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Identifying Issues and Overcoming Barriers: Hypertension in African Americans

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Hypertension in African Americans

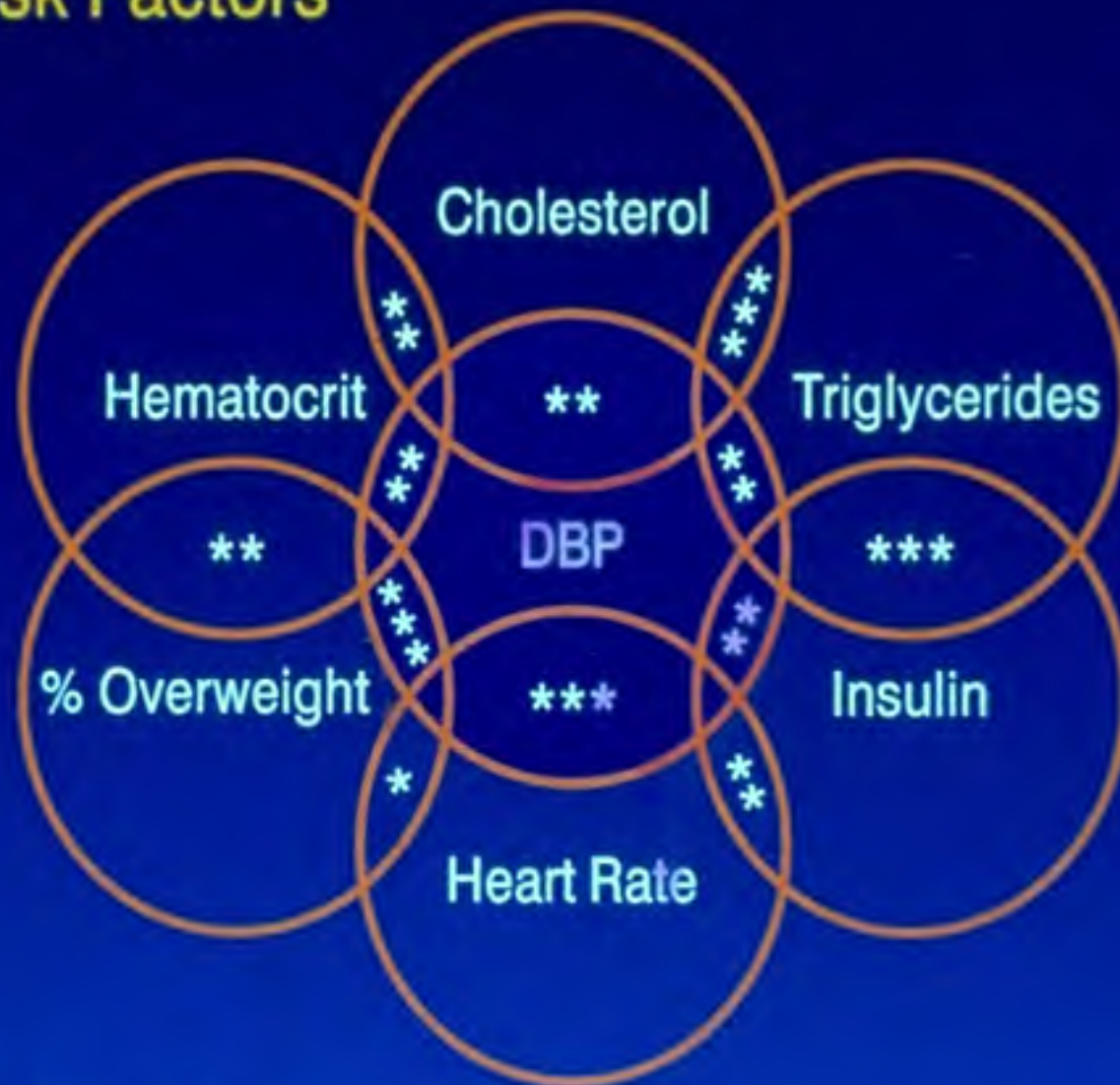
- African Americans develop HTN earlier in life and their average BPs are much higher
- Prevalence of HTN in African Americans in US is among the highest in world
- African American have increased Target Organ Damage compared with whites
 - 4.2X greater rate of ESRD
 - 1.8X greater rate of fatal stroke
 - 1.5X greater rate of heart disease death

The Tecumseh Blood Pressure Study

A prospective epidemiological study of the antecedents of hypertension and cardiovascular disease in 1100 young men and women



Tecumseh BP Study: Association of DBP and Other CHD Risk Factors

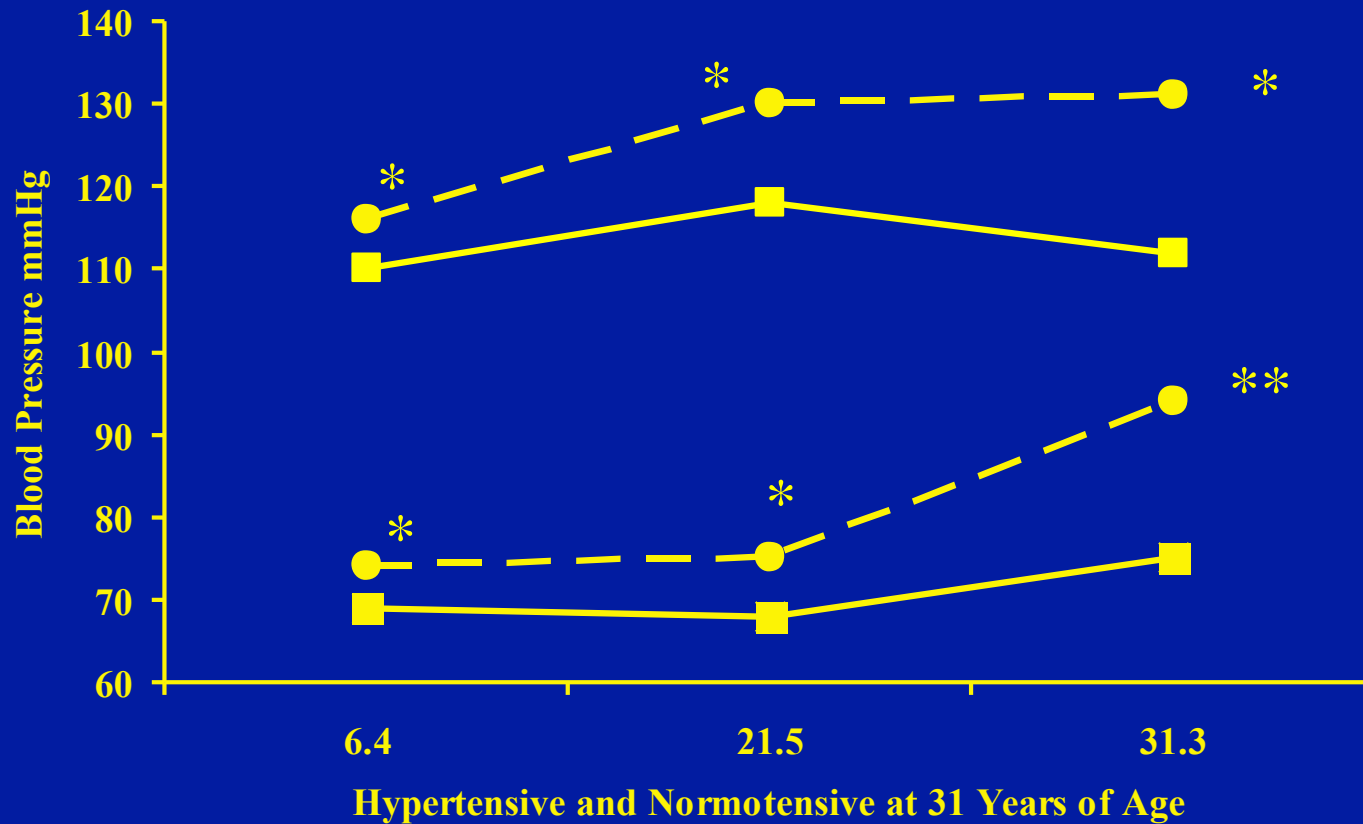


n = 124 (aged 18-38 years)



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BLOOD PRESSURE TRENDS IN TECUMSEH, MI



--●-- Hypertensive
—■— Normotensive

* P < .01

** P < .001

Insulin Resistance Syndrome



TREATMENT

Lifestyle

- Know your caloric needs to achieve and maintain a healthy weight.
- Know the calorie content of the foods and beverages you consume.
- Track your weight, physical activity, and calorie intake.
- Prepare and eat smaller portions.
- Track and, when possible, decrease screen time (eg, watching television, surfing the Web, playing computer games).
- Incorporate physical movement into habitual activities.
- Do not smoke or use tobacco products.
- If you consume alcohol, do so in moderation (equivalent of no more than 1 drink in women or 2 drinks in men per day).

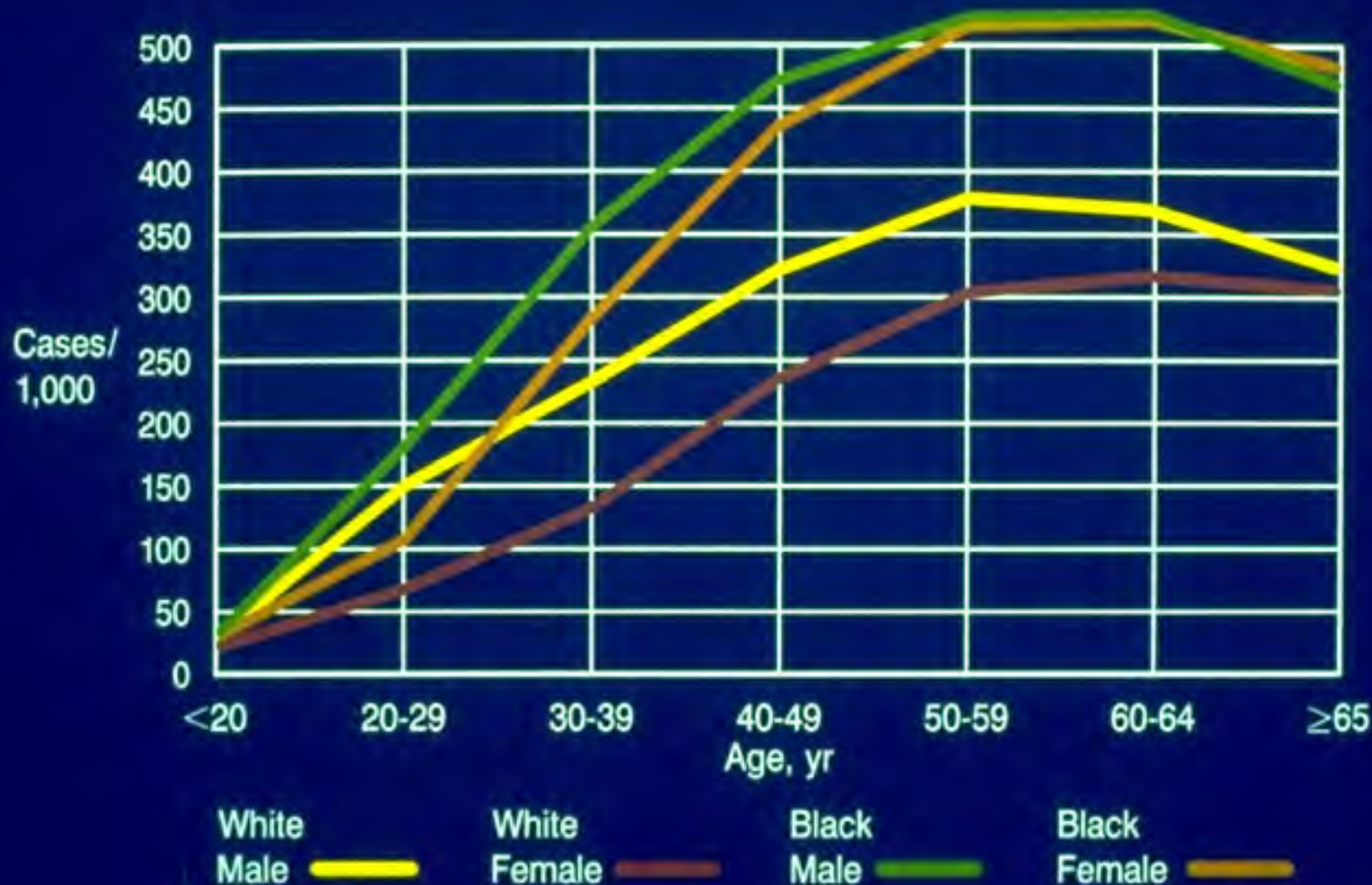
Impact of Surgery For Obesity

- Weight had increased by 1.6% in the control group and decreased by 16.1% in the surgical group
- Calorie intake was lower and physical activity was higher in the surgery group than in the control group
- Recovery from high blood pressure, diabetes, high triglyceride levels, and a low HDL ('good') cholesterol level was more frequent in the surgical group than in the control group, both at 2 and 10 years
- After 10 years diabetes had developed in 24% of those in the non-surgery group and 7% in the surgery group

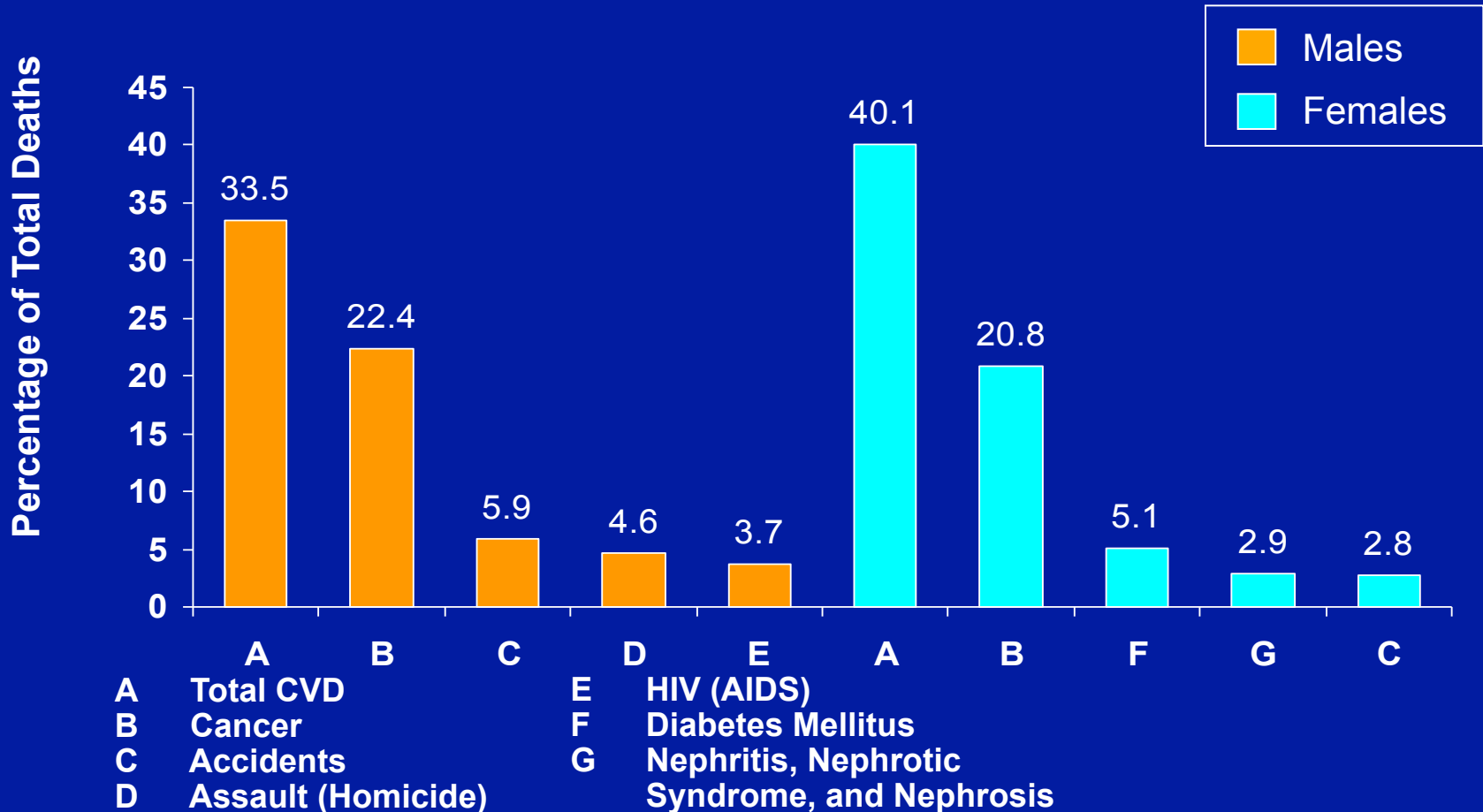
Potential Drugs for Metabolic Syndrome

LIPIDS	HTN	DIAB	OBESE	coag
Stains	Diuretic	SU	orlistat	ASA
ezetimibe	Ace/Arb	MF	sibutramine	clopid
Bile seq	a block	ins	rimonabant	
niacin	Bblock	gilt		
fibrate	CCB	PPG reg		
		incretins		

INCIDENCE OF HYPERTENSION IN BLACK AND WHITE POPULATIONS BY AGE AND SEX

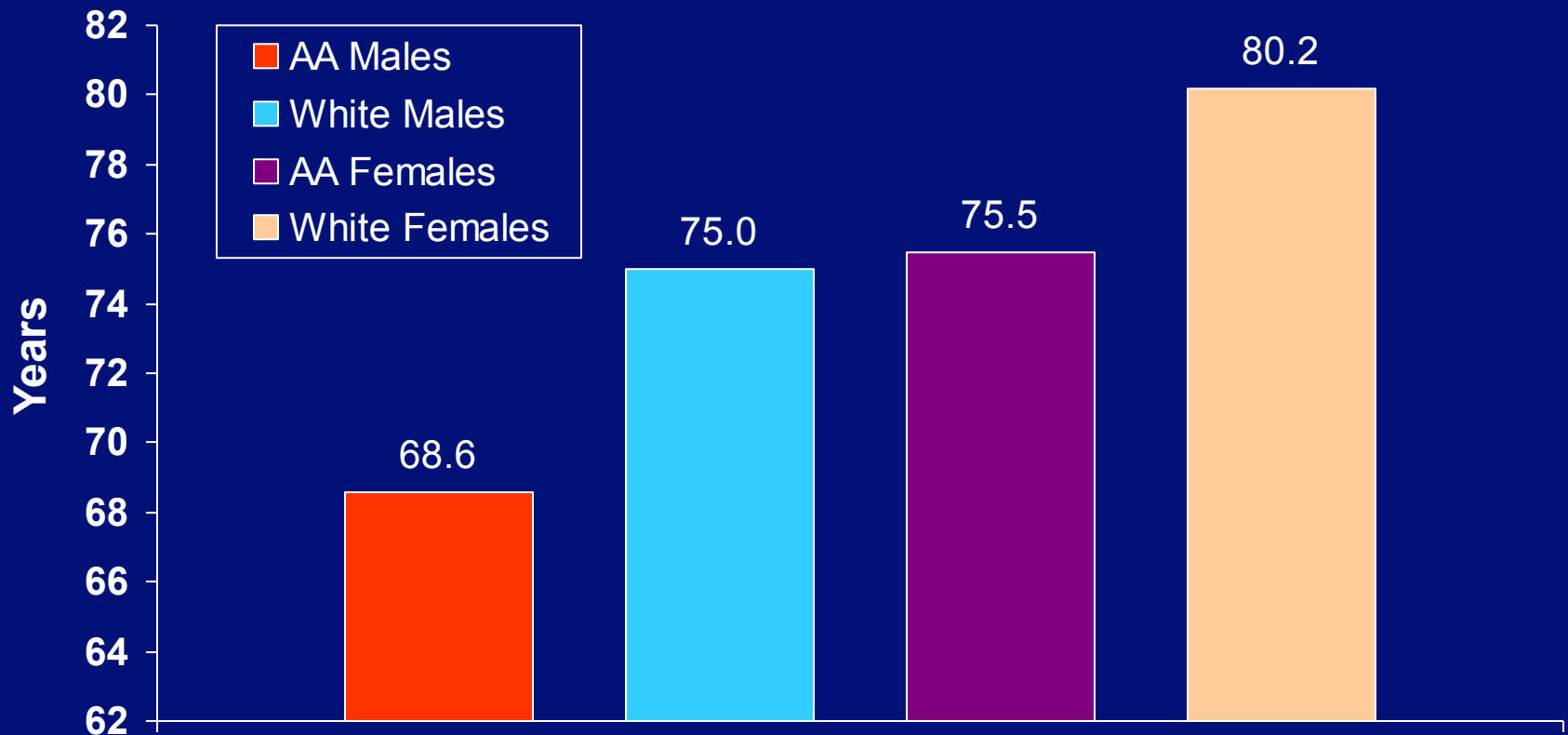


Leading Causes of Death for African American Males and Females

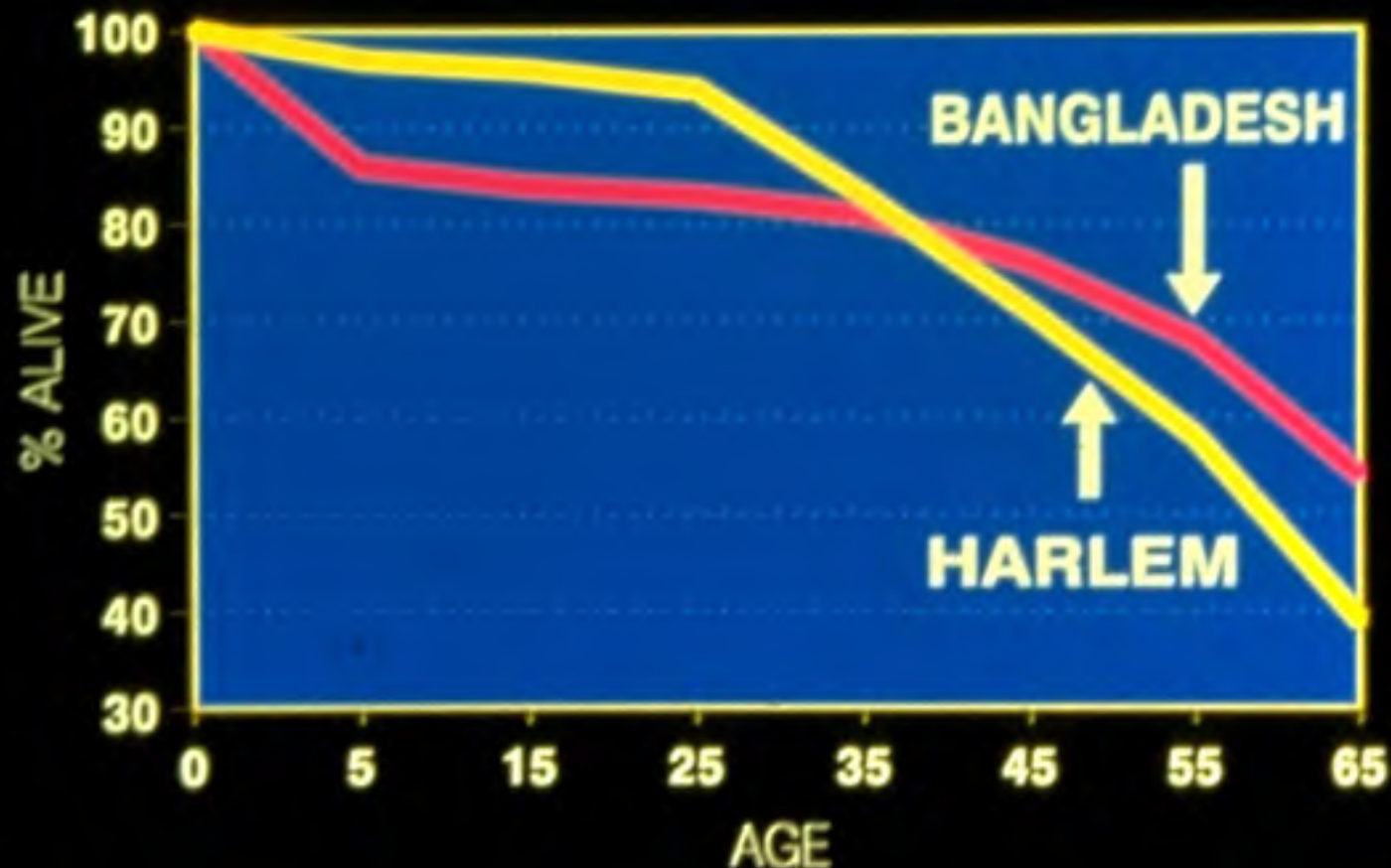


CVD=cardiovascular disease.

Estimated Life Expectancy: 2001



SURVIVAL OF MEN: HARLEM (U.S.) & BANGLADESH



*Is There a Unique Etiology for
Hypertension in African
Americans?*

Repeated Observations on Racial Differences in the Pathophysiology of Hypertension

Variable of Interest	Black vs. White		Family History		Genetic Influence	
	Normotensive	Hypertensive	Black	White	Black	White
Kidney:						
Creatinine clearance	B = W	B < W	?	?	?	Yes
Renal blood flow	?	B < W	?	?	?	?
Excretion of Na ⁺ load	B < W	B < W	?	+ < -	?	Yes
Increase BP with Na ⁺ load	B > W	?	?	?	?	?
Decrease BP with low Na ⁺	B > W	B > W	?	?	?	Yes
Fractional Excret. Li ⁺	B = W	B = W	?	?	?	?
Plasma Renin Activity	B < W	B < W	+ > -	+ > -	?	Yes
Aldosterone	B = W	B = W	?	?	?	?
Sympathetic (UNE/PNE)	B = W	B = W	+ = -	+ < -	?	Yes
Response to Stressors	B = W	B > W	+ > -	+ > -	?	Yes
Dopamine β-Hydroxylase	B < W	B < W	?	?	?	Yes
Kallikrein	B < W	B < W	+ > -	+ > -	?	?
Red Cell Transport	B < W	B < W	?	+ < -	?	Yes
Atrial Natriuretic Factor	?	B > W	?	?	?	?
Natriuretic Hormone	?	?	?	?	?	?

+ = family history positive for hypertension; - = family history negative; = = groups are similar; BP = blood pressure; UNE = urinary norepinephrine; PNE = plasma norepinephrine; ? = unknown
 Updated from Grim, et al and Savage, et al. Saunders: Cardiovascular Disease in Blacks, F.A. Davis Company, 1991.

Physiologic Differences Between Blacks and Whites

- Plasma Renin Activity
- Renal Function
- Vascular Reactivity
- Sodium Sensitivity
- Expanded Plasma Volume

Ethnicity and Plasma Volume in Hypertension

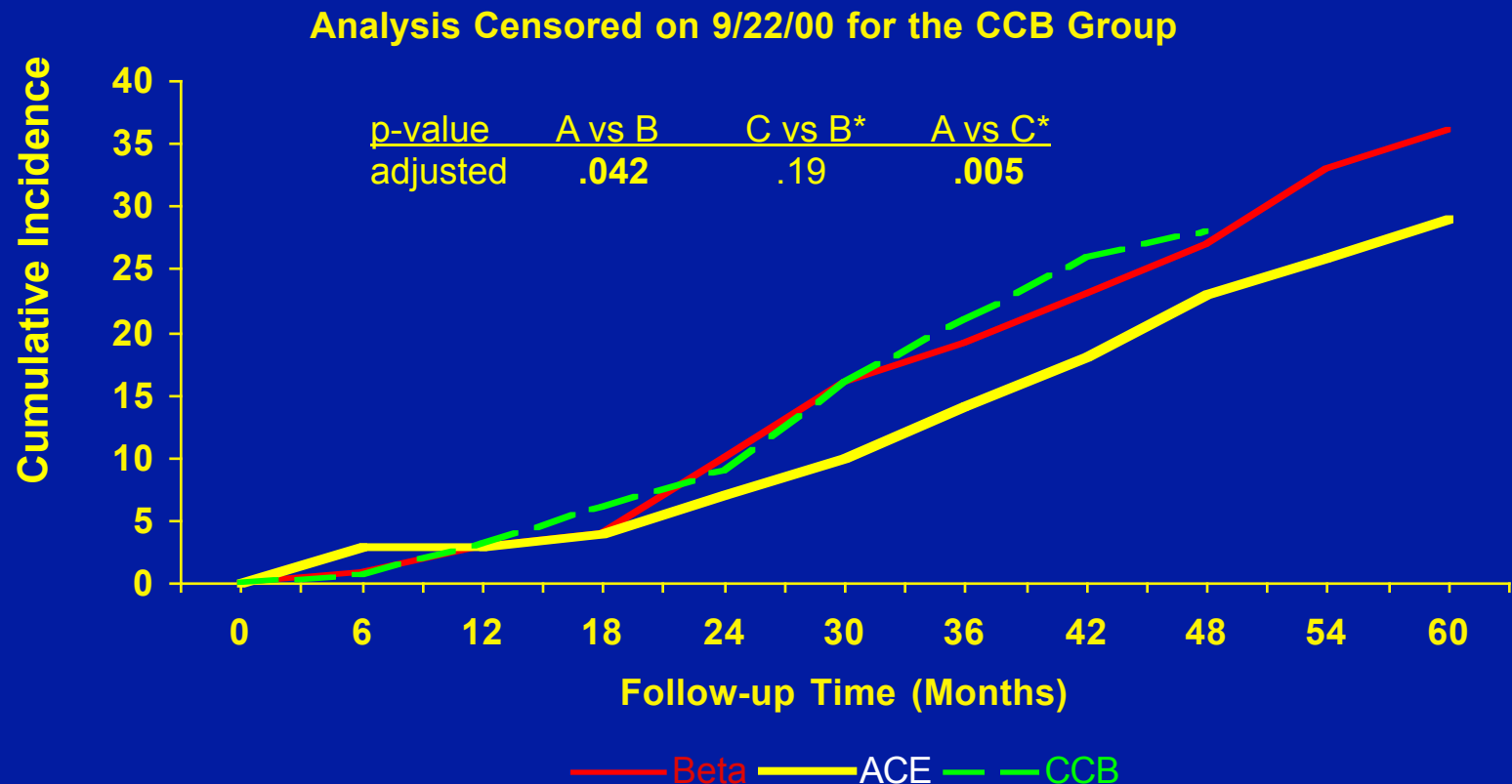
- **172 consecutive cases were examined**
- **Arbitrary cut point for plasma volume were established**
- **Subject with normal plasma volume were excluded for the analysis**

African American Study of Kidney Disease and Hypertension

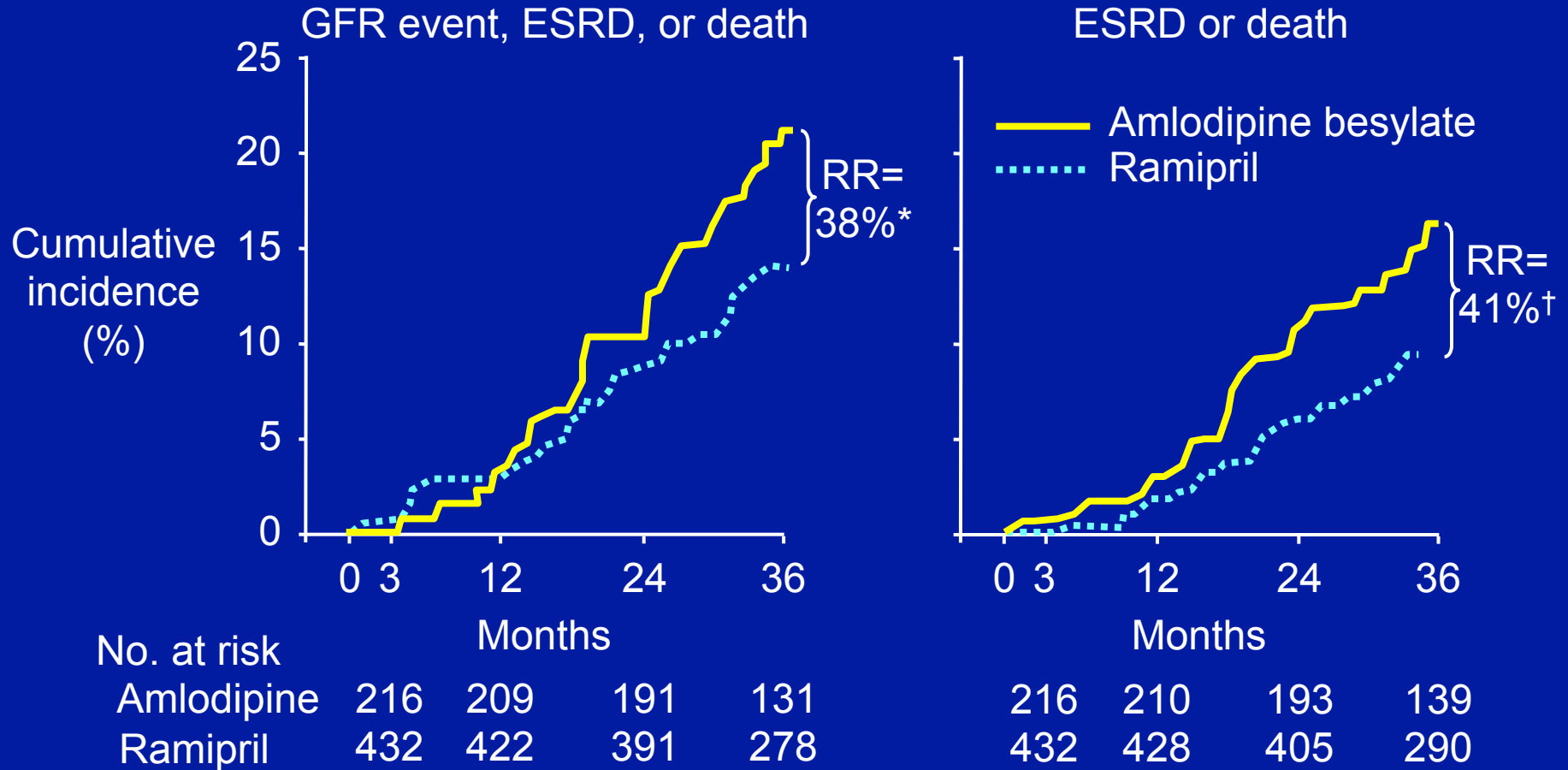
ACHIEVED BLOOD PRESSURE IN AASK

	ACE	CCB	BB	LOW	USUAL
SBP	133.6	131.4	134.2	126.9	140.0
DBP	81.1	80.7	80.9	76.6	85.2
NEED FOR STEP 5	28%	24%	32%	35%	23%

Cumulative Incidence of Confirmed Declining GFR Event, Dialysis or Death by Drug group (Data as of 10/19/01)



Incidence of Renal Events and Death: AASK



GFR, glomerular filtration rate; ESRD, end-stage renal disease; RR, adjusted risk reduction.
 *P=0.005 (95% CI, 13-56%); †P=0.007 (95% CI, 14-60%).

IMPLICATIONS OF THE AASK STUDY

- **Aggressive control of blood pressure can eliminate ethnic differences in ESRD**
- **Inadequate treatment of hypertension may causes excess risk of target organ disease.**
- **Cultural rather than genetic differences may underlay the excess risk of hypertensive ESRD**

- ARE OTHER ETHNIC GROUPS AT RISK FOR CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE?

Prevalence of MI in Asian Indians Living in the U.S.: Introduction

- Approx. 1.9 million Asian Indians currently live in the United States and are one of the fastest growing ethnic minorities in this country
- Data on epidemiology of MI in this community is very limited
- Present study estimates the prevalence of MI and associated risk factors in this group

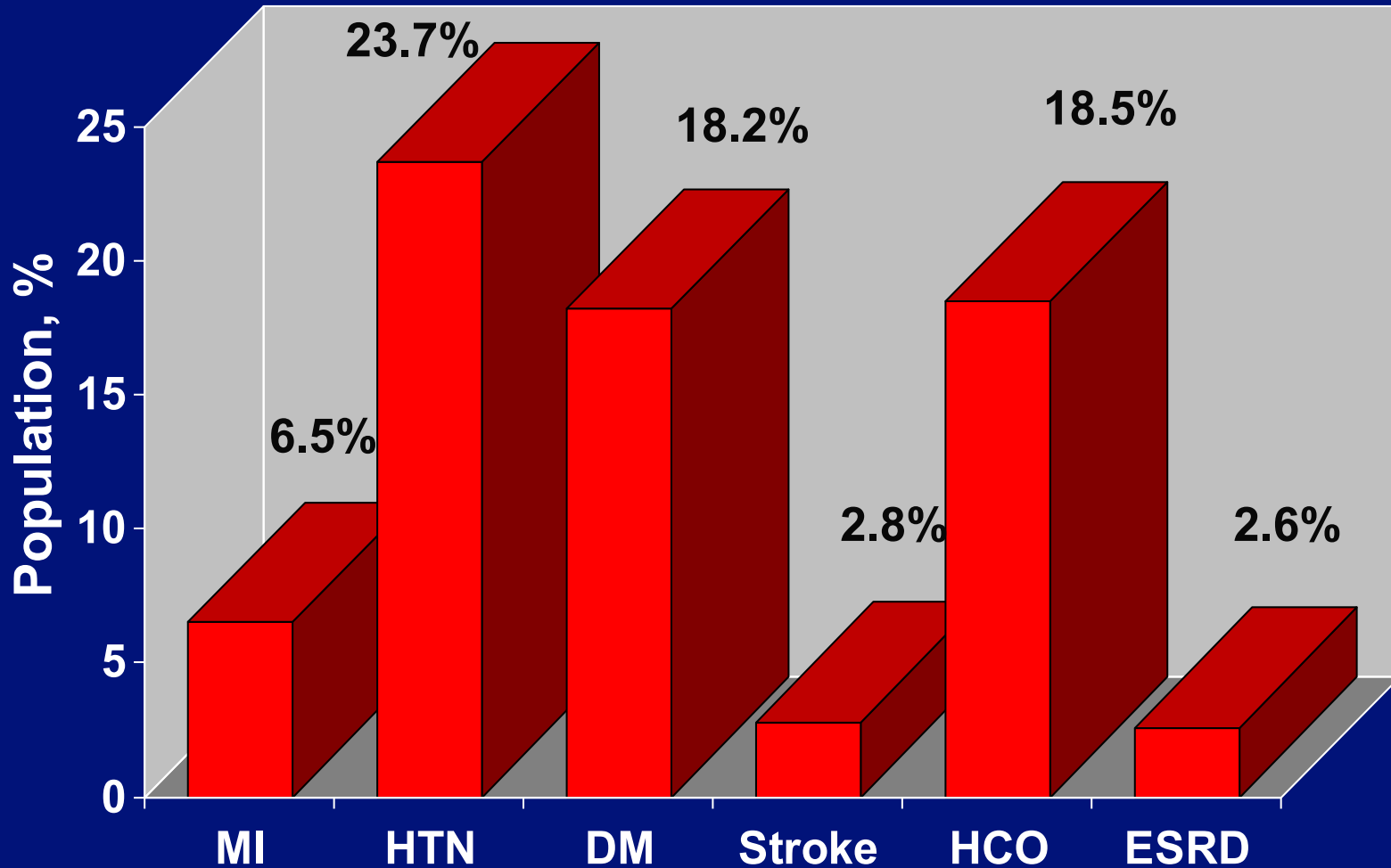
Prevalence of MI in Asian Indians Living in the U.S. -- Results

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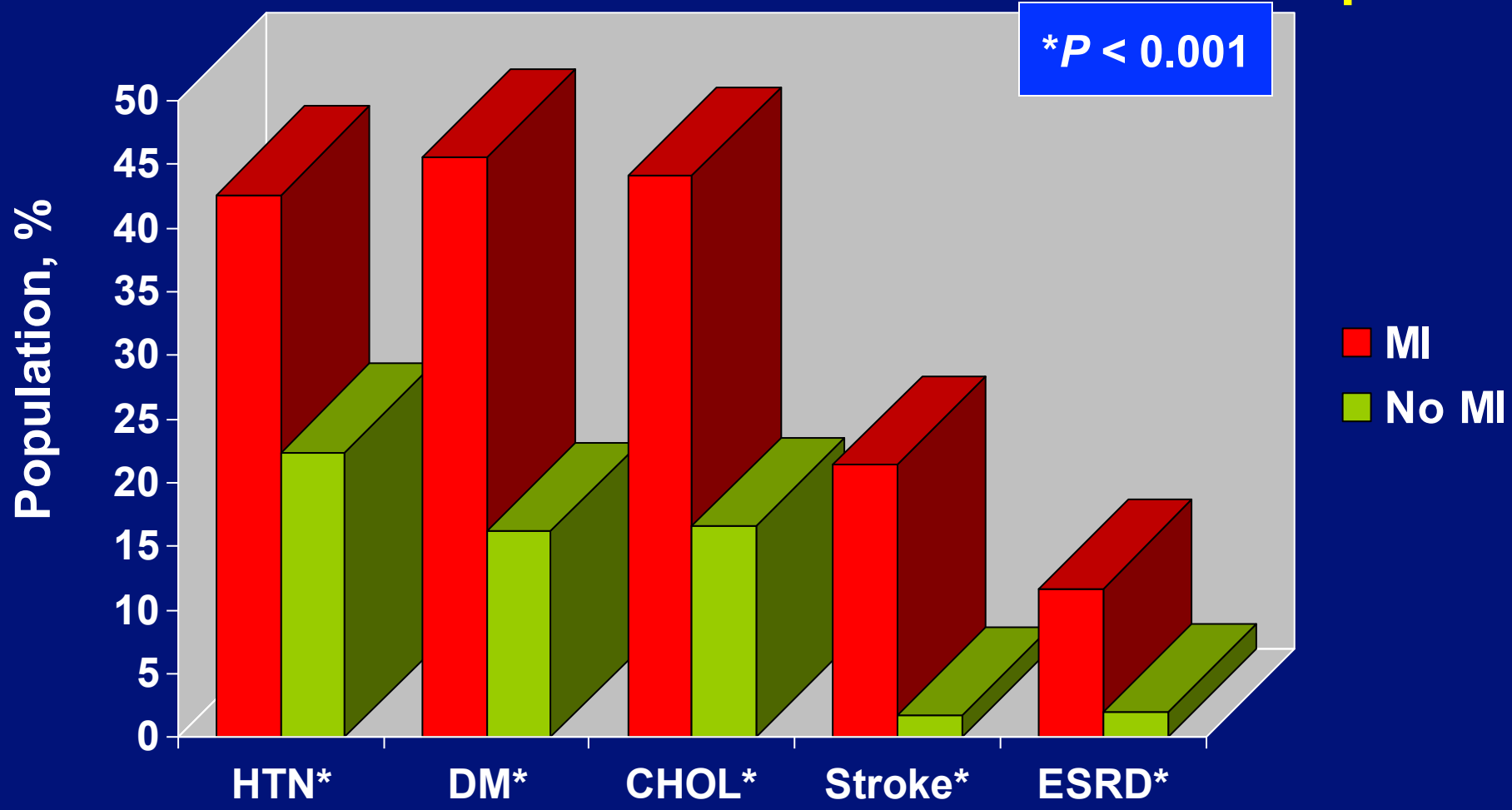
- Total population surveyed—1046 adults*
- 537 men (51.3%), 509 women (48.7%)
 - sex ratio- 1.06
- Mean age of the population 53.7 yrs (\pm 11.3 yrs)
 - ages ranged from 17 to 87 yrs
- Mean age for men 53.7 yrs (\pm 11.3 yrs);
women 51.9 yrs (\pm 11.3 yrs)

***Members of Bochasanwasi Shri Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha, a prominent Hindu sect**

Asian Indians Living in the U.S. -- Prevalence of MI and Risk Factors



Prevalence of MI in Asian Indians Living in the U.S. -- Distribution of Risk Factors in MI and Control Group



Prevalence of MI: Data from India

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- In two large studies from New Delhi, India, the prevalence of MI between ages 25–64 was 1.05%
- Prevalence among Asian Indian immigrants to the U.S. was 5.31% in this age group

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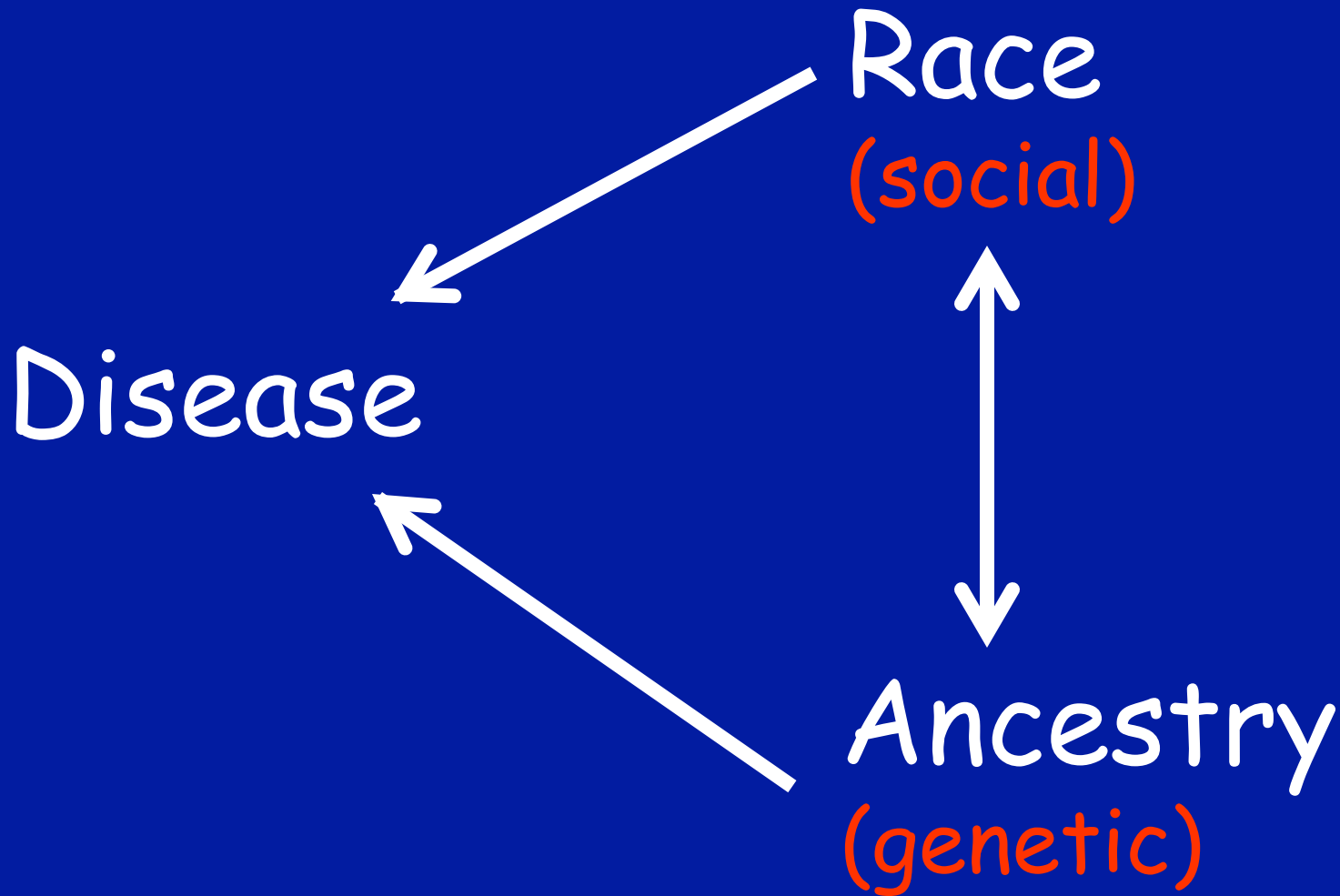
Chadha SL et al. *Indian J Med Res*. 1990;92:424-430.

Conclusions

- Prevalence of MI among Asian Indians in the United States is higher than in India
- It approaches the same level as whites and slightly higher than Hispanics and blacks in the United States
- HTN, HCO, DM, ESRD, stroke and FH of MI were independent risk factors for MI in this group

Models to explain Health Disparities

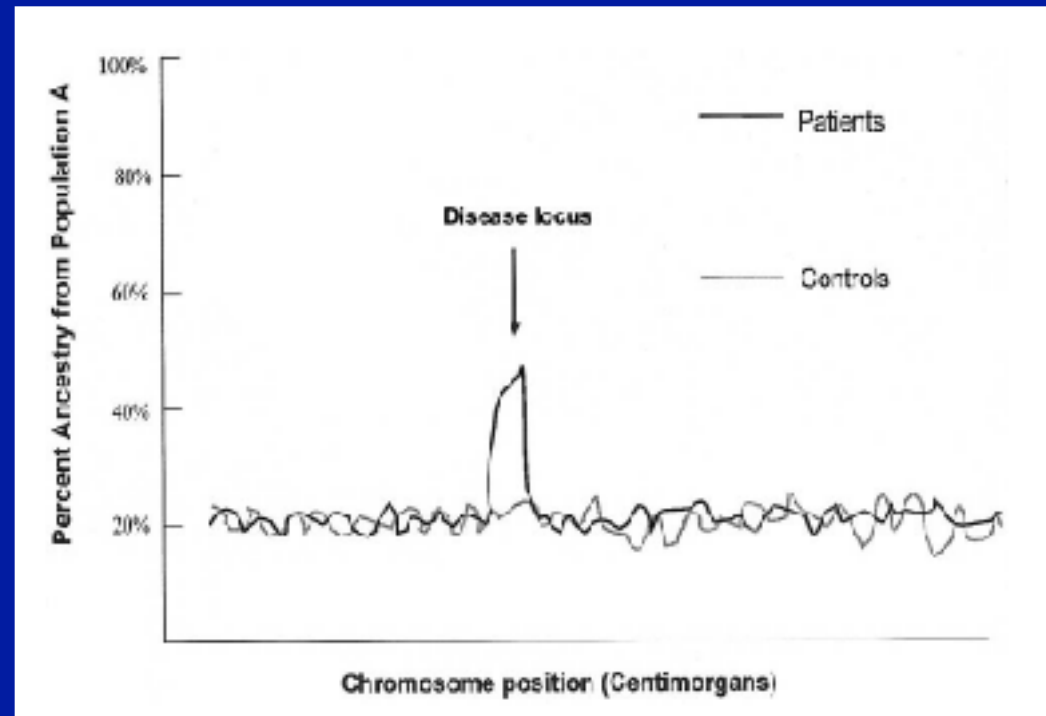
- Racial Genetic Model
 - Cause of HD: population differences in the distribution of *genetic variants*
- Health-behavior Model
 - Cause of HD: differences between R/E groups in the distribution of *individual behaviors* related to health such as diet, exercise, and tobacco use
- SES Model
 - Cause of HD: over-representation of some R/E groups within *lower SES*
- Psychosocial Stress Model
 - Cause of HD: stresses associated with minority group status, especially the experience of racism and discrimination



Although much genetic variation (85-90%) is shared among all human populations, about 5% of SNPs have high levels of allele frequency differential ($\delta > 50\%$). We call these markers Ancestry Informative Markers (AIMs).

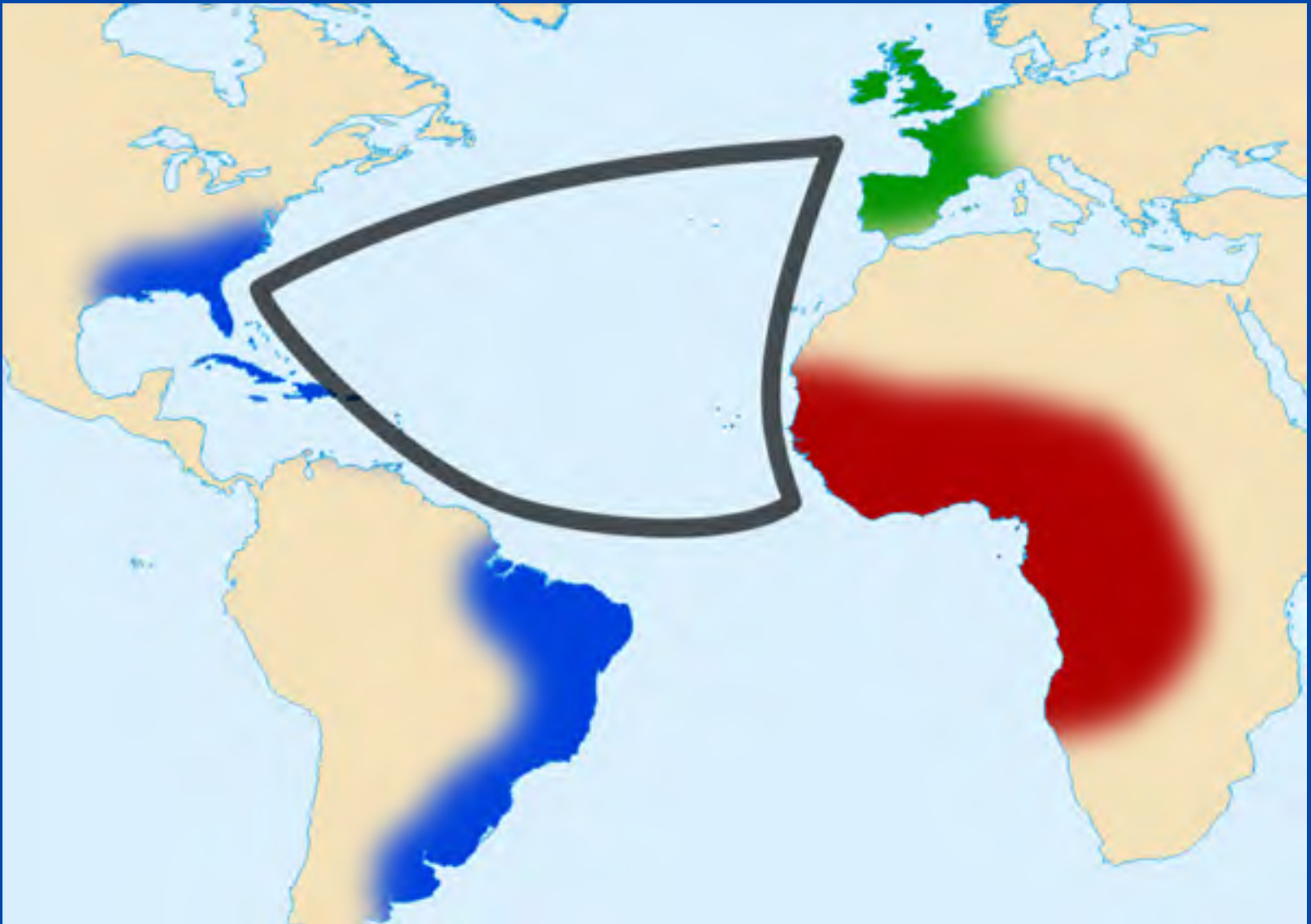
Admixture mapping for disease genes


Disease gene identification may be facilitated if we know which parts of the genome the cases and controls have inherited at a disproportionate rate from one of the parental populations.



Era of Genomic Ancestry and challenges related to Health.

1. Group definition and membership.
2. Can we accurately assess genomic ancestry?
3. How does genomic ancestry relate to skin color and possibly SES?
4. How useful is genomic ancestry for informing us about disease risk?
5. Health Disparities: are they due to biological differences?
6. How do we prevent repeating the negative past abuses of “race”.



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