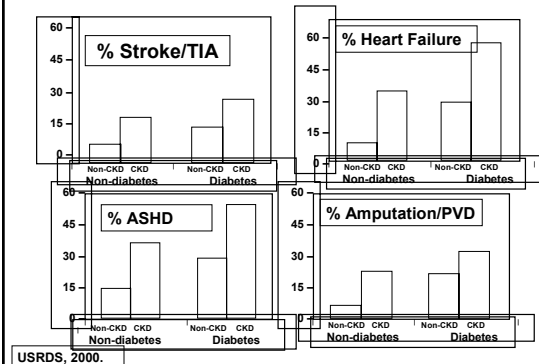


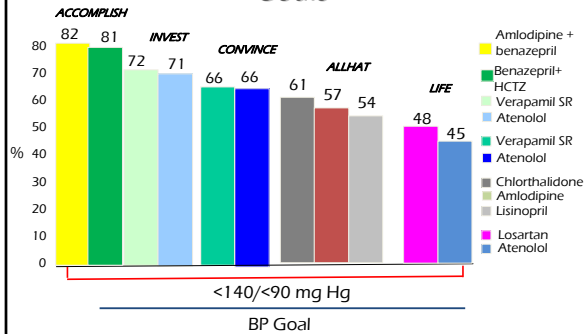
## Hypertension in CKD-What Should be the BP Targets and With Which Drugs

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## Cardiovascular Comorbidities, 5% Medicare Sample, by Diabetes and CKD Status 1999-2000

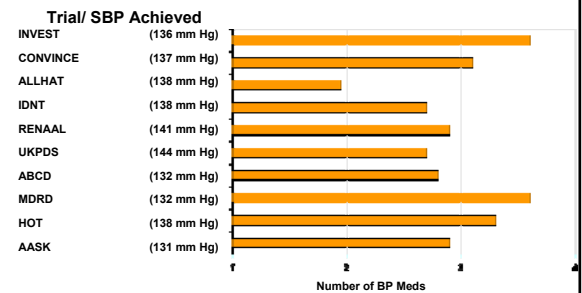


## Percent of Patients Reaching JNC-7 BP Goals



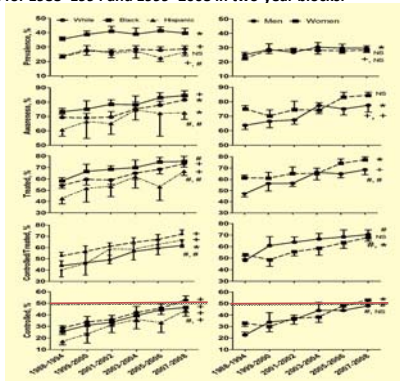
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## Average Number of Antihypertensive Agents Needed per Patient to Achieve Target BP Goals



Updated from Bakris GL, et al. Am J Kidney Dis. 2000;36(3):646-661.

## Prevalence, Awareness, Treatment, controlled/treated, and control are provided for 1988-1994 and 1999-2008 in two-year blocks.



Egan B et al. JAMA 2010;303(20):2043-2050

## Current Guideline Recommendations for Managing Hypertension

## JNC 7 Guideline Recommendations for Managing Hypertension

- Control BP to reduce cardiovascular and renal morbidity and mortality
- BP goal
  - < 140/90 mm Hg
  - < 130/80 mm Hg for patients with diabetes or CKD
- Therapy
  - SBP 140-159 or DBP 90-99 mm Hg
    - Thiazide-type diuretic for most
    - May consider ACEI, ARB, BB, CCB, or combination
  - SBP ≥ 160 or DBP ≥ 100 mm Hg
    - Two-drug combination for most
    - Usually thiazide-type diuretic and ACEI or ARB or BB or CCB
  - Specific recommendations for compelling indications (heart failure, post-MI, high CAD risk, diabetes, CKD, recurrent stroke prevention)

Joint National Committee on Prevention, Detection, Evaluation and Treatment of High Blood Pressure. JNC 7 Express. <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/guidelines/hypertension/express.pdf>

## What is the Goal BP and Initial Therapy in Kidney Disease or Diabetes to Reduce CV Risk?

| Group                          | Goal BP (mmHg) | Initial Therapy    |
|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| ADA (2009)                     | <130/80        | ACE Inhibitor/ARB* |
| KDOQI (NKF) (2007)             | <130/80        | ACE Inhibitor/ARB  |
| ESH (2007)                     | <130/80        | ACE Inhibitor/ARB* |
| KDOQI (NKF) (2004)             | <130/80        | ACE Inhibitor/ARB* |
| JNC 7 (2003)                   | <130/80        | ACE Inhibitor/ARB* |
| Am. Diabetes Assoc (2003)      | <130/80        | ACE Inhibitor/ARB* |
| Canadian HTN Soc. (2002)       | <130/80        | ACE Inhibitor/ARB* |
| Am. Diabetes Assoc (2002)      | <130/80        | ACE Inhibitor/ARB* |
| Natl. Kidney Foundation (2000) | <130/80        | ACE Inhibitor*     |
| British HTN Soc. (1999)        | <140/80        | ACE Inhibitor      |
| WHO/ISH (1999)                 | <130/85        | ACE Inhibitor      |
| JNC VI (1997)                  | <130/85        | ACE Inhibitor      |

\* Indicates use with diuretic

## Questions Regarding Current Guidelines

- Should we be starting antihypertensive therapy with combination agents
- Can we truly support <130/80 mmHg
- Can we support albuminuria reduction as an indicator of slowed kidney disease progression

## Recent Studies That May Impact Guideline Recommendations

## Avoiding Cardiovascular events through COMBination therapy in Patients Living with Systolic Hypertension

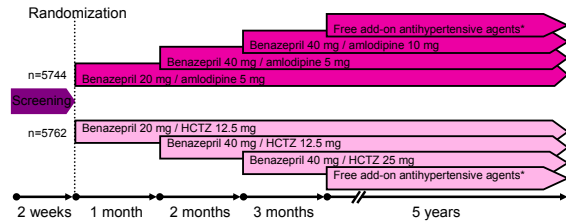
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for the ACCOMPLISH Investigators

1. University of Michigan Health System, Ann Arbor, MI; 2. University of Chicago-Pritzker School of Medicine, Chicago, IL; 3. Sahlgrenska University Hospital, Gothenburg, Sweden; 4. Duke University School of Medicine, Durham, NC; 5. SUNY Downstate Medical College, Brooklyn, NY

## Primary and secondary endpoints

- Primary endpoint:
  - Composite of CV mortality and morbidity
    - (CV death, non-fatal MI, non-fatal stroke, hospitalization for unstable angina, coronary revascularization procedure [PCI or CABG], or resuscitated sudden death)
- Secondary endpoints:
  - Composite of CV morbidity
  - Composite of CV mortality, non-fatal stroke, or non-fatal MI
  - Prespecified-CKD progression

## ACCOMPLISH study design



Up-titration performed for patients not achieving a BP of <140/90 mmHg (<130/80 mmHg for patients with diabetes or renal insufficiency)

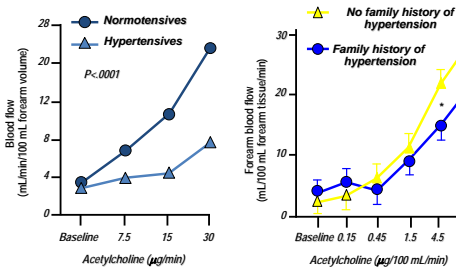
\*β-blockers, α-blockers, clonidine, loop diuretics

Jamerson K, et al. Am J Hypertens 2004;17:793-801

## Background for ACCOMPLISH

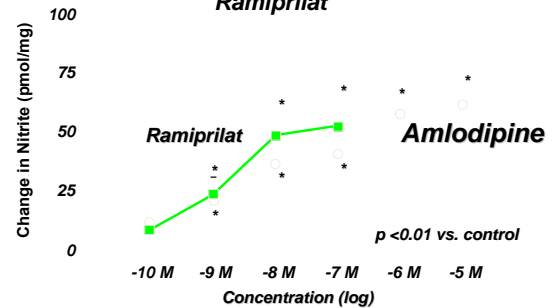
- Experimental work demonstrates that amlodipine releases nitric oxide from canine coronary microvessels (Zhang X, et al. *Circulation* 1998).
- Early animal studies also demonstrate that ACE inhibition combined with amlodipine potentiates nitric oxide production compared to either agent alone and blunts atheroma formation in the coronary arteries. (Raicu M, et al. *J Submicrosc Cytol Pathol* 1997; Lüscher TF et al. *Cardiovasc Drugs Ther.*, 1995)
- More recently, animal studies note the beneficial effect of the benazepril-amlodipine combination on cardiac nitric oxide, cGMP, and TNF-alpha production after cardiac ischemia (Siragy H et al. *J Cardiovasc Pharmacol* 2006.)

## Correlation Between Endothelial Function and Hypertension



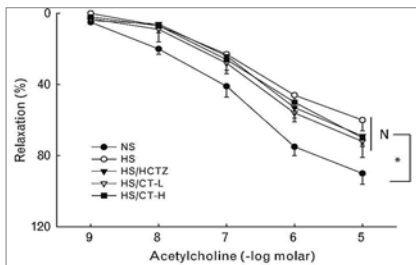
Panza JA, et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol.* 1993;21:1145-1151.  
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## Amlodipine Stimulates NO Production From Human Coronary Microvessels: Comparison to Ramiprilat



Zhang et al. *Am J Cardiol.* 1999;84:27L-33L.

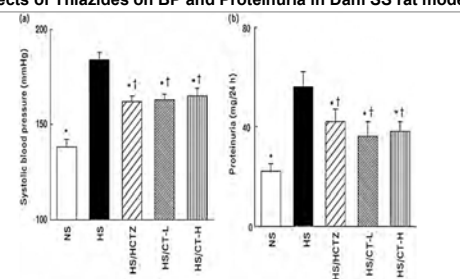
## Effect of thiazide diuretics on aortic endothelium-dependent relaxation to Ach



Effect of thiazide diuretics on aortic endothelium-dependent relaxation to acetylcholine in Dahl salt-sensitive rats. Compared with normal salt (NS), endothelium-dependent relaxation was significantly impaired by a high salt (HS) diet. Neither treatment with hydrochlorothiazide (HCTZ) nor chlorthalidone improved endothelium-dependent relaxation. CT-H, High-dose chlorthalidone; CT-L, low-dose chlorthalidone; N, non-significant difference. \* $P < 0.05$  versus HS;  $n = 6-8$ . *Journal of Hypertension*

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## Effects of Thiazides on BP and Proteinuria in Dahl SS rat model



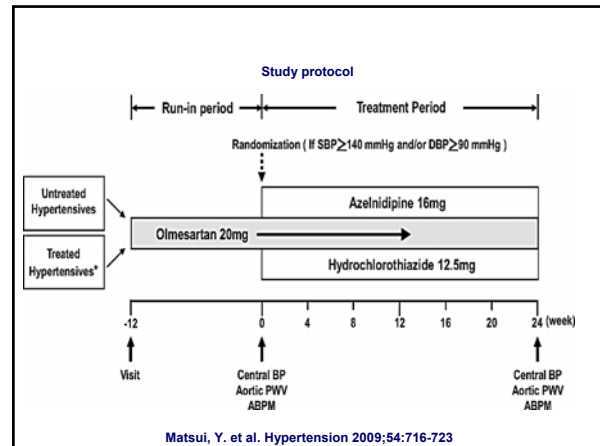
Effect of thiazide diuretics on systolic blood pressure (a), measured by the tail cuff method, and 24-h urine protein excretion (b) in Dahl salt-sensitive rats. High salt (HS) intake significantly increased systolic blood pressure (SBP) and urine protein excretion. Both hydrochlorothiazide and chlorthalidone significantly reduced SBP and proteinuria. HS: fed a high salt (4% NaCl) diet for 6 weeks; normal salt (NS): fed a normal salt (0.5% NaCl) diet; HS/HCTZ: fed a high salt diet plus hydrochlorothiazide 75 mg/l in the drinking water; HS/low-dose chlorthalidone (CT-L): fed high salt diet plus chlorthalidone 37 mg/l in the drinking water; HS/high-dose chlorthalidone (CT-H): fed high salt diet plus chlorthalidone 75 mg/l in the drinking water. The data are expressed as mean ± SEM. \* $P < 0.05$  versus HS;  $P < 0.05$  versus NS;  $n = 6-8$ . *Journal of Hypertension*

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## ARB+CCB vs. HCTZ on Baseline

(Matsui Y et al. Hypertension. 2009;54:716)

| Variable                              | Olmesartan/Azelnidipine<br>(n=103) | Olmesartan/HCTZ<br>(n=104) | P    |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|------|
| Age, y                                | 68.9±8.1                           | 68.0±9.1                   | 0.41 |
| Male, %                               | 40                                 | 40                         | 0.93 |
| Body height, cm                       | 153.6±7.9                          | 152.8±9.2                  | 0.38 |
| BMI, kg/m <sup>2</sup>                | 23.4±3.6                           | 23.8±3.0                   | 0.18 |
| Waist circumference, cm               | 81.8±9.6                           | 83.2±9.1                   | 0.22 |
| Duration of hypertension, y           | 13.7±11.3                          | 13.3±10.3                  | 0.79 |
| Duration of hypertensive treatment, y | 8.9±8.7                            | 9.0±9.5                    | 0.92 |
| Current smoking, %                    | 4                                  | 7                          | 0.36 |
| Pack-years                            | 12.7±24.6                          | 11.9±22.4                  | 0.79 |
| Regular alcohol drinkers, %           | 23                                 | 33                         | 0.13 |
| Hyperlipidemia, %                     | 30                                 | 29                         | 0.84 |



## ARB+CCB vs. HCTZ on Ambulatory BP

(Matsui Y et al. Hypertension. 2009;54:716)

| Variable        | Olmesartan/Azelnidipine<br>(n=103) | Olmesartan/HCTZ<br>(n=104) | Between-Group Difference* | P <sup>†</sup> |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| 24-h SBP, mm Hg |                                    |                            |                           |                |
| Baseline        | 142.4±17.1                         | 141.3±16.6                 |                           |                |
| End of study    | 130.4±13.9                         | 130.3±15.3                 |                           |                |
| End of study*   | 130.2 (128.0 to 132.4)             | 130.9 (128.8 to 133.1)     | 0.7 (-2.3 to 3.8)         | 0.63           |
| 24-h DBP, mm Hg |                                    |                            |                           |                |
| Baseline        | 83.2±8.7                           | 82.4±7.9                   |                           |                |
| End of study    | 76.0±7.2                           | 77.0±8.2                   |                           |                |
| End of study*   | 75.7 (74.5 to 76.9)                | 77.1 (76.0 to 78.3)        | 1.4 (-0.2 to 3.1)         | 0.09           |
| 24-h PR, bpm    |                                    |                            |                           |                |
| Baseline        | 69.1±7.8                           | 68.8±7.9                   |                           |                |
| End of study    | 65.7±7.2                           | 69.5±8.1                   |                           |                |
| End of study*   | 65.4 (64.5 to 66.3)                | 69.4 (68.6 to 70.3)        | 4.0 (2.8 to 5.2)          | <0.001         |

## ARB+CCB vs. HCTZ on Aortic Compliance

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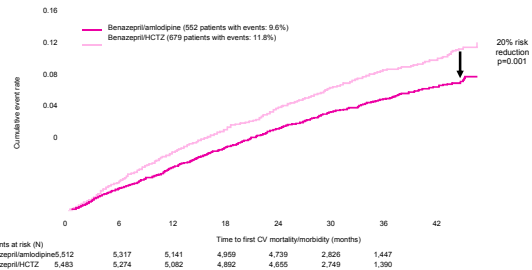
| Variable                     | Olmesartan/Azelnidipine<br>(n=103) | Olmesartan/HCTZ (n=104) | Between-Group Difference* | P <sup>†</sup> |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Aortic PWV, m/s              |                                    |                         |                           |                |
| Baseline                     | 10.2±2.0                           | 10.3±2.2                |                           |                |
| End of study                 | 8.9±1.9                            | 9.8±2.2                 |                           |                |
| End of study*                | 8.9 (8.7 to 9.2)                   | 9.7 (9.5 to 10.0)       | 0.8 (0.5 to 1.1)          | <0.001         |
| Aortic AIx, %                |                                    |                         |                           |                |
| Baseline                     | 34.7±5.3                           | 34.6±8.1                |                           |                |
| End of study                 | 31.2±8.5                           | 32.0±9.6                |                           |                |
| End of study*                | 30.7 (29.3 to 32.2)                | 31.8 (30.4 to 33.2)     | 1.1 (-1.0 to 3.0)         | 0.30           |
| Aortic AIx@75, %             |                                    |                         |                           |                |
| Baseline                     | 31.7±6.3                           | 31.4±6.8                |                           |                |
| End of study                 | 26.0±7.5                           | 28.4±7.9                |                           |                |
| End of study*                | 25.4 (24.3 to 26.5)                | 28.2 (27.2 to 29.3)     | 2.8 (1.3 to 4.4)          | <0.001         |
| Augmentation pressure, mm Hg |                                    |                         |                           |                |
| Baseline                     | 21.1±8.9                           | 21.9±9.6                |                           |                |
| End of study                 | 15.7±8.3                           | 17.0±9.8                |                           |                |
| End of study*                | 15.4 (13.9 to 16.9)                | 16.8 (15.3 to 18.2)     | 1.4 (-0.7 to 3.5)         | 0.18           |
| PP amplification, ratio      |                                    |                         |                           |                |
| Baseline                     | 1.20±0.09                          | 1.20±0.11               |                           |                |
| End of study                 | 1.27±0.12                          | 1.23±0.13               |                           |                |
| End of study*                | 1.28 (1.26 to 1.30)                | 1.23 (1.21 to 1.25)     | -0.04 (-0.07 to -0.02)    | 0.003          |
| LV ejection duration, ms     |                                    |                         |                           |                |
| Baseline                     | 301.8±25.7                         | 304.9±26.5              |                           |                |
| End of study                 | 304.6±25.3                         | 301.8±26.0              |                           |                |
| End of study*                | 304.3 (300.2 to 308.5)             | 300.5 (296.3 to 304.6)  | -3.9 (-9.7 to 2.0)        | 0.19           |

## Patient baseline demographics

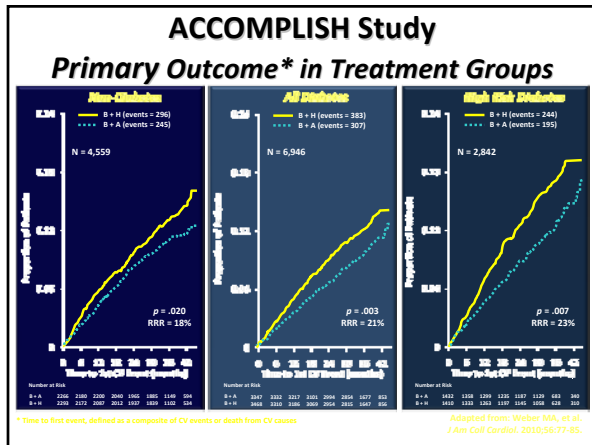
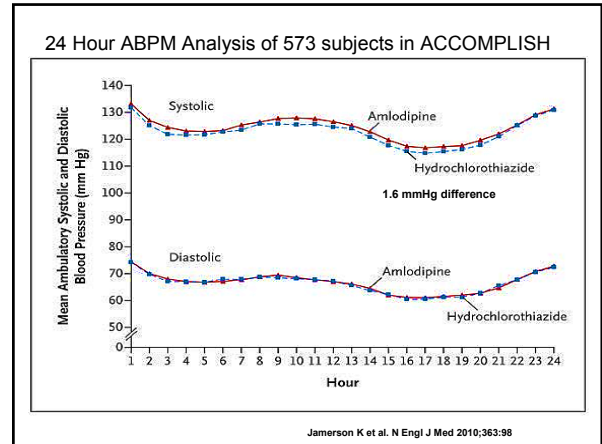
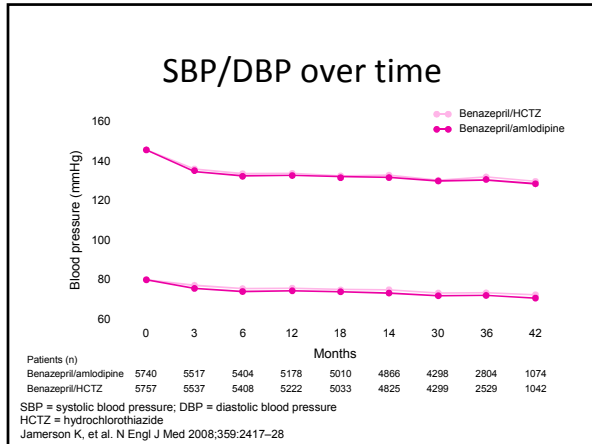
|                          | Benazepril/amlodipine<br>(n = 5744) | Benazepril/HCTZ<br>(n = 5762) |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Gender</b>            |                                     |                               |
| Male, n (%)              | 3448 (60.0)                         | 3515 (61.0)                   |
| Female, n (%)            | 2296 (40.0)                         | 2246 (39.0)                   |
| <b>Race</b>              |                                     |                               |
| Caucasian, n (%)         | 4817 (83.9)                         | 4795 (83.2)                   |
| Black, n (%)             | 697 (12.1)                          | 719 (12.5)                    |
| Hispanic, n (%)          | 300 (5.2)                           | 323 (5.6)                     |
| Other, n (%)             | 230 (4.0)                           | 247 (4.3)                     |
| <b>Age</b>               |                                     |                               |
| Mean, years              | 68.4                                | 68.3                          |
| ≥65, n (%)               | 3813 (66.4)                         | 3827 (66.4)                   |
| ≥70, n (%)               | 2363 (41.1)                         | 2340 (40.6)                   |
| <b>Region</b>            |                                     |                               |
| Nordic countries*, n (%) | 1677 (29.3)                         | 1676 (29.2)                   |
| United States, n (%)     | 4042 (70.7)                         | 4059 (70.7)                   |

\*Denmark, Finland, Norway or Sweden  
Jamerson K, et al. N Engl J Med 2008;359:2417-28

## Kaplan-Meier curve for time to primary endpoint (based on 1231 patients with primary events)



\*Hazard ratio (95% confidence interval): 0.80 (0.72, 0.90)  
CV = cardiovascular; HCTZ = hydrochlorothiazide  
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### ACCORD BP Study: Primary and Secondary Outcomes

- Patients with T2D and hypertension (N = 4733)
- Random assignment
  - Intensive therapy: target SBP < 120 mm Hg
  - Standard therapy: target SBP < 140 mm Hg
- 1° outcome: nonfatal MI, nonfatal stroke, death from CV causes
- Mean follow-up = 4.7 y

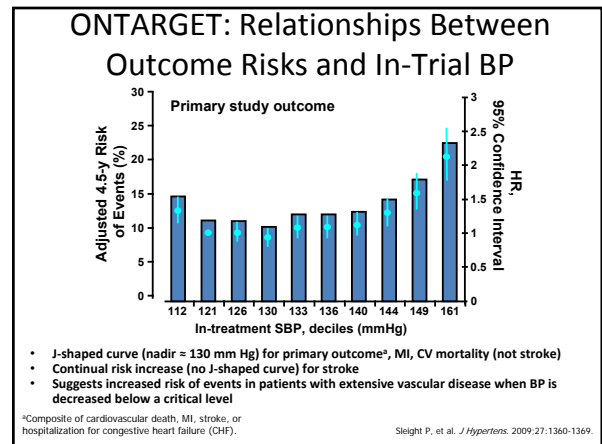
| Outcome                            | Intensive | Standard | HR   | P-value |
|------------------------------------|-----------|----------|------|---------|
| SBP after 1 year (mmHg)            | 119.3     | 133.5    | NR   | NR      |
| 1° outcome (annual rate)           | 1.87      | 2.09     | 0.88 | .20     |
| Death from any cause (annual rate) | 1.28      | 1.19     | 1.07 | .55     |
| Stroke (annual rate)               | 0.32      | 0.53     | 0.59 | .01     |
| AEs (rate)                         | 3.3       | 1.3      | NR   | <.001   |

The ACCORD Study Group. *N Engl J Med* 2010;363:97-103.

### Recent INVEST Outcomes

- Patients with diabetes and CAD (N = 6400)
  - Random assignment to CCB or BB + ACEI and/or thiazide diuretic
  - BP target: 130/85 mm Hg
  - Level of control determined by achieved BP
    - "Tight": SBP < 130 mm Hg
    - "Usual": SBP 130-140 mm Hg
    - "Not controlled": SBP > 140 mm Hg (= 1/3 of patients)
- Outcomes: MI, stroke, all-cause mortality
- "Not controlled" had worst outcomes
- CV outcomes not improved for "tight" vs "usual"
  - Increased mortality risk in "tight" group
  - Particularly SBP < 115 mm Hg

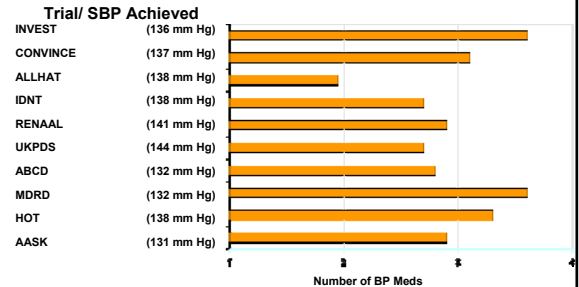
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## Considering Comorbidities and Individual Needs

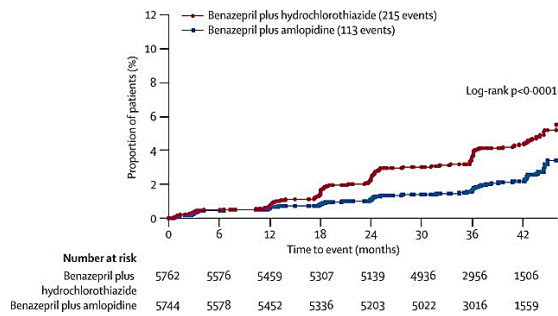
- CVD status
  - Family history
  - Personal history of CV event
  - Hypertension severity
  - Microalbuminuria
- Renal function status
  - Macroalbuminuria (> 300 mg/d)
  - eGFR (< 45 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>)

## Average Number of Antihypertensive Agents Needed per Patient to Achieve Target BP Goals



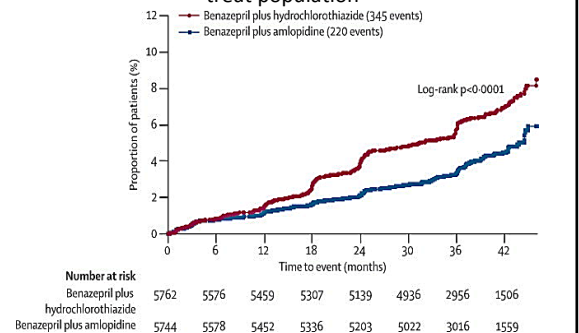
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## Kaplan-Meier curves for progression of chronic kidney disease for the intention-to-treat population



Bakris GL et al. Lancet. 2010; 375: 1173-81.

## Kaplan-Meier curves for progression of chronic kidney disease plus cardiovascular death for the intention-to-treat population



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## Outcomes in the intention-to-treat population and in patients aged 65 years or older

|  | Benazepril plus amlodipine | Benazepril plus hydrochlorothiazide | Hazard ratio (95% CI) | p value |
|--|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| <b>Intention-to-treat population (N=41504)*</b>                    |                            |                                     |                       |         |
| Median time to progression of chronic kidney disease               | 212 (1.97%)                | 225 (3.21%)                         | 0.52 (0.41-0.66)      | <0.001  |
| Doubling of serum creatinine concentration                         | 105 (1.43%)                | 208 (3.63%)                         | 0.51 (0.39-0.65)      | <0.001  |
| Diabetic   | 7 (0.22%)                  | 13 (0.73%)                          | 0.53 (0.21-1.35)      | 0.199   |
| eGFR < 45 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>                               | 109 (0.31%)                | 17 (0.20%)                          | 1.66 (0.54-5.05)      | 0.383   |
| Progression of chronic kidney disease and cardiovascular mortality | 230 (3.81%)                | 345 (5.99%)                         | 0.63 (0.53-0.74)      | <0.001  |
| Progression of chronic kidney disease and all-cause mortality      | 346 (5.70%)                | 465 (8.19%)                         | 0.73 (0.64-0.84)      | <0.001  |
| <b>Patients aged ≥ 65 years (n=7420)†</b>                          |                            |                                     |                       |         |
| Median time to progression of chronic kidney disease               | 70 (1.83%)                 | 138 (3.62%)                         | 0.50 (0.37-0.67)      | <0.001  |
| Doubling of serum creatinine concentration                         | 66 (1.73%)                 | 132 (3.46%)                         | 0.49 (0.37-0.65)      | <0.001  |
| Diabetic   | 3 (0.8%)                   | 36 (9.6%)                           | 0.70 (0.18-2.91)      | 0.653   |
| eGFR < 45 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>                               | 11 (0.29%)                 | 11 (0.29%)                          | 1.00 (0.43-2.31)      | 0.99    |
| Progression of chronic kidney disease and cardiovascular mortality | 109 (4.28%)                | 234 (6.43%)                         | 0.66 (0.55-0.81)      | 0.002   |
| Progression of chronic kidney disease and all-cause mortality      | 266 (6.95%)                | 327 (8.57%)                         | 0.81 (0.68-0.95)      | 0.018   |

Bakris GL et al. Lancet. 2010; 375: 1173-81.

## Importance of Albuminuria over GFR on Risk of Cardio-Renal Endpoints in Type 2 Diabetes

|                                       | eGFR (mL/min per 1.73 m <sup>2</sup> ) |                             |                               |                                 |
|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|                                       | ≥ 90                                   | 60-89                       | 30-59                         | 15-29                           |
| <b>Cardiovascular end points</b>      |  |                             |                               |                                 |
| No albuminuria [HR (95% CI), P value] | 1.00 (referent)                        | 1.00 (0.98-1.72), P = 0.901 | 3.65 (0.30-43.73), P = 0.001† | Not enough subjects             |
| Albuminuria [HR (95% CI), P value]    | 3.88 (0.81-18.61), P = 0.001†          | 1.89 (1.13-3.10), P = 0.016 | 1.35 (0.74-2.49), P = 0.33    | 5.46 (2.76-10.7), P < 0.001     |
| <b>Renal end points</b>               |  |                             |                               |                                 |
| No albuminuria [HR (95% CI), P value] | 1.00 (referent)                        | 0.63 (0.35-1.04), P = 0.07  | 0.82 (0.12-6.02), P = 0.85    | Not enough subjects             |
| Albuminuria [HR (95% CI), P value]    | 3.88 (0.35-43.73), P = 0.001†          | 4.13 (2.19-7.78), P < 0.001 | 3.22 (0.50-20.11), P = 0.199† | 90.19 (45.80-178.03), P < 0.001 |
| <b>Composite end points*</b>          |  |                             |                               |                                 |
| No albuminuria [HR (95% CI), P value] | 1.00 (referent)                        | 1.21 (0.80-1.84), P = 0.36  | 2.98 (1.57-5.64), P = 0.001   | Not enough subjects             |
| Albuminuria [HR (95% CI), P value]    | 2.34 (1.58-3.50), P < 0.001            | 2.43 (1.64-3.59), P < 0.001 | 3.15 (2.06-4.82), P < 0.001   | 16.2 (10.0-26.0), P < 0.001     |

So W, et al. Diabetes Care 29 :2046-2052, 2006

## Clinical Trials and Renal Outcomes Based on Proteinuria Reduction

Increased Time to Dialysis  
(30-35% proteinuria reduction)

- Captopril Trial-N Engl J Med, 1993
- AASK Trial-JAMA, 2001
- RENAAL-N Engl J Med, 2001
- IDNT-N Engl J Med, 2001

No Change in Time to Dialysis  
(NO proteinuria reduction)

- DHPCCB arm-IDNT
- DHPCCB arm-AASK

Hart P & Bakris GL. Managing Hypertension in the Diabetic Patient. IN: Egan BM, Basile JN, and Lackland DT (eds.) **Hot Topics in Hypertension** Hanley and Belfus, Philadelphia, 2004, pp.249-252.

Ratio of means (95% CI)\* for change in proteinuria, by randomized therapy, over two follow-up intervals-Meta-analysis of trials

| Randomized Therapy | 1-4 Months       | 5-12 Months      |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| ARBs vs placebo    | 0.57 (0.47-0.68) | 0.66 (0.63-0.69) |
| ARBs vs ACE-I      | 0.99 (0.92-1.05) | 1.08 (0.96-1.22) |
| ARBs vs CCBs       | 0.69 (0.62-0.77) | 0.62 (0.55-0.70) |
| ARB+ACE-I vs ARBs  | 0.76 (0.68-0.85) | 0.75 (0.61-0.92) |
| ARB+ACE-I vs ACE-I | 0.78 (0.72-0.84) | 0.82 (0.67-1.01) |

Kunz R et al. *Ann Intern Med* 2008; 148:30-48

Bold=significant P<0.01 at 5-12 Months

## Dual RAAS Blockade

- RAAS inhibitors do not completely inhibit RAAS activity
- Inhibition at 2 points in the cascade may provide greater benefits
- Studies have been initiated to test this theory
  - ACEI + ARB
    - Further BP reduction in some
    - Further reduction of proteinuria\*
    - No consistent additional CV benefit
      - VALIANT
      - CHARM-Added
      - ONTARGET
  - Renin inhibitor + ARB
    - Further BP reduction in some
    - Further reduction of proteinuria\*
    - Trials planned to assess CV outcomes
      - ALTTITUDE
      - ATMOSPHERE

\*Thought to be related to better outcomes, particularly in advanced proteinuric kidney disease.

Atici M, Erdem Y. *Am J Kidney Dis.* 2009;332-345. ONTARGET Investigators. *N Engl J Med.* 2008;358:1547-1554. CHARM Investigators. *Lancet.* 2003;362:767-771. VALIANT Investigators. *N Engl J Med.* 2003;349:1893-1906. AVOID Study Investigators. *N Engl J Med.* 2008;358:2433-2446. Oparil S, et al. *Lancet.* 2007;370:221-229. Parving HH, et al. *Nephrol Dial Transplant.* 2009;24:1663-1671. ATMOSPHERE. <http://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT00853658>.

## VA NEPHRON-D Study Design

- Primary endpoints
  - eGFR reduction
    - > 50% if baseline < 60 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>
    - = 30 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup> if baseline ≥ 60 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>
  - End-stage renal disease (ESRD)
    - eGFR < 15 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>
    - Need for dialysis
  - Death
- Secondary endpoints: time to eGFR change or ESRD
- Tertiary endpoints: CV events, slope of eGFR change, change in albuminuria at 1 year
- Safety endpoints
  - Serious hyperkalemia (potassium > 5 mEq/L, requiring admission, ER visit, or dialysis)
  - All-cause mortality
  - Other serious events

Fried LF, et al. *Clin J Am Soc Nephrol.* 2009;4:361-368.

## Aldosterone Blockers Added to ACEIs or ARBs in CKD

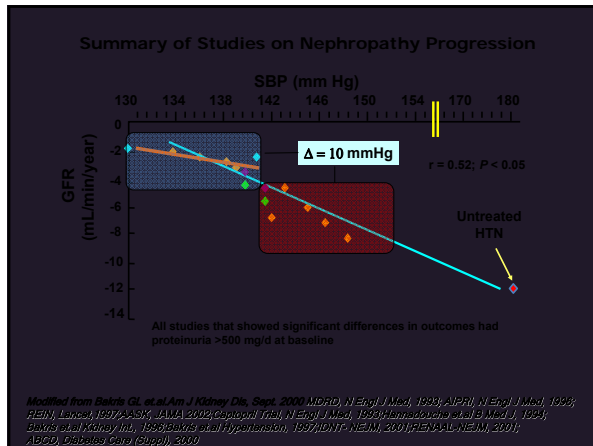
- Systematic review
  - Studies in patients with proteinuric kidney disease
  - Primary outcome: changes in proteinuria
  - Secondary outcomes: changes in BP and glomerular filtration
  - 15 studies included
- Outcomes following addition of aldosterone blockers
  - 15-54% decrease in proteinuria from baseline
  - Significant BP decrease (≈40%)
  - Significant decrease in glomerular filtration rate (≈ 25%)
  - Hyperkalemic events significant in 1 of 8 RCTs

Bomback AS, et al. *Am J Kidney Dis.* 2008;51:199-211.

## Predictors of Hyperkalemia Risk With Aldosterone Blockade in Diabetic Nephropathy

- Assess safety/efficacy of aldosterone blocker + existing BP regimen
- Patients (N = 46) with resistant hypertension and stage 2 or 3 CKD
- Endpoints
  - Primary: change in SBP
  - Secondary: change in serum potassium, creatinine, eGFR, DBP and tolerability
- Results
  - SBP reduction = 14.7 ± 5.1 mm Hg (P = .001)
  - 39% of patients had > 30% decrease in eGFR
  - Mean increase in serum potassium = 0.4 mEq/L (P = .001)
  - 17.3% with serum potassium > 5.5 mEq/L
  - Predictors of hyperkalemia
    - Baseline eGFR ≤ 45 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup> and serum potassium 4.5 mEq/L with diuretics

Khosla N, et al. *Am J Nephrol.* 2009;30:418-424.



- ### Summary
- The recommendation for BP in diabetes and CKD without proteinuria should be "substantially <140/90 mmHg approaching 130/80 mmHg.
  - ACEIs and ARBs are recognized as agents that improve CV outcomes, and renal outcomes in patients with proteinuric nephropathy
  - Benefits on renal outcomes in advanced proteinuric kidney disease using ACEI + ARB combination in patients with diabetes will be clear in 2013 with results of NEPHRON-D
  - Use of Combined RAAS inhibitor with CCB appears to be better tolerated and results in fewer CV/renal events especially in older people at high CV risk without proteinuric nephropathy
  - No CV or renal outcome data, as of yet, on renin inhibition + ACEI or ARB

