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We examined the variation in stated practice in the management of acute myocardial infarction (AMI) among doctors in Australia, Brazil, Chile, India and Thailand. Hospitals were identified as primary, secondary or tertiary by investigators from around their own region. All doctors within each hospital who would be expected to treat patients with AMI were asked to indicate which investigations and treatments they would offer to a patient with an who develops angina on Day 3 after admission. The numbers of hospitals ranged from 5 to 26 per country, and doctor response rates varied from 70 to 100 % Within country variation was large , and statistically significant variations. The large variation both between and spectrum suggests a widespread need for agreement about what constitutes appropriate management after AMI.

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