**IMPACT OF HEART DISEASE**
Cardiovascular or heart disease is a broad term for a range of diseases affecting the heart and blood vessels. Every three minutes a person in the UK suffers a heart attack. Of the 175,000 heart attacks that are currently diagnosed each year in the UK, approximately 110,000 are among men and 65,000 are among women.

**HEART ATTACK SYMPTOMS**
Chest pain is the most common symptom. Some symptoms are more likely to be experienced by women than men, including:
- Shortness of breath
- Nausea/vomiting
- Back or jaw pain

**WHAT IS TROPONIN?**
Cardiac troponin is a protein that can indicate injury to the heart muscle. Troponin levels rise when heart cells are damaged. Doctors use blood tests to detect changes in these levels to help diagnose heart attacks.

**IMPACT TO WOMEN**
Abbott’s high sensitive troponin test, not available in the U.S., can measure very low levels of cardiac troponin. This is especially important for women, who often have lower levels of troponin than men.

**GOOD NEWS**
A British Medical Journal study suggests that Abbott’s high sensitive troponin test may help pick up twice as many women’s heart attacks as standard blood tests.

**REFERENCES**

**Abbott’s ARCHITECT STAT High Sensitive Troponin-I (hsTnI) test** is commercially available in Europe, as well as Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Brazil and China. The test is in development and not commercially available in the United States.

**KNOW THE SYMPTOMS AND ACT FAST**
Heart Attacks: How Women Can Beat the Odds

If you experience any symptoms of a heart attack, call emergency services immediately or seek medical attention. For more information about heart health, please visit: [www.abbott.com](http://www.abbott.com) and [www.worldheart.org](http://www.worldheart.org).

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