CHEST PAIN RULES

- Perform ECG on all patients (age >30) with CHEST PAIN (typical or atypical) **as soon as possible (WITHIN 10mins)** after arrival. Remember, some patients who look well are having an MI!
- Get ECG reported by a doctor ASAP. Make sure (s)he writes his/her interpretation and signs it with name in block letters and time reported as well.
- If patient has an acute myocardial infarction, **thrombolyse (if appropriate) IMMEDIATELY.**
- If uncertain about thrombolysis decision ask a **SENIOR IMMEDIATELY.**
- If thrombolysis takes longer than 30 minutes from arrival you **must document why this occurred on the chest pain form.** You must record the team (doctor and nurse) taking care of the patient in Resus responsible for thrombolysis. If this is not documented clearly this will be regarded as a critical incident.
- If you would like individual feedback on your thrombolysis performance please ask Ian Barlow. He will generate one for you.