



Practice Enhancement Through Clinically Correct Documentation and Coding

2025 Curriculum

The Medical Necessity Series Part I: Chest Pain/AMI, Heart Failure, Atrial Fibrillation

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Medical Necessity Series: AMI/CP, HF, Afib

Materials

Modified HEART and EDACS Data Components			
HEART Score: 0-3 (Low); 4+ (non Low)		EDACS Score: 0-15 (Low); 16+ (non Low)	
<u>History</u>		<u>Age (yrs)</u>	
High suspicion	2	18-45	2
Mod suspicion	1	46-50	4
Low suspicion	0	51-55	6
<u>Electrocardiogram</u>		56-60	8
ST seg deviation	2	61-65	10
Paced, L/RBBB, LVH	1	66-70	12
Normal, nonspecific	0	71-75	14
<u>Age (yrs)</u>		76-80	16
>65	2	81-85	18
45-65	1	86+	20
<45	0	Male sex	6
<u>Cardiac Risk Factors</u>		Age 18-50 w 3+ cardiac risk fact. OR CAD	4
3+; or known CAD	2	Diaphoresis	3
1-2	1	Pain radiate to arm/shoulder	5
0	0	Pain worse in inspiration	-4
		Pain reprod on palp	-6

- From, JACC, vol. 80, No 20
- **HEART*** is for 21+ with ACS symptoms w/o ST elev > 1mm, or new EKG changes, hypotension
 - 4+ non-Low
- **EDACS**** is only with 18+, if CP c/w ACS, and no crescendo angina
 - 16+ non-Low

*modified History, ECG, Age, Risk Factors, and Troponin score

**ED Assessment of Chest Pain score