

# Historic Women and Moments in Cardiology

American Heart Association.



As the American Heart Association approaches 100 years we look back and salute women who have helped paved the way through their historic contributions to the field of cardiology.

**1924**

The American Heart Association is founded.

**1936**

Maude Abbott, M.D. invented an international classification system for congenital heart disease.

**1943**

Myra Adele Logan, M.D. becomes the first woman to operate on a human heart.

**1964**

The AHA chooses biochemist Mildred Cohn, Ph.D. as its first female career investigator. Her work contributed to the development of the MRI.

**1965**

Pediatric cardiologist Helen Taussig, M.D. becomes the first woman president of the American Heart Association.

**1985**

Margaret Allen, M.D. becomes the first female surgeon in the United States to transplant a heart.

**1993**

The National Institutes of Health NIH Revitalization Act passed by congress and mandates women must be included in clinical research.

**1998**

New Act for Women is signed into law to create a program to advance the fight against heart disease, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases in women.

**2001**

AHA funded researcher Christine Moravec, Ph.D. reports that left ventricular assist devices can reverse diminished heart muscle performance in people with heart failure awaiting a transplant.

**2004**

Go Red begins and raises women's awareness that heart disease is their No. 1 killer and helps them take action to prevent it.

**2010**

Go Red supports a provision to prohibit insurance companies from charging women higher premiums than men for the same health insurance coverage.

**2015**

AHA announces plans for the Go Red Strategically Focused Research Network (SFRN), with five centers studying five key women-related issues.

**2019**

Research Goes Red launches in collaboration with the Institute for Precision Medicine, building the most highly engaged women's health registry and research marketplace.

**2022**

Christine E. Seidman, M.D. receives the 2022 Research Achievement Award, the Association's highest honor for her groundbreaking discoveries in the genetics of cardiomyopathy.

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