# **ALL ABOUT STEM!!**

### ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction

**ST elevation** of >1mm in 2 continuous ECG leads

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Transmural myocardial cell death due to prolonged ischaemia

### **SYMPTOMS**

#### Central chest pain

- Pressure, squeezing or severe crushing pain
- Abrupt & lasts >30 mins
- Radiate to jaw or left arm

#### **Associated with**

- Sweating
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- SOB

### With a sense of impending doom



Am I dying?

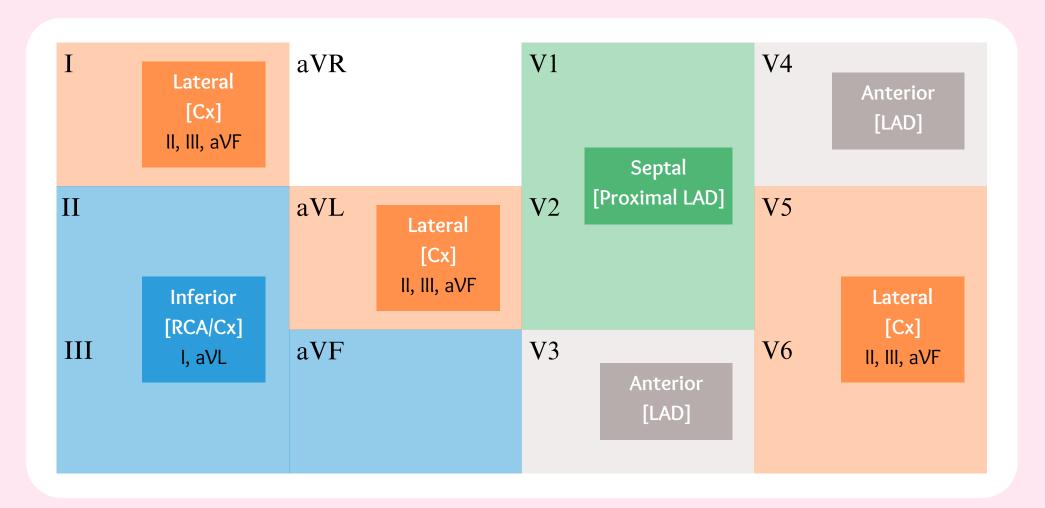
### **Atypical symptoms**

In the elderly, females, diabetics!

- Fatigue
- Dizziness
- Syncope

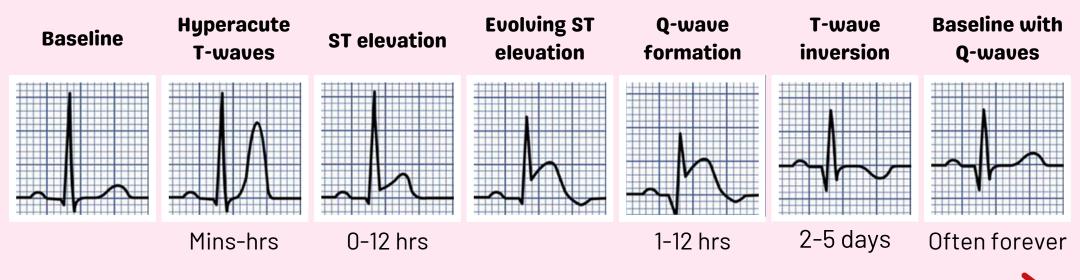


# ECG & LOCATION OF ISCHAEMIA



affected area, [occluded artery], reciprocal ST depression

## **EVOLUTION OF STEMI**



# DIAGNOSTIC CRITERIA

$$= 1 + 2 + 3$$

**1** ECG



ST elevation of > 1 mm in 2 contiguous leads, or

A new onset LBBB in the resting ECG

Clinical Presentation



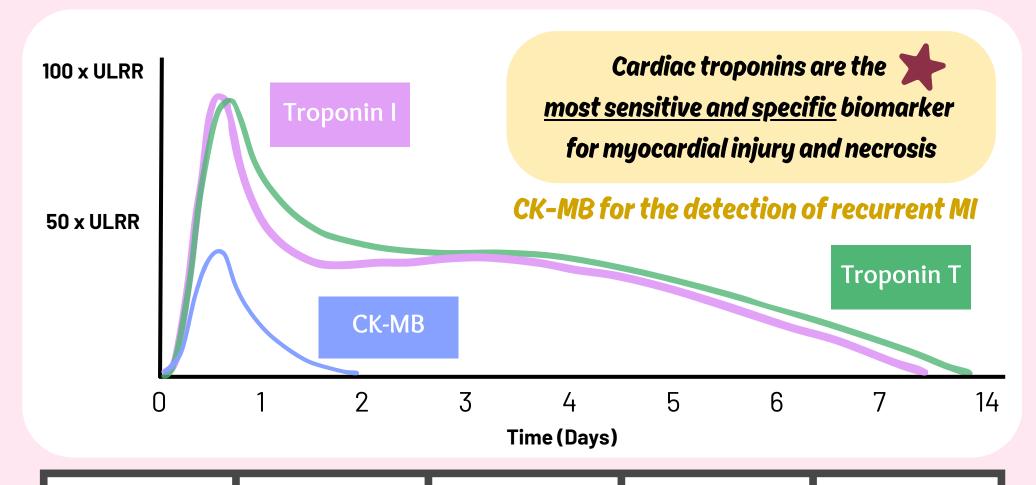
Ischaemic type chest pain > 30 minutes

3 Cardiac
Biomarker



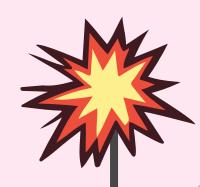
Rise and/or fall in troponin (I & T) levels, at least one value above the 99th percentile of upper reference limit

# **CARDIAC BIOMARKERS**



Protein	First detection (hrs after sx onset)	Duration of detection	Sensitivity	Specificity
Troponin I	3-4 hours	7-10 days	++++	++++
Troponin T	3-4 hours	7-14 days	++++	++++
CK-MB	2-3 hours	1-2 days	+++	+++

# **COMPLICATIONS FROM STEMI**



### ACUTE MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION

Within 24 hours

- Arrhythmias (Vfib or VTach)
- Heart failure
- Cardiogenic shock

**3-7 days** 

- Rupture of papillary muscle
- RUPTURE WINDOW!
- Ventricular septal rupture
- Left ventricular free wall rupture

> 2 weeks

- Dressler's syndrome (pericarditis)
- Aneurysm

### EARLY MANAGEMENT OF STEMI

1. Pain relief

**Heparin** 

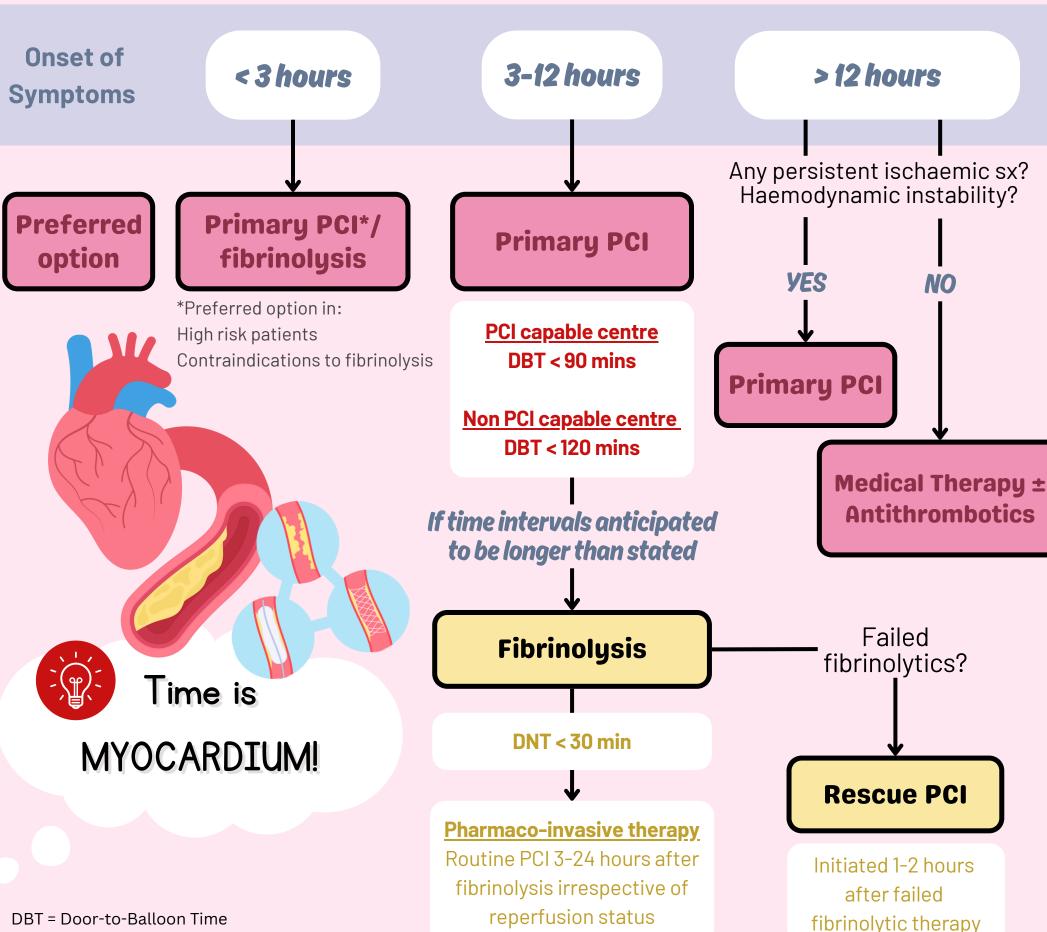
- 2. Establishing early reperfusion
- 3. Treatment of complications



<u>M</u> orphine	<ul> <li>For pain management</li> <li>Watchout for adverse events – hypotension and respi depression</li> </ul>		
<u>O</u> xygen	ONLY in patients with hypoxaemia     Sp02 < 95% or Pa02 < 60 mmHg		
<u>N</u> itrates	<ul> <li>One dose of sublingual GTN by tablet or spray if chest pain persists Avoid if SBP &lt; 90 mmHg</li> </ul>		
<u>A</u> ntiplatelet	• Aspirin 300 mg + Clopidogrel 300 mg		
<u>S</u> tent/ <u>S</u> treptokinase/ <u>S</u> urgery	<ul> <li>Stent: Primary PCI</li> <li>Streptokinase: Fibrinolytic therapy</li> <li>Surgery: CABG</li> </ul>		

Anticoagulant

# REPERFUSION STRATEGIES



DNT = Door-to-Needle Time

# TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE!

A 69-year-old man presents to a large metropolitan emergency department with acute onset, left-sided chest pain, crushing in nature and radiating to the left jaw. He is alert, with a blood pressure of 130/90 mmHg and has an oxygen saturation of 98% breathing room air.

# Which one of the following is the most appropriate next step in management?

- A. Intravenous glyceryl trinitrate infusion
- B. Administer high-flow oxygen by Hudson mask
- C. Perform an ECG
- D. Subcutaneous morphine
- E. Perform bedside point-of-care troponin



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