

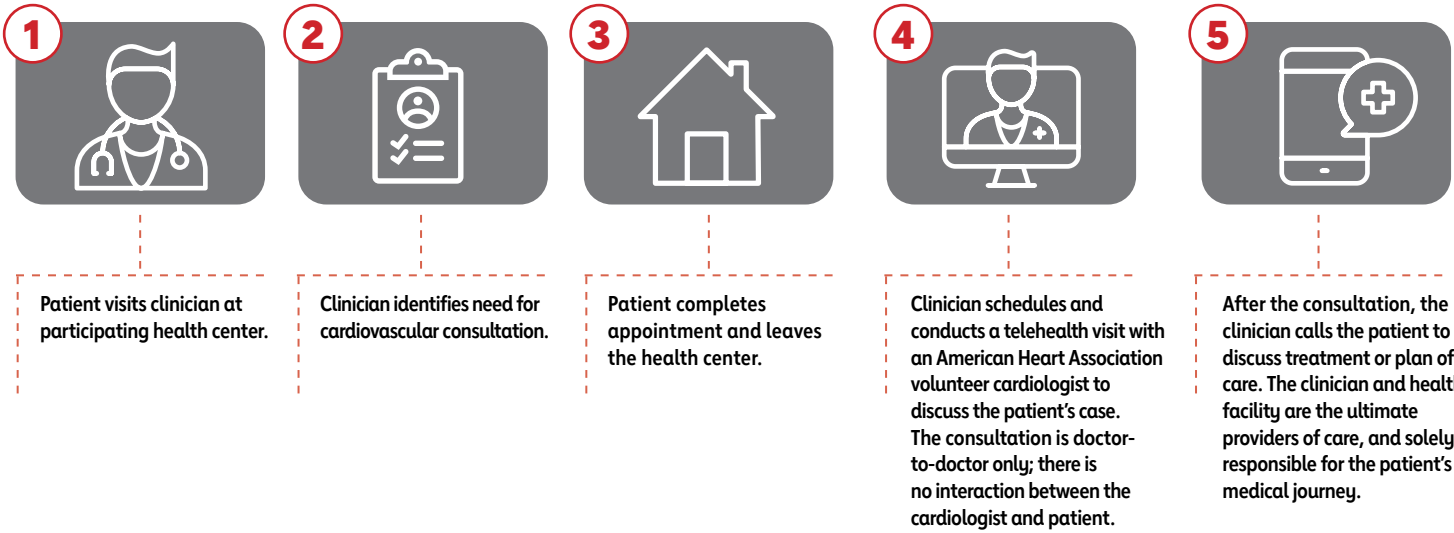


**The problem:** **The solution:**

Access to specialist care for cardiovascular disease can be expensive, geographically limited and unavailable to many communities that need it the most, and these communities also have a disproportionately higher incidence of chronic and debilitating conditions including cardiovascular disease.<sup>1</sup>

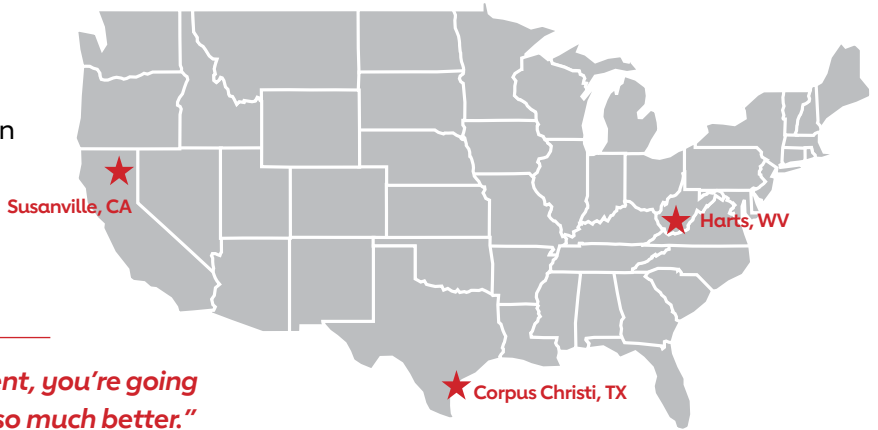
**Doctors With Heart:** Doctor-to-doctor cardiology consultations via telemedicine to under-resourced communities in participating Federally Qualified Health Centers and community health centers, at no cost to patients. Health consultations that include cardiovascular considerations can improve life expectancy without extra costs.<sup>2</sup>

**How it works: doctor-to-doctor expert consultation**



**2020-2021 pilot:**

**Success story:** A participating primary care physician used the program for consultation for a patient with heart failure. The consultation was conducted digitally, and the physician and cardiologist collaborated to create a treatment plan that is expected to be highly successful.



*“With the plans we have in place for this patient, you’re going to add years to his life, and he’s going to feel so much better.”*

- John Osborne, M.D., American Heart Association volunteer cardiologist

**For more information or to get involved, visit [heart.org/DoctorsWithHeart](http://heart.org/DoctorsWithHeart)**

<sup>1</sup>Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT. Understanding the impact of health IT in underserved communities and those with health disparities. 2010. [www.healthit.gov](http://www.healthit.gov). | <sup>2</sup> Lauritzen, T. et al. Health tests and health consultations reduced cardiovascular risk without psychological strain, increased healthcare utilization or increased costs: An overview of the results from a 5-year randomized trial in primary care. The Ebeltoft Health Promotion Project (EHPP). Scandinavian Journal of Public Health. Volume: 36 issue: 6, page(s): 650-661. August 1, 2008.