

# Urgency to Treat Heart Disease in Women: Policy Implications

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# The Burden of Cardiovascular Disease in the US: a Focus on Gender and Ethnic Disparities

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# True or false?

Cancer is the number one cause of death for women



Improved care for people with cardiovascular disease has caused a reduction in mortality in women in recent years



Of all risk factors, high cholesterol is responsible for most cardiovascular disease



>60% of cardiovascular diseases can be prevented



# Legislative call to action

Pass legislation to reform onerous prior authorization policies that are a critical barrier to care and treatment

Pass a legislative resolution to raise awareness of the burden of atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease and commit your state to addressing disparities in cardiovascular outcomes

Explore ways to collaborate with federal, state and national agencies and organizations to establish or expand cardiovascular disease screening programs in your state