Symptoms of valve disease may be dismissed as a “normal” part of aging so watch for shortness of breath, weakness, dizziness, tightness in the chest, and fatigue.

Valve disease becomes more common with age—1 in 10 Americans > age 75 have the disease—and previous heart conditions, congenital abnormalities, and infections that impact the heart also put you at heightened risk.

Detecting valve disease can be as simple as a routine check with a stethoscope or an echocardiogram—so see your healthcare professional regularly—especially if you have risk factors.

Help raise awareness by joining the Heart Valve Disease Awareness Day campaign and teach your loved ones about this serious disease.

ValveDiseaseDay.org
As many as 11.6 million Americans are estimated to have heart valve disease yet 3 out of 4 Americans know little to nothing about it.

Heart valve disease can be disabling and deadly but can usually be successfully treated in patients of all ages. This makes recognizing symptoms and getting a diagnosis critical so make sure you and your loved ones Listen to Your Heart.