

Hypertension Update

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Overview

- Background
- Diagnosis
- Management
- Guideline Comparison

Background

- Importance
 - In 2020, hypertension was the leading cause of death and disability-adjusted life years worldwide (WHO).
 - In the US, second only to cigarettes as preventable cause of death
 - 25% of cardiovascular events attributable to hypertension in ARIC

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 - Half with hypertension do not have adequate control

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- Prevalence
 - 32% under JNC-8/ current ACP/AAFP, ISH
 - 46% under recent AHA/ACC

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Background

- Complex & Interdependent relationship between modifiable & fixed risk factors
 - Modifiable
 - Cigarette smoke exposure
 - Diabetes
 - Dyslipidemia
 - Obesity
 - Lack of physical activity
 - Poor diet

- Fixed
 - Male
 - Family History
 - Low SES
 - OSA
 - Stress
 - Chronic Kidney disease
 - Age

Berry JD, Dyer A, Cai X, et al. Lifetime risks of cardiovascular disease. N Engl J Med. 2012;366:321-9

- Who to screen?
 - USPSTF 2021 Statement:
 - "The USPSTF recommends screening for hypertension in adults 18 years or older with office blood pressure measurement (OBPM). The USPSTF recommends obtaining blood pressure measurements outside of the clinical setting for diagnostic confirmation before starting treatment."

US Preventive Services Task Force. Screening for Hypertension in Adults: US Preventive Services Task Force Reaffirmation Recommendation Statement. *JAMA*. 2021;325(16):1650–1656. doi:10.1001/jama.2021.4987

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- Definitions (AHA/ACC):
 - ->Normal <120/80mmHg
 - ->Elevated blood pressure: 120-129mmHg/<80mmHg
 - ->Stage 1 HTN: 130-139mmHg or diastolic 80-89mmHg
 - ->Stage 2 HTN: 140mmHg or greater systolic,
 90mmHg or greater diastolic

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- Clinical Evaluation-History
 - Organ damage
 - Risk factors
 - Lifestyle
 - Medications
 - Substance abuse

- Clinical Evaluation-Physical Exam
 - End-organ damage
 - Fundoscopic exam

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- Clinical Evaluation-Lab Testing
 - Electrolytes with calcium and creatinine
 - Fasting glucose
 - Urinalysis
 - Complete Blood Count
 - Thyroid testing-TSH
 - Lipids
 - Electrocardiogram
 - Use labs & clinic data to calculate 10-year ASCVD risk (ACC/AHA)

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- Clinical Evaluation-Lab Testing
 - Additional depending on circumstance:
 - · Urine albumin to creatinine ratio
 - Echocardiogram
 - Secondary Hypertension

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- Risk Factors
 - Primary
 - Secondary

Primary Risk Factors

- Family history-about 30% of population variation is due to genetic factors, and twice as common if at least 1 parent has it
- Age
- Sodium intake
- Obesity
- Physical activity level
- Race
- Alcohol
- Kidney mass

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Secondary Risk Factors

- Oral contraceptives
- NSAIDs
- Antidepressants
- Corticosteroids
- Decongestants
- Weight-loss medications
- Antacids with sodium
- Erythropoietin
- Cyclosporine/tacrolimus
- Stimulants
- Atypical antipsychotics

- Anti-angiogenesis
- Tyrosine Kinase inhibitors
- Illegal drugs
- Kidney disease
- Hyperaldosteronism
- Renovascular
- Obstructive Sleep Apnea
- Pheochromocytoma
- Cushing's syndrome
- Endocrine disorders
- Coarctation of the aorta

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- Complications
 - Left ventricular hypertrophy
 - Heart Failure
 - Stroke-ischemic & hemorrhagic
 - Coronary Artery Disease
 - Chronic Kidney Disease/End-Stage Renal Disease

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Management

- Lifestyle
- Medications

Lifestyle

- Salt restriction-~5mmHg systolic/2.5mmHg diastolic
- Increased potassium intake via diet
- Weight loss-~1mmHg/lb lost
- DASH diet: combination of low-salt, high potassium, magnesium, calcium, protein, fiber, low fat/cholesterol, reduced by 6mmHg systolic/4mmHg diastolic
- Exercise: 3-4x40minutes for 12 weeks can get 4-6/3mmHg
- Limit daily alcohol intake-2 or fewer for men, 1 or fewer for women

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- Medication
 - Effective on outcomes

Medication-where to start?

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- Medication-where to start?
 - Thiazide diuretics
 - Long-acting calcium channel blockers eg amlodipine (CCB)
 - Angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors (ACE-I)
 - Angiotensin receptor blockers (ARB)

- Special cases:
 - Black patients-best evidence for starting with thiazide or CCB
 - Diabetic nephropathy or any chronic kidney disease with proteinuria-ACE-I/ARB
 - Don't start with a beta blocker anymore, unless they have coronary artery disease or systolic heart failure

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- Sequential Management
 - 15mmHg+ above goal: start with 2 agents
 - 2 is not enough: go to 3 (ACE-I/ARB, thiazide, CCB)
 - 3 is not enough: "drug-resistant hypertension)
 - 4 drugs+: resistant hypertension

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Conclusion

- Hypertension is prevalent
- Consequences are severe
- Proper diagnosis is key
- Intervention is effective
- Guidelines are a guide