

Heart Alert Criteria

1. Patients with signs and symptoms of an Acute Coronary Syndrome (ACS)*

AND

2. ST segment Elevation of 1mm or more in 2 contiguous leads

If your patient does not meet Criteria 1 AND 2, a consult should be done with the receiving ED physician prior to declaring a Heart Alert

*ACS Symptoms include but are not limited to chest pain/tightness; radiation to back, abdomen, arm(s), neck, jaw or any combination; dyspnea; diaphoresis; nausea/vomiting; fatigue; weakness; palpitations; indigestion; syncope; pulmonary edema

**Heart Alert Criteria are regionally approved clinical and analytical findings which result in early activation of Interventional Cardiology services. The criteria identify a sub-group of cardiac patients who benefit from these time sensitive treatments. The criteria do not identify, or address other cardiac disorders/diseases that may require Emergency Department admission, evaluation and treatment.