



# Management of Acute Coronary Syndrome in the Hospitalized Patient

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# Objectives

- Define ACS
- Identify the initial therapies of ACS
- Rapidly identify clinical situations that need intervention
- Recognize complications of ACS
- Inform appropriate D/C and follow-up



# Diagnosis of Angina

- **Typical angina**—All three of the following:
  - Substernal chest discomfort >1min
  - Onset with exertion or emotional stress
  - Relief with rest or nitroglycerin
- **Atypical angina**
  - 2 of the above criteria
- **Noncardiac chest pain**
  - 1 of the above criteria



# Diagnosis of Unstable Angina

- Patients *with known* history typical angina
  - Increased in severity or duration
  - Has onset at rest (or at a low level of exertion)
  - Unrelieved by the amount of nitroglycerin or rest that had previously relieved the pain
- Patients *not known* to have typical angina
  - First episode with usual activity or at rest within the previous two weeks
  - Prolonged pain at rest
- Clinical findings
  - non-occlusive thrombus
  - non specific ECG, normal cardiac enzymes



# NSTEMI vs. STEMI

(at least 2 of the following findings )

## NSTEMI:

- Usually partial thrombus/plaque
- Occlusion that is sufficient to cause tissue damage & mild myocardial necrosis
- ST depression +/-
- T wave inversion on ECG
- Elevated cardiac enzymes

## STEMI:

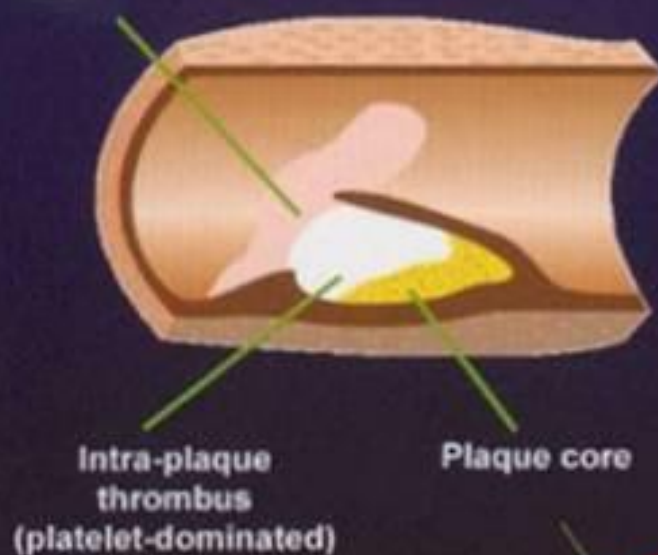
- Usually complete thrombus occlusion
- ST elevations 2mm in precordial and/or 1mm in limb leads on ECG or new LBBB
- Elevated cardiac enzymes
- More severe symptoms



# Structure of Thrombus Following Plaque Disruption

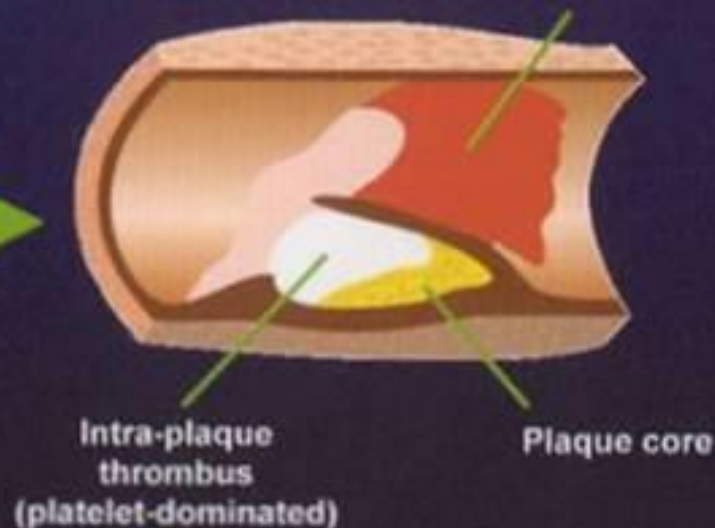
## UA/NSTEMI:

Partially-occlusive thrombus  
(primarily platelets)



## STEMI:

Occlusive thrombus (platelets,  
red blood cells, and fibrin)



**SUDDEN  
DEATH**

UA = Unstable Angina  
NSTEMI = Non-ST-segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction  
STEMI = ST-segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction

White HD. *Am J Cardiol* 1997;80 (4A):2B-10B.

# Chest pain suggestive of ischemia

Immediate assessment within 10 Minutes

## History & Physical

- Establish diagnosis
- Read ECG
- Identify complications
- Assess for reperfusion

## Emergent care

- Cardiac monitoring
- Oxygen
- IV access
- If STEMI activate STEMI pager

## Initial labs and tests

- 12 lead ECG
- Obtain initial cardiac enzymes
- Electrolytes, cbc lipids, bun/cr, glucose, coags
- CXR
- Echo (eval EF and wall motion abnormalites)



# ECG assessment

**ST Elevation or new LBBB**  
STEMI

**ST Depression or dynamic  
T wave inversions**  
NSTEMI

**Non-specific ECG**  
Unstable Angina

# Cardiac Markers

<b>Enzyme</b>	<b>Normal</b>	<b>Rise</b>	<b>Peak</b>	<b>Return to normal</b>
CK	30-210 u/L	3-6 h	24 h	3-4 days
CK-MB	<8 ng/ml	4 h	18-24 h	2-3 days
CK-MB R	< 3.5			
Myoglobin	<100 ng/ml	2 h	6-7 h	24 h
Troponin I	<0.1 ng/ml	4-6 h	10-24 h	4 days
<b>Troponin T</b>	<0.5 ng/ml	4-6 h	10-24 h	10 days



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## Nitroglycerin (class I, level B)

- Analgesia—titrate infusion to keep patient pain free
- Dilates coronary vessels—increase blood flow
- Reduces systemic vascular resistance and preload
- Careful with recent ED meds, hypotension, bradycardia, tachycardia, RV infarction

## Aspirin (325mg chewed & swallowed) (class I, level A)

- Irreversible inhibition of platelet aggregation
- Stabilize plaque and arrest thrombus
- Reduce mortality in patients with STEMI
- Careful with active PUD, hypersensitivity, bleeding disorders

# Initial Treatment Protocol

## Beta-Blockers (class I, level A)

- 14% reduction in mortality risk at 7 days at 23% long term mortality reduction in STEMI
- Approximate 13% reduction in risk of progression to MI in patients with threatening or evolving MI symptoms
- Be aware of contraindications (CHF, Heart block, Hypotension)
- EF>40% Metop tartrate PO BID
- EF≤40% Metop XL qday or Coreg PO BID
  - \*never IV

## ACE-Inhibitors / ARB (class I, level A)

- Start in first 24 hours
- ARB as substitute for patients unable to use ACE-I

(ACCF/AHA Guidelines, 2012)

# Initial Treatment Protocol

## Statin therapy

- Assists in plaque stabilization
- Reduces lipid profile
- Atorvastatin 80mg (PROVE IT-TIMI 22 and MIRACL trials)
- Consider Pravastatin if LFT's are elevated

## Aldosterone Antagonist (Spironolactone)

- $EF \leq 40\%$  with s/s of HF and/or DM
  - \* Patient is without significant renal dysfunction or hyperkalemia
  - \* Must tolerate ACEi/ARB first

(ACCF/AHA Guidelines, 2012)



# Initial Treatment Protocol

## Heparin (class I, level C to class IIa, level C)

- LMWH or UFH (max 5000u bolus, 1000u/hr)
  - Indirect inhibitor of thrombin
  - 24-48 hours of treatment
  - Used in combo with aspirin and/or other platelet inhibitors

## P2Y12 inhibitors: clopidogrel/ticagrelor/prasugrel

- Inhibition of platelet aggregation
- Duration depends on BMS vs DES vs no PCI

(ACCF/AHA Guidelines, 2012)

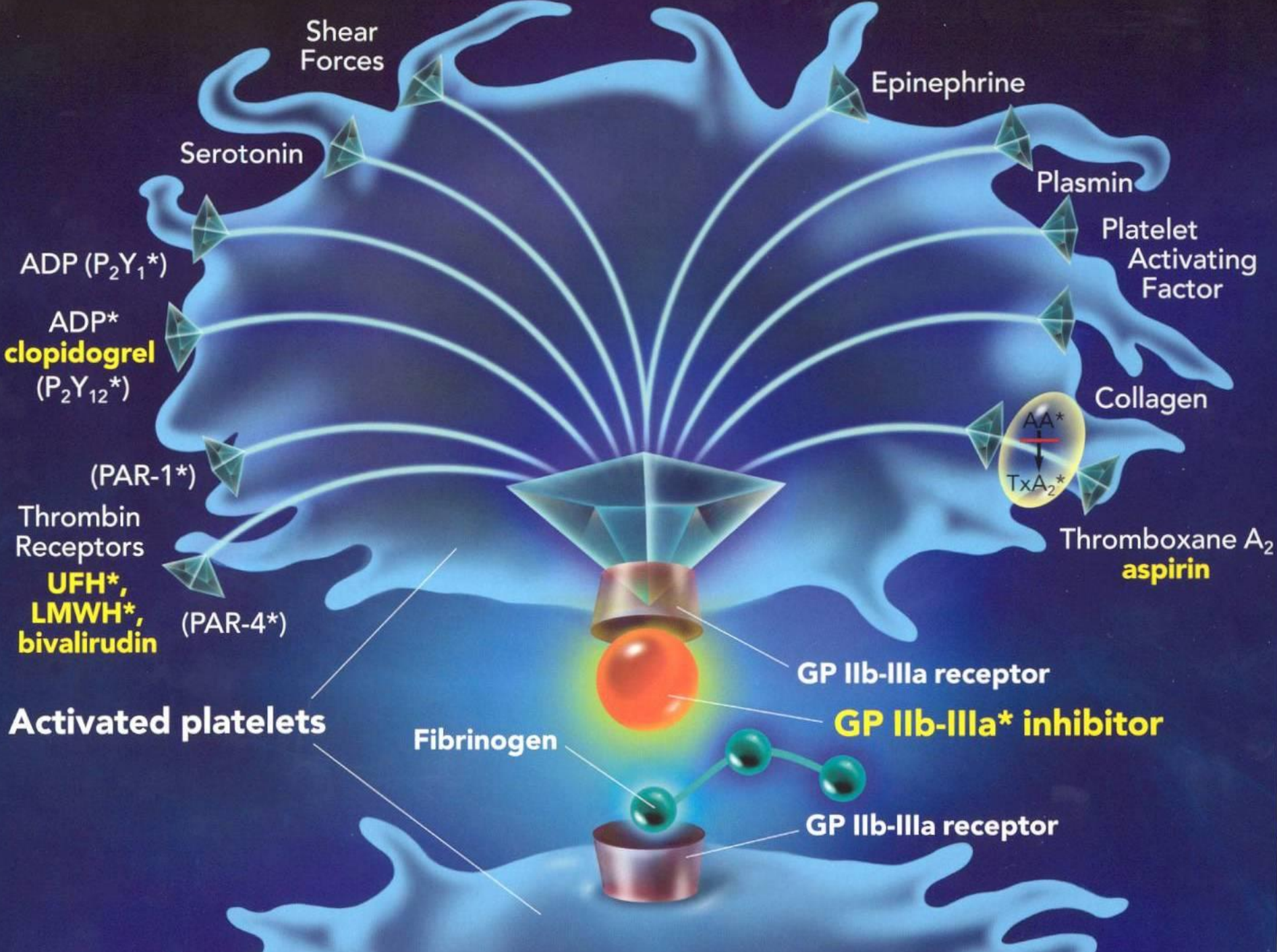


# Initial treatment P2Y12 cont

- Clopidogrel
  - 600mg/300mg PO load
  - 75mg PO qday
- Ticagrelor
  - 180mg PO load
  - 90mg PO BID
- Prasugrel
  - 60mg PO load
  - 10mg PO qday







# Risk Stratification for USA and NSTEMI

- TIMI risk score
  - Age  $\geq 65$  years
  - Elevated serum cardiac biomarkers
  - Presence of ST segment deviation on admission ECG
  - Presence of at least three risk factors for CAD
  - Prior coronary stenosis of  $\geq 50$  percent
  - At least two anginal episodes in prior 24 hours
  - Use of aspirin in prior seven days
- 0-2 low risk= Stress test
- 5-7 high risk= Cath



# Invasive therapy option UA/NSTEMI (High Risk)

For high risk ACS (class I, level A)

- Coronary angiography and revascularization within 24 hours after presentation
- PCI with DES or no intervention:
  - ASA 81mg PO qday
  - P2Y12 inhibitor **1Year min**
  - ACEi/ARB
  - High intensity Statin (Atorvastatin 80mg)
  - Beta Blocker (Dependent on EF)
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# Invasive therapy option

## UA/NSTEMI (High Risk)

- Coronary angiography and revascularization within 24 hr of symptoms
- PCI with BMS:
  - ASA 81mg PO qday
  - Plavix 75mg PO qday for 1 month min/ pref 1year
  - ACEi/ARB
  - High intensity Statin (Atorvastatin 80mg)
  - Beta Blocker (Dependent on EF)
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# Additional Pearls During Admission

- Unstable Angina=24hrs
- NSTEMI= 48hrs
- STEMI= 72hrs
- Daily EKG's
- Trend Troponins until down trending occurs
  - Depends on duration of injury, may be elevated>10days
- Out patient Cardiac Rehab appointment Adhoc
- Cardiology clinic appointment 2 weeks post D/C



# Possible Complications

- Cardiogenic Shock: Tachy, Low BP, Pulmonary edema
- LV free wall rupture: 3-5days post Lcx, s/s of tamponade
- Papillary muscle rupture: PDA → Murmur on exam with Pulmonary edema → need Echo and surgery
- VSD: Murmur → Echo and surgery
- LV aneurysm: Found on Echo → if thrombus noted needs warfarin
- Arrhythmias: VT or HB → Tele and keep K > 4 and Mag > 2



# Case Study I

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- “Mr Jones” (Mr. J) is a 60-year-old man, presents to the ED with complaints of exertional chest pain for the past 4 days that occurs on his AM walk to work from parking lot.
- Each episode lasts approx 5 mins, chest & jaw pain. Chest pain is “heavy, deep with a burning “like heartburn”
- Each episode resolved without intervention other than rest, and was not associated with any other symptoms.



# Case Study I

- On the evening of his admission, his angina returns while watching TV, he is diaphoretic, SOB
- He reports increasing dyspnea on exertion and fatigue over the past 6 months
- Denies h/o orthopnea, LE edema, CAD



# Case Study I

## Pertinent PMH:

- HTN
- Diabetes
- Current smoker - 40 pack yr
- No ETOH
- Healthcare administrator
- Does not see MD regularly or check BG at home

## Medications:

- Metformin 500mg bid
- Lisinopril 20mg PO qd



# Case Study I

## Physical exam:

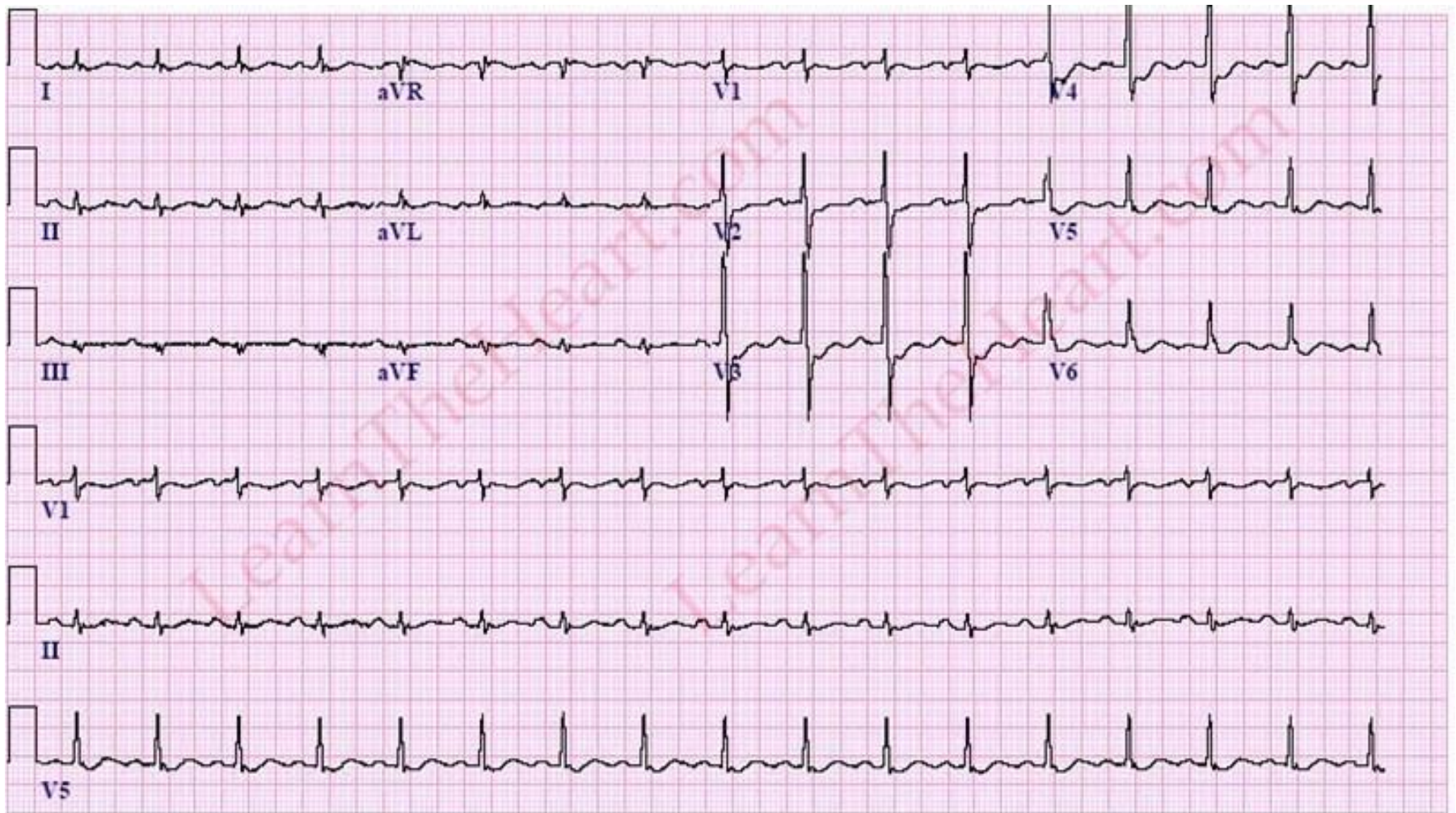
- Normal S<sub>1</sub> and S<sub>2</sub>
- BP 154/94
- HR 92, regular
- Slightly diaphoretic
- Chest pain  
“pressure in center of chest” 4/10

## Labs:

- CBC:
  - WBC 7, PCV 41, plt 213
- BMP:
  - Na 138, K<sup>+</sup> 4.2, Cl 104, Glucose 213, Cr 1.2, BUN 26
- CXR without acute findings
- Cardiac enzymes
  - CK-MB ratio 10,
  - Troponin-I: 4.5
- HgbA1c: 10



# Case Study I EKG



# Case Study I Diagnosis

Based on assessment and clinical findings,  
Mr. J's diagnosis is:

- A. Unstable Angina
- B. STEMI
- C. NSTEMI



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B. STEMI

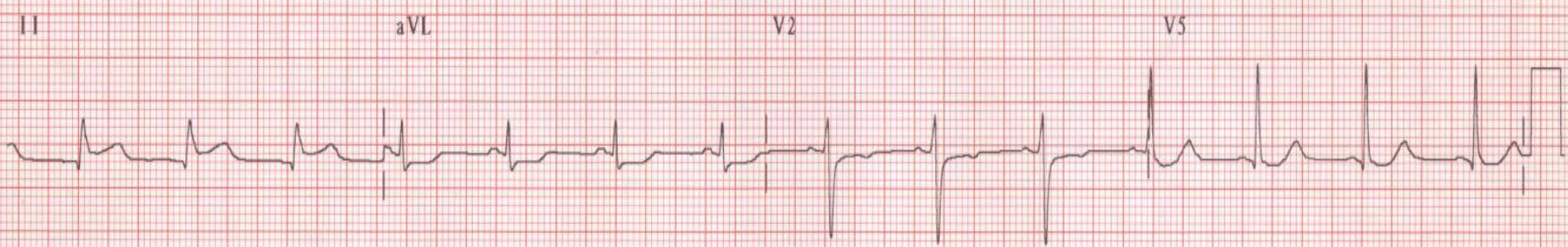
**C. NSTEMI**



# Case study II

- Mrs. Kay is a 85 y/o F admitted for recent fall and right femur fx
- She is now complaining of back and chest pain
- BMP WNL
- VS stable
- Troponin is 33
- ECG is obtained immediately





LOC 00000-0000    Speed: 25 mm/sec    Limb: 10 mm/mV    Chest: 10 mm/mV    F 60 0.5-100 Hz W    HP7    00380



# Case Study II Diagnosis

Based on assessment and clinical findings,  
Mrs. K's diagnosis is:

- A. Unstable Angina
- B. STEMI
- C. NSTEMI



# Case Study II Diagnosis

A. Unstable Angina

**B. STEMI**

C. NSTEMI



# STEMI

## Reperfusion !!

- PCI
  - FMC to balloon goal <90 minutes
- Open heart surgery (CABG)
- 2 or more diseased vessels
  - Blockages not amenable to PCI
  - Ex: Lima to LAD



# Case Study II Treatment

Mrs. Kay received a DES to the pRCA and then had an echocardiogram done that showed an EF of 30%



# Case Study II Treatment

Based on the previous slides information, which beta blocker should Mrs. Kay NOT be prescribed?

- A. Metoprolol Succinate
- B. Carvedilol (Coreg)
- C. Metoprolol Tartrate



# Answer

A. Metoprolol Succinate

B. Carvedilol (Coreg

C. Metoprolol Tartrate

\* EF <40% = Coreg or Metoprolol Succinate/XL



# STEMI Goals

- Relief of pain
- Assess HD status
- Beta blockade (ischemia & anti-arrhythmic)



# Medication Checklist after ACS (LEAPFROG)

- Antiplatelet agent
  - Aspirin\* and Plavix
- Lipid lowering agent
  - Statin\*
- Antihypertensive/Anti-remodeling agent
  - Beta blocker\*
  - ACE-I\*/ARB
  - Spironolactone (as appropriate for  $EF \leq 40\%$  with HF and or DM)





# Medication Checklist after ACS (LEAPFROG)

- Pain control
  - Nitroglycerin 0.4mg SL q5min up to 3 doses
    - Nitro gtt if no complete relief SL
  - Morphine 4-8mg IV q 5-15min



# Summary

- ACS includes UA, NSTEMI, and STEMI
- Management guideline focus
  - Immediate assessment/intervention
  - Risk stratification
    - Conservative vs. Invasive therapy for UA/NSTEMI
  - RAPID reperfusion for STEMI
    - PCI
- Aggressive attention to secondary prevention initiatives for ACS patients
  - ASA, Plavix, ACE-I, Beta blocker and Statin
- Appropriate D/C and follow-up

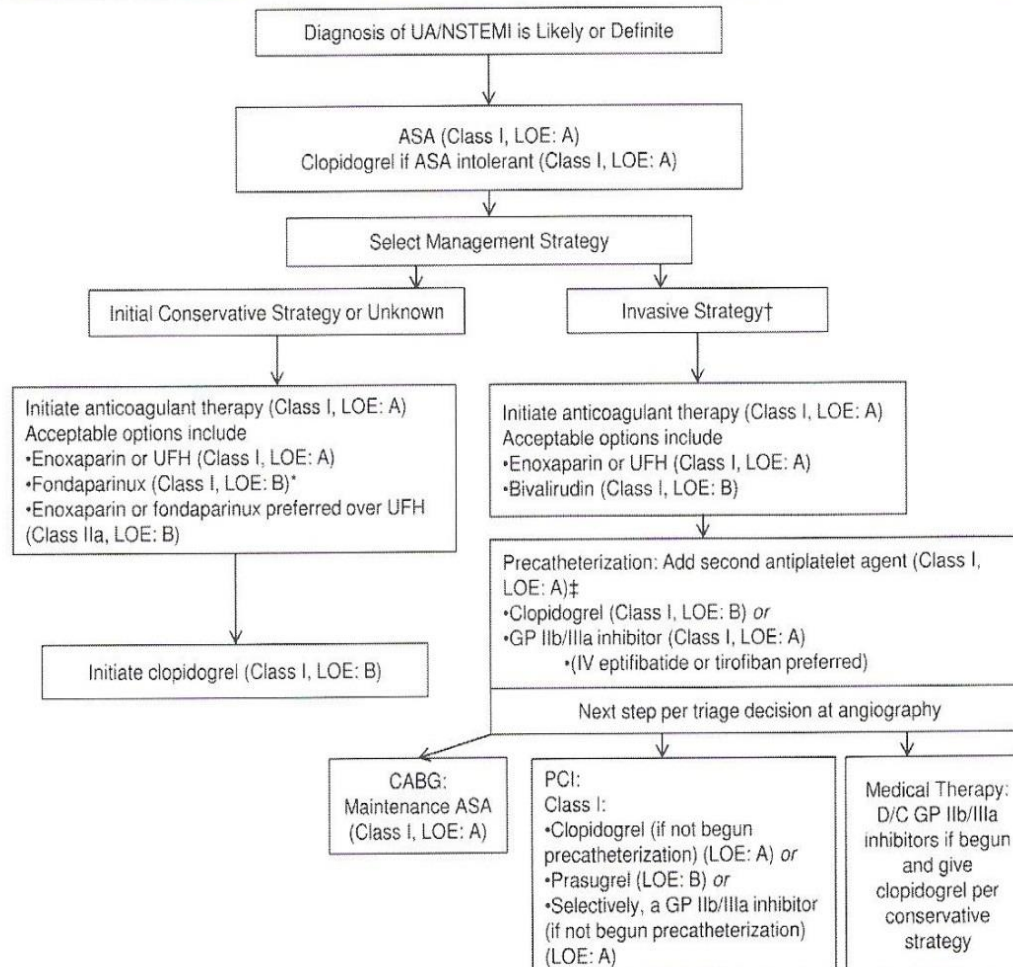


# Algorithm (handout)

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## Appendix 6. Flowchart for Class I and Class IIa Recommendations for Initial Management of UA/NSTEMI

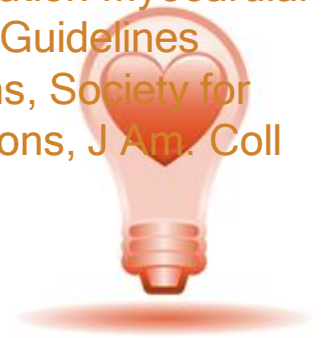




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