



# **An update on the management of isolated systolic hypertension**

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*Research on hypertension and development of effective and well-tolerated antihypertensive therapies have been among the greatest successes of medicine in the second half of the 20th century*

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# Progress in hypertension management

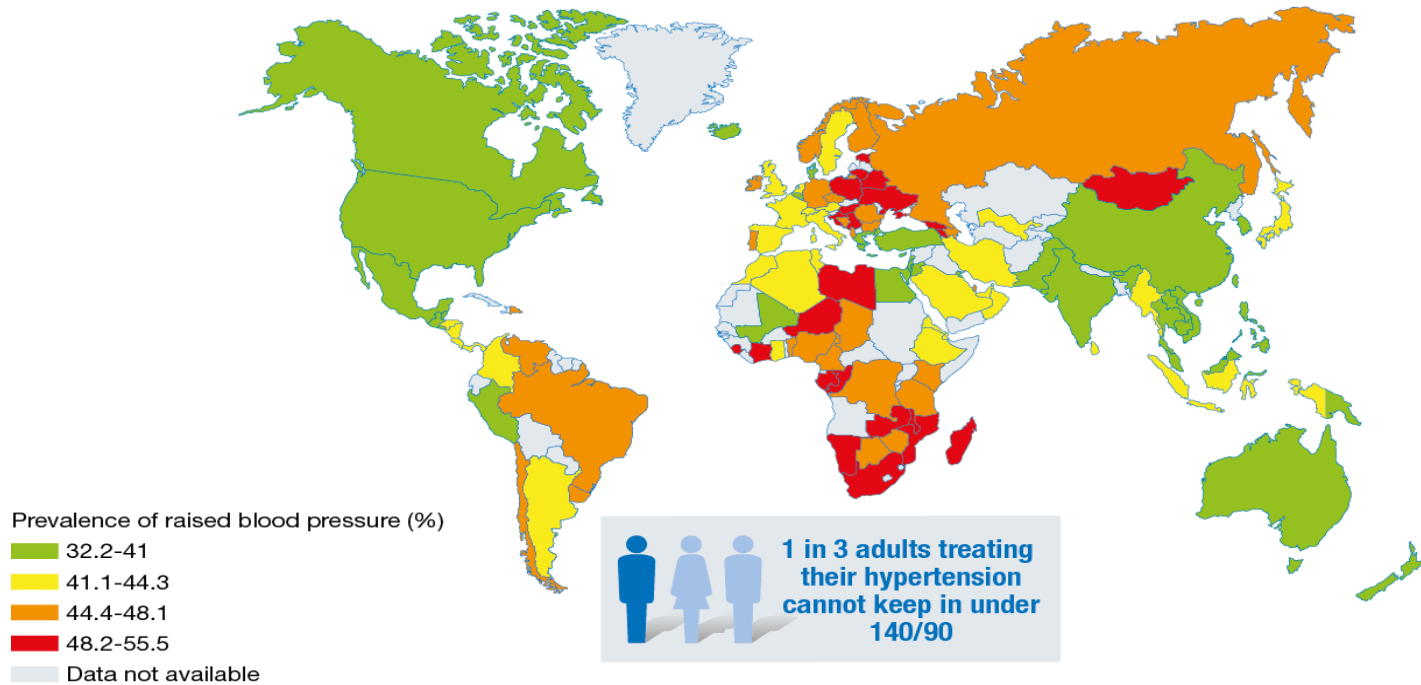
## 1970s

- Malignant hypertension
- Reserpine
- First diuretics
- First randomized trials
- No guidelines

## 2019

- Non-existing
- Well-tolerated treatment
- Several drug classes
- Landmark clinical trials
- EBM-driven guidelines

# 1.13 billion hypertensive patients worldwide<sup>1\*</sup>



\*Data from 2015, 200 countries, pooled analysis of 19.1 million adults (1479 studies)

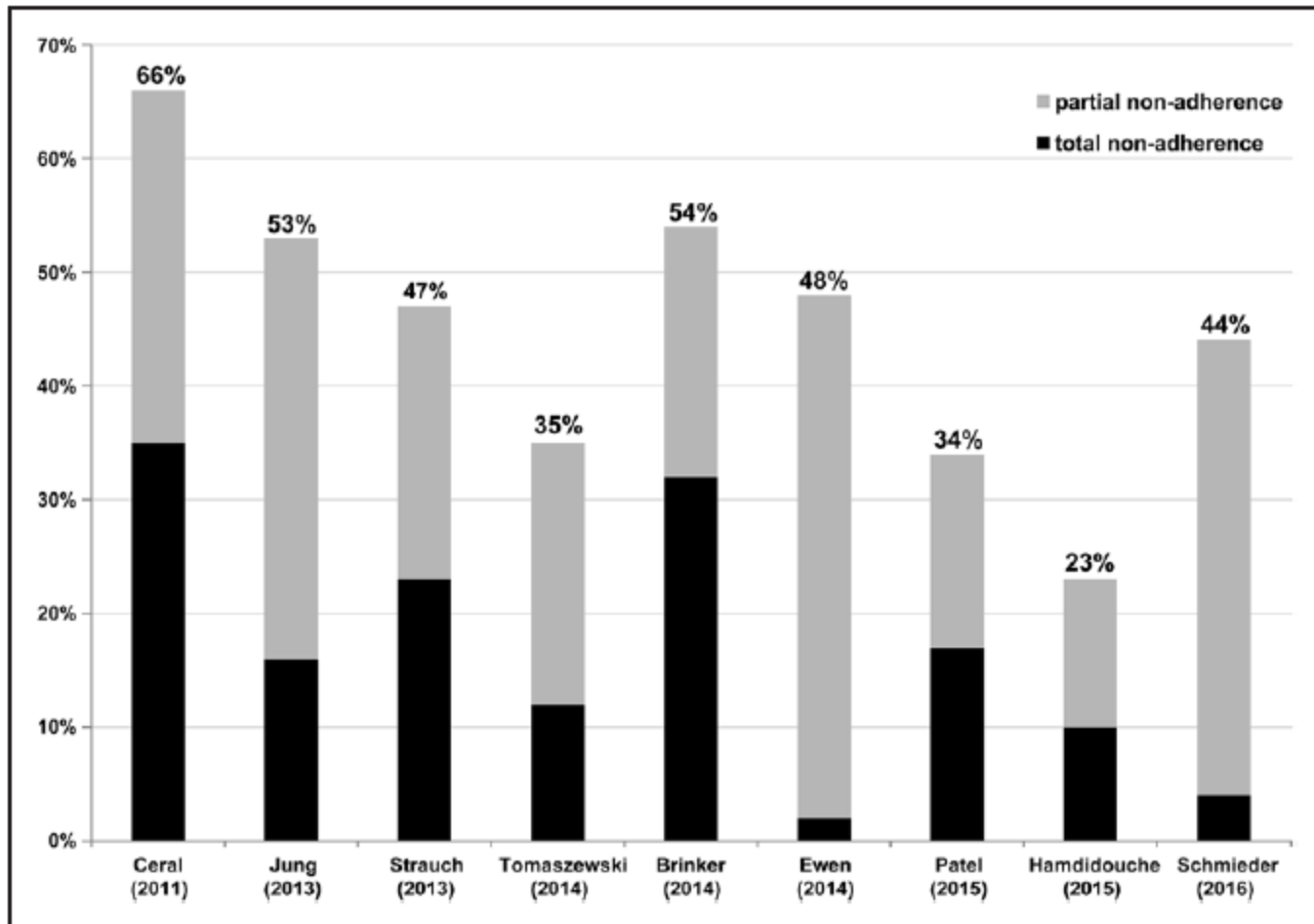
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# Hypertension is still the first contributor to global burden of disease and mortality<sup>1</sup>

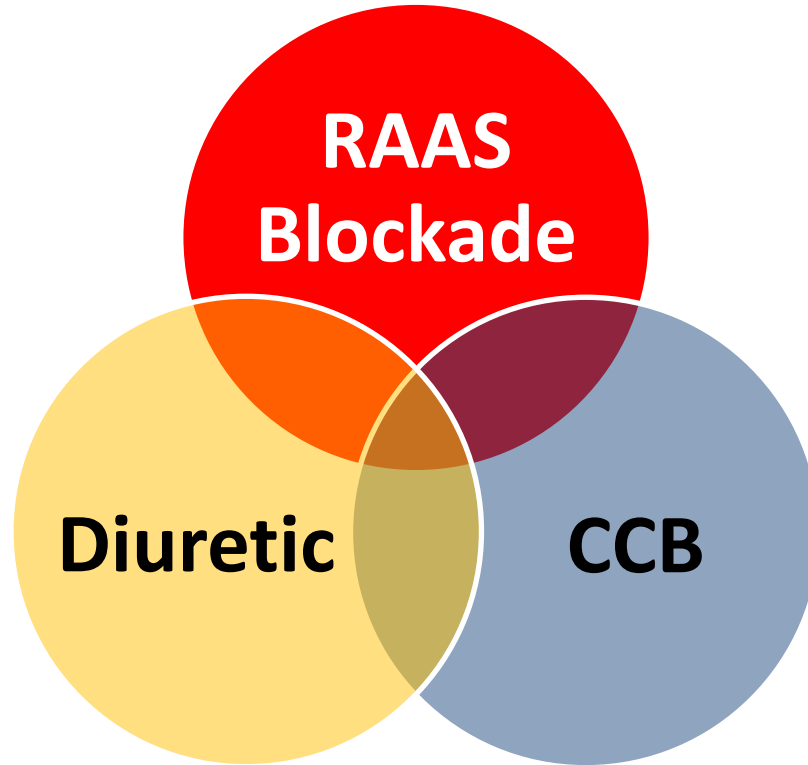


# RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

- **Appropriate treatment**
- **Adherent patient**

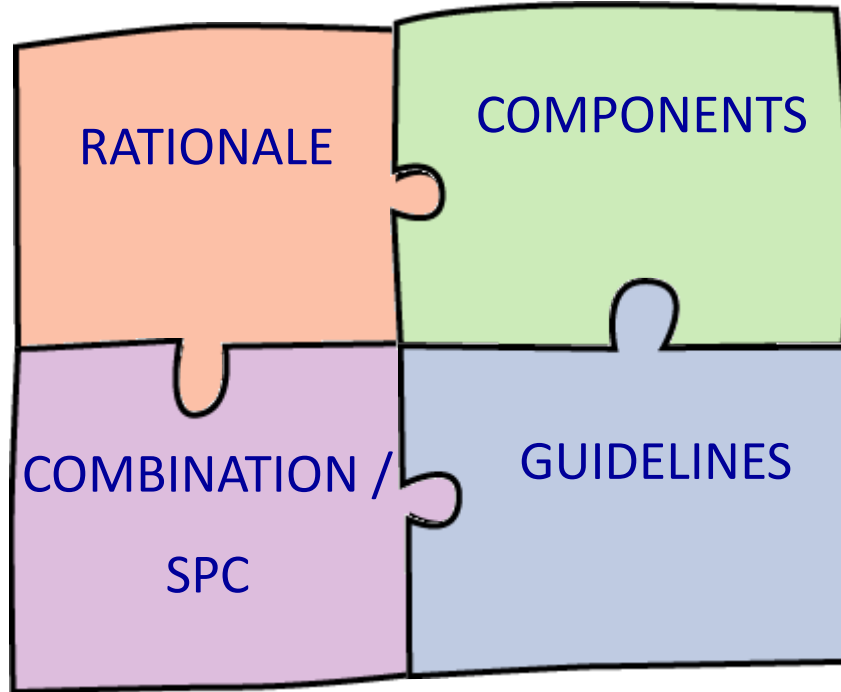


# Simplifying Combination Therapy

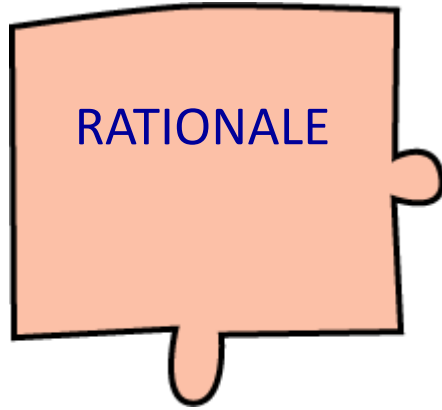




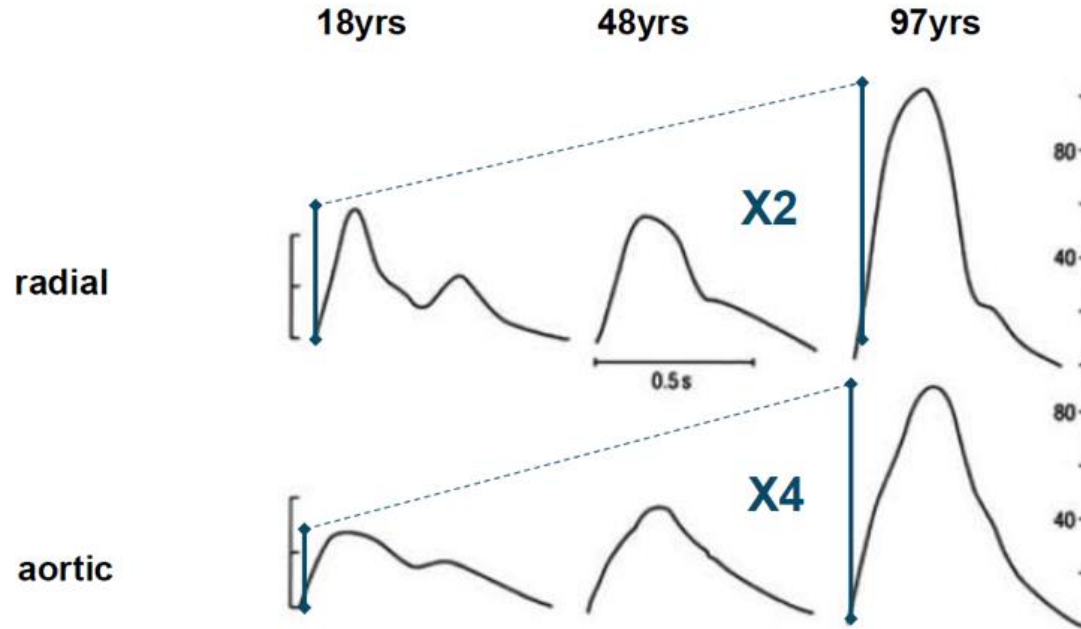
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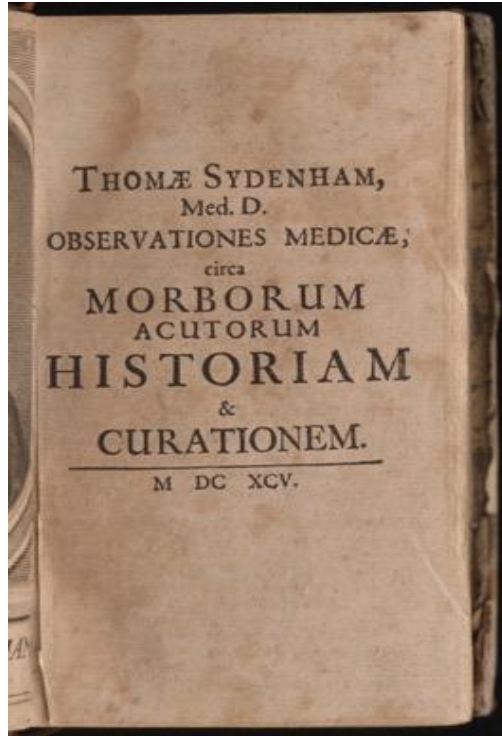
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# Effects of Ageing on Peripheral and Central Systolic and Pulse Pressure

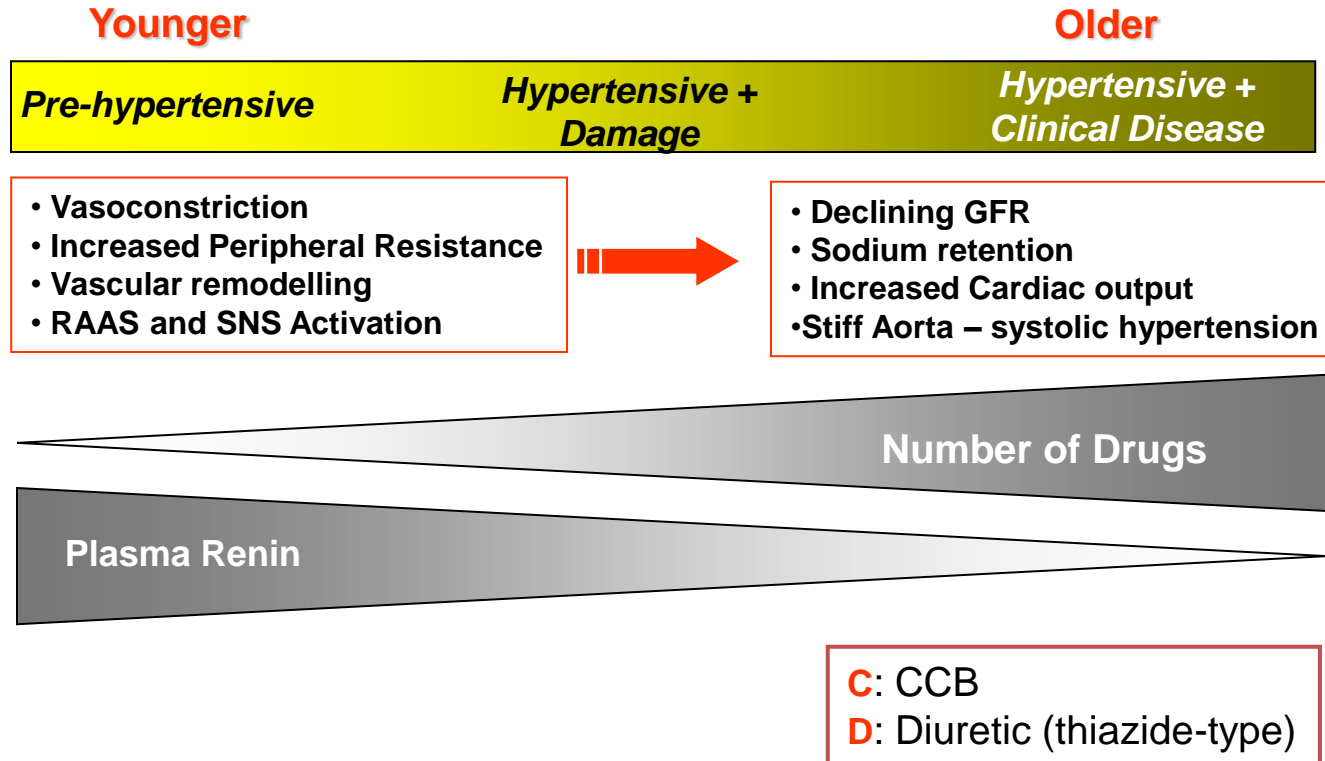


*"A man is as old as his arteries"*



Thomas Sydenham 1624-1689  
The English Hippocrates

# Evolution of Hypertension



# Hypertension Prevalence and Blood Pressure Levels in 6 European Countries, Canada, and the United States

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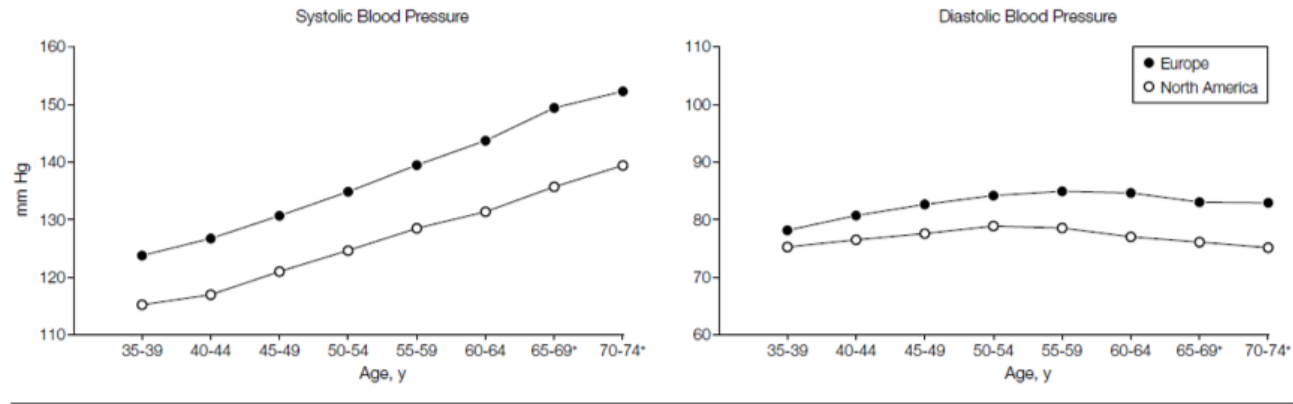
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**Context** Geographic variations in cardiovascular disease (CVD) and associated risk factors have been recognized worldwide. However, little attention has been directed to potential differences in hypertension between Europe and North America.

**Objective** To determine whether higher blood pressure (BP) levels and hypertension are more prevalent in Europe than in the United States and Canada.

**Figure 2.** Mean Systolic and Diastolic Blood Pressures in 6 European and 2 North American Countries, Men and Women Combined, by Age



projects, most notably the World Heart

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veys that include rigorous measurement of cardiovascular risk status. Considerable epidemiologic research has

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## Systolic pressure is all that matters

Bryan Williams, Lars H Lindholm, Peter Sever

*Lancet* 2008



Blood pressure is usually expressed as two components—diastolic and systolic pressures. Systolic hypertension is much more common than diastolic hypertension, and systolic blood pressure contributes more of the huge global disease burden attributable to hypertension than does diastolic pressure.<sup>1-3</sup> However, there has undoubtedly been confusion about the relative

pressure with age, accompanied by a fall in diastolic pressure and a widening in pulse pressure. Increased pulse pressure is therefore indicative of large artery disease and is also associated with increased cardiovascular risk. However, assessment of systolic pressure is sufficient to capture this component of risk, since there is hardly ever a situation in which pulse

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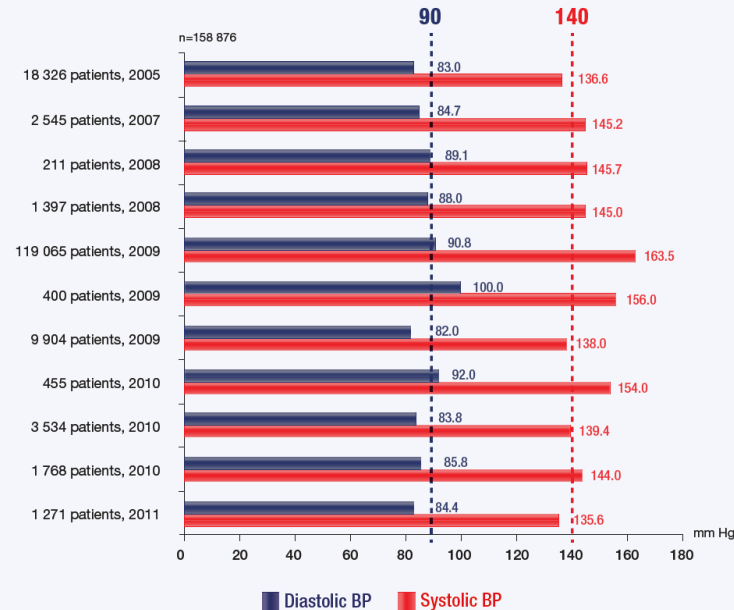
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- SBP accounts for hypertension
- SBP accounts for uncontrolled hypertension
- SBP accounts for morbidity and mortality.

# Systolic blood pressure is the most difficult BP parameter to control

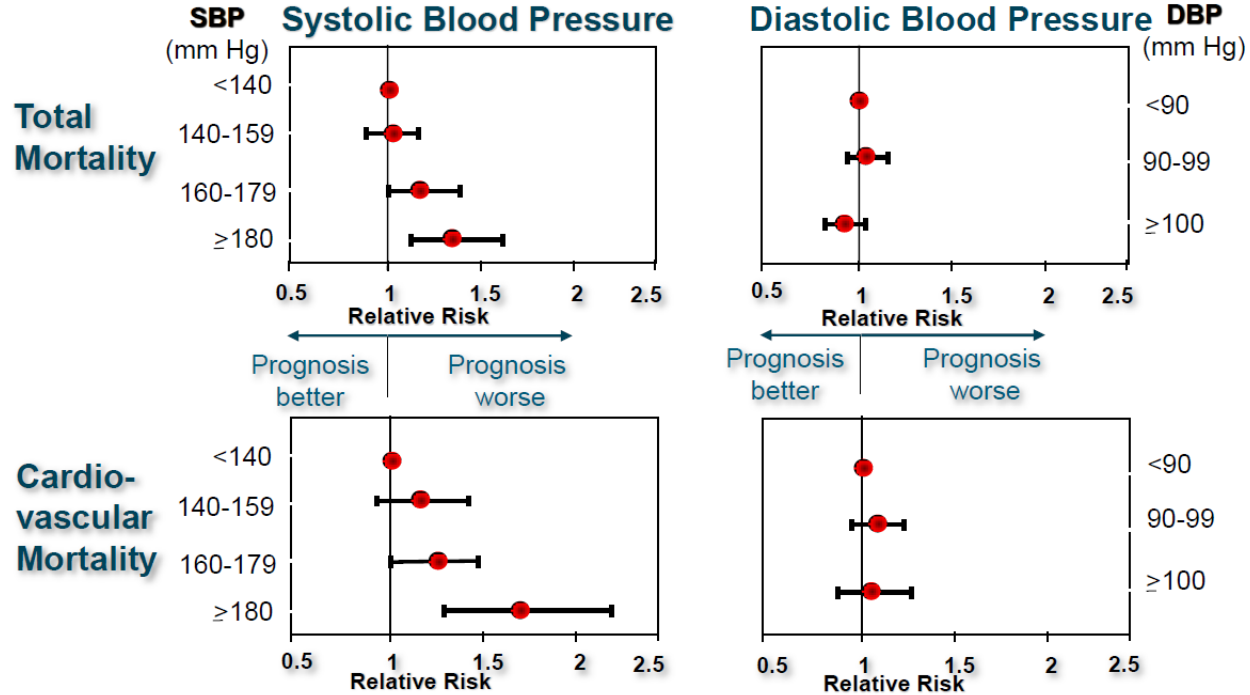
Mean BP results for 158 876 treated patients<sup>1</sup>



Clinic blood pressure levels in hypertensive patients included in observational studies or clinical surveys on hypertension between 2005 and 2011 in Italy. Histograms represent average systolic BP and diastolic BP levels in each study included in the analysis. Data are expressed as mean standard deviation.

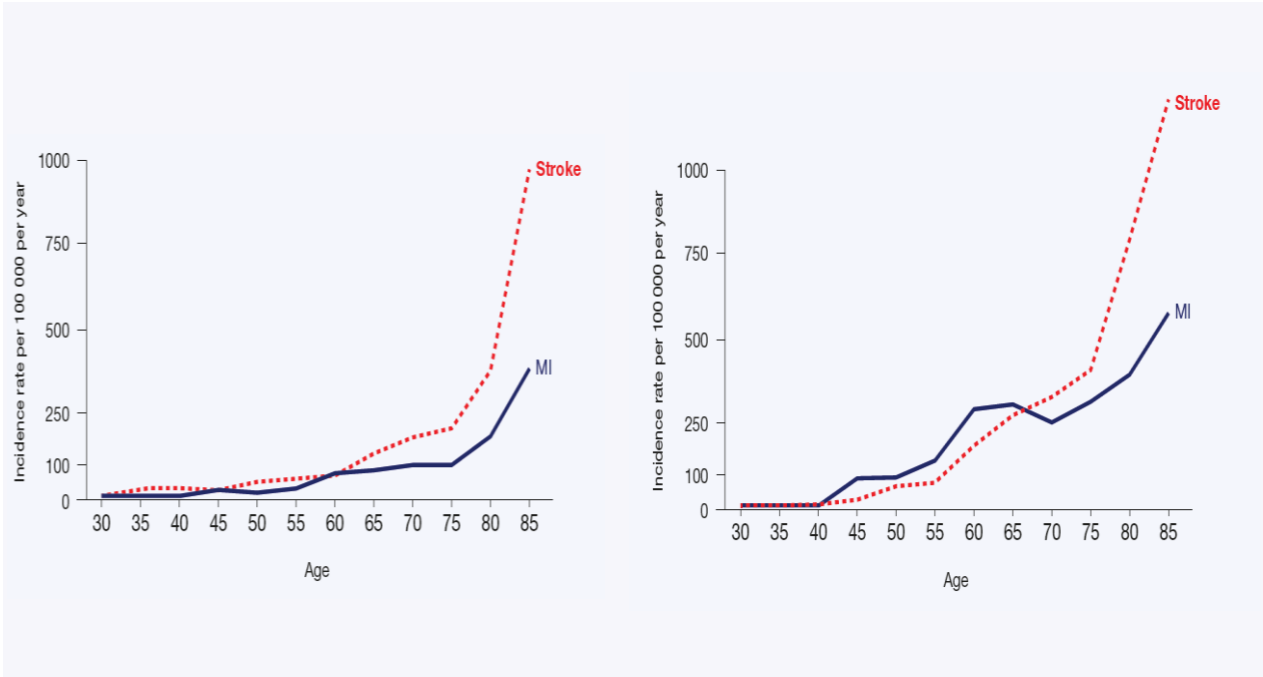


# Predictive Power of SBP on overall cardiovascular risk

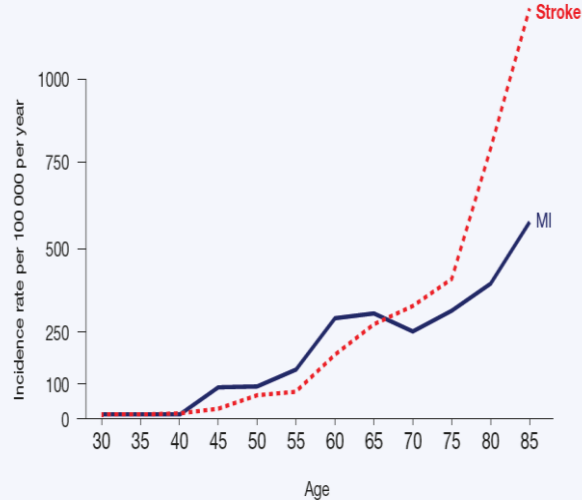


# Stroke is the most devastating complication for older hypertensive patients

Age-specific incidence rates of stroke and acute myocardial infarction (MI) in **women**<sup>1</sup>



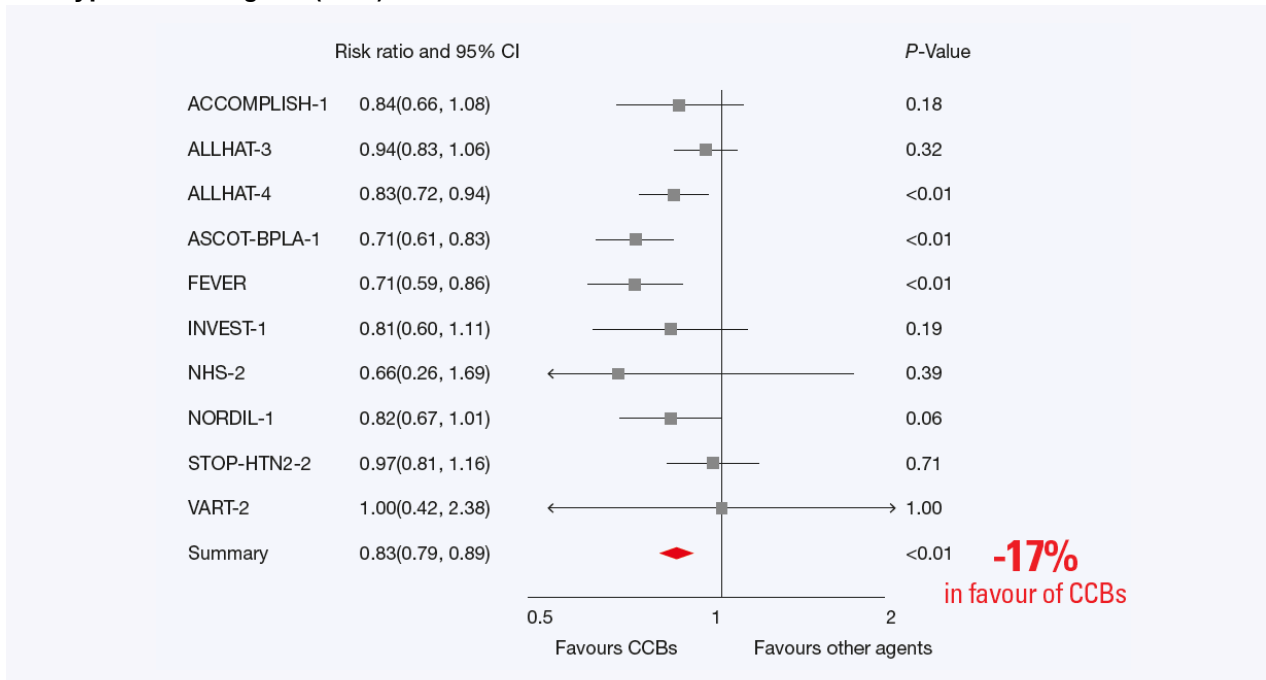
Age-specific incidence rates of stroke and acute myocardial infarction (MI) in **men**<sup>1</sup>



# CCBs are still one of the best classes for reducing strokes

Mukete meta-analysis (2015)<sup>1</sup>

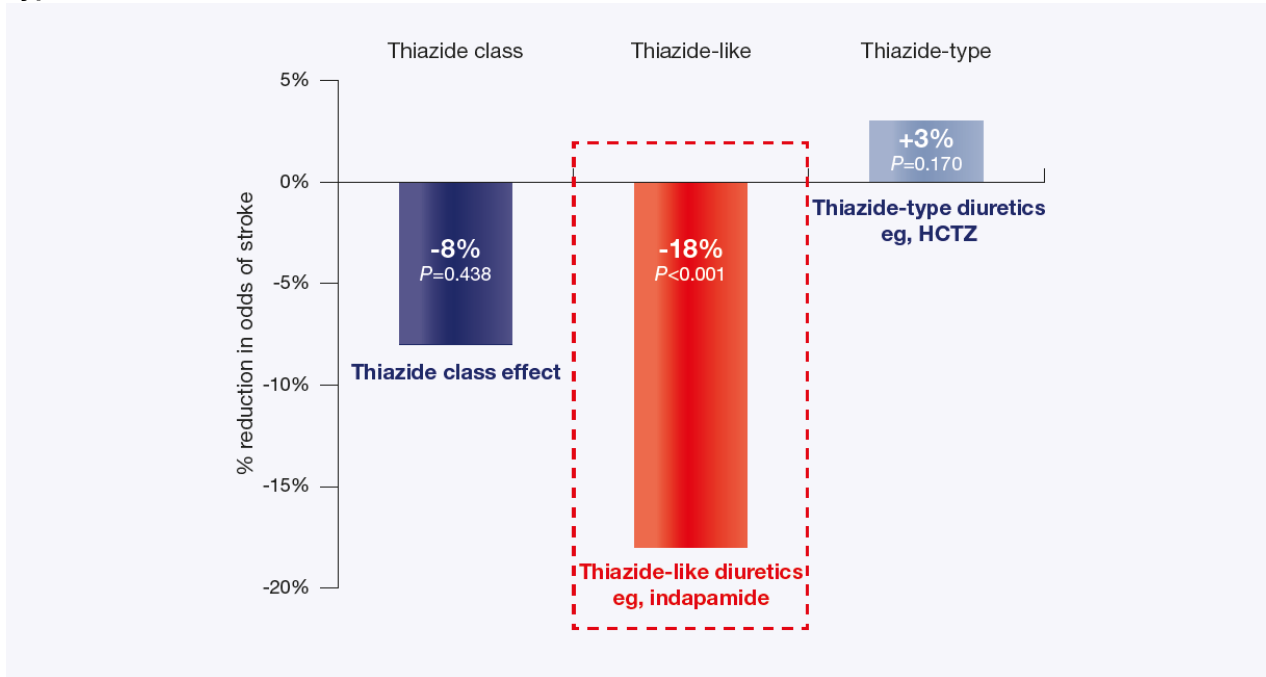
Risk ratios for stroke comparing treatment with calcium channel blockers versus other antihypertensive agents(ACE) inhibitors



# Thiazide-like diuretics are better than thiazide-type diuretics in reducing stroke

Chen meta-analysis (2007)<sup>1</sup>

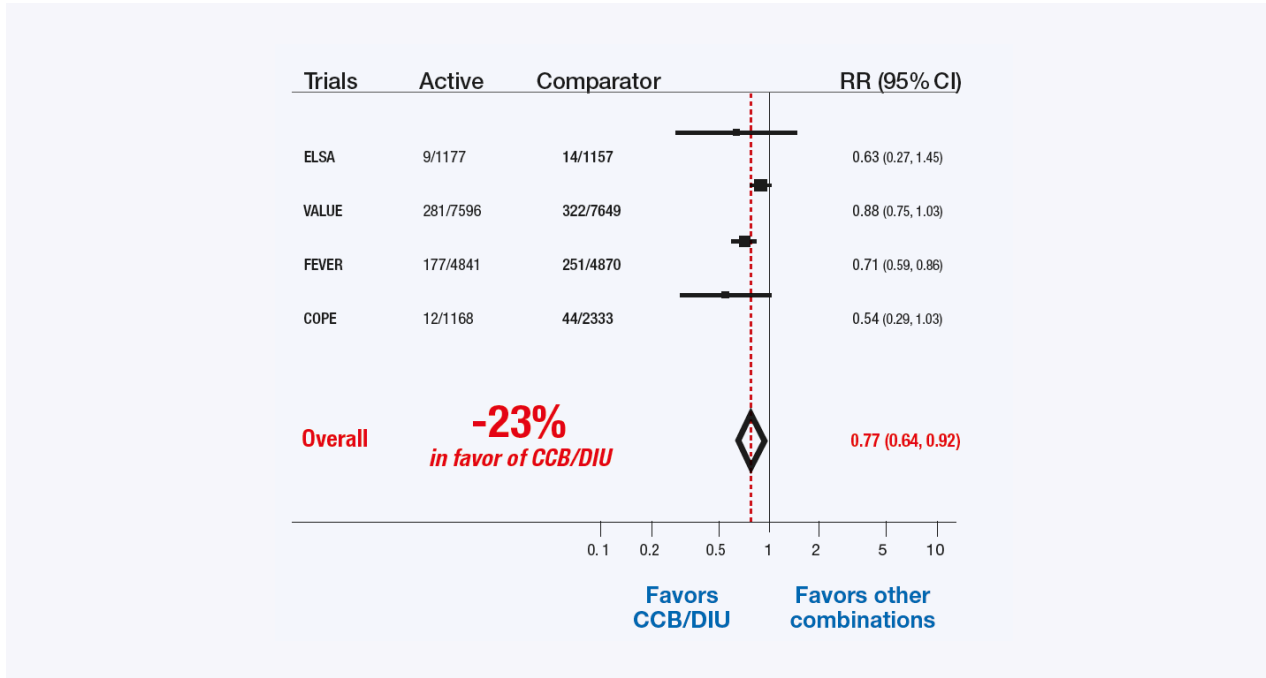
Stroke reduction with thiazide diuretics is mainly driven by thiazide-like diuretics and not thiazide-type diuretics



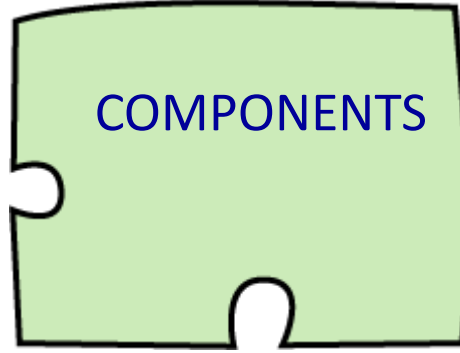
# CCB/thiazide-like diuretic combinations are more effective at reducing stroke than other combinations

Rimoldi meta-analysis (2015)<sup>1</sup>

Risk ratios for stroke comparing treatment with combination CCB/thiazide-like diuretic vs other combinations



# Combination of CCB / diuretics



# CCBs: evidence with amlodipine

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## ACCOMPLISH<sup>1</sup>

11 506 hypertensive patients  
amlodipine/benazepril vs HCTZ/benazepril

Primary outcome: 20% ↓ in CV events vs. placebo  
22% ↓ myocardial infarction (0.04)

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## ALLHAT<sup>2</sup>

18 102 hypertensive patients:  
amlodipine vs lisinopril vs chlorthalidone

Primary outcome: No difference in composite of fatal  
CHD + non-fatal MI vs. lisinopril  
6% ↓ combined CVD  
23% ↓ stroke

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## VALUE<sup>3</sup>

15 245 hypertensive patients:  
amlodipine +/- HCTZ vs valsartan +/- HCTZ

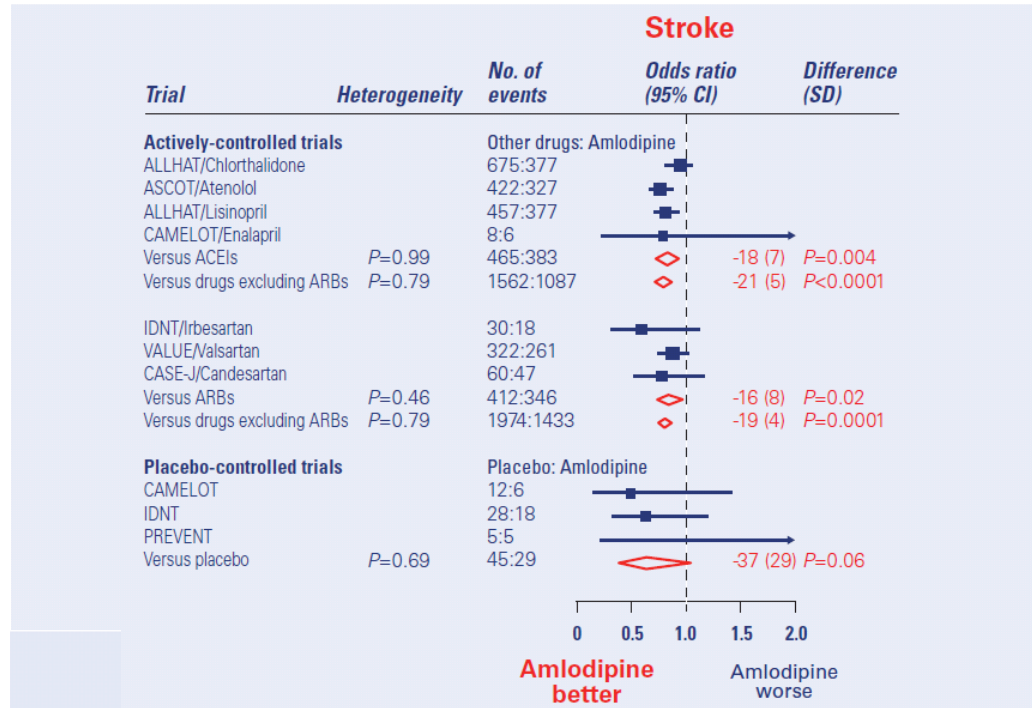
Primary outcome: No difference in composite of fatal  
CHD + non-fatal MI vs valsartan  
19% ↓ myocardial infarction

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1 ACCOMPLISH Investigators. *N Engl J Med*. 2008;359:2417-2428; 2 ALLHAT Research Group. *JAMA*. 2002;288:2981-2997.

3 Julius S, Kjeldsen SE, Weber M, et al. *Lancet*. 2004;363:2022-2031.

# Amlodipine: evidence-based protection against Stroke



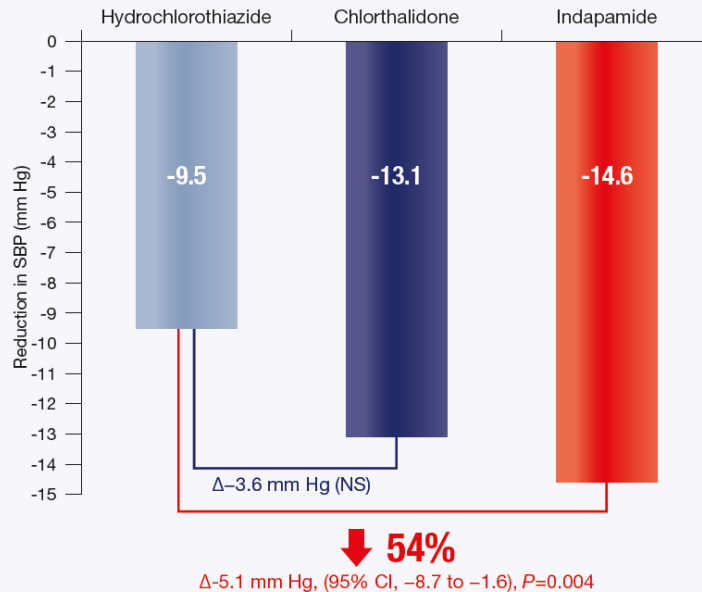
amlodipine provided more protection against stroke and myocardial infarction than other antihypertensive drugs, including angiotensin receptor blockers (-19%,  $P<0.0001$  and -7%,  $P=0.03$ ) and placebo (-37%,  $P=0.06$  and -29%,  $P=0.04$ ).



# Indapamide is more potent than HCTZ at reducing systolic blood pressure

Roush meta-analysis (2015)<sup>1</sup>

Indapamide is significantly more potent than HCTZ at reducing systolic blood pressure, which is not the case with chlorthalidone



Systematic review and meta-analysis; head-to-head RCTs comparing HCTZ vs indapamide (10 RCTs,  $n=813$ ) and HCTZ vs chlorthalidone (3 RCTs,  $n=70$ ).

# Diuretics: evidence with indapamide

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## **HYVET<sup>1</sup>**

3845 elderly hypertensive patients  
indapamide SR vs placebo

Primary outcome: 30% ↓ in stroke vs placebo  
64% ↓ heart failure  
34% ↓ cardiovascular events (fatal and non-fatal)  
21% ↓ all death

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## **PROGRESS<sup>2</sup>**

6105 patients with cerebrovascular disease:  
perindopril +/- indapamide vs placebo

Primary outcome: 28% ↓ in stroke vs placebo  
38% ↓ non-fatal MI  
26% ↓ major coronary events  
26% ↓ congestive heart failure

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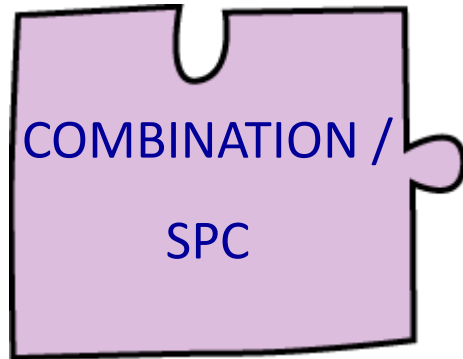
## **ADVANCE<sup>3</sup>**

11 140 HT patients with type 2 diabetes  
perindopril + indapamide vs placebo

Primary outcome: 9% ↓ Combined macrovascular +  
microvascular  
14% ↓ coronary events  
21% ↓ renal events  
18% ↓ cardiovascular mortality  
14% ↓ all death

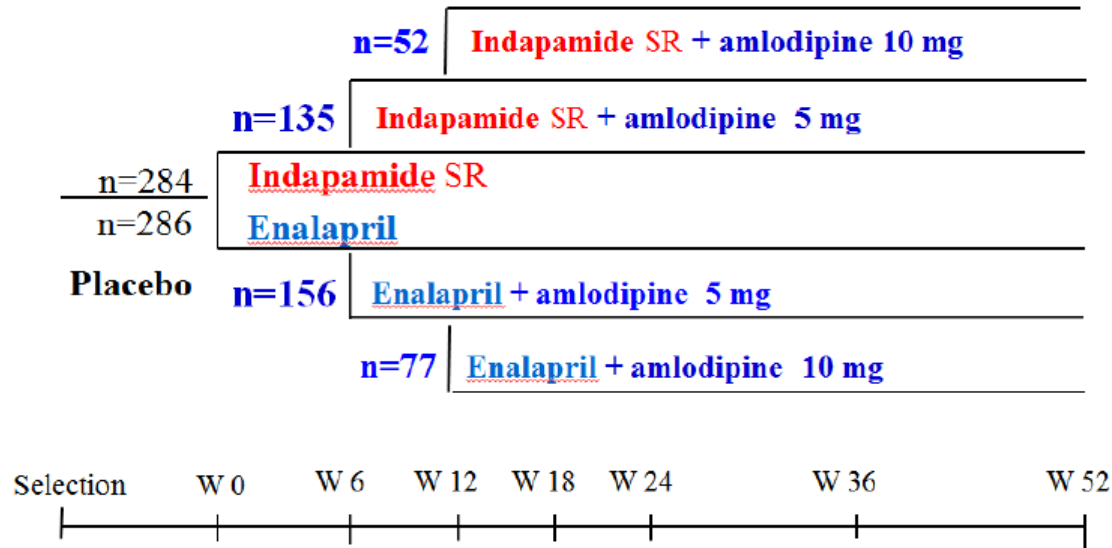
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# NESTOR-CCB trial: Results of adding amlodipine 5/10 mg to indapamide 1.5 mg

**Hypertensive patients with type 2 diabetes  
(1-year follow-up)**

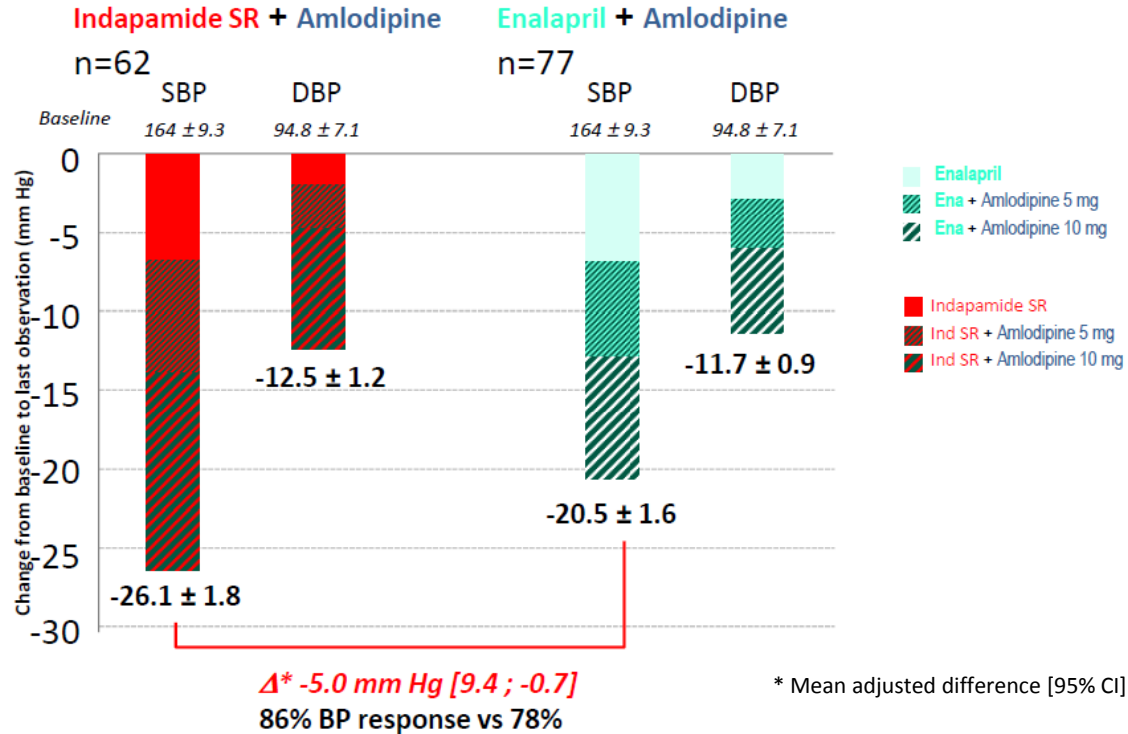


Randomised double-blind controlled trial over 1 year (n=570)

- Indapamide 1.5 mg SR vs enalapril based therapy
- 291 hypertensive patients uncontrolled on monotherapy

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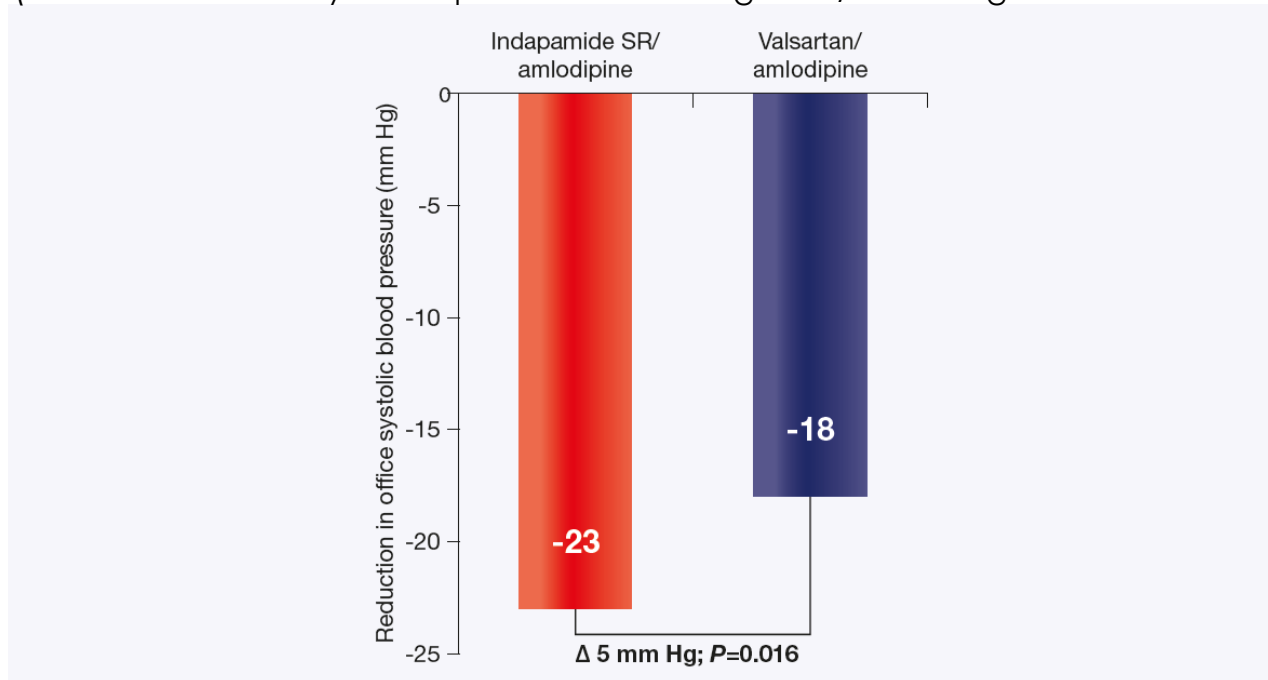
## Changes in BP after adding Amlodipine 5 and 10 mg



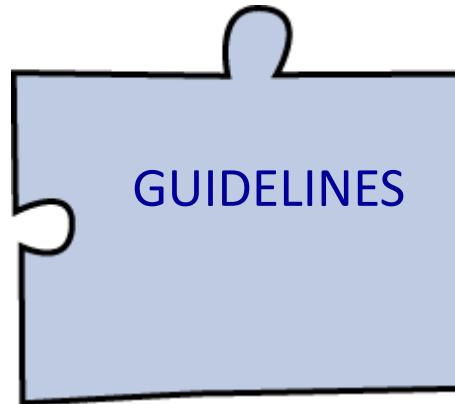
# Indapamide SR/CCB further reduces SBP versus ARB/CCB combinations

006 study (2016)<sup>1</sup>

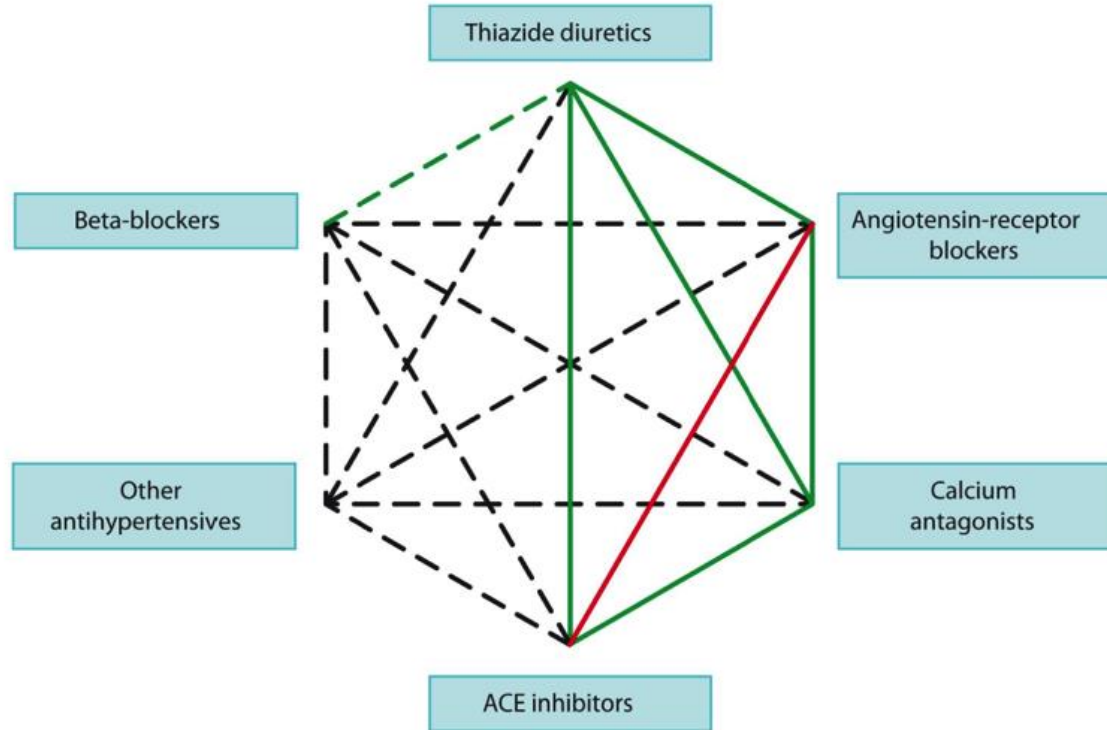
Reduction in office SBP at week 12 in 216 patients with sustained hypertension (baseline ambulatory blood pressure monitoring >130/80 mm Hg).



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# 2013 ESH/ESC Guidelines





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Condition	Drug
Asymptomatic organ damage	
LVH	ACE inhibitor, calcium antagonist, ARB
Asymptomatic atherosclerosis	Calcium antagonist, ACE inhibitor
Microalbuminuria	ACE inhibitor, ARB
Renal dysfunction	ACE inhibitor, ARB
Clinical CV event	
Previous stroke	Any agent effectively lowering BP
Previous myocardial infarction	BB, ACE inhibitor, ARB
Angina pectoris	BB, calcium antagonist
Heart failure	Diuretic, BB, ACE inhibitor, ARB, mineralocorticoid receptor antagonists
Aortic aneurysm	BB
Atrial fibrillation, prevention	Consider ARB, ACE inhibitor, BB or mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist
Atrial fibrillation, ventricular rate control	BB, non-dihydropyridine calcium antagonist
ESRD/proteinuria	ACE inhibitor, ARB
Peripheral artery disease	ACE inhibitor, calcium antagonist
Other	
ISH (elderly)	Diuretic, calcium antagonist
Metabolic syndrome	ACE inhibitor, ARB, calcium antagonist
Diabetes mellitus	ACE inhibitor, ARB
Pregnancy	Methyldopa, BB, calcium antagonist
Blacks	Diuretic, calcium antagonist

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