Ipertensione arteriosa

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

Causes of Secondary Hypertension

	Prevalence	Clinical Indications	Physical Examination	Screening Tests	Additional/ Confirmatory Tests
ommon causes					
enal parenchymal isease (1, 2)	1%–2%	Urinary tract infections; obstruction, hematuria; urinary frequency and nocturia; analgesic abuse; family history of	Abdominal mass (polycystic kidney	Renal ultrasound	Tests to evaluate cause of renal disease

Renovascular disease

rimary aldosteronism

Obstructive sleep apnea

Drug or alcohol induced

Uncommon causes

- ochromocytom a/paraganglioma
- shing's syndrome
- pothyroidism
- tic coarctation (undiagnosed or repaired)
- genital adrenal hyperplasia
- eralocorticoid excess syndromes other than primary aldosteronism
- romegaly

requently Used Medications and Other Substances That May ause Elevated BP

- **Alcoho**I. Limit alcohol to ≤ 1 drink daily for women and ≤ 2 drinks for men (1)
- Amphetamines (e.g., amphetamine, methylphenidate dexmethylphenidate, dextroamphetamine)
- Antidepressants (e.g., MAOIs, SNRIs, TCAs)
- Atypical antipsychotics (e.g., clozapine, olanzapine)
- Caffeine
- **Decongestants** (e.g., phenylephrine, pseudoephedrine)
- Immunosuppressants (e.g., cyclosporine)
- **Oral contraceptives**
- NSAIDs Consider alternative analgesics (e.g., acetaminophen, tramadol, topical NSAIDs),
- **Recreational drugs**
- Systemic corticosteroids (e.g., dexamethasone, fludrocortisone, methylprednisolone, predni

Angiogenesis inhibitor (e.g., bevacizumab)

Best Proven Nonpharmacological Interventions for Prevention and Treatment of Hypertension

- Weight loss
- Healthy diet
- Reduced intake of dietary sodium
- Enhanced intake of dietary potassium
- Physical activity
- Moderation in alcohol intake

Basic and Optional Laboratory Tests for Primary Hypertension

Basic testing	Fasting blood glucose*
	Complete blood count
	Lipid profile
	Serum creatinine with eGFR*
	Serum sodium, potassium, calcium*
	Thyroid-stimulating hormone
	Urinalysis
	Electrocardiogram
Optional testing	Echocardiogram
	Uric acid
	Urinary albumin to creatinine ratio

General Principles of Drug Therapy

Recommendation for Choice of Initial Medication

COR	LOE	Recommendation	
1	A ^{sr}	1. For initiation of antihypertensive drug therapy, first-line agents include	
		thiazide diuretics, CCBs, and ACE inhibitors or ARBs. (1, 2)	

DR	LOE	Recommendation	
l: rm	Α	 Simultaneous use of an ACE inhibitor, ARB, and/or renin inhibitor is potentially harmful and is not recommended to treat adults with hypertension (1-3). 	



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