

N=242
consecutive RA patients who
consented for blood pressure
assessment and vascular
examinations

Excluded from the analysis

- 18 due to established cardiovascular disease
- 2 with estimated creatinine clearance < 30 ml/min
- 8 patients without available office BP data

N= 93
Optimal office BP
 $\leq 129/79$

N= 121
Office BP
 $> 129/79$

N= 58
Preferred to use home
BP measurements

N= 24
Preferred to use
ambulatory 24 hr BP
measurements

N= 36
Office BP $> 139/89$
In this subgroup the “white coat”
phenomenon may be present but the
“masked” phenomenon is per se
excluded

N= 39
Unable to use
out-of-office BP
measurements