## TAKE YOUR HEALTH

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Cardiovascular diseases kill approximately one woman every minute.<sup>1</sup>

Each year, about 55,000 more women than men have a stroke.<sup>1</sup> Almost 64 percent of women who die suddenly of coronary heart disease have no previous symptoms.<sup>2</sup> Still when there are symptoms for heart attacks, they can be different in women and men and are often misunderstood – even by some doctors.



The good news is 80% of heart disease and stroke events could be prevented.<sup>1</sup> Here are some things you can do to prevent or lower your risk of heart disease, whether you have symptoms or not:<sup>3</sup>

- Quit smoking
- > Exercise regularly
- > Eat a healthy diet
- > Maintain a healthy weight
- Limit alcohol use
- Talk to your doctor about whether you should be tested for diabetes
- > Have a regular check of your cholesterol by your doctor
- > Monitor your blood pressure
- > Take medications prescribed by your doctor

Talk to your doctor to learn more about risks, warning signs and screenings.

For more information, visit Go Red for Women at https://www.goredforwomen.org/#

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