



Update on acute coronary syndromes: A collaboration with readers

We are especially proud of this issue of the *Cleveland Clinic Journal of Medicine*, which inaugurates a new series on acute coronary syndromes (unstable angina, non-Q-wave myocardial infarction, and Q-wave myocardial infarction).

We believe the series epitomizes the ideal collaboration between CCJM readers and editors. The idea for the series was generated last year by an e-mail message from one of our readers, who wanted an update on the many new therapies for these syndromes. We then asked Dr. Gary Francis, the Cleveland Clinic's director of Acute Cardiac Care, to coordinate and edit the series. He selected the topics to be covered and recruited the authors and reviewers, in addition to coauthoring one article.

As Dr. Francis notes in his introduction to the series (page 560), physicians face a bewildering array of new therapies for acute coronary syndromes — the leading cause of death in the Western world. The challenge to clinicians is to select the best therapy for a particular patient, often with only limited evidence, and with a paucity of head-to-head clinical trials.

We believe the *Cleveland Clinic Journal of Medicine* is uniquely suited to produce this series, combining the expertise from many of the world's experts in cardiology with the CCJM's ability to translate complex scientific concepts into a readable and usable format.

We look forward to hearing how you like the series, and of course, look forward to even more ideas from you.

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