Question 30

You are an F1 doctor in the Emergency Department (ED) at Compassion Hospital. Your supervising consultant is Dr Chase.

Your bleep number is 26781. GMC - 8018315

Patient Details

Name: Mr Michael Smith Date of Birth: 01/03/1963 Patient number: X3219876

Address: Surgical Street, Medical Town, Tyne and Wear, NE1 1AB

History

Michael was admitted to the ED with severe chest pain. He describes the chest pain as occurring suddenly and reaching 10/10 intensity within seconds, this started 30 minutes ago. There was no obvious trigger for the onset of the pain.

Now the pain is 8/10. He is also experiencing back pain in the upper thoracic region. He does not report any other symptoms after a thorough systems review.

He has a past medical history of hypertension. He has no previous history of cardiac events. Drug history:

- Lisinopril 20 mg OD
- Amlodipine 10 mg OD

Clinical examination:

- Capillary refill 3 seconds peripheral, 2 seconds central
- Normal heart sounds
- No tenderness on palpation
- All upper and lower limb pulses palpable
- No leg swelling, oedema, or tenderness

Investigations

Oxygen saturations 96% (room air)
Blood pressure 195/112 mmHg
Pulse 98 beats per minute
Respiratory rate 21 breaths per minute

Temperature 37.1 °C

Electrocardiogram – sinus tachycardia, no evidence of ischaemic changes (as confirmed by Dr Chase.)

Task

Please request the most appropriate cross-sectional imaging test for this patient, specifically commenting on your suspected diagnosis.

REQUEST FOR RADIOLOGICAL OPINION									
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Address:	DOB:		Consultant/GP:		WALK ⊕	CHAIR ⊕			
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Patient's telephone number:		Previous X-rays	s:		Is the patient pregnant?	Yes ⊕	No ⊕		
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