

# Chronic HTN

CC: History of HTN

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**Orders: All patients with current hypertensive disorders should have a fetal growth ultrasound every 4-6 weeks, unless indicated earlier.**

Diagnosis	Orders
h/o HTN BP > 145 or > 95 on two occasions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Labetalol 100-200 po BID, titrate q 3-7 days to SBP &lt;140, DBP &lt;90</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> EKG</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Baseline PIH labs (CBC, Chem 14, LDH, D-Dimer, fibrinogen, PT/PTT/INR, uric acid)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 24 hour urine for protein &amp; creatinine clearance</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Maternal echocardiogram if severe HTN and longer than two years since diagnosis, symptoms of CHF, or if signs of peripheral edema (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> trimester)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Growth sonograms q 4-6 weeks after 24 weeks, with S:D ratios if delayed growth or severe HTN</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> NST/AFI 2x/week at 32 weeks</li> </ul>
h/o HTN BP wnl	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Antihypertensive medication not indicated</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> EKG, baseline PIH labs</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Consider 24 hour urine protein &amp; creatinine clearance, especially if + protein on dip</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> If medications initiated for increasing BP after 20 weeks, repeat 24 hour urine for protein, do serial sonograms and start NST at 32 weeks</li> </ul>
Hypertensive crisis SBP > 160 DBP > 105	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Admit, consider ICU admission (if HTN refractory to medication)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Immediate IV antihypertensive medication:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Labetalol 10-20 mg IV (slow -2 min), expect max effect at 5 minutes</li> <li>➤ Repeat Labetalol q 10 minutes until adequate response, up to 80 mg IV per dose, max total dose 300 mg</li> <li>➤ Hydralazine 5-10 mg IV (slow push)</li> <li>➤ Repeat hydralazine q 20 minutes until adequate response, 40 mg per dose</li> <li>➤ Change hydralazine to another med if not meeting desired response after 20 mg</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Magnesium sulfate 4 g bolus then 2 g q hour for seizure prophylaxis                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Place Foley with strict I/O's, monitor DTR and mental status hourly while on magnesium</li> <li>➤ Check magnesium levels q 4-6 hours</li> <li>➤ Dose reduce if kidney function impaired</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Consider nicardipine drip if refractory HTN, 5 mg/h, increase by 2.5 mg h q 15 min until effect achieved, max 15mg/h</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Continuous electronic fetal monitor if fetus viable</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ultrasound for EFW, include S:D ratios</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> PIH labs</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 24 hour urine for protein &amp; creatinine clearance</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Consider delivery, steroids for fetal lung maturity</li> </ul>

## History:

- Elevated BP on two separate occasions, diagnosed prior to pregnancy

## Initial Visit:

- Year of diagnosis
- Previous treatment
- Exposure to teratogenic antihypertensive medication (ACE inhibitor)
- Baseline BP, vitals, note presence/absence of peripheral edema
- Baseline deep tendon reflexes

## Notes:

- Consider 24 hour urine for catecholamines if HTN is paroxysmal.
- Increase frequency of S:D ratios, venous Doppler, MCA Doppler if fetus shows signs of growth restriction (see IUGR protocol)
- Consider renal artery ultrasound if high index of suspicion for renal artery stenosis, or renal ultrasound if concomitant renal disease is noted.

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Note: these orders are in addition to the standard or routine workup for prenatal care.