



squeezing, heaviness	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Palpitation/fluttering• May radiate down one or both arms• Difficulty breathing (dyspnea)• Nausea• Anxiety/feeling of impending doom	
Signs of Cardiac Compromise	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vomiting• Sweating• Abnormal heart rates<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Tachycardia – faster than 100 bpm▪ Bradycardia – slower than 60 bpm• Abnormal blood pressures	
Assessing Cardiac Compromise	
Transport immediately if:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No history of cardiac problems, OR• History of cardiac problems but no nitroglycerin, OR• Systolic blood pressure is < 100	
Transport decision:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If available, transport patient to hospitals that have:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ “Clot-Buster” capabilities▪ Ability to perform angioplasty• Local protocols will provide guidance	

