

Quotable quotes

“Blood pressure has to be taken in patients over the age of 80 and, if it is repeatedly high, the treatment has to be investigated. The question arises – what treatment? The treatment we used – indapamide SR 1.5 mg plus or minus perindopril – did the trick.”

Professor C Bulpitt

“In the UK about 150,000 people suffer a stroke each year, the equivalent of 1 every 4 minutes.”

Imperial College London News Release, March 31st 2008

“Stroke is a devastating problem in the very elderly and patients really fear it. Patients are prepared to go to lengths to make sure that they don’t get strokes.”

Professor C Bulpitt

“The over 80s are the fastest growing group in the population worldwide.”

Imperial College London News Release, March 31st 2008

“There was a need for the trial because there was an unanswered question as to what were the benefits and what were the risks.”

Professor C Bulpitt

“You could not refer to HYVET as ‘another hypertension trial’. Nobody has done a trial in this particular age group before.”

Dr R Peters

“HYVET provides unique evidence that hypertension treatment in the very elderly is beneficial and is associated with reduced risks of death from stroke, death from any cause, and any heart failure.”

Dr N Beckett *et al.* Hypertension in Patients aged 80 or over: The Hypertension in the Very Elderly Trial. *NEJM* (in press).

“An unexpected finding of our trial is the reduction in the risk of death from any cause with active treatment, making HYVET one of the few individual studies of hypertension showing benefits of blood pressure reduction on mortality.”

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“The reduction of the risk of death from any cause in the active treatment group clearly indicates the overall advantage of active treatment in HYVET.”

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