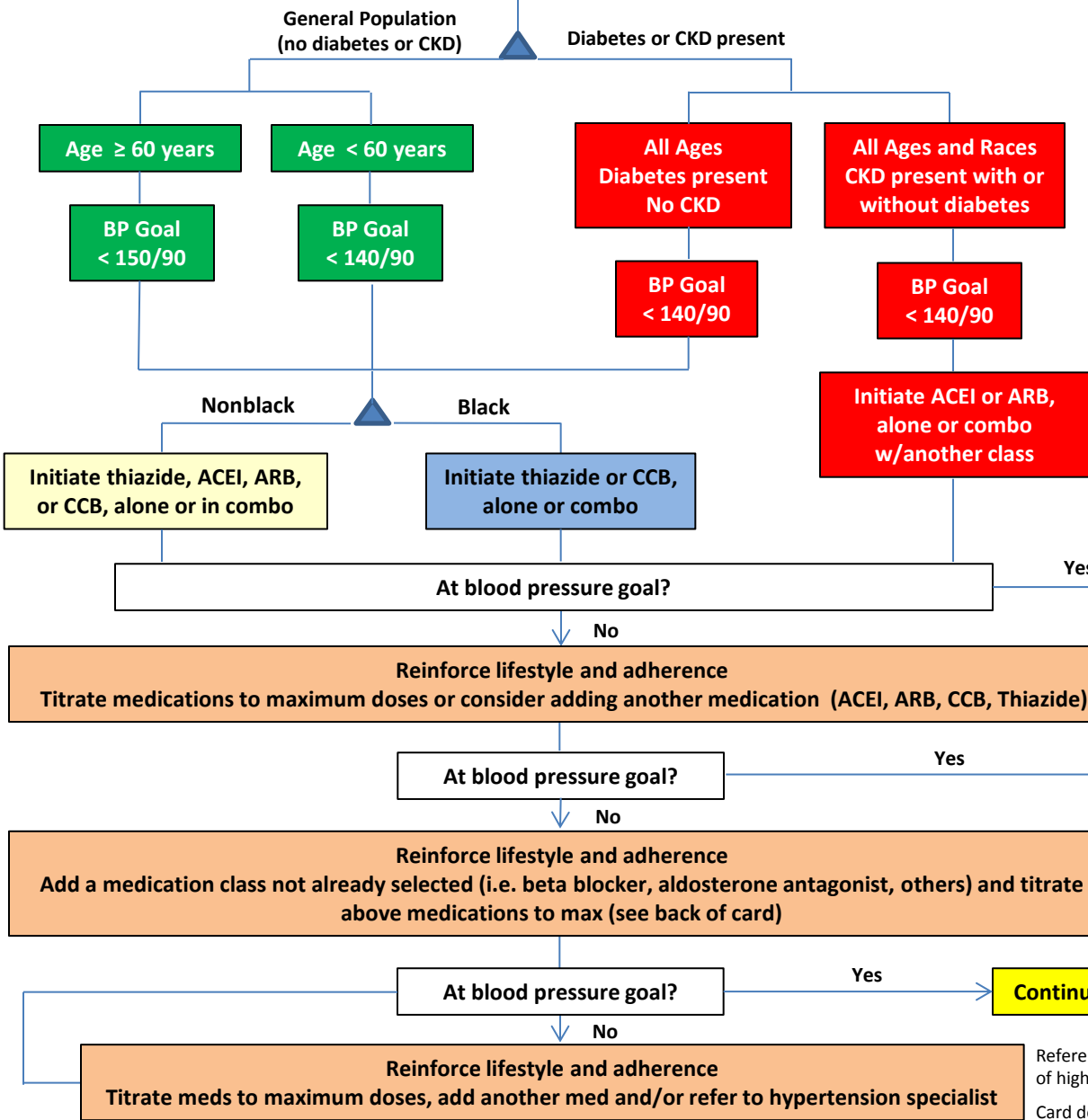


# JNC 8 Hypertension Guideline Algorithm

Adult aged ≥ 18 years with HTN  
Implement lifestyle modifications  
Set BP goal, initiate BP-lowering medication based on algorithm

- Initial Drugs of Choice for Hypertension**
- ACE inhibitor (ACEI)
  - Angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB)
  - Thiazide diuretic
  - Calcium channel blocker (CCB)



Strategy	Description
A	Start one drug, titrate to maximum dose, and then add a second drug.
B	Start one drug, then add a second drug before achieving max dose of first
C	Begin 2 drugs at same time, as separate pills or combination pill. <b>Initial combination therapy is recommended if BP is greater than 20/10mm Hg above goal</b>

- Lifestyle changes:**
- Smoking Cessation
  - Control blood glucose and lipids
  - Diet
    - ✓ Eat healthy (i.e., DASH diet)
    - ✓ Moderate alcohol consumption
    - ✓ Reduce sodium intake to no more than 2,400 mg/day
  - Physical activity
    - ✓ Moderate-to-vigorous activity 3-4 days a week averaging 40 min per session.

Reference: James PA, Ortiz E, et al. 2014 evidence-based guideline for the management of high blood pressure in adults: (JNC8). JAMA. 2014 Feb 5;311(5):507-20  
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# Hypertension Treatment

Compelling Indications	
Indication	Treatment Choice
Heart Failure	ACEI/ARB + BB + diuretic + spironolactone
Post –MI/Clinical CAD	ACEI/ARB AND BB
CAD	ACEI, BB, diuretic, CCB
Diabetes	ACEI/ARB, CCB, diuretic
CKD	ACEI/ARB
Recurrent stroke prevention	ACEI, diuretic
Pregnancy	labetolol (first line), nifedipine, methyldopa

**Beta-1 Selective Beta-blockers** – possibly safer in patients with COPD, asthma, diabetes, and peripheral vascular disease:

- metoprolol
- bisoprolol
- betaxolol
- acebutolol

Drug Class	Agents of Choice	Comments
Diuretics	HCTZ 12.5-50mg, chlorthalidone 12.5-25mg, indapamide 1.25-2.5mg triamterene 100mg <i>K+ sparing</i> – spironolactone 25-50mg, amiloride 5-10mg, triamterene 100mg  furosemide 20-80mg twice daily, torsemide 10-40mg	Monitor for hypokalemia Most SE are metabolic in nature Most effective when combined w/ ACEI Stronger clinical evidence w/chlorthalidone Spironolactone - gynecomastia and hyperkalemia Loop diuretics may be needed when GFR <40mL/min
ACEI/ARB	<i>ACEI</i> : lisinopril, benazapril, fosinopril and quinapril 10-40mg, ramipril 5-10mg, trandolapril 2-8mg <i>ARB</i> : candesartan 8-32mg, valsartan 80-320mg, losartan 50-100mg, olmesartan 20-40mg, telmisartan 20-80mg	SE: Cough (ACEI only), angioedema (more with ACEI), hyperkalemia Losartan lowers uric acid levels; candesartan may prevent migraine headaches
Beta-Blockers	metoprolol succinate 50-100mg and tartrate 50-100mg twice daily, nebivolol 5-10mg, propranolol 40-120mg twice daily, carvedilol 6.25-25mg twice daily, bisoprolol 5-10mg, labetalol 100-300mg twice daily,	Not first line agents – reserve for post-MI/CHF Cause fatigue and decreased heart rate Adversely affect glucose; mask hypoglycemic awareness
Calcium channel blockers	<i>Dihydropyridines</i> : amlodipine 5-10mg, nifedipine ER 30-90mg, <i>Non-dihydropyridines</i> : diltiazem ER 180-360 mg, verapamil 80-120mg 3 times daily or ER 240-480mg	Cause edema; dihydropyridines may be safely combined w/ B-blocker Non-dihydropyridines reduce heart rate and proteinuria
Vasodilators	hydralazine 25-100mg twice daily, minoxidil 5-10mg  terazosin 1-5mg, doxazosin 1-4mg given at bedtime	Hydralazine and minoxidil may cause reflex tachycardia and fluid retention – usually require diuretic + B-blocker  Alpha-blockers may cause orthostatic hypotension
Centrally-acting Agents	clonidine 0.1-0.2mg twice daily, methyldopa 250-500mg twice daily  guanfacine 1-3mg	Clonidine available in weekly patch formulation for resistant hypertension