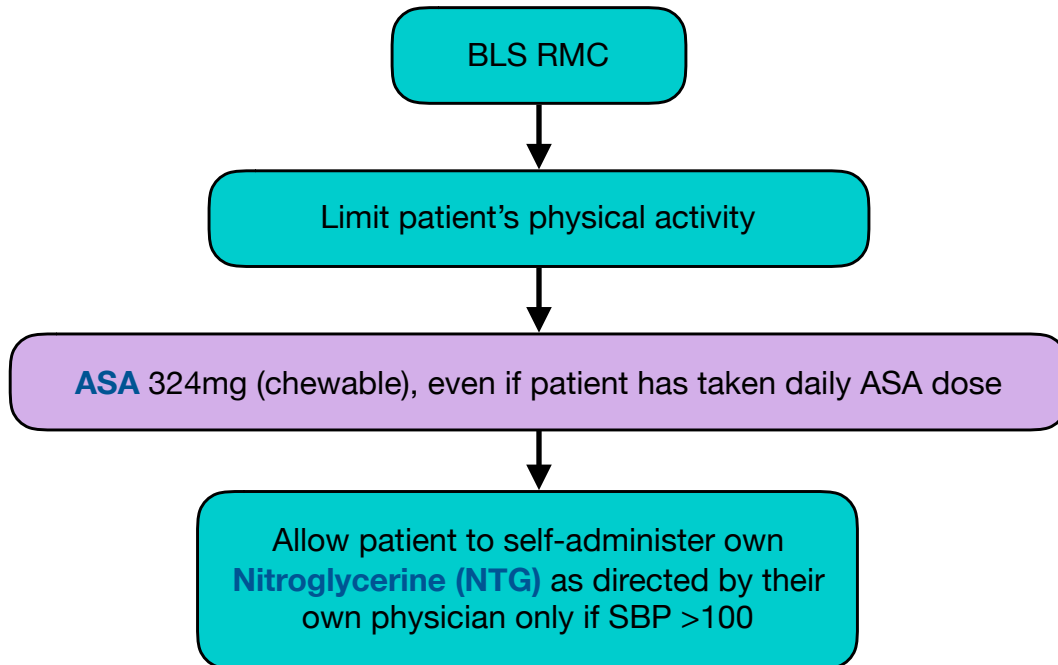


CHEST PAIN/ACUTE CORONARY SYNDROME BLS

Indications

- Chest discomfort or pain, suggestive of cardiac origin
- Other symptoms of Acute Coronary Syndrome (ACS) may include weakness, nausea, vomiting, diaphoresis, dyspnea, dizziness, palpitations, indigestion



SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Discomfort or pain: OPQRST, previous episodes, 0-10 scale
- Suspicion of ACS is based upon patient history. Be alert to patients likely to present with atypical symptoms or “silent MIs” (women, elderly and diabetics)
- If patient is having an MI, **NTG** may cause significant hypotension
- If the patient has taken erectile dysfunction medication within the last 24 hrs (Viagra/Levitra) or 36 hrs (Cialis) instruct patient not to take **NTG**