

## CORRESPONDANCE

### Did Ancient Egyptian Know Ischemic Heart Disease?

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A quotation from the Ebres papyrus says:

“If you examine a man because of suffering in his stomach, and he suffers in his arm, his breast ... the side of his stomach, one says concerning it: it is the wadj- disease. Then you shall say concerning it ... death is approaching”

The clear mentioning of referred pain and dim prognosis speak of either angina or myocardial infarction, and the fact that there was no know effective cure.

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