



## Care of the Complex Cardiac Medical & Surgical Patient

**Fun and Focused  
CMC-CSC Review**



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### CMC Exam Content

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### CSC Exam Blueprint

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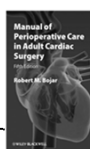

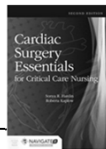
- Cardiovascular Patient Care Problems (33%)
- Other Patient Care Problems (24%)
- Nursing Interventions (33%)
- Monitoring & Diagnostics (9%)

### Care of the Cardiac Surgery Patient first 48 hours Post op

### Study Help

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### Certification Test Prep

Practice Makes Perfect

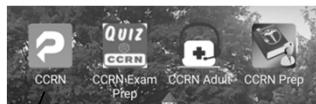
**D**o you practice make perfect? The bestselling book by Malcolm Gladwell, *Outliers: The Story of Success*, states that success relies on IQ and physical ability all plus a little timing to the right in the arts, academics, and sports, but what really separates the stars from the rest is practice, practice, and more practice. Gladwell cites examples of the Beatles, Bill Gates, Steve Jobs, and various successful athletes. Gladwell, these individuals had the regional propensities to succeed in their fields, but it was their deliberate and focused practice that allowed them to rise above all the others with the same talents. Most registered nurses would probably see that practice questions helped them succeed at their licensing exams. The same is true for certification exam preparation. The nurses who meet the eligibility requirements to sit for a certification exam most likely have the prerequisites to succeed. It is the application and integration of that knowledge, the critical thinking skills, and an focused deliberate practice that helps to prepare a nurse for exam success. One way to get deliberate practice is by using practice questions to challenge your knowledge and hone your test-taking skills.

This one regular column features practice questions for the bedside clinical certification exams for acute and critical care nurses. These certifications are CCN, the CCRN or CC) nurses (CCRN), pediatric RN (CCRN/P), neonatal RN (CCRN/N), progressive care (PCRN) and the 2 sub-specialty certifications, cardiac surgery (CSC) and cardiac medicine (CMC). The practice questions are each followed by the correct answer and a detailed discussion of rationale, with references for the acute and critical care nurses to learn from and expand their knowledge and practice. This column will benefit those nurses preparing to sit for one of the certification exams and will also serve as an excellent review and challenge for certified nurses.

Malcolm Gladwell, *Outliers: The Story of Success*, New York, NY: Little, Brown and Co., 2008.



### Study Apps to Download



This green one can be set to send a question every day

- Pinterest

Disclaimer: Cheryl has not thoroughly tried these to be able to rate them.... just passing on tips from others who have used them.

### Let's Start!



### CMC-CSC Test Blueprint

#### CMC

##### I. CARDIOVASCULAR PATIENT CARE PROBLEMS (47%)

##### A. Acute Coronary Syndrome

1. ST segment elevation myocardial infarction
2. Non-ST segment elevation myocardial infarction
3. Unstable angina

##### B. Dysrhythmias

1. Lethal ventricular dysrhythmias
2. Bradydysrhythmias
3. Tachydysrhythmias
4. Conduction defects and blocks

#### CSC

- Acute Coronary Syndrome

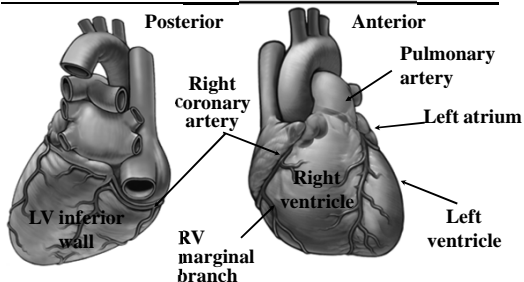
### Correlate the Coronary Arteries

Inferior – RCA – II, III, AVF  
 Septal – LAD – V1, V2  
 Anterior – LAD – V3, V4  
 Lateral – Circumflex – I, AVL, V5, V6

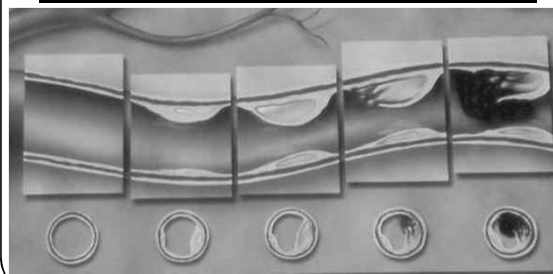
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### Cardiac Anatomy

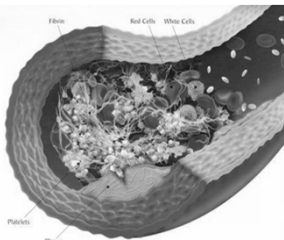


### Atherosclerosis

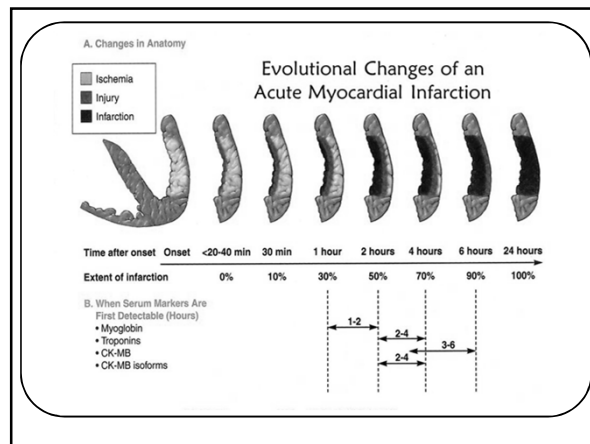



### Cascade effects of atherosclerotic plaque rupture

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



**ARTERY OCCUSION**

## Time Is Muscle

Muscle is Ejection Fraction

**Ejection Fraction is Quality of Life**

## Target

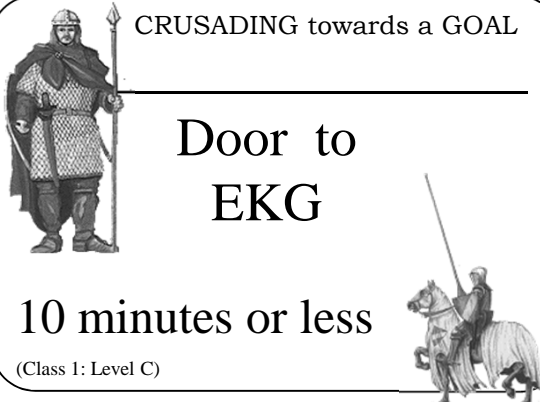
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**Door to Balloon < 90 minutes**  
(Class 1, Level A)

**or**

**Door to Needle < 30 minutes**  
(Class 1, Level B)

ACC/AHA 2013 Guidelines for Management of STEMI



CRUSADING towards a GOAL

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## Door to EKG

**10 minutes or less**


(Class 1: Level C)

### EKG Changes with MI: Ischemia

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**Ischemia < 20 Minutes**  
Lack of oxygen to the myocardial muscle

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

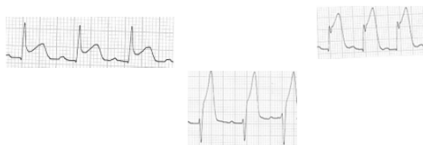


**Ischemia = screaming for oxygen**

### EKG Changes with MI: Injury

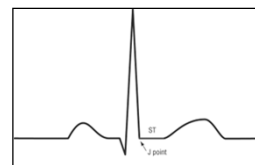
**Injury 20 - 40 minutes**  
 When the period of ischemia is prolonged more than a few minutes, ischemic areas of the heart become damaged (injured)

- ▼ ST segment elevation

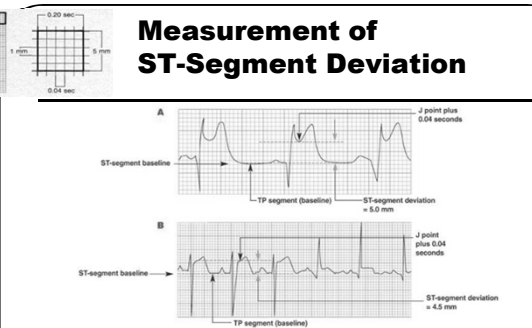


### The ST Segment

- From the end of the QRS complex to the beginning of the T wave
- Should be at the baseline



### Measurement of ST-Segment Deviation



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

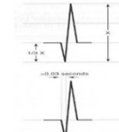
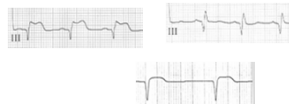
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### EKG Changes with MI: Infarction

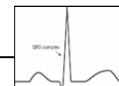
**Infarction > 1 - 2 hours**

Abnormal (significant Q waves)

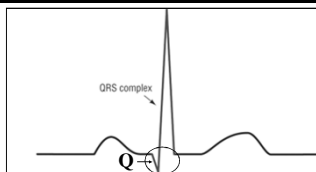
- ▼ Abnormal Q waves
  - > 1/3 the height of R wave in that lead
  - or
  - > 0.03 ms wide



Normal Q wave  
 1st downward deflection of QRS

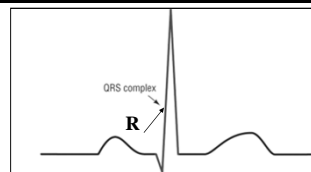


### Normal QRS complex - The Q wave



- Q wave is the first negative deflection after the p wave
- Always first may or may not be there.
- Comes first in the alphabet
- There are normal and abnormal Q waves

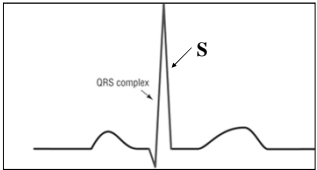
### Normal QRS complex - The R wave



- R wave is the first positive deflection after the p wave
- Always Rising above



### Normal QRS complex - The S wave



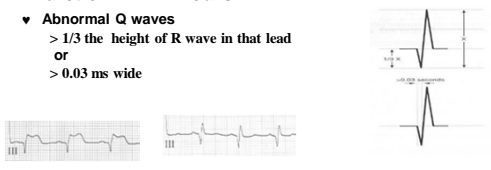
- S wave is the second negative deflection after the R wave
- *Slipping* down
- Always after R wave like in the alphabet

### EKG Changes with MI: Infarction

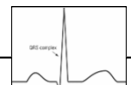
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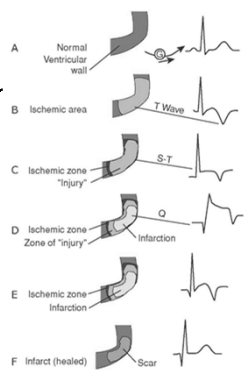
- ▼ Abnormal Q waves
  - > 1/3 the height of R wave in that lead
  - or
  - > 0.03 ms wide



Normal Q wave  
1st downward deflection of QRS



### Evolution of STEMI



A Normal Ventricular wall

B Ischemic area T Wave

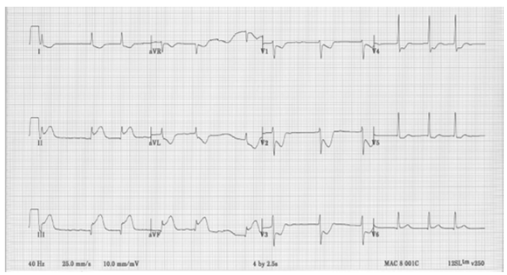
C Ischemic zone "injury" S-T

D Ischemic zone Zone of "injury" Infarction

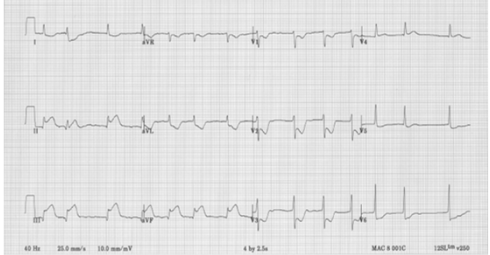
E Ischemic zone Infarction

F Infarct (healed) Scar


### Evolving AMI: EM #1 December 13 at 1701



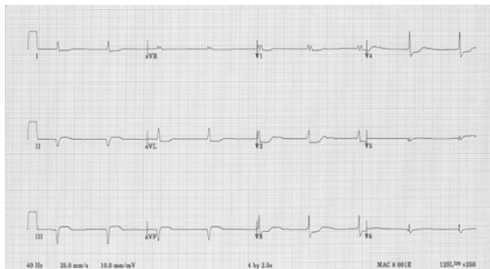
### EM # 2 December 13 at 1823



### EM #3 December 14 at 0630

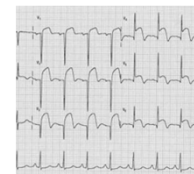
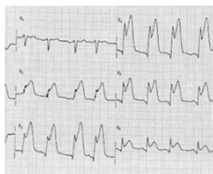


**EM # 4 December 15 0600**



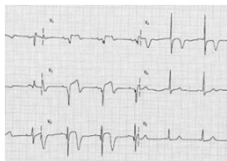
**Hyperacute Phase of MI**

- 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



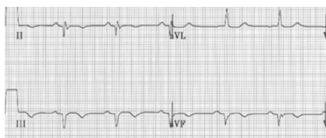
**Evolving Phase of MI**

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

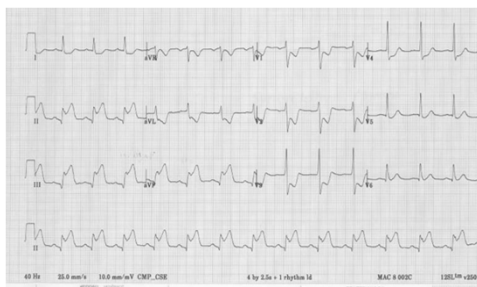


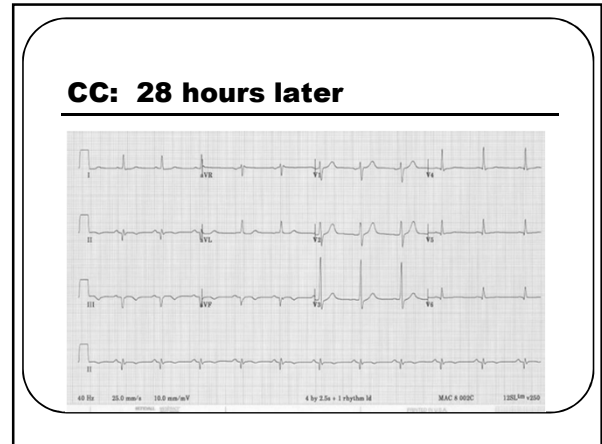
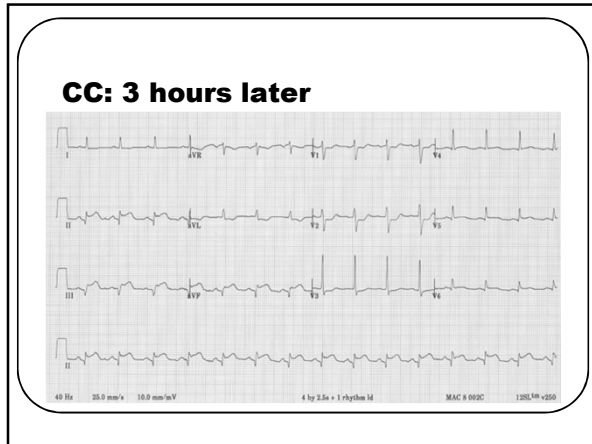
**Resolving Phase of MI**

- 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



**CC: Admission EKG 1445**





**Positive EKG**

- ST elevation > 0.1mV (1 mm) in at least 2 contiguous precordial leads or at least 2 adjacent limb leads (STEMI) (Class 1, Level A)

I lateral	aVR	V1 septal	V4 anterior
II inferior	aVL lateral	V2 septal	V5 lateral
III inferior	aVF inferior	V3 anterior	V6 lateral

- 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)

**LBBB = QRS > 0.12 sec**  
**Negative QRS in V1 (carrot)**

ECG tracing showing a narrow QRS complex with a negative deflection in lead V1, circled in red, characteristic of Left Bundle Branch Block (LBBB).


**RBBB = QRS > 0.12 sec**  
**Positive QRS in V1 (rabbit ears)**

ECG tracing showing a wide QRS complex with a characteristic M-shaped (M-shaped) QRS complex in lead V1, circled in red, characteristic of Right Bundle Branch Block (RBBB).

**BBB = QRS > 0.12sec**

- LBBB = QRS > 0.12 sec  
Negative QRS in V1 (carrot)

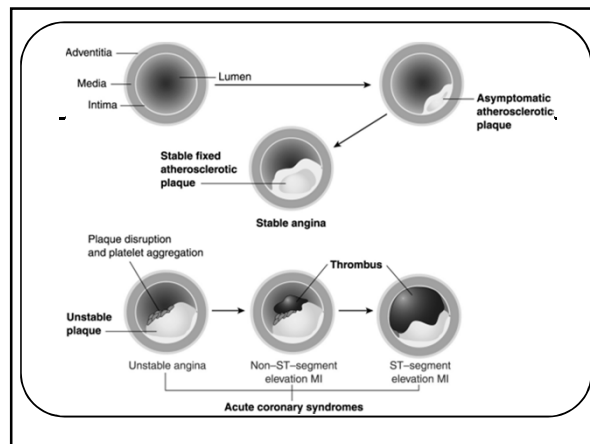
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## NSTEMI

### Non ST Segment Elevation MI

- ▼ No ST segment Elevation
- ▼ ST segment depression

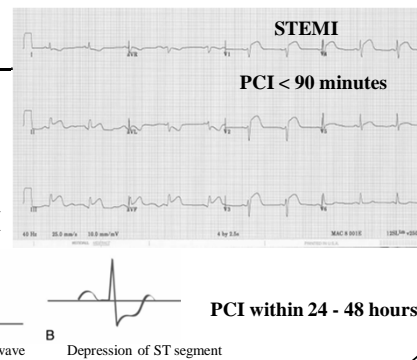


**Both elevated Troponins**

**NSTEMI**

A Inversion of the T wave

B Depression of ST segment



**STEMI**

PCI < 90 minutes

PCI within 24 - 48 hours

### Differentiating MIs

Non-STEMI	STEMI
• T wave inversion (ischemia)	• T wave inversion (ischemia)
• ST depression (injury)	• ST elevation (injury)
• Laboratory values are diagnostic	• Q wave (infarct)
	• Laboratory values

### Treatment Strategies

STEMI	NSTEMI	Angina/ Unstable Angina
ST-segment elevation or new LBBB strongly suspicious for injury	ST-segment depression/dynamic T-wave inversion; strongly suspicious for ischemia	Normal or nondiagnostic ECG; chest pain strongly suspicious for ischemia
↓	↓	↓
Reperfusion Lytics—PCI	Antiplatelet Antithrombin Therapy	Risk Stratification

### 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**

Types of Angina	Definition
Angina	Myocardial Anoxia
Exertional Angina (4 Es) (usually sign of atherosclerosis)	Pain with increased myocardial oxygen demand <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exertion</li> <li>• Eating</li> <li>• Extreme Emotions</li> <li>• Exposure to Cold</li> </ul>
Prinzmetal's Angina or Variant Angina (thought to be a coronary spasm)	Pain at rest, during sleep or without evidence of provocation
Stable Angina	Exertional angina with consistent symptoms –typically relieved with rest or cessation of cause and possibly NTG
Unstable Angina (crescendo or preinfarction angina) Partially occluding thrombus	Recent onset (within 2 months) Severely limits activity Differs from the person's "typical exertional angina" May occur at rest RX with Anti-platelets Fibrinolytic therapy <i>is not</i> effective

## 12 Lead EKG

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### Understanding Lead Placement

### 12 Lead EKG 101

Learn the **Normal** so you can detect the abnormal

### To Learn 12 Lead EKG

You **MUST** pick them up  
and **LOOK** at them!

### Leads Are Like Pictures

Camera is on the positive lead

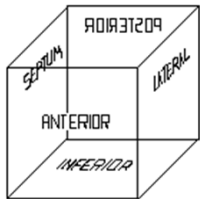
### The 12 Leads

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**Bipolar Leads**  
Each lead has two poles:  
One positive & one negative  
**I, II, III**

**Unipolar Leads**  
Only one lead is physically positive.  
Negative lead is not a specific site on the body  
**AVR, AVL, AVF, V1-V6**

### Cube Concept of Left Ventricle



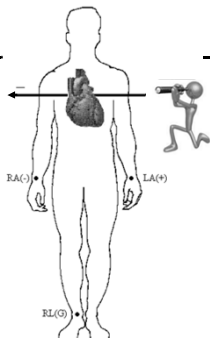
Each face of the cube represents a different part of the left ventricle

### LIMB LEADS I, II, III

- Also referred to as extremity leads due to placement on the body
- Record electrical forces two points equidistant from the heart.
- Each lead has two poles: one positive & one negative
- Two leads to give the picture
- Current travels Negative to Positive to create the electrical complex
- 12 Lead EKG Reads or takes the picture from the positive electrode to the heart

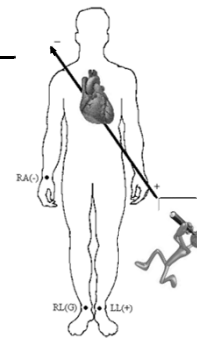
#### Lead I

Views the heart from left arm to right arm  
 Area: Lateral  
 Artery: Circumflex



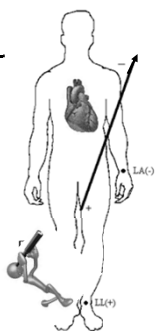
#### Lead II

Views the heart from left leg to right arm  
 Area: Inferior  
 Artery: RCA

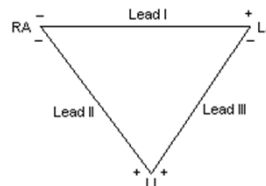


#### Lead III

Views the heart from left leg to left arm  
 Area: Inferior  
 Artery: RCA



### Einthoven's Triangle



By connecting the electrodes of the limb leads, the Einthoven's Triangle is formed.

### Augmented Limb Leads AVR, AVL, AVF

- Records electrical activity between the center of the heart and an extremity
- Since these leads are low voltage they are artificially augmented
- Unipolar leads: Negative pole is the heart

**AVR**  
Augmented Voltage Right

- Views electrical activity directed rightward.
- Very minimal rightward electrical activity occurs.
- Looks at great vessels not myocardium
- Configuration should be negative

**AVL**  
Augmented Voltage Left

Views the heart from the left arm to the mid-point between right arm & right leg

Area: Lateral  
Artery: Circumflex

**AVF**  
Augmented Voltage Foot

Views the heart from the feet to the chin

Area: Inferior  
Artery: RCA

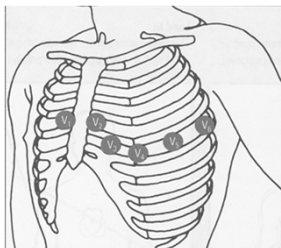
Correlation of the leads to the areas of left ventricle by superimposing Einthoven's Triangle over the cube.

### The Precordial System Chest Leads V1 - V6

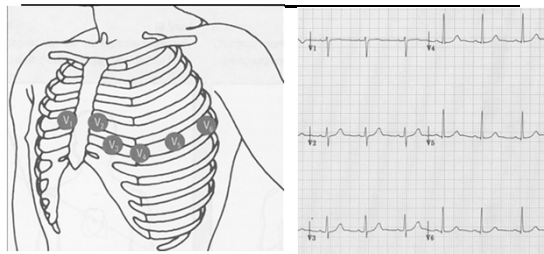
- Records electrical activity of the heart by placing electrodes on the anterior chest wall
- Heart is the negative pole
- Positive pole is where the electrode is placed
- Unipolar leads

### Precordial Leads Placement

- **V1** 4th intercostal space (ICS) right sternal border (septum)
- **V2** 4th ICS, left sternal border (septum)
- **V3** Midway between V2 and V4 (anterior)
- **V4** 5th ICS, left midclavicular line (anterior)
- **V5** 5th ICS, left anterior axillary line (lateral)
- **V6** 5th ICS, left midaxillary line (lateral)

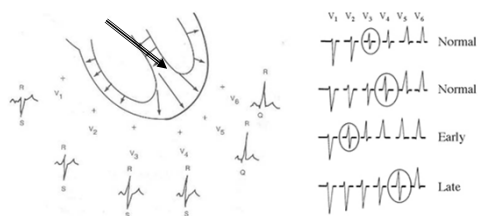


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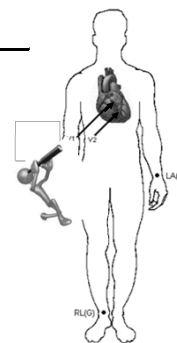
### R Wave Transition

**R: Rises above baseline**



### V1 & V2

Views the septum of the heart  
 Area: Septal  
 Artery: LAD



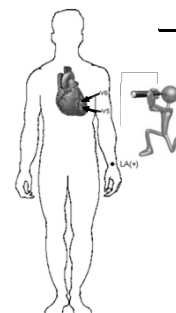
### V3 & V4

Views the anterior area of the left ventricle  
 Area: Anterior  
 Artery: LAD



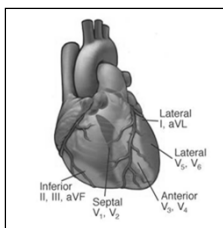
### V5 & V6

Views the lateral area of the left ventricle  
 Area: Lateral  
 Artery: Circumflex





## Cardiac Anatomy in Relation to Coronary Artery



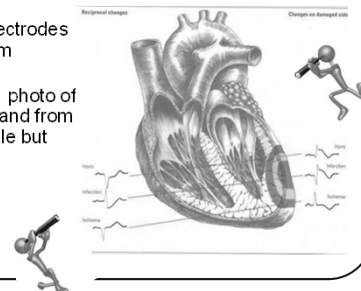
I lateral	aVR	V1 septal	V4 anterior
II inferior	aVL lateral	V2 septal	V5 lateral
III inferior	aVF inferior	V3 anterior	V6 lateral

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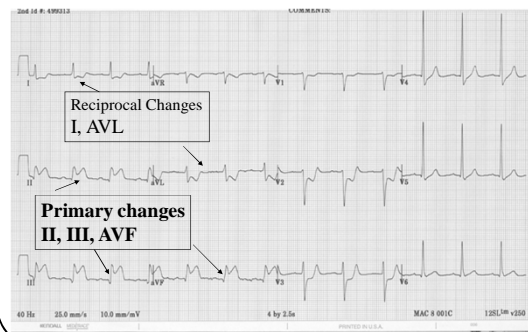
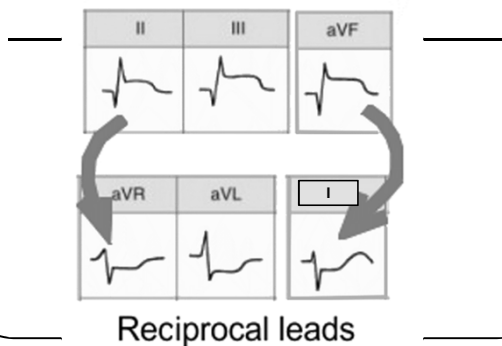
## Reciprocal Changes

Reciprocal Leads that are opposite the damaged area will show opposite EKG Changes

- Mirror Image
- Two different electrodes viewing AMI from opposite angles
- Example: Take photo of male from front and from back – still a male but different view

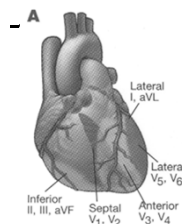


## Inferior STEMI



## Reciprocal Changes Secondary Changes

- Ischemia, Injury, and infarction are primary changes
- Reciprocal changes are secondary changes
- Reciprocal Leads that are opposite the damaged area will show opposite EKG Changes
- Reciprocal changes = confirm primary changes



- Inferior ↔ Lateral
  - II, III, AVF ↔ I, AVL, V5, V6
- Anterior ↔ Posterior
  - V1 – V4

I lateral	aVR	V1 septal	V4 anterior
II inferior	aVL lateral	V2 septal	V5 lateral
III inferior	aVF inferior	V3 anterior	V6 lateral

### Reciprocal Changes

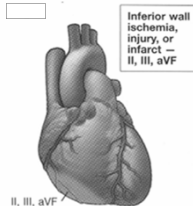
Reciprocal Leads that are opposite the damaged area will show opposite EKG Changes

- If you see ST segment depression, look in opposite leads for primary changes
- If you see tall R waves in the V leads, question if this is an old posterior AMI and look for Q waves in the inferior leads

### Differential Diagnosis

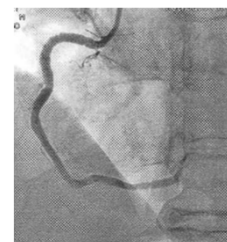
12 Lead EKG in Acute Coronary Syndrome

### Right Coronary Artery RCA Inferior Wall II, III, AVF



Occluded RCA

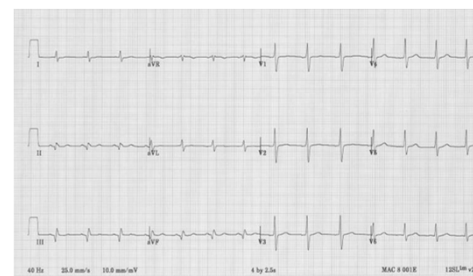
RCA post stent



### Inferior Injury



### Old Inferior Infarction



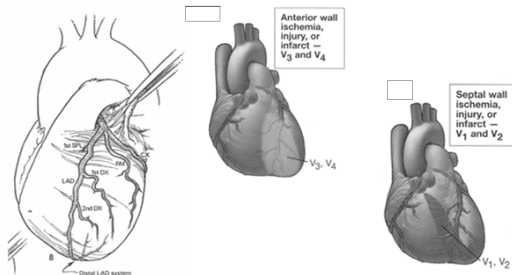
### Inferior AMI

- Involves right ventricle – may also get right ventricular infarct
- Need lots of fluids to increase preload since RV is involved
- Arrhythmias= Blocks
- RCA wraps around the back of the heart and changes to PDA. Typically have inferior –posterior AMI.
- Inferior- Posterior AMI:
  - ST Elevation: II, III, AVF and
  - ST depression V1, V2, V3

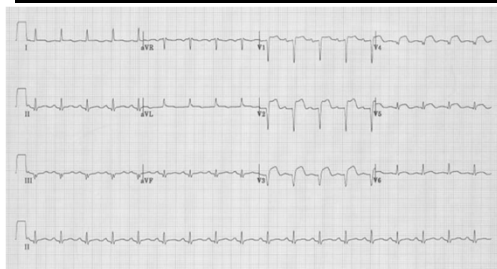
### Inferior AMI What's the rhythm?



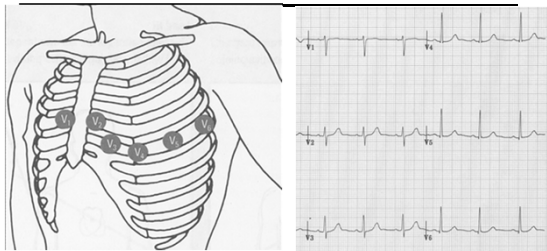
### Left Anterior Descending Artery LAD Anterior Wall V3 & V4 Septal Wall V1 & V2



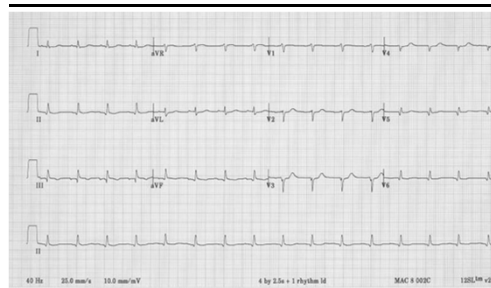
### Anterior-septal Injury

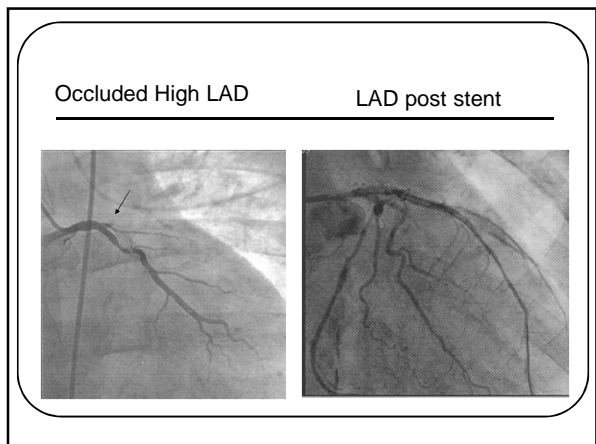


### Precordial Leads – Know normal



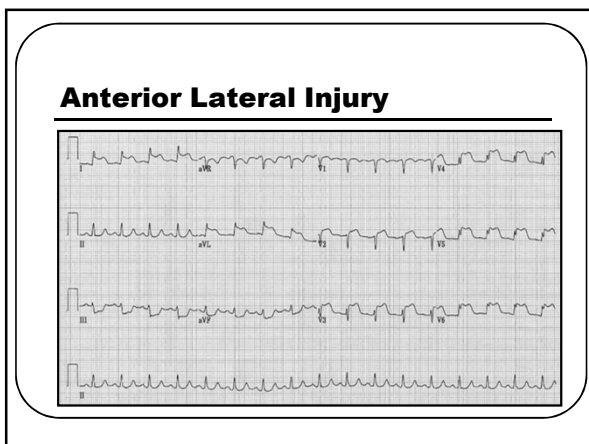
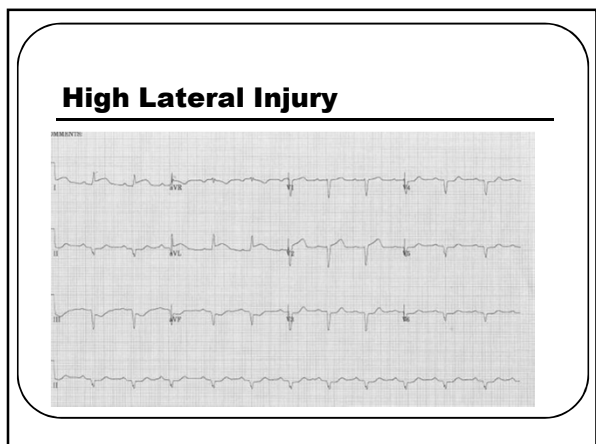
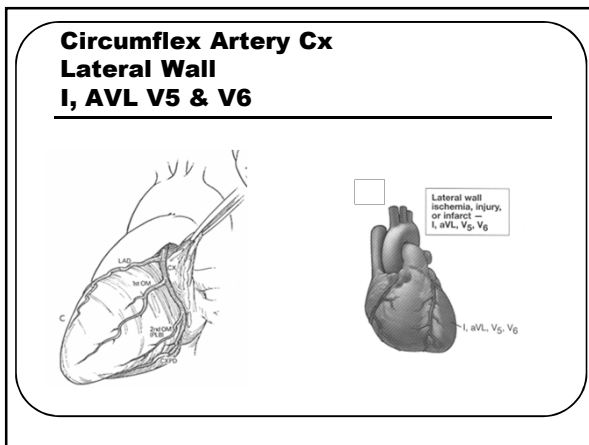
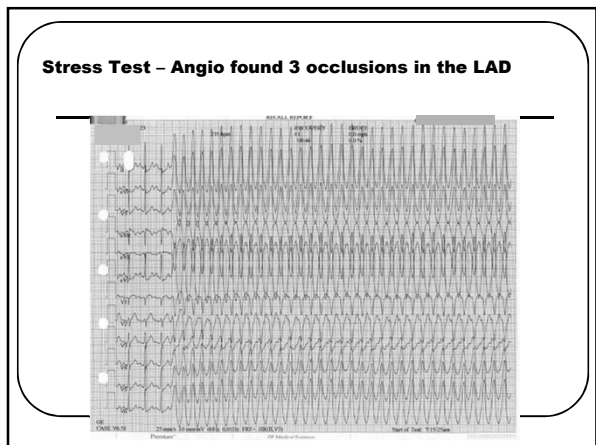
### Old Anterior Infarction





**Anterior AMI**

- Lose the most muscle mass
- Usually have the lowest EF
- Arrhythmias = VT or VF



### Lateral Ischemia

### Posterior Descending Artery PDA Posterior Wall Reciprocal Changes

- Usually see with Inferior AMI as RCA wraps around the back of the heart and changes to PDA
- Reciprocal Changes V1, V2, V3 (ST segment depression or Tall R Waves)
- 18 Lead EKG

### Inferior & Posterior Injury

Mirror Changes

### Old Inferior-posterior Infarction

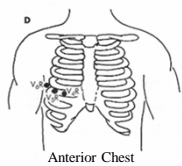
Mirror Changes

### Lead Placement: Right-Sided ECG

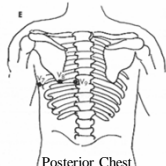
MCL = midclavicular line

### Right-Sided 12-Lead ECG: Patient With Inferior ST-Segment Changes

### 18 Lead EKG

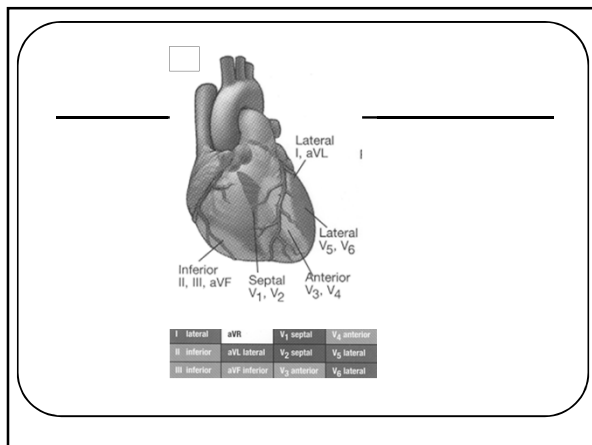
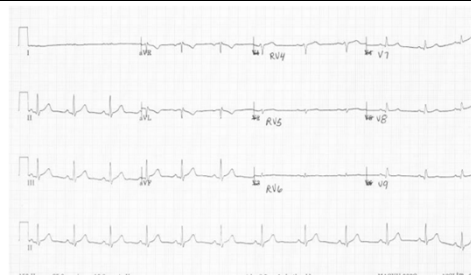


V4R = 5th ICS at RMCL  
 V5R = 5th ICS at RAAL  
 V6R = 5th ICS at RMAL



V7 = 5th ICS at Left Posterior axillary line  
 V8 = Halfway between V7 & V9  
 V9 = 5th ICS next to vertebral column

### Right Chest and Posterior EKG

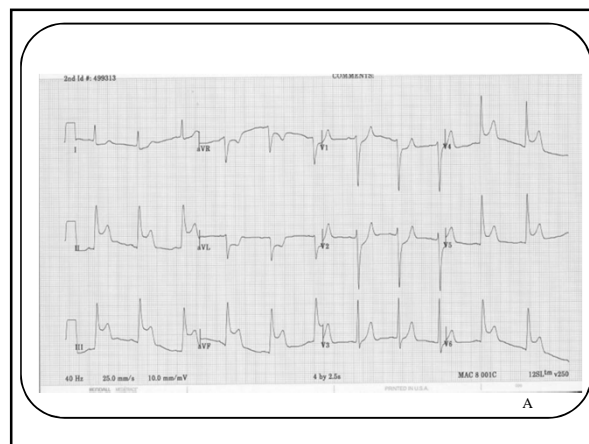


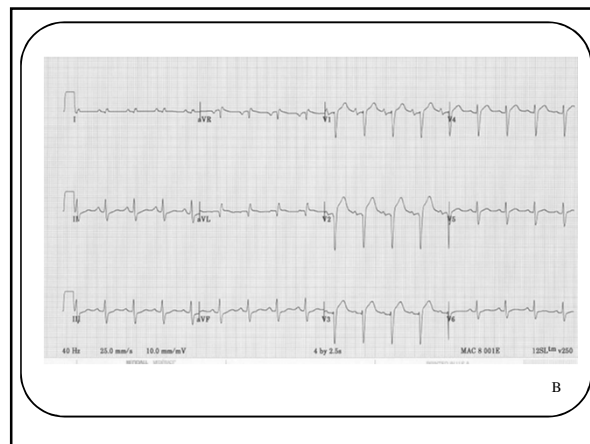
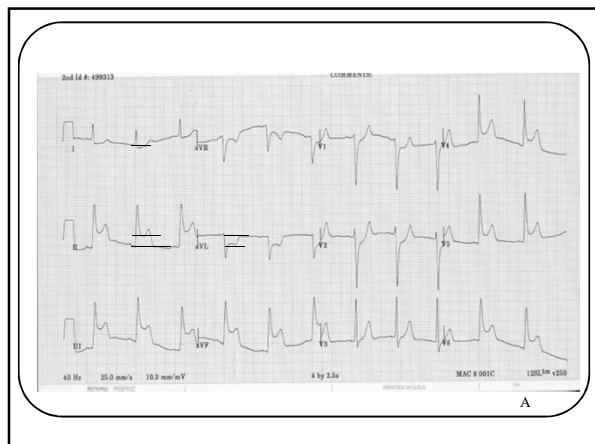
### Pattern to Read EKG Be consistent

- Rate & Rhythm
- QRS Interval V1 – for RBBB or LBBB
- QT interval
- Normal Depolarization – If not, why not
- ST & T waves
- What lead is abnormal and what other lead goes with it
- Evaluate axis
- Evaluate for hypertrophy

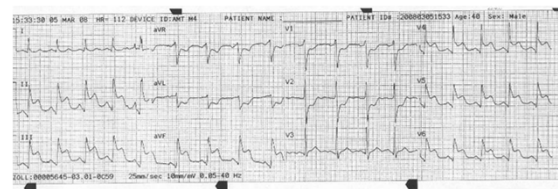
### Example & Analysis Time

Peaked T waves  
 T Wave inversion  
 ST Depression  
 ST Elevation  
 Q waves  
 Type of AMI  
 Coronary Artery Involved





### 48 y/o male has crushing chest pain Calls 911



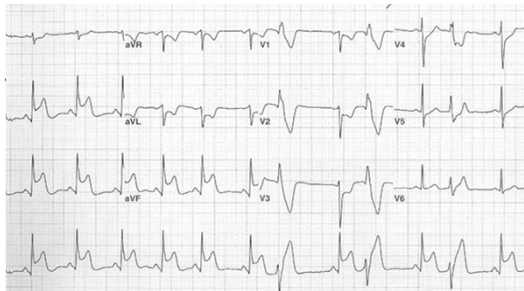
### Door to PCI time = 49 minutes

- 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 = 0.51ng/ml

### Case Study: 42 year old male comes to ED (wife drives him)

- Came to ED due to c/o substernal burning pain that radiates up chest to both arms.
- Becomes SOB with Chest pain
- Episodes last approx 10 minutes at a time.
- Episodes occur more when lying flat.
- Episodes have been occurring for last 4 months.
- Had a negative stress test & normal GI workup.
- Denies any drug use of cocaine or other medications
- Quit Smoking 4 months ago. No other past medical history
- Father had some cardiac problems when he was in his 50s or 60s --- history unclear.

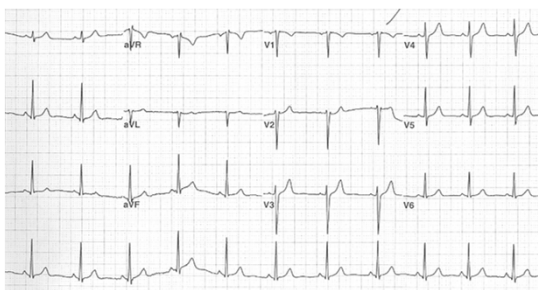
- Pain free on arrival to ED
- Alert, Oriented
- Skin Warm/dry
- When laid down for EKG developed chest pain
- BP 122/77, HR 87, RR 20 SpO2 99%
- Chest pain 7/10
- Weight: 70 kg



- This 12 Lead was done when he was lying down and complaining of chest pain on Feb 24 at 1333.
- Patient is SOB & in severe pain at the time of the EKG.
- First time EKG done during chest pain

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- Chest pain resolved when sat up
- BP 118/56, HR 74, RR 20



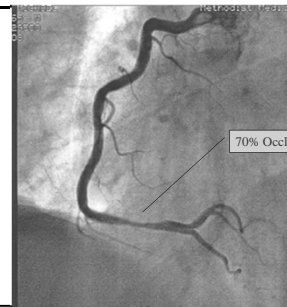
- At 1339 on 2-24 (6 minutes later), the chest pain was gone. Pt was sitting up at the time. This is the 12 Lead EKG.

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- Serial troponin levels & lipid levels ordered
- Troponin < 0.4 ng/ml
- CK = 71
- Total Cholesterol = 161
- Triglycerides = 66
- HDL = 35
- LDL = 113

- Called cardiologist
- 1st EKG STEMI that resolved after a few minutes.
- Admit patient to CVICU. Started on ASA, plavix, heparin drip, nitroglycerin drip, and loproressor
- Hold cardiac cath for now as pain free with normal EKG

### Cardiac Cath Feb 25 Initial Injection of RCA





### Cardiac Cath Feb 25 RCA after administration of Intracoronary Nitroglycerin

10 % Occlusion after NTG

### Management

- Diltiazem 180 mg
- Nitroglycerin 0.4 mg Transdermal patch. Apply at bedtime and remove at 10 am.
- Two days later, stated, " I am finally sleeping at night!"
- Discharged with
  - Diltiazem 180 mg daily
  - Nitroglycerin 0.4 mg Transdermal patch at HS

**A**

Lateral I, aVL  
Lateral V<sub>5</sub>, V<sub>6</sub>  
Anterior V<sub>3</sub>, V<sub>4</sub>  
Septal V<sub>1</sub>, V<sub>2</sub>  
Inferior II, III, aVF

I lateral	aVR	V <sub>1</sub> septal	V <sub>4</sub> anterior
II inferior	aVL lateral	V <sub>2</sub> septal	V <sub>5</sub> lateral
III inferior	aVF inferior	V <sub>3</sub> anterior	V <sub>6</sub> lateral

### Time is Muscle

59 minutes Door to PCI Time!  
Benchmark < 90 minutes

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Taking You Well INTO THE FUTURE

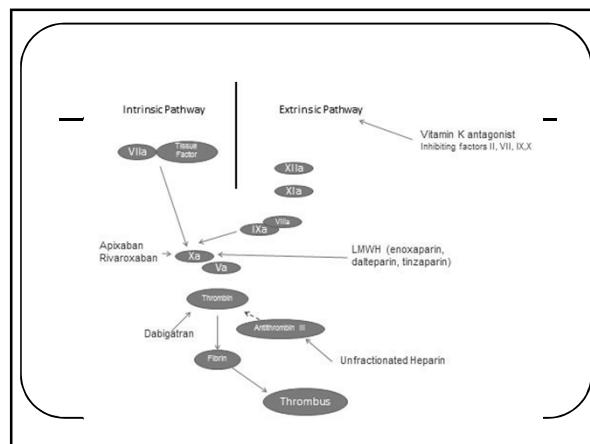
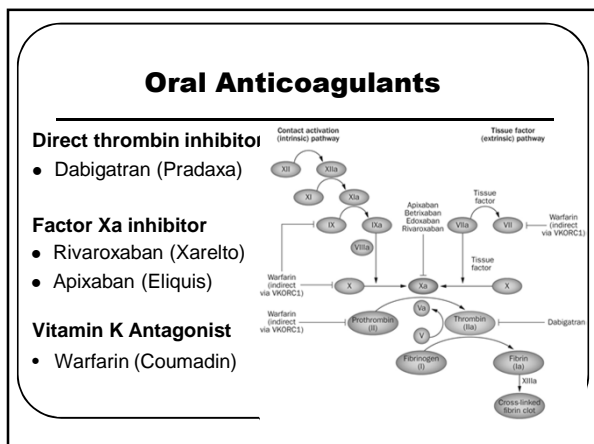
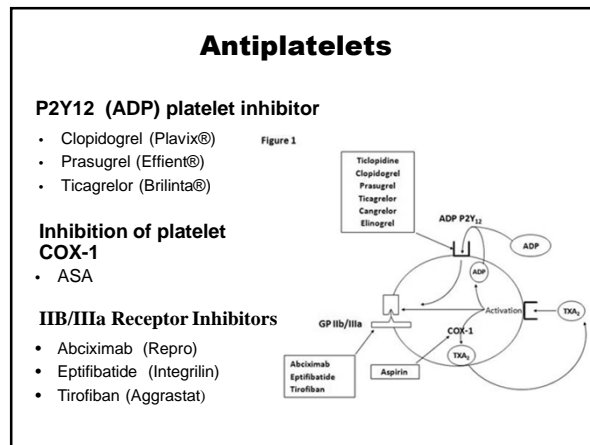
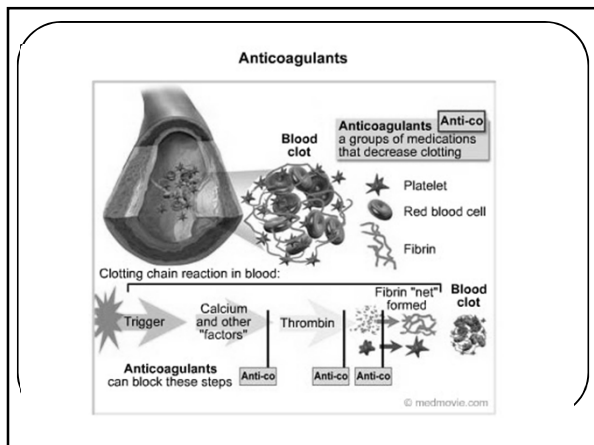
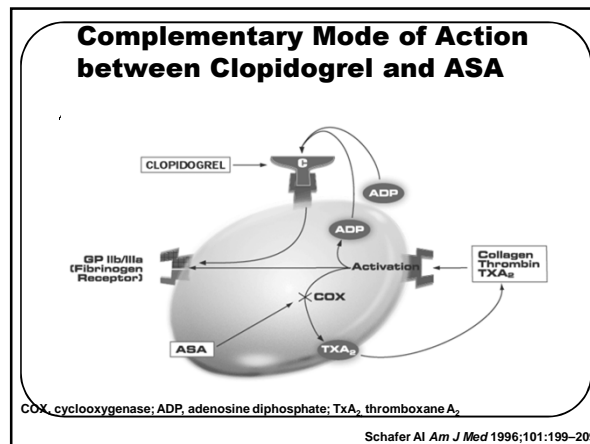
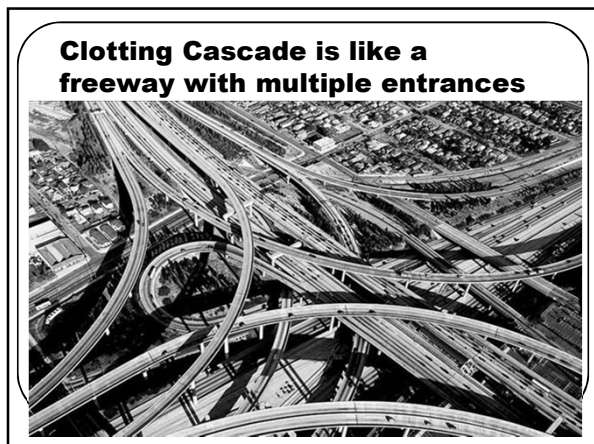
### Treatment Strategies

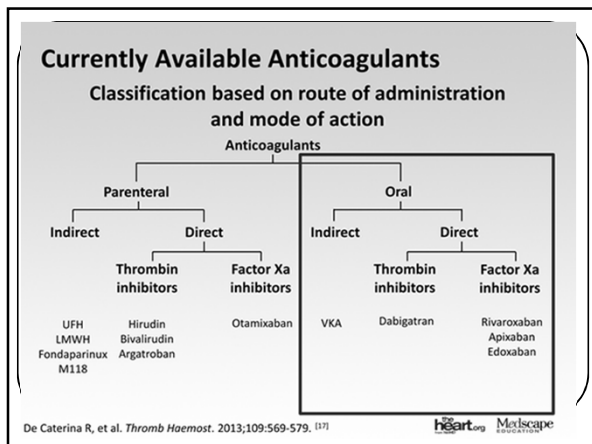
STEMI	NSTEMI	Angina/ Unstable Angina
ST-segment elevation or new LBBB strongly suspicious for injury	ST-segment depression/dynamic T-wave inversion; strongly suspicious for ischemia	Normal or nondiagnostic ECG; chest pain strongly suspicious for ischemia
↓	↓	↓
Reperfusion Lytics—PCI	Antiplatelet Antithrombin Therapy	Risk Stratification

### Cascade effects of atherosclerotic plaque rupture

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

**ARTERY OCCLUSION**





### Other Causes of STEMI

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

Blood flow is constricted during an artery spasm

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***What's the common complication of all the anticoagulants?***

Bleeding!

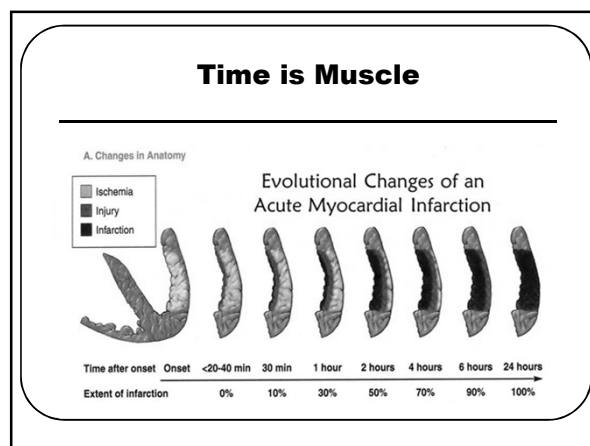
### ♥ Heart Attack Signs & Symptoms for Males

- ▼ 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

Even if they recognize the symptoms, women hesitate to call 911, and get to the hospital 40 to 60 minutes later than men



### 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.



### AMI CORE Measures within 1<sup>st</sup> 30 – 90 minutes

- Artery opened with thrombolytic within 30 min of hospital arrival  
Or
- Artery opened within 90 min of ED arrival with PCI (percutaneous coronary intervention – stent)  
90 minutes criteria also includes inpatients that may have chest pain  
Or
- Artery opened with PCI within 45 min of hospital arrival for patients that transfer from another hospital
- Initial EKG to ED transfer to Cath Lab within 30 minutes

### Other initial AMI Core Measures

- Aspirin and Beta blocker given within 24hrs of arrival unless contra or on Coumadin therapy.
- Lipid level drawn
- ASA daily

### AMI Discharge CORE Measures

- ASA
- ACE inhibitor if EF < 40%
- Beta blocker
- Lipid lowering med if LDL > 100
- Smoking Cessation Counseling

### ST Fingerprint & Precordial Leads Placement

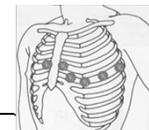
#### ACS Patients with STEMI and/or Stent

- Inferior/RCA – V1 or V2
- Anterior/LAD – V3 or V4
- Lateral/Circumflex – V5 or V6

#### NonCardiac Patients

- Lead II & V1 or V2

- V1 4th intercostal space (ICS) right sternal border (septum)
- V2 4th ICS, left sternal border (septum)
- V3 Midway between V2 and V4 (anterior)
- V4 5th ICS, left midclavicular line (anterior)
- V5 5th ICS, left anterior axillary line (lateral)
- V6 5th ICS, left midaxillary line (lateral)



AACN Practice Alert

## 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 of HF diagnosis**

## 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

## Lipid – Lowering Agents

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

## Psychosocial Aspect AMI

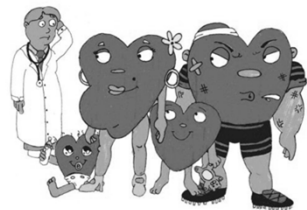
Thought bubbles:

- I don't want to take medicine
- No Smoking?!
- Who will pay the bills?
- Will I die before I see my grandchildren?
- I'm only 55
- Will it stop next time?
- Cardiac Rehab Exercise?
- No french fries
- What about relations with my wife?

**CARDIAC REHABILITATION**

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## Optimizing Cardiac Output



### Cardiac Hemodynamics/Medications

#### CMC

##### IV. MONITORING AND DIAGNOSTICS (16%)

- A. Cardiovascular**
1. Invasive hemodynamic monitoring (i.e., pulmonary artery catheter)
  2. Noninvasive hemodynamic monitoring
    - a. transthoracic echocardiography
    - b. transeptal echocardiography
  3. ECG interpretation
    - a. ST segment monitoring
    - b. telemetry (e.g., dysrhythmia)
    - c. 12-lead ECG
  4. Blood studies
  5. Stress testing
    - a. exercise
    - b. pharmacologic
- B. Pulmonary**
1. Arterial blood gases (ABGs)
  2. Mixed venous gases
  3. Pulse oximetry

#### CSC

##### IV. MONITORING AND DIAGNOSTICS (16%)

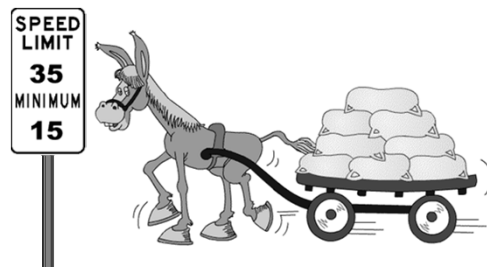
- A. Hemodynamic Monitoring**
1. CVP monitoring (without pulmonary artery catheter)
  2. Mixed venous monitoring - SvO<sub>2</sub>
  3. Standard pulmonary artery catheter
- B. Other Monitoring**
1. Pulse oximetry
- C. Diagnostics**
1. Arterial blood gas (ABG) interpretation
  2. ST segment monitoring
  3. Serum lactate
  4. 12-lead ECG interpretation
  5. Chest x-ray interpretation for:
    - a. placement of central line
    - b. placement of endotracheal tube
    - c. placement of NGT
    - d. placement of NS tube
    - e. pneumothorax
    - f. pulmonary edema

## Terms used to describe Cardiac Drug Effects

- **Inotropic:** Effect on contractility
  - Positive = increase in contractility
  - Negative = decrease in contractility
- **Chronotropic:** Effect on Heart Rate
  - Positive = increase in Heart Rate
  - Negative = decrease in Heart Rate
- **Dromotropic:** Effect on Conductivity
  - Positive = increase in conductivity
  - Negative = decrease in conductivity

## β-Blockers

Limit the donkey's speed, thus saving energy



## Beta Blocker "Olols"

Beta Blockade of the Sympathetic Nervous System

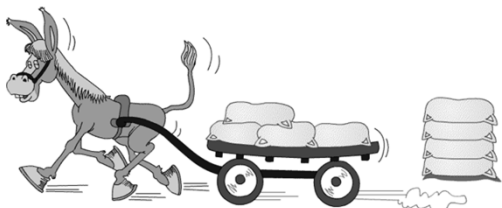
- Decrease oxygen demand
    - ↓ HR & contractility
    - Vasodilate
    - ↓ Afterload
    - ↓ O<sub>2</sub> wastage
  - Antiarrhythmic effect
  - Increase oxygen supply
    - Increased diastolic perfusion
    - Less exercise vasoconstriction
- Side effect: May promote spasm in vasospastic angina

## Beta Blockers "Olols"

- Acebutolol    Sectral
- Atenolol     Tenormin
- Betaxolol    Kerlone
- Bisoprolol    Zabeta
- Metoprolol   Lopressor
- Nadolol      Corgard
- Pindolol      Visken
- Propranolol   Inderal
- Timolol       Blocadren

## ACE Inhibitors/ARBs

Reduce the number of sacks on the wagon



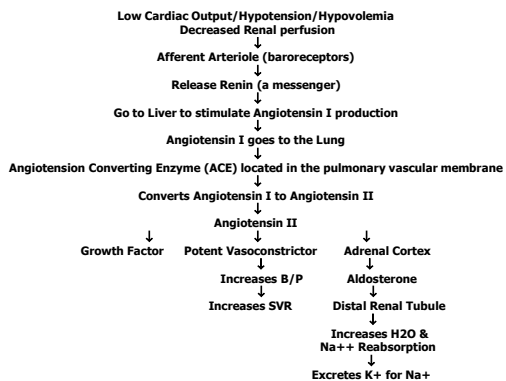
**RAAS Blockers Dilatation & Diuresis**

## Body's Response to Low Perfusion

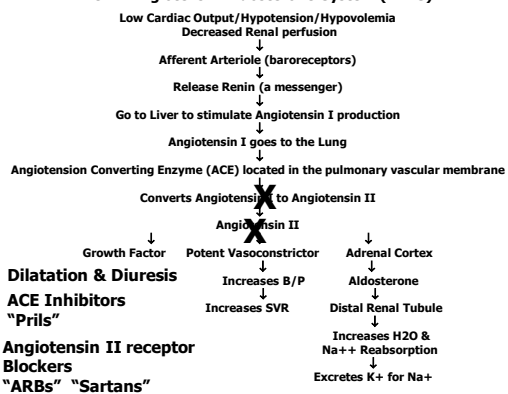
- **Renin-Angiotensin-Aldosterone System (RAAS) Kicks in...**



### Renin-Angiotensin-Aldosterone System (RAAS)



### Renin-Angiotensin-Aldosterone System (RAAS)



## ACE Inhibitors "Prils"

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

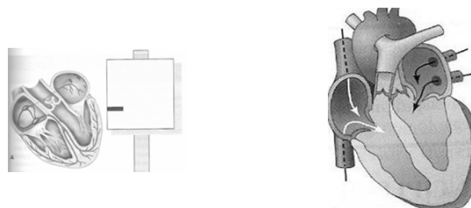
## ARBs "Sartans"

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

## The Cardiac Cycle

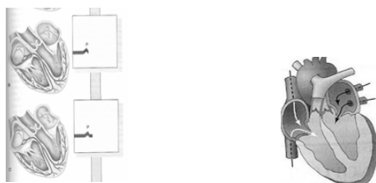
### *Systole and Diastole*

#### 1. Rapid Ventricular Filling



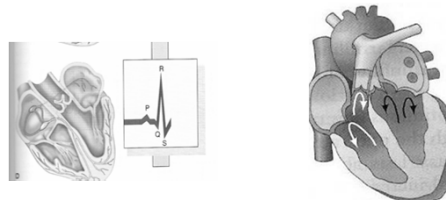
- Pressure in the atria overcomes the pressure in the ventricles; the A-V valves open.
- First third of diastole.
- S3 would be heard here --- right after dub-- sounds like Ken-tuc-ky

#### 2. Active Ventricular Filling



- "Atrial kick" forcing 30% more blood into the ventricles.
- Last third of diastole.
- S4 would be heard here -- sounds like Ten-nes-see - produced by vibration of atria contracting

#### 3. Isometric Contraction



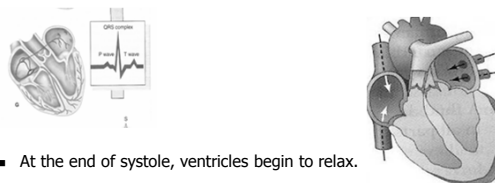
- Pressure in ventricles overcomes pressure in the atria.
- Blood tries to flow back in to the atria
- A-V valves slam shut; S1 is heard --The lub in normal lub dub - heard loudest as Apex
- Semilunar valves have not yet opened; all cardiac valves are closed.

#### 4. Ventricular Systole



- Pressure in ventricles overcomes that in the aorta and pulmonary artery.
- Semilunar valves open.
- Ventricles contract.
- Blood is ejected forcibly into aorta and pulmonary artery.

#### 5. Isometric Relaxation



- At the end of systole, ventricles begin to relax.
- Pressure in aorta and pulmonary artery increases; pressure in ventricles decreases.
- Blood attempts to rush back in to the ventricles.
- Semilunar valves slam shut; S2 is heard - the dub in normal lub - dub; heard loudest at the base
- A-V valves are not yet open. *All* cardiac valves are closed again.



## Cardiac Cycle

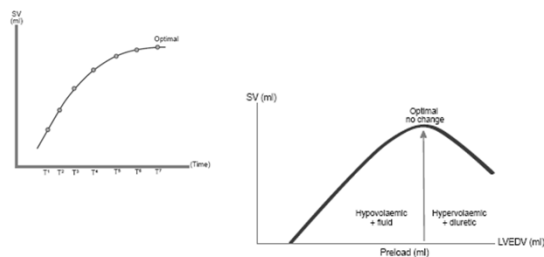
- Occurs every 0.8 seconds (HR=80)
- 0.3 seconds for systole
- 0.5 seconds for diastole

Tachycardia decreases  
diastole time

## Principles of Muscle Function

### Frank-Starling Law

*The longer the muscle is stretched in diastole, to a point, the stronger the contraction in the next systole.*



## Cardiac Index

$$CI = CO/BSA$$

- Cardiac output divided by body surface area (BSA)
- Normal range = 2.5 – 4 l/min/m<sup>2</sup>
- Subclinical: 2.2 - 2.7 l/min/m<sup>2</sup>
- Low perfusion: 1.8 - 2.2 l/min/m<sup>2</sup>
- Shock < < 1.8 l/min/m<sup>2</sup>



Is a cardiac output of 4.2 l/min. adequate for both Mrs. A, a 5 ft. 98 lb. woman and Mr. B, a 6 ft. 2 in., 240 lb. man?



By using formula  $CI = CO/BSA$

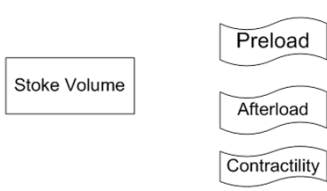
Mrs. A's BSA is 1.36 m<sup>2</sup>. Her CI is determined to be 3.08 l/min/m<sup>2</sup>.

Mr. B has a BSA of 2.34 m<sup>2</sup>, therefore his CI falls below the normal level of 1.79 l/min/m<sup>2</sup>.

### Determinants of Cardiac Output

**Cardiac Output = Heart Rate x Stroke Volume**



### Heart Rate

- Increasing Heart Rate is the fastest way to increase CO.
- Overtime, it is not the most efficient way.
- Optimal HR is 60 – 80 bpm

Determinants of CO:

	Rate/Rhythm	
	Low	High
	Pacemaker	Beta blockers
	Atropine	Calcium channel blockers
	Isuprel	Other
	Dopamine	

### How Cardiac Meds effect Heart Rate

### The Effect of Cardiac Meds on Heart Rate

<p><b>Increase HR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Atropine</li> <li>Dopamine/Intopin</li> <li>Epinephrine/Adrenalin</li> <li>Norepinephrine/Levophed</li> <li>Dobutamine/Dobutrex</li> </ul>	<p><b>Decrease HR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beta Blockers</li> <li>Calcium Channel Blockers</li> </ul>
<p><b>Slight Increase HR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Milrinone/Primacor</li> </ul>	<p><b>No effect on HR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phenylephrine/Neo-synephrine</li> <li>Vasopressin/Pitressin</li> </ul>

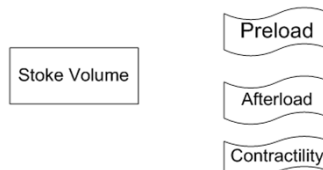
### Know Normal Values!

Parameter	Normal Values
Cardiac Output (CO)	4 - 8 l/min
Cardiac Index (CI)	2.5 - 4.2 l/min/m <sup>2</sup>
Right atrial pressure (CVP)	0 - 8 mmHg
Pulmonary artery pressure (PAS/PAD)	15 - 30/6 - 12 mmHg
Pulmonary artery occlusive pressure	4 - 12 mmHg
Systemic vascular resistance (SVR)	770 - 1500 dyne/sec/cm <sup>5</sup>
Pulmonary vascular resistance (PVR)	20 - 120 dyne/sec/cm <sup>5</sup>
Stroke Volume (SV)	60 - 130 mL/beat
Stroke Volume Index (SVI)	30 - 65 mL/beat/m <sup>2</sup>
Arterial oxygenation saturation	95 - 100 %
Venous oxygenation saturation	60 - 80 %

Source: Sited in Cardiac Surgery Essentials, page 148

### Determinants of Cardiac Output

$$\text{Cardiac Output} = \text{Heart Rate} \times \text{Stroke Volume}$$



### Stroke Volume (SV) Stroke Volume Index (SVI)

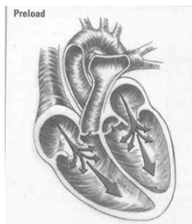
- SV: Volume of blood ejected with each beat
  - Normal SV: 60 - 100ml
- SVI: the amount of blood pumped with each beat indexed to BSA
  - Normal SVI: 33 - 47 ml/m<sup>2</sup>
  - Very powerful indicator of ventricular function

### Interpretation of SV/SI

- If low, the cause may be:
  - Inadequate fluid volume: bleeding
  - Impaired ventricular contractility: MI
  - Increased SVR (afterload or resistance to ejection)
  - Cardiac valve dysfunction: mitral regurgitation
- If high, the cause may be:
  - Fluid overload
  - Low vascular resistance: sepsis

### Preload

Myocardial Fiber-Stretch



How full is the tank (heart)?



**Empty**



**Full**

## Clinical Measurement of PRELOAD

- LEFT VENTRICLE = LVEDP
  - Pulmonary Artery Wedge Pressure: 8-12 mm Hg
  - Pulmonary Artery Diastolic: 8-15 mm Hg
- RIGHT VENTRICLE = RAP
  - Right Atrial Pressure measures the pre-load of RV [normal range 2-5 mm Hg]
  - CVP 4 to 10mm Hg

## Decreased Preload

### Etiology

- Hypovolemia
- Arrhythmias
- Loss of "Atrial Kick"
- Venous Vasodilation

### Cardiac Surgery Specific

- Underlying cardiac disease
- Medications (preop, anesthesia, & vasoactive agents)
- Procedural induced hypothermia
- Rewarming
- Bleeding

## Preload

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|--|--|
| Low  | High   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Volume</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Diuretics</li> <li>■ Venous vasodilators</li> </ul> |

## Decreased Preload

- Anticipate that Cardiac Surgery patients will have a decrease in blood and plasma volume (preload) within the 1<sup>st</sup> 24 hours post op
- Watch for hypovolemia from rewarming and third spacing!
- FLUID- FLUID- FLUID
  - Drugs don't work if there isn't anything to pump!

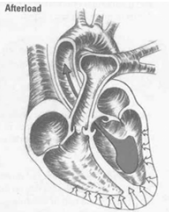
## Which CABG patient needs volume?

1. CVP 8 mm Hg, SI 35 ml/beat/M<sup>2</sup>
2. CVP 8 mm Hg, SI 42 ml/beat/M<sup>2</sup>
3. CVP 8 mm Hg, SI 20 ml/beat/M<sup>2</sup>

## How Cardiac Meds effect preload


- Vasoconstrictors will increase preload when started
- Vasodilators will decrease preload when started

### Afterload




- Afterload is the pressure the ventricle has to generate to overcome resistance to ejection.
  - Any resistance against which the ventricle must pump in order to eject its volume

Afterload; pushing...



**Straw**

**VS.**



**Garden Hose**

### Afterload is measured as SVR and PVR

- Systemic Vascular Resistance (SVR) reflects LV afterload
  - Normal Range = 800-1500 dynes/sec/cm-5
- Pulmonary Vascular Resistance (PVR) reflects RV afterload
  - Normal Range = 20-120 dynes/sec/cm-5

### Systemic Vascular Resistance (SVR)

Definition:  
A measurement of impedance to left ventricular ejection.

Equation:  $SVR = \frac{MAP - CVP}{CO} \times 80$

Normal Range: 800-1500 dyne.sec.cm5

### SVR

< 800 = vasodilated

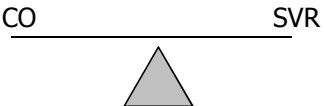
> 1500 = vasoconstricted

High afterload (SVR) → heart is working harder

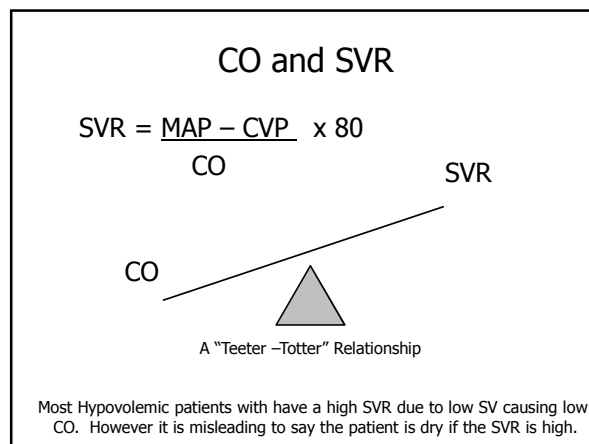
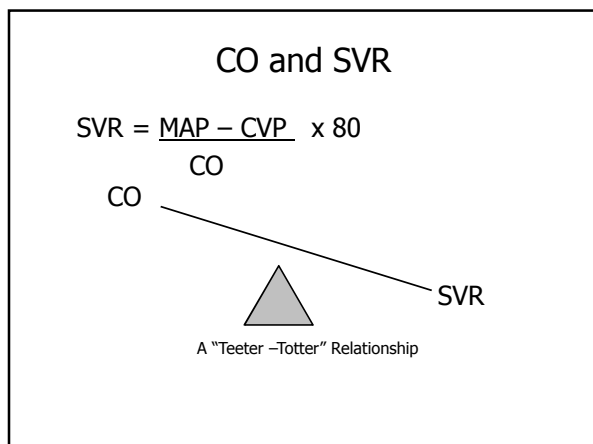
### CO and SVR

$SVR = \frac{MAP - CVP}{CO} \times 80$

CO \_\_\_\_\_ SVR



A "Teeter -Totter" Relationship



**Pulmonary Vascular Resistance (PVR)**

**Definition:**  
A measurement of impedance to right ventricular ejection.

**Equation:**  $\text{PVR} = \frac{\text{MPA} - \text{PCW}}{\text{CO}} \times 80$

**Normal Range:** 20 - 120 dyne.sec.cm5

**Factors That Increase Pulmonary Vascular Resistance**

<p><b>Chemical Stimuli</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Alveolar hypoxia</li> <li>•Acidosis</li> <li>•Hypercapnia</li> </ul> <p><b>Pharmacologic Agents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Epinephrine</li> <li>•Norepinephrine</li> <li>•Dobutamine</li> <li>•Phenylephrine</li> </ul> <p><b>Hyperinflation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Mechanical Ventilation</li> <li>•Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP)</li> <li>•Positive End Expiratory Pressure (PEEP)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Pathologic Factors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Vascular Blockage               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Pulmonary emboli, air bubbles, tumor mass</li> </ul> </li> <li>•Vascular wall disease               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Sclerosis, endarteritis, polyarteritis, scleroderma</li> </ul> </li> <li>•Vascular destruction               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Emphysema</li> <li>•Pulmonary interstitial fibrosis</li> </ul> </li> <li>•Vascular Compression               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Pneumothorax, hemothorax</li> <li>•Tumor mass</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Humoral Substances</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Histamine, angiotensin, fibrinopeptides</li> <li>•Prostaglandin F<sub>2α</sub></li> <li>•Serotonin</li> </ul>
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**Factors That Decrease Pulmonary Vascular Resistance**

<p><b>Pharmacologic Agents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Oxygen</li> <li>•Isoproterenol</li> <li>•Aminophylline</li> <li>•Calcium channel blocking agents</li> <li>•Nitrous Oxide</li> </ul>	<p><b>Humoral Substances</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Acetylcholine</li> <li>•Bradykinin</li> <li>•Prostaglandin E</li> <li>•Prostacyclin</li> <li>•Sildenafil (Viagra)</li> </ul>
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**Afterload**

<p>Decreased</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Vasodilation               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Vasodilation from rewarming</li> <li>■ Vasodilator therapies</li> <li>■ Preop beta blockers</li> <li>■ Sepsis</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Increased</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Right               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Pulmonary hypertension</li> <li>■ Hypoxemia</li> <li>■ Pulmonic stenosis</li> </ul> </li> <li>■ Left               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Severe LV dysfunction</li> <li>■ Vasoconstriction</li> <li>■ Vasopressors</li> <li>■ Hypothermia</li> <li>■ ↑ catecholamine simulation from surgery</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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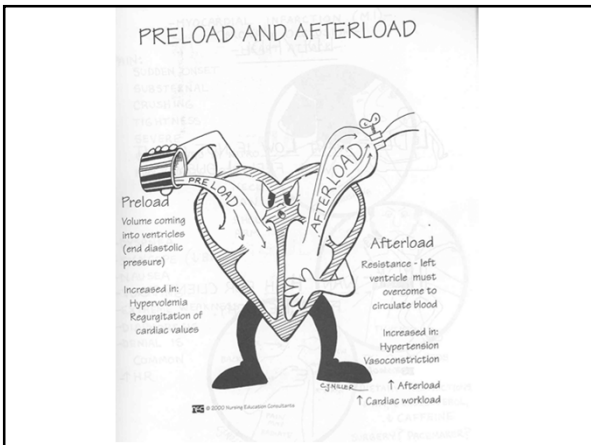
## How Cardiac Meds effect Afterload

### The Effect of Cardiac Meds on Afterload

<p><b>Increase Afterload</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Dopamine/Intopin</li> <li>■ Epinephrine/Adrenalin</li> <li>■ Norepinephrine/Levophed</li> <li>■ Phenylephrine/Neo-synephrine</li> <li>■ Vasopressin/Pitressin</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Minimal effect on afterload</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Dobutamine/Dobutrex</li> </ul>	<p><b>Decrease Afterload</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Nitroprusside/Nipride                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Arterial vasodilator</li> </ul> </li> <li>■ Nitroglycerin/Tridil                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Venous vasodilator</li> </ul> </li> <li>■ Beta Blockers</li> <li>■ Nicardipine/Cardene</li> <li>■ ACE Inhibitors</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Slight Decrease Afterload</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Milrinone/Primacor</li> </ul>
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## Afterload

Low	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Vasopressors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Warming blanket</li> <li>■ Vasodilators</li> <li>■ Calcium channel blockers</li> <li>■ IABP</li> </ul>



## Contractility


Cardiac Squeeze



- Inotropic state of muscle
- Force & velocity of ventricular contractions
- Not directly measurable
- Independent of Starling mechanism

## Increased Contractility

- Sympathetic stimulation
- Metabolic states:
  - Hypercalcemia
- Inotropic therapies:
  - Epinephrine
  - Dopamine
  - Digoxin
  - Calcium
  - Dobutamine
  - Milrinone



## Decreased Contractility

- Parasympathetic stimulation
- Negative inotropic therapies
  - Beta blockers
  - Calcium channel blockers
- Metabolic states:
  - Acidosis
  - Hyperkalemia
  - Myocardial ischemia/infarct
- #1 negative inotrope is acidosis!

## Etiology of ↓ contractility Cardiac surgery

- Acidosis
- ↑ or ↓ preload
- ↑ afterload
- Factors that affect myocardial contractility directly
  - Ischemia
  - RV or LV failure
  - Aneurysms
- Electrolyte imbalances
- Tamponade

- Acidosis is the #1 negative inotrope!
- Acidosis decreases cardiac contractility!
- Treat acidosis so inotropes work!

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## How Cardiac Meds effect Contractility

### The Effect of Cardiac Meds on Contractility

#### Increase Contractility

- Calcium
- Dopamine/Intopin
- Epinephrine/Adrenalin
- Norepinephrine/Levophed
- Dobutamine/Dobutrex
- Milrinone/Primacor

#### Decrease Contractility

- Beta Blockers
- Calcium Channel Blockers
  - Nicardipine/Cardene
- Lidocaine/Xylocaine

## Treating Low Contractility

- Optimize preload & afterload
- Treat underlying causes
- Inotropes
- IABP
- Ventricular assist devices



## Cardiac Output Pearls

LOW	CARDIAC OUTPUT Treatment Options	HIGH
Volume	<b>PRELOAD</b> CVP, PAD, PAOP	Diuretics Venous Vasodilation
Vasopressors	<b>AFTERLOAD</b> SVR, PVR	Vasodilators Calcium Channel Blockers IABP Valve Surgery
Optimize preload Inotropes Calcium Ventricular Assist Devices Avoid/treat acidosis	<b>CONTRACTILITY</b> CO/CI indirect measurement	-----
Pacemaker Atropine Isuprel Dopamine	<b>RATE/RHYTHM</b>	Beta Blockers Calcium Channel Blockers

## Pearls

- Make sure adequate preload before starting inotrope
- Low preload → FLUID
  - Drugs don't work if there isn't anything to pump

## Pearls – what to wean first?

- Wean medication that impacts the most stable parameter first
- Wean most potent medication first
  - Vasopressin & Epinephrine → potent vasoconstrictors
    - Decrease blood flow to microcirculation
    - ↑MvO<sub>2</sub>

## Drug Pearls

- Epinephrine → 1<sup>st</sup> line drug for borderline cardiac output
- Dopamine → 1<sup>st</sup> line drug for low CO state. Also useful to increase urine output
- Dobutamine → Most useful when CO is marginal & mild ↑ SVR. Moderate pulmonary dilator
- Milrinone → used for persistent low CO, RV dysfunction, diastolic dysfunction
- Norepinephrine → Low CO with low BP caused by low SVR
- Neo-synephrine → used to ↑ SVR when hypotension exists with normal CO
- Vasopressin → Refractory vasodilatory shock, ↓ SVR

Source: Bojar. R. 2011. Manual of Perioperative Care in Adult Cardiac Surgery, 5<sup>th</sup> ed

## Pearls – Management of Low Cardiac Output Syndrome

- Look for non cardiac correctable causes (resp, acid/base, electrolytes)
- Treat ischemia or coronary spasm
- Optimize HR 90 – 100 bpm with pacing
- Control arrhythmias
- Assess CO & start inotrope if CI < 2
  - Epinephrine unless arrhythmias or tachycardia
  - Dopamine if low SVR or Dobutamine if high SVR
  - Milrinone/inamrinone

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## Pearls – Management of Low Cardiac Output Syndrome (cont)

- Start vasodilator if SVR > 1500
  - Nitroprusside if high filling pressures, SVR, BP
  - Nitroglycerine if high filling pressures or evidence of coronary ischemia or spasm
- If SVR low
  - Norepinephrine if marginal CO
  - Phenlephrine if satisfactory CO
  - Vasopressin 0.01 – 0.07 units/mins if satisfactory CO
- Blood transfusion if Hematocrit < 26%
- IABP if refractory to pharmacologic interventions
- Ventricular Assist device if no response to above

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If what you are doing isn't working, change strategies!



### Medications for Low Cardiac Output

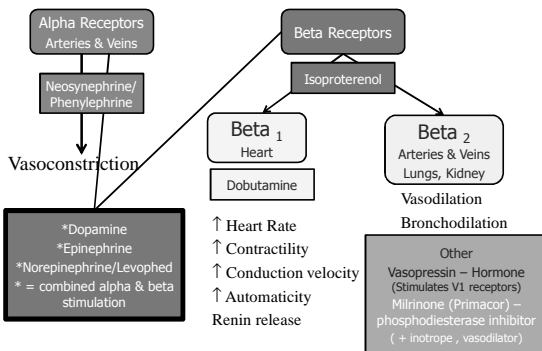


Table 11.5 • Hemodynamic Effects of Vasoactive Medications

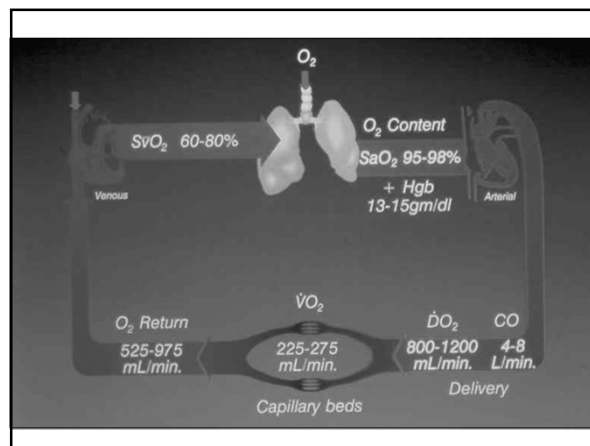
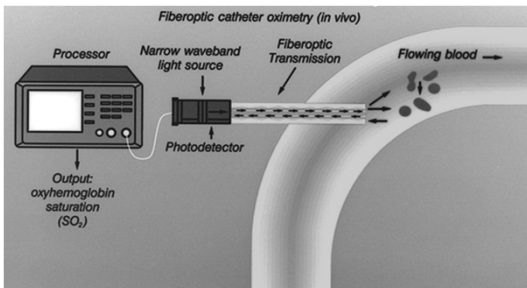
Medication	SVR	HR	PCW	CI	MAP	MvO <sub>2</sub>
Dopamine	↓↑	↑↑↑	↓↑	↑	↓↑	↑
Dobutamine	↓	↑↑↑	↓	↑	↓↔↑	↑↔
Epinephrine	↓↑	↑↑	↓↑	↑	↑	↑
Milrinone/ Inamrinone	↓↓	↑	↓	↑	↓	↓↑
Isoproterenol	↓↓	↑↑↑↑	↓	↑	↓↑	↑↑
Calcium chloride	↑	↔	↑	↑	↑↑	↑
Norepinephrine	↑↑	↑↑	↑↑	↑	↑↑↑	↑
Phenylephrine	↑↑	↔	↑	↔	↑↑	↔↑
Vasopressin	↑↑	↔	↑	↔	↑↑↑	↔↑
Nesiritide	↓	↔	↓↓	↑*	↓	↓↓

↑ increased; ↓ decreased; ↔ no change; ↓↑ variable effect. The relative effect is indicated by the number of arrows.  
**Note:**  
 1. The effect may vary with dosage level (particularly dopamine and epinephrine, in which case the effect seen at low dose is indicated by the first arrow).  
 2. For some medications, an improvement in MAP may occur from the positive inotropic effect despite a reduction in SVR.  
 3. The effects of inamrinone, milrinone, and calcium are not mediated by α and β receptors.  
 \*indirect effect.

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### Principles of SvO<sub>2</sub> Monitoring

### Principles of Reflection Spectrophotometry



### SvO<sub>2</sub>

- An “early warning” system
- Evaluate efficacy of therapeutic interventions
- Identify detrimental consequences of “patient care”

### Does the Oxygen Supply meet the Oxygen Demand?

SvO<sub>2</sub> reflects the delicate balance between oxygen delivery and oxygen consumption

### Fink Equation Rewritten

$$SvO_2 = SaO_2 - \frac{VO_2}{CO \times Hgb \times 1.34 \times 10} \%$$

Normal Value is  
**60 – 80%**

### SvO<sub>2</sub> Values

Saturation %	Condition
<b>80 or &gt;</b>	<i>Sepsis, L R Shunt Excess inotrope Hypothermia Cell poisoning Wedged catheter</i>
<b>60 - 80</b>	<i>Normal Range</i>
<b>60</b>	<i>Cardiac Decompensation</i>
<b>53</b>	<i>Lactic Acidosis</i>
<b>32</b>	<i>Unconsciousness</i>

- A single isolated value out of context of other clinical information is probably not very helpful

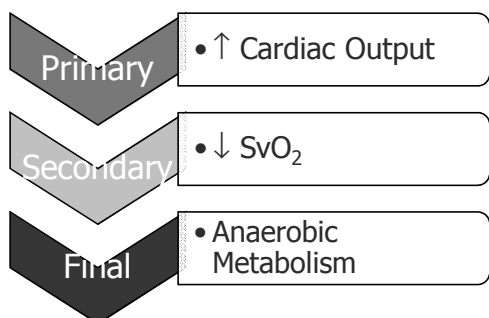
### If oxygen demand exceeds oxygen delivery

- If oxygen demand (the amount of oxygen required by the tissues to function aerobically) exceeds oxygen delivery, shock is present.
- The body must switch to anaerobic metabolism to continue producing energy albeit by an energy inefficient process (glycolysis) with lactic acid or "lactate" as a byproduct.

### If oxygen demand exceeds oxygen delivery

- Without oxygen, lactate cannot be reutilized through the Krebs's cycle and will accumulate in the cells leading to progressive metabolic acidosis, cellular injury and dysfunction, and eventually cellular death

### Compensatory Mechanisms to meet O<sub>2</sub> Demands



### Four determinants of SvO<sub>2</sub>:

- Hemoglobin
- Cardiac output
- Arterial saturation (SaO<sub>2</sub>)
- Oxygen consumption (VO<sub>2</sub>)

### SvO<sub>2</sub> < 60

#### Increase in O<sub>2</sub> Demand

- ↑ O<sub>2</sub> Consumption
  - Hyperthermia
  - Seizures
  - Pain
  - Shivering

#### Decrease in O<sub>2</sub> Delivery

- ↓ Hemoglobin
  - Bleeding, anemia
- ↓ Oxygen Saturation (SaO<sub>2</sub>)
  - Hypoxia
  - Suctioning
  - Pulmonary infiltrates
  - Decreased ventilation
- ↓ Cardiac Output
  - Hypovolemia
  - Hypotension
  - Arrhythmias
  - Cardiogenic shock

### SvO<sub>2</sub> > 80

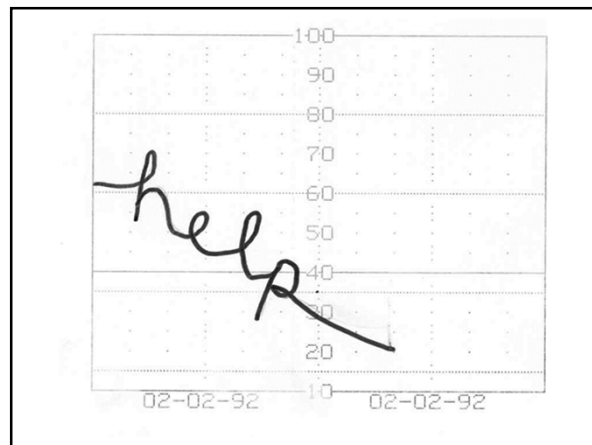
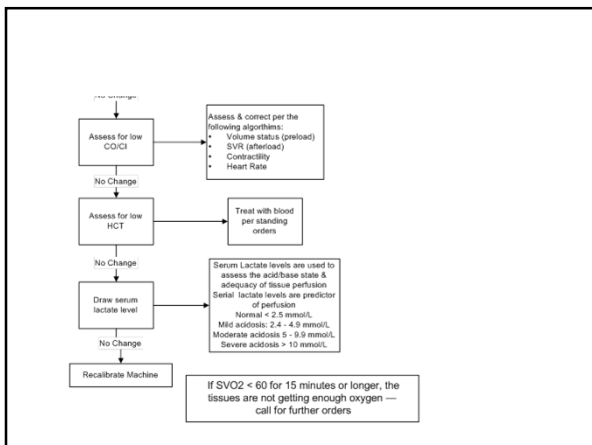
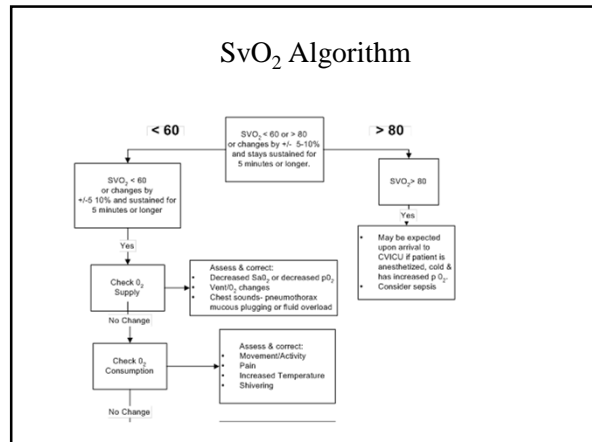
#### Decrease in O<sub>2</sub> Demand

- ↓ O<sub>2</sub> Consumption
  - Hypothermia
  - Anesthesia
  - Pharmacological Paralysis
  - Sepsis (peripheral shunting)


#### Increase in O<sub>2</sub> Delivery

- ↑ Fi O<sub>2</sub>

If SVO2 < 60 for 15 minutes or longer, the tissues are not getting enough oxygen — call for further orders



- SVO2 < 60 or changes by 10% for 10 minutes or longer**
- Check O2 supply
  - Check O2 consumption
  - Assess for low CO/CI
  - Assess for low HCT
  - Draw serum lactate level
  - Recalibrate machine

- ScvO<sub>2</sub> Central Venous Oxygen Saturation**
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- Oxygen saturation measured from central venous catheter
  - Normal > 70%
  - < 70% extracting more oxygen than normal
  - Assess for trends as with SvO<sub>2</sub>
  - May not reflect global hypoxia

### Causes of Abnormal Filling Pressures

- Low PAOP/PAD
  - Bleeding
  - Third space fluid loss
  - RV failure
  - Massive PE
- High PAOP/PAD
  - LV Dysfunction
  - Systemic Hypertension
  - Constrictive pericarditis
- Low CVP
  - Bleeding
  - Third space fluid loss
- High CVP
  - RV Dysfunction
  - Pulmonary hypertension
  - PE
  - Tamponade
  - Constrictive pericarditis

### Hemodynamics Let's Practice!



Draw arrows to indicated if the hemodynamic parameters would be increased, decreased or normal.

	Hypovolemia	Fluid Overload	LV failure	RV failure	RV & LV failure	Sepsis
CO/CI						
CVP						
PAD						
SV/SVI						
SVR/SVRI						
PVR/PVRI						

### Hypovolemia

	Hypovolemia
CO/CI	↓
CVP	↓
PAD	↓
SV/SVI	↓
SVR/SVRI	Normal/increased
PVR/PVRI	Normal

### Fluid overload

	Hypovolemia	Fluid Overload
CO/CI	↓	Nx or ↓
CVP	↓	↑
PAD	↓	↑
SV/SVI	↓	↑
SVR/SVRI	Normal/increased	Normal
PVR/PVRI	Normal	Normal

### LV Failure

	Hypovolemia	Fluid Overload	LV failure
CO/CI	↓	Nx or ↓	↓
CVP	↓	↑	Normal
PAD	↓	↑	↑
SV/SVI	↓	↑	↓
SVR/SVRI	Normal/increased	Normal	↑
PVR/PVRI	Normal	Normal	Normal

### RV Failure

	Hypovolemia	Fluid Overload	LV failure	RV failure
CO/CI	↓	Nx or ↓	↓	↓
CVP	↓	↑	Normal	↑
PAD	↓	↑	↑	Normal
SV/SVI	↓	↑	↓	↓
SVR/SVRI	Normal/increased	Normal	↑	Normal
PVR/PVRI	Normal	Normal	Normal	↑

### RV & LV Failure

	Hypovolemia	Fluid Overload	LV failure	RV failure	RV & LV failure
CO/CI	↓	Nx or ↓	↓	↓	↓
CVP	↓	↑	Normal	↑	↑
PAD	↓	↑	↑	Normal	↑
SV/SVI	↓	↑	↓	↓	↓
SVR/SVRI	Normal/increased	Normal	↑	Normal	↑
PVR/PVRI	Normal	Normal	Normal	↑	↑

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PAD	↓	↑	↑	Normal	↑	↓
SV/SVI	↓	↑	↓	↓	↓	↓
SVR/SVRI	Normal/increased	Normal	↑	Normal	↑	↓
PVR/PVRI	Normal	Normal	Normal	↑	↑	↓

What's abnormal?

	CABG on admission Dopamine 2.5 mcg/kg/min
CO/CI	3.7/1.8
SBP/DBP	115/53
MAP	71
HR	85
SvO <sub>2</sub>	38
CVP	9
PAS/PAD	26/16
PAM	21
PAW	20
SV	44
SVR	1339
SVRI	2779
PVR	22
PVRI	45

How do you want to treat?

1. Fluid
2. Increase dopamine
3. Decrease dopamine
4. Add another pressor

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Answer  
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	CABG on admission Dopamine 2.5 mcg/kg/min	30 minutes later after 250 ml 5% albumin	What's abnormal?
CO/CI	3.7/1.8	4.9/2.4	
SBP/DBP	115/53	123/55	
MAP	71	74	
HR	85	88	
SvO <sub>2</sub>	38	39	
CVP	9	10	
PAS/PAD	26/16	29/18	
PAM	21	23	
PAW	20	21	
SV	44	56	
SVR	1339	1055	
SVRI	2779	2166	
PVR	22	33	
PVRI	45	68	

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PAS/PAD	26/16	29/18	
PAM	21	23	
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CO/CI	3.7/1.8	4.9/2.4	
SBP/DBP	115/53	123/55	
MAP	71	74	
HR	85	88	
SvO <sub>2</sub>	38	39	
CVP	9	10	
PAS/PAD	26/16	29/18	
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SV	44	56	
SVR	1339	1055	
SVRI	2779	2166	
PVR	22	33	
PVRI	45	68	

	CABG on admission Dopamine 2.5 mcg/kg/min	30 minutes later after 250 ml 5% albumin	36 hours later 500 ml 5% albumin & Dopamine 1 mcg/kg/min
CO/CI	3.7/1.8	4.9/2.4	6.5/3.1
SBP/DBP	115/53	123/55	133/40
MAP	71	74	69
HR	85	88	75
SvO <sub>2</sub>	38	39	55
CVP	9	10	12
PAS/PAD	26/16	29/18	40/19
PAM	21	23	27
PAW	20	21	26
SV	44	56	86
SVR	1339	1055	701
SVRI	2779	2166	1455
PVR	22	33	12
PVRI	45	68	26

Case 1: Identify abnormal hemodynamic parameters and what you would do?

	2300
Art BP	92/57
MAP	68
HR	125
PAS/PAD	37/26
CVP	19
SVO <sub>2</sub>	32
CO	3.8
CI	1.6
SVR	1031
SpO <sub>2</sub>	92
SV	30
UO	30

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1. Answer
2. Treat tamponade

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Case 1 Answer: Tamponade. If cardiogenic shock would expect a higher SVR and CVP would be lower. Treatment– reexploration of chest

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HR	125
PAS/PAD	37/26
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CO	3.8
CI	1.6
SVR	1031
SpO <sub>2</sub>	92
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Case 2: Identify abnormal hemodynamic parameters and what you would do?

	1300
Art BP	118/71
MAP	80
HR	107
PAS/PAD	37/26
CVP	23
SVO <sub>2</sub>	45
CO	4.2
CI	1.8
SVR	1316
SpO <sub>2</sub>	95
SV	39
UO	60

T2

Case 2: Identify abnormal hemodynamic parameters and what you would do?

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Art BP	118/71
MAP	80
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1. Answer
2. Treat tamponade

T2

Case 2 Answer: Tamponade. If cardiogenic shock would expect a higher SVR and CVP would be lower. Treatment– reexploration of chest. Note same patient as before only 11 hours later & did not go for reexploration and was treated with intropes : Dopamine 2.5 mcg/kg/min, Epi 3.07 mcg/min Milrinone 0.5 mcg/kg/min . Did it help?

	1300
Art BP	118/71
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HR	107
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Case 3: Identify abnormal hemodynamic parameters and what you would do?

	2200
Art BP	106/38
MAP	62
HR	83
Temp	99 F
PAS/PAD	29/14
CVP	13
SVO2	64
CO	3.3
CI	1.7
SVR	1186
SpO2	100
SV	39
UO	375 per hour
CT	60

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Art BP	106/38
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1. Treat hypovolemia

2. ANSWER

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Case 3 Answer:

Hypovolemia. Give fluids – 250 ml 5% Albumin  
Be careful when warming patient

	2200
Art BP	106/38
MAP	62
HR	83
Temp	97 F
PAS/PAD	29/14
CVP	13
SVO2	64
CO	3.3
CI	1.7
SVR	1186
SpO2	100
SV	39
UO	375 per hour
CT	60

Case 4: Identify abnormal hemodynamic parameters and what you would do?

	Admission
Art BP	142/52
MAP	83
HR	68
Temp	97
PAS/PAD	32/17
CVP	14
SVO2	69
CO	3.5
CI	1.8
SVR	1685
SpO2	97
SV	51
UO	750
CT	210

Case 4: Identify abnormal hemodynamic parameters and what you would do?

	Admission
Art BP	142/52
MAP	83
HR	68
Temp	97
PAS/PAD	32/17
CVP	14
SVO2	69
CO	3.5
CI	1.8
SVR	1685
SpO2	97
SV	51
UO	750
CT	210

1. Fluids
2. Inotrope
3. Antihypertensive
4. Observe

Case 5: Identify abnormal hemodynamic parameters and what you would do?

	Admission
Art BP	142/52
MAP	83
HR	68
Temp	97
PAS/PAD	32/17
CVP	14
SVO2	69
CO	3.5
CI	1.8
SVR	1685
SpO2	97
SV	51
UO	750
CT	210

1. Fluids

2. ANSWER

Case 4 Answer:  
Warm to decrease SVR. Fluids (check Hbg) for low SV, CI

	Admission
Art BP	142/52
MAP	83
HR	68
Temp	97
PAS/PAD	32/17
CVP	14
SVO2	69
CO	3.5
CI	1.8
SVR	1685
SpO2	97
SV	51
UO	750
CT	210

Case 5: Identify abnormal hemodynamic parameters and what you would do?

	0500
Art BP	91/38
MAP	58
HR	108
Temp	99
PAS/PAD	20/12
CVP	6
SVO2	59
CO	3.6
CI	1.8
SVR	1006
SpO2	93
SV	33
UO	40
CT	200

Case 5: Identify abnormal hemodynamic parameters and what you would do?

	0500
Art BP	91/38
MAP	58
HR	108
Temp	98
PAS/PAD	20/12
CVP	6
SVO2	59
CO	3.6
CI	1.8
SVR	1006
SpO2	93
SV	33
UO	40
CT	200

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Temp	98
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CVP	6
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CO	3.6
CI	1.8
SVR	1006
SpO2	93
SV	33
UO	40
CT	200

1. Treat hypovolemia

■ ANSWER

Case 5 Answer:  
Hypovolemia from bleeding. Give blood, check coags

	0500
Art BP	91/38
MAP	58
HR	108
Temp	98
PAS/PAD	20/12
CVP	6
SVO2	59
CO	3.6
CI	1.8
SVR	1006
SpO2	93
SV	33
UO	40
CT	200

Case 6: After two units of pRBCs. Did it help?

	0500		0700
Art BP	91/38	Art BP	109/42
MAP	58	MAP	67
HR	108	HR	101
Temp	99	Temp	99
PAS/PAD	20/12	PAS/PAD	43/16
CVP	6	CVP	8
SVO2	59	SVO2	61
CO	3.6	CO	4.2
CI	1.8	CI	2.1
SVR	1006	SVR	1180
SpO2	93	SpO2	95
SV	33	SV	43
UO	40	UO	75
CT	200	CT	300

Case 6: After two units of pRBCs. Did it help?  
Are you happy? 1. Yes 2. No

	0500		0700
Art BP	91/38	Art BP	109/42
MAP	58	MAP	67
HR	108	HR	101
Temp	99	Temp	99
PAS/PAD	20/12	PAS/PAD	43/16
CVP	6	CVP	8
SVO2	59	SVO2	61
CO	3.6	CO	4.2
CI	1.8	CI	2.1
SVR	1006	SVR	1180
SpO2	93	SpO2	95
SV	33	SV	43
UO	40	UO	75
CT	200	CT	300

Answer

- 2. No

Case 6 Answer: Still hypovolemic – needs more blood/surgery to find bleeder.

	0700
Art BP	109/42
MAP	67
HR	101
Temp	99
PAS/PAD	43/16
CVP	8
SVO2	61
CO	4.2
CI	2.1
SVR	1180
SpO2	95
SV	43
UO	75
CT	300

What if you have one hemodynamic value you can't remember the normal?

Don't PANIC!

GO WITH WHAT YOU KNOW!

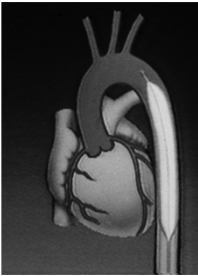
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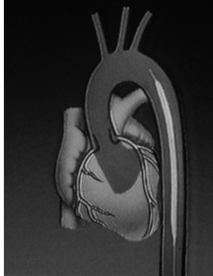
The Mechanics of Balloon Counterpulsation



### IABP



**Inflation**  
↑ Coronary artery perfusion



**Deflation**  
Decrease afterload

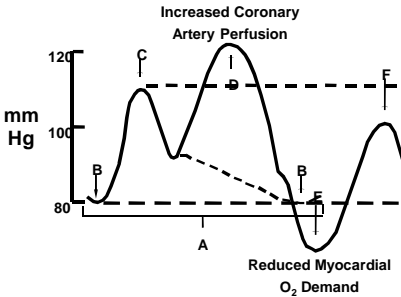
### Contraindications

- Severe aortic insufficiency
- Abdominal or aortic aneurysm
- Severe calcific aorta-iliac disease or peripheral vascular disease

### Potential Side Effects and Complications

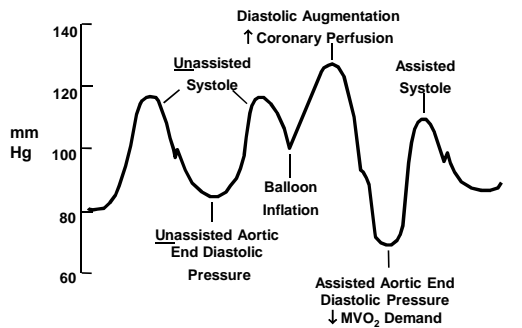
- Limb ischemia
- Bleeding at the insertion site
- Thrombocytopenia
- Migration of the balloon catheter
- Balloon leak
- Infection
- Aortic dissection
- Compartment syndrome

1. Inflate at the beginning of diastole (dicrotic notch)
2. Deflate before ventricular systole



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### Arterial Waveform Variations During IABP Therapy



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### Timing Errors - Early Inflation

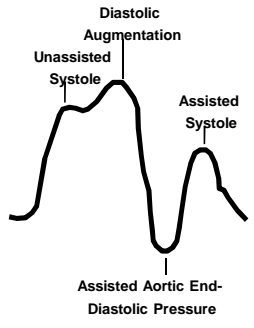
Inflation of the IABP prior to aortic valve closure

**Waveform Characteristics:**

- Inflation of IAB prior to dicrotic notch
- Diastolic augmentation encroaches onto systole (may be unable to distinguish)

**Physiologic Effects:**

- Potential premature closure of aortic valve
- Potential increase in LVEDV and LVEDP or PCWP
- Increased left ventricular wall stress or afterload
- Aortic regurgitation
- Increased MVO<sub>2</sub> demand



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