

Acute Coronary Syndrome

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Outline

- **What** Are the ACS Types?
- **How** ACS Occurs?
- **How** Do You Approach to CP?
- **How** Do You Diagnose ACS?
- **What** is the Management of ACS?



What are the types of ACS?



Symptoms

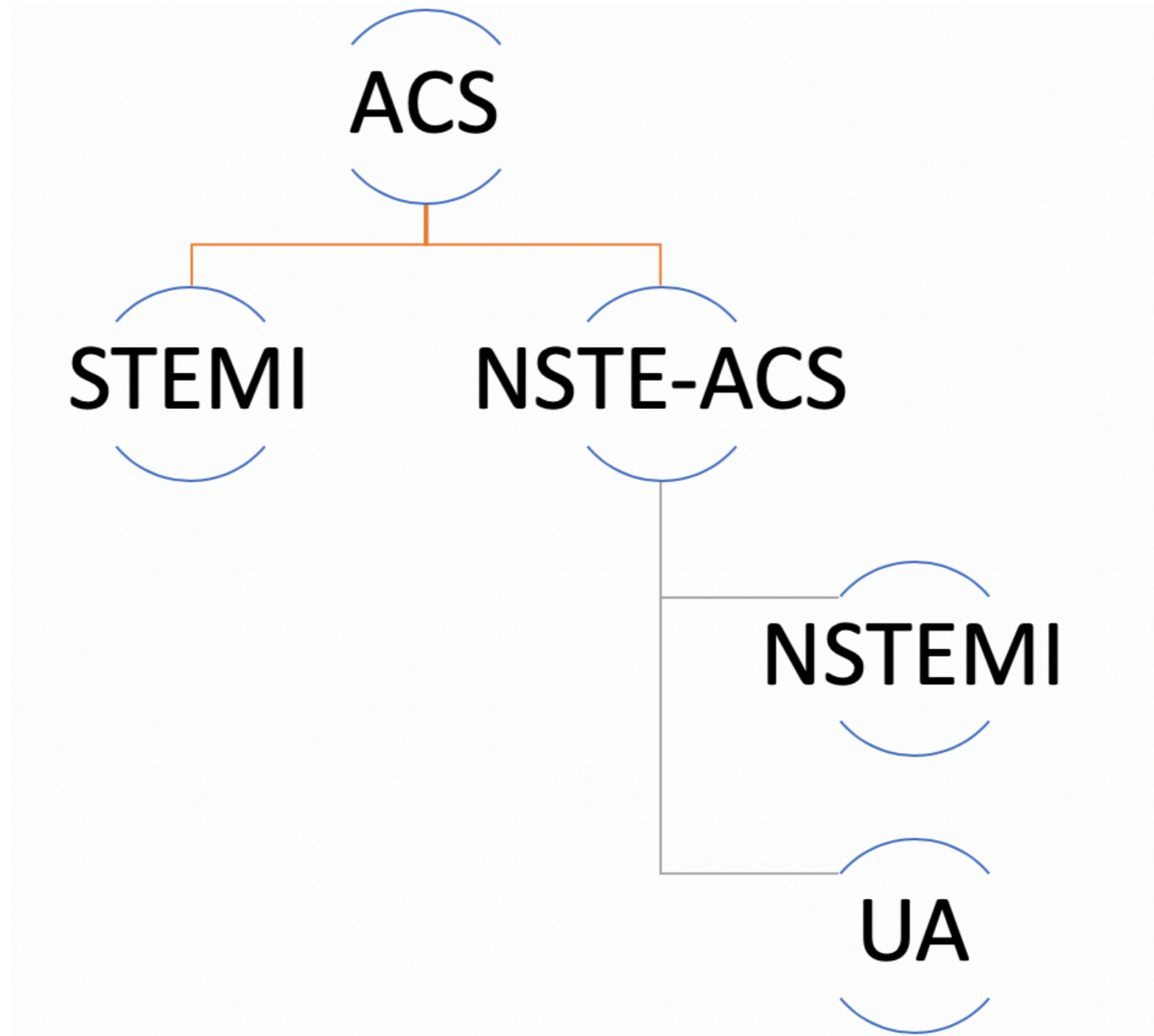


ACS

EKG

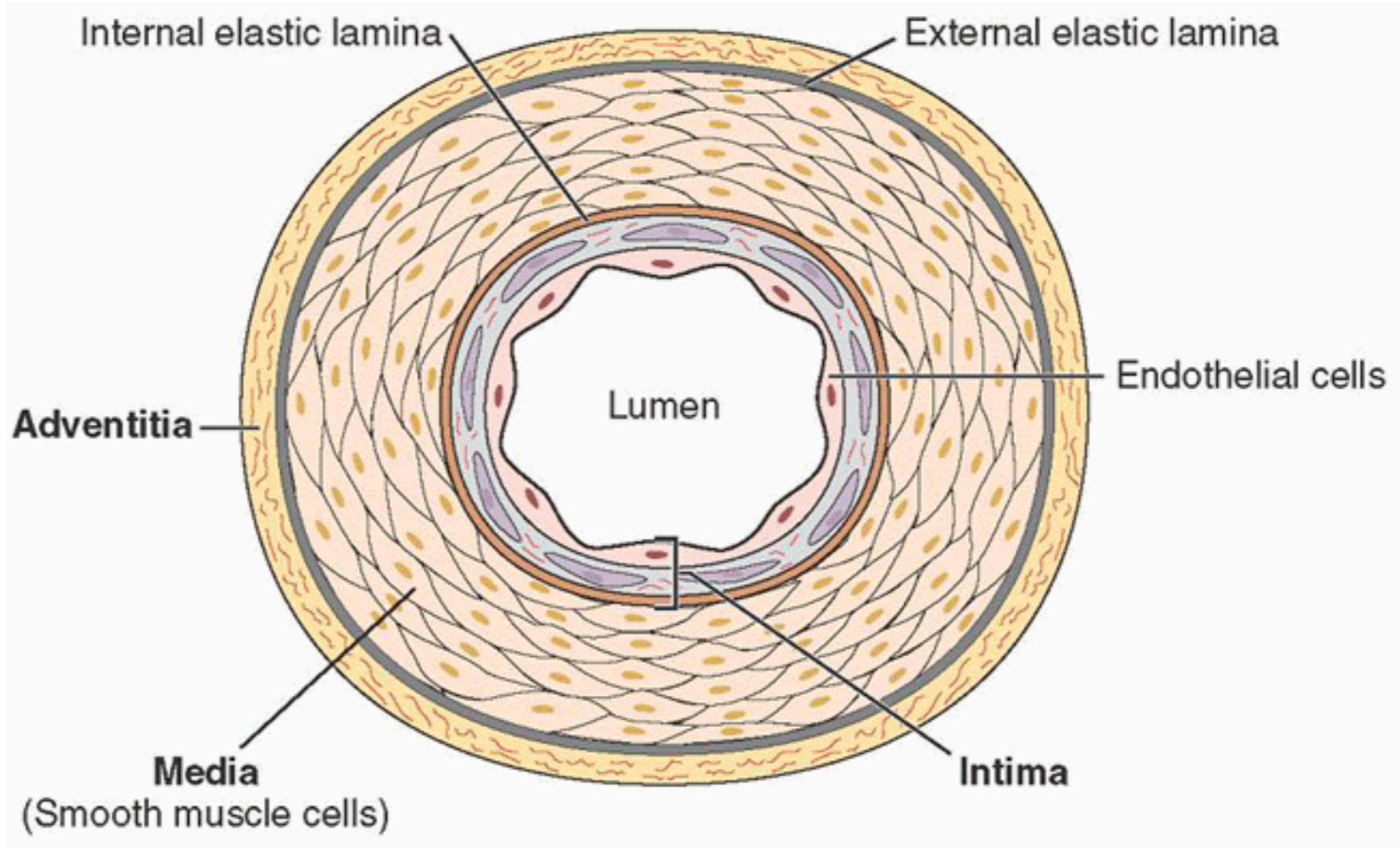
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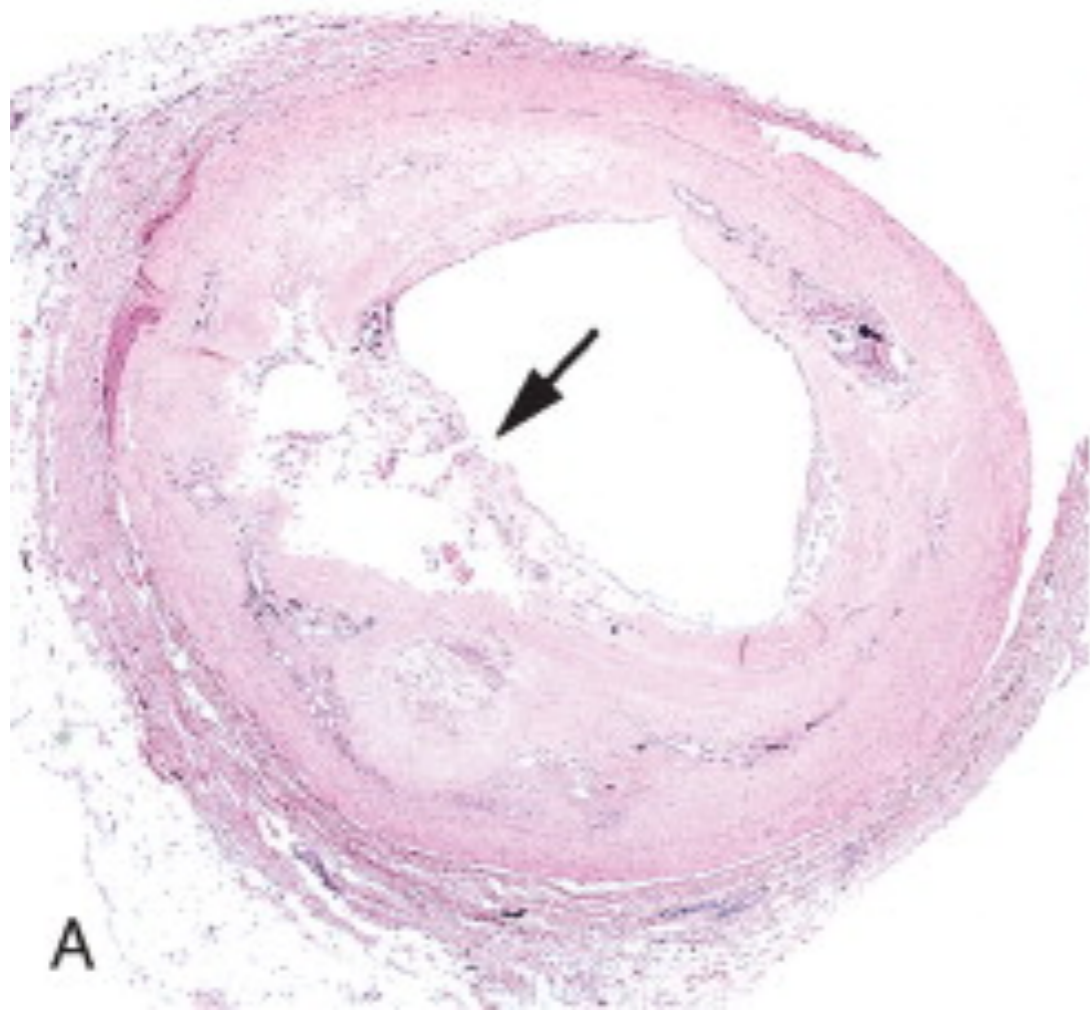




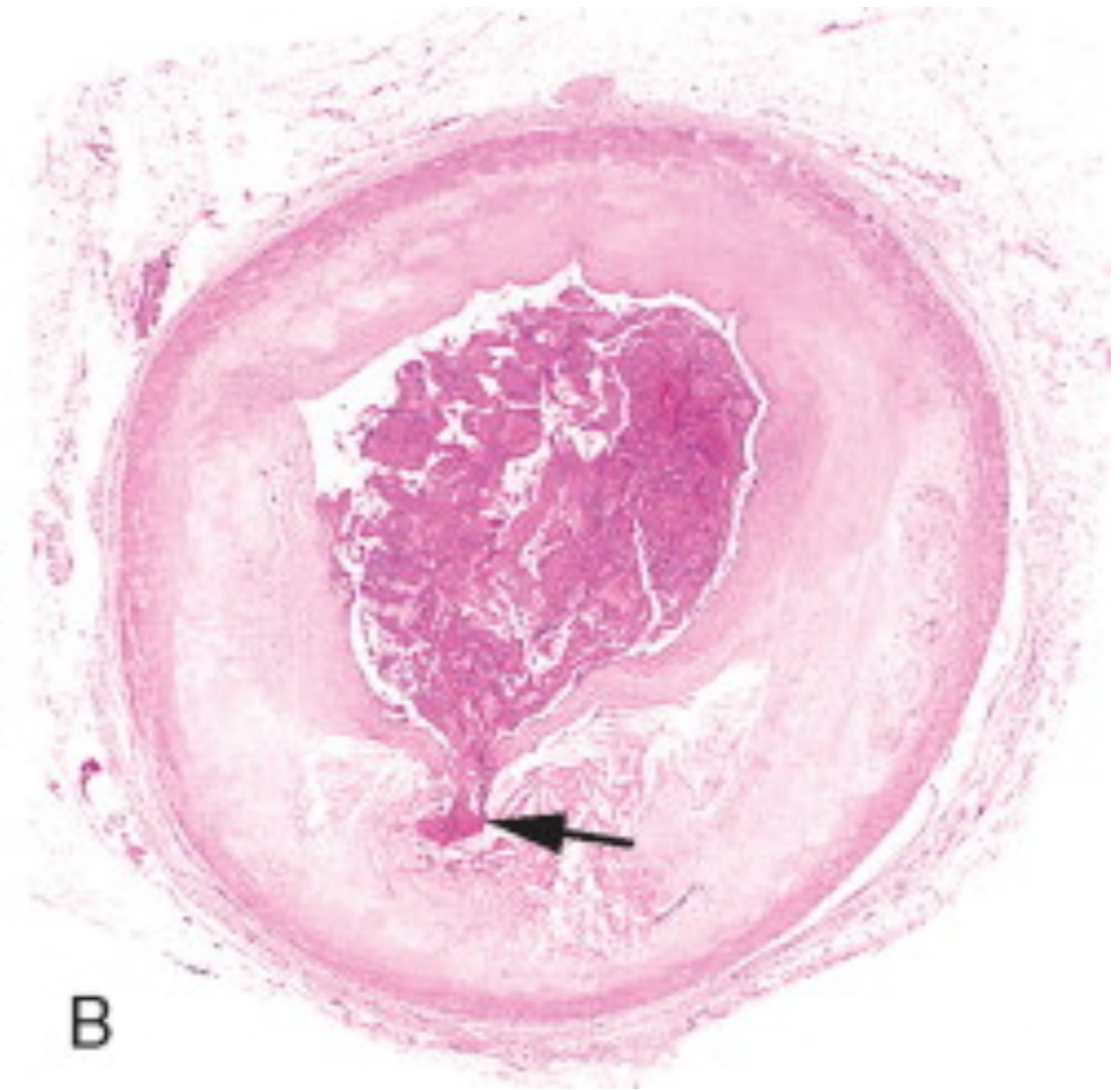
How ACS Happens?





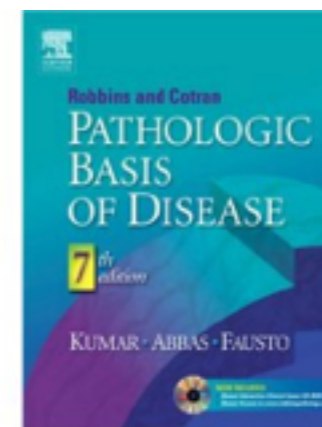
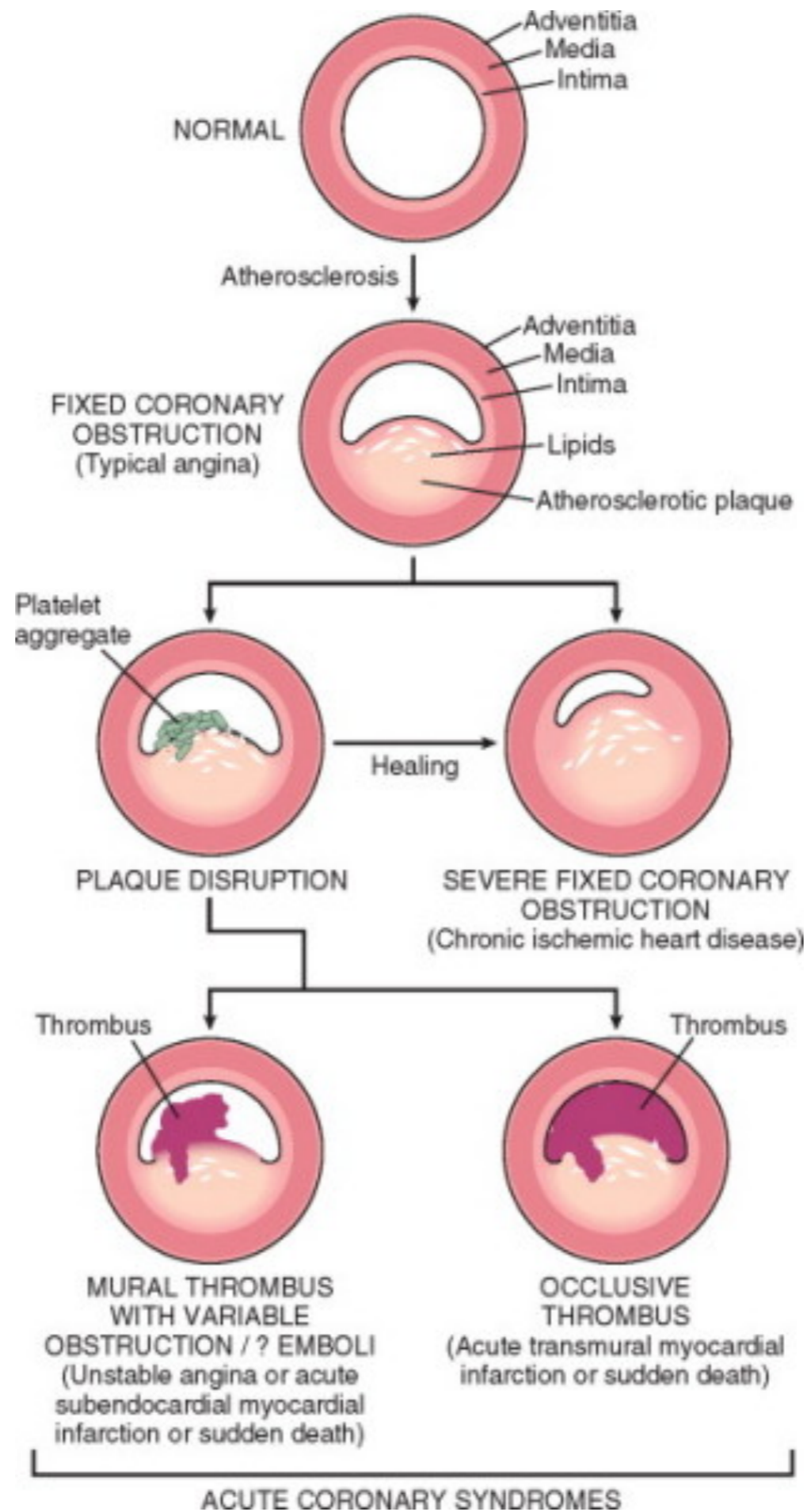


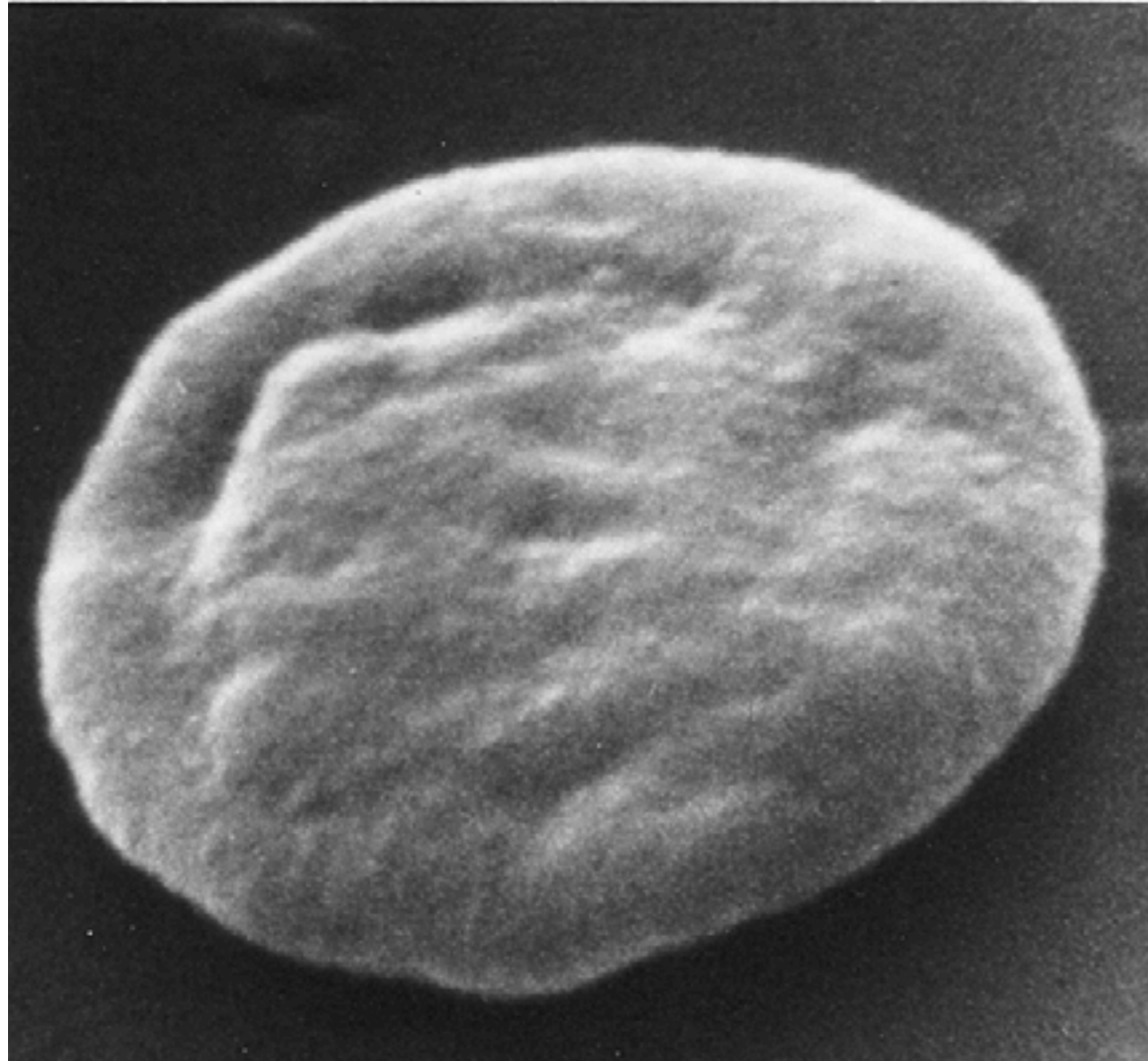
A



B







Platelet Aggregation

GP IIb/IIIa

Fibrinogen

GP IIb/IIIa

GP Ib/IX/V

vWF

Collagen

GP alpha IIb/Beta III

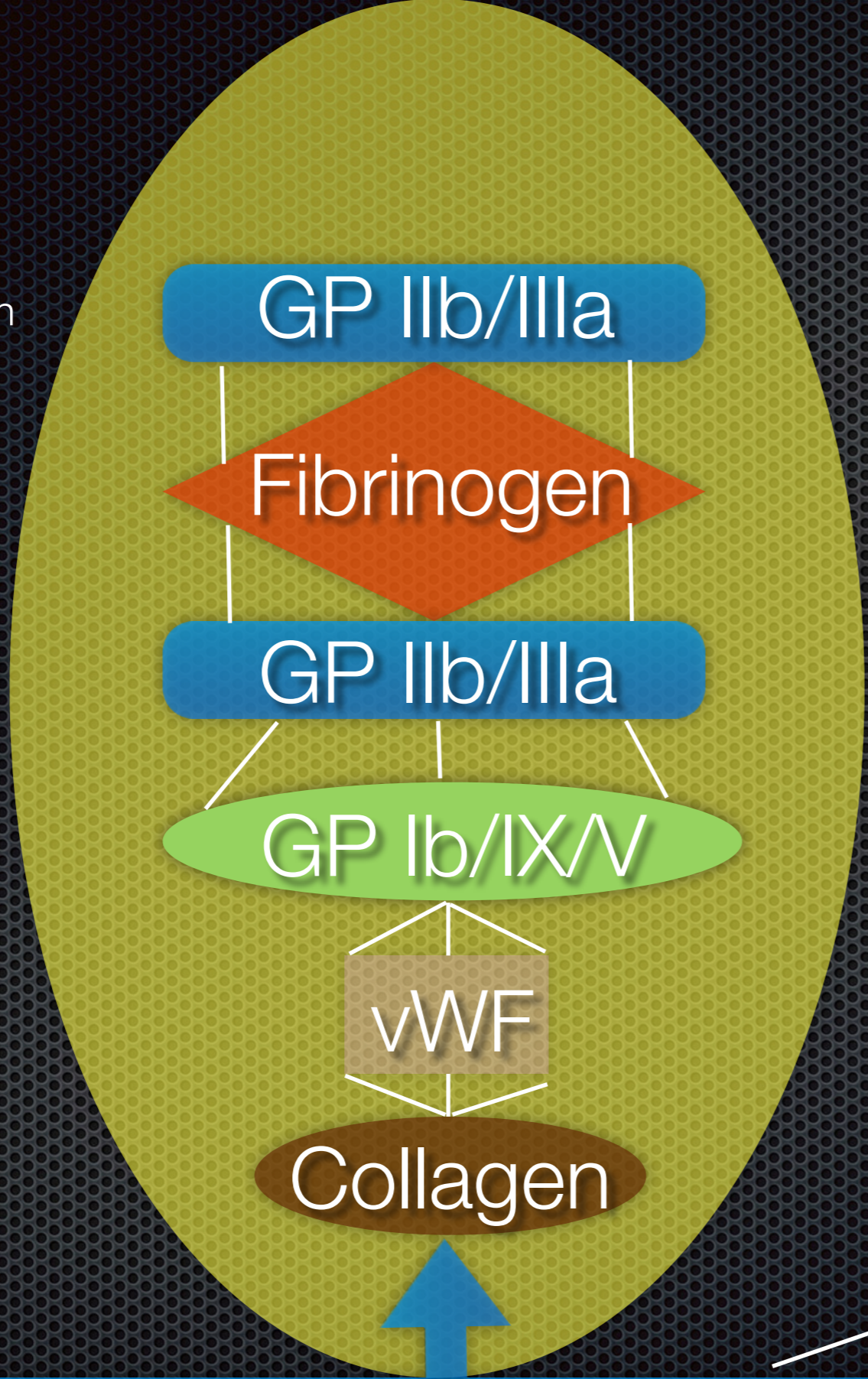
Platelet Adhesion

Coagulation cascade & Fibrin clot formation

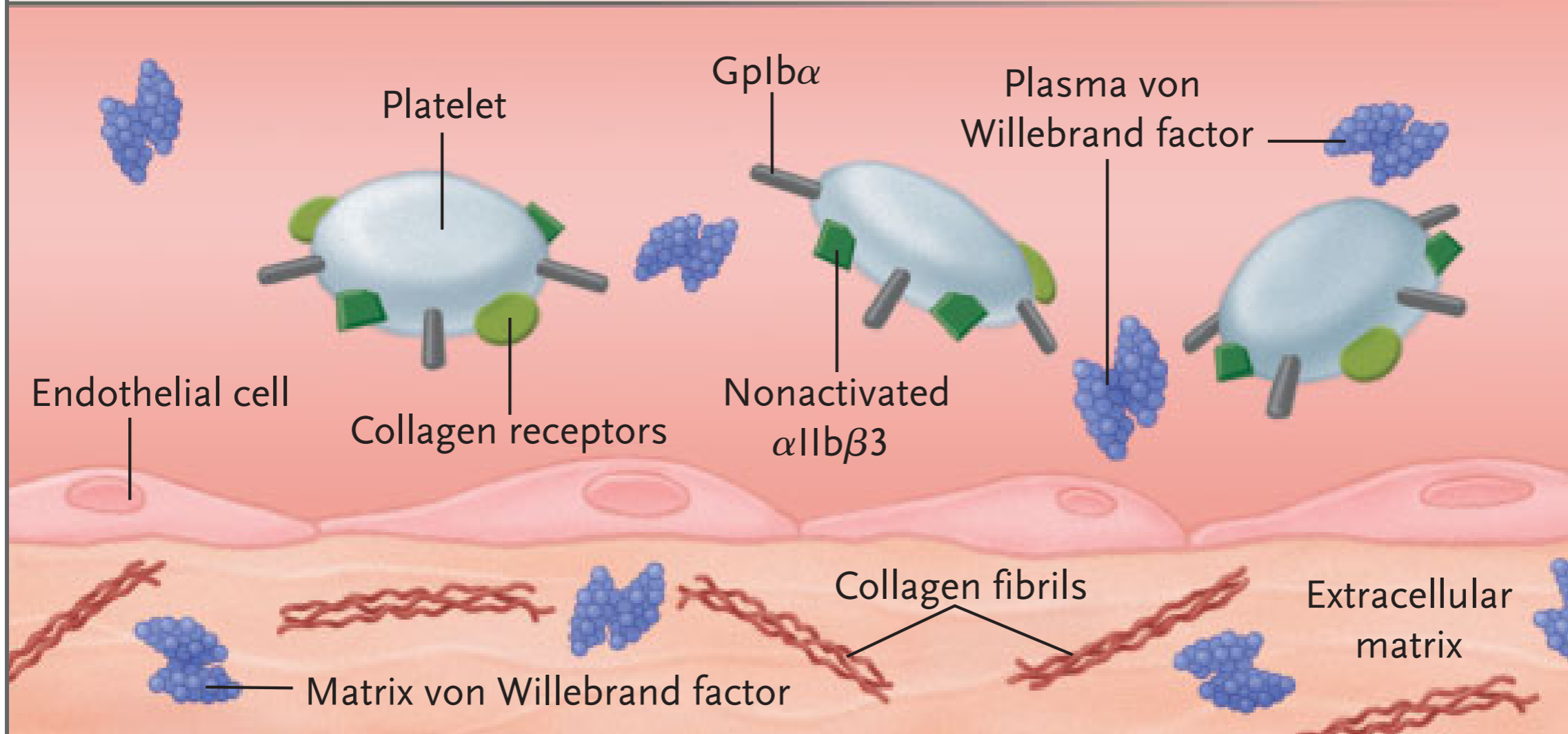
Factor VII

Tissue Factor

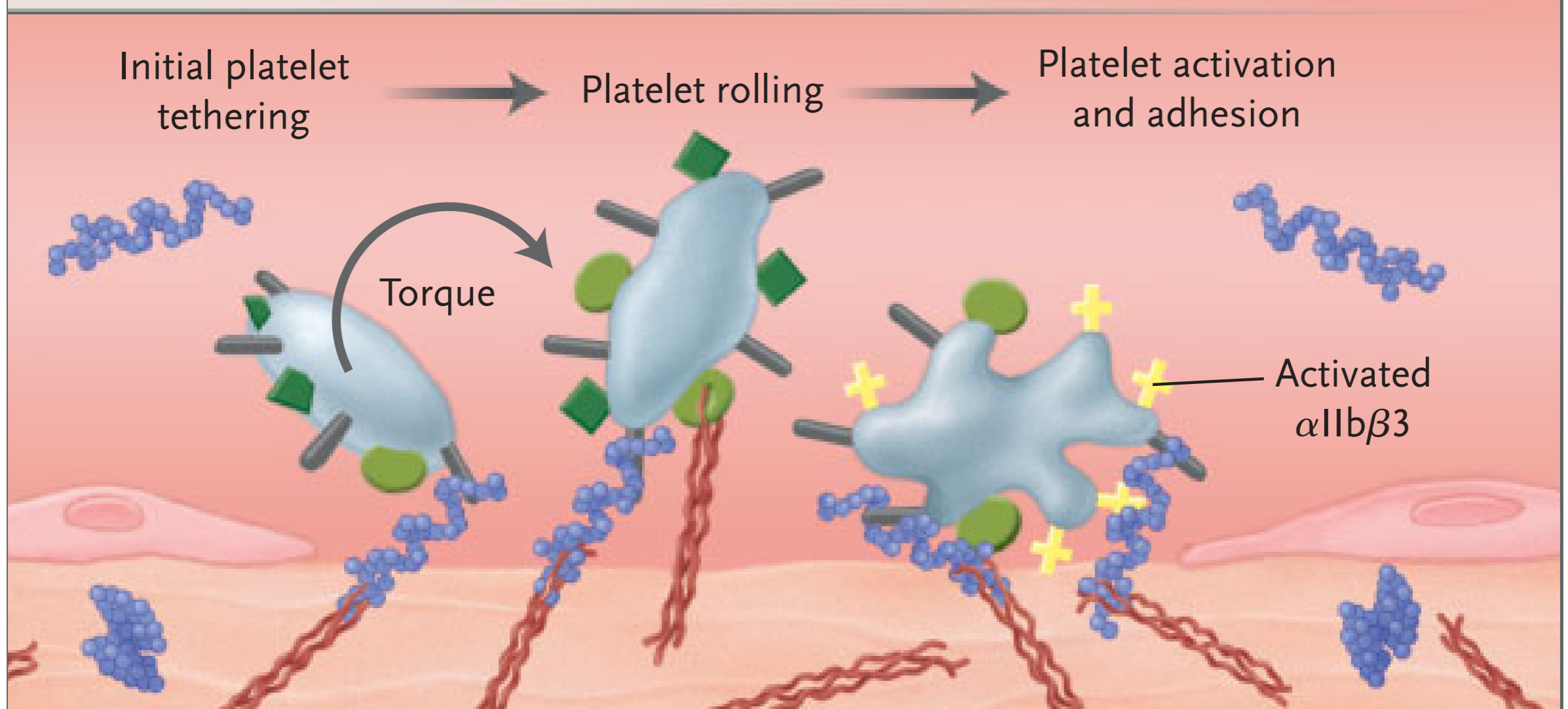
Endothelial Plaque Disruption



A Intact vessel wall N ENGL J MED 351;7 WWW.NEJM.ORG AUGUST 12, 2004

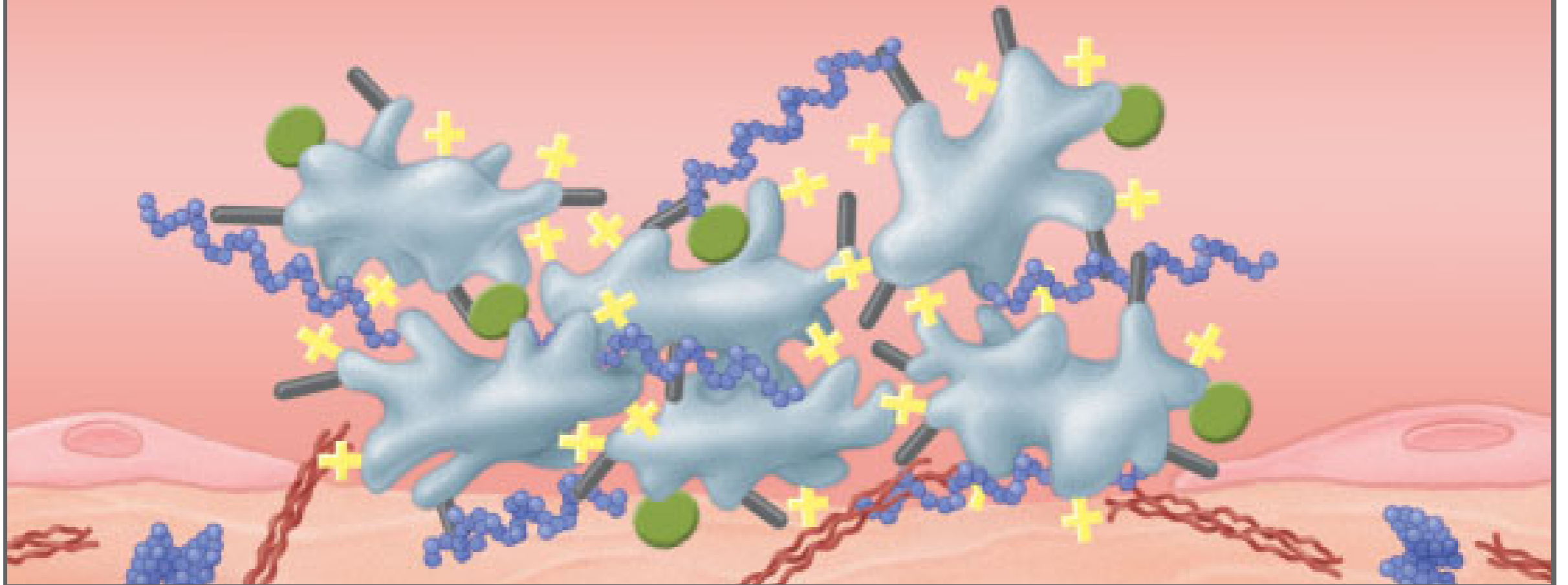


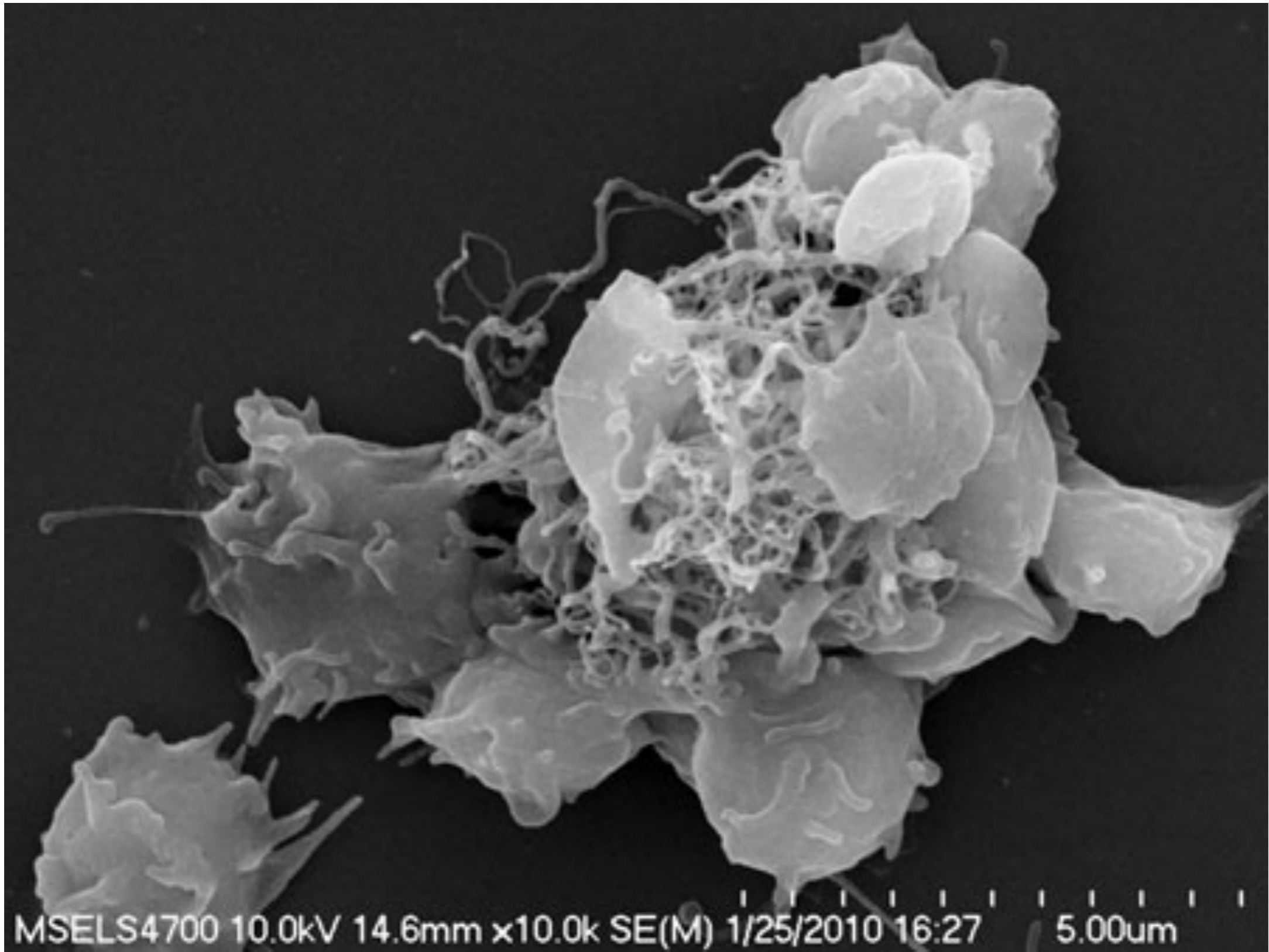
B Damaged vessel wall N ENGL J MED 351;7 WWW.NEJM.ORG AUGUST 12, 2004



C Platelet-plug formation

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How To Approach to CP?



S&S of ACS

1. Characteristic pain	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Severe, persistent, typically substernal
2. Sympathetic effect	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Diaphoresis• Cool and clammy skin
3. Parasympathetic (vagal effect)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nausea, vomiting• Weakness
4. Inflammatory response	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mild fever
5. Cardiac findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• S₄ (and S₃ if systolic dysfunction present) gallop• Dyskinetic bulge (in anterior wall MI)• Systolic murmur (if mitral regurgitation or VSD)
6. Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pulmonary rales (if heart failure present)• Jugular venous distention (if heart failure or right ventricular MI)



What Are the Differential Diagnoses of Chest Pain in ER?



Life-Threatening Causes of CP

CARDIAC

Acute coronary syndrome substernal, radiating to arm, dyspnea on exertion, diaphoresis, worse with exertion

Aortic dissection sudden onset, severe, tearing, radiating to the back (associated with neurologic deficits, AR), unequal arm BP >20 mmHg, wide mediastinum

Acute pericarditis & tamponade sudden onset, pleuritic, better with sitting forward, radiating to the back, pericardial rub, \pm tamponade (distant heart sounds, hypotension, JVD)

NON-CARDIAC

Acute pulmonary embolism sudden onset, pleuritic, dyspnea, tachycardia, tachypnea, hypoxia, evidence of lower extremity deep venous thrombosis

Tension pneumothorax sudden onset, sharp, pleuritic, decreased breath sounds and chest excursion, hyperresonant percussion, hypoxia

Esophageal rupture/perforation severe, increase with swallowing, fever, abdominal pain, history of endoscopy, foreign body ingestion, trauma, vomiting



When To Call Angina Stable Vs. Unstable Symptoms?



Unstable Anginal Symptoms

- New onset with normal activities
- Crescendo #/severity/NTG/duration
- Rest



What is the Difference Between Typical and Atypical Angina?



Stable Anginal Symptoms

- Substernal chest pain or discomfort
- Provoked by exertion or emotional stress
- Relieved by rest or nitroglycerine



Bonus Q: What Symptoms Increase or Decrease the Likelihood of ACS?



CP & LR of ACS

INCREASE THE LIKELIHOOD	LR (95 % CI)	DECREASE THE LIKELIHOOD	LR (95 % CI)
Radiates to the right arm or shoulder	4.7 (1.9–12)	Pleuritic	0.2 (0.1–0.3)
Radiates to both arms or shoulders	4.1 (2.5–6.5)	Sharp	0.3 (0.2–0.5)
Precipitated by exertion	2.4 (1.5–3.8)	Positional	0.3 (0.2–0.5)
Radiates to the left arm	2.3 (1.7–3.1)	Reproducible with palpation	0.3 (0.2–0.4)
Associated with diaphoresis	2.0 (1.9–2.2)		



Value and Limitations of Chest Pain History in the Evaluation of Patients With Suspected Acute Coronary Syndromes

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Box. Risk Stratification for Acute Myocardial Infarction and Acute Coronary Syndrome According to Components of the Chest Pain History

Low Risk

Pain that is pleuritic, positional, or reproducible with palpation or is described as stabbing^{2,3,24,25,29}

Probable Low Risk

Pain not related to exertion or that occurs in a small inframammary area of the chest wall^{14,31,42}

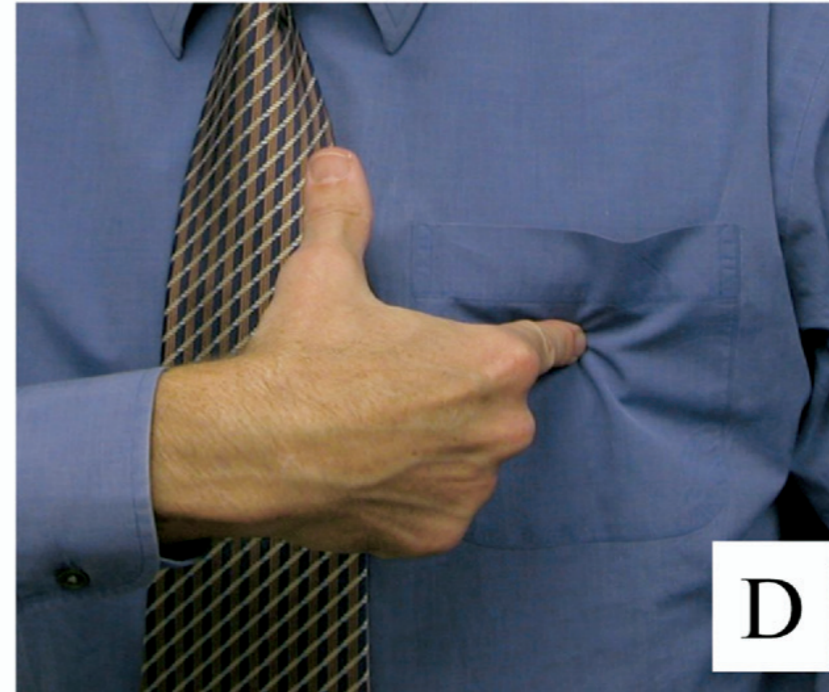
Probable High Risk

Pain described as pressure, is similar to that of prior myocardial infarction or worse than prior anginal pain, or is accompanied by nausea, vomiting, or diaphoresis^{3,14,24,25,27-29}

High Risk

Pain that radiates to one or both shoulders or arms or is related to exertion^{3,14,24,25,27,29}





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CLINICAL RESEARCH STUDY

AJM Theme Issue: Cardiology

The Utility of Gestures in Patients with Chest Discomfort

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Levine Sign

CLINICAL SIGNIFICANCE

- The Levine Sign has a poor sensitivity for chest pain related to myocardial ischemia or infarction.
- A patient pointing to a specific point on the chest likely does not have discomfort due to cardiac ischemia or myocardial infarction.
- Larger areas of chest discomfort correlate with a greater likelihood of cardiac ischemia or myocardial infarction.



Can ACS Present without CP?



ACS without CP

- 33% of all ACS
- Women, DM, >70yo, prior HF
- Worse prognosis



EKG

TABLE 2

Electrocardiographic Manifestations Suggestive of Acute Myocardial Ischaemia (in the Absence of Left Ventricular Hypertrophy and Bundle Branch Block)

ST-elevation

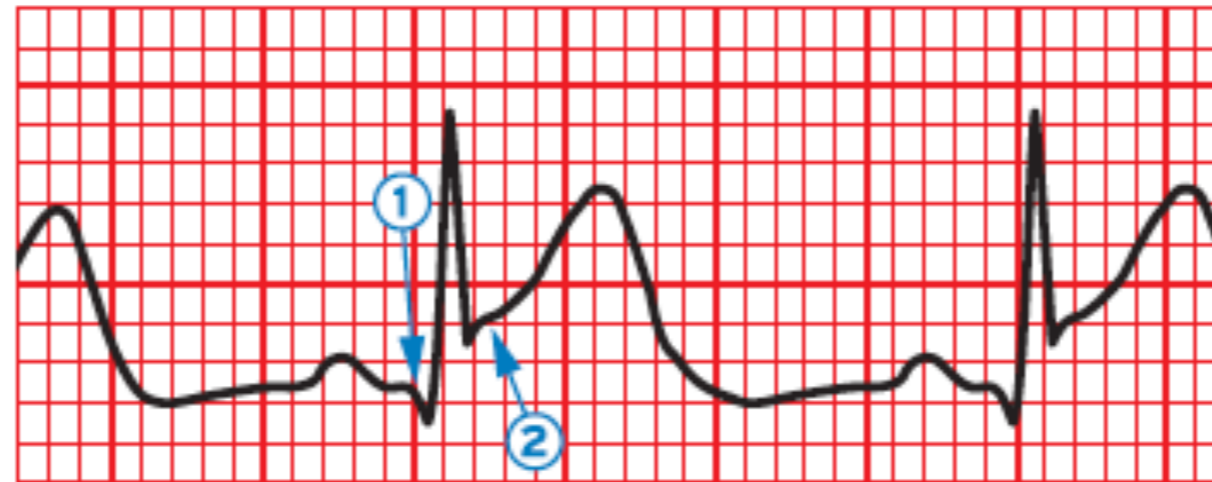
New ST-elevation at the J-point in 2 contiguous leads with the cut-point: ≥ 1 mm in all leads other than leads V_2 - V_3 where the following cut-points apply: ≥ 2 mm in men ≥ 40 years; ≥ 2.5 mm in men < 40 years, or ≥ 1.5 mm in women regardless of age.³

ST-depression and T wave changes

New horizontal or downsloping ST-depression ≥ 0.5 mm in 2 contiguous leads and/or T inversion > 1 mm in two contiguous leads with prominent R wave or R/S ratio > 1 .



FIGURE 8 Electrocardiogram Example of ST-Segment Elevation



The initial onset of the Q wave shown by arrow 1 serves as the reference point and arrow 2 shows the onset of the ST-segment or J-point. The difference between the two identifies the magnitude of displacement. Measurements of both arrows should be made from the top of the electrocardiogram line tracing.

TABLE 3

Electrocardiographic Changes Associated With Prior Myocardial Infarction (in the Absence of Left Ventricular Hypertrophy and Left Bundle Branch Block)

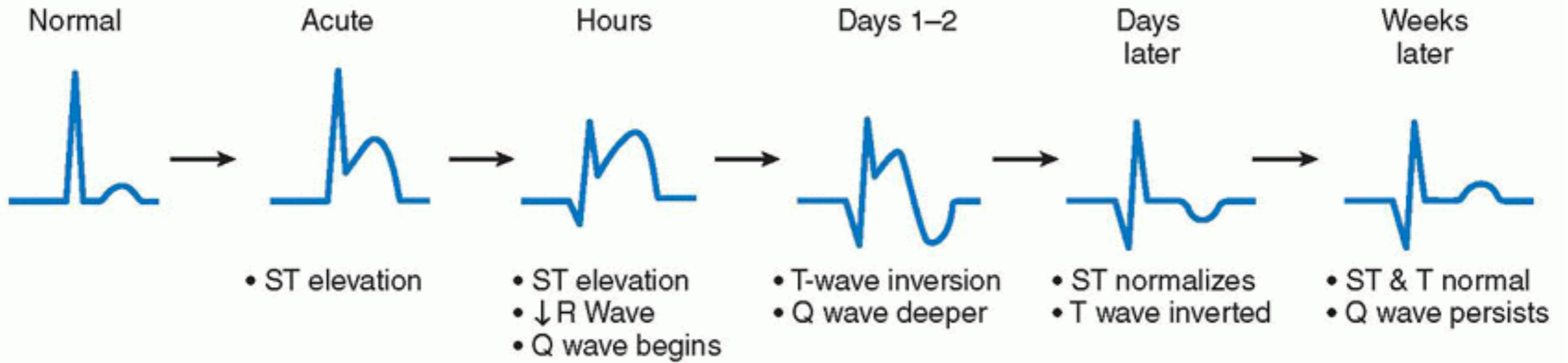
Any Q wave in leads V_2 - V_3 >0.02 s or QS complex in leads V_2 - V_3 .

Q wave ≥ 0.03 s and ≥ 1 mm deep or QS complex in leads I, II, aVL, aVF or V_4 - V_6 in any 2 leads of a contiguous lead grouping (I, aVL; V_1 - V_6 ; II, III, aVF).^a

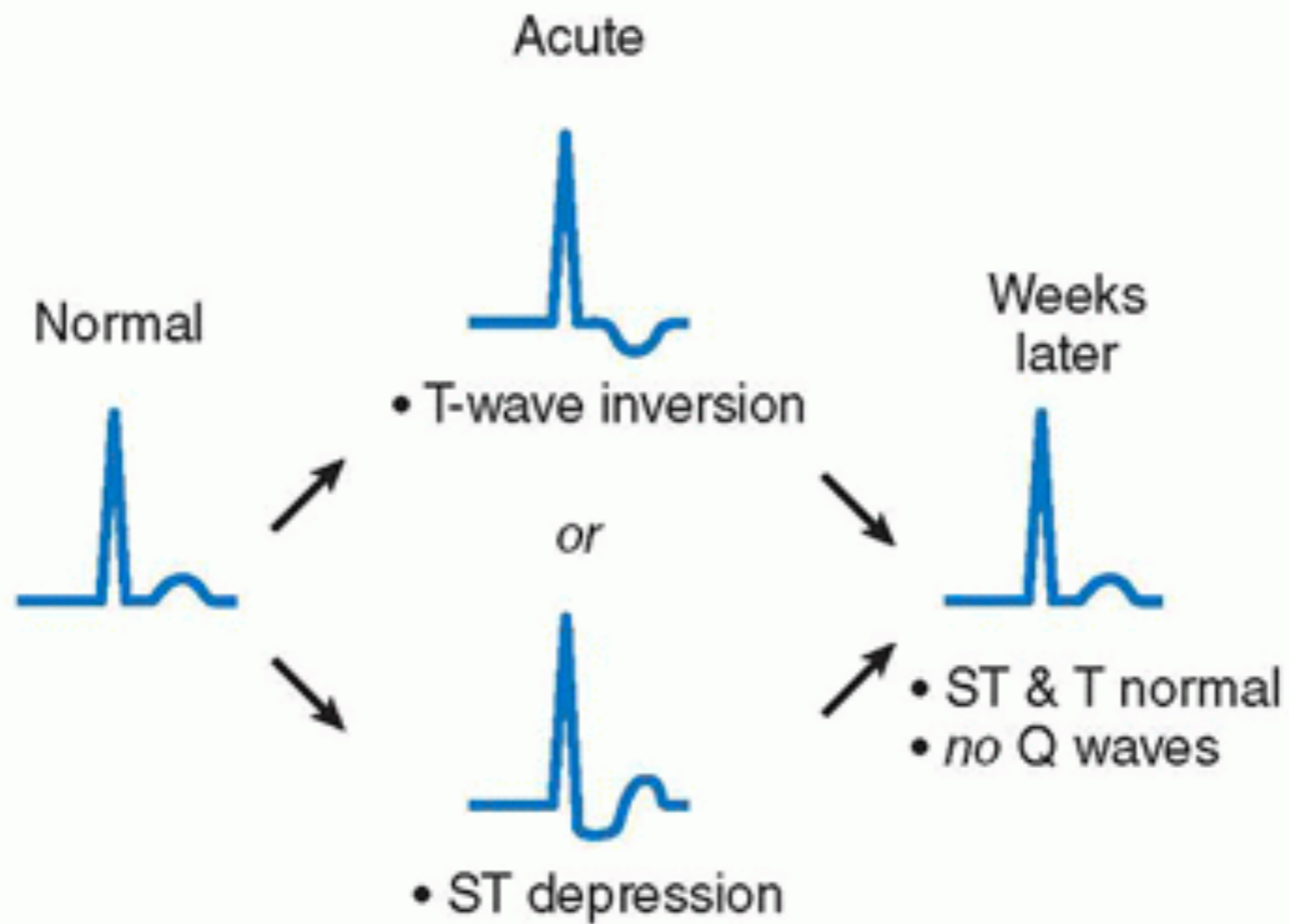
R wave >0.04 s in V_1 - V_2 and R/S >1 with a concordant positive T wave in absence of conduction defect.



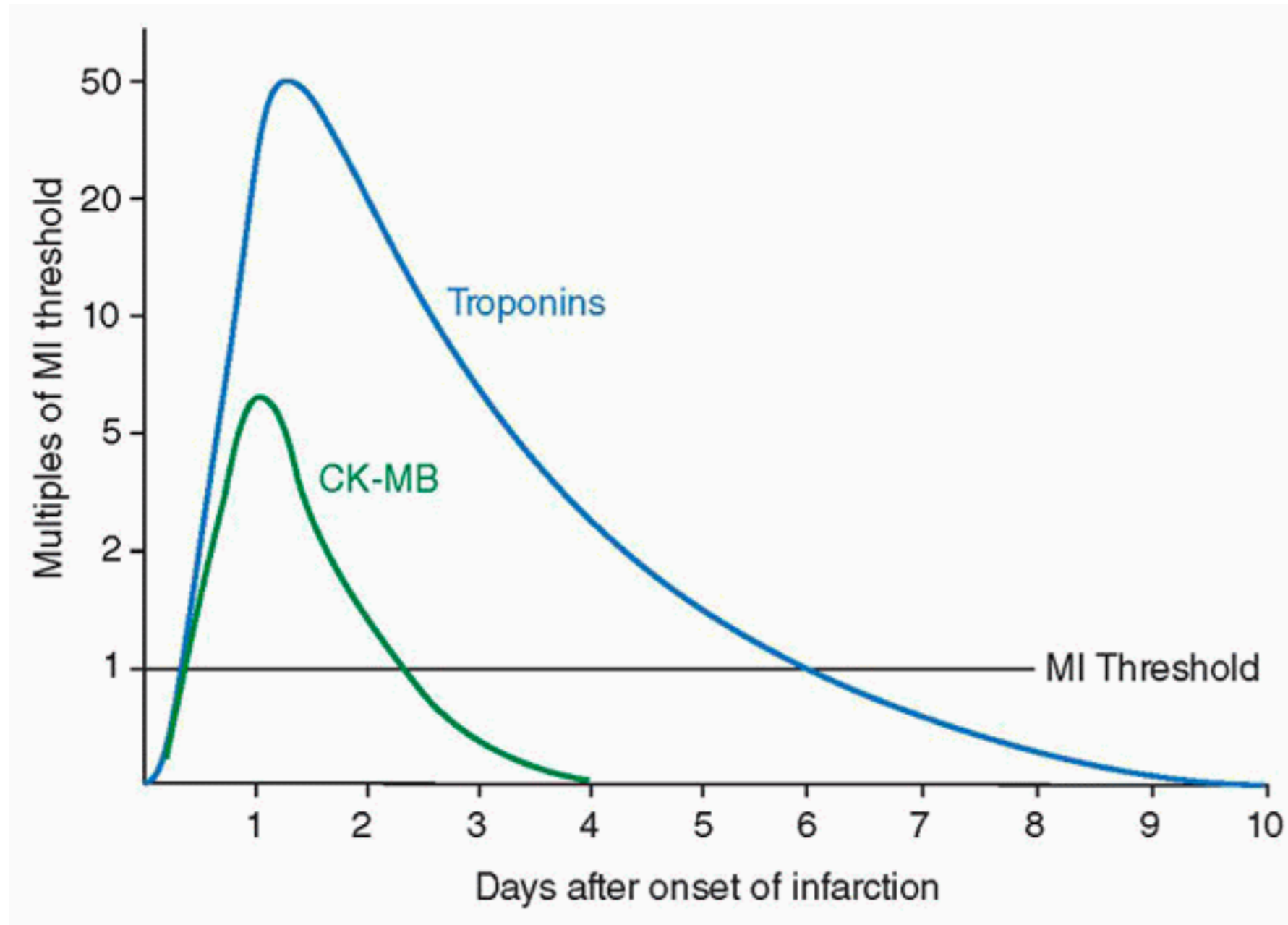
ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction



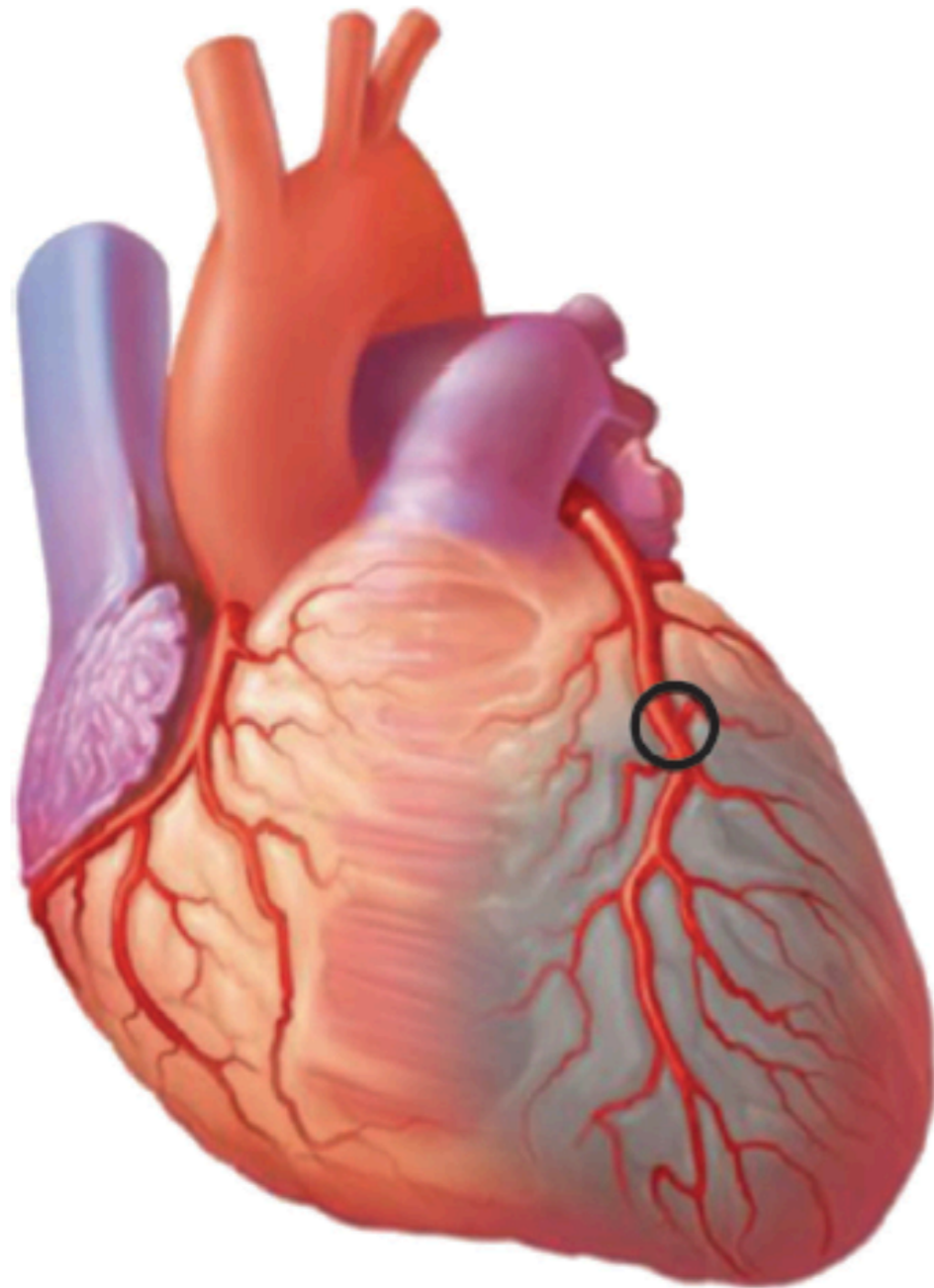
Unstable Angina/Non-ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction



Cardiac Biomarkers



MI Type 1



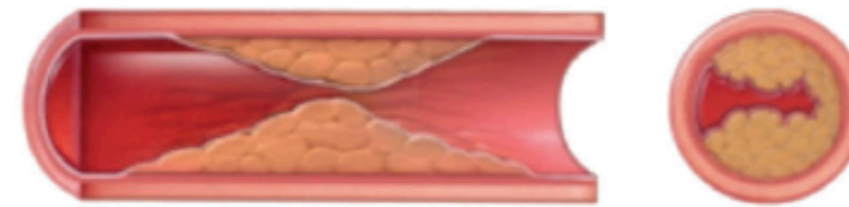
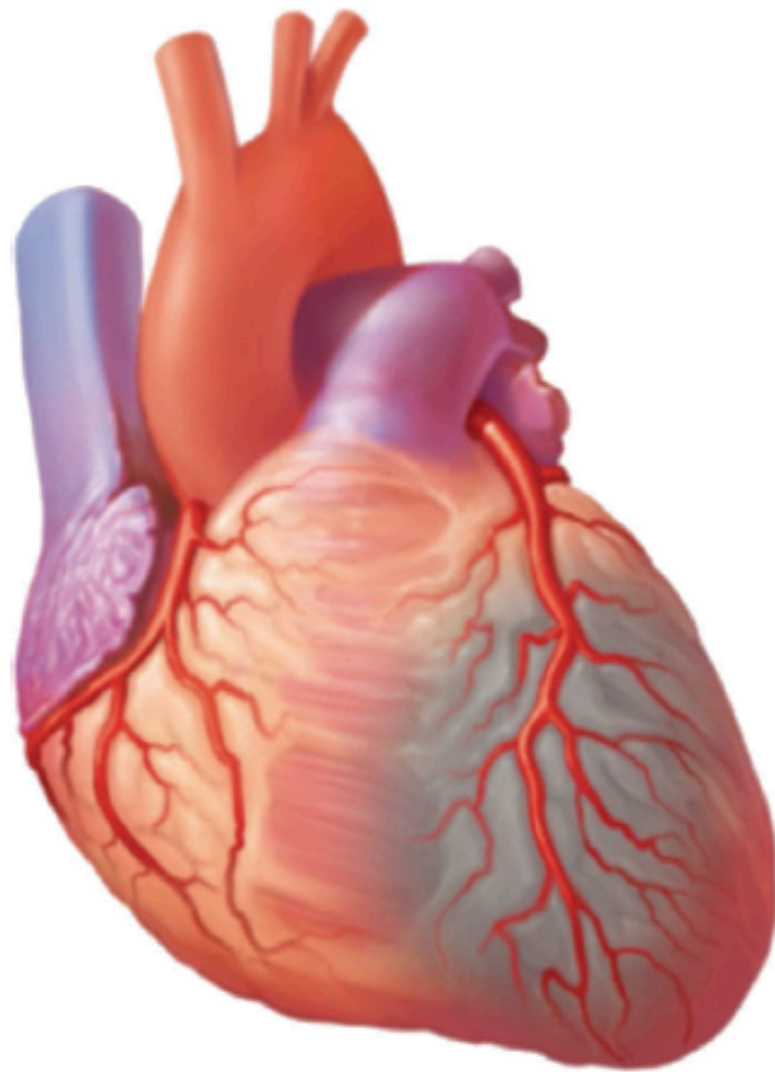
Plaque rupture/erosion with occlusive thrombus



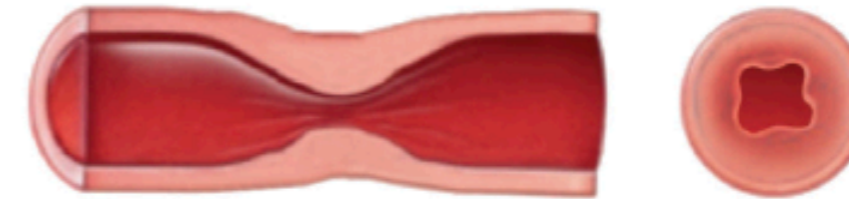
Plaque rupture/erosion with non-occlusive thrombus



MI Type 2



Atherosclerosis and oxygen supply/demand imbalance



Vasospasm or coronary microvascular dysfunction

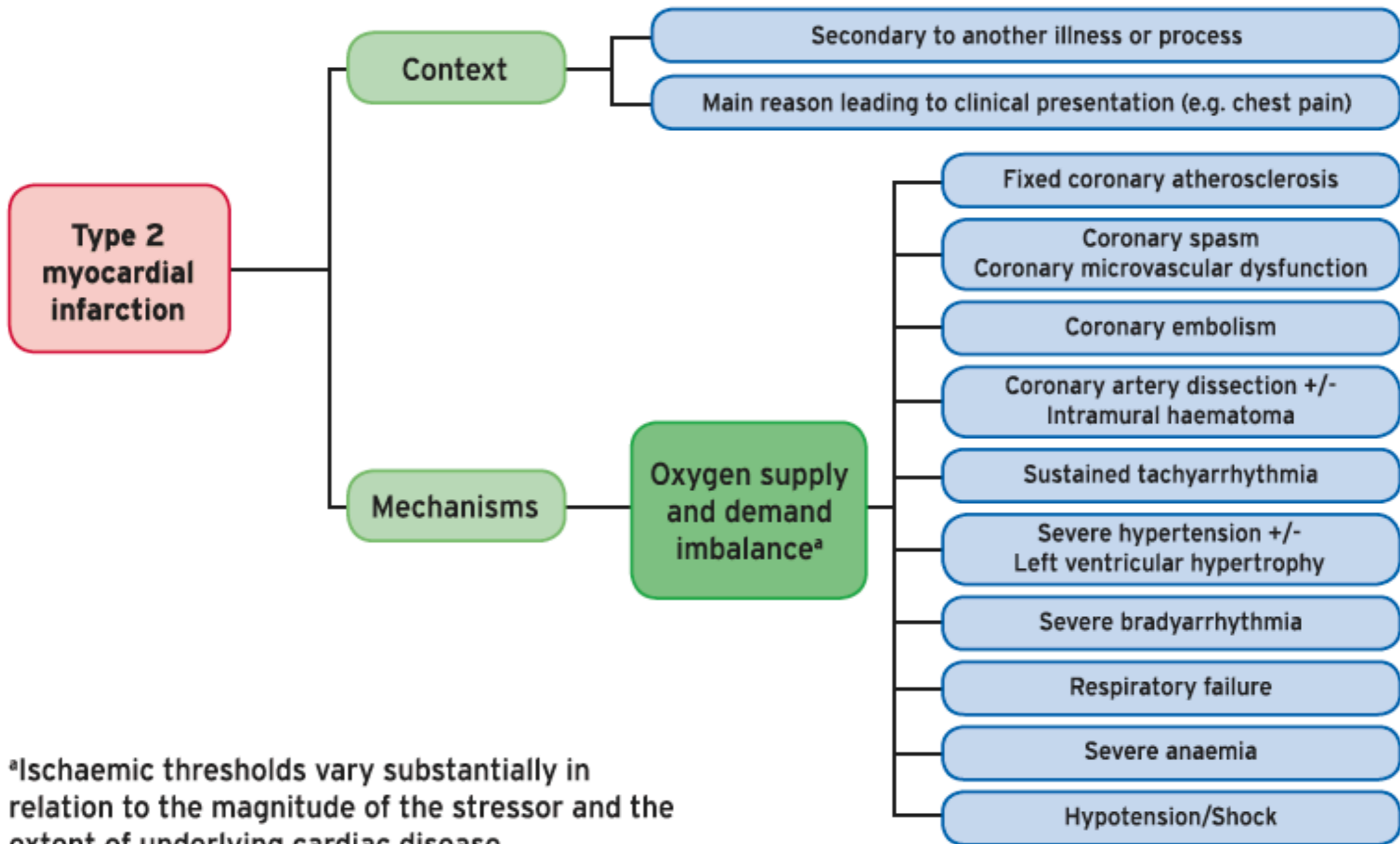


Non-atherosclerotic coronary dissection



Oxygen supply/demand imbalance alone





^aIschaemic thresholds vary substantially in relation to the magnitude of the stressor and the extent of underlying cardiac disease.



TABLE 1**Reasons for the Elevation of Cardiac Troponin Values Because of Myocardial Injury****Myocardial injury related to acute myocardial ischaemia**

Atherosclerotic plaque disruption with thrombosis.

Myocardial injury related to acute myocardial ischaemia because of oxygen supply/demand imbalance

Reduced myocardial perfusion, e.g.,

- Coronary artery spasm, microvascular dysfunction
- Coronary embolism
- Coronary artery dissection
- Sustained bradyarrhythmia
- Hypotension or shock
- Respiratory failure
- Severe anaemia

Increased myocardial oxygen demand, e.g.,

- Sustained tachyarrhythmia
- Severe hypertension with or without left ventricular hypertrophy

Other causes of myocardial injury

Cardiac conditions, e.g.,

- Heart failure
- Myocarditis
- Cardiomyopathy (any type)
- Takotsubo syndrome
- Coronary revascularization procedure
- Cardiac procedure other than revascularization
- Catheter ablation
- Defibrillator shocks
- Cardiac contusion

Systemic conditions, e.g.,

- Sepsis, infectious disease
- Chronic kidney disease
- Stroke, subarachnoid haemorrhage
- Pulmonary embolism, pulmonary hypertension
- Infiltrative diseases, e.g., amyloidosis, sarcoidosis
- Chemotherapeutic agents
- Critically ill patients
- Strenuous exercise



ACS Facts

- $\frac{1}{3}$ HF presentation to ER due to ACS
- $\frac{1}{2}$ of all NSTEMI-ACS have no ischemic EKG changes
- Use TIMI score for NSTEMI-ACS with app



TIMI Score

- TIMI score (Predict 30d and 1yr mortality in UA/NSTEMI)

1. Age \geq 65yo
2. \geq 3 CAD RF HDL!!
3. Prior coronary stenosis \geq 50%
4. Use of ASA in last 7d
5. \geq 2 Angina events in <24h
6. ST segment deviation (\geq 0,5 mm)
7. Elevated cardiac biomarkers

- **0-1: low risk - 2-3: mod risk - \geq 4:high risk**

- TIMI 0-1: **5%** all cause mortality, recurrent MI/ischemia requiring revascularization at 14d

- 2: **8%**
- 3: **13%**
- 4: **20%**
- 5: **26%**
- 6-7: **41%**



Acute Coronary Syndrome Revascularization Pathways

**ST Elevation
(STEMI)**

**Non-ST Elevation
(UA and NSTEMI)**

Emergent PCI available within 90 min?
(120 min if transferring to a PCI-capable hospital)

Risk Assessment
(e.g., Troponin, ECG, TIMI Score)

Yes

No

Low

High

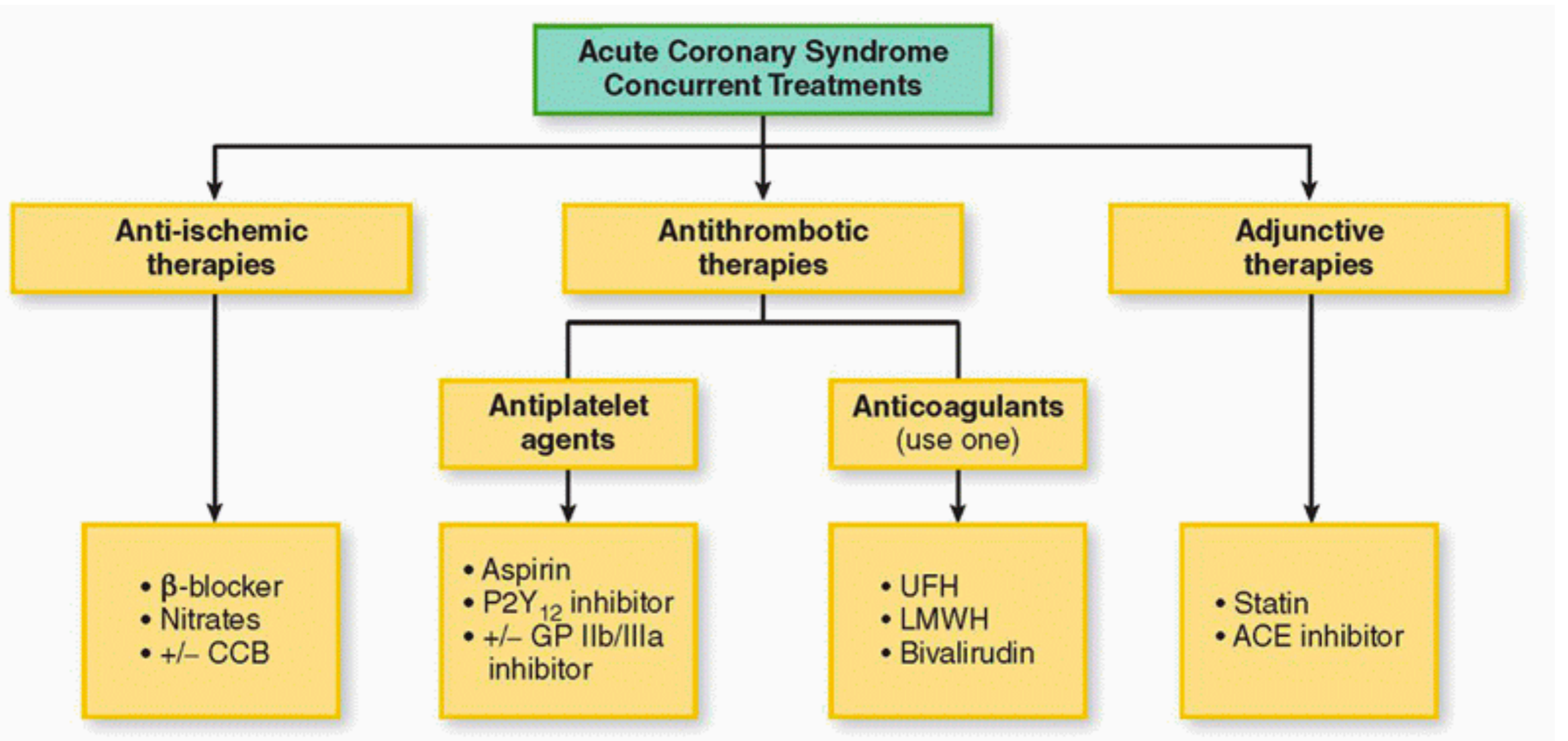
Primary PCI

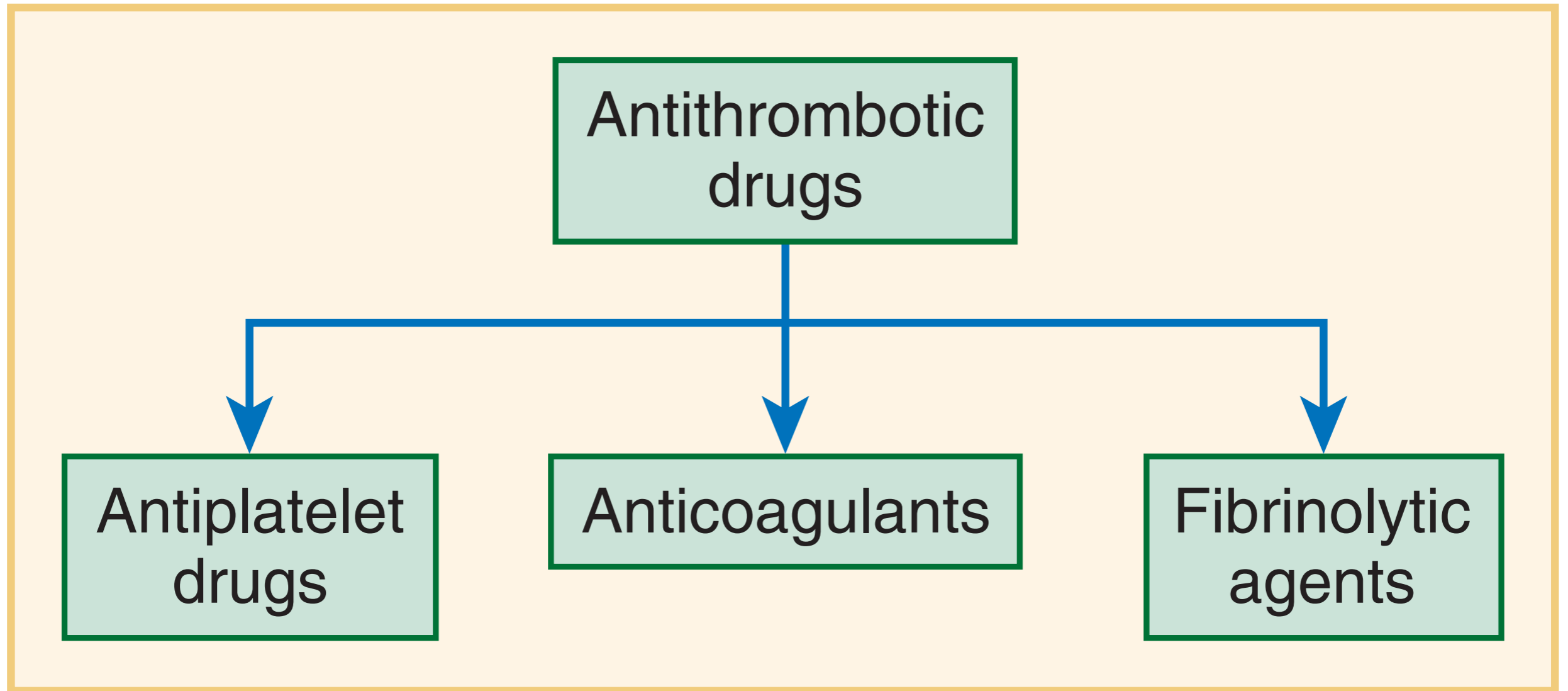
**Fibrinolytic
Therapy**
(if no contraindication)

Conservative strategy
(Proceed to cardiac
cath if angina recurs
or subsequent stress
test shows substantial
ischemia)

Invasive strategy
(Early cardiac cath
with PCI or CABG
as dictated by
coronary anatomy)







Platelet Activation

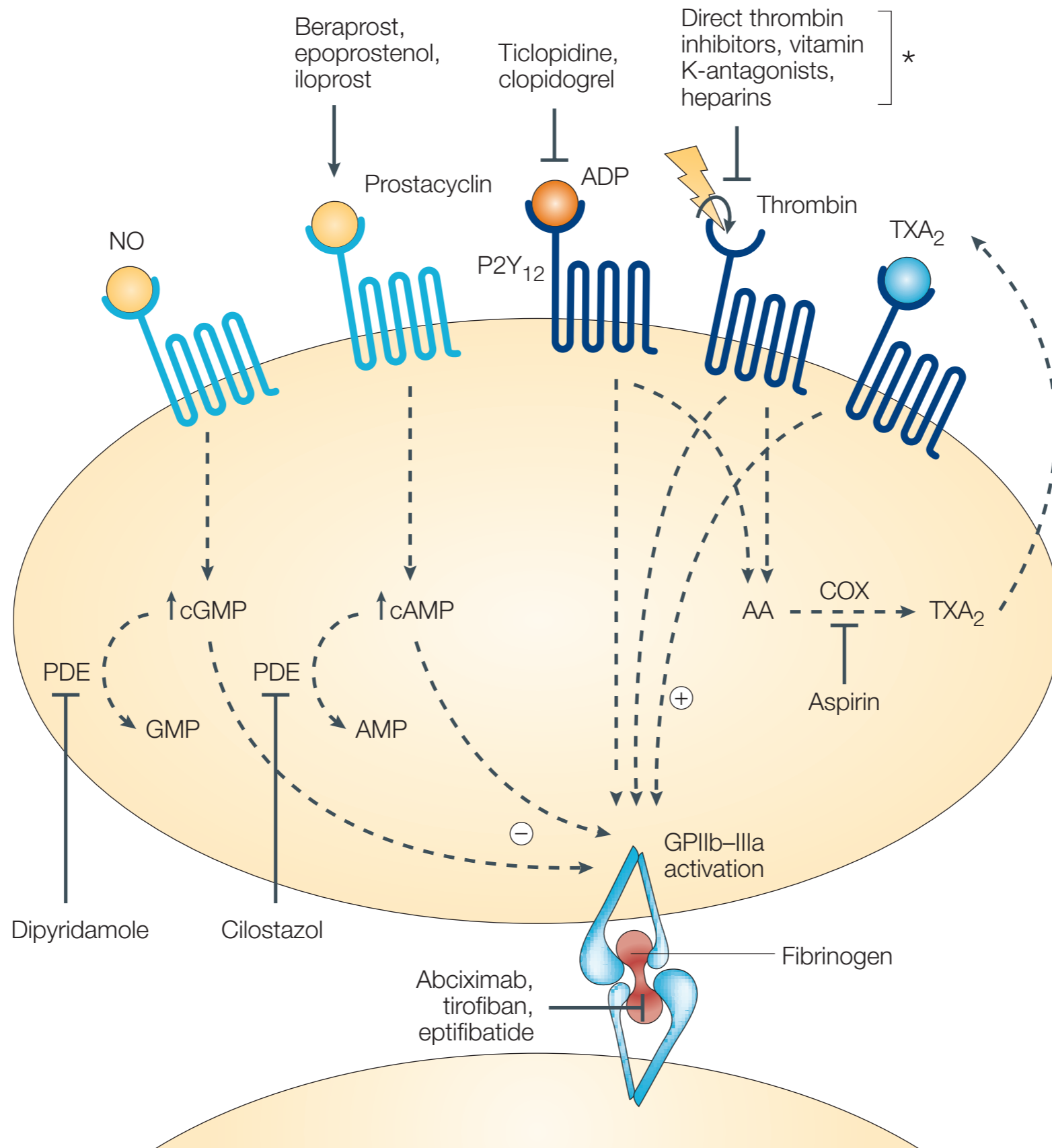
- **Activators:**

- Collagen
- vWF
- Thrombin

- **Consequences of activation:**

- AA ---COX1---> TXA2 ---> release of granule contents:
- ADP
- Serotonin
- Fibrinogen







The Lancet · Saturday 13 August 1988

RANDOMISED TRIAL OF INTRAVENOUS STREPTOKINASE, ORAL ASPIRIN, BOTH, OR NEITHER AMONG 17 187 CASES OF SUSPECTED ACUTE MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION: ISIS-2

ISIS-2 (SECOND INTERNATIONAL STUDY OF
INFARCT SURVIVAL) COLLABORATIVE GROUP*

0.2%) and of confirmed cerebral haemorrhage (0.1
0.0%), but with fewer other strokes (0.6% *vs* 0.8%). The
“other” strokes may have included a few undiagnosed
cerebral haemorrhages, but still there was no increase in
total strokes (0.7% streptokinase *vs* 0.8% placebo infusion).
Aspirin significantly reduced non-fatal reinfarction (0.3%
vs 2.0%) and non-fatal stroke (0.3% *vs* 0.6%), and was not
associated with any significant increase in cerebral
haemorrhage or in bleeds requiring transfusion. An e



ISIS-2

- Within 24hr of STEMI reduced CV mortality by 23% at 5weeks f/u
- Benefit of SK & aspirin were additive with 42% decrease mortality



CURE Trial

EFFECTS OF CLOPIDOGREL IN ADDITION TO ASPIRIN IN PATIENTS WITH ACUTE CORONARY SYNDROMES WITHOUT ST-SEGMENT ELEVATION

THE CLOPIDOGREL IN UNSTABLE ANGINA TO PREVENT RECURRENT EVENTS TRIAL INVESTIGATORS*

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Ticagrelor versus Clopidogrel in Patients with Acute Coronary Syndromes

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PCI for STEMI or NSTEMI/ACS

DAPT for 1 year

ASA 81 mg OD +
Ticagrelor 90 mg BID **or** Prasugrel 10 mg OD
preferred over
Clopidogrel 75 mg OD

At 1 year, determine bleeding risk

Not at high risk of bleeding¹

Continue DAPT for up to 3 years

ASA 81 mg OD +
Ticagrelor 60 mg BID **or**
Clopidogrel 75 mg OD²

High risk of bleeding¹

SAPT

ASA 81 mg OD
or
Clopidogrel 75 mg OD

1 Factors associated with increased bleeding risk include: need for OAC in addition to DAPT, advanced age (> 75 years), frailty, anemia with hemoglobin < 110 g/dL, chronic renal failure (creatinine clearance < 40 mL/min), low body weight (< 60 kg), hospitalization for bleeding within last year, prior stroke/intracranial bleed, regular need for NSAIDs or prednisone

2 Instead of ticagrelor or clopidogrel, prasugrel 5-10 mg daily is also an option (weak recommendation)

DAPT=dual antiplatelet therapy SAPT=single antiplatelet therapy STEMI=ST segment elevation myocardial infarction NSTEMI=non-ST segment elevation myocardial infarction OD=once daily BID=twice daily

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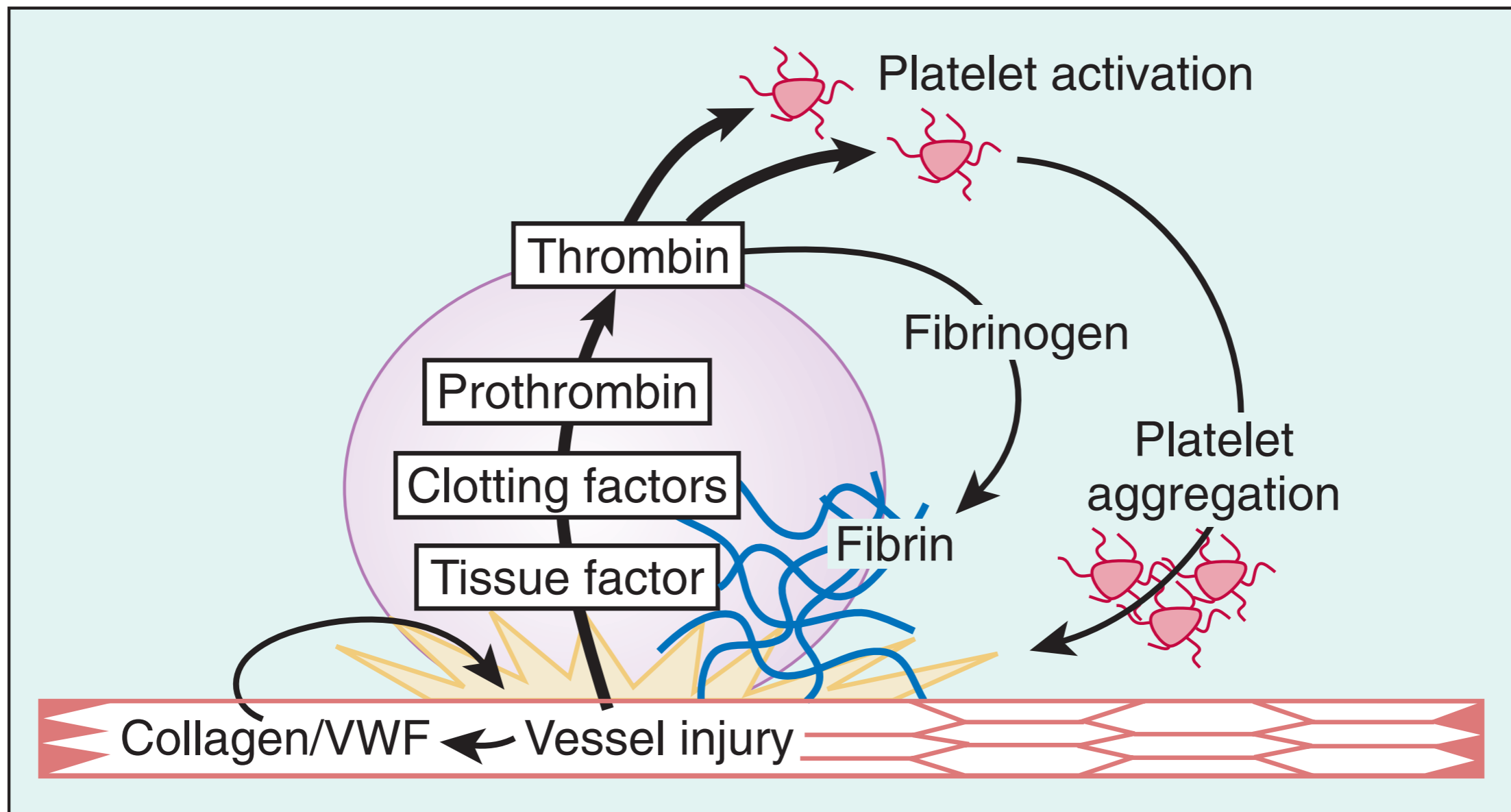
- Strong recommendation
- Weak recommendation

Anticoagulants

- Anticoagulants are typically stopped after the PCI
- If PCI is not performed, anticoagulants are typically administered for at least 48 hours, and preferably longer, for the duration of hospitalization (up to 8 days)



Where All the Wars Start?



Anticoaulation Goals

Xa inhibition

Thrombin inhibition

Decrease functional prothrombin production

ATIII potentiation

Direct

ATIII - UFH

DTI

Warfarin

UFH

Rivaroxiban

LMWH

Apixiban

Bivaluridin

Dabigatran

Fonda



LMWH > UFH

- Greater **anti-Xa activity** (so greater thrombin inhibition)
- Greater release of tissue factor pathway inhibitor
- Less **thrombocytopenia**
- Higher bioavailability so s/c administration
- **Less binding to plasma protein** so more **consistent effect** and **no monitoring** required



TABLE 87-3 Comparison of the Features of Heparin, Low-Molecular-Weight Heparin, and Fondaparinux

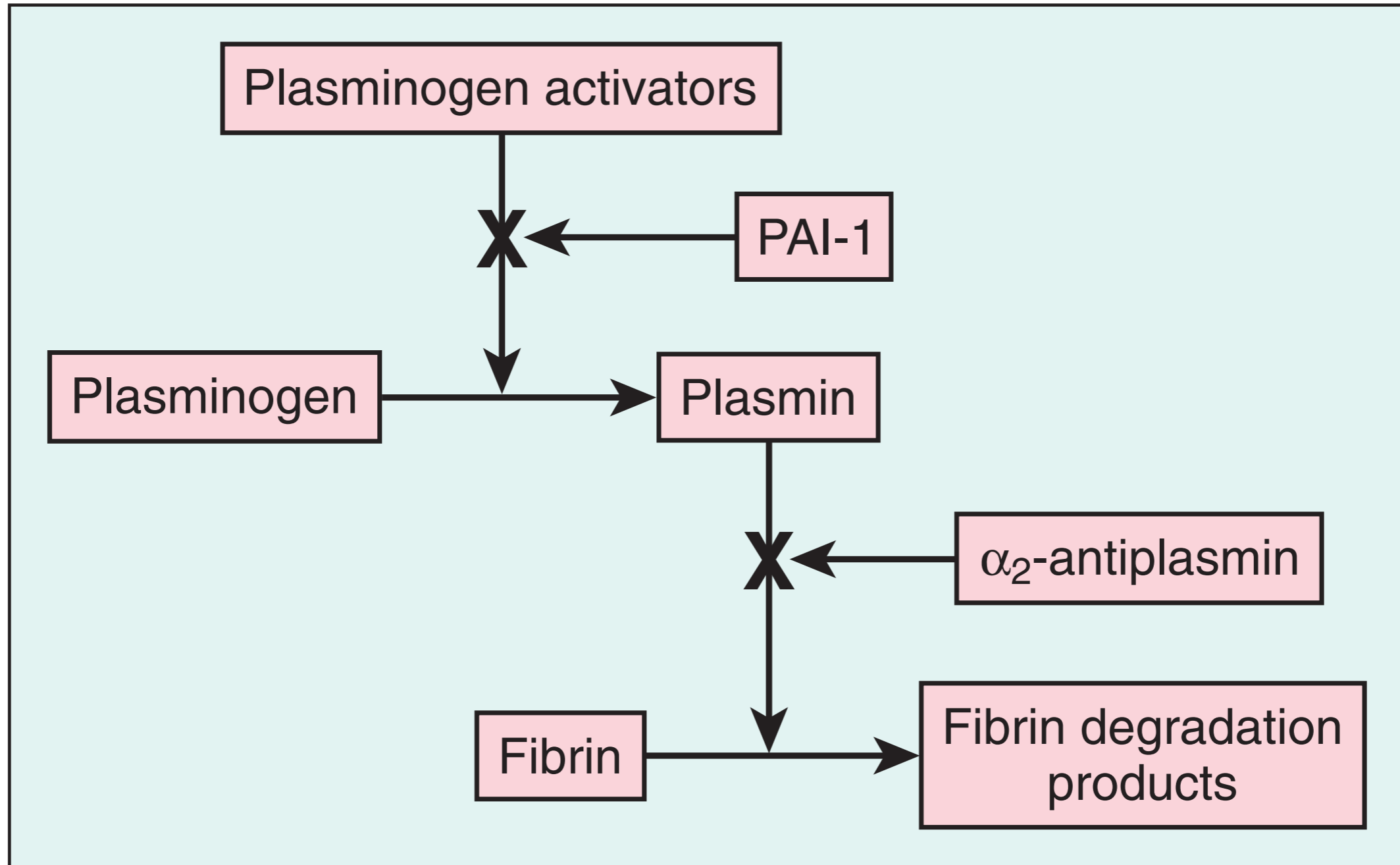
FEATURE	HEPARIN	LMWH	FONDAPARINUX
Source	Biologic	Biologic	Synthetic
Molecular weight	15,000	5000	1728
Target	Xa and IIa	Xa and IIa	Xa
Bioavailability (%)	30	90	100
Half-life (hr)	1	4	17
Renal excretion	No	Yes	Yes
Antidote	Complete	Partial	No
HIT	<5%	<1%	Never



Thrombolytics



MOA



Drug	Dosage	Add On
tPA Accelerated regimen 3 Doses	15mg IV bolus — >0.75mg/kg (max 50) over <u>30min</u> —> 0.5mg/kg (max35) over <u>1hr</u>	Better than SK (GUSTO-1) 100mg over 90min
rPA 2 Doses	10U over <u>2min</u> then 10U at 30min	=tPA
TNK 1 Dose	Single bolus over <u>10sec</u> <60kg=30mg 90≥50mg 5mg increment/10kg	=tPA (ASSENT-2) but less non-cerebral bleeding & Tx

**All pts get ASA load/UFH 60U/Kg max 4000 then infusion 12U/Kg max 1000U/hr
PTT target 50-70 (UFH not beneficial with SK)**



Drug

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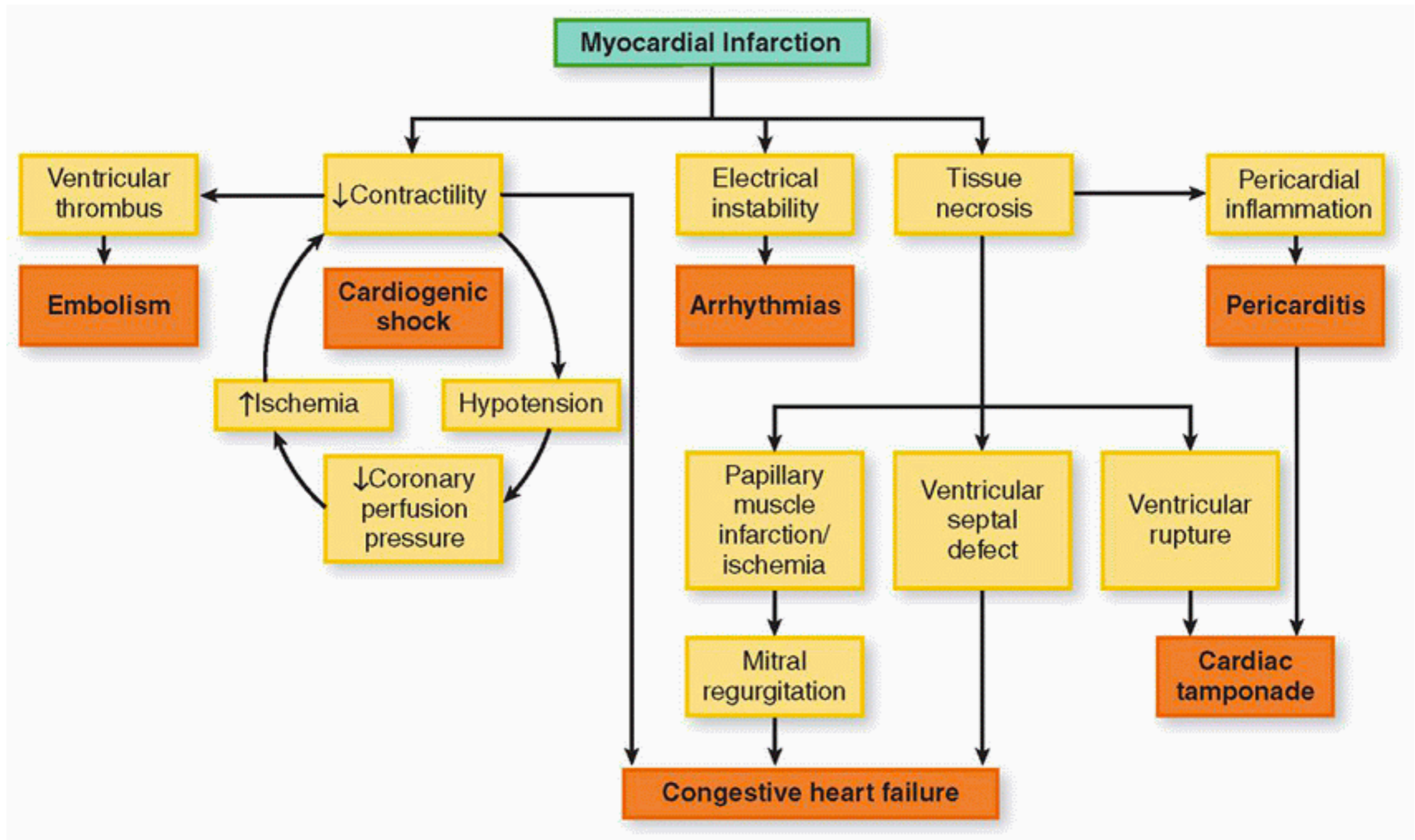


Anti-ischemic Therapy

- **BB** - COMMIT-CCS trial Day 2-15
 - Reduced the endpoint of death/ MI/ cardiac arrest
 - 1 month up to 3 year for normal LVEF
- **ACEI** - ISIS-4 6 weeks, PEACE no benefit
- **Statin** - PROVE-IT trial
 - LDL? Superior stabilization of vulnerable plaque
- **NTG**
- **PPI**
- **Regular activities** - 1 week if revascularized/ 1 month for sports



MI Complications



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