

Dear Sir/Ms,

My name is Domen Kleva and I am a graduate student at the College of Health Care Izola, nursing care program. While I was working at the University Medical Center Ljubljana I decided to do my diploma in the field of emergency nursing care, and so I chose the following working title ***Tasks and necessary skills of registered nurses in treating patients with suspected ACS (acute coronary syndrome) at the emergency ward.***

Part of my thesis will also include comparison of necessary skills, competences and tasks that registered nurses perform in treating patients with suspected ACS at the emergency departments of different hospitals around Slovenia as well as abroad (some EU countries, USA and Canada).

In order to acquire the necessary data, I need your help. I kindly ask you to complete the questionnaire below, which consists of two groups of questions – statistical, where I try to establish the main characteristics of the hospital (size, number of employees, and number of patients with ACS) and content part, where I try to establish what does the job of registered nurses in treating the patients with suspected ACS include in individual hospitals.

As the questionnaire represents a crucial element of my diploma, I kindly ask you to fill it in completely. In case you do not have certain data, please indicate that at the appropriate space by »no data«.

Please, send the completed questionnaire to the following address by April 15 2008:

Domen Kleva, Rojceva ulica 16, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia

Or fax it to: **+386 1 54 51 402**

Or scan it and email it to **domen.kleva@gmail.com** (subject: diploma)

I sincerely thank you for your cooperation and help in preparing my diploma paper!

Domen Kleva

USED ACRONYMS:

- **RN:** Registered Nurse
- **AMI:** Acute Myocardial Infarction
- **ACS:** Acute Coronary Syndrome
- **STEMI:** ST Segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction
- **NSTEMI:** Non-ST Segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction
- **MONA:** Morphine, Oxygen, Nitroglycerin, Aspirin

I. STATISTICAL PART OF QUESTIONNAIRE:

1. How many employed medical professionals work at the emergency ward in your hospital?

Nurses: _____ RNs: _____ Physicians: _____

• STATISTICS FOR YEAR 2006:

1. How many patients with suspected ACS did you treat in your hospital?

Angina pectoris: _____

AMI together: _____

STEMI: _____

NSTEMI: _____

Sudden clinical death: _____

2. How many patients with ACS (in %) were there according to the number of all internal patients?

_____ %

3. How many resuscitations related to ACS did you have at the emergency ward?

4. How many death cases related to ACS did you have at the emergency ward?

5. How many patients were kept for observation (for up to 24 hours) due to ACS?

6. How many hospitalizations related to ACS were there (patients hospitalized due to further diagnostic procedures and treatments)?

• STATISTICS FOR YEAR 2007:

1. How many patients with suspected ACS did you treat in your hospital?

Angina pectoris: _____

AMI together: _____

STEMI: _____

NSTEMI: _____

Sudden clinical death: _____

2. How many patients with ACS (in %) were there according to the number of all internal patients?

_____ %

3. How many resuscitations related to ACS did you have at the emergency ward?

4. How many death cases related to ACS did you have at the emergency ward?

5. How many patients were kept for observation (for up to 24 hours) due to ACS?

6. How many hospitalizations related to ACS were there (patients hospitalized due to further diagnostic procedures and treatments)?

I. CONTENT PART OF QUESTIONNAIRE:

1. Who does the multidisciplinary team for treating the patients with suspected ACS at the emergency department in your hospital include?

	YES	NO
Nurses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
RN's	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Physician	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Others (who):	_____	

2. What additional skills do registered nurses at the emergency department need in working with patients with suspected ACS?

3. What are the tasks of a registered nurse – circle (1 – does not perform, 2 – autonomously, 3 – according to instructions of a physician, 4 – in cooperation with a physician)?

triage	1	2	3	4
anamnesis	1	2	3	4
recording of ECG	1	2	3	4
analysis of EKG	1	2	3	4
aplication of MONA	1	2	3	4
aplication of other therapy	1	2	3	4
therapeutic processes	1	2	3	4
preparing of documentation	1	2	3	4
reanimation	1	2	3	4

4. Please, briefly describe individual procedures in which a registered nurse takes part and what does the job of a RN include:

a) TRIAGE

b) ANAMNESIS

c) RECORDING AND ANALYSIS OF ECG

d) APPLICATION OF MONA

e) APPLICATION OF OTHER THERAPY

f) THERAPEUTIC PROCESSES

g) PREPARING AND FULFILLMENT OF DOCUMENTATION

h) REANIMATION

5. What other procedures does a RN perform autonomously or on the order of a physician?

6. Are you planning any changes/additions in training of registered nurses at the emergency room for working with patients with suspected ACS in the future? What are they?
