BME Graduate Introduction

Cardiovascular Challenges and Opportunities for Biomedical Engineering

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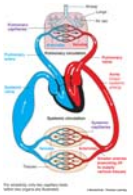

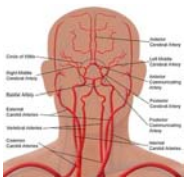

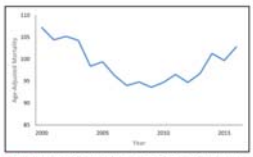

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Cardiovascular disease, mortality & burden 2015.

Table 1. Common Cardiovascular Diseases, Related Mortality, and Disease Burden in 2015

	Total Number of Estimated Deaths 2015 Globally (Thousands)	Cumulative Percentage of CVD Deaths	Age-Standardized Death Rate (per 100 000 Person-Years)	Ranking Based on Disease Burden (Measured by DALYs)
All deaths	55 792		856	
All cardiovascular deaths	17 921	100%	255	
Ischemic heart disease	8917	49.8%	142	1
Cerebrovascular disease	6326	85.1%	101	2, hemorrhagic/other stroke 3, ischemic stroke
Hypertensive heart disease	962	90.4%	15.4	4
Cardiomyopathy and myocarditis	353	92.4%	5.4	7
Rheumatic heart disease	319	94.2%	4.8	8
Atrial fibrillation	195	95.3%	3.3	8
Aortic aneurysm	168	96.2%	2.7	9
Endocarditis	84	96.7%	1.3	10
Peripheral vascular disease	52	97.0%	0.9	11
Other cardiovascular	541	100.0%	8.6	5

CVD indicates cardiovascular diseases; and DALY, disability-adjusted life years.
Data derived from GBD 2015 Mortality and Causes of Death Collaborators[4] and Roth et al.[5]

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Risk factors.

Table 2. Predominant Risk Factors for Myocardial Infarction and Stroke Based on the INTERHEART and INTERSTROKE Studies[10,11]

	Myocardial Infarction			Stroke		
	Rank	Odds Ratio	PAR	Rank	Odds Ratio	PAR
ApoB/ApoA1 ratio	1	3.25	49.2	3	1.84	26.8
Smoking	2	2.87	35.7	7	1.67	12.4
Psychosocial factors*	3	2.67	32.5	6	2.20	17.4
Abdominal obesity	4	1.62	20.1	5	1.44	18.6
Self-report of hypertension	5	1.91	17.9	1	2.98	47.9
Healthy diet†	6	0.70	13.7	4	0.60	23.2
Physical activity	7	0.86	12.2	2	0.60	35.8
Self-report of diabetes mellitus	8	2.37	9.9	10	1.16	3.9
Regular alcohol consumption	9	0.91	6.7	9	2.09	5.8
Cardiac causes	NA	NA	NA	8	3.17	9.9

Apo indicates apolipoprotein; NA, not applicable; and PAR, population attributable risk.
*Only partly confirmed in prospective studies.
†Dietary measure in INTERHEART was daily fruit and vegetable consumption and in INTERSTROKE was measured using the modified Alternative Healthy Eating Index.

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Troubling evidence between ~2012 to 2019.

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Call to Action: Urgent Challenges in Cardiovascular Disease

A Presidential Advisory From the American Heart Association

ABSTRACT: Although advances in care have spurred improvements in cardiovascular outcomes, cardiovascular disease remains the leading cause of death in the United States and around the world. Previous declines in cardiovascular disease mortality have slowed and even reversed for certain demographics. Further concerns exist with regard to cardiovascular drug innovation, quality of care, and healthcare costs. The Value in Healthcare Initiative–Transforming Cardiovascular Care, a collaboration of the American Heart Association and Duke University, Robert J. Margolis, MD, Center for Health Policy, aims to increase access to and affordability of cardiovascular treatment and to decrease barriers to care. The following Call to Action describes trends in cardiovascular care, identifies gaps in areas of cardiovascular disease prevention and treatment, highlights challenges with medical product innovation, and finally, outlines a series of learning collaboratives that will aid in the development of road maps for transforming cardiovascular care.

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Ischemic heart disease mortality with achievements and initiatives.

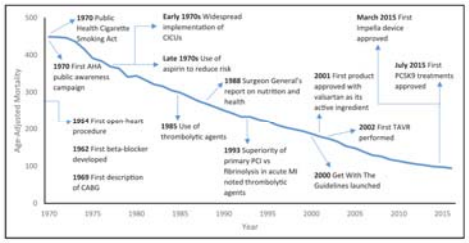

Figure 1. Ischemic heart disease mortality over time with selected medical advancements and public health initiatives.
AHA indicates American Heart Association; CABG, coronary artery bypass grafting; CICU, cardiac intensive care unit; MI, myocardial infarction; PCI, percutaneous coronary intervention; PCSK9, proprotein convertase subtilisin/kexin type 9; and TAVR, transcatheter aortic valve replacement. Mortality data and selected intervention dates are drawn from prior work by Nabel and Braunwald[2] with recent mortality data drawn from the National Vital Statistics System.[3,3a]

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Cardiovascular mortality is no longer falling.

- CVD is the leading cause of death 17.3 million globally per year, projected to 23.6 million by 2030.
- Age adjusted mortality has remained flat in recent years.
- Decline in CHF in hospital patients is also leveling off.
- Declines in age-adjusted stroke mortality have simililary plateaued.

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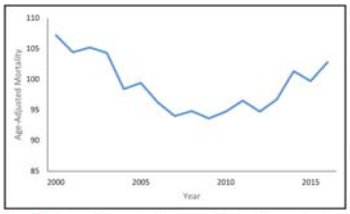
Actually rising in rural areas.



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Cardiovascular health disparities persist.

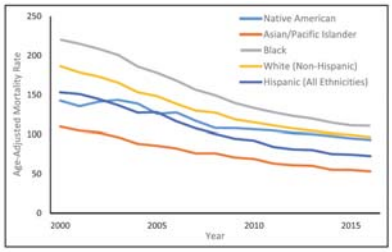

Figure 3. Disparities among ischemic heart disease mortality by race and ethnicity.
Authors' analysis using data from the National Vital Statistics System.[3]

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The value of cardiovascular care is declining.

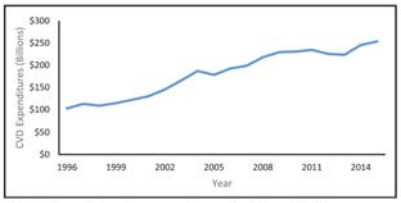

Figure 5. Overall spending on cardiovascular disease (CVD) care over time (based on self-reports of disease conditions).
Authors' analysis using data from the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey.[17]

- $318 billion spent in 2015 for all aspects of CVD.

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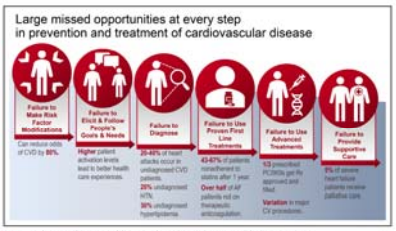
Missed opportunities.



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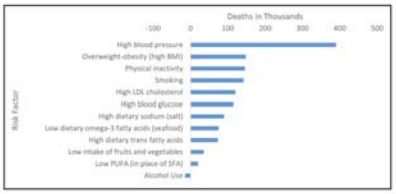

Figure 7. Effects of prevention on premature mortality attributable to cardiovascular disease risk factors.
BMI indicates body mass index; LDL, low-density lipoprotein; PUFA, polyunsaturated fatty acid; and SFA, saturated fatty acid. Data derived from Danaei et al.[40]

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The medical device industry may be on the brink.

- These risk factors call for a shift toward more upstream prevention rather than the current emphasis on down-stream treatment.
  - For example, a 10% increase in hypertension treatment could prevent 14 000 deaths each year, and a 10% increase in treating low-density lipoprotein cholesterol or in preventive aspirin could prevent 8000 deaths.

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- Although spending on technological changes for cardiovascular care showed high value through the 1990s, with benefits in length and quality of life that far outweighed their costs
- The currently stagnating (or worsening) trends in cardiovascular outcomes along-side higher spending suggest that this trend no longer holds.

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Limited innovation in cardiovascular medical products.

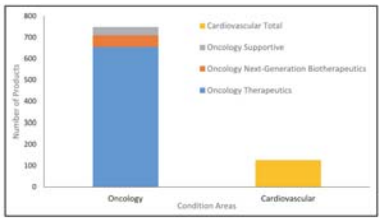

Figure 8. 2017 Late-phase research and development pipeline for oncology and cardiovascular care in 2017.
Data derived from IQVIA. Medicine Use and Spending in the US: A Review of 2017 and Outlook to 2022.[72]

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Development pipeline is flat with no clear path forward.

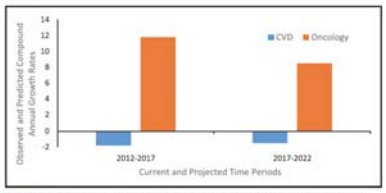

Figure 9. Negative spending growth for cardiovascular products.
CVD indicates cardiovascular disease. Data derived from IQVIA. 2018 and Beyond: Outlook and Turning Points.[80]

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Perspective

Treatment of chronic heart failure in the 21st century: A new era of biomedical engineering has come

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Conventional medical therapy…

- Administration of angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors, angiotensin receptor blockers, beta-blockers, and aldosterone antagonists.

Table 1
Major pharmacotherapy of CHF and related clinical trials.

No.	Types	Drugs	Clinical trials
1	ACEI	Captopril Delapril Enalapril Lisinopril	SOLVD, CONSENSUS, AIRE, SAVE and TRACE
2	ARB	Valsartan Telmisartan Irbesartan	Val-HeFT
3	ARNI	LCZ696 Sacubitril/Valsartan	PARADIGM-HF
4	Beta-blockers	Carvedilol Bisoprolol	US-Carvedilol, CIBIS-II, MERIT-HF COPERNICUS
5	MRA (aldosterone antagonists)	Spironolactone	TOPCAT ATHENA-HF
6	Other diuretics	Loop diuretics	ASCEND-HF
7	Nitrates	Isosorbide-5-mononitrate (I5MN)	DRAMI
8	PCSK9 inhibitor	Alirocumab Bococizumab	Uncertain

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9	SGLT2 inhibitors	Canagliflozin Dapagliflozin Empagliflozin (EMPA)	CANDLE trial EMPA-REG trial
10	TCM	Qili qiangxin capsules Qishen yiqi dripping pill (QSYQ) Shencao tongmai granule (STG) Shenfu injection Shensong yangxin capsules	CACT-IHF
11	Other drugs: 3,5-diiodothyropropionic acid Cardiac myosin activator Cytokine inhibitors (TNF antagonists) Endothelin antagonists Glycosides Growth hormone Neutral endopeptidase inhibitors NT-proBNP (BNP, nesiritide) PDE5 inhibitors Statins Thyroid hormone analogue Vasopressin antagonists	NT-proBNP Udenafil Tolvaptan	PROTECT ULTIMATE-SHF EVEREST

CHF: chronic heart failure; ACEI: angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor; ARB: angiotensin receptor blocker; ARNI: angiotensin receptor-neprilysin inhibitor; MRA: mineralocorticoid-receptor antagonists; PDE5: phosphodiesterase type 5; TCM: Traditional Chinese Medicine; NT-proBNP: amino-terminal pro-B type natriuretic peptide; PCSK9: proprotein convertase subtilisin/kexin type 9; SGLT2: sodium/glucose cotransporter 2; TNF: tumor necrosis factor.

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Engineering opportunities in chronic heart failure.

1. Interventional
2. Mechanical
3. Surgical
4. Tissue
5. Rehabilitation

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1. Interventional engineering…

- Percutaneous balloon mitral valvotomy (PBMV)
- Percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI)
- Pacing:
  - Left ventricular pacing (LVP)
  - Biventricular pacing (BiVP) or cardiac resynchronization therapy (CRT)
  - Implantable cardioverter defibrillator (ICD)
  - CRT-ICD (CRT-D) Catheter ablation (AF, VT)

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2. Mechanical engineering…

- Left ventricular assistant device (LVAD)
- VA-ECM OImpella Recover 2.5 (IR2.5)
- Tandem Heart Venoarterial Shunt (VAS)
- Internal artery balloon counter-pulsation (IABP)
- Cardiopulmonary support (CPS)
- Cardiac support device (CSD)
- Total artificial heart (TAH)
- Pulmonary artery pressure sensor
- Interatrial shunt device (IASD)Intravenous inotropic therapy

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3. Surgical engineering…

- Coronary artery bypass graft (CABG)
- Valve surgery (VS)
- Partial left ventriculectomy
- Dynamic cardiomyoplasty
- Myosplint implantation
- Heart transplantation (HT)

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4. Tissue engineering…

- Gene therapy (GT)
- Stem cell transplantation
- Cellular cardiomyoplasty
- Myocardial tissue engineering

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5. Rehabilitating…

- Cardiac rehabilitation (CR)
- External counter-pulsation (ECP)
- Enhanced ECP (EECP)
- Health education
- Psychological interventions
- Home-based hydrotherapeutic
- Thermal program
- Functional electrical stimulation
- Nursing
- Intravenous ferric carboxymaltose (FCM)
- Diet: Flavanol-rich chocolate
- Palliative care

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