



Η χρήση των φορητών συσκευών και εφαρμογών για την εκτίμηση καρδιομεταβολικής υπέρτασης ασθενών

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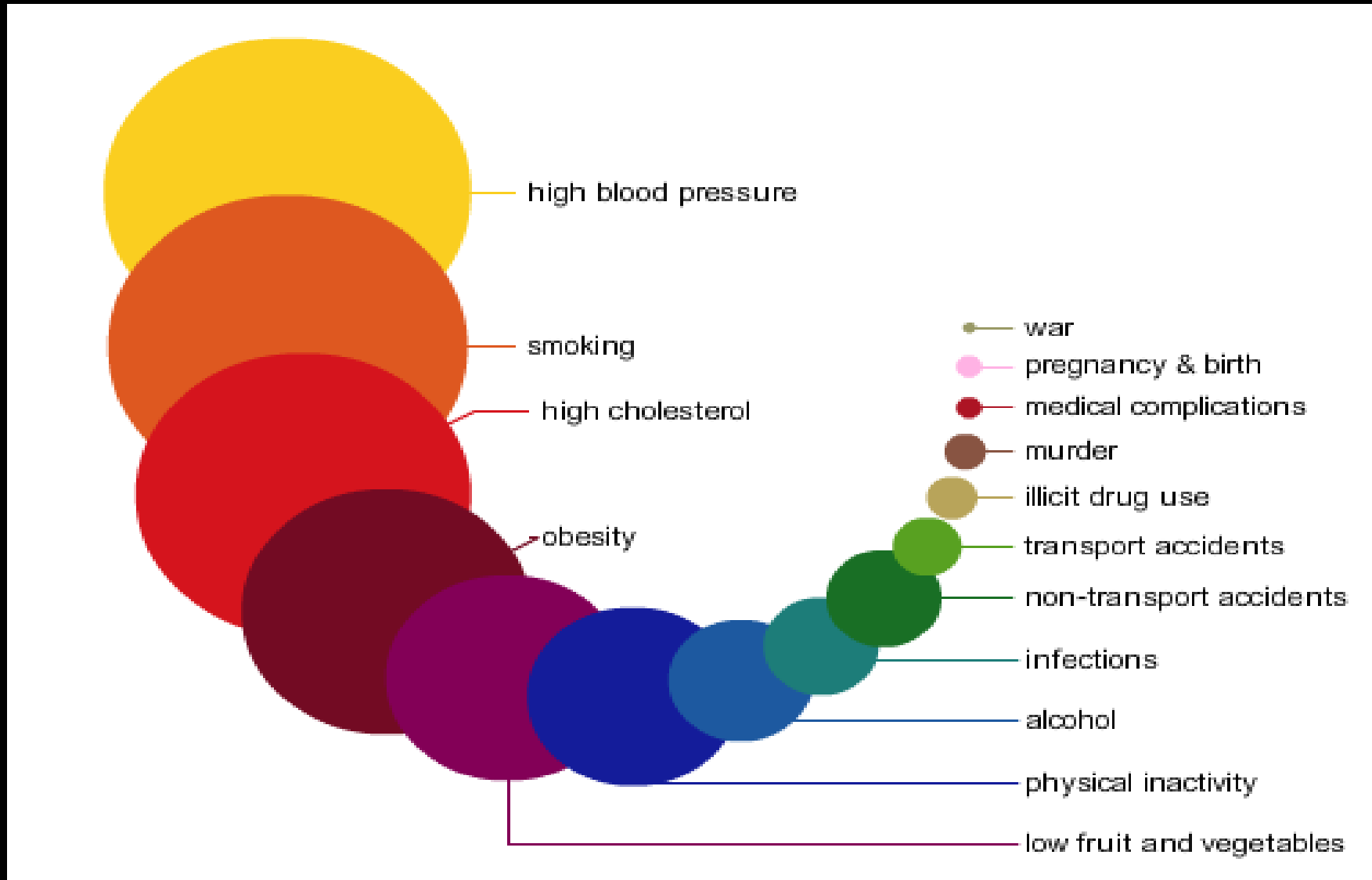
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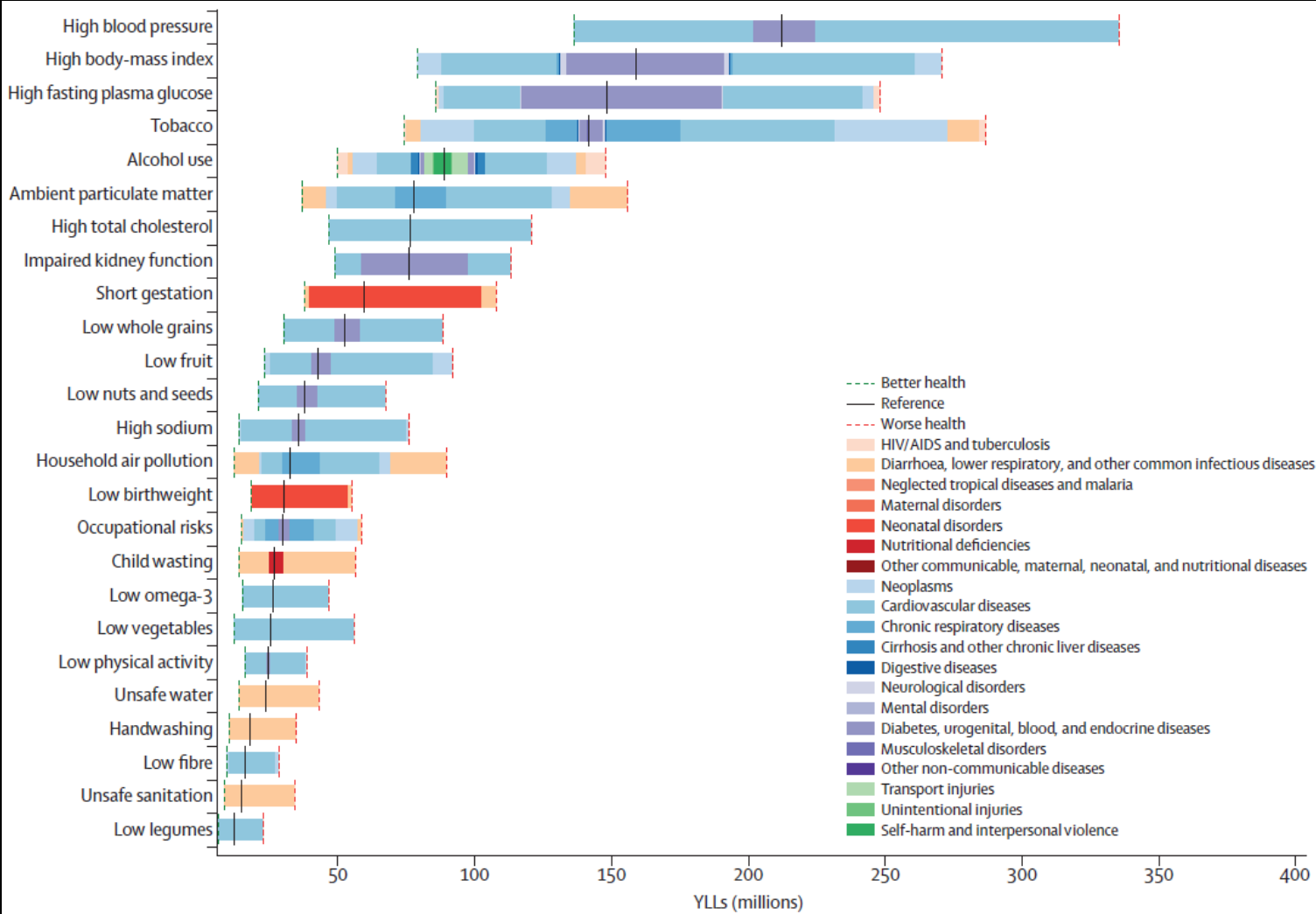
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Risks leading to death

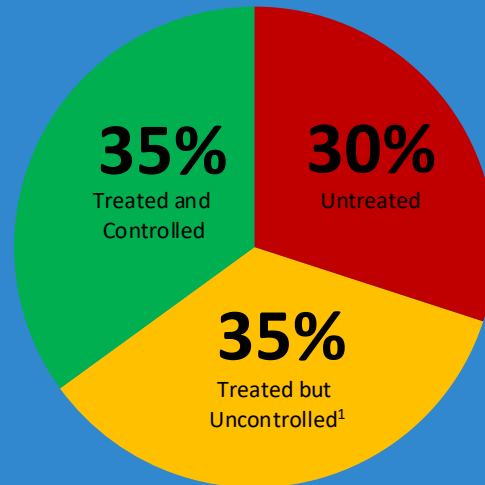


Leading 20 risk factors contributing to the global risk-attributable YLLs in 2040



The unmet need in managing hypertension

HTN is estimated to have **added \$18.6B** in **avoidable costs*** to the US health care system alone



1 IN **3** ADULTS HAVE HTN

1B PEOPLE WORLDWIDE

1.6B BY 2025

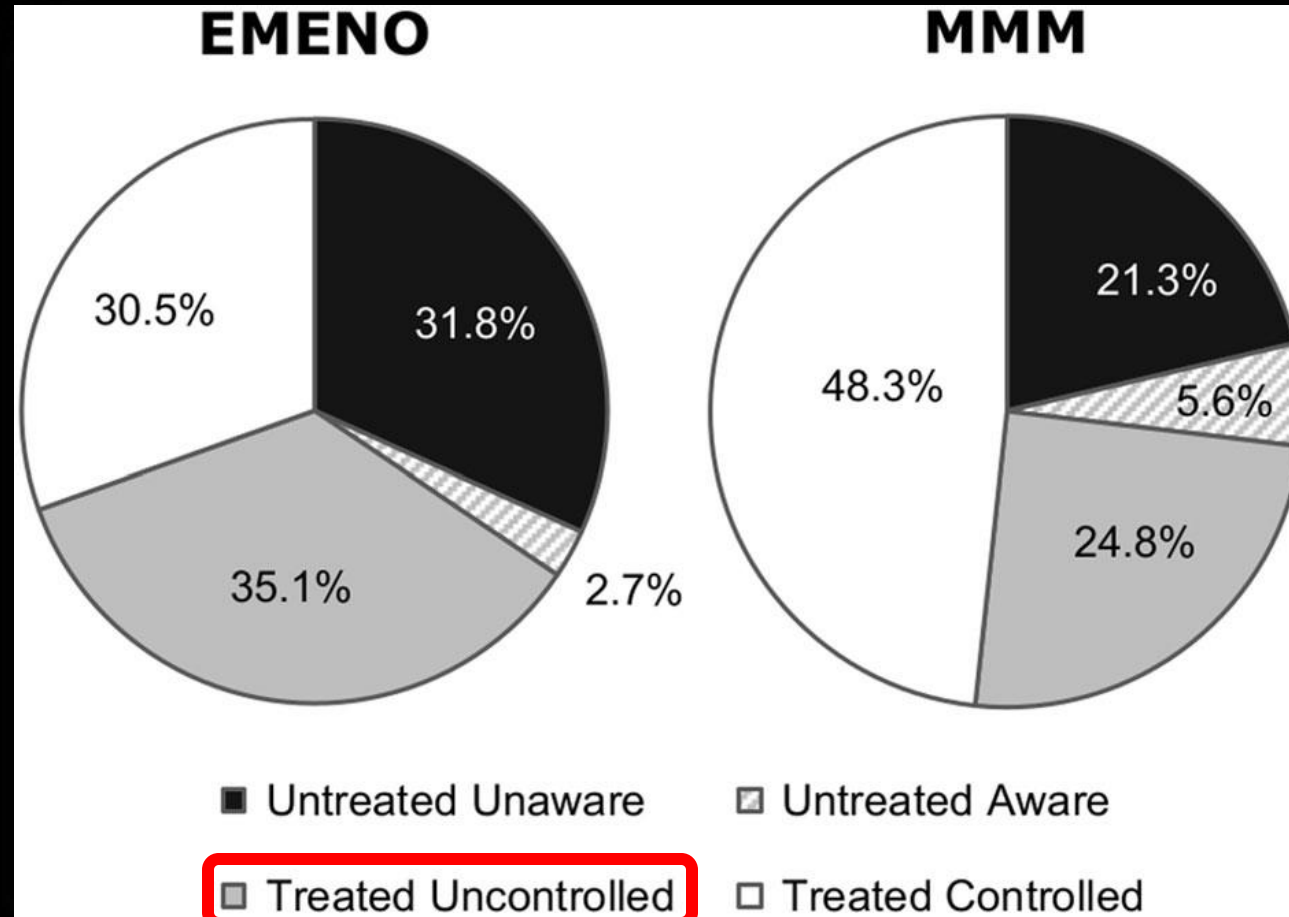
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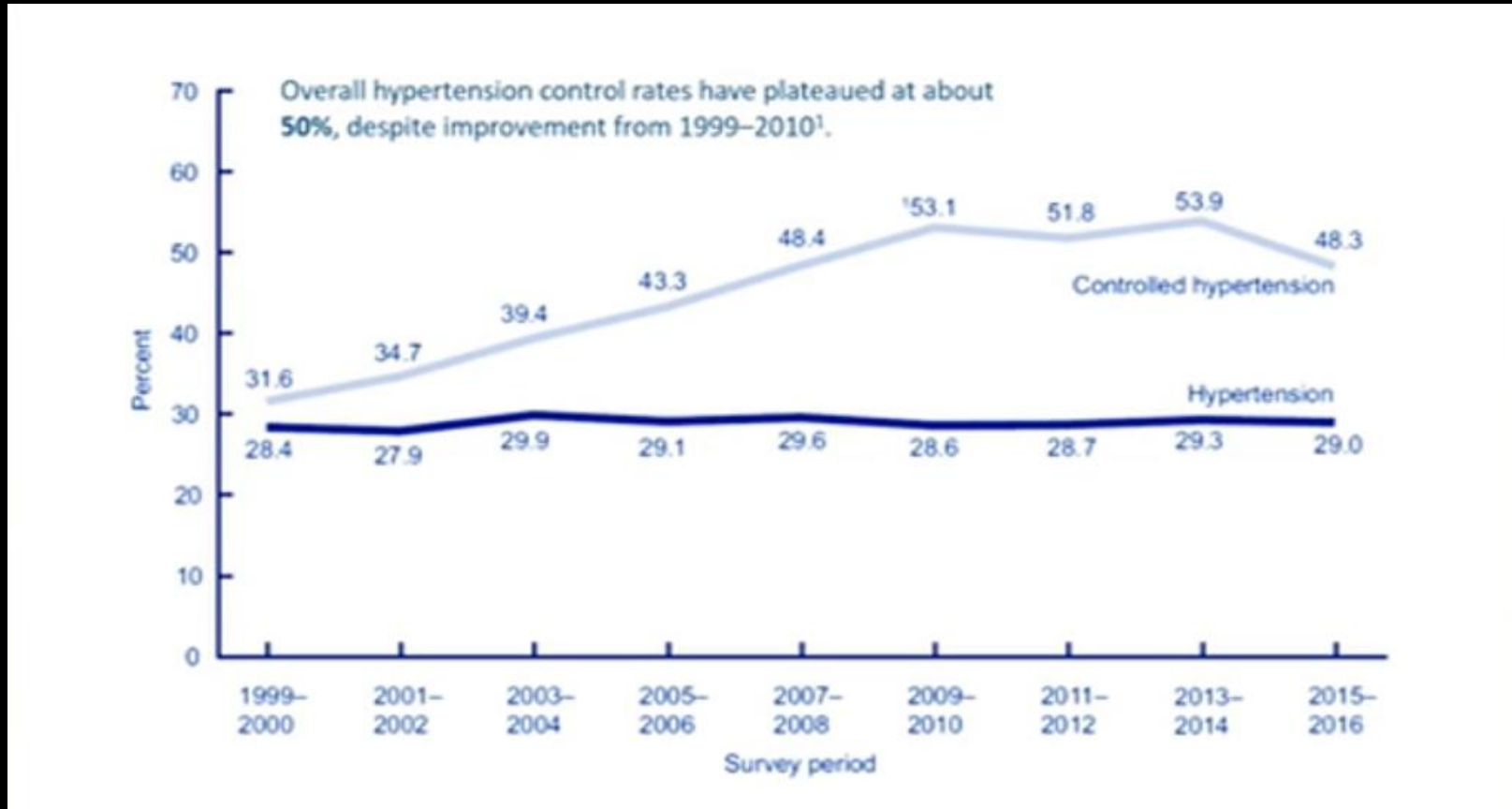
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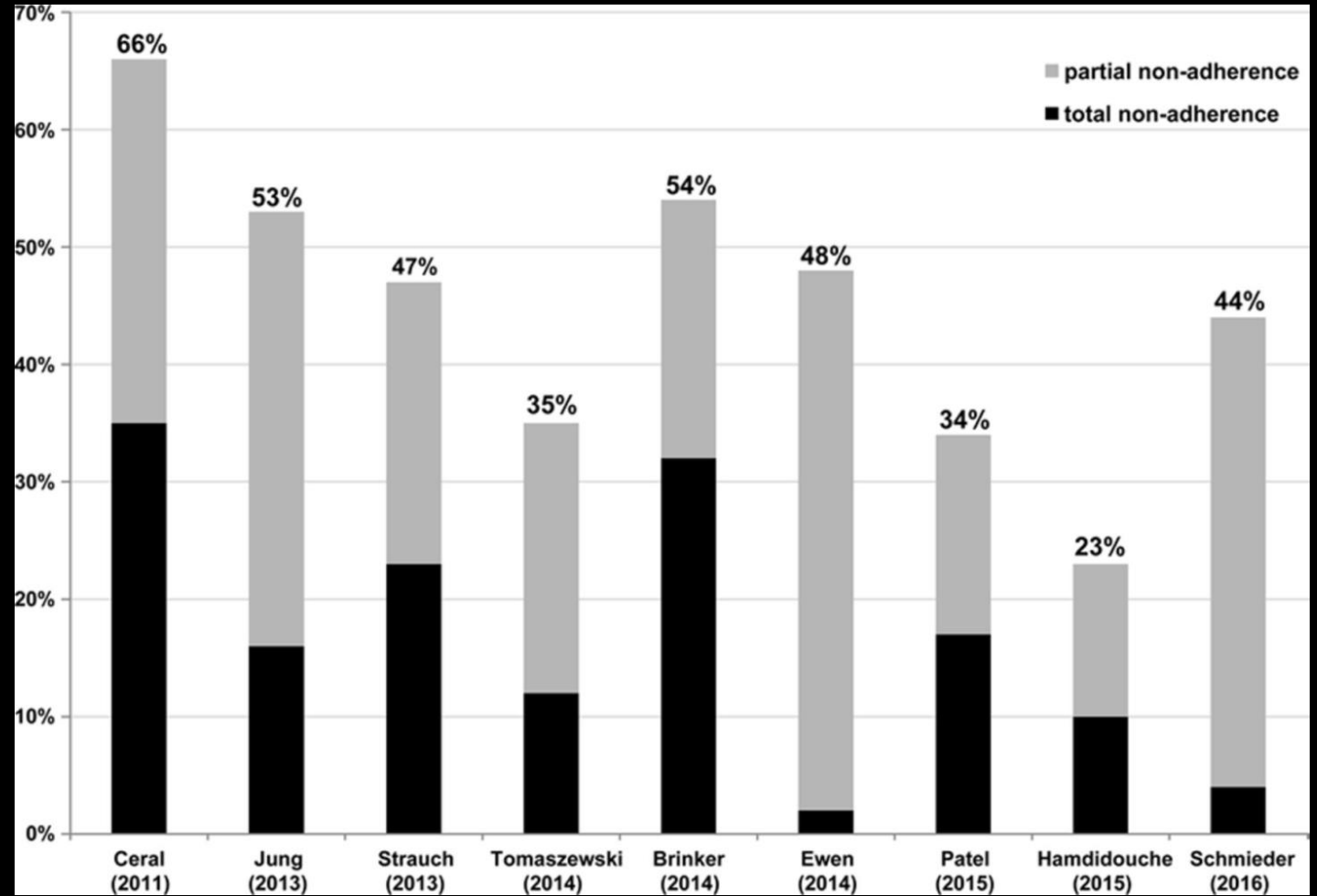
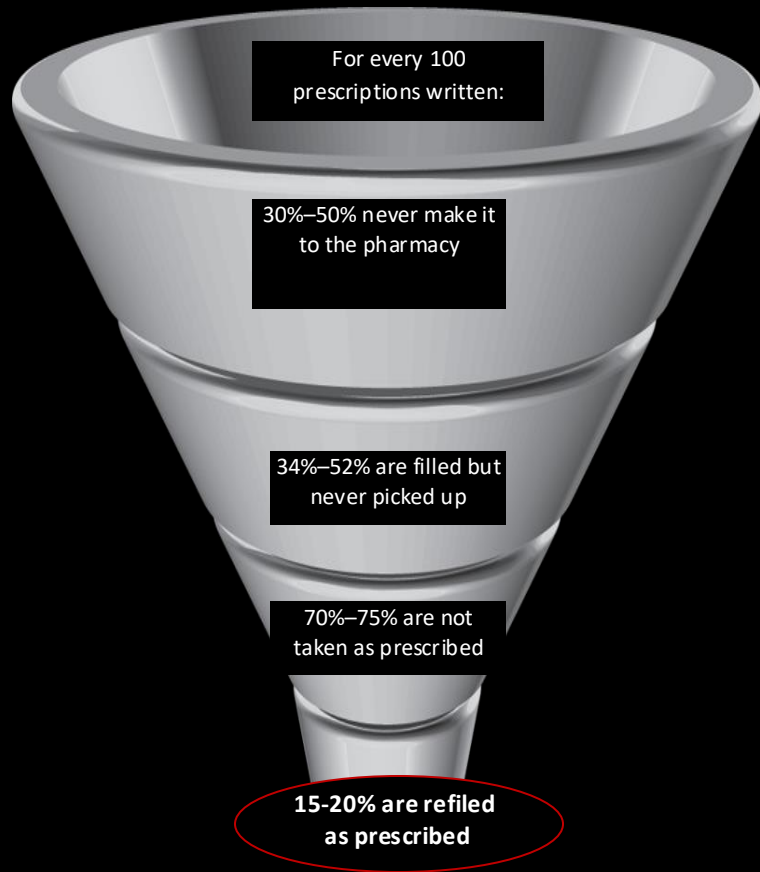
Awareness, treatment and control of hypertension in EMENO and MMM studies



Current strategy is failing to improve HTN control



Adherence



**Prefer SPCs
at any step**



Step 1

Dual combination

Start with Dual Combination
Therapy in most patients

Start with Monotherapy only in selected patients:

- Low risk hypertension and BP <150/95 mmHg
- or high-normal BP and very high CV risk
- or frail patients and/or advanced age

ACEi or ARB + CCB or T/TL Diuretic^a



Increase to full-dose if well tolerated

→ up to ~ 60% controlled^c

BB^b
Can be used
as monotherapy
or at any step
of combination
therapy

Step 2

Triple combination

ACEi or ARB + CCB + T/TL Diuretic



Increase to full-dose if well tolerated

→ up to ~ 90% controlled^c

Step 3

Add further drugs

True resistant Hypertension^d

→ up to ~ 5%

Consider to consult hypertension
specialist in patients who are still
not controlled

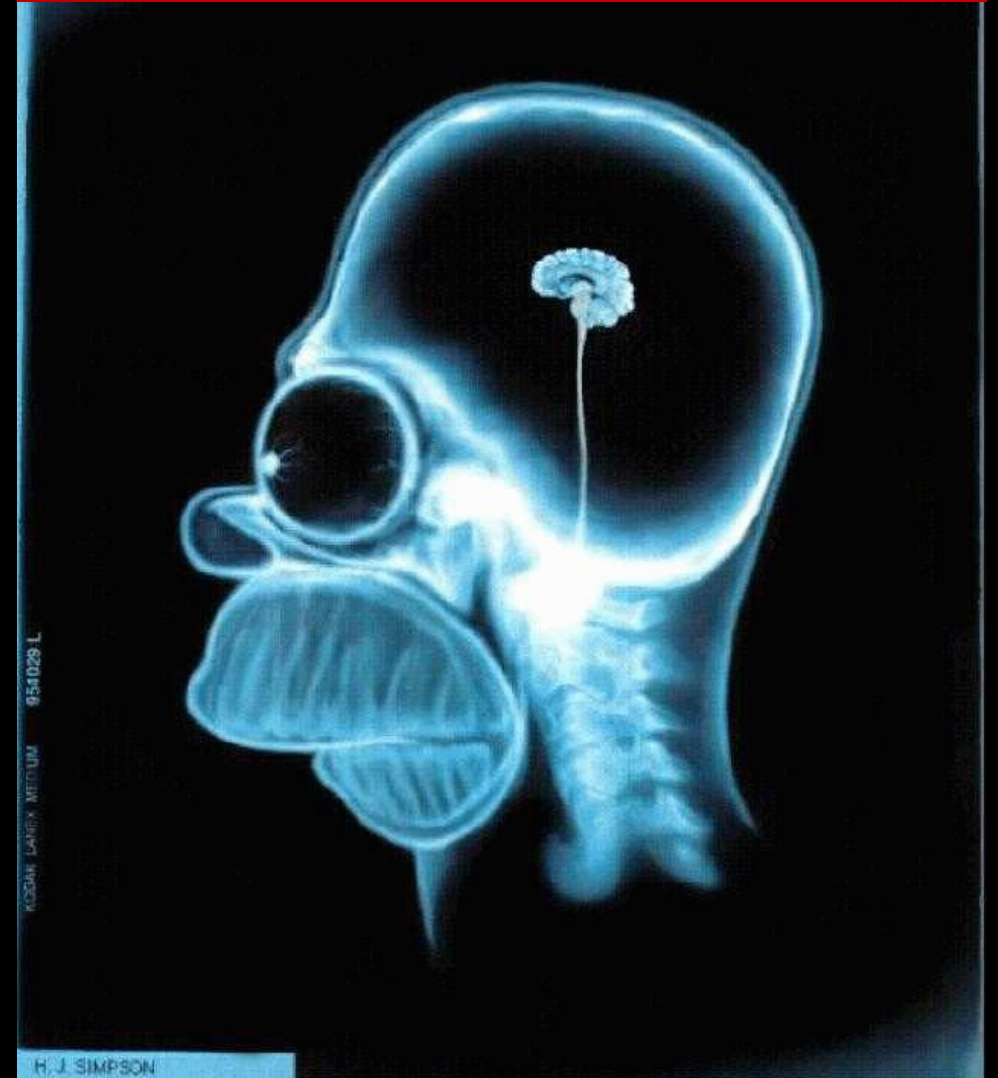
“The Good Doctor”

1. Diagnosis

2. Treatment

3. Implementation

“Medicine is an art
based on science”



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

A Cluster-Randomized Trial of Blood-Pressure Reduction in Black Barbershops

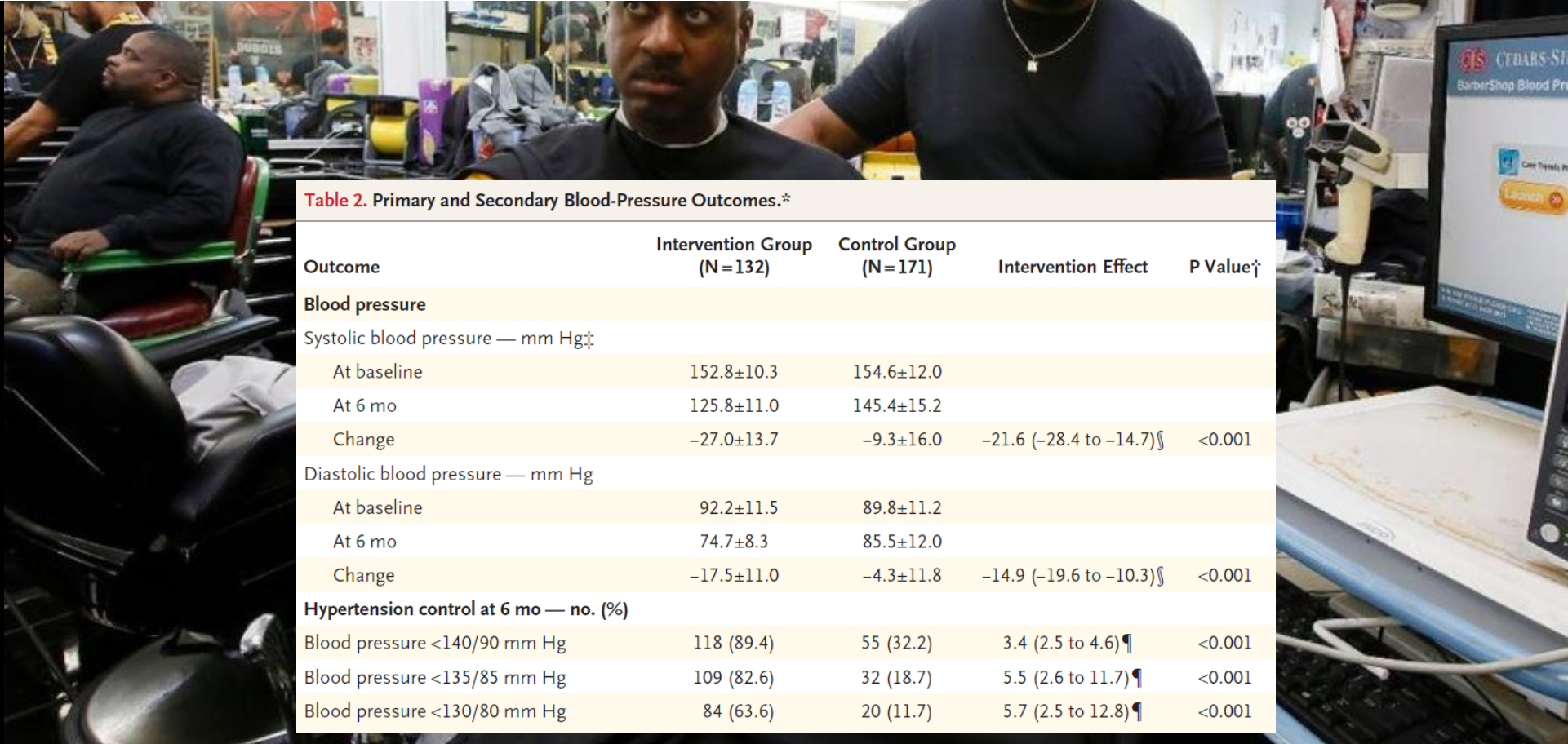
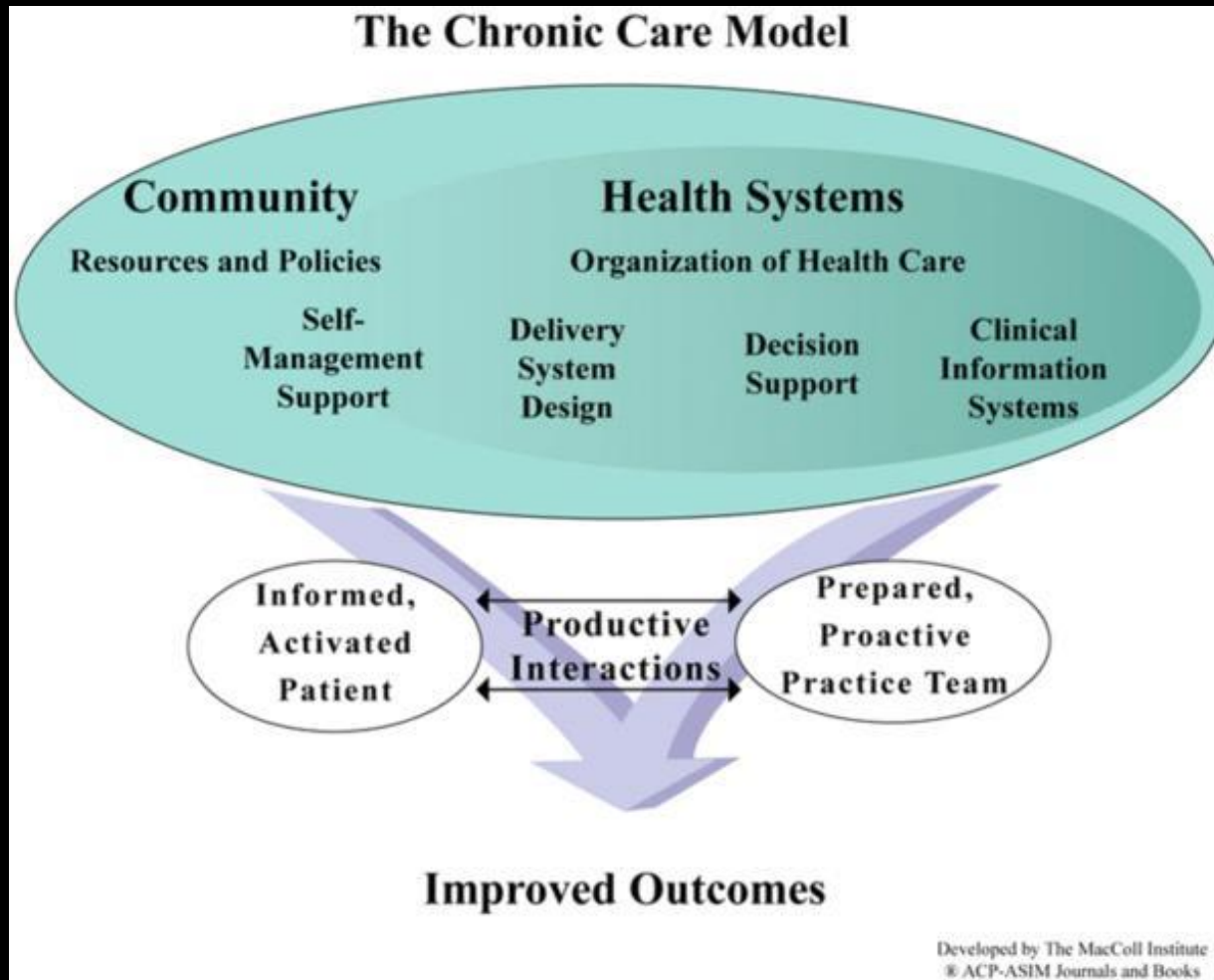


Table 2. Primary and Secondary Blood-Pressure Outcomes.*

Outcome	Intervention Group (N=132)	Control Group (N=171)	Intervention Effect	P Value†
Blood pressure				
Systolic blood pressure — mm Hg‡				
At baseline	152.8±10.3	154.6±12.0		
At 6 mo	125.8±11.0	145.4±15.2		
Change	-27.0±13.7	-9.3±16.0	-21.6 (-28.4 to -14.7)§	<0.001
Diastolic blood pressure — mm Hg				
At baseline	92.2±11.5	89.8±11.2		
At 6 mo	74.7±8.3	85.5±12.0		
Change	-17.5±11.0	-4.3±11.8	-14.9 (-19.6 to -10.3)§	<0.001
Hypertension control at 6 mo — no. (%)				
Blood pressure <140/90 mm Hg	118 (89.4)	55 (32.2)	3.4 (2.5 to 4.6)¶	<0.001
Blood pressure <135/85 mm Hg	109 (82.6)	32 (18.7)	5.5 (2.6 to 11.7)¶	<0.001
Blood pressure <130/80 mm Hg	84 (63.6)	20 (11.7)	5.7 (2.5 to 12.8)¶	<0.001

The Modern Model of chronic disease management

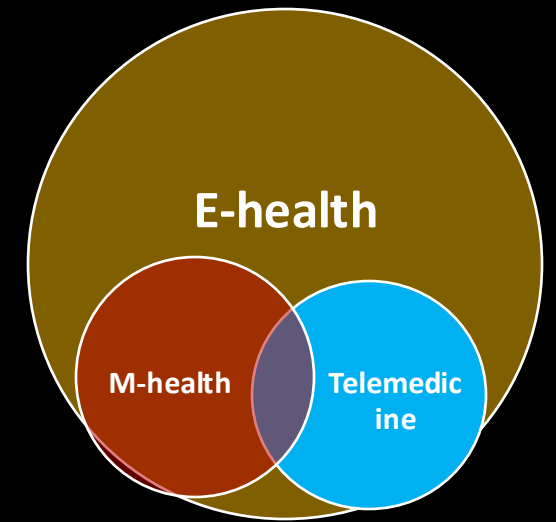
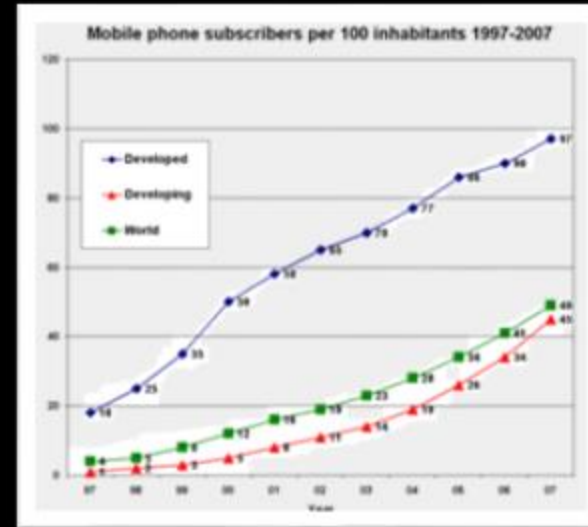


According to a modern model of HTN management, the patient and not his/her disease has a central role and is directly involved in his/her health care management in collaboration with the physician, family, and community, each other interacting in different ways to influence and support health decision.

An individualized or personalized approach is required, according to a modern medical model often referred to as “precision medicine”.

The revolution

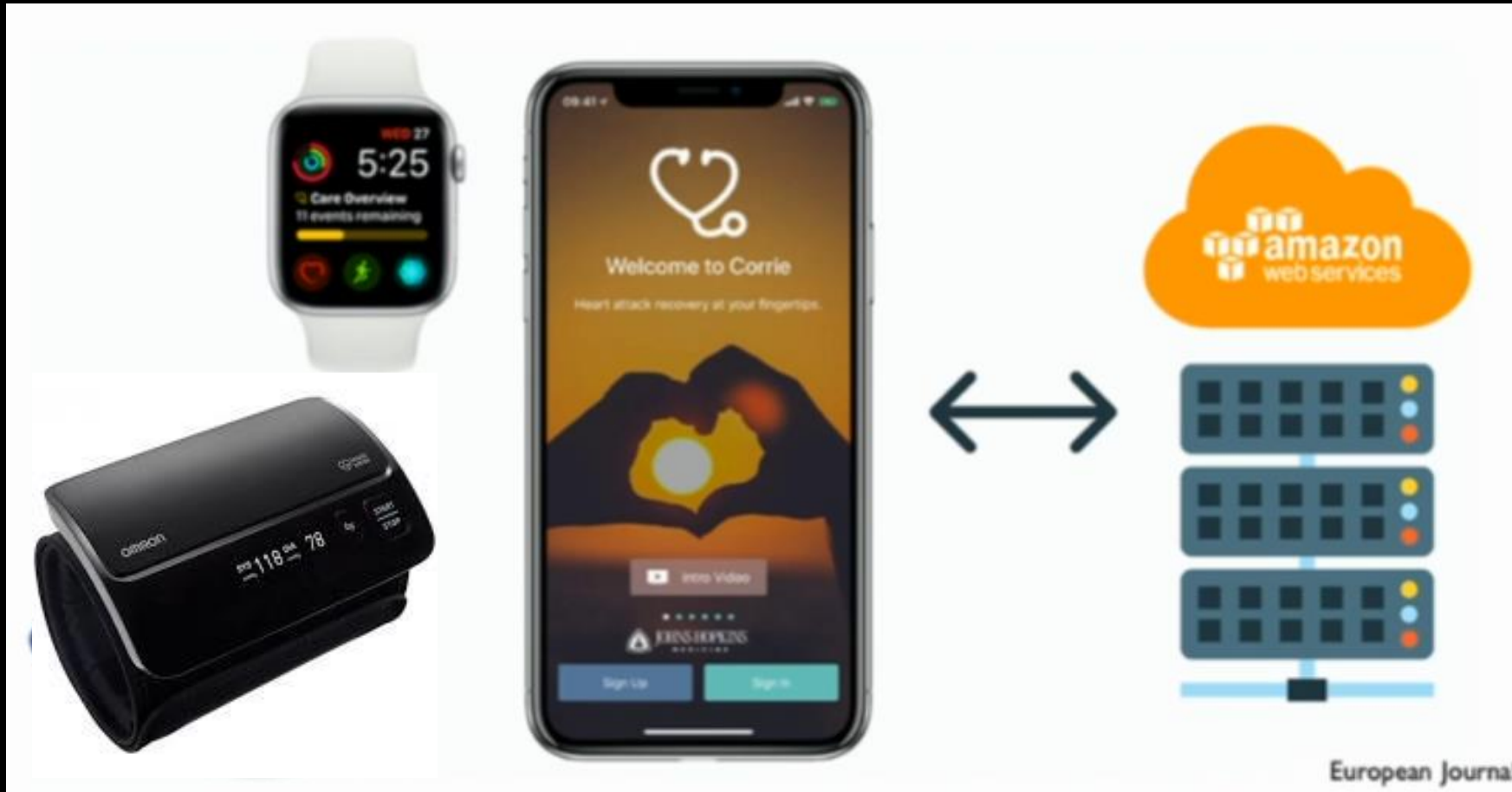
- The explosive growth of the Internet economy and the reform of medical treatment systems have accelerated the growing mHealth market.
- At present, the mHealth APP market is explosively growing due to the popularization of smartphones



The smartphone revolution is under-hyped, more people have access to phones than access to running water. We've never had anything like this before since the beginning of the planet.

(Marc Andreessen)

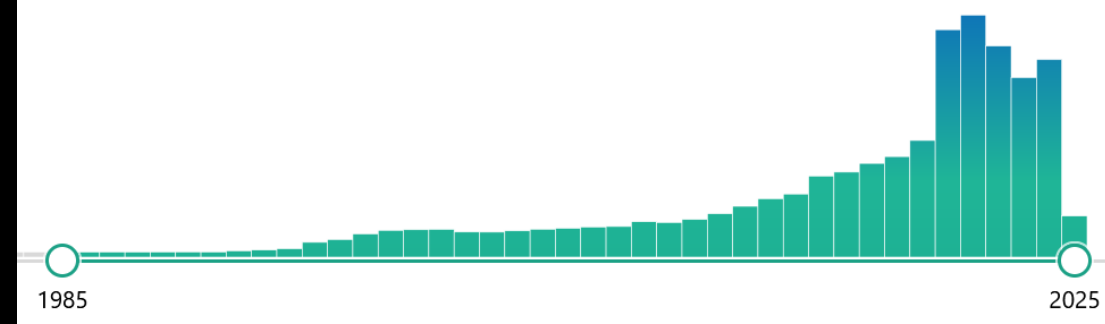
Transition from “all medicalized devices” to medical sensors adapted to usual used app and systems



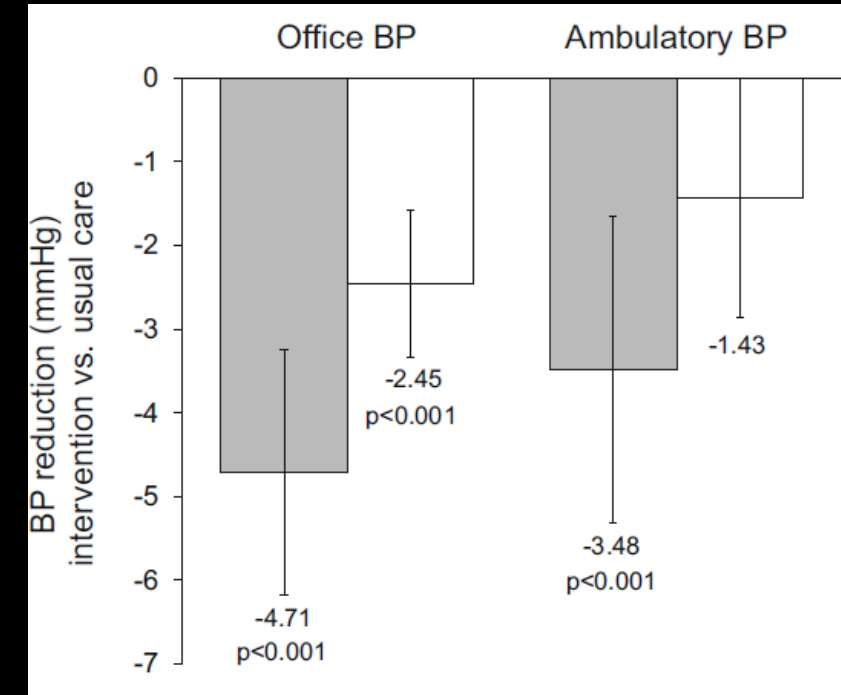
How digital technology may fit into future models of care

USUAL CARE	POTENTIAL ROLE FOR DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY
<p data-bbox="657 319 1240 386">Screening</p> <p data-bbox="657 411 1240 525">Blood pressure measurement is recommended at least 5 yearly among normotensive adults.¹ Hypertension is largely identified in a primary care clinic setting by routine or opportunistic BP measurement.</p>	<p data-bbox="1276 319 1888 434">Self-screening with automated BP cuffs Use of automated blood pressure cuffs externally to physician consults, at home or in public, to screen normotensive individuals.</p> <p data-bbox="1276 454 1888 544">Self-screening with smartphone apps Variety of health apps available that monitor BP, and may alert user if abnormal</p>
<p data-bbox="657 576 1240 644">Diagnosis</p> <p data-bbox="657 668 1240 901">Ambulatory blood pressure monitoring (ABPM) is regarded as the most accurate way to confirm a diagnosis of hypertension.¹ Ambulatory BP monitors are typically portable, automated cuffs that inflate at regular intervals. Alternatively, home blood pressure monitoring (HBPM) may be used to confirm a diagnosis of hypertension. This requires two consecutive measures at least one minute apart, morning and evening for at least four days.¹</p>	<p data-bbox="1276 576 1888 719">Self-monitoring with automated BP cuffs Traditional HBPM for diagnostic purposes may also incorporate newer digital technologies, such as Bluetooth, to enable readings to be uploaded onto a device, such as a smartphone.</p> <p data-bbox="1276 739 1888 886">Self monitoring with cuff-less BP monitoring devices Novel wearable devices, such as wrist watches, can monitor BP by utilising ECG and PPG signals. Additionally, smartphone apps have been developed with similar technologies to monitor BP and aid diagnosis.</p>
<p data-bbox="657 933 1240 986">Management and monitoring</p> <p data-bbox="657 1033 1240 1329">Hypertension is commonly managed in primary health care clinics. The physician reviews blood pressure, assesses risk of cardiovascular disease, offers lifestyle advice, and may commence antihypertensive treatment. Patients may bring in home readings if monitoring BP at home. If a patient is on antihypertensive treatment, this is titrated by the physician based on factors such as blood pressure control, risk of cardiovascular disease, comorbidities and medication side effects. Ideal targets may vary depending on comorbid conditions including type two diabetes or chronic kidney disease.¹ Management also involves screening renal, retinal and cardiovascular function for signs of target organ damage.¹</p>	<p data-bbox="1276 933 1888 1076">Self-monitoring and management with automated BP cuffs Patient takes readings out of office with automated BP machine which may be linked to Bluetooth to allow transmission of readings to a device e.g smartphone. Self-management involves titration of medication based on these results.</p> <p data-bbox="1276 1096 1888 1215">Telemonitoring Data from self-monitoring readings is automatically transferred to the physician/health care worker. Transfer may be conducted over email, text message, or apps with a Cloud upload.</p> <p data-bbox="1276 1235 1888 1343">Virtual clinics Clinic appointment is conducted through online interaction. The patient may enter information and blood pressure readings then utilised by the physician to adjust management.</p>

Telemedicine

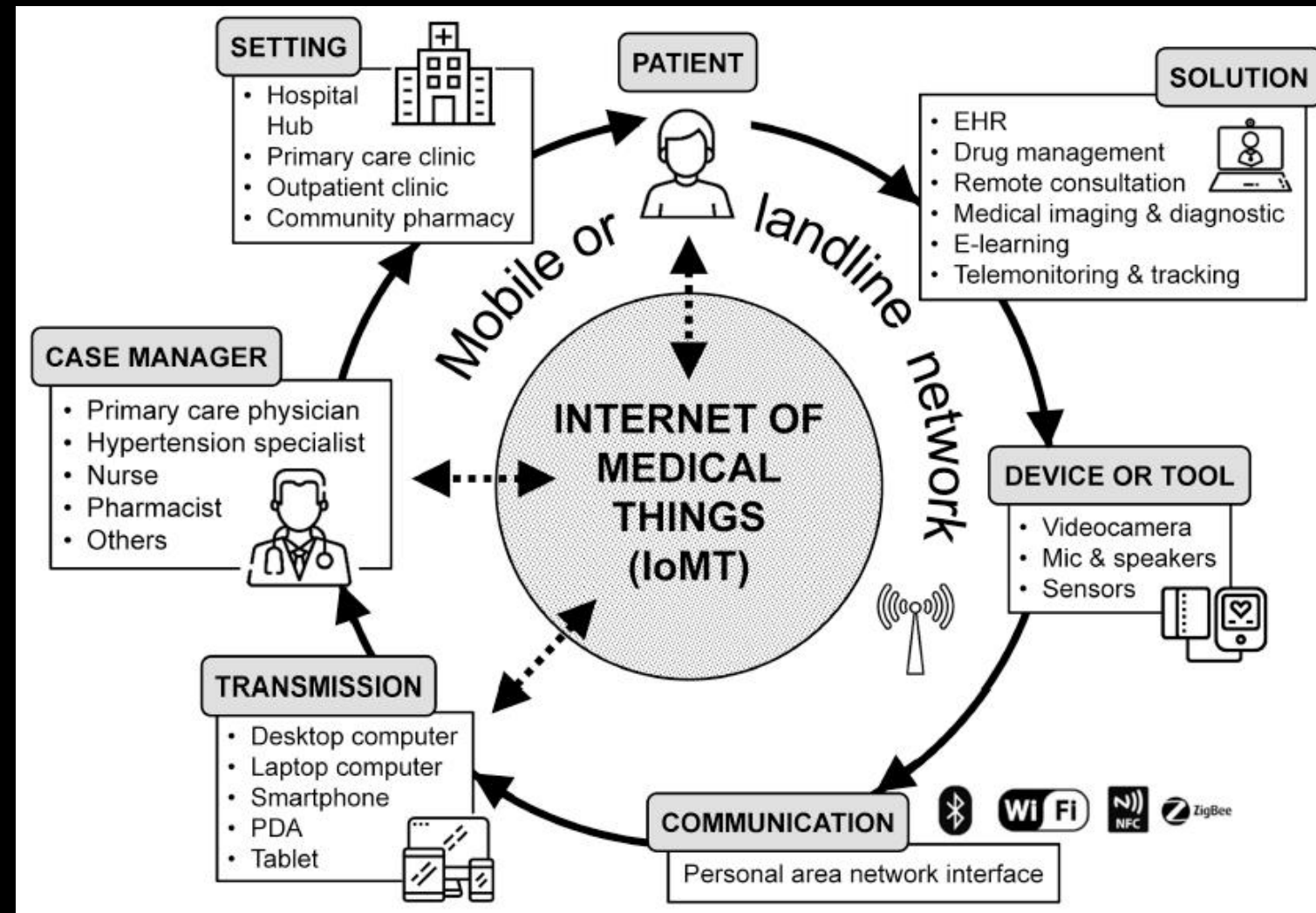


- Can reinforce and empower the physician-patient relationship, may even try to individualize it
- Patients to easily and rapidly communicate to their doctors the occurrence of acute symptoms or sudden BP raises
- Can reduce patients' stress
- May help empowering hypertensive patients, influencing their attitudes and behaviors, and improving their medical condition
- Physicians can provide services to an increased number of patients



Telehealth Services

- **7 million patients** are managed by telehealth solutions around the world
- In **US** there are **200 telemedicine networks** with 3,500 service sites and over half of all US hospitals have adopted some form of e-health
- In **Europe**, **83% of countries** have **telemedicine services** implemented, the main being teleconsultation (73%), followed by telediagnosis and telemonitoring (67%)
- m-health apps can provide automatic patient-directed feedbacks or overcoming of preset thresholds and have the function of positive reinforcement of doctor's prescription and recommendation

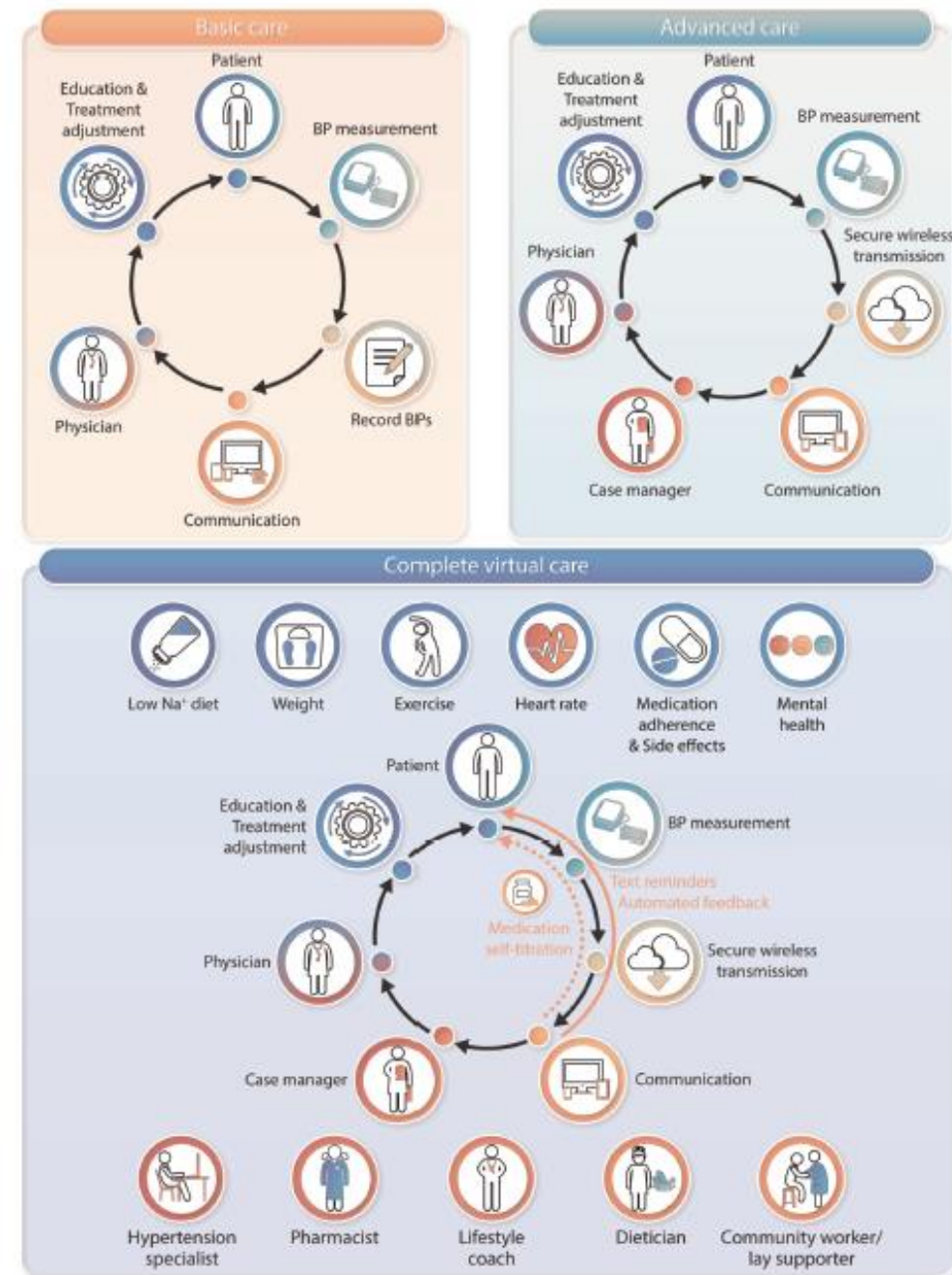


Virtual management of hypertension: lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic: International Society of Hypertension position paper endorsed by the World Hypertension League and European Society of Hypertension

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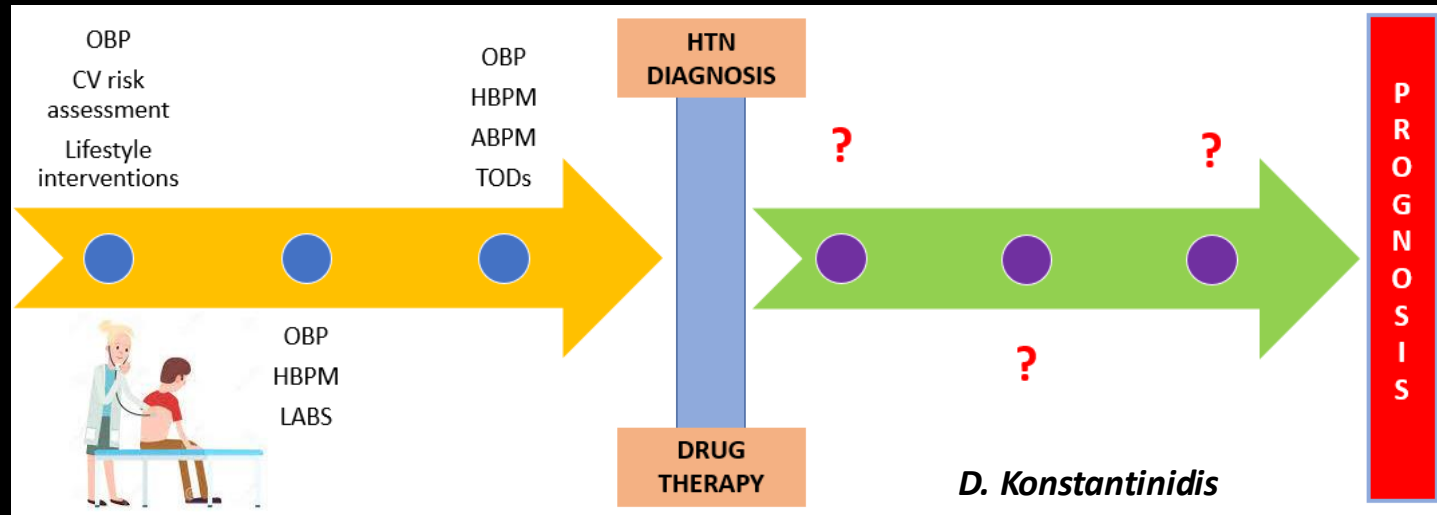
Recommendations

- The initial evaluation should be conducted in person.
- If not possible or preferred, then video based medical consultation is preferred to telephone (see Table 1 resource section for strategies to optimize the virtual healthcare visit)





Diagnosis and management of HTN



✓ Appropriate follow-up and monitoring enable assessment of:

1. adverse responses
2. response to therapy
3. adherence
4. target organ damage
5. progress toward treatment goals

A Telecommunications System for Monitoring and Counseling Patients With Hypertension

Impact on Medication Adherence and Blood Pressure Control

Robert H. Friedman, Lewis E. Kazis, Alan Jette, Mary Beth Smith, John Stollerman, Jeanne Torgerson, and Kathleen Carey

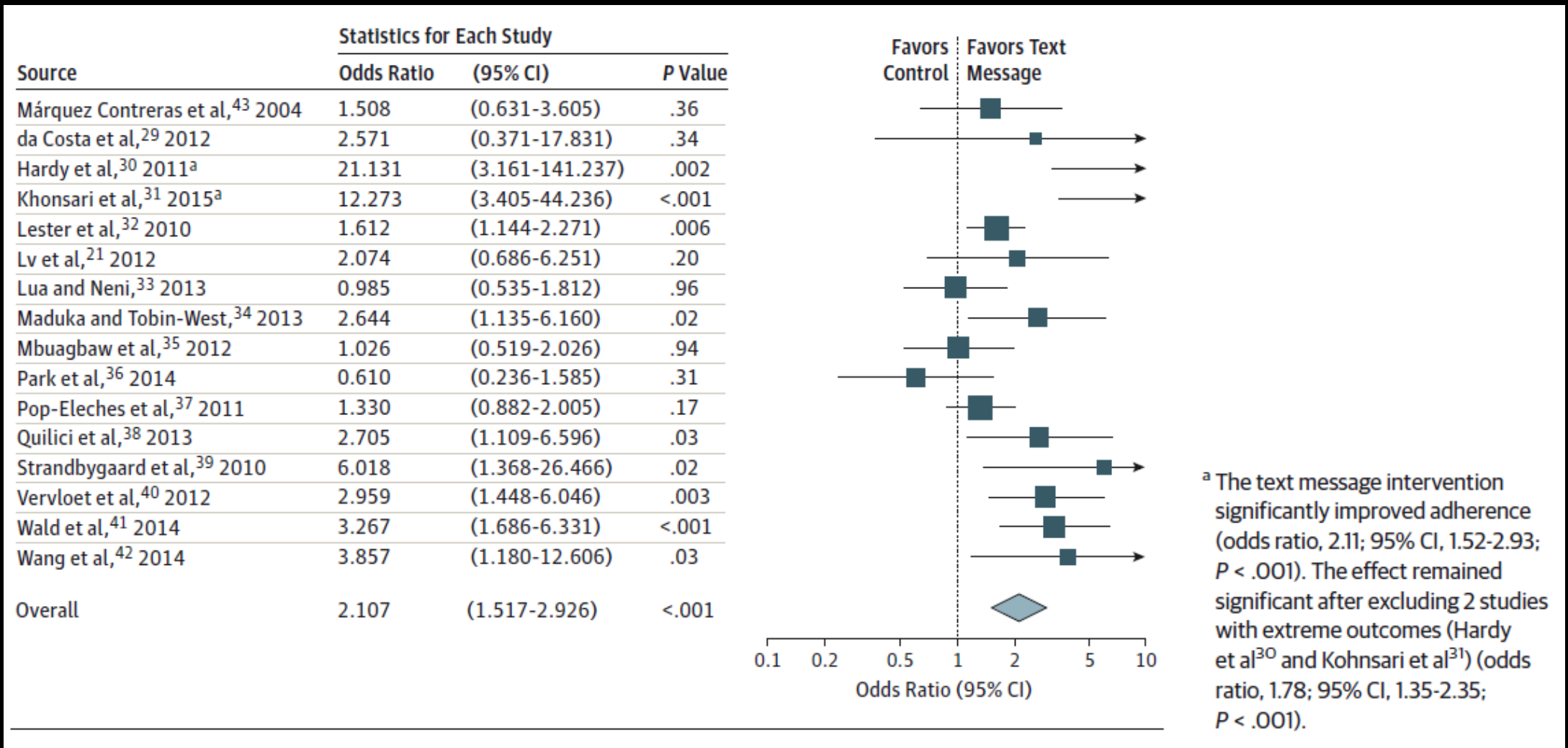
Am J Hypertens. 1996 Apr;9(4 Pt 1):285-92

- 267 patients
- ≥ 60 yrs
- Weekly, subjects in the telephone group reported self-measured BP, knowledge and adherence to antihypertensive medication regimens, and medication side-effects to a computer-controlled telephone system

TABLE 3. CHANGE IN SYSTOLIC AND DIASTOLIC BLOOD PRESSURES BY STUDY GROUP*

	TLC	Usual Care	P
Adjusted mean systolic blood pressure change† (mm Hg)			
Total study population‡	11.5	6.8	.20
Nonadherent subjects§	12.8	0.9	.09
Adherent subjects§	10.3	12.8	.29
Adjusted mean diastolic blood pressure change† (mm Hg)			
Total study population‡	5.2	0.8	.02
Nonadherent subjects§	6.0	-2.8	.01
Adherent subjects§	4.5	4.4	.97

Systems for adherence (Mobile Telephone Text Messaging)

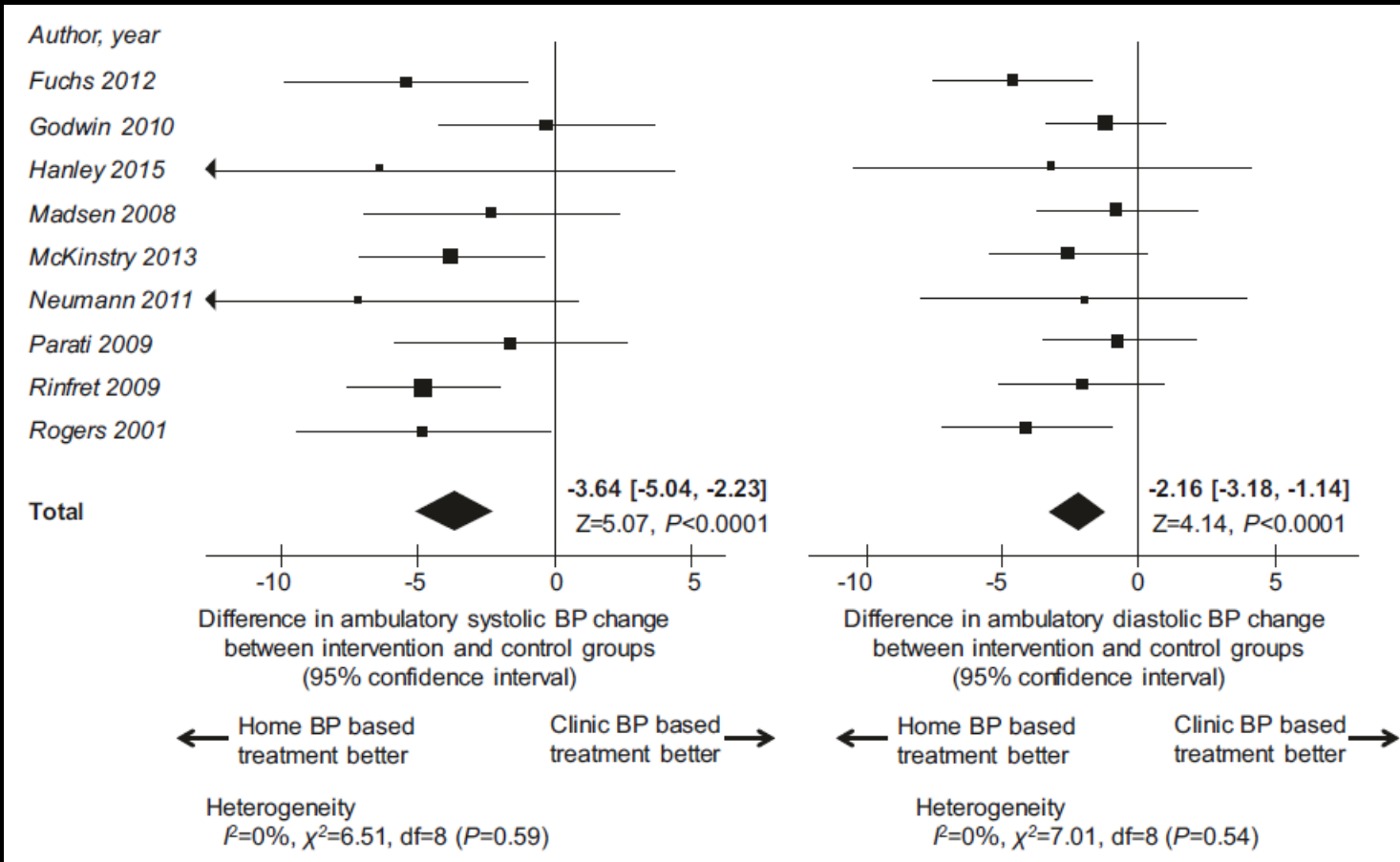




There's No Place Like Home to Diagnose Hypertension

- The **BP-CHECK study** was a 3-group, office, home, and kiosk BP monitoring for diagnosing hypertension.
- 510 adults with elevated BP without diagnosed hypertension
- Adherence to the **monitoring** regimen was:
 1. **home BP group (90.6%),**
 2. clinic group (87.2%),
 3. kiosk group (67.9%)
- From a patient-centered perspective, home BP monitoring is the most acceptable method for diagnosing hypertension

HBP vs OBP for BP control

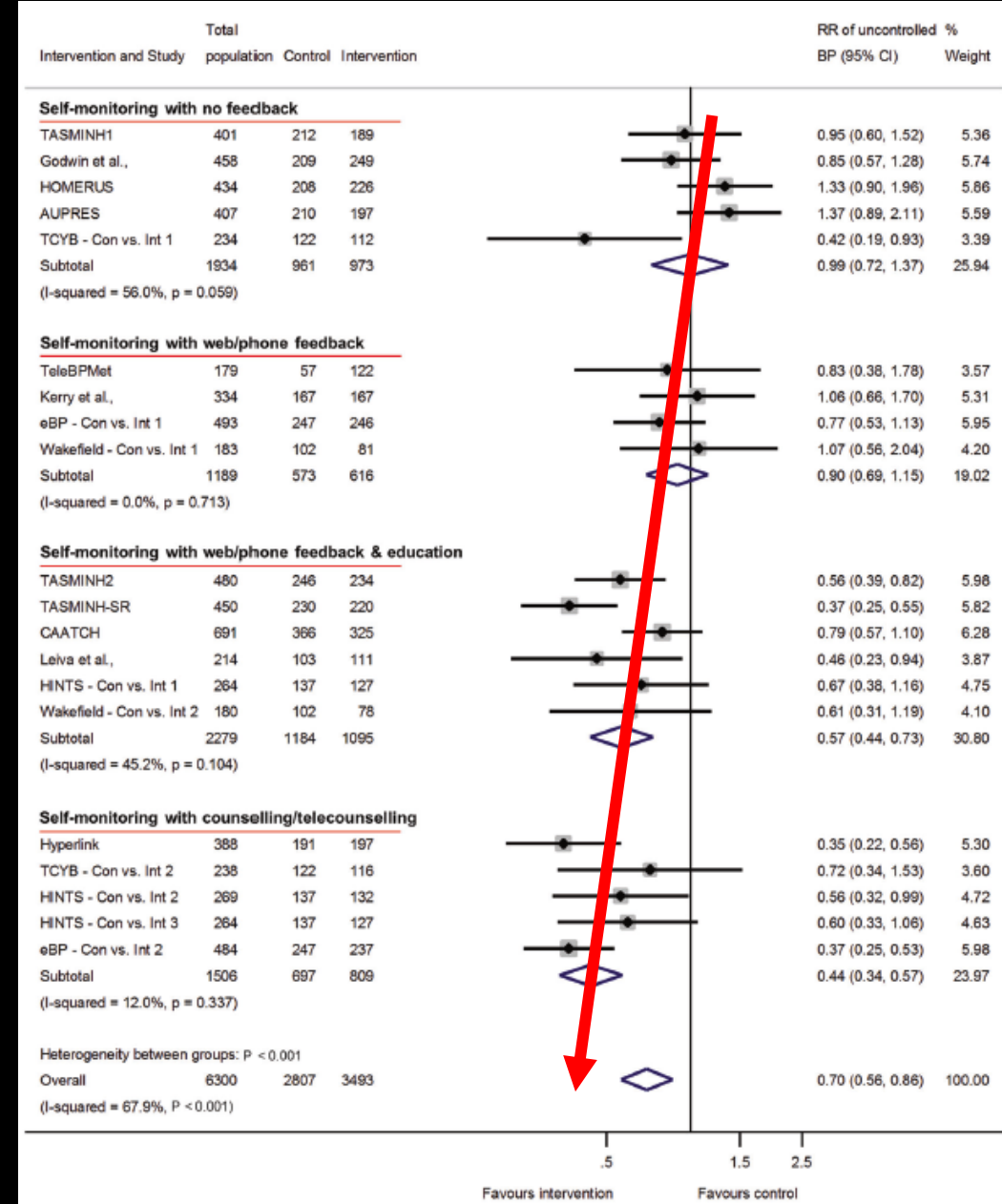
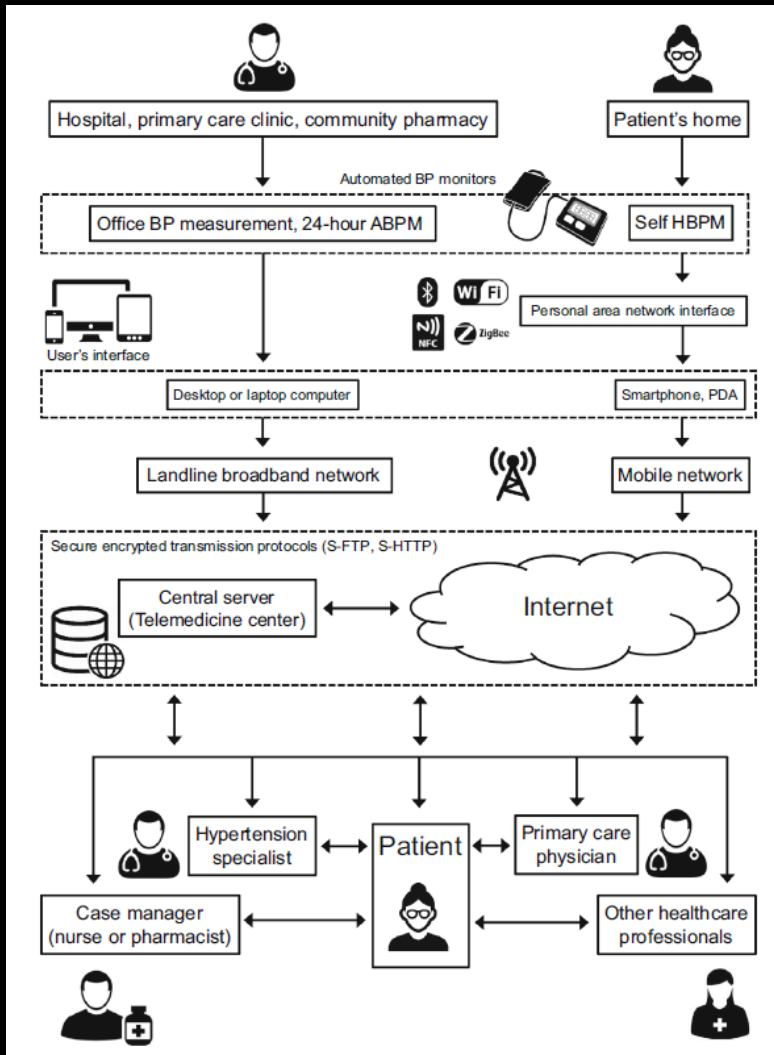


HBPM:

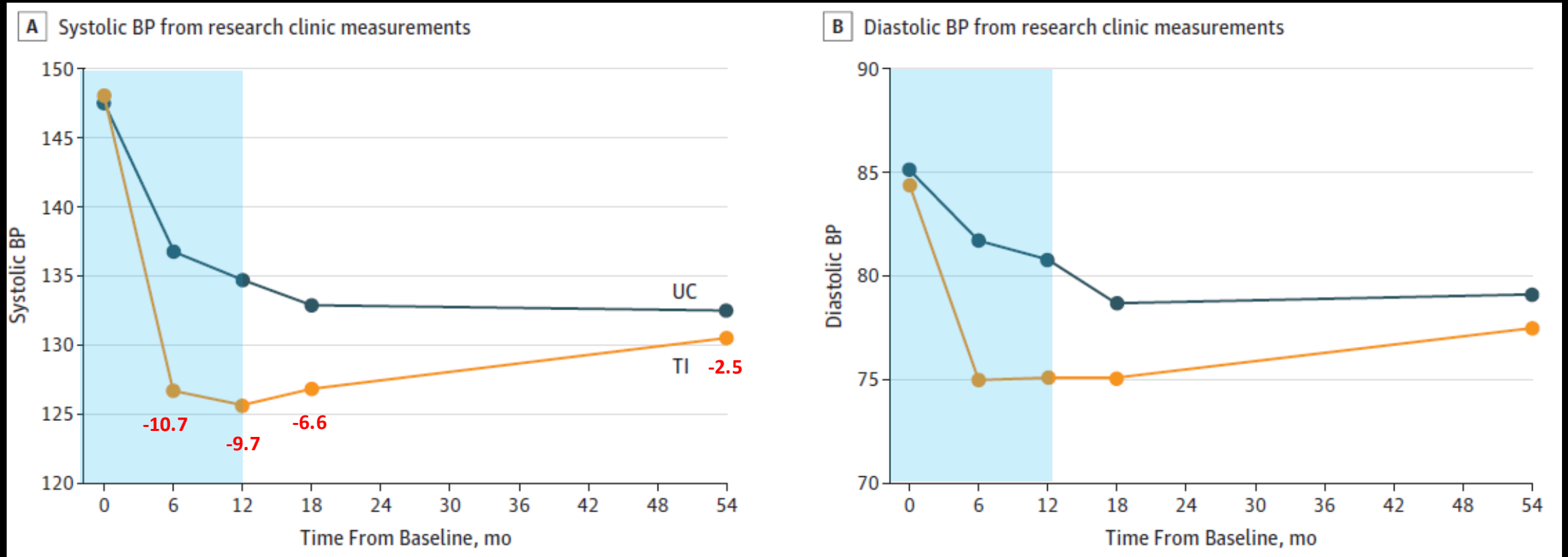
- evaluate the patients' BP,
- the antihypertensive effects,
- the seasonable and day-to-day BP variation during treatment in the long term,
- considered useful for improving patients' adherence

For outcomes of cardiovascular events and related deaths, there are no appropriate studies

It's a matter of intervention

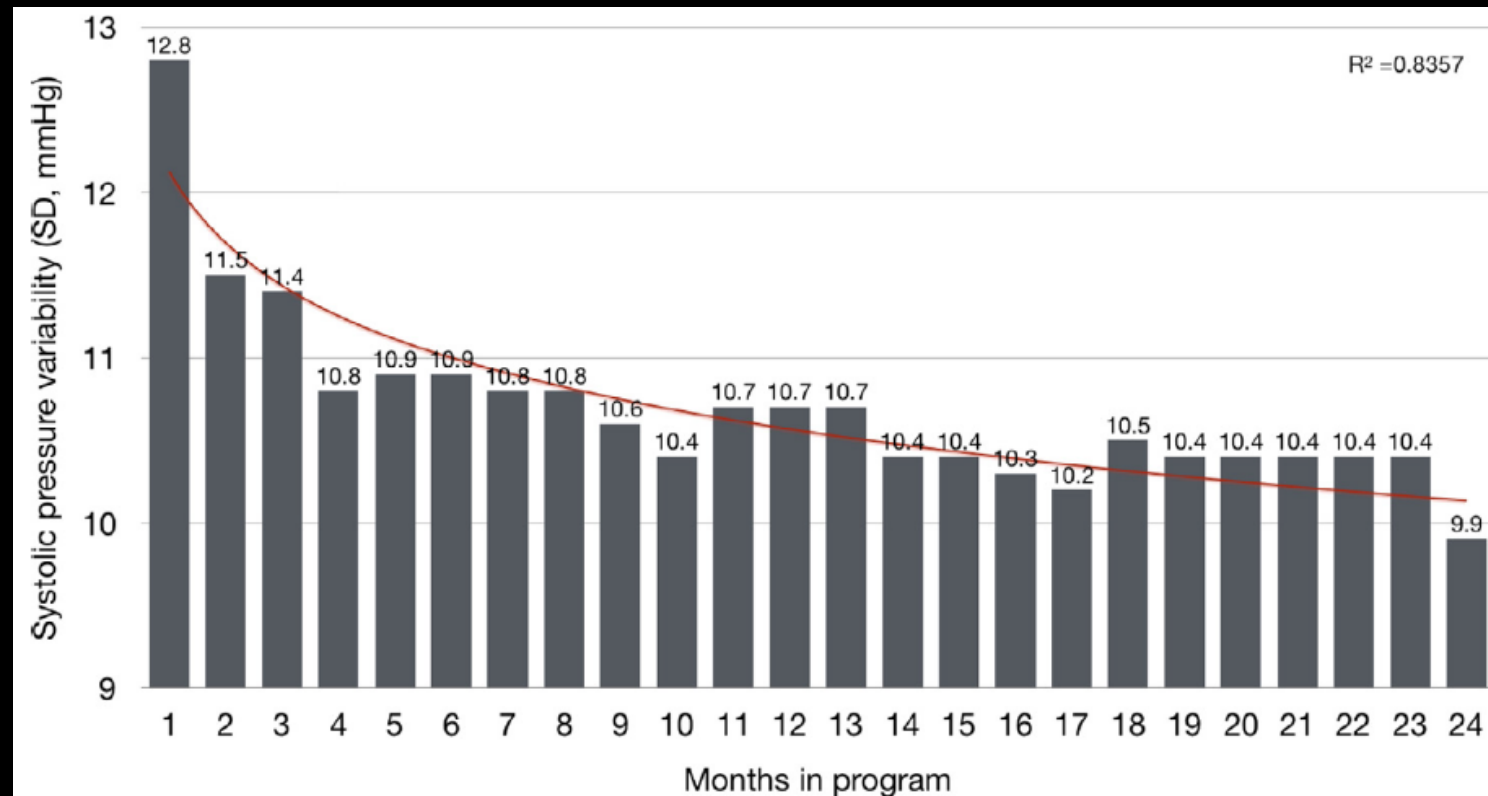


The long term effect



Telemedicine Improves BP Variability

- 803 hypertensive patients
- Mean age 67 ± 12 yrs
- Reduction of 8 mmHg for the SBP and 5 mmHg for the DBP



Is it safe?

- Telemedicine group used a 3G network–attached HBP monitoring device, consulted hypertension specialists from an academic hospital through web-based video visits



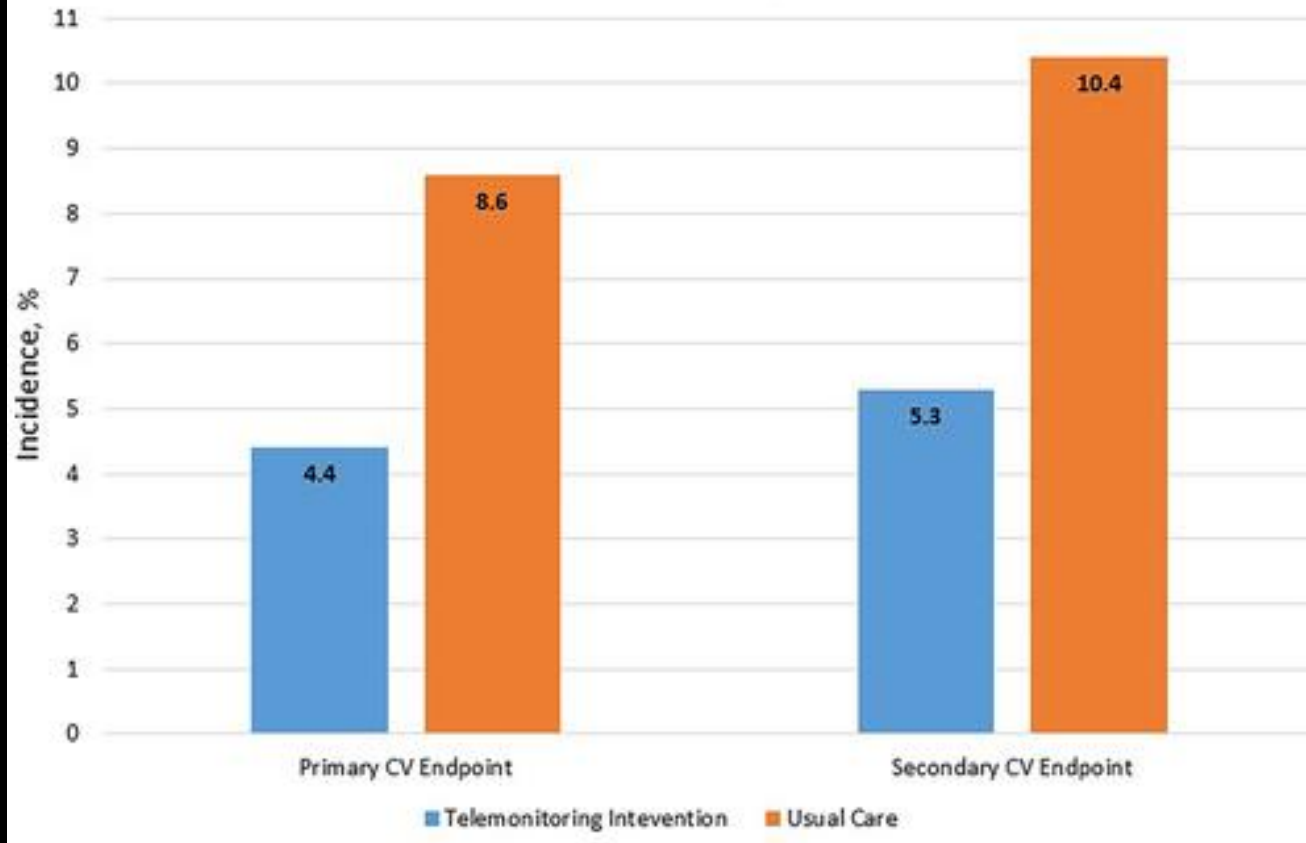
Table 3. Home blood pressure change from baseline till the end of the 1-year study period.

	Usual care group	Telemedicine group	<i>P</i> value
Change in systolic blood pressure (mmHg), mean (SD)	−5.4 (11.3)	−9.2 (14.3)	.23
Change in diastolic blood pressure (mmHg), mean (SD)	−3.5 (8.1)	−5.5 (8.7)	.33

- Rate of SBP control (135 mmHg) was better in the telemedicine group (85.3% vs 70.0%; $P=.01$)
- Significant adverse events were not observed
- **Telemedicine without actual office visits was determined to be relatively safe in managing hypertension for 1 year**

What about CV events?

Cardiovascular Outcomes During 5-Year Follow-up

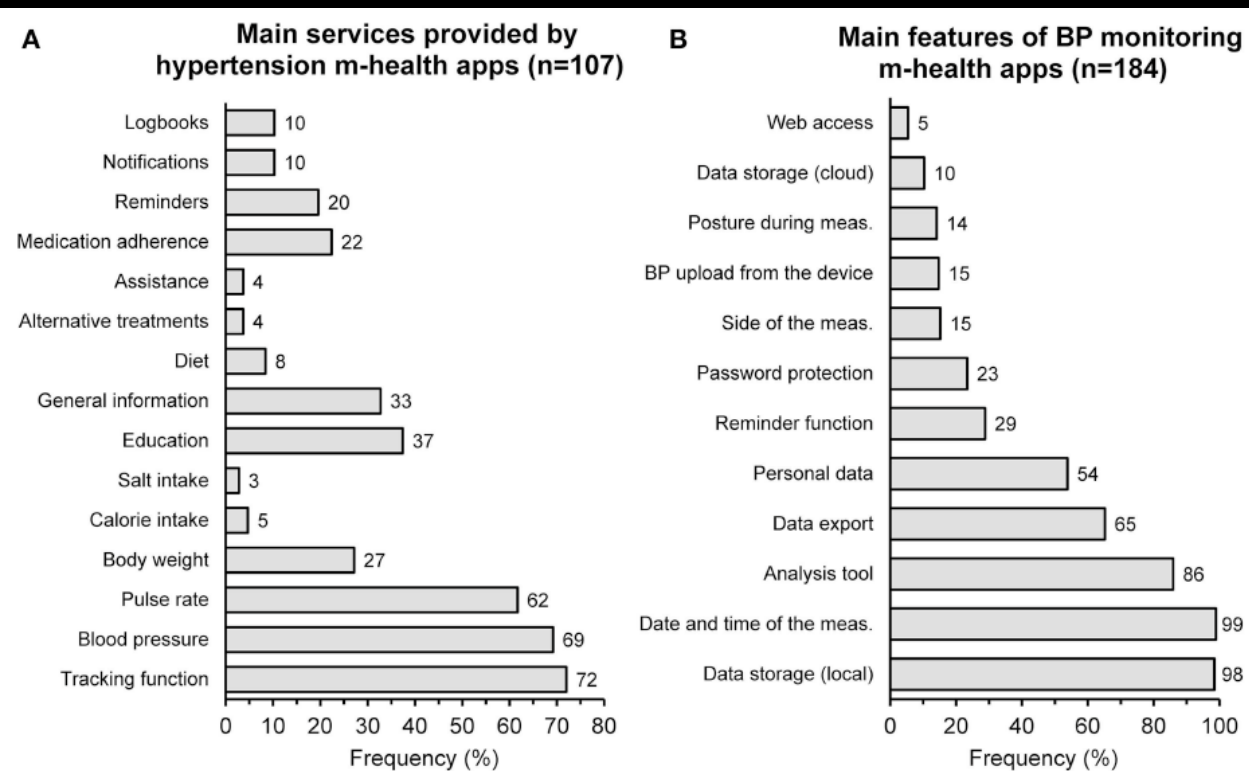


Type of Event	Intervention (n=228)		Usual Care (n=222)	
	Events, N	Patients, N (%)	Events, N	Patients, N (%)
MI	5		11	
Stroke	4		12	
Heart failure	5		3	
CV Death	1		0	
Total Events	15	10 (4.4%)	26	19 (8.6%)
Revascularization	2		10	
Total Events	17	12 (5.3%)	36	23 (10.4%)

Intervention costs were \$1,511 per patient.

Over 5 years, estimated event costs were \$758,000 in the TI group and \$1,538,000 in the UC group for a return on investment of **126%** and a net cost savings of about \$1,900 per patient.

The Apps m-health in HTN

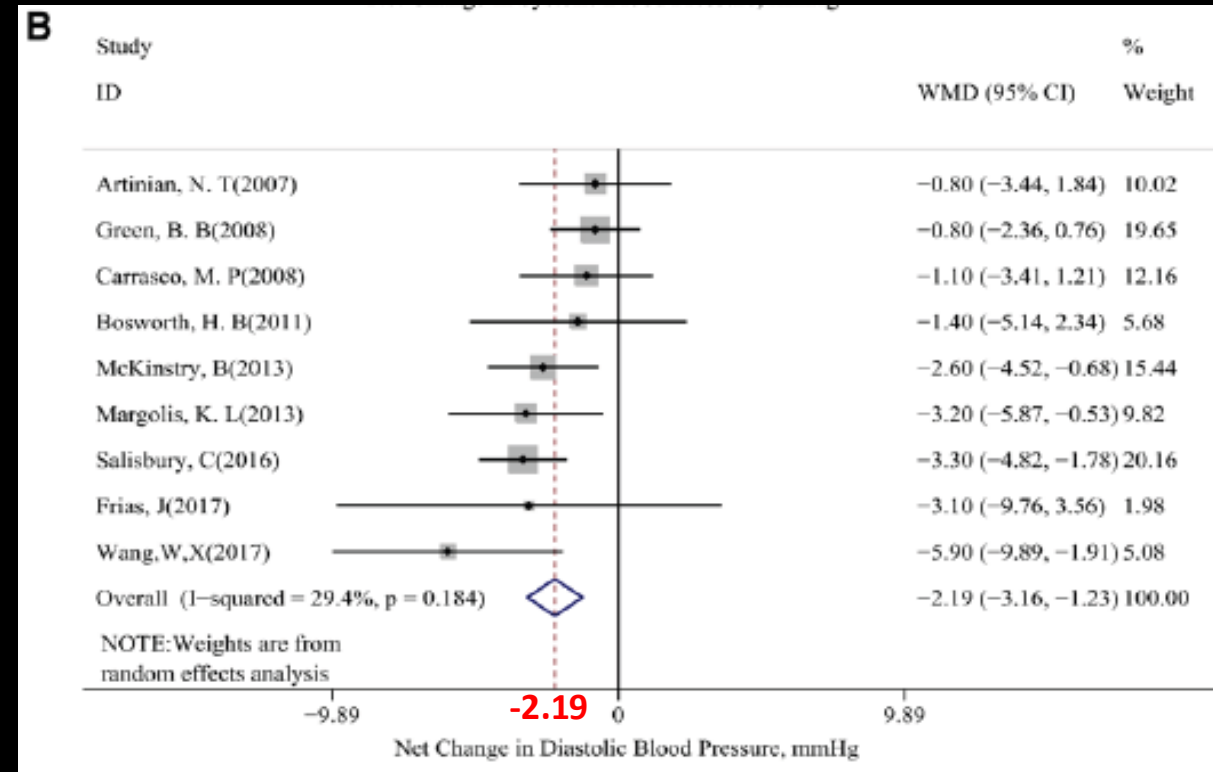
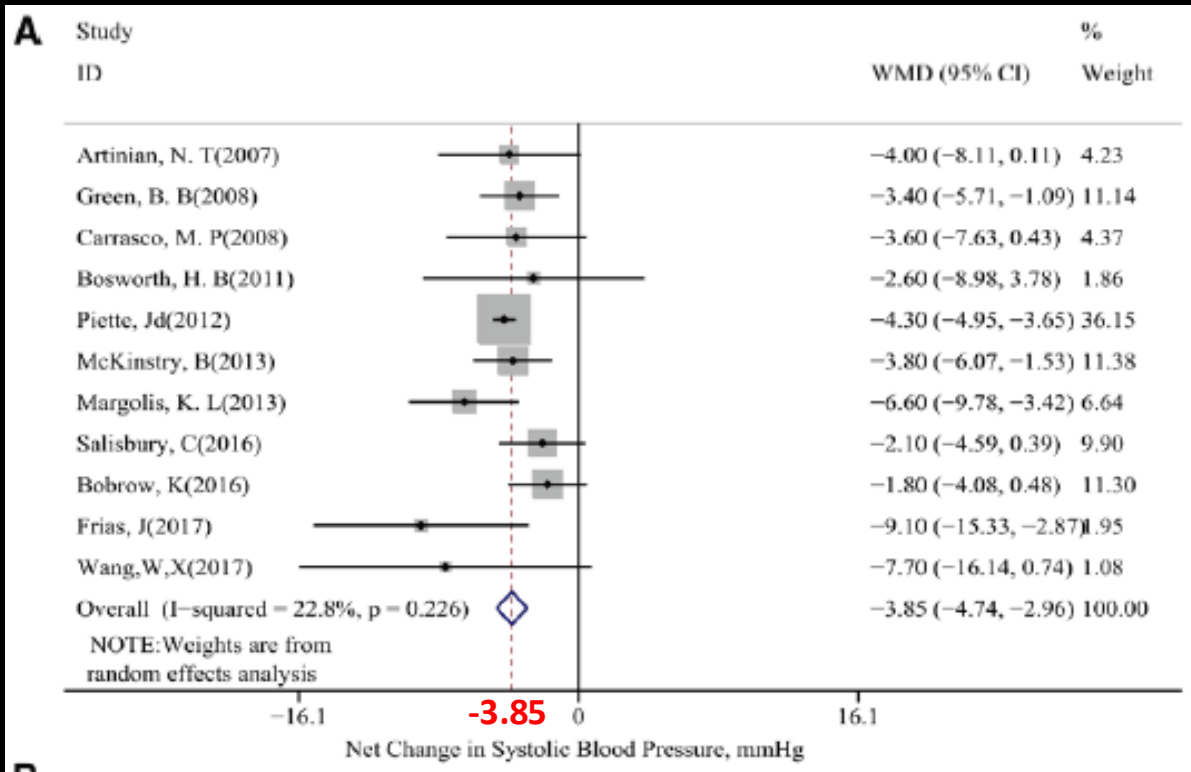


Omboni S. Front Cardiovasc Med. 2019 Jun 13;6:76

Study	Functionalities					
	Self-monitoring	Use of prompt/cues (reminder and alert)	Educational information	Communication with others	Automatic feedback	Stress management
Anglada-Martínez et al [39]	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—
Bengtsson et al [36]	✓	✓	—	—	✓	—
Bengtsson et al [37]	✓	✓	—	—	✓	—
Hallberg et al [38]	✓	✓	—	—	✓	—
Carrera et al [40]	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—
McGillicuddy et al [25]	✓	✓	—	—	✓	—
McGillicuddy et al [26]	✓	✓	—	—	✓	—
Davidson et al [24]	✓	✓	—	—	✓	—
McGillicuddy et al [27]	✓	✓	—	—	✓	—
Bloss et al [28]	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—
Patel et al [29]	✓	✓	✓	—	—	—
Or and Tao [42]	✓	✓	✓	—	✓	—
Logan et al [33]	✓	✓	—	—	✓	—
Petrella et al [34]	✓	✓	—	—	—	—
Albini et al [41]	✓	✓	✓	—	—	—
Mao et al [31]	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	—
Moore et al [30]	✓	—	—	✓	✓	—
Mendelson et al [35]	✓	—	✓	—	—	—
Kang et al [44]	✓	✓	✓	—	✓	—
Sun et al [43]	✓	—	—	—	—	—
Banerjee et al [32]	✓	✓	—	✓	✓	✓

Alessa T, et al. JMIR Mhealth Uhealth. 2018 Jul 23;6(7):e10723

The mHealth intervention on BP



21.6 Use of telemedicine and tele-health technologies

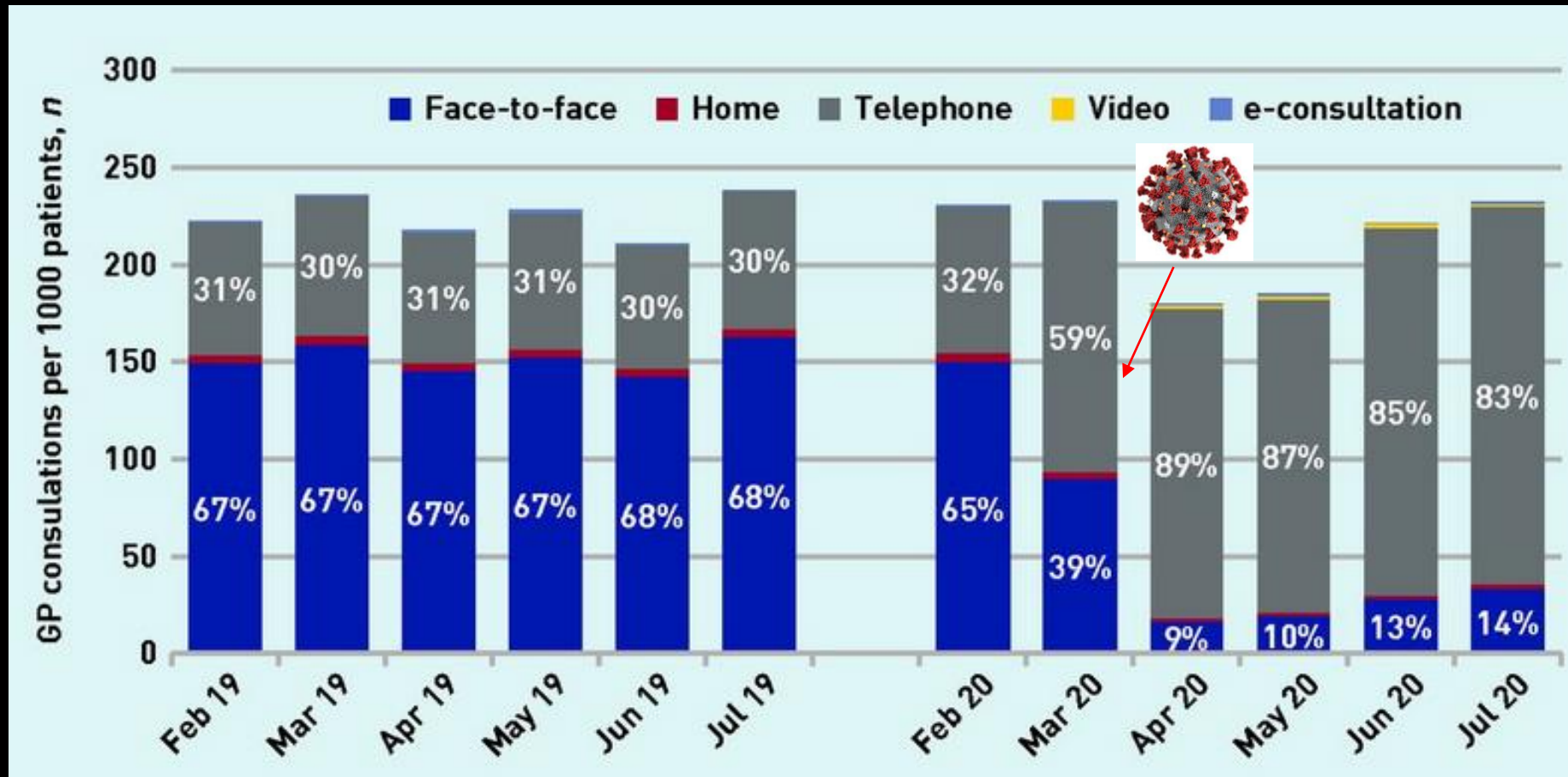
The advent of new technologies has allowed use of internet-based interactive digital interventions (tele-health) and health-related mobile applications that can also be installed on smartphones. This enables, at least in perspective, virtual care of hypertension [139]. The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the role of remote management of chronic conditions and greatly contributed to the familiarization of both patients and physicians with these new technologies [17,139].

Interactive digital interventions include behavioral aids and promotional material for hypertension self-management. Several studies and meta-analyses suggest that these interventions are associated with better patient education, greater BP reduction and even reduced CV outcomes [1695–1697]. Mobile applications include the assessment of heart rate, thereby recognizing AF, sleep quality, physical activity and even cuff-less BP measurement [62,1698]. Transmission of HBPM, or even additional data obtained by physician are under investigation by many studies, including those promoted by ESH [1699,1700]. At present, it is premature to reach a conclusion on the benefits of these technologies, and the virtual management approach in general. Nevertheless, favorable data on home BP telemonitoring have been obtained. A meta-analysis of 46 RCTs in about 14 000 hypertensive patients revealed that home BP telemonitoring is associated with significant BP reduction and improved BP control [1701]. Similar results were reported by others [139,1702] including a study during the COVID-19 pandemic [1621].

COR	LOE	Recommendation
IIa	A	1. Telehealth strategies can be useful adjuncts to interventions shown to reduce BP for adults with hypertension. ^{S12.3.2-1–S12.3.2-5}



Hypertension management in the COVID era



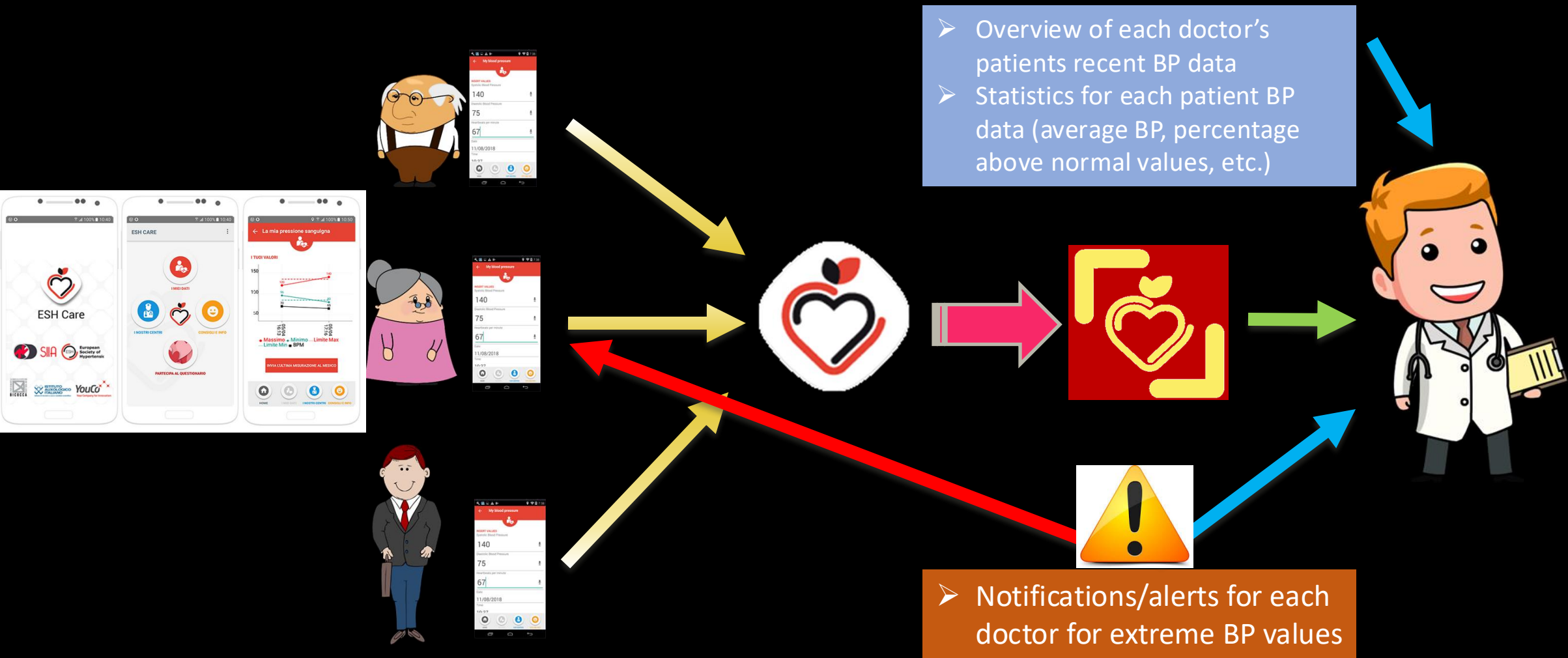
Not any war plan resist to enemy plans (Napoleon):
COVID has changed our perspectives

American Heart Association Invites Applications for Health Equity Research Network on Prevention of Hypertension

April 13, 2021

Deadline: May 13, 2021

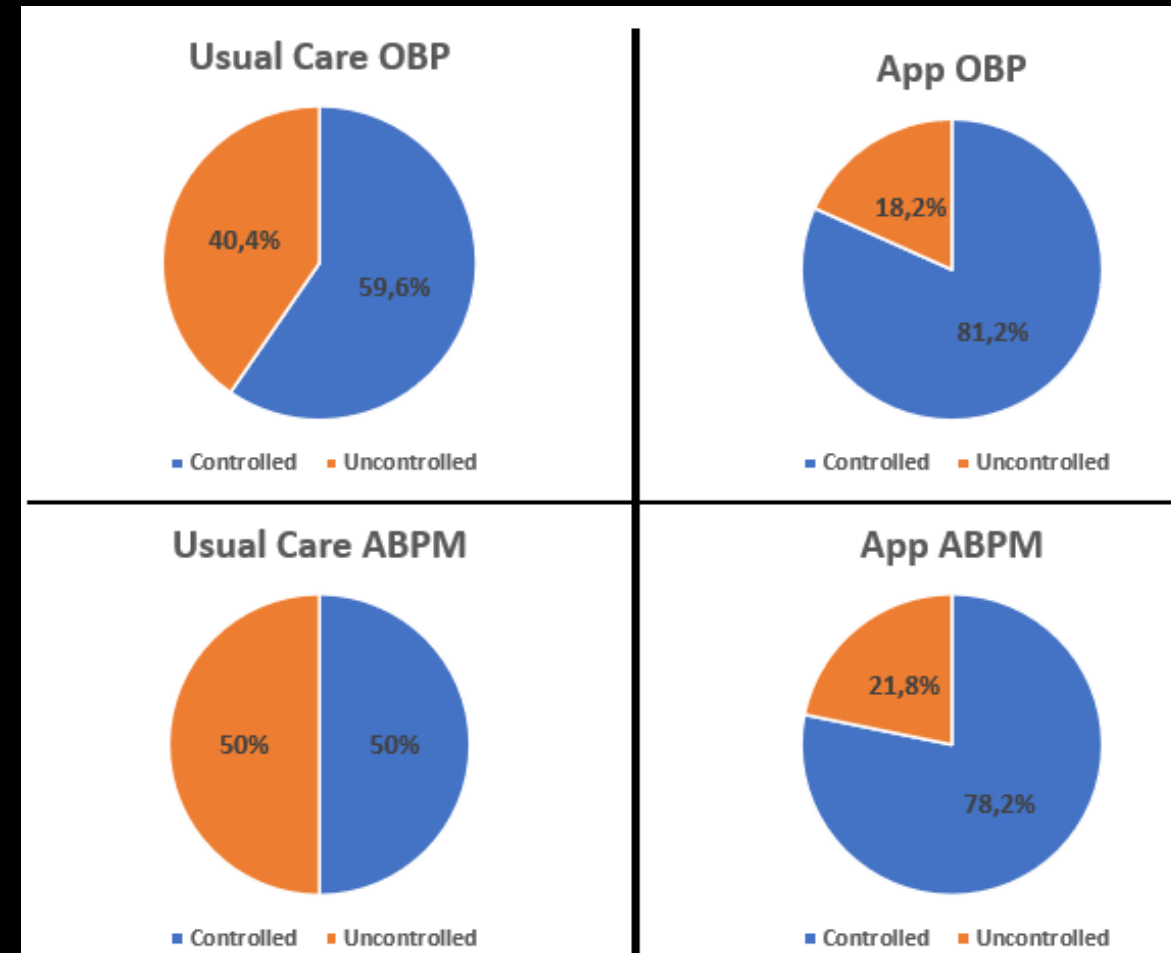
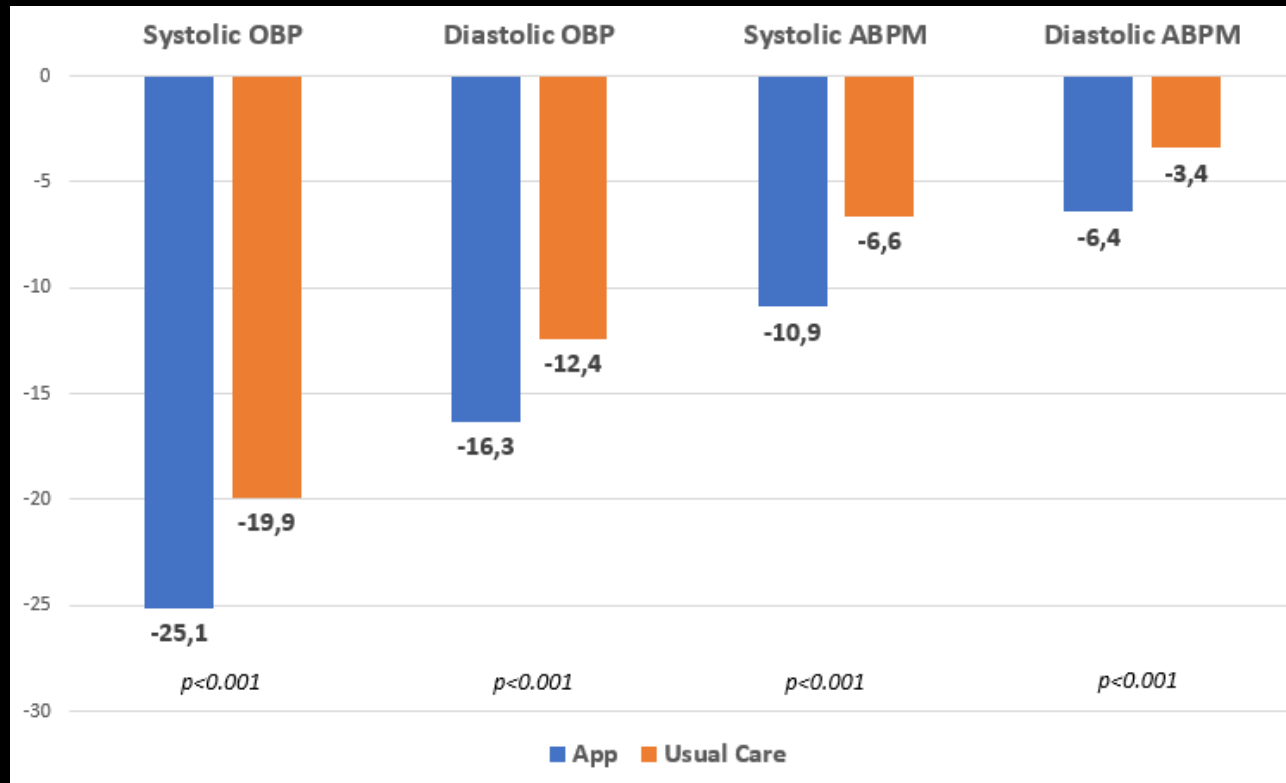
ESH CARE App and its extension platform



➤ Overview of each doctor's patients recent BP data
➤ Statistics for each patient BP data (average BP, percentage above normal values, etc.)

➤ Notifications/alerts for each doctor for extreme BP values

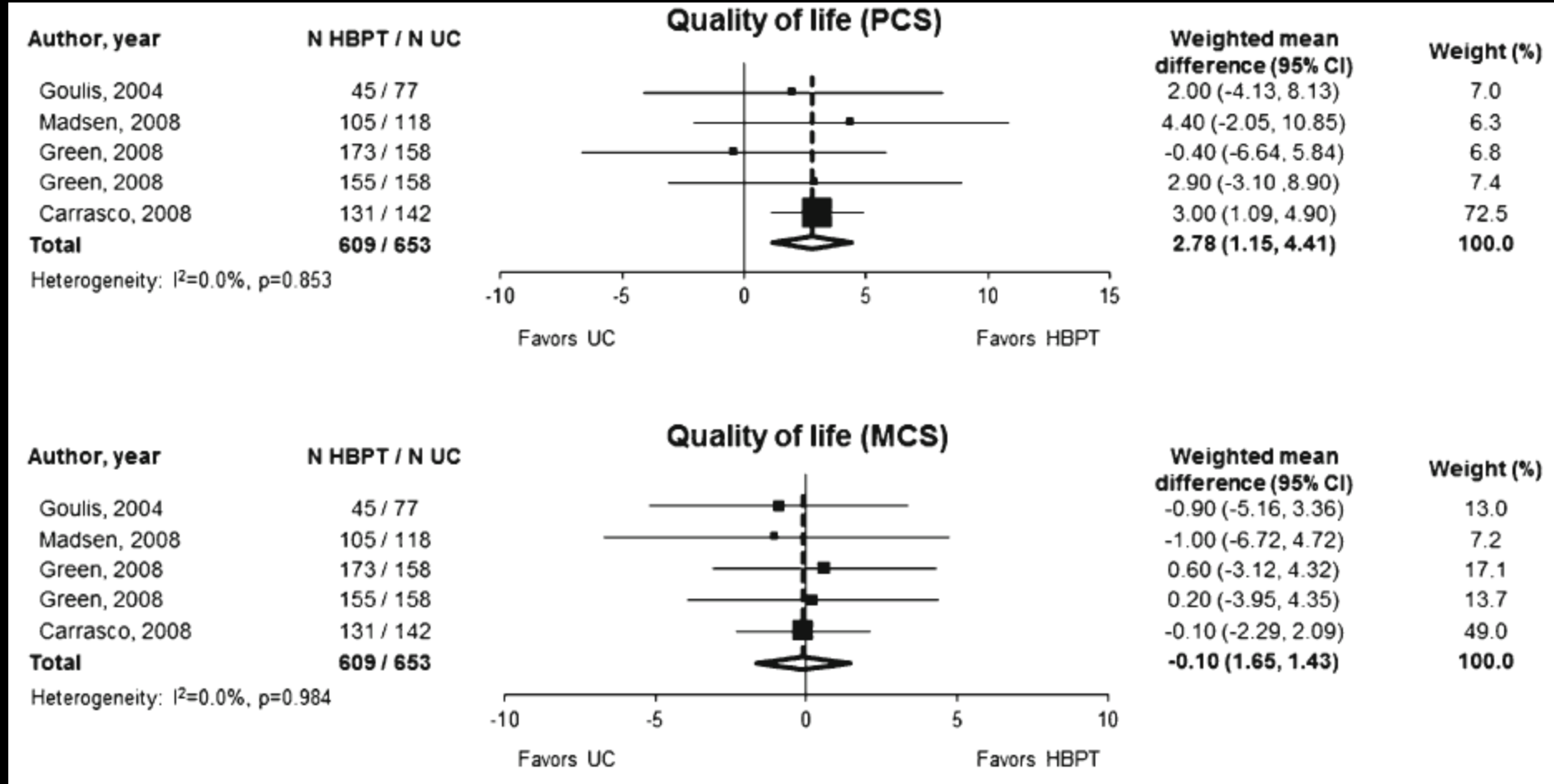
BP control with the ESH CARE App





The patients' perception

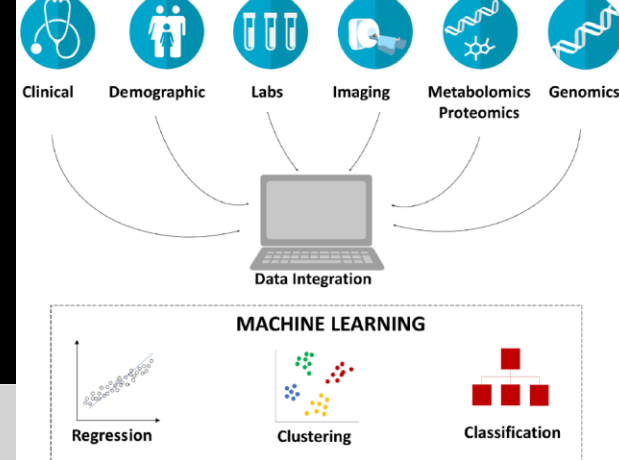
- In 10 studies, including 1,120 patients, 87.1% of the participants regarded the BPT technique as useful to manage their condition.





The physicians' perception

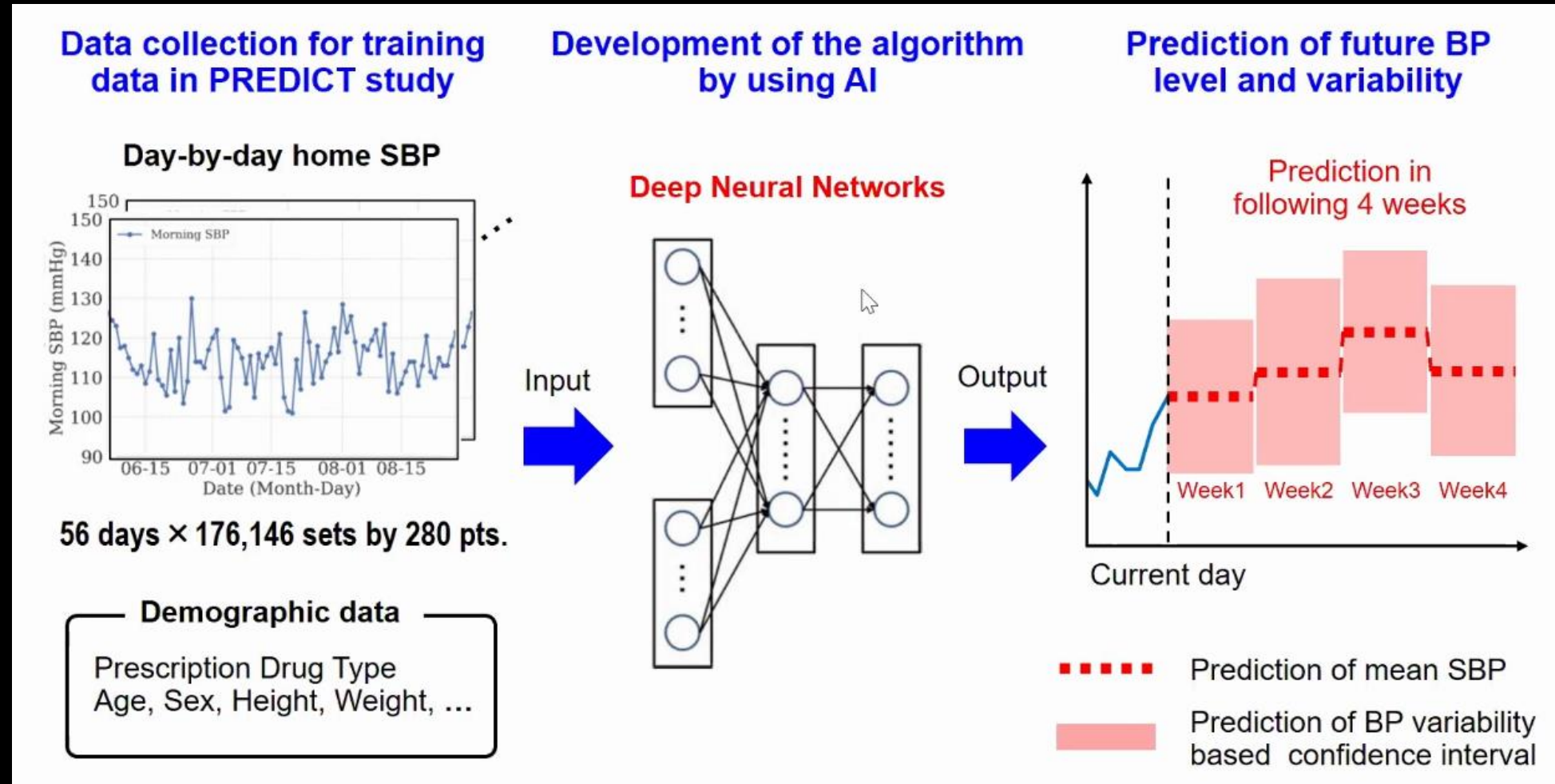
- Only **25%** of doctors recommend the use of m-health
- **42%** of doctors worry that m-health apps **will make patients too independent**
- **58%** believe that telemedicine **will play a significantly greater role in the future**
- Allows to reach distant patients and increase the number of served patients
- There are no standardized methods for the quality evaluation of m-health apps
- The lack of adequate infrastructures, lack of reimbursement



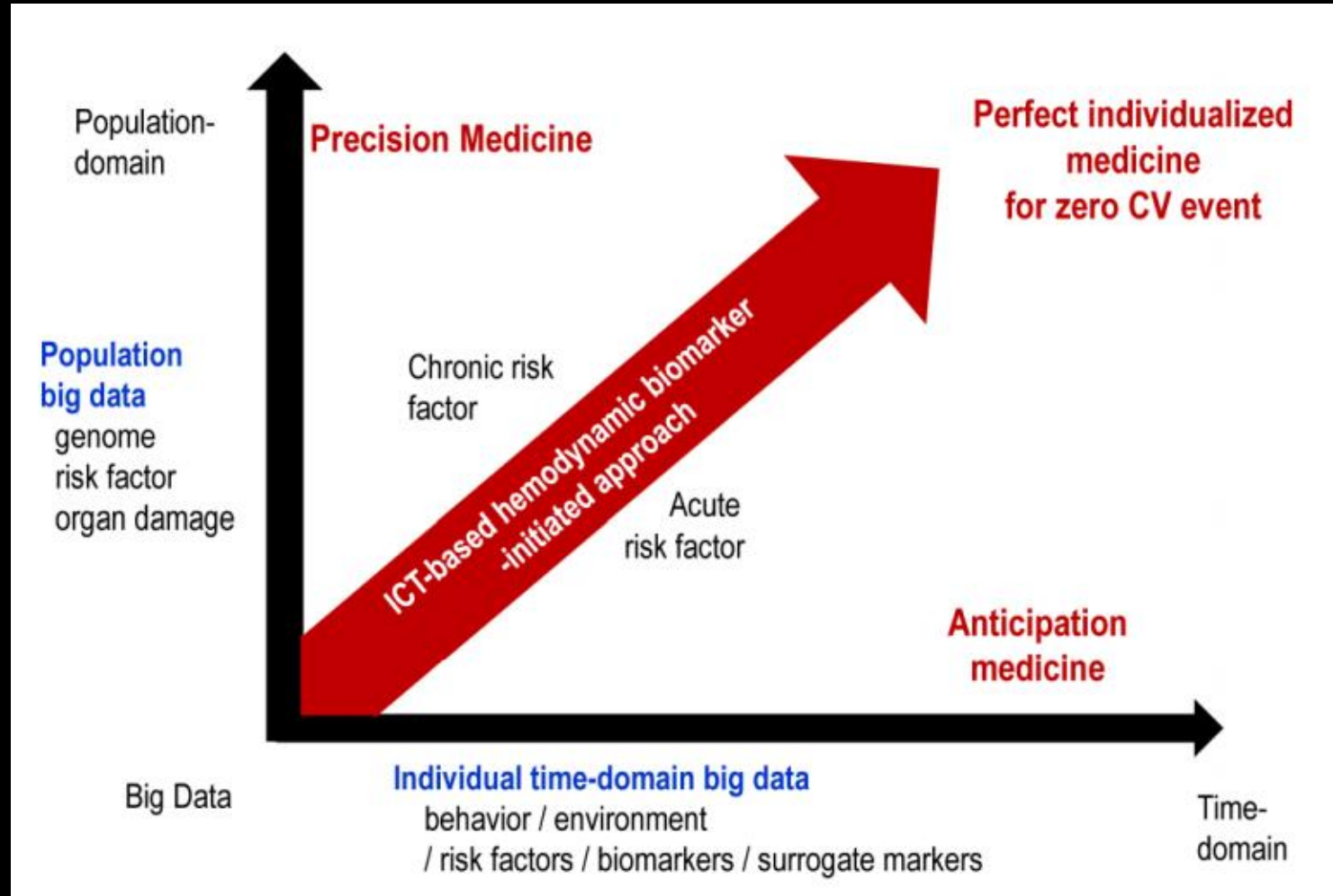
AI applications and new technology for HTN management

Applications	AI Techniques	Benefits
Prediction:		
1) Identification of hypertension	Classification tree ¹² , Artificial neural network (ANN) ¹³ , k-nearest neighbors algorithm (KNN) ¹⁴	Precision diagnosis
2) Incidence prediction	Data mining with Bayesian Network ¹⁵ , Extreme gradient boosting (XGBoost) ^{16,17}	Timely intervention
3) Clinical outcome prediction	Random Forest ¹⁸ , XGBoost ¹⁹	Treatment plan adjustment
Management:		
1) Treatment effectiveness	Ensemble Model ²⁸ , X-Learner ²⁹ , Support Vector Regression (SVR) ³⁰	Personalized treatment plan
2) Blood pressure variability	Deep neural network with gated recurrent unit ³¹ , K-means clustering ³²	Pre-emptive interventions (eg lifestyle modifications) for normotensive people
New technology for blood pressure measurement	Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) ³⁴ , Random Forest ³⁵ , Long short-term memory (LSTM) ^{36,37} , recurrent neural (RNN) ⁴⁰ , Advance machine learning algorithms ⁴¹	Self BP monitoring for hypertension

Prediction of BP Variability using Artificial Intelligence (AI)



Anticipation medicine of CV disease



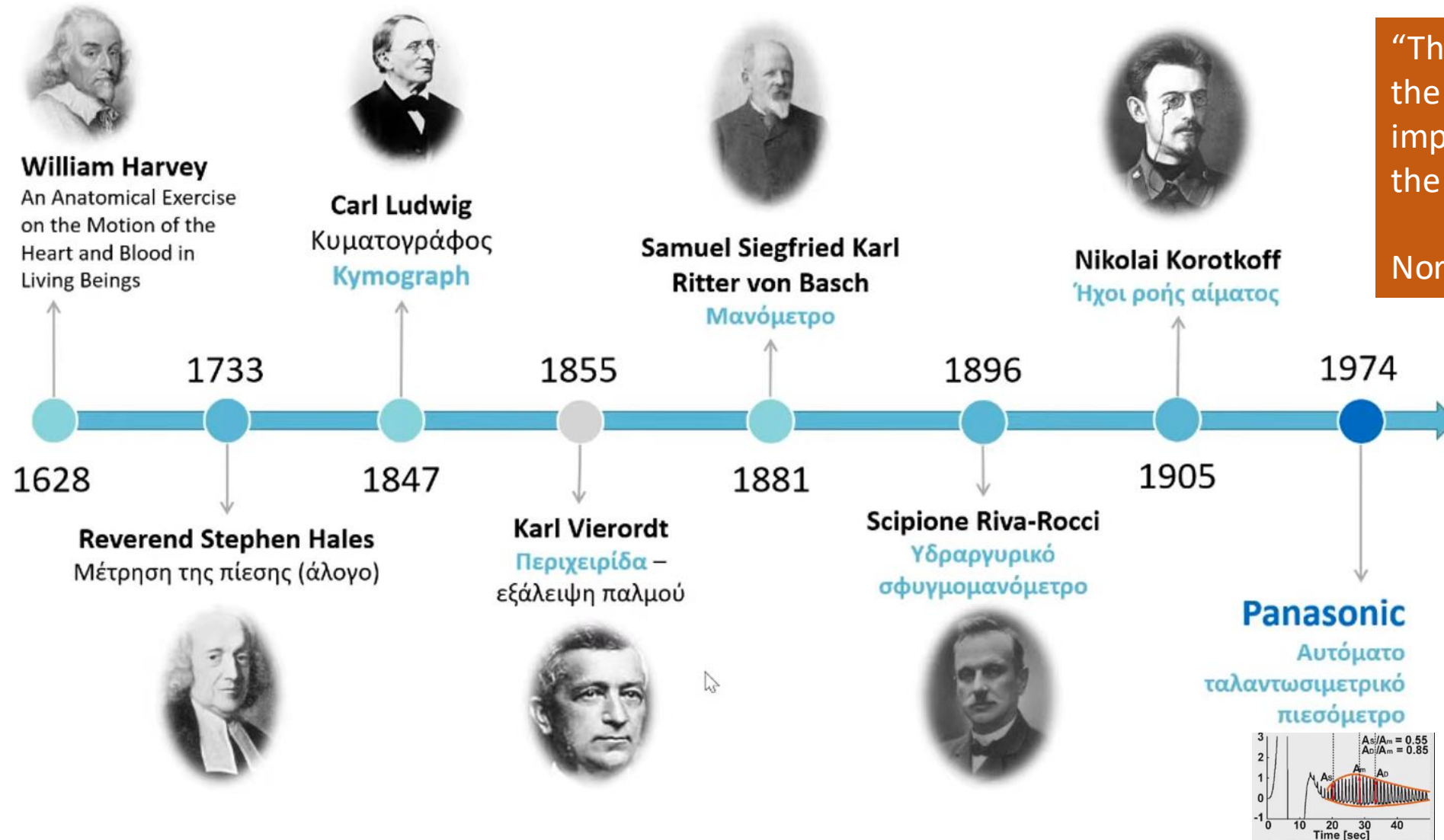
Support to GP and patients...

- This study evaluates the effectiveness of the newly developed PIA (Pc supported case management of hypertensive patients to implement guideline-based hypertension therapy using a physician-defined and -supervised, patient-specific therapeutic algorithm) intervention with PIA-ICT and eLearning for general practices.

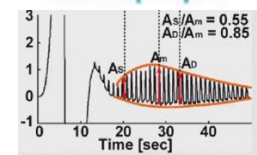
	All (N = 525)	Intervention group (n = 265)	Usual care group (n = 260)	P value ^a
SBP (mmHg), M1, mean (SD)	138.6 (17.3)	136.0 (16.4)	141.3 (17.8)	<0.001
Controlled SBP (mmHg), M1, N (%)	282 (53.7%)	173 (65.3%)	109 (41.9%)	<0.001
DBP (mmHg), M1, mean (SD)	84.5 (11.0)	84.1 (10.9)	84.9 (11.1)	0.40
Controlled DBP (mmHg), M1, N (%)	361 (68.8%)	194 (73.2%)	167 (64.2%)	0.03
SBP (mmHg), M2, mean (SD)	136.0 (15.1)	134.3 (14.5)	137.8 (15.5)	0.01
Controlled SPB (mmHg), M2, N (%)	323 (61.5%)	192 (72.5%)	131 (50.4%)	<0.001
DBP (mmHg), M2, mean (SD)	83.3 (10.1)	83.1 (9.7)	83.4 (10.6)	0.73
Controlled DBP (mmHg), M2, N (%)	387 (73.7%)	206 (77.7%)	181 (69.6%)	0.04
BP, M1, N (%)	242 (46.1%)	149 (56.2%)	93 (35.8%)	<0.001
Primary endpoint: BP M2, N (%)	282 (53.7%)	166 (62.6%)	116 (44.6%)	<0.001

BP M1 = first measurement after 5 min rest; BP M 2 = second measurement after 1 min; DBP = Diastolic blood pressure; SBP = Systolic blood pressure. ^az-Test.

Blood pressure measurement



“The measurement of BP is likely the clinical procedure of greatest importance that is performed in the sloppiest manner”
Norman Kaplan 1998



When, Where, How?



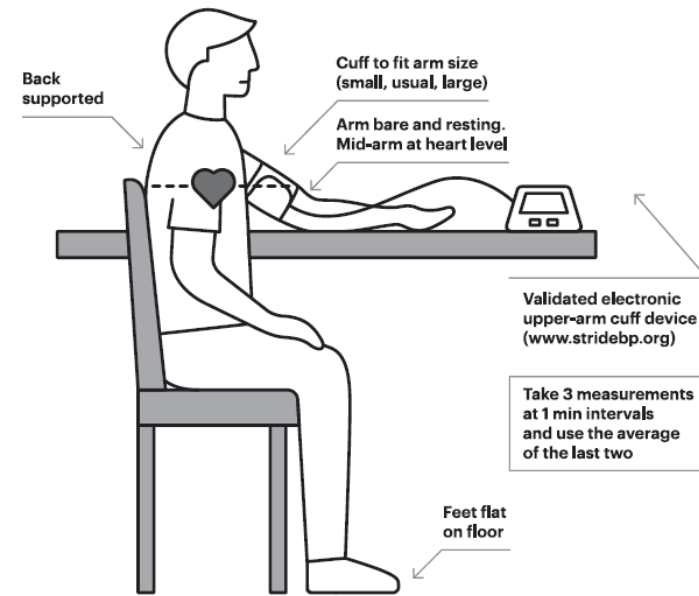
NO SMOKING, CAFFEINE, FOOD, EXERCISE 30MIN BEFORE

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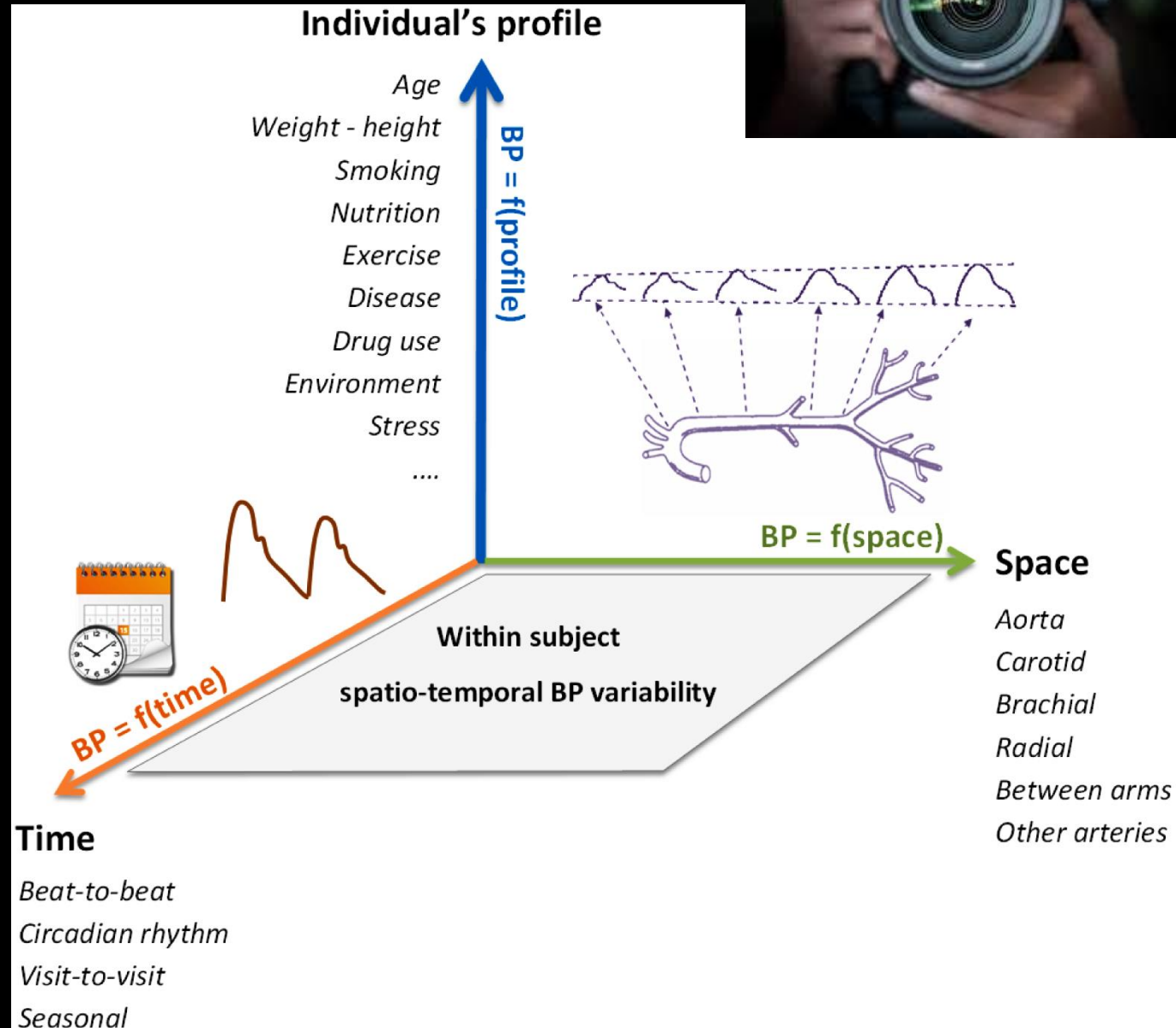
COMFORTABLE TEMPERATURE

3-5 MIN REST

NO TALKING DURING OR BETWEEN MEASUREMENTS


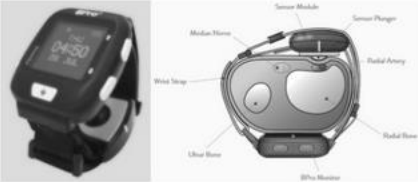






“The dynamic behavior of BP has been largely ignored, and focus put on snapshot BP measurement”





Wearable blood pressure measurement devices and new approaches in hypertension management: the digital era

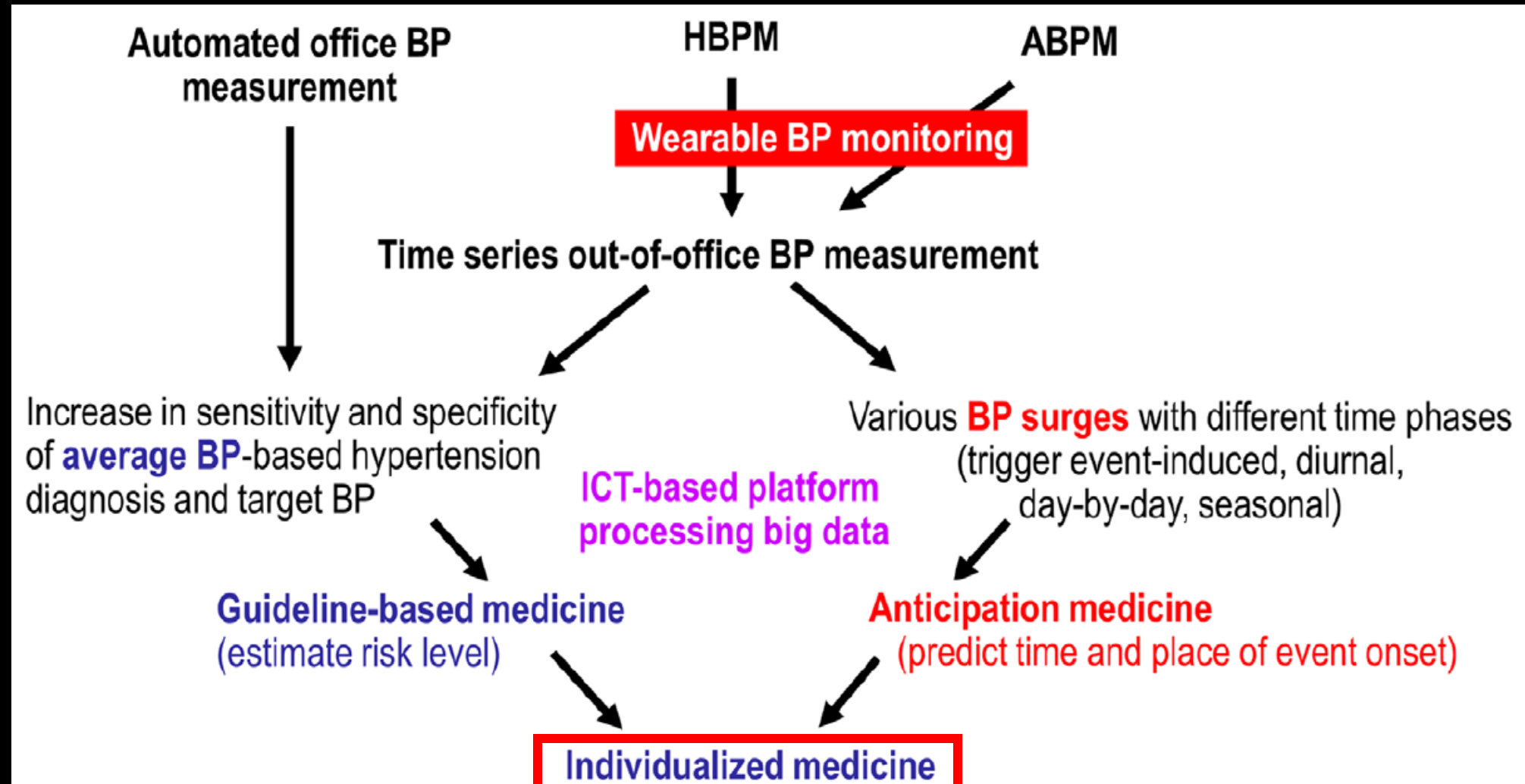
D. Konstantinidis¹, P. Iliakis¹, F. Tatakis¹, K. Thomopoulos², K. Dimitriadis¹, D. Tousoulis¹ and K. Tsioufis¹

	<p>Omron HEM-6410T</p>		<p>BPro, HealthSTATS International</p>
	<p>Finometer</p>		<p>CareUp R smartwatch</p>
	<p>Portapres</p>		<p>InstaBP application</p>

Uses and utilities that wearable BP monitors have the potential to support

	Clinical use	Office BP	Home BP	Ambulatory BP	Pharmacy BP	Wearable Persistent BP
Individual scale 	Screening	+++ ^a	+ ^a	- ^a	++ ^a	✓
	Initial diagnosis	+ ^a	++ ^a	+++ ^a	- ^a	✓
	Initial phenotyping			++ ^b		✓
	Treatment titration based on thresholds	+ ^a	++ ^a	++ ^a	- ^a	✓
	Treatment titration based on individual dynamic phenotyping			++ ^c		✓
	Follow-up	++ ^a	+++ ^a	+ ^a	+ ^a	✓
Population scale 	Screening of communities	++ ^d	+++ ^e		+++ ^f	✓
	Phenotyping of communities					✓
	Titration of public health interventions				+++ ^f	✓

Wearable devices for HTN management



Wearable devices

Types


- Wrist-cuff devices
- Cuffless (wrist band)



Methodology

- Oscillometry (wrist cuff)
- Applanation tonometry, photoplethysmography, pulse transit time, other


Validation of a wrist-type home nocturnal blood pressure monitor in the sitting and supine position according to the ANSI/AAMI/ISO81060-2:2013 guidelines: Omron HEM-9600T

Mitsuo Kuwabara PhD^{1,2} | Kanako Harada MPH² | Yukiko Hishiki BA² |
Kazuomi Kario MD, PhD¹ 

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supine with downwards palm position, respectively. In conclusion, the Omron HEM-9600T in the sitting position fulfilled the validation criteria of the ANSI/AAMI/ISO81060-2:2013 guidelines. On the other hand, the accuracies of HEM-9600T in the supine position differed depending on the positioning of the palm, with only the downwards palm-position measurement fulfilling both validation criteria of the ANSI/AAMI/ISO81060-2:2013 guidelines.

Validation of two watch-type wearable blood pressure monitors according to the ANSI/AAMI/ISO81060-2:2013 guidelines: Omron HEM-6410T-ZM and HEM-6410T-ZL

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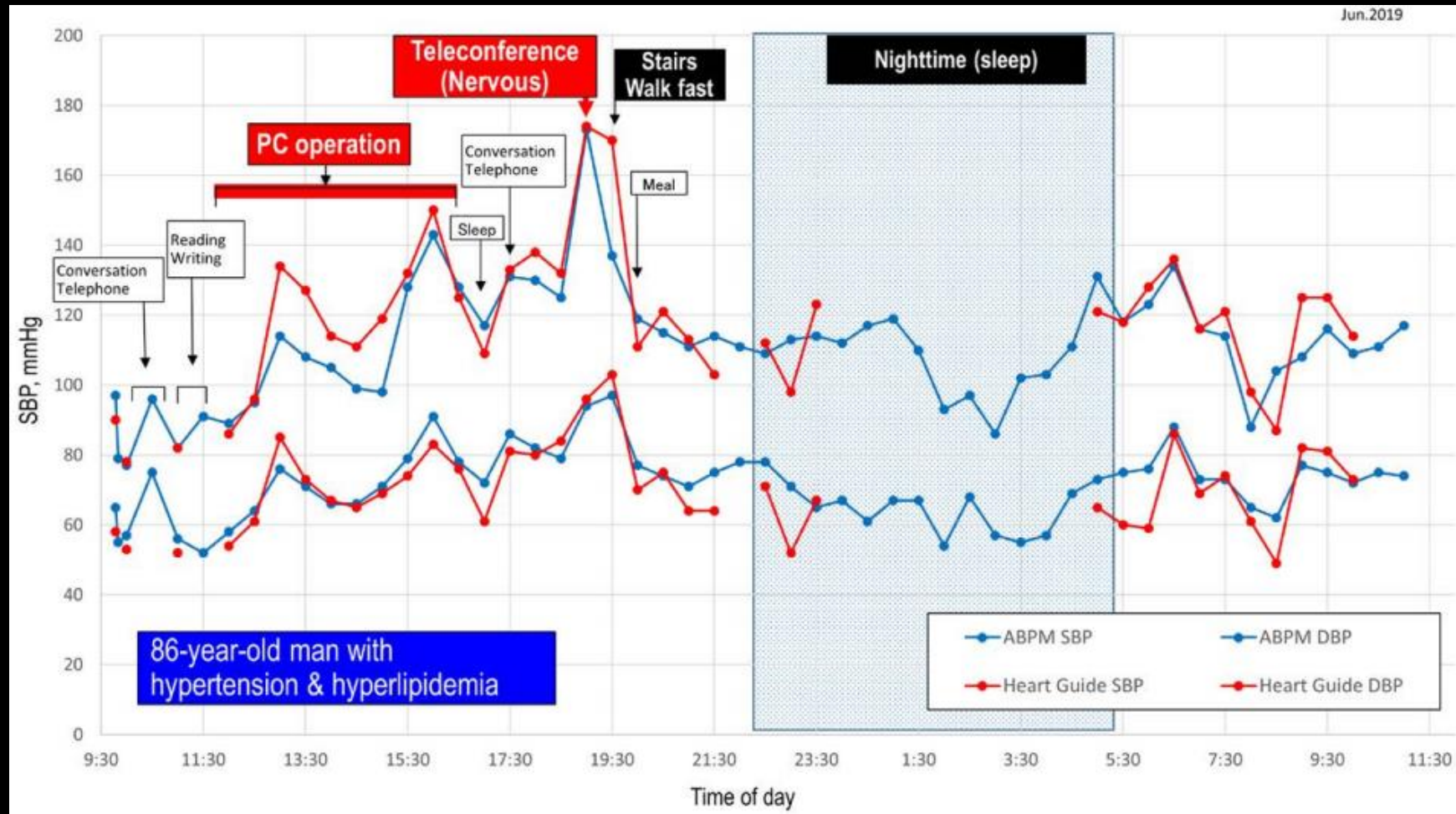


	Validation for HEM-6410T-ZM	Validation for HEM-6410T-ZL
Difference of SBP for criterion 1, mm Hg	-0.9 ± 7.6 (passed)	2.4 ± 7.3 (passed)
Difference of SBP for criterion 2, mm Hg	-0.9 ± 6.8 (passed)	2.4 ± 6.46 (passed)
Difference of DBP for criterion 1, mm Hg	-1.1 ± 6.1 (passed)	0.7 ± 7.0 (passed)
Difference of DBP for criterion 2, mm Hg	-1.1 ± 5.5 (passed)	0.7 ± 6.5 (passed)







The watch-type BP monitor has the limitation that patients must set their wrist at their heart level for a precise reading. Some

Comparison of simultaneous monitoring with a wearable device and ABPM



Problems of the cuff-based BP measurement

-  Intermittent rather than continuous measurements
-  Unable to evaluate very-short-term BP variability
-  Only in static conditions
-  Effect of cuff inflation and vascular occlusion

Wearable BP devices



- Non-invasive and cuffless measurements
- BP record comfortably
- Multiple or even continuous, rather than a small sample of measurements
- Unaffected by body position and movements?
- Detailed and unbiased information regarding circadian BP patterns and variability?
- Complete picture of BP profile?

Wearable cuffless BP devices: Can they improve HTN awareness and management?



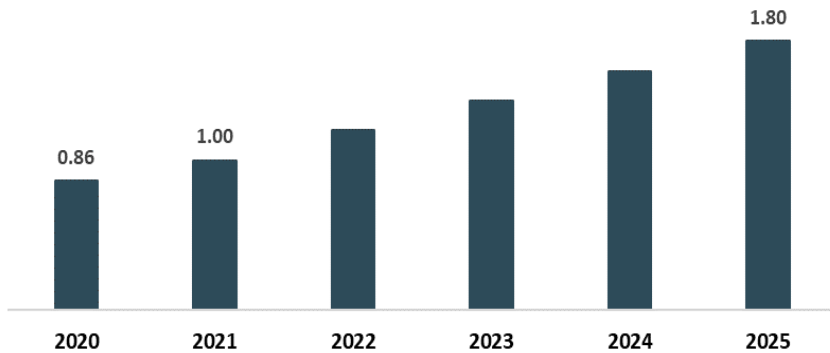
- Reliable measurements?
- Schedule? Thresholds?
- Type of intervention?

Wearable in clinical practice...

- In order to recommend something for clinical use, it has to be able to provide reliable information on which to base patient decisions.
- For something new to be useful in medicine, it need only do something a little bit better by certain criteria — maybe patients prefer it, maybe it improves outcome — but we need it to show some benefit on top of what we have.
- We don't just add new things because they provide information. We have to prove that the information is reliable and can improve how we provide care.

The economic and scientific burden

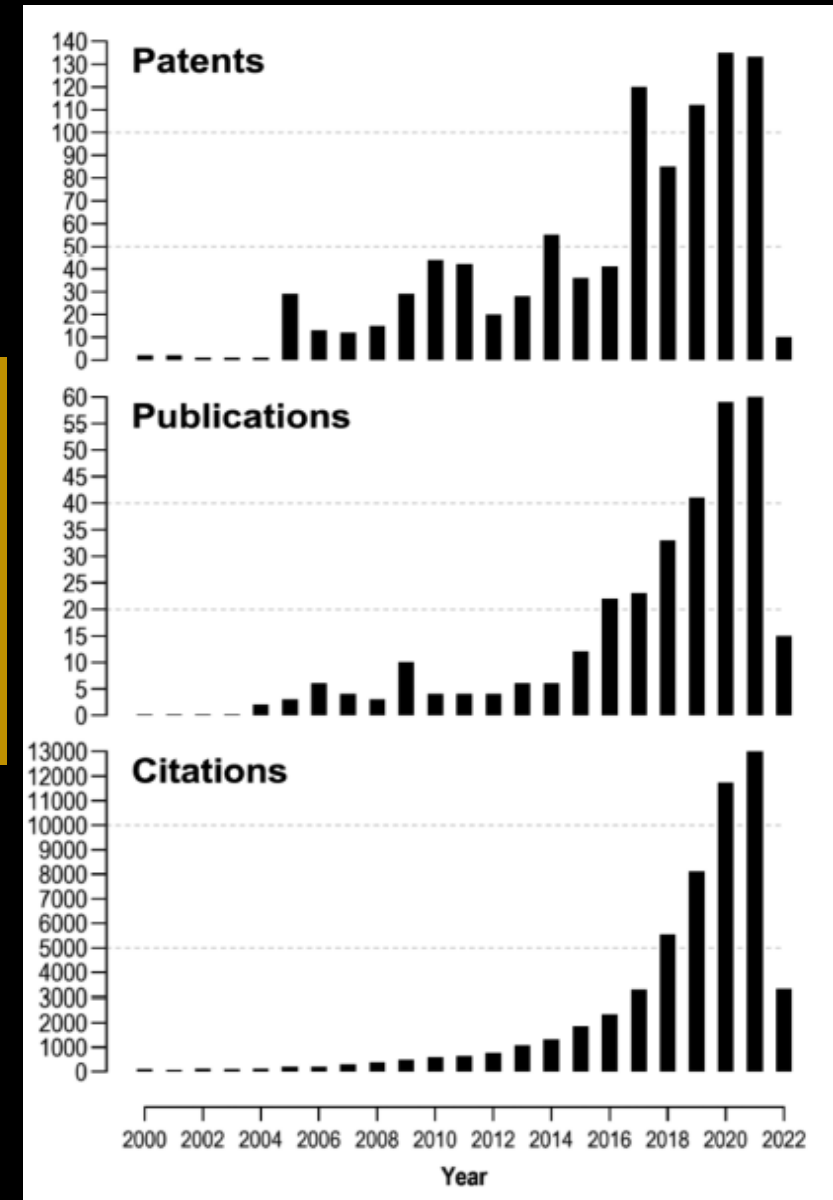
Global Wearable Blood Pressure Monitors Market, Forecast Market Size, 2020 – 2025, \$ Billion



Source: The Business Research Company

Many cuffless devices are already available but this is being driven primarily by financial rather than scientific interest

Several factors influence the rising popularity of wearable devices, including comfort, the growing adoption of mobile platforms and preference towards home-based healthcare

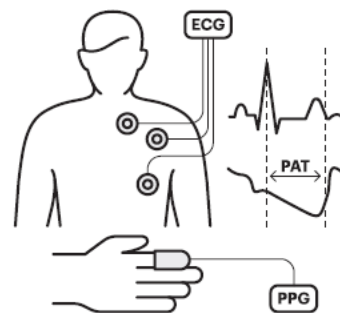


Cuffless BP technologies

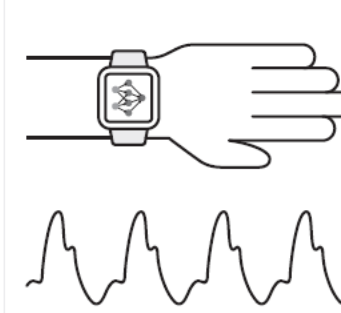
Consensus Document

Cuffless blood pressure measuring devices: review and statement by the European Society of Hypertension Working Group on Blood Pressure Monitoring and Cardiovascular Variability

(a) Pulse transit time



(b) Pulse wave analysis



(c) Facial video processing



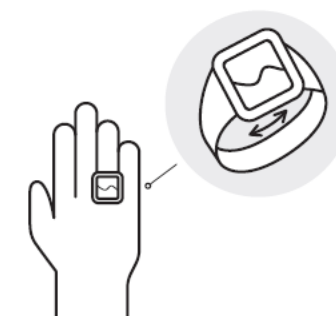
(d) Oscillometric finger pressing



(e) Ultrasound

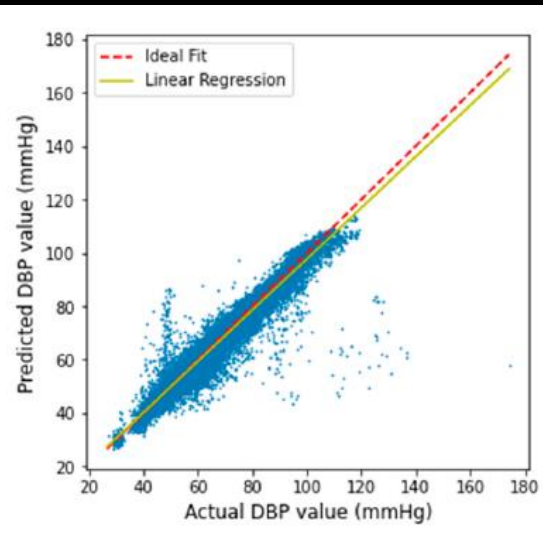
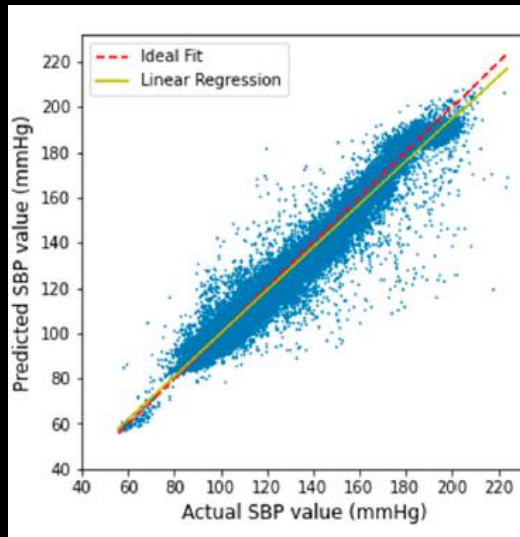
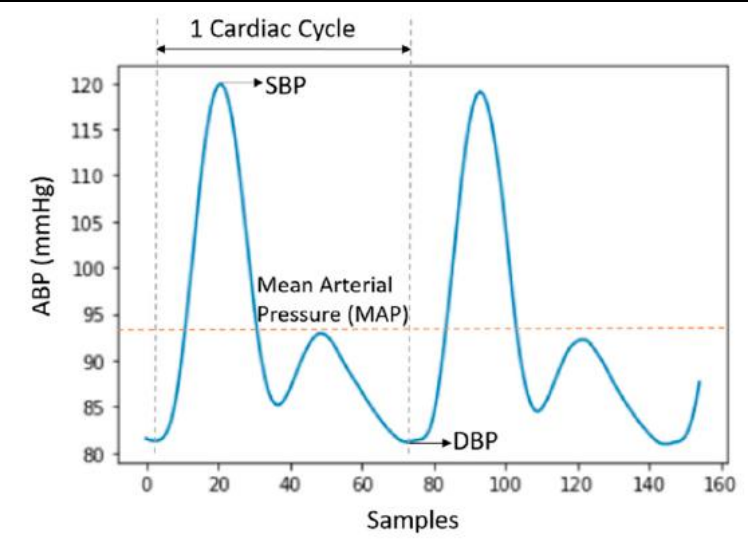
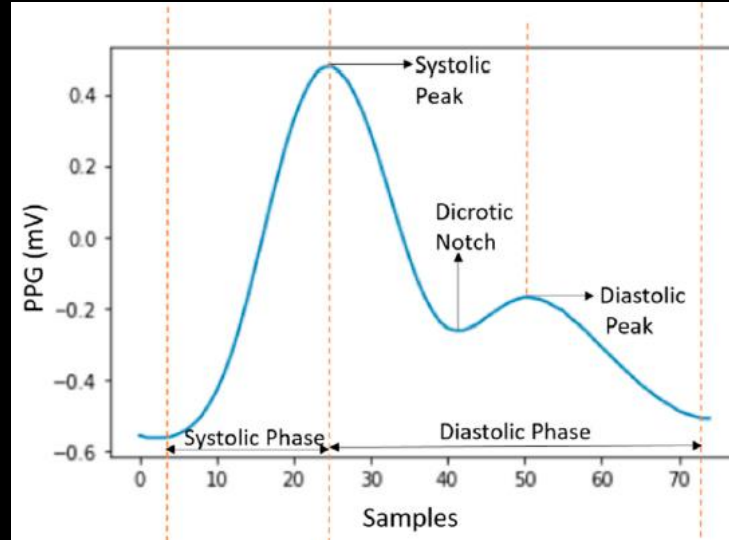
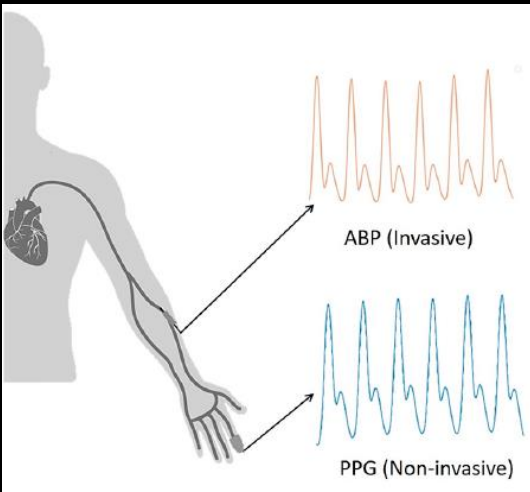


(f) Volume control



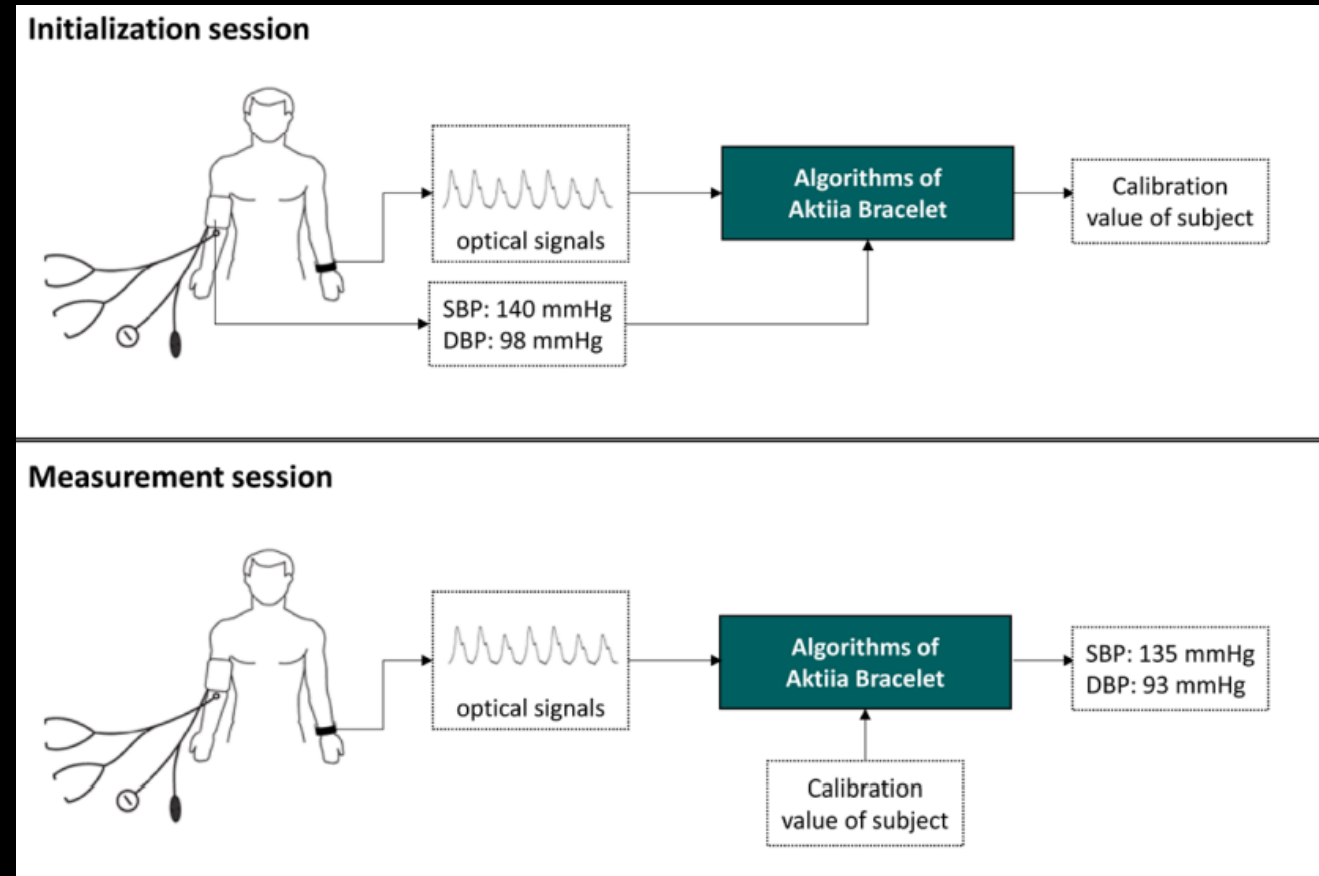
Category	Method	Advantages	Disadvantages	Evidence		
Requiring user cuff calibration (Estimate BP changes)	PTT (a)	Continuous; without user action; not disturbing	Supporting theory	Two measurements sites	Many published studies	
	PWA (b)		Single sensor	Calibration via periodic cuff BP measurement or by demographic data input	Little theory (may not work well in many individuals)	Regulatory-approved, cuff-calibrated, contact monitors
	Facial video processing (c)		Widely available device (smartphone)	Insufficient waveform Quality	Little published data on intra-individual BP change tracking	
Not requiring user cuff calibration (Estimate BP values)	Oscillometric finger pressing (d)	Calibration not needed; solid theory (could work in many individuals)	Potential widely available device (smartphone)	User action	Few published studies	
	Ultrasound (e)		Central PP measurement	Difficult probe placement (operator required)		
	Volume control (f)		Continuous	Disturbing (finger numbness)		

Photoplethysmography

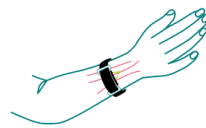


They predict changes of BP

- Need to be calibrated
- Calibration usually performed using a validated automated oscillometric upper arm cuff device
- Often employ a mathematical model that combines demographics with a cuffless measurement from the individual as inputs to 'predict' BP

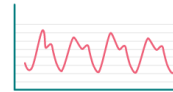


Aktiia 24/7



01 PPG Sensor

The Aktiia bracelet shines a green light to analyse how the arteries below the skin surface pulsate. This is the same sensing principle as most other optical heart rate monitors at the wrist.



02 Optical Signal

Aktiia goes beyond a heart rate monitor: instead of counting pulses, we examine their shape



03 OBPM Algorithm

The pulse shape of your skin arteries contains information on your actual blood pressure.



04 Blood Pressure

Unfortunately, this information is obscured by noise. After 15 years of research and validation, Aktiia is able to extract this information to provide you with accurate blood pressure values around the clock.

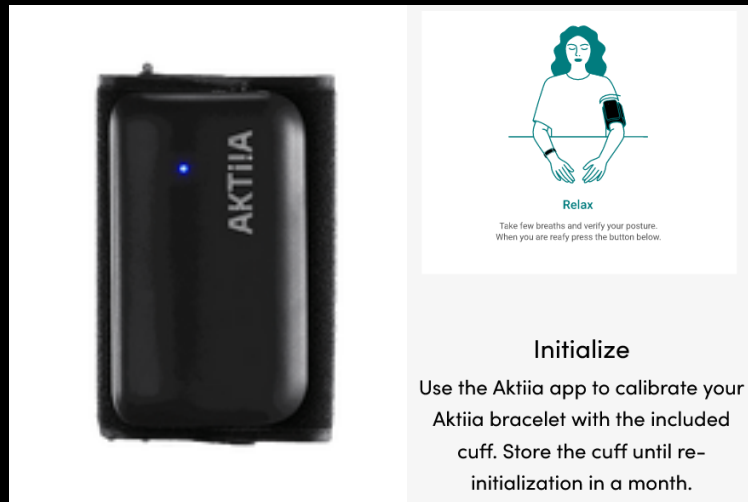
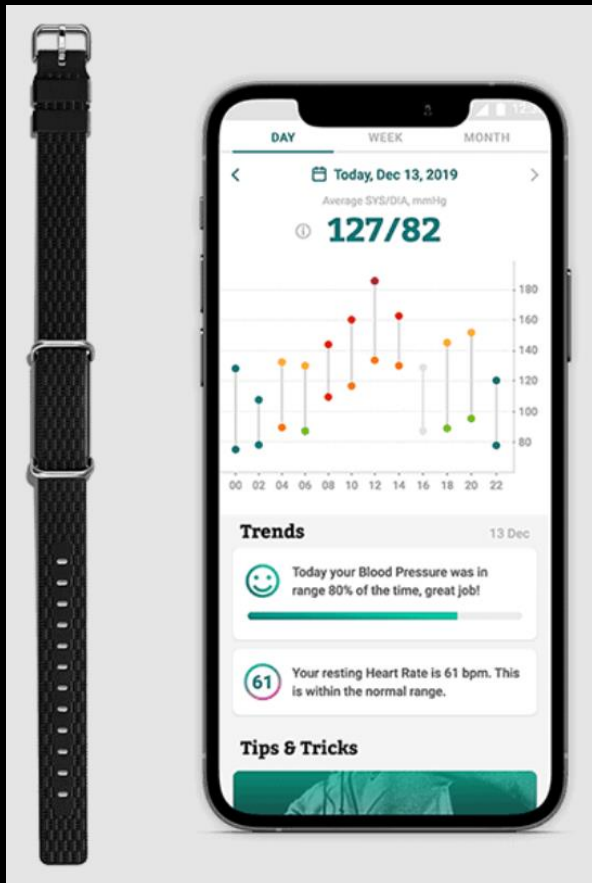


Table 2 Mean and SD of the differences between reference and the Aktiia Bracelet

	Criterion 1 ^a	Criterion 2 ^b
Systolic blood pressure (mmHg)	0.46 ± 7.75 mmHg	3.9 mmHg
Diastolic blood pressure (mmHg)	0.39 ± 6.86 mmHg	3.6 mmHg

DBP, diastolic blood pressure; SBP, systolic blood pressure.

^aPassing if SBP and DBP: ≤5 ± 8 mmHg.

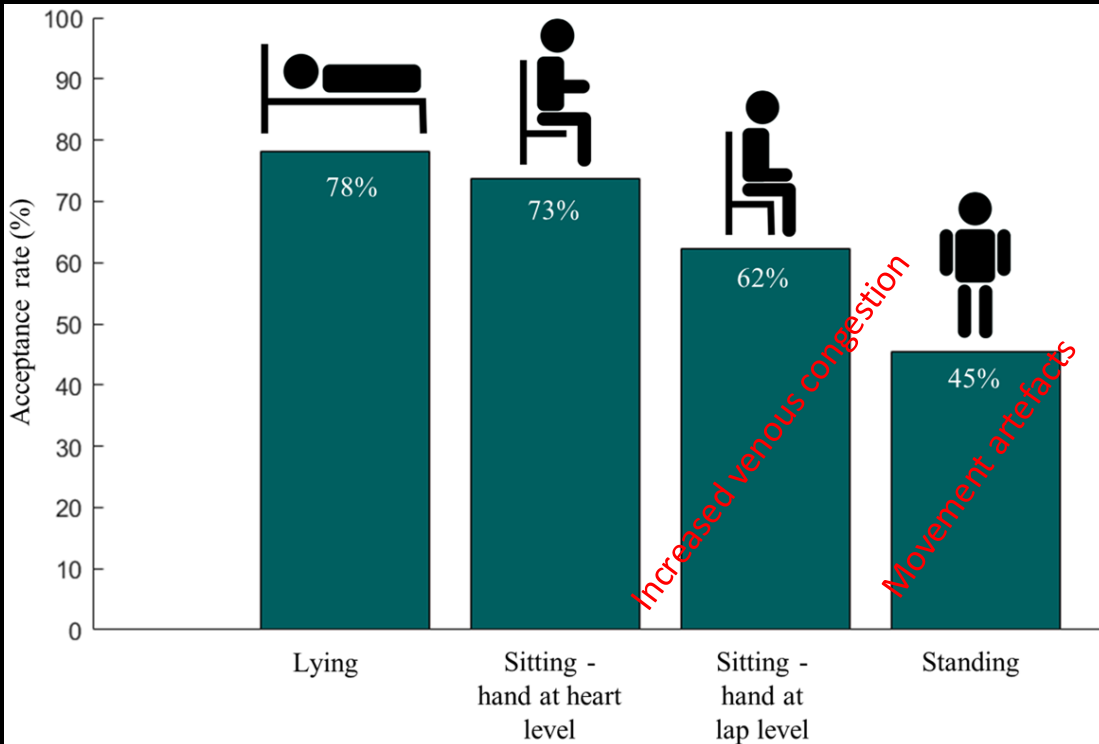
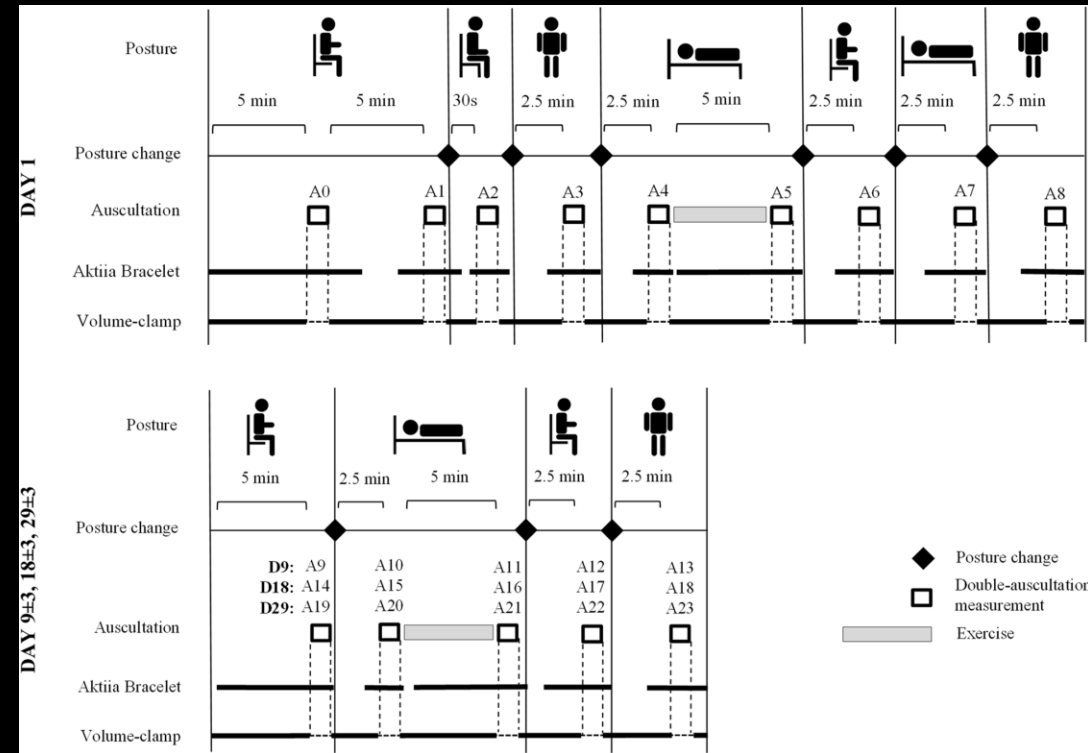
^bPassing if ≤6.91 mmHg for SBP, and <6.93 for DBP.

Table 3 Percentage of absolute blood pressure differences between reference and the Aktiia Bracelet within 5, 10 and 15 mmHg

	≤5 mmHg (%)	≤10 mmHg (%)	≤15 mmHg (%)
Systolic blood pressure (mmHg)	58.7	83.2	92.3
Diastolic blood pressure (mmHg)	59.0	83.5	94.5



Aktiia in different body positions



	N readings	Systolic blood pressure			Diastolic blood pressure		
		Accuracy	ISO81060-2		Accuracy	ISO81060-2	
		Mean ± Std (mmHg)	Criterion 1	Criterion 2	Mean ± Std (mmHg)	Criterion 1	Criterion 2
Sitting—wrist at heart level	335	0.46 ± 7.75	PASS	PASS	0.39 ± 6.86	PASS	PASS
Sitting—wrist at lap level	177	-3.02 ± 6.10	N/A	N/A	-4.22 ± 6.56	N/A	N/A
Lying	146	-2.44 ± 10.15	N/A	N/A	-1.93 ± 7.65	N/A	N/A
Standing	73	-0.62 ± 12.51	N/A	N/A	-4.85 ± 9.11	N/A	N/A
All positions	731	-1.11 ± 9.85	N/A	N/A	-1.32 ± 7.56	N/A	N/A

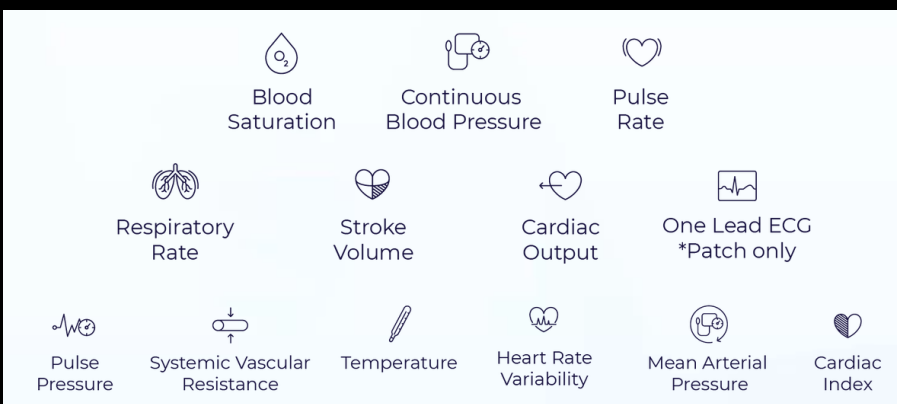


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Intended Use / Indications for Use:

The BB-613WP is a wrist-worn or skin attached device indicated for use in measuring and displaying functional oxygen saturation of arterial hemoglobin (%SpO₂) and pulse rate.

The BB-613WP can also track changes in blood pressure based on Pulse Wave Transit Time (PWTT) which is obtained utilizing pulse measurements from the integrated SpO₂ sensor, following a calibration process using oscillometric blood pressure monitor.





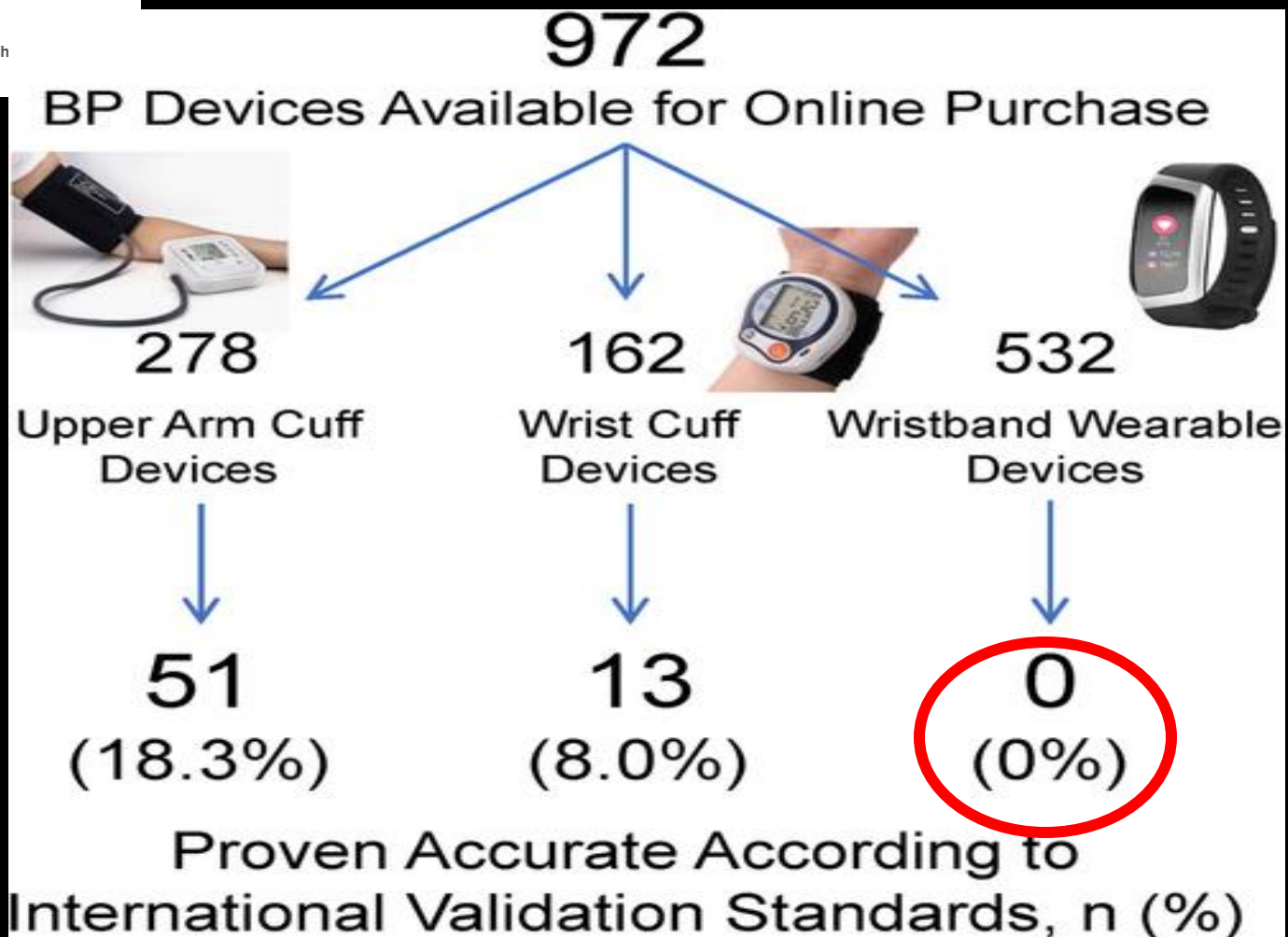
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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Nonvalidated Home Blood Pressure Devices Dominate the Online Marketplace in Australia

Major Implications for Cardiovascular Risk Management

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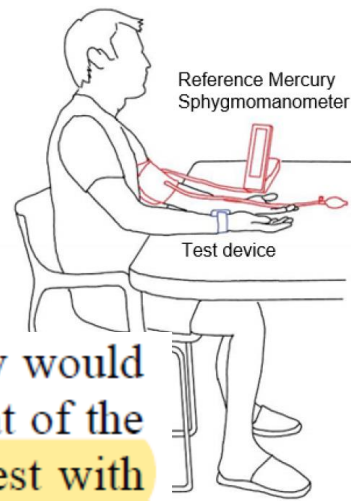
Validation



- When you calibrate a cuffless device, you essentially tell the device your BP measurement, and it uses this as a reference. The cuffless device will pass the universal validation protocol because it repeatedly shows the calibrated BP...
- A cuffless device must prove that it can track BP changes using an established protocol — this is the most important as well as the trickiest part of evaluating cuffless BP devices.
- There are two types of tests we need to assess any kind of technology: lab tests and clinical field tests. You may have a device that is accurate under sterilized research conditions, but I also need a clinical field test to see whether it works for my needs.

Validation

IEEE Standard for Wearable, Cuffless BP Measuring Devices



Concerning the special feature of the cuffless BP measuring devices, where the calibration efficacy would greatly influence the device accuracy, the validation procedures are considerably different from that of the cuff-based devices. For each subject, the procedure is broken down into three levels:¹static test,²test with BP change from the calibration point, and³test after a certain period of time from calibration. Practitioners should properly design their validation protocol to cover the validation from each of the three levels.

Posture of subject during validation test

Posture of test subjects largely affect the level and accuracy of BP measurements and thus become a crucial factor for device validation test. In this version, the standard provides the test procedure only based on the static condition (see 4.2.2). This standard does not provide recommendations or test methods for performance evaluation of wearable cuffless BP measurement devices during postures other than sitting. If a manufacturer intends for their device to be used in postures other than sitting, the performance during those postures may need to be evaluated in addition to the requirements in this standard. Although the cuffless BP monitoring devices may provide measurements in dynamic conditions such as working and exercises, there is currently no recognized method for stable and accurate measurements for reference devices (cuffed BP monitors) in the dynamic conditions. Therefore, the dynamic test conditions will be covered in a later version of standard.



2021 European Society of Hypertension practice guidelines for office and out-of-office blood pressure measurement

SECTION 8: CUFFLESS WEARABLE BP MONITORS [18]

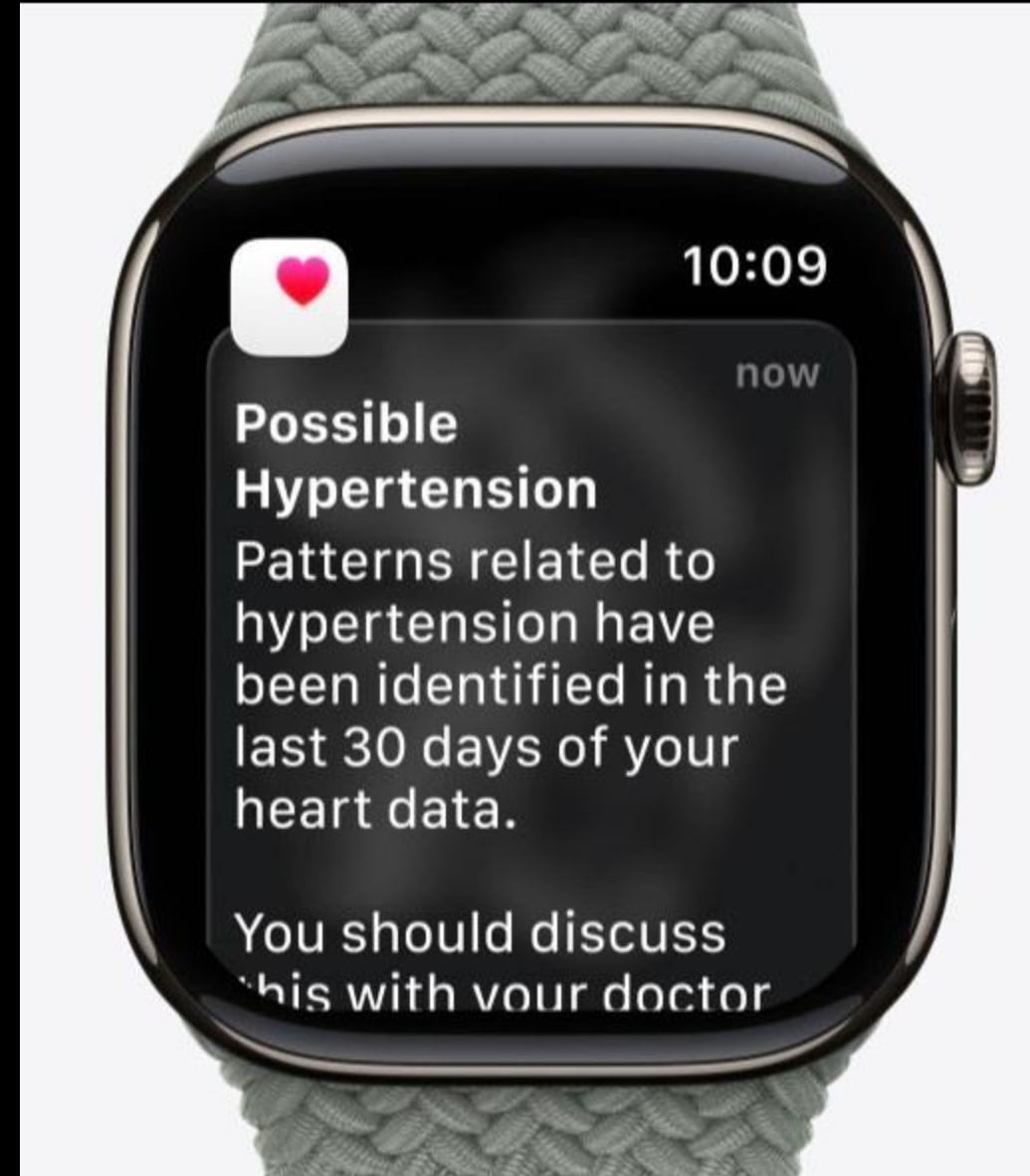
A large number of cuffless wearable (wrist-band) devices are available on the market claiming that they accurately measure BP. These devices have a sensor, which evaluates the pulsation of arterioles and estimate BP based on pulse wave velocity, or other technologies. Cuffless wearable devices have **great potential** as they can obtain multiple or even continuous BP measurements for days or weeks without the disturbance of cuff-induced limb compression. The assessment of the accuracy of cuffless devices requires the use of a validation protocol, which is specific for these devices and includes procedures additional to those used for conventional cuff-devices. **At present, the accuracy and usefulness of cuffless devices are uncertain.** Therefore, they should not be used for diagnostic or treatment decisions.

Recommendation for Cuffless BP Devices		
COR	LOE	RECOMMENDATION
3: No Benefit	C-LD	1. In adults, the use of cuffless BP devices is not recommended for the diagnosis or management of high BP. ¹⁻³

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The Apple Watch

- The Apple Watch (Series 9/10/11, Ultra 2/3) features a hypertension notification system with a **sensitivity of 41.2%** and a **specificity of 92.3%**.
- This indicates a low sensitivity, meaning it may miss about 60% of cases, while the high specificity results in few false alarms.
- It is designed for screening, not diagnosis.



Prognostic value?

- It might take 20 years of research to know what a new measurement meant in terms of clinical outcomes
- We had been working with the auscultatory method for many years, when oscillometry appeared. The developers realized that in order to be successful, they had to replicate the numbers that auscultation gives

Perspectives

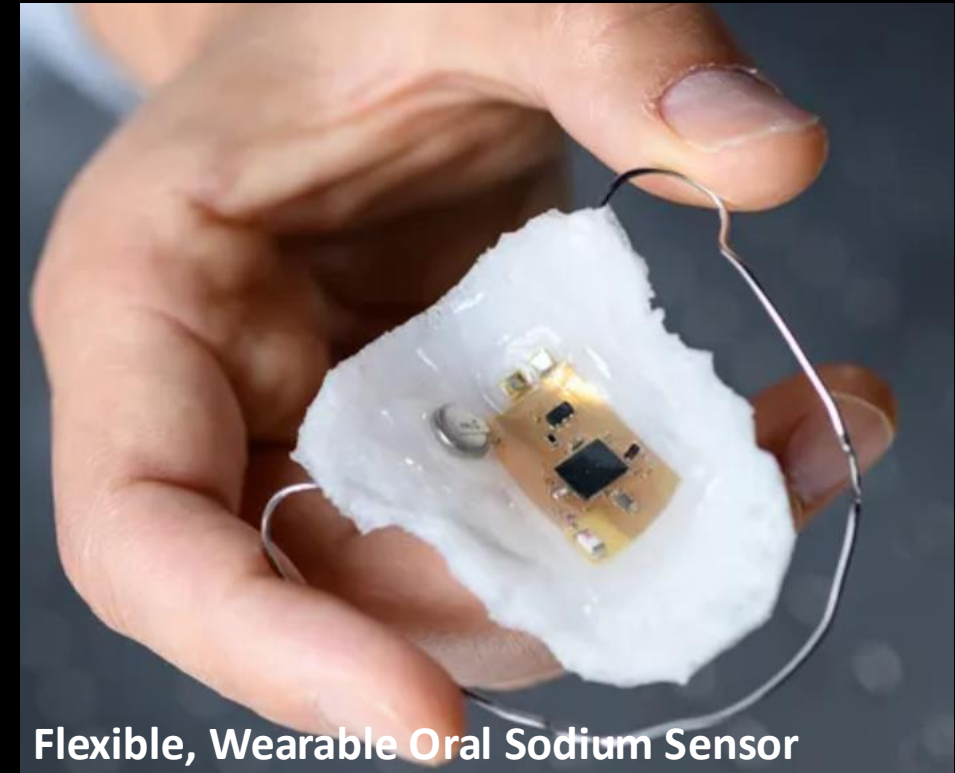
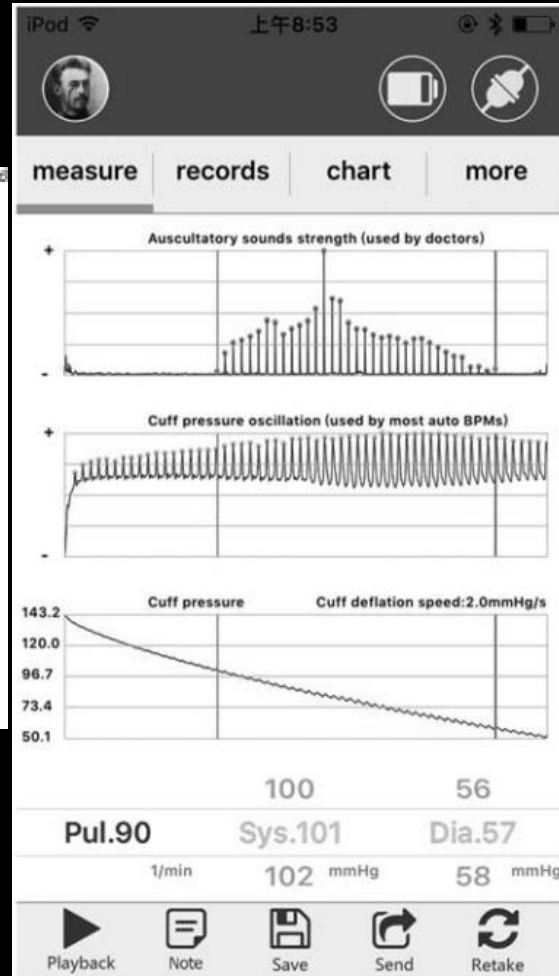
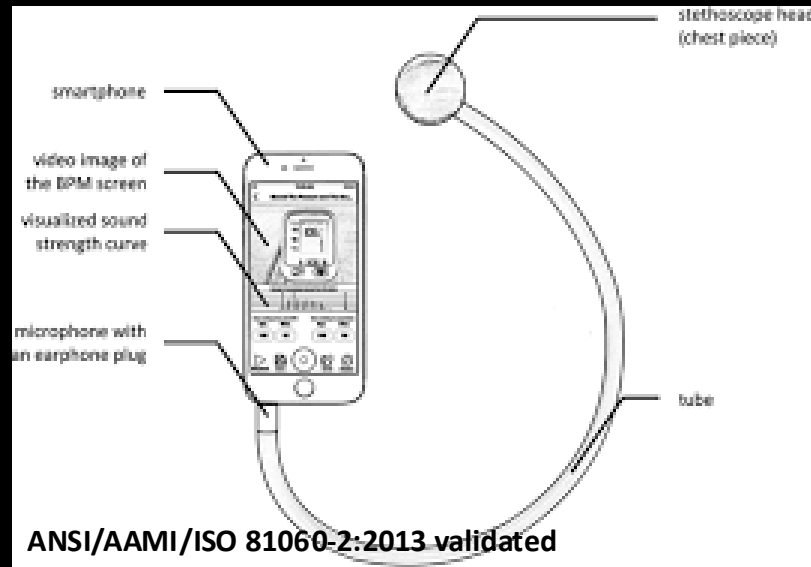
- A 24/7 BP device would be an excellent candidate to not only provide an alternative to HBPM/ABPM in terms of cost-efficiency and patient adherence but also to extend existing use-cases by providing insights into individual daily, monthly and yearly BP rhythms.
- This would enable the first-ever large-scale phenotyping of populations in addition to driving personalized approaches for the diagnosis and the management of HTN.

Conclusion

- We are at a momentum of change in healthcare due to
 - Improvement of informatics performance and algorithm effectiveness
 - Better acceptance from patients and professionals
 - Interest of regulatory authorities
 - Change from randomized to real life studies
 - Change of payment modalities (from pay for therapy / pay for effective service)
 - Need of distancing due to COVID
- The question of reorganization of healthcare is crucial.
- Digitalization should not be defined only by its medical dimension but with a 360° approach (patient/pathways/costs/datascience/effectiveness).
- Digitalization is mandatory but has to be supported by national authorities.

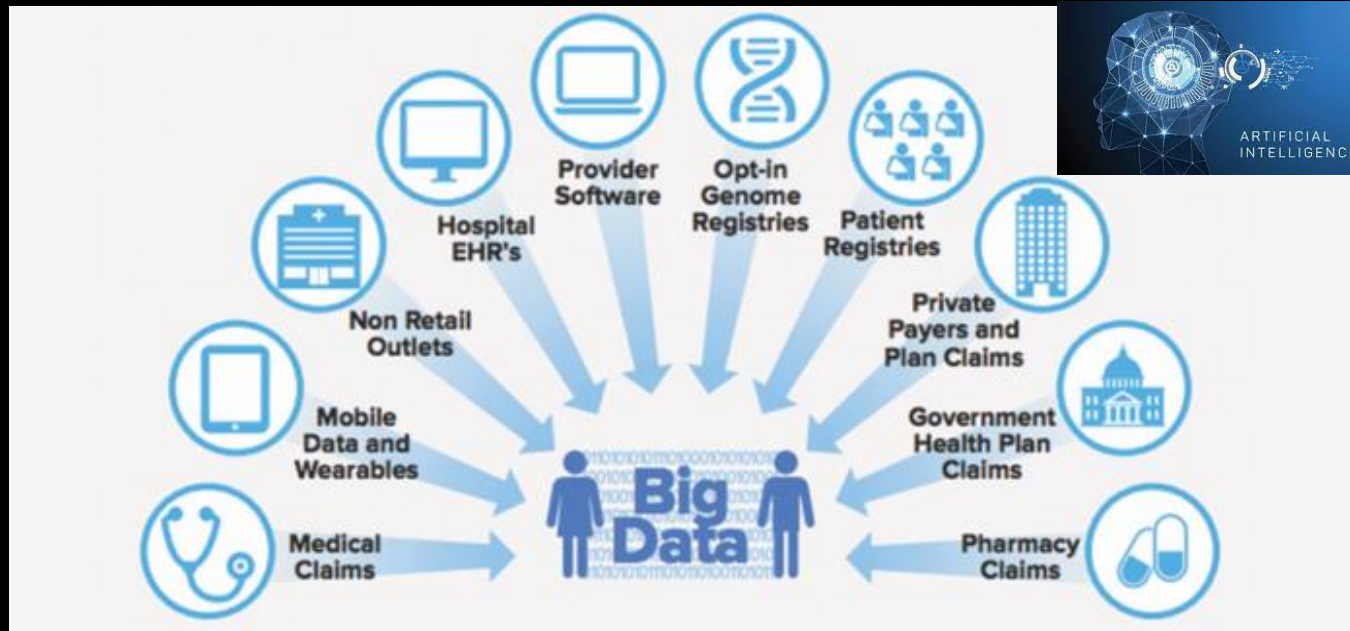
There is no limit...

A smartphone auscultatory BP kit



Future

- OBP
- ABPM
- Attended
- Unattended
- **TBP**
- **WBP**



Big data refers to the enormous amount of structured as well as unstructured data, which helps organizations to improve their decision making processes.

Technology is not the panacea for the healthcare industry... but it is part of the solution!

