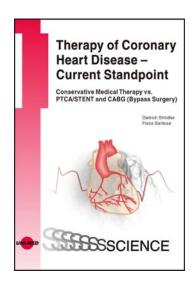


Therapy of Coronary Heart Disease - Current Standpoint. Conservative Medical Therapy vs. PTCA/ STENT and CABG (Bypass Surgery)

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The treatment of coronary artery disease (CAD) encompasses many strategies all of which aim to improve symptoms and prognosis. While in the acute coronary syndrome, early revascularisation (usually by means of PCI and stent implantation) is the urgent goal of treatment, drug therapy initially has only a supportive role here but is also important for improving prognosis. The situation is reversed in the case of the treatment of chronic stable CAD: here conservative drug therapy has the dominant role and if implemented optimally is so successful that the prognosis cannot be further improved with additional PCI and stent implantation. Nevertheless, optimised drug therapy is often only used suboptimally, while interventional therapy is often used too frequently and is viewed as the modern and only correct therapy. The evidence presented aims to finally dispel all this! This book is therefore a critical presentation of the benefit of treatment strategies in the different forms of CAD. In addition to the value of lifestyle changes, it deals with the evaluation of the various drug therapies, invasive procedures such as PCI and stent implantation, bypass surgery and electrotherapeutic measures with ICD, CRT and cardiac pacemakers. The authors have succeeded in producing a textbook that is not just of interest to the attending doctor but also for patients affected by the disease. A textbook from the viewpoint: What is optimal? What is economic? What is evidencebased?



