

THE HIDDEN EPIDEMIC

HEART DISEASE IN AMERICA



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

THE HIDDEN EPIDEMIC: HEART DISEASE IN AMERICA **Wednesday, February 14, 2007 at 9pm ET on PBS**

This Valentine's Day do your heart and loved ones a favor by tuning into THE HIDDEN EPIDEMIC: HEART DISEASE IN AMERICA, a PBS Health Campaign special on the number one killer of Americans, airing during National Heart Month on Wednesday, February 14, 2007 at 9pm ET on PBS. How can a 44-year-old with no health complaints suddenly drop dead from a massive heart attack? His case is not unusual, as the 90-minute documentary explains. More than half of all people who die of heart disease succumb suddenly without warning—and the other half have the disease lurking in their body for many years before it strikes. There is no cure, but doctors are learning remarkable new things about the disease: where it starts, how it occurs, and what that means for us. Program producer Elizabeth Arledge also produced THE FORGETTING, the acclaimed PBS special about Alzheimer's disease. Following the documentary, Larry King of CNN's LARRY KING LIVE and the Larry King Cardiac Foundation hosts TAKE ONE STEP FOR A HEALTHY HEART, a half-hour discussion featuring some of the country's top medical experts and physicians who present important strategies and practical tactics for improving the health of your heart.

THE HIDDEN EPIDEMIC: HEART DISEASE IN AMERICA is produced by WGBH Boston for PBS and is written, directed and produced by Elizabeth Arledge. The executive producer is Laurie Donnelly. TAKE ONE STEP FOR A HEALTHY HEART WITH LARRY KING is produced by Larkin McPhee for WGBH Boston. Funding for both programs is provided by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and public television viewers. For more information, visit pbs.org/takeonestep (launching January 2007).

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