

1. Which of the following historical characteristics of chest pain is most likely due to myocardial infarction
 - a) Pain associated with diaphoresis
 - b) Pain radiated to the left arm
 - c) Pain radiated to right arm or shoulder
 - d) Pain described as pressure

2. Which description of chest pain is more likely due to AMI in origin
 - a) Chest pain lasting < 1/2 minute
 - b) Pain lasting up to 2 hours
 - c) Pain lasting 12 hours
 - d) Pain is positional

3. Which of the following is true regarding the nature of cardiac ischemia chest pain
 - a) Up to 22% of patients with AMI have pain described as sharp or stabbing
 - b) In AMIs up to 19% describe pain that is pleuritic
 - c) In those that had an AMI 10% did not have chest pain upon presentation to hospital
 - d) Women have less risk of vasospastic or microvascular angina (syndrome X)

4. Which of the following risk factors is **not** included in scoring for chest pain in emergency included in TIMI risk score for unstable angina, HEART score and EDACS
 - a) Family history of coronary artery disease
 - b) Hypertension and high cholesterol
 - c) Current smoker
 - d) Post-menopausal female

5. Which is true regarding AMI presentations in the emergency department
 - a) Dyspnea without chest pain is less likely to have sudden cardiac death compared to a presentation with typical angina symptoms
 - b) Up to 1/3 of all AMIs occur in patients with no coronary risk factors
 - c) Pain responding to nitrites (GTN) has a >90% sensitivity for ACS
 - d) 50% of elderly patients with falls or unexplained collapse presenting to ED have AMI as a cause or concurrently

6. Regarding non ACS causes of elevated troponin which is unlikely to cause an elevated high sensitive troponin
 - a) Severe Sepsis
 - b) Duchenne Muscular dystrophy
 - c) Ischemic Stroke
 - d) Hemolysis

7. Which is a correct statement about non-cardiac ischemia causes of chest pain
 - a) All CXRs are abnormal (ie. pleural effusion, surgical emphysema or pneumomediastinum) in Boerhaaves syndrome
 - b) The risk of having ACS or angina in a patient presenting with symptoms of Panic disorder is about 5%
 - c) Pain from mitral valve prolapse typically occurs at rest
 - d) In acute pericarditis the pain is often relieved by lying down

8. Regarding ECG changes in AMI, which is **incorrect**
 - a) 80 lead ECGs significantly improves both sensitivity and specificity compared to 12 lead
 - b) Less than 10% of patients with AMI have normal ECGs
 - c) The positive predictive value of new ST elevations of >1mm in two contiguous leads is > 90%
 - d) 20-30% of AMIs have new ST depression or T wave inversion

9. Regarding troponin characteristics which is correct
 - a) Mortality does not increase in patients with chronically elevated troponins and renal failure compared to those with normal troponins
 - b) Troponin assays can remain elevated for 7 to 10 days
 - c) Troponin T has many assays whilst troponin I has only one assay and is thus more reproducible
 - d) An AMI can be diagnosed with a positive high sensitive troponin only when the level is >99th percentile for the reference population

10. Regarding cardiac markers other than troponin which is **incorrect**
 - a) CK elevates within 4 to 8 hours after coronary artery occlusion
 - b) CK returns to normal between 3 to 4 days
 - c) BNP levels are not recommended for routine use among ED chest pain patients either as a replacement or supplement to troponin
 - d) Serum myoglobin rises later than CK after coronary artery occlusion

11. The anatomical variations of coronary circulation can produce
- A greater proportion of left dominant circulation compared to right
 - Balanced right and left circulations occurring in about 30% of patients
 - Left anterior descending branch as the main supply of the cardiac septum in the majority of patients
 - Circumflex branch that predominantly supplies the anterior wall in the majority of patients
12. If a patient had a recent angiogram what probabilities are **not** correct in the following results
- 2/3 of arteries will have risk of total or near total occlusion if previous stenosis of > 50%
 - 80% of arteries will have risk of total or near total occlusion if previous stenosis of > 70%
 - Despite a normal angiogram, 50% of patients can develop new lesions within 2 years
 - 95% of patients with 1 completely occluded artery will have a significant stenosis in at least one other artery
13. Regarding ECGs in STEMI which is correct
- If ST elevation in lead II > than lead III it is highly suggestive of right ventricular infarct
 - Initial 12 lead ECG should be obtained and interpreted within 30 minutes of ED presentation with AMI symptoms to best identify a STEMI
 - ST depression in V1 with accompanied ST elevation in V2 is highly specific for right ventricular myocardial infarct
 - Tall and peaked "hyperacute" precordial T waves are seen in early stages of a STEMI
14. Which is **not** an ECG criteria for the diagnosis of a STEMI or STEMI equivalent that warrants urgent cath lab activation or thrombolysis according to American Heart Association criteria 2013
- New LBBB with a Sgarbossa criteria score of 2
 - New ST elevation at the J point of ≥ 1.5 mm in a female in leads V2 and V3
 - New ST elevation at the J point of ≥ 1 mm in a male in leads V5 and V6
 - New ST elevation at the J point of ≥ 1 mm in lead aVR with multilead ST depressions
15. Regarding Sgarbossa Criteria for LBBB on ECG with chest pain which is correct
- A score of ≥ 2 has a specificity of 98% of having an AMI
 - ST elevation ≥ 1 mm concordant with QRS complex in any lead highly indicates an AMI
 - A score of 0 rules out a STEMI
 - ST depression ≥ 1 mm in lead V1, V2 or V3 only does not meet the score that will yield a specificity of 98% of having an AMI

16. Which scenario would likely mandate a need for urgent thrombolysis instead of transfer for urgent PCI in a patient presenting with a STEMI
- a) Patient presents with 25 minutes of chest pain in a facility that could do a PCI in 50 minutes
 - b) Patient presents with 15 hours of chest pain in cardiogenic shock in a facility that could do a PCI in 80 minutes
 - c) Patient presents with 45 minutes of chest pain in a facility that could do a PCI in 80 minutes
 - d) Patient presents with 10 hours of chest pain in a facility that could do a PCI in 80 minutes
17. Which is **not** an absolute contraindication to thrombolysis for STEMI
- a) Past history: Hemorrhagic stroke 10 years ago
 - b) Past history: Ischemic stroke 5 months ago
 - c) GIT bleed secondary to liver cirrhosis and Varices 2 months ago
 - d) A patient with hemophilia A
18. Regarding drug therapies in conjunction with PCI which is correct
- a) Drug eluting stents should have a shorter course of antiplatelet agents such as clopidogrel compared to bare metal stents
 - b) Heparin or enoxaparin should be given routinely (unless contraindicated) in all STEMI undergoing PCI regardless of other agents used
 - c) GP IIb/IIIa inhibitors such as abciximab is routinely recommended if dual antiplatelet therapy (aspirin and a P2Y12 such as clopidogrel) is also being given
 - d) PCI should be done 24 to 48 hours after a successful thrombolysis for STEMI
19. Which is **not** true of adjuvant medications to STEMI presentations in ED
- a) Nitrates should be avoided in inferior wall infarcts
 - b) Oral beta blockers is preferred to IV beta blockers in AMIs
 - c) ACE-I should be given but not necessarily in the ED
 - d) Calcium channel blockers should be given instead of beta blockers
20. Which time course is typical for complications after an AMI
- a) Free wall rupture usually occurs 8 to 10 days post
 - b) Post AMI pericarditis occurs 2 to 4 days post
 - c) Dressler's Syndrome occurs about 7 days post
 - d) In-stent restenosis in drug eluting stents occur about 6 months after stent has been placed

21. Regarding cardiogenic shock which is correct
- A normal B-type natriuretic peptide (BNP) rules out cardiogenic shock
 - Mortality from cardiogenic shock is approximately 20%
 - A cardiac index of 2.5 L/min per m² suggests cardiogenic shock
 - Half of cardiogenic shock after AMI is caused by mechanical complications
22. Which of the following regarding ACS in the ED is **incorrect**
- A patient is unlikely to develop a significant epicardial stenosis with a normal angiogram <2 years ago
 - The results from previous stress testing are not likely to be helpful in determining current incidence of ACS
 - A normal ECG still has a 1 to 6% risk of a NSTEMI
 - <50% stenosis in an artery on angiogram have <1% of infarction or death at 12 months
23. Which sensitivities are correct for the following cardiac tests
- Stress ECG = 80%
 - Stress Echo = 50%
 - Sestamibi test = 85%
 - CT coronary angiogram = 70%
24. Which is **incorrect** regarding CT coronary angiograms
- Unsatisfactory images can be up to 24%
 - Heart rate needs to be <80 bpm for an accurate image
 - A negative result has a 30 day death or AMI rate of <0.6%
 - Image quality is reduced if previous coronary stents insitu

Answers

- C (Pain radiating to right arm or both arms more likely to be due to AMI than radiating to left arm > diaphoresis > nausea > similar to previous angina pain > pain is a pressure sensation)
- B (typical angina pain lasts 2 to 20 minutes but can last for 2 hours, pain lasting only a few seconds is unlikely, pain lasting >12 hours is unlikely and pain that is positional is unlikely)
- A (Pleuritic chest pain in 6% of AMIs, 33% did not have chest pain upon presentation 27% men and 37% women, women have greater risk of atypical pain and atypical disorders such as syndrome X)
- D (Although age and gender are factored in EDACS but gender is not in HEART and TIMI the menopausal status is not factored in any score. Other factors include TIMI: age, prior known coronary stenosis, diabetes, use of aspirin, crescendo angina, ECG changes, troponin. HEART: clinical suspicion, ECG changes, age, diabetes, obesity, troponin. EDACS: age, gender, diabetes,

previous coronary disease, diaphoresis, pain radiation, pleuritic pain, reproduced on palpation. MDCALC.com 2016, http://www.cardiocast.net/ohds/TIMI_Score.pdf)

5. B (Dyspnea without chest pain has twofold increase in sudden death from cardiac cause compared to classical angina symptoms, pain responding to GTN has a 72% sensitivity for ACS, 10% of elderly patients with collapse have an AMI. Clinical assessment of suspected ACS. DUNN RJ emergencymedicine manual.com 2016)
6. D (Hemolysis can reduce hsTNT or minimally increase hsTNI. Non ACS causes of elevated troponin. DUNN RJ emergencymedicine manual.com 2016)
7. C (The risk of ACS or stable angina with panic disorder is 25%, pain is typically worsened by lying down in pericarditis, 12% of Boerhaaves syndrome have normal CXR based on uptodate 2016 on article Han SY Perforation of the esophagus: correlation of site and cause with plain film findings. AJR Am J Roentgenol 1985; 145(3):537)
8. A (80 lead ECGs have 9% more sensitivity and 5% more specificity than 12 lead. The ECG in acute coronary syndromes DUNN RJ emergencymedicine manual.com 2016)
9. B (Chronically elevated troponin levels in patients with renal dysfunction will have a significantly higher mortality, troponin T has only one assay whilst troponin I has many assays, a positive troponin is classified as >99th percentile OR >50% increase above initial baseline level. 2011 addendum to the National Heart Foundation of Australia/Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand guidelines for the management of acute coronary syndromes (ACS) 2006. Heart, Lung and Circulation 2011;20(8):487-502.)
10. D (Myoglobin rises 3 hours after AMIs and normalizes within 24 with normal renal function)
11. C (Circumflex supplies some anterior and posterior wall but predominantly supplies lateral wall, balanced circulation in 60-65%, right dominant in 20-25%, left dominant 10-15%. Coronary artery disease. DUNN RJ emergencymedicine manual.com 2016)
12. B (97% risk of sudden total or near total occlusion when stenosis >70%. Coronary artery disease. DUNN RJ emergencymedicine manual.com 2016)
13. D (Initial 12 lead ECG should be obtained within 10 minutes of presentation to ED with AMI symptoms most common KPI in hospitals, RV infarct pattern: ST elevation in lead III > II; ST elevation in V1 > V2; or ST elevation in V1 and depression in V2; or ST isoelectric in V1 and depression in V2. LITFL 2016 Right ventricular infarct, and LITFL 2016 T wave ECG basics)
14. A (New LBBB no longer considered STEMI equivalent unless it score ≥ 3 in Sgarbossa criteria, new ST elevation at J point in men of 2 contiguous leads ≥ 2 mm in leads V2-V3, new ST elevation at J point in women of 2 contiguous leads ≥ 1.5 mm in leads V2-V3, new ST elevation of ≥ 1 mm in other contiguous chest or limb leads, ST elevation in aVR with multilead ST depression, ST depression in ≥ 2 precordial lead V1-V4 may indicate, and hyperacute T wave changes may indicate. O'Gara et al. 2013 ACCF/AHA guideline for the management of ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction. Circulation 2013;127:00-00)
15. A (Sgarbossa criteria: ST elevation ≥ 1 mm and concordant with QRS odds ratio=25 and score=5, ST depression ≥ 1 mm in V1 or V2 or V3 odds ratio=6 and score=3, ST elevation ≥ 5 mm and discordant with QRS complex odds ratio=4.3 and score=2, a score of ≥ 3 had a specificity of 98% for an AMI, a score of 0 does not rule out STEMI. Online Data Supplement 1 in O'Gara et al. 2013 ACCF/AHA guideline for the management of ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction. Circulation 2013;127:00-00)

16. C (Chest pain within 12 hours or some groups outside 12 hours ie those in cardiogenic shock: should have a PCI if chest pain is within 1 hour and PCI can be done within 60 minutes, should have a PCI if chest pain is >1 hour and PCI can be done within 90 minutes, all others should have thrombolysis. ANZCOR guidelines 14.3 January 2016)
17. C (absolute contraindications: hemorrhagic stroke at any time, brain neoplasm or AVM, ischemic stroke within 6 months, major surgery or trauma within 3 weeks, GIT bleed within 1 month, bleeding disorder, aortic dissection. Relative contraindications include liver cirrhosis, oral anticoagulants, pregnancy, traumatic resus. ANZCOR guidelines 14.3 January 2016)
18. B (Drug eluting stents require a longer duration usually 1 year of dual antiplatelet therapy, GP IIb/IIIa not routine if dual antiplatelet therapy can be used, PCI should be done 3 to 24 hours after successful thrombolysis. See ANZCOR and AHA references previous questions)
19. D (beta blockers and ACE-I should be given within 24 h, calcium channel blockers do not reduce mortality and may be harmful so should only be given if b-blocker contraindicated)
20. B (Free wall rupture occurs 1 to 5 days post, Dressler's occurs 2 to 10 weeks post, in-stent restenosis occurs 9 to 12 months after a drug eluting stent usually once clopidogrel ceased)
21. A (Mortality is 50%, CI < 2.2 L/min/m² suggests cardiogenic shock, ¼ of cardiogenic shock following AMI is due to mechanical complications)
22. D (<50% stenosis on angio has a 2.1% risk of infarct or death at 12 months due to plaque rupture, small myocardial vessel disease or coronary vasospasm.)
23. C (stress ECG 68%, stress echo 80%, sestamibi 85%, CTCA 85%. Other diagnostic modalities in ACS. DUNN RJ emergencymanual.com 2016)
24. B (HR need to be <65 bpm. Other diagnostic modalities in ACS. DUNN RJ emergencymanual.com 2016)