



# Join Us and Save Lives from Heart Valve Disease

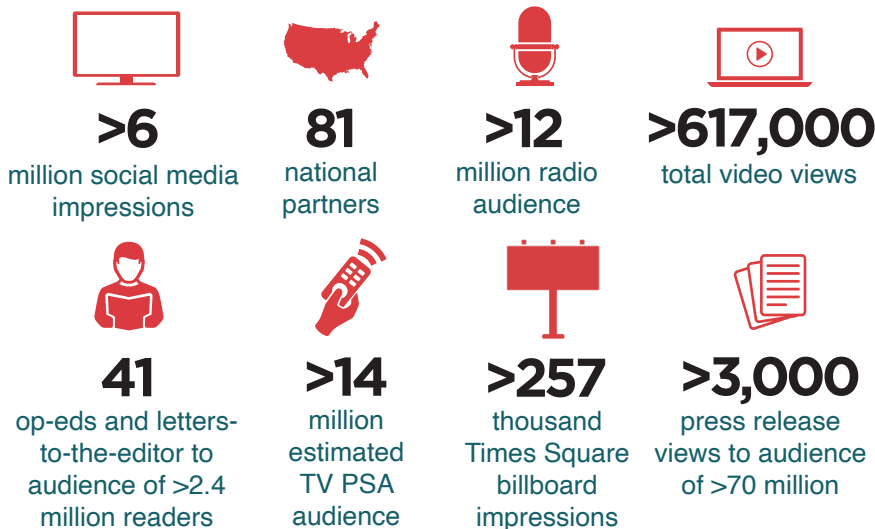
Around **40%** of people know nothing about heart valve disease (HVD)—and only **1 in 4** know somewhat or a great deal about the disease.

As many as **11.6 million** people in the U.S. are estimated to have HVD, and more than **25,000** Americans die from HVD every year.

**More than 1 in 10** people age 75+ are estimated to have **moderate to severe** HVD.

Symptoms can be difficult to detect and are too often dismissed as a “normal” part of aging. **This makes raising awareness about the disease critical.**

**Heart Valve Disease Awareness Day on February 22nd**—during American Heart Month—is an annual day dedicated to increasing recognition of the specific risks and symptoms of heart valve disease, improving detection and treatment, and ultimately saving lives. The day is recognized by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on its National Health Observances Calendar, by a Congressional Resolutions in the U.S. Congress, and through the activities and support of the 80+ partners of the Heart Valve Disease Awareness Day Campaign. These partners are dedicated to using education and advocacy to reduce the number of people who lose their independence and their ability to fully participate in their lives; experience heart attacks, arrhythmias, congestive heart failure, and other heart disease; suffer from strokes; and even die from valve disease.





## 2021 Partners:



Adult Congenital Heart Association  
Alliance for Aging Research  
American Association of Cardiovascular  
and Pulmonary Rehabilitation  
American College of Cardiology  
American Geriatrics Society  
American Heart Association  
American Society of Echocardiography  
Association of Black Cardiologists  
Association of Physician Assistants in  
Cardiology  
Atlantic Health System  
Avera Heart Hospital  
BeMedWise Program at NeedyMeds  
Billings Clinic  
Bon Secours Health System  
Buffalo General Medical Center Gates  
Vascular Institute  
CardioSmart  
Cardiostart International  
Cardiovascular Research Foundation  
CardioVisual  
Carondelet Health Network  
CentraCare Heart & Vascular Center  
CHI Memorial  
Cleveland Clinic  
Dignity Health  
EMERGENCYUSA  
Emory Healthcare  
Florida Hospital  
Florida Medical Center  
Frankel Cardiovascular Center

Michigan Medicine  
The Gerontological Society of America  
Global Heart Hub  
Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce  
Hartford Healthcare Heart & Vascular  
Institute  
Healthy Women  
The Heart Hospital Baylor Plano  
Heart Sense  
Heart Valve Voice US  
Heart Valve Voice Canada  
HeartValveSurgery.com  
Houston Methodist DeBakey Heart &  
Vascular Center  
Inova Heart & Vascular Institute  
Jackson Heart  
The James Family Heart Center at YRMC  
West  
Maimonides Medical Center  
Medstar Heart & Vascular Institute  
MemorialCare Heart & Vascular Institute  
Men's Health Network  
Mended Hearts  
Minneapolis Heart Institute Foundation  
Mount Sinai Mitral Foundation  
National Alliance for Caregiving  
National Consumer's League  
National Council on Aging  
National Forum for Heart Disease &  
Stroke Prevention  
New York Foundation for Eldercare  
Northwestern Medicine

Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health  
PASCATS SPACCaT  
Park Nicollet Heart & Vascular Center  
Partnership to Advance Cardiovascular  
Health  
Patient Advocate Foundation  
Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses  
Association  
Rock from the Heart  
Singer HeartLungDoc  
Society for Cardiovascular Angiography &  
Intervention  
Society for Women's Health Research  
Spectrum Health  
St. Dominic's  
StopAfib.org  
Sustainable Cardiovascular Health Equity  
Development Alliance  
Texas Heart Institute  
UAB Medicine  
UNC Hospitals  
UMC University Medical Center New  
Orleans  
The University of Arizona Health Sciences  
Sarver Heart Center  
University of Virginia Heart & Vascular  
Institute  
Washington Regional  
WebMD  
WVU Heart & Vascular Institute  
Women's Heart Foundation  
WomenHeart

## Becoming a Partner:



Heart Valve Disease Awareness Day is continuing to accept new partners—the more of us to amplify this message, the better. If your organization is interested in joining the campaign, you would join a list of 80 (and growing!) prestigious healthcare organizations, hospital systems, non-profits, and academic groups that are all committed to making an impact and saving lives through awareness.

Partners receive regular updates about the campaign efforts, have access to invaluable educational resources, connect to other campaign partners, and are invited to attend all campaign events. Additionally, partners are asked when possible to:

- Share information about valve disease with their audiences through various channels.
- Talk to other advocates, public health educators, and health care professionals about the campaign.
- Organize events or incorporate messaging into existing events, in order to educate their audiences about valve disease.

There is no cost to join the campaign as an organizational partner. We simply ask that you commit to raising awareness of heart valve disease. We hope to you will join us! If you are interested in this partnership opportunity with the Heart Valve Disease Awareness Day Campaign, please email Lindsay Clarke at [lclarke@agingresearch.org](mailto:lclarke@agingresearch.org) to further discuss partnership details.