

Re: Question on My Dad for Dr. Chung

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Larry wrote:

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> *My Dad is 82 y/o with Hx of heart disease. Two minor to moderate MIs
> (inferior wall). 11 years post-bypass, approx 7 years post angioplasty,
> and approx 4 years post RFA that corrected Atrial Flutter, 6 months post
> Pacemaker implant for Bradycardia/Sick Sinus Syndrome. He has been on
> Lipitor for a number of years and it has kept his Chol down in the low
> 100s with a moderate HDL (around 40 or so). He has done pretty well, and
> is able to walk on the treadmill at 3mph for a sustained period.*

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> *Last week, he had severe pains in his neck/upper chest in the middle of
> the night. No distress, no sweating, no nausea, heartbeat was regular,
> no other symptoms. My Mom (probably not the smartest thing she's ever
> done :-)) decided to wait till morning to take him to the Cardio (he
> still had some pain although not as bad). Cardio sent him to hospital.
> He received three serial enzyme tests including CK, CK-MB, and Troponin
> beginning about 10-12 hours after the onset of the pain and continuing
> till about 36 hours after the onset of the pain. All were negative ...*

Good. This means he did not have a heart attack.

> *in fact, the readings were actually way towards the low end of the
> reference ranges. He was released after the third round of enzymes. His
> pain has decreased significantly. Dr. feels that it is musculo-skeletal.*

Could be.

> *Based strictly on what you have heard, do you think we are safe to
> conclude that this was not cardiac related?*

Not without a stress test.

> *Thank you very much for your help!*

You are welcome.

All praises belong to my heavenly Father, Whom I love with all my heart,
soul, mind, and strength :-)

> *Larry E.*

You and your family will be in my prayers, dear Larry whom I love, in Christ's name.

Servant to the humblest person in the universe,

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