Nomenclature of Acute Coronary Syndromes

1) Chest pain: Is it angina or not?

2) Angina: What is the syndrome?
   a) Chronic stable angina
   b) Unstable angina

3) Unstable angina: What is the syndrome?
   a) New onset < 1 month
   b) Crescendo angina- accelerating pattern
   c) ACS: Acute coronary insufficiency/acute coronary syndrome
   d) Post MI angina
   e) Variant “Prinzmetal’s” angina

4) ACS: What is the syndrome?
   a) ACI- acute coronary insufficiency
      i) Prolonged R/S chest pain > 20 minutes
      ii) ± ST changes
      iii) No enzyme or bio-marker elevation
   b) Non ST elevation MI –NSTEMI
      i) Prolonged R/S chest pain > 20 minutes
      ii) ± ST changes
      iii) Enzyme or bio-marker elevation
   c) ST Elevation MI:
      i) Prolonged R/S chest pain > 20 minutes with
      ii) Persisting ST elevation despite NTG
          • At least 1 mm in 2 adjacent limb leads
          • At least 2 mm in 2 adjacent precordial leads
          • LBBB (for purpose of thrombolysis)
      iii) Evolution of Q waves (excluding LBBB scenario)
      iv) Enzyme or bio-marker elevation