

## Heart Health Community Education

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- How does it affect you?
- Symptoms
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- Your Heart Numbers
- Early Heart Attack Care





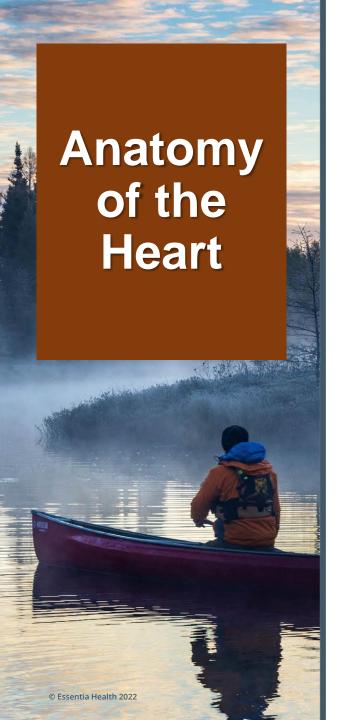
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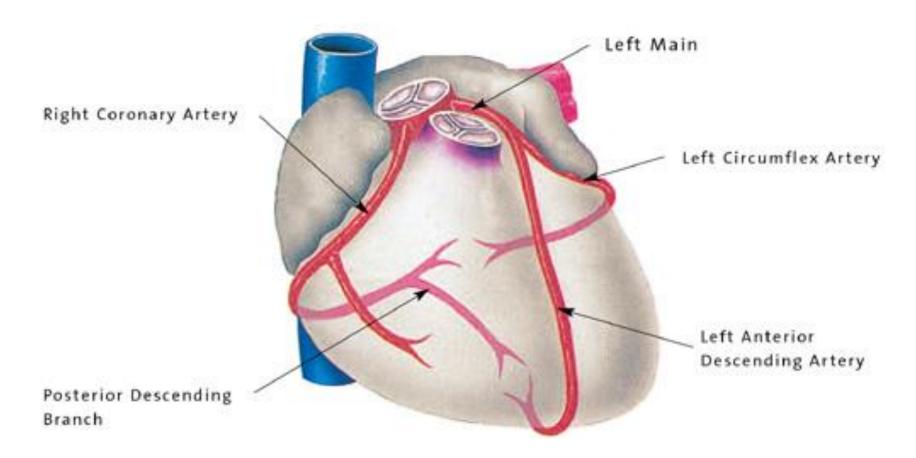
- A broad term used for a wide variety of diseases of the heart and blood vessels
- AKA: Coronary Artery Disease (CAD), Arrhythmias, and congenital defects of the heart
- Most common type is CAD
- Caused by inflammatory process

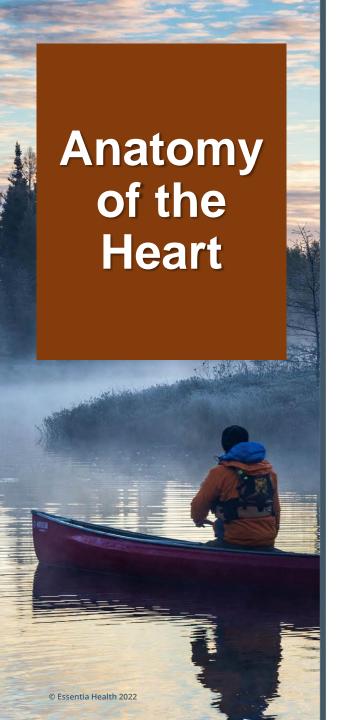


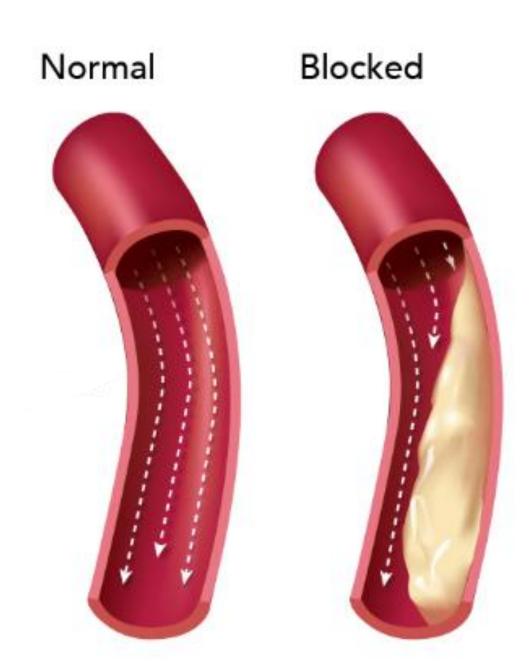
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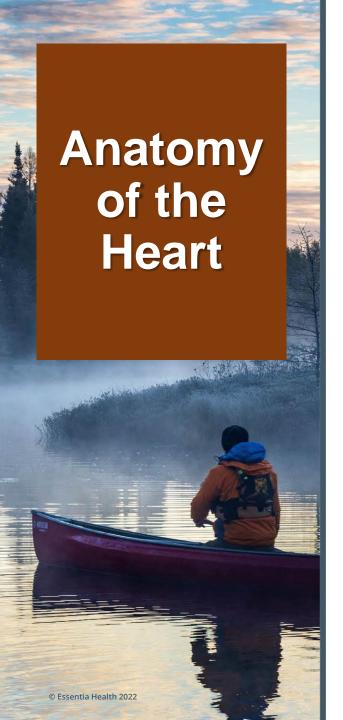
- Consists of fat, cholesterol, and/or calcium
- Causes a decrease in the size of, or completely block, the arteries → decreased blood flow to heart
- This can lead to a heart attack and increase your risk for stroke!

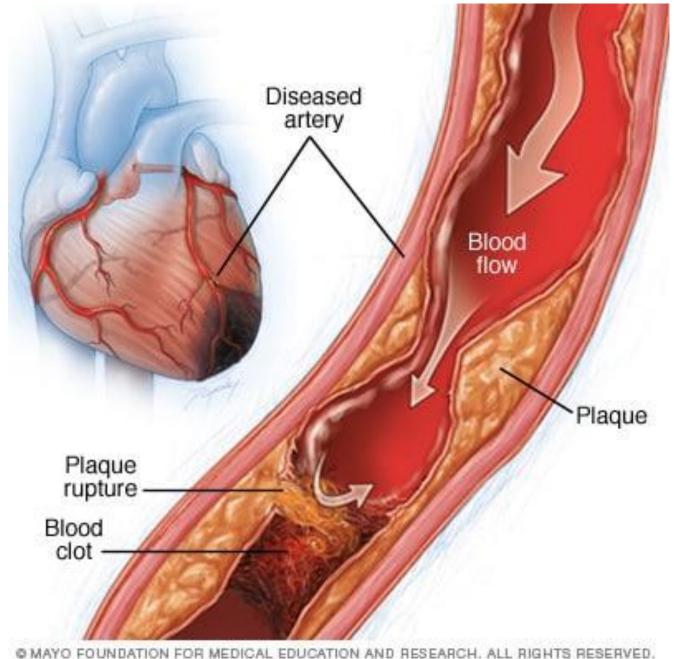






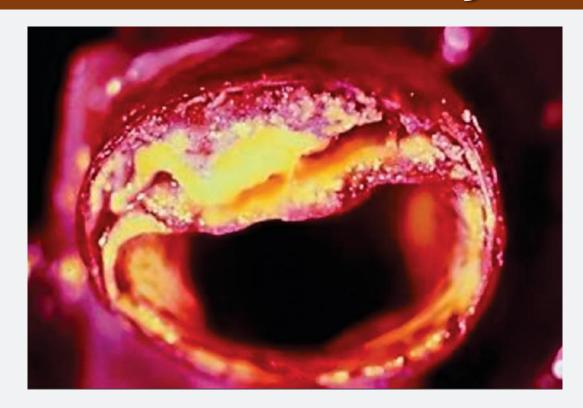








### **Anatomy of the Heart**







#### How does it affect you?

Does your coat keep you warm if the zipper is broken?

 Does your TV remote function normally with old batteries?

Same idea with your heart!



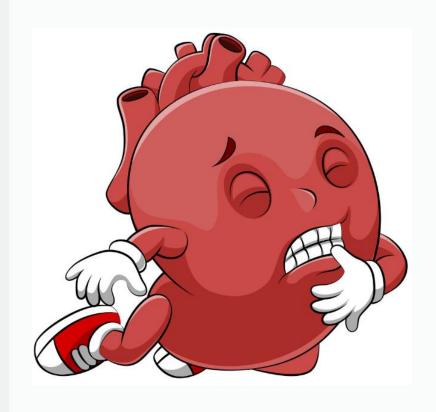
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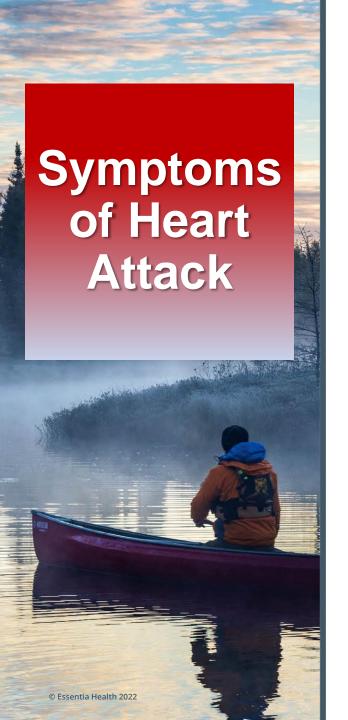
- If your heart isn't working as well and efficiently as it should, it might be telling you so
- You may feel differently or have difficulty doing things that were easy at one time
- As we get older, there is more "wear and tear" on our bodies



#### **Symptoms of Heart Disease**

What are some signs or symptoms you might experience with heart disease?





- Chest pain → about 2/3 of us have pain
- Pain in jaw, shoulder, arm, or back
- Shortness of breath
- "Heartburn" or abdominal pain
- Nausea/vomiting
- Dizziness or lightheaded
- Sweating
- Restlessness or anxiety
- Bluish lips, hands, or feet
- Heavy pounding in the heart
- Loss of consciousness



# Do men and women present with the same symptoms of heart attack? Yes or No

#### Not necessarily!

Women tend to have less obvious symptoms like mid back or abdominal pressure, dizziness, or nausea

#### Risk Factors

#### **Modifiable**

- High blood pressure
- Physical inactivity
- Weight control
- High cholesterol
- Diabetes
- Poor diet
- Tobacco or vaping

#### Non-Modifiable

- Age
- Gender
- Family History





#### **Heart Numbers**

#### Four Specific Cardiac Risk Factors:

- Blood pressure
  - Cholesterol
  - Blood sugar
- Body Mass Index (BMI)



#### **Blood Pressure**



Silent problem

- Ideal
  - below 120 (top number)
  - below 80 (bottom number)

 Exercise, medications, less fat and salt, avoid tobacco



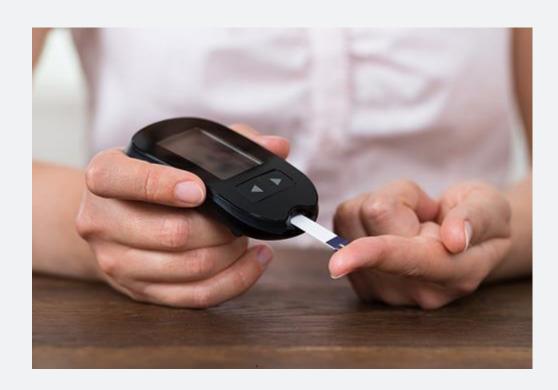
#### Cholesterol

- A fat like substance that helps make new cells, hormones, and Vitamin D
- Cholesterol Goal = <200mg</li>
- HDL good (goal = >40mg)
- LDL bad (goal = <70mg)
- Triglycerides Goal = <150</li>





#### **Blood Sugar**

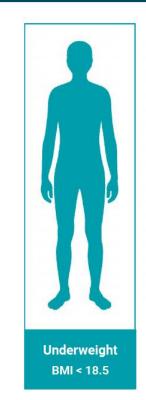


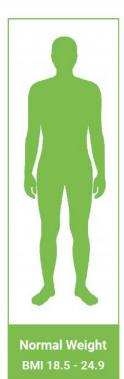
- Sugar is needed for cell and brain function
- Too much sugar is stored as fat
- *Normal* = <99mg
- *Pre-diabetes* = 100-125
- *Type 2 DM* = >125

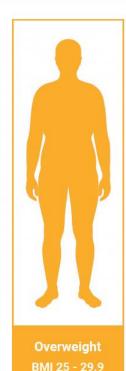
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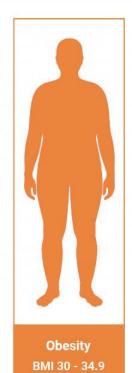
- A measure of body fat based on height and weight
- Your PCP can give you your BMI
- Higher BMI = higher risk for heart and vascular disease

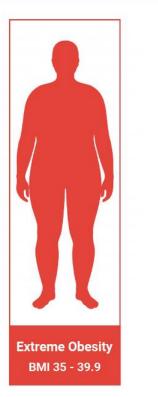
#### **BODY MASS INDEX**













#### Early Heart Attack Care (EHAC)

 Public awareness campaign where the primary goal is to promote awareness that heart attacks have "beginnings" that can occur weeks before the actual attack.





#### **EHAC**

- EHAC focuses on intervention during these beginnings to help prevent acute myocardial infarction (heart attack) and cardiac arrest.
- Second goal of EHAC is to teach the public that individuals with heart attack symptoms must be evaluated and treated in an emergency department (ED) or Chest Pain Center.

85% of heart damage occurs within the first two hours of a heart attack

#### HEART ATTACK SYMPTOMS





#### **In Summary**

- Your heart is like anything else; you need to take care of it
- Recognize early signs and symptoms of heart attack. Take papers home!
- Know your numbers and get yearly checks with your PCP
- Activate 911 when suspecting heart attack symptoms



## What questions do you have?