



# **Respiratory Emergencies**

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# Asthma



# Asthma

**Asthma: How Much?** (in the U.S.)

Same as the entire population of Texas

**27.5 Million** People with Asthma

**15 Million** office and hospital visits each year

10 Million little grains of rice would weigh nearly 1,000 pounds!

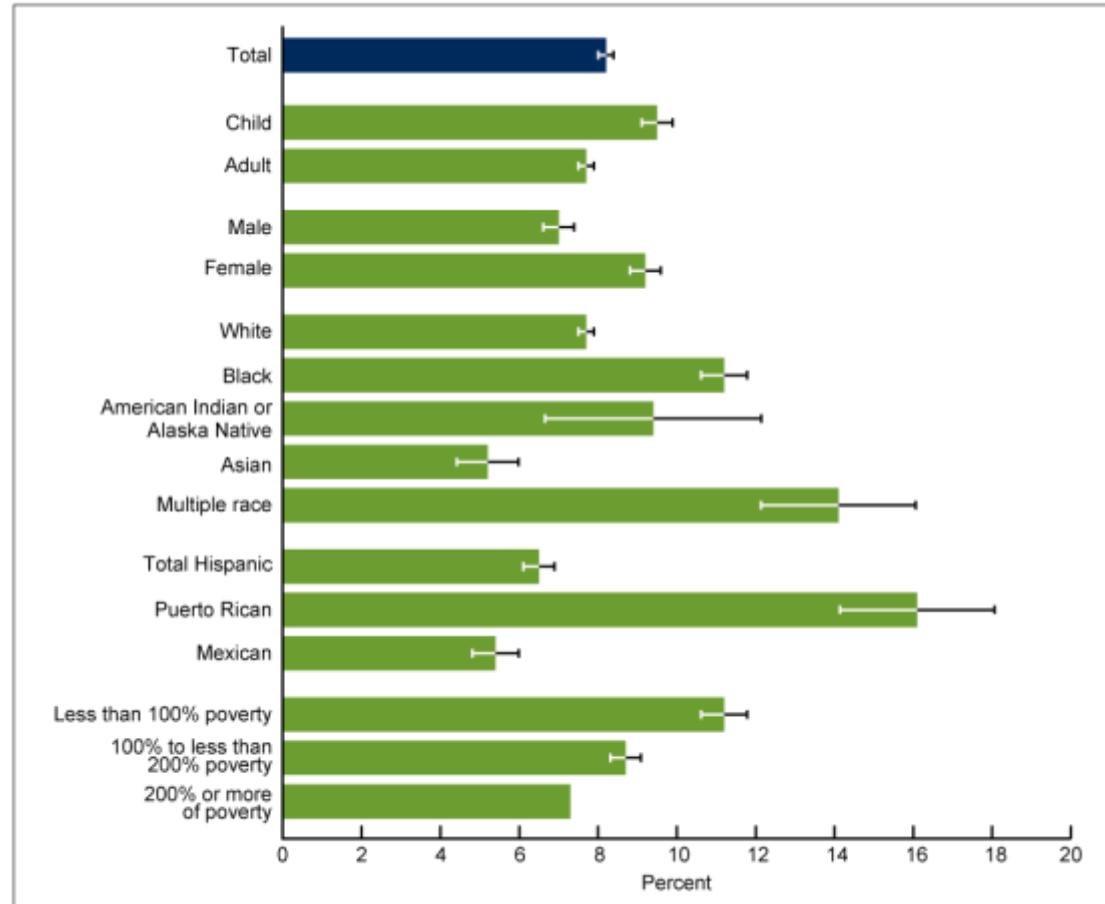
**10.5 Million** missed school days EACH YEAR  
THE EQUIVALENT OF 28,787 YEARS

20,000 Years Ago | 10,000 | Today

**EACH MISSED SCHOOL DAY** COSTS THE AVERAGE FAMILY **\$172** (Missed parent work days/pay)

**85%** of patients can bring their asthma under control with careful education and supervision

Figure 2. Asthma prevalence, by selected demographic characteristics: United States, average annual 2008–2010



— 95% confidence interval.

NOTES: Asthma prevalence refers to percentage of people who have ever been diagnosed with asthma and still have asthma. Access data table for Figure 2 at: [http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/databriefs/db94\\_tables.pdf#2](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/databriefs/db94_tables.pdf#2).

SOURCES: CDC/NCHS, Health Data Interactive and National Health Interview Survey.

# Asthma - Pathophysiology

Hyperactivity of tracheobronchial tree



Bronchial smooth muscle contraction

Bronchial wall edema

Mucus hypersecretion



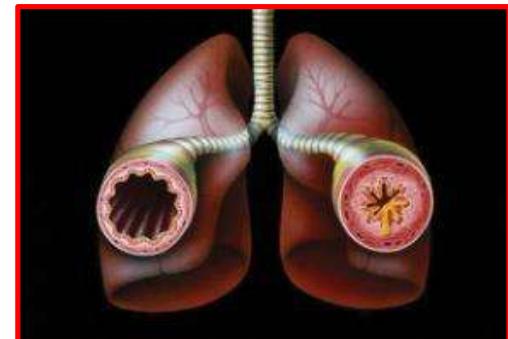
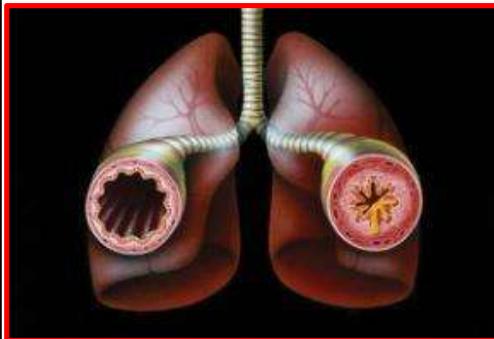
Narrowed airways



Wheezing

Shortness of breath

Coughing



# Asthma

## Medical Management of Asthma

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Mothers of Asthmatics  
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### Asthma Inhalers

Sixth Edition • 2007

☑ includes built-in dose counter

#### Inhaled Bronchodilators

Inhaled bronchodilators relax tight airways (bronchodilation). Bronchodilators treat the early part of asthma: coughing, wheezing, chesting and shortness of breath.

##### Short-Acting Inhaled Bronchodilators (3-6 hours)

- Albuterol (generic) albuterol sulfate
- Alupent<sup>®</sup> metaproterenol sulfate
- Atrivent<sup>®</sup> HFA tiotropium bromide
- Combivent<sup>®</sup> ipratropium bromide and albuterol sulfate
- Maxair<sup>®</sup> Autohaler<sup>®</sup> ipratropium bromide
- ProAir<sup>®</sup> HFA albuterol sulfate
- Proventil<sup>®</sup> HFA albuterol sulfate
- Ventolin<sup>®</sup> HFA albuterol sulfate
- Xopenex<sup>®</sup> HFA levalbuterol tartrate

##### Inhaled Anti-Inflammatories

Inhaled corticosteroids and other anti-inflammatories reduce and prevent airway inflammation (swelling). Used daily, anti-inflammatories treat the underlying part of asthma that you may not feel or see.

#### Long-Acting Inhaled Bronchodilators (12+ hours)

- Foradil<sup>®</sup> Aerolizer<sup>®</sup> formoterol fumarate dihydrate powder
- Serevent<sup>®</sup> Diskus<sup>®</sup> salmeterol xinafole inhalation powder

#### Combination Medications

Combination medications contain both long-acting bronchodilator and inhaled corticosteroid components.

- Azmacort<sup>®</sup> mometasone furoate
- Flovent<sup>®</sup> Diskus<sup>®</sup> 50 mcg fluticasone propionate (FA)
- Flovent<sup>®</sup> HFA 44 mcg, 110 mcg, 220 mcg fluticasone propionate (FA)
- Intal<sup>®</sup> nedocilil sulfate
- Pulmicort Flexhaler<sup>®</sup> 90 mcg, 180 mcg budesonide inhalation powder
- Asmanex<sup>®</sup> Twisthaler<sup>®</sup> 220 mcg mometasone furoate inhalation powder
- AeroBid<sup>®</sup>, AeroBid<sup>®</sup>-M formoterol
- Advair Diskus<sup>®</sup> 100/50, 250/50, 500/50 budesonide propionate and formoterol fumarate dihydrate
- Advair<sup>®</sup> HFA 45/21, 115/21, 230/21 budesonide propionate and formoterol
- Symbicort<sup>®</sup> (HFA) 80/4.5, 160/4.5 budesonide and formoterol fumarate dihydrate
- QVAR<sup>®</sup> (HFA) 40 mcg, 80 mcg beclomethasone dipropionate

# Asthma - Signs & Symptoms

- ❖ Chest congestion/tightness
- ❖ Cough, wheezing, SOB
- ❖ Anxiety or agitation
- ❖ Increased respiratory rate
- ❖ Increased heart rate
- ❖ Pt wants to sit or stand up
- ❖ Use of accessory muscles



# Asthma

## Indicators of a Severe Attack

- ❖  $\text{SaO}_2$  (pulse oximeter) is below 91%
- ❖ Bronchodilator doesn't improve Sx after two treatments
- ❖ Patient has difficulty speaking
  - ❖ Sentences < phrases < words < mute
- ❖ Patient is struggling for air



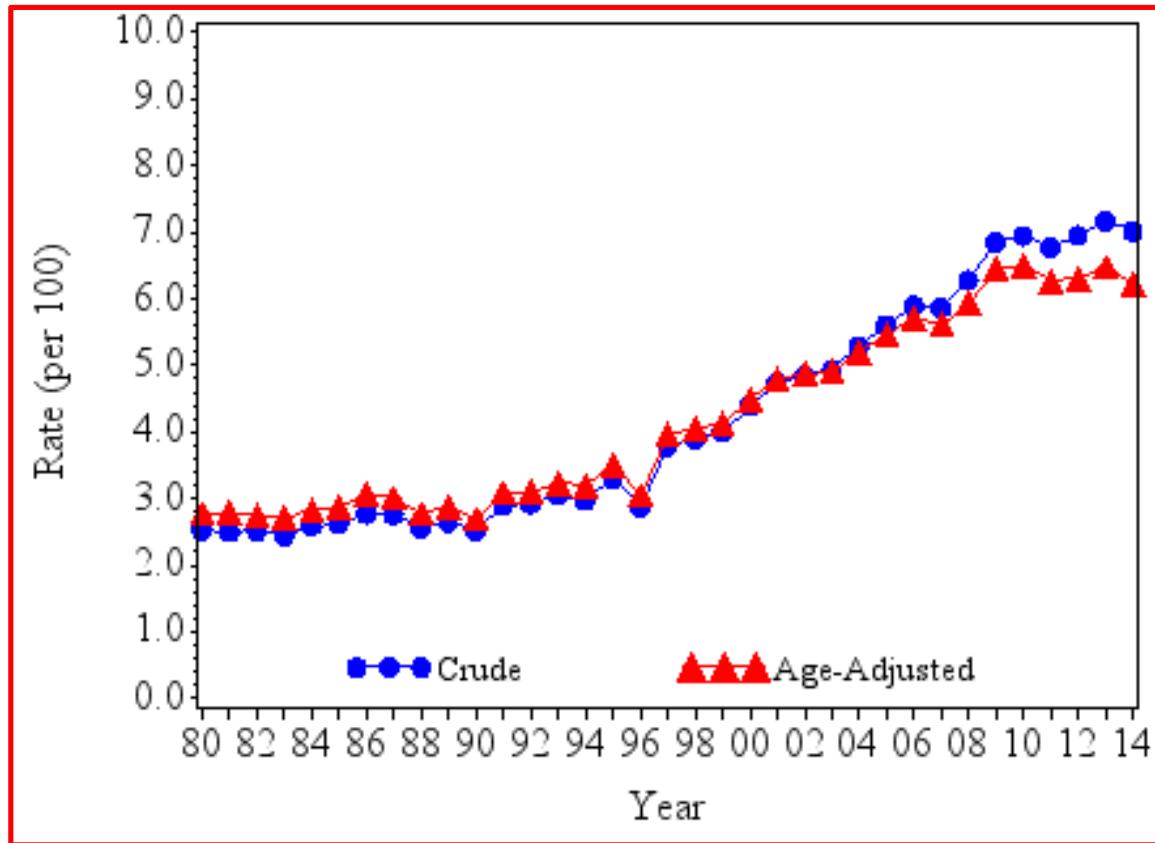
# **Altered consciousness**

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# **Diabetic Emergencies**

# **( Insulin Shock )**

# U.S. Incidence of Diabetes



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Center for Health Statistics

# Diabetes Classification

## ❖ Type 1

- ❖ Absolute insulin deficiency, usually autoimmune process – 8%



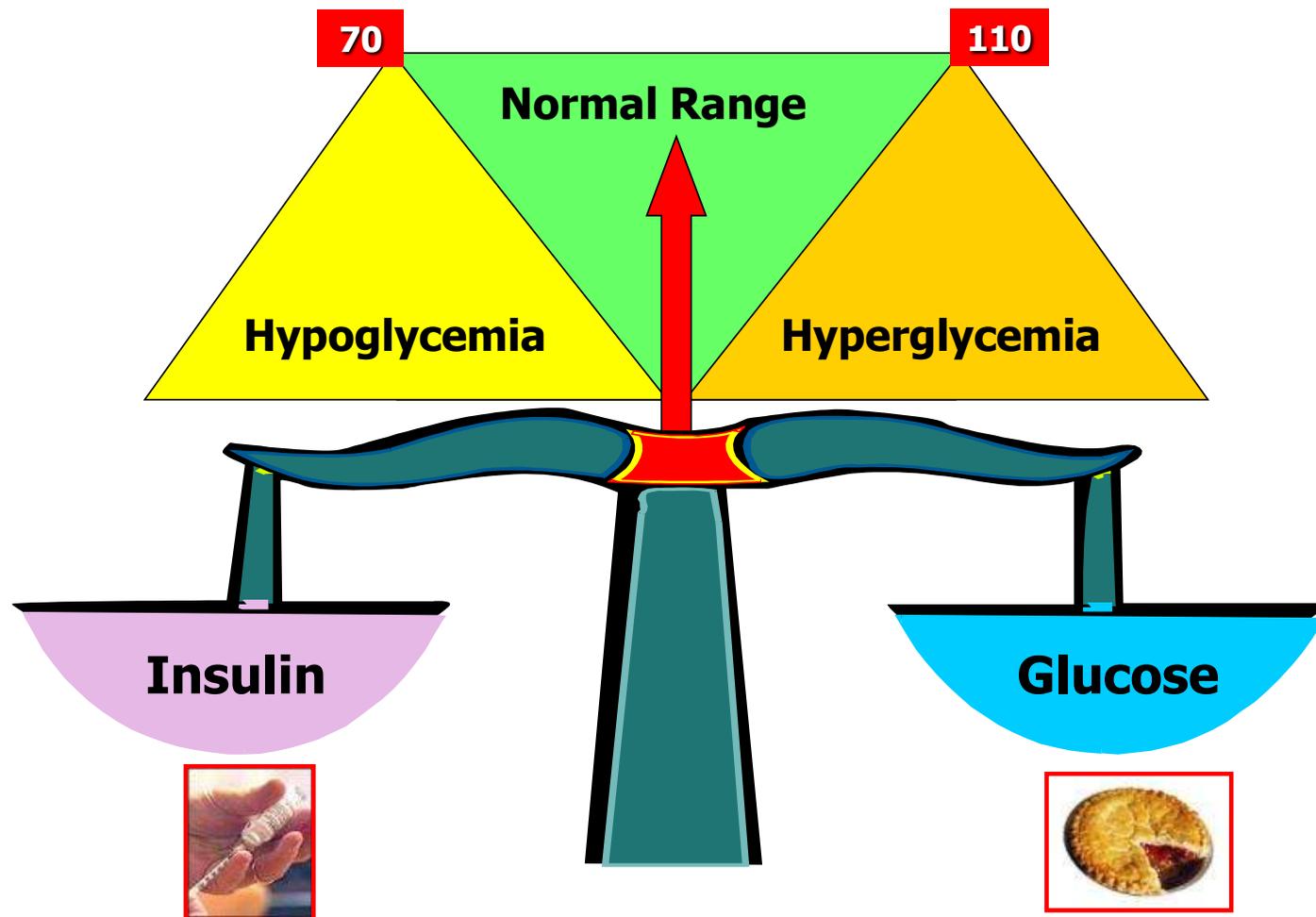
## Type 2

Insulin resistant with relative deficiency – 90%

## ❖ Gestational Diabetes Mellitus

- ❖ Abnormal glucose tolerance during pregnancy
- ❖ DM associated with other conditions
  - ❖ Pancreatic disease, drug-induced, etc.

# Diabetic Emergencies

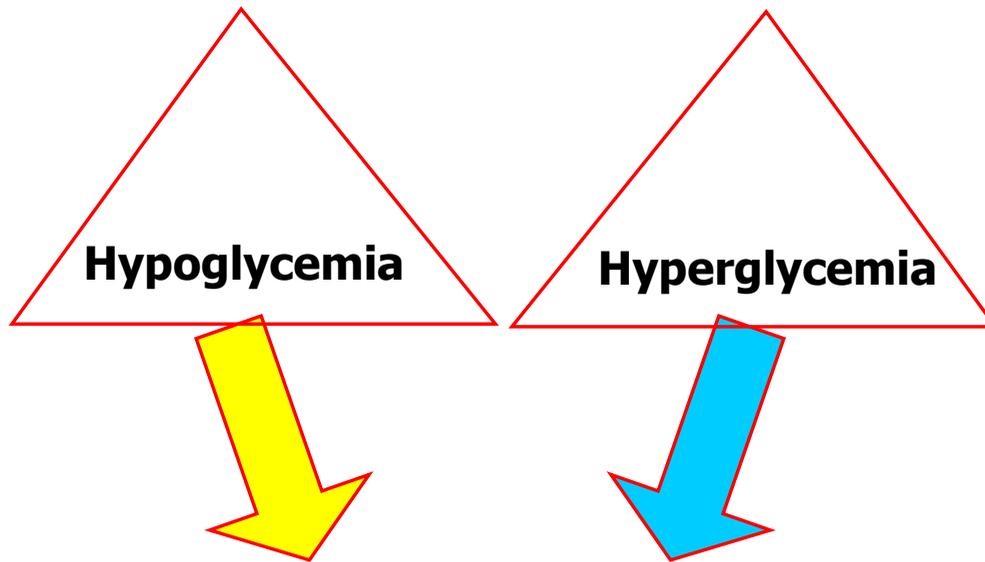


# Diabetic Emergencies

## Dental Management to Avoid Problems

- ❖ Morning appointments are best
- ❖ Confirm took insulin and ate usual meal
- ❖ What is their CBG – Check with glucometer
  - ❖ CBG < 70mg/dL or > 200mg/dL, defer Tx
- ❖ Major goal => “KEEP ‘EM SWEET”

# Diabetic Emergencies



# Altered Consciousness

# Diabetic Emergencies

## Diabetic Ketoacidosis

Lack of Insulin - - Hyperglycemia



Glycogenolysis  
Gluconeogenesis

Ketogenesis



Ketoacidosis



Coma



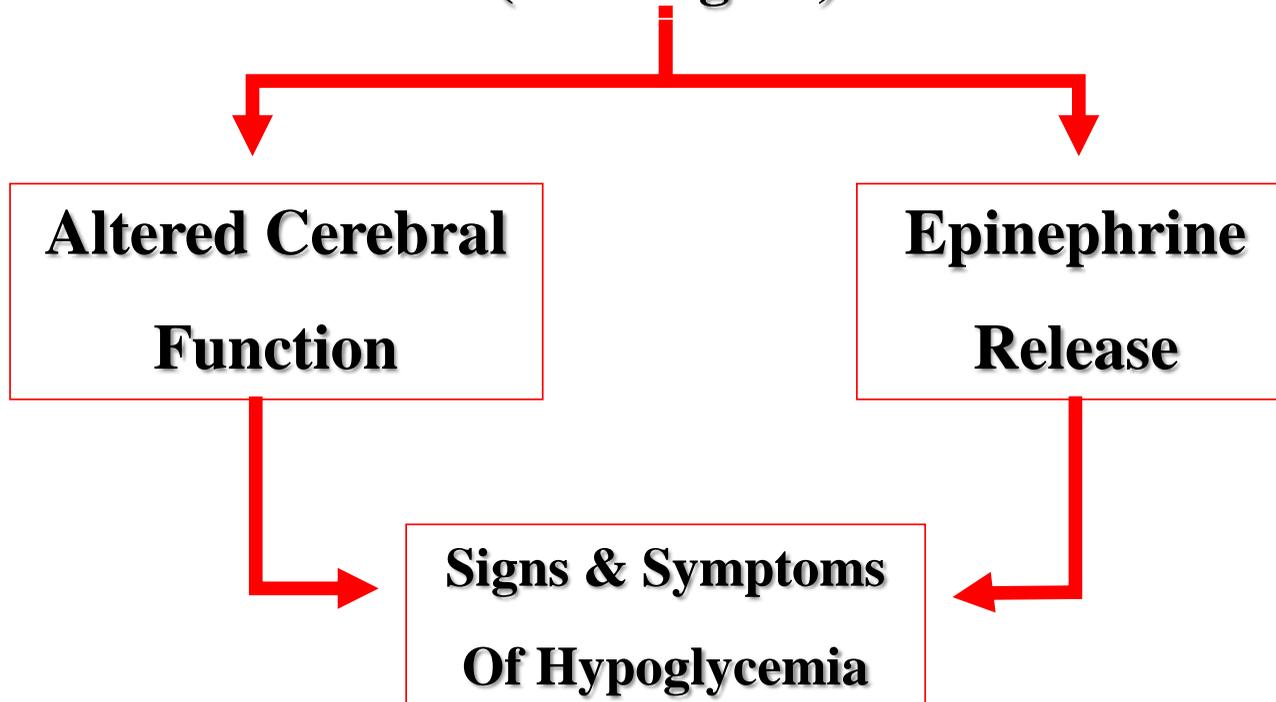
# **Diabetic Emergencies**

**Diabetic patients who  
behave in a bizarre manner  
or exhibit altered level of  
consciousness should be  
managed as if they are  
HYPOGLYCEMIC  
until proven otherwise.**

# Insulin Shock

## Hypoglycemia

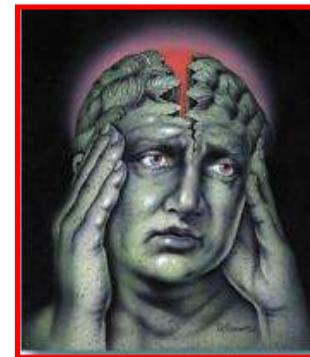
( < 40mg/dl )



# Insulin Shock

## Hypoglycemia – Early manifestations

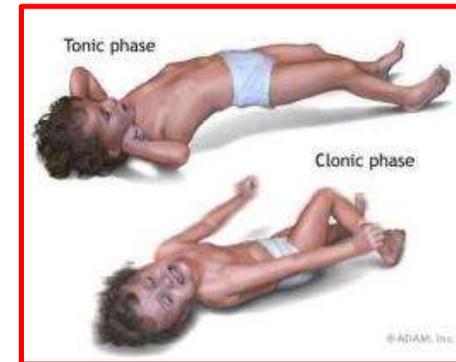
- ❖ Diminished cerebral function
  - ❖ Alteration of mood
  - ❖ Lack of spontaneity
- ❖ Weakness, dizziness
- ❖ Pale, moist skin
- ❖ Headache



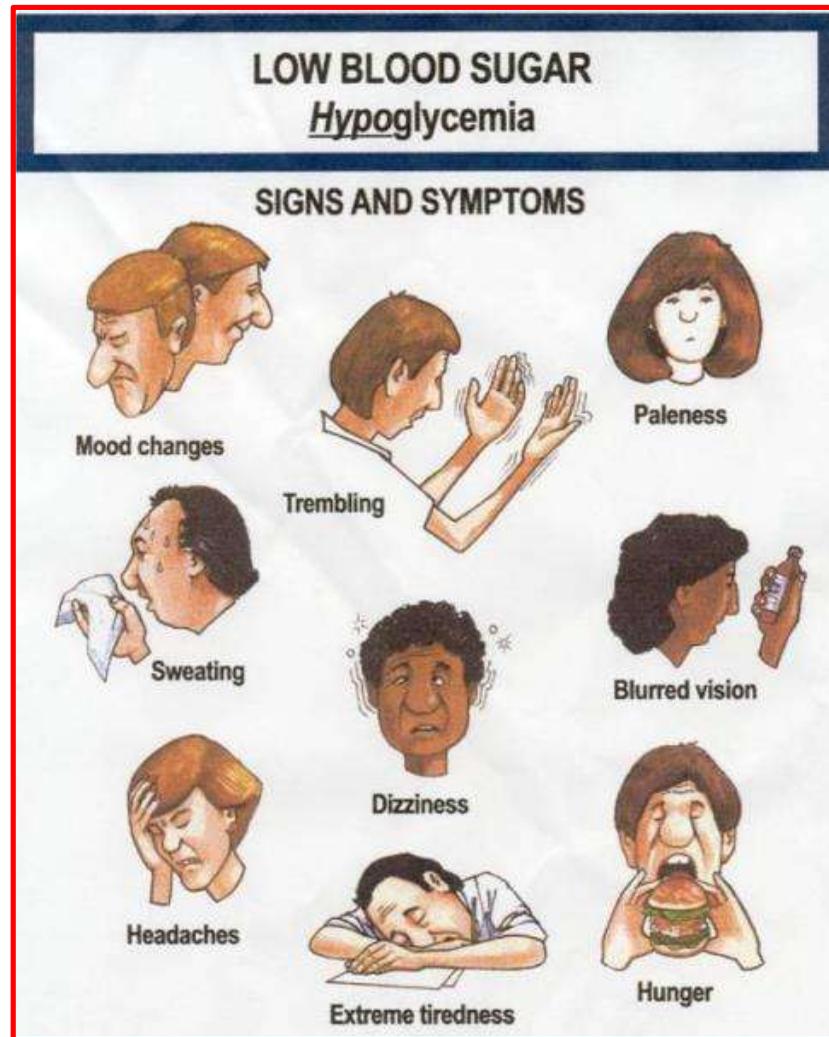
# Insulin Shock

## Hypoglycemia – Late manifestations

- ❖ Sweating
- ❖ Tachycardia
- ❖ Hypotension
- ❖ Anxiety
- ❖ Seizure activity
- ❖ Unconsciousness



# Hypoglycemia Signs & Symptoms



# Insulin Shock - Management

**\* \* Conscious Patient \* \***

Position patient comfortably



C - A - B - BLS as needed



Administer oral carbohydrate (InstaGlucose)



(Episode terminates)

(Episode continues)



Observe one hour



Activate EMS



Glucagon 1mg IM or IV

Dextrose 50% 50ml IV



Discharge or hospital ?

Discharge patient, escort?

# Insulin Shock - Management

**\* \* Unconscious Patient \* \***

Position patient supine, legs elevated



C – A – B – BLS as needed



Activate EMS - ASAP



Parenteral Carbohydrates

Dextrose 50% 50ml IV

Glucagon 1mg IM or IV  
(Epinephrine 0.5mg SQ or IM)



Oral carbohydrates after recovers



Discharge or transport to hospital



# Altered Consciousness

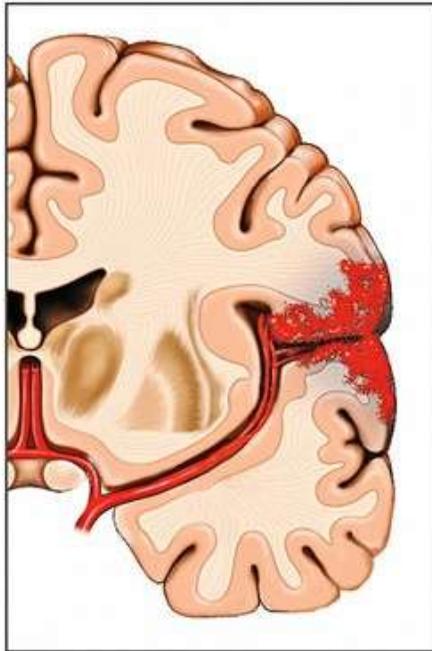
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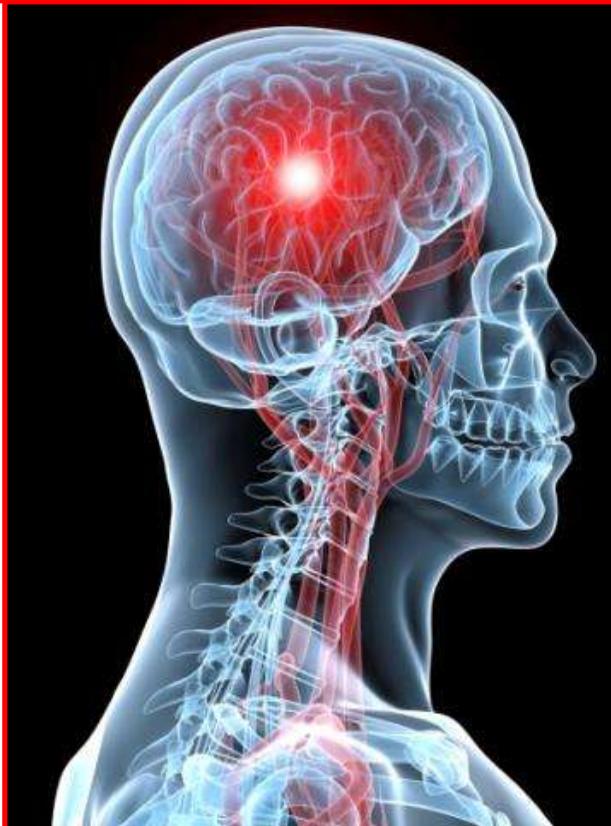
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## CVA Classification

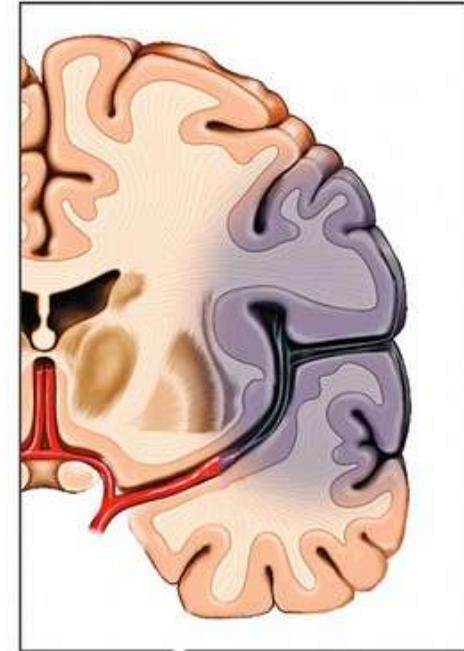
Hemorrhagic Stroke



Hemorrhage/blood leaks into brain tissue



Ischemic Stroke



Clot stops blood supply to an area of the brain

# **Cerebrovascular Accident**

## **CVA Classification**

### **Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA)**

- ❖ **Focal ischemic neurologic deficits that last < 24 hrs, usually resolve in 2 - 10 minutes**

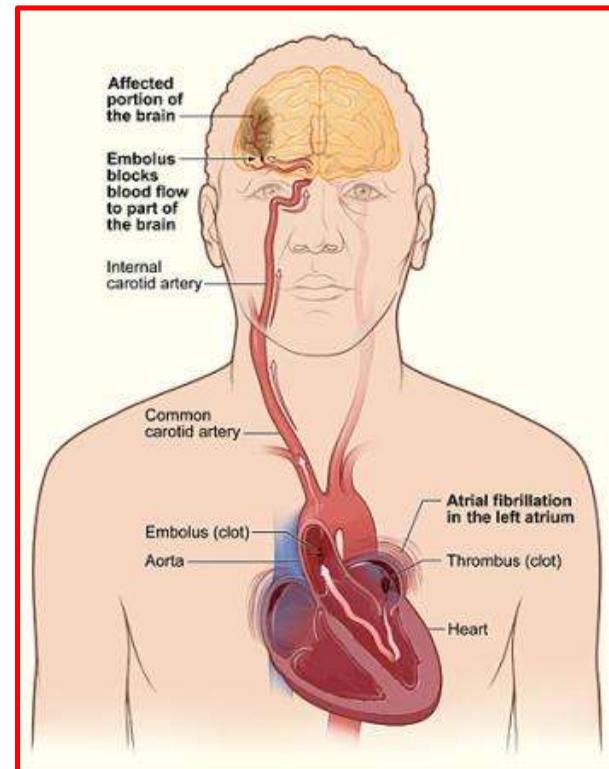
- ❖ **Indicates cerebrovascular disease**

**“Angina of the Brain”**

# Cerebrovascular Accident

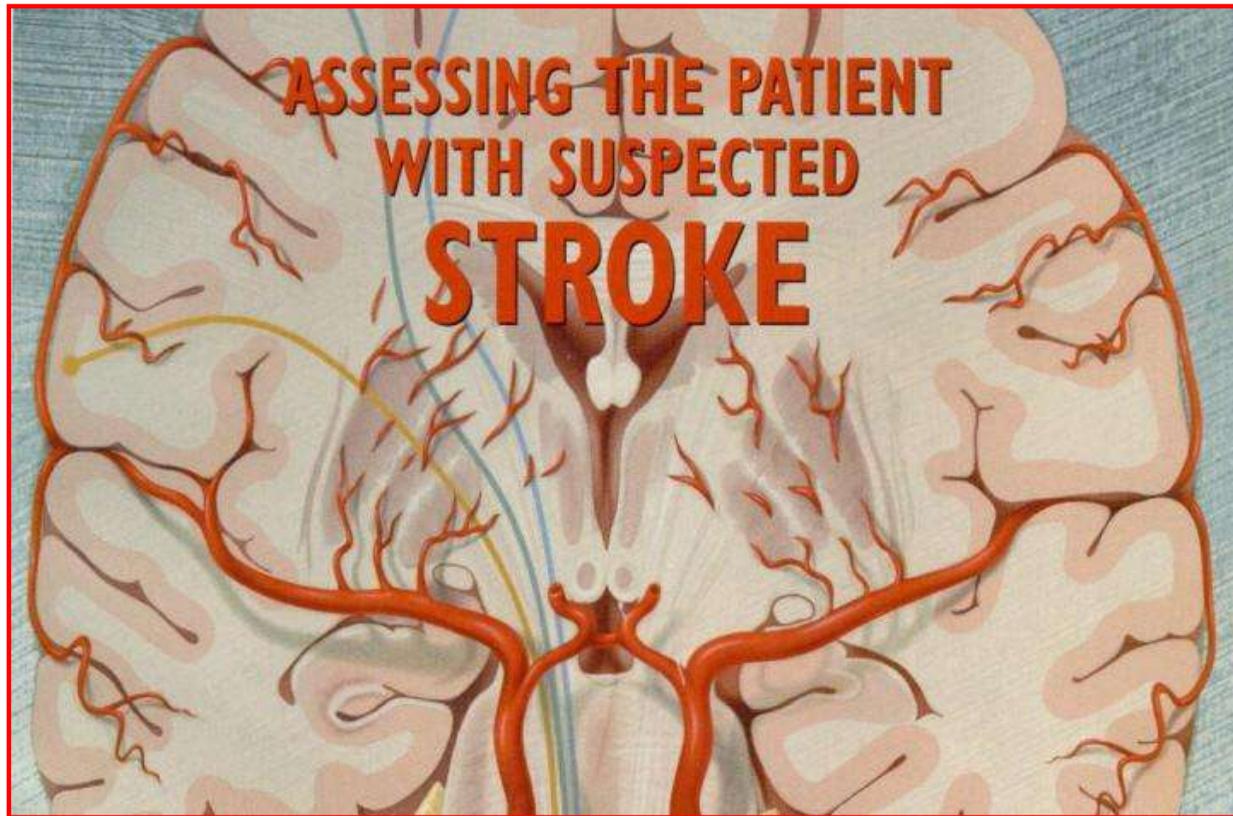
## Associated Risk Factors

- ❖ Hypertension
- ❖ Atrial Fibrillation
- ❖ Abnormal heart valve
- ❖ Smoking
- ❖ Elevated lipids
- ❖ Prior TIAs



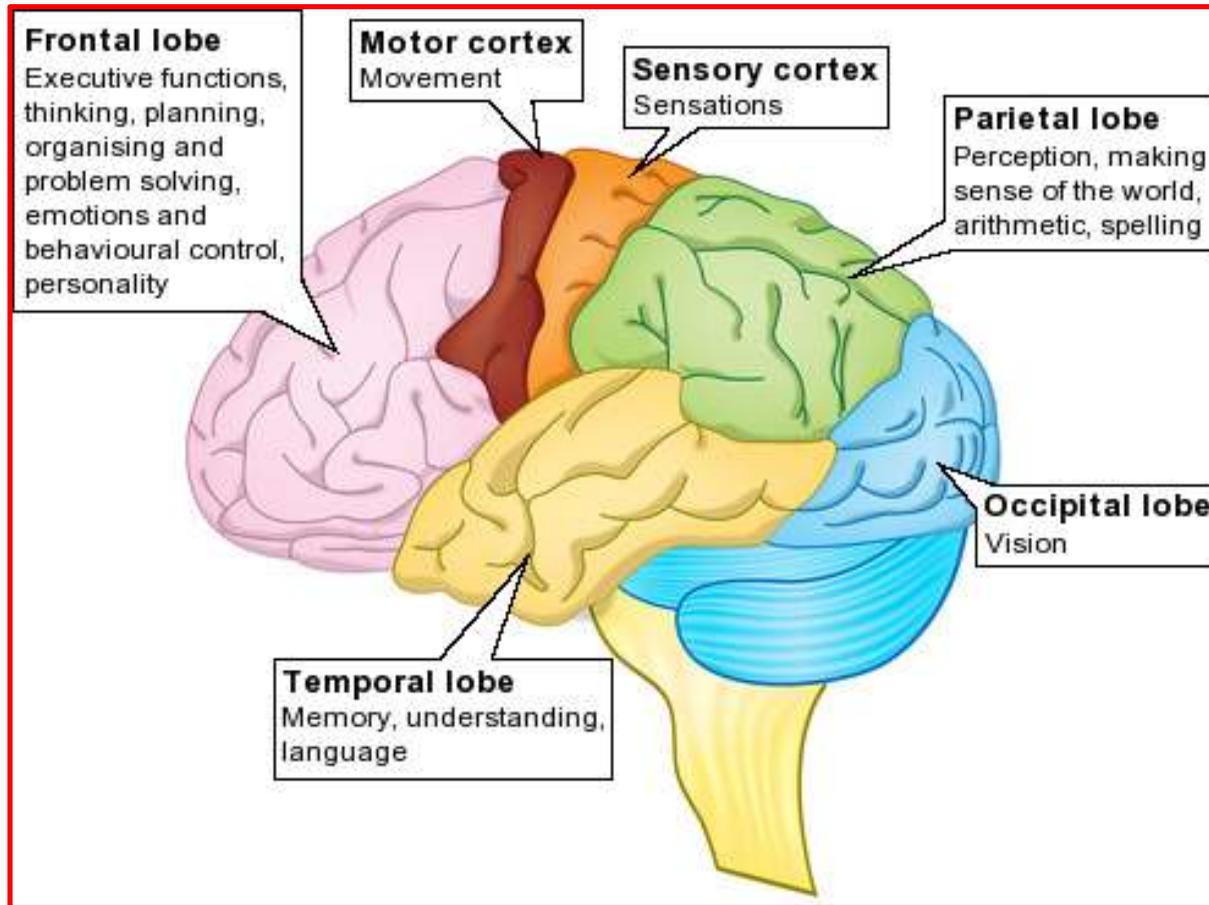
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## CVA or TIA Diagnostic Clues



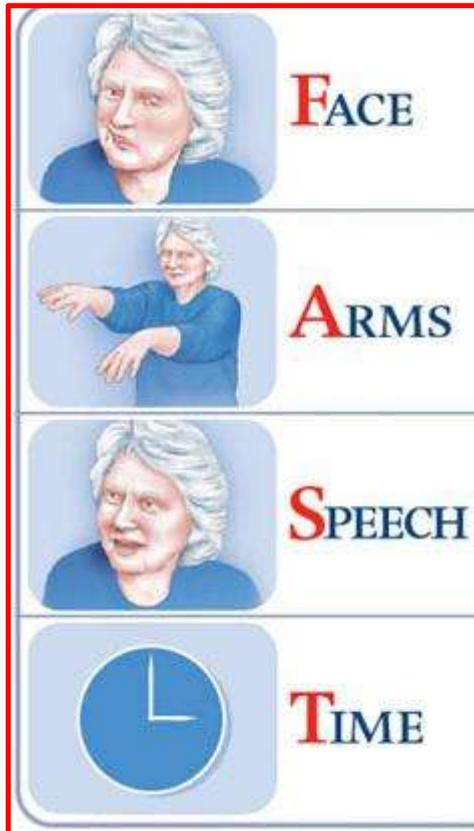
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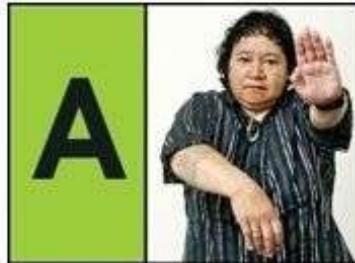
## CVA or TIA Diagnostic Clues



- ❖ Hypertension, BP > 140/90
- ❖ Altered consciousness
- ❖ Hemiparesis, hemiparalysis
- ❖ Headache, blurred vision
- ❖ Asymmetry of face or pupils
- ❖ Incontinence
- ❖ Aphasia, slurring words

# Cerebrovascular Accident

## CVA or TIA Diagnostic Clues



### Face

Smile - is one side drooping?

### Arms

Raise both arms - is one side weak?

### Speech

Speak - unable to?  
Words jumbled, slurred?

### Time

Act fast and call 911  
Time lost may mean brain lost.

# Cerebrovascular Accident

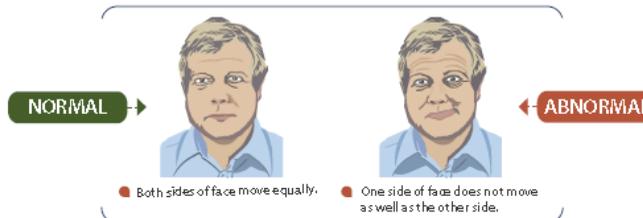
## Stroke Assessment



### The Cincinnati Prehospital Stroke Scale

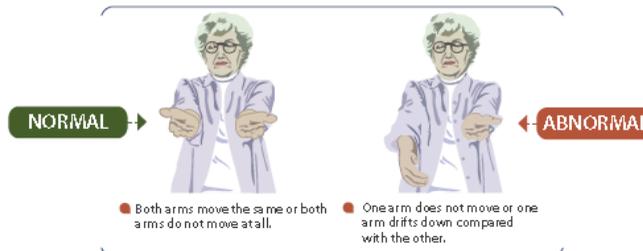
#### Facial Droop

(have patient show teeth or smile)



#### Arm Drift

(patient closes eyes and extends both arms straight out, with palms up for 10 seconds)



#### Abnormal Speech

(have the patient say "you can't teach an old dog new tricks")

- Normal - Patient uses correct words with no slurring.
- Abnormal - Patient slurs words, uses the wrong words, or is unable to speak.

If any 1 of these 3 signs is abnormal, the probability of a stroke is 72%

# **CVA or TIA Management**

**Position patient comfortably**



**C – A – B – BLS as needed**



**Monitor vital signs**

**Activate EMS**



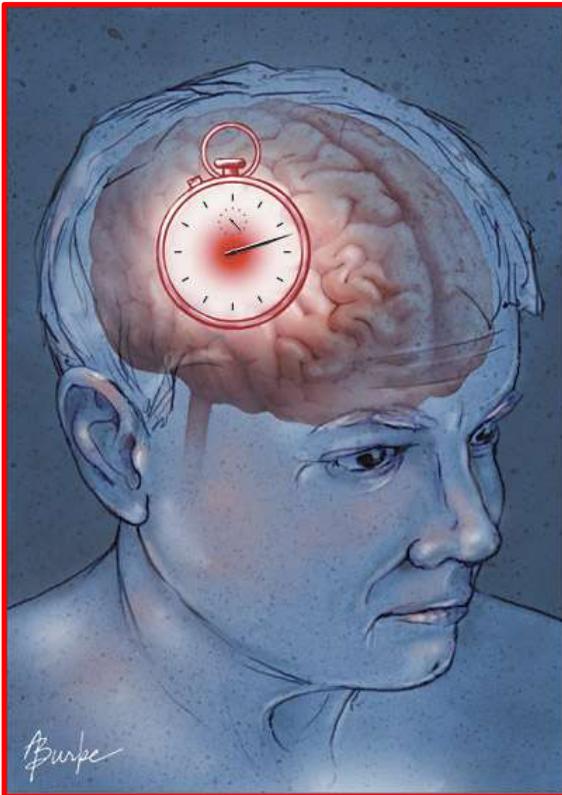
**Administer oxygen**

**Elevate head if BP elevated**



**ASA Stroke Protocols**

# CVA or TIA Management



Perform initial clinical evaluation (within 10 minutes of arrival)



Notify the stroke team (within 15 minutes of arrival)



Initiate a CT or MR scan (within 25 minutes of arrival)

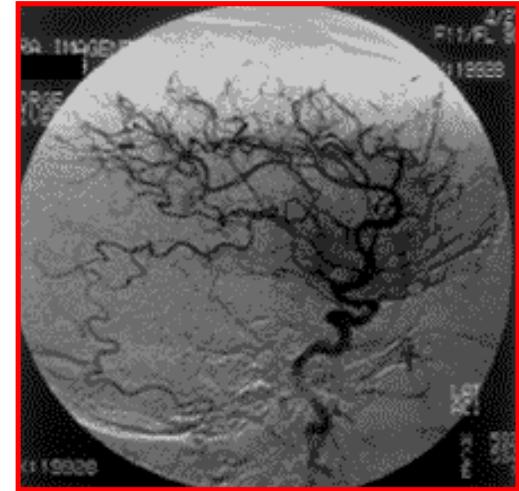
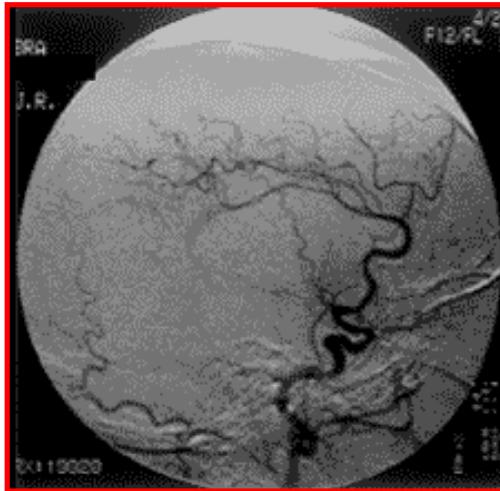


Scan interpreted (within 45 minutes of arrival)



Start IV rt-PA immediately after scan interpretation

# CVA or TIA Management



# Altered Consciousness

# Seizures



# Seizures

## Classifying Epilepsy and Seizures

Seizure types:

Partial

Generalized

Simple

Complex

Absence

Convulsive

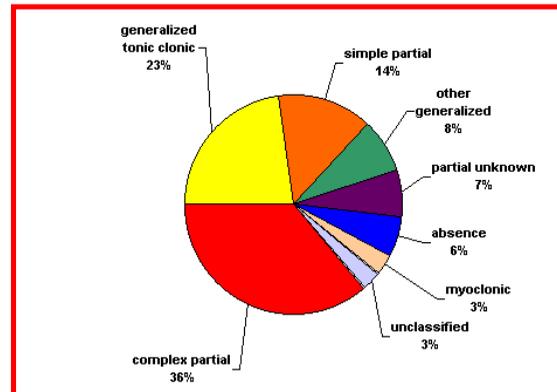


Consciousness is maintained

Consciousness is lost or impaired

Altered awareness

Characterized by muscle contractions with or without loss of consciousness



# Seizures

## Classifying Epilepsy and Seizures



# **Seizures**

What do you do  
when you have  
your seizure?

# Seizures

Questions to ask patient

- ❖ **How frequent are seizures? Last?**
- ❖ **What precipitates seizures?**
- ❖ **What type of seizure activity?**
- ❖ **How long do seizures last?**
- ❖ **How are you after seizure?**
- ❖ **What medications do you take?**

# Seizures

Common triggering factors

- ❖ Flashing lights
- ❖ Fatigue, missed meal
- ❖ Emotional stress
- ❖ Alcohol ingestion
- ❖ Physical stress
- ❖ Hypoglycemia

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Name: Ura Nervous Wreck    Date: 2/01/2014

Address: \_\_\_\_\_    Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Rx: Halcion 0.25mg tablet

Disp: Two (2)

Sig: Take 1 one hr prior to bedtime  
then 1-1½ hrs prior to appt.

Refills: 0 →    Steven W. Beadnell D.M.D.  
Generic approved    BB123456789    DEA

# **Seizures**

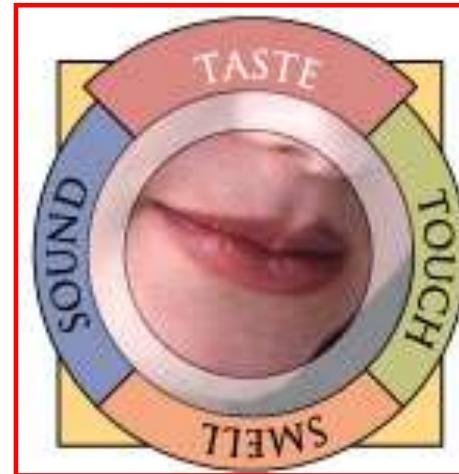
Possible causes in dental office

- ❖ **Epilepsy**
- ❖ **Local anes overdose**
- ❖ **Hyperventilation**
- ❖ **CVA (stroke)**
- ❖ **Hypoglycemia**
- ❖ **Syncope (hypoxia)**

# Grand Mal Seizures

## ❖ Prodromol Phase

- ❖ Change in mood
- ❖ Aura – related to senses



## ❖ Preictal Phase

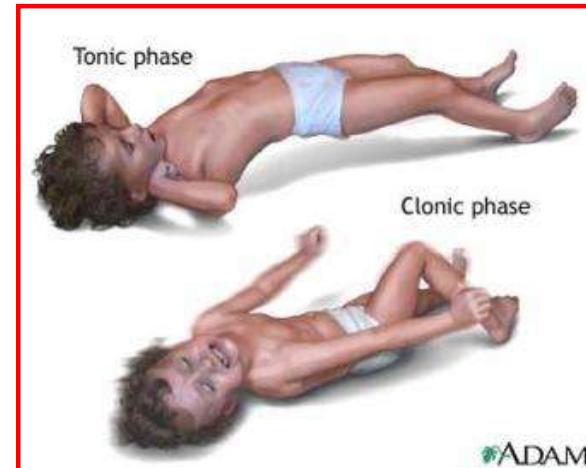
- ❖ Falls to floor
- ❖ Epileptic cry



# Grand Mal Seizures

## ❖ Ictal Phase

- ❖ Tonic – sustained contractions
- ❖ Clonic – alternate flexor / extensor



## ❖ Postictal Phase

- ❖ Muscle flaccidity
- ❖ Incontinence
- ❖ Slowly regains consciousness



# Grand Mal Management

## Ictal Phase

Position supine, legs slightly elevated



Activate EMS if new onset



C - A - B - BLS as needed



**\* Protect from injury \***

**Administer oxygen**

**Monitor vital signs**

# Grand Mal Management

## Postictal Phase

Keep supine, legs slightly elevated



C - A - B - BLS as needed



Monitor vital signs

Reassure patient, permit recovery



Discharge patient



To hospital

To home

To physician



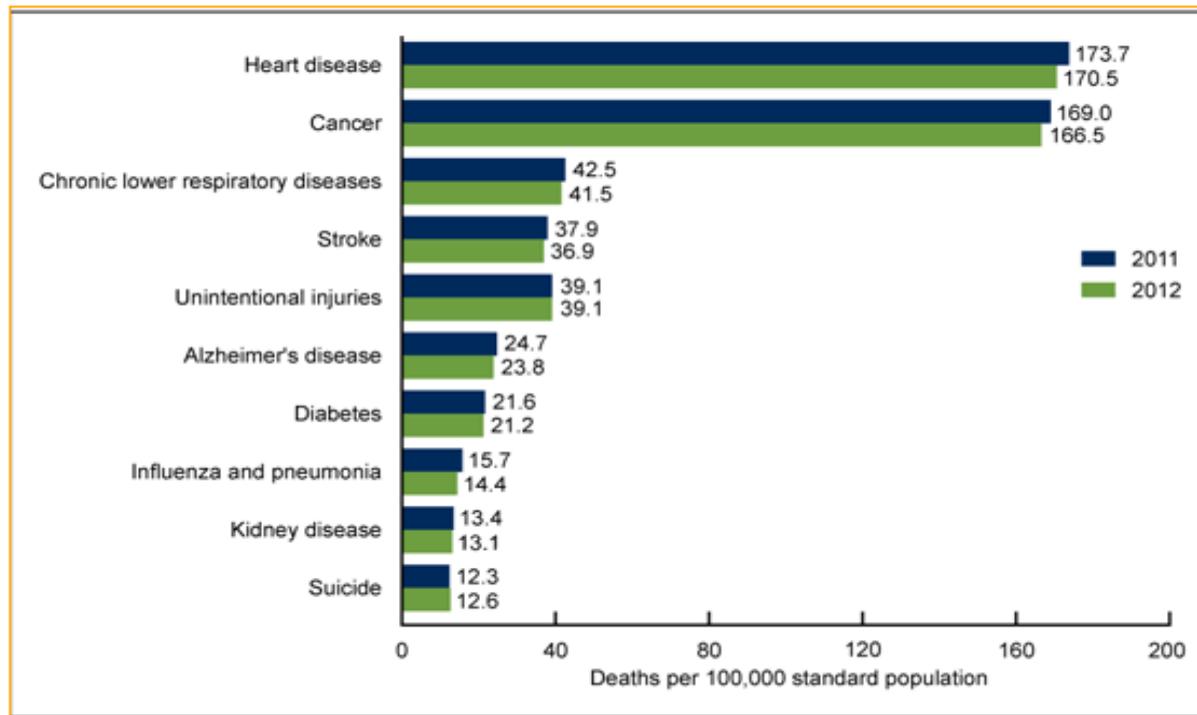
# **cardiac**



# **Emergencies**

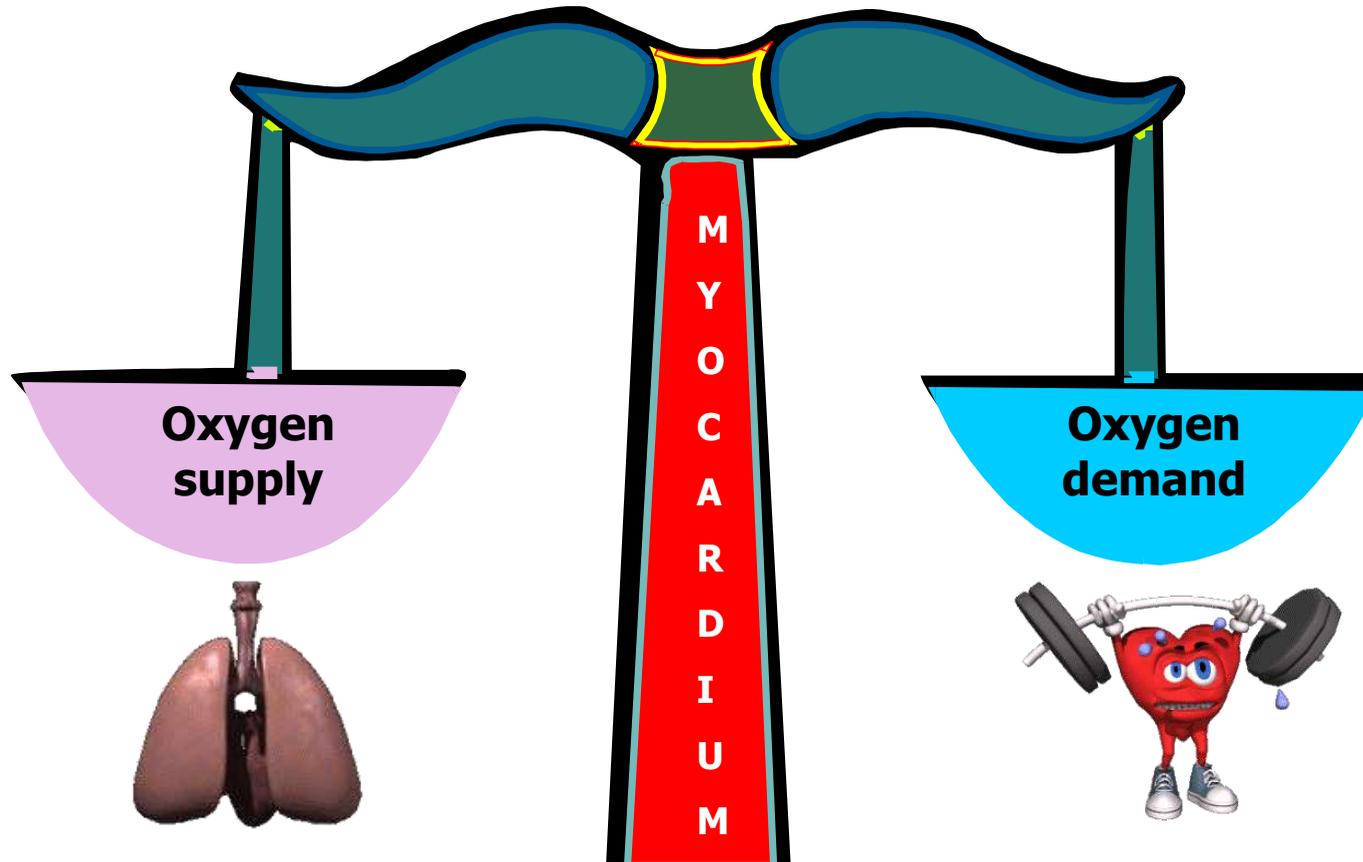
# U.S. Causes of Death 2012

Figure 3. Age-adjusted death rates for the 10 leading causes of death in 2012: United States, 2011-2012

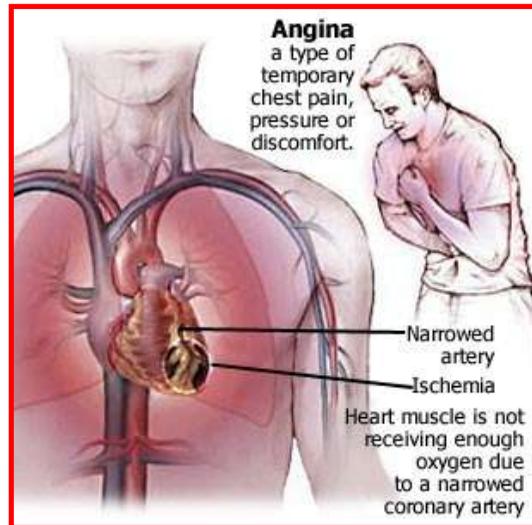
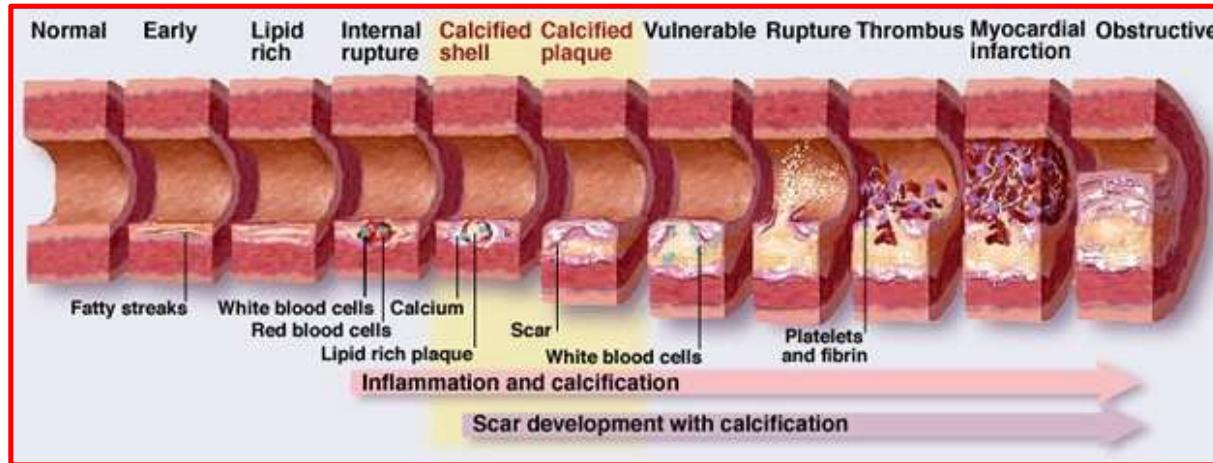


Source: CDC/NCHS, National Statistics System, Mortality

# Ischemic Heart Disease



# Ischemic Heart Disease



# Chest Pain

## Acute Coronary Syndrome



**Unstable  
Angina**

**Myocardial  
Infarction**

# Cardiac Emergencies

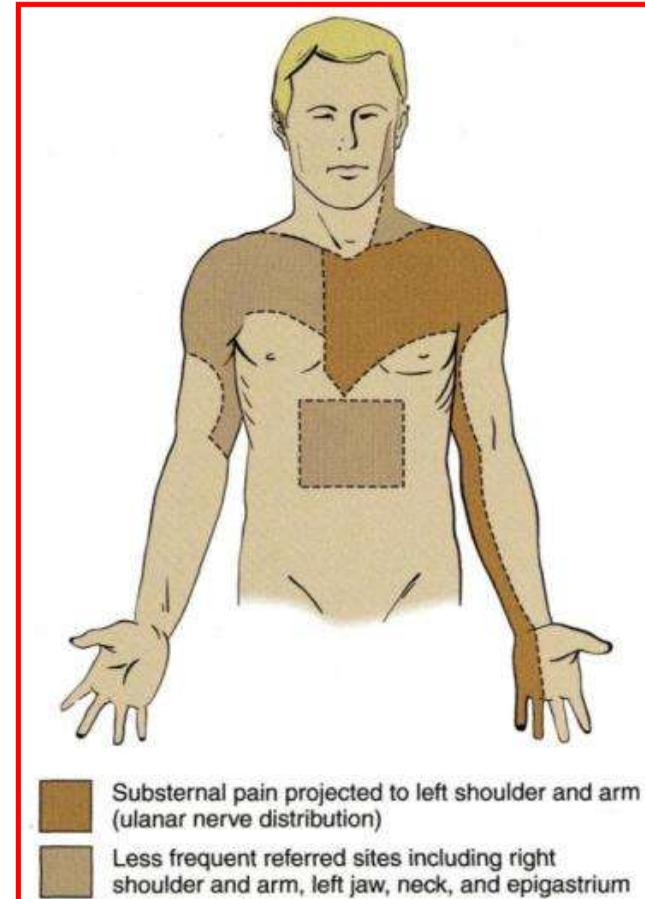
# Angina Pectoris



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## Clinical manifestations

- ❖ **Substernal, squeezing / burning pain**
  - ❖ “Heavy weight”, “Indigestion”
- ❖ **Sudden onset with exertion or emotion**
- ❖ **Radiates to shoulder, face, left arm**
- ❖ **Subsides with rest or nitroglycerin**



# Angina Pectoris

## Precipitating Factors

- ❖ Physical activity
- ❖ Hot, humid room
- ❖ Cold weather
- ❖ Large meals
- ❖ Emotional stress
- ❖ Caffeine ingestion
- ❖ Fever, anemia
- ❖ Cigarette smoking
- ❖ Smog
- ❖ High altitudes

# Angina Pectoris

Anxiety, fear, pain



Release of catecholamines (EPI)



Increases BP, heart rate, contraction



Increases myocardial oxygen demand



Myocardial ischemia



Chest Pain

# Angina Pectoris Management

Is this your typical angina?

- ❖ **Location**
- ❖ **Radiation**
- ❖ **Severity of pain**
- ❖ **Other symptoms**
- ❖ **Response to NTG**

# Angina Pectoris Management

Position patient comfortably (upright)

BLS as needed, CHECK vital signs

History of angina pectoris ? Typical Symptoms ?



YES

NO

Activate EMS



Nitroglycerin 0.4mg SL

Administer oxygen, monitor VS

Repeat NTG q3-5' , Total 3 doses

Discharge

Pain Resolves

Hospital

**If no response in 3 doses, Tx as MI**

# Nitroglycerin Contraindication



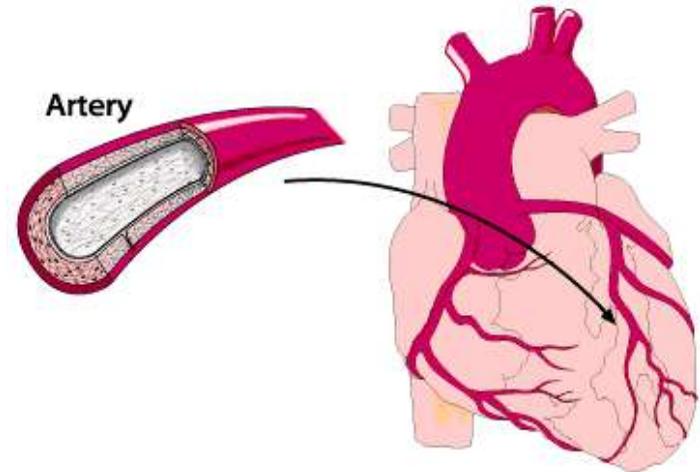
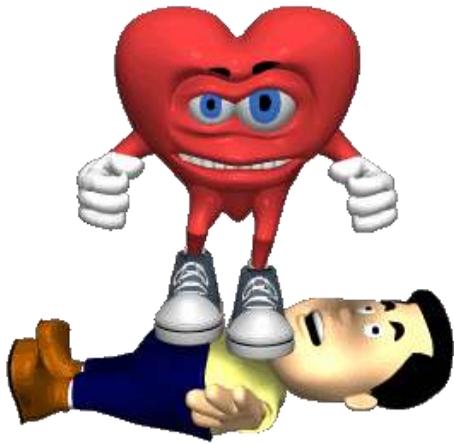
**Nitroglycerin is contraindicated in patients with hypotension (SBP < 90 mmHg), significant bradycardia (< 50 BPM), right ventricular ( RV MI) infarction, or those who have recently taken a phosphodiesterase inhibitor such as Viagra, Cialis or Levitra.**

# Nitroglycerin Contraindication



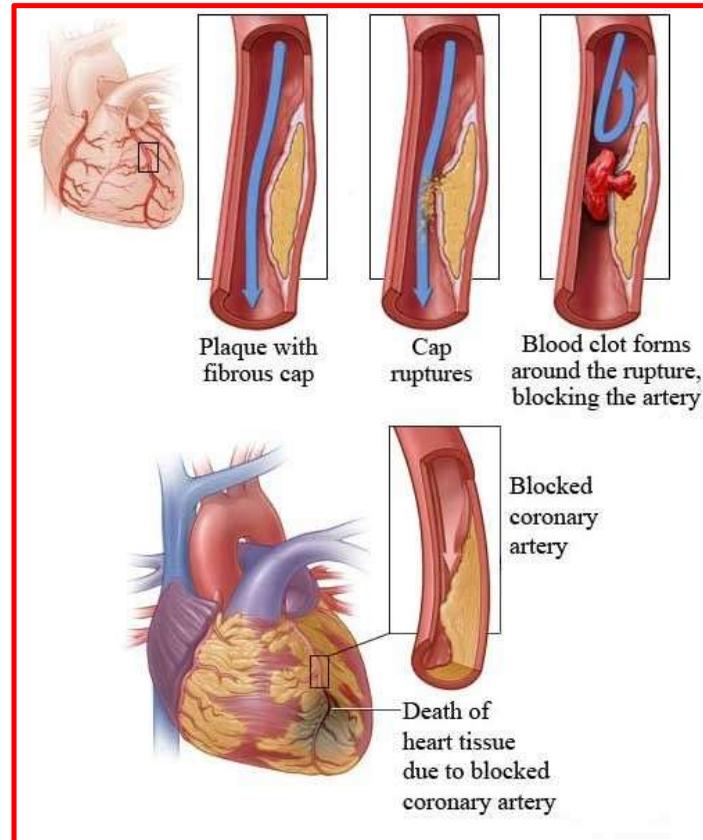
# Cardiac Emergencies

# Myocardial Infarction



# Myocardial Infarction

## Etiology of Myocardial Infarction



# Myocardial Infarction

## Clinical manifestations

- ❖ Retrosternal severe pain
  - ❖ “Crushing”, “choking”
- ❖ Usually > 30 minutes
- ❖ Radiates as angina
- ❖ N/V, palpitations, SOB
- ❖ “Impending doom”



# Medical Emergencies Update (Part 2) 2016

From: **Symptom Presentation of Women With Acute Coronary Syndromes: Myth vs Reality**  
 Arch Intern Med. 2007;167(22):2405-2413. doi:10.1001/archinte.167.22.2405

**Table 1. Acute Coronary Syndrome Presentation Without Chest Pain or Discomfort According to Sex—Summary of Studies From Large Cohorts**

Source	Study Characteristic							Proportion Without Chest Pain, %		
	Study Description	Patient Population	Study Years	Sample Size	Mean Age, y	Age Adjusted	Race Adjusted	Men	Women	All
Brieger et al, <sup>37</sup> 2004	GRACE Registry	ACS	1999-2002	20 881	65.8	Yes	No	7.3	10.6	8.4
Canto et al, <sup>8</sup> 2000	National MI Registry	MI	1994-1998	434 877	69.3	Yes	Yes	28.6	38.6	32.7
Canto et al, <sup>38</sup> 2002	Alabama UA Registry	UA	1993-1999	4167	72.3	Yes	Yes	50.2	53.0	51.7
Culi et al, <sup>39</sup> 2002	CCUs Croatia	MI	1990-1995	1996	58.8	Yes	No	12.4	20.3	14.8
Dorsch et al, <sup>7</sup> 2001	United Kingdom	MI	1995	2096	70.6	Yes	No	17.6	24.6	20.1
Goldberg et al, <sup>40</sup> 1998	Worcester MI Study	MI	1986-1988	1360	67.7	Yes	No	18.0	23.0	20.0
Milner et al, <sup>41</sup> 2004	Worcester MI Study	MI	1997-1999	2073	70.2	Yes	No	30.9	45.8	37.3
Roger et al, <sup>42</sup> 2000	Olmsted County, Minnesota	UA	1985-1992	2271	63.0	Yes	No	25.0	19.0	22.0
Stern et al, <sup>43</sup> 2004	26 Hospitals, CCU, Israel	ACS	2000	2113	64.9	Yes	No	18.7	29.7	21.7
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Abbreviations: ACS, acute coronary syndrome; CCU, coronary care unit; MI, myocardial infarction; UA, unstable angina.

## Acute Coronary Syndrome Presentation Without Chest Pain or Discomfort According to Sex—Summary of Studies From Large Cohorts

# Medical Emergencies Update (Part 2) 2016

**HEART ATTACK**  
Know the symptoms.  
Take action.

CALL

## Call 9-1-1 if You Feel Any of These Symptoms of a Heart Attack

Your chest hurts or feels squeezed.



One or both arms, your back, or stomach may hurt.



You may feel pain in the neck or jaw.



You feel like you can't breathe.



You may feel light-headed or break out in a cold sweat.



You may feel sick to your stomach.

# Myocardial Infarction

Assume MI, not angina, if:

- ❖ **New onset chest pain**
- ❖ **Change in previous angina pain**
  - ❖ **More severe, different location**
- ❖ **Pain unrelieved by rest or NTG**

# Myocardial Infarction Management

Position comfortably

BLS, oxygen, NTG X 3 doses as in angina

\*\* If no response or if pain resolves, but returns \*\*

Activate EMS

Administer fibrinolytics (ASA)

Monitor vital signs

Manage pain - narcotics

Morphine 2-15mg IV q15 minutes

Nitrous oxide is option

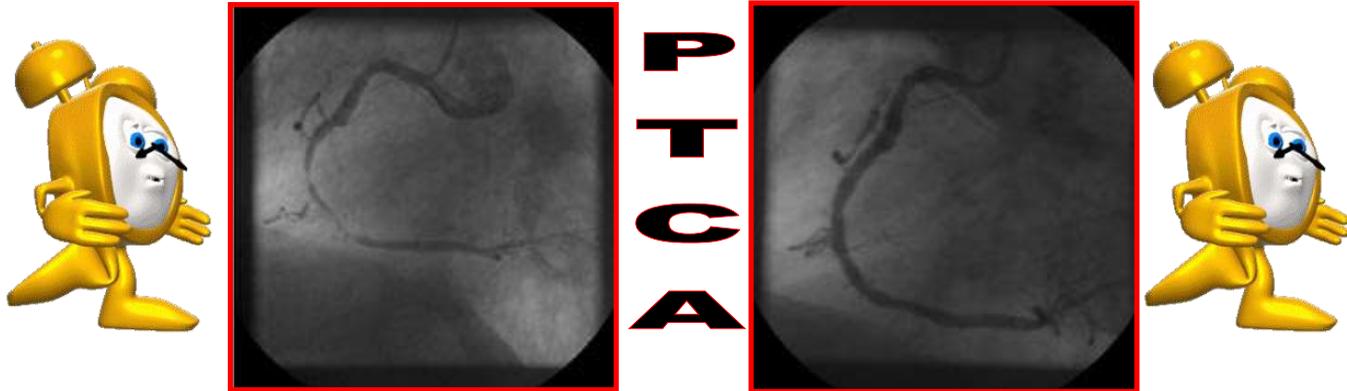
Transport to hospital - - ACLS



23% mortality reduction

*ISIS-2 study*

# Myocardial Infarction Management



# Time is Muscle

# Cardiac Emergencies

# Cardiac Arrest



# Cardiac Arrest

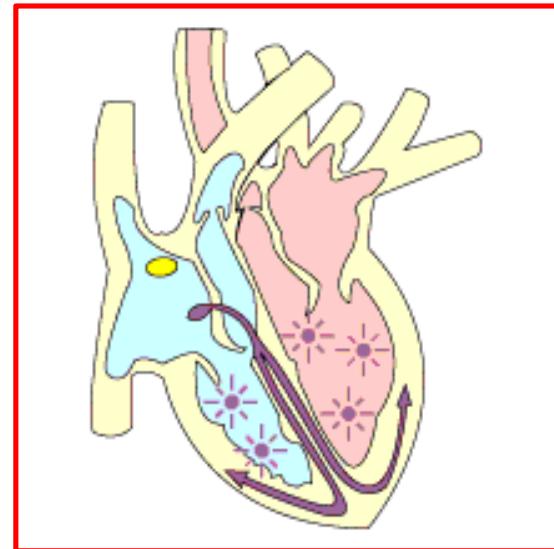
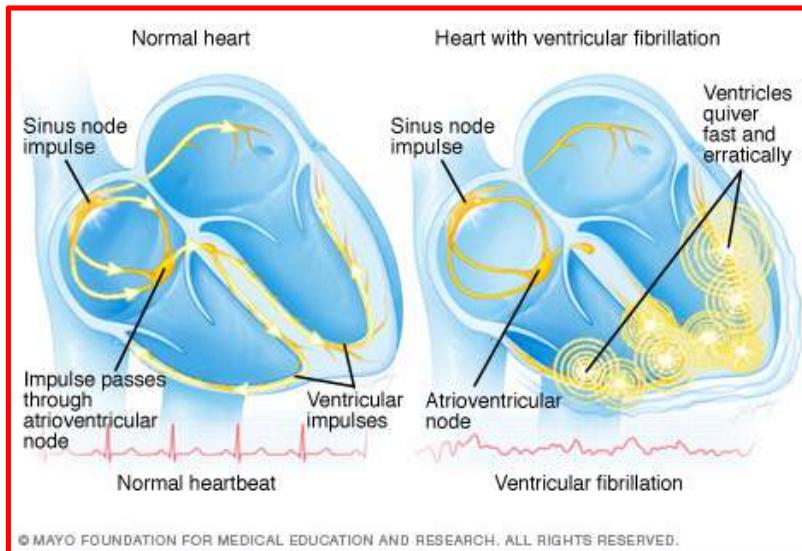
## Possible causes

- ❖ Myocardial infarction
- ➔ ❖ Sudden cardiac death ←
- ❖ Airway obstruction
- ❖ Drug overdose reaction
- ❖ Anaphylaxis
- ❖ Seizure disorder
- ❖ Acute adrenal insufficiency

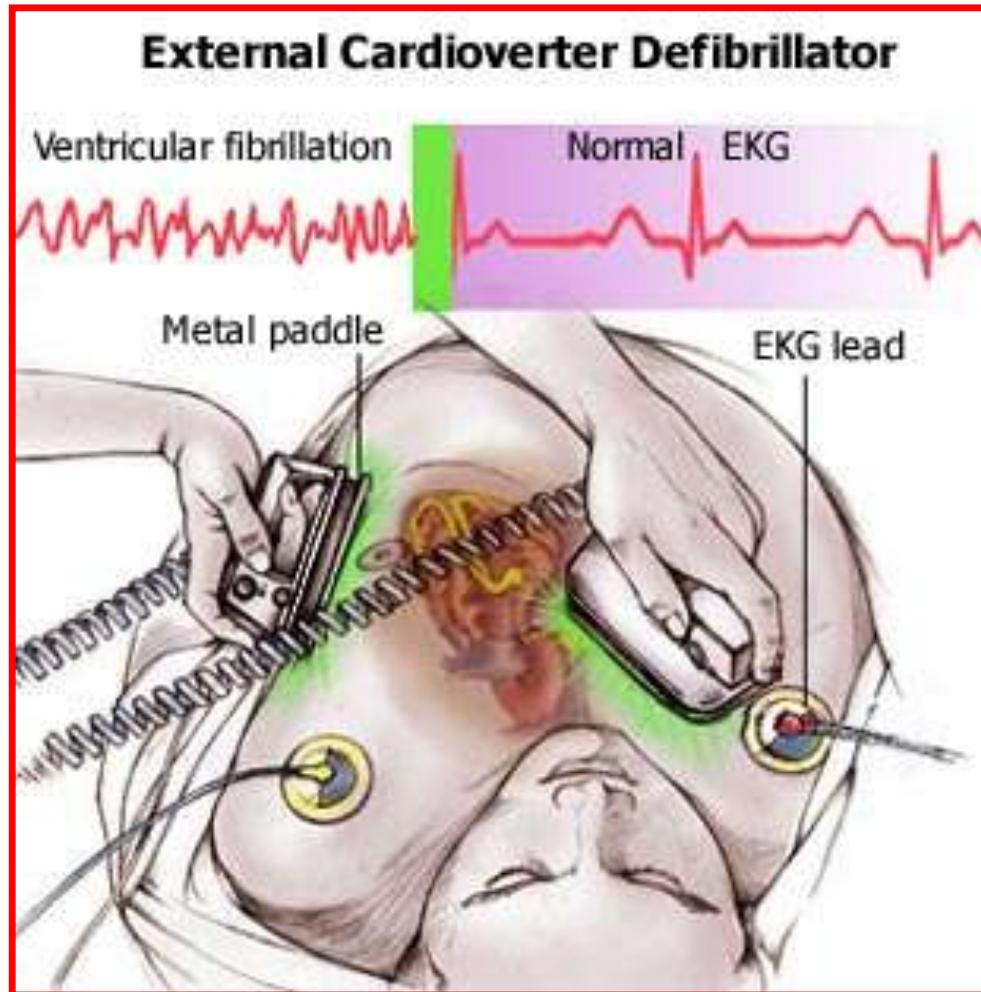
# Cardiac Arrest

## Ventricular Fibrillation

About 90% of cardiac arrests



# Cardiac Arrest



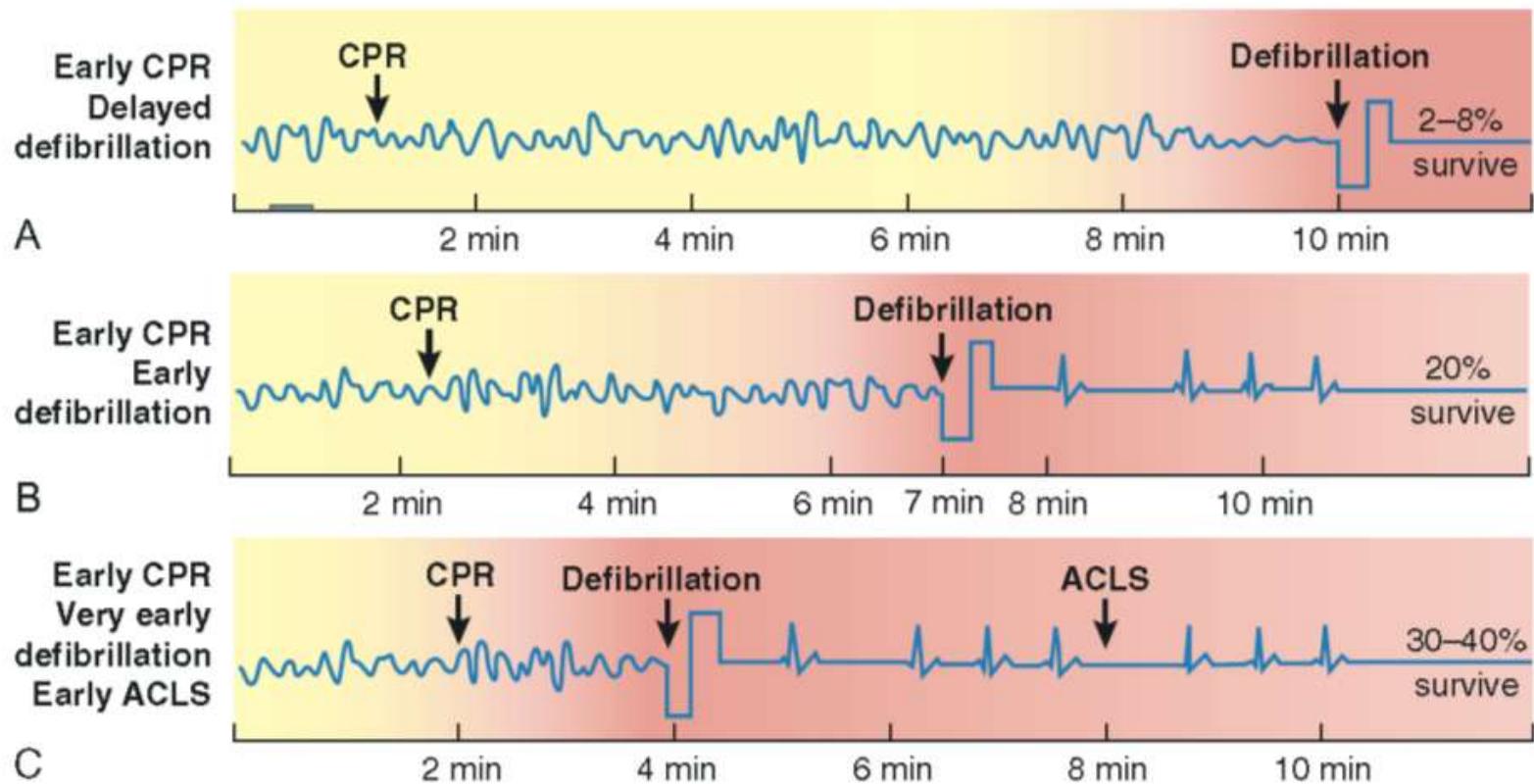
# Efficacy of Defibrillation

Conversion of Ventricular Fibrillation to normal rhythm

<b>Time in Ventricular Fibrillation</b>	<b>Success of Defibrillation</b>
<b>Less than one minute</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b>One to two minutes</b>	<b>80%</b>
<b>Each add'l minute</b>	<b>Decreases 10%</b>

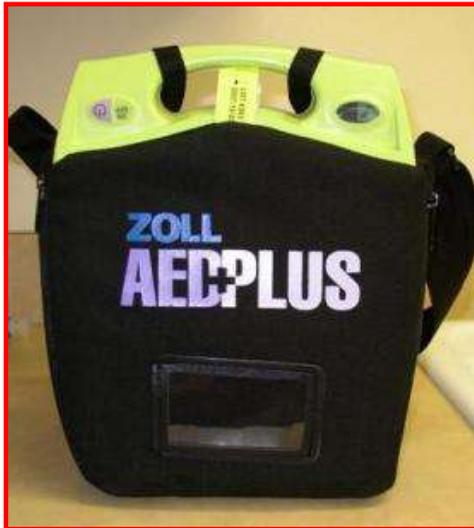
# Efficacy of Defibrillation

## Conversion of Ventricular Fibrillation to normal rhythm



Source: American Heart Association

# Automated External Defibrillator



# AED Instructions

Instructions for operation – two steps

## Step one

- ✓ Patient is unconscious
- ✓ Patient is not breathing
- ✓ Patient is pulseless

## Step two

- ✓ Apply defibrillator pads
- ✓ Follow verbal instructions



# **BLS – The Primary Survey**

## **First C – A – B - D**

- ❖ **Circulation**

- ❖ Give chest compressions

- ❖ **Airway**

- ❖ Open the airway

- ❖ **Breathing**

- ❖ Provide positive-pressure ventilation

- ❖ **Defibrillation**

- ❖ Shock ventricular fibrillation



# **Drug-Related Emergencies**

# **Allergic**

# **Reactions**

# Allergic Reactions

## Common Dental Allergens

- ❖ **Antibiotics**
  - ❖ Penicillin
  - ❖ Cephalosporins
  - ❖ Tetracyclines
- ❖ **Analgesics**
  - ❖ Aspirin-compounds
  - ❖ Nonsteroidals
- ❖ **Opioids**
  - ❖ Meperdine
  - ❖ Codeine
- ❖ **Antianxiety agents**
  - ❖ Barbiturates
- ❖ **Local anesthetics**
  - ❖ Esters: Benzocaine
  - ❖ Sodium bisulfite
  - ❖ Methylparaben
- ❖ **Others**
  - ❖ Acrylic monomer
  - ❖ Latex

# Allergic Reactions

Allergen



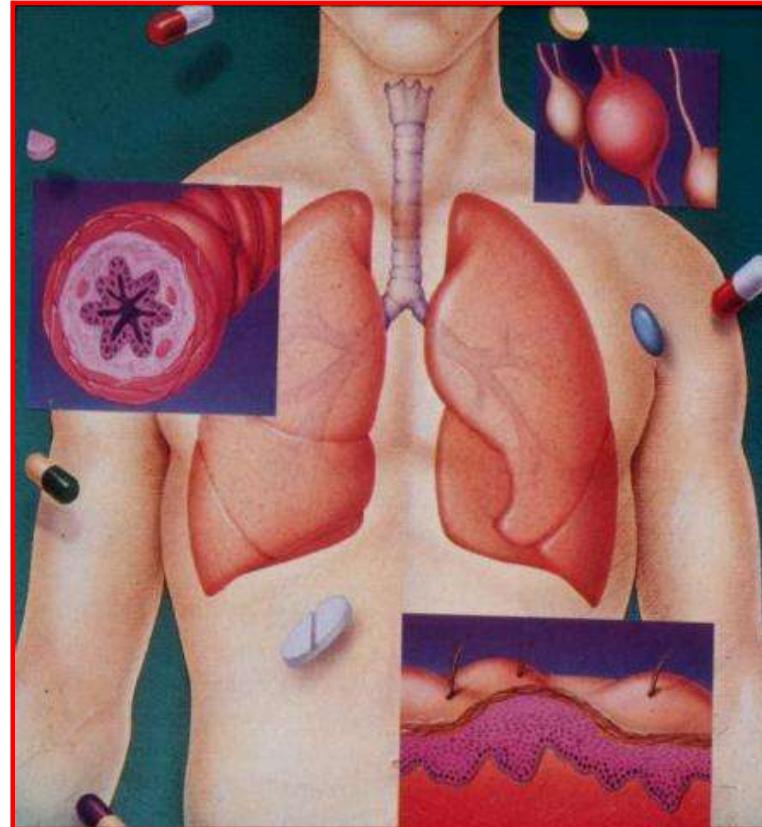
Mast cells & Basophils



Histamine  
Leukotrienes  
ECF – Anaphylaxis  
Kallikreins  
Prostaglandins



Allergic phenomenon



# **Allergic Reactions - Cutaneous**

## **Clinical manifestations**

**Increased vascular permeability**

**Vasodilation**



**Urticaria / Hives**

**Rash**

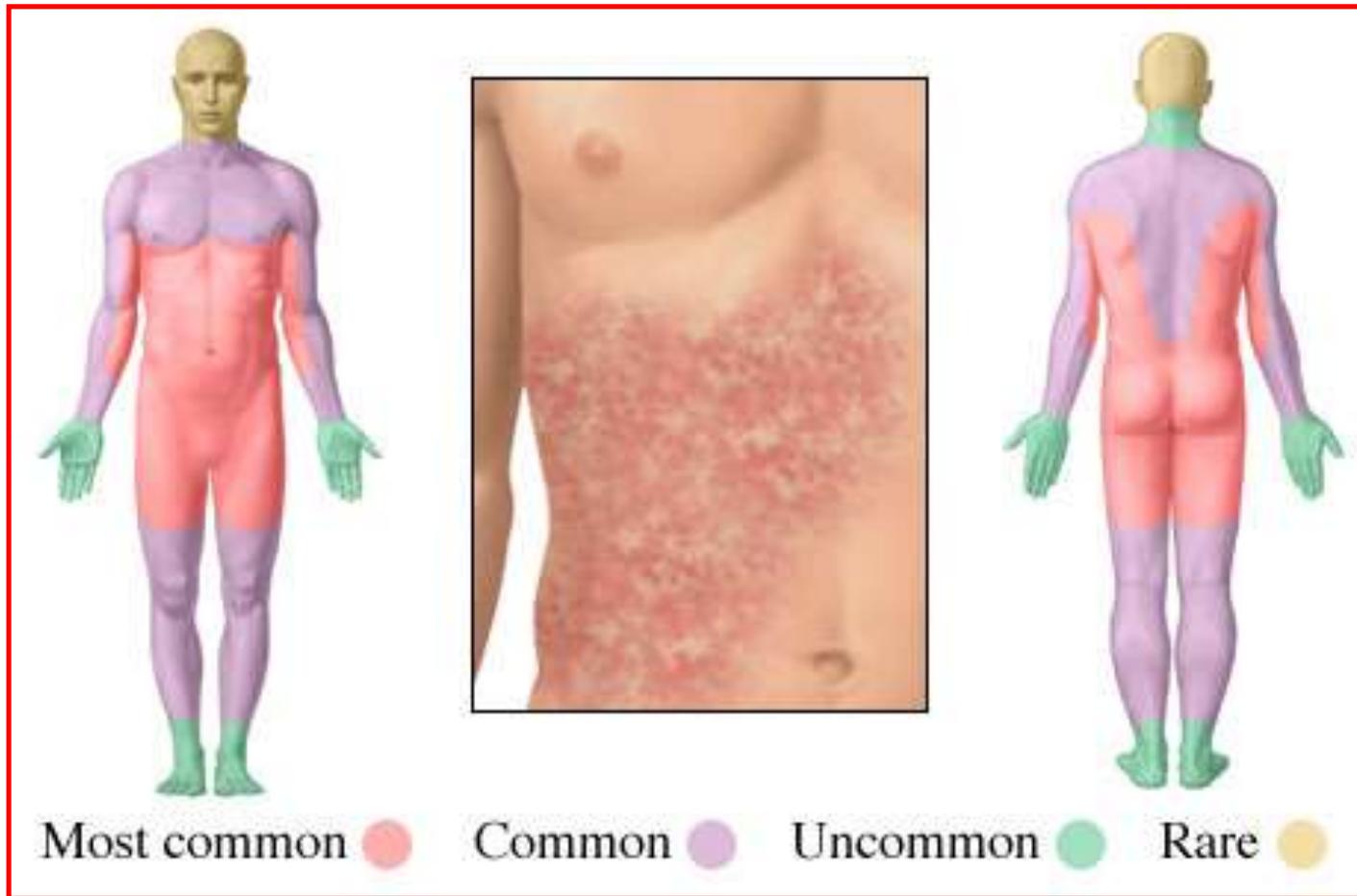
**Pruritis (itching)**

**Tingling and warmth**

**Flushing**

# Allergic Skin Reactions

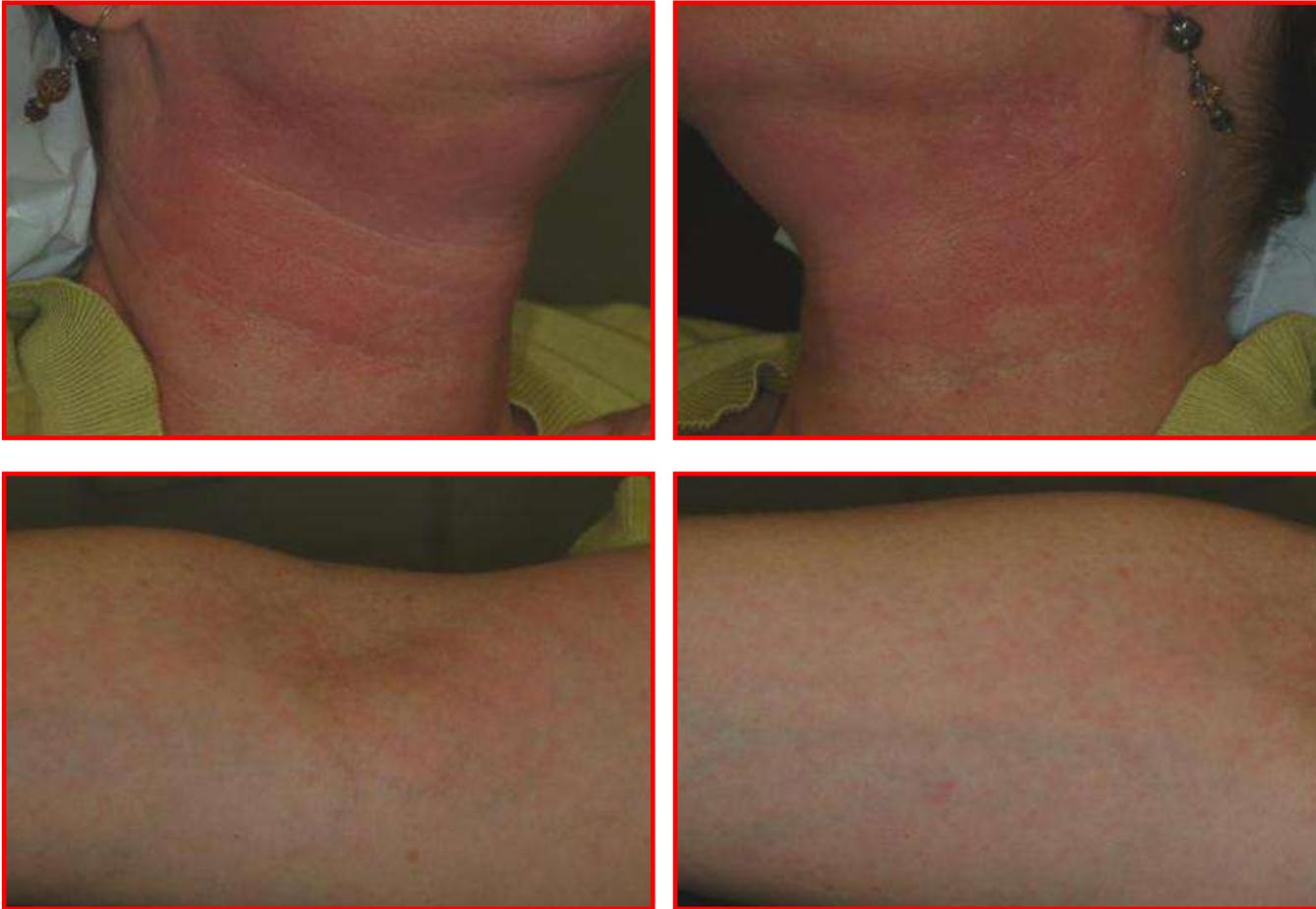
## Typical Distribution Pattern



# Allergic Reactions - Cutaneous



# Allergic Reactions - Cutaneous



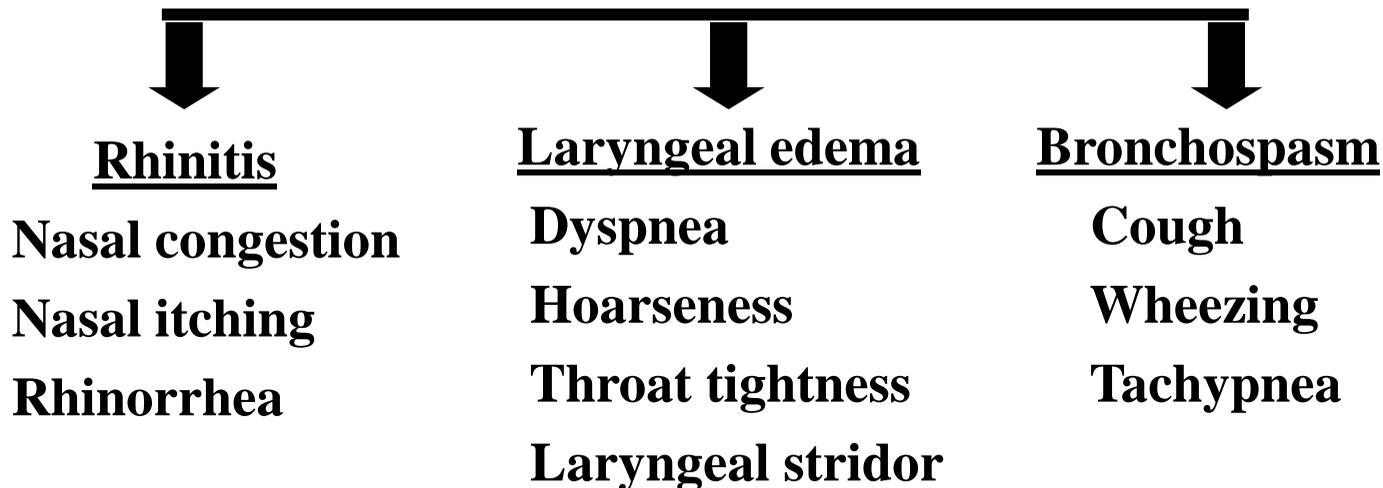
# Allergic Reactions - Respiratory

## Clinical manifestations

Increased vascular permeability & vasodilation

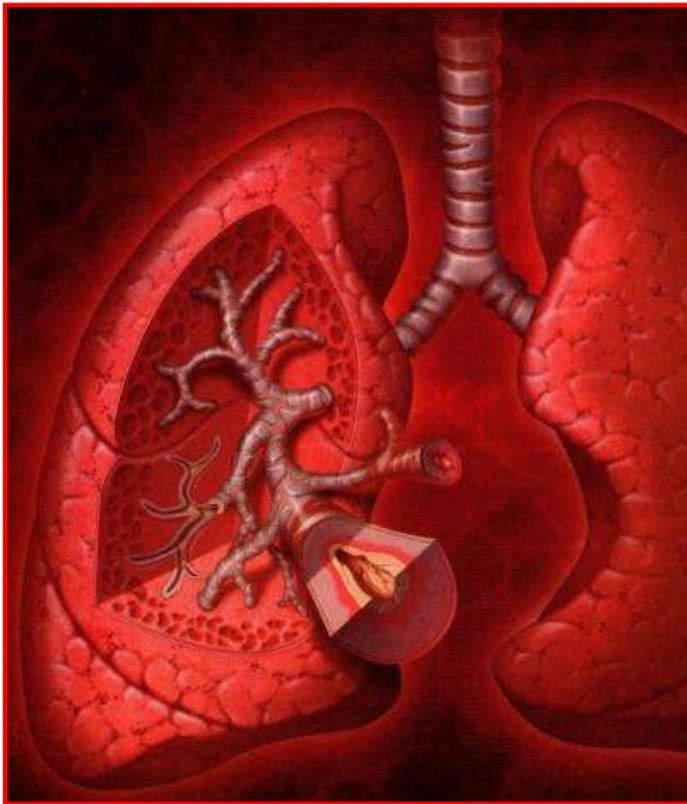
Increased exocrine gland secretions

Bronchiole smooth muscle contraction



# Allergic Reactions - Respiratory

## Bronchospasm



**Cough**  
**Wheezing**  
**Tachypnea**

# Allergic Reactions - Cardiovascular

## Clinical manifestations

Increased vascular permeability & vasodilation

Decreased cardiac output

Loss of vasomotor tone



### Circulatory collapse

Light-headed

Weakness

Syncope

Ischemic chest pain

### Dysrhythmias

Light-headedness

Weakness

Palpitations

Ischemic chest pain

### Cardiac arrest

Pulselessness

EKG changes

Vent fibrillation

Asystole

# **Allergic Reactions**

**Predictors of severity of the reaction**

**Rapidity of onset**

**of signs and symptoms**



**Rapidity of progression**

**of signs and symptoms**

# Tx Allergic Reactions



## Epinephrine

- ❖ Reverses the pathologic processes causing the allergic reaction



## Diphenhydramine

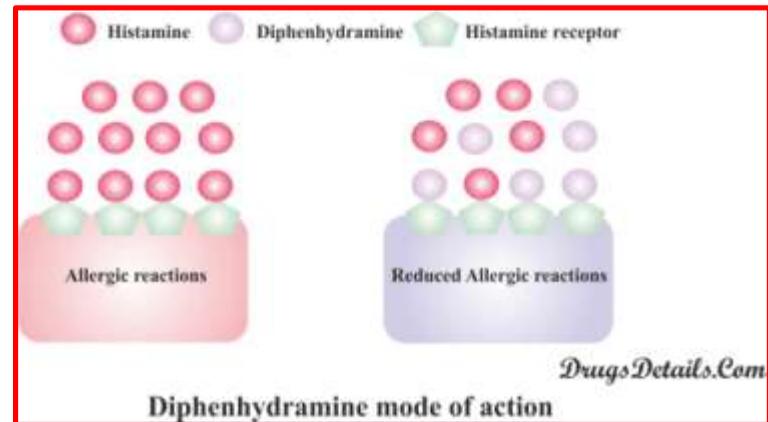
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# Tx Allergic Reactions



## Epinephrine

- ❖ Reverses the pathologic processes causing the allergic reaction

DRUG	RECEPTOR	SITES	RESPONSES
Epinephrine	Alpha <sub>1</sub>	Blood vessels	Increase blood pressure
	Beta <sub>1</sub>	Heart	Increase heart rate
	Beta <sub>2</sub>	Bronchus	Relax bronchioles

# Delayed-Onset Allergic Skin Rxn Management

Onset skin reaction (> 1 hour) from allergen

Position patient comfortably



Assess and perform BLS as needed



Definitive care

Increasingly severe symptoms

Observe  
patient

Administer oral  
histamine blocker prn  
Benadryl 50mg oral

Administer IM + oral  
histamine blocker q4-6h  
Benadryl 50mg IV or IM  
Benadryl orally X 2-3 days  
(25 – 50mg qid)

# Rapid-Onset Allergic Skin Rxn Management

Onset skin reaction (< 1 hour) from allergen

Position patient comfortably



Assess and perform BLS as needed



Definitive care

NO  Cardiac or respiratory involvement ?  YES

Benadryl 50mg oral / IM



Discharge

Oxygen, start IV



Epinephrine 0.3mg SQ, IM, IV



Activate EMS



Benadryl 50mg IV or IM



Hospital

# Tx Respiratory Allergic Rxn

Position patient comfortably



Assess and perform BLS as needed



Calm patient



Activate EMS 



Administer Epinephrine 0.3mg q 15-30 min  
SC, IM, IV, inhaler



Benadryl 50mg IM



Discharge or hospitalize

