Update of Arterial Stiffness in Nephrology

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Cardiovascular diseases prevalence among CKD and no CKD



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JACC Cardiovasc Imaging. 2021 Mar;14(3):669-682

Vascular aging

Vascular Aging 205 305 405 505 60+ 505 60+ Functionally Wall stiffness ↑ Flow-mediated dilation ↓ Angiogenesis ↑

Morphologically

Intimal thickening ↑ Disordered smooth muscle cells ↑ Collagen fibers and elastic fibers ↑ Mechanisms Mitochondrial dysfunction Oxidative stress Inflammation Loss of proteostasis Genomic instability Increased apoptosis and necroptosis Epigenetic alterations Dysregulated nutrient sensing pathways Extracellular matrix remodeling Exhaustion of progenitor cells

Intima Endothelial dysfunction •eNOS •ADMA •Arginase •BH4/BH2 •SIRT-1 Thickening Endothelial hyperplasia Oxidative stress Sympathetic nervous activity Media Matrix degeneration •MMP Elastin reduction Collagen deposition Cross linking •AGE Calcification Inflammation Oxidative stress Sympathetic nervous activity Adventitia Collagen deposition

Aging Med (Milton). 2020 Oct 1;3(3):146-150; Int J Mol Sci. 2019 Jul 26;20(15):3664

Vascular Biomarkers for Vascular Aging

	method	Guide for pharmacological therapy	Sensitivity for changes	Time to change	Prognostic value of changes		
Carotid ultra	sonography	++ Low Slow		Slow	No		
Ankle-brachial index		++	Low	No data	Moderate		
Arterial	Carotid-femoral pulse wave velocity	+++	High	Moderate	Moderate		
stiffness	Brachial-ankle pulse wave velocity	++	High	Moderate	No data		
Central hem	odynamics/Wave reflections	+++	High	Fast	Good guide for therapy, with the exception of patients with heart failure and a low ejection fraction		
Endothelial	Flow mediated dilatation	+++	Very high	Fast	Moderate		
function	Endothelial peripheral arterial tonometry	+	Very high	Fast	No data		
Circulating biomarkers	High sensitivity C- reactive protein	+++	Moderate	Fast	No data		

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Artery distensibility and pressure waveform



Aortic stiffness: integrator of cumulative damages to the arterial wall



Pulse wave velocity(PWV): Moens–Korteweg equation

E: arterial biomaterials elastic properties血管壁的彈性 h: wall thickness壁厚

r:radius血管半徑 ρ:tissue density血液密度 假設動脈壁是各向同性的並且隨著脈壓經歷等容變化

$$PWV = \sqrt{rac{E_{
m inc} \cdot h}{2r
ho}} = rac{Distance}{time}$$
 (m/sec)



Increased Arterial Stiffness contributes to CVD development



Carotid-femoral pulse wave velocity (cfPWV) across the adult lifespan



cfPWV increases moderately before 50 y of age (0.52±0.04 m/s per decade) and markedly thereafter (2.05±0.03 m/s per decade).

Hypertension. 2021 Mar 3;77(3):768-780.

2010:Prediction of CV Events and All-Cause Mortality With Arterial Stiffness



J Am Coll Cardiol 55, 1318–1327 (2010).

			%
Reference		dOR (95% CI)	Weight
I cause mortality			
Adragâo et al 2008		5.33 (2.11, 13.45)	21.59
Avramoski et al 2013		7.56 (2.27, 25.16)	13.94
London et al 2001		11.17 (5.42, 23.02)	31.28
Shokawa et al 2005		4.20 (2.10, 8.40)	33.18
Subtotal (I-squared = 23.4%, p = 0.271)	\diamond	6.52 (4.03, 10.55)	100.00
CV mortality			
Avramoski et al 2013		— 26.00 (3.24, 208.80)	4.29
Blacher et al 1999		7.54 (2.76, 20.58)	18.48
London et al 2001		7.20 (3.08, 16.82)	25.88
Pannier et al 2005		14.75 (7.86, 27.71)	46.89
Shokawa et al 2005	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	19.53 (2.53, 150.55)	4.47
Subtotal (I-squared = 0.0%, p = 0.511)	\diamond	11.23 (7.29, 17.29)	100.00

Arterial Stiffness and Long-Term Risk of Health Outcomes: The Framingham Heart Study

Outcomes	I	Hazard Ratio per SD increment in CFPWV (95% CI)	P-value
Cardiometabolic Disease			
Hypertension	├ ── ■ ──┤	1.32 (1.21, 1.44)	<.0001
Diabetes	⊢ −−−−	1.32 (1.11, 1.58)	0.002
Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)			
CKD ^a	⊢	1.19 (1.05, 1.34)	0.005
CKD ^b	├	1.17 (1.01, 1.35)	0.03
Neurocognitive Outcomes			
Dementia		1.27 (1.06, 1.53)	0.01
Cardiovascular Disease and Subtypes			
CVD (composite)	⊢	1.20 (1.06, 1.36)	0.005
CHD	⊢	1.37 (1.13, 1.65)	0.001
Heart Failure	⊢ 1	1.21 (0.98, 1.51)	0.08
Stroke/TIA	⊢	1.24 (1.00, 1.53)	0.047
Death			
All cause mortality	1 1.2 1.4 1.6 1.8	1.29 (1.17, 1.43)	<.0001

7283 participants; median follow up 15 yr

Arterial Stiffness effect on Adolescence ?

cfPWV				
Autoregressive	В	β	SE	P value
LDL T1 🗪 LDL T2	0.729	0.580	0.026	<0.0001
HDL T1 \implies HDL T2	0.868	0.623	0.027	<0.0001
Triglyceride T1 + triglyceride T2	0.475	0.404	0.029	<0.0001
Insulin T1 🗪 insulin T2	0.216	0.194	0.030	<0.0001
Glucose T1 🗪 glucose T2	0.743	0.678	0.021	<0.0001
HOMA-IR T1	0.194	0.170	0.030	<0.0001
HOMA-%β T1 → HOMA-%β T2	0.259	0.241	0.027	<0.0001
cfPWV T1	0.496	0.356	0.033	<0.0001
LDL T1 - cfPWV T2	0.0001	0.003	0.003	0.900
cfPWV T1 ➡ LDL T2	0.347	0.023	0.304	0.253
HDL T1 - cfPWV T2	0.0001	-0.002	0.007	0.942
cfPWV T1 ➡ HDL T2	-0.300	-0.036	0.154	0.051
Triglyceride T1	-0.014	-0.031	0.013	0.278
cfPWV T1 + triglyceride T2	0.088	0.024	0.080	0.272
Insulin T1 🗪 cfPWV T2	-0.014	-0.048	0.009	0.118
cfPWV T1 🗪 insulin T2	0.286	0.055	0.116	0.014
Glucose T1	0.011	0.093	0.003	<0.0001
cfPWV T1	0.075	0.006	0.254	0.767
HOMA-IR T1	-0.009	-0.029	0.008	0.310
cfPWV T1	0.275	0.050	0.123	0.026
HOMA-%β T1 CIP WV T2	-0.015	-0.052	0.008	0.069
cfPWV T1 ➡ HOMA-%β T2	0.248	0.048	0.113	0.028

Analyses of cfPWV at 17.7 and 24.5 Years of Age



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Different methods of PWV measurement

	Method	Description	Measure		
	Applanation tonometry	Apply a pressure sensor through the skin and applanate a superficial artery by applying a downward pressure sufficient to flatten the artery.	baPWV, cfPWV		
	Computerized oscillometry	Simultaneous acquisition and analysis ofComputerized oscillometrySimultaneous acquisition and analysis of the pulsation of the artery, which is caused by the heart, as the pressure oscillation in the cuff			
Non-invasive methods	Mechanotransducer	Two dedicated piezoelectric pressure mechanotransducers directly applied to the skin in a simultaneous measurement of pressure pulses	carotid–femoral, carotid–brachial or femoral–dorsalis pedis PWV		
	Ultrasound	Doppler pulses are recorded sequentially in 2 different arterial sites and compared using the R-waye of the ECG	baPWV, cfPWV		
	Photoplethysmography	DVP measured by the photoplethysmography transducer	DVP associated with aPWV		
	Magnetic Resonance Imaging	an enough temporal and spatial resolution to study the propagation of the aortic systolic flow wave	Local PWV		
Invasive methods	Aortic angiography	Intra-aortic catheter measurements	Local PWV		

Different methods of PWV measurement



- Arterial stiffness measured noninvasively by PWV have been recognized as independent predictors for cardiovascular morbidity and mortality.
- PWV is the most validated index to quantify arterial stiffness.

Brachial-ankle PWV



- The formula for baPWV calculation based on data from Asians, which may differ from data in Western populations.
- Brachial-ankle PWV has also demonstrated a predictive value for CV events and is recommended in the 2019 Japanese Society of Hypertension guidelines for the management of hypertension

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CLINICAL INVESTIGATION AND REPORTS

Impact of Aortic Stiffness Attenuation on Survival of Patients in End–Stage Renal Failure

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TABLE 3. Proportional Hazard Regression Analyses of All-Cause andCardiovascular Mortality

Variable	RR (95% CI)	z Statistic	Р	Pseudo- <i>r</i> ²
All-cause mortality				
Age (10 y)	1.69 (1.32–2.17)	4.15	0.00003	0.15346
LV mass index (10-g increase)	1.08 (1.04–1.15)	2.27	0.02322	0.05144
Δ PWV (1=positive/0=negative)	2.59 (1.51–4.43)	3.46	0.00053	0.11215
ACE inhibitor (1=yes/0=no)	0.19 (0.14–0.43)	-3.93	0.00027	0.13956
Cardiovascular mortality				
CVD (yes/no)	4.72 (1.91–11.61)	3.36	0.00077	0.13097
LV mass index (10-g increase)	1.11 (1.03–1.19)	2.63	0.00844	0.00847
Δ PWV (1=positive/0=negative)	2.35 (1.23–4.51)	2.57	0.01004	0.08110
ACE inhibitor (1=yes/0=no)	0.18 (0.06–0.55)	-3.00	0.00274	0.10689

Results-

115 ESRF patients (aged 52±16 years) monitored for 51±38 months. PWV were measured ultrasonographically. BP was controlled

59 deaths

40 cardiovascular and 19 noncardiovascular events.

The risk ratio for the absence of PWV decrease was 2.59 (95% CI 1.51 to 4.43) for all-cause mortality and 2.35 (95% CI 1.23 to 4.41) for cardiovascular mortality.

Conclusions-

In ESRF patients, the insensitivity of PWV to decreased BP is an independent predictor of mortality ...

We already known...

- Arterial stiffness independently predicts death (all causes mortality and CV causes mortality) and CV outcomes in healthy elderly people, diabetic patients, hypertensive patients, general adult populations, and patients with end-stage renal disease [ESRD]
- [CKD]CRIC
 - Arterial stiffness predicts death and CKD progression to ESRD.
 - **✓** Arterial stiffness worsens as kidney function declines irrespective of cause of CKD.
 - Arterial stiffness is linked to proteinuria in diabetic patients with CKD.
 - Arterial stiffness is linked to bone & mineral disorders.
 - Arterial stiffness predicts new-onset HF in CKD.
 - Arterial stiffness is worse in CKD patients with masked hypertension.
- **[KTx]** Large-artery stiffness of chronic kidney disease is partially reversed within 12 months of KT and appears unrelated to renal function.
- [early CKD] Higher indices of arterial stiffness are associated with steeper decline in kidney function in general population.

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Main mechanisms for the structural and functional changes of the arteries in CKD



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Evidence on the drugs used in nephrology on arterial wall properties

	Effect on Arterial Wall	Best Level of	Level of Evidence
Drug(s)	Properties	Evidence	in CKD or KTx
Antihypertensive drugs			
ACEi	↓ AS	+++	++
ARBs	↓ AS	+++	++
b-blockers	Doubtful		
Calcium channel blockers	↓ AS	+++	+
Diuretics (spironolactone)	↓ AS	+	+
Endothelin-1 antagonists	↓ AS, ↑ EF	+	+
Immunosuppressive drugs			
Anti-TNF	↓ AS	+++	
Cyclosporine	↑ AS	++	++
Mycophenolate mofetil	↓ AS	+	+
Corticosteroids	↑ AS	+	
Statins	↑ EF	+	
Noncalcium-containing phosphate binders	↓ AS	+	+
Parathyroid hormone	Doubtful		
Vitamin D analogs			
Vitamin D ²	None	+++	++
Vitamin D ₃	None	+++	++
Paricalcitol	↑ EF	+++	++

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Effect of sodium-glucose co-transporter-2 inhibitors on arterial stiffness: A systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials

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Result:

- Six trials, 452 enrolled participants
- Overall, SGLT-2 inhibitor treatment compared to control resulted in a nonsignificant decrease in PWV.
- Exclusion of a trial utilizing cardiac magnetic resonance imaging for the assessment of PWV demonstrated that SGLT-2 inhibitors induce a significant reduction in PWV by 0.21 m/s.
- When we restricted our analysis to RCTs enrolling subjects with T2DM, we observed that SGLT-2 inhibitor compared to control resulted in a significant decrease in PWV by 0.17 m/s.

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Exercise training on PWV in CKD (include dialysis) ?

	Ex	ercise	9	C	ontrol			Mean Difference	Mean Difference		
Study or Subgroup	Mean	SD	Total	Mean	SD	Total	Weight	IV, Random, 95% CI	IV, Random, 95% CI		
Assawasaksakul 2020	0.15	1.6	6	-1.7	3.3	6	2.1%	1.85 [-1.08, 4.78]			
Cooke 2018	-1	1.8	10	0.2	0.74	10	6.8%	-1.20 [-2.41, 0.01]			
Graham-Brown 2021	-2.45	4.67	65	0.36	4.07	65	5.4%	-2.81 [-4.32, -1.30]	· ·		
Greenwood 2015	-1.6	2.1	8	1	2.2	10	3.8%	-2.60 [-4.59, -0.61]	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Greenwood 2015 (Aerobic exercise)	-0.6	1.5	13	0.5	2.3	10	4.9%	-1.10 [-2.74, 0.54]			
Greenwood 2015 (Resistence exercise)	-1.4	1.6	13	0.5	2.3	10	4.8%	-1.90 [-3.57, -0.23]			
Greenwood 2021	-0.04	1.75	78	-0.32	1.12	78	11.1%	0.28 [-0.18, 0.74]			
Headley 2014	0.1	2.9	25	-0.12	2.3	21	5.4%	0.22 [-1.28, 1.72]			
Jeong 2019	-0.6	2.7	29	-1.2	3.17	38	5.8%	0.60 [-0.81, 2.01]			
Kirkman 2019	-0.12	2.4	16	-0.26	2.1	15	5.1%	0.14 [-1.45, 1.73]			
Koh 2010 (Home-based exercise)	-0.2	3.3	14	0.5	3.1	7	2.1%	-0.70 [-3.57, 2.17]			
Koh 2010 (Intradialytic exercise)	-0.3	2.8	13	0.5	3.1	8	2.5%	-0.80 [-3.43, 1.83]			
Kosmadakis 2012	-0.03	1.2	18	0.26	1.4	14	8.4%	-0.29 [-1.21, 0.63]			
Mcgregor 2018	-0.54	2.48	16	0.14	1.67	18	5.7%	-0.68 [-2.12, 0.76]			
NCT0319038	-0.01	1.1	15	0.21	0.92	15	9.6%	-0.22 [-0.95, 0.51]			
Riess 2013	-0.3	2.7	16	0.9	2.2	15	4.6%	-1.20 [-2.93, 0.53]			
Silvar 2019	-0.4	3	14	-0.2	3.5	14	2.8%	-0.20 [-2.61, 2.21]			
Toussaint 2008	-1.7	2.9	9	0.7	3.7	10	2.0%	-2.40 [-5.37, 0.57]	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Van Craenenbroeck 2015	-0.2	2	19	-0.5	1.47	21	7.3%	0.30 [-0.80, 1.40]			
Total (95% CI)			397			385	100.0%	-0.56 [-1.02, -0.09]	◆		
Heterogeneity: $Tau^2 = 0.44$; $Chi^2 = 37.3$ Test for overall effect: $Z = 2.36$ (P = 0.0	89, df = 2)	18 (P =	= 0.005	5); $I^2 = 1$	52%				-4 -2 0 2 4 Exercise Control		

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18 RCTs with 817 patients three to four times per week exercise duration varied from 10 to 65 min



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Clinical Usefulness of Arterial Stiffness

Focus	Objective	Challenge
Risk stratification	Defining disease end points most closely related to PWV as a measure of arteriosclerosis rather than atherosclerosis	Heterogeneity of disease end points
Measurement technology	Improving ease of measurement	Maintain reproducibility and accuracy
Guiding antihypertensive Tx	A PWV threshold for initiating treatment	Defining threshold; requires RCT to demonstrate benefit
Selection of antihypertensive Tx	Defining specific effects of antihypertensive d	rugs on PWV
Titration of antihypertensive Tx	Requires RCT to demonstrate benefit	
Arterial stiffness specific therapies	Definitive evidence of specific BP- independent effects of established and novel drugs for AS	Long-term RCT required

Kidney specific ?

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ambulatory arterial stiffness

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OPEN Photoplethysmogram based vascular aging assessment using the deep convolutional neural network

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Arterial stiffness due to vascular aging is a major indicator during the assessment of cardiovascular risk. In this study, we propose a method for age estimation by applying deep learning to a photoplethysmogram (PPG) for the non-invasive assessment of the vascular age. The proposed deep learning-based age estimation model consists of three convolutional layers and two fully connected layers, and was developed as an explainable artificial intelligence model with Grad-Cam to explain the contribution of the PPG waveform characteristic to vascular age estimation. The deep learning model was developed using a segmented PPG by pulse from a total of 752 adults aged 20–89 years, and the performance was quantitatively evaluated using the mean absolute error, root-mean-squared-

"A man is as old as his arteries."

Thomas Sydenham

Biomechanical Metrics for and Related to Stiffness

Stress	A measure of the intensity of an applied force that depends on its magnitude, direction, and area over which it distributes. The common unit of measurement is the Pascal =1 N/m ² .
Intramural stress	Arises from applied loads such as the blood pressure within and the axial force acting on a blood vessel. Important both mechanobiologically and structurally.
Wall shear stress	Arises from the frictional interaction between the flowing viscous blood and the luminal surface of the blood vessel. Important mechanobiologically.
Strain	A measure of normalized changes in lengths or changes in angles within a material when acted upon by an applied load. Dimensionless by definition.
Stiffness	A measure of resistance to applied loads. The unit of measurement depends on the precise definition but can include N/m ² (material) and N/m (structural) among others.
Material stiffness	An intrinsic property of a material that depends both on its composition and the internal organization of and interactions between the different constituents. This stiffness appears to be highly mechano-regulated by arterial cells for it defines their local mechano-environment. It is calculated as a change in stress with respect to a change in a conjugate strain.
Structural stiffness	A property of a structure depending both on its intrinsic material stiffness and its geometry. For example, a thin- walled materially stiff vessel can have the same structural stiffness as a thick-walled materially compliant vessel. This stiffness is a critical determinant of hemodynamics.
Strength	A measure of the maximum applied load or stress that can be sustained before failure, as, for example, via dissection or rupture. Fundamentally, material failure occurs when stress exceeds strength.
Compliance	The inverse of stiffness, either material or structural. One clinical measure of compliance is the inverse of distensibility.



Stiffness parameter $\beta = \ln (Ps/Pd) \times D/\Delta D$

 $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ represents arterial **distensibility**

Ps: systolic blood pressure, Pd: diastolic blood pressure, D: diameter of the artery, ΔD: change in diameter.

Vascular calcification of chronic kidney disease: A brief review



Odds ratio of brachial-ankle PWV for presence of high or very-high CKD stage

Variables, unit of increase		Crude				Multivariate-adjusted			
		R CI		р	OR	CI	р		
Aortic PWV, 1 SD									
24-Hour (i.e., 241 cm/s for male, 242 cm/s for female)	3.2	24 2.12-5	5.03 <	0.001	2.75b	0.43–16.95	0.28		
Daytime (i.e., 241 cm/s for male, 243 cm/s for female)	3.1	4 2.06-5	5.09 <	0.001	1.90c	0.30–11.46	0.49		
Nighttime (i.e., 246 cm/s for male, 242 cm/s for female)	3.5	50 2.26-5	5.81 <	0.001	4.80d	1.02-24.20	<0.05		
Brachial-ankle		Risk stratification of CKD categ							
(i.e., 442 cm/s	Total	Low	Low Moderate		rate	High	or verv-		
N	184	65		58		61	/		
Variables eGFR, ml/min/1.73 m2	61.4 ± 27.4	82.7 ± 16.7§		67.0 ± 1	8.2†	33.4±19.2	L+§		
Variable, unit of increa Nighttime aortic SBP, 1ACR, mg/g, median (IQR)a 15 mm Hg for female)	f increa ^{IC SBP, 1} ACR, mg/g, median (IQR)a emale) 21.5 (7.5, 101.6) 7		13.7)§ 27.6 (8.6, 59.8		59.8)†)† 513.7 (72.7, 1,904.4)†			
Nighttime aortic PWV, 242 cm/s for female) 24-Hour aortic SBP, mm Hg	116 ± 13	116 ± 13	13 115 ± 12		12	118 ± 13			
24-Hour aortic PP, mm Hg	36 ± 8	34 ± 7		35 ± 8		39±8+‡			
24-Hour aortic PWV, cm/s	982 ± 241	855 ± 243 §		976 ± 2	29†	1,123 ± 16	3 †§		
24-Hour Alx@75, %	25.6±8.4	24.0 ± 8.8		25.2 ±	7.4	27.7±8.7	7*		
Brachial-ankle PWV, cm/s	1,811 ± 439	1,612 ± 412‡	:	1,794 ± 4	412*	2,040 ± 38.	5 † §		

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