1. Title: Cross-classification of blood pressure stages and risk groups in ARIC by race

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   Description of Risk Groups by JNC VI criteria among ARIC participants by race. The new JNC VI Blood Pressure Guidelines advocate treatment decisions based on overall risk rather than risk attributed only to BP. This description will provide information regarding implications for treatment decisions by these guidelines.

5. Risk Group*
   BP Stages (mmHg)** A B C Total
   Normal (<130/85)
   High-Normal (130-139/85-89)
   Stage 1 (140-159/90-99)
   Stages 2&3 (>159/99 or treated)
   Total

   *Risk Group A - No CVD Risk Factors (RF) or Clinical CVD
   Risk Group B - Any RF other than DM including dyslipidemia, tob use, male, age > 60 or post-menopausal, male
   Risk Group C - DM or Clinical CVD (CHD, CHF, Stroke, TIA, Retinopathy, PVD, Renal Disease

   **use highest of SBP or DBP to stage

   Use most recently available closed data set.