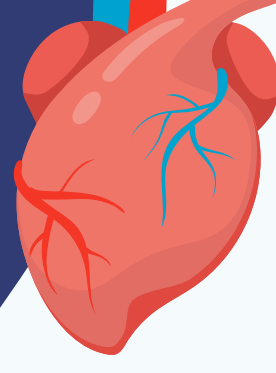


# Making Guidelines Work FOR Cardiovascular Patients



Patients and clinicians need **current medical guidelines** to inform treatment decisions.



But drug development can take up to 10 years.

The long lags can have an adverse **impact on heart patients**, leading to:



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AVOIDABLE DEATHS

Gaps in care are especially **hurtful for communities of color**, which are more likely to face:

- HEART DISEASE (Heart with warning sign)
- SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH (Fruits and vegetables)
- STRUCTURAL RACISM (Scales of justice)
- GEOGRAPHICAL CHALLENGES (Map with location pin)
- FINANCIAL HARDSHIP (Hands holding a coin)

To help support **all patients**, guidelines must reflect:

- THE LATEST SCIENCE AND INNOVATION (Microscope and test tube)
- EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES (Document with checkmark)
- NEEDS OF VULNERABLE PATIENTS (Group of diverse people)