

Having taken into consideration the NASA links provided for public health data we developed a health calculator.

The solution takes into account five key parameters to evaluate the risk of developing a heart disease. Following these key indications provided here:

https://www.cdc.gov/heartdisease/risk_factors.htm

Several health conditions, your lifestyle, and your age and family history can increase your risk for heart disease. These are called risk factors. About **half of all Americans**(47%) have at least one of the three key risk factors for heart disease: high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and smoking.

Some of the risk factors for heart disease cannot be controlled, such as your age or family history. But you can take steps to lower your risk by changing the factors you **can** control.

The factors we evaluate are:

1. Gender
2. Smoking habits (smoker/non smoker)
3. Age
4. Systolic blood pressure.
5. Cholesterol

1. Gender

Heart disease was the number one killer of both men and women from 2013.

3. Age

Your risk for heart disease increases as you get older.

4. Systolic blood pressure

[High blood pressure](#) is a major risk factor for heart disease. It is a medical condition that occurs when the pressure of the blood in your arteries and other blood vessels is too high. The high pressure, if not controlled, can affect your heart and other major organs of your body, including your kidneys and brain.

High blood pressure is often called a “silent killer” because many people do not notice symptoms to signal high blood pressure. Lowering blood pressure by changes in lifestyle or by medication can reduce your risk for heart disease and heart attack.

5. Cholesterol

[Cholesterol](#) is a waxy, fat-like substance made by the liver or found in certain foods. Your liver makes enough for your body’s needs, but we often get more cholesterol from the foods we eat. If we take in

more cholesterol than the body can use, the extra cholesterol can build up in the walls of the arteries, including those of the heart. This leads to narrowing of the arteries and can decrease the blood flow to the heart, brain, kidneys, and other parts of the body.

Some cholesterol is “good,” and some is “bad.” High cholesterol is the term used for high levels of low-density lipoprotein, or LDL, which are considered “bad” because they can lead to heart disease. A higher level of high-density lipoprotein cholesterol, or HDL, is considered “good” because it provides some protection against heart disease.

A blood test can detect the amount of cholesterol and triglycerides (a related kind of fat) in your blood.

According to this other resource provided by NASA:

Kochanek KD, Xu JQ, Murphy SL, Miniño AM, Kung HC. [Deaths: final data for 2009 \[PDF-500K\]](#). Nat Vital Stat Rep. 2011;60(3).

the number one factor of deaths in 2009 amongst USA population was by heart diseases:

Rank ¹	Cause of death (based on the ICD-10, 2004)	Number	Percent of total deaths	2009 crude death rate	Age-adjusted death rate			
					2009	Percent change	Ratio	
						2008 to 2009	Male to female	Black ² to white
...	All causes	2,437,163	100.0	793.8	741.1	-2.3	1.4	1.3
1	Diseases of heart (I00-I09,I11,I13,I20-I51)	599,413	24.6	195.2	180.1	-3.4	1.6	1.3
2	Malignant neoplasms (C00-C97)	567,628	23.3	184.9	173.2	-1.2	1.4	1.2
3	Chronic lower respiratory diseases (J40-J47)	137,353	5.6	44.7	42.3	-3.9	1.3	0.7
4	Cerebrovascular diseases (I60-I69)	128,842	5.3	42.0	38.9	-4.4	1.1	1.5
5	Accidents (unintentional injuries) (V01-X59,Y85-Y86)	118,021	4.8	38.4	37.3	-3.9	2.1	0.8
6	Alzheimer's disease (G30)	79,003	3.2	25.7	23.5	-3.7	0.8	0.9
7	Diabetes mellitus (E10-E14)	68,705	2.8	22.4	20.9	-4.1	1.4	2.1
8	Influenza and pneumonia (J09-J18)	53,692	2.2	17.5	16.2	-4.1	1.4	1.1
9	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis (N00-N07, N17-N19,N25-N27)	48,935	2.0	15.9	14.9	0.7	1.4	2.3
10	Intentional self-harm (suicide) (*U03, X60-X84,Y87.0)	36,909	1.5	12.0	11.8	1.7	3.9	0.4
11	Septicemia (A40-A41)	35,639	1.5	11.6	10.9	-1.8	1.2	2.0
12	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis (K70,K73-K74)	30,558	1.3	10.0	9.2	0.0	2.1	0.7
13	Essential hypertension and hypertensive renal disease (I10,I12,I15)	25,734	1.1	8.4	7.7	0.0	1.1	2.5
14	Parkinson's disease (G20-G21)	20,565	0.8	6.7	6.4	0.0	2.3	0.4
15	Assault (homicide). (*U01-*U02,X85-Y09,Y87.1)	16,799	0.7	5.5	5.5	-6.8	3.6	5.4
...	All other causes (residual)	469,367	19.3	152.9

By taking into consideration all the above mentioned references we develop a formula for calculating heart disease risk.

We evaluate the risk to be a number in the range 1-26.

The formula we use is the SCORE recommended by european guidelines in cvd prevention.

https://www.nvvc.nl/media/richtlijn/148/2016_CVD_eurheartj.ehw106.full-1.pdf

Let's take all possible combinations for a specific example.

Female, 65 years old, 120 blood pressure, 800 cholesterol, smoker.

According to the guidelines the parametrization of age is as below:

$\leq 45 \rightarrow 40$ years old

> 45 but $< 53 \rightarrow 50$ years old

≥ 53 but $< 58 \rightarrow 55$ years old

≥ 58 but $< 63 \rightarrow 60$ years old

$\geq 63 \rightarrow 65$ years old

According to the guidelines the parametrization of systolic blood pressure (120-180) is as below:

$\leq 130 \rightarrow 120$

> 130 but $\leq 150 \rightarrow 140$

> 150 but $\leq 170 \rightarrow 160$

$> 170 \rightarrow 180$

According to the guidelines the parametrization of cholesterol is (150-800):

$\leq 175 \rightarrow 150$

> 175 but $\leq 225 \rightarrow 200$

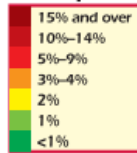
> 225 but $\leq 275 \rightarrow 250$

> 275 but $\leq 550 \rightarrow 300$

$> 550 \rightarrow 800$

After this parametrization to include age and gender we take into consideration the following graphics from the SCORE methodology:

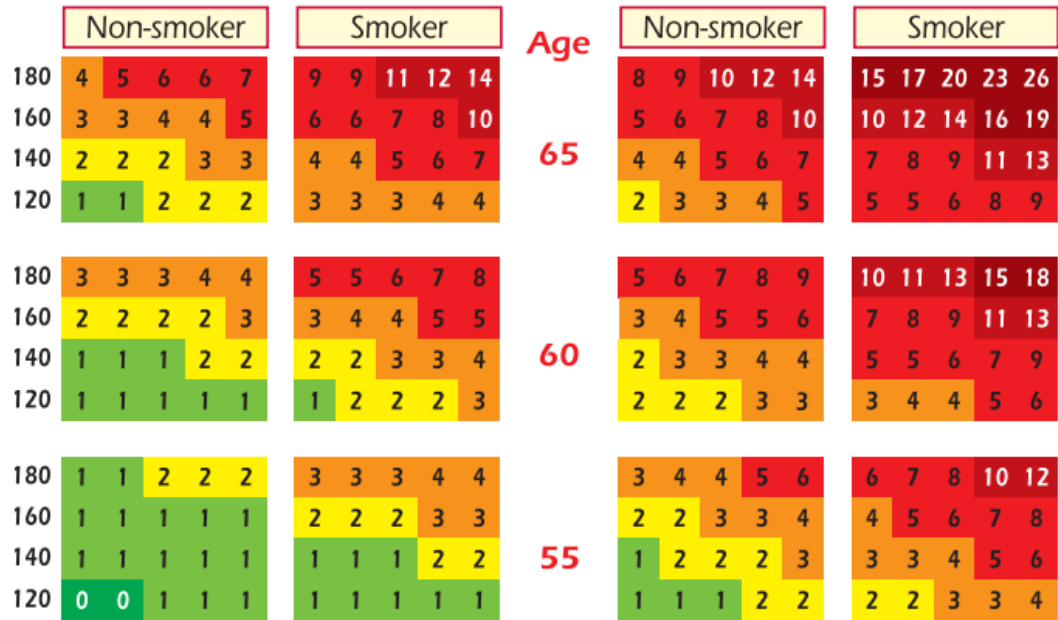
SCORE



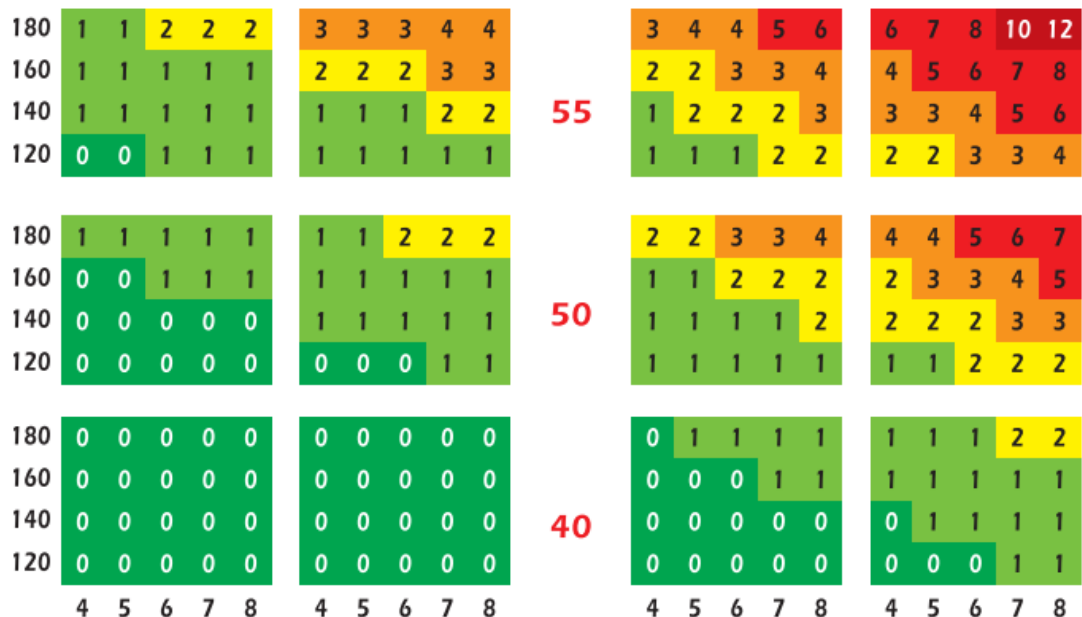
10-year risk of fatal CVD in populations at low CVD risk

WOMEN

MEN



Systolic blood pressure



Cholesterol (mmol/L)

150 200 250 300 mg/dL

By reading the table for the above specified example we get the risk of 4.

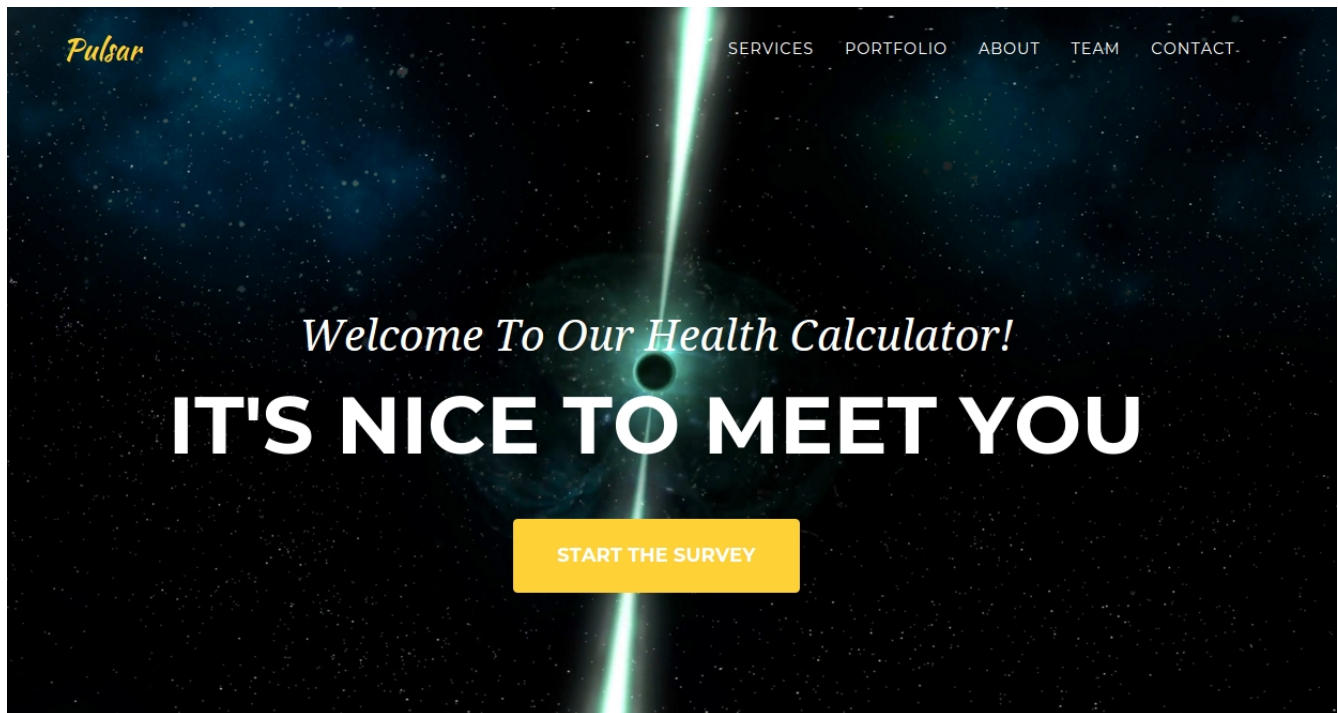
Our app:

Registers the above graphics in a tabular data.

Has an integrated survey to get the data by questioning people taking the test.

Shows the risk result via a widget/mail

Leading page:



Survey part:

1. What is your gender?

- Male
- Female

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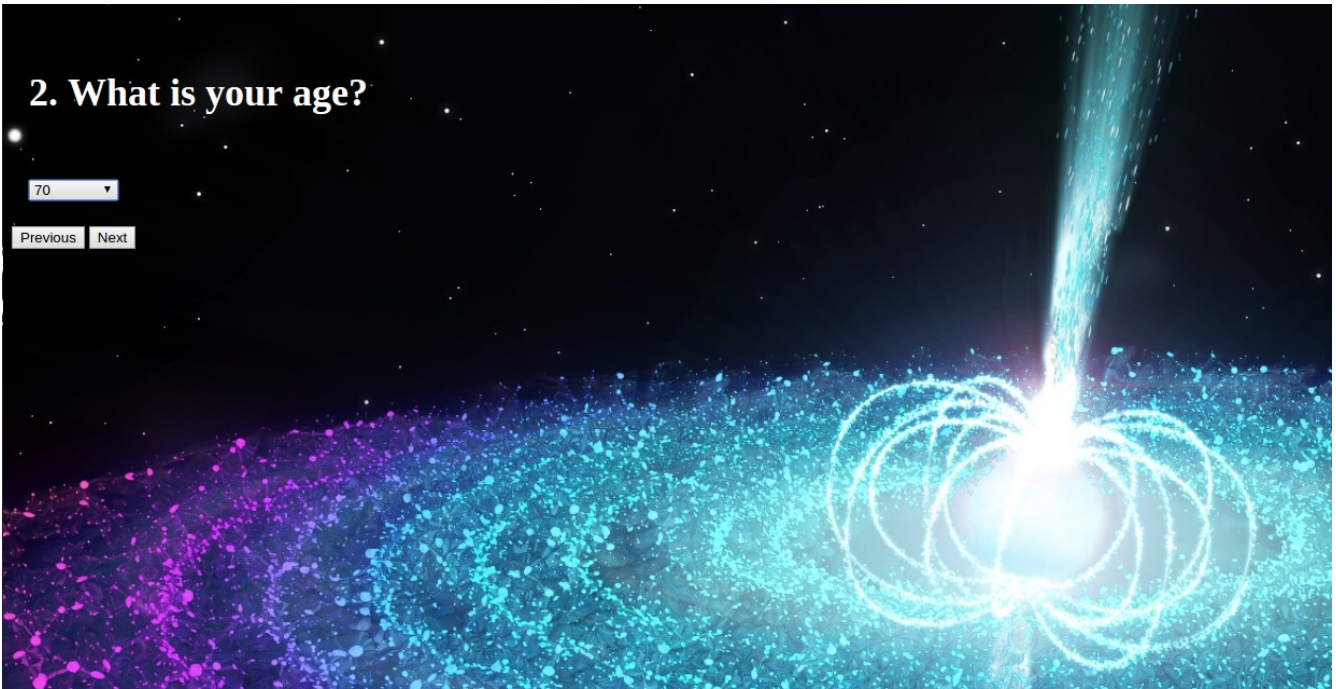
☒ Are you a smoker?

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2. What is your age?

70 ▼

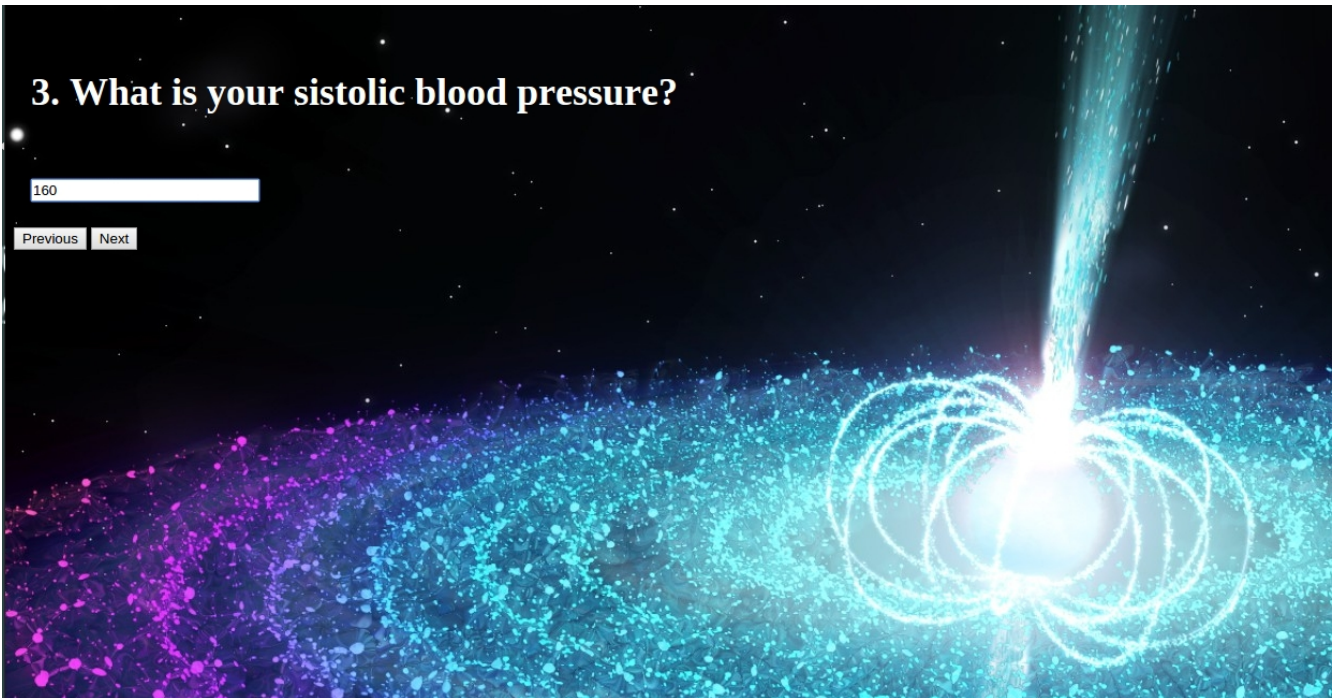
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3. What is your systolic blood pressure?

160

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4. What is your cholesterol?

600

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Complete

The final result:



Nasa references:

https://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2016/15_0282.htm

https://www.cdc.gov/heartdisease/risk_factors.htm

https://www.cdc.gov/heartdisease/statistics_maps.htm

<https://www.cdc.gov/heartdisease/prevention.htm>