

# Serum potassium levels linked to long-term mortality post-MI

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(HealthDay)—For patients with acute myocardial infarction (AMI), serum potassium levels are associated with long-term mortality risk, according to a study published in the April 15 issue of *The American Journal of Cardiology*.

Joon Seok Choi, M.D., from the Chonnam National University Medical School in Gwangju, South Korea, and colleagues examined the impact of serum potassium levels on long-term mortality in a cohort of 1,924 [patients](#) diagnosed with AMI. The average serum potassium levels were measured throughout hospitalization; patients were classified into five groups according to mean serum potassium:

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