# Hypertension on the Loose: How to Help Our Patients

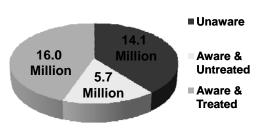
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# Uncontrolled Hypertension (Over 18 Years Old)



### **Million Hearts**

- A Appropriate Aspirin
- B Blood Pressure Control
  - Decrease Sodium Consumption
  - -Self-monitoring
- C Cholesterol Control
  - -Trans fats
- S Smoking Cessation

### The Silent Killer

- Blood pressure the silent killer
- Know your numbers
- Dying from CV event versus living through it and ending up disabled

# JNC7 Guidelines vs. JNC8 Recommendations

- JNC7 Guidelines defined
- JNC8 Recommendations:
   Do we implement them as guidelines?
- Is there really a difference between the two?

# Standardized Technique for Blood Pressure Measurements

- Does it really matter what technique I use?
- Seasoned nurses and potential for complacency
- Reporting blood pressure readings and how this affects decisions
- Cuff size matters

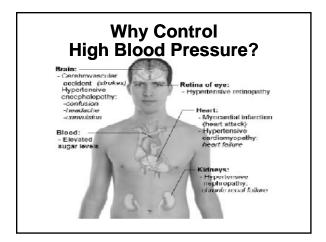
# Standardized Technique for Blood Pressure Measurements

- Validated blood pressure monitors
- Calibrating blood pressure monitors

## The Silent Killer: Not For All

- · Ringing of ears
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1-2 cm from the folding part of the inside elbow



# Cuff Measurement Length of Blood Pressure Cuff Fix the position display in the center of the arm

Make the palms facing up

**Blood Pressure** 

# Recommended Cuff Sizes for Accurate Measurement of Blood Pressure

Patient: Adults
 Recommended
 (by arm circumference)
 cuff size

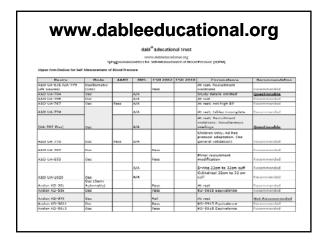
- 22 to 26 cm 12 22 cm (small adult)

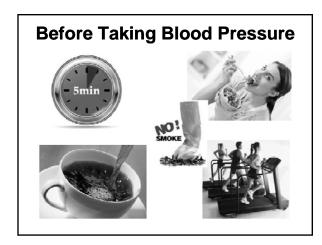
- 27 to 34 cm 16 30 cm (adult)

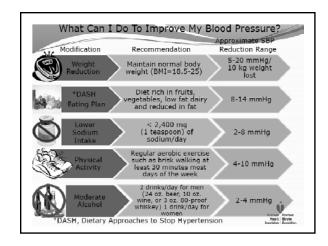
- 35 to 44 cm 16 36 cm (large adult)

- 45 to 52 cm 16 42 cm (adult thigh)









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