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He tells his wife he feels a squeezing pain that is radiating to his jaw and left shoulder. He appears anxious and is distressed and sweating profusely. Past medical history is significant for hypertension and he has been told that he has borderline diabetes. On examination his heart rate is 112 bpm and blood pressure is 159/93 mmHg. Three doses of sublingual glyceryl trinitrate provide little relief.

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