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Women and Cardiovascular Disease

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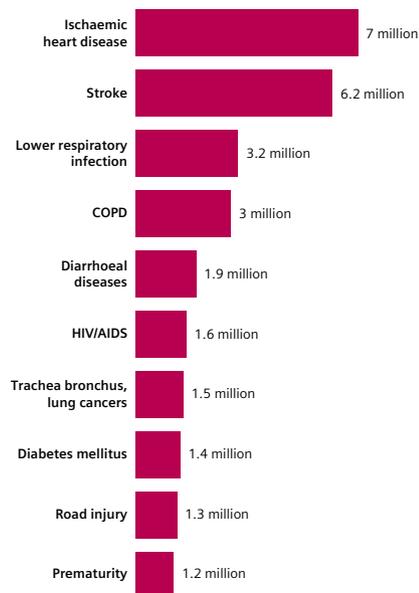
As an integrated healthcare company, our comprehensive solutions follow the complete continuum of cardiovascular care, including risk assessment and early prevention, diagnosis, therapy, and aftercare. In addition, our solutions in healthcare IT support the exchange of data for making informed decisions.

## Cardiovascular Disease in Women

- Cardiovascular disease (CVD) is the number one killer of women worldwide<sup>1</sup>
- Three of the top 10 causes of death for women fall under the umbrella terminology of cardiovascular disease<sup>1</sup>
- 3.3 million women globally die of heart attack each year<sup>2</sup>
- 3.2 million women globally die from stroke each year<sup>2</sup>
- More women will die each year from CVD than Breast Cancer<sup>1,3</sup>
- Women develop CVD later in life than men<sup>2</sup>
- Mortality rates for women have exceeded those for men over the last 20 years<sup>4</sup>
- Younger women have a higher rate of mortality after a heart attack than men of the same age<sup>5</sup>
- Women with acute coronary syndrome are more likely to have adverse outcomes, including death, heart attack, stroke, or re-hospitalization<sup>4</sup>
- Women with diabetes have higher CVD mortality rates than men with diabetes<sup>6,7</sup>
- Women often experience atypical symptoms of a heart attack that may lead to a delayed or inappropriate diagnosis
- Women are less likely to receive the same level of care after a heart attack, including medications, implantable devices, and life-saving surgeries<sup>4</sup>

**Answers for life.**

## The 10 Leading Causes of Death in the World (2011)<sup>12</sup>



## Global Statistics

- CVD kills more than 420,000 women in the U.S. annually<sup>4</sup>
- The death rate from CVD in European women is 10% higher than for men<sup>8</sup>
- More than 70% of Indian women between the ages of 40–44 are at high risk for CVD<sup>9</sup>
- 44% of women in China die from Coronary Heart Disease and Stroke<sup>10</sup>
- Japanese women who do not smoke have a 30% higher risk of CVD if their husbands smoke<sup>11</sup>
- CVD deaths for women in Brazil aged 35–59 years is 75% higher than women in the U.S.<sup>2</sup>
- CVD mortality for South African women between 35–59 years is 150% higher than that of women in the U.S.<sup>2</sup>

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