



# **Preeclampsia and Future Cardiovascular, Chronic and End-stage Renal Disease**

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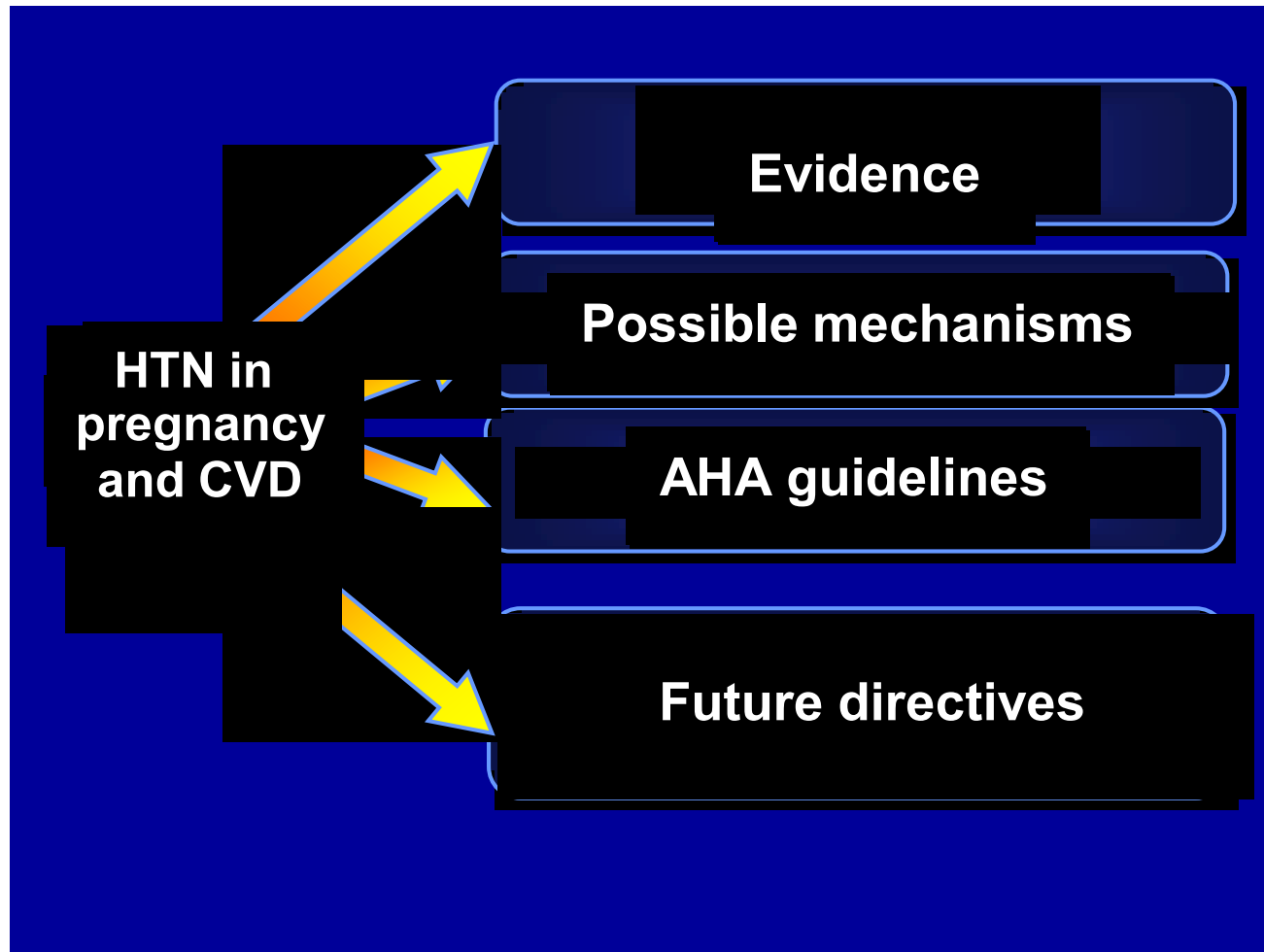
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# Pregnancy hypertension and future CVD



# Preeclampsia-eclampsia

- Affects 5% of all pregnancies worldwide
- Remains a leading cause of maternal and fetal morbidity and mortality
- In USA, pregnancy-related mortality 14.5/100,000 livebirths (1998-2005); 12% due to pregnancy HTN

*Berg et al. Obstet Gynecol 2010*

- Increasing trend in USA in pregnancy related-hospitalizations with stroke, ↑54% ('94→'07)
  - with hypertensive disorders as a leading cause

*Kuklina et al. Stroke 2011*

# Preeclampsia and Future CVD?

- Studies in 1970's and 1980's: Preeclampsia does not herald future HTN
- No difference in in the prevalence of HTN and CVD mortality and morbidity between eclamptic women and age-matched controls after 33 years
  - Small sample sizes
  - Suboptimal control groups

# Subsequent Studies

Associations between HTN pregnancy disorders and CVD are increasingly recognized

## Subsequent Studies

- A population-based retrospective cohort study in Ontario, Canada, of 1.03 million women free from CVD before their first documented delivery
- Maternal placental syndromes: preeclampsia, gestational hypertension, placental abruption, and placental infarction
- HR 2.0 for CVD for women who had had a MPS compared with women who had not
- This risk was higher in MPS plus poor fetal growth (3.1) or MPS plus intrauterine fetal death (4.4)

# Subsequent Studies

14 403 women in the Child Health and Development Studies pregnancy cohort - the Kaiser Permanente Health Plan in California

- The risk of subsequent cardiovascular disease death was notably higher among women with onset of preeclampsia by 34 weeks of gestation

*Mongraw-Chaffin, Hypertension, 2010*



# Meta-analysis

- The relative risks (95% CI)
  - HTN 3.70 (2.70 to 5.05) after 14.1 years
  - CHD 2.16 (1.86 to 2.52) after 11.7 years
  - Stroke 1.81 (1.45 to 2.27) after 10.4 years
  - Venous thromboembolism 1.79 (1.37 to 2.33) after 4.7 years.
  - Overall mortality after pre-eclampsia: 1.49 (1.05 to 2.14) after 14.5 years
- Bellamy et al. BMJ, 2007*

# Subsequent Studies

## Limitations

- Small sample sizes
- Short follow-up
- Lack of racial and ethnic diversity
- Registry-based designs
- Limited number of outcomes

*Garovic and Hayman NCPN, 2007*

## Specific Aims

In a large multiracial cohort, test association of HTN pregnancy disorders with

- Subsequent hypertension
  - CHD
  - Stroke

*Garovic et al. J Hypertens, 2010*

# Study Design

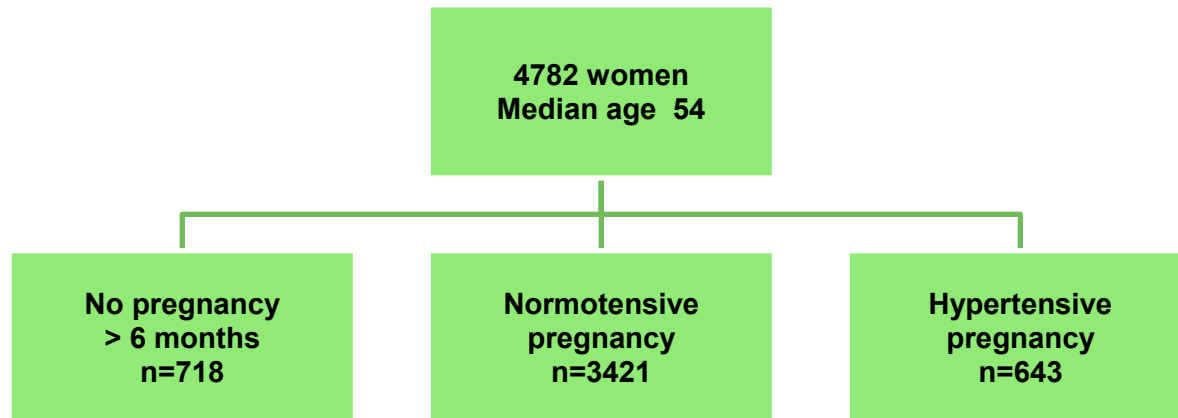
- 4782 women from FBPP sibships with  $\geq 2$  members diagnosed with HTN age  $< 60$  years
- Medical history: DM, Stroke, CHD, HTN
- Smoking
- Family history
- Physical examination
- Blood biochemistries

# Pregnancy Questionnaire

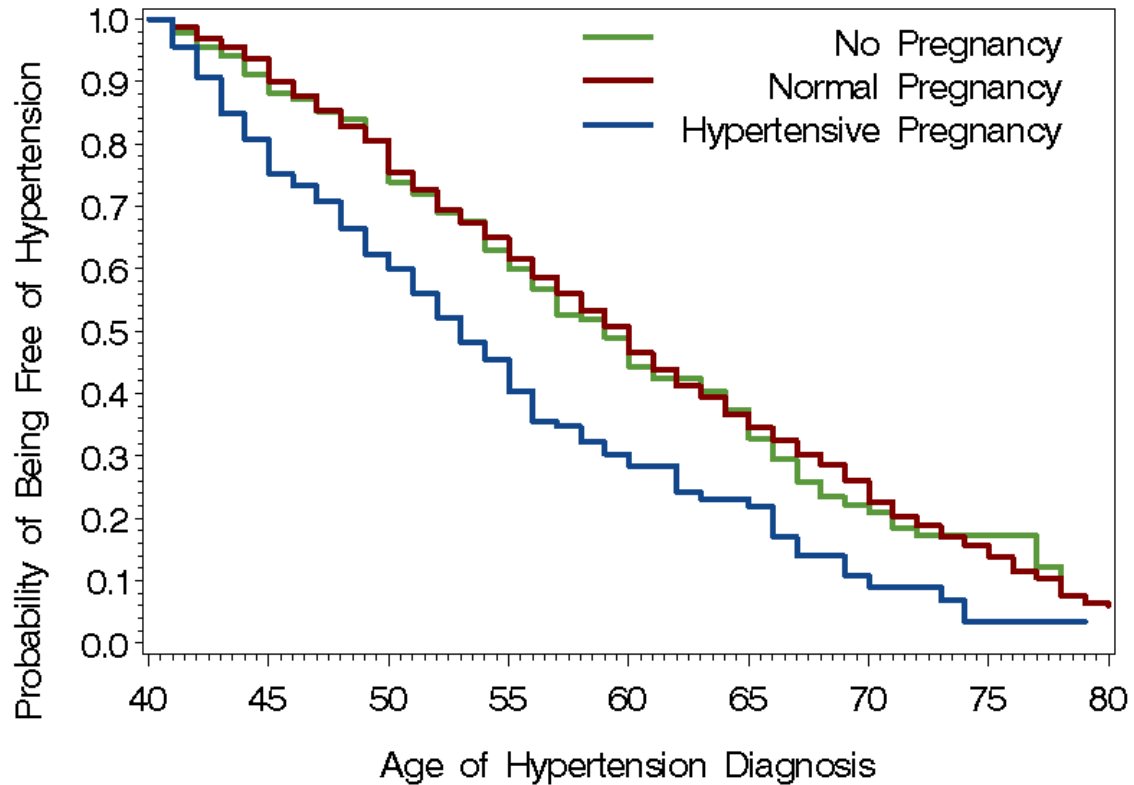
- At least one pregnancy > 6 months?
- How many?
- During any of these pregnancies, did a physician ever tell you that you had high blood pressure or hypertension?

*Garovic et al. AJOG, 2008*

# Sample Description

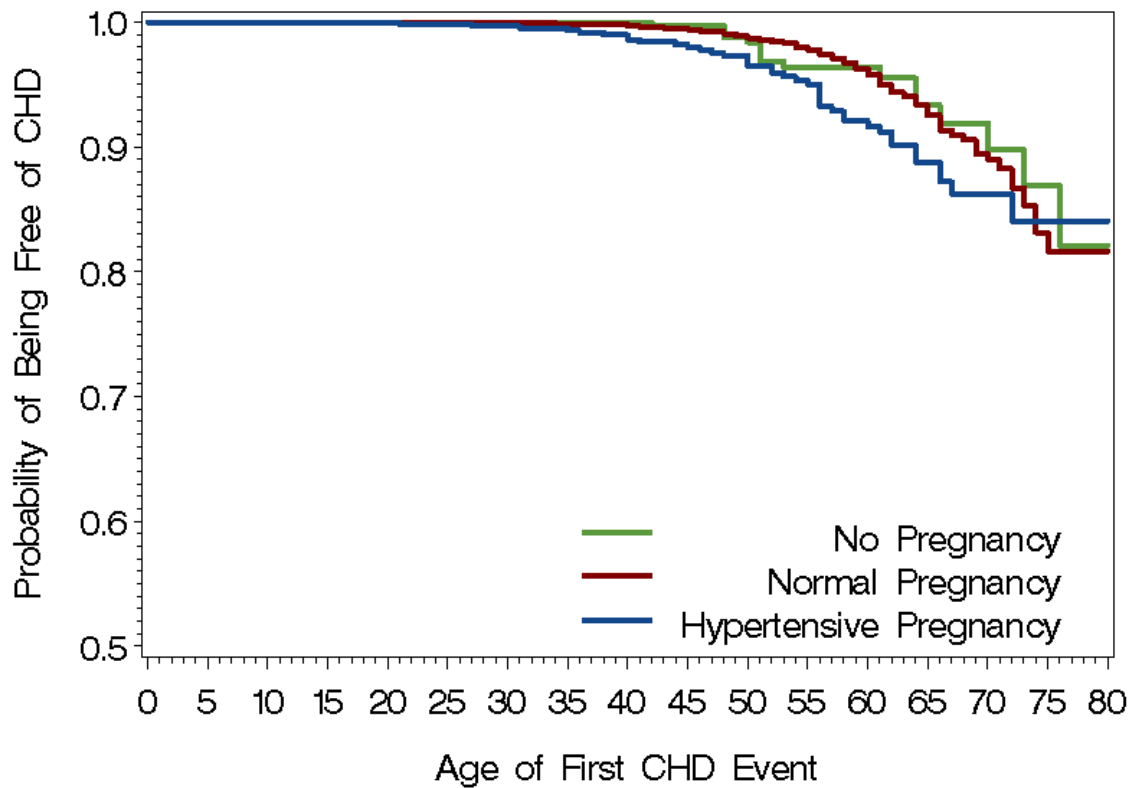


# HTN Later in Life



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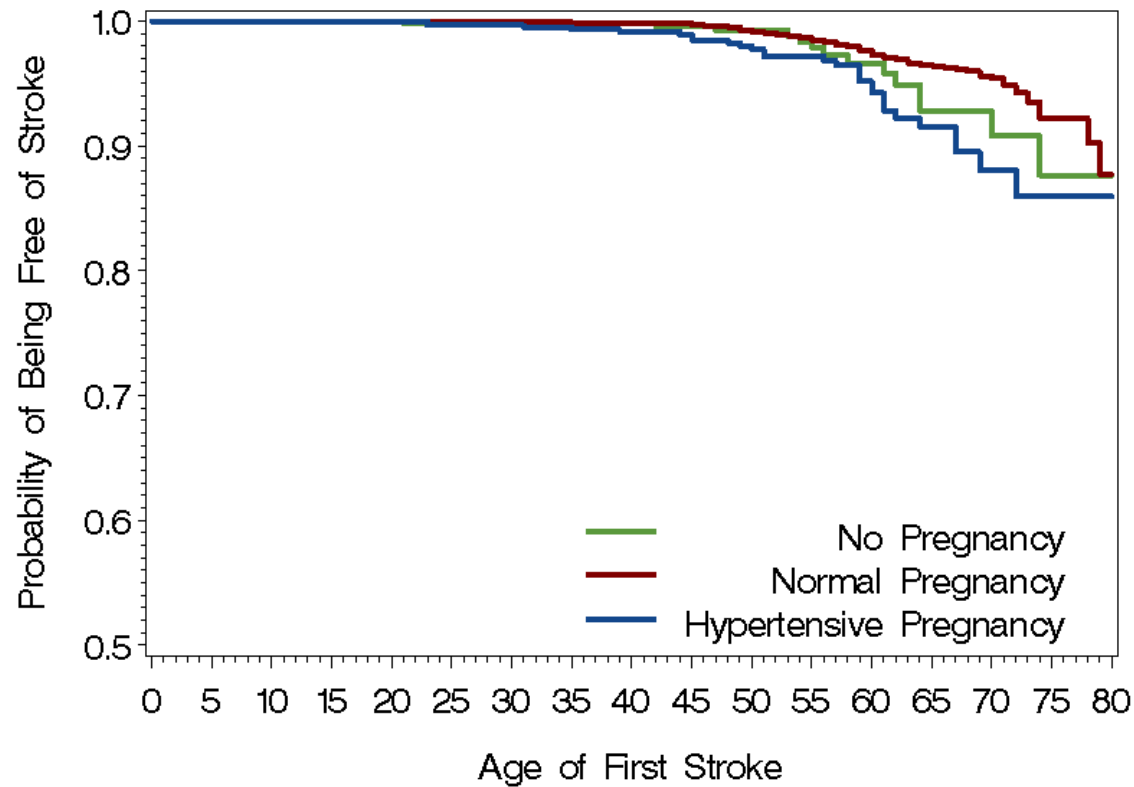
# CHD Later in Life



P=0.009



# Stroke Later in Life



# Adjusted HR for HTN after Age 40, CHD, and Stroke-FBPP

Group contrasts	HTN after age 40			CHD			Stroke		
	HR	95% CI	P	HR	95% CI	P	HR	95% CI	P
Normotensive vs. Nulliparous	0.88	0.73-1.08	0.22	1.02	0.60-1.75	0.94	0.55	0.31-1.00	<b>0.050</b>
Hypertensive vs. Normotensive	1.55	1.26-1.89	<b>&lt;.001</b>	1.14	0.78-1.68	0.50	1.86	1.16-2.98	<b>0.010</b>

# Adjusted HR for HTN after Age 40, CHD, and Stroke-GENOA

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Normotensive vs. Nulliparous	0.78	0.59-1.04	0.09	0.84	0.39-1.82	0.67	0.61	0.27-1.40	0.24
Hypertensive vs. Normotensive	1.88	1.49-2.39	<b>&lt;.001</b>	0.65	0.32-1.30	0.22	2.10	1.19-3.71	<b>0.010</b>

# Conclusions

May represent an independent risk factor for future HTN and CVD

- The association with CHD might have been underestimated given the age of the FBPP cohort
- ? The mechanisms underlying this association

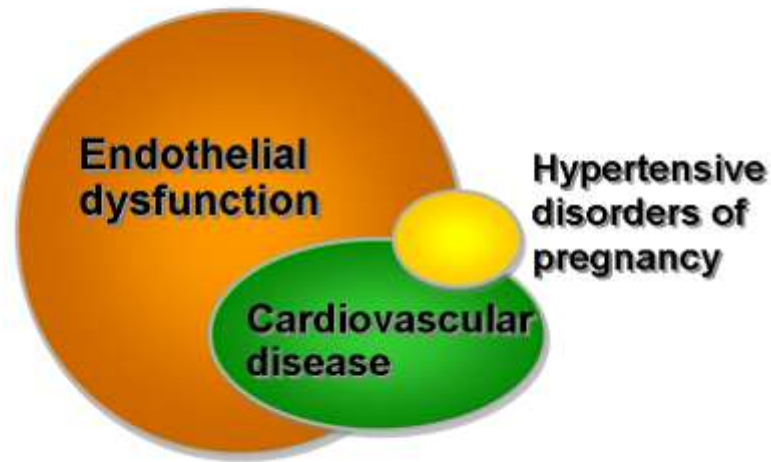
# Risk for Atrial fibrillation and CHF

- Retrospective large cohort study (Ontario, Canada)
- Women with placental abruption, placental infarction, preeclampsia, and gestational HTN
- 61% relative increase in the risk for HF and dysrhythmia

*Ray et al. Heart, 2012*

# Association between preeclampsia and future CVD

Due to shared risk factors  
Endothelial dysfunction



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# Association between preeclampsia and future CVD

- May cause metabolic and vascular changes that modify future risks
  - Brachial artery endothelium-dependent dilatation impaired 3 years post PE pregnancies
    - Chambers et al. JAMA 2001*
  - Possible independent risk factor?



# Eclampsia and Posterior Reversible Encephalopathy Syndrome (PRES)

- PRES first described in 1996, in 15 patients, 3 with eclampsia
  - Clinical signs and symptoms: headaches, visual changes, lethargy, seizures and
  - Radiological findings: vasogenic edema involving posterior circulation
- In pregnancy at considerably lower BP elevations (SBP 150-170 mm Hg) compared to hypertensive encephalopathy (SBP 180-200 mm Hg)

*Hinchey et al. NEJM 1996*

# Eclampsia and Posterior Reversible Encephalopathy Syndrome (PRES)

- In a prospective study of 27 women with eclampsia, 25 had PRES, and 5 demonstrated persistent neuro-imaging abnormalities (gliosis)

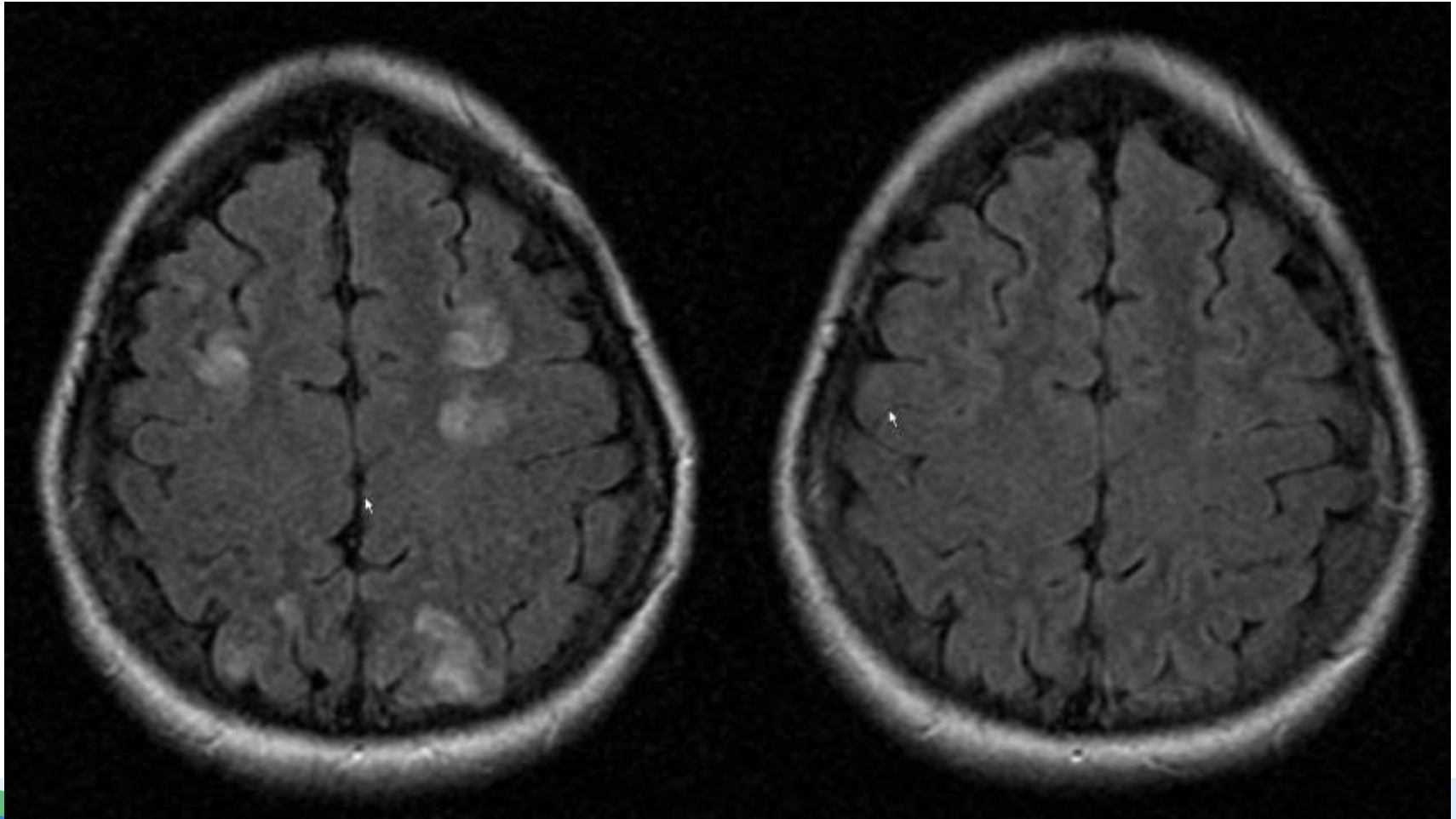
*Zeeman et al. AJOG, 2004*

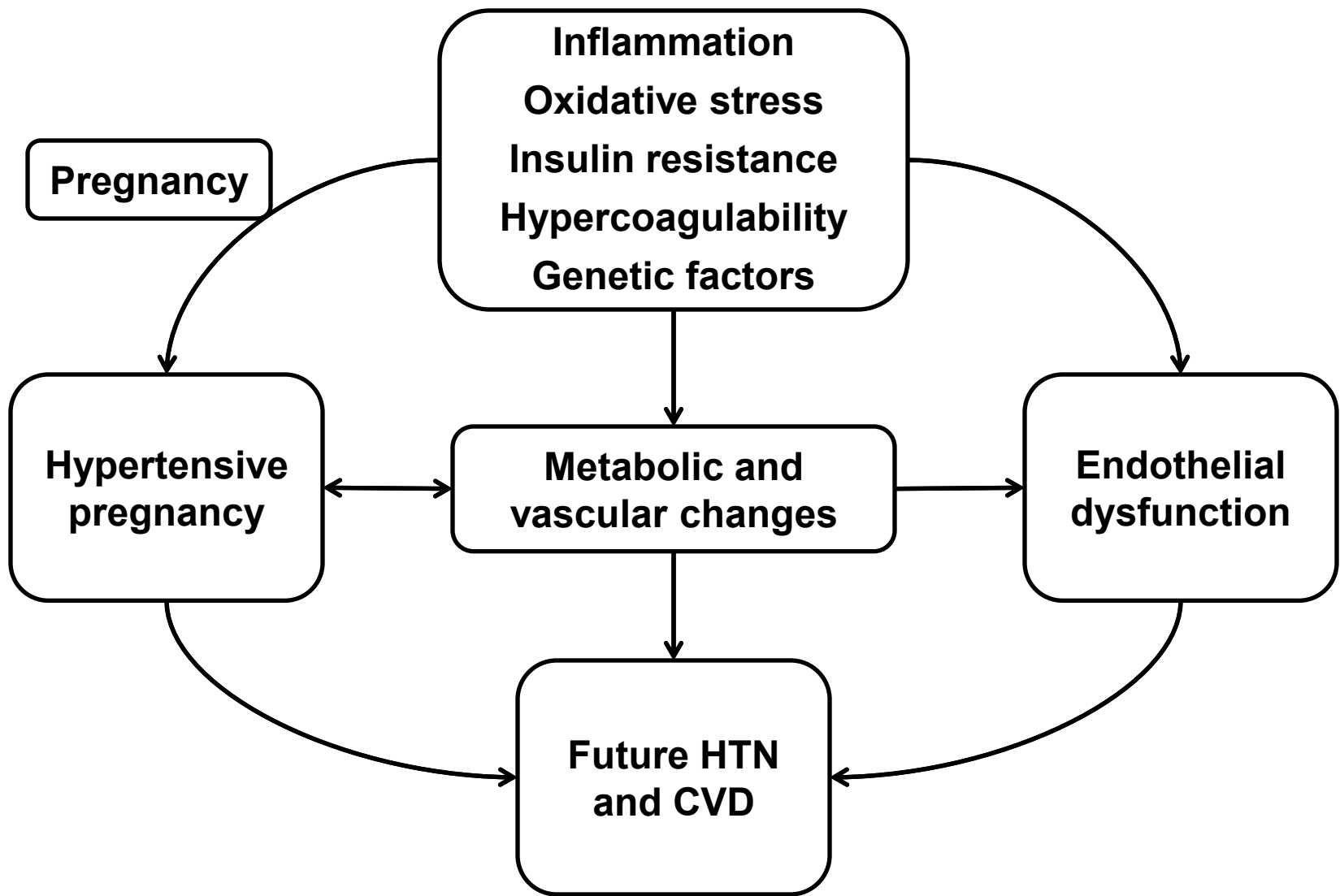
- Mayo study

- 7 of 22 patients with eclampsia underwent neuro-imaging
- All 7 demonstrated signs of PRES
- Maximum SBP > 180 mm Hg in 2/7
- Persistent neuroimaging abnormalities (1/7)

*Wagner et al. MCP 2011*

23 year old, G3 /P1 presenting with headache, blurred vision, and seizure, peak SBP 151mm Hg; f/u MRI 2 weeks postpartum : punctuate T2 abnormality in the right superior frontal lobe





**Possible mechanisms of the association of pregnancy hypertension, endothelial dysfunction, and future HTN and CVD**

# Hypertension in pregnancy and future cardiovascular damage

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Left ventricular hypertrophy after hypertensive pregnancy disorders

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Hypertension in pregnancy is a risk factor for peripheral arterial disease decades after pregnancy



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# Hypertension in pregnancy and future cardiovascular damage-mediators

Original Article

Hypertension in pregnancy is associated with elevated C-reactive protein levels later in life

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# 2011 AHA Guidelines for the Prevention of CVD in women

- Postpartum: monitored and treated for modifiable risk factors
- Questions re: HTN in pregnancy should become a routine part of medical history
- Future studies of exposures and events across a woman's lifespan-need for population based studies

*Mosca et al. Circulation, 2011*

# 2014 AHA Guidelines for the Prevention of Stroke in women

- Increased risk during pregnancy, post-partum, and years after
- Prospective studies on the pathophysiology underlying the association, especially in diverse populations
- These studies will provide evidence to inform screening, prevention, and treatment strategies in women with a history of HTN in pregnancy

*Bushnell et al. Stroke, 2014*

# Preeclampsia and ESRD

- Recent studies have shown association of preeclampsia and ESRD

Large registry study in Norway 1976-2004 of 570,433 women

- Increased risk of ESRD after preeclamptic pregnancy
  - RR 3.2 after single preeclamptic pregnancy
  - RR 15.5 after multiple preeclamptic pregnancies

*Vikse et al, NEJM, 2008*

- Insurance claims data from 1998-2009 in Taiwan
  - Increased risk of CKD (HR 9.3) and ESRD (HR 12.4) after hypertensive pregnancy

*Wang et al, CMAJ, 2013*

# Hypertension in pregnancy and future CVD and CKD/ESRD

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ORIGINAL PAPER

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## Hypertension in Pregnancy Is a Risk Factor for Microalbuminuria Later in Life

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# Hypertension in pregnancy and future ESRD

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Original Investigation

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# Hypertension in pregnancy and future ESRD

- 8 of 44 (18%) cases versus 4 of 88 (5%) controls had preeclamptic pregnancies (unadjusted OR, 4.0; 95% CI, 1.21-13.28)
- Evidence of kidney disease prior to the first pregnancy in 9 of 44 (21%) cases and 1 of 88 (<1%) controls

# Hypertension in pregnancy and future ESRD

- Results were similar after independent adjustment for race, education, diabetes, and hypertension prior to pregnancy
- However, the association was attenuated and no longer significant after adjustment for obesity (OR, 3.25; 95% CI, 0.93-11.37)



# Hypertension in pregnancy and future ESRD

- Our findings confirm that there is a sizable association between preeclampsia and ESRD
- However, obesity is a previously unexplored confounder
- Pre-existing kidney disease was common, but not consistently coded or diagnosed

## CVD in Offspring

- Barker's hypothesis: The famine of 1944 or the "Hunger Winter" during WWII
- previously well-nourished population
- the liberation of the Netherlands in 1945 restored the food supply
- maternal under-nutrition led to IUGR and higher risks of chronic conditions in adult life

# CVD in Offspring

- **Barker's hypothesis: fetal origins of adult disease, AKA Fetal Programming**
  - Inadequate maternal diet → the baby changes its metabolism to prepare for food shortages
  - Metabolic processes result in IUGR
  - When the living environment switches from malnutrition to abundant supply of nutrients
- **Preeclampsia: abnormal placental development**
  - Mother: preeclampsia phenotype
  - Fetus: IUGR

# IUGR and Cardiovascular Disease

- Obesity
- Insulin resistance
- Metabolic syndrome
- Hyperlipidemia
- Reduced nephron number

# IUGR and Cardiovascular Disease

- Increased risk for DM2
- Obesity
- Increased risk for CVD (HTN, MI, CHF)
- CVD mortality

# HTN in Pregnancy and Future CVD Risk in Siblings

- A sibling history of HTN in pregnancy was associated with
  - An increased risk of hypertension in brothers and unaffected sisters
  - An increased risk of cardiovascular events was seen in brothers only

HTN in pregnancy is a novel familial risk factor for CVD

*Weissgerber et al. JASN, 2015*

# Future Directives

- Longitudinal studies of women with HTN in pregnancy
  - Pregnancy HTN as an independent CVD risk
  - Renal outcomes, A fib, CHF
- Improved screening and treatment of hypertensive pregnancy disorders may impact not only pregnancy outcomes, but future health of the affected women

# Questions?





# Treatment of Hypertension in Pregnancy

- Poorly controlled, retrospective observations of different types of HTN
- Great divergence of opinion
- “Shamefully few” well-designed studies

# US Department of Health and Human Services 2001-2004

- Women 45-54: 35.2 %
- Women 55-64: 54.4%
- **Our Data**
  - HTN in pregnancy: 50% HTN by age 53
  - Normotensive pregnancy: 50% HTN by age 60