



Heart Manual Facilitator Training

Day 2 Cardiac Rehabilitation: The Heart Manual and facilitation

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Training Workbook

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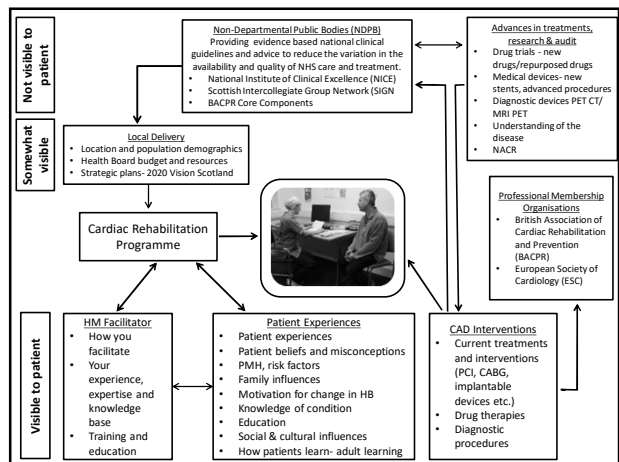
Aim

- Overview of:
 - Cardiac rehabilitation in the UK
 - Guidelines and theory into practice
 - CAD and its management
- Promote a facilitative approach by sharing skills, knowledge and competence
- Discuss facilitation of the Digital Heart Manual in relation to patient pathways, patient needs, risk factors and lifestyle change

Address issues for staff and patients due to current COVID-19 pandemic

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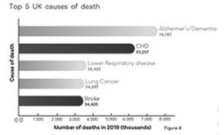
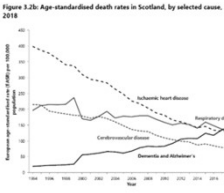
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Coronary Heart Disease in the UK

- Coronary Heart Disease is one of the leading causes of death in the UK
- CHD kills twice as many women as breast cancer
- Approximately 63,000 deaths per year in the UK (1 in 8 M, 1 in 13 F)
- Most CHD deaths are due to MI – 50 years ago >7 out of 10 MI's were fatal, today at least 7 out of 10 people survive
- CHD death rates in the UK remain highest in Scotland and North England

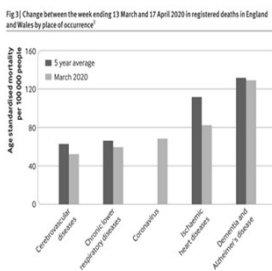
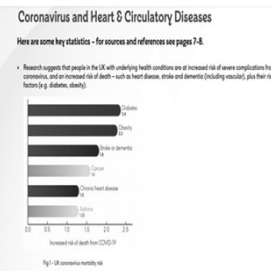



Cardiovascular Disease Statistics, BHF, Jan 2021
Bhf.org.uk/statistics

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Impact of COVID-19

https://www.bmj.com/bmi/section-pdf/10262507paths/bmi/369/8243/This_Week_tull.pdf

BHF-coronavirus-and-heart-and-circulatory-disease-factsheet.pdf (2020)

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Cardiac Rehabilitation

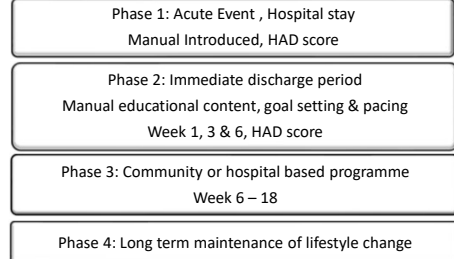
'The co-ordinated sum of activities required to influence favourably the underlying cause of cardiovascular disease, as well as to provide the best possible physical, mental and social conditions, so that the patients may, preserve or resume optimal functioning in their community and through improved health behaviour, slow or reverse progression of disease.'

British Association of Cardiovascular Prevention and Rehabilitation(2017)

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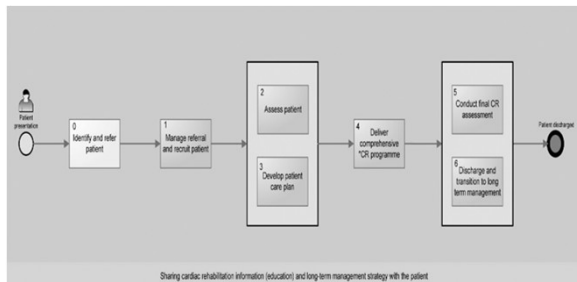
Traditional Patient Pathway



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DOH Cardiac Rehabilitation Pathway



*CR = cardiac rehabilitation

DoH Cardiac Rehabilitation Commissioning Pack 2010

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Current UK Key Guidance

NICE National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

- SIGN Guideline 150 - Cardiac Rehabilitation
- NICE Guideline (NG 185)- Acute coronary syndromes (ACS) (Nov 2020 change -includes early and longer-term (rehabilitation) management of acute coronary syndromes.)

"Begin cardiac rehabilitation as soon as possible after admission and before discharge from hospital. Invite the person to a cardiac rehabilitation session which should start within 10 days of their discharge from hospital". (2013)

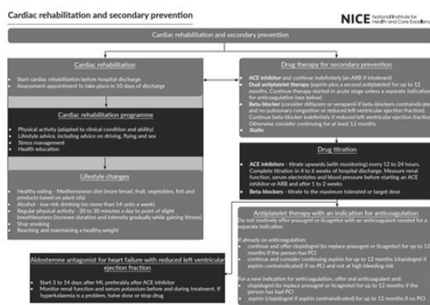
"Offer cardiac rehabilitation programmes in a choice of venues (including at the person's home, in hospital and in the community) and at a choice of times of day, for example, sessions outside of working hours. Explain the options available." (2013)

"A home-based programme validated for people who have had an MI (such as NHS Lothian's heart manual) that incorporates education, exercise and stress management components with follow ups by a trained facilitator may be used to provide comprehensive cardiac rehabilitation". (2007).

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NICE Clinical Guideline (CG) 185- Acute coronary syndromes: Secondary prevention summary



<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng185/resources/visual-summary-secondary-prevention-pdf-8900620813>

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Promoting Excellence in Cardiovascular Disease Prevention and Rehabilitation



The BACPR Standards and Core Components for Cardiovascular Prevention and Rehabilitation 3rd edition

- To provide a blueprint upon which all effective prevention and rehabilitation services are designed
- To provide a template to monitor and assess any variation in quality provision
- Aligned to DOH commissioning pack/ cardiac rehab pathway

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BACPR

Six Standards for Cardiovascular Prevention and Rehabilitation Service


1. Delivery of 6 core components by a qualified and competent MDT, led by a clinical coordinator
2. Prompt identification, referral and recruitment of eligible patient populations
3. Early initial assessment of individual patient needs which informs agreed personalised goals that are reviewed regularly
4. Early provision of structured cardiovascular prevention and rehabilitation programme (CPRP) with defined pathway of care. Which meets individual's goals and aligned to patient choice
5. On programme completion, a final assessment of individual patient needs and demonstration of sustainable health outcomes
6. Registration/submission of data to National Audit of Cardiac Rehabilitation (NACR)

BACPR/BCS/BHF Statement on Cardiac rehabilitation services (June 2020)
<https://bjcardio.co.uk/2020/06/covid-19-and-cardiac-rehabilitation/>

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DISCUSS

- What are the challenges/ what do you think you can do better in your service?
- How can you make your services more accessible to patients?





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2018/19 NACR Recommendations

- Optimise recruitment into CR for post-MI patients
- Recruit more female patients and ensure that CR programmes are better tailored to the needs of female patients
- Consider patient co-morbidities as part of recruitment, assessment and intervention
- Complete a comprehensive CR assessment prior to, and on completion of CR
- Offer facilitated home-based modes of CR delivery for all CVD patients,-including innovation in recruiting those with heart failure
- Deliver quality evidenced by 'certified ' status

* The duration of CR should meet the minimum requirement of eight weeks.
 NACR 2017 **7 KPIs for accreditation under the National Certification Programme**
<http://www.cardiacrehabilitation.org.uk/NCP-CR.htm>

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BACPR
 BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR CARDIOVASCULAR PREVENTION AND REHABILITATION

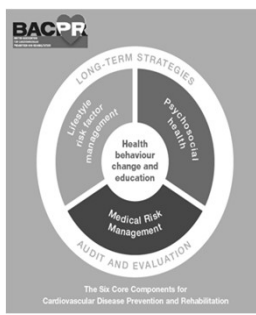
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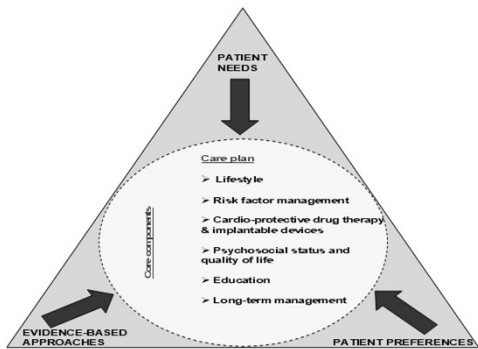
Six Core (Programme) Components

1. Health behaviour change and education
2. Lifestyle risk factor management
 - Physical activity and exercise
 - Diet
 - Smoking cessation
3. Psychosocial health
4. Medical risk management
5. Long-term management
6. Audit and evaluation



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Assessment – Care Planning



PATIENT NEEDS

Care plan

- > Lifestyle
- > Risk factor management
- > Cardio-protective drug therapy & implantable devices
- > Psychosocial status and quality of life
- > Education
- > Long-term management

EVIDENCE-BASED APPROACHES

PATIENT PREFERENCES

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Who should be offered CR?

High Priority:

- ACS - STEACS, NSTEMACS and unstable angina
- All those undergoing reperfusion - CABG, PCI or PPCI
- CHF of new diagnosis or with a step change in clinical presentation
- ICD or CRT or heart valve replacement and have a primary diagnosis of ACS or heart failure

Extend to:

- Those following heart transplant and ventricular assist devices
- People with ICD or CRT for reasons other than ACS or heart failure
- People with heart valve replacement for reasons other than ACS or heart failure
- People with a confirmed diagnosis of exertional angina

Assess suitability for either Post MI or Revascularisation HM

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Today - Cardiac Rehabilitation Uptake

- MI + PCI – 57%
- MI med – 33%
- PCI elective – 49%
- CABG – 71%
- Total – 50%

Programmes vary in length, content and the place of delivery. Increasingly, there is a drive to offer people a choice such as home, community or hospital services.

NACR Annual Report 2018

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Addressing Engagement Issues

- Lack of interest or fear of exercise
- Transport difficulties
- Cost
- Dislike of group activities
- Physical co-morbidities
- Age
- Cultural issues
- Language problems
- Social deprivation
- Gender- Women
- Lack of personal support

How do you see the HM helping to address these issues?

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The Heart Manual: a facilitated self management tool

- Gain an understanding and acceptance of the condition
- Learn to prioritise and plan
- Set short, medium and long term goals
- Learn to pace appropriately and effectively
- Promote exercise and activity in a realistic manner
- Self-monitor one's own progress and condition changes
- Recognise and deal with common psychological responses
- Maintain behaviour change & deal with setbacks appropriately



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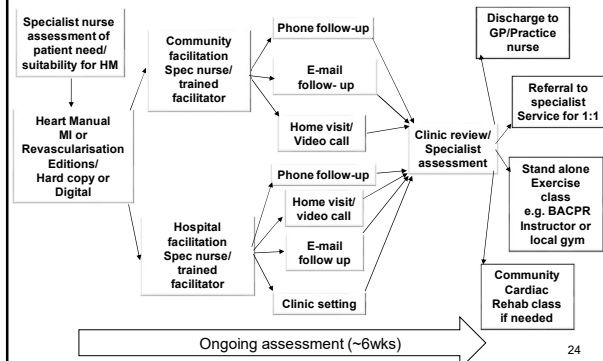
Exclusion Criteria for HM

- The Heart Manual is not suitable for patients with a very poor prognosis (cardiac or other) or those who have unstable conditions.
- The judgement as to who receives the manual is a clinical one.
- Patient safety should always be considered by the practitioner who prescribes and those who facilitate the manual.
- Additional considerations; communication barriers such as language or literacy and catchment area.

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Facilitation of the Heart Manual: Patient Pathway



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Remote consultations

Options:

- Phone- familiar to patients, simple conversations, administrative or instructions, easy for patients
- Video- provides additional visual clues, therapeutic presence, useful for pts who need more support, have co-morbidities, complex circumstances, anxious
- Text, e-mail
- Apps, web-based platforms, videos

Be aware:

- Do your homework-PMH, index event, social circumstances
- First consultation- check identity-confirm name and DOB
- Background assessment-breathless when speaking, do they look or sound-anxious, pale unwell etc, check exercises, medicine
- Can/ is a partner/relative/other be there for consultation-e.g. for safety during exercise <https://www.bmj.com/content/368/bmj.m1182>

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Remote Assessment and Review- During COVID-19

- Information pulled from medical records, referral info
- Careful history and simple questioning of patient
- Focus on change- progress, setbacks deteriorations, any physical symptoms, ease and comfort of speech or exercise
- Adapt, look for own solutions for your area/pts
- Other technology- fitness trackers, apps, step counts, mobile phone data
- Other validated tools- Rating of Perceived Exertion Scale (RPE) Duke Activity Status Index, TAM2, *Roth score, HAD, PHQ9

*NB-The Roth Score for breathlessness- debate over validity, but is used in some primary care settings. Is it useful as baseline indicator to assess change over time?

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The Heart Manual Content

- **Part 1:** Your Heart Condition: the facts
Read during hospital stay, relaxation and FAQ CD's
- **Part 2:** The 6 weekly programme, community facilitated
 - Week 1 Getting home - getting better
 - Week 2 Feeling better, smoking
 - Week 3 Making progress, diet
 - Week 4 Getting better all the time, weight
 - Week 5 Feeling more like yourself, exercise
 - Week 6 The end...and the beginning, blood pressure

Daily – Relaxation, Walking, Exercise and Activity record

- **Part 3:** Facts and advice to aid recovery

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HM Facilitator Resources

Heart Manual facilitator on line training folder

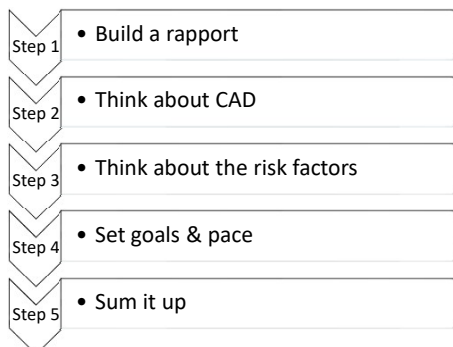
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<https://www.heartmanual.scot.nhs.uk/>
Digital Revasc:
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HM Dept website:
<https://services.nhslothian.scot/TheHeartManual/Pages/default.aspx>

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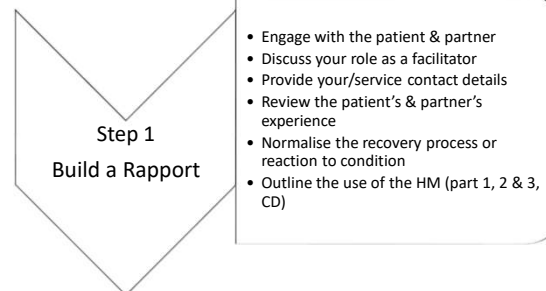
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Facilitating the HM: 5 Steps to Success



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Early Intervention - Issues to consider

- Encouraging feelings of control over illness
- Deal with denial or rejection of the HM
- How to help partners, carers and families
- Marriage and relationship issues
- Dealing with overprotection
- Family demands or demanding families
- Guiding physical activity
- Returning to work

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Theory to Adult Learning

- Adults have a need to know why they should learn.
 - Learning needs to be relevant and important.
- Adults prefer to be self-directed.
 - Deciding for themselves what they want to learn.
- Adults have a broad range of life and learning experiences.
 - This may influence new learning in both a positive and negative way.
- Adults can become ready to learn when they experience a life situation where they want to or need to develop understanding.
- Adults enter into the learning process with a task orientated aspect to learning.
- Adults are inspired by both intrinsic and extrinsic motivators.

Atherton J S. Learning and Teaching; Knowles' androgogy: an angle on adult learning.
<http://learningandteaching.info/learning/knowlesa.htm>

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Step 2 Think about CAD

- Review current understanding of the cause of the condition
- Note accurate responses & clarify misconceptions
- Offer specific condition/event information
- Provide information on symptom assessment & management as well as medication guidance

HM signpost-
Part 1- Your Heart Attack- the facts (Pg7)

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Case study 1: Dorothy Peacock 84 years of age

Increasing breathlessness and shoulder ache when walking the dog, recently diagnosed as angina
(Training workbook P28)

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DOROTHY PEACOCK – 85 YEARS

Reason for referral: Angina prior approximately 12 months, but more troublesome recently. Unable to do ETT but taken for elective PCI where she had DES x2 to RCA and LAD.

PMH: Previous MI 4 year ago, AF, Osteoporosis, Arthritis in knees/hips

Physical activity: BMI 28 Smoker 10/day Diet Chlo 6.2, BP on discharge: 130/84 Pulse 76 irregular. No HADS score. On all appropriate meds.

Social: Walked every day to local paper shop and back. Stick for outdoors. Approximately 15mins in total. Has to stop sometimes.

Care-giver: Daughter visits most days and takes shopping. Sees this as a warning and wants her mum to take it easy from now on.

First visit: Dorothy admits to feeling anxious about being home alone in case she takes unwell. She feels quite weepy sometimes. She's not sure but she thinks she has had another heart attack but has had an operation to repair it? She is not sure about what happens to the stent when she moves and is understandably cautious about overdoing it. She feels tired all the time and is still a bit breathless. She's reluctant to go out until she feels a bit stronger. Her medication has been changed and she's unsure it's all necessary at her age.

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Case Study Work Sheets A/B

Worksheet A (P31)

- Can you identify any educational needs?
- What are the key physical and psychological needs of your patient and can you come up with potential solutions?
- Identify areas in the Heart Manual and resources which may be able to help.
- Identify possible support needs e.g. activities of living, social work, return to work etc.? (Including caregiver)

Worksheet B (p32)

- How would you encourage self-management with regards to HBC/risk factor modification?
- How would you assist in setting activity goals with your patient and what factors would you consider?
- How would you monitor progress?
- How would you deal with a set-back?

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Case study 2: Scott Graham, 53 years of age

Admitted with central chest pain radiating to his jaw and left arm, diagnosed as STE-ACS
(Training Workbook p29)

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SCOTT GRAHAM – 53 YEARS

Reason for referral: Admitted to hospital by ambulance with central chest pain, radiating to jaw and arm. Diagnosed by SAS as acute STEMI and taken for primary PCI. BMS x2 to LAD and OM1. One episode of self-terminating VT in CCU. Troponin 3.2. BP on discharge: 110/60 Pulse 60 regular. Waist circumference 87 cm. **PMH:** Normally well. Had a few episodes of “indigestion” and feeling quite tired a few weeks prior to admission.

Risk factors for CAD: Chol 7.4 • Family history (father died of MI 52y) • Smoker 20-30/day • Reduced activity. On all appropriate medication. HAD Anxiety: 14 Depression: 9

Physical activity: Sedentary job. He went swimming with his son on his day off. 15-20 lengths.

Social: Self-employed taxi driver. Working long hours. Requesting urgent cardiology review to get permission to go back to work.

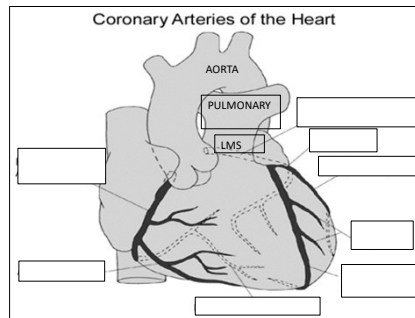
Care-giver: Wife witnessed the MI and called the ambulance. Very worried about Scott going back to work too soon. 7 year old son.

First visit

Scott is very anxious about his finances and young family. He thinks stress was the main factor in his MI. He doesn't see how he will have time to work through the HM as he is planning to go back to work soon, but he will try to read some of it. He is not sure about the relaxation CD. He says he is not happy about taking a beta blocker as he is worried about the side effects.

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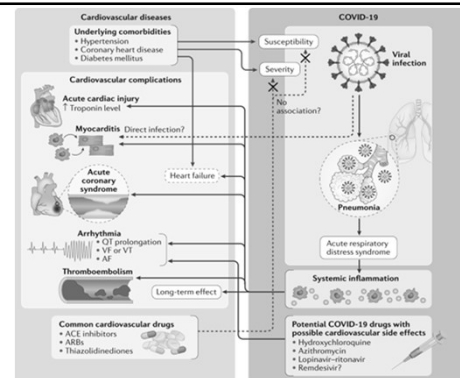
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Right coronary artery Acute marginal Posterior descending Left anterior descending Diagonals
Left coronary artery Circumflex Left main stem Oblique marginal

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Bidirectional interaction between cardiovascular diseases and COVID-19

Nature Reviews Cardiology volume 17, pages543–558(2020)

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41569-020-0413-9>

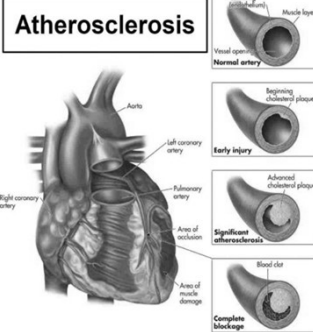
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What causes CAD?

Atherosclerosis: is a condition in which cellular and fatty materials collect along the walls of the arteries. This causes the vessel to narrow, harden and develop a fibrous cap. In some cases the atheroma may occlude the vessel completely, or the plaque may rupture causing a clot to form

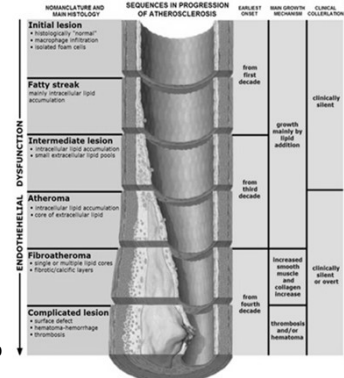
HM signpost-
Part 2 Week 2- CAD (P46-48)



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- Inflammation / Injury
- Penetration of cholesterol and macrophages
- Immune response – macrophages devour cholesterol (foam cells)
- Build up of foam cells, lipids & necrotic debris
- Smooth muscle proliferation -fibrous cap



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Angina Pectoris

Angina is a symptom which may be described as a transient discomfort, tightness, pressure or heaviness in the chest. It may radiate to the arms, jaw, shoulders, back, upper abdomen or neck, and may be accompanied by shortness of breath

HM signpost-
Part 3- Chest pains
What causes angina (P143-144)

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Signs and Symptoms

Stable angina tends to Occur:

- During physical activity
- During cold or windy weather
- After a meal
- Under emotional stress.

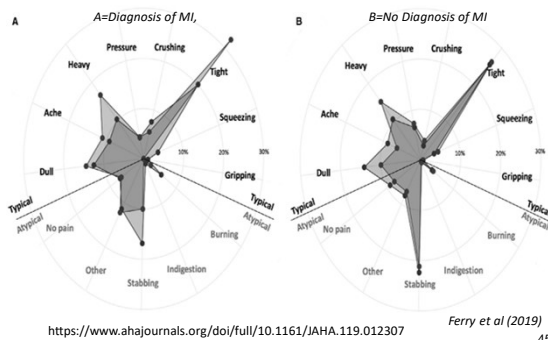


HM signpost-
Part 3- Chest pains (P143)
What brings on angina (P145-146)

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Symptoms and Sex Specific Diagnosis of MI

A/E attendance -Typical and atypical chest pain stratified by sex . M=Blue, F=Red



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Diagnosis of Angina

- Clinical History– Canadian Cardiovascular Society Angina Classification I -IV

- Risk factors

- ECG

- Exercise tolerance test

- Myocardial perfusion scan

- Coronary angiography

Canadian Cardiovascular Society grading of angina pectoris

Grade	Description
Grade I	Ordinary physical activity does not cause angina, such as walking and climbing stairs. Angina with strenuous or rapid or prolonged exertion at rest or recreation
Grade II	Slight limitation of ordinary activity. Walking or stair climbing after meals, or in cold, or in wind, or under emotional stress, or only during the few hours after awakening. Walking more than two blocks on the level and climbing more than one flight of ordinary stairs at a normal pace and in normal conditions
Grade III	Marked limitation of ordinary physical activity. Walking one or two blocks on the level and climbing one flight of stairs in normal conditions and at normal pace
Grade IV	Inability to carry on any physical activity without discomfort. Anginal syndrome may be present at rest

HM signpost-
Part 3- Hospital tests (P149)

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Angina Management

- Aspirin
- Sublingual Glycerol Trinitrate for immediate relief of symptoms or before performing an activity which may induce symptoms
- Beta blockers or rate limiting calcium channel blockers or long acting nitrate or nicorandil
- Statin & ACE inhibitor
- Revascularisation

HM signpost-
Part 3- Medicines (P135-142)

* Patients with unstable symptoms should not receive the HM

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Revascularisation: Stent or Surgery?

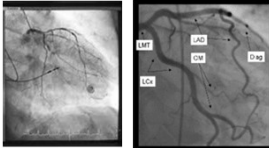
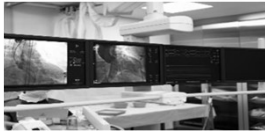
- Symptoms & overall heart function
- Severity & extent of the disease
- Size & place of vessels involved
- Triple vessel disease
- Other co-morbidities
- Calcification of the vessel
- Availability of grafts to harvest
- Other cardiac conditions requiring surgery

HM signpost-
Part 3- Treatments
Angioplasty (P150) CABG (P151)

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Percutaneous Coronary Intervention

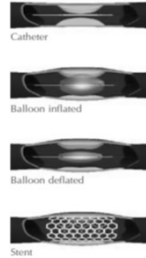


- PCI may include; angioplasty, stent, thromboectomy
- The catheter is positioned next to the lesion and the balloon tip inflated for approximately 30-90 seconds at high pressure
- A residual stenosis of around 20% is considered an optimal result
- The balloon may need to be inflated and deflated several times to obtain a good result.

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Angioplasty and Stent



- Two main forms of stent used; bare metal stents and drug eluting stents
- Bio-absorbable stents –new treatment option
- Stent thrombosis acute (first 24 hours)
- Re-stenosis 3-12 months, or sub-acute phases (first 30 days)
- Sheath removal complication; haematoma, bleeding, arteriovenous fistula and pseudoaneurysm
- Insertion site; small lump, ecchymosis, infection, avoid flexion (48hrs), strenuous activity (at least 1 wk), pallor or sensation change
- Closure device – collagen plugs, 6 weeks -90 days to fully absorb, T -band

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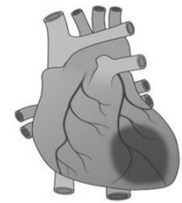
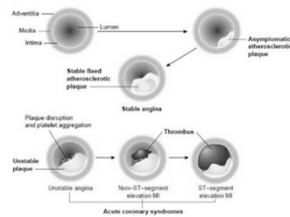
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Acute Coronary Syndrome

Pathogenesis of coronary heart disease (CHD)



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Acute Coronary Syndrome Definitions

- ACS encompasses the spectrum of unstable CAD from unstable angina to transmural myocardial infarction
- Unstable angina, N-STEMI or STEMI
- The definition of ACS depends on specific characteristics relating to:
 - Clinical presentation- commonly severe chest pain often radiating to jaw/neck/back/arm, sweating, nausea, SOB,
 - ECG changes: presence or absence of ST segment elevation or Q waves
 - Biochemical cardiac markers- cardiac troponin (hs-cTnI/T)
SIGN 148 (2016)

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng171/chapter/3-Diagnosing-acute-myocardial-injury-in-patients-with-suspected-or-confirmed-COVID-19>

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Classification of MI

- 5 categories of MI
 - Type 1:** Spontaneous MI related to ischaemia due to a primary coronary event e.g. plaque rupture
 - Type 2:** Secondary to ischaemia due to either increased oxygen demand or decreased supply e.g. coronary spasm, coronary embolism, anaemia, arrhythmias, hyper or hypotension, respiratory failure
 - Type 3:** Coronary thrombus on angiography or autopsy (type 3)
 - Type 4:** PCI related MI
 - Type 5:** CABG related MI

<https://academic.oup.com/eurheartj/article/40/3/237/5079081#190638259>

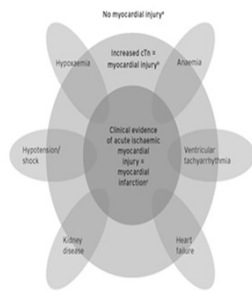
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Universal Definition Of MI

Criteria for acute MI (Type1, 2, 3)

- Evidence of myocardial injury* with evidence of myocardial ischemia with the detection of rise and/or fall of cTn (cardiac Troponin) values above the URL and at least 1 of the following:
 - Symptoms of ischaemia
 - New ischemic ECG changes
 - Development of pathological Q waves on ECG
 - Imaging evidence of new loss of myocardium



*Myocardial injury=evidence of myocardial injury confirmed by elevated cTn- not specifically as a result of ischemia)
(4th Universal Definition of Myocardial Infarction Consensus Document)

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Initial ACS Management

- ECG & Cardiac monitoring
- Analgesia, Anti-emetic, GTN, Aspirin & Clopidogrel (other P2Y antagonist, LMWH or Fondaparinux (pentasaccharides)
- Bloods :Troponin, admission & 12 hrs post symptoms
- Oxygen therapy: only if SpO₂ < 94%. (Aim 88-92% if COPD)

STEMI:PPCI < 120 mins from diagnostic ECG or within 12hours of symptoms or >12hours if ongoing pain and evidence of ischaemia

If not meeting criteria, thrombolysis should be offered with option of rescue PCI if failure to reperfuse

N-STEMI : Medical mx and early PCI with glycoprotein 2b/3a inhibitors in mod to high risk patients

SIGN 148 ACS (2016), NICE 167 (2013)/NICE 95 (2016) 56

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Secondary Prevention Medication

- Dual antiplatelet therapy (DAPT)**- Aspirin 75mg & Ticagrelor or Prasugrel or Clopidogrel. (Clopidogrel where bleeding risk)
- Beta-Blocker**- Titrated up to MTD (contraindicated in asthmatics, COPD, heart block, bradycardia, hypotension etc, caution with DM)
- ACE inhibitor**-(Ramipril, Lisinopril) or **ARBs** (Losartan, Candesartan) if intolerant of ACE
- Statin** (Atorvastatin, Simvastatin etc)- **Fibrates** used if intolerant to statin (Fenofibrate, Bezafibrate)
- Mineralo-corticoid receptor antagonist**-(Spironolactone /Eplerenone) if LVSD/clinical HF in context of MI

SIGN 148 (2016) / NICE CG172

HM signpost- Part 3
Medicines P135-142 (Chart on P141)

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Here is a summary of the main medicines and what they can be used for.

	Reduce risk	Treat risk factors	Treat angina	Improve heart as a pump	Treat the heart rhythm
Antiplatelet agents	✓				
Beta-blockers	✓		✓	✓	✓
Statins	✓	Cholesterol			
ACE inhibitors or ARB's	✓	Blood pressure		✓	
Nitrates			✓		
Calcium-channel blockers		Blood pressure	✓		✓
Potassium-channel activators			✓		
Diuretics		Blood pressure		✓	
Anti-arrhythmics					✓
Anticoagulants	✓				

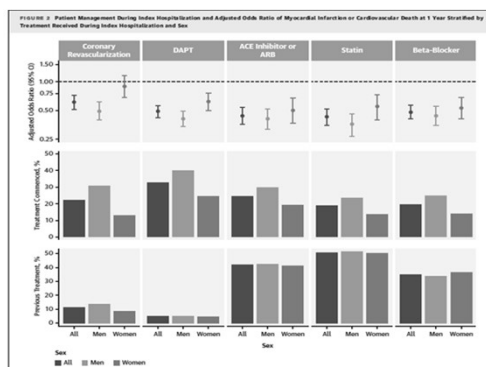
If you think it would be helpful, fill in the following table with the names of your medicines, the type of medicine, why you are on it, how long for, and any questions. Then ask your doctor or facilitator to help you fill in the blanks!

Name of medicine _____
 Type of medicine _____
 Why am I on it? _____
 How long for? _____
 Questions _____

Print option for the medicine form in Part 3 to allow recording of progress and questions

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Lee et al (2019), Sex Specific Thresholds of High-Sensitivity Troponin in Patients With Suspected ACS, JACC Vol.74 No.16,2019 October 22, 2019: 2032-43

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Case study 3:
Navene Singh,
48 years of age

Diagnosed with angina 3 years ago, symptoms worsening for 6 months, recently discharged following bypass surgery (CABG)
(Training workbook P30)

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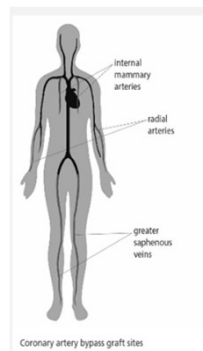
Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting

Coronary Artery Bypass Graft: (CABG) is a surgical procedure which is done to bypass a narrowing or blockage within the artery/arteries. The saphenous vein from the leg, radial artery from the arm, or the internal mammary arteries from the chest are used to carry blood as a bridge around the narrowing

HM signpost- Revasc HM
Part 1- Your Procedure CABG (P17)

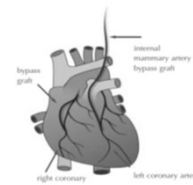
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Coronary Artery Bypass Graft



Coronary artery bypass graft sites

- Heart-Lung perfusion pump (On-pump)
- Port Access Surgery –avoids cutting open the breast bone
- Off Pump Surgery-beating heart surgery



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Surgical Issues

- Pain: (Internal Mammary Arteries (IMA) & Thoracotomy) Paracetamol, Dihydrocodeine, avoid NSAIDs, Physiotherapy techniques & relaxation
- Wound care: avoid lotions or potions, fluid often at sternal notch, monitor for infection (early management), consider patients with impaired healing; IMA, legs, co-morbidities, medication, etc.
- Sternal healing – take 8-10 weeks to heal, chest support (heart huggers, bras), monitor for ↑pain and disassociated breathing patterns – urgent referral to surgeons if on going issues

HM signpost- Revasc HM
Part 1- How will I feel afterwards (P18)
Some common concerns (P19-21)

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- Oedema or swelling, numbness – hands, legs and left breast
- TEDs for 6 weeks if prescribed, leg elevation, remove at night or as directed
- Arrhythmias, palpitations
- Chest – Pleural effusions, chest infections, Shortness of breath
- Visual disturbance (eye testing 3 months)
- Impaired cognitive function
- Altered taste and smell
- Mood swings
- Sleep disturbance – vivid dreams
- Altered body image

HM signpost- Revasc HM
Part 1-Some common concerns (P19-21)

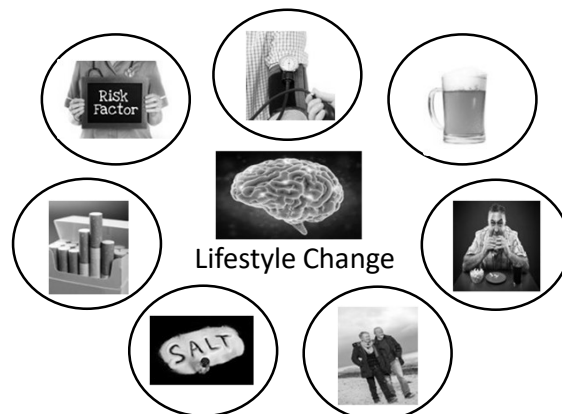
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CABG General Information

- Short ITU stay, discharged after 5-7 days if no complications
- Discharge medication/ letter, Follow-up appointments
- Under the care of the GP, review 2-3 weeks or as requested, Bloods, BP & P check, other symptoms
- Wound care, Practice or District Nurse
- Avoid any form of heavy lifting
- Avoid large arm movements e.g. hoovering, golfing or swimming
- Avoid pushing up with the arms

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Lifestyle Change

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The only way to keep your health is to eat what you don't want, drink what you don't like, and do what you'd rather not

Mark Twain

Step 3

Think about the risk factors

- Review the patient & partners understanding of the modifiable & non-modifiable risk factors
- Note accurate responses & reinforce the benefits of changes already made
- Ask if the patient has any risk factors that they would like to address
- Offer risk factor information utilising the manual content
- Consider motivation or readiness to change

Risk Factors

Non-modifiable

- Advancing age
- Male
- Ethnicity
- Family history
- Socio-economic group

Risk factors are bad news

The more risk factors you have, the more likely it is that you will have coronary artery disease that may lead to a heart attack. Reducing the factors and improving your lifestyle can significantly reduce the chances of you having another heart attack.

Reducing your risk may mean a number of changes and/or heart checks like stress test, ECG, and high blood pressure a risk factor of a heart attack together they may give you a risk factor of 2.

How can you reduce your risk of having another heart attack? You can do this by:

- Not smoking
- Keeping your blood pressure under control
- Keeping your cholesterol under control
- Keeping your blood sugar under control
- Keeping your weight under control
- Keeping your diet healthy
- Keeping your physical activity level up

...but here's the good news - you can fight back!

The good news is that the antibodies to just as strong the other way round. Here's what happens if you give up smoking:

After 10 days: Your blood pressure drops, your heart rate slows down, and your lungs start to clear up.

After 1 year: Your risk of heart disease drops by 50%.

After 5 years: Your risk of stroke drops by 50%.

After 10 years: Your risk of coronary artery disease drops by 50%.

After 15 years: Your risk of coronary artery disease drops by 75%.

After 20 years: Your risk of coronary artery disease drops by 80%.

After 25 years: Your risk of coronary artery disease drops by 85%.

After 30 years: Your risk of coronary artery disease drops by 90%.

After 35 years: Your risk of coronary artery disease drops by 95%.

After 40 years: Your risk of coronary artery disease drops by 98%.

After 45 years: Your risk of coronary artery disease drops by 99%.

After 50 years: Your risk of coronary artery disease drops by 99.5%.

After 55 years: Your risk of coronary artery disease drops by 99.8%.

After 60 years: Your risk of coronary artery disease drops by 99.9%.

After 65 years: Your risk of coronary artery disease drops by 99.95%.

After 70 years: Your risk of coronary artery disease drops by 99.98%.

After 75 years: Your risk of coronary artery disease drops by 99.99%.

After 80 years: Your risk of coronary artery disease drops by 99.995%.

After 85 years: Your risk of coronary artery disease drops by 99.998%.

After 90 years: Your risk of coronary artery disease drops by 99.999%.

After 95 years: Your risk of coronary artery disease drops by 99.9995%.

After 100 years: Your risk of coronary artery disease drops by 99.9998%.

Modifiable bio-medical

- Hypertension
- Dyslipidaemia
- Diabetes mellitus

Modifiable lifestyle

- Smoking
- Alcohol
- Diet
- Stress
- Sedentary/Exercise

HM signpost- Part 2- Week 2 : CAD/You can fight back by reducing your risk factors (P47-53)

What do the guidelines say

Clinical Objectives	NICE (CG 181) CVD: risk assessment and reduction, including lipid modification 2014/2016	SIGN 149 Risk estimation and prevention in CVD 2017
BMI	< 25kg/m2	< 25kg/m2
Waist Low risk target	Men/Women <94cm /<80cm	Men/Women <102cm/ < 88cm
BP	<140/90 <130/80 if CKD +CVD	<140/90 < 135/85 if CKD + CVD
Total Chol	<5mmol/L (norm)/ 4mmol/L (CVD) 1prev: intervene at 10% 10 yr CVD risk -Atorva 20mg	1prev: intervene at 10% 10 yr CVD risk/ Atorva 20mg
Non-HDL Very High High risk Low-mod	2 prev: Aim 40% reduction in non HDL, (high intensity statin) Atorva 80mg	2 prev: Aim 40% reduction in non HDL, high intensity statin/Atorva 80 mg
HbA1c	48-53mmol/mol (< 6.5%-7%)	48mmol/mol (< 6.5%)

The Lifestyle Challenge

Table 3.19 Percentage of heart and circulatory disease (CVD), coronary heart disease (CHD), and stroke (CVD) attributable to modifiable risk factors, global, 2017

Risk Factor (%)	2017 estimated by GBD, DALYs		2017 estimated by GBD, DALYs	
	Heart and circulatory disease (CVD)	Stroke (CVD)	Heart and circulatory disease (CVD)	Stroke (CVD)
All modifiable risk factors	85.9%	93.8%	85.1%	95.8%
High systolic blood pressure (hypertension)	54.6%	54.7%	54.5%	57.1%
Dietary risks (lack of wholegrains, nuts, seeds, fruit, veg, etc; excess salt, sugar)	15.4%	19.7%	17.4%	15.8%
High LDL (bad) cholesterol	24.3%	42.4%	28.9%	48.3%
High fasting plasma glucose (diabetes)	20.2%	25.4%	18.3%	24.4%
High body-mass index (obesity)	17.3%	18.2%	17.3%	21.1%
Tobacco (cigarette smoking, second hand smoke)	17.2%	21.6%	17.2%	27.8%
Use of tobacco products (pipes, cigars)	11.6%	15.5%	11.3%	18.8%
Impaired kidney function (renal failure)	7.8%	9.9%	7.8%	8.7%
Low physical activity (inactivity, sedentary behaviour)	6.7%	10.0%	6.8%	9.1%
Other environmental risks (e.g. lead exposure)	5.8%	5.3%	6.0%	5.8%
Alcohol use	1.9%	-1.3%	1.9%	0.2%
Other risk factors (unknown)	14.1%	6.2%	14.9%	10.2%

Why is Lifestyle change difficult?

Lifestyle: prevalence	Men	Women
Smoking	19%	17%
Alcohol (excess of guidelines)	30%	14%
Obesity	26%	27%
Overweight	67%	63%
≥ 5 Fruit & Vegetables	Adults 16yrs+ 25%	Adults 16yrs+ 30%
≥ 30 mins x5 Physical Activity	65%	62%

Certain parts of the population are much more likely to smoke 15% of adults smoke, down from 20% in 1979. You are 50% more likely to smoke if you have a mental health problem and 250% more likely if you are pregnant women in the lowest income quintile in the UK.

Source: ONS, Addictive Behaviour Survey, 2019

- Socio-economic factors
- Social isolation
- Stress
- Negative emotions
- Complex or confusing advice

BHF Heart and circulatory disease statistics 2020- Compendium

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5831910/>

Top Tips to support lifestyle change

- Be sympathetic to the individuals situation
- Ensure an understanding of the relationship between the lifestyle and the disease
- Gain commitment to change
- Allow the individual to identify the risk factor to change
- Plan
- Explore the possible barriers
- Be realistic and encourage
- Recognise any effort to change
- Monitor progress and follow up
- Involve others- family, health team

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Step 4 Set goals & pace

Assess readiness to change (importance & confidence) focus on building confidence
 Identify goals & prioritise
 Identify targets by utilising the SMART goal setting principles
 Outline the principles of pacing – scaling 1 – 10, “too easy – too hard”
 Discuss a normal day, encourage the patient to identify pacing strategies (discuss exercises, walking, relaxation & activity record)

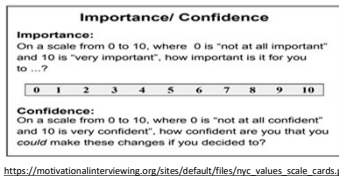
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Scales

Effort scale: Pacing



Importance / Confidence scale: Behaviour change



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Agenda Setting Chart



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Smoking Cessation – The five R’s & A’s

To increase motivation to quit:

- Relevance-to health
- Risks- if continue
- Rewards- if stop
- Roadblocks-to stopping
- Repetition-reassess readiness



For those ready to quit

- Ask- smoking habit
- Assess-ready to change
- Advise- impact on health
- Assist-facilitate
- Arrange- ongoing support

Relapse prevention: problem solving, anticipate threat, practice scenarios

WHO 2014

HM signpost-
 Week 2- This weeks risk factor: Smoking (p54-58)

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UK Govt Alcohol Guidance



- No “safe” limit.
- Recommended 14 units max/week for men and women.
- If you regularly drink more than 14 units/week best to spread evenly over 3 or more days.
- The risk of developing a range of health problems, including stroke and some cancers, increases the more you drink regularly.
- If you wish to cut down, try to have several alcohol free days in the week, and limit intake on any one occasion.

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Healthy Food Choices

- Reduce saturated and trans-fatty acids
- Reduce salt
- Reduce sugar
- Mediterranean diet
- Variety
- Energy balance

Diet change	I do it all the time	I do it sometimes	I want to change	I don't want to change
Eating 5 portions of fruit and vegetables per day	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trimming fat off meat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Avoid fatty and sugary snacks e.g. biscuits, cakes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Choosing semi-skimmed milk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not adding salt at the table	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keeping within the recommended alcohol units	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

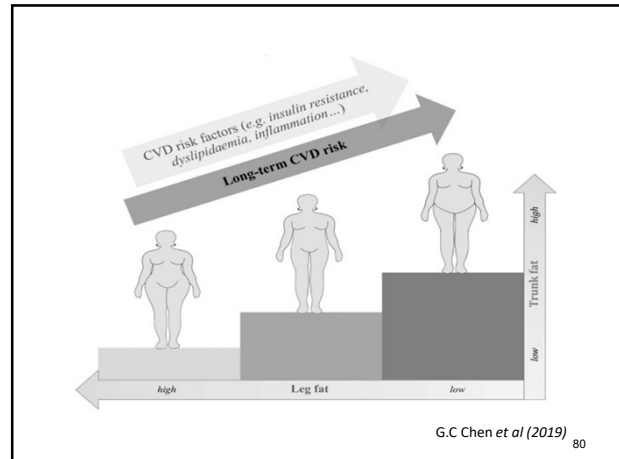
[http://www.bacpr.com/resources/Optimum nutritional strategies for CVD Prevention and Rehabilitation.pdf](http://www.bacpr.com/resources/Optimum_nutritional_strategies_for_CVD_Prevention_and_Rehabilitation.pdf)

HM signpost-

Week 2- CAD- What upsets the repair work (P47-48)

Week 3- This weeks risk factor: Diet (p75-79)

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Sedentary behaviour

- Increasing evidence that sedentary behaviour is strongly associated with poor health and indicative of overall physical activity levels
- More individuals meeting physical activity recommendations, but many spend most of their day sedentary
- 30% of men and 40% of women state their main activity at work is sitting down or standing up (SHS 2010)
- 13% of UK adults are sedentary for > 8.5 hrs/day. The EU average is 11%

HM signpost-

Part 2- Week 5 : This weeks risk factor –Lack of exercise (P114-116)

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Why include PA in the HM?

Exercise can:

Help...

- increase blood flow to your heart muscle
- reduce stress, make you feel happier and sleep better
- lose weight, but you must change your eating habits
- lower your cholesterol
- reduce angina and breathlessness

Reduce your chances of...

- type 2 diabetes
- heart problems in the future
- falls, depression etc.
- joint and back pain
- cancers (colon and breast)

- Lack of physical activity is a risk factor
- The patient is in control
- Helps learn the principles of pacing
- Combats the misconception that rest is good

- Prevents feelings of weakness
- Helps promote cardiac function
- Gets the family involved
- CR programme completers more likely to meet PA recommendations and maintain up to 12 mths

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Activity: what do the guidelines say?

- Aim for 150 minutes (2.5 hours) of moderate intensity activity per week
- Approximately 30 minutes of activity most days of the week (5 out of 7 days)
- Or 75 minutes of vigorous activity across the week
- Bouts of activity any length and can be 1-2 sessions per week will still have a beneficial effect
- Strength exercises 2 or more days per week that work the major muscles (legs/hips, back, abdomen, chest shoulders and arms)

UK Chief Medical Officers' Physical Activity Guidelines (Sept 2019)

HM signpost-

Week 3- Exercise/ Activity Plan- Gradually building up your plan (p64)



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Exercise and the HM

Clinical considerations for exercise pacing and the HM:

- Index event –un/complicated MI, CABG or angioplasty
- Any left ventricular dysfunction (below 50%)
- PMH- co-morbidities, unstable patient arrhythmias, BP management
- How long since index event
- Starting level for exercise - Functional capacity (7 MET's for most centre based exercise -HM aims to work at 2-3 METS initially)

[http://www.bacpr.com/resources/BACPR_EPG_Guidance_Doc_CV19_FINAL_FINAL_FINAL.pdf](http://www.bacpr.com/resources/BACPR_EPG_Guidance_Doc_CV19_FINAL_FINAL.pdf)

Use clinical judgement on the suitability of HM as an intervention. Keep this under review throughout facilitation and act on relevant clinical changes.

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The HM Exercises/Walking programme

- Discuss baseline activity with the patient and set individual goals, including how to pace
- Encourage SMART goal –setting and advise how to build up gradually
- Consider co-morbidities when setting goals
- Encourage use of exercises as a starting point, in addition to the walking programme, or as stand alone depending on the needs of the patient
- Explain the importance of documenting progress and rating the level of effort
- **Set a time for review to assess progress**

HM signpost-
 Wk1-Why is exercise important (p24-28)
 Wk1-6- Exercise /Activity Plan/Walking Record/ Daily Activity Record
 Wk5- This weeks risk factor- Lack of Exercise (p114-118)
 The Home Exercise Plan- (p169-173)

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Driving and travel

- Allow time for recuperation- identify any vocational drivers
- Is a medical review/opinion needed?
- Car & Travel Insurance companies- specific cover needed?

Flying:

Medical Information -Fitness to fly for passengers with CVD (BCS 2010)

Assessing fitness to fly-Guidelines for medical professionals from the Aviation Health Unit, UK CAA (2011) See www.caa.co.uk

Driving:

DVLA-Assessing fitness to drive –a guide for medical professionals (March 2020)

The DVLA will require exercise evaluation at regular intervals not to exceed 3 years if there is established coronary heart disease for vocational drivers.

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Driving Standards

Acute Coronary Syndrome (Unstable angina, NSTEMI-ACS, STEMI-ACS)

Group 1 (Car and Motorcycle)

If successfully treated by coronary intervention (PCI), driving may recommence after 1 week provided:

- No other URGENT revascularisation is planned (within 4/52).
- LVEF is at least 40% prior to hospital discharge

If not successfully treated by coronary angioplasty, driving may recommence after 4 weeks

In both cases: there must be no other disqualifying condition. DVLA need not be notified.

Group 2 (Vocational) (Bus/Lorry/)

All ACS's must not drive for at least 6 weeks.

Re-license if:

- Requirements for exercise or other functional tests met (incl LVEF of at least 40%)

- There is no other disqualifying condition.

Inform DVLA

DVLA-Assessing fitness to drive –a guide for medical professionals (March 2020)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/assessing-fitness-to-drive-a-guide-for-medical-professionals>

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Elective PCI (Angioplasty ± stent) elective

Group 1 (Car/Motorcycle)

Driving must cease for at least 1week. Driving may resume after 1week providing no other disqualifying condition.

DVLA need not be notified.

Group 2 (Bus/Lorry/)

Disqualified for at least 6weeks.

Driving may resume after 6 weeks if:

- Requirements for exercise / functional test met and no other disqualifying condition.

Inform DVLA.

CABG

Group 1 (Car and Motorcycle)

Driving must cease for at least 1month. Driving may resume after 1 month providing no other disqualifying condition.

DVLA need not be notified.

Group 2 (Bus/Lorry/)

Disqualified for at least 3 months.

Driving may resume after 3 months if:

- No evidence of significant LVEF impairment ≥ 40%
- Requirements for exercise / functional test met and no other disqualifying condition.

Inform DVLA.

DVLA March 2020

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Fitness to Fly

Condition	Additional	Recommendations
Angina	CCS I & II CCS III CCS IV Chest pain at rest or change in symptoms and/or medication	No restrictions Assistance, O2 as required Defer travel until stable or travel with medical escort and in-flight oxygen available
Post STE-ACS and NSTEMI-ACS	Low risk (EF >45%) age, reperfusion	3 days
	Medium risk (EF >40%) no symptoms or further investigations	10 days
	High risk (EF <40%) symptomatic, awaiting investigation/treatment	Defer until condition stable
Elective PCI Uncomplicated		2 days
Elective CABG uncomplicated	Allow for intra-thoracic gas to be absorbed	10 days

BCS, 2010

https://www.bcs.com/documents/BCS_FITNESS_TO_FLY_REPORT.pdf

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Vocational Issues

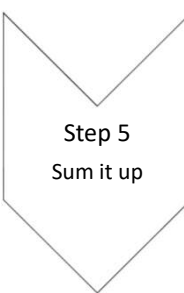
- How long depends on many factors- 4weeks +/-
- Returning to work should be discussed on an individual basis with phased return encouraged/ considered
- Individuals should also discuss this with their GP/ Cardiologist, employer & Occupational Health Services.
- Simulated work testing may be useful if vocational rehabilitation services are available.
- Options-work from home, phased return, reduce work hours, lighter duties, reduced workload, take more breaks

•Draw up a work plan and set goals/targets and reevaluate

•Address anxieties, consider +/- thoughts on ability to return to work
 •General workplace changes to promote wellbeing

HM signpost-
 Wk6- Back to work (p129)

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Step 5
Sum it up

- Summarise the main points
- Identify daily objectives
- Reiterate the principles of pacing
- Highlight the importance of not sharing the manual with others with cardiac conditions
- Ensure the patient has had their concerns addressed
- Arrange a follow up

HM signpost-
Week 6- What has happened over the last 6 weeks (p130-132)

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Taking the next step: further contacts

- Continue to monitor signs and symptoms
- Review the goals and assess the targets
- Evaluate the pacing strategies – over activity & overprotection
- Tackle the tricky subjects – misconceptions & denial
- Returning to normal activity – social interaction, sex and vocational needs
- Think about the future – maintaining change
- Ongoing needs – referring on. Find out who to contact in your own area

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Facilitating the HM: Summary of steps

- Step 1 • Build a rapport
- Step 2 • Think about CAD
- Step 3 • Think about the risk factors
- Step 4 • Set goals & pace
- Step 5 • Sum it up

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Digital HM 2020

"The manual is a very important part of the recovery. It has helped me a lot."

"I would advise anyone with a heart condition to take time to read it, and found the telephone appointments very supportive and helpful"

"I've become more aware of my heart and the need for healthy eating and regular exercise, even though I was exercising fairly regularly before"

"Because of medical issues awaiting surgery not able to do all exercises, but able to adapt some aerobic exercises"


The Manual was an enormous help in the aid to start my recovery and has been a constant source to my family for information as like me they were unsure of why this had happened and what we needed to do to reduce the risk of it happening again, not just to me but the WHOLE family

The exercises plan was a tremendous help...and helped with the whole concept of doing what you feel comfortable with and doing a bit more if it felt right


Its the best thing to have for recovery. If you follow it, and keep it close by. Reading the manual several times over helped me greatly. Will keep it handy to read over and over.

I have always been a workaholic and this manual has made me realise that there is more to life than spending so much time trying to be the best at what I do. I realise now that I do a pretty good job now and always have done so my stress levels have gone down so much with relaxation techniques and my whole life...will change when I return to work

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Questions?
Thank you



Psychology Day Evaluation Form:
<https://nhslothiansurveys.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/heartmanual-psychology>

Nurse Day Evaluation Form & Post Training Needs Questionnaire:
<https://nhslothiansurveys.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/heartmanual-nurse-post-tna>

www.theheartmanual.com

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FURTHER INFORMATION

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- EAPC-European association of Preventative Cardiology
<https://www.escardio.org/Sub-specialty-communities/European-Association-of-Preventive-Cardiology-%28EAPC%29>
- BACPR-British Association of Cardiovascular Prevention and Rehabilitation
www.bacpr.com
- NACR- National Audit of Cardiac Rehabilitation Audit programme is as a collaboration between BHF and NHS Digital and is run through the University of York
<http://www.cardiacrehabilitation.org.uk/>
- ICCPR-International Council of Cardiovascular Prevention and Rehabilitation
<https://www.globalcardiacrehab.com>

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