Depression, Anxiety and Cardiovascular disease

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Objectives

At the end of this activity participants will have a better knowledge of :

- Prevalence and evaluation of depression and anxiety in cardiac patients.
- Screening tools for diagnosis and further management.
- Treatment options, implications of using certain medications



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Prevalence of Depression & Anxiety in Cardiovascular Disease

- Depressive symptoms in 17.5% and anxiety symptoms in 32.5% subjects in a study, using standard scales of assessment¹.
- Almost 15-20% patients with coronary artery disease and heart failure meet the criteria for major depressive disorder². This is approximately <u>3 times</u> than the risk in general population (6-7%)
- Carvalho IG, Bertoli ED, Paiva L, Rossi LA, Dantas RA, Pompeo DA. Anxiety, depression, resilience and self-esteem in individuals cardiovascular diseases. Rev Lat Am Enfermanem. 2016 Nov 28:24:e2836.
- 2. Huffman JC et al. Depression and cardiac disease: epidemiology, mechanisms and diagnosis. Cardiovas Psychiatr Neurolog 201

Panic disorder and coronary artery

disease

- Almost 25% cases with chest pain of cardiac nature visiting EDs were found to have panic disorder
- There is a group of patients that have panic disorder and coronary artery disease simultaneously: hard to perform study on this population they both can present with chest pain
- Younger age, female gender, atypical quality and location of chest pain and high level of self reported anxiety: clues that predict a higher association of panic disorder in population presenting with chest pain Wyseyski ral. The pattern with calevascular disease. Manual of Pychiark Case for Medically II. American Pychiark

Post traumatic stress disorder and cardiovascular disease

A large meta-analysis¹: >40,000 subjects found:

 PTSD was associated with 53% increased risk of incident cardiac events after adjusting for demographical, clinical and psychological factors

Another meta-analysis of 24 studies:

- A 12% prevalence of PTSD secondary to acute coronary syndrome² (as a result of ACS)

Beristianos et al. PTSD risk of incident cardiovascular disease in aging veterans. Am J Geriatr psychiatry 2016; 24: 1 Endendon et al. Posttraumatic stress disorder prevalence and risk of recurrence in acute coronary syndrome: a metaaprocess-stress disorder prevalence and risk of recurrence in acute coronary syndrome: a metaatrans-stress disorder prevalence and risk of recurrence in acute coronary syndrome: a metaatrans-stress disorder prevalence and risk of recurrence in acute coronary syndrome: a metaatrans-stress disorder prevalence and risk of recurrence in acute coronary syndrome: a metaatrans-stress disorder prevalence and risk of recurrence in acute coronary syndrome: a metaasyndrometa-stress disorder prevalence and risk of recurrence in acute coronary syndrometatic disorder prevalence and risk of recurrence in acute coronary syndrometatic disorder prevalence and risk of recurrence in acute coronary syndrometatic disorder prevalence and risk of recurrence in acute coronary syndrometatic disorder prevalence and risk of recurrence in acute coronary syndrometatic disorder prevalence and risk of recurrence in acute coronary syndrometatic disorder prevalence and risk of recurrence in acute coronary syndrometatic disorder prevalence and risk of recurrence in acute coronary syndrometatic disorder prevalence and risk of recurrence and risk of recurrence in acute coronary syndrometatic disorder prevalence and risk of recurrence and risk of recurence and risk of recurrence and risk of recurrence



PTSD: A causal risk factor for coronary heart disease?

A twin study found PTSD to be *independently linked to* increase the risk of incident coronary events outside of the influence of genetic factors and behavioral factors¹

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Cardiac implants and anxiety mimics

- <u>Pacemaker syndrome</u>: dysfunctional atrial contraction against a closed tricuspid valve →AV dysfunction and RV-LV dysynchrony→ low cardiac output → lightheadedness, apprehension, diaphoresis, palpitations
- Implantable Cardioverter-Defibrillator: "phantom shocks": known to cause depression(18-41%), anxiety(13-38%), PTSD (20%) and severe sleep problems: irrespective of being shocked or not!



PTSD/ anxiety and ICD

Risk factors:

- Young age
- Female gender
- Low socioeconomic support
- Pre-existing psychiatric disease

A 2013 study showed significant association between ICD placement and development of anxiety on a 12 month follow up, irrespective of the frequency of pacing (after adjusting for confounders like age, sex, depression, cardiac health)

Schulz SM, Massa C, Grzbiela A, Dengler W, Wiedemann G, Pauli P. Implantable cardiove prospective predictors of anxiety. Heart Lung. 2013; 42(2):105-11.

Depression and anxiety predict development of CHD



Predictive influence of depressive symptoms in coronary heart disease

A meta-analysis looked into 11 cohort studies

- Subjects had clinically diagnosed unipolar depression
- Primary outcome: myocardial infarction, coronary death, and cardiac death
- Bipolar depression was excluded
- Angina pectoris was not a measured
- outcome(depression is commonly seen in subjects complaining of chest pain without any evidence of CAD)

Rugulies R: Depression as a predictor for coronary heart disease: a review and meta-analysis⁻ Am J Pr



Clinical depression was a strong predictor of development of coronary heart disease in initially healthy population

is: Am J Prev Med 2002; 23(1); 51-6

•RR 2.69, 95% CI=1.63-4.43, p<0.001

Depression and anxiety predict response to treatment in CHD

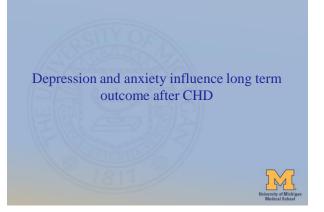


Depression-anxiety as a predictor of treatment response in CHD

Severe depression at baseline Stressful life events in last 8 weeks

- Predicted poor response to treatment of CHD¹ Depression → decrease in physical functioning and increase in mortality after cardiac surgery^{2,3}

 Carney RM et al. Clinical predictors of depression treatment outcomes in patients with coronary heart disease. Journal of Psychonomic Research 2016; 88: 36-41
 Bammenhal JA et al. Depression as a risk factor for mortality after coronary artery bypass surgery. Lancet 2003; 362:601-604
 Kendler F et al. Predictore relationship between depression and physical functioning after coronary surgery. Arch Intern Met. The Sci. 2017;10:1717-171.



Influence on long term outcome after CHD

Pre-myocardial anxiety in the preceding 2 hours

- \uparrow 10-year mortality rate in >65 year old¹

Moderate/high stress (per Perceived Stress Scale-4) at the time of myocardial infarction²

- \uparrow 2 year mortality
- ↑ risk of angina in following 1 year

Smejers I., Mostofsky E, Tofler GH, Muller JE, Kop WJ, Mitleman MA. Anxiety and anger immediately prior to myocardial fanction and long-term mortality: Characteristics of high-risk patients. J Psychosom Res. 2017; 93:19-27 Anodd SV, Smokhers KG, Buchanan DA, Li Y, Spernis JA. Perceived Stress in Myocardial Infarction. Journal of the American Jolge of Cardiology 2012; 6 (18): 1736-1763

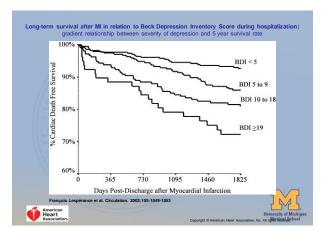


Depression and all-cause mortality after acute coronary syndrome

Enhancing Recovery in Coronary Heart Disease (ENRICHD) study¹:

- Increased risk of all cause mortality after 30 months and 5 years of ACS
- Significance persisted after adjusting confounders

Litchman et al. Depression as a risk factor for poor prognosis among patients with acute coronary syndrome: Systema A scientific statement from the American Heart Association. Circulation 2014; 129: 00-00





American Heart Association's scientific statement

After an extensive review of 53 studies and 4 metaanalysis, AHA made a statement, published in 2014:

Depression is an *individual risk factor* for adverse medical outcomes in patients with acute coronary syndrome¹

Litchman et al. Depression as a risk factor for poor prognosis among patients with acute coronary syndrome: Systematic review a A scientific statement from the American Heart Association. Circulation 2014; 129: 00-00



Depression and CHD: Relations: molecular, physiological and behavioral basis



Depression and CHD: Behavioral aspects

- Poor health behavior (↓ physical activities, poor diet, lack of exercise, smoking, poor medicine adherence → Obesity)
- Diabetes
- Hypertension (through hypothalamic –pituitary axis dysfunction in response to stress)
- Poor sleep (mediator or confounder in explaining the association between depressive sx and cardiovascular mortality)



Depression, sleep and cardiovascular disease

Prospective cohort study of 667 subjects with stable coronary heart disease:

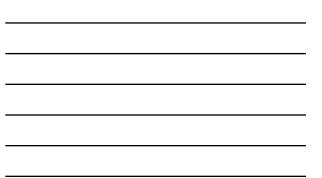
- Greater severity of depressive symptoms at baseline predicted poorer sleep quality at 5 year follow up

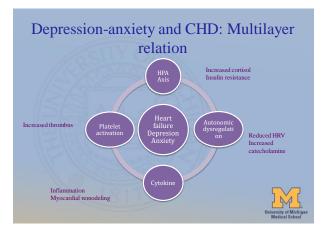
Subjects with sleep problem had a 2 fold increased risk of all-cause hospitalization in heart failure population².

 Sin M. et al. Direction of Association Between Depressive Symptoms and Lifestyle Behaviors in Patterns with Coronary Heart Disease: the Heart and Sou Study. Am Behav Med. 2016; 50(4):523-52.
 Johansson et al. The Course of Skep Problems in Patients With Heart Failure and Associations to Rehospitalizations. J Cardiovasc Nurs. 2015; 30(2):400-400.











Depression and CHD: Relations

- Inflammatory biomarkers: CRP, interleukin-6, soluble intercellular adhesion molecule-1, and fibrinogen Immunologic/inflammatory reactions →
 - Endothelial dysfunction
 - Increased thrombus formation
- Abnormalities in autonomic nervous system

All of the above are established in pathophysiology of cardiovascular diseases



Immune mechanism of depressionanxiety-CHD

- Increased level of CRP in acute coronary syndrome patients that have depression¹
- Cytokines \rightarrow affect synthesis, release, re-uptake of serotonin, dopamine, noradrenaline, glutamate and brain derived natriuretic factor (BDNF)
- Increased interleukin 1 β , interleukin 6 and tumor necrosis factor α were found in depression, PTSD consistently and they are key contributors of atherosclerosis

Smith IG et al. Acute coronary syndrome and depression: A review of shared pathop New Zealand Journal of Psychiatry 2015. Vol. 49(11) 994–1005



Platelet-endothelial injury theory

Platelet activation is one of the triggering factors for acute coronary syndrome

-Platelets are activated to aggregate in presence of high circulating serotonin (treatment implications with SSRI)

-S allele of a serotonin transporter gene (5-HTTLPR) increases the risk of subsequent cardiac events and depression¹

-BDNF is low in both depressed population and population with ACS

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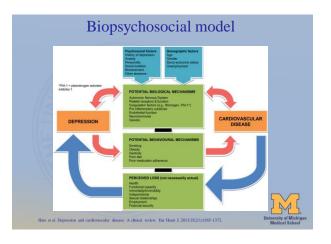


Autonomic dysfunction theory

- Heart Rate Variability (HRV) negatively correlated with severity of depression in CHD and after ACS¹

- Reduced HRV persisted after cardiac surgery²
- Low HRV and increased CRP and IL-6 were associated with post ACS subjects that had depression³
- Stein PK et al. Severe depression is associated with thatmoup-disease. Journal of Psychosomatic Research 2000; 48: 493-500
 Patron E et al. Association between depression and heart rate var psychosomatic Research 2012; 73: 42-46
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Diagnosis of depression and anxiety in cardiac patients

Several self report screening tools

-Beck's depression inventory (BDI)

-Patient health questionnaire-2 and 9 (PHQ-2 and PHQ-9)

-Hospital anxiety depression scale (HADS)

-Cardiac depression scale (CDS)

All of them have variable sensitivity and specificity in diagnosing major depressive disorder: <u>does not substitute clinical diagnosis</u>



Who should be screened and when?

All patients should be screened after an acute cardiac event/chronic cardiac problem (for example: CHF)

- Screening within 1 month of acute cardiac event
- Screening annually for maintenance
- Screening of *high risk population* (refusing treatment, weight loss, suicidal, crying spells, changes in mood, preexisting psychiatric disorder) immediately after a cardiac event
- Re-screen in 2 months of acute event when negative in first screening

Screening cardiac patients for depression and anxiety

American Heart Association recommends:

Patient Health Questionnaire-2 -depressed mood in past 2 weeks

-anhedonia in past 2 weeks

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Patient Health Questoinnaire-9

-Nine Diagnostic and Statistical Manual IV criteria

-Used for *screening* of depressive sx and measure *severity* of sx



Patient health Questionnaire 2: scale

Over the past 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems?

(1) Little interest or pleasure in doing things.

(2) Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless. Two item on Likert type scale of 0-3

*If the answer is "yes" to either question, then refer for more comprehensive clinical evaluation by a professional qualified in the diagnosis and management of depression or screen with PHQ-9

Patient Health Questionnaire 2: psychometric properties

PHQ-2 Score	Sensitivity	Specificity	Positive Predictive Value
1	97.2	59.2	15.4
2	92.7	73.7	21.1
3	82.9	90.0	38.4
4	73.2	93.3	45.5
5	53.7	96.8	56.4

Kroenke et. al, The Patient Health Quiestionnnaire-2: validity of a two item depression screener. Media 2003; (41): 1284-1294



PHQ-9

Over the last 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems?			Several days	More than half the days	Nearly every day
1.	Little interest or pleasure in doing things	0	1	2	3
2.	Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless	0	1	2	3
3.	Trouble falling or staying asleep, or sleeping too much	0	1	2	3
4.	Feeling tired or having little energy	0	1	2	3
5.	Poor appetite or overeating	0	1	2	3
6.	Feeling bad about yourself — or that you are a failure or have let yourself or your family down	0	1	2	3
7.	Trouble concentrating on things, such as reading the newspaper or watching television	0	1	2	3
8.	Moving or speaking so slowly that other people could have noticed? Or the opposite — being so fidgety or restless that you have been moving around a lot more than usual	0	1	2	3
9.	Thoughts that you would be better off dead or of hurting yourself in some way	0	1	2	3
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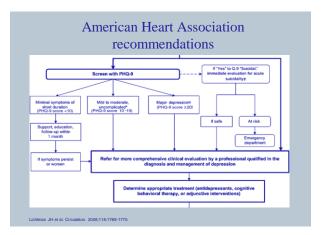
PHQ-9

- Major depression: ≥ 5 items positive for "more than half the days" and 1 of the symptoms is depressed mood /anhedonia
- Other depression: < 5 items positive for "more than half the days"
- Score \geq 10: higher probability of clinical depression \rightarrow
- refer for structured clinical evaluation
- Sensitivity 88%, specificity 88%



Patient Health Questionnaire-9

PHQ-9 Score	Depression severity	Proposed Action
1-4	No depression	No need of further testing
5-9	Mild	Watchful waiting, repeat PHQ-9 in a month
10-14	Moderate	Refer for clinical evaluation: possible pharmacotherapy and psychotherapy
15-19	Moderate to severe	Immediate treatment: medication and psychotherapy
20-27	Severe	Expedited referral to psychiatrist, medication and psychotherapy





Guidelines for screening anxiety disorder in CHD

No specific guidelines from AHA

Might be due to the high prevalence of anxiety symptoms in angina and myocardial infarction.

 A study showed high false positive scores on anxiety rating scales: higher scores need further psychiatric evaluation → reduces cost effectiveness of routine screening¹

1. Bunevicius et al. Screening for anxiety disorders in patients with coronary artery disease. Health Quality Life Outcomes 20



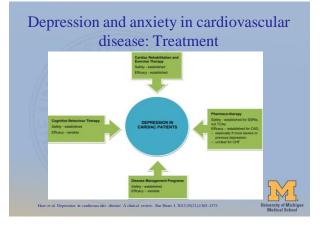
Diagnostic dilemmas in medically ill

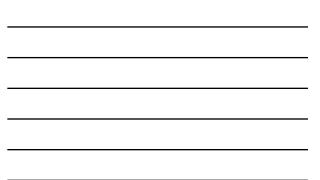
- Overlap between psychological reactions to lifethreatening illness(e.g. panic attack symptoms resembling angina/ pulmonary embolism)

-Assumption that depressive state is "normal" in medically ill

-Vegetative symptoms of depression-anxiety (low appetite, poor sleep, fatigue, weight loss, racing heart etc.) are <u>less</u> <u>reliable</u> in diagnosing depression and anxiety in medically ill







Therapeutic alliance

- Pivotal in establishing a plan for wholesome treatment including secondary prevention
- *Limit interference of personal experience*, as that might push away the patient or normalize poor behaviors leading to poor prognosis
- Empathy, not indulgence, not overstatement
- Important during cardiac rehabilitation phase: known to reduce mortality, improve functional capacity, reduction of angina symptoms : Behavioral treatment model



Depression-anxiety in CHD: Medications

- Selective serotonin receptor inhibitors (SSRI): most studied
- Serotonin norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors (SNRI)
- Others

Things to check:

- Drug interactions
- Effects of medications on heart rate and conduction
- Monitoring protocol



Assessment of patient's interpretation of medications

- Patient might have specific interpretation of medication effect
- Health literacy might vary
- Patient might be less receptive due to stressful medical conditions
- Assess their need of control
- Assure: "this pill will make you feel better" might not be good enough
- Repetitive explanation



SSRI/SNRI

- First line medication: low side effect profile, less drug interactions, well tolerated
- Recommended to have a full psychiatric evaluation before starting antidepressant meds in CHD
- Sertraline, citalopram and fluoxetine are widely studied
- Sertraline is most researched (SADHART study, published in 2002)



SSRI/SNRI: Things to monitor

- Most SSRI/SNRIs interact with antiplatelet medications and Coumadin (blood thinners): may increase risk of bleeding (gastrointestinal, post surgery): proton pump inhibitors, close eye on bleeding symptoms are recommended
- QTc : few cases reported bradycardia and syncope: regular QTc monitoring, caution in atrial fibrillation, syncope are needed
- In SDAHART study: no significant effect on QTc prolongation beyond 450 msec, no adverse cardiac side effects with sertraline



Risk factors and implications: long QT

Implications of long QT

• Can cause TdP, but long QT is not the only cause of TdP • Height of pathologic U wave is a better

predictor of drug induced TdP than only QTc

Risk factors for long QT

- Female, age
 Congenital LQTS
 Electrolyte imbalance (low sodium,
- potassium, magnesium)Heart disease (MI, LVH, MVP,
- bradycardia)
- Malnutrition
- Anorexia nervosa Other medical conditions resulting in
- electrolyte imbalance: renal, hepatic dysfunction, diabetes)

Beach et al. OTc Prolon tion. Torsades de Pointes, and Psycho Peycho s 2013: 54:1-13

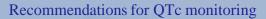


Citalopram and QTc

- In 2011: FDA recommended a maximum daily dose of 40 mg daily (20 mg daily in hepatic impairment and > 60 year old patients) and contraindicated its use in long QT
- In 2012: FDA revised the "contraindication" statement in long QT and said it is "not recommended"

Other SSRI and OTc

- Despite structural similar the FDA recommendation dose not extend to escitalopram
- · No specific recommendation/ warning for other SSRI



- · EKG monitoring for 24 hours after citalopram overdose, longer with >600 mg total dose
- Substitute other antidepressants:
- Venlafaxine: >440 ms in 18%¹, > 500ms in 1%
- Mirtazapine: in overdose: >440 in 16%1, >500 in none
- Duloxetine : no association
- Bupropion: no association
- · Limit use of antipsychotic meds (Thioridazine> ziprasidone> Haloperidol intravenous> haloperidol oral> olanzapine/risperidone/quetiapine)
- · FDA recommends cardiac monitoring of ALL patients on haloperidol intravenous.

2010: 70: 881-88



QTc prolongation risk stratification

High risk	Association with QTc Prolongation	Association with Torsades de Pointes	
Thioridazine	***	+++	
Haloperidol (IV)	+++	+++	
Ziprasidone	***	+	
Moderate risk			
Fluphenazine Haloperidol	**		
(PO/IM)	++	++	
lloperidone	++	-	
Paliperidone	++		
Risperidone	+	+	
Low risk			
Asenapine	+		
Lurasidone	+	-	
Olanzapine	+	+	
Quetiapine	+	+	
Minimal risk			
Aripiprazole	-	-	
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Other antidepressants

Venlafaxine	↑ blood pressure with >300 mg dose, tachycardia, caution in CHF, caution during discontinuing
Mirtazapine	potential for increased appetite and serum cholesterol
Bupropion	Monitor blood pressure in hypertensive patients
Stimulants (methylphenidate)*	Not recommended for post myocardial infarction, congestive heart failure, uncontrolled hypertension and tachycardia
Tricyclic antidepressants	Usually avoided, prolongs QTc , increased risk of arrhythmia, orthostatic hypotension
Trazodone	Increased risk of cardiac arrhythmia and orthostatic hypotension in higher doses
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Drug interactions

Carvedilol, metoprolol, digoxin, nifedipine
Flecainide
Enalapril, captopril, ramipril
Clonidine, doxazosin, prazosin, coumadin
Diltiazem





Stimulants in cardiac disease

Indications:

- Acute need to improve energy (not eating, not participating in physical therapy/refusing treatment)
- Cognitive impairment interfering with capacity to participate in medical decisions
- Significant weight loss due to depression

Cautions:

- History of substance abuse
- Recent myocardial infarction
- Uncontrolled hypertension, CHF, arrhythmia
- Delirium, psychosis



Anti-anxiety medications

Benzodiazepines are generally safe unless :

- Delirium
- History of substance use (consider a short course when absolutely needed, with a plan to taper judiciously)
- Older patients (risk of fall and cognitive impairment)
- Comorbid respiratory failure
- Dementia (risk of disinhibition)



Psychotherapy in CHD

Cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT): most studied

- Effective in reducing depressive symptoms
- Not shown to influence mortality and hospitalization
- Limited evidence in management of anxiety in CHD



Other forms of psychotherapy studied in CHD population

- Mindfulness meditation
- Guided heart rate variability-biofeedback
- The above two methods are shown to reduce stress, anxiety and depressive symptoms (similar to exercise programs)



Motivational interview: nurse led protocol to improve self-care in heart failure

- Single home visit after discharge from hospital
- 3-4 telephone calls by nurse
- 90 day follow up period

Masterson et al. Motivational inter-Educ Couns. 2016; 99(2):256-64.

- Improved self-care maintenance
- MI alone is most likely not enough to improve quality of life



Cardiac rehabilitation and disease management programs

Cardiac rehabilitation program:

- Reassurance, education, exercise
- Significantly reduce cardiovascular events and depression and anxiety¹
- Effect could also be due to the exercise and or psychological support and milieu environment

Lewin et al. Effects of self-help post-myocardial-infarction rehabilitation on psychological adjustment and use of health services. Lancet 1992; 339: 1036-1040





Post session test

1. A 67 year old white male is admitted to ICU after a myocardial infarction with symptoms of severe depression and the psychiatry started him on sertraline. He is also on heparin as a bridge to warfarin for a past history of DVT. What is the lab test to monitor his safety?

a)Bleeding time and clotting timeb)Sodium and potassium levelc)Upper GI endoscopyd)No additional test needed



Post session test

2. A 60 year old male with aortic artery dissection is currently in cardiac rehabilitation program after a long ICU and medical floor stay. He is reluctant in participating in physical exercise and refuses his blood pressure medication occasionally. He is unwilling to stay further in hospital and wants to go home to take care of his tax consultancy business. No past psychiatric history. How will you proceed to screen him for a possible depression?

a)Chat with him b)Chat with the physical therapist c)PHQ-9 d)PHQ-2



Post session test

3. A 65 year old female with history of sick sinus syndrome is currently admitted to ICU after an acute coronary syndrome event. She is depressed per psychiatric evaluation. As the psychiatry residents are discussing medication safety, they include you in that discussion. Which medication is relatively safer in this patient?

a)Nortriptylineb)Sertralinec)Citalopramd)Desipramine



Post session test

4. A 55 year old male with previous history of depression and anxiety is currently following up with cardiology clinic after an acute coronary syndrome. He has been on venlafaxine 375 mg daily for 6 months but his blood pressure is uncontrolled even with adjustment of his medications. Consulting psychiatrist has agreed on changing venlafaxine to sertraline. Which symptom would you watch for during the switch period?

a)Blood pressure and heart rate b)Agitation c)Stomach pain d)Pedal edema

