

**Coronary heart  
disease (CHD)**

# CASE REPORT

## A) Patient, 59 years

### Symptoms:

Sudden and strong chest pain with no relief irradiation, the beginning at rest, anxiety, sweating

## B) Patient, 68 years

### Symptoms:

chest pain occurs regularly during the effort, e.g. walking upstairs, run...

Relief at rest

# CASE REPORT

**Pain** occurs due to *ischemia of myocardium*

Inbalance between blood supply and the need of the tissue

- A) Absolute occlusion
- B) Partial occlusion + effort
- C) Microvascular dysfunction

**ISCHEMIC (CORONARY) HEART DISEASE**

## Ischemia vs. hypoxia

- insufficient *oxygen delivery* (ischemic hypoxia) and *nutrients* to the tissue
- insufficient *metabolite wash-out*

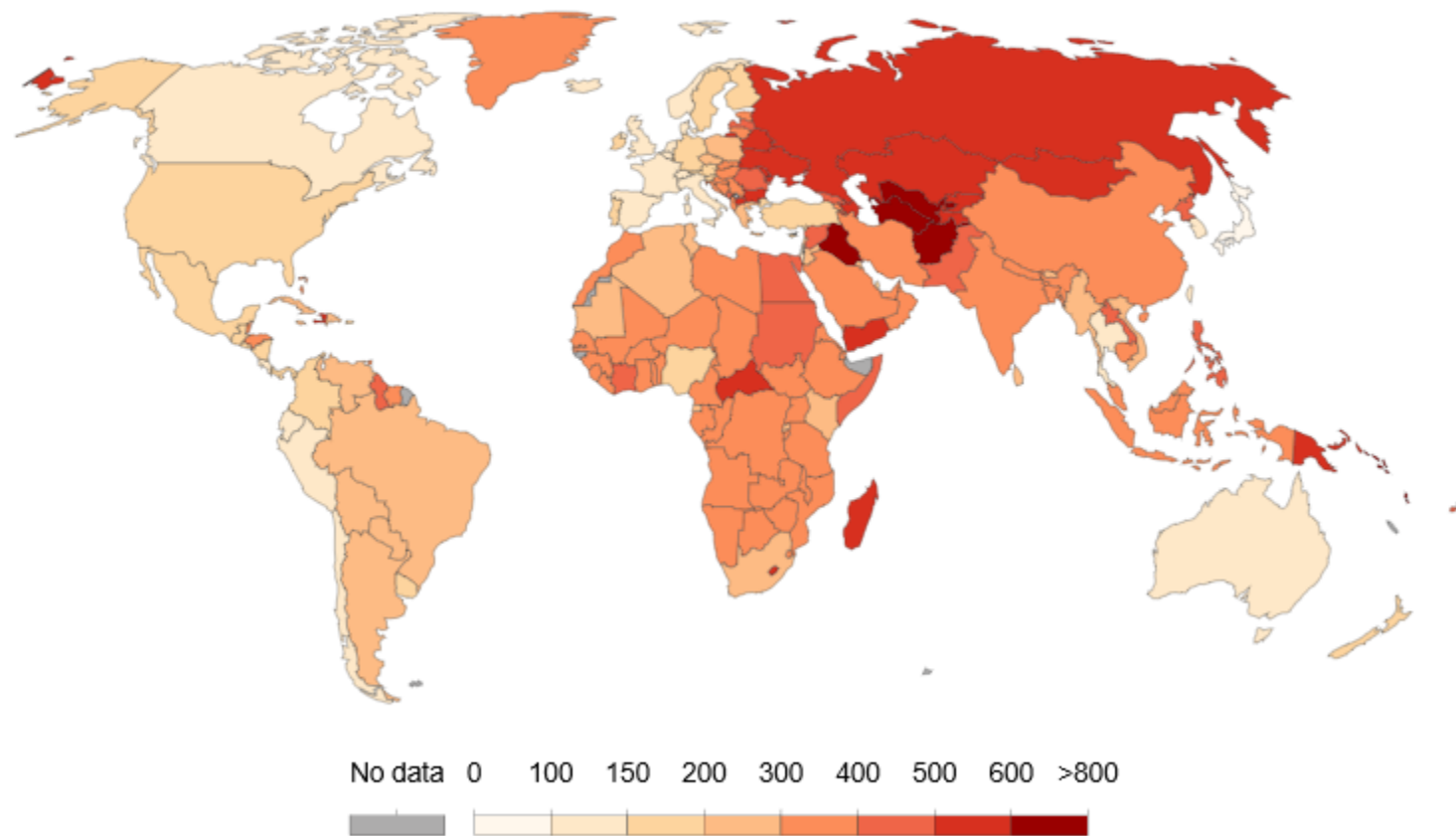
As a consequence of *perfusion limits*

- *narrowing* of the artery
- *occlusion* of the artery – embolism, thrombus

Increased *requirements*

## Cardiovascular disease death rates (per 100,000), 2016

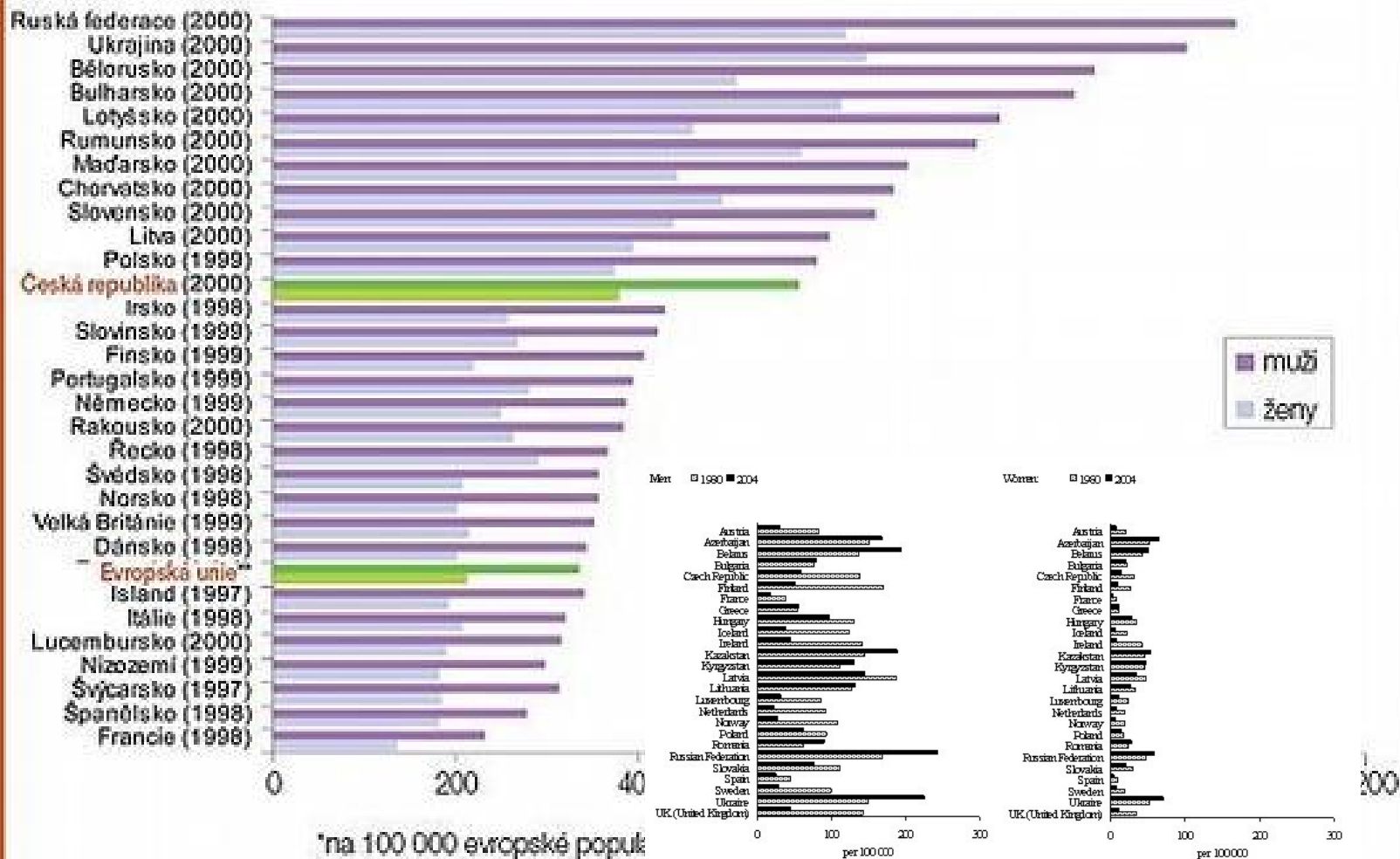
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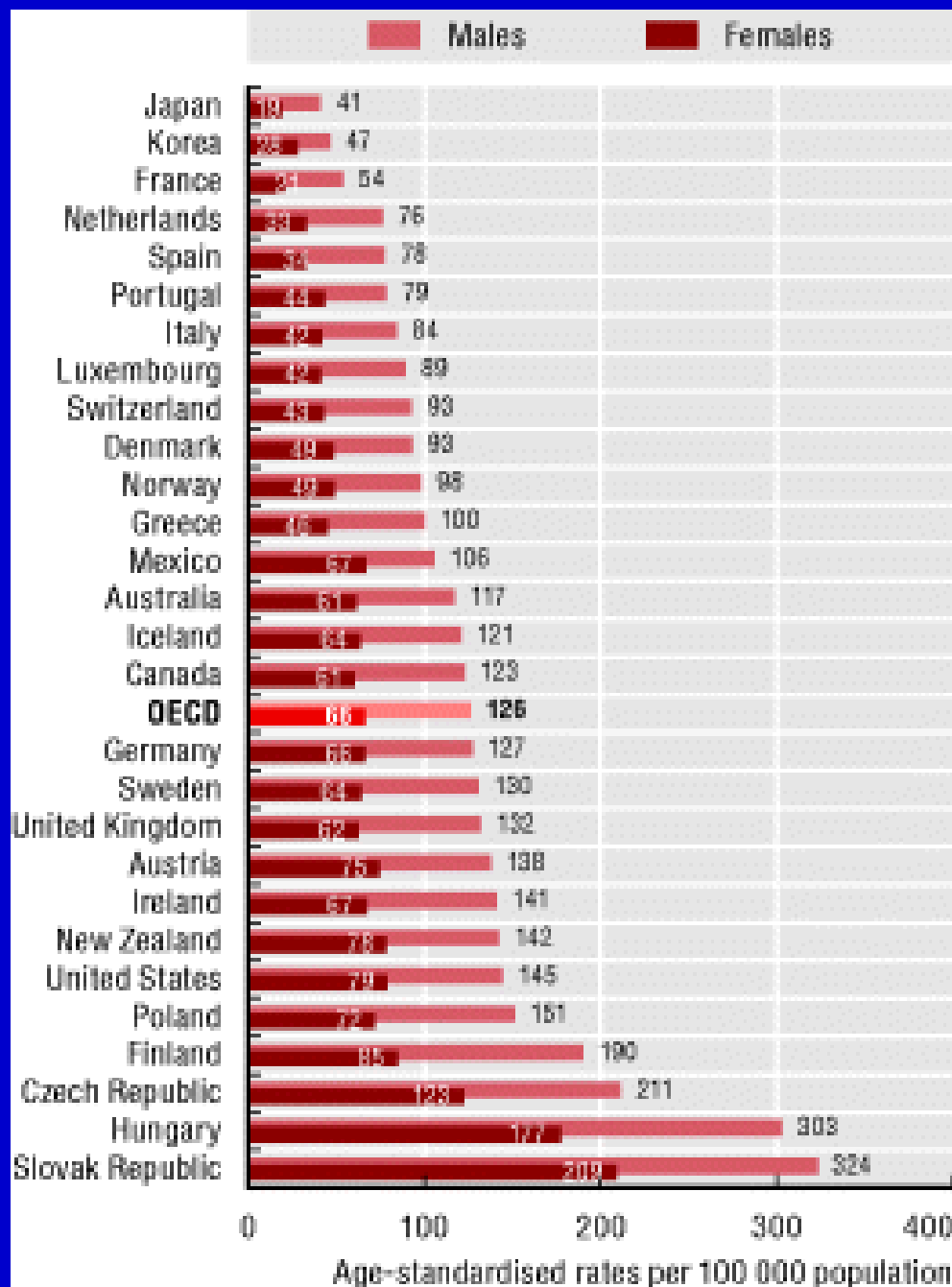


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## Obr. 2 - Úmrtnost na kardiovaskulární onemocnění v evropských zemích\*

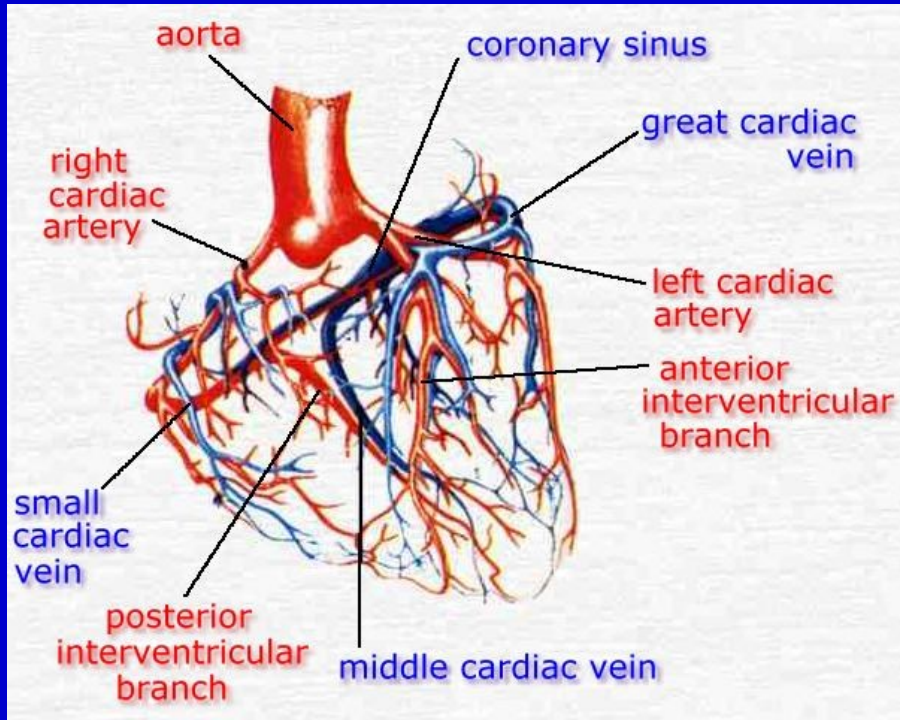




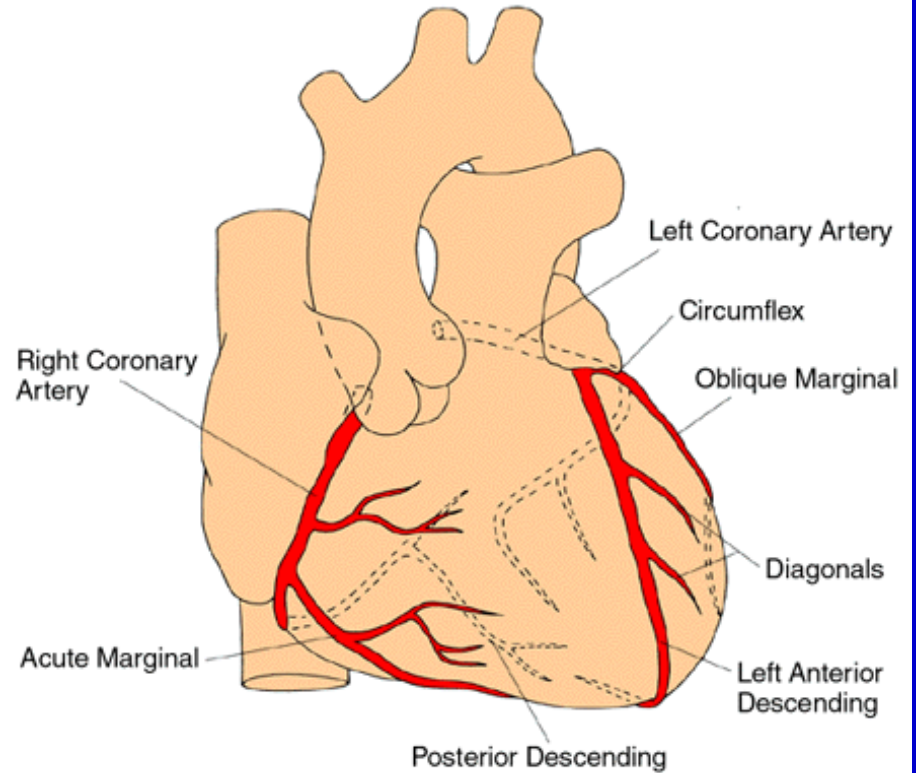
Ischemic heart disease, mortality rates, 2006 (or latest year available)

# **CORONARY CIRCULATION AND MYOCARDIAL METABOLISM**





## Coronary Arteries of the Heart



# Blood supply and myocardium metabolism

1. Blood flow
2. Oxygen

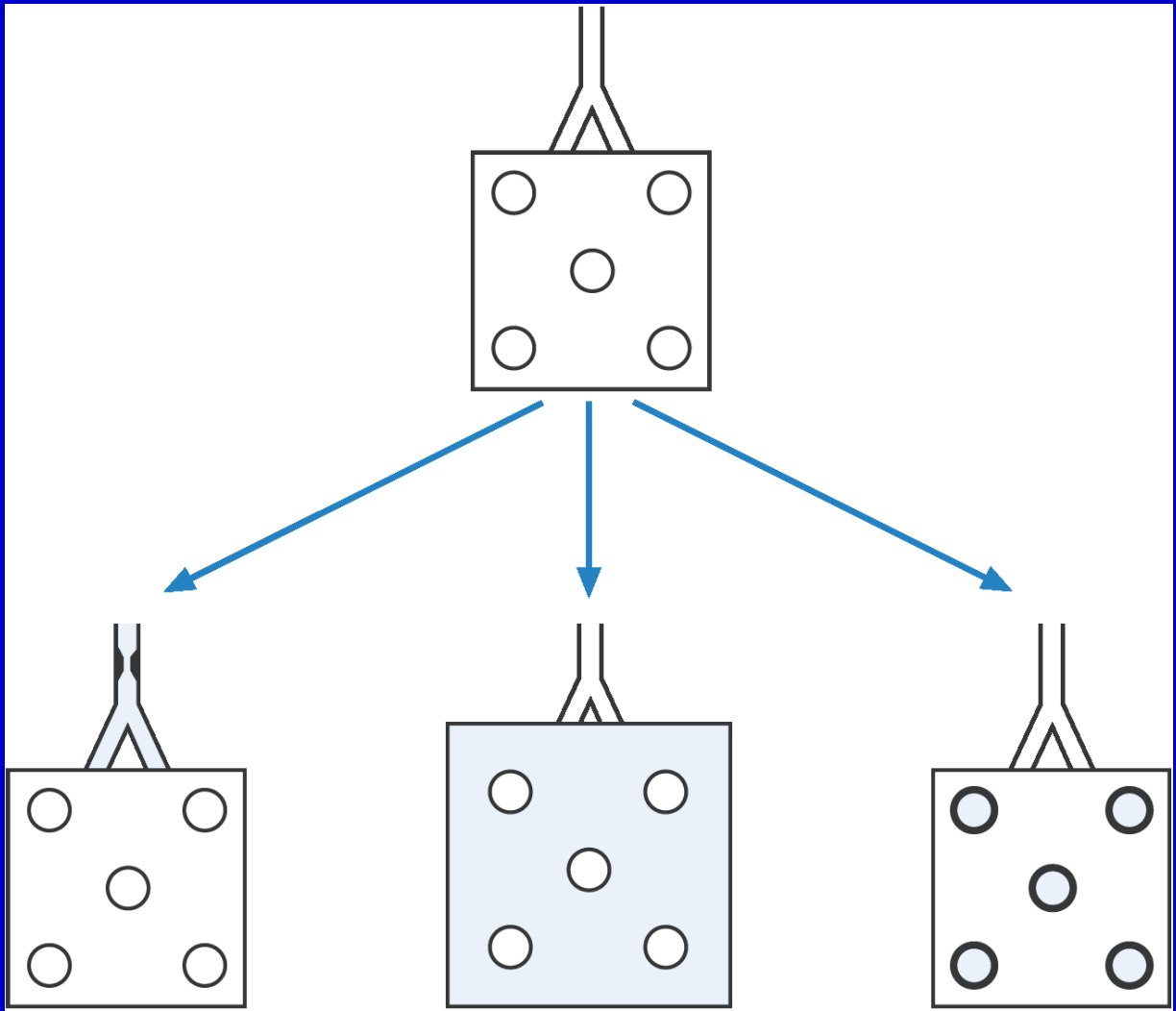
## Blood flow:

resting: 250 ml/min

## Main components:

- coronary arteries in epicardial part
- small coronary vessels
- myocardium

Perfusion pressure x resistance



**Zátěžová echokardiografie, Maxdorf**

## Blood flow

Rest: 250 ml/min

Maximal: 1000 ml/min

Coronary reserve (CRF): 4

# Perfusion

extravascular pressure



high in systole  
higher in subendocardium  
myocardium diseases



perfusion pressure

vascular resistance

dilatation of larger  
epicard. arteries

arteriolar dilatation endothelium

main mechanism  
of increasing the blood flow

- metabolic influence
- autoregulation

diastolic BP

VNS  
 $\beta_2 \times \alpha$





**Key importance of the diastole  
for myocardium perfusion**

**Shortening of the diastole due to the  
tachycardia**

**impairs the blood supply to the myocardium  
(but increases the demands)**

Perfusion pressure:

pressure difference between the beginning of coronary arteries and estuary of coronary sinus

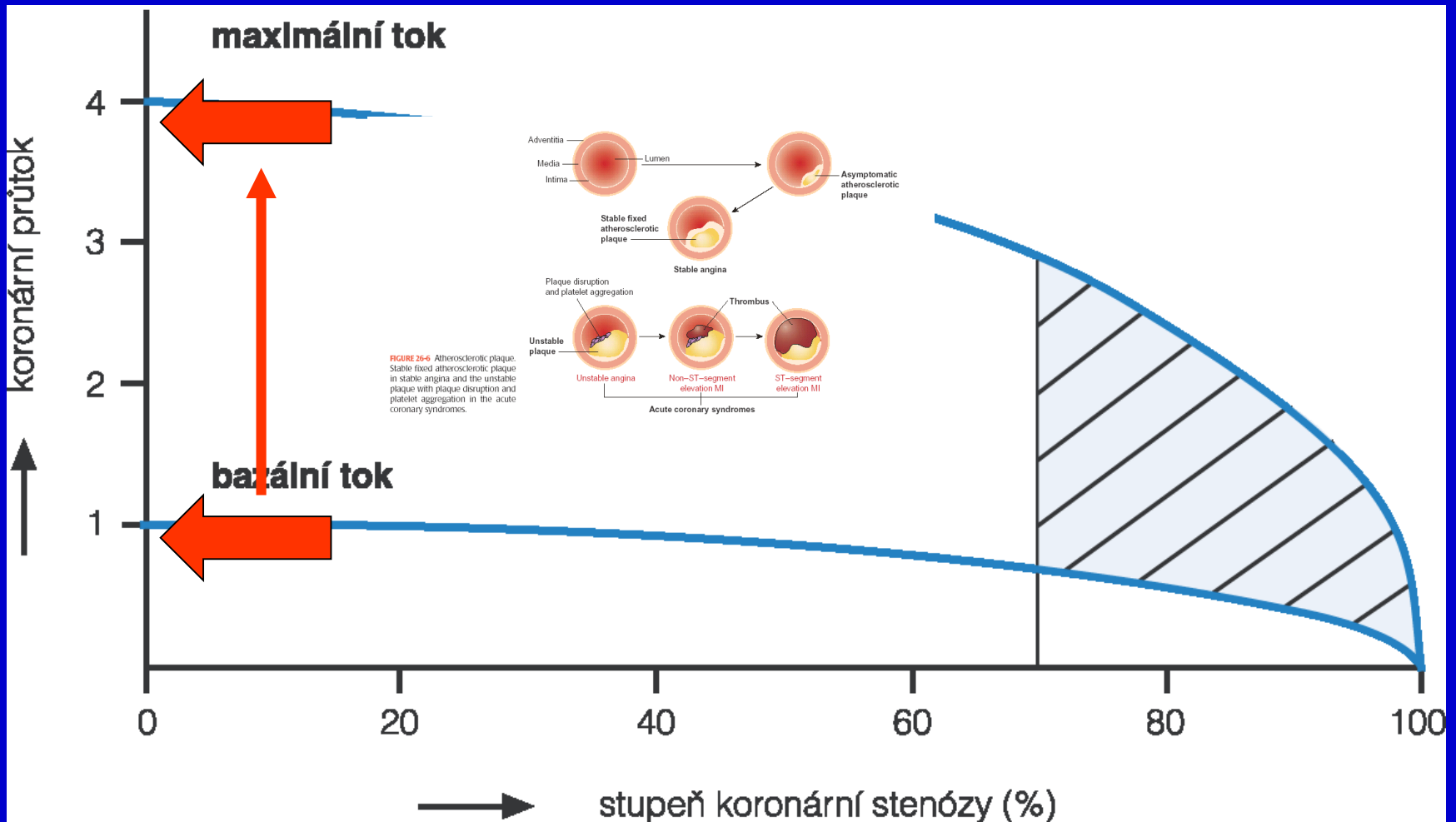
Coronary reserve:

maximal increase of blood flow through myocardium – cca 4x  
vasodilatation of small vessels

Differences in perfusion:

impaired perfusion of subendocardial parts



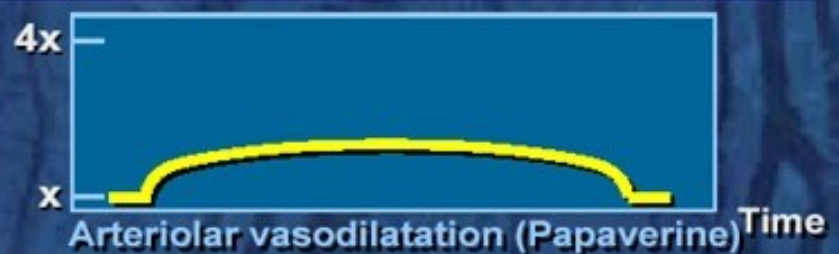
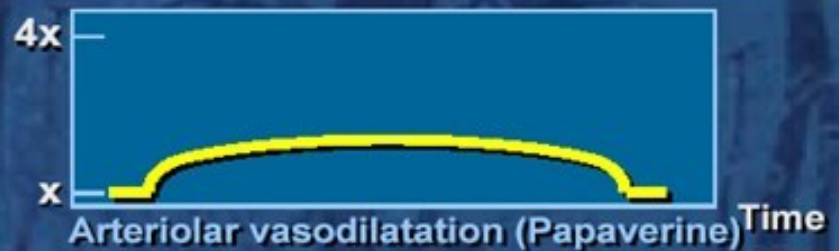
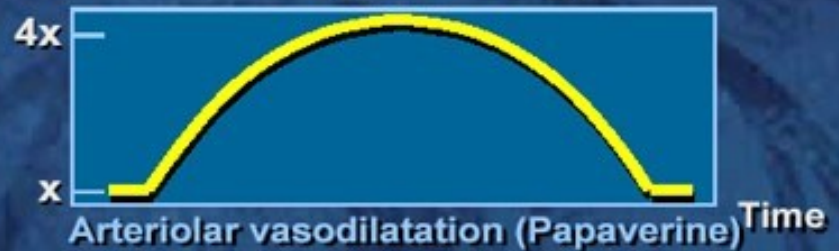


# Correlation of coronary anatomy and physiology: The concept of coronary flow reserve

## Anatomy

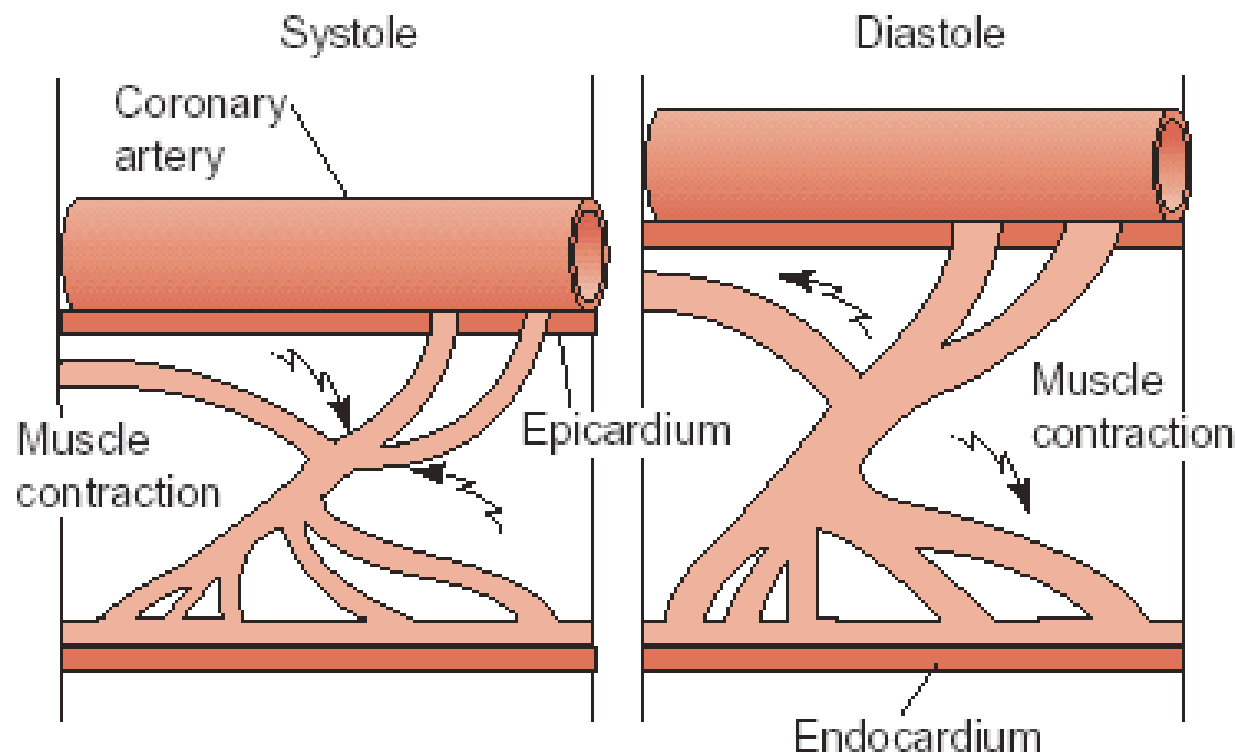


## Physiology

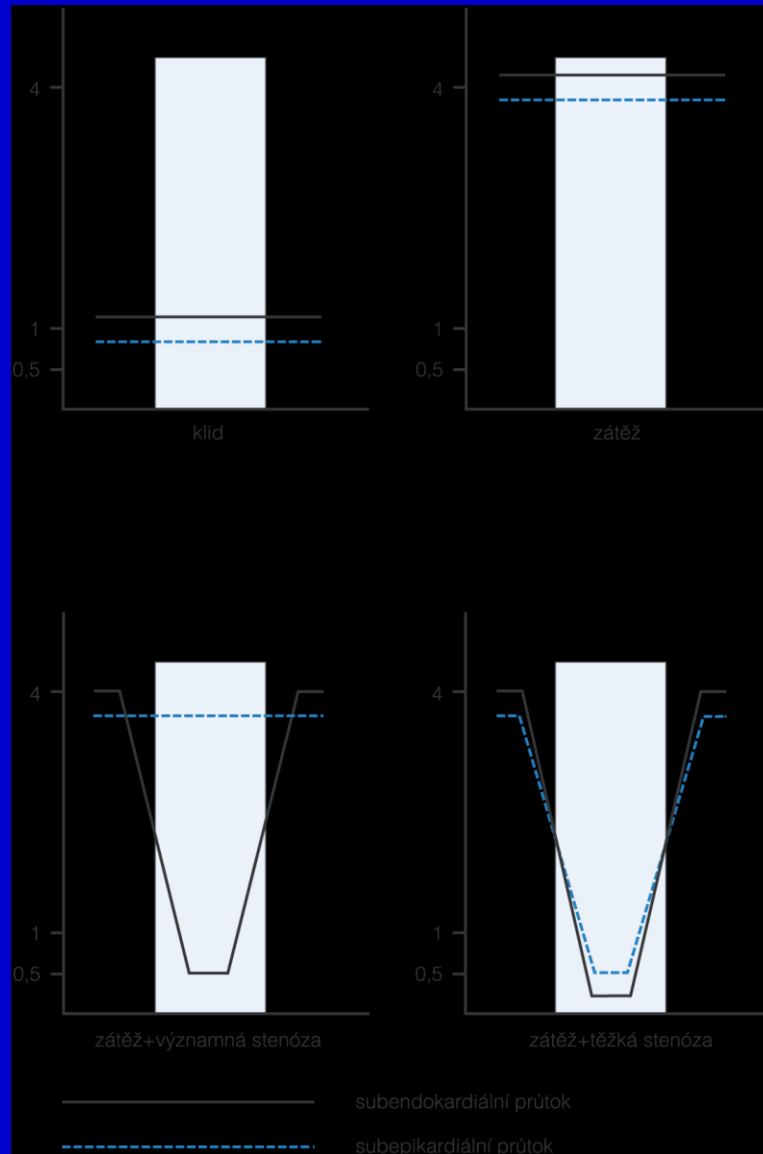


Blood flow through the **subendocardial** vessels *is less during systole* than in the outer coronary vessels.

To compensate, *the subendocardial vessels are far more extensive* than the outermost arteries, allowing a disproportionate increase in subendocardial flow during diastole.



**FIGURE 26-5** The compressing effect of the contracting myocardium on intramyocardial blood vessels and subendocardial blood flow during systole and diastole.



## Zátěžová echokardiografie, Maxdorf

**Because blood flow mainly occurs during diastole, there is a risk for subendocardial ischemia**

- **diastolic pressure is low**
- **elevation in diastolic intraventricular pressure sufficient to compress the vessels in the subendocardial plexus**
- **rapid heart rates, the time spent in diastole is greatly reduced**

Oxygen extraction: almost maximal (as in intensively working skeletal muscles)

AV difference: 140–160 ml O<sub>2</sub>/L blood

Oxygen consumption (AV difference × flow):

rest –  $140 \times 0,25 = 35$  ml

exercise –  $160 \times 1,00 = 160$  ml

Mainly achieved by increase of flow – vessel parameters are crucial for oxygen delivery to the myocardium during exercise

## Energy consumption:

- 90 % mechanical activity (contraction, relaxation)
  - 9,5 % proteosynthesis
  - 0,5 % electrical activity
- 
- tension in the wall of LV ~ blood pressure
  - inotropy
  - heart rate

## Energy sources in the myocardium:

rest – FFA, glucose, lactate

exercise – increase of lactate up to 2/3



## Factors influencing oxygen consumption:

- heart work
- contractility
- heart rate
- myocardium properties: wall tension (dilatation, afterload – hypertension), hypertrophy
- adrenergic stimulation

## Factors influencing oxygen delivery to the myocardium:

- partial tension of oxygen in the environment
- respiratory functions
- hemoglobin
- blood flow through myocardium

# CASE REPORT

To evaluate:

-Heart rate

-BP

-Heart hypertrophy or dilatation

-Hemoglobin concentration,

-respiration

**ISCHEMIA**

## Ischemia

insufficient delivery of oxygen and nutrients and insufficient outflow of metabolites from the tissues due to the impaired perfusion

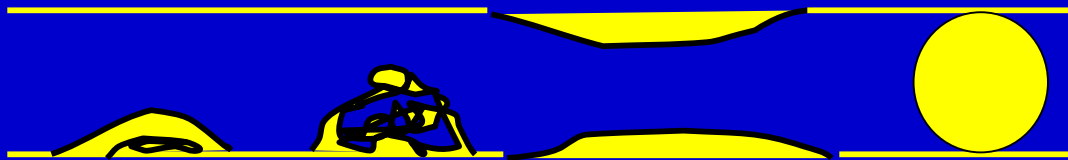
## Imbalance between metabolic requirements and perfusion:

1. increased requirements – *simulation by exercise tests*
2. impaired perfusion
3. combination

## Vessel narrowing

- organic
- functional
- combined
- fixed
- dynamic

plaque + thrombus  
+ spasmus



**atherom. plaque**

**thrombus**

**spasmus**

**embolus**

localisation

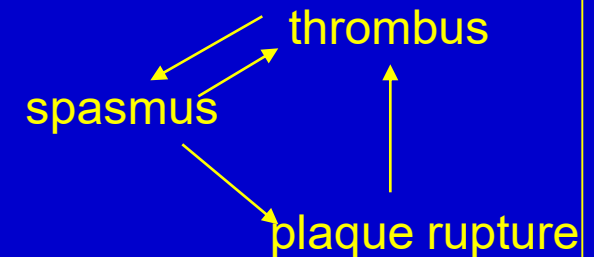
- concentric
- excentric

stability

- fibrotisation
- lipids
- inflammation

platelets:  
vasoconstr. factors  
growth factors

diurnal rhytm (morning!)  
cold  
smoking  
psychic influences

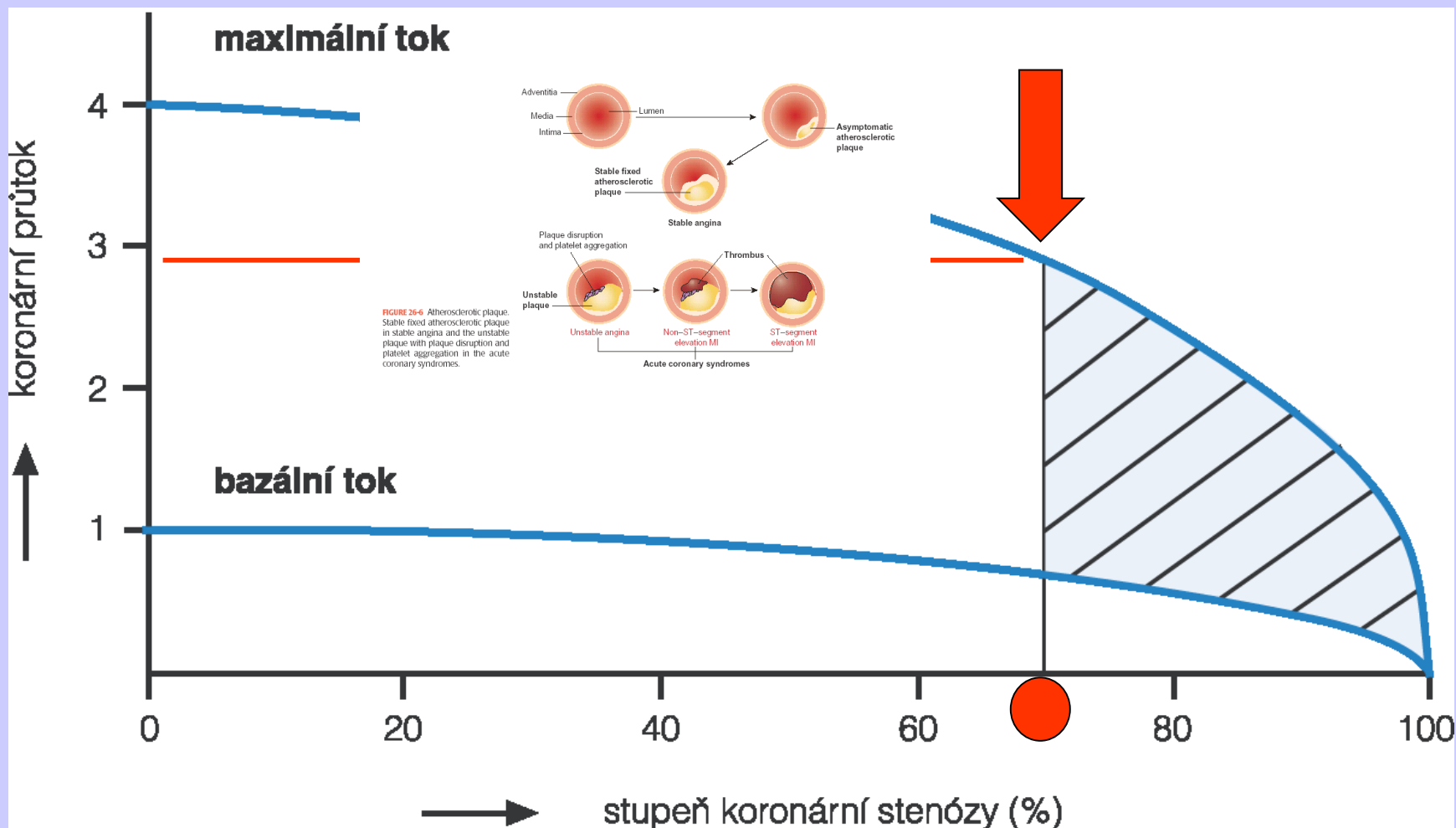


## Impact of the size of stenosis on hemodynamics of coronary blood flow:

- do 40 % – without influence
- 40–70 % – ischemia not apparent in physiological exercise
- **70**–90 % – ischemia not in resting, distinct in exercise
- over 90 % – ischemia even in rest

***Hemodynamically unimportant atherosclerotic plaque can be the cause of life-threatening myocardial infarction:***

rupture  $\Rightarrow$  thrombus + spasmus  $\Rightarrow$  necrosis  $\Rightarrow$   
arrhythmia (ventricular fibrillation)  $\Rightarrow$  death

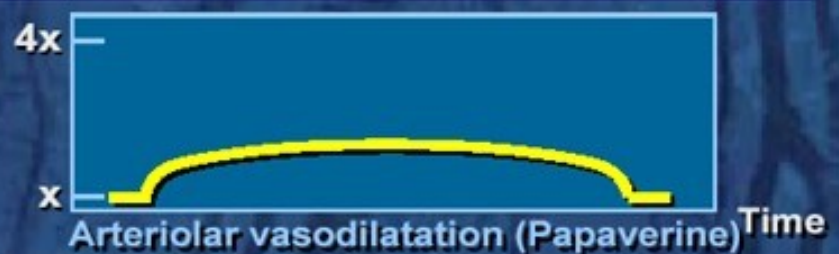
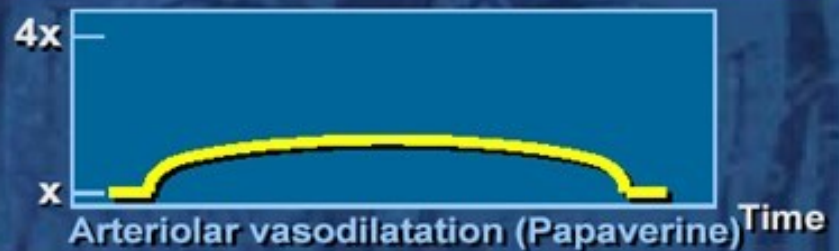
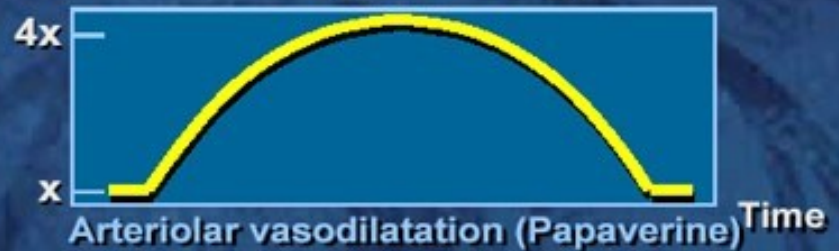


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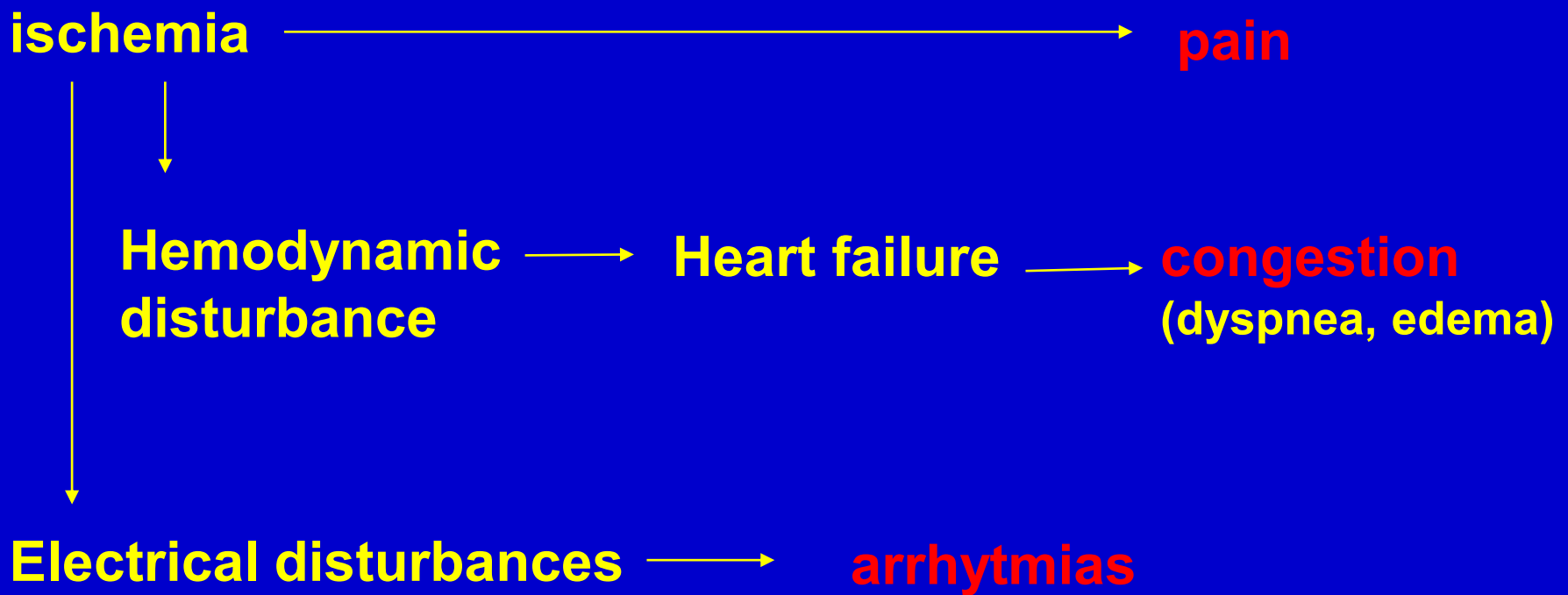
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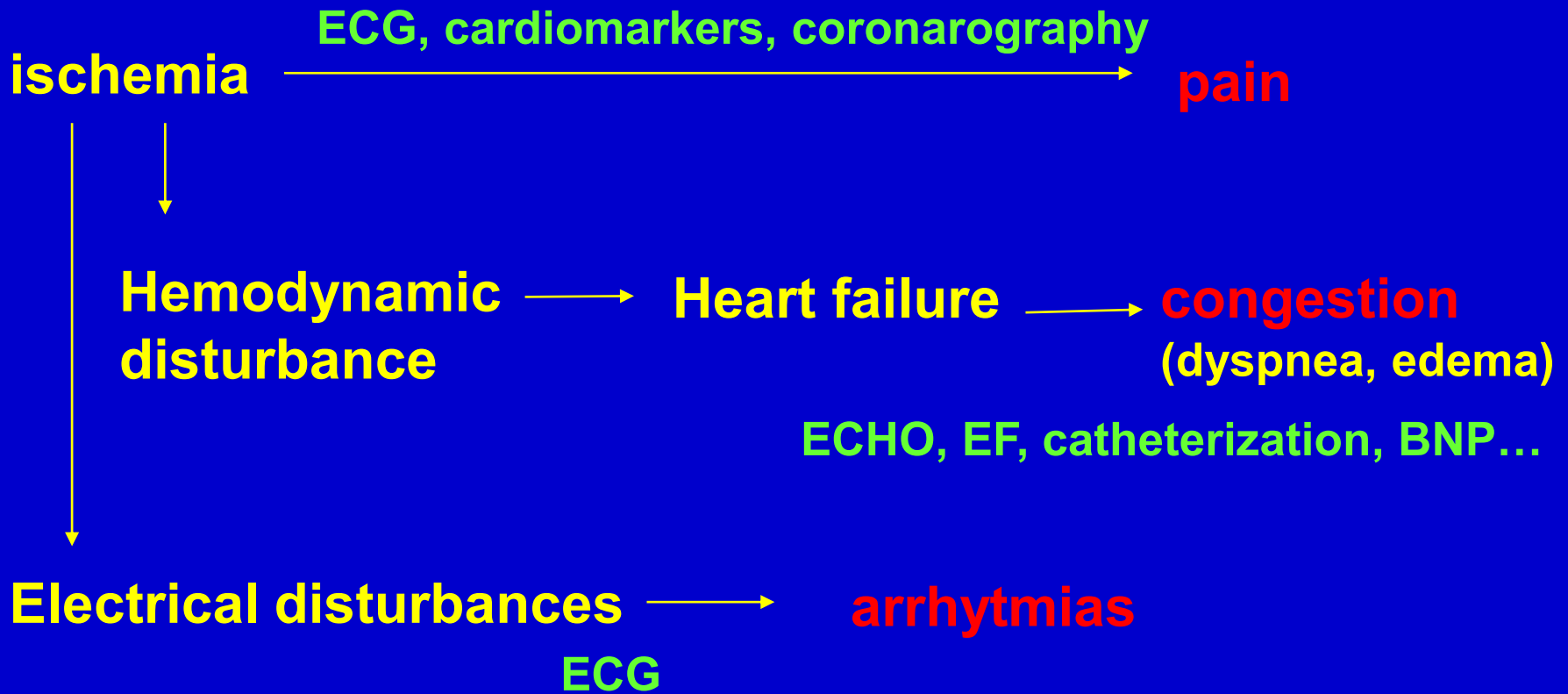




## Consequences of ischemia:

- **metabolic changes: ATP depletion, lokal acidosis, increased inflow of *calcium* to the cells**
- **impaired contractility (*decrease of stroke volume*):**
- **impaired relaxation (*diastolic dysfunction*)**
- **impaired electrical events (*arrhythmias, ECG*)**
- **morphological changes (*myocytes, necrosis, fibrotisation, steatosis etc.*)**
- **clinical symptoms (*pain, arrhythmia, heart failure*)**





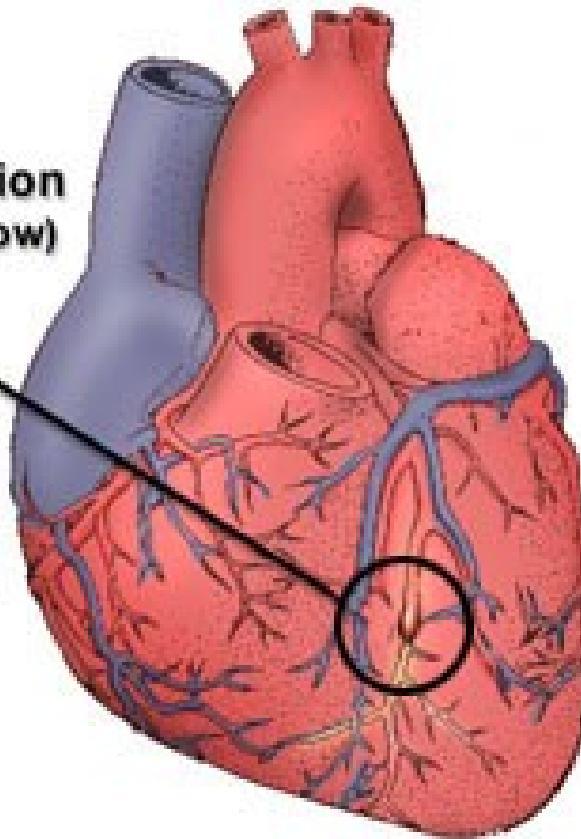
## The result of ischemia

Size + duration + reperfusion

- Prolongated occlusion: **necrosis**
- Temporary occlusion with complete reperfusion – **without necrosis**

steal fenomén  
rheology

**Artery Constriction  
(Blocked Blood Flow)**

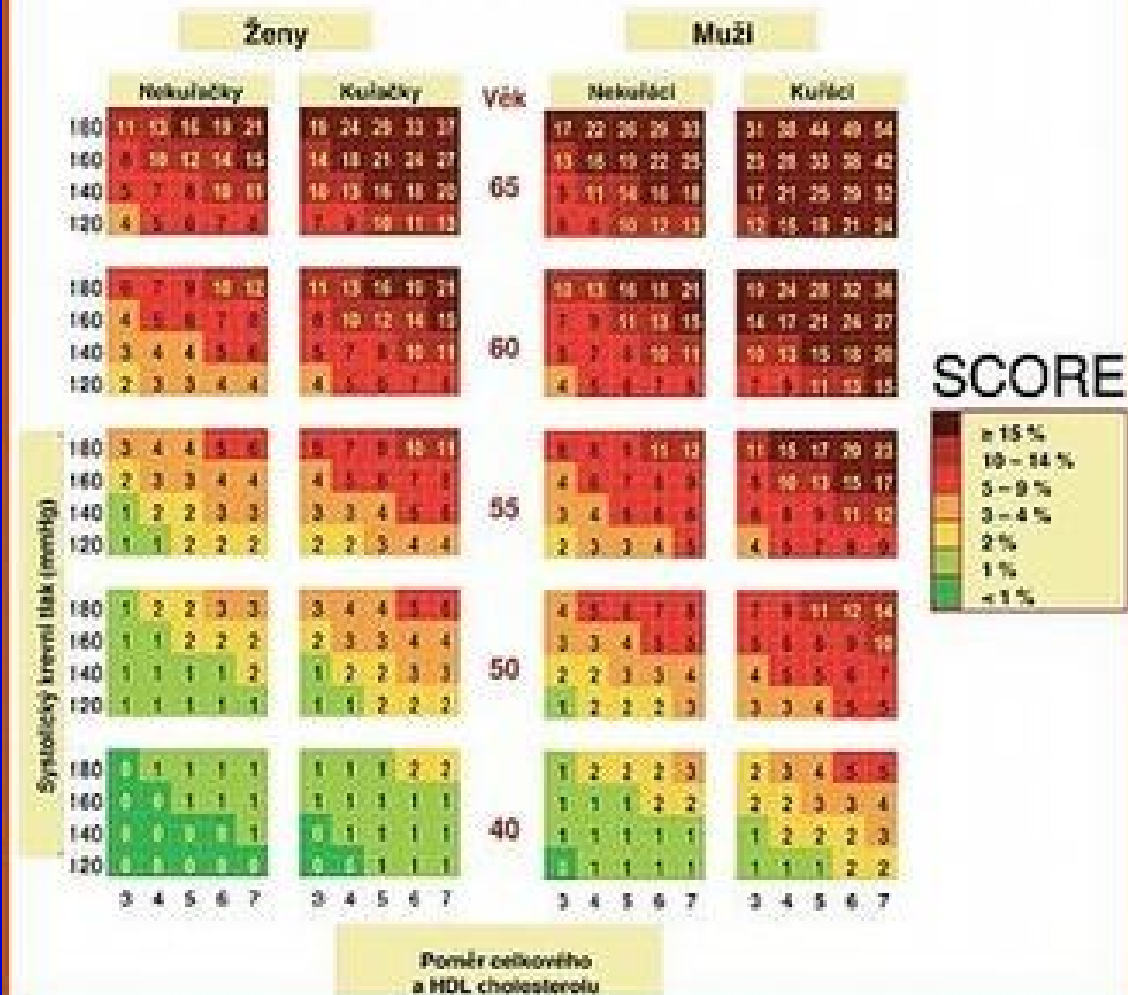


## **CLINICAL FORMS OF CHD**

**The principle cause of CHD is**

**ATHEROSCLEROSIS  
and its complications**

## Obr. 9 – Desetileté riziko fatálního kardiovaskulárního onemocnění v ČR podle pohlaví, věku, systolického TK, poměru celkového a HDL-cholesterolu a kuřáckých návyků



# CASE REPORT – atherosclerosis

## History:

- Atherosclerosis and CHD in the family
- smoking
- Life style, excersise, nutrition and other risk factors

## Examine (apart from the heart):

- BP
- glycemia
- BMI, waist circumference
- Arteries, murmurs (a. carotis...)
- CRP
- lipid metabolisms
- homocystein...



## **Plaque vulnerability**

**(1) Size of the lipid core and the stability and thickness of the fibrous cap**

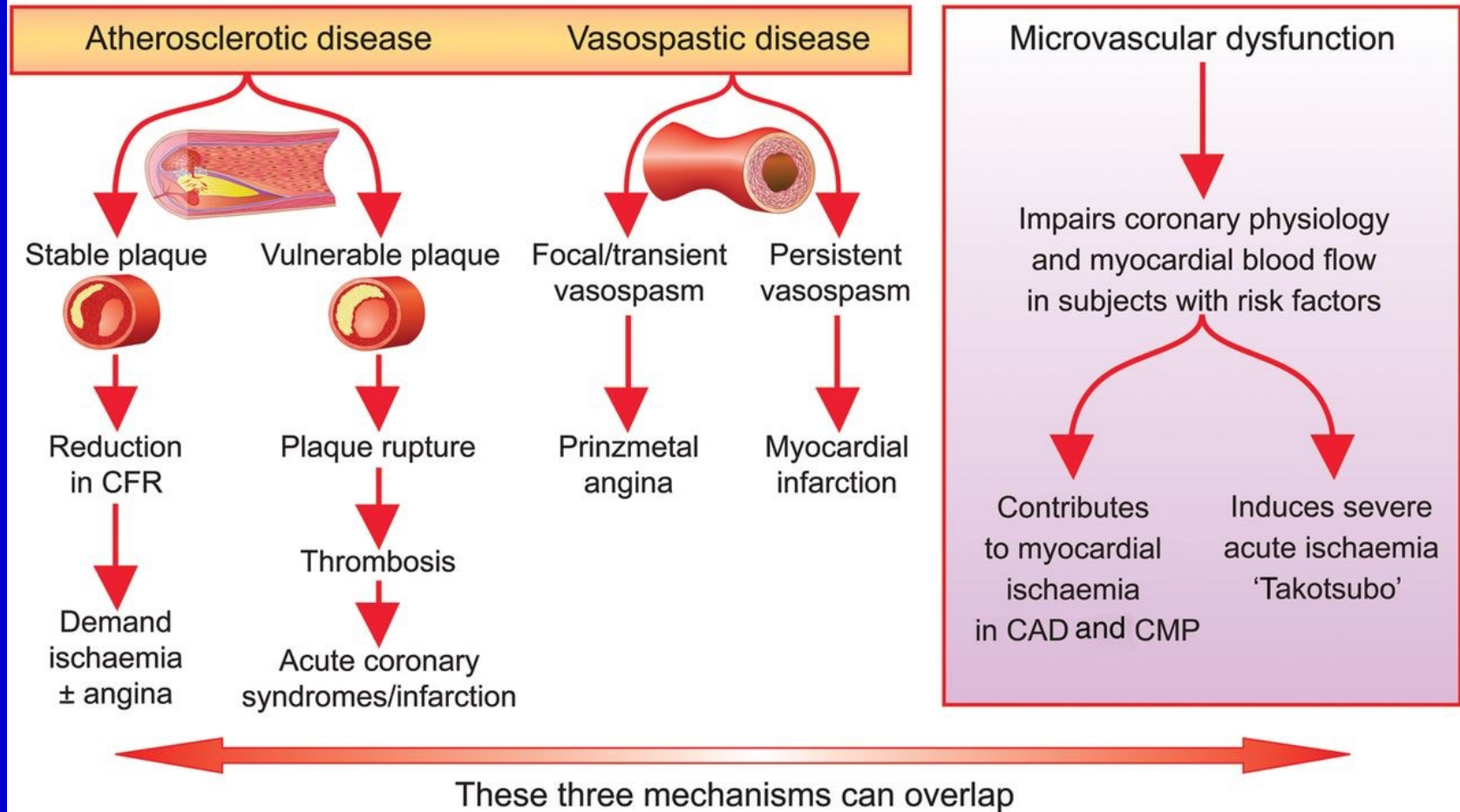
**(2) Inflammation with the degradation processes**

**(3) lack of SMC with impaired healing and the plaque instability**

# Mechanisms of myocardial ischaemia

## Epicardial coronary arteries

## Coronary microcirculation

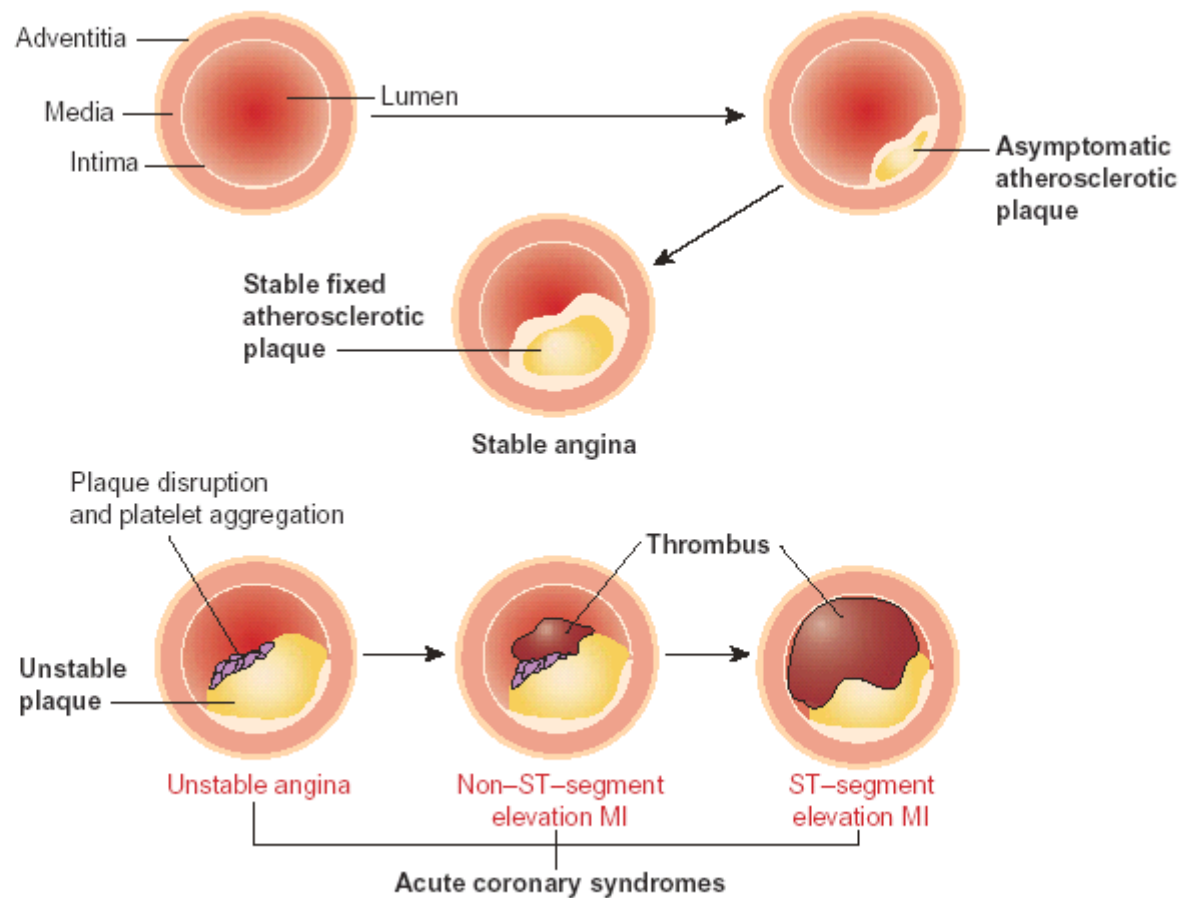


### **Coronary microvascular dysfunction: an update**

Filippo Crea, Paolo G. Camici, Cathleen Noel Bairey Merz DOI:

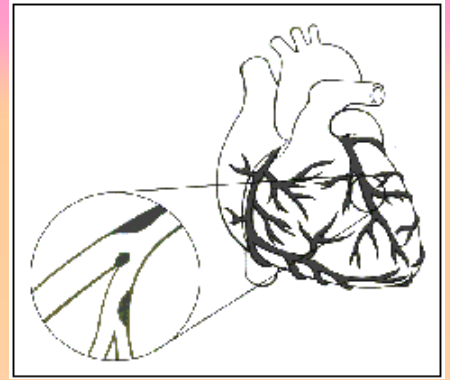
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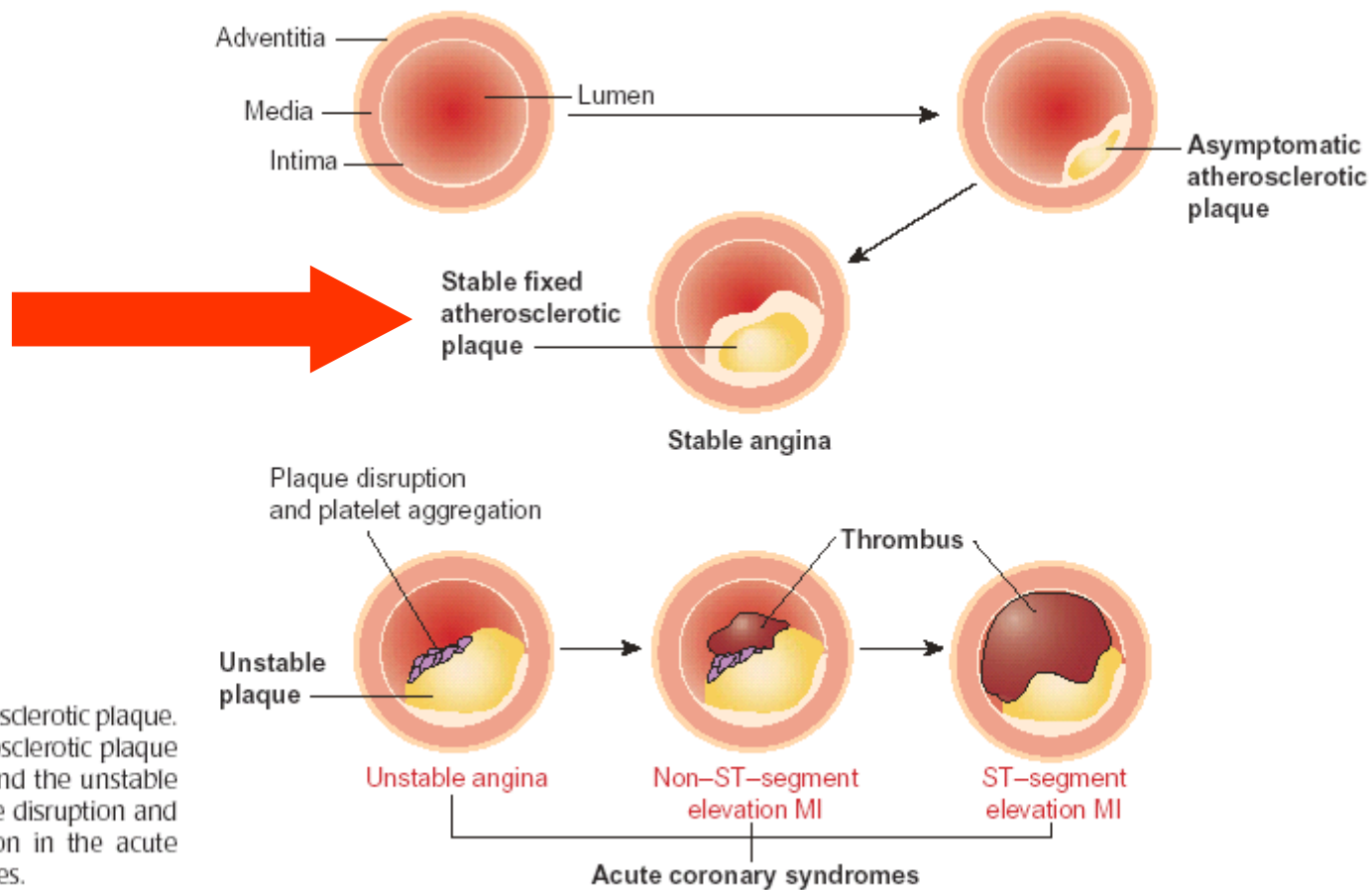
## Angina pectoris (AP)



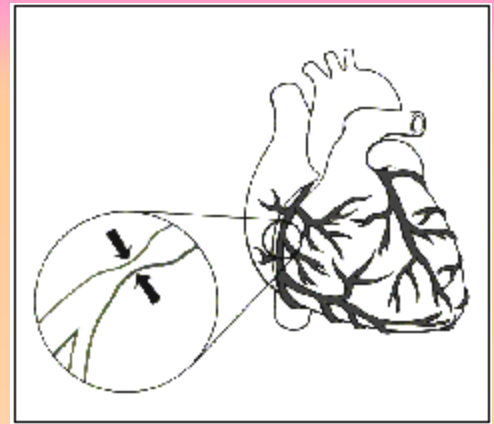
- stable: fixed stenosis

atherosclerotic plaque decreases coronary reserve, increased oxygen requirements of myocardium (tachycardia) ... subendocardial ischemia

*Other contributing factors:* anemia, increased blood viscosity, diastolic hypotension, hypertrophy of myocardium



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- **vasospastic** (Prinzmetalova):  
spasmus of epicardial artery,  
transmural ischemic changes;  
in rest (frequently nocturnally),  
reperfusion may be accompanied by arrhythmia



## Mechanisms (?):

- hyperactive sympathetic nervous system
- defect in the handling of calcium in vascular smooth muscle
- imbalance between endothelium-derived relaxing and contracting factors, incl. NO

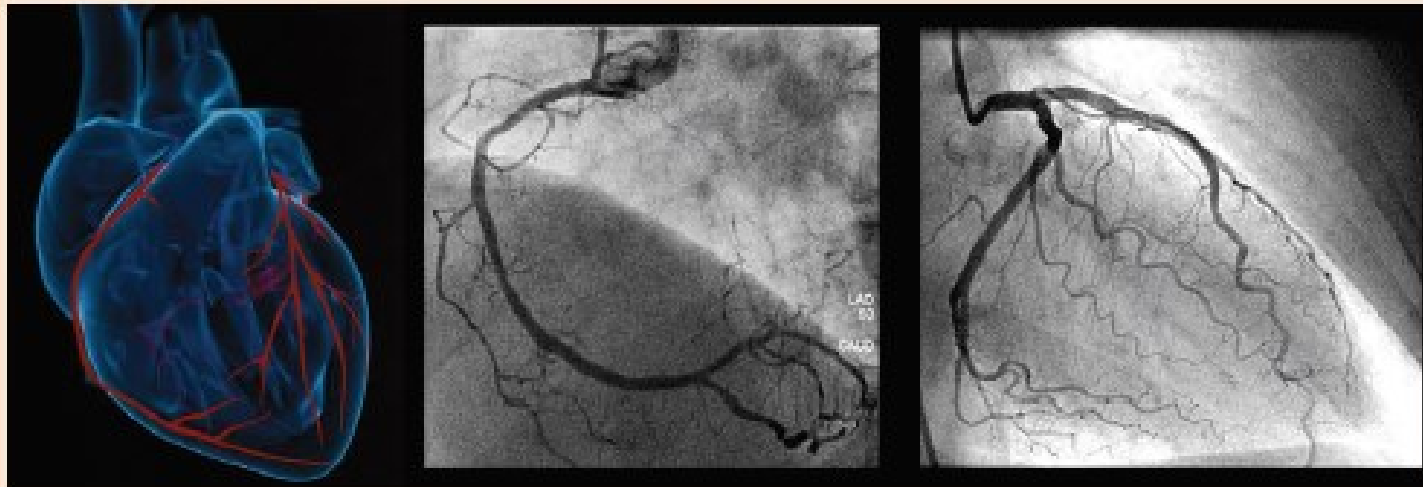
# Microvascular angina (MVA, syndrome X)

- Retrosternal pain w/o narrowing on coronarography
- Small vessels
- More frequent in women
- Spasms, microvascular dysfunction, endothelium dysfunction ...



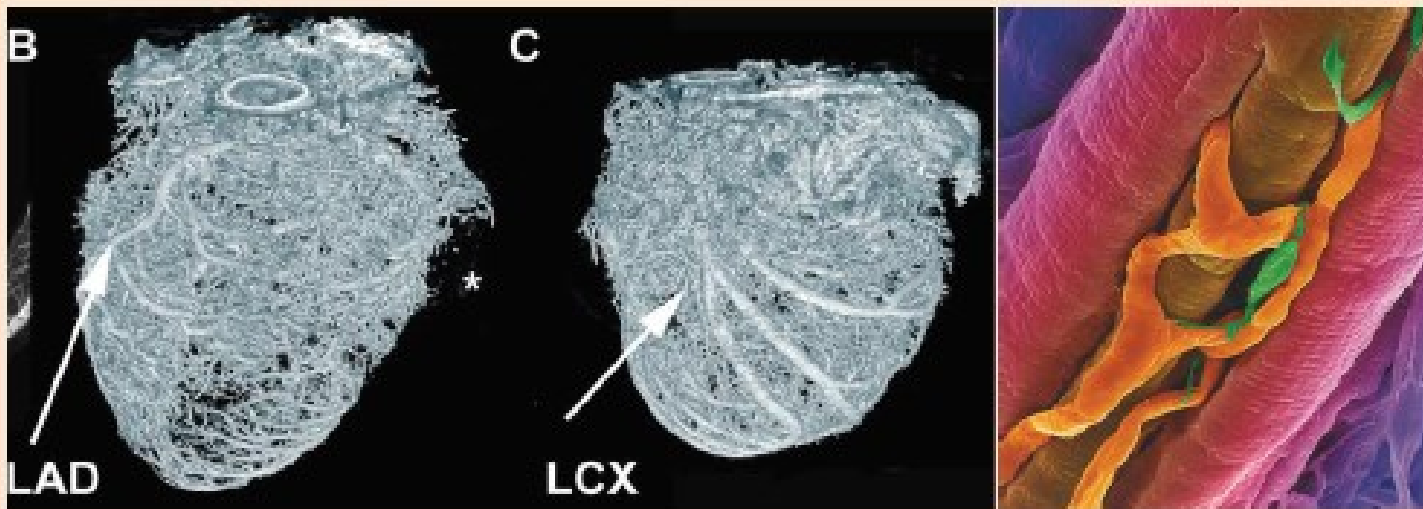
■ ■ ■ OBRÁZEK 1

Patogeneze chronické anginy: koronární arterie však nejsou jen tyto



■ ■ ■ OBRÁZEK 2

Patogeneze anginy: koronární arterie jsou také tyto



# CASE REPORT

**A) Patient, 59 years**

## Symptoms:

**Sudden and strong chest pain with no relief irradiation, the beginning at rest, anxiety, sweating**

***Dg: stable angina pectoris***

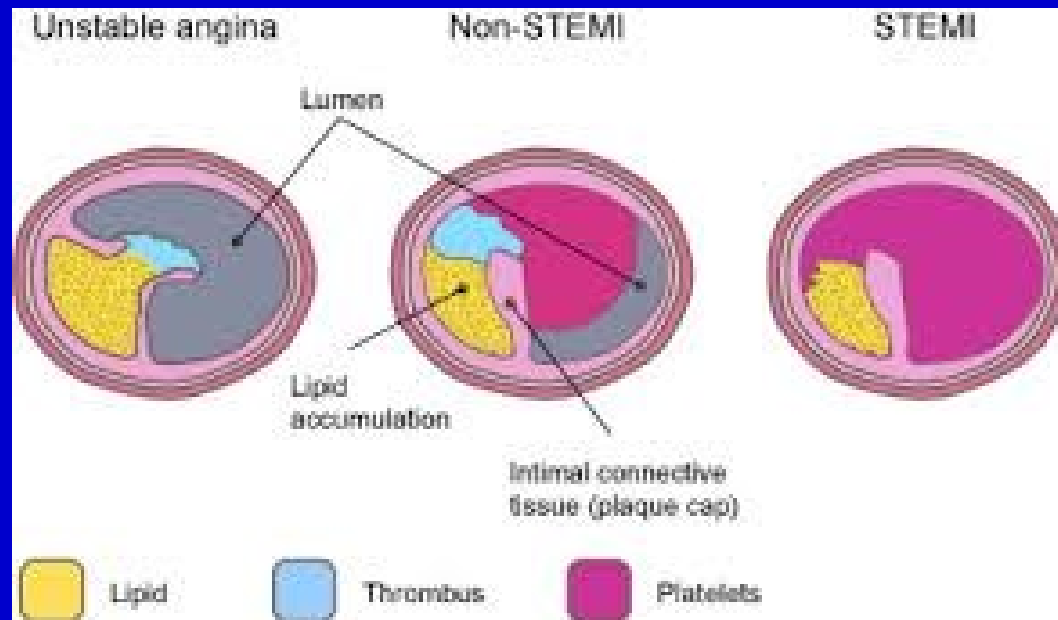
***Other negative factors:***

**anemia,  
increased blood viscosity,  
diastolic hypotension,  
myocardium hypertrophy**

# Acute coronary syndrome

- **Unstable angina pectoris** – w/o necrosis (w/o cardiomarkers elevation)
- **Myocardial infarction** – necrosis, cardiomarkers, ECG
  - NSTEMI
  - STEMI
  - Q infarction

# Coronary arteries and blood flow



[http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/nursing/practice/resources/cardiology/acs/non\\_stelelevation.php](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/nursing/practice/resources/cardiology/acs/non_stelelevation.php)



## *Acute coronary syndromes*

unstable AP + acute MI: NSTEMI,  
STEMI

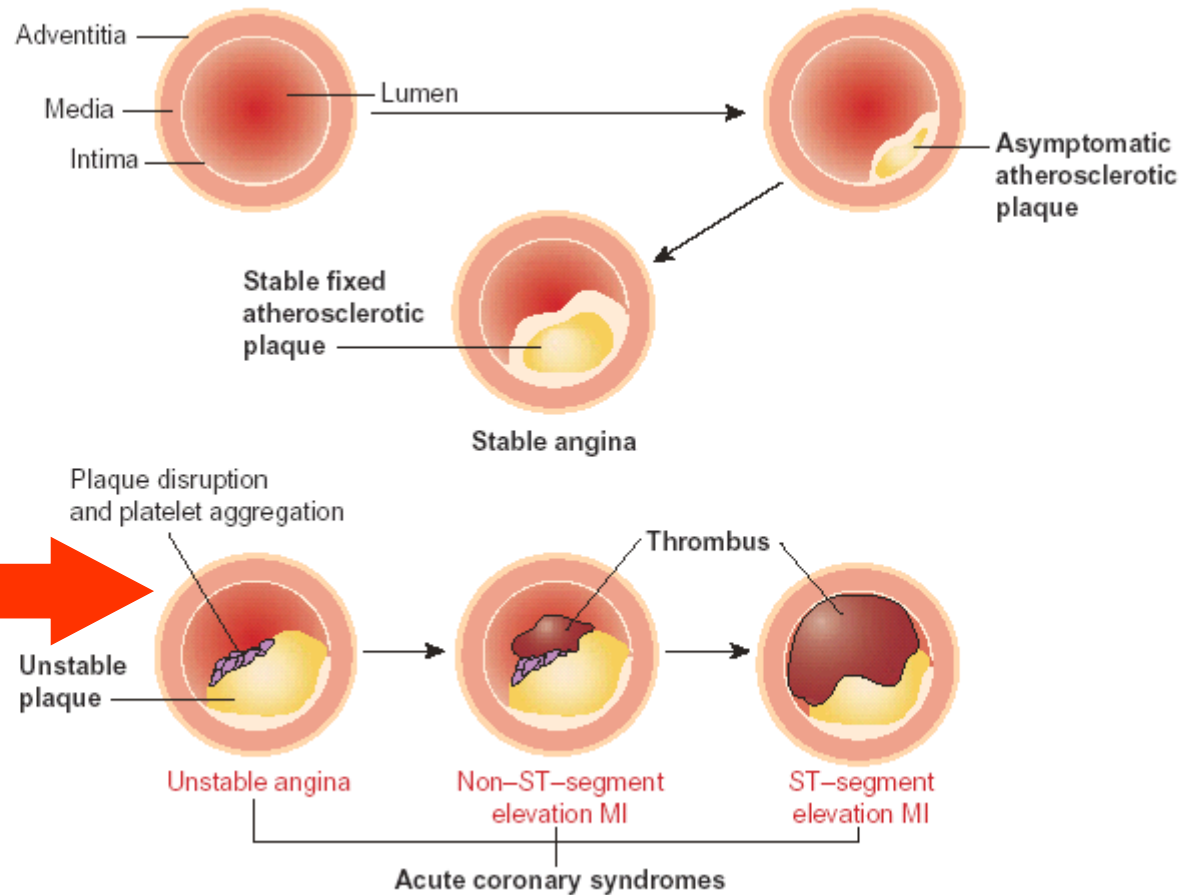
ECG + cardiac markers

*Unstable AP*: unstable stenosis  
rupture, thrombosis, spasmus,  
uncomplete obturation + shorter time of  
ischemia

without necrosis – no or minimal  
increase in cardiac markers

# Unstable AP

- **NONocclusive** thrombus without necrosis but important blood flow impairment and ischemia
- Cardiomarkers negative
- Chest pain similar to AP but at rest, longer, more frequent
- ECG: various changes but sometimes can be normal, often ST depression and T wave inversions
- Further development ??



**FIGURE 26-6** Atherosclerotic plaque. Stable fixed atherosclerotic plaque in stable angina and the unstable plaque with plaque disruption and platelet aggregation in the acute coronary syndromes.



## Plaque rupture

- spontaneously
- triggered by hemodynamic factors
  - blood flow characteristics
  - vessel tension.

Sudden surge of **sympathetic activity**: an increase in blood pressure, heart rate, force of cardiac contraction, and coronary blood flow

Plaque rupture also has a **diurnal variation**, occurring most frequently during the first hour of arising.

It has been suggested that the sympathetic nervous system is activated on arising, resulting in changes in platelet aggregation and fibrinolytic activity that tend to favor thrombosis. This diurnal variation in plaque rupture can be minimized by  $\beta$ -adrenergic blockers and aspirin





## *Acute myocardial infarction (AMI)*

thrombosis leading to the *necrosis* of myocardium

***NSTEMI*** – non ST segment elevation MI

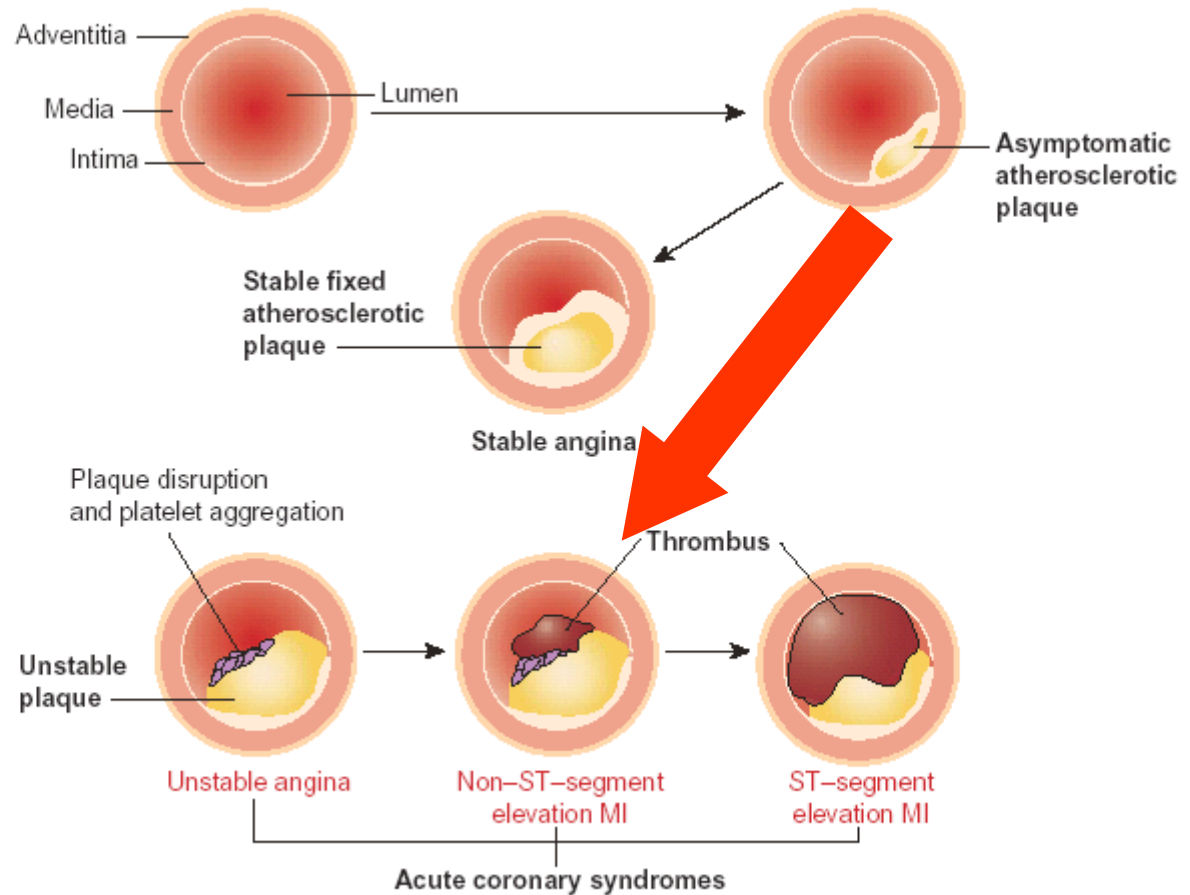
*Usually ST depression, T wave inversion  
increase in cardiac markers, not all wall is  
necrotic (non Q)*

***STEMI***

*Complete occlusion, ST elevation, Q wave  
usually develops (Q – transmural – infarction)*

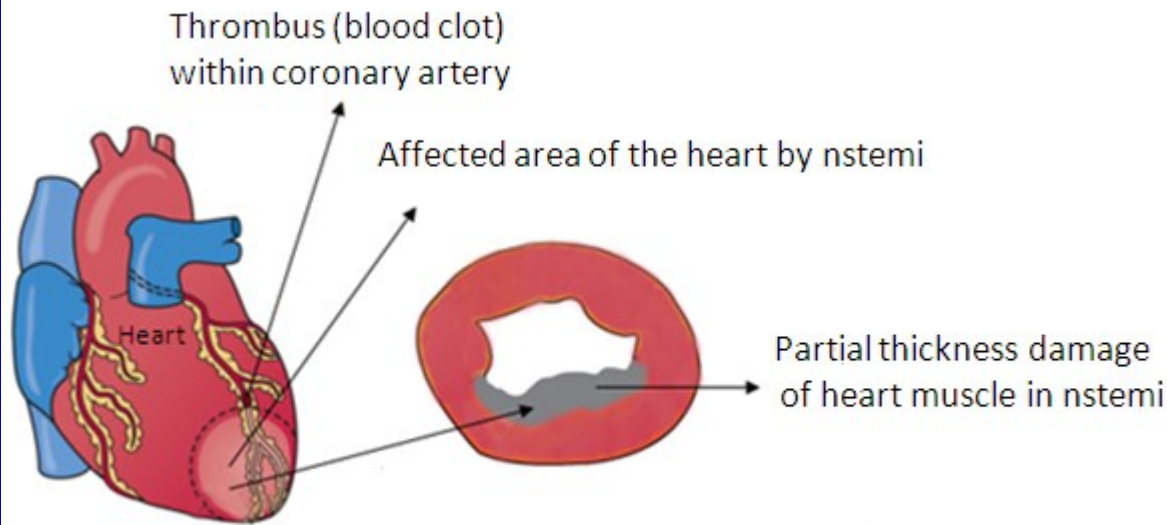
# NSTEMI, STEMI

- **NSTEMI** – necrosis of myocytes but w/o ST elevation and pathological Q – subendocardial necrosis
- **STEMI** – **occlusive** atherothrombosis with complete blocking of blood flow, necrosis and ST elevation

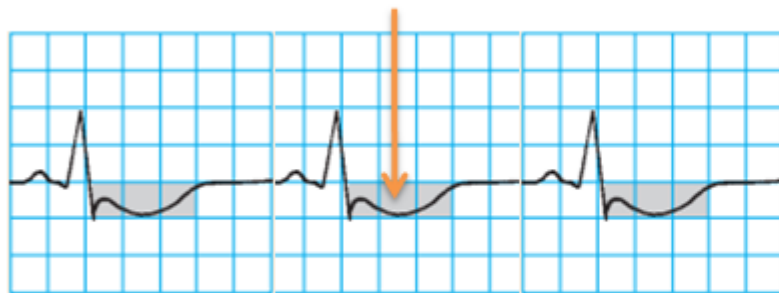


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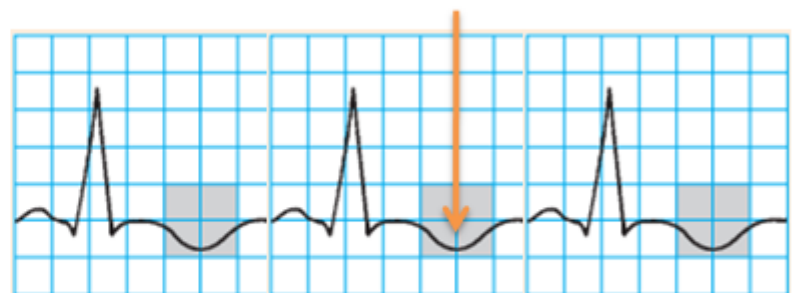


## ST-depression

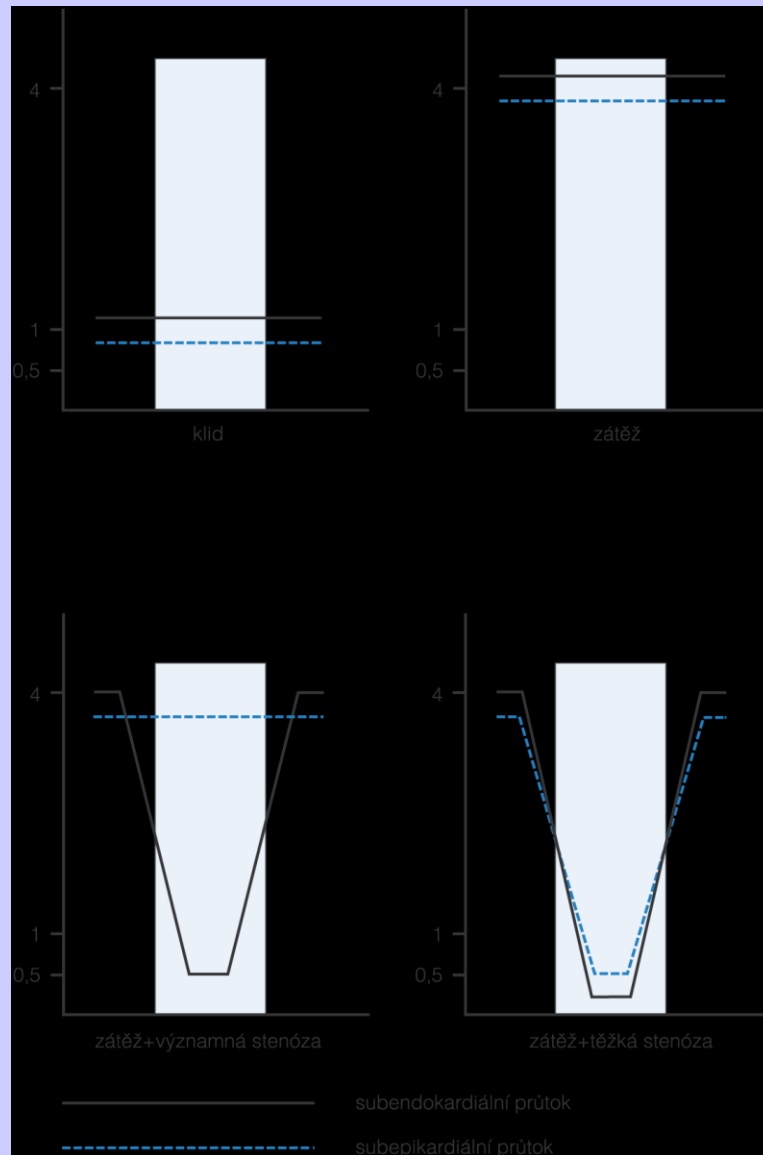


ST-segment depression in nstemi

## T-inversion

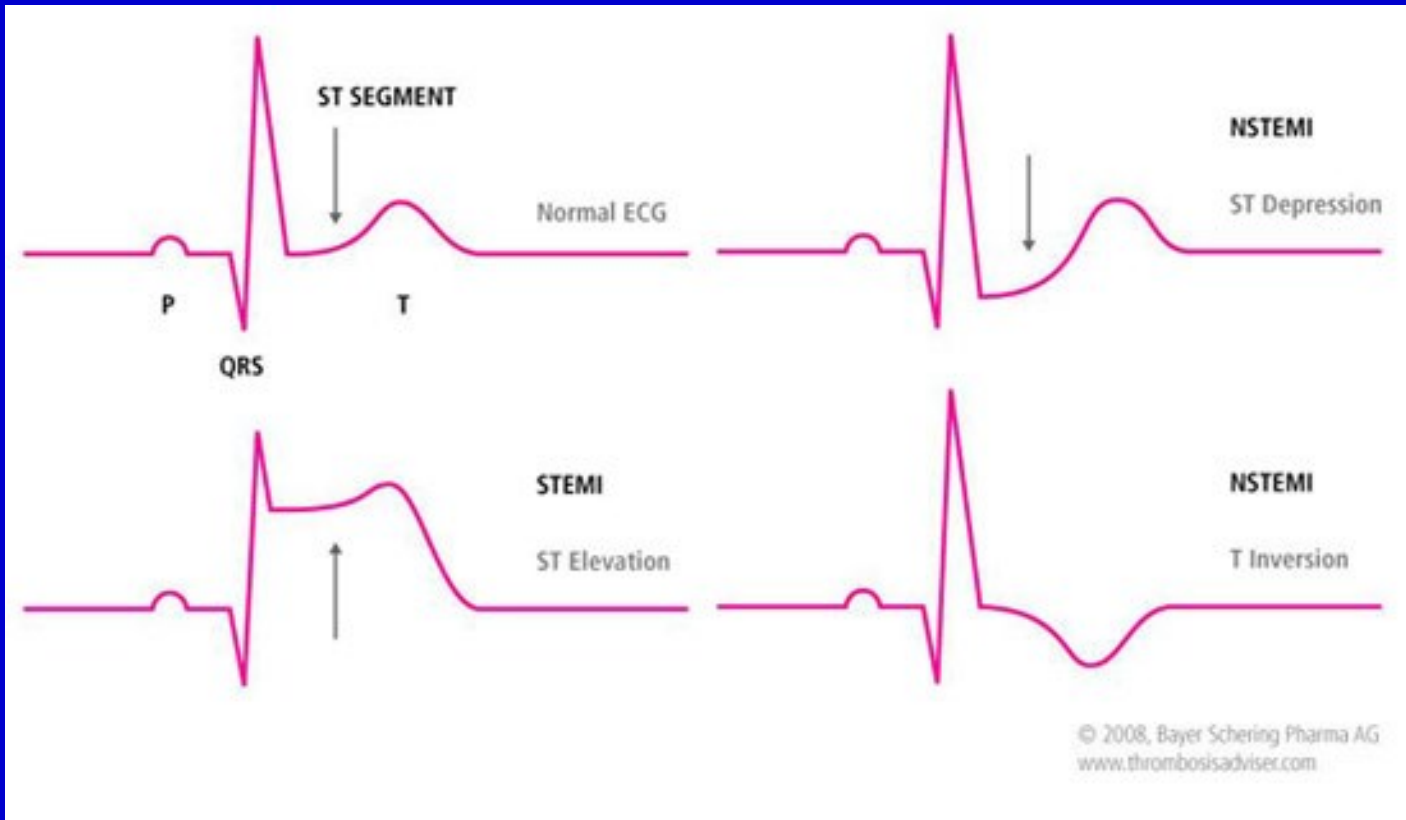


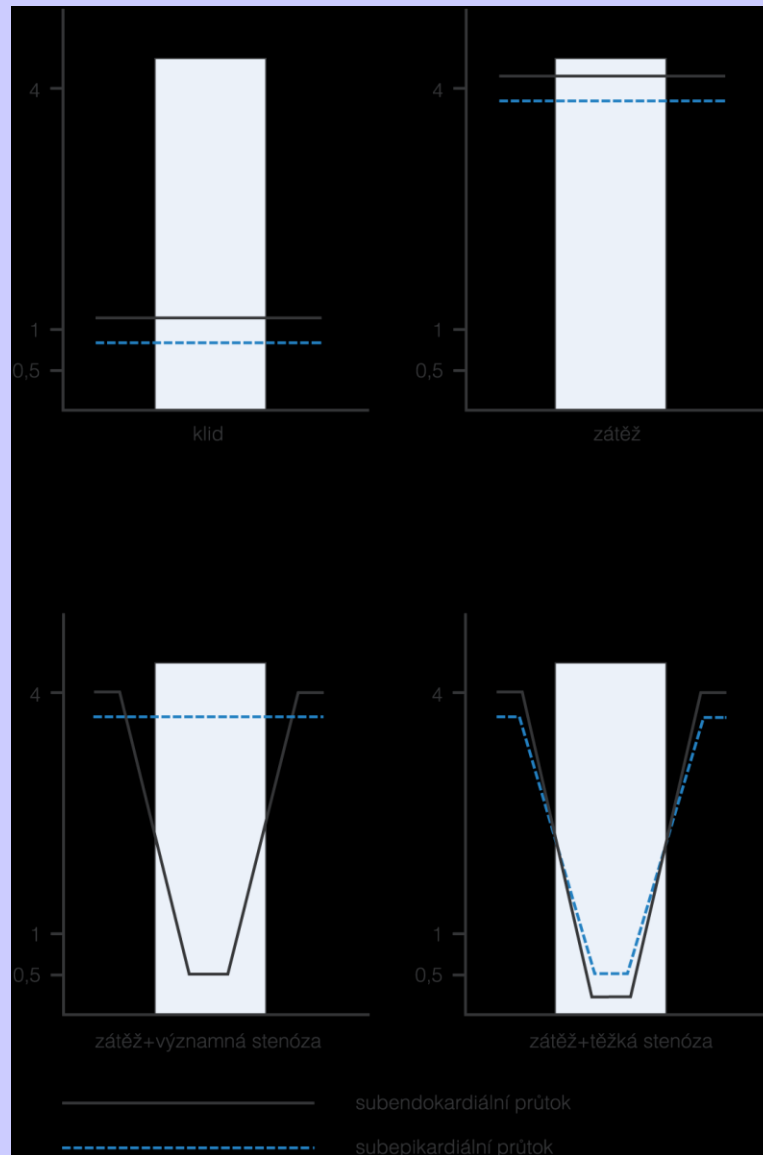
T-wave inversion in nstemi



## Zátěžová echokardiografie, Maxdorf

# STEMI



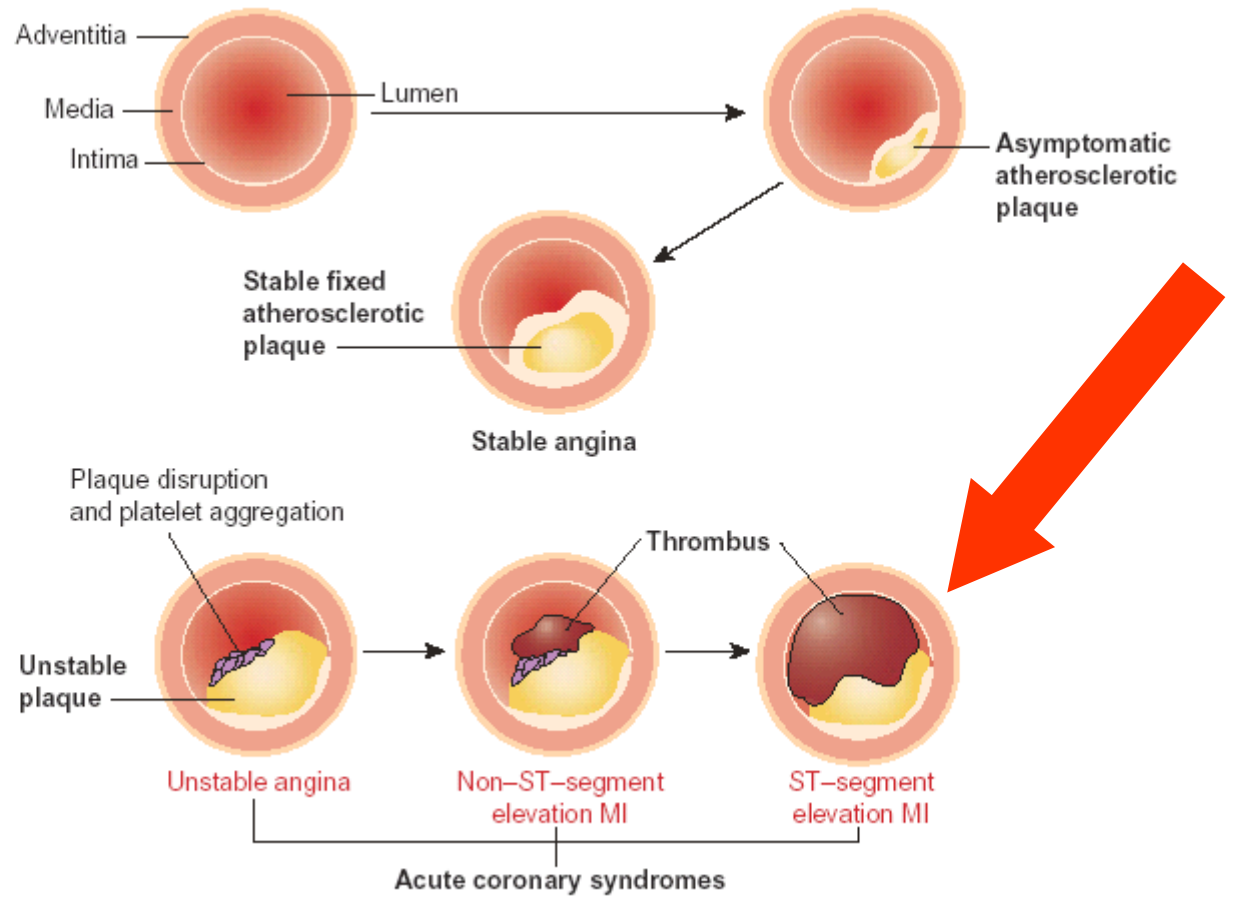


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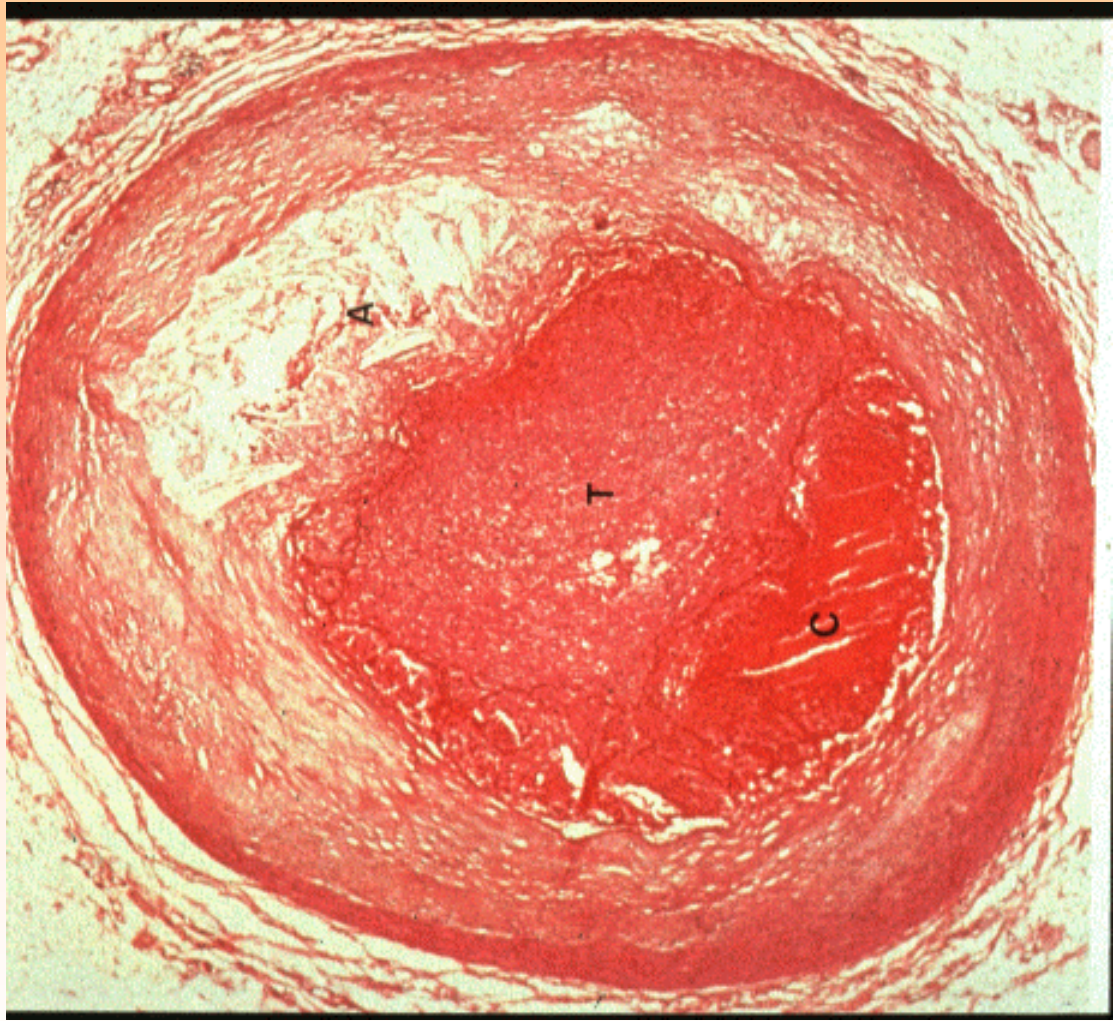
# Q infarction

- STEMI with the development of the pathological Q as a sign of transmural necrosis





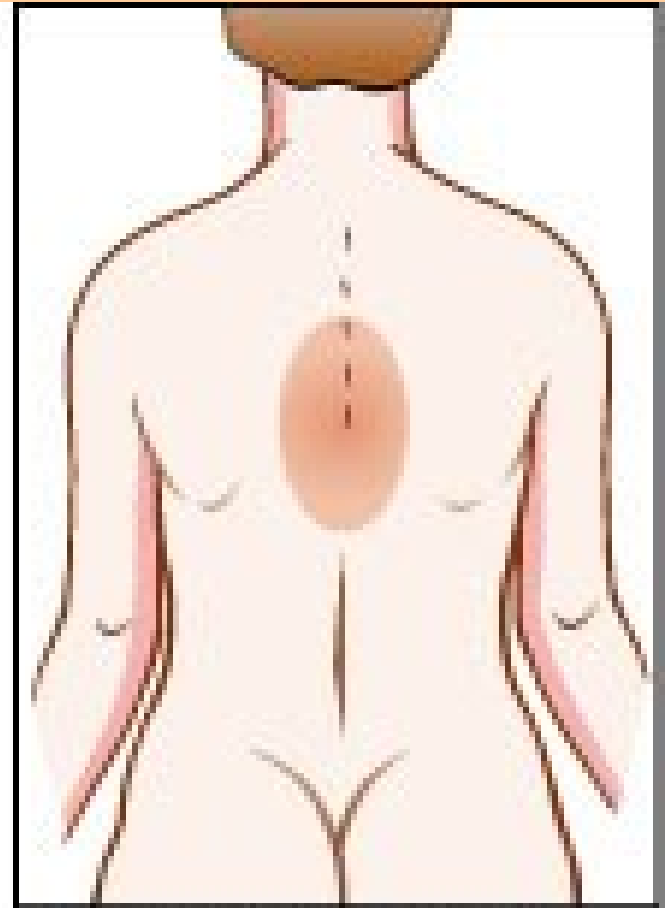
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## *Symptoms*

- pain
- vegetative nerves activation (anxiety, sweating, tachycardia)
- atypical (without important pain, abdominal symptoms)
- arrhythmias
- heart failure



Schmerzlokalisierung bei koronarer Herzkrankheit

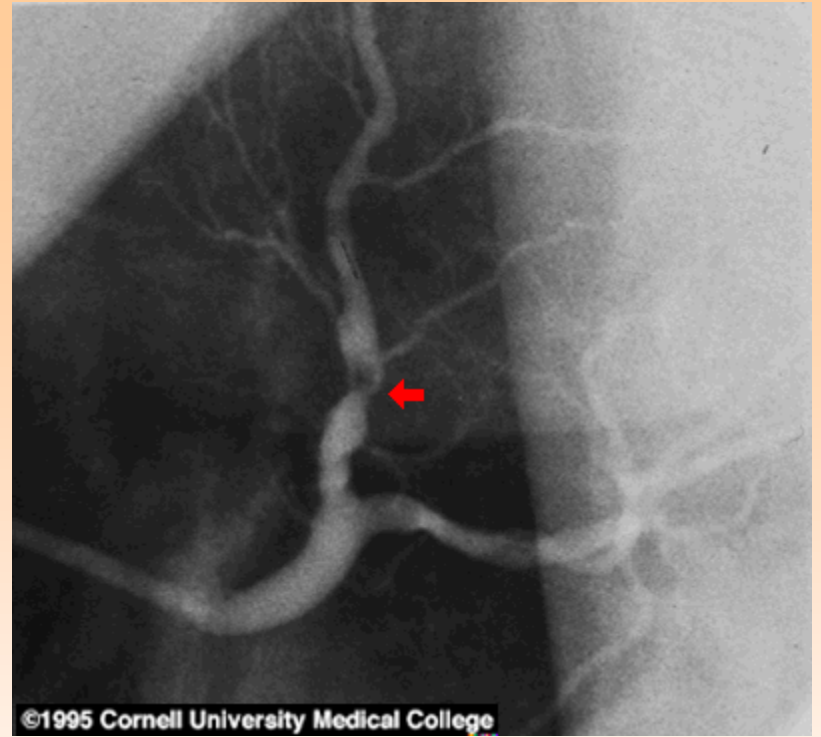
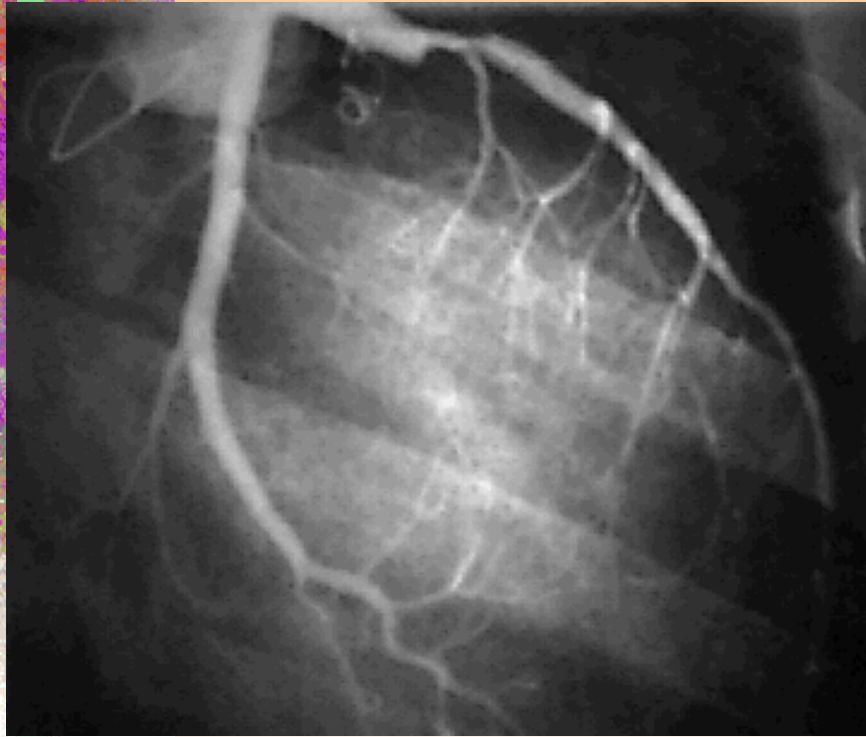
# Clinical consequences

**PAIN**

**DECREASE OF CONTRACTILITY –  
HEART FAILURE OR CARADIOGENIC SHOCK**

**ARRHYTHMIAS**

**NECROSIS AND ITS SYMPTOMS**  
**cardiomarkers**





## *Size of the necrosis*

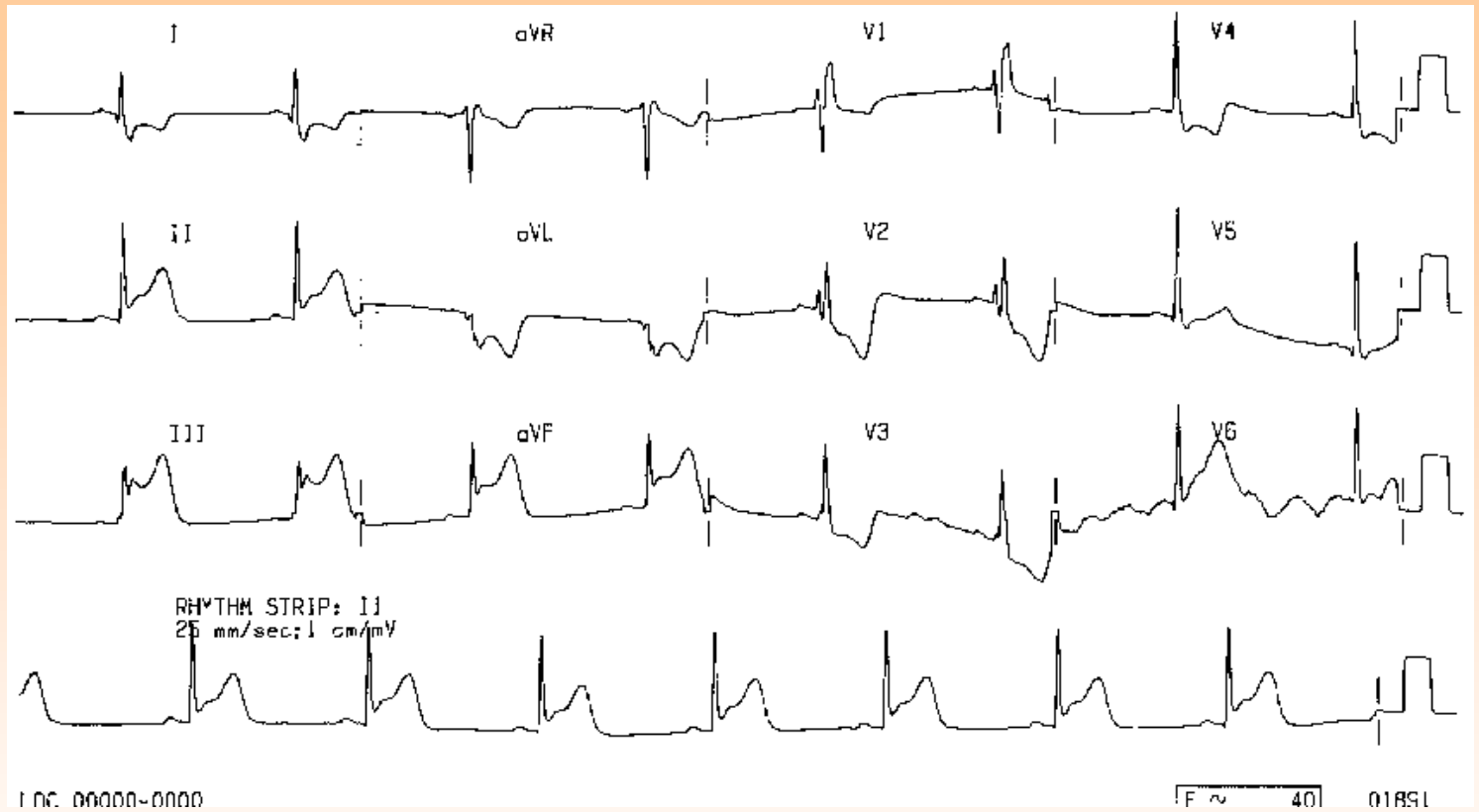
- extent of the blood flow
- collaterals
- myocardial needs of oxygen  
(heart rate, wall tension -  
afterload / systolic BP)
- ischemic preconditioning



## *Localisation of the necrosis*

- *layer of the wall*: transmural, subendocardial, intramural
- *part of the heart*: according to the coronary artery
  - anterior wall (RIA)
  - lateral wall (RC)
  - diaphragmatic (RIP)





## Layers of myocardium and their impairments

- anatomy
- Higher tension in subendocard. layers

### ***Subendocardial*** ischemia

Classical stable angina pectoris (no necrosis)  
depression ST segment – NSTEMI (necrosis)

### ***Subepicardial*** ischemia

variant AP (no necrosis)  
Myocardial infarction (necrosis)  
ST segment elevation – STEMI



## *Sequelae of the necrosis*

- ***hemodynamic*** (disturbances of contractility, decrease of ejection fraction) – large necrosis or repeated infarction - heart failure, if about 40% of myocardium destroyed, *cardiogenic* shock can develop
- ***electrical instability*** – arrhythmias, ventricular fibrillation, sudden death
- ***remodelation*** of the ventricle – scarring, aneurysma (dyskinesis, thrombosis with embolism), dilatation – importance for prognosis
- ***rupture*** of the wall, aneurysma (pericardial tamponade), septum, papillary muscle

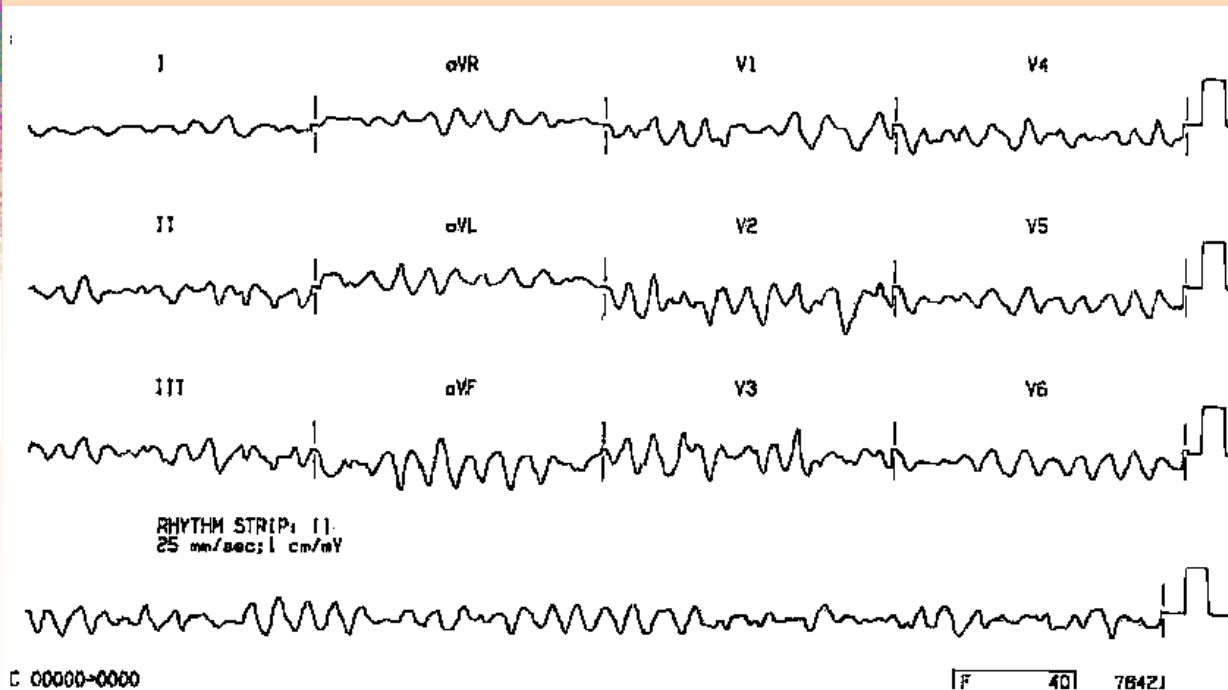
# Cardiogenic shock

- Severe dysfunction of the pumping heart function with the dramatic decline of CO
- Severe hypoperfusion of the tissues with their ischemia
- EDV in the myocardium is increased, symptoms of congestion (different from hypovolemic shock with the decrease of preload as the cause of the low stroke volume)
- „**extreme heart failure**“ with dominating **hypoperfusion and organ failure**

# Sequelae of the necrosis

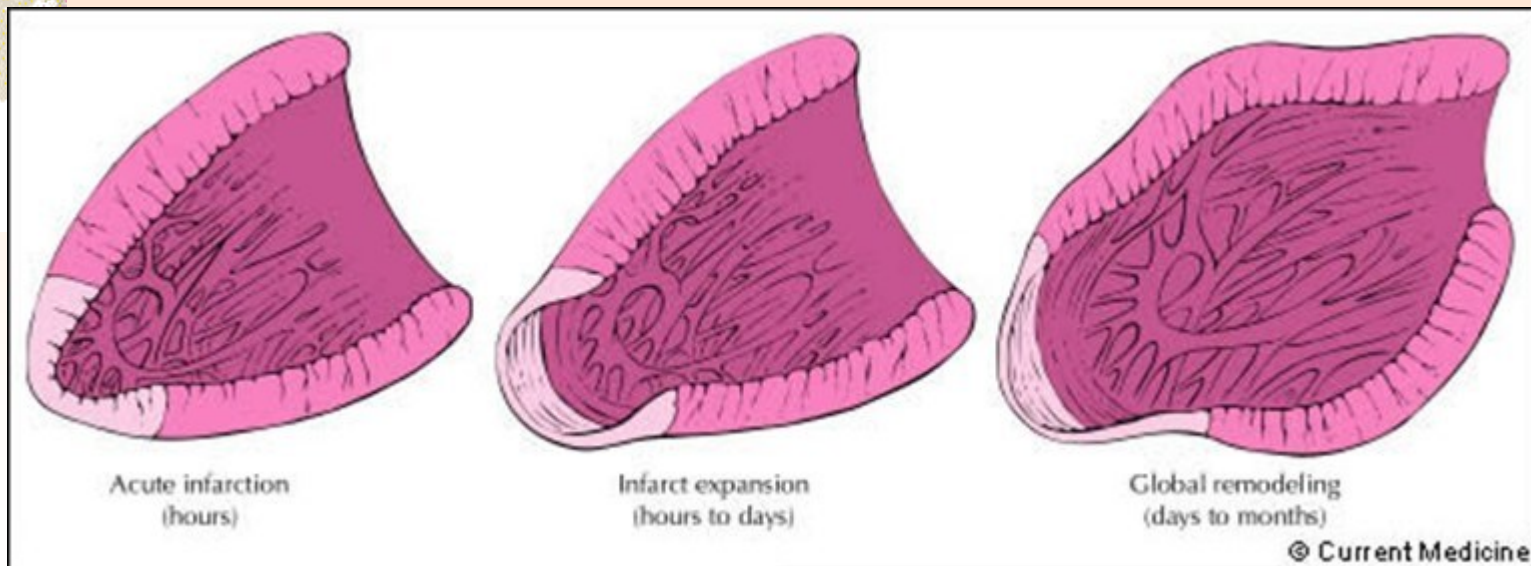
## *Electrical instability*

arrhythmias, **ventricular fibrillation**, sudden death



# PostIM remodeling

- changes of cardiomyocytes and intersticium
  - cell, molecular and gene changes
  - change in size, shape and function
    - thinning IM part,
- compensatory hypertrophy of others,
- changes of wall tension – O<sub>2</sub>, el. events



# Pain vs. dyspnea

- **Pain** – muscle ischemia, angina pectoris, AIM (and others...)
- **Dyspnea** – lung congestion („hemodynamic“ sign, heart failure, or others (mitral stenosis))
- Obviously they can combine (e.g. Heart failure in AIM)

# Tests for ischemia

- ECG – **poškození/nekróza/el. nestabilita**
- Cardiac markers (troponin, myoglobin, CK-MB) – sings of **injury/necrosis**
- Echo – impaired **contractility (function)** of the ischemic/necrotic part
- Coronarography – **flow**
- CFR – coronary flow reserve
- FFR – fractional flow reserve





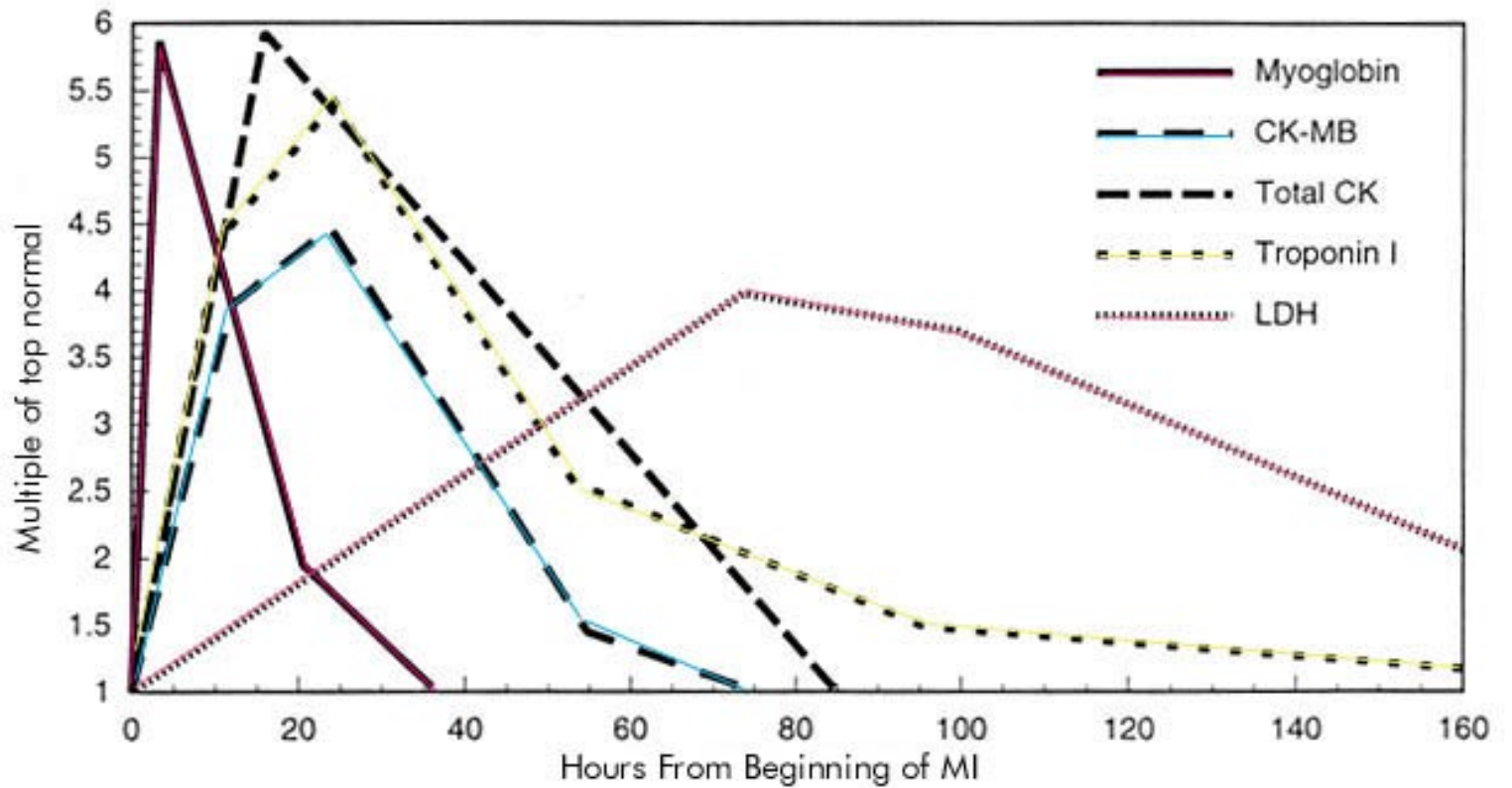
## *Basic diagnostics*

### Necrosis

- enzymes: CK-MB, AST, LD
- structural proteins: myoglobin, troponin
- reaction to the necrosis: leucocytosis, RBC sedimentation rate

### Electrical changes

- ECG: development of the curve  
localisation + infarction extent
- arrhythmias



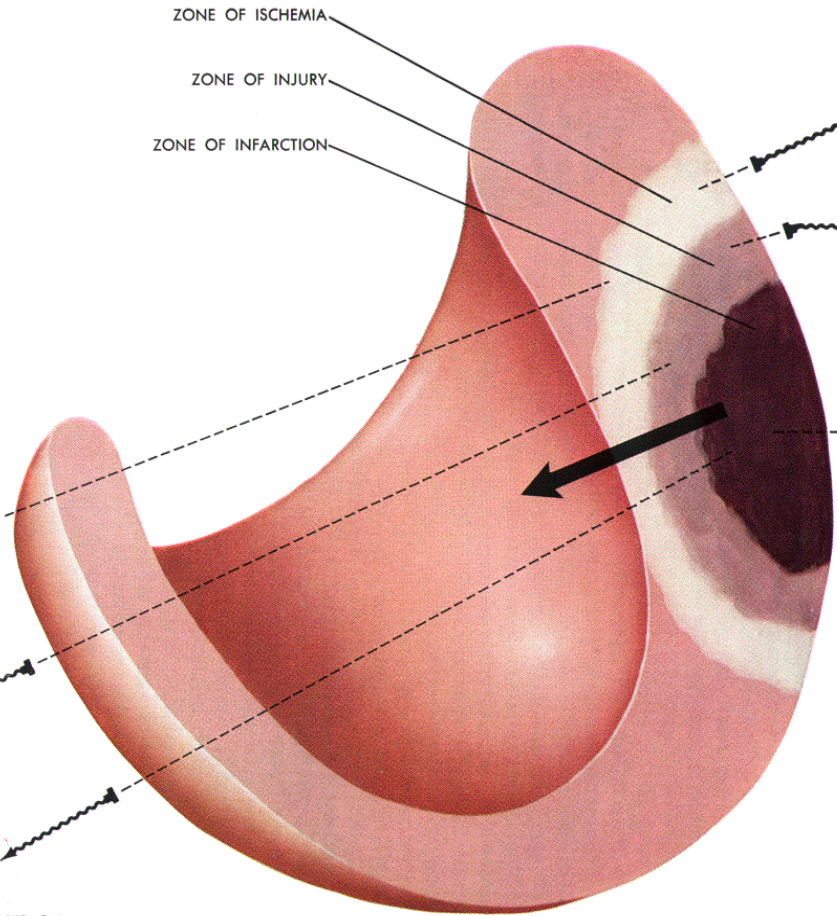
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ZONE OF ISCHEMIA  
ZONE OF INJURY  
ZONE OF INFARCTION

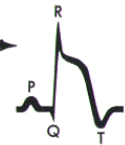


RECIPROCAL EFFECTS ON  
OPPOSITE SIDE OF INFARCT

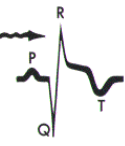
PLATE IX



ISCHEMIA CAUSES  
INVERSION OF T  
WAVE DUE TO  
ALTERED  
REPOLARIZATION



MUSCLE INJURY  
CAUSES ELEVATION  
OF S-T SEGMENT



DEATH (INFARCTION)  
OF MUSCLE CAUSES  
Q OR QS WAVES  
DUE TO ABSENCE  
OF DEPOLARIZATION  
CURRENT FROM  
DEAD TISSUE  
AND OPPOSING  
CURRENTS FROM  
OTHER PARTS  
OF HEART



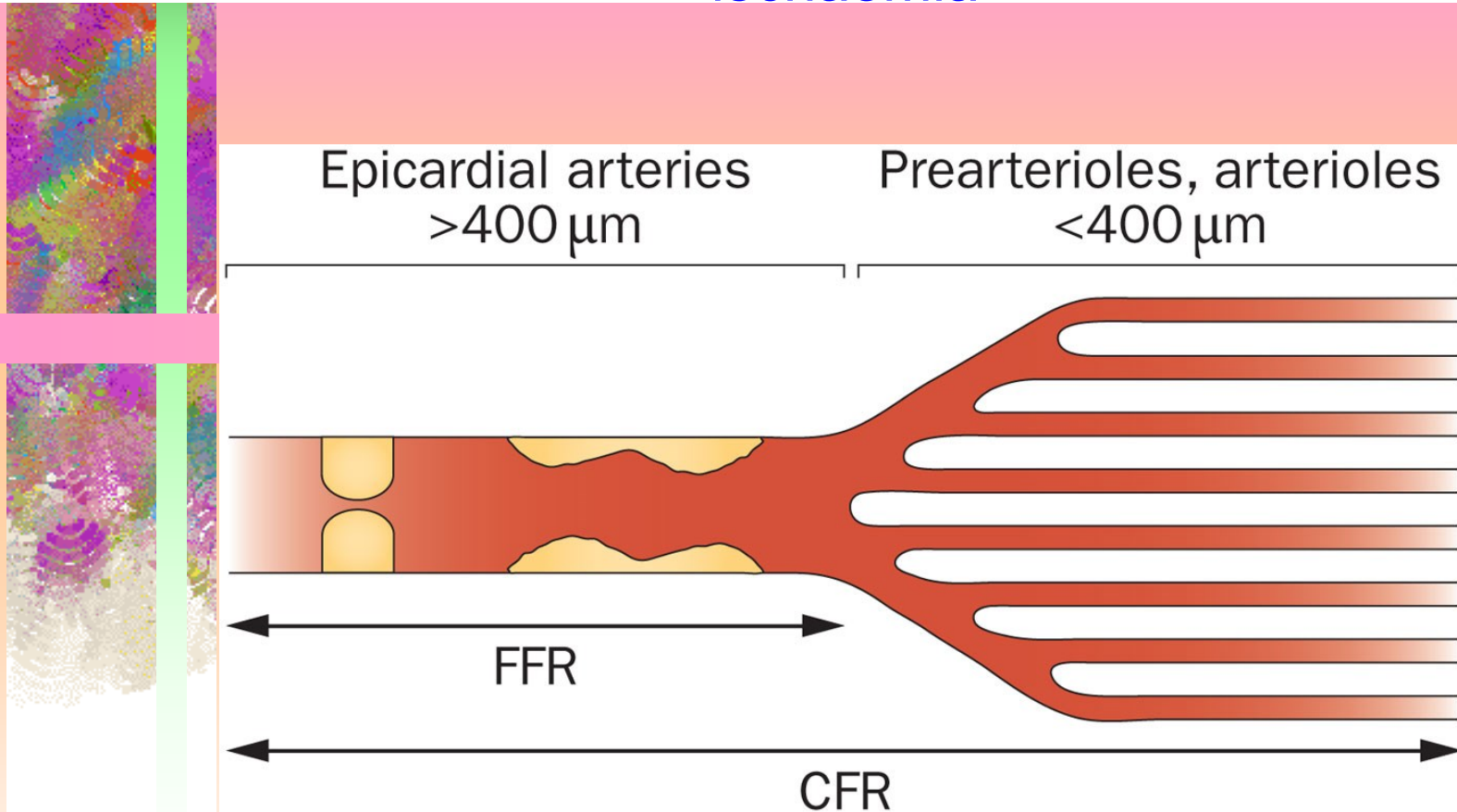
DURING RECOVERY  
(SUBACUTE AND  
CHRONIC STAGES)  
S-T SEGMENT  
OFTEN IS FIRST  
TO RETURN TO  
NORMAL, THEN  
T WAVE, DUE TO  
DISAPPEARANCE  
OF ZONES OF  
INJURY AND  
ISCHEMIA

EFFECT OF CARDIAC INFARCTION, INJURY, AND ISCHEMIA

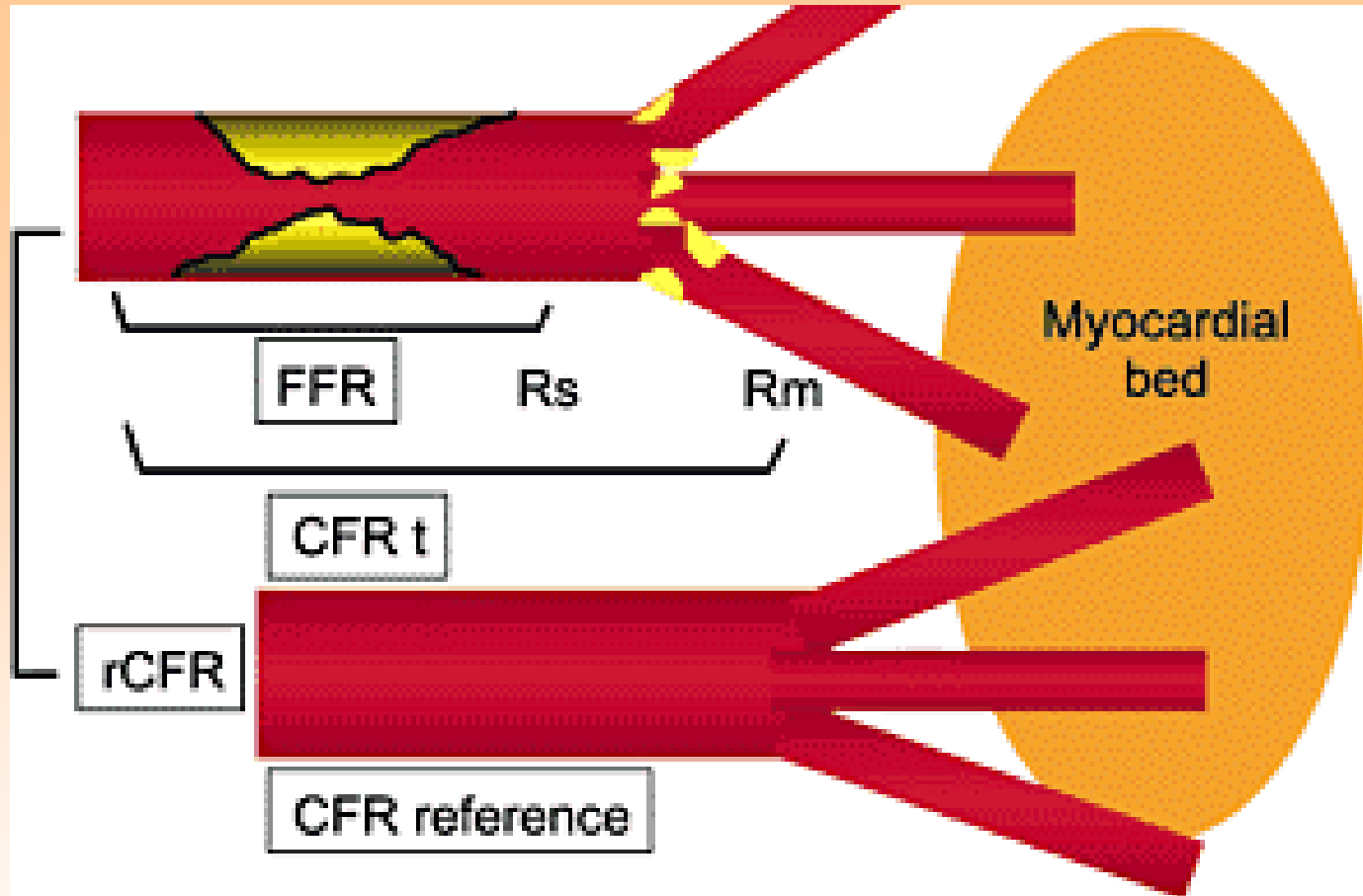
# FFR

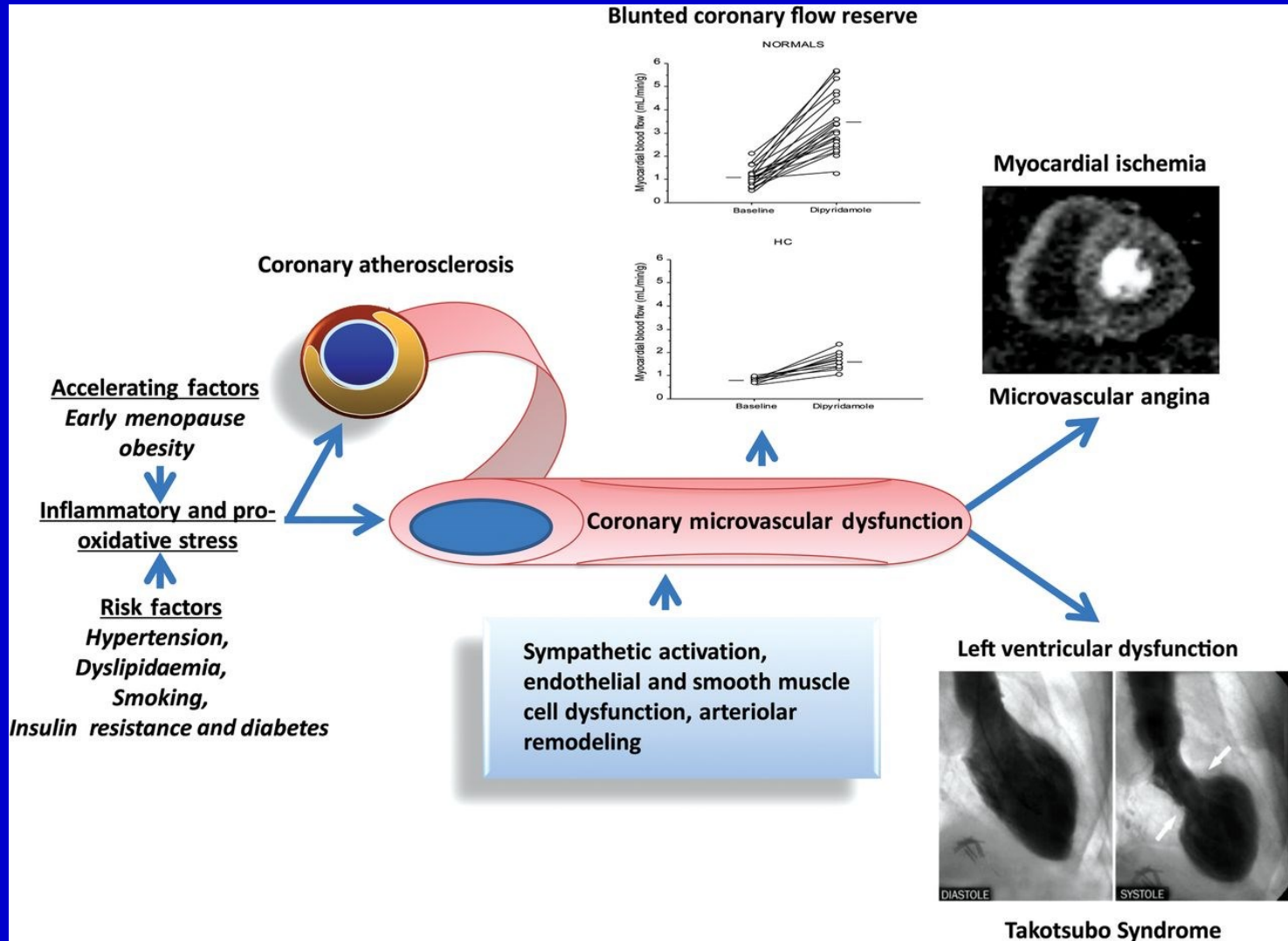
- Fractional flow reserve (FFR) measurement involves determining the ratio between the maximum achievable blood flow in a diseased coronary artery and the theoretical maximum flow in a normal coronary artery. An FFR of 1.0 is widely accepted as normal. An FFR lower than 0.75-0.80 is generally considered to be associated with myocardial ischemia (MI).

## Figure 2 Assessment of epicardial and microvascular ischaemia



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ardiol. doi:10.1038/nrcardio.2014.137*





**Coronary microvascular dysfunction: an update**

Filippo Crea, Paolo G. Camici, Cathleen Noel Bairey Merz DOI:

<http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/eurheartj/ehf513> 1101-1111 First published online: 23

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# „Dyspnea testing“

- Auscultation – rales
- X-ray – congestion
- High EDP
- Decrease of blood gases in the arterial blood (impaired blood oxygenation in the lungs), low Hgb saturation





# CHD TREATMENT

## Reperfusion

### **Collaterals**

#### **Angiogenesis**

**VEGF** (vascular endothelial growth factor)

**FGF** (fibroblast growth factor)

#### **Angiopoetin**

and others...

#### **Therapeutical angiogenesis**

gene therapy: direct intramyocardial application of plasmid or use of vector (adenovirus) VEGF or FGF

#### **Revascularization by invasive treatment**

- PTCA (percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty)
- stents
- bypass



## *Primary prevention*

## *Treatment of risk factors*

### *Blood flow through myocardium*

Vessels (calcium antagonists, vasodilatation)

Decrease of oxygen consumption (betalytics)

Coagulation (aspirin...)

## *Treatment of complications*

### *Revascularization*

Fibrinolysis

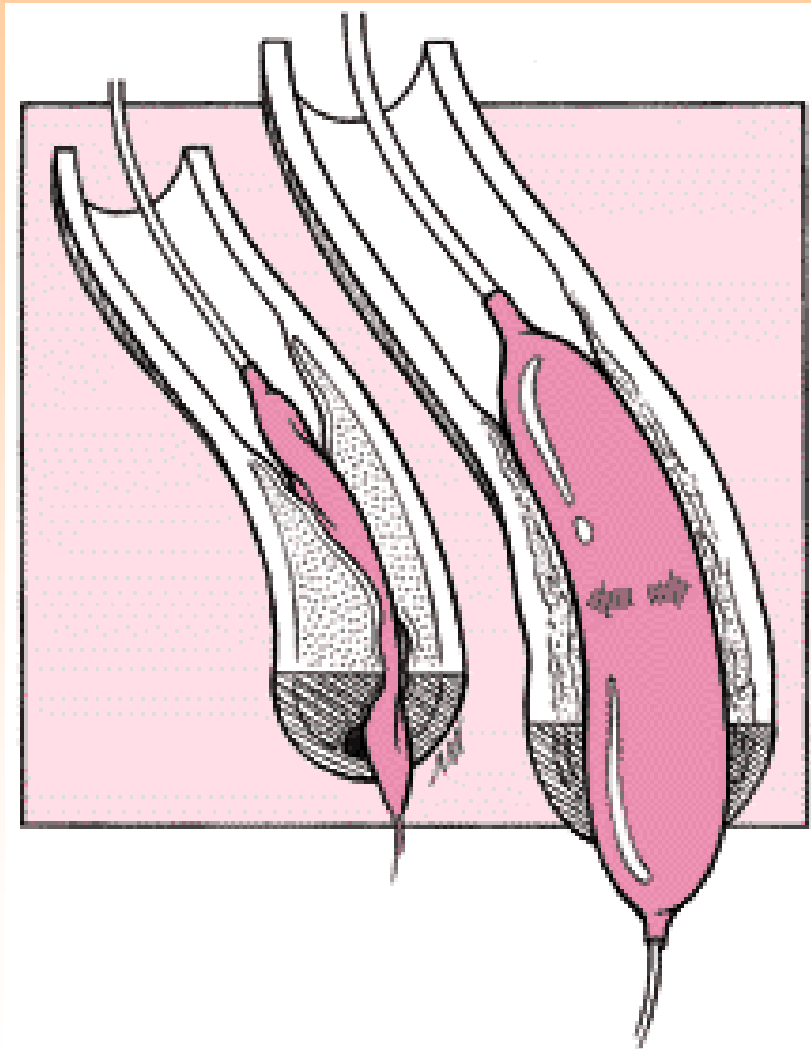
Percutaneous coronary arteries treatment – angioplastics  
(PTCA), stent

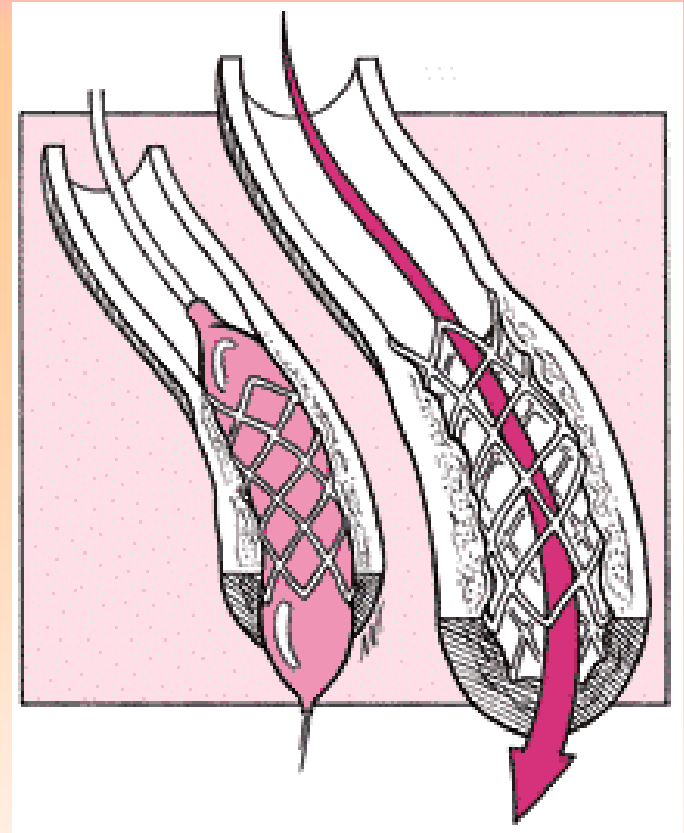
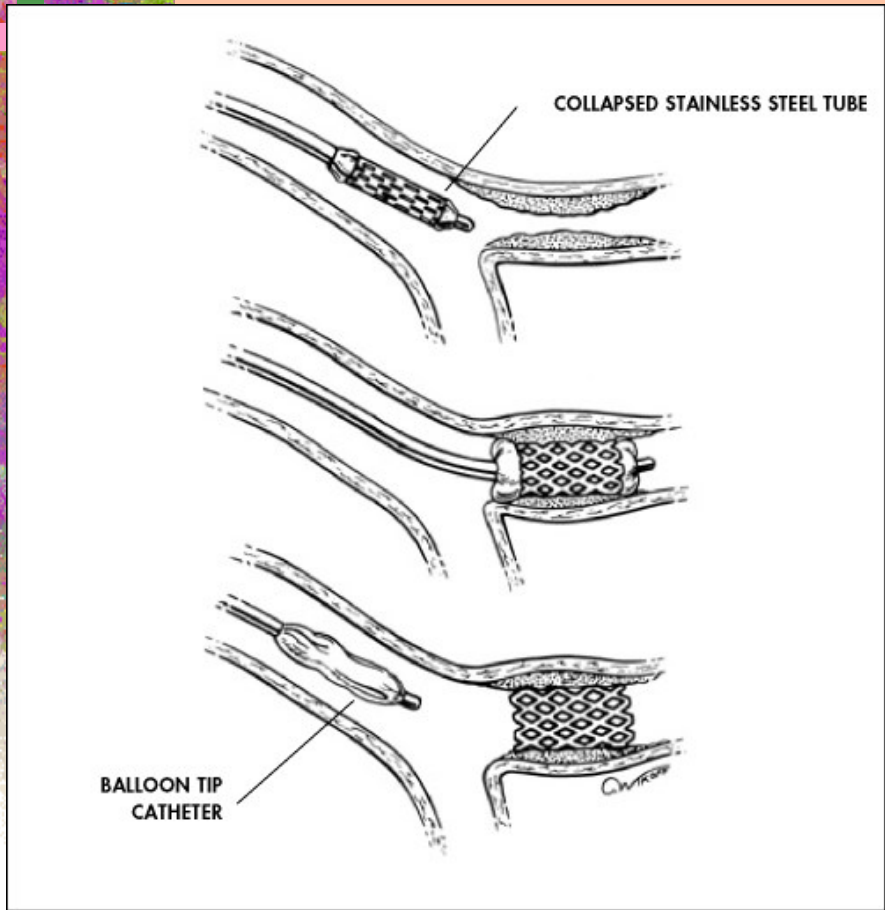
Bypass

Angiogenetic therapy

## *Stem cells*

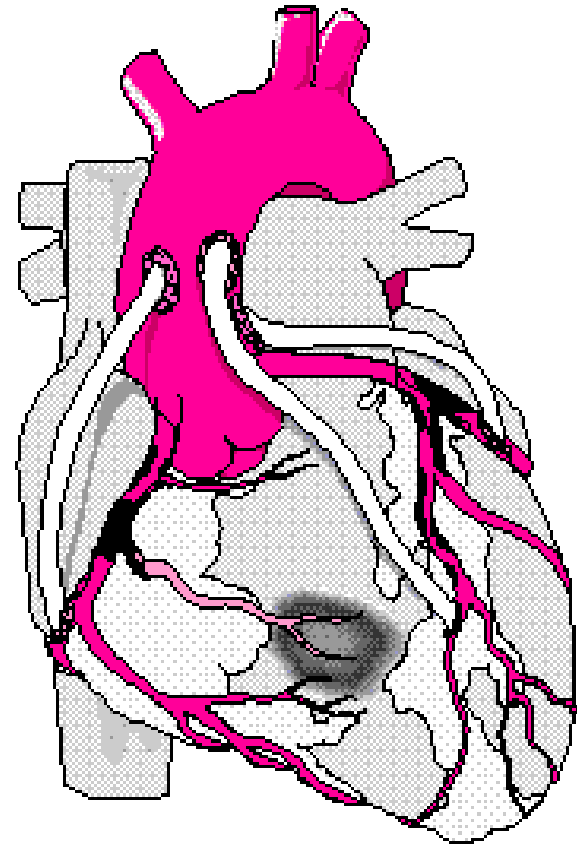
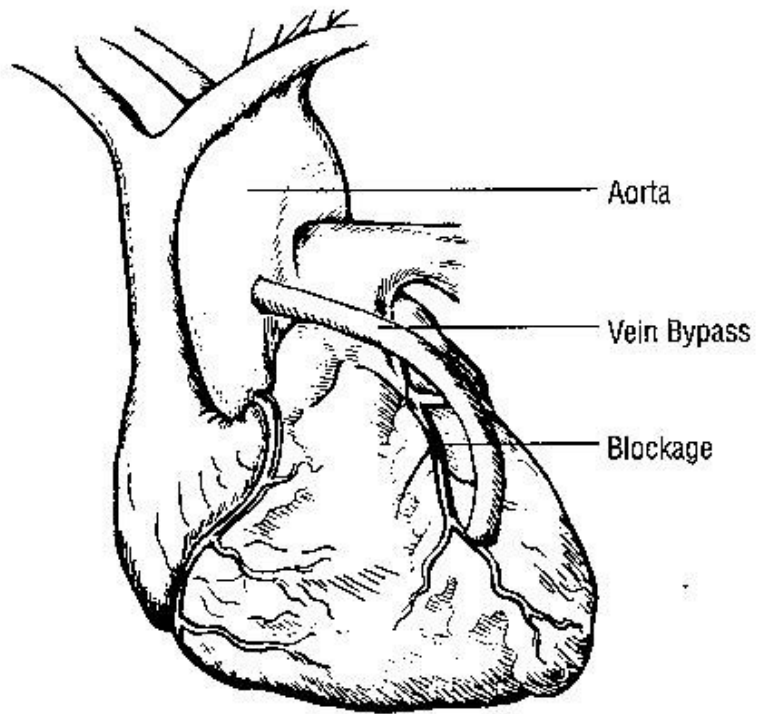
## Angioplastics





Stent

## Front View of Coronary Bypass Graft



## Reperfusion damage

- \* oxygen radical species: source in mitochondria, or leukocytes, xanthinoxidase (less important in myocardium)
- \* increased amount of intracellular calcium
- \* neutrophils: radical formation, mechanical plugging of capillaries, proteolytic enzymes

clinically - ***arrhythmias***

## Postischemic changes

- \* ischemia duration
- \* reperfusion

### Stunned myocardium

*perfused but not functioning*

reversible continuous dysfunction of myocardium after reperfusion without apparent changes



## Hibernating myocardium

*chronically hypoperfused and functionally impaired*  
situation with continuously decreased blood flow  
accompanied by impaired contractility

adaptation of cells to decreased energy delivery



## Ischemic preconditioning

increased resistance of myocardium against damage due to ischemia

caused by preceding ischemia and reperfusion

*The End*



## *Syndrome X*

stable AP + normal coronarography  
small vessels