

# Patients' perceived lifetime risk for CVD often inaccurate

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(HealthDay)—Patients' frequently have a misperception of lifetime risk for cardiovascular disease (CVD), according to a study published in the July issue of *The American Journal of Cardiology*.

Elisabeth Joye Petr, M.D., from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, and colleagues examined the perception of lifetime CVD risk in 2,998 participants from the Dallas Heart Study. The [lifetime risk](#) for developing CVD was classified as high ( $\geq 39$  percent) versus low (

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