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## Women and Cardiovascular Disease: The Gender Gap

#### Message from the Guest Editor

Cardiovascular disease (CVD) is the leading cause of death among women in the Western world. An especially high prevalence in specific geographic regions and among certain ethnicities. We want to emphasize the importance of conversional phases of female lives to prevent, diagnose and treat CVD among women as best as possible. Besides hormones, many factors contribute to this inequity in the detection and management of CVD. Gender-specific, as well as classic cardiovascular risk factors will be addressed. Furthermore, focus will be set on optimal medical treatment, interventional and surgical procedures for heart failure, female entities of coronary heart disease, valvular heart disease, aortic pathologies, arrhythmias and related basic science. Stress as a risk factor is much more relevant for females' cardiovascular system. The topics may include the impact of sex and gender-related disparities in research.

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