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# **FACT SHEET**

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## **BY THE NUMBERS**

## **Preventing Heart Attacks and Strokes**

■■ Heart disease (18%) and stroke (2%) accounted for 20% of all Portage Co. adult deaths. Source: 2016 Portage County Community Health Assessment

#### Occurring more in middle-aged adults

Heart attacks and strokes can be catastrophic, life-changing events that are all too common. Heart disease and stroke are preventable, yet they remain leading causes of death, disability, and healthcare spending in the US. Alarmingly, many of these events happen to adults ages 35-64—over 800,000 in 2016. Million Hearts is a national initiative with a network of partners focused on preventing one million heart attacks, strokes, and other cardiovascular events by 2022. Coordinated actions by public health and healthcare professionals, communities, and healthcare systems can and will keep people healthy, optimize care, and improve outcomes within priority populations.

Want to learn more? Source: www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/million-hearts/



Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention
National Center for Chronic
Disease Prevention and Health Promotion



16M
About 16 million
heart attacks, strokes,
and related heart

conditions are

probable by 2022.

80%
Eighty percent of early heart disease and strokes are preventable.

1 in 3
1 in 3 cardiovascular
events happened in
adults ranging from 35
64 years old in 2016.

#### **PROBLEM**

#### **Conditions are preventable:**

- ■■ Those aged 35-64 are less likely to use medications when indicated, only about half watch their blood pressure, and many are physically inactive.
- ■■ People with mental health and substance abuse problems use tobacco more frequently.
- ■■ Patients who have already had a heart attack or stroke are likely to have a repeated episode.

## WHAT CAN BE DONE?

#### **Everyone can:**

- ■■ Start heart healthy behaviour today: eat a hearthealthy diet, get physically active and don't use tobacco products! <u>www.smokefree.gov</u>
- ■■ Learn your heart age and take action to improve it: www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/cardiovasculardisease/heartage

#### YOU MUST KNOW THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HEART ATTACK CARDIAC ARREST A **stroke** is a brain disorder 00000000 00000000 00000000 · LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS CHEST PAIN (ANGINA) · MENTAL CONFUSION · BODY ACHES · DISRUPTED SPEECH · SHORTNESS OF BREATH · INABILITY TO WALK · CHEST PAIN · COLD SWEATS BLURRED VISION



Resource: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 1-800-CDC-INFO(232-4636) TTY: 1-888-232- 6348 www.cdc.gov

https://millionhearts.hhs.gov/