

## **Underdiagnosis of hypertension in children and adolescents.**

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In this study, only one-quarter of children with high blood pressure were correctly diagnosed with hypertension. The authors attribute this to two factors: pediatricians' lack of knowledge of the normal blood pressure range for different ages and lack of awareness of patients' previous blood pressure measurements.