

|Key Messages

- 1. All Canadian adults should have their blood pressure assessed at all appropriate clinical visits.
- 2. Automated measurement is preferred to manual measurement.
- 3. In the office, multiple unattended automatic measurements are recommended.
- 4. Out-of-office measurement should be performed to confirm the initial diagnosis of hypertension.
- 5. Optimum management of the hypertensive patient requires assessment and communication of overall cardiovascular risk using an analogy like 'vascular age'.
- 6. Identify the threshold for initiating therapy; treat to target.
- 7. Health behaviour modification is effective in preventing hypertension, treating hypertension and reducing cardiovascular risk.
- 8. Combinations of both health behaviour changes and drugs are generally necessary to achieve target blood pressures.
- 9. Home BP monitoring is an important tool in self-monitoring and self-management.
- 10. Focus on adherence.

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