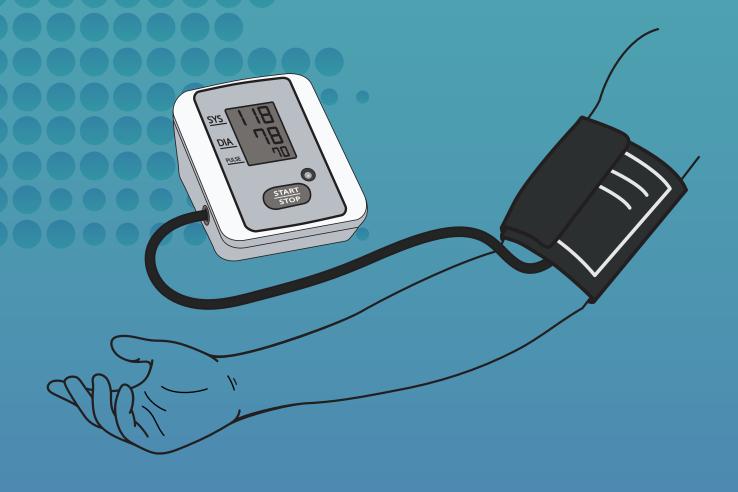


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Acronyms and abbreviations

ANSI American National Standards Institute

BP Blood Pressure

BPMD Blood Pressure Measuring Device

International Electrotechnical Commission

ISO International Organization for Standardization

LED light-emitting diode

LMIC low- and middle-income countries

MAP Mean Arterial Pressure

UNDP United Nations Development Programme

WHO World Health Organization

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