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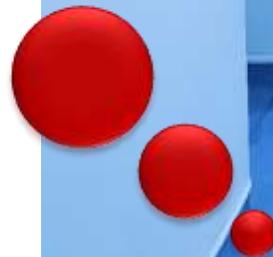
# Acute Coronary Syndromes

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Also known as “heart attacks”



Comprises unstable angina and myocardial infarction

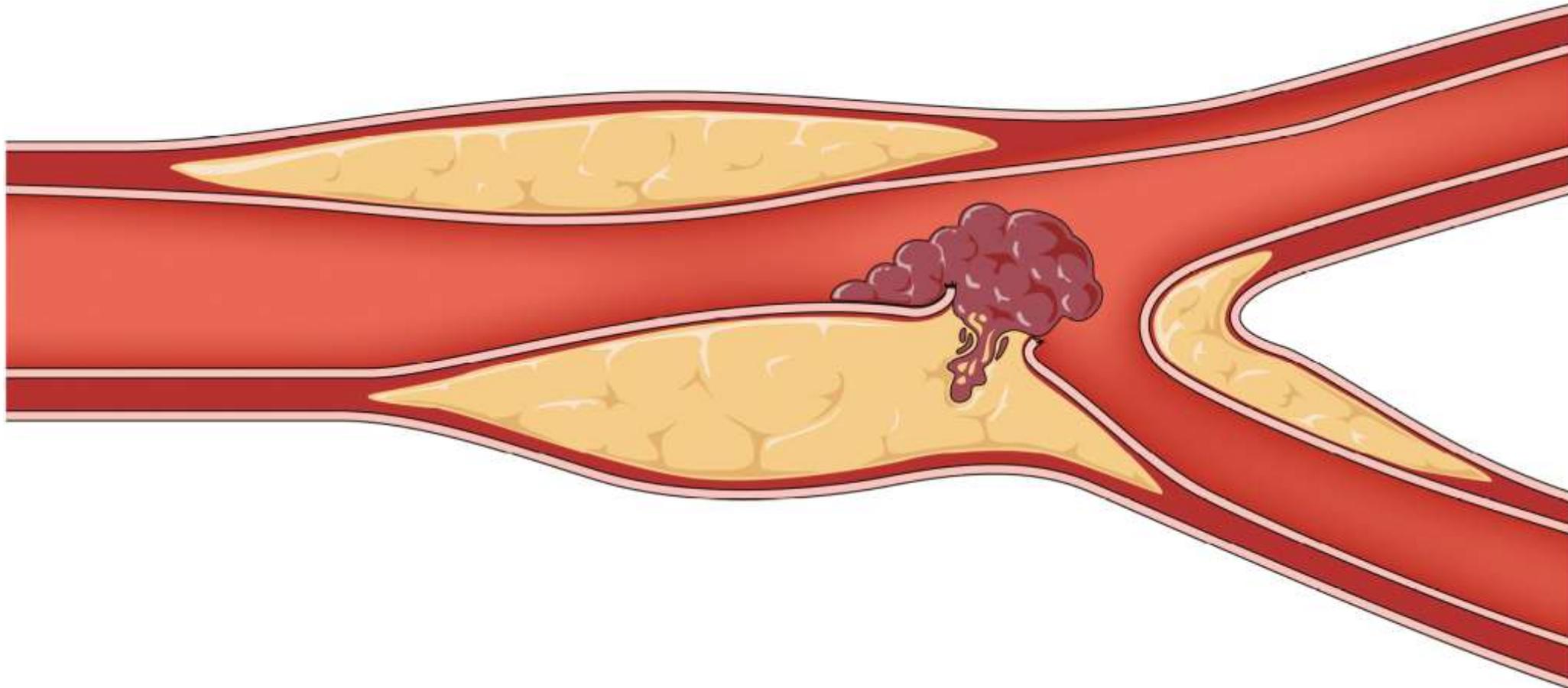


Caused by fissuring or rupture of an atheromatous plaque on the coronary arterial wall.



Most commonly as Chest Pain, Ulcer Pain but sometimes silent

# Pathophysiology of ACS



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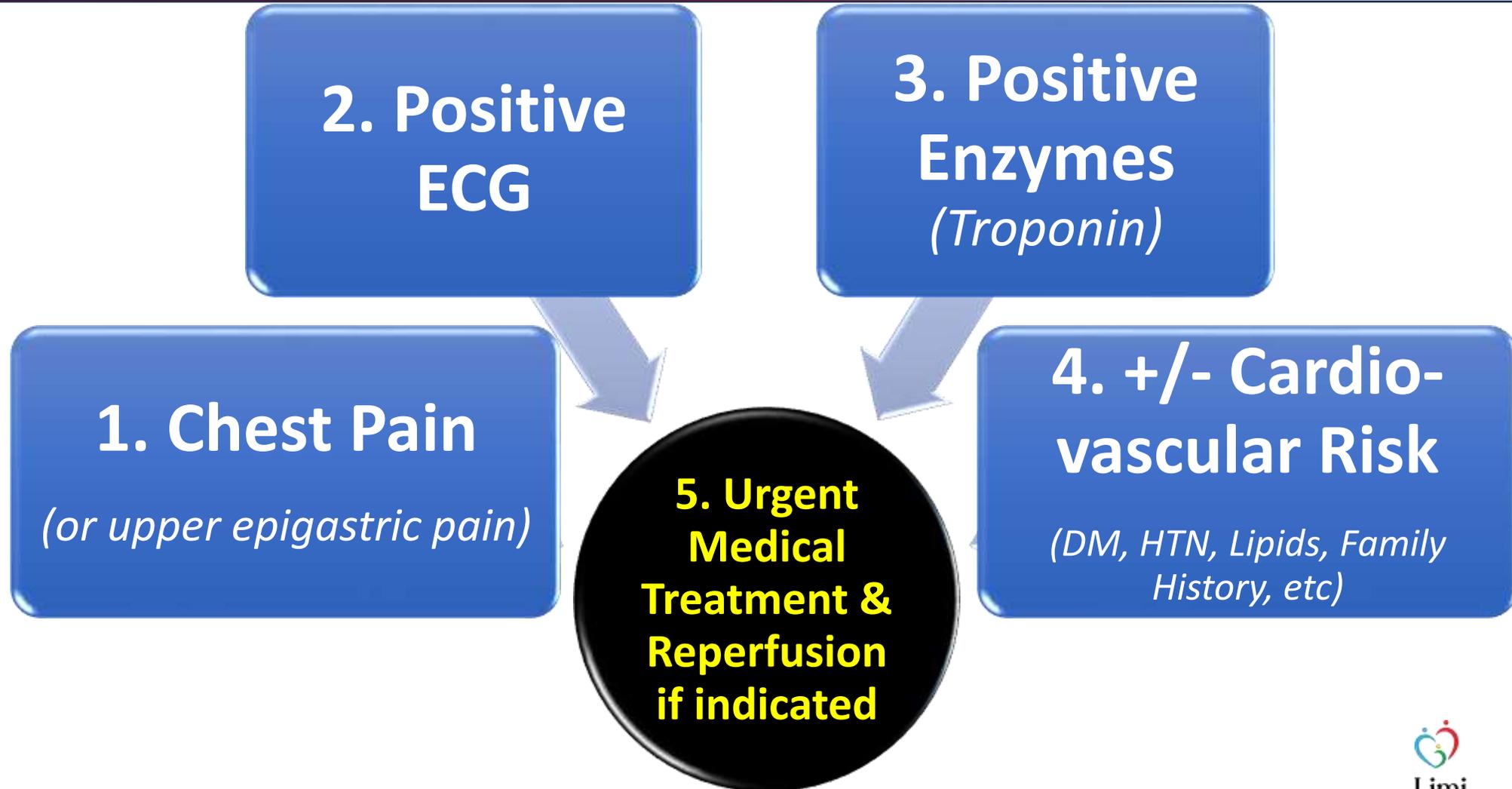
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# The Diagnostic Framework



Quick clinical history and physical exam to confirm typical symptoms of cardiac ischaemia and assess haemodynamic status.

The ECG is key to diagnosis.  
It must be done within 5-10min of first clinical contact with anyone presenting with acute chest pain

An initial cardiac troponin (cni or cnT) assay should be done at presentation, and if needed at 3 to 6hrs (to detect a rise and/or fall)

# Acute Coronary Syndromes

	NEGATIVE ENZYMES	POSITIVE ENZYMES
"NEGATIVE" ECG	<p><b>UNSTABLE ANGINA*<sup>1</sup></b> <i>(OR NORMAL)</i></p>	<p><b>NSTEMI*<sup>2</sup></b></p>
POSITIVE ECG	<p><b>?STEMI ?Pericarditis</b> (Repeat Enzymes in 6-12hrs or Exclude Ventricular Aneurysm complicating recent MI &gt;2weeks)</p>	<p><b>STEMI</b></p>

**\*1 - IN THE SETTING OF CLINICAL SUSPICION OF ACUTE MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION**

**\*2 – ECG IN NSTEMI TYPICALLY SHOWS OTHER SIGNS OF MYOCARDIAL ISCHEMIA**



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## 1. Unstable angina: **NEGATIVE ECG + NEGATIVE ENZYMES**

- *An unprovoked or prolonged episode of chest pain raising suspicion of acute myocardial infarction (AMI)*
- *Without definite ECG or laboratory evidence*

## 2. Non-ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction-: **NEGATIVE ECG + POSITIVE ENZYMES**

- *Chest pain suggestive of AMI*
- *Non-specific ECG changes (ST depression/T inversion/normal)*
- *Laboratory tests showing release of troponins*

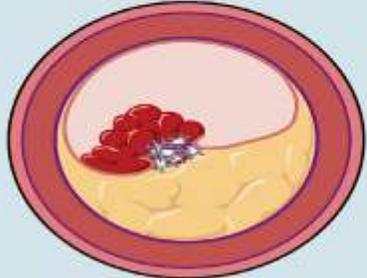
## 3. ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction: **POSITIVE ECG + POSITIVE ENZYMES**

- *Sustained chest pain suggestive of AMI*
- *Acute ST elevation or new LBBB*
- *Laboratory tests showing release of troponins*

Acute Coronary Syndromes

### NSTEMI

**Angiographic Findings**

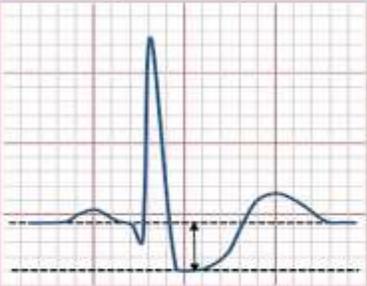


Partially occlusive thrombus

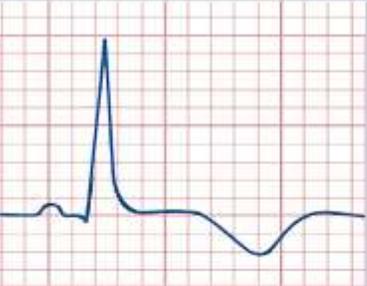
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**Electrocardiographic Changes**

**ST-segment depression**



**T-wave inversion**



Nonspecific or no electrocardiographic changes may instead be seen

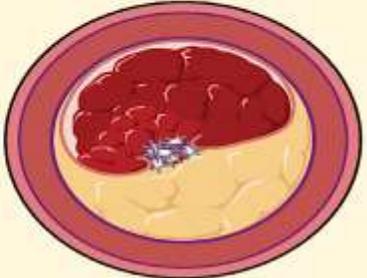
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**Biomarker Changes (cardiac troponin)**

Unstable angina	NSTEMI
-	+

### STEMI

**Angiographic Findings**

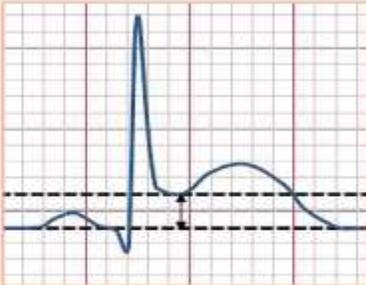


Completely occlusive thrombus

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**Electrocardiographic Changes**

**ST-segment elevation**



ST-elevation in  $\geq 2$  contiguous leads on standard 12-lead ECG (or ST-elevation on posterior lead ECG)

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(Might be - if short time from symptom onset)

# CASE PRESENTATION

RETROSTERNAL CHEST PAIN	RUSHED INTO CARDIOCARE ER. BY AMBULANCE
A 52 year-old-male	PR <b>102</b> beats/min, regular, good volume
Severe retrosternal chest discomfort X 5hrs duration,	BP 140/76 mmHg
<b>Associated sweating and an episode of vomiting</b>	<b>Raised JVP</b>
<b>Had a fainting episode</b>	Heart sounds, Normal S1 S2 only
Radiating to the left arm and necks	
Diagnosed hypertensive a month earlier, not yet on medications. Not diabetic. Never checked his lipid profile	Resp rate <b>30 cycles/min</b>
<b>Does not smoke nor take alcohol</b>	<b>O2 Sat 89% in room air</b>
<b>Referred from another facility where he was given o ASA 300mg PO stat, Clopidogrel 300mg PO stat.</b>	<p><b>Fine crepitations</b> heard in lung bases posteriorly</p> <p><b>Troponin I</b> done at the referring hospital was reported as normal (0.16ng/ml)</p>

# What is the first step in the management of this guest

1. Take sample for a serum troponin level
2. Send for emergency echocardiography
3. Do a 12-lead ECG
4. Do an urgent chest xray



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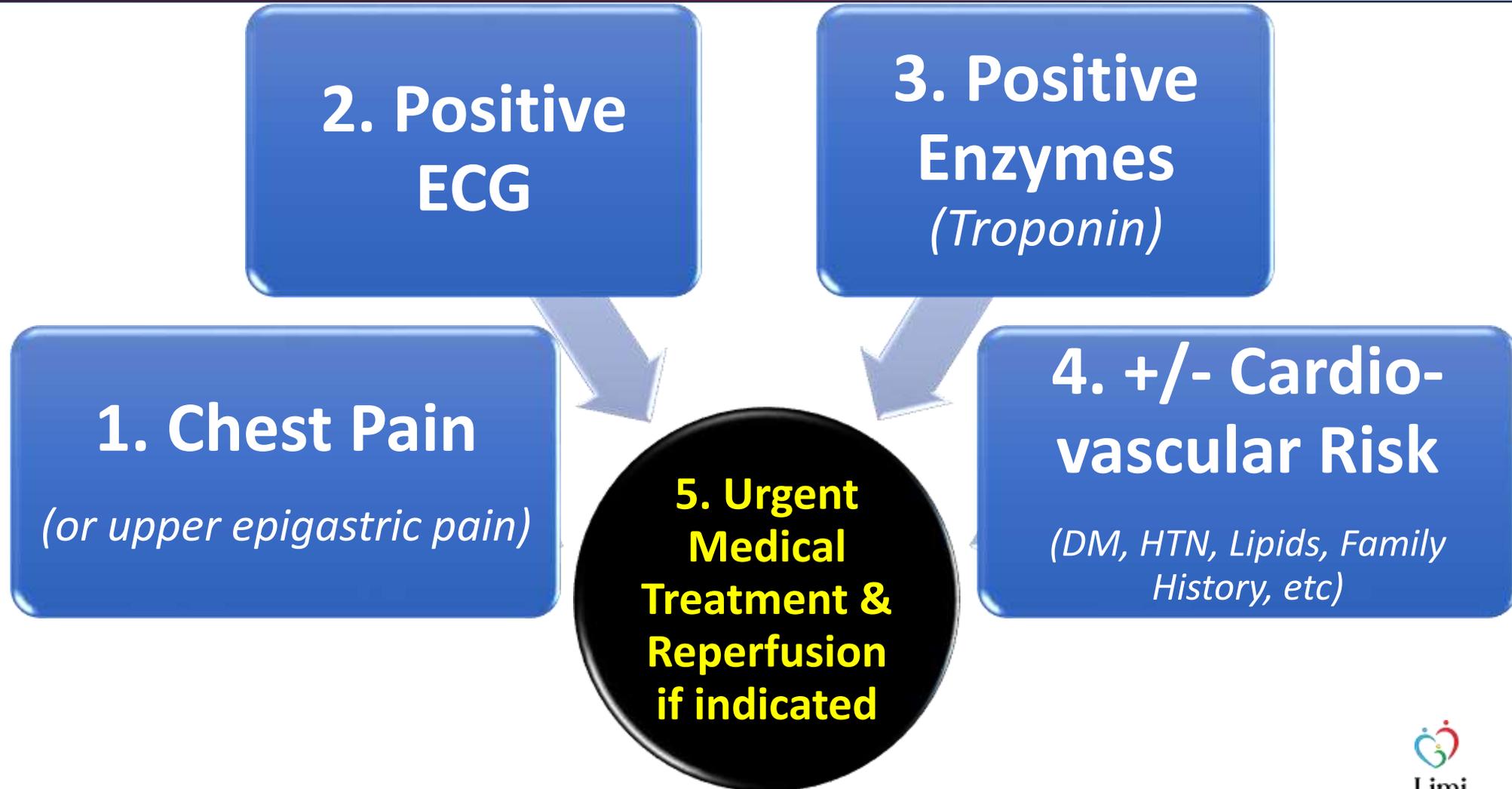
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- “Everyone with Ongoing Acute Chest Pains (or “*ulcer*” **MUST** have an ECG within 5-10minutes of arrival to the emergency room.”

- “Not every severe abdominal/epigastric pain is peptic ulcer. **You may miss an ACS**”
- “Don’t forget the \*angina equivalents”

\* Epigastric pain, dyspnea, exercise intolerance

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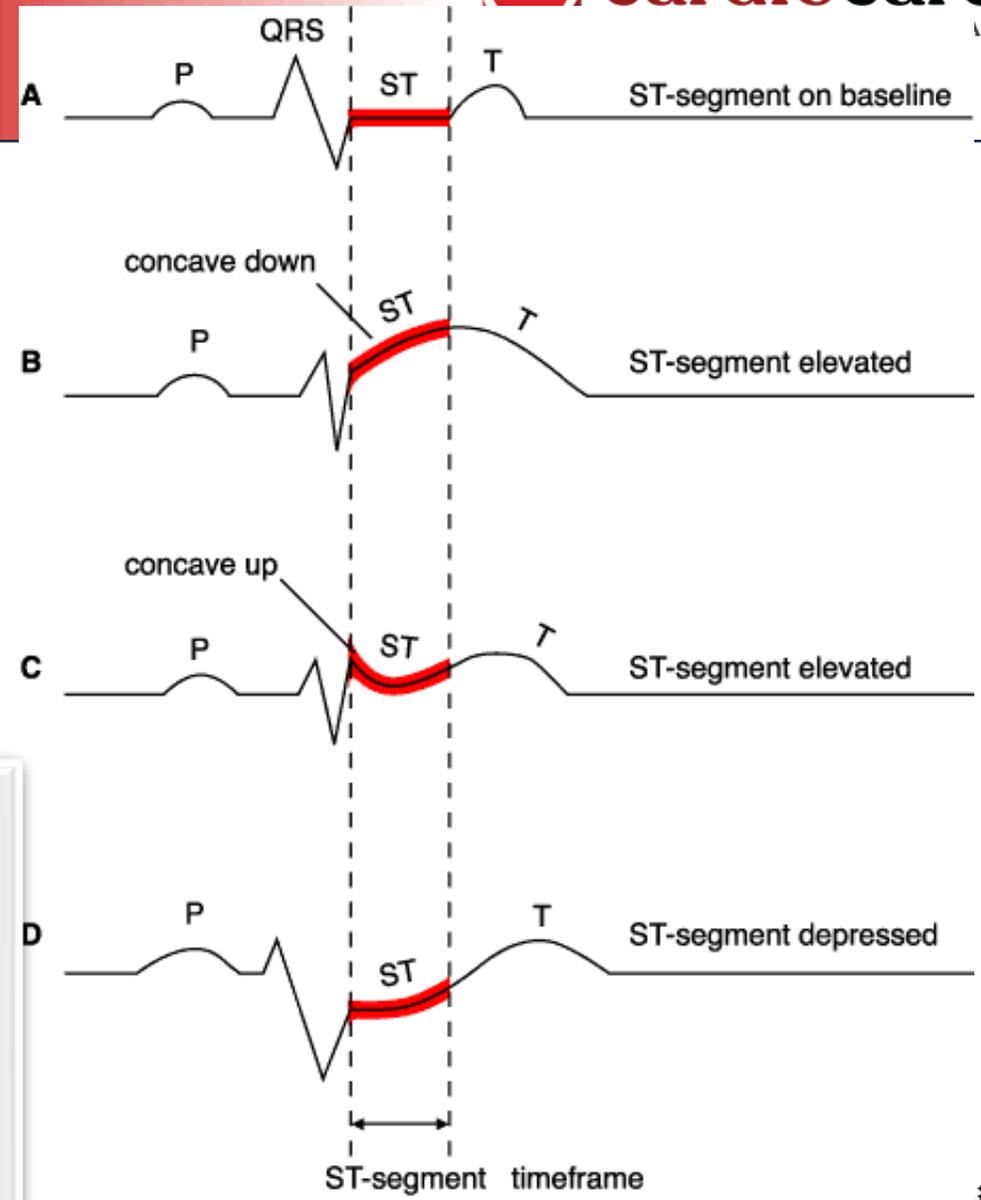
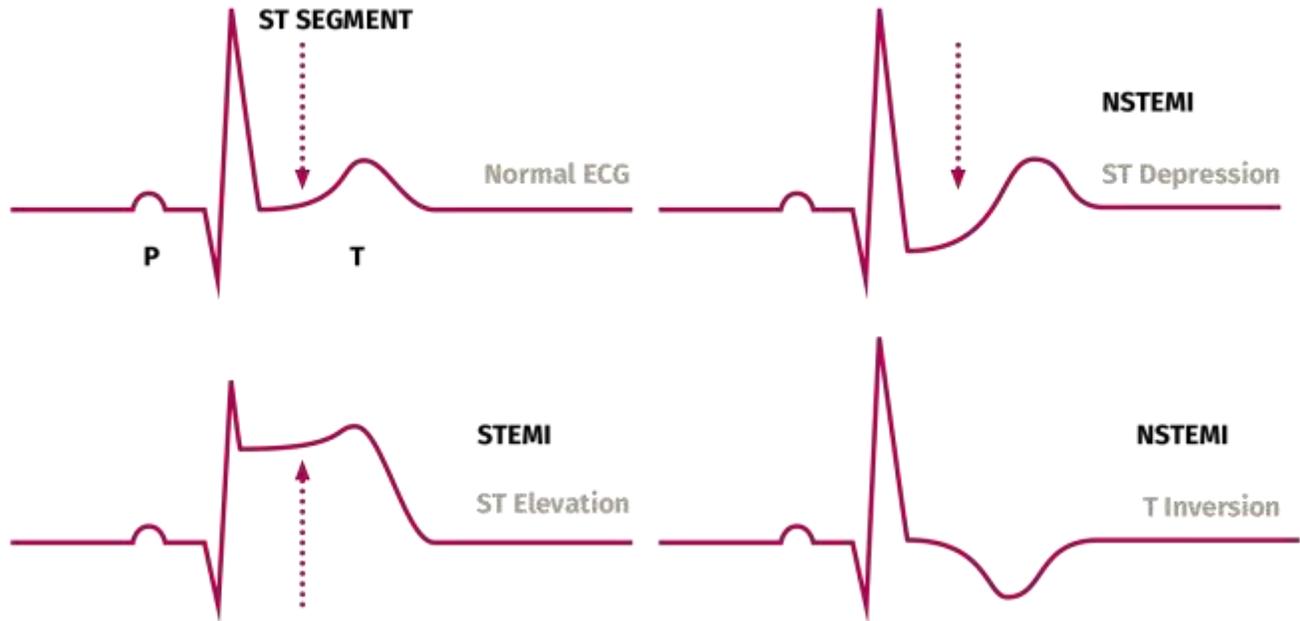
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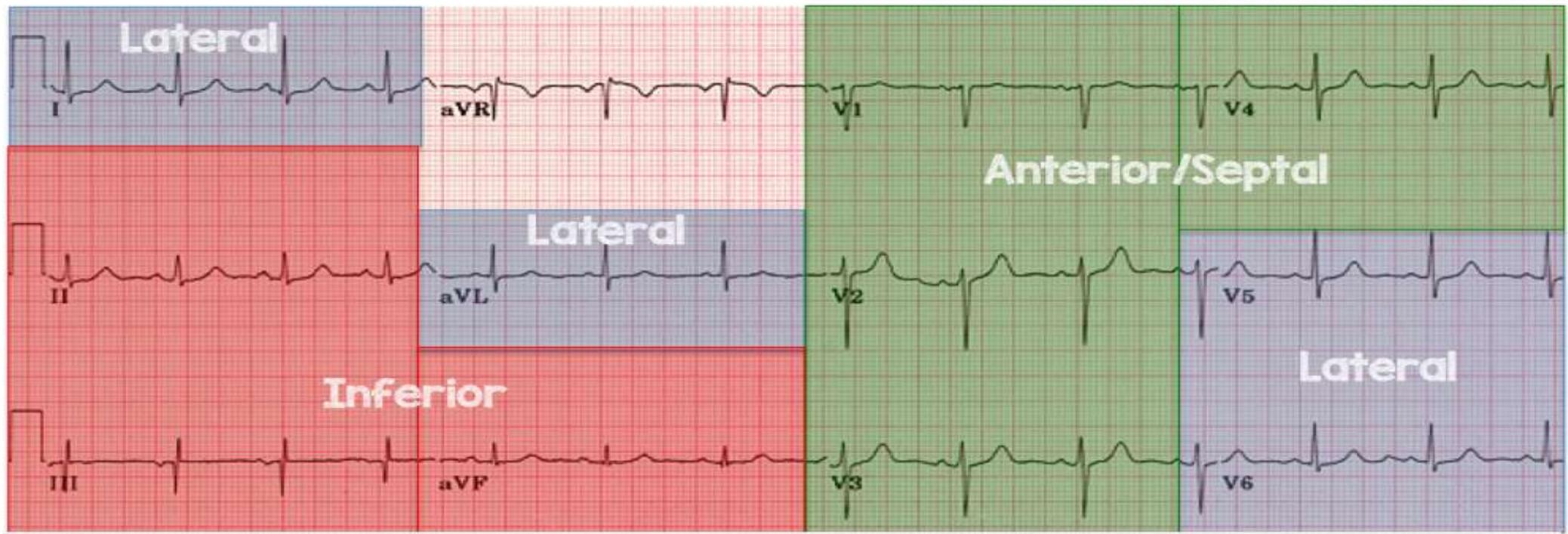
# Significant ST Elevation



## CRITERIA FOR ST ELEVATION

1. Present in 3 Consecutive Beats
2. ST elevation 1mm (small box) above baseline in limb leads
3. ST elevation 2mm (small boxes) above baseline in chest leads
4. Must be present in at least 2 contiguous leads
  1. I, aVL, V5, V6
  2. II, III, aVF
  3. V1, V2
  4. V3, V4

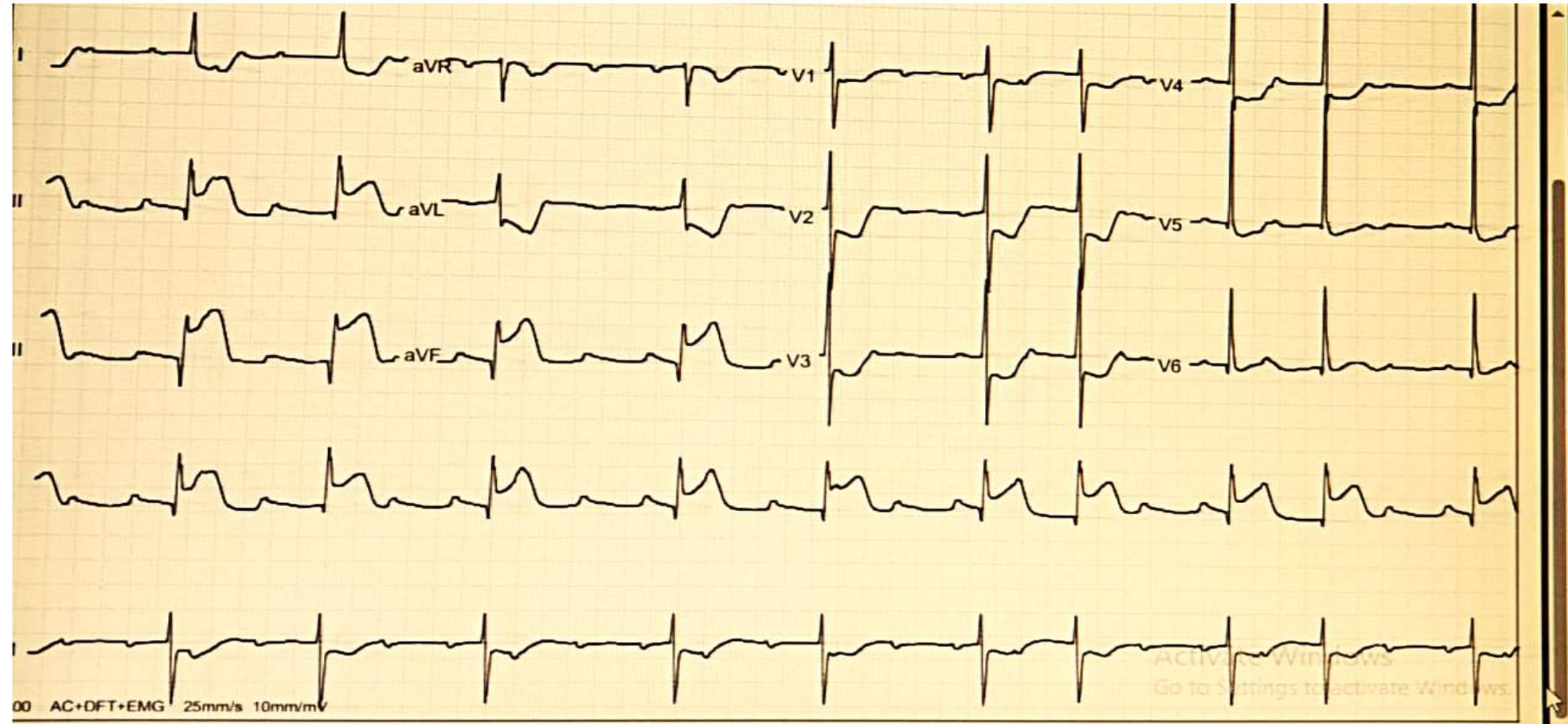
# How to localized site of myocardial infarction



**Coronary Anatomy & ECG Leads**

<b>Lateral Leads</b>	<b>I, aVL, V5 - V6</b>	<b>LCx or Diagonal of LAD</b>
<b>Inferior Leads</b>	<b>II, III, aVF</b>	<b>RCA and/or LCx</b>
<b>Anterior/Septal Leads</b>	<b>V1 - V4</b>	<b>LAD</b>

# His ECG



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- ✓ Rheumatology
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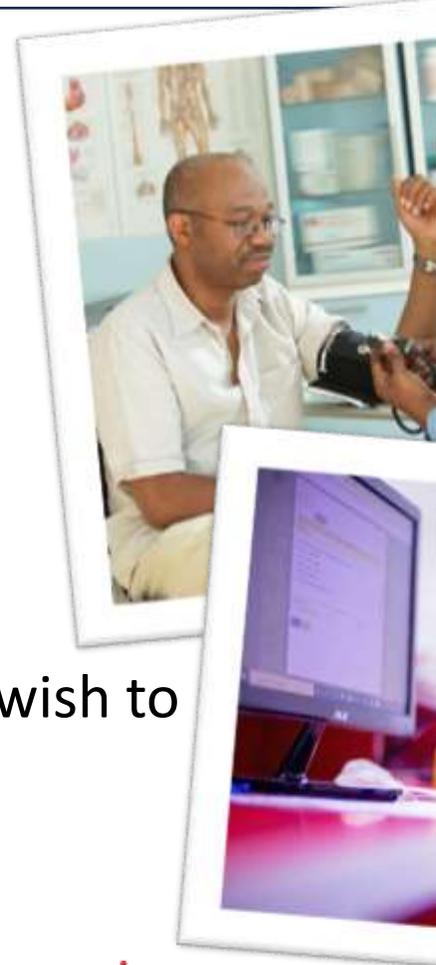


# What is the cause of chest pain based on his ECG

1. Inferior NSTEMI
2. Anteroseptal NSTEMI
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4. Acute pericarditis

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What is the most important blood test  
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2. Urgent PCV
3. Serum creatinine
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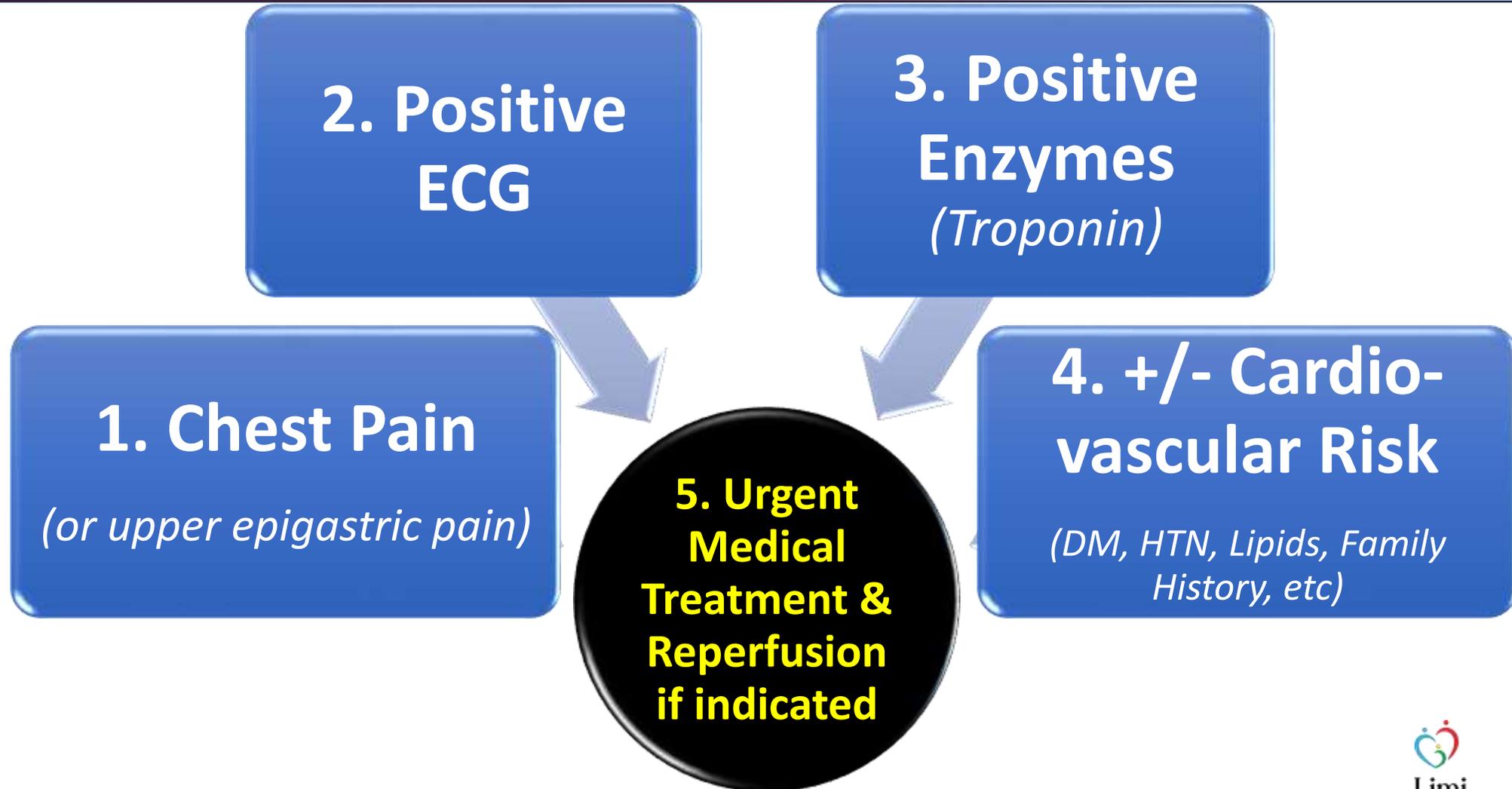
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- “Cardiac Enzymes (Troponin I or T) are invaluable in the evaluation of Chest Pains.
- A negative troponin in the appropriate patient should be repeated in 3-6hrs to be sure”

# OUR FOCUS

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- “Cardiac Enzymes (Troponin I or T) elevation is not equivalent to ACS.
- Clinical history and ECG findings should guide interpretation”

# Some other causes of elevated troponin

- Pericarditis, endocarditis, myocarditis
- Heart failure/cardiomyopathies
- Pulmonary embolism, ARDS
- Stroke
- Chronic kidney disease
- Severe GI bleeding
- Burns
- Sepsis

# ADVANCED CARE

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**1 CORONARY ANGIOGRAPHY & INTERVENTIONS-**  
For patients presenting with chest pains, acute coronary syndrome

**2 PERIPHERAL ANGIOGRAPHY & INTERVENTIONS-** For patients presenting with Peripheral vascular diseases causing tissue loss or gangrene

**3 CARDIAC DEVICE IMPLANTATION & PROGRAMMING**  
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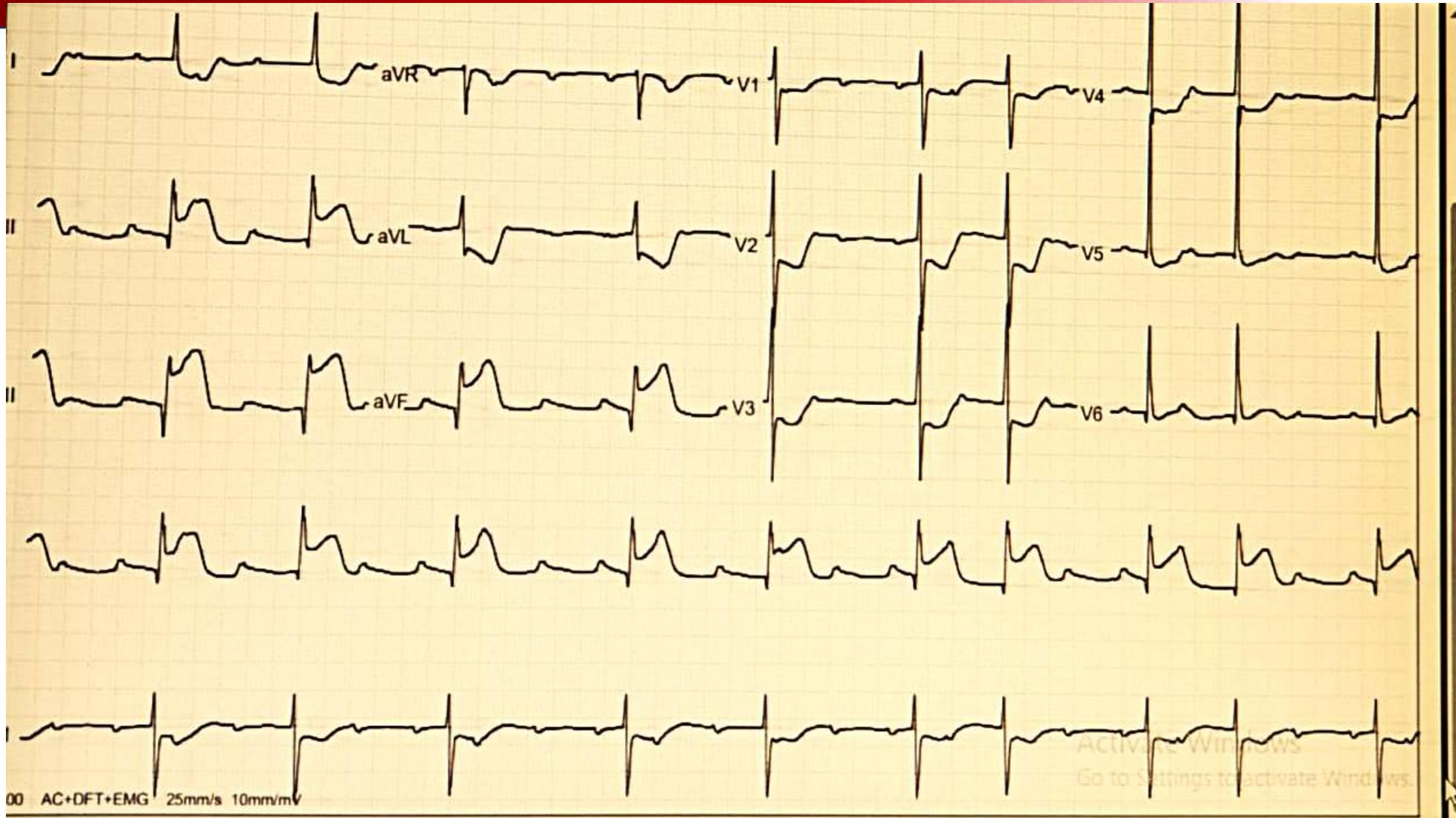
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# ST elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI)

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  - **persistent** ( $> 20$  minutes) ECG features in  $\geq 2$  contiguous leads of **significant ST elevation** OR **new LBBB** (LBBB should be considered new unless there is evidence otherwise) **PLUS**
    - Elevated cardiac biomarker (**troponin**)

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# Inferior STEMI

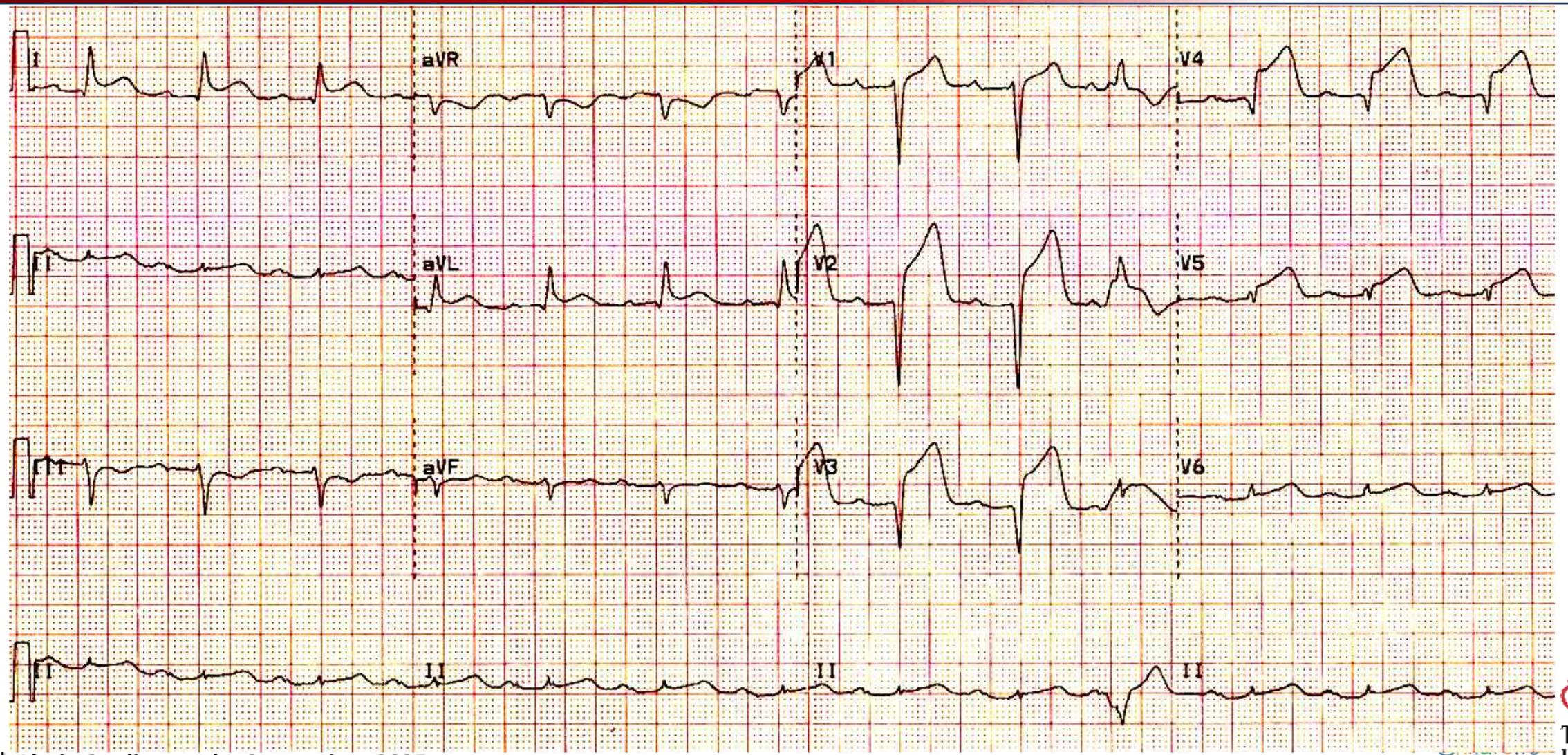


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# Anterior STEMI



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# Non-ST elevation myocardial infarction (NSTEMI)

- Defined as presentation with **clinical symptoms consistent** with ACS (generally of  $\geq 20$  minutes duration) PLUS
  - **persistent** ( $> 20$  minutes) ECG features in  $\geq 2$  contiguous leads of **downsloping or horizontal ST depression and/or T wave inversions** PLUS
    - Elevated cardiac biomarker (**troponin**)

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# NSTEMI



- Unstable angina (UA) is defined as myocardial ischemia at rest or on minimal exertion in the absence of acute cardiomyocyte necrosis (**no ST elevation on ECG, normal troponin**).
- It is characterized by specific clinical findings such as
  - prolonged (>20 minutes) angina at rest;
  - new onset of severe angina;
  - angina that is increasing in **frequency**, longer in **duration**, or **lower in threshold**; or
  - angina that occurs after a recent episode of myocardial infarction.

### Some Important Investigations

**Troponin I** – 0.2ng/ml at referring hospital. On presentation, 2.3ng/ml (NR – 0 – 0.3ng/ml)

**LDL-C** – 160mg/dl, Total cholesterol – 230mg/dl, Triglyceride – 157mg/dl, HDL-C – 50mg/dl

**NTproBNP** – 2,000 pg/ml (NR 0-300pg/ml)

**Serum creatinine** – 1.0mg/dl

### Further care

He was nursed in cardiac position

On supplemental oxygen, IV morphine 10mg stat, IV metoclopramide 10mg stat

Tabs ASA 75mg OD, Tabs Clopidogrel 75mg OD

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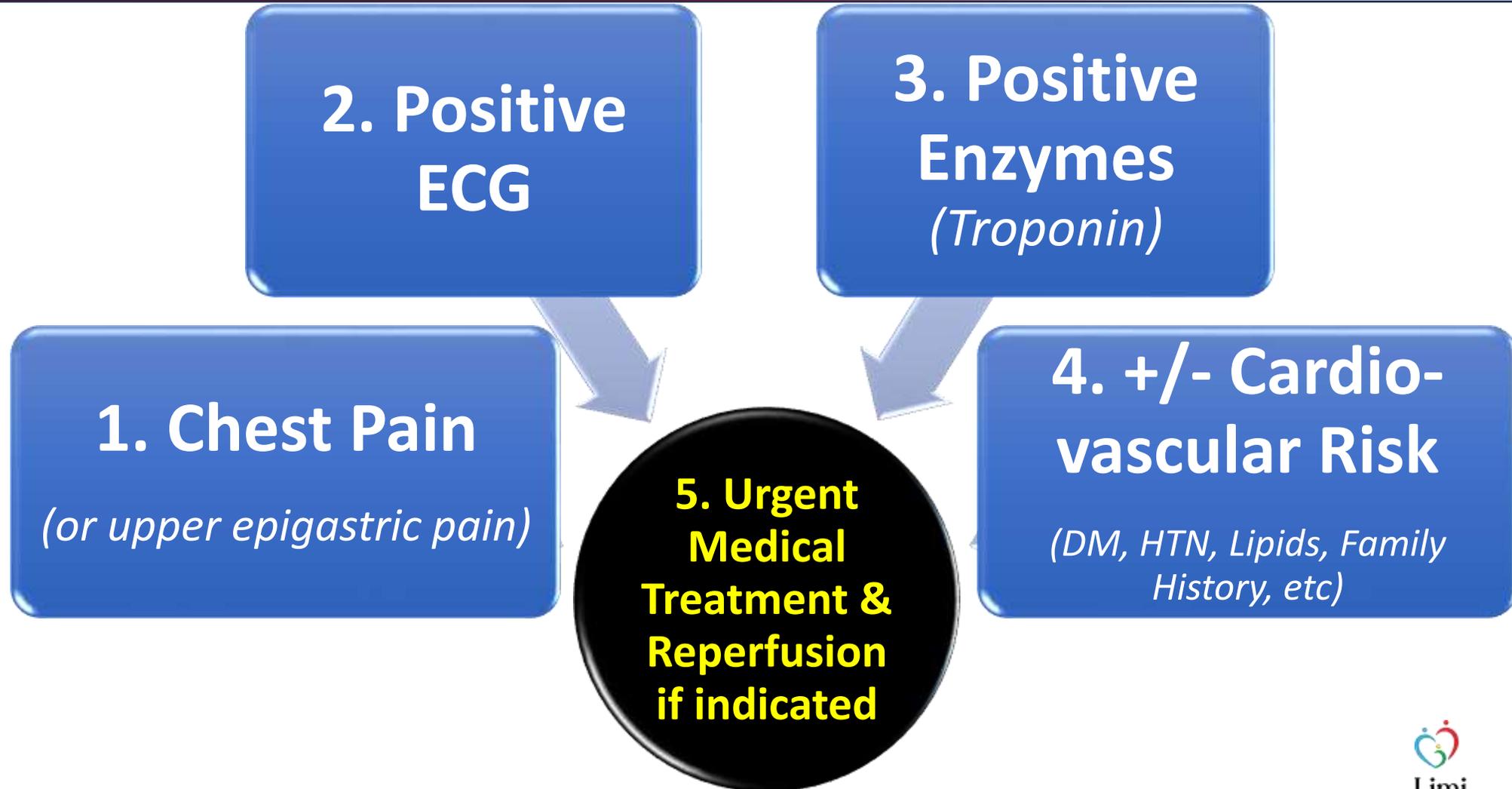
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# What other medications will you give this guest in the emergency room

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# Approach to ACS management – 2

## Initial medical treatment (think “MONASH”)

**M**- Morphine and or Analgesics, with opioids (morphine, fentanyl) + antiemetics

**O**- Oxygen therapy (only if hypoxemic <92%)

**N**- Nitrates- Glyceryl trinitrate infusion or sublingual

**A**- Antiplatelets – ASA (300mg load, 75mg OD), ADP antagonists such as clopidogrel (300-600mg load, 75mg OD)

**S**-High Intensity Statins

**H**- Heparin or Anticoagulation- UFH 5000U stat, Enoxaparin 1mg/kg/dose q12h

# Our Milestones

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- “Avoid **nitrates and beta blockers** in **inferior Myocardial infarction**”
- Avoid **beta blockers** in **cocaine-induced Myocardial Infarction**

# TIME IS MUSCLE!!!

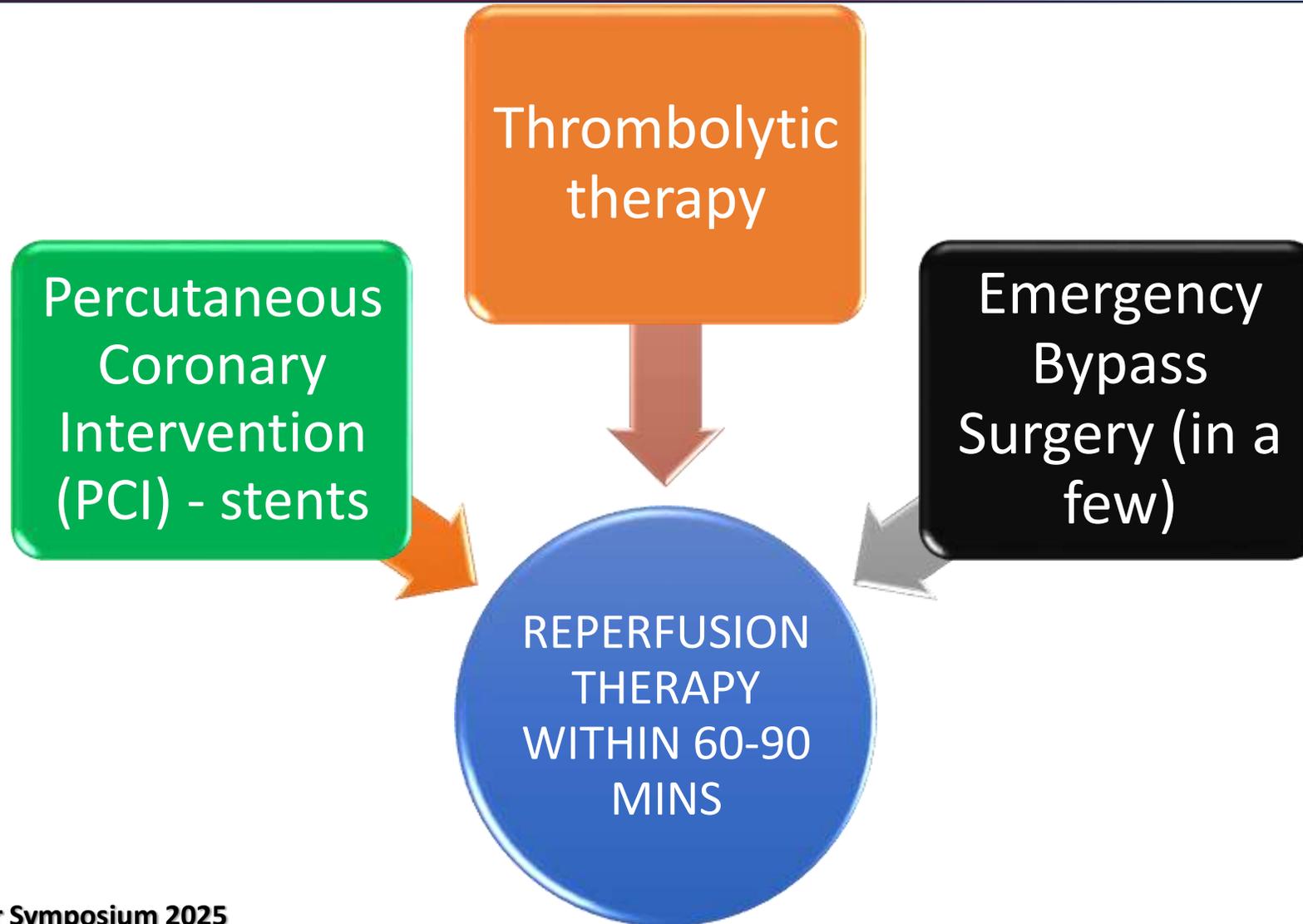
- **Every minute or second with a blocked artery increases the heart muscle death and the heart failure/death risk!!!**

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# Reperfusion Therapy ASAP!!!



- Thrombolytic therapy
  - Alteplase
  - Tenecteplase
  - Streptokinase
- Percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) – first line
- Coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG) - for selected patients e.g. failed PCI, multivessel disease



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Emergent reperfusion is the immediate priority

There is an association between prompt reperfusion (<90min from first medical contact) and more favorable long-term clinical outcomes

# Management of STEMI – 2

## PCI-capable hospital

- Goal is immediate coronary angiography with door-to-balloon time <60min

If anticipated time to transfer to a PCI-capable centre is <120min (2hrs), **TRANSFER**

If anticipated time to transfer is >120min, a **pharmaco-invasive approach** should be considered

Pharmaco-invasive approach is initial thrombolytic therapy **followed by** invasive angiography **within 24hrs**

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Initial medical treatment (“MONASH”)

Risk stratification

Reperfusion strategy if very-high risk or high risk

- This is usually **PCI or CABG**
- **NO ROLE for thrombolytic therapy in NSTEMI-ACS**

- It is used for timing of invasive therapy in NSTEMI-ACS
- Based on clinical presentation and ECG changes



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- Needs immediate invasive treatment (<2hrs)
  - Hemodynamic instability (shock, cardiac arrest)
  - Ventricular arrhythmias
  - Acute heart failure due to ACS
  - Medically refractory angina or angina equivalent

- Early invasive strategy (<24hrs)
  - No very high-risk features
  - TIMI Risk Score >4
  - GRACE Score >140
  - Dynamic ECG changes

- Dietary guidance
- Exercise
- Advice smoking cessation, limit alcohol use

# Our Milestones

## OVER 600 CATHLAB PROCEDURES

CARDIOCARE HAS PERFORMED OVER 500 CARDIAC PROCEDURES FOR NIGERIANS AND FOREIGN NATIONALS SUCCESSFULLY AND RELIABLY OVER THE YEARS

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE RECEIVED AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN CARDIOVASCULAR CARE FROM THE NIGERIAN CARDIAC SOCIETY

## RESEARCH & COLLABORATIONS

CARDIOCARE HAS PROVIDED AVENUES FOR LOCAL RESEARCH & TRAINING. COLLABORATED WITH FOREIGN AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS TO HOST CARDIAC OUTREACHES THAT OFFERED LIFE SAVING INTERVENTIONAL PROCEDURES TO INDIGENT NIGERIANS

## TRAINING & SYMPOSIUMS

TRAINING OVER 600 HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS VIA MONTHLY WEBINARS AND ANNUAL CARDIOVASCULAR SYMPOSIUM NOW IN ITS 8<sup>TH</sup> EDITION. PG RESIDENCY ROTATION TRAINING MOUS WITH (UPTH, OAUTH)

# Secondary prevention Simple as ABCDE

- A = Aspirin and antianginals
- B = Beta blockers and blood pressure (BP)
- C = Cholesterol and cigarettes
- D = Diet and diabetes
- E = Exercise and education

- **Lipid lowering medications**
  - **High intensity statins (in all patients)**
  - If LDL-C below target at 4-6weeks, add ezetimibe and then a PCSK9 inhibitors (such as Inclisiran) as needed
  - Bempedoic acid is an option as add-on where available
  - LDL-C target for **most <55mg/dl (1.4mmol/L)**
- **Glycemic control – HbA1c target <7%.** Consider GLP-1 agonist or SGLT2 inhibitors for their cardiovascular benefits

- **Antithrombotic therapy**
  - generally **dual antiplatelet (DAPT) for at least 12 months** in most patients
  - May extend DAPT, if tolerated, in high ischaemic risk patients (e.g., recurrent MI)
  - In patients with high bleeding risk, consider early aspirin cessation
  - 8-10% of patients have concomitant atrial fibrillation. Generally, avoid triple therapy (DAPT + anticoagulant)

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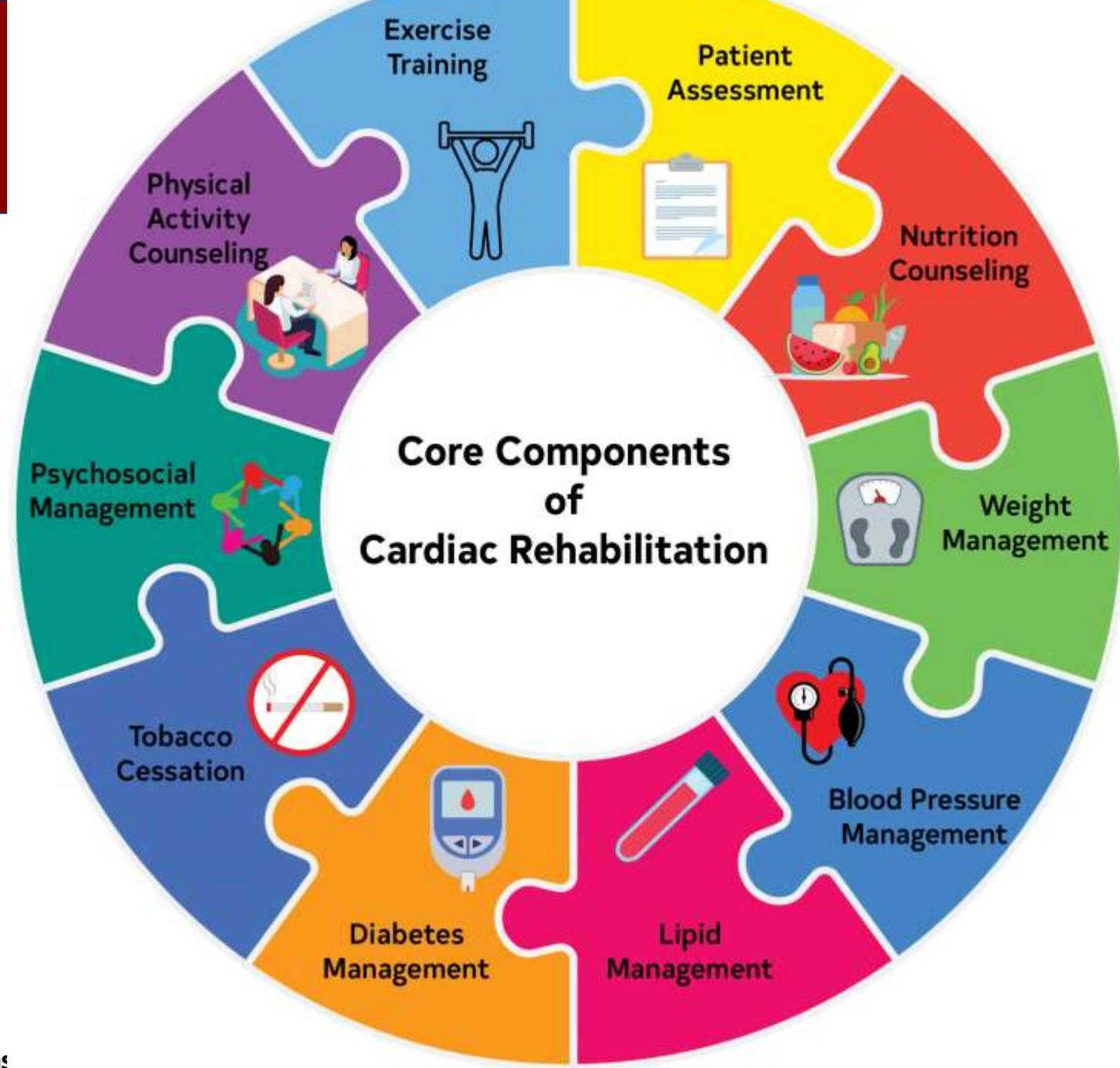
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- **Neuro-hormonal blockade**
  - **$\beta$  blockers** should be initiated within 24hrs if no contraindications
  - **ACEi/ARB** especially on those with heart failure with reduced EF (<40%)
  - **Mineralocorticoid Receptor Antagonists** (eplerenone, spironolactone) in those with reduced EF (<40%)



9<sup>th</sup> ACS  
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- The diagnostic framework **(5 steps)**
- Initial medical management **(MONASH)**
- **TIME is MUSCLE**
- Secondary prevention is as simple as **ABCDE**



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• Thank you for listening

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