

LATIUM CLINICAL SEMINAR

Roma Policlinico Umberto I

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Il danno vascolare: la rigidità arteriosa

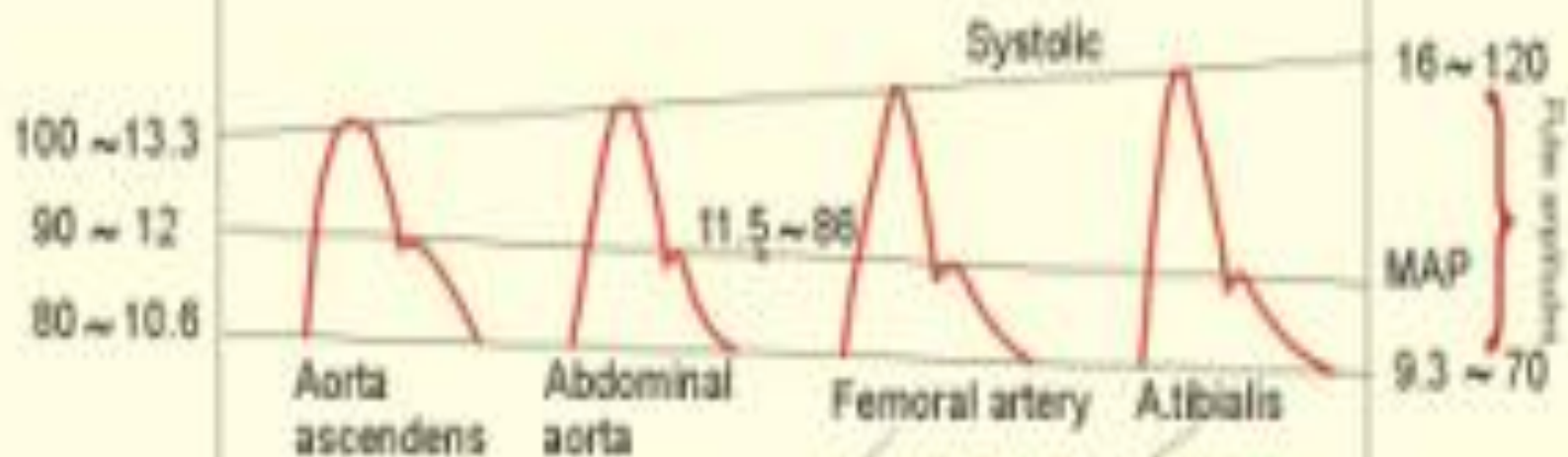
Vascular damage: arterial stiffness

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mmHg ~ kPa

kPa ~ mmHg



Factors influencing prognosis: SUBCLINICAL ORGAN DAMAGE

- Electrocardiographic LVH (Sokolow-Lyon >38 mm; Cornell >2440 mm²).
- Echocardiographic LVH (LVMI M 125 g/m², W 110 g/m²).
- Carotid wall thickening (IMT >0.9 mm) or plaque.
- **Carotid-femoral pulse wave velocity >12 m/s.**
- Ankle/brachial BP index <0.9 .
- Slight increase in plasma creatinine: M: 115 – 133 mmol/l (1.3 – 1.5 mg/dl); W: 107 – 124 mmol/l (1.2 – 1.4 mg/dl).
- Low estimated glomerular filtration rate by MDRD formula (<60 ml/min/1.73m²) or creatinine clearance by Cockcroft Gault formula (<60 ml/min).
- Microalbuminuria 30 – 300 mg/24 h or albumin-creatinine ratio: 22 (M); or 31 (W) mg/g creatinine.



Arterial Stiffness

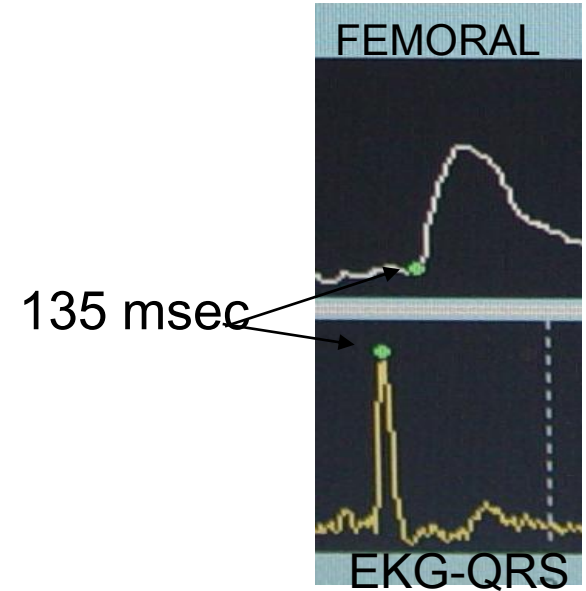
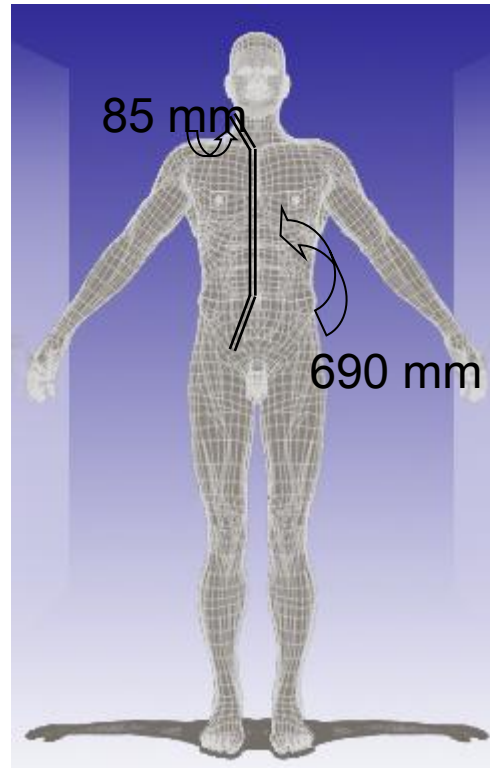
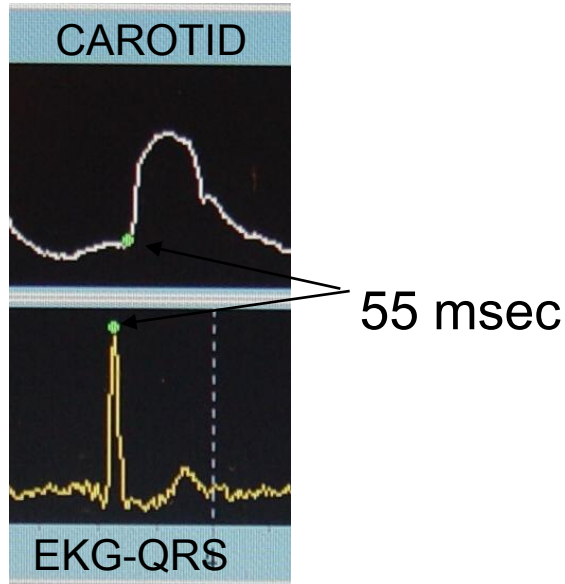
Esistono tre processi separati responsabili dell'aumento della rigidità arteriosa:

- **Modificazione strutturale delle fibre di elastina**
 - Si presenta soprattutto nell'aorta
 - Legata all'avanzamento dell'età (milioni di cicli cardiaci)
- **Danno alla funzione endoteliale**
 - Si presenta soprattutto nella muscolatura liscia delle arterie
 - Legata all'avanzamento delle patologie (es. Diabete di tipo 2, ipercolesterolemia, aterosclerosi)
- **Aumento della pressione arteriosa media**
 - Si presenta sistematicamente in tutto il sistema arterioso

Measures of Arterial Stiffness

- Central Aortic Pressure
- Pulse Wave Velocity (PWV)
- Augmentation Index (AIx)

How PWV is measured...



$$\text{Velocity} = \text{Distance} / \text{Time}$$

QRS-carotid	QRS-femoral	Δ time	Notch-carotid	Notch-femoral	Δ distance	Aortic PWV (Δ distance/ Δ time)
55 msec	135 msec	80 msec	85 mm	690 mm	605 mm	7.6 m/sec

APWV measurement (cont.)



“...studies clearly demonstrate that PWV and the augmentation index are associated with the structural changes of atherosclerosis”

Davies, J.I., J Hypertens 21:463-472; 2003

- **Pulse Wave Velocity (PWV)**
 - Complior (Carotid-Femoral PWV)
 - SphygmoCor (Applanation Tonometry)
 - Tensiomed Arteriograph
- **Augmentation Index (Aix)**
 - SphygmoCor (Applanation Tonometry)
 - Tensiomed Arteriograph
- **Central Blood pressure (SBP, PP)**
 - SphygmoCor (Applanation Tonometry)
 - Tensiomed Arteriograph



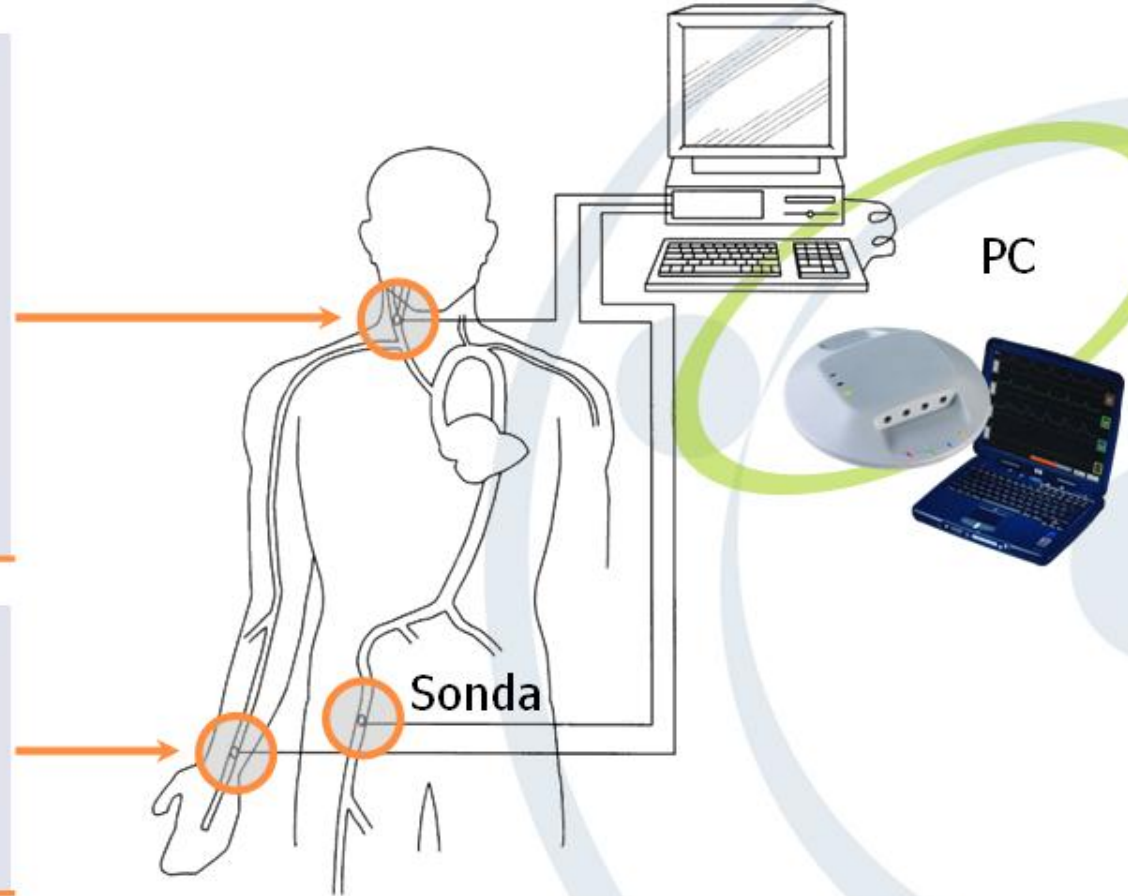
Velocità dell'onda pulsatoria



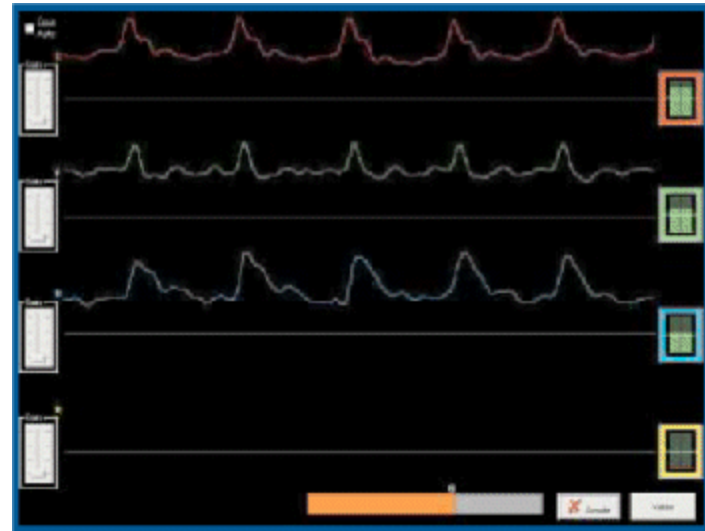
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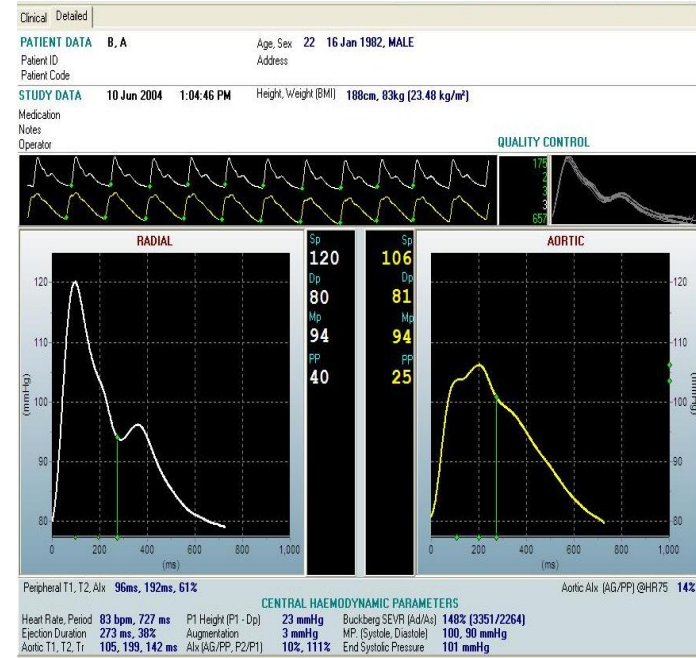
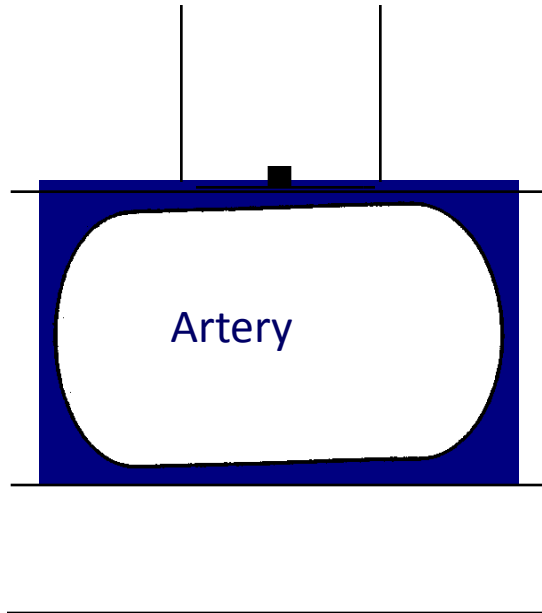
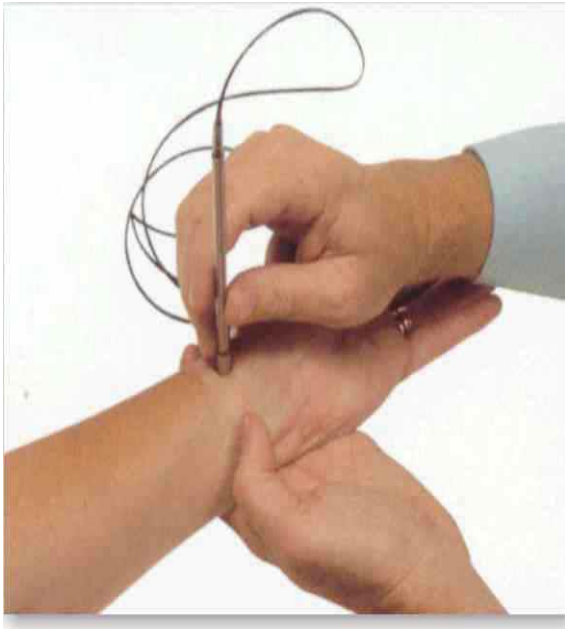
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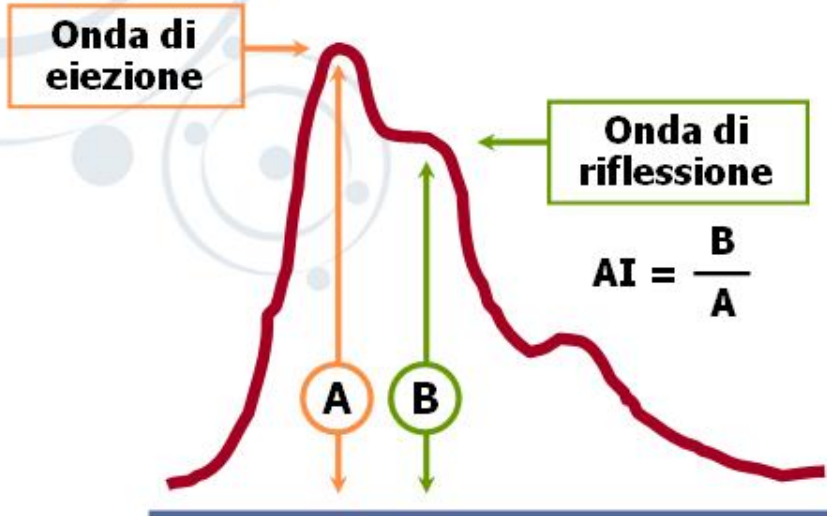
Augmentation Index (Aix)

The SphygmoCor device



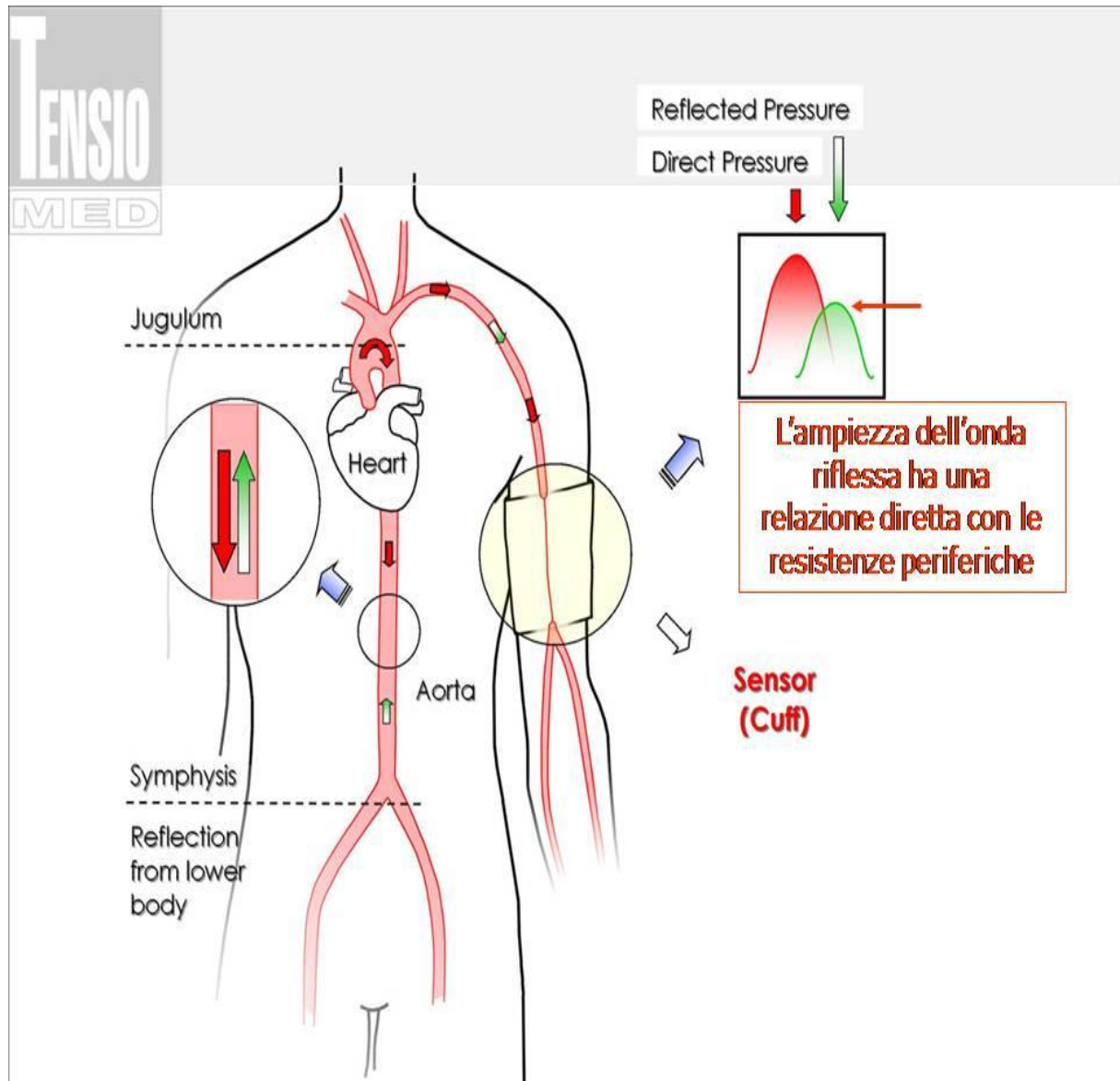


Augmentation Index (AI)

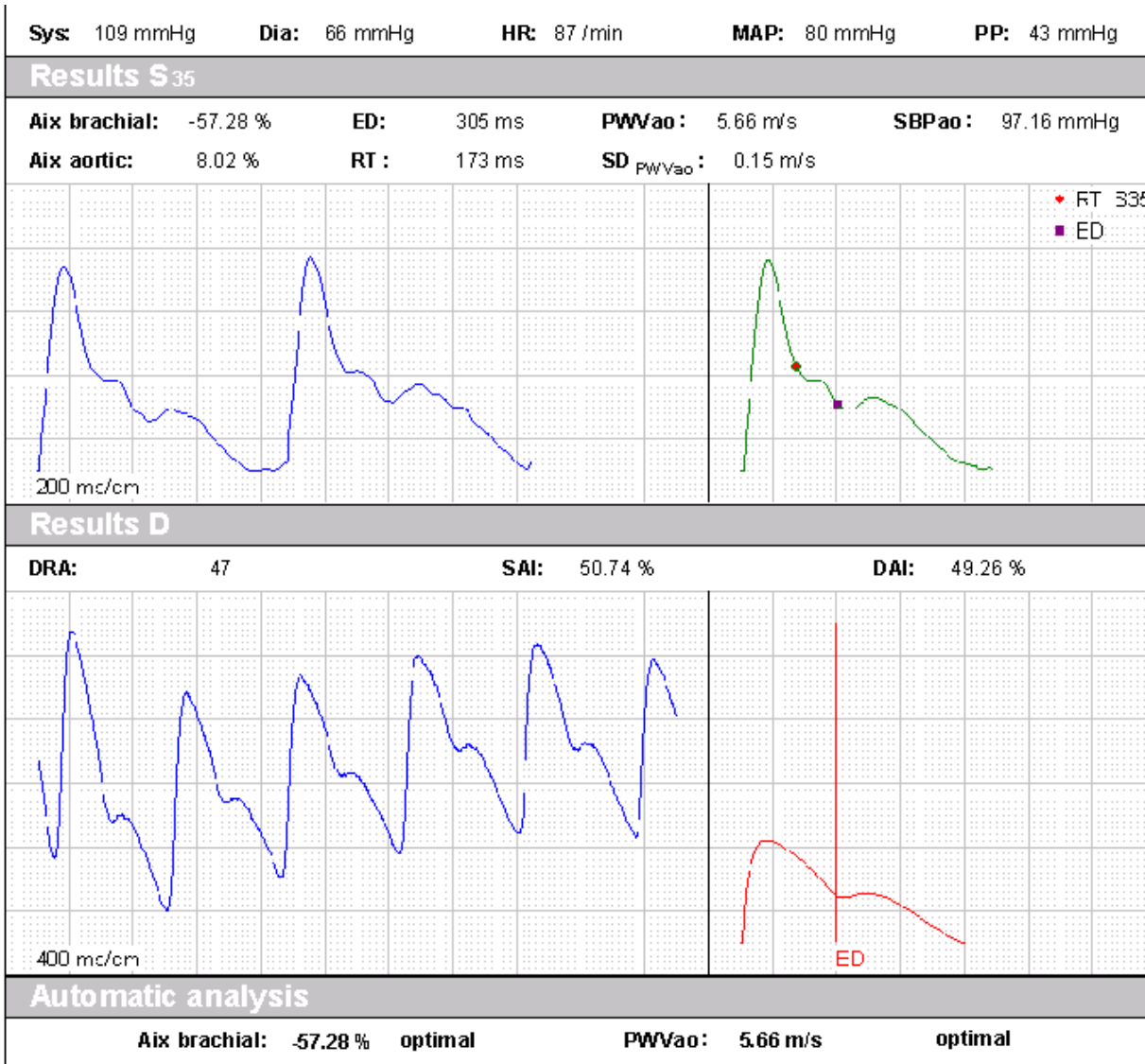


THE AUGMENTATION INDEX (Aix)

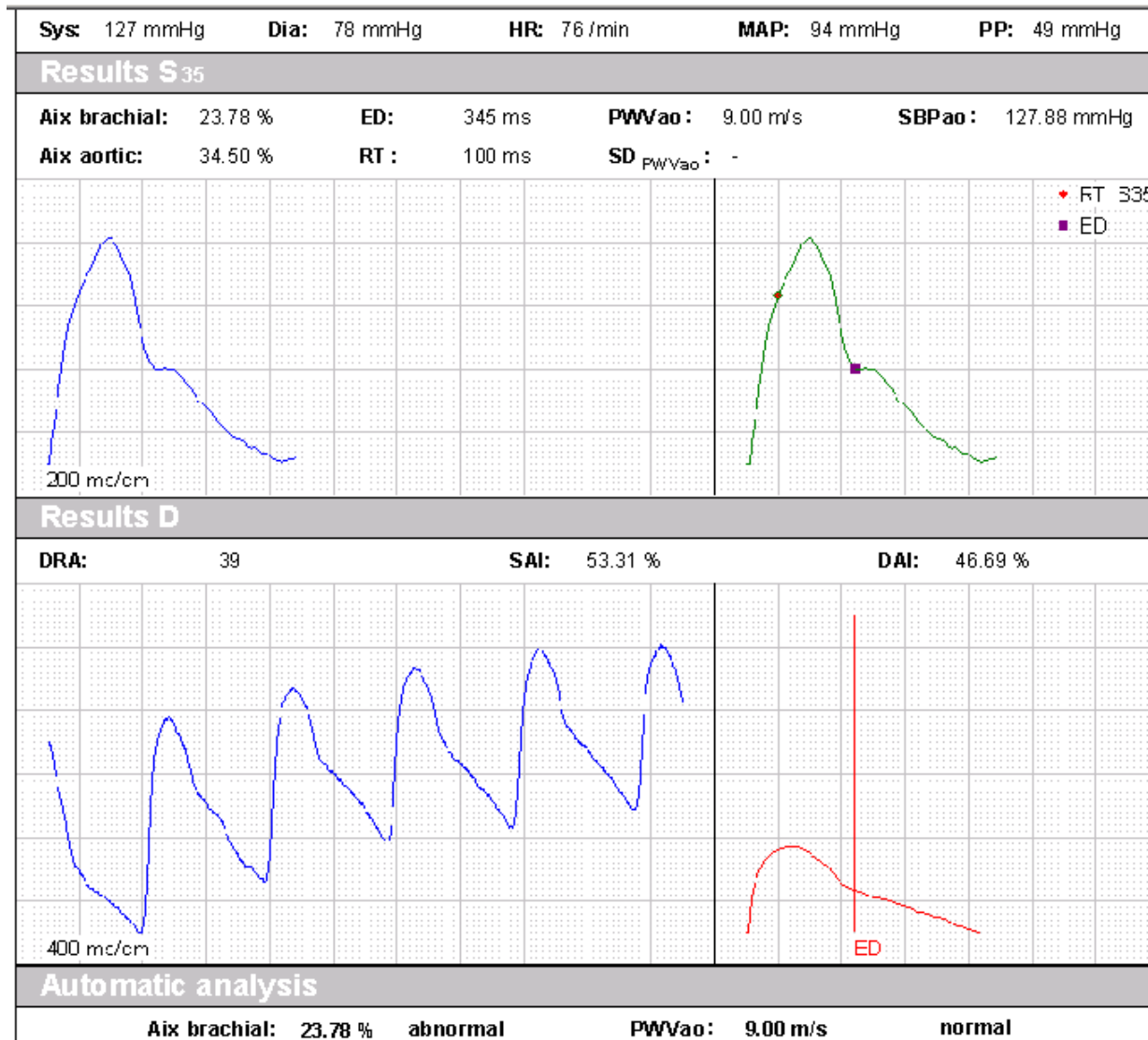
$$\text{Augmentation index (Aix \%)} = (P2 - P1 / PP) \times 100$$



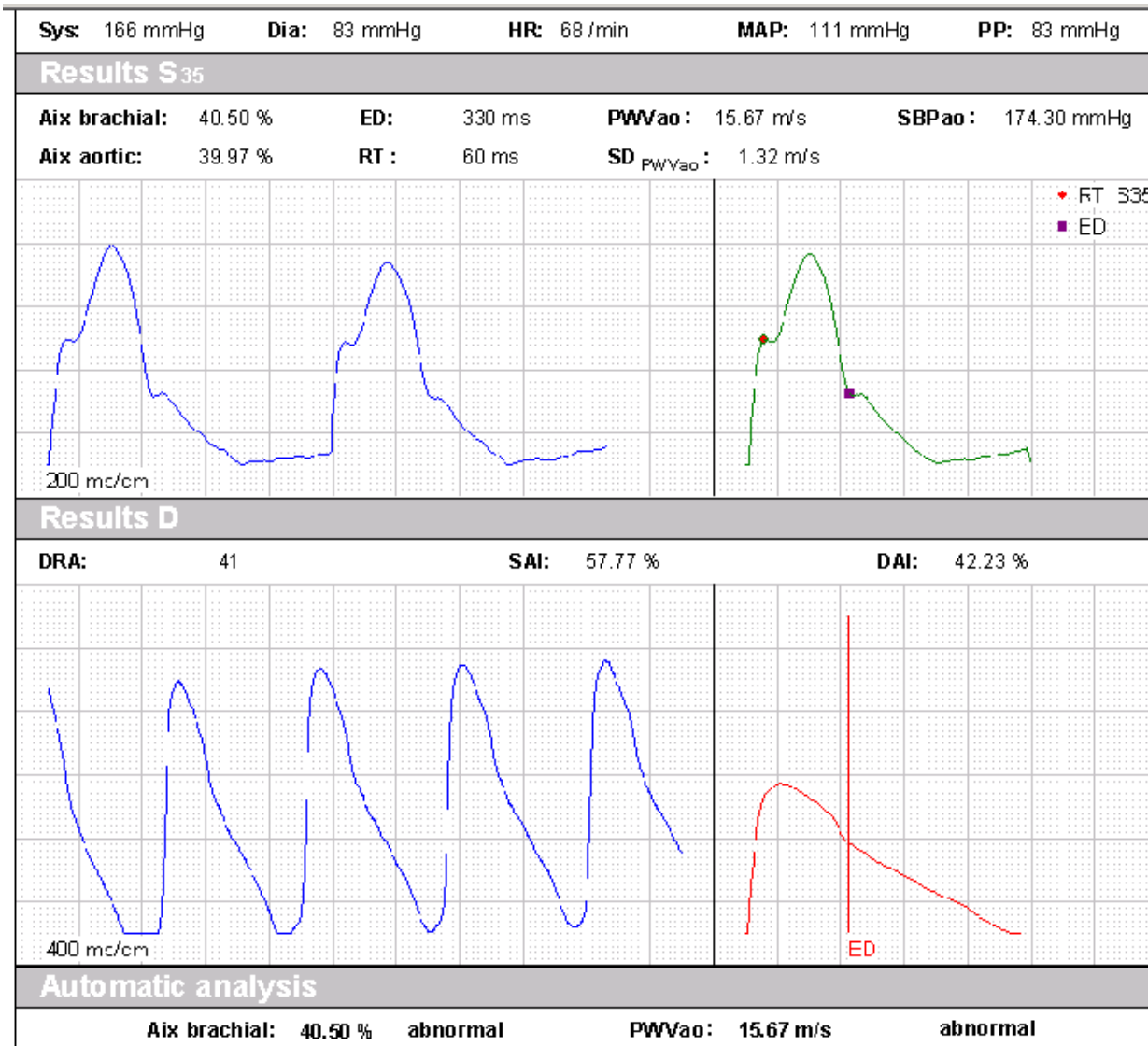
Subject 30 y old



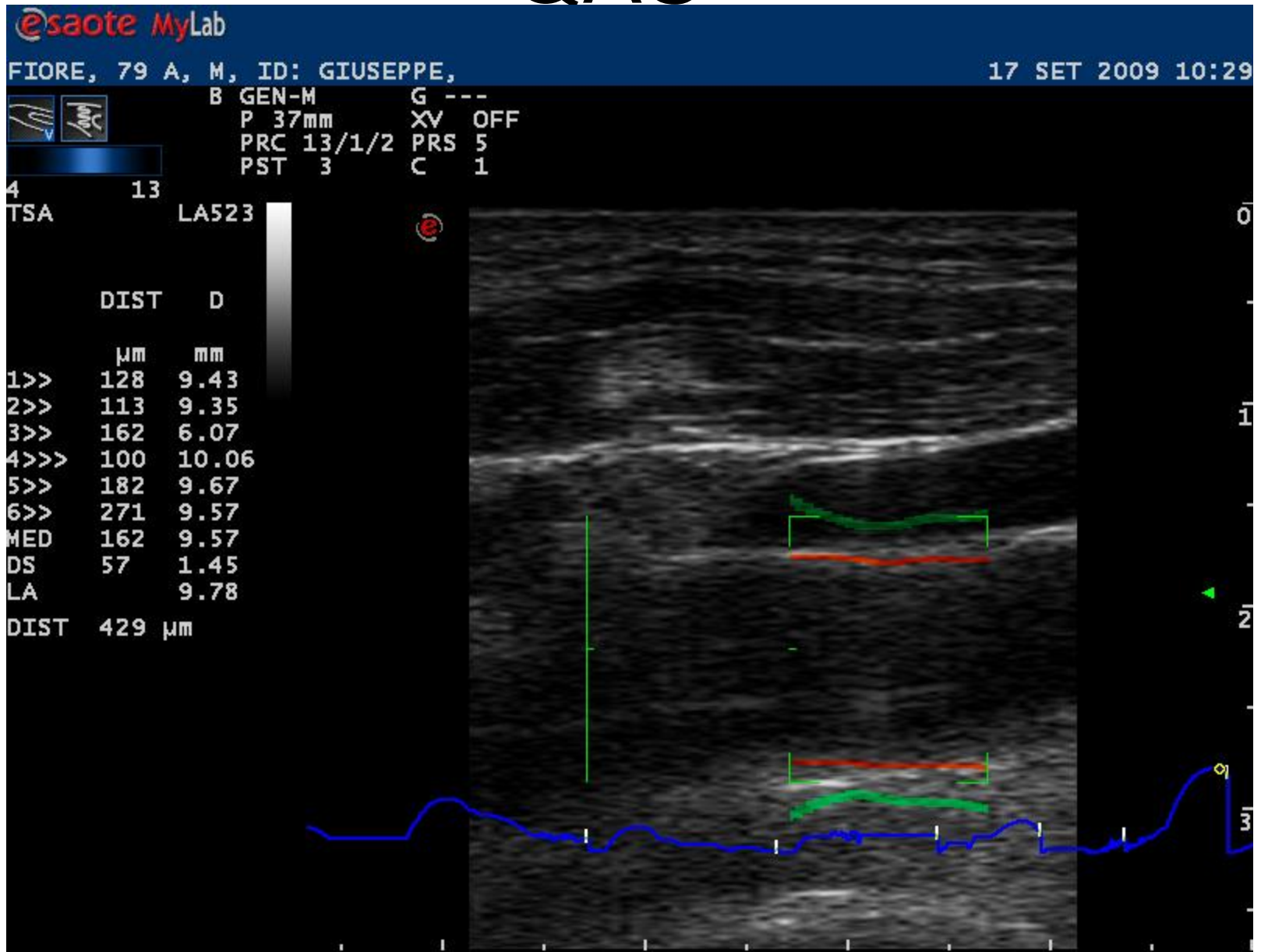
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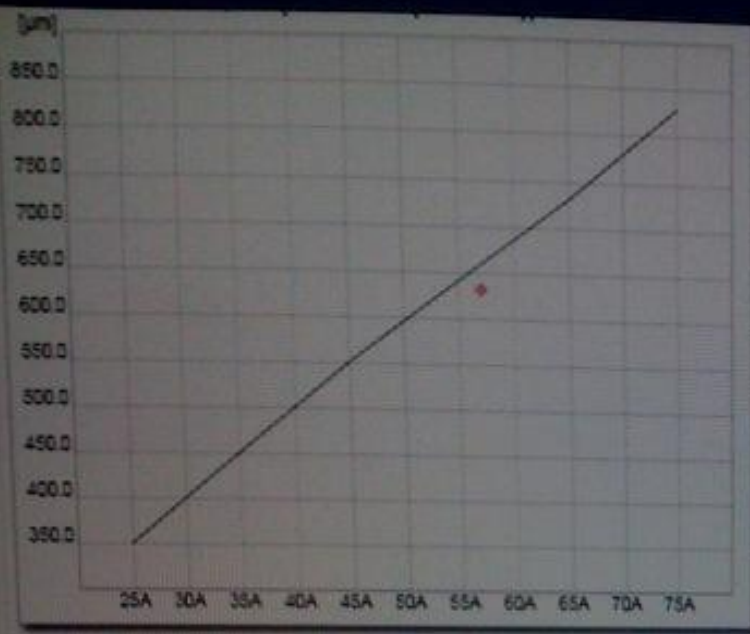


Subject 90 y old



QAS





QIMT S

QIMT S : 607 µm

QIMT D

QIMT D : 631 µm

QIMT (RF)

QIMT (RF) : 631 µm
 DS : 4 µm
 DIAMETRO : 6.7 mm
 DS : 0.03 mm
 LARGHEZZA : 10.1 mm
 TABELLA QIMT: HOWARD (BIANCA)
 QIMT PRESUNTO: 658 µm

QAS ACC SIN

DISTENSIONE : 515 µm
 DS : 55 µm
 DIAMETRO : 6.60 mm
 DS : 0.07 mm
 PR BR sis : 145.0 mmHg
 PR BR dia : 95.0 mmHg

CALCOLI

V PW: 5.68 m/s

QAS ACC DES

DISTENSIONE : 325 µm
 DS : 69 µm
 DIAMETRO : 6.88 mm
 DS : 0.10 mm

CALCOLI

V PW: 7.81 m/s

Aortic Stiffening and Early Wave Reflection

Young compliant arteries : Normal PW velocity (8 m/sec)

Diastole



(1) Ventricular-Vascular coupling

(2) ↑ coronary blood flow

Elderly stiff arteries with ISH : Increased PW velocity (12 m/sec)

Systole



(1) Ventricular-vascular mismatch

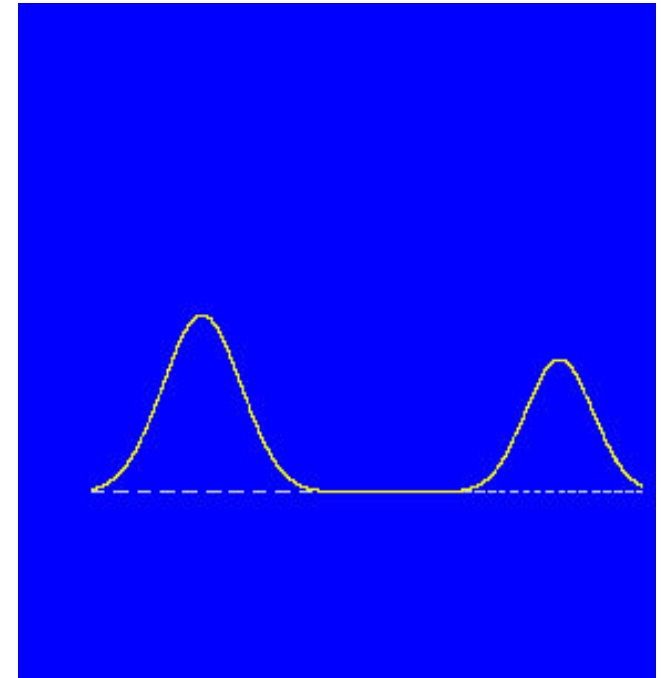
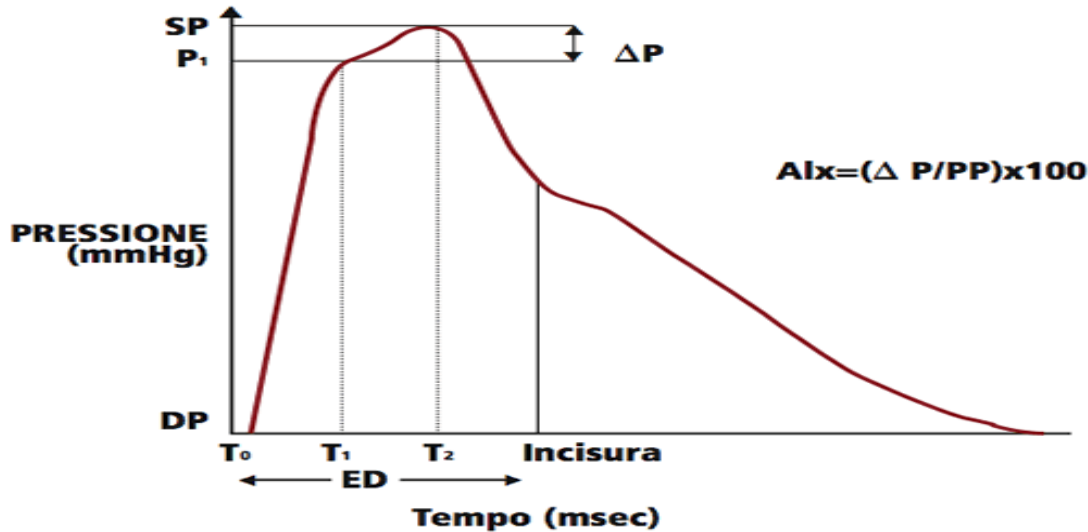
(2) The reflected wave increases or “augments” central SBP during late systole:

THE AUGMENTATION INDEX (Aix)

E' DEFINITO COME LA DIFFERENZA TRA IL SECONDO (ONDA RIFLESSA) ED IL PRIMO PICCO (ONDA INCIDENTE) ED ESPRESSO COME PERCENTUALE DELLA PRESSIONE DIFFERENZIALE.

$$\text{Augmentation index (Aix \%)} = (P2 - P1 / PP) \times 100$$

MORFOLOGIA DELL'ONDA DI POLSO



ONDA DI POLSO: ONDA INCIDENTE + ONDA RIFLESSA

AIX È UN INDICE INDIRETTO DELLA RIGIDITÀ AORTICA, RAPPRESENTA L'EFFETTO DELL'ONDA RIFLESSA SULL'ONDA INCIDENTE A LIVELLO DELL'AORTA ASCENDENTE. È UNA MISURA DEL CARICO ADDIZIONALE A CUI IL Vsx È SOTTOPOSTO A CAUSA DELL'ONDA DI RIFLESSIONE.

SphygmoCor



- **Arterial stiffness measures**
 - **CBP (central BP)**
 - **AIX (Augmentation Index)**
 - **PVW(Pulse wave velocity)**
- ? Evidence to change management?
- Does depend on accurate peripheral blood pressure measurement eg: BPtru / manual BP
- How to incorporate it with out interfering with the work flow?



Vantaggi dell'Augmentation Index

- L'AI aumenta in tutte quelle condizioni in cui vi è un'alterazione strutturale e funzionale dell'arteria: diabetici, dislipidemici, coronaropatici, pazienti con ipertrofia ventricolare sinistra ed ipertesi
- L'AI aumenta con l'età, nei pazienti fumatori e con fattori di rischio CV
- Un aumento dell'AI si associa ad una maggiore mortalità
- È facile da misurare con apparecchi adatti
- L'AI, a differenza della PWV, non dipende dalla sede della misurazione (che può essere anche periferica)

First author (year; country)	Events	Follow-up (years)	Type of patient (number)	Mean age at entry (years)
<i>Aortic PWV – YES</i>				
Blacher (1999;Fr)	CV mortality	6,0	ESRD (241)	51
Laurent (2001;Fr)	CV mortality	9,3	Hypertension (1980)	50
Meaume (2001;Fr)	CV mortality	2,5	Elderly (>70) (141)	87
Shoji (2001;Jp)	CV mortality	5,2	ESRD (265)	55
Boutouyrie (2002;Fr)	CHD events	5,7	Hypertension (1045)	51
Cruickshank (2002;GB)	All cause M.	10,7	Diabetes and MS (571)	51
Laurent (2003;Fr)	Fatal strokes	7,9	Hypertension (1715)	51
Sutton-Tyrrell (2005;USA)	CV events	4,6	Elderly (2488)	74

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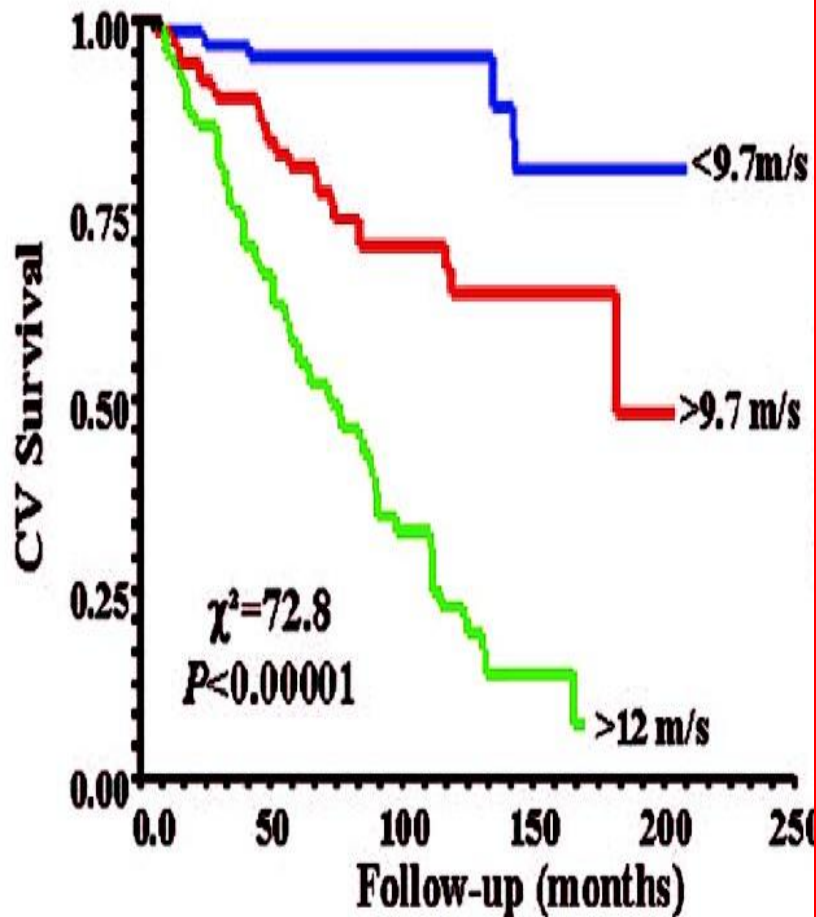
Central pulse pressure

Safar (2002;Fr)	All cause mortality	4,3	ESRD (180)	54
Williams (2006;UK)	CV events	3,4	HT, ASCOT study (2073)	63

Carotid augmentation index

London (2001;Fr)	All cause and CV mortal	4,3	ESRD (180)	54
Weber (2005;Austria)	Severe CV events	2	Undergoing PCI (262)	66
Chirinos (2005;USA)	CV events	3,2	Undergoing PCI (297)	64
Williams (2005;UK)	CV events	3,4	HT, ASCOT study (2073)	63

Aortic PWV



-Arterial wave reflections and survival in end stage renal failure.

London GM et al Hypertension 2001;38:434-438.

- Central pulse pressure and mortality in end stage renal failure.

Safar ME et al Hypertension 2002;39:735-738.

- Increased arterial wave reflections predict severe cardiovascular events in patient undergoing percutaneous coronary interventions

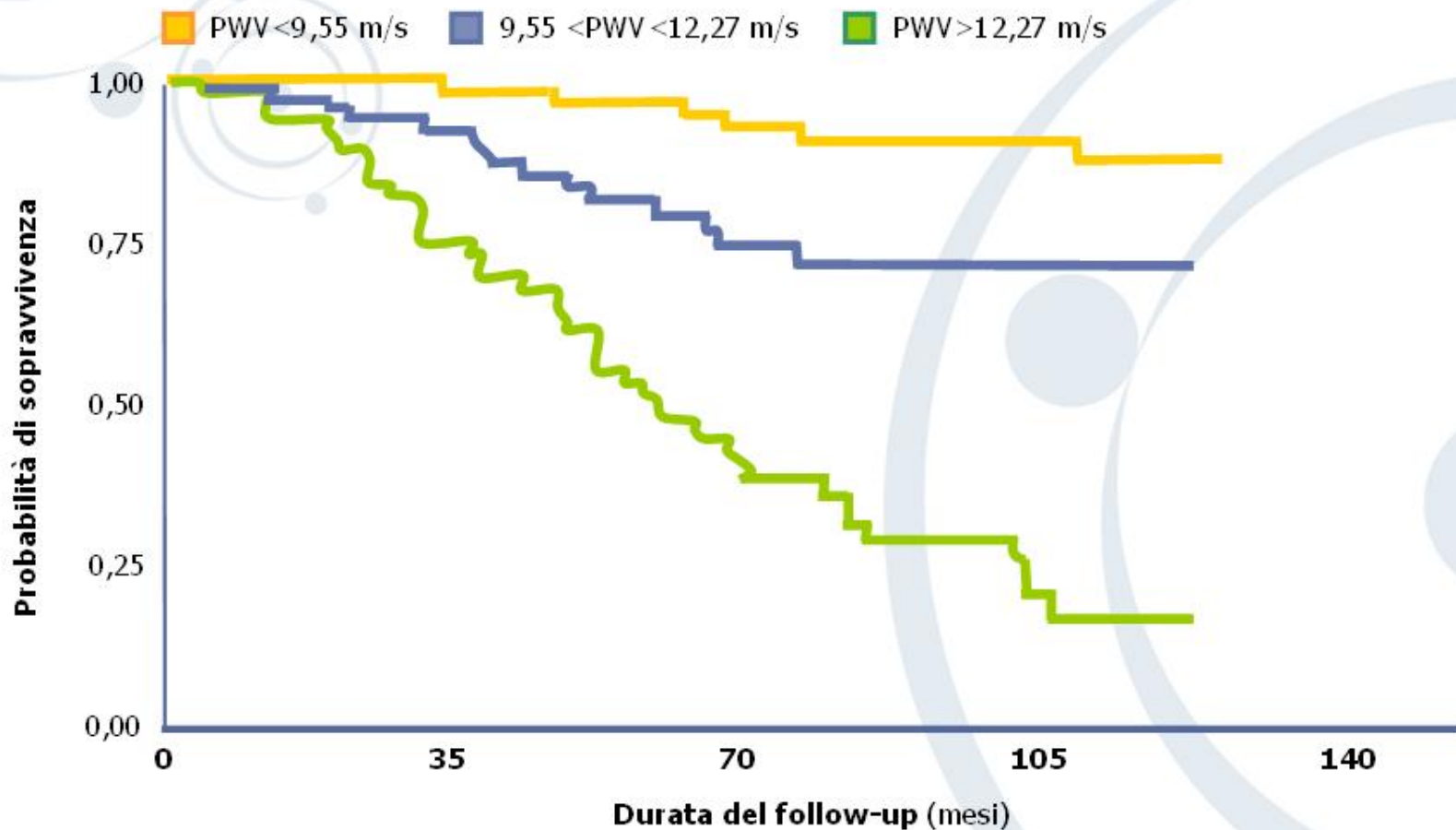
Eur Heart J 2005;26:2657-2663

- Central pressure more strongly relates to vascular disease and outcome than does brachial pressure: the Strong Heart Study.

Roman MJ et al Hypertension 2007;50:197-203.

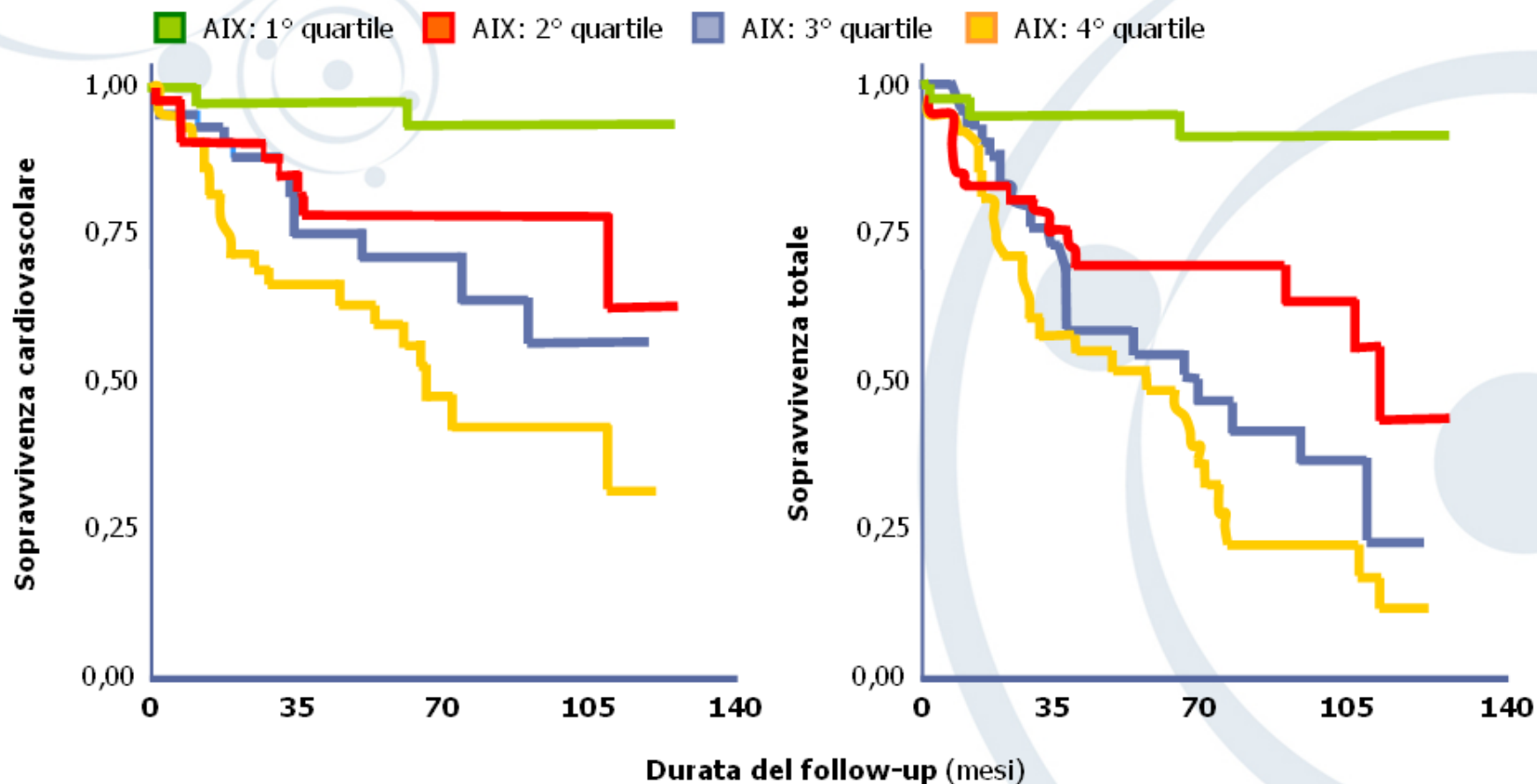


PWV ed eventi





AI ed eventi



Arterial Stiffness

PULSE WAVE VELOCITY (PWV)

AUGMENTATION INDEX (Aix)

	Aix	PWV
Ottimale	<- 30%	<7m/s
Normale	da -30% a < -10%	da 7m/s a < 9.7m/s
Aumentato	da -10% a <10%	da 9.7m/s a <12m/s
Anormale	> 10%	>12m/s

Carotid to femoral pulse wave velocity (PWV) has emerged as the gold standard method of arterial stiffness for:

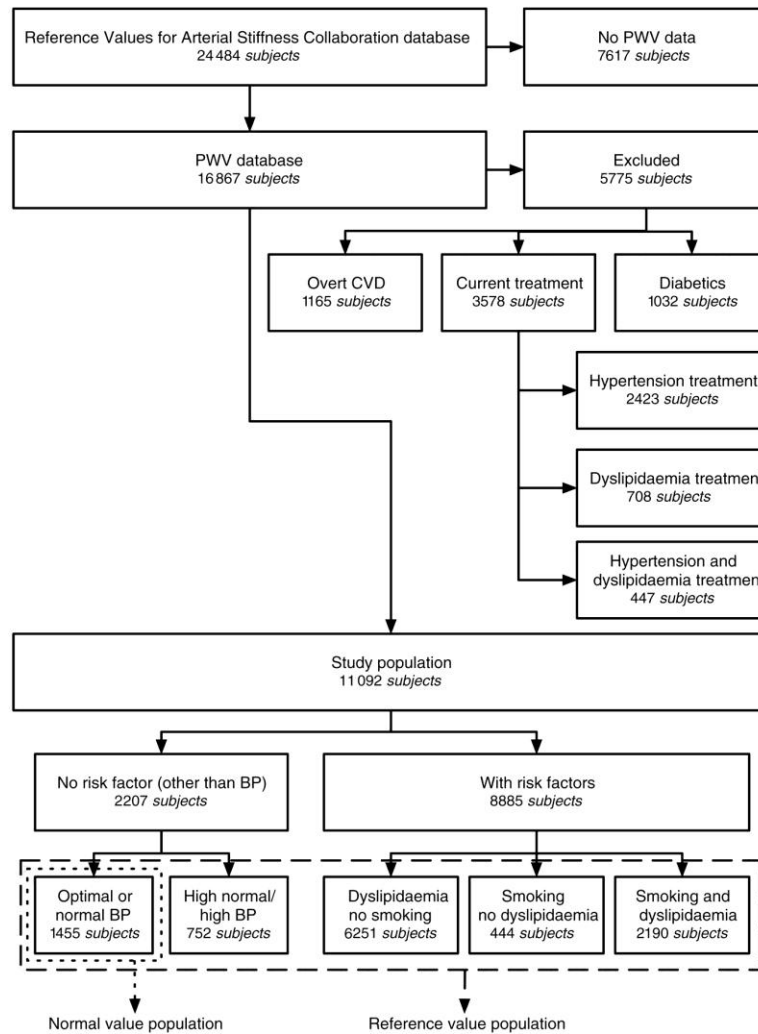
- its relative ease in determination,
- its perceived reliability

and because of :

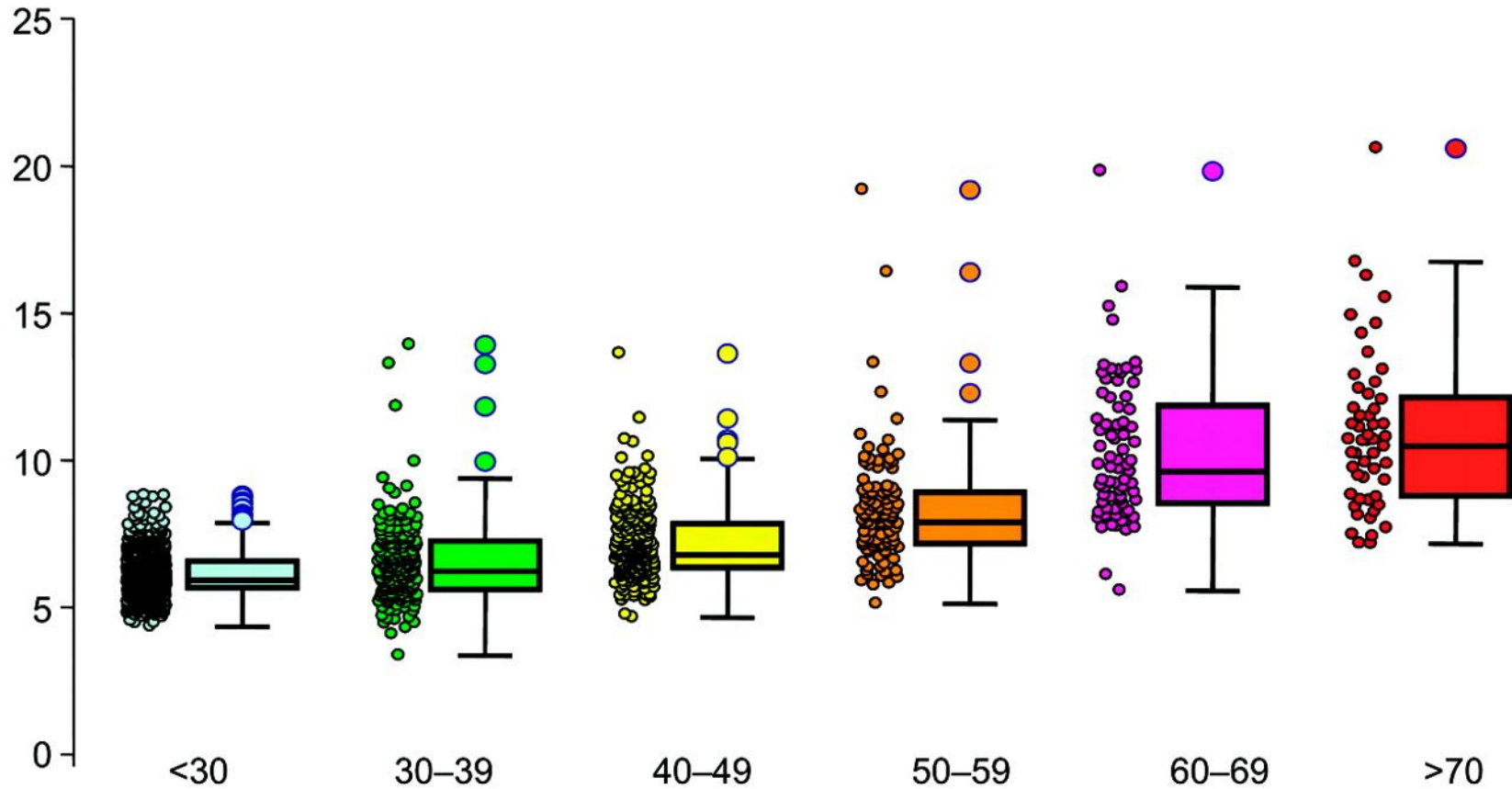
- its association with incident CV disease independently of traditional risk factors

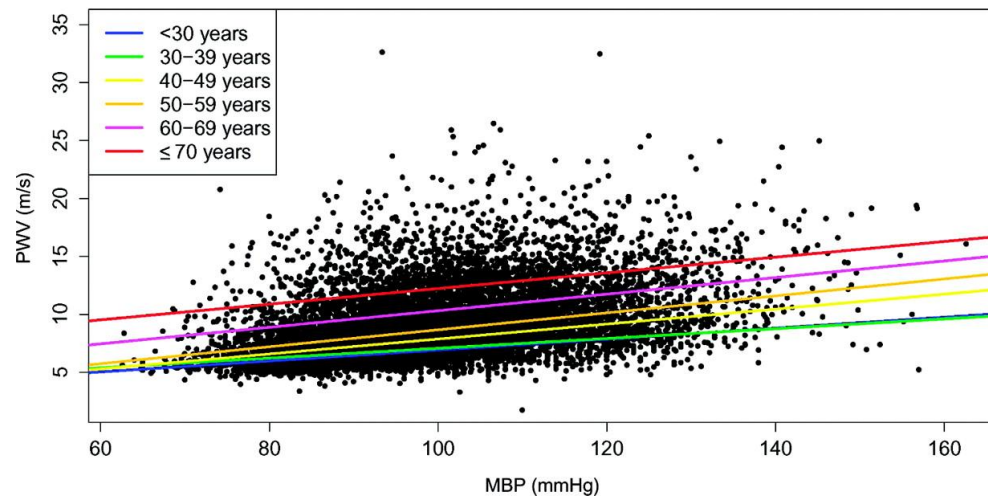
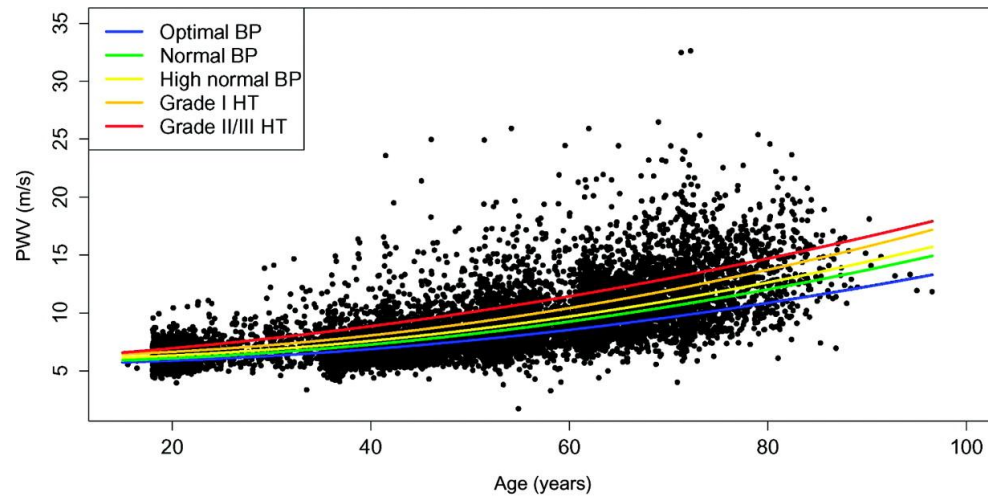
- The fixed threshold value (12 m/s) proposed in the 2007 ESH/ESC hypertension guidelines was based on published epidemiological studies but could not take into account the multiple factors influencing PWV
- it has been proven that important differences in absolute PWV values exist between methodologies and/or between populations.
- its strong dependence on age and BP

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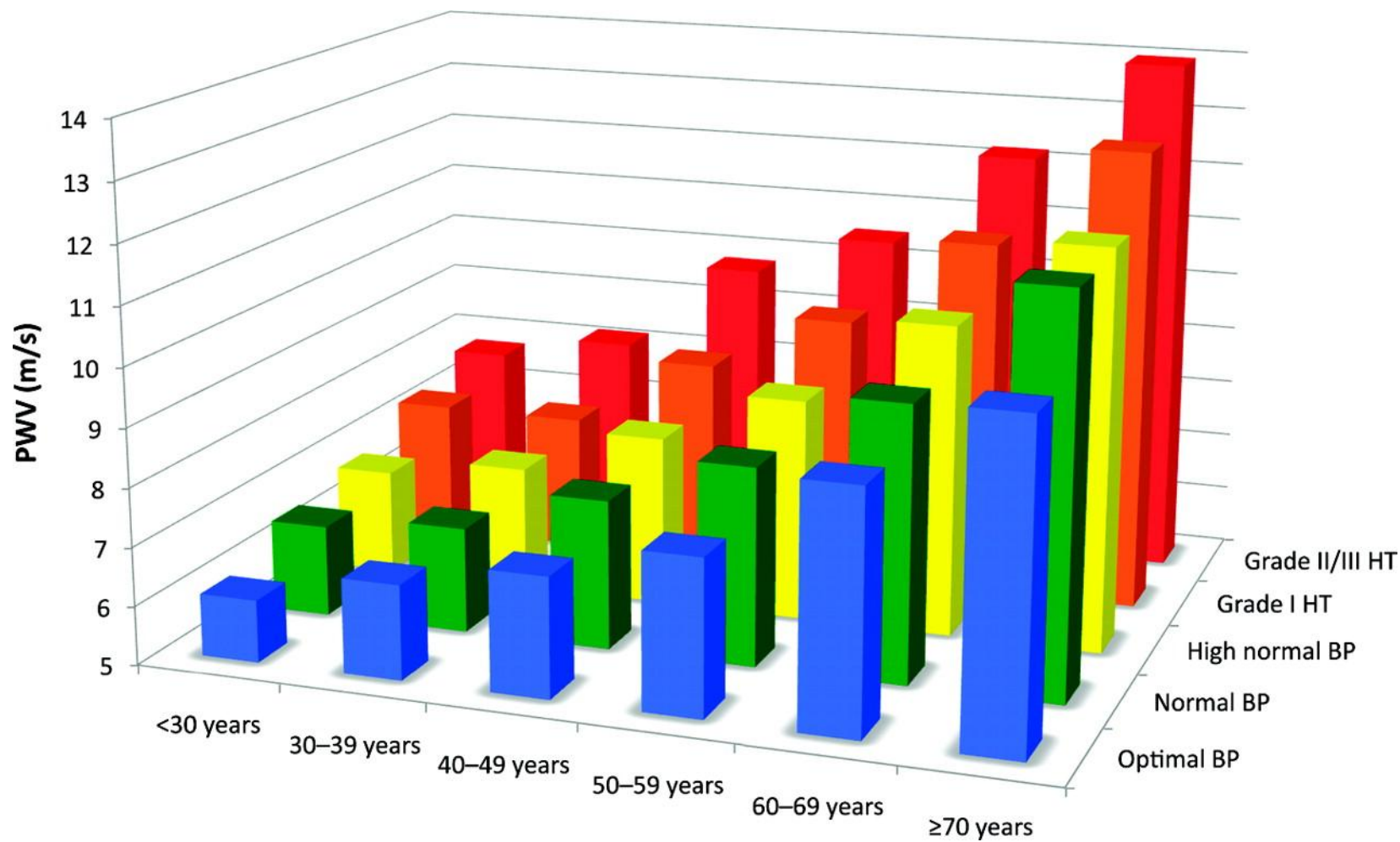


Pulse wave velocity (m/s)





Reference values for pulse wave velocity (PWV): mean values according to age and blood pressure (BP) categories (11 092 subjects).



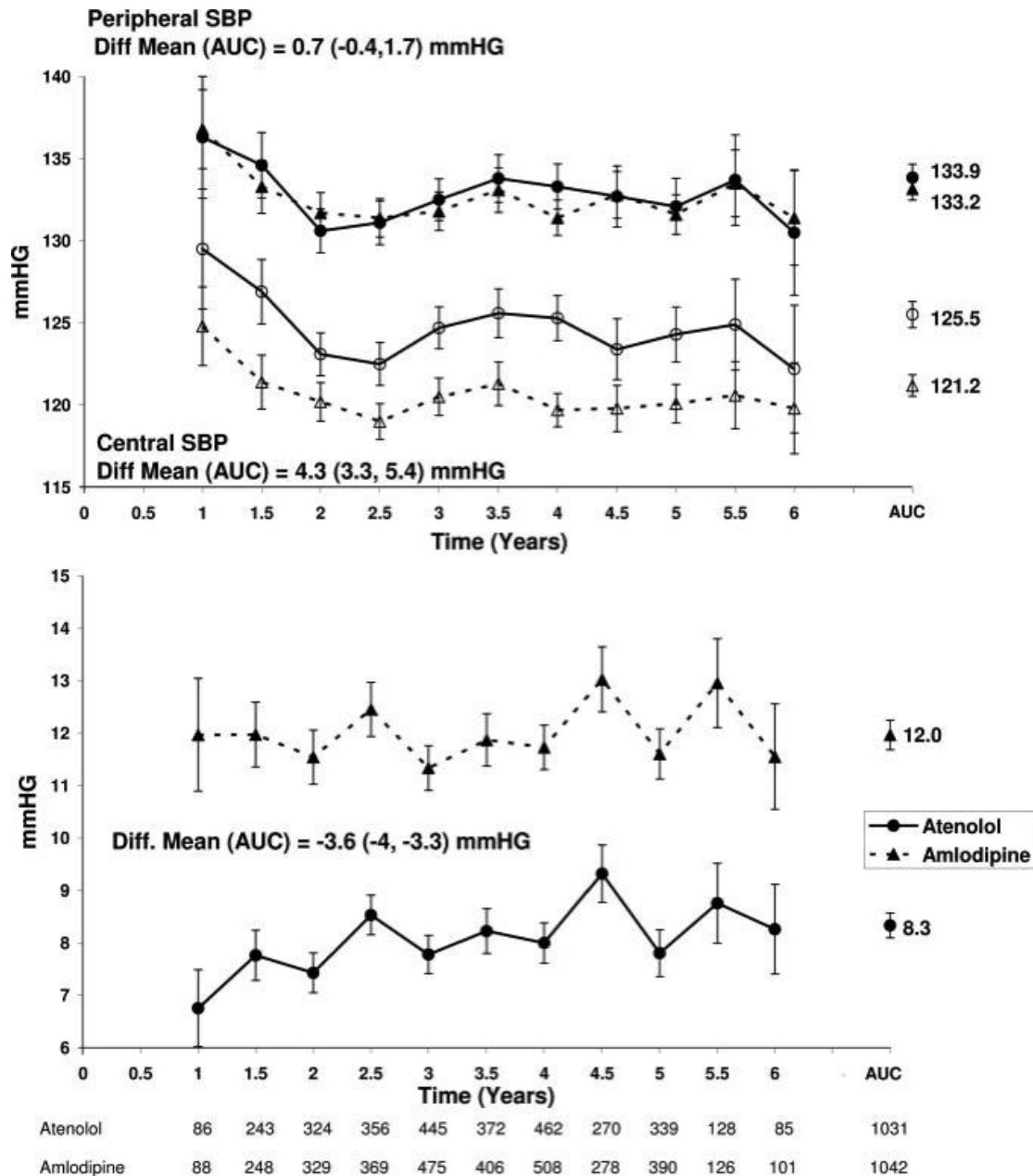
RESULTS

- The establishment of normal and reference values for PWV based on an extensive data set obtained from 13 centres distributed across Europe
- to take into account different methodological approaches for the determination of PWV
- to apply previously established conversion equations for path lengths and transit times.
- to present reference values per age decade and BP category.

TOP: Brachial (solid symbols) and derived central aortic (open symbols) systolic blood pressure with time (mean, 95% CI) for patients randomized to receive atenolol ± thiazide- or amlodipine ± perindopril-based therapy.

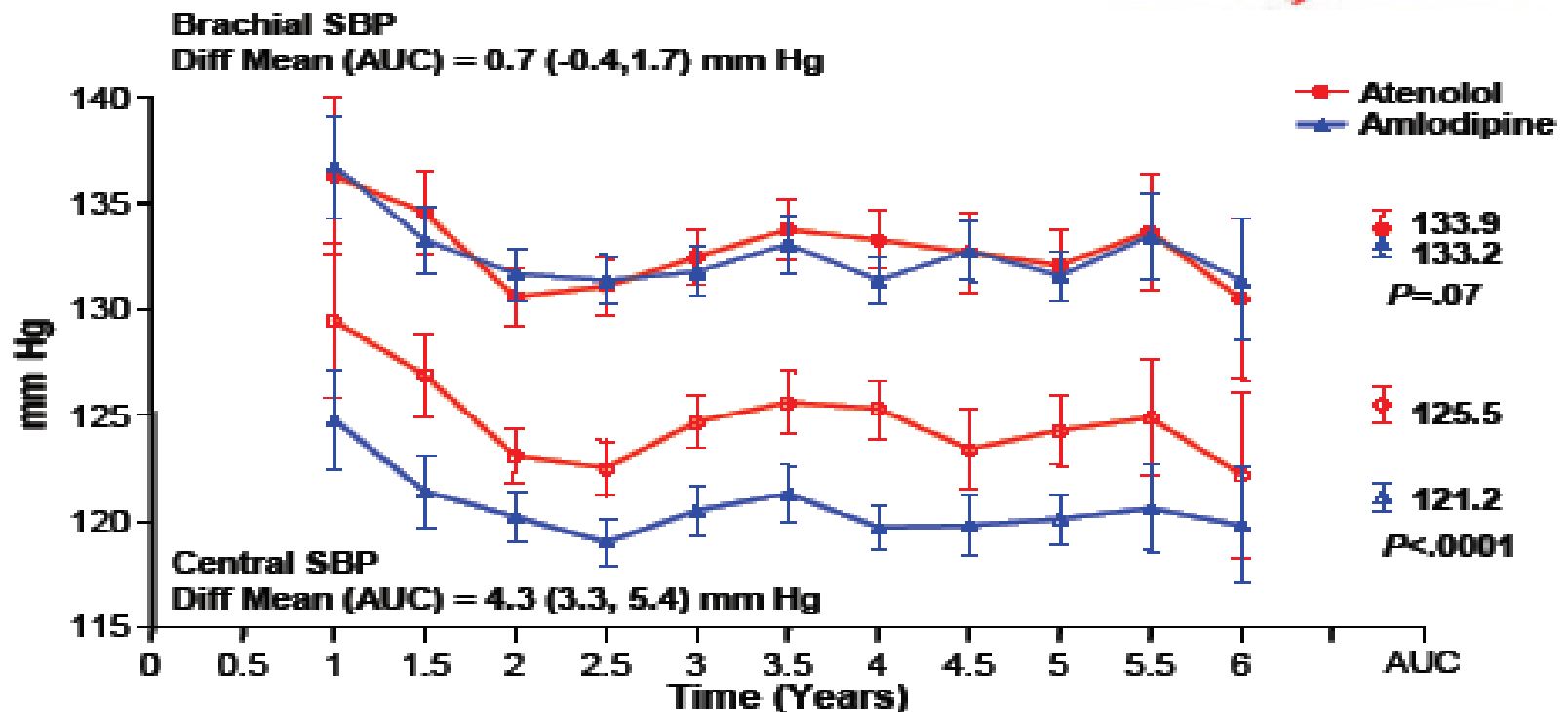
BOTTOM: Systolic blood pressure difference (brachial minus central aortic; mean, 95% CI) with time. For calculation of AUC, see the Data Supplement. Numbers below abscissa represent the number of patients seen at each time point. Time represents the duration from randomization into ASCOT to patient follow-up visit at which tonometry measurement was made in the CAFE study.

PP indicates pulse pressure.



CAFÉ Study Results

Brachial and Central Aortic Systolic Blood Pressure (\pm 95% CI)



Atenolol	86	243	324	356	445	372	462	270	339	128	85	1031
Amlodipine	88	248	329	369	475	406	508	278	390	126	101	1042