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ABSTRACT

Objectives—To evaluate potential gaps in preventive medical therapy and healthy lifestyle practices among symptomatic patients with suspected coronary artery disease (CAD) seeing primary care physicians and cardiologists, and how gaps vary by sociodemographic characteristics and baseline cardiovascular risk.

Design—Cross sectional study assessing potential preventive gaps

Participants—10,003 symptomatic outpatients evaluated by primary care physicians, cardiologists, or other specialists for suspected CAD.

Setting—PROspective Multicenter Imaging Study for Evaluation of Chest Pain (PROMISE) from 2010-2014.

Measures—Primary measures were absence of an antihypertensive, statin, or angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor/angiotensin receptor blocker for renal protection in patients with hypertension, dyslipidemia, or diabetes, respectively, and being sedentary, smoking, or being obese.

Results—Preventive treatment gaps affected 14% of patients with hypertension, 36% of patients with dyslipidemia, and 32% of patients with diabetes. Overall, 49% of patients were sedentary, 18% currently smoked, and 48% were obese. Women were significantly more likely to not take a statin for dyslipidemia and to be sedentary. Patients with lower socioeconomic status were also significantly more likely to not take a statin. Compared to Whites, Blacks were significantly more likely to be obese, while Asians were less likely to smoke or be obese. High-risk patients sometimes experienced larger preventive care gaps than low-risk patients.

Conclusions—Among contemporary, symptomatic patients with suspected CAD, significant gaps exist in preventive care and lifestyle practices, and high-risk patients sometimes had larger

gaps. Differences by sex, age, race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and geography are modest but contribute to disparities and have implications for improving population health.

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Abbreviations: CAD - coronary artery disease; CTA - computed tomographic angiography; PROMISE - PROspective Multicenter Imaging Study for Evaluation of Chest Pain; ACEi/ARB - angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor or angiotensin receptor blocker use; BMI - body mass index

Strengths and limitations of this study

- Studied 10,003 patients without diagnosed CAD whose physicians believed that noninvasive cardiovascular testing was necessary for the evaluation of suspected CAD.
- Focused on 6 potential gaps in preventive care demonstrated to increase the risk of cardiovascular disease.
- Focused on disparities in prevention by sex, age, race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and geography.
- Measures of preventive lifestyle practices were gathered through self-report; errors or inaccuracies in self-report could therefore affect our results.

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3 Preventive medical care and lifestyle practices reduce the risk of adverse cardiovascular events^{1,2}
4 and may influence how likely a patient is to present to their primary care physician or
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6 cardiologist with symptoms suggestive of coronary artery disease (CAD). In the United States,
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8 approximately 4 million of these patients are referred for outpatient cardiac stress testing or
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10 coronary computed tomographic angiography (CTA) each year.³ Although most have significant
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12 risk factors for adverse cardiovascular events, such as hypertension, dyslipidemia, and
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14 diabetes,^{4,5} little is known about their preventive medical and lifestyle practices prior to
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16 presentation, the extent to which these preventive measures differ from national
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18 recommendations and guidelines,⁶⁻⁹ or their relationship with sociodemographic and
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20 socioeconomic disparities. Understanding these patterns and characterizing the magnitude of
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22 medical or lifestyle gaps—that is, the difference between recommended preventive care and
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24 actual preventive care—is a critical step toward preventing disease and reducing adverse
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26 cardiovascular events in this population, independent of the outcome of diagnostic testing.
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28 Further, if preventive care varies by sociodemographic characteristics, this variation may
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30 contribute to important health disparities and identify populations in need of specific targeting.
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32 To identify opportunities for improving preventive care in this population, we used data from
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34 symptomatic patients in the PROspective Multicenter Imaging Study for Evaluation of Chest
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36 Pain (PROMISE) to (1) evaluate potential gaps in preventive medical therapy among patients
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38 with hypertension, dyslipidemia, or diabetes; (2) determine the extent to which these gaps
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40 differed by patients' baseline risk; (3) evaluate gaps in healthy lifestyle practices, as defined by
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42 being sedentary, smoking, or being obese; and (4) determine which gaps vary by sex, age,
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Methods

Study Design

Methods used in PROMISE have been described previously.^{4,10} The study protocol was approved by the local or central institutional review board at each coordinating center and at each enrolling site in North America. We enrolled symptomatic outpatients without diagnosed CAD whose physicians believed that non-urgent, noninvasive cardiovascular testing was necessary for the evaluation of suspected CAD. After providing written informed consent, 10,003 eligible patients were randomly assigned to either anatomical testing with CTA or functional testing with exercise electrocardiography, nuclear stress, or stress echocardiography.¹⁰ Enrollment began on July 27, 2010, and was completed on September 19, 2013. All the patients were followed until October 31, 2014. Analyses were performed in 2016.

Gaps in Preventive Medications and Lifestyle Practices

At the time of enrollment, information about preventive medication use and lifestyle practices was collected by the clinical sites through patient report, chart review, and other clinical sources. We focused on 6 potential gaps in preventive care that have been demonstrated to increase the risk of cardiovascular disease^{1,11}: absence of an antihypertensive medication in patients with hypertension, absence of a statin in patients with dyslipidemia, absence of an angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor or angiotensin receptor blocker (ACEi/ARB) for renal protection in patients with diabetes, being sedentary, smoking, and being obese, as determined by a body mass index (BMI) exceeding 30. Because patients had to be eligible for randomization to either CTA or functional testing, no patients known to have renal dysfunction were enrolled.

Hypertension, Dyslipidemia, and Diabetes

Among our symptomatic patients, absence of antihypertensive medication in patients with hypertension was defined as a preventive care gap because of evidence that treating patients with this comorbidity reduces the risk of cardiovascular events¹² and because treatment is consistent with recommendations issued by the American Society of Hypertension, International Society of Hypertension,¹³ and American Heart Association.¹⁴ Absence of a statin in patients with dyslipidemia was considered a preventive care gap because statin use in primary and secondary prevention has been shown to reduce cardiovascular risk.^{15,16} The median atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD) score in our population was 11.3% with an interquartile range (IQR) of 6.1% to 19.8%, well above the 10-year risk threshold of 7.5% for treatment in most participants.¹⁷ Applying lower ASCVD thresholds for statin therapy has also been shown to be cost-effective.¹⁸ Absence of an ACEi/ARB for renal protection in patients with diabetes was considered a preventive care gap because the vast majority of diabetics in our population were hypertensive (79.9%) and prophylactic use of ACEi/ARBs reduces the incidence of albuminuria,¹⁹⁻²¹ which has been shown to be a risk factor for cardiovascular²² and overall mortality in patients with diabetes.^{23,24}

Physical Inactivity, Smoking, and Obesity

Being sedentary, smoking, and being obese have all been demonstrated to increase cardiovascular risk and therefore represent important gaps in preventive lifestyle practices.¹ We assessed the prevalence of these lifestyle practices across all patients in our cohort. To assess activity level, we asked, “During the past month, did you participate in any physical activities or exercise regularly (1 or more times per week)? Examples include: running, aerobics, golf,

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8 9 10 *Demographics and Socioeconomics*

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12 We focused on disparities in prevention by sex, age, race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status,
13 and geography. Race/ethnicity was reported by the patient and categorized into the following
14 mutually exclusive groups: White; Black; American Indian/Alaska Native, Native
15 Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islanders; and Asian (not including any Hispanics) and Hispanics (from
16 any racial/ethnic group).²⁵ Socioeconomic status was defined by the median household income
17 of the patient’s zip code based on data extracted from 2010 US Census Bureau American
18 Community Survey Data (5-year estimates), similar to prior work.²⁶⁻²⁹ Socioeconomic status was
19 categorized into quartiles from lowest to highest median household income (low, medium-low,
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39 *Statistical Analysis*

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41 Analyses were based on patient status at presentation for CAD evaluation. P values of
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43 preventive care and lifestyle practices and constructed multivariable logistic regression models to
44 assess the association of patients’ sociodemographic characteristics (sex, age, race/ethnicity,
45 socioeconomic status, and geography) at presentation with these gaps, while controlling for
46 baseline risk (for blood pressure: systolic <140 mmHg and diastolic <90 mmHg, systolic 140 to
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ASCVD: <7.5%, 7.5% to <15%, and $\geq 15\%$), other clinical characteristics, and physician specialty (see Appendix Tables 2.1 and 2.2 for fully reported regression results). In addition to estimating covariate-adjusted odds ratios and their corresponding 95% confidence intervals, the fitted models were used to compute covariate-adjusted probabilities³⁰ (also known as “predictive margins”) of gaps in preventive medication use and healthy lifestyle practices, with stratification by sociodemographic characteristics. In these analyses, the regression models predict proportions for each sociodemographic characteristic, while holding the distribution of all other covariates constant. We excluded 4% of patients in PROMISE from our multivariable analyses because we were unable to match their reported zip codes to US Census Bureau data. Statistical analyses were performed using SAS software, version 9.2 or higher (SAS Institute, Cary, NC).

Results

Symptomatic Patients: Characteristics and Baseline Risk

Characteristics of the 10,003 symptomatic patients (88% with chest pain/dyspnea, 12% with other symptoms) presenting to their primary care physicians, cardiologists, or other specialists are summarized in Table 1. The median age of the cohort was 60.0 years (IQR, 54.4-66.0 years), and 52.7% were women. Whites composed 77.4% of the cohort, and Blacks and Hispanics composed 10.8% and 7.7%, respectively. Asians composed 2.5% of the cohort, and people of other/unknown race/ethnicity composed 1.6% of the cohort. Patients in the lowest socioeconomic quartile lived in zip codes with a median household income less than \$42,610, while patients in the highest socioeconomic quartile lived in zip codes with median household income of at least \$71,059 annually.

Preventive Medical and Lifestyle Gaps

Overall, the prevalences of hypertension, dyslipidemia, and diabetes were 65.0% (N=6501), 67.7% (N=6767), and 21.4% (N=2144), respectively. Among these symptomatic patients, preventive treatment gaps affected 14% of patients with hypertension, 36% of patients with dyslipidemia, and 32% of patients with diabetes. In our examination of preventive lifestyle practices, 49% of all patients were sedentary, 18% were current smokers, and 48% were obese.

Association of Preventive Care Gaps with Sex, Age, and Race/Ethnicity

Adjusted odds ratios for the association between patient characteristics and preventive care gaps are presented in Table 2, and covariate-adjusted probabilities of preventive care gaps are presented in Figures 1 and 2. Women were significantly more likely than men to not take a statin for dyslipidemia (OR 1.33, 95% CI 1.18-1.50) and to be sedentary (OR 1.55, 95% CI 1.41-1.70). Older patients were significantly less likely than the youngest patients to not be taking a statin for dyslipidemia (65-79 years: OR 0.64, 95% CI 0.55-0.75; ≥ 80 years: OR 0.59, 95% CI 0.38-0.92) and to smoke (65-79 years: OR 0.23, 95% CI 0.19-0.27; ≥ 80 years: OR 0.04, 95% CI 0.01-0.13). There were no significant differences in preventive medications by patients' race/ethnicity, but differences existed in preventive lifestyle practices: compared to White patients, Blacks were significantly more likely to be obese (OR 1.55, 95% CI 1.31-1.84), while Asians were less likely to smoke (OR 0.49, 95% CI 0.30-0.80) or be obese (OR 0.16, 95% CI 0.11-0.24). There were no significant differences in preventive lifestyle practices of Hispanics compared to Whites.

Variation in Preventive Care Gaps Between Higher and Lower Risk Symptomatic Patients

The prevalence of preventive medical therapy gaps varied by patient risk. Among symptomatic patients with hypertension, those at the highest overall cardiovascular risk (ASCVD $\geq 15\%$) were less likely to not be on an antihypertensive than patients at the lowest overall cardiovascular risk (ASCVD $< 7.5\%$) (OR 0.45, 95% CI 0.34-0.58), but patients with the highest blood pressure ($\geq 160/100$) were more likely to not be on an antihypertensive than patients with the lowest blood pressure ($< 140/90$) (OR 1.54, 95% CI 1.19-1.99). Among patients with dyslipidemia, those at the highest overall cardiovascular risk (OR 1.22, 95% CI 1.01-1.47) and with the highest blood pressure (OR 1.28, 95% CI 1.03-1.59) were more likely to not be on a statin, compared to patients with the lowest cardiovascular risk or lowest blood pressure. Among patients with diabetes, those at the highest overall cardiovascular risk were less likely to not be on an ACEi/ARB than patients at the lowest overall cardiovascular risk (OR 0.64, 95% CI 0.42-0.97) (Appendix Table 2.1).

Association of Preventive Care Gaps With Socioeconomic Status/Geography

Compared to symptomatic patients with the highest socioeconomic status, patients with a medium-high socioeconomic status were more likely to not receive an antihypertensive for hypertension (OR 1.25, 95% CI 1.01-1.55), while patients with the lowest socioeconomic status were more likely to not receive a statin for dyslipidemia (OR 1.20, 95% CI 1.02-1.41) (Table 2, Figure 2). Patients with lower socioeconomic status were also more likely to be sedentary (Low: OR 1.45, 95% CI 1.28-1.65; Medium-low: OR 1.20, 95% CI 1.07-1.36; Medium-high: OR 1.18, 95% CI 1.05-1.32) and smoke (Low: OR 2.00, 95% CI 1.68-2.38; Medium-low: OR 1.63, 95% CI 1.38-1.94; Medium-high: OR 1.52, 95% CI 1.28-1.80) than patients with the highest

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3 socioeconomic status (Table 2), and these differences were more pronounced as socioeconomic
4 status fell. Regional differences were common: compared to patients in the South, patients living
5 in the West were more likely to not receive antihypertensives for hypertension (OR 1.32, 95% CI
6 1.08-1.63) and not receive statins for dyslipidemia (OR 1.31, 95% CI 1.13-1.52). Compared to
7 patients in the South, patients in all other US regions were less likely to be sedentary (Midwest:
8 OR 0.58, 95% CI 0.52-0.65; Northeast: OR 0.63, 95% CI 0.55-0.72; West: OR 0.68, 95% CI
9 0.61-0.77), and patients in the West were less likely to smoke (OR 0.76, 95% CI 0.65-0.90),
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25 Discussion

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27 In the PROMISE trial population, we found that symptomatic patients presenting to their primary
28 care physicians, cardiologists, or other specialists with suspected CAD have a high prevalence of
29 risk factors for adverse cardiovascular events, with many of these risk factors representing
30 missed opportunities to improve preventive medical care and lifestyle practices. We identified
31 populations that should be targeted for interventions based on their sex, age, race/ethnicity,
32 socioeconomic status, and geography. While some of the preventive care gaps were smaller in
33 symptomatic patients at higher risk, others were larger or unassociated with baseline risk.
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35 Finally, our results support the notion that wider adherence to preventive medication and lifestyle
36 practices may alter the epidemiology of chest pain presentations and reduce the incidence of
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50 Our findings of gaps in preventive care and differences in these gaps across important
51 sociodemographic characteristics complement the work of others. For example, in a study of
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7 less likely to receive statins than patients living in higher socioeconomic status areas.²⁸
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12 reported.^{25,33} However, our work extends and broadens the findings of these studies because (1)
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14 our study focused on actively symptomatic patients, whose presentation may be attributable to
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30 and socioeconomic sample. Our explicit inclusion of multiple racial/ethnic groups—particularly
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32 Asians—is also an advance for research in cardiovascular disease disparities, where previous
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36 in preventive care are therefore more comprehensive and robust.
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43 public health and policy initiatives aimed at bolstering primary prevention. Policy initiatives,
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45 such as the Million Hearts campaign, now leverage public-private partnerships and large
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47 investments in state and community programs to improve aspirin use in patients with CAD,
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51 cessation.^{36,37} In addition, our findings reinforce the potential benefits of public and private
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12 Our study has important limitations. There may have been patients whose hypertension or
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16 did not have clinical information about albuminuria, so there may have been patients for whom
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18 the benefit of ACEi/ARB therapy was uncertain. In addition, our measures of preventive lifestyle
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20 practices were gathered through self-report; errors or inaccuracies in self-report could therefore
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22 affect our results. Our use of BMI as a surrogate for body fatness and obesity identification is
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24 also vulnerable to misclassification, since sex, age, race/ethnicity, and muscle mass influence the
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26 relationship between BMI and excess fat.
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34 physicians, cardiologists, and other specialists with suspected CAD, opportunities exist to bridge
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FIGURE LEGENDS

Figure 1. Preventive medical therapy and lifestyle practices at presentation, by sex, age, and race/ethnicity. The bars represent covariate-adjusted probabilities of a preventive care gap, based on the multivariate models reported in Table 2. The reference groups for tests of statistical significance are male sex, 45-64 years old, and White race/ethnicity.

Figure 2. Preventive medical therapy and lifestyle practices at presentation. The bars represent covariate-adjusted probabilities of a preventive care gap, based on the multivariate models reported in Table 2. The reference groups for tests of statistical significance are high socioeconomic status and South region.

Table 1. Demographics and Presenting Characteristics for All Patients

Characteristic	All Patients (N=10003)
Female (%)	5270/10003 (52.7%)
Median age (IQR), years	60.0 (54.4-66.0)
Age (%), years	
45-64	7111/10003 (71.1%)
65-79	2711/10003 (27.1%)
80+	181/10003 (1.8%)
Race/ethnicity (%)	
Hispanic or Latino	767/9945 (7.7%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-White	7693/9945 (77.4%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Black	1071/9945 (10.8%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Asian	250/9945 (2.5%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Other	164/9945 (1.6%)
Socioeconomic status (minimum, maximum income), \$ ^a	
Low	11118, 42610
Medium-low	42613, 54149
Medium-high	54167, 71034
High	71059, 184338
US region ^b	
Midwest	2208/9690 (22.8%)
Northeast	1439/9690 (14.9%)
South	3999/9690 (41.3%)
West	2044/9690 (21.1%)
Cardiac risk factors	
BMI \geq 30 (%) (median 29.7, IQR 26.3-33.9)	4724/9907 (47.7%)
Hypertension (%)	6501/10002 (65.0%)
Diabetes (%)	2144/10002 (21.4%)
Dyslipidemia (%)	6767/10002 (67.7%)
Family history of premature CAD (%)	3202/9970 (32.1%)
Peripheral arterial disease or cerebrovascular disease (%)	552/10003 (5.5%)
CAD risk equivalent (%)	2531/10003 (25.3%)

Characteristic	All Patients (N=10003)
Metabolic syndrome (%)	3772/10003 (37.7%)
Current tobacco use (%)	1773/10000 (17.7%)
Regular exercise (%)	5116/9982 (51.3%)
History of depression (%)	2058/10000 (20.6%)
Risk scores	
Mean Diamond and Forrester score (SD) [n]	53 (20.14) [10003]
Mean ASCVD Pooled Cohort Risk Prediction (2013) (SD) [n]	15 (11.75) [9901]
Medication use (%)	
Aspirin	4280/9569 (44.7%)
Statin	4389/9569 (45.9%)
Beta-blocker	2399/9569 (25.1%)
ACE inhibitor or ARB	4194/9569 (43.8%)
Primary presenting symptoms (%)	
Chest pain	7272/9996 (72.7%)
Dyspnea	1490/9996 (14.9%)
Other	1234/9996 (12.3%)
Type of angina (%)	
Typical	1166/10003 (11.7%)
Atypical	7773/10003 (77.7%)
Non-cardiac	1064/10003 (10.6%)
Physician specialty (%)	
Cardiology	8662/10003 (86.6%)
Internal medicine	565/10003 (5.6%)
Other	776/10003 (7.8%)

^aMedian household income (in US \$) is used as a surrogate for socioeconomic status.

^b143 patients had missing zip code data, and 170 patients had zip codes that were not reported in 2010 Census ACS data.

ACE, angiotensin-converting enzyme; ARB, angiotensin receptor blocker; ASCVD, atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; BMI, body mass index; CAD, coronary artery disease; IQR, interquartile range.

Table 2. Prevalence and Adjusted Odds of No Medication Use and Lifestyle Choices at Baseline

Patient Characteristic	No antihypertensive use among patients with hypertension ^{a,b}			No statin use among patients with dyslipidemia ^c			No ACEi or ARB use in patients with diabetes ^d		
	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value
Sex									
Female	14.3	0.92 (0.78 - 1.10)	0.37	38.5	1.33 (1.18 - 1.50)	< 0.001	32.9	1.11 (0.86 - 1.42)	0.42
Male	13.2	--	--	34.0	--	--	30.5	--	--
Age, years									
45-64	14.7	--	--	39.1	--	--	33.3	--	--
65-79	11.5	1.12 (0.90 - 1.41)	0.308	30	0.64 (0.55 - 0.75)	< 0.001	28.4	1.10 (0.82 - 1.47)	0.541
80+	14.1	1.47 (0.84 - 2.57)	0.176	28.7	0.59 (0.38 - 0.92)	0.021	30.8	1.48 (0.57 - 3.87)	0.422
Race/ethnicity									
Hispanic or Latino	11.9	0.86 (0.64 - 1.16)	0.333	34.3	0.95 (0.77 - 1.17)	0.624	30.6	0.87 (0.60 - 1.27)	0.481
Not Hispanic or Latino-Asian	12.5	0.68 (0.39 - 1.18)	0.171	45.8	1.37 (1.00 - 1.87)	0.051	38.6	0.91 (0.48 - 1.74)	0.773
Not Hispanic or Latino-Black	11.6	0.95 (0.74 - 1.22)	0.715	33.6	0.94 (0.77 - 1.14)	0.522	27.7	1.28 (0.92 - 1.78)	0.146
Not Hispanic or Latino-Other	17.2	1.08 (0.61 - 1.92)	0.796	43	1.32 (0.88 - 1.98)	0.18	21.4	0.45 (0.18 - 1.14)	0.092
Not Hispanic or Latino-White	14.3	--	--	36.4	--	--	32.9	--	--
Socioeconomic status ^e									
Low	12.6	1.02 (0.81 - 1.28)	0.891	37	1.20 (1.02 - 1.41)	0.027	30	0.90 (0.64 - 1.25)	0.518
Medium-low	12.4	0.96 (0.76 - 1.19)	0.687	36.4	1.12 (0.96 - 1.30)	0.149	28.7	0.80 (0.57 - 1.13)	0.203
Medium-high	16.1	1.25 (1.01 - 1.55)	0.037	37.3	1.08 (0.93 - 1.25)	0.326	34.5	0.96 (0.68 - 1.34)	0.79
High	13.9	--	--	35.5	--	--	34.3	--	--

Patient Characteristic	No antihypertensive use among patients with hypertension ^{a,b}			No statin use among patients with dyslipidemia ^c			No ACEi or ARB use in patients with diabetes ^d		
	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value
US region ^e									
Midwest	14.1	1.13 (0.92 - 1.37)	0.242	36.6	1.07 (0.93 - 1.23)	0.347	31.7	1.07 (0.79 - 1.44)	0.677
Northeast	12.2	1.01 (0.79 - 1.28)	0.939	35	1.10 (0.93 - 1.30)	0.258	28.4	0.97 (0.69 - 1.35)	0.85
West	16.5	1.32 (1.08 - 1.63)	0.008	41.6	1.31 (1.13 - 1.52)	< 0.001	38.4	1.22 (0.88 - 1.68)	0.239
South	12.8	--	--	34.2	--	--	29.9	--	--

^aCommonly used antihypertensives include angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors, angiotensin-receptor blockers, beta-blockers, thiazide-type diuretics, and calcium-channel blockers.

^bOnly patients with hypertension included in the analysis (N=6501).

^cOnly patients with dyslipidemia included in the analysis (N=6767).

^dOnly patients with diabetes included in the analysis (N=2144).

^eZip code level data extracted from 2010 US Census Bureau American Community Survey Data (5-year estimates).

Table 2. Prevalence and Adjusted Odds of No Medication Use and Lifestyle Choices at Baseline Cont.

Outcome	Sedentary			Current Smoking			Obese ^a		
	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value
Sex									
Female	53.5	1.55 (1.41 - 1.70)	< 0.001	15.5	0.95 (0.84 - 1.08)	0.434	48.1	1.04 (0.93 - 1.16)	0.535
Male	43.4	--	--	20.2	--	--	47.2	--	--
Age, y									
45-64	48.7	--	--	21.7	--	--	51.0	--	--
65-79	48.9	1.02 (0.91 - 1.14)	0.723	8.30	0.23 (0.19 - 0.27)	< 0.001	40.8	0.59 (0.52 - 0.68)	< 0.001
80+	47.5	1.05 (0.76 - 1.45)	0.771	2.21	0.04 (0.01 - 0.13)	< 0.001	20.2	0.23 (0.15 - 0.37)	< 0.001
Race/ethnicity									
Hispanic or Latino	50.7	1.06 (0.90 - 1.25)	0.493	16.6	0.89 (0.71 - 1.12)	0.328	48.8	0.93 (0.76 - 1.13)	0.447
Not Hispanic or Latino-Asian	44.8	1.30 (0.99 - 1.71)	0.058	8.00	0.49 (0.30 - 0.80)	0.005	16.7	0.16 (0.11 - 0.24)	< 0.001
Not Hispanic or Latino-Black	58.4	1.13 (0.97 - 1.31)	0.105	20.7	0.96 (0.80 - 1.16)	0.683	59.8	1.55 (1.31 - 1.84)	< 0.001
Not Hispanic or Latino-Other	48.1	1.02 (0.73 - 1.42)	0.895	22.6	1.36 (0.90 - 2.06)	0.147	48.2	0.94 (0.63 - 1.41)	0.781
Not Hispanic or Latino-White	47.4	--	--	17.6	--	--	46.9	--	--
Socioeconomic status ^b									
Low	57.7	1.45 (1.28 - 1.65)	< 0.001	23.1	2.00 (1.68 - 2.38)	< 0.001	52.1	0.99 (0.85 - 1.16)	0.918
Medium-low	50.2	1.20 (1.07 - 1.36)	0.003	18.9	1.63 (1.38 - 1.94)	< 0.001	49.1	1.04 (0.90 - 1.21)	0.559
Medium-high	47.7	1.18 (1.05 - 1.32)	0.007	17.4	1.52 (1.28 - 1.80)	< 0.001	48.4	1.06 (0.92 - 1.22)	0.454

Outcome	Sedentary			Current Smoking			Obese ^a		
	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value
High	41.4	--	--	11.5	--	--	42.3	--	--
US region ^b									
Midwest	42.5	0.58 (0.52 - 0.65)	< 0.001	17.4	0.99 (0.85 - 1.14)	0.848	50.3	1.23 (1.08 - 1.41)	0.002
Northeast	45.5	0.63 (0.55 - 0.72)	< 0.001	17.1	1.02 (0.85 - 1.21)	0.854	49.9	1.04 (0.89 - 1.22)	0.617
West	44.3	0.68 (0.61 - 0.77)	< 0.001	13.7	0.76 (0.65 - 0.90)	0.001	42.5	0.97 (0.84 - 1.12)	0.648
South	56.3	--	--	19.9	--	--	48.5	--	--

^aObese defined as BMI ≥ 30.

^bZip code level data extracted from 2010 US Census Bureau American Community Survey Data (5-year estimates).

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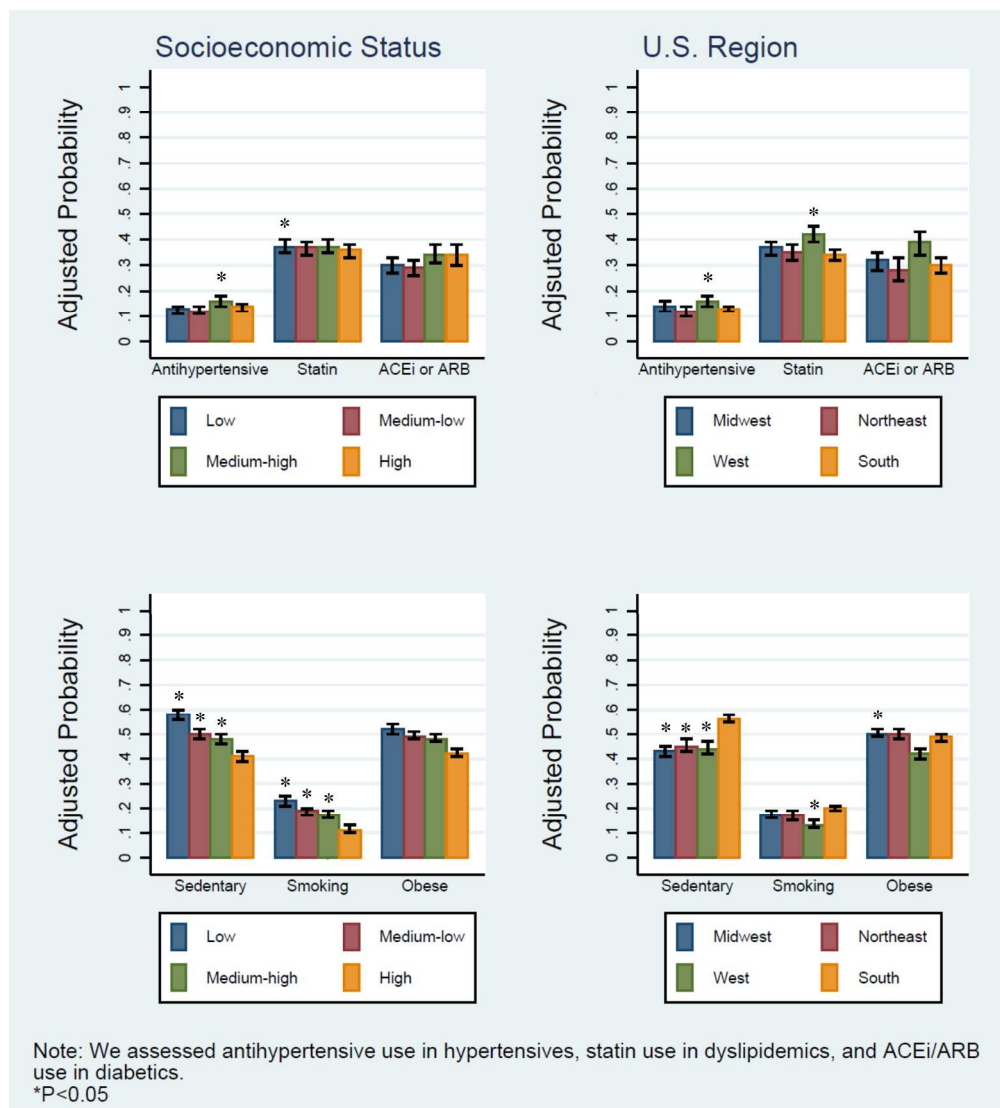


Figure 2. Preventive medical therapy and lifestyle practices at presentation. The bars represent covariate-adjusted probabilities of a preventive care gap, based on the multivariate models reported in Table 2. The reference groups for tests of statistical significance are high socioeconomic status and South region.

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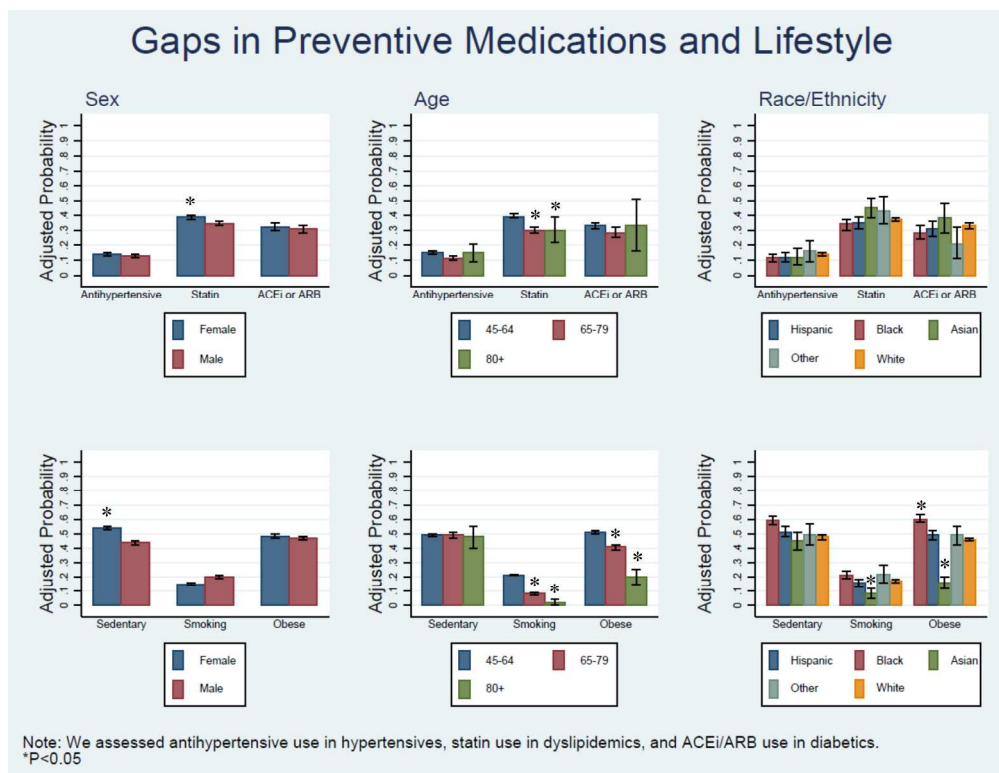


Figure 1. Preventive medical therapy and lifestyle practices at presentation, by sex, age, and race/ethnicity. The bars represent covariate-adjusted probabilities of a preventive care gap, based on the multivariate models reported in Tables 2 and 3. The reference groups for tests of statistical significance are male sex, 45-64 years old, and White race/ethnicity.

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Supplementary Appendix

Table 1.1. Demographics and Baseline Characteristics for Patients With Hypertension

Characteristic	Patients With Hypertension (N=6501)
Female (%)	3509/6501 (54.0%)
Age (%), y	
45-64	4522/6501 (69.6%)
65-79	1849/6501 (28.4%)
80+	130/6501 (2.0%)
Race/ethnicity (%)	
Hispanic or Latino	531/6471 (8.2%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-White	4813/6471 (74.4%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Black	885/6471 (13.7%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Asian	142/6471 (2.2%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Other	100/6471 (1.5%)
Socioeconomic status (minimum, maximum income), \$*	
Low	(11792,42610)
Medium-low	(42613,54149)
Medium-high	(54167,71034)
High	(71059,180815)
US region	
Midwest	1395/6316 (22.1%)
Northeast	965/6316 (15.3%)
South	2736/6316 (43.3%)
West	1220/6316 (19.3%)
Cardiac risk factors	
BMI \geq 30 (%)	3538/6439 (54.9%)
Diabetes (%)	1712/6501 (26.3%)
Dyslipidemia (%)	4408/6501 (67.8%)
Family history of premature CAD (%)	2050/6481 (31.6%)
Peripheral arterial disease or cerebrovascular disease (%)	424/6501 (6.5%)
CAD risk equivalent (%)	1992/6501 (30.6%)
Metabolic syndrome (%)	3080/6501 (47.4%)
Current tobacco use (%)	1025/6499 (15.8%)
Regular exercise (%)	3060/6487 (47.2%)
History of depression (%)	1381/6499 (21.2%)

Characteristic	Patients With Hypertension (N=6501)
Risk Scores	
Mean Diamond and Forrester score (SD) [n]	53 (20.21) [6501]
Mean ASCVD Pooled Cohort Risk Prediction (2013) (SD) [n]	17 (12.72) [6434]
Medication use (%)	
Aspirin	2956/6363 (46.5%)
Statin	3057/6363 (48.0%)
Beta-blocker	2126/6363 (33.4%)
ACE inhibitor or ARB	4041/6363 (63.5%)
Primary presenting symptoms (%)	
Chest pain	4653/6498 (71.6%)
Dyspnea	1027/6498 (15.8%)
Other	818/6498 (12.6%)
Type of angina (%)	
Typical	802/6501 (12.3%)
Atypical	5044/6501 (77.6%)
Non-cardiac	655/6501 (10.1%)
Physician specialty (%)	
Cardiology	5592/6501 (86.0%)
Internal Medicine	380/6501 (5.8%)
Other	529/6501 (8.1%)

ACE = angiotensin-converting enzyme; ARB = angiotensin receptor blocker; ASCVD = atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; BMI = body mass index; CAD = coronary artery disease.

*Median household income (in US \$) is used as a surrogate for socioeconomic status.

Table 1.2. Demographics and Baseline Characteristics for Patients With Dyslipidemia

Characteristic	Patients with Dyslipidemia (N=6767)
Female (%)	3632/6767 (53.7%)
Age (%), y	
45-64	4824/6767 (71.3%)
65-79	1827/6767 (27.0%)
80+	116/6767 (1.7%)
Race/ethnicity (%)	
Hispanic or Latino	516/6728 (7.7%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-White	5270/6728 (78.3%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Black	618/6728 (9.2%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Asian	207/6728 (3.1%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Other	117/6728 (1.7%)
Socioeconomic status (minimum, maximum income)*	
Low	(11118,42610)
Medium-low	(42613,54149)
Medium-high	(54175,71034)
High	(71059,184338)
US region	
Midwest	1543/6572 (23.5%)
Northeast	1004/6572 (15.3%)
South	2569/6572 (39.1%)
West	1456/6572 (22.2%)
Cardiac risk factors	
BMI \geq 30 (%)	3257/6701 (48.6%)
Hypertension (%)	4408/6767 (65.1%)
Diabetes (%)	1656/6767 (24.5%)
Family history of premature CAD (%)	2310/6746 (34.2%)
Peripheral arterial disease or cerebrovascular disease (%)	420/6767 (6.2%)
CAD risk equivalent (%)	1940/6767 (28.7%)
Metabolic syndrome (%)	3181/6767 (47.0%)
Current tobacco use (%)	1016/6765 (15.0%)
Regular exercise (%)	3520/6749 (52.2%)
History of depression (%)	1498/6765 (22.1%)
Risk scores	
Mean Diamond and Forrester score (SD) [n]	53 (20.11) [6767]
Mean ASCVD Pooled Cohort Risk Prediction (2013) (SD) [n]	15 (12.26) [6698]

Characteristic	Patients with Dyslipidemia (N=6767)
Medication use (%)	
Aspirin	3161/6570 (48.1%)
Statin	4178/6570 (63.6%)
Beta-blocker	1655/6570 (25.2%)
ACE inhibitor or ARB	2943/6570 (44.8%)
Primary presenting symptoms (%)	
Chest pain	4851/6761 (71.7%)
Dyspnea	1033/6761 (15.3%)
Other	877/6761 (13.0%)
Type of angina (%)	
Typical	801/6767 (11.8%)
Atypical	5268/6767 (77.8%)
Non-cardiac	698/6767 (10.3%)
Physician specialty (%)	
Cardiology	5858/6767 (86.6%)
Internal Medicine	371/6767 (5.5%)
Other	538/6767 (8.0%)

ACE = angiotensin-converting enzyme; ARB = angiotensin receptor blocker; ASCVD = atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; BMI = body mass index; CAD = coronary artery disease.

*Median household income (in US \$) is used as a surrogate for socioeconomic status.

Table 1.3. Demographics and Baseline Characteristics for Patients With Diabetes

Characteristic	Patients with Diabetes (N=2144)
Female (%)	1151/2144 (53.7%)
Age (%), y	
45-64	1488/2144 (69.4%)
65-79	630/2144 (29.4%)
80+	26/2144 (1.2%)
Race/ethnicity (%)	
Hispanic or Latino	256/2132 (12.0%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-White	1414/2132 (66.3%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Black	345/2132 (16.2%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Asian	75/2132 (3.5%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Other	42/2132 (2.0%)
Socioeconomic status (minimum, maximum income)*	
Low	(14586,42610)
Medium-low	(42641,54149)
Medium-high	(54260,71034)
High	(71059,139779)
US region	
Midwest	414/2074 (20.0%)
Northeast	348/2074 (16.8%)
South	916/2074 (44.2%)
West	396/2074 (19.1%)
Cardiac risk factors	
BMI \geq 30 (%)	1463/2117 (69.1%)
Hypertension (%)	1712/2144 (79.9%)
Dyslipidemia (%)	1656/2144 (77.2%)
Family history of premature CAD (%)	655/2140 (30.6%)
Peripheral arterial disease or cerebrovascular disease (%)	165/2144 (7.7%)
CAD risk equivalent (%)	2144/2144 (100.0%)
Metabolic syndrome (%)	1822/2144 (85.0%)
Current tobacco use (%)	318/2144 (14.8%)
Regular exercise (%)	926/2142 (43.2%)
History of depression (%)	516/2142 (24.1%)
Risk scores	
Mean Diamond and Forrester score (SD) [n]	54 (20.26) [2144]
Mean ASCVD Pooled Cohort Risk Prediction (2013) (SD) [n]	24 (15.25) [2111]
Medication use (%)	

Characteristic	Patients with Diabetes (N=2144)
Aspirin	1098/2118 (51.8%)
Statin	1291/2118 (61.0%)
Beta-blocker	619/2118 (29.2%)
ACE inhibitor or ARB	1444/2118 (68.2%)
Primary presenting symptoms (%)	
Chest pain	1518/2144 (70.8%)
Dyspnea	375/2144 (17.5%)
Other	251/2144 (11.7%)
Type of angina (%)	
Typical	296/2144 (13.8%)
Atypical	1653/2144 (77.1%)
Non-cardiac	195/2144 (9.1%)
Physician specialty (%)	
Cardiology	1830/2144 (85.4%)
Internal Medicine	142/2144 (6.6%)
Other	172/2144 (8.0%)

ACE = angiotensin-converting enzyme; ARB = angiotensin receptor blocker; ASCVD = atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; BMI = body mass index; CAD = coronary artery disease.

*Median household income (in US \$) is used as a surrogate for socioeconomic status.

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Patient Characteristic	No antihypertensive use among patients with hypertension ^{1,2}			No statin use among patients with dyslipidemia ³			No ACEi or ARB use in patients with diabetes ⁴		
	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value
Key Risk Factors									
Hypertension	13.8	--	--	33.3	1.08 (0.92 - 1.28)	0.334	20.2	0.07 (0.05 - 0.09)	< 0.001
Dyslipidemia	13.1	1.31 (1.08 - 1.59)	0.007	36.4	--	--	29.8	1.27 (0.92 - 1.74)	0.148
Diabetes	8.07	0.67 (0.52 - 0.85)	< 0.001	25.5	0.51 (0.43 - 0.60)	< 0.001	31.8	--	--
Sex									
Female	14.3	0.92 (0.78 - 1.10)	0.370	38.5	1.33 (1.18 - 1.50)	< 0.001	32.9	1.11 (0.86 - 1.42)	0.420
Male	13.2	--	--	34.0	--	--	30.5	--	--
Age									
65-79	11.5	1.12 (0.90 - 1.41)	0.308	30.0	0.64 (0.55 - 0.75)	< 0.001	28.4	1.10 (0.82 - 1.47)	0.541
80+	14.1	1.47 (0.84 - 2.57)	0.176	28.7	0.59 (0.38 - 0.92)	0.021	30.8	1.48 (0.57 - 3.87)	0.422
45-64	14.7	--	--	39.1	--	--	33.3	--	--
Race/Ethnicity									
Hispanic or Latino	11.9	0.86 (0.64 - 1.16)	0.333	34.3	0.95 (0.77 - 1.17)	0.624	30.6	0.87 (0.60 - 1.27)	0.481
Not Hispanic or Latino-Asian	12.5	0.68 (0.39 - 1.18)	0.171	45.8	1.37 (1.00 - 1.87)	0.051	38.6	0.91 (0.48 - 1.74)	0.773
Not Hispanic or Latino-Black	11.6	0.95 (0.74 - 1.22)	0.715	33.6	0.94 (0.77 - 1.14)	0.522	27.7	1.28 (0.92 - 1.78)	0.146
Not Hispanic or Latino-Other	17.2	1.08 (0.61 - 1.92)	0.796	43.0	1.32 (0.88 - 1.98)	0.180	21.4	0.45 (0.18 - 1.14)	0.092
Not Hispanic or Latino-White	14.3	--	--	36.4	--	--	32.9	--	--
Socioeconomic Status⁵									
Low	12.6	1.02 (0.81 - 1.28)	0.891	37.0	1.20 (1.02 - 1.41)	0.027	30.0	0.90 (0.64 - 1.25)	0.518
Medium-low	12.4	0.96 (0.76 - 1.19)	0.687	36.4	1.12 (0.96 - 1.30)	0.149	28.7	0.80 (0.57 - 1.13)	0.203
Medium-high	16.1	1.25 (1.01 - 1.55)	0.037	37.3	1.08 (0.93 - 1.25)	0.326	34.5	0.96 (0.68 - 1.34)	0.790
High	13.9	--	--	35.5	--	--	34.3	--	--

Patient Characteristic	No antihypertensive use among patients with hypertension ^{1,2}			No statin use among patients with dyslipidemia ³			No ACEi or ARB use in patients with diabetes ⁴		
	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value
US Region⁵									
Midwest	14.1	1.13 (0.92 - 1.37)	0.242	36.6	1.07 (0.93 - 1.23)	0.347	31.7	1.07 (0.79 - 1.44)	0.677
Northeast	12.2	1.01 (0.79 - 1.28)	0.939	35.0	1.10 (0.93 - 1.30)	0.258	28.4	0.97 (0.69 - 1.35)	0.850
West	16.5	1.32 (1.08 - 1.63)	0.008	41.6	1.31 (1.13 - 1.52)	< 0.001	38.4	1.22 (0.88 - 1.68)	0.239
South	12.8	--	--	34.2	--	--	29.9	--	--
Cardiac Risk Factors at Baseline⁶									
BMI ≥ 30	12.1	0.71 (0.58 - 0.85)	< 0.001	34.9	0.93 (0.80 - 1.07)	0.285	27.7	0.58 (0.43 - 0.78)	< 0.001
Regular exercise	13.7	0.89 (0.76 - 1.04)	0.151	37.2	1.04 (0.94 - 1.17)	0.444	31.8	0.78 (0.62 - 0.99)	0.041
Current tobacco use	14.2	1.11 (0.89 - 1.37)	0.356	39.5	1.09 (0.93 - 1.27)	0.287	35.4	1.24 (0.89 - 1.71)	0.204
Family History of Premature CAD	13.0	0.90 (0.77 - 1.07)	0.226	36.3	0.98 (0.87 - 1.09)	0.672	31.2	0.91 (0.71 - 1.16)	0.433
Peripheral arterial disease or cerebrovascular disease	12.2	0.99 (0.72 - 1.37)	0.948	25.3	0.66 (0.52 - 0.84)	< 0.001	28.8	1.08 (0.71 - 1.64)	0.720
Metabolic syndrome	11.4	1.09 (0.87 - 1.35)	0.463	33.8	1.22 (1.04 - 1.43)	0.015	27.6	0.94 (0.64 - 1.40)	0.774
History of depression	13.6	0.98 (0.81 - 1.18)	0.794	37.0	1.00 (0.87 - 1.13)	0.955	34.6	1.12 (0.86 - 1.47)	0.389
ASCVD pooled cohort risk prediction categories									
High (≥15)	10.5	0.45 (0.34 - 0.58)	< 0.001	31.6	1.22 (1.01 - 1.47)	0.036	27.1	0.64 (0.42 - 0.97)	0.034
Intermediate (7.5 - 14.99)	13.2	0.63 (0.51 - 0.77)	< 0.001	37.4	1.07 (0.93 - 1.24)	0.330	39.3	0.90 (0.60 - 1.34)	0.588
Low (< 7.5)	19.7	--	--	41.3	--	--	41.3	--	--
Blood Pressure categories									
High (≥160/100)	15.3	1.54 (1.19 - 1.99)	0.001	39.6	1.28 (1.03 - 1.59)	0.023	25.2	1.14 (0.74 - 1.77)	0.556
Intermediate (≥140-159/90-99)	16.3	1.58 (1.34 - 1.86)	< 0.001	36.3	1.08 (0.95 - 1.22)	0.241	27.5	1.02 (0.79 - 1.32)	0.884
Low (<140/90)	12.1	--	--	36.1	--	--	34.9	--	--
Medication Use at Baseline									
Antihypertensive				31.0	0.64 (0.53 - 0.77)	< 0.001	14.3	--	--

Table 2.1 Prevalence and adjusted odds of no medication use at baseline.

Patient Characteristic	No antihypertensive use among patients with hypertension ^{1,2}			No statin use among patients with dyslipidemia ³			No ACEi or ARB use in patients with diabetes ⁴		
	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value
Statin	10.0	0.53 (0.45 - 0.64)	< 0.001				27.0	0.51 (0.39 - 0.67)	< 0.001
ACEi or ARB	0.00	--	--	29.0	0.82 (0.70 - 0.96)	0.011			
Primary Presenting Symptom									
Chest pain	14.2	0.90 (0.72 - 1.12)	0.340	37.2	1.08 (0.92 - 1.27)	0.356	32.6	0.95 (0.66 - 1.35)	0.754
Dyspnea	11.1	0.79 (0.59 - 1.06)	0.118	34.9	1.09 (0.89 - 1.33)	0.419	28.7	0.90 (0.59 - 1.37)	0.617
Other	14.7	--	--	34.3	--	--	32.1	--	--
Type of Angina									
Atypical	13.9	0.92 (0.72 - 1.18)	0.515	36.7	1.03 (0.87 - 1.24)	0.712	32.1	0.95 (0.64 - 1.40)	0.788
Typical	11.1	0.76 (0.55 - 1.06)	0.107	35.4	1.04 (0.83 - 1.31)	0.720	30.4	0.94 (0.58 - 1.52)	0.802
Non-cardiac	15.8	--	--	35.6	--	--	31.4	--	--
Cardiac Specialist									
Cardiologist	13.5	0.83 (0.67 - 1.03)	0.099	36.3	0.94 (0.80 - 1.10)	0.406	31.6	0.94 (0.68 - 1.30)	0.723
Non-Cardiologist	15.2	--	--	37.4	--	--	32.8	--	--

ACE = angiotensin-converting enzyme; ARB = angiotensin receptor blocker; ASCVD = atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; BMI = body mass index; CAD = coronary artery disease.

¹ Commonly used antihypertensives include ACE inhibitors, ARBs, beta-blockers, thiazide-type diuretics, and calcium-channel blockers.

² Only patients with hypertension included in the analysis (N=6501).

³ Only patients with dyslipidemia included in the analysis (N=6767).

⁴ Only patients with diabetes included in the analysis (N=2144).

⁵ Zip code level data extracted from 2010 US Census Bureau American Community Survey Data (5-year estimates).

⁶ Reference group is patients without risk factor.

Table 2.2. Prevalence and Adjusted Odds of Lifestyle Choices at Baseline

Outcome	Sedentary			Current Smoking			Obese ¹		
	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value
Sex									
Female	53.5	1.55 (1.41 - 1.70)	< 0.001	15.5	0.95 (0.84 - 1.08)	0.434	48.1	1.04 (0.93 - 1.16)	0.535
Male	43.4	--	--	20.2	--	--	47.2	--	--
Age, y									
65-79	48.9	1.02 (0.91 - 1.14)	0.723	8.30	0.23 (0.19 - 0.27)	< 0.001	40.8	0.59 (0.52 - 0.68)	< 0.001
80+	47.5	1.05 (0.76 - 1.45)	0.771	2.21	0.04 (0.01 - 0.13)	< 0.001	20.2	0.23 (0.15 - 0.37)	< 0.001
45-64	48.7	--	--	21.7	--	--	51.0	--	--
Race/Ethnicity									
Hispanic or Latino	50.7	1.06 (0.90 - 1.25)	0.493	16.6	0.89 (0.71 - 1.12)	0.328	48.8	0.93 (0.76 - 1.13)	0.447
Not Hispanic or Latino-Asian	44.8	1.30 (0.99 - 1.71)	0.058	8.00	0.49 (0.30 - 0.80)	0.005	16.7	0.16 (0.11 - 0.24)	< 0.001
Not Hispanic or Latino-Black	58.4	1.13 (0.97 - 1.31)	0.105	20.7	0.96 (0.80 - 1.16)	0.683	59.8	1.55 (1.31 - 1.84)	< 0.001
Not Hispanic or Latino-Other	48.1	1.02 (0.73 - 1.42)	0.895	22.6	1.36 (0.90 - 2.06)	0.147	48.2	0.94 (0.63 - 1.41)	0.781
Not Hispanic or Latino-White	47.4	--	--	17.6	--	--	46.9	--	--
Socioeconomic Status⁵									
Low	57.7	1.45 (1.28 - 1.65)	< 0.001	23.1	2.00 (1.68 - 2.38)	< 0.001	52.1	0.99 (0.85 - 1.16)	0.918
Medium-low	50.2	1.20 (1.07 - 1.36)	0.003	18.9	1.63 (1.38 - 1.94)	< 0.001	49.1	1.04 (0.90 - 1.21)	0.559
Medium-high	47.7	1.18 (1.05 - 1.32)	0.007	17.4	1.52 (1.28 - 1.80)	< 0.001	48.4	1.06 (0.92 - 1.22)	0.454
High	41.4	--	--	11.5	--	--	42.3	--	--
US Region²									
Midwest	42.5	0.58 (0.52 - 0.65)	< 0.001	17.4	0.99 (0.85 - 1.14)	0.848	50.3	1.23 (1.08 - 1.41)	0.002
Northeast	45.5	0.63 (0.55 - 0.72)	< 0.001	17.1	1.02 (0.85 - 1.21)	0.854	49.9	1.04 (0.89 - 1.22)	0.617
West	44.3	0.68 (0.61 - 0.77)	< 0.001	13.7	0.76 (0.65 - 0.90)	0.001	42.5	0.97 (0.84 - 1.12)	0.648
South	56.3	--	--	19.9	--	--	48.5	--	--
Cardiac Risk Factors at Baseline³									
Current tobacco use	58.3	1.73 (1.54 - 1.94)	< 0.001	--	--	--	40.2	0.47 (0.41 - 0.54)	< 0.001
BMI ≥ 30	56.2	1.64 (1.47 - 1.82)	< 0.001	14.9	0.48 (0.41 - 0.55)	< 0.001	--	--	--

Outcome	Sedentary			Current Smoking			Obese ¹		
	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value
Hypertension	52.8	1.32 (1.20 - 1.45)	< 0.001	15.8	0.62 (0.55 - 0.70)	< 0.001	54.9	1.19 (1.06 - 1.33)	0.003
Diabetes	56.8	1.12 (0.99 - 1.26)	0.078	14.8	0.61 (0.51 - 0.72)	< 0.001	69.1	0.48 (0.40 - 0.56)	< 0.001
Dyslipidemia	47.8	0.91 (0.83 - 1.01)	0.068	15.0	0.53 (0.47 - 0.60)	< 0.001	48.6	0.41 (0.37 - 0.46)	< 0.001
Family History of Premature CAD	45.2	0.78 (0.71 - 0.85)	< 0.001	18.3	1.07 (0.95 - 1.21)	0.248	48.3	1.05 (0.94 - 1.17)	0.400
Peripheral arterial disease or cerebrovascular disease	57.8	1.33 (1.11 - 1.60)	0.003	21.9	1.61 (1.28 - 2.03)	< 0.001	45.6	0.78 (0.62 - 0.97)	0.028
Metabolic syndrome	56.0	1.10 (0.97 - 1.24)	0.157	16.3	1.43 (1.20 - 1.69)	< 0.001	83.3	27.77 (23.74 - 32.48)	< 0.001
History of depression	53.3	1.09 (0.98 - 1.21)	0.119	23.0	1.52 (1.33 - 1.74)	< 0.001	53.2	1.25 (1.10 - 1.42)	< 0.001
ASCVD pooled cohort risk prediction \geq 7.5%	49.7	1.08 (0.97 - 1.20)	0.170	19.2	2.45 (2.12 - 2.83)	< 0.001	49.4	0.89 (0.78 - 1.02)	0.094
Primary Presenting Symptom									
Chest pain	48.5	1.09 (0.95 - 1.24)	0.209	18.5	0.92 (0.77 - 1.09)	0.315	46.9	0.96 (0.82 - 1.13)	0.626
Dyspnea	52.2	1.27 (1.08 - 1.49)	0.004	13.8	0.73 (0.58 - 0.92)	0.007	53.0	1.23 (1.01 - 1.50)	0.036
Other	46.0	--	--	17.8	--	--	45.5	--	--
Type of Angina									
Atypical	48.8	1.08 (0.94 - 1.25)	0.256	17.9	0.96 (0.80 - 1.16)	0.682	47.7	0.92 (0.78 - 1.09)	0.335
Typical	50.4	1.14 (0.95 - 1.37)	0.157	16.5	0.85 (0.66 - 1.09)	0.193	49.4	0.88 (0.70 - 1.09)	0.237
Non-cardiac	46.5	--	--	18.0	--	--	45.7	--	--
Cardiac Specialist									
Cardiologist	48.7	1.00 (0.89 - 1.14)	0.951	17.7	1.03 (0.87 - 1.21)	0.746	47.6	1.07 (0.92 - 1.24)	0.407
Non-Cardiologist	49.2	--	--	17.9	--	--	48.7	--	--

¹ Obese defined as BMI \geq 30.

² Zip code level data extracted from 2010 US Census Bureau American Community Survey Data (5-year estimates).

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Participants—10,003 symptomatic outpatients evaluated by primary care physicians, cardiologists, or other specialists for suspected CAD.

Setting—PROspective Multicenter Imaging Study for Evaluation of Chest Pain (PROMISE) from 2010-2014.

Measures—Primary measures were absence of an antihypertensive, statin, or angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor/angiotensin receptor blocker for renal protection in patients with hypertension, dyslipidemia, or diabetes, respectively, and being sedentary, smoking, or being obese.

Results—Preventive treatment gaps affected 14% of patients with hypertension, 36% of patients with dyslipidemia, and 32% of patients with diabetes. Overall, 49% of patients were sedentary, 18% currently smoked, and 48% were obese. Women were significantly more likely to not take a statin for dyslipidemia and to be sedentary. Patients with lower socioeconomic status were also significantly more likely to not take a statin. Compared to Whites, Blacks were significantly more likely to be obese, while Asians were less likely to smoke or be obese. High-risk patients sometimes experienced larger preventive care gaps than low-risk patients.

Conclusions—Among contemporary, symptomatic patients with suspected CAD, significant gaps exist in preventive care and lifestyle practices, and high-risk patients sometimes had larger

gaps. Differences by sex, age, race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and geography are modest but contribute to disparities and have implications for improving population health.

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Abbreviations: CAD - coronary artery disease; CTA - computed tomographic angiography; PROMISE - PROspective Multicenter Imaging Study for Evaluation of Chest Pain; ACEi/ARB - angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor or angiotensin receptor blocker use; BMI - body mass index

Strengths and limitations of this study

- Studied 10,003 patients without diagnosed CAD whose physicians believed that noninvasive cardiovascular testing was necessary for the evaluation of suspected CAD.
- Focused on 6 potential gaps in preventive care demonstrated to increase the risk of cardiovascular disease.
- Focused on disparities in prevention by sex, age, race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and geography.
- Measures of preventive lifestyle practices were gathered through self-report; errors or inaccuracies in self-report could therefore affect our results.

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6 cardiologist with symptoms suggestive of coronary artery disease (CAD). In the United States,
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8 approximately 4 million of these patients are referred for outpatient cardiac stress testing or
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10 coronary computed tomographic angiography (CTA) each year.³ Although most have significant
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12 risk factors for adverse cardiovascular events, such as hypertension, dyslipidemia, and
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14 diabetes,^{4,5} little is known about their preventive medical and lifestyle practices prior to
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16 presentation, the extent to which these preventive measures differ from national
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18 recommendations and guidelines,⁶⁻⁹ or their relationship with sociodemographic and
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20 socioeconomic disparities. Understanding these patterns and characterizing the magnitude of
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22 medical or lifestyle gaps—that is, the difference between recommended preventive care and
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24 actual preventive care—is a critical step toward preventing disease and reducing adverse
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26 cardiovascular events in this population, independent of the outcome of diagnostic testing.
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36 Pain (PROMISE) to (1) evaluate potential gaps in preventive medical therapy among patients
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38 with hypertension, dyslipidemia, or diabetes; (2) determine the extent to which these gaps
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40 differed by patients' baseline risk; (3) evaluate gaps in healthy lifestyle practices, as defined by
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Methods

Study Design

Methods used in PROMISE have been described previously.^{4,10} The study protocol was approved by the local or central institutional review board at each coordinating center and at each enrolling site in North America. We enrolled symptomatic outpatients without diagnosed CAD whose physicians believed that non-urgent, noninvasive cardiovascular testing was necessary for the evaluation of suspected CAD. After providing written informed consent, 10,003 eligible patients were randomly assigned to either anatomical testing with CTA or functional testing with exercise electrocardiography, nuclear stress, or stress echocardiography.¹⁰ Enrollment began on July 27, 2010, and was completed on September 19, 2013. All the patients were followed until October 31, 2014. Analyses were performed in 2016.

Gaps in Preventive Medications and Lifestyle Practices

At the time of enrollment, information about preventive medication use and lifestyle practices was collected by the clinical sites through patient report, chart review, and other clinical sources. We focused on 6 potential gaps in preventive care that have been demonstrated to increase the risk of cardiovascular disease^{1,11}: absence of an antihypertensive medication in patients with hypertension, absence of a statin in patients with dyslipidemia, absence of an angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor or angiotensin receptor blocker (ACEi/ARB) for renal protection in patients with diabetes, being sedentary, smoking, and being obese, as determined by a body mass index (BMI) exceeding 30. Because patients had to be eligible for randomization to either CTA or functional testing, no patients known to have renal dysfunction were enrolled.

Hypertension, Dyslipidemia, and Diabetes

Because PROMISE was a pragmatic trial, diagnoses were identified and defined by physicians at the participating clinics rather than with study-specific criteria. Among our symptomatic patients, absence of antihypertensive medication in patients with hypertension was defined as a preventive care gap because of evidence that treating patients with this comorbidity reduces the risk of cardiovascular events¹² and because treatment is consistent with recommendations issued by the American Society of Hypertension, International Society of Hypertension,¹³ and American Heart Association.¹⁴ Absence of a statin in patients with dyslipidemia was considered a preventive care gap because statin use in primary and secondary prevention has been shown to reduce cardiovascular risk.^{15,16} The median atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD) score in our population was 11.3% with an interquartile range (IQR) of 6.1% to 19.8%, well above the 10-year risk threshold of 7.5% for treatment in most participants.¹⁷ Applying lower ASCVD thresholds for statin therapy has also been shown to be cost-effective.¹⁸ Absence of an ACEi/ARB for renal protection in patients with diabetes was considered a preventive care gap because the vast majority of diabetics in our population were hypertensive (79.9%) and prophylactic use of ACEi/ARBs reduces the incidence of albuminuria,¹⁹⁻²¹ which has been shown to be a risk factor for cardiovascular²² and overall mortality in patients with diabetes.^{23,24}

Physical Inactivity, Smoking, and Obesity

Being sedentary, smoking, and being obese have all been demonstrated to increase cardiovascular risk and therefore represent important gaps in preventive lifestyle practices.¹ We assessed the prevalence of these lifestyle practices across all patients in our cohort. To assess

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3 activity level, we asked, “During the past month, did you participate in any physical activities or
4 exercise regularly (1 or more times per week)? Examples include: running, aerobics, golf,
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12 13 14 15 *Demographics and Socioeconomics*

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17 We focused on disparities in prevention by sex, age, race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status,
18 and geography. Race/ethnicity was reported by the patient and categorized into the following
19 mutually exclusive groups: White; Black; American Indian/Alaska Native, Native
20 Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islanders; and Asian (not including any Hispanics) and Hispanics (from
21 any racial/ethnic group).²⁵ Socioeconomic status was defined by the median household income
22 of the patient’s zip code based on data extracted from 2010 US Census Bureau American
23 Community Survey Data (5-year estimates), similar to prior work.²⁶⁻²⁹ Socioeconomic status was
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Analyses were based on patient status at presentation for CAD evaluation. P values of
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preventive care and lifestyle practices and constructed multivariable logistic regression models to
assess the association of patients’ sociodemographic characteristics (sex, age, race/ethnicity,
socioeconomic status, and geography) at presentation with these gaps, while controlling for

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9 specialty (see Appendix Tables 2.1 and 2.2 for fully reported regression results). In addition to
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19 for each sociodemographic characteristic, while holding the distribution of all other covariates
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21 constant. We excluded 4% of patients in PROMISE from our multivariable analyses because we
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34 Results

35 *Symptomatic Patients: Characteristics and Baseline Risk*

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37 Characteristics of the 10,003 symptomatic patients (88% with chest pain/dyspnea, 12% with
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39 other symptoms) presenting to their primary care physicians, cardiologists, or other specialists
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41 are summarized in Table 1. The median age of the cohort was 60.0 years (IQR, 54.4-66.0 years),
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43 and 52.7% were women. Whites composed 77.4% of the cohort, and Blacks and Hispanics
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45 composed 10.8% and 7.7%, respectively. Asians composed 2.5% of the cohort, and people of
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8 9 10 *Preventive Medical and Lifestyle Gaps*

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27 *Association of Preventive Care Gaps with Sex, Age, and Race/Ethnicity*

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35 statin for dyslipidemia (OR 1.33, 95% CI 1.18-1.50) and to be sedentary (OR 1.55, 95% CI 1.41-
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37 1.70). Older patients were significantly less likely than the youngest patients to not be taking a
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39 statin for dyslipidemia (65-79 years: OR 0.64, 95% CI 0.55-0.75; ≥ 80 years: OR 0.59, 95% CI
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41 0.38-0.92) and to smoke (65-79 years: OR 0.23, 95% CI 0.19-0.27; ≥ 80 years: OR 0.04, 95% CI
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Variation in Preventive Care Gaps Between Higher and Lower Risk Symptomatic Patients

The prevalence of preventive medical therapy gaps varied by patient risk. Among symptomatic patients with hypertension, those at the highest overall cardiovascular risk (ASCVD $\geq 15\%$) were less likely to not be on an antihypertensive than patients at the lowest overall cardiovascular risk (ASCVD $< 7.5\%$) (OR 0.45, 95% CI 0.34-0.58), but patients with the highest blood pressure ($\geq 160/100$) were more likely to not be on an antihypertensive than patients with the lowest blood pressure ($< 140/90$) (OR 1.54, 95% CI 1.19-1.99). Among patients with dyslipidemia, those at the highest overall cardiovascular risk (OR 1.22, 95% CI 1.01-1.47) and with the highest blood pressure (OR 1.28, 95% CI 1.03-1.59) were more likely to not be on a statin, compared to patients with the lowest cardiovascular risk or lowest blood pressure. Among patients with diabetes, those at the highest overall cardiovascular risk were less likely to not be on an ACEi/ARB than patients at the lowest overall cardiovascular risk (OR 0.64, 95% CI 0.42-0.97) (Appendix Table 2.1).

For the combined endpoint of death, myocardial infarction, or hospitalization for unstable angina, there was no association between having a treatment gap and the risk of an adverse event among patients with hypertension or diabetes. However, for patients with dyslipidemia, the absence of a treatment gap was associated with a lower risk of an adverse event (HR 0.74, 95% CI 0.55-0.98).

Association of Preventive Care Gaps With Socioeconomic Status/Geography

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Compared to symptomatic patients with the highest socioeconomic status, patients with a medium-high socioeconomic status were more likely to not receive an antihypertensive for hypertension (OR 1.25, 95% CI 1.01-1.55), while patients with the lowest socioeconomic status were more likely to not receive a statin for dyslipidemia (OR 1.20, 95% CI 1.02-1.41) (Table 2, Figure 2). Patients with lower socioeconomic status were also more likely to be sedentary (Low: OR 1.45, 95% CI 1.28-1.65; Medium-low: OR 1.20, 95% CI 1.07-1.36; Medium-high: OR 1.18, 95% CI 1.05-1.32) and smoke (Low: OR 2.00, 95% CI 1.68-2.38; Medium-low: OR 1.63, 95% CI 1.38-1.94; Medium-high: OR 1.52, 95% CI 1.28-1.80) than patients with the highest socioeconomic status (Table 2), and these differences were more pronounced as socioeconomic status fell. Regional differences were common: compared to patients in the South, patients living in the West were more likely to not receive antihypertensives for hypertension (OR 1.32, 95% CI 1.08-1.63) and not receive statins for dyslipidemia (OR 1.31, 95% CI 1.13-1.52). Compared to patients in the South, patients in all other US regions were less likely to be sedentary (Midwest: OR 0.58, 95% CI 0.52-0.65; Northeast: OR 0.63, 95% CI 0.55-0.72; West: OR 0.68, 95% CI 0.61-0.77), and patients in the West were less likely to smoke (OR 0.76, 95% CI 0.65-0.90), while patients in the Midwest were more likely to be obese (OR 1.23, 95% CI 1.08-1.41).

Discussion

In the PROMISE trial population, we found that symptomatic patients presenting to their primary care physicians, cardiologists, or other specialists with suspected CAD have a high prevalence of risk factors for adverse cardiovascular events, with many of these risk factors representing missed opportunities to improve preventive medical care and lifestyle practices. We identified populations that should be targeted for interventions based on their sex, age, race/ethnicity,

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15 Our findings of gaps in preventive care and differences in these gaps across important
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21 likely to receive a statin than men.³² In another study of patients with peripheral artery disease,
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23 patients living in low socioeconomic status areas, as defined by median household income, were
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25 less likely to receive statins than patients living in higher socioeconomic status areas.²⁸
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27 Racial/ethnic differences in exercise participation, smoking, and obesity have also been
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29 reported.^{25,33} However, our work extends and broadens the findings of these studies because (1)
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3 comparisons have often been limited to Whites and Blacks only.^{29,33-35} Our findings of disparities
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8 Similar to other studies of gaps in preventive care, our results highlight the importance of
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12 such as the Million Hearts campaign, now leverage public-private partnerships and large
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14 investments in state and community programs to improve aspirin use in patients with CAD,
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18 cessation.^{36,37} In addition, our findings reinforce the potential benefits of public and private
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22 screening and counseling, and smoking cessation services.³⁸ Gaps in preventive care also
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26 patients in this population—and for the primary care physicians and cardiologists caring for
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28 them. We did not examine the association of gaps in care with subsequent imaging, CAD
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30 diagnosis, or invasive coronary angiography. In prior work, we showed that new initiation of an
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32 aspirin, statin, beta-blocker, or ACEi/ARB was not associated with the rate of adverse
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34 cardiovascular events over a median follow-up period of 25 months in adjusted models.³⁹ We
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36 have also reported that absence of hypertension, dyslipidemia, and tobacco use are associated
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38 with a lower rate of adverse cardiovascular events.⁴⁰ We also found that treatment gaps among
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42 cardiovascular events. In contrast, treatment gaps among patients with dyslipidemia were
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53 Our study has important limitations. There may have been patients whose hypertension or
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9 affect our results. Our use of BMI as a surrogate for body fatness and obesity identification is
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11 also vulnerable to misclassification, since sex, age, race/ethnicity, and muscle mass influence the
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17 In conclusion, among contemporary, symptomatic patients presenting to primary care
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23 CAD. Differences by sex, age, race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and geography tend to be
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FIGURE LEGENDS

Figure 1. Preventive medical therapy and lifestyle practices at presentation, by sex, age, and race/ethnicity. The bars represent covariate-adjusted probabilities of a preventive care gap, based on the multivariate models reported in Table 2. The reference groups for tests of statistical significance are male sex, 45-64 years old, and White race/ethnicity.

Figure 2. Preventive medical therapy and lifestyle practices at presentation. The bars represent covariate-adjusted probabilities of a preventive care gap, based on the multivariate models reported in Table 2. The reference groups for tests of statistical significance are high socioeconomic status and South region.

Table 1. Demographics and Presenting Characteristics for All Patients

Characteristic	All Patients (N=10003)
Female (%)	5270/10003 (52.7%)
Median age (IQR), years	60.0 (54.4-66.0)
Age (%), years	
45-64	7111/10003 (71.1%)
65-79	2711/10003 (27.1%)
80+	181/10003 (1.8%)
Race/ethnicity (%)	
Hispanic or Latino	767/9945 (7.7%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-White	7693/9945 (77.4%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Black	1071/9945 (10.8%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Asian	250/9945 (2.5%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Other	164/9945 (1.6%)
Socioeconomic status (minimum, maximum income), \$ ^a	
Low	11118, 42610
Medium-low	42613, 54149
Medium-high	54167, 71034
High	71059, 184338
US region ^b	
Midwest	2208/9690 (22.8%)
Northeast	1439/9690 (14.9%)
South	3999/9690 (41.3%)
West	2044/9690 (21.1%)
Cardiac risk factors	
BMI \geq 30 (%) (median 29.7, IQR 26.3-33.9)	4724/9907 (47.7%)
Hypertension (%)	6501/10002 (65.0%)
Diabetes (%)	2144/10002 (21.4%)
Dyslipidemia (%)	6767/10002 (67.7%)
Family history of premature CAD (%)	3202/9970 (32.1%)
Peripheral arterial disease or cerebrovascular disease (%)	552/10003 (5.5%)
CAD risk equivalent (%)	2531/10003 (25.3%)

Characteristic	All Patients (N=10003)
Metabolic syndrome (%)	3772/10003 (37.7%)
Current tobacco use (%)	1773/10000 (17.7%)
Regular exercise (%)	5116/9982 (51.3%)
History of depression (%)	2058/10000 (20.6%)
Risk scores	
Mean Diamond and Forrester score (SD) [n]	53 (20.14) [10003]
Mean ASCVD Pooled Cohort Risk Prediction (2013) (SD) [n]	15 (11.75) [9901]
Medication use (%)	
Aspirin	4280/9569 (44.7%)
Statin	4389/9569 (45.9%)
Beta-blocker	2399/9569 (25.1%)
ACE inhibitor or ARB	4194/9569 (43.8%)
Primary presenting symptoms (%)	
Chest pain	7272/9996 (72.7%)
Dyspnea	1490/9996 (14.9%)
Other	1234/9996 (12.3%)
Type of angina (%)	
Typical	1166/10003 (11.7%)
Atypical	7773/10003 (77.7%)
Non-cardiac	1064/10003 (10.6%)
Physician specialty (%)	
Cardiology	8662/10003 (86.6%)
Internal medicine	565/10003 (5.6%)
Other	776/10003 (7.8%)

^aMedian household income (in US \$) is used as a surrogate for socioeconomic status.

^b143 patients had missing zip code data, and 170 patients had zip codes that were not reported in 2010 Census ACS data.

ACE, angiotensin-converting enzyme; ARB, angiotensin receptor blocker; ASCVD, atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; BMI, body mass index; CAD, coronary artery disease; IQR, interquartile range.

Table 2. Prevalence and Adjusted Odds of No Medication Use and Lifestyle Choices at Baseline

Patient Characteristic	No antihypertensive use among patients with hypertension ^{a,b}			No statin use among patients with dyslipidemia ^c			No ACEi or ARB use in patients with diabetes ^d		
	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value
Sex									
Female	14.3	0.92 (0.78 - 1.10)	0.37	38.5	1.33 (1.18 - 1.50)	< 0.001	32.9	1.11 (0.86 - 1.42)	0.42
Male	13.2	--	--	34.0	--	--	30.5	--	--
Age, years									
45-64	14.7	--	--	39.1	--	--	33.3	--	--
65-79	11.5	1.12 (0.90 - 1.41)	0.308	30	0.64 (0.55 - 0.75)	< 0.001	28.4	1.10 (0.82 - 1.47)	0.541
80+	14.1	1.47 (0.84 - 2.57)	0.176	28.7	0.59 (0.38 - 0.92)	0.021	30.8	1.48 (0.57 - 3.87)	0.422
Race/ethnicity									
Hispanic or Latino	11.9	0.86 (0.64 - 1.16)	0.333	34.3	0.95 (0.77 - 1.17)	0.624	30.6	0.87 (0.60 - 1.27)	0.481
Not Hispanic or Latino-Asian	12.5	0.68 (0.39 - 1.18)	0.171	45.8	1.37 (1.00 - 1.87)	0.051	38.6	0.91 (0.48 - 1.74)	0.773
Not Hispanic or Latino-Black	11.6	0.95 (0.74 - 1.22)	0.715	33.6	0.94 (0.77 - 1.14)	0.522	27.7	1.28 (0.92 - 1.78)	0.146
Not Hispanic or Latino-Other	17.2	1.08 (0.61 - 1.92)	0.796	43	1.32 (0.88 - 1.98)	0.18	21.4	0.45 (0.18 - 1.14)	0.092
Not Hispanic or Latino-White	14.3	--	--	36.4	--	--	32.9	--	--
Socioeconomic status ^e									
Low	12.6	1.02 (0.81 - 1.28)	0.891	37	1.20 (1.02 - 1.41)	0.027	30	0.90 (0.64 - 1.25)	0.518
Medium-low	12.4	0.96 (0.76 - 1.19)	0.687	36.4	1.12 (0.96 - 1.30)	0.149	28.7	0.80 (0.57 - 1.13)	0.203
Medium-high	16.1	1.25 (1.01 - 1.55)	0.037	37.3	1.08 (0.93 - 1.25)	0.326	34.5	0.96 (0.68 - 1.34)	0.79
High	13.9	--	--	35.5	--	--	34.3	--	--

Patient Characteristic	No antihypertensive use among patients with hypertension ^{a,b}			No statin use among patients with dyslipidemia ^c			No ACEi or ARB use in patients with diabetes ^d		
	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value
US region ^e									
Midwest	14.1	1.13 (0.92 - 1.37)	0.242	36.6	1.07 (0.93 - 1.23)	0.347	31.7	1.07 (0.79 - 1.44)	0.677
Northeast	12.2	1.01 (0.79 - 1.28)	0.939	35	1.10 (0.93 - 1.30)	0.258	28.4	0.97 (0.69 - 1.35)	0.85
West	16.5	1.32 (1.08 - 1.63)	0.008	41.6	1.31 (1.13 - 1.52)	< 0.001	38.4	1.22 (0.88 - 1.68)	0.239
South	12.8	--	--	34.2	--	--	29.9	--	--

^aCommonly used antihypertensives include angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors, angiotensin-receptor blockers, beta-blockers, thiazide-type diuretics, and calcium-channel blockers.

^bOnly patients with hypertension included in the analysis (N=6501).

^cOnly patients with dyslipidemia included in the analysis (N=6767).

^dOnly patients with diabetes included in the analysis (N=2144).

^eZip code level data extracted from 2010 US Census Bureau American Community Survey Data (5-year estimates).

Table 2. Prevalence and Adjusted Odds of No Medication Use and Lifestyle Choices at Baseline Cont.

Outcome	Sedentary			Current Smoking			Obese ^a		
	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value
Sex									
Female	53.5	1.55 (1.41 - 1.70)	< 0.001	15.5	0.95 (0.84 - 1.08)	0.434	48.1	1.04 (0.93 - 1.16)	0.535
Male	43.4	--	--	20.2	--	--	47.2	--	--
Age, y									
45-64	48.7	--	--	21.7	--	--	51.0	--	--
65-79	48.9	1.02 (0.91 - 1.14)	0.723	8.30	0.23 (0.19 - 0.27)	< 0.001	40.8	0.59 (0.52 - 0.68)	< 0.001
80+	47.5	1.05 (0.76 - 1.45)	0.771	2.21	0.04 (0.01 - 0.13)	< 0.001	20.2	0.23 (0.15 - 0.37)	< 0.001
Race/ethnicity									
Hispanic or Latino	50.7	1.06 (0.90 - 1.25)	0.493	16.6	0.89 (0.71 - 1.12)	0.328	48.8	0.93 (0.76 - 1.13)	0.447
Not Hispanic or Latino-Asian	44.8	1.30 (0.99 - 1.71)	0.058	8.00	0.49 (0.30 - 0.80)	0.005	16.7	0.16 (0.11 - 0.24)	< 0.001
Not Hispanic or Latino-Black	58.4	1.13 (0.97 - 1.31)	0.105	20.7	0.96 (0.80 - 1.16)	0.683	59.8	1.55 (1.31 - 1.84)	< 0.001
Not Hispanic or Latino-Other	48.1	1.02 (0.73 - 1.42)	0.895	22.6	1.36 (0.90 - 2.06)	0.147	48.2	0.94 (0.63 - 1.41)	0.781
Not Hispanic or Latino-White	47.4	--	--	17.6	--	--	46.9	--	--
Socioeconomic status ^b									
Low	57.7	1.45 (1.28 - 1.65)	< 0.001	23.1	2.00 (1.68 - 2.38)	< 0.001	52.1	0.99 (0.85 - 1.16)	0.918
Medium-low	50.2	1.20 (1.07 - 1.36)	0.003	18.9	1.63 (1.38 - 1.94)	< 0.001	49.1	1.04 (0.90 - 1.21)	0.559
Medium-high	47.7	1.18 (1.05 - 1.32)	0.007	17.4	1.52 (1.28 - 1.80)	< 0.001	48.4	1.06 (0.92 - 1.22)	0.454

Outcome	Sedentary			Current Smoking			Obese ^a		
	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value
High	41.4	--	--	11.5	--	--	42.3	--	--
US region ^b									
Midwest	42.5	0.58 (0.52 - 0.65)	< 0.001	17.4	0.99 (0.85 - 1.14)	0.848	50.3	1.23 (1.08 - 1.41)	0.002
Northeast	45.5	0.63 (0.55 - 0.72)	< 0.001	17.1	1.02 (0.85 - 1.21)	0.854	49.9	1.04 (0.89 - 1.22)	0.617
West	44.3	0.68 (0.61 - 0.77)	< 0.001	13.7	0.76 (0.65 - 0.90)	0.001	42.5	0.97 (0.84 - 1.12)	0.648
South	56.3	--	--	19.9	--	--	48.5	--	--

^aObese defined as BMI \geq 30.

^bZip code level data extracted from 2010 US Census Bureau American Community Survey Data (5-year estimates).

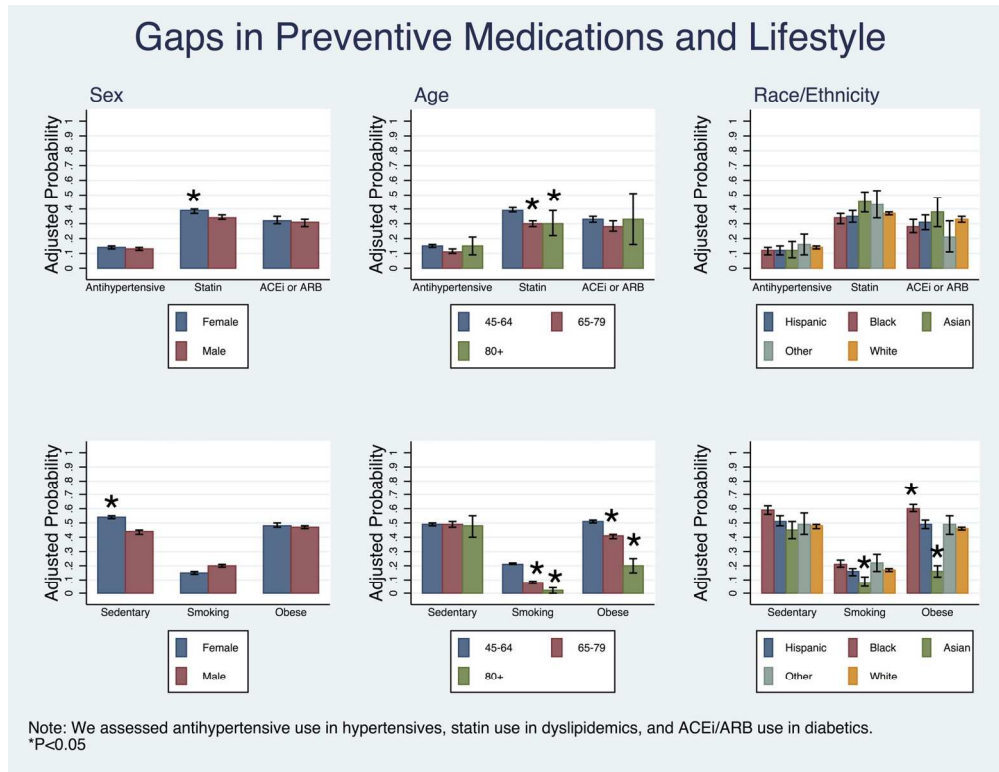


Figure 1. Preventive medical therapy and lifestyle practices at presentation, by sex, age, and race/ethnicity. The bars represent covariate-adjusted probabilities of a preventive care gap, based on the multivariate models reported in Table 2. The reference groups for tests of statistical significance are male sex, 45-64 years old, and White race/ethnicity.

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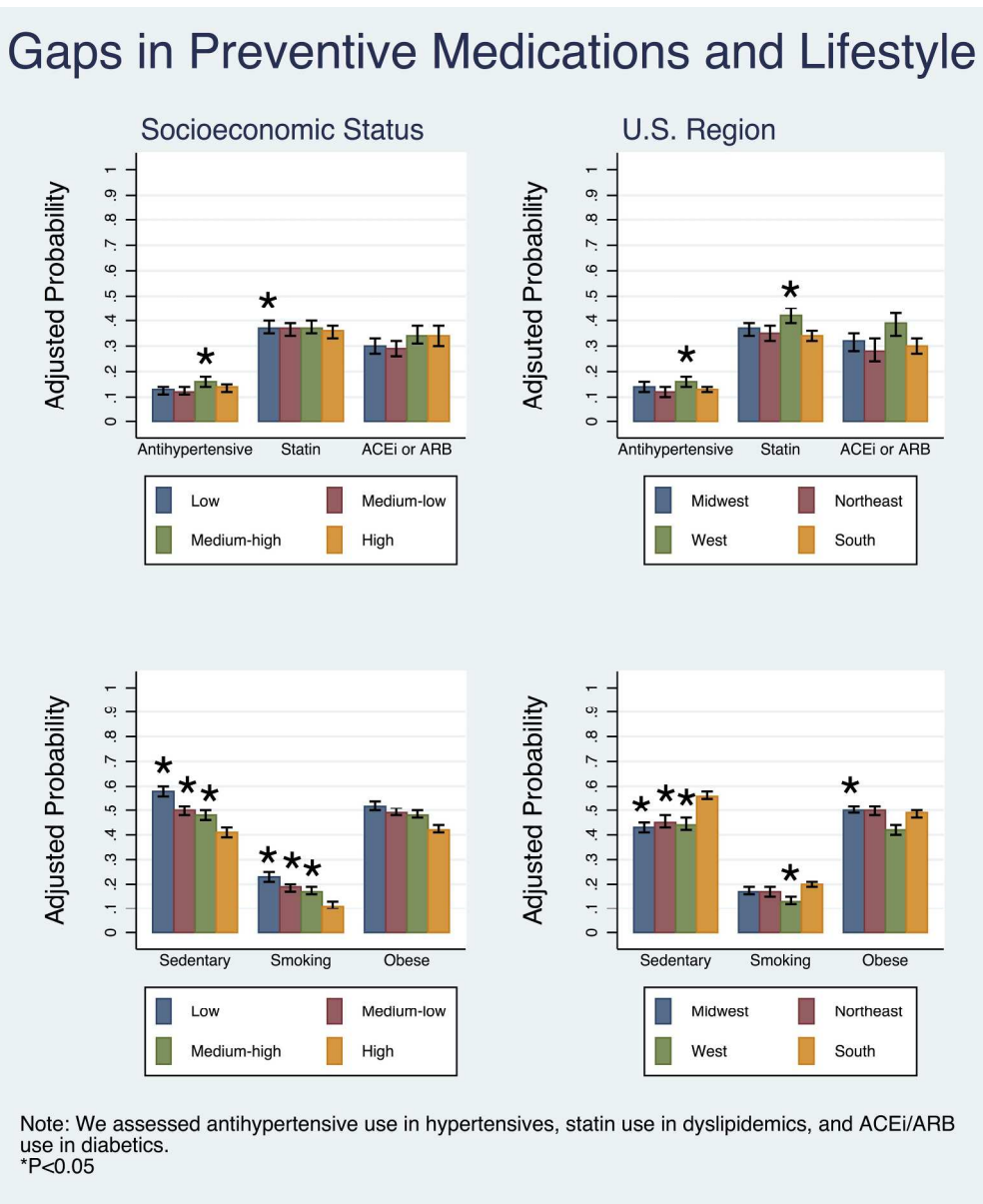


Figure 2. Preventive medical therapy and lifestyle practices at presentation. The bars represent covariate-adjusted probabilities of a preventive care gap, based on the multivariate models reported in Table 2. The reference groups for tests of statistical significance are high socioeconomic status and South region.

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Supplementary Appendix

Table 1.1. Demographics and Baseline Characteristics for Patients With Hypertension

Characteristic	Patients With Hypertension (N=6501)
Female (%)	3509/6501 (54.0%)
Age (%), y	
45-64	4522/6501 (69.6%)
65-79	1849/6501 (28.4%)
80+	130/6501 (2.0%)
Race/ethnicity (%)	
Hispanic or Latino	531/6471 (8.2%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-White	4813/6471 (74.4%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Black	885/6471 (13.7%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Asian	142/6471 (2.2%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Other	100/6471 (1.5%)
Socioeconomic status (minimum, maximum income), \$*	
Low	(11792,42610)
Medium-low	(42613,54149)
Medium-high	(54167,71034)
High	(71059,180815)
US region	
Midwest	1395/6316 (22.1%)
Northeast	965/6316 (15.3%)
South	2736/6316 (43.3%)
West	1220/6316 (19.3%)
Cardiac risk factors	
BMI \geq 30 (%)	3538/6439 (54.9%)
Diabetes (%)	1712/6501 (26.3%)
Dyslipidemia (%)	4408/6501 (67.8%)
Family history of premature CAD (%)	2050/6481 (31.6%)
Peripheral arterial disease or cerebrovascular disease (%)	424/6501 (6.5%)
CAD risk equivalent (%)	1992/6501 (30.6%)
Metabolic syndrome (%)	3080/6501 (47.4%)
Current tobacco use (%)	1025/6499 (15.8%)
Regular exercise (%)	3060/6487 (47.2%)
History of depression (%)	1381/6499 (21.2%)

Characteristic	Patients With Hypertension (N=6501)
Risk Scores	
Mean Diamond and Forrester score (SD) [n]	53 (20.21) [6501]
Mean ASCVD Pooled Cohort Risk Prediction (2013) (SD) [n]	17 (12.72) [6434]
Medication use (%)	
Aspirin	2956/6363 (46.5%)
Statin	3057/6363 (48.0%)
Beta-blocker	2126/6363 (33.4%)
ACE inhibitor or ARB	4041/6363 (63.5%)
Primary presenting symptoms (%)	
Chest pain	4653/6498 (71.6%)
Dyspnea	1027/6498 (15.8%)
Other	818/6498 (12.6%)
Type of angina (%)	
Typical	802/6501 (12.3%)
Atypical	5044/6501 (77.6%)
Non-cardiac	655/6501 (10.1%)
Physician specialty (%)	
Cardiology	5592/6501 (86.0%)
Internal Medicine	380/6501 (5.8%)
Other	529/6501 (8.1%)

ACE = angiotensin-converting enzyme; ARB = angiotensin receptor blocker; ASCVD = atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; BMI = body mass index; CAD = coronary artery disease.

*Median household income (in US \$) is used as a surrogate for socioeconomic status.

Table 1.2. Demographics and Baseline Characteristics for Patients With Dyslipidemia

Characteristic	Patients with Dyslipidemia (N=6767)
Female (%)	3632/6767 (53.7%)
Age (%), y	
45-64	4824/6767 (71.3%)
65-79	1827/6767 (27.0%)
80+	116/6767 (1.7%)
Race/ethnicity (%)	
Hispanic or Latino	516/6728 (7.7%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-White	5270/6728 (78.3%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Black	618/6728 (9.2%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Asian	207/6728 (3.1%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Other	117/6728 (1.7%)
Socioeconomic status (minimum, maximum income)*	
Low	(11118,42610)
Medium-low	(42613,54149)
Medium-high	(54175,71034)
High	(71059,184338)
US region	
Midwest	1543/6572 (23.5%)
Northeast	1004/6572 (15.3%)
South	2569/6572 (39.1%)
West	1456/6572 (22.2%)
Cardiac risk factors	
BMI \geq 30 (%)	3257/6701 (48.6%)
Hypertension (%)	4408/6767 (65.1%)
Diabetes (%)	1656/6767 (24.5%)
Family history of premature CAD (%)	2310/6746 (34.2%)
Peripheral arterial disease or cerebrovascular disease (%)	420/6767 (6.2%)
CAD risk equivalent (%)	1940/6767 (28.7%)
Metabolic syndrome (%)	3181/6767 (47.0%)
Current tobacco use (%)	1016/6765 (15.0%)
Regular exercise (%)	3520/6749 (52.2%)
History of depression (%)	1498/6765 (22.1%)
Risk scores	
Mean Diamond and Forrester score (SD) [n]	53 (20.11) [6767]
Mean ASCVD Pooled Cohort Risk Prediction (2013) (SD) [n]	15 (12.26) [6698]

Characteristic	Patients with Dyslipidemia (N=6767)
Medication use (%)	
Aspirin	3161/6570 (48.1%)
Statin	4178/6570 (63.6%)
Beta-blocker	1655/6570 (25.2%)
ACE inhibitor or ARB	2943/6570 (44.8%)
Primary presenting symptoms (%)	
Chest pain	4851/6761 (71.7%)
Dyspnea	1033/6761 (15.3%)
Other	877/6761 (13.0%)
Type of angina (%)	
Typical	801/6767 (11.8%)
Atypical	5268/6767 (77.8%)
Non-cardiac	698/6767 (10.3%)
Physician specialty (%)	
Cardiology	5858/6767 (86.6%)
Internal Medicine	371/6767 (5.5%)
Other	538/6767 (8.0%)

ACE = angiotensin-converting enzyme; ARB = angiotensin receptor blocker; ASCVD = atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; BMI = body mass index; CAD = coronary artery disease.

*Median household income (in US \$) is used as a surrogate for socioeconomic status.

Table 1.3. Demographics and Baseline Characteristics for Patients With Diabetes

Characteristic	Patients with Diabetes (N=2144)
Female (%)	1151/2144 (53.7%)
Age (%), y	
45-64	1488/2144 (69.4%)
65-79	630/2144 (29.4%)
80+	26/2144 (1.2%)
Race/ethnicity (%)	
Hispanic or Latino	256/2132 (12.0%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-White	1414/2132 (66.3%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Black	345/2132 (16.2%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Asian	75/2132 (3.5%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Other	42/2132 (2.0%)
Socioeconomic status (minimum, maximum income)*	
Low	(14586,42610)
Medium-low	(42641,54149)
Medium-high	(54260,71034)
High	(71059,139779)
US region	
Midwest	414/2074 (20.0%)
Northeast	348/2074 (16.8%)
South	916/2074 (44.2%)
West	396/2074 (19.1%)
Cardiac risk factors	
BMI \geq 30 (%)	1463/2117 (69.1%)
Hypertension (%)	1712/2144 (79.9%)
Dyslipidemia (%)	1656/2144 (77.2%)
Family history of premature CAD (%)	655/2140 (30.6%)
Peripheral arterial disease or cerebrovascular disease (%)	165/2144 (7.7%)
CAD risk equivalent (%)	2144/2144 (100.0%)
Metabolic syndrome (%)	1822/2144 (85.0%)
Current tobacco use (%)	318/2144 (14.8%)
Regular exercise (%)	926/2142 (43.2%)
History of depression (%)	516/2142 (24.1%)
Risk scores	
Mean Diamond and Forrester score (SD) [n]	54 (20.26) [2144]
Mean ASCVD Pooled Cohort Risk Prediction (2013) (SD) [n]	24 (15.25) [2111]
Medication use (%)	

Characteristic	Patients with Diabetes (N=2144)
Aspirin	1098/2118 (51.8%)
Statin	1291/2118 (61.0%)
Beta-blocker	619/2118 (29.2%)
ACE inhibitor or ARB	1444/2118 (68.2%)
Primary presenting symptoms (%)	
Chest pain	1518/2144 (70.8%)
Dyspnea	375/2144 (17.5%)
Other	251/2144 (11.7%)
Type of angina (%)	
Typical	296/2144 (13.8%)
Atypical	1653/2144 (77.1%)
Non-cardiac	195/2144 (9.1%)
Physician specialty (%)	
Cardiology	1830/2144 (85.4%)
Internal Medicine	142/2144 (6.6%)
Other	172/2144 (8.0%)

ACE = angiotensin-converting enzyme; ARB = angiotensin receptor blocker; ASCVD = atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; BMI = body mass index; CAD = coronary artery disease.

*Median household income (in US \$) is used as a surrogate for socioeconomic status.

Table 2.1. Prevalence and Adjusted Odds of No Medication Use at Baseline

Table 2.1 Prevalence and adjusted odds of no medication use at baseline.									
Patient Characteristic	No antihypertensive use among patients with hypertension ^{1,2}			No statin use among patients with dyslipidemia ³			No ACEi or ARB use in patients with diabetes ⁴		
	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value
Key Risk Factors									
Hypertension	13.8	--	--	33.3	1.08 (0.92 - 1.28)	0.334	20.2	0.07 (0.05 - 0.09)	< 0.001
Dyslipidemia	13.1	1.31 (1.08 - 1.59)	0.007	36.4	--	--	29.8	1.27 (0.92 - 1.74)	0.148
Diabetes	8.07	0.67 (0.52 - 0.85)	< 0.001	25.5	0.51 (0.43 - 0.60)	< 0.001	31.8	--	--
Sex									
Female	14.3	0.92 (0.78 - 1.10)	0.370	38.5	1.33 (1.18 - 1.50)	< 0.001	32.9	1.11 (0.86 - 1.42)	0.420
Male	13.2	--	--	34.0	--	--	30.5	--	--
Age									
65-79	11.5	1.12 (0.90 - 1.41)	0.308	30.0	0.64 (0.55 - 0.75)	< 0.001	28.4	1.10 (0.82 - 1.47)	0.541
80+	14.1	1.47 (0.84 - 2.57)	0.176	28.7	0.59 (0.38 - 0.92)	0.021	30.8	1.48 (0.57 - 3.87)	0.422
45-64	14.7	--	--	39.1	--	--	33.3	--	--
Race/Ethnicity									
Hispanic or Latino	11.9	0.86 (0.64 - 1.16)	0.333	34.3	0.95 (0.77 - 1.17)	0.624	30.6	1.87 (0.60 - 1.27)	0.481
Not Hispanic or Latino-Asian	12.5	0.68 (0.39 - 1.18)	0.171	45.8	1.37 (1.00 - 1.87)	0.051	38.6	1.91 (0.48 - 1.74)	0.773
Not Hispanic or Latino-Black	11.6	0.95 (0.74 - 1.22)	0.715	33.6	0.94 (0.77 - 1.14)	0.522	27.7	1.28 (0.92 - 1.78)	0.146
Not Hispanic or Latino-Other	17.2	1.08 (0.61 - 1.92)	0.796	43.0	1.32 (0.88 - 1.98)	0.180	21.4	1.45 (0.18 - 1.14)	0.092
Not Hispanic or Latino-White	14.3	--	--	36.4	--	--	32.9	--	--
Socioeconomic Status⁵									
Low	12.6	1.02 (0.81 - 1.28)	0.891	37.0	1.20 (1.02 - 1.41)	0.027	30.0	1.90 (0.64 - 1.25)	0.518
Medium-low	12.4	0.96 (0.76 - 1.19)	0.687	36.4	1.12 (0.96 - 1.30)	0.149	28.7	1.80 (0.57 - 1.13)	0.203
Medium-high	16.1	1.25 (1.01 - 1.55)	0.037	37.3	1.08 (0.93 - 1.25)	0.326	34.5	1.96 (0.68 - 1.34)	0.790
High	13.9	--	--	35.5	--	--	34.3	--	--

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Table 2.1 Prevalence and adjusted odds of no medication use at baseline.

Patient Characteristic	No antihypertensive use among patients with hypertension ^{1,2}			No statin use among patients with dyslipidemia ³			No ACEi or ARB use in patients with diabetes ⁴		
	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value
US Region⁵									
Midwest	14.1	1.13 (0.92 - 1.37)	0.242	36.6	1.07 (0.93 - 1.23)	0.347	31.7	1.07 (0.79 - 1.44)	0.677
Northeast	12.2	1.01 (0.79 - 1.28)	0.939	35.0	1.10 (0.93 - 1.30)	0.258	28.4	1.07 (0.69 - 1.35)	0.850
West	16.5	1.32 (1.08 - 1.63)	0.008	41.6	1.31 (1.13 - 1.52)	< 0.001	38.4	1.22 (0.88 - 1.68)	0.239
South	12.8	--	--	34.2	--	--	29.9	--	--
Cardiac Risk Factors at Baseline⁶									
BMI ≥ 30	12.1	0.71 (0.58 - 0.85)	< 0.001	34.9	0.93 (0.80 - 1.07)	0.285	27.7	0.58 (0.43 - 0.78)	< 0.001
Regular exercise	13.7	0.89 (0.76 - 1.04)	0.151	37.2	1.04 (0.94 - 1.17)	0.444	31.8	0.78 (0.62 - 0.99)	0.041
Current tobacco use	14.2	1.11 (0.89 - 1.37)	0.356	39.5	1.09 (0.93 - 1.27)	0.287	35.4	1.24 (0.89 - 1.71)	0.204
Family History of Premature CAD	13.0	0.90 (0.77 - 1.07)	0.226	36.3	0.98 (0.87 - 1.09)	0.672	31.2	0.91 (0.71 - 1.16)	0.433
Peripheral arterial disease or cerebrovascular disease	12.2	0.99 (0.72 - 1.37)	0.948	25.3	0.66 (0.52 - 0.84)	< 0.001	28.8	0.88 (0.71 - 1.64)	0.720
Metabolic syndrome	11.4	1.09 (0.87 - 1.35)	0.463	33.8	1.22 (1.04 - 1.43)	0.015	27.6	0.94 (0.64 - 1.40)	0.774
History of depression	13.6	0.98 (0.81 - 1.18)	0.794	37.0	1.00 (0.87 - 1.13)	0.955	34.6	1.12 (0.86 - 1.47)	0.389
ASCVD pooled cohort risk prediction categories									
High (≥15)	10.5	0.45 (0.34 - 0.58)	< 0.001	31.6	1.22 (1.01 - 1.47)	0.036	27.1	0.64 (0.42 - 0.97)	0.034
Intermediate (7.5 - 14.99)	13.2	0.63 (0.51 - 0.77)	< 0.001	37.4	1.07 (0.93 - 1.24)	0.330	39.3	0.90 (0.60 - 1.34)	0.588
Low (< 7.5)	19.7	--	--	41.3	--	--	41.3	--	--
Blood Pressure categories									
High (≥160/100)	15.3	1.54 (1.19 - 1.99)	0.001	39.6	1.28 (1.03 - 1.59)	0.023	25.2	0.74 (0.74 - 1.77)	0.556
Intermediate (≥140-159/90-99)	16.3	1.58 (1.34 - 1.86)	< 0.001	36.3	1.08 (0.95 - 1.22)	0.241	27.5	1.02 (0.79 - 1.32)	0.884
Low (<140/90)	12.1	--	--	36.1	--	--	34.9	--	--
Medication Use at Baseline									
Antihypertensive				31.0	0.64 (0.53 - 0.77)	< 0.001	14.3	--	--

Table 2.1 Prevalence and adjusted odds of no medication use at baseline.

Patient Characteristic	No antihypertensive use among patients with hypertension ^{1,2}			No statin use among patients with dyslipidemia ³			No ACEi or ARB use in patients with diabetes ⁴		
	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value
Statin	10.0	0.53 (0.45 - 0.64)	< 0.001				27.0	0.51 (0.39 - 0.67)	< 0.001
ACEi or ARB	0.00	--	--	29.0	0.82 (0.70 - 0.96)	0.011			
Primary Presenting Symptom									
Chest pain	14.2	0.90 (0.72 - 1.12)	0.340	37.2	1.08 (0.92 - 1.27)	0.356	32.6	0.95 (0.66 - 1.35)	0.754
Dyspnea	11.1	0.79 (0.59 - 1.06)	0.118	34.9	1.09 (0.89 - 1.33)	0.419	28.7	0.90 (0.59 - 1.37)	0.617
Other	14.7	--	--	34.3	--	--	32.1	--	--
Type of Angina									
Atypical	13.9	0.92 (0.72 - 1.18)	0.515	36.7	1.03 (0.87 - 1.24)	0.712	32.1	0.95 (0.64 - 1.40)	0.788
Typical	11.1	0.76 (0.55 - 1.06)	0.107	35.4	1.04 (0.83 - 1.31)	0.720	30.4	0.94 (0.58 - 1.52)	0.802
Non-cardiac	15.8	--	--	35.6	--	--	31.4	--	--
Cardiac Specialist									
Cardiologist	13.5	0.83 (0.67 - 1.03)	0.099	36.3	0.94 (0.80 - 1.10)	0.406	31.6	0.94 (0.68 - 1.30)	0.723
Non-Cardiologist	15.2	--	--	37.4	--	--	32.8	--	--

ACE = angiotensin-converting enzyme; ARB = angiotensin receptor blocker; ASCVD = atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; BMI = body mass index; CAD = coronary artery disease.

¹ Commonly used antihypertensives include ACE inhibitors, ARBs, beta-blockers, thiazide-type diuretics, and calcium-channel blockers.

² Only patients with hypertension included in the analysis (N=6501).

³ Only patients with dyslipidemia included in the analysis (N=6767).

⁴ Only patients with diabetes included in the analysis (N=2144).

⁵ Zip code level data extracted from 2010 US Census Bureau American Community Survey Data (5-year estimates).

⁶ Reference group is patients without risk factor.

Table 2.2. Prevalence and Adjusted Odds of Lifestyle Choices at Baseline

Outcome	Sedentary			Current Smoking			Obese ¹		
	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value
Sex									
Female	53.5	1.55 (1.41 - 1.70)	< 0.001	15.5	0.95 (0.84 - 1.08)	0.434	48.1	1.00 (0.93 - 1.16)	0.535
Male	43.4	--	--	20.2	--	--	47.2	--	--
Age, y									
65-79	48.9	1.02 (0.91 - 1.14)	0.723	8.30	0.23 (0.19 - 0.27)	< 0.001	40.8	0.55 (0.52 - 0.68)	< 0.001
80+	47.5	1.05 (0.76 - 1.45)	0.771	2.21	0.04 (0.01 - 0.13)	< 0.001	20.2	0.25 (0.15 - 0.37)	< 0.001
45-64	48.7	--	--	21.7	--	--	51.0	--	--
Race/Ethnicity									
Hispanic or Latino	50.7	1.06 (0.90 - 1.25)	0.493	16.6	0.89 (0.71 - 1.12)	0.328	48.8	0.99 (0.76 - 1.13)	0.447
Not Hispanic or Latino-Asian	44.8	1.30 (0.99 - 1.71)	0.058	8.00	0.49 (0.30 - 0.80)	0.005	16.7	0.10 (0.11 - 0.24)	< 0.001
Not Hispanic or Latino-Black	58.4	1.13 (0.97 - 1.31)	0.105	20.7	0.96 (0.80 - 1.16)	0.683	59.8	1.55 (1.31 - 1.84)	< 0.001
Not Hispanic or Latino-Other	48.1	1.02 (0.73 - 1.42)	0.895	22.6	1.36 (0.90 - 2.06)	0.147	48.2	0.90 (0.63 - 1.41)	0.781
Not Hispanic or Latino-White	47.4	--	--	17.6	--	--	46.9	--	--
Socioeconomic Status⁵									
Low	57.7	1.45 (1.28 - 1.65)	< 0.001	23.1	2.00 (1.68 - 2.38)	< 0.001	52.1	0.97 (0.85 - 1.16)	0.918
Medium-low	50.2	1.20 (1.07 - 1.36)	0.003	18.9	1.63 (1.38 - 1.94)	< 0.001	49.1	1.00 (0.90 - 1.21)	0.559
Medium-high	47.7	1.18 (1.05 - 1.32)	0.007	17.4	1.52 (1.28 - 1.80)	< 0.001	48.4	1.00 (0.92 - 1.22)	0.454
High	41.4	--	--	11.5	--	--	42.3	--	--
US Region²									
Midwest	42.5	0.58 (0.52 - 0.65)	< 0.001	17.4	0.99 (0.85 - 1.14)	0.848	50.3	1.25 (1.08 - 1.41)	0.002
Northeast	45.5	0.63 (0.55 - 0.72)	< 0.001	17.1	1.02 (0.85 - 1.21)	0.854	49.9	1.00 (0.89 - 1.22)	0.617
West	44.3	0.68 (0.61 - 0.77)	< 0.001	13.7	0.76 (0.65 - 0.90)	0.001	42.5	0.99 (0.84 - 1.12)	0.648
South	56.3	--	--	19.9	--	--	48.5	--	--
Cardiac Risk Factors at Baseline³									
Current tobacco use	58.3	1.73 (1.54 - 1.94)	< 0.001	--	--	--	40.2	0.44 (0.41 - 0.54)	< 0.001
BMI ≥ 30	56.2	1.64 (1.47 - 1.82)	< 0.001	14.9	0.48 (0.41 - 0.55)	< 0.001	--	--	--

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	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value
Hypertension	52.8	1.32 (1.20 - 1.45)	< 0.001	15.8	0.62 (0.55 - 0.70)	< 0.001	54.9	1.13 (1.06 - 1.33)	0.003
Diabetes	56.8	1.12 (0.99 - 1.26)	0.078	14.8	0.61 (0.51 - 0.72)	< 0.001	69.1	0.49 (0.40 - 0.56)	< 0.001
Dyslipidemia	47.8	0.91 (0.83 - 1.01)	0.068	15.0	0.53 (0.47 - 0.60)	< 0.001	48.6	0.48 (0.37 - 0.46)	< 0.001
Family History of Premature CAD	45.2	0.78 (0.71 - 0.85)	< 0.001	18.3	1.07 (0.95 - 1.21)	0.248	48.3	1.08 (0.94 - 1.17)	0.400
Peripheral arterial disease or cerebrovascular disease	57.8	1.33 (1.11 - 1.60)	0.003	21.9	1.61 (1.28 - 2.03)	< 0.001	45.6	0.72 (0.62 - 0.97)	0.028
Metabolic syndrome	56.0	1.10 (0.97 - 1.24)	0.157	16.3	1.43 (1.20 - 1.69)	< 0.001	83.3	2.77 (23.74 - 32.48)	< 0.001
History of depression	53.3	1.09 (0.98 - 1.21)	0.119	23.0	1.52 (1.33 - 1.74)	< 0.001	53.2	1.21 (1.10 - 1.42)	< 0.001
ASCVD pooled cohort risk prediction ≥ 7.5%	49.7	1.08 (0.97 - 1.20)	0.170	19.2	2.45 (2.12 - 2.83)	< 0.001	49.4	0.88 (0.78 - 1.02)	0.094
Primary Presenting Symptom									
Chest pain	48.5	1.09 (0.95 - 1.24)	0.209	18.5	0.92 (0.77 - 1.09)	0.315	46.9	0.98 (0.82 - 1.13)	0.626
Dyspnea	52.2	1.27 (1.08 - 1.49)	0.004	13.8	0.73 (0.58 - 0.92)	0.007	53.0	1.22 (1.01 - 1.50)	0.036
Other	46.0	--	--	17.8	--	--	45.5	--	--
Type of Angina									
Atypical	48.8	1.08 (0.94 - 1.25)	0.256	17.9	0.96 (0.80 - 1.16)	0.682	47.7	0.97 (0.78 - 1.09)	0.335
Typical	50.4	1.14 (0.95 - 1.37)	0.157	16.5	0.85 (0.66 - 1.09)	0.193	49.4	0.88 (0.70 - 1.09)	0.237
Non-cardiac	46.5	--	--	18.0	--	--	45.7	--	--
Cardiac Specialist									
Cardiologist	48.7	1.00 (0.89 - 1.14)	0.951	17.7	1.03 (0.87 - 1.21)	0.746	47.6	1.03 (0.92 - 1.24)	0.407
Non-Cardiologist	49.2	--	--	17.9	--	--	48.7	--	--

¹ Obese defined as BMI ≥ 30.

² Zip code level data extracted from 2010 US Census Bureau American Community Survey Data (5-year estimates).

³ Reference group is patients without risk factor.

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ABSTRACT

Objectives—To evaluate potential gaps in preventive medical therapy and healthy lifestyle practices among symptomatic patients with suspected coronary artery disease (CAD) seeing primary care physicians and cardiologists, and how gaps vary by sociodemographic characteristics and baseline cardiovascular risk.

Design—Cross sectional study assessing potential preventive gaps

Participants—10,003 symptomatic outpatients evaluated by primary care physicians, cardiologists, or other specialists for suspected CAD.

Setting—PROspective Multicenter Imaging Study for Evaluation of Chest Pain (PROMISE) from 2010-2014.

Measures—Primary measures were absence of an antihypertensive, statin, or angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor/angiotensin receptor blocker for renal protection in patients with hypertension, dyslipidemia, or diabetes, respectively, and being sedentary, smoking, or being obese.

Results—Preventive treatment gaps affected 14% of patients with hypertension, 36% of patients with dyslipidemia, and 32% of patients with diabetes. Overall, 49% of patients were sedentary, 18% currently smoked, and 48% were obese. Women were significantly more likely to not take a statin for dyslipidemia and to be sedentary. Patients with lower socioeconomic status were also significantly more likely to not take a statin. Compared to Whites, Blacks were significantly more likely to be obese, while Asians were less likely to smoke or be obese. High-risk patients sometimes experienced larger preventive care gaps than low-risk patients. For patients with dyslipidemia, the presence of a treatment gap was associated with a higher risk of an adverse event (HR 1.35, 95% CI 1.02-1.82).

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3 **Conclusions**—Among contemporary, symptomatic patients with suspected CAD, significant
4 gaps exist in preventive care and lifestyle practices, and high-risk patients sometimes had larger
5 gaps. Differences by sex, age, race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and geography are modest
6 but contribute to disparities and have implications for improving population health. For patients
7 with dyslipidemia, the presence of a treatment gap was associated with a higher risk of an
8 adverse event.
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19 angiography, health disparities, socioeconomics
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24 **Abbreviations:** CAD - coronary artery disease; CTA - computed tomographic angiography;
25 PROMISE - PROspective Multicenter Imaging Study for Evaluation of Chest Pain; ACEi/ARB -
26 angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor or angiotensin receptor blocker use; BMI - body mass
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37 **Strengths and limitations of this study**

- 38 • Studied 10,003 patients without diagnosed CAD whose physicians believed that
39 noninvasive cardiovascular testing was necessary for the evaluation of suspected CAD.
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- 41 • Focused on 6 potential gaps in preventive care demonstrated to increase the risk of
42 cardiovascular disease.
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- 44 • Focused on disparities in prevention by sex, age, race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status,
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- 47 • Measures of preventive lifestyle practices were gathered through self-report; errors or
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3 Preventive medical care and lifestyle practices reduce the risk of adverse cardiovascular events^{1,2}
4 and may influence how likely a patient is to present to their primary care physician or
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6 cardiologist with symptoms suggestive of coronary artery disease (CAD). In the United States,
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8 approximately 4 million of these patients are referred for outpatient cardiac stress testing or
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10 coronary computed tomographic angiography (CTA) each year.³ Although most have significant
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12 risk factors for adverse cardiovascular events, such as hypertension, dyslipidemia, and
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14 diabetes,^{4,5} little is known about their preventive medical and lifestyle practices prior to
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16 presentation, the extent to which these preventive measures differ from national
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18 recommendations and guidelines,⁶⁻⁹ or their relationship with sociodemographic and
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22 medical or lifestyle gaps—that is, the difference between recommended preventive care and
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24 actual preventive care—is a critical step toward preventing disease and reducing adverse
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26 cardiovascular events in this population, independent of the outcome of diagnostic testing.
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30 contribute to important health disparities and identify populations in need of specific targeting.
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32 To identify opportunities for improving preventive care in this population, we used data from
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34 symptomatic patients in the PROspective Multicenter Imaging Study for Evaluation of Chest
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36 Pain (PROMISE) to (1) evaluate potential gaps in preventive medical therapy among patients
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38 with hypertension, dyslipidemia, or diabetes; (2) determine the extent to which these gaps
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40 differed by patients' baseline risk; (3) evaluate gaps in healthy lifestyle practices, as defined by
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42 being sedentary, smoking, or being obese; and (4) determine which gaps vary by sex, age,
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Methods

Study Design

Methods used in PROMISE have been described previously.^{4,10} The study protocol was approved by the local or central institutional review board at each coordinating center and at each enrolling site in North America. We enrolled symptomatic outpatients without diagnosed CAD whose physicians believed that non-urgent, noninvasive cardiovascular testing was necessary for the evaluation of suspected CAD. After providing written informed consent, 10,003 eligible patients were randomly assigned to either anatomical testing with CTA or functional testing with exercise electrocardiography, nuclear stress, or stress echocardiography.¹⁰ Enrollment began on July 27, 2010, and was completed on September 19, 2013. All the patients were followed until October 31, 2014. Analyses were performed in 2016.

Gaps in Preventive Medications and Lifestyle Practices

At the time of enrollment, information about preventive medication use and lifestyle practices was collected by the clinical sites through patient report, chart review, and other clinical sources. We focused on 6 potential gaps in preventive care that have been demonstrated to increase the risk of cardiovascular disease^{1,11}: absence of an antihypertensive medication in patients with hypertension, absence of a statin in patients with dyslipidemia, absence of an angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor or angiotensin receptor blocker (ACEi/ARB) for renal protection in patients with diabetes, being sedentary, smoking, and being obese, as determined by a body mass index (BMI) exceeding 30. Because patients had to be eligible for randomization to either CTA or functional testing, no patients known to have renal dysfunction were enrolled.

Hypertension, Dyslipidemia, and Diabetes

Because PROMISE was a pragmatic trial, diagnoses were identified and defined by physicians at the participating clinics rather than with study-specific criteria. Among our symptomatic patients, absence of antihypertensive medication in patients with hypertension was defined as a preventive care gap because of evidence that treating patients with this comorbidity reduces the risk of cardiovascular events¹² and because treatment is consistent with recommendations issued by the American Society of Hypertension, International Society of Hypertension,¹³ and American Heart Association.¹⁴ Absence of a statin in patients with dyslipidemia was considered a preventive care gap because statin use in primary and secondary prevention has been shown to reduce cardiovascular risk.^{15,16} The median atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD) score in our population was 11.3% with an interquartile range (IQR) of 6.1% to 19.8%, well above the 10-year risk threshold of 7.5% for treatment in most participants.¹⁷ Applying lower ASCVD thresholds for statin therapy has also been shown to be cost-effective.¹⁸ Absence of an ACEi/ARB for renal protection in patients with diabetes was considered a preventive care gap because the vast majority of diabetics in our population were hypertensive (79.9%) and prophylactic use of ACEi/ARBs reduces the incidence of albuminuria,¹⁹⁻²¹ which has been shown to be a risk factor for cardiovascular²² and overall mortality in patients with diabetes.^{23,24}

Physical Inactivity, Smoking, and Obesity

Being sedentary, smoking, and being obese have all been demonstrated to increase cardiovascular risk and therefore represent important gaps in preventive lifestyle practices.¹ We assessed the prevalence of these lifestyle practices across all patients in our cohort. To assess

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3 activity level, we asked, “During the past month, did you participate in any physical activities or
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5 exercise regularly (1 or more times per week)? Examples include: running, aerobics, golf,
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17 We focused on disparities in prevention by sex, age, race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status,
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19 and geography. Race/ethnicity was reported by the patient and categorized into the following
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21 mutually exclusive groups: White; Black; American Indian/Alaska Native, Native
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23 Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islanders; and Asian (not including any Hispanics) and Hispanics (from
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25 any racial/ethnic group).²⁵ Socioeconomic status was defined by the median household income
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27 of the patient’s zip code based on data extracted from 2010 US Census Bureau American
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29 Community Survey Data (5-year estimates), similar to prior work.²⁶⁻²⁹ Socioeconomic status was
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33 medium-high, and high). We used the following US Census categories for geographic regions:
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52 assess the association of patients’ sociodemographic characteristics (sex, age, race/ethnicity,
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54 socioeconomic status, and geography) at presentation with these gaps, while controlling for
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7 ASCVD: <7.5%, 7.5% to <15%, and \geq 15%), other clinical characteristics, and physician
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11 Appendix Tables 2.1 and 2.2 for fully reported regression results). In addition to estimating
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23 constant. We excluded 4% of patients in PROMISE from our multivariable analyses because we
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37 *Symptomatic Patients: Characteristics and Baseline Risk*

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39 Characteristics of the 10,003 symptomatic patients (88% with chest pain/dyspnea, 12% with
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41 other symptoms) presenting to their primary care physicians, cardiologists, or other specialists
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43 are summarized in Table 1. The median age of the cohort was 60.0 years (IQR, 54.4-66.0 years),
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45 and 52.7% were women. Whites composed 77.4% of the cohort, and Blacks and Hispanics
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47 composed 10.8% and 7.7%, respectively. Asians composed 2.5% of the cohort, and people of
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8 9 10 *Preventive Medical and Lifestyle Gaps*

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19 practices, 49% of all patients were sedentary, 18% were current smokers, and 48% were obese.
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26 27 *Association of Preventive Care Gaps with Sex, Age, and Race/Ethnicity*

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35 statin for dyslipidemia (OR 1.33, 95% CI 1.18-1.50) and to be sedentary (OR 1.55, 95% CI 1.41-
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39 statin for dyslipidemia (65-79 years: OR 0.64, 95% CI 0.55-0.75; ≥ 80 years: OR 0.59, 95% CI
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Variation in Preventive Care Gaps Between Higher and Lower Risk Symptomatic Patients

The prevalence of preventive medical therapy gaps varied by patient risk. Among symptomatic patients with hypertension, those at the highest overall cardiovascular risk (ASCVD $\geq 15\%$) were less likely to not be on an antihypertensive than patients at the lowest overall cardiovascular risk (ASCVD $< 7.5\%$) (OR 0.45, 95% CI 0.34-0.58), but patients with the highest blood pressure ($\geq 160/100$) were more likely to not be on an antihypertensive than patients with the lowest blood pressure ($< 140/90$) (OR 1.54, 95% CI 1.19-1.99). Among patients with dyslipidemia, those at the highest overall cardiovascular risk (OR 1.22, 95% CI 1.01-1.47) and with the highest blood pressure (OR 1.28, 95% CI 1.03-1.59) were more likely to not be on a statin, compared to patients with the lowest cardiovascular risk or lowest blood pressure. Among patients with diabetes, those at the highest overall cardiovascular risk were less likely to not be on an ACEi/ARB than patients at the lowest overall cardiovascular risk (OR 0.64, 95% CI 0.42-0.97) (Appendix Table 2.1).

For the combined endpoint of death, myocardial infarction, or hospitalization for unstable angina, there was no association between having a treatment gap and the risk of an adverse event among patients with hypertension or diabetes. However, for patients with dyslipidemia, the presence of a treatment gap was associated with a higher risk of an adverse event (HR 1.35, 95% CI 1.02-1.82).

Association of Preventive Care Gaps With Socioeconomic Status/Geography

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Compared to symptomatic patients with the highest socioeconomic status, patients with a medium-high socioeconomic status were more likely to not receive an antihypertensive for hypertension (OR 1.25, 95% CI 1.01-1.55), while patients with the lowest socioeconomic status were more likely to not receive a statin for dyslipidemia (OR 1.20, 95% CI 1.02-1.41) (Table 2, Figure 2). Patients with lower socioeconomic status were also more likely to be sedentary (Low: OR 1.45, 95% CI 1.28-1.65; Medium-low: OR 1.20, 95% CI 1.07-1.36; Medium-high: OR 1.18, 95% CI 1.05-1.32) and smoke (Low: OR 2.00, 95% CI 1.68-2.38; Medium-low: OR 1.63, 95% CI 1.38-1.94; Medium-high: OR 1.52, 95% CI 1.28-1.80) than patients with the highest socioeconomic status (Table 2), and these differences were more pronounced as socioeconomic status fell. Regional differences were common: compared to patients in the South, patients living in the West were more likely to not receive antihypertensives for hypertension (OR 1.32, 95% CI 1.08-1.63) and not receive statins for dyslipidemia (OR 1.31, 95% CI 1.13-1.52). Compared to patients in the South, patients in all other US regions were less likely to be sedentary (Midwest: OR 0.58, 95% CI 0.52-0.65; Northeast: OR 0.63, 95% CI 0.55-0.72; West: OR 0.68, 95% CI 0.61-0.77), and patients in the West were less likely to smoke (OR 0.76, 95% CI 0.65-0.90), while patients in the Midwest were more likely to be obese (OR 1.23, 95% CI 1.08-1.41).

Discussion

In the PROMISE trial population, we found that symptomatic patients presenting to their primary care physicians, cardiologists, or other specialists with suspected CAD have a high prevalence of risk factors for adverse cardiovascular events, with many of these risk factors representing missed opportunities to improve preventive medical care and lifestyle practices. We identified populations that should be targeted for interventions based on their sex, age, race/ethnicity,

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3 socioeconomic status, and geography. While some of the preventive care gaps were smaller in
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5 symptomatic patients at higher risk, others were larger or unassociated with baseline risk.
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8 Finally, our results support the notion that wider adherence to preventive medication and lifestyle
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10 practices may alter the epidemiology of chest pain presentations and reduce the incidence of
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15 Our findings of gaps in preventive care and differences in these gaps across important
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17 sociodemographic characteristics complement the work of others. For example, in a study of
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19 patients with cardiovascular disease in the US Veterans Affairs health system, women were less
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21 likely to receive a statin than men.³² In another study of patients with peripheral artery disease,
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23 patients living in low socioeconomic status areas, as defined by median household income, were
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25 less likely to receive statins than patients living in higher socioeconomic status areas.²⁸
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27 Racial/ethnic differences in exercise participation, smoking, and obesity have also been
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29 reported.^{25,33} However, our work extends and broadens the findings of these studies because (1)
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31 our study focused on actively symptomatic patients, whose presentation may be attributable to
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33 gaps in prevention; and (2) we simultaneously accounted for a wider range of sociodemographic
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40 By assessing the relationship between baseline risk and preventive gaps, we showed that
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46 pressure. Our data also reflect more recent care preventive patterns across a broad geographic
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48 and socioeconomic sample. Our explicit inclusion of multiple racial/ethnic groups—particularly
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3 comparisons have often been limited to Whites and Blacks only.^{29,33-35} Our findings of disparities
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5 in preventive care are therefore more comprehensive and robust.
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9 Similar to other studies of gaps in preventive care, our results highlight the importance of
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11 such as the Million Hearts campaign, now leverage public-private partnerships and large
12 investments in state and community programs to improve aspirin use in patients with CAD,
13 blood pressure control among patients with hypertension, cholesterol management, and smoking
14 cessation.^{36,37} In addition, our findings reinforce the potential benefits of public and private
15 policies that eliminate marginal cost-sharing for cholesterol and hypertension screening, obesity
16 screening and counseling, and smoking cessation services.³⁸ Gaps in preventive care also
17 highlight opportunities for making diagnostic testing a “teachable moment” for symptomatic
18 patients in this population—and for the primary care physicians and cardiologists caring for
19 them. We did not examine the association of gaps in care with subsequent imaging, CAD
20 diagnosis, or invasive coronary angiography. In prior work, we showed that new initiation of an
21 aspirin, statin, beta-blocker, or ACEi/ARB was not associated with the rate of adverse
22 cardiovascular events over a median follow-up period of 25 months in adjusted models.³⁹ We
23 have also reported that absence of hypertension, dyslipidemia, and tobacco use are associated
24 with a lower rate of adverse cardiovascular events.⁴⁰ We also found that treatment gaps among
25 patients with hypertension or diabetes were not associated with an increased risk of adverse
26 cardiovascular events. In contrast, treatment gaps among patients with dyslipidemia were
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53 Our study has important limitations. There may have been patients whose hypertension or
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9 affect our results. Our use of BMI as a surrogate for body fatness and obesity identification is
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11 also vulnerable to misclassification, since sex, age, race/ethnicity, and muscle mass influence the
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17 In conclusion, among contemporary, symptomatic patients presenting to primary care
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19 physicians, cardiologists, and other specialists with suspected CAD, opportunities exist to bridge
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21 significant gaps in preventive care and lifestyle practices and reduce the incidence of future
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23 CAD. Differences by sex, age, race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and geography tend to be
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25 modest but contribute to disparities and identify populations that should be targeted for
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FIGURE LEGENDS

Figure 1. Preventive medical therapy and lifestyle practices at presentation, by sex, age, and race/ethnicity. The bars represent covariate-adjusted probabilities of a preventive care gap, based on the multivariate models reported in Table 2. The reference groups for tests of statistical significance are male sex, 45-64 years old, and White race/ethnicity.

Figure 2. Preventive medical therapy and lifestyle practices at presentation. The bars represent covariate-adjusted probabilities of a preventive care gap, based on the multivariate models reported in Table 2. The reference groups for tests of statistical significance are high socioeconomic status and South region.

Table 1. Demographics and Presenting Characteristics for All Patients

Characteristic	All Patients (N=10003)
Female (%)	5270/10003 (52.7%)
Median age (IQR), years	60.0 (54.4-66.0)
Age (%), years	
45-64	7111/10003 (71.1%)
65-79	2711/10003 (27.1%)
80+	181/10003 (1.8%)
Race/ethnicity (%)	
Hispanic or Latino	767/9945 (7.7%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-White	7693/9945 (77.4%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Black	1071/9945 (10.8%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Asian	250/9945 (2.5%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Other	164/9945 (1.6%)
Socioeconomic status (minimum, maximum income), \$ ^a	
Low	11118, 42610
Medium-low	42613, 54149
Medium-high	54167, 71034
High	71059, 184338
US region ^b	
Midwest	2208/9690 (22.8%)
Northeast	1439/9690 (14.9%)
South	3999/9690 (41.3%)
West	2044/9690 (21.1%)
Cardiac risk factors	
BMI \geq 30 (%) (median 29.7, IQR 26.3-33.9)	4724/9907 (47.7%)
Hypertension (%)	6501/10002 (65.0%)
Diabetes (%)	2144/10002 (21.4%)
Dyslipidemia (%)	6767/10002 (67.7%)
Family history of premature CAD (%)	3202/9970 (32.1%)
Peripheral arterial disease or cerebrovascular disease (%)	552/10003 (5.5%)
CAD risk equivalent (%)	2531/10003 (25.3%)

Characteristic	All Patients (N=10003)
Metabolic syndrome (%)	3772/10003 (37.7%)
Current tobacco use (%)	1773/10000 (17.7%)
Regular exercise (%)	5116/9982 (51.3%)
History of depression (%)	2058/10000 (20.6%)
Risk scores	
Mean Diamond and Forrester score (SD) [n]	53 (20.14) [10003]
Mean ASCVD Pooled Cohort Risk Prediction (2013) (SD) [n]	15 (11.75) [9901]
Medication use (%)	
Aspirin	4280/9569 (44.7%)
Statin	4389/9569 (45.9%)
Beta-blocker	2399/9569 (25.1%)
ACE inhibitor or ARB	4194/9569 (43.8%)
Primary presenting symptoms (%)	
Chest pain	7272/9996 (72.7%)
Dyspnea	1490/9996 (14.9%)
Other	1234/9996 (12.3%)
Type of angina (%)	
Typical	1166/10003 (11.7%)
Atypical	7773/10003 (77.7%)
Non-cardiac	1064/10003 (10.6%)
Physician specialty (%)	
Cardiology	8662/10003 (86.6%)
Internal medicine	565/10003 (5.6%)
Other	776/10003 (7.8%)

^aMedian household income (in US \$) is used as a surrogate for socioeconomic status.

^b143 patients had missing zip code data, and 170 patients had zip codes that were not reported in 2010 Census ACS data.

ACE, angiotensin-converting enzyme; ARB, angiotensin receptor blocker; ASCVD, atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; BMI, body mass index; CAD, coronary artery disease; IQR, interquartile range.

Table 2. Prevalence and Adjusted Odds of No Medication Use and Lifestyle Choices at Baseline

Patient Characteristic	No antihypertensive use among patients with hypertension ^{a,b}			No statin use among patients with dyslipidemia ^c			No ACEi or ARB use in patients with diabetes ^d		
	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value
Sex									
Female	14.3	0.92 (0.78 - 1.10)	0.37	38.5	1.33 (1.18 - 1.50)	< 0.001	32.9	1.11 (0.86 - 1.42)	0.42
Male	13.2	--	--	34.0	--	--	30.5	--	--
Age, years									
45-64	14.7	--	--	39.1	--	--	33.3	--	--
65-79	11.5	1.12 (0.90 - 1.41)	0.308	30	0.64 (0.55 - 0.75)	< 0.001	28.4	1.10 (0.82 - 1.47)	0.541
80+	14.1	1.47 (0.84 - 2.57)	0.176	28.7	0.59 (0.38 - 0.92)	0.021	30.8	1.48 (0.57 - 3.87)	0.422
Race/ethnicity									
Hispanic or Latino	11.9	0.86 (0.64 - 1.16)	0.333	34.3	0.95 (0.77 - 1.17)	0.624	30.6	0.87 (0.60 - 1.27)	0.481
Not Hispanic or Latino-Asian	12.5	0.68 (0.39 - 1.18)	0.171	45.8	1.37 (1.00 - 1.87)	0.051	38.6	0.91 (0.48 - 1.74)	0.773
Not Hispanic or Latino-Black	11.6	0.95 (0.74 - 1.22)	0.715	33.6	0.94 (0.77 - 1.14)	0.522	27.7	1.28 (0.92 - 1.78)	0.146
Not Hispanic or Latino-Other	17.2	1.08 (0.61 - 1.92)	0.796	43	1.32 (0.88 - 1.98)	0.18	21.4	0.45 (0.18 - 1.14)	0.092
Not Hispanic or Latino-White	14.3	--	--	36.4	--	--	32.9	--	--
Socioeconomic status ^e									
Low	12.6	1.02 (0.81 - 1.28)	0.891	37	1.20 (1.02 - 1.41)	0.027	30	0.90 (0.64 - 1.25)	0.518
Medium-low	12.4	0.96 (0.76 - 1.19)	0.687	36.4	1.12 (0.96 - 1.30)	0.149	28.7	0.80 (0.57 - 1.13)	0.203
Medium-high	16.1	1.25 (1.01 - 1.55)	0.037	37.3	1.08 (0.93 - 1.25)	0.326	34.5	0.96 (0.68 - 1.34)	0.79
High	13.9	--	--	35.5	--	--	34.3	--	--

Patient Characteristic	No antihypertensive use among patients with hypertension ^{a,b}			No statin use among patients with dyslipidemia ^c			No ACEi or ARB use in patients with diabetes ^d		
	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value
US region ^e									
Midwest	14.1	1.13 (0.92 - 1.37)	0.242	36.6	1.07 (0.93 - 1.23)	0.347	31.7	1.07 (0.79 - 1.44)	0.677
Northeast	12.2	1.01 (0.79 - 1.28)	0.939	35	1.10 (0.93 - 1.30)	0.258	28.4	0.97 (0.69 - 1.35)	0.85
West	16.5	1.32 (1.08 - 1.63)	0.008	41.6	1.31 (1.13 - 1.52)	< 0.001	38.4	1.22 (0.88 - 1.68)	0.239
South	12.8	--	--	34.2	--	--	29.9	--	--

^aCommonly used antihypertensives include angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors, angiotensin-receptor blockers, beta-blockers, thiazide-type diuretics, and calcium-channel blockers.

^bOnly patients with hypertension included in the analysis (N=6501).

^cOnly patients with dyslipidemia included in the analysis (N=6767).

^dOnly patients with diabetes included in the analysis (N=2144).

^eZip code level data extracted from 2010 US Census Bureau American Community Survey Data (5-year estimates).

Table 2. Prevalence and Adjusted Odds of No Medication Use and Lifestyle Choices at Baseline Cont.

Outcome	Sedentary			Current Smoking			Obese ^a		
	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value
Sex									
Female	53.5	1.55 (1.41 - 1.70)	< 0.001	15.5	0.95 (0.84 - 1.08)	0.434	48.1	1.04 (0.93 - 1.16)	0.535
Male	43.4	--	--	20.2	--	--	47.2	--	--
Age, y									
45-64	48.7	--	--	21.7	--	--	51.0	--	--
65-79	48.9	1.02 (0.91 - 1.14)	0.723	8.30	0.23 (0.19 - 0.27)	< 0.001	40.8	0.59 (0.52 - 0.68)	< 0.001
80+	47.5	1.05 (0.76 - 1.45)	0.771	2.21	0.04 (0.01 - 0.13)	< 0.001	20.2	0.23 (0.15 - 0.37)	< 0.001
Race/ethnicity									
Hispanic or Latino	50.7	1.06 (0.90 - 1.25)	0.493	16.6	0.89 (0.71 - 1.12)	0.328	48.8	0.93 (0.76 - 1.13)	0.447
Not Hispanic or Latino-Asian	44.8	1.30 (0.99 - 1.71)	0.058	8.00	0.49 (0.30 - 0.80)	0.005	16.7	0.16 (0.11 - 0.24)	< 0.001
Not Hispanic or Latino-Black	58.4	1.13 (0.97 - 1.31)	0.105	20.7	0.96 (0.80 - 1.16)	0.683	59.8	1.55 (1.31 - 1.84)	< 0.001
Not Hispanic or Latino-Other	48.1	1.02 (0.73 - 1.42)	0.895	22.6	1.36 (0.90 - 2.06)	0.147	48.2	0.94 (0.63 - 1.41)	0.781
Not Hispanic or Latino-White	47.4	--	--	17.6	--	--	46.9	--	--
Socioeconomic status ^b									
Low	57.7	1.45 (1.28 - 1.65)	< 0.001	23.1	2.00 (1.68 - 2.38)	< 0.001	52.1	0.99 (0.85 - 1.16)	0.918
Medium-low	50.2	1.20 (1.07 - 1.36)	0.003	18.9	1.63 (1.38 - 1.94)	< 0.001	49.1	1.04 (0.90 - 1.21)	0.559
Medium-high	47.7	1.18 (1.05 - 1.32)	0.007	17.4	1.52 (1.28 - 1.80)	< 0.001	48.4	1.06 (0.92 - 1.22)	0.454

Outcome	Sedentary			Current Smoking			Obese ^a		
	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value
High	41.4	--	--	11.5	--	--	42.3	--	--
US region ^b									
Midwest	42.5	0.58 (0.52 - 0.65)	< 0.001	17.4	0.99 (0.85 - 1.14)	0.848	50.3	1.23 (1.08 - 1.41)	0.002
Northeast	45.5	0.63 (0.55 - 0.72)	< 0.001	17.1	1.02 (0.85 - 1.21)	0.854	49.9	1.04 (0.89 - 1.22)	0.617
West	44.3	0.68 (0.61 - 0.77)	< 0.001	13.7	0.76 (0.65 - 0.90)	0.001	42.5	0.97 (0.84 - 1.12)	0.648
South	56.3	--	--	19.9	--	--	48.5	--	--

^aObese defined as BMI ≥ 30.

^bZip code level data extracted from 2010 US Census Bureau American Community Survey Data (5-year estimates).

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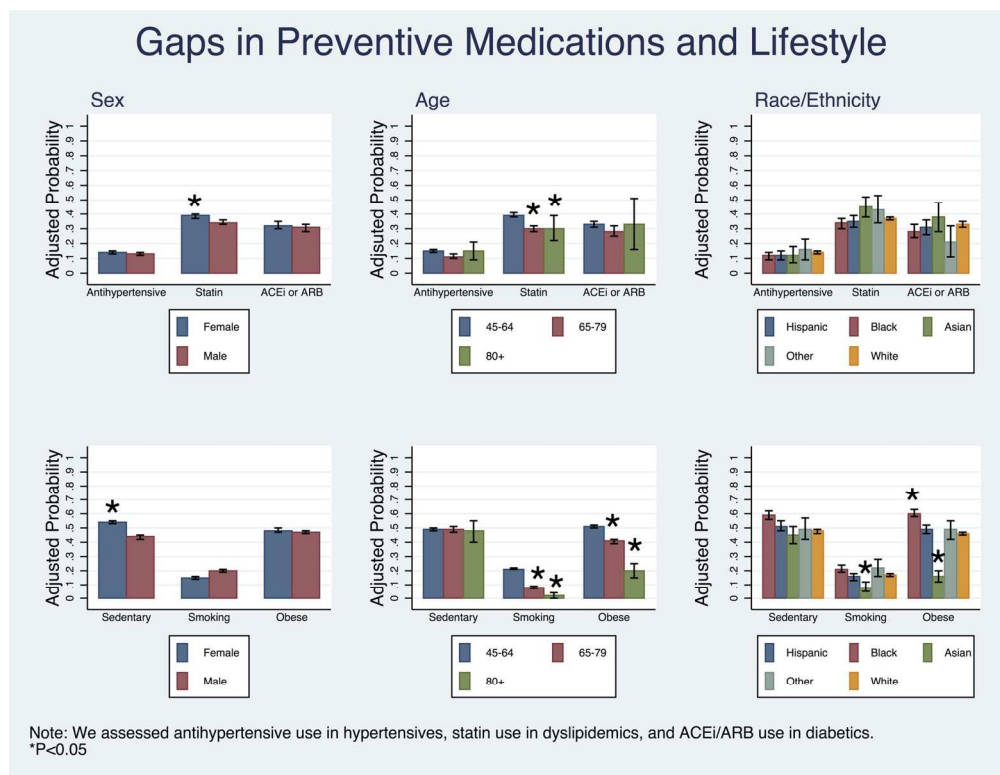


Figure 1. Preventive medical therapy and lifestyle practices at presentation, by sex, age, and race/ethnicity. The bars represent covariate-adjusted probabilities of a preventive care gap, based on the multivariate models reported in Table 2. The reference groups for tests of statistical significance are male sex, 45-64 years old, and White race/ethnicity.

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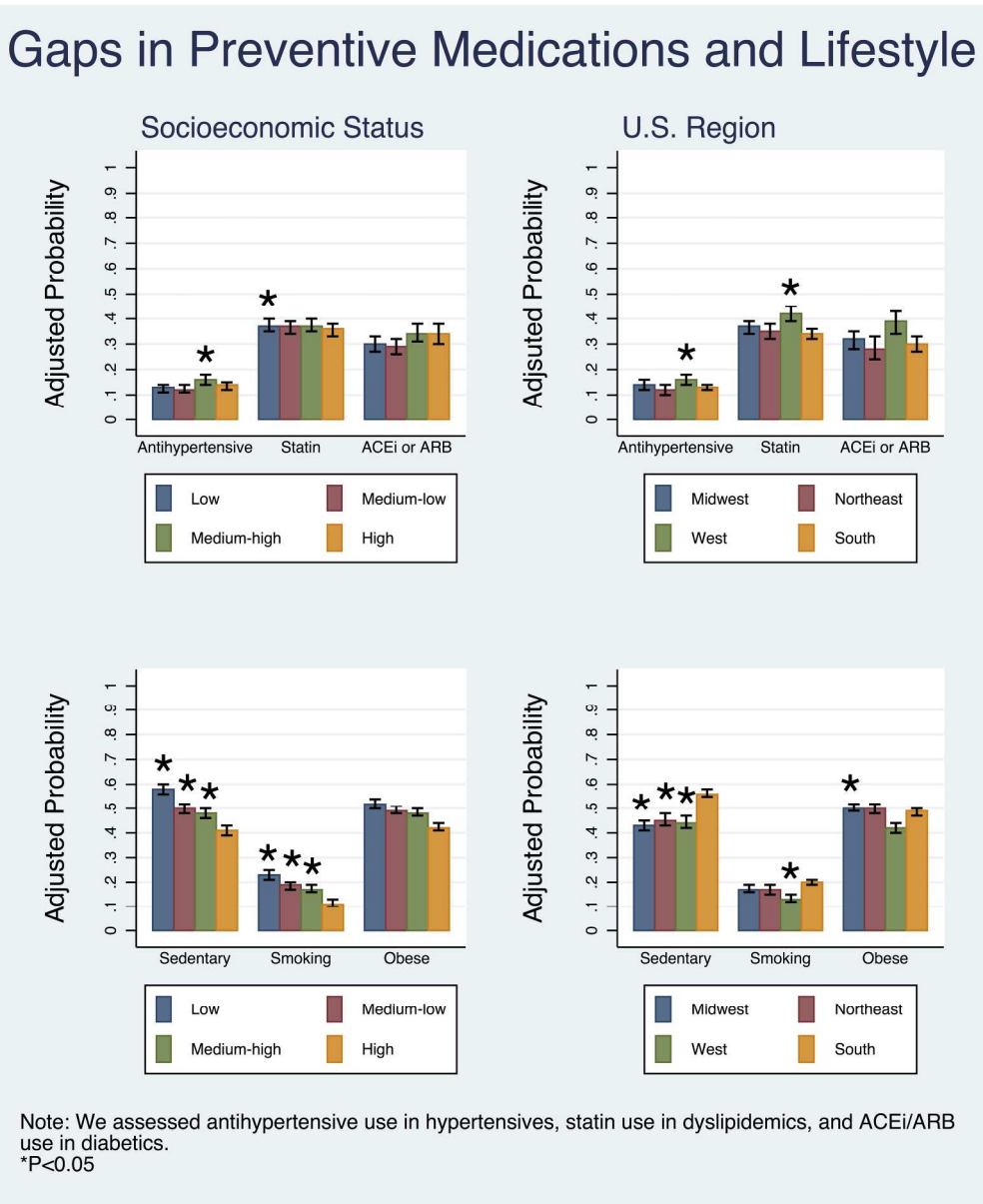


Figure 2. Preventive medical therapy and lifestyle practices at presentation. The bars represent covariate-adjusted probabilities of a preventive care gap, based on the multivariate models reported in Table 2. The reference groups for tests of statistical significance are high socioeconomic status and South region.

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Supplementary Appendix

Table 1.1. Demographics and Baseline Characteristics for Patients With Hypertension

Characteristic	Patients With Hypertension (N=6501)
Female (%)	3509/6501 (54.0%)
Age (%), y	
45-64	4522/6501 (69.6%)
65-79	1849/6501 (28.4%)
80+	130/6501 (2.0%)
Race/ethnicity (%)	
Hispanic or Latino	531/6471 (8.2%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-White	4813/6471 (74.4%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Black	885/6471 (13.7%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Asian	142/6471 (2.2%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Other	100/6471 (1.5%)
Socioeconomic status (minimum, maximum income), \$*	
Low	(11792,42610)
Medium-low	(42613,54149)
Medium-high	(54167,71034)
High	(71059,180815)
US region	
Midwest	1395/6316 (22.1%)
Northeast	965/6316 (15.3%)
South	2736/6316 (43.3%)
West	1220/6316 (19.3%)
Cardiac risk factors	
BMI \geq 30 (%)	3538/6439 (54.9%)
Diabetes (%)	1712/6501 (26.3%)
Dyslipidemia (%)	4408/6501 (67.8%)
Family history of premature CAD (%)	2050/6481 (31.6%)
Peripheral arterial disease or cerebrovascular disease (%)	424/6501 (6.5%)
CAD risk equivalent (%)	1992/6501 (30.6%)
Metabolic syndrome (%)	3080/6501 (47.4%)
Current tobacco use (%)	1025/6499 (15.8%)
Regular exercise (%)	3060/6487 (47.2%)
History of depression (%)	1381/6499 (21.2%)

Characteristic	Patients With Hypertension (N=6501)
Risk Scores	
Mean Diamond and Forrester score (SD) [n]	53 (20.21) [6501]
Mean ASCVD Pooled Cohort Risk Prediction (2013) (SD) [n]	17 (12.72) [6434]
Medication use (%)	
Aspirin	2956/6363 (46.5%)
Statin	3057/6363 (48.0%)
Beta-blocker	2126/6363 (33.4%)
ACE inhibitor or ARB	4041/6363 (63.5%)
Primary presenting symptoms (%)	
Chest pain	4653/6498 (71.6%)
Dyspnea	1027/6498 (15.8%)
Other	818/6498 (12.6%)
Type of angina (%)	
Typical	802/6501 (12.3%)
Atypical	5044/6501 (77.6%)
Non-cardiac	655/6501 (10.1%)
Physician specialty (%)	
Cardiology	5592/6501 (86.0%)
Internal Medicine	380/6501 (5.8%)
Other	529/6501 (8.1%)

ACE = angiotensin-converting enzyme; ARB = angiotensin receptor blocker; ASCVD = atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; BMI = body mass index; CAD = coronary artery disease.

*Median household income (in US \$) is used as a surrogate for socioeconomic status.

Table 1.2. Demographics and Baseline Characteristics for Patients With Dyslipidemia

Characteristic	Patients with Dyslipidemia (N=6767)
Female (%)	3632/6767 (53.7%)
Age (%), y	
45-64	4824/6767 (71.3%)
65-79	1827/6767 (27.0%)
80+	116/6767 (1.7%)
Race/ethnicity (%)	
Hispanic or Latino	516/6728 (7.7%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-White	5270/6728 (78.3%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Black	618/6728 (9.2%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Asian	207/6728 (3.1%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Other	117/6728 (1.7%)
Socioeconomic status (minimum, maximum income)*	
Low	(11118,42610)
Medium-low	(42613,54149)
Medium-high	(54175,71034)
High	(71059,184338)
US region	
Midwest	1543/6572 (23.5%)
Northeast	1004/6572 (15.3%)
South	2569/6572 (39.1%)
West	1456/6572 (22.2%)
Cardiac risk factors	
BMI \geq 30 (%)	3257/6701 (48.6%)
Hypertension (%)	4408/6767 (65.1%)
Diabetes (%)	1656/6767 (24.5%)
Family history of premature CAD (%)	2310/6746 (34.2%)
Peripheral arterial disease or cerebrovascular disease (%)	420/6767 (6.2%)
CAD risk equivalent (%)	1940/6767 (28.7%)
Metabolic syndrome (%)	3181/6767 (47.0%)
Current tobacco use (%)	1016/6765 (15.0%)
Regular exercise (%)	3520/6749 (52.2%)
History of depression (%)	1498/6765 (22.1%)
Risk scores	
Mean Diamond and Forrester score (SD) [n]	53 (20.11) [6767]
Mean ASCVD Pooled Cohort Risk Prediction (2013) (SD) [n]	15 (12.26) [6698]

Characteristic	Patients with Dyslipidemia (N=6767)
Medication use (%)	
Aspirin	3161/6570 (48.1%)
Statin	4178/6570 (63.6%)
Beta-blocker	1655/6570 (25.2%)
ACE inhibitor or ARB	2943/6570 (44.8%)
Primary presenting symptoms (%)	
Chest pain	4851/6761 (71.7%)
Dyspnea	1033/6761 (15.3%)
Other	877/6761 (13.0%)
Type of angina (%)	
Typical	801/6767 (11.8%)
Atypical	5268/6767 (77.8%)
Non-cardiac	698/6767 (10.3%)
Physician specialty (%)	
Cardiology	5858/6767 (86.6%)
Internal Medicine	371/6767 (5.5%)
Other	538/6767 (8.0%)

ACE = angiotensin-converting enzyme; ARB = angiotensin receptor blocker; ASCVD = atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; BMI = body mass index; CAD = coronary artery disease.

*Median household income (in US \$) is used as a surrogate for socioeconomic status.

Table 1.3. Demographics and Baseline Characteristics for Patients With Diabetes

Characteristic	Patients with Diabetes (N=2144)
Female (%)	1151/2144 (53.7%)
Age (%), y	
45-64	1488/2144 (69.4%)
65-79	630/2144 (29.4%)
80+	26/2144 (1.2%)
Race/ethnicity (%)	
Hispanic or Latino	256/2132 (12.0%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-White	1414/2132 (66.3%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Black	345/2132 (16.2%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Asian	75/2132 (3.5%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Other	42/2132 (2.0%)
Socioeconomic status (minimum, maximum income)*	
Low	(14586,42610)
Medium-low	(42641,54149)
Medium-high	(54260,71034)
High	(71059,139779)
US region	
Midwest	414/2074 (20.0%)
Northeast	348/2074 (16.8%)
South	916/2074 (44.2%)
West	396/2074 (19.1%)
Cardiac risk factors	
BMI \geq 30 (%)	1463/2117 (69.1%)
Hypertension (%)	1712/2144 (79.9%)
Dyslipidemia (%)	1656/2144 (77.2%)
Family history of premature CAD (%)	655/2140 (30.6%)
Peripheral arterial disease or cerebrovascular disease (%)	165/2144 (7.7%)
CAD risk equivalent (%)	2144/2144 (100.0%)
Metabolic syndrome (%)	1822/2144 (85.0%)
Current tobacco use (%)	318/2144 (14.8%)
Regular exercise (%)	926/2142 (43.2%)
History of depression (%)	516/2142 (24.1%)
Risk scores	
Mean Diamond and Forrester score (SD) [n]	54 (20.26) [2144]
Mean ASCVD Pooled Cohort Risk Prediction (2013) (SD) [n]	24 (15.25) [2111]
Medication use (%)	

Characteristic	Patients with Diabetes (N=2144)
Aspirin	1098/2118 (51.8%)
Statin	1291/2118 (61.0%)
Beta-blocker	619/2118 (29.2%)
ACE inhibitor or ARB	1444/2118 (68.2%)
Primary presenting symptoms (%)	
Chest pain	1518/2144 (70.8%)
Dyspnea	375/2144 (17.5%)
Other	251/2144 (11.7%)
Type of angina (%)	
Typical	296/2144 (13.8%)
Atypical	1653/2144 (77.1%)
Non-cardiac	195/2144 (9.1%)
Physician specialty (%)	
Cardiology	1830/2144 (85.4%)
Internal Medicine	142/2144 (6.6%)
Other	172/2144 (8.0%)

ACE = angiotensin-converting enzyme; ARB = angiotensin receptor blocker; ASCVD = atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; BMI = body mass index; CAD = coronary artery disease.

*Median household income (in US \$) is used as a surrogate for socioeconomic status.

Table 2.1. Prevalence and Adjusted Odds of No Medication Use at Baseline

Table 2.1 Prevalence and adjusted odds of no medication use at baseline.									
Patient Characteristic	No antihypertensive use among patients with hypertension ^{1,2}			No statin use among patients with dyslipidemia ³			No ACEi or ARB use in patients with diabetes ⁴		
	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value
Key Risk Factors									
Hypertension	13.8	--	--	33.3	1.08 (0.92 - 1.28)	0.334	20.2	0.07 (0.05 - 0.09)	< 0.001
Dyslipidemia	13.1	1.31 (1.08 - 1.59)	0.007	36.4	--	--	29.8	1.27 (0.92 - 1.74)	0.148
Diabetes	8.07	0.67 (0.52 - 0.85)	< 0.001	25.5	0.51 (0.43 - 0.60)	< 0.001	31.8	--	--
Sex									
Female	14.3	0.92 (0.78 - 1.10)	0.370	38.5	1.33 (1.18 - 1.50)	< 0.001	32.9	1.11 (0.86 - 1.42)	0.420
Male	13.2	--	--	34.0	--	--	30.5	--	--
Age									
65-79	11.5	1.12 (0.90 - 1.41)	0.308	30.0	0.64 (0.55 - 0.75)	< 0.001	28.4	1.10 (0.82 - 1.47)	0.541
80+	14.1	1.47 (0.84 - 2.57)	0.176	28.7	0.59 (0.38 - 0.92)	0.021	30.8	1.48 (0.57 - 3.87)	0.422
45-64	14.7	--	--	39.1	--	--	33.3	--	--
Race/Ethnicity									
Hispanic or Latino	11.9	0.86 (0.64 - 1.16)	0.333	34.3	0.95 (0.77 - 1.17)	0.624	30.6	1.87 (0.60 - 1.27)	0.481
Not Hispanic or Latino-Asian	12.5	0.68 (0.39 - 1.18)	0.171	45.8	1.37 (1.00 - 1.87)	0.051	38.6	1.91 (0.48 - 1.74)	0.773
Not Hispanic or Latino-Black	11.6	0.95 (0.74 - 1.22)	0.715	33.6	0.94 (0.77 - 1.14)	0.522	27.7	1.28 (0.92 - 1.78)	0.146
Not Hispanic or Latino-Other	17.2	1.08 (0.61 - 1.92)	0.796	43.0	1.32 (0.88 - 1.98)	0.180	21.4	1.45 (0.18 - 1.14)	0.092
Not Hispanic or Latino-White	14.3	--	--	36.4	--	--	32.9	--	--
Socioeconomic Status⁵									
Low	12.6	1.02 (0.81 - 1.28)	0.891	37.0	1.20 (1.02 - 1.41)	0.027	30.0	1.90 (0.64 - 1.25)	0.518
Medium-low	12.4	0.96 (0.76 - 1.19)	0.687	36.4	1.12 (0.96 - 1.30)	0.149	28.7	1.80 (0.57 - 1.13)	0.203
Medium-high	16.1	1.25 (1.01 - 1.55)	0.037	37.3	1.08 (0.93 - 1.25)	0.326	34.5	1.96 (0.68 - 1.34)	0.790
High	13.9	--	--	35.5	--	--	34.3	--	--

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Patient Characteristic	No antihypertensive use among patients with hypertension ^{1,2}			No statin use among patients with dyslipidemia ³			No ACEi or ARB use in patients with diabetes ⁴		
	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value
US Region⁵									
Midwest	14.1	1.13 (0.92 - 1.37)	0.242	36.6	1.07 (0.93 - 1.23)	0.347	31.7	1.07 (0.79 - 1.44)	0.677
Northeast	12.2	1.01 (0.79 - 1.28)	0.939	35.0	1.10 (0.93 - 1.30)	0.258	28.4	1.07 (0.69 - 1.35)	0.850
West	16.5	1.32 (1.08 - 1.63)	0.008	41.6	1.31 (1.13 - 1.52)	< 0.001	38.4	1.22 (0.88 - 1.68)	0.239
South	12.8	--	--	34.2	--	--	29.9	--	--
Cardiac Risk Factors at Baseline⁶									
BMI ≥ 30	12.1	0.71 (0.58 - 0.85)	< 0.001	34.9	0.93 (0.80 - 1.07)	0.285	27.7	0.58 (0.43 - 0.78)	< 0.001
Regular exercise	13.7	0.89 (0.76 - 1.04)	0.151	37.2	1.04 (0.94 - 1.17)	0.444	31.8	0.78 (0.62 - 0.99)	0.041
Current tobacco use	14.2	1.11 (0.89 - 1.37)	0.356	39.5	1.09 (0.93 - 1.27)	0.287	35.4	1.24 (0.89 - 1.71)	0.204
Family History of Premature CAD	13.0	0.90 (0.77 - 1.07)	0.226	36.3	0.98 (0.87 - 1.09)	0.672	31.2	0.91 (0.71 - 1.16)	0.433
Peripheral arterial disease or cerebrovascular disease	12.2	0.99 (0.72 - 1.37)	0.948	25.3	0.66 (0.52 - 0.84)	< 0.001	28.8	0.68 (0.71 - 1.64)	0.720
Metabolic syndrome	11.4	1.09 (0.87 - 1.35)	0.463	33.8	1.22 (1.04 - 1.43)	0.015	27.6	0.94 (0.64 - 1.40)	0.774
History of depression	13.6	0.98 (0.81 - 1.18)	0.794	37.0	1.00 (0.87 - 1.13)	0.955	34.6	0.92 (0.86 - 1.47)	0.389
ASCVD pooled cohort risk prediction categories									
High (≥15)	10.5	0.45 (0.34 - 0.58)	< 0.001	31.6	1.22 (1.01 - 1.47)	0.036	27.1	0.64 (0.42 - 0.97)	0.034
Intermediate (7.5 - 14.99)	13.2	0.63 (0.51 - 0.77)	< 0.001	37.4	1.07 (0.93 - 1.24)	0.330	39.3	0.90 (0.60 - 1.34)	0.588
Low (< 7.5)	19.7	--	--	41.3	--	--	41.3	--	--
Blood Pressure categories									
High (≥160/100)	15.3	1.54 (1.19 - 1.99)	0.001	39.6	1.28 (1.03 - 1.59)	0.023	25.2	0.74 (0.74 - 1.77)	0.556
Intermediate (≥140-159/90-99)	16.3	1.58 (1.34 - 1.86)	< 0.001	36.3	1.08 (0.95 - 1.22)	0.241	27.5	0.92 (0.79 - 1.32)	0.884
Low (<140/90)	12.1	--	--	36.1	--	--	34.9	--	--
Medication Use at Baseline									
Antihypertensive				31.0	0.64 (0.53 - 0.77)	< 0.001	14.3	--	--

Table 2.1 Prevalence and adjusted odds of no medication use at baseline.

Patient Characteristic	No antihypertensive use among patients with hypertension ^{1,2}			No statin use among patients with dyslipidemia ³			No ACEi or ARB use in patients with diabetes ⁴		
	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value
Statin	10.0	0.53 (0.45 - 0.64)	< 0.001				27.0	0.51 (0.39 - 0.67)	< 0.001
ACEi or ARB	0.00	--	--	29.0	0.82 (0.70 - 0.96)	0.011			
Primary Presenting Symptom									
Chest pain	14.2	0.90 (0.72 - 1.12)	0.340	37.2	1.08 (0.92 - 1.27)	0.356	32.6	0.95 (0.66 - 1.35)	0.754
Dyspnea	11.1	0.79 (0.59 - 1.06)	0.118	34.9	1.09 (0.89 - 1.33)	0.419	28.7	0.90 (0.59 - 1.37)	0.617
Other	14.7	--	--	34.3	--	--	32.1	--	--
Type of Angina									
Atypical	13.9	0.92 (0.72 - 1.18)	0.515	36.7	1.03 (0.87 - 1.24)	0.712	32.1	0.95 (0.64 - 1.40)	0.788
Typical	11.1	0.76 (0.55 - 1.06)	0.107	35.4	1.04 (0.83 - 1.31)	0.720	30.4	0.94 (0.58 - 1.52)	0.802
Non-cardiac	15.8	--	--	35.6	--	--	31.4	--	--
Cardiac Specialist									
Cardiologist	13.5	0.83 (0.67 - 1.03)	0.099	36.3	0.94 (0.80 - 1.10)	0.406	31.6	0.94 (0.68 - 1.30)	0.723
Non-Cardiologist	15.2	--	--	37.4	--	--	32.8	--	--

ACE = angiotensin-converting enzyme; ARB = angiotensin receptor blocker; ASCVD = atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; BMI = body mass index; CAD = coronary artery disease.

¹ Commonly used antihypertensives include ACE inhibitors, ARBs, beta-blockers, thiazide-type diuretics, and calcium-channel blockers.

² Only patients with hypertension included in the analysis (N=6501).

³ Only patients with dyslipidemia included in the analysis (N=6767).

⁴ Only patients with diabetes included in the analysis (N=2144).

⁵ Zip code level data extracted from 2010 US Census Bureau American Community Survey Data (5-year estimates).

⁶ Reference group is patients without risk factor.

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Table 2.2. Prevalence and Adjusted Odds of Lifestyle Choices at Baseline

Outcome	Sedentary			Current Smoking			Obese ¹		
	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value
Sex									
Female	53.5	1.55 (1.41 - 1.70)	< 0.001	15.5	0.95 (0.84 - 1.08)	0.434	48.1	1.00 (0.93 - 1.16)	0.535
Male	43.4	--	--	20.2	--	--	47.2	--	--
Age, y									
65-79	48.9	1.02 (0.91 - 1.14)	0.723	8.30	0.23 (0.19 - 0.27)	< 0.001	40.8	0.55 (0.52 - 0.68)	< 0.001
80+	47.5	1.05 (0.76 - 1.45)	0.771	2.21	0.04 (0.01 - 0.13)	< 0.001	20.2	0.25 (0.15 - 0.37)	< 0.001
45-64	48.7	--	--	21.7	--	--	51.0	--	--
Race/Ethnicity									
Hispanic or Latino	50.7	1.06 (0.90 - 1.25)	0.493	16.6	0.89 (0.71 - 1.12)	0.328	48.8	0.99 (0.76 - 1.13)	0.447
Not Hispanic or Latino-Asian	44.8	1.30 (0.99 - 1.71)	0.058	8.00	0.49 (0.30 - 0.80)	0.005	16.7	0.10 (0.11 - 0.24)	< 0.001
Not Hispanic or Latino-Black	58.4	1.13 (0.97 - 1.31)	0.105	20.7	0.96 (0.80 - 1.16)	0.683	59.8	1.55 (1.31 - 1.84)	< 0.001
Not Hispanic or Latino-Other	48.1	1.02 (0.73 - 1.42)	0.895	22.6	1.36 (0.90 - 2.06)	0.147	48.2	0.90 (0.63 - 1.41)	0.781
Not Hispanic or Latino-White	47.4	--	--	17.6	--	--	46.9	--	--
Socioeconomic Status⁵									
Low	57.7	1.45 (1.28 - 1.65)	< 0.001	23.1	2.00 (1.68 - 2.38)	< 0.001	52.1	0.97 (0.85 - 1.16)	0.918
Medium-low	50.2	1.20 (1.07 - 1.36)	0.003	18.9	1.63 (1.38 - 1.94)	< 0.001	49.1	1.00 (0.90 - 1.21)	0.559
Medium-high	47.7	1.18 (1.05 - 1.32)	0.007	17.4	1.52 (1.28 - 1.80)	< 0.001	48.4	1.00 (0.92 - 1.22)	0.454
High	41.4	--	--	11.5	--	--	42.3	--	--
US Region²									
Midwest	42.5	0.58 (0.52 - 0.65)	< 0.001	17.4	0.99 (0.85 - 1.14)	0.848	50.3	1.25 (1.08 - 1.41)	0.002
Northeast	45.5	0.63 (0.55 - 0.72)	< 0.001	17.1	1.02 (0.85 - 1.21)	0.854	49.9	1.00 (0.89 - 1.22)	0.617
West	44.3	0.68 (0.61 - 0.77)	< 0.001	13.7	0.76 (0.65 - 0.90)	0.001	42.5	0.99 (0.84 - 1.12)	0.648
South	56.3	--	--	19.9	--	--	48.5	--	--
Cardiac Risk Factors at Baseline³									
Current tobacco use	58.3	1.73 (1.54 - 1.94)	< 0.001	--	--	--	40.2	0.44 (0.41 - 0.54)	< 0.001
BMI ≥ 30	56.2	1.64 (1.47 - 1.82)	< 0.001	14.9	0.48 (0.41 - 0.55)	< 0.001	--	--	--

Outcome	Sedentary			Current Smoking			Obese ¹		
	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value
Hypertension	52.8	1.32 (1.20 - 1.45)	< 0.001	15.8	0.62 (0.55 - 0.70)	< 0.001	54.9	1.13 (1.06 - 1.33)	0.003
Diabetes	56.8	1.12 (0.99 - 1.26)	0.078	14.8	0.61 (0.51 - 0.72)	< 0.001	69.1	0.49 (0.40 - 0.56)	< 0.001
Dyslipidemia	47.8	0.91 (0.83 - 1.01)	0.068	15.0	0.53 (0.47 - 0.60)	< 0.001	48.6	0.48 (0.37 - 0.46)	< 0.001
Family History of Premature CAD	45.2	0.78 (0.71 - 0.85)	< 0.001	18.3	1.07 (0.95 - 1.21)	0.248	48.3	1.08 (0.94 - 1.17)	0.400
Peripheral arterial disease or cerebrovascular disease	57.8	1.33 (1.11 - 1.60)	0.003	21.9	1.61 (1.28 - 2.03)	< 0.001	45.6	0.72 (0.62 - 0.97)	0.028
Metabolic syndrome	56.0	1.10 (0.97 - 1.24)	0.157	16.3	1.43 (1.20 - 1.69)	< 0.001	83.3	2.77 (23.74 - 32.48)	< 0.001
History of depression	53.3	1.09 (0.98 - 1.21)	0.119	23.0	1.52 (1.33 - 1.74)	< 0.001	53.2	1.21 (1.10 - 1.42)	< 0.001
ASCVD pooled cohort risk prediction \geq 7.5%	49.7	1.08 (0.97 - 1.20)	0.170	19.2	2.45 (2.12 - 2.83)	< 0.001	49.4	0.88 (0.78 - 1.02)	0.094
Primary Presenting Symptom									
Chest pain	48.5	1.09 (0.95 - 1.24)	0.209	18.5	0.92 (0.77 - 1.09)	0.315	46.9	0.98 (0.82 - 1.13)	0.626
Dyspnea	52.2	1.27 (1.08 - 1.49)	0.004	13.8	0.73 (0.58 - 0.92)	0.007	53.0	1.22 (1.01 - 1.50)	0.036
Other	46.0	--	--	17.8	--	--	45.5	--	--
Type of Angina									
Atypical	48.8	1.08 (0.94 - 1.25)	0.256	17.9	0.96 (0.80 - 1.16)	0.682	47.7	0.97 (0.78 - 1.09)	0.335
Typical	50.4	1.14 (0.95 - 1.37)	0.157	16.5	0.85 (0.66 - 1.09)	0.193	49.4	0.88 (0.70 - 1.09)	0.237
Non-cardiac	46.5	--	--	18.0	--	--	45.7	--	--
Cardiac Specialist									
Cardiologist	48.7	1.00 (0.89 - 1.14)	0.951	17.7	1.03 (0.87 - 1.21)	0.746	47.6	1.03 (0.92 - 1.24)	0.407
Non-Cardiologist	49.2	--	--	17.9	--	--	48.7	--	--

¹ Obese defined as BMI \geq 30.

² Zip code level data extracted from 2010 US Census Bureau American Community Survey Data (5-year estimates).

³ Reference group is patients without risk factor.

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Introduction			
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Results			
Participants	13*	(a) Report numbers of individuals at each stage of study—eg numbers potentially eligible, examined for eligibility, confirmed eligible, included in the study, completing follow-up, and analysed	8 (Lines 17)
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		(c) Consider use of a flow diagram	N/A
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ABSTRACT

Objectives—To evaluate potential gaps in preventive medical therapy and healthy lifestyle practices among symptomatic patients with suspected coronary artery disease (CAD) seeing primary care physicians and cardiologists, and how gaps vary by sociodemographic characteristics and baseline cardiovascular risk.

Design—Cross sectional study assessing potential preventive gaps

Participants—10,003 symptomatic outpatients evaluated by primary care physicians, cardiologists, or other specialists for suspected CAD.

Setting—PROspective Multicenter Imaging Study for Evaluation of Chest Pain (PROMISE) from 2010-2014.

Measures—Primary measures were absence of an antihypertensive, statin, or angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor/angiotensin receptor blocker for renal protection in patients with hypertension, dyslipidemia, or diabetes, respectively, and being sedentary, smoking, or being obese.

Results—Preventive treatment gaps affected 14% of patients with hypertension, 36% of patients with dyslipidemia, and 32% of patients with diabetes. Overall, 49% of patients were sedentary, 18% currently smoked, and 48% were obese. Women were significantly more likely to not take a statin for dyslipidemia and to be sedentary. Patients with lower socioeconomic status were also significantly more likely to not take a statin. Compared to Whites, Blacks were significantly more likely to be obese, while Asians were less likely to smoke or be obese. High-risk patients sometimes experienced larger preventive care gaps than low-risk patients. For patients with dyslipidemia, the presence of a treatment gap was associated with a higher risk of an adverse event (HR 1.35, 95% CI 1.02-1.82).

Conclusions—Among contemporary, symptomatic patients with suspected CAD, significant gaps exist in preventive care and lifestyle practices, and high-risk patients sometimes had larger gaps. Differences by sex, age, race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and geography are modest but contribute to disparities and have implications for improving population health. For patients with dyslipidemia, the presence of a treatment gap was associated with a higher risk of an adverse event.

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Abbreviations: CAD - coronary artery disease; CTA - computed tomographic angiography; PROMISE - PROspective Multicenter Imaging Study for Evaluation of Chest Pain; ACEi/ARB - angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor or angiotensin receptor blocker use; BMI - body mass index

Strengths and limitations of this study

- The study had a large sample size with an N of 10,003 patients.
- Measures of preventive lifestyle practices were gathered through self-report; errors or inaccuracies in self-report could therefore affect our results.
- There may have been patients whose hypertension or dyslipidemia were well-controlled with dietary changes and exercise alone.
- Among diabetics, we did not have clinical information about albuminuria, so there may have been patients for whom the benefit of ACEi/ARB therapy was uncertain.
- Use of BMI as a surrogate for body fatness and obesity identification is also vulnerable to misclassification, since sex, age, race/ethnicity, and muscle mass influence the relationship between BMI and excess fat.

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Preventive medical care and lifestyle practices reduce the risk of adverse cardiovascular events^{1,2} and may influence how likely a patient is to present to their primary care physician or cardiologist with symptoms suggestive of coronary artery disease (CAD). In the United States, approximately 4 million of these patients are referred for outpatient cardiac stress testing or coronary computed tomographic angiography (CTA) each year.³ Although most have significant risk factors for adverse cardiovascular events, such as hypertension, dyslipidemia, and diabetes,^{4,5} little is known about their preventive medical and lifestyle practices prior to presentation, the extent to which these preventive measures differ from national recommendations and guidelines,⁶⁻⁹ or their relationship with sociodemographic and socioeconomic disparities. Understanding these patterns and characterizing the magnitude of medical or lifestyle gaps—that is, the difference between recommended preventive care and actual preventive care—is a critical step toward preventing disease and reducing adverse cardiovascular events in this population, independent of the outcome of diagnostic testing. Further, if preventive care varies by sociodemographic characteristics, this variation may contribute to important health disparities and identify populations in need of specific targeting. To identify opportunities for improving preventive care in this population, we used data from symptomatic patients in the PROspective Multicenter Imaging Study for Evaluation of Chest Pain (PROMISE) to (1) evaluate potential gaps in preventive medical therapy among patients with hypertension, dyslipidemia, or diabetes; (2) determine the extent to which these gaps differed by patients' baseline risk; (3) evaluate gaps in healthy lifestyle practices, as defined by being sedentary, smoking, or being obese; and (4) determine which gaps vary by sex, age, race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and geography.

Methods

Study Design

Methods used in PROMISE have been described previously.^{4,10} The study protocol was approved by the local or central institutional review board at each coordinating center and at each enrolling site in North America. We enrolled symptomatic outpatients without diagnosed CAD whose physicians believed that non-urgent, noninvasive cardiovascular testing was necessary for the evaluation of suspected CAD. After providing written informed consent, 10,003 eligible patients were randomly assigned to either anatomical testing with CTA or functional testing with exercise electrocardiography, nuclear stress, or stress echocardiography.¹⁰ Enrollment began on July 27, 2010, and was completed on September 19, 2013. All the patients were followed until October 31, 2014. Analyses were performed in 2016.

Gaps in Preventive Medications and Lifestyle Practices

At the time of enrollment, information about preventive medication use and lifestyle practices was collected by the clinical sites through patient report, chart review, and other clinical sources. We focused on 6 potential gaps in preventive care that have been demonstrated to increase the risk of cardiovascular disease^{1,11}: absence of an antihypertensive medication in patients with hypertension, absence of a statin in patients with dyslipidemia, absence of an angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor or angiotensin receptor blocker (ACEi/ARB) for renal protection in patients with diabetes, being sedentary, smoking, and being obese, as determined by a body mass index (BMI) exceeding 30. Because patients had to be eligible for randomization to either CTA or functional testing, no patients known to have renal dysfunction were enrolled.

Hypertension, Dyslipidemia, and Diabetes

Because PROMISE was a pragmatic trial, diagnoses were identified and defined by physicians at the participating clinics rather than with study-specific criteria. Among our symptomatic patients, absence of antihypertensive medication in patients with hypertension was defined as a preventive care gap because of evidence that treating patients with this comorbidity reduces the risk of cardiovascular events¹² and because treatment is consistent with recommendations issued by the American Society of Hypertension, International Society of Hypertension,¹³ and American Heart Association.¹⁴ Absence of a statin in patients with dyslipidemia was considered a preventive care gap because statin use in primary and secondary prevention has been shown to reduce cardiovascular risk.^{15,16} The median atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD) score in our population was 11.3% with an interquartile range (IQR) of 6.1% to 19.8%, well above the 10-year risk threshold of 7.5% for treatment in most participants.¹⁷ Applying lower ASCVD thresholds for statin therapy has also been shown to be cost-effective.¹⁸ Absence of an ACEi/ARB for renal protection in patients with diabetes was considered a preventive care gap because the vast majority of diabetics in our population were hypertensive (79.9%) and prophylactic use of ACEi/ARBs reduces the incidence of albuminuria,¹⁹⁻²¹ which has been shown to be a risk factor for cardiovascular²² and overall mortality in patients with diabetes.^{23,24}

Physical Inactivity, Smoking, and Obesity

Being sedentary, smoking, and being obese have all been demonstrated to increase cardiovascular risk and therefore represent important gaps in preventive lifestyle practices.¹ We assessed the prevalence of these lifestyle practices across all patients in our cohort. To assess

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5 exercise regularly (1 or more times per week)? Examples include: running, aerobics, golf,
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17 We focused on disparities in prevention by sex, age, race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status,
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25 any racial/ethnic group).²⁵ Socioeconomic status was defined by the median household income
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29 Community Survey Data (5-year estimates), similar to prior work.²⁶⁻²⁹ Socioeconomic status was
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50 preventive care and lifestyle practices and constructed multivariable logistic regression models to
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36 Results

37 *Symptomatic Patients: Characteristics and Baseline Risk*

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43 specialists are summarized in Table 1. The median age of the cohort was 60.0 years (IQR, 54.4-
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45 66.0 years), and 52.7% were women. Whites composed 77.4% of the cohort, and Blacks and
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47 Hispanics composed 10.8% and 7.7%, respectively. Asians composed 2.5% of the cohort, and
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27 *Association of Preventive Care Gaps with Sex, Age, and Race/Ethnicity*

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41 0.38-0.92) and to smoke (65-79 years: OR 0.23, 95% CI 0.19-0.27; ≥ 80 years: OR 0.04, 95% CI
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Variation in Preventive Care Gaps Between Higher and Lower Risk Symptomatic Patients

The prevalence of preventive medical therapy gaps varied by patient risk. Among symptomatic patients with hypertension, those at the highest overall cardiovascular risk (ASCVD $\geq 15\%$) were less likely to not be on an antihypertensive than patients at the lowest overall cardiovascular risk (ASCVD $< 7.5\%$) (OR 0.45, 95% CI 0.34-0.58), but patients with the highest blood pressure ($\geq 160/100$) were more likely to not be on an antihypertensive than patients with the lowest blood pressure ($< 140/90$) (OR 1.54, 95% CI 1.19-1.99). Among patients with dyslipidemia, those at the highest overall cardiovascular risk (OR 1.22, 95% CI 1.01-1.47) and with the highest blood pressure (OR 1.28, 95% CI 1.03-1.59) were more likely to not be on a statin, compared to patients with the lowest cardiovascular risk or lowest blood pressure. Among patients with diabetes, those at the highest overall cardiovascular risk were less likely to not be on an ACEi/ARB than patients at the lowest overall cardiovascular risk (OR 0.64, 95% CI 0.42-0.97) (Appendix Table 2.1).

For the combined endpoint of death, myocardial infarction, or hospitalization for unstable angina, there was no association between having a treatment gap and the risk of an adverse event among patients with hypertension or diabetes. However, for patients with dyslipidemia, the presence of a treatment gap was associated with a higher risk of an adverse event (HR 1.35, 95% CI 1.02-1.82).

Association of Preventive Care Gaps With Socioeconomic Status/Geography

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Compared to symptomatic patients with the highest socioeconomic status, patients with a medium-high socioeconomic status were more likely to not receive an antihypertensive for hypertension (OR 1.25, 95% CI 1.01-1.55), while patients with the lowest socioeconomic status were more likely to not receive a statin for dyslipidemia (OR 1.20, 95% CI 1.02-1.41) (Table 2, Figure 2). Patients with lower socioeconomic status were also more likely to be sedentary (Low: OR 1.45, 95% CI 1.28-1.65; Medium-low: OR 1.20, 95% CI 1.07-1.36; Medium-high: OR 1.18, 95% CI 1.05-1.32) and smoke (Low: OR 2.00, 95% CI 1.68-2.38; Medium-low: OR 1.63, 95% CI 1.38-1.94; Medium-high: OR 1.52, 95% CI 1.28-1.80) than patients with the highest socioeconomic status (Table 2), and these differences were more pronounced as socioeconomic status fell. Regional differences were common: compared to patients in the South, patients living in the West were more likely to not receive antihypertensives for hypertension (OR 1.32, 95% CI 1.08-1.63) and not receive statins for dyslipidemia (OR 1.31, 95% CI 1.13-1.52). Compared to patients in the South, patients in all other US regions were less likely to be sedentary (Midwest: OR 0.58, 95% CI 0.52-0.65; Northeast: OR 0.63, 95% CI 0.55-0.72; West: OR 0.68, 95% CI 0.61-0.77), and patients in the West were less likely to smoke (OR 0.76, 95% CI 0.65-0.90), while patients in the Midwest were more likely to be obese (OR 1.23, 95% CI 1.08-1.41).

Discussion

In the PROMISE trial population, we found that symptomatic patients presenting to their primary care physicians, cardiologists, or other specialists with suspected CAD have a high prevalence of risk factors for adverse cardiovascular events, with many of these risk factors representing missed opportunities to improve preventive medical care and lifestyle practices. We identified populations that should be targeted for interventions based on their sex, age, race/ethnicity,

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FIGURE LEGENDS

Figure 1. Preventive medical therapy and lifestyle practices at presentation, by sex, age, and race/ethnicity. The bars represent covariate-adjusted probabilities of a preventive care gap, based on the multivariate models reported in Table 2. The reference groups for tests of statistical significance are male sex, 45-64 years old, and White race/ethnicity.

Figure 2. Preventive medical therapy and lifestyle practices at presentation. The bars represent covariate-adjusted probabilities of a preventive care gap, based on the multivariate models reported in Table 2. The reference groups for tests of statistical significance are high socioeconomic status and South region.

Table 1. Demographics and Presenting Characteristics for All Patients

Characteristic	All Patients (N=10003)
Female (%)	5270/10003 (52.7%)
Median age (IQR), years	60.0 (54.4-66.0)
Age (%), years	
45-64	7111/10003 (71.1%)
65-79	2711/10003 (27.1%)
80+	181/10003 (1.8%)
Race/ethnicity (%)	
Hispanic or Latino	767/9945 (7.7%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-White	7693/9945 (77.4%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Black	1071/9945 (10.8%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Asian	250/9945 (2.5%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Other	164/9945 (1.6%)
Socioeconomic status (minimum, maximum income), \$ ^a	
Low	11118, 42610
Medium-low	42613, 54149
Medium-high	54167, 71034
High	71059, 184338
US region ^b	
Midwest	2208/9690 (22.8%)
Northeast	1439/9690 (14.9%)
South	3999/9690 (41.3%)
West	2044/9690 (21.1%)
Cardiac risk factors	
BMI \geq 30 (%) (median 29.7, IQR 26.3-33.9)	4724/9907 (47.7%)
Hypertension (%)	6501/10002 (65.0%)
Diabetes (%)	2144/10002 (21.4%)
Dyslipidemia (%)	6767/10002 (67.7%)
Family history of premature CAD (%)	3202/9970 (32.1%)
Peripheral arterial disease or cerebrovascular disease (%)	552/10003 (5.5%)
CAD risk equivalent (%)	2531/10003 (25.3%)

Characteristic	All Patients (N=10003)
Metabolic syndrome (%)	3772/10003 (37.7%)
Current tobacco use (%)	1773/10000 (17.7%)
Regular exercise (%)	5116/9982 (51.3%)
History of depression (%)	2058/10000 (20.6%)
Risk scores	
Mean Diamond and Forrester score (SD) [n]	53 (20.14) [10003]
Mean ASCVD Pooled Cohort Risk Prediction (2013) (SD) [n]	15 (11.75) [9901]
Medication use (%)	
Aspirin	4280/9569 (44.7%)
Statin	4389/9569 (45.9%)
Beta-blocker	2399/9569 (25.1%)
ACE inhibitor or ARB	4194/9569 (43.8%)
Primary presenting symptoms (%)	
Chest pain	7272/9996 (72.7%)
Dyspnea	1490/9996 (14.9%)
Other	1234/9996 (12.3%)
Type of angina (%)	
Typical	1166/10003 (11.7%)
Atypical	7773/10003 (77.7%)
Non-cardiac	1064/10003 (10.6%)
Physician specialty (%)	
Cardiology	8662/10003 (86.6%)
Internal medicine	565/10003 (5.6%)
Other	776/10003 (7.8%)

^aMedian household income (in US \$) is used as a surrogate for socioeconomic status.

^b143 patients had missing zip code data, and 170 patients had zip codes that were not reported in 2010 Census ACS data.

ACE, angiotensin-converting enzyme; ARB, angiotensin receptor blocker; ASCVD, atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; BMI, body mass index; CAD, coronary artery disease; IQR, interquartile range.

Table 2. Prevalence and Adjusted Odds of No Medication Use and Lifestyle Choices at Baseline

Patient Characteristic	No antihypertensive use among patients with hypertension ^{a,b}			No statin use among patients with dyslipidemia ^c			No ACEi or ARB use in patients with diabetes ^d		
	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value
Sex									
Female	14.3	0.92 (0.78 - 1.10)	0.37	38.5	1.33 (1.18 - 1.50)	< 0.001	32.9	1.11 (0.86 - 1.42)	0.42
Male	13.2	--	--	34.0	--	--	30.5	--	--
Age, years									
45-64	14.7	--	--	39.1	--	--	33.3	--	--
65-79	11.5	1.12 (0.90 - 1.41)	0.308	30	0.64 (0.55 - 0.75)	< 0.001	28.4	1.10 (0.82 - 1.47)	0.541
80+	14.1	1.47 (0.84 - 2.57)	0.176	28.7	0.59 (0.38 - 0.92)	0.021	30.8	1.48 (0.57 - 3.87)	0.422
Race/ethnicity									
Hispanic or Latino	11.9	0.86 (0.64 - 1.16)	0.333	34.3	0.95 (0.77 - 1.17)	0.624	30.6	0.87 (0.60 - 1.27)	0.481
Not Hispanic or Latino-Asian	12.5	0.68 (0.39 - 1.18)	0.171	45.8	1.37 (1.00 - 1.87)	0.051	38.6	0.91 (0.48 - 1.74)	0.773
Not Hispanic or Latino-Black	11.6	0.95 (0.74 - 1.22)	0.715	33.6	0.94 (0.77 - 1.14)	0.522	27.7	1.28 (0.92 - 1.78)	0.146
Not Hispanic or Latino-Other	17.2	1.08 (0.61 - 1.92)	0.796	43	1.32 (0.88 - 1.98)	0.18	21.4	0.45 (0.18 - 1.14)	0.092
Not Hispanic or Latino-White	14.3	--	--	36.4	--	--	32.9	--	--
Socioeconomic status ^e									
Low	12.6	1.02 (0.81 - 1.28)	0.891	37	1.20 (1.02 - 1.41)	0.027	30	0.90 (0.64 - 1.25)	0.518
Medium-low	12.4	0.96 (0.76 - 1.19)	0.687	36.4	1.12 (0.96 - 1.30)	0.149	28.7	0.80 (0.57 - 1.13)	0.203
Medium-high	16.1	1.25 (1.01 - 1.55)	0.037	37.3	1.08 (0.93 - 1.25)	0.326	34.5	0.96 (0.68 - 1.34)	0.79
High	13.9	--	--	35.5	--	--	34.3	--	--

Patient Characteristic	No antihypertensive use among patients with hypertension ^{a,b}			No statin use among patients with dyslipidemia ^c			No ACEi or ARB use in patients with diabetes ^d		
	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value
US region ^e									
Midwest	14.1	1.13 (0.92 - 1.37)	0.242	36.6	1.07 (0.93 - 1.23)	0.347	31.7	1.07 (0.79 - 1.44)	0.677
Northeast	12.2	1.01 (0.79 - 1.28)	0.939	35	1.10 (0.93 - 1.30)	0.258	28.4	0.97 (0.69 - 1.35)	0.85
West	16.5	1.32 (1.08 - 1.63)	0.008	41.6	1.31 (1.13 - 1.52)	< 0.001	38.4	1.22 (0.88 - 1.68)	0.239
South	12.8	--	--	34.2	--	--	29.9	--	--

^aCommonly used antihypertensives include angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors, angiotensin-receptor blockers, beta-blockers, thiazide-type diuretics, and calcium-channel blockers.

^bOnly patients with hypertension included in the analysis (N=6501).

^cOnly patients with dyslipidemia included in the analysis (N=6767).

^dOnly patients with diabetes included in the analysis (N=2144).

^eZip code level data extracted from 2010 US Census Bureau American Community Survey Data (5-year estimates).

Table 2. Prevalence and Adjusted Odds of No Medication Use and Lifestyle Choices at Baseline Cont.

Outcome	Sedentary			Current Smoking			Obese ^a		
	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value
Sex									
Female	53.5	1.55 (1.41 - 1.70)	< 0.001	15.5	0.95 (0.84 - 1.08)	0.434	48.1	1.04 (0.93 - 1.16)	0.535
Male	43.4	--	--	20.2	--	--	47.2	--	--
Age, y									
45-64	48.7	--	--	21.7	--	--	51.0	--	--
65-79	48.9	1.02 (0.91 - 1.14)	0.723	8.30	0.23 (0.19 - 0.27)	< 0.001	40.8	0.59 (0.52 - 0.68)	< 0.001
80+	47.5	1.05 (0.76 - 1.45)	0.771	2.21	0.04 (0.01 - 0.13)	< 0.001	20.2	0.23 (0.15 - 0.37)	< 0.001
Race/ethnicity									
Hispanic or Latino	50.7	1.06 (0.90 - 1.25)	0.493	16.6	0.89 (0.71 - 1.12)	0.328	48.8	0.93 (0.76 - 1.13)	0.447
Not Hispanic or Latino-Asian	44.8	1.30 (0.99 - 1.71)	0.058	8.00	0.49 (0.30 - 0.80)	0.005	16.7	0.16 (0.11 - 0.24)	< 0.001
Not Hispanic or Latino-Black	58.4	1.13 (0.97 - 1.31)	0.105	20.7	0.96 (0.80 - 1.16)	0.683	59.8	1.55 (1.31 - 1.84)	< 0.001
Not Hispanic or Latino-Other	48.1	1.02 (0.73 - 1.42)	0.895	22.6	1.36 (0.90 - 2.06)	0.147	48.2	0.94 (0.63 - 1.41)	0.781
Not Hispanic or Latino-White	47.4	--	--	17.6	--	--	46.9	--	--
Socioeconomic status ^b									
Low	57.7	1.45 (1.28 - 1.65)	< 0.001	23.1	2.00 (1.68 - 2.38)	< 0.001	52.1	0.99 (0.85 - 1.16)	0.918
Medium-low	50.2	1.20 (1.07 - 1.36)	0.003	18.9	1.63 (1.38 - 1.94)	< 0.001	49.1	1.04 (0.90 - 1.21)	0.559
Medium-high	47.7	1.18 (1.05 - 1.32)	0.007	17.4	1.52 (1.28 - 1.80)	< 0.001	48.4	1.06 (0.92 - 1.22)	0.454

Outcome	Sedentary			Current Smoking			Obese ^a		
	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value
High	41.4	--	--	11.5	--	--	42.3	--	--
US region ^b									
Midwest	42.5	0.58 (0.52 - 0.65)	< 0.001	17.4	0.99 (0.85 - 1.14)	0.848	50.3	1.23 (1.08 - 1.41)	0.002
Northeast	45.5	0.63 (0.55 - 0.72)	< 0.001	17.1	1.02 (0.85 - 1.21)	0.854	49.9	1.04 (0.89 - 1.22)	0.617
West	44.3	0.68 (0.61 - 0.77)	< 0.001	13.7	0.76 (0.65 - 0.90)	0.001	42.5	0.97 (0.84 - 1.12)	0.648
South	56.3	--	--	19.9	--	--	48.5	--	--

^aObese defined as BMI \geq 30.

^bZip code level data extracted from 2010 US Census Bureau American Community Survey Data (5-year estimates).

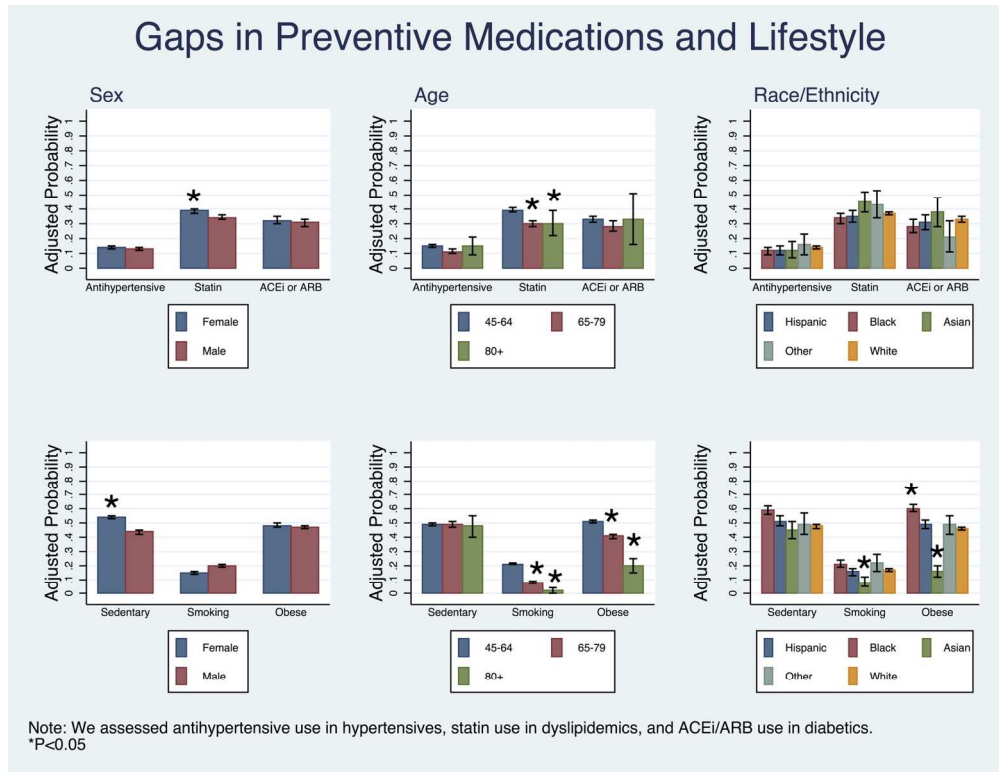


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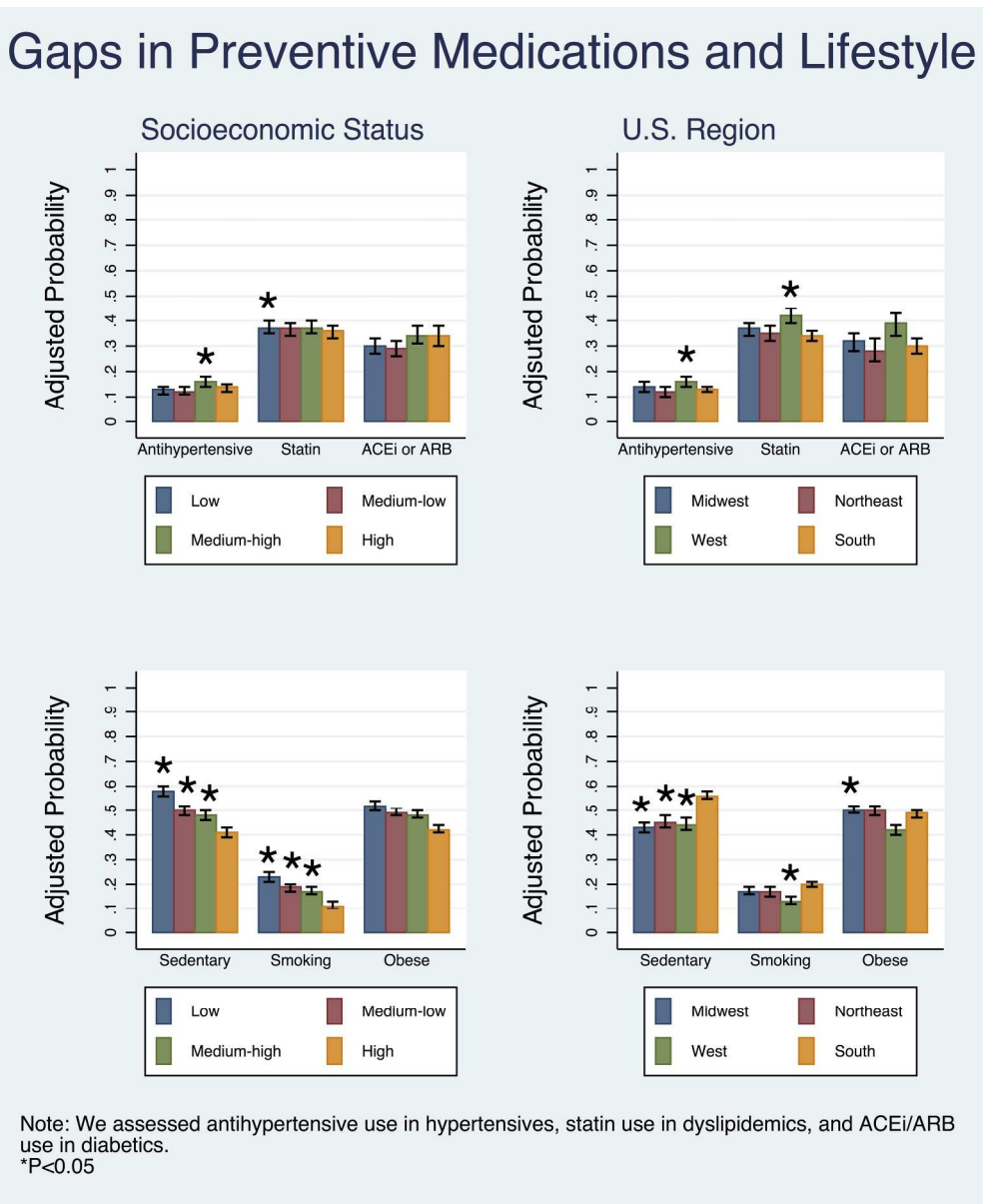


Figure 2. Preventive medical therapy and lifestyle practices at presentation. The bars represent covariate-adjusted probabilities of a preventive care gap, based on the multivariate models reported in Table 2. The reference groups for tests of statistical significance are high socioeconomic status and South region.

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Supplementary Appendix

Table 1.1. Demographics and Baseline Characteristics for Patients With Hypertension

Characteristic	Patients With Hypertension (N=6501)
Female (%)	3509/6501 (54.0%)
Age (%), y	
45-64	4522/6501 (69.6%)
65-79	1849/6501 (28.4%)
80+	130/6501 (2.0%)
Race/ethnicity (%)	
Hispanic or Latino	531/6471 (8.2%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-White	4813/6471 (74.4%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Black	885/6471 (13.7%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Asian	142/6471 (2.2%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Other	100/6471 (1.5%)
Socioeconomic status (minimum, maximum income), \$*	
Low	(11792,42610)
Medium-low	(42613,54149)
Medium-high	(54167,71034)
High	(71059,180815)
US region	
Midwest	1395/6316 (22.1%)
Northeast	965/6316 (15.3%)
South	2736/6316 (43.3%)
West	1220/6316 (19.3%)
Cardiac risk factors	
BMI \geq 30 (%)	3538/6439 (54.9%)
Diabetes (%)	1712/6501 (26.3%)
Dyslipidemia (%)	4408/6501 (67.8%)
Family history of premature CAD (%)	2050/6481 (31.6%)
Peripheral arterial disease or cerebrovascular disease (%)	424/6501 (6.5%)
CAD risk equivalent (%)	1992/6501 (30.6%)
Metabolic syndrome (%)	3080/6501 (47.4%)
Current tobacco use (%)	1025/6499 (15.8%)
Regular exercise (%)	3060/6487 (47.2%)
History of depression (%)	1381/6499 (21.2%)

Characteristic	Patients With Hypertension (N=6501)
Risk Scores	
Mean Diamond and Forrester score (SD) [n]	53 (20.21) [6501]
Mean ASCVD Pooled Cohort Risk Prediction (2013) (SD) [n]	17 (12.72) [6434]
Medication use (%)	
Aspirin	2956/6363 (46.5%)
Statin	3057/6363 (48.0%)
Beta-blocker	2126/6363 (33.4%)
ACE inhibitor or ARB	4041/6363 (63.5%)
Primary presenting symptoms (%)	
Chest pain	4653/6498 (71.6%)
Dyspnea	1027/6498 (15.8%)
Other	818/6498 (12.6%)
Type of angina (%)	
Typical	802/6501 (12.3%)
Atypical	5044/6501 (77.6%)
Non-cardiac	655/6501 (10.1%)
Physician specialty (%)	
Cardiology	5592/6501 (86.0%)
Internal Medicine	380/6501 (5.8%)
Other	529/6501 (8.1%)

ACE = angiotensin-converting enzyme; ARB = angiotensin receptor blocker; ASCVD = atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; BMI = body mass index; CAD = coronary artery disease.

*Median household income (in US \$) is used as a surrogate for socioeconomic status.

Table 1.2. Demographics and Baseline Characteristics for Patients With Dyslipidemia

Characteristic	Patients with Dyslipidemia (N=6767)
Female (%)	3632/6767 (53.7%)
Age (%), y	
45-64	4824/6767 (71.3%)
65-79	1827/6767 (27.0%)
80+	116/6767 (1.7%)
Race/ethnicity (%)	
Hispanic or Latino	516/6728 (7.7%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-White	5270/6728 (78.3%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Black	618/6728 (9.2%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Asian	207/6728 (3.1%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Other	117/6728 (1.7%)
Socioeconomic status (minimum, maximum income)*	
Low	(11118,42610)
Medium-low	(42613,54149)
Medium-high	(54175,71034)
High	(71059,184338)
US region	
Midwest	1543/6572 (23.5%)
Northeast	1004/6572 (15.3%)
South	2569/6572 (39.1%)
West	1456/6572 (22.2%)
Cardiac risk factors	
BMI \geq 30 (%)	3257/6701 (48.6%)
Hypertension (%)	4408/6767 (65.1%)
Diabetes (%)	1656/6767 (24.5%)
Family history of premature CAD (%)	2310/6746 (34.2%)
Peripheral arterial disease or cerebrovascular disease (%)	420/6767 (6.2%)
CAD risk equivalent (%)	1940/6767 (28.7%)
Metabolic syndrome (%)	3181/6767 (47.0%)
Current tobacco use (%)	1016/6765 (15.0%)
Regular exercise (%)	3520/6749 (52.2%)
History of depression (%)	1498/6765 (22.1%)
Risk scores	
Mean Diamond and Forrester score (SD) [n]	53 (20.11) [6767]
Mean ASCVD Pooled Cohort Risk Prediction (2013) (SD) [n]	15 (12.26) [6698]

Characteristic	Patients with Dyslipidemia (N=6767)
Medication use (%)	
Aspirin	3161/6570 (48.1%)
Statin	4178/6570 (63.6%)
Beta-blocker	1655/6570 (25.2%)
ACE inhibitor or ARB	2943/6570 (44.8%)
Primary presenting symptoms (%)	
Chest pain	4851/6761 (71.7%)
Dyspnea	1033/6761 (15.3%)
Other	877/6761 (13.0%)
Type of angina (%)	
Typical	801/6767 (11.8%)
Atypical	5268/6767 (77.8%)
Non-cardiac	698/6767 (10.3%)
Physician specialty (%)	
Cardiology	5858/6767 (86.6%)
Internal Medicine	371/6767 (5.5%)
Other	538/6767 (8.0%)

ACE = angiotensin-converting enzyme; ARB = angiotensin receptor blocker; ASCVD = atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; BMI = body mass index; CAD = coronary artery disease.

*Median household income (in US \$) is used as a surrogate for socioeconomic status.

Table 1.3. Demographics and Baseline Characteristics for Patients With Diabetes

Characteristic	Patients with Diabetes (N=2144)
Female (%)	1151/2144 (53.7%)
Age (%), y	
45-64	1488/2144 (69.4%)
65-79	630/2144 (29.4%)
80+	26/2144 (1.2%)
Race/ethnicity (%)	
Hispanic or Latino	256/2132 (12.0%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-White	1414/2132 (66.3%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Black	345/2132 (16.2%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Asian	75/2132 (3.5%)
Not Hispanic or Latino-Other	42/2132 (2.0%)
Socioeconomic status (minimum, maximum income)*	
Low	(14586,42610)
Medium-low	(42641,54149)
Medium-high	(54260,71034)
High	(71059,139779)
US region	
Midwest	414/2074 (20.0%)
Northeast	348/2074 (16.8%)
South	916/2074 (44.2%)
West	396/2074 (19.1%)
Cardiac risk factors	
BMI \geq 30 (%)	1463/2117 (69.1%)
Hypertension (%)	1712/2144 (79.9%)
Dyslipidemia (%)	1656/2144 (77.2%)
Family history of premature CAD (%)	655/2140 (30.6%)
Peripheral arterial disease or cerebrovascular disease (%)	165/2144 (7.7%)
CAD risk equivalent (%)	2144/2144 (100.0%)
Metabolic syndrome (%)	1822/2144 (85.0%)
Current tobacco use (%)	318/2144 (14.8%)
Regular exercise (%)	926/2142 (43.2%)
History of depression (%)	516/2142 (24.1%)
Risk scores	
Mean Diamond and Forrester score (SD) [n]	54 (20.26) [2144]
Mean ASCVD Pooled Cohort Risk Prediction (2013) (SD) [n]	24 (15.25) [2111]
Medication use (%)	

Characteristic	Patients with Diabetes (N=2144)
Aspirin	1098/2118 (51.8%)
Statin	1291/2118 (61.0%)
Beta-blocker	619/2118 (29.2%)
ACE inhibitor or ARB	1444/2118 (68.2%)
Primary presenting symptoms (%)	
Chest pain	1518/2144 (70.8%)
Dyspnea	375/2144 (17.5%)
Other	251/2144 (11.7%)
Type of angina (%)	
Typical	296/2144 (13.8%)
Atypical	1653/2144 (77.1%)
Non-cardiac	195/2144 (9.1%)
Physician specialty (%)	
Cardiology	1830/2144 (85.4%)
Internal Medicine	142/2144 (6.6%)
Other	172/2144 (8.0%)

ACE = angiotensin-converting enzyme; ARB = angiotensin receptor blocker; ASCVD = atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; BMI = body mass index; CAD = coronary artery disease.

*Median household income (in US \$) is used as a surrogate for socioeconomic status.

Table 2.1. Prevalence and Adjusted Odds of No Medication Use at Baseline

Table 2.1 Prevalence and adjusted odds of no medication use at baseline.									
Patient Characteristic	No antihypertensive use among patients with hypertension ^{1,2}			No statin use among patients with dyslipidemia ³			No ACEi or ARB use in patients with diabetes ⁴		
	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value
Key Risk Factors									
Hypertension	13.8	--	--	33.3	1.08 (0.92 - 1.28)	0.334	20.2	0.07 (0.05 - 0.09)	< 0.001
Dyslipidemia	13.1	1.31 (1.08 - 1.59)	0.007	36.4	--	--	29.8	0.27 (0.92 - 1.74)	0.148
Diabetes	8.07	0.67 (0.52 - 0.85)	< 0.001	25.5	0.51 (0.43 - 0.60)	< 0.001	31.8	--	--
Sex									
Female	14.3	0.92 (0.78 - 1.10)	0.370	38.5	1.33 (1.18 - 1.50)	< 0.001	32.9	0.11 (0.86 - 1.42)	0.420
Male	13.2	--	--	34.0	--	--	30.5	--	--
Age									
65-79	11.5	1.12 (0.90 - 1.41)	0.308	30.0	0.64 (0.55 - 0.75)	< 0.001	28.4	0.10 (0.82 - 1.47)	0.541
80+	14.1	1.47 (0.84 - 2.57)	0.176	28.7	0.59 (0.38 - 0.92)	0.021	30.8	0.48 (0.57 - 3.87)	0.422
45-64	14.7	--	--	39.1	--	--	33.3	--	--
Race/Ethnicity									
Hispanic or Latino	11.9	0.86 (0.64 - 1.16)	0.333	34.3	0.95 (0.77 - 1.17)	0.624	30.6	0.87 (0.60 - 1.27)	0.481
Not Hispanic or Latino-Asian	12.5	0.68 (0.39 - 1.18)	0.171	45.8	1.37 (1.00 - 1.87)	0.051	38.6	0.91 (0.48 - 1.74)	0.773
Not Hispanic or Latino-Black	11.6	0.95 (0.74 - 1.22)	0.715	33.6	0.94 (0.77 - 1.14)	0.522	27.7	0.28 (0.92 - 1.78)	0.146
Not Hispanic or Latino-Other	17.2	1.08 (0.61 - 1.92)	0.796	43.0	1.32 (0.88 - 1.98)	0.180	21.4	0.45 (0.18 - 1.14)	0.092
Not Hispanic or Latino-White	14.3	--	--	36.4	--	--	32.9	--	--
Socioeconomic Status⁵									
Low	12.6	1.02 (0.81 - 1.28)	0.891	37.0	1.20 (1.02 - 1.41)	0.027	30.0	0.90 (0.64 - 1.25)	0.518
Medium-low	12.4	0.96 (0.76 - 1.19)	0.687	36.4	1.12 (0.96 - 1.30)	0.149	28.7	0.80 (0.57 - 1.13)	0.203
Medium-high	16.1	1.25 (1.01 - 1.55)	0.037	37.3	1.08 (0.93 - 1.25)	0.326	34.5	0.96 (0.68 - 1.34)	0.790
High	13.9	--	--	35.5	--	--	34.3	--	--

Table 2.1 Prevalence and adjusted odds of no medication use at baseline.

Patient Characteristic	No antihypertensive use among patients with hypertension ^{1,2}			No statin use among patients with dyslipidemia ³			No ACEi or ARB use in patients with diabetes ⁴		
	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value
US Region⁵									
Midwest	14.1	1.13 (0.92 - 1.37)	0.242	36.6	1.07 (0.93 - 1.23)	0.347	31.7	1.07 (0.79 - 1.44)	0.677
Northeast	12.2	1.01 (0.79 - 1.28)	0.939	35.0	1.10 (0.93 - 1.30)	0.258	28.4	1.07 (0.69 - 1.35)	0.850
West	16.5	1.32 (1.08 - 1.63)	0.008	41.6	1.31 (1.13 - 1.52)	< 0.001	38.4	1.22 (0.88 - 1.68)	0.239
South	12.8	--	--	34.2	--	--	29.9	--	--
Cardiac Risk Factors at Baseline⁶									
BMI ≥ 30	12.1	0.71 (0.58 - 0.85)	< 0.001	34.9	0.93 (0.80 - 1.07)	0.285	27.7	0.58 (0.43 - 0.78)	< 0.001
Regular exercise	13.7	0.89 (0.76 - 1.04)	0.151	37.2	1.04 (0.94 - 1.17)	0.444	31.8	0.78 (0.62 - 0.99)	0.041
Current tobacco use	14.2	1.11 (0.89 - 1.37)	0.356	39.5	1.09 (0.93 - 1.27)	0.287	35.4	1.24 (0.89 - 1.71)	0.204
Family History of Premature CAD	13.0	0.90 (0.77 - 1.07)	0.226	36.3	0.98 (0.87 - 1.09)	0.672	31.2	0.91 (0.71 - 1.16)	0.433
Peripheral arterial disease or cerebrovascular disease	12.2	0.99 (0.72 - 1.37)	0.948	25.3	0.66 (0.52 - 0.84)	< 0.001	28.8	0.88 (0.71 - 1.64)	0.720
Metabolic syndrome	11.4	1.09 (0.87 - 1.35)	0.463	33.8	1.22 (1.04 - 1.43)	0.015	27.6	0.94 (0.64 - 1.40)	0.774
History of depression	13.6	0.98 (0.81 - 1.18)	0.794	37.0	1.00 (0.87 - 1.13)	0.955	34.6	1.12 (0.86 - 1.47)	0.389
ASCVD pooled cohort risk prediction categories									
High (≥15)	10.5	0.45 (0.34 - 0.58)	< 0.001	31.6	1.22 (1.01 - 1.47)	0.036	27.1	0.64 (0.42 - 0.97)	0.034
Intermediate (7.5 - 14.99)	13.2	0.63 (0.51 - 0.77)	< 0.001	37.4	1.07 (0.93 - 1.24)	0.330	39.3	0.90 (0.60 - 1.34)	0.588
Low (< 7.5)	19.7	--	--	41.3	--	--	41.3	--	--
Blood Pressure categories									
High (≥160/100)	15.3	1.54 (1.19 - 1.99)	0.001	39.6	1.28 (1.03 - 1.59)	0.023	25.2	0.74 (0.74 - 1.77)	0.556
Intermediate (≥140-159/90-99)	16.3	1.58 (1.34 - 1.86)	< 0.001	36.3	1.08 (0.95 - 1.22)	0.241	27.5	1.02 (0.79 - 1.32)	0.884
Low (<140/90)	12.1	--	--	36.1	--	--	34.9	--	--
Medication Use at Baseline									
Antihypertensive				31.0	0.64 (0.53 - 0.77)	< 0.001	14.3	--	--

Table 2.1 Prevalence and adjusted odds of no medication use at baseline.

Patient Characteristic	No antihypertensive use among patients with hypertension ^{1,2}			No statin use among patients with dyslipidemia ³			No ACEi or ARB use in patients with diabetes ⁴		
	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value
Statin	10.0	0.53 (0.45 - 0.64)	< 0.001				27.0	0.51 (0.39 - 0.67)	< 0.001
ACEi or ARB	0.00	--	--	29.0	0.82 (0.70 - 0.96)	0.011			
Primary Presenting Symptom									
Chest pain	14.2	0.90 (0.72 - 1.12)	0.340	37.2	1.08 (0.92 - 1.27)	0.356	32.6	0.95 (0.66 - 1.35)	0.754
Dyspnea	11.1	0.79 (0.59 - 1.06)	0.118	34.9	1.09 (0.89 - 1.33)	0.419	28.7	0.90 (0.59 - 1.37)	0.617
Other	14.7	--	--	34.3	--	--	32.1	--	--
Type of Angina									
Atypical	13.9	0.92 (0.72 - 1.18)	0.515	36.7	1.03 (0.87 - 1.24)	0.712	32.1	0.95 (0.64 - 1.40)	0.788
Typical	11.1	0.76 (0.55 - 1.06)	0.107	35.4	1.04 (0.83 - 1.31)	0.720	30.4	0.94 (0.58 - 1.52)	0.802
Non-cardiac	15.8	--	--	35.6	--	--	31.4	--	--
Cardiac Specialist									
Cardiologist	13.5	0.83 (0.67 - 1.03)	0.099	36.3	0.94 (0.80 - 1.10)	0.406	31.6	0.94 (0.68 - 1.30)	0.723
Non-Cardiologist	15.2	--	--	37.4	--	--	32.8	--	--

ACE = angiotensin-converting enzyme; ARB = angiotensin receptor blocker; ASCVD = atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; BMI = body mass index; CAD = coronary artery disease.

¹ Commonly used antihypertensives include ACE inhibitors, ARBs, beta-blockers, thiazide-type diuretics, and calcium-channel blockers.

² Only patients with hypertension included in the analysis (N=6501).

³ Only patients with dyslipidemia included in the analysis (N=6767).

⁴ Only patients with diabetes included in the analysis (N=2144).

⁵ Zip code level data extracted from 2010 US Census Bureau American Community Survey Data (5-year estimates).

⁶ Reference group is patients without risk factor.

Table 2.2. Prevalence and Adjusted Odds of Lifestyle Choices at Baseline

Outcome	Sedentary			Current Smoking			Obese ¹		
	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value
Sex									
Female	53.5	1.55 (1.41 - 1.70)	< 0.001	15.5	0.95 (0.84 - 1.08)	0.434	48.1	1.00 (0.93 - 1.16)	0.535
Male	43.4	--	--	20.2	--	--	47.2	--	--
Age, y									
65-79	48.9	1.02 (0.91 - 1.14)	0.723	8.30	0.23 (0.19 - 0.27)	< 0.001	40.8	0.55 (0.52 - 0.68)	< 0.001
80+	47.5	1.05 (0.76 - 1.45)	0.771	2.21	0.04 (0.01 - 0.13)	< 0.001	20.2	0.25 (0.15 - 0.37)	< 0.001
45-64	48.7	--	--	21.7	--	--	51.0	--	--
Race/Ethnicity									
Hispanic or Latino	50.7	1.06 (0.90 - 1.25)	0.493	16.6	0.89 (0.71 - 1.12)	0.328	48.8	0.99 (0.76 - 1.13)	0.447
Not Hispanic or Latino-Asian	44.8	1.30 (0.99 - 1.71)	0.058	8.00	0.49 (0.30 - 0.80)	0.005	16.7	0.10 (0.11 - 0.24)	< 0.001
Not Hispanic or Latino-Black	58.4	1.13 (0.97 - 1.31)	0.105	20.7	0.96 (0.80 - 1.16)	0.683	59.8	1.55 (1.31 - 1.84)	< 0.001
Not Hispanic or Latino-Other	48.1	1.02 (0.73 - 1.42)	0.895	22.6	1.36 (0.90 - 2.06)	0.147	48.2	0.90 (0.63 - 1.41)	0.781
Not Hispanic or Latino-White	47.4	--	--	17.6	--	--	46.9	--	--
Socioeconomic Status⁵									
Low	57.7	1.45 (1.28 - 1.65)	< 0.001	23.1	2.00 (1.68 - 2.38)	< 0.001	52.1	0.97 (0.85 - 1.16)	0.918
Medium-low	50.2	1.20 (1.07 - 1.36)	0.003	18.9	1.63 (1.38 - 1.94)	< 0.001	49.1	1.00 (0.90 - 1.21)	0.559
Medium-high	47.7	1.18 (1.05 - 1.32)	0.007	17.4	1.52 (1.28 - 1.80)	< 0.001	48.4	1.00 (0.92 - 1.22)	0.454
High	41.4	--	--	11.5	--	--	42.3	--	--
US Region²									
Midwest	42.5	0.58 (0.52 - 0.65)	< 0.001	17.4	0.99 (0.85 - 1.14)	0.848	50.3	1.25 (1.08 - 1.41)	0.002
Northeast	45.5	0.63 (0.55 - 0.72)	< 0.001	17.1	1.02 (0.85 - 1.21)	0.854	49.9	1.00 (0.89 - 1.22)	0.617
West	44.3	0.68 (0.61 - 0.77)	< 0.001	13.7	0.76 (0.65 - 0.90)	0.001	42.5	0.99 (0.84 - 1.12)	0.648
South	56.3	--	--	19.9	--	--	48.5	--	--
Cardiac Risk Factors at Baseline³									
Current tobacco use	58.3	1.73 (1.54 - 1.94)	< 0.001	--	--	--	40.2	0.44 (0.41 - 0.54)	< 0.001
BMI ≥ 30	56.2	1.64 (1.47 - 1.82)	< 0.001	14.9	0.48 (0.41 - 0.55)	< 0.001	--	--	--

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Outcome	Sedentary			Current Smoking			Obese ¹		
	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value	Prevalence, %	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P-value
Hypertension	52.8	1.32 (1.20 - 1.45)	< 0.001	15.8	0.62 (0.55 - 0.70)	< 0.001	54.9	1.13 (1.06 - 1.33)	0.003
Diabetes	56.8	1.12 (0.99 - 1.26)	0.078	14.8	0.61 (0.51 - 0.72)	< 0.001	69.1	0.49 (0.40 - 0.56)	< 0.001
Dyslipidemia	47.8	0.91 (0.83 - 1.01)	0.068	15.0	0.53 (0.47 - 0.60)	< 0.001	48.6	0.48 (0.37 - 0.46)	< 0.001
Family History of Premature CAD	45.2	0.78 (0.71 - 0.85)	< 0.001	18.3	1.07 (0.95 - 1.21)	0.248	48.3	1.08 (0.94 - 1.17)	0.400
Peripheral arterial disease or cerebrovascular disease	57.8	1.33 (1.11 - 1.60)	0.003	21.9	1.61 (1.28 - 2.03)	< 0.001	45.6	0.72 (0.62 - 0.97)	0.028
Metabolic syndrome	56.0	1.10 (0.97 - 1.24)	0.157	16.3	1.43 (1.20 - 1.69)	< 0.001	83.3	2.77 (23.74 - 32.48)	< 0.001
History of depression	53.3	1.09 (0.98 - 1.21)	0.119	23.0	1.52 (1.33 - 1.74)	< 0.001	53.2	1.21 (1.10 - 1.42)	< 0.001
ASCVD pooled cohort risk prediction ≥ 7.5%	49.7	1.08 (0.97 - 1.20)	0.170	19.2	2.45 (2.12 - 2.83)	< 0.001	49.4	0.88 (0.78 - 1.02)	0.094
Primary Presenting Symptom									
Chest pain	48.5	1.09 (0.95 - 1.24)	0.209	18.5	0.92 (0.77 - 1.09)	0.315	46.9	0.98 (0.82 - 1.13)	0.626
Dyspnea	52.2	1.27 (1.08 - 1.49)	0.004	13.8	0.73 (0.58 - 0.92)	0.007	53.0	1.22 (1.01 - 1.50)	0.036
Other	46.0	--	--	17.8	--	--	45.5	--	--
Type of Angina									
Atypical	48.8	1.08 (0.94 - 1.25)	0.256	17.9	0.96 (0.80 - 1.16)	0.682	47.7	0.97 (0.78 - 1.09)	0.335
Typical	50.4	1.14 (0.95 - 1.37)	0.157	16.5	0.85 (0.66 - 1.09)	0.193	49.4	0.88 (0.70 - 1.09)	0.237
Non-cardiac	46.5	--	--	18.0	--	--	45.7	--	--
Cardiac Specialist									
Cardiologist	48.7	1.00 (0.89 - 1.14)	0.951	17.7	1.03 (0.87 - 1.21)	0.746	47.6	1.03 (0.92 - 1.24)	0.407
Non-Cardiologist	49.2	--	--	17.9	--	--	48.7	--	--

¹ Obese defined as BMI ≥ 30.

² Zip code level data extracted from 2010 US Census Bureau American Community Survey Data (5-year estimates).

³ Reference group is patients without risk factor.

STROBE 2007 (v4) checklist of items to be included in reports of observational studies in epidemiology*
Checklist for cohort, case-control, and cross-sectional studies (combined)

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		(b) Provide in the abstract an informative and balanced summary of what was done and what was found	2 (All Lines)
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