Dominoes Explain Effects Of High Blood Pressure

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Blood vessels can be damaged by tears in the muscular wall or by weakening. Tears can lead to clots, which then lead to heart attacks or strokes. Weakening can cause the vessel to burst, as in an aneurysm or brain bleed.

(NAPSA)-Uncontrolled blood pressure can trigger a domino effect of catastrophic

health events such as stroke, heart attack,

heart failure and kidney disease-but you

third of the U.S. adult population, have it.

Most people with high blood pressure have

no symptoms and can go for years without

a diagnosis. In fact, one out of five people

with high blood pressure don't even know

tion (AHA) created a new video showing a

line of dominoes that trigger the fall of the

heart and brain, indicating how the condi-

ment of hypertension have seen its rav-

ages," said Willie E. Lawrence, Jr., M.D.,

chief of cardiology at Research Medical

Center in Kansas City, Missouri, and an

AHA volunteer. "Many of us have been

influenced by its impact on friends and

family-whether we know someone who

has high blood pressure or has had a heart

High blood pressure is when blood

pumps through your blood vessels with too

much force. That can damage blood ves-

"So many people involved in the treat-

tion damages those vital organs.

attack or stroke because of it."

sels and "topple" your health.

To help, the American Heart Associa-

they have it.

About 80 million adults, roughly one-

don't have to let it knock you down.

"About half of the people who have high blood pressure don't have it under control," Dr. Lawrence added. "Awareness is simply not enough, and we want to send the message that high blood pressure is serious. We have to be active, and even aggressive, in managing and treating high blood pressure because lives are at stake."

Another domino effect of uncontrolled high blood pressure is that it may triple the risk of heart failure, which affects nearly 6 million Americans. When heart failure occurs, the weakened heart cannot keep up with the body's needs.

Blood vessel damage also affects kidney function, paving the way for kidney disease and the need for dialysis. High blood pressure is the second leading cause of kidney failure. The kidneys and the circulatory system depend on each other for good health. The AHA and the National Kidney Foundation are working together to prevent risk factors for cardiovascular disease, stroke and kidney disease through early detection, prevention and awareness

"The good news for people with this condition is that we know how to manage it." Dr. Lawrence said. "We know that lifestyle changes really work to reduce pressure, and many of the medications to manage it are inexpensive."

How to manage blood pressure:

• Eat a better diet, which may include

reducing salt.

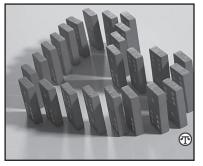
• Enjoy regular physical activity. At least 150 minutes per week of moderateintensity physical activity, such as brisk walking

• Maintain a healthy weight. Even a small weight loss, such as 10 pounds, can reduce blood pressure.

• Manage stress. It can cause a temporary increase in blood pressure. If you're working to keep your pressure in a healthy range, avoiding stress can help vou maintain your goal.

· Comply with medication prescriptions. Healthy eating and physical activity should be part of your plan for lowering blood pressure-even if you're taking medication-but a healthy lifestyle may not eliminate the need for medications.

• If you drink, limit alcohol. The AHA recommends that if you drink, limit alcohol to no more than two drinks per day for



Just as dominoes can fall one after another, high blood pressure can lead to other problems, if you don't take care.

men and one drink per day for women.

"It's important to know that there is no 'safe' level of high blood pressure, even if you feel OK," Lawrence said. "There's a reason we call high blood pressure a silent killer. Don't take life-or-death chances with this disease. Instead, take responsibility and don't let that first domino fall."

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To view the video and learn more about managing blood pressure, visit www.heart. org/hbp.

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Safe Driving Pays: How One Teen Won \$5,000 For A Digital Short Against Distracted Driving

(NAPSA)-Americans are mobile-first, but when driving, your number one priority should be safety. While our phones are a source for information and entertainment, there is no reason for anyone to manually text while driving.

That's the message that 17-year-old high school senior Claire Offenberger conveyed in her digital short public service announcement that won the CTIA Wireless Foundation 2016 Drive Smart contest. Ms. Offenberger's national award winning video asked, You wouldn't drive blind-



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National Conference of State Legislatures and other organizations by drafting model legislation for states that bans manual texting while driving. CTIA continues to encourage states across the country to pass this important legislation.





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folded, why text?"

In addition to winning the \$5,000 grand prize scholarship, Ms. Offenberger visited Washington, D.C. and was presented with the award by U.S. Secretary of Transportation (DOT) Anthony Foxx, CTIA Wireless Foundation President and CTIA President and CEO Meredith Attwell Baker, and National Highway Traffic Safety Administrator Mark Rosekind. She also met with U.S. Rep. Mimi Walters (R-CA).

In its second year, the Drive Smart contest provides educators with materials to help remind students (and adults) to not text while driving. With hundreds of students across the country developing creative anti-texting-while-driving ads, CTIA Wireless Foundation is helping educate Americans about the dangers of distracted driving.

Together with CTIA and its members, America's wireless companies support a three-sided approach to combat distracted drivingeducation, technology and legislation. Through industry-wide campaigns like Drive Smart and individual company initiatives, Americans know they should not text while driving. Technology developments from device manufacturers, wireless providers and apps and content providers include auto-replies to texts while driving and hands-free options. CTIA worked with the DOT, AAA, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, International Association of Chiefs of Police,

While one should never text while driving, it's important to remember that wireless devices are fundamentally public safety tools so you can reach first responders and emergency personnel when needed. In fact, almost 300 wireless 911 calls are made every minute in the U.S.

Driver distractions come in many forms, from passengers to eating to music. To combat distracted driving, follow these six rules:

1. Never manually text and drive.

2. Know and obey state and local laws on wireless device usage wherever you may drive.

3. Learn your wireless device's and automobile's features, such as voice activation and hands-free options.

4. Let the person you are speaking with know you're driving; if necessary, suspend the call in heavy traffic or hazardous weather conditions.

5. Don't take notes or look up phone numbers while driving.

6. Don't engage in stressful or emotional conversations that might divert your attention from the road.

When you're behind the wheel, safety must be your number one priority. CTIA and its member companies remind you to never text while driving.

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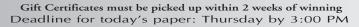
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