
CME Information

Fourth Annual Symposium on Risk, Diagnosis and Treatment of Cardiovascular Disease in Women

Needs Statement

Cardiovascular disease (CVD) is the number one killer of women in the United States. Long thought of as primarily affecting men, CVD—including heart disease, hypertension, and stroke—affects a substantial number of women. The number of CVD deaths for females has exceeded those for males since 1984.

More than one in three female adults has some form of cardiovascular disease. Experts estimate that one in two women will die of heart disease or stroke, compared with one in 25 women who will die of breast cancer.

Although heart disease is a complex disorder thought to be a result of interactions between genetic and environmental factors, it is 80% preventable with proven strategies for risk modification. Both patient and professional education about managing the risk factors shared by all cardiovascular diseases are essential and must be promoted across all disciplines encountering women in the health care field. The goal of this section to educate primary care physicians and cardiologists about diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of CVD in women.

Educational Objectives

At the conclusion of this activity, the participant should be able to:

- Identify emerging controversies in cardiovascular disease and treatments;
- Cite the identification of cardiac risk factors in women;
- Apply current guidelines for managing modifiable biological risk factors for cardiovascular disease in light of new data presented this year;
- Develop and utilize an overall cardiovascular risk stratification of female patients to guide prevention and treatment strategies.

Target Audience

Cardiologists, gynecologists, primary care physicians, internal medicine physicians, family medicine practitioners, endocrinologists, and nurse practitioners.

Accreditation and Credit Designation

Texas Heart Institute is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

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Term of Approval

June 5, 2014, through June 5, 2016. Continuation of CME credit from June 5, 2016, depends upon a thorough review of the content for currency and accuracy.

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2. Answer the assessment questions presented on page 311. A grade of 80% must be attained to receive CME credit.
3. Complete a brief evaluation.
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