RETU Chest Pain Pathway

Required testing prior to RETU admission

- ECG / CXR
- pregnancy test in women of childbearing age



Not appropriate for RETU

- Suspected PE or other serious pathologic process
- Hemodynamic instability
- ACS / diagnostic ECG changes
- Associated pulmonary edema

RETU Intake Evaluation

(do not repeat testing if already done in ED)

Exam Focus

- Cardiac
- Neuro
- Vascular

Initial Testing

- Labs: CBC, Chem 7, Troponin (others as clinically indicated)
- Imaging: CXR (others as clinically indicated)

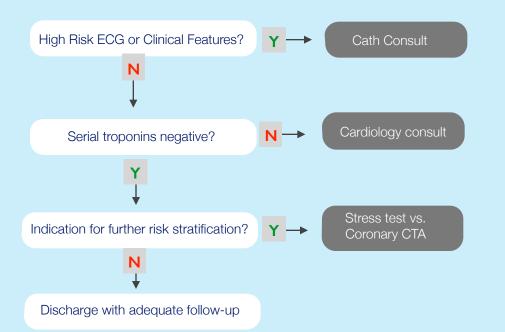
Monitoring

- Continuous telemetry monitoring
- Serial Troponins

Consults

• Cath team or general cardiology as indicated*

RETU Treatment / Evaluation



*High Risk ECG

- New ischemic changes
- New Q waves
- New LBBB

*High Risk Features

- Symptoms same as with prior MI / ACS
- Signs of heart failure
- Systolic BP < 100mm Hg

Disposition Guidelines

Discharge from RETU

- Serial troponin negative
- Symptoms improved / resolved
- Patient cleared for discharge by consult service if one was involved

Admission to Hospital

- Serial troponin positive
- Symptoms worsening / ischemia identified
- Admission requested by consult service if one was involved