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Greetings,

Happy New Year! A new year, a fresh start — thank you for continuing the CHTI journey with us. And Happy Heart Month beginning Sunday, Feb. 1.

February is American Heart Month -- a time to celebrate heart health and raise awareness about the steps we can take to protect it.

Join Wear Red Day on Friday, Feb. 6. Wear red to raise awareness about heart health, especially for women, and show your support for prevention and healthier hearts.

Support Heart Month by downloading your resources [here](#).

Visit <https://ahahealthtech.org/> to learn more about the Center and all the resources available to you.



American Heart Association's Heart Disease and Stroke Statistics reveal declining deaths, continuing burden

Following a five-year upward trend likely impacted by the COVID pandemic, heart disease and stroke deaths have declined. Yet, with heart disease remaining the No. 1 cause of death, and stroke up from 5th to 4th place, they still claim more lives than any other cause, according to the [2026 Heart Disease and Stroke Statistics: A Report of U.S. and Global Data from the American Heart Association](#).

First published by the American Heart Association in 1927, the Statistics Update is the authoritative resource for current cardiovascular disease data — used by clinicians, scientists, policymakers, legislators, media and more.

The new report includes [cardiovascular-kidney-metabolic \(CKM\) syndrome](#), a disorder first identified by the Association and comprising connections among heart disease, kidney disease, diabetes and obesity. Data show that nearly 90% of U.S. adults have some form of CKM syndrome and over 80% of U.S. young and middle-aged adults display early CKM risk.

"The data may look like just numbers to many, but to the American Heart Association, they are lives on the line," said Stacey E. Rosen, M.D., FAHA, volunteer president of the Association. "We will continue to be a catalyst for transformation."

Read full report [here](#).



Be part of #ISC26

Get ready for a reimagined International Stroke Conference experience Feb. 4 – 6 at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, LA.

Highlights include 22 new abstract categories, five dynamic digital poster theaters designed for real-time engagement, cutting-edge symposia and community-driven programming.

Visit the [ISC website](#), check out the [online planner](#) and [see what else is new](#).



Invasive Hemodynamic Protocols for the Evaluation of Heart Failure and Pulmonary Hypertension

Writing Group Chair Mark N. Belkin, MD and Vice Chair Marat Fudim, MD, who also serves on the American Heart Association Health Technology Advisory Group, , announce the publication of a new scientific statement from the American Heart Association that addresses the need to standardize common baseline and provocative invasive hemodynamic protocols commonly used for the evaluation of heart failure and pulmonary hypertension.

Read full announcement [here](#).



AHA's Nancy Brown Among Top 10 CEOs Transforming Healthcare

Congratulations to Nancy Brown, CEO of the American Heart Association, for being selected by the CEO Forum Group for its Transformative CEO Award as a Top 10 CEO Transforming Healthcare in America. She receives this award for her exceptional leadership including creating CEO corporate partnerships and driving game-changing initiatives including: Health Care by Food, Nation of Lifesavers and Go Red for Women.

Read [more](#).



Innovators' Network member AccurKardia Secures FDA 510(k) Clearance of and Launches AccurECG 2.0

AccurKardia has received FDA 510(k) clearance and launched [AccurECG™ 2.0](#), an enterprise-grade and device-agnostic AI software for automated ECG interpretation. Designed for rapid, near real-time analysis for wearables and patches, this software reduces clinical workloads for hospitals and cardiac monitoring companies. The launch supports 2026 market expansion and improved diagnostic accessibility.

Read [more](#).



Welcome New Innovators' Network Members

The Innovators' Network is a fee-based consortium of industry entrepreneurs, providers and health systems, researchers, pharma, device manufacturers, community and social support networks and payors.

Membership offers research collaboration, AHA brand affiliation, access to a network of volunteer and industry experts and participation at AHA industry events.

Join us in welcoming our newest members of the Innovators' Network!

[Amplity](#) - a global pharmaceutical commercialization partner that provides outsourced medical and commercial services to life sciences companies.

[Percipio Health](#) - a global pharmaceutical commercialization partner that provides outsourced medical and commercial services to life sciences companies.

Members with non-product news (e.g., funding, trials, publications, ex-hires), please submit via the AHA Innovators' Network Member News and Updates [Form](#) on the CHTI's [website](#) . Approved submissions will be published on [ahahealthtech.org](#) and/or LinkedIn.

Learn more about becoming a member of the Innovators' Network and view all members [here](#) .



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Making Sense of Sensors: A Clinician's Guide to Patient- Generated Data

Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at 12:00pm EST

Webinar Series



Seth Martin, MD
Johns Hopkins
School of Medicine



Catherine Liao
CONNEQT Health



Keith C Ferdinand, MD
Tulane University
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Ben Green, MD
AliveCor

A patient walks into the office with data from their smartwatch...

You are invited to a discussion on “**Making Sense of Sensors: A Clinician’s Guide to PatientGenerated Data**”.

Tune in live **Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at 12:00pm EST.**

Join us for an engaging conversation with:

Moderator:

- **Seth Martin, MD**, Professor, Division of Cardiology, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine

Speakers:

- **Ben Green, MD**, Chief Clinical Officer, AliveCor
- **Keith C Ferdinand, MD, FAHA, FACC, FNLA, FASCP, FPCNA(hon.)**, Professor of Medicine, Tulane University School of Medicine
- **Catherine Liao, Chief Strategy Officer**, CONNEQT Health

Register to join live here: https://heart.zoom.us/webinar/register/4817690087274/WN_Bfu_qwkaT5Ws4D-5czi8DA

Can’t make it live? The content will be available On Demand on [AHA’s You Tube following the program](#).

We hope to see you then!

You can browse all past issues in our [newsletter archive](#) to catch up on key stories and insights. Make sure you’re in the loop— [don’t miss our news and updates section](#).

We are eager to hear from you. Send Darcy Barrett, darcy.barrett@heart.org, your ideas for what you want included in the monthly newsletter.

Know someone who wants to join our mailing list? Forward the “sign up for our mailing list” [link](#).

Until next month!



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