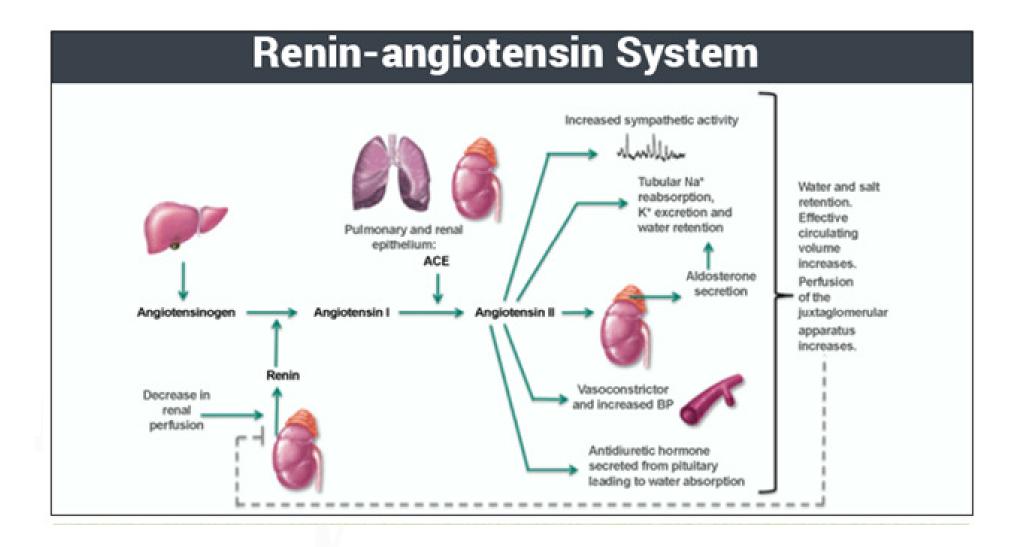
# HYPERTENSION

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# DEFINITION

- Increase arterial blood pressure
- Disease of vascular regulation
- •Alteration in regulation of arterial pressure. Predominant mechanisms of control are the
- 1. Central nervous system (CNS),
- 2. Renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system)
- 3. Extracellular fluid volume.



## TYPES OF HYPERTENSION

- PRIMARY HYPERTENSION
- SECONDARY HYPERTENSION
- ACCELERATED HYPERTENSION

### CLASSIFICATION OF BLOOD PRESSURE FOR ADULTS

| <b>BP CLASSIFICATION</b> | SBP (MM HG) | DBP (MM HG) |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Normal                   | < 120       | <80         |
| Prehypertension          | 120139      | 8089        |
| Stage 1 hypertension     | 140—159     | 9099        |
| Stage 2 hypertension     | >160        | >100        |

#### PRIMARY HYPERTENSION

- Also called as Essential Hypertension
- Approx. 95% of patients
- Diastolic -- 90 mm of Hg
- Systolic -- 140 mm of Hg or more

#### CAUSES

- Idiopathic
- Hyperactivity of sympathetic vasoconstricting nerves
- Presence of vasoactive substance on smooth muscle
- Increased cardiac output, followed by arteriole constriction
- Excessive dietary sodium intake, sodium retention,
- Familial (genetic) tendency

#### **ISOLATED SYSTOLIC HYPERTENSION**

 Systolic BP elevation in the absence of elevated diastolic BP is termed isolated systolic hypertension

#### SECONDARY HYPERTENSION

- Occurs in approx. 5% of patients
- Renal pathology:
  - Congenital anomalies, pyelonephritis, renal artery obstruction, acute and chronic glomerulonephritis
  - Reduced blood flow to kidney causes release of renin. Renin reacts with serum protein in liver
- Coarctation of aorta
- Endocrine disturbances:
  - Pheochromocytoma
  - Adrenal cortex tumors
  - Cushing's syndrome
  - Hyperthyroidism
- Medications such as estrogens, sympathomimetics, antidepressants, NSAIDs, steroids

# **Consequences of Hypertension**

- Damages blood vessels in the brain, eyes, heart, and kidneys
- Increases the risk of stroke, angina, MI, blindness, and heart and kidney failure
- Blood vessel damage occurs through arteriosclerosis in which smooth muscle cell proliferation, lipid infiltration, and calcium accumulation occur in the vascular epithelium
- Damage to heart, brain, eyes, and kidneys is termed target organ disease; this is the major object of prevention in patients with high BP

# **Consequences of Hypertension**

- Cerebro-Vascular stroke
- Angina, Myocardial Infarct
- Blindness
- Heart and Kidney failure
- Arteriosclerosis
- Lipid infiltration and calcium accumulation
- Target organ disease

### **Risk Factors**

- Increase in incidence is associated with the following risk factors :-
  - ► Age:- between 30 and 70
  - ➢Race:- Black
  - ➢Overweight, sleep apnea
  - ➢ Family history
  - ➢Smoking
  - Sedentary lifestyle
  - Diabetes mellitus
  - Metabolic syndrome

#### CLINICAL MANIFESTATIONS

- Usually Asymptomatic
- May cause
  - Headache
  - Dizziness
  - Blurred vision in malignant hypertension
- BP readings more than 140/90 mm of Hg

#### **DIAGNOSTIC EVALUATION**

- FBS, PP2BS
- Lipid profile
- Renal Function
- Serum Potassium
- Urine Analysis
  - Proteinuria
  - Catecholamines (pheochromocytoma = VMA)
- ECG
- Chest X-ray
- Renal scan for Renal artery stenosis

# MANAGEMENT(lifestyle modifications)

- Lose weight if BMI > 25.
- Limit addiction. e.g. alcohol, smoking
- Smoking cessation
- Regular aerobic exercise
- 30 to 45 minutes of brisk walking most days.
- Restrict sodium intake to 2.4 g or less per day
- Reduce dietary fat and cholesterol
- Consider reducing coffee and caffeine intake
- Yoga, Pranayam, Anti- Streess therapy, Meditation
- Only for Mild Hypertension and over 3 6 months

## CONSIDERATIONS IN SELECTING THERAPY

- Age:- some adverse effects may not be tolerated well by elderly people
- Concomitant diseases and therapies:- some agents also treat migraines, benign prostatic hyperplasia, heart failure
- Quality of life impact: tolerance of adverse effects
- Economic considerations:- newer agents very expensive

# ANTI-HYPERTENSIVE DRUG GROUPS

- Diuretics
- Beta-adrenergic blockers
- Alpha-receptor blockers
- Central alpha agonists
- Peripheral adrenergic agents
- Combined alpha and beta-adrenergic blockers
- ACE inhibitors
- Angiotensin receptor blockers
- Calcium antagonists
- Direct vasodilators

- 1. Diuretics
  - Pottasium sparing Spironolactone
  - Non Pottasium sparing Frusemide
- 2. Beta-adrenergic blockers
  - Atenolol, Metoprolol, Proprenolol
- 3. Alpha-receptor blockers
  - Prazosin
- 4. Central alpha agonists
  - Clonidine ,Alpha methy dopa
- 5. Combined alpha and beta-adrenergic blockers
  - Labetalol

- 6. ACE inhibitors
  - Enalapril , Captopril , Ramipril
- 7. Angiotensin receptor blockers
  - Losartan, Telmisartan
- 8. Calcium antagonists
  - Nifedipin , Amlodipin, Diltazium
- 9. Direct vasodilators
  - Sodium Nitropruside
  - Nitro-glycerine

| Anti-Hypertensive Group          | Indication  | Contraindication  |
|----------------------------------|---|---|
| Alpha Blocker                    | Benign Prostatic Hypertrophy  | Postural Hypotension  |
| Beta Blocker                     | Myocardial infarction<br>Angina   | Asthma<br>Heart Block<br>Congestive Failure                           |
| ACE Inhibitor                    | <b>Congestive Cardiac Failure<br/>Left Ventricular dysfunction<br/>Diabetic Nephropathy</b> | Renal Vascular disease<br>Peripheral Vascular<br>disease<br>Pregnancy |
| Angiotensine Receptor<br>Blocker | Acute / Chronic Renal Failure<br>Diabetic Nephropathy                                       | Renal Vascular disease<br>Peripheral vascular<br>disease<br>Pregnancy |
| Calcium Channel Blocker          | Isolated Systolic hypertension  | Congestive Failure  |
| Thiazide diuretics               | Congestive Cardiac Failure<br>Left Ventricular dysfunction                                  | Gout  |