



American Heart Association.

International Impact

Cardiovascular Disease is the Leading Cause of Death Worldwide.

In 2021, approximately 19.9 million people lost their lives to the disease.

OUR MISSION:

To be a relentless force for a world of longer, healthier lives.

As champions for health equity, we will advance cardiovascular health for all, including identifying and removing barriers to health care access and quality.

About the AHA

The American Heart Association has been saving lives since 1924. The support of more than 30 million passionate supporters and volunteers, key partners and a global network of relationships helps us deliver lifesaving programs and training into hospitals, businesses, schools and homes. The AHA has funded more than \$5 billion (USD) in research since 1949.



Where We Are

The AHA has worked internationally for decades to help save more lives around the world.

Guaynabo, Puerto Rico
Warsaw, Poland
Gaborone, Botswana
Dubai, UAE
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Grottammare, Italy

Kerala, India
Hyderabad, India
Tokyo, Japan
Beijing, China
Kowloon, Hong Kong

15 Nobel Prize winners • implantable pacemakers • cholesterol-lowering drugs • the 1st artificial heart valve • lifesaving cardiovascular care guidelines

TREATMENT STANDARDS/QUALITY

Healthcare quality standards and training programs to improve patient care, like Healthcare Certification, Get With The Guidelines®, Emergency Cardiovascular Care and Professional Education.

REIMAGINING OUR SCIENCE

With an even greater emphasis on discovery, data and dissemination of breakthrough information through clinical guidelines, collaborative science sessions and best practice knowledge sharing and treatment.

KNOWLEDGE SHARING

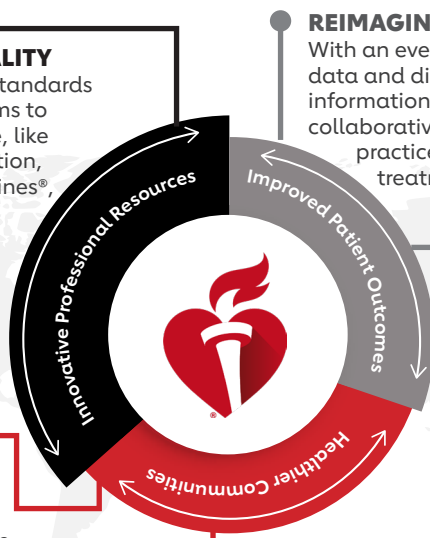
Guidelines, science sessions and best practice programs share knowledge and standardize treatment recommendations for governments and healthcare systems.

PREVENTION

Messaging and programs that help workplaces and communities improve their health and prevent death and disability from cardiovascular disease, like Go Red for Women® and Life's Essential 8™.

ADVOCACY

Global advocacy for healthier hearts and brains among governments, civil society, and intergovernmental and public health organizations like the United Nations, World Economic Forum and World Health Organization.



GLOBAL SYSTEMS OF CARE

Through groundbreaking science and programs targeting governments, healthcare providers, hospital and pre-hospital systems, workplaces and communities, the American Heart Association's approach—in coordination with local heart health advocates, societies and government leaders—drives heart and brain health around the world.

1 Tsao CW, Aday AW, Almarazq ZI, et al; on behalf of the American Heart Association Council on Epidemiology and Prevention Statistics Committee and Stroke Statistics Subcommittee. Heart disease and stroke statistics—2023 update: a report from the American Heart Association [published online Wednesday, January 25, 2023]. Circulation. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1161/CIR.0000000000001123>

PEN-Plus

The AHA along with Helmsley Charitable Trust, World Health Organization and UNICEF are key members of the PEN-Plus Partnership that seeks to improve healthcare for children and young adults living in extreme poverty. The program addresses this service gap by bringing life-saving chronic care for severe NCDs to first-level rural hospitals for the first time.



International Quality Improvement

We recognize the need for high-quality patient care around the world and expanded our cardiovascular and stroke quality improvement programs globally. Since 2015, more than 210,000 patients in China, Brazil, Mexico, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates have benefited from the most up-to-date guideline-based quality care as a result of our programs.

Healthcare Certification

Chest Pain Center and Stroke Center Certification help hospitals create an integrated and collaborative approach to cardiovascular and stroke care. Certification ensures continuous and effective quality improvement, improving outcomes and survival in your community, reducing errors and helping hospitals excel.



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Get With The Guidelines.

An in-hospital quality improvement program helping hospitals and healthcare providers apply evidence-based treatment therapies and preventative measures to heart and stroke patients. With Get With The Guidelines, hospitals can use data and tools to improve outcomes, reduce readmission and contribute to the 400 scientific publications advancing global cardiovascular health.

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Raises public awareness of heart disease and stroke as one of the leading killers of women and empowers women of all ages and ethnicities to take charge of their heart health and know the signs and symptoms of a heart attack and heart disease. The program also educates women in 55 countries on the risk factors for and symptoms of heart attack and stroke and encourages healthy behaviors to prevent CVD.



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Our Programs

Acute Care Action Network

The Acute Care Action Network is a global alliance bringing together stakeholder organizations, such as the AHA and Laerdal Foundation, as a global strategic effort to amplify the WHO's work to impact health conditions addressed by acute care.



PERIODIC TABLE OF FOOD INITIATIVE

The Periodic Table of Food Initiative (PTFI) is a global effort to create a public database of the food we eat. The PTFI will reveal composition, interaction, and discoveries in food science, and create opportunities for transformation of nutrition and agriculture. PTFI data will be integrated with other existing platforms including the Precision Medicine Platform in order to explore linkages between food composition of diets and health outcomes.

The Institute for Precision Cardiovascular Medicine

Builds on the AHA legacy of world-class research to advance scientific study that will precisely predict, prevent and treat cardiovascular diseases. The Institute facilitates innovative programs that harness the power of big data to improve outcomes, including:

- collaborative precision medicine and funding opportunities
- a state-of-the-art precision medicine discovery portal
- a personal research legacy program
- One Brave Idea™, a one-of-a-kind research enterprise designed to achieve extraordinary breakthroughs

AHA Global Advocacy

The American Heart Association contributes to the World Health Organization's goal of reducing premature mortality from noncommunicable diseases by 30% by 2030, also included in the Sustainable Development Goals on good health and well-being for all. Together with governments, cardiovascular societies, civil society and global public health organizations, the Association champions public health programs, funding and legislation to decrease the burden of cardiovascular disease and ensure equitable health for all.

Some of the organizations we work with:

- Pan American Health Organization
- World Heart Federation
- NCD Alliance
- Global Health Council
- International Federation for Emergency Medicine
- Rockefeller Foundation
- Survive and Thrive Global Development Alliance
- Task Force on Women and NCDs

Trusted Leader in Lifesaving Training

For more than **50 years** the American Heart Association has developed lifesaving first aid, CPR and advanced cardiovascular care training courses designed to increase survival from cardiac arrest, positively improve healthcare systems in our communities and save lives.

- AHA courses are translated and localized in **more than 10 languages.**
- **Over 400,000 AHA instructors and more than 3,500 global AHA training centers and sites train more than 22 million people each year in over 100 countries.**

QUALITY

FIRST



AHA first aid, CPR and advanced cardiovascular care programs incorporate leading-edge instructional design and proven educational concepts that help improve skills retention and confidence to act when called upon in a medical emergency. An **American Heart Association course completion card**, earned by students who successfully demonstrate skill mastery to a specially-trained AHA instructor, is **accepted around the world.**

Setting the Standard



The AHA served as a **founding member of the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR) in 1992**, created as a forum for interaction among many of the world's leading resuscitation organizations.

From the ILCOR international consensus document, the AHA publishes the **Guidelines for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Emergency Cardiovascular Care (ECC)**. These evidence-based guidelines, updated every five years, are translated into actionable ECC protocols used by healthcare professionals throughout the world and form the foundation of all AHA first aid, CPR and ECC courses.



More Ways to
Learn for
Everyone,
Everywhere