

What's Next?

1 Your Chest Pain Diagnosis

Our testing so far has NOT shown any evidence of a heart attack. This is based on a blood test, an electrocardiogram (ECG), your exam, and your risk factors.¹ It is recommended that a repeat blood test and ECG be performed during your emergency department visit to further rule out a heart attack.

However, even if everything today is normal, your chest pain may be an early warning sign of a possible FUTURE heart attack or heart complication.

2 Further Evaluation

Further evaluation and testing will help check if your heart is working correctly. Understanding your risk of having a heart attack or heart complication can help decide how to best proceed with your care in the Emergency Department.

¹ Factors used to determine your risk:

- History
- ECG
- Age
- Risk Factors for heart disease
- Troponin

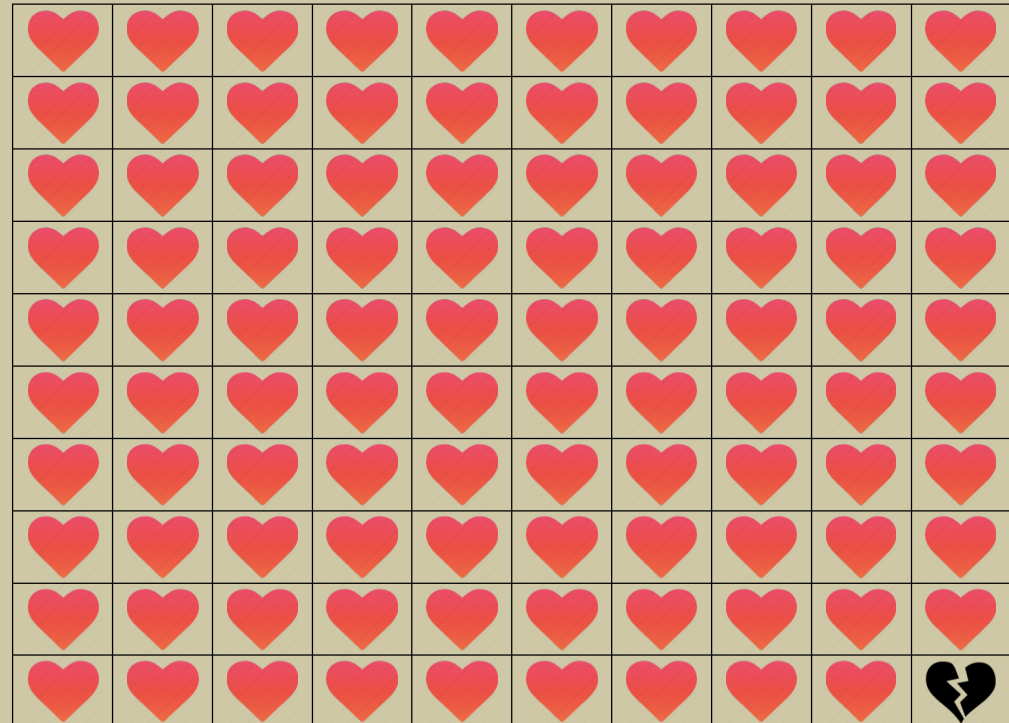
3 Your Personal Risk Evaluation

If your repeat blood test is negative, your risk of having a heart attack or heart complication within the next 30 days can be determined by comparing you to people with similar factors¹ who also came to the Emergency Department with chest pain.

Of every **100** people with factors like yours who came to the Emergency Department with chest pain...



1 had a heart attack or a heart complication within 30 days of their Emergency Department visit,
99 did not.



4 Would You Like to Have Further Testing Now or Would You Like to Make an Appointment?

- I would like a repeat blood test and if negative, be discharged for follow-up with a primary care physician or cardiologist
- I would like to be placed in observation for further testing. I understand this will increase my length of stay in the emergency department and/or hospital.
- I will decline a repeat blood test and will follow up with a primary care doctor or cardiologist. I understand that my risk for a heart attack or heart complication increases to about 2 out of every 100 patients by doing so.

I was explained and understand my Personal Risk Evaluation as well as the importance of follow up. If my symptoms worsen or I am unable to get follow up within 1 week, I will return to the ED.

Patient/Caregiver Signature

Date

Time

Provider Signature

Date

Time