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**The Prostate: BPH and Beyond**

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**Learning Objectives**

- Apply diagnostic and treatment strategies to men with BPH
- Review the AUA 2014 updated BPH guidelines
- Apply diagnostic and treatment strategies to men with ED
- Discuss the relationship between ED and cardiovascular disease

**Prevalence of BPH**

Age (years)	Prevalence
31-40	8%
51-60	40-50%
80+	80%

Guess HA et al. Prostate 1990; 17:241.

**Natural History of BPH: Relationship Between Symptoms and Prostate Volume**

Age (years)	Mild symptoms (%)	Moderate/severe symptoms (%)	Total (%)
40-49	~0	~1	~1
50-59	~0	~4	~4
60-69	~3	~11	~14
70-79	~8	~14	~22

(N=2115)

Adapted from Girman CJ et al. J Urol 1995;153:1510-1515. Slide 1.5

**Pathophysiology of Clinical BPH: Overlapping but Independent Features**

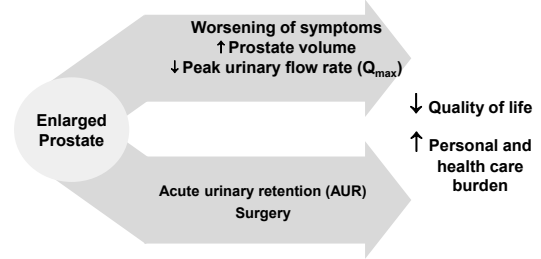
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LUTS= lower urinary tract symptoms  
BOO= bladder outlet obstruction Slide 1.2

## Pathophysiology of Clinical BPH: Predictive Risk Factors

- Increasing age
- Prostatic enlargement
- Lower-urinary-tract symptoms (LUTS)
- Decreased urinary flow rate
- Elevated prostate-specific antigen (PSA)

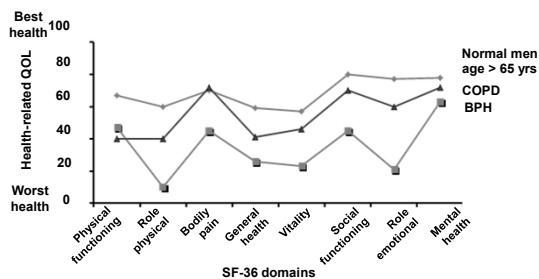
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## Importance of Arresting Disease Progression



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## Health-Related Quality of Life: BPH Compared with Another Chronic Disease (COPD)



COPD = chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; QOL = quality of life  
Hong SJ et al. *BJU Int*. 2005;95:15-19.

## LUTS – Bladder or Prostate?

LUTS = Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms

- Voiding (Obstructive)
  - Incomplete urination
  - Stopping / starting
  - Weak stream
  - Pushing / straining
- Irritative (Storage)
  - Frequency
  - Urgency
  - Nocturia

1. AUA Guidelines on Management of Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia *J Urol*. 2003 170(2):530-547.  
2. Nordling J et al. In: Chatelain C et al, eds. *Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia*. Plymouth, UK: Health Publication Ltd; 2001:107166.

## AUA Symptom Index Scoring

SCORE	INTERPRETATION
0-7	Mild
8-19	Moderate
20-35	Severe

## Diagnosis of BPH

## LUTS: History

- How long?
- Most bothersome symptom? **Degree of bother?**
- Voiding (Obstructive)
  - Incomplete urination
  - Stopping/starting
  - Weak stream
  - Pushing/straining
- Irritative (Storage - OAB)
  - Frequency
  - Urgency
  - Nocturia
- Other: fluid intake, UTI, pain, hematuria, LE swelling
- IPSS/AUA Symptom Score

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2. Nordling J et al. In: Chatelein C et al, eds. *Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia*. Plymouth, UK: Health Publication Ltd; 2001:107-166.

## LUTS History - Other Causes of Symptoms

- Local Pathology
  - Infection
  - Bladder stones
  - Bladder tumor
  - Prostatitis
  - BPH
  - Prostate cancer
- Metabolic
  - Diabetes
  - Polydipsia
- Medications
  - Diuretics
  - Antidepressants
  - Antihypertensives
  - Hypnotics & sedatives
  - Analgesics & narcotics
- Other Factors
  - Psychological
  - Nocturnal polyuria
    - CHF
    - Liver disease
  - Neurologic

## LUTS: Exam

- Digital rectal exam
  - Estimate prostate size, asymmetry, induration, nodule or boggy (exclude carcinoma or chronic prostatitis)
  - Check for rectal sphincter tone
- Bladder percussion/palpation for distention
- Focused neurologic examination
  - Rule out neurologic conditions that might contribute to voiding dysfunction

Adapted from Anderson R.J. *Hospital Practice*. 1988;March:11-21.

## LUTS: Labs/Studies

- Urinalysis – rule out other urinary tract pathology
- PSA – appropriately aged male to screen for prostate cancer
- Upper tract imaging – only if recurrent UTI, hematuria, renal insufficiency, urolithiasis or prior urinary tract surgery
- Urodynamics/cystoscopy NOT required for initial evaluation or prior to starting therapy in standard patient
- Uroflow

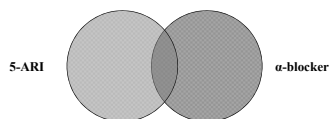
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## Male LUTS When Should Therapy Be Started?

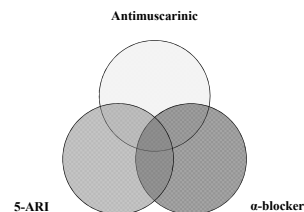
- Absolute indications
  - Urinary retention
  - Renal insufficiency
  - Recurrent UTI
  - Recurrent hematuria
  - Bladder stones
- Otherwise...are you bothered?
  - Poor flow
  - Nocturia
  - Frequency

## BPH: Treatment Options

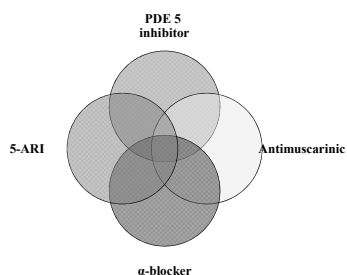
## Evolution of Medical Therapy for LUTS/BPH/BOO/BPE



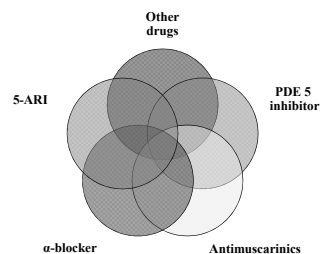
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## α-Blocker Therapy

- α -adrenergic receptors found at bladder neck and smooth muscle capsule of prostate
- α-1 receptors have many subtypes: A1a,A1b,A1d, A1L
- A1a found in prostate gland and bladder neck

## Alpha blockers: how to choose?

Agent	Trade name	Typical titration schedule	Available dosing	Advantages	Disadvantages
Prazosin	Minipress	1 mg QD x1wk 1 mg BID x 1wk then 2 mg BID	1, 2 mg	-Low cost	-BID dosing -↑↑ Side effects
Terazosin	Hytrin	2 mg qhs x 1wk 5 mg qhs x 1wk then 10 mg qhs	2, 5 and 10 mg	-QD dosing	-Need to titrate -↑ side effects
Doxazosin	Cardura	2 mg qhs x 1wk 4 mg qhs x 1wk then 8 mg qhs	2, 4 and 8 mg	-QD dosing	-Need to titrate -↑ side effects
Alfuzosin (long acting)	Uroxatral	No titration needed	10 mg	-QD dosing -No titration -↓ retrograde ejaculation	
Tamsulosin	Flomax	No titration needed	0.4 and 0.8 mg	-QD dosing -No titration -Low side effects	- May need to titrate
Silodosin	Rapaflo	No titration needed	8 mg	-QD dosing -No titration -No impact on BP or HR	-Higher RE and cost

### **Alpha-blockers Adverse Events**

- Asthenia
- Postural hypotension
- Dizziness
- Somnolence
- Nasal congestion
- Retrograde ejaculation

### **Intraop Floppy Iris Syndrome (IRIS)**

- Risk with tamsulosin or other alpha-blockers
- Flaccid iris during cataract surgery
- Impacts surgical technique – well known in ophthalmologic community
- Benefit of stopping alpha-blocker pre-op not helpful

### **5-alpha Reductase Inhibitors Finasteride/Dutasteride**

- Blocks conversion of testosterone to DHT
- Reduces volume of enlarged prostate as DHT primary androgen responsible for prostate growth
- Reduces risk of AUR/surgery by 50% (prostates  $\geq$  40 gm)
- Reduces PSA by 50%
- Takes 3-6 months to show maximal effects
- Common side effects: erectile dysfunction, decreased libido, decreased ejaculate volume

### **Finasteride and Prostate Cancer**

- The PCPT enrolled 18,882 men and randomized to placebo vs. finasteride 5 mg daily for 7 years
- Reduction of prostate cancer by 24.6% in the treatment arm, with an increased rate of development of Gleason 7–10 prostate cancers (37% treatment vs 22.2% placebo)
- Subsequent reanalysis found multiple counterarguments against the increased risk for HGPC:
  - Lack of reliability of Gleason scoring following 5ARI treatment
  - Reduction in prostate volume and subsequent increased detection of malignancy
  - Increased sensitivity of PSA as a prostate cancer detection marker in the finasteride group

Geller et al Eur Urol, 1995, 27(4): p. 267-73.

### **Tadalafil for Once Daily Dose**

- FDA Indications
  - ED
  - BPH
  - ED + BPH
- Side effects
  - Headache (4.1%)
  - Dyspepsia (2.4%)
  - Back pain (2.4%)
  - Nasopharyngitis (2.1%)

Tadalafil full prescribing information 2011

### **Surgical Options**

- Transurethral resection of the prostate (TURP)
- Open prostatectomy
- Minimally invasive options
  - Transurethral microwave therapy (TUMT)
  - Greenlight laser
  - Transurethral needle ablation (TUNA)
  - Urolift™

## Complementary Medicines

- *Serenoa repens* (saw palmetto)
- Cernilton (Rye Grass Pollen)
- Permixon
- Pygeum africanum (african plum)
- Stinging nettle (*urtica dioica*)
- African star grass (*hypoxis rooperi*)
- Pumpkin seeds (*cucurbita pepo*)
- Pruce (*picea*)
- Pine (*pineas*)
- Zinc

## Saw Palmetto

- Lack of evidence
  - Few trials
  - Study limitations: poor design, small numbers, variable drug preparation
- 2006 NEJM RCT\*
  - 225 men, moderate-severe BPH, saw palmetto vs. placebo
  - No advantage with saw palmetto at one year
    - AUA score
    - Peak flow
    - Prostate size
    - Bother score/QOL
- Multiple formulations problematic without FDA regulation

\*Bent, et al, NEJM, 2006; 354: 557-566.

## When to Refer to a Urologist

- DRE reveals palpable nodules or irregularities
- PSA level of >4 ng/dL or PSA doubles in 1 year
- Inadequate response to medication
- Refractory LUTS
- Refractory cases, medical complications such as
  - Refractory AUR
  - Gross hematuria
  - Bladder stones
  - UTIs
  - Renal insufficiency

1. Moul, Postgrad Med. 1993;94:141-146,151-152.  
2. Dull, Fam Pract Recent. 1998;20:43-45,51-52,59-60,66-70.  
3. Murphy et al. The American Cancer Society's Informed Decisions. 1997:605-609.  
4. Quick Reference for Clinicians Number 8: Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia. Rockville, Md: AHCPR; 1994.  
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## Updated 2014 AUA BPH Guidelines

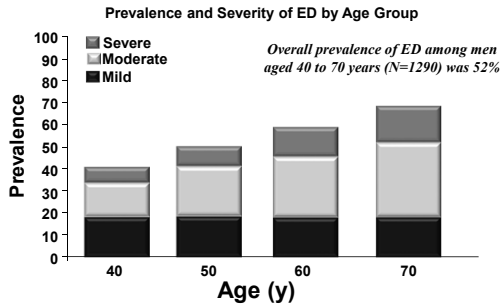
- Laboratory tests should include prostate-specific antigen testing and urinalysis to exclude infection or other causes for LUTS
- The routine measurement of serum creatinine levels is not indicated in the initial evaluation of men with LUTS secondary to BPH
- If storage symptoms predominate, an overactive bladder from idiopathic detrusor overactivity is the most likely cause if flow study result shows no indication of bladder outlet obstruction (BOO)
- For coexisting BOO and overactive bladder symptoms, the patient can be treated with combination alpha-blocker and anticholinergic therapy
- For LUTS resulting from BPH with predominant BOO symptoms, alpha-blockers are the first treatment of choice

## Conclusions

- BPH is a common condition that impacts patients' quality of life
- Complications of untreated BPH include acute urinary retention, urinary tract infections, bladder calculi, bladder damage, renal impairment and hematuria
- Alpha blockers - first line therapy for men with bothersome LUTS
- Combination therapy with anticholinergics can be considered for certain patients
- 5-alpha reductase inhibitors may be appropriate second line therapy
- The role of alternative medicines in BPH is unclear

## Erectile Dysfunction: Diagnosis and Treatment

## Massachusetts Male Aging Study (MMAS)



The overall prevalence of mild, moderate, and severe ED was 17.2%, 25.2%, and 9.6%, respectively

Feldman HA, et al. *J Urol.* 1994;151(1):54-61.

## Most Men With ED Do Not Receive Treatment

- In a study of 6,228,509 men with ED<sup>1</sup>
  - 25.4% received treatment (ie, PDE5 inhibitor, injection or urethral prostaglandins or androgen replacement)
  - 74.6% were untreated
- In a population-based study of men 40 years and older with ED, 77% were not receiving pharmacotherapy with a PDE5 inhibitor<sup>2</sup>
- Potential reasons for not seeking treatment<sup>3</sup>
  - Feelings of shame
  - Concern that the physician won't take the sexual problem seriously

1. Calix O, et al. *J Urol.* 2013;189(48):e570; 2. Foster SA, et al. *Curr Med Res Opin.* 2013;1:9; 3. Gerster S, et al. *Int J Impot Res.* 2013;26(2):56-62.

## Etiologies of ED<sup>1-3</sup>

<b>Vasculogenic</b>	Cardiovascular disease, hypertension, diabetes mellitus, hyperlipidemia, smoking, major surgery (radical prostatectomy) or radiotherapy (pelvis or retroperitoneum)
<b>Neurogenic</b>	Spinal cord and brain injuries, Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, multiple sclerosis, stroke
<b>Local penile (cavernous) factors</b>	Peyronie's disease, cavernous fibrosis, penile fracture
<b>Hormonal</b>	Hypogonadism, hyperprolactinemia, hyper- and hypothyroidism, hyper- and hypocortisolism
<b>Drug-induced</b>	Antihypertensives, antidepressants, antipsychotics, antiandrogens, recreational drugs
<b>Psychogenic</b>	Performance-related issues, traumatic past experiences, relationship problems, anxiety, depression, stress

1. Wesspes E, et al. European Association of Urology Guidelines on Male Sexual Dysfunction: erectile dysfunction and premature ejaculation. 2013. [http://www.uroweb.org/guidelines/pdf14\\_Male%20Sexual%20Dysfunction\\_LR.pdf](http://www.uroweb.org/guidelines/pdf14_Male%20Sexual%20Dysfunction_LR.pdf). Accessed November 24, 2013; 2. Shamloul R, Ghannem H. *Lancet.* 2013;381(9881):152-166; 3. Grant P, et al. *Clin Med.* 2013;13(2):136-146.

## Efficacy Measures: IIEF-EF

### International Index of Erectile Function (IIEF) Erectile Function (EF)

Domain  
Measured on a 30-point scale

No ED  
25-30

Mild ED  
17-25

Moderate ED  
11-16

Severe ED  
≤10

### Over the past 4 weeks:

- How often were you able to get an erection during sexual activity? \_\_\_\_\_
- When you had erections with sexual stimulation, how often were your erections hard enough for penetration? \_\_\_\_\_
- When you attempted sexual intercourse, how often were you able to penetrate (enter) your partner? \_\_\_\_\_
- During sexual intercourse, how often were you able to maintain your erection after you had penetrated (entered) your partner? \_\_\_\_\_
- During sexual intercourse, how difficult was it to maintain your erection to completion of intercourse? \_\_\_\_\_
- How do you rate your confidence that you can get and keep your erection? \_\_\_\_\_

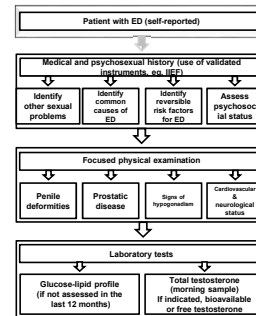
Rosen RC, et al. *Urology.* 1997;49(6):822-830.

## Efficacy Measures: Sexual Encounter Profile

SEP2  
"Were you able to insert your penis into your partner's vagina?"  Y  N

SEP3  
"Did your erection last long enough to have successful intercourse?"  Y  N

## Diagnostic Evaluation of Men with ED



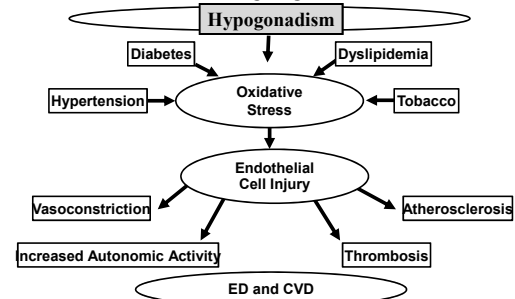
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## Correlation Between ED and CVD

- Thompson et al. 2005<sup>1</sup>
  - 4,247 men without ED followed prospectively
  - 57% with ED at 5 years
  - Men with ED had a significantly higher incidence of developing CVD
- Montorsi et al. 2005<sup>2,3</sup>
  - Prevalence of ED was 49% in men with symptomatic CAD.
  - Patients noticed ED on average 39 months before the onset of angina.

<sup>1</sup> Thompson et al JAMA 2005; 294:2996  
<sup>2</sup> Montorsi et al Eur Urol 2003; 44:360  
<sup>3</sup> Montorsi et al AJC 2005; 96(12): 19M

## Common Link Between ED and Cardiovascular Disease: Endothelial Injury



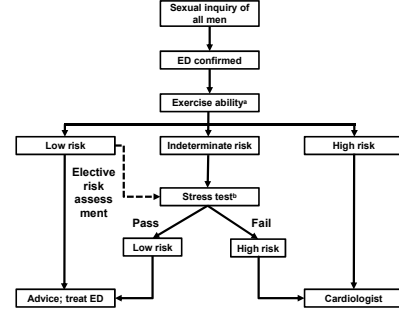
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## Cardiac Risk Stratification

Low-risk category	Intermediate-risk category	High-risk category
Asymptomatic, <3 risk factors for CAD (excluding sex)	≥3 risk factors for CAD (excluding sex)	High-risk arrhythmias
LVD/CHF (NYHA class I or II)	Mild or moderate, stable angina	Unstable or refractory angina
Post-successful coronary Revascularization	Previous (>6-8) or recent MI (2-6 weeks)	Recent MI (<2 weeks)
Controlled hypertension	LVD/CHF (NYHA class III)	LVD/CHF (NYHA class IV)
Mild valvular disease	Noncardiac sequelae of atherosclerotic disease (eg, stroke, peripheral vascular disease)	Hypertrophic obstructive and other cardiomyopathies
		Uncontrolled hypertension
		Moderate-to-severe valvular disease

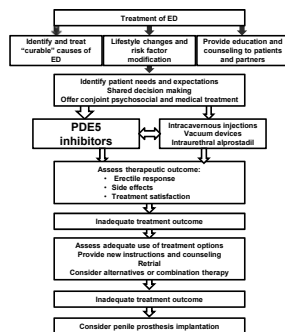
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## Cardiac Risk Impacts ED Management: Princeton III Consensus Recommendations



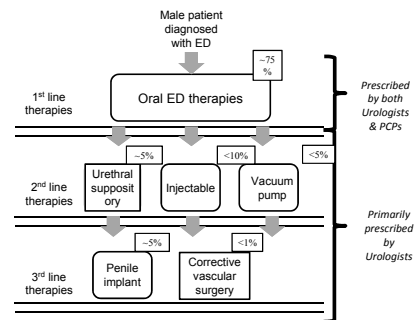
\*Sexual activity is equivalent to walking 1 mile on the flat in 20 minutes or briskly climbing 2 flights of stairs in 10 seconds.  
 \*\*Sexual activity is equivalent to 4 minutes of the Bruce treadmill protocol.  
 Nehra A, et al. *Mayo Clin Proc*. 2012;87(8):766-778.

## Treatment Algorithm for ED



Adapted from Wespes E, et al. European Association of Urology Guidelines on Male Sexual Dysfunction: 2013.

## Current ED Treatment Approaches



Source: Adapted from American Urologic Association Treatment of ED Guidelines.  
 medicine.com. L.E.K. Consulting Interviews and analysis.



## Androgens Enhance PDE5i Efficacy

- Shabsigh et al.<sup>1</sup>
  - 75 hypogonadal men (T<400 ng/dl) failed sildenafil 100mg
  - Randomize to testosterone gel or placebo
  - All men received sildenafil 100 mg as needed for 12 weeks
  - IIEF significantly improved in TRT vs placebo (4.4 vs 2.1, p=0.029)
- Rosenthal et al.<sup>2</sup>
  - 24 hypogonadal men failed 3 trials of sildenafil 100mg within 3 months
  - Started on 4 weeks of testosterone gel and then restarted on sildenafil
  - After 16 weeks, 92% of men who initially failed sildenafil therapy reported improvements in potency
- Khera et al.<sup>3</sup>
  - Multicenter registry of hypogonadal men (n=849) treated with TRT and followed for 12 months
  - Patients already on PDE5i therapy also had a significant increase in BMSFI scores after starting TRT

<sup>1</sup>Shabsigh et al. *J Urol*. 2004 Aug;172(2):658-63.

<sup>2</sup>Rosenthal et al. *Urology* 2006 Mar; 67(3):571-4

<sup>3</sup>Khera et al. *JSM* 2011 Nov;8(11):3204-13

## Medical Therapy of ED

- Sildenafil April 1998
- Vardenafil August 2003
- Tadalafil: November 2003
- Avanafil: January 2014

## PDE5 Inhibitors: Pharmacokinetics

	Sildenafil <sup>1</sup>	Tadalafil <sup>2</sup>	Vardenafil <sup>3</sup>
T <sub>max</sub> (min)	60	120	60
Terminal t <sub>1/2</sub> (hrs)	4	17.5	4-5
Impact of a high fat meal	Mean delay in T <sub>max</sub> of 60 minutes; mean reduction in C <sub>max</sub> of 29%	Rate and extent of absorption are not influenced by food	Reduction in C <sub>max</sub> of 18-50%
Recommended administration times	~60 minutes before sexual activity	~60 minutes before sexual activity	Use as needed prior to sexual activity

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda\\_docs/label/2010/020895s033bl.pdf](http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2010/020895s033bl.pdf); 2.

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<sup>3</sup> [http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda\\_docs/label/2007/021499s01bl.pdf](http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2007/021499s01bl.pdf)

## Avanafil

- T<sub>max</sub> (min): 30-45min
- Terminal t<sub>1/2</sub> (hrs): 5 hours
- Impact of a high fat meal:
  - Rate of absorption is reduced, T<sub>max</sub> of 1.12 to 1.25 hours and a mean reduction in C<sub>max</sub> of 39% (200 mg)
  - 3.8% decrease in AUC
- Recommended administration times: 15 minutes prior to intercourse

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

- Administration of PDE5is with any form of organic nitrates, either regularly and/or intermittently, is contraindicated. PDE5is have been shown to potentiate the hypotensive effects of nitrates
- Patients with the following characteristics (recent serious cardiovascular events, resting hypotension or uncontrolled hypertension, unstable angina, angina with sexual intercourse, New York Heart Association Class 2 or greater congestive heart failure, or hereditary degenerative retinal disorders, including retinitis pigmentosa) were not included in the clinical safety and efficacy trials. PDE5is are therefore not recommended for those patients
- Caution is advised when PDE5 inhibitors are coadministered with alpha-blockers. Patients who demonstrate hemodynamic instability on alpha-blocker therapy alone are at increased risk of symptomatic hypotension with concomitant use of PDE5 inhibitors. Patients should be stable on alpha-blocker therapy prior to initiating treatment with a PDE5 inhibitor. In those patients who are stable on alpha-blocker therapy, PDE5 inhibitors should be initiated at the lowest dose

## Summary

- ED is a progressive disease with the prevalence increasing with age
- Patients with ED should have a cardiovascular assessment as ED and CVD often present simultaneously
- PDE5is are considered an effective first-line therapy for ED
- Patients not responding to PDE5i can either be referred to a Urologist or second-line therapies can be utilized
  - Vacuum erection device
  - Intra-urethral suppositories
  - Intercavernosal injection therapy