

Closing the Gender Gap in Cardiac Care

Female cardiac patients present an unmet need for equitable care

- 40% of sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) patients are female^{1,2}
- Female SCA patients are significantly less likely to survive to hospital discharge and less likely to have favorable neurologic outcomes¹:
 - ► Significantly less likely to suffer an SCA in a public location
 - Significantly less likely to have a witnessed SCA
 - Significantly less likely to receive bystander CPR
- Women experience SCA in situations that lead to poorer outcomes²
- Female patients with systolic heart failure are underrepresented in Wearable Cardioverter Defibrillator (WCD) studies (25.1%)³
- Women experience unique heart failure etiologies (i.e. peripartum cardiomyopathy) which have a reasonable chance of left ventricular function recovery

Women deserve protection with a WCD designed to meet their needs.



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