



Hypertension and CKD

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Outline and Objectives

Content

- Epidemiology of HTN and CKD
- Evidence behind target BPs recommended in guidelines
 - Which targets apply to which patients
- Evidence behind choice of BP agent (who gets RAASi?)
- Other management considerations
 - Lifestyle interventions
 - Measuring BP
 - Sick day medication adjustments

Objectives

- Have an understanding of the interaction between HTN and CKD
- Understand where BP targets come from and how that applies to individual patients
- Understand the evidence behind choice of BP agents
- Understand proper methods for BP measurement in and out of office

Hypertension and CKD: by the numbers

- Approximately 25%-30% of Canadians have hypertension (depending on definitions, series)
- Approximately 10% of Canadians have some degree of CKD
 - >17,000 registered CKD patients in BC

>50% (up to ~80% in some reports) of CKD patients have HTN

- As of 2019, there are 7077 patients with ESKD (dialysis or transplant) in BC
 - In 829 (11%) vascular/HTN nephrosclerosis is listed as the sole cause
 - Attribution is difficult in this setting (more later)

Even for those in whom it is not the cause, BP management is a key management consideration in CKD care



Blood pressure control is directly related to renal outcomes...

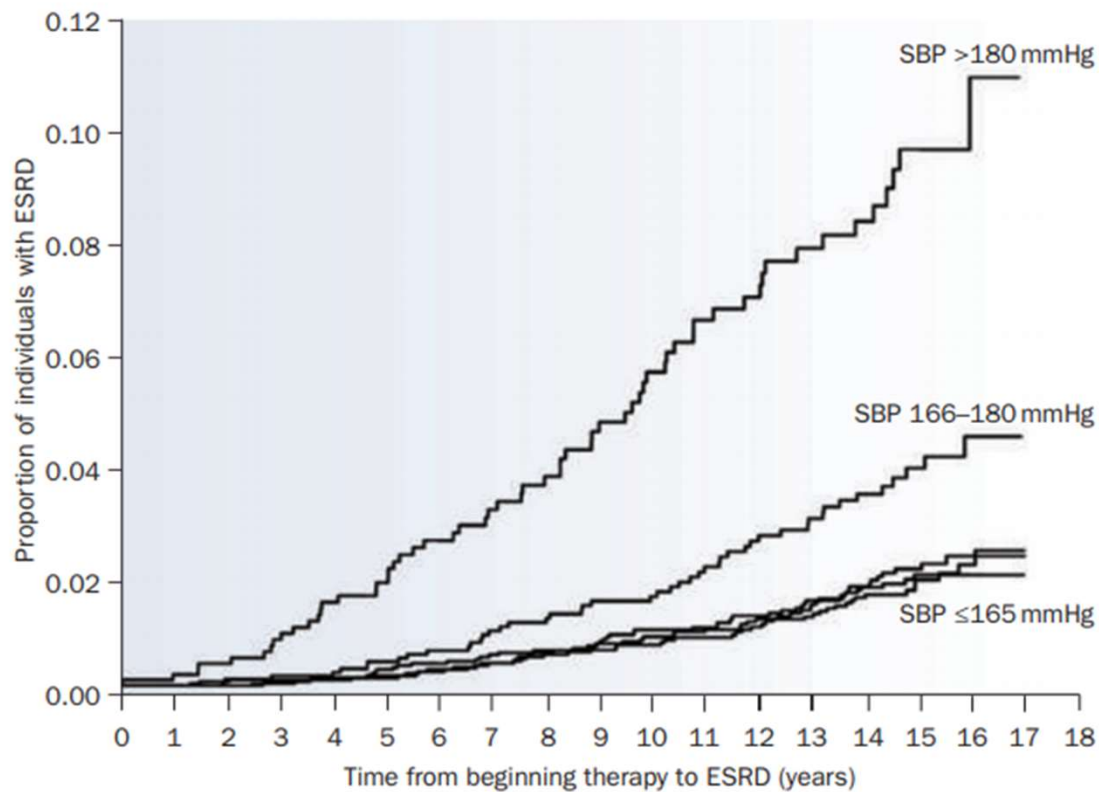
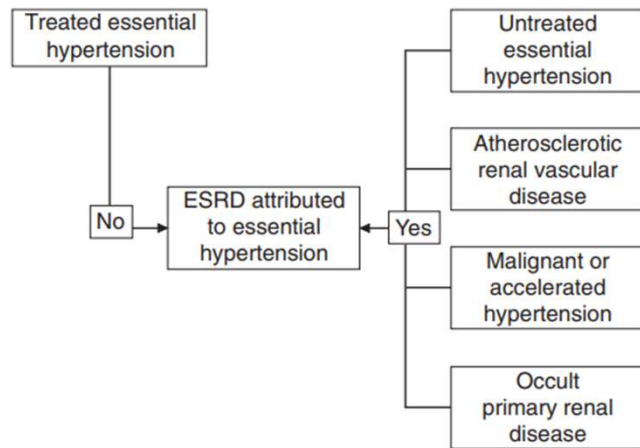


Figure is just renal outcomes, not to mention cardiovascular outcomes..

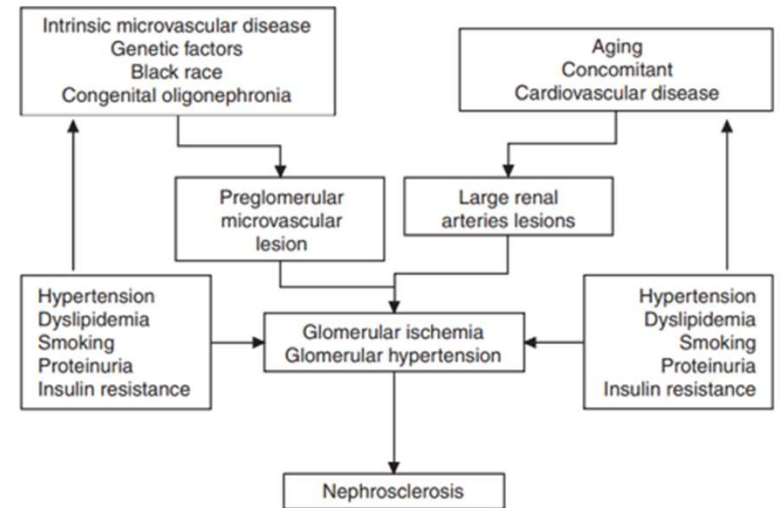
...But, it is not always a straightforward diagnosis/relationship!



Not all patients with hypertensive nephrosclerosis have systemic/arterial hypertension

AND

Not all hypertensive patients with CKD have hypertensive nephrosclerosis!

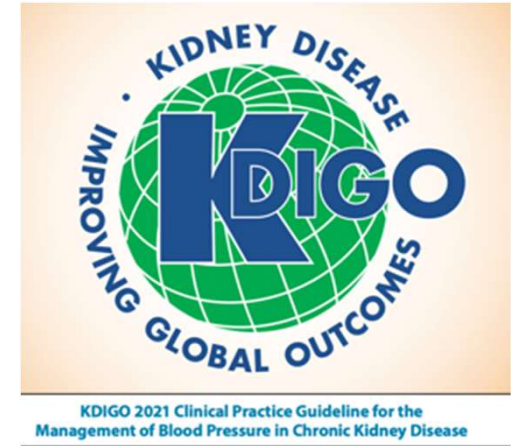
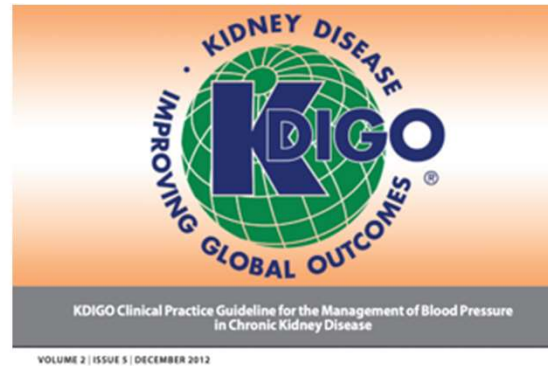


Features suggestive of hypertensive nephrosclerosis

- Long-standing or very severe hypertension (eg >10 years)
- Black race
- Hypertensive retinal changes
- Left ventricular hypertrophy
- Proteinuria less than 0.5 g/d
- Hypertension diagnosed prior to the onset of proteinuria
- Hypertension preceding kidney dysfunction
- Black race
- No signs of alternate diagnosis

Important to do a **screen to rule out other causes**, especially if it does not fit this patient profile

Managing HTN: Targets, targets, targets!



Patient population	BP treatment target	
	SBP mmHg	DBP mmHg
Hypertension Canada High-Risk Patient*	< 120	N/A
Diabetes mellitus**	< 130	< 80
Moderate-to-high Risk (TOD or CV risk factors)**	< 140	< 90
Low Risk (No TOD or CV risk factors)**	< 140	< 90

Chapter 3: Blood pressure management in CKD ND patients without diabetes mellitus

- 3.1: We recommend that non-diabetic adults with CKD ND and urine albumin excretion <30 mg per 24 hours (or equivalent*) whose office BP is consistently >140 mm Hg systolic or >90 mm Hg diastolic be treated with BP-lowering drugs to maintain a BP that is consistently ≤140 mm Hg systolic and ≤90 mm Hg diastolic. (1B)
- 3.2: We suggest that non-diabetic adults with CKD ND and urine albumin excretion of 30 to 300 mg per 24 hours (or equivalent*) whose office BP is consistently >130 mm Hg systolic or >80 mm Hg diastolic be treated with BP-lowering drugs to maintain a BP that is consistently ≤130 mm Hg systolic and ≤80 mm Hg diastolic. (2D)
- 3.3: We suggest that non-diabetic adults with CKD ND and urine albumin excretion >300 mg per 24 hours (or equivalent*) whose office BP is consistently >130 mm Hg systolic or >80 mm Hg diastolic be treated with BP-lowering drugs to maintain a BP that is consistently ≤130 mm Hg systolic and ≤80 mm Hg diastolic. (2C)

Chapter 4: Blood pressure management in CKD ND patients with diabetes mellitus

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Recommendation 3.1.1: We suggest that adults with high BP and CKD be treated with a target systolic blood pressure (SBP) of <120 mm Hg, when tolerated, using standardized office BP measurement (2B).

CKD is included in the 'high risk' category for Hypertension Canada BUT only non-diabetic and protein <1g/day



Whirlwind tour of HTN evidence

Where did these targets come from?

HOT trial: 'Goldilocks'

- 18790 patients randomized to different BP targets (as well as to ASA or not)
- This is where the 'sweet spot' for BP control comes from (138/86)
 - In general no benefit of going lower AND increased CV mortality

Combined endpoint

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Stroke

CV mortality

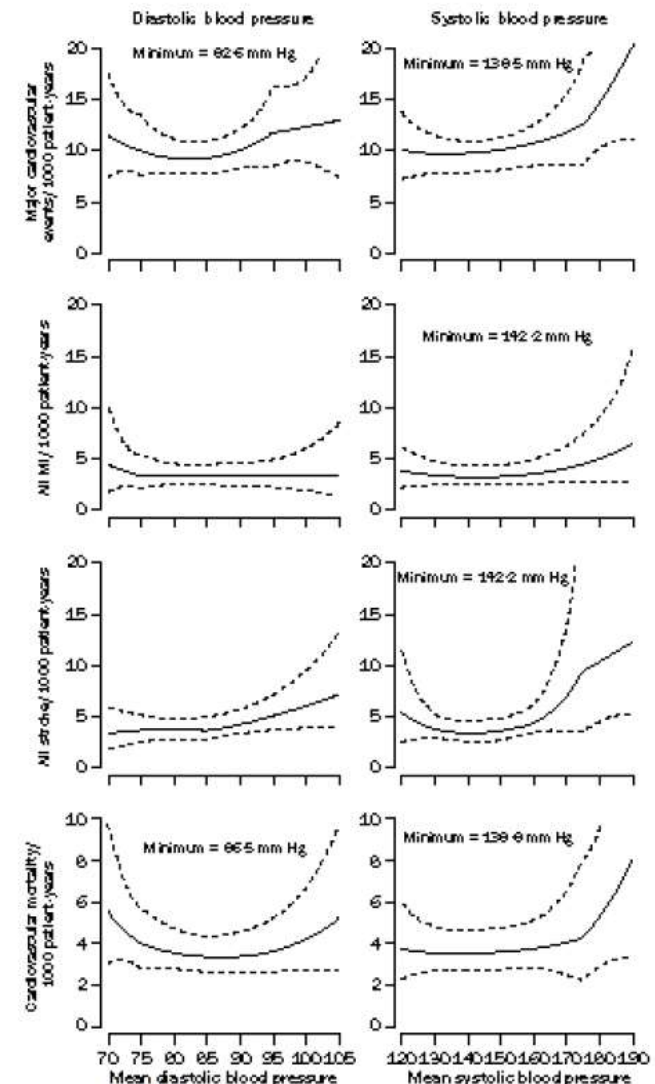
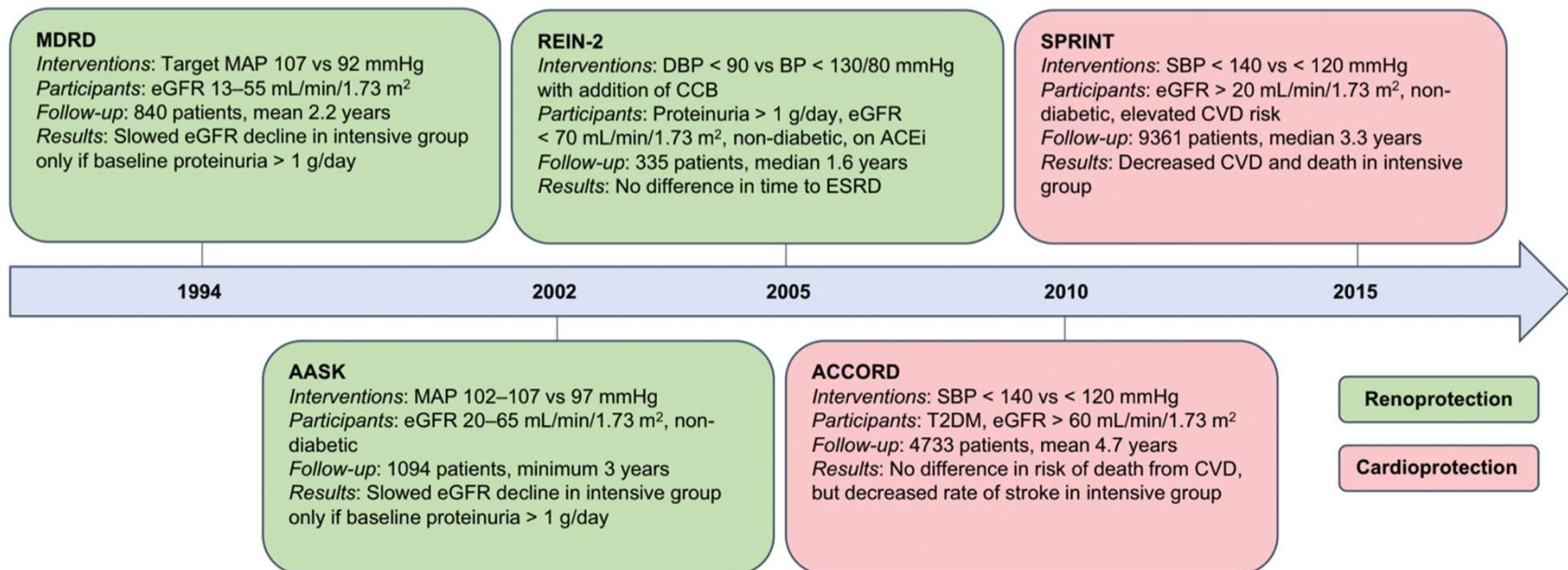


Figure 3: Estimated incidence (95% CI) of cardiovascular events in relation to achieved mean diastolic and systolic blood pressure. The blood pressure at the lowest point of the curve is indicated (minimum).



Big Question 1: Is
lower better in
CKD patients?

Landmark trials in CKD and HTN



REIN 2: Non-diabetic CKD

- Non-diabetic CKD treated with ramipril
- Randomized to either conventional (DBP <90) or intensified (<130/80) BP control
- No difference in outcomes

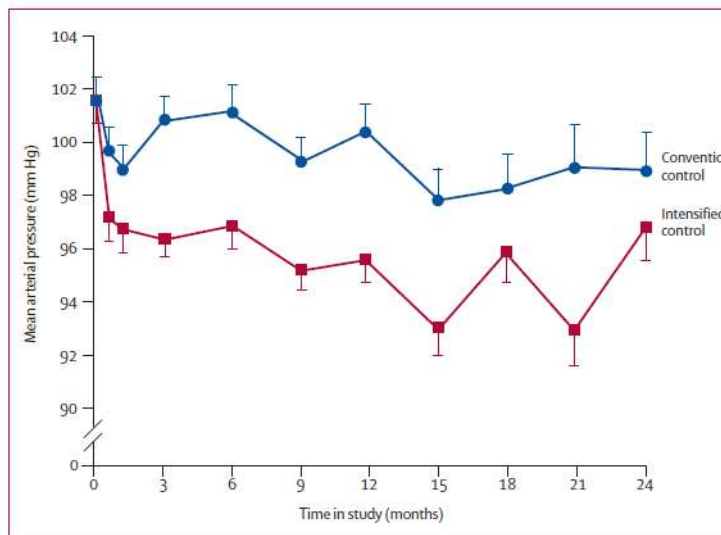


Figure 2: Mean arterial pressure in each study arm
Error bars are SE.

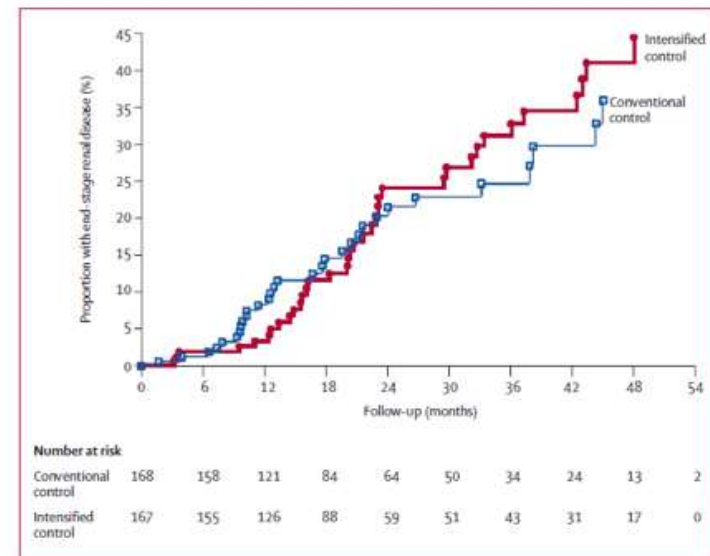


Figure 3: Proportion of patients with end-stage renal disease in each study arm

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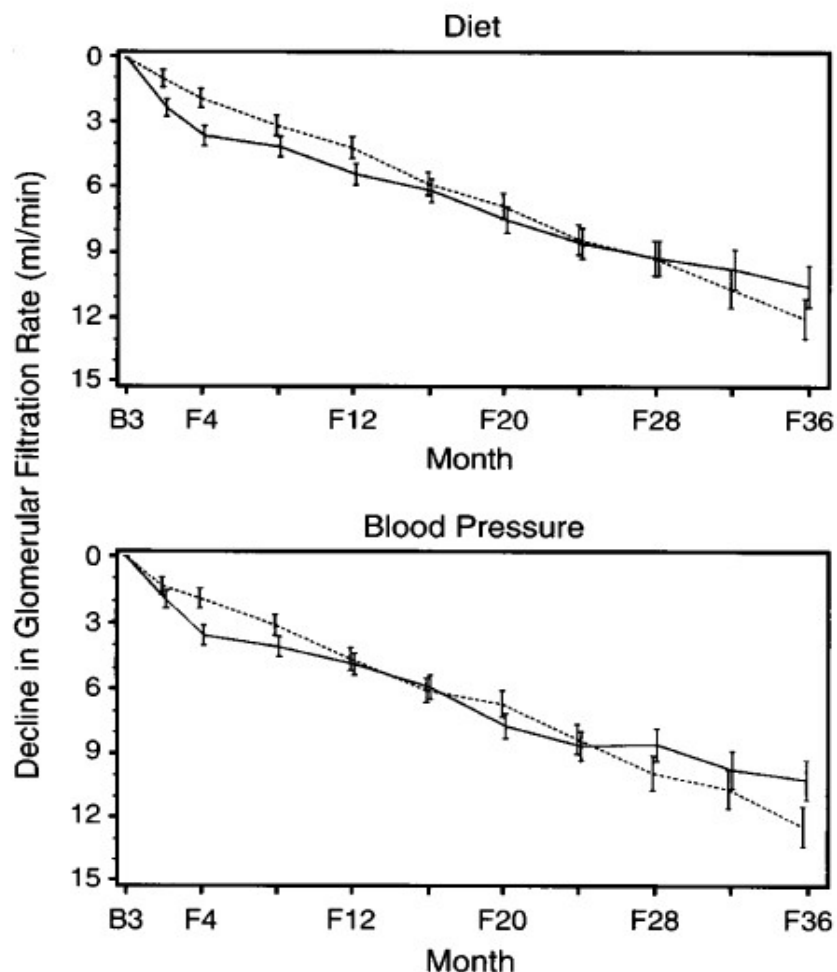
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THE EFFECTS OF DIETARY PROTEIN RESTRICTION AND BLOOD-PRESSURE CONTROL ON THE PROGRESSION OF CHRONIC RENAL DISEASE

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FOR THE MODIFICATION OF DIET IN RENAL DISEASE STUDY GROUP*

- In this study, patients with non-diabetic CKD (Cr 106-619) were randomized to a normal or low protein diet as well as normal or low blood pressure goals (MAP 107 vs 92).
- The majority of patients in this study had either glomerular disease or PCKD as their cause of CKD



- Dashed = usual BP (MAP = 96; ~130/80)

- Solid = low BP (MAP = 91; ~127/75)

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- For the whole population, there was no difference with the lower goal
- **BUT**
- There was a difference in the proteinuric patients
- Not shown but a longer term follow up was done, showed sustained effect

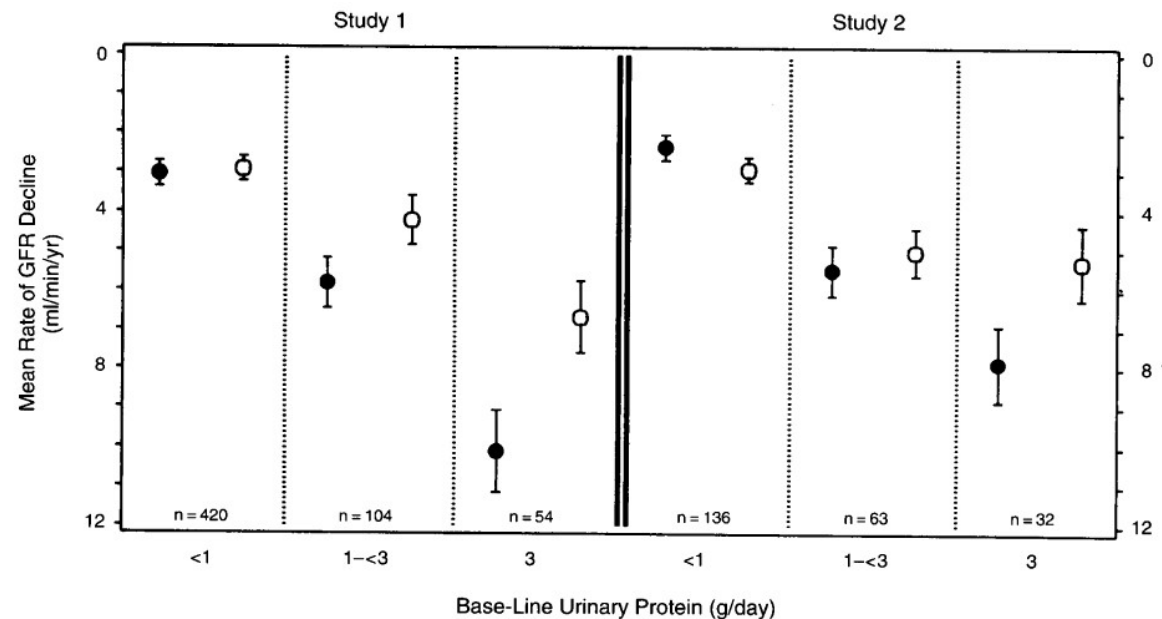
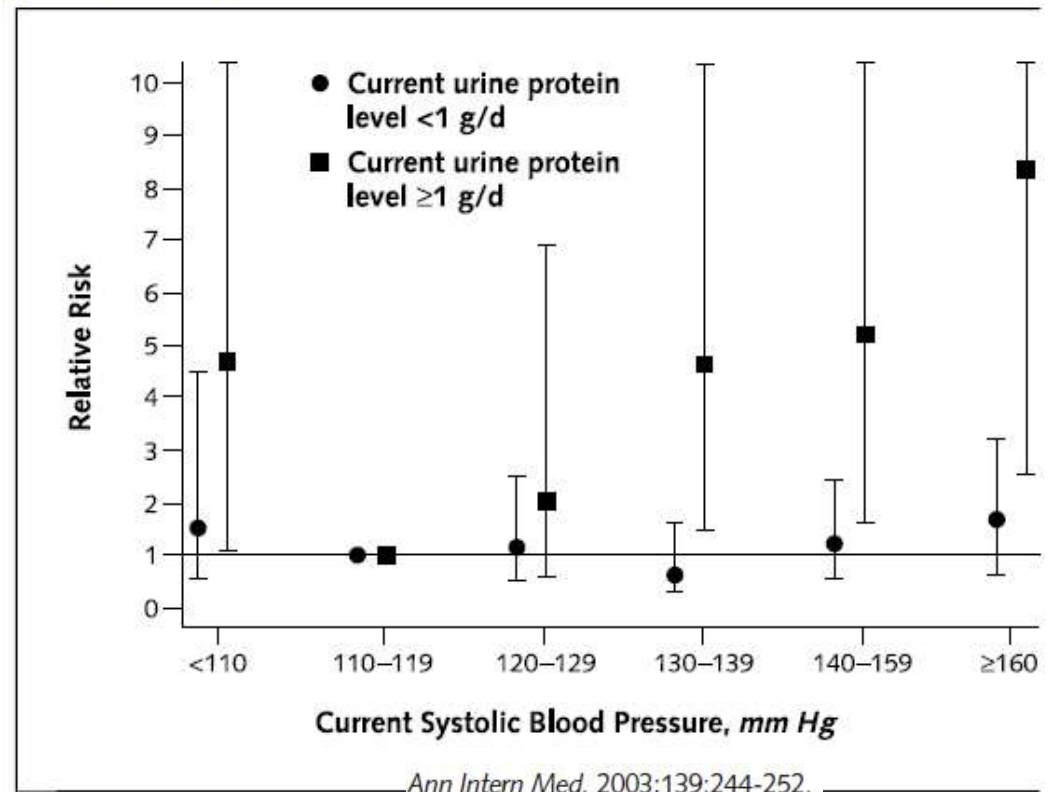


Figure 3. Decline in the Glomerular Filtration Rate (GFR) According to Base-Line Urinary Protein Excretion and Blood-Pressure Group in Studies 1 and 2.

Non-diabetic CKD

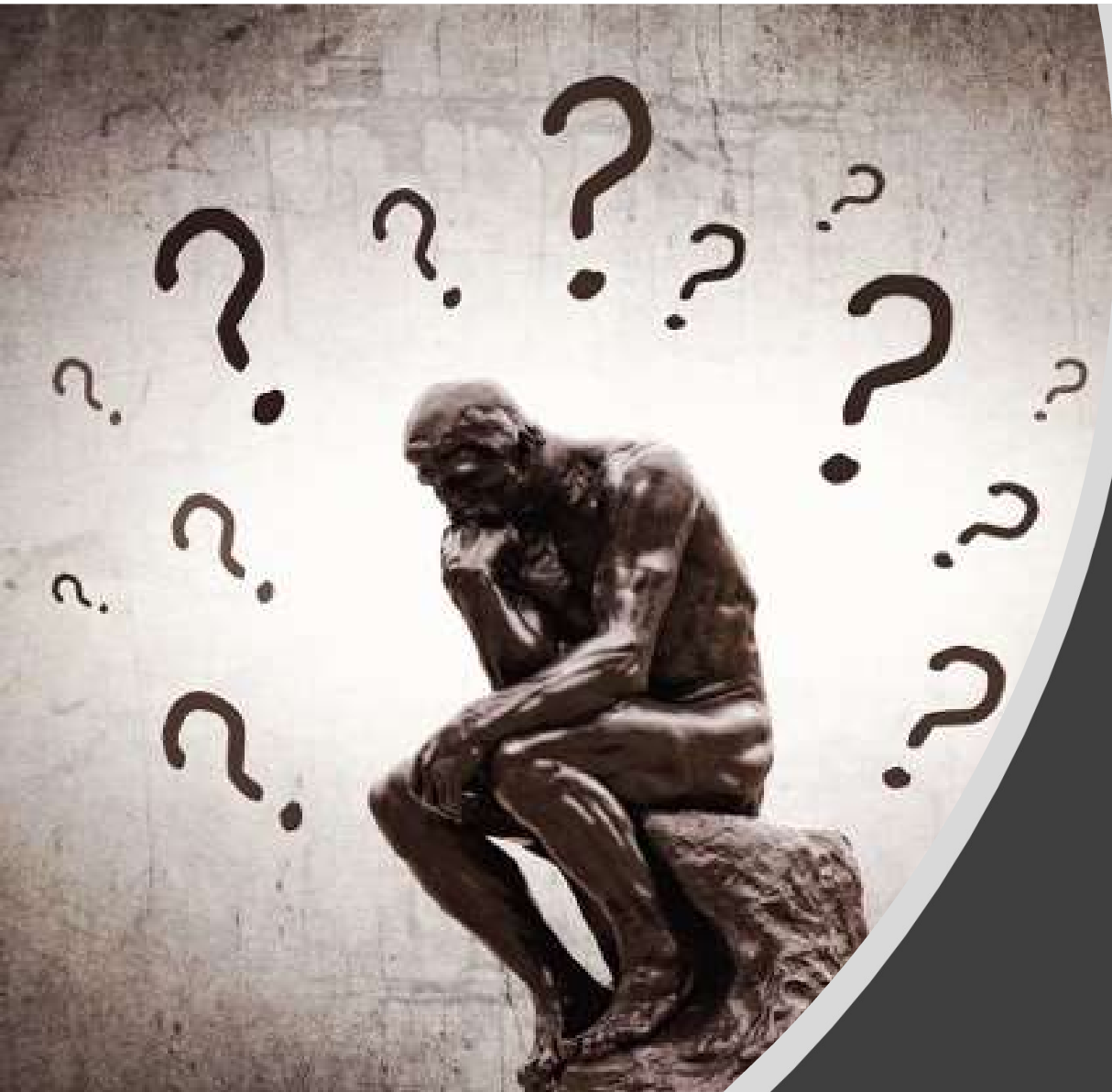
- A subsequent meta-analysis of RCTs (including MDRD and another landmark similar trial, AASK) of non-diabetic CKD patients
- Both the level of hypertension and proteinuria were shown to be independently associated with higher rates of CKD progression; any BP above 140 and any proteinuria >2g/day were significantly higher with a trend at lower levels.
- The two variables are synergistic; patients with >1.0g/day of proteinuria had significant, more than two-fold higher rates of CKD progression with BP >130, with the lowest rates of CKD progression seen in the 110-119 group.
- **There was no significant difference in rates of CKD progression seen in patients with less than 1.0g/day of proteinuria.**

Figure. Relative risk for kidney disease progression based on current level of systolic blood pressure and current urine protein excretion.



Non-diabetic CKD

- If there is protein, the above represent evidence to support the goal of 130/80
- If there is no proteinuria, there was no evidence to treat to a lower target
- Since the above studies showed a significant difference with protein >3g but a less clear difference with 1-3g, that is why the grading of the recommendation is slightly stronger for >3g.



Big Question 2:
Are the BP targets
any different for
diabetic CKD?

- Since the UKPDS studies, it has been clear that higher blood pressure is correlated with worse micro and macrovascular outcomes in diabetics
- This is observational data of diabetic patients

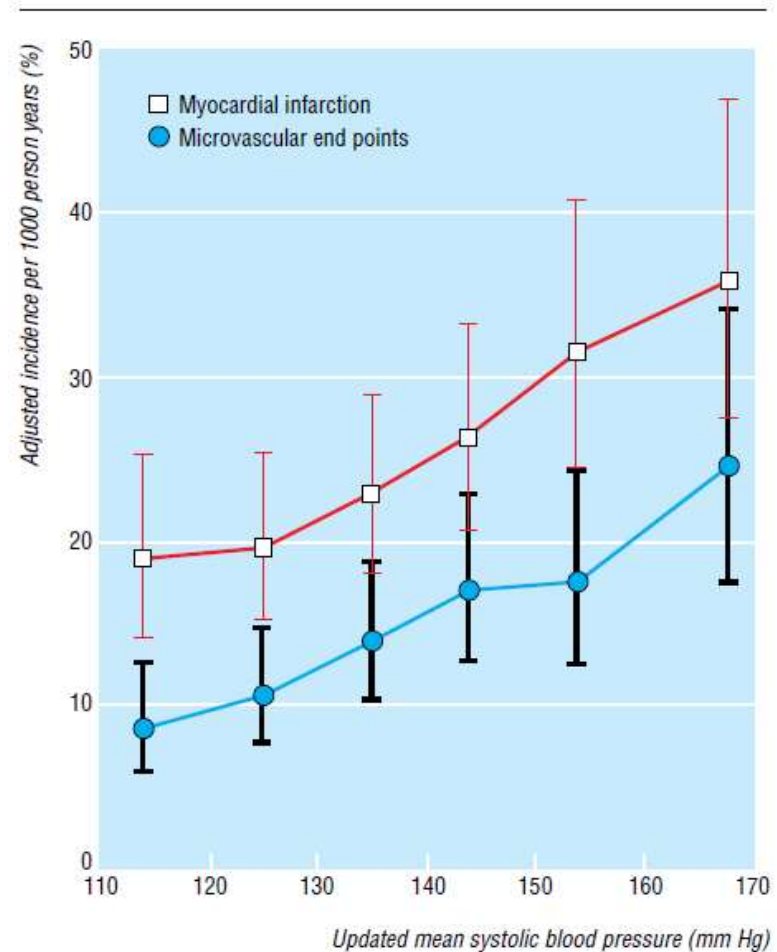


Fig 2 Incidence rates (95% confidence interval) of myocardial infarction and microvascular end points by category of updated mean systolic blood pressure, adjusted for age, sex, and ethnic group expressed for white men aged 50-54 years at diagnosis and mean duration of diabetes of 10 years

ADVANCE

- The ADVANCE trial went on to randomize 11140 hypertense diabetics to perindopril + indapamide or placebo
- The patients treated with perindopril-indapamide had a reduction in mean blood pressure to 134.5/74 v 140/76
- This trial demonstrated a clear benefit in treating hypertense diabetics, but we would not now consider this a 'low' BP target

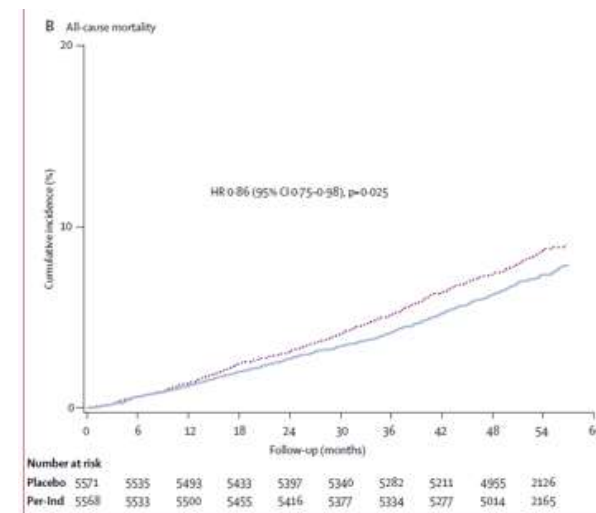
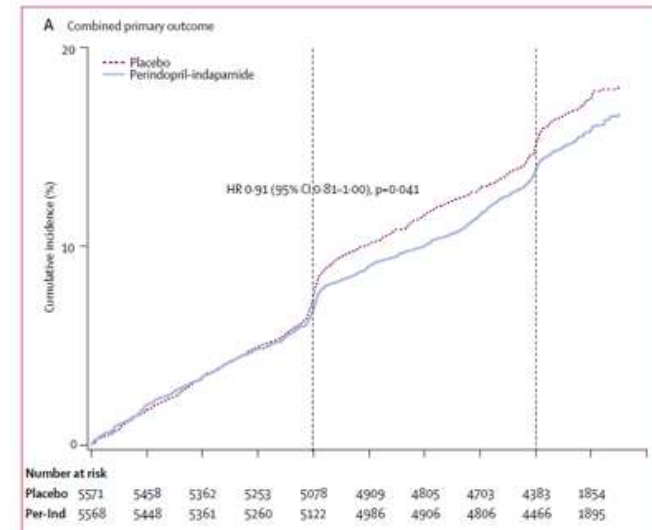
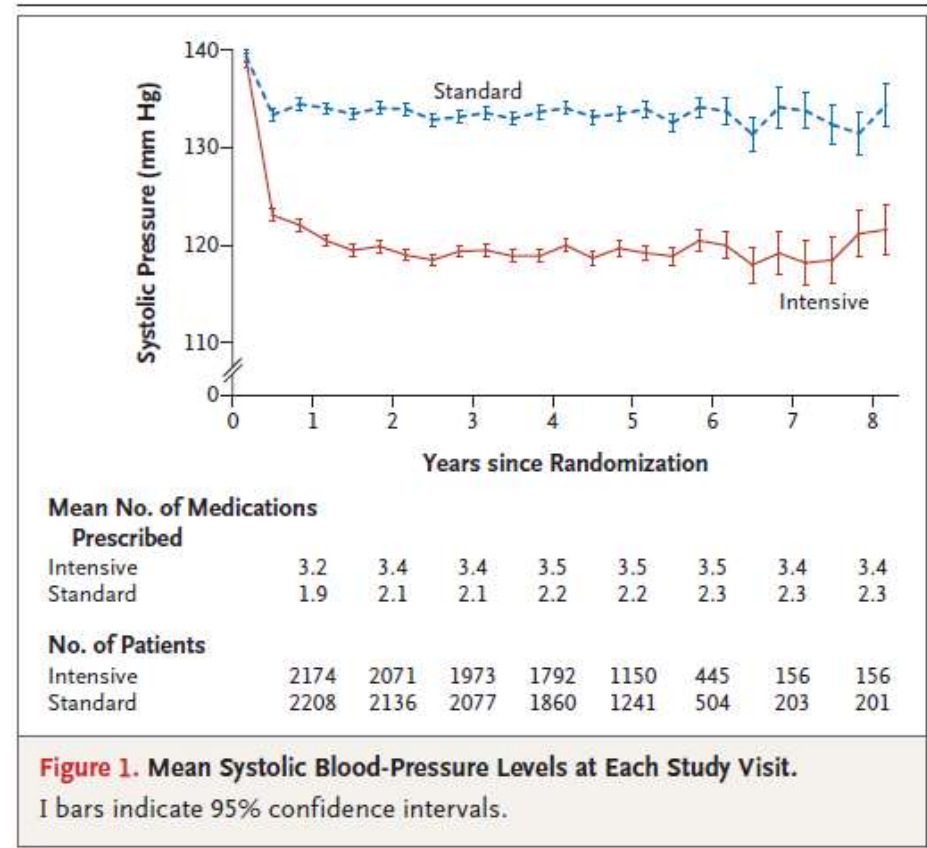


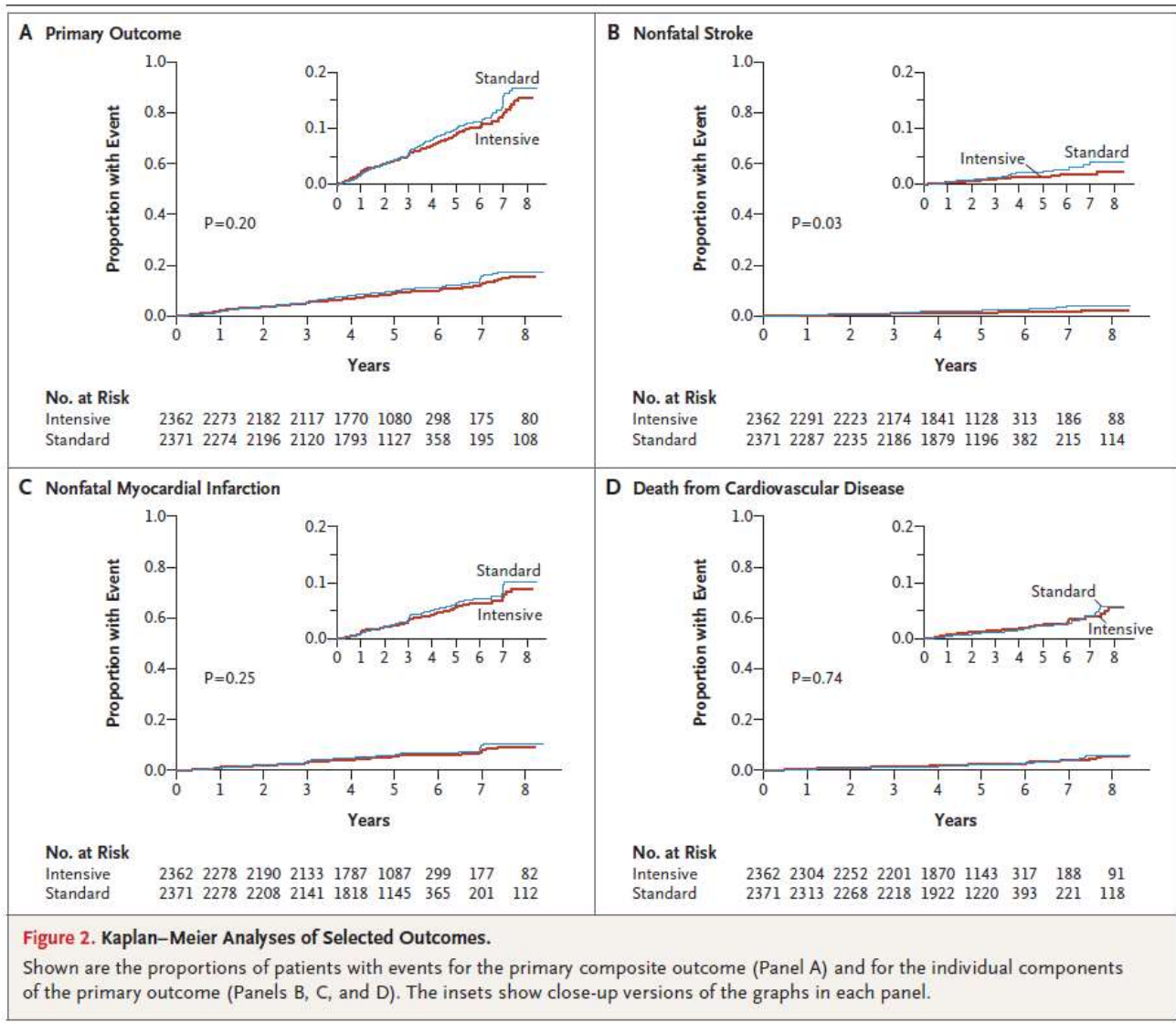
Figure 3: For patients assigned active treatment or placebo, cumulative incidence of (A) combined major macrovascular or microvascular outcomes and (B) all-cause mortality

ACCORD

- The ACCORD trial randomized 4733 with DM2 to different BP goals – either SBP of 120 or 140mmHg
- The achieved BPs in this trial were 119/64.4 v 133.5/70.5
 - (More meds needed)



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- There was no difference in endpoints between the intensive and standard BP arms
- The intensive group had a significant decrease in the rate of stroke (0.32% per year vs 0.53% per year)
- BUT, the intensive group required more drugs and had significantly more adverse events including hypotension, increased creatinine/AKI

Non-proteinuric DM CKD

- This is why the strongest recommendation is to treat non-proteinuric diabetic CKD to $<140/90$ and any recommendation for BP lower than this is a weak one
- Practically, you can consider going lower than this, but know there is a **higher risk** of adverse events including the higher creatinine levels seen in ACCORD
- BP should not be lowered to below $<120/70$ as this is more strongly associated with harm

Proteinuric DM CKD

- Most evidence regarding BP goals in this setting comes from observational studies
- The above studies either did not quantify proteinuria or were not powered to detect different BP goals based on degree of proteinuria
- So although we extrapolate from the general proteinuric CKD data and feel stronger about a lower BP target in proteinuric diabetic patients, the direct evidence for a lower BP target is scant
 - Hence the 2D for $<130/80$ vs 1B for $<140/90$

SPRINT

Changing all the guidelines!

- **Non-diabetic**, high cardiovascular risk
- Randomized to SBP <140 (standard) or SBP <120 (intensive)
- Included some with CKD but excluded protein >1g



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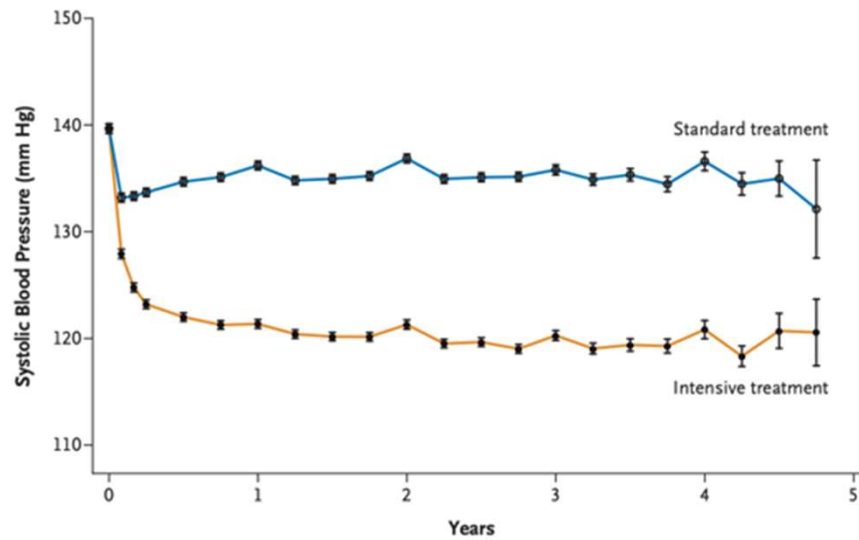
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A Randomized Trial of Intensive versus Standard Blood-Pressure Control

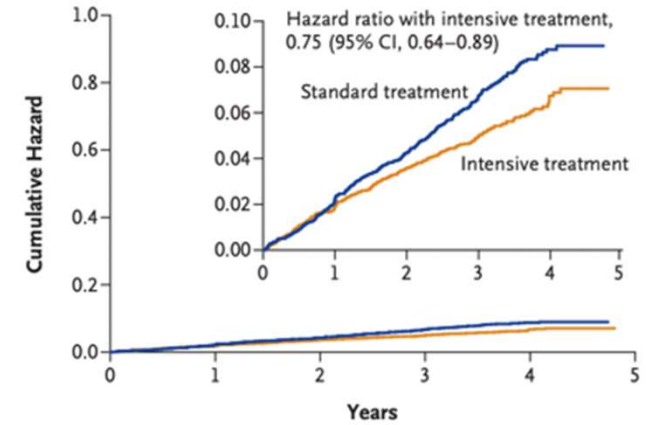
The SPRINT Research Group*



No. with Data	
Standard treatment	4683 4345 4222 4092 3997 3904 3115 1974 1000 274
Intensive treatment	4678 4375 4231 4091 4029 3920 3204 2035 1048 286
Mean No. of Medications	
Standard treatment	1.9 1.8 1.8 1.8 1.8 1.8 1.8 1.8 1.8 1.9
Intensive treatment	2.3 2.7 2.8 2.8 2.8 2.8 2.8 2.8 2.8 3.0

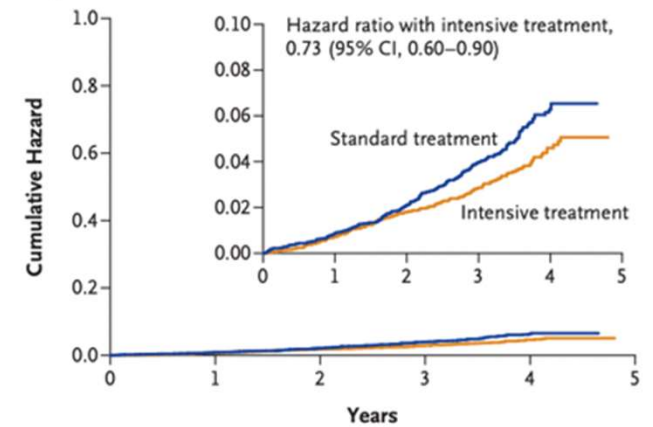
- Able to achieve target (with more medications)
- Trial stopped early due to evidence of benefit

A Primary Outcome



No. at Risk	
Standard treatment	4683 4437 4228 2829 721
Intensive treatment	4678 4436 4256 2900 779

B Death from Any Cause



No. at Risk	
Standard treatment	4683 4528 4383 2998 789
Intensive treatment	4678 4516 4390 3016 807

- Not powered for subgroups, but trend for CKD
- Note benefit is preserved for other groups including >75 yo

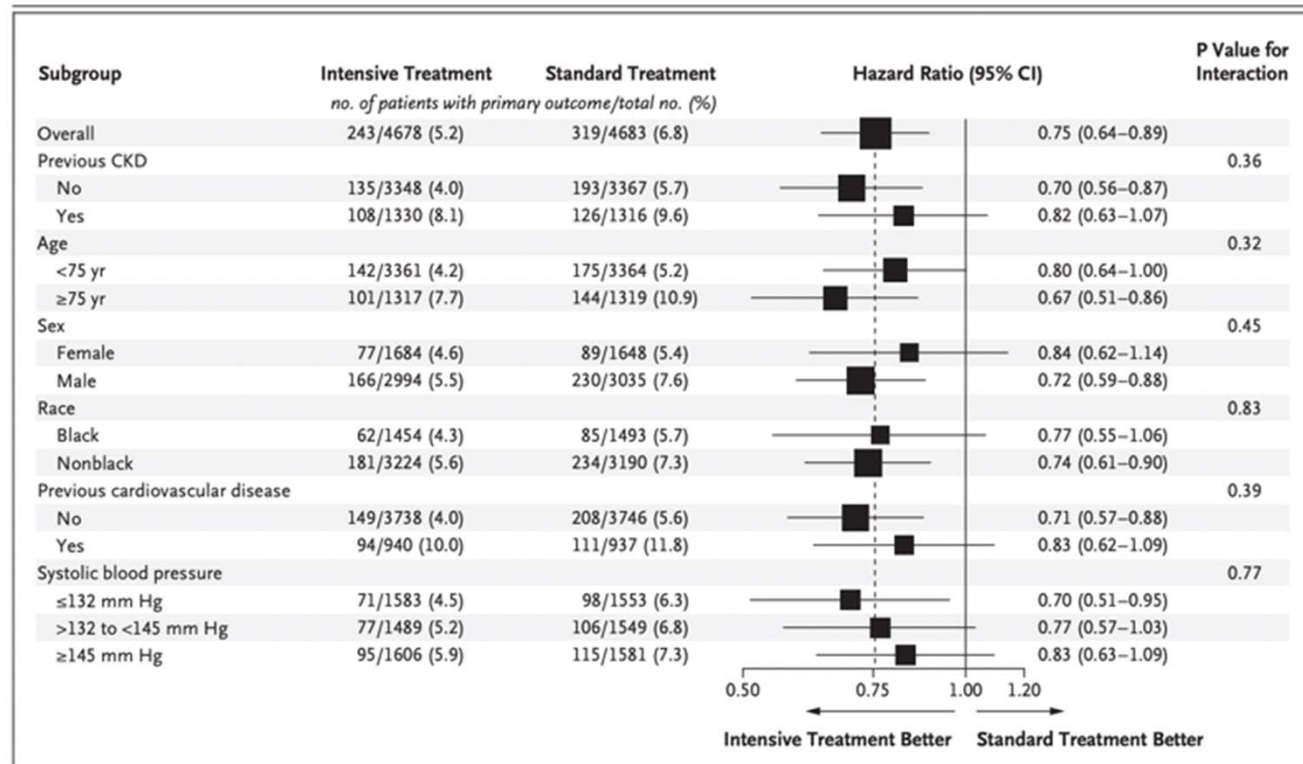


Figure 4. Forest Plot of Primary Outcome According to Subgroups.

The dashed vertical line represents the hazard ratio for the overall study population. The box sizes are proportional to the precision of the estimates (with larger boxes indicating a greater degree of precision). The subgroup of no previous chronic kidney disease (CKD) includes some participants with unknown CKD status at baseline. Black race includes Hispanic black and black as part of a multiracial identification.

Table 3. Serious Adverse Events, Conditions of Interest, and Monitored Clinical Events.

Variable	Intensive Treatment (N=4678) <i>no. of patients (%)</i>	Standard Treatment (N=4683) <i>no. of patients (%)</i>	Hazard Ratio	P Value
Serious adverse event*	1793 (38.3)	1736 (37.1)	1.04	0.25
Conditions of interest				
Serious adverse event only				
Hypotension	110 (2.4)	66 (1.4)	1.67	0.001
Syncope	107 (2.3)	80 (1.7)	1.33	0.05
Bradycardia	87 (1.9)	73 (1.6)	1.19	0.28
Electrolyte abnormality	144 (3.1)	107 (2.3)	1.35	0.02
Injurious fall†	105 (2.2)	110 (2.3)	0.95	0.71
Acute kidney injury or acute renal failure‡	193 (4.1)	117 (2.5)	1.66	<0.001
Emergency department visit or serious adverse event				
Hypotension	158 (3.4)	93 (2.0)	1.70	<0.001
Syncope	163 (3.5)	113 (2.4)	1.44	0.003
Bradycardia	104 (2.2)	83 (1.8)	1.25	0.13
Electrolyte abnormality	177 (3.8)	129 (2.8)	1.38	0.006
Injurious fall†	334 (7.1)	332 (7.1)	1.00	0.97
Acute kidney injury or acute renal failure‡	204 (4.4)	120 (2.6)	1.71	<0.001
Monitored clinical events				
Adverse laboratory measure§				
Serum sodium <130 mmol/liter	180 (3.8)	100 (2.1)	1.76	<0.001
Serum sodium >150 mmol/liter	6 (0.1)	0		0.02
Serum potassium <3.0 mmol/liter	114 (2.4)	74 (1.6)	1.50	0.006
Serum potassium >5.5 mmol/liter	176 (3.8)	171 (3.7)	1.00	0.97
Orthostatic hypotension¶				
Alone	777 (16.6)	857 (18.3)	0.88	0.01
With dizziness	62 (1.3)	71 (1.5)	0.85	0.35

The benefit comes at an **increased risk of** adverse events including AKI, hypotension, orthostasis, electrolyte abnormalities

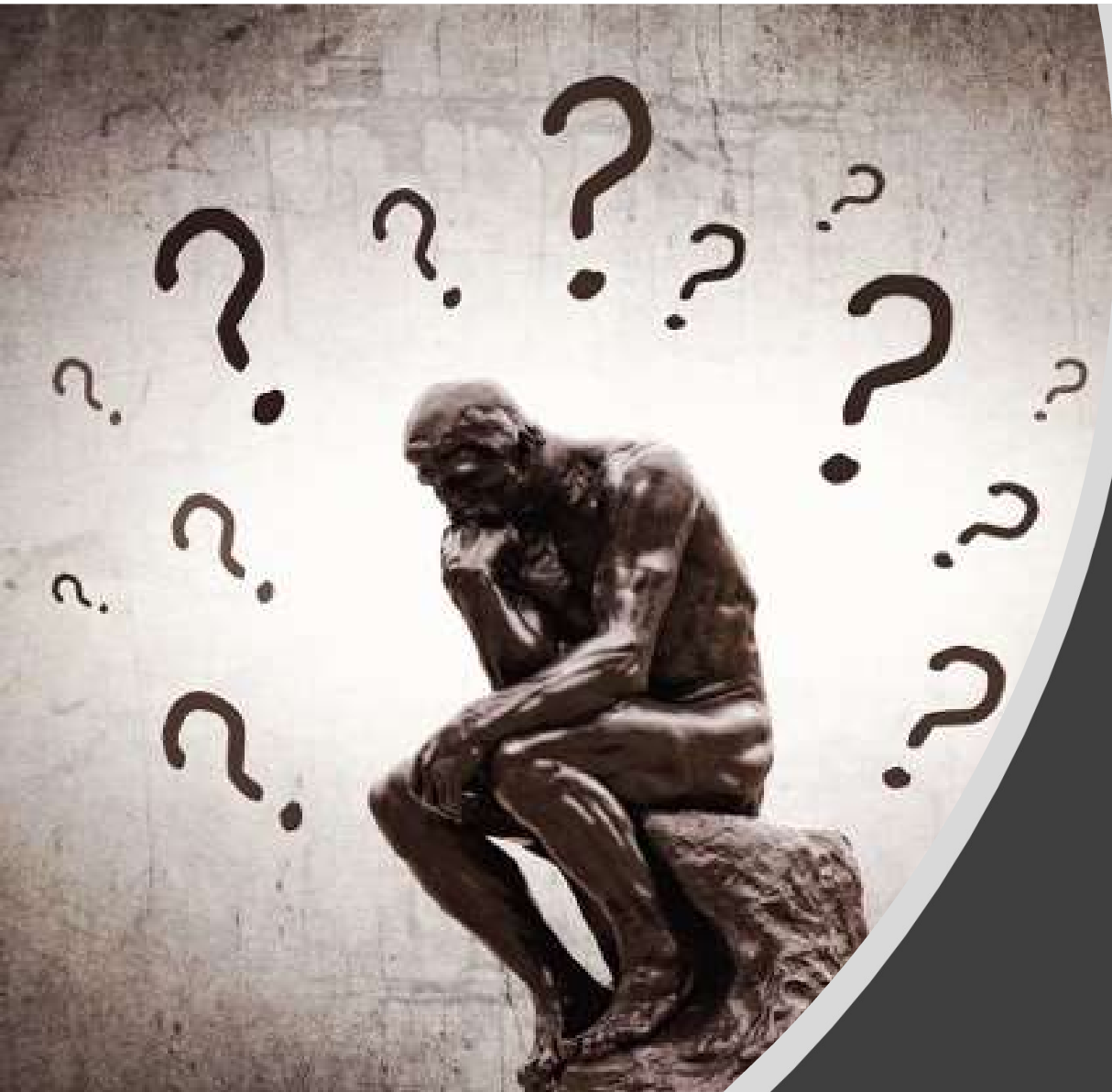
Putting it all together

The evidence

- SPRINT shows benefit of intensive BP lowering but some people this **does not** apply to:
 - **Diabetic patients**
- Extremes of age, frailty, more advanced CKD
- There is evidence that those with proteinuria benefit from targeting <130/80
 - The higher the protein, the more potential benefit
- In non-diabetic CKD, although guidelines follow SPRINT and suggest <120, the evidence to push them lower than

Practical approach

- Try 120/80 in non diabetics at high vascular risk **if tolerated**
 - If not tolerated/adverse effects, back off
- In those with proteinuria, more evidence than non-proteinuric for a lower target so try to get them to 130/80 **if tolerated**
- In non-proteinuric CKD, a target of <140/90 is reasonable



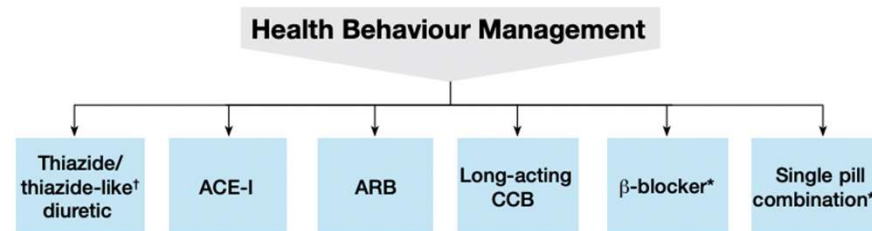
Big Question 3:
Does the drug
matter?

Who gets RAASi?

Who gets RAAS blockade?

- There is no specific evidence in the non-diabetic, non-proteinuric population, so for these patients, we essentially treat as the general population, so any drug is acceptable

First Line Treatment of Adults with Systolic/Diastolic Hypertension Without Other Compelling Indications



[†] Long-acting diuretics like indapamide and chlorthalidone are preferred over shorter acting diuretics like hydrochlorothiazide.

* β -blockers are not indicated as first-line therapy for age 60 and above.

Short-acting nifedipine should not be used for management of hypertension.

General flowchart of drug choices

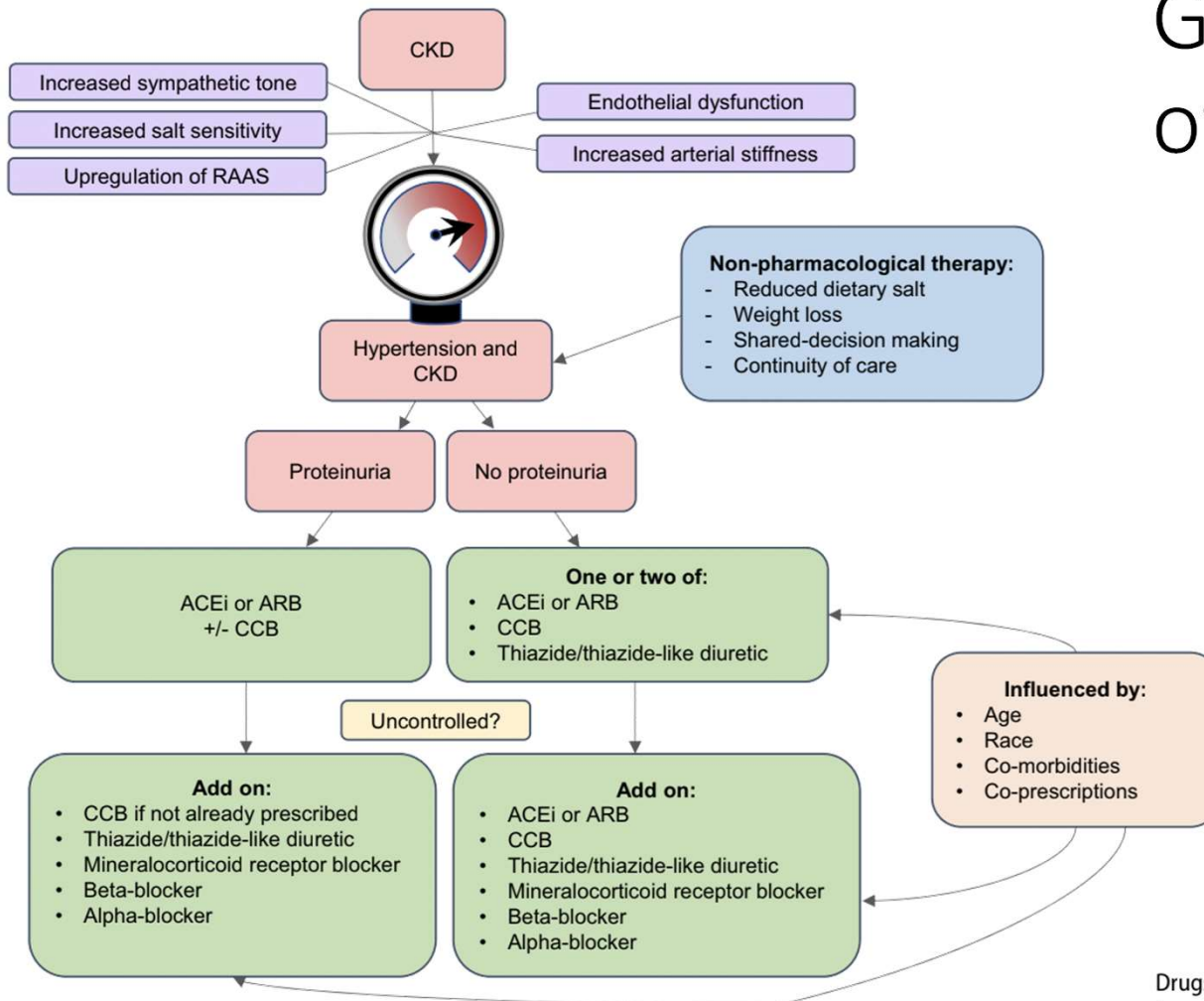
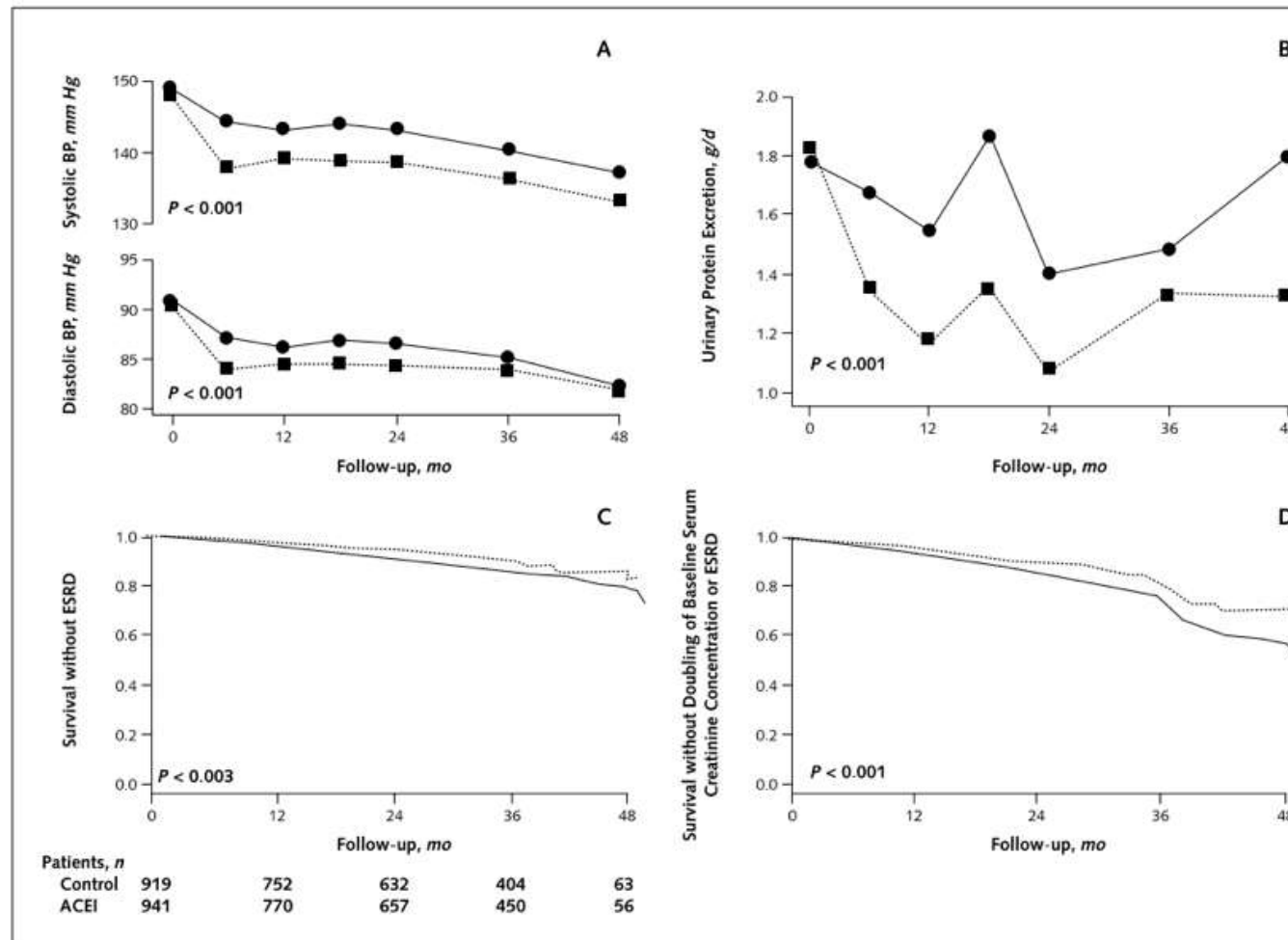
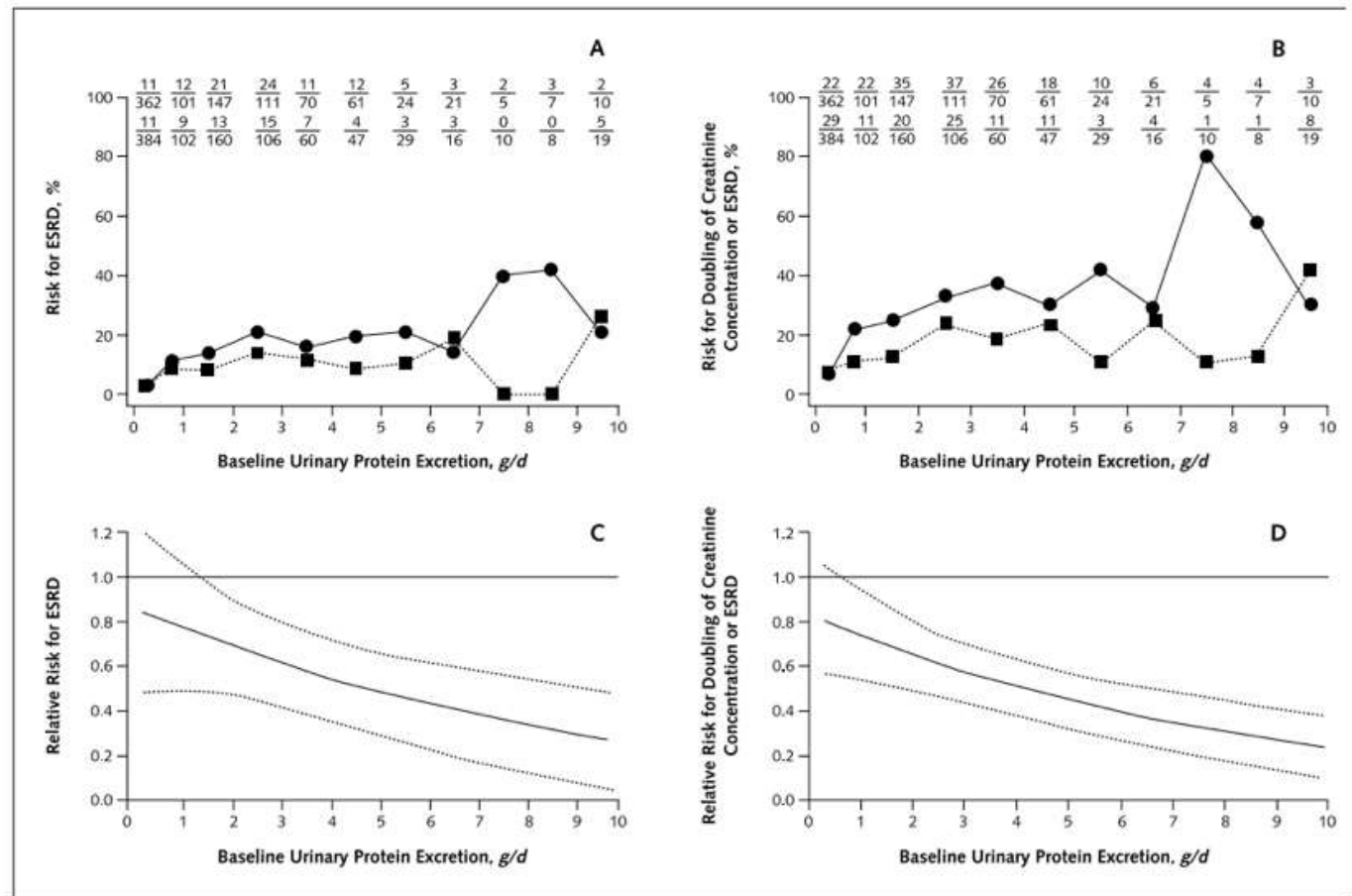


Figure 1. Blood pressure (A), urinary protein excretion (B), survival without end-stage renal disease (ESRD) (C), or the combined outcome of doubling of baseline serum creatinine concentration or ESRD (D) during follow-up among patients taking angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors (ACEI) (dotted line) and controls (solid line).



- Meta-analysis of RAAS blockade in CKD with protein >1g/d
- Improved renal and CV outcomes in those with proteinuria >1g (adjusted for BP)

- Benefit of RAASi is more pronounced in those with **higher** degrees of proteinuria



The values above the graphs in panels A and B are the fraction of patients with events in the control group (*upper row*) and angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor group (*lower row*). Relative risks were calculated from multivariable models controlling for significant baseline patient and study characteristics. The solid horizontal line at a relative risk of 1.0 in panels C and D indicates no difference between the ACE inhibitor and control groups; the solid and dotted curved lines represent point estimates and 95% CIs for the relative risks. *P* values for tests for interaction between baseline urinary protein excretion and treatment were 0.03 and 0.001, respectively.

Diabetics: IDNT

- 1715 patients with DM2 and >900mg/d protein randomized 1:1:1 to irbesartan, amlodipine or placebo with doses of active drug titrated to blood pressure

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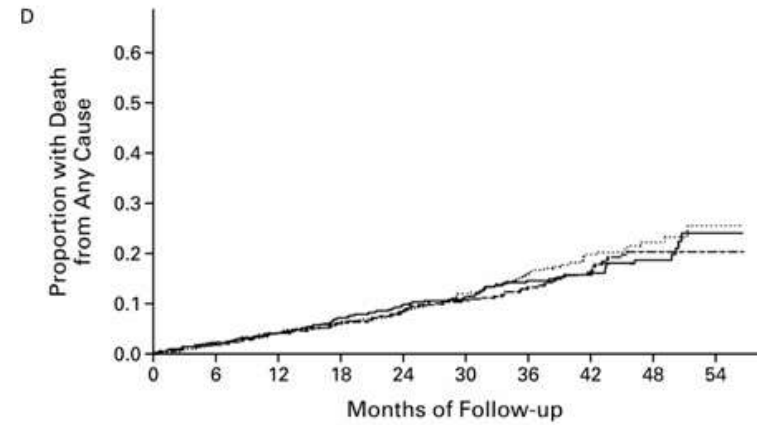
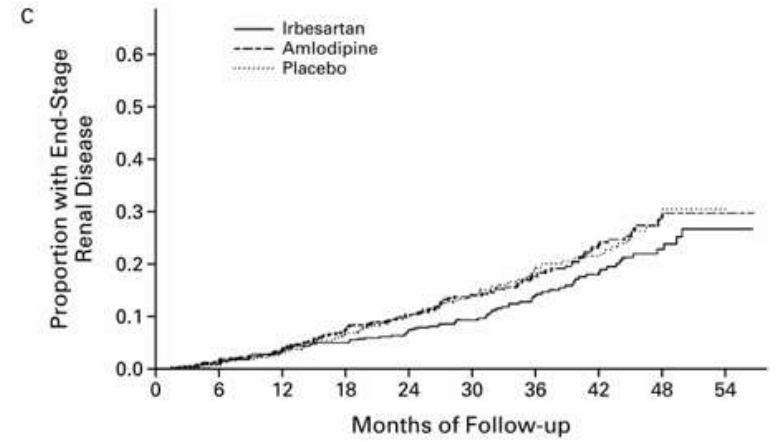
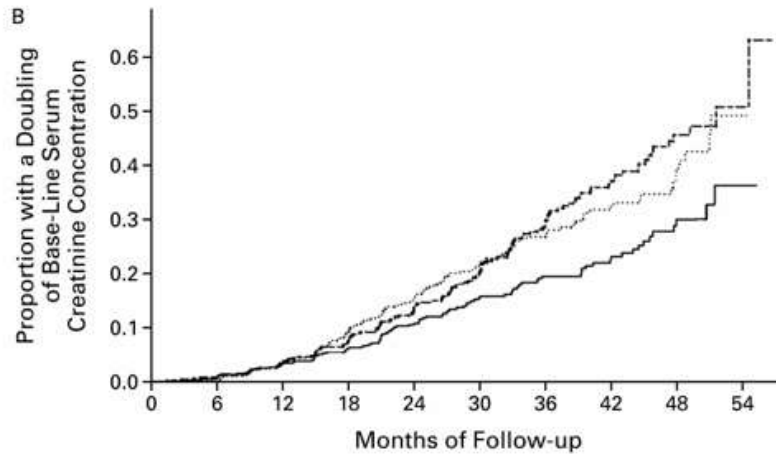
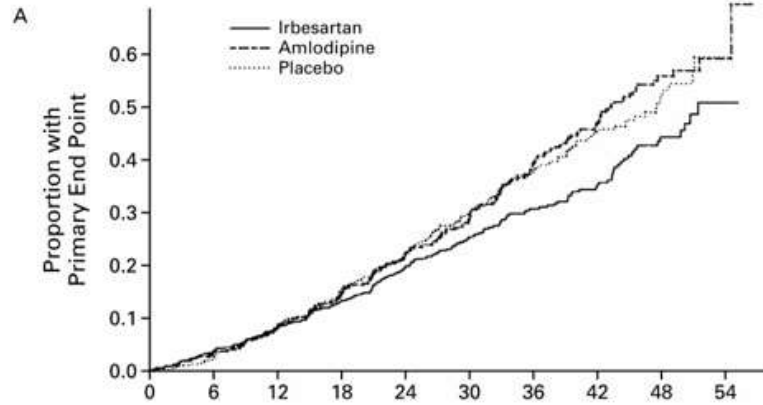
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RENOPROTECTIVE EFFECT OF THE ANGIOTENSIN-RECEPTOR ANTAGONIST IRBESARTAN IN PATIENTS WITH NEPHROPATHY DUE TO TYPE 2 DIABETES

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Not shown here,
but BP was similar
across groups



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EFFECTS OF LOSARTAN ON RENAL AND CARDIOVASCULAR OUTCOMES IN TYPE 2 DIABETES AND NEPHROPATHY

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IN PATIENTS WITH TYPE 2 DIABETES AND NEPHROPATHY

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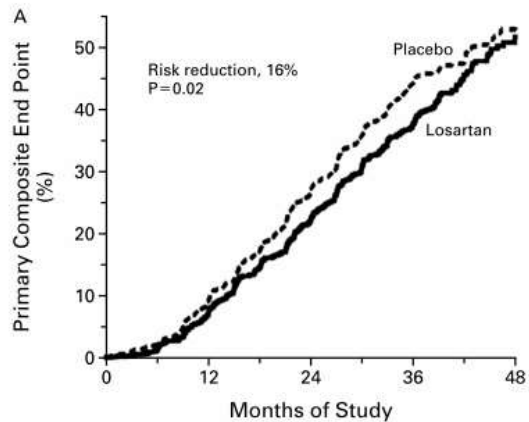
- 327 patients with DM2 and >500mg proteinuria randomized to either losartan or any antihypertensive, both titrated to 140/90

ACR ~140 mg/mmol in our units

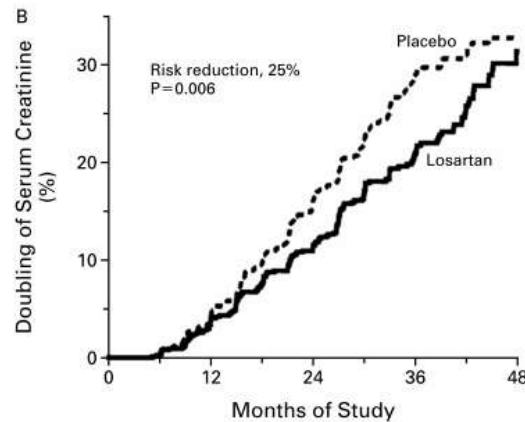
TABLE 1. BASE-LINE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PATIENTS.*

CHARACTERISTIC	LOSARTAN GROUP (N=751)	PLACEBO GROUP (N=762)
Age — yr	60±7	60±7
Sex — no. (%)		
Male	462 (61.5)	494 (64.8)
Female	289 (38.5)	268 (35.2)
Race or ethnic group — no. (%)		
Asian	117 (15.6)	135 (17.7)
Black	125 (16.6)	105 (13.8)
White	358 (47.7)	378 (49.6)
Hispanic	140 (18.6)	136 (17.8)
Other	11 (1.5)	8 (1.0)
Body-mass index†	30±6	29±6
Blood pressure — mm Hg		
Systolic	152±19	153±20
Diastolic	82±10	82±11
Mean arterial‡	105.5±10.9	106.0±11.6
Pulse§	69.4±17.4	70.8±18.1
Medical history — no. (%)		
Use of antihypertensive drugs	693 (92.3)	721 (94.6)
Angina pectoris	65 (8.7)	75 (9.8)
Myocardial infarction	75 (10.0)	94 (12.3)
Coronary revascularization procedure	1 (0.1)	1 (0.1)
Stroke	0	1 (0.1)
Lipid disorder	234 (31.2)	271 (35.6)
Amputation	65 (8.7)	69 (9.1)
Neuropathy	375 (49.9)	379 (49.7)
Retinopathy	494 (65.8)	470 (61.7)
Current smoking	147 (19.6)	130 (17.1)
Laboratory variables		
Median urinary albumin:creatinine ratio	1237	1261
Serum creatinine — mg/dl¶	1.9±0.5	1.9±0.5
Serum cholesterol — mg/dl		
Total	227±56	229±55
Low-density lipoprotein	142±47	142±45
High-density lipoprotein	45±16	45±15
Serum triglycerides — mg/dl**	213±180	225±200
Hemoglobin — g/dl††	12.5±1.9	12.5±1.8
Glycosylated hemoglobin — %	8.5±1.7	8.4±1.6

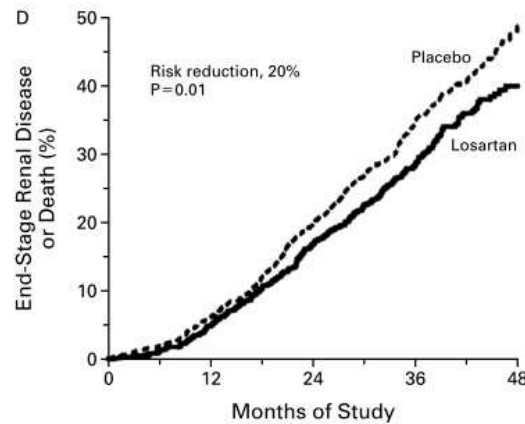
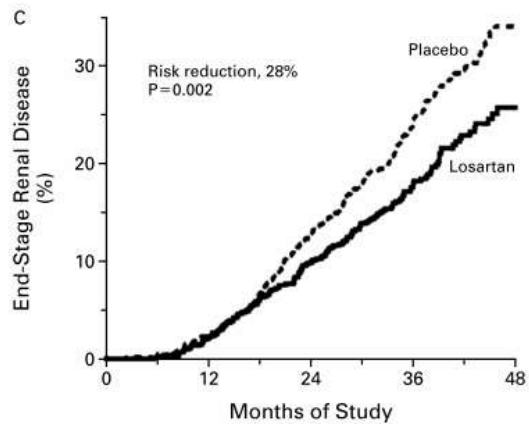
EFFECTS OF LOSARTAN ON RENAL AND CARDIOVASCULAR OUTCOMES IN TYPE 2 DIABETES AND NEPHROPATHY



NO. AT RISK					
Placebo	762	689	554	295	36
Losartan	751	692	583	329	52



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- Not shown here but BP was not significantly different between the two groups for the duration of the study

Grading of CKD BP guidelines

Note where the **strong** evidence is and where the **weaker** statements are

In the CKD world, the stronger evidence for lower targets is those with high proteinuria

- KDIGO extrapolates SPRINT but many of the CKD groups were excluded

With better renal and cardiac outcomes, the grading for RAASi is stronger for proteinuric patients than non-proteinuric CKD

- You can extrapolate to others (and there are other reasons for RAASi –eg HOPE), but in the renal world these are the patients to be more aggressive with RAASi

Pre-SPRINT

	<30mg/24h	30-300mg	>300mg
Diabetic	140/90 (1B)	130/80 (2D) Use ACE/ARB (2D)	130/80 (2D) Use ACE/ARB (1B)
Non-Diabetic	140/90 (1B)	130/80 (2C) Use ACE/ARB (2D)	130/80 (2C) Use ACE/ARB (1B)

Post-SPRINT

Recommendation 3.1.1: We suggest that adults with high BP and CKD be treated with a target systolic blood pressure (SBP) of <120 mm Hg, when tolerated, using standardized office BP measurement **(2B).**



Other considerations

You made it through the whirlwind of evidence!

- Lifestyle changes
- Proper BP measurement
- Sick day medication adjustments



Health Behaviour Recommendations

Objective	Recommendation	Application
Being More Physically Active	An accumulation of 30-60 minutes of dynamic exercise of moderate intensity (such as walking, cycling, swimming) 4-7 days per week in addition to the routine activities of daily living. Higher intensities of exercise are no more effective at BP lowering. For non-hypertensive or hypertensive individuals with SBP/DBP of 140-159/90-99 mmHg, the use of resistance or weight training exercise (such as free weight lifting, fixed weight lifting, or hand grip exercise) does not adversely influence BP.	Prescribe to both normotensive and hypertensive individuals for prevention and management of hypertension, respectively.
Weight Reduction	A healthy BMI (18.5 – 24.9 kg/m ²) and waist circumference (<102 cm for men and <88 cm for women) is recommended for non-hypertensive individuals to prevent hypertension and for hypertensive patients to reduce BP.	Encourage multidisciplinary approach to weight loss, including dietary education, increased physical activity, and behaviour modification.
Moderation in Alcohol Intake	To prevent hypertension, abstain, as there is no safe limit for alcohol consumption. Patients with hypertension should abstain from, or limit alcohol consumption to <2 drinks per day to lower blood pressure.	Prescribe to normotensive and hypertensive individuals for prevention and management of hypertension, respectively.
Eating Healthier	DASH-like diet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High in fresh fruits, vegetables, dietary fibre, non-animal protein (e.g., soy) and low-fat dairy products. Low in saturated fat and cholesterol. • To decrease BP in hypertensive patients, consider increasing dietary potassium. 	Prescribe to both normotensive and hypertensive individuals for the prevention and management of hypertension, respectively.
Relaxation Therapies	Individualized cognitive behaviour interventions are more likely to be effective when relaxation techniques are employed.	Prescribe for selected patients in whom stress plays a role in elevating BP.
Smoking Cessation	Advise smokers to quit and offer them specific pharmacotherapy to help them quit. Abstinence from smoking. A smoke-free environment.	Global cardiovascular risk reduction strategy.

Lifestyle adjustments

Note about salt:

- Debate over limit for the general population, not all BP is salt sensitive, but in general the lower the better
- Some evidence that **higher K** helps, but tricky in renal patients

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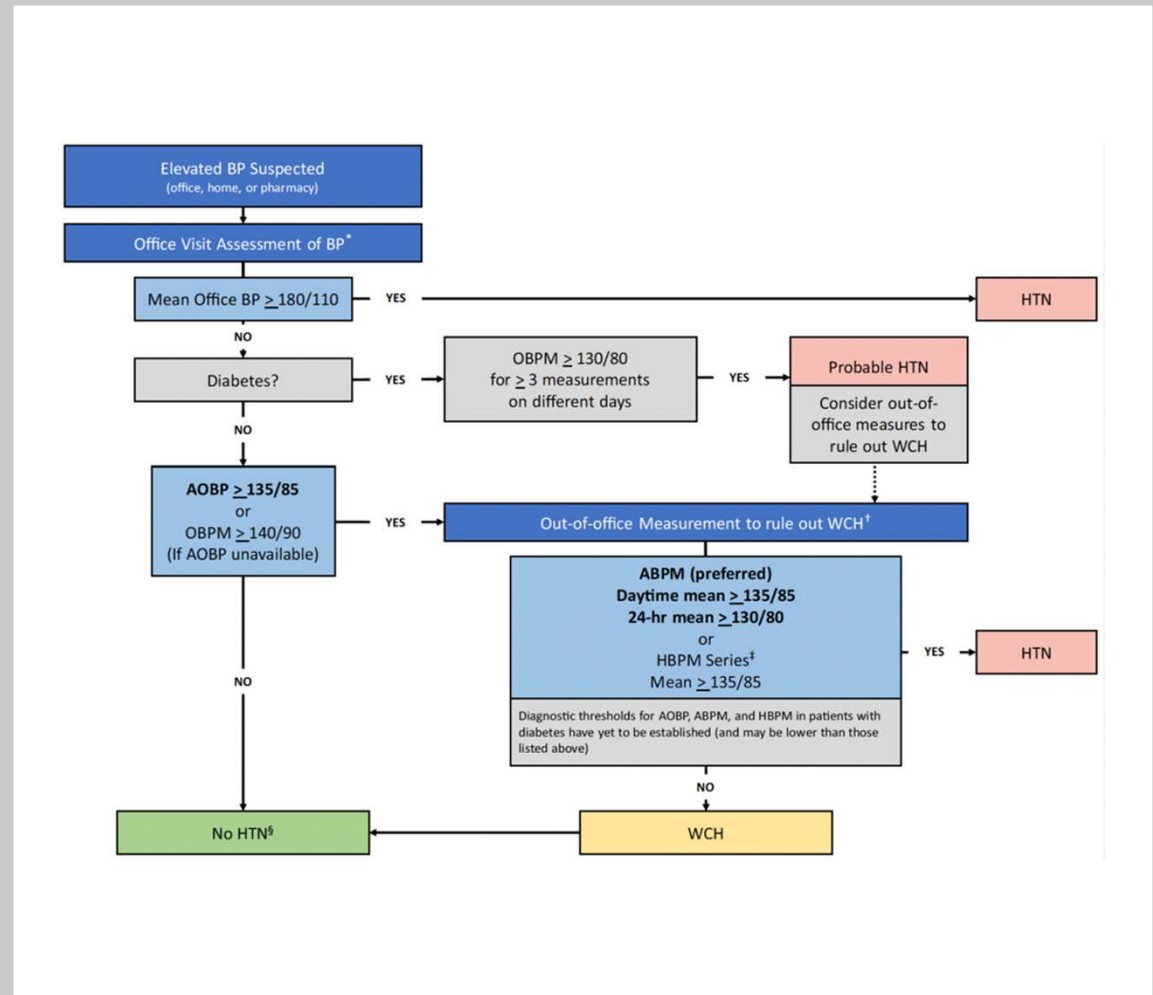
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Home vs office based BP measurement

- Out of office BP assessment is the preferred method for *diagnosis* of HTN as it is *superior to* office based measurements
- Evidence base is building for monitoring but not as strong as for diagnosis



Office based BP measurement

- If you are measuring in office, **automated** is better than manual (and preferably **several averaged** readings)

Acronym	Definition	
AOBP	Automated Office Blood Pressure is performed using an automated device that can take a series of oscillometric measurements without the provider or others present. The patient is left unattended in a private area while 3-6 oscillometric, consecutive readings are taken.	Preferred method of in-office measurement.
OBPM	Office Blood Pressure Measurement is performed using an upper arm device with the provider in the room. Oscillometric or electronic devices are preferred when using this method. Auscultatory – mercury or aneroid – devices are an alternative if an electronic device is not available.	
ABPM	Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring requires the use of a validated oscillometric device which must be worn by the patient for a 24-hour period, with measurements taken at 20- to 30-minute intervals.	Preferred out-of-office method for diagnosis
HBPM	Home Blood Pressure Monitoring is a self-monitoring method which requires the patient to measure their blood pressure twice in the morning and evening for 7 days.	

Automated Office (unattended, AOBP)
Oscillometric (electronic)



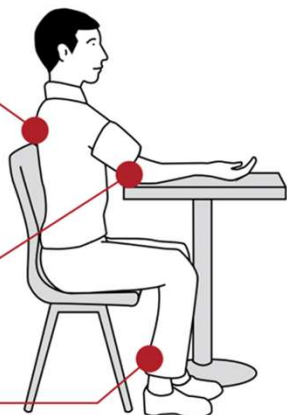
Home BP monitoring

BLOOD PRESSURE MEASUREMENT TECHNIQUE



Accurate diagnosis begins with accurate measurement:

- ✓ Sitting position
- ✓ Back supported
- ✓ Arm bare and supported
- ✓ Use a cuff size appropriate for your arm
- ✓ Middle of the cuff at heart level
- ✓ Lower edge of cuff 3 cm above elbow crease
- ✓ Do not talk or move before or during the measurement
- ✓ Legs uncrossed
- ✓ Feet flat on the floor



Available at www.hypertension.ca

Taking Your Blood Pressure at Home



What is blood pressure and why is it important?

Blood pressure is a measure of how hard the blood pushes against the walls of your arteries as it moves through your body. This force makes blood flow possible, delivering nutrients and oxygen to organs and tissues throughout the body.^{1,2}



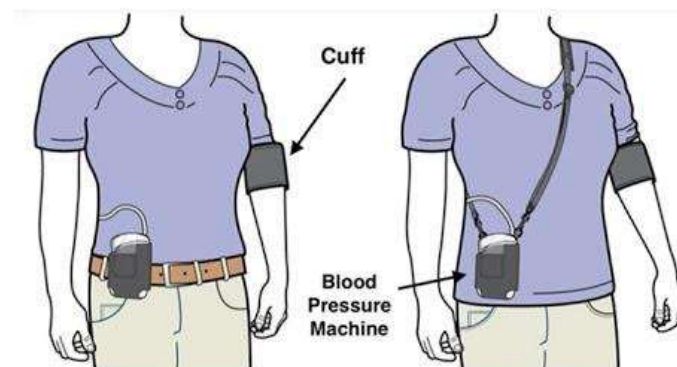
Your blood pressure reading is based on two numbers:³

1. **Systolic blood pressure (first or top number):** tells how much pressure your blood is exerting against your artery walls when the heart beats
2. **Diastolic blood pressure (second or bottom number):** tells how much pressure your blood is exerting against your

Available at www.bcrenal.ca

If doing home BP monitoring please direct patients to resources to ensure it is being done properly

24 ambulatory monitoring is the gold standard but also comes at a cost (One time cost similar to buying a home BP unit)



Patient Teaching Tool

Medication Changes When You Are Sick



If you have a bad flu or other illness which causes you to vomit or have diarrhea AND you cannot eat or drink normally, you may become dehydrated (dry). Dehydration can affect your kidney function and blood pressure.

If you are vomiting or have diarrhea or feel very sick:

- Try to drink fluids. It is best to drink fluids that do not have caffeine.

If you are so sick that you cannot drink your normal amount of fluids:

- Stop taking the medications listed below until you are able to start drinking fluids again.
- **Contact your doctor or nurse if you have to stop taking your medications for more than 2 days.**

- ACE inhibitor/Angiotensin receptor blocker: _____
- Anti-inflammatory: _____
- Metformin
- SGLT-2 inhibitor (e.g., Canagliflozin (Invokana®), Dapagliflozin (Forxiga®), Empagliflozin (Jardiance®)
- Water pill: _____
- Other: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Patients most likely to benefit from receiving this teaching sheet are those who:

- Experience episodes of vomiting or diarrhea
- Are planning to go travelling
- Have had acute kidney injury and/or were recently hospitalized

This brochure can be downloaded from the BC Renal Agency website: www.bcrenalagency.ca.



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Last pointer:

- I would suggest any patient with any of these medications get a 'sick day list', especially those on multiple agents
- Similar strategy applies not just to being 'sick' but also in the setting of substantial/symptomatic hypotension
 - I really caution my patients to look out for symptoms if they are <110/70

Outline and Objectives

Content

- Epidemiology of HTN and CKD
- Evidence behind target BPs recommended in guidelines
 - Which targets apply to which patients
- Evidence behind choice of BP agent (who gets RAASi?)
- Other management considerations
 - Lifestyle interventions
 - Measuring BP
 - Sick day medication adjustments

Objectives

- Have an understanding of the interaction between HTN and CKD
- Understand where BP targets come from and how that applies to individual patients
- Understand the evidence behind choice of BP agents
- Understand proper methods for BP measurement in and out of office

Questions?

