

# The Story in Length! Management of Chronic Hypertension Learning Objectives and Case vignette



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#### **Learning Objectives**

- What is the significance of non-pharmacologic interventions in managing hypertension?
- O What are these non-pharmacologic interventions?
- How effective are these non-pharmacologic interventions in controlling hypertension?
- What is the process for recommending and implementing non-pharmacologic measures for patients with hypertension?
- How successful are patients generally in adhering to non-pharmacologic measures?



#### **Learning Objectives (cntd)**

- When is it appropriate to start medication for patients diagnosed with hypertension?
- What factors should be considered when choosing medications for treating hypertension?
- When should treatment start with a single medication and when should it start with two?
- How should we decide between different classes of hypertension medications?
- How should we choose between different molecules within a class of hypertension medications?



#### **Learning Objectives (cntd)**

- What is the recommended approach to augmenting medications:
   maximizing one medication or adding another?
- Which is more advisable:
   dividing medications or using single pill combinations?
- At what point in the treatment should a patient be classified as resistant to hypertension treatment?
- What additional evaluations should be conducted for patients with resistant hypertension?



#### **Learning Objectives (cntd)**

- What is the recommended treatment approach for patients with resistant hypertension?
- What are the target blood pressure levels for different populations?
- When should the tapering or discontinuation of medication be considered in patients with hypertension?
- What is the approach for monitoring patients and doing lab tests to identify potential side effects and adjust dosages accordingly?



## **Case vignette**

- 75 Y/O gentleman, with Hx. of HTN and CABG 20 years ago
- The patient lives independently, came to you for follow-up as he has just moved to your city
- He remains asymptomatic in his routine activities
- Current Medications:
  - ASA 80mg Daily
  - Atorvastatin 40mg Daily
  - Bisoprolol 2.5mg Daily
  - Amlodipine 2.5mg BID
  - Losartan 25mg BID
  - Triamterene-H 1/2 Daily



## **Case vignette (cntd)**

o Ph/E:

o BP: right hand: 138/86 mmHg, left hand: 136/88 mmHg

o HR: 71 bpm

o BMI: 29

Heart and Lungs: NL, no other significant finding

o Recent Lab:

o CBC and LFT: NL, Cr: 1.1 mg/dL, Na: 144 mEq/L, K: 3.7 mEq/L

What is your approach to the management of HTN in this patient?



# Thank you for your attention

