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Risk Factor Profile Of Young Adults With Acute Myocardial Infarction: A Preliminary Finding

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Introduction: Acute myocardial infarction (AMI) is a major cause of death around the world. There are limited studies of risk factor profile in young adults with AMI. This study aimed to assess the risk factor profile of young adults with AMI at the emergency department of Hospital Tengku Ampuan Afzan (HTAA), Kuantan, Pahang. This is a preliminary result of young adults (age between 18 to 45 years old) who presented to the emergency department of HTAA. Materials and **Methods:** This cross-sectional study was conducted in HTAA from the 31st July 2017 to the 11th June 2018 involving 709 patients who were diagnosed with AMI. Seventy seven patients were less than 45 years old. However, only 55 were recruited for analysis who fulfilled the inclusion and exclusion criteria. Results: The prevalence of young adults with AMI was 10.9% with mean age of 38.8 ± 5.1 years old and 96.4% were male. Eighty percent of the patients were Malay followed by 10.9% Chinese and 9.1% were Indian. 83.6% were married while 14.5% were unmarried and 1.8% were divorcees. Majority of patients (81.8%) had income less than RM4000. The common risk factors of young adults with AMI presented to HTAA was smoking (80%) followed by increased waist circumference (54.5%), obesity (52.7%), hypertension (40%), hypercholesterolaemia (27.2%), family history of ischaemic heart disease (27.2%), and diabetes mellitus (21.8%). Conclusion: AMI in young adults almost exclusively occurs in male. Smoking and obesity were the most common risk factors in young adults with AMI in HTAA.