

## Hypertension & High Cholesterol

The tremendous impact of hypertension and hypercholesterolemia on the health of Americans is captured in these statistics.

**\$83%** of people who die of coronary heart disease are 65 or older.<sup>1</sup>

**107 million** is the estimated number of Americans who have high cholesterol levels (>200 mg/dL).<sup>2</sup>

**92%** of men in the US aged 55-64 have high cholesterol.<sup>3</sup>

**27.6%** of women in the US aged 55-64 have high cholesterol.<sup>3</sup>

**73%** of Americans with diabetes have high blood pressure.<sup>4</sup>

**58.5%** of men in the US aged 65-74 have hypertension.<sup>3</sup>

**74.3%** of women in the US aged 65-74 have hypertension.<sup>3</sup>

**28,262** deaths from hypertension occurred in the US in 2004.<sup>3</sup>

**1.6 million** physician office visits in 2004 were for hypertension.<sup>5</sup>

**6.5 million** physician office visits in 2004 involved a test for cholesterol levels.<sup>5</sup>

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