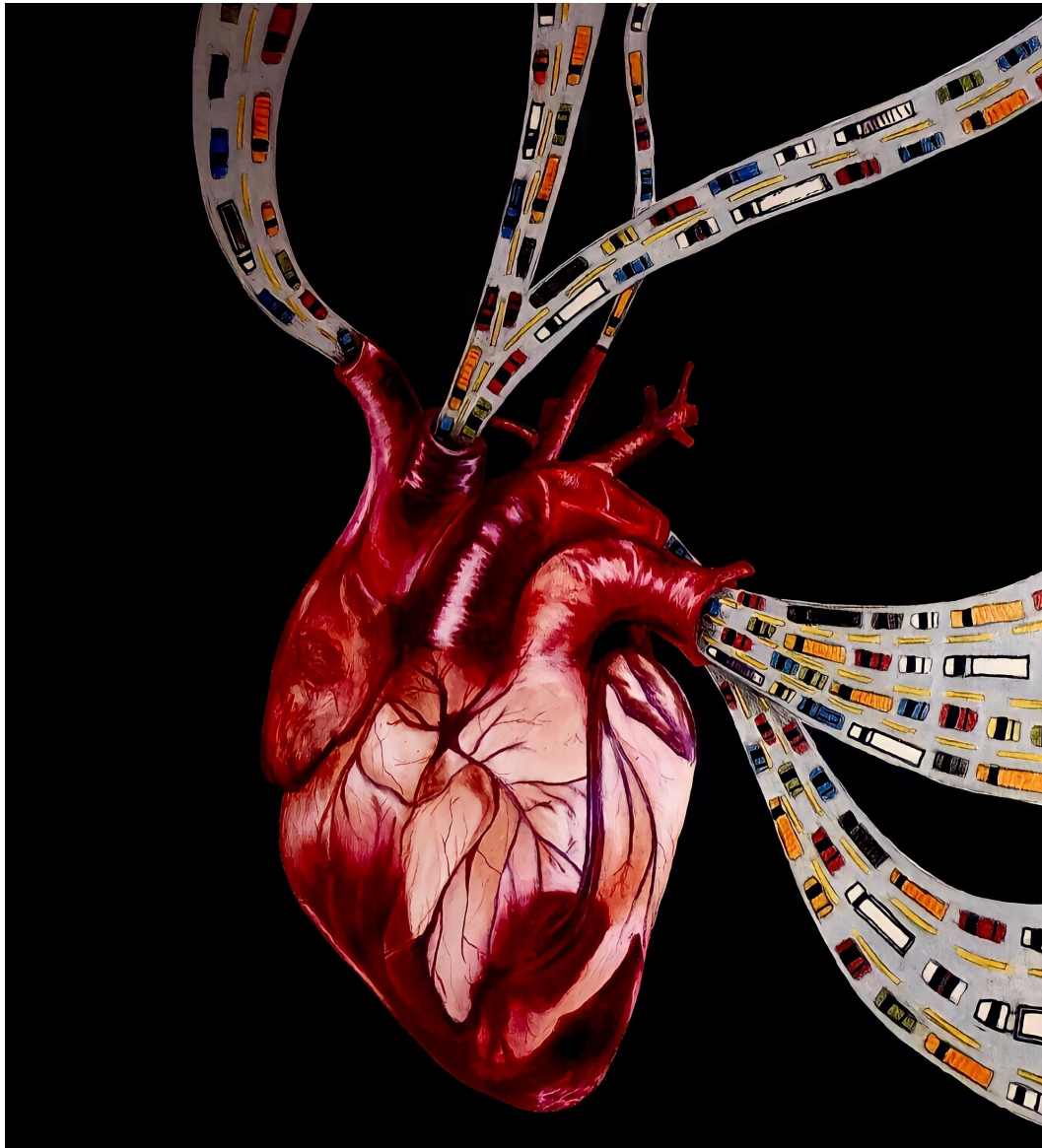


Clogged: The Parallel Between Roads and Arteries: A Visual Depiction

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As traffic continues to increase globally due to factors such as population growth and urbanization, a variety of toxins are emitted that may contribute to clogged arteries associated with ischemic heart disease. When arteries are clogged, there is a reduction in blood and oxygen flow throughout the body with the potential for adverse outcomes and ultimately death. This piece aims to tangibly demonstrate the parallel that can be made between the clogged roads depicted within it and the clogged arteries that such roads directly funnel into. This is a dark, but arguably necessary, rendering of traffic contributing to the clogging of arteries over time in the real world. This blatantly unavoidable correlation that is almost invisible in day-to-day life is made visible through increasing evidence linking traffic-related air pollution to ischemic heart disease as well as through this artistic visualization.