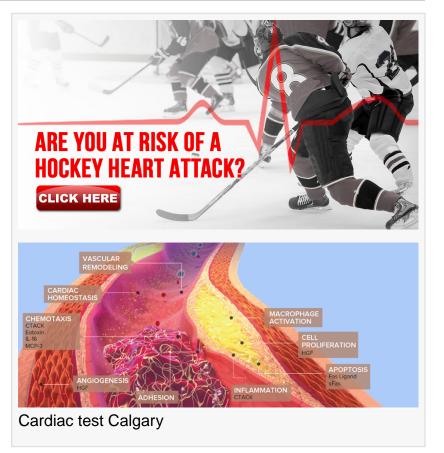


## Male Recreational Hockey Players Are at Increased Risk For A Hockey Heart Attack

Hockey season is starting and so are the recreational hockey leagues. Older men are at increased risk of a heart attack especially while playing hockey.

CALGARY, AB, CANADA, October 4, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Heart disease is the number one cause of hospitalization and death in Canada. Yet it is the number one preventable disease. Many middle-aged and older males are at increased risk of a heart attack and do not even know it.

Most males starting to play recreational hockey leagues use hockey as their form of exercise. They may be a little inactive from the summer months and are now using hockey to get back into shape. While hockey is a great activity, it can leave males vulnerable to a hockey heart attack. Most males are used to going on the ice with no warm-up, having short bursts on the ice, while recovering on the bench breathing cold air. "This is a recipe



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While it is important to ensure you obtain a physical from your family doctor, most patients pass that physical from their physician while still on the path to heart attack. It is important to look at blood pressure, and cholesterol trends. However, the majority of heart attack and strokes occur with people with normal cholesterol. It is also important to ensure you can exercise safely and effectively with an exercise treadmill test with a cardiologist. These only show advanced stages of disease. Looking for blockages that are 80% or more. This can leave people walking out a cardiologist's office with a clean bill of health especially when the majority of heart

attacks and strokes occur with blockages that are less than 70%. This can go undetected with regular exercise treadmill tests.

The Heart Fit Clinic uses the PULS Cardiac Test to detect your risk of a heart attack or stroke. PULS

(Protein Unstable Lesion Signature) is a simple blood test to detect vulnerable blockages. The Heart Fit Clinic is the only clinic in Alberta that uses the PULS Cardiac Test to detect your risk of a heart attack or stroke. For those who are at risk, the Heart Fit Clinic, along with a patient's physician, can intervene and prevent a fatal heart attack or stroke.

The Heart Fit Clinic focuses on preventing and reversing heart disease through lifestyle intervention that includes, exercise, nutrition, supplements, and stress management. It also uses <u>External Counterpulsation</u> for those at higher risk for coronary artery disease.



It is important to know the signs of a heart attack. Most times the signs of a heart attack can be vague: from indigestion, fatigue or pains in the back or shoulders, which can be brushed off from playing the sport. Most arenas are equipped with Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) due to the increased risk of a heart attack or stroke. Most males never wants to use an AED, but it is even more important to truly understand heart attack risk with the PULS Cardiac Test.

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