

Systemic Hypertension•

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introduction•

As of 2000, nearly one billion people or ~26% of the adult population of the world had hypertension.

Is a chronic medical condition in which the blood pressure in the arteries is elevated.^[1]

sometimes called **arterial hypertension**.

This requires the heart to work harder than normal to circulate blood through the blood vessels.

Normal blood pressure at rest is within the range of 100-140mmHg systolic (top reading) and 60-90mmHg diastolic (bottom reading).

High blood pressure is said to be present if it is persistently at or above 140/90 mmHg.

Classification/Definition• Classification/Etiology•

1- primary (essential) HTN.

accounting for 90–95%.
no cause can be identified.

2- secondary HTN.

5–10% of cases.
conditions that affect the
kidneys, arteries, heart or endocrine system.

Etiology: type I•

Onset usually : age (25-55yrs)

1- genetic.??

2- environmental.??

3- sympathetic nervous system hyperactivity.

4- renin-angiotensin system.

Only 10% have high levels while 60% N level , 30% low level

5- defect in natriuresis.

Usual response to high BP, Na/ volume load ----increase Na urine excretion

6- intracellular Na, Ca.

? Na-K channel exchange & other Na transport mechanism;

High Na --- high Ca --- high vascular smooth muscle tone
???

7- exacerbating factors:

- obesity – Na intake – alcohol
- smoking – low exercise
- hematological: polycythemia
- drugs: NSAID – low K.

Etiology: type II•

Onset usually : age (<25yrs OR >55yrs)

1- Renal disease.

_ Most common cause of 2nd HTN

_ May result from: – glomerular disease – tubulointerstitial disease – PCKD .

_ mechanism: –fluid over load –renin-angiotensin-aldosterone activity

_ HTN may accelerate progression.

2- Renal Vascular HTN.

- A. Renal Artery Stenosis.----- fibromascular hyperplasia.
 - B. Atherosclerotic Stenosis. ----- proximal renal artery.
- _It can be a single artery stenosis.

Etiology: type II•

3- Primary hyperaldosteronism.

- _high aldosterone.
- _adrenal disease: adenoma/hyperplasia.

4- Cushing Syndrome.

- _excess glucocorticoids.
- _mechanism:
 - direct effect of mineralocorticoid---salt & water retention
 - increase secretions of angiotensinogen.

5- Pheochromocytoma.

- _uncommon.
- _mechanism: excess catecholamine (–alpha-receptor mediated –beta-receptor mediated)

Etiology: type II•

6- Coarctation of Aorta.

- _uncommon.

7- HTN associated with pregnancy.

- _eclampsia/pre-eclampsia

8- Estrogen use.

_OCP

_mechanism: increase rinin-angiotensin activity.

9- Others.

Complications•

_The expected complication are :

–sustained elevated BP with consequent changes
in the vasculature & heart

OR

–atherosclerosis accelerated by long standing.

_The mortality & morbidity related to HTN are linked to both systolic and diastolic BUT risk is approximately double with diastolic HTN.

Complication of HTN in details in next slides 😊😊

Complications•

1- HYPERTENSIVE CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES.

_is the major causes of morbidity & mortality in primary HTN.

HOW??? LVH →→→ CHF, Ventricular Arrhythmia, MI,
... even Sudden Death.

2- HYPERTENSIVE CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASES & DEMENTIA.

_ HTN is the major risk factor of stroke /// intracerebral hemorrhage.

_ mainly correlate with systolic HTN.

_ high incidence of Dementia BOTH → (vascular & Alzheimer dementia).

_ effective control ☐ modify risk & rate of progression.

3- HYPERTENSIVE RENAL DISEASES.

_ Nephrosclerosis.

_ HTN can accelerate progression of other renal diseases.

Complications•

4- AORTIC DISSECTION.

_ Is a contributing factor.

5- ATHEROSCLEROSIS COMPLICATION.

Complications•

Clinical Finding;•

_ Mainly referable to involvement of the target organs (heart, brain, kidney, eyes, peripheral arteries).

SYMPTOMS:

_ In mild/moderate primary (essential) HTN, → usually asymptomatic for many years.

_Most frequent symptoms; HEADACH; is also very non-specific.

_Headache (sub-occipital, early morning); BUT any headache can occur.

_Accelerated HTN associated with Somnolence, confusion, visual disturbance, nausea & vomiting ☒ (hypertensive encephalopathy).

Clinical Finding;•

SYMPTOMS:

_Pt's with pheochromocytomas ; may have
episodic HTN; attacks of anxiety;
palpitation; perfuse respiration;
tremors; nausea & vomiting.

_Pt's with primary aldosteronism ;
muscle weakness; polyuria; nocturia; ...etc

_Pt's with chronic HTN ; may presented with
cardiac complications ; CHF; CAD/IHD; MI.

_In case of cerebral injuries;
stroke (ischemic or hemorrhagic) ; hypertensive encephalopathy.

Clinical Finding;•

SIGNS:

_The main goals on the physical examination are to evaluate for signs of end-organ damage and for evidence of a cause of secondary hypertension.

_ like symptoms; depends on the causes; duration; severity; organ involved.

- BLOOD PRESSURE:

_should be taken in both arms +/- legs. (to exclude coarctation of aorta).

_should be taken in different positions (orthostatic drop in Pheochromocytoma).

_?? Think about pseudohypertension with elderly. (Osler's sign).

- RETINAS:

_ do fundoscopy.

Clinical Finding;•

SIGNS:

- HEART & ARTERIES:

_ Lf ventricular heave →→→ long standing HTN

_ CVS exam [??] signs of valvular disease.

- PULSES:

_ check timing of upper & lower limbs (to exclude coarctation of aorta).

Investigations•

Lab test:

CBC, U&E, urine chemistry & microscopy

Plasma aldosterone , renin levels

Blood sugar

Lipids profile

Uric acid level

24hrs urine collection for cortisone level

ECG:

_ highly specific but not very sensitive.

Chest X-Ray:

_not necessary .

Investigations•

Echo :

_only if cardiac diseases suspected.

Other Radiological investigations:

_ US

_ CT
_ MRI

SINCE MOST HTN CASES ARE PRIMARY (ESSENTIAL) HTN; few investigations are necessary to do unless therapy is unsuccessful OR there is a suspicion of 2ndry HTN , further investigations are required.

how to check blood • pressure & measurement strategies

_Three acceptable measurement strategies:

1-Ambulatory blood pressure monitoring (ABPM) 24-48 hrs.

2-Home blood pressure monitoring (one week record)(12-14 times).

3-Office-based blood pressure measurements (at least **three visits**, spaced over a period of one week or more).

_ A patient with elevated office-based BP but normal 24-hour ambulatory BP is considered to have office hypertension or "*white coat*" hypertension.

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The proper measurement of office-based BP requires attention to all of the following:

- _ Time of measurement
- _ Type of measurement device
- _ Cuff size
- _ Patient position
- _ Cuff placement
- _ Technique of measurement
- _ Number of measurements

Management;•

1- Life style modification.

- _ Diet rich in fibers, fruits, low lipids _ decrease weight
- _ decrease alcohol consumptions _ decrease salt intake
- _ encourage exercise _ smoking cessation.

2- Drug therapy.

- _ many classes approved
- _ Diuretics
- _ Ca channel blockers
- _ B –blockers
- _ ACE inhibitors
- _ ARB
- _ Others >>>...

3- Treating primary cause if known & possible.

Hypertensive emergencies•

_are acute, life-threatening, and usually associated with marked increases in blood pressure (BP), generally $\geq 180/120$ mmHg ; **with end organ damage**.

_There are two major clinical syndromes induced :

_with eye involvement :
retinal hemorrhages, exudates, or papilledema.

_with brain involvement :
Hypertensive encephalopathy (signs of cerebral edema)

Hypertensive urgencies•

_are acute, life-threatening, and usually associated with marked increases in blood pressure (BP), generally $\geq 180/120$ mmHg ; **relatively asymptomatic (other than perhaps headache) and have no acute signs of end-organ damage**.

Management:

_ We suggest an initial goal of reducing the blood pressure to $\leq 160/100$ mmHg over several hours to days with conventional oral therapy.

That's enough

Thanks for attention

Have a nice day