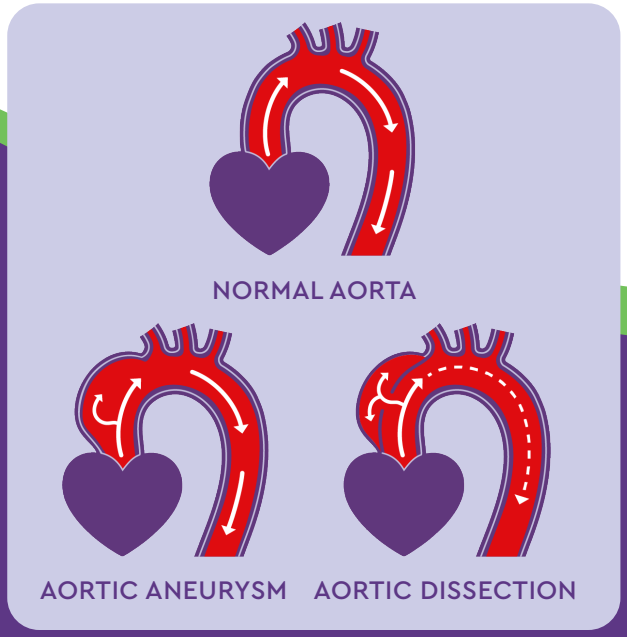
THORACIC AORTIC ANEURYSM AND DISSECTION

The **aorta** is the body's largest artery, running from the chest down to the abdomen. It carries oxygen-rich blood away from the heart to all parts of the body.

A thoracic aortic aneurysm is a balloon-like bulge in the chest portion of the aorta. Most aneurysms do not cause any symptoms. Imaging is the only way to find them. Aneurysms can tear or rupture if not found and treated, which is life-threatening.

A thoracic aortic dissection is a medical emergency in which a tear occurs in the inner layer of the aorta. Blood rushes through the tear, causing the inner and middle layers of the aorta to split (dissect).





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PREVENTING DEATH AND DISABILITY DUE TO THORACIC AORTIC DISSECTION

The John Ritter Foundation for Aortic Health™



In 2003, John Ritter — beloved actor, husband, father, and friend — died suddenly due to an aortic dissection. Join us as we work to fund research, provide education, and raise awareness of thoracic aortic aneurysm and dissection. **Together we can save lives.**

AWARENESS
SUPPORT
RESEARCH
EDUCATION
ADVOCACY

TIMELY DIAGNOSIS CAN SAVE LIVES

Early detection and treatment can prevent premature deaths. Your support can help us achieve a future where everyone receives the care they need and deserve.





20,000
people suffer an aortic dissection in the US every year

80%
of people could survive with prompt diagnosis and treatment

Up to
50%
of people with an aortic dissection will lose their lives

RISK FACTORS INCLUDE

- Family History Of Thoracic Aortic Aneurysm Or Dissection
- Certain Genetic Conditions
- Bicuspid Aortic Valve
- Uncontrolled High Blood Pressure
- Stimulant Or Illicit Drug Use
- High Intensity Weight Lifting
- Other Risk Factors May Apply

THORACIC AORTIC DISSECTION IS

~~Un~~preventable.

~~Un~~diagnosable.

~~Un~~treatable.

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aorta advocate

A free, resource navigation and peer support program with trained volunteers who have walked a similar journey.

Whether awaiting surgery, living post-dissection, caregiving, or grieving a loved one, we encourage people to reach out to an advocate.