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**Terapia  
antiipertensiva  
nell'anziano con  
demenza: tutto  
chiaro?**

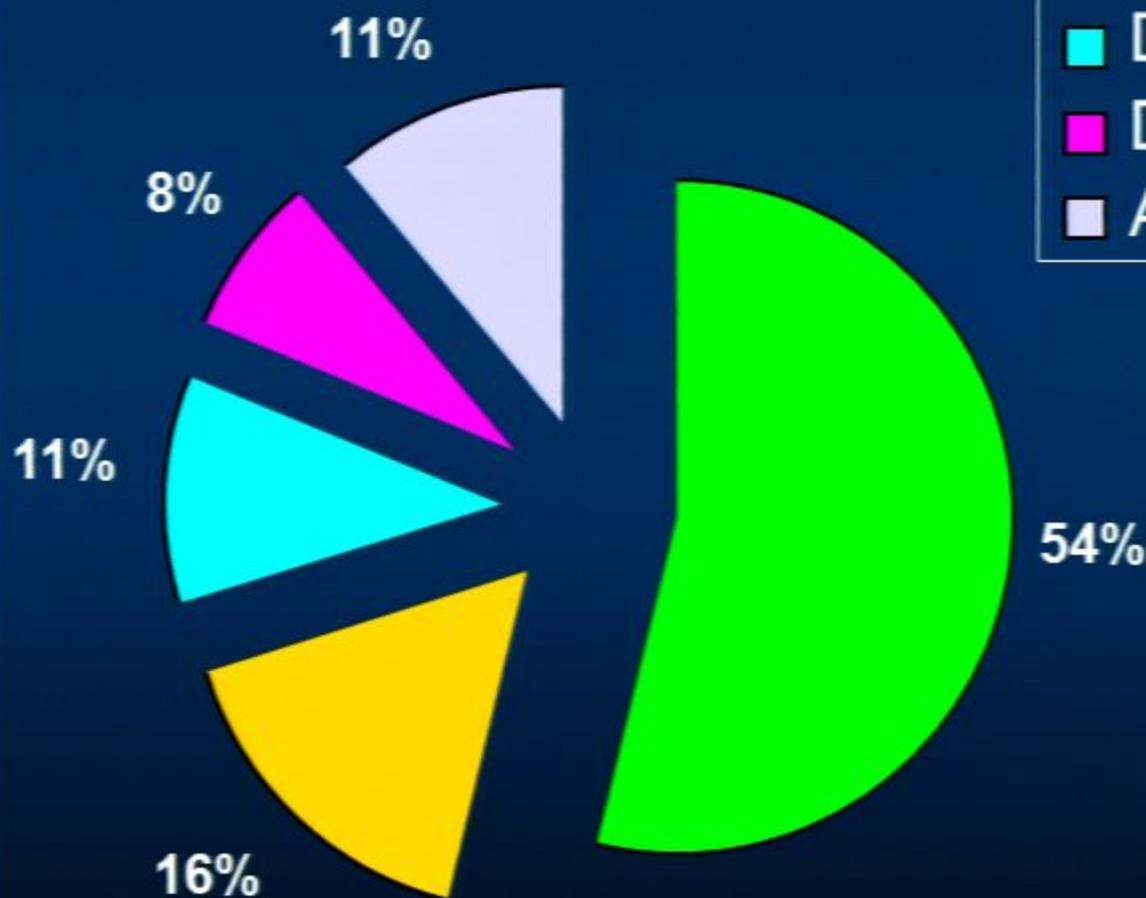
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# Principali tipi di demenza nell'anziano

- Malattia di Alzheimer
- Demenza Vascolare
- Demenza a corpi di Lewy
- Demenza fronto-temporale
- Altre



*Lobo A et al., Neurology, 2000*  
*Stevens T, Br J Psychiatry, 2002*

# Vascular Cognitive Impairment (VCI) \*

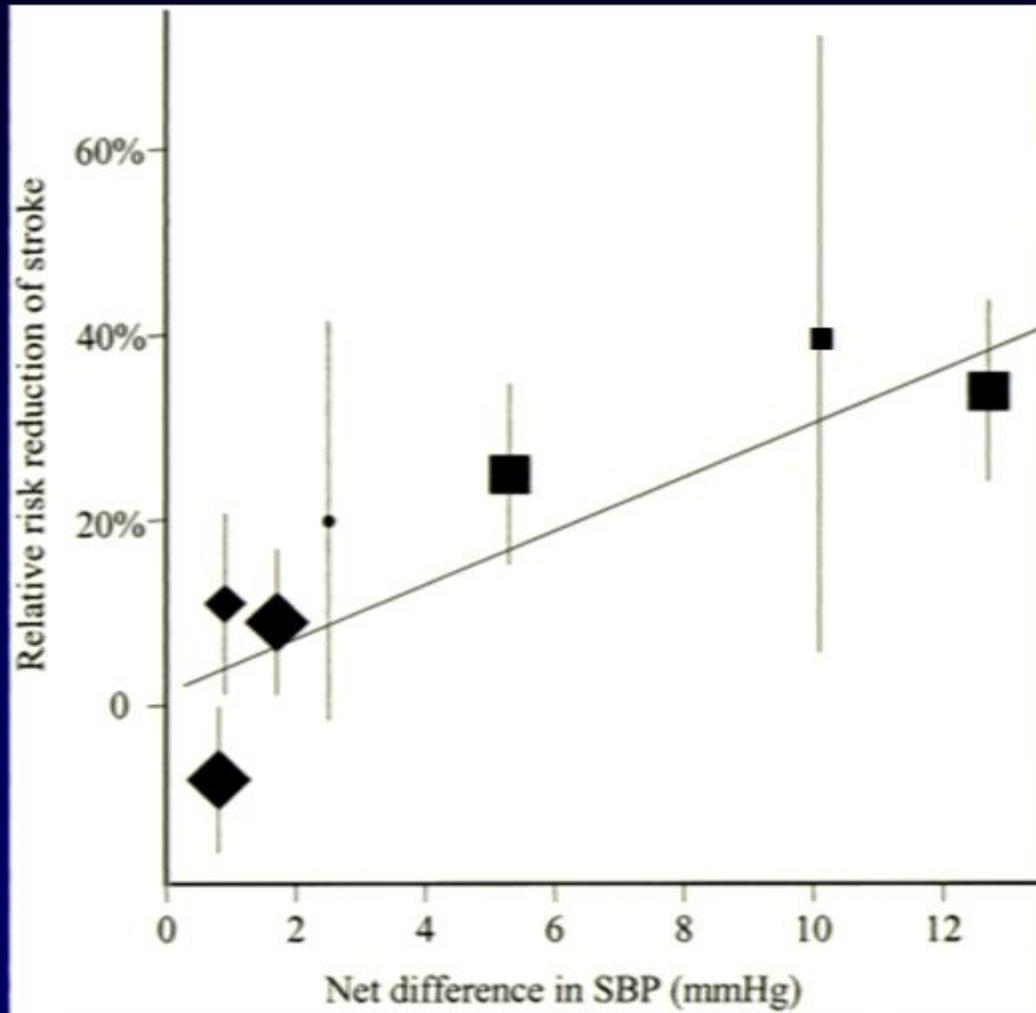
## Include:

- Vascular Dementia (VaD)
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- Cognitive Impairment, No Dementia (Vascular CIND) \*\*
  - Alzheimer Disease (AD) with a vascular component (mixed AD)

\* *Hachinski et al., Neurology, 1993*

\*\* *Rockwood et al., Neurology, 2000*

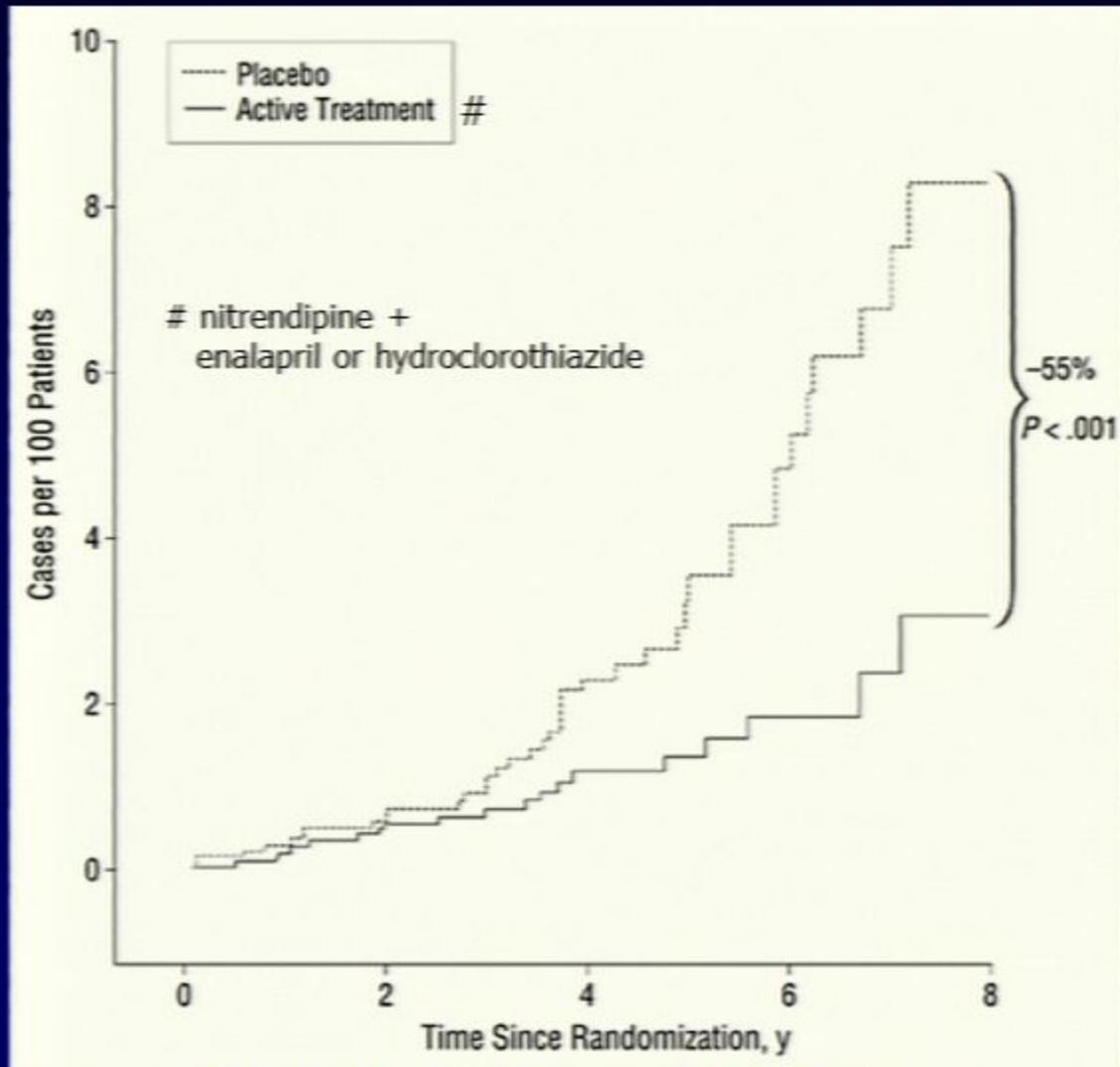
# Pressione Arteriosa Sistolica e rischio di ictus – RCT



Lawes CM, et al. *Stroke* 2004; 35: 1024

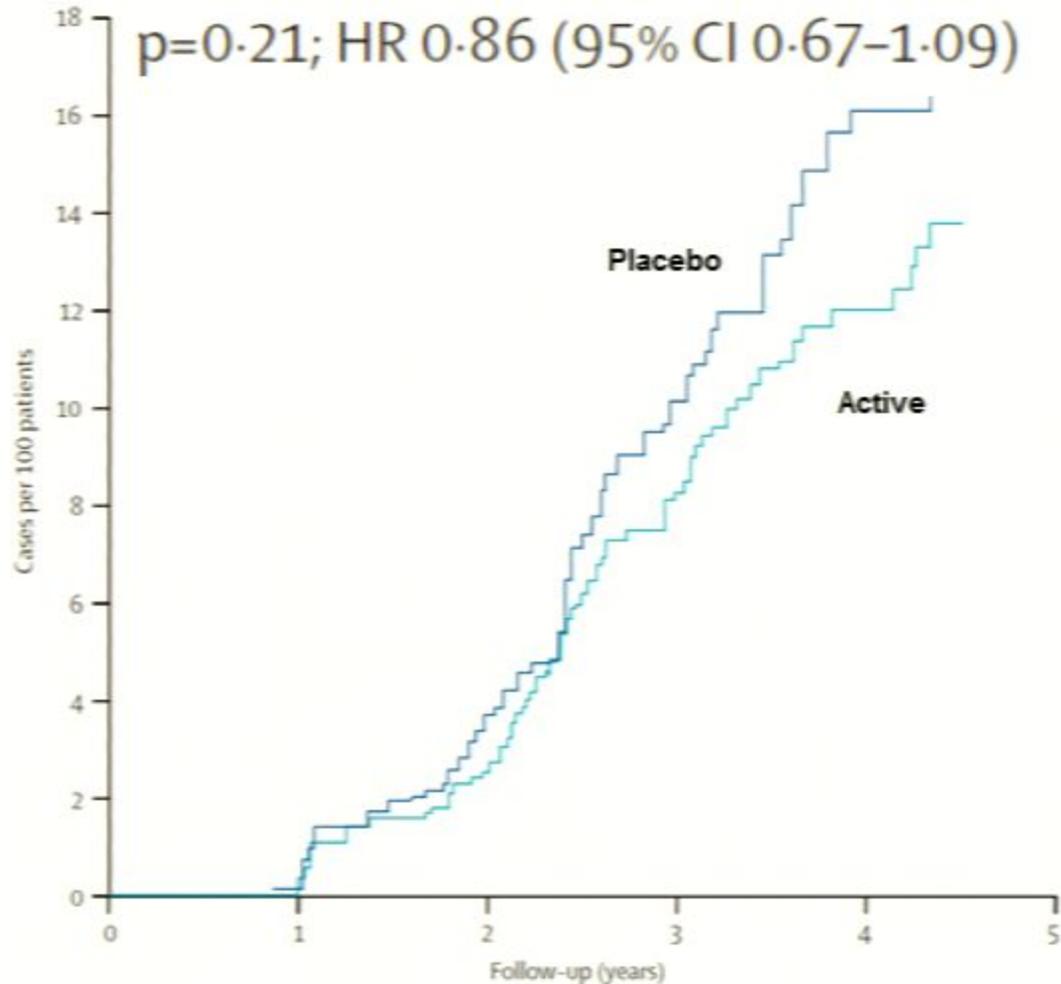
# Syst-Eur: incidenza di nuova demenza

- RCT; 4,695 anziani con ISH; follow-up 8 anni
- Outcome primario: ictus



Forette F et al., *Lancet* 2002; 162: 2046

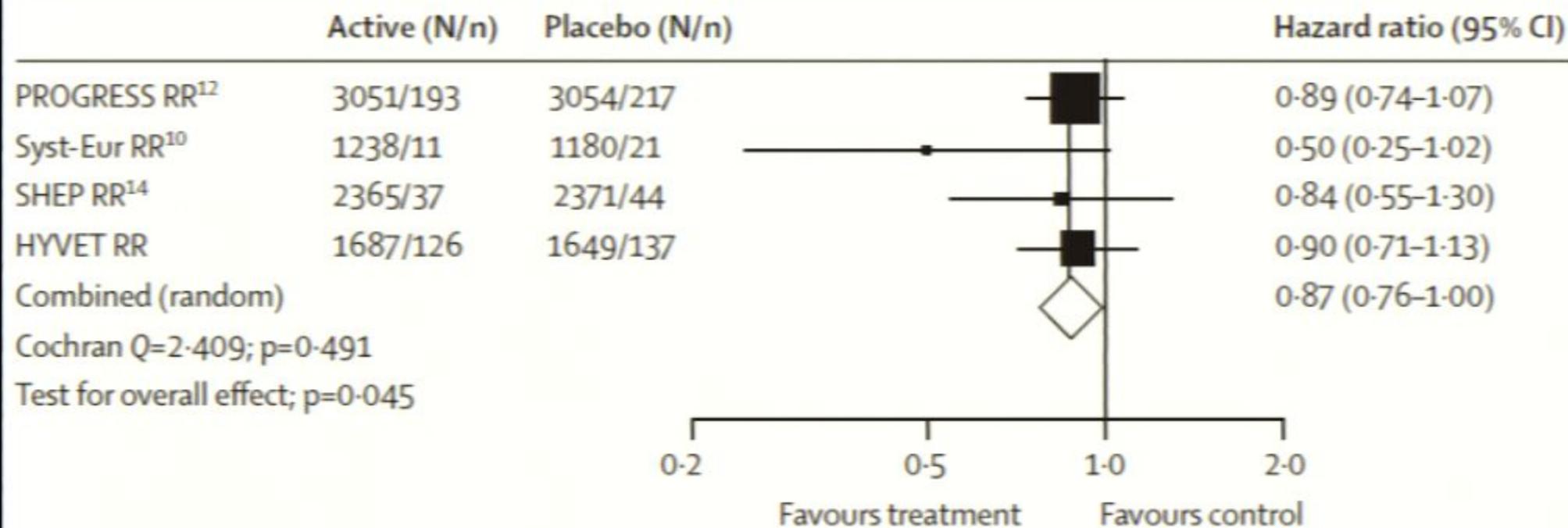
# Trattamento antiipertensivo e demenza: HYVET-Cog (2)



Casi di demenza:  
✓ 126 nel gruppo trattamento (78 AD)  
✓ 137 nel gruppo placebo (86 AD)

# Trattamento antiipertensivo e demenza: meta-analisi

Meta-analisi dei dati HYVET-Cog con quelli di PROGRESS, Syst-Eur, SHEP



Prevenzione dei fattori di rischio vascolare



Riduzione delle lesioni vascolari cerebrali



Riduzione del rischio di VCI

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Riduzione del rischio di VCI

**... riduzione del rischio di AD?**

**... riduzione dei casi totali di demenza?**

# **Ipertensione arteriosa e neuropatologia tipo Alzheimer (1)**

## **... al riscontro autoptico**

Nell'Honolulu Asia Aging Study elevati valori pressori in età adulta sono correlati a:

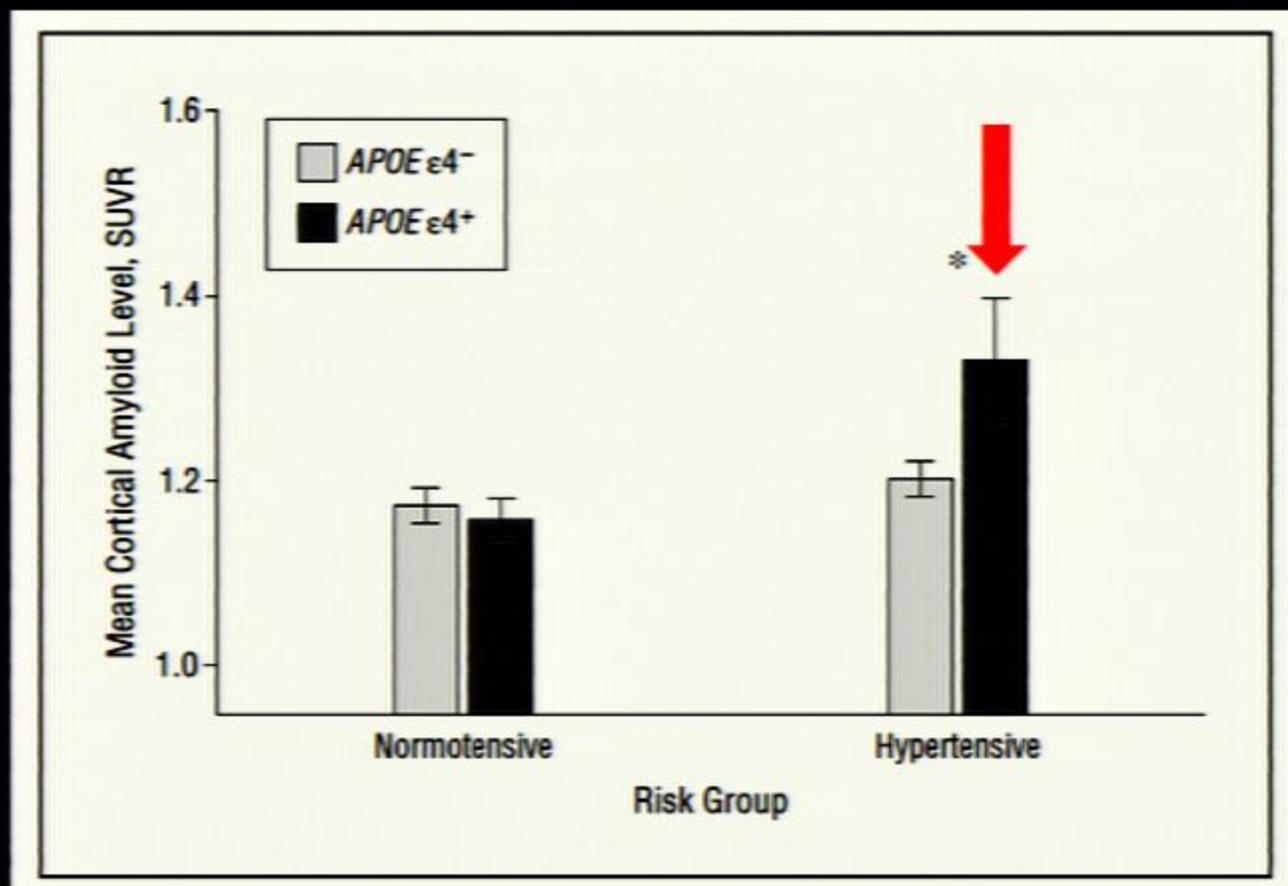
- maggior atrofia cerebrale
- maggior numero di placche neuritiche e grovigli neurofibrillari

# Ipertensione arteriosa e neuropatologia tipo Alzheimer (2)

... **all'esame in vivo !**

118 soggetti (47-89 anni) senza deficit cognitivo sottoposti a

- PET con tracciante per amiloide cerebrale (florbetapir)
- ricerca allele ApoE  $\epsilon 4$  (FdR Alzheimer)



# Fattori di rischio vascolare e Malattia di Alzheimer

## ✓ **Ipertensione arteriosa**

*(Skoog et al., Lancet 1996; Kivipelto M et al., BMJ, 2001;  
Qiu C, Lancet Neurol, 2005)*

## ✓ **Diabete mellito**

*(Ott A et al., Neurology, 1999; Xu W, Diabetes, 2007)*

## ✓ **Ipercolesterolemia**

*(Solomon A et al., Neurology, 2007)*

## ✓ **Obesità**

*(Kivipelto M et al., Arch Neurol, 2005)*

## ✓ **Iperomocisteinemia**

*(Seshadri S et al., N Engl J Med, 2002; Haan MN, Am J Clin  
Nutr, 2007)*

# **Ipertensione arteriosa e rischio di AD:** ***studio longitudinale a partire dall'età adulta***

Studio longitudinale retrospettivo su 1449 anziani.

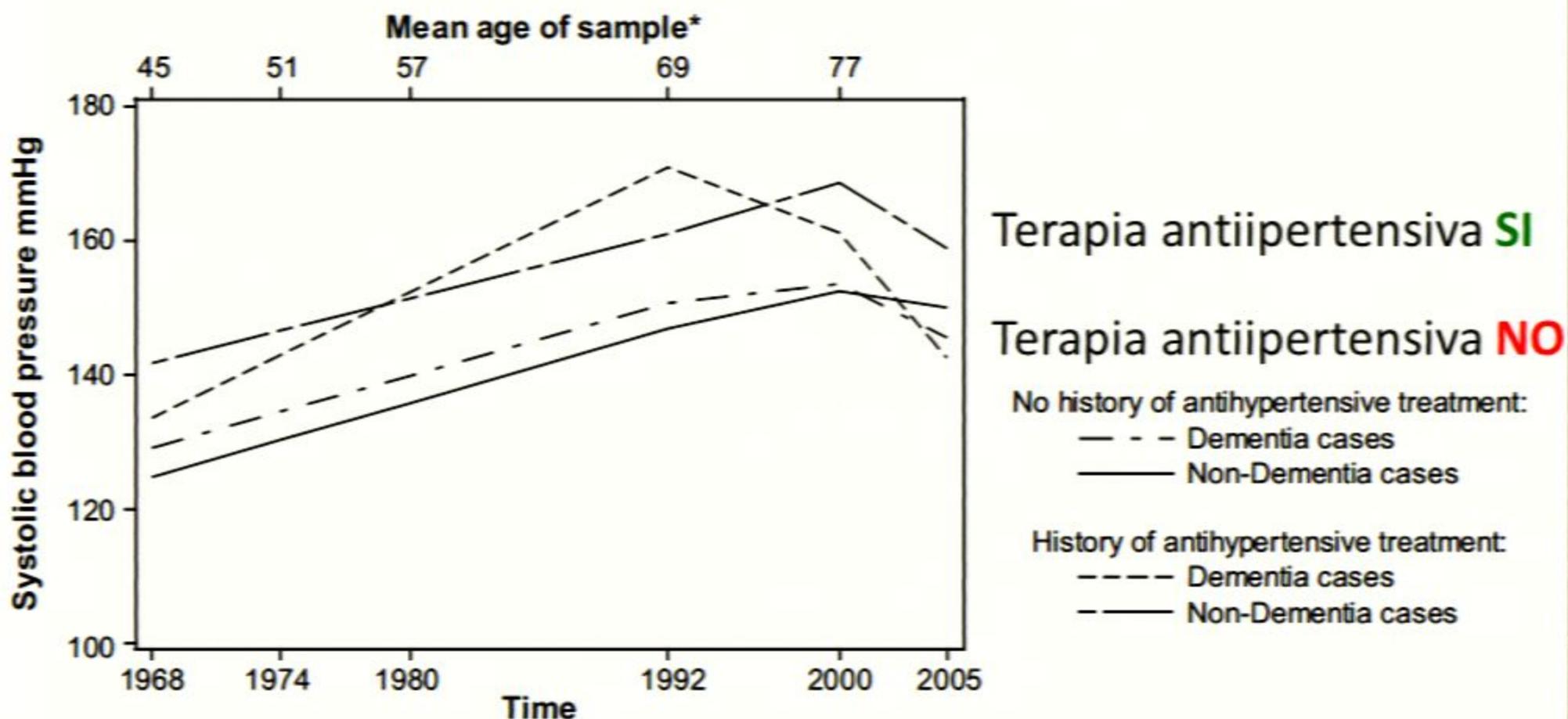
Al follow-up (età 65-79 anni) diagnosi di AD

Follow-up medio: 21 anni

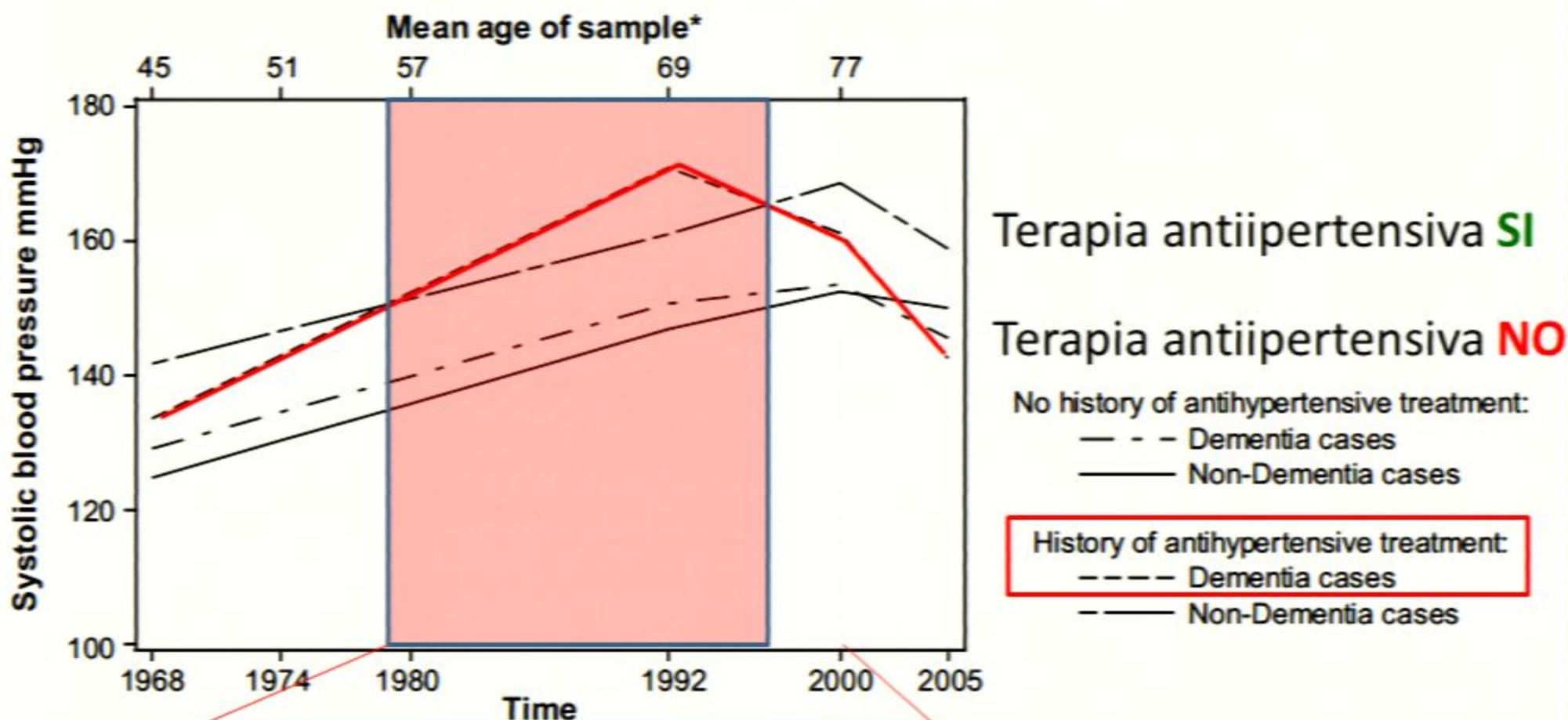
	<b>OR (95% CI)</b>
<b>Pressione sistolica</b>	
< 140 mmHg	1
140-159 mmHg	2.1 (0.8-5.0)
≥ 160 mmHg	2.8 (1.1-7.2)
<b>Pressione diastolica</b>	
<90 mmHg	1
90-94 mmHg	1.4 (0.6-3.5)
≥ 95 mmHg	1.7 (0.8-3.6)

Modello aggiustato per: età, BMI, scolarità, infarto miocardico e malattia cerebrovascolare, fumo, alcool

# Andamento della pressione arteriosa nell'arco della vita e rischio di demenza



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Possibile efficacia preventiva del trattamento antiipertensivo

# Effetto dei FdR vascolare nelle diverse età della vita sul rischio di demenza: revisione sistematica

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## 3.7.5 Brain

Hypertension, beyond its well-known effect on the occurrence of clinical stroke, is also associated with the risk of asymptomatic brain damage noticed on cerebral MRI, in particular in elderly individuals.<sup>250,251</sup> The most common types of brain lesions are

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Small and deep (lacunar infarctions) and the frequency of which varies between 10% and 30%.<sup>252</sup> Another type of lesion, more recently identified, are microbleeds, seen in about 5% of individuals. White matter hyperintensities and silent infarcts are associated with an increased risk of stroke, cognitive decline and dementia.<sup>250,252–254</sup> In hypertensive patients without overt CVD,



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**Dementia??**

# Gait Speed and Survival in Older Adults

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**Context** Survival estimates help individualize goals of care for geriatric patients, but life tables fail to account for the great variability in survival. Physical performance measures, such as gait speed, might help account for variability, allowing clinicians to make more individualized estimates.

**Objective** To evaluate the relationship between gait speed and survival.

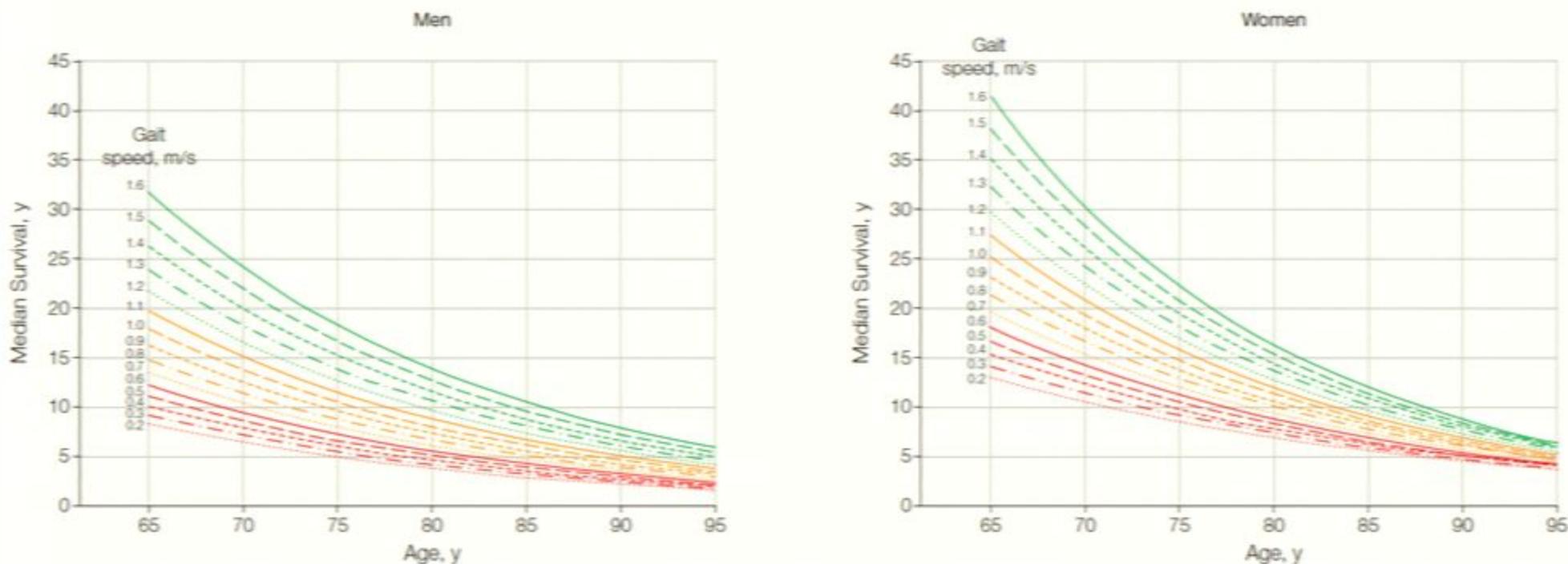
**Design, Setting, and Participants** Pooled analysis of 9 cohort studies (collected between 1986 and 2000), using individual data from 34 485 community-dwelling older adults aged 65 years or older with baseline gait speed data, followed up for 6 to 21 years. Participants were a mean (SD) age of 73.5 (5.9) years; 59.6%, women; and 79.8%, white; and had a mean (SD) gait speed of 0.92 (0.27) m/s.

**Main Outcome Measures** Survival rates and life expectancy.

**Results** There were 17 528 deaths; the overall 5-year survival rate was 84.8% (confidence interval [CI], 79.6%-88.8%) and 10-year survival rate was 59.7% (95% CI, 46.5%-70.6%). Gait speed was associated with survival in all studies (pooled hazard ratio per 0.1 m/s, 0.88; 95% CI, 0.87-0.90;  $P < .001$ ). Survival increased across the full range of gait speeds, with significant increments per 0.1 m/s. At age 75, predicted 10-year survival across the range of gait speeds ranged from 19% to 87% in men and from 35% to 91% in women. Predicted survival based on age, sex, and gait speed was as accurate as predicted based on age, sex, use of mobility aids, and self-reported function or as age, sex, chronic conditions, smoking history, blood pressure, body mass index, and hospitalization.

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# Rethinking the Association of High Blood Pressure With Mortality in Elderly Adults

## *The Impact of Frailty*

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**Background:** The association of hypertension and mortality is attenuated in elderly adults. Walking speed, as a measure of frailty, may identify which elderly adults are most at risk for the adverse effects of hypertension. We hypothesized that elevated blood pressure (BP) would be associated with a greater risk of mortality in faster-, but not slower-, walking older adults.

**Methods:** Participants included 2340 persons 65 years and older in the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, 1999-2000 and 2001-2002. Mortality data were linked to death certificates in the National Death Index. Walking speed was measured over a 20-ft (6 m) walk and classified as faster ( $\geq 0.8$  m/s [ $n=1307$ ]), slower ( $n=790$ ), or incomplete ( $n=243$ ). Potential confounders included age, sex, race, survey year, lifestyle and physiologic variables, health conditions, and antihypertensive medication use.

**Results:** Among the participants, there were 589 deaths through December 31, 2006. The association between BP and mortality varied by walking speed. Among faster walkers, those with elevated systolic BP ( $\geq 140$  mm Hg) had a greater adjusted risk of mortality compared with those without (hazard ratio [HR], 1.35; 95% CI, 1.03-1.77). Among slower walkers, neither elevated systolic nor diastolic BP ( $\geq 90$  mm Hg) was associated with mortality. In participants who did not complete the walk test, elevated BP was strongly and independently associated with a lower risk of death: HR, 0.38; 95% CI, 0.23-0.62 (systolic); and HR, 0.10; 95% CI, 0.01-0.81 (diastolic).

**Conclusions:** Walking speed could be a simple measure to identify elderly adults who are most at risk for adverse outcomes related to high BP.

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## National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES)



- Campione di 2340 soggetti (età >65 anni)
- Dati di mortalità incrociati con i certificati di morte del National Death Index (NDI) dal 1999-2002 fino al 31 dicembre 2006; 589/2340 pazienti deceduti
- Cut-off velocità di cammino: >0,8 m/s. Cut-off PA: 140/90 mmHg.

- Fast walkers 56% - Slow walkers: 34%
- 243 partecipanti (10%) non hanno portato a termine il test del cammino

*"21 safety exclusion, 22 participant refusal, 69 no time/came late/left early, 77 physical limitation, 13 ill/emergency, 36 other reasons, and 5 were missing an explanation."*

*Dati corretti per anno di arruolamento, età, sesso, razza nera, scolarità, fumo, colesterolemia, coronaropatia, scompenso cardiaco e ictus.*

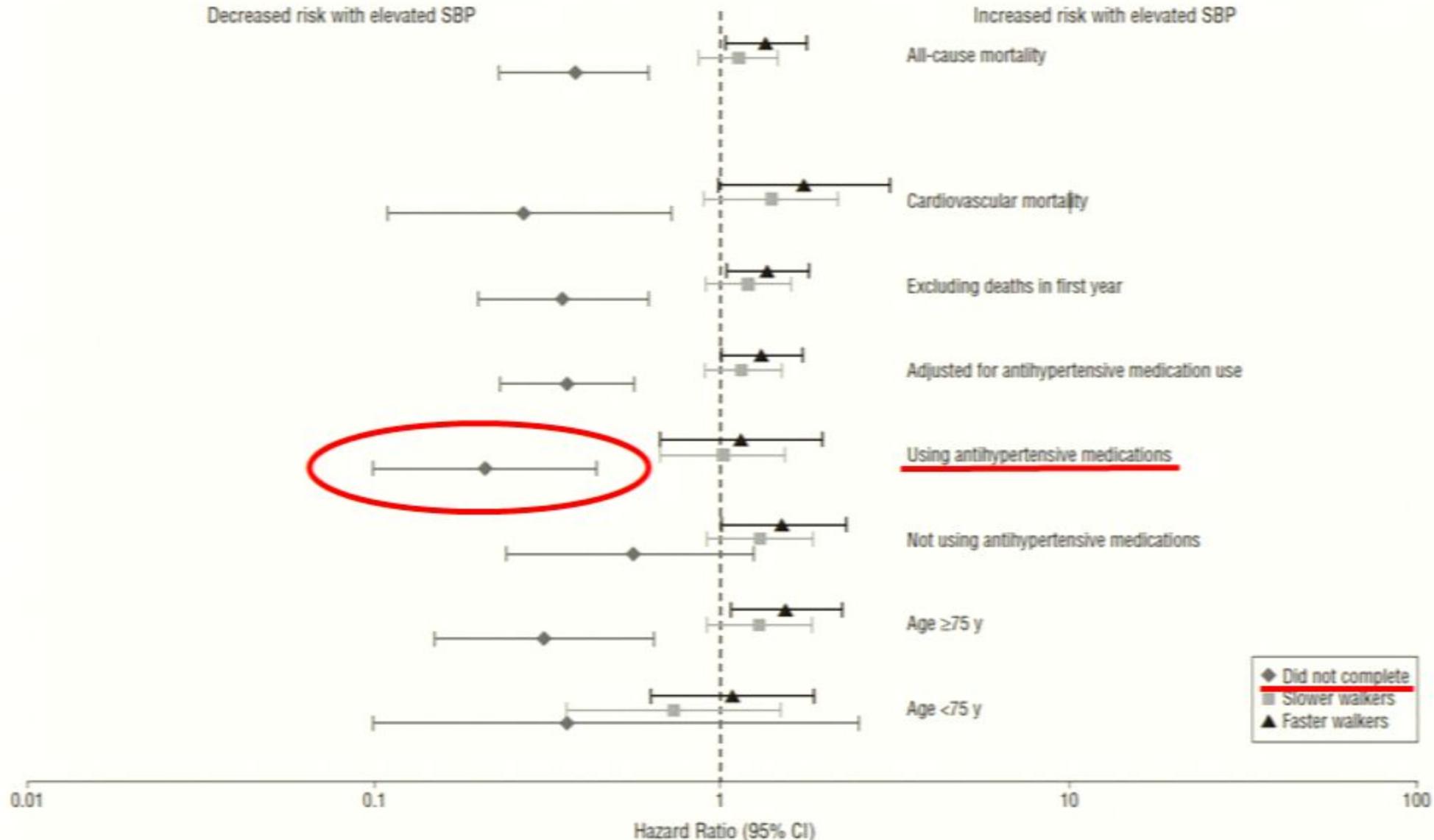
**Table 3. The Association of Elevated BP and Mortality, Across Strata of Walking Speed, in NHANES Participants 65 Years and Older (1999-2002)**

	Walking Speed		
	Faster $\geq 0.8$ m/s (n = 1307)	Slower $< 0.8$ m/s (n = 790)	Did Not Complete (n = 243)
<b>BP</b>			
<b>Systolic BP</b>			
Mortality rate per 1000 person-years			
$\geq 140$ mm Hg	28.1	72.1	62.4
$< 140$ mm Hg <sup>a</sup>	20.4	67.6	133.5
Rate difference	7.7	4.5	-71.1
Unadjusted HR (95% CI) <sup>b,c</sup>	1.39 (0.98-1.96)	1.06 (0.84-1.34)	0.47 (0.29-0.73)
Adjusted HR (95% CI) <sup>b,c</sup>	1.35 (1.03-1.77)	1.12 (0.87-1.45)	0.38 (0.23-0.62)
	<b>1,35, p=0,03</b>	<b>p= NS</b>	<b>0,38, p &lt;0,001</b>
<b>Diastolic BP</b>			
Mortality rate, per 1000 person-years			
$\geq 90$ mm Hg	24.0	42.5	6.4
$< 90$ mm Hg <sup>a</sup>	23.5	71.3	95.6
Rate difference	0.5	-28.8	-87.2
Unadjusted HR (95% CI) <sup>b,c</sup>	1.01 (0.49-2.07)	0.60 (0.26-1.40)	0.09 (0.01-0.62)
Adjusted HR (95% CI) <sup>b,c</sup>	0.94 (0.38-2.28)	0.75 (0.32-1.75)	0.10 (0.01-0.81)

Analisi aggiustata per età, sesso, razza, scolarità, fumo, colesterolemia, coronaropatia, scompenso cardiaco, stroke

Decreased risk with elevated SBP

Increased risk with elevated SBP



**In chi non completa il test della marcia c'è una relazione inversa fra valori pressori e mortalità, specie nel sottogruppo di chi assume terapia anti-ipertensiva**

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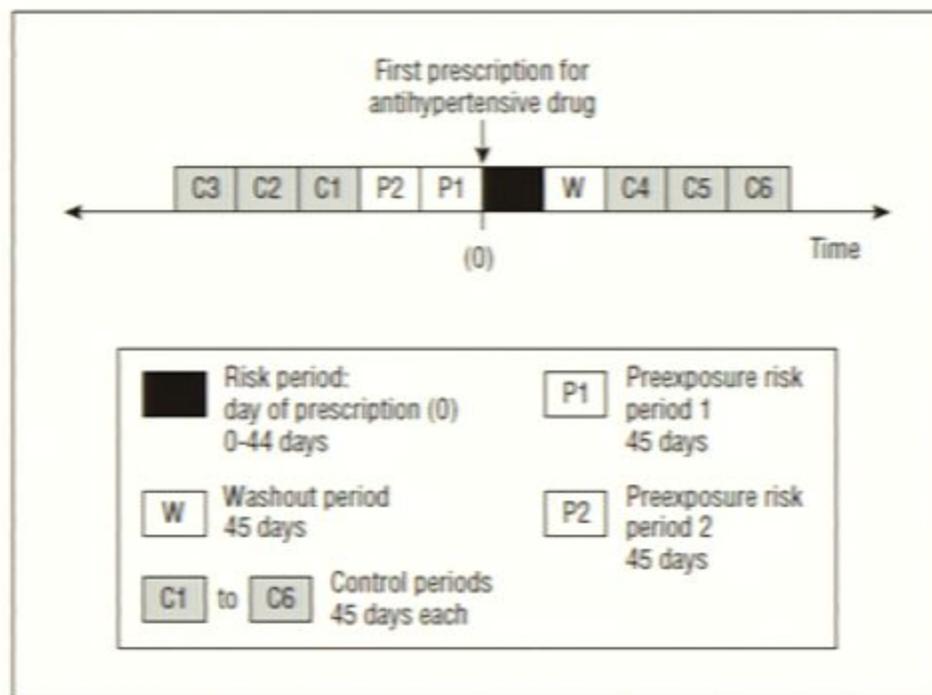
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**Figure 1.** Antihypertensive drug use and hip fracture risk: self-controlled case series design. Time division for each patient is included to assess incidence of first acute hip fracture in relation to antihypertensive prescription. All patients in the analysis had at least 1 prescription for an antihypertensive drug and a single incident hip fracture.

**Ontario Drug Benefit Program (ODBP) Database**

**301.591 anziani hanno iniziato una terapia anti-ipertensiva**

**1463 fratture di femore in un periodo di 10 anni**

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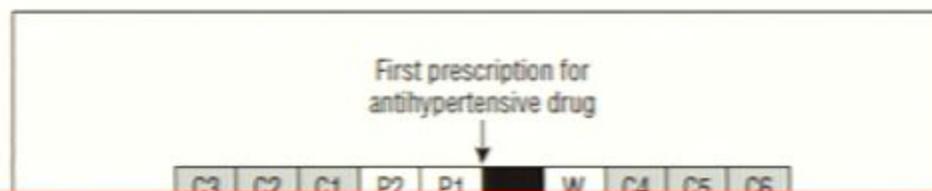
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**rischio di frattura di femore: +43%**

*(IRR, 1.43; 95% CI, 1.19-1.72)*

**nei primi 45 giorni dopo l'inizio della terapia anti-ipertensiva**

Incidence of first acute hip fracture in relation to antihypertensive prescription. All patients in the analysis had at least 1 prescription for an antihypertensive drug and a single incident hip fracture.

## Causes of Syncope in general population (EGSYS 2) and in geriatric departments (GIS)

	EGSYS 2*		GIS**		p*
	All (n=465)		65-75 years (n=71)	> 75 years (n=160)	
	n (%)		n (%)	n (%)	
Cardiac	74 (16)		8 (11.3)	26 (16.3)	ns
Neuromediated	309 (66)		44 (62)	58 (36.3)	0,001
<b>Orthostatic</b>	46 (10)		3 (4.2)	<b>49 (30.5)</b>	0,001
Cerebrovas			0	0	/
Drug Induc			3 (4.2)	8 (5)	ns
Unexplained	11 (2)		10 (14.1)	14 (8.8)	ns

In Older patients **Orthostatic Hypotension** must be evaluated in all patients

\* <75 years vs >75 years GIS

\* Brignole M et al, Eur Heart J. 2006; 27:76-82

\*\* Ungar A et al, JAGS 2006; 54: 1531-1536

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Table 3. Multivariate Analysis

	OR	95% CI	<i>p</i>
Parkinson's disease	10.91	2.645–45.05	.001
Use of diuretics	3.73	1.23–11.28	.020
Use of nitrates	5.20	1.99–13.61	.001

*Note:* Other variables included in the model: age, sex, ischemic heart disease, hypertension, hypertensive heart disease, valvular heart disease, myocardopathy, other cardiac diseases, diabetes, ischemic cerebral diseases, other neurological diseases, electrocardiographic findings, type of drugs, daily dosage. CI = confidence interval; OR = odds ratio.



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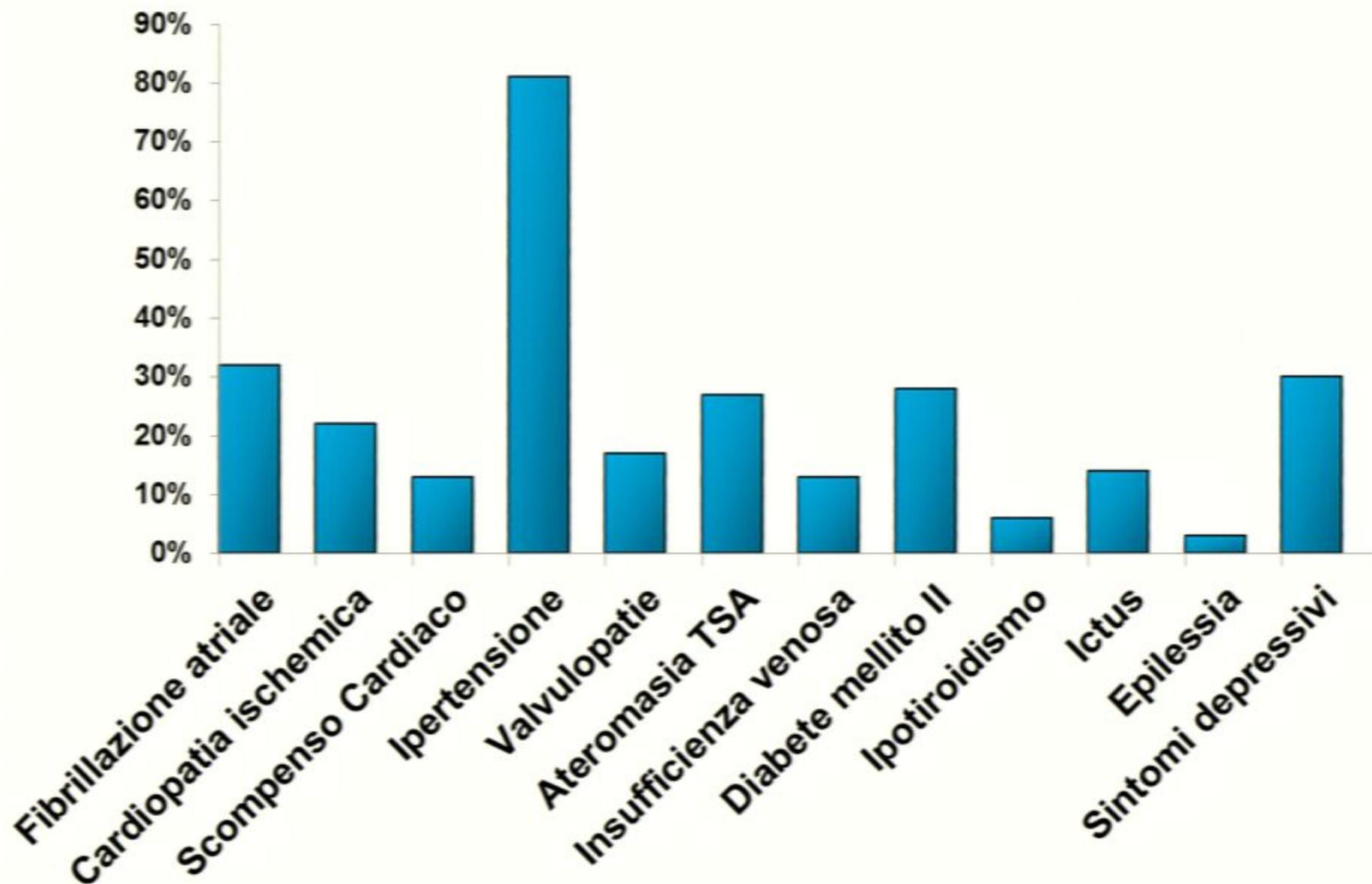
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## Antihypertensive treatment strategies in the elderly

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In individuals older than 80 years with an initial SBP $\geq$ 160 mmHg it is recommended to reduce SBP to between 150 and 140 mmHg, provided they are in good physical and mental conditions.	I	B	287
In frail elderly patients, it is recommended to leave decisions on antihypertensive therapy to the treating physician, and based on monitoring of the clinical effects of treatment.	I	C	-
Continuation of well-tolerated antihypertensive treatment should be considered when a treated individual becomes octogenarian.	IIa	C	-
All hypertensive agents are recommended and can be used in the elderly, although diuretics and calcium antagonists may be preferred in isolated systolic hypertension.	I	A	444, 449, 451, 452

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### ABSTRACT

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**Background:** Older subjects living in nursing homes (NHs) show a high prevalence of multimorbidity, disability, and cognitive impairment. The clinical meaning of arterial hypertension (AH) in this population is unclear, and few studies have adopted ambulatory blood pressure monitoring (ABPM) with this purpose.

The aims of the study were to evaluate the concordance between office and monitored blood pressure in a sample of NH residents and to assess the prognostic meaning of ABPM parameters after 1 year.

**Methods:** NH residents underwent a comprehensive geriatric assessment and 24-hour ABPM (Spacelabs 90207). White-coat hypertension (WCH) was defined as office blood pressure of 140/90 or higher and ABPM lower than 135/85 mm Hg. Vital status was assessed after 1 year.

**Results:** A total of 100 residents (mean age 83, 51% affected by AH) showed WCH in 33% of cases and in 70% of cases elevated office blood pressure. Correlation between monitored and office blood pressure was limited for systolic ( $R = 0.30$ ) and nonsignificant for diastolic blood pressure ( $R = 0.11$ ). Disability and behavioral disorders were independently associated with 1-year mortality. No ABPM parameter, except low nighttime systolic blood pressure variability, was associated with 1-year mortality.

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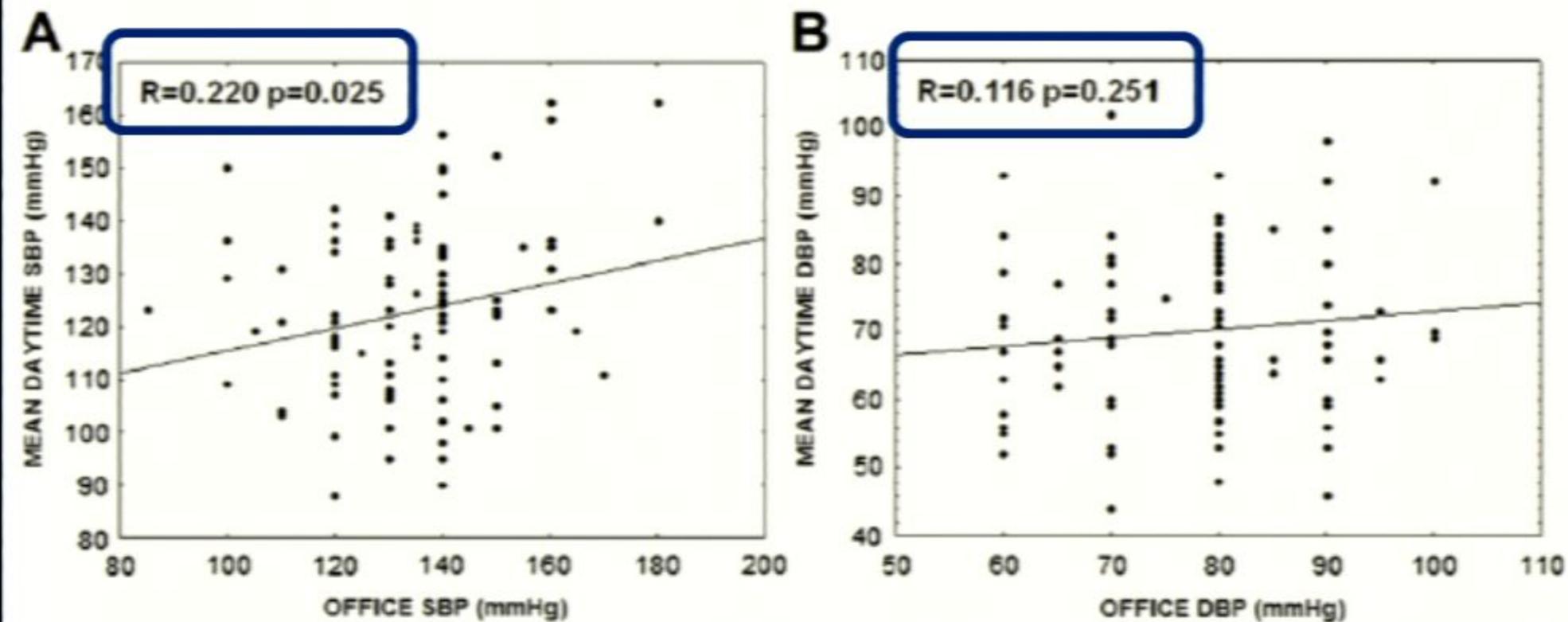


Fig. 1. Correlation between Office and ABPM Values for SBP (A) and DBP (B).

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	OR	CI 95%	p
<b>Barthel Index</b>	0.976	0.959-0.996	0.018
<b>Neuropsychiatric Inventory</b>	1.062	1.001-1.127	0.048
<b>Night-time SBP SD</b>	0.877	0.764-1.006	0.061

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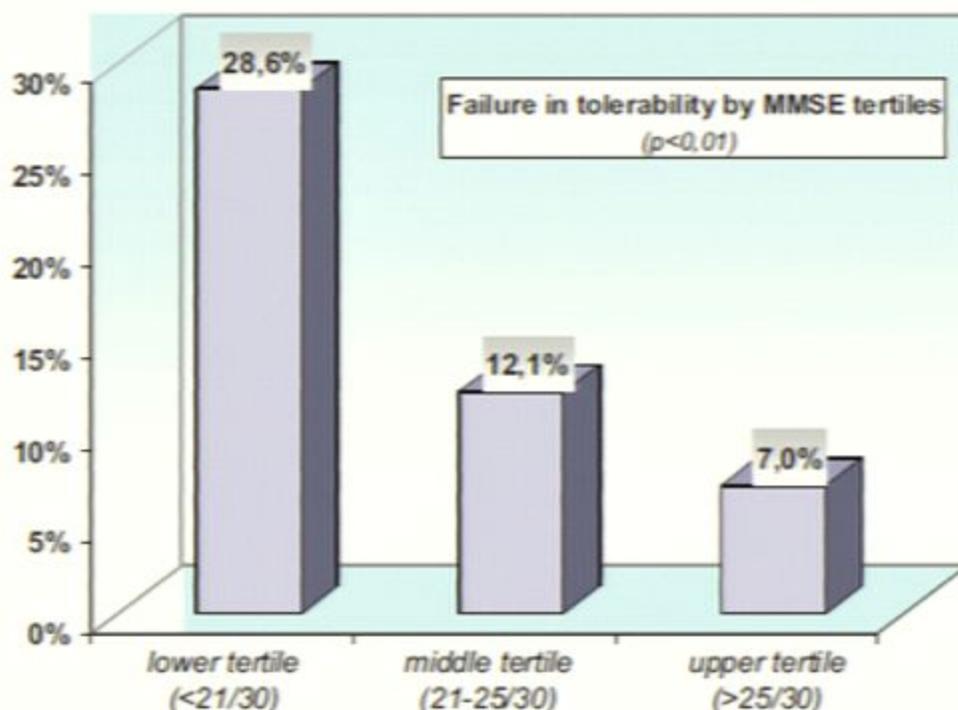


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Solo una **minoranza** di pazienti con grave decadimento cognitivo e disturbi comportamentali **non hanno tollerato** il monitoraggio pressorio.

Anche nei pazienti che non raggiungono il 75% di misurazioni valide il monitoraggio ha dato **indicazioni interessanti** per la terapia

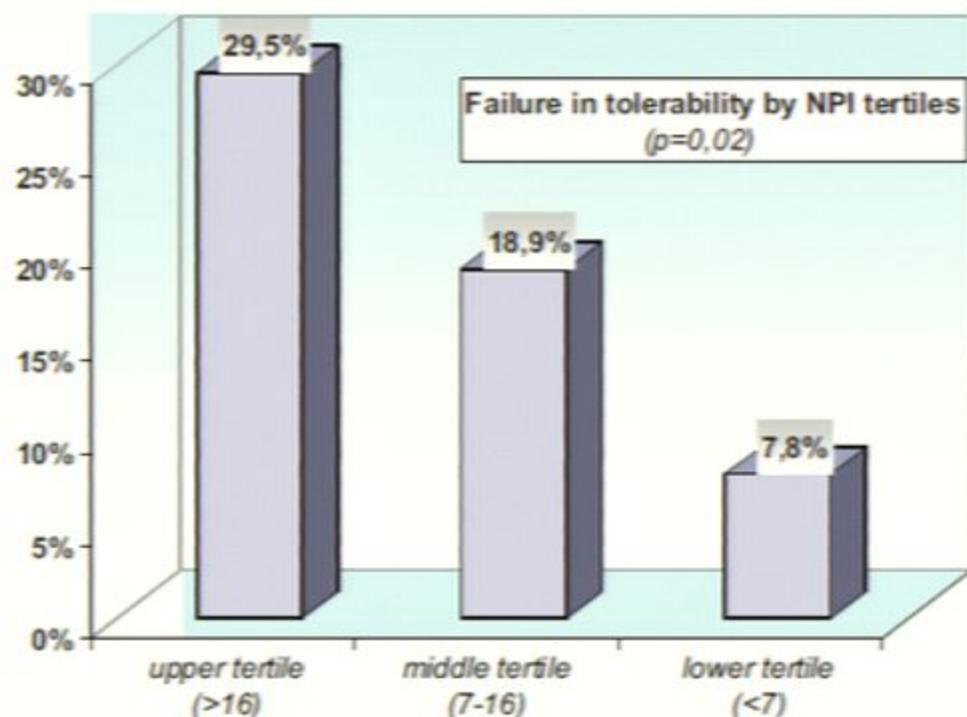


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## 6.10.3 Cognitive dysfunction and white matter lesions

The importance of hypertension in predicting vascular dementia has been confirmed in a recent, carefully conducted observational study in Japan,<sup>549</sup> but evidence on the effects of lowering of BP is scanty and confusing. Little information was added by a cognition sub-study of

**Trials are urgently needed on preventing cognitive dysfunction and on delaying dementia when cognitive dysfunction has begun**

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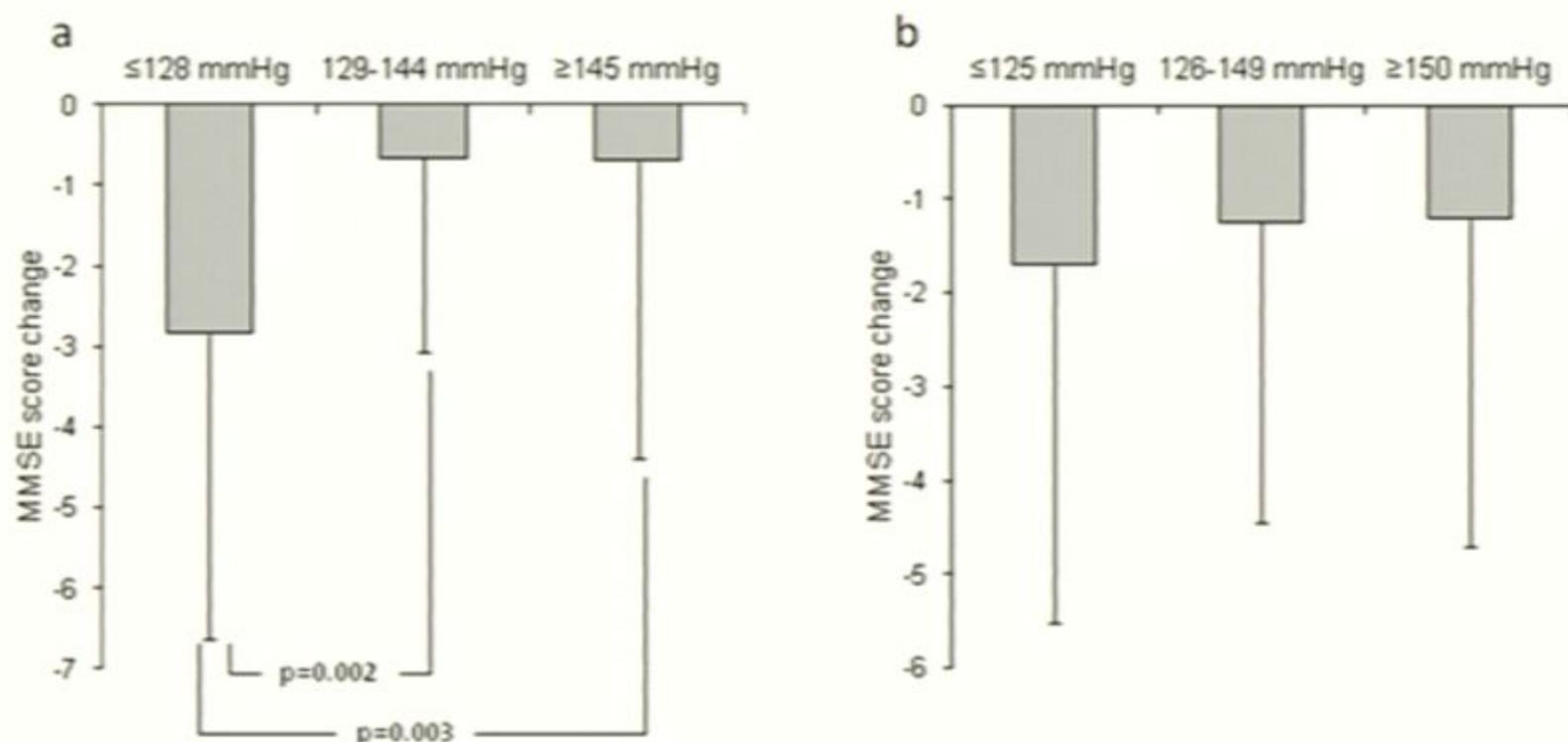
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Figure 1. MMSE change by tertile of mean day-time (a) and office (b) systolic blood pressure.



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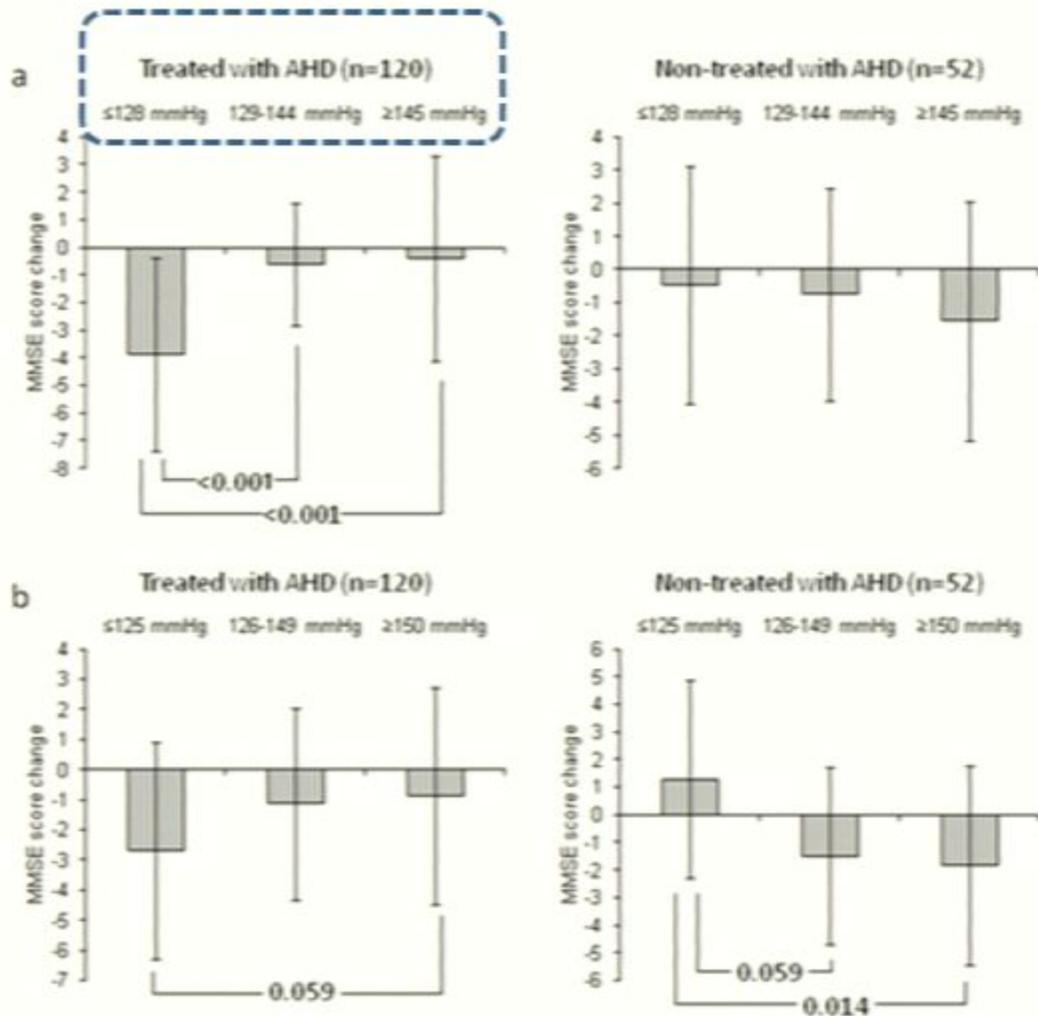
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**Valori pressori più bassi al monitoraggio pressorio sono indipendentemente associati ad una maggiore progressione del declino cognitivo nei pazienti con demenza che nei pazienti con MCI.**

**Il monitoraggio può essere utile per valutare un “overtreatment” in questa peculiare popolazione.**

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Figure 2. MMSE change by antihypertensive drugs (AHD) and day-time (a) and office (b) systolic blood pressure.



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