

# CDC PUBLIC HEALTH GRAND ROUNDS

## Million Hearts 2022: A Compelling Call to Action



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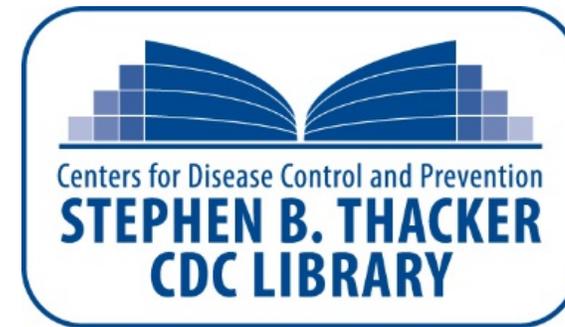
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# Million Hearts® 2022: Focusing Action for Impact



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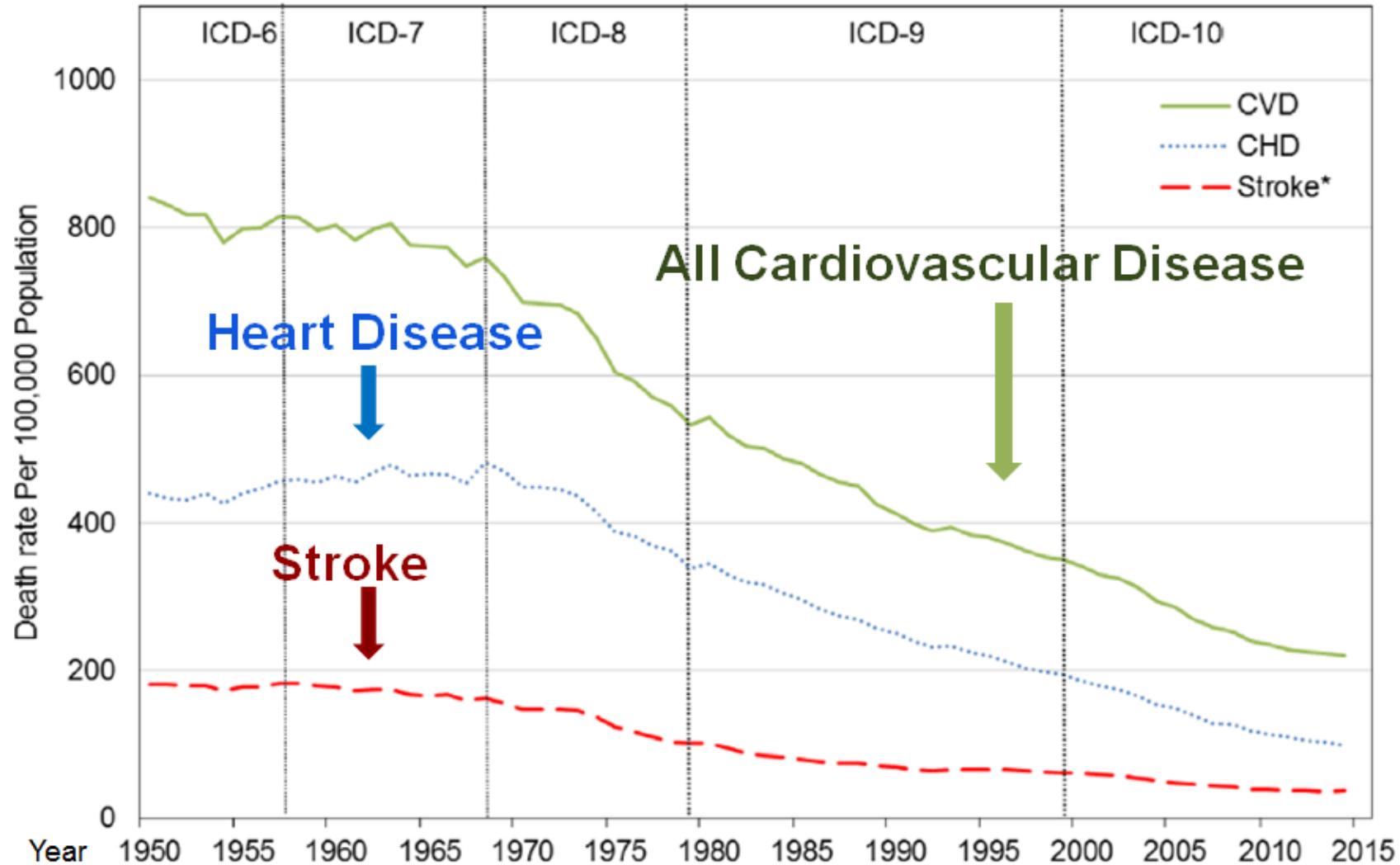
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# Heart Disease and Stroke in the U.S.

- **More than 1.5 million people in the U.S. suffer from heart attacks and strokes per year**
- **More than 800,000 deaths per year from cardiovascular disease (CVD)**
- **CVD costs the U.S. hundreds of billions of dollars per year**
- **Heart disease is the greatest contributor to racial disparities in life expectancy**

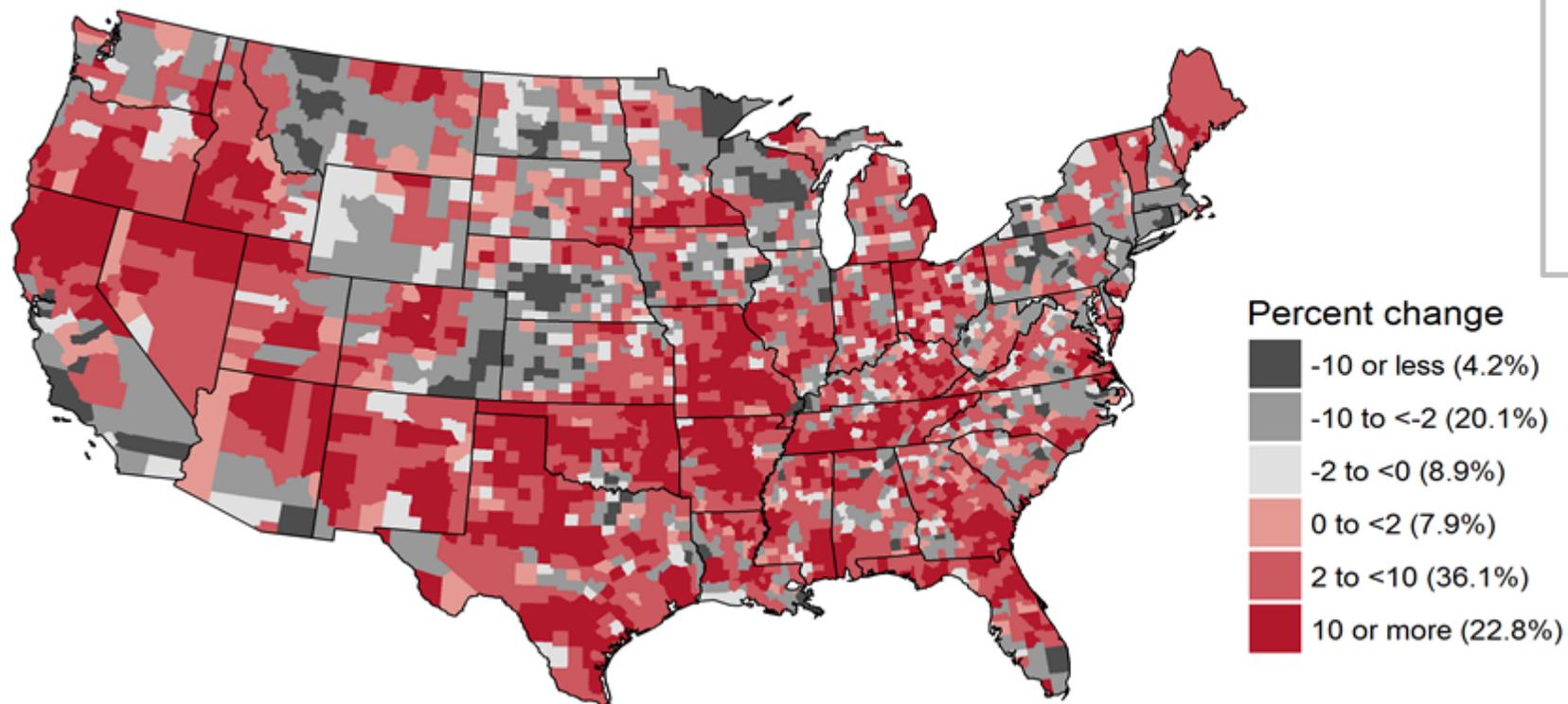
# Burden of Heart Disease and Stroke

## National Data, 1950–2015



# Heart Disease Mortality Rates

County-level percent change in heart disease death rates,  
United States, Ages 35–64, 2010–2015



Over 50% of counties experienced increases in heart disease mortality from 2010–2015.

# Million Hearts<sup>®</sup> 2012–2016

- Improvements in **A**spirin, **B**lood pressure control, **C**holesterol management; progress in artificial trans-fat and sodium policies
- Target likely hit for tobacco prevalence
- By 2014, ~115,000 cardiovascular events were prevented, relative to expected number if 2011 rates had remained stable
- We estimate that up to half a million total events may have been prevented
- Million Hearts<sup>®</sup> effort involved 120 official partners, 20 federal agencies, and all 50 states and the District of Columbia

# Million Hearts 1.0 Lessons Learned

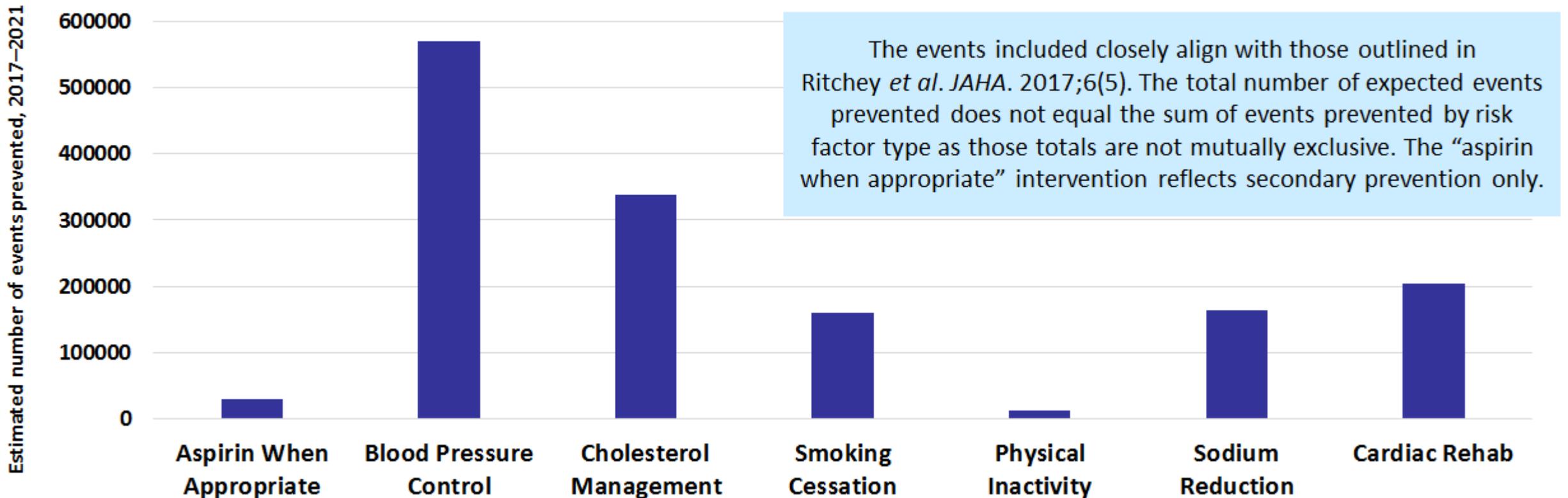
- **Simply-stated, time-limited, and specific aim**
- **Leverage complementary assets of public health and health care**
- **Focus on a small set of evidence-based strategies and measures**

# Million Hearts 1.0 Lessons Learned

- **Set a large table with options for implementation**
- **Champions motivate, equip, and lead the work**
- **Communicate via multiple vehicles, frequently**
- **Adapt quickly when guidelines and measures change**
- **Recognizing high performance generates great returns**

# Relative Contributions to “the Million”

Estimated Number of Events Prevented If Million Hearts Risk Factor Objectives Are Gradually Achieved, 2017–2021

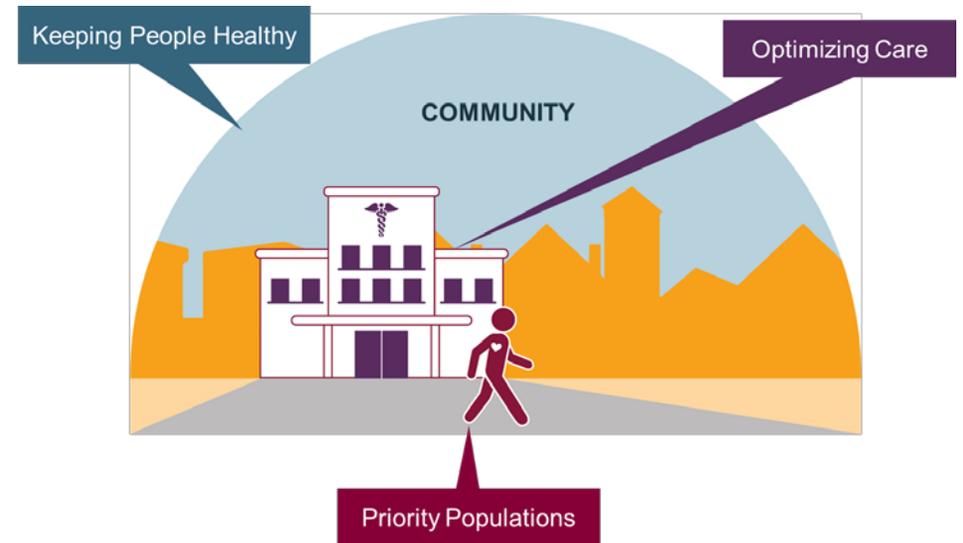


Reflects preliminary findings from simulation modeling conducted using the CVD Policy Model, ModelHealth:CVD, and PRISM (unpublished). Baseline data were determined for: aspirin when appropriate using 2013-14 NHANES; BP control and cholesterol management using 2011-14 NHANES; smoking cessation and physical inactivity using 2015 NHIS; and sodium reduction using 2011-12 NHANES.

Cardiac rehab estimates are from: Ades P, Keteyian SJ, Wright JS, et al. *Mayo Clin Proc*. 2017;92(2):234-242.

# Million Hearts® 2022

- **Aim: Prevent 1 million—or more—heart attacks and strokes in the next 5 years**
- **National initiative co-led by:**
  - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
  - Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
- **Partners across federal and state agencies and private organizations**



# Million Hearts<sup>®</sup> 2022

## *Priorities*

<b>Keeping People Healthy</b>
<b>Reduce sodium intake</b>
<b>Decrease tobacco use</b>
<b>Increase physical activity</b>

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**Increase physical activity**

### Optimizing Care

**Improve ABCS**

**Increase use of cardiac rehab**

**Engage patients in  
heart-healthy behaviors**

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### Improving Outcomes for Priority Populations

Blacks/African Americans with hypertension

35–64 year-olds

People who have had a heart attack or stroke

People with mental illness or substance use disorders who use tobacco

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# Keeping People Healthy

Goals	Effective Public Health Strategies
<p><b>Reduce Sodium Intake</b> Target: 20%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhance consumers’ options for lower-sodium foods</li> <li>• Institute healthy food procurement and nutrition policies</li> </ul>
<p><b>Decrease Tobacco Use</b> Target: 20%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enact smoke-free space policies that include e-cigarettes</li> <li>• Use pricing approaches</li> <li>• Conduct mass media campaigns</li> </ul>
<p><b>Increase Physical Activity</b> Target: 20% (Reduction of inactivity)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create or enhance access to places for physical activity</li> <li>• Design communities and streets that support physical activity</li> <li>• Develop and promote peer-support programs</li> </ul>

# Optimizing Care

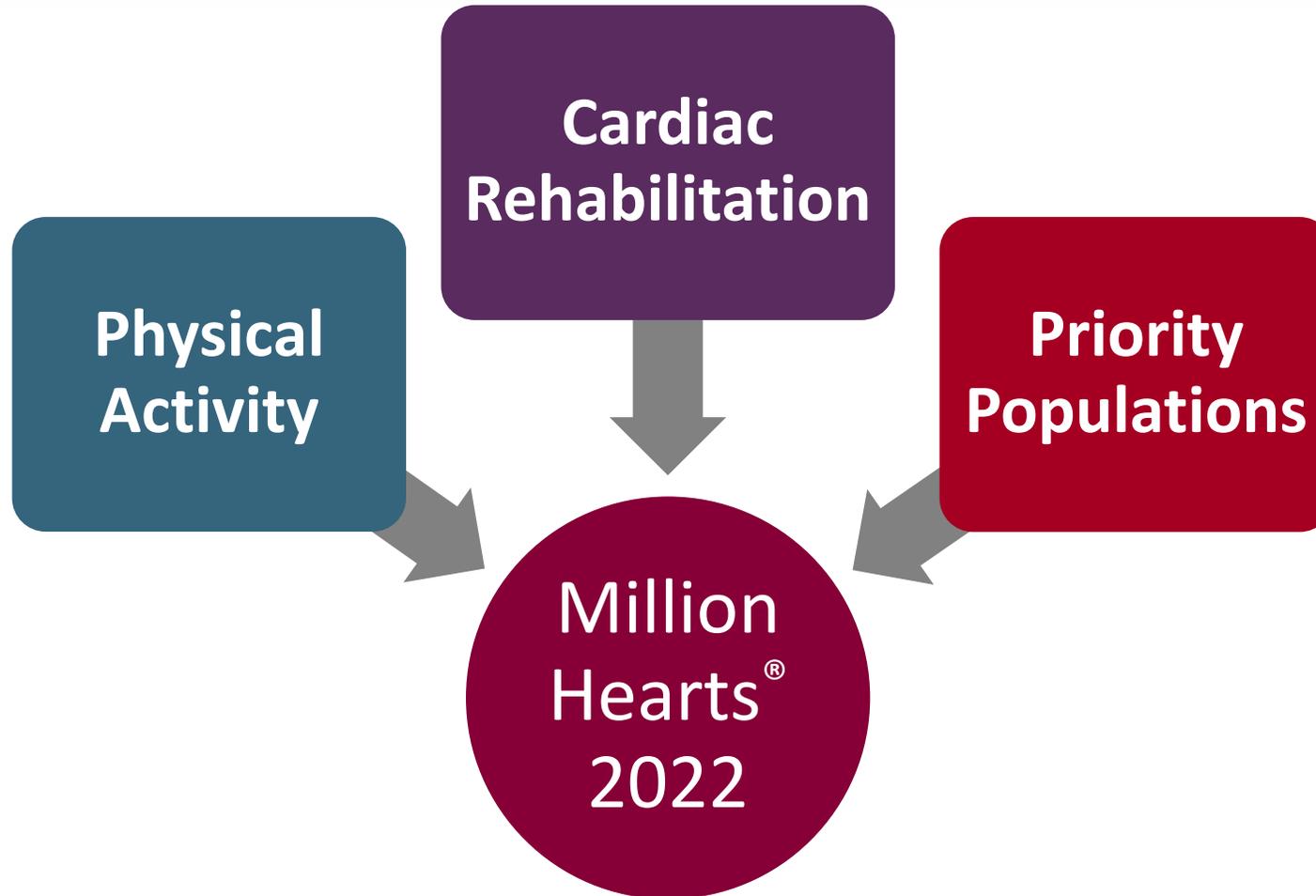
Goals	Effective Healthcare Strategies
<b>Improve ABCS</b> Targets: 80%	<p data-bbox="1080 479 2033 536"><i>High performers excel in the use of...</i></p> <ul data-bbox="800 608 2283 1108" style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Technology</b>—decision support, patient portals, default and e-referrals, registries, and algorithms</li><li>• <b>Teams</b>—including pharmacists, nurses, community health workers, and cardiac rehab professionals</li><li>• <b>Processes</b>—treatment protocols; daily huddles; ABCS scorecards; finding patients with undiagnosed high BP, high cholesterol, or tobacco use</li><li>• <b>Patient and Family Supports</b>—home blood pressure monitoring; problem-solving in medication adherence; counseling on nutrition, physical activity, tobacco use; referral to physical activity programs and cardiac rehab</li></ul>
<b>Increase Use of Cardiac Rehab</b> Target: 70%	
<b>Engage Patients in Heart-healthy Behaviors</b> Targets: TBD	

ABCS: Aspirin use when appropriate, Blood pressure control, Cholesterol management, Smoking cessation

# Improving Outcomes for Priority Populations

Priority Population	Intervention Needs	Strategies
<b>Blacks/African Americans with hypertension</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improving hypertension (HTN) control</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Targeted protocols</li> <li>Medication adherence strategies</li> </ul>
<b>35–64 year olds where event rates are rising</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improving HTN control and statin use</li> <li><b>Increasing physical activity</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Targeted protocols</li> <li>Community-based program enrollment</li> </ul>
<b>People who have had a heart attack or stroke</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Increasing cardiac rehab referral and participation</b></li> <li><b>Avoiding exposure to air pollution</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Automated referrals, hospital CR liaisons, convenient referrals</li> <li>Air Quality Index tools</li> </ul>
<b>People with mental illness or substance abuse disorders who use tobacco</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reducing tobacco use</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integrating tobacco cessation into behavioral health treatment</li> <li>Tobacco-free mental health and substance use treatment campuses</li> <li>Tailored quitline protocols</li> </ul>

# What's New in Million Hearts<sup>®</sup> 2022



# Creating Livable, Prosperous and Healthy Communities



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# What Drives our Health?



**Health care is necessary—but not sufficient—for good health**

# Root Causes of Chronic Disease: Inactivity and Poor Nutrition

**“Most chronic diseases and conditions are  
a normal response  
by normal people  
to an abnormal environment.”**

—David Mowat, Canadian Partnership Against Cancer

# The Built Environment: Our Streets Should Be Public Assets

Limited sidewalks

No bicycle lanes

Fast food, not  
fresh food

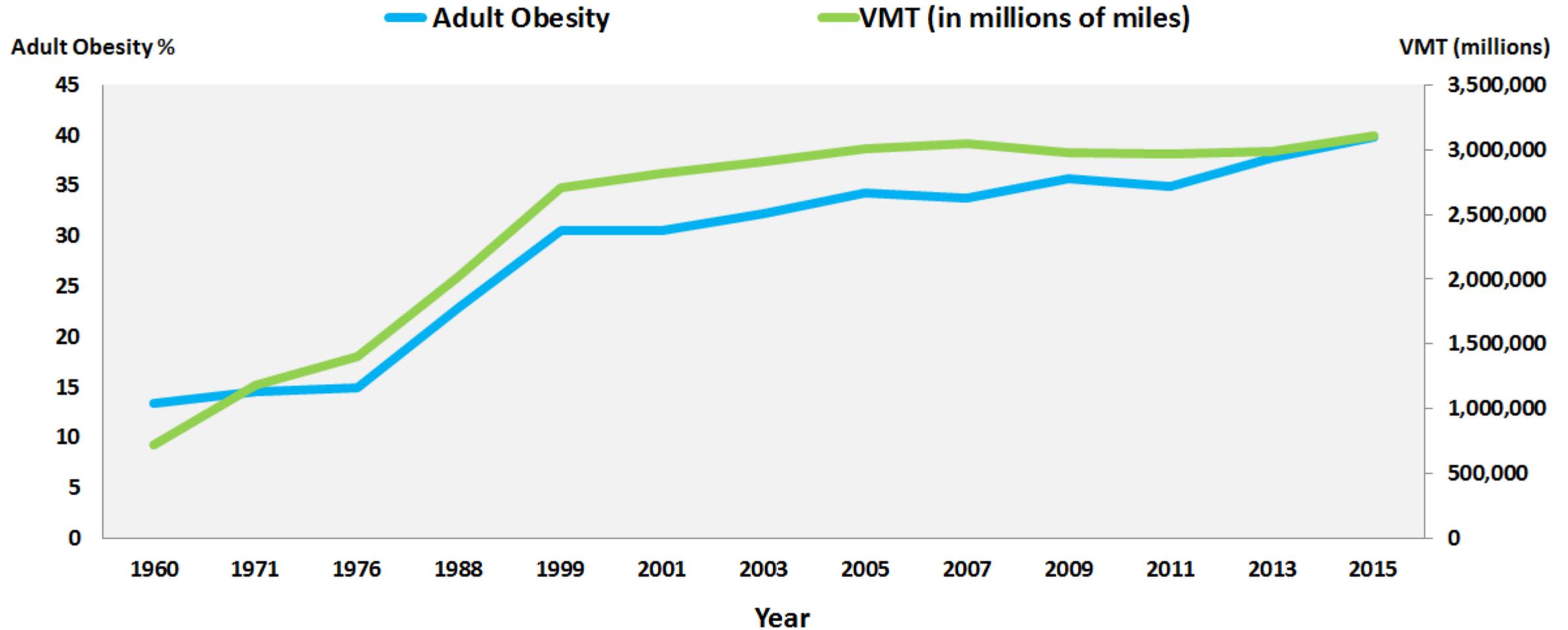
Predatory lending

Signs and  
electrical wires



# The Role of Transportation

Obesity Prevalence and Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) Per Year in The U.S., 1960–2016



# What Public Health Can Do to Improve the Built Environment

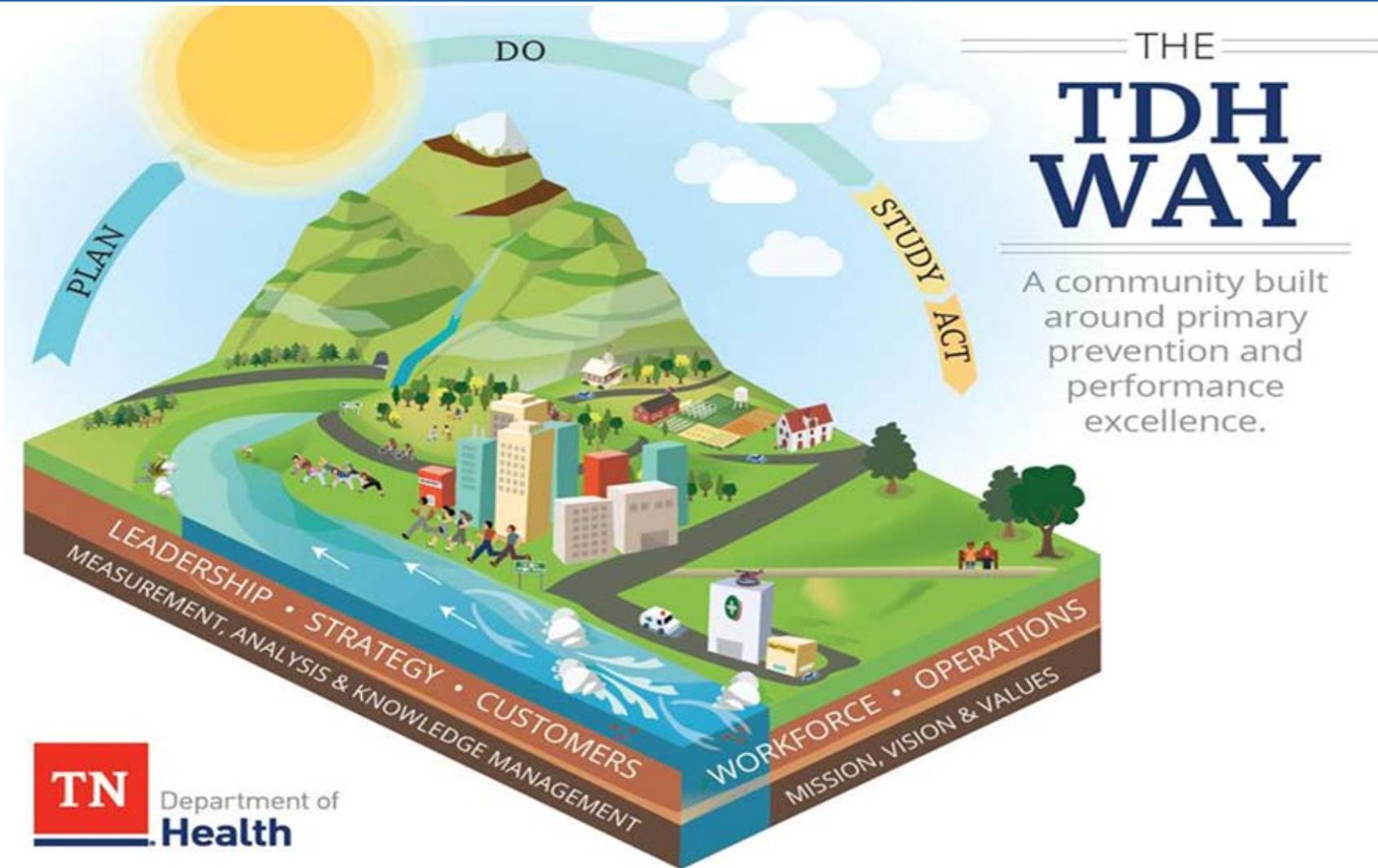
## ➤ **Tennessee Department of Health**

- Plans
- Staff
- Grants
- Cross-sector communication
- Clinic to community
- Data collection and analysis

## ➤ **Ten leading causes of death in TN all related to physical inactivity**

## ➤ **Quantifying public opportunities to walk, bicycle, and play**

# Primary Prevention as the Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) Way



# State Health Plan and Primary Prevention Plans

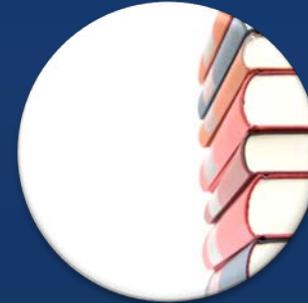
## Three Guiding Questions



**Are we creating  
or improving  
opportunities  
for optimal  
health for all?**



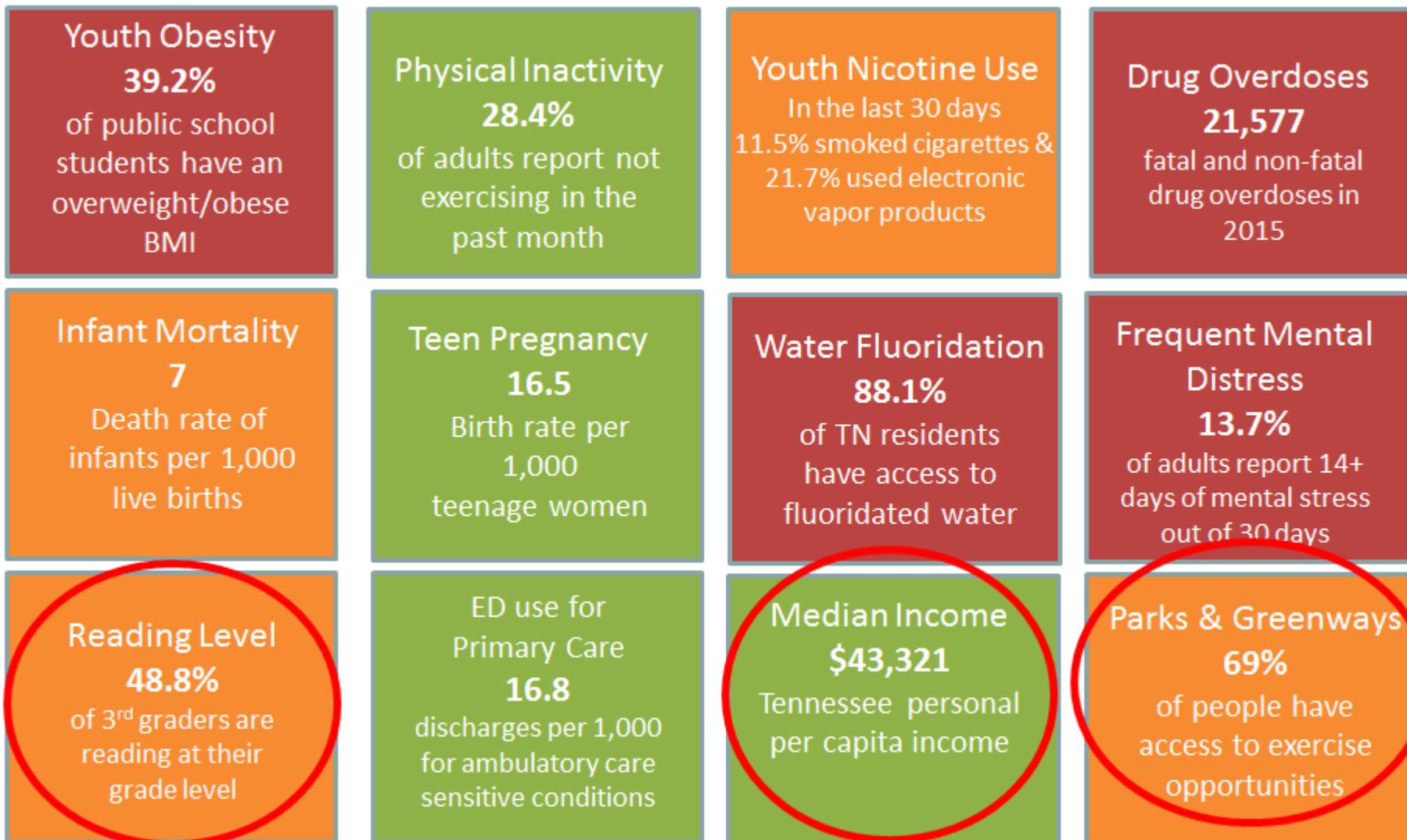
**Are we moving  
upstream?**



**Are we learning  
from or teaching  
others?**



# Using Tennessee Vital Signs to Measure Contributions from Outside of Public Health



# Staff—Heathy Development Coordinators

➤ **Job description: As communities grow, healthy development coordinators promote access to healthy foods and physical activity**

## Healthy Development Coordinators

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 Northeast  
  
Ashley Davies

 West  
  
Tim King

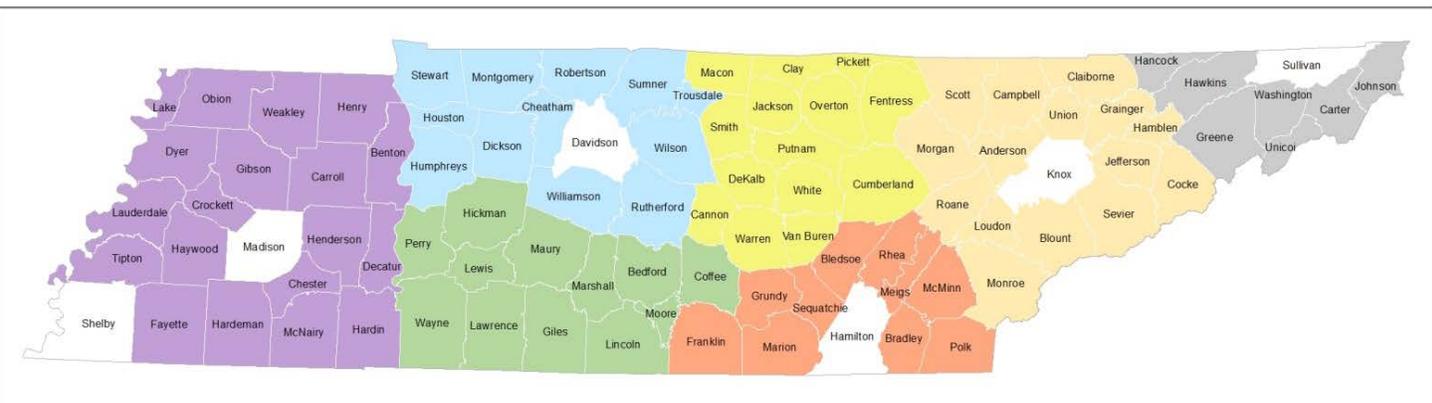
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Kurt Heischmidt

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Beth Blevins

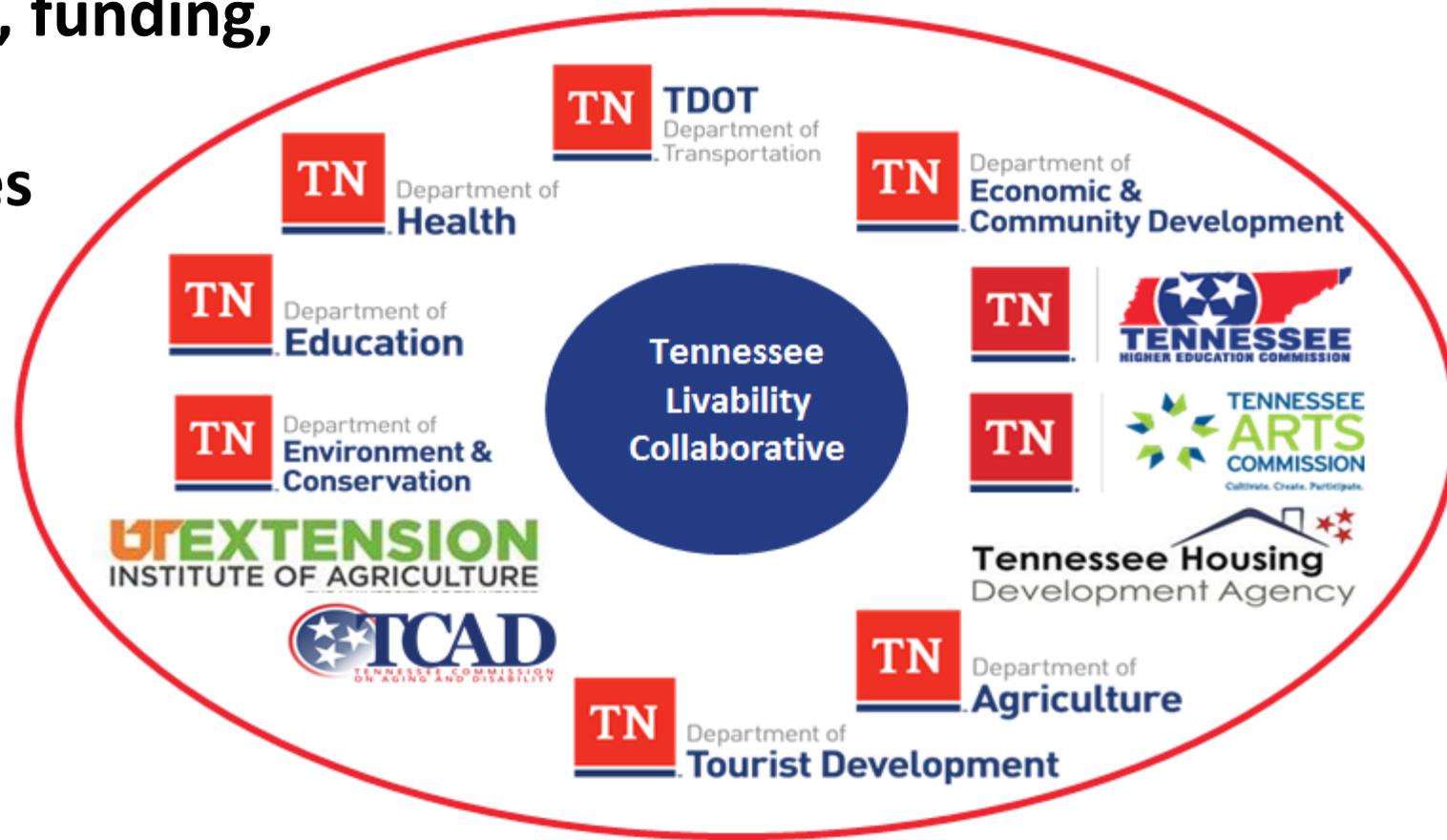


# Access to Health through Healthy Active Built Environments Grants



# Cross-Sector Communication—Tennessee Livability Collaborative

- 12 state agencies work together to improve prosperity, quality of life, and health through policy, funding, and programming to create livable communities
- A health in all policies approach to primary prevention
- Learn how all contribute to quality of life



# Clinic to Community—Exercise as Medicine

**Henry Horton State Park**  
**Healthy Park-Healthy Person**  
4358 Nashville Hwy Chapel Hill, TN 37034  
[www.hhshealth.com](http://www.hhshealth.com)  
931-364-7724



Patient: \_\_\_\_\_

See back side for more information  
on the healthy points program at  
Henry Horton State Park

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Park Rx** Check the appropriate activity, time, and frequency

- Walk    10 Minutes    1 Day/Week
- Hike    20 Minutes    2 Days/Week
- Run    30 Minutes    3 Days/Week
- Bike    1 Hour    5 Days/Week
- Paddle    1+ Hours    6 Days/Week
- Other    7 Days/Week



Notes:

Unlimited Refills

Signature of Prescriber

For more information visit [www.hhshealth.com](http://www.hhshealth.com)



# Data Collection and Analysis

## Transportation, Physical Activity and Health

### Partnering with CDC and U.S. Department of Transportation

### Middle Tennessee Transportation and Health Study



Welcome About the Study Invited to Join? Report Travel FAQs Materials Contact Us

**Step 1**  
Invited to join? Complete a Household Questionnaire.  
[Start Here](#)

**Step 2**  
Record your travel on your assigned day using your travel log.  
[Learn More...](#)

**Step 3**  
After your travel date, please report your travel information.  
[Report Travel](#)

**Step 4**  
If selected, complete the additional Health Survey.  
[Take Health Survey](#)

**Welcome!** The Middle Tennessee Transportation and Health Study is sponsored by the Nashville Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Clarksville Urbanized Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the Tennessee Department of Transportation. If you have received a participation letter, please [Start Here](#) to begin the survey.

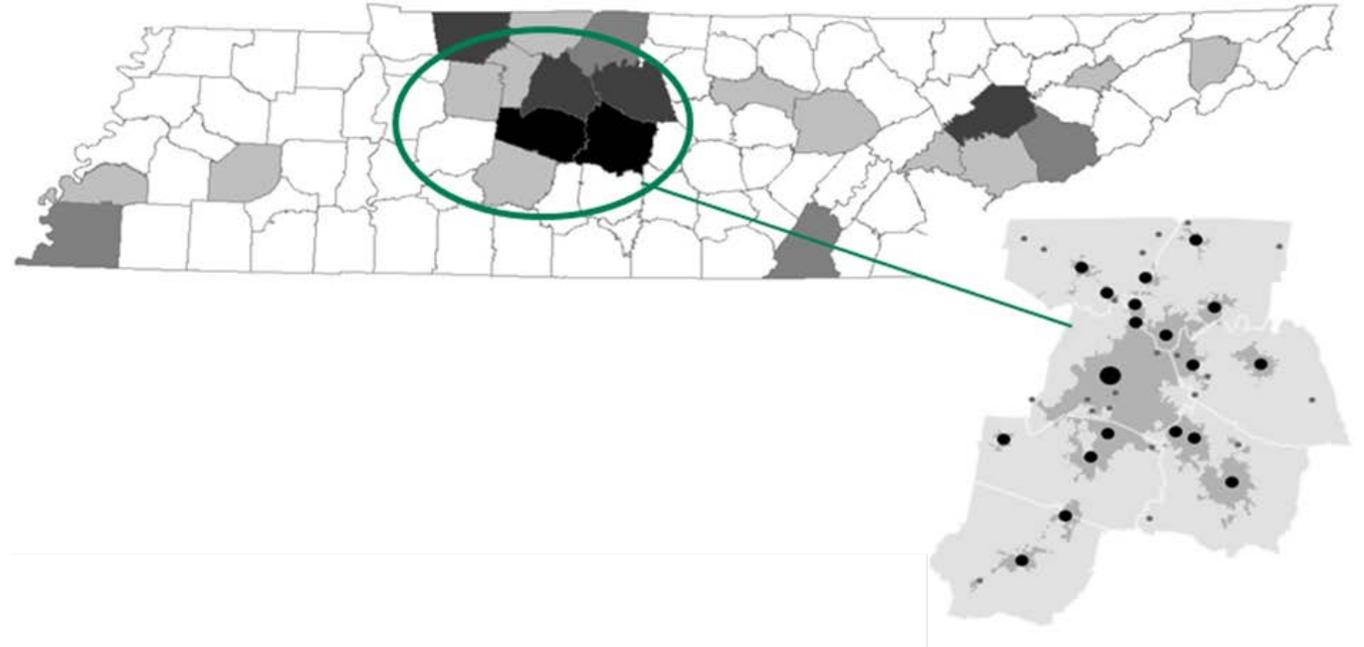


Every day, thousands of people move through the middle Tennessee region—in cars, on buses, by foot, on bikes. To plan for the projects of *tomorrow*, we need to understand how you travel *today*. Your participation in this important survey will help improve the future of transportation for all of us.



# Middle Tennessee Transportation and Health Study

- **11,000 participants**
- **Health questions included**
  - Height
  - Weight
  - Amount of time getting physical activity
  - Amount of time spent sitting
  - Diet
  - Overall quality of health

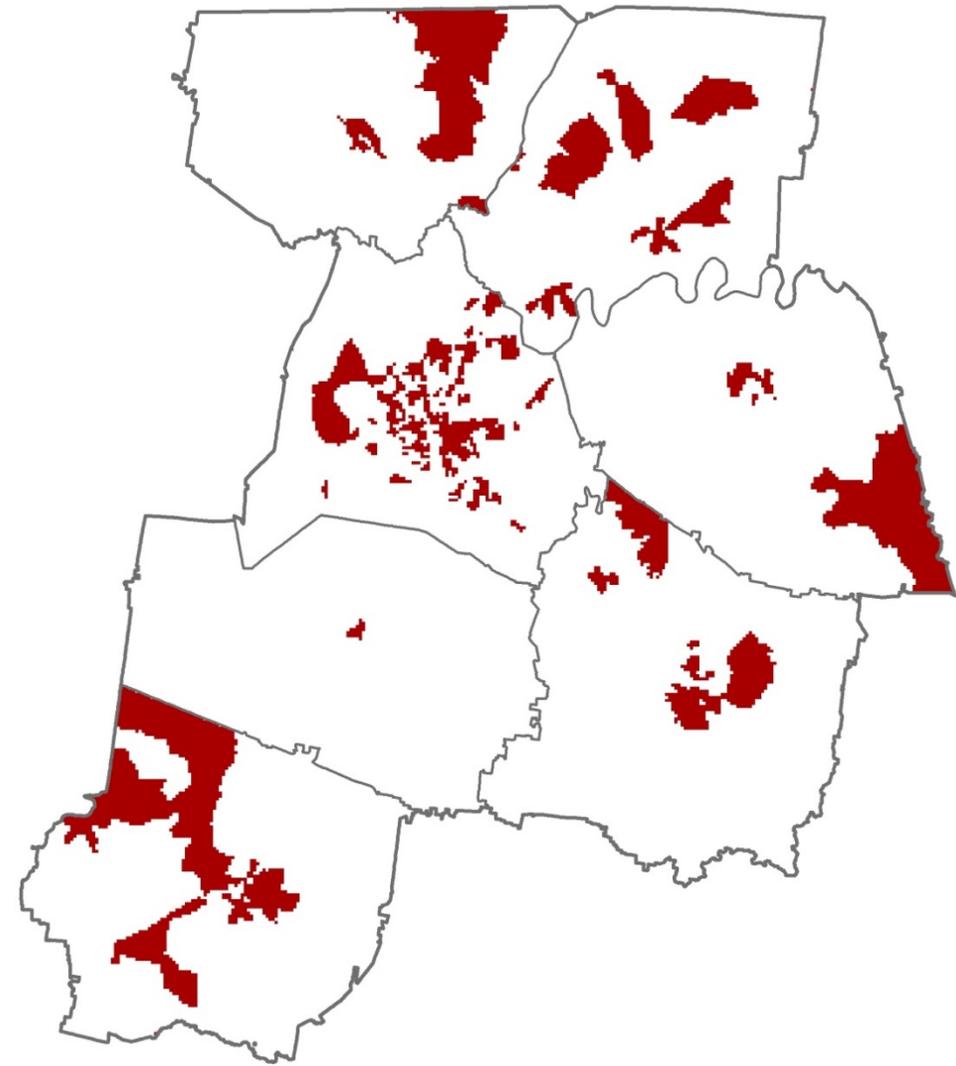


# Prioritization of Greenways, Sidewalks, and Bikeways Based on Transportation and Health Study

## Health Priority Areas

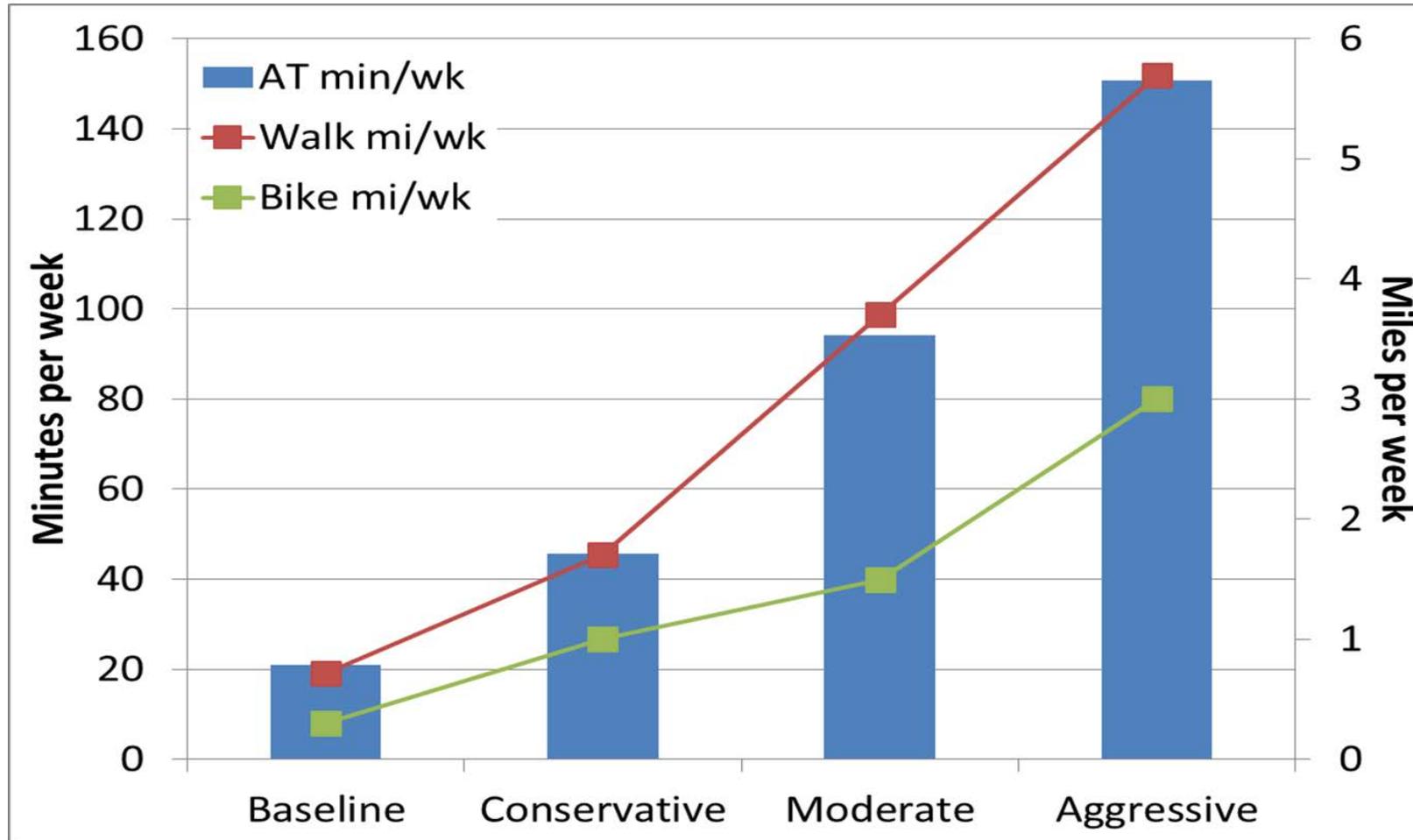
High rates in 3 of following:

- Poverty
- Unemployment
- Household without a car
- Aging (over age 65)



# Population Health Models with Increased Walking and Biking

Hypothetical Scenario Based on Modeled Data



# Integrated Transportation and Health Impact Model

Moderate	$\Delta$ Disease Burden		$\Delta$ Premature Deaths / Year
Cardiovascular Diseases	-3.1%	↓	85.6
Diabetes	-3.0%	↓	9.3
Depression	-1.1%	↓	0.0
Dementia	-1.3%	↓	11.6
Breast Cancer	-1.2%	↓	2.2
Colon Cancer	-1.1%	↓	2.0
Road Traffic Crashes	0.0%	↔	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>-1.0%</b>	<b>↓</b>	<b>112.3</b>

Savings:  
**\$116 million** per  
 year in  
 healthcare costs

# Thank You

**RADM Susan Orsega,  
Chief Nurse of the U.S. Public  
Health Service,  
calls on her colleagues to go  
into uncomfortable places and  
be nimble engineers**



# ABCS Improvement in the Real World



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*Family Physician*

Plymouth Family Physicians

# Million Hearts® 2022 ABCS Clinical Quality Measures

Measure	Measure Description
<b>A</b> spirin When Appropriate	<b>Ischemic Vascular Disease (IVD): Use of Aspirin or Another Antithrombotic</b> Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with IVD with documented use of aspirin or other antithrombotic (NQF 0068/Quality ID 204)
<b>B</b> lood Pressure Control	<b>Controlling High Blood Pressure:</b> % of patients aged 18–85 years with a diagnosis of HTN and an office BP of <140/90 during the measurement year (NQF 0018/Quality ID 236)
<b>C</b> holesterol Management	<b>Statin Therapy for the Prevention and Treatment of Cardiovascular Disease</b> % who were prescribed or on statin therapy during the measurement period: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adults aged ≥ 21 years who were previously diagnosed with or currently have an active diagnosis of clinical atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; OR</li> <li>• Adults aged ≥21 years with a fasting or direct LDL-C level ≥ 190 mg/dL; OR</li> <li>• Adults aged 40-75 years with a diagnosis of diabetes with a fasting or direct LDL-C level of 70-189 mg/dL (CMS 347v1/Quality ID 438)</li> </ul>
<b>S</b> moking Cessation	<b>Preventive Care and Screening: Tobacco Use</b> % of patients ≥18 years who were screened about tobacco use one or more times within 24 months and who received cessation counseling intervention if a tobacco user (NQF 0028/Quality ID 226)

# Meet Plymouth Family Physicians

- **Community of 8,500 in rural Wisconsin**
- **Independent practice since 1985**
  
- **Plymouth Team:**
  - 2 physicians
  - 5 medical assistants
  - 1 business manager
  - 1 medical records manager
  - 2 receptionists
- **AHRQ EvidenceNOW participant**
- **2017 Million Hearts Hypertension Control Champion**



# Our Road To Continuous Quality Improvement

- **Independent physician driven practice**
- **20 years into our electronic medical records (EMR) system**
- **EMR-affiliated practice-based research network**
- **Access to actionable performance data reports**



# Primary (Care) Practices Research Network (PPRNet)

- **24 years old, Medical University of South Carolina affiliated**
- **Funded through 15 federal grants from NIH and AHRQ**
- **150+ primary care practices**
- **Ongoing monthly data extracts of 70 clinical markers**
- **Culture of continuous quality improvement**



# Back To The ABCS

- **Start measuring your performance**
- **Don't waste time denying the data**
- **We are not doing as well as we think we are**
- **Resolving to work harder won't affect improvement**
- **You have been working hard all along**
- **You need to recruit help**

# Everyone Is A Provider

- **Every employee has authority**
  - Given by our patients
  - Regardless of their education
- **Every personal interchange**
- **Focus on clinical goals**
- **Don't talk about the weather**
- **Talk about the science of medicine**



# Educating Your Staff

- **Weekly 90-minute noontime meetings**
- **Quarterly half-day meetings**
- **Professional education**
- **Close the office**
- **Focus entirely on the science**
- **Avoid the business of medicine**



# Health Maintenance Table

Practice Partner Patient Records

File View Show Task Reports Window Help

Exit Park Dash Chart Close Sched Patient Acct Chk In Timing Msg Review Letter Note Rx Orders Pat Ed Pt Info Prov Help

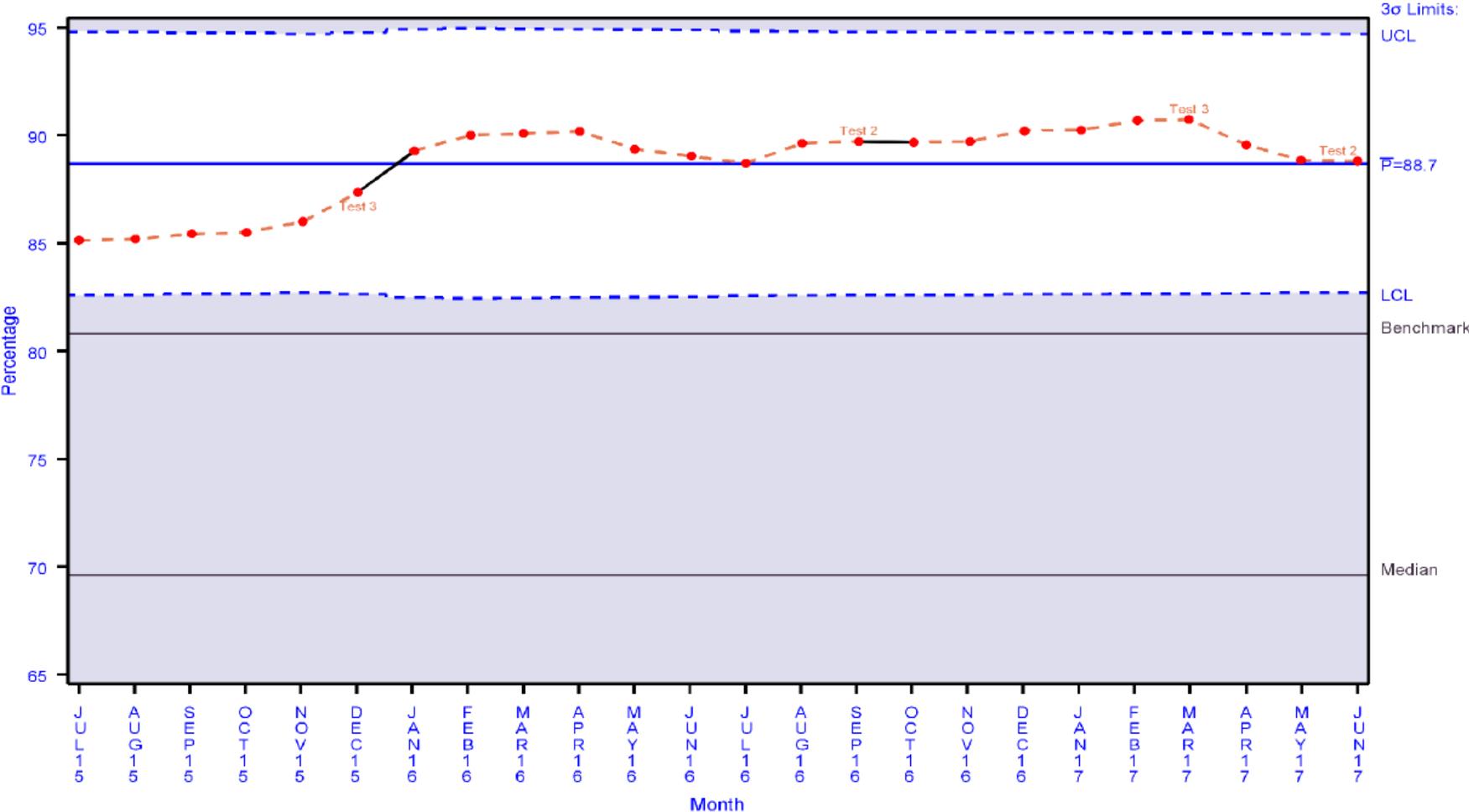
Health Maintenance Summary: TEST, CHART2

	Recommend For	Due (seq.#)	11/10/2017	06/16/2015	05/20/2015	11/06/2012	10/18/2012	05/10/2012	04/19/2012
ALCOHOL SCREEN	Multiple	05/18/2012							
Aspirin therapy	Multiple								
BP	Multiple	05/18/2012							
COLONOSCOPY	MALE 40 TO 049	01/01/2020							
Creatinine	HYPERTENSION				X			X	
DEPRESSION SCREEN	MALE 40 TO 049	01/01/2010							
dT	MALE 40 TO 049	11/06/2022				X			
Glucose,Fasting	Multiple	05/20/2018			X				
Hep C Serology	MALE 40 TO 049								
Hepatitis A 1-18	Individ	02/12/2016							
HIV SCREENING	MALE 40 TO 049	01/01/2010							
INFLUENZA	MALE 40 TO 049		R *	X *			X		
IPV	Individ	03/01/1970							
LIPID	MALE 40 TO 049	05/10/2017						X	
MICROALBUMIN/CREAT	HYPERTENSION	05/18/2012							
OPV	Individ								
REPLACE/REMOVE IUD	PARAGARD	04/19/2022							X
Tdap	MALE 40 TO 049	01/01/2010							

# Performance Measure Reports: Aspirin / Antiplatelet Agent Application

2.6 IVD Pts >=18 yrs with current Anticoagulant/Anti-platelet Rx

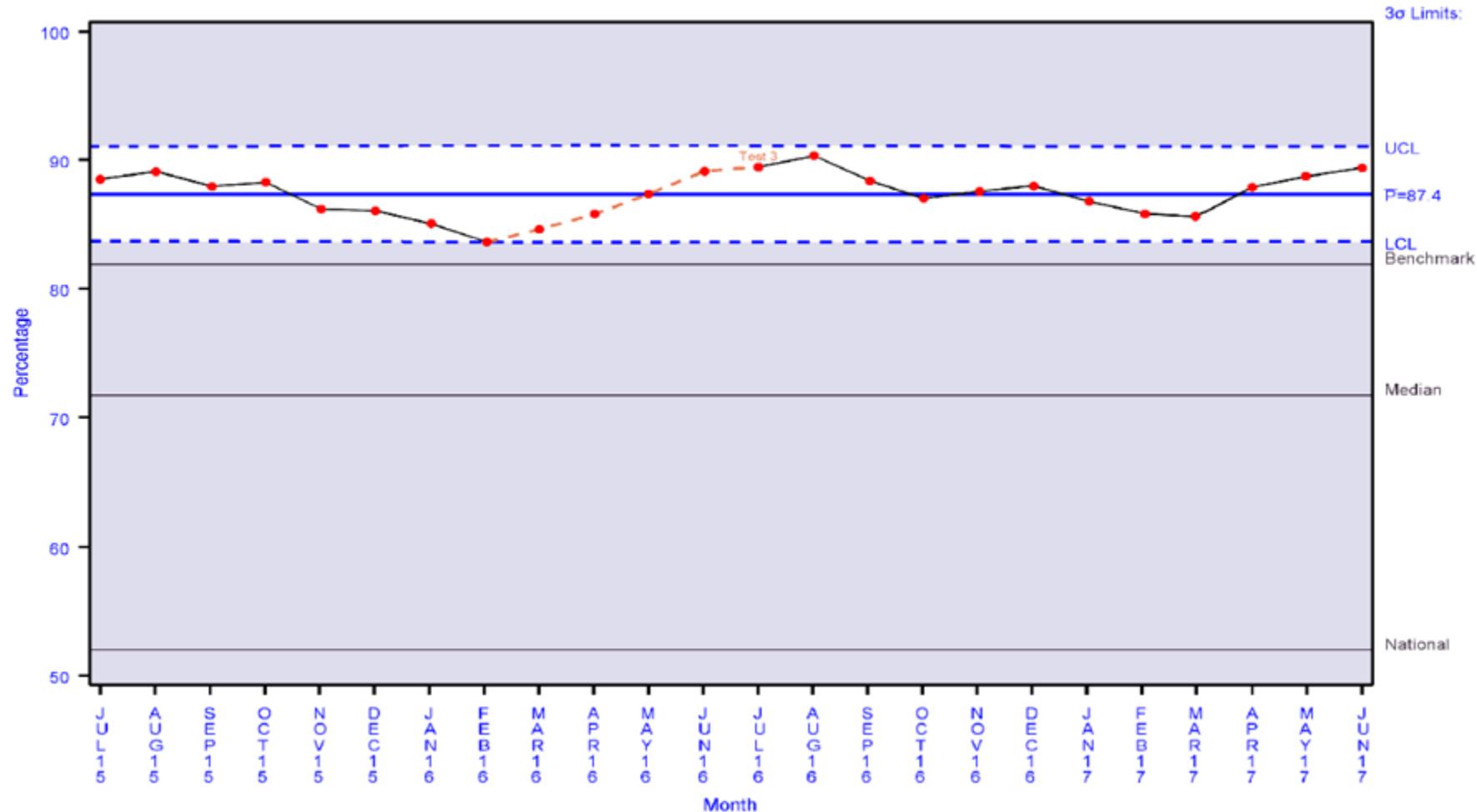
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# Performance Measure Reports: Blood Pressure Control

2.3 HTN pts 18-75 yrs with BP measured and most recent < 140/90 in 1 year

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# Our Blood Pressure Routine

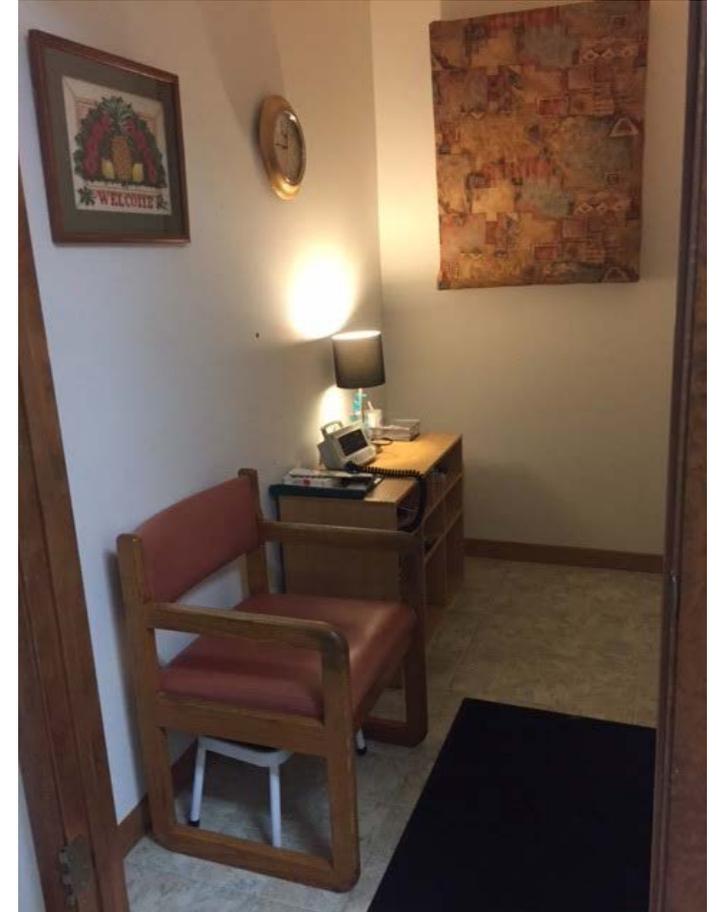
- **We see hypertensive patients twice yearly**
- **BP measurements are expected quarterly**
- **Refills only follow BP at goal**
- **Patients are “held hostage” if they are not at goal**
- **Never flippantly renew meds for patient convenience**
- **Every hypertensive patient has a follow-up appointment**

# Chasing Blood Pressure Out of Control

- **Patients fall out of control**
- **Medications renewed at shorter intervals**
- **Forward message to ourselves to check on patient follow through**
- **Require more measurements**
- **Home blood pressure measurements**
- **Blood pressure lounge**

# BP Lounge

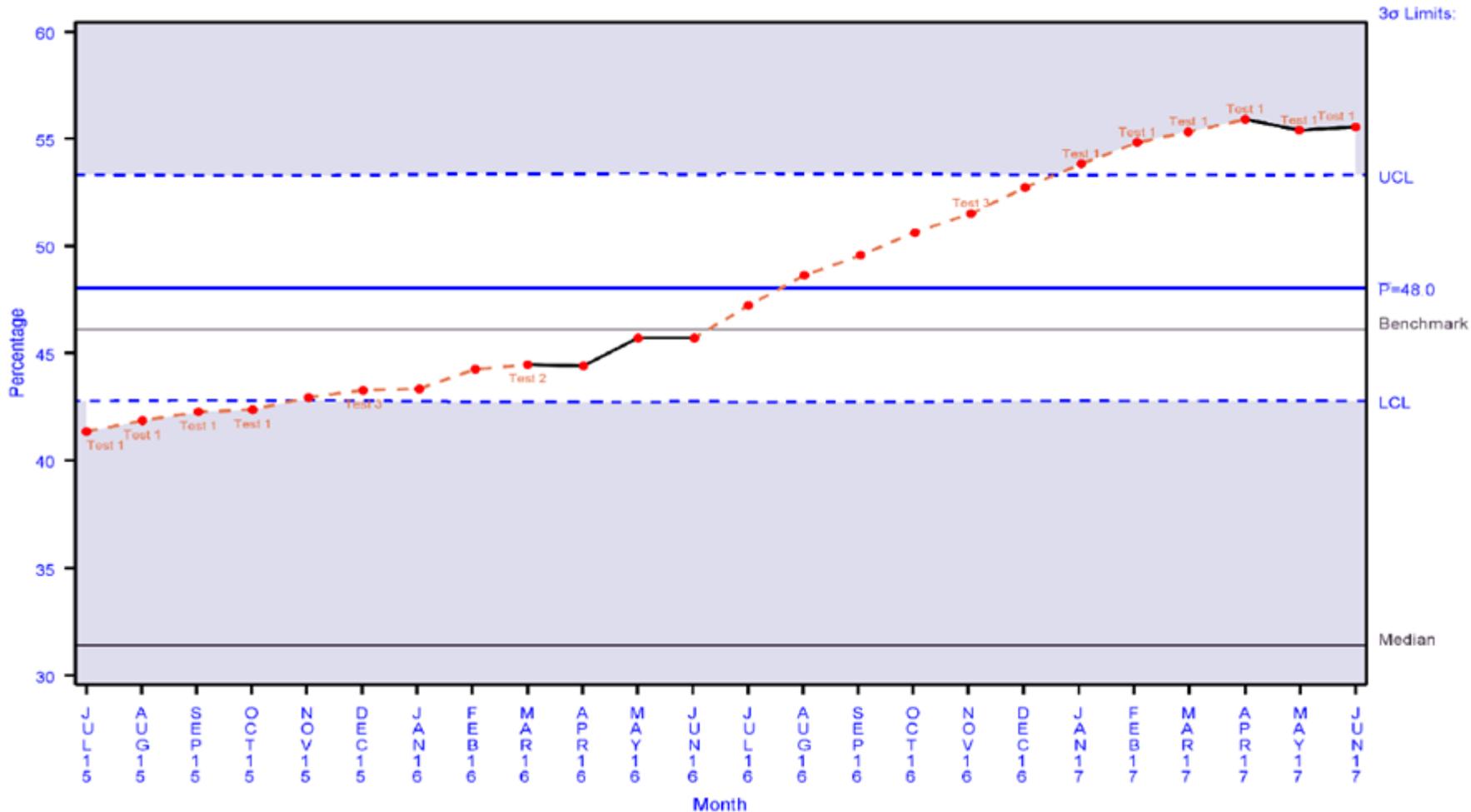
- **Quiet room connected to our waiting room**
- **True resting blood pressure**
- **Receptionist asks the person to expose their arm and sit comfortably for 5 minutes and starts timer**
- **After timer goes off, a medical assistant is called to come and take the blood pressure**



# Performance Measure Reports: Cholesterol Management

## 2.5 Concordance with ACC/AHA Cholesterol Guidelines for ASCVD Risk Reduction

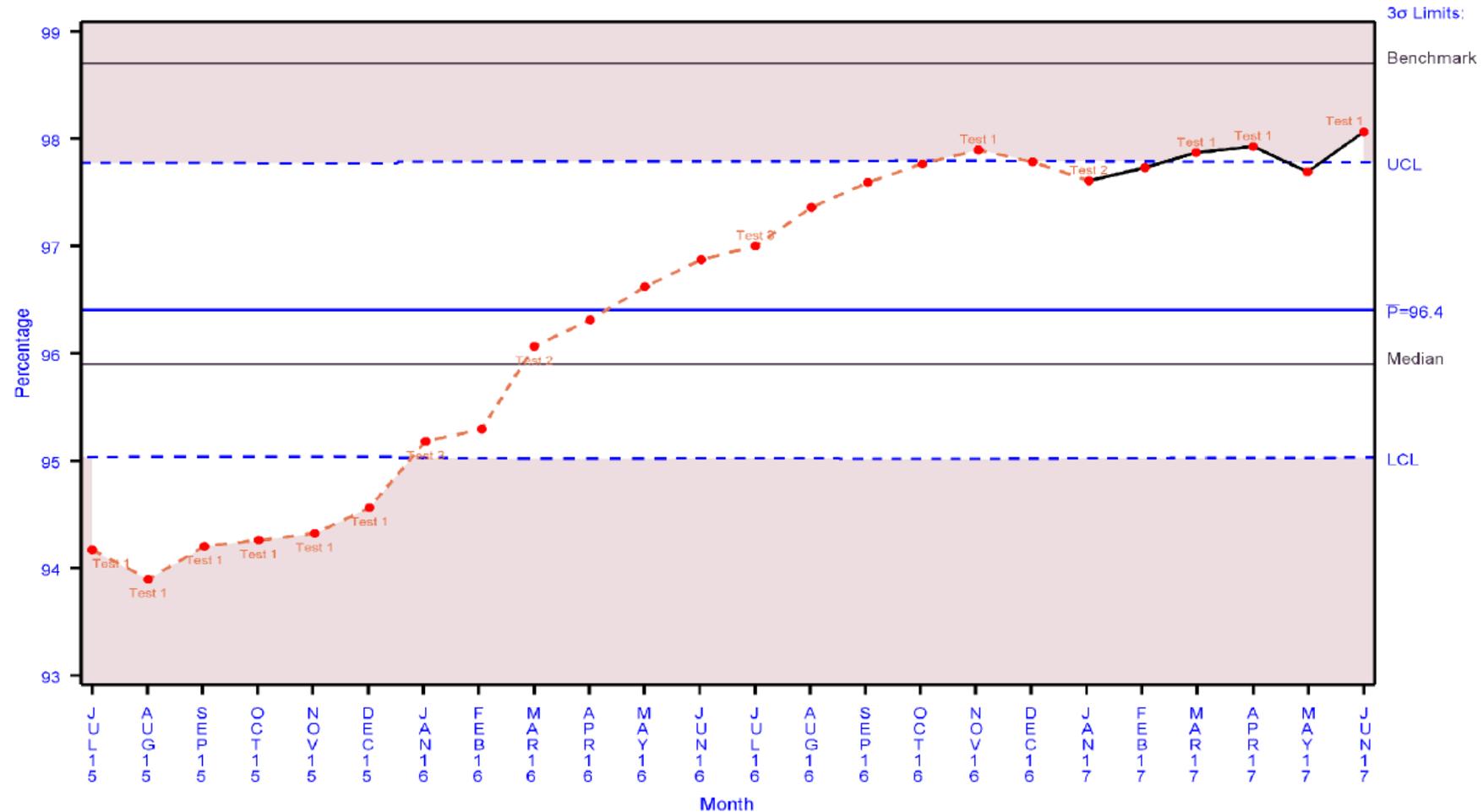
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# Performance Measure Reports: Smoking Assessment and Treatment

## 8.6 Adults Screened for Tobacco Use and Counseled if Smoker in past 2 years

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# Patient-Level Report Summary

	 Below PPRNet Median	 Btwtn PPRNet Median and PPRNet Benchmark	 Above PPRNet Benchmark			
PPRNet Clinical Quality Measures:				Number of eligible patients	Percent meeting criterion	Number not meeting criterion
CQM #	<b>1. Diabetes Mellitus</b>					
	<b>2. Cardiovascular Disease</b>					
2.1	<a href="#">Screening for high blood pressure</a>			1348	99.63%	5
2.2	<a href="#">Patients diagnosed with HTN for 3 BP measures <math>\geq</math> 140/90 in past year</a>			52	100.00%	0
2.3	<a href="#">Controlling high blood pressure (BP)</a>			717	92.05%	57
2.4	<a href="#">Cholesterol abnormalities screening</a>			1079	96.11%	42
2.5	<a href="#">Concordance with ACC/AHA Cholesterol Guidelines for ASCVD Risk Reduction</a>			811	59.31%	330
2.6	<a href="#">Ischemic Vascular Disease: Use of aspirin or oral anticoagulant Rx</a>			252	91.67%	21
2.7	<a href="#">Antiplatelet Medication for High Risk Patients</a>			240	72.08%	67
2.8	<a href="#">Patients with atrial fibrillation with current anti-platelet or oral anticoagulant Rx</a>			103	96.12%	4
2.9	<a href="#">Atrial Fibrillation and Atrial Flutter: Chronic Anticoagulation Therapy</a>			61	77.05%	14
2.10	<a href="#">Heart Failure (HF): ACE Inhibitor or ARB Therapy</a>			49	85.71%	7
2.11	<a href="#">Heart Failure (HF): Beta-Blocker Therapy</a>			49	73.47%	13
2.12	<a href="#">Patients screened for abdominal aortic aneurysm</a>			131	93.89%	8
	<b>3. Chronic Kidney Disease</b>					
	<b>8. Mental Health and Substance Abuse</b>					
8.1	<a href="#">Depression screening (adults)</a>			1621	86.37%	221
8.2	<a href="#">Anti-depressant medication management</a>			475	56.63%	206
8.3	<a href="#">Alcohol misuse: screening</a>			1621	91.12%	144

# Patient-Level Report

Patients not meeting criteria:								
PPRNet ID	DOB	Sex	Provider	Last BP date	Systolic Value	Diastolic Value		
216785	7/17/1949	MALE	SCHROEDER,_GEORGE_S	8/4/2017	152	68		
3031	10/31/1949	MALE	SCHROEDER,_GEORGE_S	8/29/2017	140	72		
2998	7/30/1951	FEMALE	SCHROEDER,_GEORGE_S	5/30/2017	144	80		
4834	3/24/1951	MALE	SCHROEDER,_GEORGE_S	11/15/2016	138	106		
217319	9/23/1953	MALE	SCHROEDER,_GEORGE_S	8/4/2017	143	74		
533	12/22/1954	MALE	SCHROEDER,_GEORGE_S	7/12/2017	142	62		
1117	5/15/1956	MALE	SCHROEDER,_GEORGE_S	3/23/2017	152	86		
213109	5/12/1958	FEMALE	SCHROEDER,_GEORGE_S	7/31/2017	148	86		
215775	4/25/1959	MALE	SCHROEDER,_GEORGE_S	9/27/2016	142	64		
216774	4/5/1959	MALE	SCHROEDER,_GEORGE_S	2/3/2017	134	94		
216781	8/25/1959	MALE	SCHROEDER,_GEORGE_S	8/1/2017	140	82		
216005	6/13/1960	MALE	SCHROEDER,_GEORGE_S	5/25/2017	150	70		
1987	6/17/1963	MALE	SCHROEDER,_GEORGE_S	11/22/2016	140	86		
9	8/9/1963	MALE	SCHROEDER,_GEORGE_S	5/30/2017	130	90		
2077	1/17/1968	FEMALE	SCHROEDER,_GEORGE_S	1/13/2017	148	90		

# Pearls of Wisdom

- **Make performance paramount**
- **Cultivate and educate the provider in every staff member**
- **Measure performance concurrently**
- **Join a practice-based research network**
- **They will be your QI department**



# What Works to Prevent Second Heart Attacks



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# Indications for Cardiac Rehabilitation (CR)

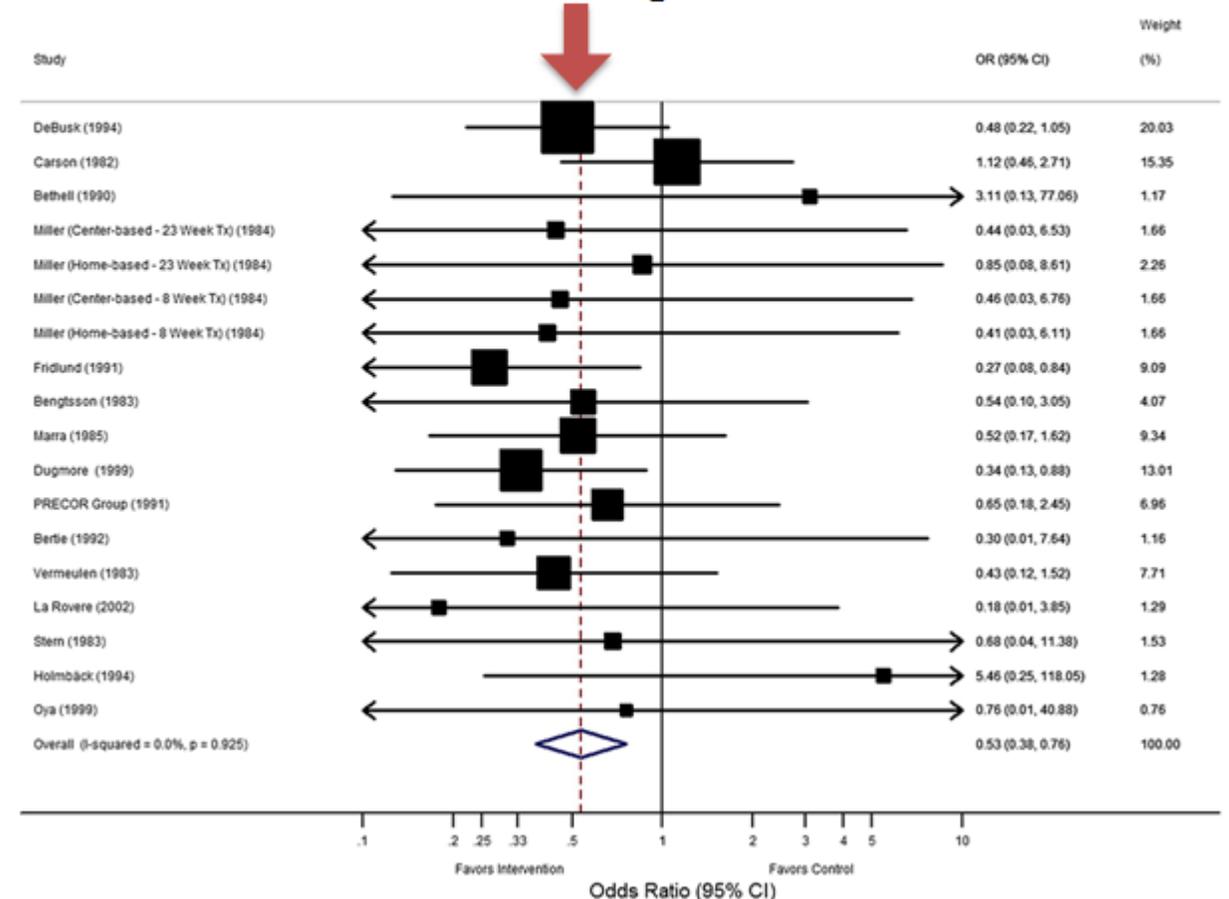
## ➤ CMS reimbursable diagnoses include

- Symptomatic coronary artery disease or recent myocardial infarction (MI)
- Recent coronary stent or coronary artery bypass surgery

## ➤ CR is a Class I recommendation MI survivors for prevention of a second heart attack

- Odds ratio 0.53

## Forest plot effect of exercise-based CR on reinfarction. Exercise-based CR significantly reduces reinfarction among MI survivors.



# A Tale of Two Patients

## Patient A

**42-year-old woman who presented with a myocardial infarction. She was treated with coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG) 6 weeks ago**

- Non-diabetic, non smoker, no family history of CHD, no hypertension
- BMI 22; lost 20 pounds intentionally over the past 2 years
- Registered nurse and mother of two

## Patient B

**44-year-old man who had chest pain and a positive stress test. Angiography showed single vessel disease and percutaneous intervention (PCI) was done two weeks ago**

- Smoker, diabetic, hypertension, family history of premature coronary artery disease
- BMI 33
- Recently began working for a heating and air conditioning company

# What Are Patient Concerns?

- **Why did this happen to me? Will this happen again?**
  - How do I know if I'm having a "heart attack" again?
- **Is it safe to exercise?**
  - How much can I do?
- **Can I go back to work?**
  - If I do go back to work, how can I get time off to come to rehab?
- **How should I be eating?**
- **Did stress contribute to my cardiac event?**
- **Will I always have to take all of these pills and what are they for?**



# Cardiac Rehabilitation (CR) Addresses Most Concerns

- **Structured and monitored exercise**
- **Formal curriculum**
  - Medication education
  - Symptom recognition
  - Stress management, including a cardiac yoga class
- **Integrated dietician and health and behavior specialist**
- **Smoking cessation services**
- **Transition counseling—how to exercise outside of the CR program**



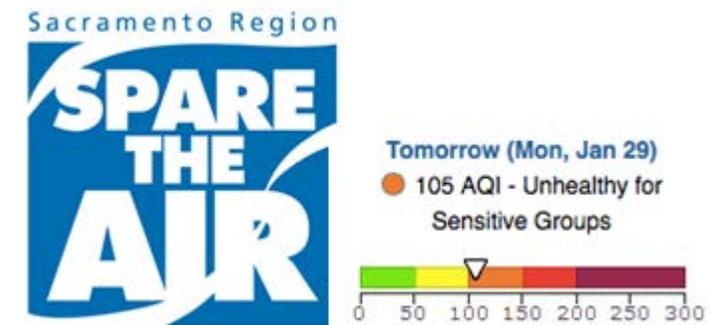
# A Holistic Approach

## ➤ UC Davis CR nurses are disease case managers

- Patients have comorbidities: diabetes, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, depression, heart failure

## ➤ Typical session in rehab

- Glucose check before and after exercise for diabetics
- Start monitored exercise
- Presentation on plant-based protein sources (during exercise)
- End exercise then have a group stretch and cool down with a brief meditation exercise
- Reminder of a **“Spare the Air”** day so patients should exercise indoors



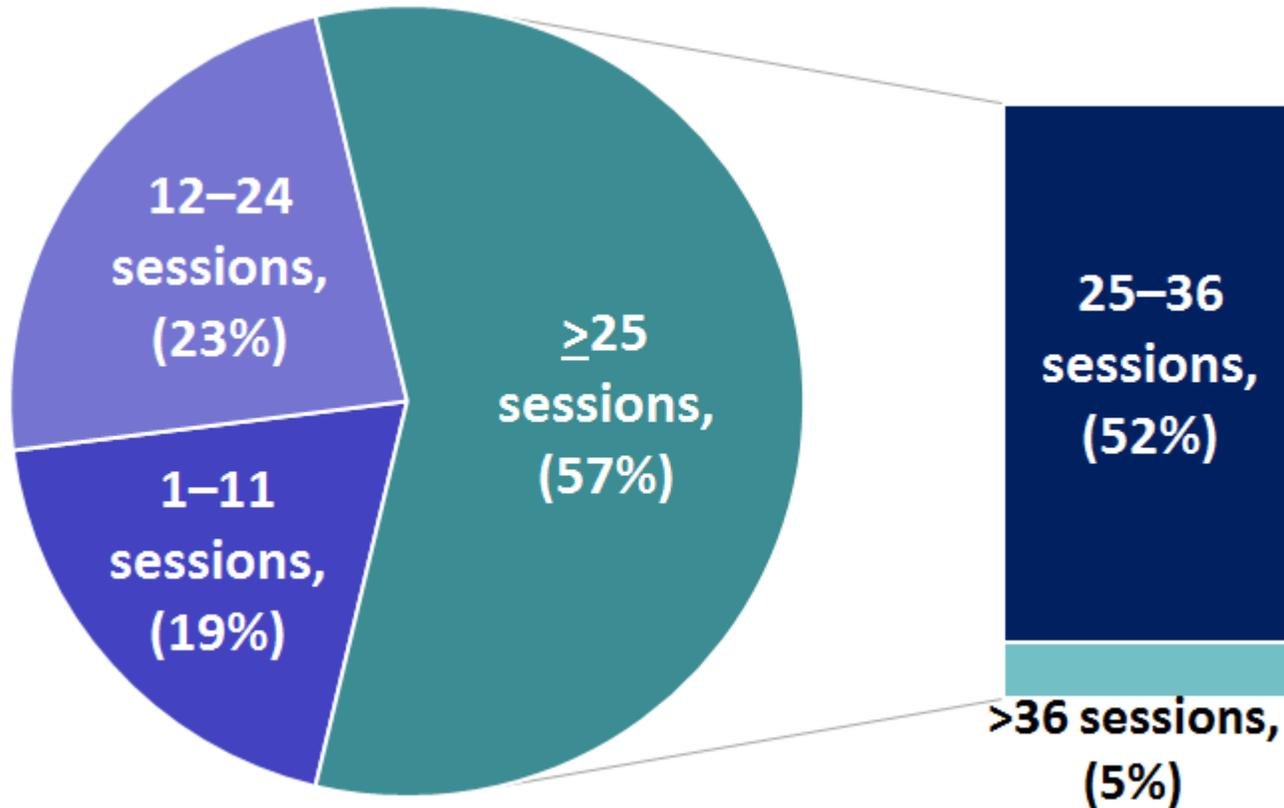
# Cardiac Rehabilitation (CR) Utilization Among Medicare Fee-for-service Beneficiaries, 2013

- **Despite known benefits, participation rates remain low**
- **Approximately 450,000 beneficiaries were eligible for CR in 2013**
  - Qualifying diagnoses in 2013 included
    - ❑ Symptomatic coronary artery disease
    - ❑ Myocardial infarction
    - ❑ Heart valve replacement
    - ❑ Heart transplant
  - 20% (90,000) used CR at least once in 12 months



# Cardiac Rehabilitation (CR) Utilization Among Medicare Fee-for-service Beneficiaries, 2013

Number of CR Sessions per User



# How Do We Increase Participation?

## ➤ Capture all possible referrals for covered diagnoses

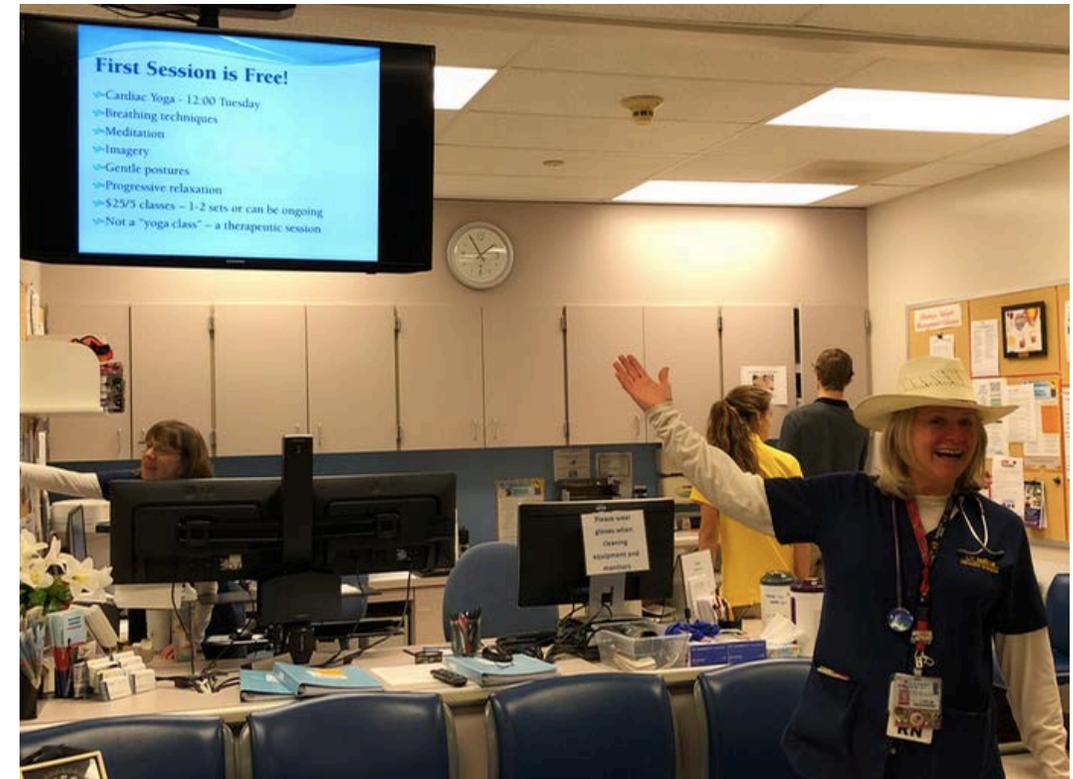
- Automatic referral integrated into discharge order set
- Actively seek referrals
- Provider education (e.g., residents, fellows, NPs, PAs)

## ➤ Structured orientation

- Schedule patients for first exercise session at orientation

## ➤ Follow-up calls

- Touch base with patients who have stopped coming and assess barriers



# Why Do Patients Stop Coming?

- **Had to go back to work**
- **Co-pay is \$40 per session**
  - Private insurance
- **“Too far to drive”**
- **“No ride”**
- **“I didn’t see the point”**
- **“They tried to make me a vegan”**



# Solutions

## ➤ Financial barriers

- Philanthropy—co-pay assistance fund
- Raise awareness at the administrative level
  - Managed care plans could consider designating preventive measures such as cardiac rehabilitation (CR) differently from “office visits”

## ➤ Distance and work

- Much interest in out-of-center CR programs
- Technology platforms exist for this, but reimbursement is a challenge

## ➤ Patient has no interest

- Enlist allies such as the primary cardiologist and primary care provider
- Assess for depression
- Persist and continue ask patient if they want to go back

# Data Supports Cardiac Rehabilitation

- **Reduction in second heart attacks**
- **Reduction in total mortality**
  - 13%–24% mortality risk reduction in participants over 1–3 years
- **Reduction in hospitalizations**
- **Increase in physical function**



# What Happened to Our Patients?

## Patient A

**42-year-old woman has completed 18 sessions and is still coming**

- She is back at work
- Reports having more confidence about dietary choices and exercising safely
- Walking 60 minutes a day

## Patient B

**44-year-old man completed cardiac rehabilitation program**

- Quit smoking
- Improved his exercise tolerance
- Went back to work
- Plans to work out at a private gym after “graduation”

# Opportunities in U.S. Adults to Prevent Cardiovascular Disease



**We Know What Works**

# Resources and Tools Available on the Million Hearts® Website

- **Action Guides—Hypertension** control; Self-measured blood pressure monitoring (SMBP); Tobacco cessation; Medication adherence
- **Protocols**—Hypertension treatment; Tobacco cessation; Cholesterol management
- **Tools**—Hypertension prevalence estimator; atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD) risk estimator
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- **Clinical Quality Measures**

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