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Hypertension

National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse (NDIC)

Definitions

Blood vessels

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Kidney

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Stroke

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Heart attack

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A condition present when blood flows through the [blood vessels](#) with a force greater than normal. Also called **high blood pressure**. Hypertension can strain the heart, damage blood vessels, and increase the risk of [heart attack](#), [stroke](#), [kidney](#) problems, and death.