# Reference Card From the Seventh Report of the Joint National Committee on Prevention, Detection, Evaluation, and Treatment of High Blood Pressure (JNC 7)

# EVALUATION

CLASSIFICATION OF BLOOD PRESSURE (BP)*				
CATEGORY	SBP MMHG		DBP mmHg	
Normal	<120	and	<80	
Prehypertension	120–139	or	80–89	
Hypertension, Stage 1	140–159	or	90–99	
Hypertension, Stage 2	≥160	or	≥100	

\* See Blood Pressure Measurement Techniques (reverse side)

Key: SBP = systolic blood pressure DBP = diastolic blood pressure

### **DIAGNOSTIC WORKUP OF HYPERTENSION**

- Assess risk factors and comorbidities.
- Reveal identifiable causes of hypertension.
- Assess presence of target organ damage.
- Conduct history and physical examination.
- Obtain laboratory tests: urinalysis, blood glucose, hematocrit and lipid panel, serum potassium, creatinine, and calcium. Optional: urinary albumin/creatinine ratio.
- Obtain electrocardiogram.

## Assess for Major Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) Risk Factors

• Hypertension

Dyslipidemia

• Diabetes mellitus

Cigarette smoking

- Obesity (body mass index >30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>)
- Physical inactivity
- Microalbuminuria, estimated
  glomerular filtration rate <60 mL/min
- Age (>55 for men, >65 for women)
  - Family history of premature CVD (men age <55, women age <65)

· Cushing's syndrome or steroid

# Assess for Identifiable Causes of Hypertension

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- Sleep apnea
- Drug induced/related
- Chronic kidney diseasePrimary aldosteronism
- Renovascular disease
- Coarctation of aorta

Pheochromocytoma

therapy

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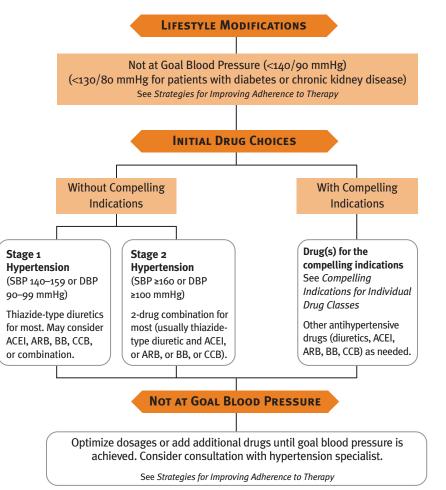
Thyroid/parathyroid disease

# TREATMENT

#### PRINCIPLES OF HYPERTENSION TREATMENT

- Treat to BP <140/90 mmHg or BP <130/80 mmHg in patients with diabetes or chronic kidney disease.
- Majority of patients will require two medications to reach goal.

### Algorithm for Treatment of Hypertension



Blood Pressure Measurement Techniques			
Метнор	Notes		
In-office	Two readings, 5 minutes apart, sitting in chair. Confirm elevated reading in contralateral arm.		
Ambulatory BP monitoring	Indicated for evaluation of "white coat hyper- tension." Absence of 10–20 percent BP decrease during sleep may indicate increased CVD risk.		
Patient self-check	Provides information on response to therapy. May help improve adherence to therapy and is useful for evaluating "white coat hypertension."		

### **CAUSES OF RESISTANT HYPERTENSION**

- Improper BP measurement
- Excess sodium intake
- Inadequate diuretic therapy
- Medication
- Inadequate doses
- Drug actions and interactions (e.g., nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), illicit drugs, sympathomimetics, oral contraceptives)
- Over-the-counter (OTC) drugs and herbal supplements
- Excess alcohol intake
- Identifiable causes of hypertension (see reverse side)

# COMPELLING INDICATIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL DRUG CLASSES

Heart failure	THIAZ, BB, ACEI, ARB, ALDO ANT
<ul><li>Post myocardial infarction</li><li>High CVD risk</li></ul>	BB, ACEI, ALDO ANT THIAZ, BB, ACEI, CCB
• Diabetes	THIAZ, BB, ACEI, ARB, CCB
<ul><li> Chronic kidney disease</li><li> Recurrent stroke prevention</li></ul>	ACEI, ARB THIAZ, ACEI
• Recurrent stroke prevention	IIIIAZ, ACLI

Key: THIAZ = thiazide diuretic, ACEI= angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor, ARB = angiotensin receptor blocker, BB = beta blocker, CCB = calcium channel blocker, ALDO ANT = aldosterone antagonist

## STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVING ADHERENCE TO THERAPY

- Clinician empathy increases patient trust, motivation, and adherence to therapy.
- Physicians should consider their patients' cultural beliefs and individual attitudes in formulating therapy.

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# PRINCIPLES OF LIFESTYLE MODIFICATION

- Encourage healthy lifestyles for all individuals.
- Prescribe lifestyle modifications for all patients with prehypertension and hypertension.
- Components of lifestyle modifications include weight reduction, DASH eating plan, dietary sodium reduction, aerobic physical activity, and moderation of alcohol consumption.

LIFESTYLE MODIFICATION RECOMMENDATIONS				
MODIFICATION	RECOMMENDATION	Avg. SBP Reduction Range <sup>†</sup>		
Weight reduction	Maintain normal body weight (body mass index 18.5–24.9 kg/m <sup>2</sup> ).	5–20 mmHg/10 kg		
DASH eating plan	Adopt a diet rich in fruits, vegetables, and lowfat dairy products with reduced content of saturated and total fat.	8–14 mmHg		
Dietary sodium reduction	Reduce dietary sodium intake to ≤100 mmol per day (2.4 g sodi- um or 6 g sodium chloride).	2–8 mmHg		
Aerobic physical activity	Regular aerobic physical activi- ty (e.g., brisk walking) at least 30 minutes per day, most days of the week.	4–9 mmHg		
Moderation of alcohol consumption	Men: limit to $\leq 2$ drinks* per day. Women and lighter weight per- sons: limit to $\leq 1$ drink* per day.	2–4 mmHg		

\* 1 drink = 1/2 oz or 15 mL ethanol (e.g., 12 oz beer, 5 oz wine, 1.5 oz 80-proof whiskey). † Effects are dose and time dependent.



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