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BLOOD PRESSURE, BODY MASS INDEX AND ARTERIAL ELASTIC PROPERTIES IN YOUNG PEOPLE
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Pulse wave velocity (PWV) is widely used for arterial stiffness assessment. Increased arterial stiffness is a predictor of cardiovascular risk in adults. There are limited data on PWV and its determinants in young people. Study was performed to compare PWV and its association with blood pressure (BP) and body mass index (BMI) in healthy high school and university students.

Methods: First group – 42 high school students (22 males) 14-15 years (14.8±0.3 years), the second group – 38 university students (18 males) aged 17-21 years (18.8±1.1 years). To study velocities in elastic Ve and muscular Vm arteries sphygmomanometry was performed on carotid, femoral and radial arteries.

Results: Older students had higher BMI 22.2±2.8 vs 20.06±2.05 kg/m² (p=0.002) and trend to higher systolic BP (126.2±16.6 vs 119.6±10.2 mm Hg; p=0.07) No difference between groups in Ve was found (7.28±1.18 m/s in 1st group; 7.09±1.14 m/s in 2nd). Ve was higher in older group (6.24±1.06 vs 5.37±0.67 m/s in younger group; p=0.001). No gender difference was found in Ve or Vm in either group. Correlation analysis performed in both groups revealed that Ve significantly correlated with age (r=0.26), BMI (r=0.34), systolic (r=0.29), diastolic (r=0.30) and mean BP (r=0.33). Vm correlated only with height (r=0.28). Pulse BP did not correlate with Ve no Vm. Multiple regression found only BMI as independent factor associated with Ve (β=0.27; p = 0.04).

Conclusions: Elastic arteries stiffness increased with age in young people with no gender difference. It depends on BP and BMI. The main determinant of Ve is BMI.

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Introduction: Endovascular trophoblasts (EvasT) of the rat express smooth muscle (SM) proteins and contract ex vivo upon exposure to endothelin-1 (ET1). Contraction is mediated via ET1 receptors A and B (ETA, ETB). In vascular SM ETB, in variance from ETA, exerts relaxation through activation of nitric oxide synthase (NOS). We investigated the role of NOS expressed by vascular SM ETB, in variance from ETA, in the contractile response to ET1 and ETB.

Methods: Duplicate BP (or triplicate if large BP differences) was recorded by sphygmoCor device. In young PAD patients aPWV and AIx@75HR were similar (p=0.10) (p=0.58) With respect to controls but aortic PP was higher (p=0.002) and the PP amplification ratio was lower (p=0.005). PAD in young subjects is associated with central hemodynamic alterations but not with degenerative stiffness of the large arteries.

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THE ASSUMPTION THAT BLOOD PRESSURE DECREASES OVER CONSECUTIVE MEASUREMENTS IS FALSE: MAJOR IMPLICATIONS FOR HYPERTENSION DIAGNOSIS AND GUIDELINES
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Background: There is anecdotal belief that clinic blood pressure (BP) drops over consecutive measurements. This has led to guideline recommendations to discard the first BP reading, or take only one reading if systolic BP (SBP) <140 mmHg. However, the magnitude and direction of change in SBP over consecutive measurements is not clear, and the effect of age and BP level on this change in SBP is unknown. We investigated these issues, and their effect on hypertension diagnosis.

Methods: Duplicate BP (or triplicate if large BP differences) was recorded by oscilometry among 20,752 participants (aged 43[50]; 43,46; years; males 50%) from the 2011-13 Australian Health Survey. SBP change was defined as the difference between measurements.

Results: SBP decreased between the first two measures in only 56%, whereas it increased in 37% and did not change in 7% of the population. There was a strong, age-dependent, J-curved relationship between SBP change and SBP level (p<0.001), with the smallest SBP change corresponding to controlled SBP (100 – 140 mmHg). The age-dependent SBP changes resulted in significant diagnostic reclassification compared with the approach of discarding the first reading; 63% and 35% reclassified from normal to hypertension and from hypertension to normal BP, respectively.

Conclusions: The assumption that SBP drops over consecutive measurements is false, and significant age-and BP-dependent reclassification of hypertension diagnosis will result if the first SBP is discarded. These findings highlight the need for change to some international hypertension guidelines.

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CARDIOVASCULAR RISK FACTORS AND LEFT VENTRICULAR HYPERTROPHY IN CHILDREN WITH CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE
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Cardiovascular diseases are substantial causes of mortality among patients with chronic kidney disease (CKD). The aim of the study was an assessment of the impact of cardiovascular risk factors on left ventricular hypertrophy (LVH) in children with CKD.

Material and methods: The study was conducted in a group of 71 children with mean age 11 years and CKD stage 1 to 5. Serum creatinin C, albumin...