

# CERTIFIED CARDIOVASCULAR KNOWLEDGE EXAMINATION

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## CLINICAL REVIEW AND RESOURCES

**Certified Cardiovascular Knowledge Exam (CCKE) Blueprint:** [Access here for the Blueprint](#)

**2020 ACC Clinical Competencies for Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants in Adult Cardiovascular Medicine:**

- [Key Points to Remember \(2020\)](#)
- [Full Clinical Document](#)

**ACC/AHA Guidelines:** The table below highlights guideline-related tools to help you study for the topics covered on the CCKE.

For additional information on guidelines and other clinical document types, please visit [www.ACC.org/Guidelines](http://www.ACC.org/Guidelines) or the **ACC Guidelines App** at <https://www.acc.org/Tools-and-Practice-Support/Mobile-Resources/Features/Guideline-Clinical-App>

## CLINICAL TOPIC & GUIDELINE-BASED STUDY TOOLS

### Acute Coronary Syndromes (13% of CCKE)

- [STEMI Guideline Focused Update \(2015\)](#)
- [Chronic Coronary Disease: Guideline Perspectives \(2023\)](#)
- [Chronic Coronary Disease Guideline-at-a-Glance \(2023\)](#)
- [Chronic Coronary Disease Guideline: JACC Interactive Tool \(2023\)](#)
- [Chronic Coronary Disease: JACC Central Illustration \(2023\)](#)
- [Chronic Coronary Disease Guideline \(2023\)](#)
- [Coronary Artery Revascularization: Guideline Perspectives \(2021\)](#)
- [Coronary Artery Revascularization Guideline \(2021\)](#)
- [Dual Antiplatelet Therapy in Patients With Coronary Artery Disease: Guideline Perspectives \(2016\)](#)
- [Dual Antiplatelet Therapy in Patients With Coronary Artery Disease Guideline \(2016\)](#)

### Adult Congenital Heart Disease (5% of CCKE)

- [Adults With Congenital Heart Disease: Guideline Perspectives \(2018\)](#)
- [ACHD Clinician Tool \(2018\)](#)
- [Adults With Congenital Heart Disease: Guidelines Made Simple \(2018\)](#)
- [Adults With Congenital Heart Disease Guideline \(2018\)](#)

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## **Ambulatory & Consultative Cardiology Care (9% of CCKE)**

- [Clinical Competencies for Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants in Adult Cardiovascular Medicine: Key Points to Remember, Table 5 \(2020\)](#)
- [Clinical Competencies for Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants in Adult Cardiovascular Medicine, Table 5](#)

## **Cardiac Arrhythmias and Electrophysiology (11% of CCKE)**

- [Atrial Fibrillation Guideline Perspectives \(2023\)](#)
- [Atrial Fibrillation Guideline-at-a-Glance \(2023\)](#)
- [Atrial Fibrillation JACC Guideline Interactive Tool \(2023\)](#)
- [Atrial Fibrillation JACC Central Illustration \(2023\)](#)
- [Atrial Fibrillation Guideline \(2023\)](#)
- [Ventricular Arrhythmias and the Prevention of Sudden Cardiac Death Guideline Perspectives \(2017\)](#)
- [Ventricular Arrhythmias and the Prevention of Sudden Cardiac Death Guidelines Made Simple \(2017\)](#)
- [Ventricular Arrhythmias and the Prevention of Sudden Cardiac Death Clinician Tool \(2017\)](#)
- [Ventricular Arrhythmias and the Prevention of Sudden Cardiac Death Guideline \(2017\)](#)
- [Supraventricular Tachycardia Guideline Perspectives \(2015\)](#)
- [Supraventricular Tachycardia Toolkit \(2015\)](#)
- [Supraventricular Tachycardia Guideline \(2015\)](#)

## **CV Disease Prevention (9% of CCKE)**

- [Primary Prevention Guideline Perspectives \(2019\)](#)
- [Primary Prevention Guideline JACC Central Illustration \(2019\)](#)
- [Primary Prevention Guideline \(2019\)](#)
- [Primary Prevention Clinician Tool \(2019\)](#)
- [2018 Guideline on the Management of Blood Cholesterol: Guidelines Made Simple](#)

## **Critical Care Cardiology (2% of CCKE)**

- [Chest Pain Guideline Perspectives \(2021\)](#)
- [Chest Pain Guidelines Made Simple \(2021\)](#)
- [Chest Pain Guideline JACC Interactive Tool \(2021\)](#)
- [Chest Pain Guideline \(2021\)](#)
- [STEMI Guideline Focused Update \(2015\)](#)
- [Non-ST-Elevation Acute Coronary Syndromes Guideline \(2014\)](#)

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## Heart Failure (14% of CCKE)

- [Heart Failure Guideline Perspectives \(2022\)](#)
- [Heart Failure Guidelines JACC Central Illustration \(2022\)](#)
- [Heart Failure Guideline \(2022\)](#)

## Pericardial Disease (5% of CCKE)

- [Chronic Coronary Disease: Guideline Perspectives \(2023\)](#)
- [Chronic Coronary Disease Guideline-at-a-Glance \(2023\)](#)
- [Chronic Coronary Disease Guideline: JACC Interactive Tool \(2023\)](#)
- [Chronic Coronary Disease: JACC Central Illustration \(2023\)](#)
- [Chronic Coronary Disease Guideline \(2023\)](#)

## Stable Ischemic Heart Disease (8% of CCKE)

- [Chronic Coronary Disease: Guideline Perspectives \(2023\)](#)
- [Chronic Coronary Disease Guideline-at-a-Glance \(2023\)](#)
- [Chronic Coronary Disease Guideline: JACC Interactive Tool \(2023\)](#)
- [Chronic Coronary Disease: JACC Central Illustration \(2023\)](#)
- [Chronic Coronary Disease Guideline \(2023\)](#)

## Valvular Heart Disease (9% of CCKE)

- [Valvular Heart Disease Guideline Perspectives, Pt. 1 \(2020\)](#)
- [Valvular Heart Disease Guideline Perspectives, Pt. 2 \(2020\)](#)
- [Valvular Heart Disease Guideline Perspectives, Pt. 3 \(2020\)](#)
- [Valvular Heart Disease Guidelines Made Simple \(2020\)](#)
- [Valvular Heart Disease Guideline \(2020\)](#)

## Vascular Medicine (6% of CCKE)

- [Lower Extremity Peripheral Artery Disease Guideline Perspectives Per \(2016\)](#)
- [Lower Extremity Peripheral Artery Disease Guideline \(2016\)](#)

## Core Competencies (9% of CCKE)

- [Clinical Competencies for Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants in Adult Cardiovascular Medicine: Key Points to Remember, Table 3 \(2020\)](#)
- [Clinical Competencies for Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants in Adult Cardiovascular Medicine, Table 3 \(2020\)](#)

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## PRACTICE TOOLS AND SUPPORT INFOGRAPHICS

- [Transformation of HF Care: SGLT2i: https://www.acc.org/education-and-meetings/image-and-slide-gallery/media-detail?id=4ff98d8bbc4a4647aa20139d20fb517a](https://www.acc.org/education-and-meetings/image-and-slide-gallery/media-detail?id=4ff98d8bbc4a4647aa20139d20fb517a)
- [The Hypertension Crisis https://www.acc.org/education-and-meetings/image-and-slide-gallery/media-detail?id=2bb4cc286f1b4ffdbcd3cab01e136dbf](https://www.acc.org/education-and-meetings/image-and-slide-gallery/media-detail?id=2bb4cc286f1b4ffdbcd3cab01e136dbf)
- [Could it be FH? https://www.acc.org/education-and-meetings/image-and-slide-gallery/media-detail?id=3a7b1ad052684e998f24b3934064fbcc](https://www.acc.org/education-and-meetings/image-and-slide-gallery/media-detail?id=3a7b1ad052684e998f24b3934064fbcc)
- [Demystifying Syncope https://www.acc.org/education-and-meetings/image-and-slide-gallery/media-detail?id=7b4f0fda7fc247599f5e8d4f46067019](https://www.acc.org/education-and-meetings/image-and-slide-gallery/media-detail?id=7b4f0fda7fc247599f5e8d4f46067019)
- [Medication Safety: Switching P2Y12 Inhibitors: https://www.acc.org/education-and-meetings/image-and-slide-gallery/media-detail?id=d6590efa65fd4881ad53196eb1e618a1](https://www.acc.org/education-and-meetings/image-and-slide-gallery/media-detail?id=d6590efa65fd4881ad53196eb1e618a1)
- [DOAC Dosing for AFib: https://www.acc.org/education-and-meetings/image-and-slide-gallery/media-detail?id=1843dc7d3bed40a5bc864be475231861](https://www.acc.org/education-and-meetings/image-and-slide-gallery/media-detail?id=1843dc7d3bed40a5bc864be475231861)

\*All documents and links in this list are free and available to all interested CCKE applicants

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