Understand Hypertension: The Six Key Causes Transcript

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Introduction to Hypertension Causes

Welcome to the reverse your hypertension naturally summit. I'm Dr. Laurie Marbas, your host.

Poor Diet and Blood Pressure

And today we're going to delve into the six leading causes of high blood pressure, understanding not just what they are, but how they impact our bodies.

Now, remember, hypertension affects millions globally and is a major risk factor for heart disease and stroke. To manage and reverse it, we must first understand its root causes and how they affect our physiology.

Number one, poor diet. The first major cause is diet. High salt intake causes the body to retain water, increasing the volume of blood in the arteries and subsequently blood pressure.

Lack of Physical Activity

Saturated fats and processed foods can cause inflammation and hardening of the arteries, making it harder for the heart to pump blood on the other hand, a lack of fruits and vegetables and whole grains deprives the body of essential nutrients like potassium, which help balance the amount of sodium in our cells.

It is vital for blood pressure Regulation. Number two lack of physical activity. Physical inactivity leads to a sedentary lifestyle, contributing to weight gain and obesity.

Key risk factors for hypertension, lack of exercise, results in reduced heart and vascular fitness leading to higher heart rates and stiffer arteries, both of which increase blood pressure.

Alcohol, Tobacco, and Blood Pressure

No regular physical physical activity helps reduce body weight, improve heart health, and increase artery elasticity. All of which will help lower blood pressure.

Number three, excessive alcohol and tobacco use. Excessive alcohol consumption can lead to weight gain, damage to the heart, muscle and long term blood vessel damage, all contributing to increased blood pressure, tobacco and nicotine in cigarettes cause narrowing of the arteries and a temporary spike in blood pressure and repeated use leads to long term artery stiffness and hypertension.

Stress and Hypertension

Number four stress. Chronic stress triggers the body's fight or flight response, releasing hormones like adrenaline and cortisol, which temporarily increase heart rate and constrict blood vessels, raising blood pressure.

Now, prolonged stress can lead to sustained blood plus blood vessel constriction and heart rate increases coupled with unhealthy habits like poor eating and lack of exercise, further exacerbating hypertension.

Underlying Conditions and Genetics

Number five Other underlying health conditions and genetics conditions like kidney disease affect the body's ability to regulate fluid and sodium balance, leading to an increased blood volume and pressure, diabetes damages, arteries making them stiffer.

Hormonal imbalances can affect the kidneys and adrenal glands, disrupting blood pressure regulation. Now, genetics can predispose individuals to these conditions and to hypertension, directly affecting how the body manages blood pressure.

Number six, insulin resistance. Lastly, insulin resistance, often a precursor to Type two diabetes or pre-diabetes, can lead to high blood pressure. It causes the body produce more insulin to maintain glucose their glucose levels.

Insulin Resistance and Hypertension

Excess insulin can make the kidneys retain sodium, increasing fluid volume and blood pressure. It can also affect the sympathetic nervous system, increasing the heart rate and constricting arteries, further elevating blood pressure.

So understanding these six causes gives us a roadmap for managing and reversing hypertension. By addressing these factors through lifestyle changes, we can significantly impact our overall health.

Thank you for being part of this very critical discussion.