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Arterial stiffness.

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Factors of arterial stiffness changes

A. Vascular Structure

B. Stiffness Pathology



Tunica adventitia

- Collagen deposition
- Increase in fibroblasts

Tunica media

- Collagen deposition
- Elastin degradation
- **RAAS Signaling**
 - AT1R & MR
 - VSMC stiffness
 - Increase in α-SMA & B1-integrin

Tunica intima

- Endothelial dysfunction
- Oxidative stress

- Elastin degradation
- Collagen deposition
- Endothelial dysfunction

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Complications of the higher arterial stiffness



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Pulse wave





Pulse wave at different vascular segments

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Pressure wave reflection





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Ultrasound measurement







age		IMT _R (mm)	IMT _L (mm)
	Mean	0.39±0.07	0.40 ± 0.07
25-35	V%	18.26	17.37
	CI	0.36 <x<0.42< td=""><td>0.38<x<0.42< td=""></x<0.42<></td></x<0.42<>	0.38 <x<0.42< td=""></x<0.42<>
	Mean	0.43±0.07	0.46±0.09
35-45	V%	15.15	18.59
	CI	0.41 <x<0.45< td=""><td>0.43<x<0.49< td=""></x<0.49<></td></x<0.45<>	0.43 <x<0.49< td=""></x<0.49<>
	Mean	0.47 ± 0.08	0.50 ± 0.11
45-55	V%	17.49	21.18
	CI	0.44 <x<0.50< td=""><td>0.47<x<0.54< td=""></x<0.54<></td></x<0.50<>	0.47 <x<0.54< td=""></x<0.54<>
	Mean	0.52±0.11	0.54±0.11
55-65	V%	21.01	20.89
	CI	0.48 <x<0.56< td=""><td>0.50<x<0.58< td=""></x<0.58<></td></x<0.56<>	0.50 <x<0.58< td=""></x<0.58<>
	Mean	0.55±0.09	0.57±0.09
65-75	V%	16.65	14.60
	CI	0.53 <x<0.59< td=""><td>0.55<x<0.61< td=""></x<0.61<></td></x<0.59<>	0.55 <x<0.61< td=""></x<0.61<>





Ultrasound measurement (β – index).

$\beta = \left(\ln \frac{P_s}{P_d} \right) \left(\frac{D}{\Delta D} \right)$





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CAVI measurement



CAVI measurement





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