

A Race of Blood and Heart! The Role of Pulse Wave Velocity in Cardiovascular Risk Evaluation Learning Objectives and Case



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Learning Objectives

- Understanding the Basics of PWV
- Interpretation of PWV values
- The Role of PWV in Cardiovascular Risk Stratification
- Guideline Recommendations for the Use of PWV in Clinical Practice
- Limitations of PWV



Case

- 47 Y/O gentleman, engineer
- PMH: Some High BP reading in the past 2 years, non-smoker
- DH: denied to use medications
- FH: unremarkable
- The patient has an active lifestyle and goes for a 1-hour quick walk every day.
- Ph/E:

○ BP: 131/88, HR: 74bpm, BMI: 22, otherwise unremarkable

• ECG: NSR



Case

• Recent Lab:

 $\circ\,$ FPG: 108 mg/dL, HbA1c: 5.6%, TC=220 mg/dL, LDL=135 mg/dL, HDL= 30 mg/dL, TG= 275 mg/dL

- \circ CBC, LFT, Cr, Electrolytes: NL
- Carotid-femoral Pulse Wave Velocity Assessment is performed for risk stratification in this patient which is found to be 13.3 m/s.

What is the interpretation of this PWV assessment?



Thank you for your attention



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