

# **Hypertension**

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# Learning Objectives

- Definition of HT
- Measurement of BP
- White coat ,Masked HT
- Pathogenesis of HT
- Secondary Hypertension
- Management

# Define ---HT?

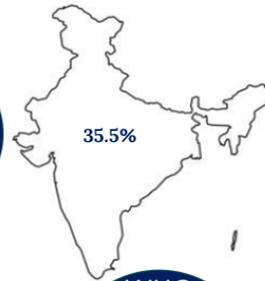
- Hypertension is defined as that level of Blood pressure at which institution of Antihypertensives will reduce Blood pressure related morbidity and mortality.

# Hypertension in India

## Hypertension in India

01

35.5 % of Indians suffer from hypertension.



03

One in every three adults in India has hypertension



02

Prevalence (Urban) 24%–30%  
(rural) 12%–14%.

WHO  
2023  
1.28 billion  
adults world  
wide have  
HT  
2/3 of them  
in  
Low/Middle  
income  
country

04

Only 12% of them have their blood pressure under control.



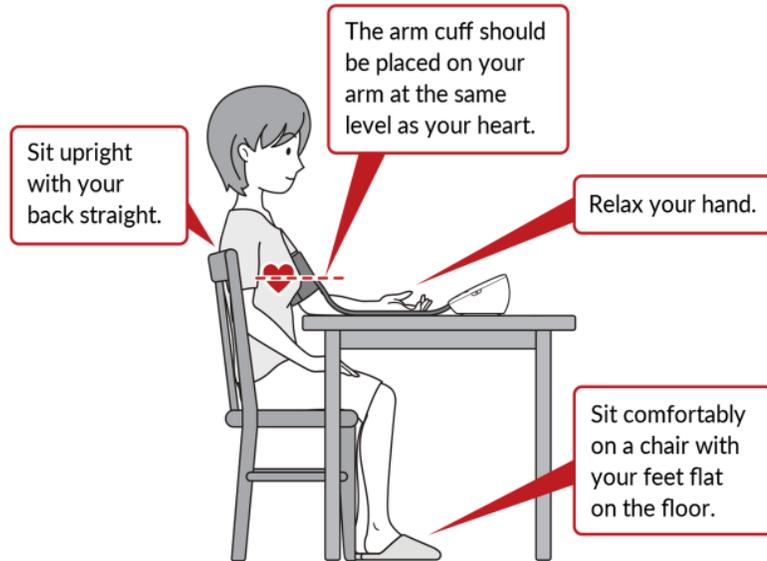
CUFFLESS BLOOD PRESSURE  
MONITORING



## Accurate BP Measurement

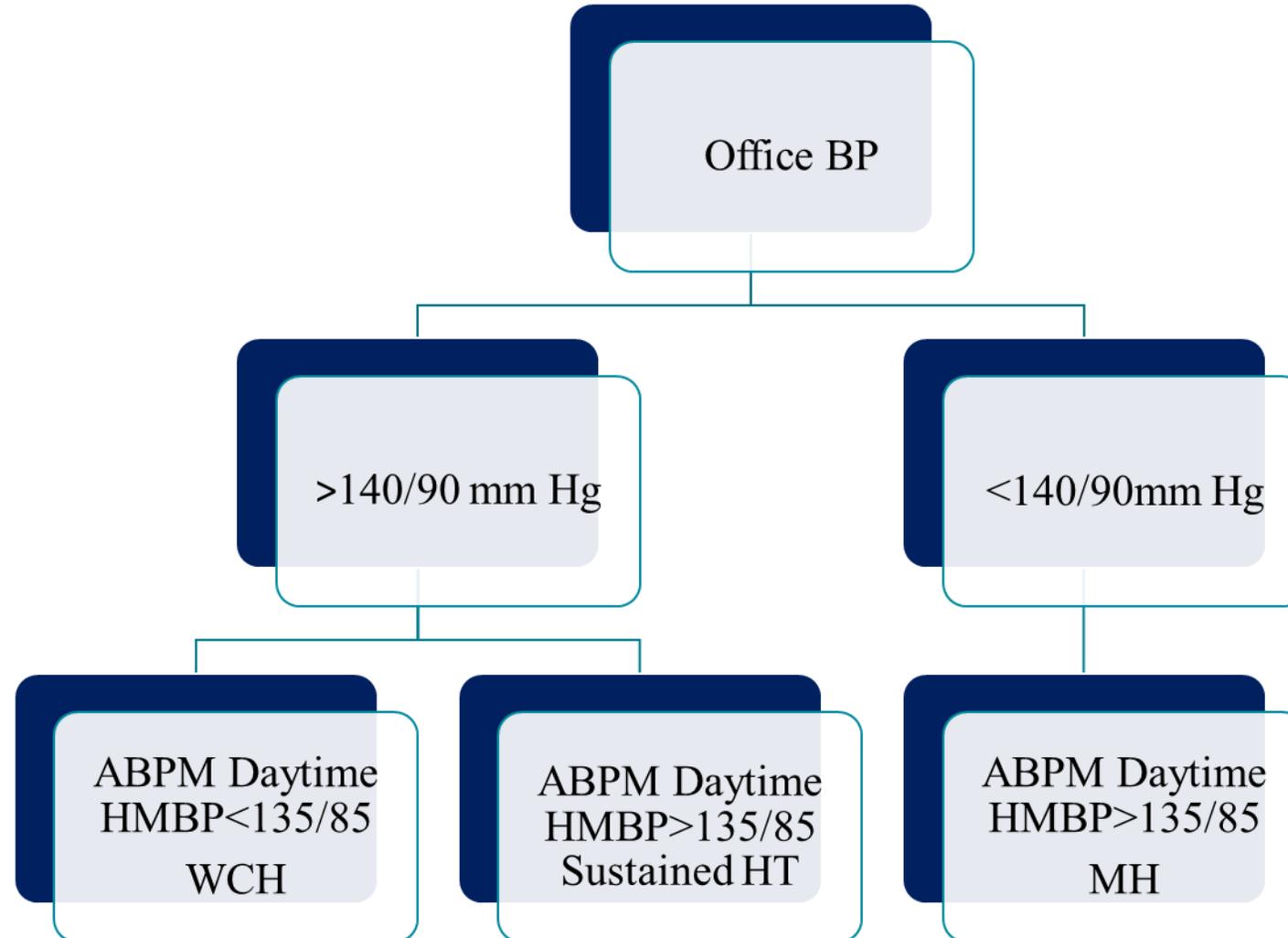
- Recommends office-based BP measurements for diagnosis
- Standardized, Validated, cuffed devices should be used
- 2 separate office visits within 4 wks ( except grade 3 HT /HMOD

# Accurate BP Measurement



- No talking, caffeine, smoking, exercise(30 min)
- Bladder should be empty
- Bp cuff -80% of arm circumference at level of rt atrium
- Triplicate measures- average of last 2 readings .
- Both arms ( first visit) .Use the arm with higher reading.
- For auscultatory determinations, use a palpated estimate of radial pulse obliteration pressure to estimate SBP. Inflate the cuff 20–30 mm Hg above this level, deflate the cuff pressure 2 mm Hg per second

# White Coat Hypertension (WCH)/Masked Hypertension(MH)

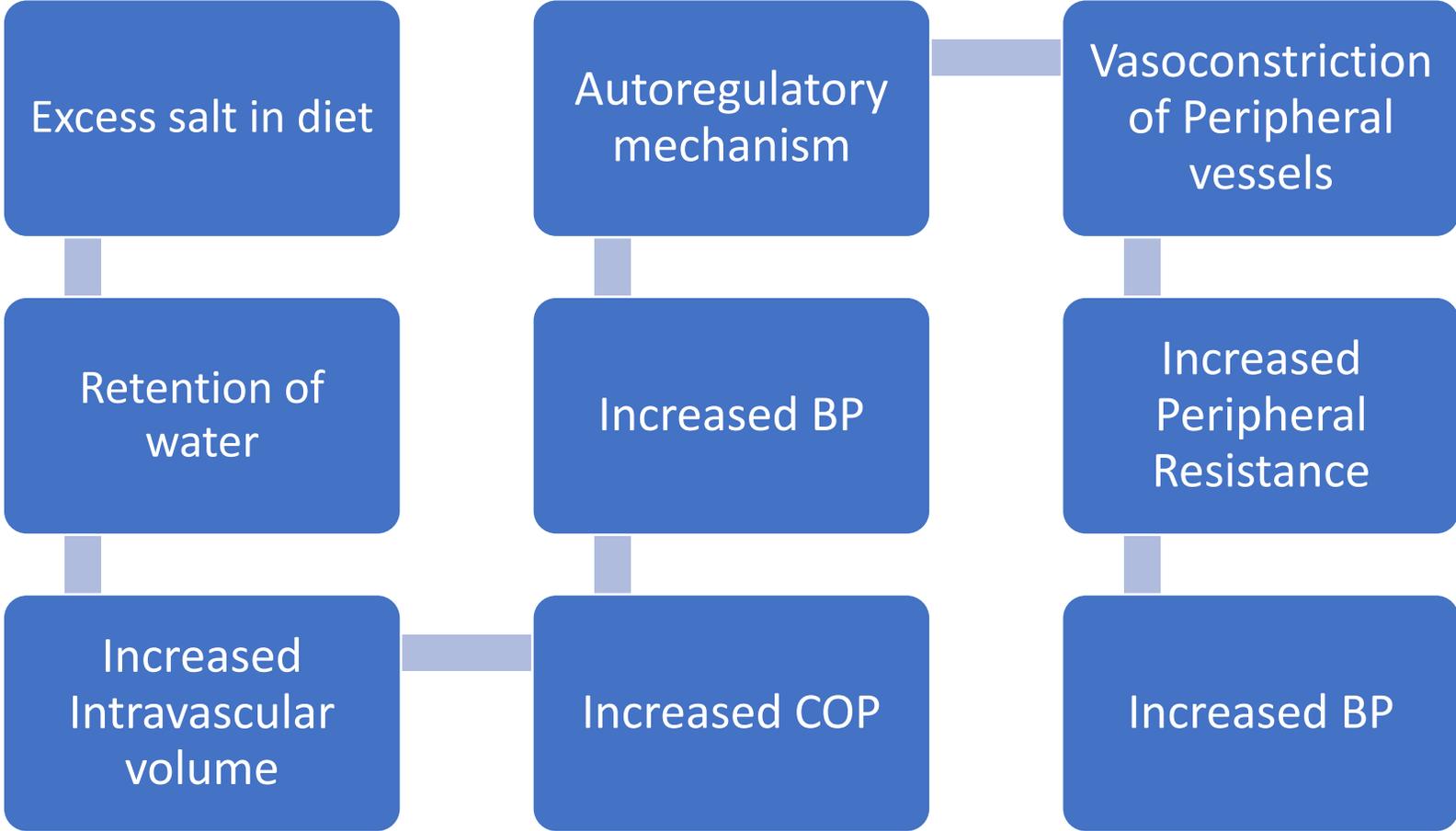


# Similarities & Differences Between ACC/AHA and ESH Guidelines on Hypertension

Guideline difference	ACC/AHA 2017	2023 ESH
Hypertension Definition mmHg	> 130/80	>140/90 mmHg
Normal BP Ranges mmHg	Normal <120/80 Elevated 120-129/<80	Optimal <120/80 Normal 120-129/80-84 High Normal 130-139/85-89
Hypertension mmHg	Stage 1 -130-139/80-89 Stage 2->140/90	Grade 1-140-159/90-99 Grade 2-160-179/100-109 Grade3->180/110
BP Targets mmHg		
18-64 yrs	<130/80	<130/80
65-79 yrs	<130/80	<140/80
>80 yrs	<130/80	<140-150/ 80

# **Pathogenesis of HT**

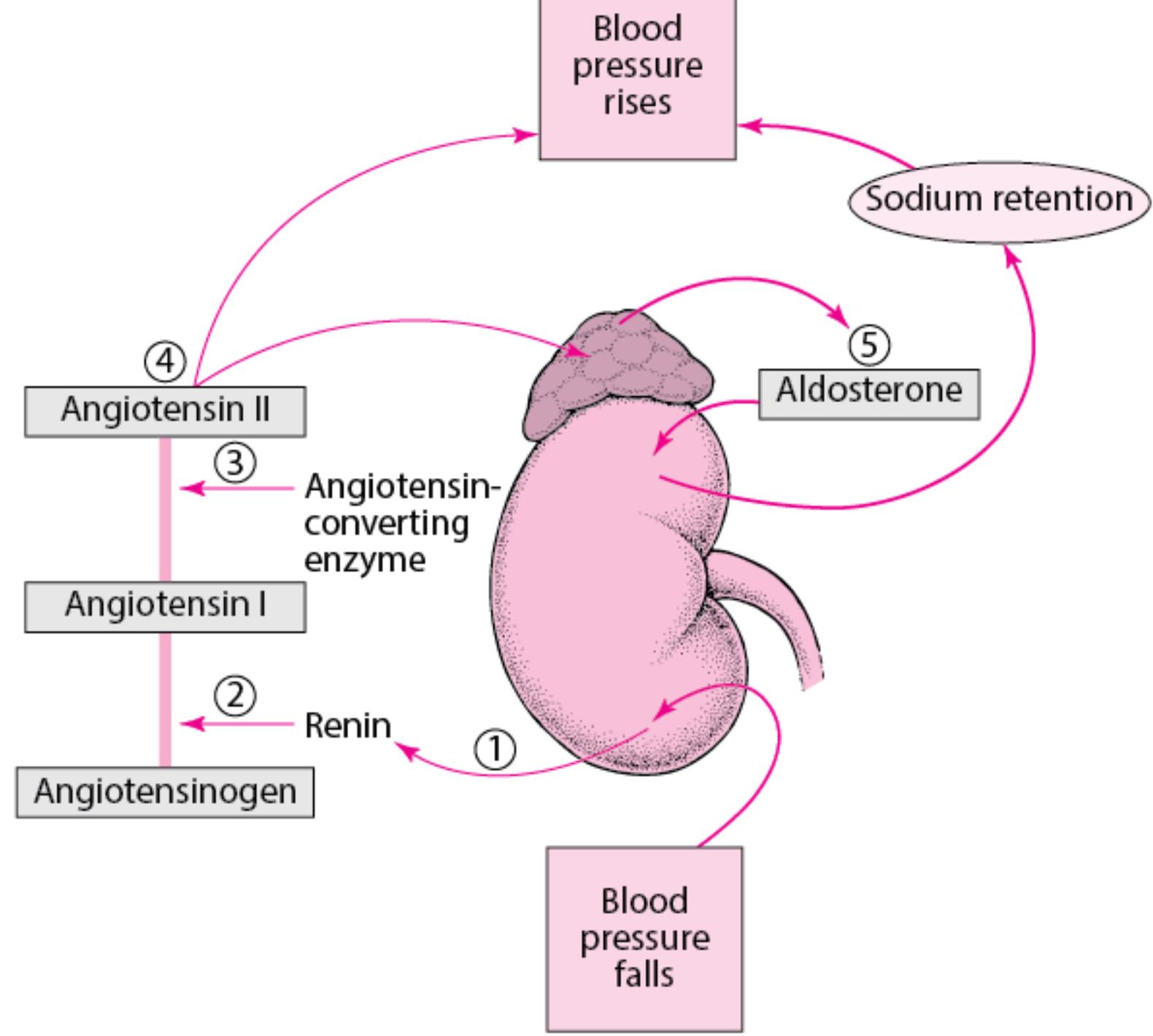
# Salt and HT



# ANS

- Alpha receptors -- Norepinephrine
- Beta receptors -- Epinephrine
- Alpha1 –Post synaptic smooth muscles –Vasoconstriction
- Alpha2 –Presynaptic region activation causes negative feedback –inhibits Norepinephrine
- Beta1 activation cause increase in HR and force of contraction
- Beta 2 activation causes Vasodilatation
- Arterial baroreflex is mediated by nerve endings in carotid sinus and Aortic arch ,gets stimulated by increase in BP which reduces Sympathetic system activity

# Renin Angiotensin system



# Vascular mechanism

- Decrease in lumen of small arterioles
- Arterial stiffness
- Plaque

# Types of HT

## Primary HT

- Genetic plus Enviornmental

## Secondary HT

- Have some cause

# When to suspect secondary Hypertension??

- Resistant hypertension -persistent blood pressure greater than 140/90 mm Hg despite using optimal doses of at least three anti-hypertensive from different classes, that includes a diuretic
- An acute rise in blood pressure in a patient who had previously stable pressures.
- Hypertension before the age of 30 years, who do not have any other risk factors for hypertension, e.g., obesity, family history, etc.
- Severe hypertension (BP greater than 180/110 mm Hg) with end-organ damage like acute kidney injury, neurological manifestations, flash pulmonary edema, hypertensive retinopathy, left ventricular hypertrophy, etc.
- Associated with electrolyte disorders like hypokalemia or metabolic alkalosis
- Age of onset of hypertension before puberty.
- Non-dipping or reverse dipping patterns while monitoring 24-hour ambulatory blood pressure. Normally, the blood pressure at night is lower than the blood pressure during the day

# Secondary HT – Causes?

## Secondary hypertension

### Renal hypertension

- bilateral renal disease
  - acute and chronic glomerulonephritis
  - chronic interstitial nephritis
  - cystic kidney disease
  - diabetic nephropathy
  - collagen-vascular disorders
- unilateral renal disease
  - congenital hypoplasia
  - vesicoureteral reflux
  - unilateral hydronephrosis
  - postradiation nephritis
- renovascular disease (unilateral or bilateral)
  - atherosclerotic renal artery stenosis
  - fibromuscular dysplasia
  - rare causes
- renin-producing tumor
- kidney transplantation

### Endocrine hypertension

- Cushing syndrome
- mineralocorticoid hypertension
- pheochromocytoma
- hyperthyroidism
- hypothyroidism
- primary hyperparathyroidism
- acromegaly
- neuroendocrine tumor (carcinoid)

### Cardiovascular hypertension

- coarctation of the aorta
- increased cardiac output

### Neurogenic hypertension

- increased intracranial pressure
- sleep apnea syndrome
- acute porphyria
- lead intoxication

### Hypertension in pregnancy

### Toxic agent-induced and drug-induced hypertension

- contraceptives
- nonsteroidal antiinflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)
- sympathicomimetics
- erythropoietin
- cyclosporine
- alcohol
- amphetamine
- cocaine
- anabolic steroids

# Renal disease

- CRF- 80% HT
- Glomerular Diseases have more HT then Interstitial diseases
- Nephrosclerosis --HT ?
- Proteinuria  $>1000\text{mg/day}$  ,Active urine sediments –Renal Disease

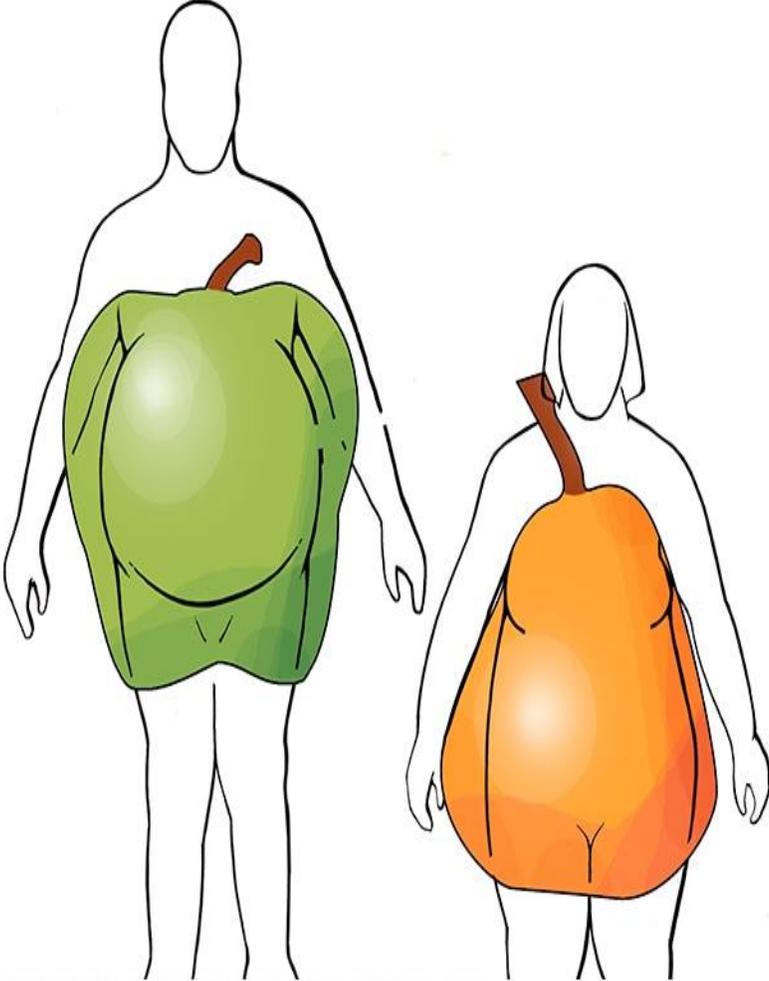
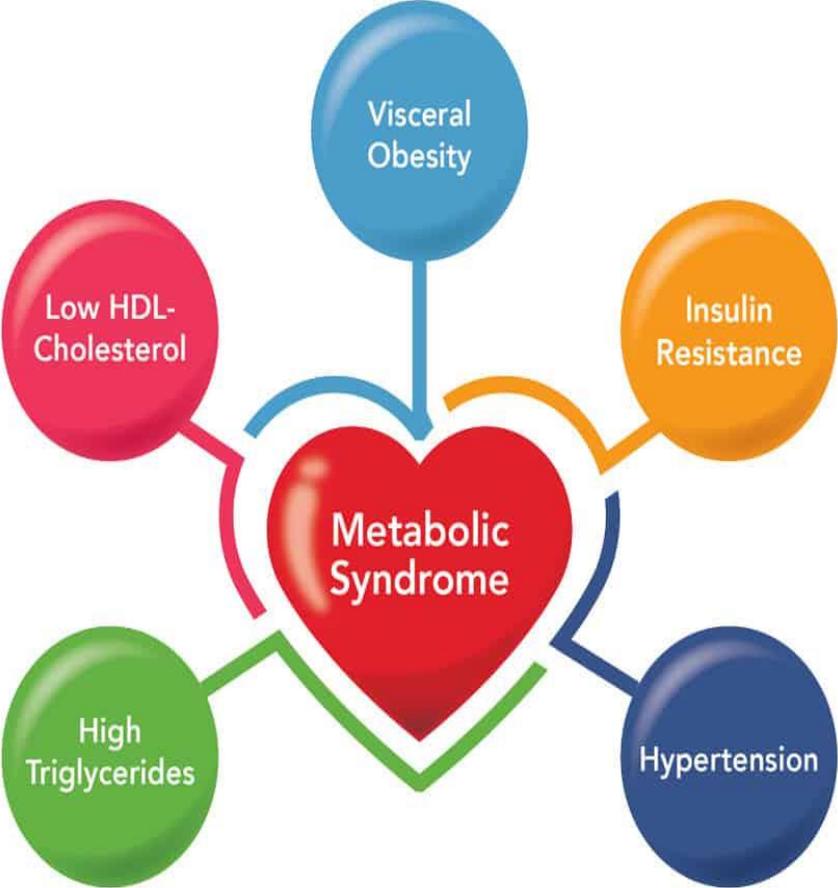
# Renovascular HT

- Renal artery stenosis –Arteriosclerotic,Fibromuscular dysplasia
- When to suspect?-HT, ACE Inhibitor worsens HT
- How to Diagnose?-DTPA Scan,Renal Angiography
- How to Rx?-PTRA,Stent,Surgical repair

# Hyperaldosteronism

- Hypokalaemic Alkalosis
- Polyuria, Polydipsia
- PA/PRA >30:1 -Screening test

# What is Metabolic Syndrome?



- History /Clinical Examination/ Investigations.
- HMOD.

ECG

UACR

Sr Creatinine, e GFR

**Extended Screening**

Echo

cfPWV/baPWV

Carotid artery USG

Coronary artery calcium  
score

Kidney ,Aorta Usg

ABI

Retina microvascular changes

Brain  
Imaging

Cognitive MMSE



# Management

# Life Style Changes

01

Wt loss –Low Calorie Diet  
Each Kg Wt loss causes reduction of SBP  
and DBP by 1 mmHg

02

Exercise 150-300 minutes of  
aerobic exercise/wk

03

Sodium intake less then  $<5.8$  gm/day  
reduces SBP/DBP by 5/2 mmHg  
Sodium 2 gm =5 gm Nacl



04

Increase K in diet but not excess

05

DASH Diet

06

Stop Alcohol ,Smoking

# Drug Therapy When and What to start ?( with Life Style Changes )

- BP >140/90 mmHg. (18-79 years)
- CAD and BP  $\geq$ 130/80 mm Hg/ Estimated 10-year risk of atherosclerotic CVD >10% Hg. (ACC)
- >80 years when SBP is >160 mm Hg( ESH), whereas the ACC/AHA guideline does not make this distinction. BP >140/90 mmHg Rx can be considered.
- Single pill combination therapy. ACC/AHA recommends this approach for patients with stage 2 hypertension, those with BP >20/10 mm Hg above their target BP, and Black patients.
- Monotherapy -Grade 1 HT with low CV risk, High normal BP with high CV risk, Frailty/adv age

# Initial Therapies - Four Major Classes.

## The ESH guidelines continue to include Beta-Blockers

Angiotensin  
Converting Enzyme  
Inhibitors (ACEIs)

Angiotensin-  
Receptor Blockers  
(ARBs)

Thiazide/Thiazide  
likes Diuretics

Calcium Channel  
Blockers (CCBs).

**TABLE 277-9 Examples of Oral Drugs Used in Treatment of Hypertension**

DRUG CLASS	EXAMPLES	USUAL TOTAL DAILY DOSE <sup>a</sup> (DOSING FREQUENCY/DAY)	OTHER INDICATIONS	CONTRAINDICATIONS/CAUTIONS
Diuretics				
Thiazides	Hydrochlorothiazide	6.25–50 mg (1–2)		Diabetes, dyslipidemia, hyperuricemia, gout, hypokalemia
Loop diuretics	Chlorthalidone Furosemide	25–50 mg (1) 40–80 mg (2–3)	CHF due to systolic dysfunction, CHF with preserved ejection fraction, renal failure	Diabetes, dyslipidemia, hyperuricemia, gout, hypokalemia
Aldosterone antagonists	Ethacrynic acid Spironolactone	50–100 mg (2–3) 25–100 mg (1–2)	CHF, primary aldosteronism, resistant hypertension	Renal failure, hyperkalemia
K <sup>+</sup> retaining	Eplerenone Amiloride Triamterene	50–100 mg (1–2) 5–10 mg (1–2) 50–100 mg (1–2)	Liddle’s syndrome	Renal failure, hyperkalemia
Beta blockers				Asthma, COPD, second- or third-degree heart block, sick-sinus syndrome
Cardioselective	Atenolol	25–100 mg (1)	Angina, CHF, post-MI, sinus tachycardia, ventricular tachyarrhythmias, thoracic aortic disease	
Nonselective	Metoprolol Propranolol Propranolol LA	25–100 mg (1–2) 40–160 mg (2) 60–180 (1)		
Combined alpha/beta	Labetalol Carvedilol	200–800 mg (2) 12.5–50 mg (2)		
Alpha antagonists				
Selective	Prazosin Doxazosin Terazosin	2–20 mg (2–3) 1–16 mg (1) 1–10 mg (1–2)	Prostatism	
Nonselective	Phenoxybenzamine	20–120 mg (2–3)	Pheochromocytoma	

Sympatholytics Central	Clonidine Clonidine patch Methyldopa Reserpine Guanfacine	0.1–0.6 mg (2) 0.1–0.3 mg (1/week) 250–1000 mg (2) 0.05–0.25 mg (1) 0.5–2 mg (1)		
ACE inhibitors	Captopril  Lisinopril Ramipril	25–200 mg (2)  10–40 mg (1) 2.5–20 mg (1–2)	Post-MI, coronary syndromes, CHF, nephropathy	Acute renal failure, bilateral renal artery stenosis, pregnancy, hyperkalemia
Angiotensin II antagonists	Losartan  Valsartan Candesartan	25–100 mg (1–2)  80–320 mg (1) 2–32 mg (1–2)	CHF, nephropathy, ACE inhibitor cough	Renal failure, bilateral renal artery stenosis, pregnancy, hyperkalemia
Renin inhibitors	Aliskiren	150–300 mg (1)	Diabetic nephropathy	Pregnancy
Calcium antagonists Dihydropyridines  Nondihydropyridines	Nifedipine (long-acting)  Verapamil (long-acting) Diltiazem (long-acting)	30–60 mg (1)  120–360 mg (1–2) 180–420 mg (1)	Post-MI, supraventricular tachycardias, angina	Second- or third-degree heart block
Direct vasodilators	Hydralazine Minoxidil	25–100 mg (2) 2.5–80 mg (1–2)		Severe coronary artery disease

<sup>1</sup>At the initiation of therapy, lower doses may be preferable for elderly patients and for select combinations of antihypertensive agents.

*Abbreviations:* ACE, angiotensin-converting enzyme; CHF, congestive heart failure; COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; MI, myocardial infarction.

- Preferred combinations are ARS Inhibitors plus CC Blockers or Thiazide Diuretics
- Beta blockers to be added in specific conditions
- CCB –DHP CCB can be used in HFrEF with caution –negative inotropic effect. Non DHP CCB not to be used in HFrEF
- Thiazides fair well in Heart failure
- Alpha blockers cause Orthostatic Hypotension .Avoid in older people
- Central acting drugs have side effects use only in special conditions.
- MRA can be used in resistant hypertension after 3 drugs.
- Drug titration should be not very slow in high CV risk cases

# Beta blocker controversy?

## Why beta-blockers should not be used as first choice in uncomplicated hypertension

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Abstract  
In the past 4 decades, beta blockers (BBs) have been widely used in the treatment of uncomplicated hypertension and are still recommended as first-line agents in national and international guidelines. Their putative cardioprotective properties, however, derive from the extrapolation into primary prevention of data relative to the reduction of mortality observed in the 1970s in patients with previous myocardial infarctions. **In the past 5 years, a critical reanalysis of older trials, together with several meta-analyses, has shown that in patients with uncomplicated hypertension BBs exert a relatively weak effect in reducing stroke compared to placebo or no treatment, do not have any protective effect with regard to coronary artery disease and, compared to other drugs, such as calcium channel blockers, renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system inhibitors or thiazide diuretics, show evidence of worse outcomes, particularly with regard to stroke.**

## $\beta$ blockers switched to first-line therapy in hypertension

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Summary  
In their recent guidelines, the European Society of Hypertension upgraded  $\beta$  blockers, putting them on equal footing with thiazide diuretics, renin-angiotensin system blockers (eg, angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors and angiotensin receptor blockers), and calcium channel blockers. **The reason offered for upgrading  $\beta$  blockers was the observation that they are often used for many other clinical conditions commonly encountered with hypertension. This upgrade would allow for the treatment of two conditions with a single drug (a so-called twofer). In most current national and international hypertension guidelines,  $\beta$  blockers are only considered to be an alternative when there are specific indications.**



# HT and comorbidities

01

ESH

<140/90 mm Hg

CKD

<130/80 mm Hg

CAD, DM, and cerebrovascular disease

02

ACC/AHA guideline

<130/80 mm Hg

CKD, CAD, DM, and

cerebrovascular disease.

# CVA and Blood Pressure

01

Hemorrhagic Stroke <6hrs of symptoms  
consider lowering BP <140/90 mm Hg.  
Reduces Haematoma expansion.

02

Hemorrhagic Stroke >6hrs of symptoms  
1.SBP>220 lower it to 180 mmHg  
2.SBP<220 mmHg slow reduction to 140mm Hg

03

Acute Ischemic stroke  
If Thrombolysis indicated lower BP to <185/110 mmHg ,maintain <180/105  
If not eligible for Thrombolysis reduce BP by 15% during first 24 hrs if <220/120mmHg

# Renal Denervation Therapy

- 2018 ESH did not recommend Renal Denervation as there was lack of trials
- Now there are highest-quality, multicenter, randomized, blinded trials which used Ambulatory Blood Pressure (BP) as the primary outcome.
- Useful in Resistant hypertension(triple drug therapy, one of which is a diuretic) /cannot tolerate too many medications.
- No significant renal artery stenosis or worsening of renal function.
- The BP-lowering effect was sustained for up to 3 years. Benefit is like a single medication, roughly 5-10 mm Hg
- Patients must be fully informed about the risks and benefits of renal denervation when compared to drug therapy.

# Renal Denervation Therapy

01

02

03

Figure 1: Mechanisms of renal denervation

