

Gaps in seniors' preventive healthcare

According to new research



Older Americans over age 65 aren't talking about heart valve health with their doctors — despite many

51%

receiving a new health diagnosis in the last year



Nearly nine in ten



seniors (89%) believe regular heart health screenings are important as they age, but



84%

have never talked with their doctor about getting screened for heart valve disease

Almost half of Americans 65+

48% responded they do not know what heart valve failure (severe aortic stenosis) is, despite being the group at highest risk for this life threatening condition



Many

29%

are not aware that heart valve failure can present as a mix of symptomatic (with signs and symptoms), or asymptomatic (no symptoms at all), depending on the individual

More than a third of seniors

36% admitted they avoid going to the doctor — potentially delaying the diagnosis of silent but serious conditions, such as heart valve disease

