

**Παθοφυσιολογία  
και κλινική προσέγγιση της  
ανθεκτικής υπέρτασης**

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# Hypertension control

## BP control

### 248 studies, 44 rather satisfying

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Developed				
Men	40.8 (9.8)	49.2 (15.9)	29.1 (14.6)	33.2 (13.6)
Women	33.0 (10.1)	61.7 (13.6)	40.6 (15.0)	38.4 (13.5)
Developing				
Men	32.2 (10.6)	40.6 (15.5)	29.2 (13.8)	29.6 (11.8)
Women	30.5 (11.5)	52.7 (19.1)	40.5 (18.7)	34.0 (14.8)

\$100 for speeding and  
\$250 for misleading  
the public



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## BP control Copenhagen City Heart Study

### Treatment of hypertension

- 1976-1978: 6.5%
- 2001-2004: 18.1%

### Control of hypertension

- 1976-1978: 21% **1,4%**
- 2001-2004: 26% **4,7%**

## Deaths attributed to high blood pressure worldwide

	Deaths			
	Stroke	Ischaemic heart disease	Hypertensive disease	Other cardiovascular disease
East Asia and Pacific	951	471	254	97
Europe and central Asia	709	1024	100	150
Latin America and the Caribbean	144	169	71	43
Middle East and north Africa	71	155	61	29
South Asia	449	711	62	75
Sub-Saharan Africa	179	148	50	52
Low-income and middle-income economies*	2502	2678	598	445
High-income economies	418	668	109	197
World†	2921	3346	706	642

**7.6  
million  
per year**

**Are we doing the same ???**





# **Resistant hypertension**

# Resistant Hypertension

Resistant hypertension is defined as the failure to achieve goal BP in patients who are adhering to **full doses of an appropriate 3-drug regimen** that includes **a diuretic.**

# Prevalence of resistant hypertension

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**Persell, NHANES: 12.8 %**

**De la Sierra, Spain: 12.2 %**



# Pseudoresistance

**Table 1**

**Causes of Pseudo-Resistant Hypertension**

Improper blood pressure measurement

Heavily calcified or arteriosclerotic arteries that are difficult to compress (in elderly persons)

White-coat effect

Poor patient adherence

Side effects of medication

Complicated dosing schedules

Poor relations between doctor and patient

Inadequate patient education

Memory or psychiatric problems

Costs of medication

Related to antihypertensive medication

Inadequate doses

Inappropriate combinations

Physician inertia (failure to change or increase dose regimens when not at goal)

# Truly resistant hypertension

## ABPM or HBP

- **Brown**      **2001**      **85/118**      **72%**
- **Muxfeldt**      **2005**      **313/497**      **63%**
- **Douma**      **2008**      **192/289**      **67%**
- **De Souza**      **2010**      **175/236**      **75%**
  
- **Douma**      **2008**      **1.286/1.913**      **66%**
- **De la Sierra**      **2011**      **8295**      **62,5%**

## Drug – induced hypertension

TABLE 2: Drugs inducing or exacerbating hypertension.

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- (i) Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs
  - (ii) Oral contraceptives
  - (iii) Sympathomimetics
  - (iv) Illicit drugs
  - (v) Glucocorticoids
  - (vi) Mineralocorticoids
  - (vii) Cyclosporine, tacrolimus
  - (iix) Erythropoietin
  - (ix) Herbal supplements
  - (x) VEGF inhibitors
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## **Evaluating the True Prevalence of Resistant Hypertension**

*To the Editor:*

We are grateful to de la Sierra et al<sup>1</sup> and Persell<sup>2</sup> for their worthy effort to provide significant information about the prevalence of true resistant hypertension.<sup>1,2</sup> These important articles fill a long-lasting gap in the hypertension field, yet we believe that several concerns interfere in the evaluation of this phenomenon in addition to those discussed in the accompanying editorial comments<sup>3,4</sup> and should be cautiously acknowledged.

37.5% in a previous study.<sup>1</sup> Even with modest estimations, subtraction of white-coat resistant hypertension would shatter the reported prevalence of resistant hypertension. Second, exclusion of secondary hypertension was not warranted, although such forms are highly prevalent in resistant patients, especially primary aldosteronism in >10%,<sup>7</sup> obstructive sleep apnea, and drug-induced secondary hypertension. It would be very interesting to know whether patients with secondary hypertension or concomitant administration of NSAIDs and oral contraceptives were included in the study population. Third, salt intake is not



## Estimated total number of adults with hypertension

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Measure	n
Total number worldwide in 2000	972 million
Total number in economically developed countries in 2000	333 million
Total number in economically developing countries in 2000	639 million
Total number worldwide in 2025	<b>1.56 billion</b>

Kearney PM et al. *Lancet* 2005; 365:217-223.

# **Resistant hypertension Management**

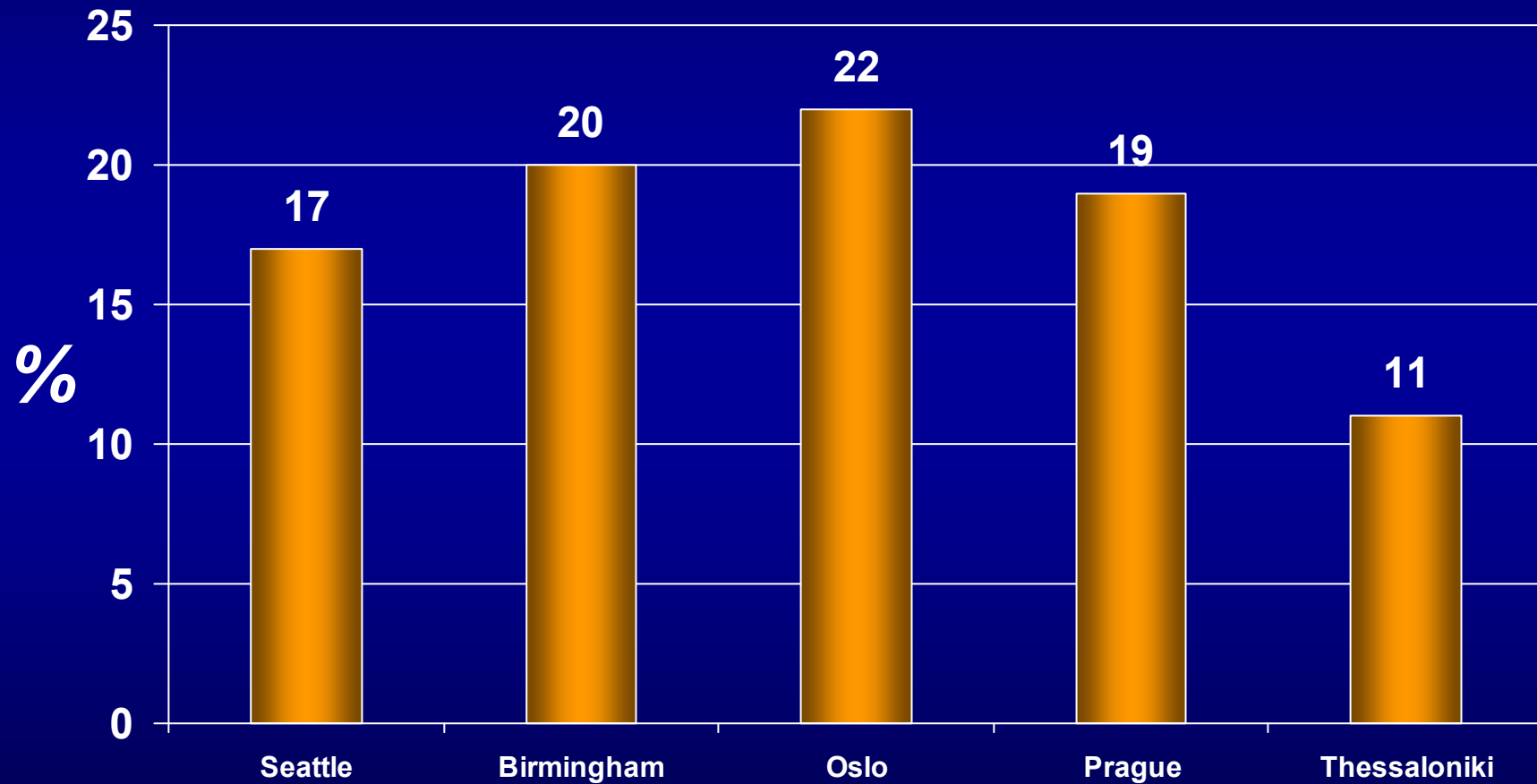
# **Common Secondary Causes of Resistant Hypertension and Rational for Treatment**

**Int J Hypertens 2011**

Charles Faselis,<sup>1</sup> Michael Doumas,<sup>1</sup> and Vasilios Papademetriou<sup>2</sup>

- **Chronic kidney disease**
- **Renovascular hypertension**
- **OSAS**
- **Primary aldosteronism**

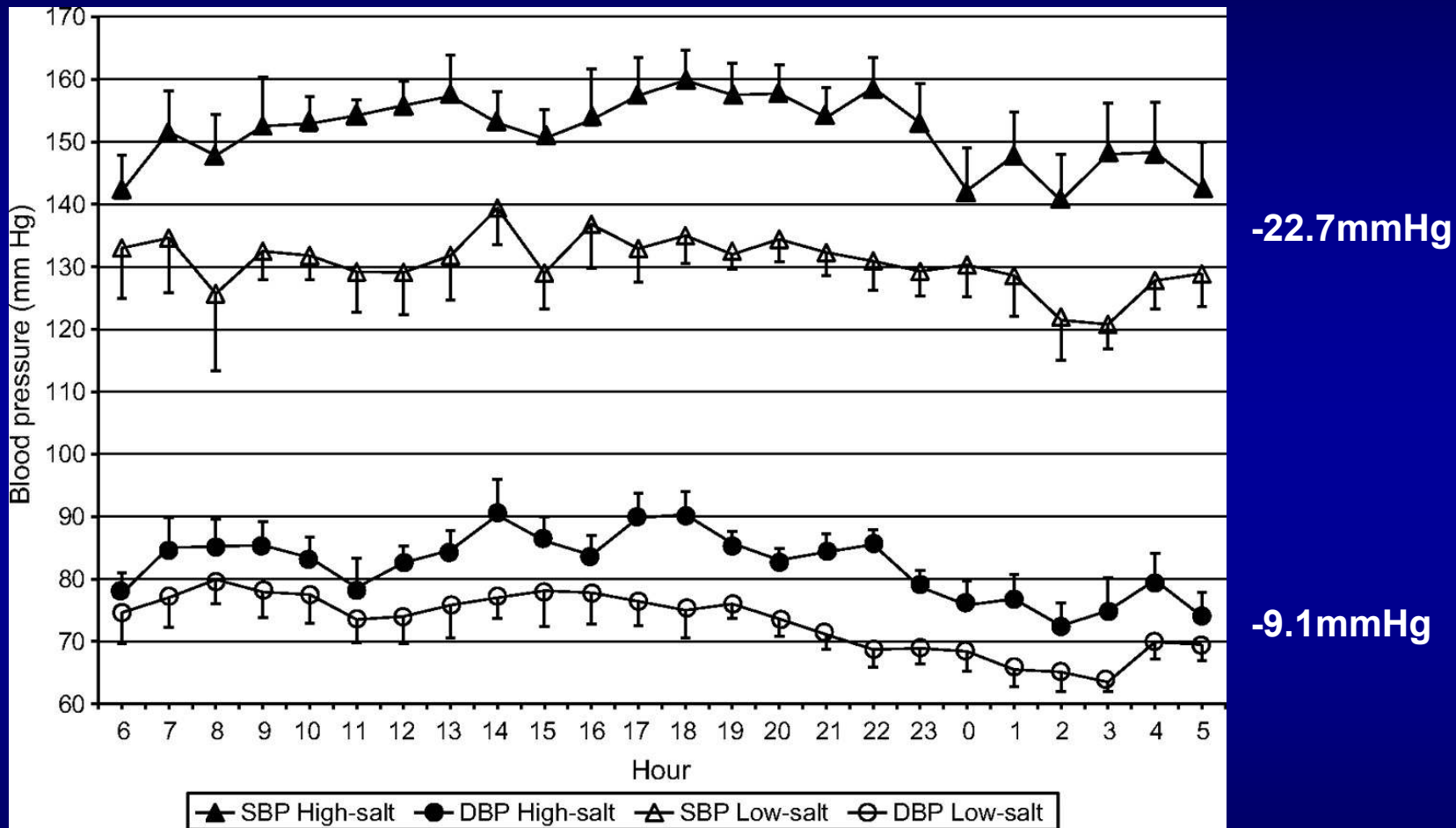
# PREVALENCE OF PRIMARY ALDOSTERONISM IN PATIENTS WITH RESISTANT HYPERTENSION



# Lifestyle Modifications

<b>Modification</b>	<b>Approximate SBP Reduction (range)</b>
<b>Weight Reduction</b>	<b>5-10 mmHg/10kg</b>
<b>Adopt DASH eating plan</b>	<b>8-14 mmHg</b>
<b>Dietary sodium reduction</b>	<b>2-8 mmHg</b>
<b>Physical activity</b>	<b>4-9 mmHg</b>
<b>Moderation of alcohol consumption</b>	<b>2-4 mmHg</b>

# Comparison of 24-hour ambulatory blood pressure values during low- and high-salt diet



# DIETARY SODIUM INTAKE

Table. Comparison of Two Trials of Sodium Reduction

Feature	Trial by Pimenta et al <sup>4</sup> (n=12)	DASH-Sodium Trial (Subset of Participants With Untreated Hypertension) <sup>2</sup> (n=168)
% on antihypertensive medication	100%	0%
% black	50%	61%
% female	67%	63%
Mean ± SD age, y	55.5 ± 9.4	50.3 ± 10.6
Mean ± SD baseline sodium excretion, mmol/day	194.7 ± 68.6	153.4 ± 74.8
Highest and lowest sodium levels provided during feeding, mmol/day	250 vs 50	150 vs 50
Mean ± SD baseline systolic BP, mm Hg	145.8 ± 10.8	143.0 ± 7.8
Mean ± SD baseline diastolic BP, mm Hg	83.9 ± 11.2	88.5 ± 4.5
Mean (95% CI) systolic BP reduction, mm Hg	22.7 (11.8, 33.5)	8.3 (6.6, 10.0)
Mean (95% CI) diastolic BP reduction, mm Hg	9.1 (3.1, 15.1)	4.1 (3.3, 5.4)

Data taken from Trial by Pimenta et al<sup>4</sup> of patients with resistant hypertension and the DASH-Sodium Trial<sup>2</sup> of patients with untreated hypertension.

# Evaluation of Resistant Hypertension

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- **Measurement**
- **Adherence to treatment**
- **Clinical inertia**
- **Lifestyle**
- **Drug-induced**
- **Secondary hypertension**

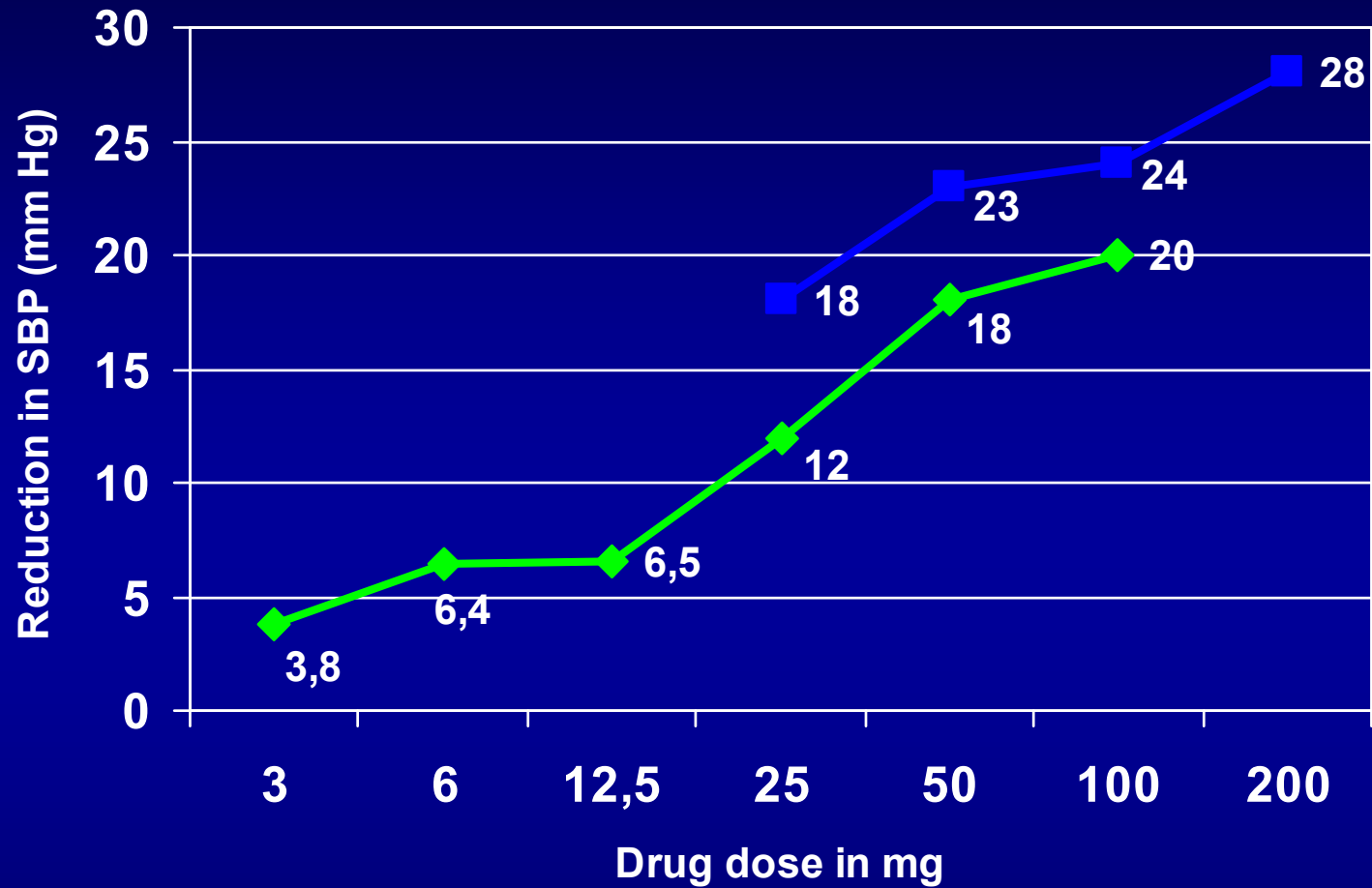


# **Resistant hypertension**

## **Drug therapy**

# Approach to Therapy of Resistant Hypertension: Additional Pharmacologic Therapy

- **Thiazides**
- **Spirolactone**
- **Endothelin receptor antagonist (Darusentan)**
- **Clonidine**
- **$\alpha$ 1-adrenergic receptor antagonist**
- **Minoxidil**
- **Reserpine**
- **Hydralazine**

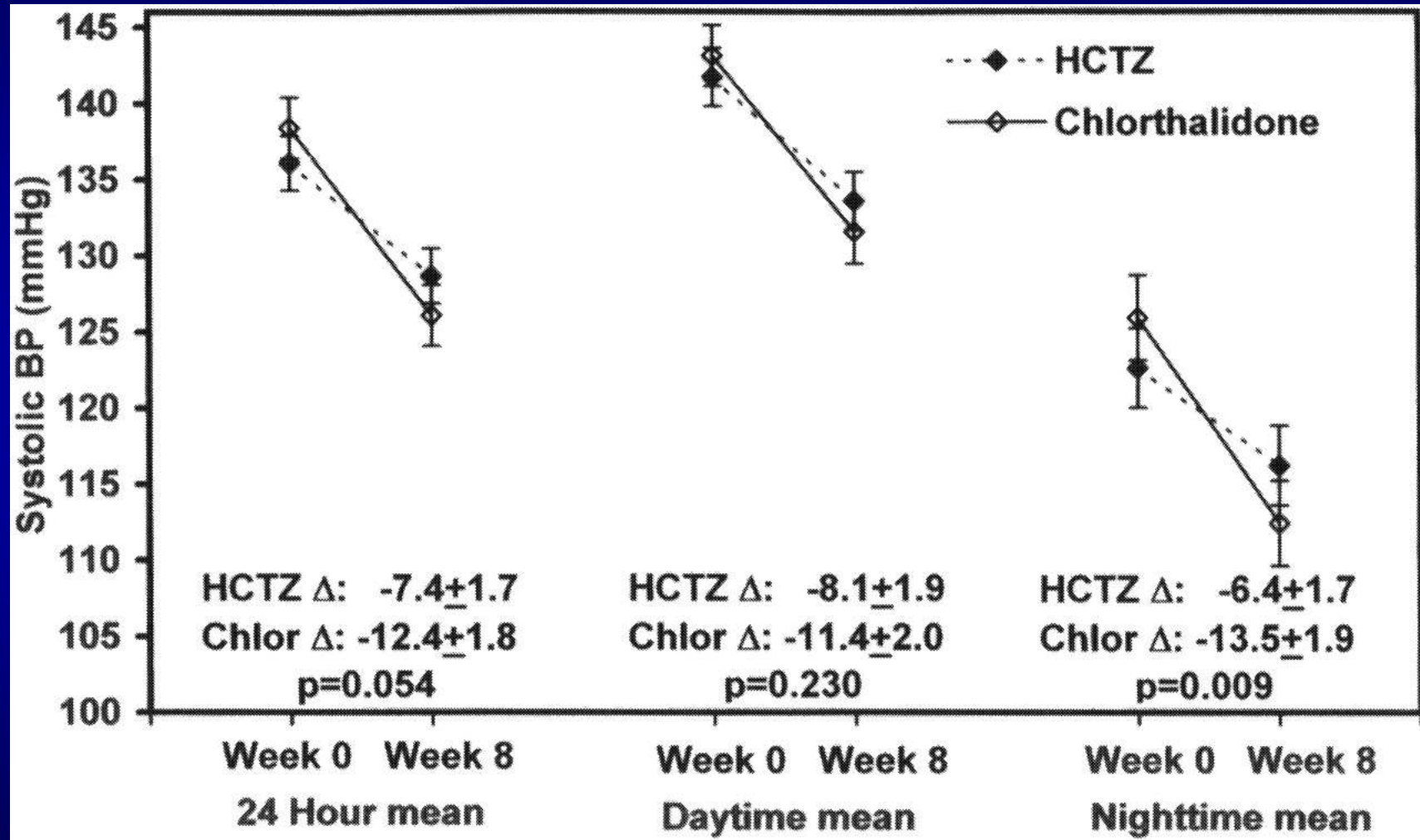


—■— Chlor —◆— Hctz

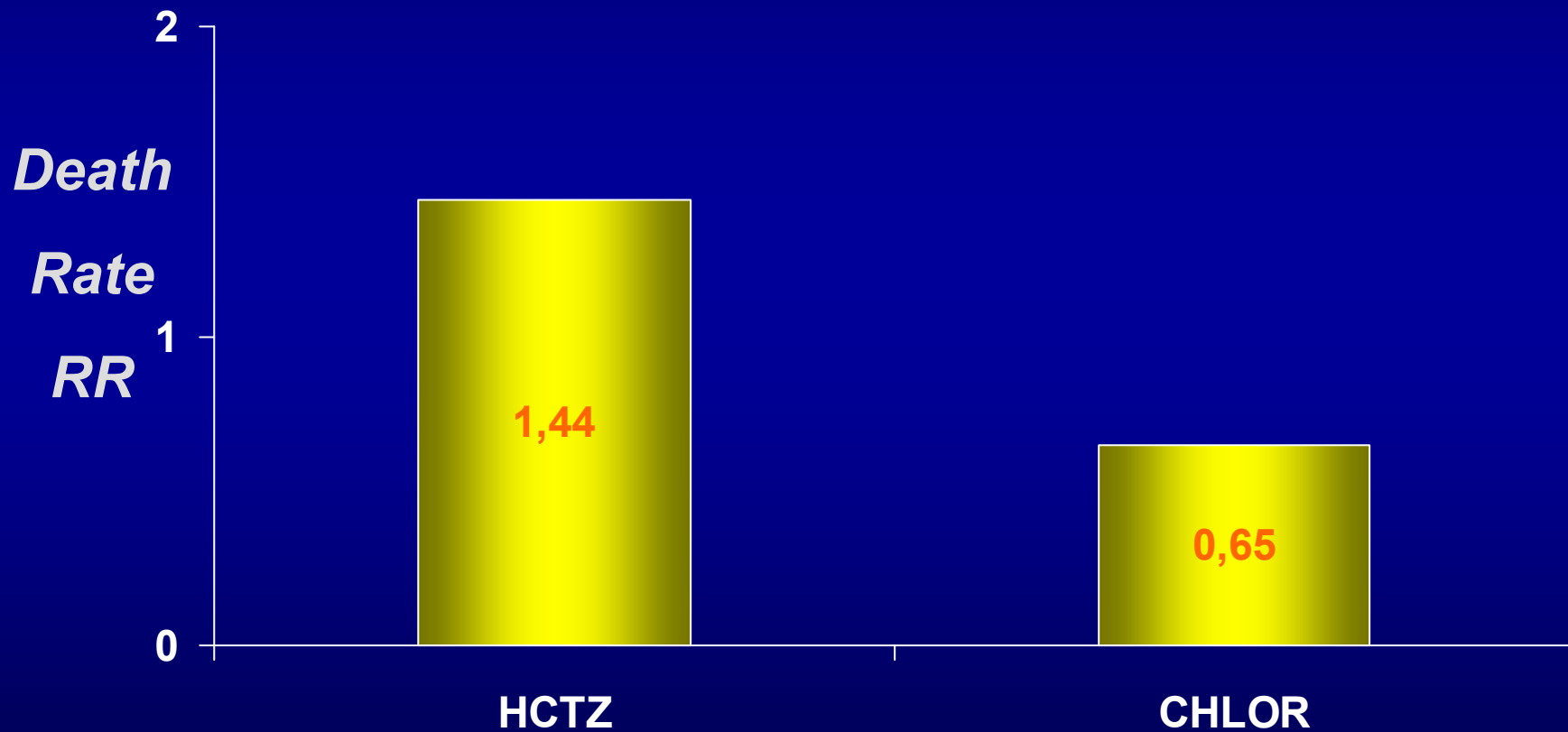
Effects of HCTZ and chlorthalidone on SBP as a function of daily dose (mg)

*Carter BL. Hypertens 2004; 43:4-9*

# Mean 24-hour, daytime, and nighttime ambulatory SBP with change from baseline

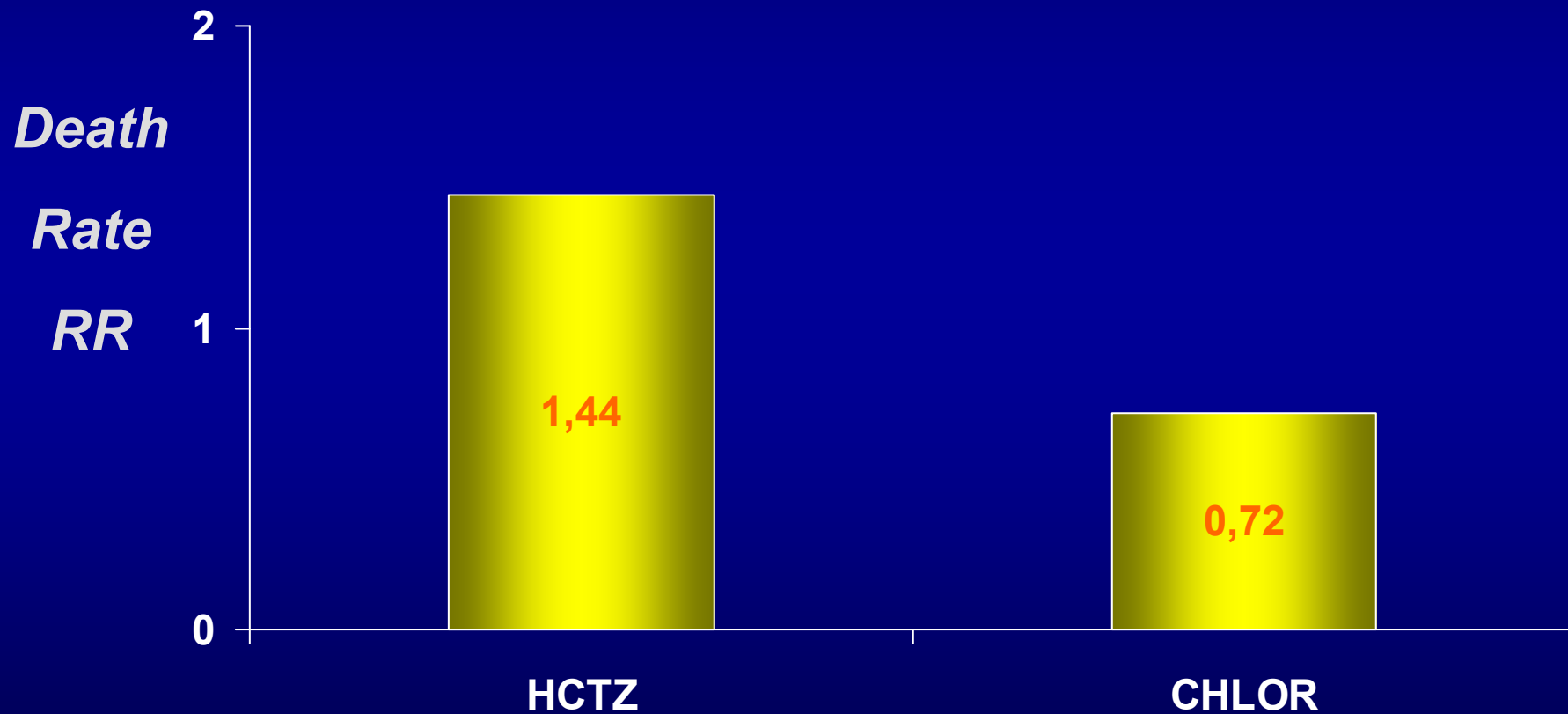


# Chlorthalidone vs hydrochlorothiazide



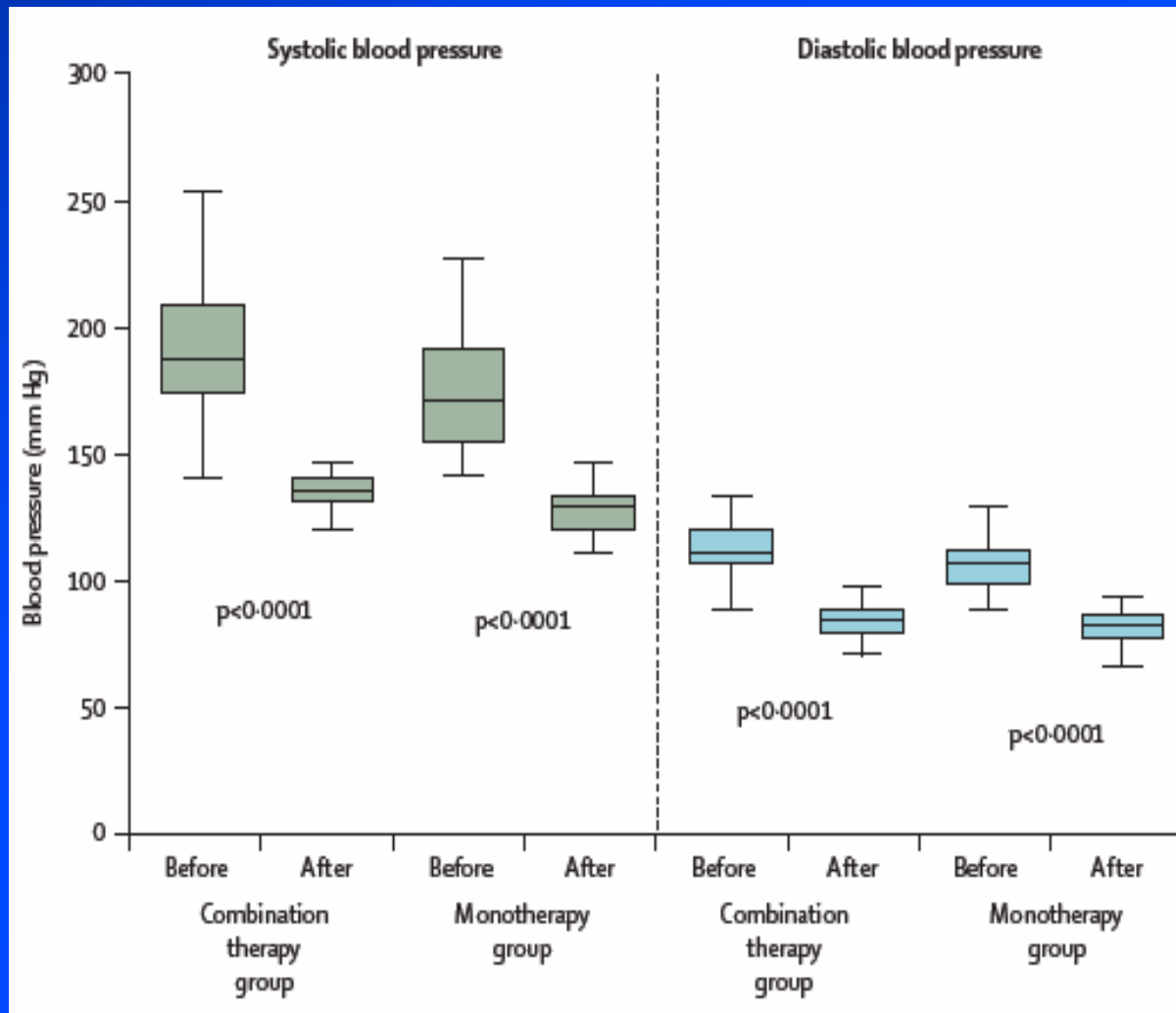
*MRFIT, Circulation 1990*

# Switch of hydrochlorothiazide to chlorthalidone

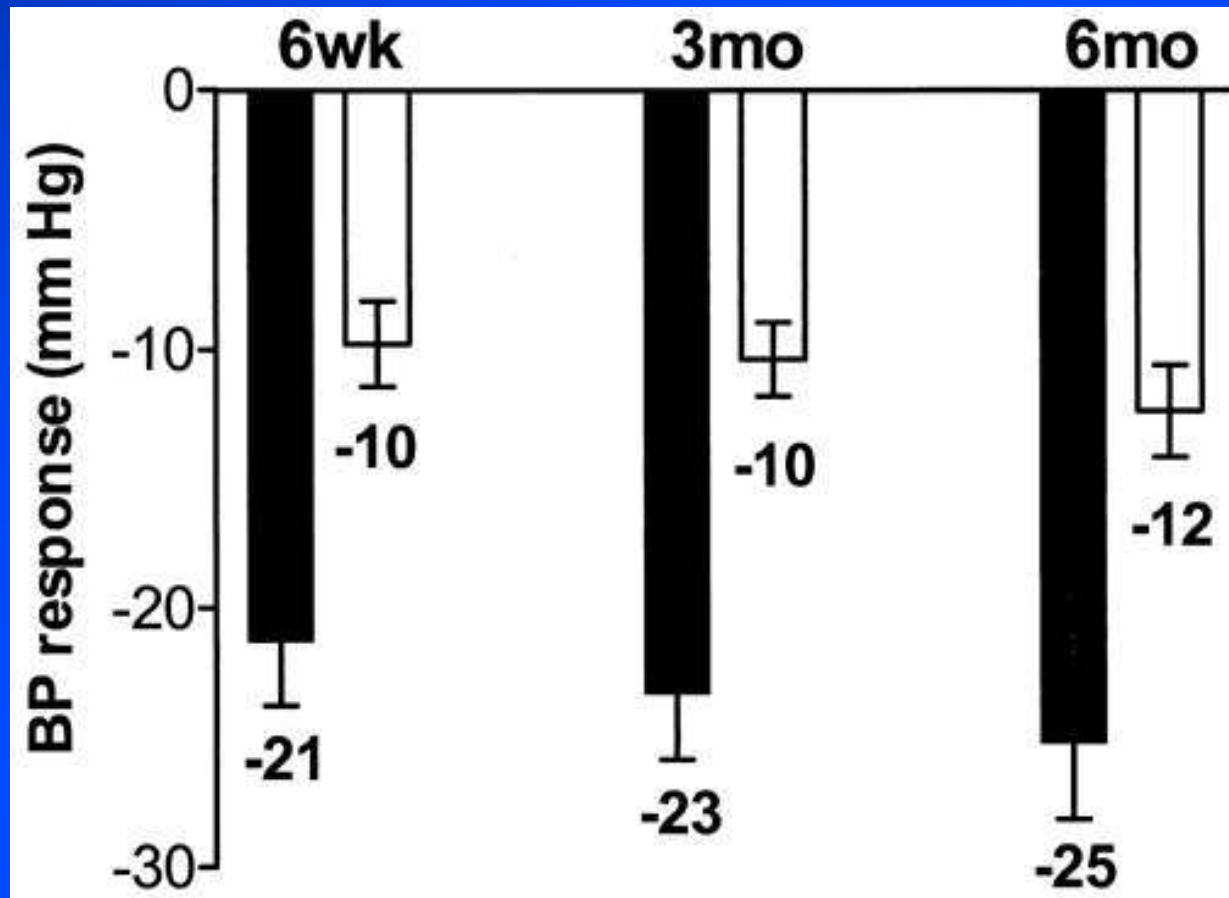


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# Primary aldosteronism

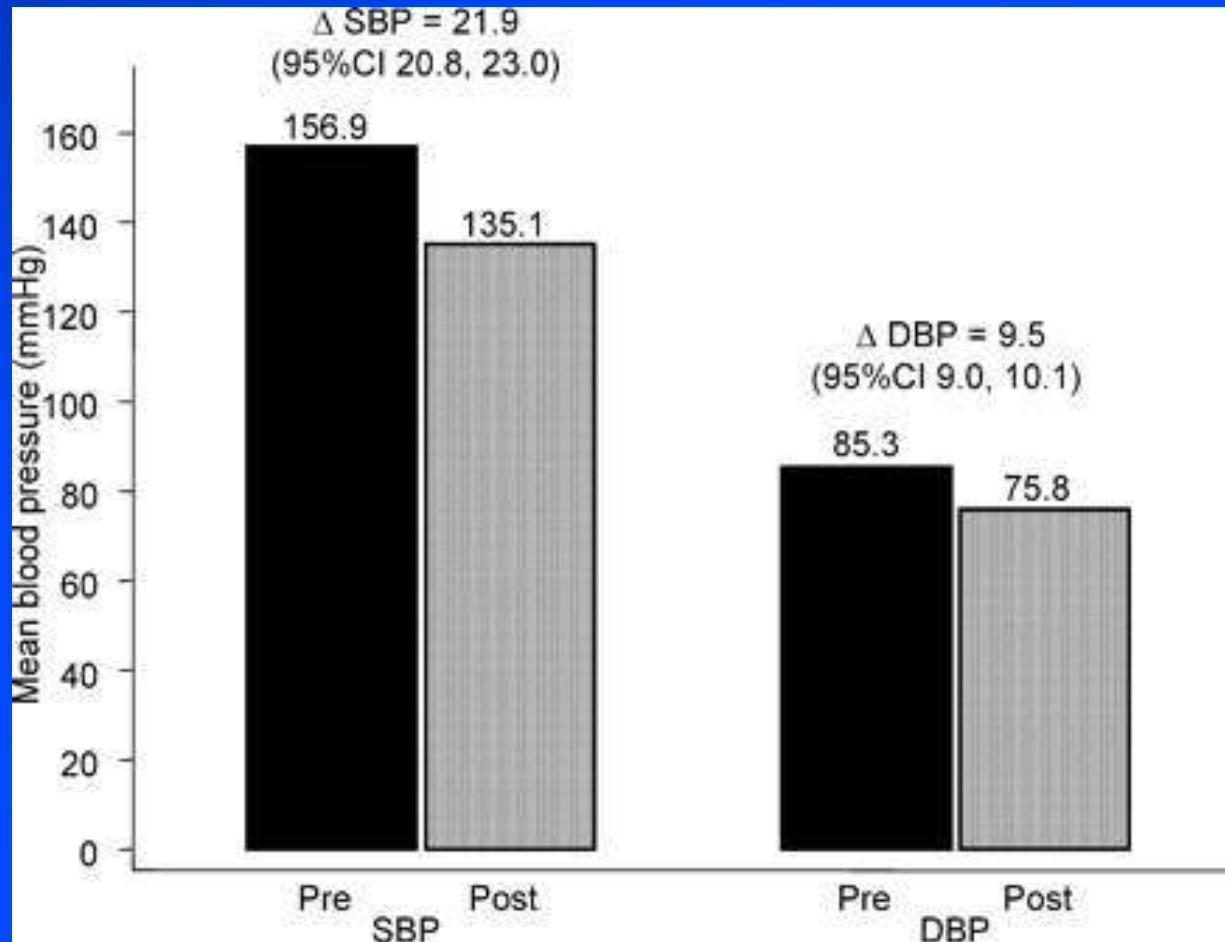


## Resistant hypertension Small clinical studies





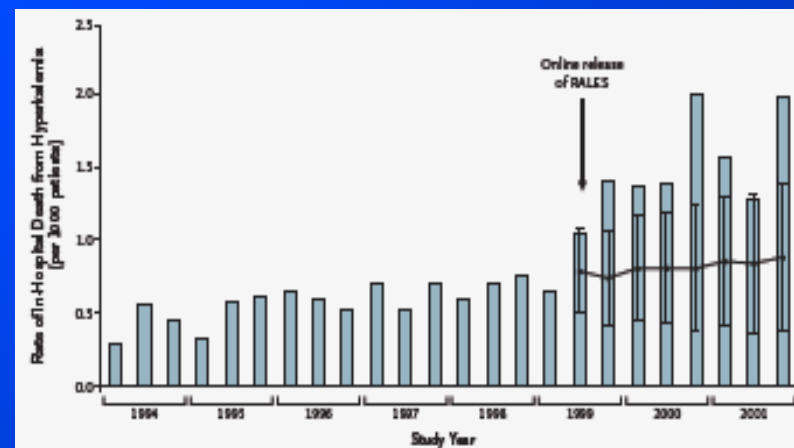
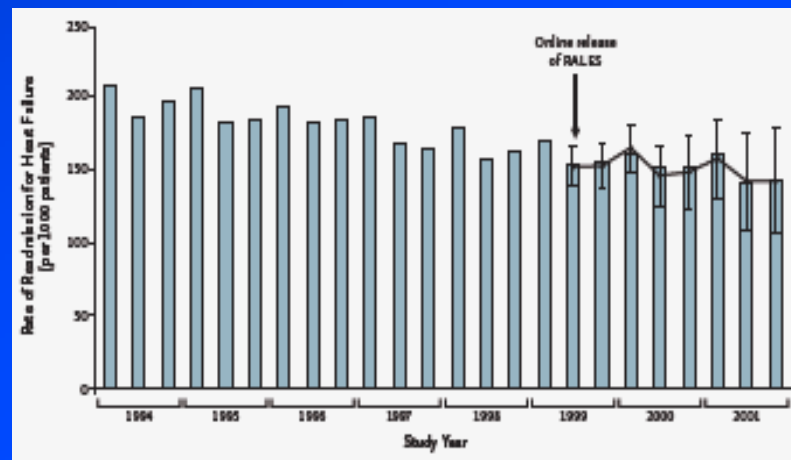
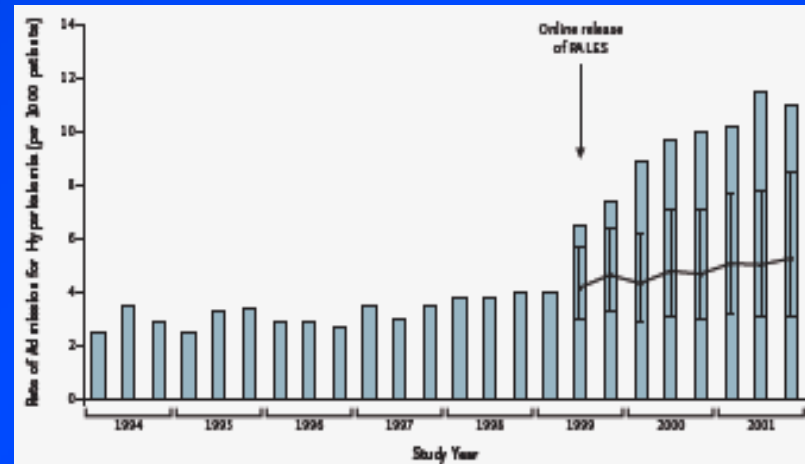
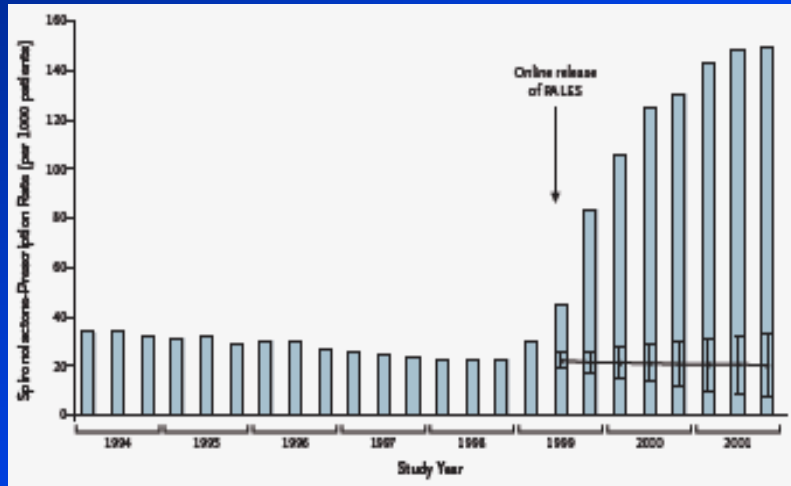
# Resistant hypertension ASCOT trial







# Adverse effects - Hyperkalemia



## Hyperkalemia – Renal function

- Check serum potassium at **3d, 1w, 3w, 3 to 6m** according to potassium levels
- Check serum creatinine at the same timepoints
- Extreme caution when  $GFR < 30$  or Creatinine  $> 2.5$ mg/dl or potassium  $> 4.8$
- Stop if creatinine  $> 4$  or potassium  $> 6$ mg/dl



BP is still high  
You need one more  
drug.  
I think it's the eighth  
one.  
I don't know what to do  
next !!!

What  
about  
interventio  
nal  
therapy???  
It's all over  
the news.  
Have you  
heard ???

NEVER EVER  
GIVE UP





**Yes  
We can !!!**

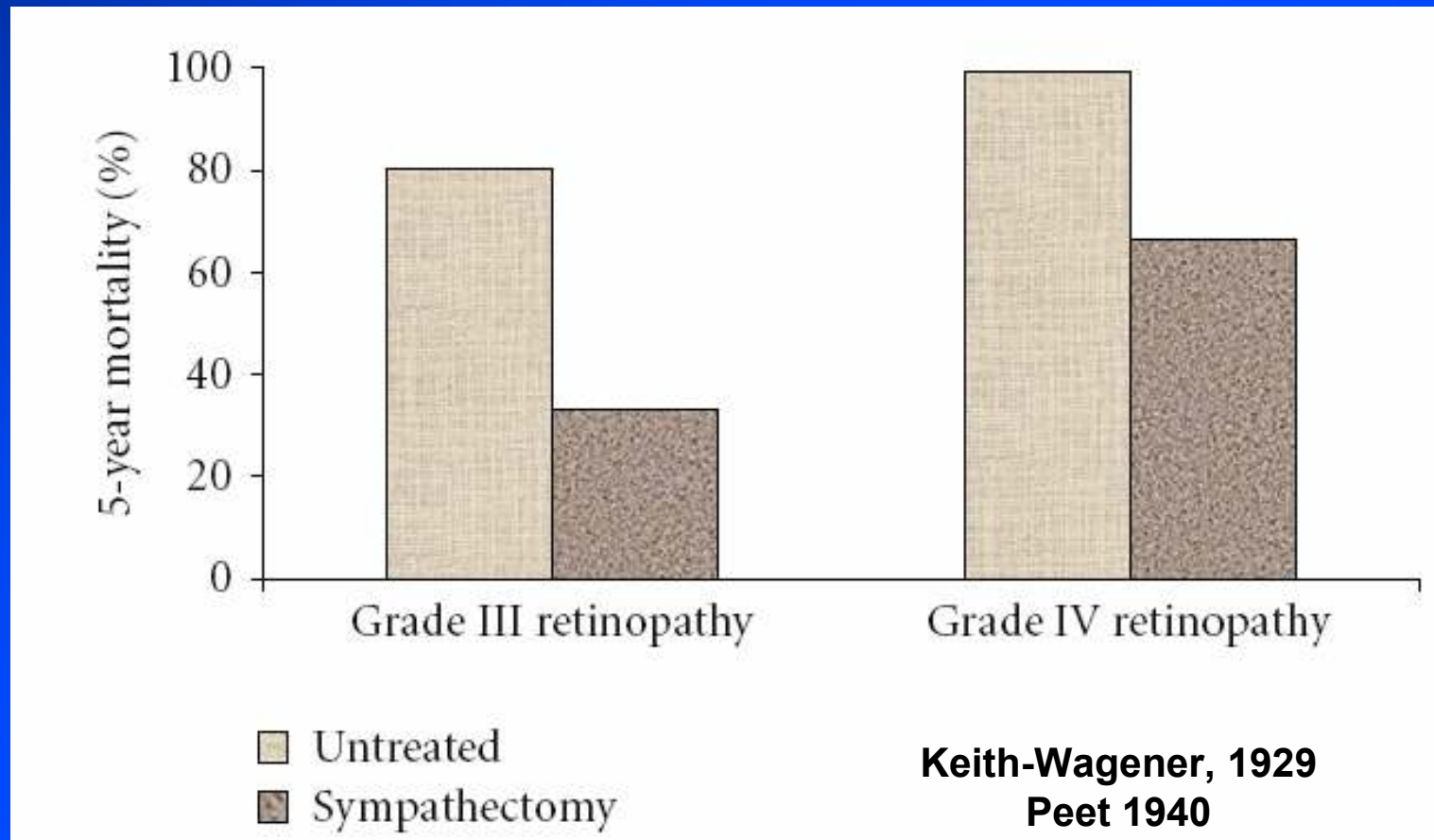




# **Resistant hypertension**

## **Interventional therapy**

## Malignant hypertension - Sympathectomy

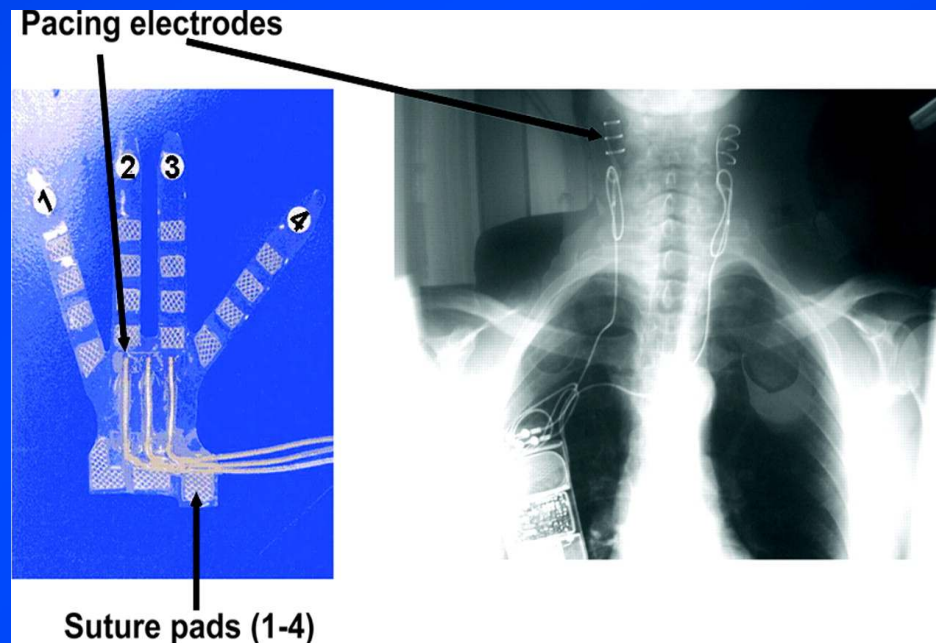


# **Carotid baroreceptor activation**

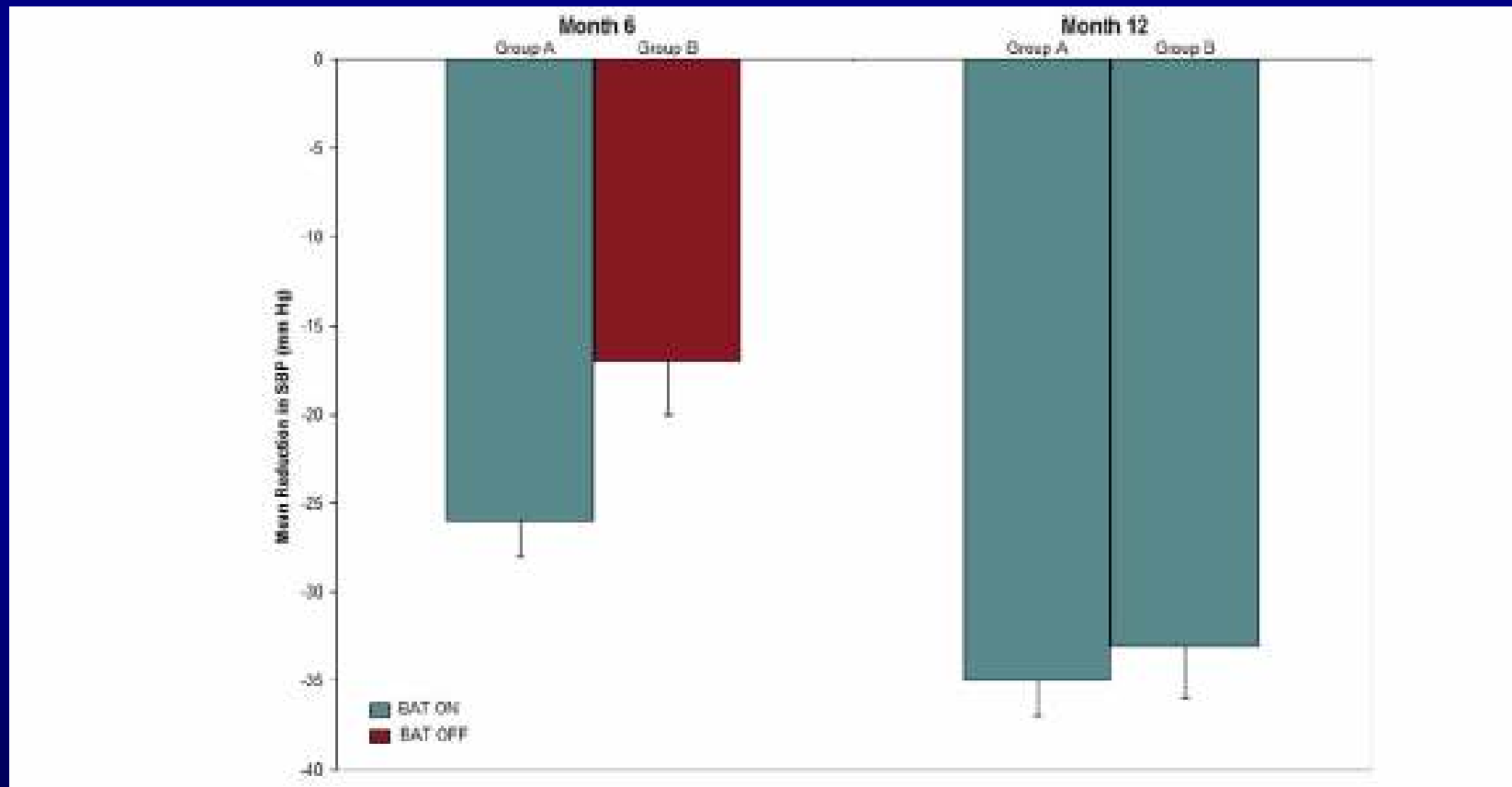
# Carotid baroreceptor stimulation as a therapeutic target in hypertension and other cardiovascular conditions

Michael Drougas, Daqing Guo & Vasilios Papademetriou†

†University Medical Center, Hypertension and Cardiovascular Research Clinic, Veterans Affairs and Georgetown Washington DC



# Blood Pressure Reduction with Baroreceptor Stimulation Therapy



Bisognano, JACC 2011

# **Carotid baroreceptor stimulation for the treatment of resistant hypertension and heart failure**

**Michael Doumas, Charles Faselis, Vasilios Papademetriou**

**Curr Hypertens Reports 2012; 00:000-000**

**Efficacy**

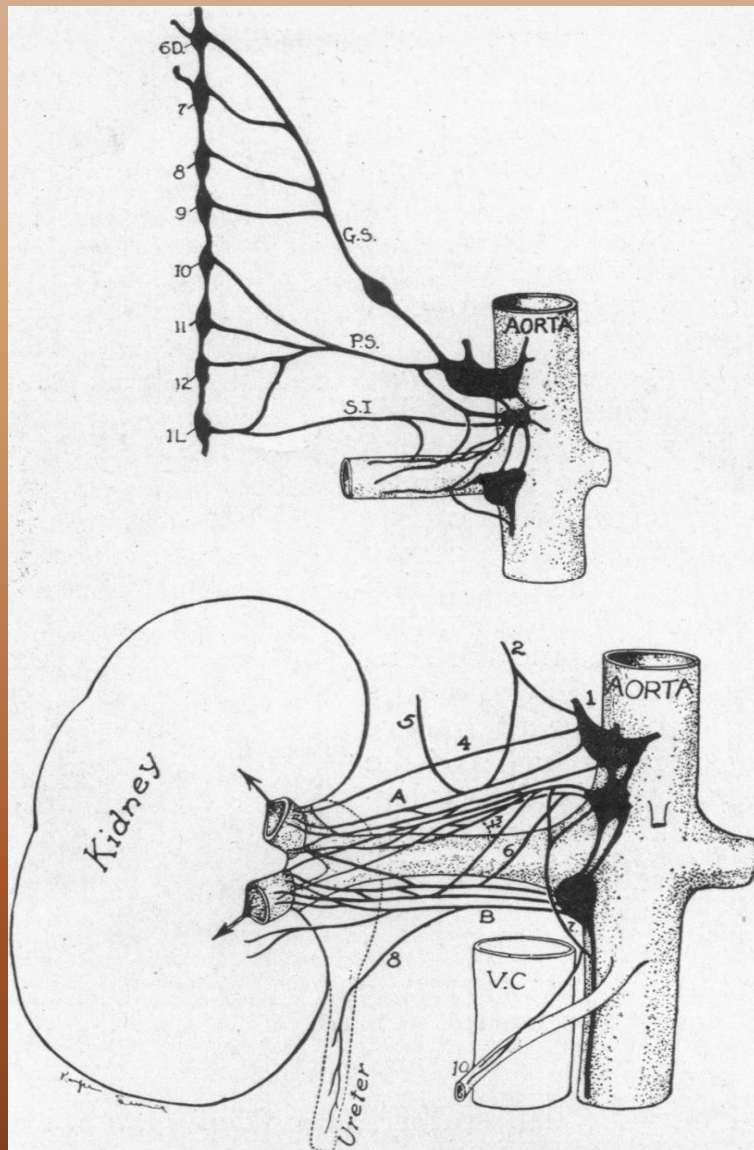
**Safety**

**Battery improvements**

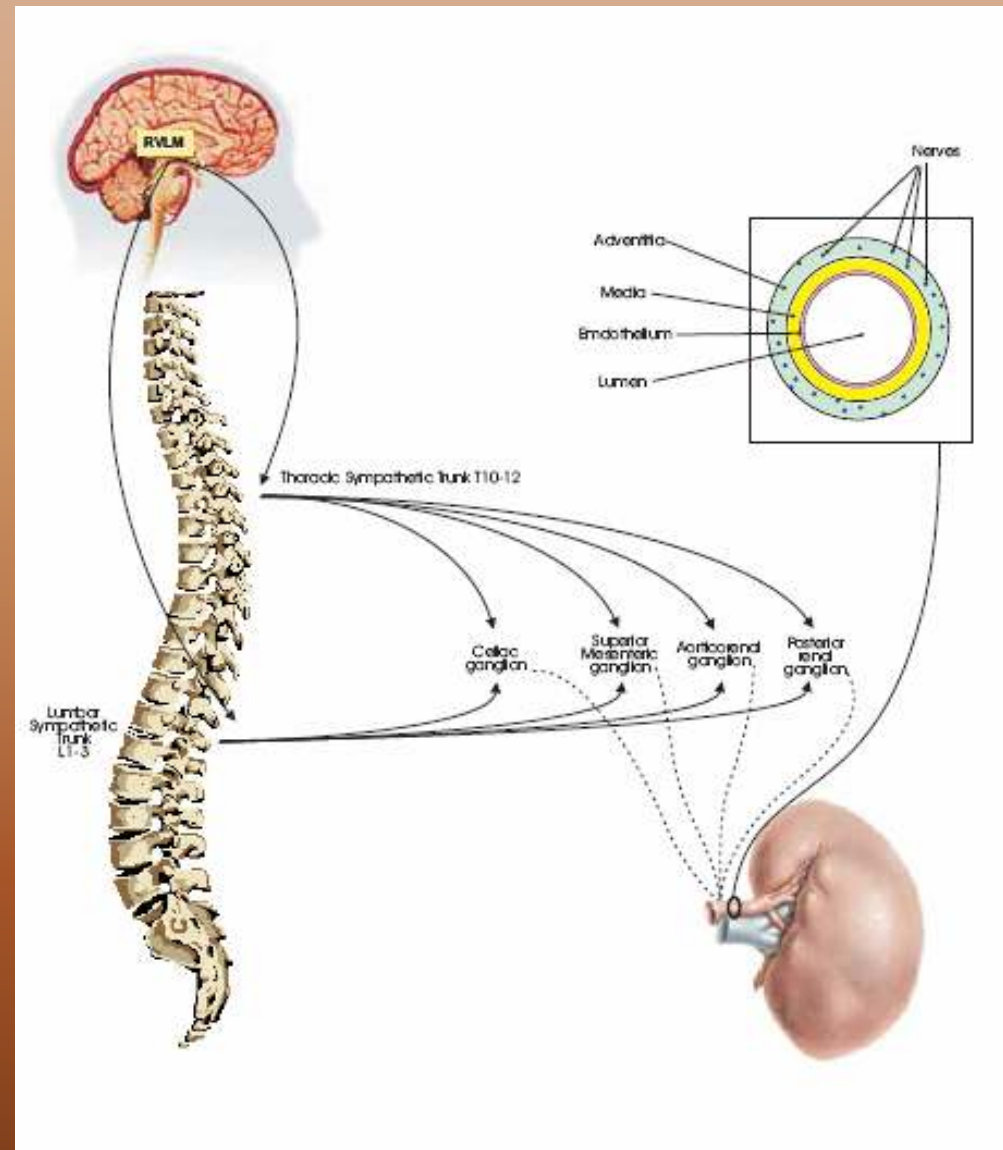
**Diastolic heart failure**

**Renal  
sympathetic  
denervation**

# Renal Nerves and Resistant/Malignant Hypertension



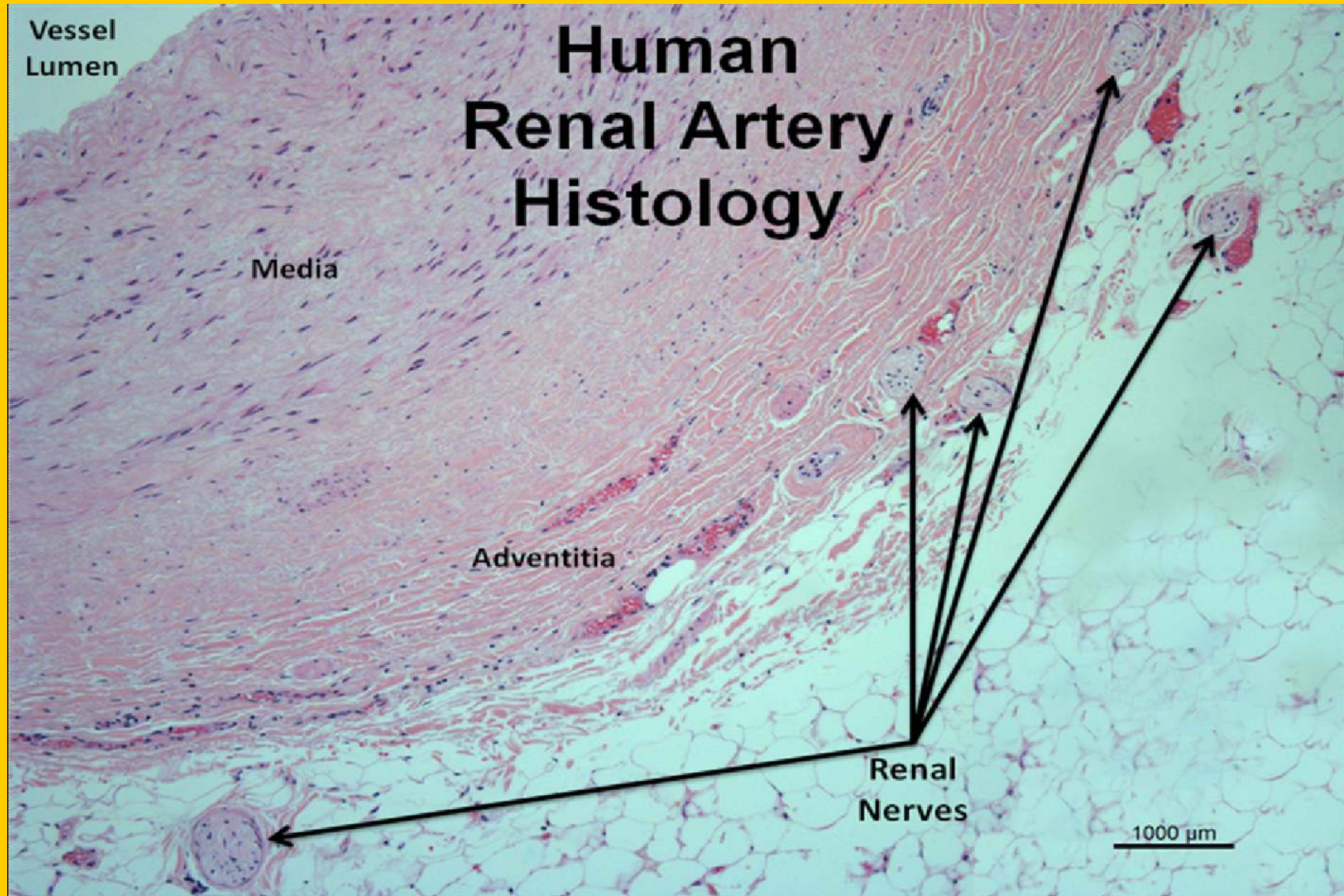
Gibson, Calif Med 1936



Dumas, Am J Cardiol 2010



# Renal sympathetic denervation



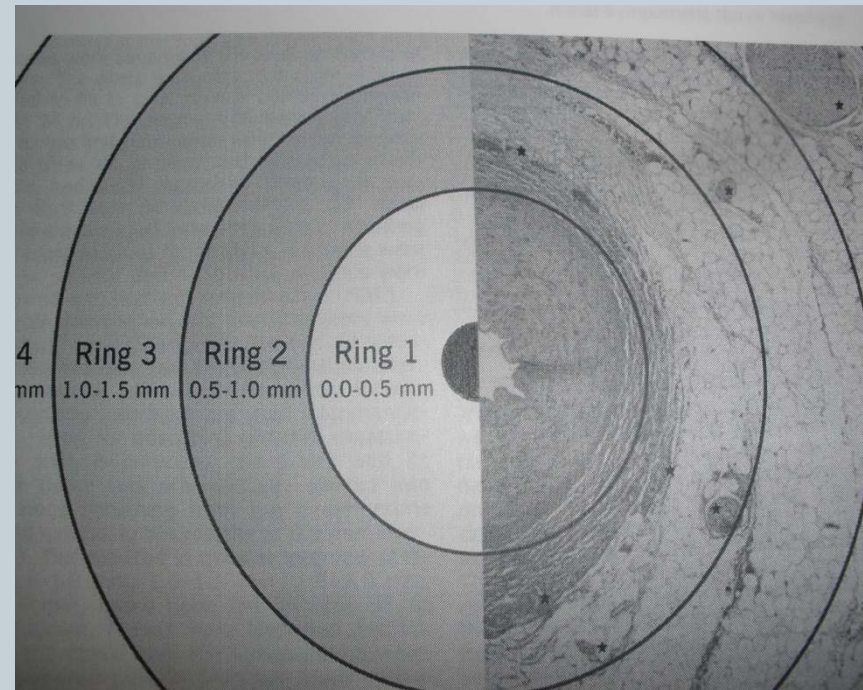
# Micro-anatomy of Renal Nerves

Distance from Lumen  
Center

Schematic artery cross  
section

- % Fibers

1.	0-0.5 mm	1.0%
2.	0.5-1.0 mm	48.3%
3.	1.0-1.5mm	25.6%
4.	1.5-2.0mm	15.5%
5.	2.0-2.5mm	9.5%



## Renal efferent activation

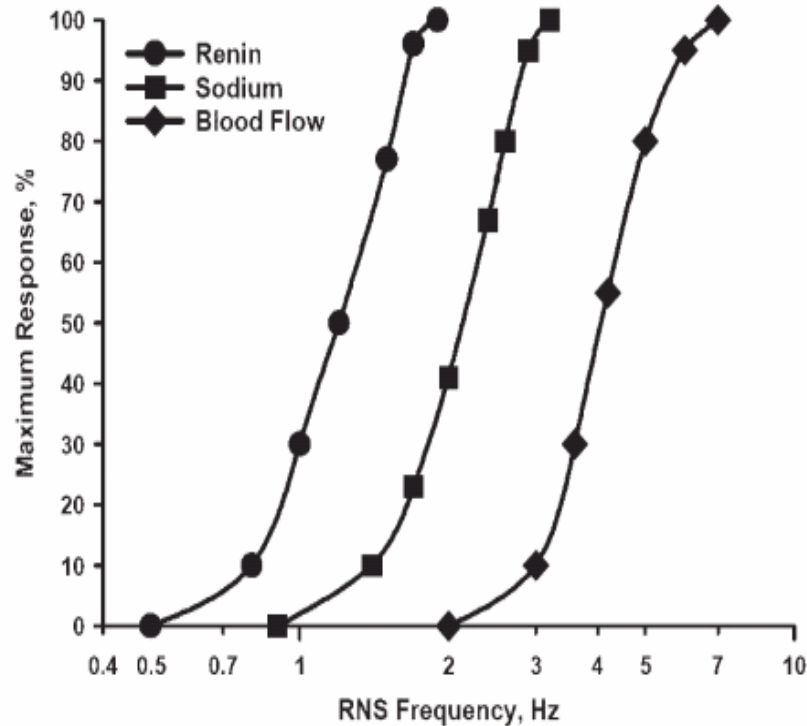


Fig. 1. The relationship between renal nerve stimulation (RNS) frequency and maximum response of renin secretion rate (RSR) (increase), urinary sodium excretion (decrease) and renal blood flow (RBF) (decrease). [From DiBona GF (10a).]

### Frequency-dependent

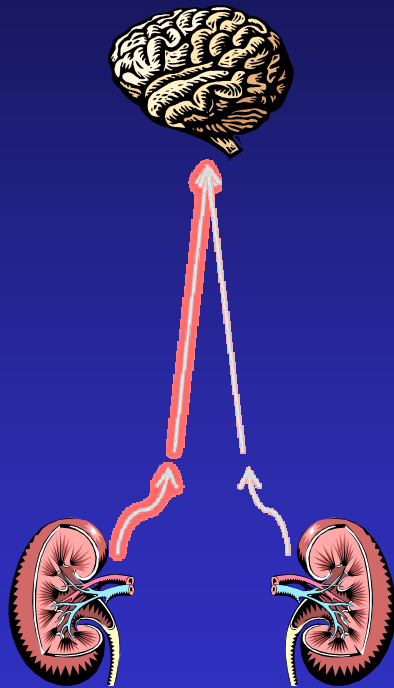
- Increase in renin secretion
- Decrease in Urinary sodium excretion
- Decrease in Renal Blood Flow

## Renal efferent denervation

- Marked Natriuresis
- Increase in Urinary Volume
- Increase in Renal Blood Flow
- Decrease in PRA and renin release
- Decrease in noradrenaline spillover

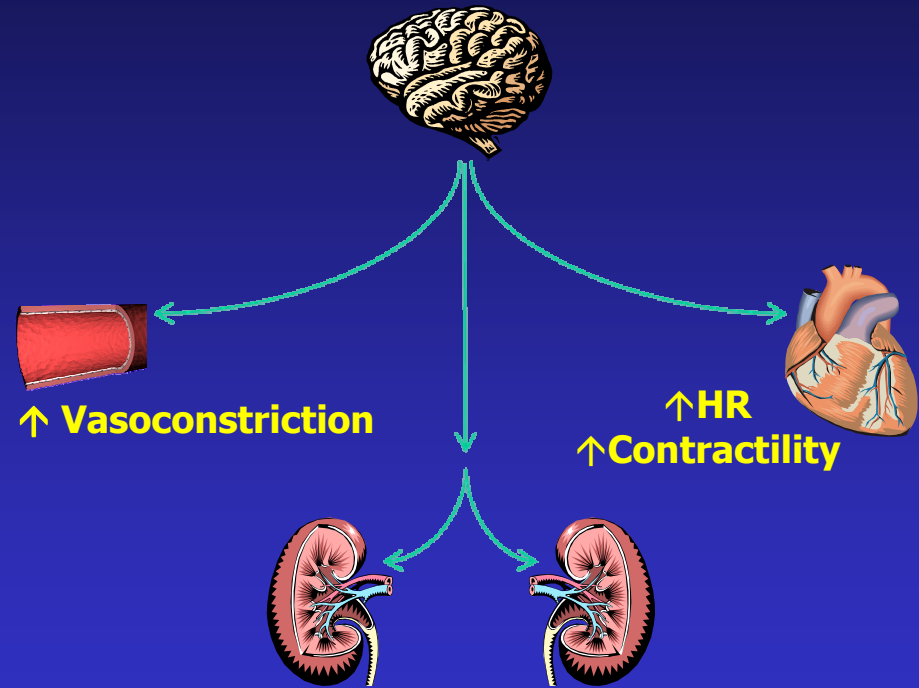
# Renal Nerves and the SNS

## Afferent Renal Sympathetics



The kidney is a source of central sympathetic drive in hypertension, heart failure, chronic kidney disease, and ESRD

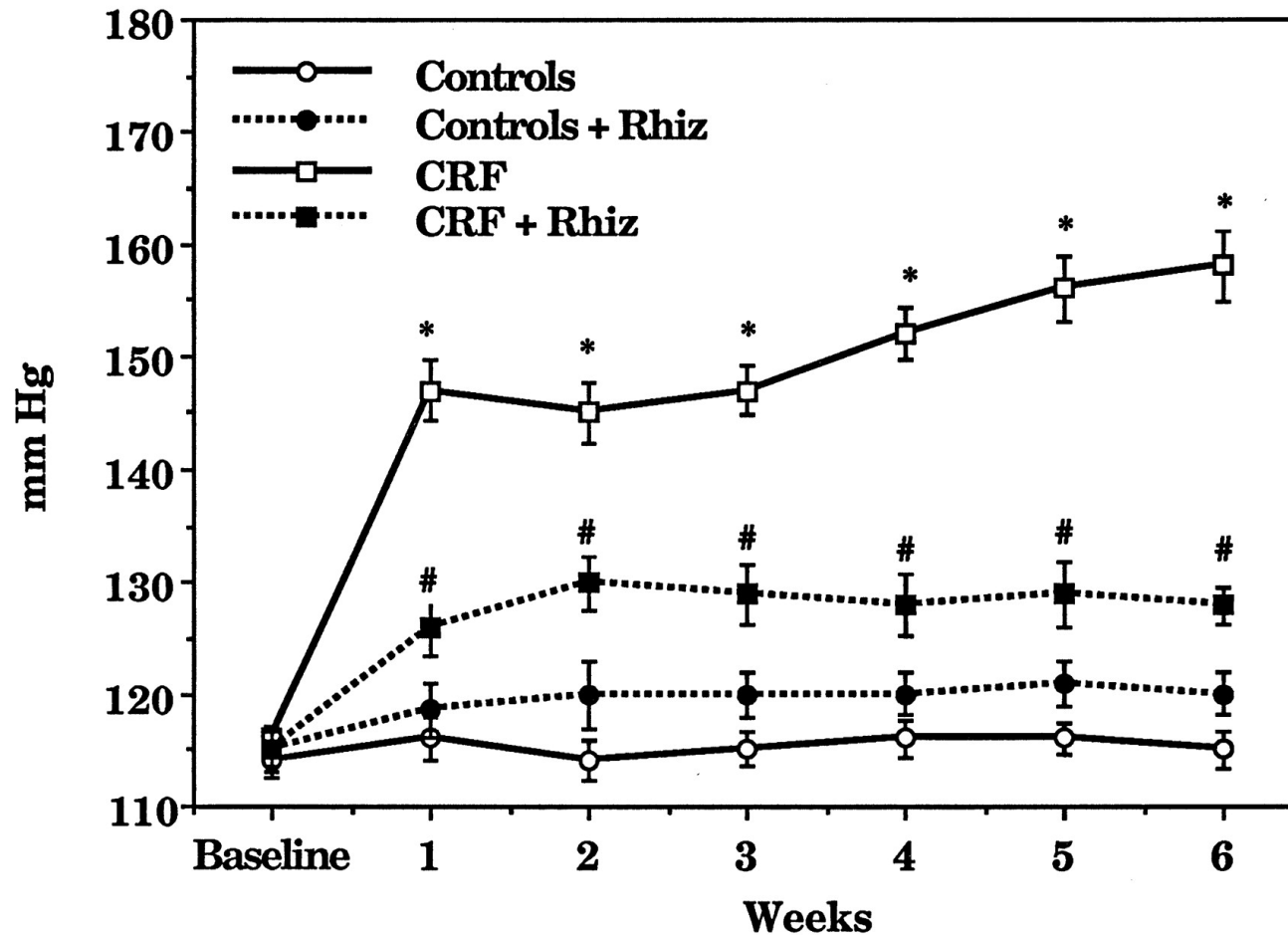
## Efferent Sympathetic Activation



Patients cannot develop and/or maintain elevated BP without renal involvement



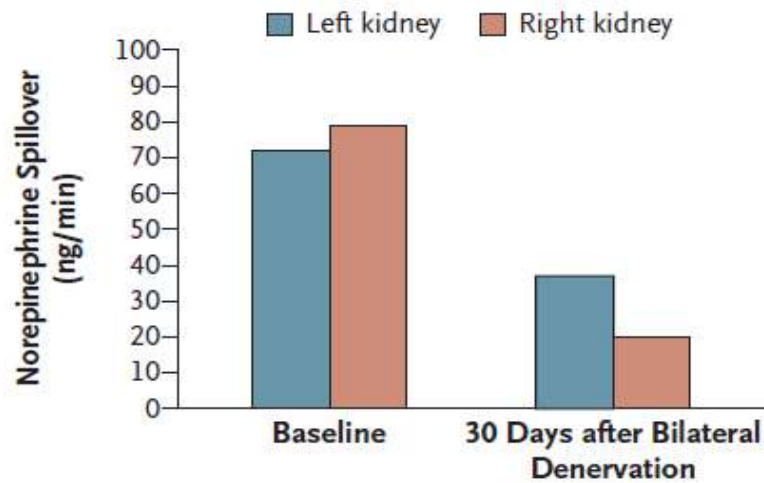
# Renal Afferent Denervation Prevents Hypertension In Rats With Chronic Renal Failure



Campese V M , Kogosov E Hypertension 1995;25:878-882

# Renal sympathetic denervation

**A Kidney Spillover**

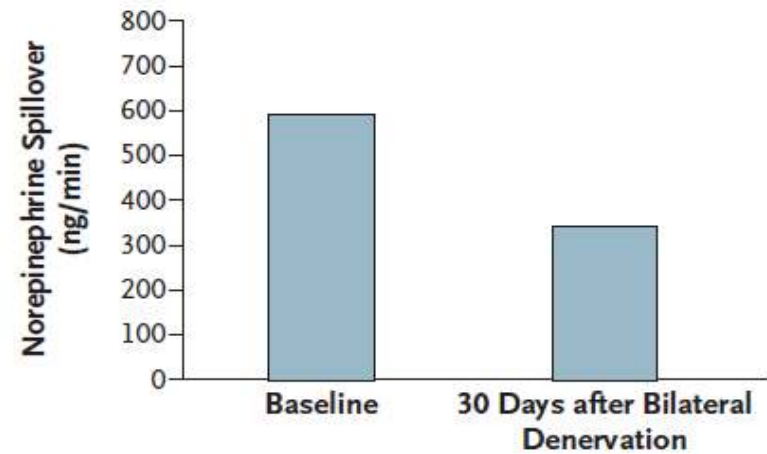


Mean Systolic/  
Diastolic Office  
Blood Pressure

161/107 mm Hg

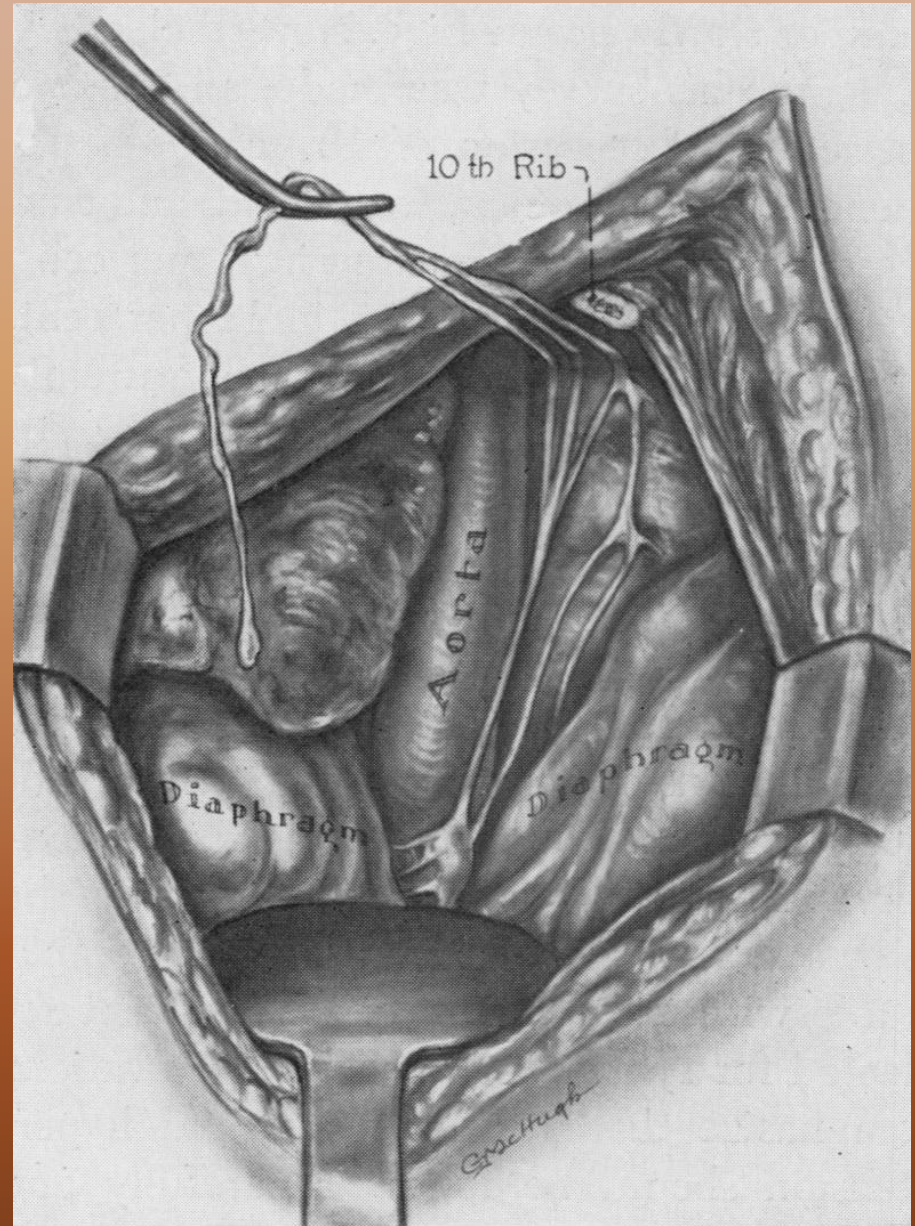
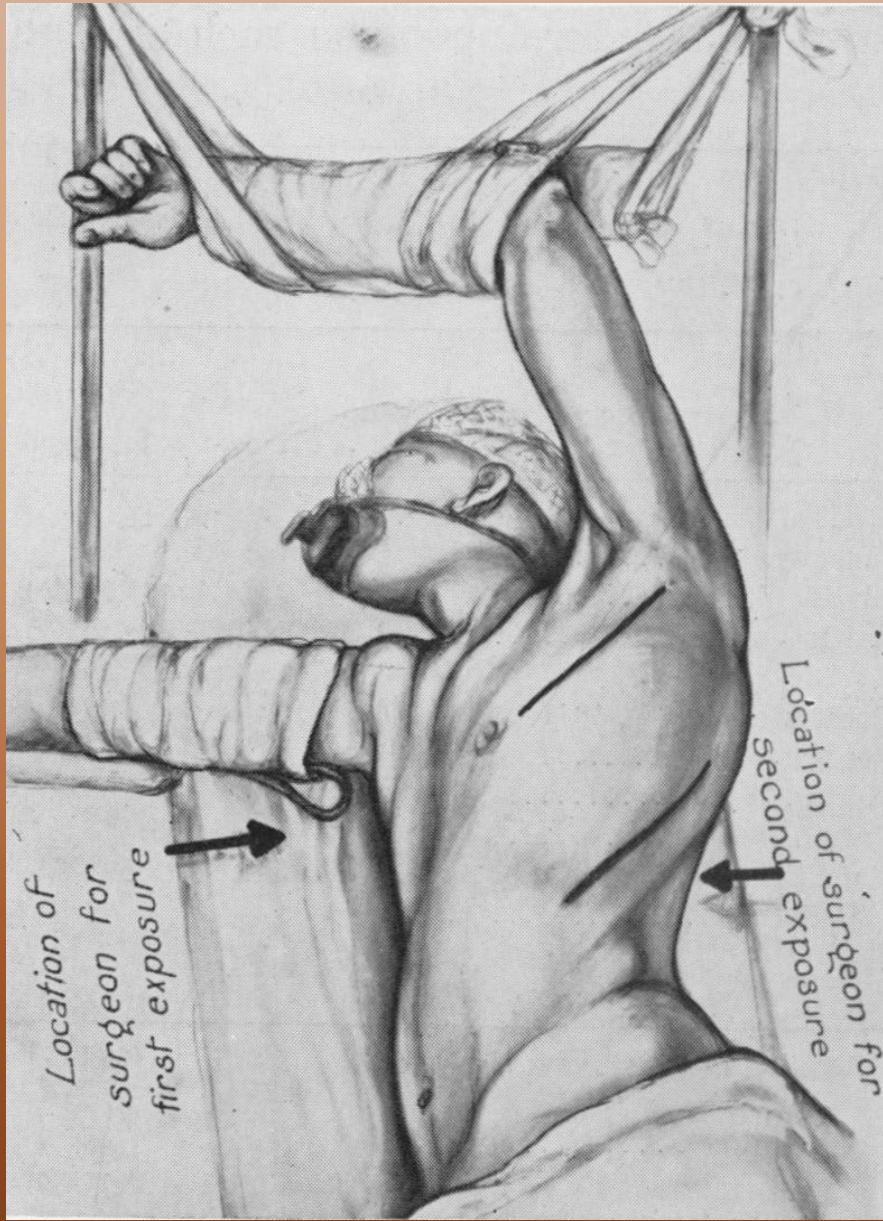
141/90 mm Hg

**B Whole-Body Spillover**



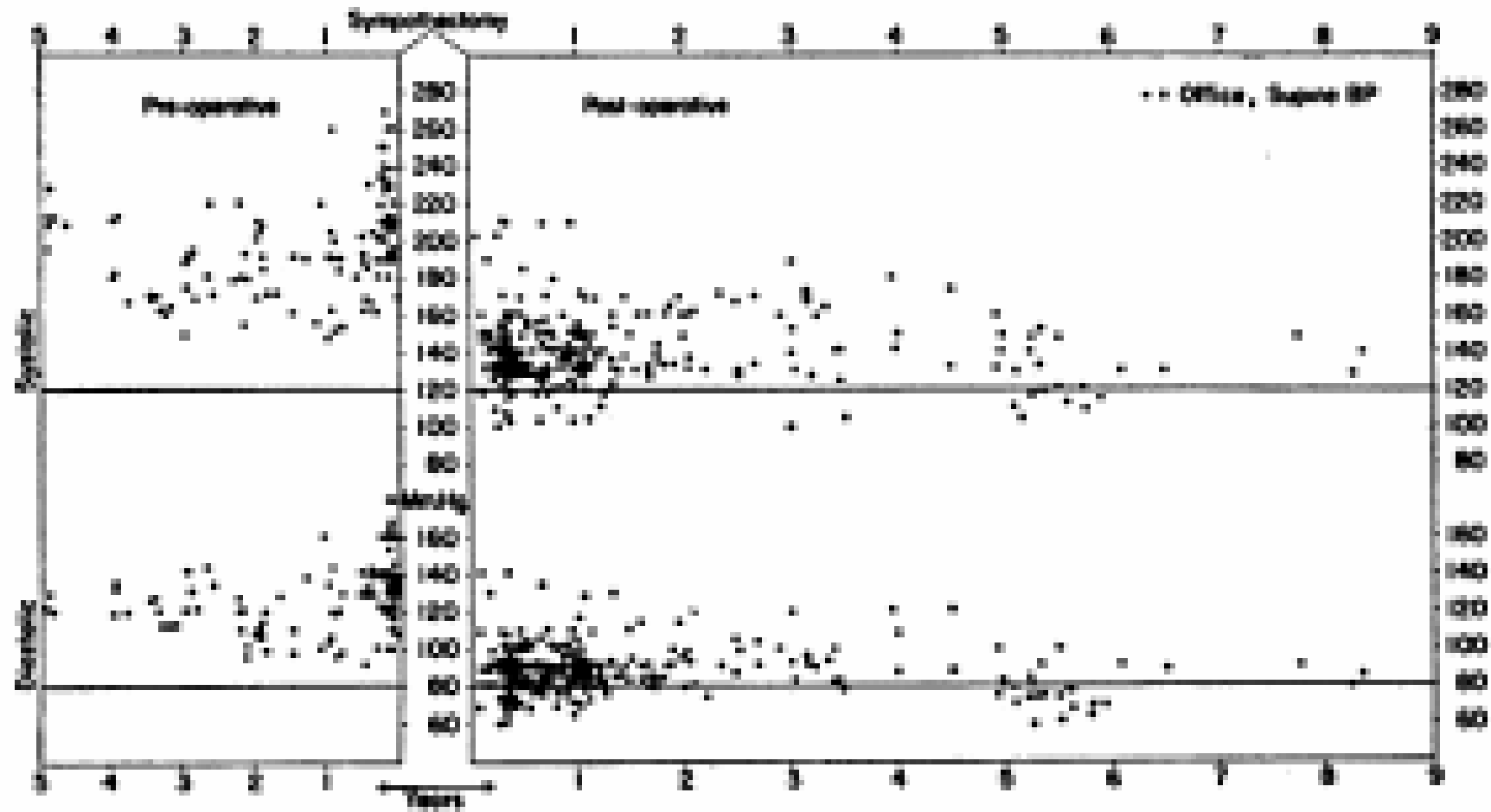
**The past**





Grimson, Ann Surg 1941

BLOOD PRESSURE - SUPINE - READINGS IN OFFICE  
31 PATIENTS HAVING REDUCTION TO NEAR NORMAL



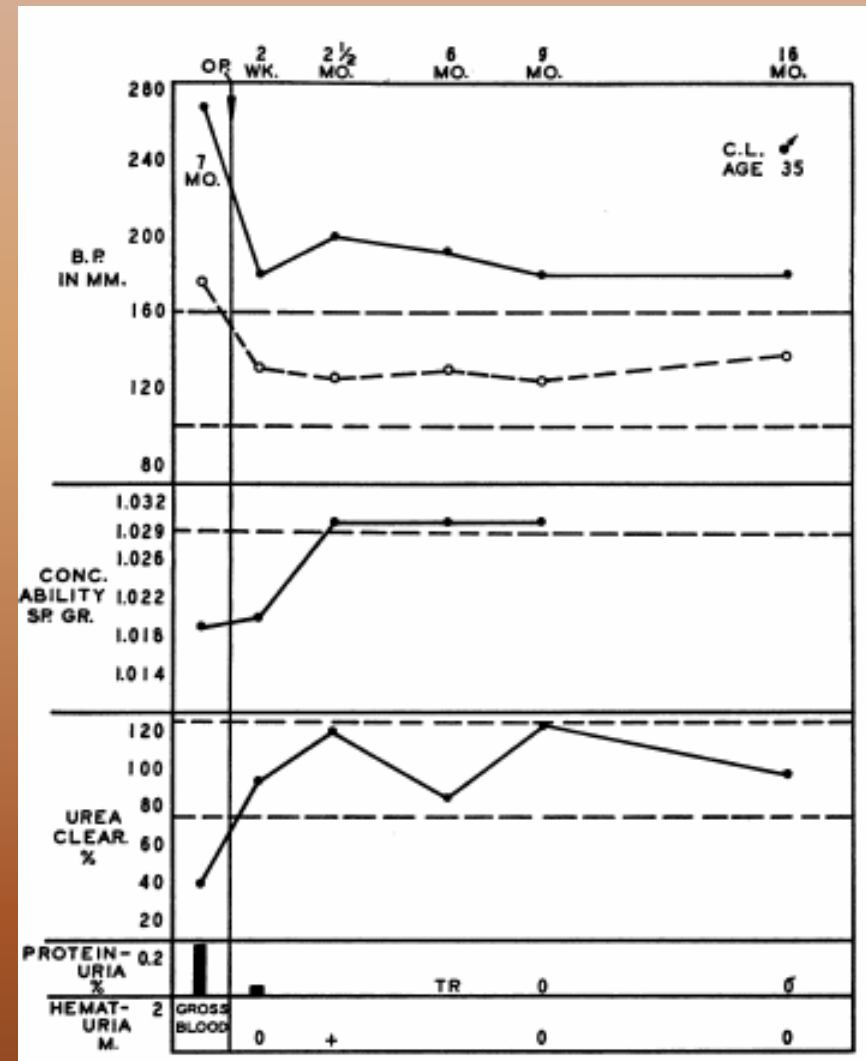
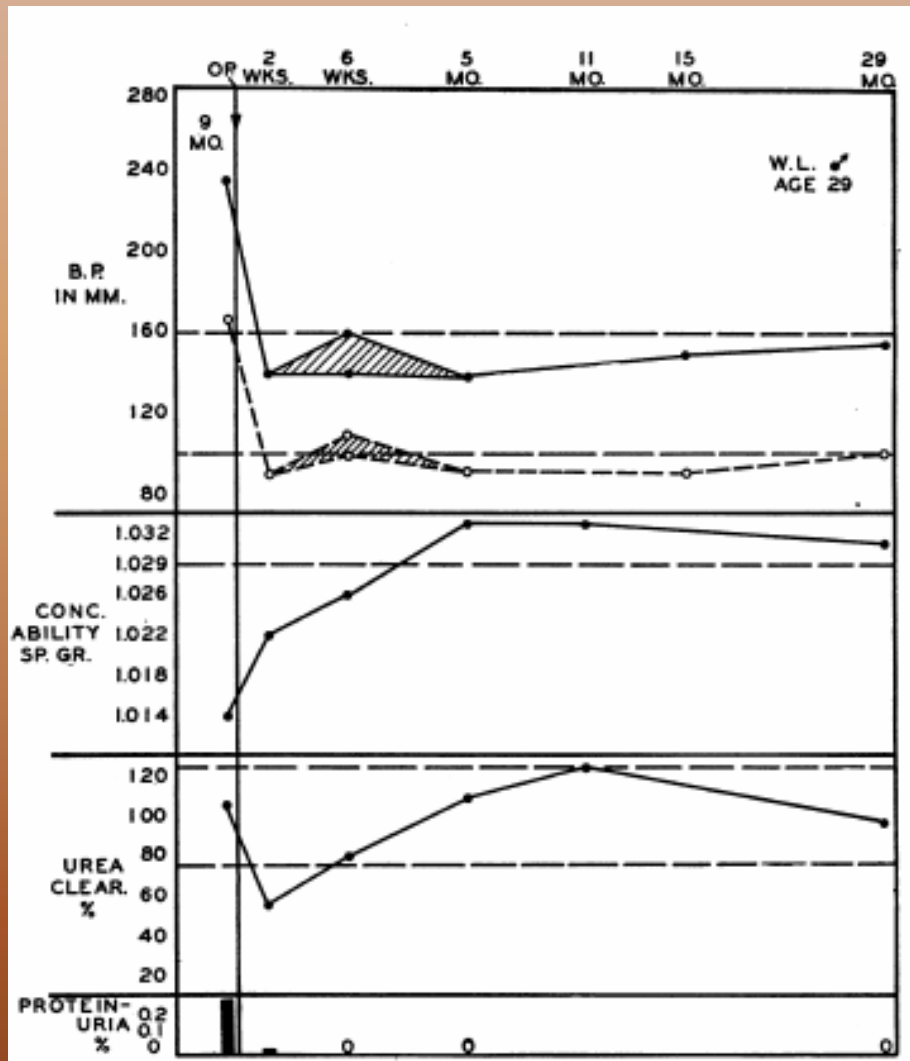
Grimson, Ann Surg 1949

TABLE II.  
CHANGE IN HEART SIZE

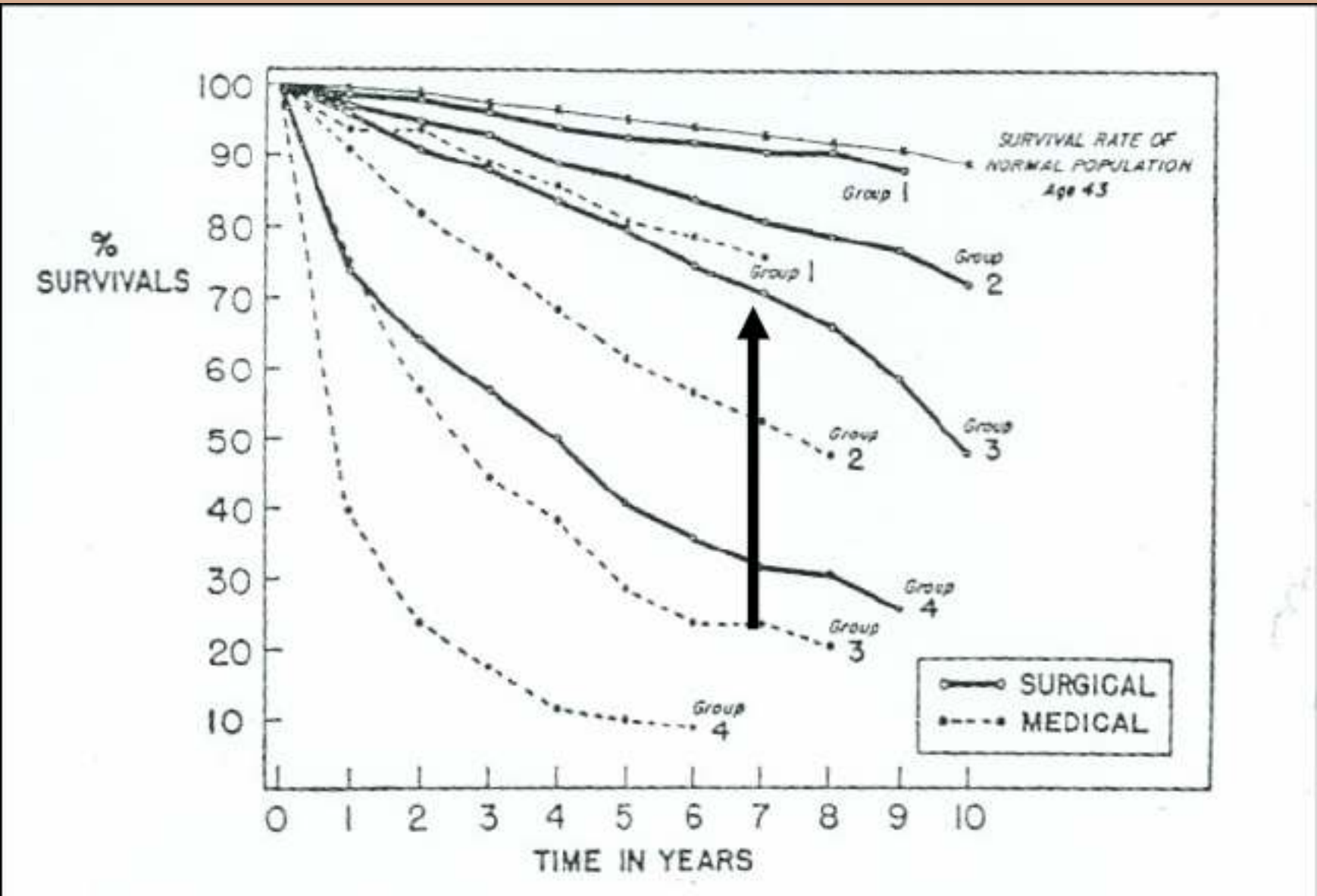
	Cases
Enlarged before operation.....	31
Normal size 3 to 6 months after operation.	20
Reduced but still enlarged.....	8
No change.....	2
Larger.....	1
Reduction of size in 90%; 64% to normal.	

TABLE III.  
EFFECT OF SYMPATHECTOMY AT VARIOUS LEVELS ON ANGINA

	T-12	T-5	T-4	T-5 and above*
Total cases.....	8	15	10	10
Abolition†.....	1	9	4	4
Partial relief.....	2	2	3	3
Same.....	0	1	0	0
Worse.....	0	1	0	0
Died.....	5	1	0	0
Summary:				
Below T-4 level	12.5%	satisfactory relief of pain		
T-4 level	73.0%	"	"	"
Above T-4 level	100.0%	"	"	" †



Peet, J Clin Invest 1936



Smithwick, JAMA 1953

## Operative mortality of splanchnicectomy according to hypertension severity

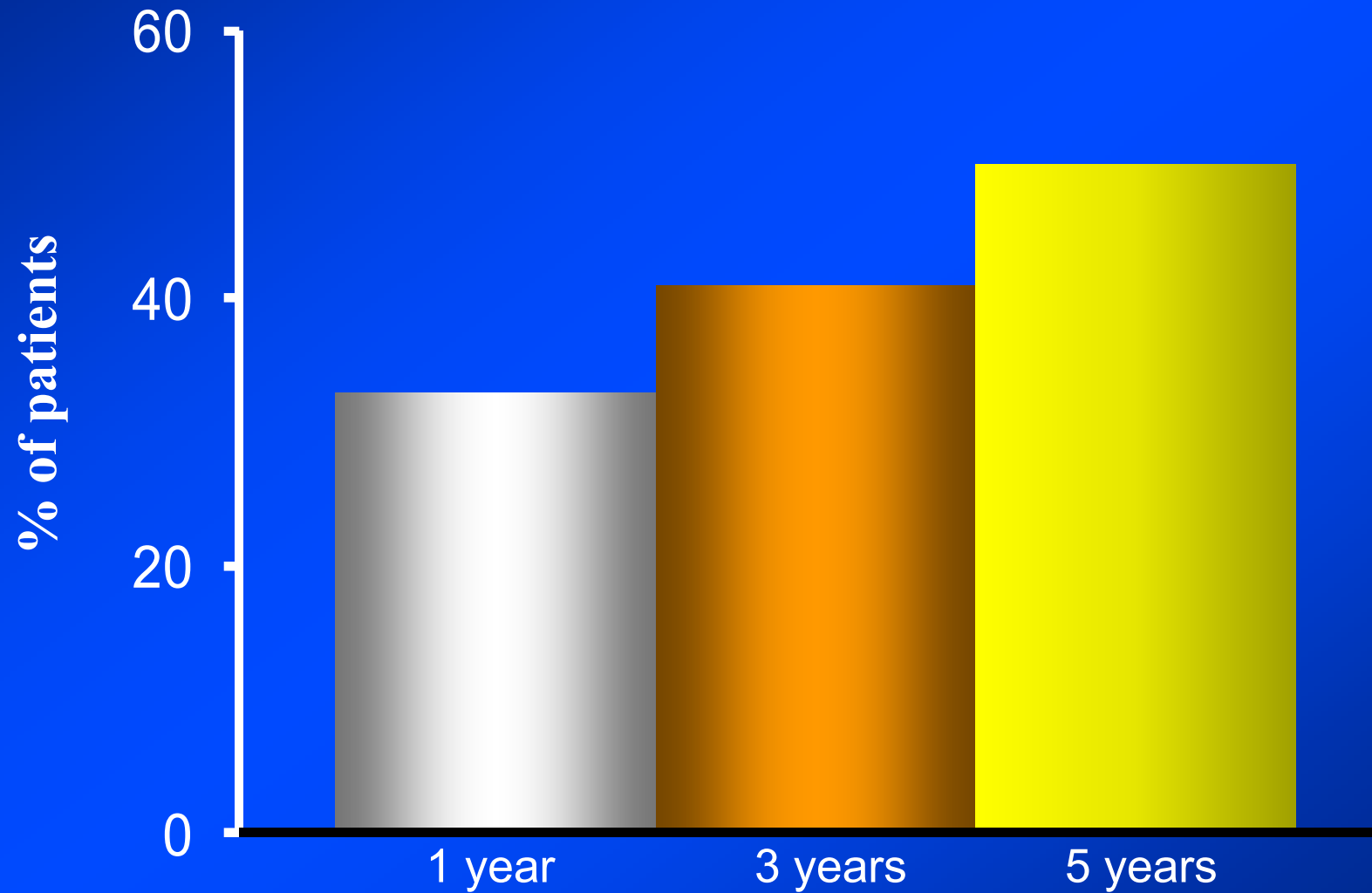
TABLE I. SPLANCHNICECTOMY FOR HYPERTENSION: OPERATIVE MORTALITY

GROUP*	NO. OF CASES	NO. OF DEATHS	MORTALITY (%)
1	299	2	0.7
2	1,399	20	1.4
3	486	21	4.3
4	219	24	10.9
Total	2,403	67	2.8

# Adverse effects of splachnectomy

- Thoracic duct injuries
- Atelectasia
- **Orthostatic hypotension and tachycardia**
- Palpitations
- Breathlessness
- Anhidrosis
- Cold hands
- Intestinal disturbances
- **Loss of ejaculation**
- **Sexual dissatisfaction**

## Treatment discontinuation



*Corrao, J Hypertens 2008*



**The present**  
**The future???**

# Fundamental questions

- a) is it meaningful with a rationale behind it?
- b) is this effective and safe?
- c) what are the long-term results?
- d) can it be widely applied?
- e) are there limitations? what else has to follow? Who for?

# Renal sympathetic denervation: the jury is still out

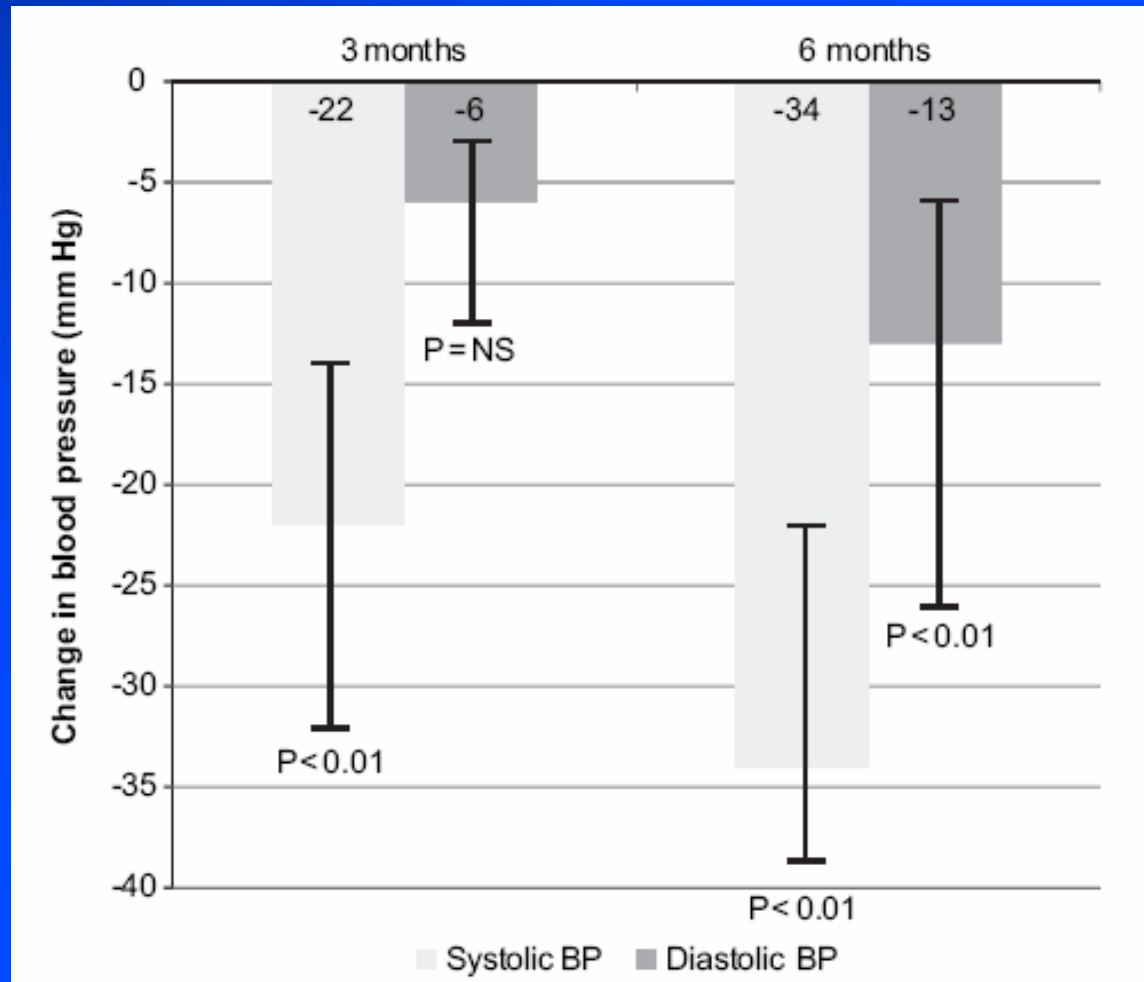
## *Panel: Research targets for renal sympathetic denervation*

- Clarification of pathophysiological mechanisms that mediate reductions in blood pressure
- Effects on target organ damage
  - Left ventricular hypertrophy
  - Carotid intima-media thickness
  - Albuminuria
  - Pulse-wave velocity
  - Ankle brachial pressure index
  - Retinopathy
- Efficiency in subgroups of patients with hypertension
  - Elderly patients
  - Isolated systolic hypertension
  - Chronic kidney disease
  - Heart failure
  - Diabetes
  - Obesity
  - Sleep-apnoea syndrome
- Efficiency in milder forms of essential hypertension
- Efficiency at initial stages of hypertension
- Alternative methods for achieving renal denervation
  - Ultrasound
  - Microwaves
  - Laser
  - Cryotherapy
  - Robotic surgery

**Other disease conditions**

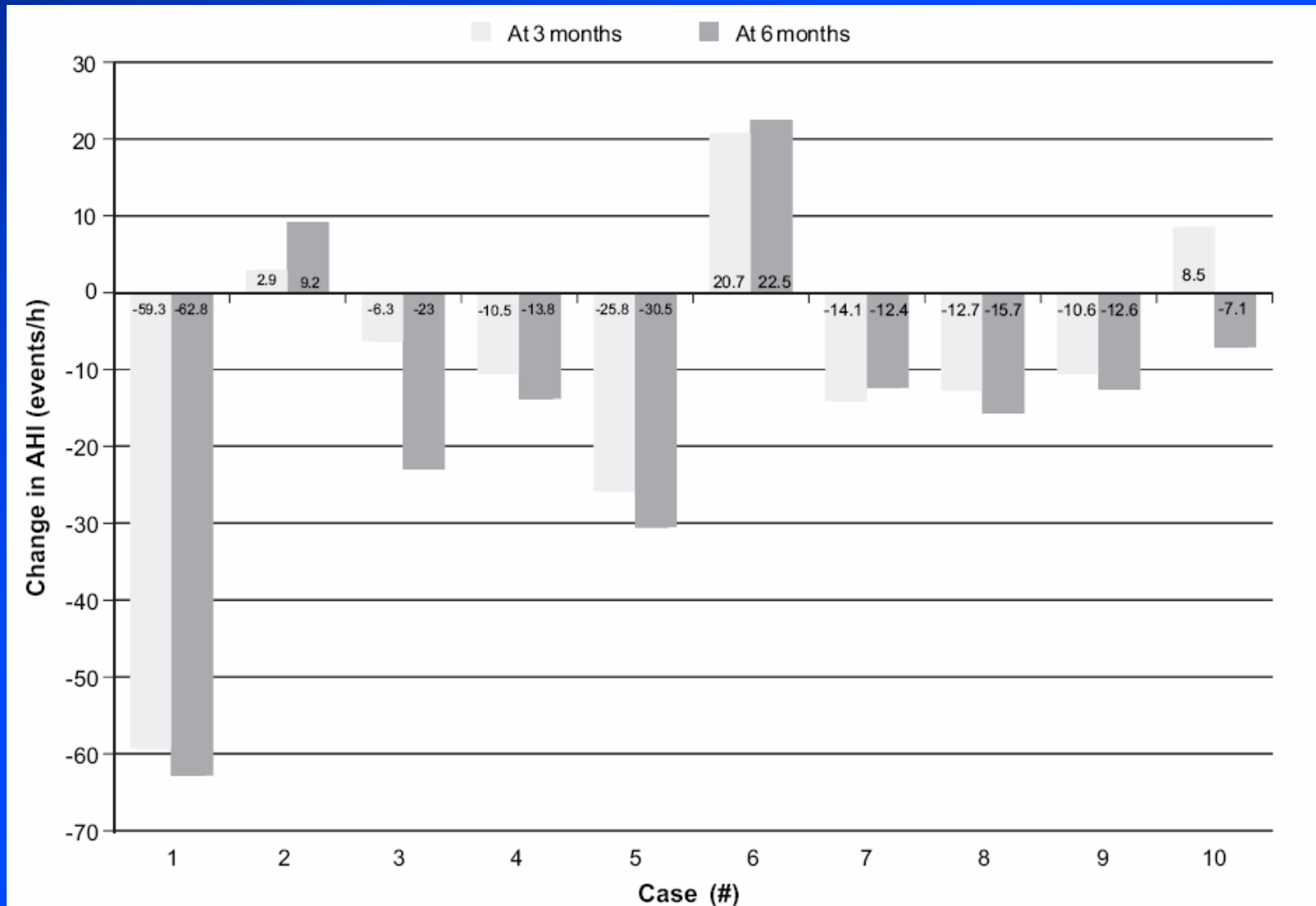
# RSD in sleep apnea syndrome patients

## Changes in blood pressure

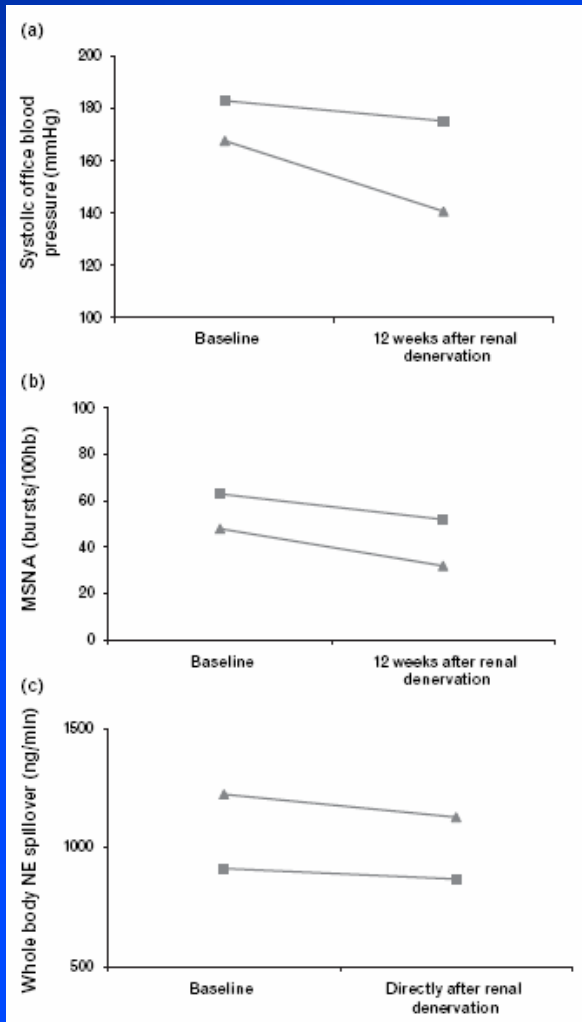


# RSD in sleep apnea syndrome patients

## Changes in apnea/hypopnea index



# Polycystic ovary syndrome

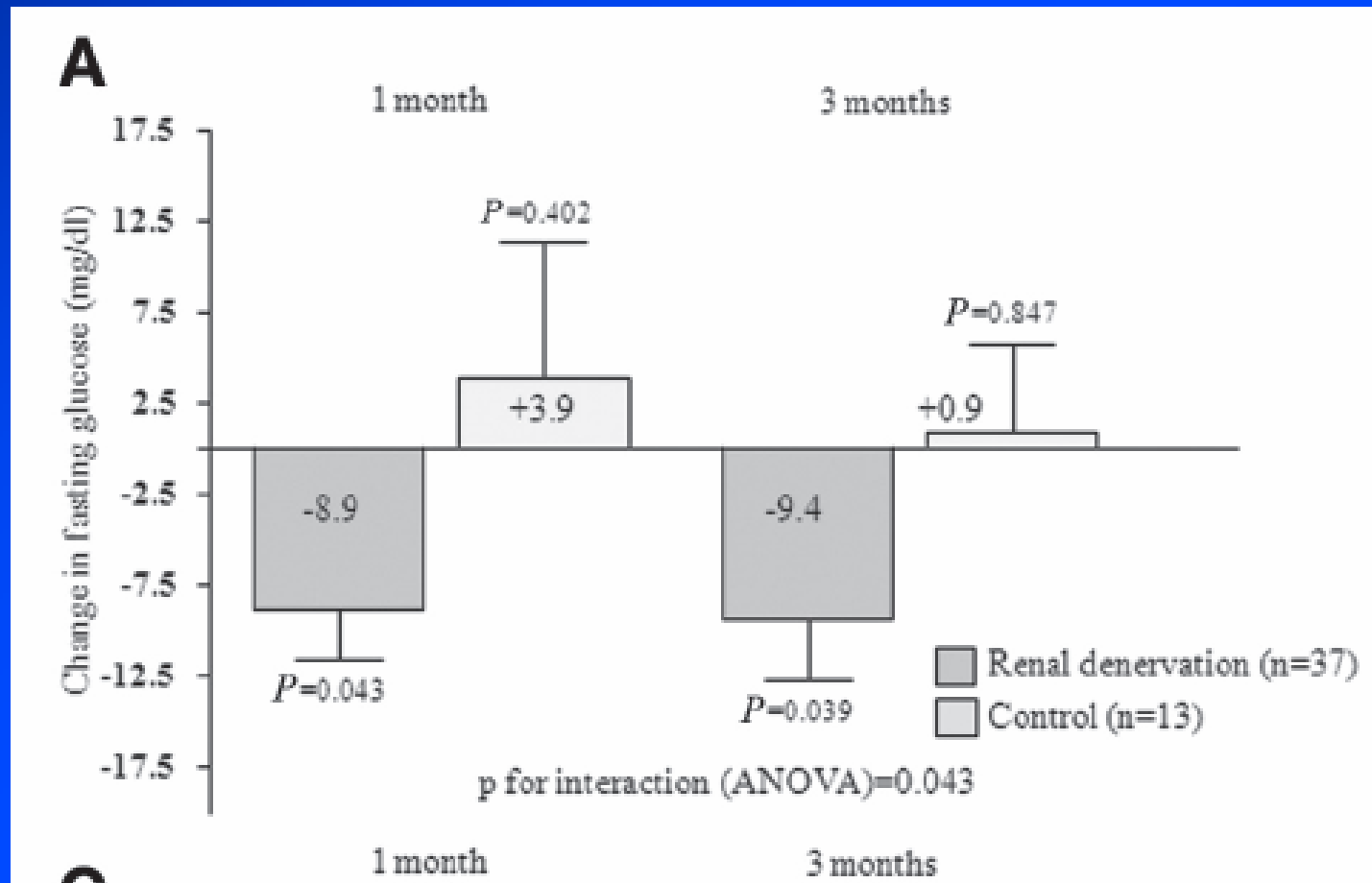


Even regular menses re-occurred in one patient after 3-year amenorrhea following RSD

Significant improvements in insulin sensitivity

# RSD and glucose metabolism

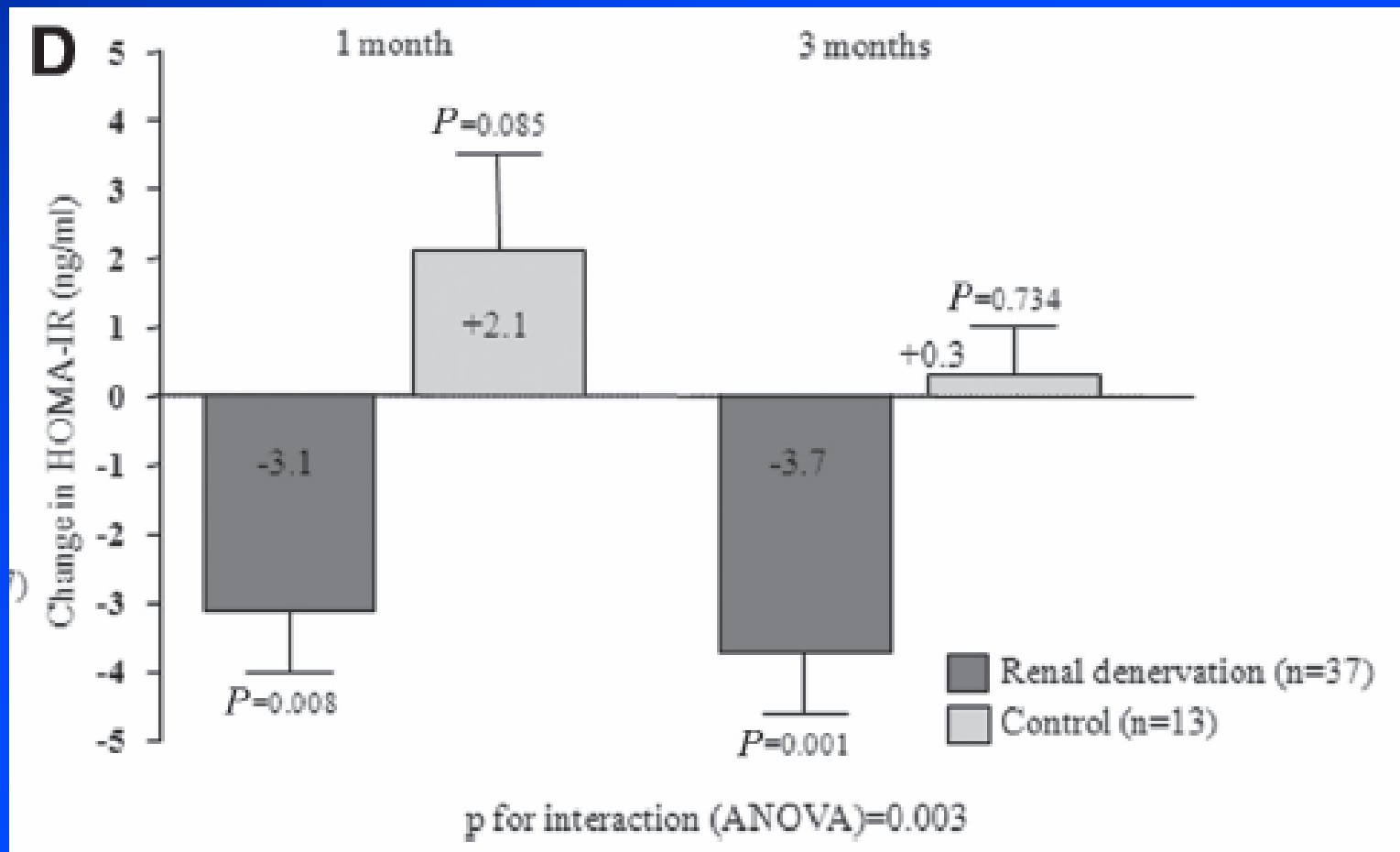
## Fasting glucose





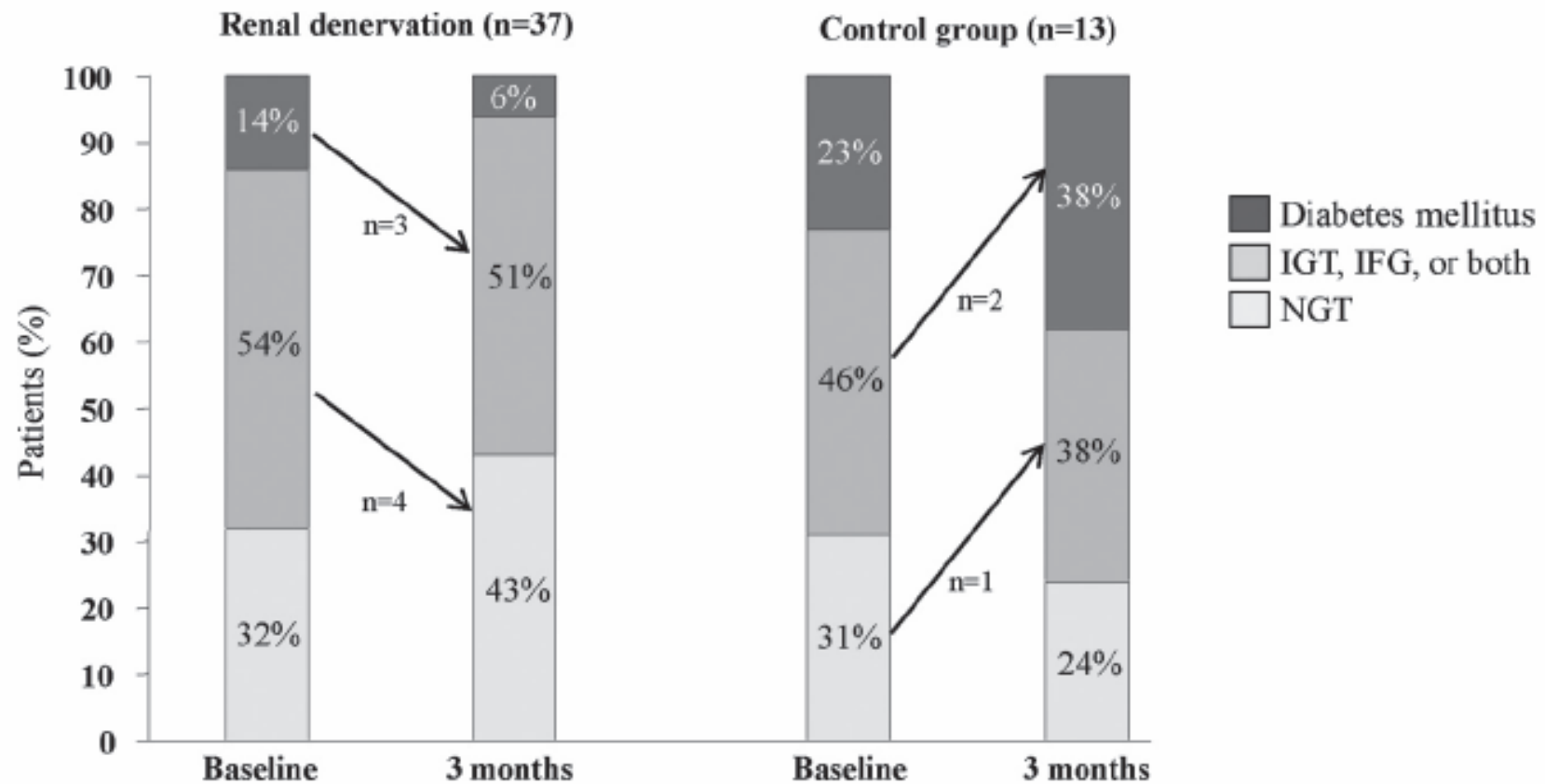
# RSD and glucose metabolism

## Insulin resistance - HOMA



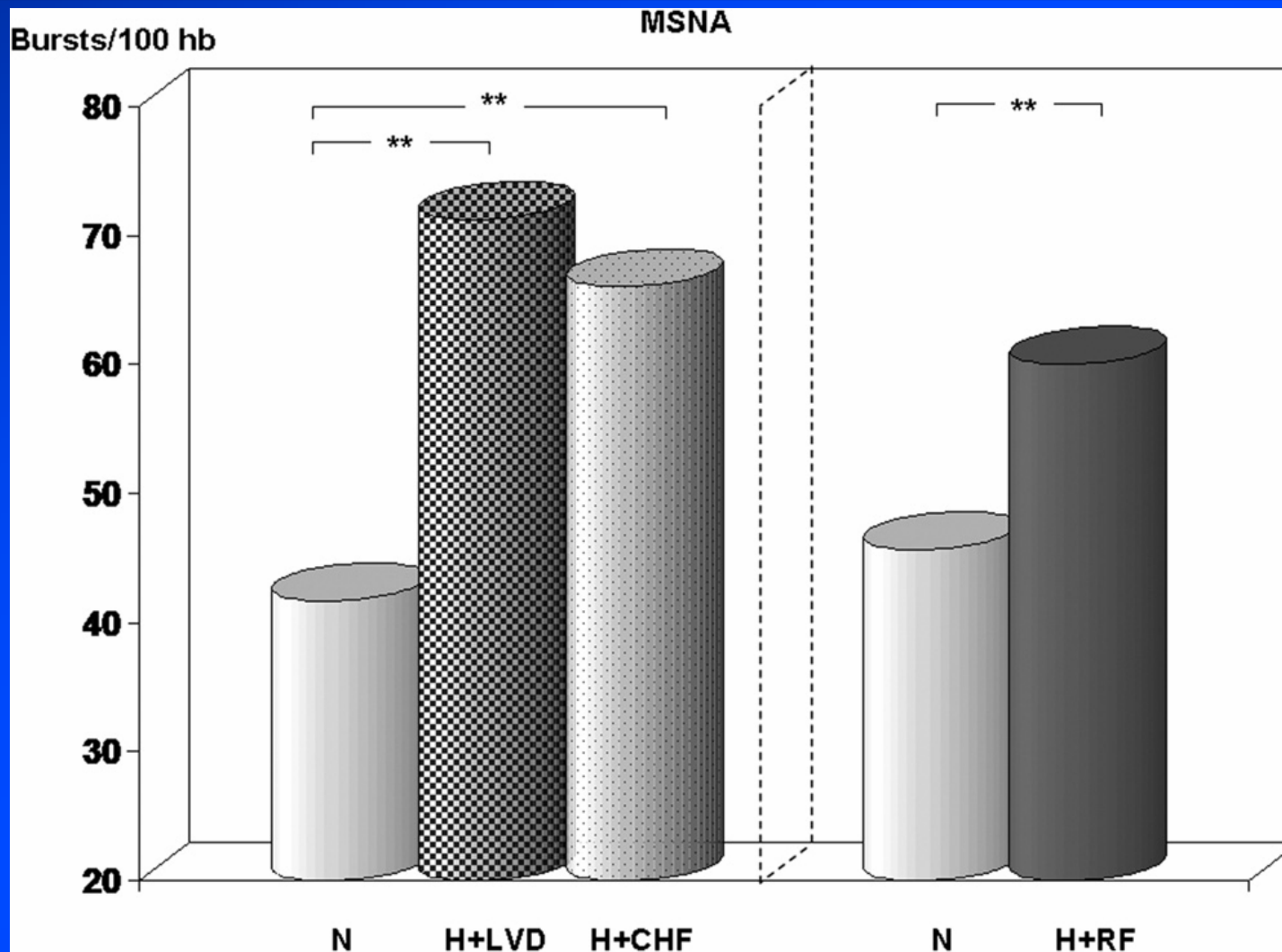
# RSD and glucose metabolism

## IGT – DM rates



# **Chronic kidney disease**

# MSNA in CKD

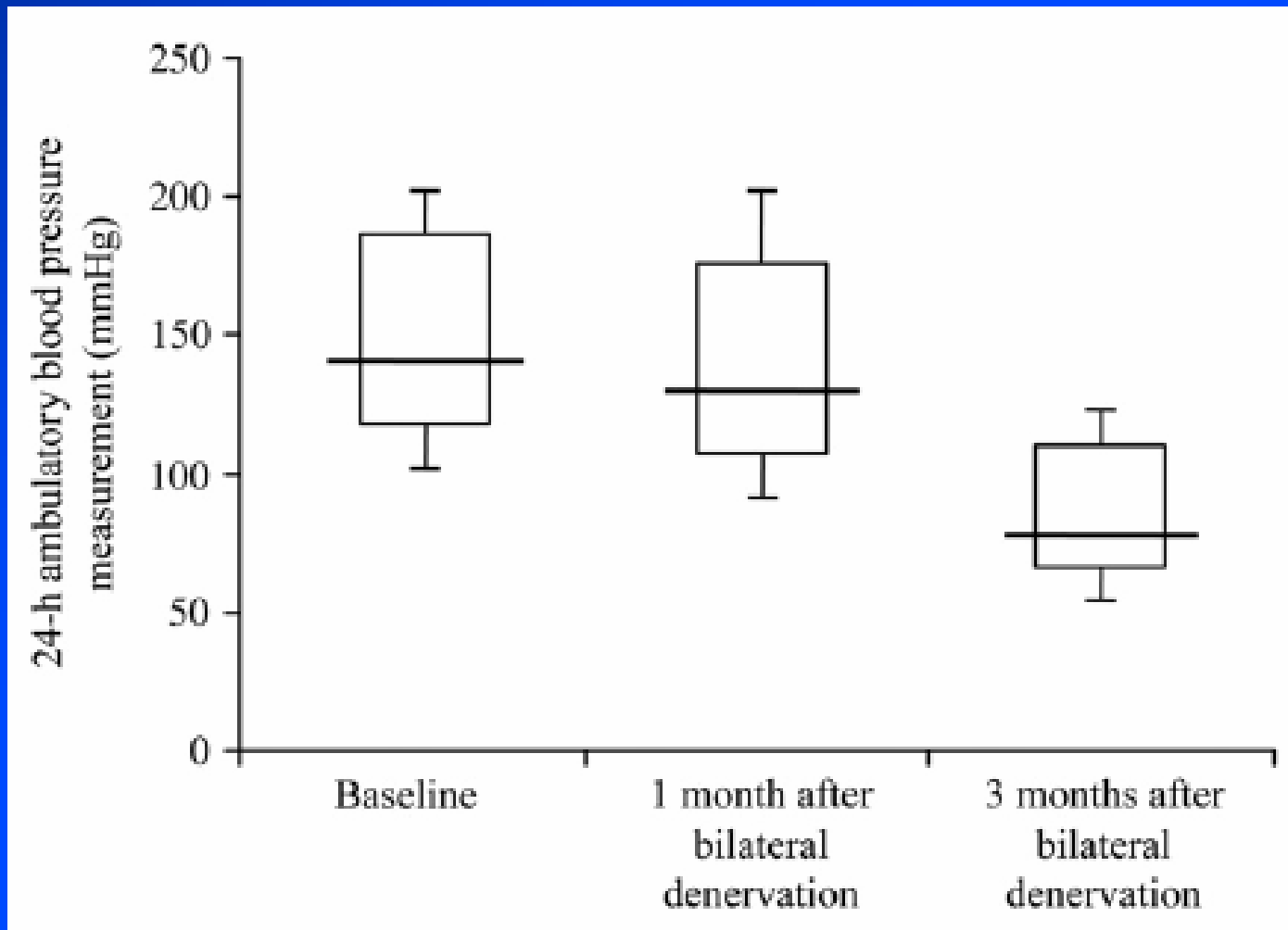


# Catheter-based radiofrequency ablation therapy of the renal sympathetic-nerve system for drug resistant hypertension in a patient with end-stage renal disease

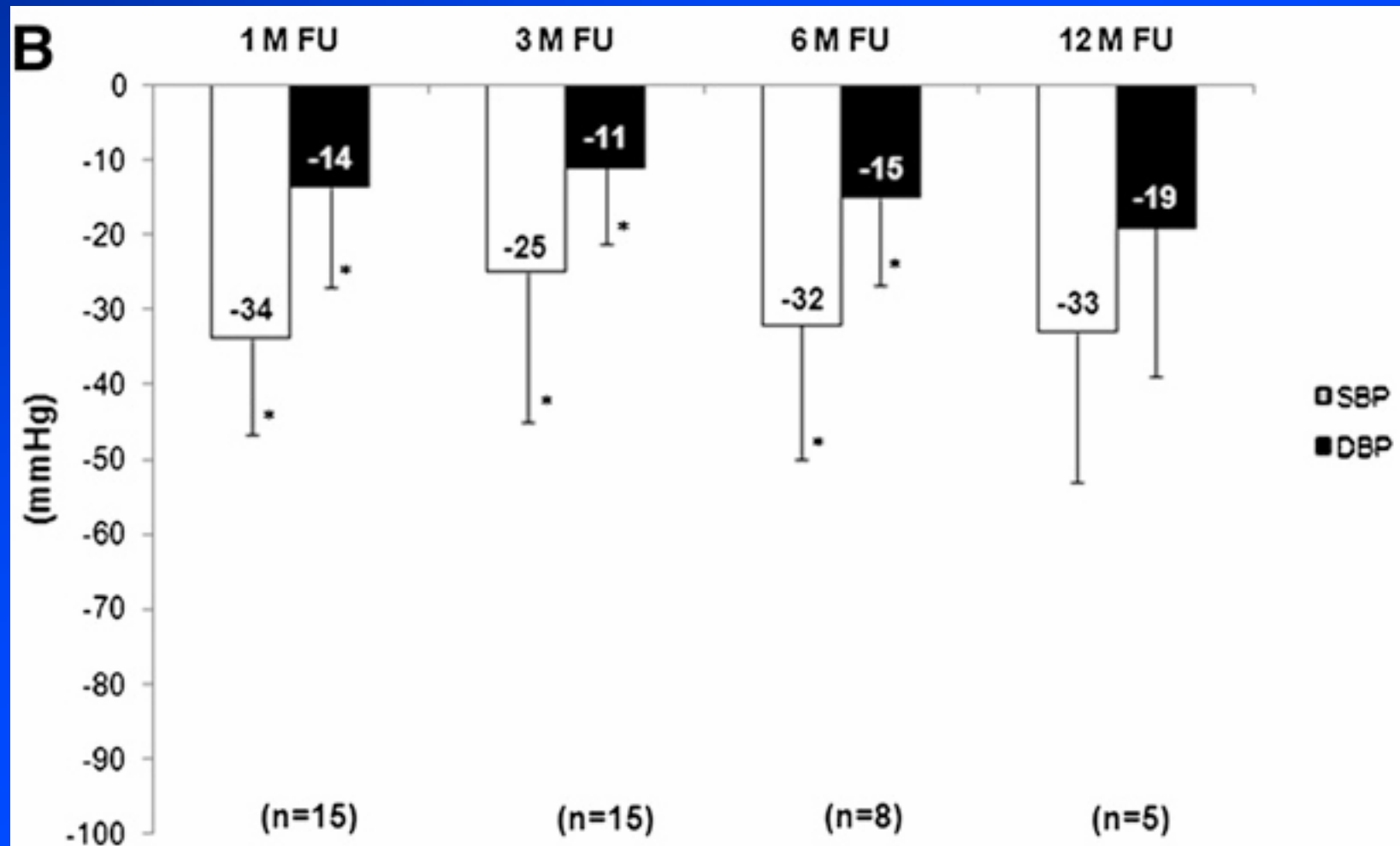
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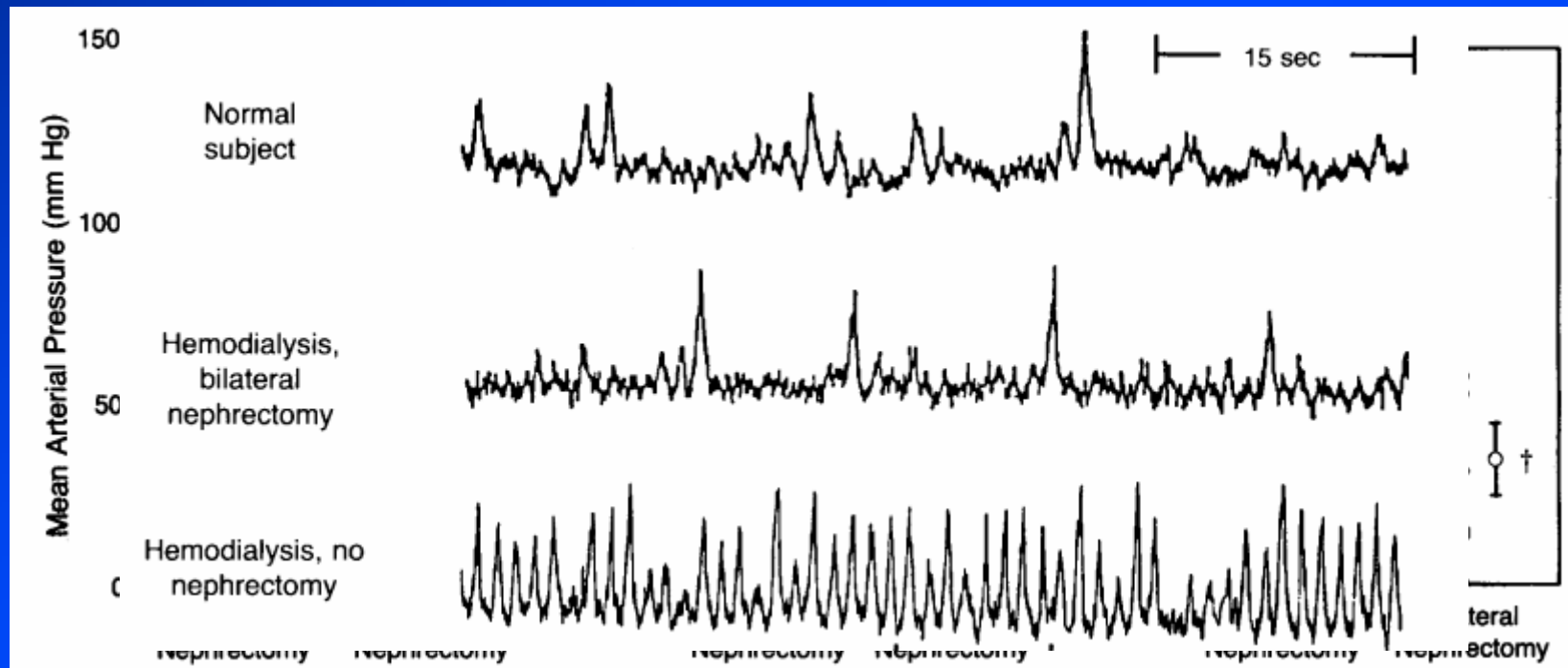


## RSD in moderate-severe CKD



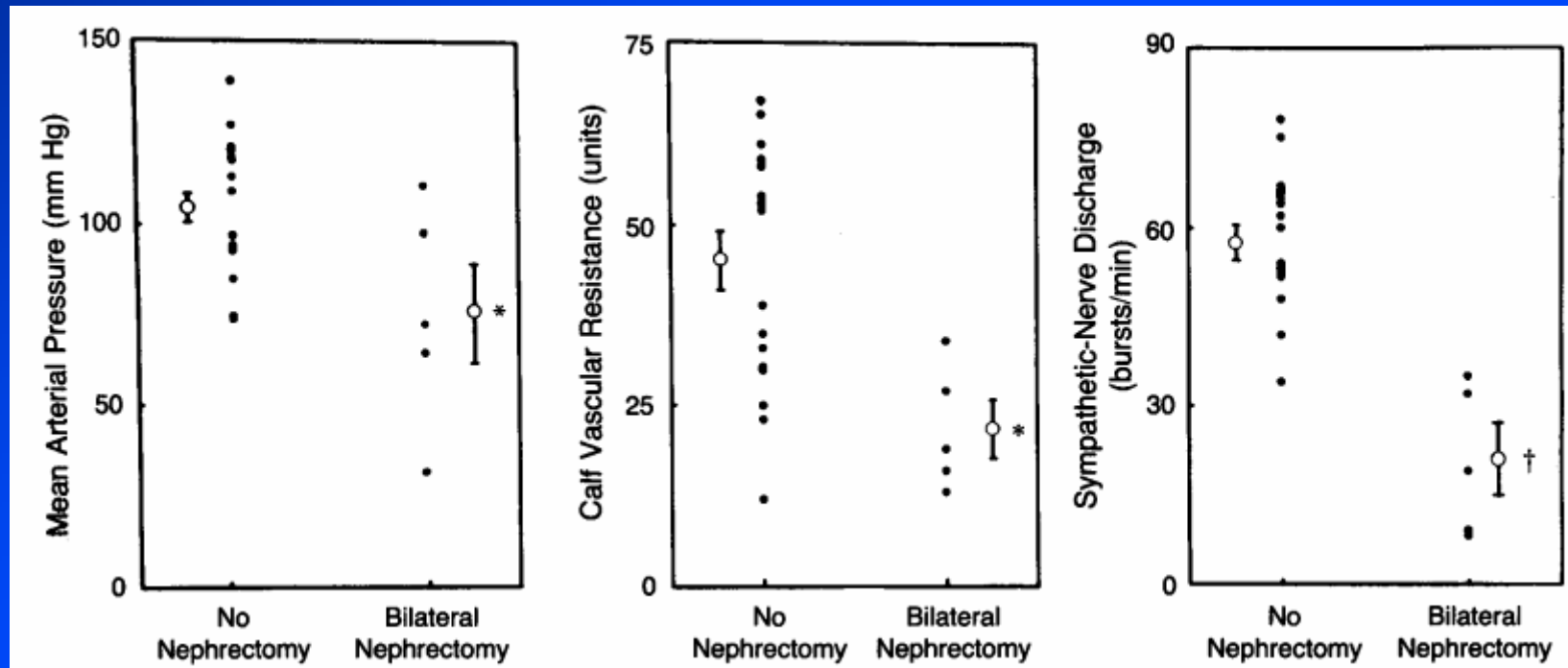
# Hemodialysis

## Bilateral nephrectomy



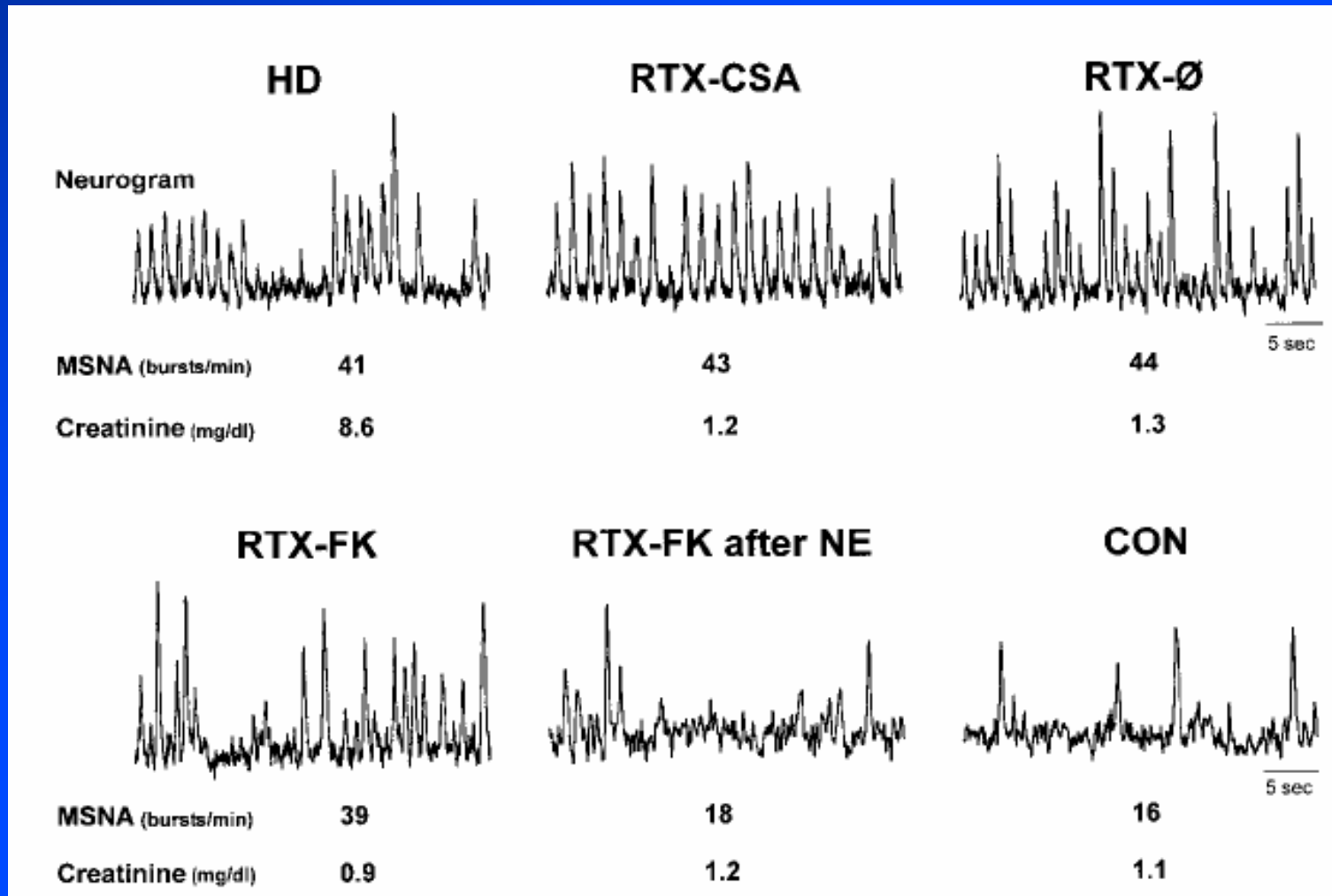
# Hemodialysis

## Bilateral nephrectomy



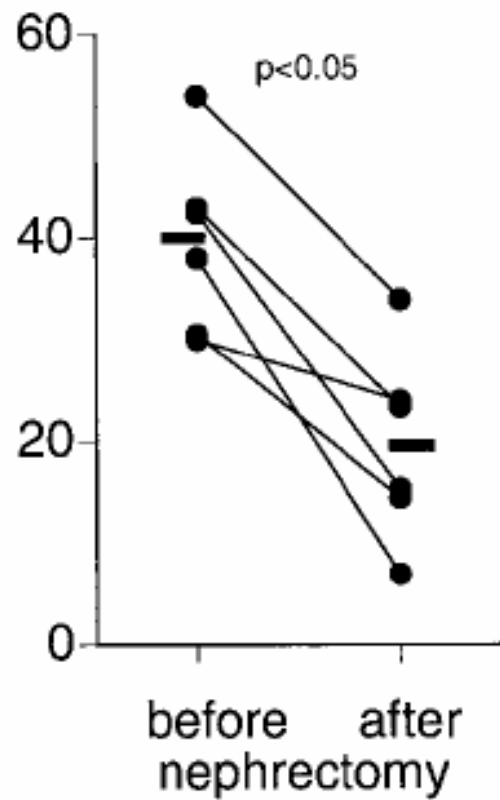


# Transplantation Bilateral nephrectomy

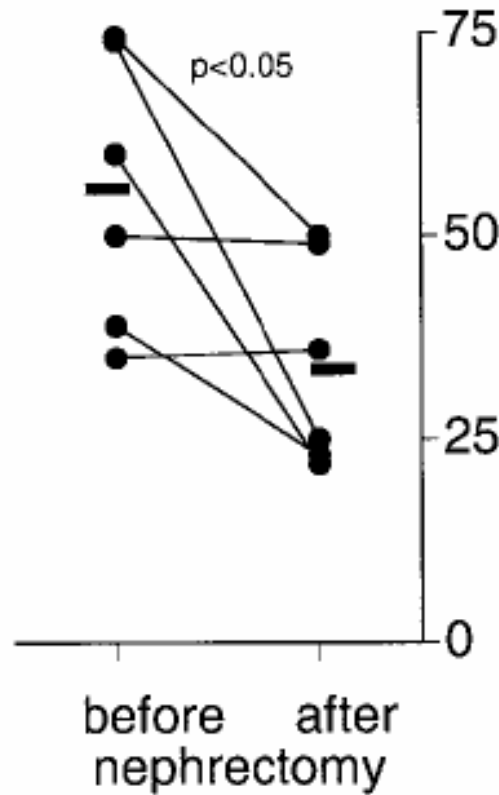


# Transplantation Bilateral nephrectomy

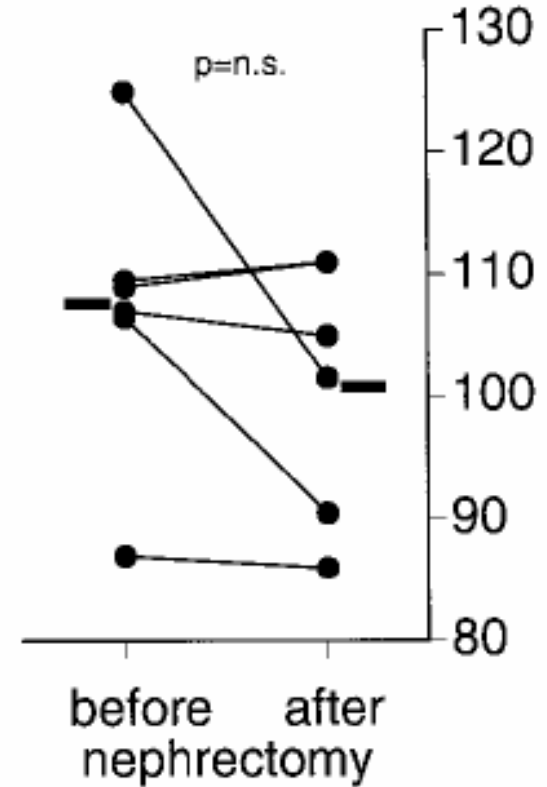
MSNA (bursts/min)



CVR (U)

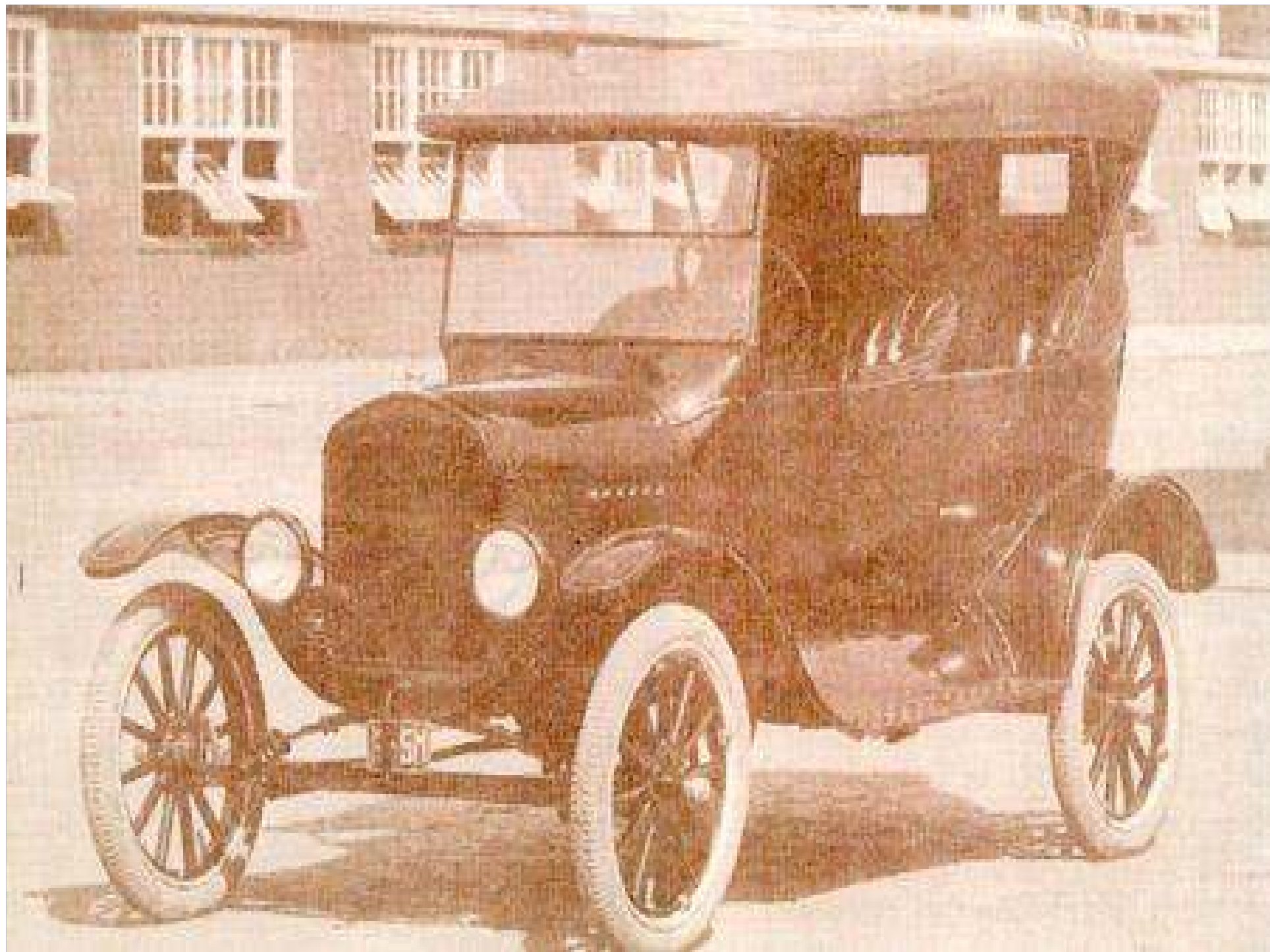


MAP (mmHg)



Great enthusiasm...







## Personal point of view

- It is unlikely that the magic pill for hypertension will be found any time soon
- We may have or not the “**antibiotic of Hypertension**”
- We may even achieve or not “**Cure**” of **hypertension**
- *We need further data*

# Interventional management of hypertension



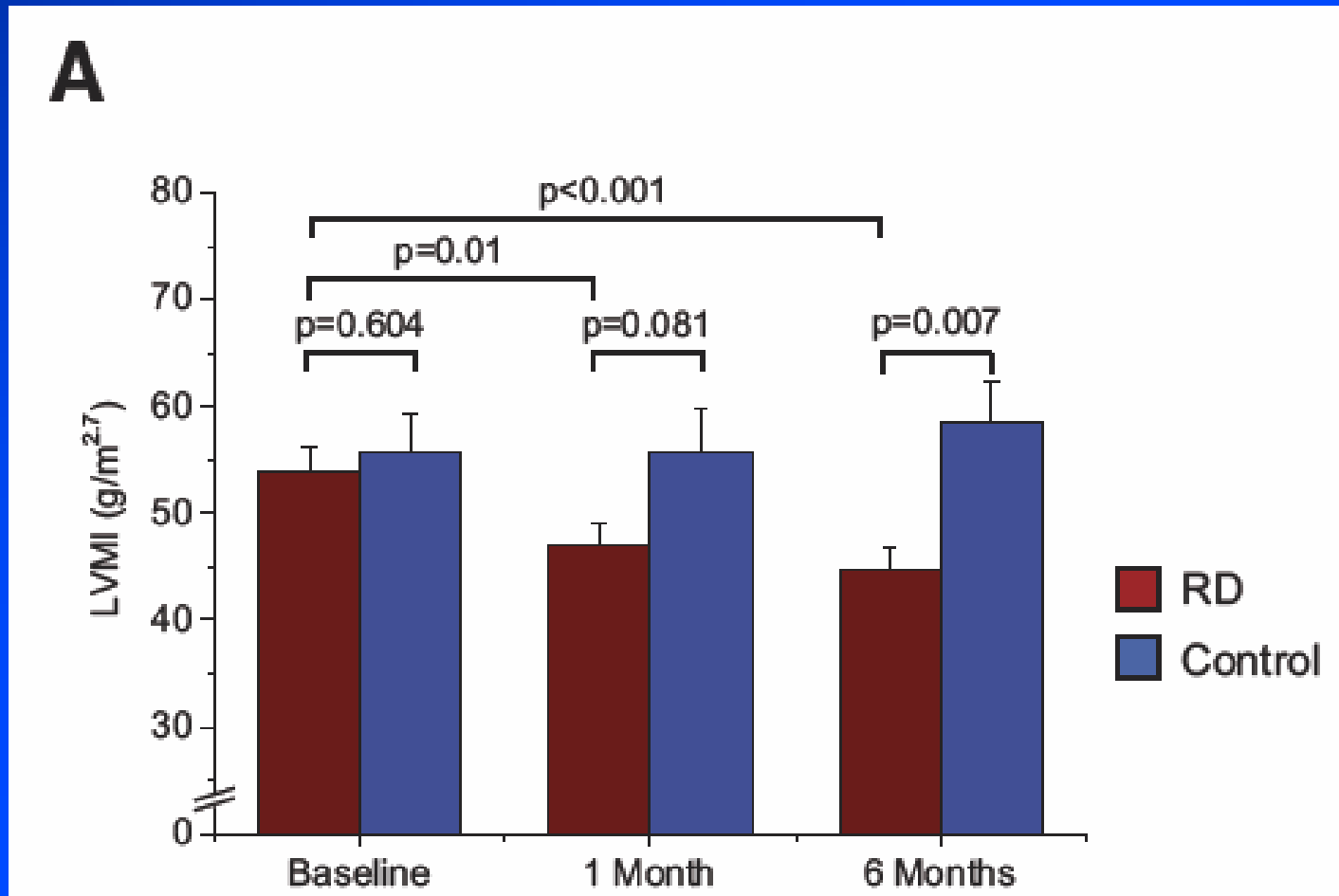




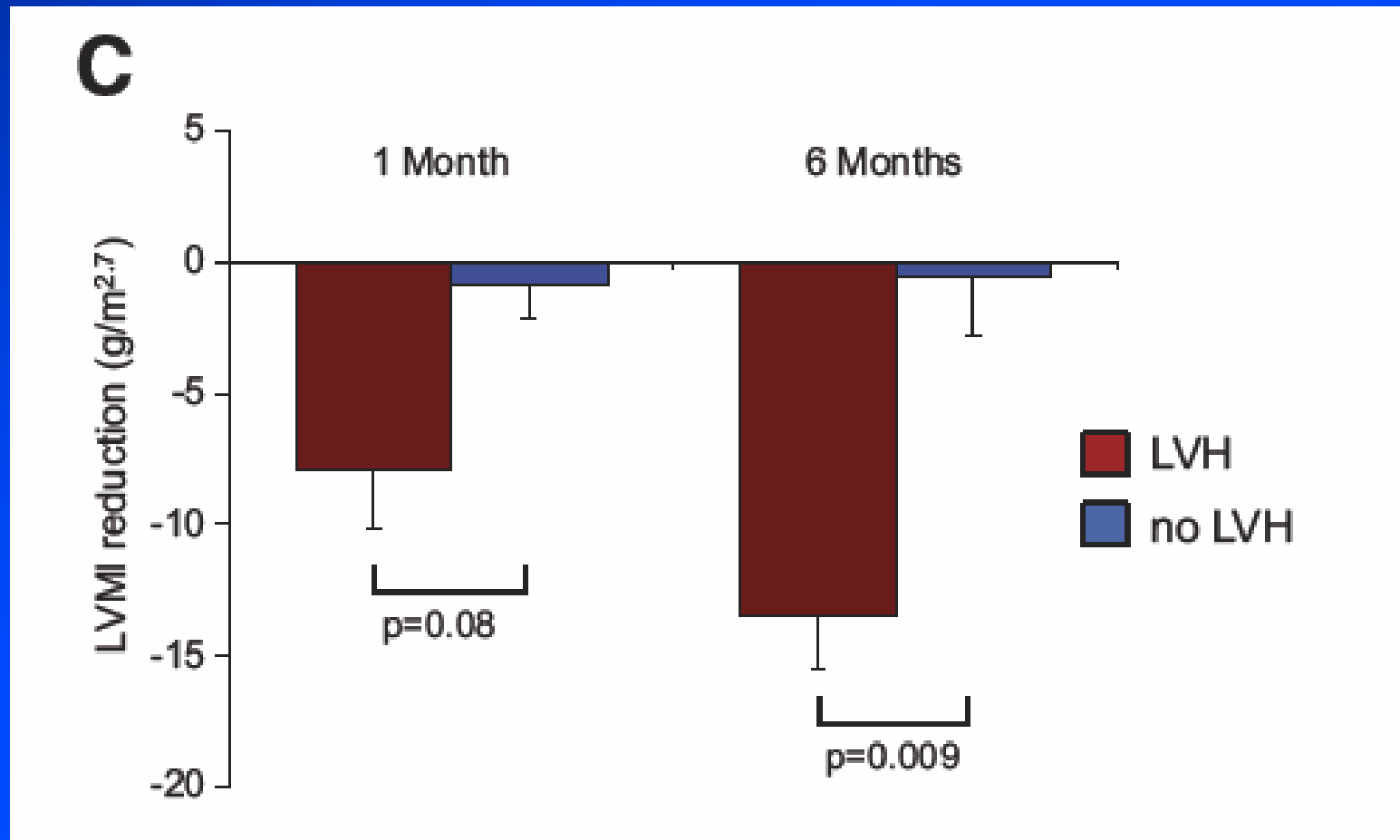


# **Effects on the heart**

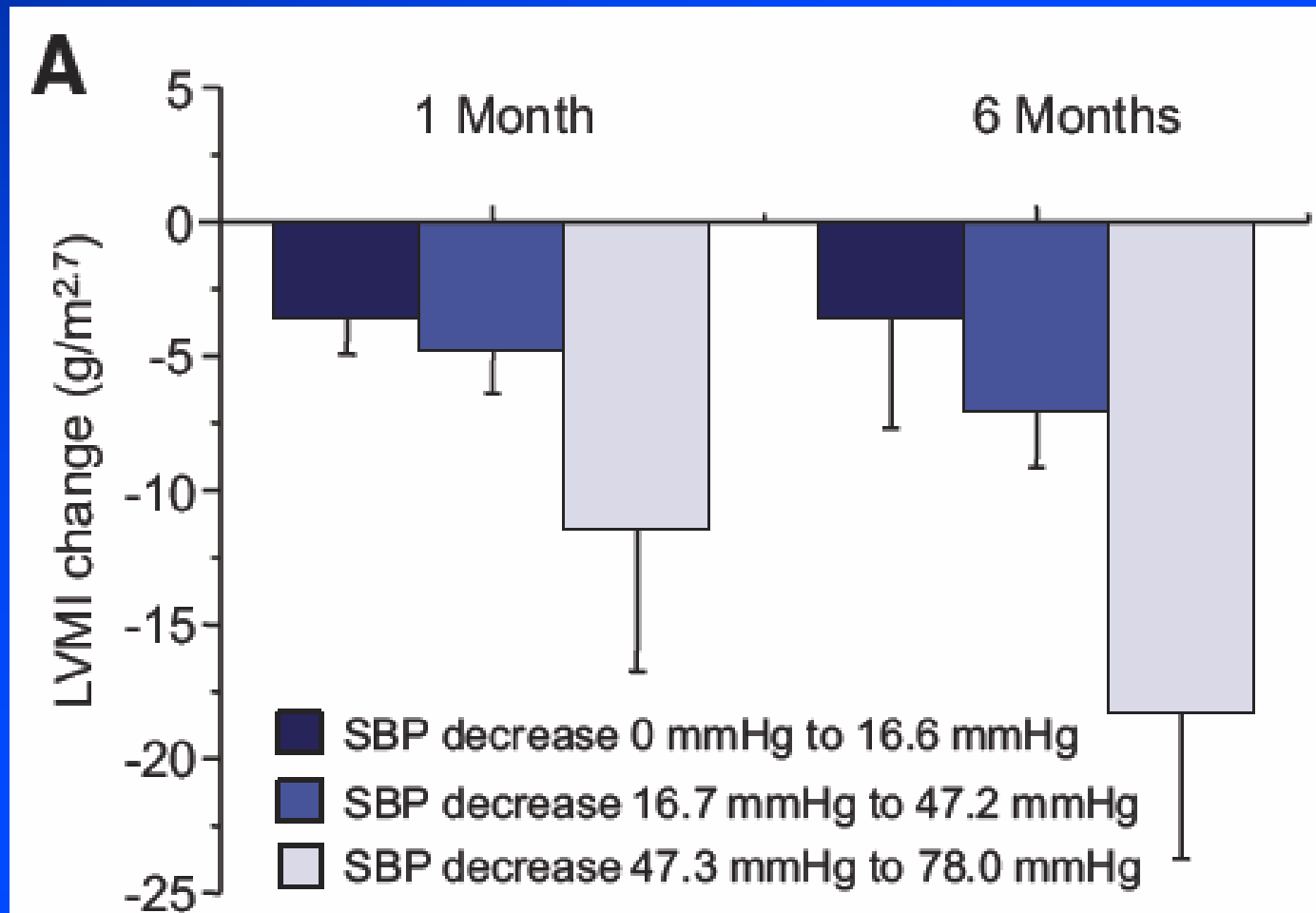
## Left ventricular mass reduction



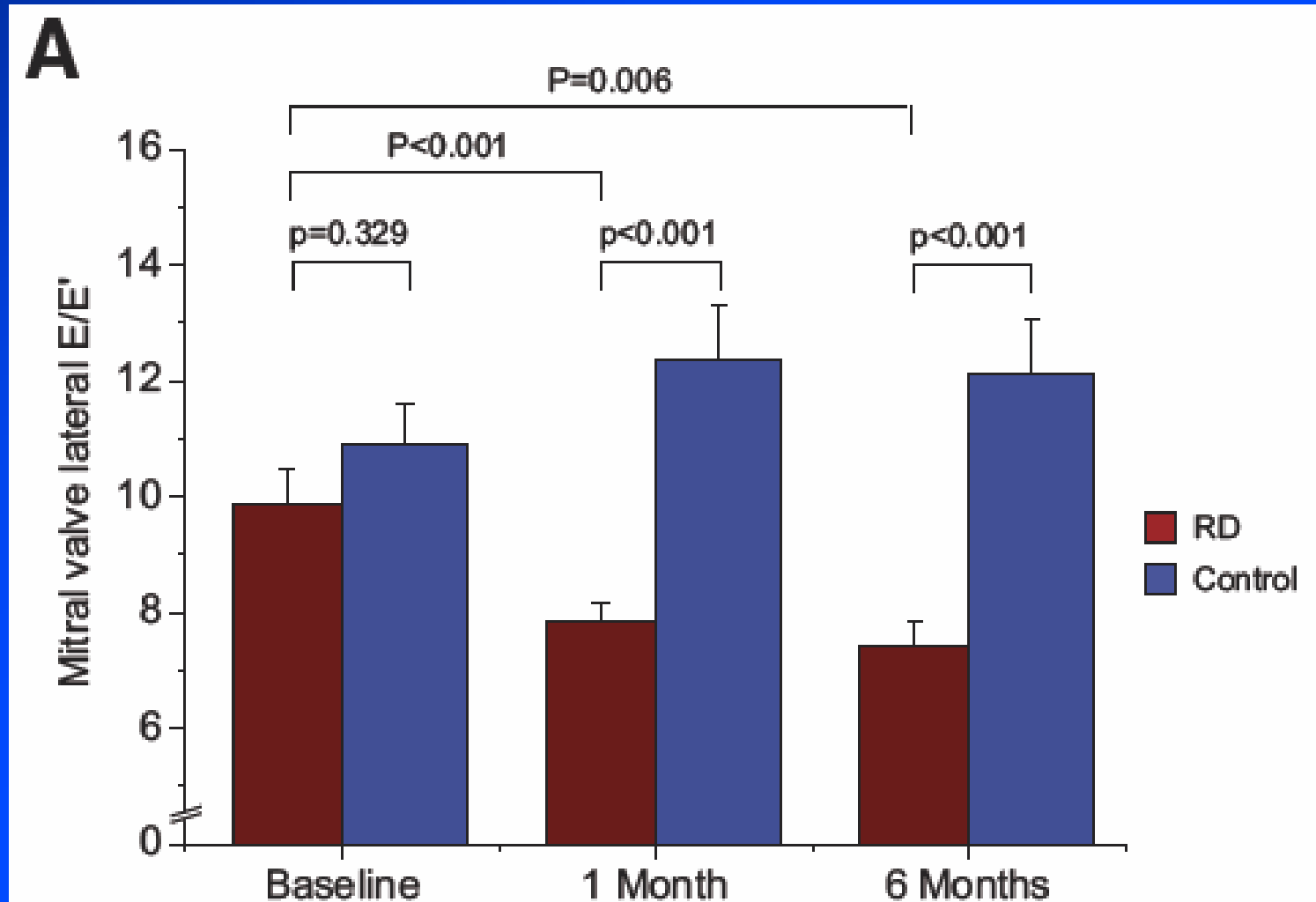
## Left ventricular mass reduction according to LVH



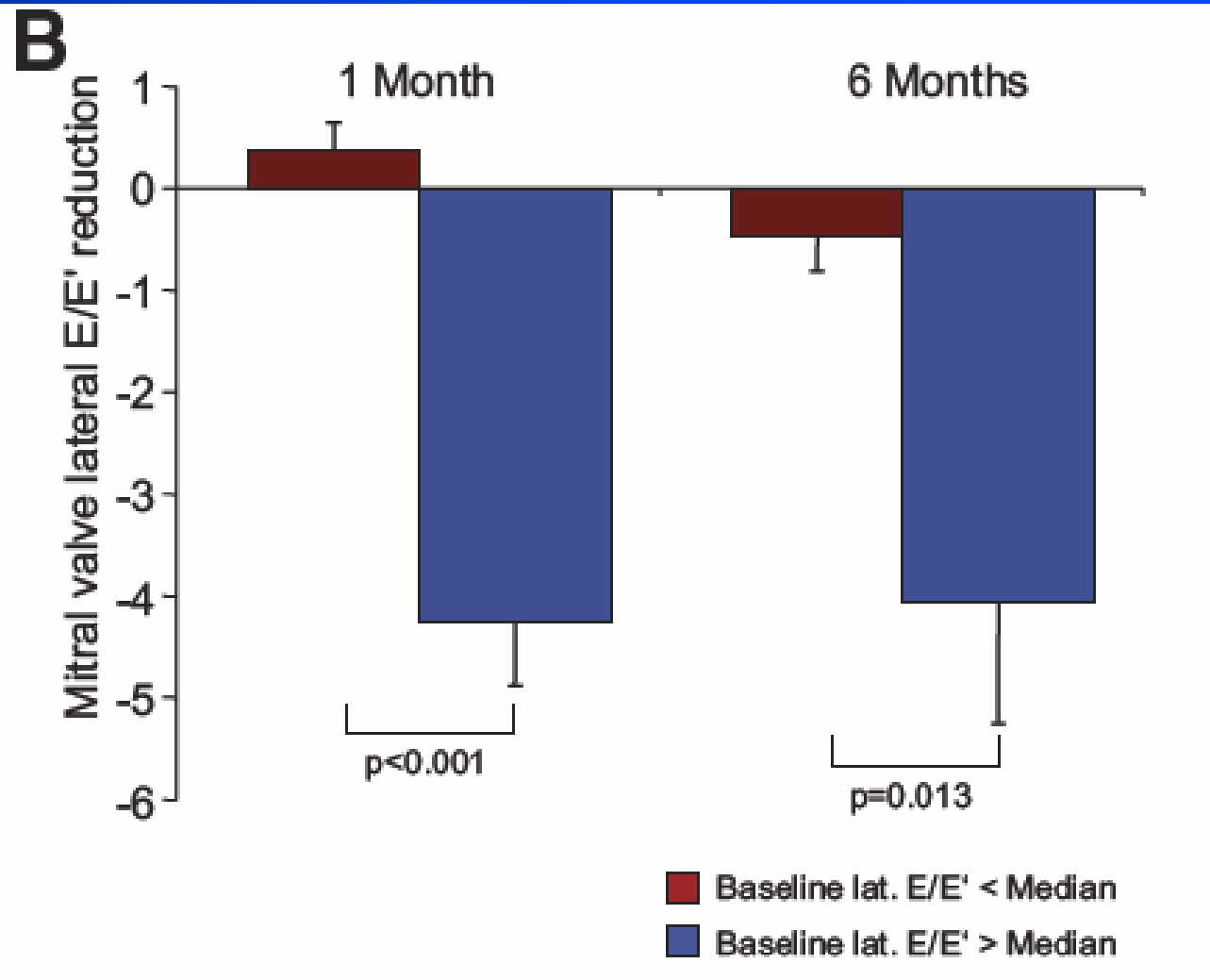
## Left ventricular mass reduction according to blood pressure reduction



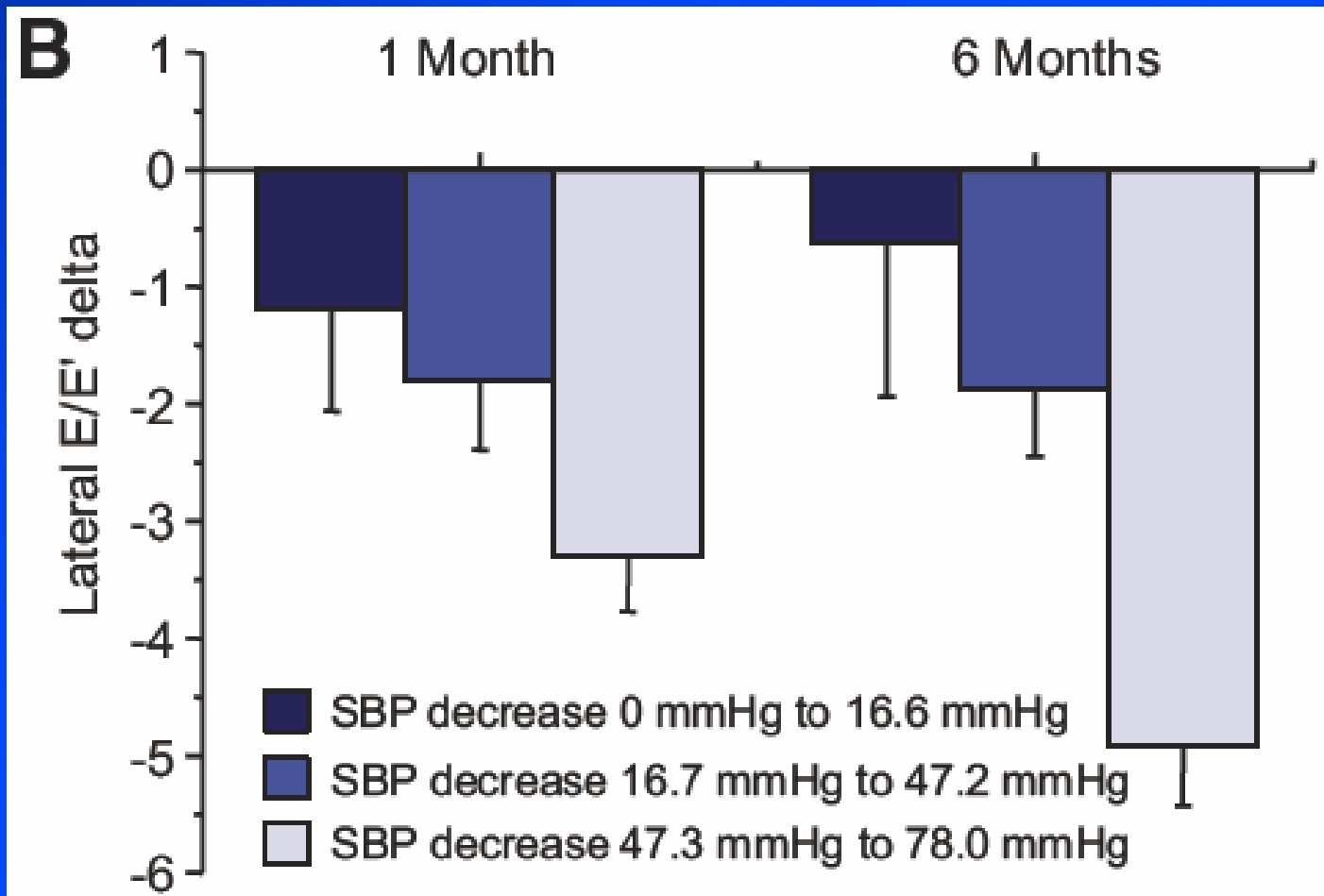
## Left ventricular diastolic function



## Left ventricular diastolic function according to baseline diastolic function

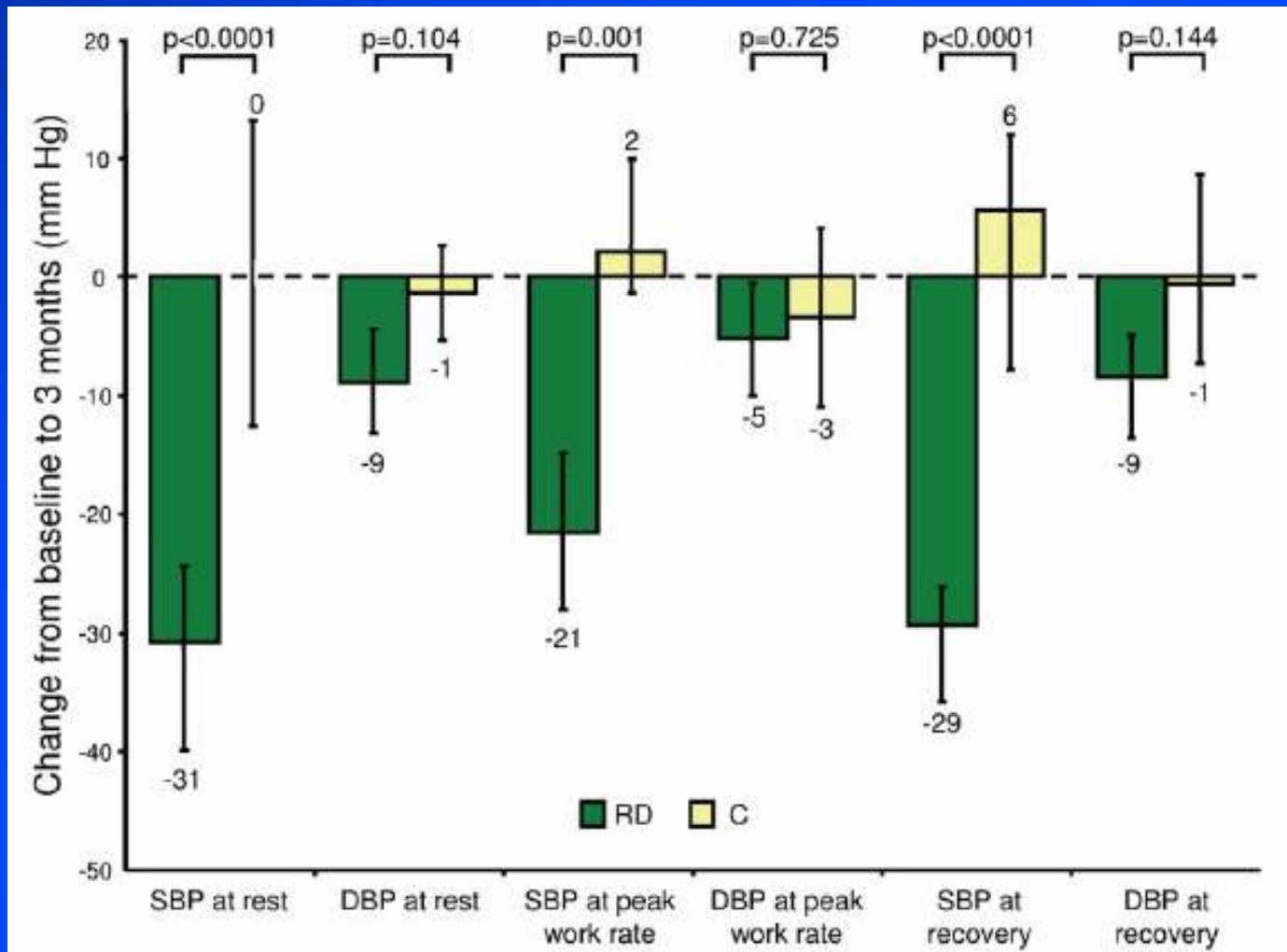


## Left ventricular diastolic function according to blood pressure reduction

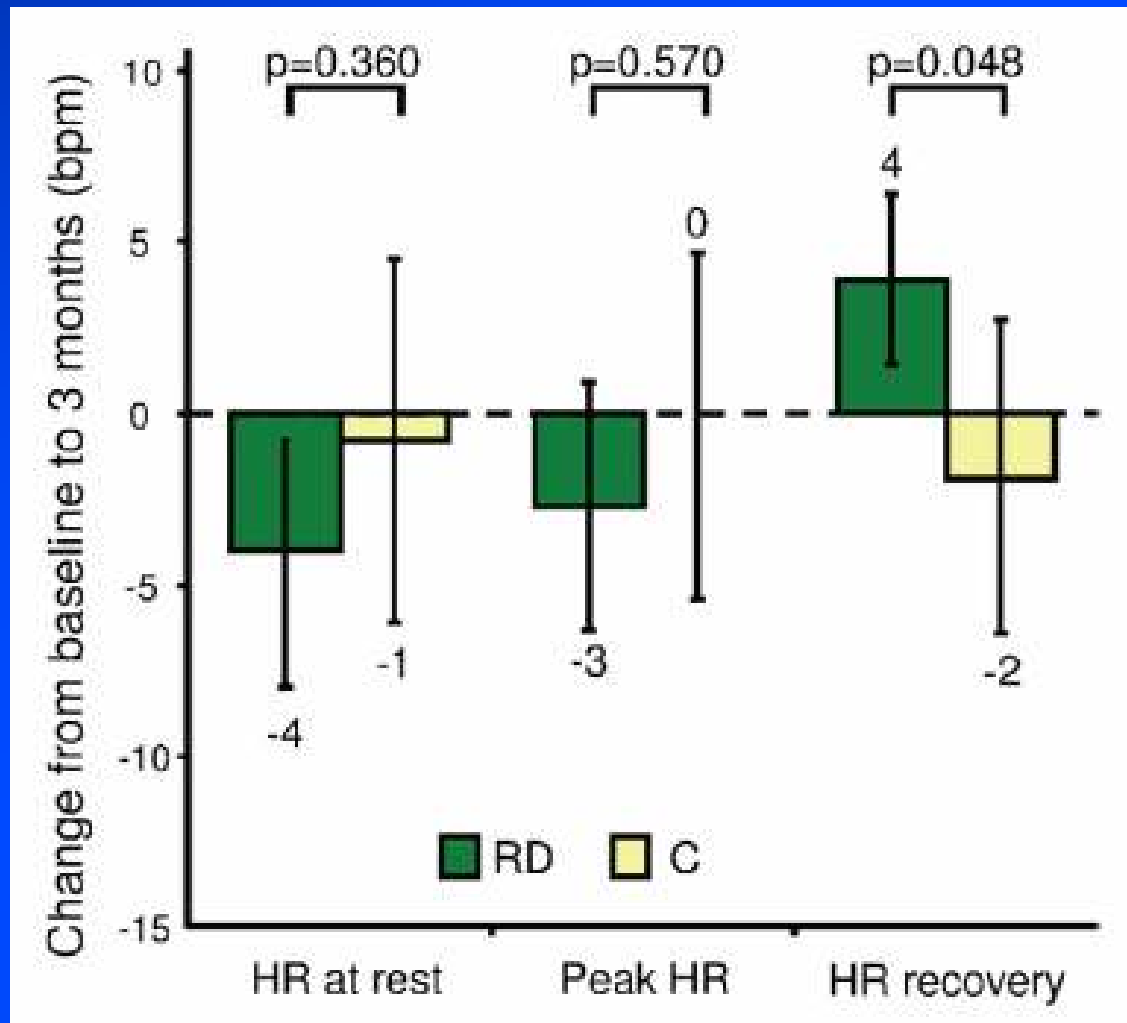




# Exercise blood pressure

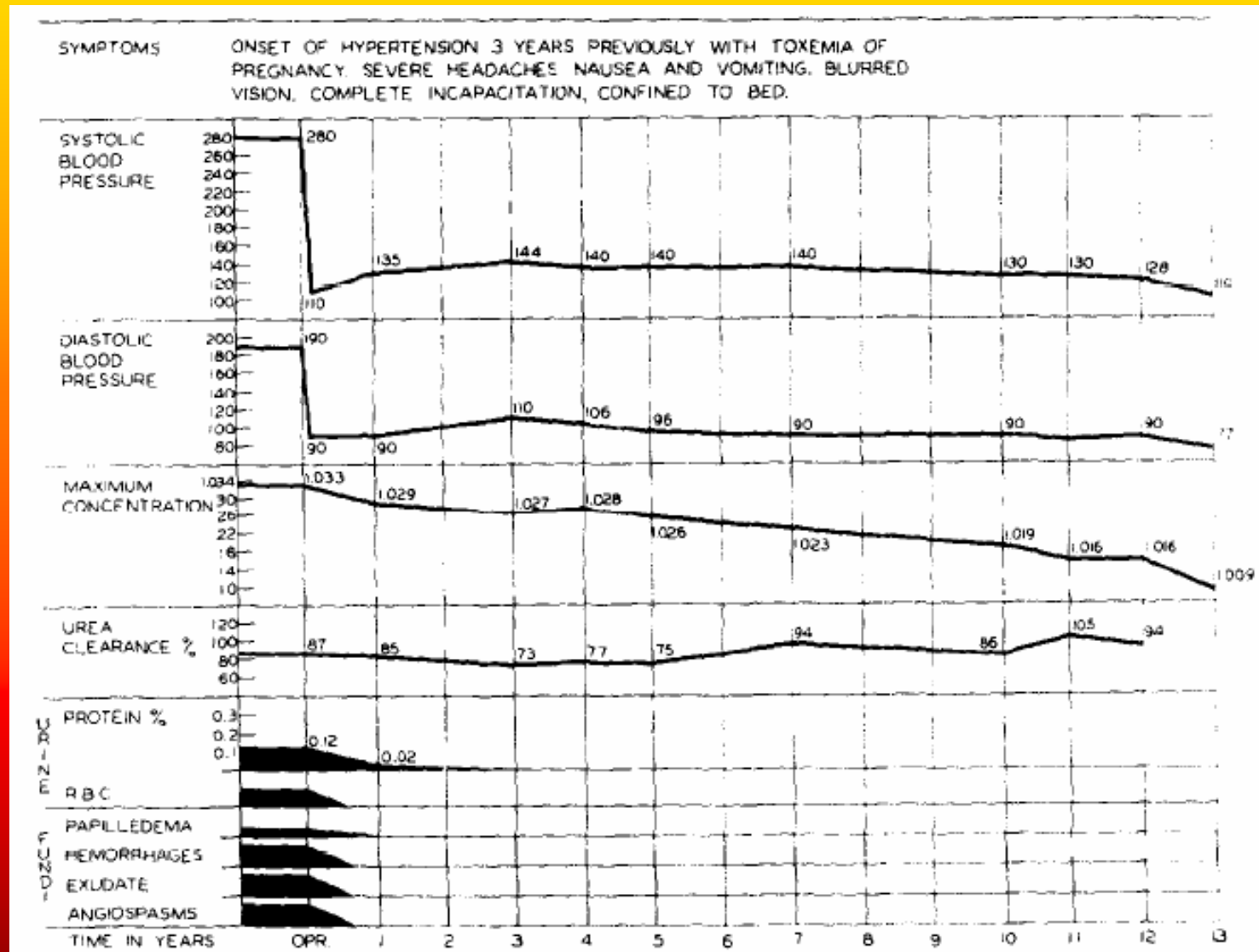


## Exercise heart rate

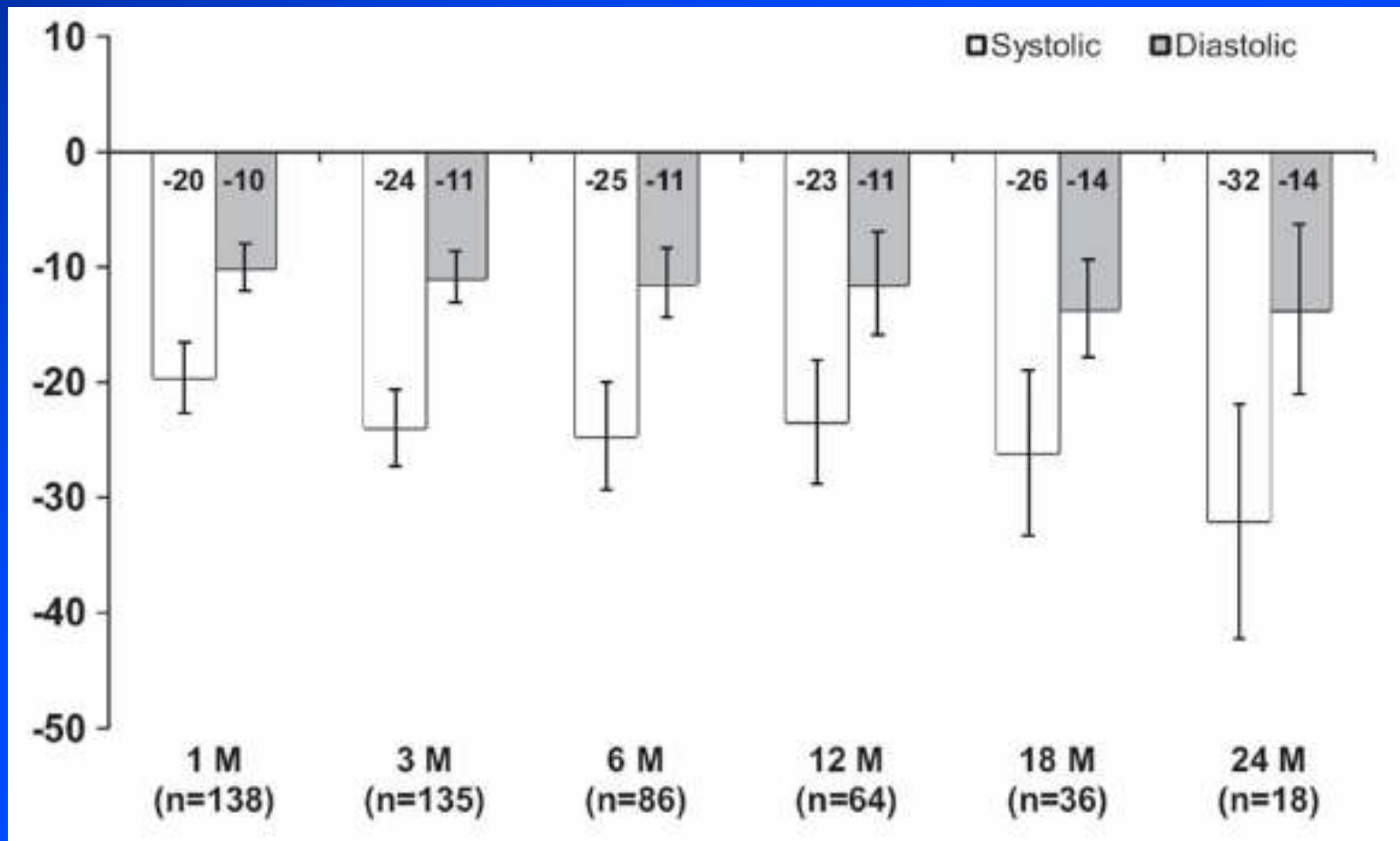


**Long term efficacy**

# BP control was maintained long-term



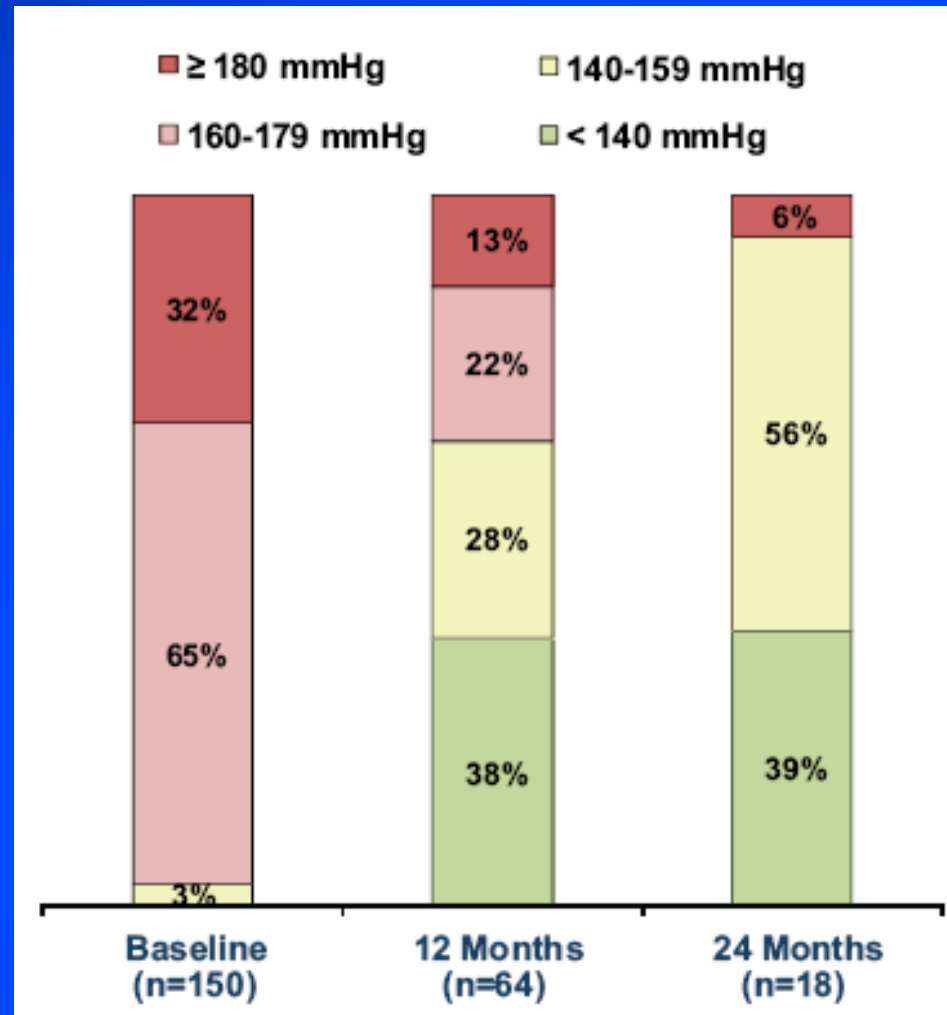
## 2 year durability of bp reduction



## Gradual bp decrease

- Gradual increase in blood pressure response rates, achieving 100% in 3 years
- Response defined as 10 mmHg bp reduction
- **But**
- Open label, small numbers
- Concomitant medications, salt
- Clinical significance in severe HTN?
- Mechanisms?

## 2 year control rates

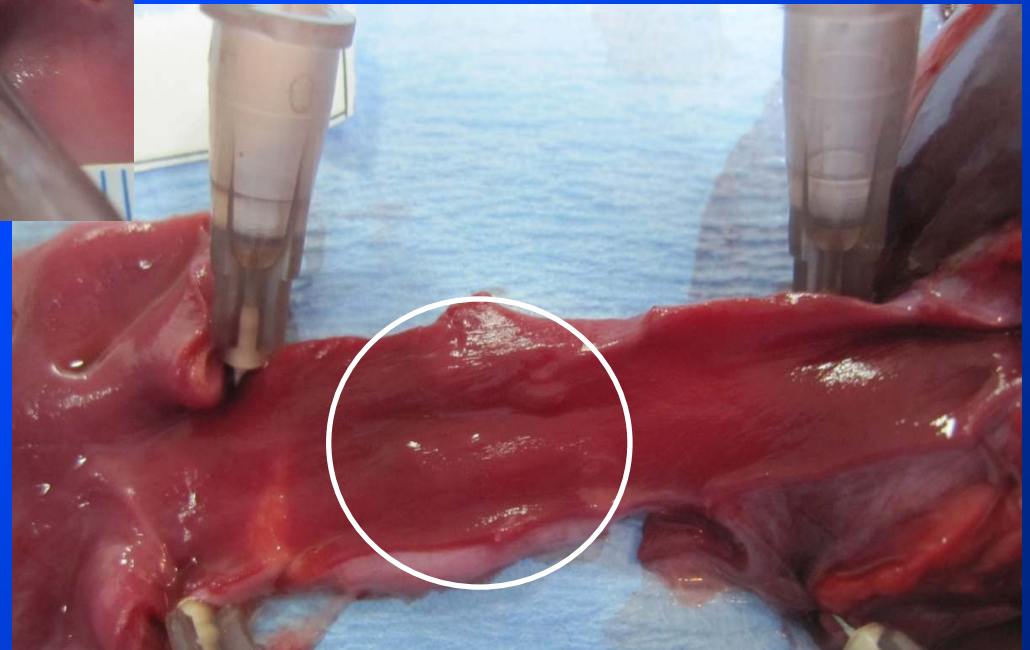


# **Renal artery stenosis**

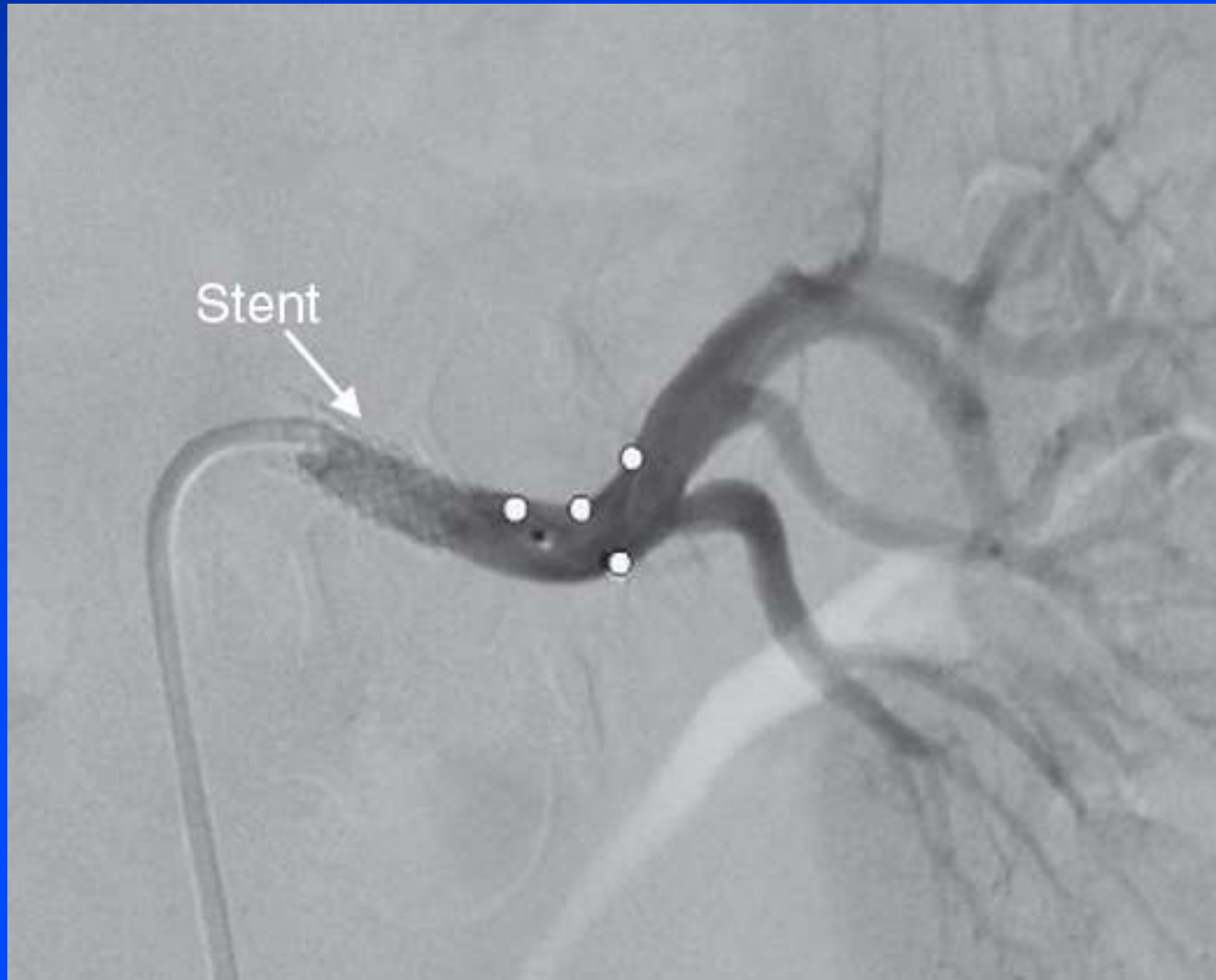


# Preclinical data

## Immediately and one month after RSD



## RSD in renovascular hypertension



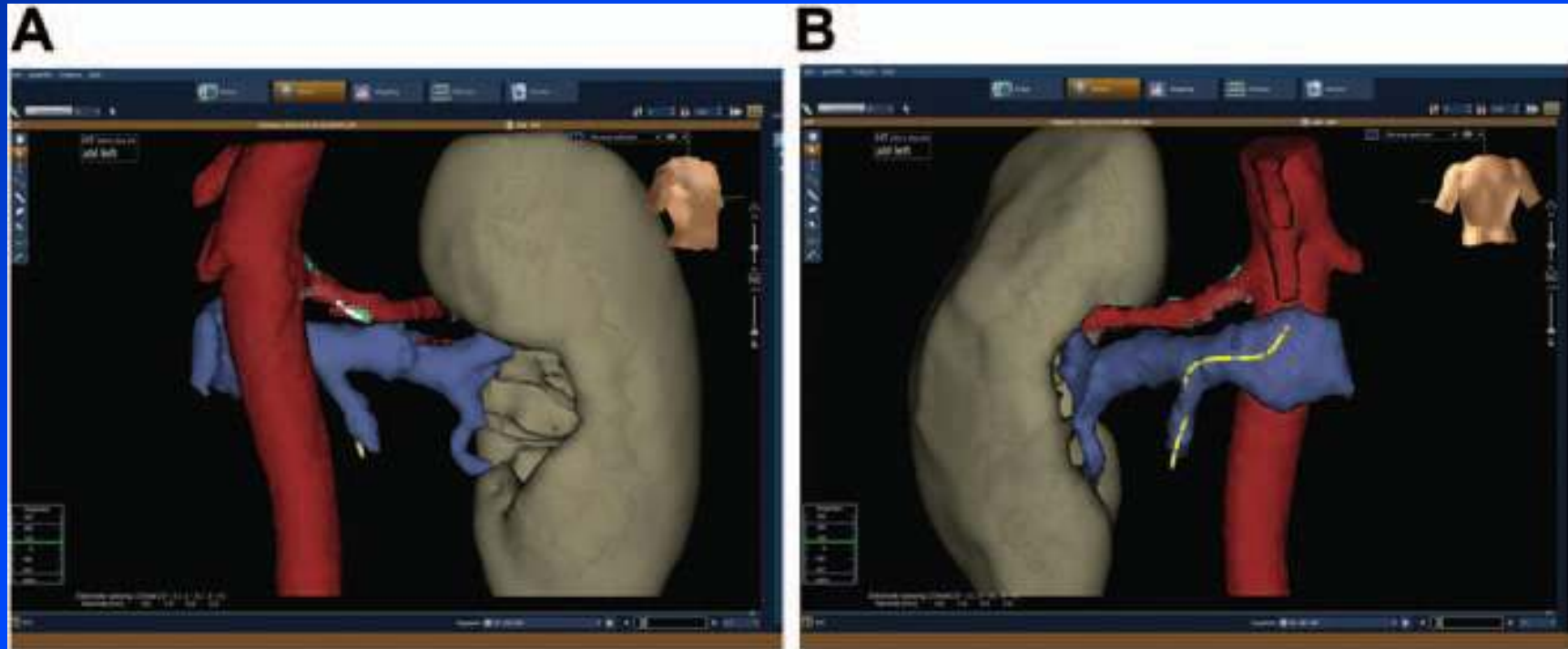
## Dual - auxiliary arteries



# **Contrast-induced nephropathy**

# 3D – Renal sympathetic denervation

Minimal, if any, contrast

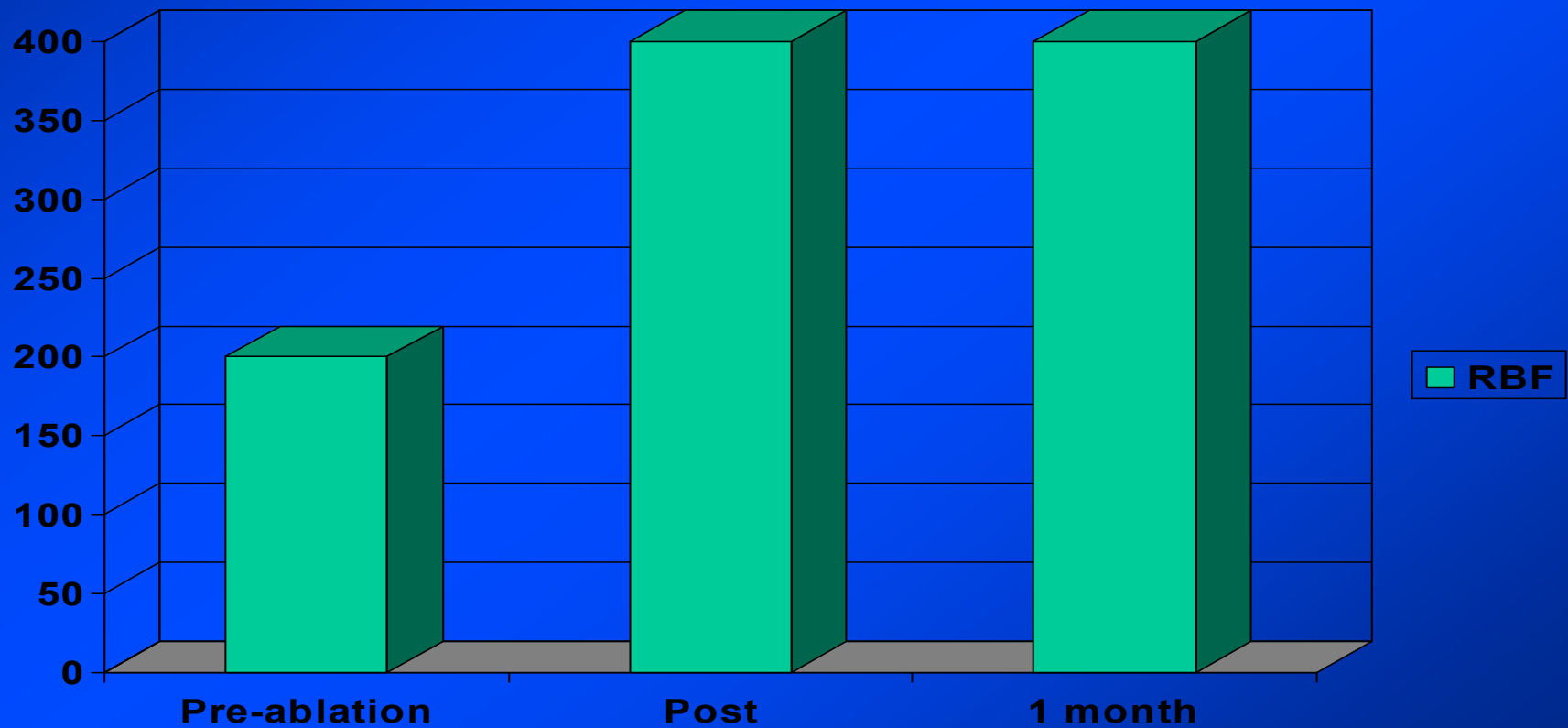


Anterolateral view

Posterior view

# Renal function

## RSD – Renal blood flow



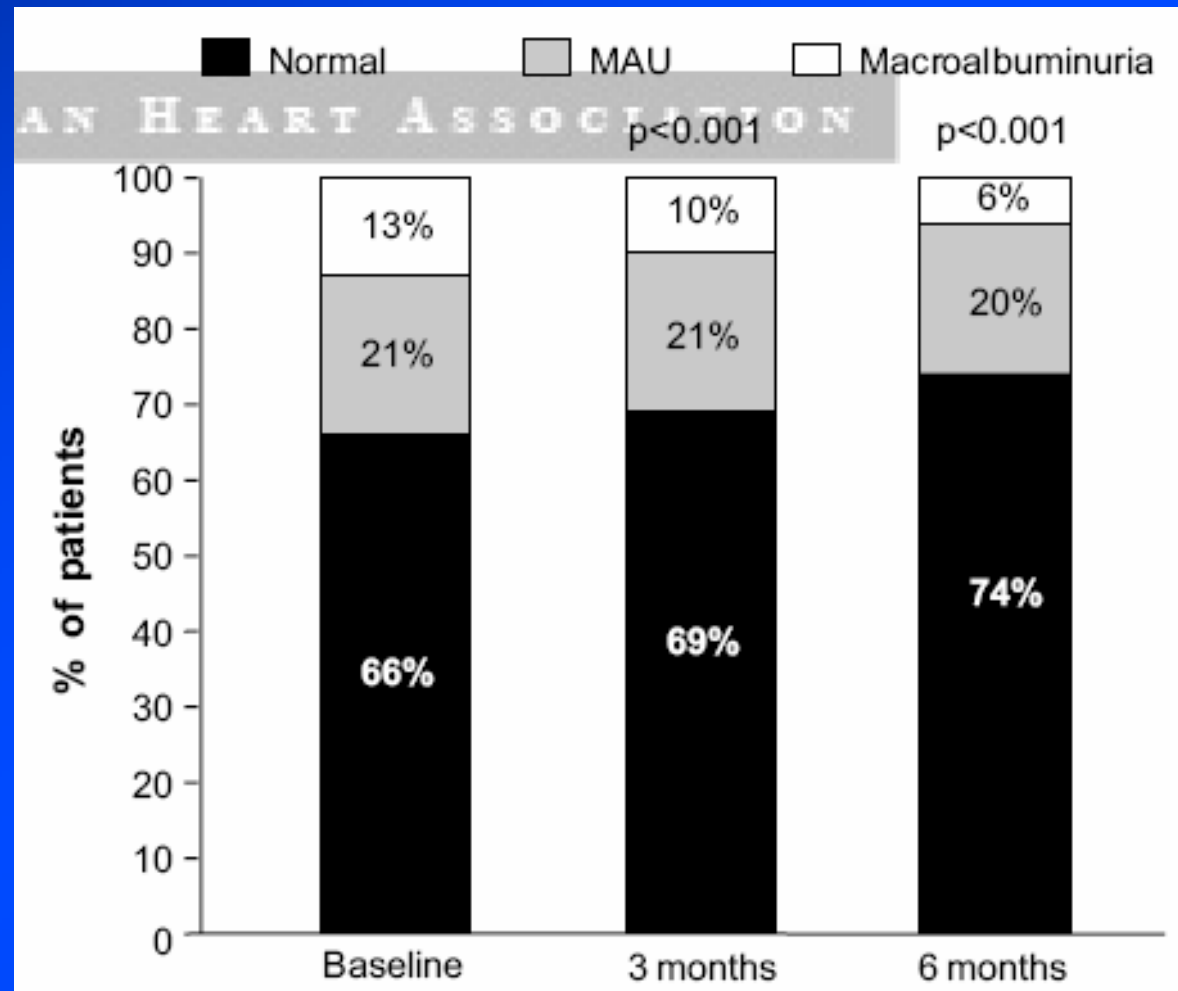
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## RSD and renal function

Parameter	Treatment Group (n=88)				Control Group (n=12)			
	3 mo	P Value*	6 mo	P Value†	3 mo	P Value*	6 mo	P Value†
SBP, mm Hg	-22.7±2.3 (-13%)	<0.001	-26.6±2.5 (-15%)	<0.001	-7.2±7.6 (-4%)	0.301	-4.4±6.2 (-2%)	0.479
DBP, mm Hg	-7.7±1.3 (-8%)	<0.001	-9.7±1.5 (-10%)	<0.001	-4.1±4.7 (-4%)	0.403	-3.0±4.3 (-3%)	0.506
PP, mm Hg	-15.1±2.1 (-19%)	<0.001	-17.5±2.0 (-22%)	<0.001	-3.9±4.7 (4%)	0.430	-1.6±5.2 (-2%)	0.766
Cystatin C	-4.2±2.8 (-5%)	0.107	-4.0±2.8 (-5%)	0.161	-9.4±12.5 (-10%)	0.458	-15.1±11.1 (-15%)	0.208
GFR, mL/min								
RRI	-0.017±0.003 (-2%)	0.037	-0.021±0.004 (-3%)	0.017	+0.029±0.016 (+4%)	0.114	-0.002±0.022 (±0%)	0.943
UACR, mg/mmol	-0.49±0.51 (-31%)	0.335	-0.25±0.35 (-16%)	0.471	-0.48±0.56 (-32%)	0.407	+0.17±0.29 (+11%)	0.573



## RSD and renal albumin excretion



## Renal Sympathetic Denervation: Renal Function Concerns

*To the Editor:*

We have read the report of the Simplicity HTN-1 investigators on the 2-year durability of blood pressure reduction induced by catheter-based renal sympathetic denervation with great excitement<sup>1</sup> because it represents a promising approach for treatment of resistant hypertension.<sup>2</sup> However, several concerns arise that require clarification.

First, the effect of renal sympathetic denervation on renal function should be dealt with the greatest circumspection. In the 10 patients with available 2-year estimated glomerular filtration rate data, a decrease by  $-16.0$  mL/min per  $1.73$  m<sup>2</sup> was noticed, which was as well observed to a lesser but significant degree ( $-7.8$  mL/min per  $1.73$  m<sup>2</sup>) in 5 of those patients who did not have spironolactone or another diuretic added after the first year of follow-up. This can be considered a dramatic fall when compared with the change observed in recent studies, for example, under antihypertensive treatment with ramipril ( $-1.96$  mL/min per  $1.73$  m<sup>2</sup>) or telmisartan ( $-3.05$  mL/min per  $1.73$  m<sup>2</sup>) for the same follow-up period, in the Ongoing Telmisartan Alone and in Combination With Ramipril Global Endpoint Trial in high-risk patients.<sup>3</sup> Of note, patients undergoing renal denervation had significantly higher estimated glomerular filtration rate levels at baseline than the Ongoing Telmisartan Alone and in Combination With Ramipril Global Endpoint Trial participants ( $83$  versus  $73.6$  mL/min per  $1.73$  m<sup>2</sup>, respectively). The impact

the 138 patients with available data on the first month after the procedure ( $-12/-8$  versus  $-20/-10$  mm Hg, respectively), ever since the third month of follow-up, their blood pressure reduction overcomes the mean blood pressure reduction of the whole group, which is particularly evident at 12 months ( $-33/-18$  versus  $-23/-11$  mm Hg, respectively). It would be interesting to know whether any antihypertensive drugs were added to these patients after the first month of follow-up, which might explain this divergence. The addition of low doses of spironolactone in patients with treatment-resistant hypertension may switch them over to the blood pressure control group,<sup>4</sup> and it seems that  $\geq 5$  of the 18 patients who completed the 2-year follow-up had spironolactone or another diuretic added after the first year.

Third, estimation of blood pressure reduction is based on office measurements and not on ambulatory blood pressure monitoring recordings, which is potentially limiting the validity of the findings.

### Disclosures

None.

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**2y - eGFR: - 16,0 ml/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup> - spiro**

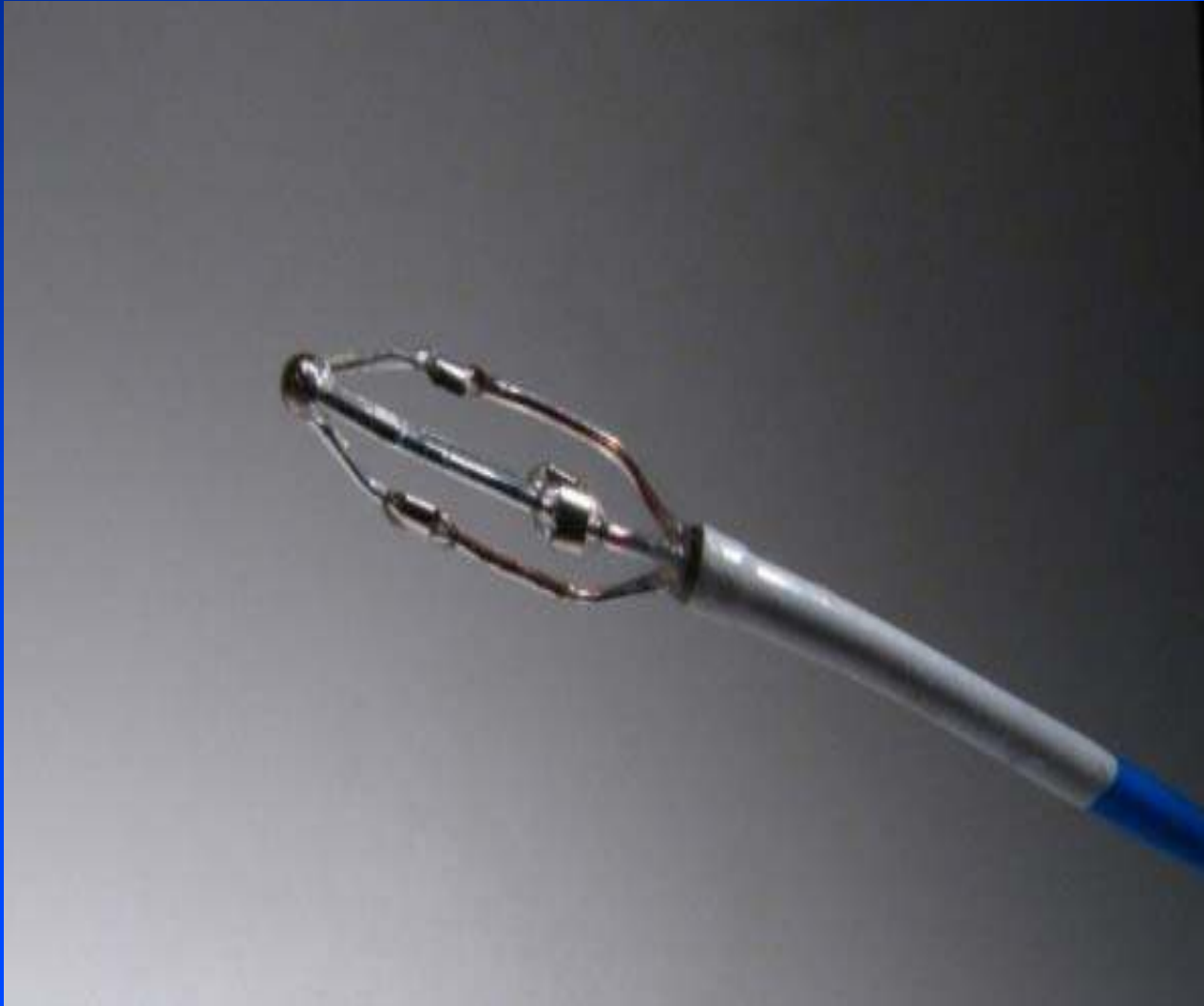
**2y - eGFR: - 7,8 ml/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>**

**The bright side of the moon**

## The future

- To Improve CV outcomes?? Stroke, MI's? HF?
- Treatment of milder forms of HTN? Initial therapy?
- Hypertension in ESRD?
- Hypertension and HF, HFPEF??
- To slow atherosclerosis?
- Prevent diabetes?
- Prevent arrhythmia?
- Prevention of Renal Disease progression??
- ????

## Other devices St Jude

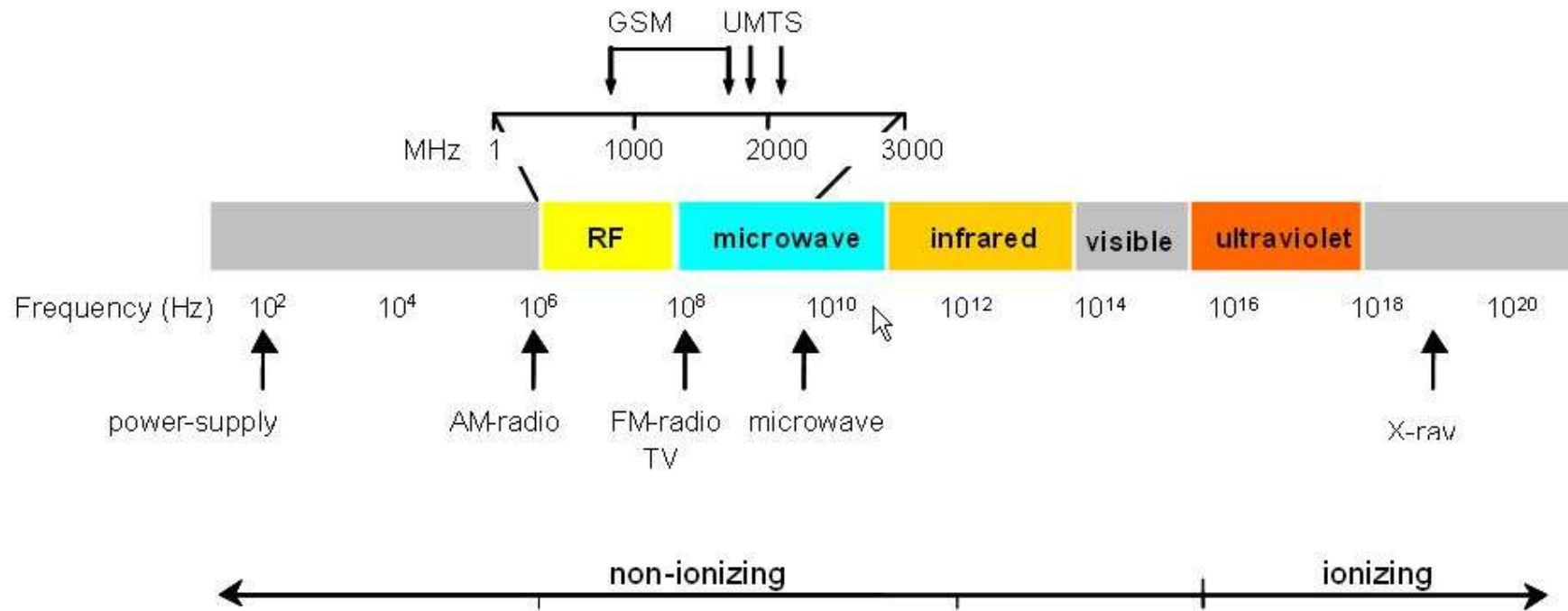


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# The future

## Forms of energy

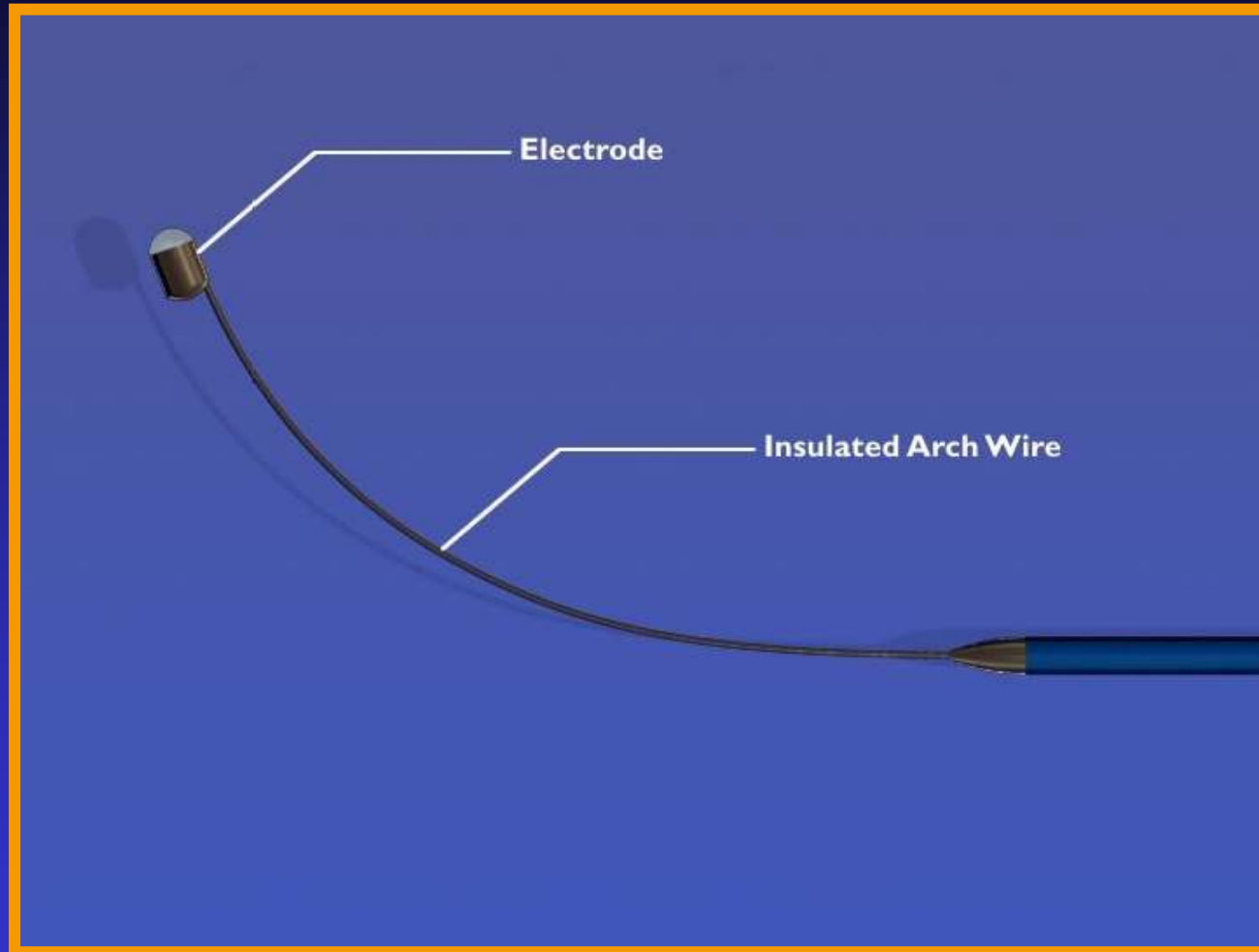


## Other devices

<b>System</b>	<b>Overview</b>	<b>Data</b>	<b>BP drop mm Hg</b>
<b>Paradise (ReCor Medical)</b>	<b>Ultrasound energy</b>	<b>First-in-human (15 patients)</b>	<b>-32/-16 at 3 mo</b>
<b>Vascular renal denervation (Vessix)</b>	<b>Bipolar RF balloon catheter</b>	<b>REDUCE-HTN pilot (10 patients)</b>	<b>-30/-11 at 1 mo</b>
<b>Tivus (Cardiosonic)</b>	<b>Ultrasound energy</b>	<b>Animal data only</b>	<b>N/A</b>

# Symlicity<sup>®</sup> Catheter System

RF Ablation for Renal Denervation

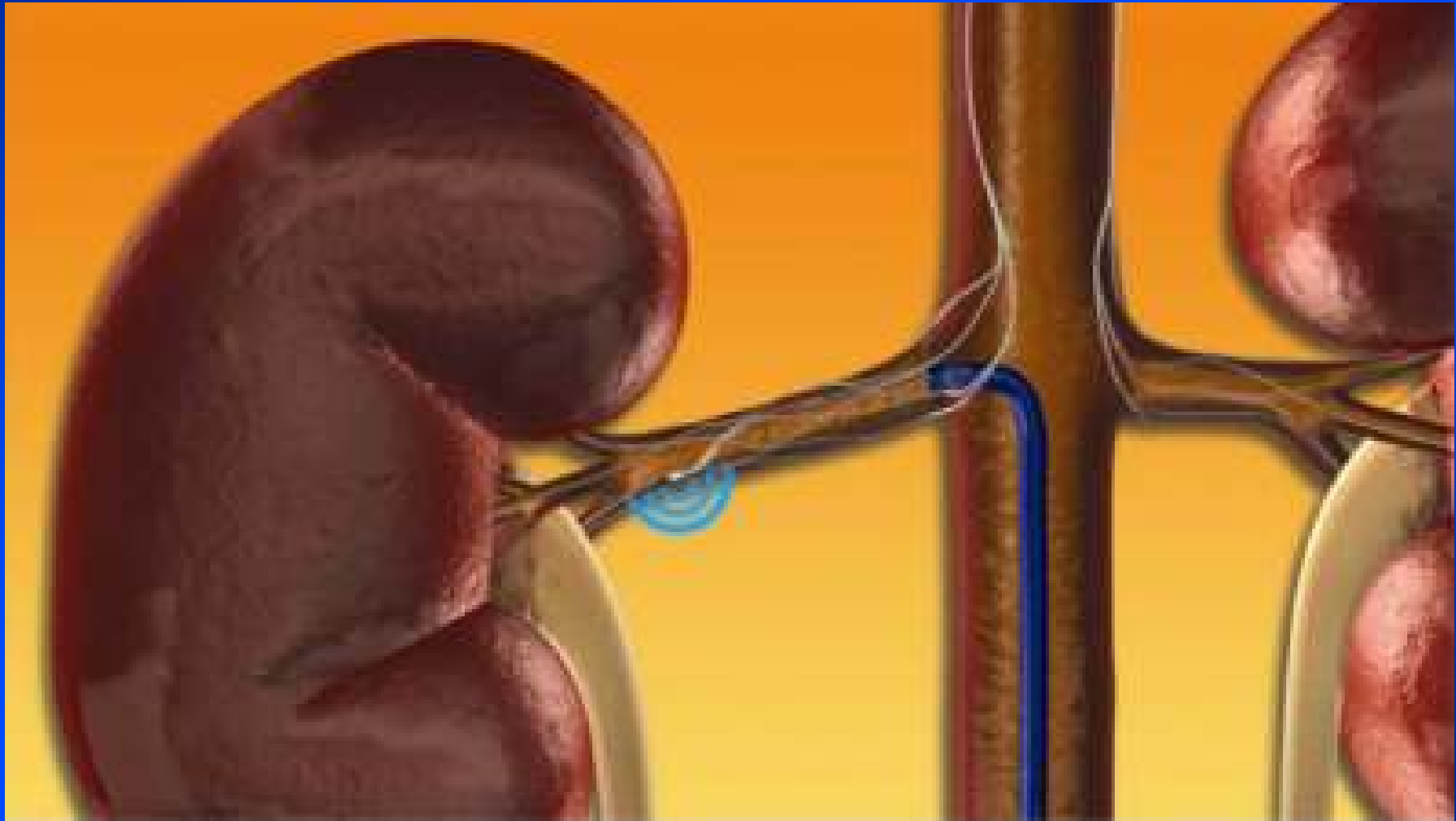




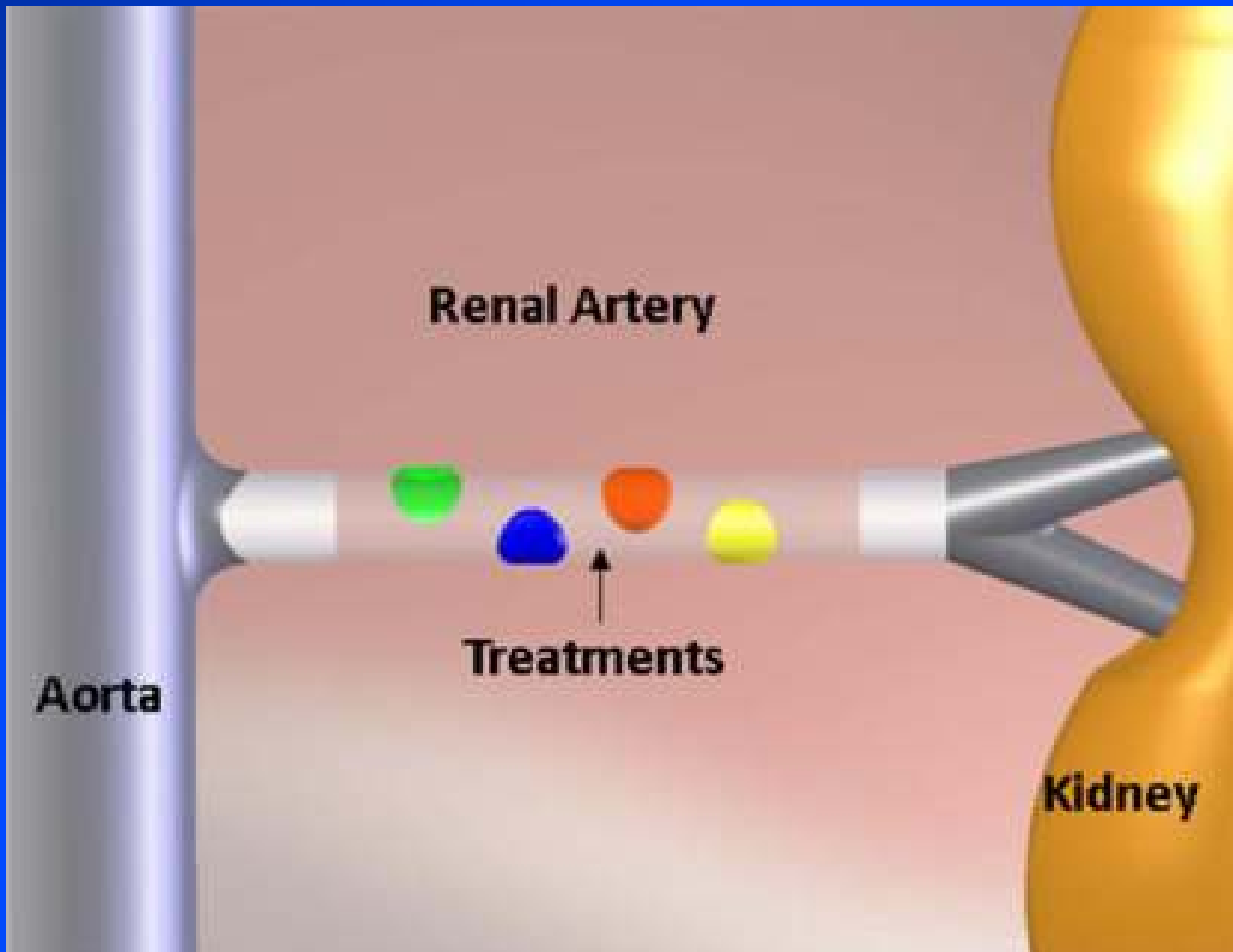
# Placement



# Renal sympathetic denervation Schematic representation



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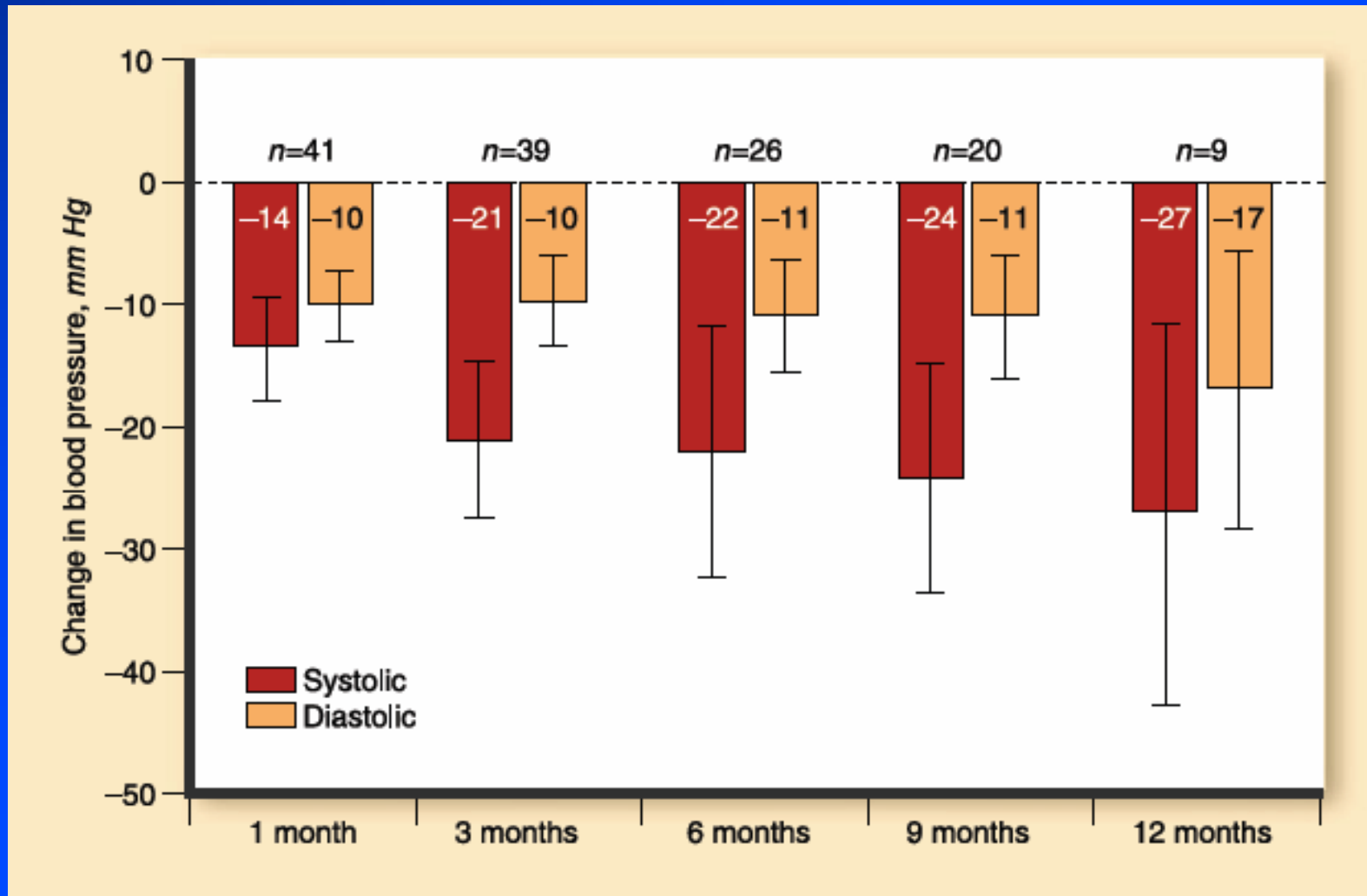
## Renal sympathetic denervation



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# Symplicity - 1



## Interventional management of resistant hypertension



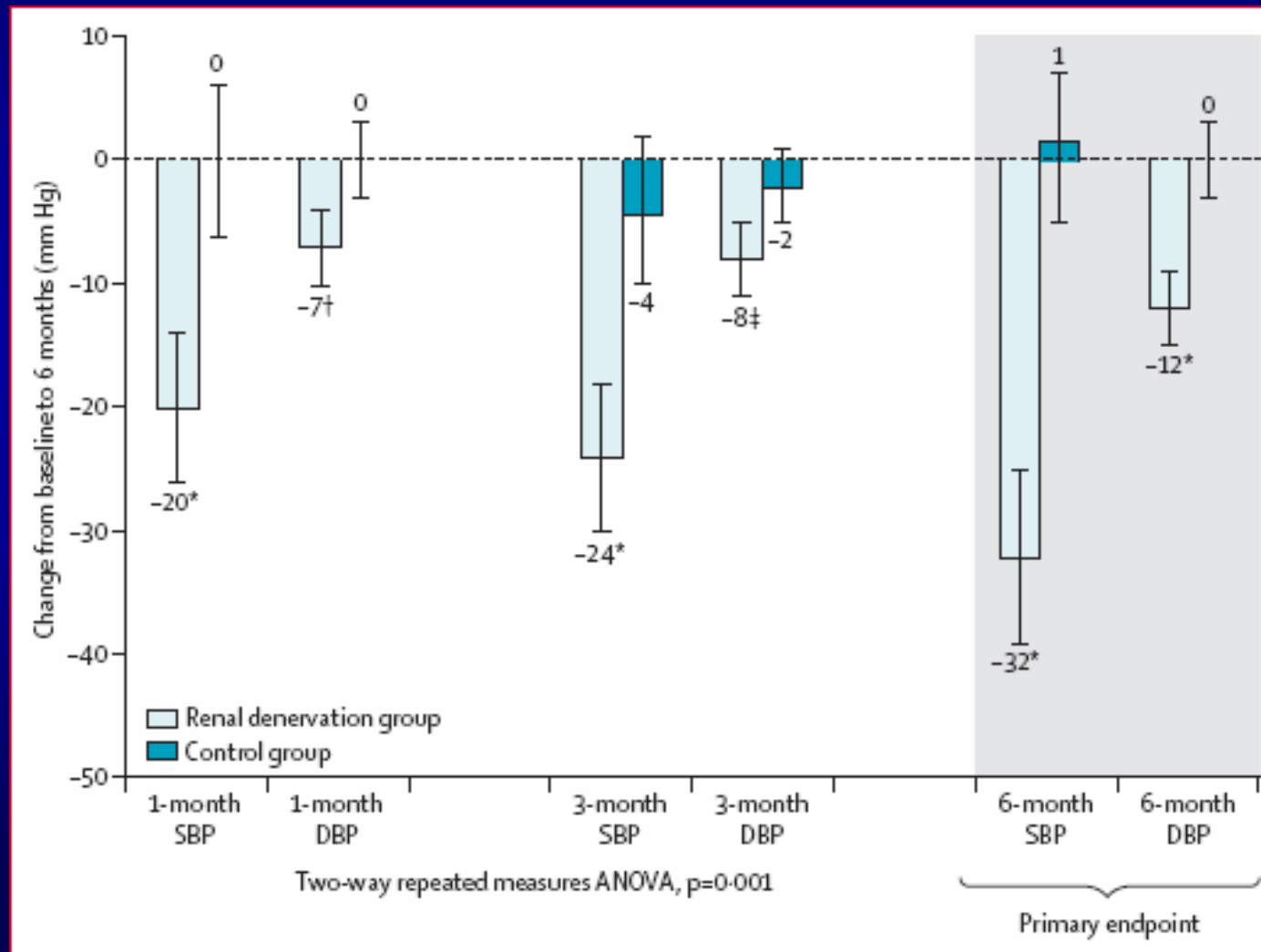
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**Need for a  
Randomized, controlled study**

# Renal sympathetic denervation in patients with treatment-resistant hypertension (The Symplicity HTN-2 Trial): a randomised controlled trial





**ABPM reduction**

# Should ambulatory blood pressure be mandatory in future studies in resistant hypertension?

Study (Author, Year)	Type of treatment	Treatment modality	Type of hypertension	Number of patients with office/ABPM measurements	Follow-up period	Baseline office SBP/DBP (mmHg)	Baseline 24-hour SBP/DBP (mmHg)	Reduction in office SBP/DBP (mmHg)	Reduction in 24-hour SBP/DBP (mmHg)	24-hour SBP reduction over office SBP reduction (%)	24-hour DBP reduction over office DBP reduction (%)
Mancia et al., 2004	Pharmacological	Antihypertensive medication	Moderate, Severe	About 5,800 (5,842 with SBP, 5,764 with DBP)	1 – 144 weeks	161.9/100.2	151.5/94.5	19.1/10.3	12.5/8.3	65%	81%
Ishikawa et al., 2008	Pharmacological	Antihypertensive medication	Moderate, Severe	1,246	1 week – 1 year	NA	NA	15.2/10.2	11.9/8.5	65%	83%
Bakris et al., 2010	Pharmacological	Darusentan	Resistant	364/ 279	14 weeks	151/88	134/78	15/10	10/8	67%	80%
Scheffers et al., 2010	Invasive	Rheos device	Resistant	37/26	3 months	179/105	NA	21/12	6/4	29%	33%
Krum et al., 2009	Invasive	RSD	Resistant	45/9 (responders)	1 month	177/101	NA	27/NA	11/NA	41%	NA
Simplicity HTN-2 investigators, 2010	Invasive	RSD	Resistant	49/20	6 months	178/96	NA	32/12	11/7	34%	58%
Witkowski et al., 2011	Invasive	RSD	Resistant, comorbid OSA	10	6 months	173/106	140/82	34/13	6/NA	18%	NA

## RSD in CKD patients

Table 3. Office and ambulatory BP and heart rate before and after renal denervation

Measurement	Baseline (n=15)	3-Month Follow-up (n=15)	6-Month Follow-up (n=8)	P Values	
				Baseline versus 3-Month Follow-up	Between Treatments
SBP					
office (mmHg)	174±22	147±29	145±18	<0.001	<0.001
ABPM mean (mmHg)	159±14	153±16	154±21	0.24	0.49
ABPM daytime (mmHg)	160±14	156±19	160±14	0.53	0.84
ABPM night-time (mmHg)	154±16	140±22	144±22	0.03	0.10
maximum night-time (mmHg)	185±19	171±22	166±33	0.04	0.14
dipping status (%)	4±6	11±9	10±9	0.01	0.04
rate of rise (mmHg/hr)	12.07±7.7	2.09±1.6	4.8±6.1	0.05	0.03
BP power surge (log) (mmHg)	1.6±1.8	0.6±1.0	1.4±1.0	0.01	0.03
Night-to-day ratio	0.96±0.06	0.89±0.08	0.89±0.08	0.01	0.04

# **The dark side of the moon**

## Interventional management of resistant hypertension



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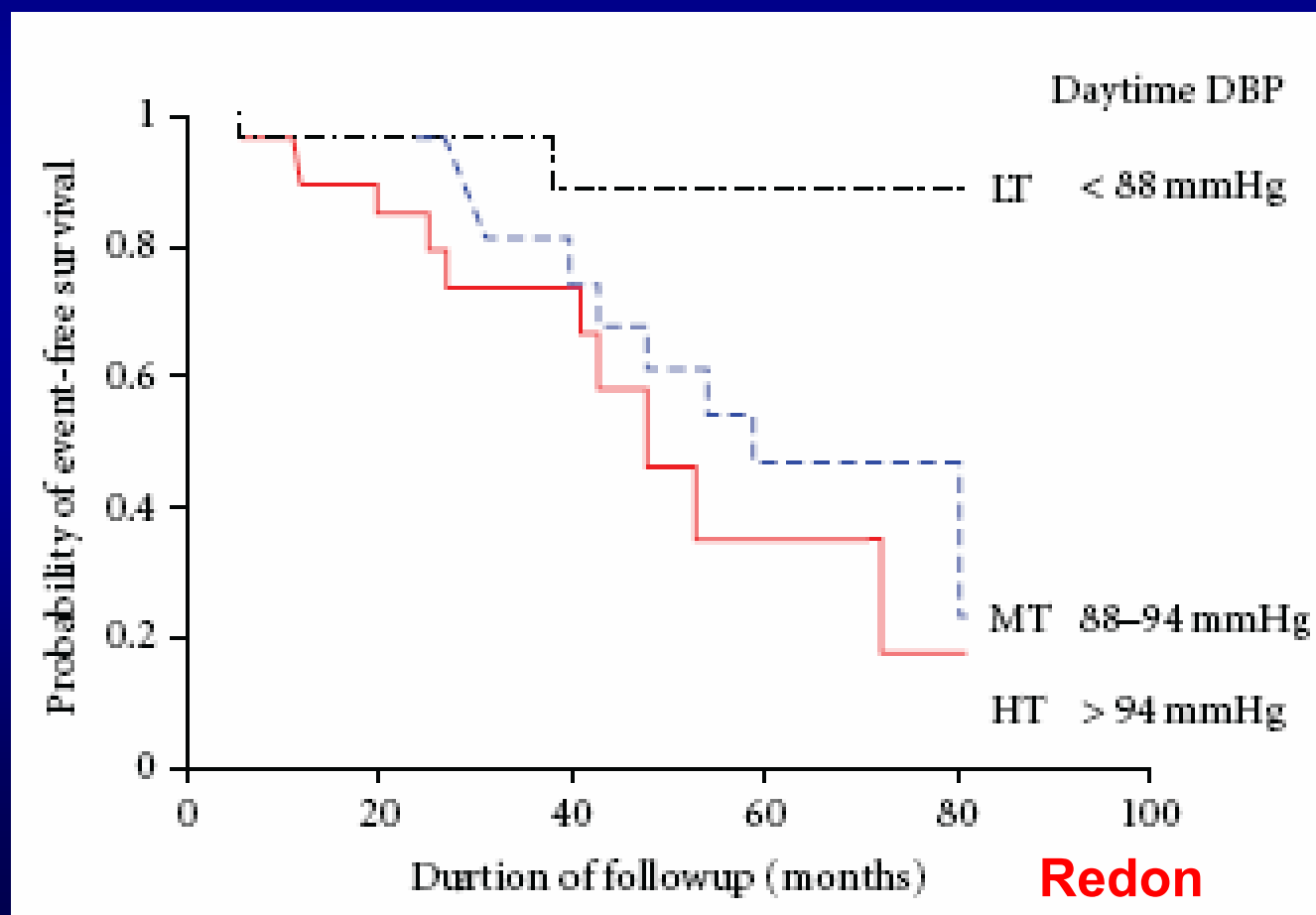
tension. Every innovative technique raises several questions that need to be answered: is this effective and safe; is it meaningful with a rationale; what are the long-term results; are there limitations; what else has to follow; and can it be widely applied?

**Concerns !!!**

# Benefits from Treatment and Control of Patients with Resistant Hypertension

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**In patients,  
whose hearts have been beating  
with undue quickness and force,  
I have often,  
in a few seconds,  
retarded their motion many  
pulsations in a minute,  
by strong pressure on one of the  
carotid arteries**



MC  
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# THE THERAPEUTICS OF THE CIRCULATION

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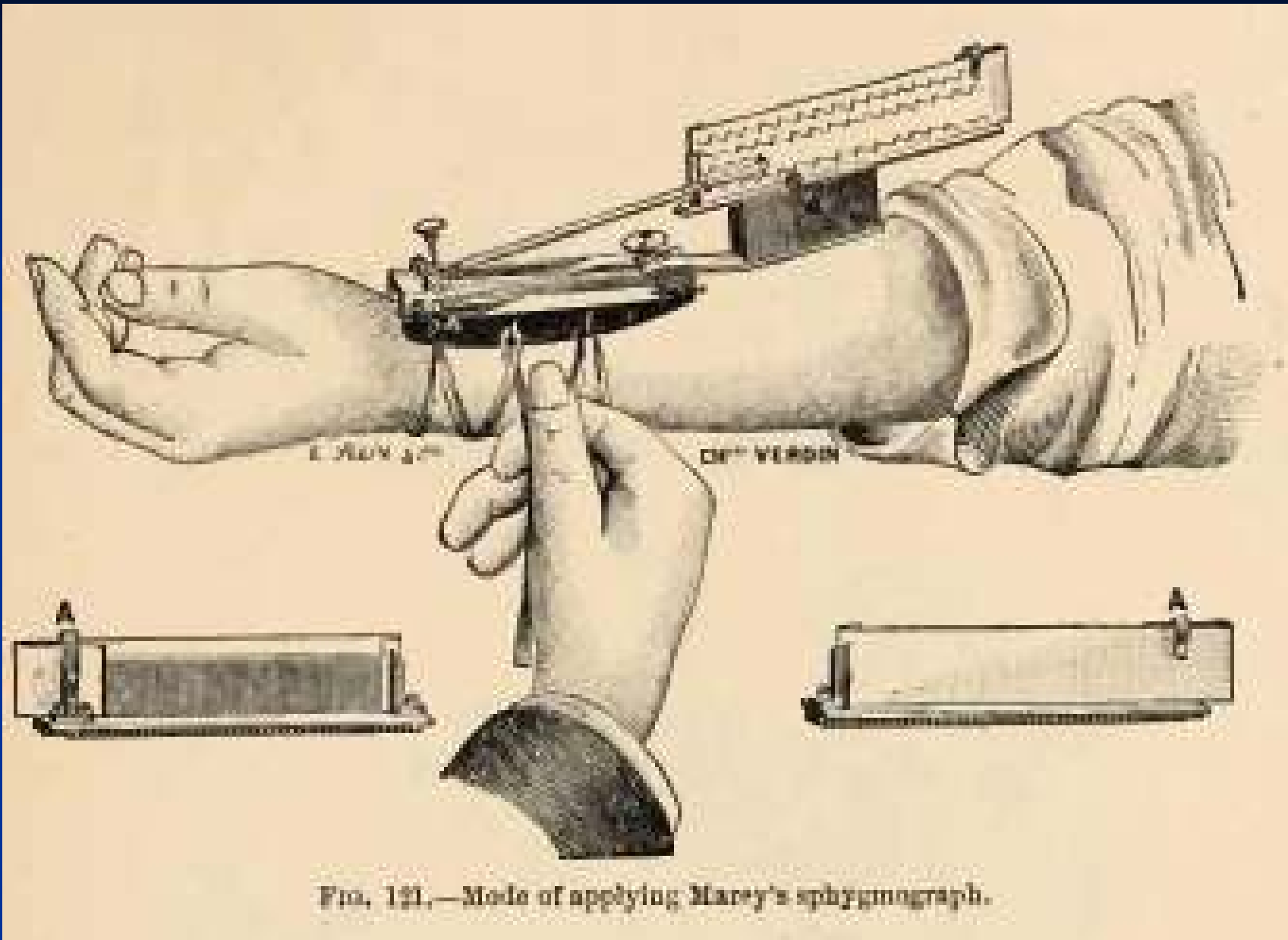
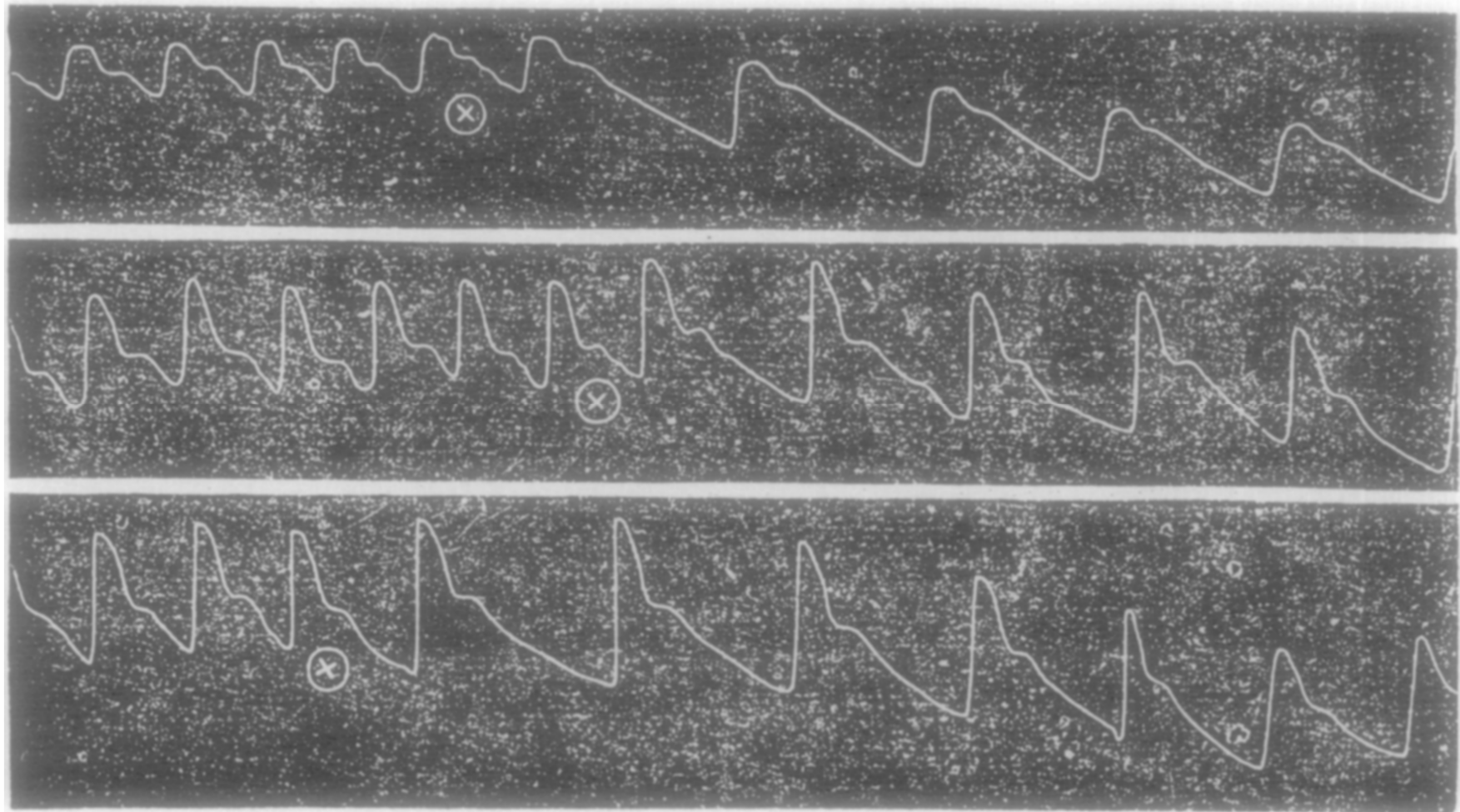


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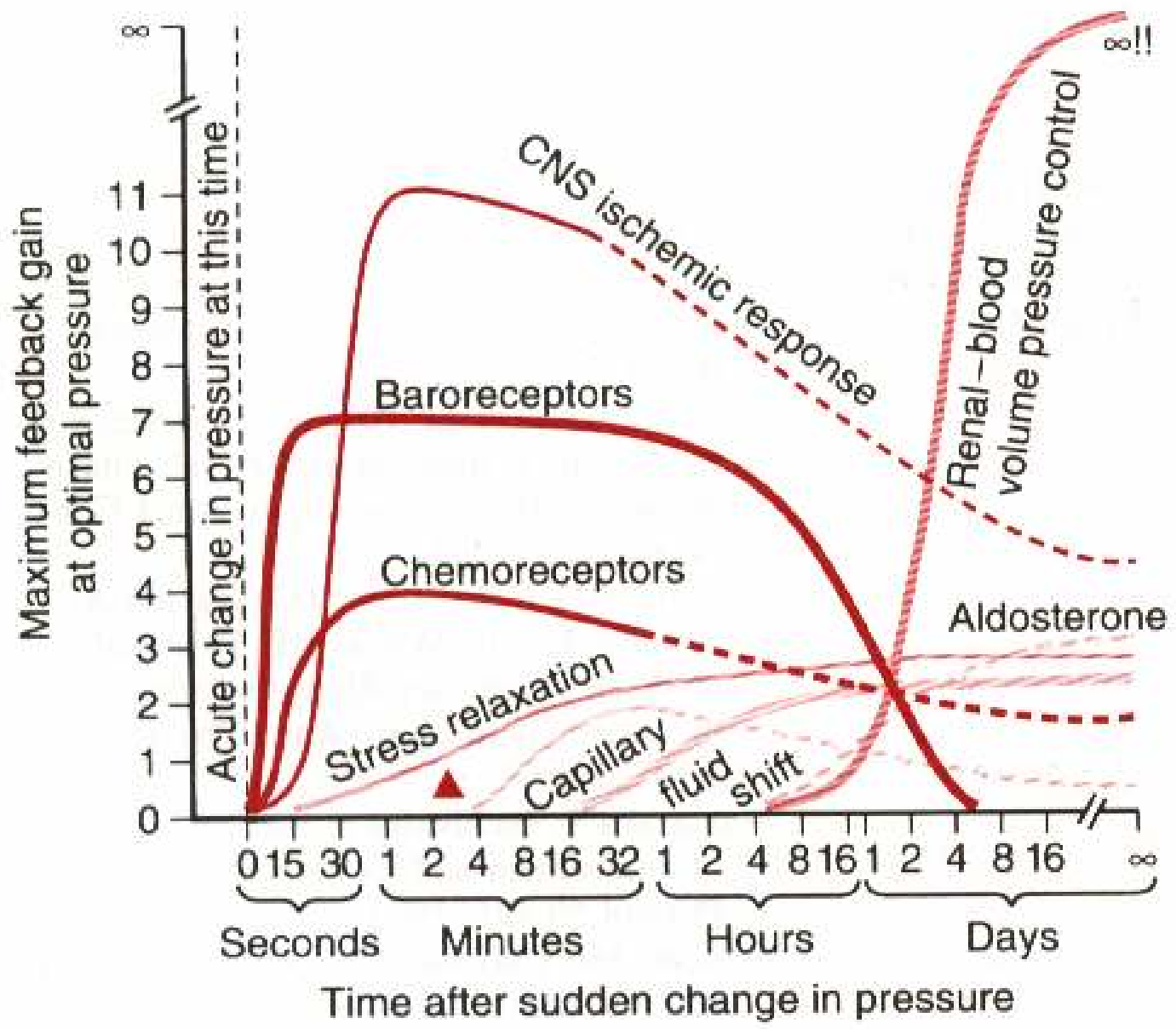
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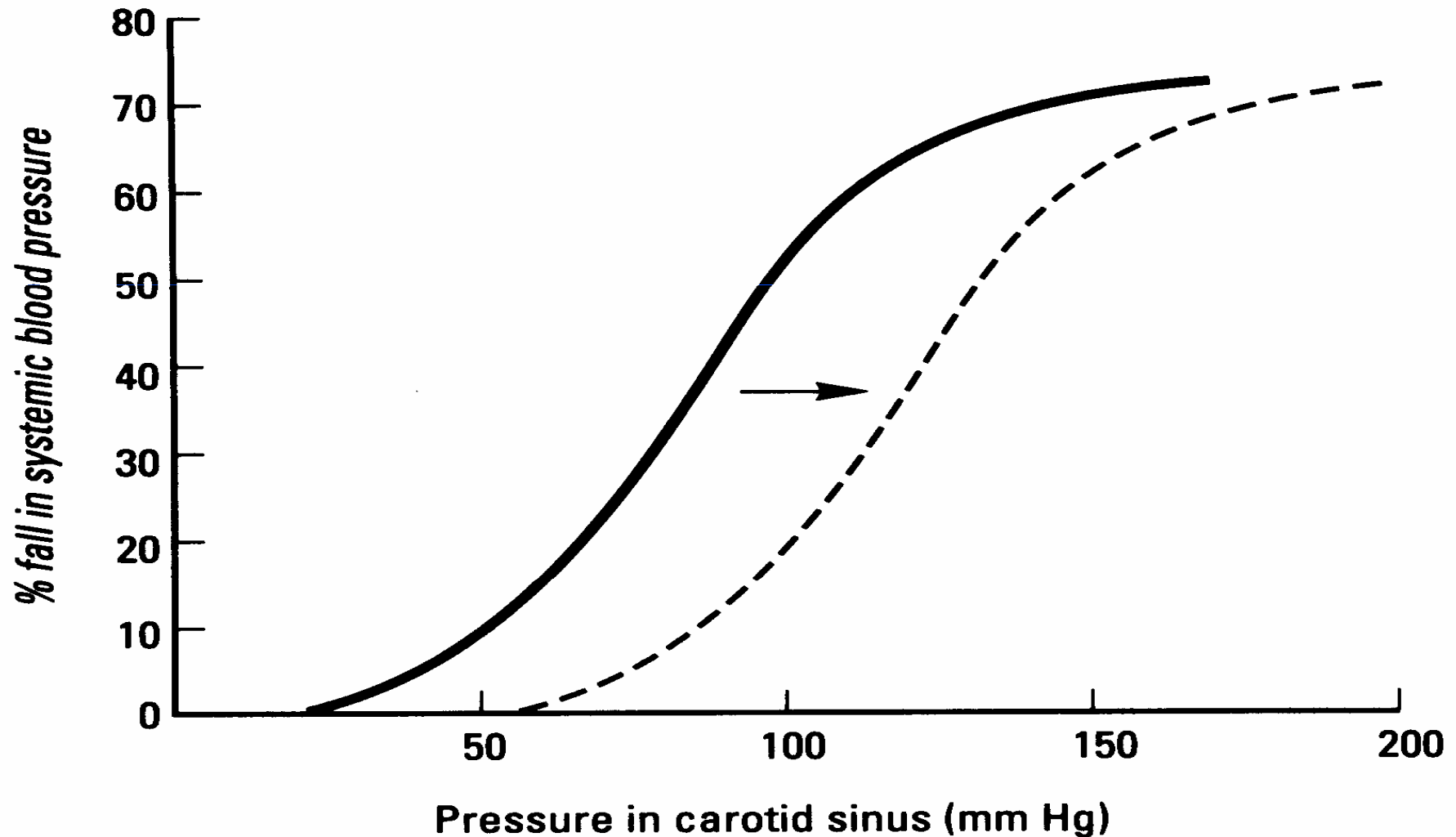
# Carotid baroreceptor stimulation



Czermak 1865



▲ Renin-angiotensin-vasoconstriction



**Figure 31-9. Solid line:** Fall in system blood pressure produced by raising the pressure in the isolated carotid sinus of a normal monkey to various values. **Dashed line:** Response in a hypertensive monkey, demonstrating baroreceptor resetting.

# Carotid Sinus Nerve Stimulation in the Treatment of Angina Pectoris and Supraventricular Tachycardia

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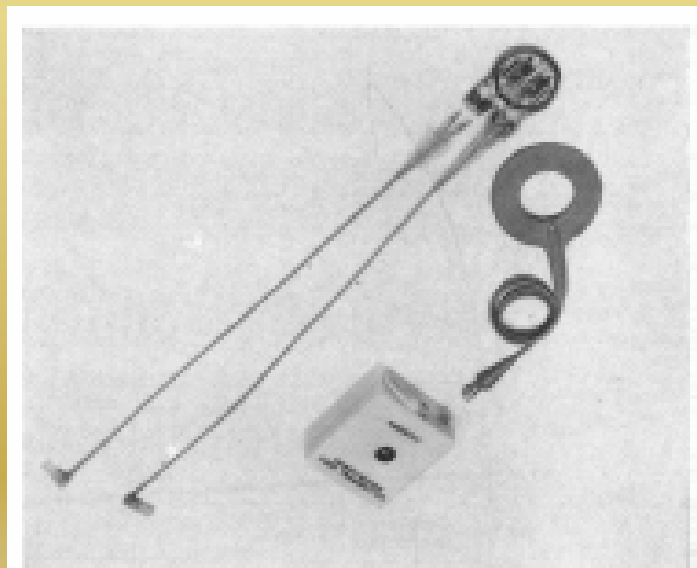
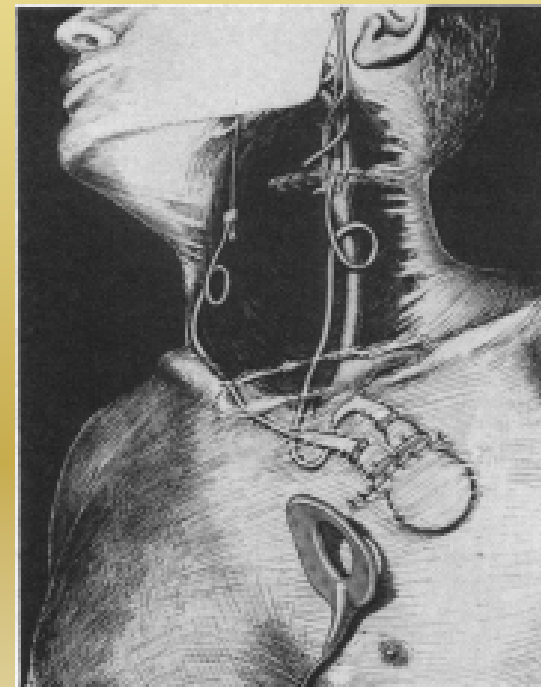
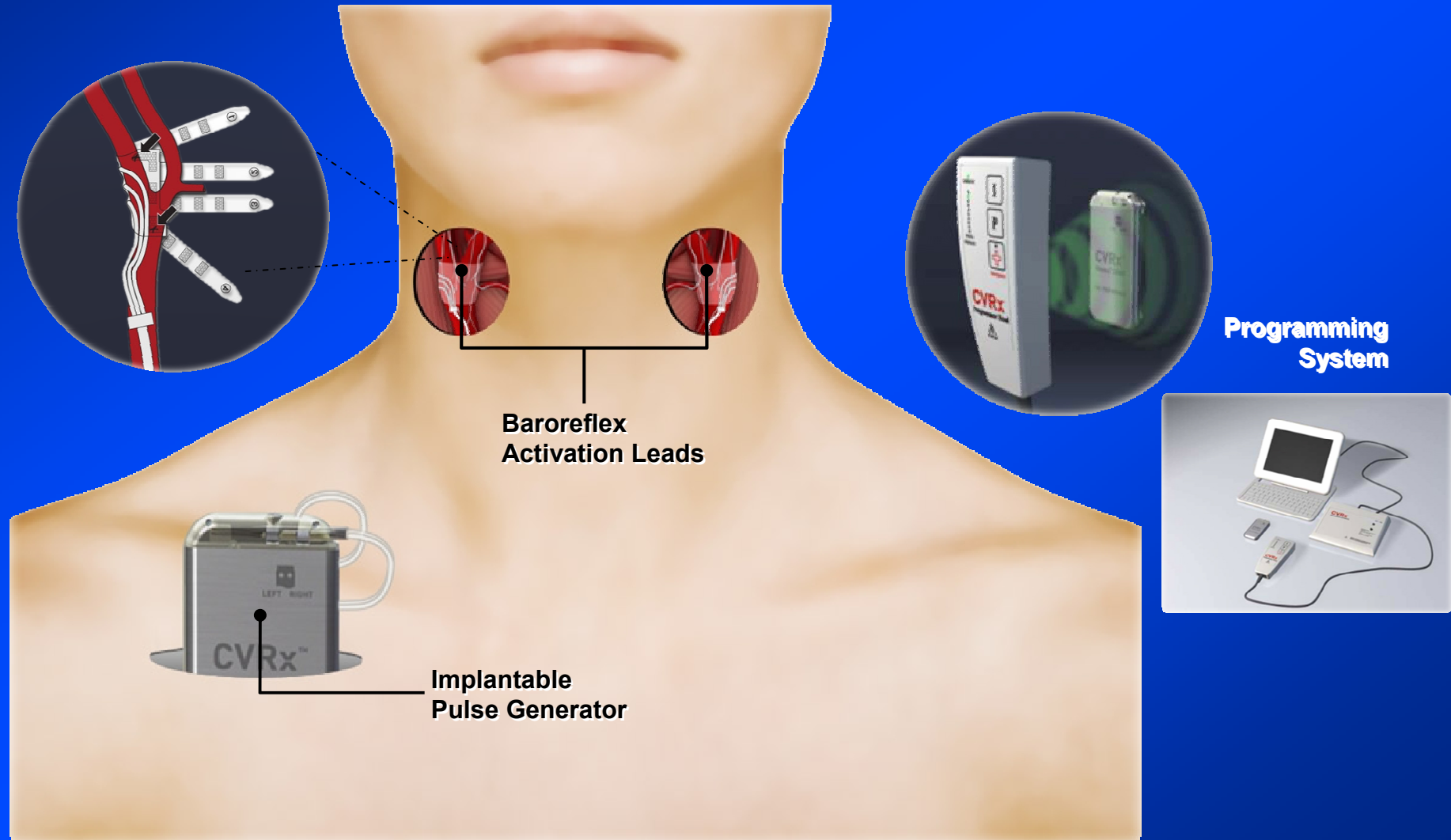


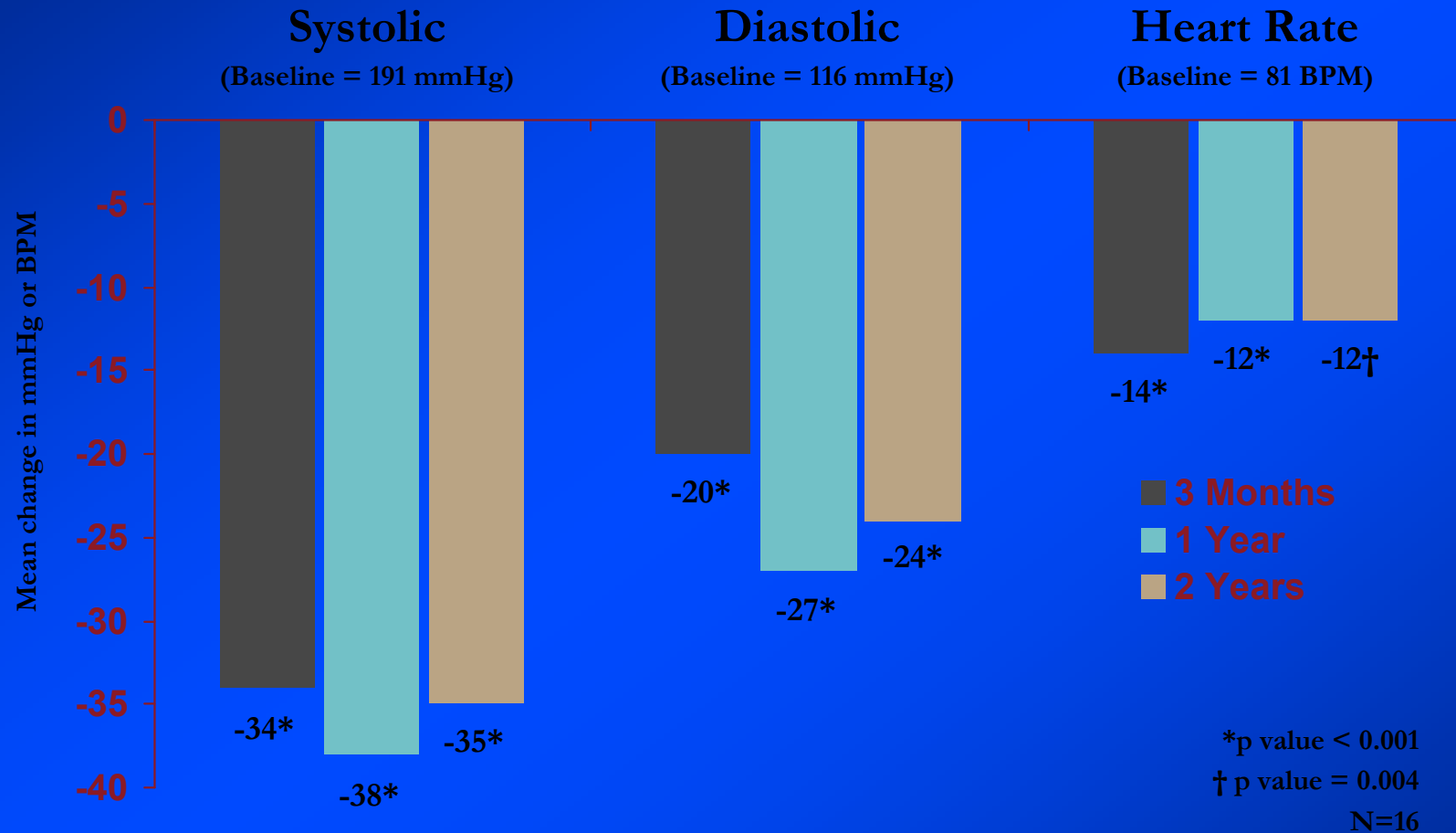
Figure 5.—The radiofrequency stimulator used in the treatment of angina pectoris. The transmitter and antenna are worn externally and are shown at the right. The implanted receiver unit is seen at the top.



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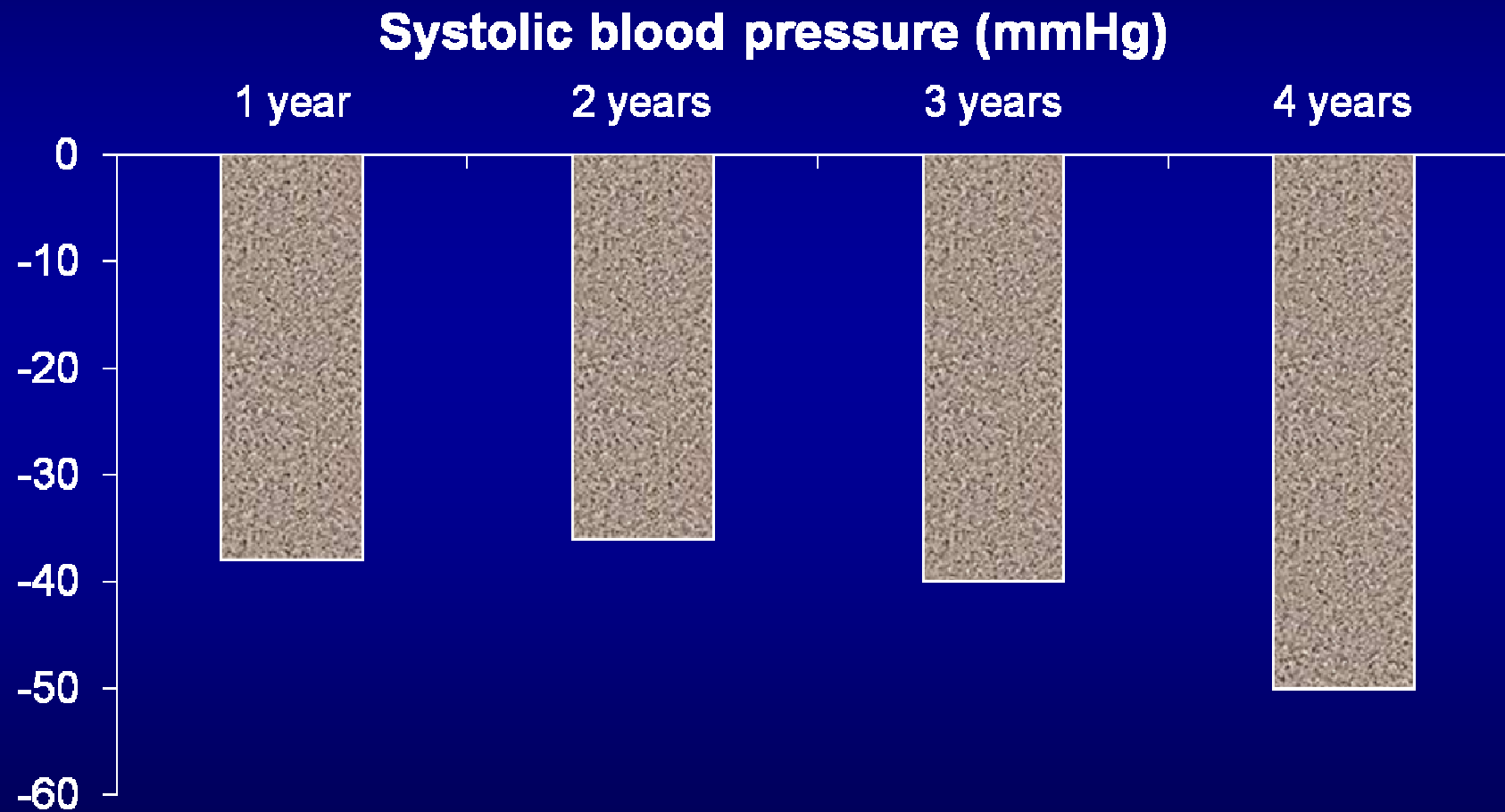
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