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Heart attack

National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse (NDIC)

Definitions

Blood vessels

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A condition in which the **blood vessels** to the heart become totally or partially blocked by fatty deposits. When the blood supply is cut off or reduced, oxygen and other needed supplies can't get through. Then heart muscle can die. Also called a **myocardial infarction**.