



# Peripartal STEMI

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# Case # 1



- A 27 years old female patient, housewife, non-smoker.
- Not known to be diabetic or HTN.
- No previous cardiac problems.
- Married, has 4 children.
- **Delivery by C-section** from 13 days.
- No previous contraception or hormonal therapy.



- **Complaint:** Typical chest pain 2 hrs.
- **Examination:**
  - **Pulse:** 110bpm, regular, average, equal on both sides, intact peripheral pulsations.
  - **BP:** 110/70 mmHg
  - **Chest and Heart:** CF
  - **Abdomen-pelvis:** Incision of C-section.



### • ECG:

- ↑ ST in I, AVL, V5-V6
- ↓ ST in II, III, AVF and V1-V4.

### • Echocardiography

- Bed-side echocardiographic assessment showed hypokinesia of apex with good overall LV systolic function, EF= 60%.

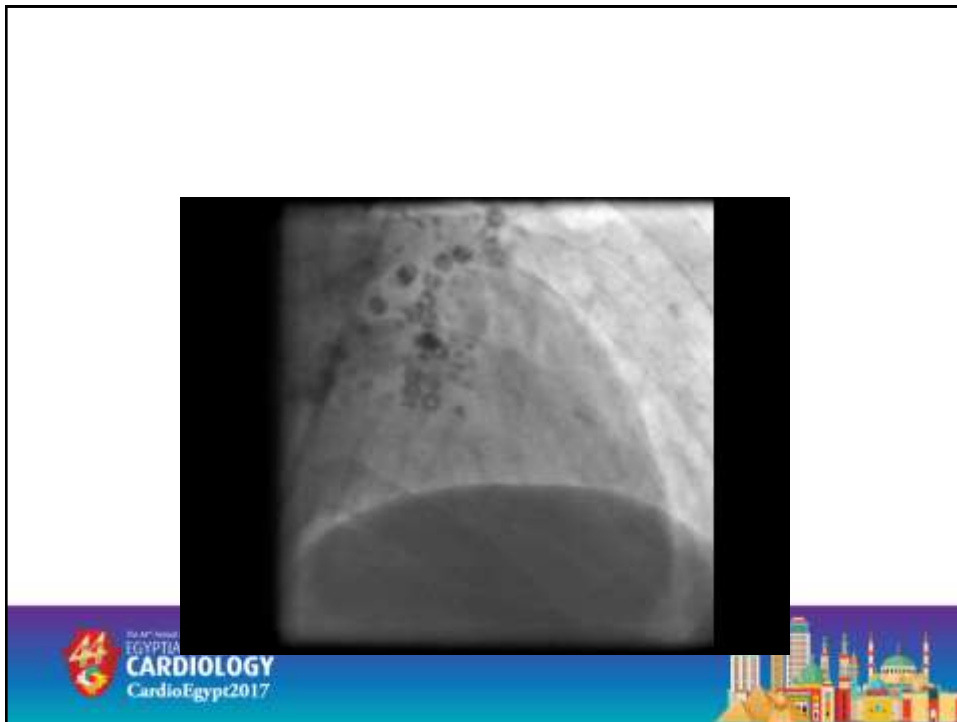


## ESC 2011

Recommendations	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>
ECG and troponin levels should be performed in the case of chest pain in a pregnant woman.	I	C
Coronary angioplasty is the preferred reperfusion therapy for STEMI during pregnancy.	I	C
A conservative management should be considered for non ST-elevation ACS without risk criteria.	IIa	C
An invasive management should be considered for non ST-elevation ACS with risk criteria (including NSTEMI).	IIa	C



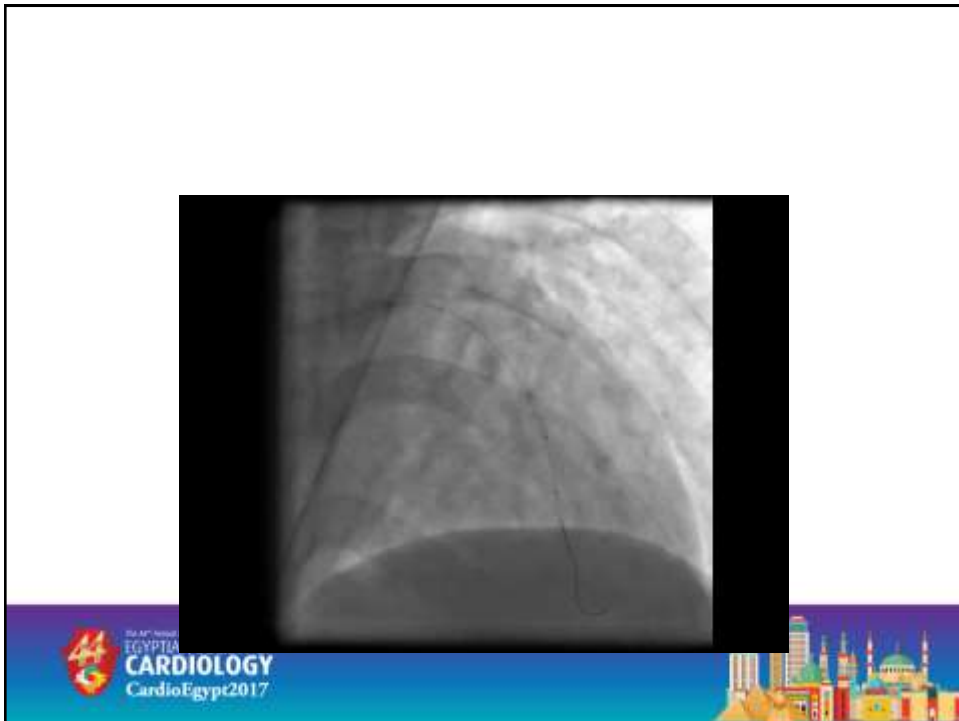




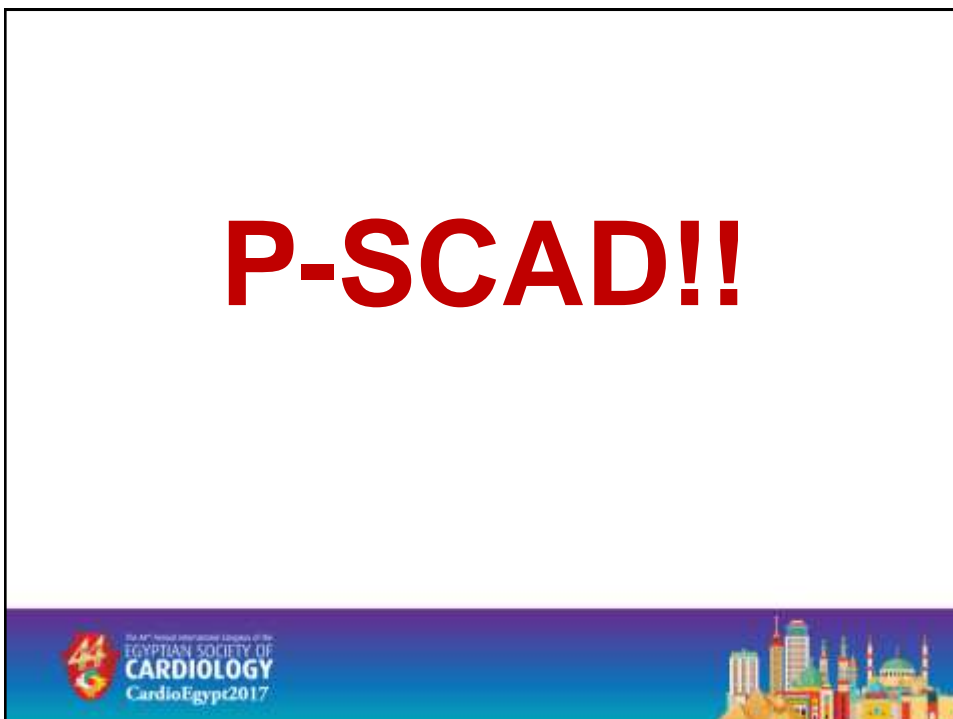
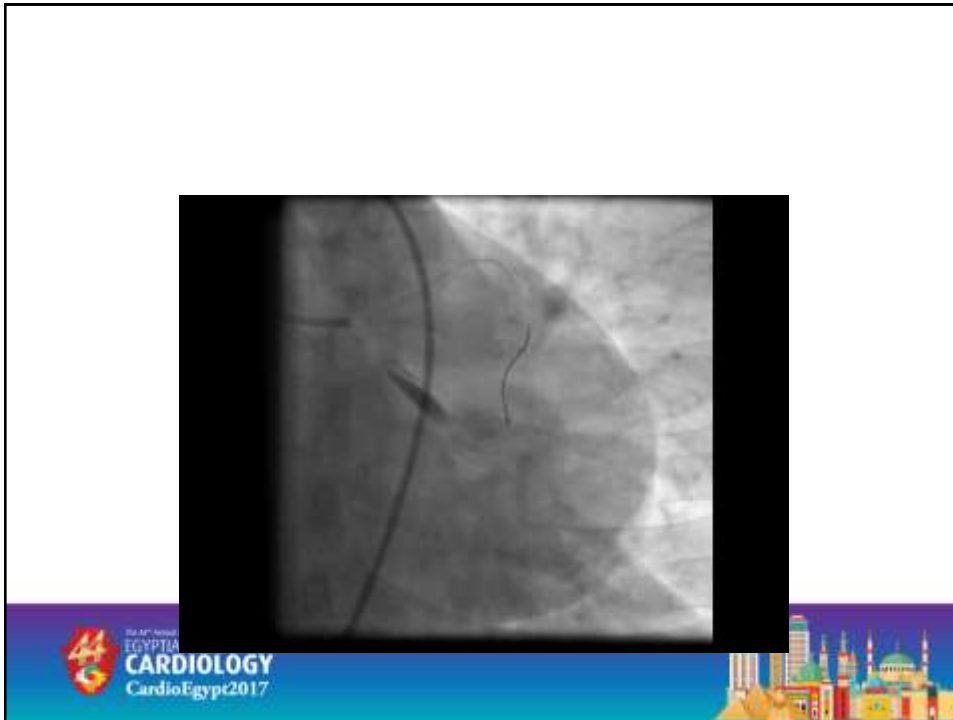
## Which is the culprit?

- LAD or LCX??
- What to do next?
- How about thrombus aspiration?











## Definition:

- SCAD is defined as a non-traumatic and non-iatrogenic separation of the coronary arterial walls, creating a false lumen.
- This separation can occur between the intima and media or between the media and adventitia, with intramural hematoma (IMH) formation within the arterial wall that compresses the arterial lumen, decreasing antegrade blood flow and subsequent myocardial ischemia or infarction (*Saw J, Can J Cardiol 2013*).

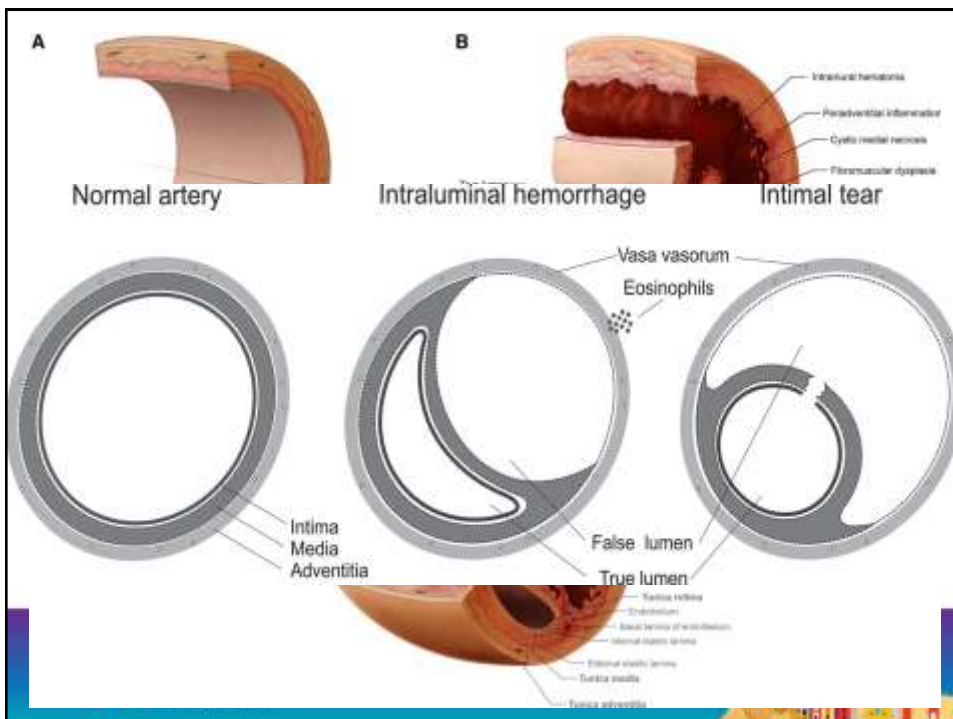
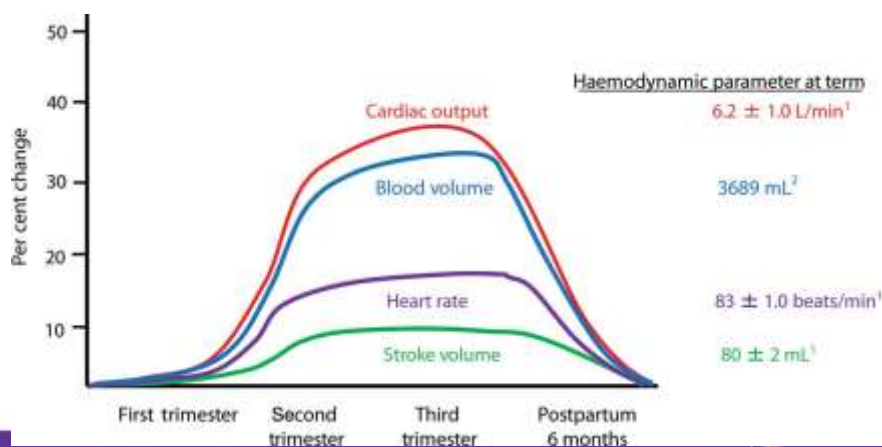
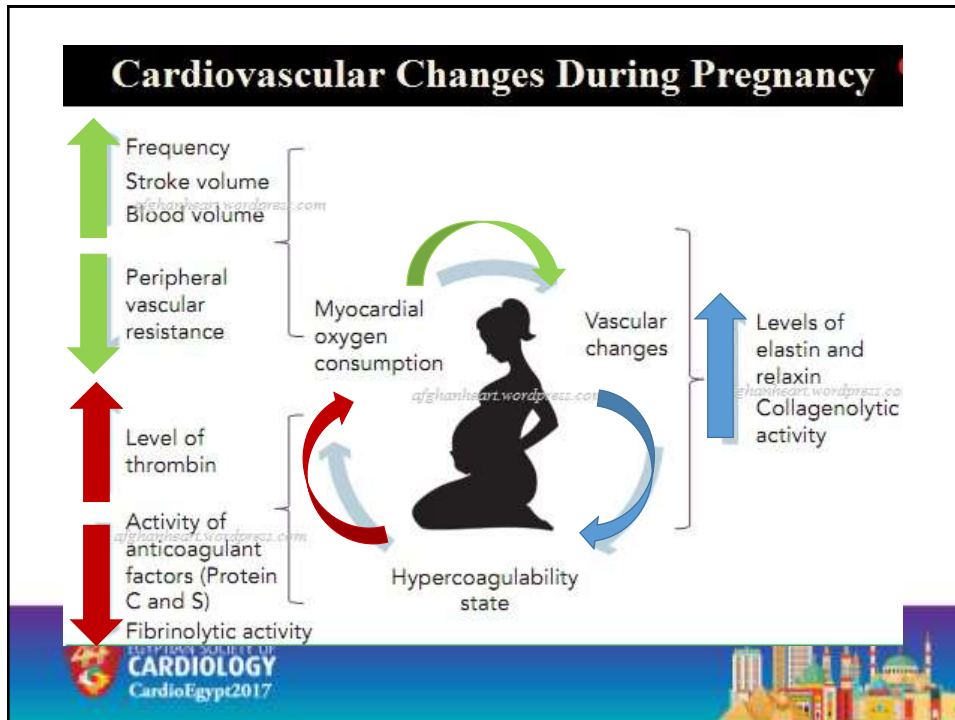


Table 1 Etiology of non-atherosclerotic SCAD	
<b>Predisposing arteriopathy</b>	
Fibromuscular dysplasia	
Pregnancy: history of multiple pregnancy, peri-partum	
Connective tissue disorder: Marfan's syndrome, Ehler Danlos syndrome, cystic medial necrosis, fibromuscular dysplasia	
Systemic inflammation: systemic lupus erythematosus, Crohn's disease, polyarteritis nodosa, sarcoidosis	
Hormonal therapy	
Coronary artery spasm	
Idiopathic	
<b>Precipitating stress events</b>	
Intense exercise (aerobic or isometric)	
Intense emotional stress	
Labor & delivery	
Intense Valsalva-type activities (e.g., severe repetitive coughing, retching/vomiting, bowel movement)	
Cocaine, amphetamines, met-amphetamines, beta-HCG	
SCAD, spontaneous coronary artery dissection.	



## Cardiovascular changes during pregnancy





# P-SCAD!!

## What to do next?

- **Patient was hemodynamically stable.**
- **Decision to stop at this point.**
- I.V. high bolus dose **Tirofiban**, then maintaining infusion for 24 hrs.
- **Clopidogrel 75 mg, and aspirin 100mg.**
- **Close observation** in the CCU and **second look** later during index hospitalization.



- **Immediately after primary PCI** her echo showed severe RWMA in the infero-postero-lateral and apical territory with EF 40%.
- **Follow up echocardiography** next day revealed improving wall motion with residual hypokinesia of apical and mid lateral wall and LVEF of 54% by Simpson's.



**• Lab investigations:**

- CK: 1481 → 3147 → 577 U/L
- CK-MB: 96 → 106 U/L
- LDH: 252 U/L
- CBC: TLC:16.9                      HB:12.4                      PLT:433
- Electrolytes: K:4.2                      Mg:2.2                      Na:135
- RBG: 5.8 mmol/L
- S. urea: 7.1 mmol/L      S. creatinine: 100.56 umol/L
- TC: 150 mg/dl      LDL-C: 98 mg/dl      HDL-C: 50 mg/dl



# Four days later







- **Hospital course:**

- Smooth recovery, rehabilitation.

- **Medications:**

- Aspirin 100 mg od
- Clopidogrel 75 mg od
- Bisoprolol 5 mg od
- Enalapril 5 mg od

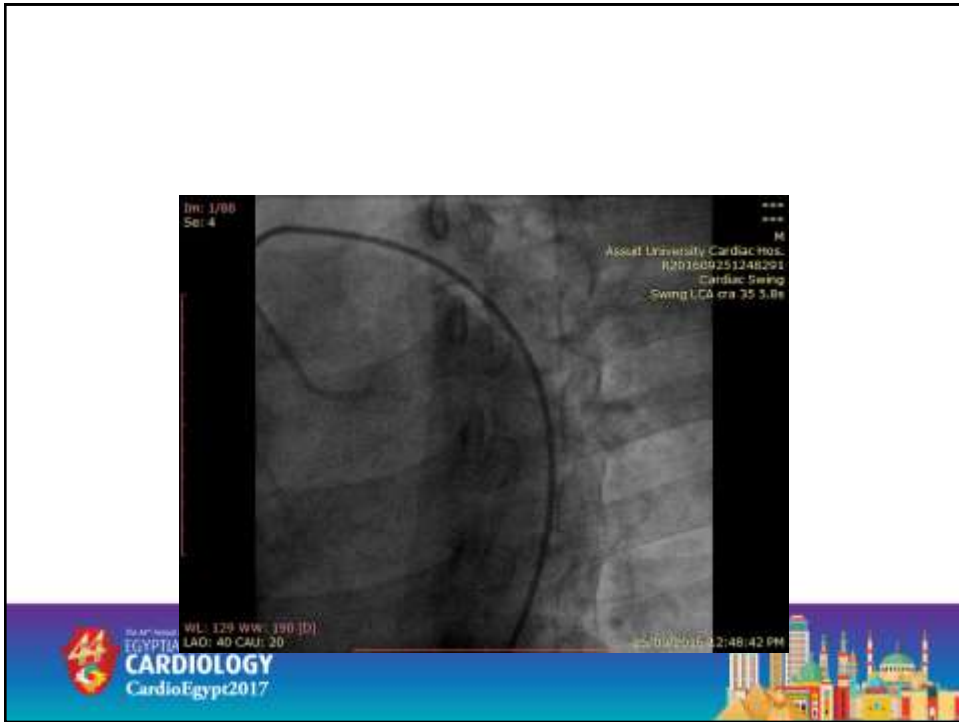
- **Scheduled for follow-up after 3 months.**



# Three months later







# Case # 2



- A 33 years old patient. A mother of 3 children.
- Had normal uncomplicated vaginal delivery 3 days ago.
- Not known to be diabetic.
- Hx of pre-eclampsia from 10 years
- Since then she became HTN on regular ttt.
- No relevant family history.
- No special habits.



- **Complaint:** Patient presented 3 days post-partum by persistent typical chest pain of 18 hours duration.
- **Examination:**
  - **Pulse:** 75 bpm, regular, average, equal on both sides, intact peripheral pulsations.
  - **BP:** 120/80 mmHg
  - **Chest and Heart:** CF
  - **Abdomen:** Involuting uterus.



- **ECG:** Extensive anterolateral STEMI.
- **Bed-side echo:** RWMA in apex with EF= 50%.
- **Decision:** Primary PCI





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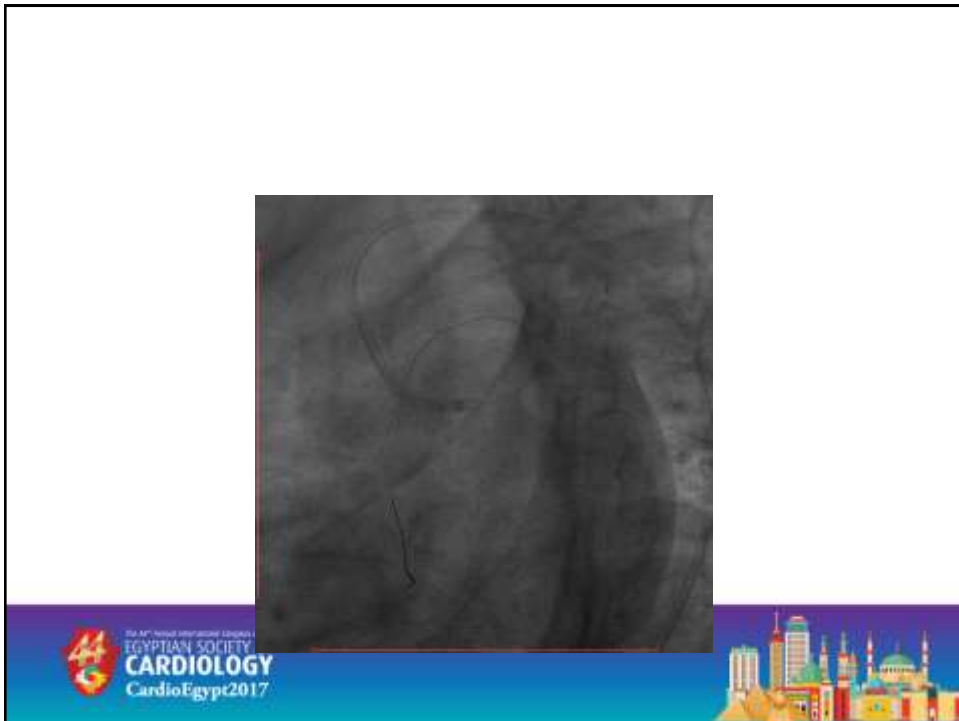


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- **ECG:** Extensive anterolateral STEMI.
- **Decision:** Primary PCI



- **Defer stenting**
- **Start I.V. GP IIb-IIIa Inhibitors (Tirofiban)**
- **Second look 3 days later.**



- **Lab Investigations:**

- CK: 976-373-123-88
- CK-MB: 183-89-35-36
- Tn: 1.1- 8.5
- Hgb: 11.9      WBC: 10.9      PLT: 225
- S. creatinine: 0.8
- TC: 171      LDL: 83      HDL: 65      TG: 110
- Liver function tests: Normal

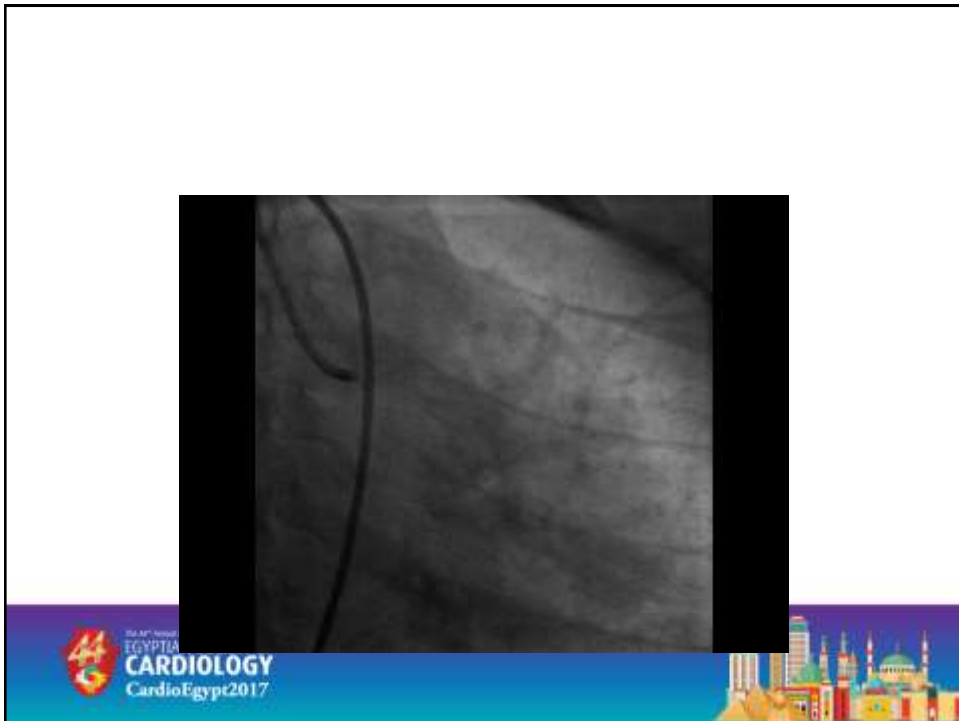
- **Echocardiography:**

IHD, hypokinesia of apex, and EF= 56%





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- **Hospital course:**

- Uneventful, except from mild vaginal bleeding and hematuria, which necessitated stopping the GP IIb-IIIa Is prematurely, but not other antiplatelets.
- Didn't necessitate blood transfusion.

- **Medications:**

- Aspirin 100 mg qd
- Clopidogrel 75 mg qd
- Bisoprolol 5 mg qd
- Lisinopril 5 mg qd
- Atorvastatin 40 mg qd



## Case # 3



- A 30 years old housewife, has 3 children.
- Had normal uncomplicated vaginal delivery 3 months ago.
- Not known to be diabetic or hypertensive.
- No history of previous cardiac problem.
- Non-smoker, not known dyslipidemic.



- **Complaint:** Typical chest pain 3 hrs.
- **Examination:**
  - **Pulse:** 90bpm, regular, average, equal on both sides, intact peripheral pulsations.
  - **BP:** 125/85 mmHg
  - **Chest and Heart:** CF.
  - **Abdomen-pelvis:** CF.



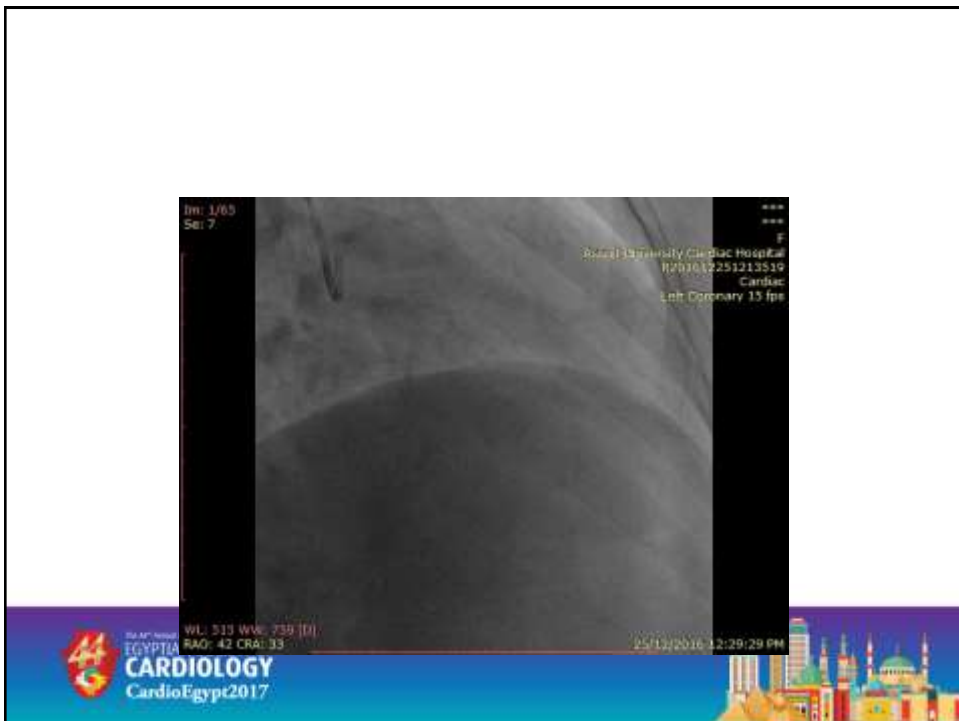
- **ECG:**

- ↑ ST in II, III, AVF.

- **Echocardiography**

- Bed-side echocardiographic assessment showed hypokinesia of basal-mid inferior wall with good overall LV systolic function, EF= 65%.







- **Patient was stable.**
- **Decision was to defer PCI.**
- I.V. high bolus dose **Tirofiban**, then maintaining infusion for 24 hrs.
- **Clopidogrel** 75 mg, and **aspirin** 100mg.
- **Close observation** in the CCU and **second look** later.
- The patient had an uneventful course, and was discharged on OMT.

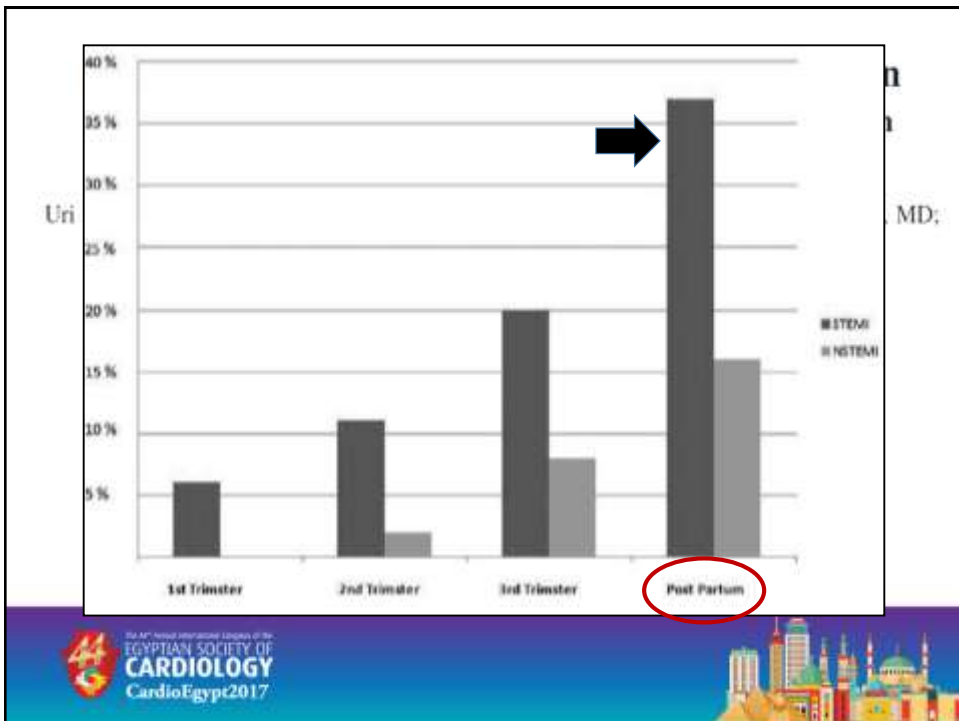


## Three weeks later





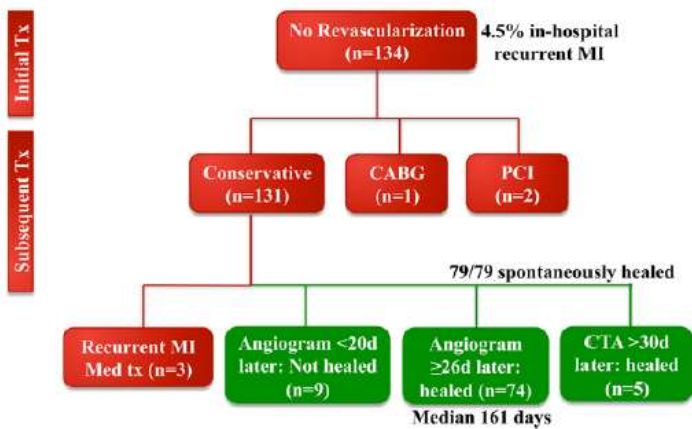




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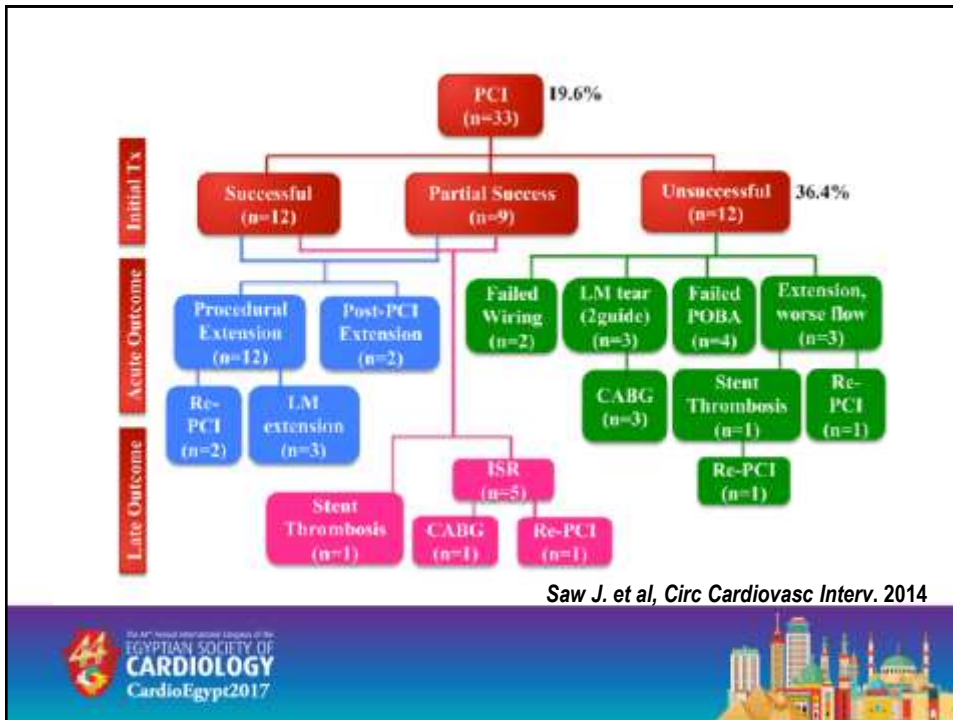
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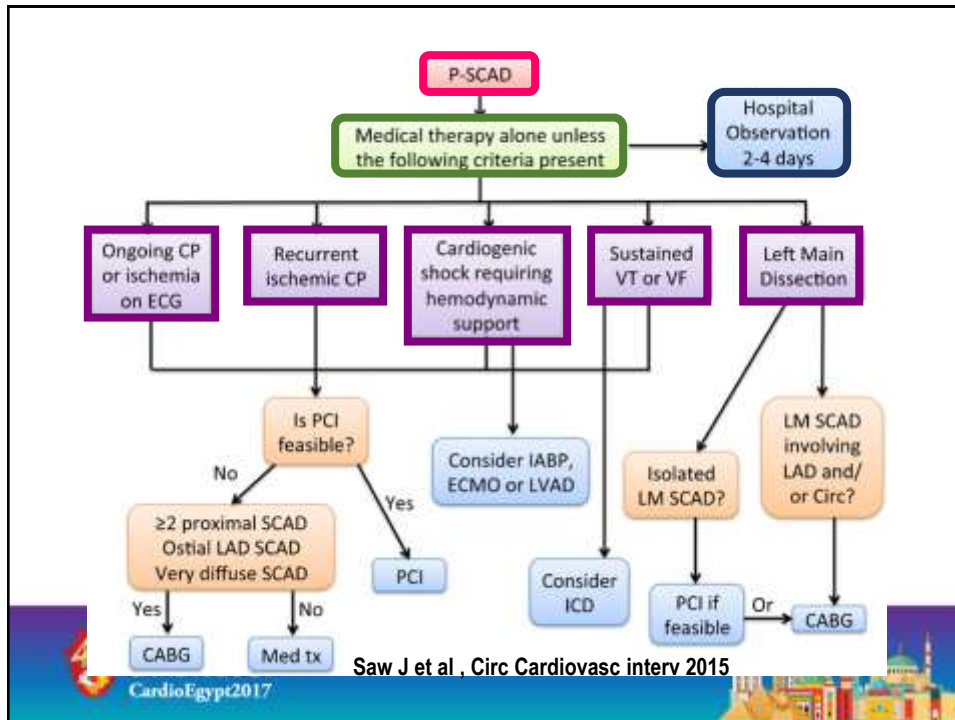
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**Conservative Strategy!!**



## Take-home message

- **Pregnancy-related SCAD** is increasingly being recognized as an important cause of acute coronary syndromes in women with few or no conventional risk factors for atherosclerosis and coronary artery disease.
- A **high level of suspicion** should be maintained to ensure timely and appropriate investigation and management.
- **Arteriopathies**, particularly **FMD**, is a frequent finding among patients with SCAD, and shouldn't be overlooked.

## Take-home message

- **Urgent angiography** is crucial to establish the diagnosis.
- **Gentle contrast injections** (to minimize propagation of dissection), and consideration of initial **nonselective injections** to visualize the LM.
- **Conservative management** of stable patients with SCAD was proven successful, and is associated with spontaneous angiographic healing.
- Survivors are at risk for recurrent cardiovascular events, including **recurrent SCAD**.



*Thank you*

