

Heart Attacks Twice As Deadly For Women

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A heart attack is more likely to kill a woman than a man, perhaps because women are more likely to delay seeking treatment for myocardial infarction symptoms.

Compared with men, women had a significantly higher rate of intra-hospital mortality from MI at 9 percent versus 4.4 percent ($P<0.0001$), according to Guillaume Leurent, MD, of the Centre Hospitalier Universitaire in Rennes, France, and colleagues.

Women also had significantly longer median delay between onset of MI symptoms and calling for medical assistance (60 versus 44 minutes, $P<0.0001$), reported Leurent at the Acute Cardiac Care Congress meeting in Istanbul, Turkey.

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