

Chronic Disease Connections

An e-bulletin created for healthcare systems working with patients to control their chronic disease, high blood pressure and/or manage their prediabetes, diabetes and/or high cholesterol.

The Latest Health Promotion is Newsworthy

Cardiovascular considerations of COVID-19: Current evidence and remaining knowledge gaps - Two recently published reviews assessed the current literature relating to CV considerations of COVID-19 and identified knowledge gaps that remain.

Annual Report to the Nation: Cancer death rates continue to decline - Cancer death rates in the United States continued to decline from 2001 to 2017.

FDA Launches Nutrition Facts Label Education Campaign – The “What’s in it for You” campaign provides health care professionals, teachers, dietitians and community leaders with resources to help the public understand the new Nutrition Facts Label.

Coronavirus Threatens Americans with Underlying Conditions – Research shows that people with chronic illness are more likely to develop severe COVID-19 and to die.

Healthcare leaders optimistic about value-based payment models, concerned about budget – Market survey findings suggest the majority of healthcare leaders plan to enter into or expand value-based payment model participation by 2022.



*Thank you to everyone
on the front lines of the
COVID-19 response*

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Funding Opportunities

- Funding Opportunity #339396 “**RFP 58820028 Technical Assistance Dashboard for Blood Pressure and Cholesterol Disparities**” is now accepting application submissions. To view this opportunity on IowaGrants, visit the [IowaGrants home page](#) and click on “Grant Opportunities” on the left hand side of the page. Applications are due on **Friday, April 10**.
- American Heart Association **COVID-19 Rapid Response Grant** applications are due on **Monday, April 6** by 5:00PM. The purpose of the grant is to better understand the pathobiology and the clinical implications of the viral infection that leads to the morbidity and mortality seen with COVID-19.

Know Diabetes By Heart Podcast Series

The American Heart Association [Know Diabetes by Heart 2020 Podcast Series](#) focuses on the link between cardiovascular disease and type 2 diabetes. The series will consist of relevant cutting-edge topics such as up-to-date standards of care, guidelines and their implications for T2D and CVD, and approaches to shared decision making — among other topics.

COVID-19 Resources

The [Midwest Public Health Training Center](#) offers several resources related to COVID-19, including mental health resources and an opportunity to submit support needs for your organization. Note: for up-to-date information, please look to your state and local health departments, the CDC and the WHO.



Save the Date!

The Iowa Million Hearts Workgroup meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 20** at Telligen in Des Moines. The workgroup will discuss progress on the Million Hearts 2022 Action Plan and set goals for 2020. Contact [Morgan Casey](#) at for more information. There is an option to join the meeting via Zoom.

Upcoming Events and Activities

Iowa Cancer Consortium [Virtual Spring Meeting and Policy Forum](#) – April 7-9 @ 3:00 PM

[National Public Health Week](#) – April 6-12

American Diabetes Association [Ask the Experts: Get Motivated to Get Moving Q&A Event](#) – April 14

[National Nurses Week](#) – May 6-12



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