



# **Catheter-Based Renal Denervation (RDN) Symplicity HTN Trials**

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# Symplicity HTN-1

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**Catheter-based renal sympathetic denervation for resistant hypertension: a multicentre safety and proof-of-principle cohort study**

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## Hypertension

*Celebrating 30 Years: 1979 to 2009*

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**Catheter-Based Renal Sympathetic Denervation for Resistant Hypertension**

**Durability of Blood Pressure Reduction Out to 24 Months**

Symplicity HTN-1 Investigators\*

*Hypertension.* 2011;57:911-917.

### Initial Cohort – Reported in the *Lancet*, 2009:

- First-in-man, non-randomized
- Cohort of 45 patients with resistant HTN (SBP  $\geq 160$  mmHg on  $\geq 3$  anti-HTN drugs, including a diuretic; eGFR  $\geq 45$  mL/min)
- 12-month data

### Expanded Cohort – This Report (Symplicity HTN-1):

- Expanded cohort of patients (n=153)
- 24-month follow-up

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# Baseline Patient Characteristics (n=153)

<b>Demographics</b>	Age (years)	57 ± 11
	Gender (% female)	39%
	Race (% non-Caucasian)	5%
<b>Co-morbidities</b>	Diabetes Mellitus II (%)	31%
	CAD (%)	22%
	Hyperlipidemia (%)	68%
	eGFR (mL/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup> )	83 ± 20
<b>Blood Pressure</b>	<b>Baseline BP (mmHg)</b>	<b>176/98 ± 17/15</b>
	<b>Number of anti-HTN meds (mean)</b>	<b>5.1 ± 1.4</b>
	Diuretic (%)	95%
	Aldosterone blocker(%)	22%
	ACE/ARB (%)	91%
	Direct Renin Inhibitor	14%
	Beta-blocker (%)	82%
	Calcium channel blocker (%)	75%
	Centrally acting sympatholytic (%)	33%
	Vasodilator (%)	19%
	Alpha-1 blocker	19%

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# Procedure Detail & Safety (n=153)

- 38 minute median procedure time
  - Average of 4 ablations per artery
- Intravenous narcotics & sedatives used to manage pain during delivery of RF energy
- No catheter or generator malfunctions
- No major complications
- Minor complications 4/153:
  - 1 renal artery dissection during catheter delivery (prior to RF energy), no sequelae
  - 3 access site complications, treated without further sequelae

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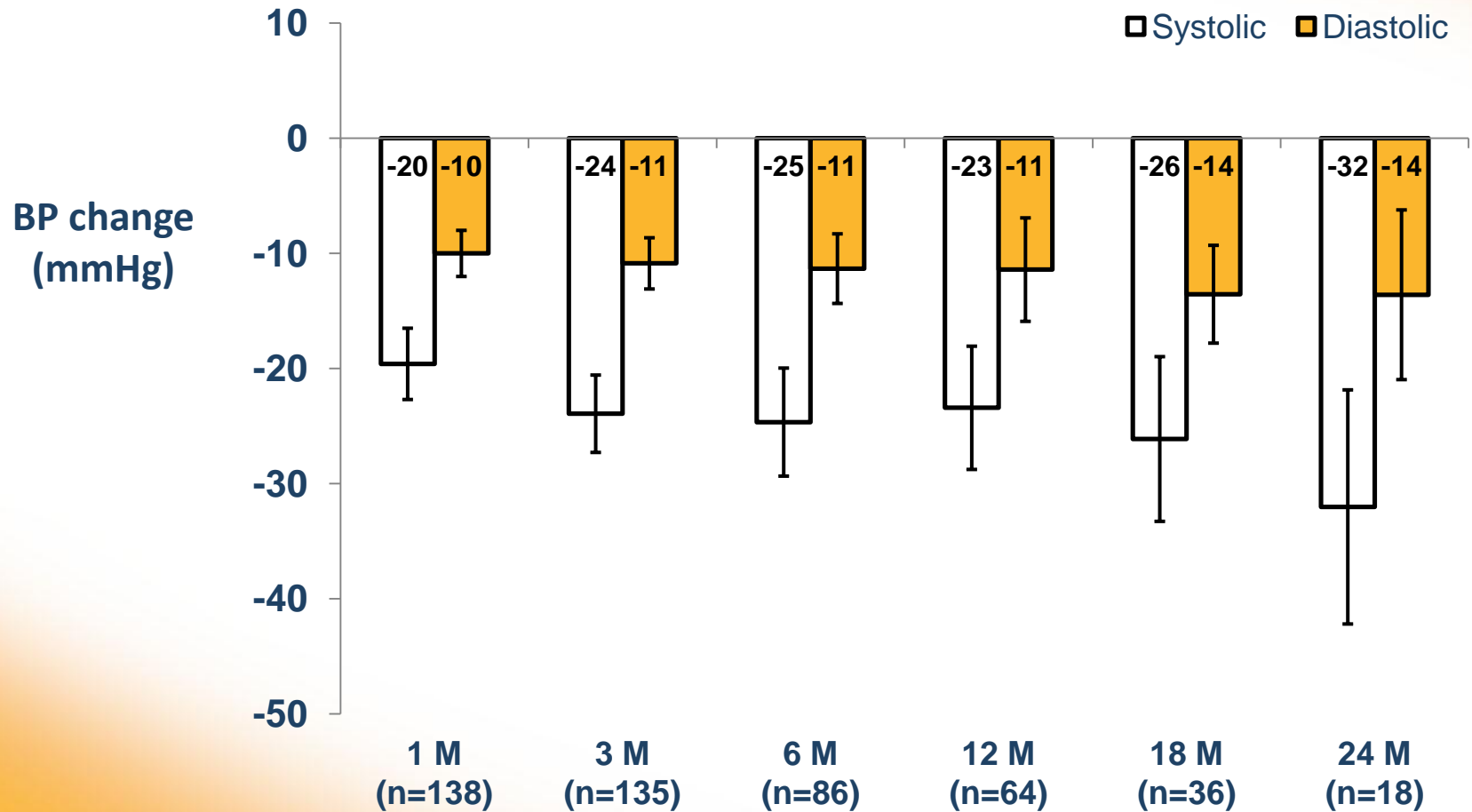
# Chronic Safety

- 81 patients with 6-month renal CTA, MRA, or Duplex
  - No vascular abnormalities at any site of RF delivery
  - One progression of a pre-existing stenosis unrelated to RF treatment (stented without further sequelae)
- Two deaths within the follow-up period; both unrelated to the device or therapy
- No orthostatic or electrolyte disturbances
- No change in renal function at one year ( $\Delta$  eGFR)
  - 12 Months:  $-2.9 \text{ mL/min/1.73m}^2$  (n.s.) (n=64)

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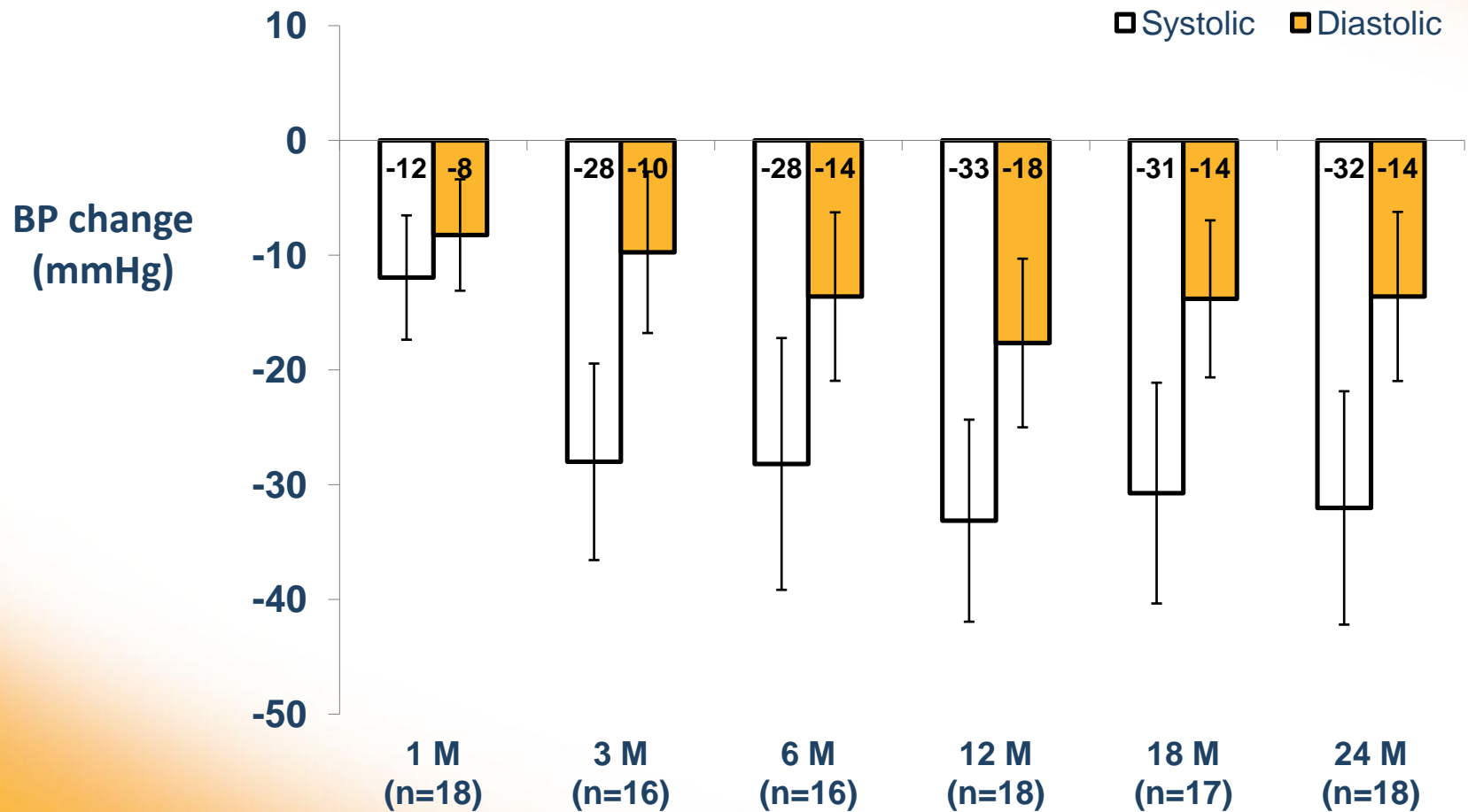
# Significant, Sustained BP Reduction



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# Results for 18 Patients with 2-year Follow-up

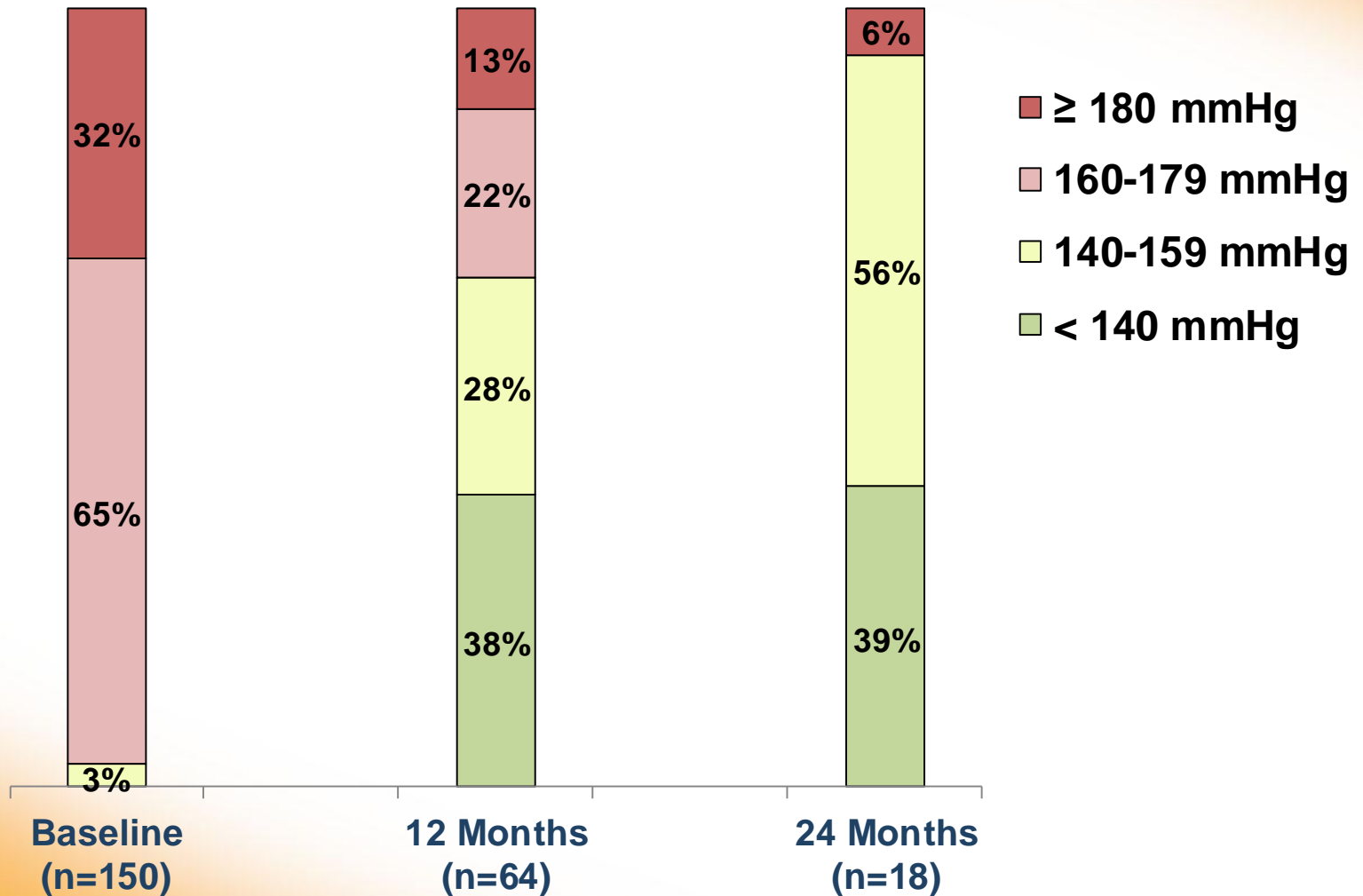


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# Office Systolic BP Distribution at Baseline, 12 Months, and 24 Months



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# Symplivity HTN-2

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Renal sympathetic denervation in patients with treatment-resistant hypertension (The Symplivity HTN-2 Trial): a randomised controlled trial

*Symplivity HTN-2 Investigators\**

*Lancet.* 2010;376:1903-1909.

- **Purpose:** To demonstrate the effectiveness of catheter-based renal denervation for reducing blood pressure in patients with uncontrolled hypertension in a prospective, randomized, controlled, clinical trial
- **Patients:** 106 patients randomized 1:1 to treatment with renal denervation vs. control
- **Clinical Sites:** 24 centers in Europe, Australia, & New Zealand (67% were designated hypertension centers of excellence)

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# Symplicity HTN-2 Trial

## Inclusion Criteria:

- Office SBP  $\geq$  160 mmHg ( $\geq$  150 mmHg with type II diabetes mellitus)
- Stable drug regimen of 3+ more anti-HTN medications
- Age 18-85 years

## Exclusion Criteria:

- Hemodynamically or anatomically significant renal artery abnormalities or prior renal artery intervention
- eGFR  $<$  45 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup> (MDRD formula)
- Type 1 diabetes mellitus
- Contraindication to MRI
- Stenotic valvular heart disease for which reduction of BP would be hazardous
- MI, unstable angina, or CVA in the prior 6 months

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# Symplificity HTN-2 Study Centers

## Europe & Australia/NZ

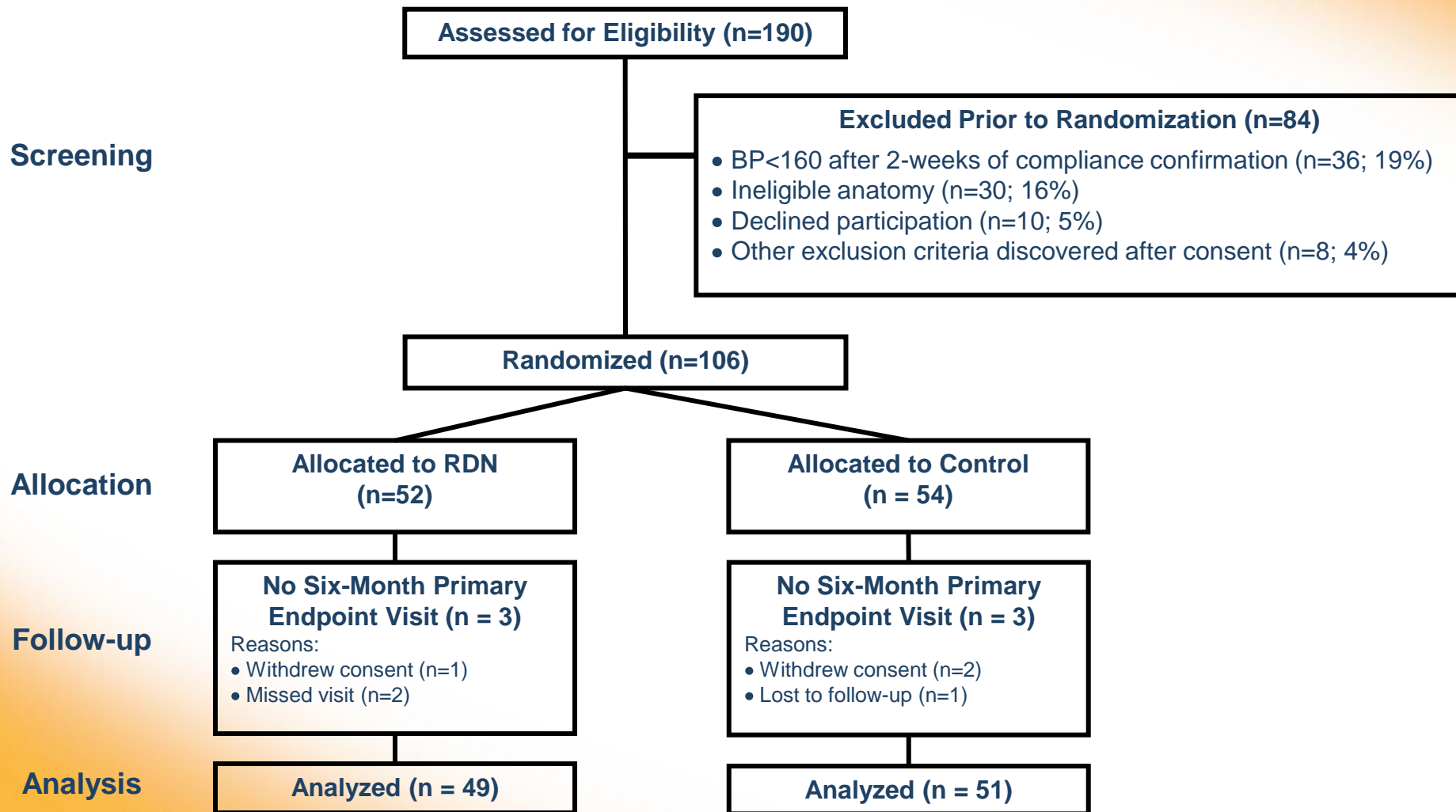
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# Patient Disposition



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# Baseline Characteristics

	<b>RDN (n=52)</b>	<b>Control (n=54)</b>	<b>p-value</b>
Baseline Systolic BP (mmHg)	178 ± 18	178 ± 16	0.97
Baseline Diastolic BP (mmHg)	97 ± 16	98 ± 17	0.80
Age	58 ± 12	58 ± 12	0.97
Gender (% female)	35%	50%	0.12
Race (% Caucasian)	98%	96%	>0.99
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	31 ± 5	31 ± 5	0.77
Type 2 diabetes	40%	28%	0.22
Coronary Artery Disease	19%	7%	0.09
Hypercholesterolemia	52%	52%	>0.99
eGFR (MDRD, ml/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup> )	77 ± 19	86 ± 20	0.013
eGFR 45-60 (% patients)	21%	11%	0.19
Serum Creatinine (mg/dL)	1.0 ± 0.3	0.9 ± 0.2	0.003
Urine Alb/Creat Ratio (mg/g) <sup>†</sup>	128 ± 363	109 ± 254	0.64
Cystatin C (mg/L) <sup>††</sup>	0.9 ± 0.2	0.8 ± 0.2	0.16
Heart rate (bpm)	75 ± 15	71 ± 15	0.23

<sup>†</sup> n=42 for RDN and n=43 for Control, Wilcoxon rank-sum test for two independent samples used for between-group comparisons of UACR

<sup>††</sup> n=39 for RDN and n=42 for Control

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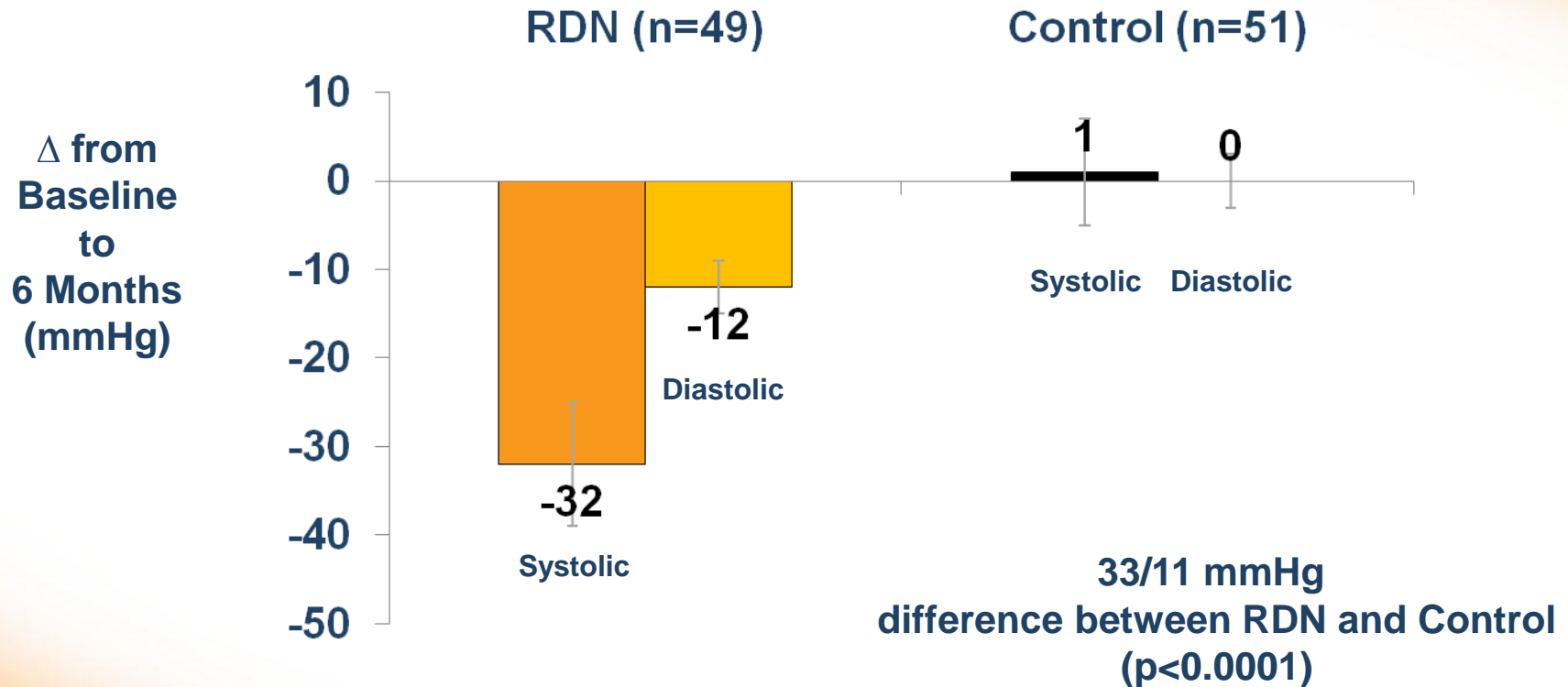
# Baseline Medications

	RDN (n=52)	Control (n=54)	p-value
Number Anti-HTN medications	5.2 ± 1.5	5.3 ± 1.8	0.75
% patients on HTN meds >5 years	71%	78%	0.51
% percent patients on ≥5 medications	67%	57%	0.32
% patients on drug class:			
ACEi/ARB	96%	94%	>0.99
Direct renin inhibitor	15%	19%	0.80
Beta-adrenergic blocker	83%	69%	0.12
Calcium channel blocker	79%	83%	0.62
Diuretic	89%	91%	0.76
Aldosterone antagonist	17%	17%	>0.99
Vasodilator	15%	17%	>0.99
Alpha-1 adrenergic blocker	33%	19%	0.12
Centrally acting sympatholytic	52%	52%	>0.99

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# Primary Endpoint: 6-Month Office BP



- 84% of RDN patients had  $\geq 10$  mmHg reduction in SBP
- 10% of RDN patients had no reduction in SBP

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# Medication Changes

Despite protocol guidance to maintain medications, some medication changes were required:

	RDN (n=49)	Control (n=51)	P-value
# Med Dose Decrease (%)	10 (20%)	3 (6%)	<b>0.04</b>
# Med Dose Increase (%)	4 (8%)	6 (12%)	0.74

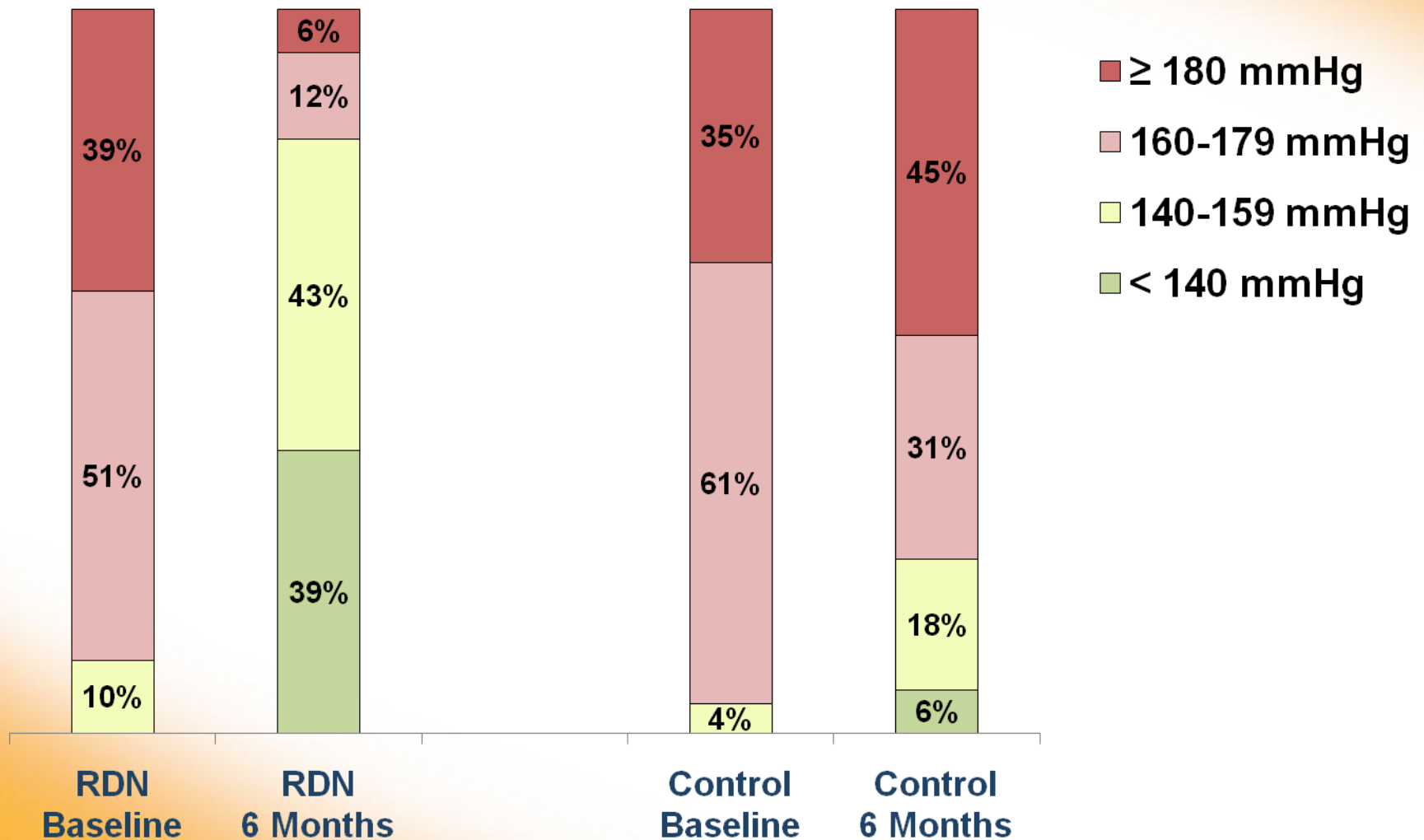
## Censoring BP after medication increases:

- Renal Denervation → Reduction of 31/12 ± 22/11 mmHg (p<0.0001 for SBP & DBP)
- Control → Change of 0/-1 ± 20/10 mmHg (p=0.90 & p=0.61 for SBP & DBP, respectively)

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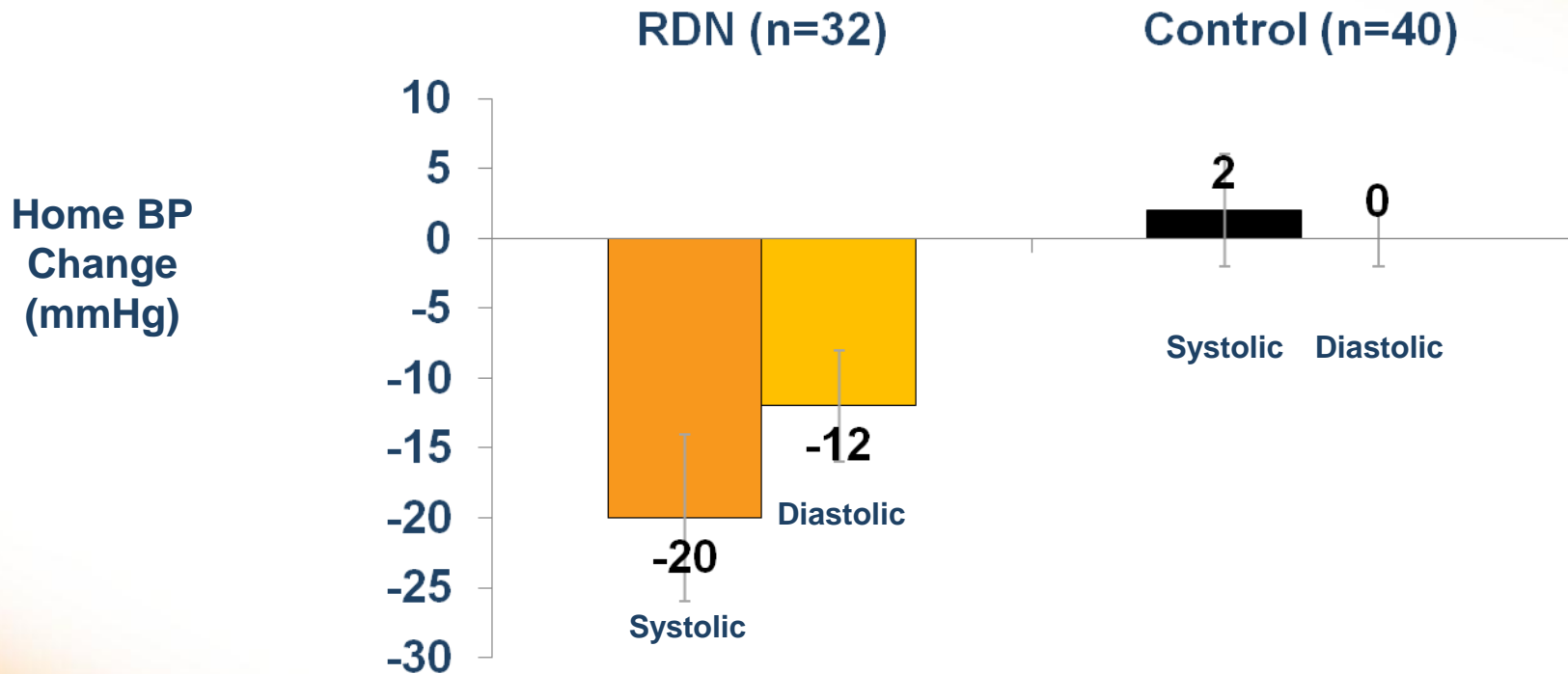
# Office Systolic BP Distribution



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# Home & 24 Hour Ambulatory BP



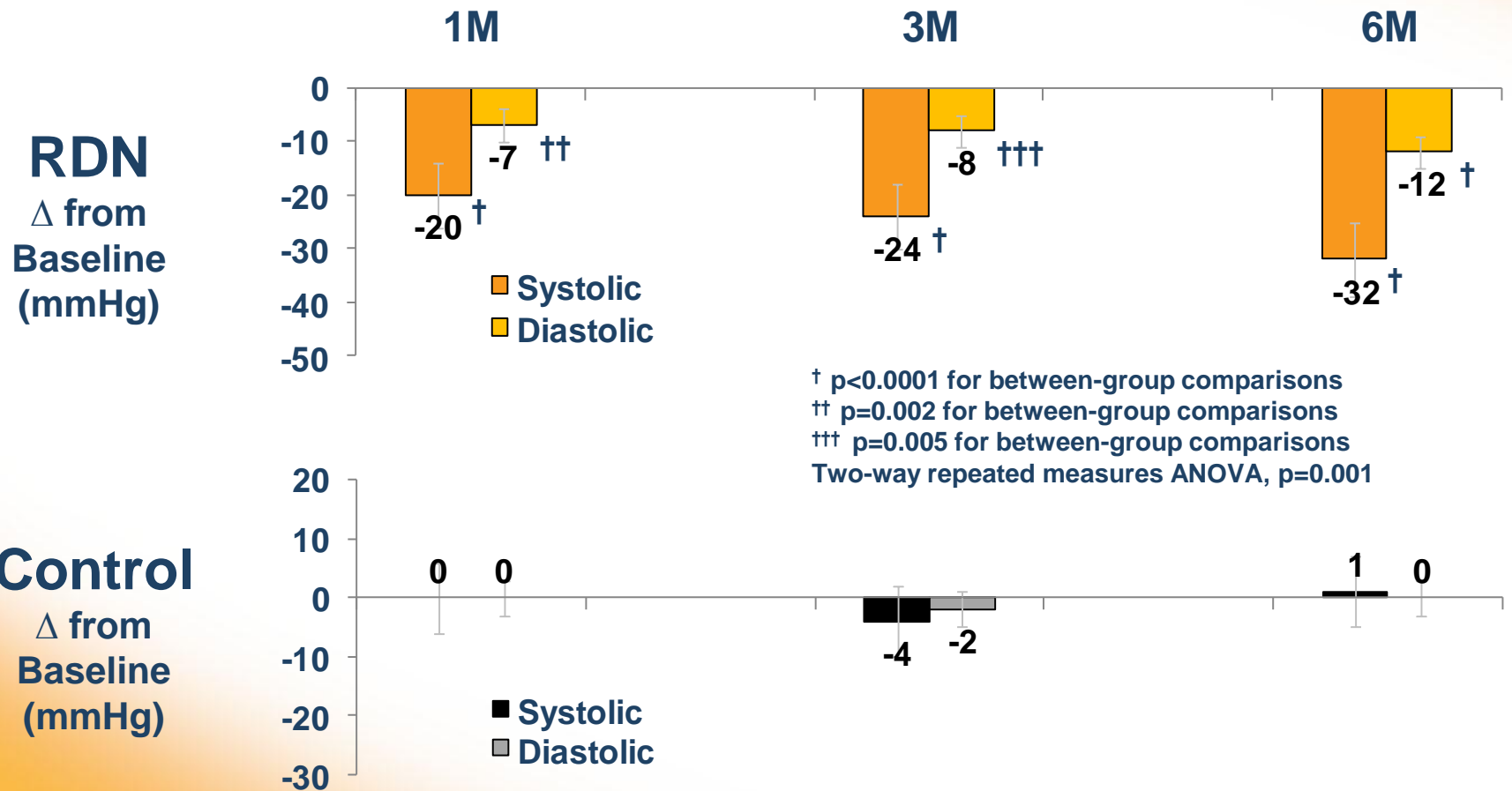
## 24-h ABPM:

- Analysis on technically sufficient (>70% of readings) paired baseline and 6-month
- RDN (n=20): -11/-7 mmHg (SD 15/11; p=0.006 SBP change, p=0.014 for DBP change)
- Control (n=25): -3/-1 mmHg (SD 19/12; p=0.51 for systolic, p=0.75 for diastolic)

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# Time Course of Office BP Change



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# Procedural Safety

- No serious device or procedure related adverse events (n=52)
- Minor adverse events
  - 1 femoral artery pseudoaneurysm treated with manual compression
  - 1 post-procedural drop in BP resulting in a reduction in medication
  - 1 urinary tract infection
  - 1 prolonged hospitalization for evaluation of paraesthesias
  - 1 back pain treated with pain medications & resolved after one month
- 6-month renal imaging (n=43)
  - No vascular abnormality at any RF treatment site
  - 1 MRA indicates possible progression of a pre-existing stenosis unrelated to RF treatment (no further therapy warranted)

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# Renal Function

<b>Δ Renal Function (baseline - 6M)</b>	<b>RDN Mean ± SD (n)</b>	<b>Control Mean ± SD (n)</b>	<b>Difference (95% CI)</b>	<b>p-value</b>
eGFR (MDRD) (mL/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup> )	0 ± 11 (49)	1 ± 12 (51)	-1 (-5, 4)	0.76
Serum Creatinine (mg/dL)	0.0 ± 0.2 (49)	0.0 ± 0.1 (51)	0.0 (-0.1, 0.1)	0.66
Cystatin-C (mg/L)	0.1 ± 0.2 (37)	0.0 ± 0.1 (40)	0.0 (-0.0, 0.1)	0.31

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# Other Safety

	<b>RDN (n=49)</b>	<b>Control (n=51)</b>
<b><u>Composite CV Events</u></b>		
Hypertensive event unrelated to non-adherence to medication	3	2
Other CV events	0	0
<b><u>Other Serious AEs</u></b>		
Transient ischemic attack	1	2
Hypertensive event after abruptly stopping clonidine	1	0
Hypotensive episode resulting in reduction of medications	1	0
Coronary stent for angina	1	1
Temporary nausea/edema	1	0

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# Lancet Conclusions

- Catheter-based renal denervation, done in a multicentre, randomised trial in patients with treatment-resistant essential hypertension, resulted in significant reductions in BP.
- The magnitude of BP reduction can be predicted to affect the development of hypertension-related diseases and mortality
- The technique was applied without major complications.
- This therapeutic innovation, based on the described neural pathophysiology of essential hypertension, affirms the crucial relevance of renal nerves in the maintenance of BP in patients with hypertension.
- Catheter-based renal denervation is beneficial for patients with treatment-resistant essential hypertension.

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