Pearls
• Many STEMIs evolve during prehospital care and may not be noted on the initial 12-Lead ECG.
• An ECG should be obtained prior to treatment for bradycardia if patient condition permits.
• If a patient has taken their own Nitroglycerin without relief, consider potency of medication. Provider maximum doses do not include patient administered doses.
• Monitor for hypotension after administration of nitroglycerin and opioids.
• Diabetics, geriatric, and female patients often have atypical pain, or only generalized complaints. Suspect cardiac etiology in these patients, and perform a 12-Lead ECG.