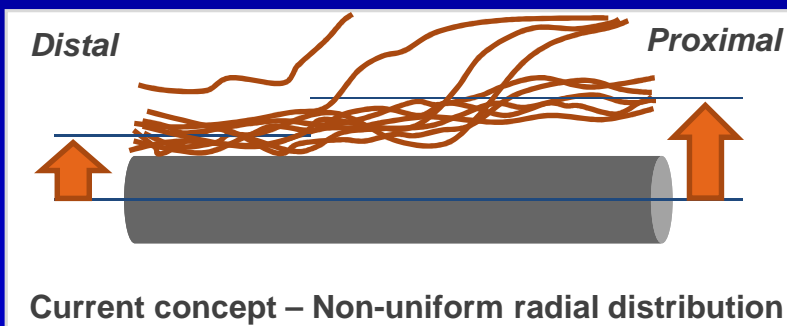
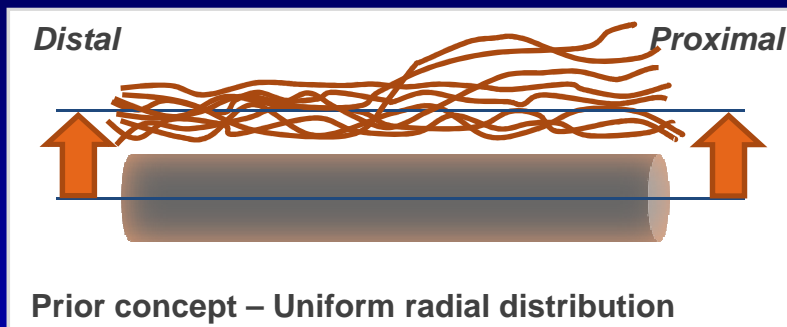
Change -14.1 -11.7 0.255¹
 $P < 0.001$ $P < 0.001$

-2.39 (-6.89, 2.12), $P = 0.255$ (Primary analysis with 5 mm Hg superiority margin)

- Did not meet primary efficacy endpoint

Our View of Renal Nerve Distribution Has Changed

Renal nerves may have a positional bias on radial distance from arterial lumen: distal nerves are closer



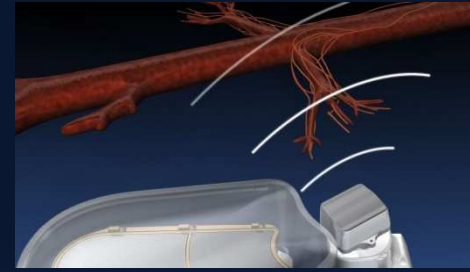
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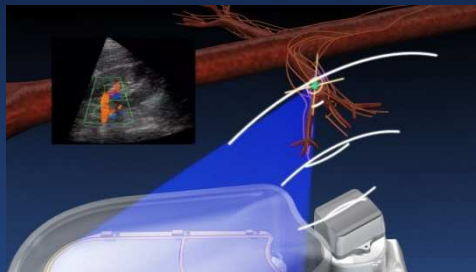
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Imaging and therapy ultrasound positioned beneath patient



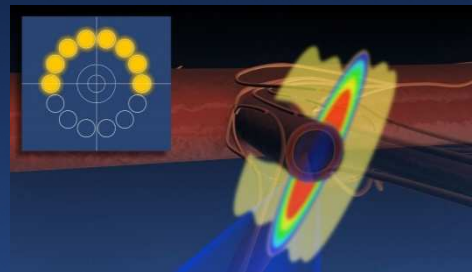
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Ultrasound imaging used to identify renal artery



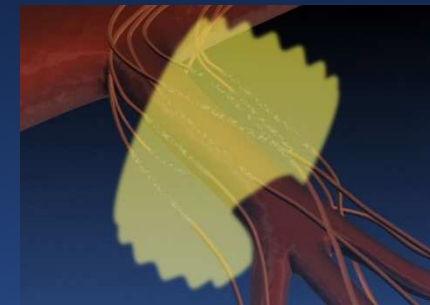
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External ultrasound energy guided by ultrasound image and motion tracking



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Focused ultrasound energy administered in treatment "pattern" to ablate nerves located outside of artery



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Energy field surrounds artery, ablates renal nerves

Note: Kona Surround Sound Hypertension Therapy is investigational and not approved for sale

Case Report

- 55 year old lady; HT 10 years
- Son died 1 week previously - drugs overdose
- O/E: very anxious, tearful, tachypnoeic
Clammy, tremulous
Heart sounds I + II +IV
Chest clear
Fundi: Grade III hypertensive retinopathy
Urinalysis: proteinuria +
- Heart rate 120/min
- BP >300/150 mm Hg

Qu. Drug therapy?

- 1. i.v. sodium nitroprusside
- 2. i.v. GTN
- 3. i.v. labetalol
- 4. Oral nifedipine
- 5. Oral Bendroflumethiazide
- 6. Oral atenolol
- 7. Oral ACEi

Answer slide

Answer:

- Atenolol 25 mg p.o.
- Blood pressure fell to 205/110 mm Hg
- BFZ 2.5 mg added the next day
- BP 180/100 mm Hg
- Adalat LA 20 o.d. added
- 164/95 mm Hg

Investigations: MRI renal angiogram



Treatment: Bilateral renal artery stenting



Case Report

Discharged home:

128/66 mm Hg

Atenolol 50 mg bd; BFZ 2.5 mg

Simvastatin 40 mg; aspirin 75 mg

2013 UK Position Statement on Renal Artery Stenosis

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GRAND ROUND

Grand Rounds at the British Hypertension Society: renal artery stenosis

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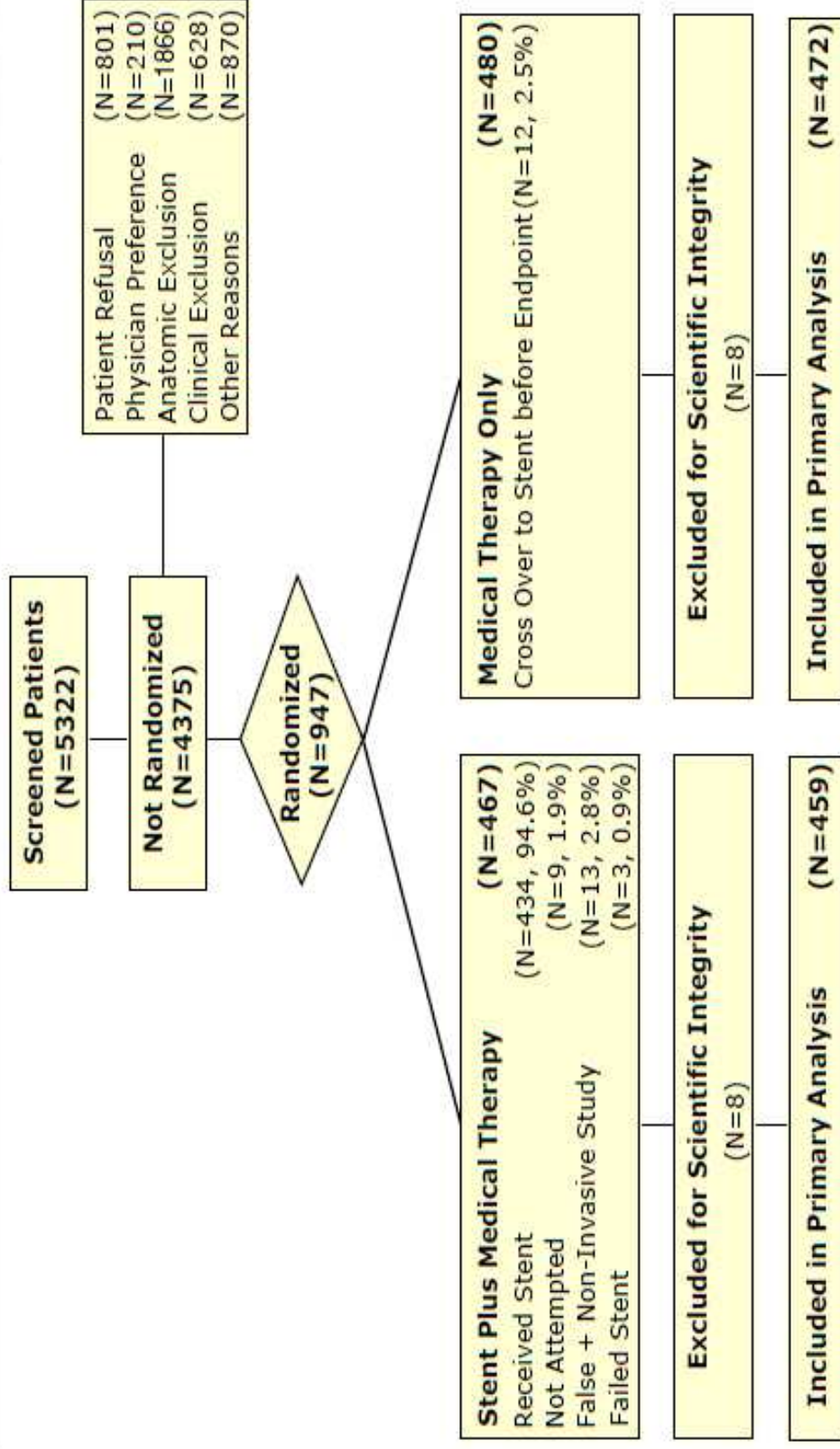


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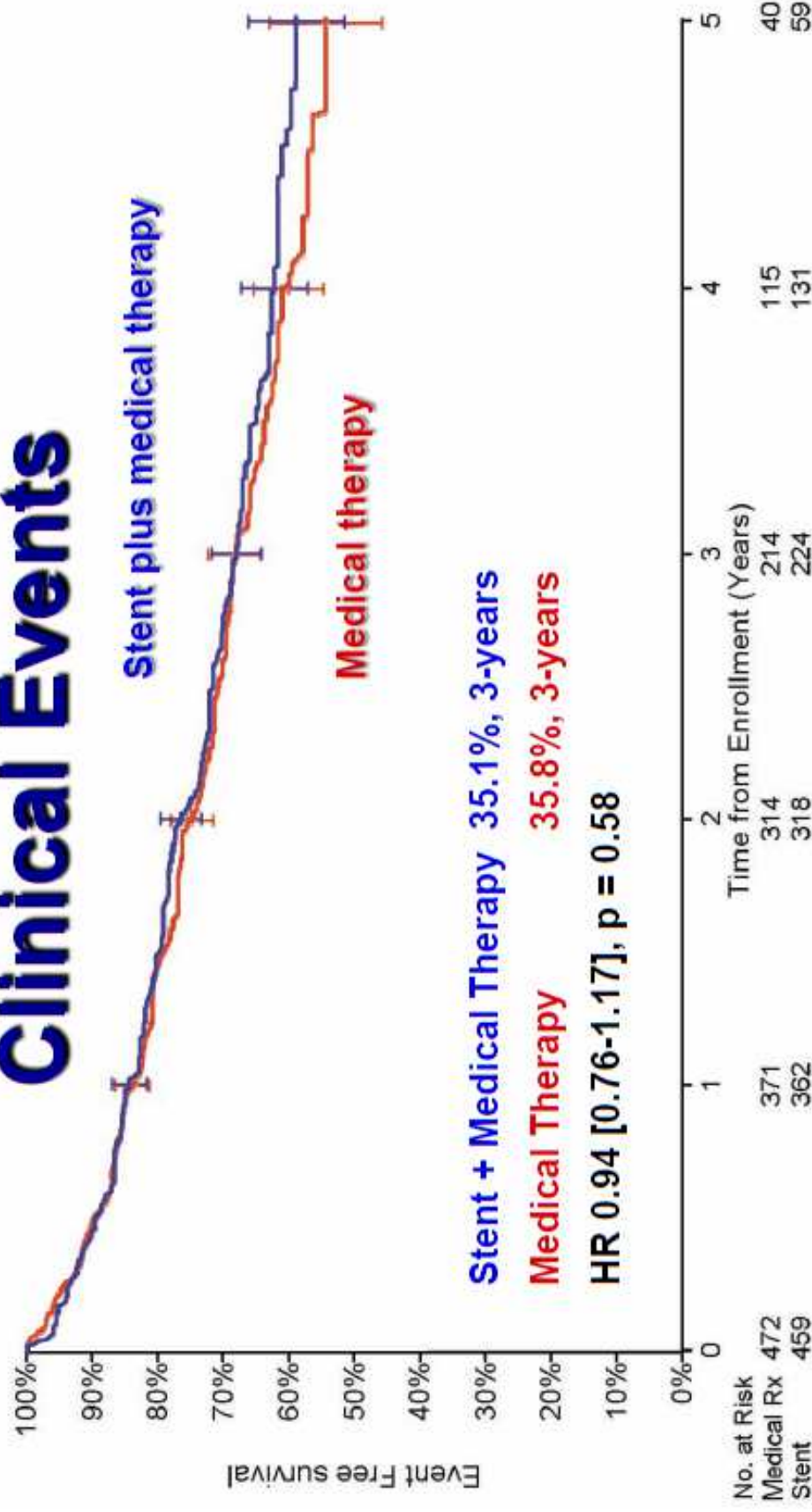
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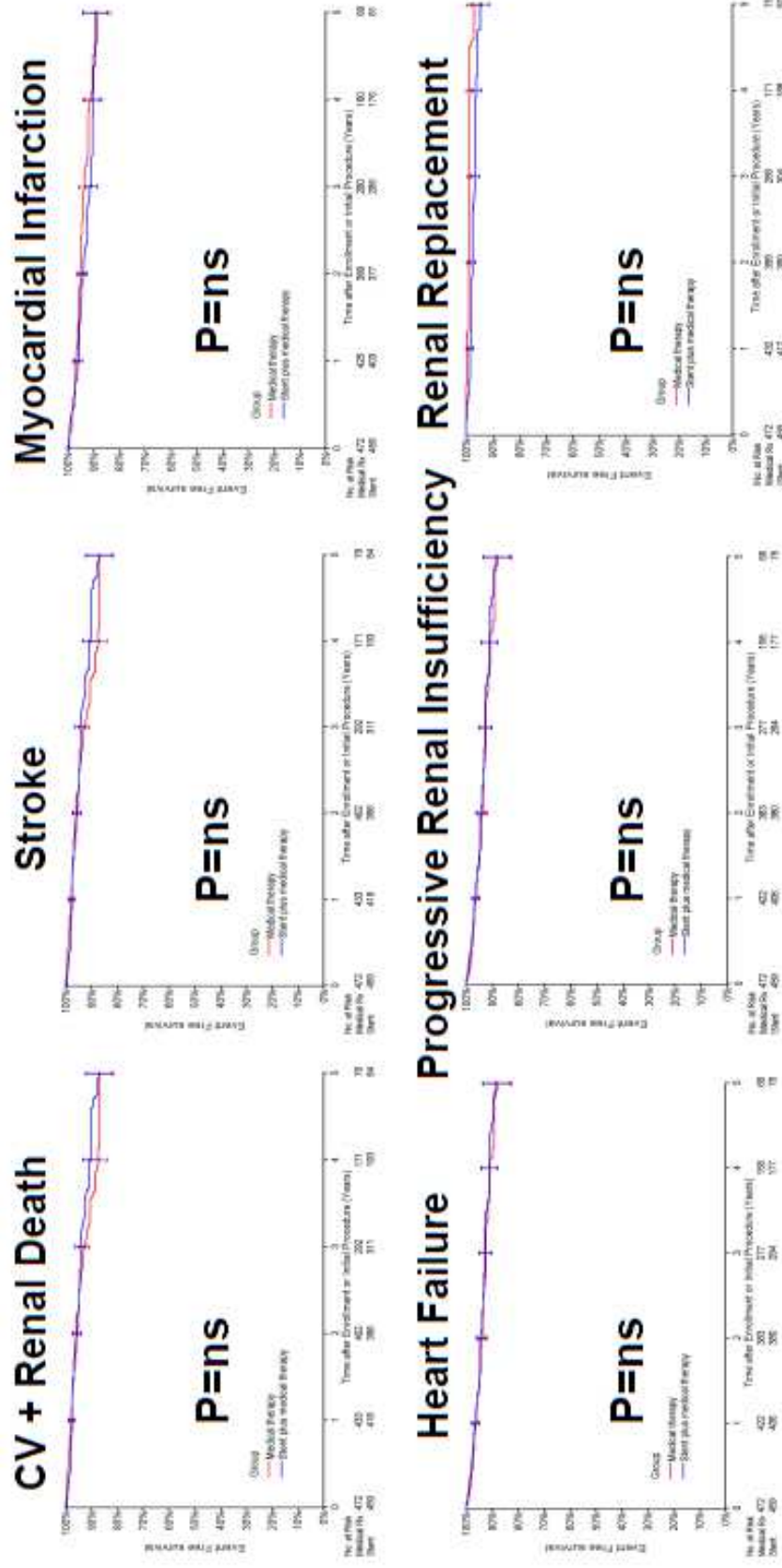
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Results: Primary Endpoint

Clinical Events



Results: Secondary Endpoints



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Systolic Blood Pressure Intervention Trial (SPRINT)

Principal Results

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Location of 102 SPRINT Clinical Centers

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-Ohio -Southeast -Utah -
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Central Laboratory

MRI Reading Center

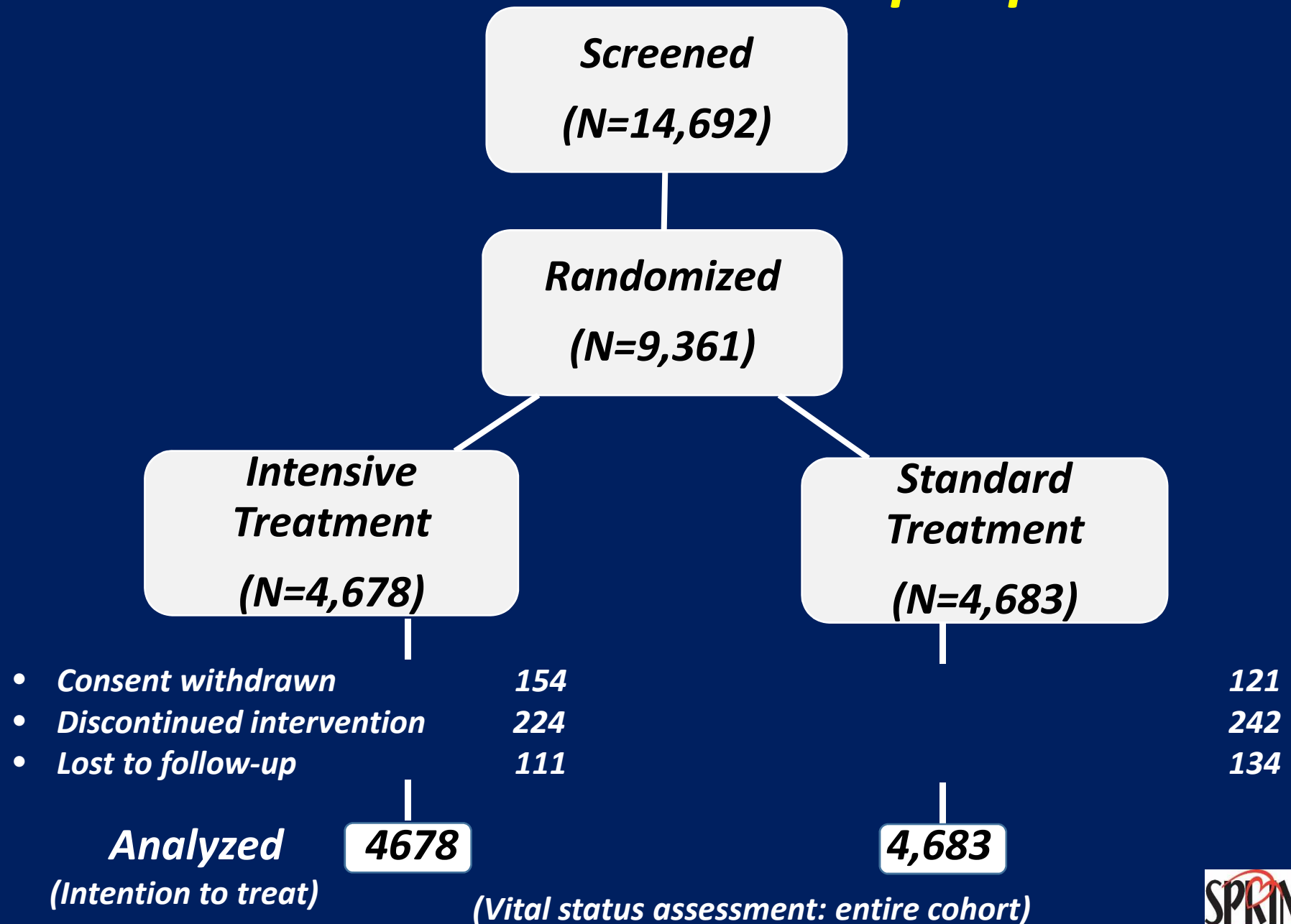
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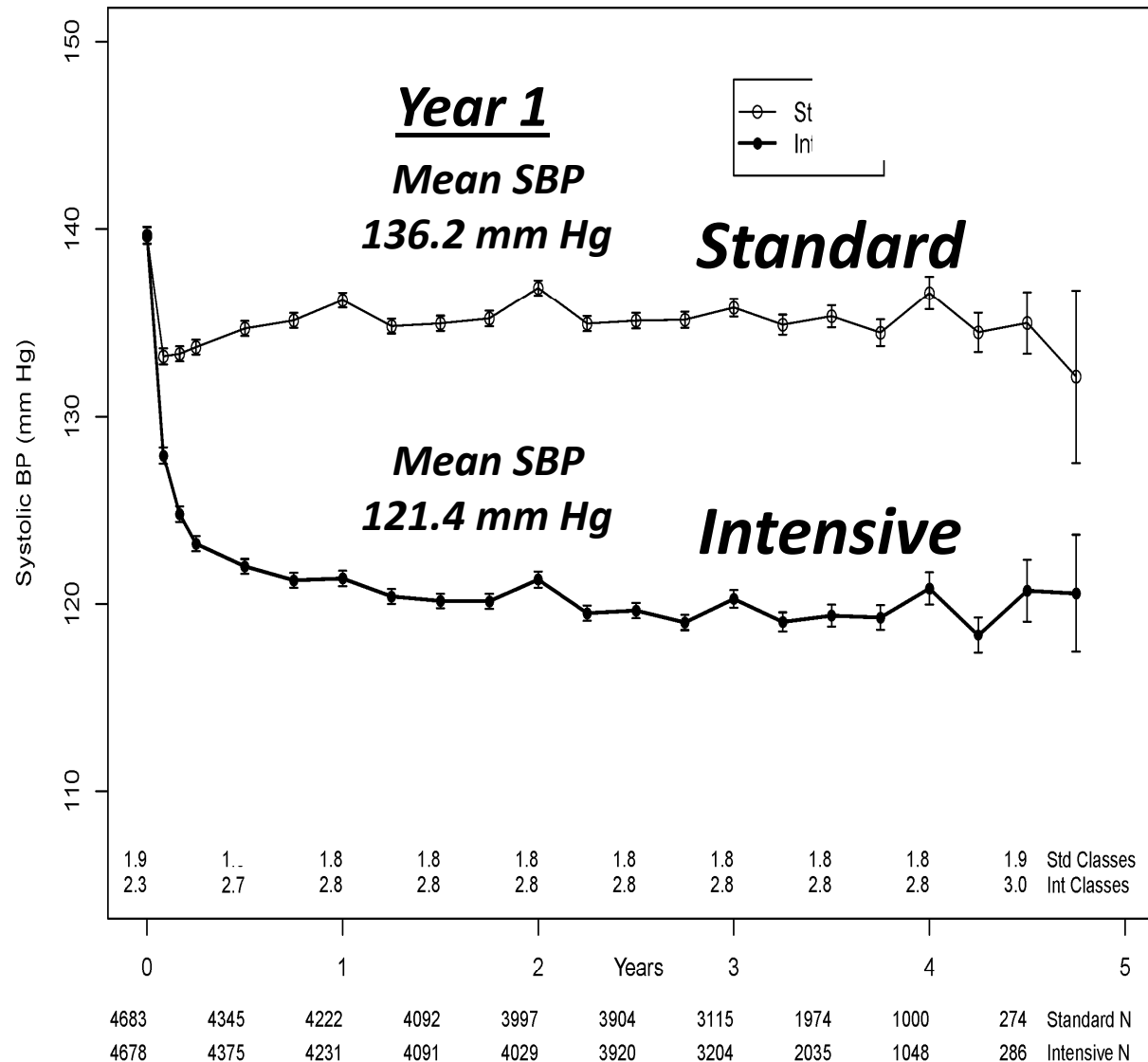


Demoaraphic and Baseline

	Total N=9361	Intensive N=4678	Standard N=4683
Mean (SD) age, years	67.9 (9.4)	67.9 (9.4)	67.9 (9.5)
% ≥75 years	28.2%	28.2%	28.2%
Female, %	35.6%	36.0%	35.2%
White, %	57.7%	57.7%	57.7%
African-American, %	29.9%	29.5%	30.4%
Hispanic, %	10.5%	10.8%	10.3%
Prior CVD, %	20.1%	20.1%	20.0%
Mean 10-year Framingham CVD risk, %	20.1%	20.1%	20.1%
Taking antihypertensive meds, %	90.6%	90.8%	90.4%
Mean (SD) number of antihypertensive meds	1.8 (1.0)	1.8 (1.0)	1.8 (1.0)
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Systolic BP During Follow-up

Figure 11. Mean Systolic BP (95% CI)



Average SBP
(During Follow-up)

Standard: 134.6 mm Hg

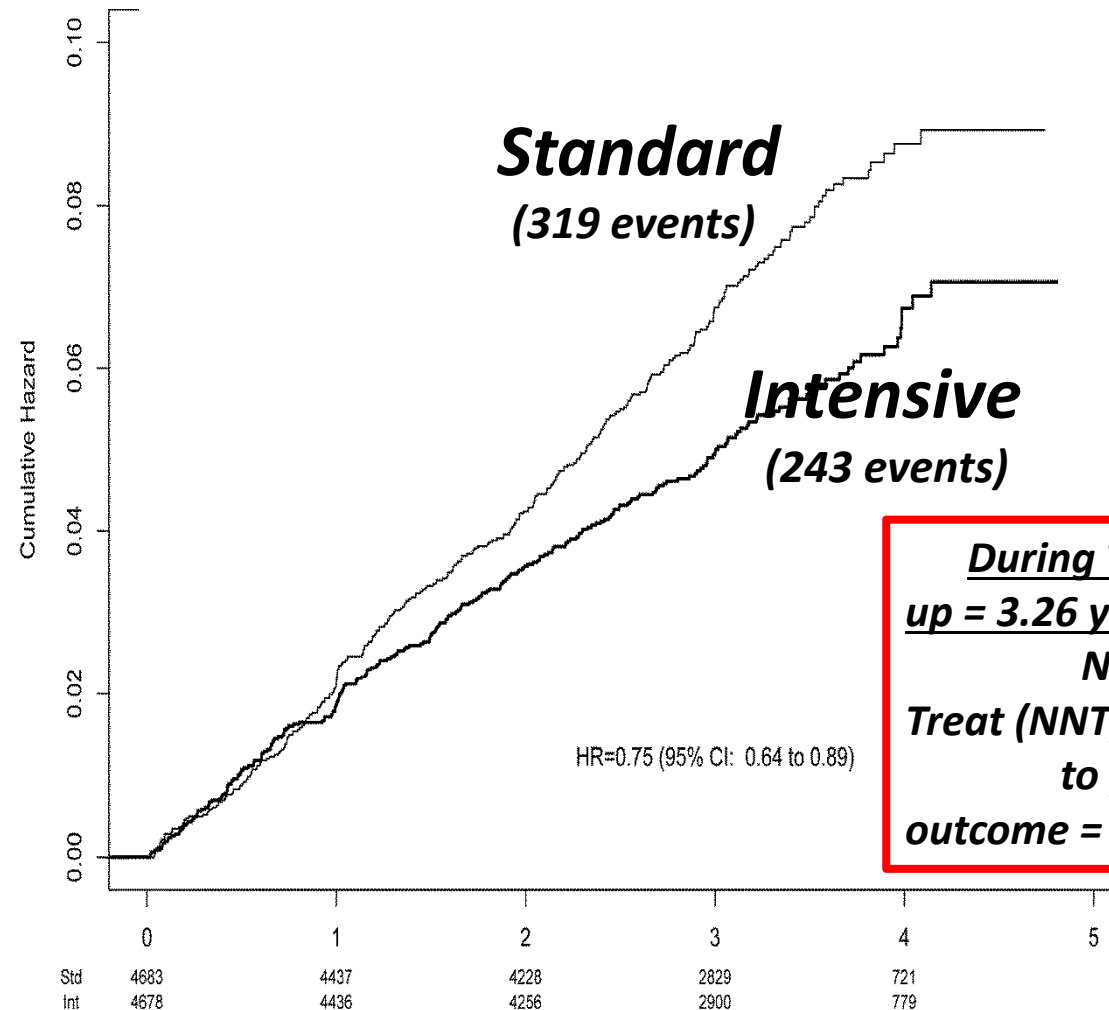
Intensive: 121.5 mm Hg

Average number of antihypertensive medications

Number of participants

SPRINT Primary Outcome Cumulative Hazard

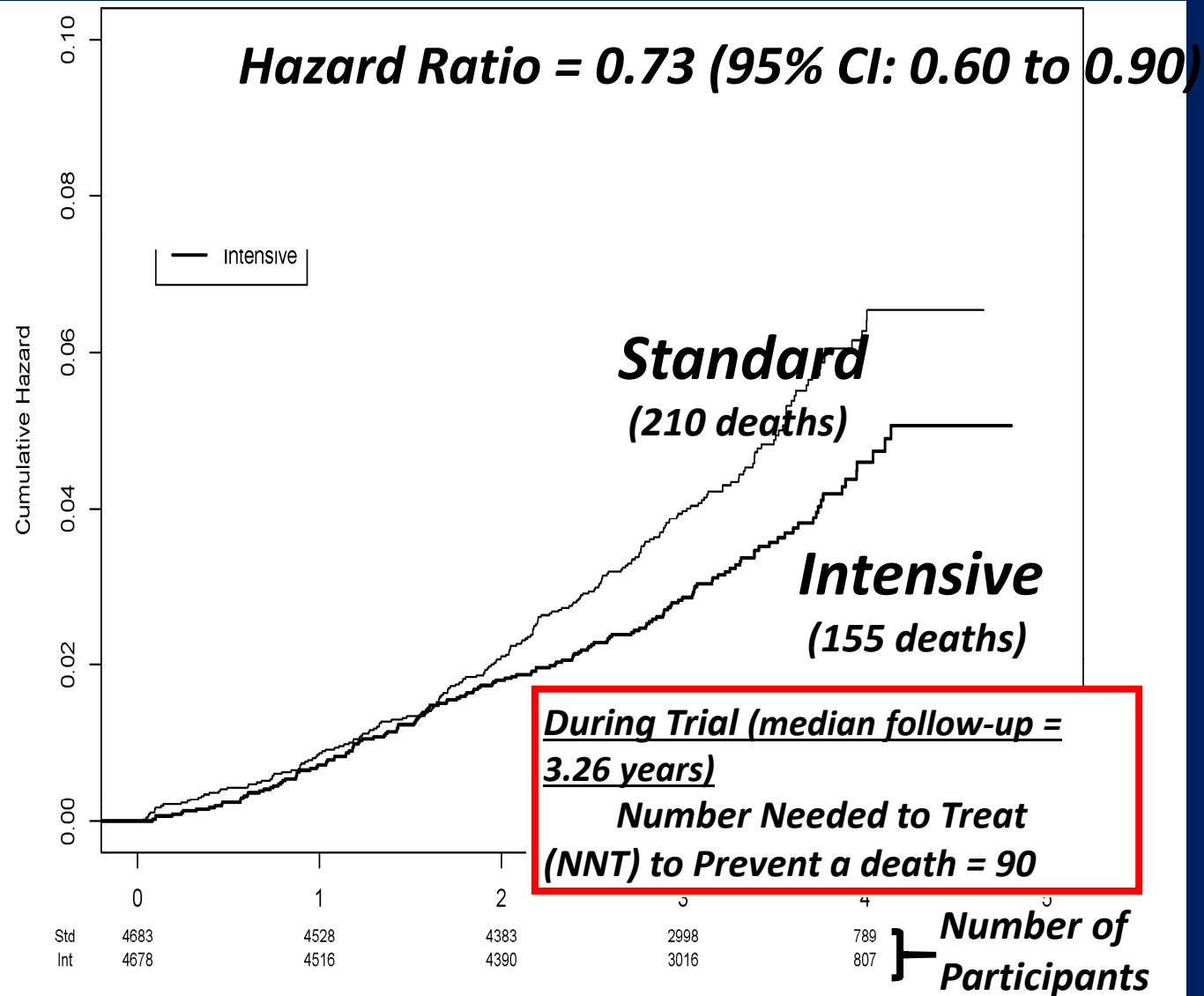
Hazard Ratio = 0.75 (95% CI: 0.64 to 0.89)



During Trial (median follow-up = 3.26 years)

Number Needed to Treat (NNT) to prevent a primary outcome = 61

All-cause Mortality Cumulative Hazard



Summary and Conclusions

- *In participants with CKD at baseline, no differences in renal outcomes*
- *In participants without CKD at baseline, incidence of eGFR reduction $\geq 30\%$ more common in Intensive Group*
- *No overall difference in serious adverse events (SAEs) between treatment groups*
- *SAEs associated with hypotension, syncope, electrolyte abnormalities, and hospital discharge reports of acute kidney injury or acute renal failure more common in Intensive Group*
- *Overall, benefits of more intensive BP lowering exceeded the potential for harm*

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What is May Measurement Month?

May Measurement Month is a worldwide screening initiative aimed at highlighting the need for increased blood pressure awareness. This is important because many people don't know they have high blood pressure.

Who can get involved?

We're looking for adult volunteers aged 18-plus who ideally have not had their blood pressure recorded in the past year. But don't worry if you have — you can still take part. All the data we collect is anonymous. We will not record your name or anything else that could identify you as an individual on any database or anywhere else.

Where do I go to take part? [INSERT LOCAL SCREENING CENTRE DETAILS]

What happens at the screening?

You'll be asked some simple health questions then we'll measure your blood pressure. That's it. The whole process only takes around 15 to 20 minutes.

Join us now and have your blood pressure checked!



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What's May Measurement Month all about?

10 million lives lost

Every year 10 million people around the world die needlessly because of high blood pressure, making it the planet's single biggest killer. They will suffer a stroke, have a heart attack, or die from another cardiovascular complication

linked to hypertension — the medical term for high blood pressure.

And the real tragedy is that only around half of those who die this way will even have known they had raised blood pressure.

We want to change this, starting now

May Measurement Month is a global initiative led by two organisations representing the world's leading cardiologists and researchers specialising in hypertension — the [International Society of Hypertension](#) and the [World Hypertension League](#).

Our goal is to measure 25 million adults aged 18+ from 1-31 May 2017 at screening centres in 100 countries. We want each of those 25 million people to leave us knowing what their blood pressure is and what they need to do next.

Get involved!

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Hypertension 2017:

Conclusions

- 1. Define Hypertension with ABPM / HBPM**
- 2. Identify contributing lifestyle factors**
- 3. Discontinue / minimize drugs that ↑ BP**
- 4. Investigate for secondary causes of hypertension**
- 5. Maximize and optimize pharmacotherapy**
- 6. Don't overtreat older (or younger) patients**
- 7. Avoid hypotension at all costs**
- 8. Consider interventional procedures**