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### **Definitions**

- Orthostatic Hypotension
- Supine Hypertension

Prevalence OH- traditional 20/10mmHg

55% geriatric clinic;

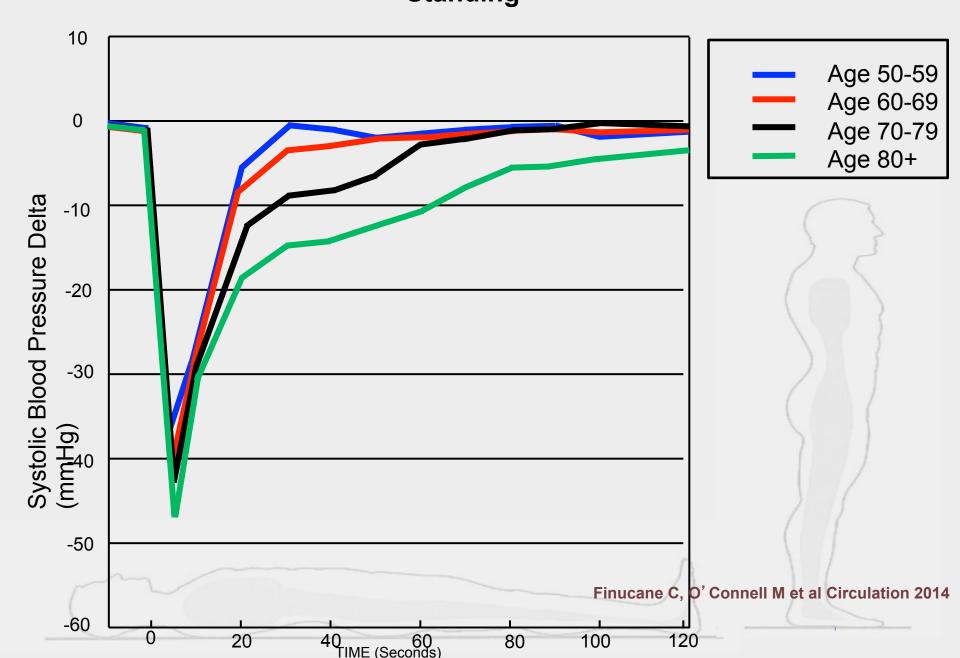
30% home-dwelling elderly;

10.4% to 17.3% isolated systolic hypertension;

42% end-stage renal disease

20% Parkinson Disease

## Age Dependence of Systolic Blood Pressure Delta (mmHg) Response to Standing



All-cause mortality RR 1.64

5-year incident CHD RR 2.0

CHD mortality RR 2.9

Chronic hemodialysis RR 2.04

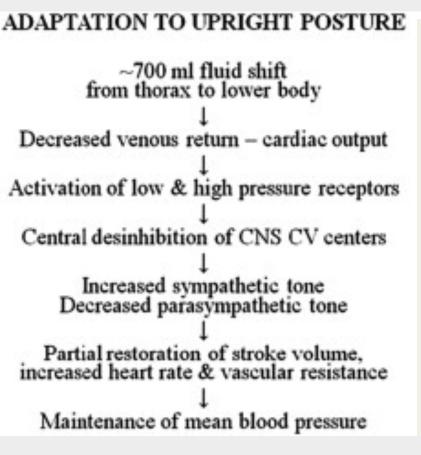
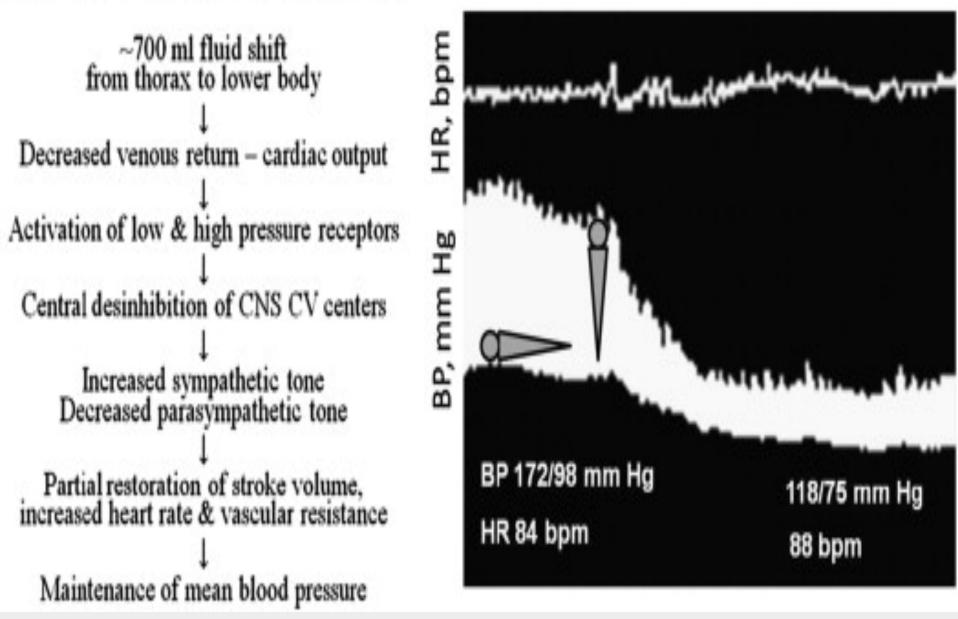


Figure 1. Left panel shows the normal response to upright posture. Patients with orthostatic hypotension (OH) are unable to compensate for the posture-induced changes in venous return to the heart. The right panel shows a continuous blood pressure (BP) tracing...J Amer Soc Hypert 2013

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### ADAPTATION TO UPRIGHT POSTURE



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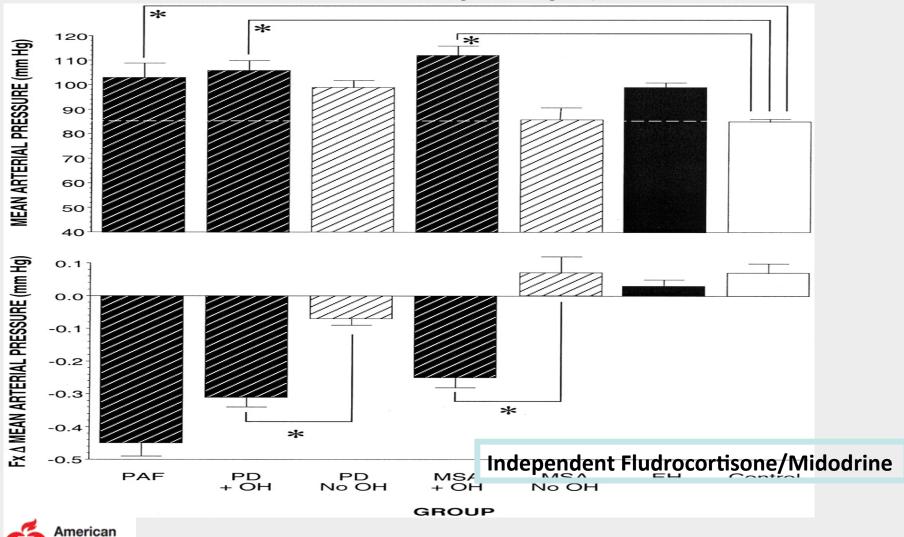
Supine hypertension occurs commonly in chronic autonomic failure

- Primary Chronic autonomic failure
- Multiple System Atrophy
- Autonomic Failure in Parkinson's disease

 In PAF, MSA, or PD, is there an association between supine hypertension and OH?

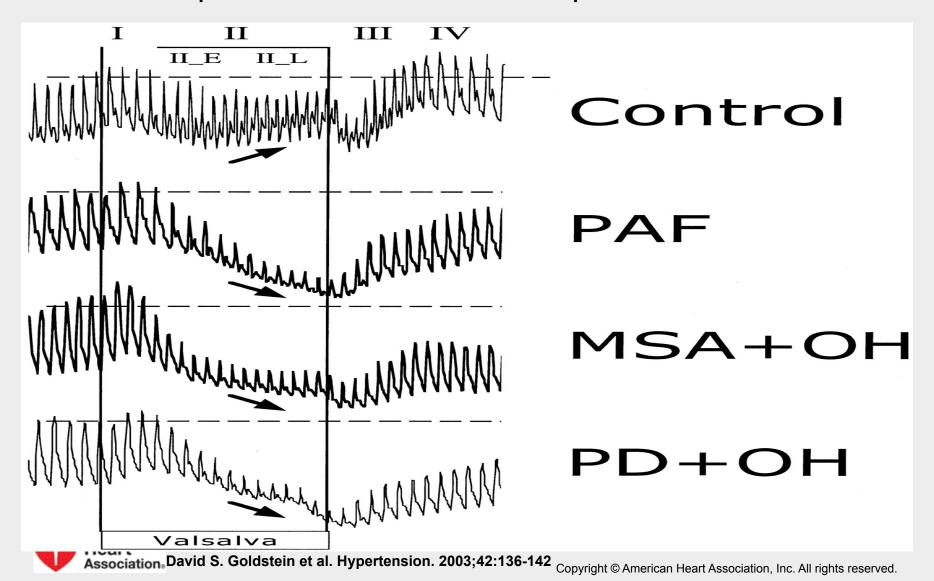
 If so, does fludrocortisone treatment explain this association?

Figure 2. Mean±SEM values for (top) mean arterial pressure and (bottom) fractional change (FxΔ) in mean arterial pressure during orthostasis in patient groups with PAF, PD+OH, PD without OH, MSA+OH, MSA PD without OH, essential hypertension (EH), and control normotensives without OH. \*Significant group difference.



Do patients with OH have disruption of baroreflexes?

Figure 1. Blood pressure responses to the Valsalva maneuver in a control patient and in patients with OH associated with PAF, MSA, and PD. Note the progressive fall in blood pressure in the late portion of Phase II (Phase II\_L) and the lack of "overshoot" in blood pressure above baseline in Phase IV in patients with OH.



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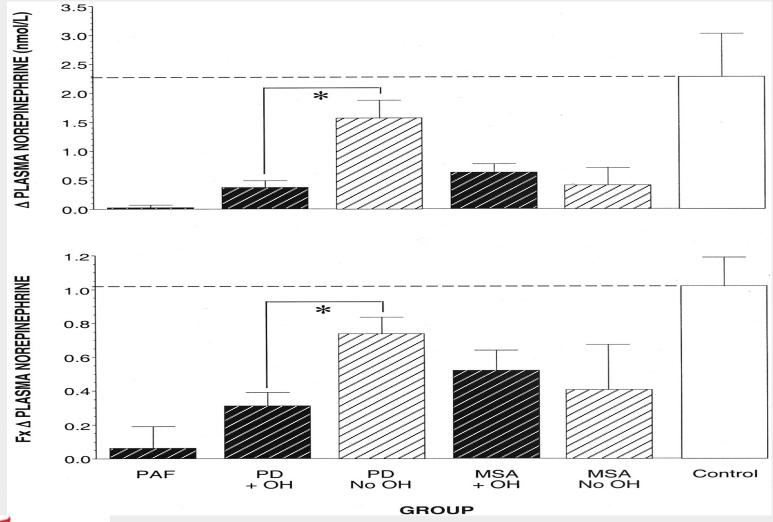
- •94% OH (Phases II\_L & IV Valsalva maneuver)
- •23% no OH

$$(\chi^2=42, P<0.0001)$$

Baroreflex-cardiovagal gain ms/mm Hg

- •0.74±0.10 OH
- •3.13±0.72 no OH P=0.0002

Figure 5. Mean±SEM absolute (top) and fractional (bottom) changes in plasma NE levels during orthostasis in patient groups with PAF, PD+OH, PD without OH, MSA+OH, MSA without OH, essential hypertension (EH), and control normotensives without OH. \*Significant group difference.





### **NE** impaired

- •71% patients with OH,
- •33% no OH

$$(\chi^2=13, P=0.0003)$$

Thus OH - abnormal blood pressure pattern characteristic of *sympathetic neurocirculatory* failure and deficient, *sympathetically mediated NE* release during orthostasis.

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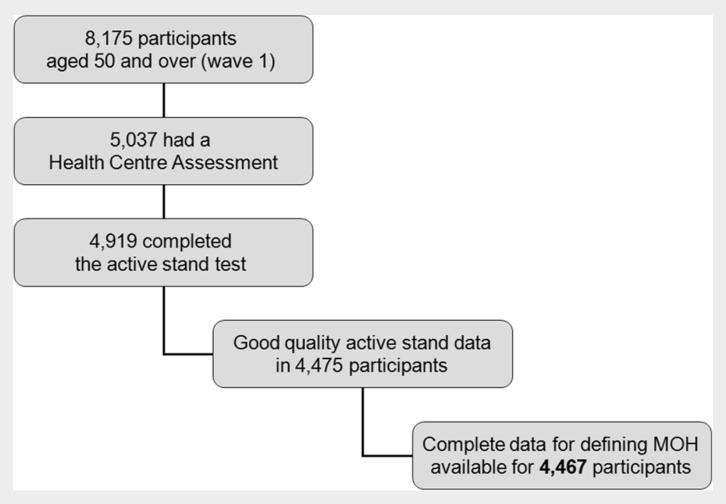


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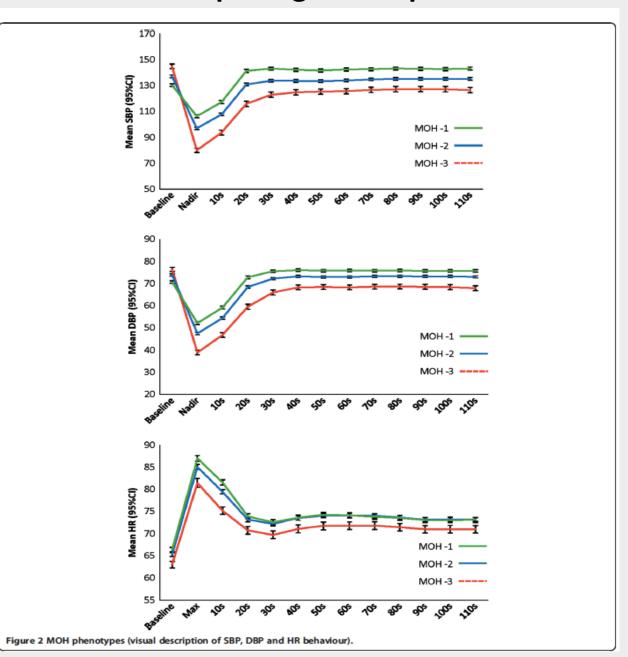
Insights into the clinical management of the syndrome of supine hypertension – orthostatic hypotension (SH-OH): The Irish Longitudinal Study on Ageing (TILDA)

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### **Morphological OH patterns**



- 1 small drop/fast over-recovery
- 2 medium drop/slow recovery
- 3 large drop/non-recovery

18% MOH 128% MOH 244% MOH 3

## Predict MOH-3 (SHP OH)

Antidepressants

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(OR = 1.99, 95\% CI: 1.50 - 2.64, P < 0.001)
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beta blockers

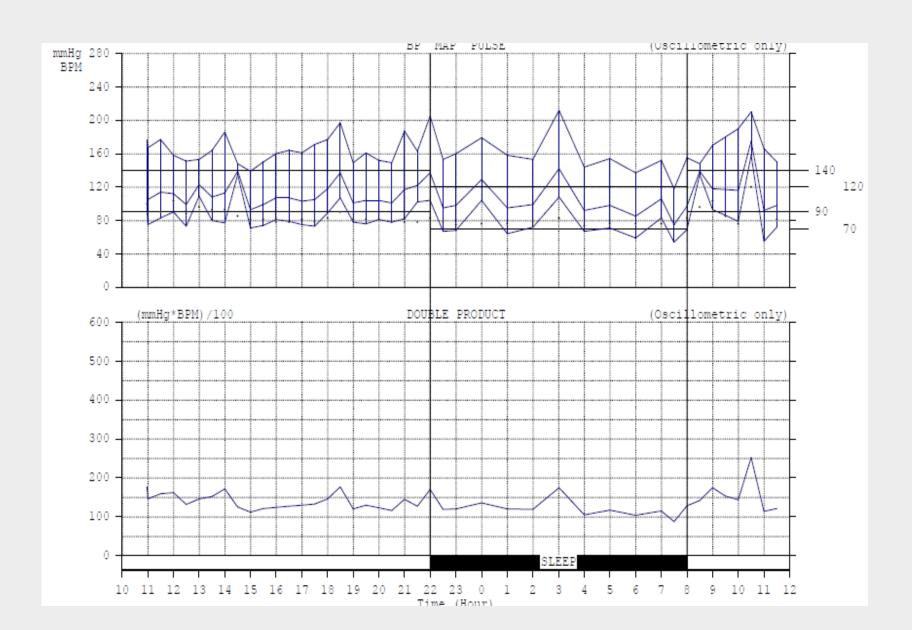
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(OR = 1.60, 95\% CI: 1.26 - 2.04, P < 0.001).
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- MOH-3 was an independent predictor of OI
   (OR = 1.47, 95% CI: 1.25 1.73, P < 0.001),</li>
- OI falls/blackouts

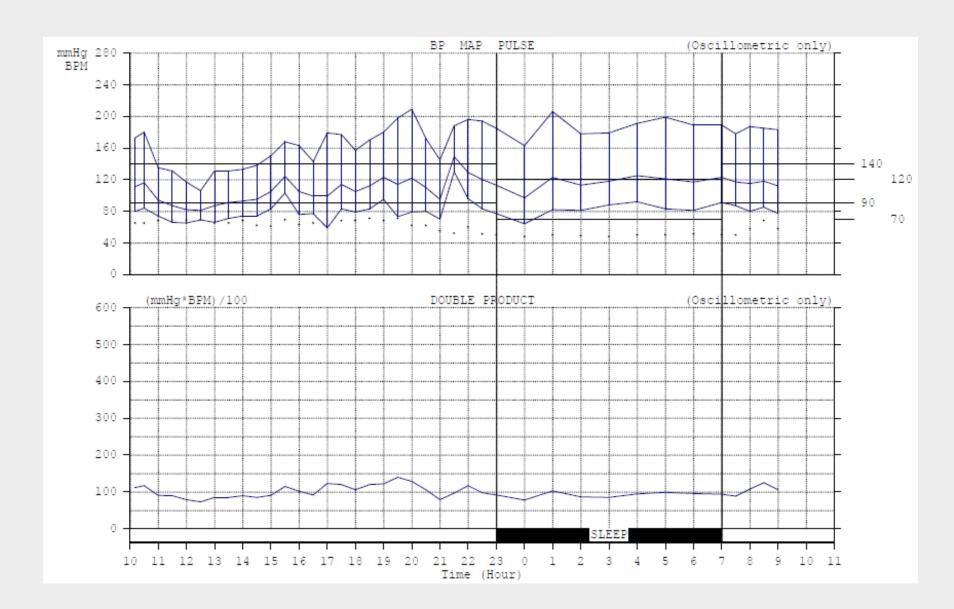
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## Management

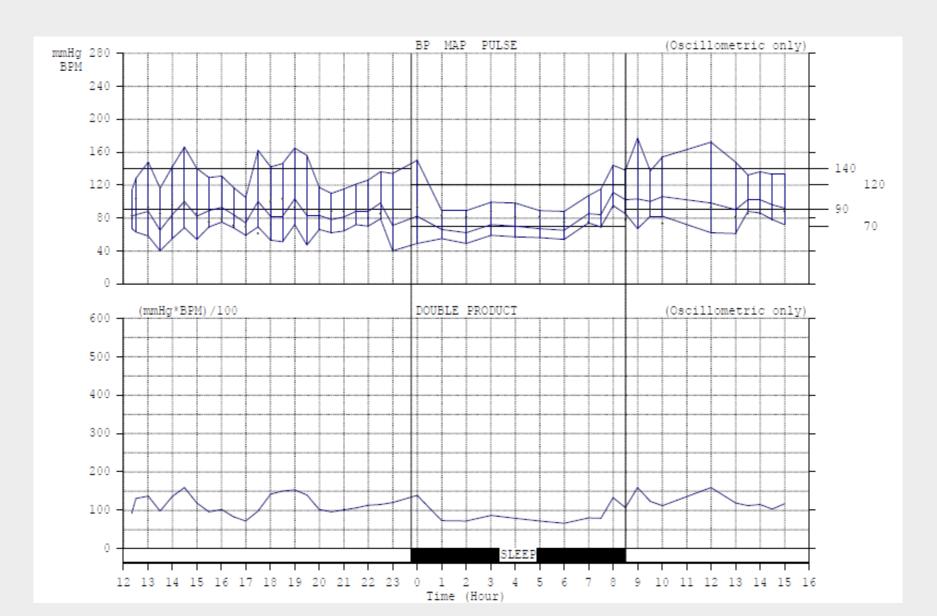
### Hypertension – Day and Night



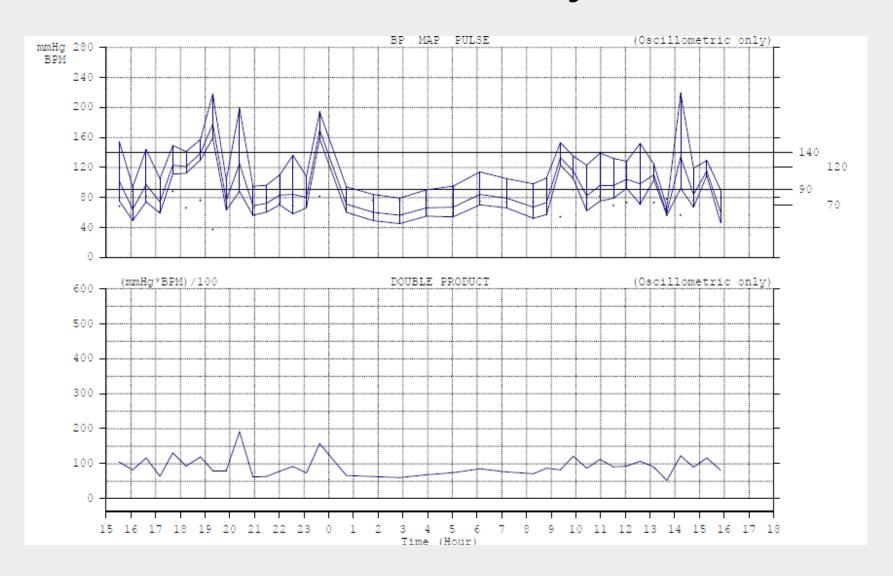
## **Nocturnal Hypertension**



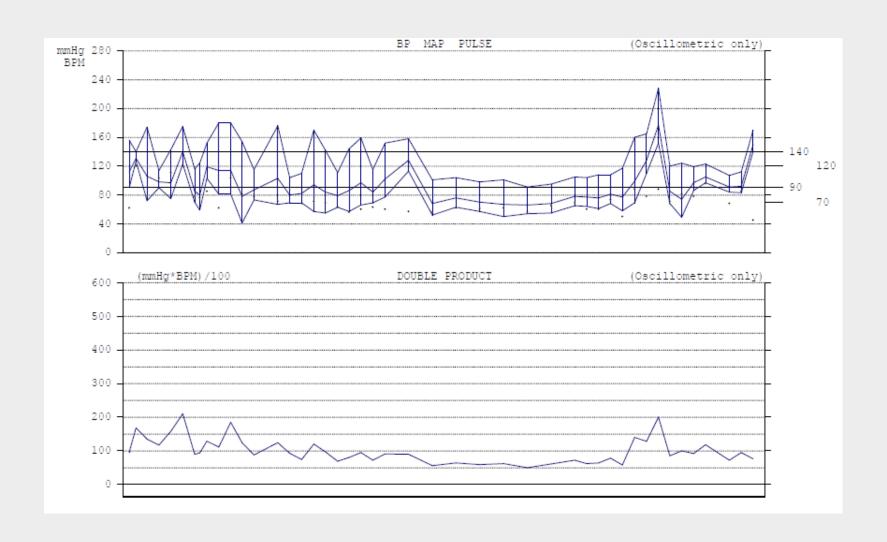
### **Nocturnal Dip**



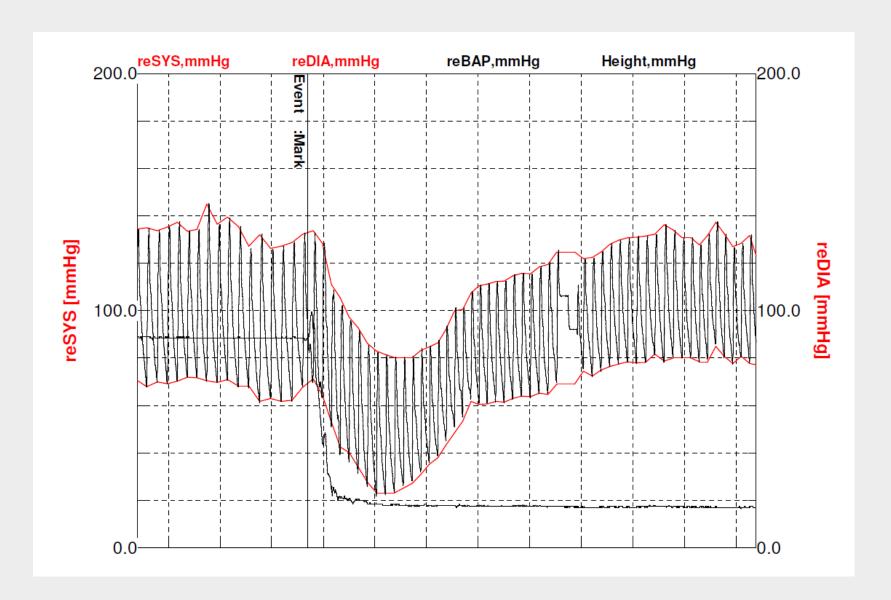
## BP variabilty 2



## BP variability 1



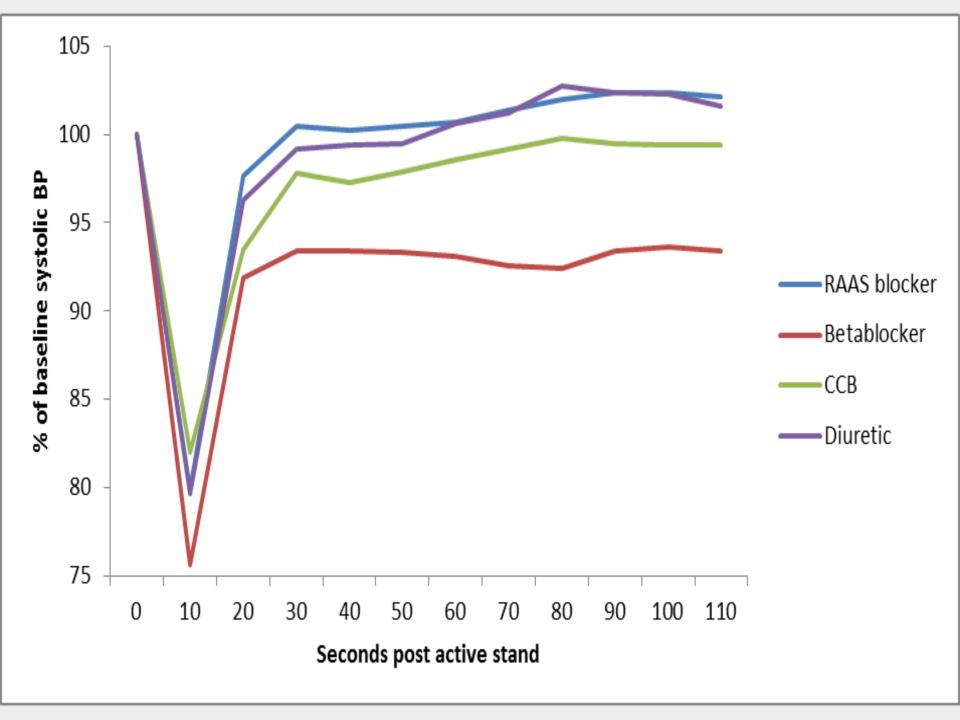
### OH on AS



### Management

### Interrelated goals:

- to treat hypertension
- to improve orthostatic blood pressure without excessive supine hypertension
- to improve standing time
- to relieve orthostatic symptoms
- to improve the patient's ability in orthostatic activities of daily living



### A practical goal:

- relieve OH symptoms for most of the day
- •supine blood pressure <180/110 mm Hg

: early time of day, a meal, a rise in core temperature, physical activity, or reduced salt or fluid intake.

Older patients might become symptomatic after a period of bed rest, after medications or after starting certain drugs.

Nocturnal orthostatic hypotension – older

Low Lancet Neurology 2007 Age ageing 2013

Non pharmacological interventions:

- Culprit medication- CV, PD meds, anti depressants, Urinary
- Fluid and salt
- Getting up slowly, PCM, Meals, Nocturnal, elevate BED head, hot showers

### Pharma

- Fludro
- Midodrine
- Pyridostigmine
- Pseudoephedrine
- Octeotride
- Droxidope

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