



1

**UC DAVIS HEALTH** | **SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**  
PreventionForward Clinic  
Cardiac Rehabilitation Program

**Cardiovascular Wellness Program**

**SACRAMENTO STATE**

# Road Map to Health: Modifications for the Reversal for Hypertension and Diabetes

Javier E. López, MD, MAS

**California Department of Public Health**

**VA** | **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**

2

# Today's Objectives (as always)

- What is the evidence for the “blue” route to improve blood pressure, diabetes and life expectancy?
- What are the modifiable risk factors for cardiovascular health?

3

UC DAVIS HEALTH | SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
PreventionForward Clinic

## CDPH and CDC- Call to action

- How do we lower blood pressure and glucose in the blood?

High blood pressure      High glucose



Heart attacks  
Heart Failure, Strokes  
Peripheral arterial disease  
Amputations, erectile dysfunction  
Dementia, Kidney failure  
Premature Death

4

**Personal Goals!**

- Type 2 Diabetes
- High blood pressure
- High cholesterol
- Overweight/Obesity
- Lack of Physical activity
- Stress

**COVID19 Pandemic**

San Francisco International Airport, San Francisco, CA  
Sacramento International Airport, 6900

via Vallejo - San Francisco Ferry Building 32 h 122 miles  
via San Francisco (Oyster Point) - Oakland 39 h 127 miles  
via County Hwy J8 50 h 162 miles

5

**UC DAVIS HEALTH SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**  
PreventionForward Clinic

### Underlying conditions among adults hospitalized with COVID-19

Condition	18-49 years	50-64 years	≥65 years
Hypertension	~18%	~48%	~72%
Obesity	~58%	~48%	~42%
Chronic lung disease	~38%	~28%	~38%
Diabetes	~20%	~32%	~32%
Cardiovasc. disease	~5%	~20%	~50%

Note: Based on data from the COVID-19-Associated Hospitalization Surveillance Network for patients hospitalized in 99 counties in 14 states from March 1-30, 2020. Source: MMWR. 2020 Apr 8;69(early release):1-7.

### WHAT MAKES AN INDIVIDUAL HIGH-RISK FOR CORONAVIRUS COMPLICATIONS ?

**WHY ARE PEOPLE WITH CERTAIN CHRONIC CONDITIONS MORE SEVERELY AFFECTED THAN OTHERS ?**

Demographics and clinical characteristics	Total (n=131)	Non-survivor (n=54)	Survivor (n=327)	p value
Age, years	50.0 (46.0-67.0)	69.0 (63.0-76.0)	52.0 (45.0-58.0)	<0.0001
Sex				0.15
Female	72 (38%)	16 (30%)	56 (43%)	
Male	119 (62%)	38 (70%)	81 (59%)	
Exposure history	73 (38%)	14 (26%)	59 (44%)	0.028
Comorbidity	91 (68%)	36 (67%)	55 (40%)	0.0010
Hypertension	58 (30%)	26 (48%)	32 (23%)	0.0008
Diabetes	36 (19%)	17 (31%)	19 (14%)	0.0051
Coronary heart disease	15 (8%)	13 (24%)	2 (1%)	<0.0001
Chronic obstructive lung disease	6 (3%)	4 (7%)	2 (1%)	0.047
Stroke	2 (1%)	0	2 (1%)	0.37
Chronic kidney disease	2 (1%)	2 (4%)	0	0.024

6

UC DAVIS HEALTH | SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
PreventionForward Clinic

## Effect of potentially modifiable risk factors associated with myocardial infarction in 52 countries (the INTERHEART study): case-control study

Salim Yusuf, Steven Hawken, Stephanie Öunpuu, Tony Dans, Alvaro Avezum, Fernando Lanas, Matthew McQueen, Andrzej Budaj, Prem Pais, John Varigos, Liu Lisheng, on behalf of the INTERHEART Study Investigators\*

*Lancet* 2004; 364: 937-52  
Published online September 3, 2004

This was a large, international, standardized, case-control study (15,152 AMI cases and 14,820 controls from 262 hospitals) designed to determine the strength of association between modifiable risk factors and heart attacks, and to ascertain if this association varies by geographic region.

7

UC DAVIS HEALTH | SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
PreventionForward Clinic

## Modifiable risk factors

1. History of high blood pressure
2. History of Diabetes- A vascular disease, responsive to lifestyle
3. Lack of exercise
4. Lack of fruits and vegetables, or plant-strong
5. Smoking
6. Elevated Cholesterol
7. Truncal Obesity or belly fat
8. Psychosocial stress
9. Alcohol use

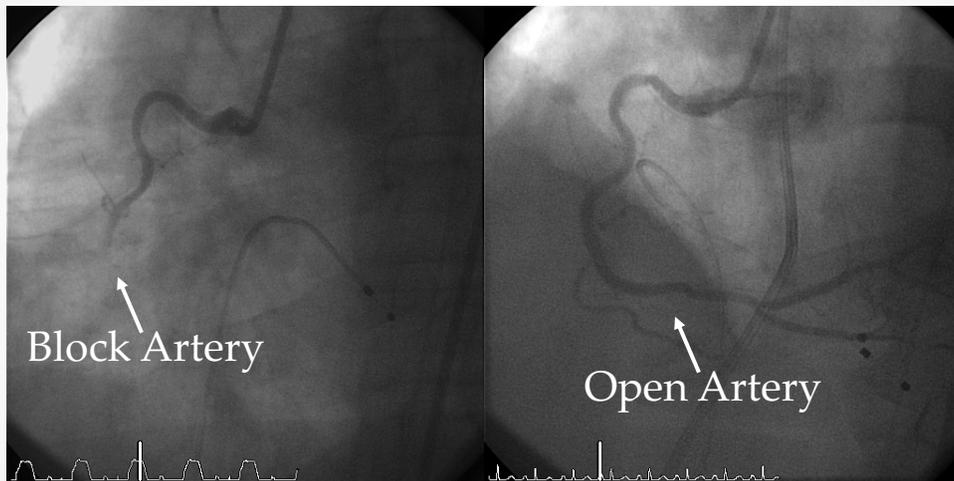
CLINICAL CARDIOLOGY | Yusuf S, et al. *Lancet*. 2004;364:937-952. | the heart.org | Medscape EDUCATION

8

# Atherosclerosis is a Major Driver of Heart Attacks



9



10

UC DAVIS HEALTH | SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
PreventionForward Clinic

**SHARE** RESEARCH ARTICLE | ATHEROSCLEROSIS

**Insulin-induced vascular redox dysregulation in human atherosclerosis is ameliorated by dipeptidyl peptidase 4 inhibition**

Ioannis Akoumianakis<sup>1</sup>, Ileana Badi<sup>1</sup>, Gillian Douglas<sup>1</sup>, Surawee Chuaiphichai<sup>1</sup>, Laura Herdman<sup>1</sup>, Nadia Akawi<sup>1</sup>, Marios Mar...  
+ See all authors and affiliations

Science Translational Medicine 29 Apr 2020:  
Vol. 12, Issue 541, eaaav8824  
DOI: 10.1126/scitranslmed.aav8824

Article    Figures & Data    Info & Metrics    eLetters    PDF

**From stress to sensitivity**

Poor glycemic control drives cardiovascular disease, but aggressive blood glucose lowering does not improve cardiovascular risk. To understand the underlying mechanisms, Akoumianakis *et al.* studied the relationship between the local redox state of blood vessels and cardiovascular outcomes of patients with coronary atherosclerosis. They found that diseased vessels were insulin resistant and had increased oxidative stress and reduced nitric oxide bioavailability, which could be reversed by treatment with an inhibitor of dipeptidyl peptidase 4 (DPP4). Vascular insulin sensitivity was also restored in mice with atherosclerosis upon treatment with an oral DPP4 inhibitor. Results uncover how DPP4 inhibition induces insulin sensitization in the vascular wall and suggest that cotreatment with insulin may be therapeutic for patients with cardiometabolic disease.

11

UC DAVIS HEALTH | SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
PreventionForward Clinic

*High blood glucose in diabetes, damages our arteries causing heart attacks and strokes. This is partly because high glucose causes oxidative stress damage in the vascular wall.*

Diabetes mellitus      high glucose      Heart attacks & Strokes

Insulin treatment      ↓ Blood glucose      No effect on risk for heart attacks & strokes

*Aggressive treatment of diabetic patients with insulin, reduces blood glucose levels but fails to prevent heart attacks and strokes. The reason for this discrepancy has been unknown, until now.*

12

Researchers from the University of Oxford, UK, found that insulin has direct detrimental effects on the human arteries, increasing vascular oxidative stress!

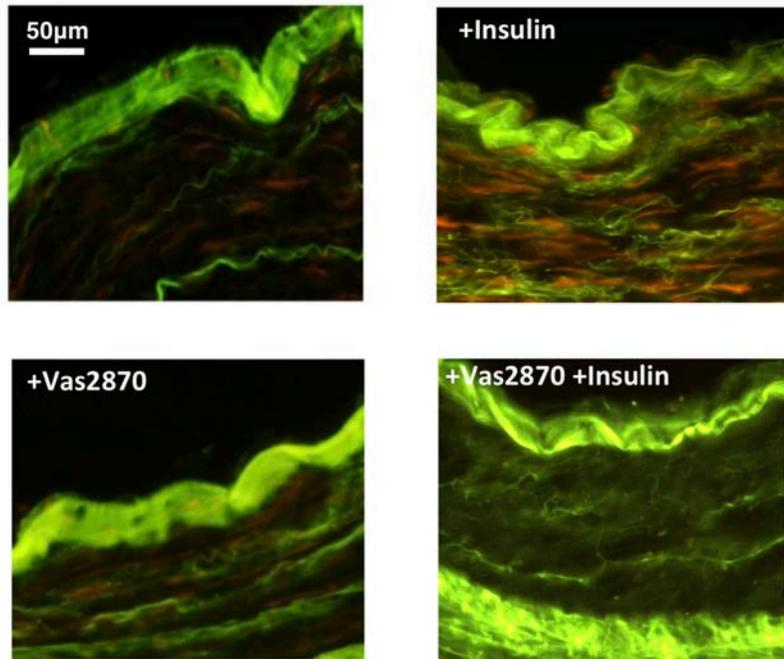
Any benefit from glucose lowering is eliminated by this direct effect of insulin.



This explains why insulin does not reduce the risk for heart attacks or strokes

13

Red color is the marker for oxidative stress and sicker arteries



Fluorescence images of oxygen production (red) in response to insulin treatment in blood vessel tissue from patients with atherosclerosis. Credit: I. Akoumianakis et al., Science Translational Medicine (2020)

14

*The same researchers have also now found the solution to this problem:  
When the patients receive a drug that inhibits an enzyme called DPP4, then the effect of insulin is reversed, from detrimental to beneficial!*

*This means that the combination of insulin with a DPP4-inhibitor, will most likely lead to significant reduction of the risk for heart attacks or strokes in diabetic patients.*

15

Circulation

**ACC/AHA CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE**

**2019 ACC/AHA Guideline on the Primary Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease**

A Report of the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association Task Force on Clinical Practice Guidelines

**WRITING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

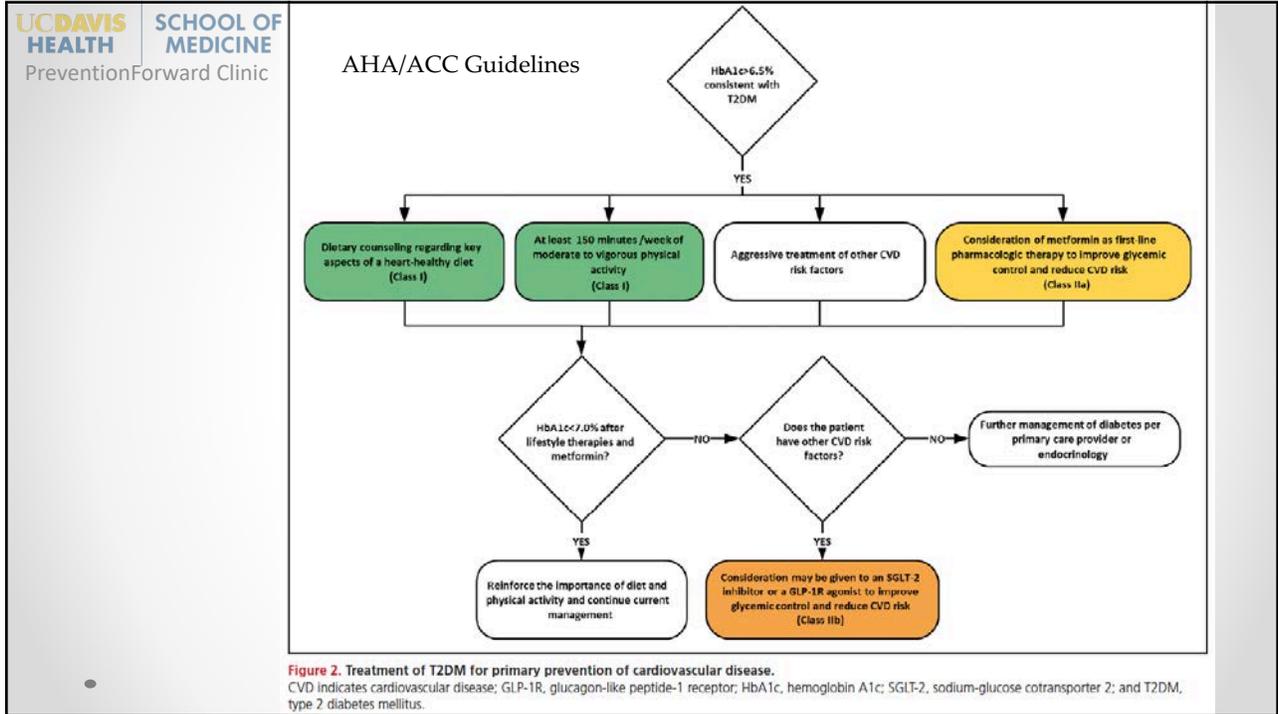
- Donna K. Arnett, PhD, MSPH, FAHA, Co-Chair
- Roger S. Blumenthal, MD, FACC, FAHA, Co-Chair
- Michelle A. Albert, MD, MPH, FAHA\*
- Andrew B. Buroker, Esq†
- Zachary D. Goldberger, MD, MS, FACC, FAHA‡
- Ellen J. Hahn, PhD, RN\*
- Cheryl Dennison Himmelfarb, PhD, RN, ANP, FAHA\*
- Amit Khera, MD, MSc, FACC, FAHA\*
- Donald Lloyd-Jones, MD, SCM, FACC, FAHA\*
- J. William McEvoy, MBBCh, MEd, MHS\*
- Erin D. Michos, MD, MHS, FACC, FAHA\*
- Michael D. Miedema, MD, MPH\*
- Daniel Muñoz, MD, MPA, FACC\*
- Sidney C. Smith Jr, MD, MACC, FAHA\*
- Salim S. Virani, MD, PhD, FACC, FAHA\*
- Kim A. Williams Sr, MD, MACC, FAHA\*
- Joseph Yeboah, MD, MS, FACC, FAHA\*
- Boback Ziaieian, MD, PhD, FACC, FAHA§

Endorsed by the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation, the American Geriatrics Society, the American Society of Preventive Cardiology, and the Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association

ACC/AHA Task Force Members, see page e623

**Key Words:** AHA Scientific Statements ■ guidelines ■ antihypertensive agents ■ aspirin ■ atherosclerosis ■ atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease ■ atrial fibrillation ■ behavior modification ■ behavior therapy ■ blood cholesterol ■ blood pressure ■ body mass index ■ cardiovascular team-based care ■ cardiovascular ■ cardiovascular disease ■ cholesterol ■ chronic kidney disease ■ coronary artery calcium score ■ coronary disease ■ coronary heart disease ■

16



17

UC DAVIS HEALTH | SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
PreventionForward Clinic

## Every Little Change Counts

- **You decide** what is right for you
- Small-to-moderate lifestyle changes have a big impact
- Even if you can't change everything you want, **do what you can and re evaluate your blue route! Medications should be considered when else fails.**

18

## Reflection

- If you could *reverse* your diabetes (or hypertension), what would that mean to you?
- If you could just manage these conditions better, what would that feel like?
- If you could cut out your medications and remain well, what would you be willing to do?

19

## Just imagine!

- Can I lower my glucose in the blood?
- Can I take less medicine, less insulin and still be healthy?
- How much of what I do can contribute to these goals?

20

UC DAVIS HEALTH | SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
PreventionForward Clinic

ACCEPTED MANUSCRIPT

# Temporal trends in cardiovascular complications in people with or without type 2 diabetes: The Fremantle Diabetes Study

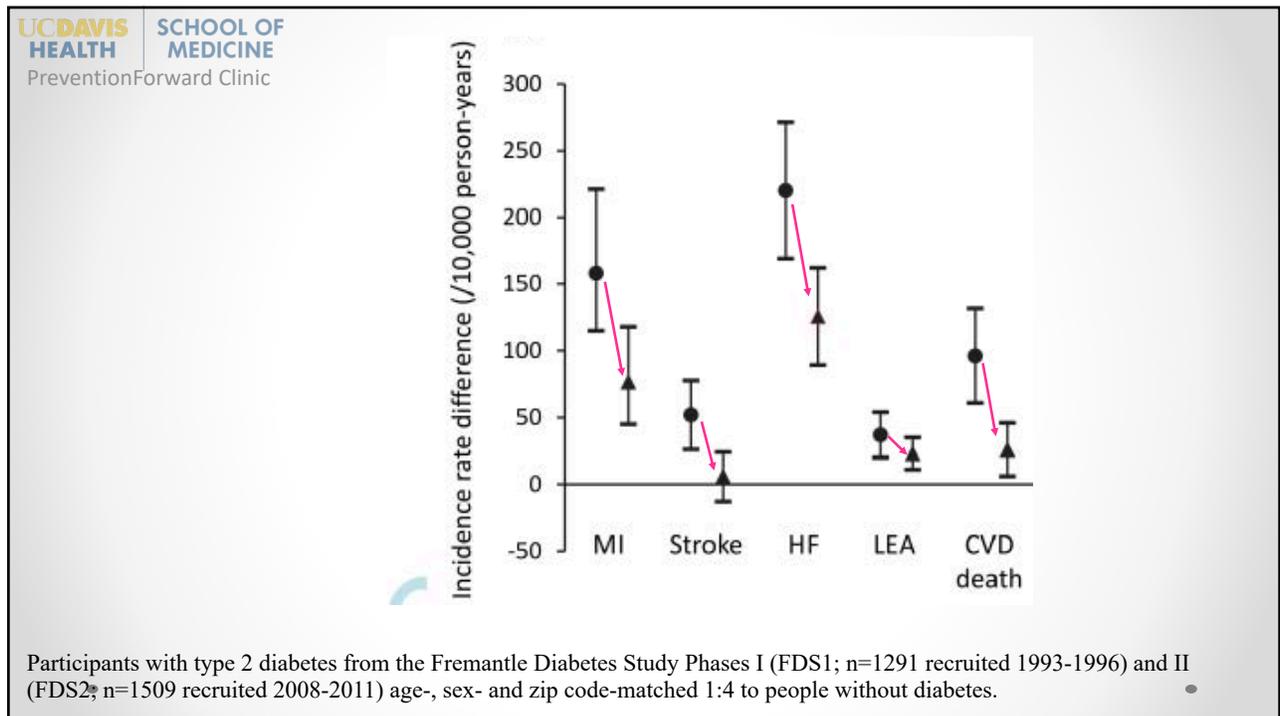
Wendy A Davis, Edward W Gregg, Timothy M E Davis ✉

*The Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism*, dgaa215,  
<https://doi.org/10.1210/clinem/dgaa215>

Published: 30 April 2020 Article history ▾

PDF Split View Cite Permissions Share ▾

21



22

### 3.2. Exercise and Physical Activity

Recommendations for Exercise and Physical Activity		
Referenced studies that support recommendations are summarized in Online Data Supplements 6 and 7.		
COR	LOE	Recommendations
I	B-R	1. Adults should be routinely counseled in healthcare visits to optimize a physically active lifestyle. <sup>S3.2-1,S3.2-2</sup>
I	B-NR	2. Adults should engage in at least 150 minutes per week of accumulated moderate-intensity or 75 minutes per week of vigorous-intensity aerobic physical activity (or an equivalent combination of moderate and vigorous activity) to reduce ASCVD risk. <sup>S3.2-3-S3.2-8</sup>
IIa	B-NR	3. For adults unable to meet the minimum physical activity recommendations (at least 150 minutes per week of accumulated moderate-intensity or 75 minutes per week of vigorous-intensity aerobic physical activity), engaging in some moderate- or vigorous-intensity physical activity, even if less than this recommended amount, can be beneficial to reduce ASCVD risk. <sup>S3.2-5,S3.2-6</sup>
IIb	C-LD	4. Decreasing sedentary behavior in adults may be reasonable to reduce ASCVD risk. <sup>S3.2-3,S3.2-9-S3.2-11</sup>

**Table 4. Definitions and Examples of Different Intensities of Physical Activity**

Intensity	METs	Examples
Sedentary behavior*	1–1.5	Sitting, reclining, or lying; watching television
Light	1.6–2.9	Walking slowly, cooking, light housework
Moderate	3.0–5.9	Brisk walking (2.4–4 mph), biking (5–9 mph), ballroom dancing, active yoga, recreational swimming
Vigorous	≥6	Jogging/running, biking (≥10 mph), singles tennis, swimming laps

\**Sedentary behavior* is defined as any waking behavior characterized by an energy expenditure ≤1.5 METs while in a sitting, reclining, or lying posture. Standing is a sedentary activity in that it involves ≤1.5 METs, but it is not considered a component of sedentary behavior. MET indicates metabolic equivalent; and mph, miles per hour.

23

ORIGINAL RESEARCH



## Increased Physical Activity Post–Myocardial Infarction Is Related to Reduced Mortality: Results From the SWEDEHEART Registry

Orjan Ekblom, PhD; Amanda Ek, MSc, RPT; Åsa Cider, PhD, RPT; Kristina Hambraeus, MD, PhD; Mats Börjesson, MD, PhD

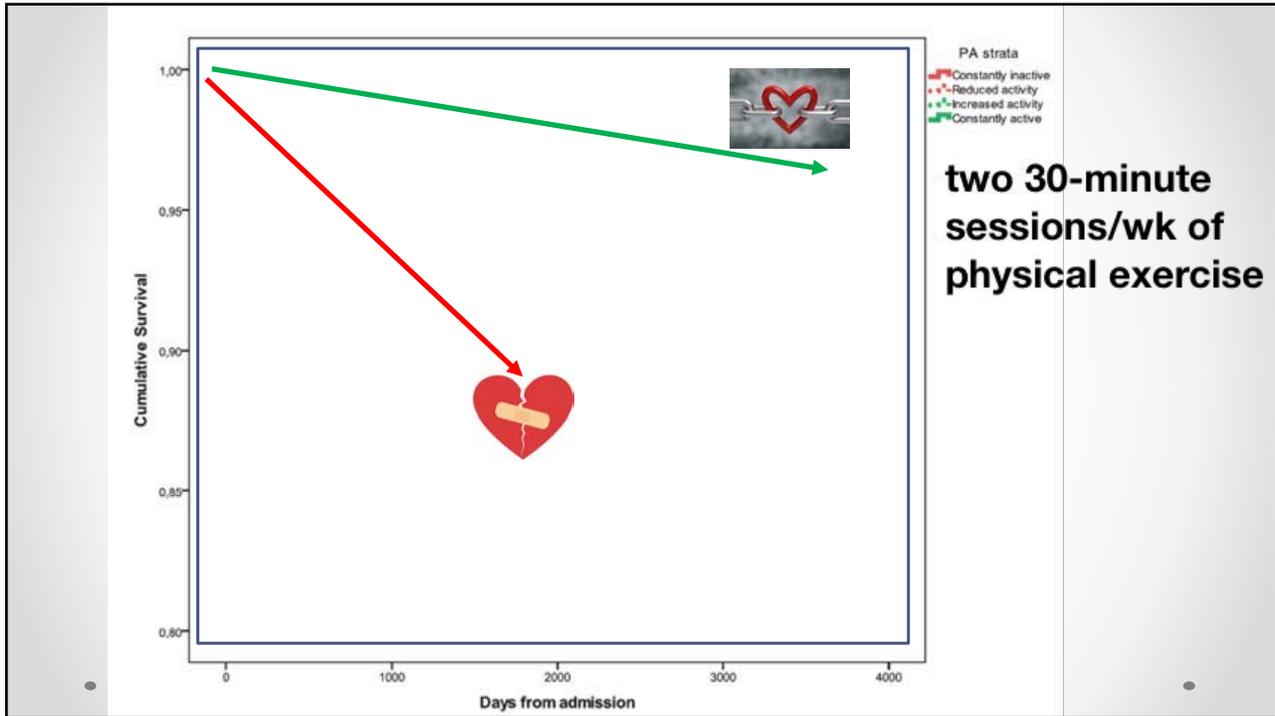
**Background**—With increasing survival rates among patients with myocardial infarction (MI), more demands are placed on secondary prevention. While physical activity (PA) efforts to obtain a sufficient PA level are part of secondary preventive recommendations, it is still underutilized. Importantly, the effect of changes in PA after MI is largely unknown. Therefore, we sought to investigate the effect on survival from changes in PA level, post-MI.

**Methods and Results**—Data from Swedish national registries were combined, totaling 22 227 patients with MI. PA level was self-reported at 6 to 10 weeks post-MI and 10 to 12 months post-MI. Patients were classified as constantly inactive, increased activity, reduced activity, and constantly active. Proportional hazard ratios were calculated. During 100 502 person-years of follow-up (mean follow-up time 4.2 years), a total of 1087 deaths were recorded. Controlling for important confounders (including left ventricular function, type of MI, medication, smoking, participation in cardiac rehabilitation program, quality of life, and estimated kidney function), we found lower mortality rates among constantly active (hazard ratio: 0.29, 95% confidence interval: 0.21–0.41), those with increased activity (0.41, 95% confidence interval: 0.31–0.55), and those with reduced activity (hazard ratio: 0.56, 95% confidence interval: 0.45–0.69) during the first year post-MI, compared with those being constantly inactive. Stratified analyses indicated strong effect of PA level among both sexes, across age, MI type, kidney function, medication, and smoking status.

**Conclusions**—The present article shows that increasing the PA level, compared with staying inactive the first year post-MI, was related to reduced mortality. (*J Am Heart Assoc.* 2018;7:e010108. DOI: 10.1161/JAHA.118.010108.)

**Key Words:** mortality • physical exercise • registry

24



25

UC DAVIS HEALTH | SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
PreventionForward Clinic

Research

JAMA Internal Medicine | [Original Investigation](#) 2019

## Association of Step Volume and Intensity With All-Cause Mortality in Older Women

I-Min Lee, MBBS, ScD; Eric J. Shiroma, ScD; Masamitsu Kamada, PhD; David R. Bassett, PhD; Charles E. Matthews, PhD; Julie E. Buring, ScD

**IMPORTANCE** A goal of 10 000 steps/d is commonly believed by the public to be necessary for health, but this number has limited scientific basis. Additionally, it is unknown whether greater stepping intensity is associated with health benefits, independent of steps taken per day.

26

### Key Points

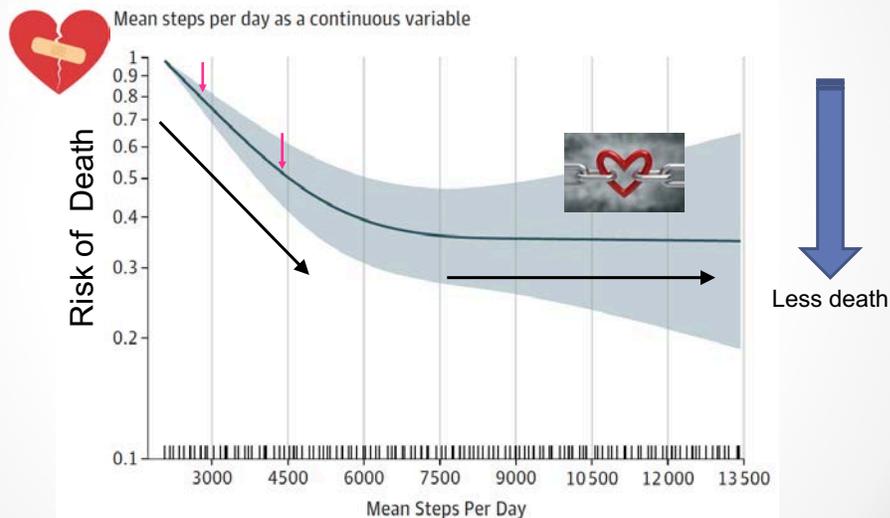
**Question** Are increased numbers of steps per day associated with lower mortality rates among older women?

**Findings** In this cohort study of 16 741 women with a mean age of 72 years, steps per day were measured over 7 days. Women who averaged approximately 4400 steps/d had significantly lower mortality rates during a follow-up of 4.3 years compared with the least active women who took approximately 2700 steps/d; as more steps per day were accrued, mortality rates progressively decreased before leveling at approximately 7500 steps/d.

**Meaning** More steps taken per day are associated with lower mortality rates until approximately 7500 steps/d.

27

## Evidence-based Physical Activity (II)



Lee et. al, JAMA, 2019

28

### 3. LIFESTYLE FACTORS AFFECTING CARDIOVASCULAR RISK

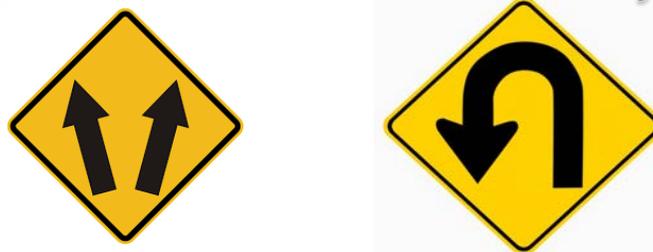
#### 3.1. Nutrition and Diet

Recommendations for Nutrition and Diet		
Referenced studies that support recommendations are summarized in Online Data Supplements 4 and 5.		
COR	LOE	Recommendations
I	B-R	1. A diet emphasizing intake of vegetables, fruits, legumes, nuts, whole grains, and fish is recommended to decrease ASCVD risk factors. <sup>S3.1-1-S3.1-11</sup>
IIa	B-NR	2. Replacement of saturated fat with dietary monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats can be beneficial to reduce ASCVD risk. <sup>S3.1-12,S3.1-13</sup>
IIa	B-NR	3. A diet containing reduced amounts of cholesterol and sodium can be beneficial to decrease ASCVD risk. <sup>S3.1-9,S3.1-14-S3.1-16</sup>
IIa	B-NR	4. As a part of a healthy diet, it is reasonable to minimize the intake of processed meats, refined carbohydrates, and sweetened beverages to reduce ASCVD risk. <sup>S3.1-17-S3.1-24</sup>
III: Harm	B-NR	5. As a part of a healthy diet, the intake of trans fats should be avoided to reduce ASCVD risk. <sup>S3.1-12,S3.1-17,S3.1-25-S3.1-27</sup>

Whole-Foods Plant-Based

29

## The “blue” Route to Modify Risk



- If the route you were on has left you with high blood pressure or diabetes, only about half of that is attributed to life-style, the rest is environment and/or genetics
- Is there another course or “route” for normalizing the glucose, blood pressure and/or reducing your need for medications without compromising your well-being?
- If you start with this goal but change your mind, you can adjust your route later.

30

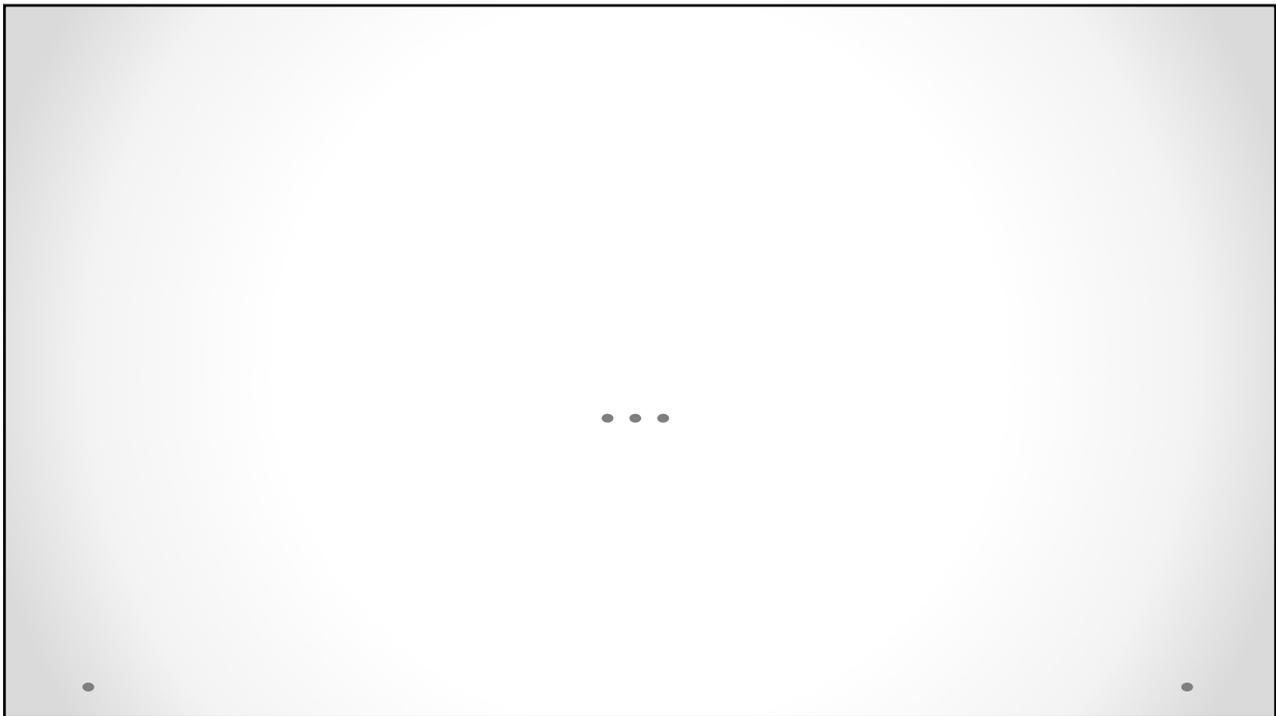
**UC DAVIS HEALTH** | **SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**  
PreventionForward Clinic

- At least- 2 x a week, 30 min of mod to vigorous intensity exercise + everyday healthy physical activity (PA)
- Everyday healthy PA would include at least 2,400 steps, and better if 4,700 steps per day (average).
- Together, this ought to give you the 150 minutes per week of PA recommended by the AHA/ACC



thank·ful  
adj \'thank-fəl\  
feeling or expressing  
gratitude;  
appreciative.

31



32