

ACUTE CORONARY SYNDROMES CLINICAL PATHWAY ACUTE STAGE

HANOVER AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL

PATIENT ID

INCLUSION CRITERIA

Patients who present with chest pain that is subsequently diagnosed as Acute Coronary Syndrome (Myocardial Infarction or Unstable Angina)

Patient discharge criteria should be met by:

Unstable Angina - Day 3

Myocardial Infarction - Day 5

HOW TO USE THE CLINICAL PATHWAY

- 1. This is a proactive tool to avoid delays in treatment and discharge. These are not orders, only a guide to usual orders.
- 2. Place the Clinical Pathway in the nurses clinical area of the chart. All health care professionals should fill in the master signature sheet at the front of the Pathway. Addressograph/sticker each page of the Pathway, except for the Variance Record.
- 3. PHYSICIANS: Add or delete tasks according to individual patient complexity, and initial all changes.
- 4. HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS: Initial tasks as completed. Place N/A and initial any box where the task is not applicable to the patient. Additional tasks due to patient individuality can be added to the pathway in "OTHER" boxes and/or Progress Notes.
- 5. Please indicate any variances to Indicators on the Variance Record.

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