

Blood pressure: Know your numbers

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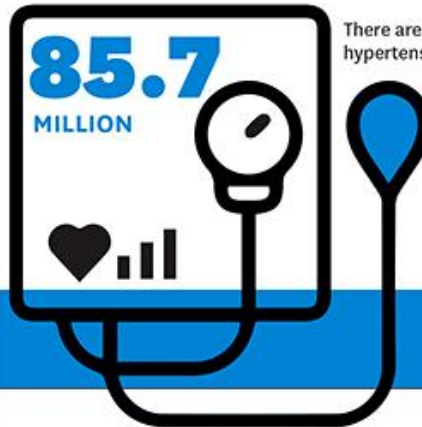
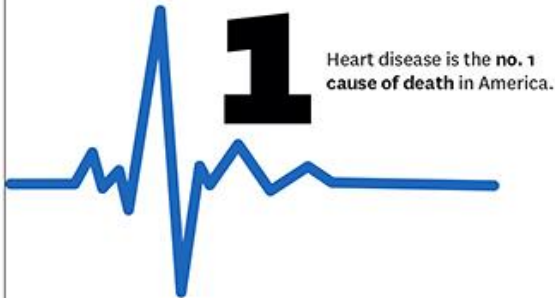
In That Number Lower Blood Pressure Target



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92.1 MILLION 

There are **92.1 million** adults affected by heart disease in America.



<140

Previously, **<140 mm Hg** was thought to be the target number for systolic blood pressure (SBP) in adults with hypertension.

42 Researchers from Tulane University schools of Public Health and Tropical Medicine and Medicine analyzed **42 clinical trials** to come to the conclusion on lower SBP.

120-124

A new study by Tulane University researchers led by Dr. He finds that **120-124 mm Hg** could be a better SBP treatment target for preventing cardiovascular disease and mortality.



The combined trials for the study involved **144,220 patients**.