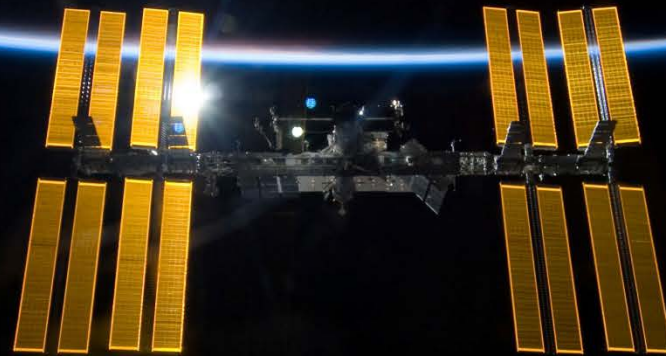




THE VISUAL IMPAIRMENT INTRACRANIAL PRESSURE SYNDROME IN LONG DURATION U.S. ASTRONAUTS: EPIDEMIOLOGY AND PATHOPHYSIOLOGY

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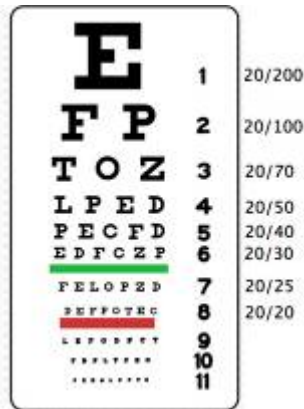


Visual Impairment Intracranial Pressure Syndrome Signs



•Hyperopic Shifts

-Up to +1.75 diopters

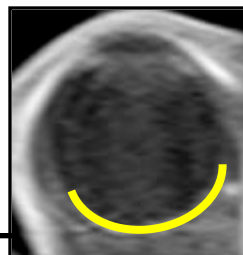


•Altered Blood flow

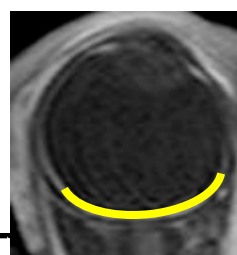
•“cotton wool” spots



•Globe Flattening



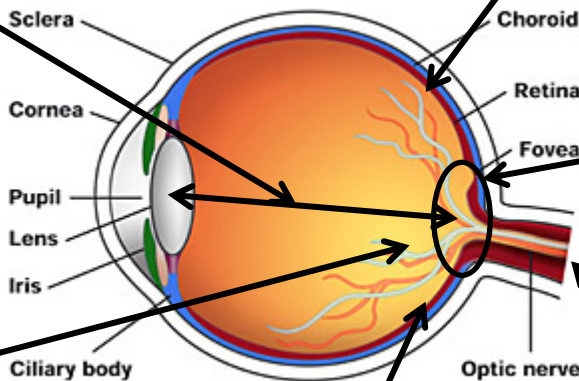
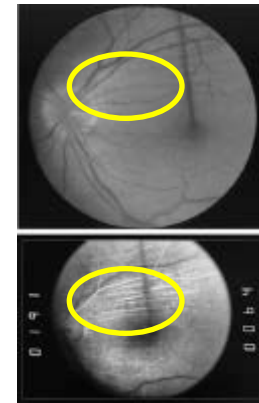
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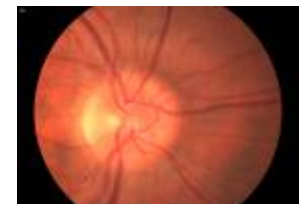
Flatten Globe

•Choroidal Folds

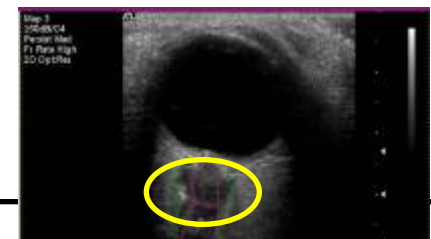
- parallel grooves in the posterior pole



•Optic Disc Edema (swelling)



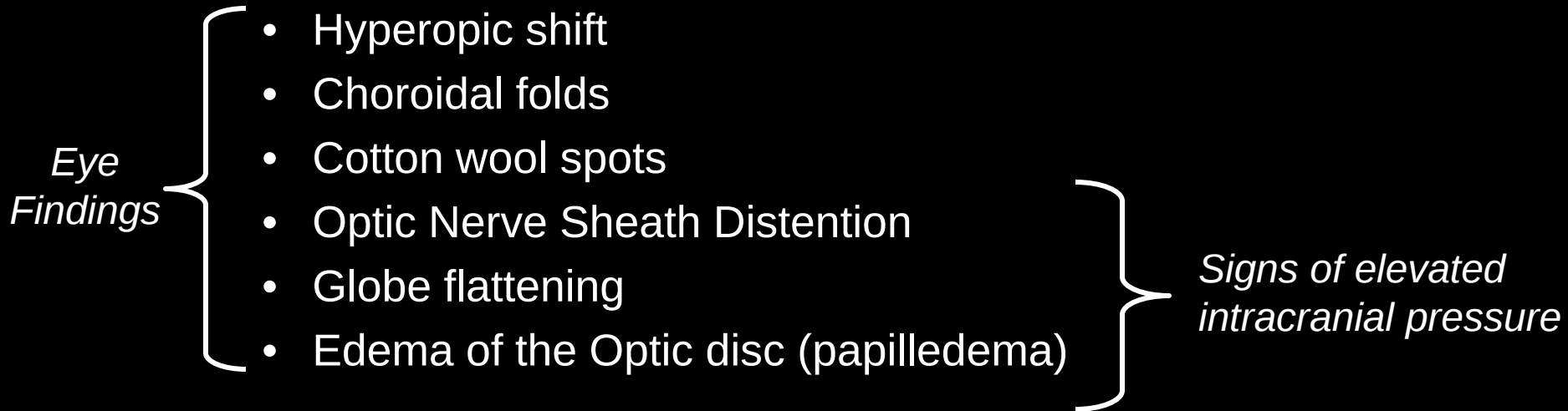
•Increased Optic Nerve Sheath Diameter





VIIP Clinical Findings

- To date 15 U.S. ISS long-duration spaceflight astronauts have developed some or all of the following findings:



- High postflight intracranial pressure in four crew members:
 - 15.4-21.3mmHg (Normal: 7-15mmHg) or,
 - 21-29 cmH₂O, Normal: 9.5-20.4cmH₂O

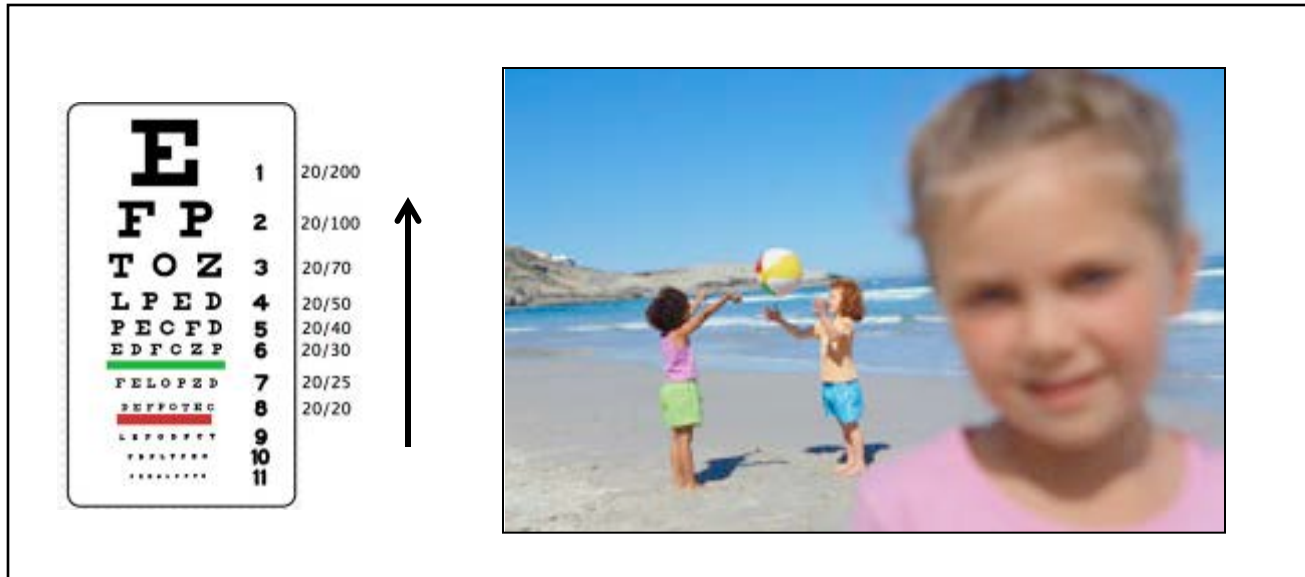


Initial Identification of the VIIP: Subjective Changes in Vision



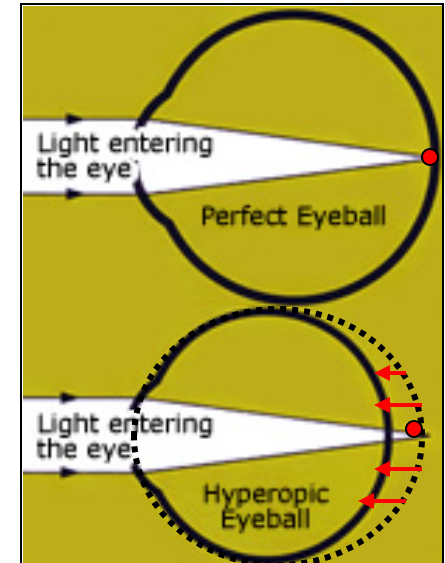
- 50% of long- duration (ISS) mission astronauts report a subjective degradation in vision, primarily increasing *farsightedness*

- **Hyperopic shift**
Decreased near visual acuity, distant vision intact



(1 mm decrease in axial length is equivalent to a 3 dioper hyperopic shift)

Normal Eye



Hyperopic Eye



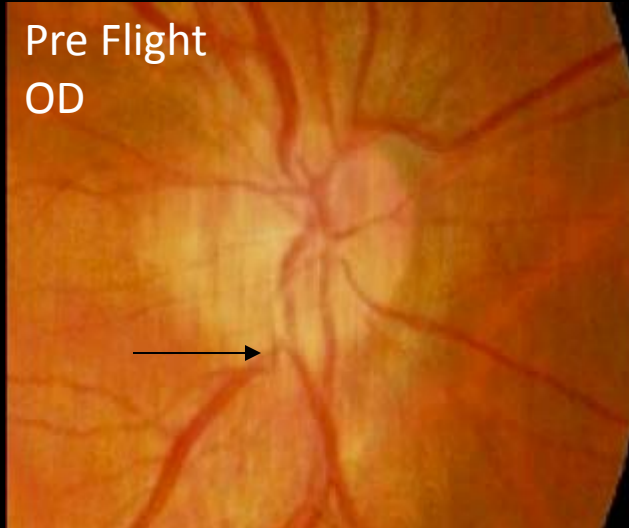
Pre to Post Flight Papilledema: A Clinical Sign of Raised Intracranial Pressure



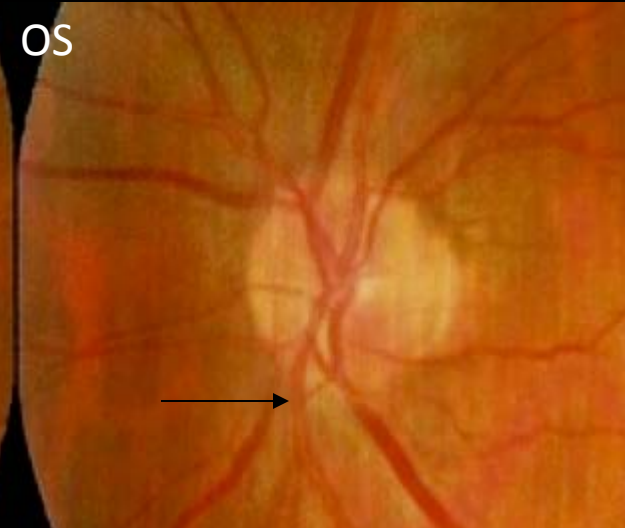
Pre Flight

Fundoscopic images of the right and left optic disc.

Pre Flight
OD



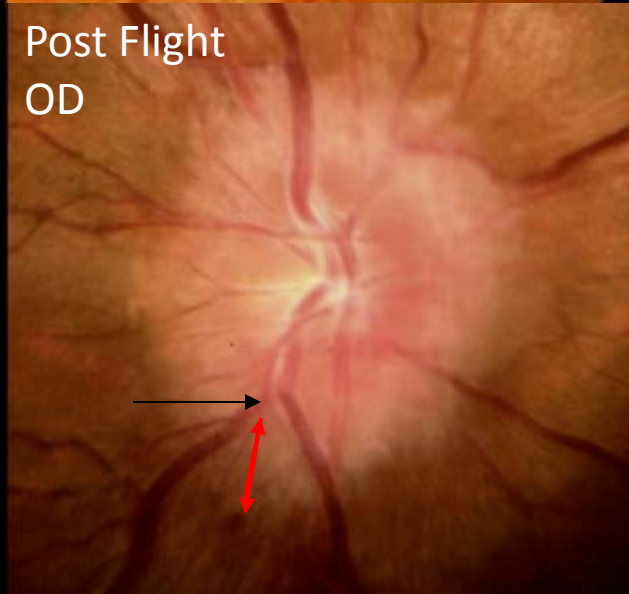
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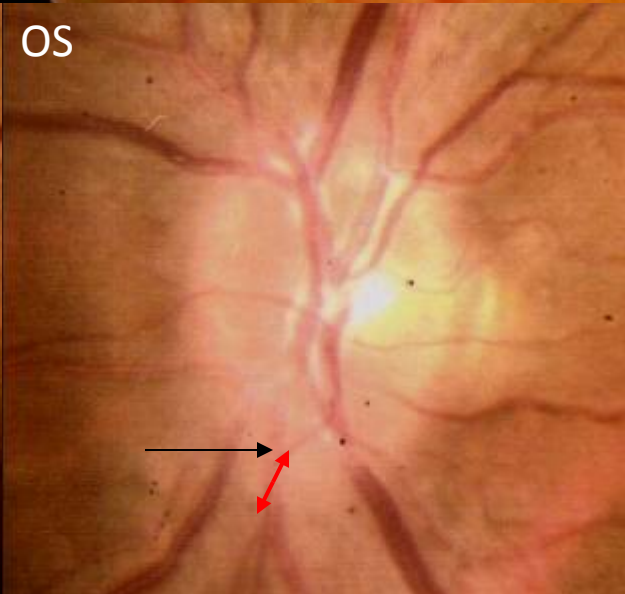
Post Flight

Fundoscopic images of the right and left optic disc showing **Grade 3 edema right** and **Grade 1 edema left**.

Post Flight
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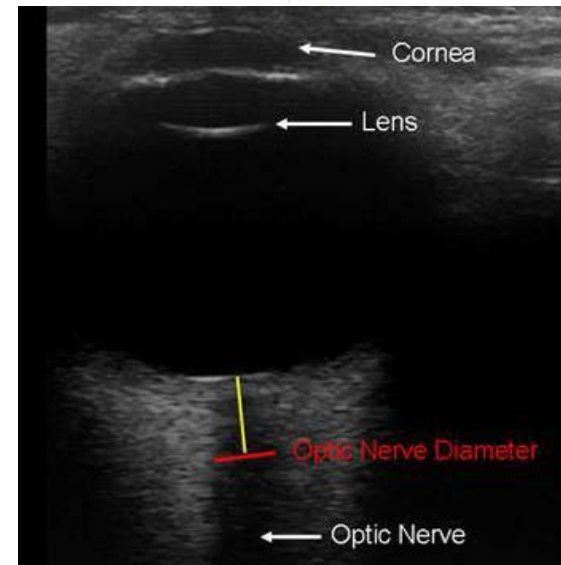
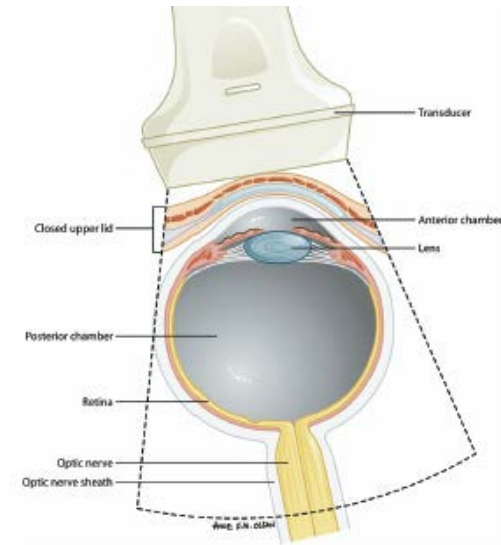


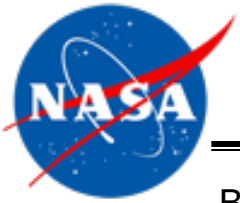
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In Flight B-scan Ultrasound

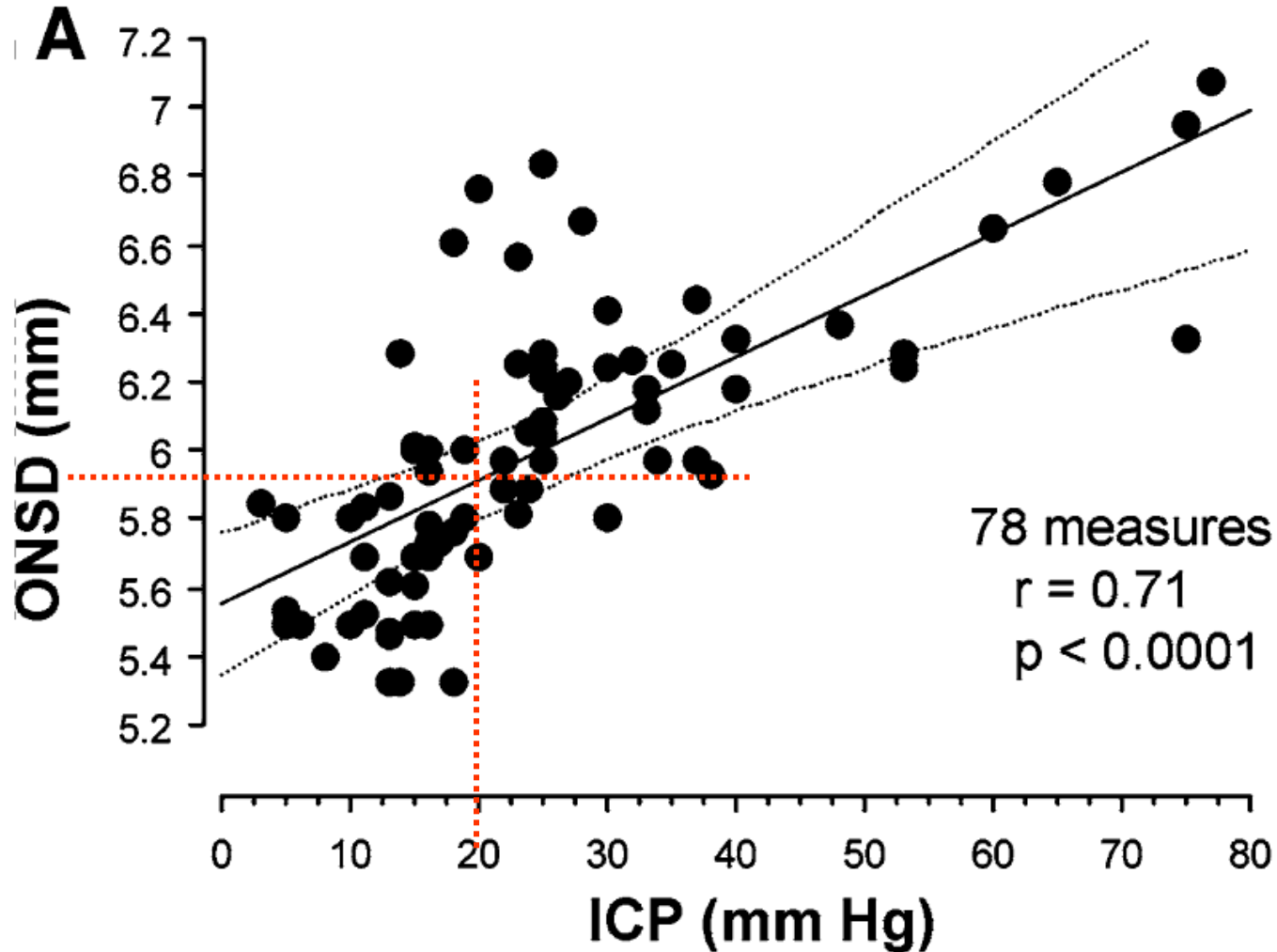




Mean ONSD Measurement & ICP



Because of a variable pressure-diameter relationship, the clinical relevance of this method relies on the demonstration of ongoing enlargement on serial US studies.

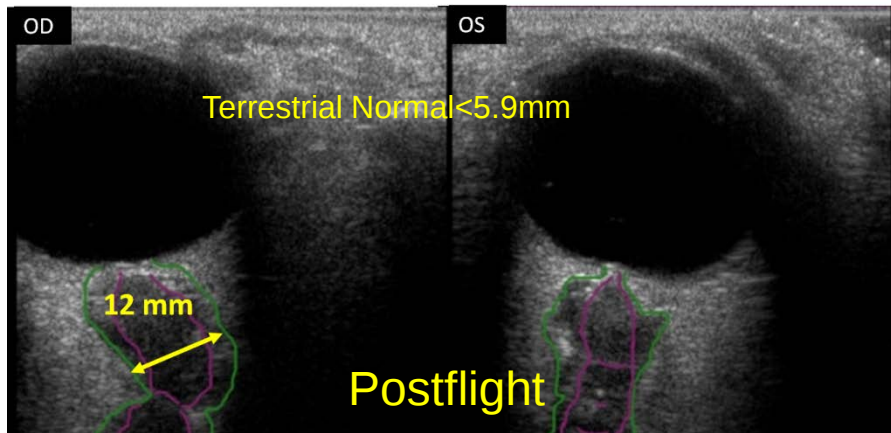




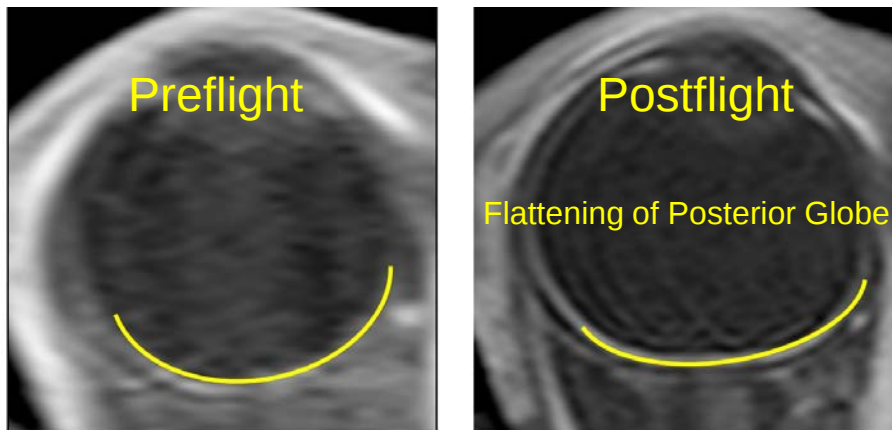
ISS Inflight Crew Ultrasound Imaging: Additional Signs of Raised Intracranial Pressure



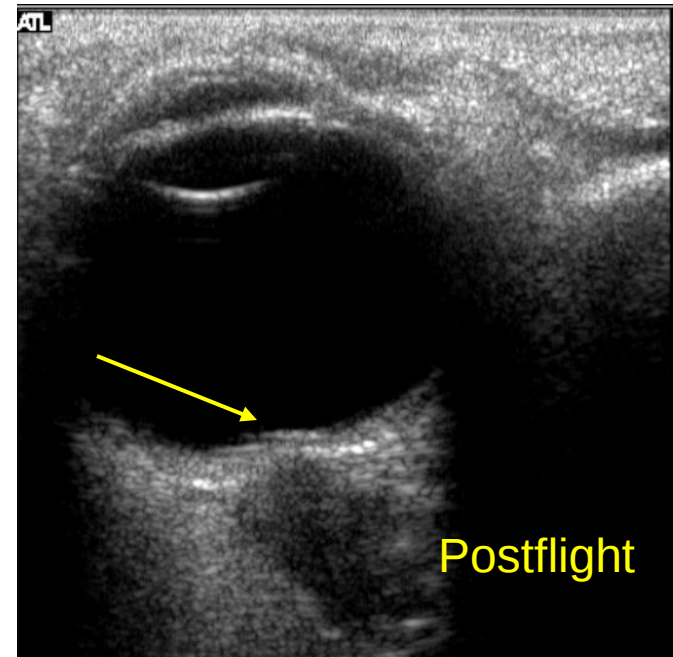
1. Increased Optic Nerve Sheath Diameter



2. Posterior Globe Flattening



3. Raised Optic Disc

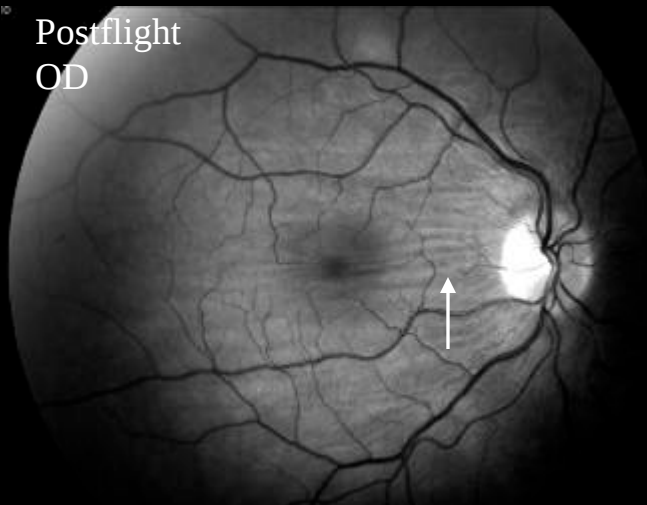




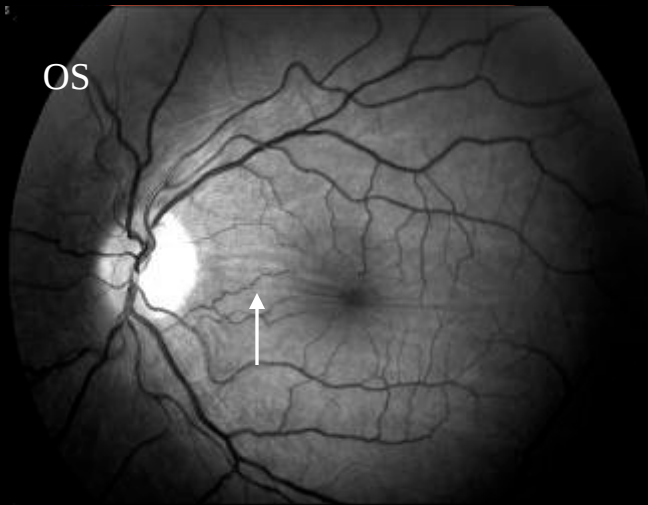
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Postflight
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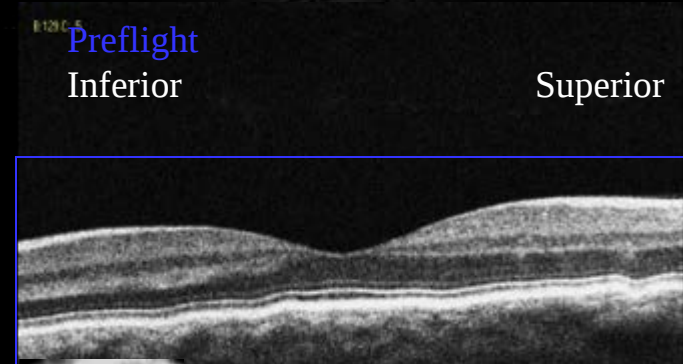


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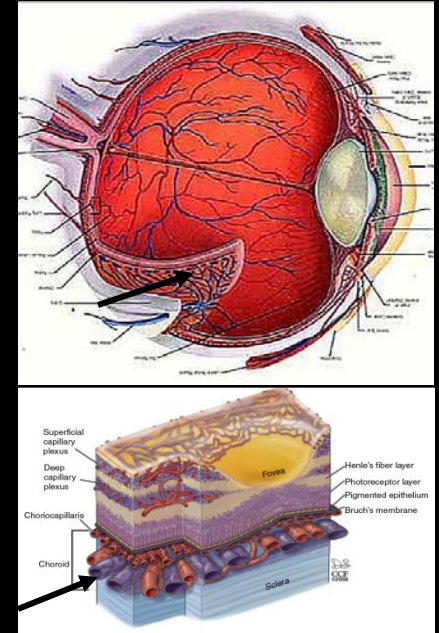
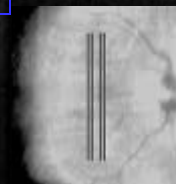
Preflight
Inferior

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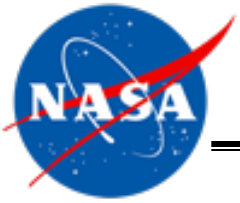


Postflight
Inferior

Superior



Thickening of the
choroid secondary
to venous blood
engorgement from
uG fluid shift



VIIP Clinical Practice Guideline

Case Definition



Class 1 $\geq$.50 diopter cycloplegic refractive change and/or cotton wool spot

Class 2 $\geq$.50 diopter cycloplegic refractive changes or cotton wool spot

- Choroidal folds and/or optic nerve sheath distension and/or globe flattening and/or scotoma

Class 3 $\geq$.50 diopter cycloplegic refractive changes and/or cotton wool spot

- Optic nerve sheath distension, and/or globe flattening and/or choroidal folds and/or scotoma
- Papilledema of Grade 0-2.

Class 4 $\geq$.50 diopter cycloplegic refractive changes and/or cotton wool spot

- Optic nerve sheath distension, and/or globe flattening and/or choroidal folds and/or scotoma
- Papilledema Grade 2 or above.
- Presenting symptoms of new headache, pulsatile tinnitus and/or transient visual obscurations
- CSF opening pressure >25 cm H₂O



Current U.S. ISS VIIP Incidence:



41 U.S. ISS astronauts flown to date as of Expedition 32:

- *Unclassified astronauts N=16* (No MRI, OCT or ocular US)
- Non-cases N=6
- **Confirmed cases: 19**

Clinical Classification:

- | | | | |
|-------------------|---|------------------|----------------------------|
| - Class One N=2 | } | 68.4 % Class 1&2 | } Increasing severity
↓ |
| - Class Two N=11 | | | |
| - Class Three N=2 | } | 31.6 % Class 3&4 | |
| - Class Four N=4 | | | |

Current VIIP Incidence as a % of U.S. ISS astronauts tested= 76.0%

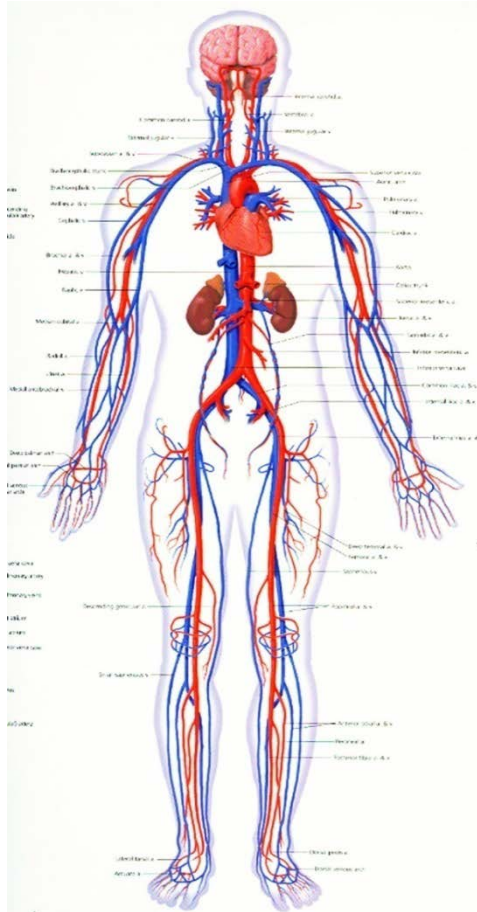


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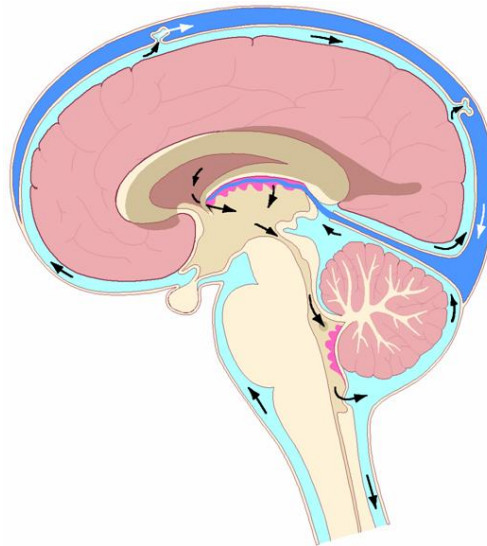


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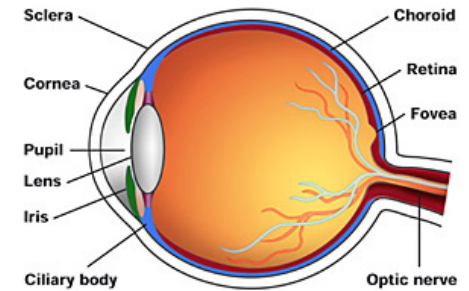
Cardiovascular



CNS

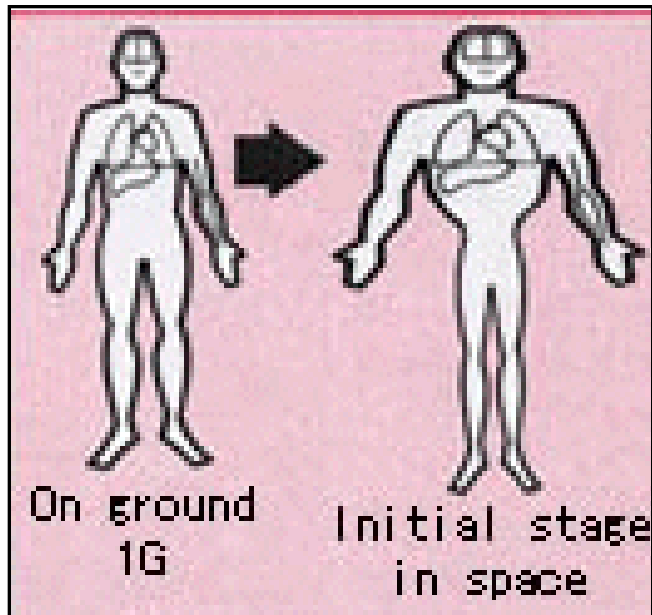


Ocular





Cephalad Fluid Shift

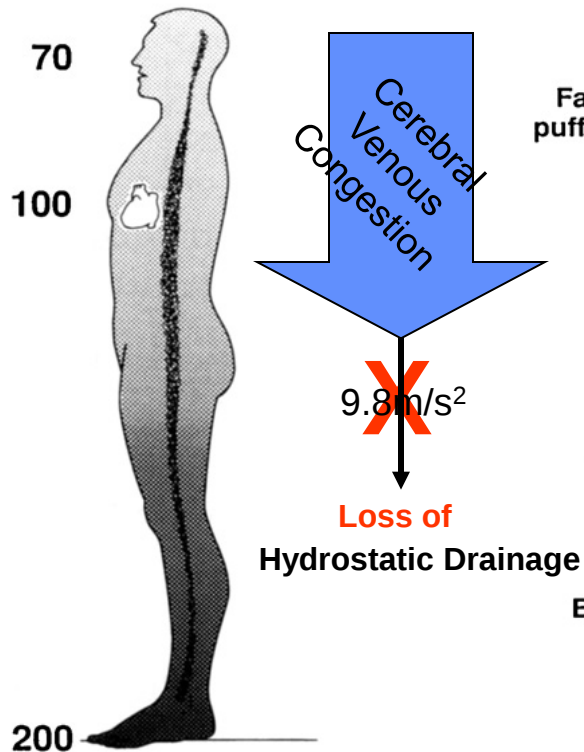




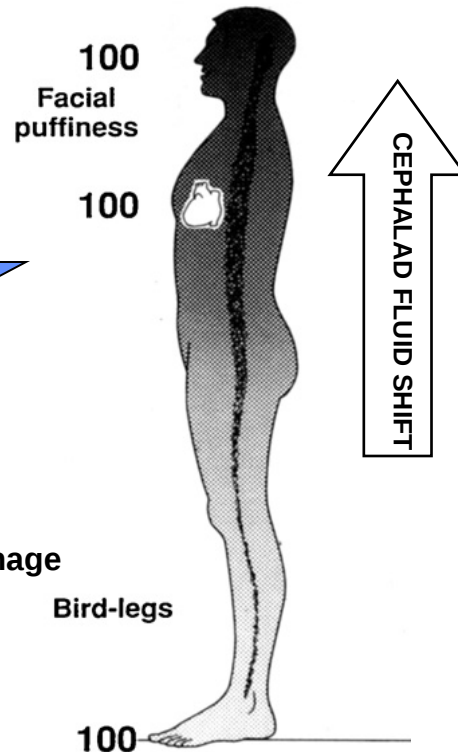
Loss of Hydrostatic Drainage & Cerebral Venous Congestion



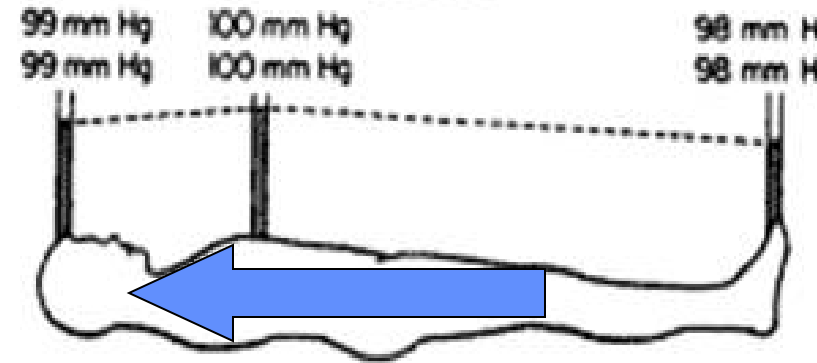
1G



0G

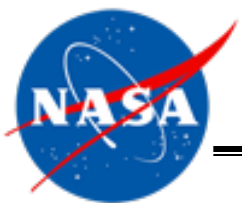


1G Supine

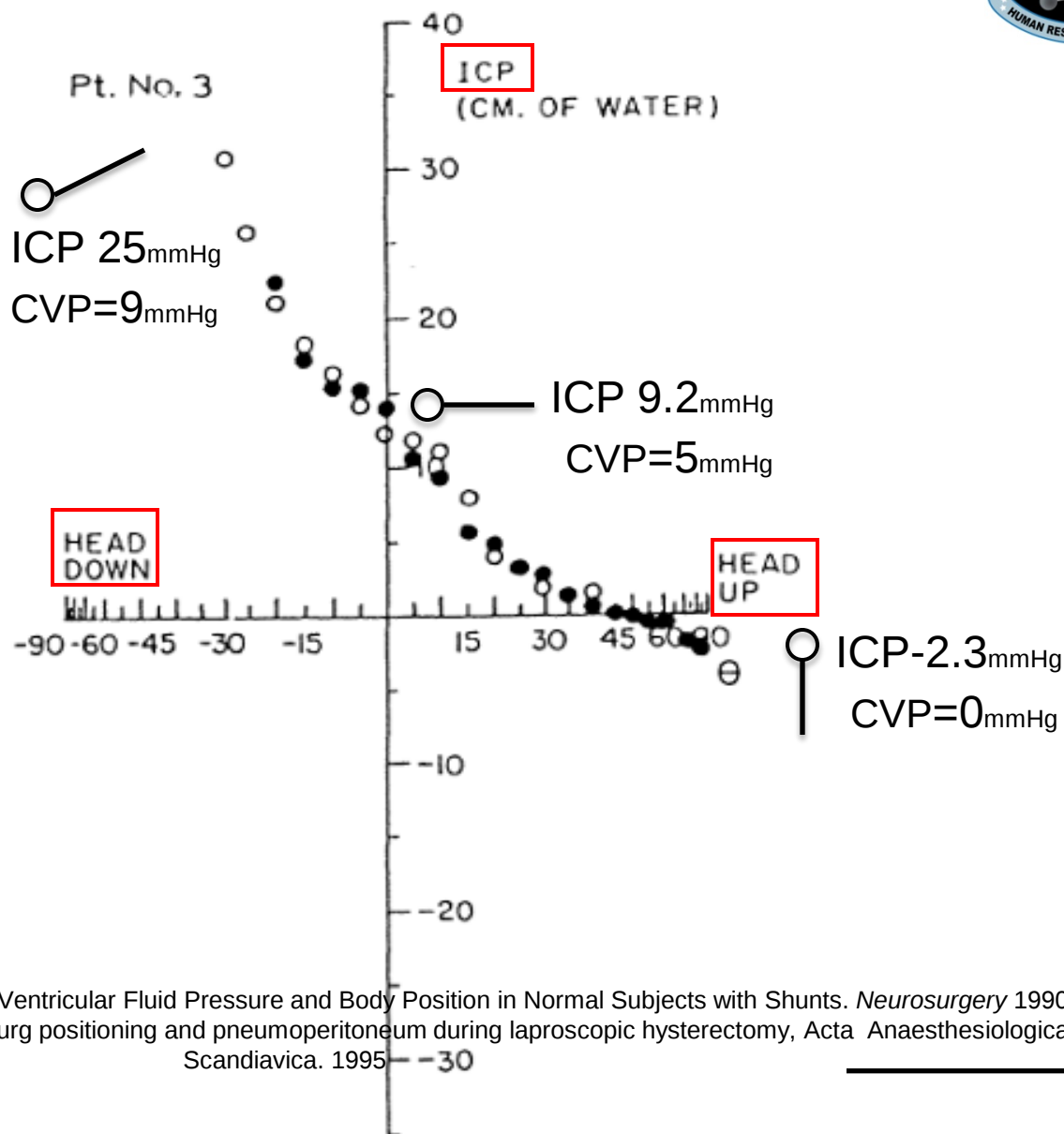


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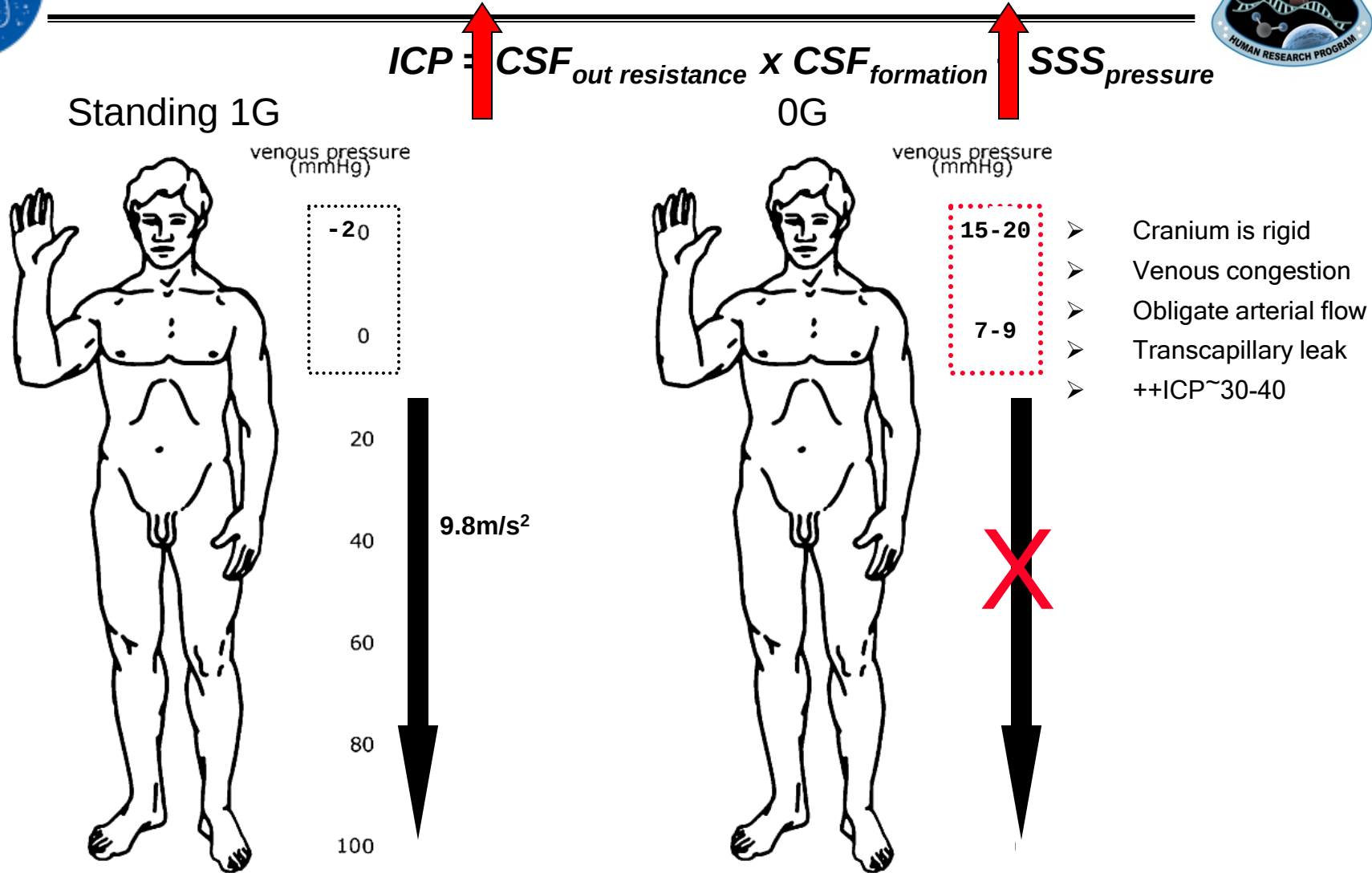
Tilt Angle vs ICP & CVP: Positional Fluid Shifts



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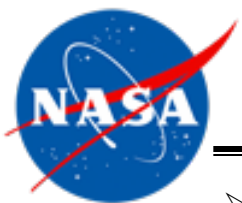


Redistribution of Venous Pressures From 1G to 0G



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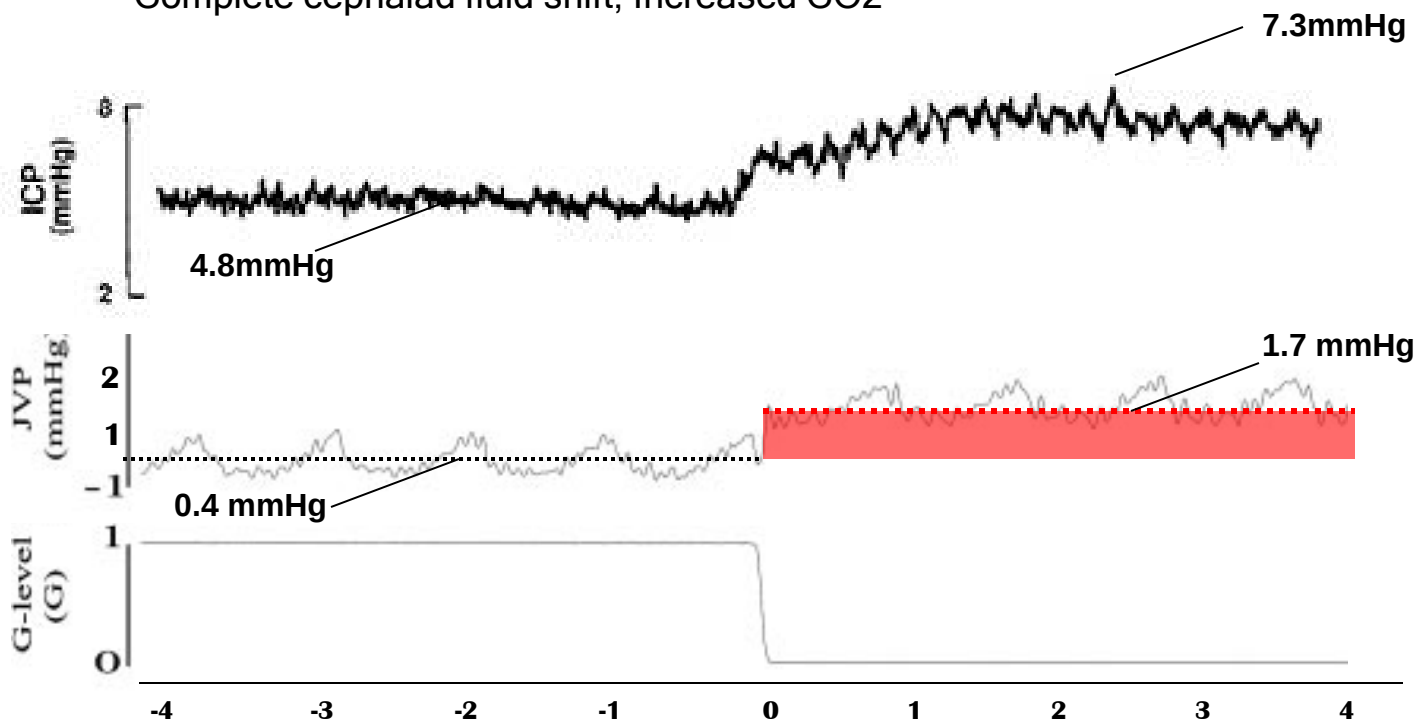
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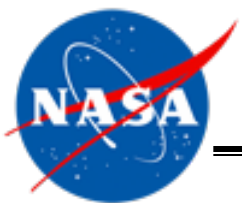


Jugular Vein Pressure & ICP Increases in Simulated Microgravity

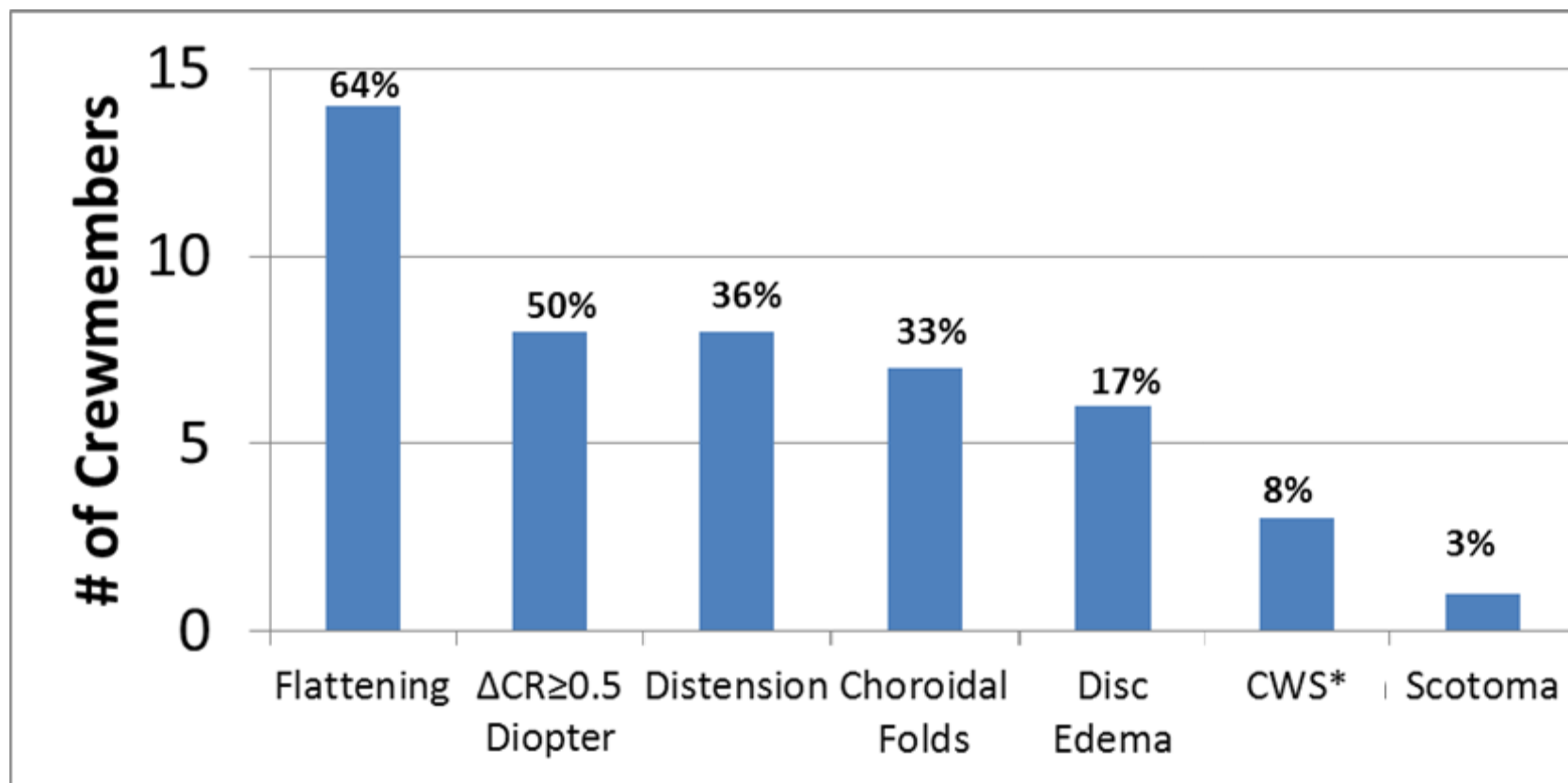


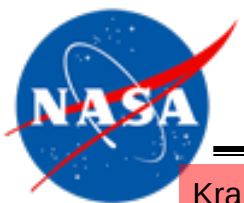
- Jugular bulb pressure approximates dural sinus pressure
- Jugular vein pressure measured in 7 animals during 4.5s free drop
- Loss of hydrostatic pressure gradient increased JV_p 1.3mmHg
 - i.e. loss of hydrostatic assisted venous drainage
- Similar study, ICP increased in 5 rats from 4.8 to 7.3 mmHg =52% increase in ICP
- Factors that may further raise ICP:
 - Complete cephalad fluid shift, Increased CO₂





VIIP Ocular Findings in ISS Astronauts





MRI in Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension & VIIP: The Case for Elevated ICP



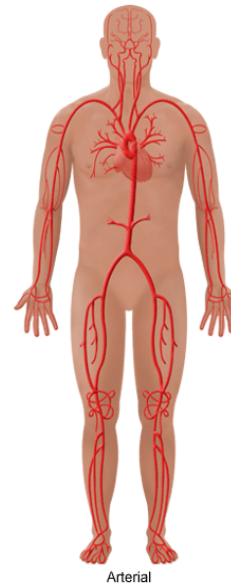
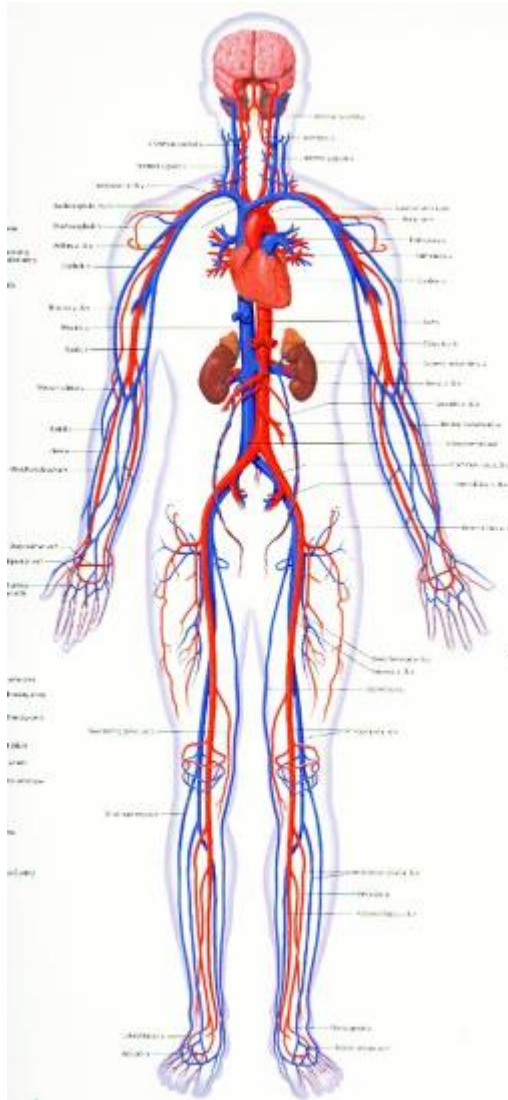
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Maralani et al. ***Accuracy of brain imaging in the diagnosis of idiopathic intracranial hypertension.*** Clinical Radiology. Dec. 2011.

IIH MRI Signs vs VIIP		
Imaging Assessment	Present in IIH (Specificity)	Seen in VIIP
Venous Stenosis Score	100%	?
Flattening of Posterior Globes	100%	Yes
Optic Nerve Protrusion	100%	Yes
Partially Empty Sella	95.3%	Yes
Optic Nerve Sheath Distension	88.4%	Yes
Optic Nerve Tortuosity	86%	Yes

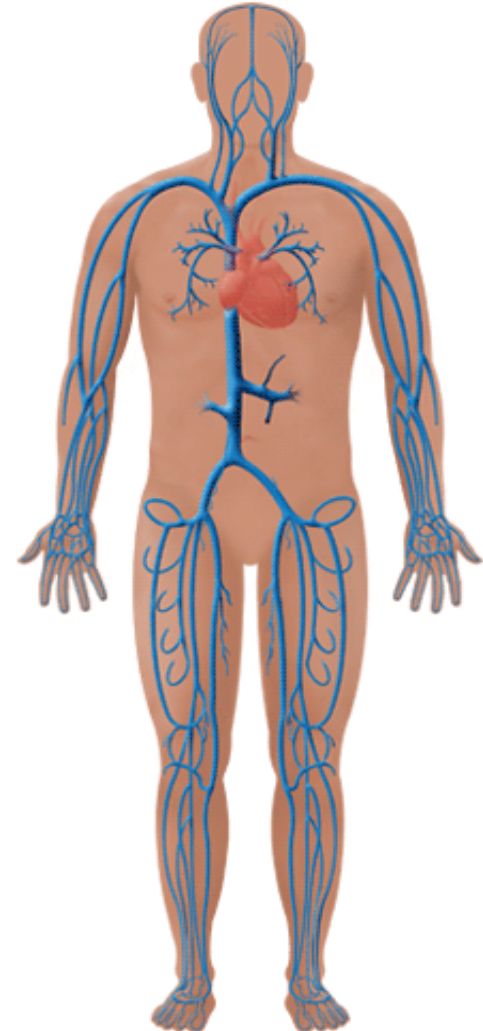


Vascular Capacitance: Venous & Arterial



Arterial

20%=1L



Venous

70-80%=4L

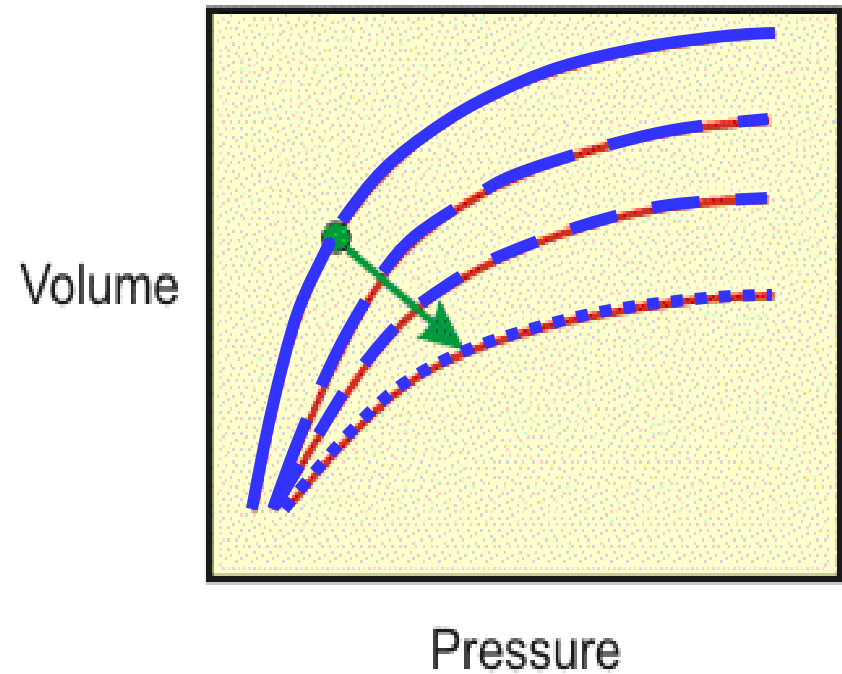
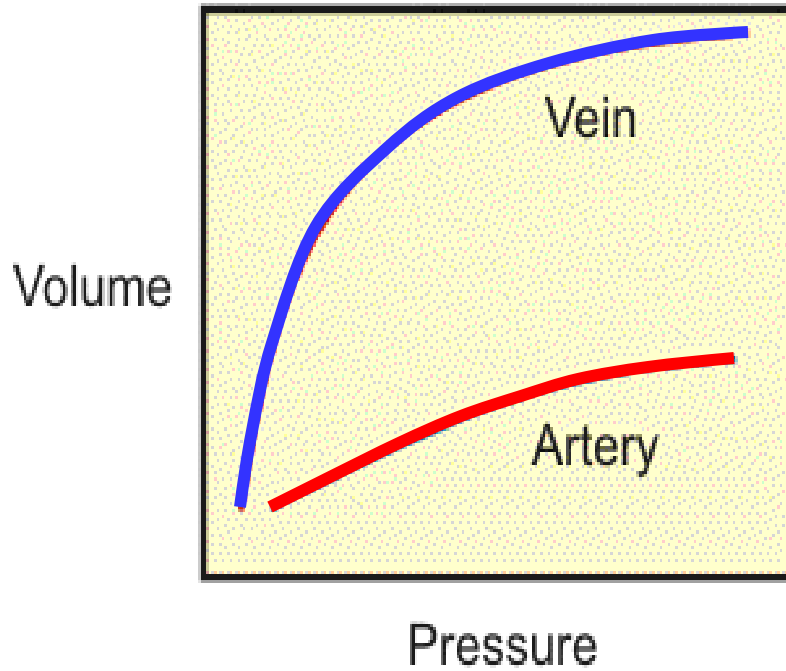


Venous Compliance



$$C = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta P}$$

Vein



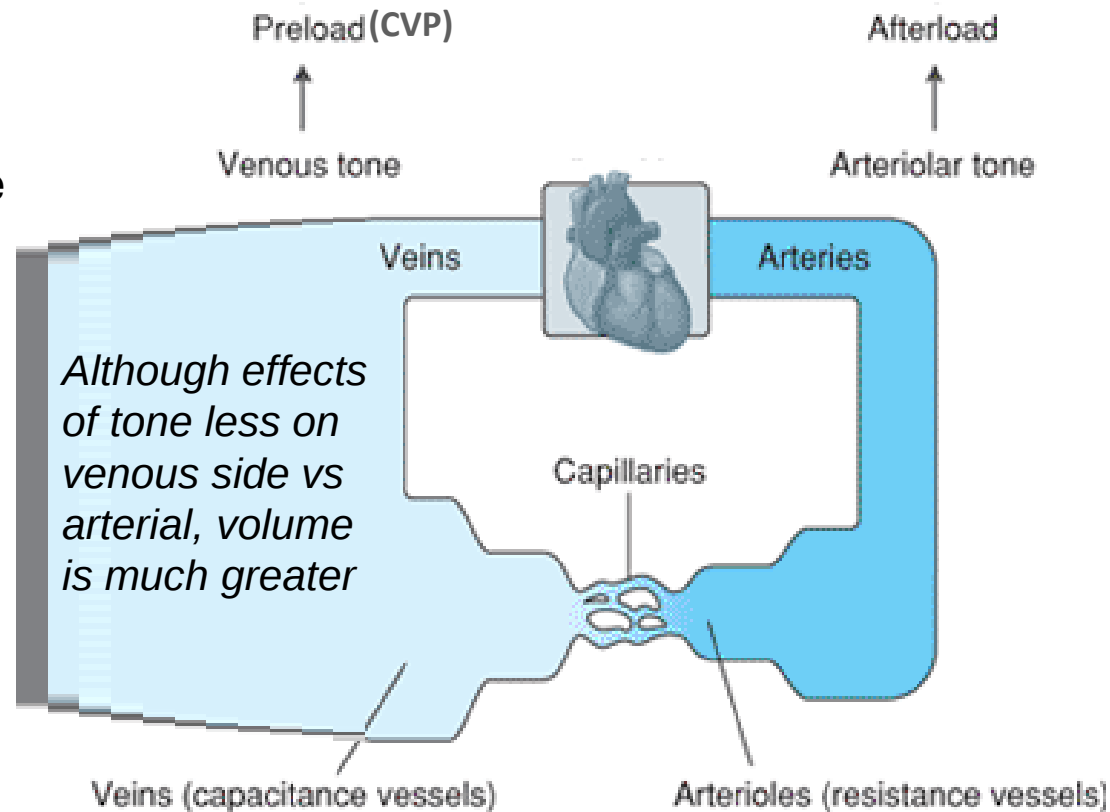


Factors Increasing Venous Tone will Increase Cerebral Venous Outflow Resistance



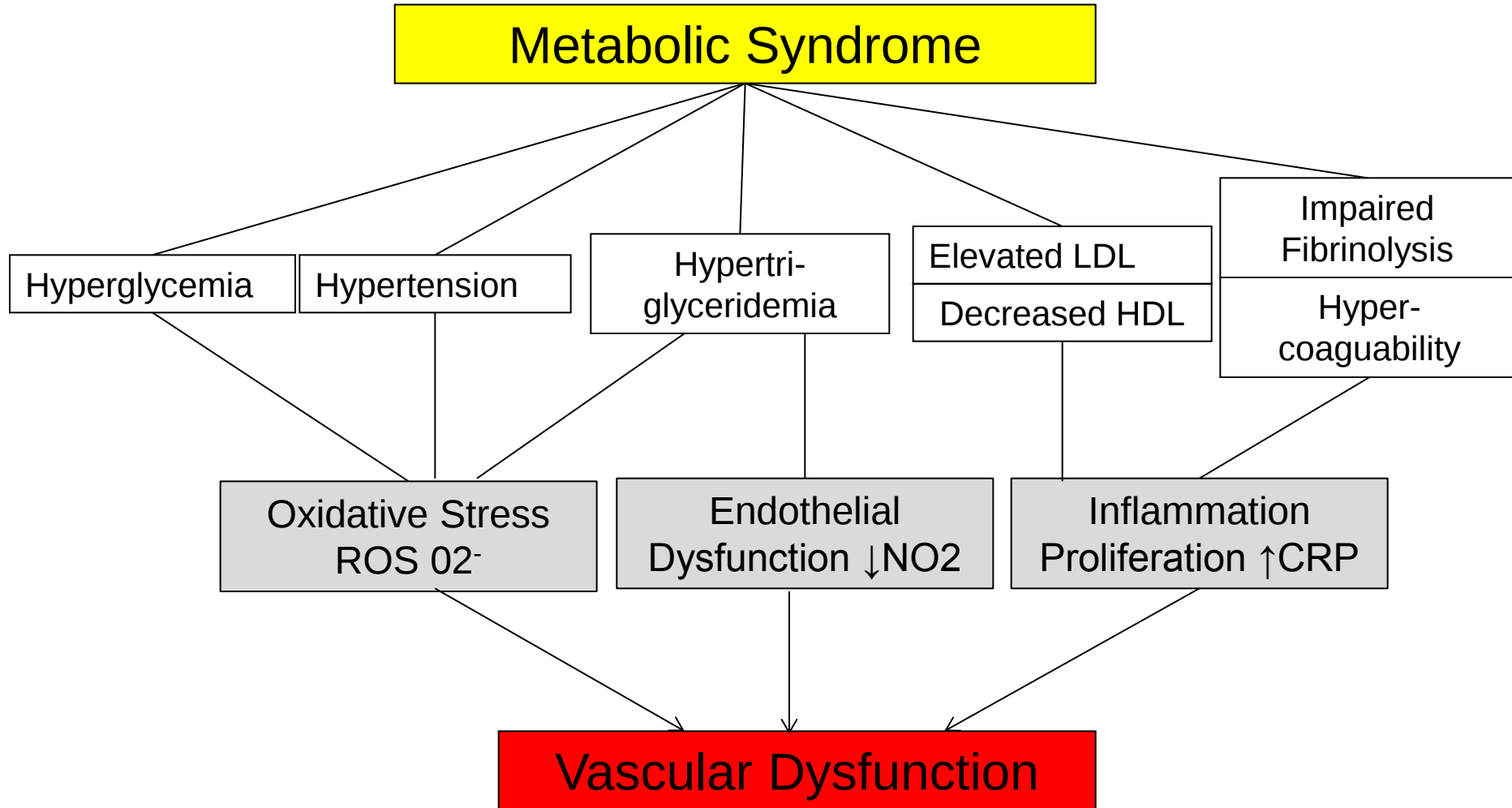
➤ Resting Tone of Venous Vessels Influenced by:

- SNS tone ↑
 - ✓ Resting Blood Pressure
- Endothelin ↑
- Nitric oxide ↓
- Inflammatory cytokines ↑





Metabolic Syndrome-Vascular Relationship

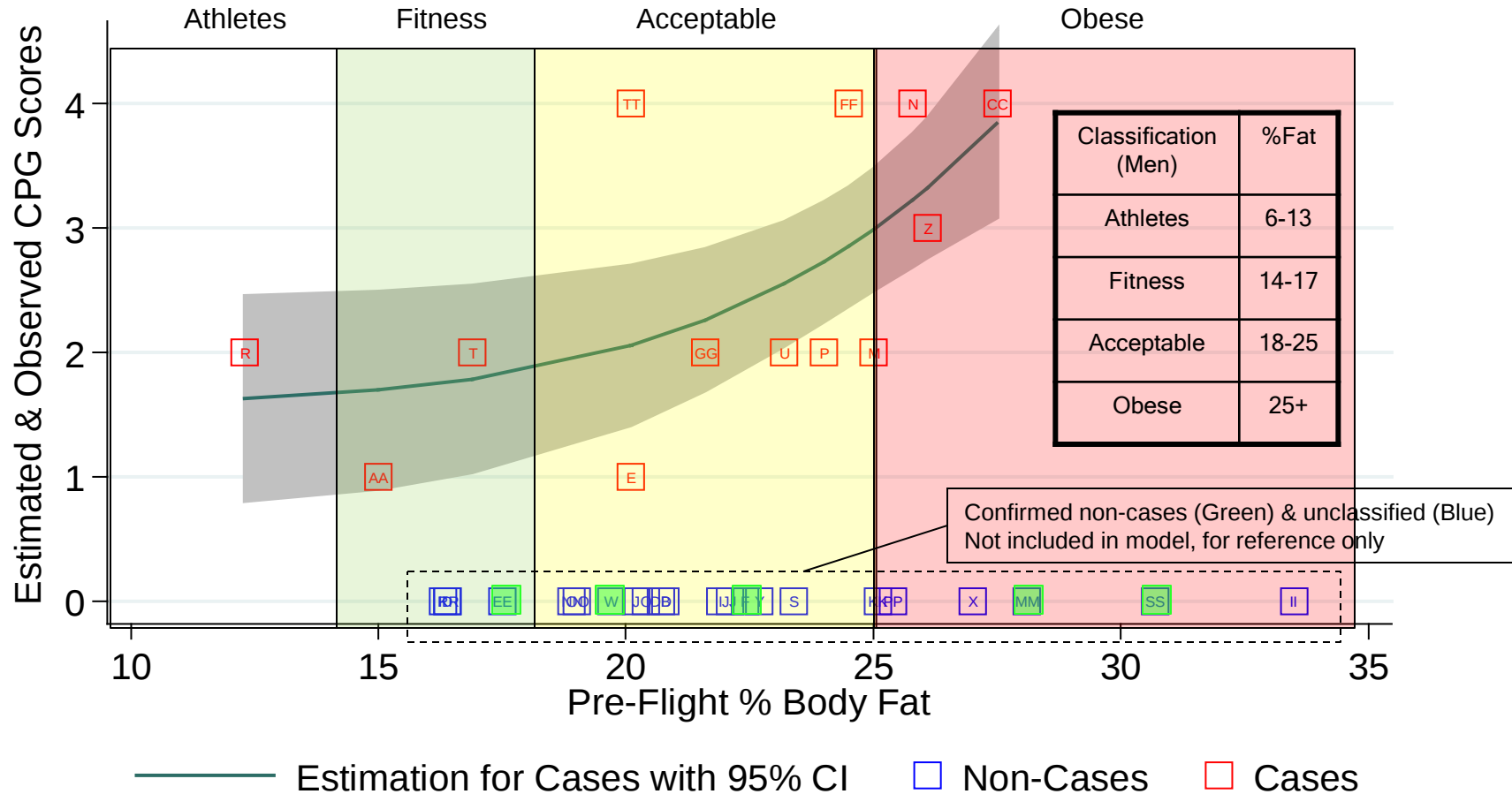




Occupational Surveillance Data Mining: Percentage Body Fat



VIIP Classification vs %Fat (Annual Preflight Exam)



Best Fit (curvilinear) for Cases; $R^2=.38$, $p<.01$

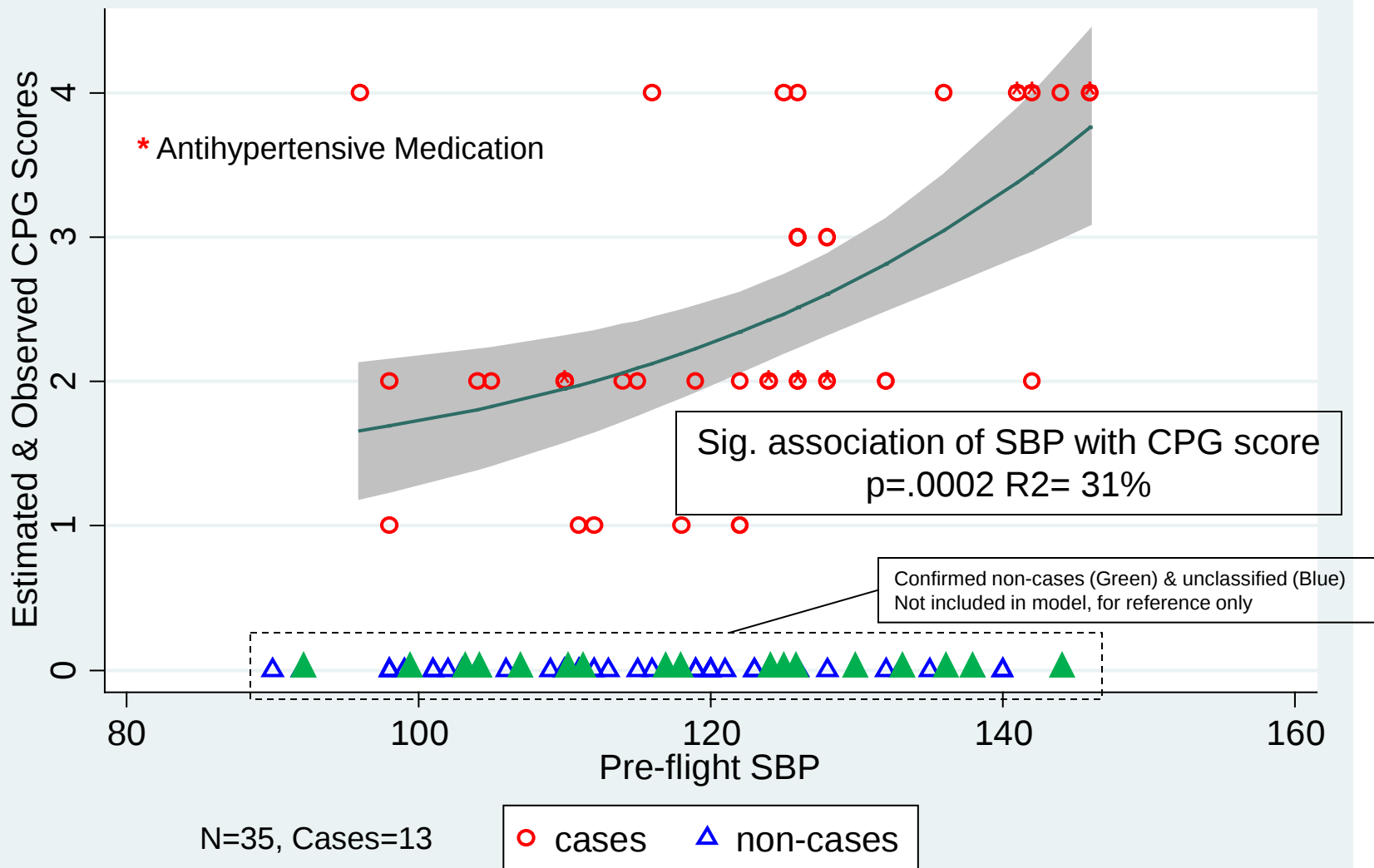
N=35, 13 Cases, total observations=35



Preflight Systolic Blood Pressure Non-Cases vs Cases per CPG



Non-Linear Estimation of CPG for Cases

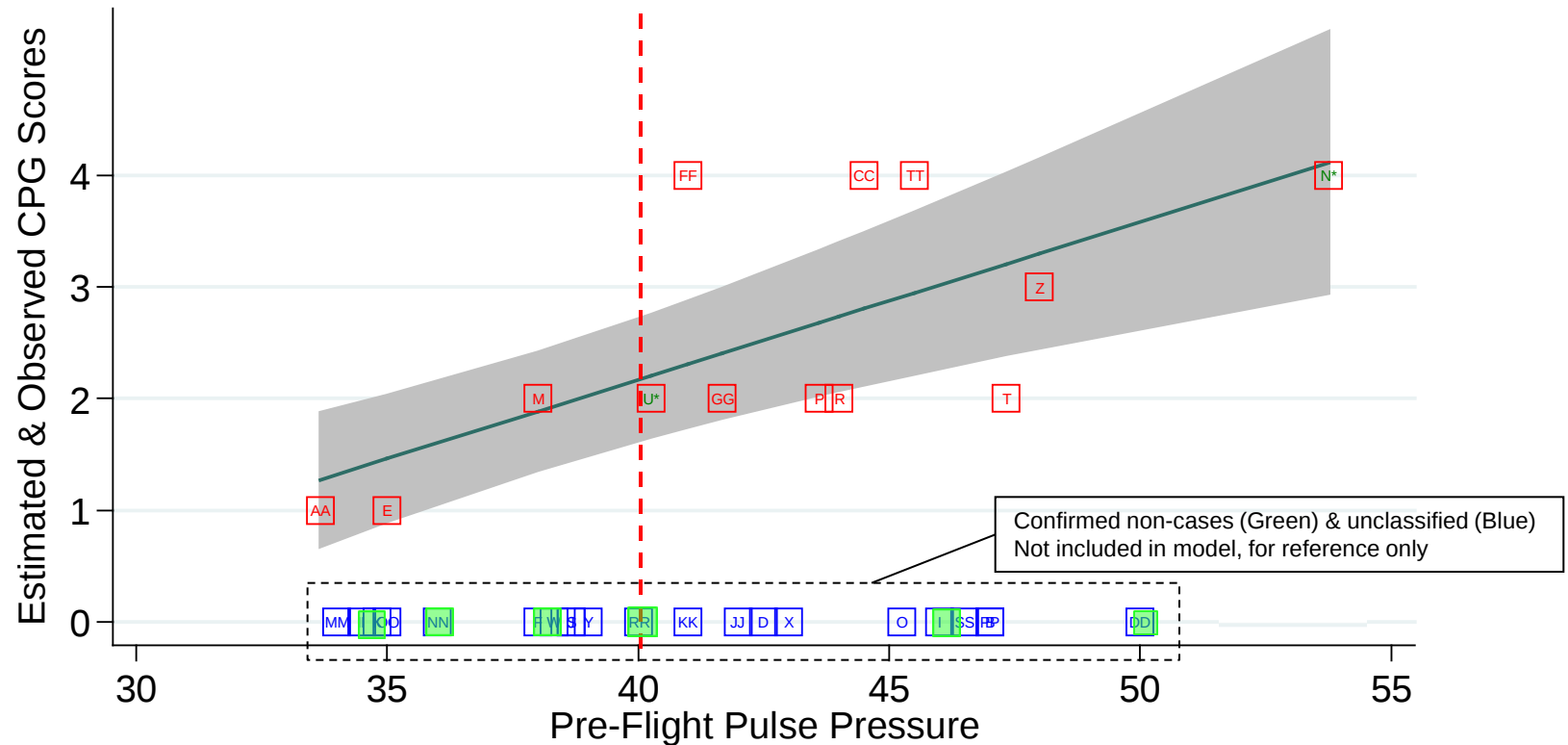




Occupational Surveillance Data Mining: Resting Pulse Pressure (Sitting)



Cases per CPG vs Pulse Pressure (Annual Preflight Exam 4-Year Mean)

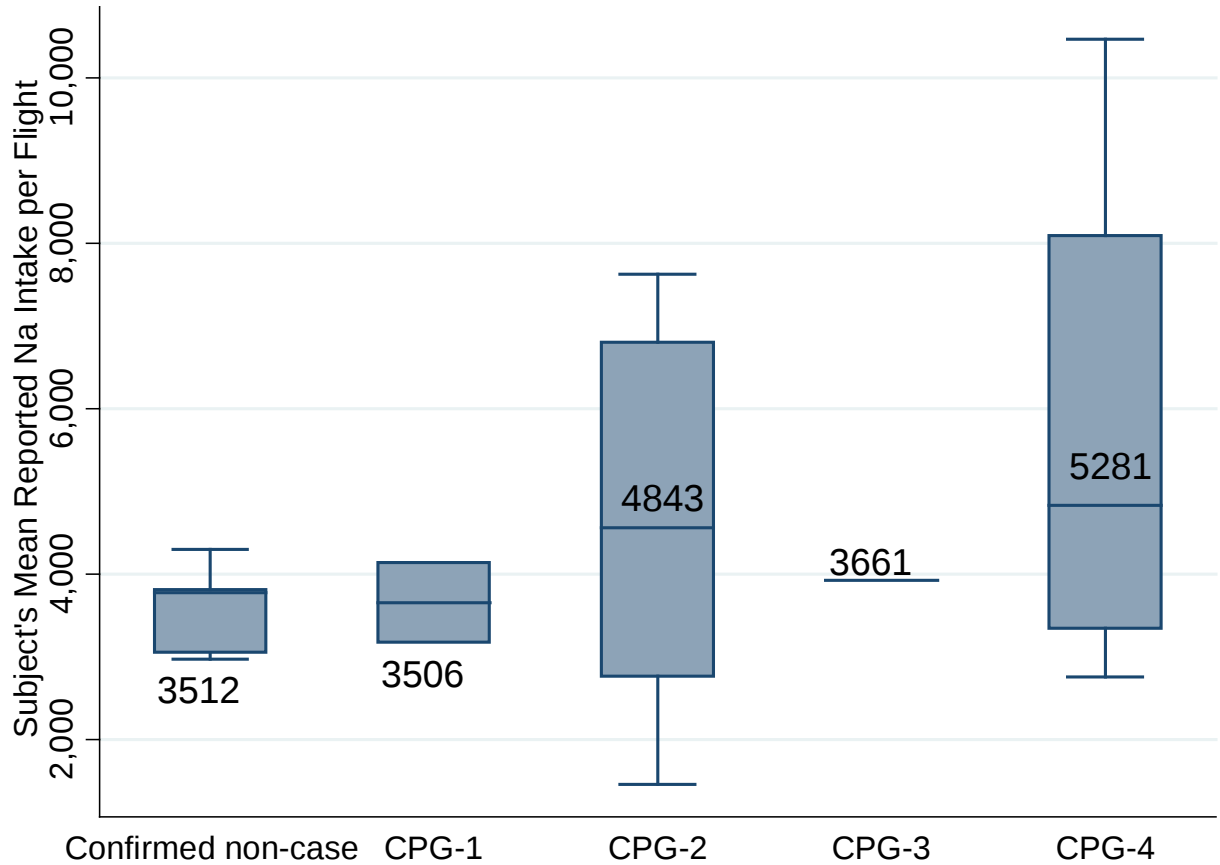


— Estimation for cases with 95% CI □ Non-Cases □ Cases

Best Fit (curvilinear) for Cases; $R^2=.45$ (including BP meds predictor), $p<.01$



Self Reported ISS Inflight Daily Sodium Intake



- Current recommended daily sodium limit = 2300mg/day
- If 51y or high BP, recommended limit=1500mg/day
- Applies to majority of U.S. adults

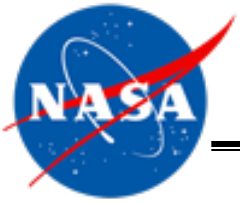
	Jackknife					
Sodiummgday	Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]	
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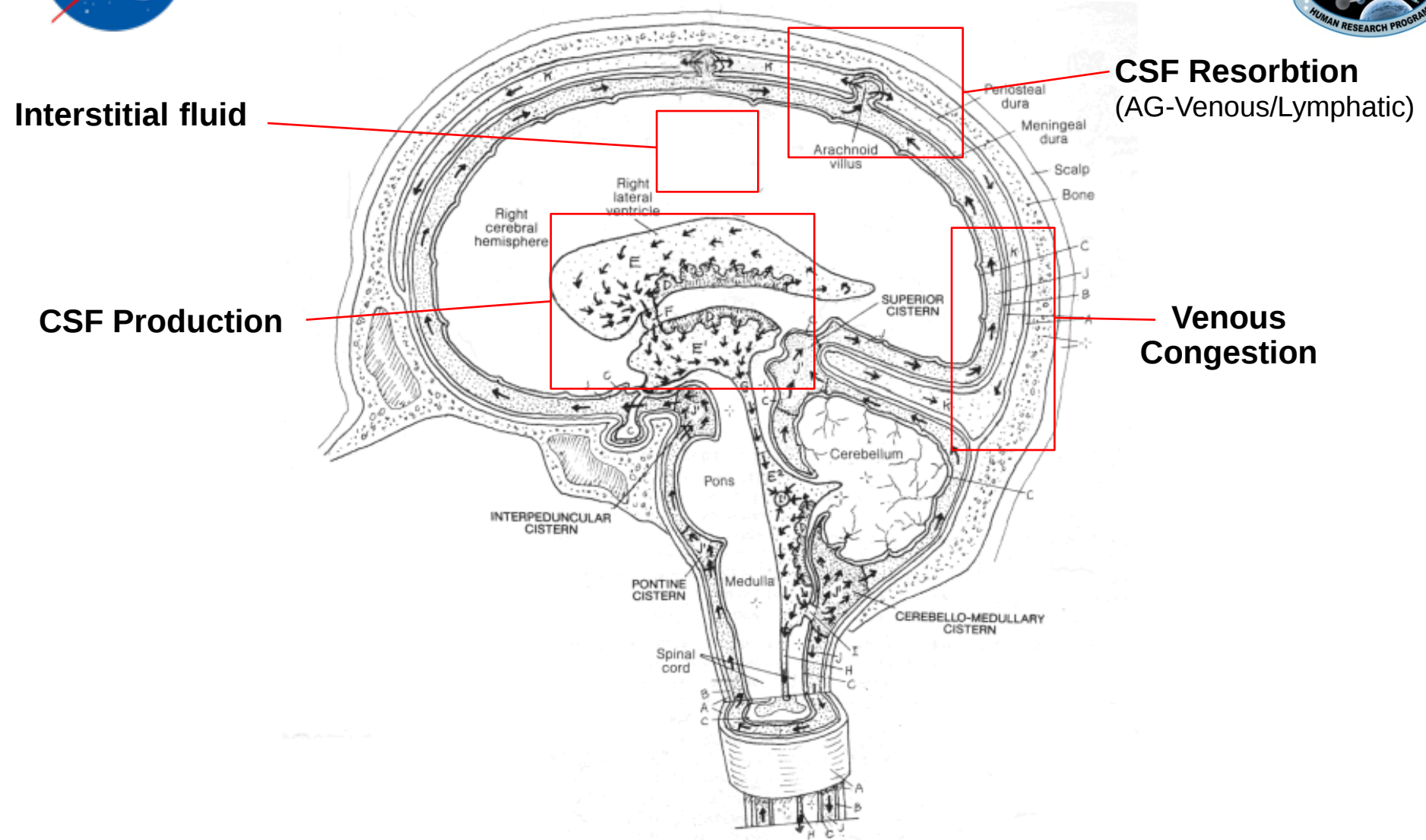
Occupational Data Mining in ISS Astronauts: Cardiovascular Variables Correlating with CPG



Cardiovascular Variable	Significant Correlation Across CPG Classification	R ²	P value
Biochemistry:			
LDL	√	0.43	P<0.02
HDL	-	0.22	P<0.09
Triglycerides	-	-	
Hemoglobin A1c	√	-	P<0.01
Fasting serum glucose	√	0.125	P<0.008
Homocysteine	√	-	P<0.01
Oral sodium intake	√	0.22	P<0.05
Body Composition:			
Body Mass Index	√	0.41	P<0.01
Percentage Body Fat	√	0.38	P<0.01
Cardiac:			
Resting systolic blood pressure (pre-in-post flight)	√	0.31	P<0.0002
Pulse Pressure (pre-in-post flight)	√	0.45	P<0.01
CT Coronary Calcium Score	-	-	-
Aerobic Capacity:			
Decreased Maximal Oxygen Uptake	√	-	P<0.04



Key Brain Areas Affected by Fluid Shift

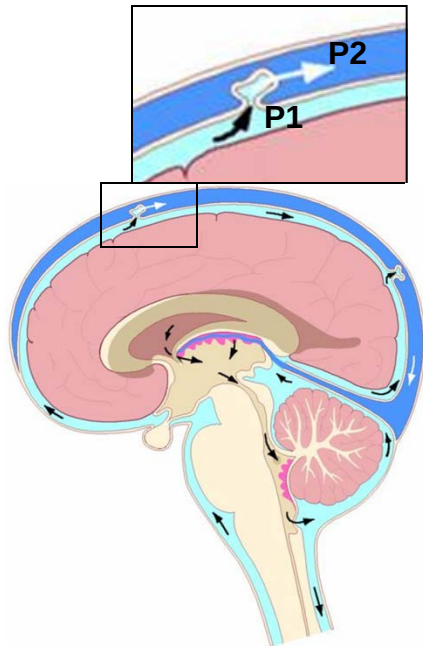




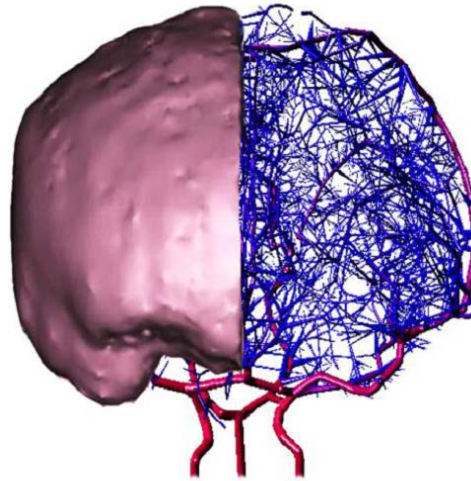
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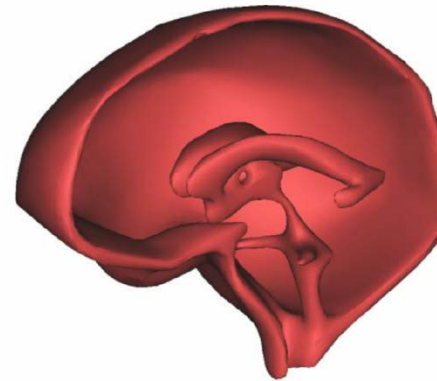
CSF & Venous



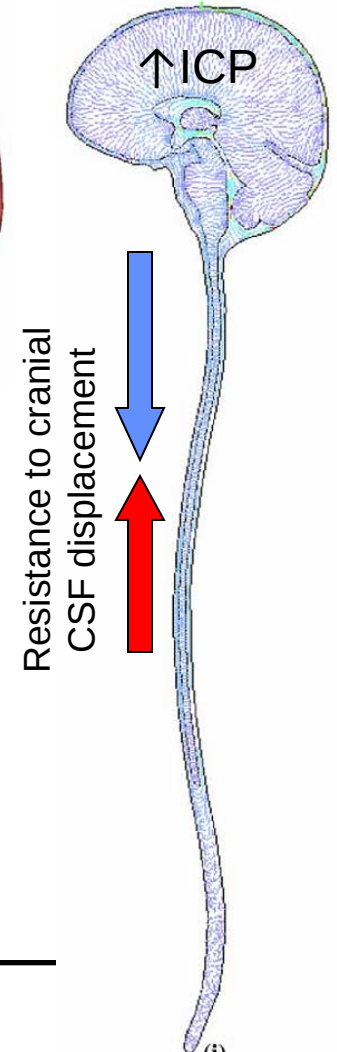
Venous ($\uparrow P_2$)



CSF ($\uparrow P_1$)

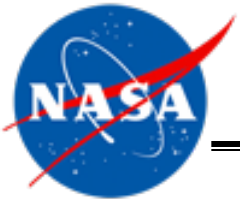


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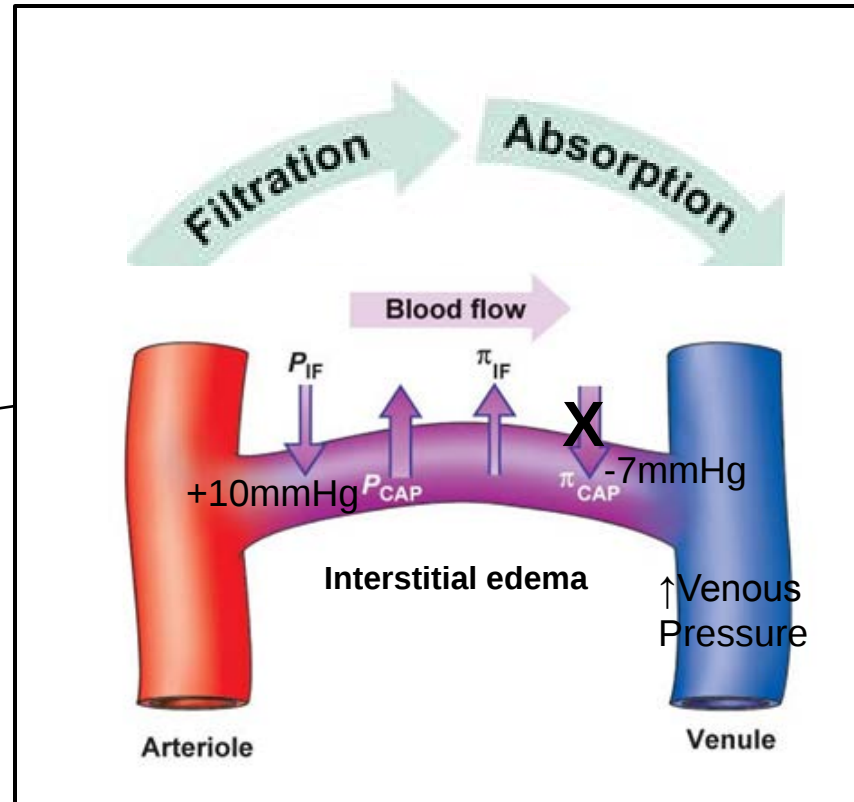
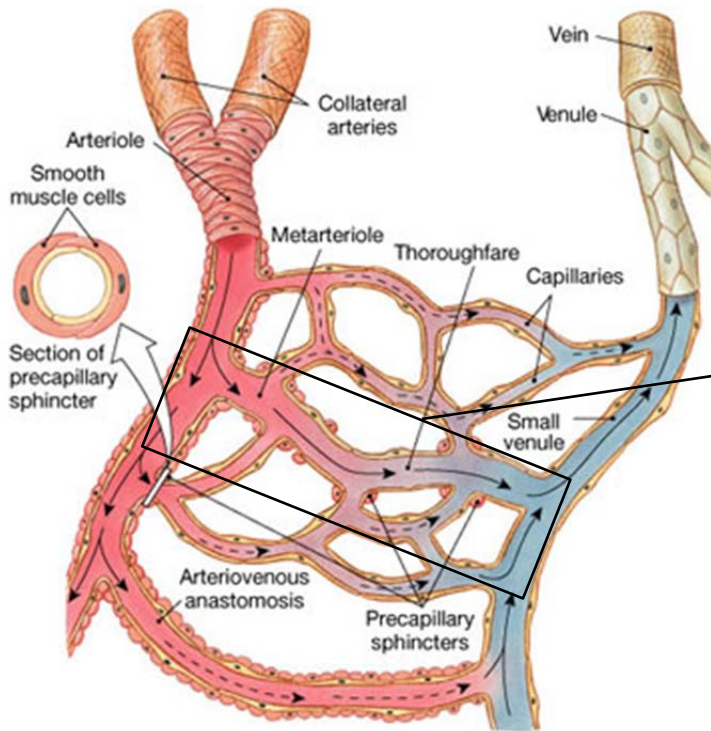


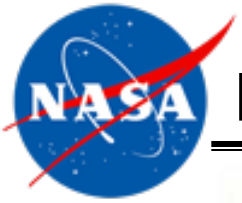
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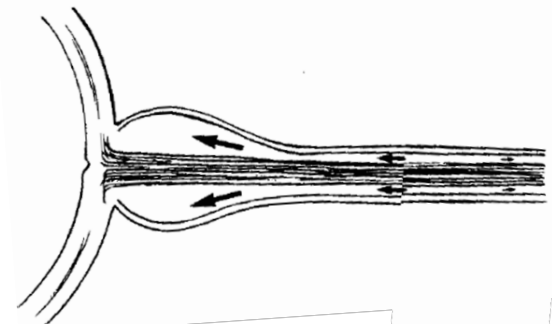
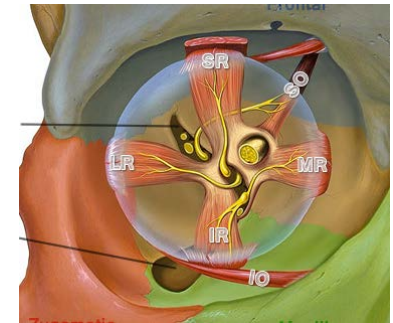
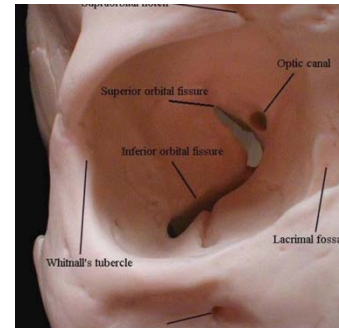
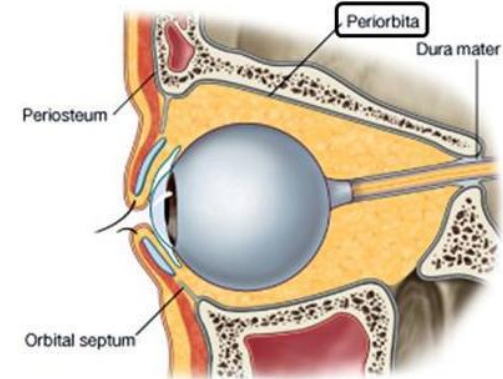
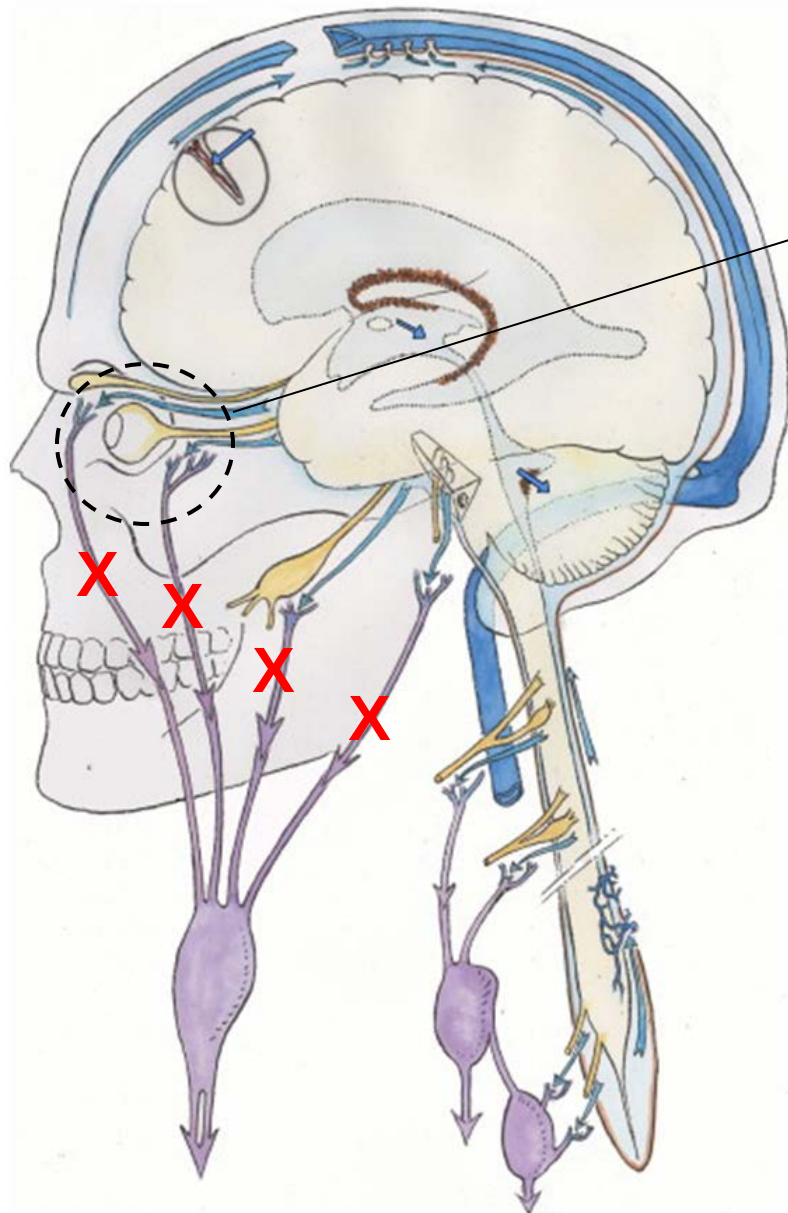


Venous Congestion May Cause Increased Transcapillary Pressure & Decreased Absorbption





Venous Congestion & Interstitial Edema Inhibit Lymphatic CSF Drainage-Impacts on Optic Nerve

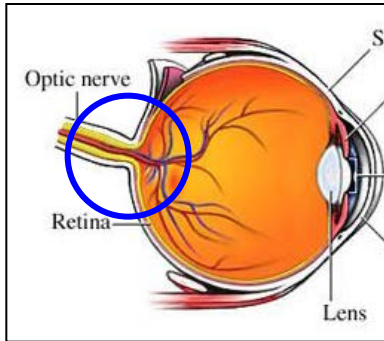




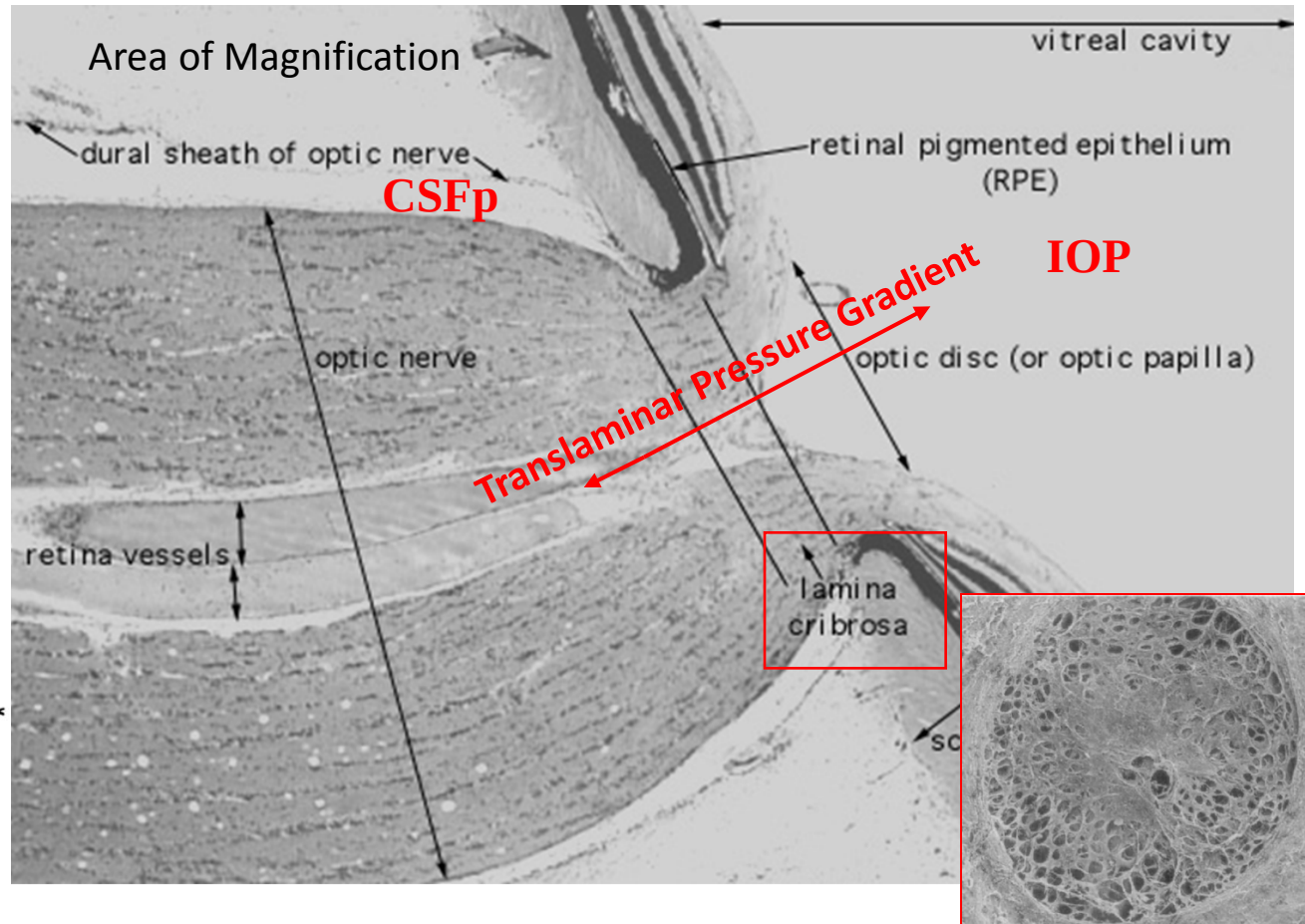
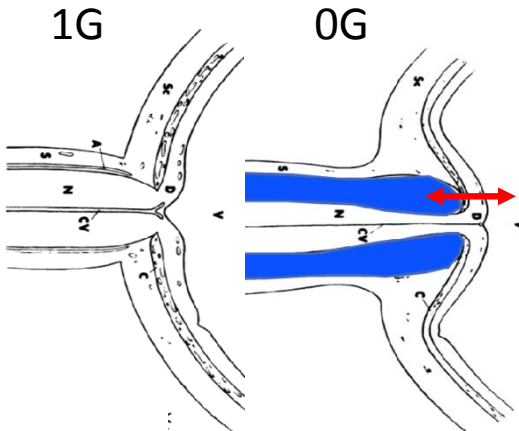
The Translaminar Pressure Gradient: A Mechanism for Papilledema



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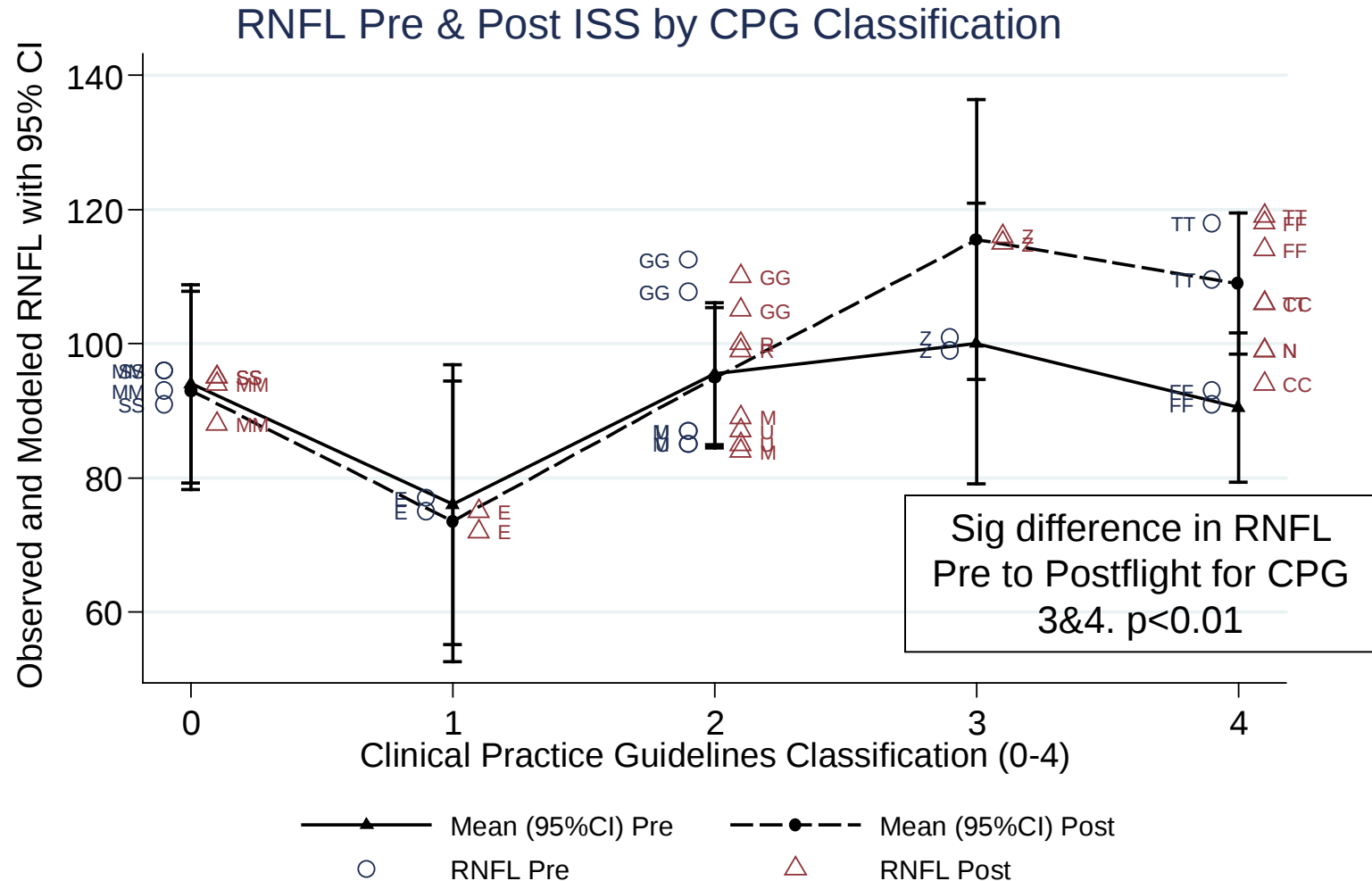


Translaminar Pressure Gradients:





OCT: Average RNFL Change in VIIP Cases Pre to Postflight





IOP for Six Shuttle Missions (12 Subjects)

Pre-flight, In-flight-Post-flight



IOP mmHg

30

25

20

15

10

5

0

Ocular Hypertension

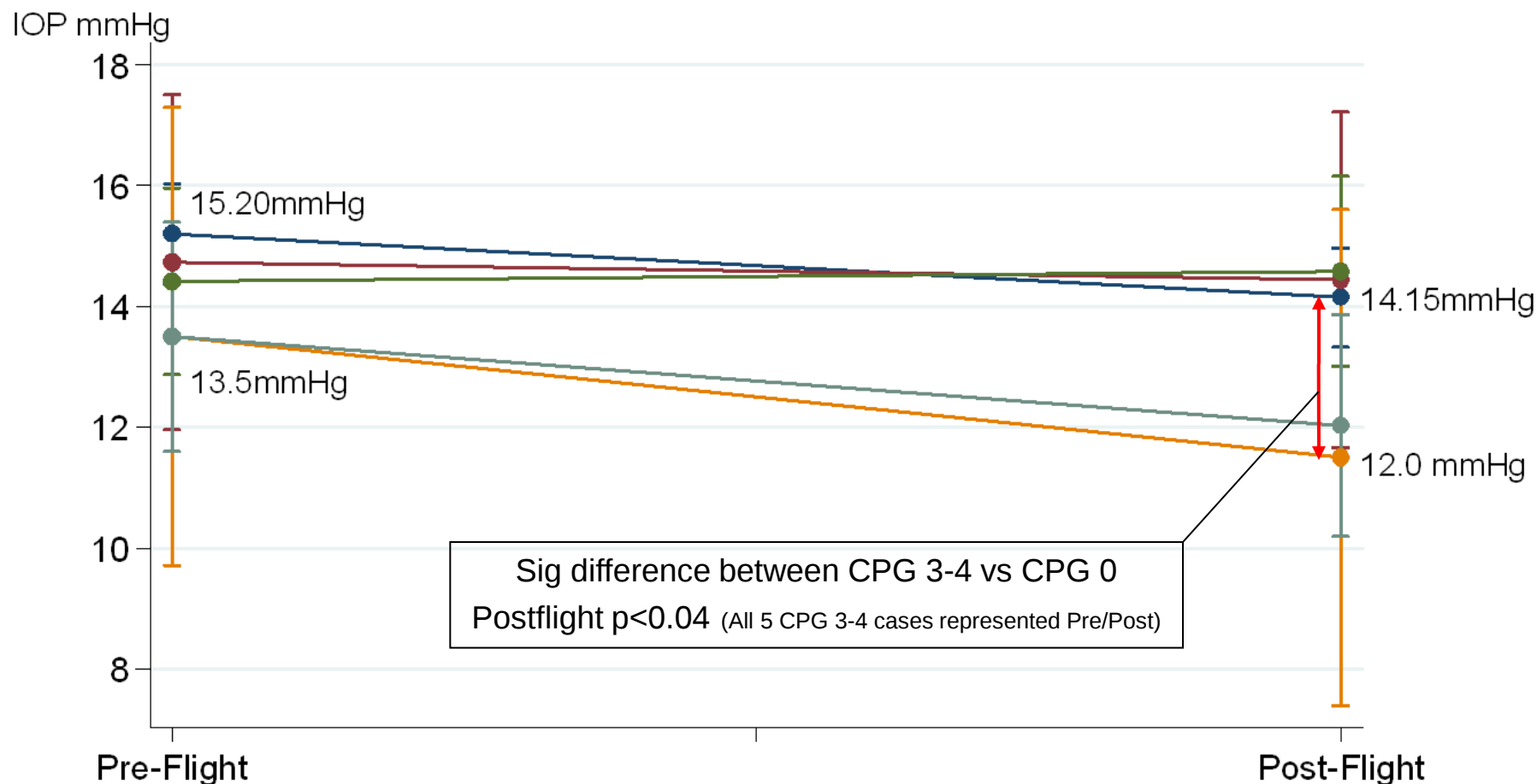
Ocular Hypotension

- Mission 1 A
- Mission 1B
- Mission 2
- Mission 3
- STS 55 1
- STS 55 2
- STS 90 1
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- STS 90 3
- STS 90 4
- STS 95
Glaucoma Medically
Controlled

Pre-flight FD1 FD2 FD3 FD4 FD5 FD6 FD7 FD8 FD9 FD10 FD11 FD14 R+0 R+3 R+5 R+29



Mean IOP Pre & Postflight in ISS Crew per VIIP CPG: Does Low IOP Predispose to Papilledema Formation?

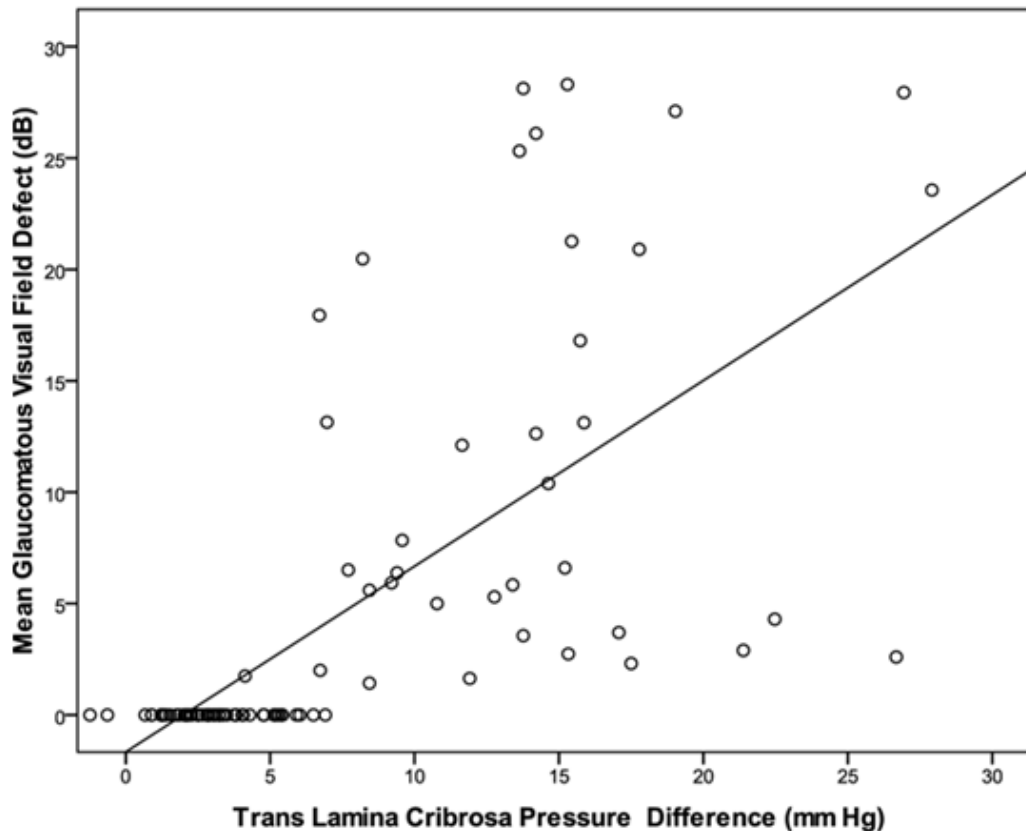


N=34, 13 cases, 7.9 Obs/subject

—●— cpg=0 —●— cpg=1 —●— cpg=2 —●— cpg=3 —●— cpg=4



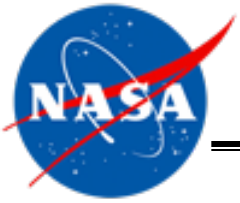
Translaminar Pressure Difference & Visual Field Defect



Examples:

ICP	IOP	TLP	Delta
10	15	-5	5
25	17	+8	13
35	17	+18	23

- Amount of glaucomatous visual field defect correlated positively with the TLP pressure difference ($P < 0.005$) $r=0.69$

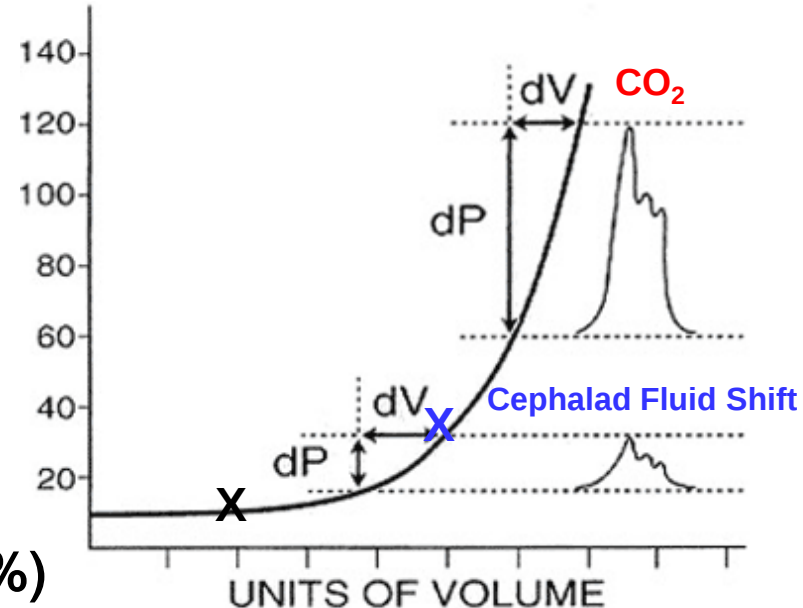


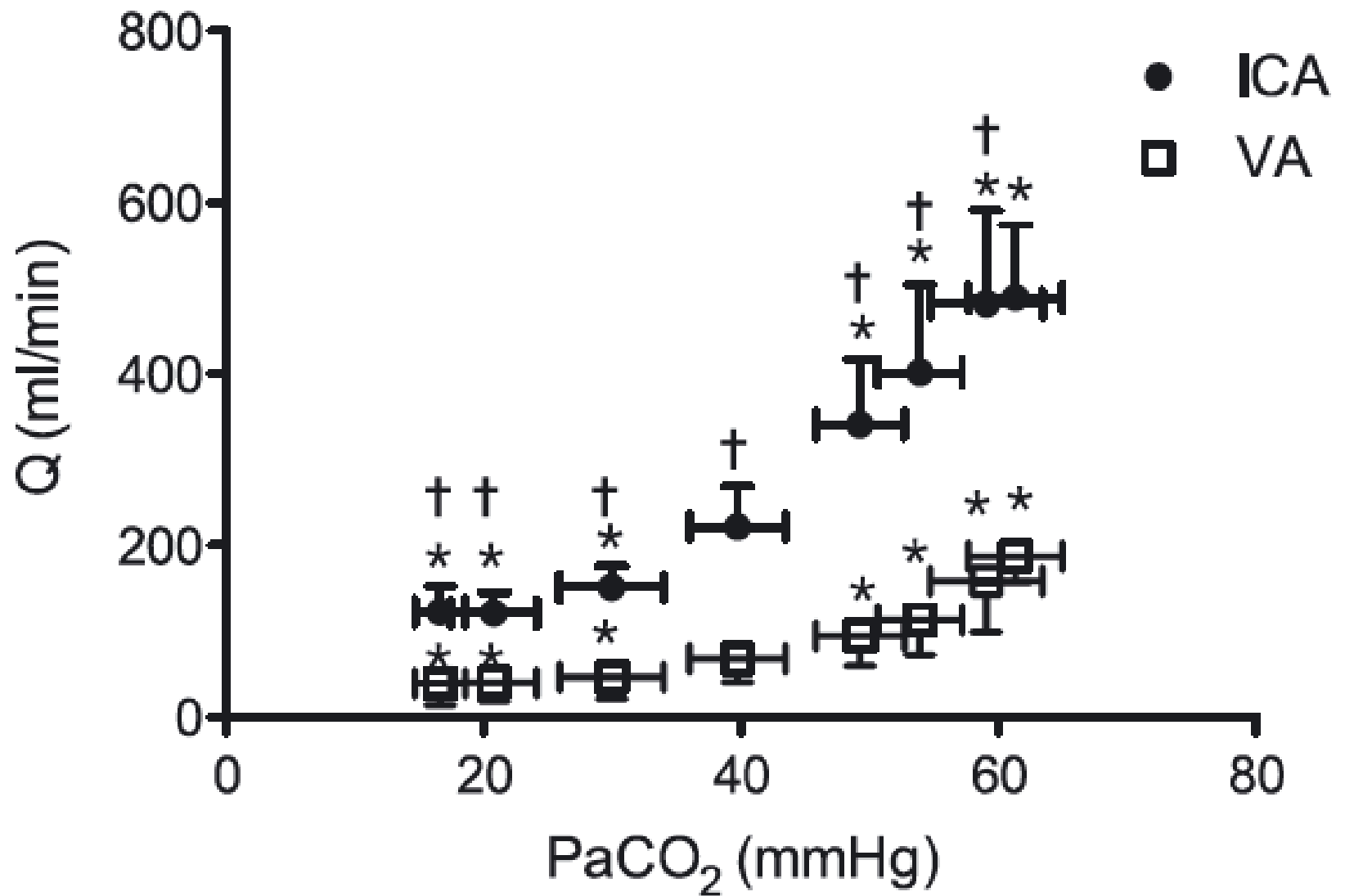
CO₂ Levels on ISS

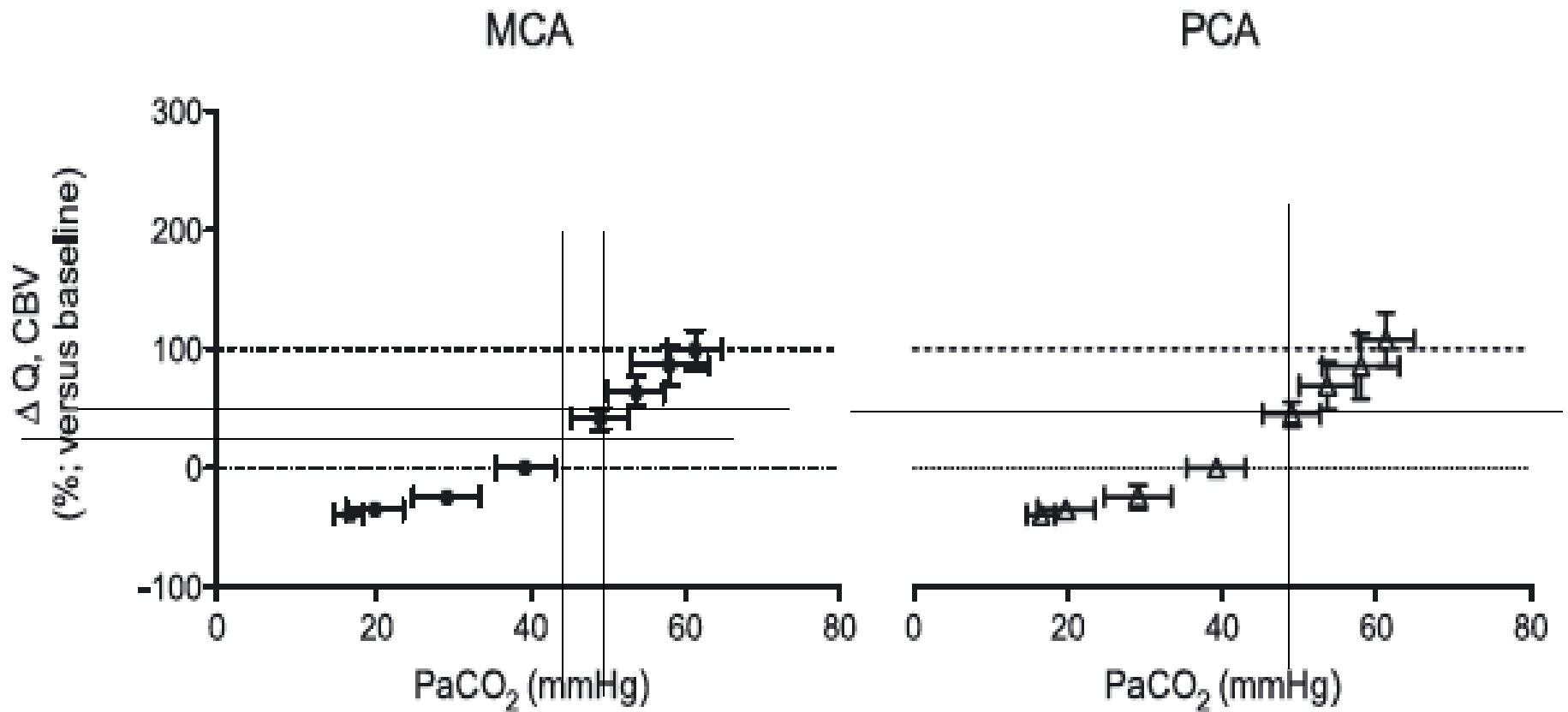


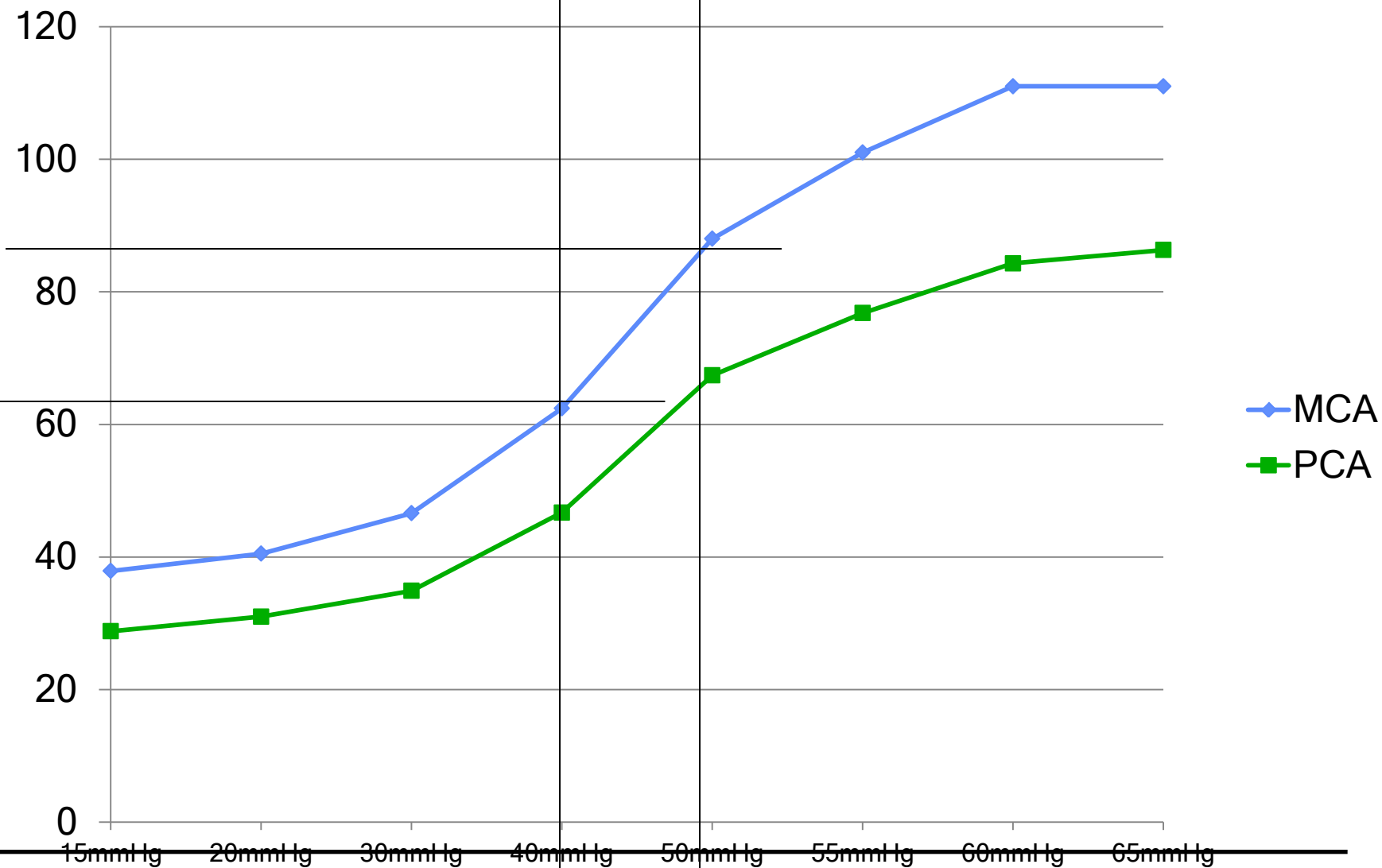
Adapted from Alperin et al. Radiology, 2000

- CO₂ is an extremely potent vasodilator
 - Every 1mmHg increase PaCO₂=4% increase in dilation
- CO₂ mission average=3.56mmHg (0.33%)
 - 10x normal sea level atmospheric: 0.0314%
 - Average Peak CO₂=8.32mmHg (0.7%) (20x)
- *CO₂ may cause increased CSF production due to increased flux of HCO₃⁻ across choroid plexus & accompanying H₂O*



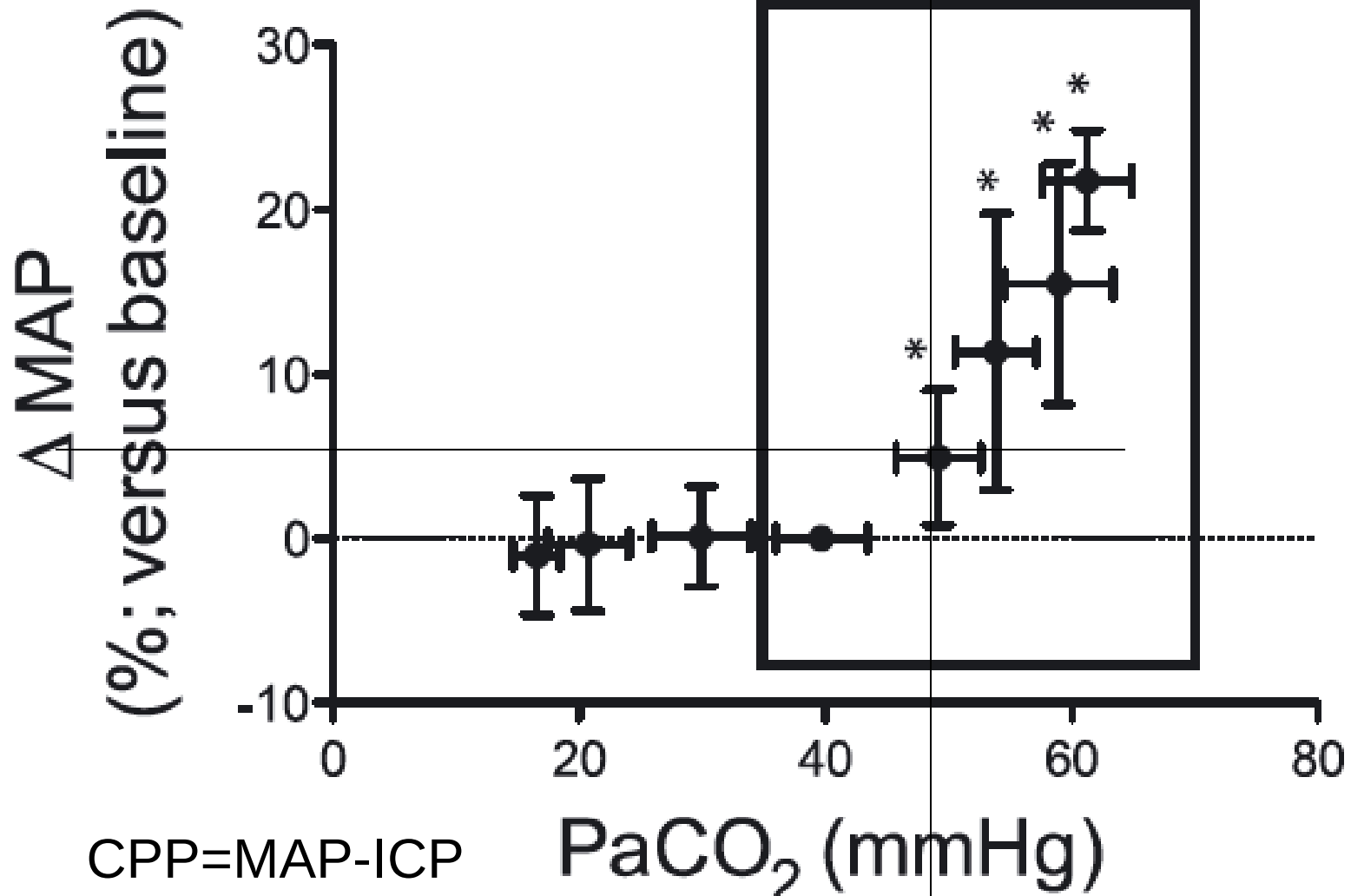






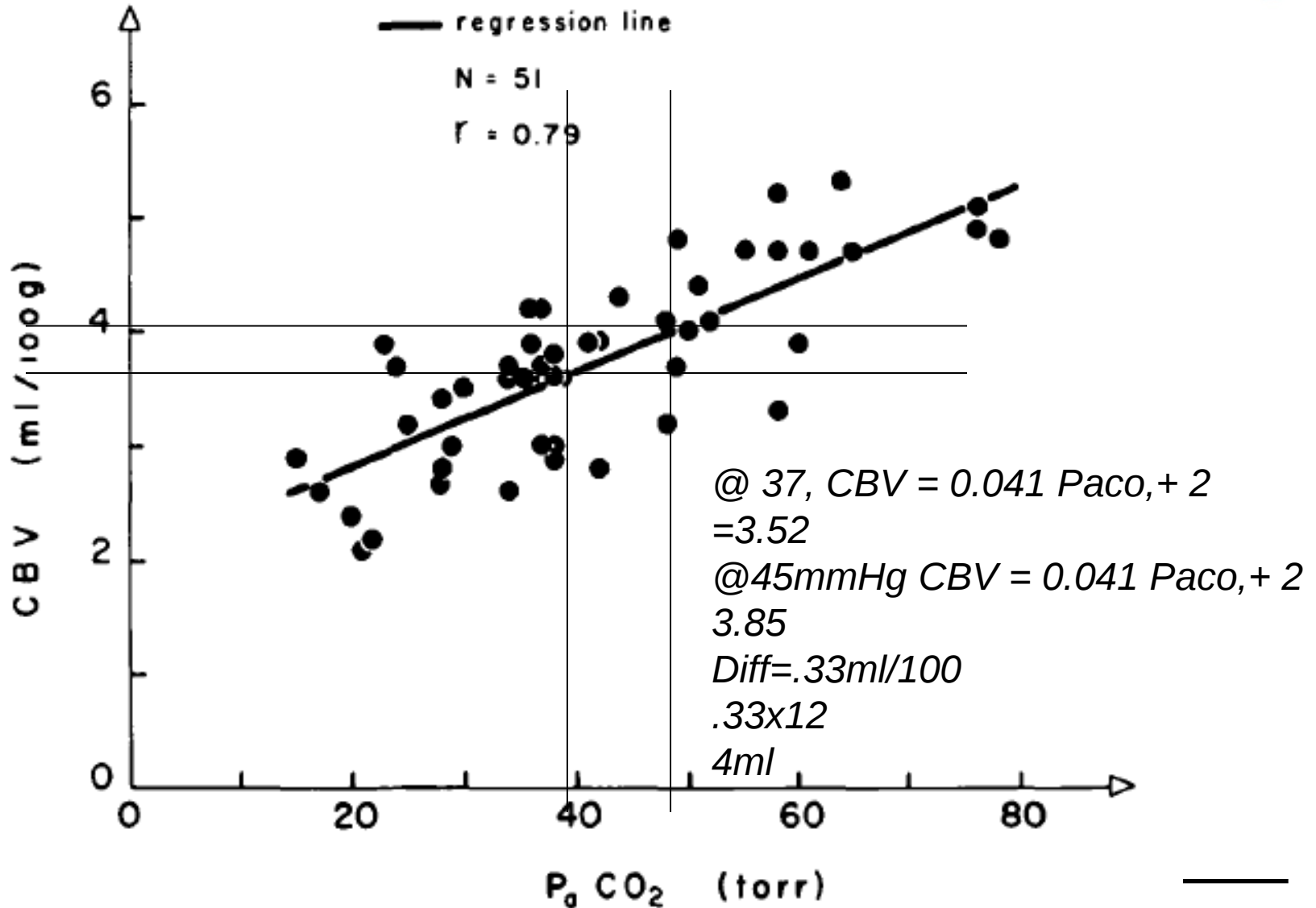


Increased BP with Elevated CO2 Causing Decreased Compliance





Cerebral Blood Volume Change with Changing PaCO₂



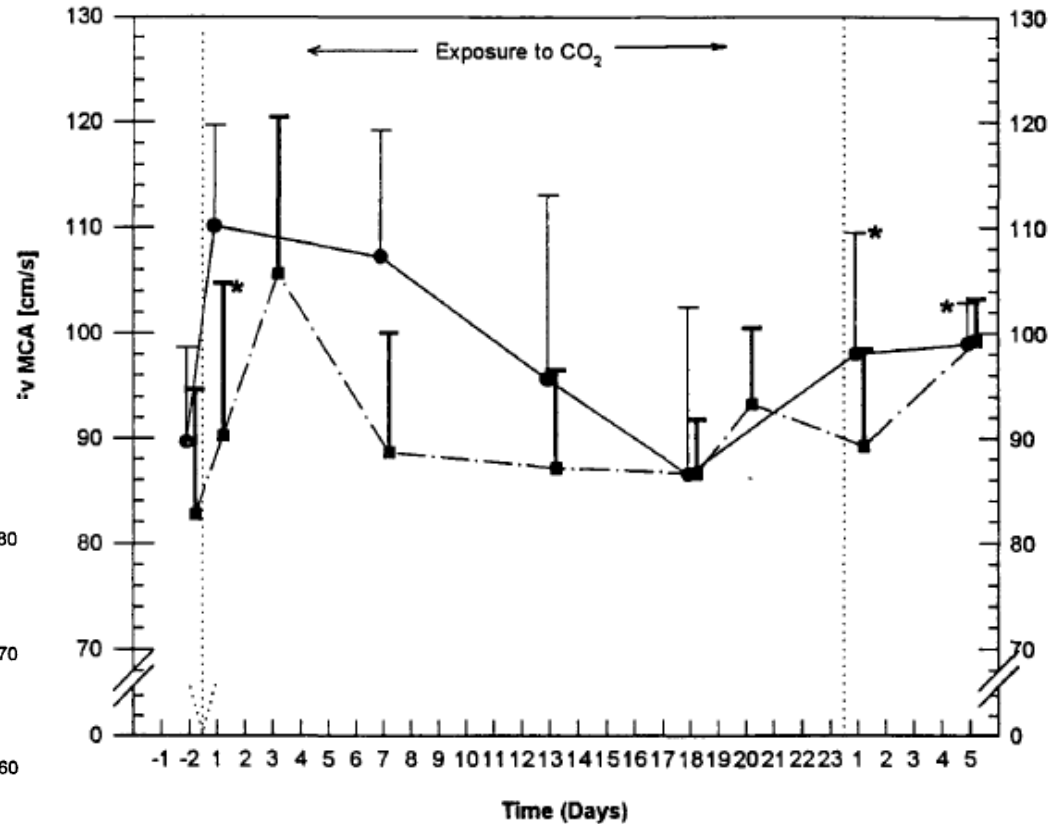


Cerebral Blood Flow Velocity During Hypercapnia & 10° HDT + Hypercapnia

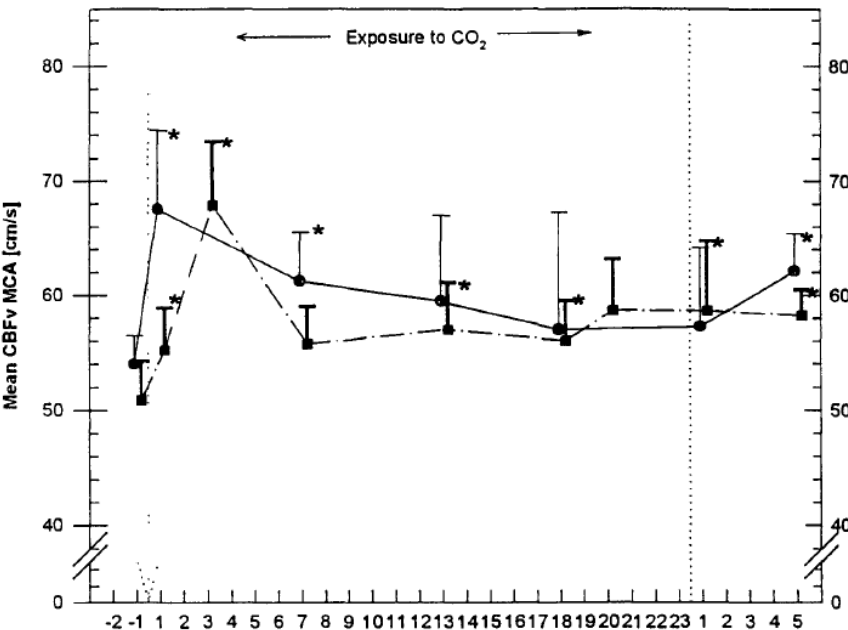


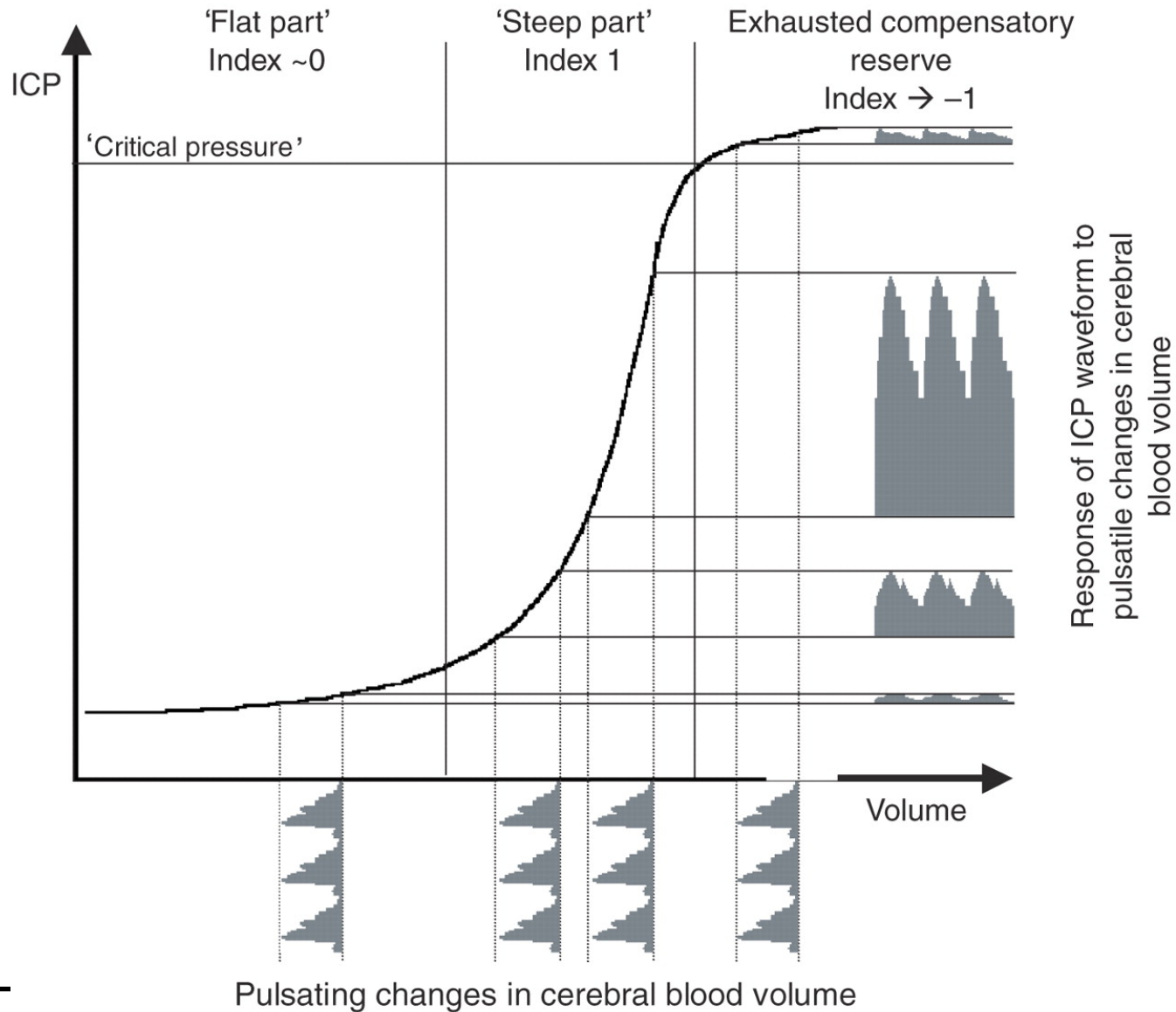
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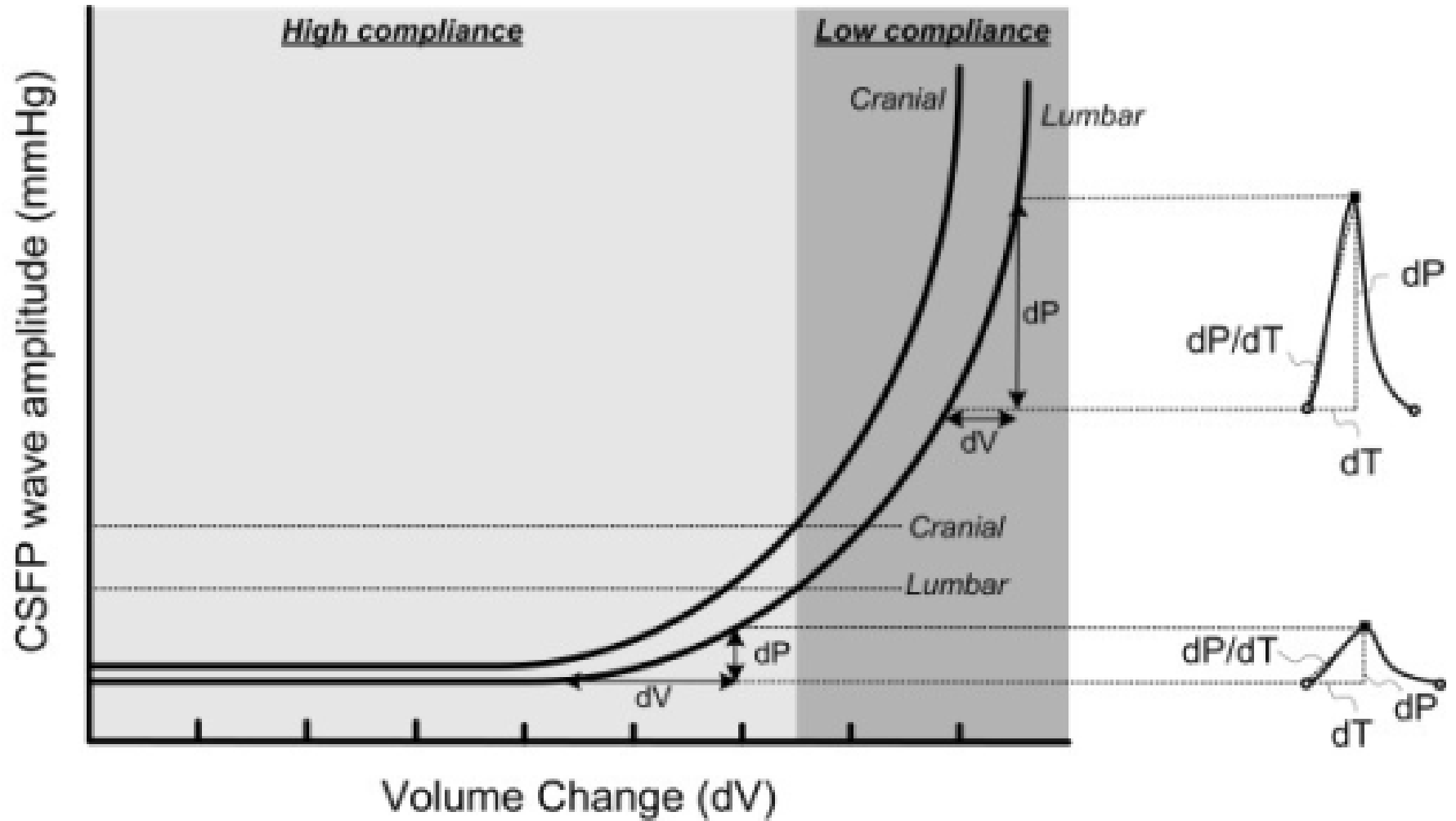
Cerebral Blood Flow Velocity (CBFv): Left Middle Cerebral Artery (MCA)
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Data mining - Contributions of CO₂ to the VIIP syndrome



- **PI:** TBD
- **Aims:** This retrospective data mining effort will evaluate the in-flight CO₂ levels during flight with the time course of identified visual changes experienced by crew members to determine if increase CO₂ levels could be a contributing factor to the VIIP syndrome.
- Zwart et al. 2012 found a difference in CO₂ concentrations between cases and non-cases:
 - In-flight cabin CO₂ concentrations were higher ($P < 0.05$) for OC+ (N=5) than OC- astronauts (N=15).

	FD15	FD30	FD60	FD120	FD180
Cabin CO ₂ , mm Hg					
OC-	2.6 ± 1.4	2.9 ± 1.3	2.9 ± 0.9	2.6 ± 1.2	2.9 ± 0.6
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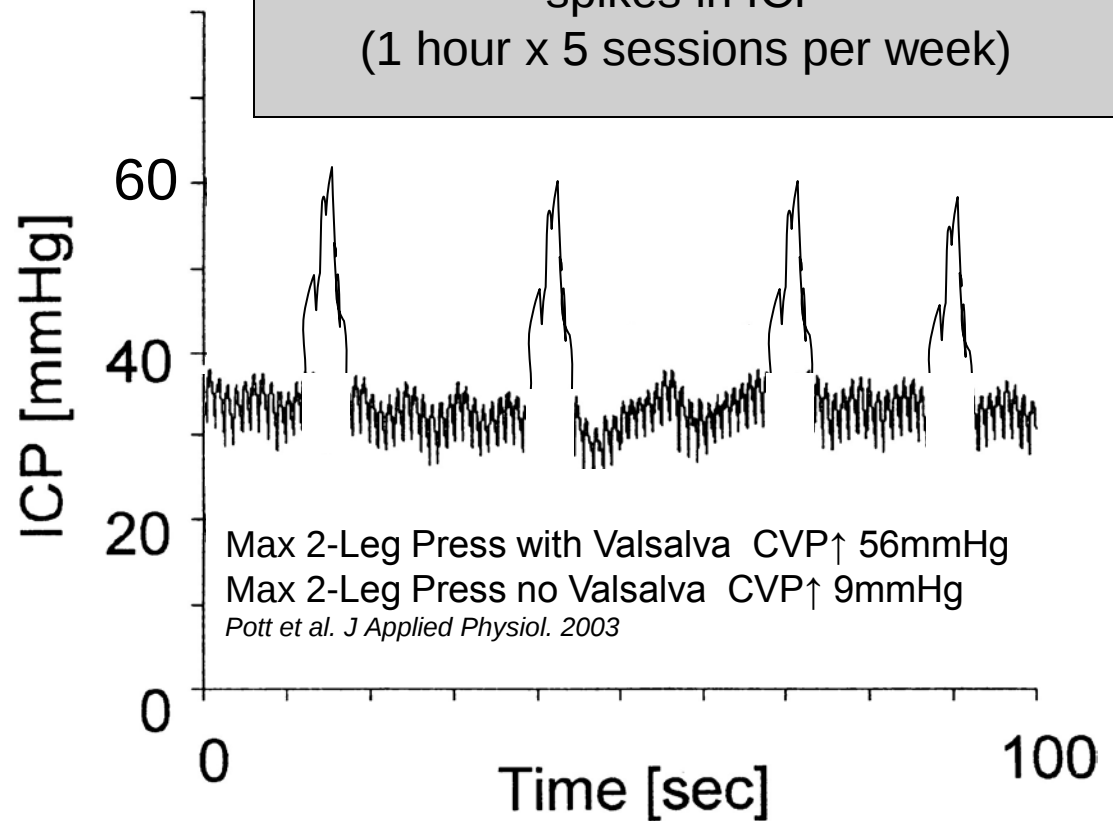


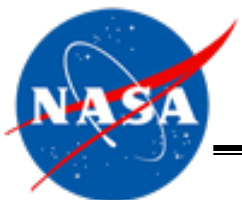
Resistive Exercise

Does in-flight resistance training cause additional transient elevations in ICP?



Resistive Exercise Repetitions causing spikes in ICP
(1 hour x 5 sessions per week)





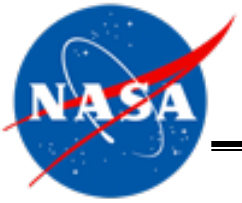
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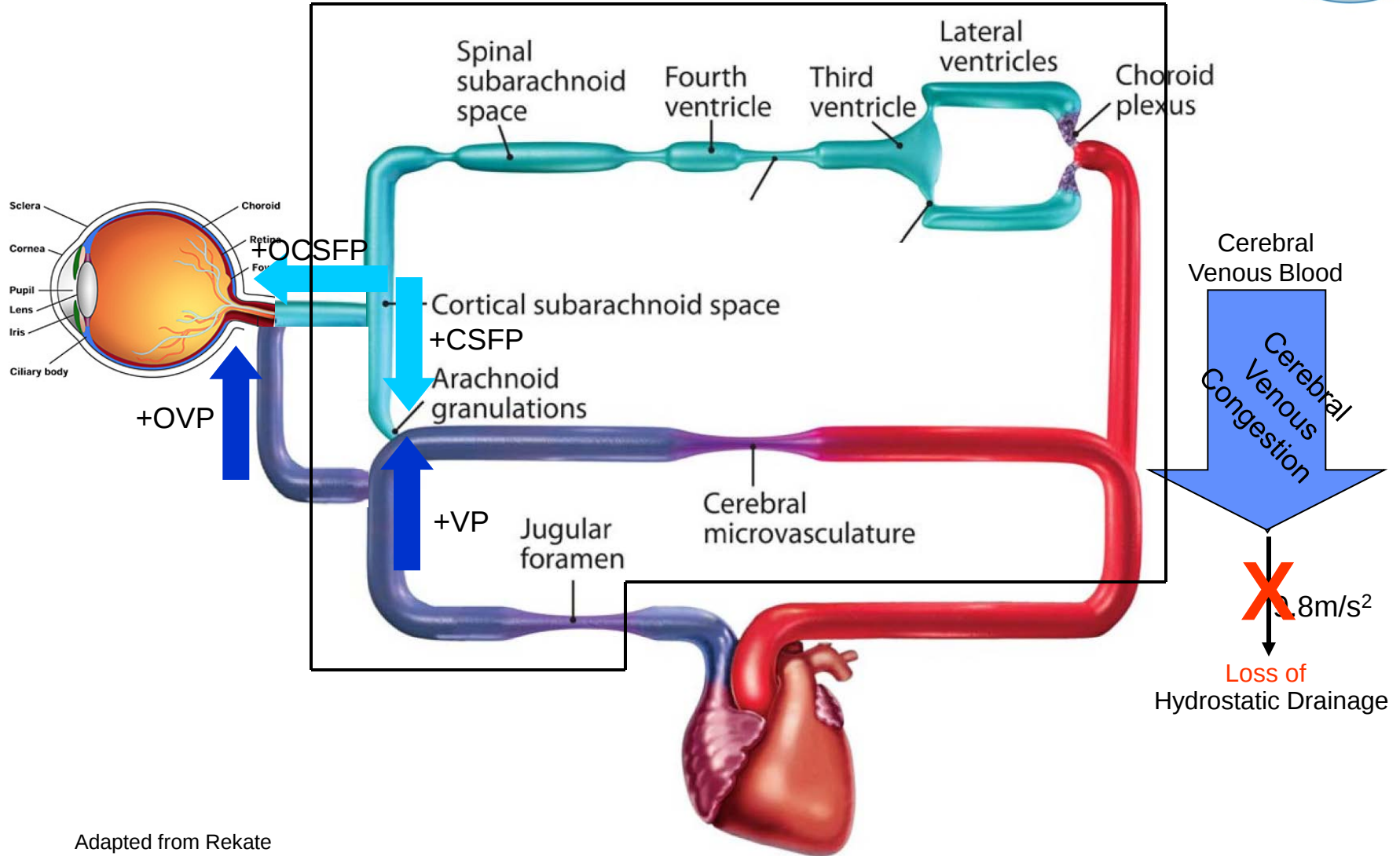
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A Working Model: Potential Interaction of the CNS, Vascular, & Ocular System in the VIIP



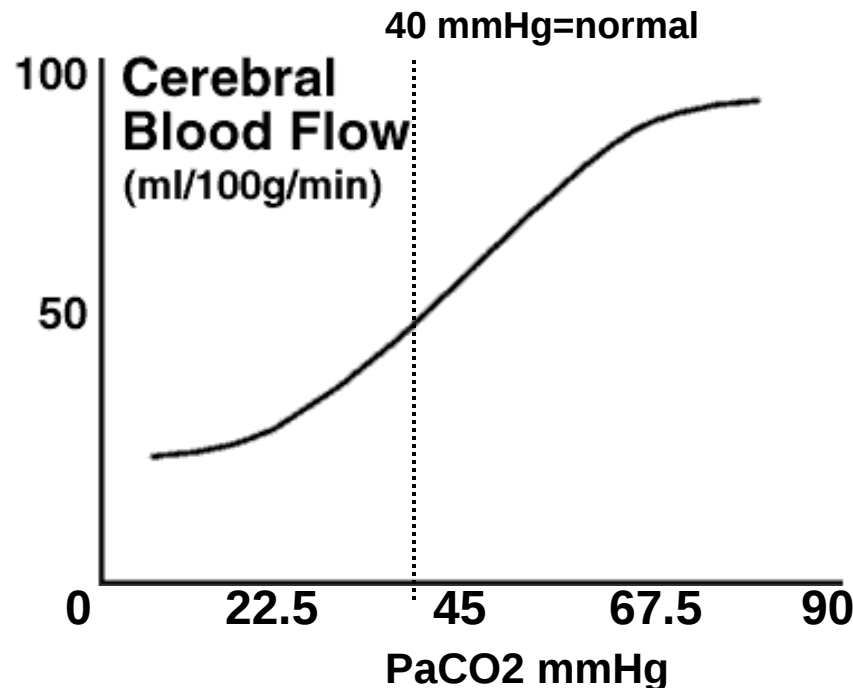
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Supplemental O2 as a Treatment Option

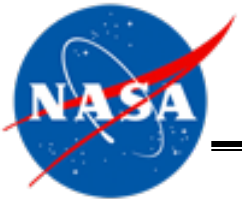


- As the arterial tension of CO₂ rises, CBF increases, when it is reduced vasoconstriction is induced.
- Hyperventilation can lead to a mean reduction in intracranial pressure of about 50% within 2-30 minutes.



Supplemental O₂ to drive down PaCO₂ & venous congestion/ICP



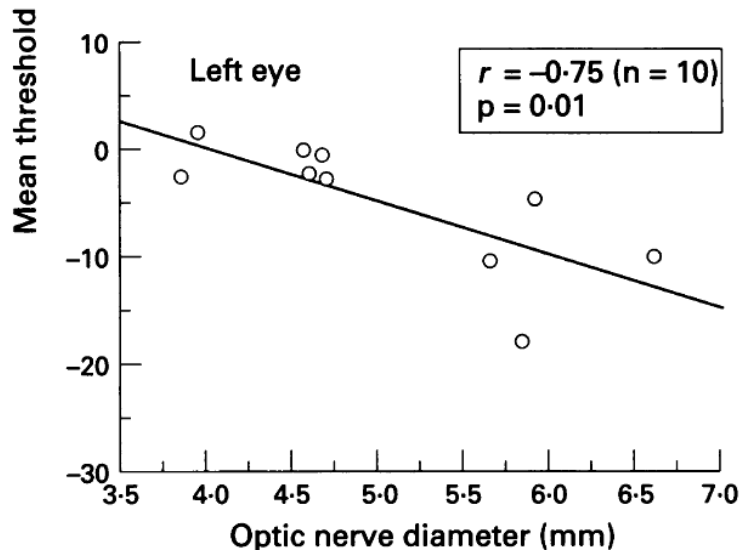


Correlation of ONSD & Visual Field Deficit

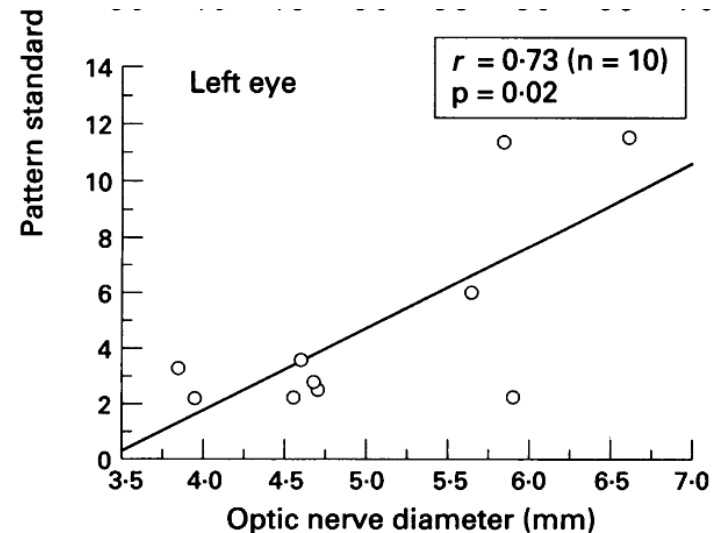


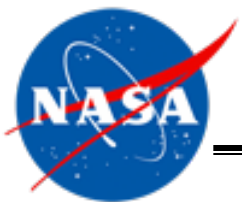
- T. Salgarello et al. *Optic nerve diameters and perimetric thresholds in idiopathic intracranial hypertension*. British Journal of Ophthalmology 1996;80:509-514
- 20 patients with IIH (mean age=47) papilledema grade 1.1(range 0-4), 20 controls
- CSF pressure=260-320mmH₂O, Mean duration disease=7.65 years
- Perimetric defects in 70% of eyes (28/40)
- Deficit associated with papilledema grade

MD: Average deviation from age matched controls



PSD: Measure of visual field irregularities

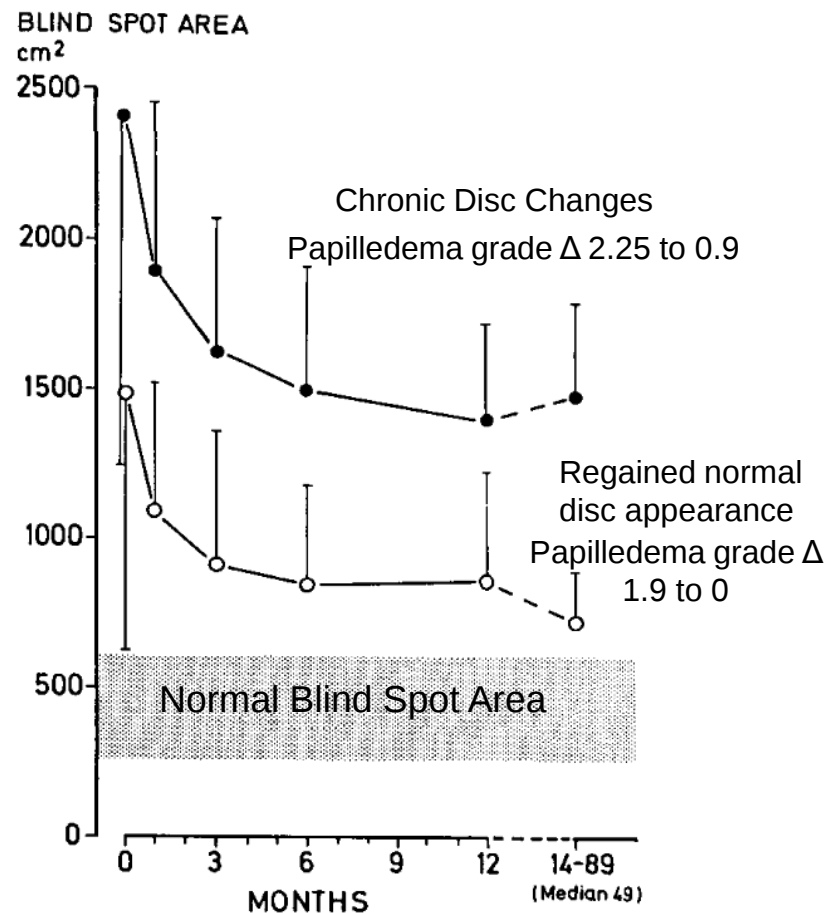




Blind Spot Enlargement Following Papilledema



- Sorenson et al. Clinical course and prognosis of pseudotumor cerebri. A prospective study of 24 patients. Acto Neurol Scand., 1988:77:164-172
- 24 IIH patients, symptoms present 1-30 months
- Median CSFp=25mm Hg (range 8-45), all had papilledema initially
- Followed for 49 months, treated with Diamox and diuretics 6-18 months
- Patients who regained normal disc (50%) had shorter duration of disease (median=4 months) vs those who developed chronic changes (median=12months)
- Visual field testing not conducted



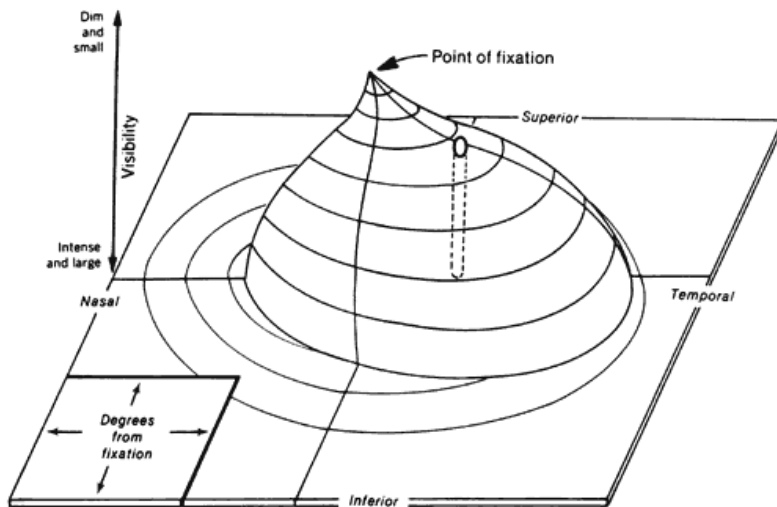


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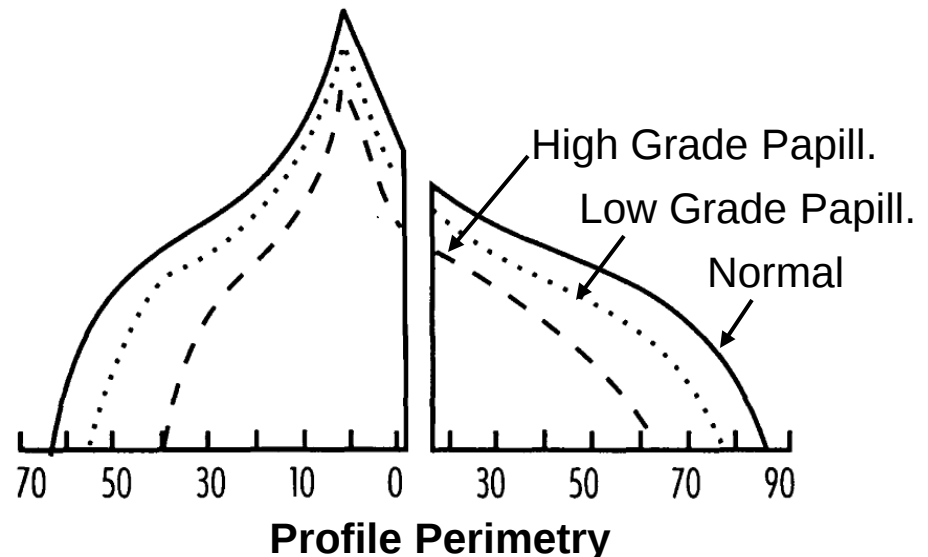


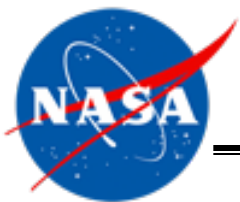
- *M. Wall. Asymmetric Papilledema in Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension: Prospective Interocular Comparison of Sensory Visual Function. IOVS, Jan. 1998, Vol. 39, No. 1*
- 9 IIH patients (mean age=31.8) with asymmetric papilledema 2+ grade diff.
 - High grade=3 (2-5) vs Low grade=1 (0-2)
- Mean CSFp=347.2 mm H₂O
- Visual loss most prominent in eye with higher grade papilledema
- High grade papilledema should be regarded as a risk factor for visual loss

The Visual Island



Depression of the visual island with increasing papilledema grade



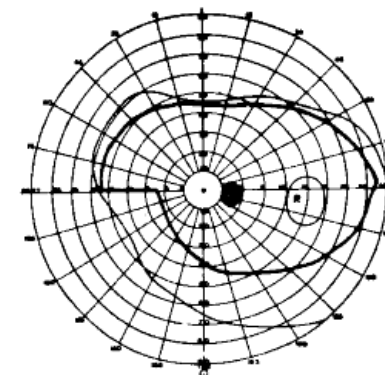
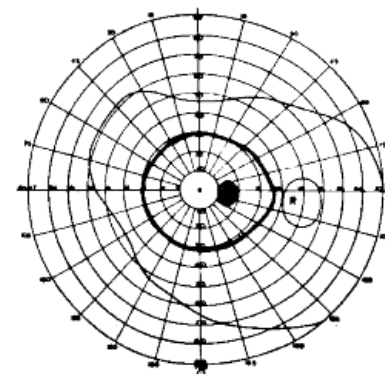


Mild Papilledema and Visual Field Loss

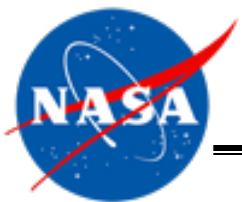


- *G. Rebolleda et al. Follow-up of Mild Papilledema in Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension with Optical Coherence Tomography. IOVS. 2009 Vol 50, No 11*
- N=22, mean age=40, recent diagnosis of IIH
- Mild papilledema, mean= Frisen 2 (range 1-3)
- Mean CSFp=35cmH₂O (range 25.5-45)
- 1 Year follow-up:
 - Perimetry: 66% normal VF, 18% enlargement blind spot, 16% irreversible field loss
 - OCT: 10 RNFL thinner than normal (3 visual field constriction, 3 inferonasal defects, 1 had a scotoma)
- RNFL swelling and attrition may occur simultaneously
- Perimetry needed with OCT, since OCT cannot distinguish between decreased swelling vs axonal loss
- *Both OCT and perimetry required for F/U*

PERIPHERAL CONSTRICTION



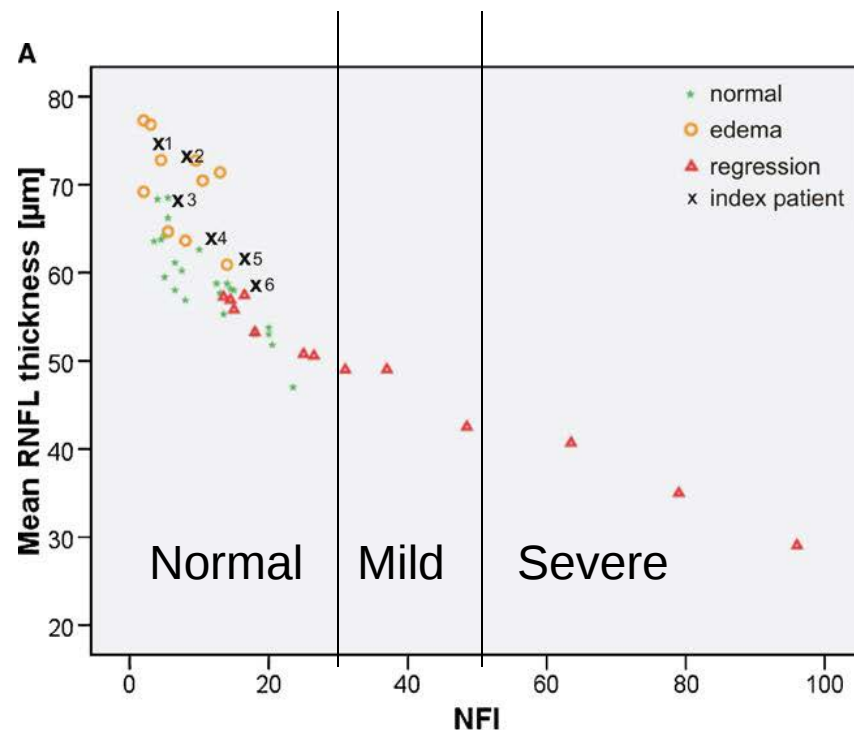
INFERO-NASAL STEP



Visual Field Damage Following Regression of Papilledema



- R. Laemmer. *Detection of nerve fiber atrophy in apparently effectively treated papilledema in idiopathic intracranial hypertension*. Graefes Arch Clin Exp Ophthalmol (2010) 248:1787-1793
- 23 IIH patients, mean age 33.8, 23 controls
- Mean follow-up in patients with regression of papilledema=27 months
- 8/13 (63%) regressive papilledema group had mild-moderate concentric visual field damage-superior and inferior regions
- Patients with papilledema, only 1/10 detectable visual field loss
- Data show significant reduction RNFL as a sign of axon loss in patients with apparently treated papilledema
- Minor loss of axons will be masked by structure of retina, with overlapping receptive fields. Thus, 40% of RNFL may be lost before occurrence of visual field damage





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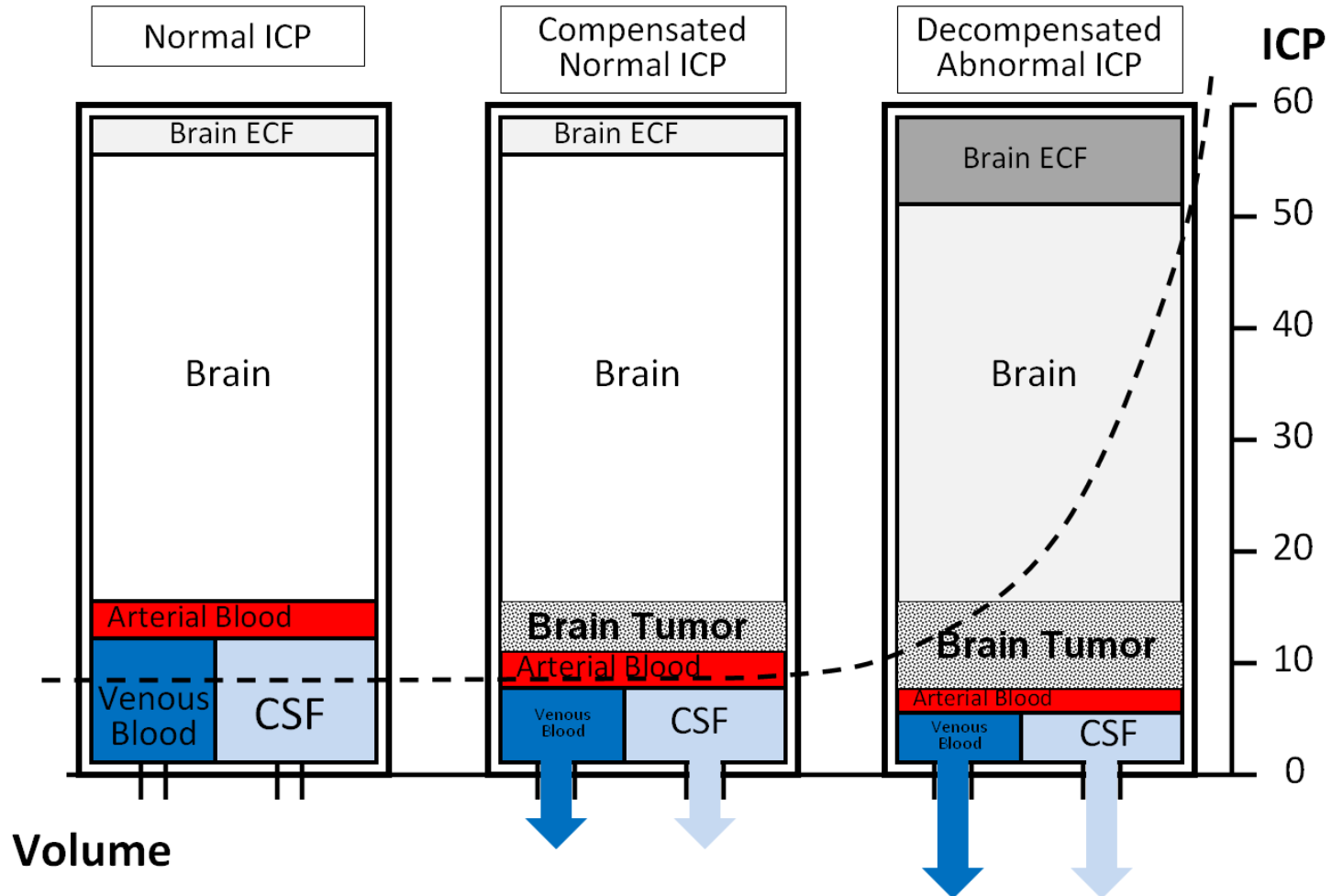
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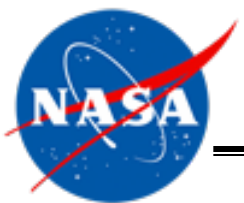


Monroe Kelly Principle & ICP

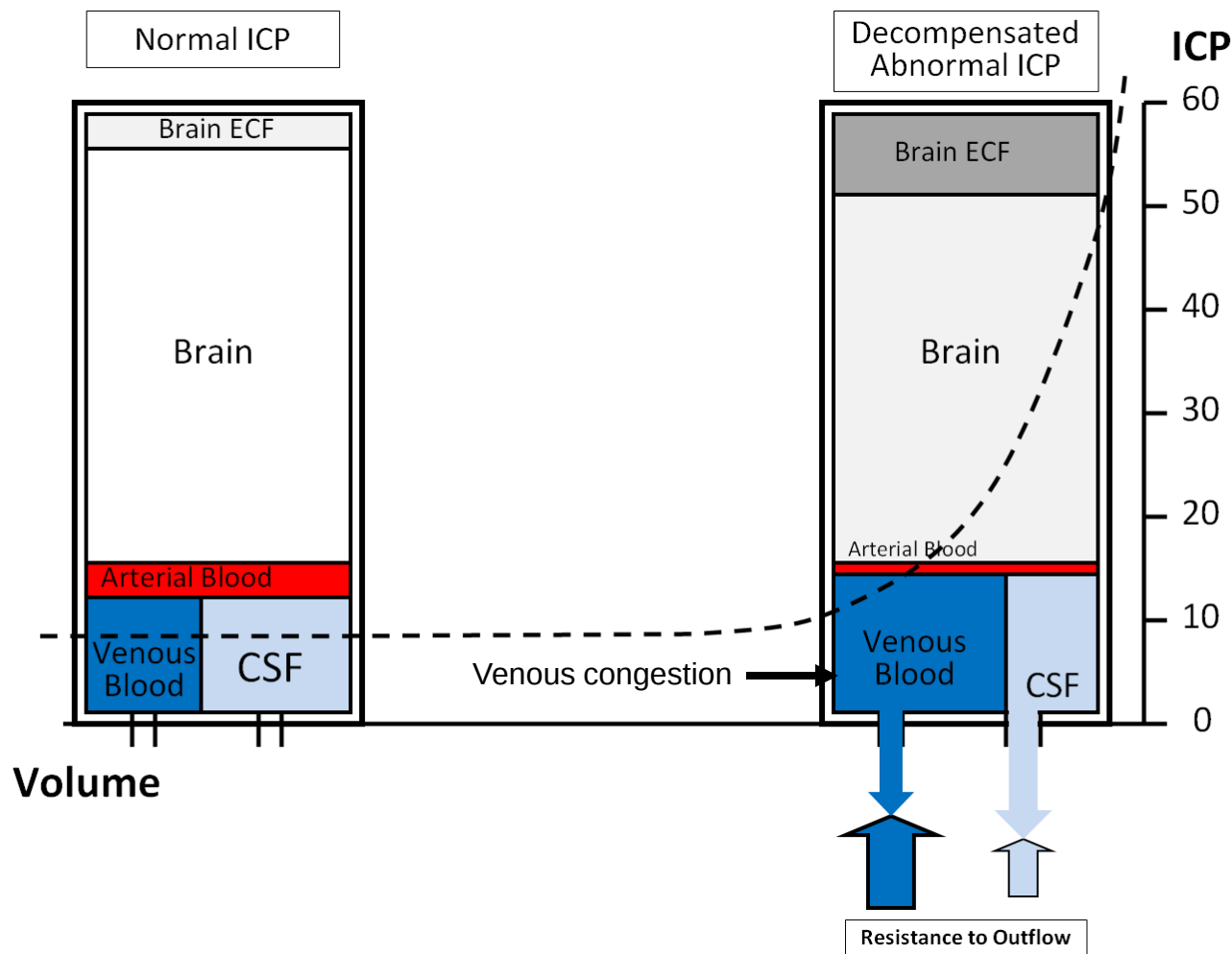


Accommodation of up to 120ml volume change while maintaining normal ICP





Fluid Shift & Inadequate Cerebral Venous & CSF Accommodation May Increase ICP in 0G





Increased CSF Vol., Venous Congestion, & Increased interstitial Vol.



- Alperin et. al. *MRI Evidence of Impaired CSF Homeostasis in Obesity-Associated Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension*. AJNR. July, 2012
- 3D volumetric MR imaging
- N=11 IIH newly diagnosed non-treated women vs N=11 overweight healthy women

Cranial Volumetric Measurements

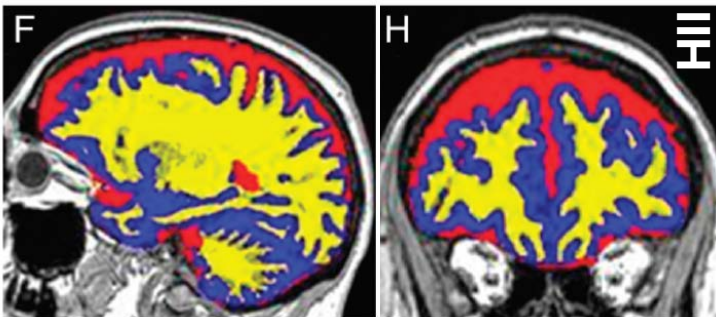
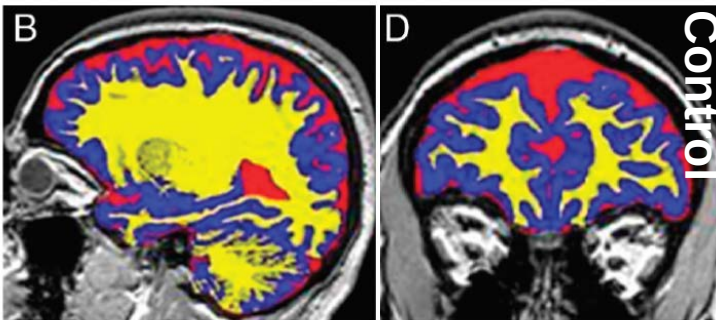
	ICCSF (mL)	EVCSF (mL)	GM (mL)	ICV (mL)	Nor VCSF (%)	Nor EVCSF (%)
Control (<i>n</i> = 11)	238 ± 25	220 ± 24	557 ± 31	1332 ± 81	1.4 ± 0.5	16 ± 1
IIH (<i>n</i> = 11)	309 ± 56	290 ± 52	602 ± 57	1438 ± 124	1.3 ± 0.4	20 ± 2
<i>P</i> value	0.002	0.0011	0.038	0.029	0.511	0.0007

ICCSF: Intracranial CSF, EVCSF: Extraventricular CSF, GM: Grey Matter, ICV: Intracranial Vol, Nor VCSF: Normalized Ventricular CSF, Nor EVCSF: Normalized Extraventricular CSF

Arterial & Venous Volumetric Flow Rate Measurements

Subjects	TCBF (mL/min)	Total IJV (mL/min)	Nor IJV (%)
Control (<i>n</i> = 11)	789 ± 116	628 ± 72	81 ± 10
IIH (<i>n</i> = 11)	823 ± 68	532 ± 87	65 ± 7
<i>P</i> value	0.414	0.011	0.001

- Less venous volume draining via the IJV
- Likely increased drainage via secondary vessels
- Implying an increased resistance to venous outflow



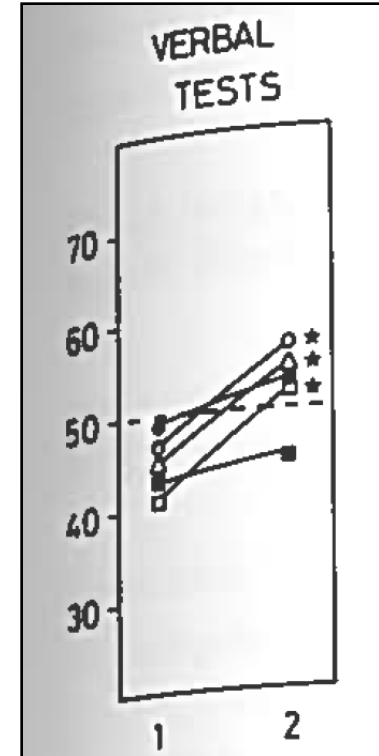
Grey Matter=Blue
White matter=Yellow
CSF=Red



Prolonged Elevations in ICP and Impaired Cognition



- Sorenson et al. *Persistent disturbances of cognitive functions in patients with pseudotumor cerebri*. Acta Neurol Scand. 1986
 - Prospective
 - N=5, mean papilledema 2, mean ICP 25.6 mmHg.
 - Difficulties in learning and memory for 6-30 months.
 - Testing showed a slight impairment in verbal tests.
 - At 12 month follow-up, after intensive medical or surgical treatment in 4/5 subjects the intellectual impairment reversed, and papilledema had resolved in 4 patients



- Walton, D. *Language deficits in patients with IIH*. Thesis. 1999
 - Prospective
 - N=9, All subjects experienced mild deficits in short term memory and auditory processing of linguistic information.
 - Particular difficulty in following complex directions containing prepositional information and in immediate recall of words or numbers.



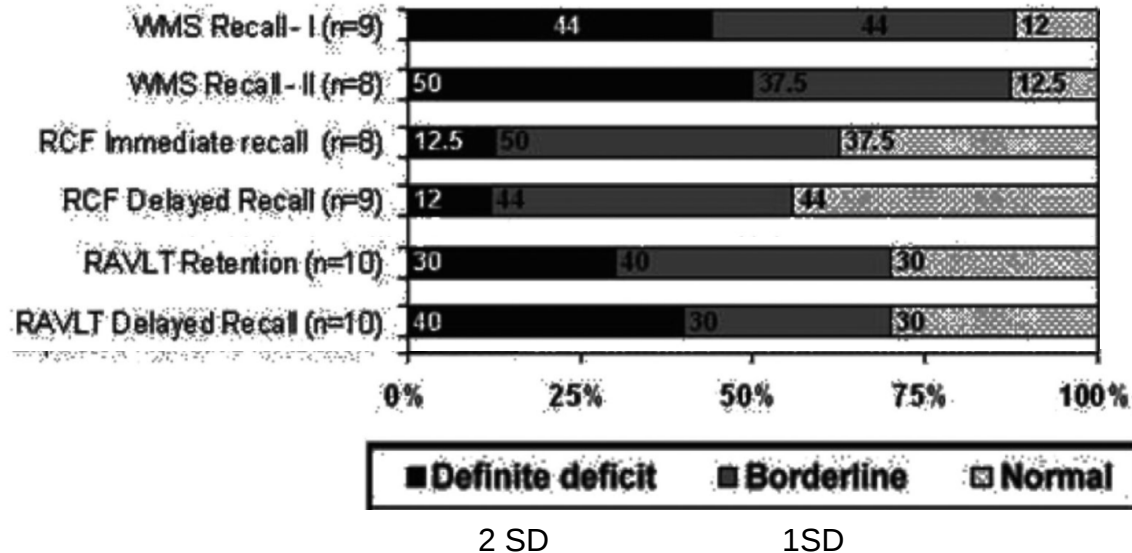
Prolonged Elevations in ICP and Impaired Cognition- Cont'd



- Kharkar et al. *Cognitive impairment in patients with pseudotumor cerebri syndrome*. Behavioural Neurology, 2011.

✓ Retrospective N=10. Cognitively tested at presentation

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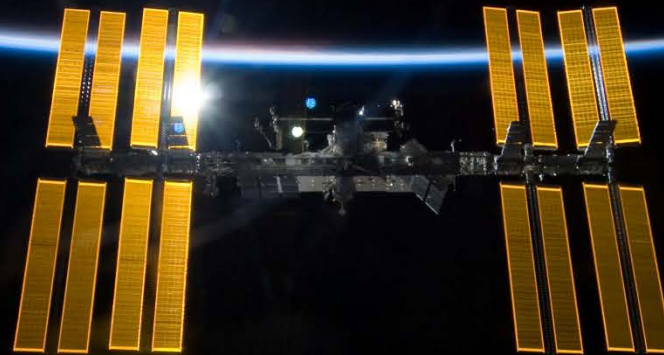
- Concept of cognitive reserve in mild Cognitive Impairment



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