HYPERTENSION CONTROLIN HUNGARY

EFFECTS OF MEDICAL AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

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Background: The Hungarian Society of Hypertension (HSH) initiated and completed six main programs involving 96,972 patients during the last 10 years:

- Effective Control of Hypertension (ECHP: 15,000 pts.)¹,
- Hypertension and Diabetes in the Elderly (HID: 1,100 pts),
- Manage It Well (MIW: 6,500 pts)²,
- Guidelines And Practice (GAP: 11,000 pts)³,
- -Live Below 140/90 (LB140/90: 38,372 pts)⁴.

Objectives: To investigate the effects of

- medical education as well as of
- public education

on the Well Controlled Rate (WCR: <140/90 mm Hg) of hypertensive patiens using the office blood pressures measured according to 2003 ESH/ESC Guidelines and 2005 HSH Guidelines

ECHP Rate of controlled (BP< 140/90 mmHg) hypertensives

Reference group: Intervention group: (intensive teaching)

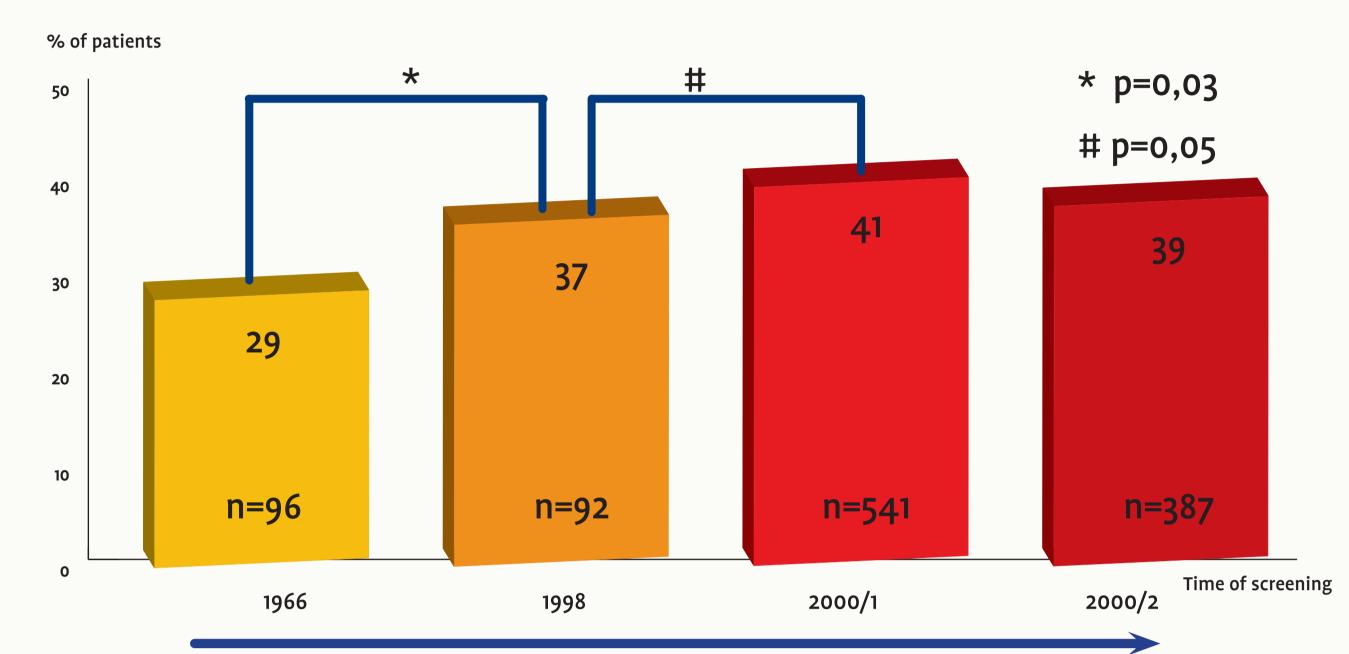
at 6thmonth 13,8 % 25,5 %

at the end of Project

14,9 % 34,5 %

By intensive teaching of the family physicians the rate of controlled hypertensive patients can significantly be improved.

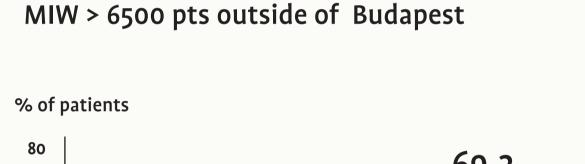
HID Rate of controlled (<140/90 mmHg) hypertension in the elderly

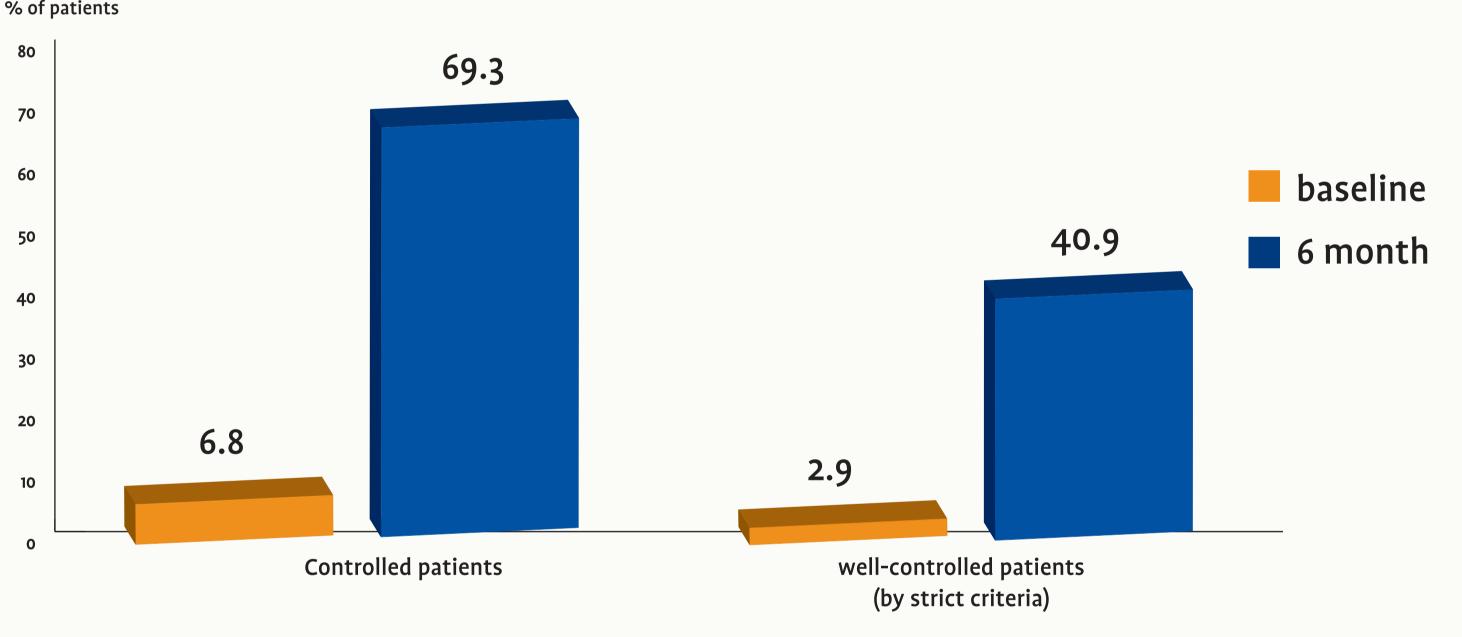


Intervention (education of physicians and patients)

MIW Teaching physicians and their patients

Effect of the Manage It Well program controlled rates (SBP + DBP)

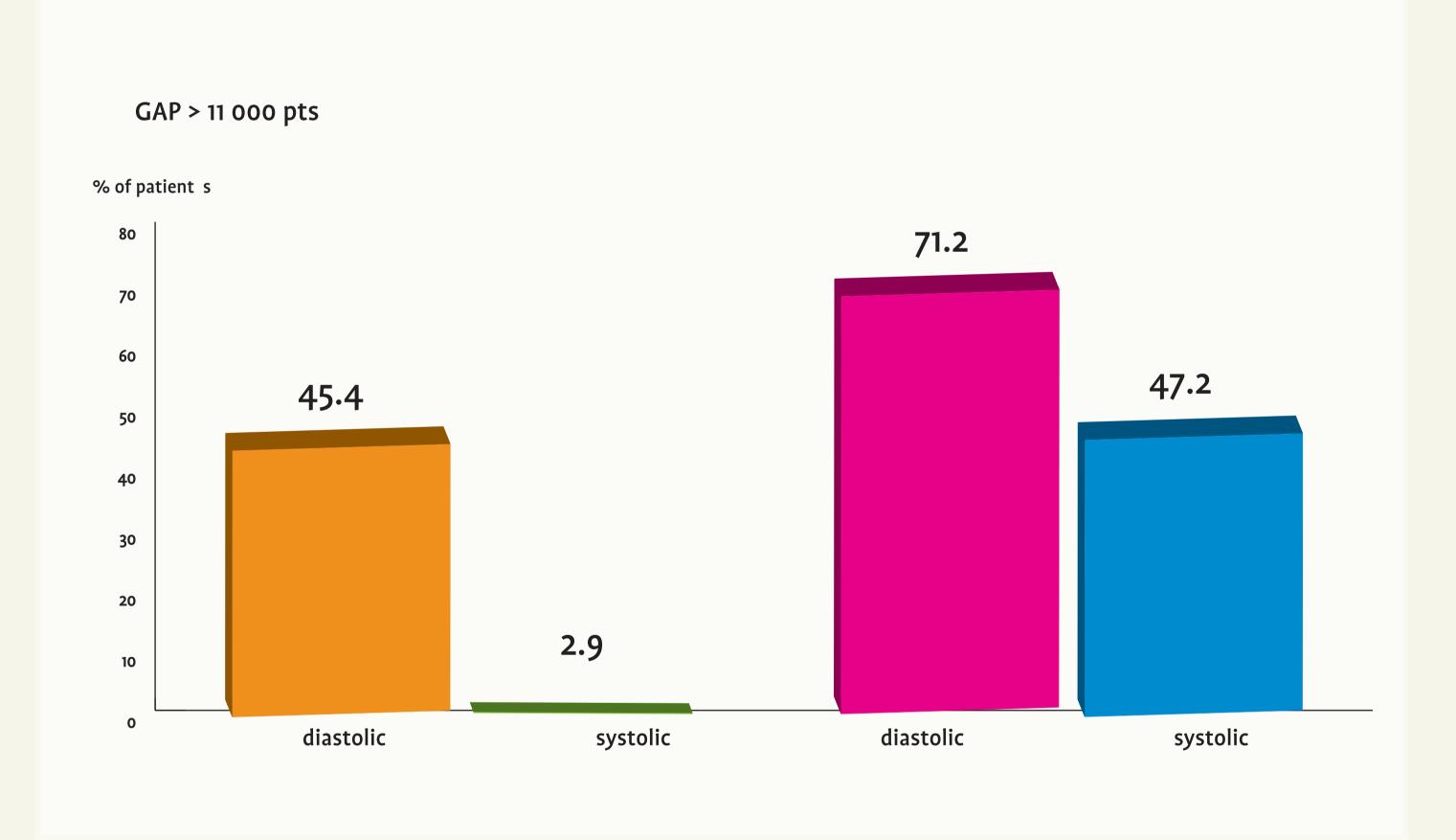




Controlled patients: ≤140 mmHg, and ≤90 mmHg, Well controlled (strict): <13 o mmHg and <80 mmHg

GAP Guideline And Practice

Blood pressure controlled rates (BP <140/90 mmHg) of treated hypertensives in 130 Hungarian primary care offices (2001–2002)



Live Below 140/90

2005: No of hypertensive patients: 38,372

Therapy	N	%
Not treated	5.842	15.2 %
1 drug	8.046	21.0 %
2 drug	11.303	29.5 %
4 or more drugs	4.546	11.8 %
All patients	38.372	100 %

Below 140/90 mmHg	N	%
Yes	14 722	39.3 %
No	22 711	60.7 %

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Conclusions:

WCR can be significantly increased by both, teaching physicians and educate patients, but the combination of the two is significantly more effective. Much more emphasis should be put on education of physicians and the public concerning the importance of target blood pressure (<130/80 mm Hg) of diabetic patients.



