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 65+ partners of the National 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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2019 Partners:

University of Michigan Frankel Cardiovascular Center
The Gerontological Society of America
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Medstar Heart & Vascular Institute
Men's Health Network
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Minneapolis Heart Institute Foundation
Mount Sinai Mitral Foundation
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National Council on Aging
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WVU Heart & Vascular Institute
Women's Heart Foundation
WomenHeart

Becoming a Partner:

National 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 65 (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 National Heart Valve Disease Awareness Day Campaign, please email Kelsey Martin at kallcorn@agingresearch.org to further discuss partnership details.