



Cardiovascular Disease is Not One Single Condition, but a General Term used to Describe a Variety of Conditions Affecting the Heart and Blood Vessels¹

Global Impact of Cardiovascular Disease

17.5 million

deaths in 2012²



= over 30%

of all global deaths²

23.6 million

deaths projected by 2030³

Some of the common conditions related to cardiovascular disease

Coronary artery disease (CAD)



Caused by plaque build-up in the coronary arteries. CAD is also known as coronary heart disease (CHD)⁴



CAD killed 7.4 million people worldwide in 2012²

Cardiac arrhythmia



Any type of irregularity in the heartbeat, often the first indication of an underlying heart condition⁹

Myocardial infarction (MI)



Heart tissue dies due to prolonged oxygen deprivation. More commonly known as a heart attack⁵

Stroke



The blood supply to part of the brain is cut off¹⁰

2nd most common cause of death worldwide¹¹

Heart failure (HF)



The heart is unable to meet the body's blood pressure and circulation requirement⁶

26 million people have HF⁷

Rheumatic heart disease



Damage to the heart muscle and valves from rheumatic fever, caused by streptococcal bacteria¹²

Valvular heart disease



Affects any of the four heart valves, characterised either by hardening of the valves (valvular stenosis) or regurgitation (valvular regurgitation)⁸

Peripheral arterial disease (PAD)



The flow of blood from the heart to the lower extremities is restricted or reduced, due to hardening or thickening of the arteries¹³

PAD affects 202 million people worldwide¹⁴



It is important doctors inform patients of lifestyle changes and all available treatment options that can help prevent cardiovascular disease



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