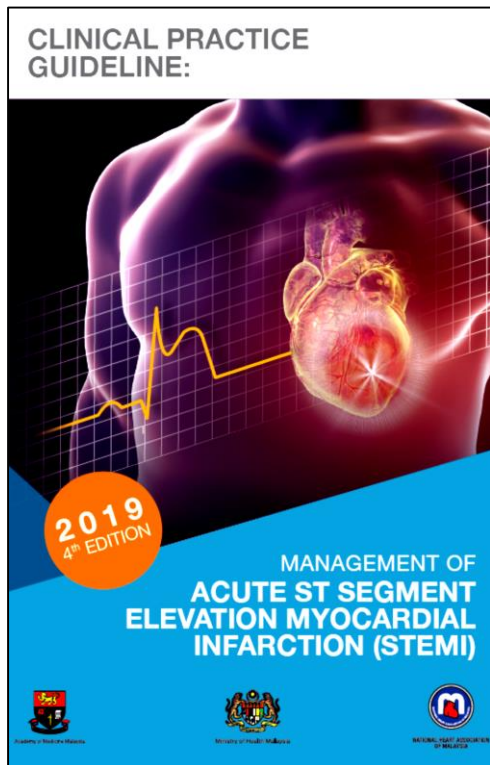


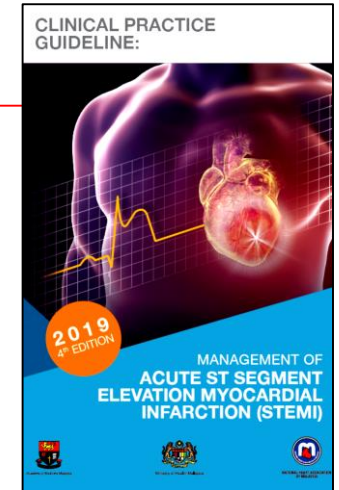
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## Management of ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction ( STEMI) 2019

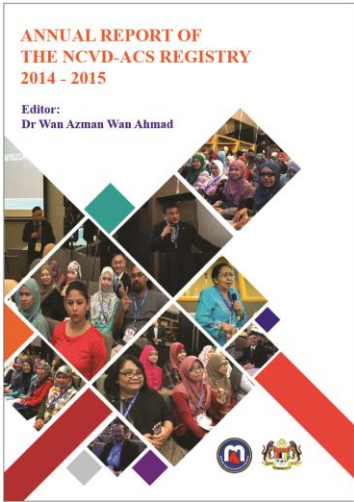
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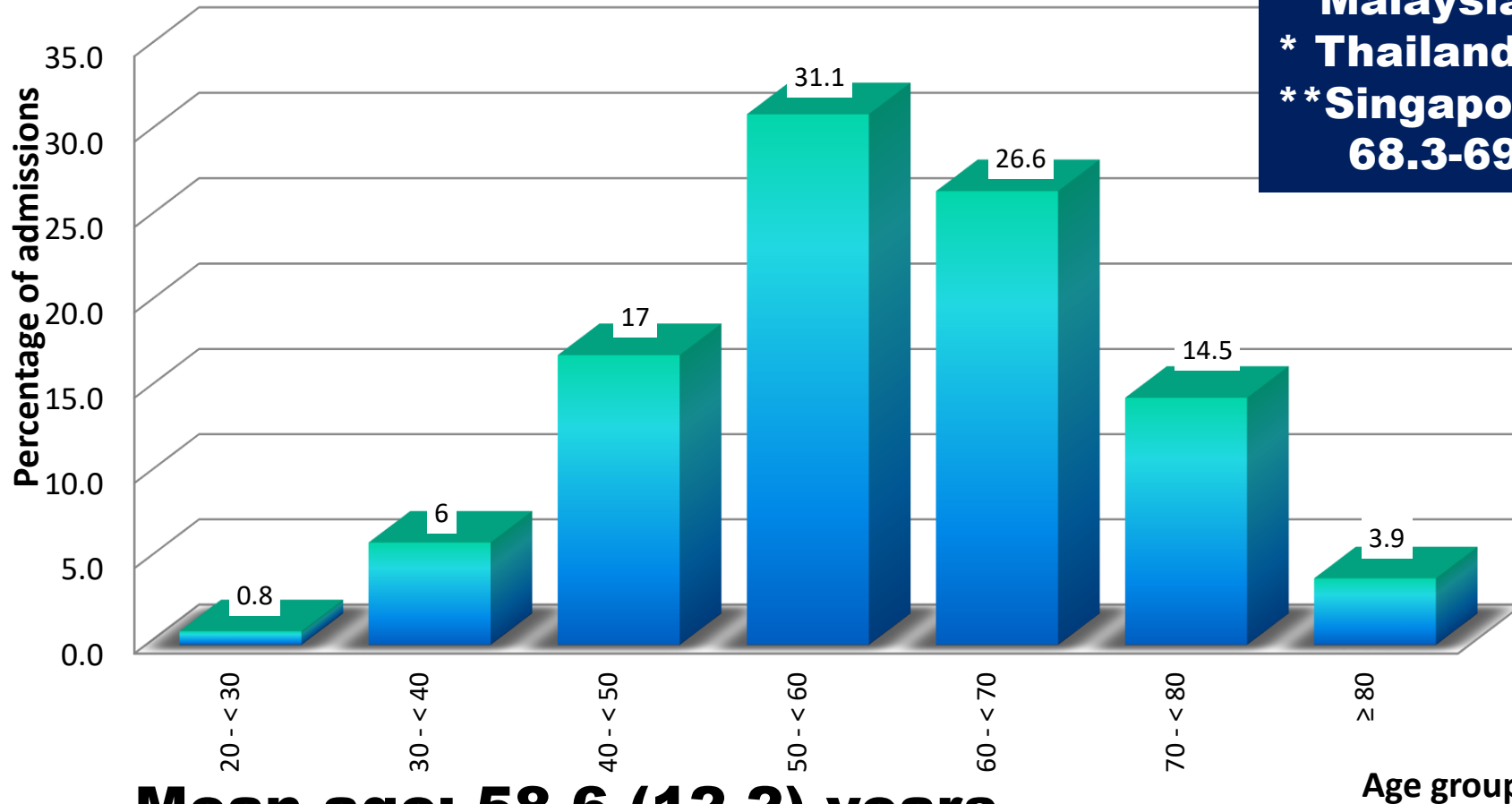
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# National Cardiovascular Database- Acute Coronary Syndrome (NCVD-ACS) Registry 2014- 2015



## Age distribution of patients with ACS



**Mean Age of ACS**  
**Malaysia : 58.6 years**  
**\* Thailand : 63.5 years**  
**\*\* Singapore: (median: 68.3-69.2 years)**

**Mean age: 58.6 (12.2) years**

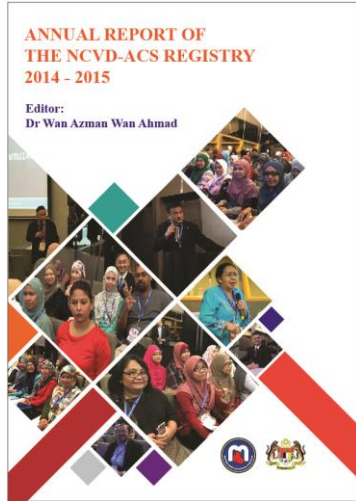
Number of ACS admissions = 17,771

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Year	Outcome	Outcome at discharge		30-day		1-year	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
2011- 2013	Alive	13,633	92.3	13,440	91.0		
	Died	1,130	7.7	1,323	9.0		
2014- 2015	Alive	16,462	92.6	16,137	90.8	14,737	82.9
	Died	1,309	7.4	1,634	9.2	3,034	17.1

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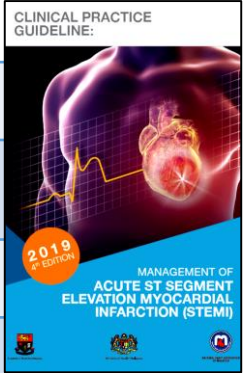
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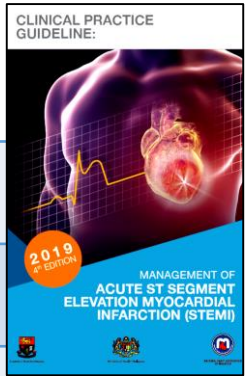
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## WHAT'S NEW IN THE CURRENT GUIDELINES

	Previous CPG STEMI (2014)	Current CPG STEMI (2019)
<b>Distinguishing the difference between myocardial injury and Myocardial Infarction (MI) - Recognition that all myocardial injury is not necessarily due to MI.</b>	No clear differentiation between myocardial injury and MI	<b>Myocardial injury</b> is reflected by a level above the 99 <sup>th</sup> percentile of the upper reference limit (URL) of troponin. Myocardial injury may be due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ischemia</li><li>• Non-ischemic causes</li></ul> <b>MI is myocardial injury due to ischemia.</b> STEMI is MI with ST elevation seen on the resting ECG.

## WHAT'S NEW IN THE CURRENT GUIDELINES

	Previous CPG STEMI (2014)	Current CPG STEMI (2019)
<b>Pre-hospital Care /personnel</b>	Brief statement about Pre-hospital Care/personnel	<p>Providing a <b>structured format of response to an emergency call for “chest pain.”</b></p> <p>To treat STEMI promptly preferably by Primary PCI by transporting the patient directly to a PCI capable hospital.</p> <p><b>Outlining key care processes to shorten door to balloon (device) time (DBT) and improve quality of care during transport.</b></p> <p><b>Encouraging pre-hospital thrombolysis</b> if transport time to a PCI capable centre is long and trained doctor/PHC personnel are available. If this is not available, for in-hospital thrombolysis at the nearest hospital.</p> <p><b>Identifying training of PHC personnel as an important priority.</b></p>



# IMPROVED ACUTE CORONARY SYNDROMES MANAGEMENT IN 999 AND EARLY PROVISION OF ANTIPLATELET (ASPIRIN) IN PHCAS



**YOU COULD BE HAVING A HEART ATTACK! DO NOT DRIVE!**

Call for Help:



Ask for Ambulance Service.



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### Severe angina attack?

Chest pain which is retrosternal (below your breastbone) severe, crushing, squeezing or pressing in nature, lasting more than 30 minutes, associated with:

- profuse sweating
- nausea or vomiting
- shortness of breath
- Not relieved by sub-lingual GTN?

Caller Interrogation process

PROTOCOL 10: CHEST PAIN



ONLINE GUIDE TO TAKE ASPIRIN

AMBULANCE DISPATCH



AMBULANCE AT SCENE

**ASPIRIN :**  
*A 10cents wonder drug!*



Assistant Medical Officer gives ASPIRIN

ACUTE CORONARY SYNDROME (ACS)

ASSESSMENT AND CARE AT SCENE

MOH CPG on STEMI/ NSTEMI recommends the early provision of Aspirin in ACS (I,A) for immediate antiplatelet effect to limit thrombosis or clot

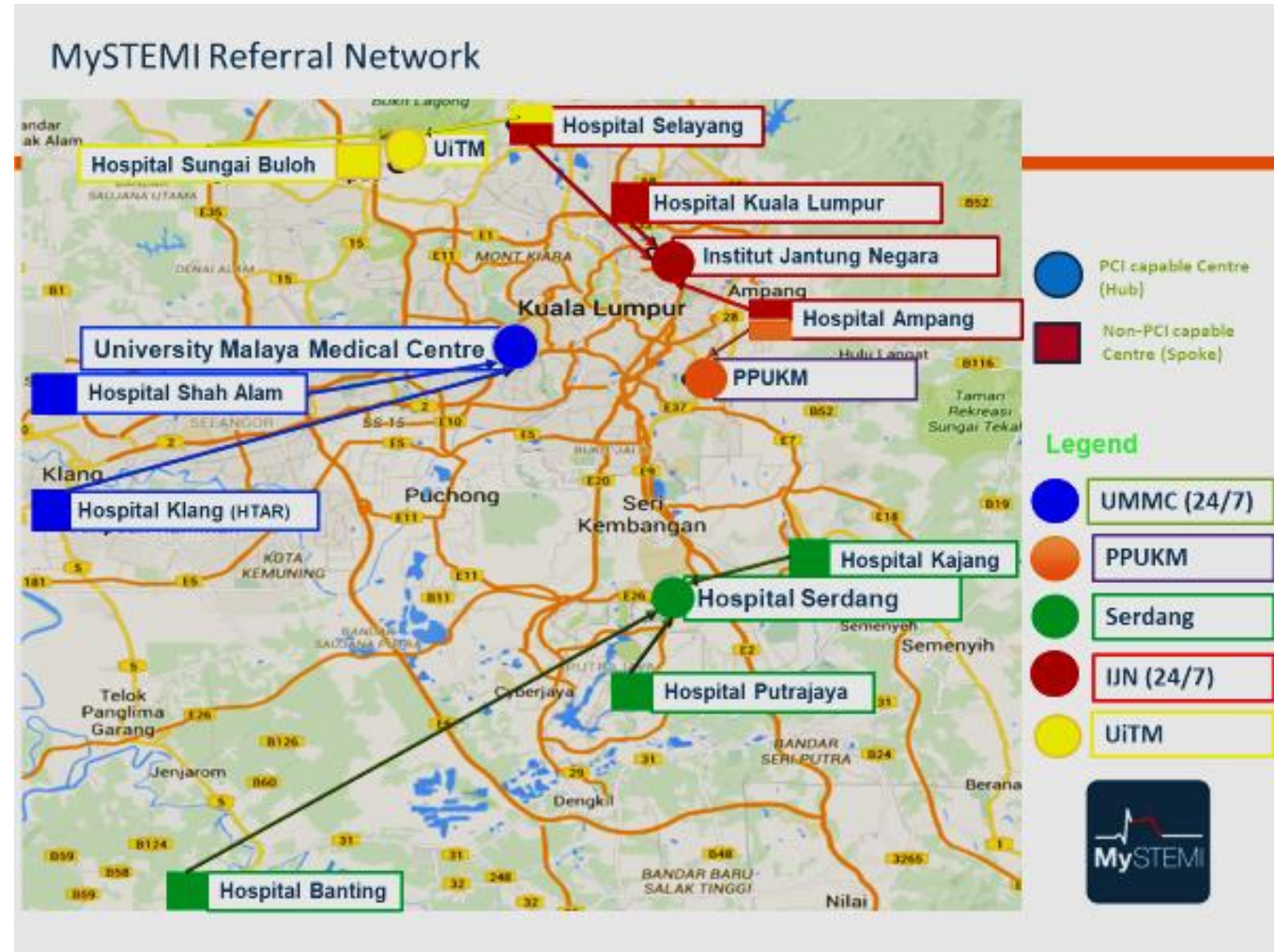
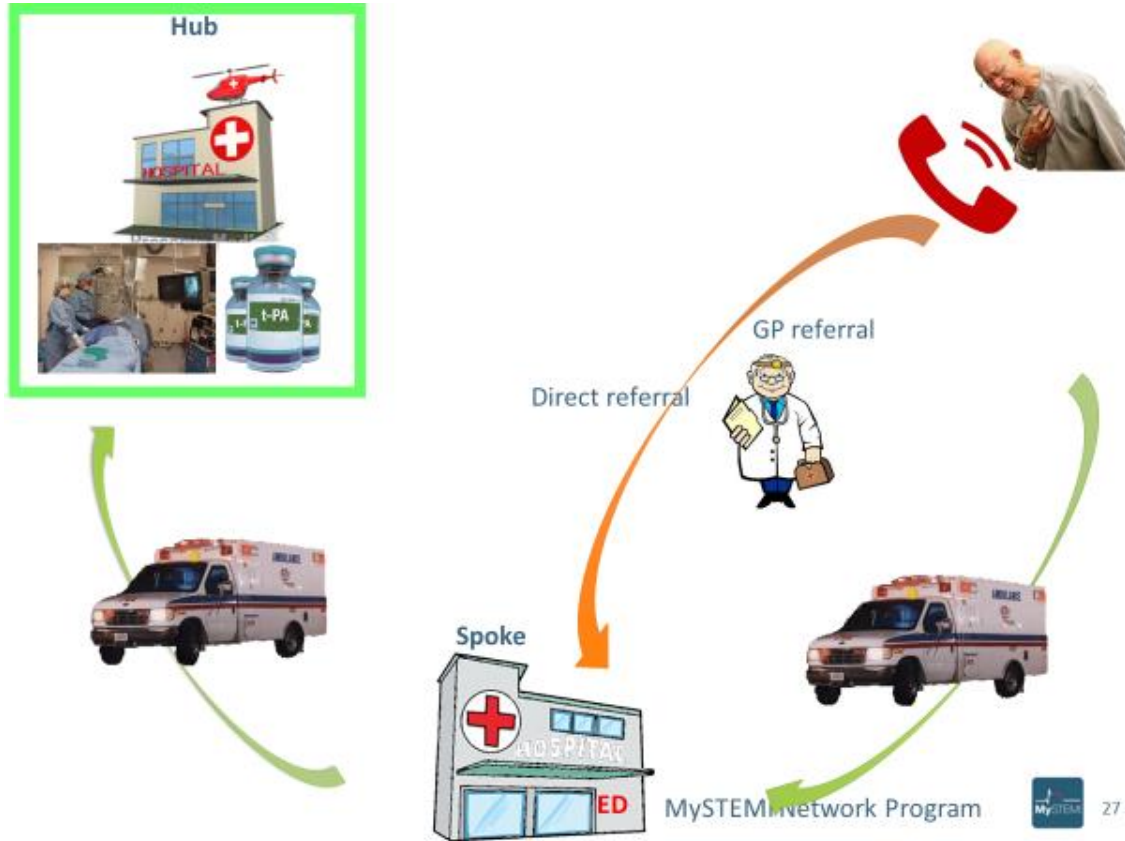
### CLINICAL PATHWAY FOR STEMI IN PHCAS

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## WHAT'S NEW IN THE CURRENT GUIDELINES

	Previous CPG STEMI (2014)	Current CPG STEMI (2019)
<b>STEMI Networks</b>	No mention of STEMI networks	<p>Identifying the key points in establishing a STEMI network.</p> <p>Encouraging the setting up of STEMI Networks throughout the country.</p> <p>Establishing time intervals to reduce total ischaemic time and achieve timely early reperfusion.</p>

# MySTEMI Network



## WHAT'S NEW IN THE CURRENT GUIDELINES

	Previous CPG STEMI (2014)	Current CPG STEMI (2019)
<b>Diagnosing reinfarction- Troponins can also be used for reinfarction</b>	In a patient with recurrent chest pain following STEMI, a $\geq 20\%$ increase in the value of Creatine Kinase-Myocardial Band (CKMB) from the last sample suggests reinfarction.	If a patient is suspected of having a reinfarction on clinical grounds, a $\geq 20\%$ increase in the value of either <b><i>troponins or CKMB</i></b> between 2 samples 3-6 hours apart supports the diagnosis

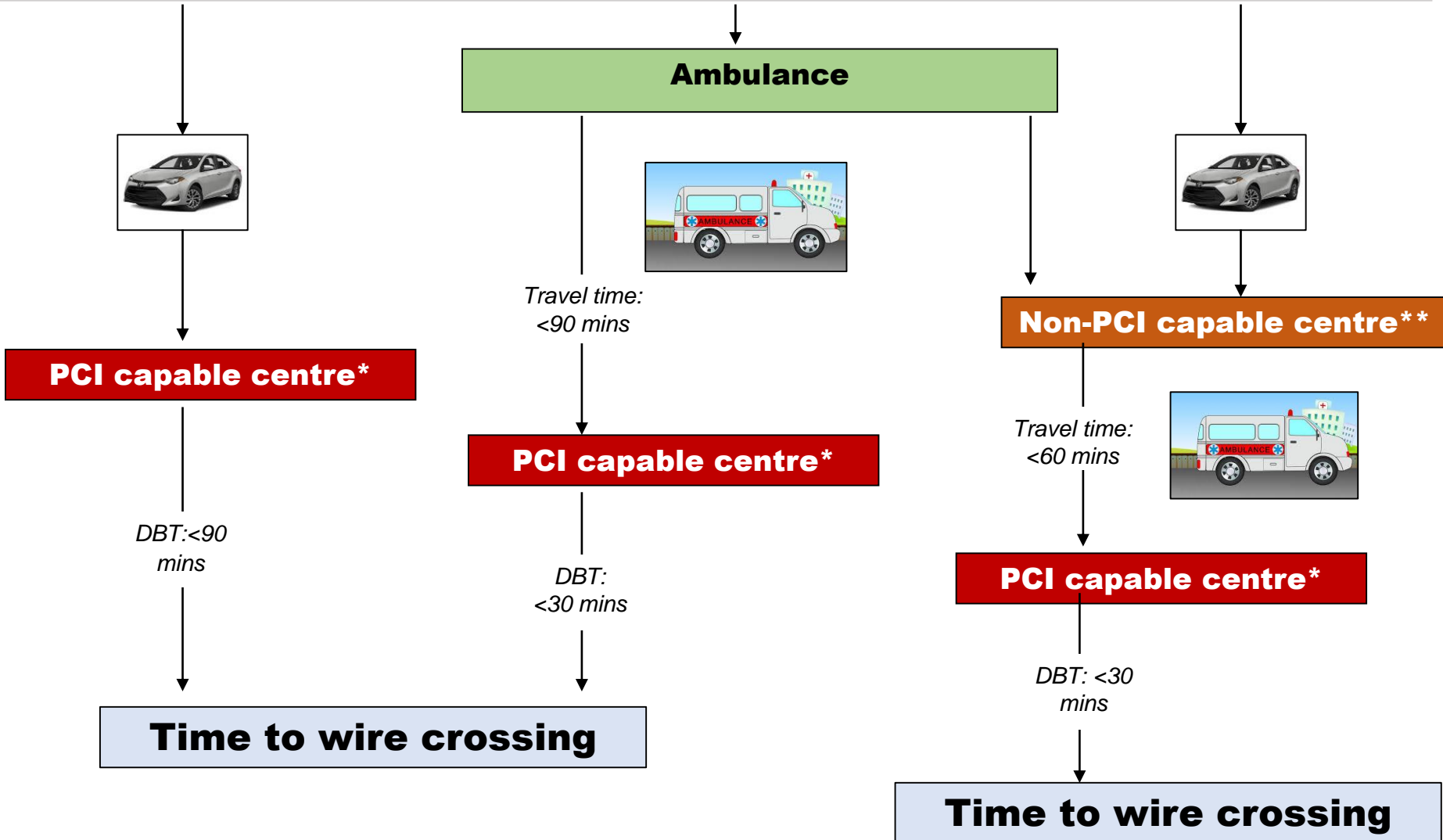
## WHAT'S NEW IN THE CURRENT GUIDELINES

	Previous CPG STEMI (2014)	Current CPG STEMI (2019)
<b>Time Intervals</b>	<p><b>ECG to be done preferably within 10 minutes</b></p> <p>For Primary PCI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Door to balloon(DBT) time &lt; 90minutes</li><li>• If transported from a non-PCI hospital: DBT &lt; 120 minutes</li></ul> <p>For fibrinolysis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Door to needle time &lt; 30 minutes</li></ul>	<p><b>FMC to ECG interpretation &lt; 10 min</b></p> <p>For Primary PCI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FMC or directly transported by ambulance to PCI capable centre: DBT &lt;90 minutes</li><li>• FMC at non-PCI (spoke) hospital; DBT &lt;120minutes<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Door in Door Out (DIDO):&lt; 30 minutes.</li><li>○ Transfer to PCI capable centre: &lt;60 minutes.</li></ul></li></ul> <p>For fibrinolysis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FMC to thrombolysis <math>\leq</math> 30 minutes (this could be in-hospital or pre-hospital in an ambulance equipped with the necessary facilities)</li></ul>

# Flowchart 2

## ONSET OF CHEST PAIN

**First**  
**Medical**  
**Contact**



\* PCI capable centre: Hub Hospital  
 \*\* Non-PCI capable centre: Spoke Hospital  
 \*\*\* DIDO: Door In Door Out  
 DBT: Door to balloon (device) time

**If time intervals/transfer times are anticipated to be longer than stated, initiate fibrinolysis first and then consider same day transfer for PCI as part of pharmaco-invasive strategy (3-24 hours post lysis) or for transfer later depending on the clinical condition of the patient and the available resources.**



## WHAT'S NEW IN THE CURRENT GUIDELINES

	Previous CPG STEMI (2014)	Current CPG STEMI (2019)
<b>Fibrinolysis</b>		<p><b>If the time from STEMI diagnosis to wire crossing is &gt;120 minutes, then pre-hospital or nearest in-hospital fibrinolysis is an option. Then consider transfer for a pharmaco-invasive strategy.</b></p> <p>New section on Fibrinolysis in an unstable patient</p>
<b>PCI post-Fibrinolysis</b>	<p>As part of a pharmaco-invasive strategy in stable patients who have been given fibrinolytics and an elective PCI can be performed within 3 - 24 hours. <b>(IIa, B)</b></p> <p>Early PCI should be considered in the following situations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Failed reperfusion or re-occlusion after fibrinolytic therapy. <b>(IIa, B)</b></li> <li>• Cardiogenic shock or acute pulmonary oedema that develops after initial presentation. <b>(I, B)</b></li> </ul>	<p>As part of a pharmaco-invasive strategy in stable patients who have been given fibrinolytics and an elective PCI can be performed within 3 - 24 hours. <b>(I, A)</b></p> <p>Early PCI should be considered in the following situations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Failed reperfusion or re-occlusion after fibrinolytic therapy. <b>(I,A)</b></li> <li>• Cardiogenic shock or acute pulmonary oedema that develops after initial presentation. <b>(I,A)</b></li> <li>• STEMI TIMI risk score of <math>\geq 6.0</math> at admission. <b>(I,C)</b></li> <li>• If symptoms are completely relieved and ST segment completely normalises either spontaneously or after GTN (sublingual or spray) or anti platelet therapy. <b>(I,C)</b></li> </ul>

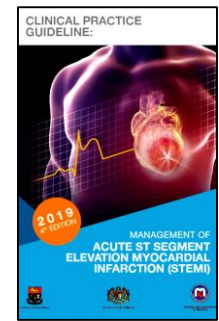
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<b>Delayed angiography and PCI - Symptom onset &gt;12h,</b>	-	<p>A primary PCI strategy is indicated in the presence of ongoing symptoms suggestive of ischaemia, haemodynamic instability, or life-threatening arrhythmias. <b>(I, B)</b></p>



# **KEY TAKE HOME MESSAGES**

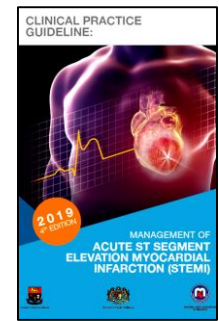
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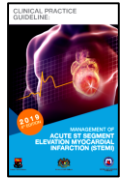
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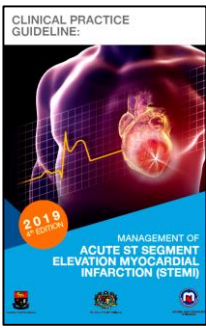
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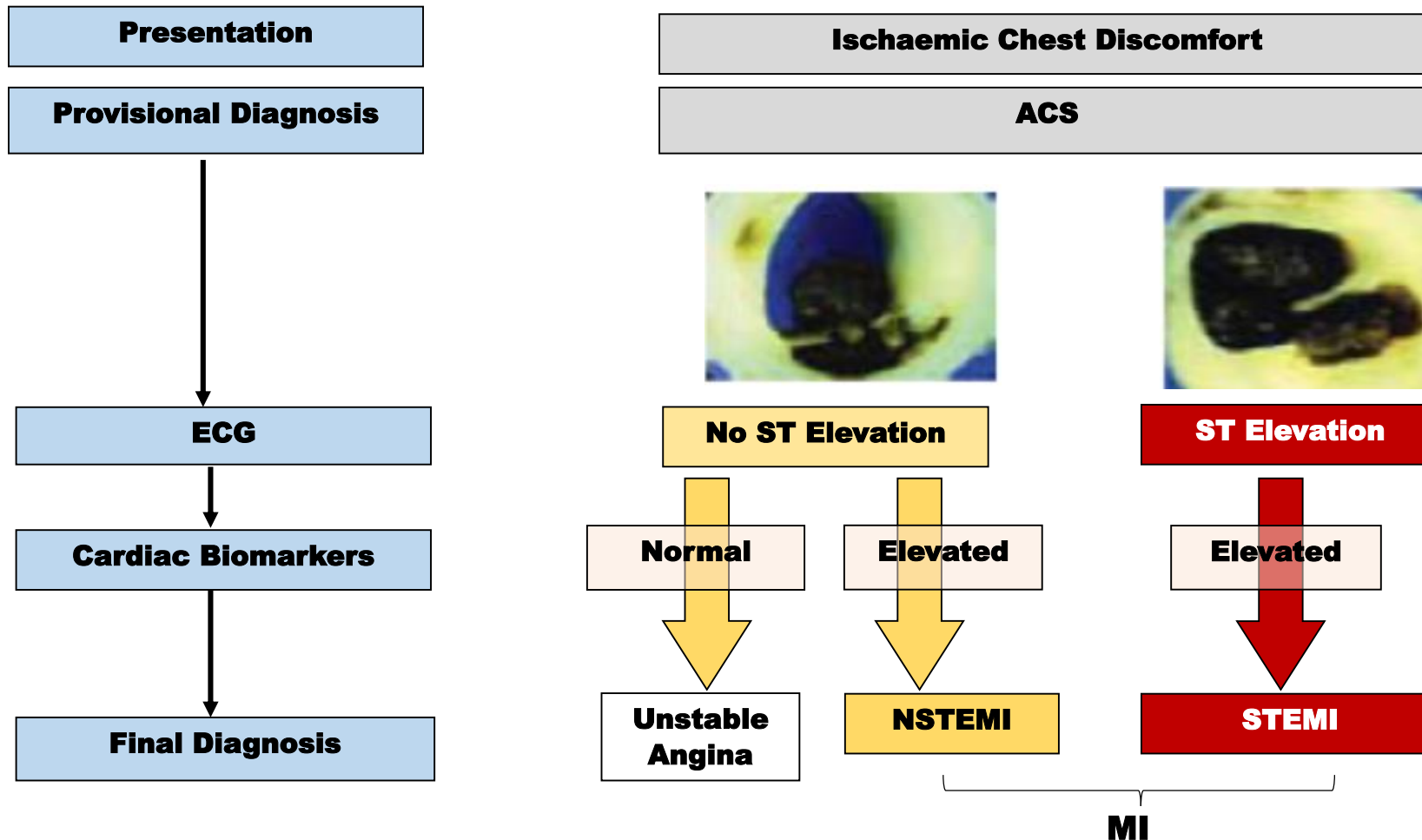


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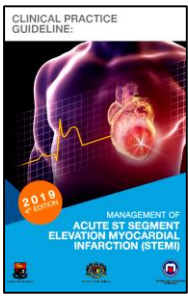
- **Myocardial Infarction (MI)** is defined pathologically as myocardial cell death due to prolonged ischaemia. **Myocardial injury** is myocardial cell death due to non ischaemic causes.
- MI is diagnosed by the rise and/or fall in cardiac troponins, with at least one value above the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile of the upper reference limits (URL), and accompanied with **at least one** of the following:
  - Clinical history consistent with chest pain of ischaemic origin.
  - ECG changes
  - Imaging evidence of new loss of viable myocardium or new regional wall motion abnormality.
  - Identification of an intracoronary (IC) thrombus by angiography or autopsy.
- **MI** may be **STEMI or Non STEMI**



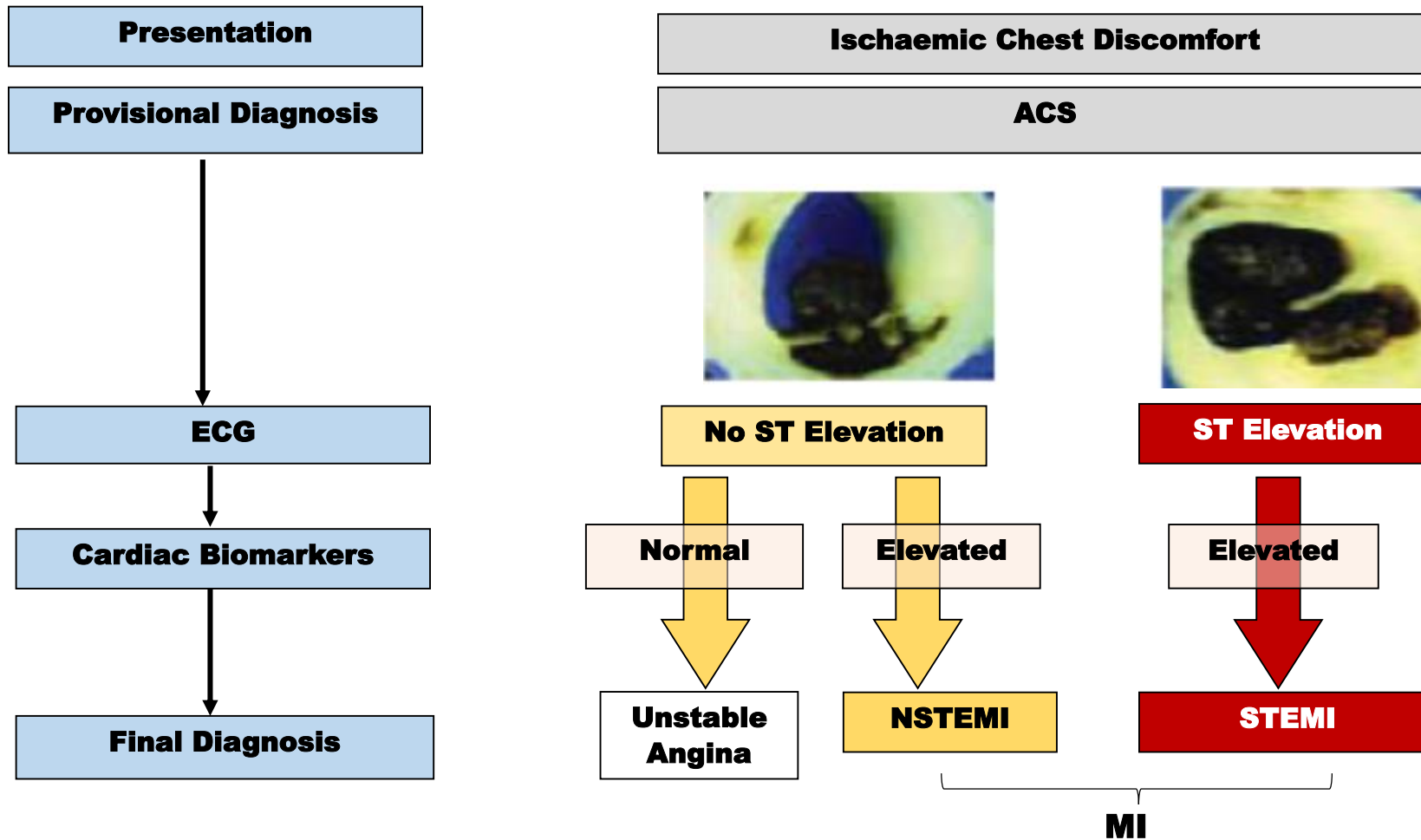
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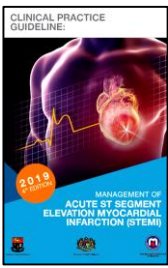
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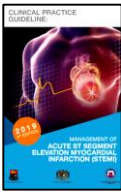


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## **Key Message #2: - Diagnosis of STEMI**

- **STEMI** is diagnosed when there is:
  - **ST elevation of  $\geq 1$  mm in 2 contiguous leads *or***
  - **a new onset LBBB** in the resting ECG in a patient **with**
  - **ischaemic type chest pains of  $> 30$  minutes** and **accompanied by**
  - **a rise and fall in cardiac biomarkers.**



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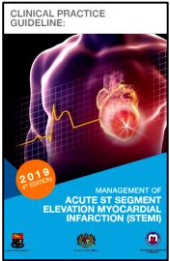
- **New onset Right Bundle Branch Block** with ST elevation of  $\geq 1$  mm in 2 contiguous leads does not interfere with the diagnosis of STEMI.
- Patients having prolonged ischaemic type chest pain of > 30 minutes and having:
  - a normal ECG or ST segment depression may be having either **Unstable angina (UA) or Non- ST Elevation MI (NSTEMI)**.
  - a **non-interpretable resting ECG** (eg paced rhythm, RBBB etc) may be having an **NSTEMI**. If pain persists, they should be considered for early Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI) if facilities are available. Fibrinolysis is not advisable.
- There are separate guidelines for UA/NSTEMI.



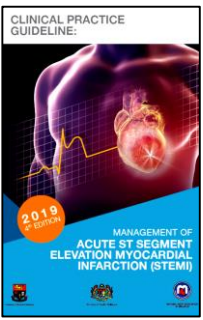
**ECG patterns of various STEMI locations and the diagnostic cut off points**  
**(in the absence of LVH or LBBB)**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Leads</b>	<b>ECG findings</b>
<b>Anteroseptal</b>	<b>V1 – V3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ST elevation in leads V2-3:</b>  <math>\geq 0.25</math> mV (in males &lt; 40 years),  <math>\geq 0.2</math> mV (in males <math>\geq 40</math> years)  <math>\geq 0.15</math> mV in females,</li> <li>• <b>Q wave</b></li> </ul>
<b>Extensive anterior</b>	<b>V1 – V6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ST elevation of <math>\geq 0.1</math> mV in all leads except leads V2-V3. In leads V2-3 :</b>  <math>\geq 0.25</math> mV (in males &lt; 40 years),  <math>\geq 0.2</math> mV (in males <math>\geq 40</math> years)  <math>\geq 0.15</math> mV in females,</li> <li>• <b>Q wave</b></li> </ul>
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<b>Posterior</b>	<b>V1 – V2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ST depression, Tall R wave</b></li> </ul>
<b>Anterolateral</b>	<b>I, AVL, V5 – V6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ST elevation ST elevation of <math>\geq 0.1</math> mV, Q wave</b></li> </ul>
<b>Inferior</b>	<b>II, III, AVF</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ST elevation ST elevation of <math>\geq 0.1</math> mV, Q wave</b></li> </ul>
<b>Right Ventricular (RV)</b>	<b>V4R</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ST elevation <math>\geq 0.5</math> mm (<math>\geq 1</math> mm in men &lt; 30 years old).</b></li> </ul>

## Key Message #3: - Clinical Presentation and Pitfalls in Diagnosis

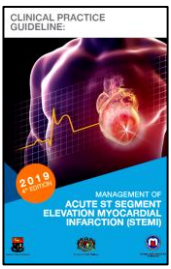


- Atypical presentations can occur in the elderly, women and in diabetic persons.
- **If the initial ECG is non-diagnostic, it may need to be repeated at frequent intervals to detect evolving changes of STEMI. Additional chest leads (V 7-9) and right ventricular leads may also be helpful.**
- Too early a measurement of the cardiac biomarkers can sometimes result in misleadingly low levels.



## **Key Message #4: - Pre-Hospital Management:**

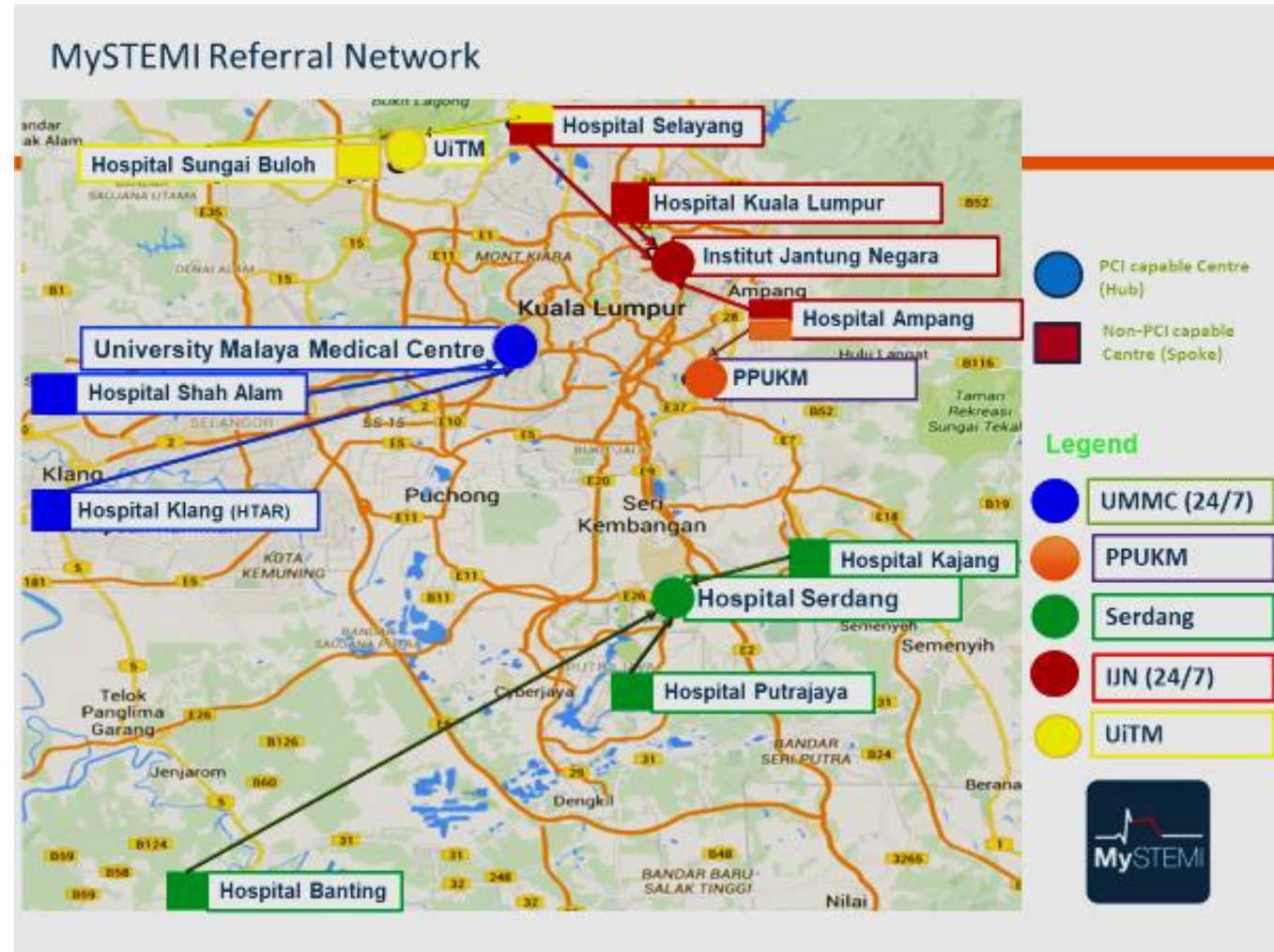
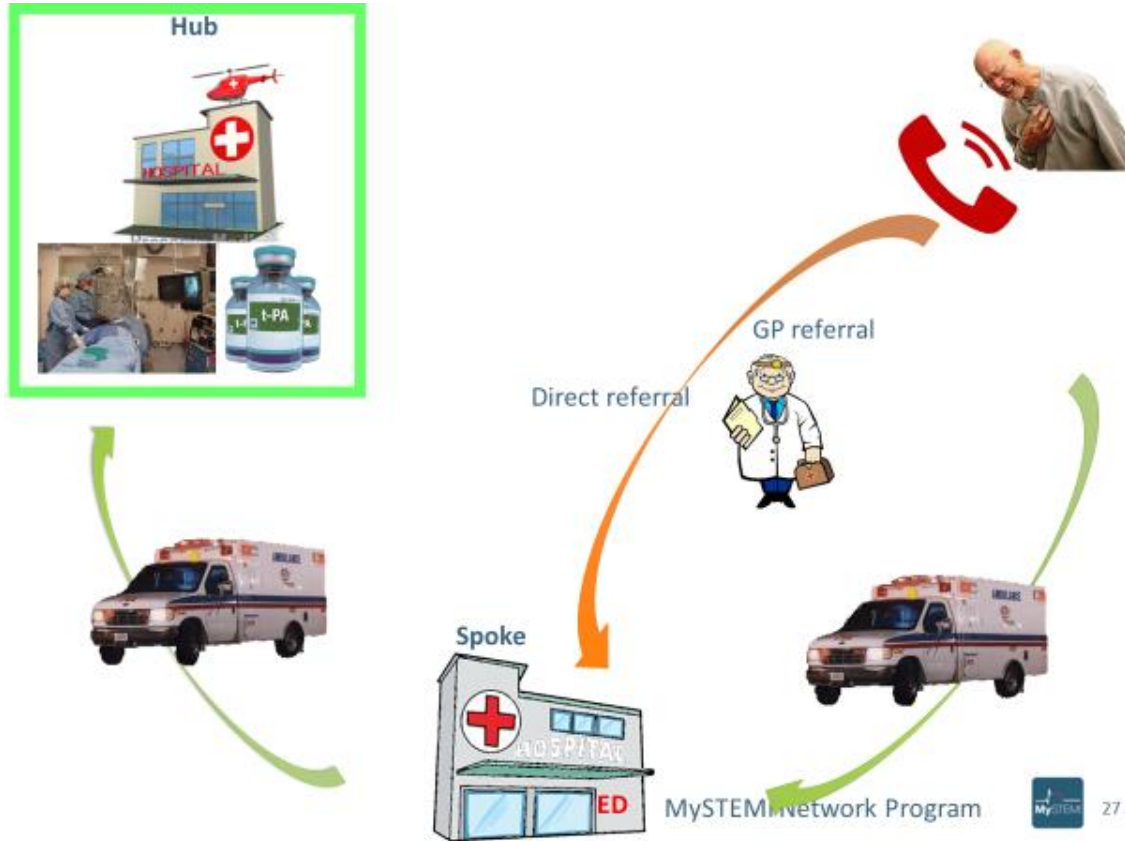
- The public and Pre-hospital Care (PHC) personnel should be educated on the importance of early diagnosis and the benefits of early treatment.
- Patients with suspected STEMI should be given soluble or chewable 300mg aspirin and 300 mg clopidogrel.
- These patients should be ***rapidly transported*** to the hospital for early initiation of reperfusion strategies.
- **DO NOT GO TO A CLINIC.**

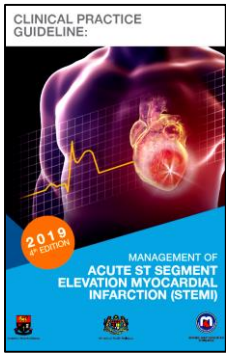


## **Key Message #5:- STEMI Network:**

- The **objective** of a STEMI network is to link non-PCI-capable centres to PCI-capable centres with the aim of providing PCI services in a timely manner for patients:
  - **With STEMI**
  - **Who have been given fibrinolytic therapy and:**
    - **have failed reperfusion, or;**
    - **as part of a pharmaco-invasive strategy, or;**
    - **have high-risk features requiring early intervention.**
- The optimal treatment of these patients should be based on the implementation of networks between hospitals ('hub' and 'spoke') and linked by an efficient ambulance service.

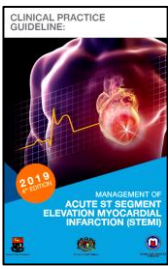
# MySTEMI Network





## **Key Message #6: - Initial Management**

- Early management of STEMI is directed at:
  - Pain relief.
  - Establishing early reperfusion.
  - Treatment of complications.



# **Flow Chart 1: Management of patients presenting with STEMI**



# Flowchart 1

Electrocardiography  
Cardiac Biomarkers

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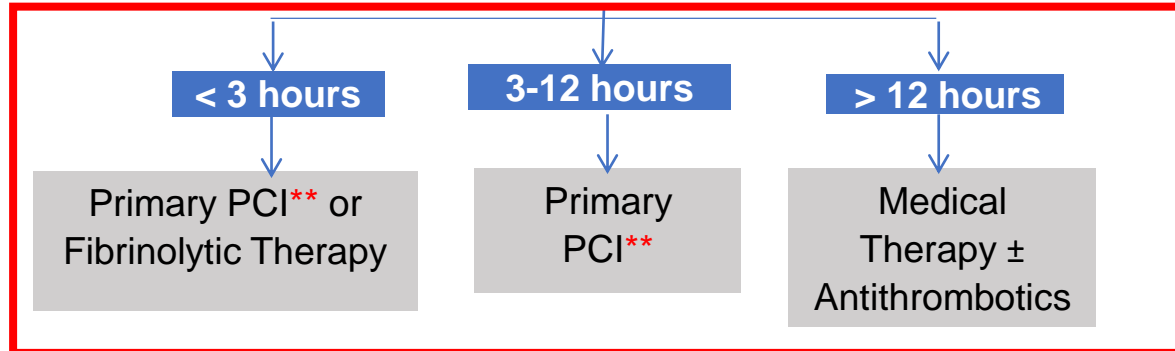
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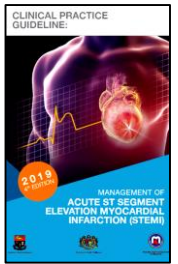
# or ticagrelor or prasugrel ( after angiogram)

## CHEST PAIN / CHEST PAIN EQUIVALENT

Continuous ECG monitoring  
Sublingual glyceryl trinitrate (GTN) (if no contraindication)  
Aspirin +  
Clopidogrel #  
Analgesia  
Oxygen [if oxygen saturation (SpO<sub>2</sub>) < 95%

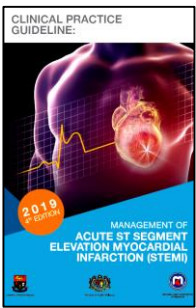


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Anti-platelet Therapy (DAPT)  
Statin  
β-blockers  
ACE-Is/ ARBs  
MRA

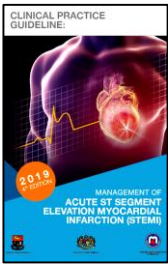




## **Key Message #7: - Reperfusion Strategies**

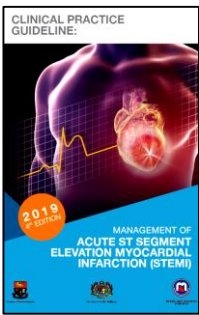
***“Time is muscle”***

**Every patient with STEMI should have the occluded artery reopened (reperfusion therapy) as soon as possible after the onset of symptoms.**



## **Key Message #7: - Reperfusion Strategies**

- Reperfusion therapy is indicated in all patients with symptoms of ischaemia of <12hours duration and persistent ST-segment elevation.
- **Primary PCI is superior to fibrinolysis for STEMI when performed in a timely manner at experienced centres.** (see Flow Chart 2)



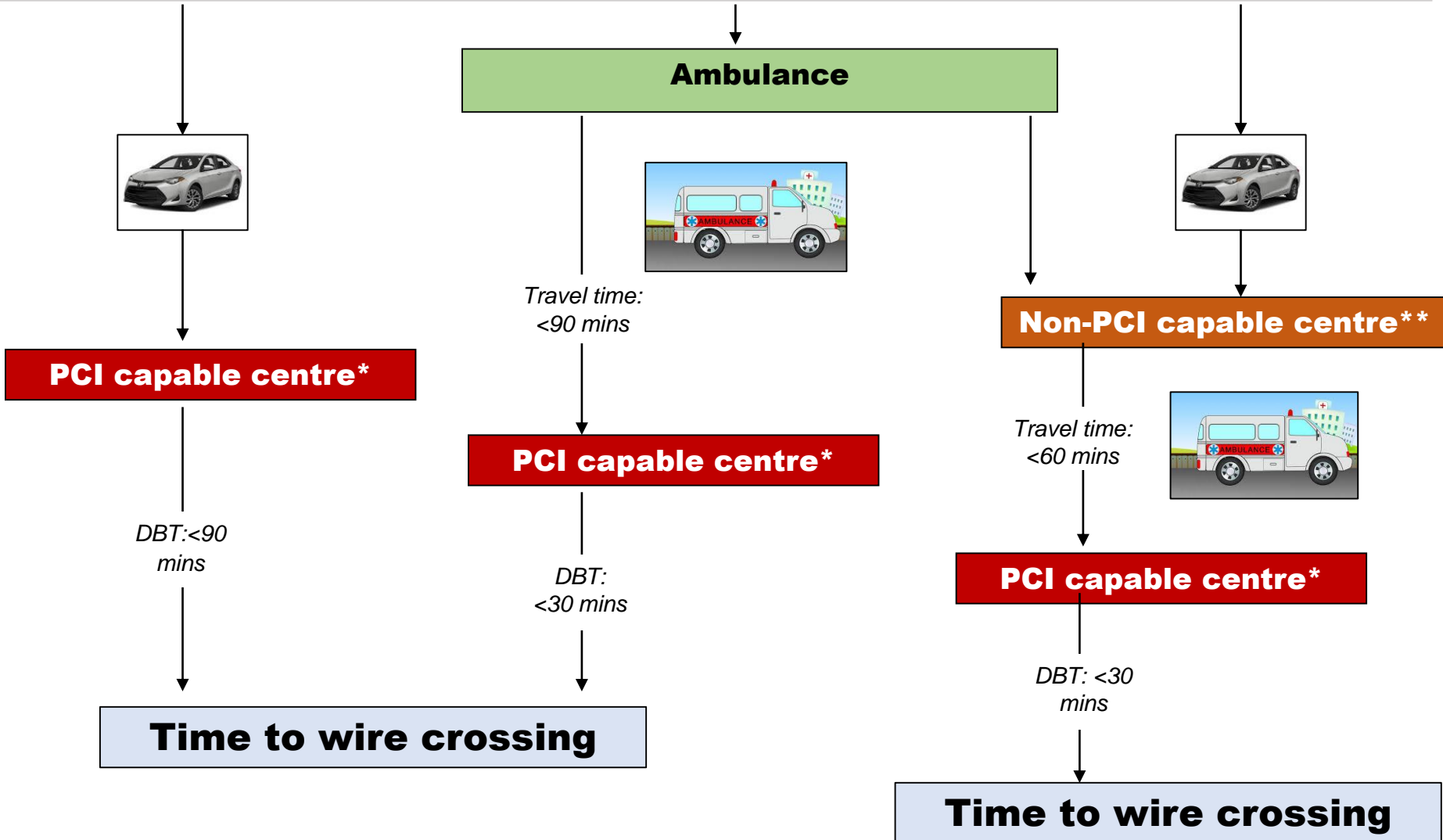
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### **Time intervals to determine choice of reperfusion strategy**

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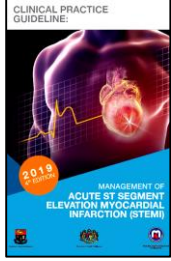
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**Medical**  
**Contact**



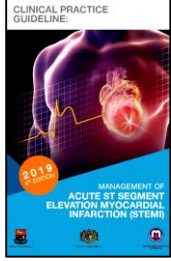
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 \*\*\* DIDO: Door In Door Out  
 DBT: Door to balloon (device) time

**If time intervals/transfer times are anticipated to be longer than stated, initiate fibrinolysis first and then consider same day transfer for PCI as part of pharmaco-invasive strategy (3-24 hours post lysis) or for transfer later depending on the clinical condition of the patient and the available resources.**



## Key Message #7: - Reperfusion Strategies

- If the patient **presents at a PCI centre**, then the time from FMC to wire crossing should be less than  **$\leq 90$  minutes**.
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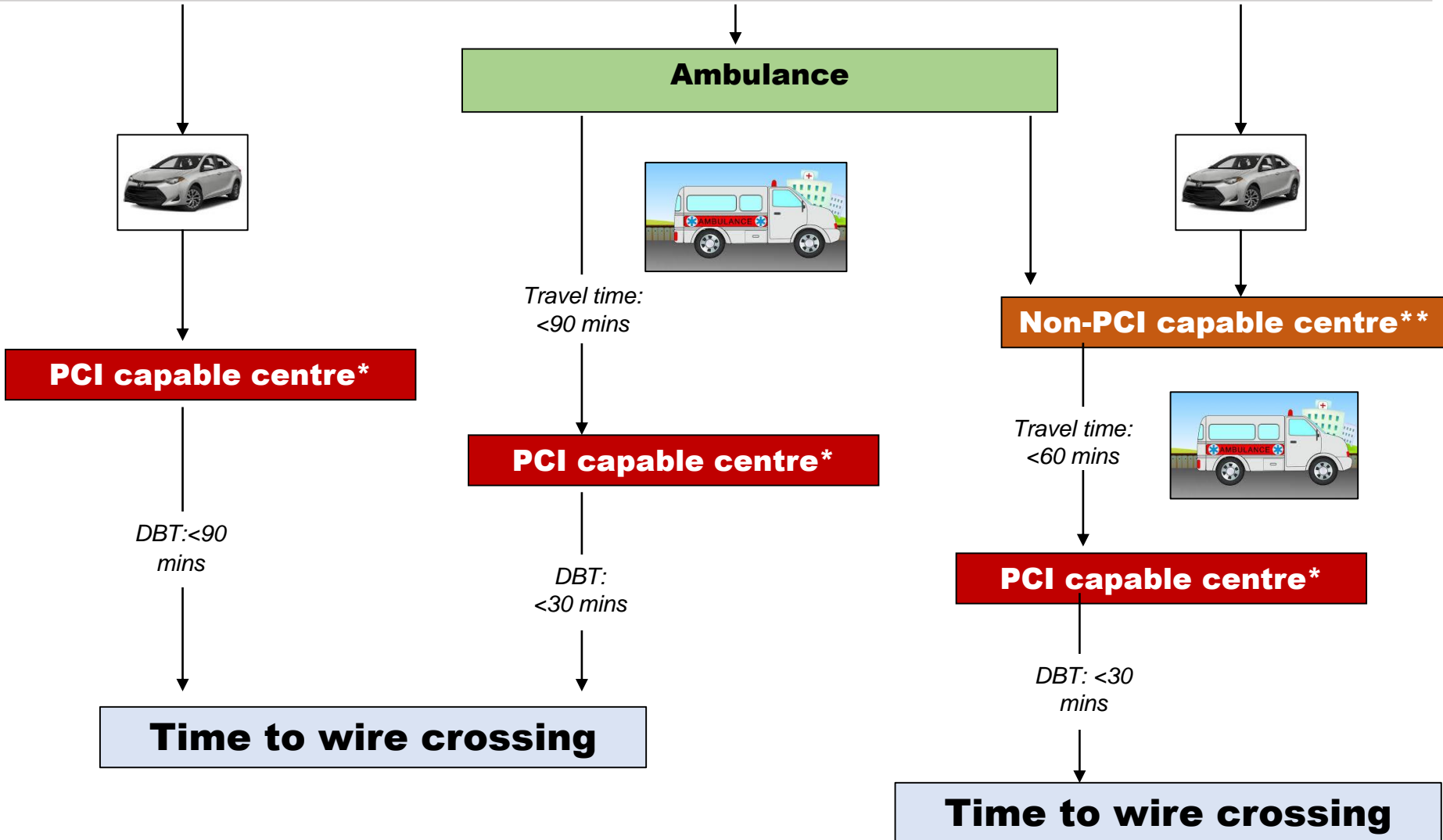
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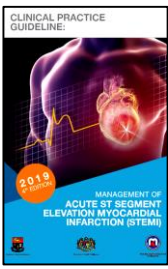
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## **Key Message #7: - Reperfusion Strategies**

- When fibrinolytic therapy is administered, the Door to Needle time (DNT) should be < 30 minutes.
- **Whenever possible, patients given fibrinolytic therapy should be considered for a pharmaco-invasive approach (elective angiogram within 3-24 hours post fibrinolysis).**



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< 3 hours

Primary PCI\*\* or  
Fibrinolytic Therapy

3-12 hours

Primary  
PCI\*\*

> 12 hours

Medical  
Therapy ±  
Antithrombotics

Fibrinolytics

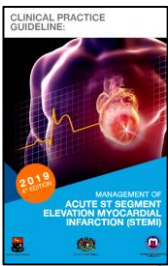
Consider PCI within 3-24 hours if  
fibrinolytics are administered as part  
of the pharmaco-invasive strategy

Primary PCI \*

PCI if ongoing  
ischaemia or  
haemodynamic  
instability

Anti-platelet Therapy  
(DAPT)  
Statin  
β-blockers  
ACE-Is/ ARBs  
MRA

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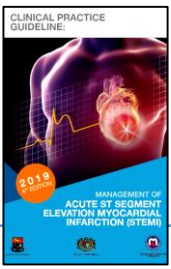


**Table 2: Level of evidence and grade of recommendation for acute therapy of STEMI**

INTERVENTION	GRADE OF RECOMMENDATION	LEVEL OF EVIDENCE
<b>REPERFUSION THERAPY</b>		
<p><b>Recommendation 1:</b></p> <p><b>*Primary PCI: Strategy of choice if:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Done within the time intervals stated in Flow chart 1 and 2.</li> <li>• There are contraindications to fibrinolysis.</li> <li>• High-risk patients.</li> </ul>	<p>I</p> <p>I</p> <p>I</p>	<p>A</p> <p>A</p> <p>A</p>
<p><b>Recommendation 2:</b></p> <p><b>*Fibrinolytic therapy: Strategy of choice if:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DBT &gt; 90 minutes if FMC in a PCI centre and &gt; 120 min if transferred from non-PCI centre.</li> <li>• No contraindications to fibrinolysis.</li> </ul>	<p>I</p> <p>I</p>	<p>A</p> <p>A</p>

*\*Please refer to Flow Chart 1 & 2 for details*

INTERVENTION	GRADE OF RECOMMENDATION	LEVEL OF EVIDENCE
<b>CONCOMITANT PHARMACOTHERAPY</b>		
<p><b>Recommendation 3:</b>  <b>Aspirin:</b> Loading dose of 300 mg followed by maintenance dose of 75 mg – 150 mg daily.  <b>+ (PLUS)</b>  <b>Clopidogrel:</b> Loading dose of 300 mg followed by maintenance dose of 75 mg daily (for at least 1 month).  <b>OR</b>  <b>Ticagrelor:</b> Loading dose of 180 mg followed by maintenance dose of 90 mg twice daily (bd) to be administered to patients undergoing primary PCI.  <b>OR</b>  <b>Prasugrel:</b> Loading dose of 60 mg followed by maintenance dose of 10 mg (to be administered only prior to primary PCI).</p>	<p>I</p> <p>I</p> <p>I</p> <p>I</p>	<p>A</p> <p>A</p> <p>B</p> <p>B</p>
<p><b>Recommendation 4:</b>  <b>Antithrombotics to be given to patients:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Who received fibrinolytic therapy and did not undergo PCI.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Enoxaparin</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Heparin</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Fondaparinux</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Underwent PCI and have atrial fibrillation (AF).</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Warfarin + DAPT or DOAC + DAPT</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>With mural thrombus.</b></li> </ul>	<p>I</p> <p>I</p> <p>IIa</p> <p>IIa</p> <p>I</p>	<p>A</p> <p>B</p> <p>B</p> <p>B</p> <p>C</p>



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<b>Recommendation 5:</b> <b>β-blockers: For all patients if no contraindications</b>	I	A
<b>Recommendation 6:</b> <b>ACE-Is: For all patients with no contraindications.</b>	I	A
<b>Recommendation 7:</b> <b>High dose Statins: For all patients if no contraindications.</b>	I	A

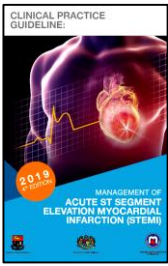
**Table 3: Level of evidence and grade of recommendation for *secondary prevention* post-STEMI**

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<b>Recommendation 8: Smoking Cessation</b>	I	B	
<b>Exercise</b>	I	B	At least 30-60 minutes most days of the week.
<b>Recommendation 9:</b>	<b>CONCOMITANT PHARMACOTHERAPY</b>		
<b>Aspirin</b>	I	A	Maintenance dose: 75-150 mg daily.
<b>+ Clopidogrel</b>  <b>OR</b>	I	A	Maintenance dose 75 mg daily to be given for at least 1 month, preferably 1 year, following fibrinolytic therapy and for up to 1-year post- primary PCI*.
<b>+Ticagrelor</b>  <b>OR</b>	I	B	Maintenance dose 90 mg twice daily for up to 1-year post- primary PCI*
<b>+ Prasugrel</b>	I	B	Maintenance dose 10 mg daily for up to 1-year post- primary PCI*

\* Duration of therapy will depend on Bleeding risks vs ischemic risk

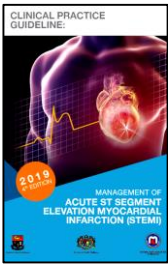
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<b>CONCOMITANT PHARMACOTHERAPY</b>			
<b>+ <math>\beta</math>-blockers</b>	I	A	Consider long-term therapy (>1 year) for patients with LVEF <40%.
	IIb	B	<b>Routine administration &gt; 1 year post STEMI in all patients with no angina /ischemia and normal LV function</b>
<b>+ ACE-Is</b>	I	A	Started on first day and continued long-term (>1 year) for patients with LVEF <40%, anterior infarcts and diabetes.
	IIb	B	<b>Routine administration in all patients post STEMI &gt; 1 year</b>
<b>+ ARBs</b>	I	B	Started on first day and continued long-term for patients with LVEF <40%, anterior infarcts and diabetes.
	IIb	B	<b>Routine administration in all patients post STEMI &gt; 1 year</b>
<b>+ Statins</b>	I	A	Aim for low density lipoprotein-cholesterol (LDL-C) <1.8 mmol/L) or a 50% reduction from baseline- the Lower the LDL-C the better.



## **Key Message #8: - Complications post STEMI**

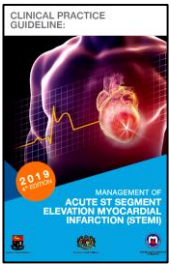
- Important complications following STEMI are arrhythmias and heart failure.
- Heart failure may be due to extensive myocardial damage or mechanical complications.
- Chest pain post STEMI may be due to:
  - Reinfarction/Recurrent MI
  - Post infarct angina
  - Pericarditis
  - Non cardiac causes such as Gastritis



## **Key Message #9: - Risk Stratification Post STEMI**

- **All patients post-STEMI should be risk-stratified either clinically or by using the STEMI TIMI and/or GRACE risk scores.**
- **High-risk patients should be referred to cardiology centres for early coronary angiography and revascularisation.**





## **Key Message #9: - Risk Stratification Post STEMI**

- Patients who present initially to non PCI-capable hospitals should be referred for early coronary angiography with a view to revascularisation in the presence of any of the following:
  - Post-infarct angina,
  - Inducible ischaemia
  - Late ventricular arrhythmias
  - In the presence of a depressed LV function (LVEF  $\leq$  35%) and significant regional wall motion abnormalities
  - STEMI TIMI risk score  $\geq$  6.0
  - If symptoms are completely relieved and ST segment completely normalises either spontaneously or after GTN (sublingual or spray) or anti platelet therapy

## STEMI TIMI RISK SCORE FOR PREDICTING 30 DAY MORTALITY

Categories	Options	Points
Age (years)	< 65	0
	65 - 74	2
	≥ 75	3
Weight < 67 kg	Yes	1
	No	0
SBP < 100 mmHg	Yes	3
	No	0
Heart rate > 100 bpm	Yes	2
	No	0
Killip Class II-IV	Yes	2
	No	0
Anterior ST segment elevation or LBBB	Yes	1
	No	0
Diabetes, history of hypertension, history of angina	Yes	1
	No	0
Time to treatment > 4 hours	Yes	1
	No	0

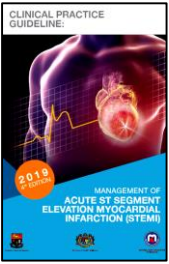
**TIMI Risk Score for 30 day mortality:**

0 – 14 plausible points

**Low and moderate risk:**

5 points and below (< 12%)

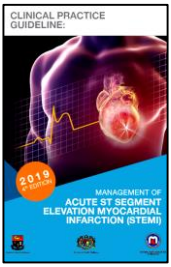
**High-risk:**  
6 points and above (16-36.0%)



## Key message # 10 : Secondary Prevention Post STEMI

Secondary prevention interventions can reduce mortality and cardiovascular event rate post-STEMI. This includes:

- smoking cessation and other lifestyle changes
- regular exercise
- control of CV risk factors- hypertension, diabetes, smoking, dyslipidaemia
- drug therapy;
  - anti-platelet agents
  - statins therapy
  - $\beta$  -blockers:
    - < 1 year in all patients
    - >1 year in the presence of LVEF < 40%),
  - ACE-I/ARB:
    - < 1 year in all patients
    - >1 year in the presence of LVEF < 40%, anterior infarct and diabetes)



## **Key message # 10 : Secondary Prevention Post STEMI**

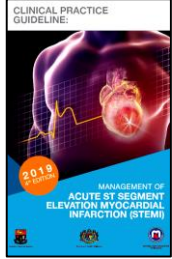
- Healthcare providers should provide patient education and encourage compliance.
- Cardiac rehabilitation is an integral component of secondary prevention.



## Key message # 11 : STEMI in special groups

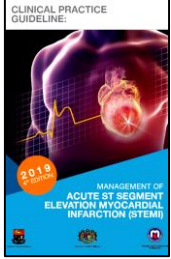
- Diagnosis of STEMI in the **elderly, diabetics and women** is difficult and a high index of suspicion is important.
- Treatment is the same although the elderly and women tend to have higher bleeding risk.
- **In patients with** Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD):
  - Treatment of STEMI should be individualised.
  - Primary PCI is the preferred reperfusion strategy but morbidity and mortality are high.
  - In view of bleeding risks, the dosages of anti-platelet agents and anti-thrombotics need to be adjusted accordingly.
  - $\beta$ - blockers, ACE-I and statins are beneficial in patients with mild to moderate CKD. In patients on dialysis, only  $\beta$ - blockers remain beneficial.

# Key message # 12 : Fitness for commercial air Travel Post STEMI



Functional Status		Guidance
RISK STATUS	DESCRIPTION	
<b>Low risk:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ age &lt; 65years,</li> <li>▪ first event,</li> <li>▪ successful reperfusion,</li> <li>▪ LVEF &gt; 45%,</li> <li>▪ no complications,</li> <li>▪ no planned investigations or interventions</li> </ul>	Fly after 3 days
<b>Medium risk</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ LVEF &gt; 40%,</li> <li>▪ no symptoms of heart failure,</li> <li>▪ no evidence of inducible ischaemia or arrhythmia,</li> <li>▪ no planned investigations or interventions</li> </ul>	Fly after 10 days
<b>High risk:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ LVEF ≤ 40%,</li> <li>▪ signs and symptoms of heart failure,</li> <li>▪ those pending further investigation, revascularisation or device therapy</li> </ul>	Defer until condition is stable

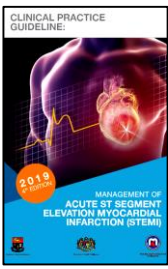
## Key message # 12 : Resumption of driving Post STEMI



No unanimous consensus as when to resume driving after STEMI.  
In general, for:

### Private drivers:

- If no Complications and LVEF >35%. ----- 1 month
- In the presence of complications:
  - LVEF  $\leq$ 35%,
  - acute decompensated heart failure,
  - arrhythmias etc
- it may be longer.



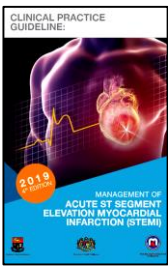
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### **Commercial Drivers: 3 months if :**

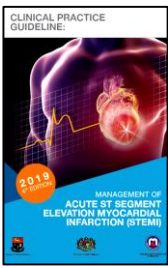
- LVEF  $\geq$  40%. +
- Exercise Stress ECG :
  - Complete Stage 3 of Bruce protocol
  - At the most ST segment depression of 2 mm





## Key message # 13 : Performance Measures

Indicators for STEMI at presentation	Targets
ECG done within 10 minutes of FMC	90%
FMC to Device time $\leq$ 90 minutes if in same hospital	60%
FMC to Device time $\leq$ 120 minutes if transferred from another hospital	60%
FMC to needle time < 30 minutes	75%
<b>Medications at discharge:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Aspirin</li> <li>● P2 Y<sub>12</sub> inhibitors</li> <li>● High intensity statins</li> </ul> If LVEF < 40%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ACE-I/ARB</li> <li>● <math>\beta</math> - blocker</li> <li>● MRA</li> </ul>	90% 90% 90% 70% 70% 70%
Cardiac rehabilitation	50%



## **Key message # 12 : Performance Measures**

Outcome Measures indicators include:

- In hospital mortality < 10%
- 30-day mortality < 14%
- 1-year mortality < 18%

**M/68 years**

**Smokes 10 cig a day**

**Sudden onset “indigestion” like feeling**

**SOB++**

**Sweating++**

**Known Diabetes**



1030 hours



**Call Ambulance**

# IMPROVED ACUTE CORONARY SYNDROMES MANAGEMENT IN 999 AND EARLY PROVISION OF ANTIPLATELET (ASPIRIN) IN PHCAS



**YOU COULD BE HAVING A HEART ATTACK! DO NOT DRIVE!**

Call for Help:



Ask for Ambulance Service.



MEDICAL EMERGENCY COORDINATION CENTRE MOH

### Severe angina attack?

Chest pain which is retrosternal (below your breastbone) severe, crushing, squeezing or pressing in nature, lasting more than 30 minutes, associated with:

- profuse sweating
- nausea or vomiting
- shortness of breath
- Not relieved by sub-lingual GTN?

Caller Interrogation process

PROTOCOL 10: CHEST PAIN



ONLINE GUIDE TO TAKE ASPIRIN

AMBULANCE DISPATCH



AMBULANCE AT SCENE

**ASPIRIN :**  
*A 10cents wonder drug!*



Assistant Medical Officer gives ASPIRIN

ACUTE CORONARY SYNDROME (ACS)

ASSESSMENT AND CARE AT SCENE

MOH CPG on STEMI/ NSTEMI recommends the early provision of Aspirin in ACS (I,A) for immediate antiplatelet effect to limit thrombosis or clot

**2** PEMANTAPAN PENGESANAN SERANGAN JANTUNG (S.T.E.M.I.) MELALUI PROSEDUR ELEKTROKARDIOGRAM 12 LEAD (TERMASUK TRANSMISI & TELEMETRI) DI PRAHOSPITAL DAN PEMBERIAN AGEN TROMBOLISIS UNTUK PESAKIT-PESAKIT TERTENTU

**M/44 years**  
**Smokes 10 cig a day**  
**Sudden onset “indigestion” like feeling**  
**SOB++**  
**Sweating++**

**Lives in Teluk Intan**



1030 hours

**Call Ambulance**

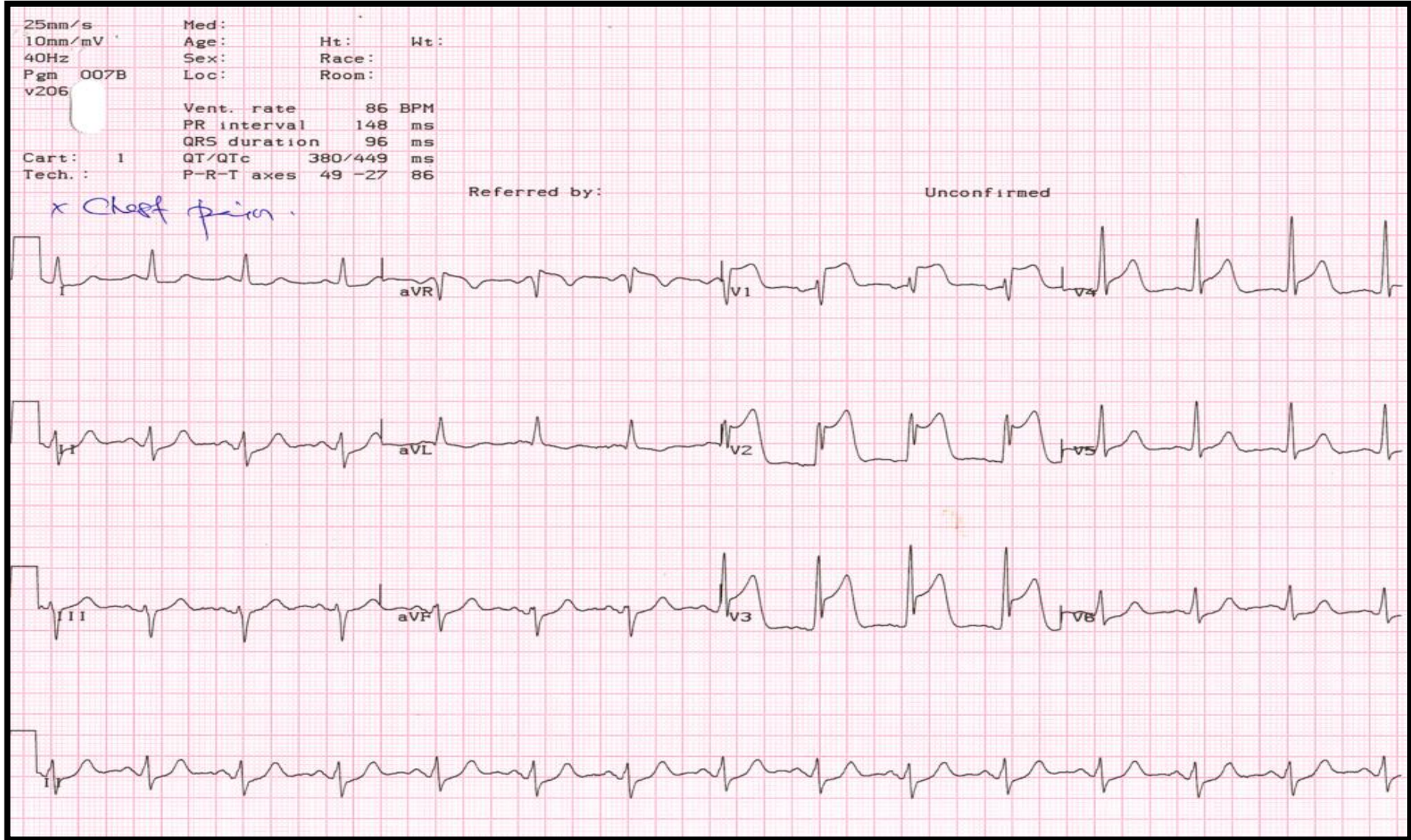
After 10 mins of “ding – dong”

1040 hours

**“Friends put him in the car and take to the nearest clinic”**

1050 hours

GP Clinic





**Taken to Nearest Hospital - Non PCI  
Teluk Intan**

(Nearest PCI capable Hospital 90 mins by ambulance)

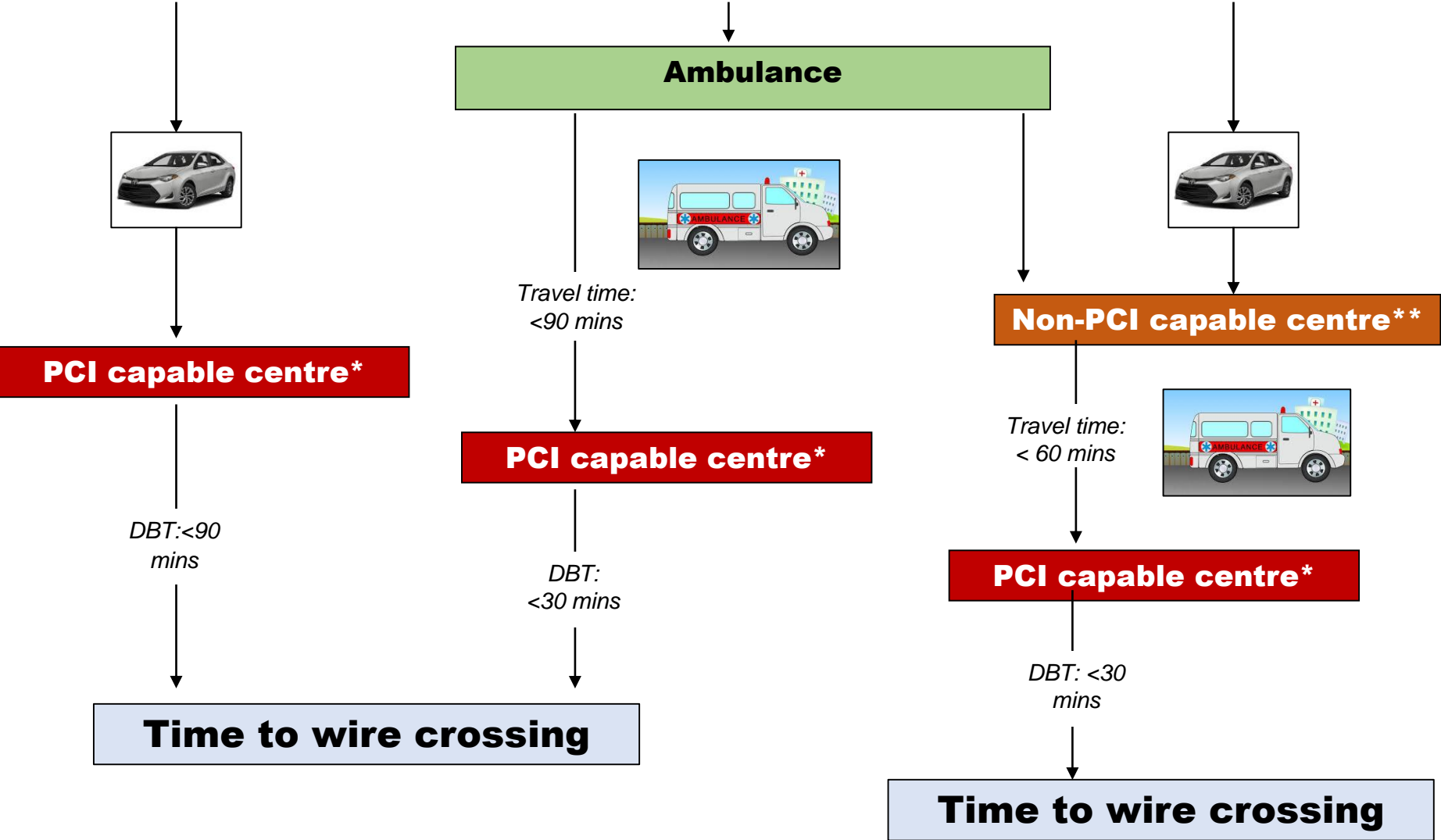
Chest pain started at 1030

**1130 hours**

# Flowchart 2

## ONSET OF CHEST PAIN

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**Taken to Nearest Hospital - Non PCI**

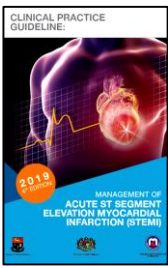
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(Nearest PCI capable Hospital 90 mins by ambulance)

**Given Streptokinase**  
( after quick checklist)

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## **Key Message #9: - Risk Stratification Post STEMI**

- Patients who present initially to non PCI-capable hospitals should be referred for early coronary angiography with a view to revascularisation in the presence of any of the following:
  - Post-infarct angina,
  - Inducible ischaemia
  - Late ventricular arrhythmias
  - In the presence of a depressed LV function (LVEF  $\leq$  35%) and significant regional wall motion abnormalities
  - STEMI TIMI risk score  $\geq$  6.0
  - If symptoms are completely relieved and ST segment completely normalises either spontaneously or after GTN (sublingual or spray) or anti platelet therapy

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	≥ 75	3
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	No	0
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**10**

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**SHOULD BE TRANSFERED ON THE SAME DAY FOR  
PHARMACO – INVASIVE PCI**

## **Had PCI and Stenting to LAD**

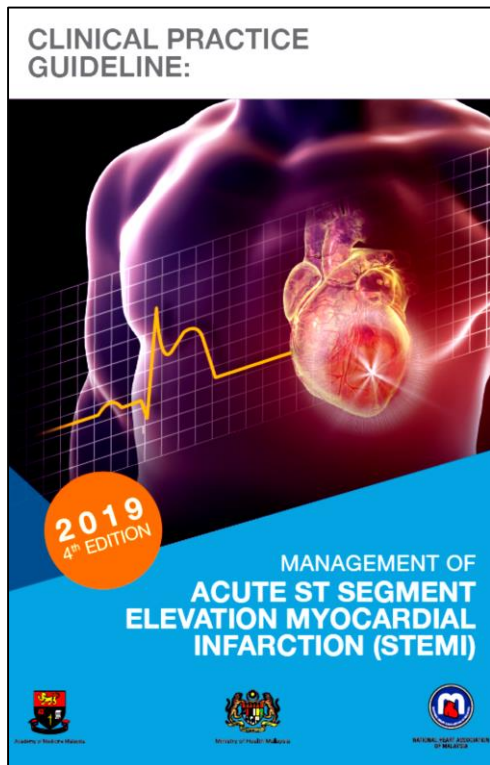
### **Medications At Discharge :**

- Aspirin 100 mg daily
- Clopidogrel 75 mg daily
- Perindopril 2 mg daily
- Bisoprolol 1.25 mg daily
- Spironolactone 25 mg daily
- Atorvastatin 40 mg daily
- Metformin 500 mg bid

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