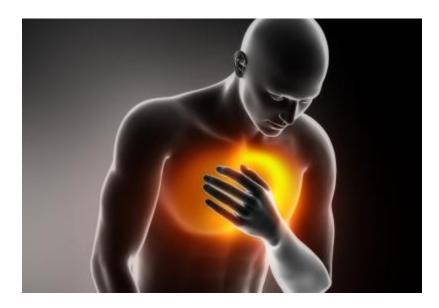
Chest Pain

If you or someone else is experiencing chest pain, it's crucial to seek immediate medical attention.

 <u>Assess the Severity</u>: Determine the intensity of the chest pain. If it's sudden, severe, or accompanied by symptoms like shortness of breath, sweating, nausea, or pain radiating to the arm or jaw, call emergency services.



- <u>Call for Help</u>: If the pain is severe, persistent, or you're unsure about its cause, call for medical help right away.
- <u>Stay Calm</u>: Try to stay calm and avoid any strenuous activities or movements that could worsen the pain.
- <u>Positioning</u>: If the pain is mild and you have a history of heartburn, it might be due to acid reflux. You can try sitting up and drinking water or taking an antacid if you have one.
- <u>Nitroglycerin</u>: If you have a prescription for nitroglycerin and your doctor has instructed you on its use, take it as directed during chest pain.
- <u>Monitor Symptoms</u>: Keep track of any other symptoms you experience along with chest pain, as this information can be valuable to medical professionals.
- <u>Avoid Self-Diagnosis</u>: While there are many possible causes of chest pain (such as heart problems, muscle strain, anxiety, or gastrointestinal issues), only a doctor can accurately diagnose the cause.

- <u>Do Not Delay Medical Attention</u>: Chest pain can be a symptom of a heart attack or other serious conditions. Do not wait to see if the pain subsides on its own. Seek medical help immediately.
- <u>Stay Informed</u>: Educate yourself about heart attack symptoms and risk factors, so you can recognize potential warning signs.
- <u>Prevention</u>: Maintain a healthy lifestyle by exercising regularly, eating a balanced diet, managing stress, and avoiding smoking and excessive alcohol consumption.

<u>Remember, this guide is not a substitute for professional medical advice. Always</u> <u>consult a healthcare professional for accurate diagnosis and treatment of chest pain</u> <u>or any other medical concern.</u>

In an emergency, please call 911 immediately!