

# Guidelines Medical Therapy For Hypertension (Where Does Renal Denervation Fit In)

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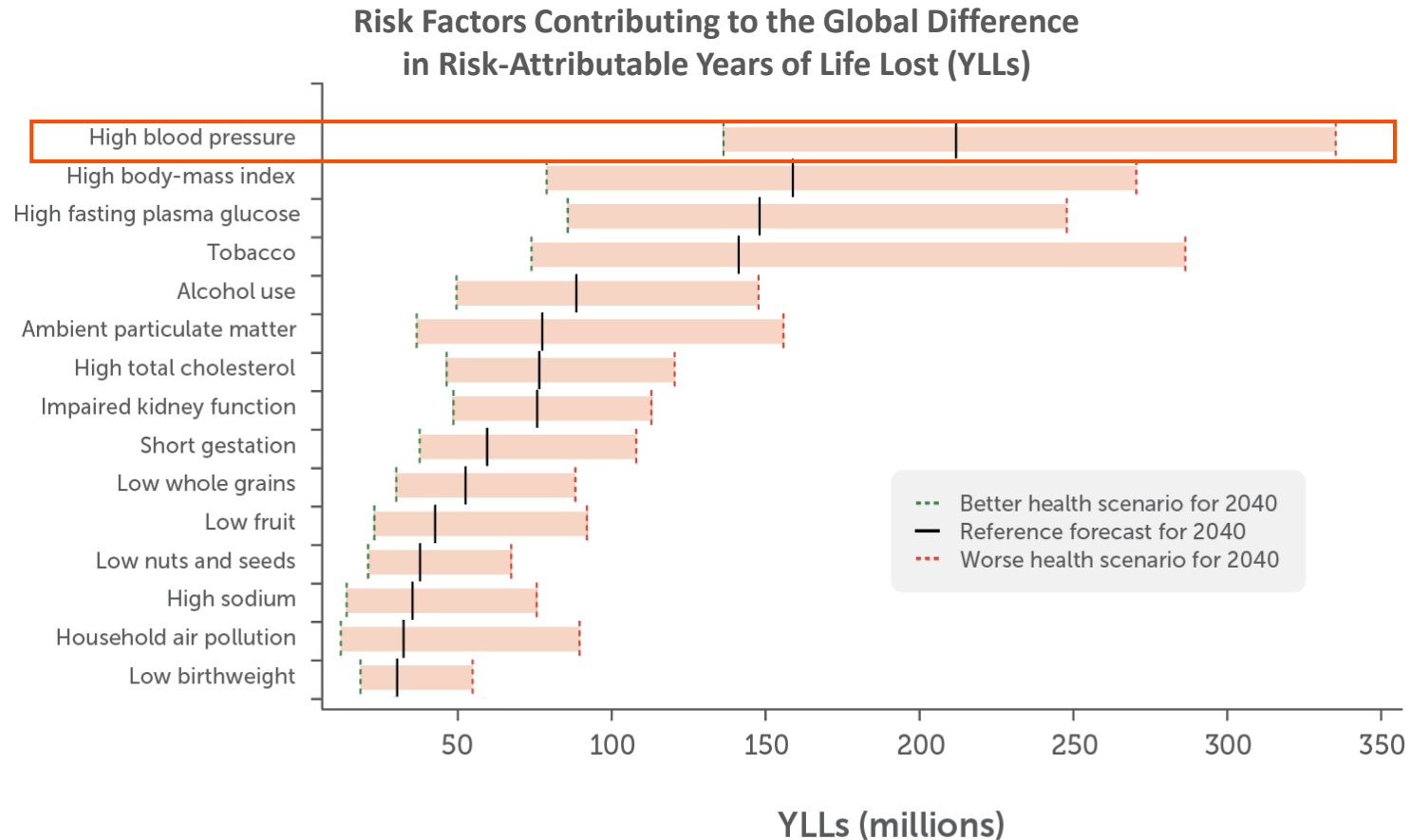
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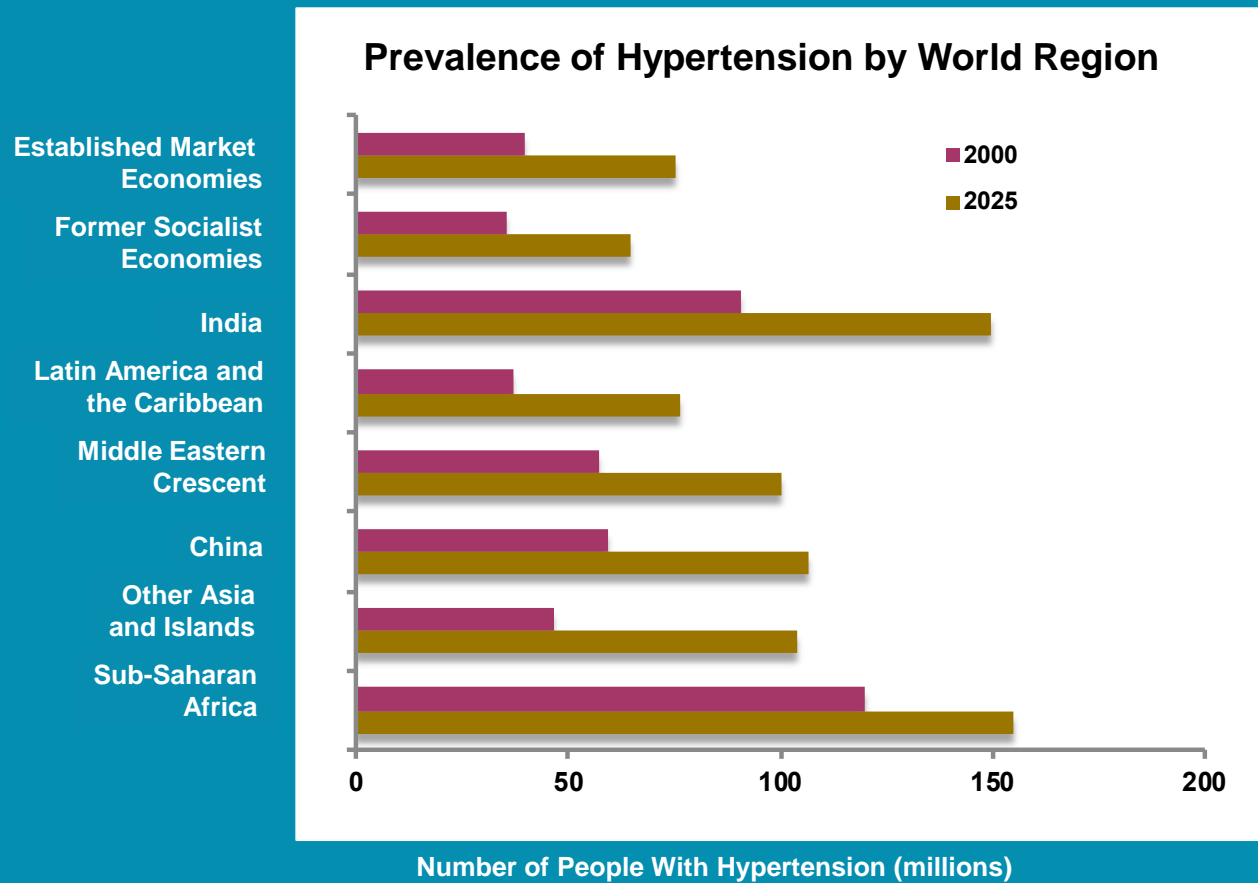
# Hypertension is the #1 Cause of Global Disease Burden



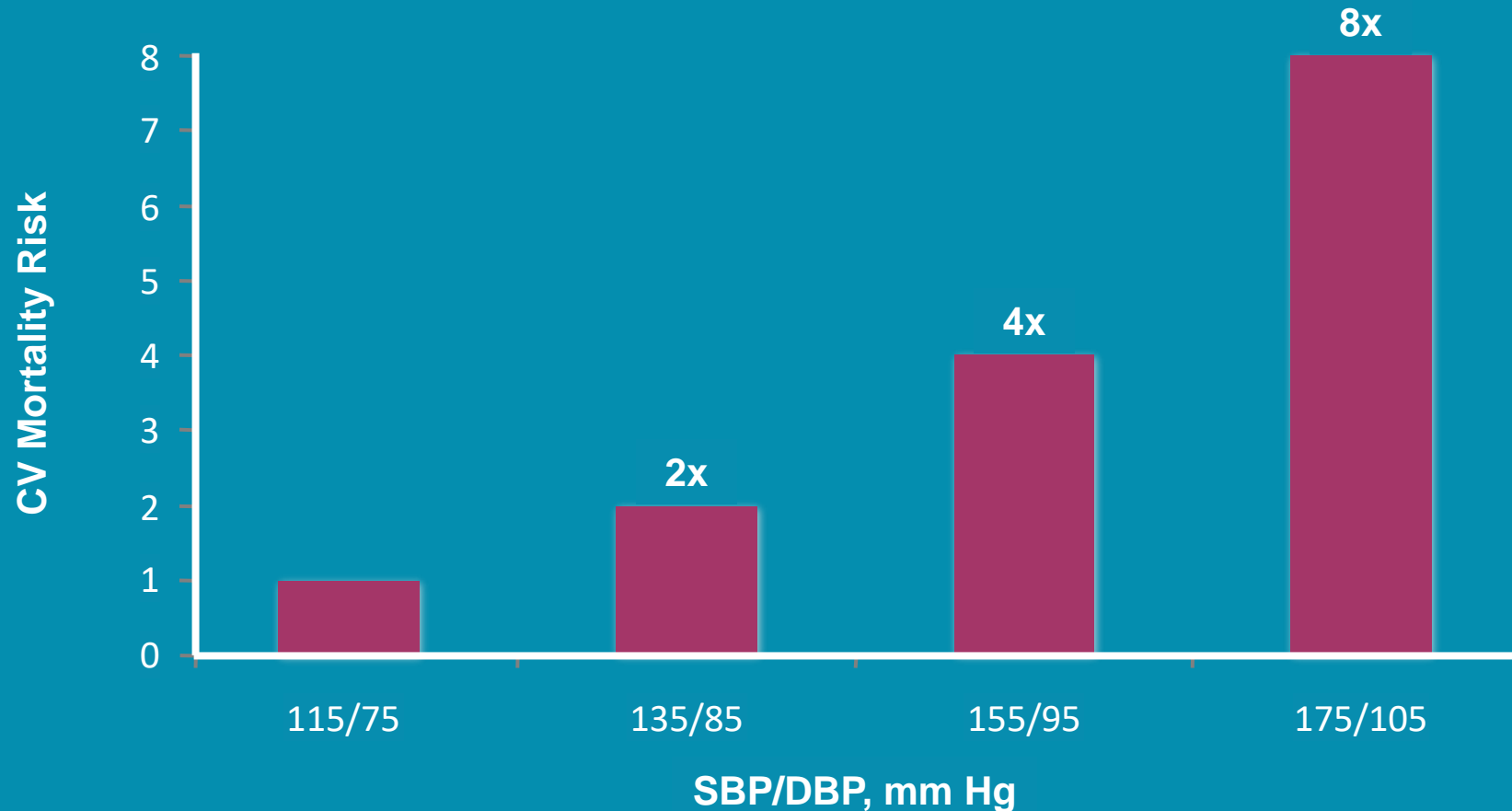
**HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE** projected to remain the leading risk factor in 2040.

# World Wide Prevalence of HTN Increasing

- In 2000, 972 million (26%), of the adult population had hypertension
- By year 2025, 1.56 billion (29%) are projected to have hypertension
- Most of the expected increase will be in economically developing regions



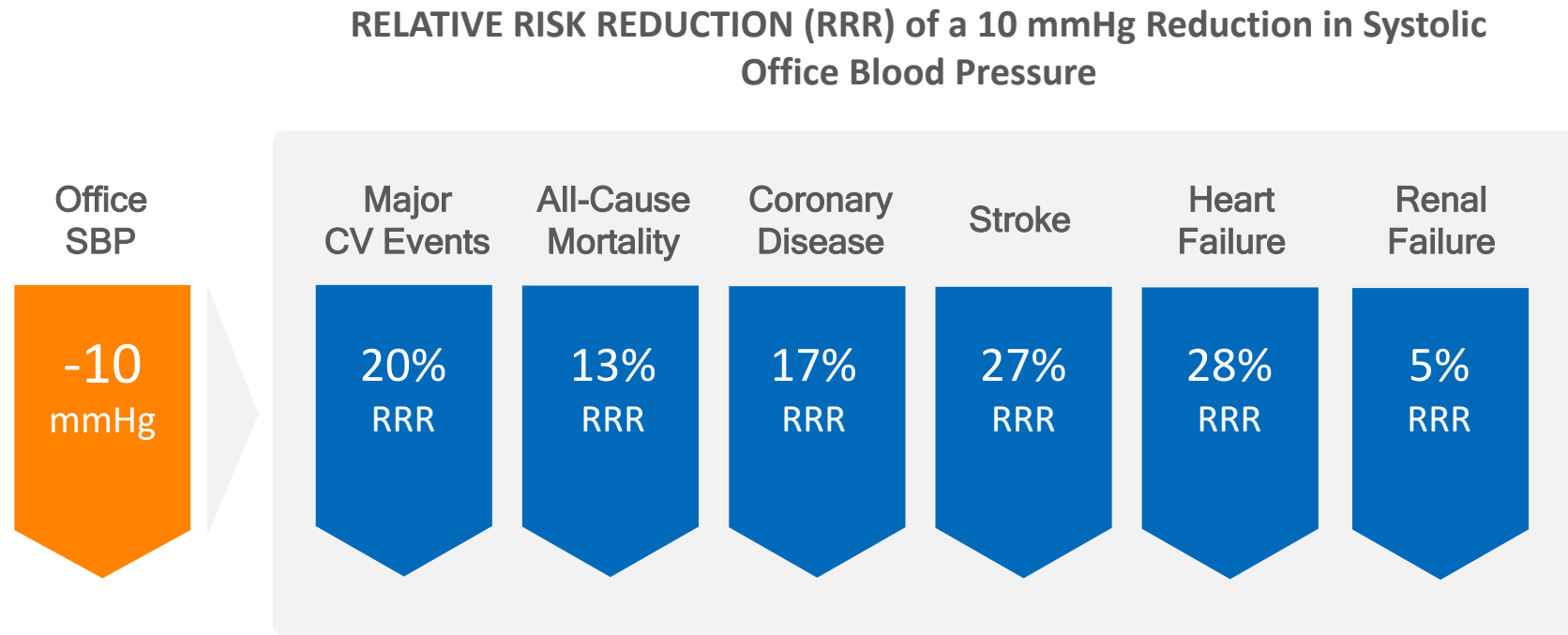
# Cardiovascular Mortality Risk Doubles With Each 20/10 mm Hg Increase in BP\*



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CV=cardiovascular; SBP=systolic blood pressure; DBP=diastolic blood pressure .  
\*In individuals aged 40 to 69 years (10-year study period), starting at BP 115/75 mm Hg.  
Lewington S, et al. *Lancet*. 2002;360:1903-1913.

# Correlation Between Blood Pressure Reduction and CV Events



20% RELATIVE RISK REDUCTION of Major CV Events with 10 mmHg BP Drop

Based on meta-analysis of 613,815 patients from 123 studies

Ettehad et al, Blood pressure lowering for prevention of cardiovascular disease and death, *Lancet* 2016; 387: 957-67

So to start:

# ACC/AHA Guidelines for RX and Definitions for HTN



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# Definition of HTN

<b>BP Category</b>	<b>SBP</b>		<b>DBP</b>
<b>Normal</b>	<120 mm Hg	and	<80 mm Hg
<b>Elevated</b>	120-129 mm Hg	and	<80 mm Hg
<b>Hypertension</b>			
Stage 1	130-139 mm Hg	or	80-89 mm Hg
Stage 2	≥140 mm Hg	or	≥90 mm Hg

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

BP indicates blood pressure (based on an average of ≥2 careful readings obtained on ≥2 occasions, as detailed in [Section 4](#)); DBP, diastolic blood pressure; and SBP, systolic blood pressure.



# Diagnosis and Screening

COR	LOE	RECOMMENDATION
I	A <sup>SR</sup>	1. Out-of-office BP measurements are recommended to confirm the diagnosis of hypertension (Table 11) and for titration of BP-lowering medication, in conjunction with telehealth counseling or clinical interventions (S4.2-1–S4.2-4).



# Screening to R/O “White Coat” HTN

COR	LOE	RECOMMENDATIONS
IIa	B-NR	1. In adults with an untreated SBP greater than 130 mm Hg but less than 160 mm Hg or DBP greater than 80 mm Hg but less than 100 mm Hg, it is reasonable to screen for the presence of white coat hypertension by using either daytime ABPM or HBPM before diagnosis of hypertension (S4.4-1–S4.4-8).
IIa	C-LD	2. In adults with white coat hypertension, periodic monitoring with either ABPM or HBPM is reasonable to detect transition to sustained hypertension (S4.4-2,S4.4-5,S4.4-7).
IIa	C-LD	3. In adults being treated for hypertension with office BP readings not at goal and HBPM readings suggestive of a significant white coat effect, confirmation by ABPM can be useful (S4.4-9,S4.4-10).
IIa	B-NR	4. In adults with untreated office BPs that are consistently between 120 mm Hg and 129 mm Hg for SBP or between 75 mm Hg and 79 mm Hg for DBP, screening for masked hypertension with HBPM (or ABPM) is reasonable (S4.4-3,S4.4-4,S4.4-6,S4.4-8,S4.4-11).
IIb	C-LD	5. In adults on multiple-drug therapies for hypertension and office BPs within 10 mm Hg above goal, it may be reasonable to screen for white coat effect with HBPM (or ABPM) (S4.4-3,S4.4-7,S4.4-12).
IIb	C-EO	6. It may be reasonable to screen for masked uncontrolled hypertension with HBPM in adults being treated for hypertension and office readings at goal, in the presence of target organ damage or increased overall CVD risk.
IIb	C-EO	7. In adults being treated for hypertension with elevated HBPM readings suggestive of masked uncontrolled hypertension, confirmation of the diagnosis by ABPM might be reasonable before intensification of antihypertensive drug treatment.



# Non-Pharmacologic Treatment for Primary HTN

COR	LOE	RECOMMENDATIONS
I	A	1. <u>Weight loss</u> is recommended to reduce BP in adults with elevated BP or hypertension who are overweight or obese (S6.2-1–S6.2-4).
I	A	2. <u>A heart-healthy diet</u> , such as the DASH (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension) diet, that facilitates achieving a desirable weight is recommended for adults with elevated BP or hypertension (S6.2-5–S6.2-7).
I	A	3. <u>Sodium reduction</u> is recommended for adults with elevated BP or hypertension (S6.2-8–S6.2-12).
I	A	4. <u>Potassium supplementation</u> , preferably in dietary modification, is recommended for adults with elevated BP or hypertension, unless contraindicated by the presence of CKD or use of drugs that reduce potassium excretion (S6.2-13–S6.2-17).
I	A	5. <u>Increased physical activity</u> with a structured exercise program is recommended for adults with elevated BP or hypertension (S6.2-3, S6.2-4, S6.2-12, S6.2-18–S6.2-22).
I	A	6. Adult men and women with elevated BP or hypertension who currently consume alcohol should be advised to drink <u>no more than 2 and 1 standard drinks*</u> per day, respectively (S6.2-23–S6.2-28).

\*In the United States, 1 "standard" drink contains roughly 14 g of pure alcohol, which is typically found in 12 oz of regular beer (usually about 5% alcohol), 5 oz of wine (usually about 12% alcohol), and 1.5 oz of distilled spirits (usually about 40% alcohol) (S6.2-29).



# Secondary HTN

COR	LOE	RECOMMENDATIONS
I	C-EO	1. Screening for specific form(s) of secondary hypertension is recommended when the clinical indications and physical examination findings listed in Table 13 are present or in adults with resistant hypertension.
IIb	C-EO	2. If an adult with sustained hypertension screens positive for a form of secondary hypertension, referral to a physician with expertise in that form of hypertension may be reasonable for diagnostic confirmation and treatment.



# Causes of Secondary HTN

- Renal parenchymal disease
- Renovascular disease
- Primary aldosteronism
- OSA
- Drug/alcohol induced
- Pheochromocytoma/paraganglioma
- Cushing's syndrome
- Hypothyroidism/hyperthyroidism
- Aortic coarctation
- Primary hyperparathyroidism
- Congenital adrenal hyperplasia
- Mineralocorticoid excess syndrome other than primary aldosteronism
- Acromegaly



# Recommendations for Medical Rx of Primary HTN

COR	LOE	RECOMMENDATIONS
I	SBP: A DBP: C-EO	1. Use of BP-lowering medications is recommended for secondary prevention of recurrent CVD events in patients with clinical CVD and an average SBP of <u>130 mm Hg or higher</u> or an average DBP of <u>80 mm Hg or higher</u> , and for primary prevention in adults with an estimated 10-year atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD) risk of 10% or higher and an average SBP 130 mm Hg or higher or an average DBP 80 mm Hg or higher (S8.1.2-1–S8.1.2-9).
I	C-LD	2. Use of BP-lowering medication is recommended for primary prevention of CVD in adults with no history of CVD and with an estimated 10-year ASCVD risk <u>&lt;10%</u> and an SBP of <u>140 mm Hg or higher</u> or a DBP of <u>90 mm Hg or higher</u> (S8.1.2-3,S8.1.2-10–S8.1.2-13).

\*ACC/AHA Pooled Cohort Equations (<http://tools.acc.org/ASCVD-Risk-Estimator/>) (S8.1.2-13a) to estimate 10-year risk of atherosclerotic CVD. ASCVD was defined as a first CHD death, non-fatal MI or fatal or non-fatal stroke.

# BP Goals

COR	LOE	RECOMMENDATIONS
I	SBP: B-R <sup>SR</sup> DBP: C-EO	1. For adults with confirmed hypertension and <u>known CVD</u> or 10-year ASCVD event risk of 10% or higher (see Section 8.1.2), a BP target of less than <u>130/80 mm Hg</u> is recommended (S8.1.5-1–S8.1.5-5).
IIb	SBP: B-NR DBP: C-EO	2. For adults with confirmed hypertension, <u>without additional markers of increased CVD risk</u> , a BP target of less than <u>130/80 mm Hg</u> may be reasonable (S8.1.5-6–S8.1.5-9).

SR indicates systematic review.



# Antihypertensive Meds

COR	LOE	RECOMMENDATION
I	A <sup>SR</sup>	1. For initiation of antihypertensive drug therapy, <u>first-line agents include thiazide diuretics, CCBs, and ACE inhibitors or ARBs.</u> (S8.1.6-1,S8.1.6-2)

SR indicates systematic review.

COR	LOE	RECOMMENDATION
III: Harm	A	1. Simultaneous use of an ACE inhibitor, ARB, and/or renin inhibitor is potentially harmful and is not recommended to treat adults with hypertension (S8.1.4-1–S8.1.4-3).

COR	LOE	RECOMMENDATIONS
I	C-EO	1. Initiation of antihypertensive drug therapy <u>with 2 first-line agents of different classes</u> , either as separate agents or in a fixed-dose combination, is recommended in adults <u>with stage 2 hypertension</u> and an average BP <u>more than 20/10 mm Hg above their BP target.</u>

IIa	C-EO	2. Initiation of antihypertensive drug therapy with a <u>single antihypertensive drug</u> is reasonable in adults with <u>stage 1 hypertension</u> and <u>BP goal &lt;130/80 mm Hg</u> with dosage titration and sequential addition of other agents to achieve the BP target.
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# Antihypertensive Rx in Stable IHD

COR	LOE	RECOMMENDATIONS
I	SBP: B-R DBP: C-EO	1. In adults with SIHD and hypertension, a BP target of less than 130/80 mm Hg is recommended (S9.1-1–S9.1-5).
I	SBP: B-R DBP: C-EO	2. Adults with SIHD and hypertension (BP $\geq$ 130/80 mm Hg) should be treated with medications (e.g., GDMT (S9.1-6) beta blockers, ACE inhibitors, or ARBs) for compelling indications (e.g., previous MI, stable angina) as first-line therapy, with the addition of other drugs (e.g., dihydropyridine CCBs, thiazide diuretics, and/or mineralocorticoid receptor antagonists) as needed to further control hypertension (S9.1-7–S9.1-10).
I	B-NR	3. In adults with SIHD with angina and persistent uncontrolled hypertension, the addition of dihydropyridine CCBs to GDMT (S9.1-6) beta blockers is recommended (S9.1-8,S9.1-11,S9.1-12).
IIa	B-NR	4. In adults who have had a MI or acute coronary syndrome, it is reasonable to continue GDMT (S9.1-6) beta blockers beyond 3 years as long-term therapy for hypertension (S9.1-13,S9.1-14).
IIb	C-EO	5. Beta blockers and/or CCBs might be considered to control hypertension in patients with CAD (without HFrEF) who had an MI more than 3 years ago and have angina.



# Other Antihypertensive Guidelines

- Prevention of heart failure/HFrEF/HFpEF
- CKD/Renal transplantation
- Acute intracranial hemorrhage; acute ischemic stroke
- Secondary stroke prevention
- PAD; DM; A-fib
- Valvular heart disease
- Aortic disease
- Race/Ethnicity
- Pregnancy
- Older patients
- Hypertensive crisis and emergencies
- Prevention of cognitive decline and dementia
- Surgical procedures



# The Problems With Guidelines and Antihypertensive Medical RX

- Awareness
- Diagnosis
- Initial lack of symptoms
- Race, age, sex and gender differences in response to Rx
- Concurrent medical conditions that contribute to HTN or interfere with Rx
- Emotional and psychiatric issues
- Substance abuse
- Cost of Rx

**HTN causes and management are truly multifactorial and multifaceted**



# Despite Hypertension Treatment, Many Patients are Not Controlled

## *Established Market Economies (EME)*

Country	Study Year	Age Range	Hypertension			Treated Hypertensives
			Aware (%)	Treated (%)	Controlled (%)	Controlled (%)
United States	1999-2000	18-80+	69	58	31	53
Canada	1986-1992	18-74	58	39	16	41
Spain	1990	35-64	45	32	5	16
England	1998	16-75	46	32	9	29
Germany	1994-1995	25-74	60	35	12	34
Greece	1997	18-90	61	55	27	50
China*	2000-2001	35-74	45	28	8	29
Japan	1980	30-74	–	41 (M) 55 (W)	24 (M) 36 (W)	56 (M) 65 (W)



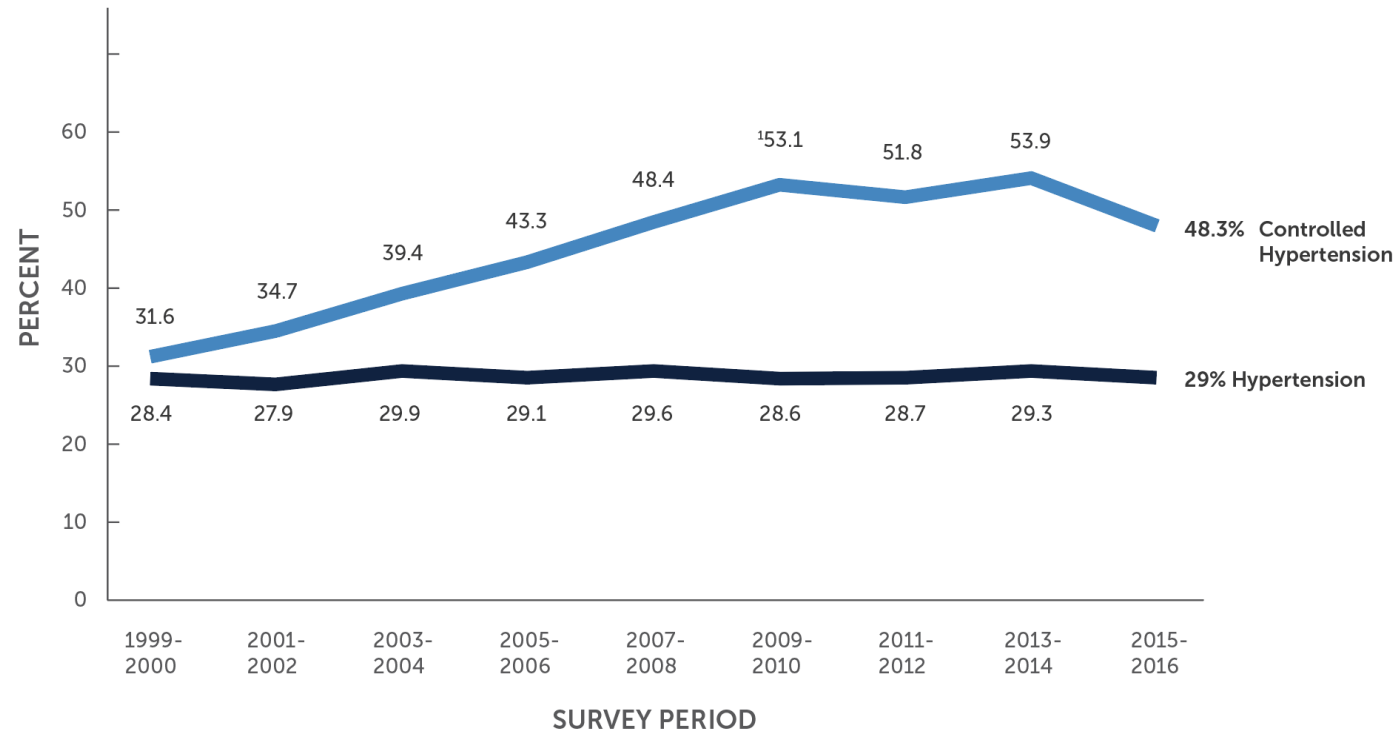
M=men. W=women.

\*Based on World Bank criteria used in this study, China was not considered an established market economy at time of publication.

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# Hypertension Control Rates are No Longer Improving

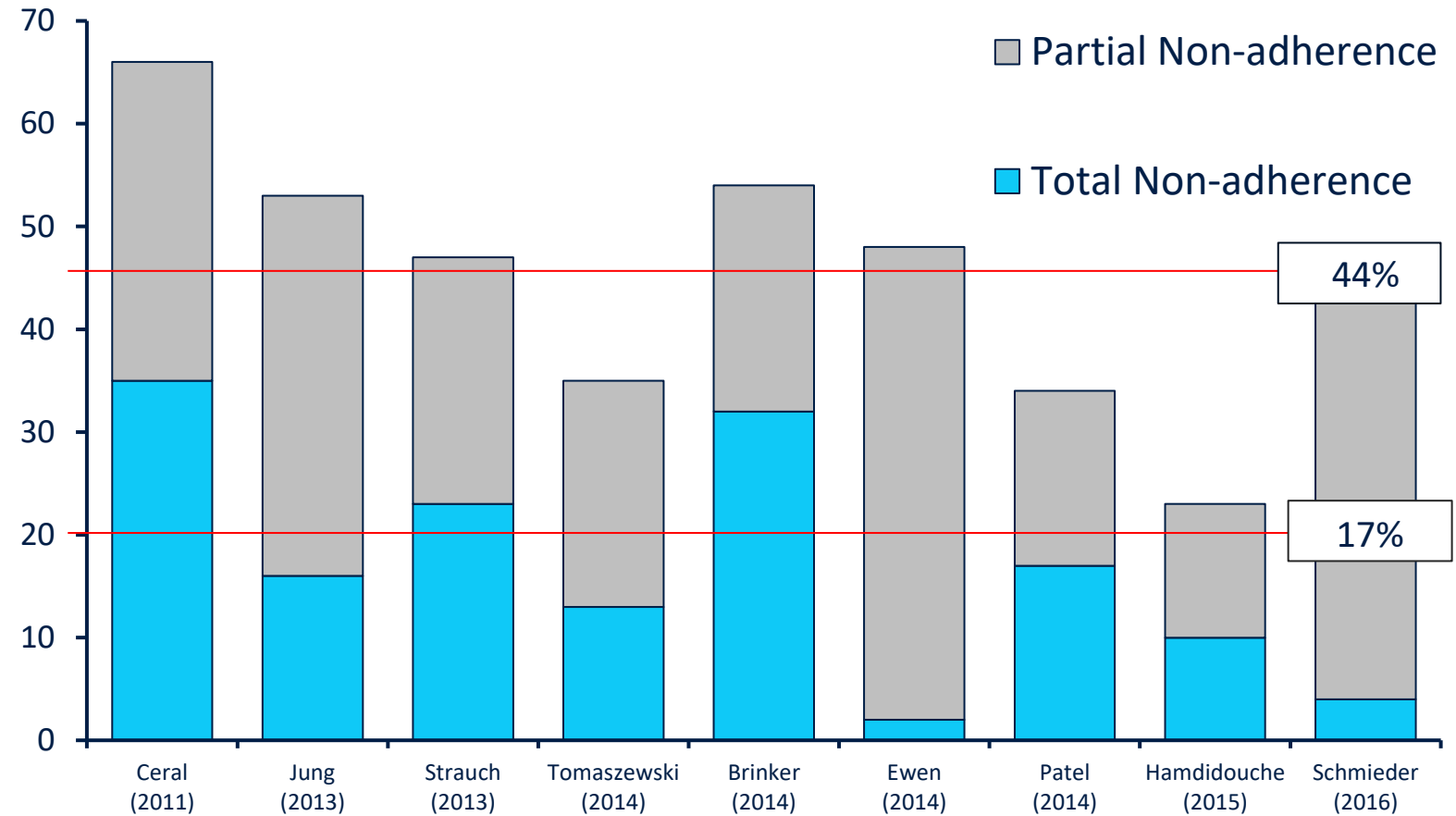
Age-Adjusted Trends in Hypertension and Controlled Hypertension (United States, 1999-2016)



No significant changes observed from 2009 - 2010 through 2015 - 2016

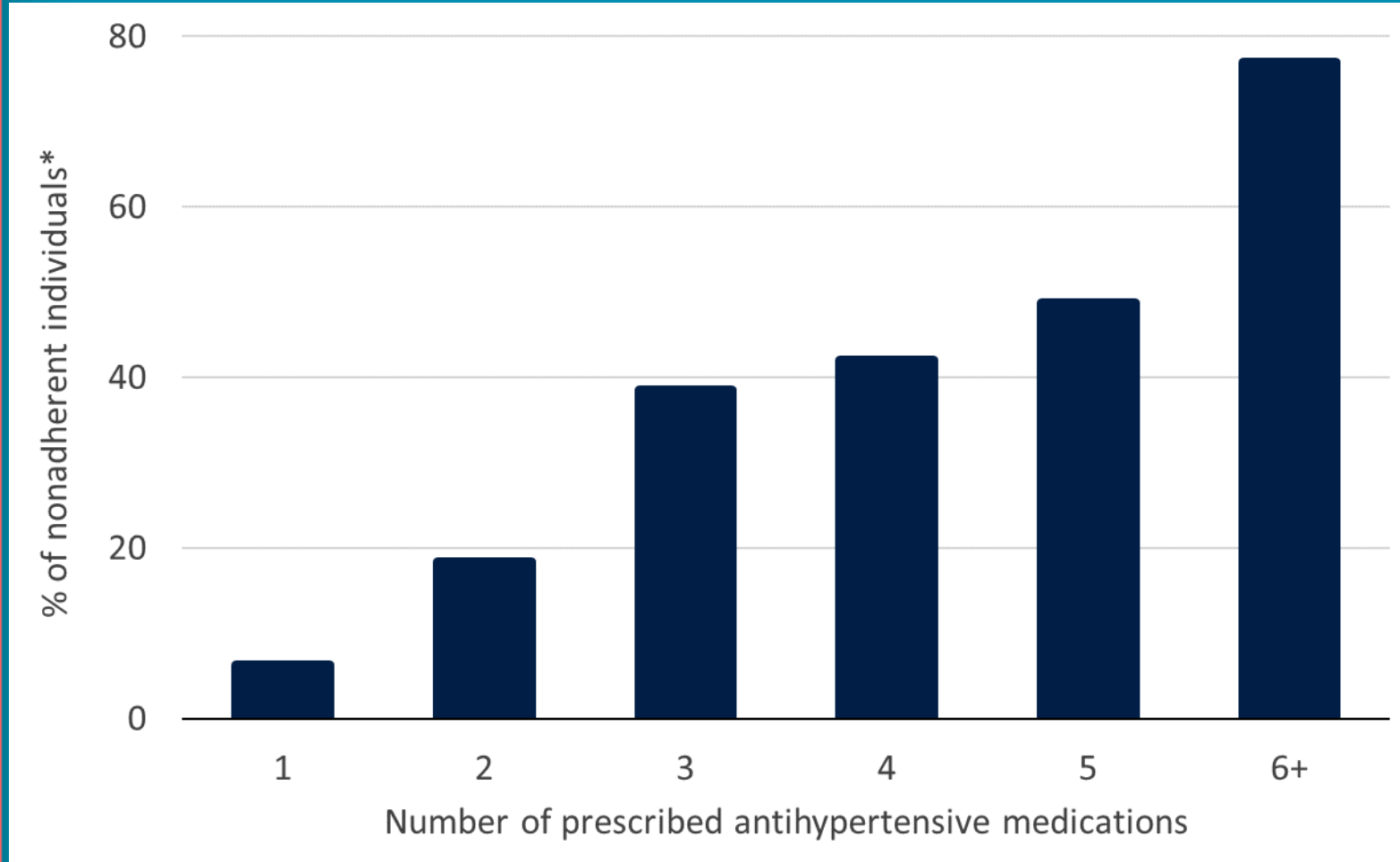
# Non-adherence to prescribed antihypertensive drugs in clinical studies

- ▶ 30 to 50% non-adherence rate is consistent between clinical trials
- ▶ Poor and dynamic adherence introduces variability to trial endpoints
  - Not easily controlled, even with rigorous trial design



# Non-Adherence Increased with Pill Burden

## When Is It Time to Consider a Non-drug Therapy?



- Going from 2 to 3 medications doubled non-adherence
- Patients on 5 medications are nearly 50% non-adherent
- Majority of patients prescribed 6+ medications were nonadherent

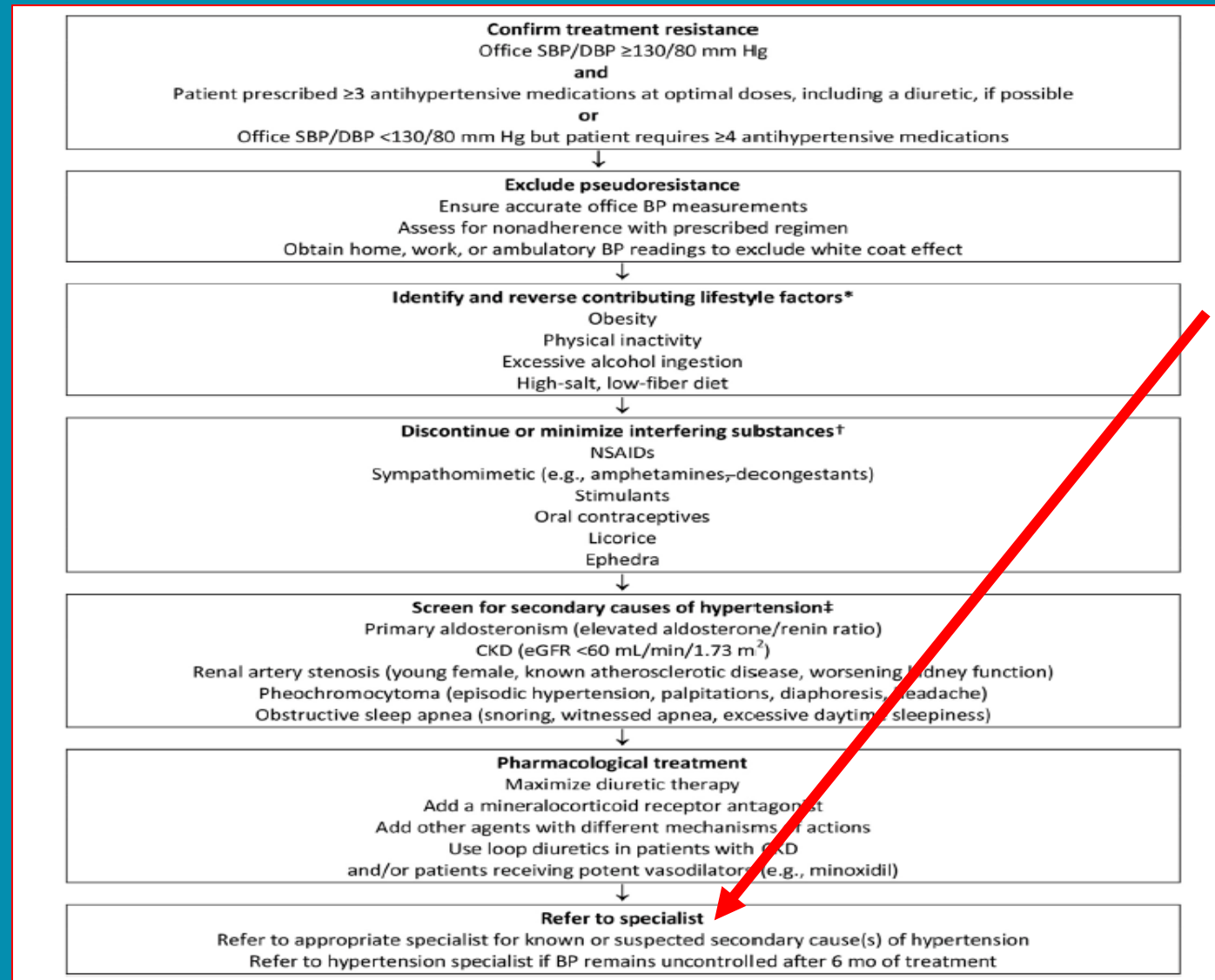


# Conclusions:

- HTN remains the #1 cause of global disease burden
- Prevalence of HTN is increasing (? related to DM and obesity)
- Extensive evidence that BP control reduces CV events
- A significant % of known hypertensives are not controlled on Rx
- Current rates of control are actually declining (again, ? related to HTN/DM)
- Non-adherence to antihypertensive Rx remains a huge problem



# Resistant/Uncontrolled HTN: A Role for Renal Denervation?



# Renal Denervation Update

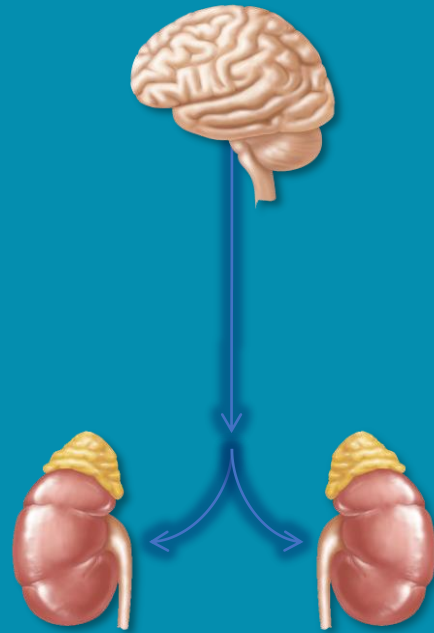
(RDN is not dead!!)



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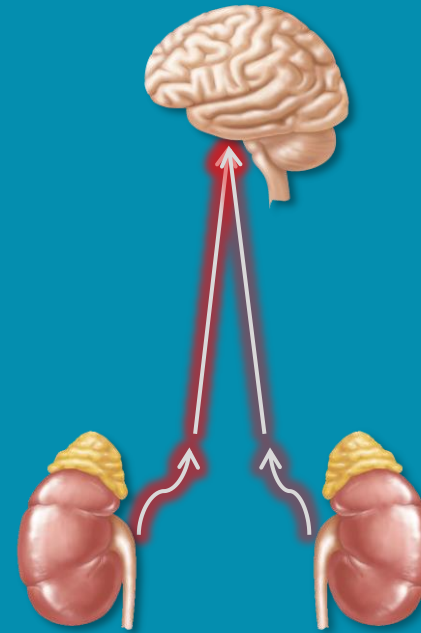
# Renal Nerves and the SNS

Effect of Efferent Renal Nerves on Sympathetic Activity



Sympathetic signals from the CNS modulate the physiology of the kidneys

Effect of Afferent Renal Nerves on Sympathetic Activity

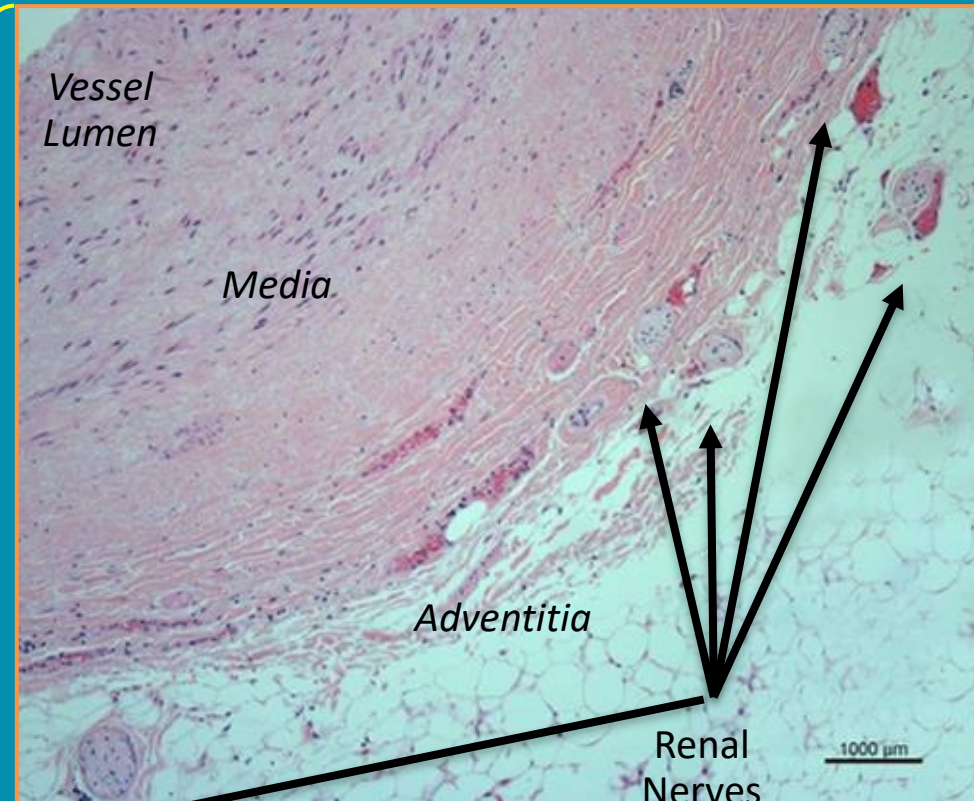
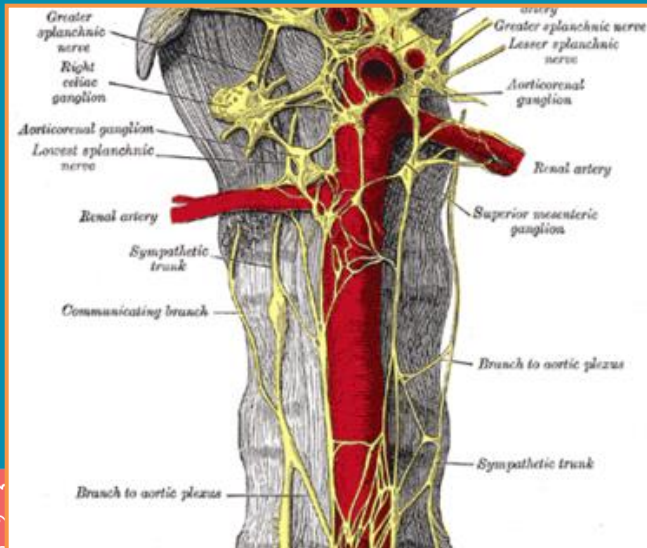
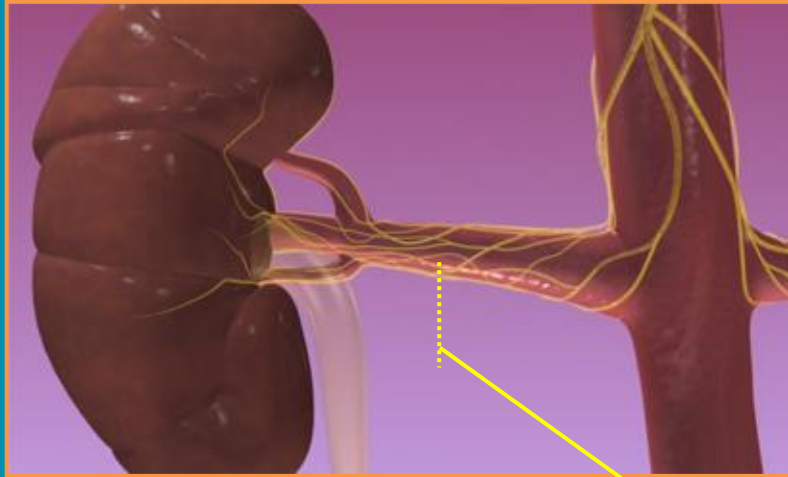


The kidney is a source of central sympathetic activity, sending signals to the CNS

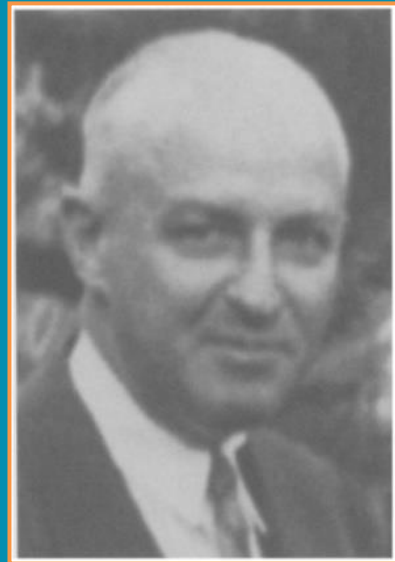


# Targeting Renal Nerves

- Nerves arise from T10-L2
- The nerves arborize around the artery and primarily lie within the adventitia



# Sympathectomy: An Early Surgical Option



Dr. Reginald H. Smithwick



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### THE EFFECTS OF PROGRESSIVE SYMPATHECTOMY ON BLOOD PRESSURE

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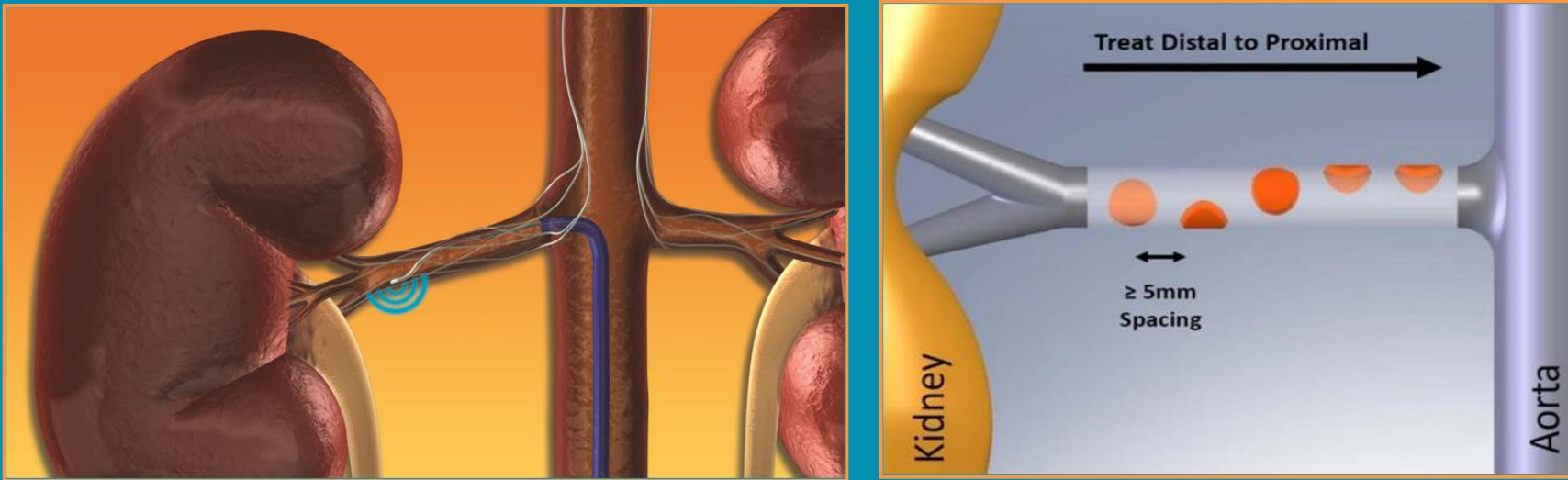
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# Simplicity HTN 1

- 1<sup>st</sup> in man feasibility study
- Initial cohort of 50, expanded to 153



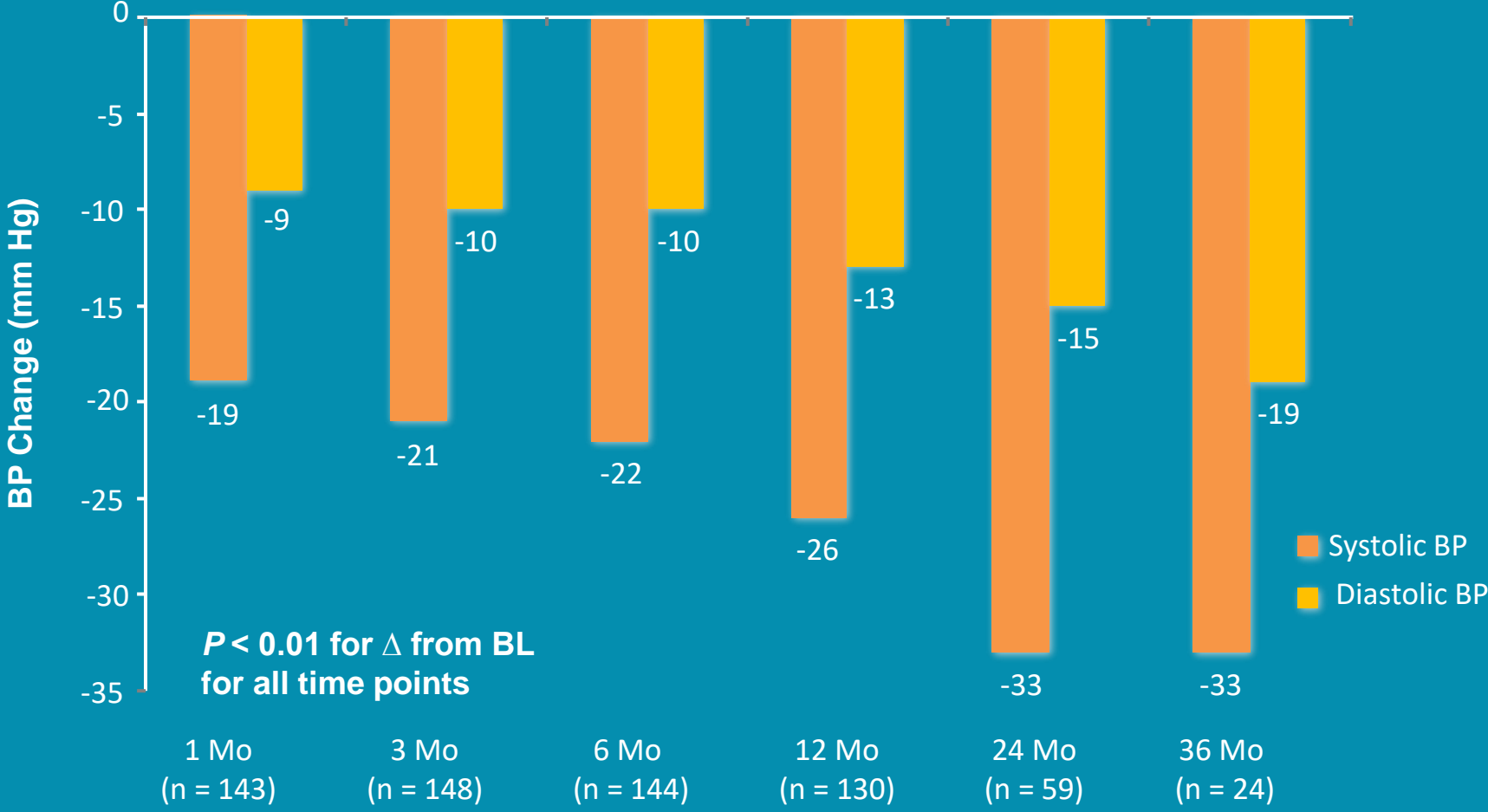
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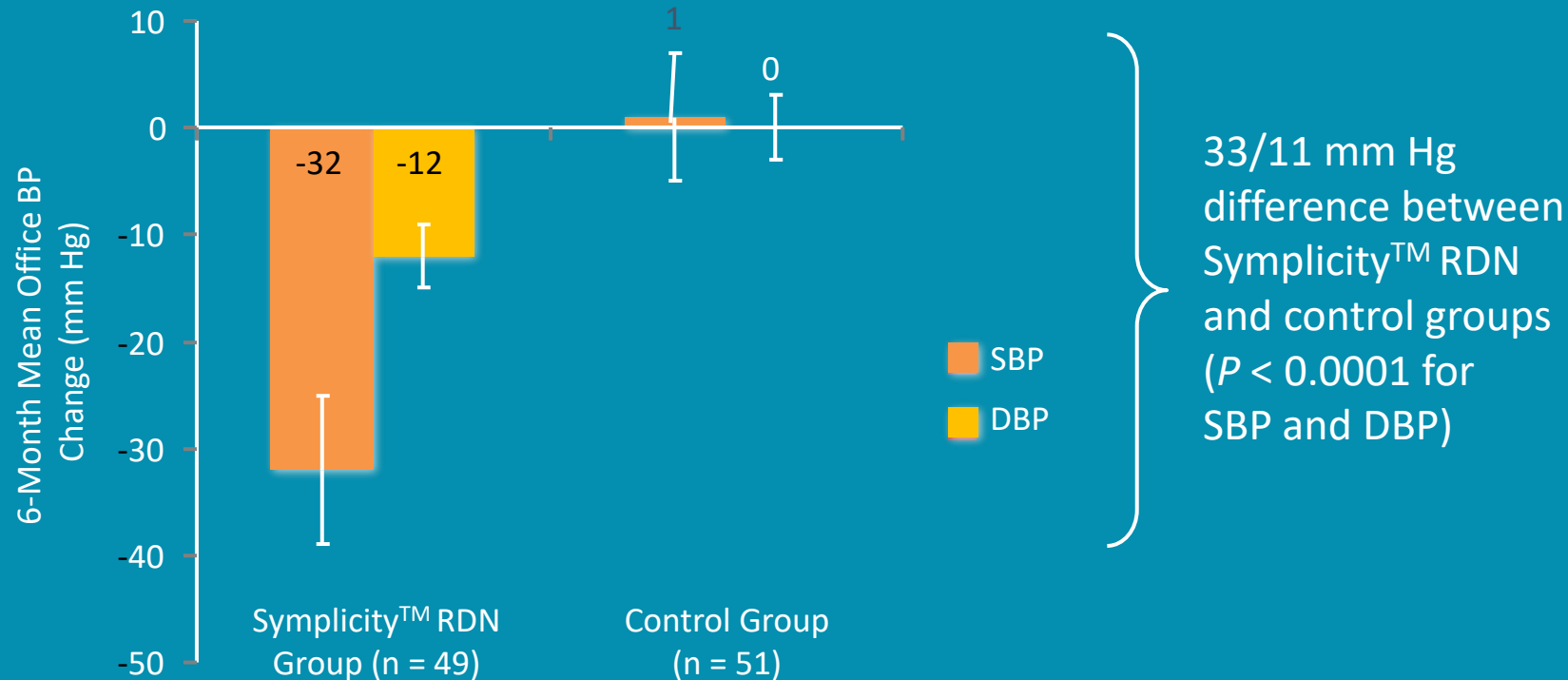
- Standard interventional technique
- 4-6 120-second treatments per artery



# Symplicity HTN-1 Trial: 36-Month Results



# Symplicity HTN-2 Trial: 6-Month Office BP\* (Primary Endpoint)



- 84% of patients in the RDN group had  $\geq 10$  mm Hg reduction in SBP
- 10% of patients in the RDN group had no reduction in SBP



# Simplicity 3: Results of 1 & 2 not Reproducible: Lessons Learned

- Need Improved Technology
  - Better understanding of renal nerve anatomy
  - Robust preclinical science
- Need Reproducible Procedures
  - Safe, easy access, reduced operator variability
  - Consistent denervation
- Need Robust Clinical Study Design
  - Standardization of BP measures
  - Standardization of medication management
  - Need improved understanding of patient selection

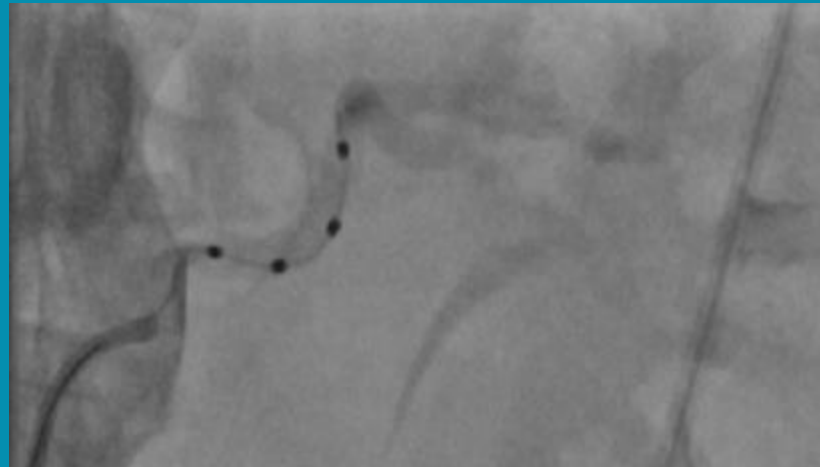
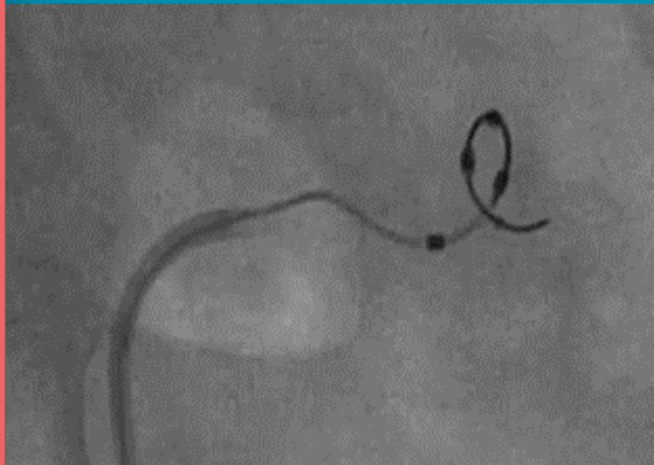


# New catheter design to reduce procedural variability

- The Symplicity Spyral™ Catheter replaced the SYMPPLICITY™ FLEX catheter

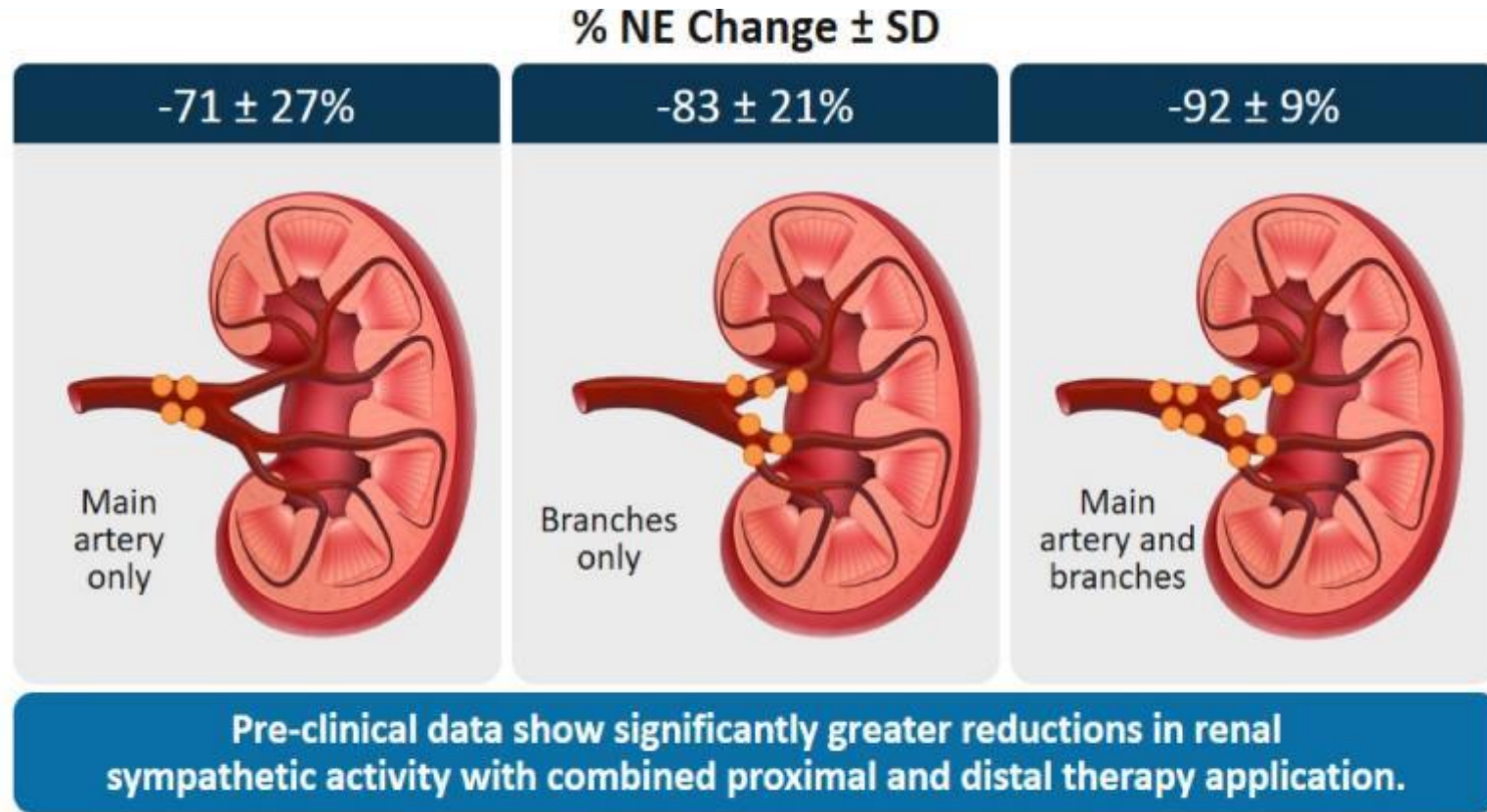


- Unique design automatically positions electrodes to generate 360-degree ablations
  - Consistent, repeatable four-quadrant ablation pattern
  - 60-second simultaneous energy delivery
  - Temperature and impedance feedback to control energy delivery
- RF energy is delivered to the renal nerves through the artery wall, preferentially heating perivascular adipose tissue
- Vessel diameter range: 3-8 mm
  - Able to treat distal main renal artery and its branches
- Convenient to use
  - 6 F guide catheter compatible
  - 0.014" rapid exchange delivery



# SPYRAL HTN

- Treatment of main artery, distal branches, and Accessories

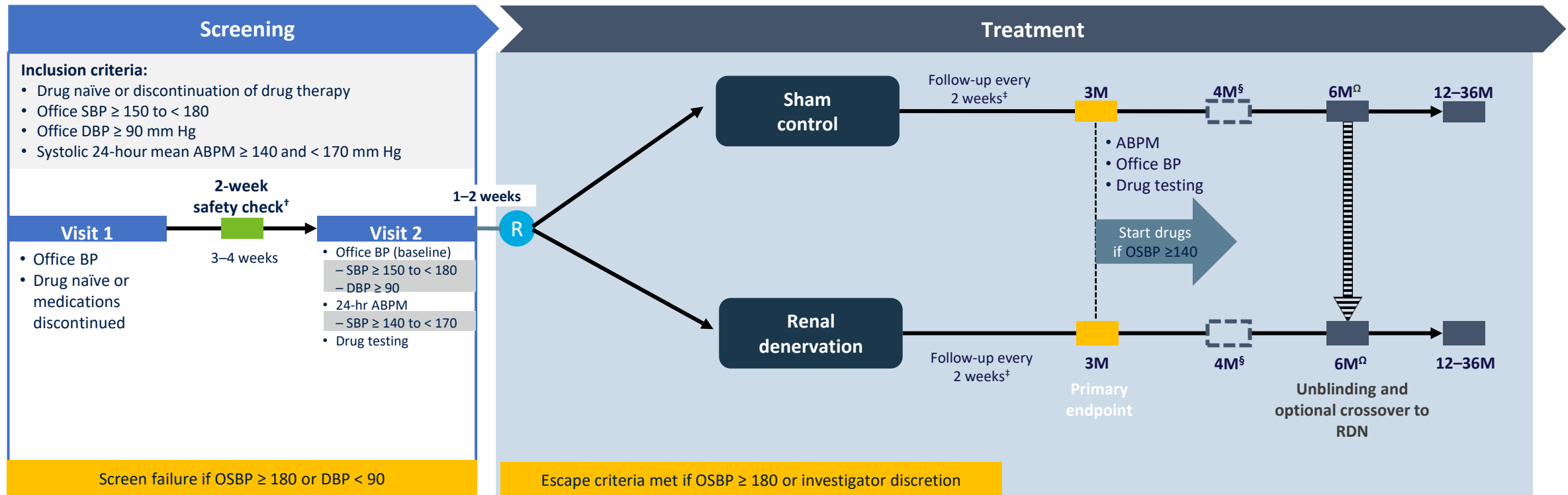


Note: Preclinical data may not be representative of human data.  
Mahfoud F, et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol.* 2015;66:1766-1775.



# SPYRAL HTN-OFF MED pivotal trial

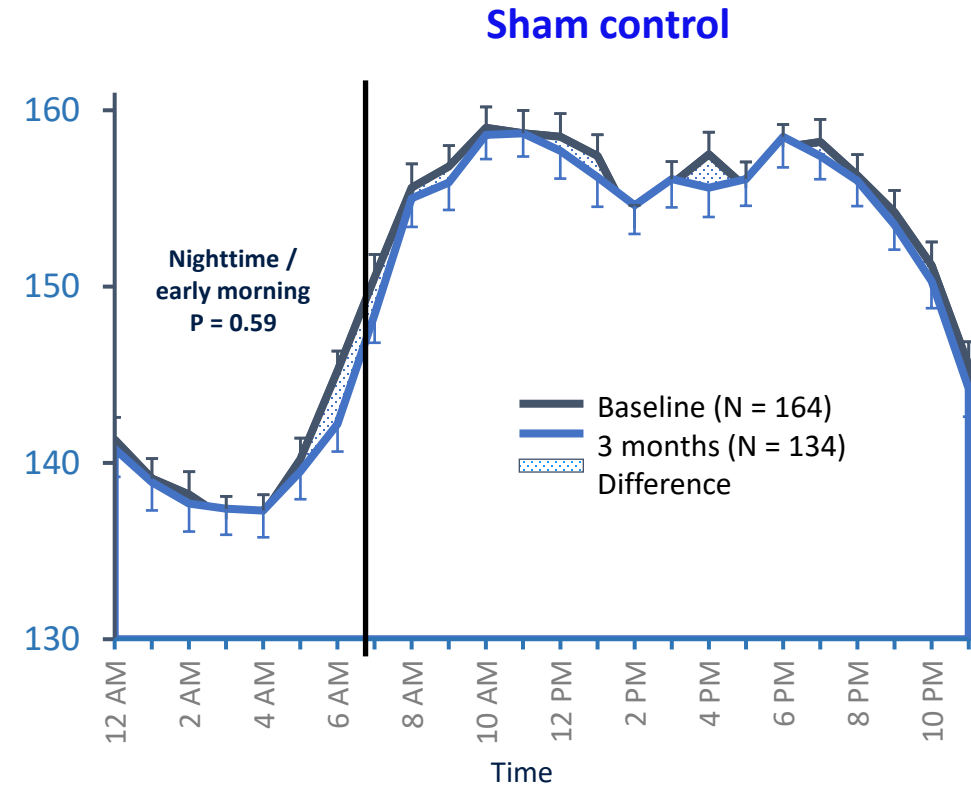
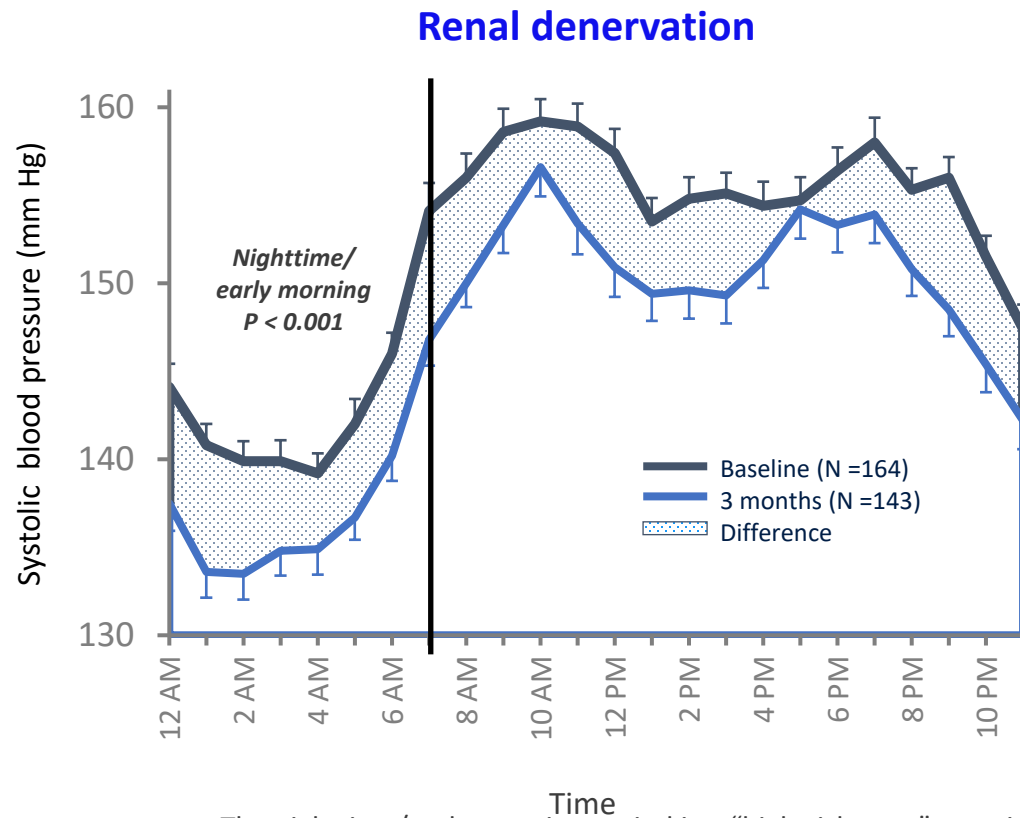
- **Randomized, sham-controlled trial**



- <sup>†</sup>Only for patients discontinuing antihypertensive medications.
- <sup>‡</sup>Optional follow-up at weeks 6 and/or 10 if the patient is not controlled.
- <sup>§</sup>Only for patients with BP  $\geq 140$  mm Hg at 3 months.
- <sup>¶</sup>6- and 12-month renal imaging.
- NCT02439749
- <sup>1</sup>Böhm M, et al. *Clin Res Cardiol.* 2020;109:289-302. Erratum in: Böhm M, et al. *Clin Res Cardiol.* 2020;109:653.

# RDN demonstrated an “always on” effect on 24-hour BP lowering<sup>1</sup>

- **Spyral HTN-OFF MED pivotal: 24-hour systolic ABPM trend at 3 months**



The nighttime/early morning period is a “high-risk zone” associated with increased risk for stroke and cardiovascular events<sup>2,3</sup>

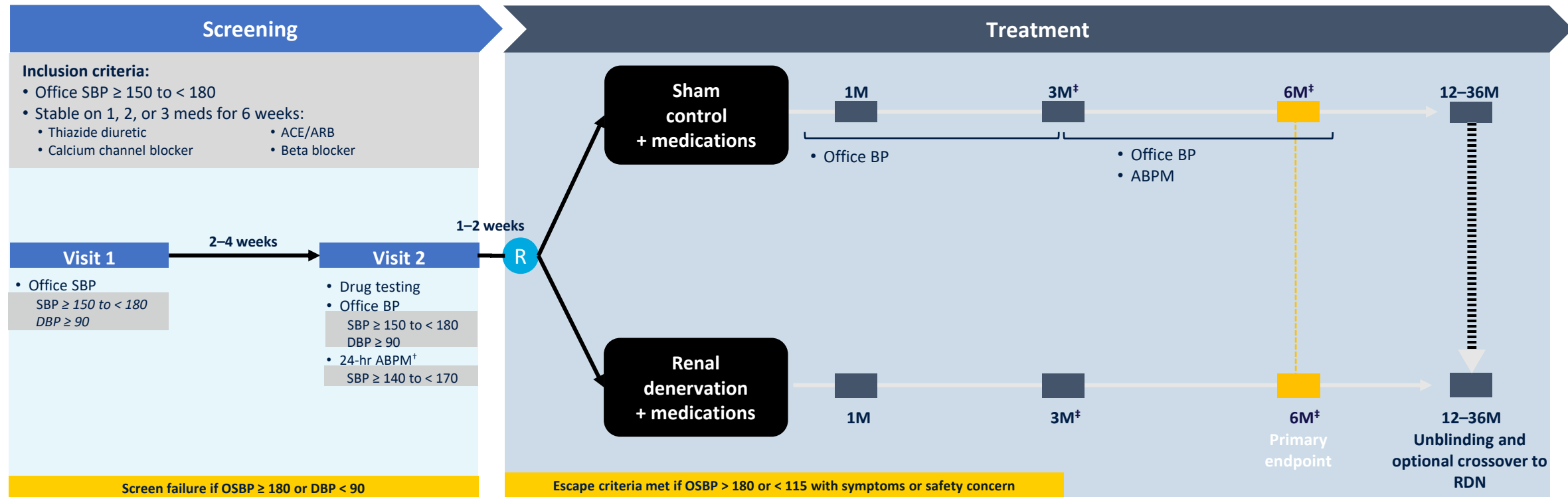
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# SPYRAL HTN-ON MED pilot study design

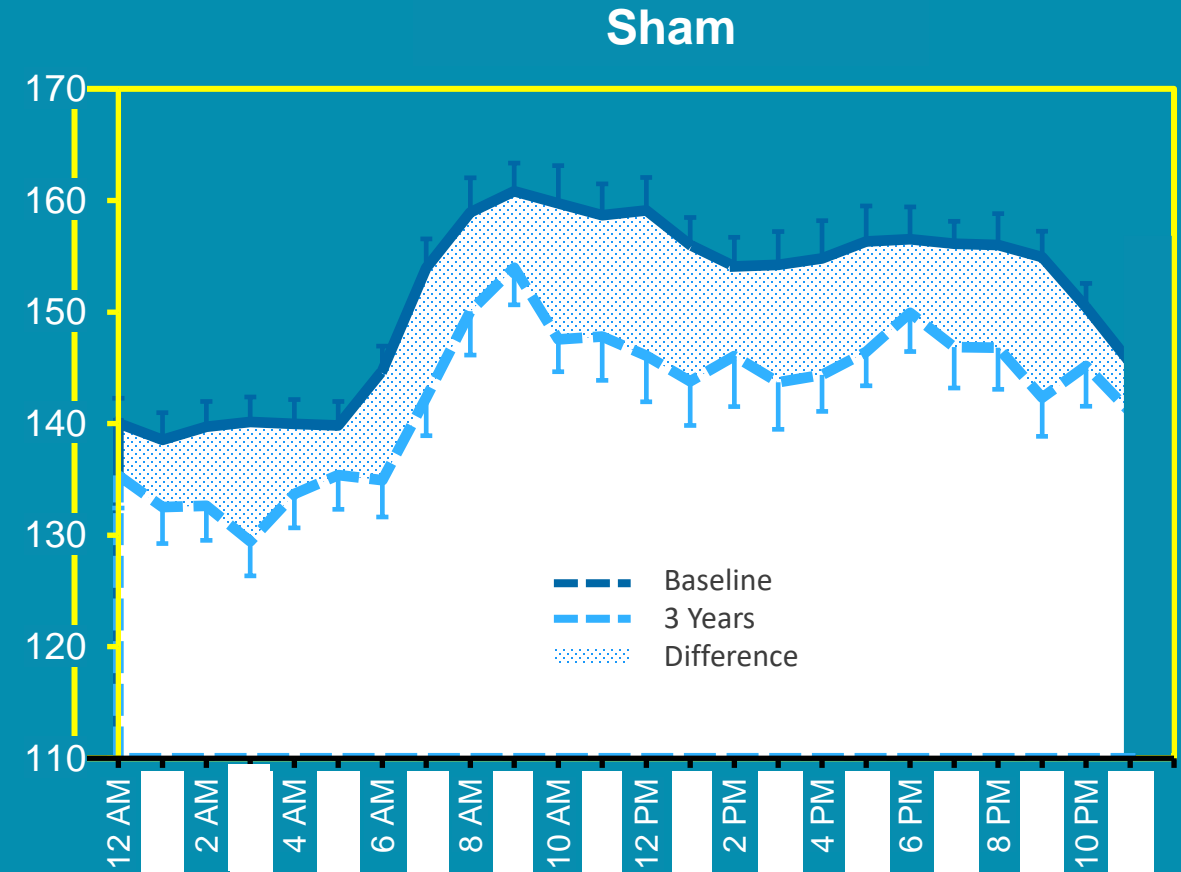
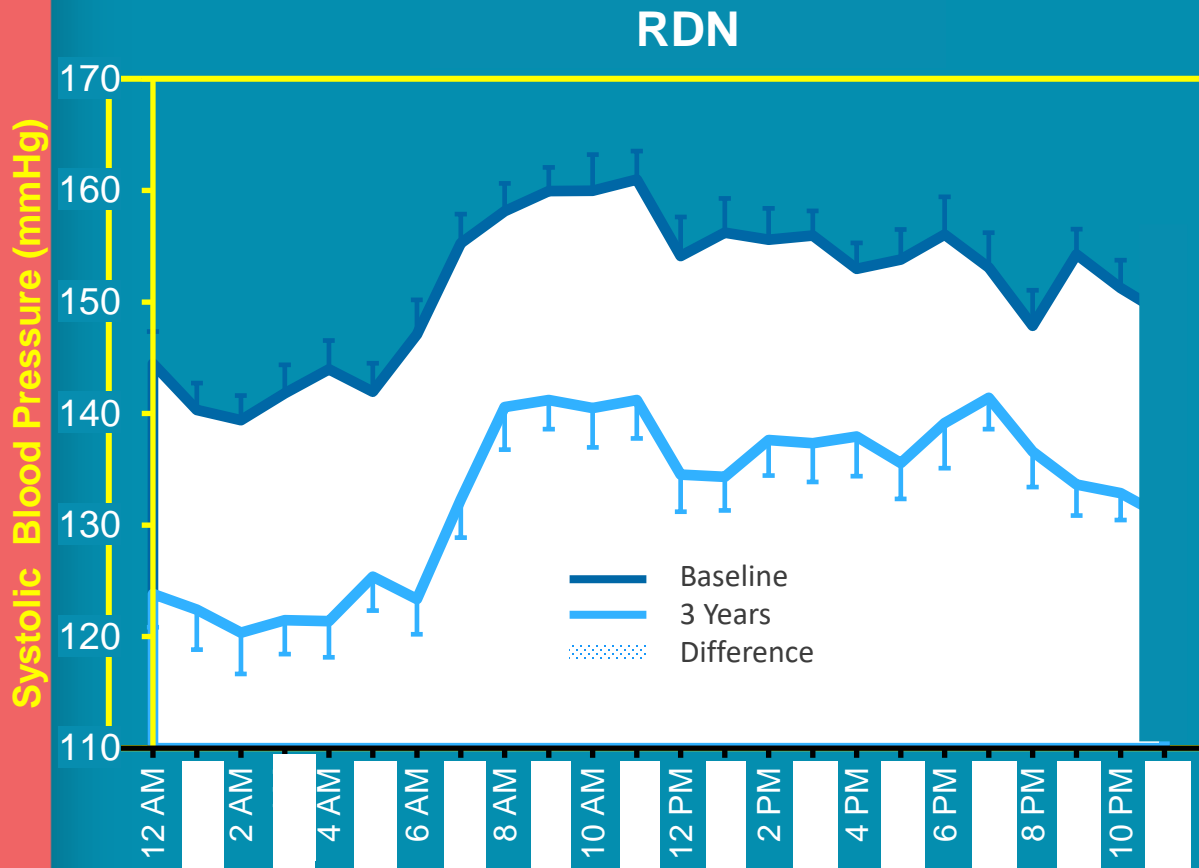
- **Randomized, sham-controlled trial<sup>1</sup>**



- <sup>†</sup>Measurement started after witnessed drug ingestion.
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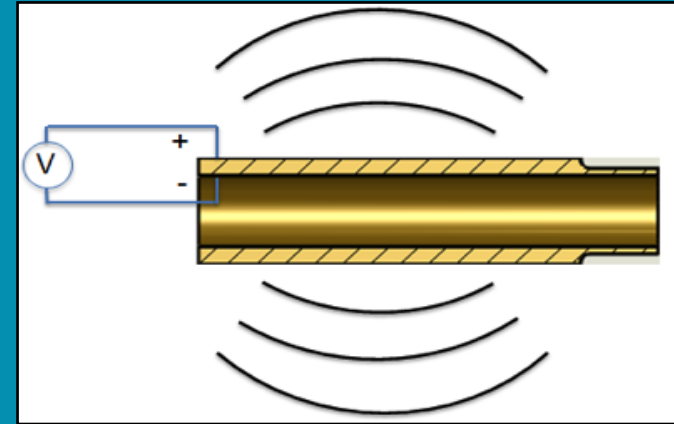
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- Baseline and 3 Years



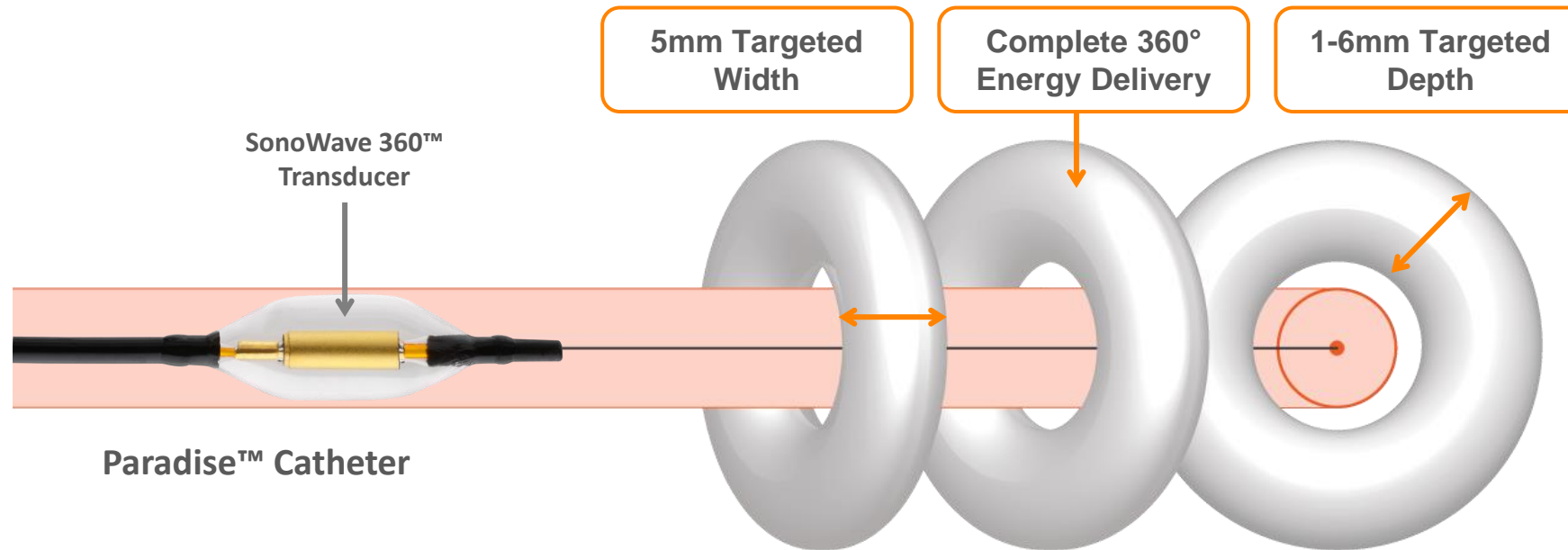
# Ultrasound Technology for Renal Denervation

- Therapeutic ultrasound energy consists of high-frequency sound waves that generate frictional heating in soft tissues
  - Direct tissue contact with the ultrasound source is not required for energy transmission
- Cylindrical ultrasound source creates uniform toroidal lesions
- Piezoelectric Ultrasound Transducer
  - expands and contracts when a voltage is applied, create acoustic pressure waves.
  - Acoustic pressure waves generate heat in tissue.



# Paradise (ReCor Medical) RDN System

Complete 360° energy delivery in single sonication to target 5mm width and 1-6mm depth



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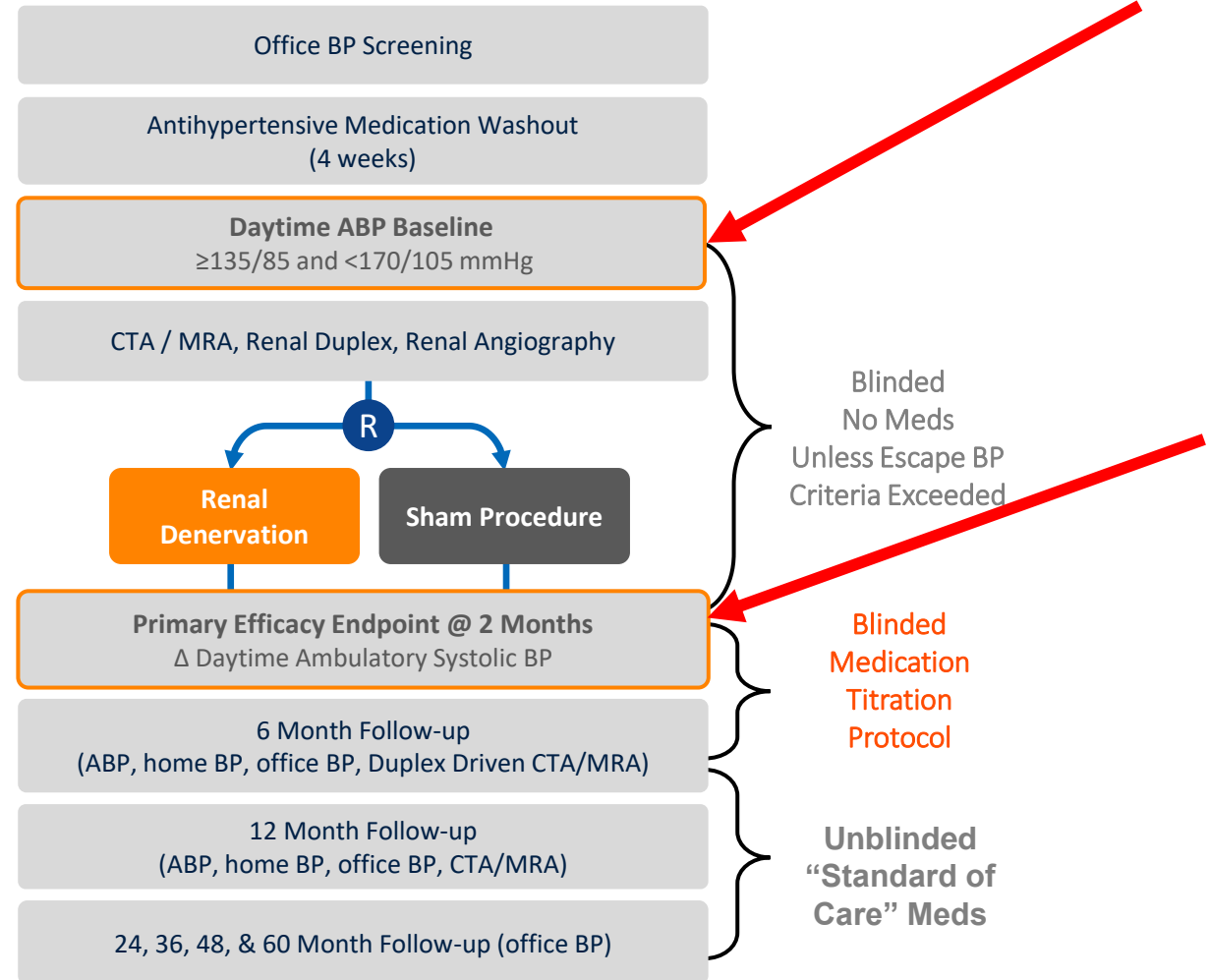
- Complete 360° energy delivery
- 1-6mm targeted depth from the arterial wall
- 5mm targeted width

# RADIANCE-HTN SOLO

Blinded, Sham-Controlled, Powered to Demonstrate BP Lowering Effectiveness

## Key Entry Criteria:

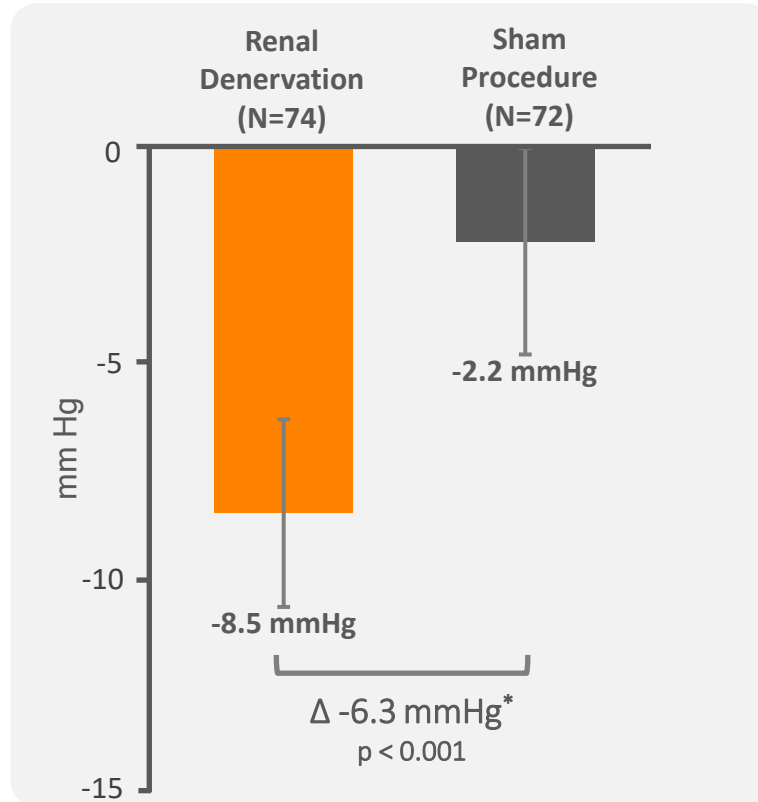
- Hypertension controlled on 1-2 anti-HTN meds or uncontrolled on 0-2 meds
- Off-medication daytime ABP  $\geq 135/85$  and  $< 170/105$  mmHg
- Age 18-75 years
- No prior cardiovascular or cerebrovascular events
- No Type I or uncontrolled Type II diabetes
- eGFR  $\geq 40$  mL/min/m<sup>2</sup>
- Eligible renal artery anatomy (bilateral diameter 4-8mm, length  $\geq 25$ mm, and no stenosis  $\geq 30\%$ )



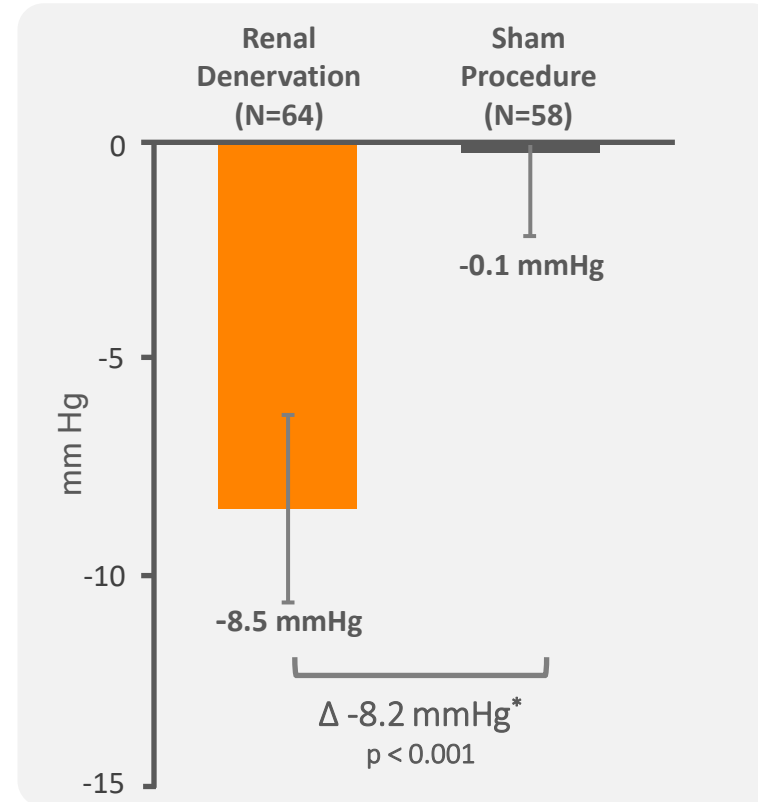
# RADIANCE-HTN SOLO Primary Endpoint

## Change in Daytime Ambulatory Systolic BP at 2 Months

### PRIMARY EFFICACY ENDPOINT (ITT)



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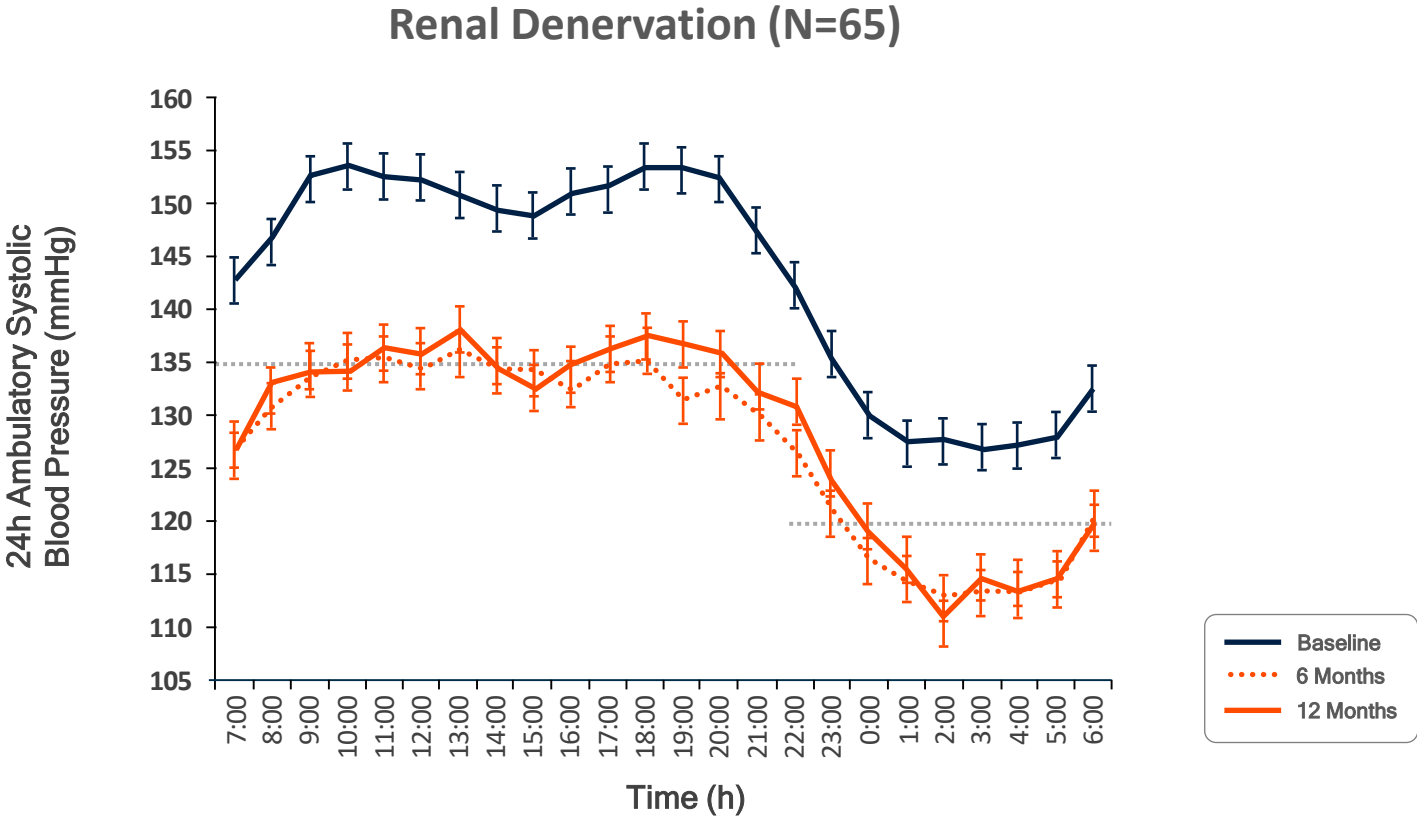
8.5 mmHg reduction in ABP in the RDN group at 2 months

\* Between group difference adjusted for baseline blood pressure

# RADIANCE-HTN SOLO – Durable Efficacy

## Change in 24h ABPM Systolic BP at 12 Months

No adverse safety signals @ 12 mo



Reduction in Ambulatory SBP from Baseline was Sustained at 12 months

Azizi et al. *JACC Cardiovasc Interv.* Dec 28;13(24):2922-2933.

# ACHIEVE Study Overview

Single-arm on med

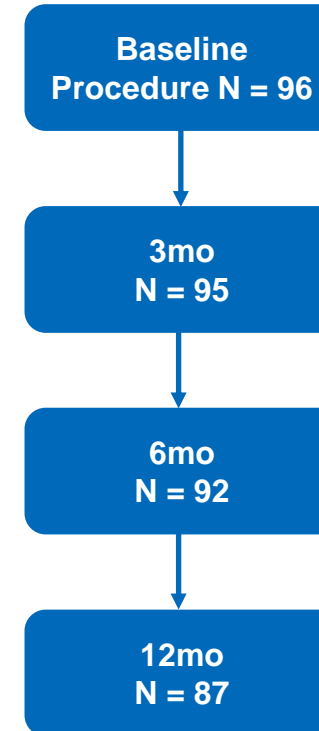
## Key Entry Criteria:

- Uncontrolled hypertension on 3+ medications including a diuretic
- Age  $\geq 18$
- Systolic ABP  $\geq 130$  mmHg and office systolic BP  $\geq 160$  mmHg
- Renal arteries 4-8 mm diameter &  $\geq 20$  mm length
- No pre-existing renal stenosis
- Moderate and severe renal insufficiency excluded

## Outcomes:

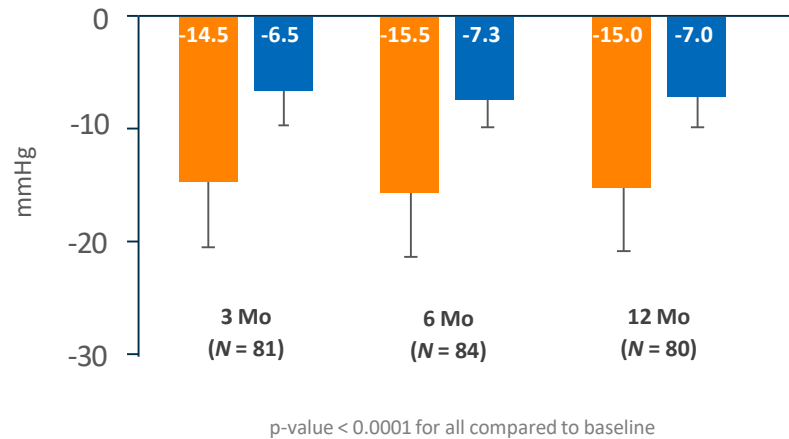
Follow-ups at 3, 6, and 12 months

- Office BP
- 24-hour Ambulatory BP
- BP Medications



# ACHIEVE - Durable Efficacy

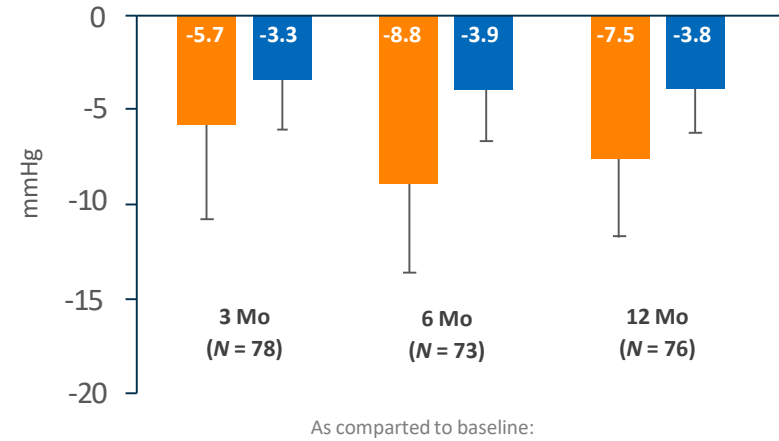
## Office Blood Pressure



Mean office blood pressure change from baseline at 3, 6, and 12 months. Error bars represent 95% confidence intervals.

■ Systolic  
■ Diastolic

## 24-hour Ambulatory Blood Pressure



Mean 24-h ambulatory blood pressure measurement change from baseline at 3, 6, and 12 months. Error bars represent 95% confidence intervals.

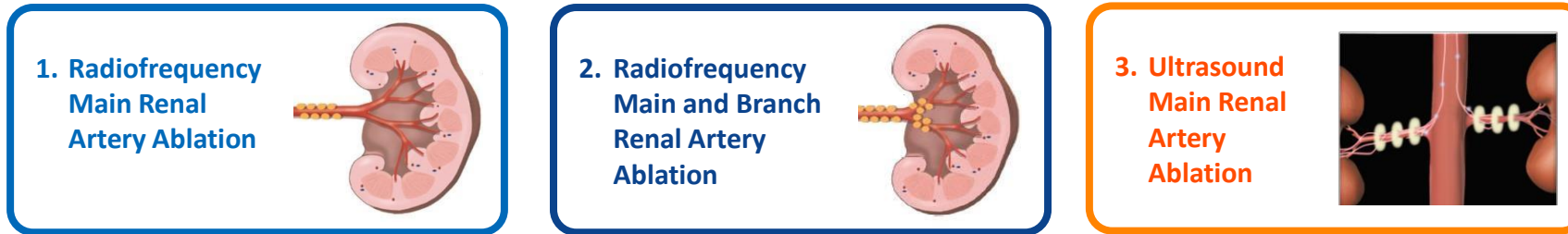
■ Systolic  
■ Diastolic

ACHIEVE Study demonstrated 12-month durable efficacy

# RADIOSOUND-HTN

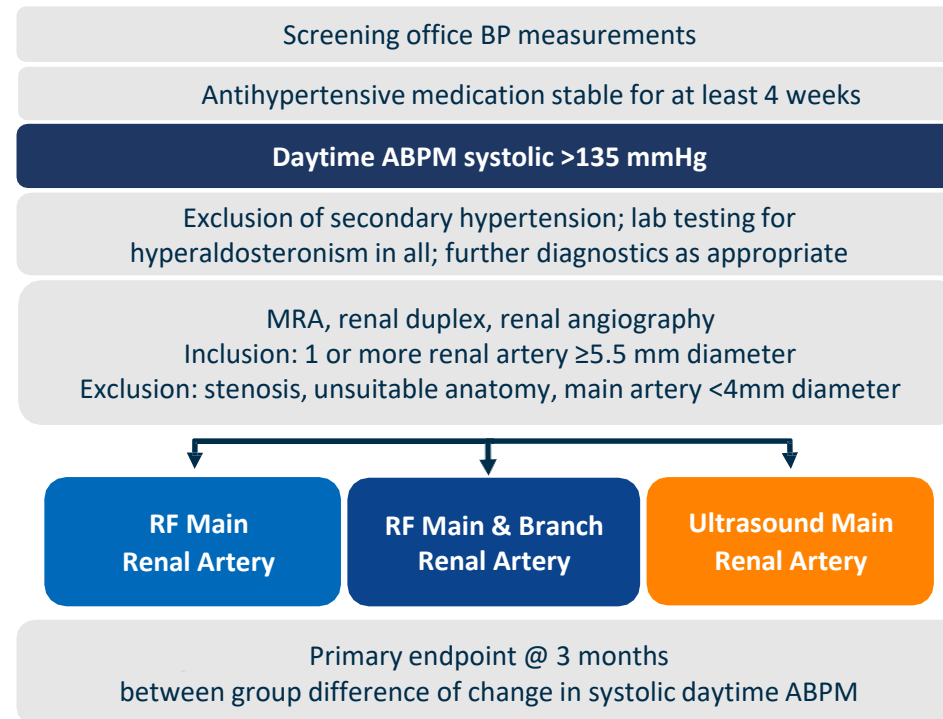
## Study Overview

Prospective, single blind, single center, randomized trial



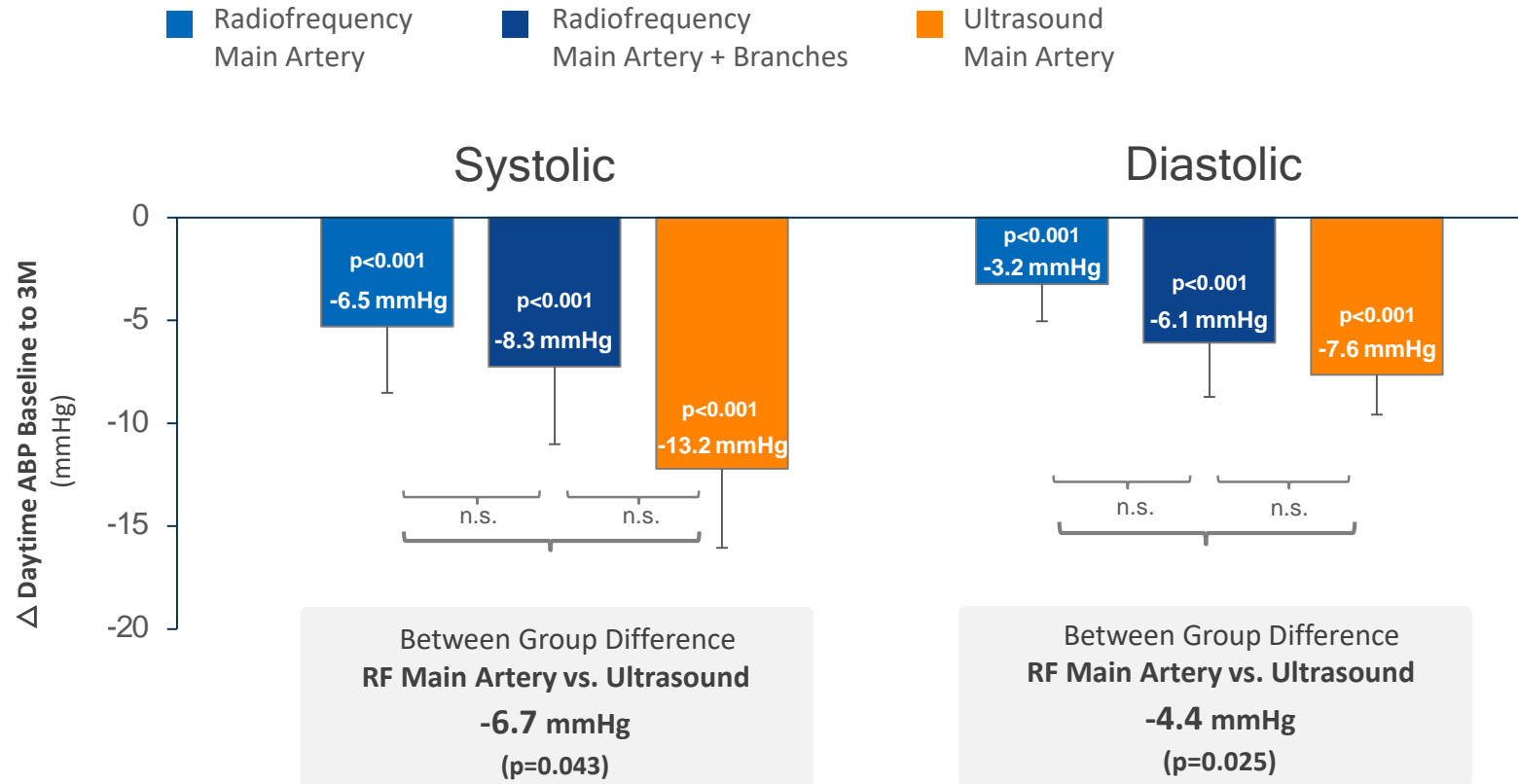
**Objective:** To compare the effects of renal denervation using 3 treatments in patients with resistant hypertension

- DESIGN: Prospective, single-blind, single-center, three-arm randomized trial (1:1:1)
- POPULATION: Patients aged 18-75 years with resistant hypertension despite treatment with  $\geq 3$  drug classes at  $\geq 50\%$  maximum dosage including  $\geq 1$  diuretic
- PRIMARY ENDPOINT: Between-group difference in 3 Mo  $\Delta$  in Daytime Systolic APBM



# RADIOSOUND-HTN

## Primary Endpoint



Lurz et al. TCT 2018.

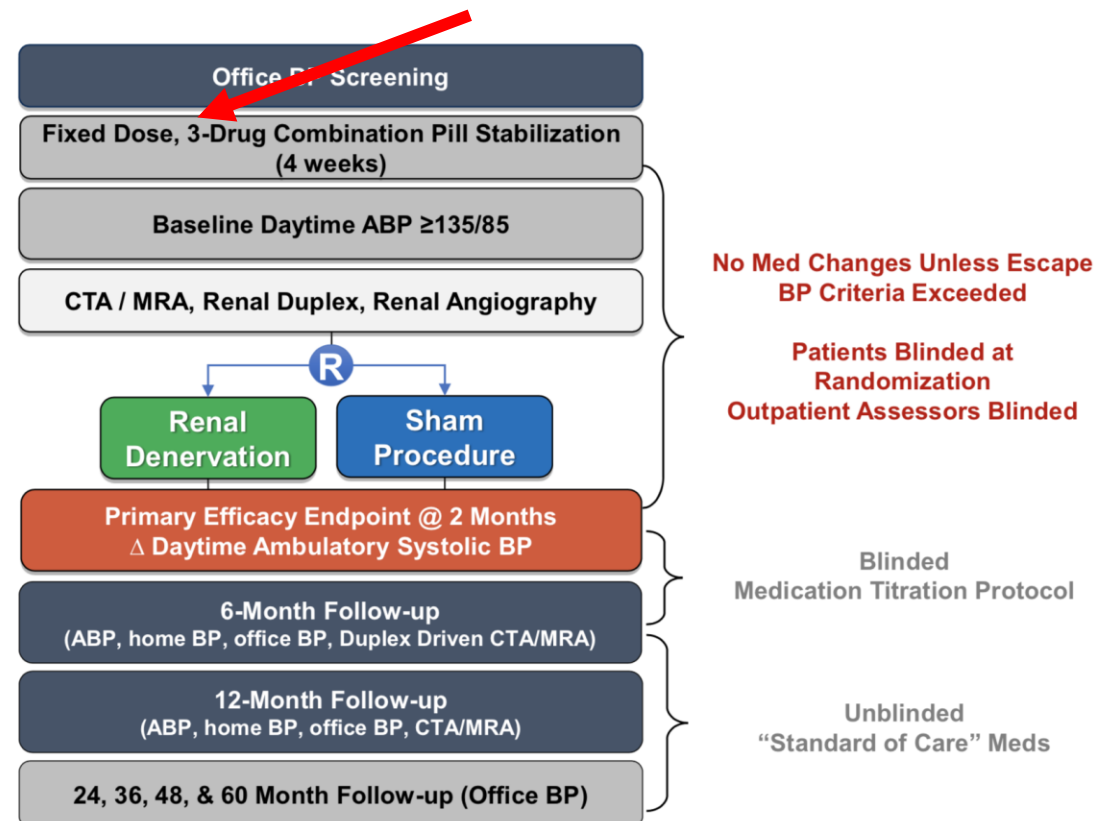
Fengler et al. *Circulation*. 2019 Jan 29;139(5):590-600.

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## RADIANCE-HTN TRIO Design: Blinded, Sham-Controlled, Powered to Demonstrate BP Lowering Effectiveness at 2M

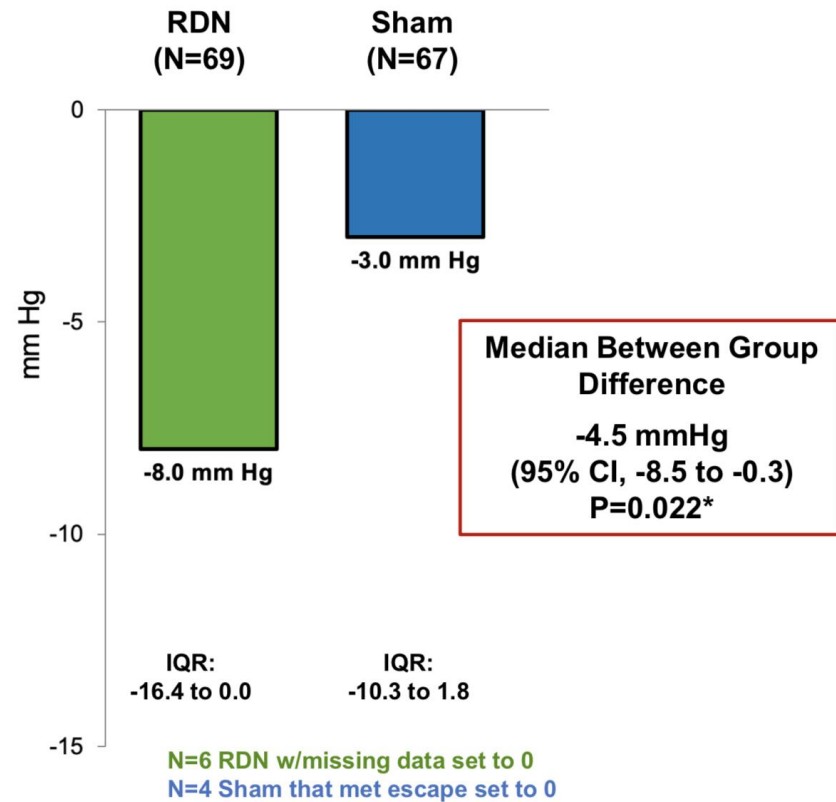
### Key Entry Criteria:

- Office BP  $\geq 140/90$  on 3+ anti-HTN meds
- Daytime ABP  $\geq 135/85$  on a fixed-dose, 3-drug combination pill
- Age 18-75 years
- No secondary hypertension aside from OSA
- No CV or cerebrovascular events within the prior 3M
- No Type I or uncontrolled Type II diabetes
- eGFR  $\geq 40$  mL/min/m<sup>2</sup>
- Eligible renal artery anatomy

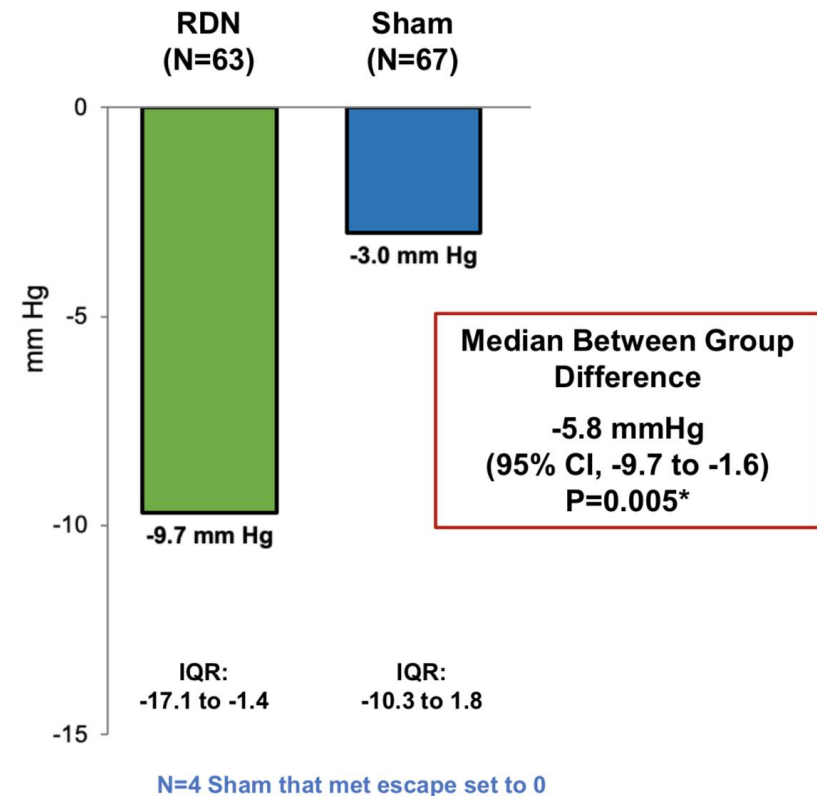


# Primary Efficacy Endpoint: Change in Daytime Ambulatory SBP at 2 Months

## Intent-To-Treat Population



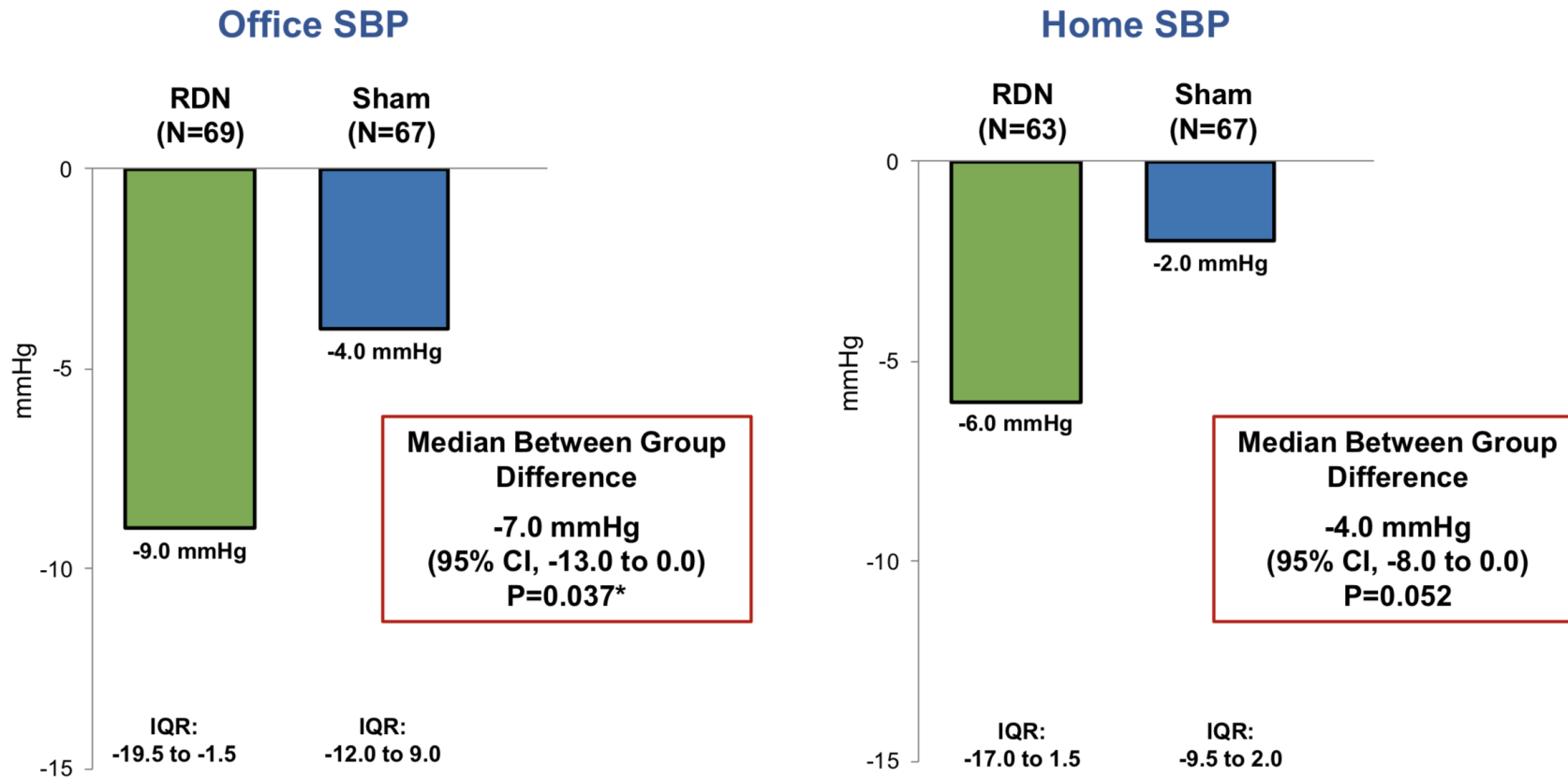
## Complete ABPM Population



\*Baseline-adjusted ANCOVA on the ranks due to non-normality of distribution



# Change in Office and Home SBP at 2 Months



\*Baseline-adjusted ANCOVA on the ranks due to non-normality of distribution



# Putting These #s in Perspective:

- Most BP meds have received FDA approval for a reduction of **only 2 mm Hg** in their office or ambulatory BP measurements



# Closing Thoughts

- Future studies testing the safety and efficacy of Renal Denervation are needed.
- The concept of renal denervation is sound. Better devices and recent studies have continued to demonstrate proof of concept.
- Comprehensive and global management of HTN remains an elusive target, but is absolutely essential for reduction in the incidence of cardiovascular events and mortality.
- Renal denervation appears to be at least as effective as pharmacologic therapy as a primary therapy, or at the very least as an adjunctive treatment for those with drug resistant or uncontrolled HTN



# Thank You!



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