

# Angina

Angina Pectoris

A type of Chest pain



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Results from reduced blood flow to the heart.

\* usually happens due to narrowing or blocking of one or more of heart's arteries.

also called Ischemia

\* Angina pectoris is a clinical condition resulting from less blood supply to heart leading to severe chest pain.

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Characterized by paroxysmal pain in the substernal or precordial region of chest

\* caused by increases with increase in demand of heart.

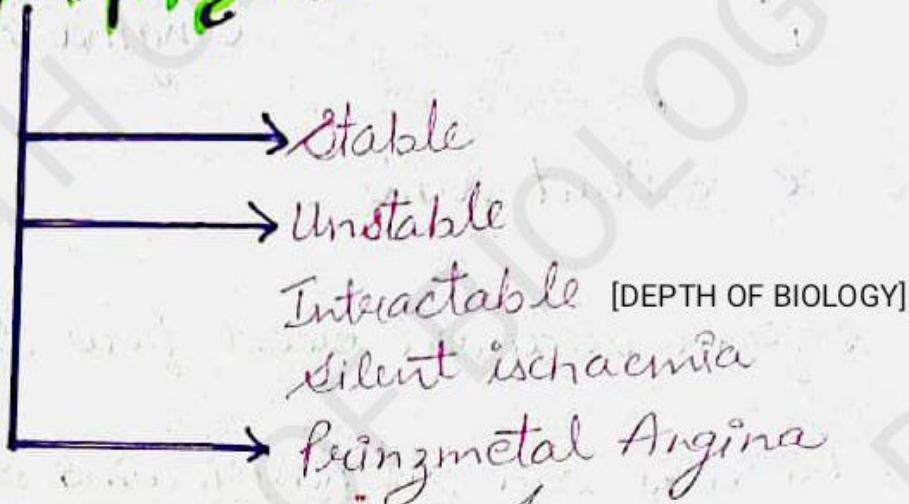
\* relieved by decrease in the work of heart.

\* often pain radiates to left arm, neck, jaw or right arm.

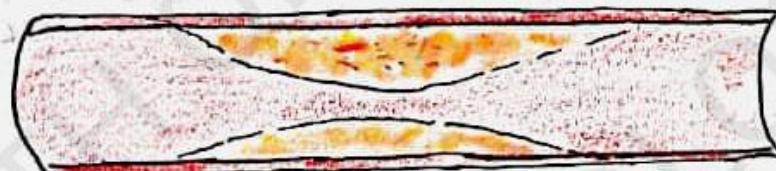
[It is more common in Men.]

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# Types of Angina



I. Stable Angina: Most common type. occurs when heart is working harder than usual. It has a regular pattern of occurrence. pain usually goes away a few minutes after you rest or after consuming angina medicine. Stable Angina isn't a Heart Attack but it suggests that heart attack is likely to occur in future.



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Atherosclerosis → stable Angina

II. Unstable Angina: Does not follow a particular pattern. It is more severe and may occur more often than stable angina.

- Rest <sup>Ex:</sup> or medicine may not relieve pain
- It is a sign that heart attack may happen soon and requires emergency treatment.

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Atherosclerosis

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Blood Clot

unstable angina

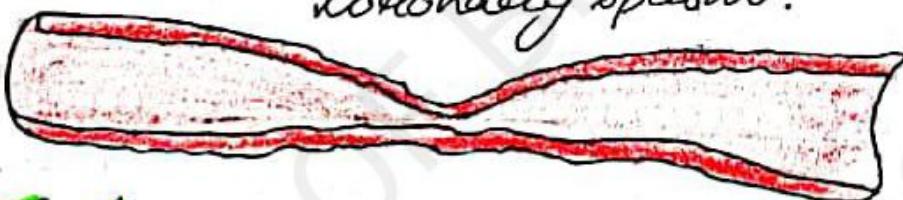
### III. Variant (Prinzmetal's) Angina

- It is very rare variant caused by spasm in coronary artery.
- It occurs when patient is at rest and pain becomes severe — usually b/w midnight and early morning.
- It can be relieved by medicines.

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coronary spasm.

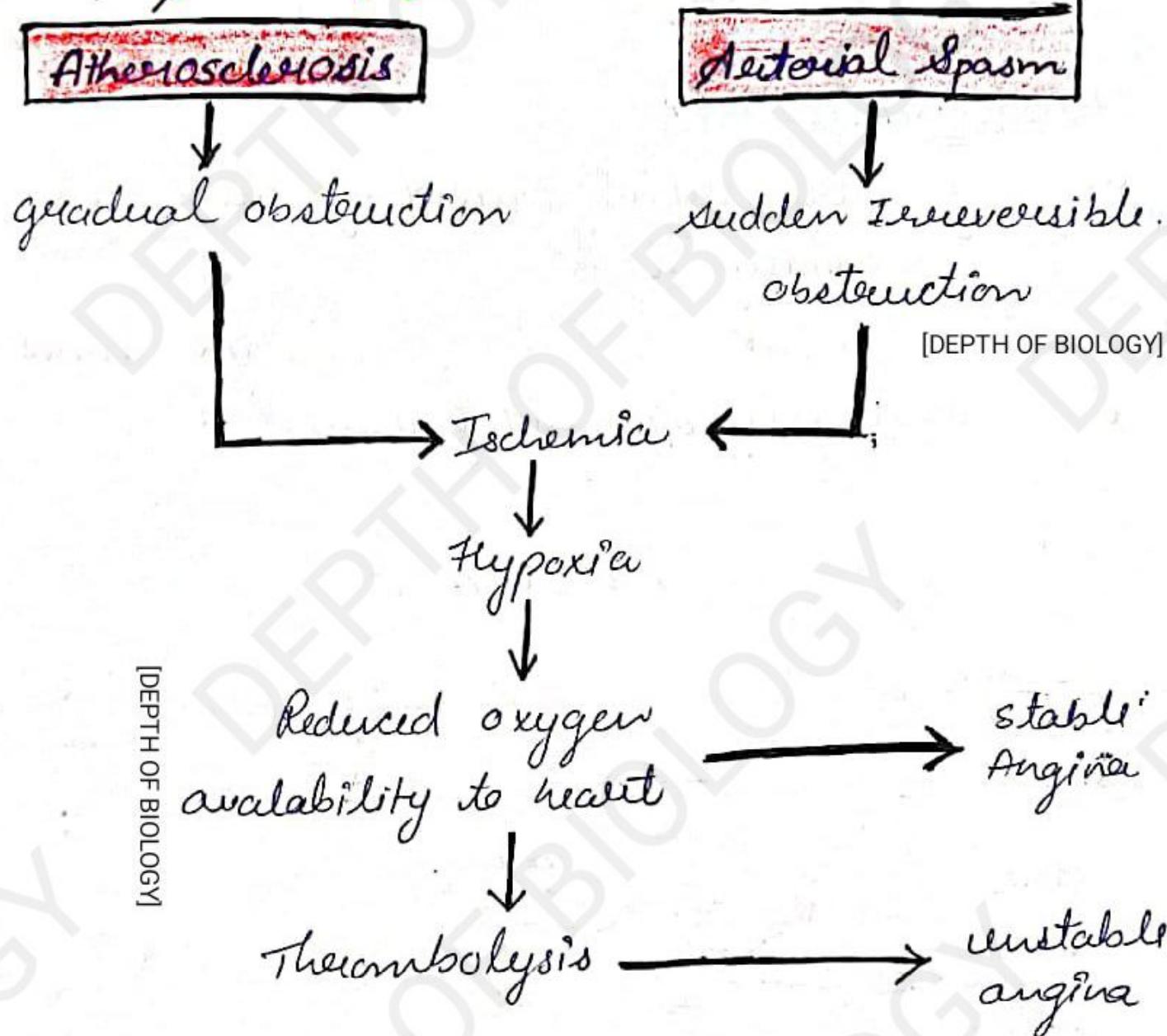


## Risk Factors

- Obesity
- History of Heart Disease
- Diabetes
- Smoking
- Sedentary lifestyle
- Large meals
- Vigorous physical workouts
- Extremely hot and cold weather
- Atherosclerosis, MI

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# Pathophysiology



## Clinical Manifestations

- chest discomfort → pressure, heaviness, tightness, squeezing, burning, choking.
  - Acute pain spreading from chest to
    - upper central abdomen
    - back, neck areas, jaw or shoulders.
  - Pain gets accompanied by -
    - breathlessness, sweating and nausea
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# Diagnostic Evaluation

- History collection
- Physical Examination
- ECG
- Coronary Artery Angiography
- C-reactive protein test — cardiac marker for inflammation of vascular endothelium.
- X-ray
- CT scan
- Troponin level check

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# Management

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## Medical Management

1. **Nitrates** — Nitroglycerin, ISMN & ISDN
2. **Beta Adrenergic blockers** — Metoprolol, carvedilol, etc.
3. **ACE** — Ramipril, captopril, etc.
4. **Calcium Channel blockers** — Amlodipine, verapamil, etc.
5. **Anticoagulants** — Heparin, enoxaparin, etc.
6. **Thrombolytic agents** — Urokinase, streptokinase, etc.
7. **Antiplatelet** — Aspirin, Clopidogrel

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# Surgical Management

1. CABG - Coronary Artery Bypass Graft.
  - procedure used to treat CHD
  - It directs blood around the narrowed or clogged part of the major arteries
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To improve blood flow and O<sub>2</sub> supply to heart.
2. Cardiac Revascularisation - surgery to improve blood flow to heart.

## Nursing Diagnosis

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- Acute pain related to decreased myocardial blood flow.
- Decreased cardiac output related to alterations in rate / rhythm and electrical conduction
- Anxiety related to chest pain and threatening environment.
- Activity intolerance related to abnormal pulse and ECG changes.
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- Deficit knowledge related to the inaccurate information.