

Acute pericarditis

- ✓ **acute inflammatory process** affecting the pericardium, which **may coexist with myocarditis**.
- ✓ **account for 5% of accident and emergency presentations with chest pain.**
- ✓ The condition is more common in **men**, particularly **young adults**.
- ✓ Acute pericarditis has **numerous aetiologies**, although, in most cases, the cause is **not identified (idiopathic)**.

