





CVD is the commonest cause of mortality allover the world in both male and female especially the later (55% Vs 43%)

There is a common myth among young females that breast cancer is most important danger to them

Diabetes mellitus is a powerful predictor
 & risk factor of CHD and carries a worse
 prognosis in women than in men.



Diabetic women more commonly have coexisting risk factors. For example, the metabolic syndrome

When diabetics who survived an initial MI were studied, women were at twice the risk of men for recurrence of infarction.

Diabetic women are also at high risk for cardiac failure than non-diabetic (4 fold)

<u>The Interaction Of Gender & Diabetes</u> In Cardiovascular Disease

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- Failure to diagnose CHD
- Misdiagnoses and under treatment in women occur despite classic symptom description, possibly reflecting a preconceived notion that women are somehow "protected" from CV disease.
- Treatment gap for MI, CHF, Prevention
- More atherogenic CV risk factor profile
- Female gender-risk factor synergy

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- Risk factor and end-organ interaction
- Inherent difference in CV pathobiology
- Estrogen-Androgen "Switch"
- Gender-Insulin sensitivity/resistance issue

"women with diabetes seem to lose most of their inherent protection against developing CVD"

And what are the implications for treatment ?

Cardiovascular Risk Factors in Women

TABLE 1. Spectrum of CVD Risk in Women

Risk Group	Framingham Global Risk (10-y Absolute CHD Risk)	Clinical Examples
High risk	>20%	 Established CHD Cerebrovascular disease* Peripheral arterial disease Abdominal aortic aneurysm Diabetes mellitus Chronic kidney disease†
Intermediate risk	10% to 20%	 Subclinical CVD‡ (eg, coronary calcification) Metabolic syndrome Multiple risk factors§ Markedly elevated levels of a single risk factor First-degree relative(s) with early-onset (age: <55 y in men and <65 y in women) atherosclerotic CVD
Lower risk	<10%	• May include women with multiple risk factors, metabolic syndrome, or 1 or no risk factors
Optimal risk	<10%	 Optimal levels of risk factors and heart-healthy lifestyle

Evidence-Based Guidelines for Cardiovascular Disease Prevention in Women, JACC 2004.

Framingham Heart Study: Loss of Gender Protection Against CHD Events



Kannel W et al. JAMA 1996;275:1571-1576

Framingham Heart Study CVD Events in Diabetics



Wilson PWF, Kannel WB. In: Hyperglycemia, Diabetes and Vascular Disease.

Age-Adjusted CVD Mortality by Number of Risk Factors in Type 2 Diabetics



CVD=cardiovascular disease For comparison of risk factors to "none" *P<0.05 †P<0.01 ‡P<0.001

Fuller JH, et al. Diabetologia. 2001;44[suppl2]:S54-S64.

Multivariate Relative Risk of Fatal CHD in Women*



No DM ≤5 6-1011-1516-25 > 25 Duration of diabetes, y

No prior CHD

CHD=coronary heart disease DM=diabetes mellitus *P<0.001 for trend across categories of duration

Hu FB, et al. Arch Intern Med. 2001;161:1717-1723.

Multivariate Relative Risk* of Fatal CHD in Women With and Without History of CHD



<u>Why is Diabetes a Stronger Risk Factor for</u> <u>Fatal CHD in Women than Men?</u>

Rancho Bernardo Study



Barrett-Connor EL et al. JAMA 1991; 225:627-63

<u>Isolated Post Challenge Hyperglycemia and</u> <u>CVD Mortality in Men and Women:</u> Rancho Bernardo Study

Prospective 7 year F/U of 769 older men and 1089 older women with FPG< 7.0 mmol/L and post-challenge glucose > 11.1 mmol/L



Barreti-Connor EL et al. Diabetes Care 1998;21:1236-123

<u>CHD Risk Factors Account for Excess Relative</u> <u>Risk of CHD Mortality in Women vs. Men with</u> <u>Diabetes</u>



Kanaya Alil et al. Arch Inter Neg 2002,162:1737-1745

Impact of Diabetes on CHD Death in Women and Men; Meta-analysis of Prospective Studies

CV Risk Factor Adjusted Relative Risk for CHD Death-Diabetes versus No Diabetes



Lee WL et al. Diabetes Care 2000; 23: 902-968

<u>Gender Difference in All-Cause and CV Mortality</u> <u>Related to Hyperglycemia and Newly-diagnosed DM:</u> <u>DECODE</u>

Hazards ratio of all-cause mortality*



Hazards ratio of cardiovascular disease mortality*



* Adjusted for age, BMI, BP, cholesterol, smoking * Adjusted for age, BMI, BP, cholesterol, smoking

Hu G et al. Diabetología 2003; 46: 608-017

Minnesota Heart Survey Post-MI Survival in Men*



MI = myocardial infarction *based on data collected in 1970, 1980, and 1985 Time Since MI (months)

Sprafka JM, et al. Diabetes Care. 1991;14:537-543.

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1-Year Mortality After First MI



Miettinen H, et al. Diabetes Care. 1998;21:69-75.

Age-Adjusted CVD Mortality by Quintile* of Fasting Serum Triglyceride (mmol/l)



CVD=cardiovascular disease *P<0.01 compared to Q1 Q1<1.10; Q2=1.11-1.50; Q3=1.51-2.02; Q4=2.03-2.93; Q5>2.94.

Fuller JH, et al. Diabetologia. 2001;44[suppl2]:S54-S64

Proteinuria and Hypertension in Type 2 Diabetes



Wang SL, et al. Diabetes Care. 1996;19:305-312.

<u>Nurses' Health Study: Increased</u> <u>Risk of CVD Prior to Diagnosis of</u> <u>Type 2 Diabetes</u>

- 117,629 female nurses, aged 30-55 yr
- 20-yr follow-up: 5,894 developed type 2 diabetes
- Cardiovascular outcomes:
 - >1,556 new cases of MI
 - >1,405 strokes
 - >815 fatal CHD
 - >300 fatal strokes

Hu FB, et al. Diabétes Care. 2002;25:1129-1134

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Risk of MI or Stroke by Diabetes Status

Risk of MI or Stroke by Time Before Dx of Diabetes

Hu FB, et al. Diabetes Care. 2002;25:1129-1134.

Interaction of Gender and Age on Risk for First MI & Stroke in Type II Diabetes : Copenhagen Heart

Study



Almdal T et al. Arch Intern Med 2004; 164

Adverse Effects of Diabetes on CV Risk Factors in Women: Strong Heart Study







C-Reactive Protein, the Metabolic Syndrome, and Prediction of Cardiovascular Events in the Framingham Offspring Study

-3037 subjects (mean age =54 yrs.) -Self-reported and newly diagnosed DM excluded



• MS present in 24%

• MS and CRP predicted incident CV events HR for MS = 2.1 HR for high v. low CRP q = 2.2

• Combining MS and CRP did not improve prediction of incident CV events over either alone.

• Women had higher CRP levels for any number of MS criteria

Rutter et al. Circulation. 2004;710:380-385

<u>Metabolic Syndrome: Total and CV Mortality in</u> <u>Middle-Aged Men in Kuopio Heart Study</u>



RR indicates relative risk; CI, confidence interval. Median follow-up (range) for survivors was 11.6 (9.1-19.7) years

Lokka, H-IVI, et al JAIVIA 2002; 288: 2709-2716

<u>CAD is More Extensive in the</u> <u>Presence of Type 2 Diabetes</u>



Natali A et al. Diabetologia 2000;43:632-641

Age (years) Excess CAD, particularly in women, not explained by CV RF ASYMPTOMATIC people with Metabolic Syndrome, PCOS, and Type 2 DM have twice the prevalence and twice the extent of CAD when screened with Electron Beam Computed Tomography (EBCT)



Median CAC score in men 50-59 yrs: No diabetes= 43 **Type 2 DM= 111**

J Am Coll Cardiol 2003; 41: 1008-10

Coron Artery Disease 2003; 14: 317-322 | Cardiovasc Risk 2002; 9: 369-376 | Clin Endocrinol Metab 2003; 88: 2562-256

<u>Type II Diabetes Abrogates Sex Difference in</u> Endothelial Function in Pre-menopausal Women

Males

Females

Δ % Leg Blood Flow



Δ % Leg Blood Flow



<u>Gender Differences in Age-Related</u> <u>Stiffness of Aorta in Type 2 DM</u>

PWV (m/s)



DeArgelis Liet at Hypertension 2104;44:67-71 Subjects matched for age, BMI, BP, HbA1c, etc.



Risk Factor

Levy, D, et al. JANIA. 1996; 275: 1557-62.

HERS: Diabetes is a Powerful Predictor of CHF in Women with CAD

Annual incidence ratio (%)



* Risk factors = AF, MI, CrCl <40, SBP >120mmHg, current smoker, BMI >35kg/m², LBBB, LVH

Elbbins-Domingo K et al. Circulation 2004 110:1424-1430

Across the Range of Glucose Tolerance, Women Have Greater LV Mass Than Men



LV mass adjusted for age, height, heart rate, systolic blood pressure, BMI. Rutter MK, et al. *Circulation*. 2003;107:448-54.

Across the Range of Glucose Tolerance, Women Have Greater LV Mass Than Men



Henry RM, et al. Diabetes Care. 2004;27:522-9.

Hospitalization for Heart Failure in the Presence of a Normal Left Ventricular Ejection Fraction J Am Coll Cardiol 2004; 43: 1432-1438

Prospective identification of patients admitted with "pure" CHF and EF>50% in NY Heart Failure Registry

- 619 patients 73% women
- Women 8 years younger than men
- Co-morbid conditions
 - •-Hypertension 78%
 - Diabetes 46%
 - •-Obesity 46%
 - •-CAD 40%
 - Increased LV Mass

Diabetes and/or insulin resistance syndromes underlie most cases of non-systolic CHF, particularly in women

<u>Mechanisms Promoting LV Remodeling</u> <u>and Dysfunction in Insulin Resistance</u>



Rutter. et al, Circ 2003;41:454

Importance of Obesity Versus the Metabolic Syndrome in CV Risk in Women: Women's Ischemia Syndrome Evaluation Study (WISE)

•780 women referred for coronary angio on basis of suspected CAD
•Classified into BMI <24.9, >25.0, >30, +/- CAD, +/- MS.

•3 year MACE (death, nonfatal MI, CVA, CHF) based on above criteria



Best predictor of MACE was metabolic status and CAD extent

Circulation. 2004;109:706-713

<u>Sex disparities in CV risk</u> treatment in diabetics



Wexeler et al. diabetic care 2005







• DM is an important risk factor of CHD in both sexes but have more prognostic impact on CV morbidity and mortality in diabetic females

This fact had been confirmed in many epidemiological and clinical trials

The pathogenic mechanisms underling this effects is not definitely known and is explained by multiple speculations



Aggressive preventive and therapeutic interventions are needed to avoid the prognostic implication of female gender on diabetic macroangiopathy The metabolic syndrome is a common problem in diabetic female with clustering of many CAD risk factors that need more aggressive intervention



- The role of HRT in 1ry or 2ry prevention of CAD is doubtful in diabetic and non-diabetic females after the results of HERS II and WHI trials
- The angiographic pattern of CAD in diabetic females (small arteries with extensive disease and poor microcirculation) put many nightmares in front of awakened intervention cardiologist

