

Date visited 12/14/12

thefreedictionary.com

PTCA*abbr.*

percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty

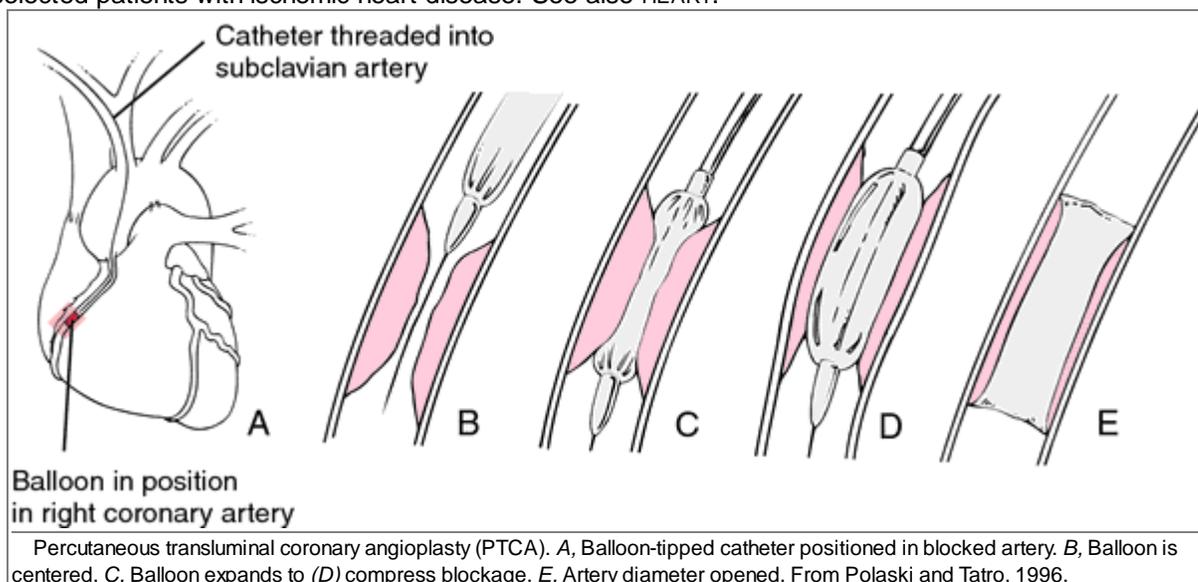
The American Heritage® Medical Dictionary Copyright © 2007, 2004 by Houghton Mifflin Company. Published by Houghton Mifflin Company. All rights reserved.

PTCA,abbreviation for **percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty**.

Mosby's Medical Dictionary, 8th edition. © 2009, Elsevier.

angioplasty [an'je-o-plas'te]

an angiographic procedure for elimination of areas of narrowing in blood vessels.

balloon angioplasty angioplasty in which a balloon CATHETER is inflated inside an artery, stretching the intima and leaving a ragged interior surface after deflation, which triggers a healing response and breaking up of plaque.**percutaneous transluminal angioplasty** a type of balloon angioplasty in which the catheter is inserted through the skin and through the lumen of the vessel to the site of the narrowing.**percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (PTCA)** percutaneous transluminal angioplasty to enlarge the lumen of a sclerotic coronary artery (see accompanying illustration). This provides an alternative to cardiac BYPASS surgery for selected patients with ischemic heart disease. See also HEART.

Miller-Keane Encyclopedia and Dictionary of Medicine, Nursing, and Allied Health, Seventh Edition. © 2003 by Saunders, an imprint of Elsevier, Inc. All rights reserved.

PTCA

Percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty, see there

McGraw-Hill Concise Dictionary of Modern Medicine. © 2002 by The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc.