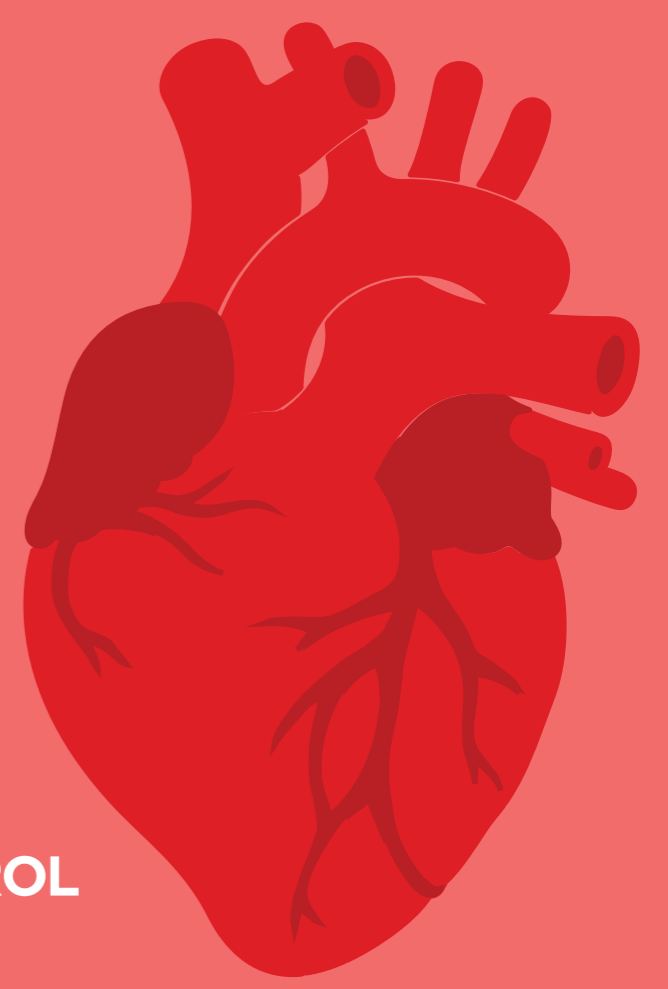


# STATIN INTOLERANCE: GET THE FACTS



Statins are a class of drugs used to treat patients with high cholesterol. Despite their known efficacy, many people taking statins are considered to be statin intolerant, causing them to discontinue use. This may increase their risk of heart attack, stroke and cardiovascular events. The term "statin intolerance" refers to an inability to take statins because of muscle symptoms.

HERE IS AN OVERVIEW OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE, CHOLESTEROL AND STATIN INTOLERANCE.

## CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE IS THE LEADING KILLER OF MEN AND WOMEN IN THE U.S.

796,494

men and women died of cardiovascular disease in 2013



That's nearly **1 in every 3** deaths in the U.S.

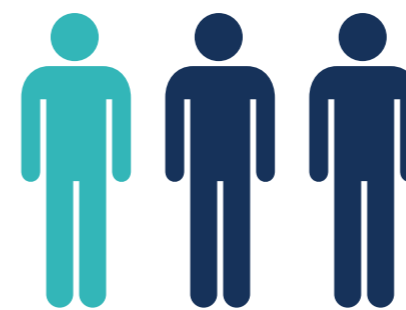


**80M+** people are at risk of cardiovascular disease

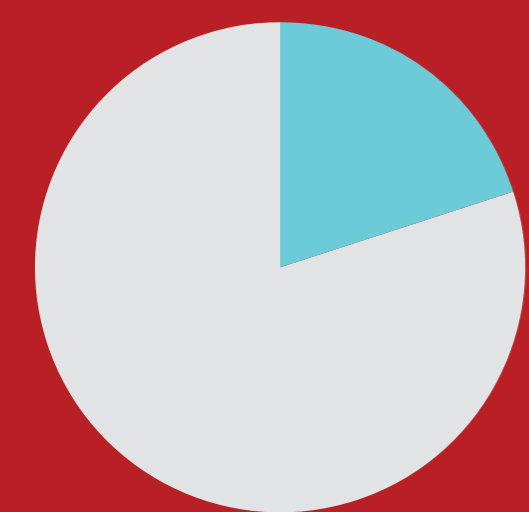
## HIGH LDL-CHOLESTEROL, THE "BAD CHOLESTEROL," IS THE LEADING MODIFIABLE LIPID RISK FACTOR FOR CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE



**78 MILLION**  
U.S. adults have high LDL-C



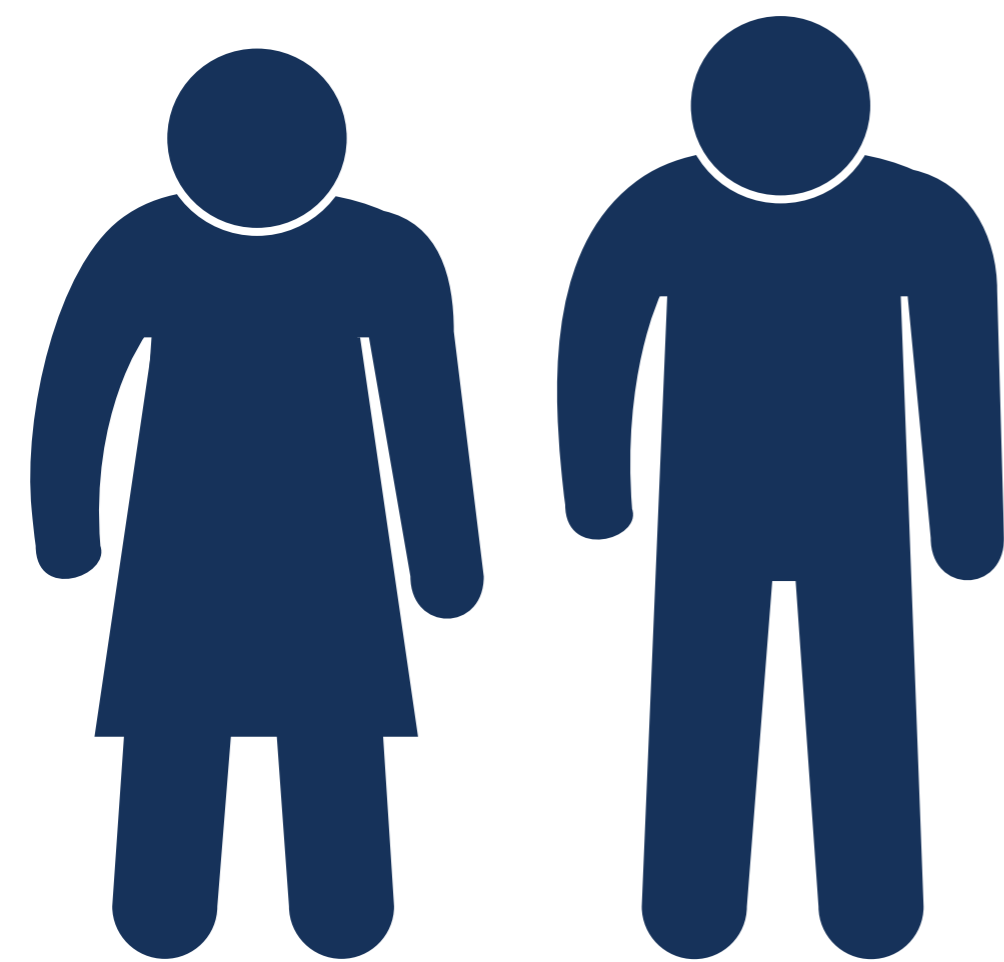
**1 in 3** adults with high LDL-C does not have the condition under control



**HIGH LDL-C IS COMMONLY TREATED WITH STATINS, BUT UP TO 10%, OR 3.5 MILLION ADULTS TAKING STATINS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE STATIN INTOLERANT.**

Though it is common for patients to try as many as three statins before they are considered "statin-intolerant," The National Lipid Association's Safety Task Force recommends taking a patient-centric approach to treatment. This includes effective and empathetic communication between patient and provider when making treatment decisions.

## PEOPLE OVER THE AGE OF 65, AND WOMEN, MAY BE PARTICULARLY HIGH RISK OF STATIN INTOLERANCE



People who can't control their LDL-C are at high risk for cardiovascular events

**THE RISK OF DEATH IS SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED IN PEOPLE WITH HEART DISEASE WHO DISCONTINUE STATIN TREATMENT**

**THE INCREASING ADOPTION OF STATINS, AND RESULTING STATIN INTOLERANCE, HAS LED TO A NUMBER OF NOVEL MEDICINES BEING DEVELOPED TO TREAT ELEVATED CHOLESTEROL.**

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