



History & Physical Examination of Cardiovascular system

Syncope

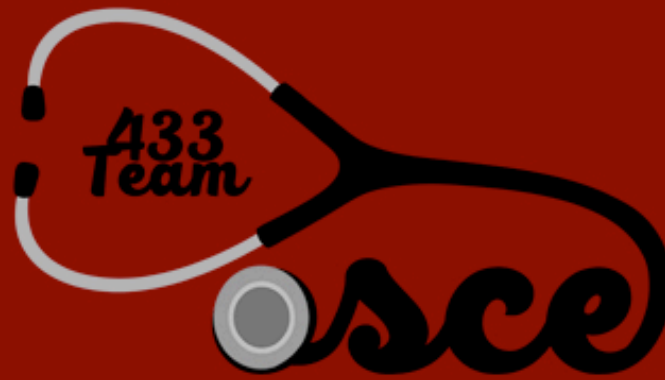
Syncope is a transient loss of consciousness resulting from cerebral anoxia (loss of oxygen) usually due to poor blood supply.

- ✓ **Presyncope:** a transient sensation of weakness without loss of consciousness.
- ✓ **Dizziness (vertigo):** where the world seems to be turning around.

History:

You must ask the patient the following:

- Did you lose consciousness completely? And for how long?
- Was the sensation more of spinning? (Vertigo)
- Did you black out or feel dizzy when you stand up quickly?
- When did it happen? And what were you doing before you pass out? (or lose consciousness)
- Was the episode preceded by dizziness or palpitation?
- Is this the first time it happened to you?
- Have you recovered spontaneously or some aid? Has anyone seen the episode and noticed jerking movements?
- Do you wake up feeling normal or drowsy? (Normal - Cardiac Syncope. Drowsy - Seizure)
- Any history of cardiac illnesses?
- Do you take any medications? (Medications that causes postural hypotension)
- Any family history of sudden death?



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