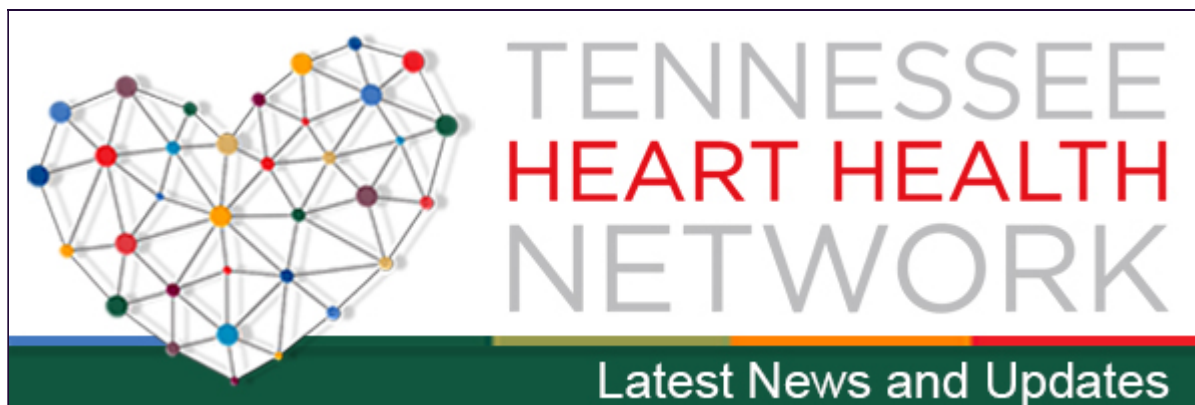


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We are a partnership committed to improving the health of Tennesseans with or at risk for cardiovascular disease. Tennessee is No. 3 in heart attacks and stroke, and we're here to change that. [Learn more](#) about the Tennessee Heart Health Network and how we can help you help your heart patients. Access our free [Toolkits](#) for implementing health coaching, text messaging, and pharmacist-physician collaboration into your practice.

Welcome Deputy Commissioner McDonald



We are pleased to announce that Dr. Morgan McDonald, Deputy Commissioner for Population Health, Tennessee Department of Health, has joined the TN Population Health Consortium Executive Council as Co-Chair. She has served as a primary care clinician in safety net clinics for 10+ years, taught at University of North Carolina and Vanderbilt University medical schools, and is board-certified in internal medicine and pediatrics. The Consortium oversees our TN Heart Health Network.

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Dr. Chris Jackson

Assistant Professor of Medicine and Senior Program Director
UT College of Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine

What is the patient's "why"? Internist Chris Jackson explains the importance of shifting the focus to this question to motivate patients to improve their health. He uses this approach with his own patients, and also teaches it to doctors-in-training as Assistant Professor of Medicine and Senior Program Director for Curriculum for the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) Internal Medicine Residency. [Hear his story.](#)

In our February newsletter, watch for information about reimbursement strategies for population health services such as health coaching. To develop sustainable reimbursement approaches for primary care practices, we have convened a subcommittee of payers and critical stakeholders including MCOs, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), and TennCare. In addition, billing specialists are assisting us in identifying CPT codes that primary care practices can use now to get reimbursed for critical population health services. Helping practices achieve sustainability for these new services is a top TN Heart Health Network priority.

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Introducing the New Tennessee Heart Health Network Website!

The Tennessee Heart Health Network is a statewide network of primary care providers, health systems, and academic centers committed to identifying, developing, and implementing patient-centered approaches to improve quality of care and outcomes for Tennesseans with cardiovascular disease.

We've recently launched a [new website](#) where you can learn more about our Network and how to become part of this important statewide initiative.



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