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## **Tennessee Heart Health Network (TNHHN)**

Tennessee ranks third in the nation for heart attacks and strokes.

Researchers from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center have launched a three-year initiative to lead the Tennessee Heart Health Network, a statewide program of primary care providers, health systems, and academic centers aiming to identify, develop, and implement patient-centered approaches to improve quality of care and outcomes for people with cardiovascular disease. The program will focus on hypertension control and smoking cessation as the two primary modifiable risk factors for cardiovascular disease and will help primary care practices implement proven approaches to reduce heart attacks and strokes.

All five of ETSU Health's primary care clinics have been chosen to join the program, with varying start dates:

- Wave 1 practices begin Nov 8, 2021 KIM
- Wave 2 practices begin Feb 7, 2022 BFM, JCFM, JCIM
- Wave 3 practices begin May 9, 2022 KFM

Expectations for each participating practice include submitting data, establishing a care team, and implementing one of three practice-selected interventions:

- Health Coaching
- Physician-Pharmacist Collaboration
- Motivational Text-Messaging