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Which of the following is a clinical indication of diastolic dysfunction?

- A. S3
- B. S4
- C. Murmur
- D. Midsystolic click - B. S4

Which of the following type of drug would be prescribed after a MI to aid in prevention of remodeling?

- A. Beta-blockers
- B. Calcium channel blockers
- C. Angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors
- D. Anticoagulants - C. ACE inhibitors

Which of the following are clinical indications of bacterial endocarditis?

- A. Fever and new murmur
- B. Chest pain and pericardial friction rub
- C. Dyspnea and crackles
- D. Chest pain and syncope - A. fever and new murmur

While monitoring the patient's PAP, a damped waveform is noted. Which of the following would not be an appropriate action?

- A. Ensure that the valve on the balloon lumen is open and that no air is trapped in the balloon.
- B. Reposition the patient.
- C. Fast flush the distal lumen.
- D. Check for a possible clot in the catheter by aspiration of the distal lumen. - C. Fast flush the distal lumen.

Which of the following is not characteristic of the clinical presentation of dissecting thoracic aortic aneurysm?

- A. Crushing substernal chest pain
- B. Hypotension
- C. Widened mediastinum on chest x-ray film
- D. Syncope - A. Crushing substernal chest pain

Which of the following is an important group of drugs used to block a maladaptive compensatory mechanism in HF?

- A. Cardiac glycosides
- B. Angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors
- C. Diuretics

- C. V1, V2
- D. V5, V6 - B. II, III, aVF

Which of the following correlates with brain natriuretic peptide (BNP) levels?

- A. Venous oxygen saturation
- B. Pulmonary artery pressure
- C. Pulmonary artery occlusive pressure (PAOP)
- D. Systemic vascular resistance - C. Pulmonary artery occlusive pressure (PAOP)

A patient is receiving low-molecular-weight dextran after an aortofemoral bypass graft. What is the purpose of this therapy for this patient?

- A. Increase circulating volume
- B. Increase blood thrombogenicity
- C. Decrease platelet aggregation
- D. Decrease inflammation - C. Decrease platelet aggregation

Which of the following findings would occur in dilated cardiomyopathy?

- A. Murmur of mitral regurgitation
- B. Hypertension
- C. Elevated sedimentation rate
- D. Syncope - A. Murmur of mitral regurgitation

Which of the following would be contraindicated in a patient with Wolff-Parkinson-White (WPW) syndrome?

- A. Amiodarone (Cordarone)
- B. Lidocaine (Xylocaine)
- C. Adenosine (Adenocard)
- D. Verapamil (Calan) - D. Verapamil (Calan)

A 67-year-old woman with unstable angina is admitted to the cardiac unit. She has a history of DM and reports having had chest pain intermittently for 4 days. The EKG shows nonspecific ST changes. Which of the following studies is most diagnostic in identifying a MI in this patient?

- A. Elevated creatine kinase-myocardial band (CK-MB)
- B. Elevated creatine kinase-muscle type (CK-MM)
- C. Elevated troponin I
- D. Lactate dehydrogenase 1 (LDH-1) greater than LDH-2 - C. Elevated troponin I

A patient is in cardiogenic shock and requires careful volume titration to enhance contractility. Which of the following ranges describes the most likely optimal PAOP in this patient?