

Acute Coronary Syndrome Time is Muscle

Diagnosis & Treatment

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Evidenced based Practice -- Cardiac

- ACC/AHA : American College of Cardiology and American Heart Association
 - 2007 Focused Update Guidelines for Management of STEMI
 - 2007 Guidelines for Management of Patients with Unstable Angina/Non-ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction
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Acute Coronary Syndrome (ACS)

- Umbrella term for a group of thrombotic coronary artery disease conditions that cause myocardial ischemia
- These syndromes represent progression of occlusion in the involved coronary artery
 - **STEMI** (ST segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction)
 - **NSTEMI** (Non-ST Segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction)
 - **Unstable Angina**

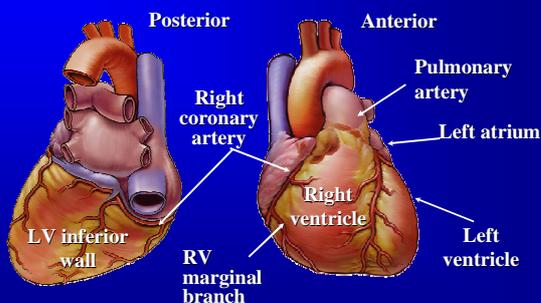
Applying Classification of Recommendations and Level of Evidence

Class I	Class IIa	Class IIb	Class III
<i>Benefit >>> Risk</i>	<i>Benefit >> Risk Additional studies with focused objectives needed</i>	<i>Benefit ≥ Risk Additional studies with broad objectives needed; Additional registry data would be helpful</i>	<i>Risk ≥ Benefit No additional studies needed</i>
Procedure/Treatment SHOULD be performed/administered	IT IS REASONABLE to perform procedure/administer treatment	Procedure/Treatment MAY BE CONSIDERED	Procedure/Treatment should NOT be performed/administered SINCE IT IS NOT HELPFUL AND MAY BE HARMFUL
Level A: Recommendation based on evidence from multiple randomized trials or meta-analyses Multiple (3-5) population risk strata evaluated; General consistency of direction and magnitude of effect	Level B: Recommendation based on evidence from a single randomized trial or non-randomized studies Limited (2-3) population risk strata evaluated	Level C: Recommendation based on expert opinion; case studies; or standard-of-care Very limited (1-2) population risk strata evaluated	

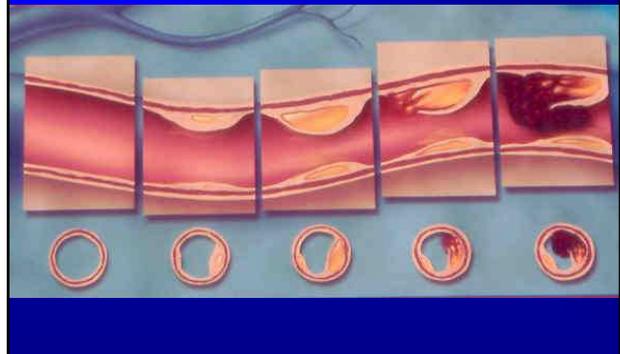
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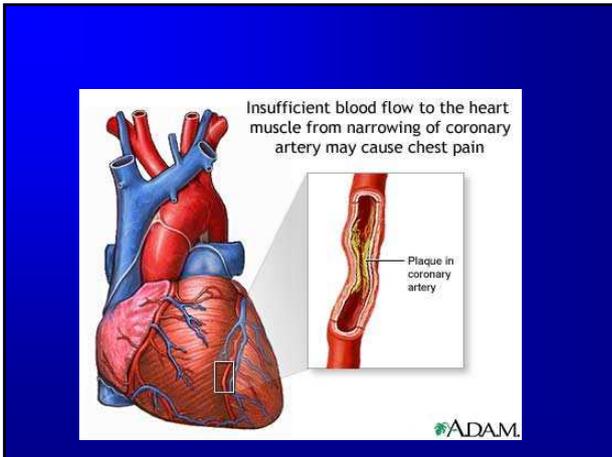
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Cardiac Anatomy



Atherosclerosis





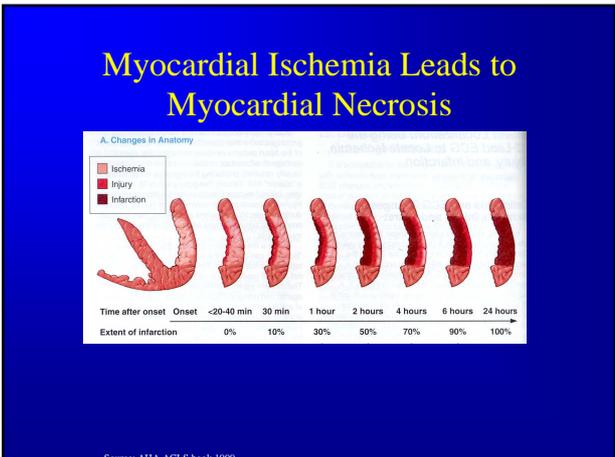
Cascade effects of atherosclerotic plaque rupture

- Platelet aggregation
- Fibrin accumulation
- Thrombus formation
- Bleeding into the plaque
- Vasospasm

ARTERY OCCULSION

Other Causes of STEMI

- Coronary vessel spasm
- Coronary emboli
- Vasculitis
- Severe chest trauma



♥ Heart Attack Signs & Symptoms for Males

- ♥ Chest Pain
- ♥ Pain radiating down arms
- ♥ Jaw Pain
- ♥ Sweating
- ♥ Nausea

Heart Attack Signs & Symptoms for Women

- ♥ “Atypical” Chest Pain
- ♥ Shortness of Breath/ Trouble Breathing
- ♥ Tingling of Fingers
- ♥ Extreme Fatigue
- ♥ Heartburn / Nausea
- ♥ Sweating
- ♥ Dizziness
- ♥ Feeling of Apprehension or Impending Doom



Time Is Muscle

Muscle is Ejection Fraction

Ejection Fraction is
Quality of Life



CRUSADING towards a GOAL

Door to EKG

10 minutes or less

(Class 1: Level C)



EKG Changes with MI

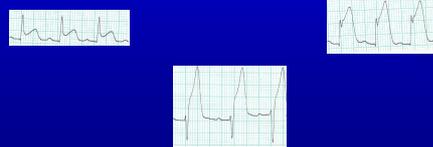
Ischemia < 20 Minutes
Lack of oxygen to the myocardial muscle

- ▼ Peaked T Waves
- ▼ Inverted T Waves
- ▼ ST Segment Depression

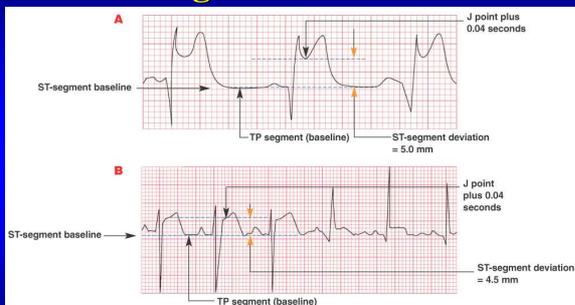


EKG Changes with MI

- Injury 20 - 40 minutes
- When the period of ischemia is prolonged more than a few minutes.
 - Ischemic areas of the heart become damaged (injured)
 - ▼ ST segment elevation

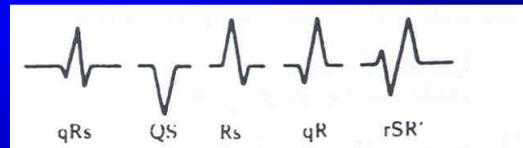


Measurement of ST-Segment Deviation



STEMI: ≥ 1 mm ST-segment elevation in 2 leads.*
 NSTEMI/UA: ≥ 0.5 mm ST-segment ischemic depression in 2 leads.*
 *Anatomically (regionally) contiguous leads.

Review of Normal QRS complex



- Q wave is the first negative deflection after the p wave
- R wave is the first positive deflection after the p wave
- S wave is the second negative deflection after the R wave

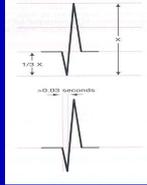
EKG Changes with MI

Infarction > 1 - 2 hours

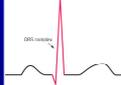
- Abnormal Q waves
 - > 1/3 the height of R wave in that lead
 - or
 - > 0.03 ms wide



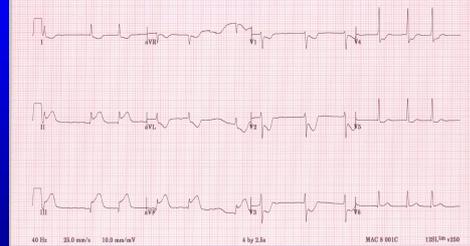
Abnormal (significant) Q waves



Normal Q wave
1st downward deflection of QRS

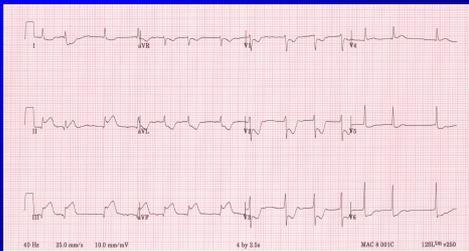


Evolution of AMI



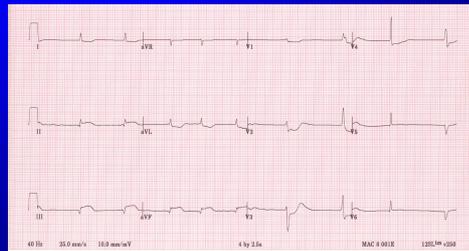
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Evolution of AMI



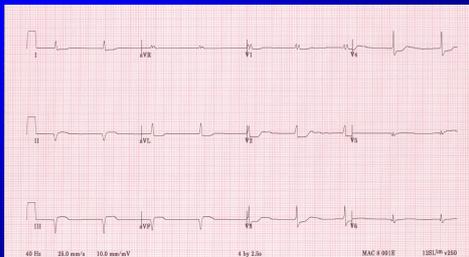
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Evolution of AMI



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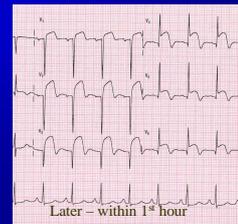
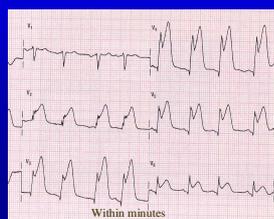
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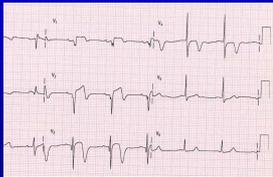
Hyperacute Phase of MI

- Occurs within minutes to first hour of chest pain
- Very tall ST segment
- Tall peaked symmetrical T waves



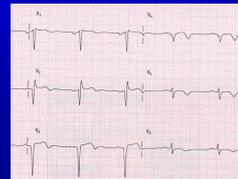
Acute Phase of MI

- Occurs in the first 24 hours
- ST segment elevation returns to baseline within 24 hours
- T wave inversion occurs in 24 - 48 hours and stays for two weeks
- Q wave develops after 48 hours
- R wave decreases



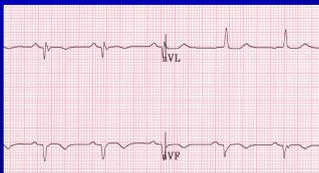
Evolving Phase of MI

- Occurs in the first week
- ST segment returns to normal
- T wave is deeper and inverted
- Q wave deepens
- R wave decreases more



Resolving Phase of MI

- Occurs in second week
- ST segment returns to normal
- T wave stops inverting and stays that way for 2 weeks and then resolves and will be low voltage
- Q wave stops deepening and stays due to dead tissue
- R wave stops decreasing and stays due to dead tissue

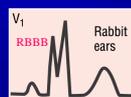


Positive EKG

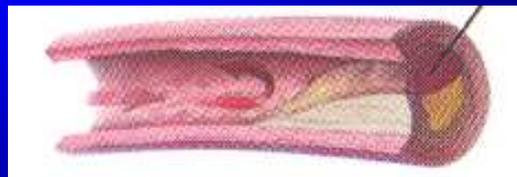
- ST elevation $> 0.1\text{mV}$ (1 mm) in at least 2 contiguous precordial leads or at least 2 adjacent limb leads (STEMI) (Class 1, Level A)
- Transient ST Elevation > 0.5 mm
- ST depression > 0.5 mm (NSTEMI)
- T wave inversion > 0.2 mV (2 mm)
- New LBBB (Class 1, Level A)

BBB = QRS $> 0.12\text{ms}$

- LBBB = QRS > 0.12 , Negative QRS in V1 (carrot)
- RBBB = QRS > 0.12 ; Positive QRS in V1 (rabbit ears)



We Can STOP Heart Attacks!



- Goal: OPEN THE ARTERY!



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Ejection Fraction is
Quality of Life



PreHospital: Routine Cardiac Protocol Priorities of care

- Assessing and securing ABCs
- Determining the quality and severity of the patient's distress
- Identifying contributing factors of the event
- Obtaining a medical history
- **Timely transportation** to the emergency department is an important factor in patient outcomes



Prehospital: Routine Cardiac Protocol BLS Care

- Oxygen 15 L/min via non-rebreather mask.
- EKG monitor
- Aspirin --324 mg po (4 tablets of 81 mg chewable aspirin)
- Nitroglycerin-- 0.4 mg SL (1 tablet or 1 metered spray dose sublingually) May repeat every 3 – 5 minutes to a total of 3 doses if systolic BP remains > 100 mmHG
- Initiate ALS intercept if necessary & transport ASAP
- Contact receiving hospital ASAP

Assessment Questions (OPQRST)

- ♥ Onset
- ♥ Provocation
- ♥ Quality
- ♥ Radiation
- ♥ Severity
- ♥ Time

Target:
Door to Balloon < 90 minutes

(Class 1, Level A)

or

Door to Needle < 30 minutes

(Class 1, Level B)

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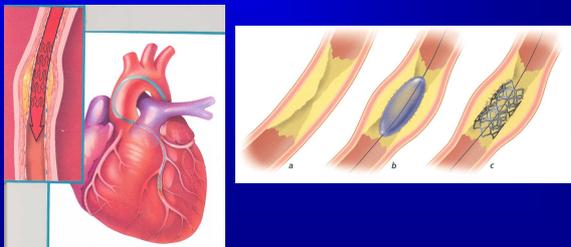
Goals

- At least 75% of STEMI patients have door to balloon **within 90 minutes** of presentation. 2007 STEMI guidelines
- The overarching goal is to **keep total ischemic time within 120 minutes** (ideally within 60 minutes) from symptom onset to initiation of reperfusion treatment.

Source: 2007 ACC/AHA STEMI Guidelines

Open the Artery

- ♥ Goal: Have artery open < 90 minutes after arrive at ED



Reaching this target....

- How do we do it?

Treatment as getting ready for PCI

- Oxygen (Class 1, Level B)
- ASA 162 mg if not given in ambulance (Class I, Level C)
- Betablocker: Metoprolol 5 mg IV q 5 min x 3 doses. Hold if SBP < 90, notify MD if held. (Class 1, Level A)
- Nitroglycerin: NTG 0.4 mg SL x 3 or IV NTG (Class I, Level C)
- Morphine 2 - 4 Mg IV q 5 - 15 min for pain relief (Class I, Level C)

What if PCI is not available?

- Treat with fibrinolytic therapy within 30 minutes of hospital presentation
 - If unable undergo PCI within 90 minutes of first medical contact
 - unless fibrinolytic therapy is contraindicated.



Door to Cath Lab Door < 30 minutes

- If unable to occur, TPA or TNKase needs to be considered.

Target: Door to Balloon < 90 minutes (Class 1, Level A) or Door to Needle < 30 minutes (Class 1, Level B)

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Absolute Contraindications for Fibrinolysis in STEMI

- Any prior intracranial hemorrhage
- Known structural cerebral vascular lesion (e.g., arteriovenous malformation)
- Known malignant intracranial neoplasm (primary or metastatic)
- Ischemic stroke within 3 months EXCEPT acute ischemic stroke within 3 hours
- Suspected aortic dissection
- Active bleeding or bleeding diathesis (excluding menses)
- Significant closed-head or facial trauma within 3 months

Findings

- Primary PTCA better than thrombolytic therapy at reducing
 - Short term death (7% vs. 9%) p=0.0002
 - Non-fatal reinfarction (3% vs. 7%) p=<0.0001
 - Stroke/ICH (1% vs. 2%) p=<0.0001
 - 43% relative reduction of combined endpoints
- PTCA superior during long-term follow-up, independent of thrombolytic used and whether or not patient was transferred for primary PTCA.

(Keeley, Boura, & Grines, 2003)

Take away message:

- Primary PCI is superior to fibrinolysis
 - In high volume PCI centers
 - If performed in a timely manner:
 - <120 min, possibly longer

Time is Muscle! And Mortality!

- Each 30 minute delay in reperfusion with PCI increases 1 yr mortality 7.5%
- Door to balloon <60 min, 1% 30 day mortality; Door to balloon >90 min, 6.4% mortality

■ DeLuca, Circulation 2004;109:1223-1225.

■ Berger, Circulation 1999;100:14-20.

The artery is open....

Now what ???

Reperfusion characteristics

- Relief of symptoms
- Maintenance or restoration of hemodynamic or electrical stability
- Reduction of at least 50% of the initial ST segment elevation injury pattern on a follow-up EKG 60 - 90 minutes after initiation of therapy (Class II a: Level B)

Anticoagulant Therapy post PCI or Fibrinolysis

- Anticoagulant regimens with established efficacy include:
 - UFH (Unfractionated Heparin) (LOE: C)
 - Enoxaparin (LOE:A)
 - Fondaparinux (LOE:B)
- Clopidogrel 75 mg per day orally and continued for at least 14 days (Class 1, A)

Source: 2007 ACC/AHA STEMI Guidelines

Troponin I Normal: 0 – 1.2 ng/ml

- Elevates = 4 – 6 hours
- Peak = 24 hours
- Returns to baseline – 6 – 7 days
- Most sensitive & specific serum marker to detect myocardial injury
- Remains elevated up to 5 or more days so can diagnose MI for several days after the event.

Creatine Kinase (CK) Normal: 12 – 108 ng/ml CK MB Normal: 0 – 5 ng/ml

- Elevates = 4- 6 hours
- Peak = 24 hours
- Returns to baseline = 3 days
- Somewhat less specific for myocardial injury than troponin
- More sensitive to recurrence of a second or third event
- Assists in assessment of reperfusion following thrombolytic therapy.

Myoglobin Normal: 0 – 86 ng/ml

- Elevates = 1 – 2 hours
- Peak = 6 hours
- Returns to baseline = 24 hours
- Fast biomarker to rule out MI
- If it does not elevate, there is no cardiac muscle damage.
- If it does elevate, there is muscle damage somewhere in the body. It may or may not be cardiac muscle damage
- Used in clients with normal 12 Lead EKG and nonspecific chest pain. If myoglobin is normal can send client home and know it is not a cardiac event.

49 y/o female presents with chest pain

Time	Troponin I	CK	CKMB	Myoglobin
1625	<0.35	55	2.2	133.8 ↑
2100	31.9 ↑	767 ↑	47.2 ↑	368 ↑
2230	42.4 ↑	853 ↑	99.5 ↑	----
0400 - 12 hours later	63.0 ↑	1091 ↑	104 ↑	----
0400 - 36 hours later	14.9 ↑	277 ↑	12.5	----

81 y/o female presents with c/o of chest discomfort over the weekend

Time	Troponin I	CK	CKMB	Myoglobin
1700	6.9 ↑	198	7.2 (s)	66.1
1800	5.7 ↑	163	6.8 (s)	61.7
2330	6.4 ↑	146	6.0 (s)	----
0500 - next day	6.0 ↑	120	5.4 (s)	----

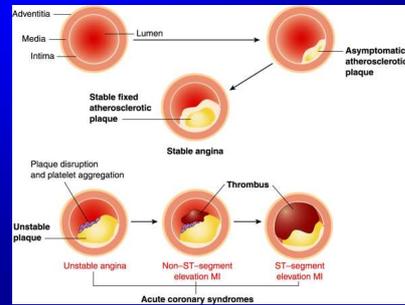
AMI probably > 24 hours ago



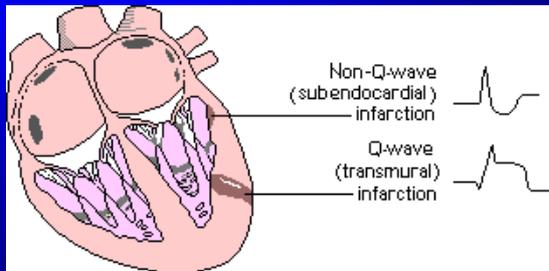
NSTEMI Non ST Segment Elevation MI

- ⊙ No ST segment Elevation
- ⊙ ST segment depression
- ⊙ New LBBB

STEMI vs NSTEMI



STEMI vs NSTEMI



Both elevated
Troponins

NSTEMI

Inversion of the T wave Depression of ST segment

STEMI

PCI < 90 minutes

PCI within 24 - 48 hours

If the initial ECG is not diagnostic but the patient remains symptomatic and there is high clinical suspicion for ACS

- Do serial ECGs, initially at 15- to 30-min intervals, to detect the potential for development of ST-segment elevation or depression. (Class I, A)

12-Lead ECG Findings

1. ST-segment elevation or new LBBB strongly suspicious for injury

2. ST-segment depression/dynamic T-wave inversion; strongly suspicious for ischemia

3. Normal or nondiagnostic or ECG; chest pain strongly suspicious for ischemia

Reperfusion
Lytics—PCI

Antiplatelet
Antithrombin
Therapy

Risk
Stratification

TIMI Risk Score of NSTEMI/UA

Historical	Points
• Age > 65	1
• 3 or > cardiac risk factors (age, male, family history, hyperlipidemia, diabetes, smoking, hypertension, obesity)	1
• Documented prior coronary artery stenosis > 50 %	1
• Use of ASA in last 24 hours	1
• 2 or > anginal events in past 24 hr	1
• Elevated Cardiac Markers	1
• ST segment deviation	1
• (Transient elevation or persistent depression)	1
• _____	
• Risk score = total points (0 - 7)	

High-Risk for death or MI.

Must include at least one of the following features to be present:

- > 20 minutes of rest pain
- ST depression (> 0.5mm)
- markedly elevated cardiac markers
- transient ST elevation (> 0.5mm)
- accelerating tempo of ischemic symptoms in preceding 48 hours
- signs of CHF (rales or new S3)
- new murmur
- hypotension (SBP < 100)
- tachycardia (pulse > 100)
- bradycardia (pulse < 60)
Note if medication induced
- sustained ventricular arrhythmias
- age >75 yrs
- TIMI risk score > 3

Treatment for NSTEMI/ACS – patient with high-risk features:
Strategy A: Early Invasive Protocol

Intermediate/Moderate-risk for death or MI:

Must demonstrate no high-risk features but must have one of the following:

- > 10 minutes of rest pain now resolved, with moderate to high likelihood of CAD
- T-wave inversion ≥ 0.2 mV
- slightly elevated cardiac markers (Troponin I > 0.1 mg/ml)
- prior MI, CABG or PCI
- age > 70 yrs
- TIMI risk score ≥ 3
- Treatment for Unstable Angina patient with moderate-risk features:
 - Strategy A: Early Invasive Protocol OR
 - Strategy B: Early Conservative Protocol

Low risk for death or MI

Must have no high or intermediate risk features but may have any of the following features:

- New onset of chest pain or progressing angina without prolonged (> 10 minutes) of rest pain
- Normal or unchanged ECG
- Normal cardiac markers
- Treatment for Chest pain patient with low-risk features:
- Strategy B: Early Conservative Protocol

Other Risk Stratifications

- GRACE risk score
- PURSUIT risk model

Call elevated Troponins

- Troponin I > 0.1 mg/ml makes a person at intermediate/moderate-risk for death or MI
- Elevates in 4 hours -- stays elevated for days (Class I; Level C)
- For patients with STEMI on 12 Lead EKG, reperfusion therapy should be initiated as soon as possible and is not contingent on a biomarker assay! (Class I; Level C)

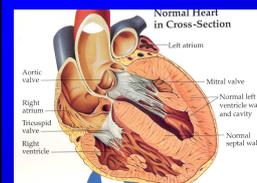
Bedside ST segment Monitoring

Ventricular Remodeling after AMI

- Changes in the cardiac architecture after infarction that affect infarcted and noninfarcted areas of the heart

Ventricular remodeling in the infarcted area

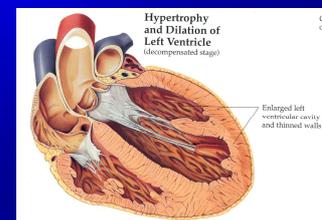
- Dilation & ventricular wall thinning
- Increased wall stress on the healthy myocardium
- Sets the stage for Heart Failure
- ACE Inhibitors reduce remodeling & prevent the progression of heart failure



Heart Failure is the nation's most rapidly growing cardiac problem.

- About 22% males & 46% female MI patients will be disabled with Heart Failure within 6 years.

50% Heart Failure Patients die within 5 years.



Pharmacologic Management of AMI– ABC's

- ASA
- Beta-Blocker
- Circulation (PCI) and Cholesterol Lowering Medicine

Also:

- Oxygen
- Nitroglycerin

Goals After Myocardial Infarction

- **Reducing the risk of another heart attack**
 - ASA
 - Antithrombotic therapy
 - Beta-blockers
 - Statins
 - ACE inhibitors
- **Reducing the risk of heart failure**
 - ACE inhibitors
 - Aldosterone antagonists
 - Beta-blockers
- **Reducing the risk of sudden cardiac death**
 - ICD therapy

Drug Eluting Stents (DES)

AMI Evidence Based Practice

- Aspirin
 - Decrease Vascular deaths from 11.8 % to 9.4% (2.4%)
- Beta Blockers
 - 46% risk reduction
 - 23% Reduction all cause mortality
 - 30% Reduction in risk of sudden cardiac death
 - 26% Reduction in nonfatal reinfarction
- Statins
 - Reduce infarction size

β -Blockers

Within 24 hours & at discharge (Class 1,B)

Limit the donkey's speed, thus saving energy



Beta Blocker “Olols”

Beta Blockade of the Sympathetic Nervous System

- Decrease oxygen demand
 - ↓ HR & contractility
 - Vasodilate
 - ↓ Afterload
 - ↓ O₂ wastage
 - Antiarrhythmic effect
 - Increase oxygen supply
 - Increased diastolic perfusion
 - Less exercise vasoconstriction
- Side effect: May promote spasm in vasospastic angina

Contraindications to Beta Blockers

- Bradycardia less than 60 bpm within 24hrs of DC
- 2nd or 3rd degree heart block on EKG
- Systolic B/P <90 mmHg
- Allergy
- Signs of heart failure
- Evidence of a low output state
- Increased risk for cardiogenic shock

Lipid Lowering Medication if LDL > 100

- Statin goal:
 - LDL-C < 100 mg/dL (Class I, Level A)
 - consider LDL-C < 70 mg/dL (Class IIa, Level A)

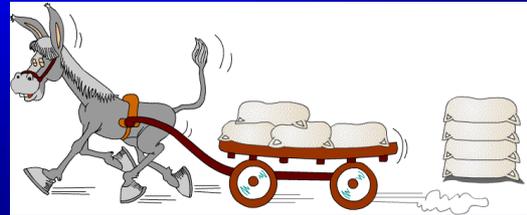
Lipid – Lowering Agents

- Statins
 - atorvastatin (Lipitor)
 - cerivastatin (Baychol)
 - fluvastatin (Lescol)
 - lovastatin (Mevacor)
 - pravastatin (Pravachol)
 - simvastatin (Zocor)
- Fibrin Acid Derivatives
 - gemfibrozil (Lopid)
 - micronized fenofibrate (Tricor)
 - clofibrate (Atromid-S)
- Bile Acid Resins
 - colestipol (Colestid)
 - cholestyramine (Questran, Questran Light, Prevalite, LoCholest)
 - colestevlam (Welchol)
- Niacin (Niaspan and other various brands)

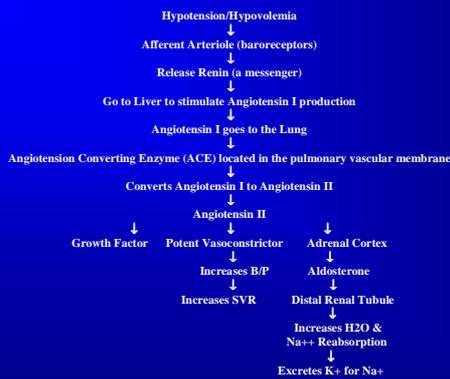
ACE Inhibitors

Within 24 hours if EF < 40% (Class 1; Level A)

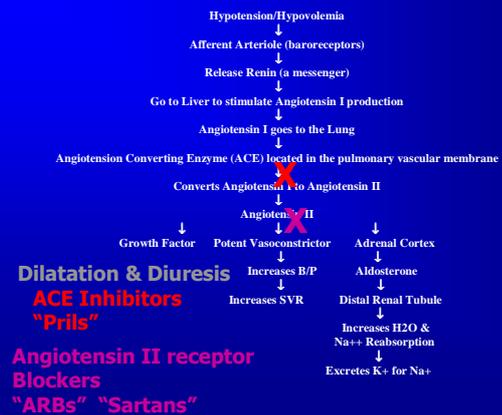
Reduce the number of sacks on the wagon



Renin-Angiotensin-Aldosterone System (RAAS)



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ACE Inhibitors "Prils"

- Benazepril Lotensin
- Captopril Capoten
- Lisinopril Zestril
- Lisinopril Prinivil
- Quinapril Accupril
- Ramipril Altace

ARBs "Sartans"

- Candesartan Atacand
- Irbesartan Avapro
- Losartan Cozaar
- Valsartan Diovan
- Telmisartan Micardis
- Eprosartan Teveten

AMI CORE Measure

- ASA & Beta Blocker within 24 hours of admission
- PCI time < 90 minutes
- Smoking Cessation Counseling
- Prescribed Discharge
 - ASA
 - Beta Blocker prescribed at discharge
 - ACEI or ARB if EF < 40%
 - Lipid Lowering Medication if LDL > 100

Secondary Prevention

- Ask, advise, assess, and assist patients to stop smoking – I (B)
- Clopidogrel 75 mg daily:
 - PCI – I (B)
 - no PCI – IIa (C)
- Statin goal:
 - LDL-C < 100 mg/dL – I (A)
 - consider LDL-C < 70 mg/dL – IIa (A)
- Daily physical activity 30 min 7 d/wk, minimum 5 d/wk – I (B)
- Annual influenza immunization – I (B)

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Psychosocial Aspect AMI



CARDIAC REHABILITATION



Cardiac Rehab

- Began to take shape in the 1950s
- A 1995 study demonstrated that participation in CR programs resulted in a 20-25% reduction in mortality from CHD
- It also determined that CR programs are critically important to overall recovery and long term outcomes

Cardiac Rehab

- An evolving process that helps people:
 - Change lifestyle behaviors
 - Reduce risk factors for disease progression
 - Decrease impact of disease on quality of life
 - Decrease morbidity
 - Decrease mortality

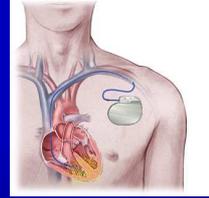
Benefits of Exercise Training

Specific benefits include:

- Improved functional capacity
- Improved blood vessel function
- Improvement in cardiovascular risk factors
- Improved coronary blood flow
- Improved electrical stability of the heart muscle (thus reducing the risk of a fatal heart rhythm disturbance)
- Reduced risk of blood clots, cardiac work, and oxygen requirement

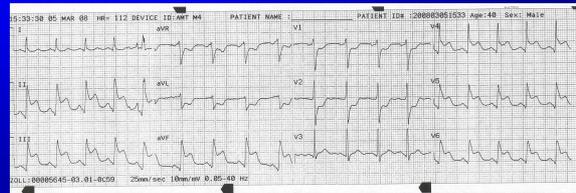
Implantable Cardioverter-Defibrillators

- ICD therapy is indicated with LVEF < 35% due to a prior MI
- Wait at least 40 post-MI
- NYHA functional Class II or III (Class I, A)

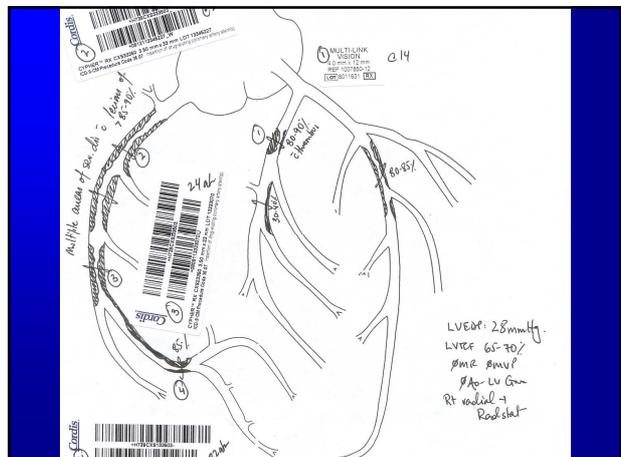
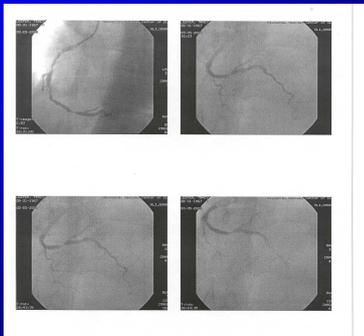


Inferior Lateral AMI Case Study

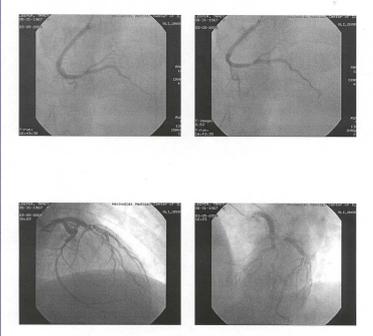
48 y/o male has crushing chest pain Calls 911



Top left photo --- three stenosis in RCA



Top right photo – RCA after 3 stents
Bottom right – Cx



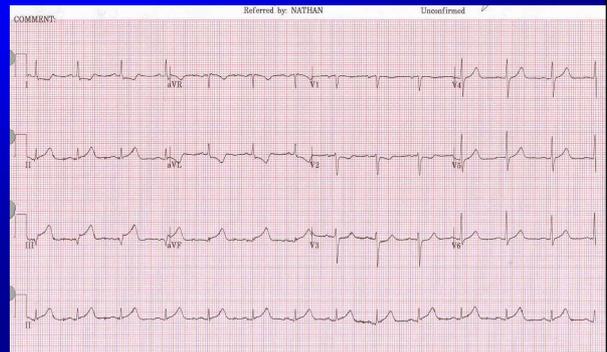
Door to PCI time = 49 minutes
Ambulance EKG to PCI time = 66 minutes!

- Initial CK = 72 IU/L, CK MB = 1.0 ng/ml
Troponin = < 0.4 ng/ml
- 8 hours later CK MB = 2.8 ng/ml, Troponin = 0.58 ng/ml
- 12 hours later CK MB = 3.3 ng/ml, Troponin = 0.51 ng/ml
- EF 55 – 65%

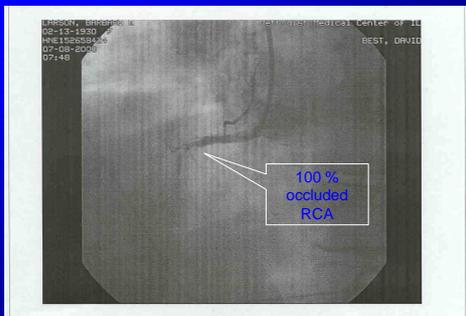
MINIMAL MYOCARDIAL DAMAGE

RCA Case Study

Chest pain for 8 hours prior to coming to ED
Troponin 3.73 CK 153



100% occluded RCA



RCA post stent

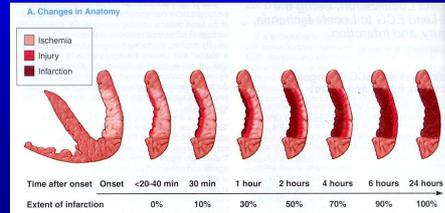


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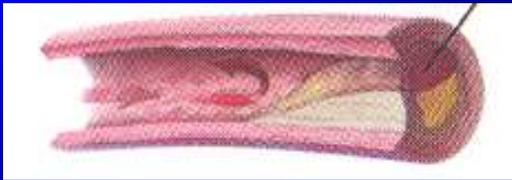


Time Is Muscle

Saving Time Saves Lives



We Can STOP Heart Attacks!



• Goal: OPEN THE ARTERY!