

Parkview Hospital: Emergency Department	MANUAL: Emergency Department Policy Manual
Policy & Procedure Title: Acute Coronary Syndrome Category: Care of Patients	
	#1305

PURPOSE:

Guidelines for the care of patients who present to the emergency department with coronary symptoms.

POLICY:

A patient who arrives at the Emergency Department with coronary symptoms the following care as indicated:

- Follow assessment policy, and ACLS guidelines;
- Notify the Emergency physician immediately
- *Acute MI Activate if ordered.*
Acute MI Activate Pathway – see attached.
- Place patient on monitor and obtain V/S including O₂ saturation;
- Immediately obtain 12 lead EKG (age >30 years)
- O₂ at 2 – 4 liters per Nasal Cannula if O₂ saturation < 93%;
- Initiate saline lock, and draw labs;
- ASA 81 mg x 1 if not contraindicated or already taken prior to arrival.
- Nitroglycerin 0.4 mg SL every 5 minutes times 2. Do not give if BP <=90.
- Additional orders as per physician; *Acute MI Pathway Orders(103K).*
-or- Pre-Cath Orders (018S) or (036B).
- Document on patient record: include history, Aspirin Administration, Pain assessment, EKG and monitor strips, data management and all other medication administration;
All emergency thrombolytic medication orders should be documented on the Acute MI Order Sheet.
Any order deviations from the approved Acute MI Protocols may not be administered by nursing unless the order is written and verified by a pharmacist.
- Consider appropriate clinical pathway if admitted (073B CCU/Cardiac Unit Patient Care Admission).

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