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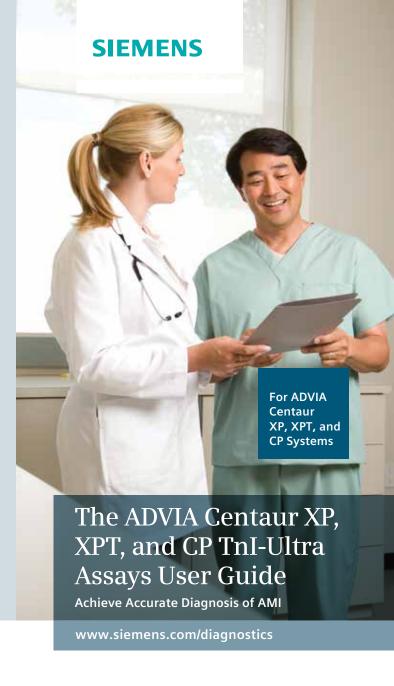
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Using the ADVIA Centaur XP, XPT, and CP TnI-Ultra Assays for Accurate Diagnosis of AMI

On the basis of sensitivity and myocardial specificity, cardiac troponin (cTnl) is the preferred biomarker for diagnosis of acute myocardial infarction (AMI).¹ Conventional cTnl assays require 4–8 hours for levels to become abnormal, peaking at 12–16 hours and declining over the subsequent 5–9 days.².³ Newer, sensitive cTnl assays now allow earlier detection, supporting more rapid triage of chest-pain patients. Use of a sensitive cTnl assay facilitates expeditious detection and assessment of change—important in the differentiation of an AMI related to myocardial ischemia from other causes of myocardial necrosis.

Diagnosis of Acute Myocardial Infarction

- The 99th percentile of a normal population is recommended by the NACB/IFCC as the value above which a troponin level is considered elevated.
- Assays for cardiac biomarkers should strive for a total imprecision (%CV) of ≤10% at the 99th percentile of the reference population.^{4,5}

On the basis of imprecision and other performance characteristics, the ADVIA Centaur® XP, ADVIA Centaur XPT, and ADVIA Centaur® CP cTnI-Ultra™ Assays are sensitive assays for troponin I.6

- A third universal definition of myocardial infarction was published in 2012 by the joint European Society of Cardiology/American College of Cardiology Foundation/American Heart Association/ World Heart Federation (ESC/ACCF/AHA/WHF) that integrates new knowledge and takes into account that a very small degree of myocardial injury or necrosis can be detected by cardiac troponin and/or imaging.⁷
- Clinical introduction of the sensitive assays significantly increases the number of chest-pain patients presenting at admission with cTnl values exceeding the 99th percentile as a result of causes other than AMI. This complicates the appropriate triage of patients.^{8,9,10}
- To assist with such triage, sensitive assays are useful for assessing cTnl kinetics upon serial testing in the clinical evaluation of chest-pain patients. A fast-track rule-out protocol (3 hours instead of 6 hours) recommended by the European Society of Cardiology in the 2011 guidelines for the management of acute coronary syndromes in patients presenting without persistent ST-segment elevation advises cardiac troponin measurement at admission and then 3 hours after the time of presentation.^{11,16}

- The diagnostic superiority of absolute changes over relative changes has been recognized, and absolute rather than relative cTnl changes should therefore be used in the assessment of patients with suspected AMI.¹²
- Dynamic changes are not specific for AMI but are rather indicative of active myocardial injury with necrosis. Cardiac troponins are markers of myocardial necrosis and not just myocardial infarction.^{12,13}
- Elevations of cardiac troponins outside of an ischemic context should not be perceived as "false positive"; they reflect various levels of myocardial necrosis and present a high prognostic value relative to morbidity and mortality.^{13–15}

Discriminating between AMI and Cardiac Noncoronary Artery Diseases (CN-CAD)

- Chest pain more than 6 hours with a first cTnI measurement below the upper limit of normal (ULN) (i.e., below the 99th percentile of healthy controls; TnI-Ultra = 40 ng/L): myocardial necrosis can be excluded.
- · Chest pain less than 6 hours
- A first measurement below the 99th percentile in patients with suspicion of AMI requires a second measurement 3 h later. It may be repeated 6 h later after admission in patients whose 3-h values are unchanged but for whom AMI is still highly suspected. If the second cTnI value is above the 99th percentile and the absolute serial change is above the cutoff established for the assay, AMI is highly suspected.^{14,16,17}
- After a first measurement above the 99th percentile in patients with unsuspected AMI, the second measurement 3 h later serves to differentiate acute from chronic necrosis for which the serial change value will be below the established AMI serial change value. 14,16,17

Additional Information:

Elevations of Cardiac Troponin Values Due to Myocardial Injury 13,15,18

Injury Related to Primary Myocardial Ischemia

- Plaque rupture
- Intraluminal coronary artery thrombus formation

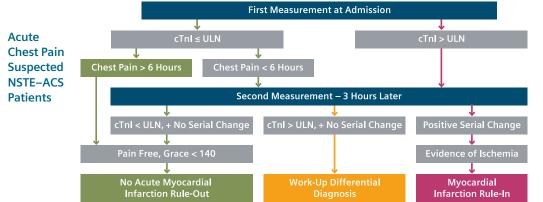
Injury related to supply/ demand imbalance of myocardial ischemia

- Tachy-/bradyarrhythmias
- Aortic dissection or severe aortic valve disease
- Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy
- Cardiogenic, hypovolemic, or septic shock
- Severe respiratory failure
- Severe anemia
- Hypertension, with or without LVH
- Coronary spasm
- Coronary embolism or vasculitis
- Coronary endothelial dysfunction without significant CAD
- Injury not related to myocardial ischemia

- Cardiac contusion, surgery, ablation, pacing, or defibrillator shocks
- Rhabdomyolysis with cardiac involvement
- Myocarditis
- Cardiotoxic agents (Herceptin,® anthracyclines)

Multifactorial or Indeterminate Myocardial Injury

- Congestive heart failure: acute and chronic
- Stress cardiomyopathy
- Severe pulmonary embolism or pulmonary hypertension
- Sepsis and critical illness
- Renal failure
- Acute neurological disease, including stroke, or subarachnoid hemorrhage
- Infiltrative diseases (amyloidosis, hemochromatosis, sarcoidosis, and scleroderma)
- Strenuous exercise



ADVIA Centaur TnI-Ultra Assay Decision Cutoffs:

ULN = upper limit of normal or 99th percentile of a healthy population: 40 ng/L (0.040 µg/L)

Absolute serial change rule-out value:

16 ng/L (0.016 μg/L) Rule-in:

PPV 100% > 126 ng/L

Data derived based on adjudicated samples (n=700) from the APACE study, a prospective international multi-center study, University Hospital, Basel. Switzerland.