- ◆ Cardiovascular diseases are the _____ cause of death in U.S.
 - Major cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) covered:
 - 1. Hypertension, 2. Atherosclerosis, 3. Stroke and 4. Cardiomyopathy.

1. Hypertension

Cardiovascular Diseases				
Hypertension	Description	Symptoms		
Systolic Diastolic	elevated blood pressure. Blood pressure: force of the blood against the inside of artery walls.	 ▶ Damages blood vessels, leads to other CVDs. ■ Normal: < 120 / < ■ Elevated: 120 / < 80 ■ High: 130 / 80 		

EXAMPLE

Hypertension is known as a silent killer because it often does not have obvious symptoms. Oliver has been told by his doctor to keep an eye on his blood pressure. His average blood pressure reading has been 124/90. This is classified as:

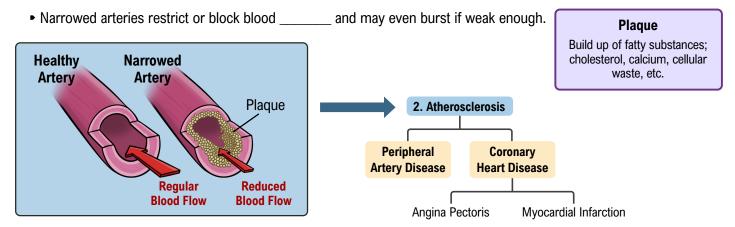
- a) Elevated
- b) Normal

c) High

d) Low

2. Atherosclerosis

◆ A condition in which arteries are narrowed and hardened by ______ deposits on the inner walls.



Types of Atherosclerosis

Cardiovascular Diseases				
Atherosclerosis	Description	Symptoms		
Peripheral Artery Disease	Atherosclerosis in the arteries ofLegs and arms.	 Cramping and aching in legs, feet, arms or hips. Slow wound healing in affected limbs. Tissue death leading to amputation. 		
Coronary Heart Disease (Coronary Artery Disease)	 Atherosclerosis in the	■ Angina pectoris - chest ■ Myocardial infarction - heart		

EXAMPLE

Which of the following statements about atherosclerosis is true?

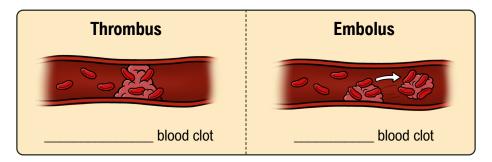
- a) Arteries become more flexible due to cholesterol build up.
- b) Reduction of blood supply to the brain, leading to tissue damage can occur in peripheral artery disease.
- c) Peripheral artery disease is responsible for the highest number of deaths from CVDs.
- d) Reduction of oxygen supply to the heart, with potential of permanent damage occurs in coronary artery disease.

Major Symptoms of Coronary Heart Disease

Cardiovascular Diseases				
	Description	Symptoms		
Angina Pectoris				
	■ Occurs when an artery is blocked. − Causes temporary discomfort.	Shortness of breath.Heartburn.Tightness in chest.		
Myocardial Infarction (Heart Attack)	Occurs when an artery is blocked. Causes permanent heart tissue death.	Shortness of breath.Pain in chest, arm or jaw.Unconsiousness or death.		

Major Symptoms of Coronary Heart Disease

◆ A full artery blockage may be caused either by plaque deposits or by coronary _____ (blood clot formation).



EXAMPLE

A 55-year-old man reports to his doctor that he experiences a tight, squeezing pain in his chest whenever he exerts himself, such as when going up the stairs. The pain goes away with rest. Which of the following conditions is the man most likely suffering from?

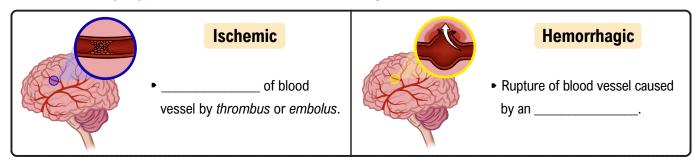
- a) Angina pectoris.
- b) Hypertension.
- c) Myocardial infarction.
- d) Peripheral artery disease.

3. Stroke

◆ Similar to heart attack, stroke occurs when blood flow to the _____ is blocked.

Cardiovascular Diseases				
Stroke	Description	Symptoms		
(Cerebrovascular Accident)	Blood supply to the brain is interrupted resulting in brain tissue	 Dizziness and weakness. Impairment in speech, memory loss. Walking disability, paralysis or death. 		

◆ There are ___ major types of strokes: Ischemic and Hemorrhagic.



Aneurysm

A bulge in the wall of a blood vessel that may lead to a rupture.

EXAMPLE

A 65-year-old woman is rushed to the emergency room with sudden right arm paralysis and difficulty understanding language. A CT scan showed a blockage in cerebral (brain) artery but no evidence of bleeding. Based on this information, which statement best differentiates the patient's condition from a hemorrhagic stroke?

- a) Hemorrhagic strokes typically are caused by embolus that travel to the brain, while ischemic strokes are caused by ruptured blood vessel in the brain.
- b) Ischemic strokes always cause loss of consciousness, while hemorrhagic do not.
- c) Hemorrhagic strokes never affect speech, while ischemic always do.
- d) Ischemic strokes are caused by a blood clot blocking a blood vessel, while hemorrhagic strokes by a vessel bursting and bleeding into and around the brain.

4. Cardiomyopathy

- ◆ A condition caused by heart ______ tissue death and enlargement.
 - ▶ Heart unable to _____ blood effectively, causes Congestive Heart Failure (CHF).

Cardiovascular Diseases				
Cardiomyopathy	Description	Symptoms		
Congestive Heart Failure				
	► Fluids back up into the and other tissues.	 Swelling in legs, ankles and feet. Shortness of breath and fatigue. Progressively fatal if not treated. 		

EXAMPLE

Which of the following is false?

- a) Congestive heart failure is the most common disease of the cardiovascular system.
- b) Myocardial infarction causes permanent heart damage and can result in death.
- c) Cardiomyopathy is a disease of the heart muscle that often leads to edema of lower extremities and fatigue.
- d) Enlargement and weakening of heart chambers are a common cause of CHF.

PRACTICE

Obstruction of coronary artery with severe chest pain and tingling sensation in the arm is a condition called:

- a) Thrombus.
- b) Heart attack.
- c) Myocardial infraction.
- d) Cerebrovascular accident.
- e) Angina pectoris.