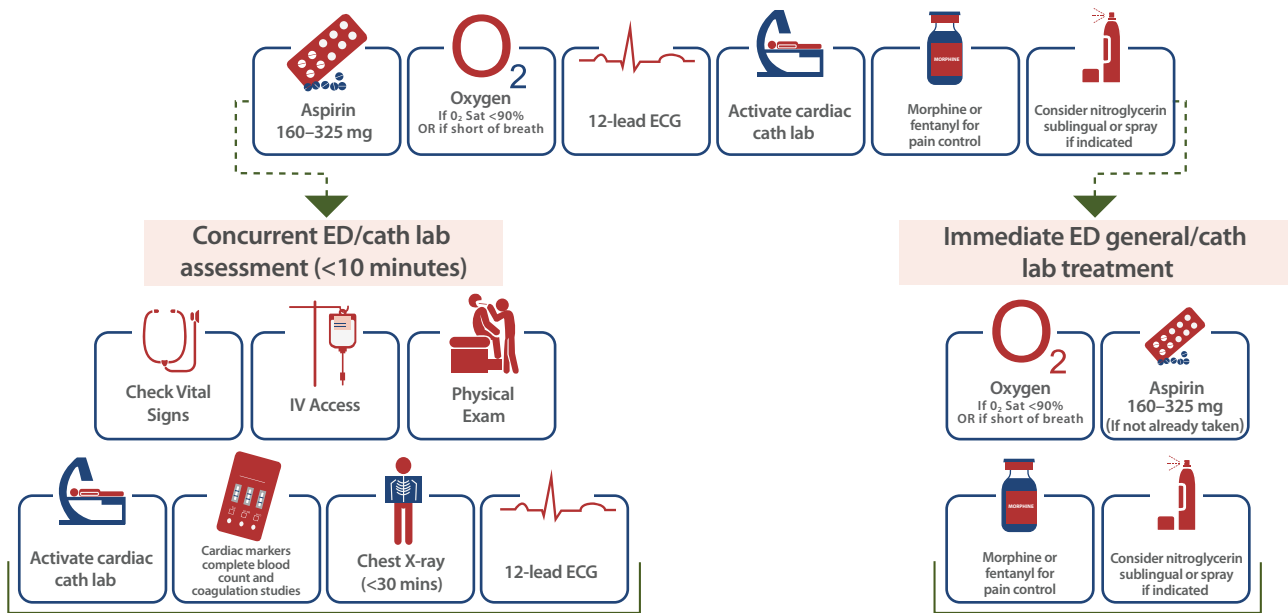


Syndromes suggestive of ischemia or infarction

EMS assessment and care and hospital preparation*



ECG interpretation**

ST-elevation MI (STEMI)

Start adjunctive therapies as indicated
Do not delay reperfusion

Time from onset of symptoms **≤ 12 hours?**

>12 hours

≤12 hours

Reperfusion goals:

First medical contact-to-balloon inflation (PCI)*** goal of **90 minutes**
Door-to-needle (fibrinolysis) goal of **30 minutes**

High-risk unstable angina/non-ST-elevation MI (UA/NSTEMI)

Troponin elevated or high-risk patient

Consider early invasive strategy if:

- Refractory ischemic chest discomfort
- Recurrent/persistent ST deviation
- Ventricular tachycardia
- Hemodynamic instability
- Signs of heart failure

Start adjunctive treatments as indicated

- Nitroglycerin
- Heparin (UFH or LMWH), enoxaparin or fondaparinux
- Angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors
- HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors
- Consider: PO β-blockers
- Consider: P2Y₁₂ inhibitors
- Consider: Glycoprotein IIb/IIIa inhibitor

Admit to monitored bed. Assess risk status. Continue ASA, heparin, and other therapies as indicated.

ACE inhibitor/ARB; HMG CoA reductase inhibitor (statin therapy)
Not at high risk: cardiology to risk stratify

Low-/intermediate-risk ACS

Consider admission to ED chest pain unit or to appropriate bed and follow:

- Serial cardiac markers (including troponin)
- Repeat ECG/continuous ST-segment monitoring
- Consider noninvasive diagnostic test

Develops 1 or more:

- Clinical high-risk features
- Dynamic ECG changes consistent with ischemia
- Troponin elevated

Abnormal diagnostic noninvasive imaging or physiologic testing?

If no evidence of ischemia or infarction by testing, can discharge with follow-up

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