

### Orthostatic hypotension and supine hypertension

#### Diagnosis and treatment

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# Learning objective

At the conclusion of this session, participants should be better able to:

- Understand the mechanisms underlying orthostatic hypotension and supine hypertension
- Screen and plan the diagnostic work-up for people with suspected autonomic failure
- Treat people with orthostatic hypotension and/or supine hypertension.

# Key messages

- Screen for neurogenic OH with supine to standing HR and BP measurements.
- Confirm the diagnosis with cardiovascular autonomic function tests under continuous non-invasive HR and BP monitoring.
- Screen for neurogenic supine hypertension when planning treatment.
- Treat both neurogenic OH and SH with a stepwise combination of non-pharmacological and pharmacological measures.

### Literature recommendations

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