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## **Kansas City WomenHeart Hosts a Day of Heart Health**

*Second annual conference for health care providers*

*educates about leading cause of death in women*

**WHAT:** WomenHeart: A Day of Heart Health

Second annual educational program for health care providers and women about heart disease – the leading cause of death in women

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 10, 2011

Registration: 8:00 a.m.; Program 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

CRN20887 Course No. XNC2142 001  
Fee: \$84 (B&G \$69)  
Network Member fee: \$28 CRN 20888  
Fee: \$20 (for non CE credit) CRN21794

**WHERE:** Johnson County Community College (JCCC)  
Regnier Center

**WHY:**

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in women. In Kansas, women die from heart disease at a rate of 324 /100,000 – slightly below the national average of 351/100,000, but nearly 40 counties have rates higher than the national average. By increasing awareness and educating “front line” health care providers and women living with heart disease about the leading cause of death in women, the likelihood increases that patients will receive helpful prevention strategies, earlier detection of a cardiovascular problem, proper diagnosis, and accurate treatment, which will ultimately save lives.

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This workshop, co-sponsored by WomenHeart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease and the Department of Health and Human Services at Johnson County Community College, brings together area experts for an informative and inspirational day focused on women's cardiac health. Heart disease is the leading cause of death in women and more women than men have died from heart disease every year since 1984.

Featured Speakers:

Elizabeth Dang, MD, Menorah Medical Center  
Medications and Supplements

Tracy Stevens, MD, Saint Luke's Health System  
Women and Heart Failure

Sharonne N. Hayes, MD, Mayo Clinic  
Women and Heart Disease

Rajya L. Malay, MD, Shawnee Mission Medical Center  
"SweetHeart"  
The Relationship between Diabetes and Heart Disease

Ashley Simmons, MD, KU Medical Center  
New Treatments in Heart Disease

Kevin Bybee, Saint Luke's Health System  
The Broken Heart Syndrome

This program is for health care professionals (health care professionals will earn 7.0 contact hours) and women living with heart disease.

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**WomenHeart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease** is the nation's only patient centered organization serving the 42 million American women living with or at risk for heart disease – the leading cause of death in women. WomenHeart is solely devoted to advancing women's heart health through advocacy, community education, and the nation's only patient support network for women living with heart disease. WomenHeart is both a coalition and a community of thousands of members nationwide, including women heart patients and their families, physicians, and health advocates, all committed to helping women live longer, healthier lives. To receive a free on line heart health action kit or to donate visit [www.womenheart.org/kit](http://www.womenheart.org/kit).