Join Us and Save Lives from Heart Valve Disease

Around 40% of people know nothing about heart valve disease (HVD)—and only 1 in 4 know somewhat or a great deal about the disease.

As many as 11.6 million people in the U.S. are estimated to have HVD, and more than 25,000 Americans die from HVD every year.

More than 1 in 10 people age 75+ are estimated to have moderate to severe HVD.

Symptoms can be difficult to detect and are too often dismissed as a “normal” part of aging. This makes raising awareness about the disease critical.

Heart Valve Disease Awareness Day on February 22nd—during American Heart Month—is an annual day dedicated to increasing recognition of the specific risks and symptoms of heart valve disease, improving detection and treatment, and ultimately saving lives. The day is recognized by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on its National Health Observances Calendar, by a Congressional Resolution in the 114th U.S. Congress, and through the activities and support of the 70+ partners of the Heart Valve Disease Awareness Day Campaign. These partners are dedicated to using education and advocacy to reduce the number of people who lose their independence and their ability to fully participate in their lives; experience heart attacks, arrhythmias, congestive heart failure, and other heart disease; suffer from strokes; and even die from valve disease.

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2020 Partners:

- Adult Congenital Heart Association
- Alliance for Aging Research
- American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation
- CardioSmart - American College of Cardiology
- American Geriatrics Society
- American Heart Association
- American Society of Echocardiography
- Association of Black Cardiologists
- Association of Physician Assistants in Cardiology
- Atlantic Health System
- Avera Heart Hospital
- BeMedWise Program at NeedyMeds
- Bon Secours Health System
- Buffalo General Medical Center Gates Vascular Institute
- CardioStart International
- Cardiovascular Research Foundation
- CardioVisual
- Carondelet Health Network
- CentraCare Heart & Vascular Center
- CHI Memorial
- Cleveland Clinic
- Dignity Health
- EMERGENCYUSA
- Emory Healthcare
- Florida Hospital
- Florida Medical Center
- University of Michigan Frankel Cardiovascular Center
- The Gerontological Society of America
- Hartford Healthcare Heart & Vascular Institute
- Healthy Women
- The Heart Hospital Baylor Plano
- Heart Valve Voice US
- Heart Valve Voice Canada
- HeartValveSurgery.com
- Inova Heart & Vascular Institute
- The James Family Heart Center at YRMC West
- Lipoprotein(a) Foundation
- Maimonides Medical Center
- Medstar Heart & Vascular Institute
- Men's Health Network
- Mended Hearts
- Minneapolis Heart Institute Foundation
- Mount Sinai Mitral Foundation
- National Alliance for Caregiving
- National Consumer's League
- National Council on Aging
- National Forum for Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention
- New York Foundation for Eldercare
- Northwestern Medicine
- Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health
- PASCaTS SPACCaT
- Park Nicollet Heart & Vascular Center
- Patient Advocate Foundation
- Partnership to Advance Cardiovascular Health
- Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association
- Rock from the Heart for Aortic Health
- HeartLungDoc
- Society for Women's Health Research
- Spectrum Health
- StopAfib.org
- Sustainable Cardiovascular Health Equity Development Alliance
- Texas Heart Institute
- SCAI
- UNC Hospitals
- UMC University Medical Center New Orleans
- The University of Arizona Health Sciences Sarver Heart Center
- University of Virginia Heart & Vascular Institute
- Washington Regional
- WebMD
- WVU Heart & Vascular Institute
- Women's Heart Foundation
- WomenHeart

Becoming a Partner:

Heart Valve Disease Awareness Day is continuing to accept new partners—the more of us to amplify this message, the better. If your organization is interested in joining the campaign, you would join a list of 70 (and growing!) prestigious healthcare organizations, hospital systems, non-profits, and academic groups that are all committed to making an impact and saving lives through awareness.

Partners receive regular updates about the campaign efforts, have access to invaluable educational resources, connect to other campaign partners, and are invited to attend all campaign events. Additionally, partners are asked when possible to:

- Share information about valve disease with their audiences through various channels.
- Talk to other advocates, public health educators, and health care professionals about the campaign.
- Organize events or incorporate messaging into existing events, in order to educate their audiences about valve disease.

There is no cost to join the campaign as an organizational partner. We simply ask that you commit to raising awareness of heart valve disease. We hope to you will join us! If you are interested in this partnership opportunity with the Heart Valve Disease Awareness Day Campaign, please email Kelsey Martin at kallcorn@agingresearch.org to further discuss partnership details.

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