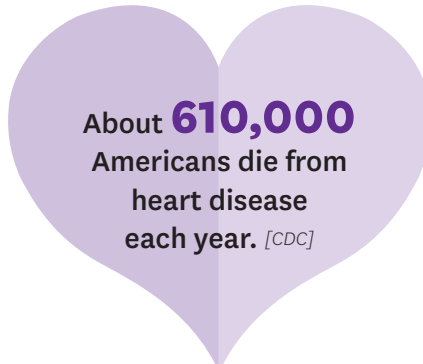


AGE-RELATED DISEASES

Fact Sheet

OLDER AGE is a key risk factor for heart disease, cancer, diabetes and many other diseases. USC Davis School researchers work to understand how the mechanisms behind aging influence disease risk in hopes of lengthening **HEALTHSPAN**—the number of disease-free years in an individual's lifespan.



Cancer is the second leading cause of death in the United States, exceeded only by heart disease. **ONE OF EVERY FOUR DEATHS** in the United States is due to cancer. [CDC]



RESOURCES

The **USC Alzheimer's Disease Research Center**, founded by Professor Caleb Finch, reaches out to the multi-ethnic communities in the greater Los Angeles area to study cognitive changes related to aging, Alzheimer's disease and cardiovascular disease.
adrc.usc.edu

The **USC Free Radical Institute**, directed by Professor Kelvin Davies, studies the role of free radicals and oxidation in aging, cancer, neurodegeneration, heart disease, stroke, and more.
gero.usc.edu/usc-free-radical-institute

The **USC Longevity Institute**, led by Professor Valter Longo, unites multidisciplinary aging research approaches in order to maximize the healthy life span.
www.longolab.org

In the U.S., **29.1 MILLION** people—9.3 percent of the population—have diabetes. 8.1 million of those individuals **have not been diagnosed**. [CDC]

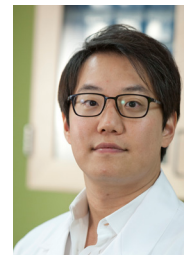
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