

# Report: Puget Sound WA patients missing preventative checkups

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SEATTLE -- A report released today says about 20 percent of heart disease or diabetes patients in the Puget Sound did not have their cholesterol checked at least once a year. The Seattle-based **Puget Sound Health Alliance** produced the report.

Called "Community Checkup," the report looked at data from 1.6 million patients in King, Pierce, Snohomish, Thurston and Kitsap counties. Dr. David Fleming, chairman of the board of the alliance, said: "Some of us are not getting the care we need."

A total of 21 conditions was addressed. They included heart disease, diabetes, depression, low back pain and other health problems.