

## Aortic Dissection

### Definition

A disruption of the aortic wall that causes blood to leave the true arterial lumen, either to enter a false lumen between the intima and the deeper layers of the vessel, or to hemorrhage into the chest or abdomen.

### Disposition

**Type A:** Cardiac Surgery

**Type B:** Cardiology or GIM

### Caveats

If parenteral therapy with invasive BP monitoring are required for blood pressure control, CCU or ICU is a more appropriate level of care.

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## Flowchart

