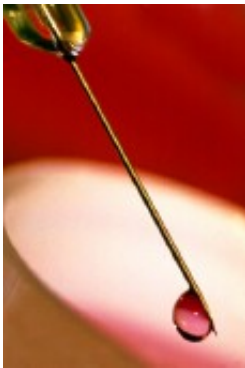


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Gjin Ndrepepa, M.D., of the Deutsches Herzzentrum in Munich, Germany, and colleagues conducted a study involving 5,124 patients with [acute coronary syndrome](#) who underwent percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) to evaluate whether uric acid levels have any prognostic value in this patient population. Of the participants, 1,629 had acute ST-segment elevation [myocardial infarction](#) (STEMI), 1,332 had acute non-STEMI, and 2,163 had [unstable angina](#). Participants were

classified into four uric acid quartiles: quartile 1 (1.3 to

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