

## Hypertension

Primary  
(can be  
controlled  
not cured)

Secondary  
(can be  
cured)

- Disease :

1. Chronic kidney disease
2. Cushing syndrome
3. coarctation of aorta
4. obstructive sleep apnea
5. primary hyperparathyroidism
6. pheochromocytoma
7. primary aldosteronism
8. renovascular disease
9. thyroid include hypo and hyper.

### Drugs :

1. Amphetamine
2. Antivascular endothelial growth factor agent (bevacizumab , ranibizumab , aflibercept)
3. Corticosteroid
4. Calcineurin inhibitors (cyclosporine , tacrolimus)
5. Decongestant (pseudoephedrine , phenylephrine)
6. Ergot alkaloid (bromocriptine , methysergide, dihydroergotamine)
7. Erythropoiesis stimulating agent (erythropoietin , darbepoetin)
8. Estrogen-ocp
9. Nsaid
10. B blocker withdrawal
11. Tyramine containing food
12. Street drugs\*\*\*\*
13. Food (alcohol , sodium , licorice)

Cocaine (intake&withdrawal),  
ephedra alkaloid ,herbal ecstasy,  
nicotine and narcotic withdrawal ,  
anabolic steroid and st john wort.

- Our goal is to reduce mortality and morbidity from cardiovascular event.
- Goal bp <130/80 for < 65 years patient
- Goal is <140/90 for >=65 years patient
- Treating bp may lead to hypotension , syncope , aki , electrolyte abnormalities .
- Bp control rate are poor **because** of "clinical inertia" : clinic visit at which no therapeutic move was made to lower bp in patient with uncontrolled hypertension.

2017 American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association Clinical Practice Guidelines Categories of Blood Pressure for Adults*			
Blood Pressure Category	Systolic BP		Diastolic BP
Normal	<120 mm Hg	and	<80 mm Hg
Elevated	120 – 129 mm Hg	and	<80 mm Hg
Hypertension: Stage 1	130 – 139 mm Hg	or	80 – 89 mm Hg
Hypertension: Stage 2	≥140 mm Hg	or	≥90 mm Hg

\*Individuals with SBP and DBP in 2 different categories should be designated to the higher BP category.

### Tx principles :

- We treat by life style modification and antihypertensive drugs.
- The choice of the drug depend on the **degree of bp elevation** and **presence of compelling indication**.

### Life style modification

1. Gradual Weight loss (BMI:18.5-24.9)
2. Diet : rich in fruit , vegetables , low saturated fat diet
3. Reduce salt intake (1.5g/dayNa or 3.8g/day NaCl)
4. Aerobic physical activity
5. Moderate alcohol intake ما تشربوا كحول بالمرة

40 minutes  
3-4 times weekly

### Treatment

No compelling indication

### Medications

Stage 1 : first line drug or combination of two drugs  
First line : ACEi , ARB , CCB,THIAZIDE  
Combination : ACEi OR ARB + CCB OR THIAZIDE

Stage 2 : two first line

- ACEi OR ARB + CCB
- ACEi OR ARB + THIAZIDE

### Tx with compelling indication.

**Heart failure with low EF :** ACEi OR ARB+ DIURETIC +B blocker (bisoprolol ,carvedilol ,metoprolol)+ possibly aldosterone receptor antagonist.

-ACEi OR ARB : start with low dose due to the risk of orthostatic hypotension.

-DIURETIC: to relieve symptoms of edema , loop diu. Used in pt with advanced HF and CKD.

-Aldosterone receptor antagonist (spironolactone or eplerenone) : lower cardiovascular morbidity and mortality.

**Post MI :** B blocker (without intrinsic sympathomimetic activity)+ACEi OR ARB

-ACEi OR ARB : lower risk of sudden cardiac death and improve cardiac remodeling

-B blocker should be used first.

**Stable angina with ischemic symp.:** B blocker OR CCB (non-dihydropyridine diltiazem and verapamil) + CCB (dihydropyridine)

**Acute coronary syndrome:** b blocker + ACEi OR ARB.

\*THIAZIDE can be added thereafter to lower bp but do not provide anti-ischemic effect.

**DM :ACEI OR ARB + CCB**

- ACEI OR ARB : provide nephro protection due to vasodilation in efferent arteriole.
- DO NOT USE NON-SELECTIVE B blocker: they mask sign and symp. Of hypoglycemia , delay hypoglycemia recovery time , they do unopposed  $\alpha$ -receptor stimulation thus elevate bp due to vasoconstriction
- You can use selective b blocker.

**CKD: ACEI OR ARB**

- They reduce intraglomerular pressure , slow the progression of ckd .
- Start with low dose because patient may develop rapid and profound drop in bp especially those with renal artery stenosis and solitary kidney with stenosis.
- monitoring done by measuring serum creatinine.

**Ischemic Stroke : thiazide + ACEI OR ARB**

- Use only after you stabilize the patient following acute attack.

**Pulmonary disease : DO NOT USE NON SLECTIVE B BLOCKER (induce bronchospasm)**

**Peripheral arterial disease : DO NOT USE B BLOCKER (cause vasoconstriction) , instead you can use b blocker **with**  $\alpha$ 1 block properties (carvedilol).**

**Elderly with HTN : thiazide + long acting dihydropyridine ccb**

- Do not use centrally acting agent and  $\alpha$ 1 blocker should be avoided due to the risk of orthostatic hypotension.
- you can use ACEI OR ARB but in small doses .

**Children and adolescent with HTN : ACEI , ARB , B BLOCKER , CCB all are acceptable**

- Remember , they have secondary htn due to overweight , insulin resistance , family hx , kidney disease , coarctation of aorta .

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**- Monitoring therapy**

Aldosterone antagonist , ACEI , ARB : BP ,BUN/SERUM CR , SERUM POTASSIUM

CCB , B BLOCKER : BP , HR

THIAZIDE : BP , BUN / CR , (k , Mg , Na ) , uric acid , glucose

**- RESISTANT HTN : failure to achieve goal bp with the use of 3 or more drugs**

**Causes :** improper bp measurement , excess Na intake , inadequate therapy , non adherent , obesity , alcohol intake , osctructive sleep apnea , drugs .

- **Hypertensive crisis** > 180 /120 , include emergency & urgency

Htn emergency : with acute end organ injury (encephalopathy , ICH , retinopathy , nephropathy , pulmonary edema , left ventricular failure , dissecting aortic aneurysm , eclampsia .

Htn urgency : without end organ injury

- **Htn urgency**

1. Gradual decrease in bp , either by adding new drug or increase the dose of present drugs
2. Reduce bp to stage 1 over hours to days by using short acting **oral** medications (captopril , clonidine , labetalol ).
3. Reevaluation should be done within 7 days .
4. **Do not** use **nifedipine** .

- **Htn emergency**

1. Immediate reduction is imp. ( reduction in MAP of up to 25% within minutes to hours)
2. Use parenteral therapy ( sodium nitroprusside , nitroglycerin if there is MI , fenoldopam , nicardipine and clevidipine).
3. Do not lower bp < 140 / 90 initially , after the patient become stable go for reduction until you reach goal bp . EXCEPTION : ACUTE ISCHEMIC STROKE , we need high bp for a longer time.
4. Do not use thrombolytic agent in patient with persistent > 185/110

**Sodium nitroprusside**

**Side effect** : N/V , muscle twitch , sweating ,thiocyanate and cyanide intoxication .  
**Indication** : htn emerg.  
**Caution** : high ICP , azotemia , CKD.

**Nitroglycerin :**

**Side effect** : V , headache , methomoglobinemia,tolerance.  
**Indication** : coronary ischemia

**Clevidipine :**

**SE** : N,headache ,tachycardia , high TG  
**Indication**: htn emerg. Except acute HF.  
**Contraindication**:soy or egg allergy , defective lipid metabolism , aortic stenosis.

**Nicardipine**

**SE** : tachy , headache,flushing,local phlebitis  
**Indication**:same as clevidipine  
**Caution**: coronary ischemia

**Enalaprilat**

**SE**:precipitous fall in bp,variable response  
**Indication** : acute LV failure  
**Avoid** in mi and eclampsia

**Esmolol**

**SE**:N,hypotension, asthma,1st heart block,HF  
**Indication**:aortic dissection  
**Avoid** in bradycardia,decompensated HF, b blocker users

**Fenoldopam**

**SE**:tachy,headache ,N,flushing  
**Indication**: htn emerg  
**Caution**:glaucoma

**Hydralazine**

**SE**:tachy,flushing,headache,V,aggravation of angina  
**Indication**:eclampsia

**Labetalol:**

**SE**: N, V ,heart block,dizziness,orthostatic hypotension,scalp tingling,bronchoconstriction.  
**Indication**: htn emerg. Except HF OR BLOCK