Checkup

Reviewed by Arefa Cassoobhoy, MD, MHP, WebMD Medical Editor

BY THE NUMBERS

HEART HEALTH

FACTS AND STATS ON TOP HEALTH CONDITIONS

By Heather Hatfield

Number of people in the U.S. who will die this year because of cardiovascular disease: 800,000





Percentage of Americans who have at least 1 of the 3 leading risk factors for heart diseasesmoking, high blood pressure, high LDL



Number of people in the U.S. who will die each day this year because of cardiovascular disease



Ranking of cardiovascular disease as a cause of death in the U.S.

Number of people around the world who will die this year because of cardiovascular disease



Number of people around the world who will die in 2030 because of cardiovascular disease

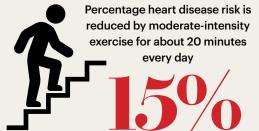
Annual cost of coronary heart disease in the U.S., including health care services, medications, and lost productivity

Increased risk of heart disease among smokers vs. that of nonsmokers





Reduction in risk of heart disease one year after quitting smoking



Increased risk of cardiovascular disease if you have diabetes



Percentage of global cardiovascular disease attributed to diets high in saturated fats and low in fruits and vegetables



Number of Americans with high cholesterol levels (above 200 mg/dL)



Number of **Americans** with very high cholesterol levels (above 240 mg/dL)

Sources: American Heart Association; CDC; Circulation; Journal of the American Medical Association; National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; World Health Organization; World Heart Federation