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COMMENTARY

## Unveiling the Enigma of Cardiovascular Disease: A Commentary in Internal Medicine

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### DESCRIPTION

Cardiovascular disease encompasses a diverse array of conditions affecting the heart and blood vessels, including coronary artery disease, heart failure, arrhythmias, and valvular disorders. As a pervasive threat to human health, CVD imposes a substantial burden on individuals, families, and society at large. This commentary aims to unravel the complexities of cardiovascular disease, shedding light on its epidemiology, etiology, clinical significance, and evolving management paradigms. Cardiovascular disease ranks as the leading cause of death worldwide, responsible for an estimated 17.9 million deaths annually. Its prevalence is projected to rise further, driven by aging populations, urbanization, sedentary lifestyles, and the increasing prevalence of risk factors such as hypertension, diabetes, obesity, and dyslipidaemia. Moreover, disparities in CVD burden persist across regions and socioeconomic strata, underscoring the need for targeted interventions to address modifiable risk factors and reduce cardiovascular morbidity and mortality. Cardiovascular disease arises from complex interactions between genetic predisposition and environmental influences, leading to atherosclerosis, endothelial dysfunction, and myocardial remodelling. Traditional risk factors, such as hypertension, dyslipidaemia, smoking, and diabetes, contribute to the development and progression of CVD by promoting vascular inflammation, oxidative stress, and thrombosis. Additionally, emerging risk factors, including air pollution, sedentary lifestyle, and psychosocial stress, further exacerbate the cardiovascular risk profile, highlighting the multifactorial nature of CVD pathogenesis. Cardiovascular disease manifests with a broad spectrum of clinical presentations, ranging from asymptomatic atherosclerosis to acute coronary syndromes, heart failure, and sudden cardiac death. Symptoms may include chest pain, dyspnoea, palpitations, syncope, and fatigue, depending on the underlying pathology and extent of cardiac involvement. Chronic complications of CVD encompass structural heart disease, such as left ventricular hypertrophy and valvular dysfunction, as well as systemic manifestations, including peripheral artery disease, cerebrovascular events, and renal

dysfunction. Accurate diagnosis and risk stratification are paramount in the management of cardiovascular disease. Internal medicine practitioners employ a combination of clinical assessments, laboratory tests, imaging studies, and cardiovascular risk scores to evaluate cardiac function, assess disease severity, and guide treatment decisions. Routine screening for cardiovascular risk factors, such as blood pressure measurement, lipid profile assessment, and electrocardiography, enables early detection of subclinical disease and implementation of preventive interventions to mitigate cardiovascular risk. Lifestyle modifications serve as the cornerstone of cardiovascular disease management, encompassing dietary changes, regular exercise, smoking cessation, and stress reduction. Internal medicine clinicians play a pivotal role in counselling patients on adopting healthy behaviours and implementing sustainable lifestyle modifications. Pharmacological interventions, including antiplatelet agents, lipid-lowering therapies, antihypertensive medications, and heart failure treatments, are employed judiciously based on individual patient characteristics, comorbidities, and treatment goals. Novel antithrombotic agents, antidiabetic medications, and heart failure therapies demonstrate efficacy in reducing cardiovascular events, improving symptom control, and enhancing quality of life for patients with CVD. Moreover, precision medicine initiatives, leveraging genetic markers and personalized risk profiling, hold potential for tailored treatment strategies that optimize therapeutic response and minimize adverse effects. Cardiovascular disease represents a complex and multifaceted clinical entity with far-reaching implications for individual health and public health. Internal medicine practitioners are the forefront of cardiovascular disease management, employing a comprehensive approach that encompasses diagnostic precision, personalized treatment strategies, and preventive interventions.

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### CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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