

12 LEAD ECG INTERPRETATION in

ACUTE CORONARY SYNDROME

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Paramedics Christ Megoulas and Wayne Ruppert, Hershey, PA Fire Department, 1982

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SESSION ONE:

*"Laying the FOUNDATION
of your EKG ASSESSMENT
SKILLS"*

1. THE EKG IN
PERSPECTIVE

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and PHYSIOLOGY

3. BASIC EKG
PRINCIPLES

4. WAVEFORMS and
INTERVALS

5. QRS PATTERNS

6. BUNDLE BRANCH
BLOCKS

7. FACTORS EFFECTING
THE EKG

8. STRUCTURED APPROACH
TO EKG EVALUATION

9. EVALUATING RATE
and RHYTHM

10. AXIS DEVIATION

11. AXIS ROTATION and
R-WAVE PROGRESSION



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THE ACUTE CORONARY SYNDROMES



- **STEMI**
- **NSTEMI**
- **UNSTABLE ANGINA / OBSTRUCTIVE C.A.D.**

+ BRUGADA SYNDROME

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..... *But NOT Today !*

Curriculum Development:

- Didactic Materials:

“Practical Electrocardiography” by Galen Wagner, MD and
Henry J. L. Marriott, MD

“Practical Electrophysiology” by Richard Fogoros, MD

70+ current Medical Journal article citations: primary sources
NEJM, JACC, JAMA, AHA Circulation, + others

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1997 – TODAY

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- INTERPRET 12 Lead ECGs.
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- IDENTIFY 13 PATTERNS associated with myocardial ischemia and infarction, including the most subtle ECG changes often missed by clinicians and the ECG machine's computerized interpretation software.
- CORRELATE each lead of the ECG with specific regions of the heart – and the CORONARY ARTERIAL DISTRIBUTION that commonly supplies it. In cases of STEM, this knowledge prepares you to ANTICIPATE the FAILURE OF CRITICAL CARDIAC STRUCTURES – often BEFORE THEY FAIL.

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- Fellows in Emergency, Cardiology, and Family Medicine
- Medical Residents
- Veteran Physicians wanting a good review in ACE patient evaluation
- Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners
- Emergency Department Nurses
- Coronary Care Unit and Cardiac Telemetry Nurses
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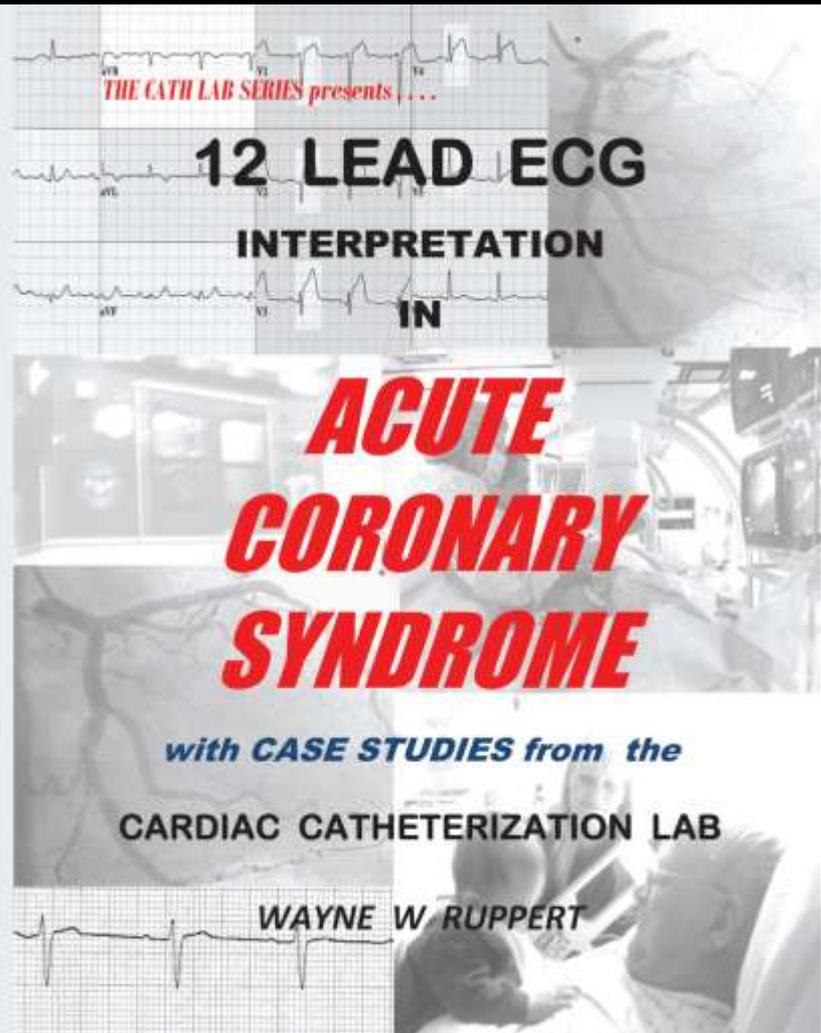
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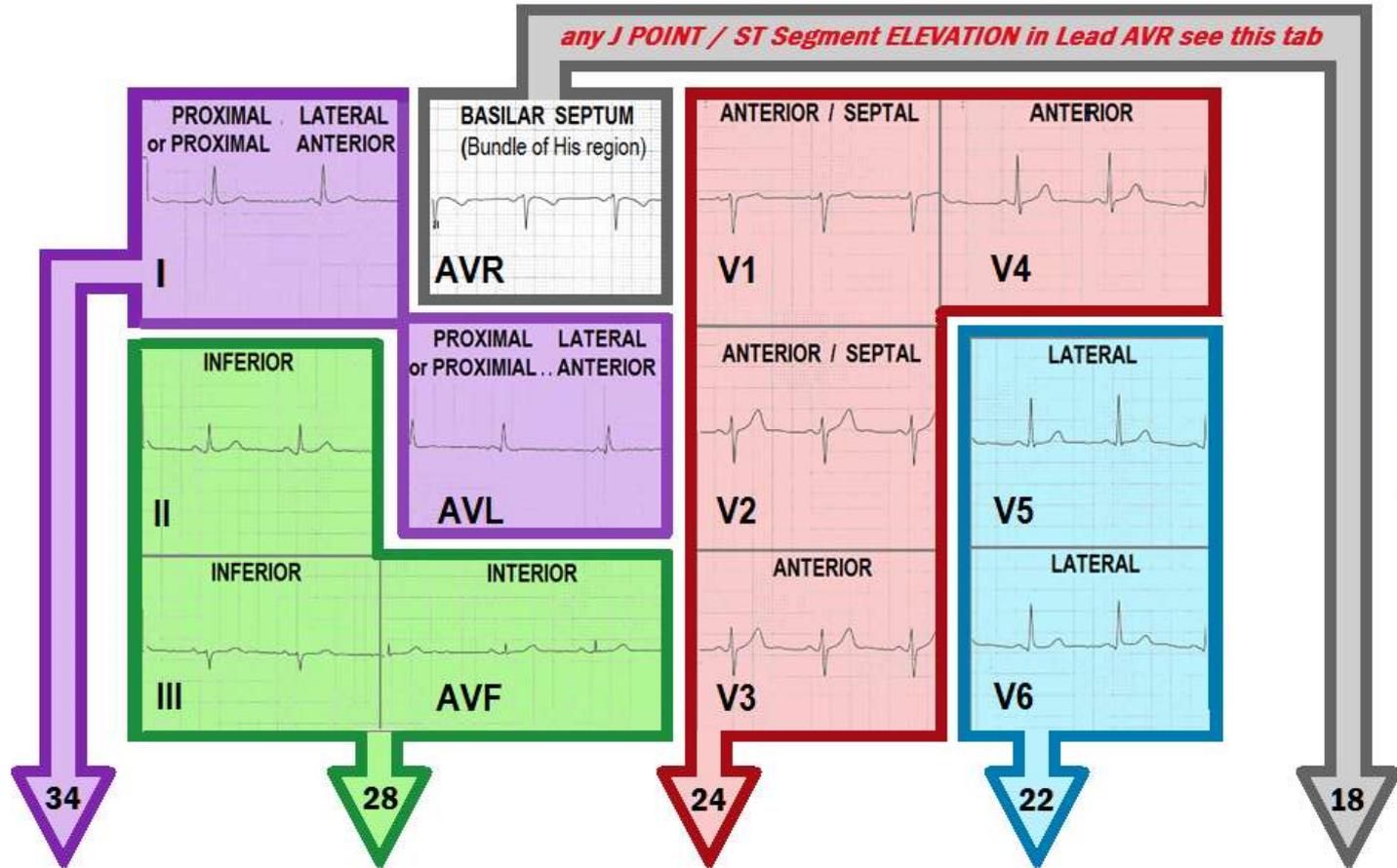
STEMI Assistant

by Wayne Ruppert

UNIVERSAL ACS PATIENT MANAGEMENT ALGORITHM
--- See PAGE ONE ---

Select LEAD SET with HIGHEST ST ELEVATION and open to associated page . . .

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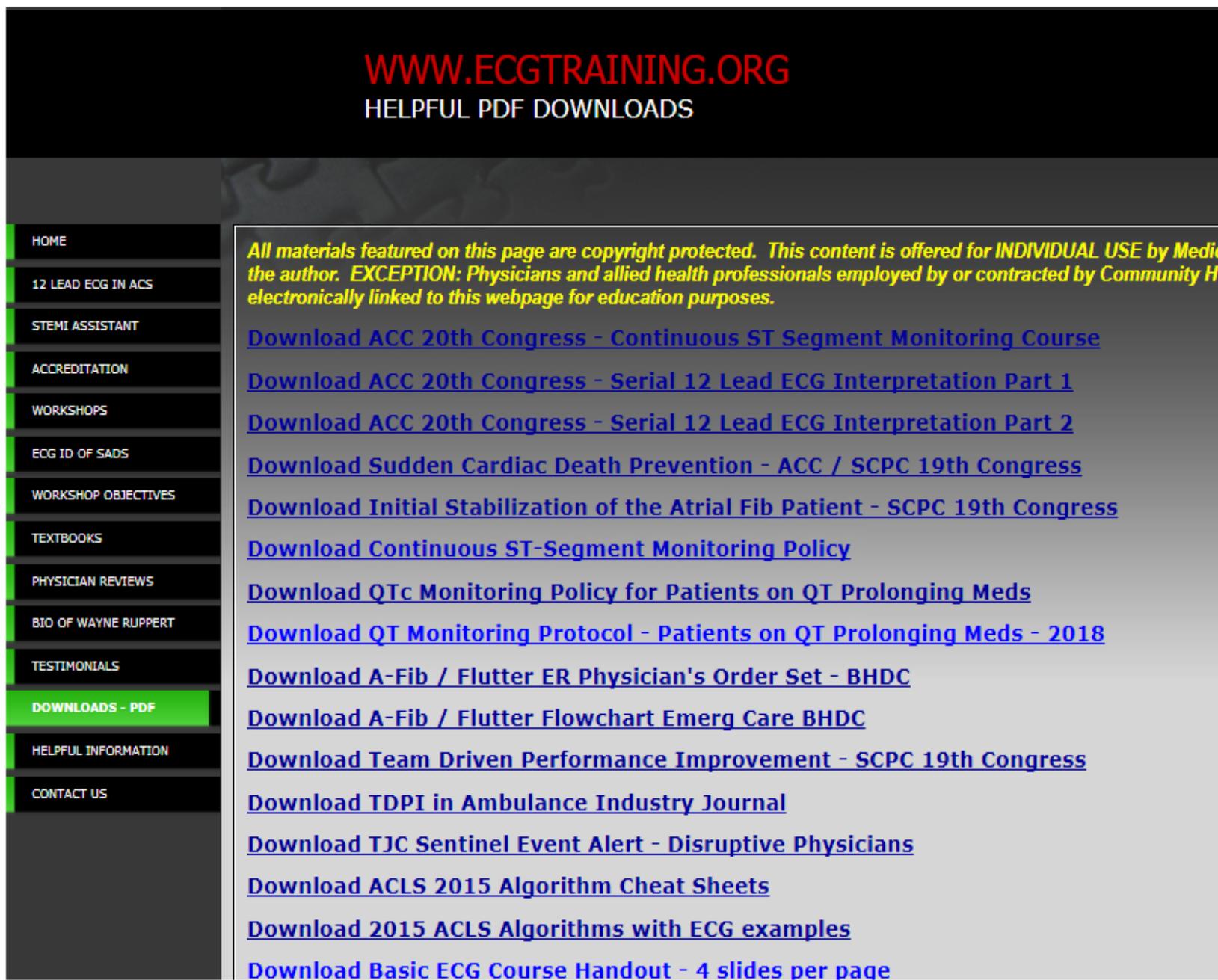
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The EKG in PERSPECTIVE

- 1. Much development in the 1950s and 60s, and at that time, EKGs were the primary diagnostic tool.**
- 2. Today we have better diagnostic tools (e.g. ECHO, CARDIAC CATH, EP STUDIES) that sometimes conflict with traditional EKG-made diagnoses.**
- 3. Some EKG findings are more accurate and reliable than others .**

AND . . .

The EKG in PERSPECTIVE

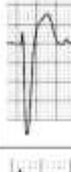
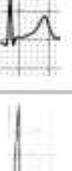
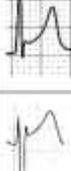
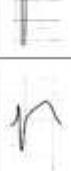
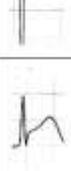
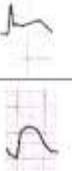
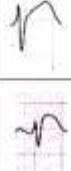
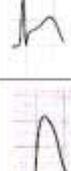
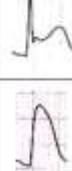
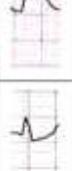
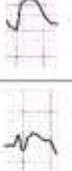
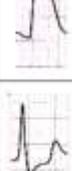
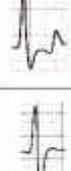
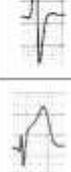
PROBLEMS WITH EKGs . . .

↓ **SENSITIVITY**
(FALSE NEGATIVES)

↓ **SPECIFICITY**
(FALSE POSITIVES)

AND . . .

ST SEGMENT ELEVATION DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS

CASE INFORMATION:	I	III	V1	V2	V3	V5	REFERENCE NOTES:
NORMAL "MALE PATTERN" ST ELEVATION - 38 y/o MALE, no CAD 							In a study of 529 men ages 16-24, 93% had ST ELEVATION of >1mm in LEADS V1 - V4. 20% of women had the same finding. - J SURAWICZ, et al, J AM COLL CARDIOL 2002;40:1870-76
LEFT BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK, 46 y/o FEMALE no CAD 							A common finding in patients with QRS > 120 ms with LBBB pattern is ST ELEVATION > 1mm. This includes most PACED RHYTHMS (RV Lead)
EARLY REPOLARIZATION 36 y/o MALE no CAD 							In many healthy young men (mostly black men) this ST pattern is often noted. - KAMBARA, et al, J AM COLL CARDIOL 1976;38:157-61
LEFT VENTRICULAR HYPERTROPHY 61 y/o FEMALE no CAD 							In LVH, the deeper the S WAVE, the GREATER the ST ELEVATION. May present with QS in precordial leads. ST segments CONCAVE - WANG, et al, N ENGL J MED 2003;349:1128-35
PERICARDITIS 41 y/o MALE no CAD 							ST ELEVATION diffusely elevated in throughout 12 lead EKG. Often PR segment ↑ aVR and ↓ Lead II. - WANG, et al, N ENGL J MED 2003;349:1128-35
MYOCARDITIS 30 y/o FEMALE no CAD 							ST ELEVATION in ACUTE MYOCARDITIS can mimick that of ACUTE MI. - SPODICK et al, CIRCULATION 1995;91:1886-87
HYPERKALEMIA (K+ 8.6) 53 y/o MALE no CAD 							HYPERKALEMIA can mimic EKG findings of AMI. Other findings include TALL, PEAKED T WAVES - LEVINE, et al, CIRCULATION 1956;13:29-36
BRUGADA SYNDROME 36 y/o FEMALE no CAD 							Genetic disorder responsible for 40-60% of all idiopathic V-FIB. Recognizable V1-V3 pattern. - BRUGADA & BRUGADA et al, J AM COLL CARDIOL 1992;20:1391-96
ACUTE ANTERIOR WALL MI 52 y/o MALE - MID LAD OCCLUSION 							ACUTE ST SEGMENT ELEVATION MI (STEMI) characterized by: - ST ELEVATION of >1mm in 2 or more contiguous leads. - ST segments usually CONVEX

EKGs in PERSPECTIVE, con't:

In my personal experience, the reliability of the following EKG findings are:

Heart Rates	- Extremely accurate
Heart Blocks	- Extremely accurate
Bundle Branch Blocks	- Extremely accurate
Acute MI	- Usually accurate
Old MI (necrosis)	- Usually accurate
Pericarditis	- Usually accurate
Ischemia	- Somewhat accurate
V-tach vs. SVT abberancy	- Not very accurate
Fascicular Blocks	- Not very accurate
Chamber Hypertrophy	- Not very accurate



EKGs in PERSPECTIVE, con't:



One of the MOST MISLEADING scenarios of all is when the EKG APPEARS PERFECTLY NORMAL . . .



. . . but MASKS serious, LIFE - THREATENING CONDITIONS.



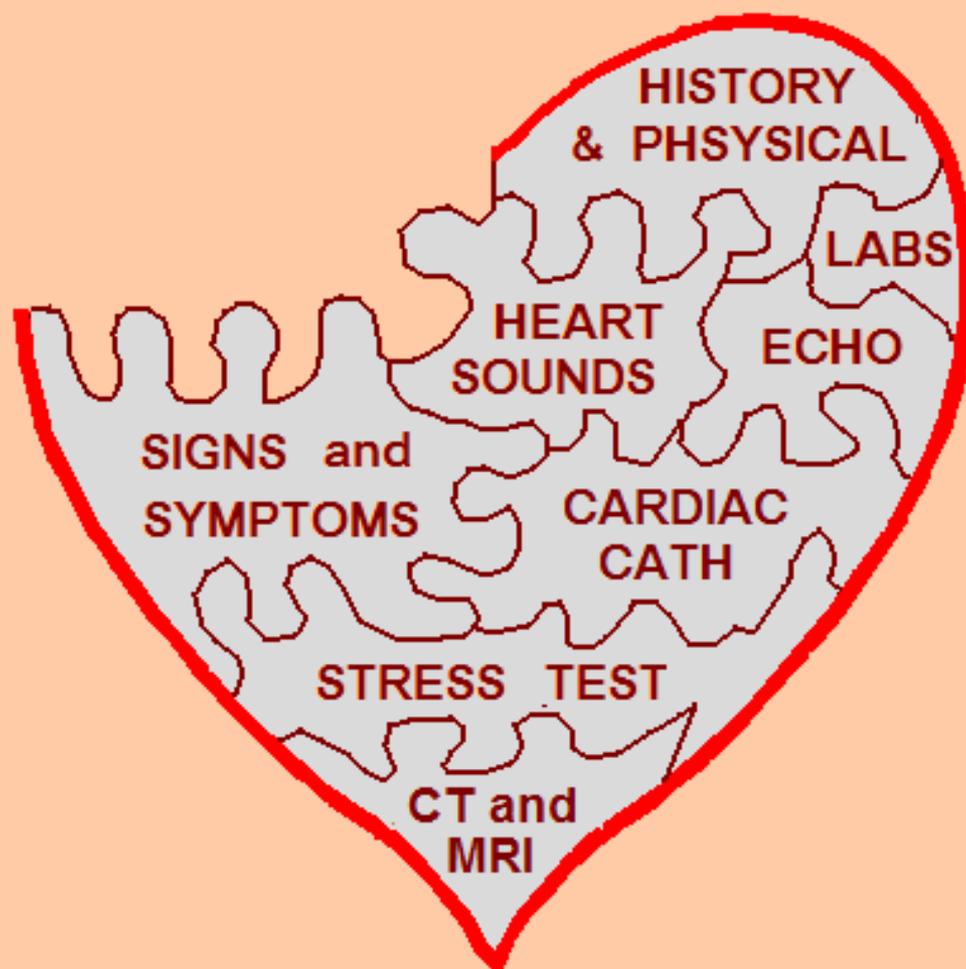
that is why YOU must do a THOROUGH PATIENT EVALUATION . . . and have a HIGH INDEX OF SUSPICION ! ! !



**DESPITE ALL OF OUR
TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES IN
DIAGNOSTIC CARDIOLOGY.....**

***THE 12 LEAD EKG IS THE
QUICKEST AND MOST
COST-EFFICIENT FRONT-
LINE TRIAGE TOOL THAT
WE HAVE TODAY.***

**REMEMBER Keep the ECG Results in
PROPER PERSPECTIVE**

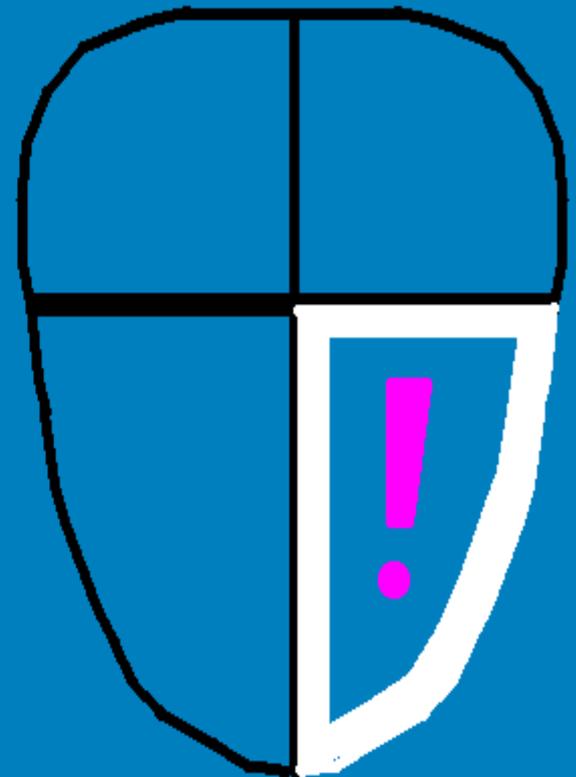


**REMEMBER . . .
it's only
ONE PIECE
of the
DIAGNOSTIC
PUZZLE !**

**THE CHAMBER MOST IMPORTANT
TO KEEPING THE PATIENT ALIVE**

**(and the ONLY one
you can't live
without)**

**IS THE
LEFT VENTRICLE
WHICH WE WILL REFER
TO AS THE PUMP**



CARDIAC ANATOMY and PHYSIOLOGY "101"

VENTRICULAR MUSCLE CELL ACTION POTENTIAL

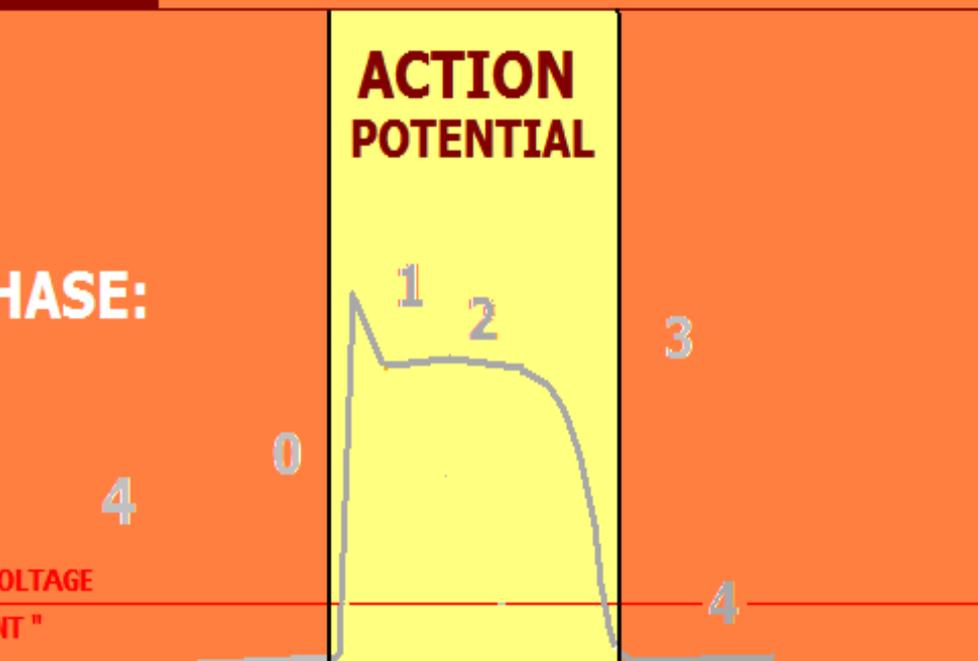
PHASE:

**ACTION
POTENTIAL**

CELL " STATUS: "

- 4 • CELL REPOLARIZED
- -80 to -90 mV CHARGE
- SLIGHT " LEAKAGE " OF IONS
- 0 • RAPID INFLUX OF + CHARGED SODIUM IONS
- CELL DEPOLARIZATION
- 1 • SODIUM EXITS CELL
- REPOLARIZATION BEGINS
- 2 • CALCIUM IONS CONTINUE TO ENTER CELL
- 3 • CALCIUM CHANNELS CLOSE

THRESHOLD VOLTAGE
" TRIGGER POINT "



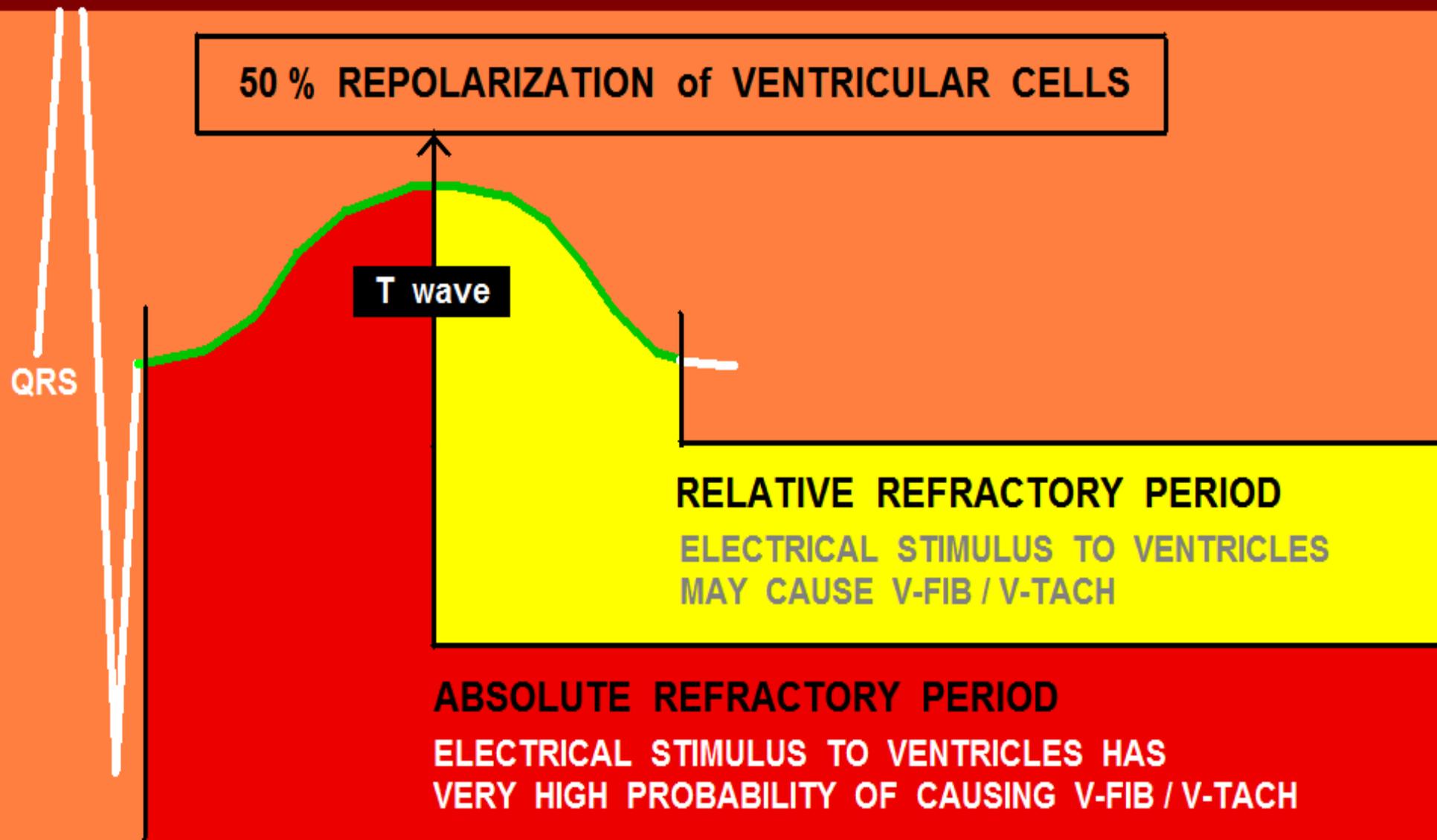
ECG

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**THE ACTION POTENTIAL
(OF VENTRICULAR MUSCLE CELLS)
IS ROUGHLY EQUAL TO
THE Q - T INTERVAL**

CARDIAC ANATOMY and PHYSIOLOGY "101"



ROUTINE TEST OF ICD

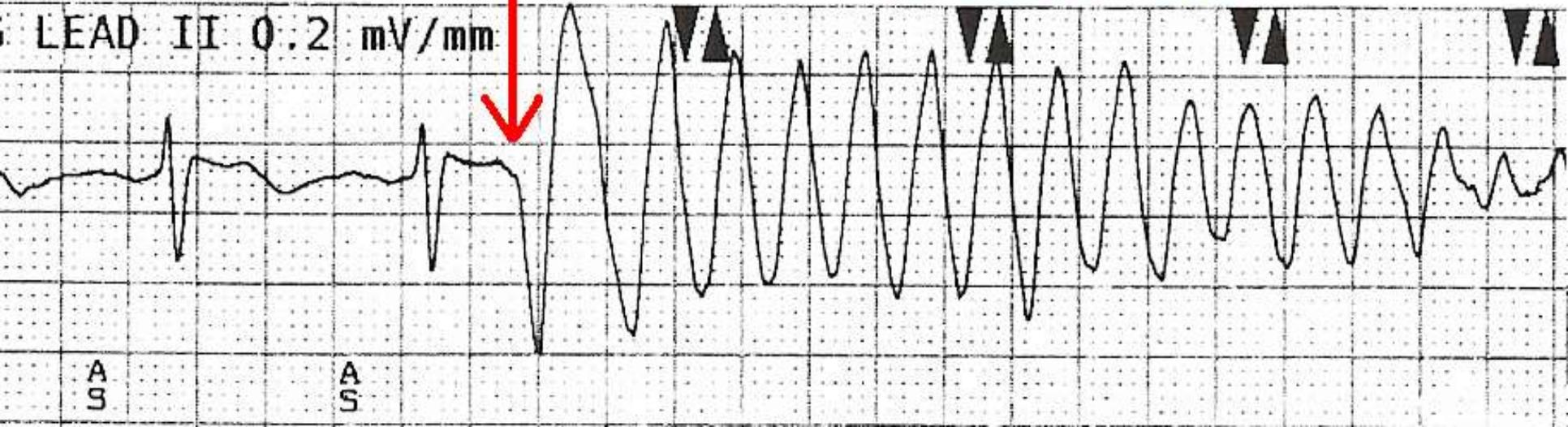
ELECTRICAL IMPULSE
ADMINISTERED DURING ABSOLUTE
REFRACTORY PERIOD -- INDUCES
VENTRICULAR FIBRILLATION

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Test Started

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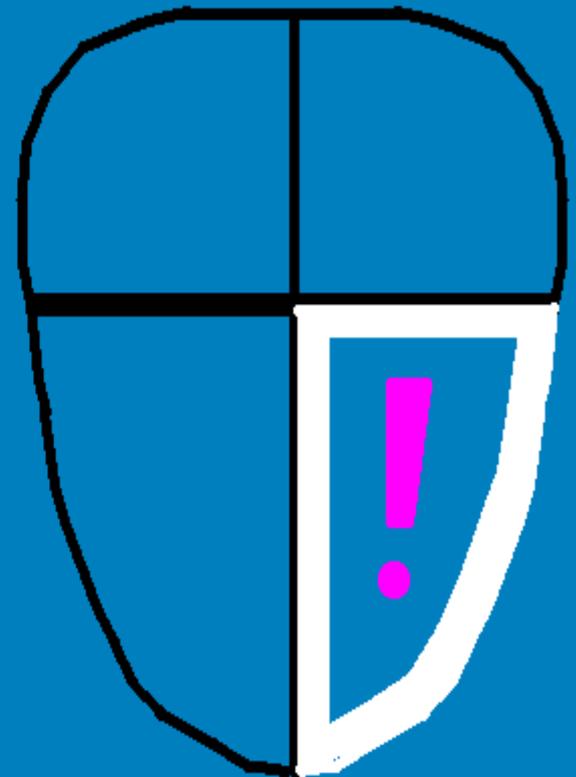
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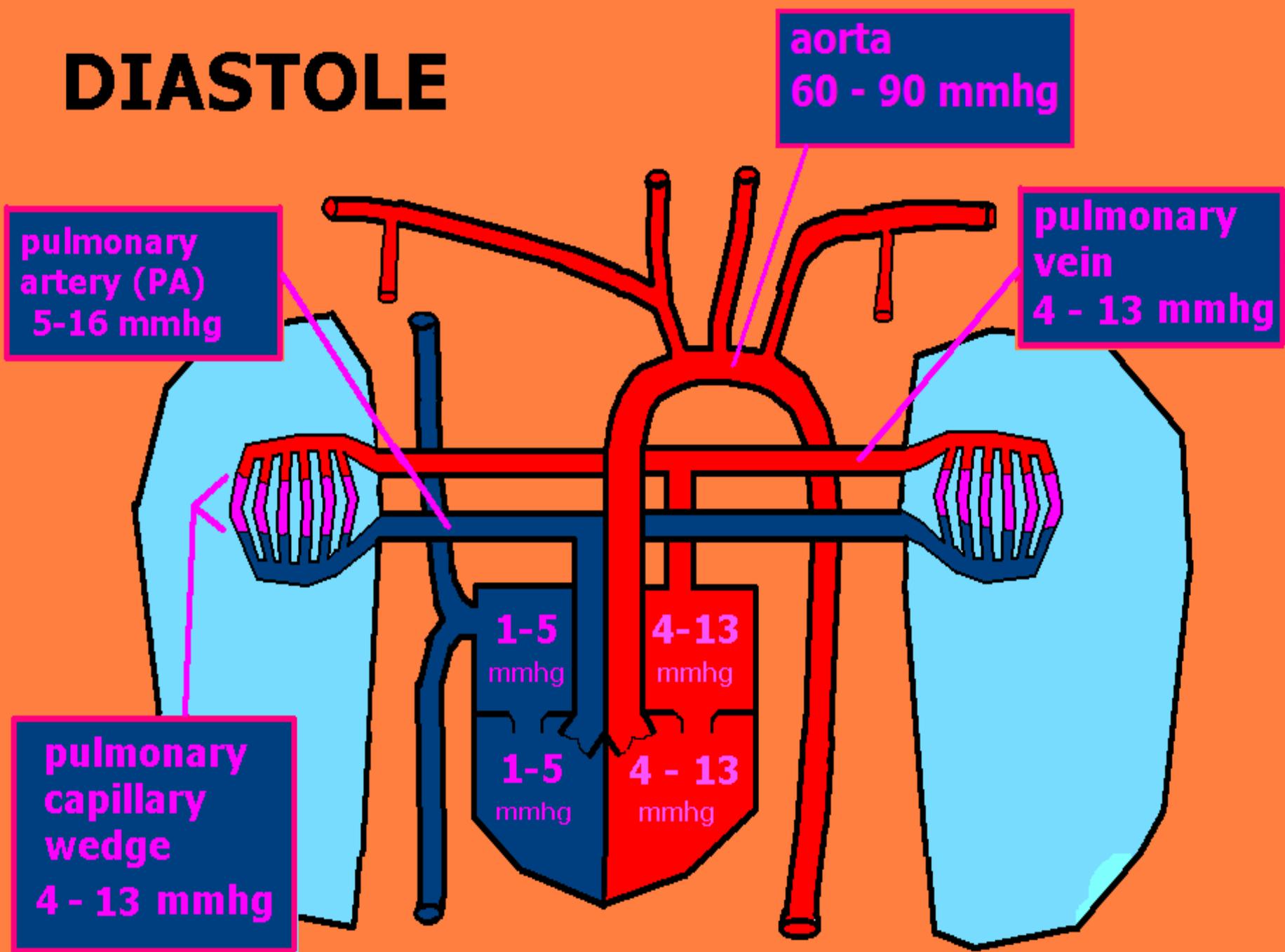
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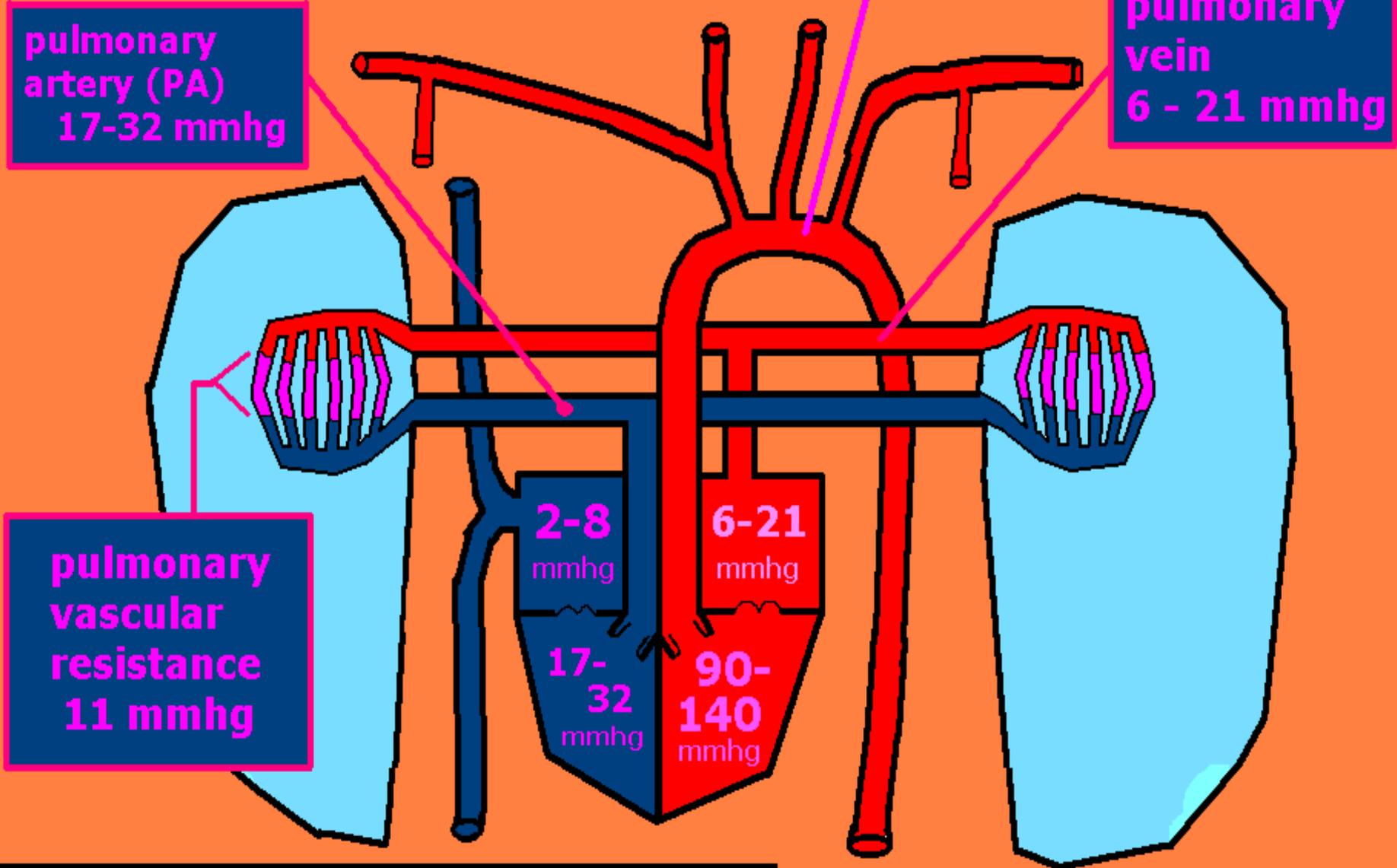
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DIASTOLE



VENTRICULAR SYSTOLE



VERY

BASIC HEART SOUNDS ASSESSMENT

**ABNORMAL EKG CHANGES THAT
MAY PRESENT WITH ABNORMAL
HEART SOUNDS:**

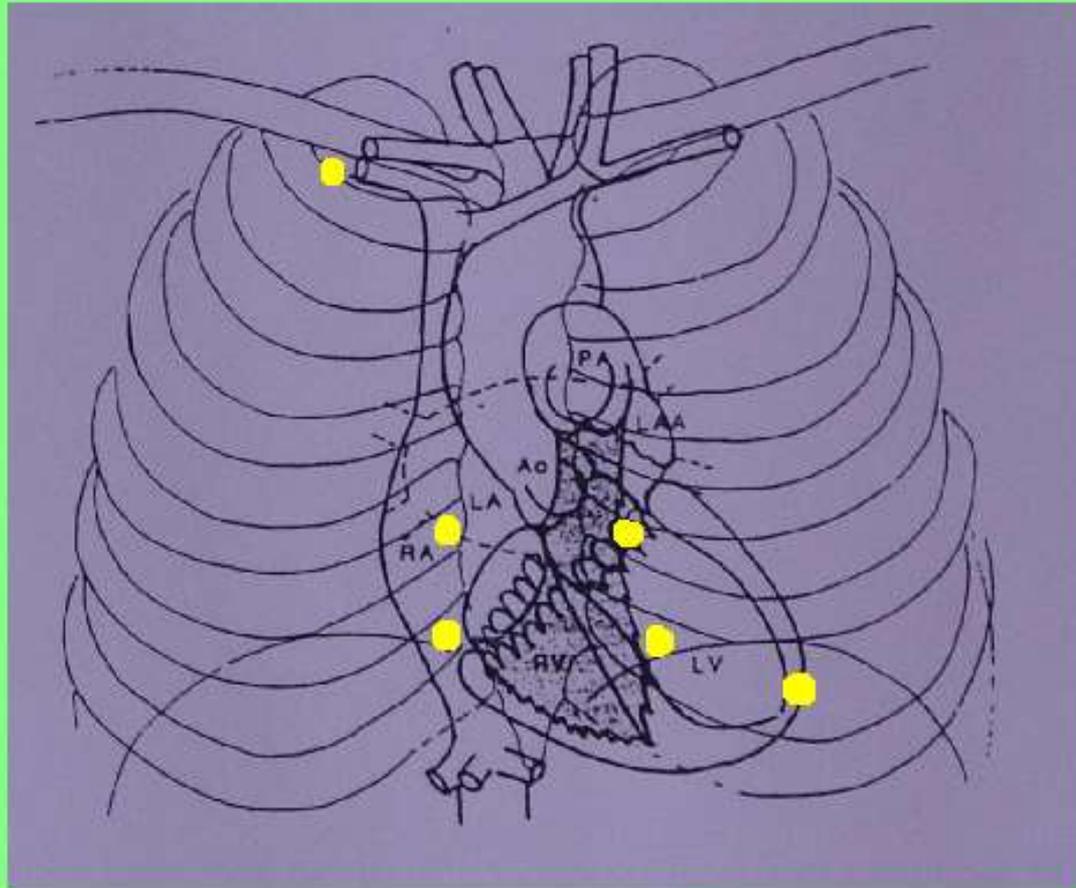
- **ACUTE MI**
- **CHAMBER HYPERTROPHY**
- **RECENT MI (NECROSIS)**
- **PERICARDITIS**



HEART SOUNDS ASSESSMENT



HEART SOUNDS ASSESSMENT



VERY

BASIC HEART SOUNDS ASSESSMENT

- ❑ **Normal Heart Sounds**
- ❑ **Murmurs**
 - systolic
 - diastolic
- ❑ **Friction Rubs**



SCOTT DAVIDSON, RN auscultating heart sounds at St. Joseph's Hospital Heart Institute Tampa, FL

HEART SOUNDS ASSESSMENT

HEART SOUNDS ARE GENERATED BY THE SOUND OF THE HEART VALVES CLOSING.

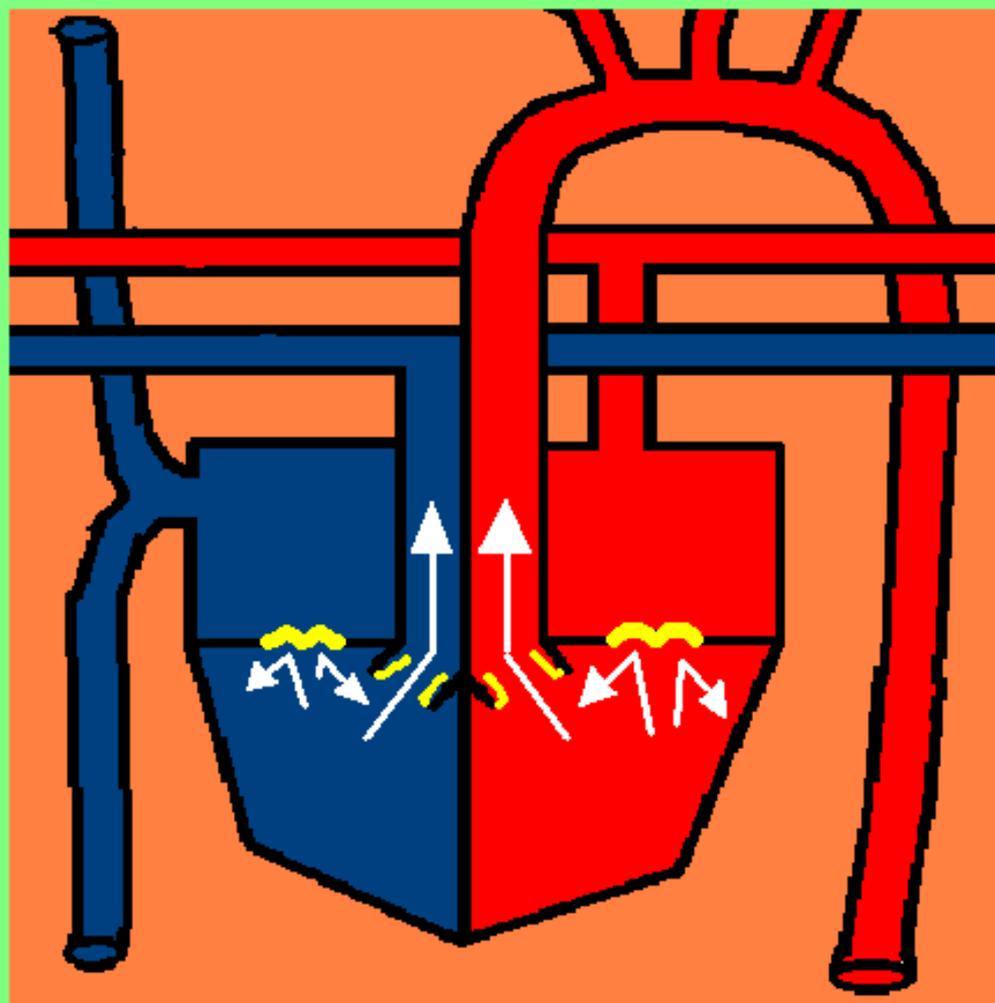
THERE ARE TWO NORMAL HEART SOUNDS,
KNOWN AS: S-1 and S-2

WE OFTEN DESCRIBE THESE HEART SOUNDS
AS "LUB - DUP"

HEART SOUNDS ASSESSMENT

**S-1
BEGINNING
OF
SYSTOLE.**

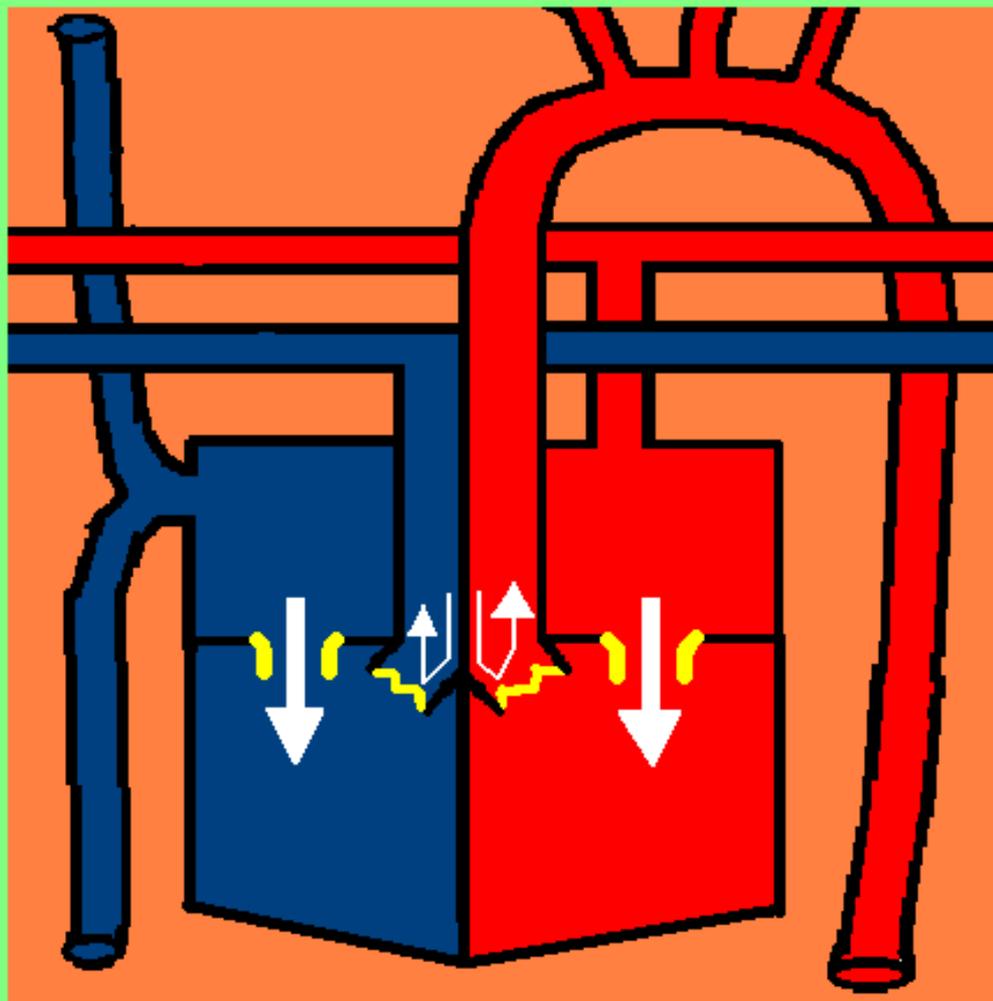
**SOUND OF
THE
MITRAL
AND
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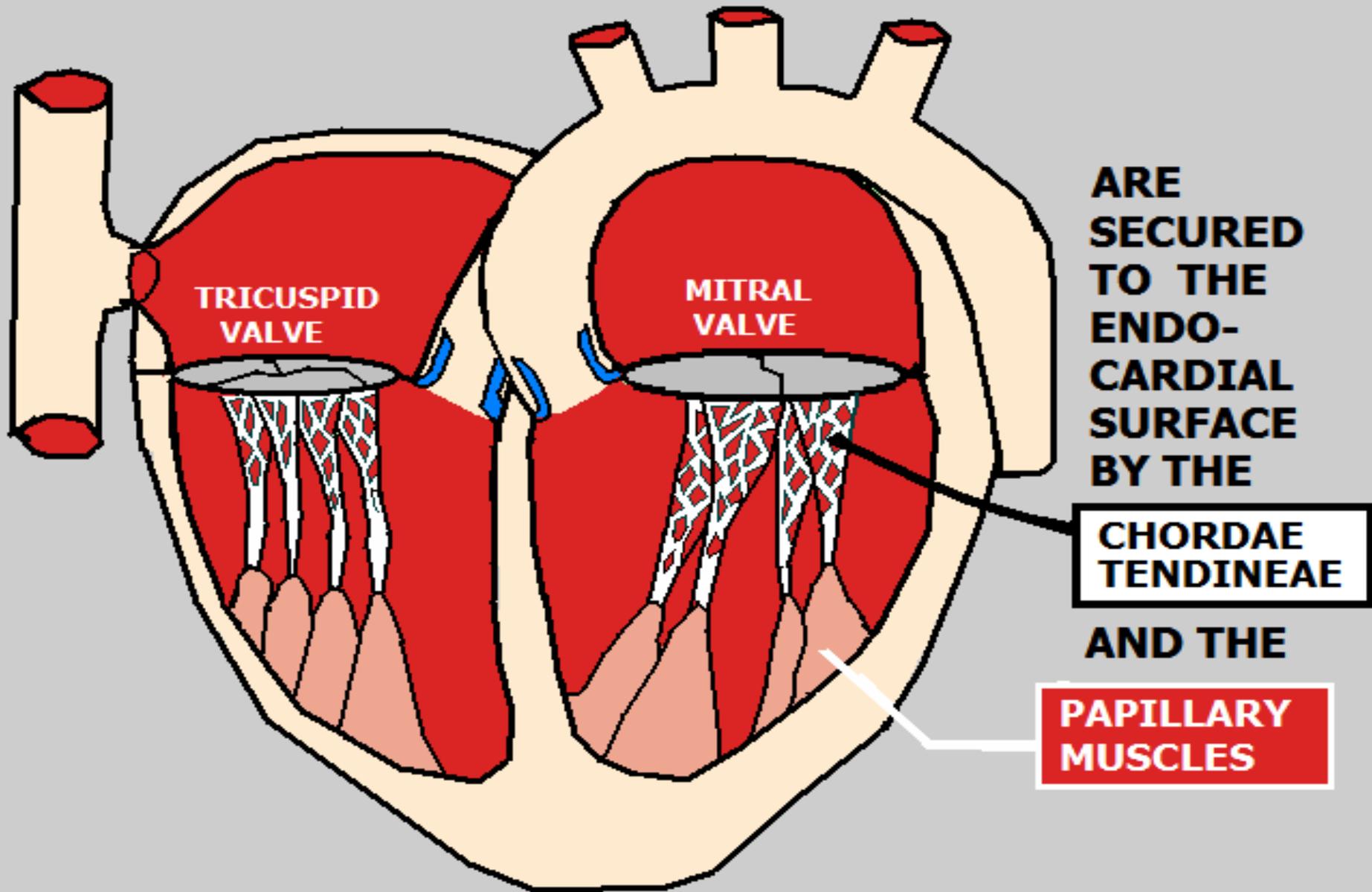
HEART SOUNDS ASSESSMENT

**S-2 OCCURS
AT THE END
OF SYSTOLE
(THE BEGINNING
OF DIASTOLE).**

**IT IS THE
SOUND OF THE
AORTIC AND
PULMONARY
VALVES
CLOSING.**



ATRIO-VENTRICULAR VALVES



ARE
SECURED
TO THE
ENDO-
CARDIAL
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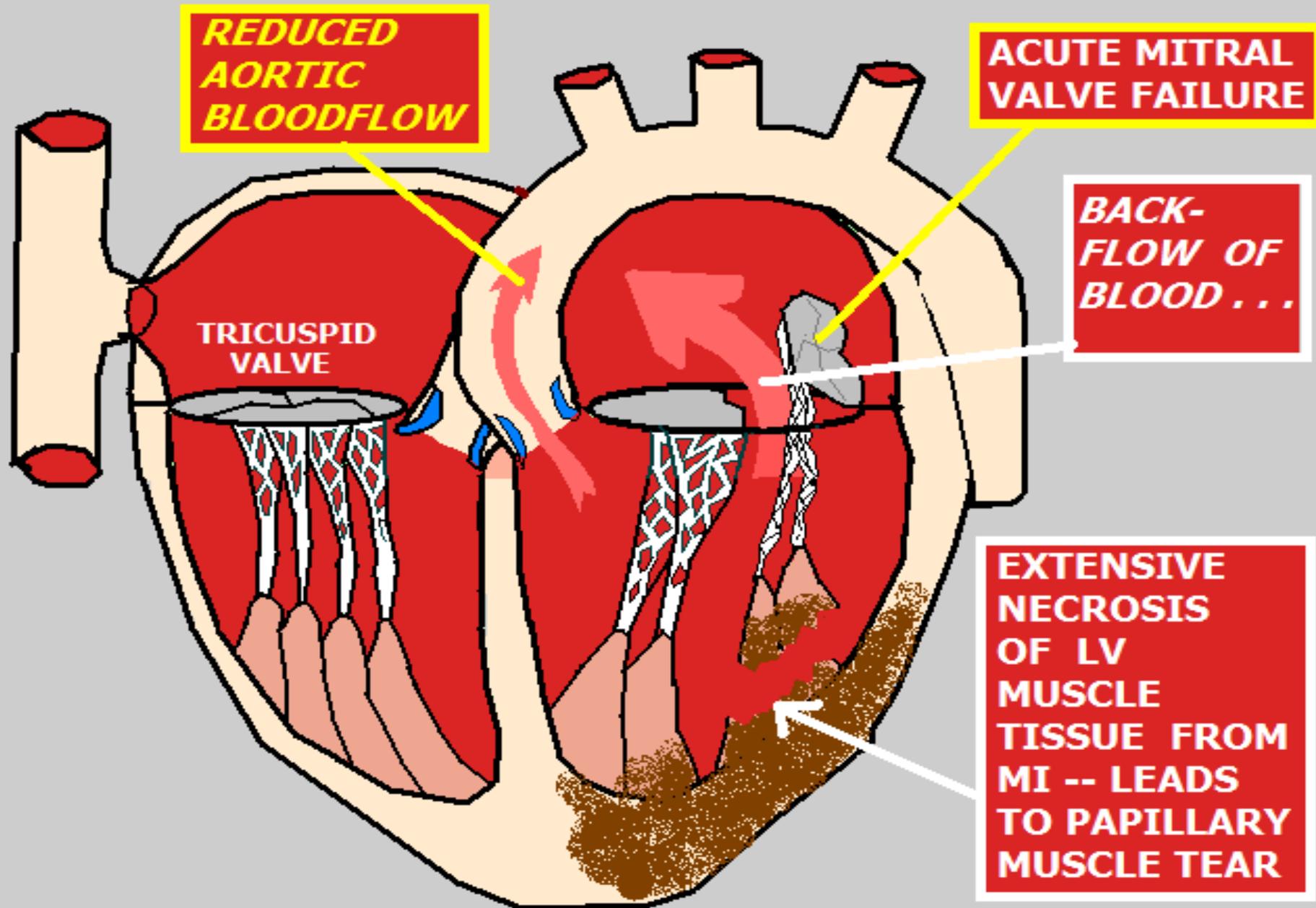
CHORDAE
TENDINEAE

AND THE

PAPILLARY
MUSCLES

ACUTE MITRAL REGURGITATION

DURING VENTRICULAR SYSTOLE



BASIC HEART SOUNDS ASSESSMENT

**MURMUR = "SWOOSH"
SOUND CAUSED BY THE
SOUND OF TURBULENCE.**

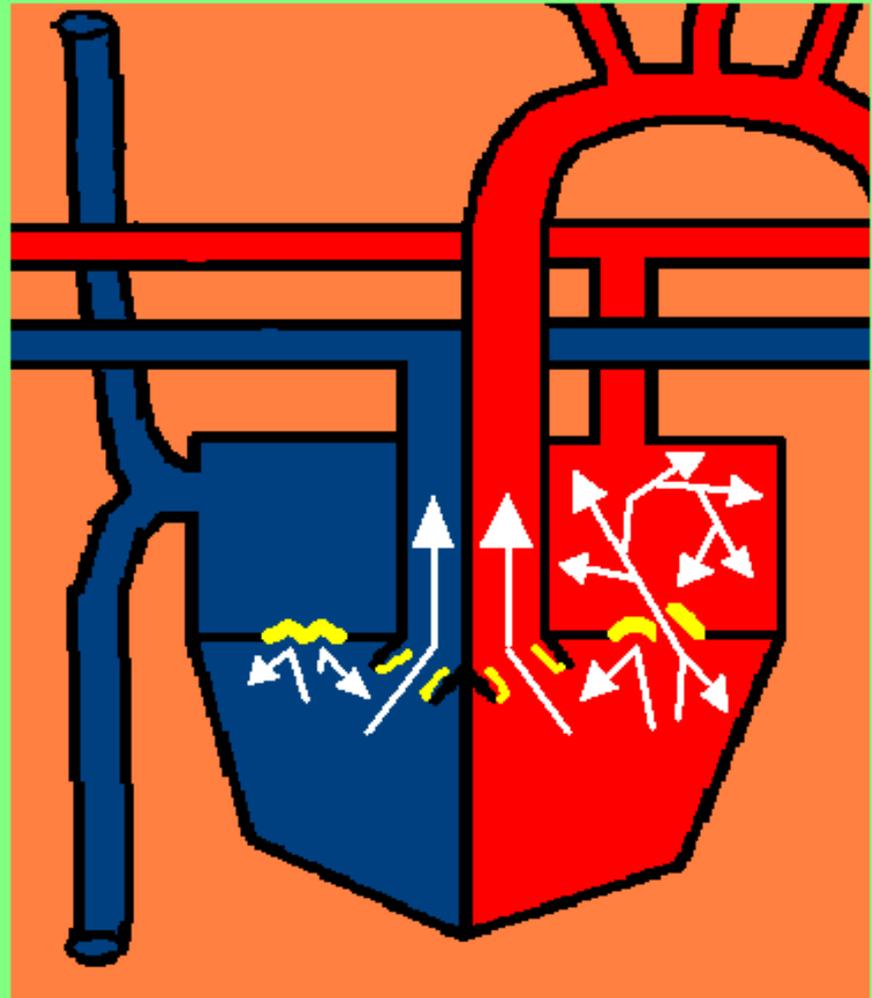
S-1 MURMUR SOUNDS LIKE:

**"SWOOSH-DUB SWOOSH-
DUB SWOOSH-DUB
SWOOSH-DUB"**



CAUSE OF SYSTOLIC (S 1) MURMUR

- ❑ **DAMAGE TO MITRAL and/or TRICUSPID VALVE(s)**
- ❑ **CAUSES REGURGITATION**



❑ **MOST SYSTOLIC MURMURS
CAUSED BY MITRAL VALVE
FAILURE.**

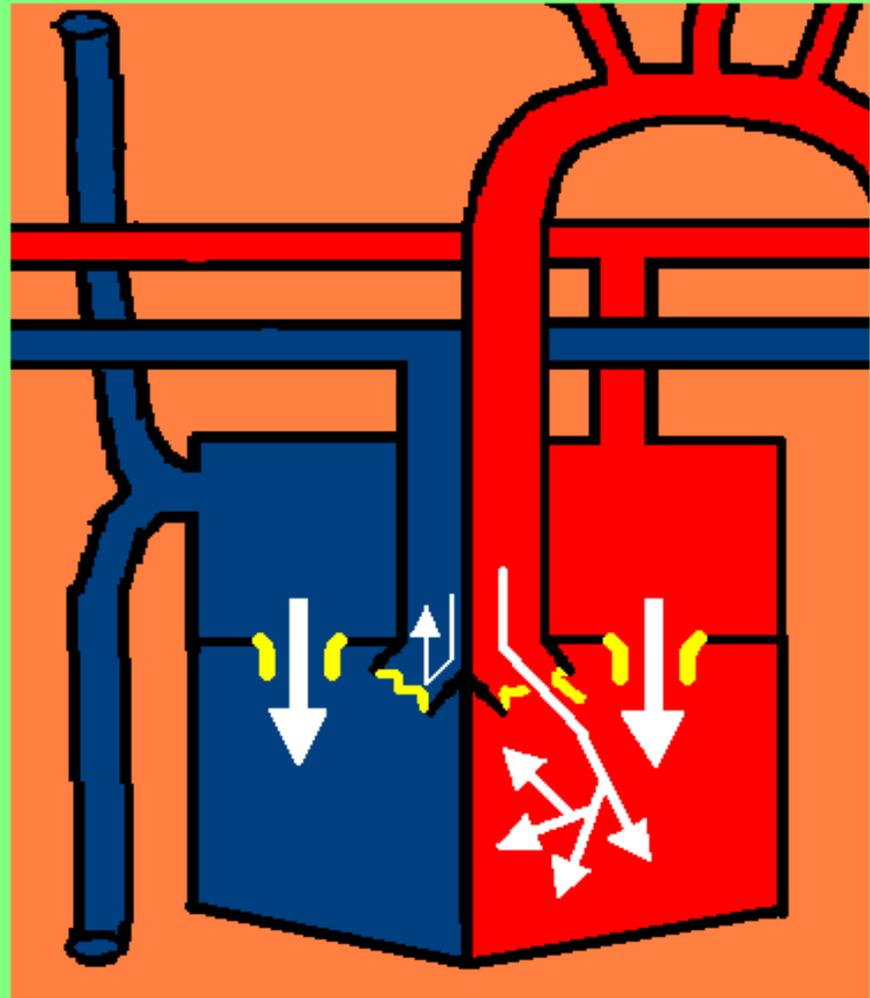


**ACUTE MITRAL VALVE
REGURGITATION IS A
POTENTIALLY LETHAL
COMPLICATION OF
ACUTE / RECENT
EXTENSIVE TRANSMURAL MI**

**ACUTE MITRAL VALVE RUPTURE USUALLY OCCURS 7-10 DAYS POST EXTENSIVE MI
(e.g.: INFERIOR POSTERIOR LATERAL MI).**

CAUSE OF DIASTOLIC (S_2) MURMUR

- ❑ **DAMAGE TO AORTIC and/or PULMONIC VALVE(S)**
- ❑ **CAUSES REGURGITATION**



BASIC HEART SOUNDS ASSESSMENT

**MURMUR = "SWOOSH"
SOUND CAUSED BY THE
SOUND OF TURBULENCE.**



S-2 MURMUR SOUNDS LIKE:

**"LUB-SWOOSH LUB-SWOOSH
. . . .LUB-SWOOSH LUB-
SWOOSH"**

- AORTIC VALVE FAILURE
MOST COMMON CAUSE
OF S-2 MURMUR**

- DUE TO THE HIGHER
PRESSURES OF THE LEFT
SIDE OF THE HEART**

BASIC HEART SOUNDS ASSESSMENT

FRICITION RUB

- ASSOCIATED WITH PERICARDITIS
- SOUNDS LIKE THE GENTLE RUBBING OF SANDPAPER
- HAS 3 COMPONENTS: SYSTOLIC, EARLY, and LATE DIASTOLIC



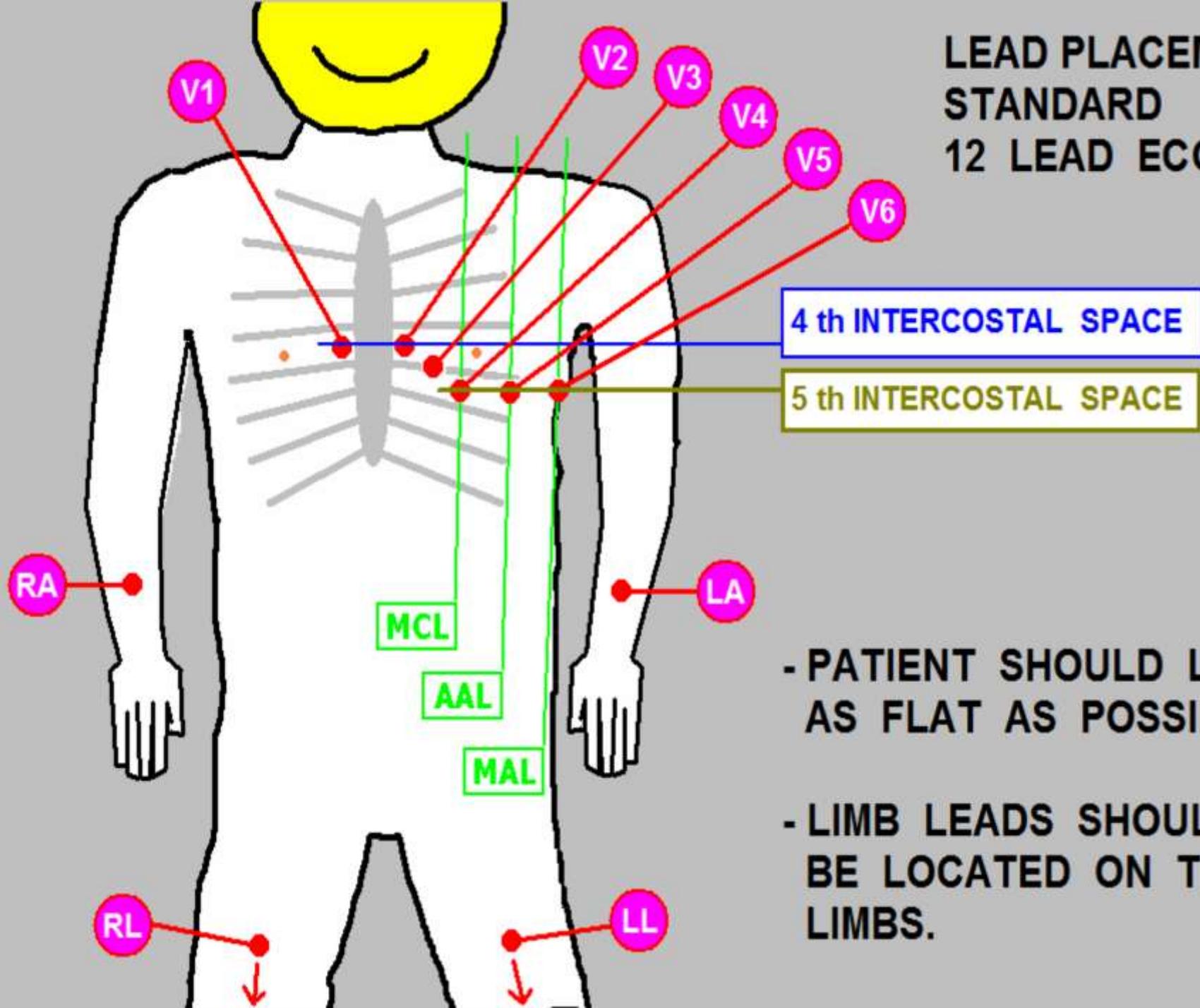
BASIC HEART SOUNDS ASSESSMENT

FRICITION RUB

- IS PRESENT IN MOST ACUTE TRANSMURAL MI PATIENTS
- MAY BE PRESENT WITHIN HOURS AFTER ONSET
- IS TRANSIENT -- MAY LAST FOR A FEW DAYS

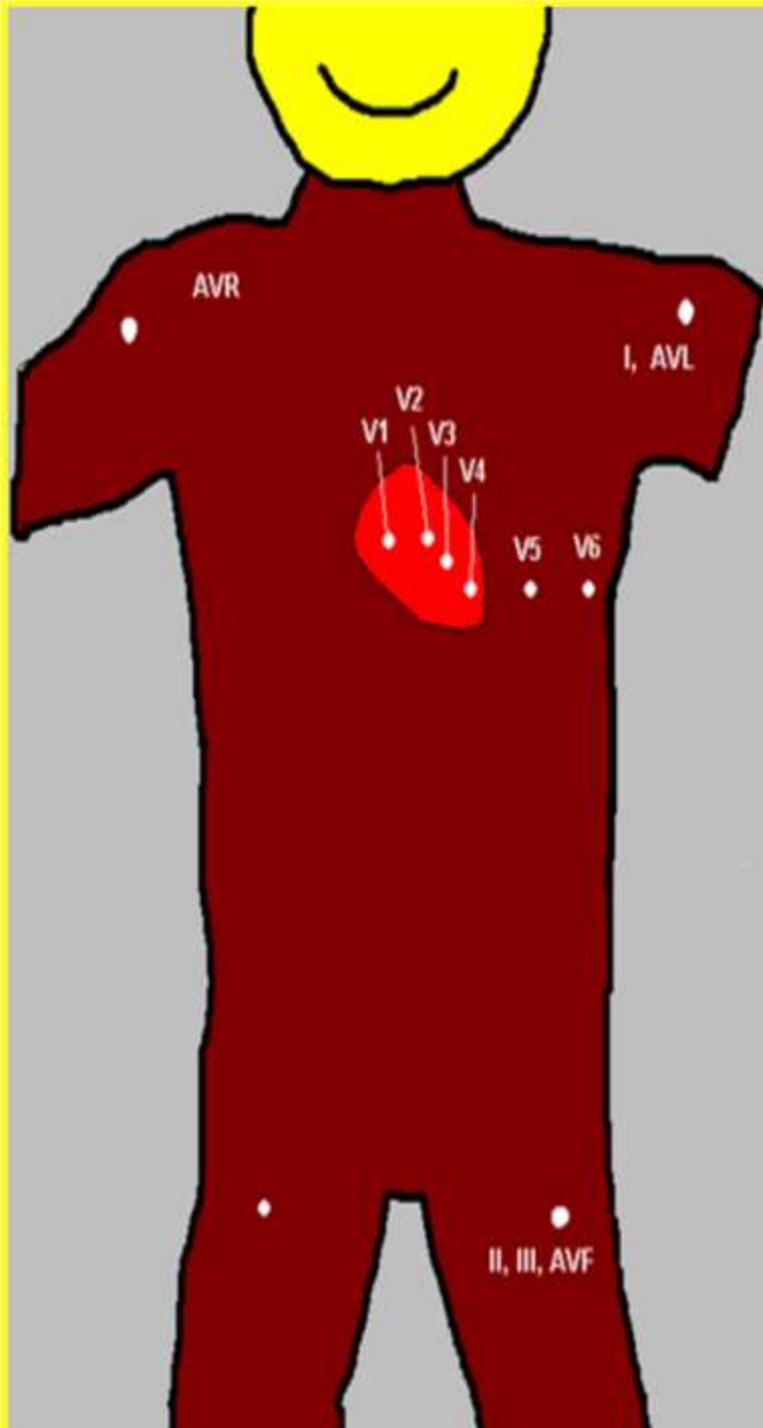


LEAD PLACEMENT STANDARD 12 LEAD ECG



- PATIENT SHOULD LAY AS FLAT AS POSSIBLE.
- LIMB LEADS SHOULD BE LOCATED ON THE LIMBS.

AREAS VIEWED by 12 LEAD ECG



AVR

AVL, I

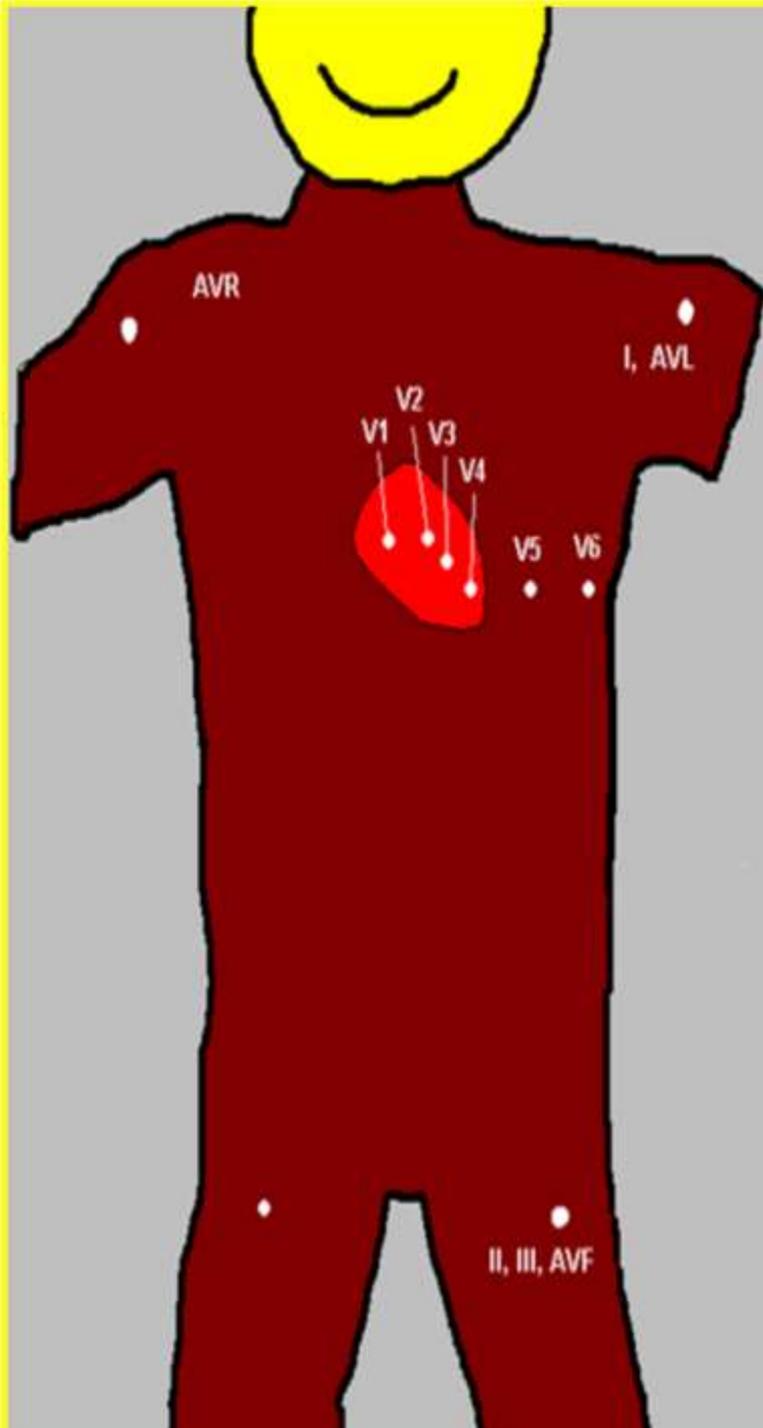
V1, V2

V3, V4

V5, V6

II, III, AVF

AREAS VIEWED by 12 LEAD ECG



AVR *BASILAR SEPTAL*

AVL, I LATERAL
ANTERIOR

V1, V2 ANTERIOR

SEPTAL

POSTERIOR (recip.)

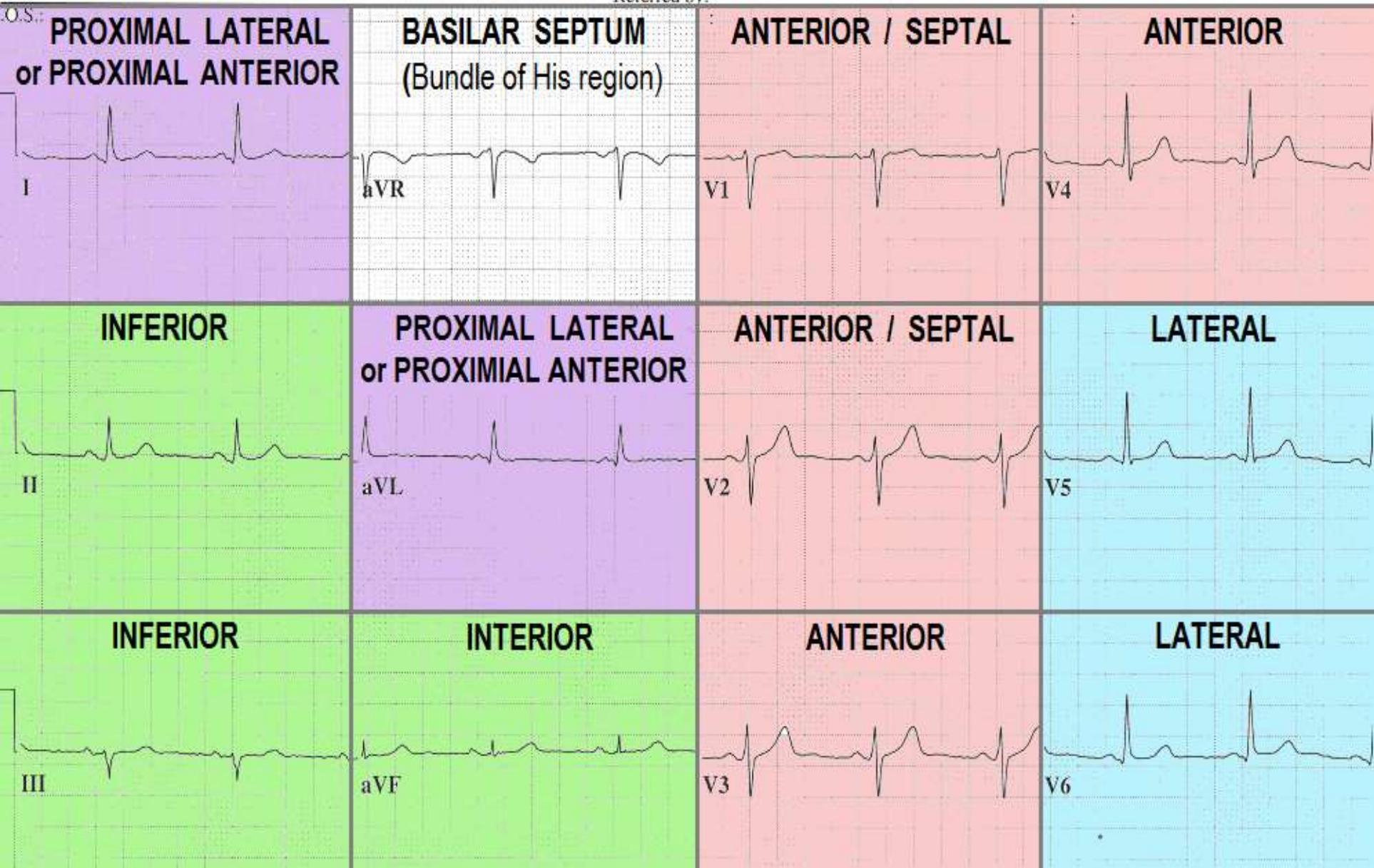
V3, V4 ANTERIOR

V5, V6 LATERAL

II, III, AVF INFERIOR

Vent. rate	64	BPM	Normal sinus rhythm
PR interval	130	ms	Normal ECG
QRS duration	96	ms	No previous ECGs available
QT/QTc	396/408	ms	
P-R-T axes	40 11 61		

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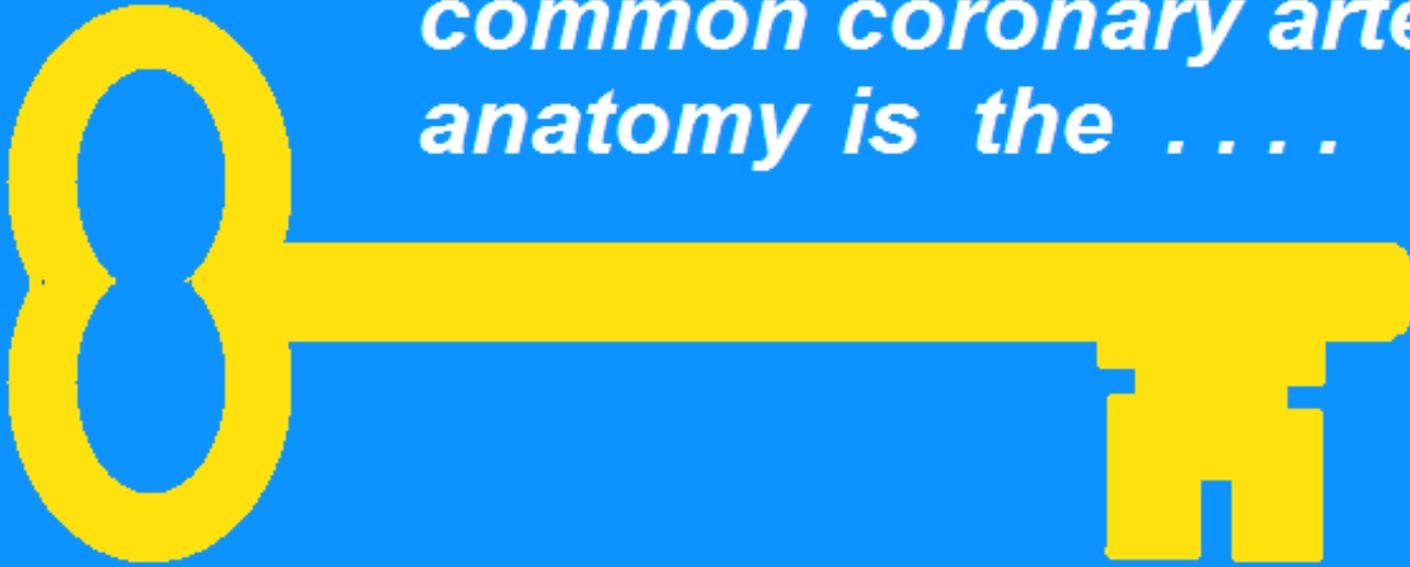
THE CORONARY



ARTERIES

*STRUCTURES
SERVED
BY THE
CORONARY
ARTERIES*

*"Having knowledge of
common coronary artery
anatomy is the*



*to understanding the **PHYSIOLOGICAL
CHANGES** that occur during **ACUTE MI.**"*

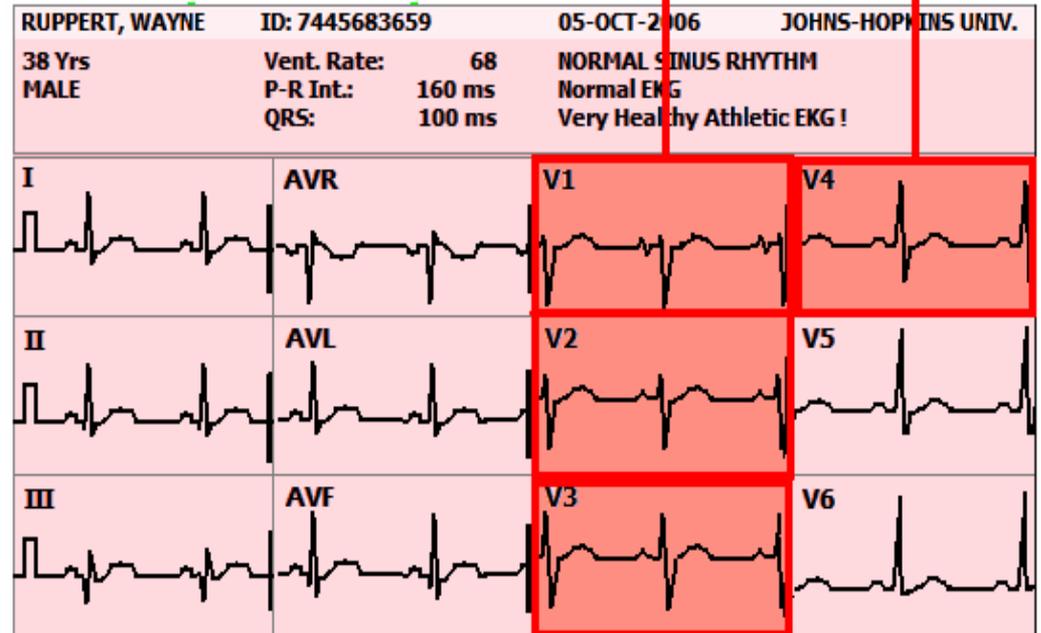
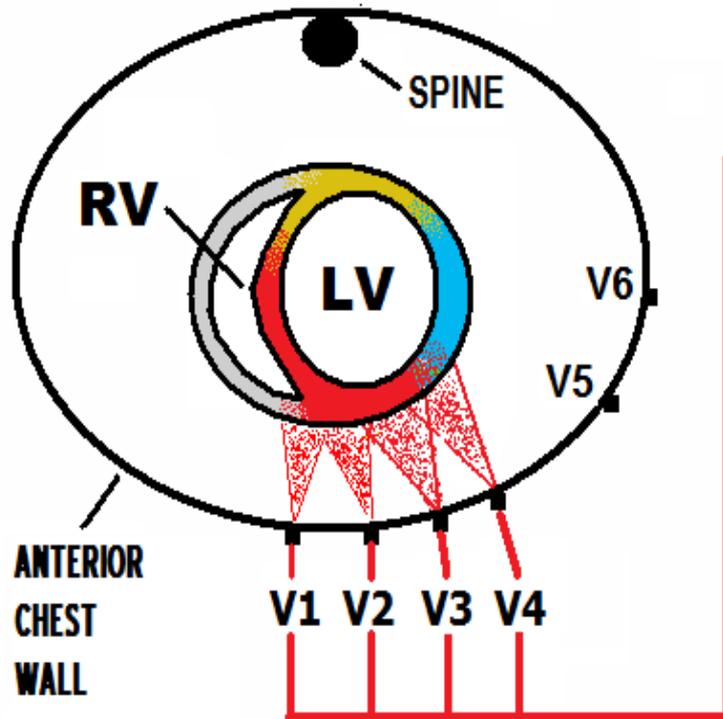
*"**INVALUABLE ASSET** for **ALL MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS** who
provide direct care to **STEMI patients !**"*

INTERPRET THE EKG, THEN:

- KEY IDENTIFY THE AREA OF THE HEART WITH A PROBLEM ...
- KEY RECALL THE ARTERY WHICH SERVES THAT REGION ...
- KEY RECALL OTHER STRUCTURES SERVED BY THAT ARTERY ...
- KEY ANTICIPATE FAILURE OF THOSE STRUCTURES ...
- KEY INTERVENE APPROPRIATELY!

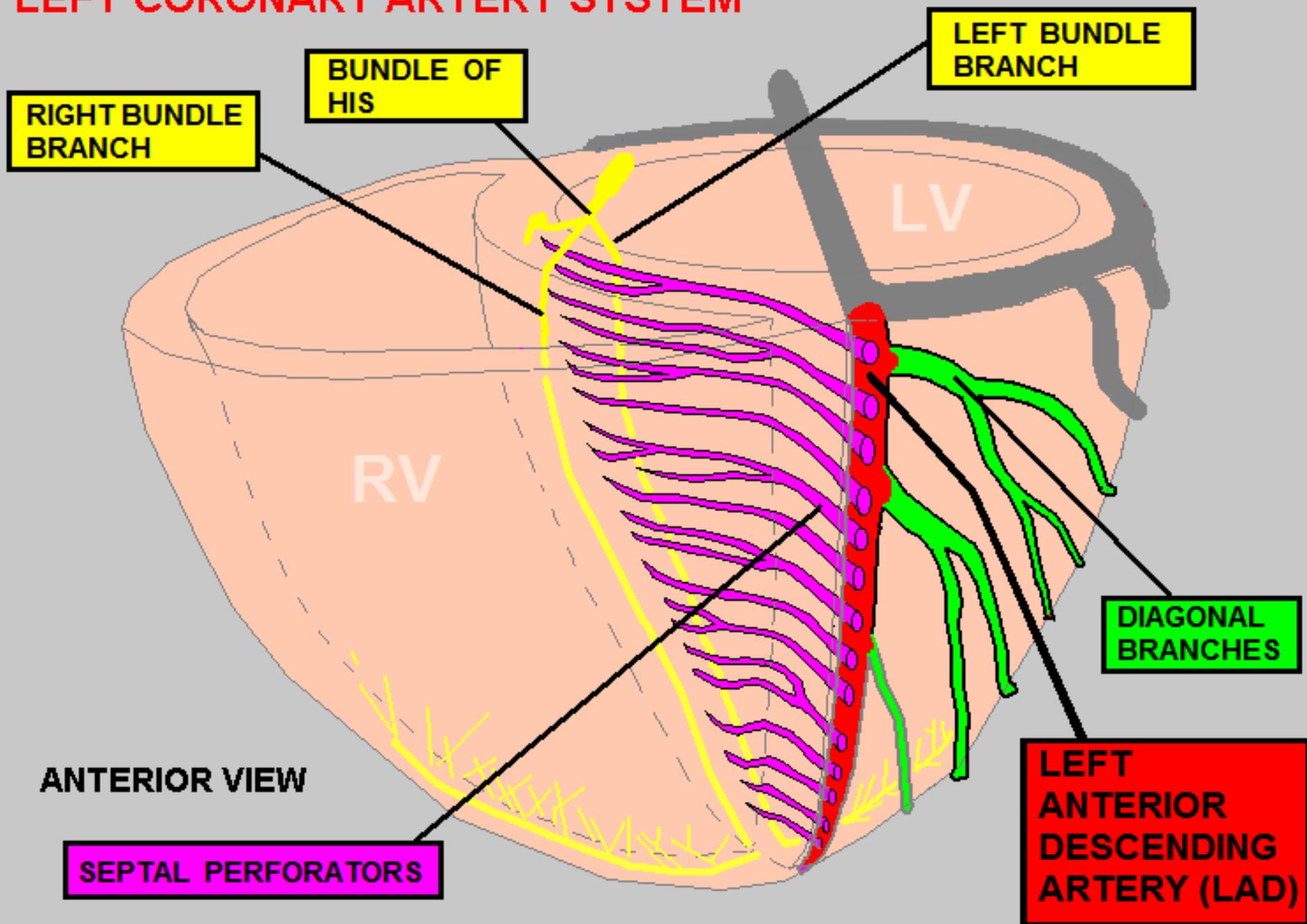
V1 - V4 VIEW THE ANTERIOR-SEPTAL WALL of the LEFT VENTRICLE

V1, V2 - ANTERIOR / SEPTAL
V3, V4 - ANTERIOR

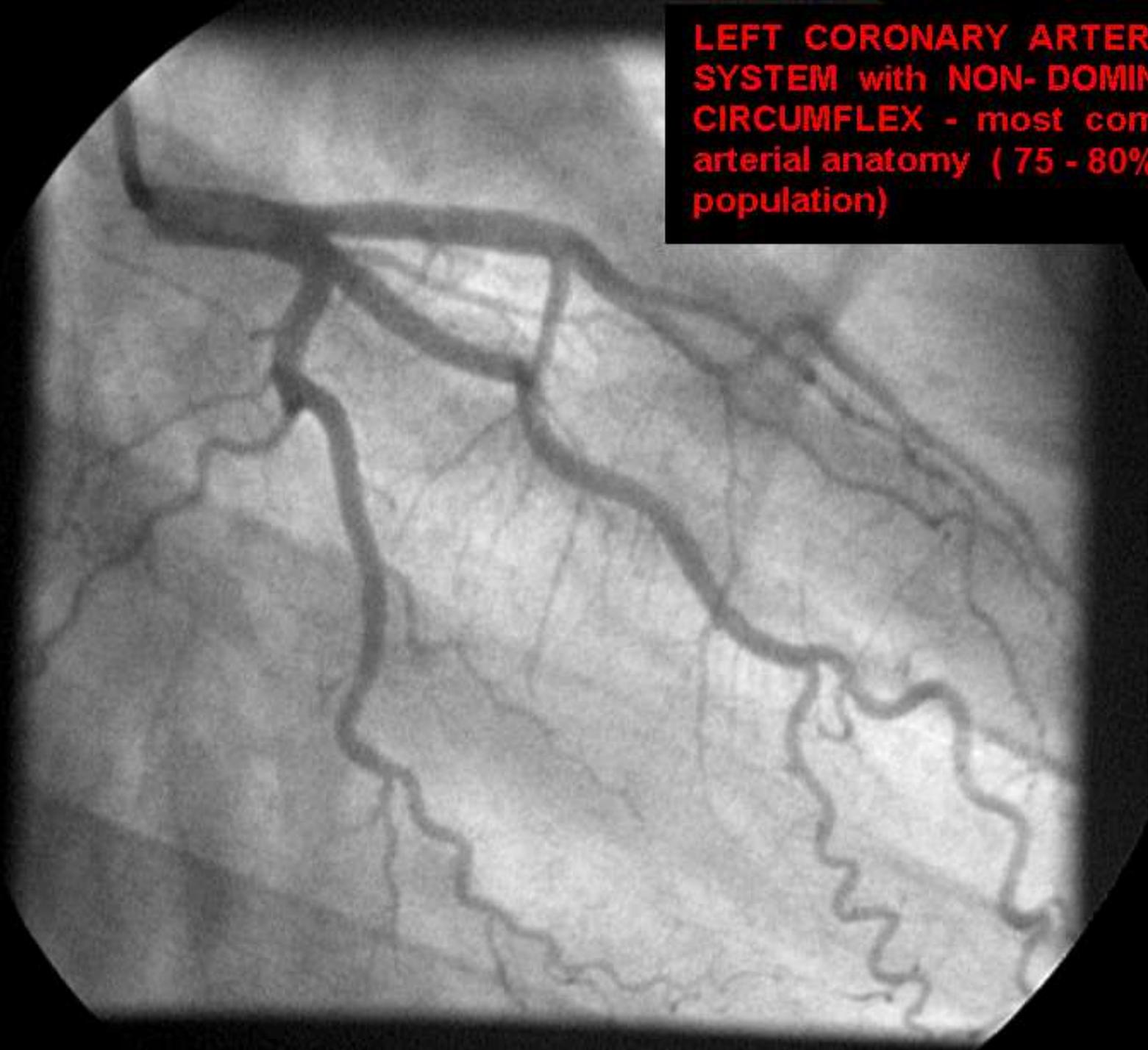


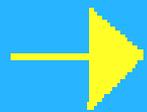
Which Coronary Artery typically Supplies the ANTERIOR WALL ?

LEFT CORONARY ARTERY SYSTEM



LEFT CORONARY ARTERY SYSTEM with NON-DOMINANT CIRCUMFLEX - most common arterial anatomy (75 - 80% of population)





HELPFUL HINT... *MEMORIZE THIS!*



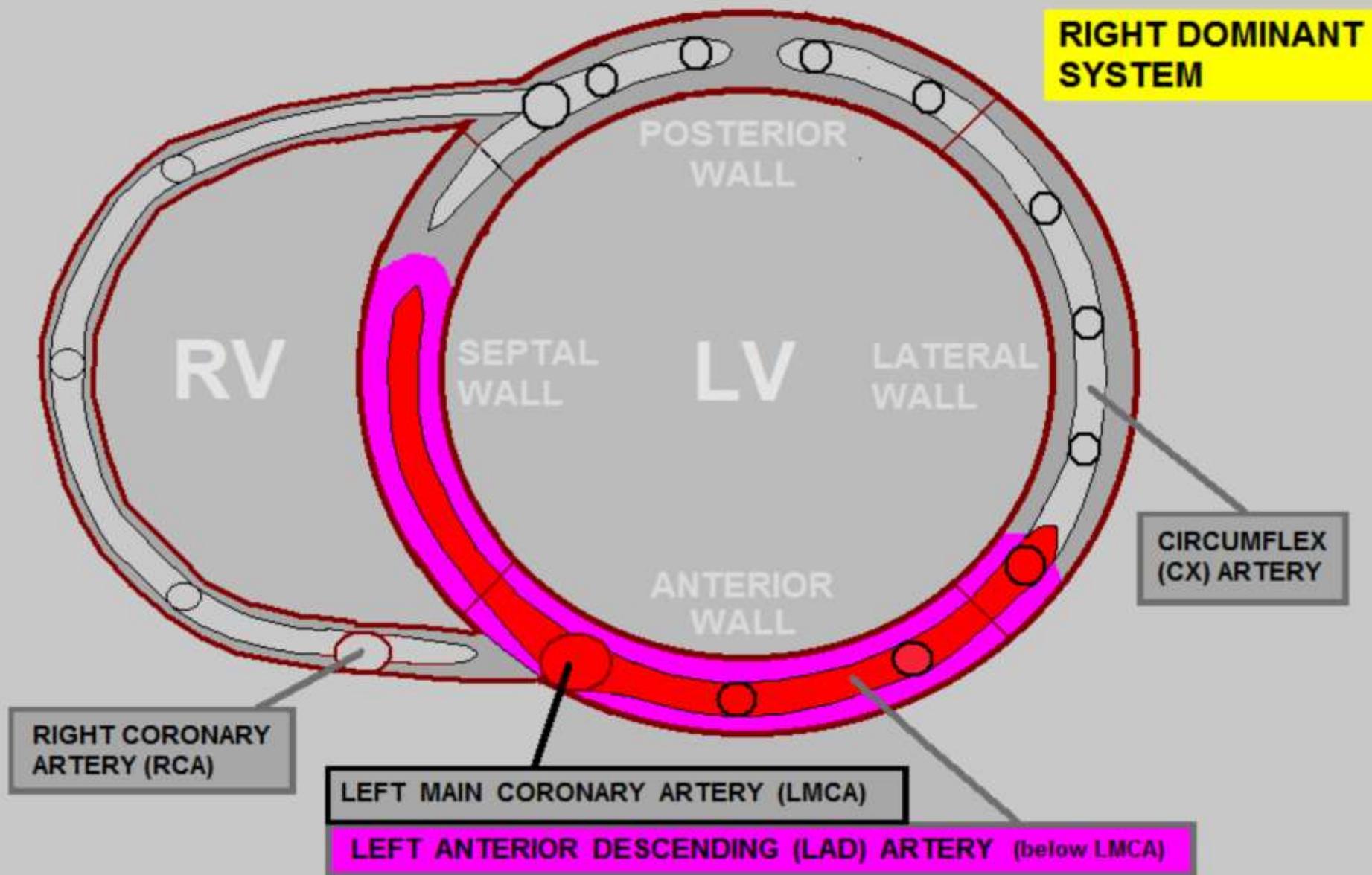
LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY (LAD)

- ▶ BUNDLE OF HIS
- ▶ BUNDLE BRANCHES ()
- ▶ 35 - 45 % OF LV MUSCLE MASS
 - ANTERIOR WALL
 - SEPTAL WALL (anterior 2/3)

cutaway view of the

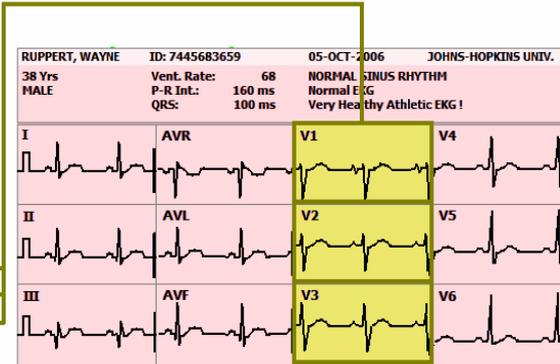
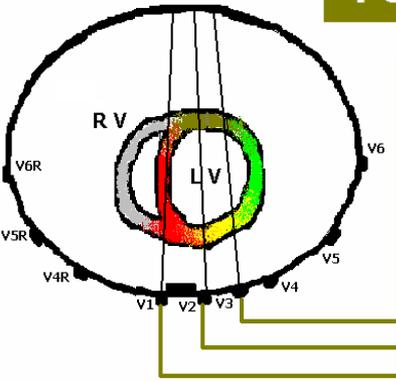
LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY (LAD)

 SUPPLIES APPROX. 35 - 45% of the LV MUSCLE MASS



LEADS V1 - V3 view the

POSTERIOR WALL

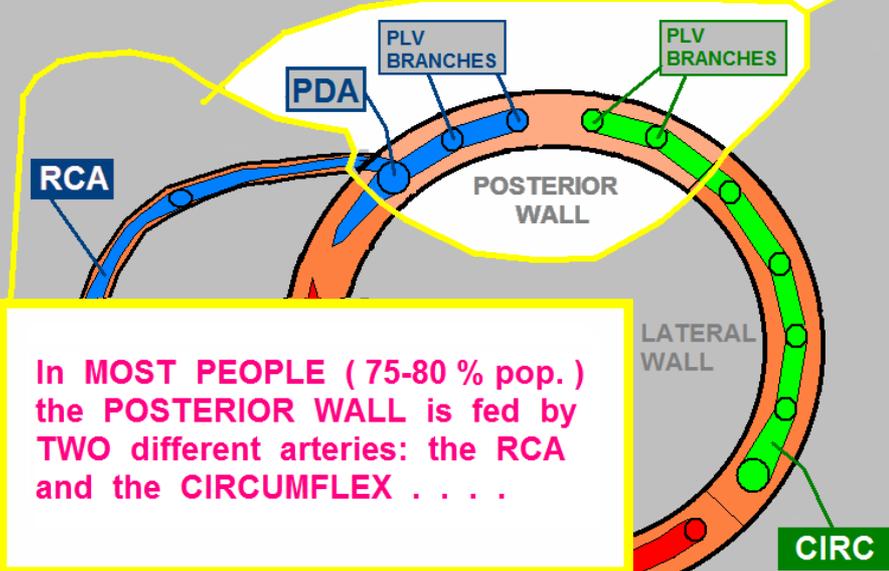


via RECIPROCAL CHANGES.

POSTERIOR WALL BLOOD SUPPLY

DOMINANT RCA

75-80% of POPULATION

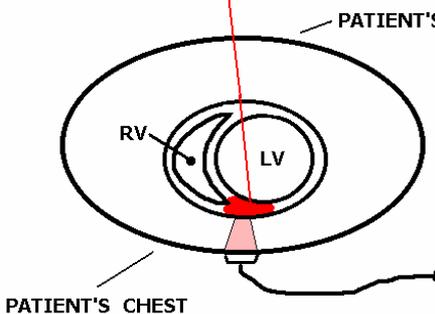


In MOST PEOPLE (75-80% pop.) the POSTERIOR WALL is fed by TWO different arteries: the RCA and the CIRCUMFLEX

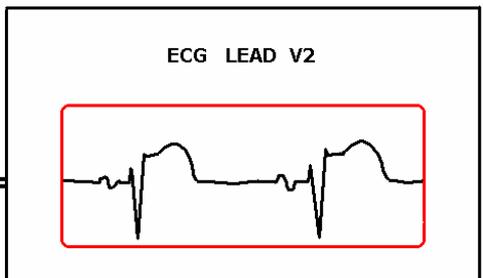
HOW EKG VIEWS INDICATIVE CHANGES

EXAMPLE:

AREA OF ACUTE INFARCTION - ANTERIOR/SEPTAL



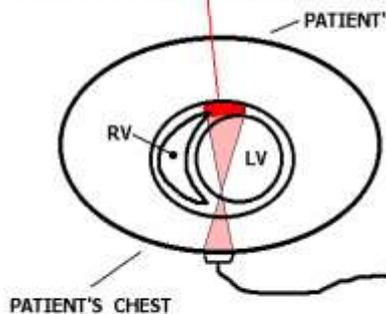
EKG sees S-T ELEVATION



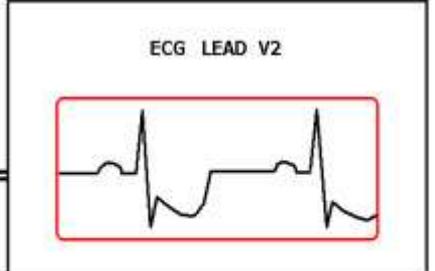
HOW EKG VIEWS RECIPROCAL CHANGES

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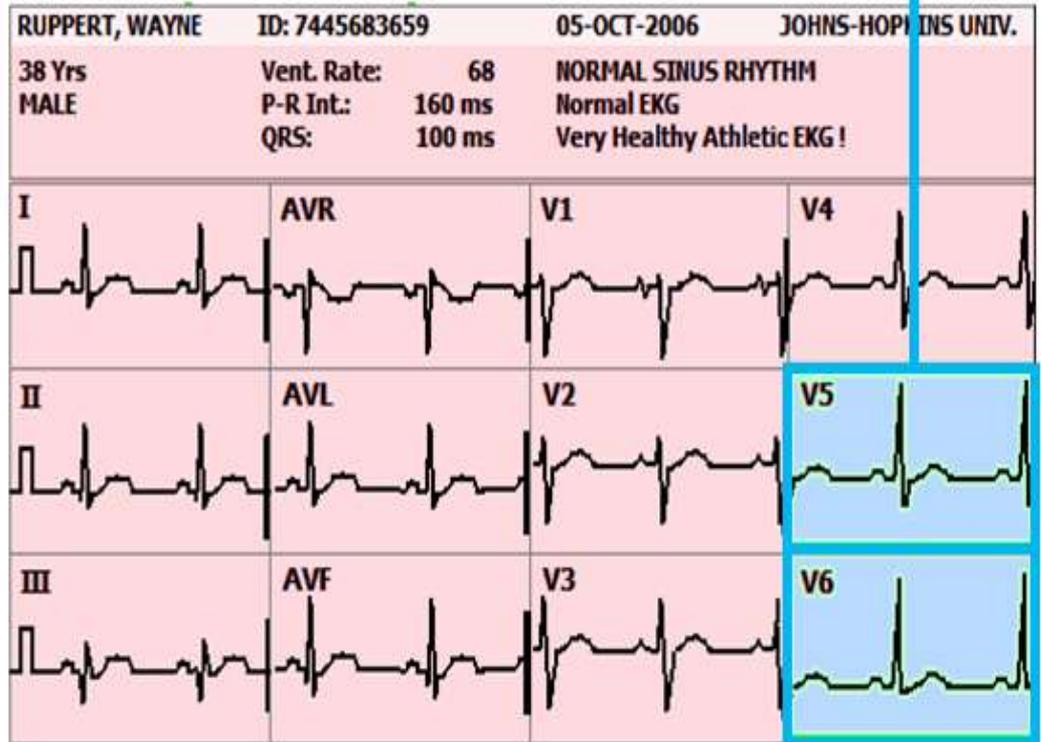
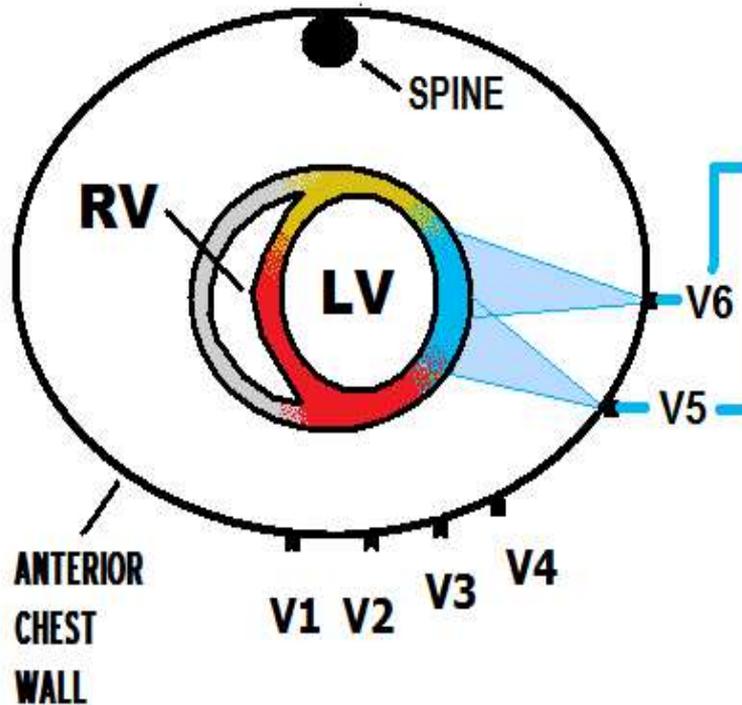
AREA OF ACUTE INFARCTION - POSTERIOR WALL



EKG sees S-T DEPRESSION



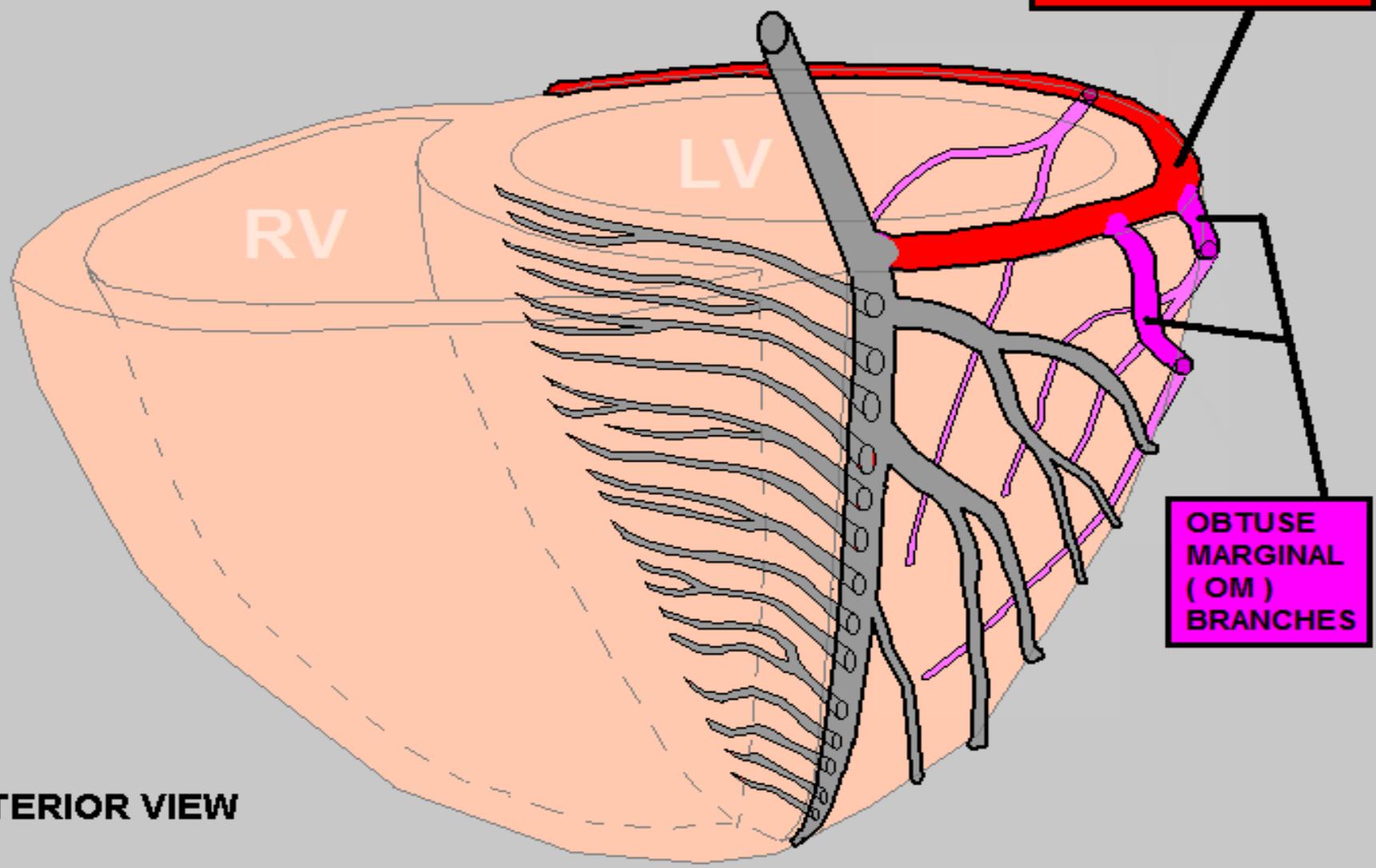
V5 - V6 VIEW THE LATERAL WALL of the LEFT VENTRICLE



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LEFT CORONARY ARTERY SYSTEM

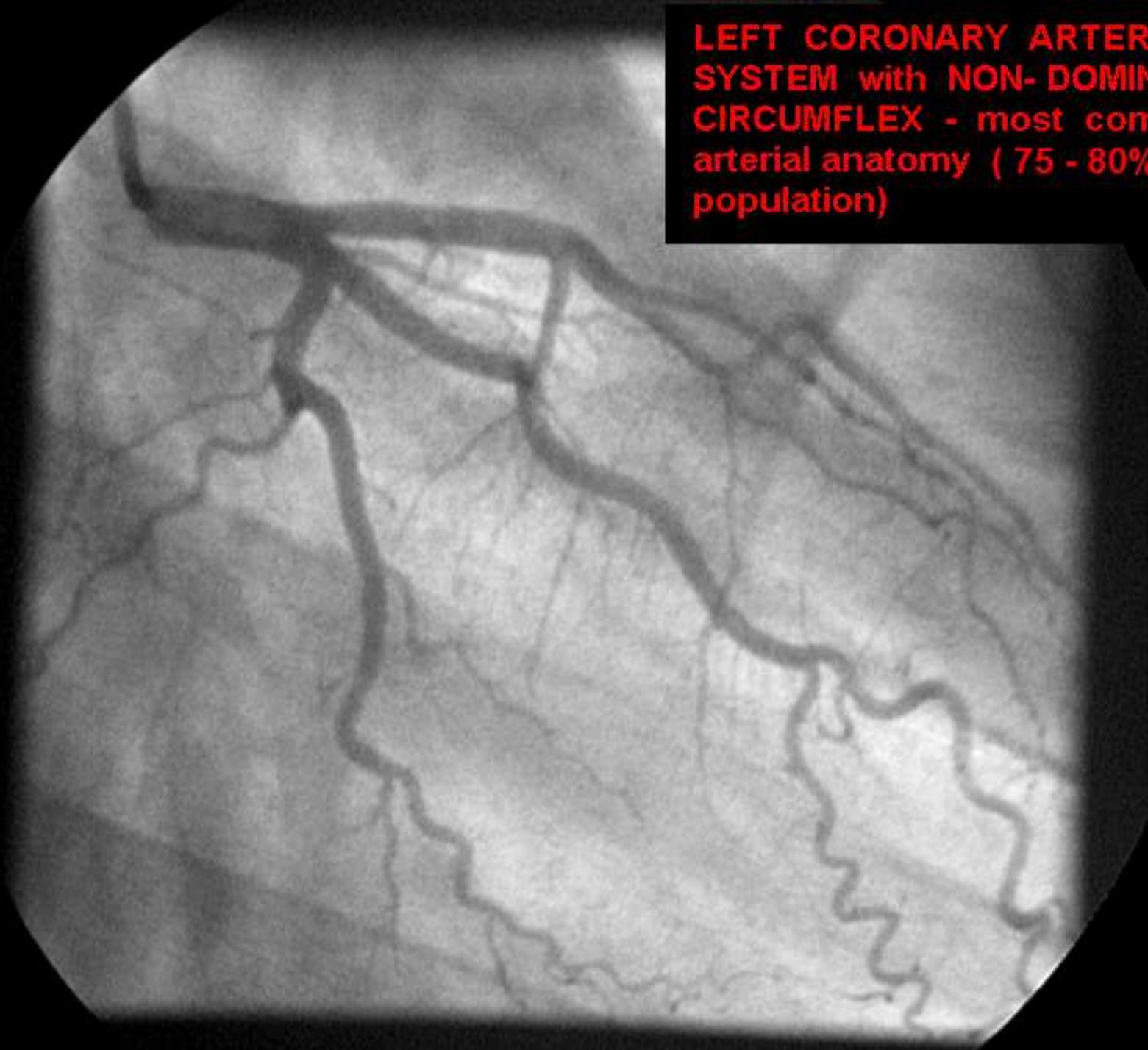
CIRCUMFLEX ARTERY (CX)



OBTUSE MARGINAL (OM) BRANCHES

ANTERIOR VIEW

LEFT CORONARY ARTERY SYSTEM with NON-DOMINANT CIRCUMFLEX - most common arterial anatomy (75 - 80% of population)

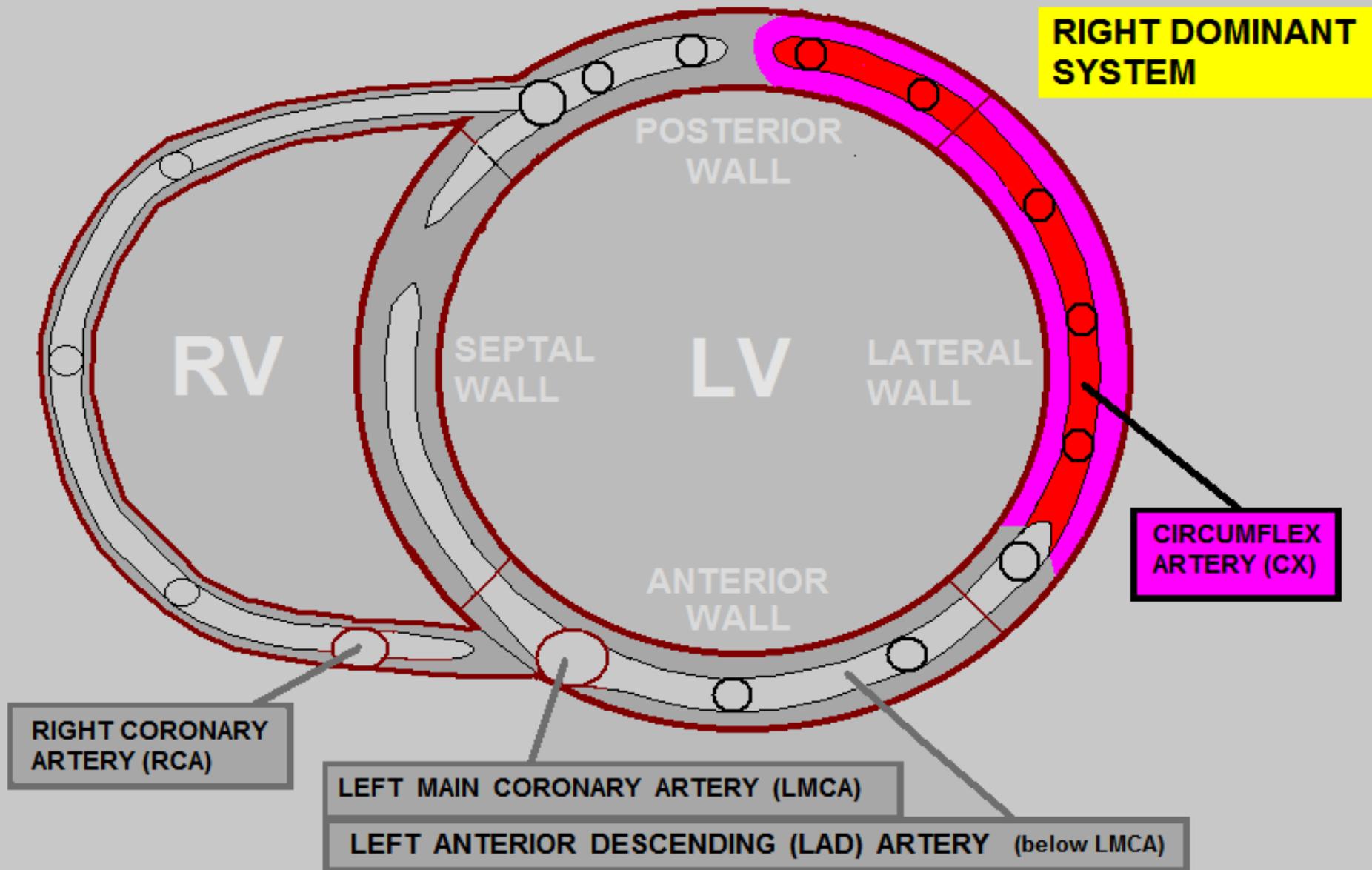


cutaway view of the

CIRCUMFLEX ARTERY (CX) DISTRIBUTION



SUPPLIES 20 - 30 % of the LV MUSCLE MASS





HELPFUL HINT... *MEMORIZE THIS!*

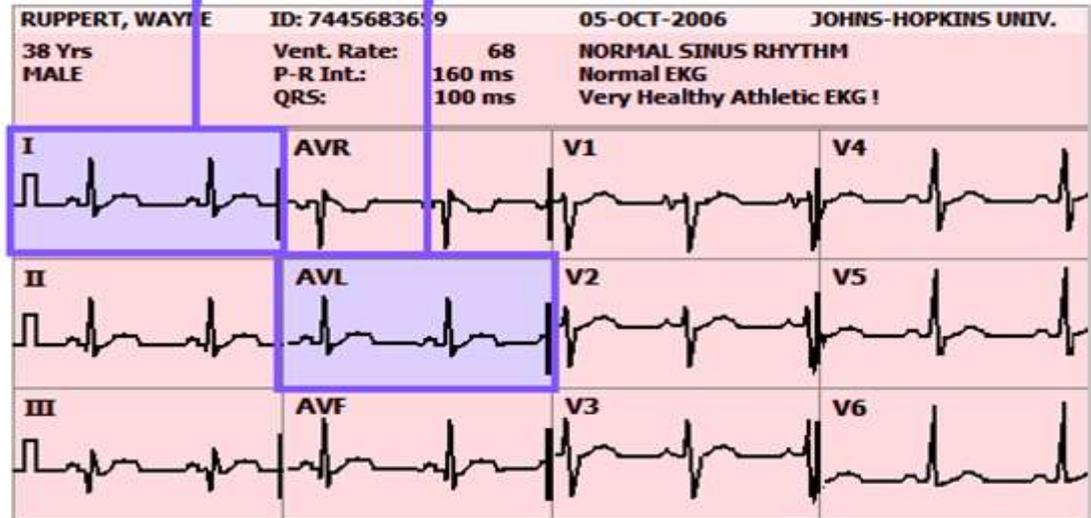
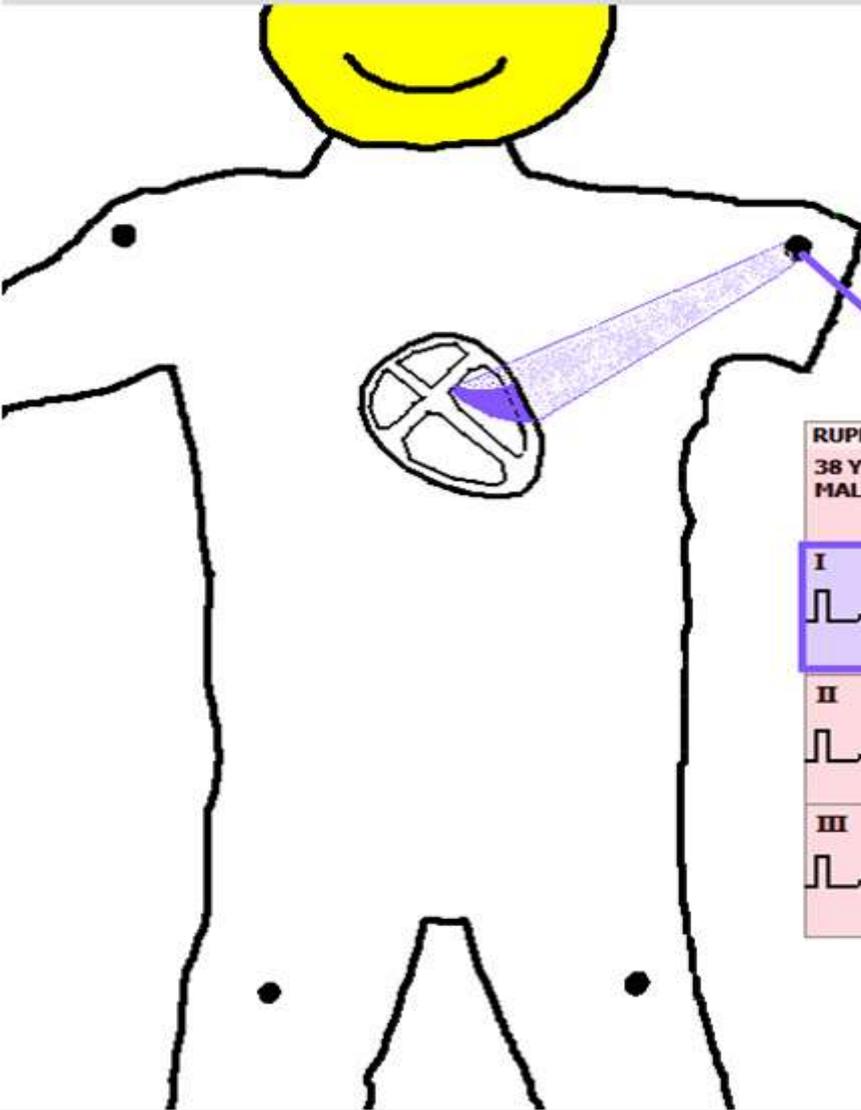


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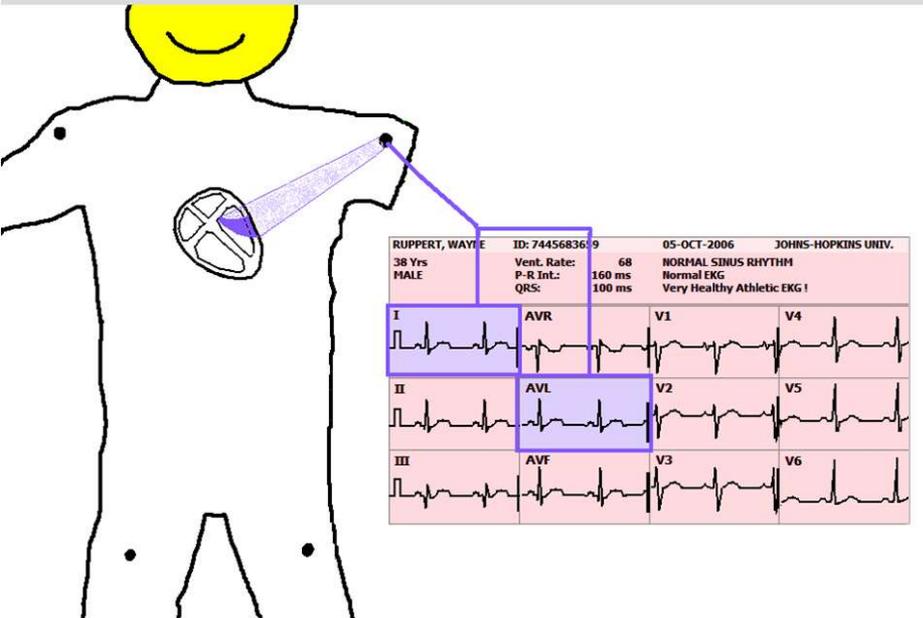
RIGHT DOMINANT
SYSTEMS

- ▶ LEFT ATRIUM
- ▶ SINUS NODE (45% of the population)
- ▶ LEFT VENTRICLE: 20 - 30 % of muscle mass
 - LATERAL WALL
 - up to 1/2 of POSTERIOR WALL

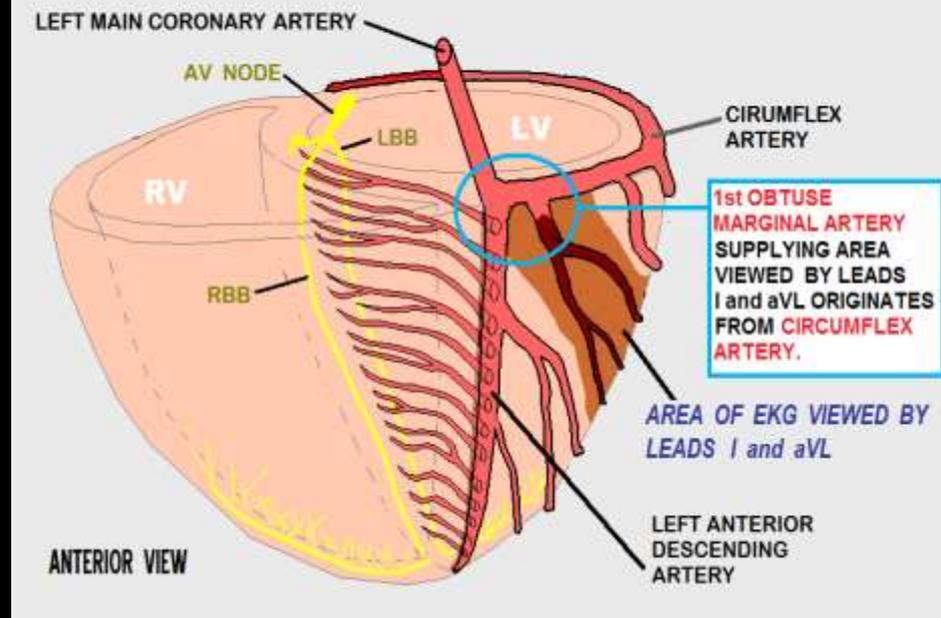
LEADS I and aVL VIEW the LATERAL - ANTERIOR WALL



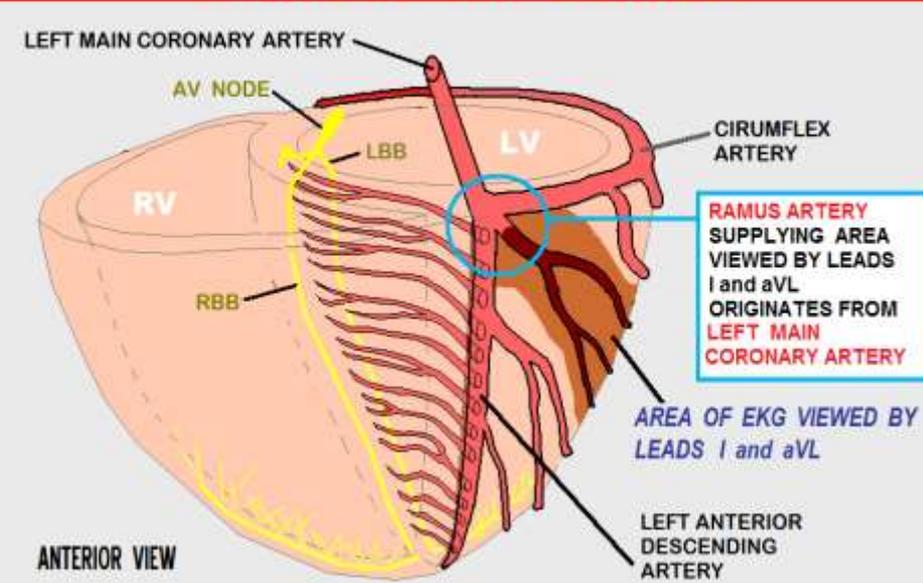
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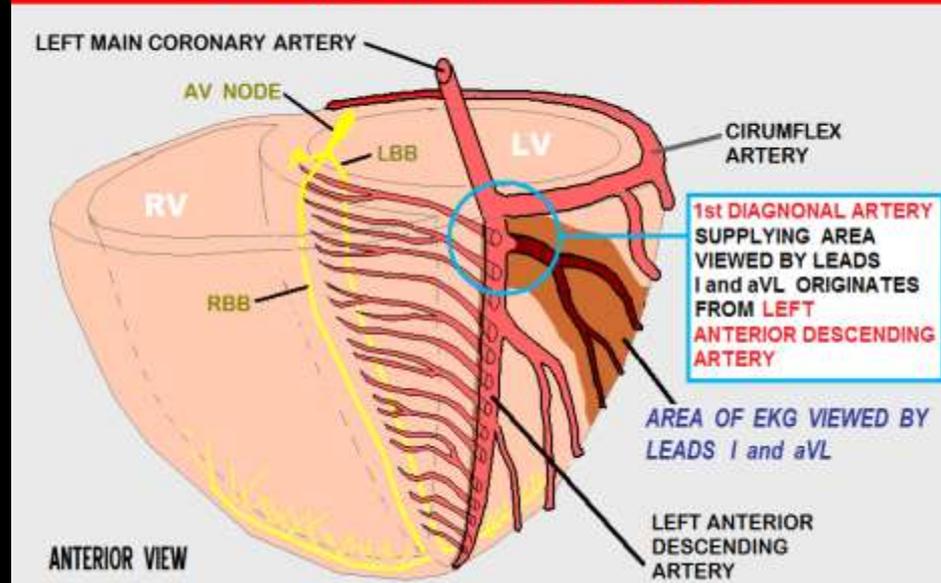
OCCUSION of OBTUSE MARGINAL ARTERY



OCCUSION of RAMUS ARTERY



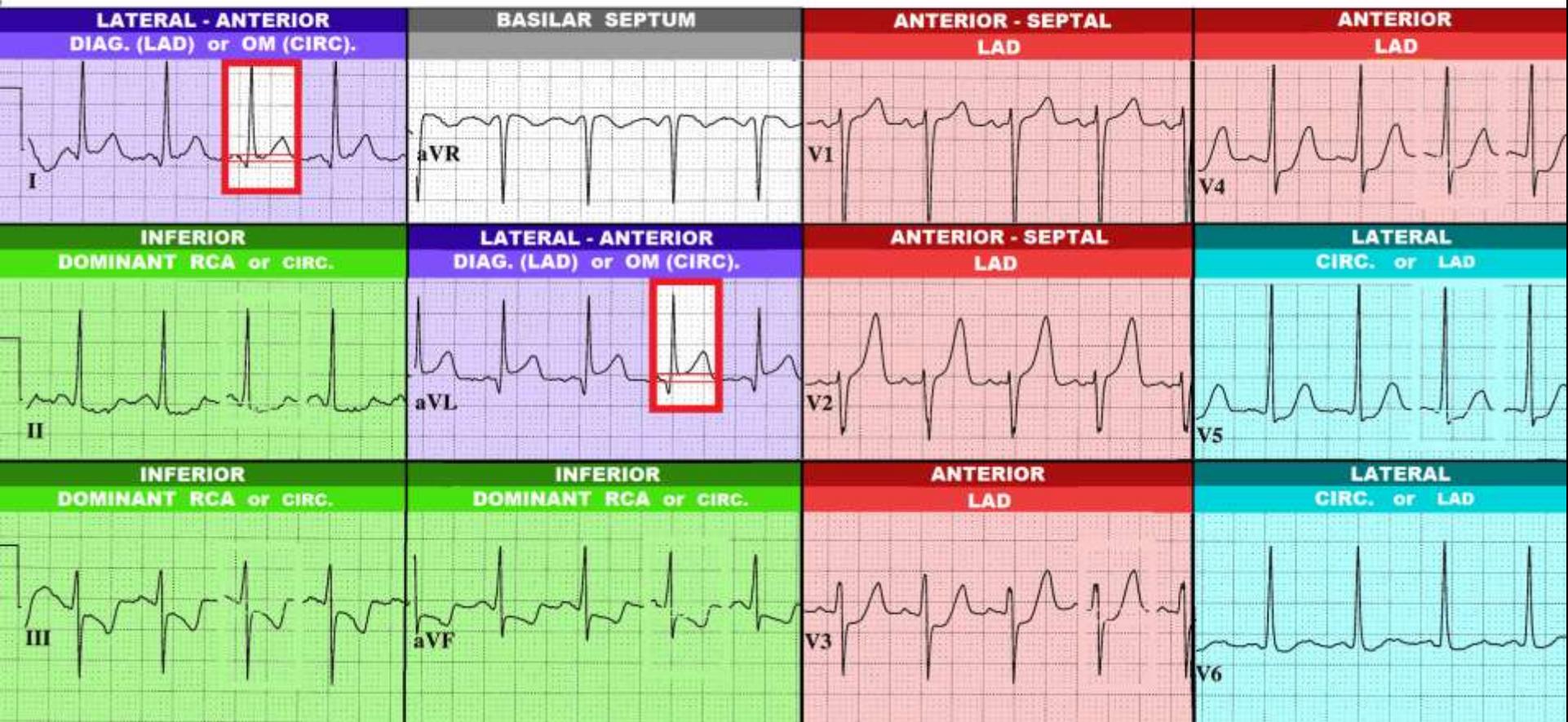
OCCUSION of DIAGONAL ARTERY



46 yr Vent. rate 109 BPM
Female PR interval 132 ms
 QRS duration 82 ms
Room:ER QT/QTc 346/465 ms
 P-R-T axes 60 11 -32

Sinus tachycardia
Left ventricular hypertrophy with repolarization abnormality
ST elevation consider lateral injury or acute infarct
***** ACUTE MI *****

ST SEGMENT ELEVATION

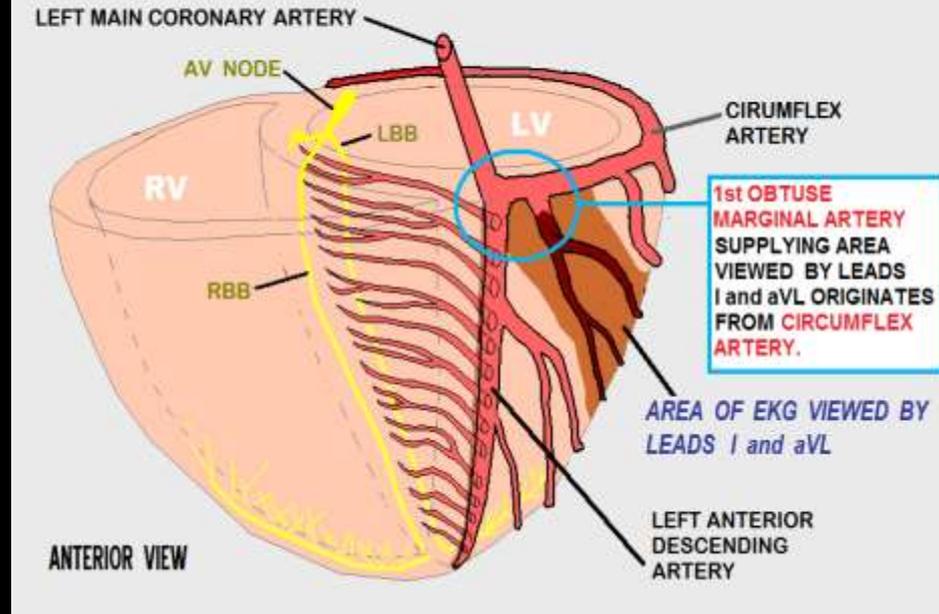


ST Segment elevation ONLY in Leads I and aVL

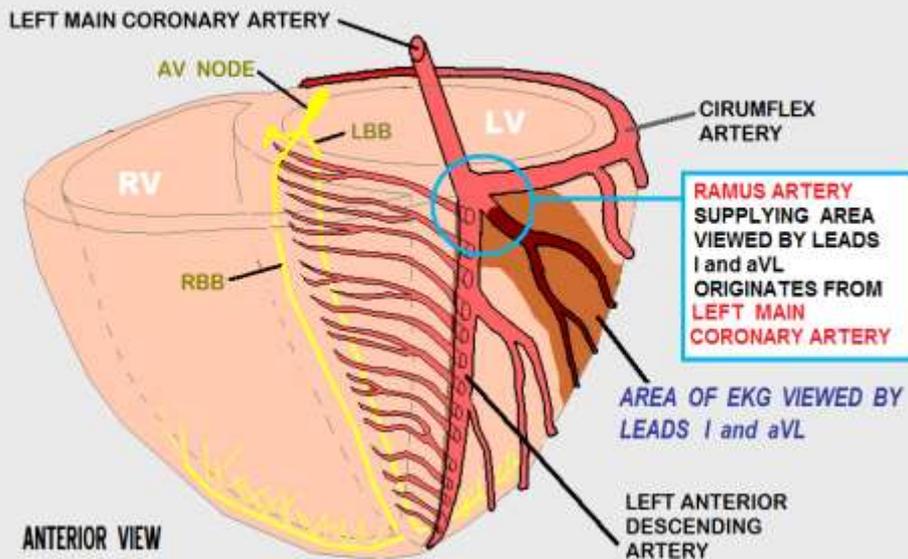
Usually indicates the
 “Culprit Artery” is most likely
 One of the following:

- RAMUS BRANCH
- 1st DIAGONAL off of LAD
- 1st OBTUSE MARGINAL off of CIRCUMFLEX

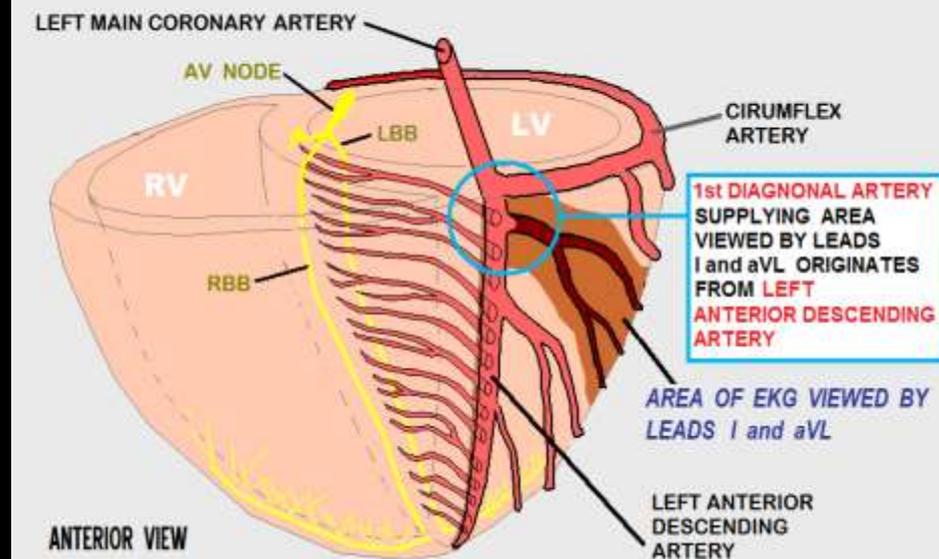
OCCUSION of OBTUSE MARGINAL ARTERY



OCCUSION of RAMUS ARTERY



OCCUSION of DIAGONAL ARTERY



Here's why we care:
Think of Leads I and aVL as

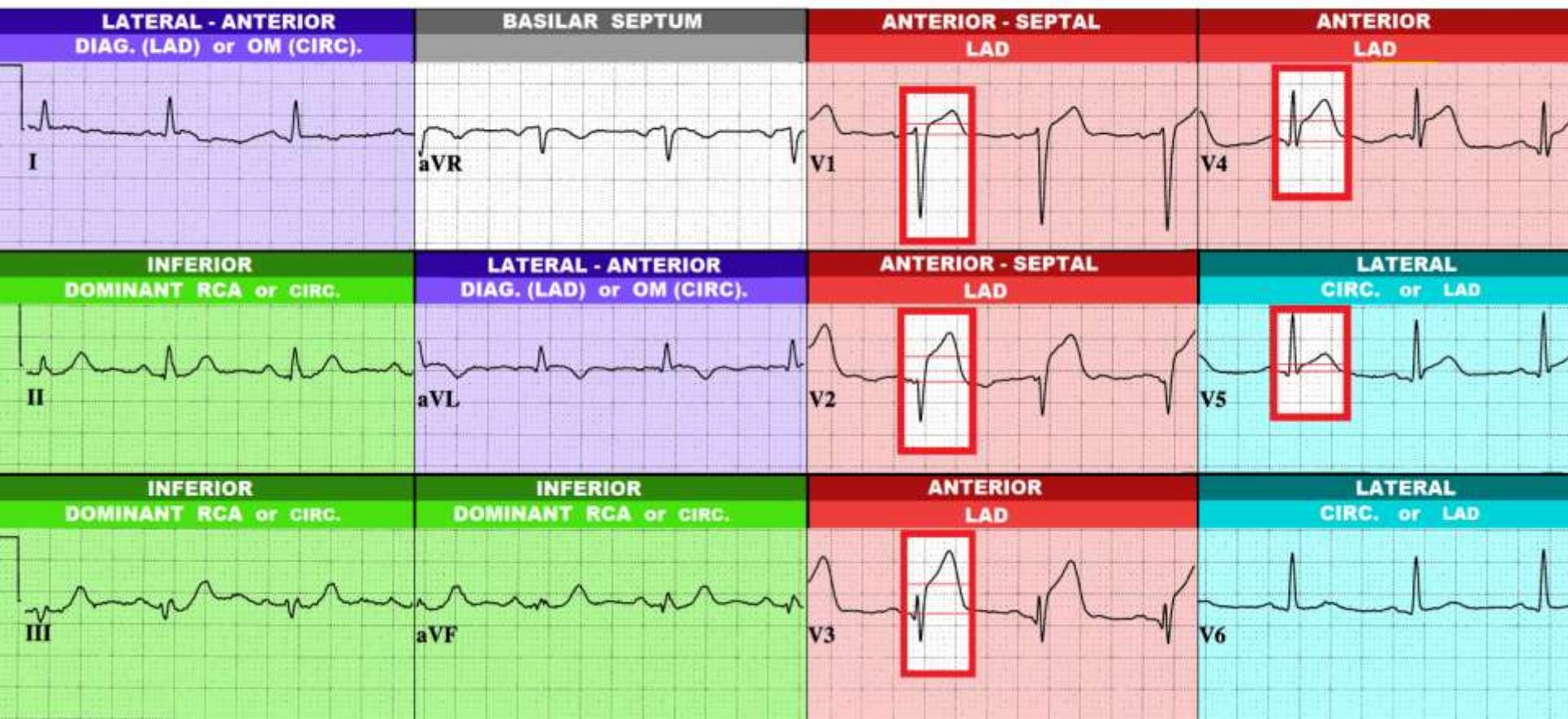


“THE POWERBALL”

72 yr Male Caucasian Vent. rate 75 BPM
 PR interval 162 ms
 QRS duration 98 ms
 QT/QTc 382/426 ms
 Loc: Option:2 P-R-T axes 72 13 83

Normal sinus rhythm
 Anteroseptal infarct, possibly acute
 ***** ACUTE MI *****
 Abnormal ECG

ST SEGMENT ELEVATION

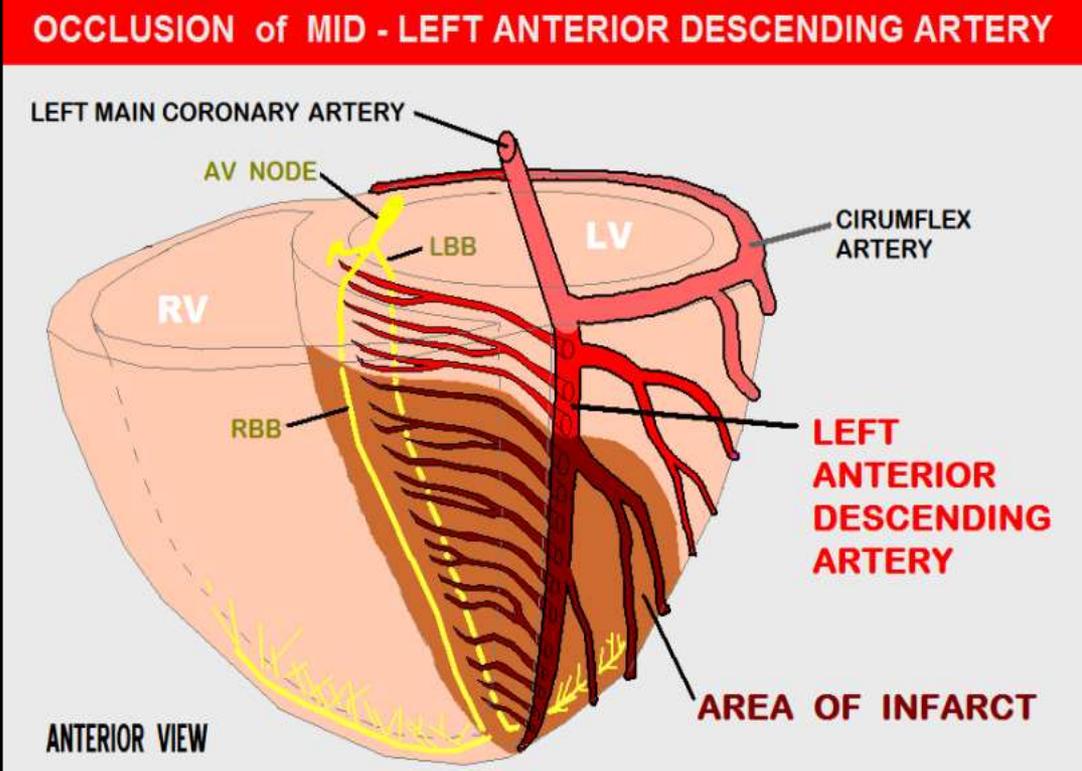


If you patient's ECG shows
 ST Elevation in **Leads V1 – V4**



If your patient's ECG shows ST Elevation in Leads V1 – V4 . . .

The obstruction is usually located at The MID – LAD level.



29 yr
Male

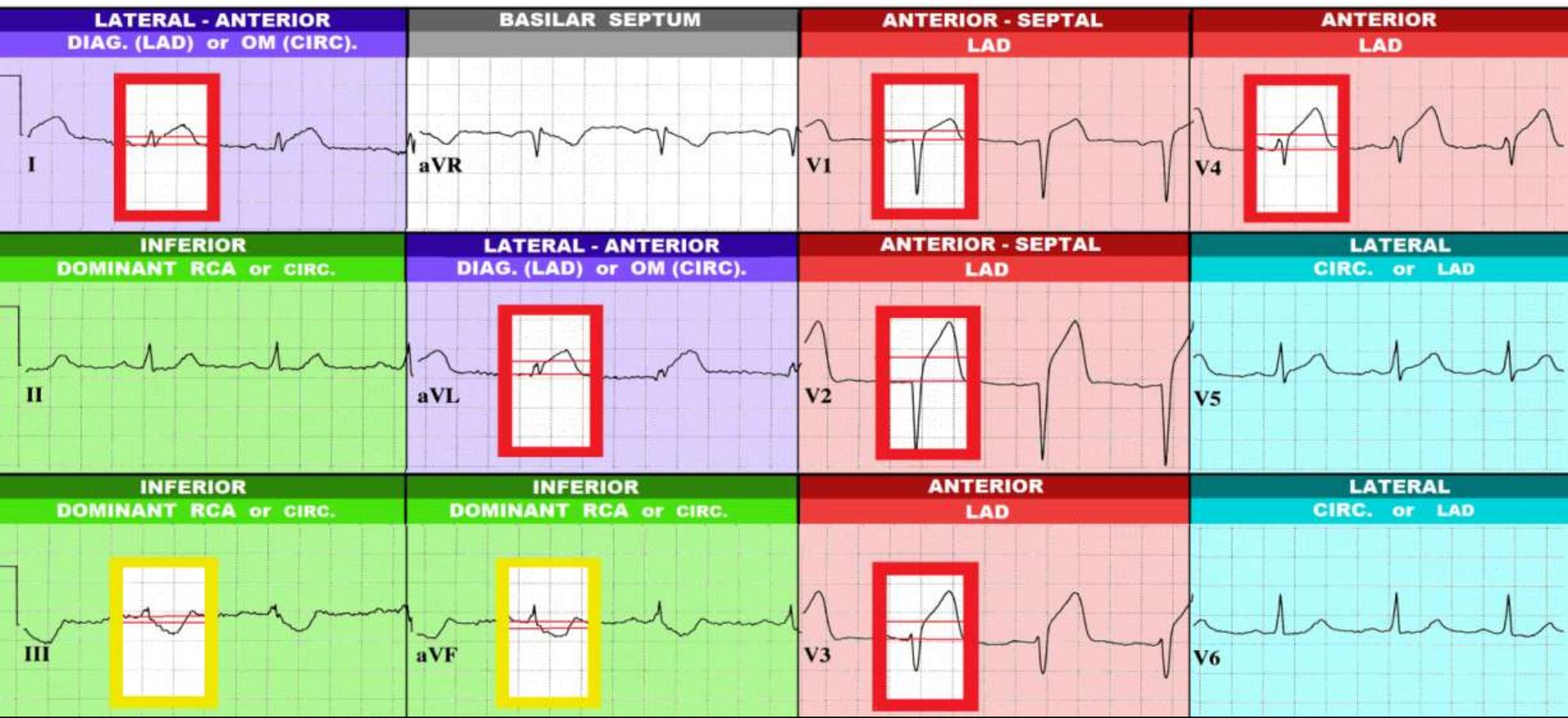
Caucasian

Vent. rate	75	BPM
PR interval	176	ms
QRS duration	90	ms
QT/QTc	362/404	ms
P-R-T axes	70 50	-11

Normal sinus rhythm
 Septal infarct , possibly acute
 Anterolateral injury pattern
 ***** ACUTE MI *****
 Abnormal ECG

ST SEGMENT ELEVATION

ST SEGMENT DEPRESSION

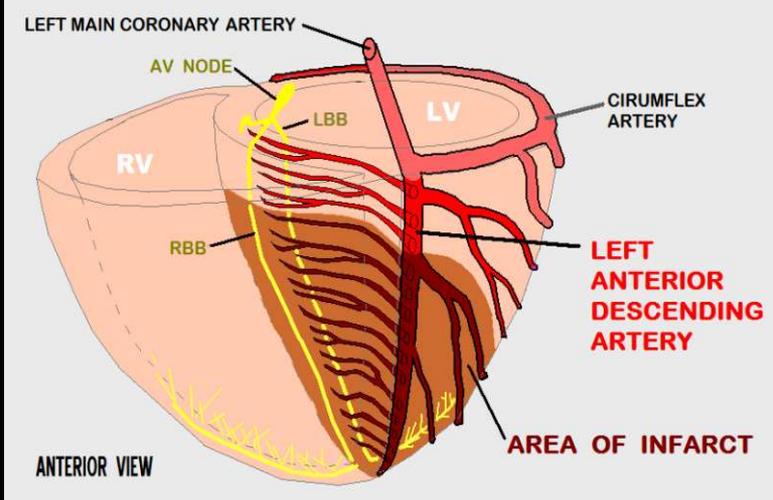


This patient's ECG shows ST ↑ in V1 – V4 AND Leads I and aVL . . .

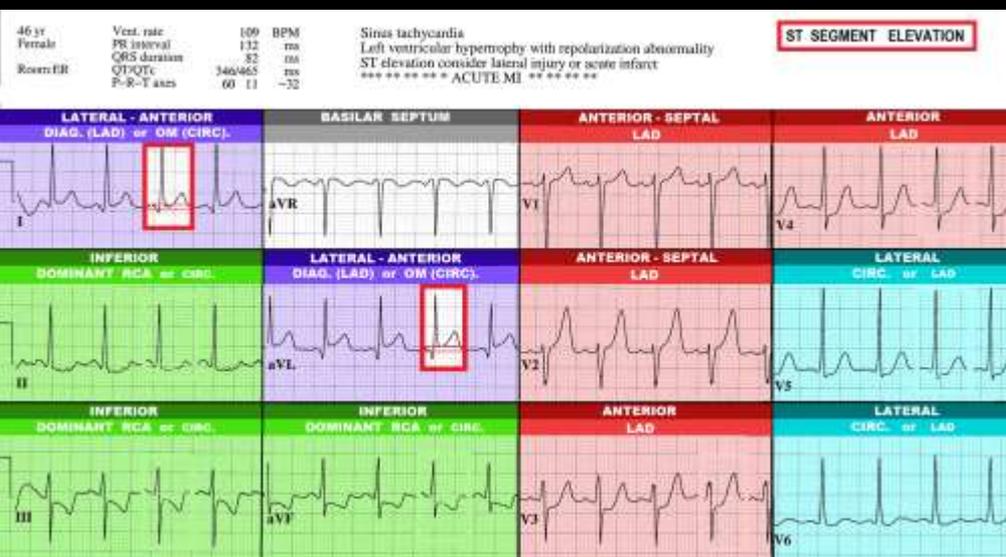
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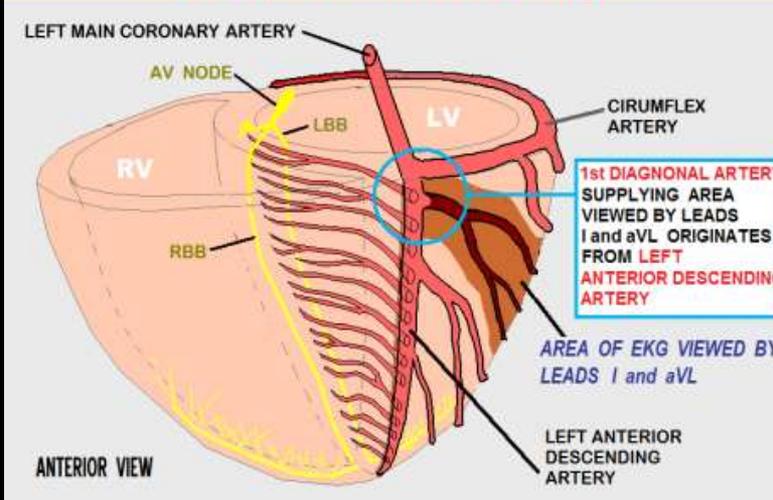
OCCLUSION of MID - LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY



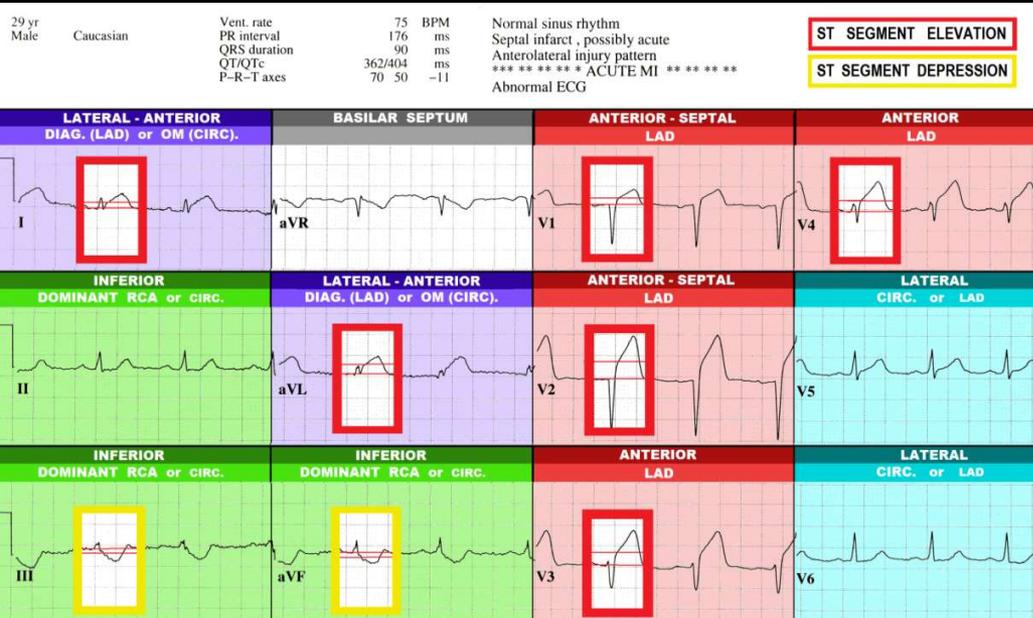
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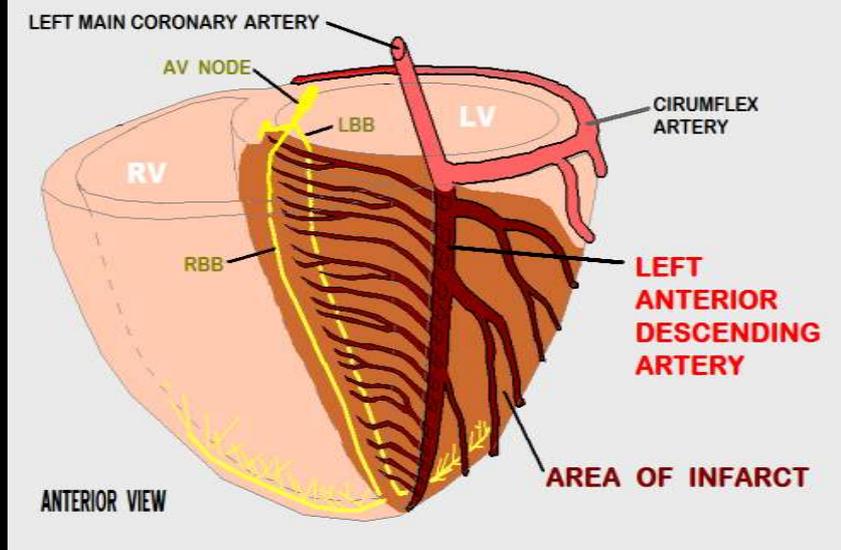
OCCLUSION of DIAGONAL ARTERY



AND WE GET THIS

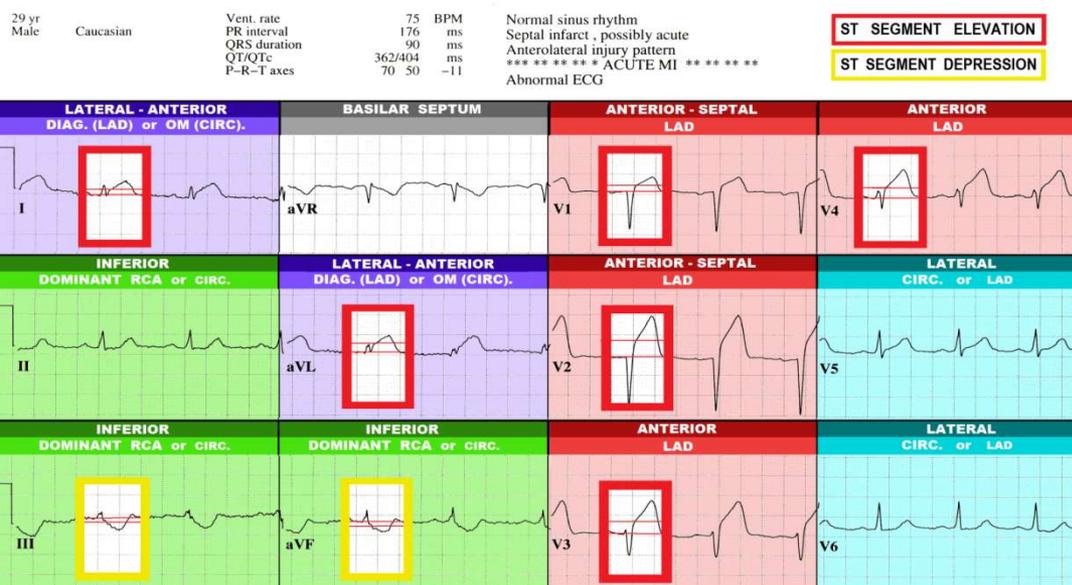


OCCLUSION of PROXIMAL LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY



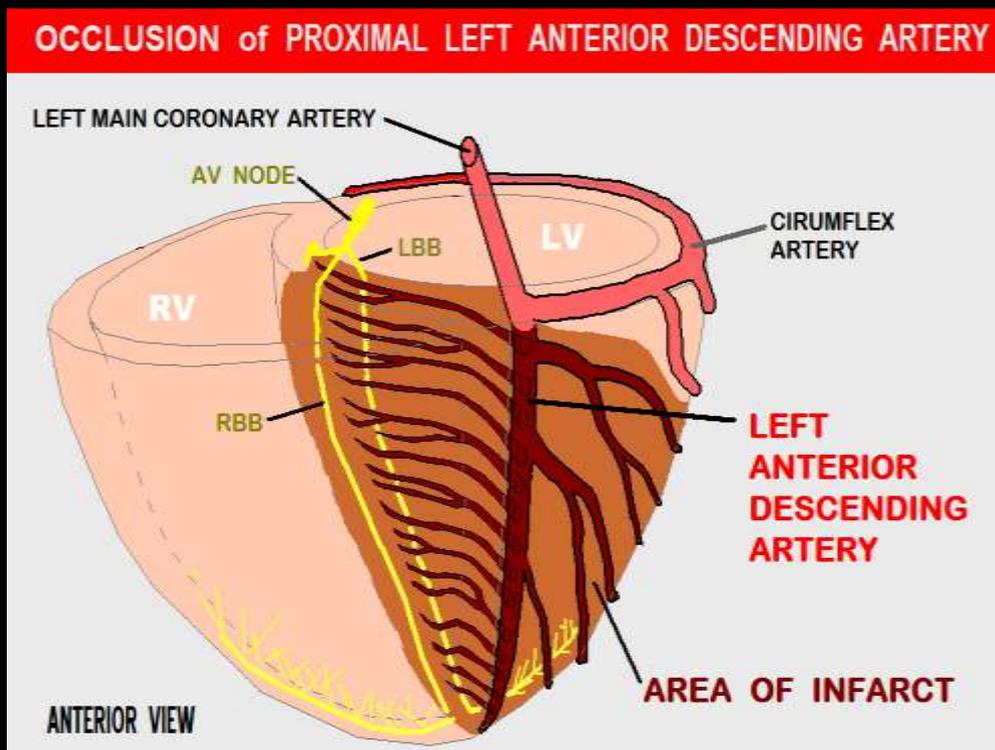
*Our patient just hit the **POWERBALL** !*

[1] Use of the Electrocardiogram in Acute Myocardial Infarction,
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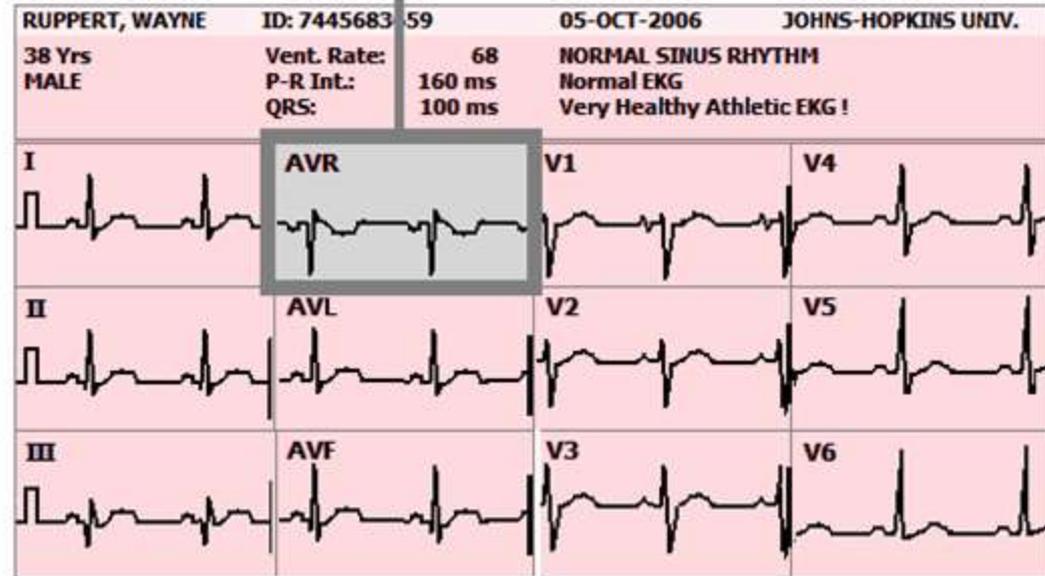
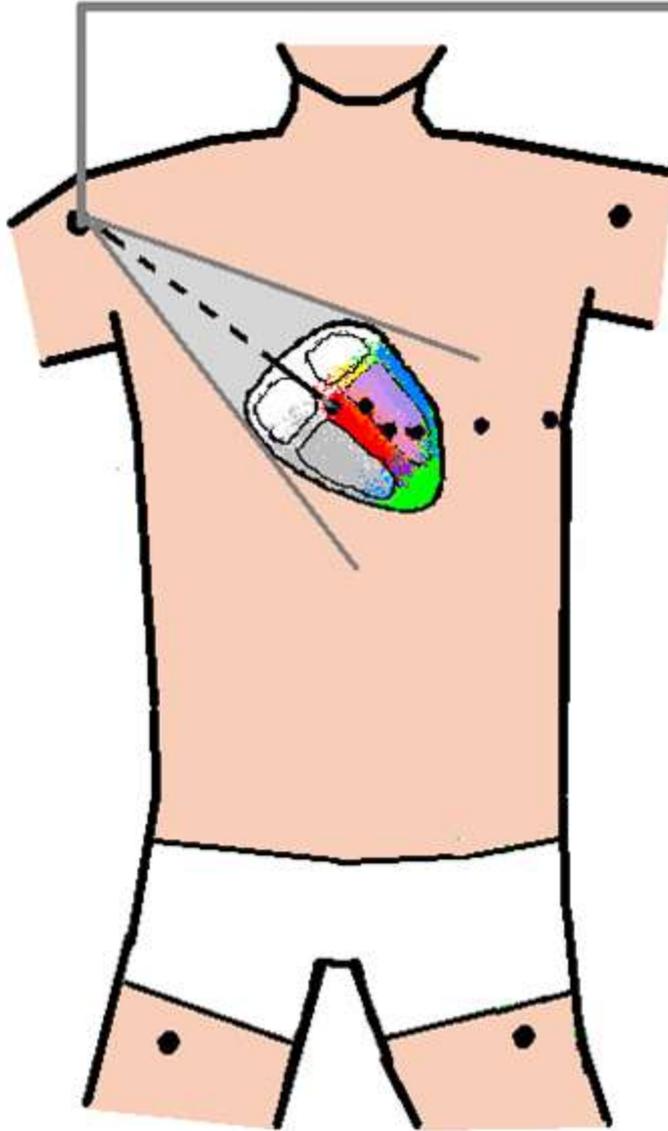
If you patient's ECG shows ST Elevation in Leads V1 – V4 & I and aVL...

The obstruction is usually located at in the PROXIMAL LAD, above the level of the 1st Diagonal Branch !!



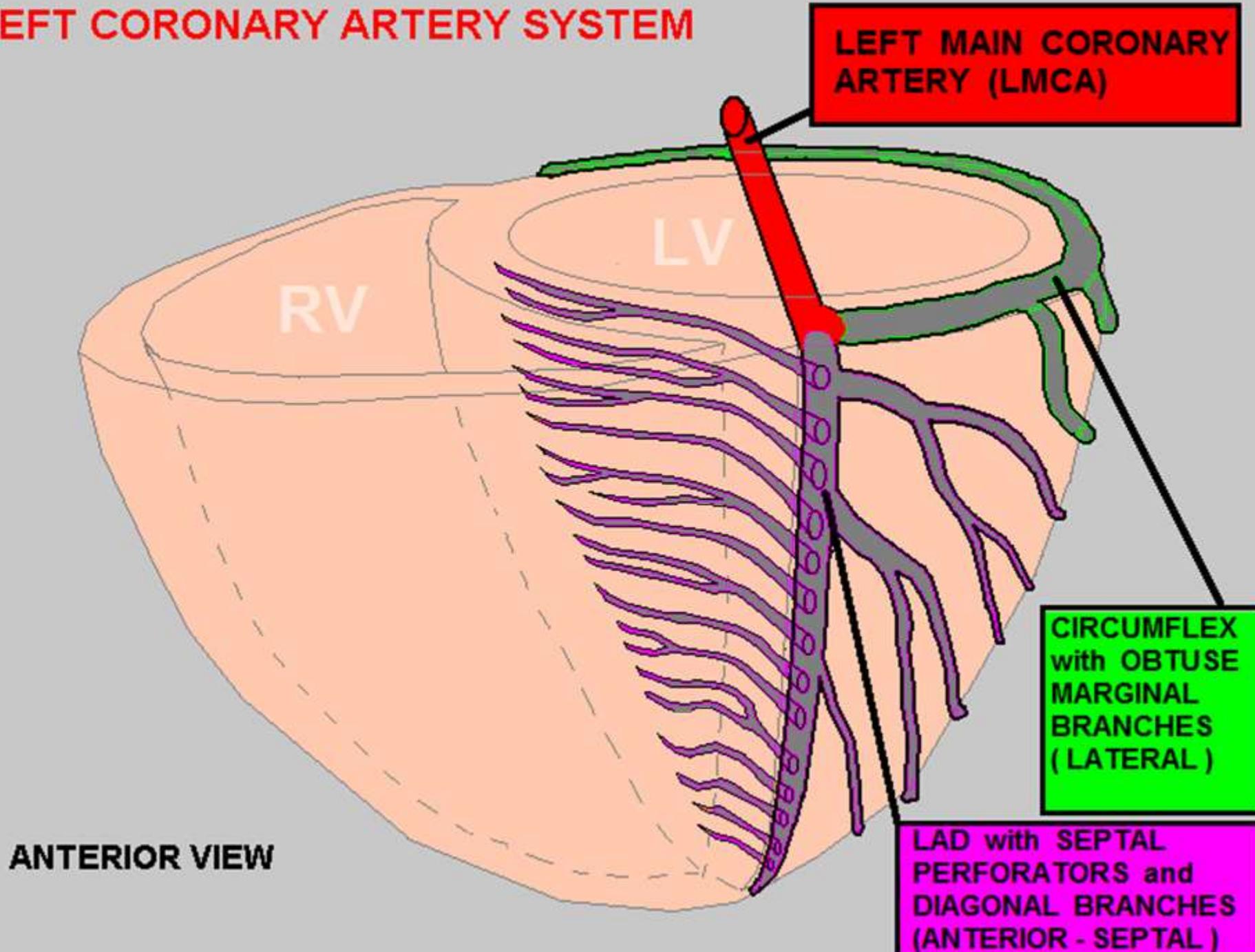
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Lead AVR Views the BASILAR SEPTUM (region of the Bundle of His):



The LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY provides the blood supply to the BASILAR SEPTUM.

LEFT CORONARY ARTERY SYSTEM

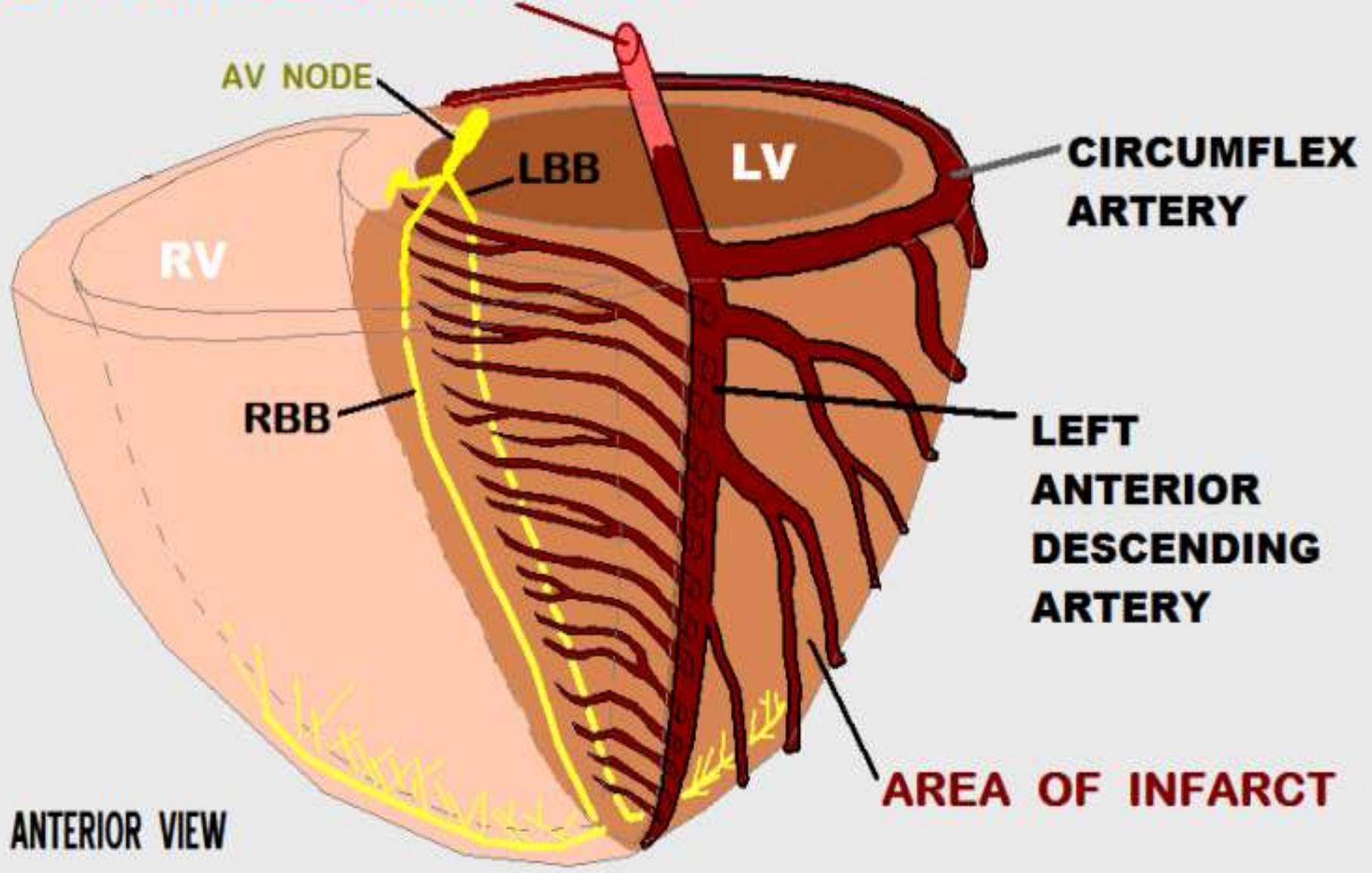


When LEAD AVR shows ST
Elevation:

- **STEMI:** consider occlusion
of the Left Main Coronary
Artery.

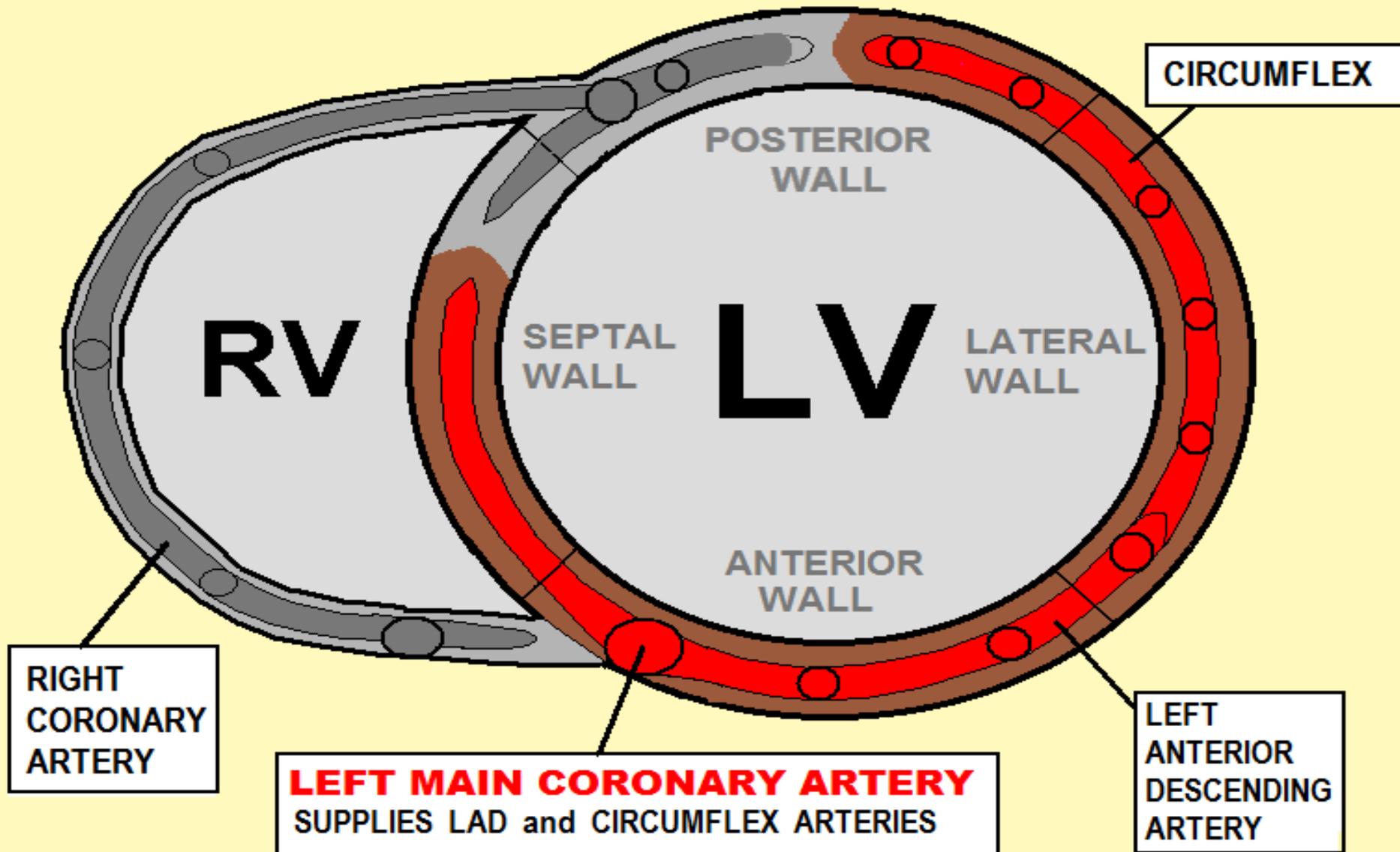
OCCLUSION of the LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY

LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY



The LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY

SUPPLIES 75 - 100% of the LEFT VENTRICULAR MUSCLE MASS

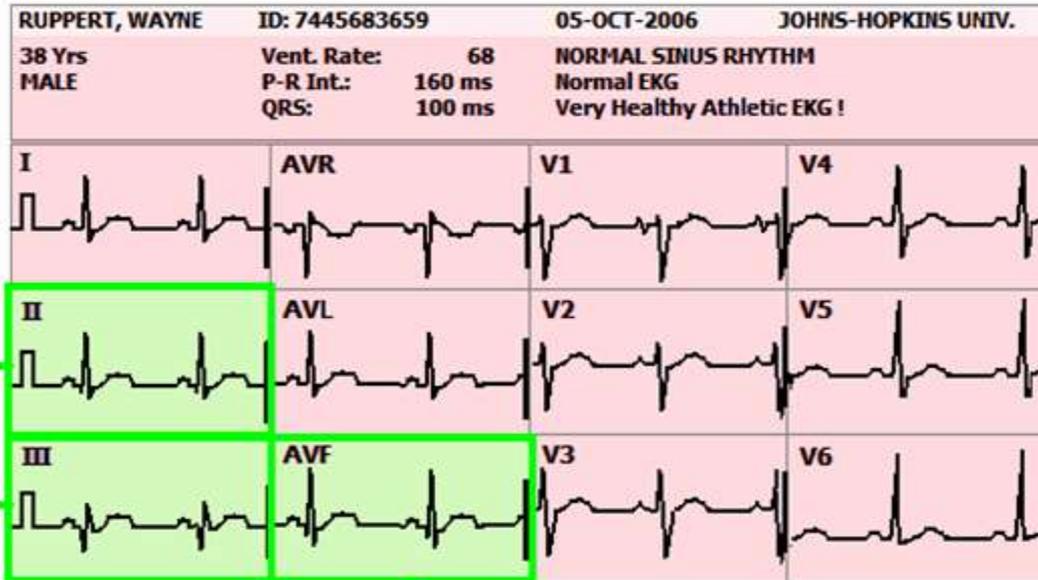
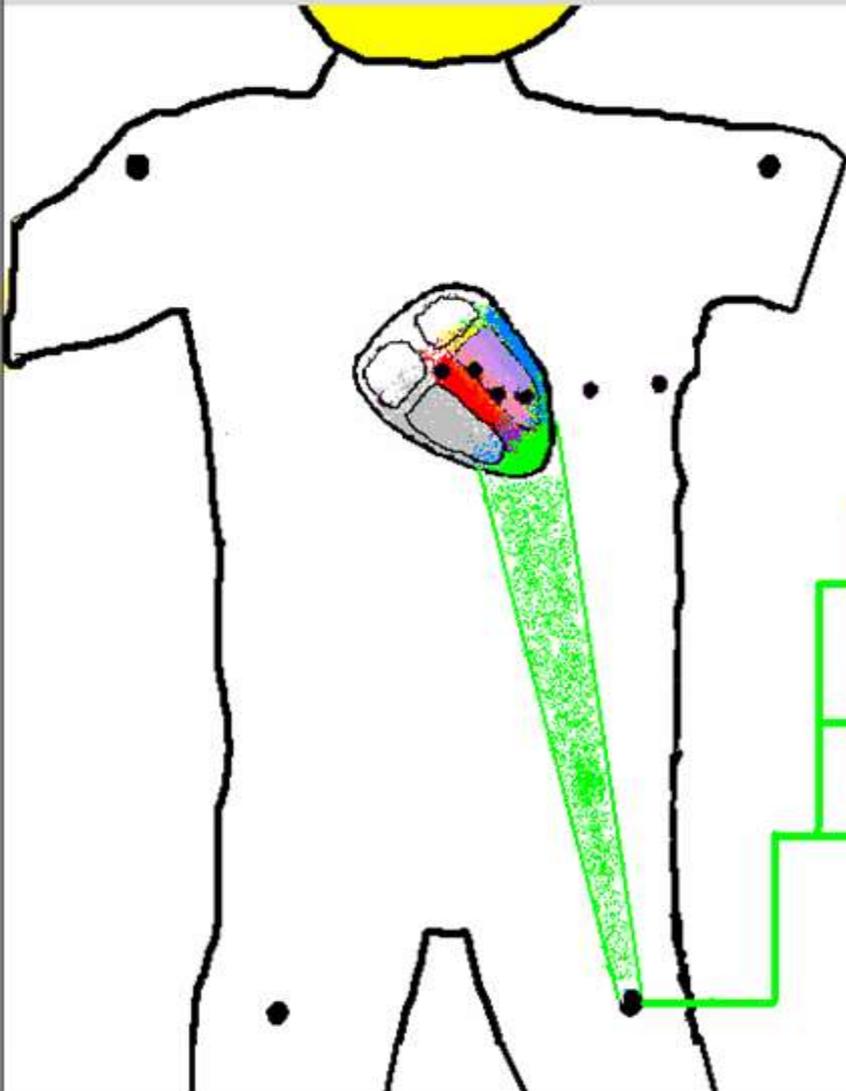


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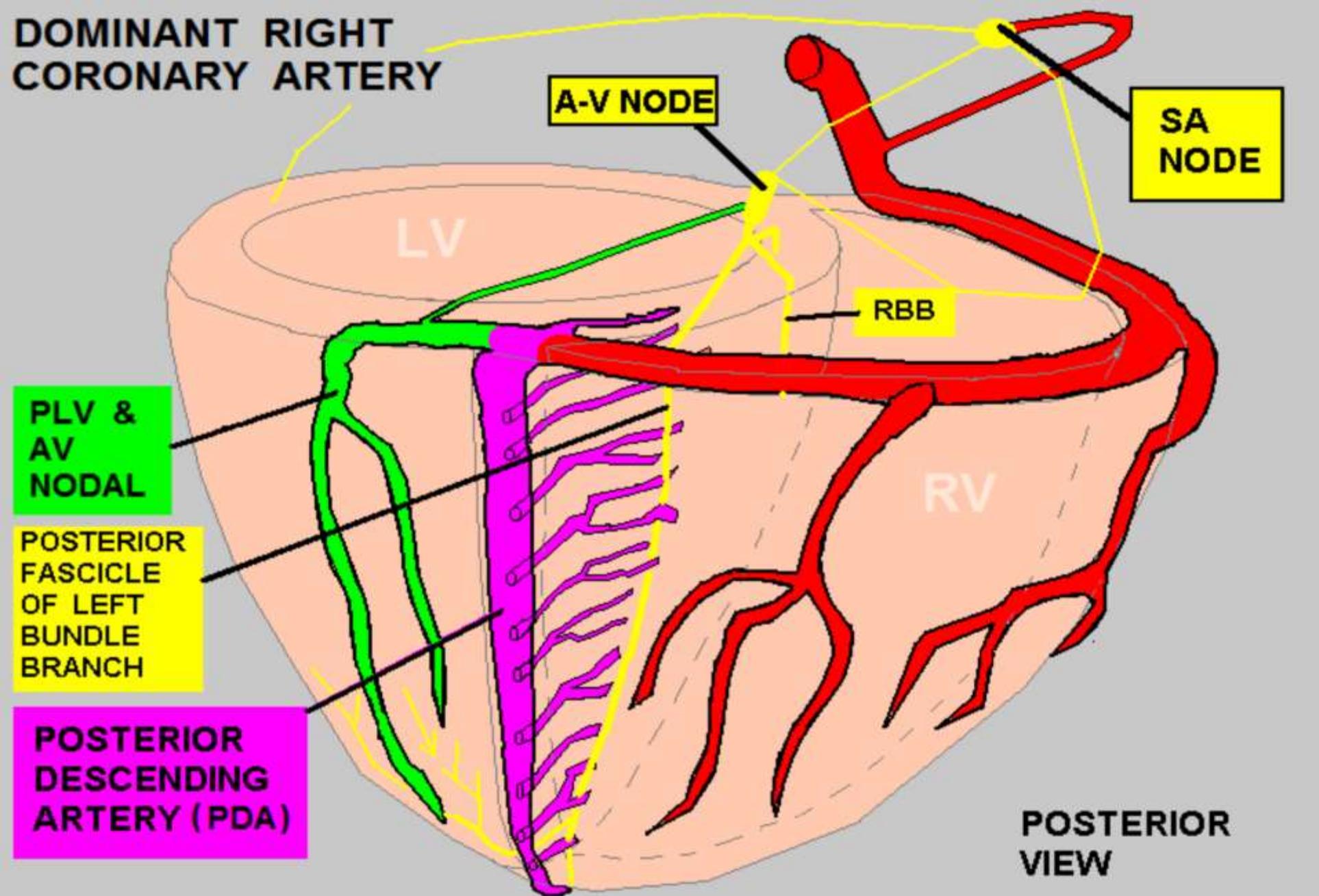
- **STEMI:** consider occlusion of the Left Main Coronary Artery.
- **NSTEMI and Unstable Angina** consider LMCA Occlusion – or **TRIPLE VESSEL DISEASE**

LEADS II, III, and aVF VIEW

INFERIOR WALL of the LEFT VENTRICLE



Which CORONARY ARTERY usually supplies the INFERIOR WALL ?



75 - 80% of the POPULATION HAVE THIS CORONARY ARTERY ANATOMY



HELPFUL HINT . . . *MEMORIZE THIS!*

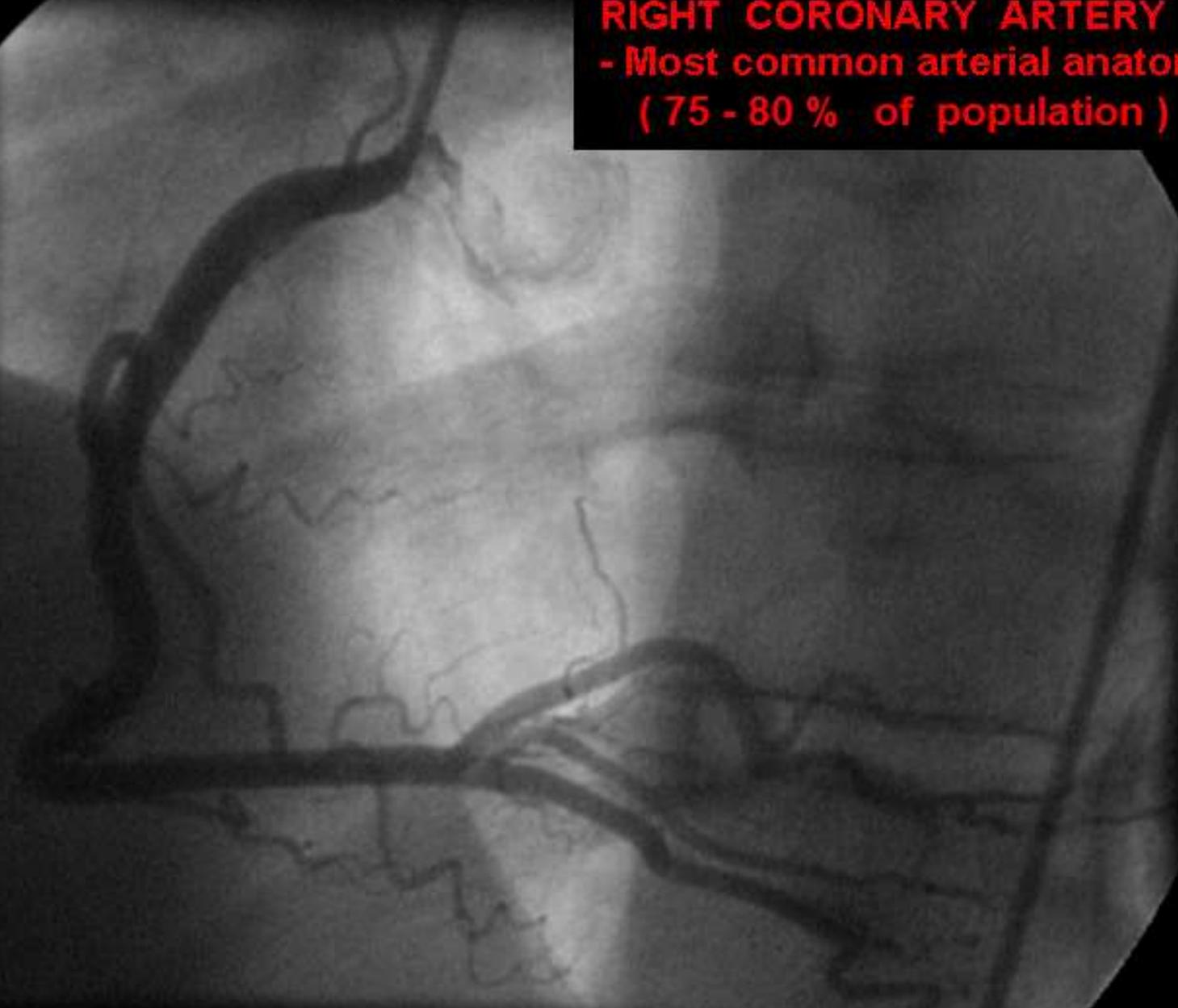


RIGHT CORONARY ARTERY (RCA)

RIGHT DOMINANT
SYSTEMS

- ▶ **RIGHT ATRIUM**
- ▶ **SINUS NODE** (55% of the population)
- ▶ **RIGHT VENTRICLE** - 100% of muscle mass
- ▶ **LEFT VENTRICLE:** 15 - 25% of muscle mass
 - **INFERIOR WALL**
 - approx. 1/2 of **POSTERIOR WALL**
- ▶ **AV NODE**

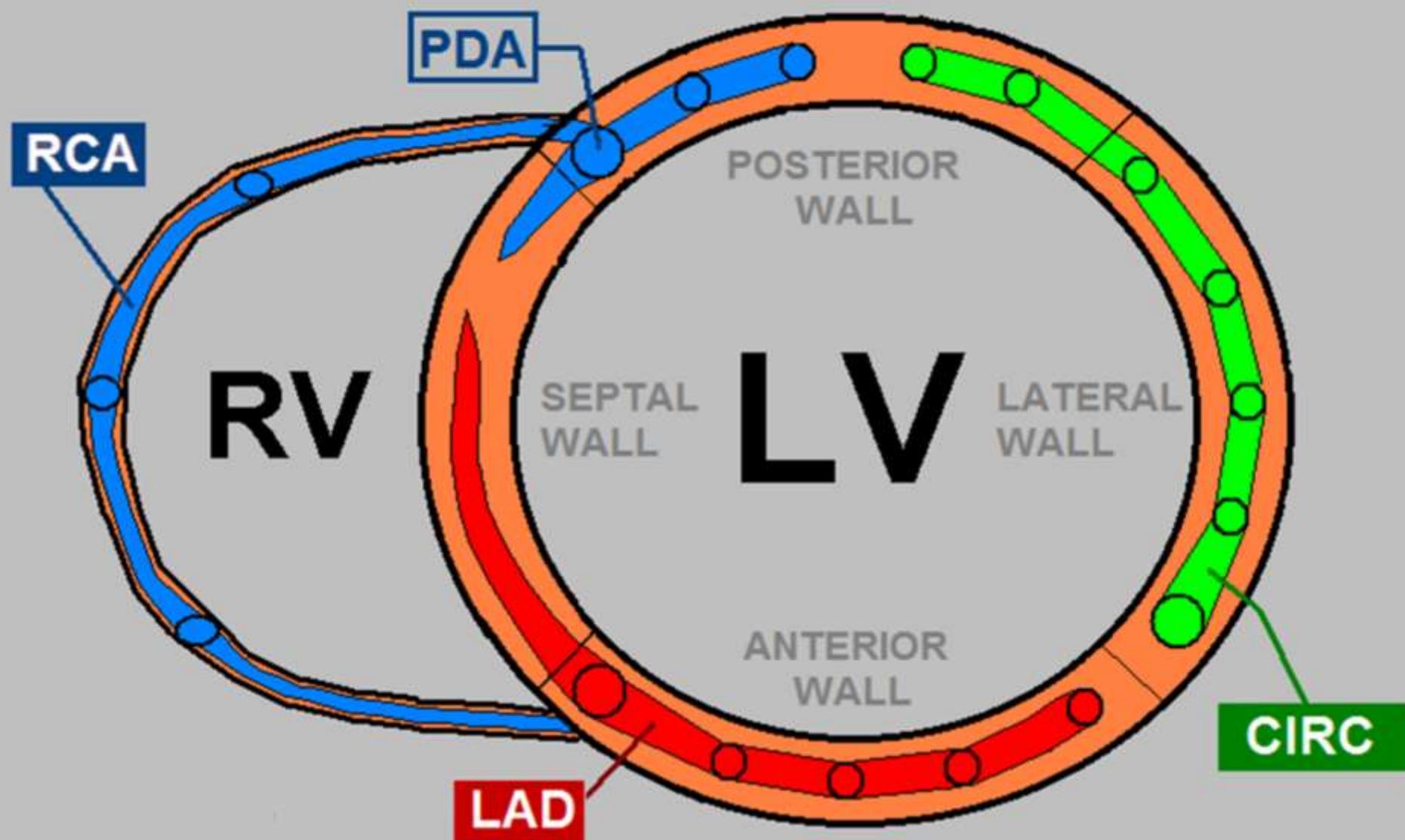
**DOMINANT
RIGHT CORONARY ARTERY**
- Most common arterial anatomy
(75 - 80 % of population)



ARTERIAL DISTRIBUTION - MYOCARDIUM

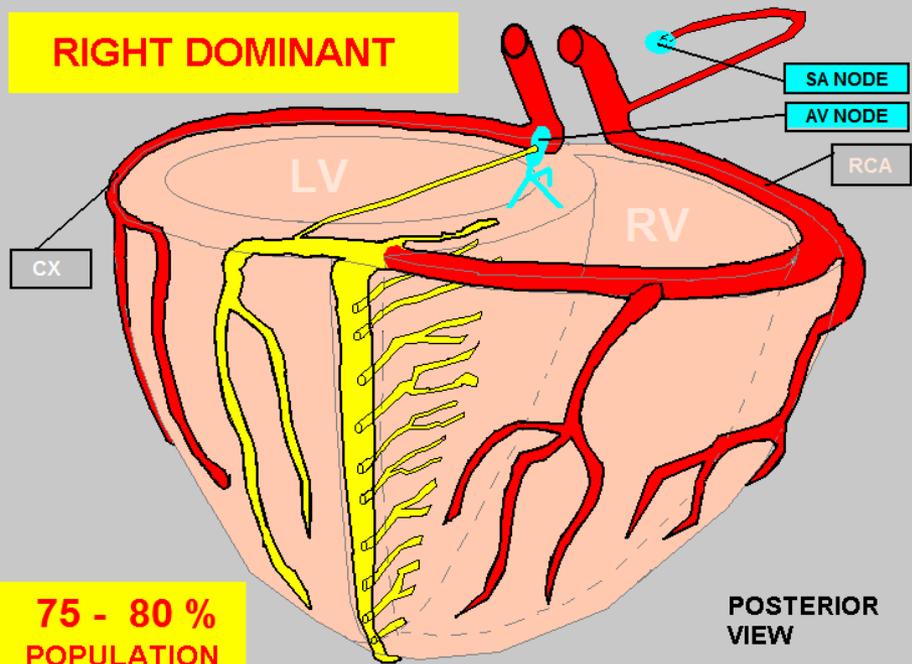
DOMINANT RCA

75-80 % of POPULATION



**So if the Right Coronary Artery
Is DOMINANT in 75 – 80% of the
POPULATION, what accounts for the
Other 20 – 25% ??**

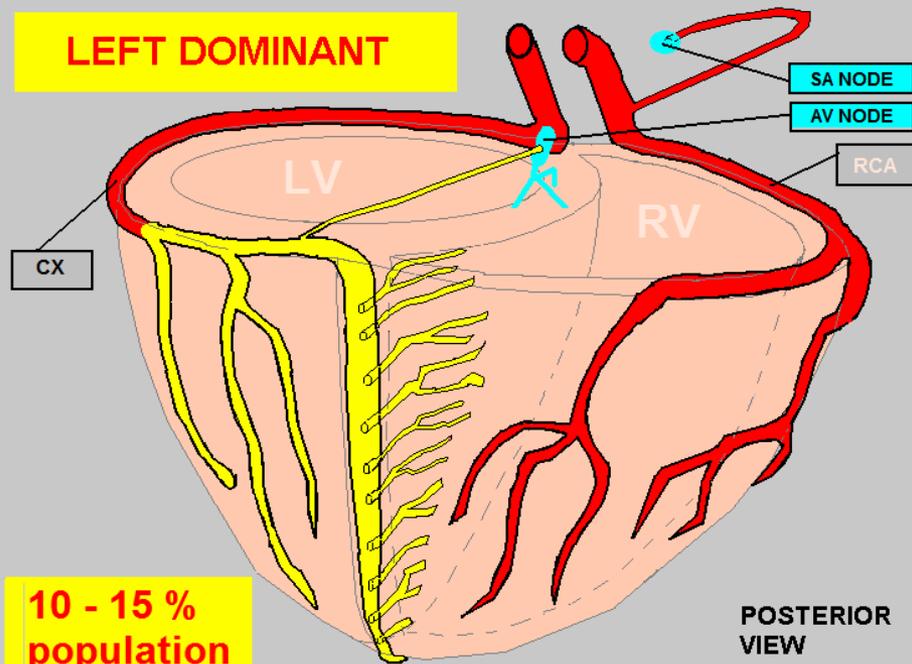
RIGHT DOMINANT



75 - 80 %
POPULATION

POSTERIOR
VIEW

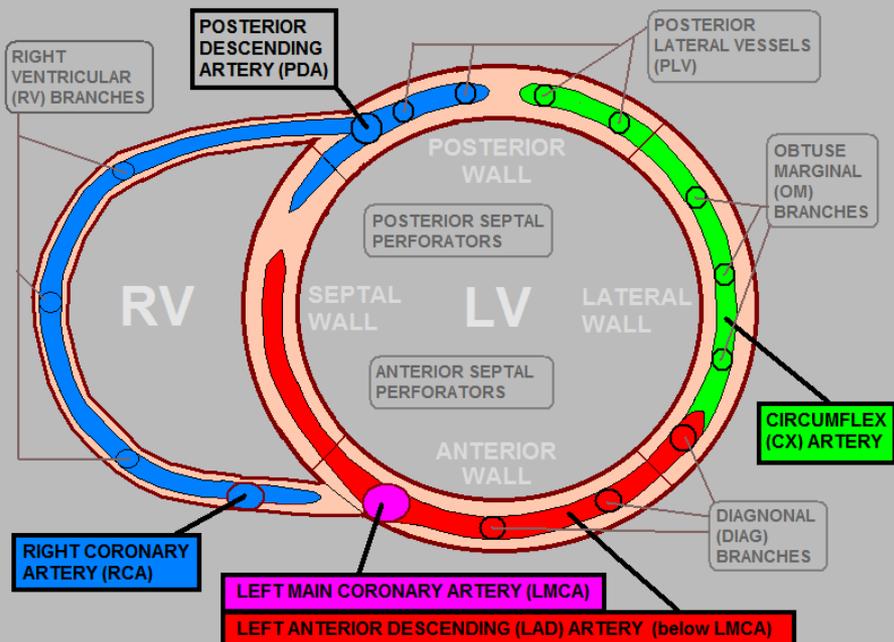
LEFT DOMINANT



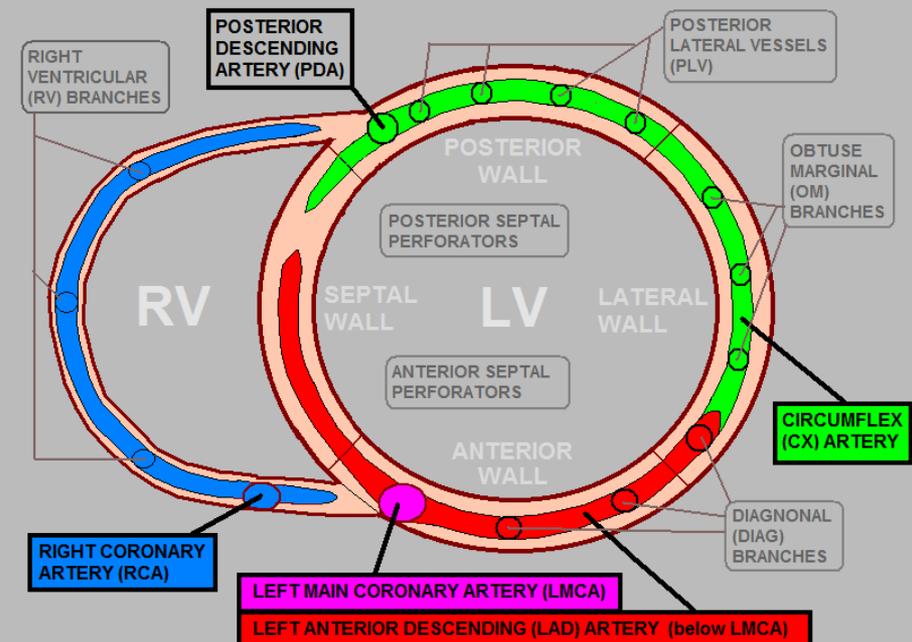
10 - 15 %
population

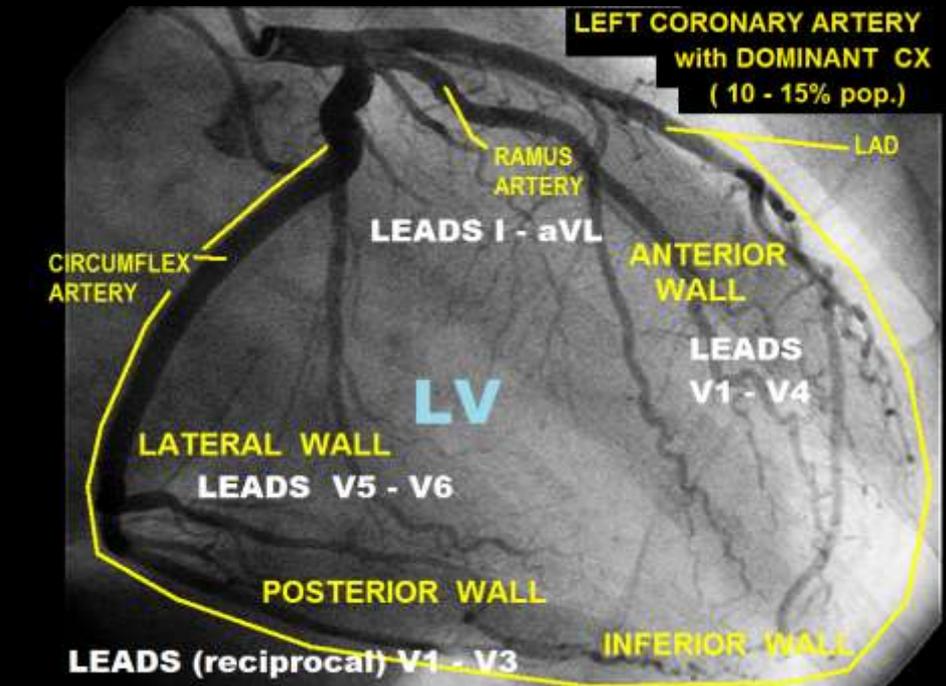
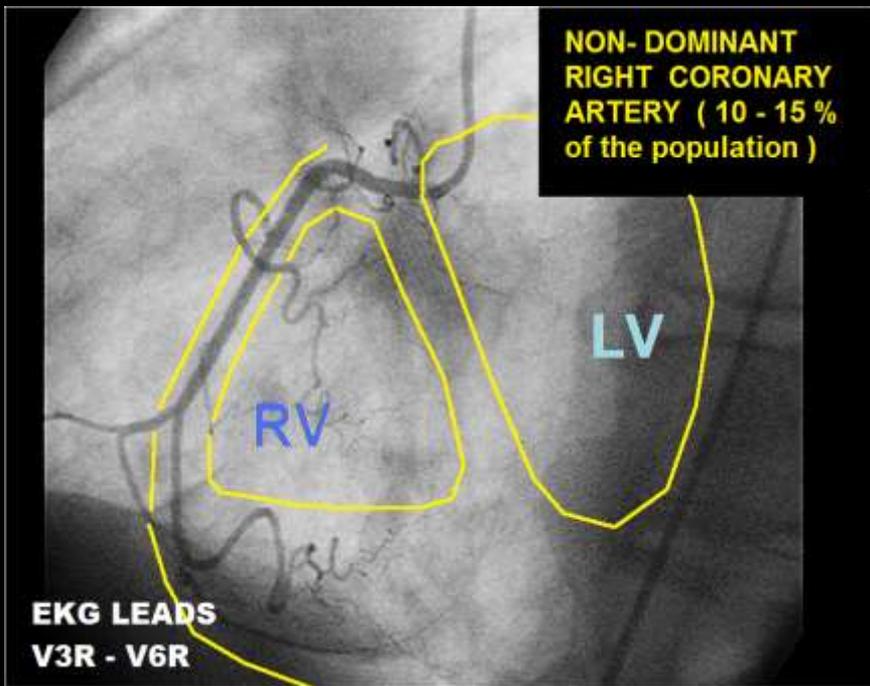
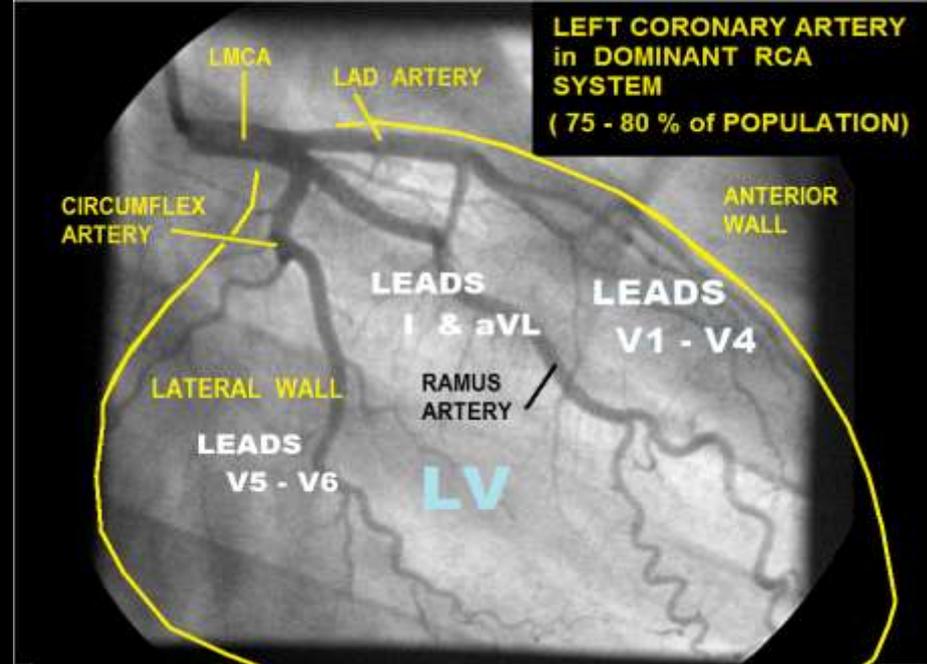
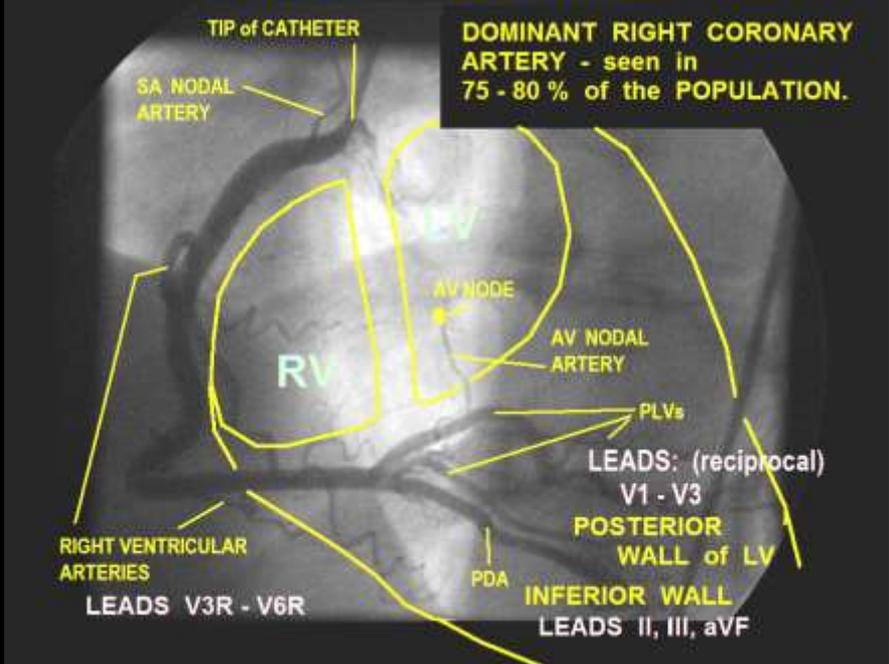
POSTERIOR
VIEW

CORONARY ARTERIAL DISTRIBUTIONS - RIGHT DOMINANT SYSTEM



CORONARY ARTERIAL DISTRIBUTIONS - LEFT DOMINANT SYSTEMS





CIRCUMFLEX ARTERY (CX)

- NON-DOMINANT CX:

CX = 15 - 30% OF LV MASS

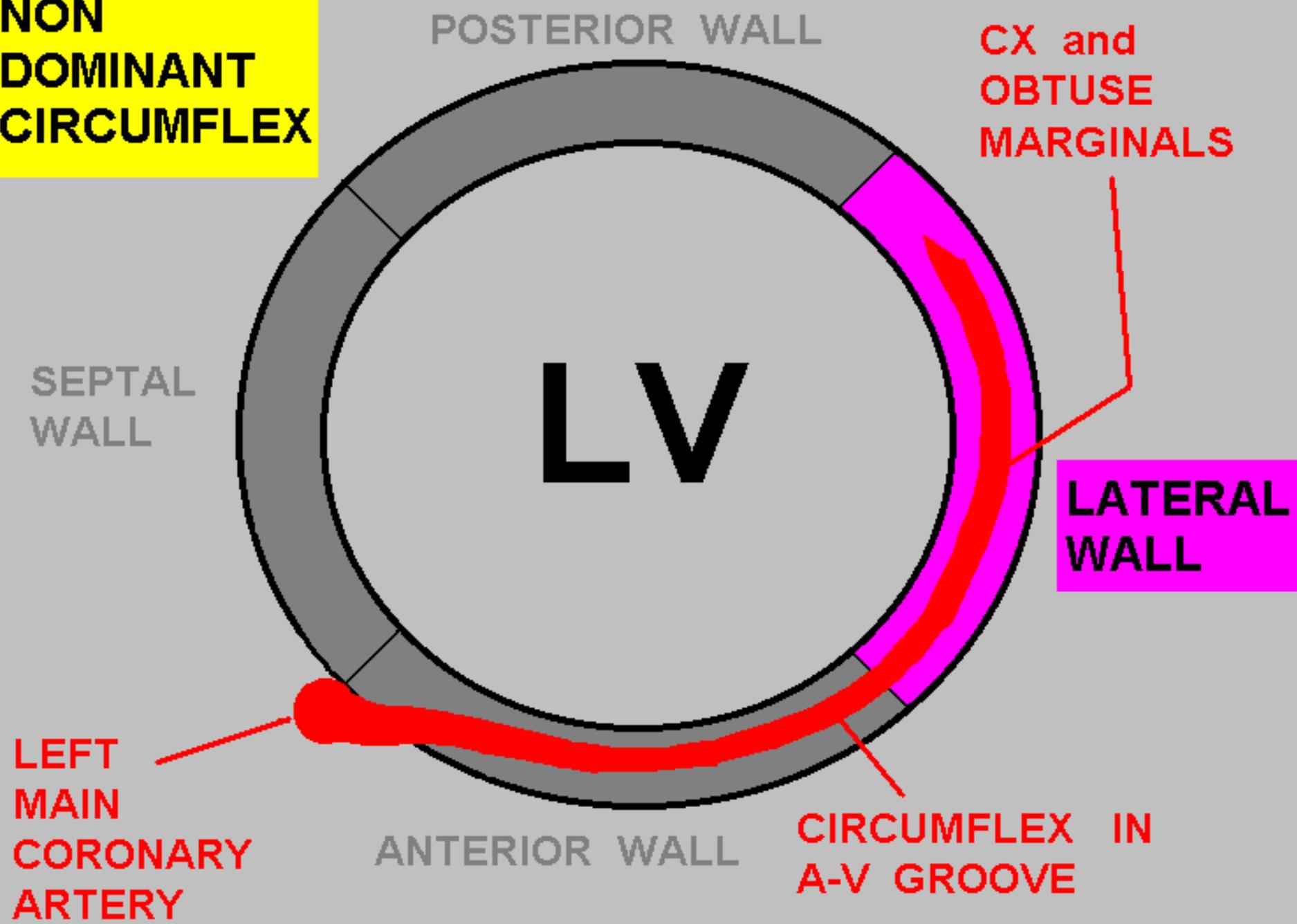
- DOMINANT CX:

CX = 15 - 30% OF LV MASS

+ PDA = 15 - 25% OF LV MASS

TOTAL 30 - 55% OF LV MASS

**NON
DOMINANT
CIRCUMFLEX**



POSTERIOR WALL

CX and
OBTUSE
MARGINALS

SEPTAL
WALL

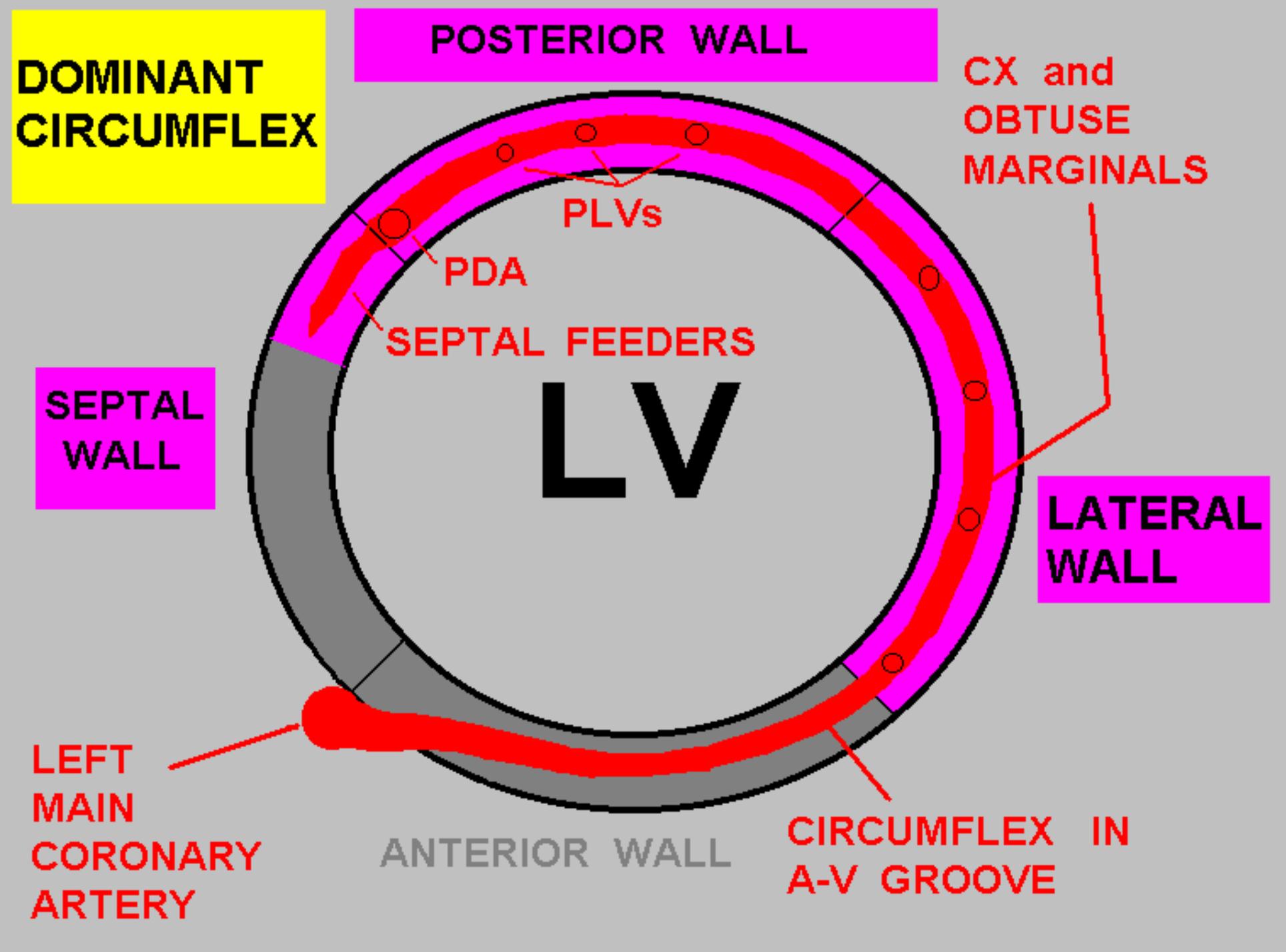
LV

LATERAL
WALL

LEFT
MAIN
CORONARY
ARTERY

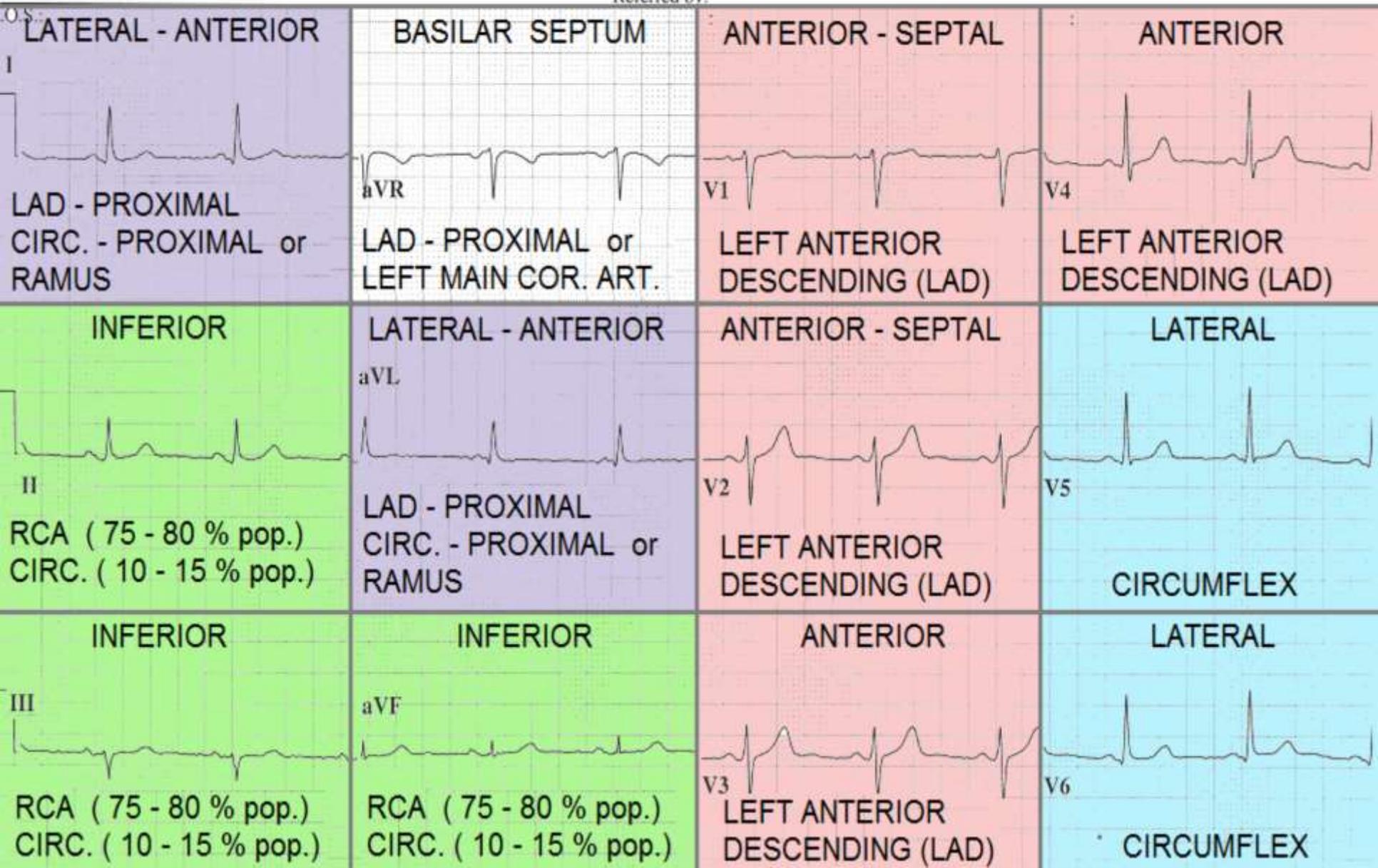
ANTERIOR WALL

CIRCUMFLEX IN
A-V GROOVE



Vent. rate 64 BPM Normal sinus rhythm
 PR interval 130 ms Normal ECG
 QRS duration 96 ms No previous ECGs available
 QT/QTc 396/408 ms
 P-R-T axes 40 11 61

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A standard

12 LEAD EKG

Does NOT show the

RIGHT VENTRICLE

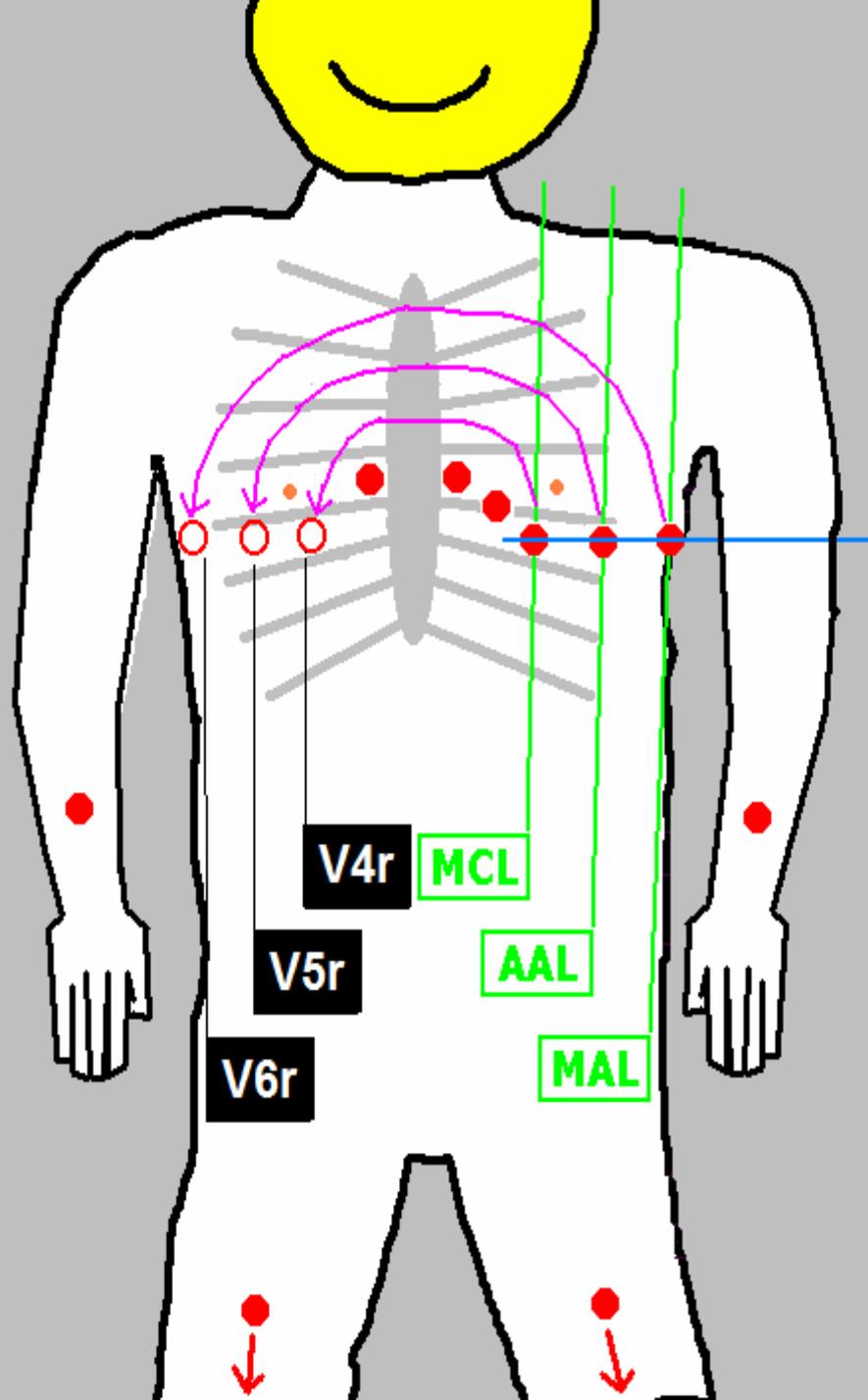
To see the
RIGHT VENTRICLE . . .

. . . such as in cases of
INFERIOR WALL M.I.



You must do a

RIGHT - SIDED EKG !!



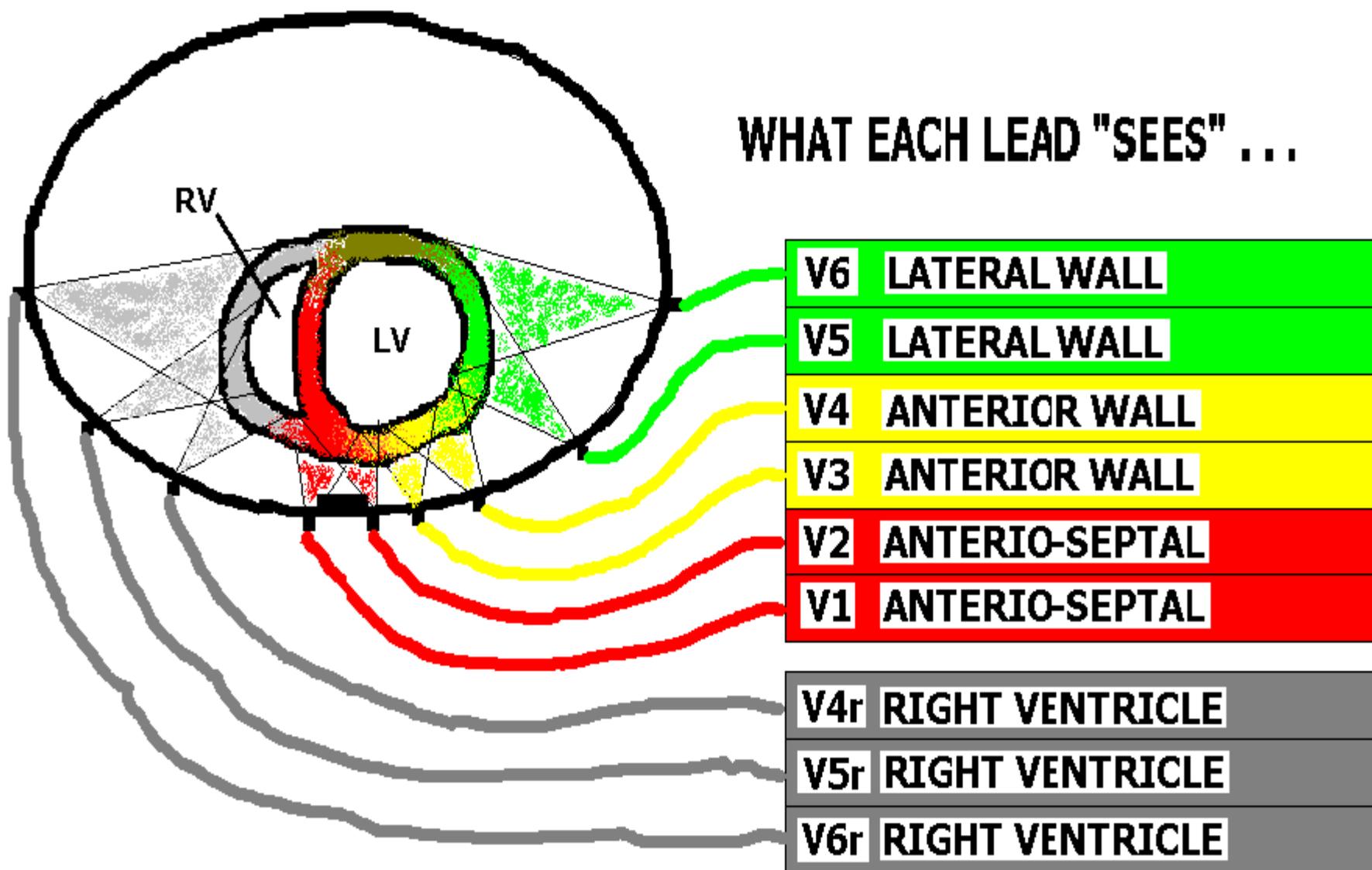
To do a
RIGHT - SIDED EKG . .

**MOVE leads
V4, V5, and V6**

**to the corresponding
placement on the
RIGHT SIDE of patient's
chest . . .**

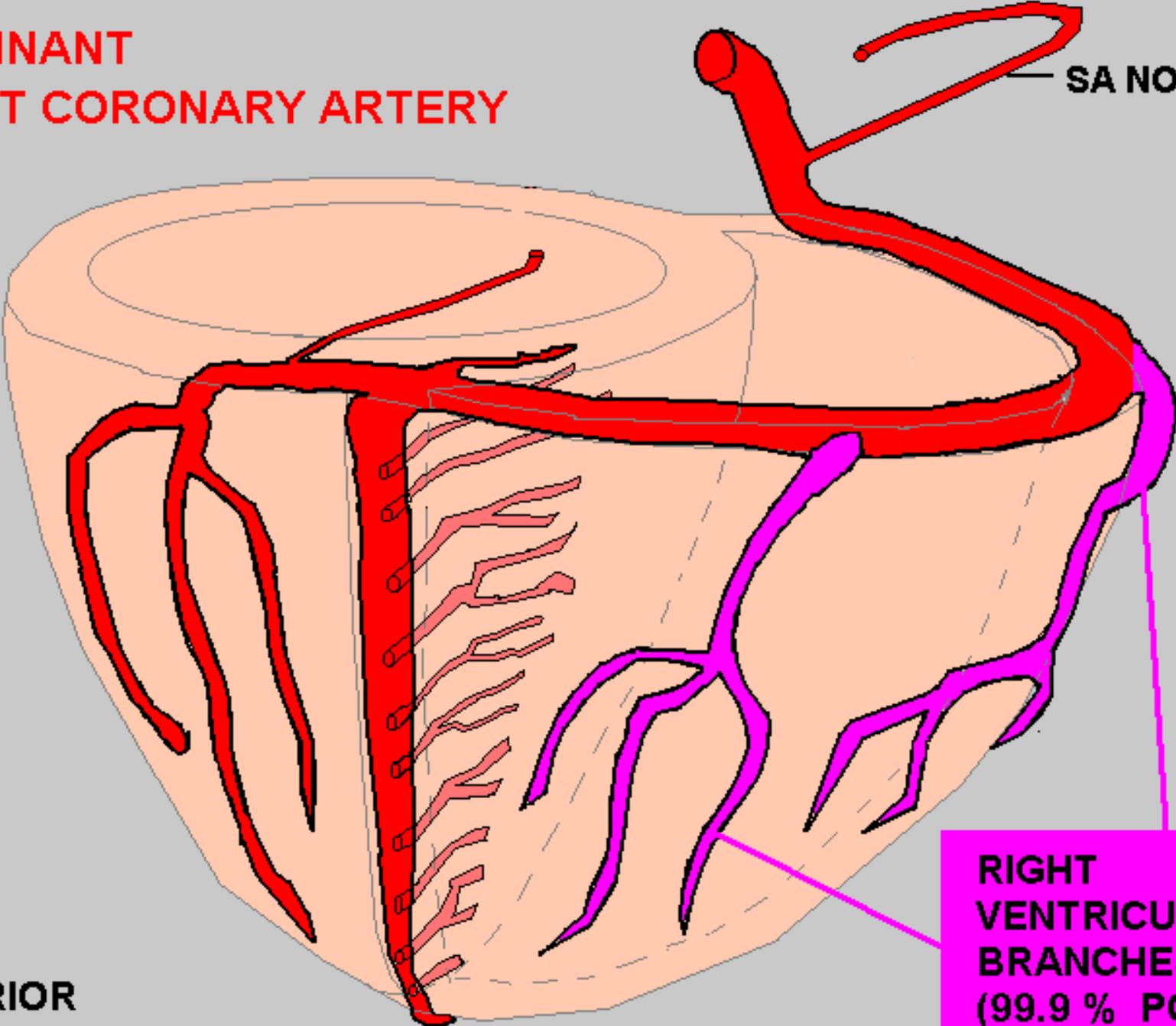
THE V - LEADS

WHAT EACH LEAD "SEES" ...



**DOMINANT
RIGHT CORONARY ARTERY**

SA NODAL

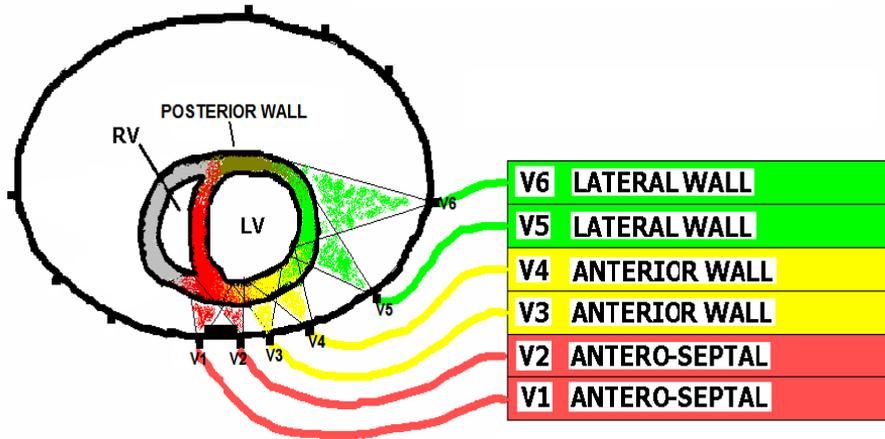


**POSTERIOR
VIEW**

**RIGHT
VENTRICULAR
BRANCHES
(99.9 % POP.)**

CHEST LEADS V1 - V6

WHAT EACH LEAD "SEES" ...

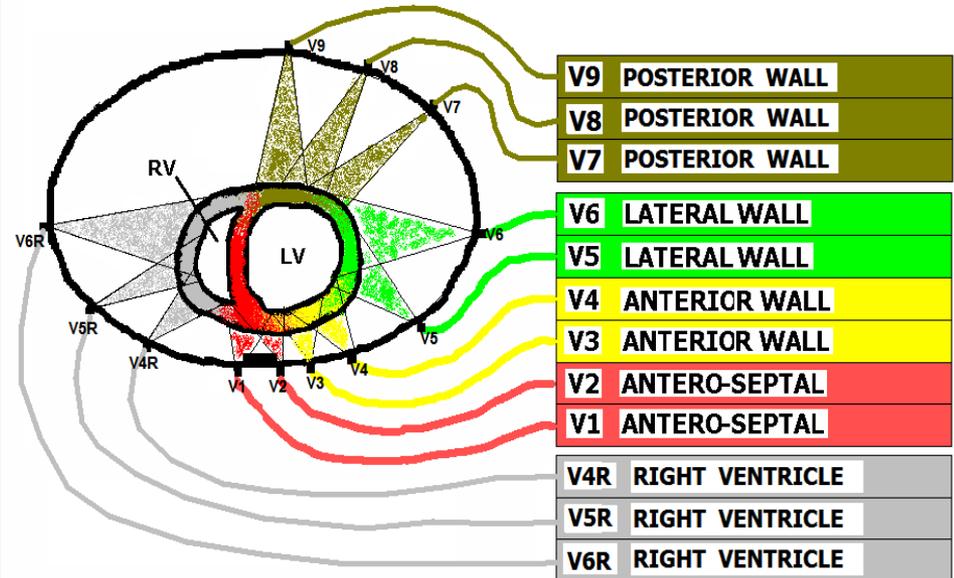


← The 12 Lead ECG

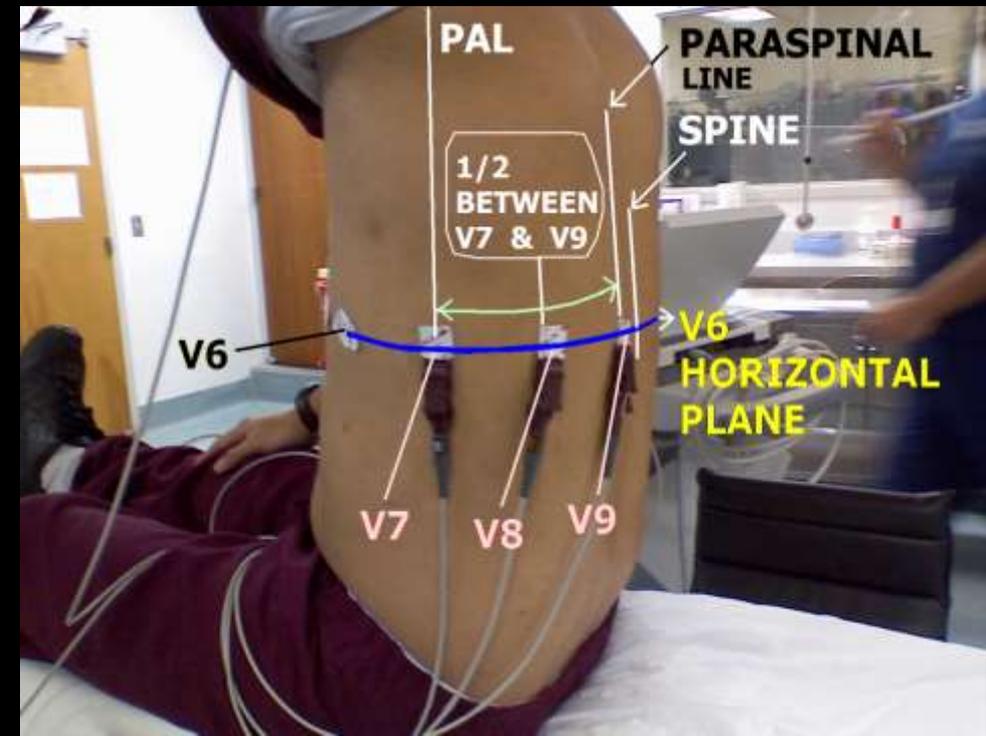
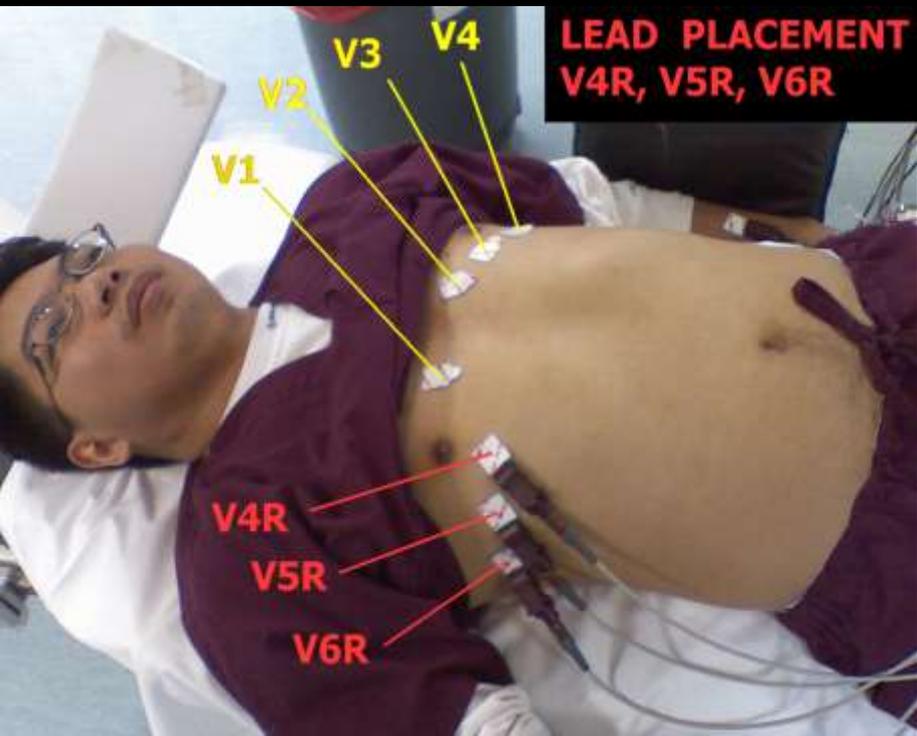
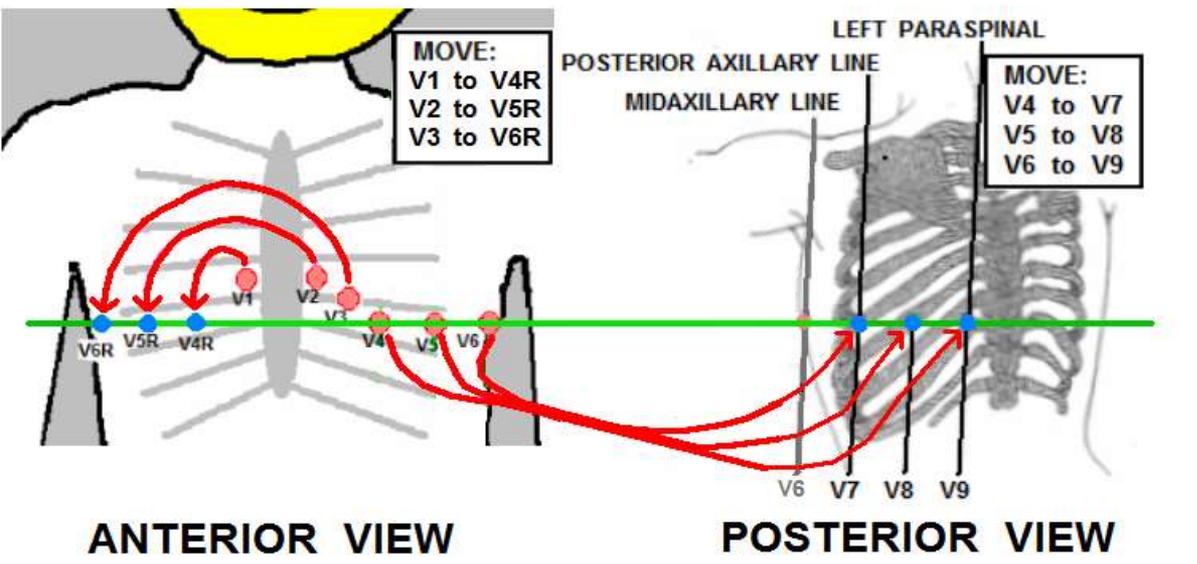
The 18 Lead ECG →

CHEST LEADS V1 - V6 PLUS V4R, V5R, V6R, and V7, V8, V9

WHAT EACH LEAD "SEES" ...



HOW TO REPOSITION 6 CHEST LEADS to OBTAIN 3 R VENTRICLE and 3 POSTERIOR LEADS



34 years Vent. rate 58 bpm
Male Asian PR interval 146 ms
Room: QRS duration 82 ms
Opt: QT/QTc 372/365 ms
P-R-T axes 29 82 50

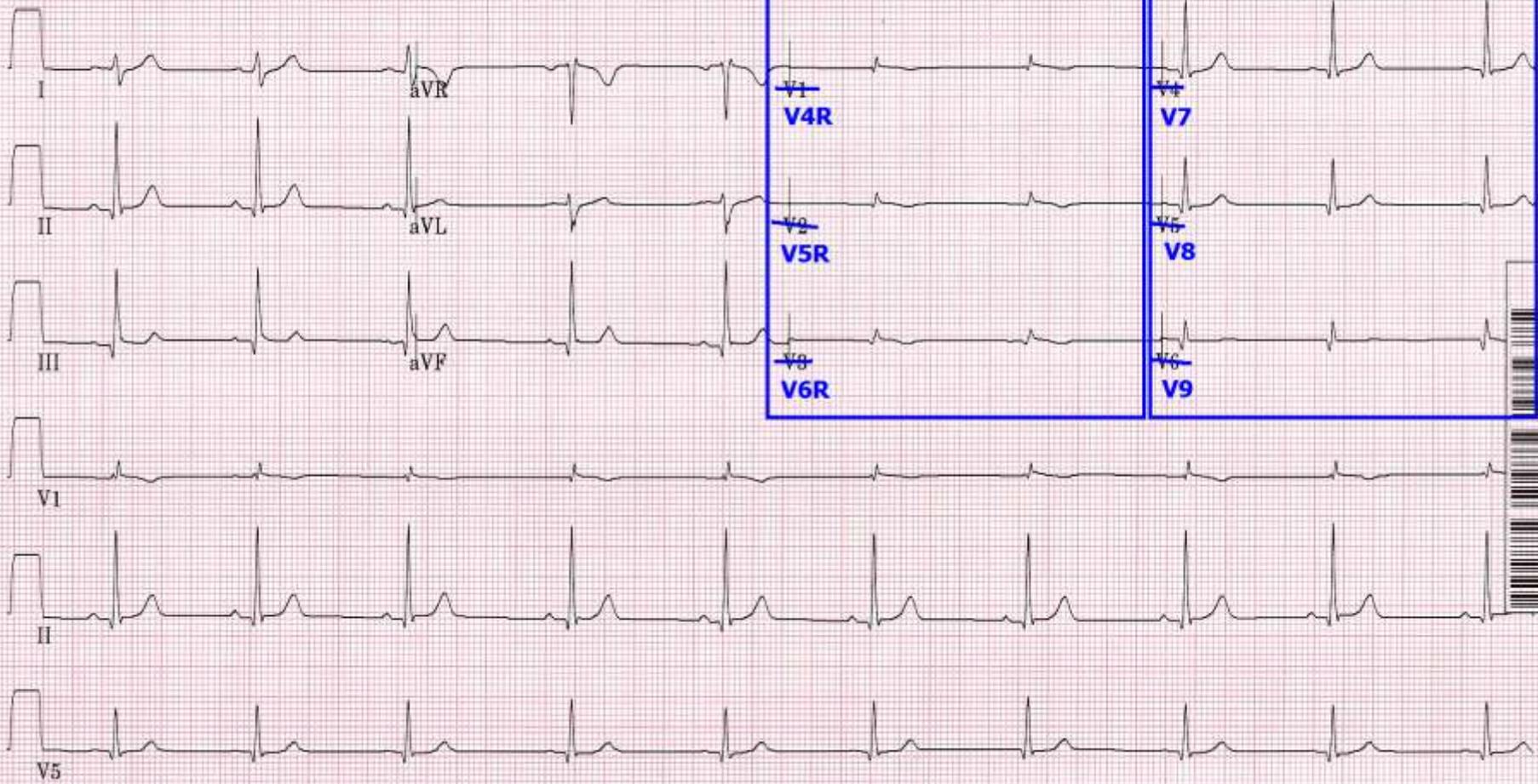
Sinus bradycardia
~~RSR' or QR pattern in V1 suggests right ventricular conduction delay~~
~~Cannot rule out Anteroseptal infarct, age undetermined~~
~~Abnormal ECG~~

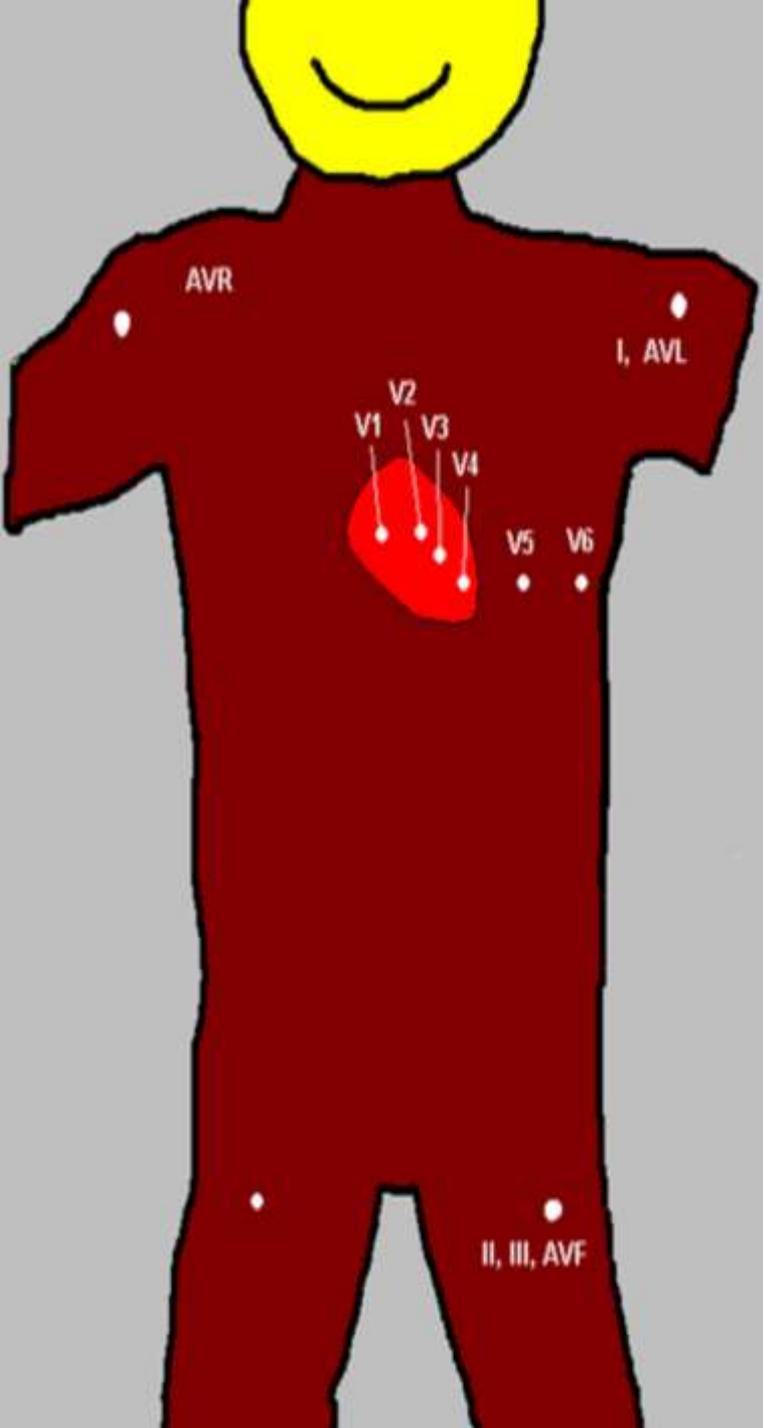
Technician: WR

DOS:

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RIGHT VENTRICLE **POSTERIOR WALL**





AREAS VIEWED by 12 LEAD ECG

+

TYPICAL CORONARY ARTERIAL DISTRIBUTION

AVR *BASILAR SEPTAL*



1st SEPTAL PERFORATOR

AVL, I LATERAL
ANTERIOR



1st DIAGONAL or RAMUS or
1st OBTUSE MARGINAL

V1, V2 ANTERIOR



LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING

SEPTAL



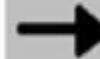
LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING

POSTERIOR (recip.)



POSTERIOR LATERAL VESSELS

V3, V4 ANTERIOR



LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING

V5, V6 LATERAL



CIRCUMFLEX

II, III, AVF INFERIOR

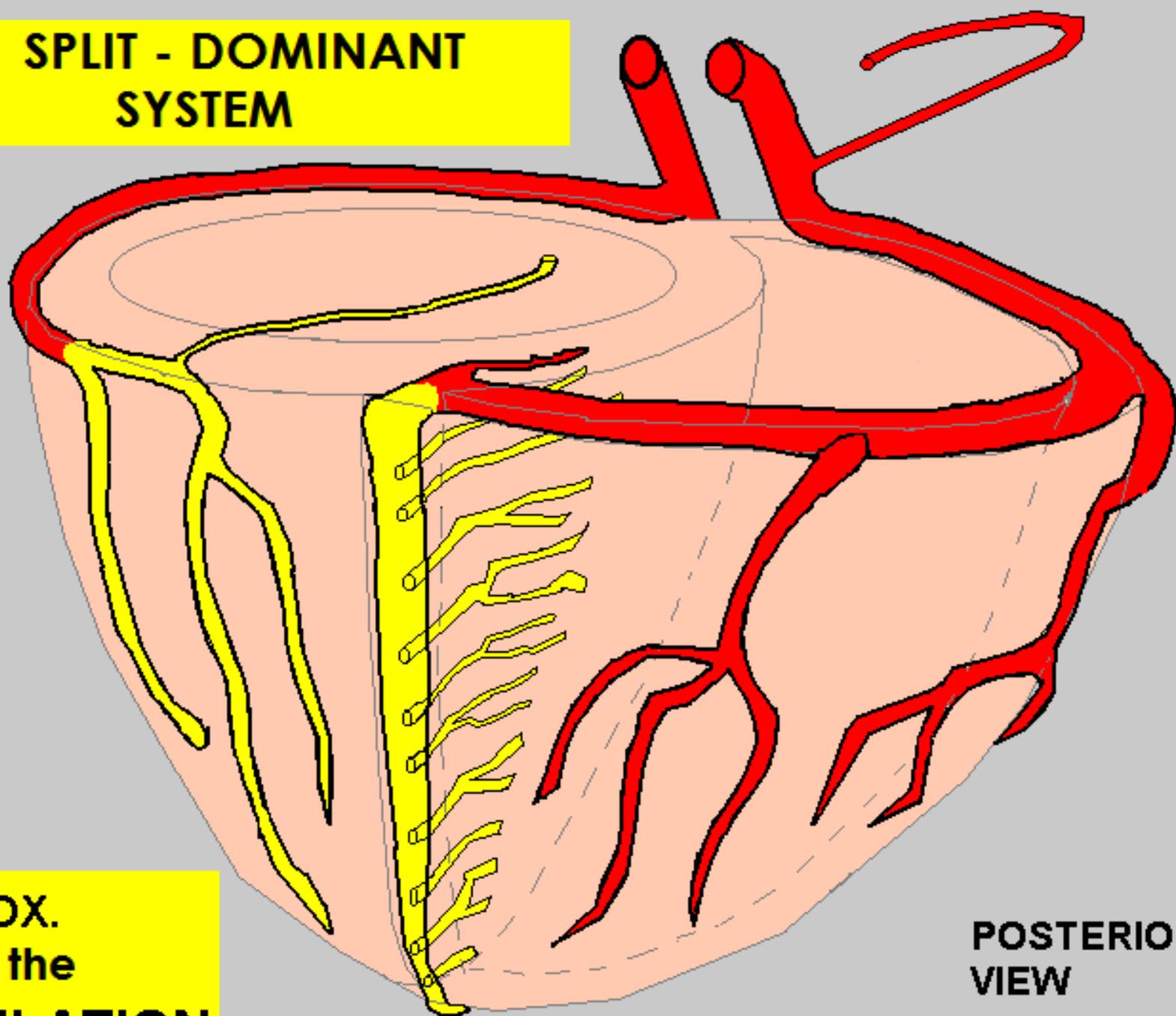


RIGHT CORONARY ARTERY or
CIRCUMFLEX

RIGHT DOMINANT and
LEFT DOMINANT systems
account for approximately
90 % of the population.....

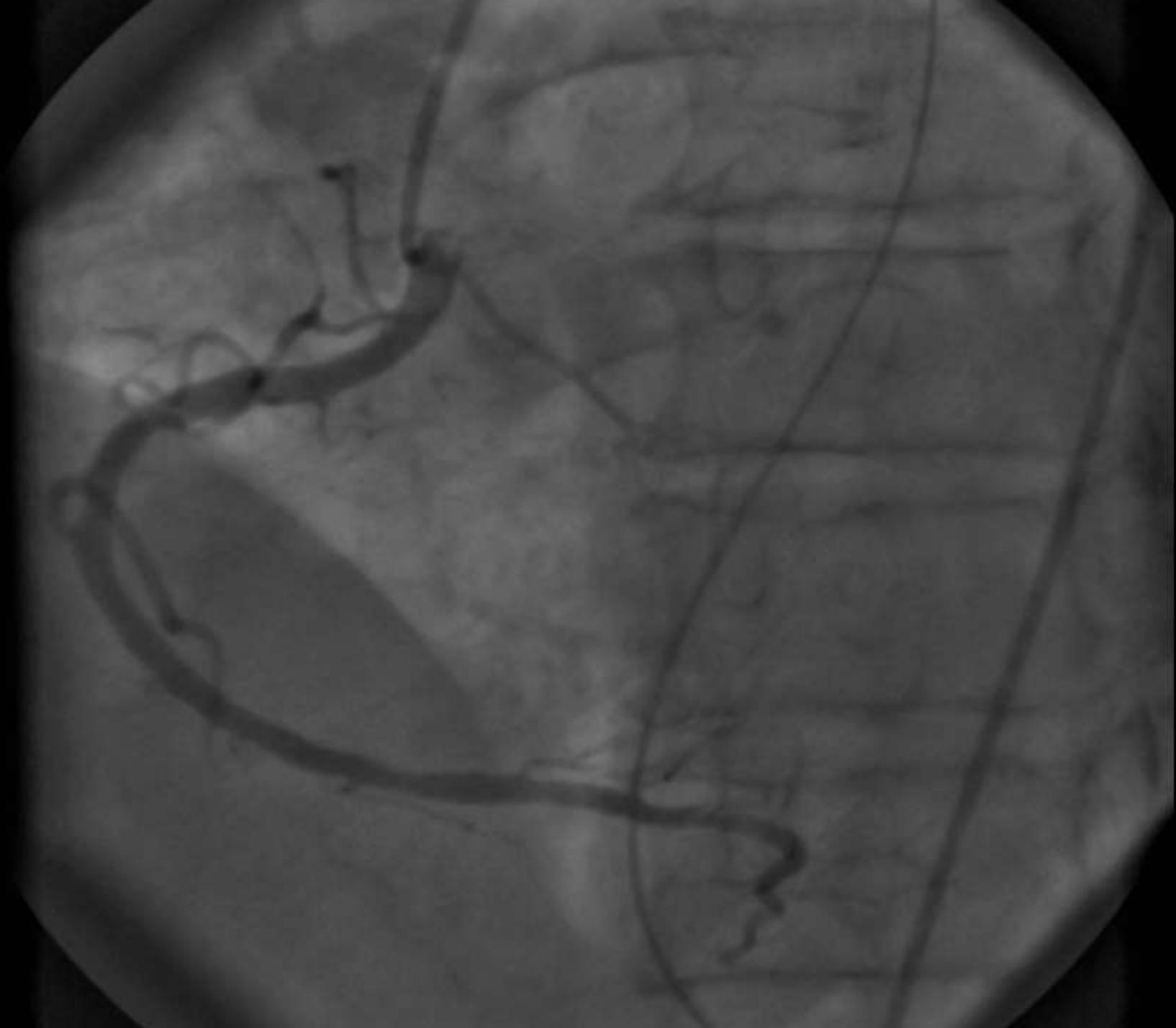
COMING UP ... some LESS
COMMON variations that
comprise the remaining 10%...

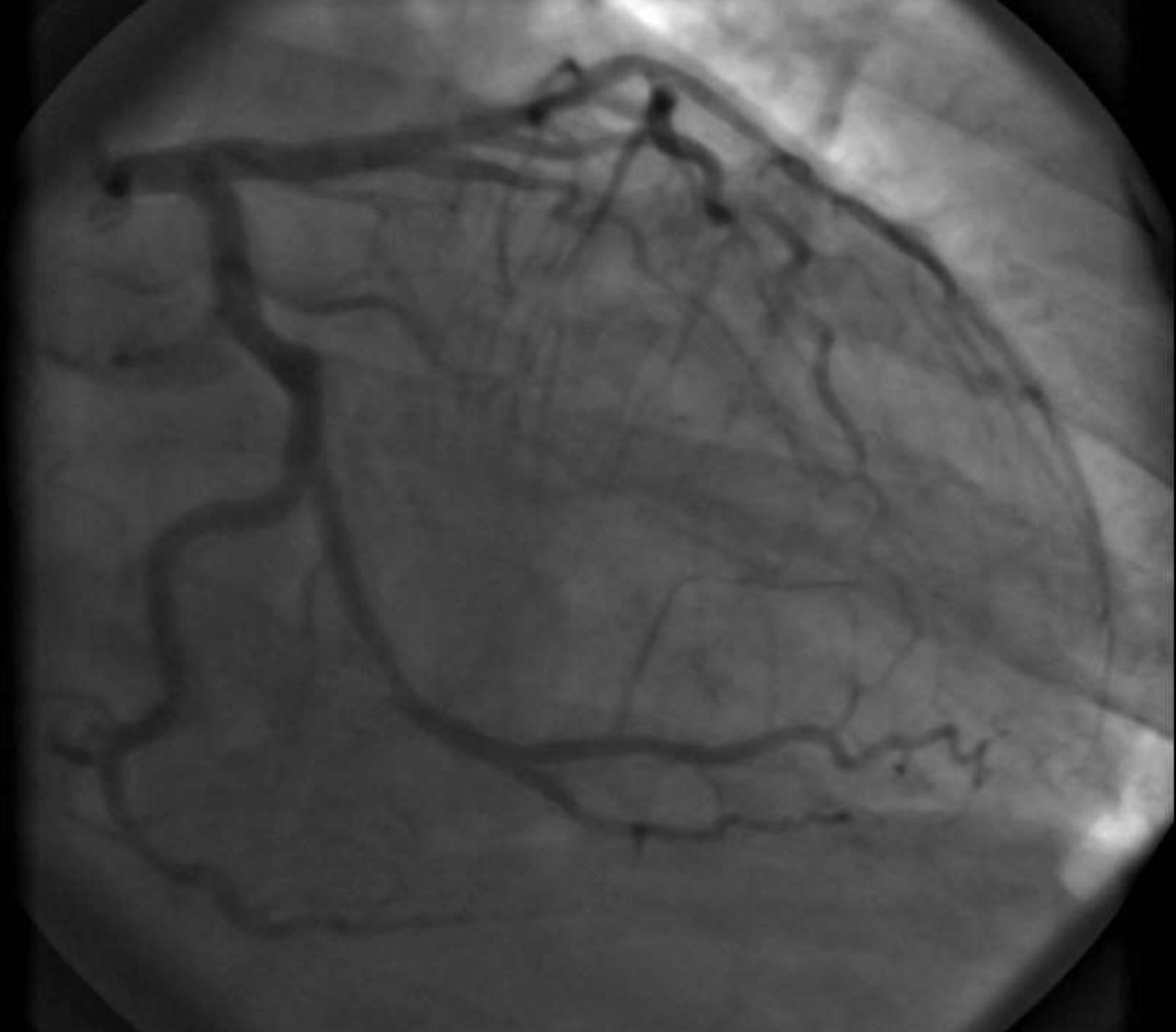
**A SPLIT - DOMINANT
SYSTEM**



**APPROX.
5% of the
POPULATION**

**POSTERIOR
VIEW**

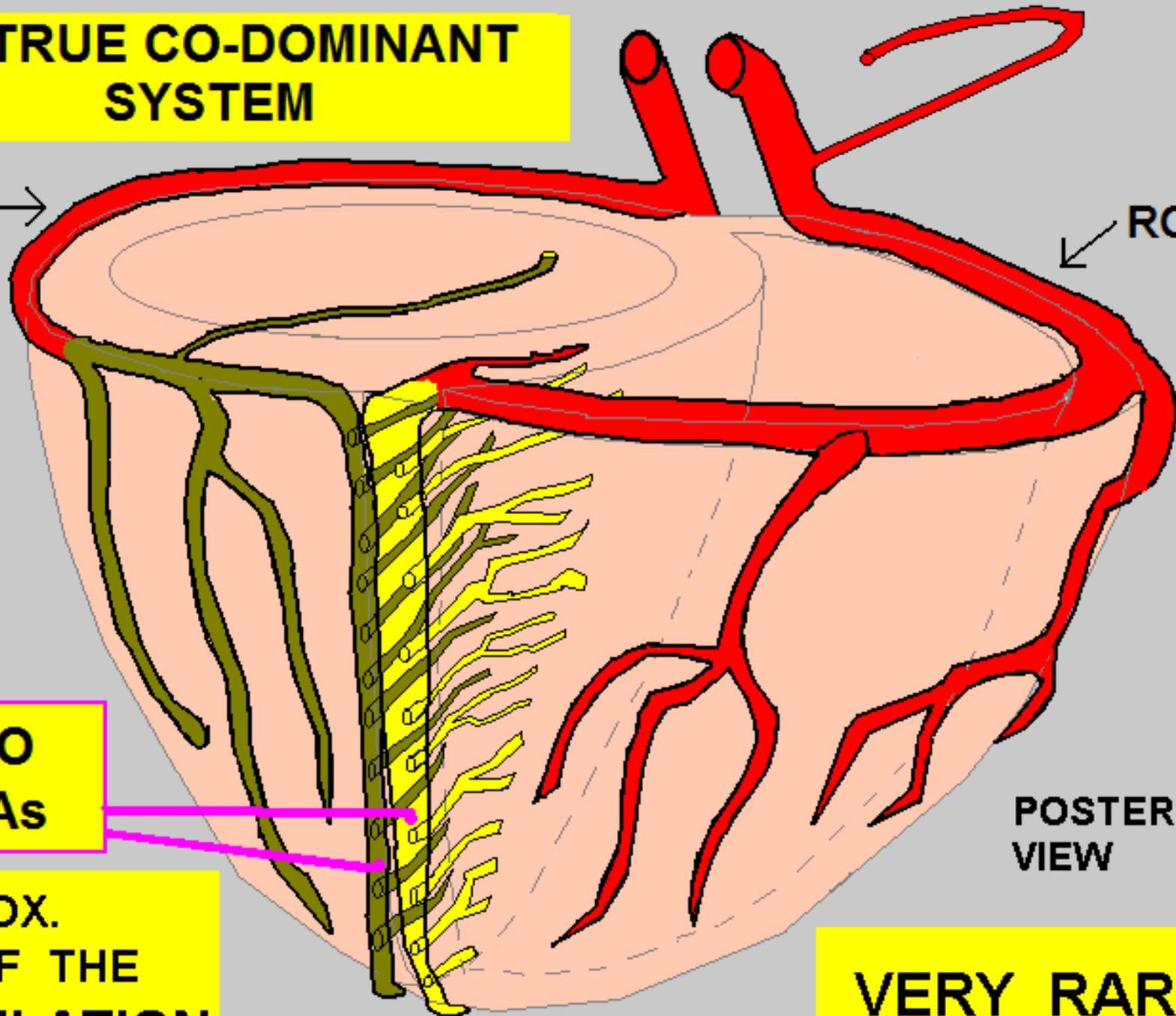




A TRUE CO-DOMINANT SYSTEM

CX →

← RCA



TWO PDAs

POSTERIOR VIEW

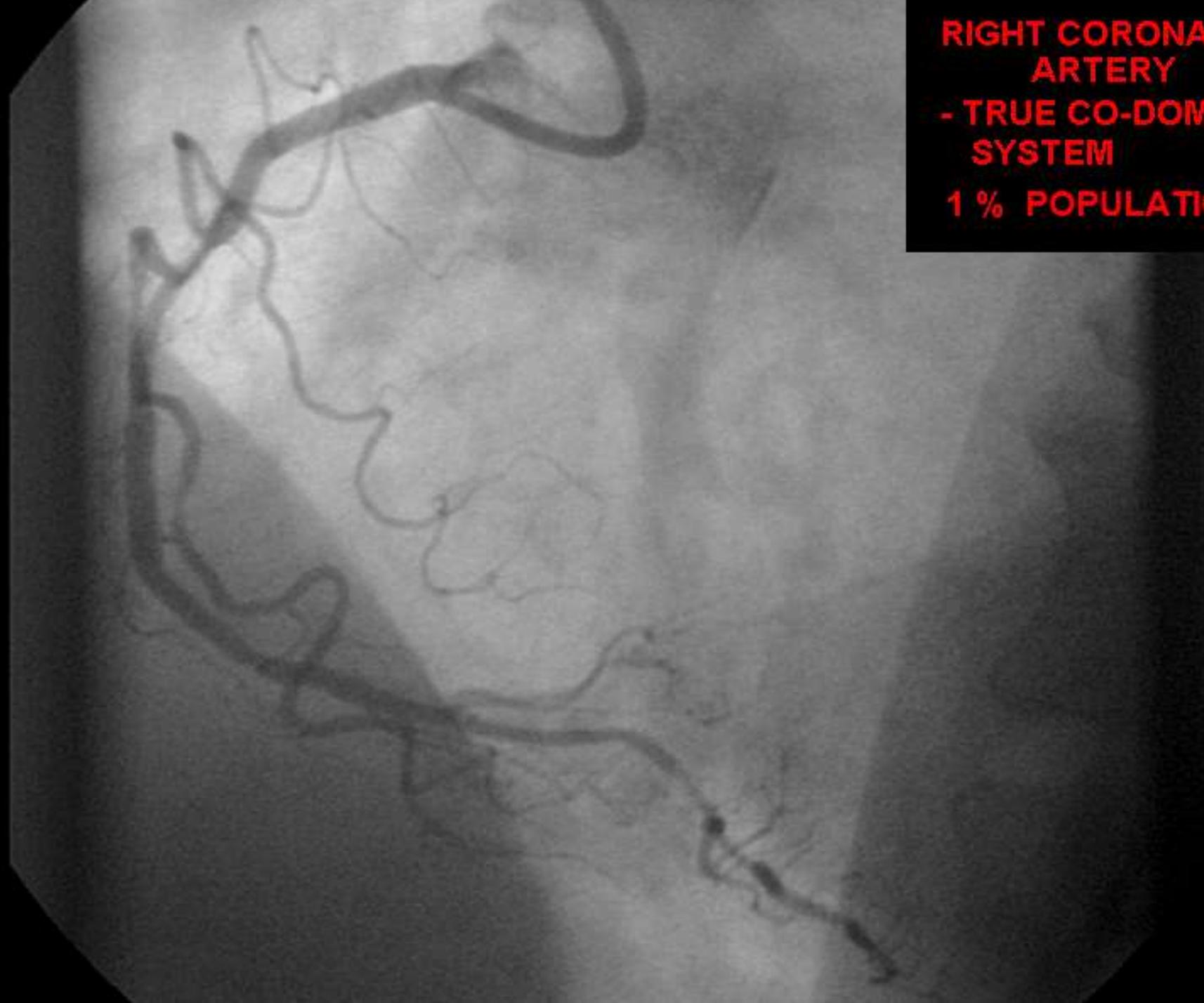
APPROX. 1% OF THE POPULATION

VERY RARE !

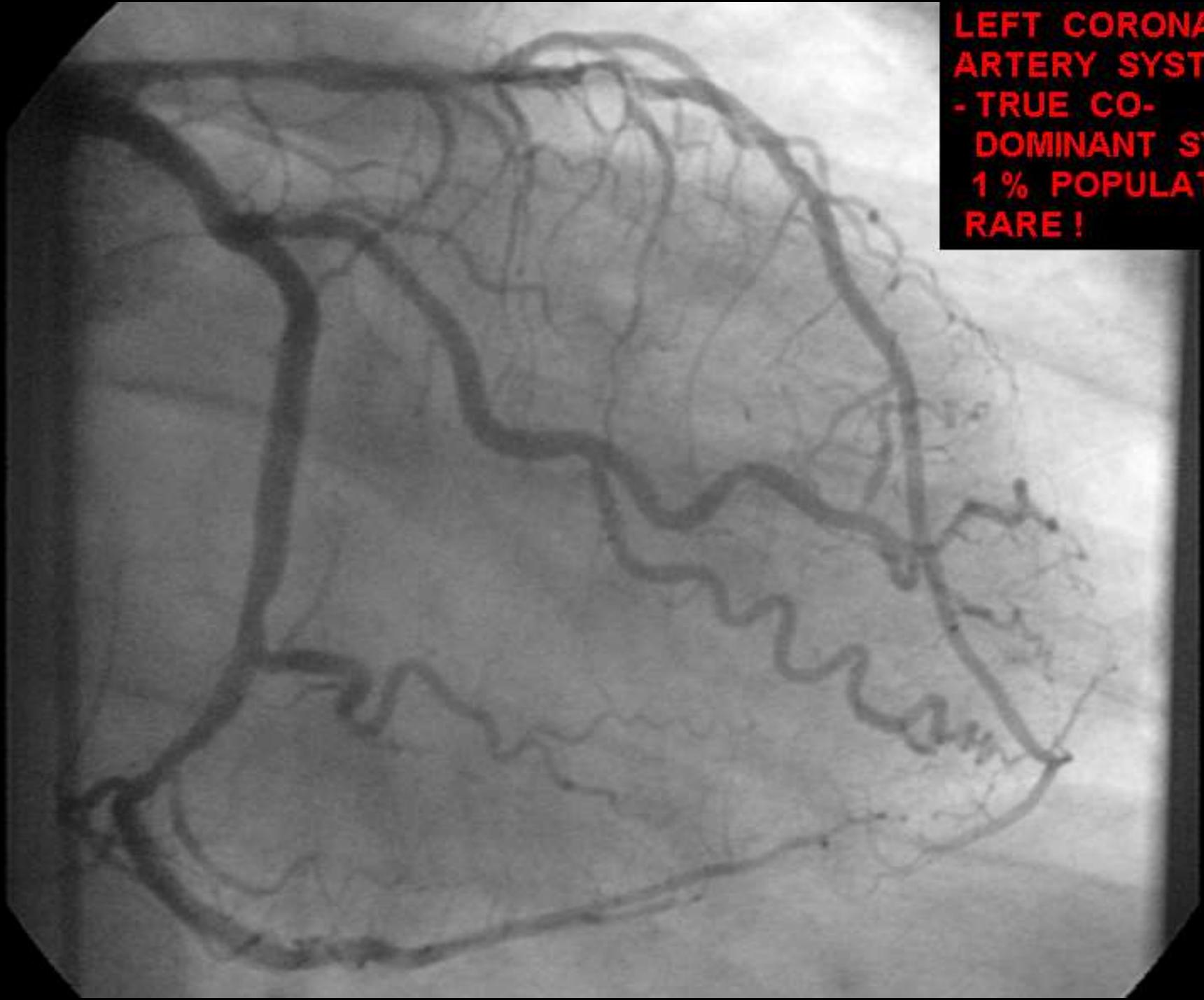
**RIGHT CORONARY
ARTERY**

**- TRUE CO-DOMINANT
SYSTEM**

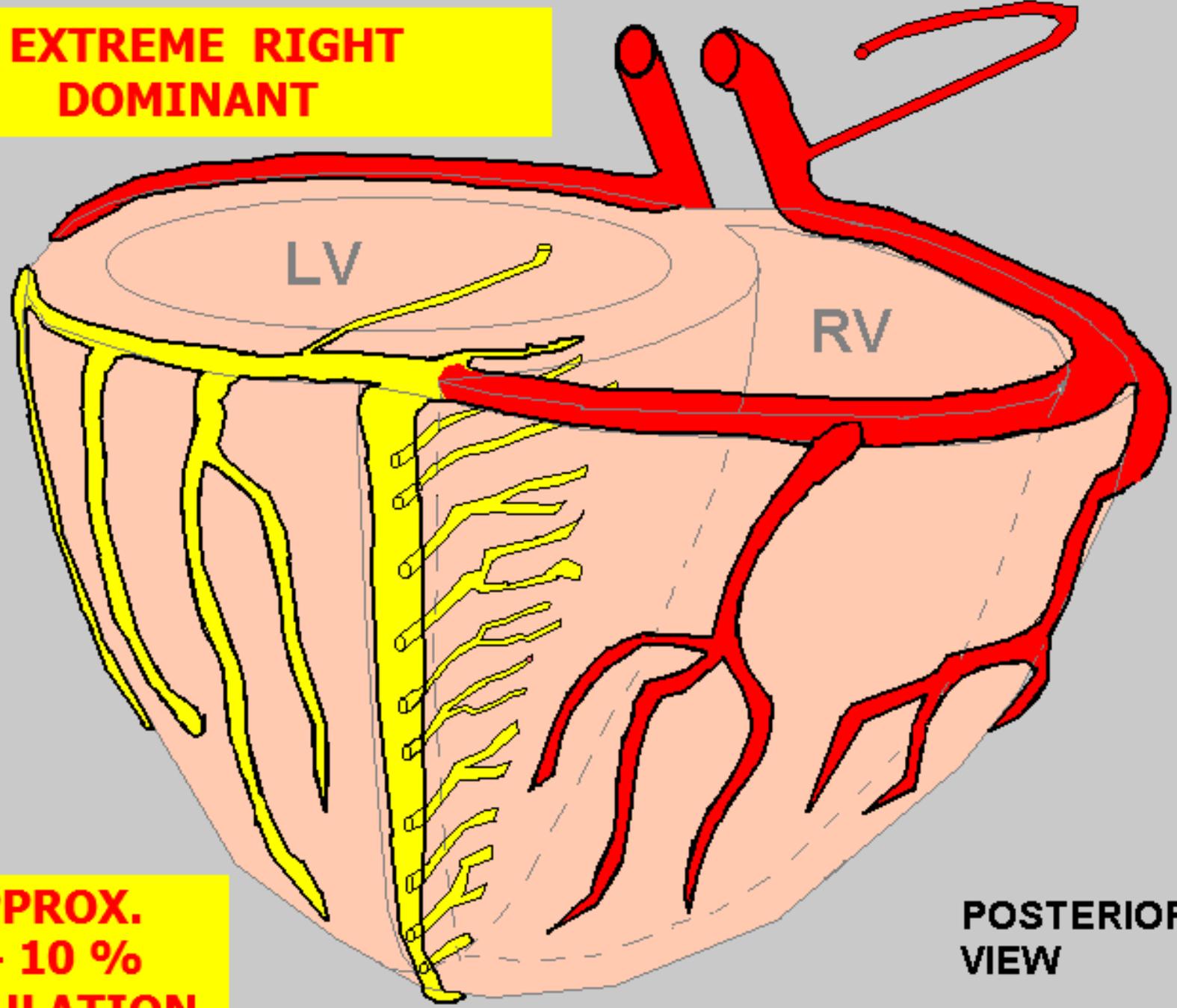
1 % POPULATION



**LEFT CORONARY
ARTERY SYSTEM
- TRUE CO-
DOMINANT SYSTEM
1% POPULATION
RARE !**



**EXTREME RIGHT
DOMINANT**



**APPROX.
5 - 10 %
POPULATION**

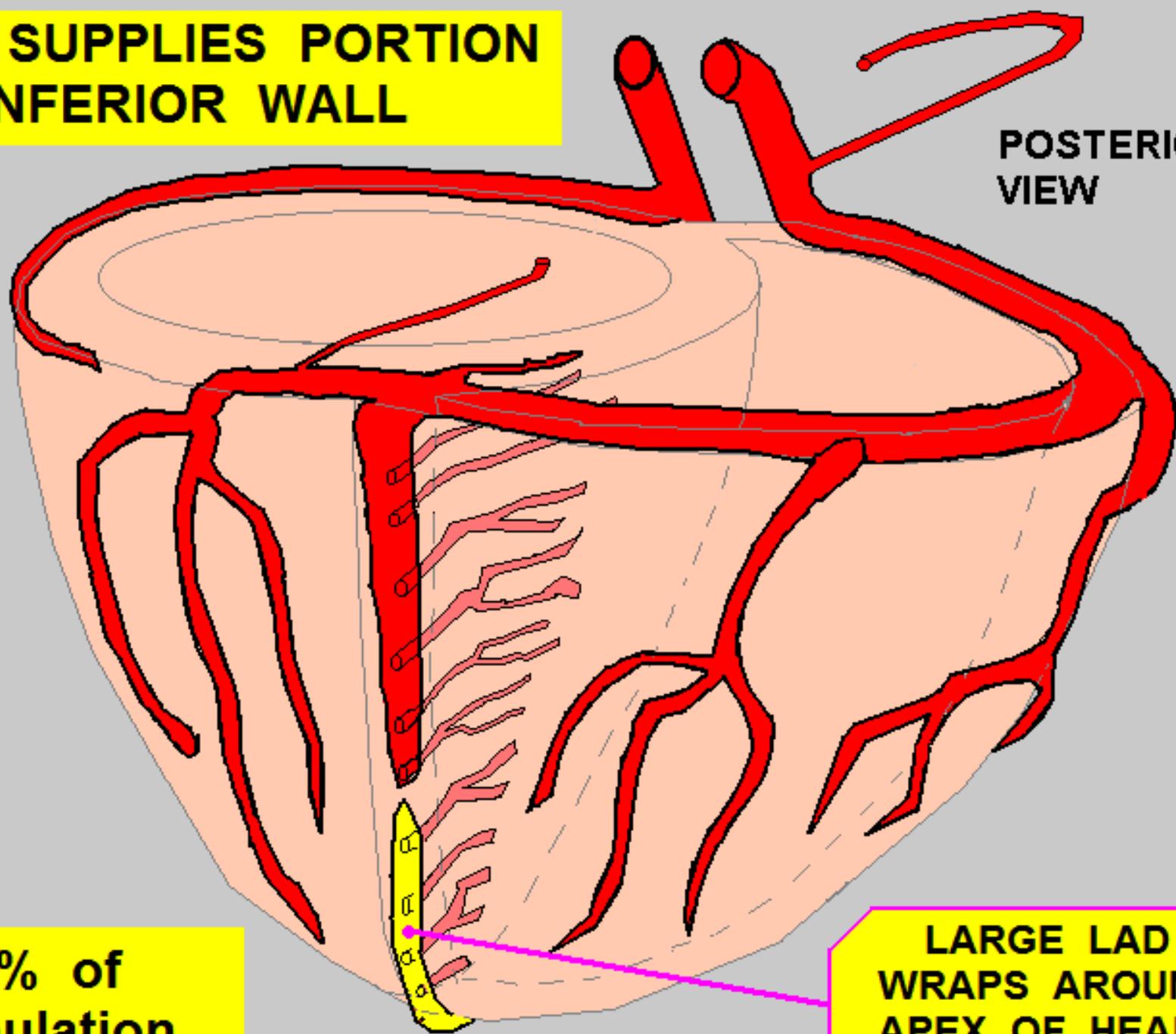
**POSTERIOR
VIEW**





**LAD SUPPLIES PORTION
OF INFERIOR WALL**

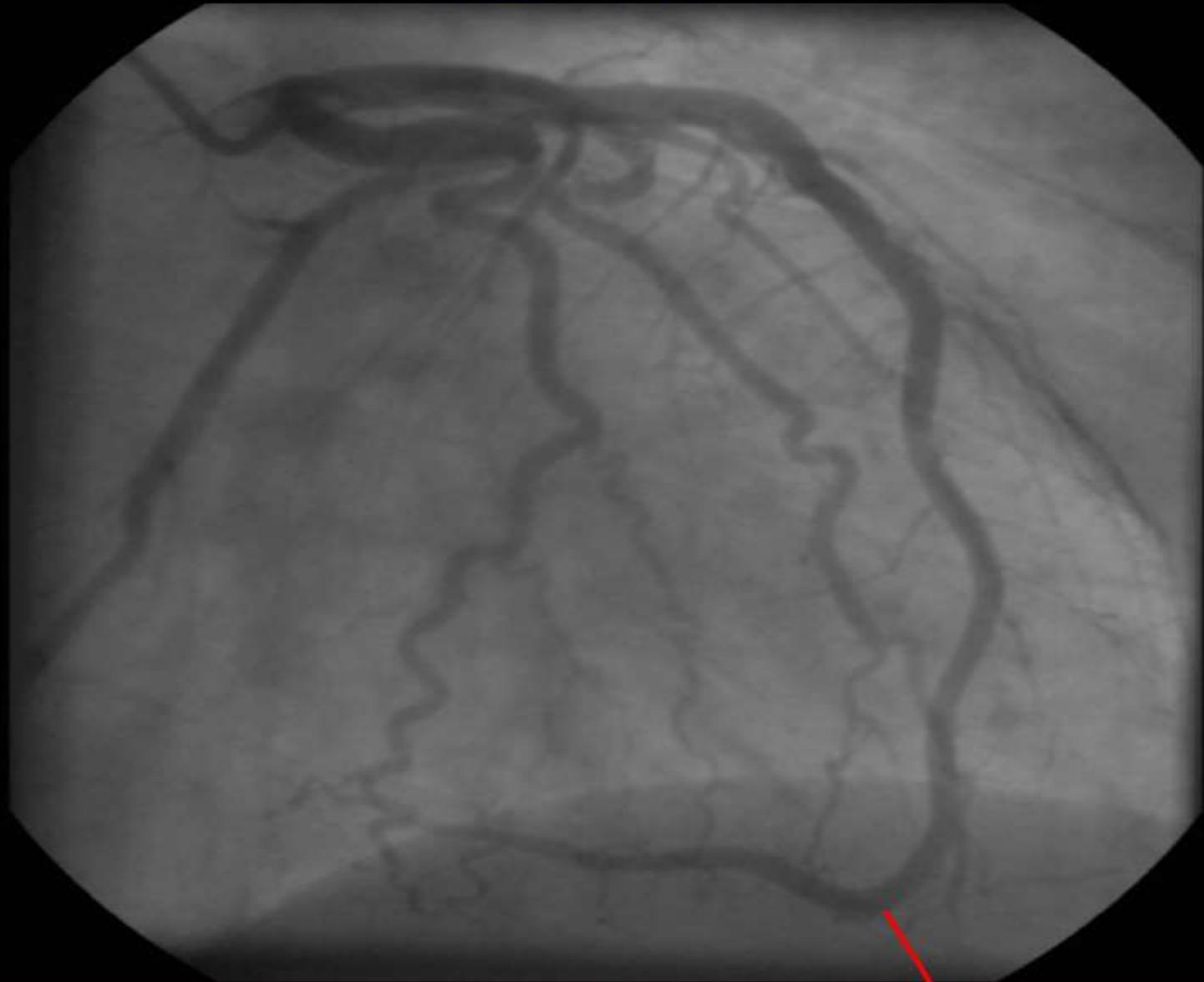
**POSTERIOR
VIEW**



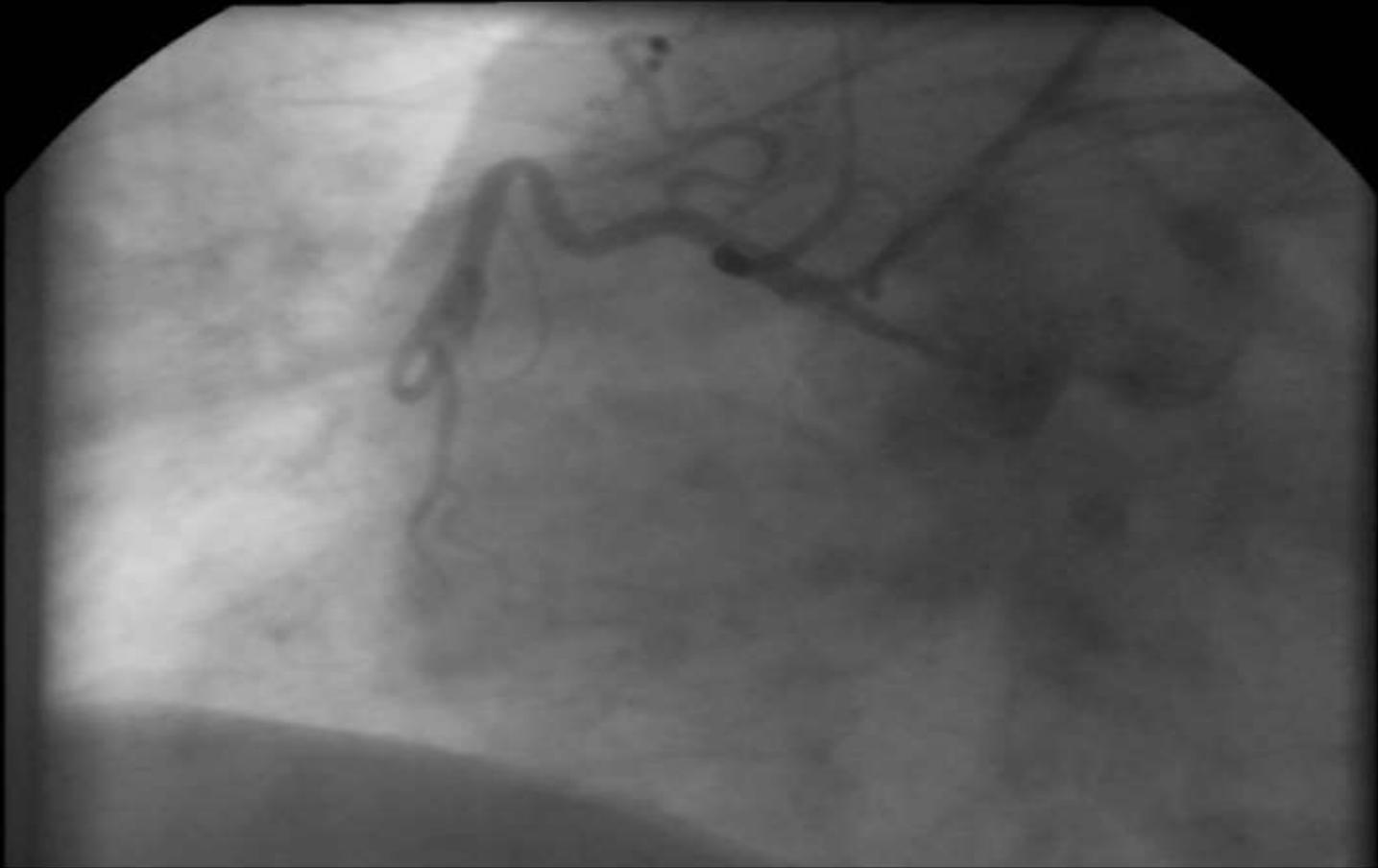
**< 5 % of
population**

**LARGE LAD
WRAPS AROUND
APEX OF HEART**

ANTERIOR VIEW



LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING artery wraps around apex of heart and supplies **INFERIOR WALL**

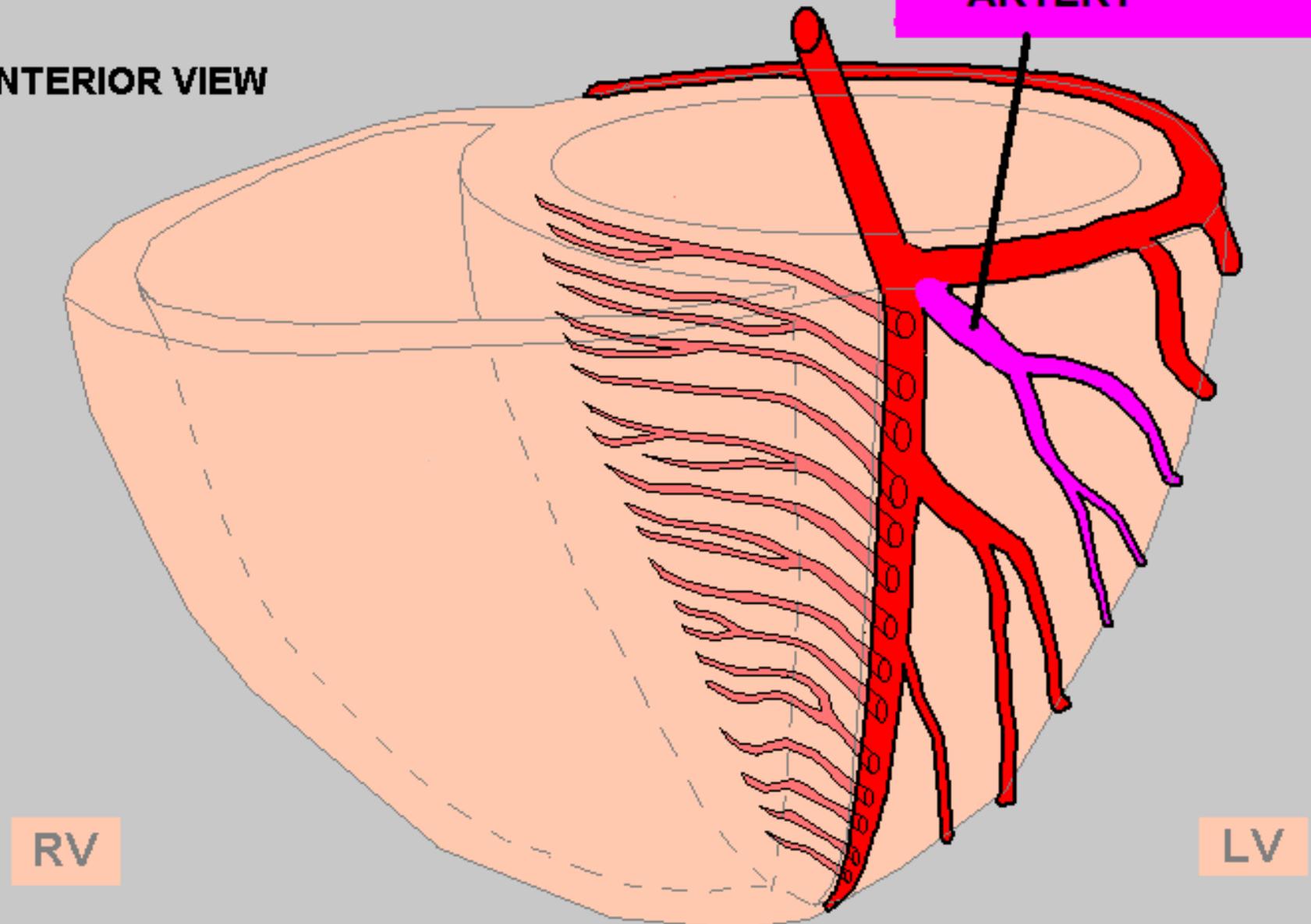


SMALL, NON-DOMINANT RCA

LEFT CORONARY ARTERY SYSTEM

RAMUS "extra"
ARTERY

ANTERIOR VIEW



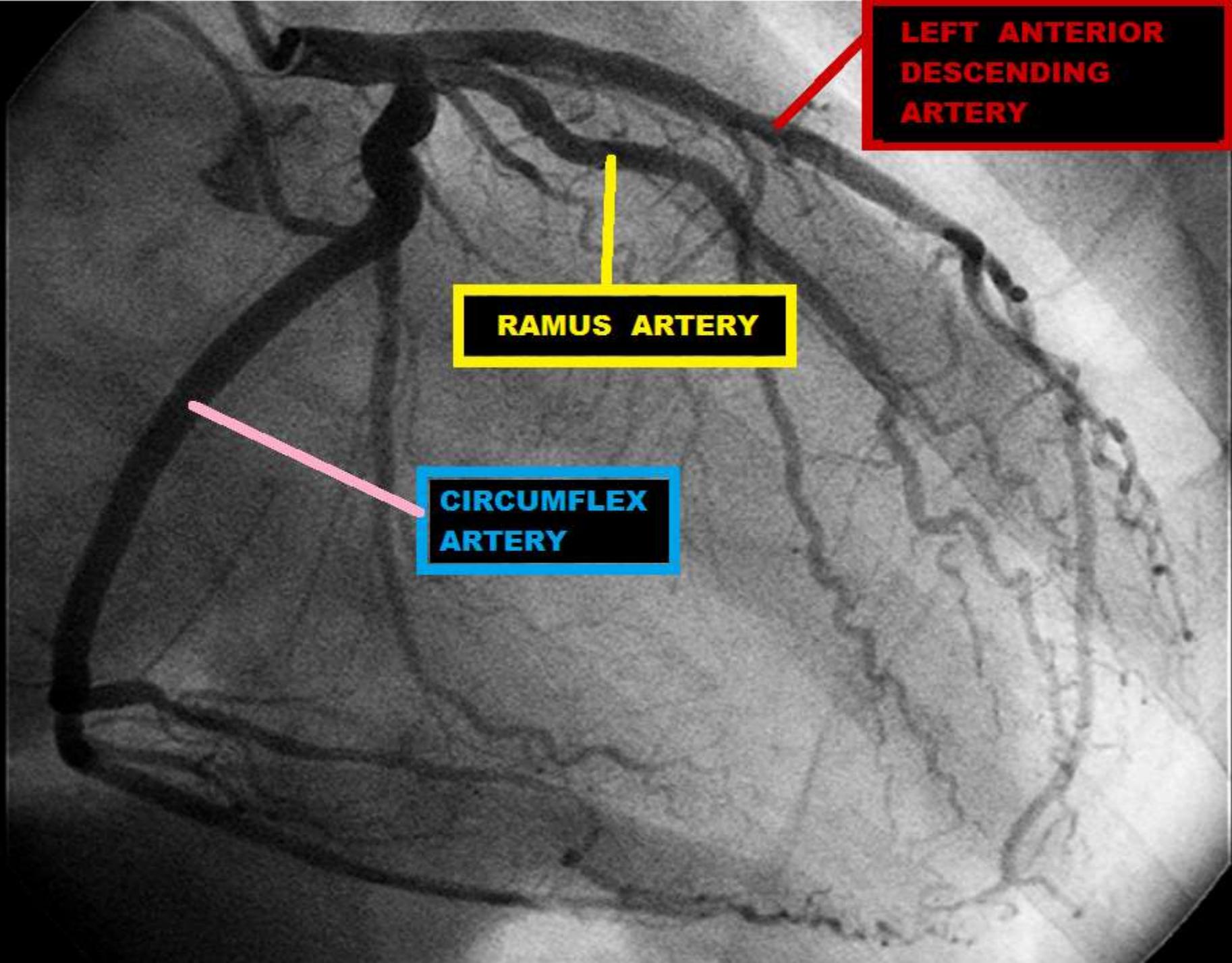
RV

LV

**LEFT ANTERIOR
DESCENDING
ARTERY**

RAMUS ARTERY

**CIRCUMFLEX
ARTERY**



The New England Medical Journal



CORONARY

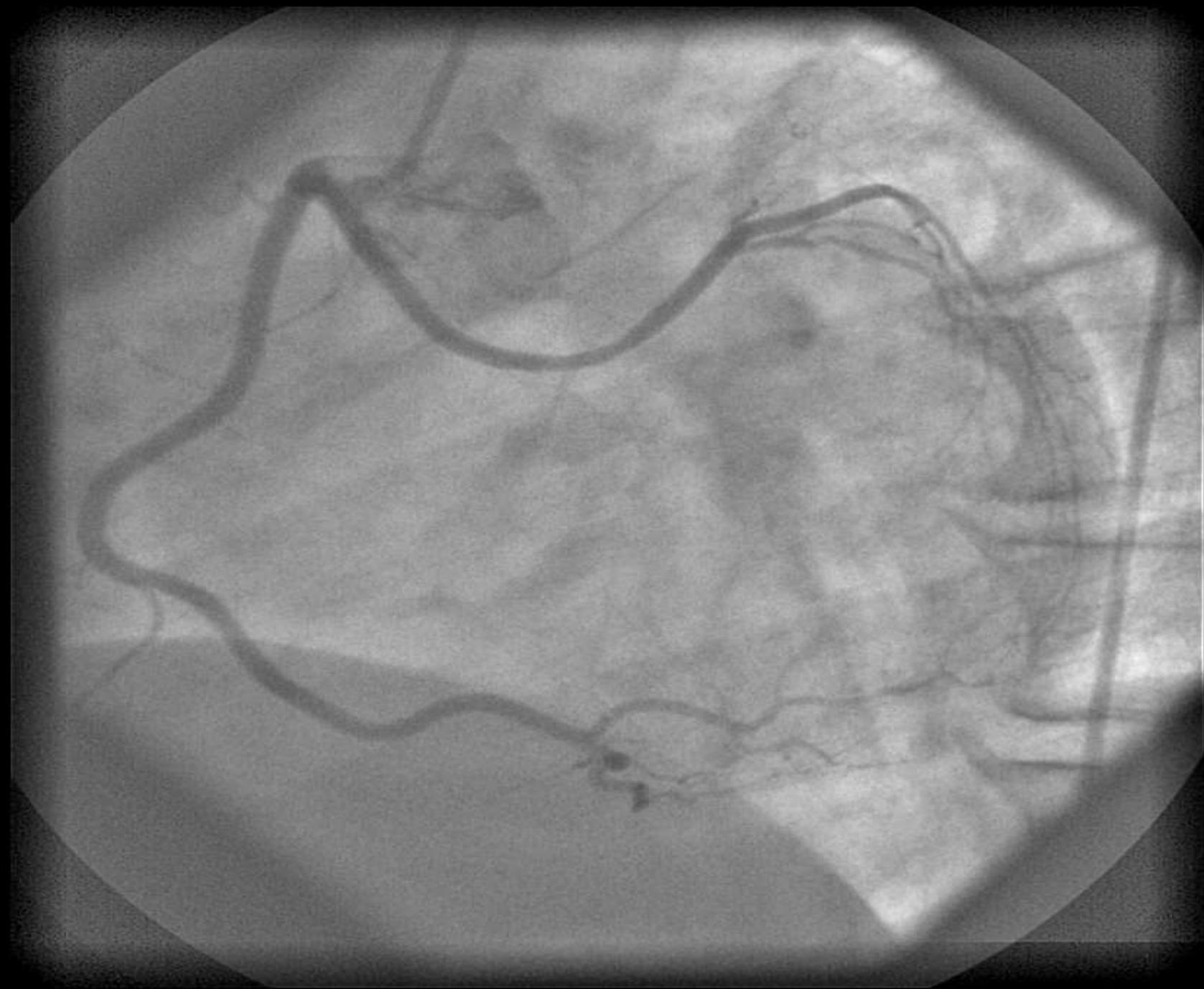
ARTERY

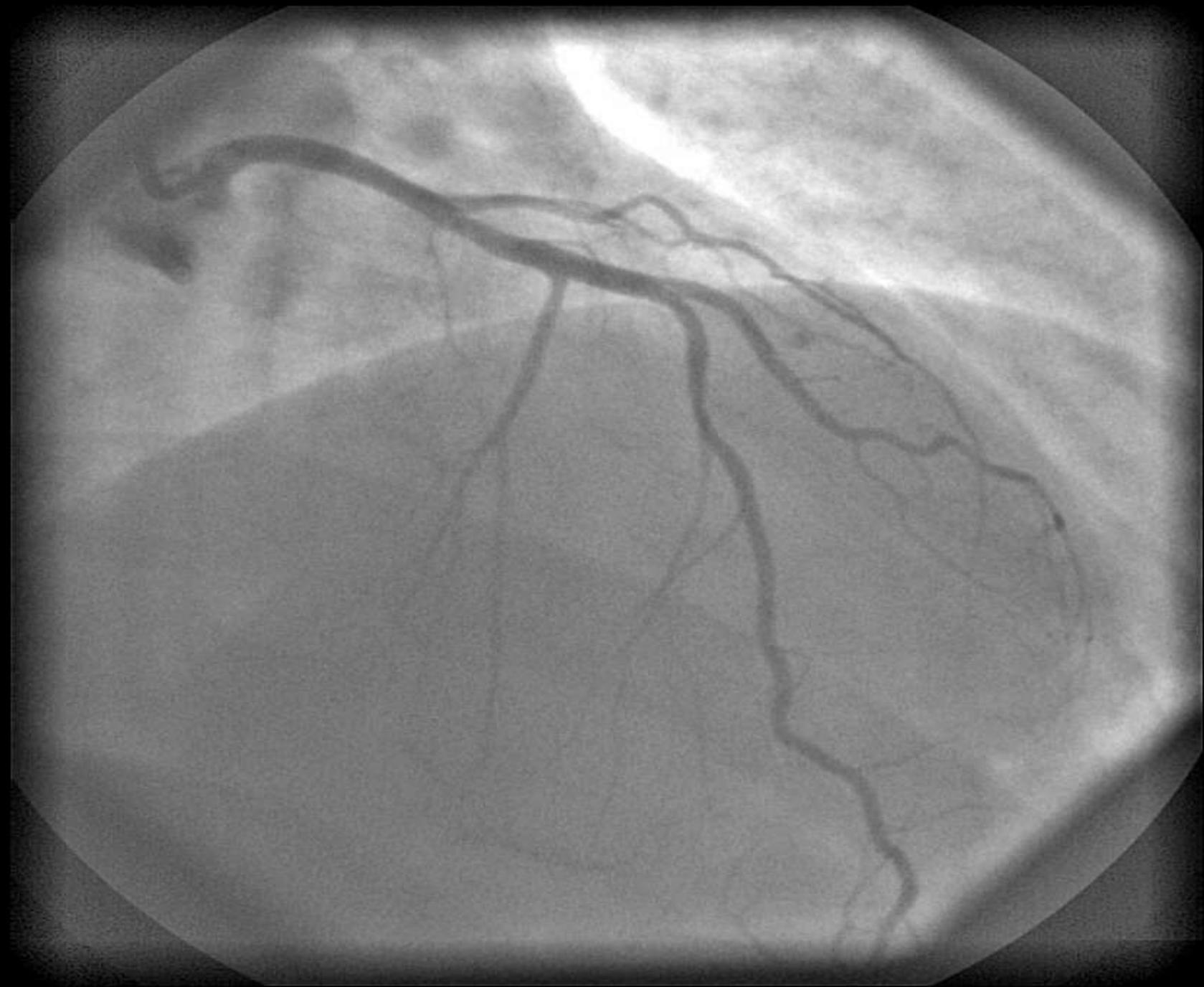
ANOMALITIES

CIRCUMFLEX

Originates From the

RCA

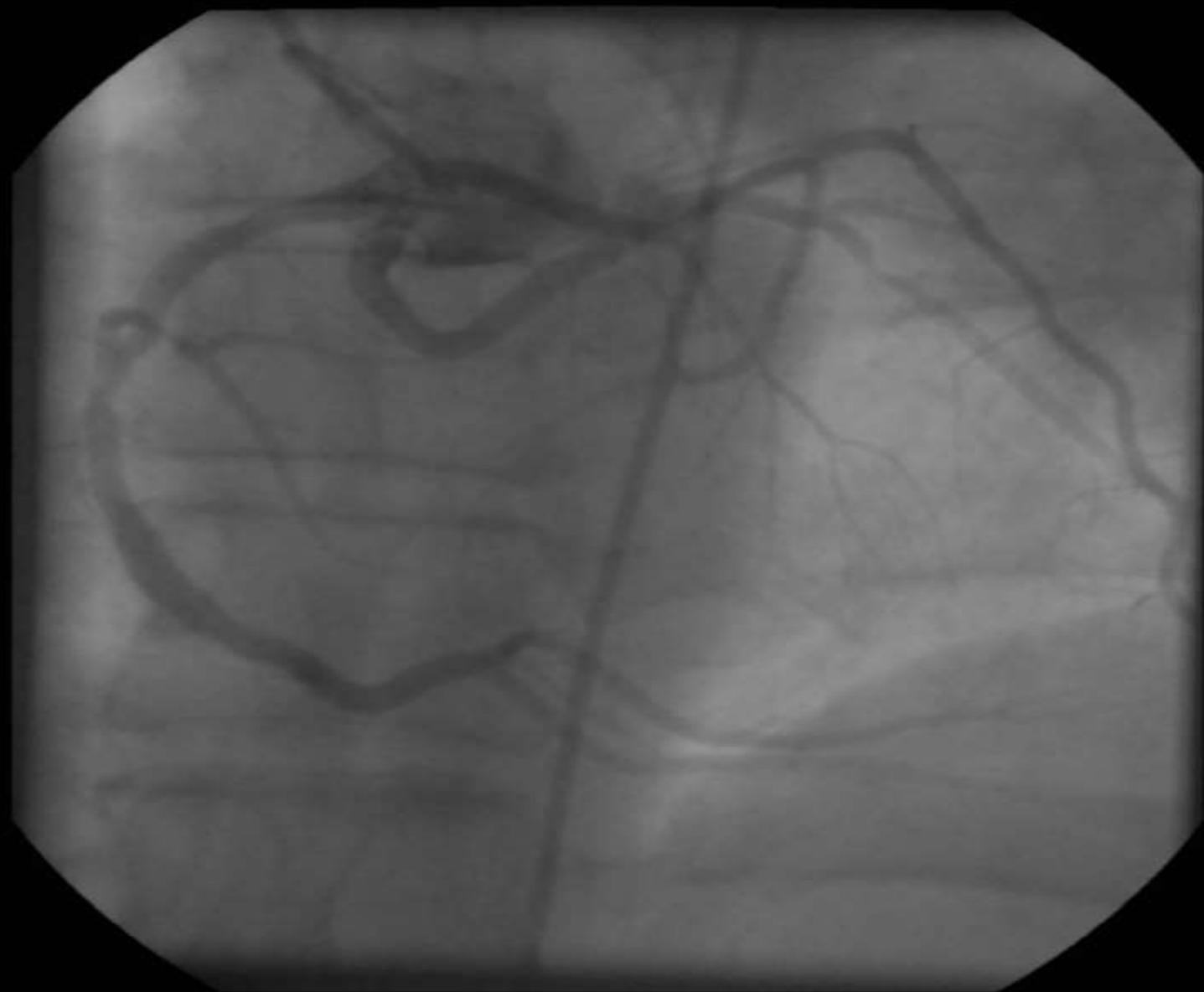


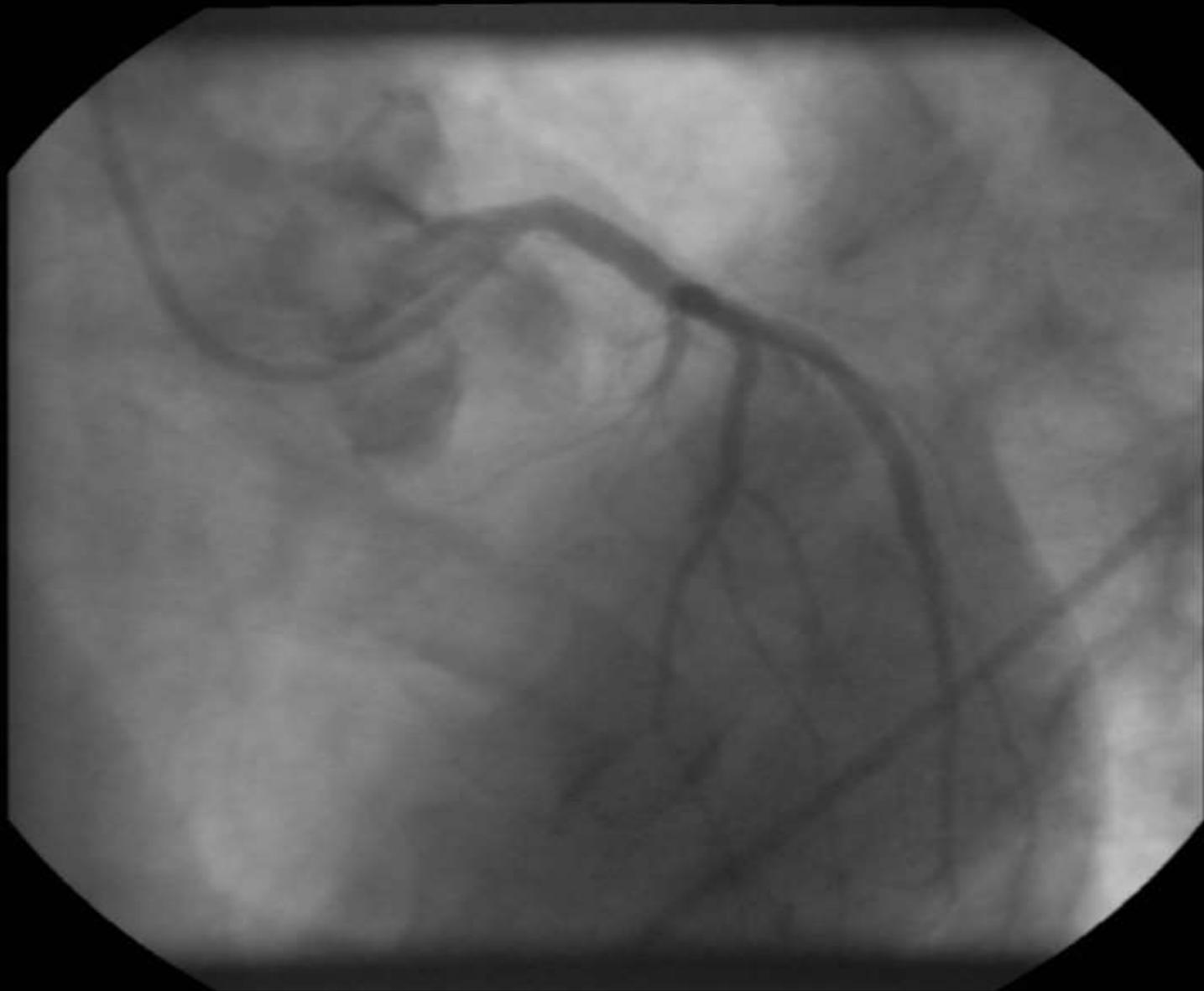


LAD

originates from

RCA

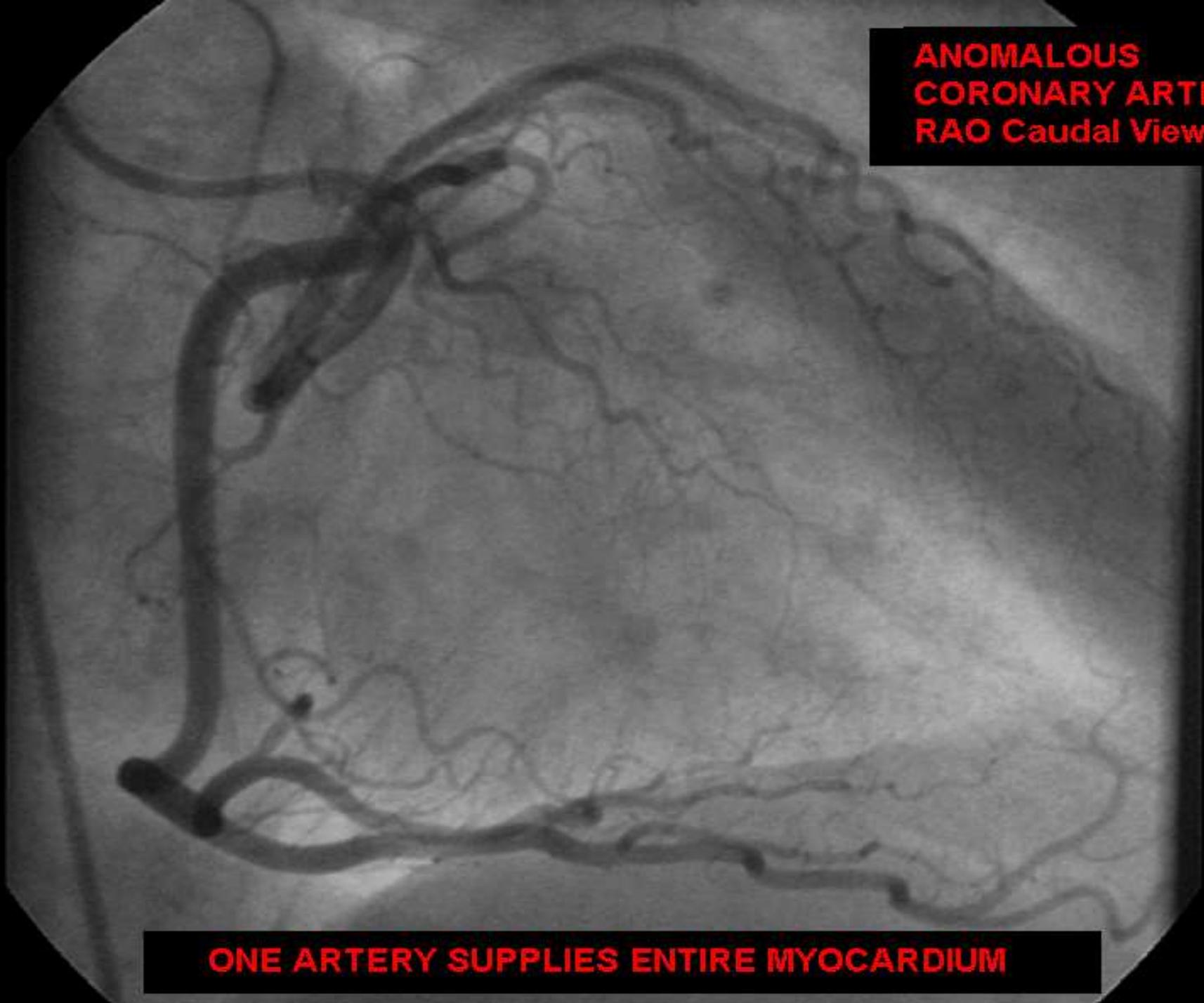




SINGLE
ARTERY
SUPPLIES
ENTIRE
HEART

**ANOMALOUS
CORONARY ARTERY
RAO Caudal View**

ONE ARTERY SUPPLIES ENTIRE MYOCARDIUM



ANOMALOUS CORONARY ARTERY





SIGNIFICANT INCREASE OF SUDDEN DEATH

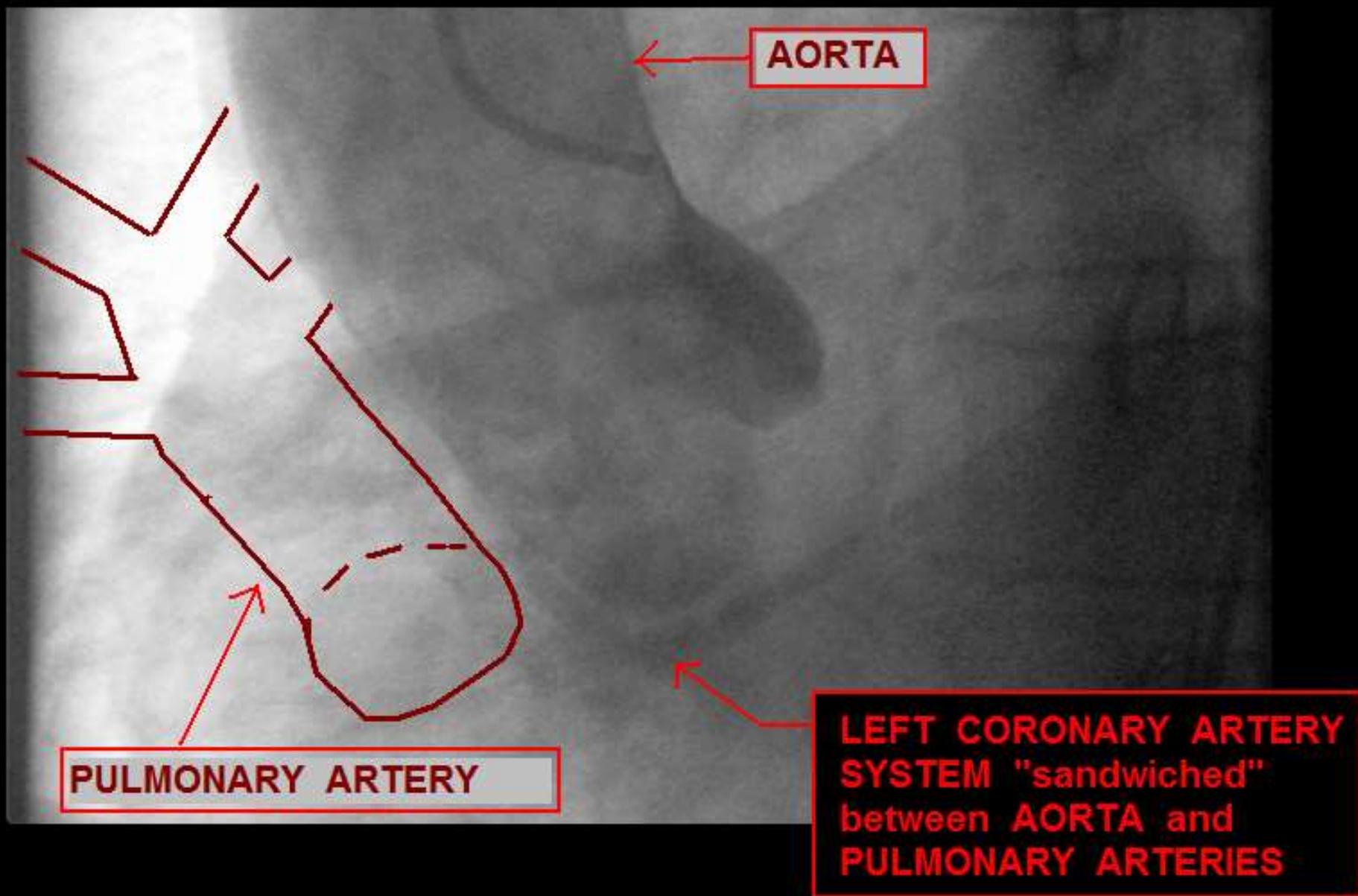
**for people with
anomalous coronary artery**

- due to constriction of the
circumflex branch as it
wraps around AORTA**
- this condition can be
corrected surgically.**

Aortic Root Injection of Patient With Anomalous Coronary Artery



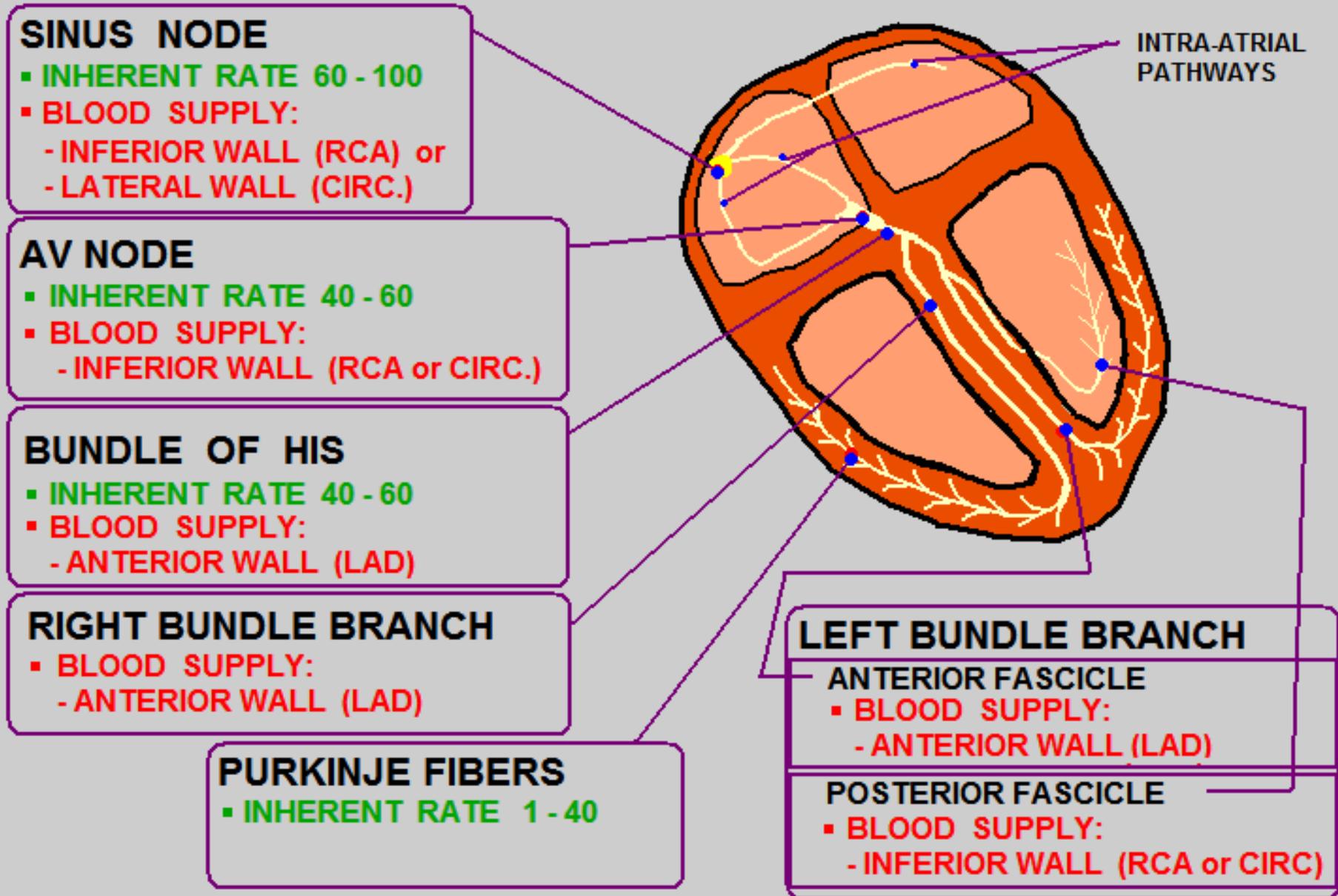
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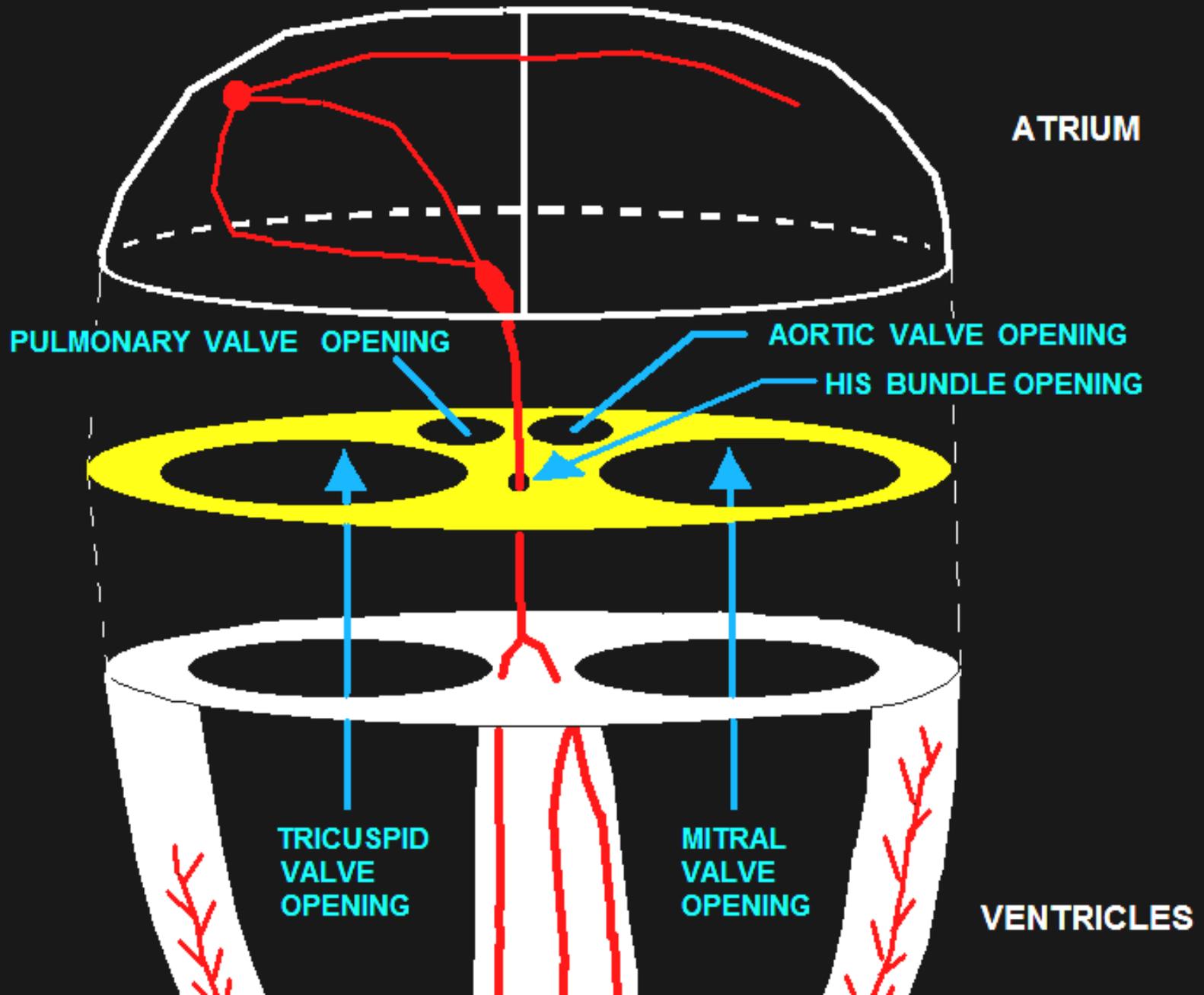
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The Cardiac Electrical System



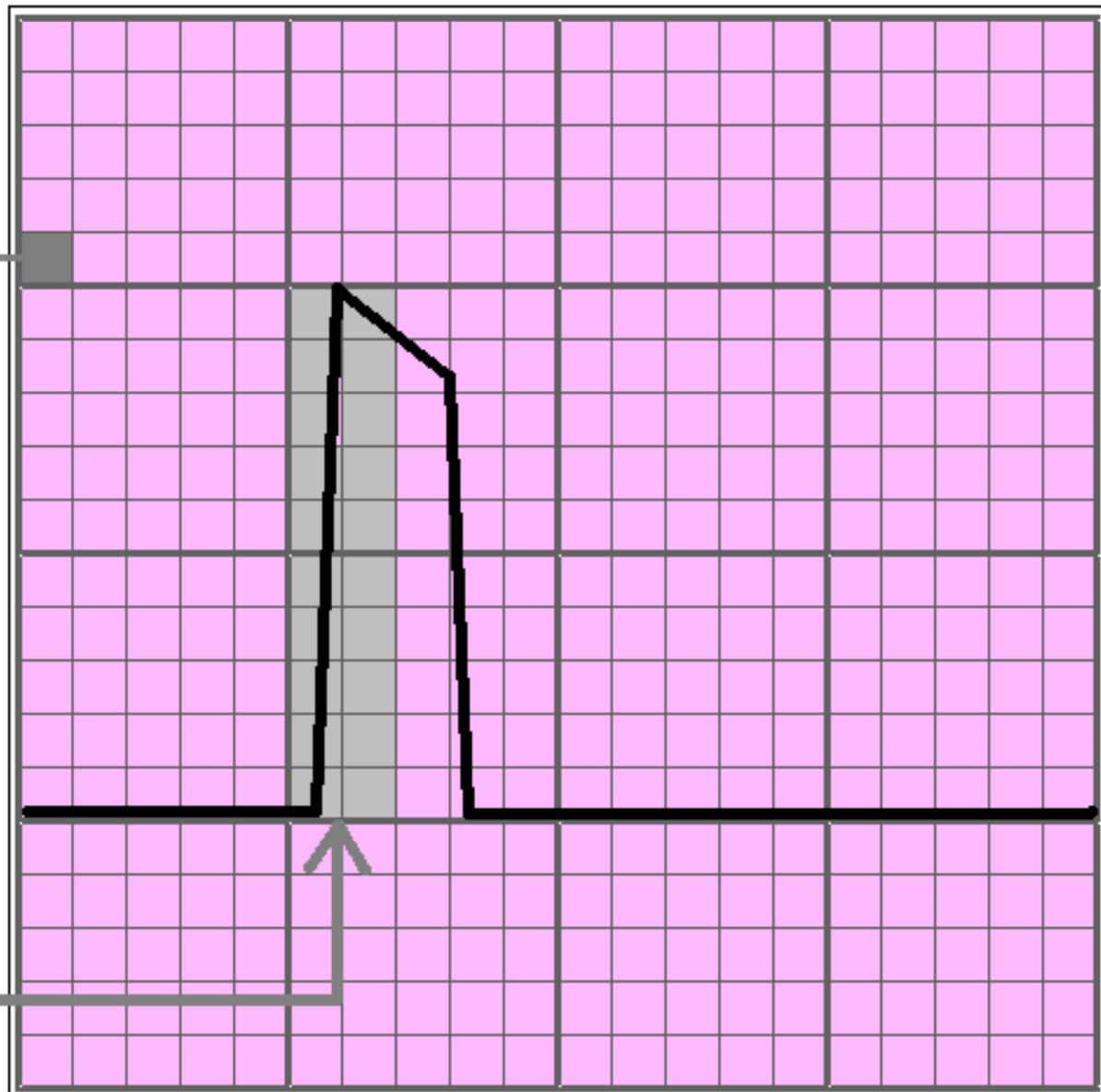
THE "SKELETON OF THE HEART"

**FIBROUS
"SKELETON
of the
HEART"**



ECG PAPER - THE VERTICAL AXIS:

- SMALL BOXES = 1mm SQUARES
- THE VERTICAL AXIS REPRESENTS AMPLITUDE (VOLTAGE)
- IN VERTICAL DIRECTION, THERE ARE 5 SMALL BOXES IN EACH LARGE (5mm) BOX
- 1 mV CALIBRATION SPIKE = 10 mm



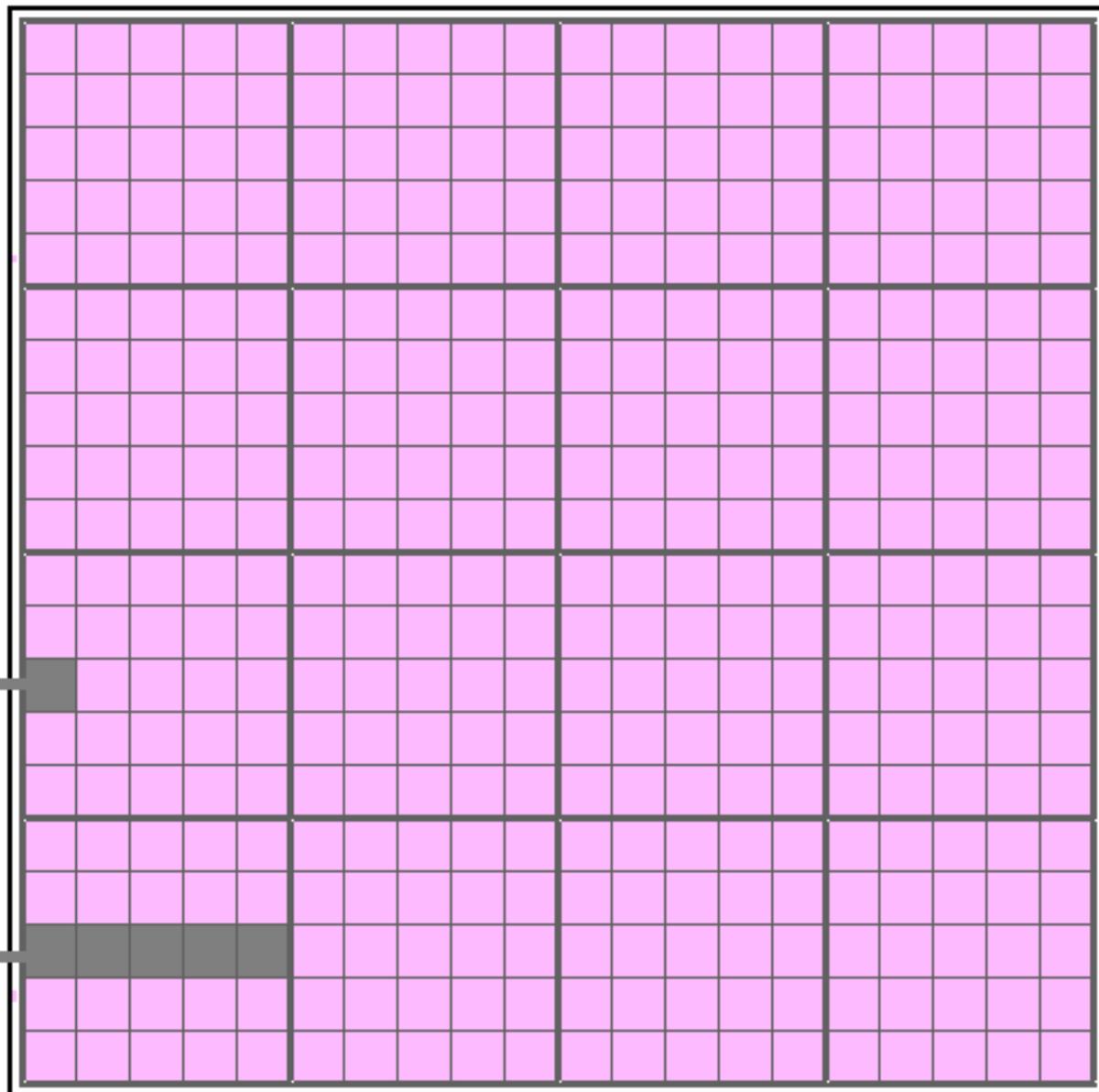
ECG PAPER - THE HORIZONTAL AXIS:

THE HORIZONTAL
AXIS REPRESENTS
TIME . . .

STANDARD SPEED
FOR RECORDING
ADULT EKGs =
25 mm / SECOND

EACH 1mm BOX =
.04 SECONDS, or
40 MILLISECONDS
(40 ms)

5 SMALL BOXES =
.20 SECONDS, or
200 MILLISECONDS
(200 ms)



THE ECG MACHINE

STANDARD 12 LEADS - USES 10 WIRES
(6 CHEST and 4 LIMB)

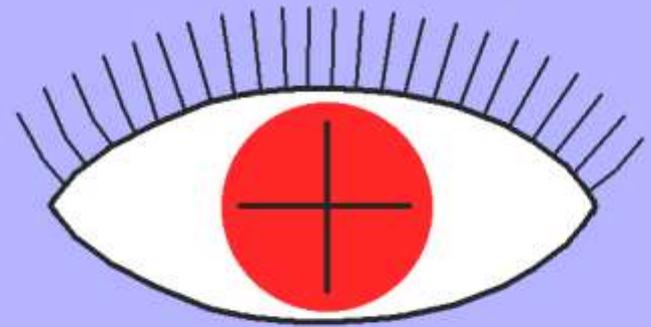
- LEADS I, II, III, and V1, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6

1 POSITIVE ELECTRODE 
1 NEGATIVE ELECTRODE 
1 GROUND ELECTRODE 

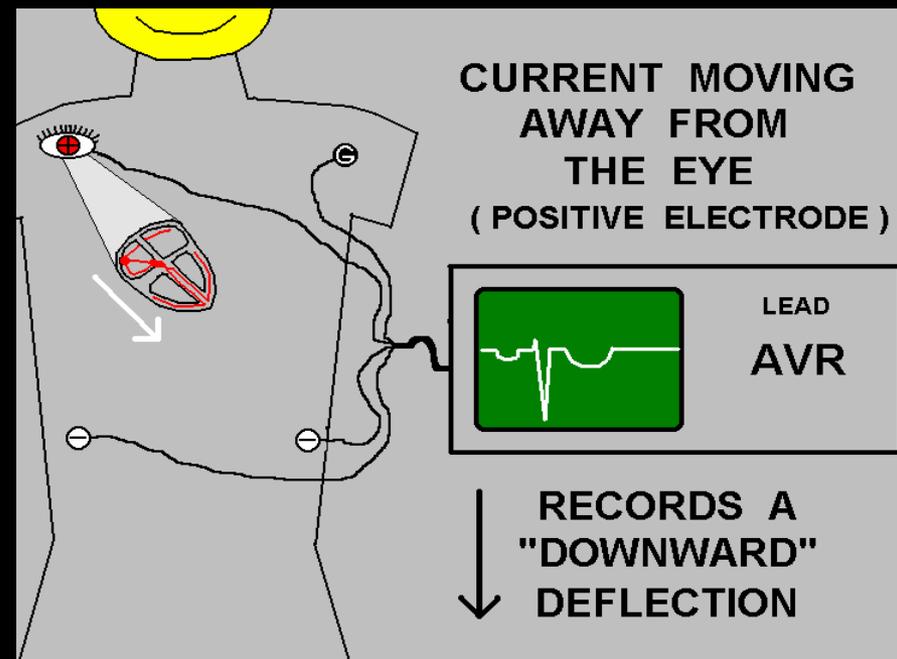
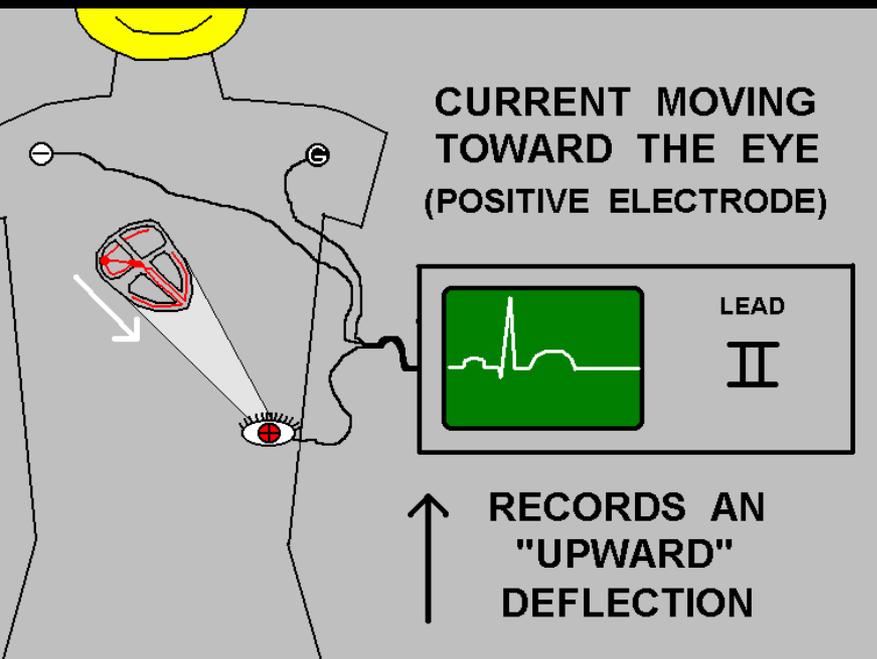
- LEADS AVR, AVL, and AVF

1 POSITIVE ELECTRODE 
2 NEGATIVE ELECTRODES 
1 GROUND ELECTRODE 

THE POSITIVE ELECTRODE

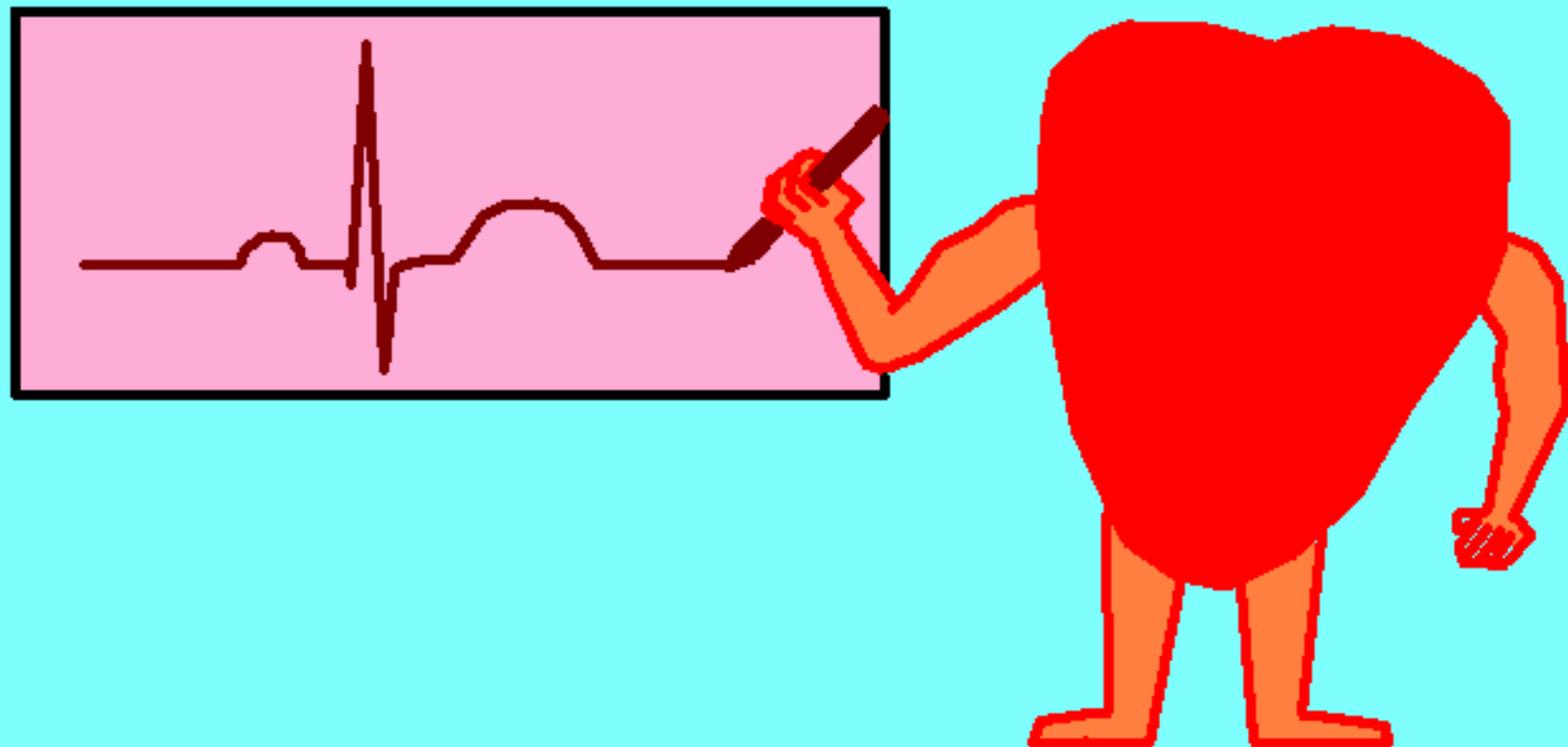


IS THE "EYE" . . .



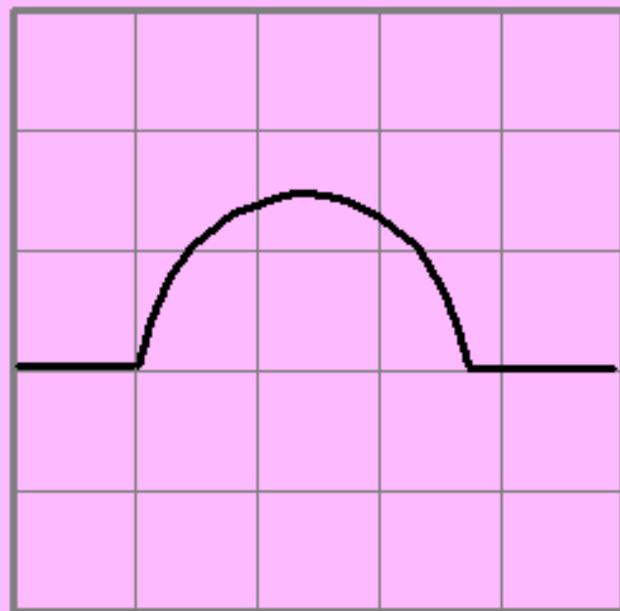
PUTTING IT ALL ON PAPER...

WAVEFORMS and INTERVALS ...



THE P WAVE

- SHOULD BE UPRIGHT, CONVEX-SHAPED DOME IN ALL LEADS EXCEPT AVR and V1
- SHOULD BE LESS THAN .2 mv (2 mm) HIGH
- SHOULD BE LESS THAN 100 ms (2.5mm) LONG



THE P WAVE

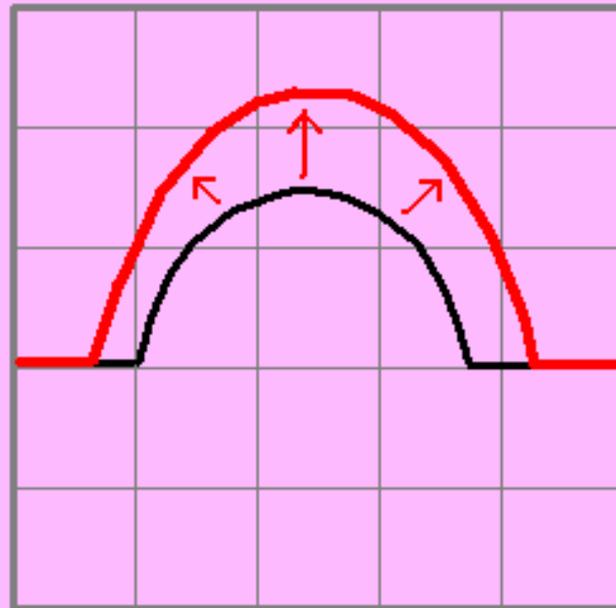
When the P WAVE

is

TOO LARGE

We think of

ATRIAL HYPERTROPHY

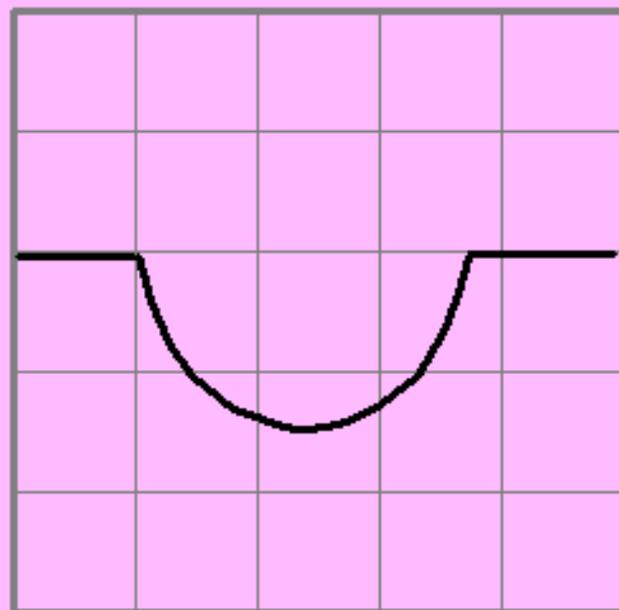


(SPECIFIC CRITERIA FOR ATRIAL HYPERTROPHY IS DISCUSSED IN MORE DETAIL IN THE "CHAMBER HYPERTROPHY" SECTION)

THE P WAVE

- SHOULD BE INVERTED IN LEAD AVR

LEAD AVR



THE P WAVE

IN LEAD V1 MAY BE:

- POSITIVE

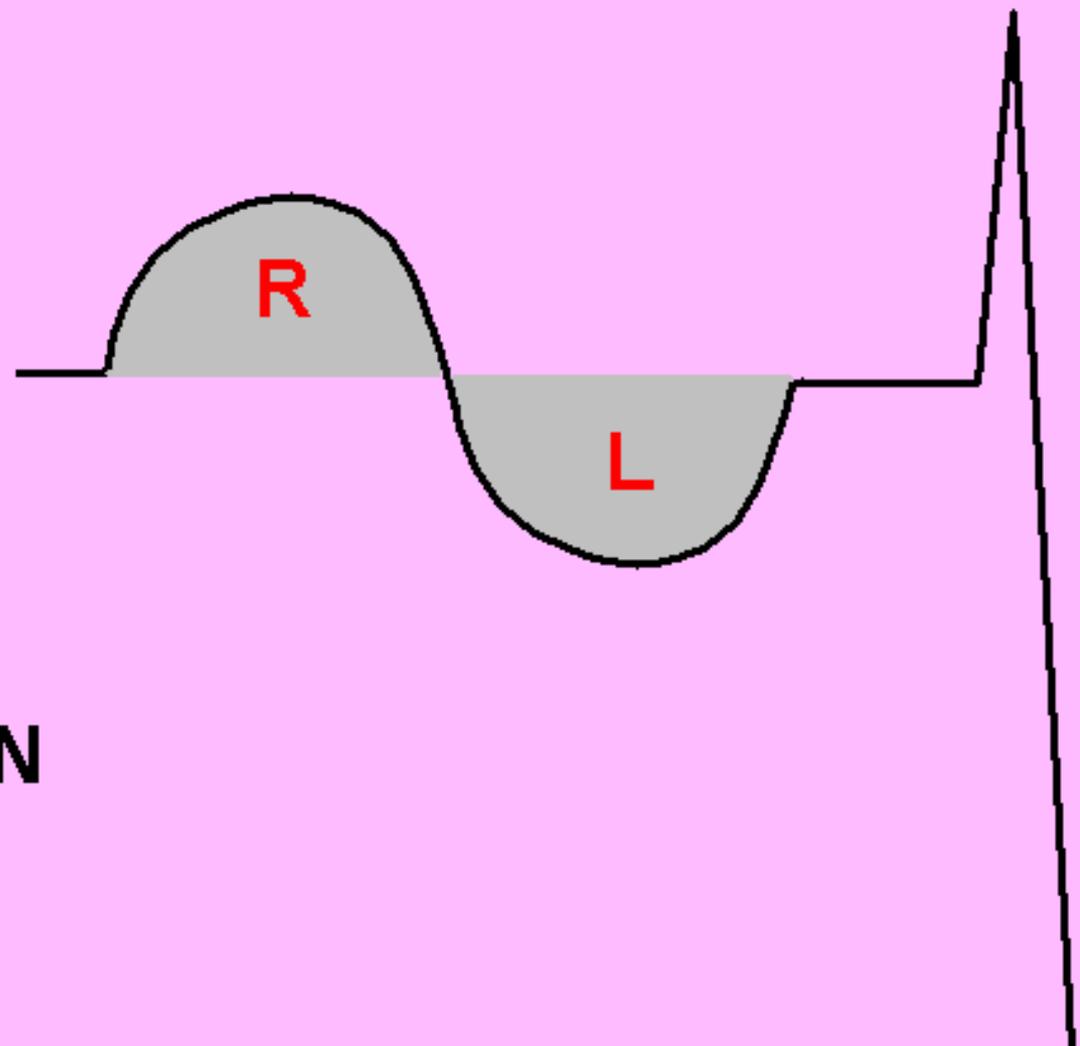


- OR BI-PHASIC



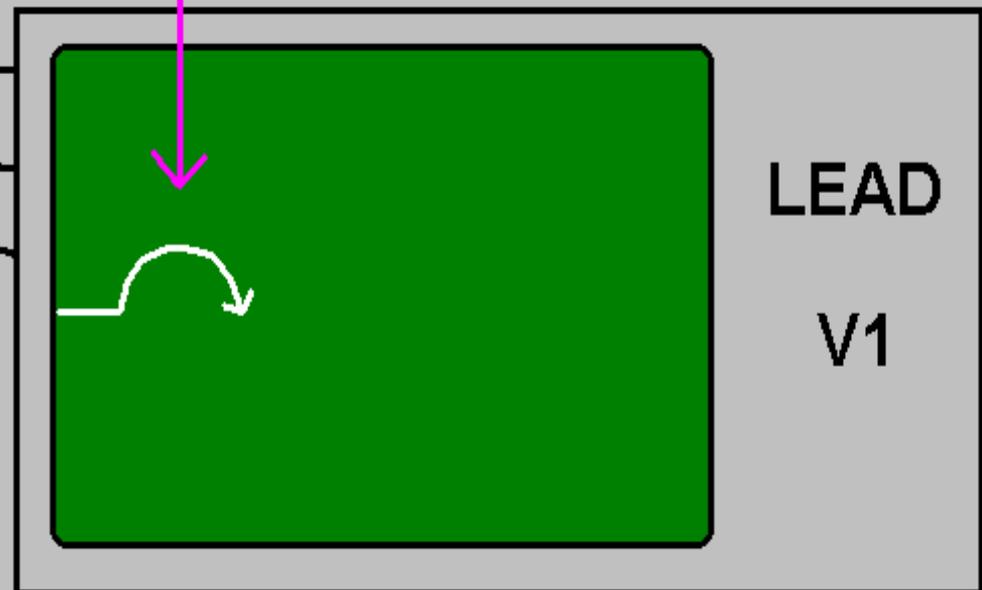
THE P WAVE

- WHEN THE P WAVE IS BI-PHASIC IN V1, IT DISPLAYS BOTH R and L ATRIAL DEPOLARIZATION



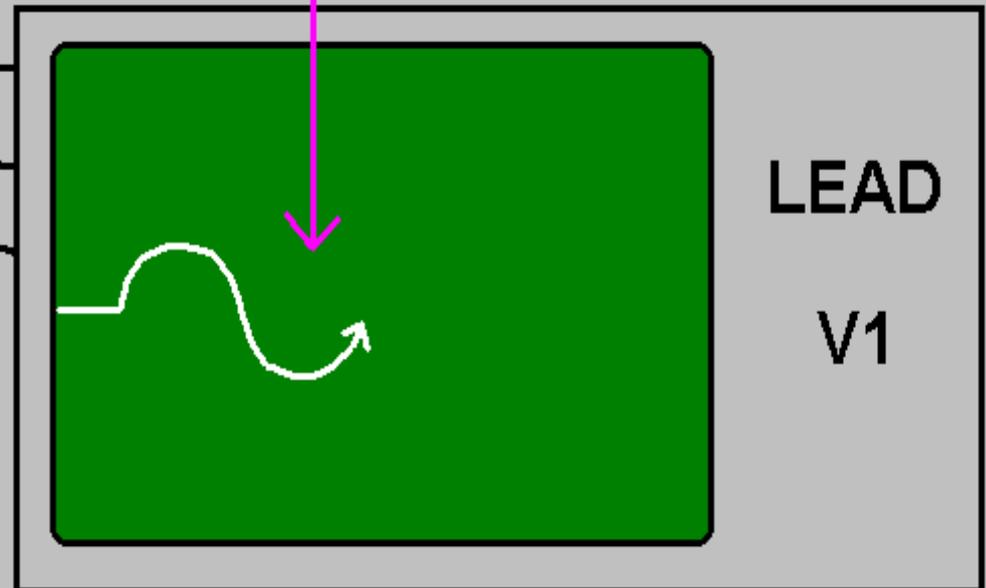
RIGHT ATRIAL DEPOLARIZATION

FIRST 1/2 of
P WAVE



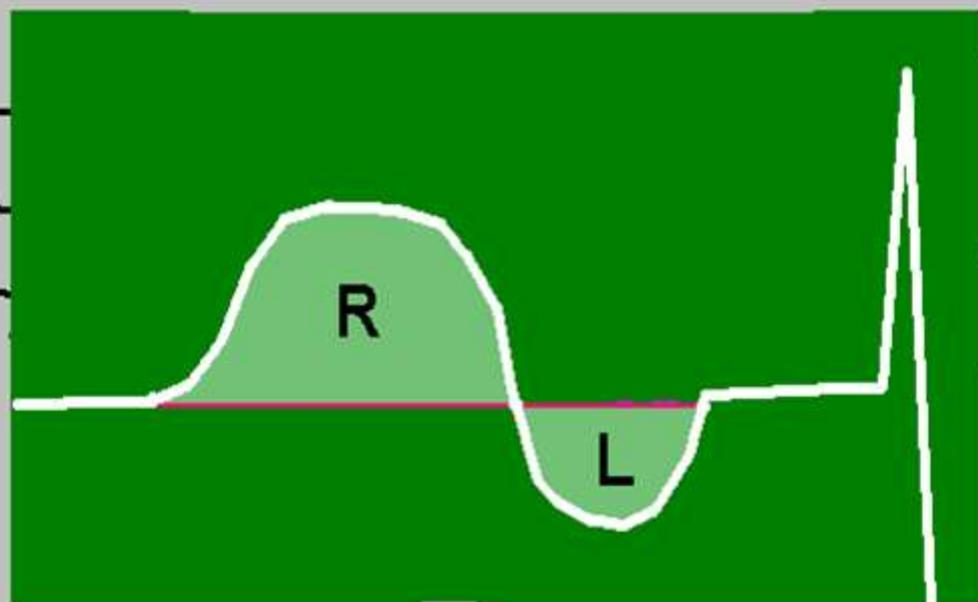
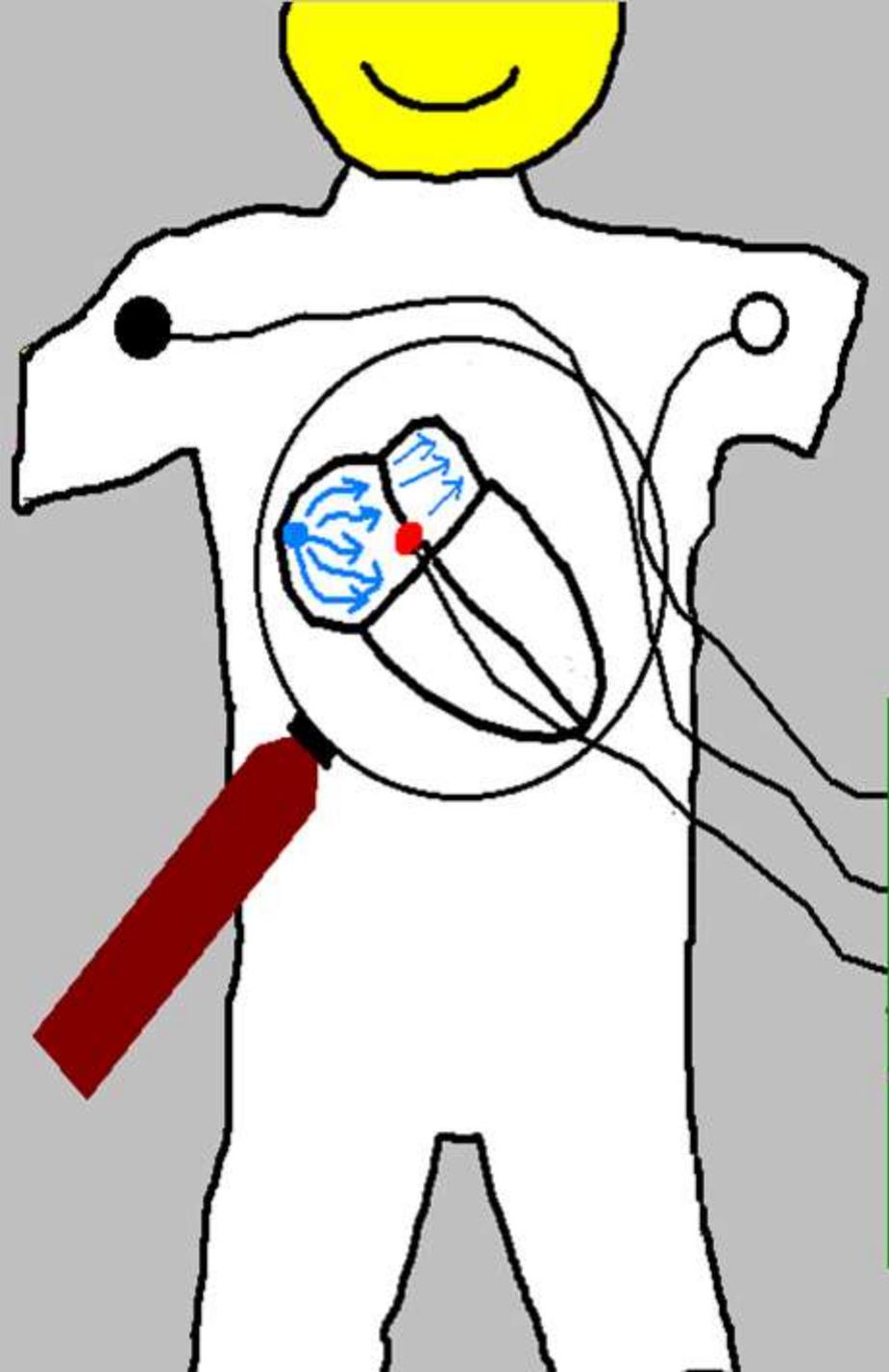
LEFT ATRIAL DEPOLARIZATION

LAST 1/2 of
P WAVE



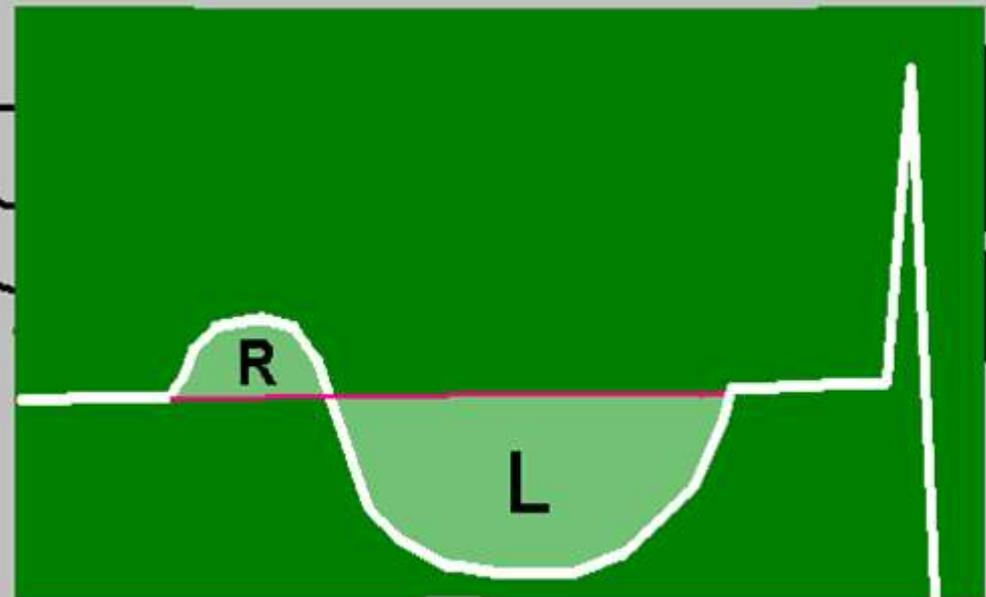
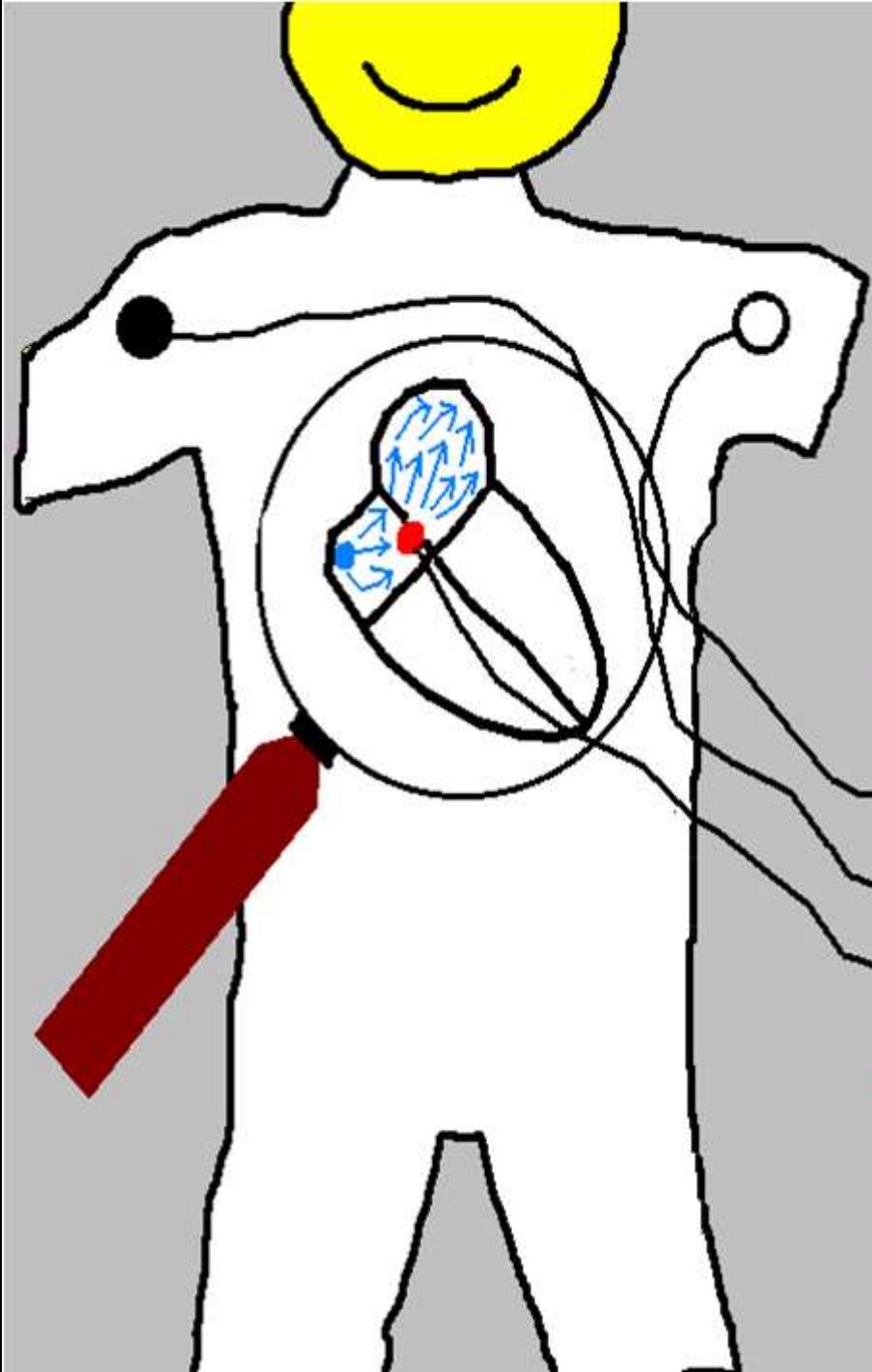
RIGHT ATRIAL ENLARGEMENT

P-WAVE IN V1



LEFT ATRIAL ENLARGEMENT

P-WAVE IN V1



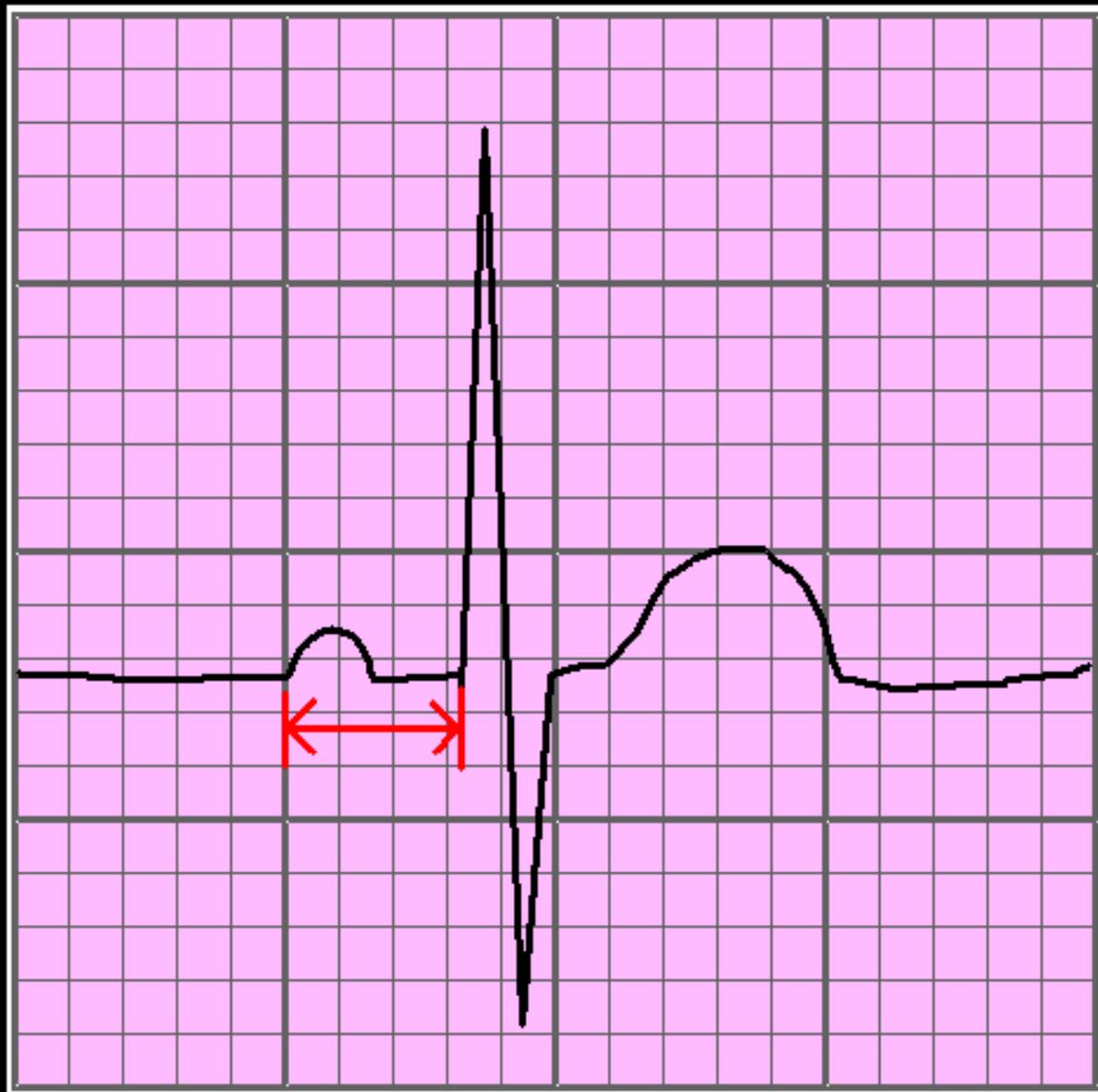
NORMAL P-R INTERVAL

.12 - .20 SEC

or

120 - 200

mSEC



P - R INTERVAL TOO SHORT . . .

LESS THAN 120 mSEC

THINK:

- ECTOPIC ATRIAL ACTIVITY**
- PRE-EXCITATION (WPW)**
- JUNCTIONAL (nearly on top of QRS,
possibly inverted)**

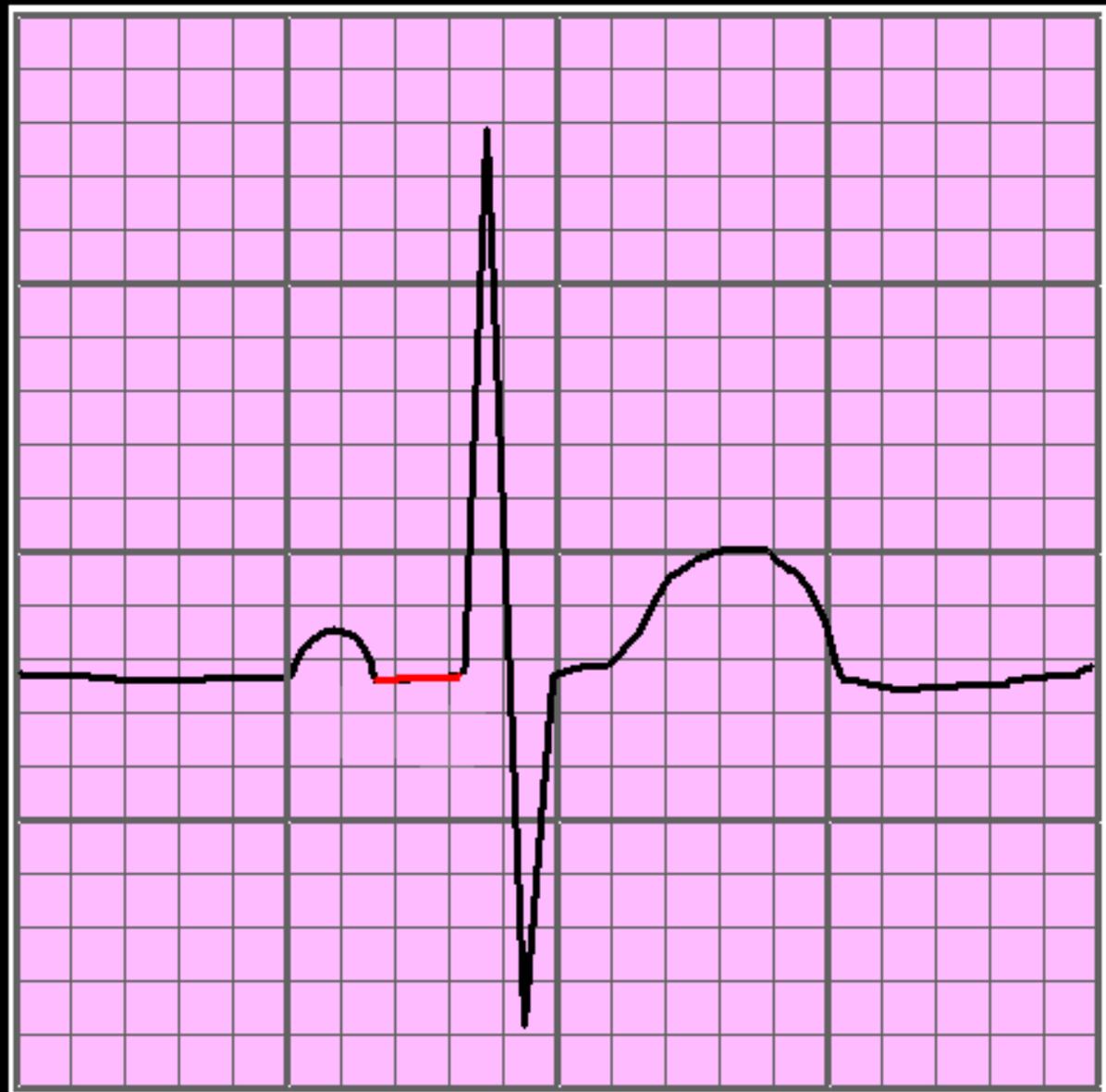
**P - R INTERVAL TOO LONG
GREATER THAN 200 mSEC**

THINK:

- HEART BLOCK

THE P-R SEGMENT

SHOULD
RETURN TO
THE
ISO-
ELECTRIC
LINE.



THE QRS COMPLEX

- MAY BE POSITIVE, NEGATIVE, OR BI-PHASIC, BASED ON THE LEAD VIEWED
- TOTAL WIDTH SHOULD BE LESS THAN 120 ms / or .12



THE QRS COMPLEX

THIS QRS COMPLEX CONSISTS OF
3 DEFLECTIONS



THE QRS COMPLEX

THIS QRS COMPLEX CONSISTS OF
3 DEFLECTIONS

THE FIRST
DEFLECTION,
IF IT POINTS
DOWNWARD,
IS NAMED
THE "Q
WAVE"



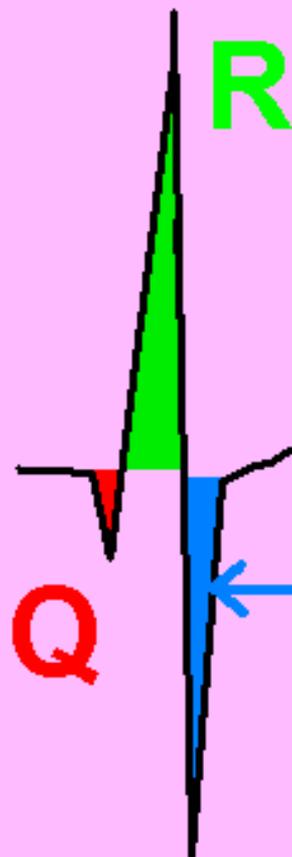
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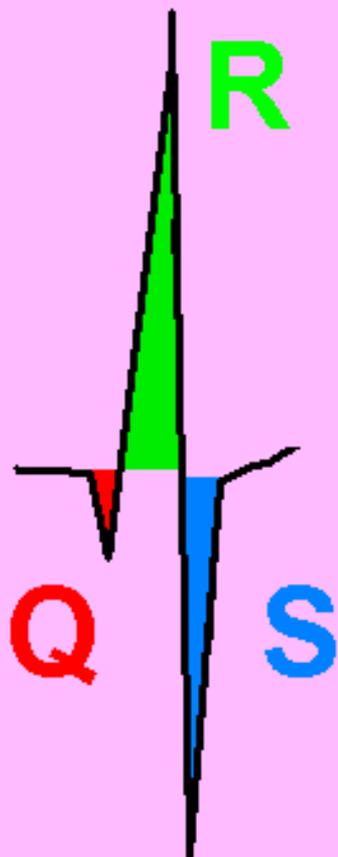


A NEGATIVE
DEFLECTION
AFTER THE
R WAVE IS
CALLED THE
" S " WAVE

THE QRS COMPLEX

THIS QRS COMPLEX CONSISTS OF
3 DEFLECTIONS

AND IS
THE ONLY
TRUE
"QRS"
COMPLEX



SOME OF
THE OTHER
VARIATIONS
INCLUDE

THE QRS COMPLEX

WHAT ARE THESE COMPLEXES ??



qR



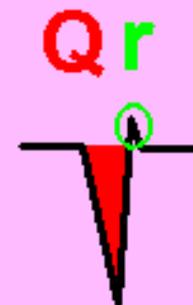
RS



R

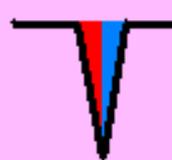


Rsr'

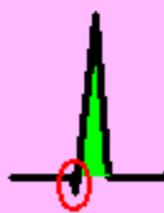
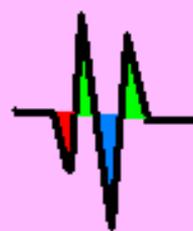


Qr

QS



qRSr'



qR



rS



Rr'

QRS INTERVAL

LESS THAN

.12

OR

120 mSEC



**QRS COMPLEX TOO WIDE
WIDER THAN 120 mSEC**

THINK:

- BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK
- **VENTRICULAR COMPLEX (ES)**
- PACED RHYTHM
- L VENTRICULAR HYPERTROPHY
- **ELECTROLYTE IMBAL. ($\uparrow K^+$ $\downarrow Ca^{++}$)**
- DELTA WAVE (PRE-EXCITATION)

THE QRS COMPLEX

QRS HEIGHT

is a reflection of the
QRS AMPLITUDE.

The NORMAL QRS
AMPLITUDE varies from
one lead to another . . .



THE QRS COMPLEX

QRS AMPLITUDE

is influenced by:

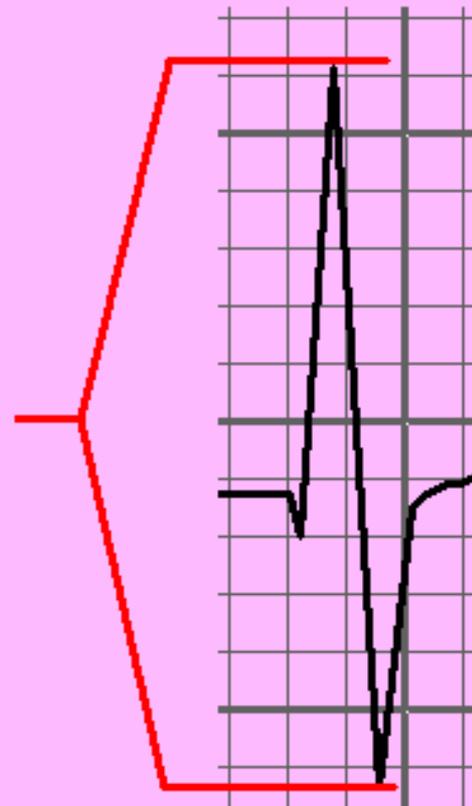
- age
- physical fitness
- body size
- conduction system disorders
- chamber hypertrophy



THE QRS COMPLEX

QRS AMPLITUDE

is measured by finding the **TALLEST POSITIVE DEFLECTION (R WAVE)** and the **DEEPEST NEGATIVE DEFLECTION (S WAVE)** on the 12 LEAD EKG and **ADDING THE VALUES TOGETHER**



MEASURING THE "OVERALL QRS AMPLITUDE"

Add the SIZE of the TALLEST R WAVE to the SIZE of the DEEPEST S WAVE

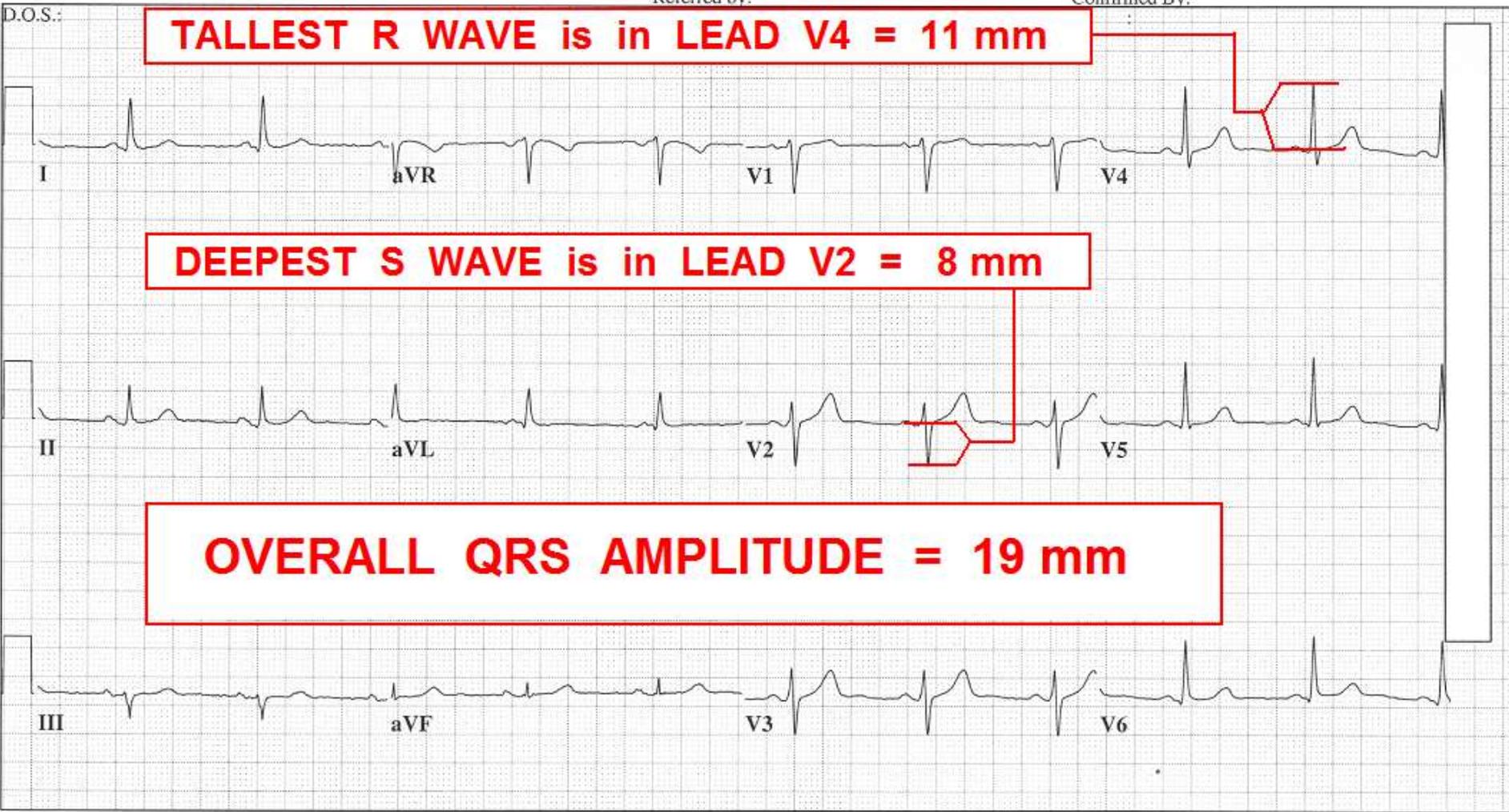
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TALLEST R WAVE is in LEAD V4 = 11 mm

DEEPEST S WAVE is in LEAD V2 = 8 mm

OVERALL QRS AMPLITUDE = 19 mm



THE QRS COMPLEX

QRS AMPLITUDE

MAXIMUM NORMAL VALUES are difficult to define due to differences in **PATIENT AGE, BODY SIZE, and FITNESS.**



HOWEVER A GENERAL VALUE GUIDELINE IS: 3.0 mV (30 mm on normally calibrated EKG)

OVERALL QRS AMPLITUDE TOO HIGH:

(GREATER THAN 3.0 mV / 30 mm)

THINK:



VENTRICULAR HYPERTROPHY

THE QRS COMPLEX

QRS AMPLITUDE

CRITERIA FOR MINIMUM AMPLITUDE:

Abnormally LOW QRS VOLTAGE occurs when the OVERALL QRS is:

$\leq 0.5 \text{ mV}$ IN ANY LIMB LEAD

— *and* —

$\leq 1.0 \text{ mV}$ IN ANY PRECORDIAL LEAD

OVERALL QRS AMPLITUDE TOO LOW: (VERTICAL QRS SIZE)

THINK (in absence of obvious OBESITY) :



**MYOCARDITIS /
CONSTRICTIVE PERICARDITIS**



EFFUSIONS / TAMPONADE



COPD c HYPERINFLATION



AMYLOIDOSIS (abnormal protein accumulation in organs)



SCLERODERMA (abnormal hardening of skin)



HEMACHROMOTOSIS (excessive iron buildup in blood / organs)

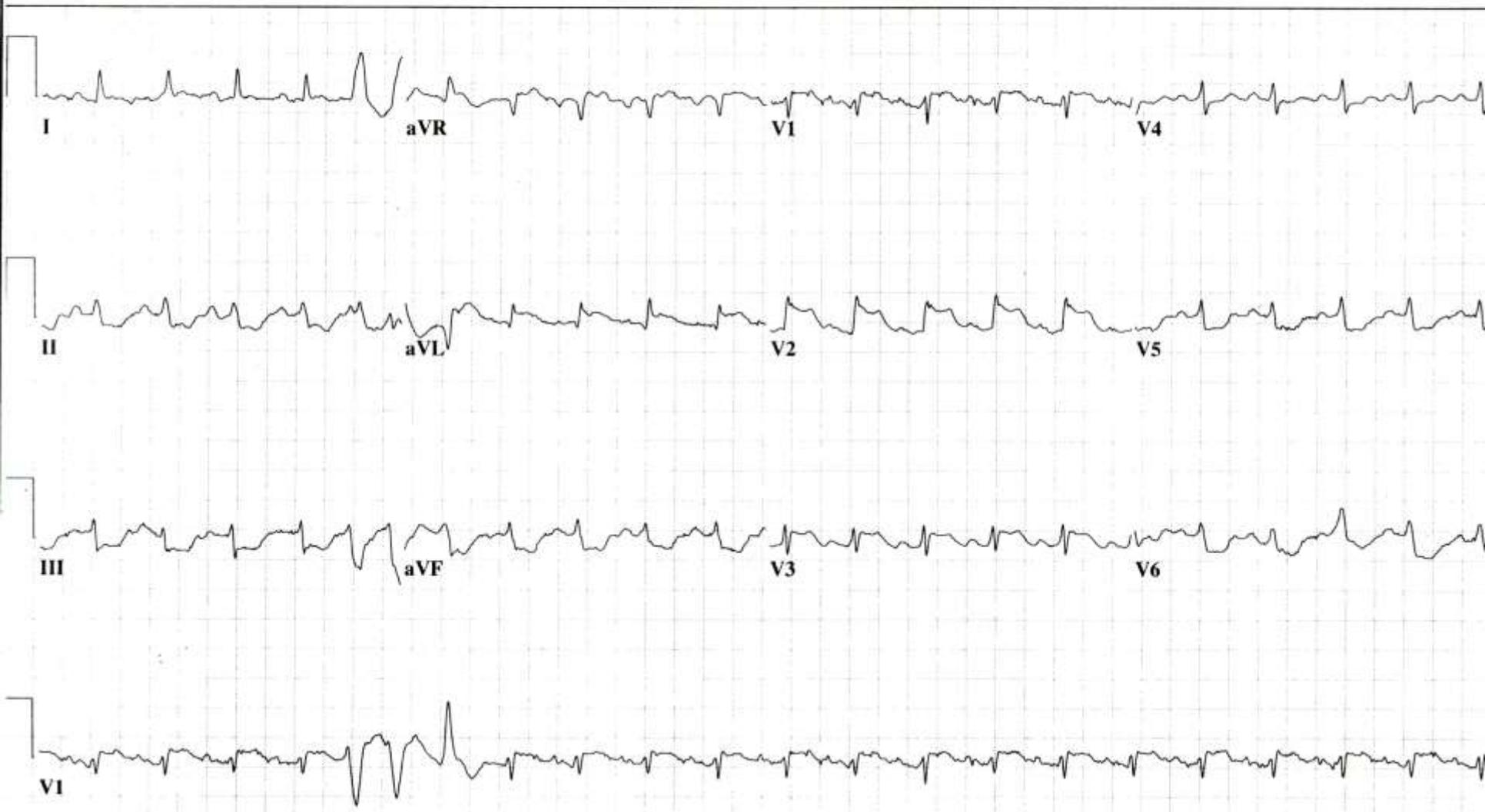


MYXEDEMA (thyroid disorder)

33 yr
Female Black
Room:ATL
Loc:3 Option:23

Vent. rate 132 BPM
PR interval 154 ms
QRS duration 76 ms
QT/QTc 282/417 ms
P-R-T axes 51 17 -80

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*** Age and gender specific ECG analysis ***
Sinus tachycardia with occasional , and consecutive
Premature ventricular complexes
Low voltage QRS
ST elevation consider anterolateral injury or acute infarct
***** ACUTE MI *****
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• Q WAVES •

Normal Q Waves

caused by depolarization of
the intraventricular septum

Abnormal Q Waves -

caused by:

- necrosis (old infarction)
- hypertrophy

• Q WAVES •

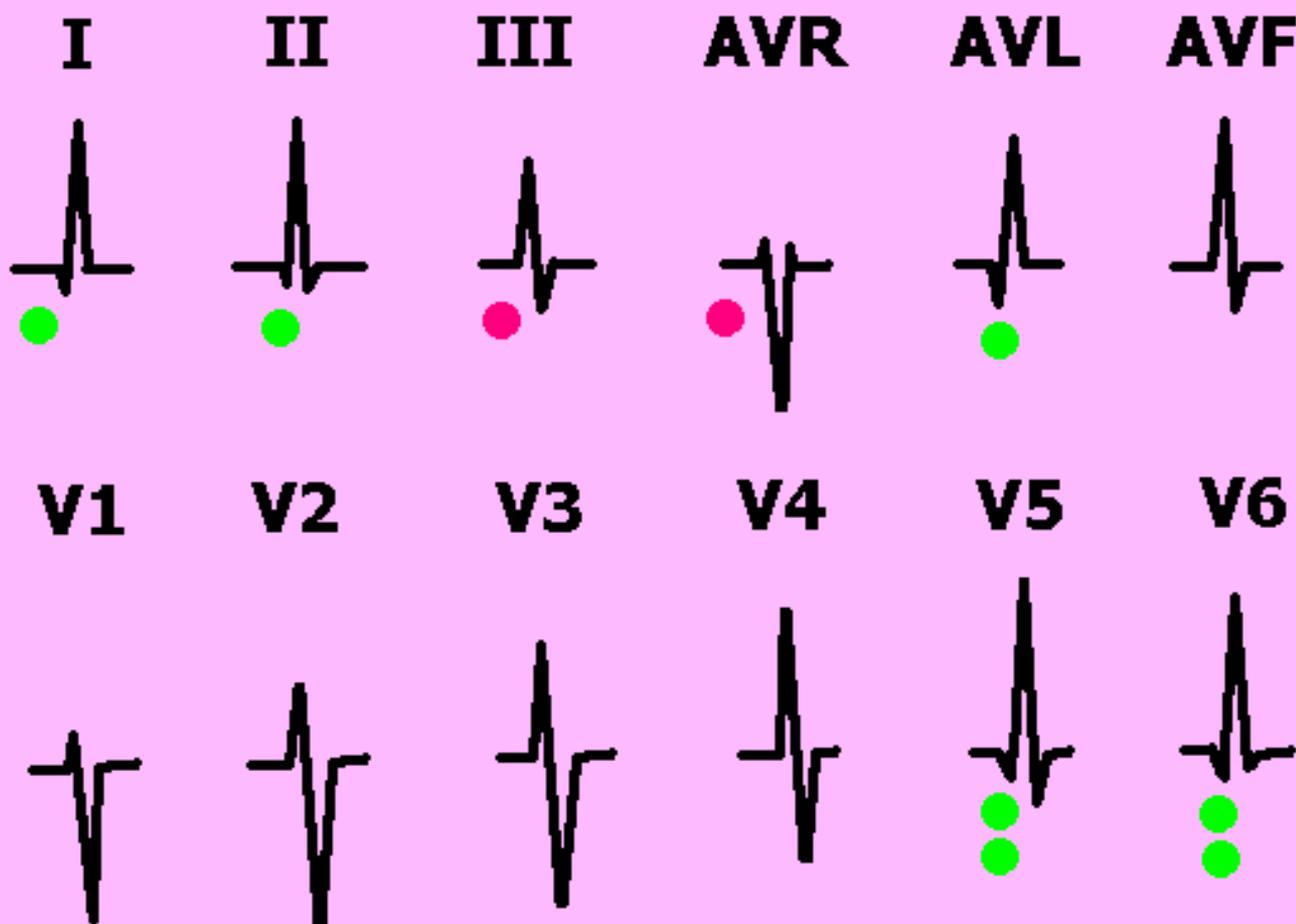
SIZE

DOES

COUNT!!!

LEADS WHERE Q WAVES ARE NORMAL

- Normal Q WAVES caused by SEPTAL DEPOLARIZATION



● Q WAVES NORMAL AND FREQUENTLY SEEN

● Q WAVES EXPECTED

● Q WAVES, IF PRESENT, CAN NORMALLY BE ANY SIZE

THE QRS COMPLEX

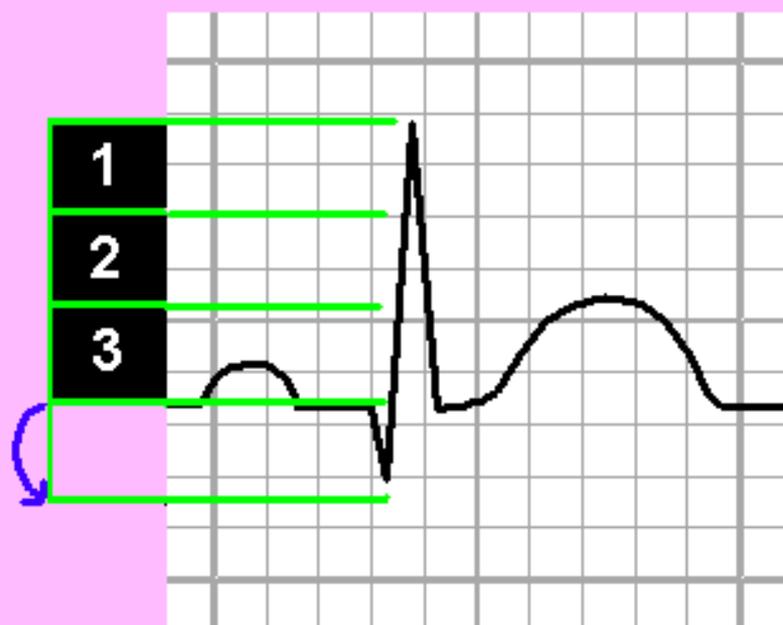
GENERAL RULES FOR NORMAL Q WAVES - WIDTH



**LESS THAN .40
(1 mm) WIDE**

THE QRS COMPLEX

GENERAL RULES FOR NORMAL Q WAVES - HEIGHT

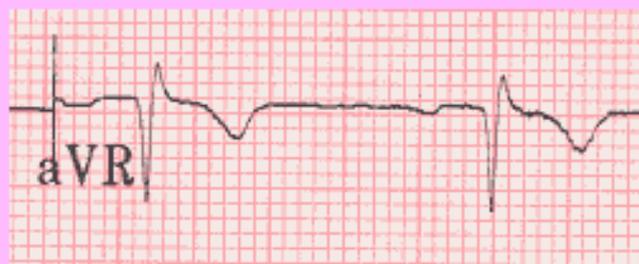


LESS THAN $\frac{1}{3}$ THE
HEIGHT OF THE R WAVE

THE QRS COMPLEX

NORMAL Q WAVES

EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULES



LEAD aVR



LEAD III



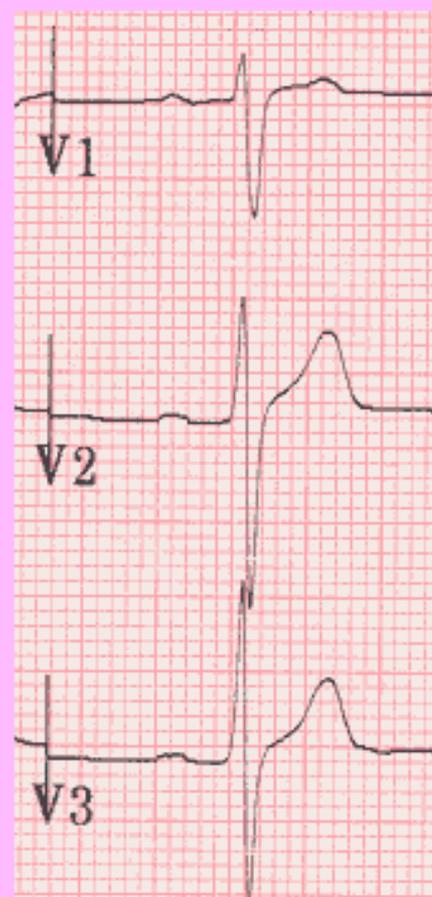
THE Q WAVE CAN BE ANY SIZE

THE QRS COMPLEX

NORMAL Q WAVES EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULES



THERE
SHOULD BE NO Q
WAVES PRESENT
IN LEADS: V1
V2
V3



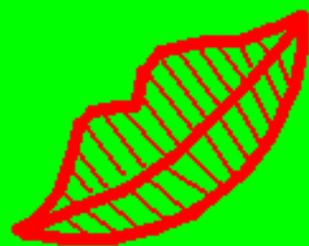
THE QRS COMPLEX

Q WAVE RULES - SUMMARY:

- Q WAVES SHOULD BE LESS THAN .40 WIDE (1 mm)
- Q WAVES SHOULD BE LESS THAN 1/3 THE HEIGHT OF THE R WAVE
- Q WAVES CAN BE ANY SIZE IN LEADS III and AVR
- THERE SHOULD BE NO Q WAVES IN LEADS V1, V2, or V3

THE QRS COMPLEX

DIAGNOSING BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK



K.I.S.S.

THEORY

Simple "Turn Signal Method"

THE "TURN SIGNAL METHOD" for identifying BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK

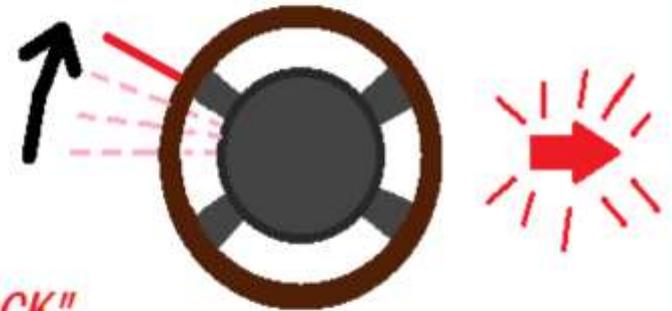
V1

USE LEAD V1 for this technique

To make a **RIGHT TURN**
you push the turn signal lever **UP**

THINK:

"QRS points UP = RIGHT BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK"

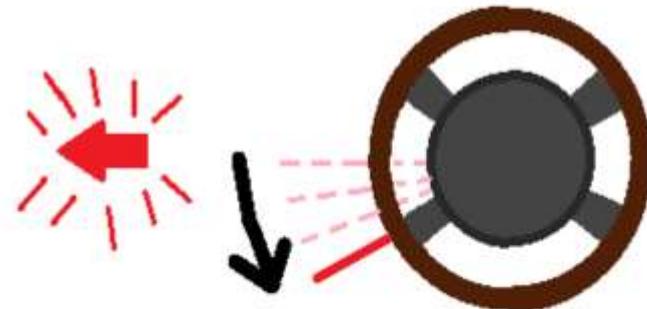


V1

To make a **LEFT TURN**
you push the turn signal lever **DOWN**

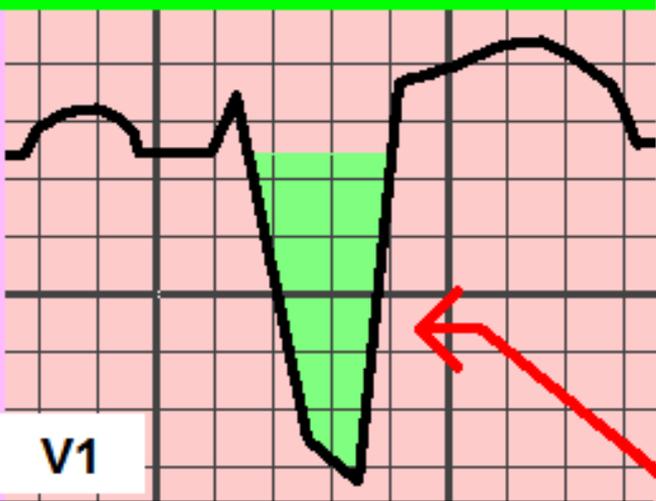
THINK:

"QRS points DOWN = LEFT BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK"



DIAGNOSING BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK

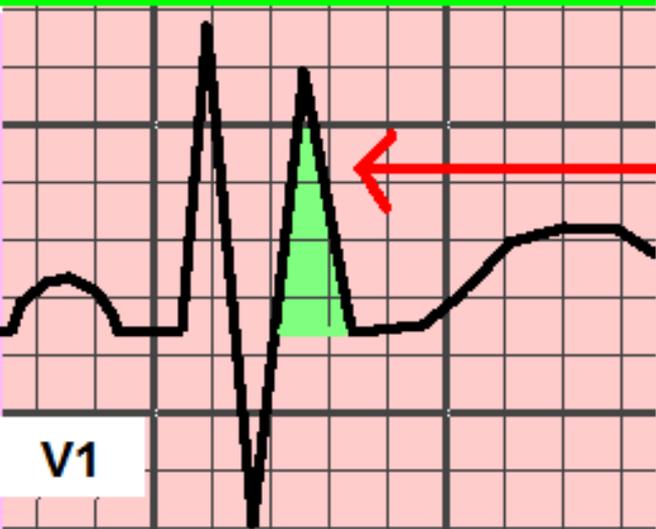
L.B.B.B.



USING LEAD V1

- QRS WIDER THAN 120 ms
- BEAT IS SUPRAVENTRICULAR IN ORIGIN
- TERMINAL PHASE OF QRS COMPLEX (LAST DEFLECTION)

R.B.B.B.



NEGATIVE = LEFT BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK

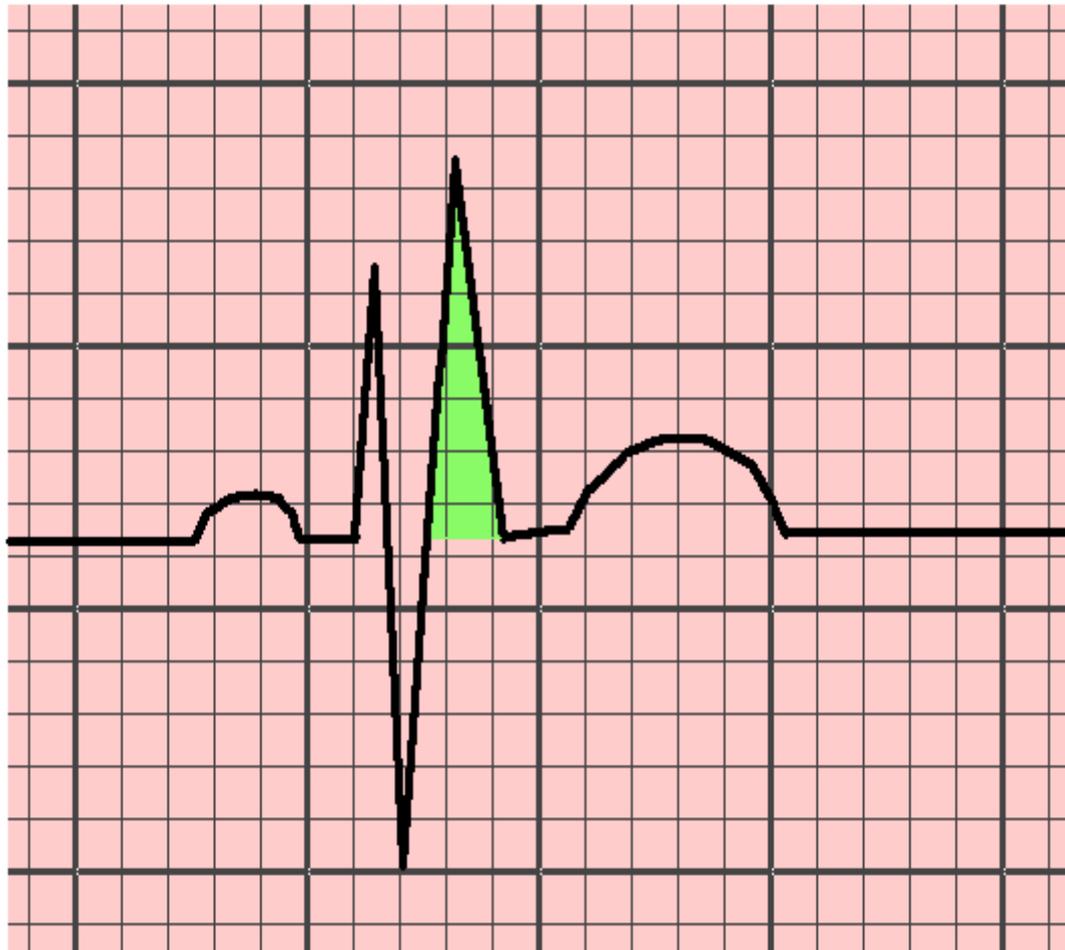
POSITIVE = RIGHT BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK

DIAGNOSING LBBB IN LEAD V1:



- QRS GREATER THAN 120 ms (.12)
- EVIDENCE THAT THIS IS NOT VENTRICULAR BEAT
- TERMINAL PHASE (LAST PART) OF QRS COMPLEX IS NEGATIVE DEFLECTION
- S-T SEGMENTS ARE NORMALLY ALWAYS ELEVATED !

DIAGNOSING RBBB IN LEAD V1:



- **WIDER THAN 120 ms (.12)**
(or 3 little boxes)
- **TERMINAL PHASE (LAST PART) OF QRS COMPLEX IS POSITIVE DEFLECTION**

74years
Male Caucasian
Room:
Loc: 0 Opt:

Vent. rate 72 bpm
PR interval 186 ms
QRS duration 166 ms
QT/QTc 436/477 ms
P-R-T axes 57 -32 32

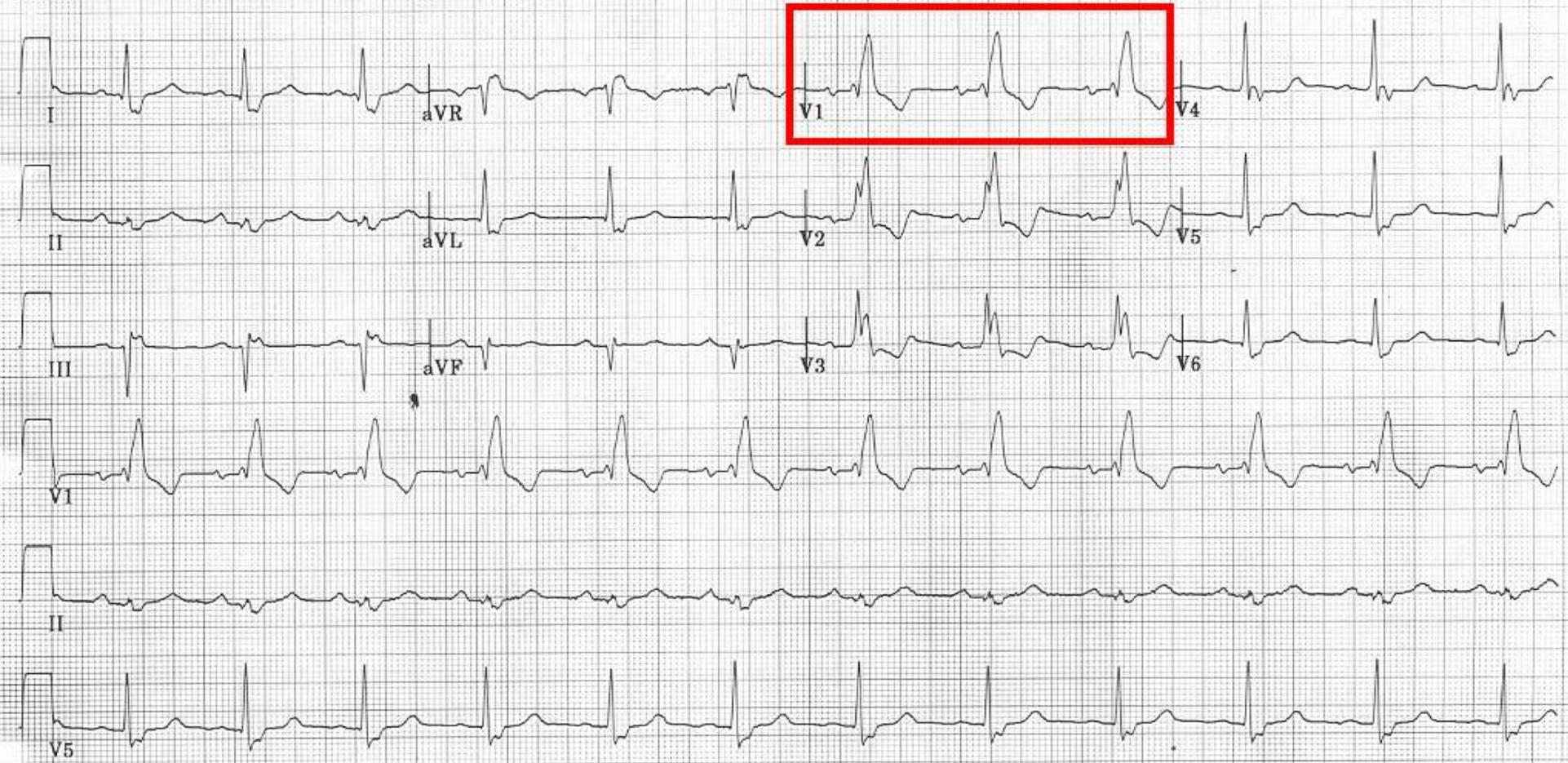
Normal sinus rhythm
Left axis deviation
Right bundle branch block
Inferior infarct, age undetermined
Abnormal ECG

Technician: WR

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D.O.S.:



TERMINAL PHASE OF QRS IS
POSITIVE



**= RIGHT BUNDLE
BRANCH BLOCK**

09:16:40

74 yr
Female Caucasian

Vent. rate 64 BPM
PR interval 188 ms
QRS duration 152 ms
QT/QTc 472/486 ms
P-R-T axes 78 3 106

Normal sinus rhythm
Left bundle branch block
Abnormal ECG
When compared with ECG of 28-MAY-2003 06:36,

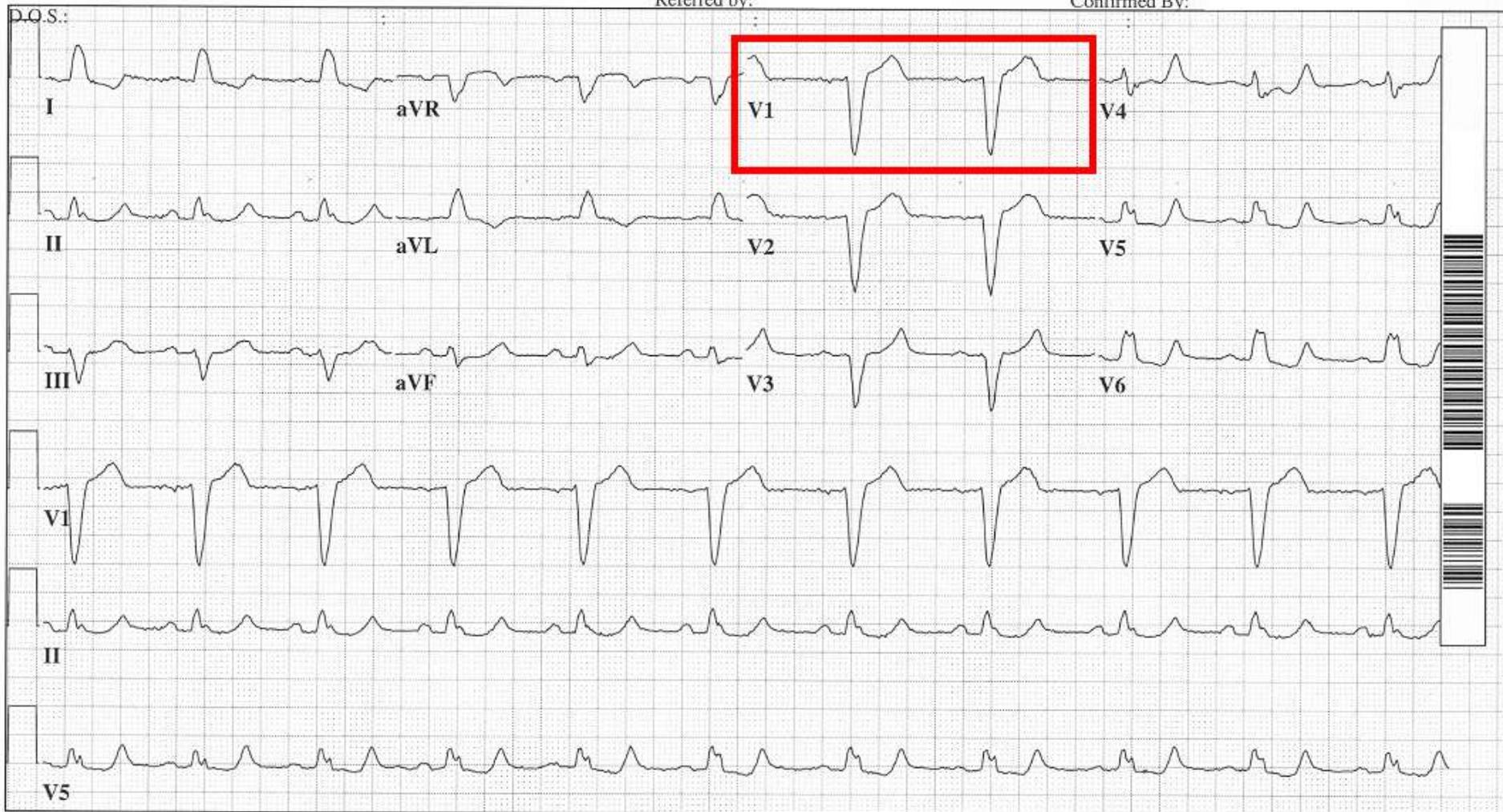
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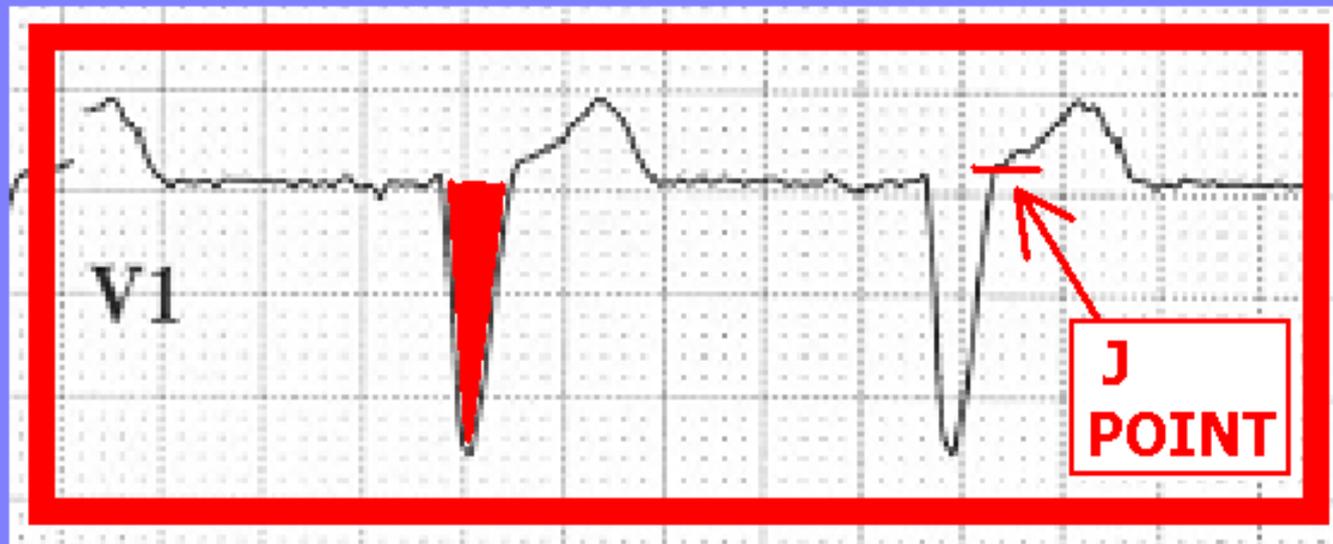
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**TERMINAL PHASE OF QRS IS
NEGATIVE**



**= LEFT BUNDLE
BRANCH BLOCK**

SOME CAUSES OF RIGHT BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK (RBBB)

- CONGENITAL VARIATION (IN HEALTHY HEART)
- CONDUCTION SYSTEM DISEASE
- OLD ANT./SEPTAL MI (NECROSIS TO RBB)
- PREVIOUS C.A.B.G. (RBB CUT DURING SURGERY)

 **SEVERE R.V.H.**

 **ACUTE PULMONARY EMBOLUS**

 **BRUGADA SYNDROME**

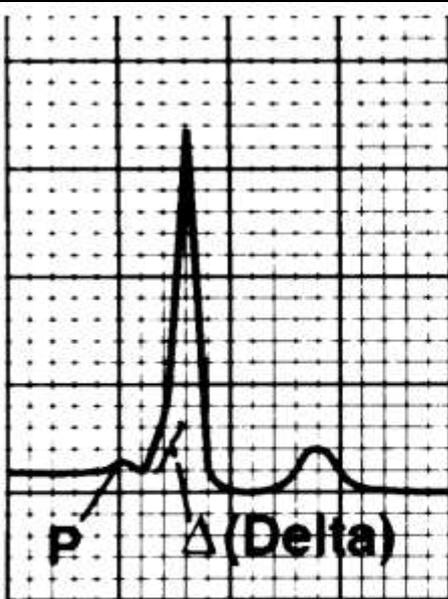
SOME CAUSES OF LEFT BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK (LBBB)

- CONDUCTION SYSTEM DISEASE
- OLD ANT./SEPTAL MI (NECROSIS TO LBB)

 **CARDIOMYOPATHY**

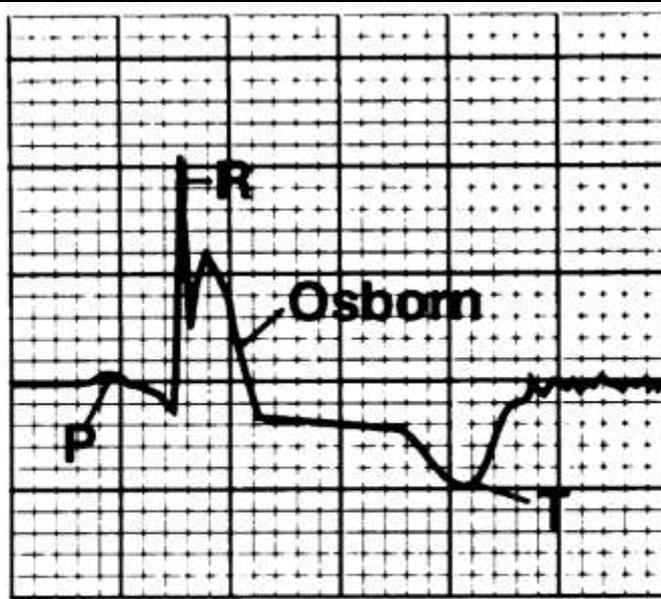
 **SEVERE L.V.H.**

 **ACUTE MYOCARDITIS**



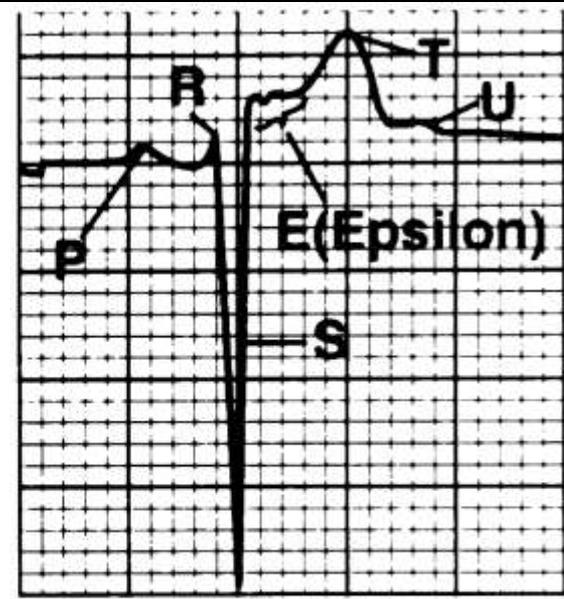
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A



Lead II

B



Lead V₃

C

- A. Delta wave, seen in Wolff-Parkinson-White Syndrome**
- B. Osborn's wave, seen in HYPOTHERMIA**
- C. Epsilon's wave, seen in Right Ventricular Dysplasia**

NORMAL ST - T WAVES

- WHEN QRS WIDTH IS NORMAL (< 120 ms)

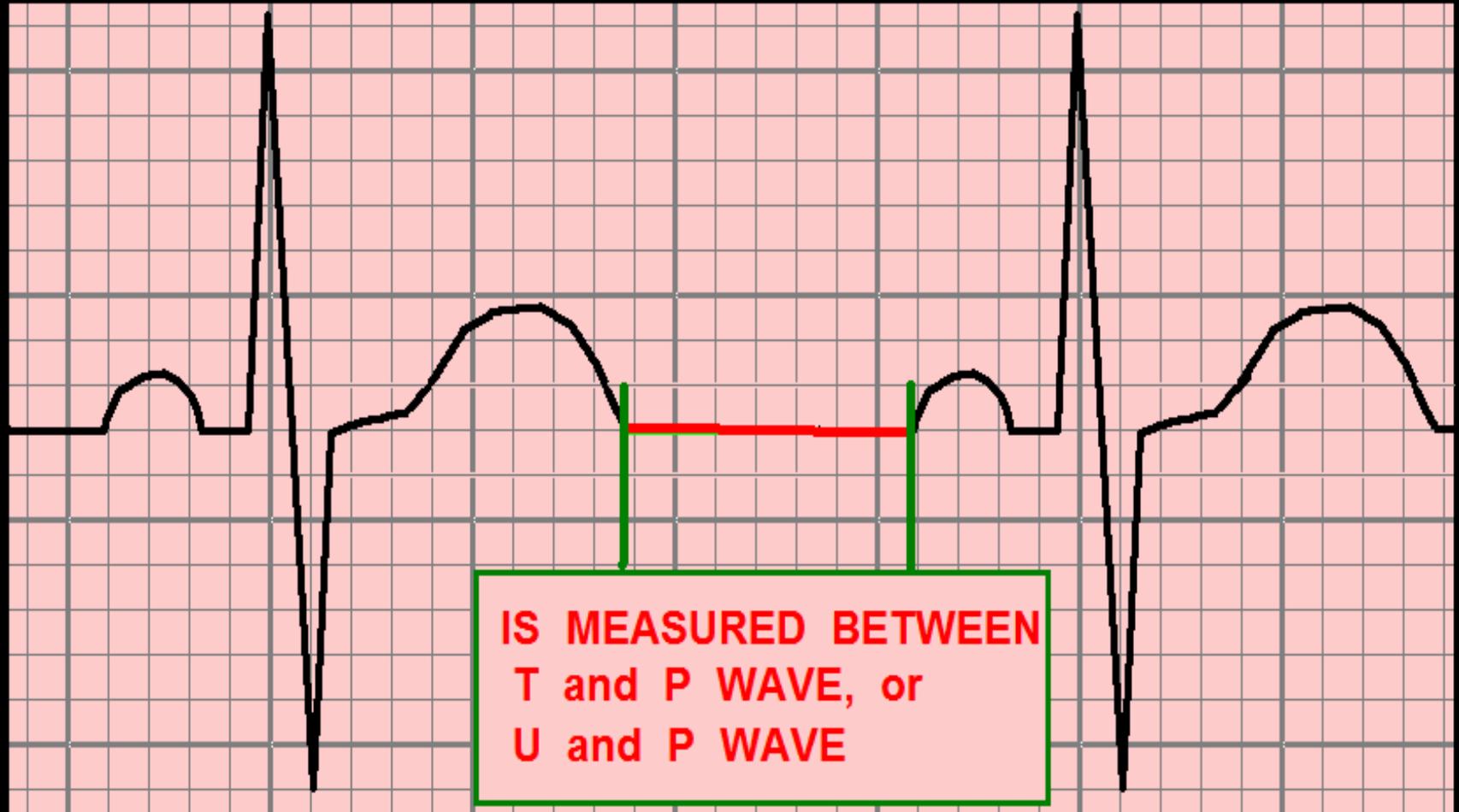


ASSESS:

- J POINT: ISOELECTRIC (or < 1 mm dev.)
- ST SEG: SLIGHT, POSITIVE INCLINATION
- T WAVE: UPRIGHT, POSITIVE

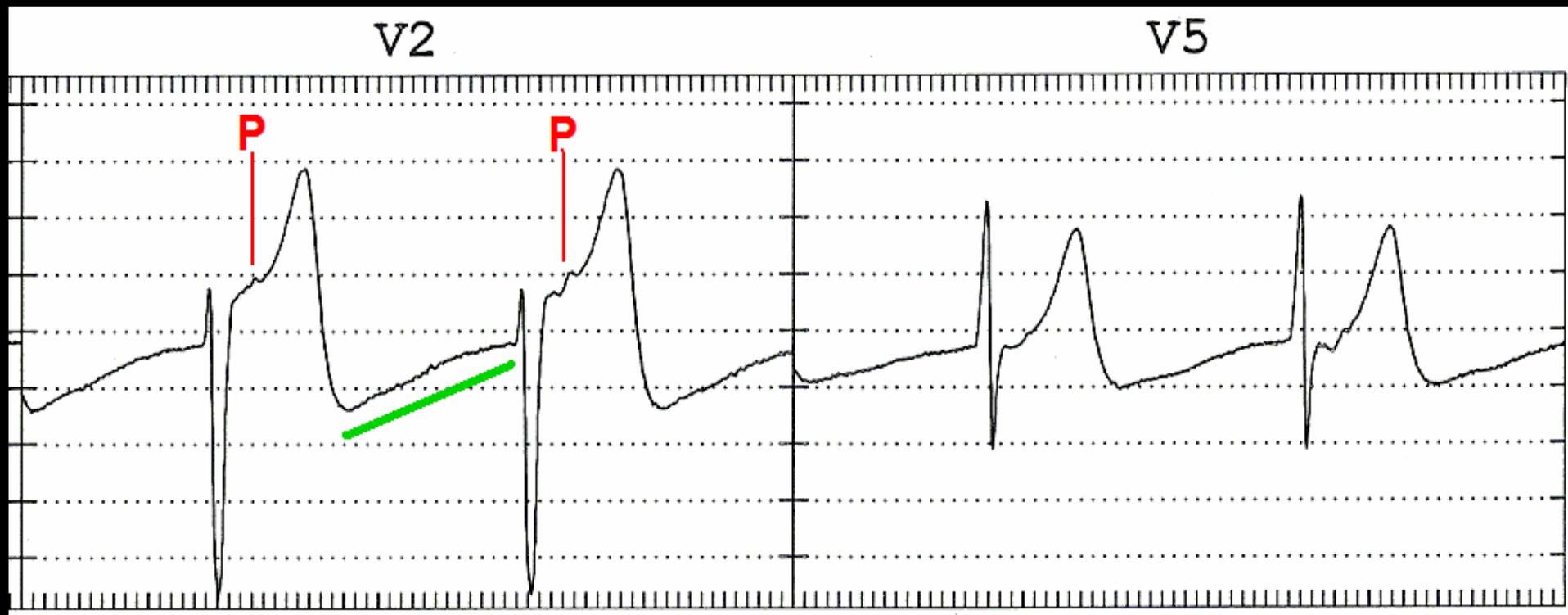
 **in EVERY LEAD EXCEPT aVR !!**

THE ISOELECTRIC LINE



THE ISOELECTRIC LINE

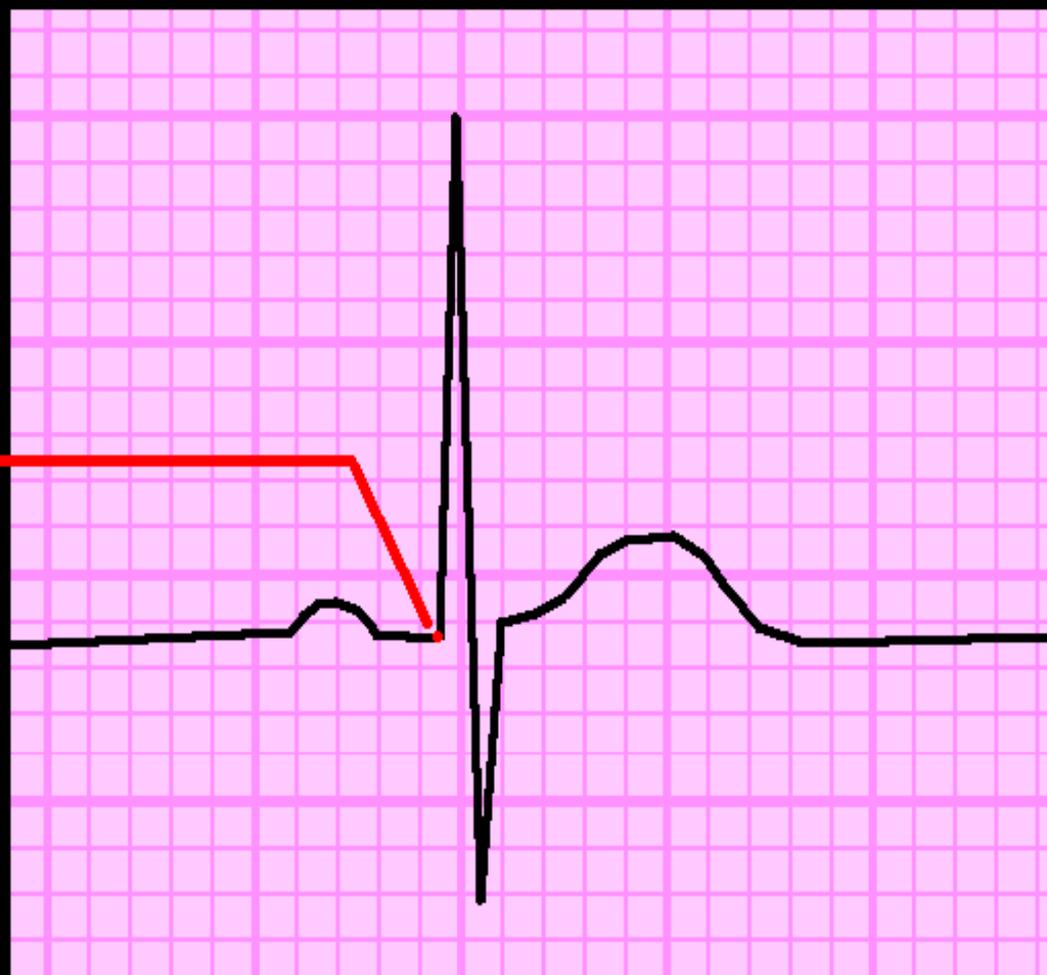
EKG from 13 y/o girl in ACCELERATED JUNCTIONAL RHYTHM.
note: upsloping T-P interval, and P buried in T waves.



THE P-Q JUNCTION

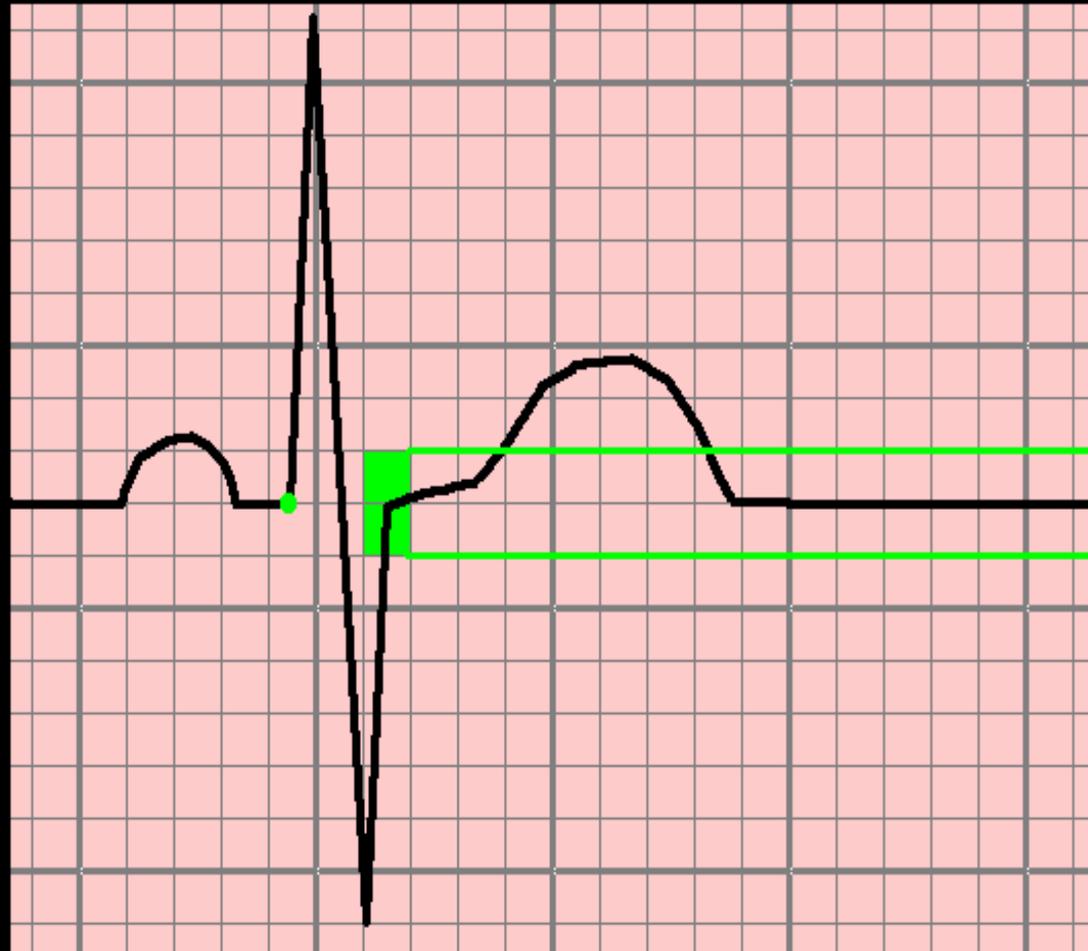
. . . is the POINT where the P-R SEGMENT ends and the QRS COMPLEX BEGINS.

Used for POINT OF REFERENCE for measurement of the J-POINT and the S-T SEGMENT –



— as per the A.H.A., A.C.C., and WANG, ASINGER, and MARRIOTT, N.E.J.M. vol. 349:2128-2135 Nov. 27, 2003

THE J POINT SHOULD BE ..

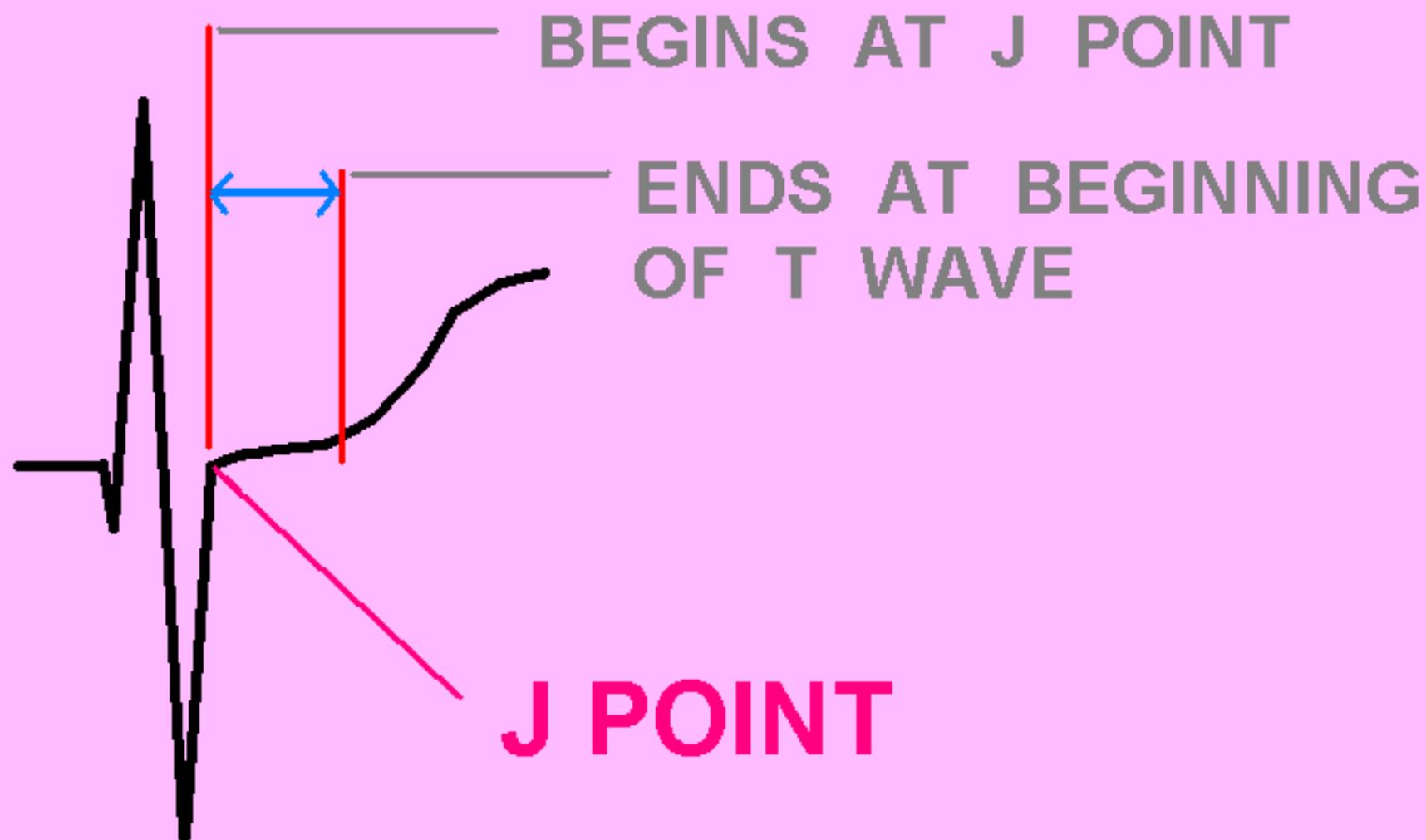


WITHIN
1 mm
ABOVE

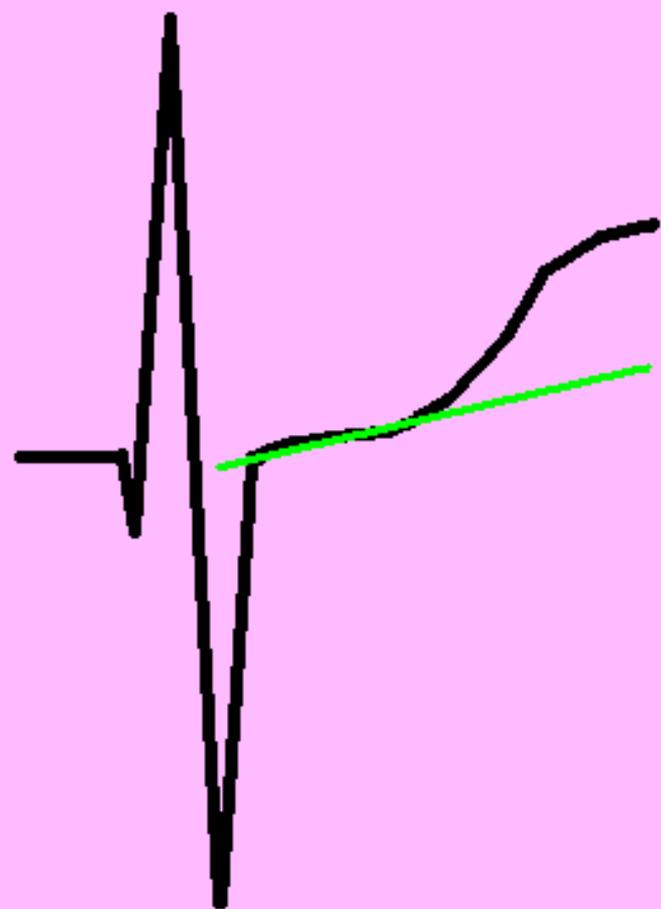
OR

BELOW
THE
P-Q
JUNCTION

THE S-T SEGMENT

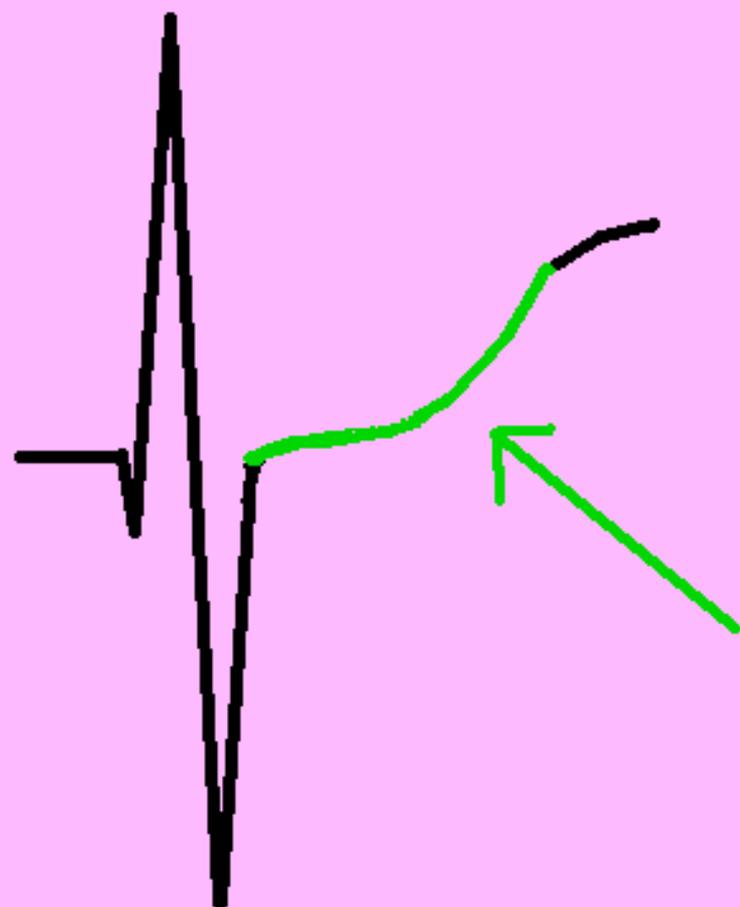


THE S-T SEGMENT



**SHOULD HAVE
A "SLIGHT POSITIVE"
INCLINATION**

THE S-T SEGMENT

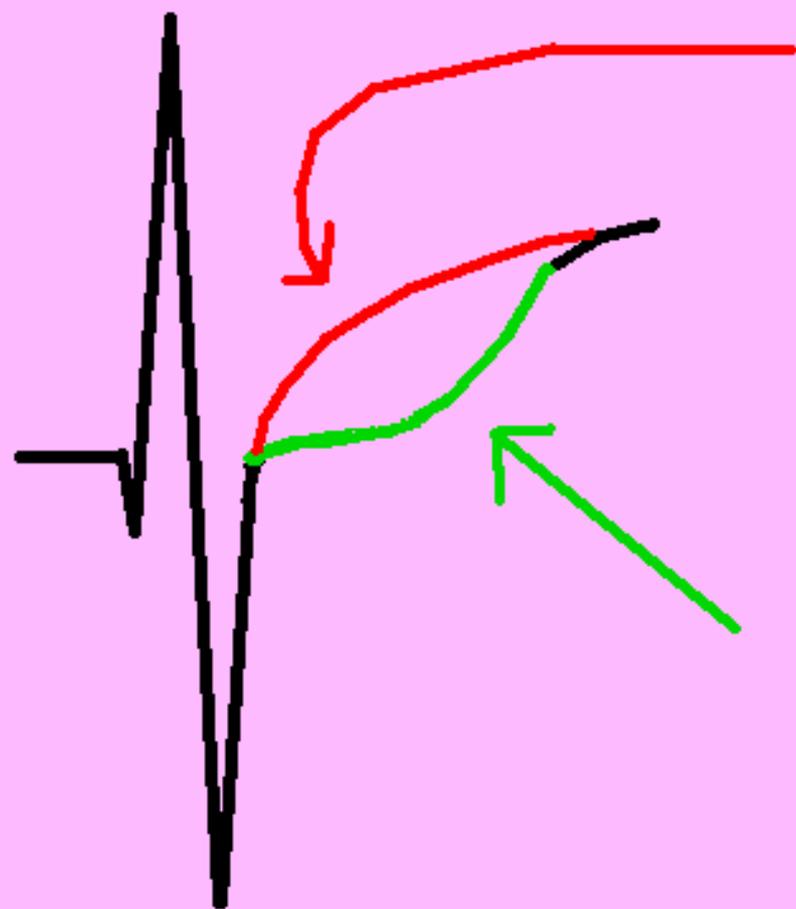


SHOULD BE
"CONCAVE" IN
SHAPE . . .

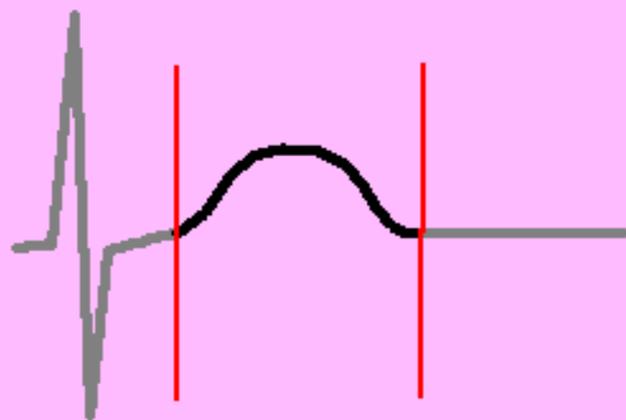
THE S-T SEGMENT

AS OPPOSED TO
"CONVEX" IN
SHAPE

SHOULD BE
"CONCAVE" IN
SHAPE . . .

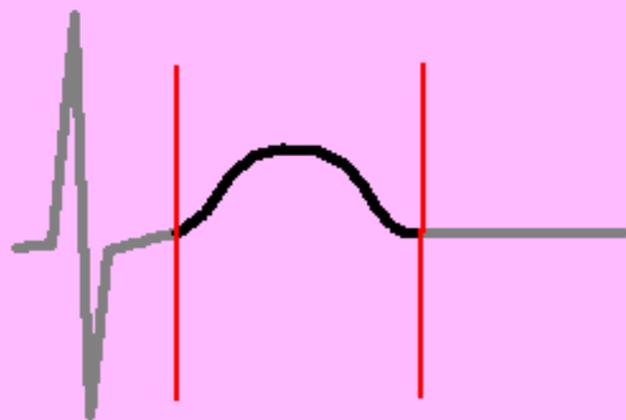


THE T WAVE



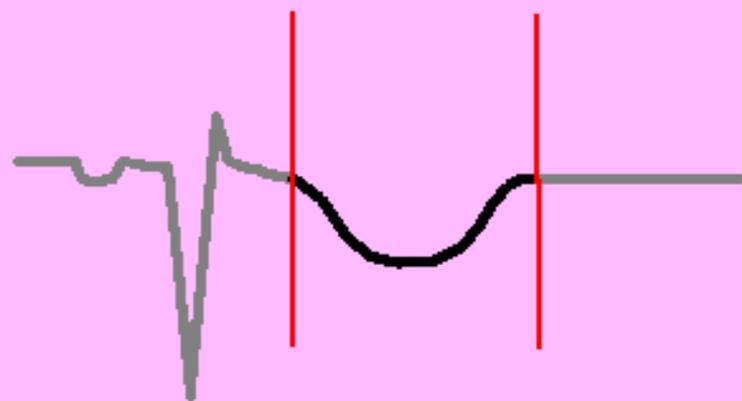
- SHOULD BE A "NICE," ROUNDED, CONVEX SHAPE
- SHOULD BE SYMMETRICAL

THE T WAVE



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- SHOULD BE SYMMETRICAL
- SHOULD BE UPRIGHT IN ALL LEADS, EXCEPT AVR

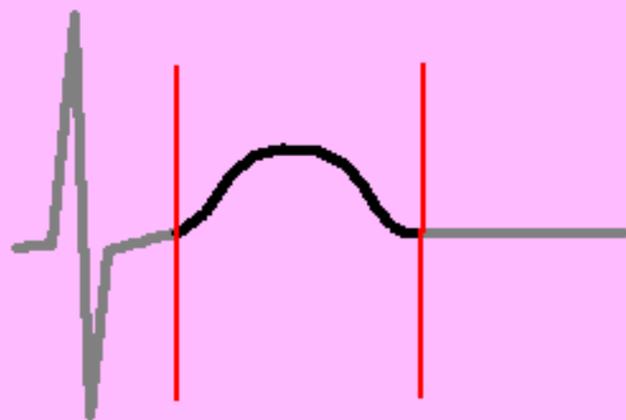
THE T WAVE



**LEAD
AVR**

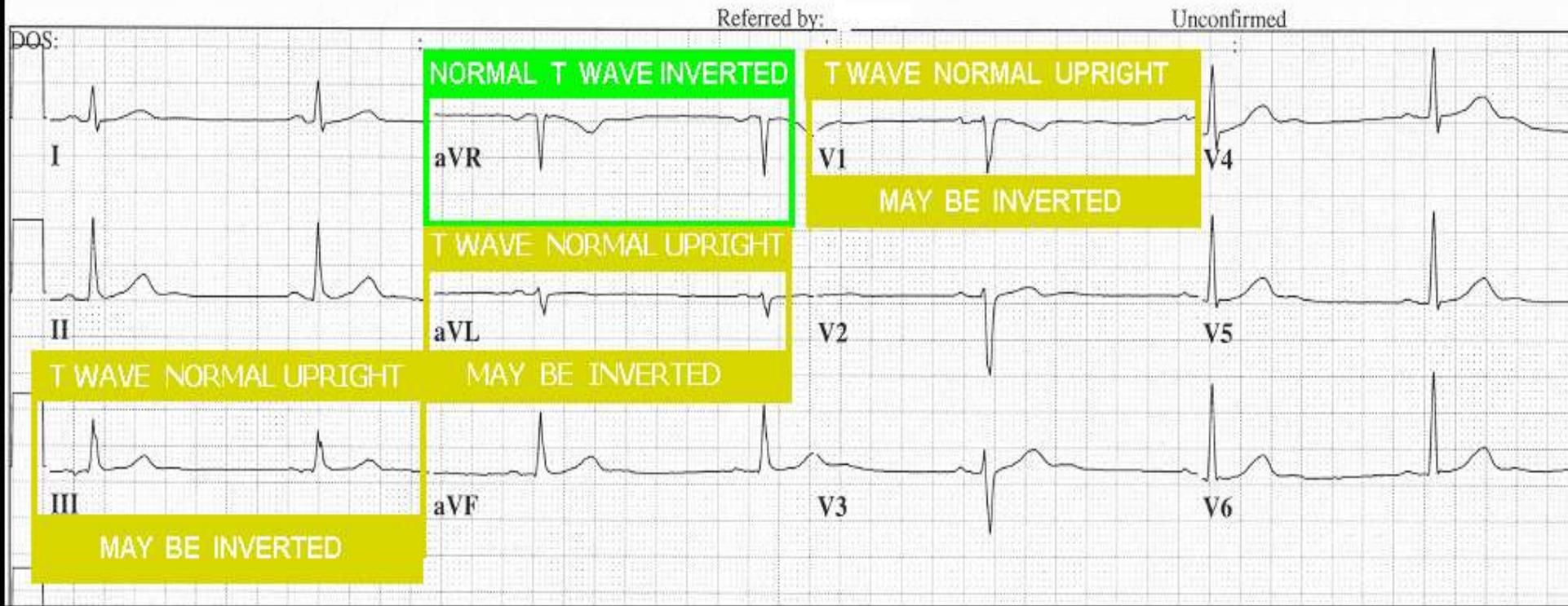
- **REMEMBER, IN LEAD AVR
EVERYTHING
IS
"UPSIDE-DOWN"**

THE T WAVE



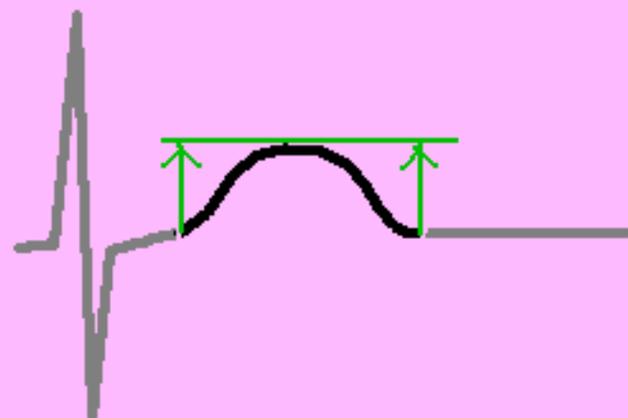
- SHOULD BE A "NICE," ROUNDED, CONVEX SHAPE
- SHOULD BE SYMMETRICAL
- SHOULD BE UPRIGHT IN ALL LEADS, EXCEPT AVR
- MAY BE INVERTED IN LEADS I, III, and V1

Leads where the T WAVE may be INVERTED:



An inverted T wave in TWO OR MORE CONTIGUOUS LEADS = potential problem (ischemia)

THE T WAVE



AMPLITUDE GUIDELINES:

- IN THE LIMB LEADS, SHOULD BE LESS THAN 1.0 mv (10 mm)
- IN THE PRECORDIAL LEADS, SHOULD BE LESS THAN 0.5 mv (5 mm)
- SHOULD NOT BE TALLER THAN R WAVE IN 2 OR MORE LEADS.

HYPER-ACUTE T WAVES - COMMON ETIOLOGIES:

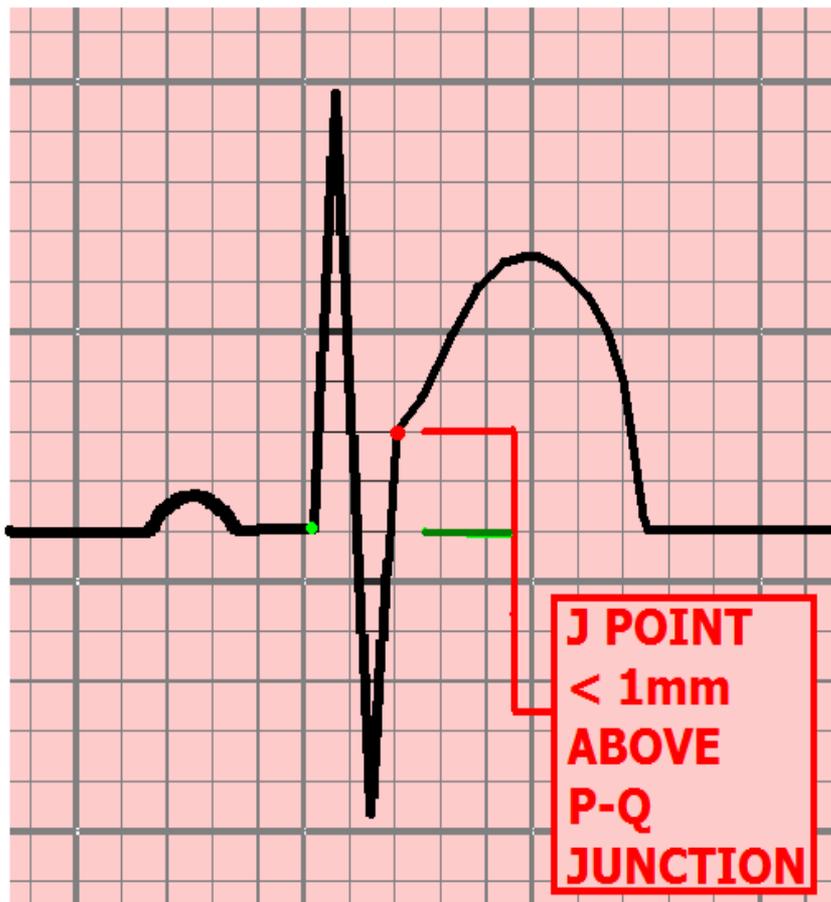


CONDITION:

-  **HYPERKALEMIA**
-  **ACUTE MI**
-  **TRANSMURAL ISCHEMIA**
-  **HYPERTROPHY**

MORE INFORMATION ON HYPERACUTE T WAVES COMING UP SOON . . .

S-T SEGMENT ELEVATION - COMMON ETIOLOGIES:



CONDITION:

- **ACUTE INFARCTION**
- **HYPERKALEMIA**
- **BRUGADA SYNDROME**
- **PULMONARY EMBOLUS**
- **INTRACRANIAL BLEED**
- **MYOCARDITIS / PERICARDITIS**
- **L. VENT. HYPERTROPHY**
- **PRINZMETAL'S ANGINA**
- **L. BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK**
- **PACED RHYTHM**
- **EARLY REPOLARIZATION & "MALE PATTERN" S-T ELEV.**

ON THE NEXT PAGE IN YOUR BOOK ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF THE ABOVE CONDITIONS

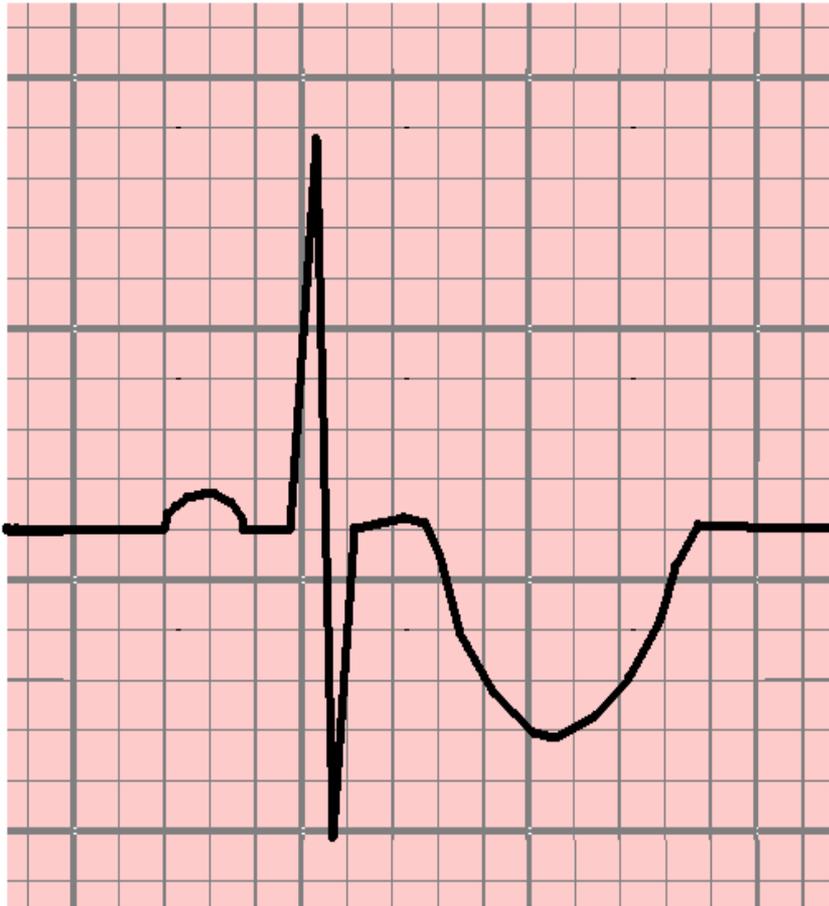
S-T SEGMENT DEPRESSION - COMMON ETIOLOGIES:



CONDITION:

- **RECIPROCAL CHANGES of ACUTE MI**
- **NON-Q WAVE M.I. (NON-STEMI)**
- **ISCHEMIA**
- **POSITIVE STRESS TEST**
- **VENTRICULAR HYPERTROPHY (STRAIN PATTERN)**
- **WOLFF-PARKINSON-WHITE**
- **OLD MI (NECROSIS vs. ISCHEMIA)**
- **DIGITALIS**
- **R. BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK**

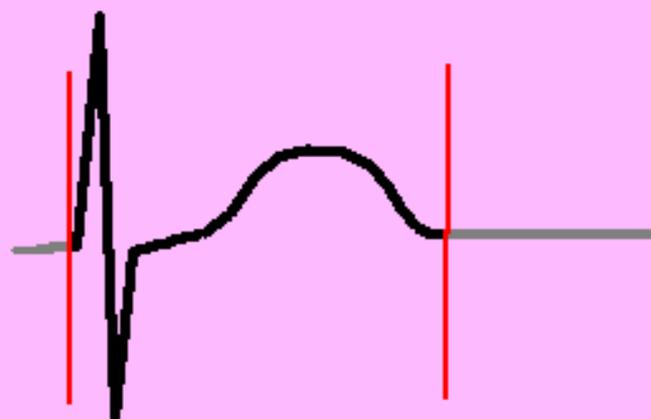
T WAVE INVERSION - COMMON ETIOLOGIES:



CONDITION:

- **MYOCARDITIS**
- **ELECTROLYTE IMBALANCE**
- **ISCHEMIA**
- **POSITIVE STRESS TEST**
- **CEREBRAL DISORDER**
- **MITRAL VALVE PROLAPSE**
- **VENTRICULAR HYPERTROPHY**
- **WOLFF-PARKINSON-WHITE**
- **HYPERVENTILATION**
- **CARDIOACTIVE DRUGS**
- **OLD MI (NECROSIS vs. ISCHEMIA)**
- **DIGITALIS**
- **R. BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK**
- **NO OBVIOUS CAUSE**

THE Q - T INTERVAL



- BEGINNING OF QRS COMPLEX TO THE END OF THE T WAVE
- NORMAL VALUES VARY BASED ON HEART RATE
- SEVERAL WAYS TO DETERMINE NORMAL LIMITS

THE *QTc INTERVAL

* QTc = Q-T interval,
corrected for heart rate

HEART RATE	MALE	FEMALE
150	0.25	0.28
125	0.26	0.29
100	0.31	0.34
93	0.32	0.35
83	0.34	0.37
71	0.37	0.40
60	0.40	0.44
50	0.44	0.48
43	0.47	0.51

Annals of Internal Medicine, 1988 109:905.

QT CORRECTION FORMULAS:

Bazett's	$QTc = QT / \sqrt{RR}$
Fredericia	$QTc = QT / (RR)^{1/3}$
Framingham	$QTc = QT + 0.154(1 - RR)$
Rautaharju	$QTc = 656 / (1 + HR/100)$

Determining the QT / QTc

Method 1 – 12 Lead ECG Report:

Standard 12 Lead ECG
printout . . .

Heart Rate = 83

QT Interval = 357

QTc = 420

Rate	83	. Sinus rhy
		. Borderlin
PR	183	
QRSD	88	
QT	357	
QTc	420	
--AXIS--		
P	70	
QRS	41	
T	-1	
12 Lead; Standard Place		



“There’s
an APP
for
that!”

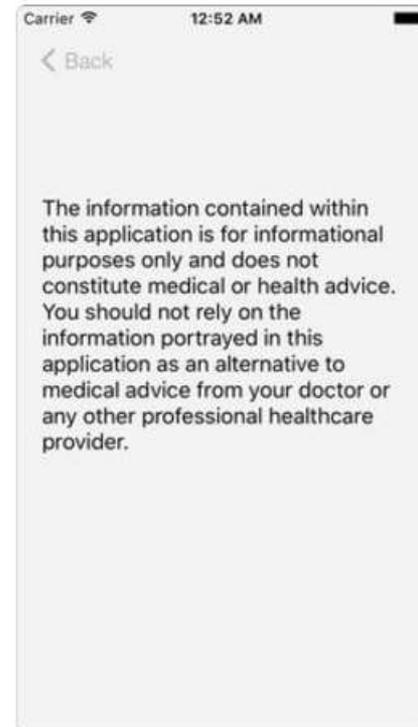
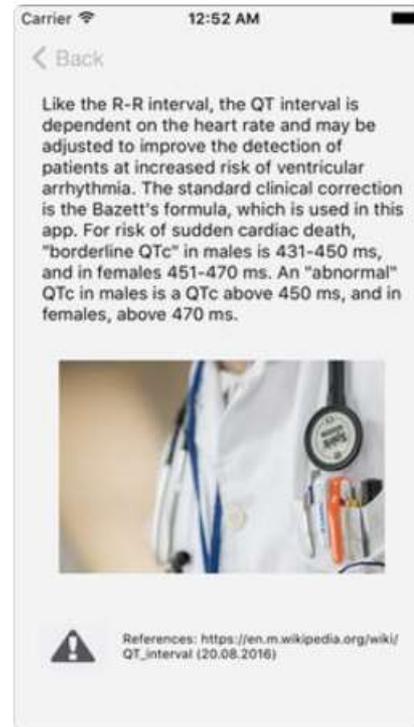
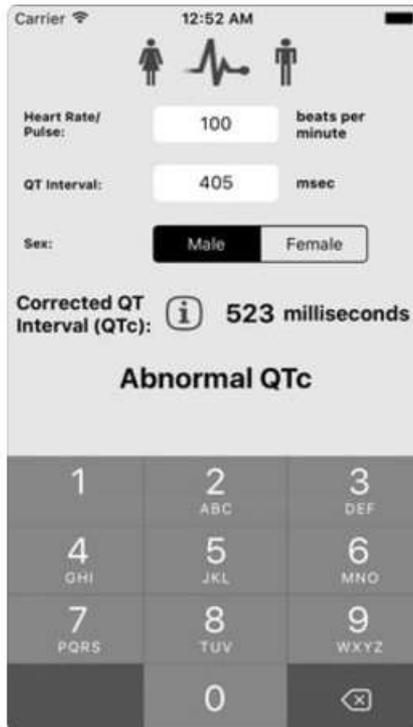


Corrected QT Interval (QTc) 17+

Daniel Juergens

\$0.99

iPhone Screenshots



Determining the QTc

Smartphone Apps:

- **iPhone**

- <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/corrected-qt-interval-qtc/id1146177765?mt=8>

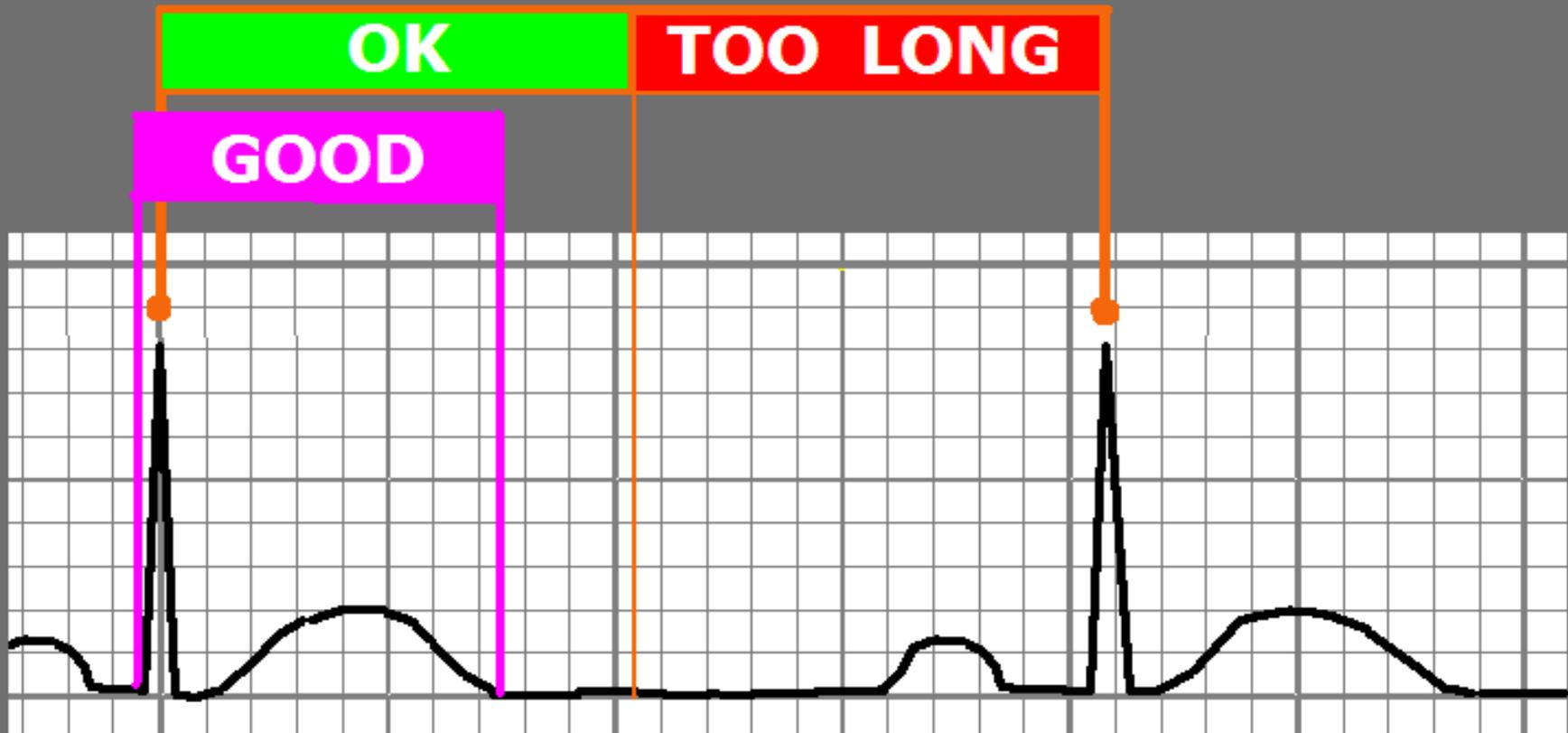
- **Android**

- <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.medsam.qtccalculator&hl=en>

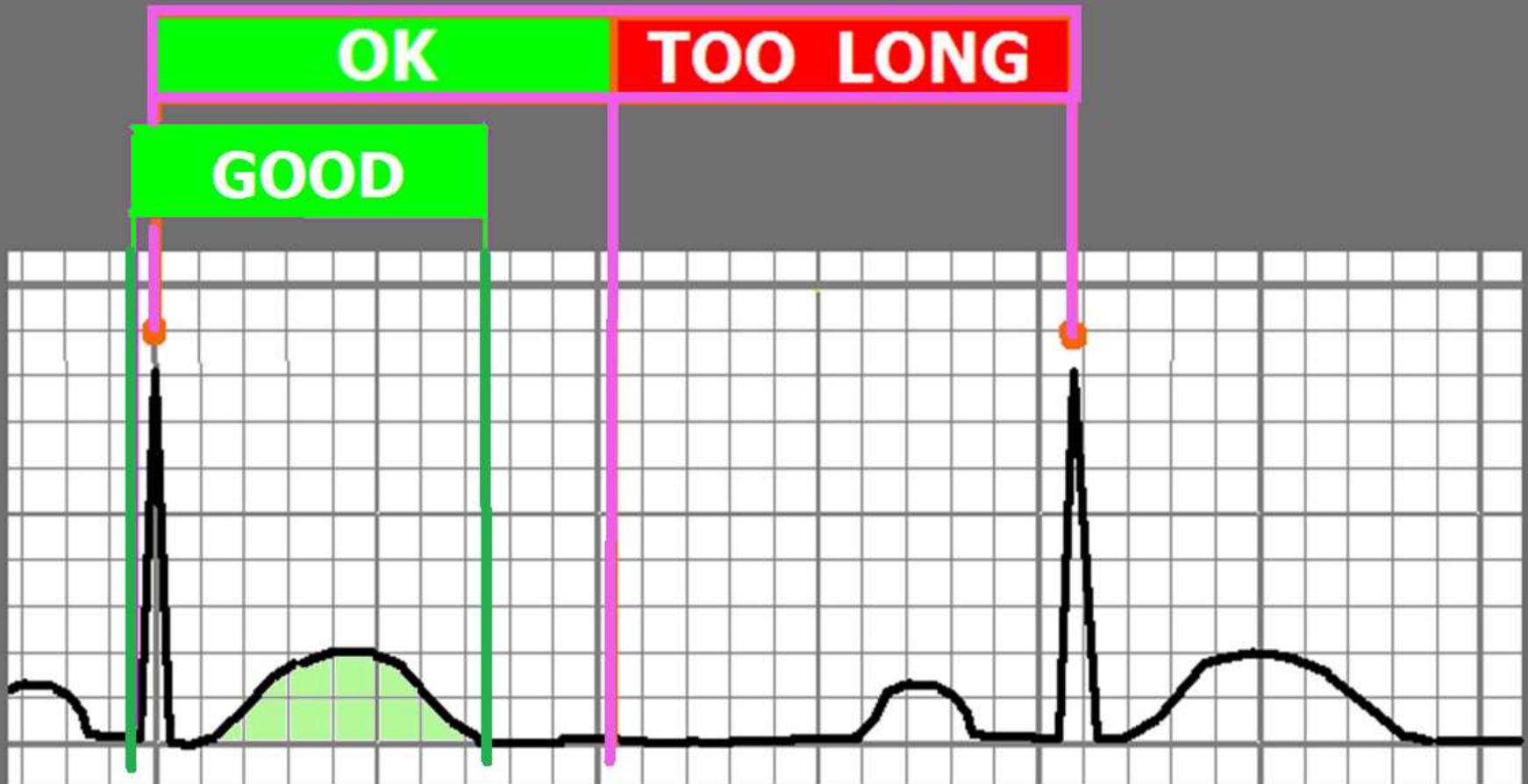
FOR VENTRICULAR RATES BETWEEN 60 – 100 with QRSd <120ms:

**The Q - T Interval
should be LESS THAN 1/2 the**

R - R Interval



The Q - T Interval
should be LESS THAN $\frac{1}{2}$ the
R - R Interval



The Q - T Interval
should be LESS THAN $\frac{1}{2}$ the
R - R Interval



QTc Values:

Too Short: < 390 ms

Normal

-Males: 390 - 450 ms

-Females: 390 - 460 ms

Borderline High

-Males: 450 - 500 ms

-Females: 460 - 500 ms

High (All Genders): 500 - 600 ms

Critical High

(associated with TdP): 600 + ms

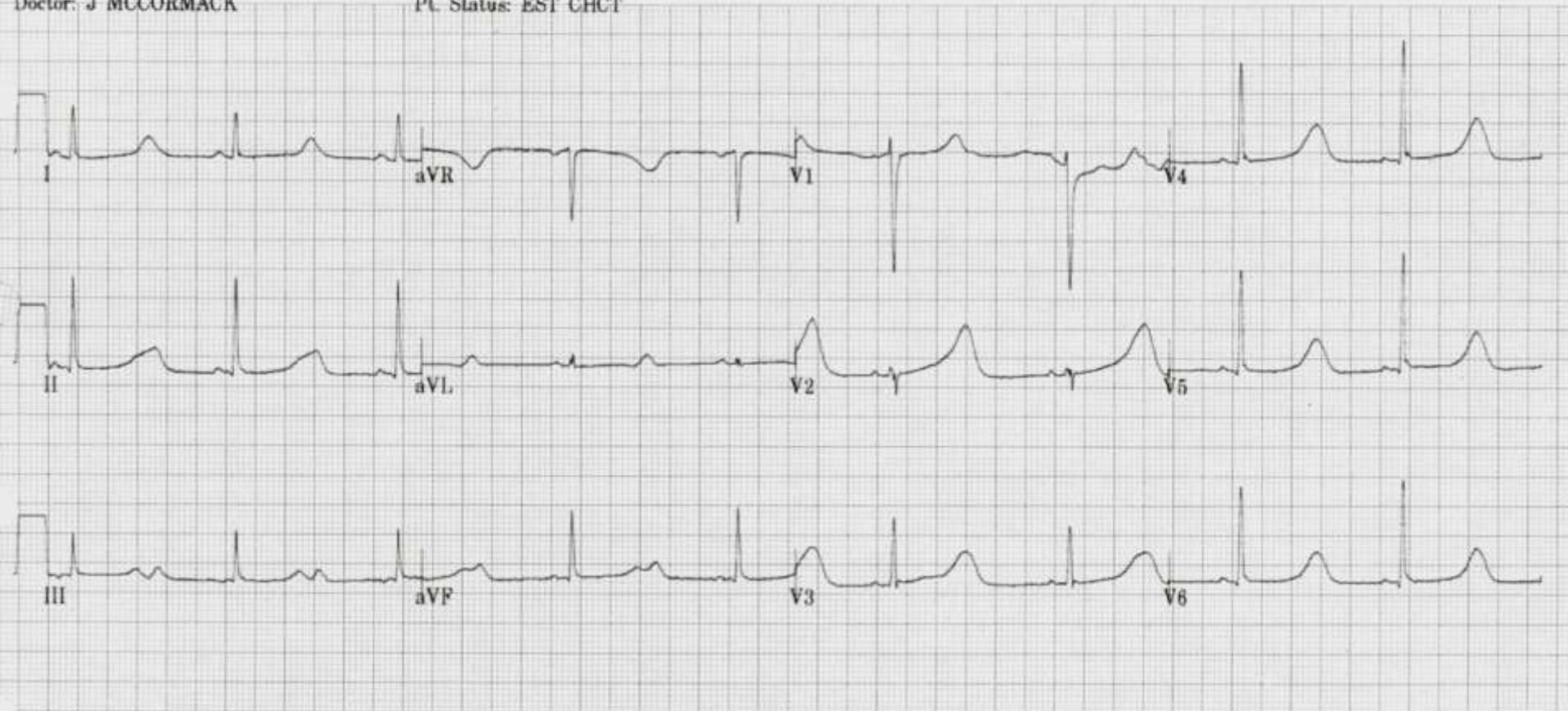
22 y/o FEMALE

Vent. rate 53 bpm
PR interval 110 ms
QRS duration 84 ms
QT/QTc 678/636 ms
P-R-T axes 25 60 48

PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY ASSOCIATES

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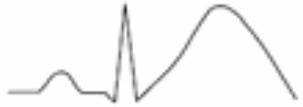
Pt. Status: EST CHCT



WHEN THE "QUICK PEEK" METHOD for QT INTERVAL EVALUATION IS APPLIED TO THE ABOVE ECG, WHAT IS THE RESULT?

GENETICALLY ACQUIRED LONG QT SYNDROMES:

ECG PATTERNS of 3 MOST COMMON VARIATIONS:

Type	Current	Functional Effect	Frequency Among LQTS	ECG ^{12,13}	Triggers Lethal Cardiac Event ¹⁰	Penetrance*
LQTS1	K	↓	30%-35%		Exercise (68%) Emotional Stress (14%) Sleep, Repose (9%) Others (19%)	62%
LQTS2	K	↓	25%-30%		Exercise (29%) Emotional Stress (49%) Sleep, Repose (22%)	75%
LQTS3	Na	↑	5%-10%		Exercise (4%) Emotional Stress (12%) Sleep, Repose (64%) Others (20%)	90%

ECG Characteristics of TdP: The QRS Pattern of *Torsades de Pointes* resembles



a piece of Twisted Ribbon !



Etiology of Long QT Syndromes:

Congenital (14 known subtypes)

Genetic mutation results in abnormalities of cellular ion channels

Acquired

Drug Induced

Metabolic/electrolyte induced

Very low energy diets / anorexia

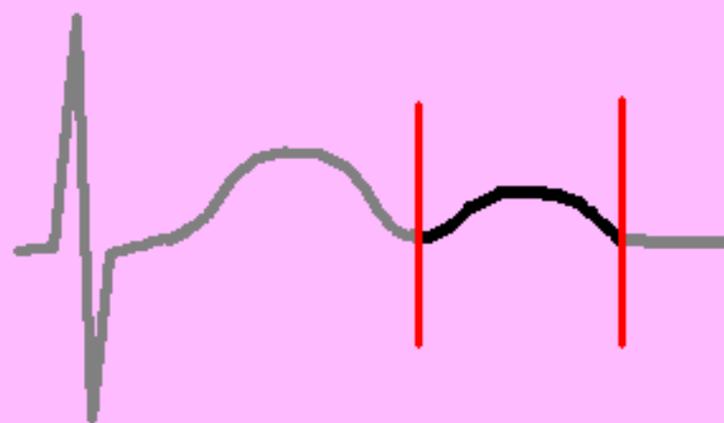
CNS & Autonomic nervous system disorders

Miscellaneous

Coronary Artery Disease

Mitral Valve Prolapse

THE U WAVE



- **SEEN
INFREQUENTLY**

- **IF PRESENT, SHOULD BE THE
SAME DEFLECTION AS T WAVE**
- **SHOULD BE NO MORE THAN 10%
THE SIZE OF THE T WAVE**
- **MORE PROMINENT IN V2 OR V3**

U WAVES

ROUTINE RETRIEVAL

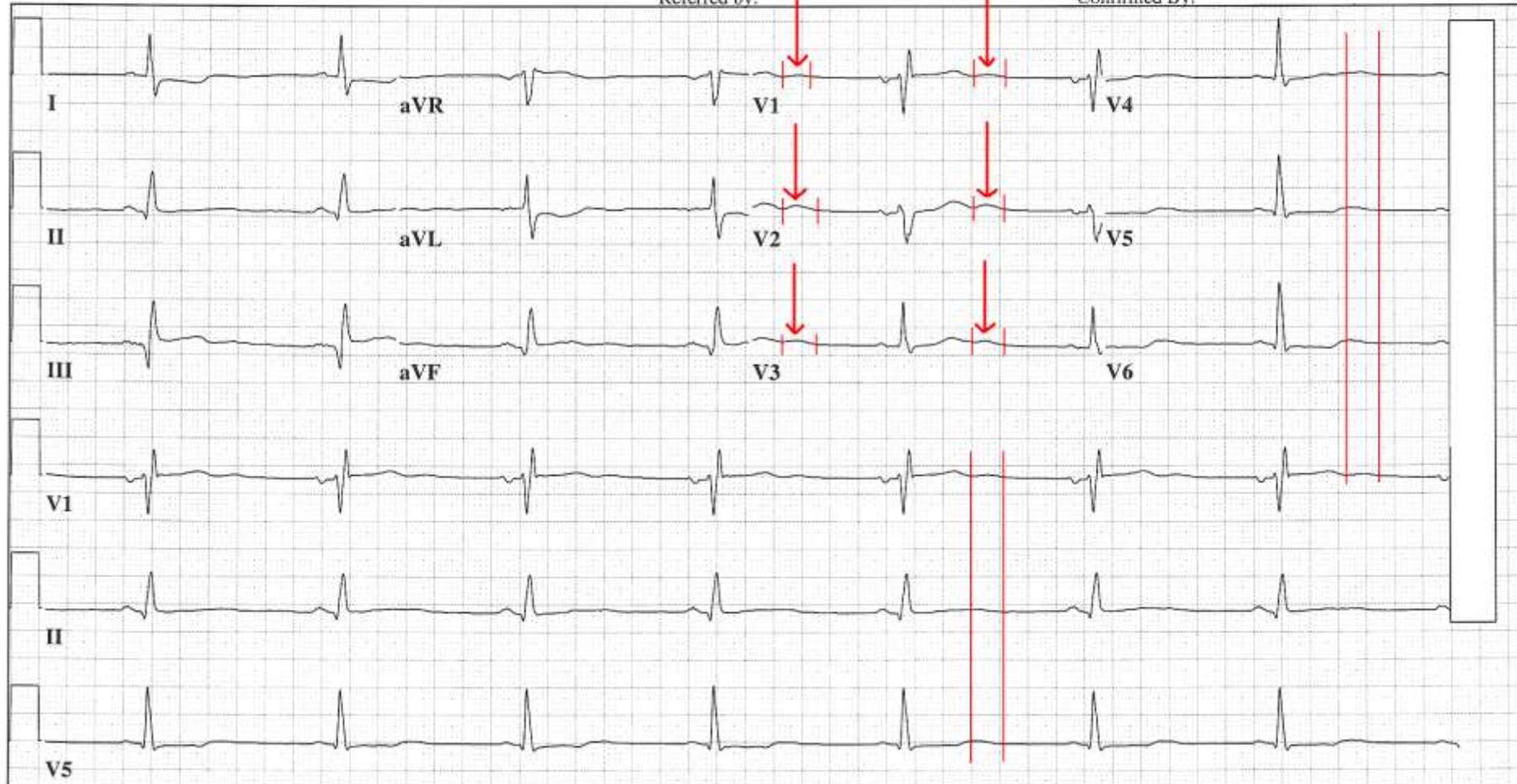
69 yr
Female Caucasian
Room:6
Loc:1 Option:1

Vent. rate 44 BPM
PR interval 144 ms
QRS duration 118 ms
QT/QTc 494/422 ms
P-R-T axes 63 63 123

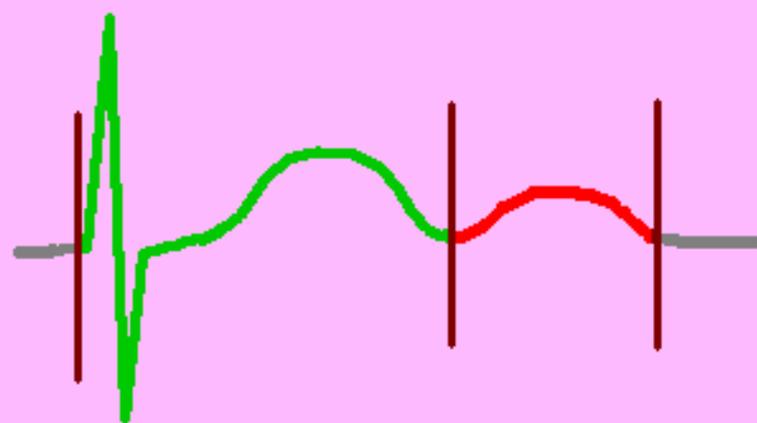
Marked sinus bradycardia
Incomplete right bundle branch block
Possible inferior infarct, age undetermined
ST & T wave abnormality, consider lateral ischemia
Abnormal ECG
When compared with ECG of 26-MAR-2006 20:32,
no significant change

Referred by:

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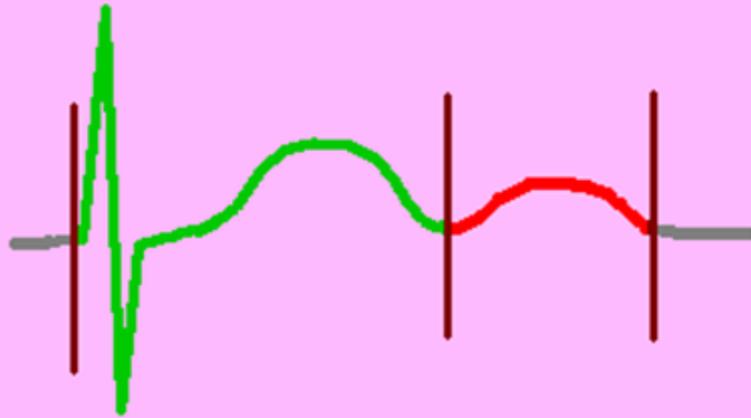
THE U WAVE



REPORTED CAUSES OF U WAVES:

- **OFTEN SEEN IN BRADYCARDIAS (RATES BELOW 60)**
- **HYPOKALEMIA, HYPOCALCEMIA, HYPOMAGNESEMIA**
- **AFTER-DEPOLARIZATIONS of VENTRICULAR**
- **HYPOTHERMIA**
- **DRUGS THAT PROLONG THE QT INTERVAL**
- **LONG QT SYNDROMES**
- **REPORTED IN APPROX 15% of ISCHEMIC STROKES**

THE U WAVE



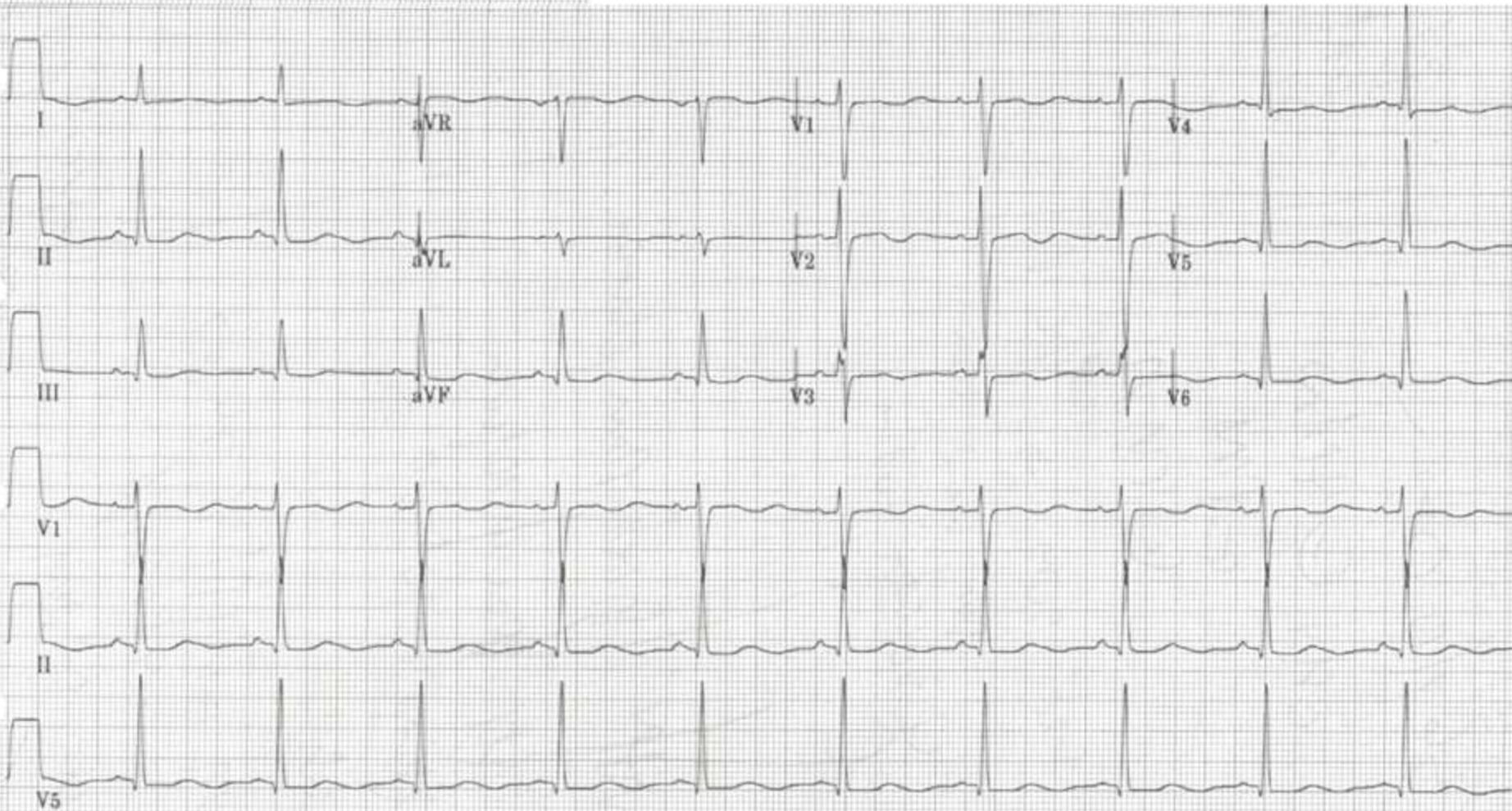
!! ALERT !!

***ABNORMAL U WAVES ARE
ASSOCIATED WITH A
HIGH INCIDENCE OF
TORSADES de POINTES,***

"Syncope of Unknown Etiology"

56years
Male Caucasian
Room: Loc: 3 Opt: 23
Vent. rate 64 bpm
PR interval 152 ms
QRS duration 104 ms
QT/QTc 662/682 ms
P-R-T axes 51 64 212

Technician:



***If patient has a PROLONGED Q-T INTERVAL,
AVOID DRUGS THAT LENGTHEN THE Q-T.***

Such drugs include:

-Amiodarone

-Ritalin

-Procainamide

-Pseudoephedrine

-Levaquin

-Haloperidol

-Erythromycin

-Thorazine

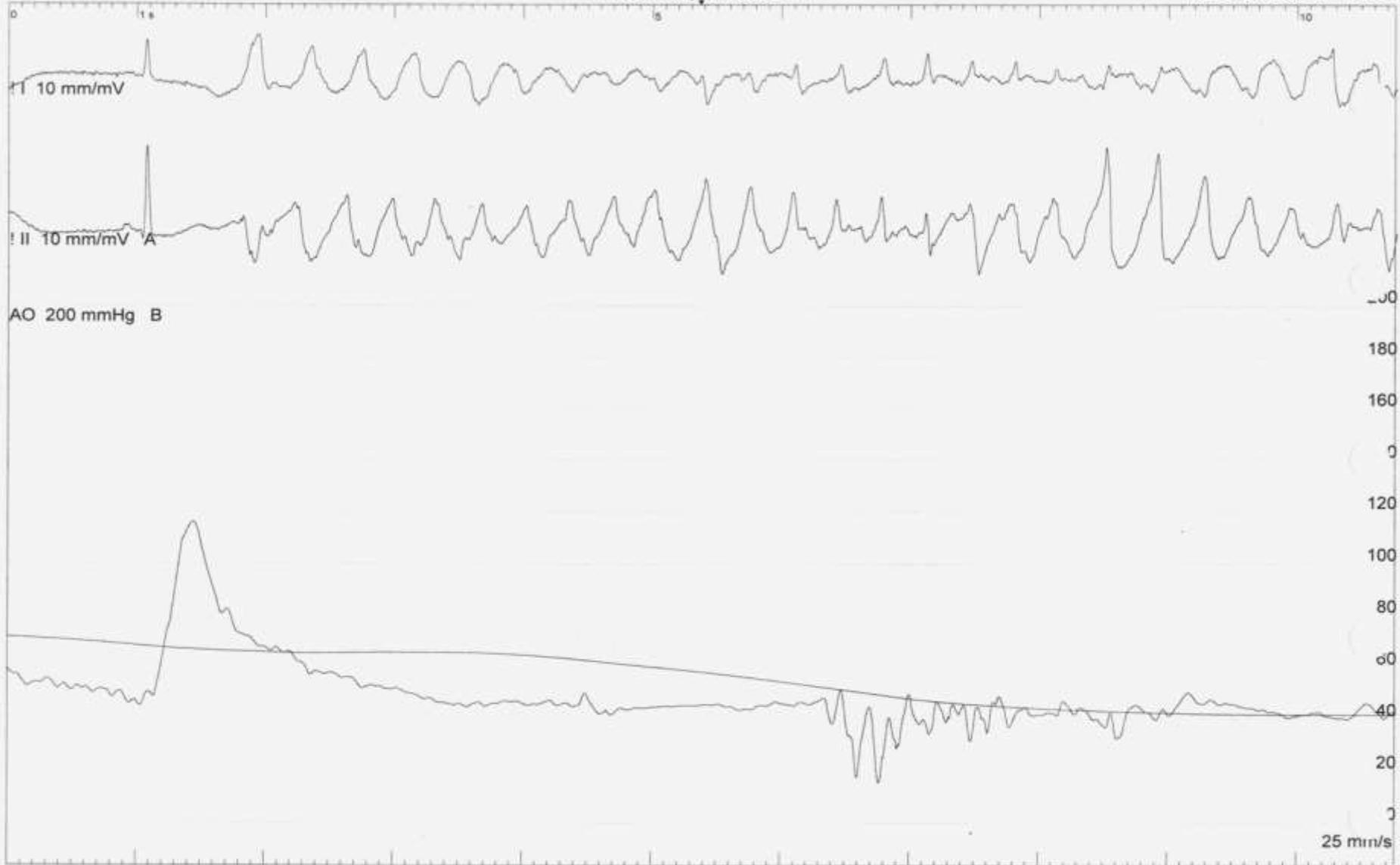
-Norpace

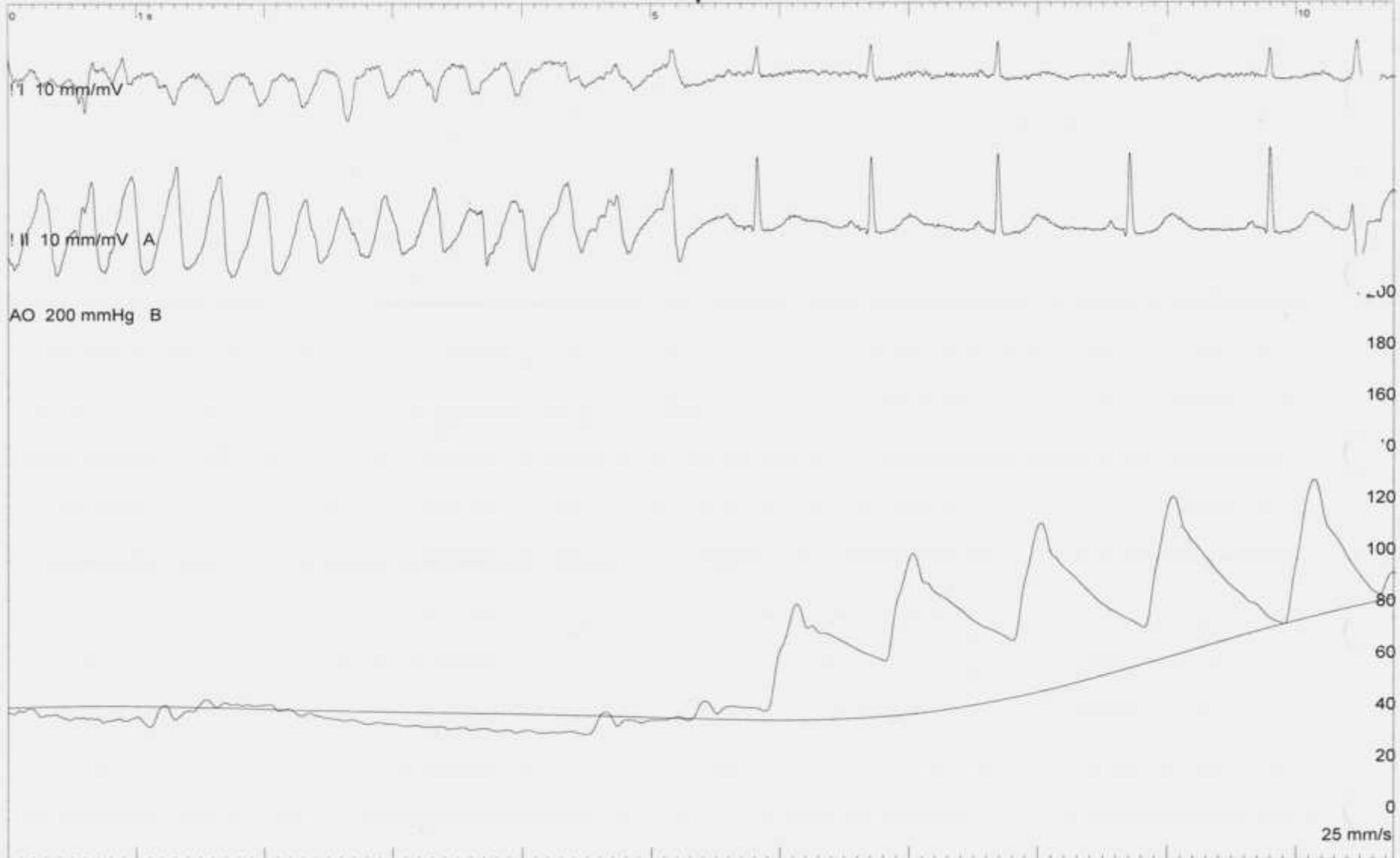
-Propulcid

-TequinAND MANY MORE.....

AND MANY MORE...

See: www.torsades.org / JAMA



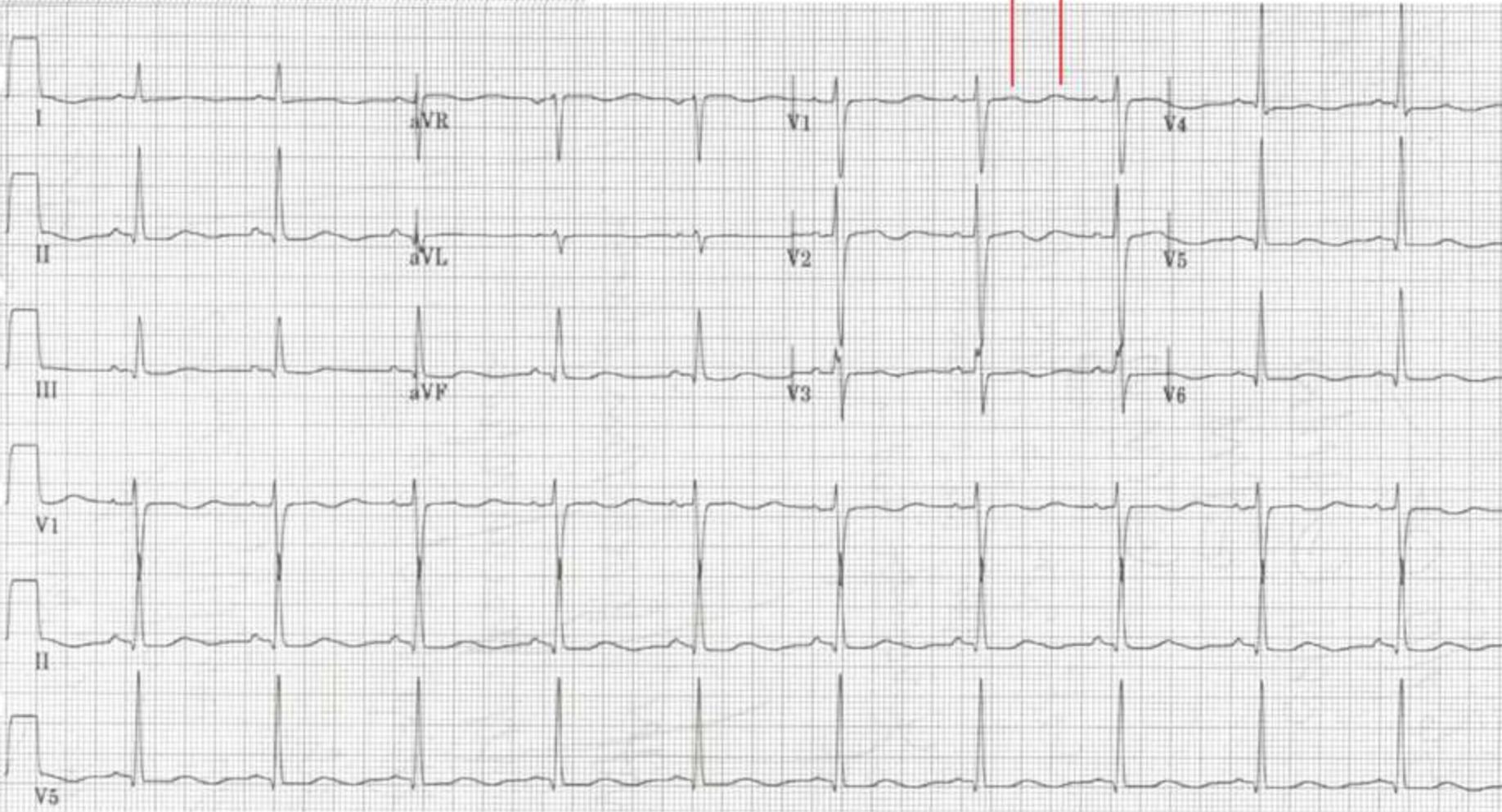


56 years
Male Caucasian
Room: Opt: 23
Loc: 3
Vent. rate 64 bpm
PR interval 152 ms
QRS duration 104 ms
QT/QTc 662/682 ms
P-R-T axes 51 64 212

***Ritalin was immediately discontinued.
Within 48 hours, U waves were gone.
No more incidents of syncope reported.***

Technician:

TU



15 year old male , suffered sudden cardiac arrest. Successful out-of-hospital resuscitation with CPR / AED. His ECG is shown below:

01/16/ 14:53:42 Baseline Intervals

25mm/sec 0.5 mV/cm

I

aVR

V1

V4

II

aVL

V2

V5

III

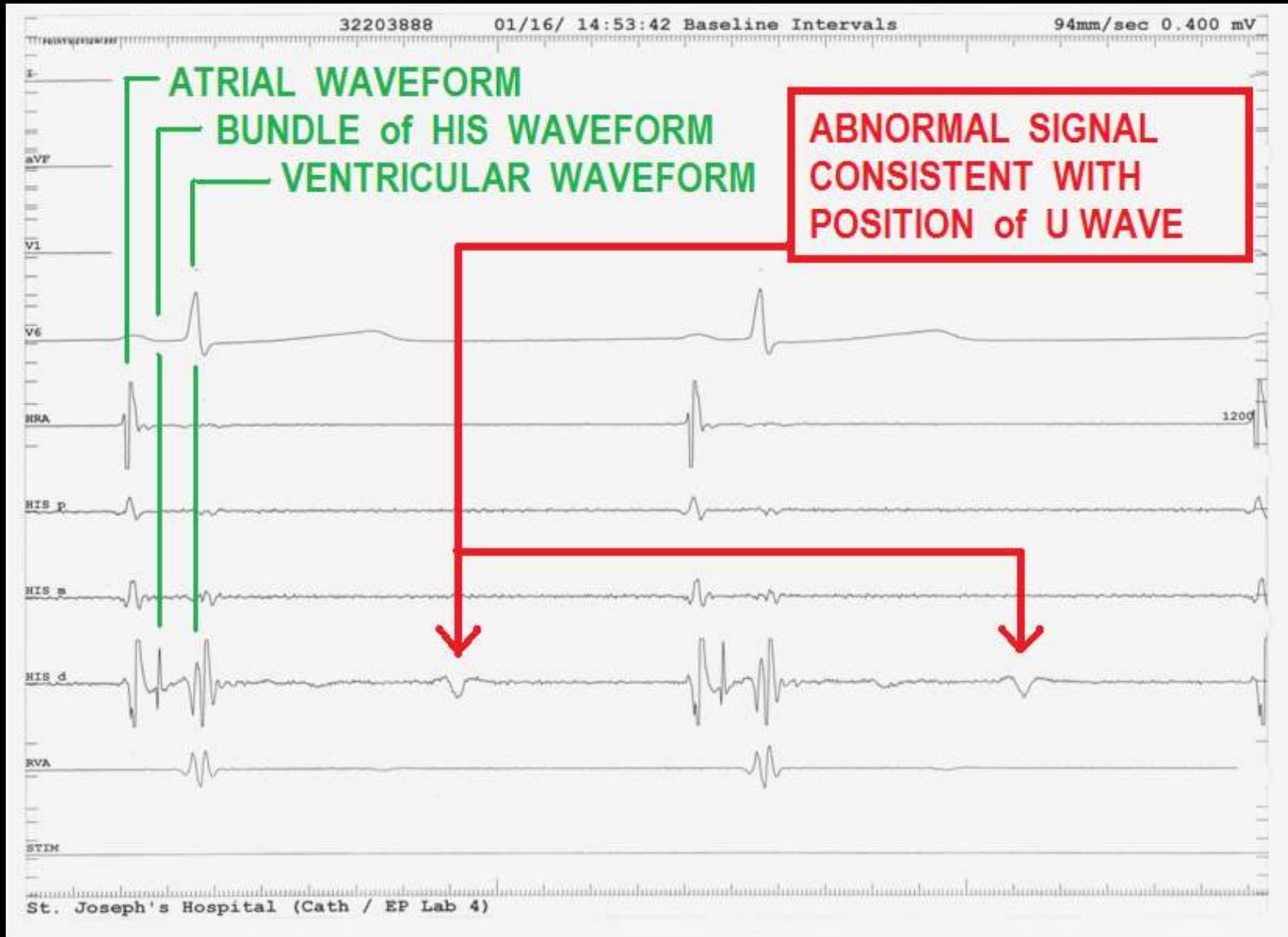
aVF

V3

V6



EP STUDY REVEALS ABNORMAL AFTER-DEPOLARIZATION. PATIENT RECEIVED ICD.



ECG Indicators of Long QT Syndrome:

- QTc 460ms or longer in females*
- QTc 450ms or longer in males*
- T wave alterans
- U waves >100% of the T wave
- U waves merged with T waves
- U waves >0.1mv (1mm on standard calibrated ECG)

* P. Rautaharju, et al, "Standardization and Interpretation of the ECG, Part IV"

JACC2009;53, no. 11:982-991



WHEN LQTS IS SUSPECTED, TAKE THE FOLLOWING PRECAUTIONS

Suspected LQTS Considerations include:

- *Avoidance of Meds that are known to prolong the QT Interval.*

(refer to LIST OF MEDS KNOWN TO PROLONG THE QT INTERVAL).

- Immediate expert consultation, such as with cardiologist / electrophysiologist, in order to rule out LQTS
- Continuous ECG monitoring until LQTS ruled out, or until expert consultant deems it safe to discontinue continuous ECG monitoring

QT Prolongation -- *D/C QT Prolonging Meds:*

 *Avoidance of Meds that are known to prolong the QT Interval. Click here for current list from CREDIBLEMEDS.ORG*

Commonly used QT prolonging meds include:

-Amiodarone

-Ritalin

-Procainamide

-Pseudoephedrine

-Levaquin

-Haloperidol

-Erythromycin

-Thorazine

-Norpace

-Propulcid

-Tequin

-Zofran

-Benadryl

-Ilbutilide

and MANY more!



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See News below!

List of QT Clinical Factors Launched - [QTFactors.org](#)
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The Rising Costs of Prescription Medicines



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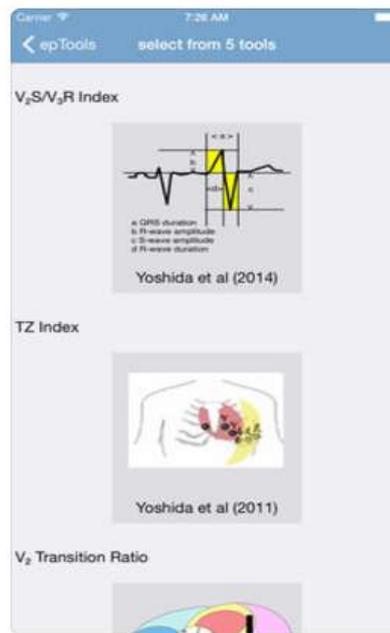
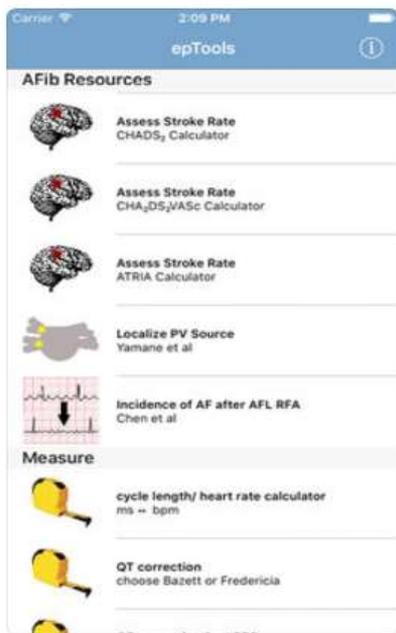
epTools 17+

Resources for Cardiac EP
Busy Being Born Solutions, LLC

\$5.99

**My favorite ECG /
Cardiology iPhone APP:
- has updated list of QT
prolonging meds from
AZ University (AZCERT)
- QTc calculation tools
(Bazett's & Fredericia)**

Screenshots iPhone iPad



***Also for patients with known QT
prolongation or “at risk” patients:***

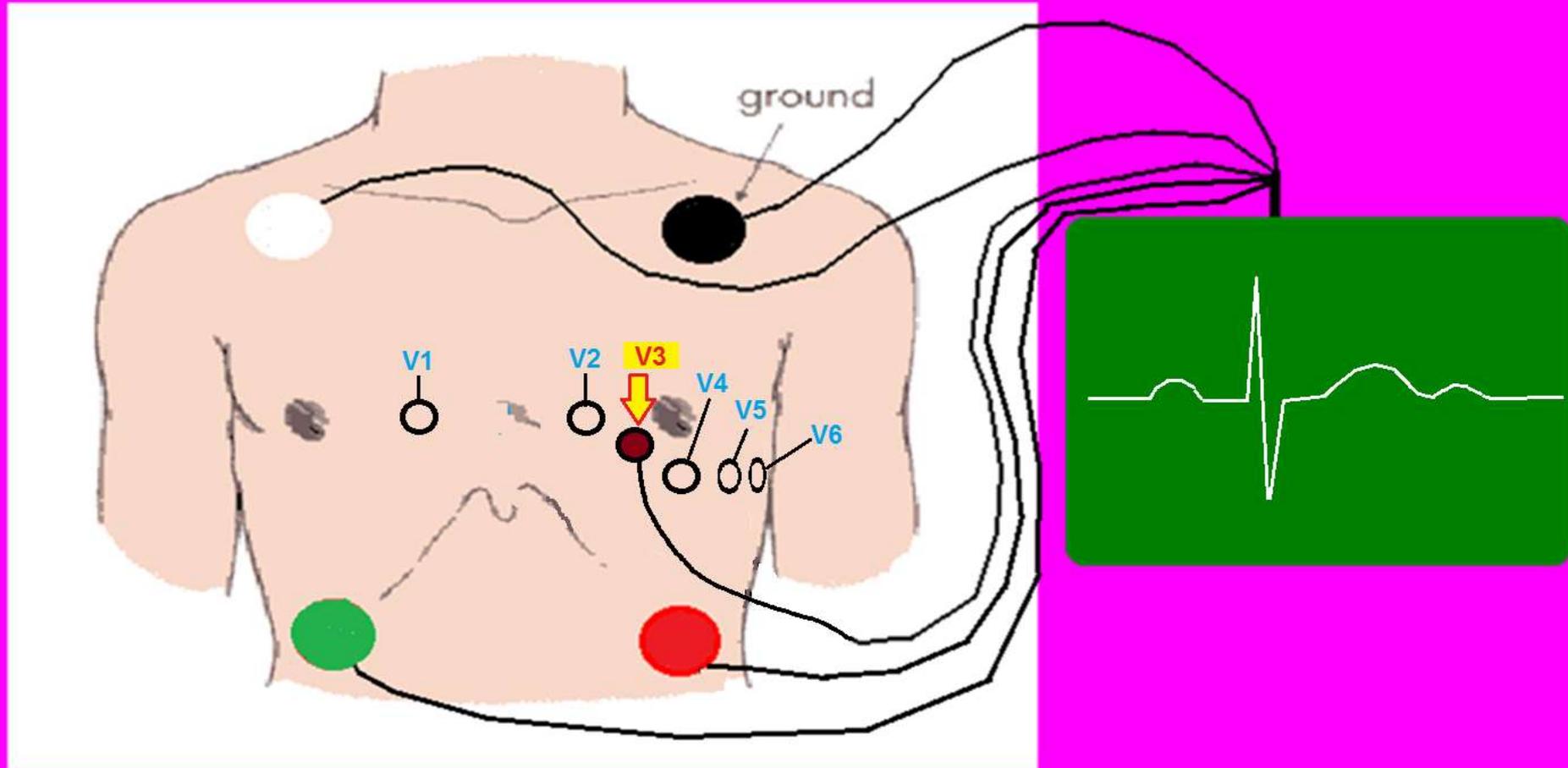
Consider ordering

CONTINUOUS QT_c MONITORING

For CPC Accreditation, SRRMC is currently developing a “QTc Monitoring Protocol.”

It will include

LEAD PLACEMENT - V3

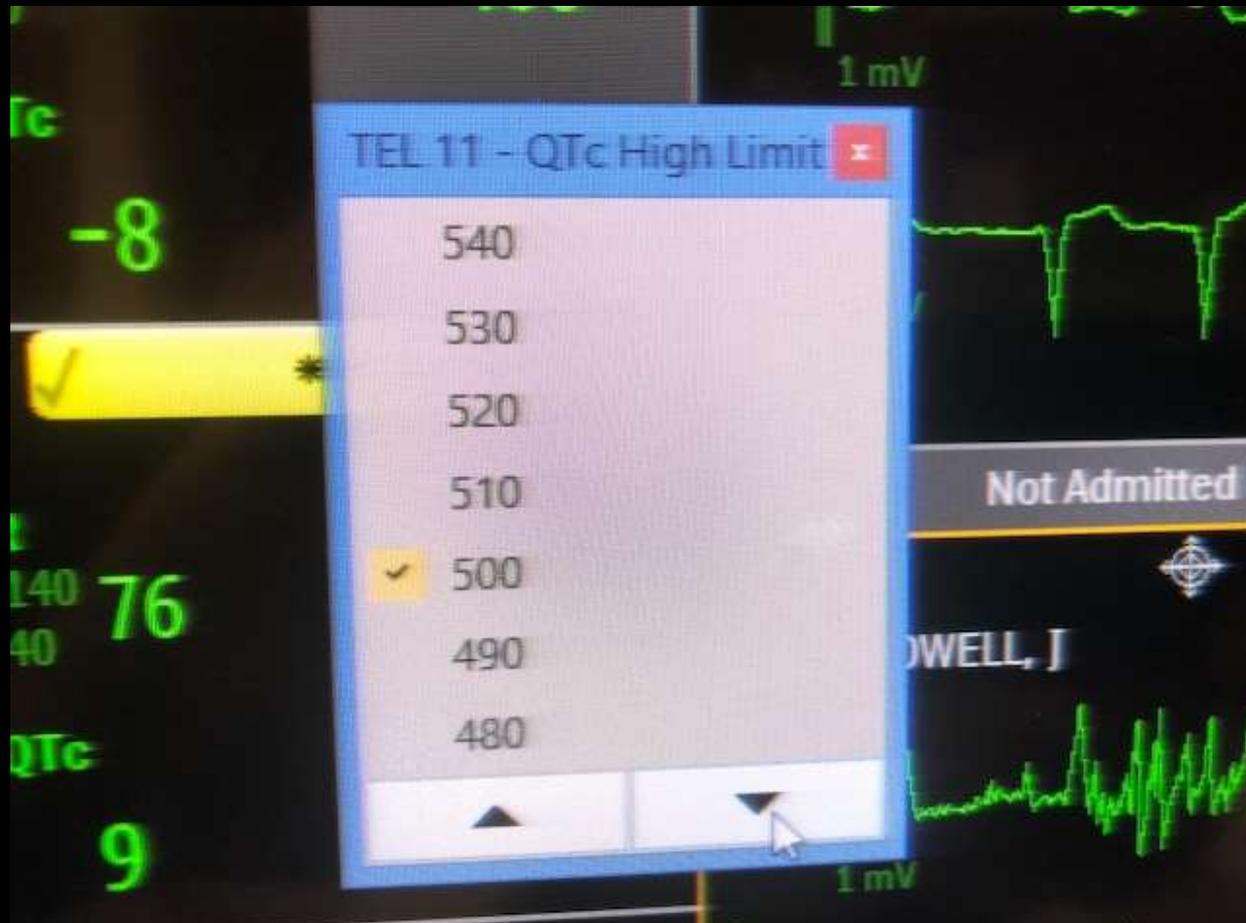


5 WIRE TELEMETRY UNIT

*At SRRMC: Automated
CONTINUOUS QTc MONITORING
Available for Tele:*



*At SRRMC: Automated
CONTINUOUS QTc MONITORING
Available for Tele:*



***ABSOLUTELY
NO DRUGS
THAT
PROLONG
THE
Q-T INTERVAL !!***

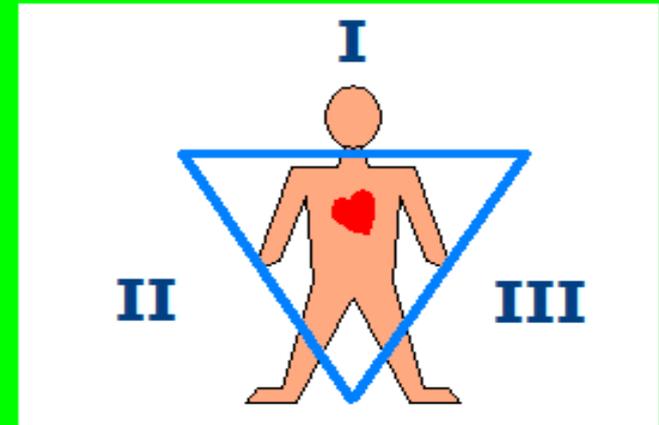
OPTIONAL CURRICULUM :



EVALUATE THE AXIS IN BOTH PLANES

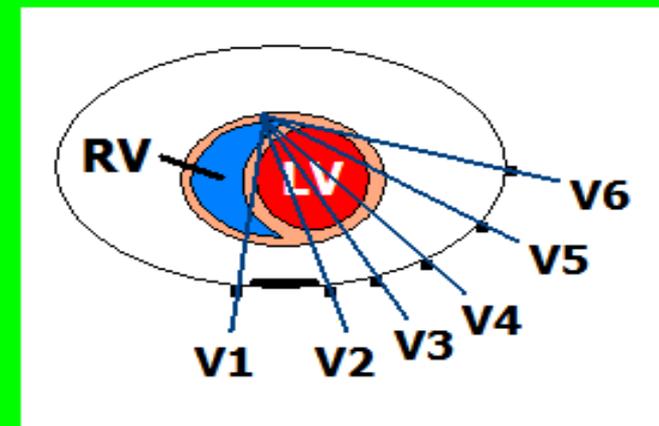
- **VERTICAL**

" **AXIS DEVIATION** "



- **HORIZONTAL**

" **AXIS ROTATION** "





AXIS DEVIATION

LEAD I

LEAD AVF

NORMAL



LEFT



RIGHT



FAR RIGHT



74years		Vent. rate	72 bpm
Male	Caucasian	PR interval	186 ms
		QRS duration	166 ms
Room:		QT/QTc	436/477 ms
Loc: 0	Opt:	P-R-T axes	57 -32 32

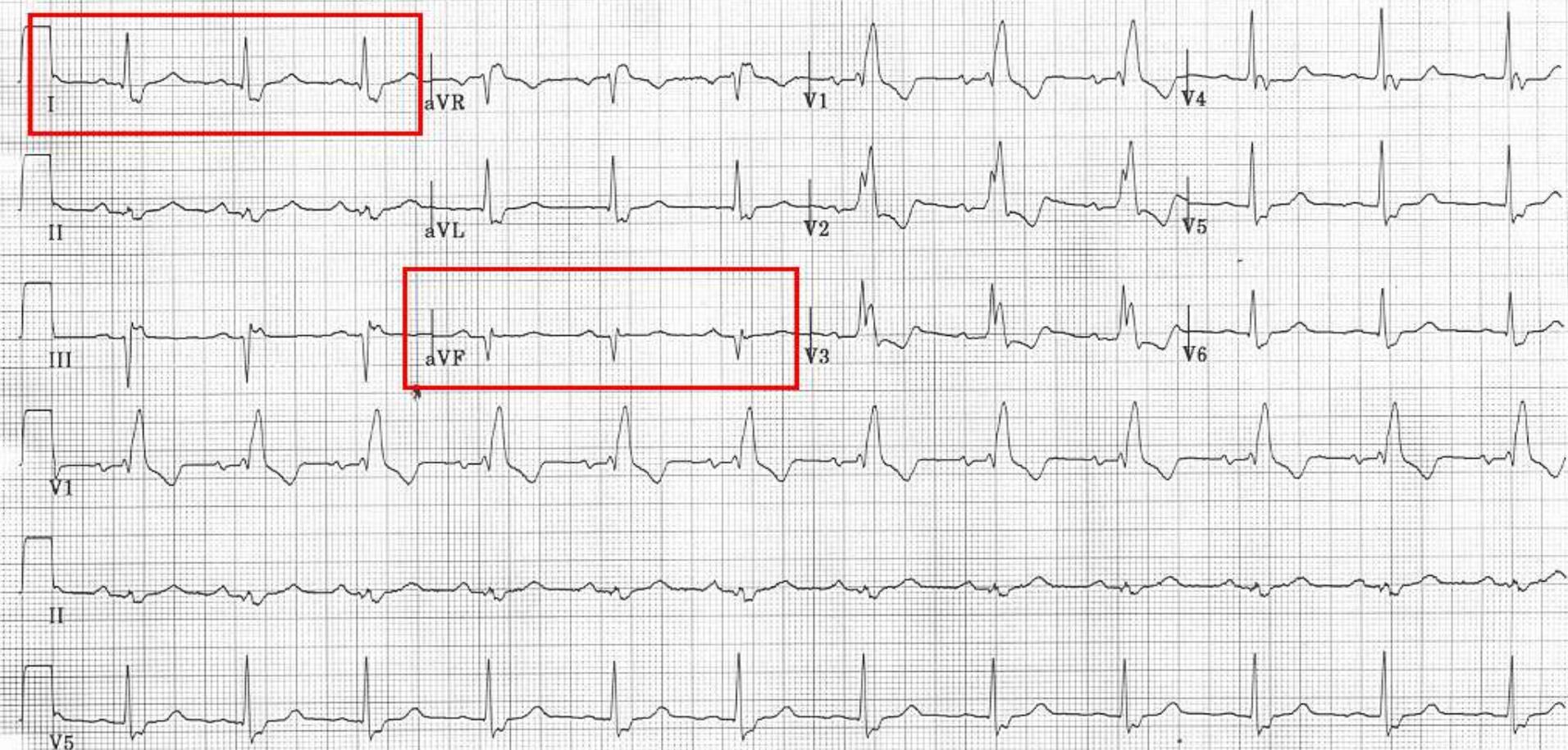
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Technician: WR

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D.O.S.:





AXIS DEVIATION

LEAD I

LEAD AVF

NORMAL



LEFT



RIGHT



FAR RIGHT



COMMON CONDITIONS WHICH *MAY* CAUSE LEFT AXIS DEVIATION:

- 👉 LEFT BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK
- 👉 PACEMAKER
- 👉 C.O.P.D.
- 👉 LEFT VENTRICULAR HYPERTROPHY
- 👉 OLD INFERIOR WALL MI
- 👉 **HYPERKALEMIA**
- 👉 LEFT ANTERIOR FASCICULAR BLOCK
- 👉 WOLFF-PARKINSON-WHITE (types A & B)

81 yr
Female Hispanic

Vent. rate 82 BPM
PR interval 128 ms
QRS duration 86 ms
QT/QTc 392/457 ms
P-R-T axes 38 112 -142

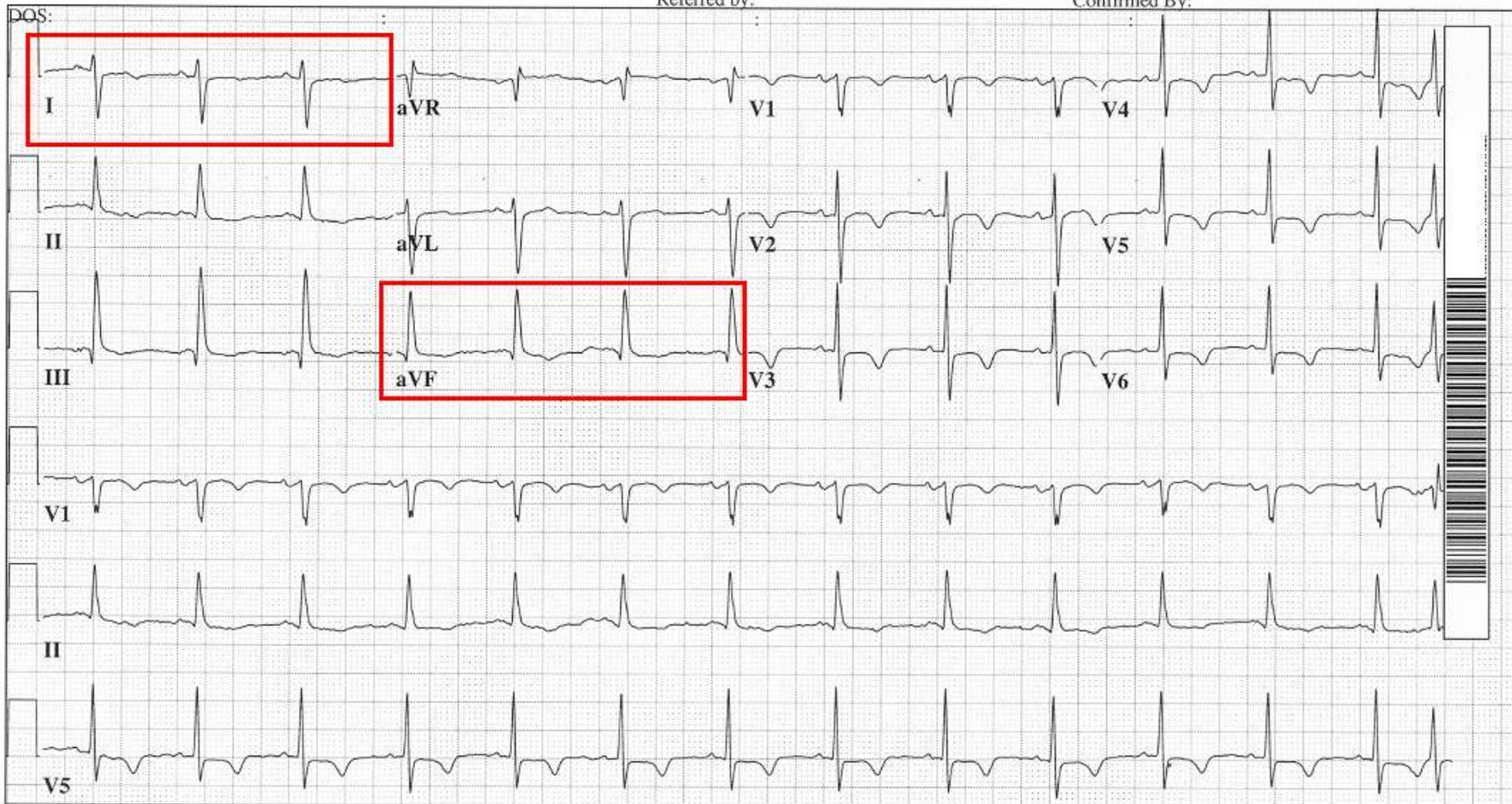
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Room:303A
Loc:6 Option:11

Technician: EKG CLASS CODE
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AXIS DEVIATION

LEAD I

LEAD AVF

NORMAL



LEFT



RIGHT



FAR RIGHT



COMMON CONDITIONS WHICH *MAY* CAUSE RIGHT AXIS DEVIATION:

- ➡ NORMAL FOR PEDI & TALL, THIN ADULTS
- ➡ RIGHT VENTRICULAR HYPERTROPHY
- ➡ OLD LATERAL WALL MI
- ➡ LEFT POSTERIOR FASCICULAR BLOCK
- ➡ **PULMONARY EMBOLUS**
- ➡ DEXTROCARDIA
- ➡ C.O.P.D.
- ➡ ATRIAL / VENTRICULAR SEPTAL DEFECTS

02:55:00

Male Caucasian

Vent. rate 92 BPM
PR interval *
QRS duration 172 ms
QT/QTc 420/520 ms
P-R-T axes * -123 61

ACCELERATED IDIOVENTRICULAR RHYTHM

Room:5
Loc:1

EKG CLASS CODE #WR03611255

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AXIS DEVIATION

LEAD I

LEAD AVF

NORMAL



LEFT



RIGHT



FAR RIGHT



COMMON CONDITIONS WHICH *MAY* CAUSE

(NO-MAN'S LAND AXIS)

FAR RIGHT AXIS DEVIATION:



LEAD TRANSPOSITION



PACEMAKER RHYTHMS



VENTRICULAR RHYTHMS

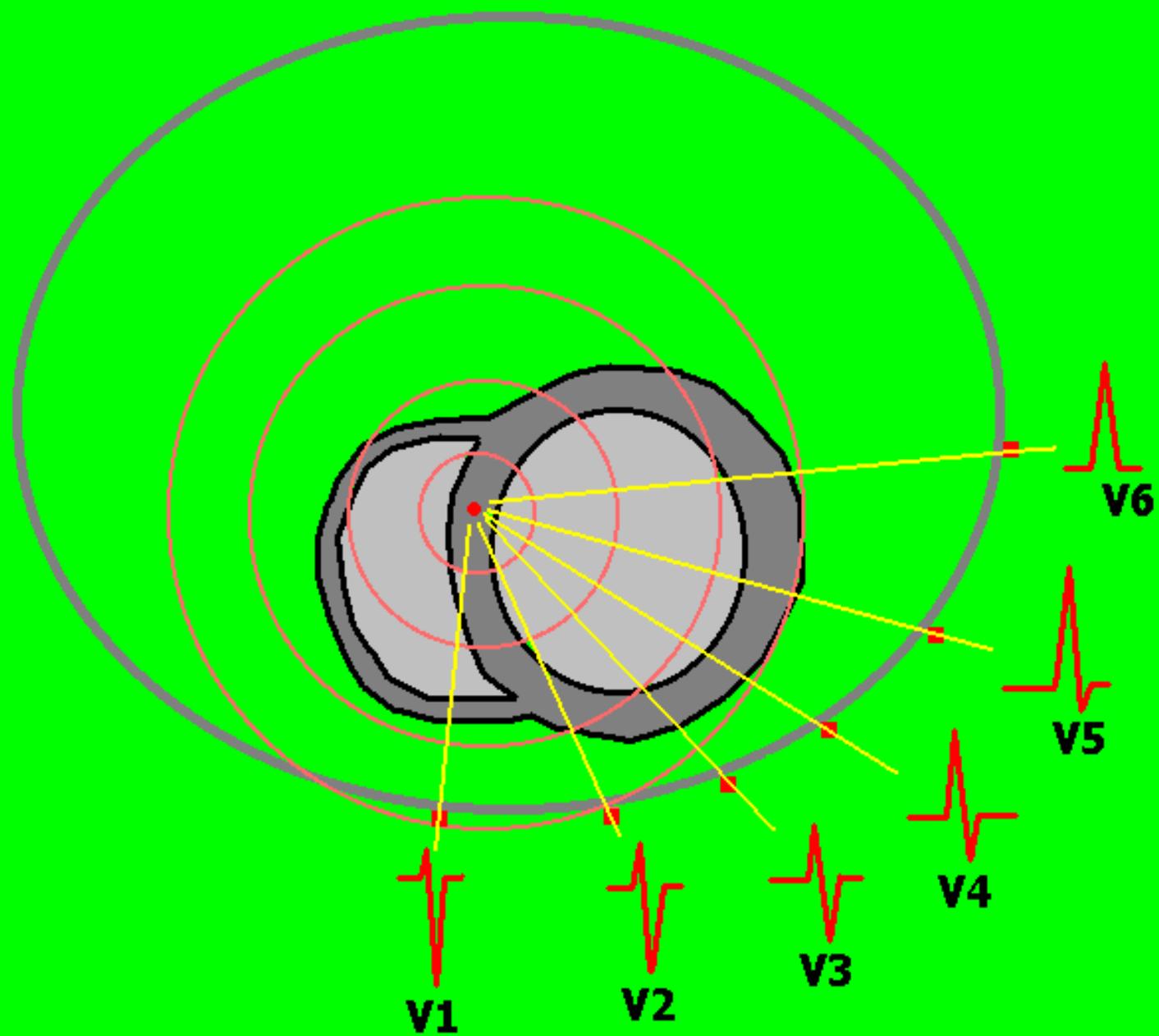


C.O.P.D.



HYPERKALEMIA

AXIS ROTATION



ASSESSING AXIS ROTATION:

V1

V2

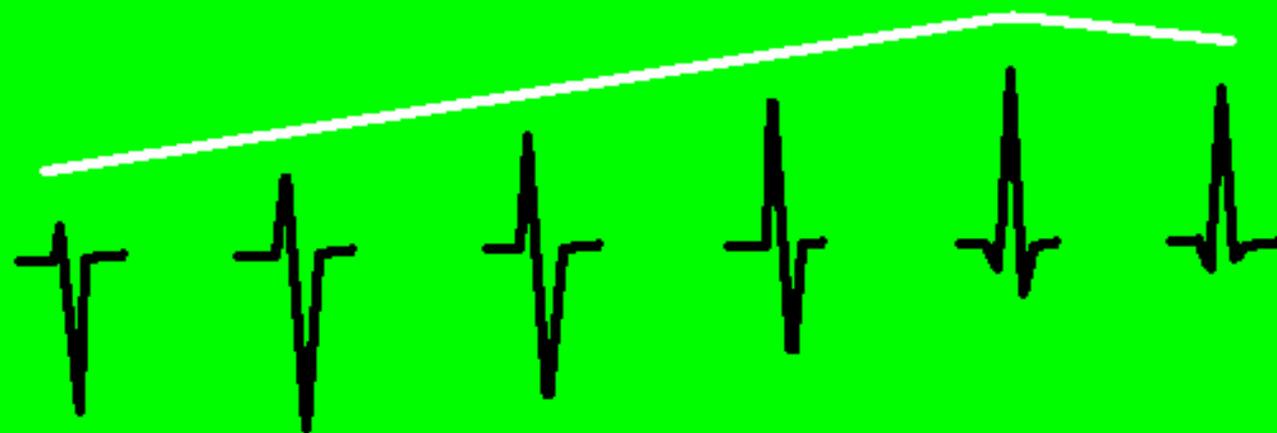
V3

V4

V5

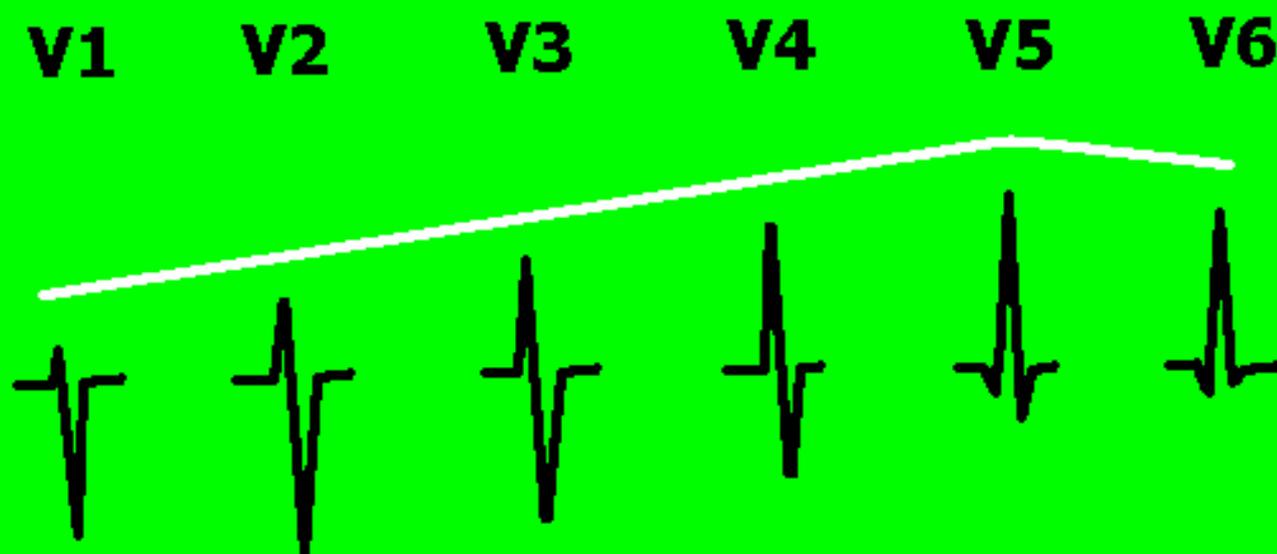
V6

1. R - WAVE PROGRESSION



2. IDENTIFICATION OF TRANSITION

ASSESSING AXIS ROTATION:



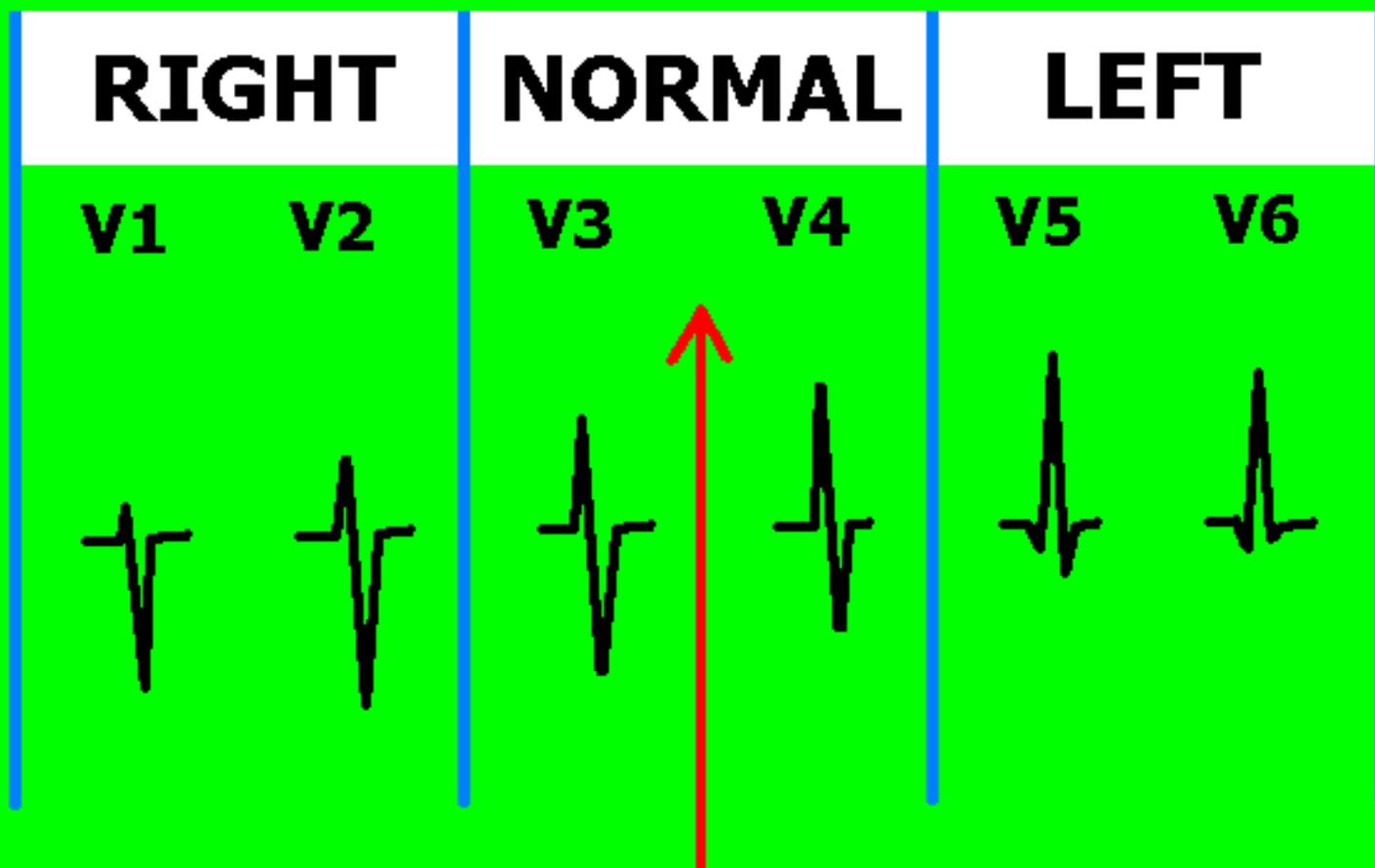
- 3. RECALL COMMON PATTERNS of ABNORMAL R-WAVE PROGRESSION to help you build your list of POSSIBLE DIAGNOSES.**

AXIS ROTATION TRANSITION



OCCURS IN THE LEAD
WHERE THE QRS IS THE
MOST **BIPHASIC**

AXIS ROTATION

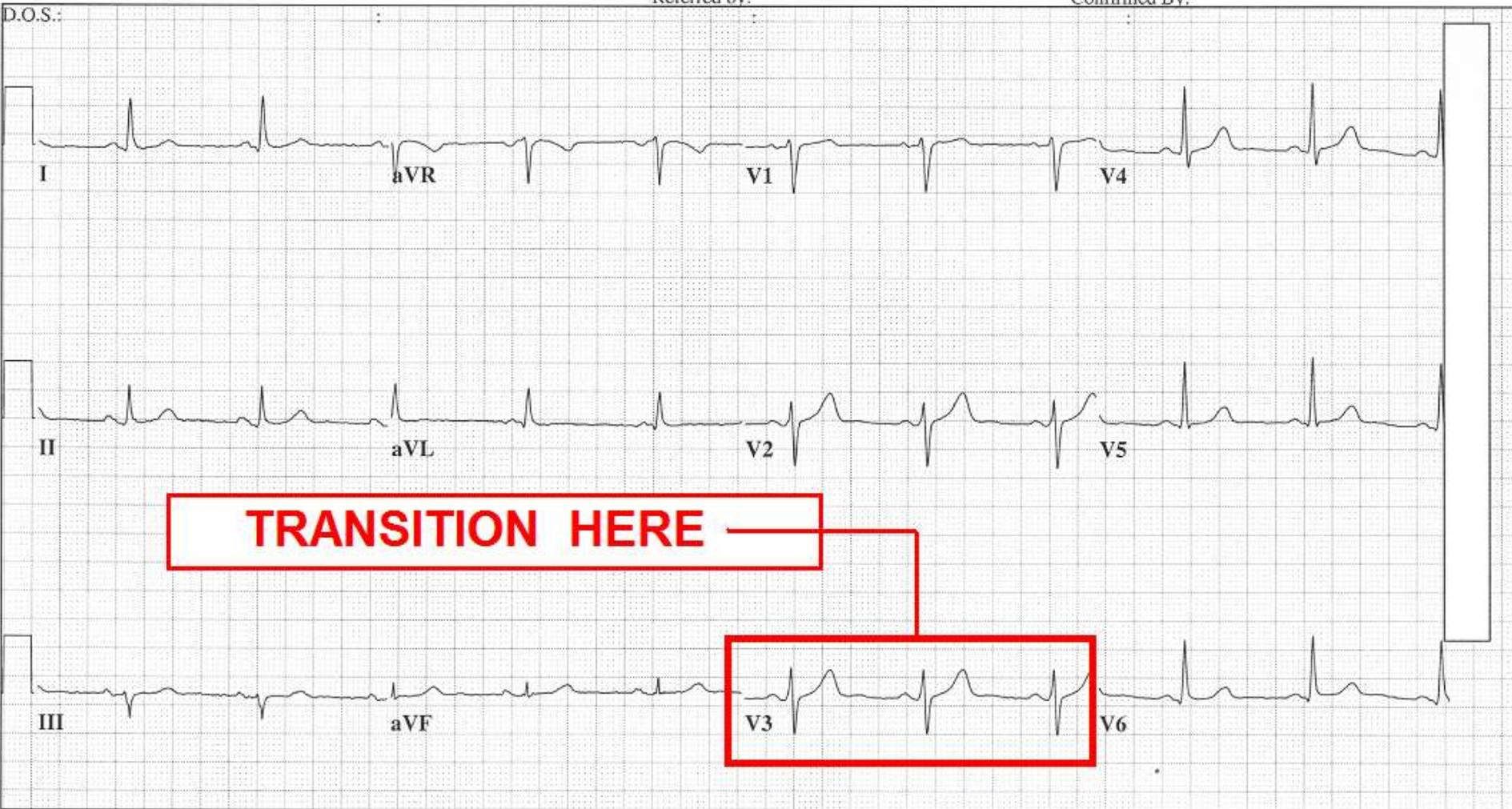


TRANSITION SHOULD OCCUR IN LEADS V3 or V4

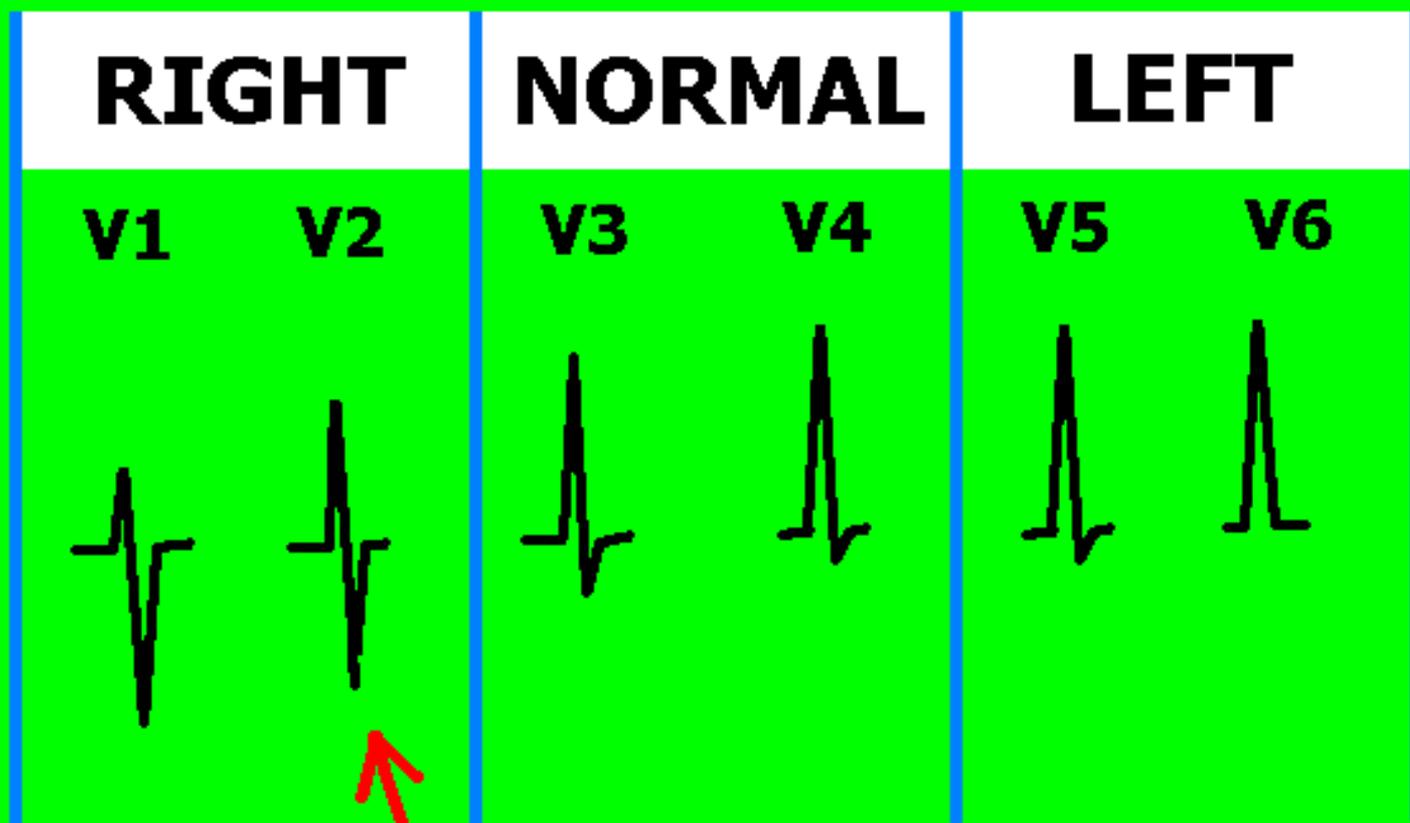
NORMAL TRANSITION IS BETWEEN LEADS V3 and V4

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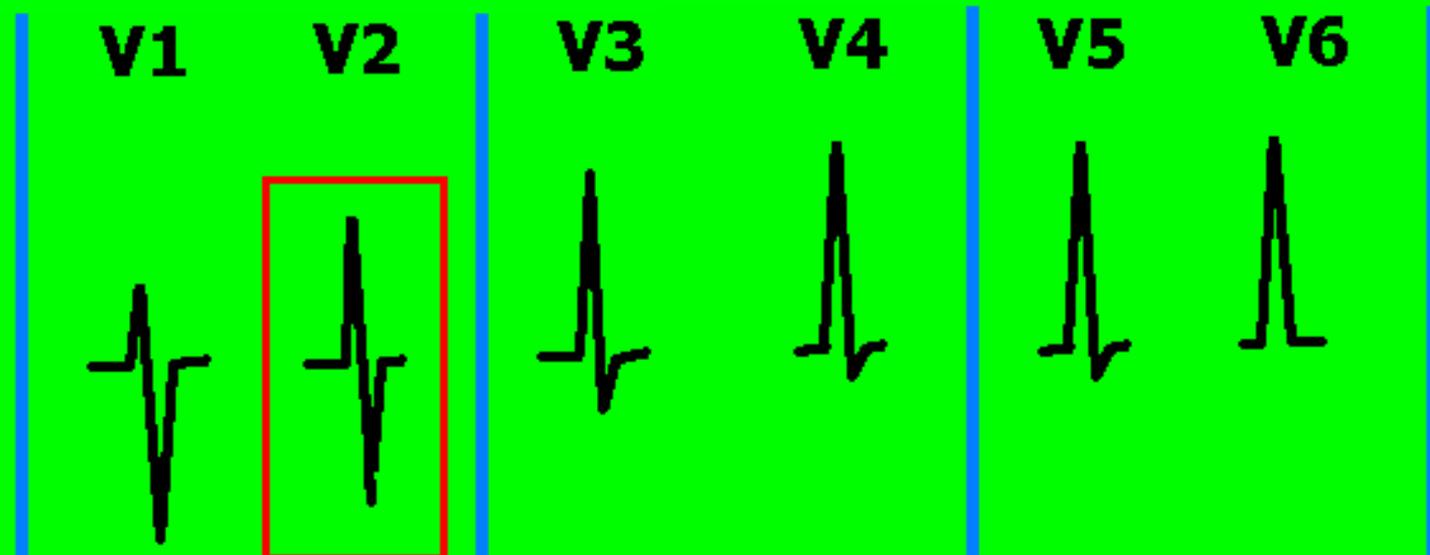
AXIS ROTATION



"EARLY TRANSITION"

"SHIFTED TO THE RIGHT"

* COMMON CAUSES of EARLY TRANSITION



1. Right Bundle Branch Block
2. Right Ventricular Hypertrophy
3. Old Posterior Wall MI
4. Wolff-Parkinson-White (type A)

LEFT - SIDED PATHWAY - FROM MARRIOTT'S
"Practical Electrocardiography - 10th Edition," 2000

COMMON CAUSES OF EARLY TRANSITION

.....SOME HELPFUL CLUES:

1. Right Bundle Branch Block (RBBB)

- QRS wider than 120ms
- Supraventricular rhythm (normal P : QRS relationship)
- RSR' or RR' ("notching") in V1, V2, and/or V3

2. Right Ventricular Hypertrophy (RVH)

- Corresponding Right Atrial Hypertrophy (RAH)
- Right Axis Deviation (RAD)
- QRS in LEAD I more NEGATIVE than POSITIVE ($R < S$)

3. Old Posterior Wall MI

- Usually accompanied by OLD INFERIOR WALL MI
- Does NOT abnormally widen the QRS complex

4. Wolff-Parkinson-White (WPW) type A

- Short P-R Interval
- Presence of Delta Waves
- Wide QRS complexes

74years
Male Caucasian
Room: Loc: 0
Opt:
Technician: WR

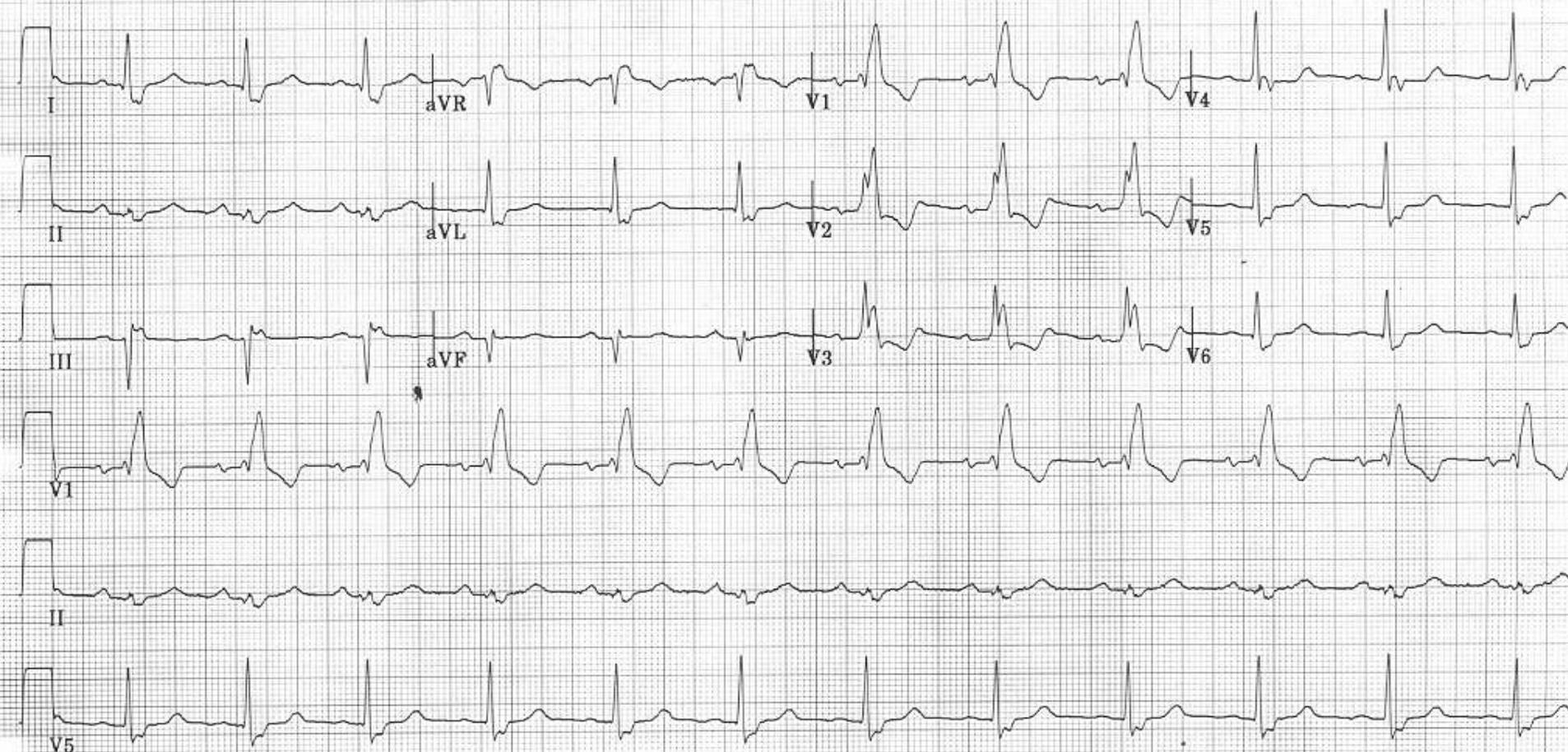
Vent. rate 72 bpm
PR interval 186 ms
QRS duration 166 ms
QT/QTc 436/477 ms
P-R-T axes 57 -32 32

**What is the cause of EARLY TRANSITION
in this EKG? -- Use the list of COMMON
CAUSES OF EARLY TRANSITION to rule
out different causes . . .**

Referred by:

Unconfirmed

D.O.S.:



74years
 Male Caucasian
 Room: Opt:
 Loc: 0

Vent. rate 72 bpm
 PR interval 186 ms
 QRS duration 166 ms
 QT/QTc 436/477 ms
 P-R-T axes 57 -32 32

Normal sinus rhythm
 Left axis deviation
 Right bundle branch block
 Inferior infarct, age undetermined
 Abnormal ECG

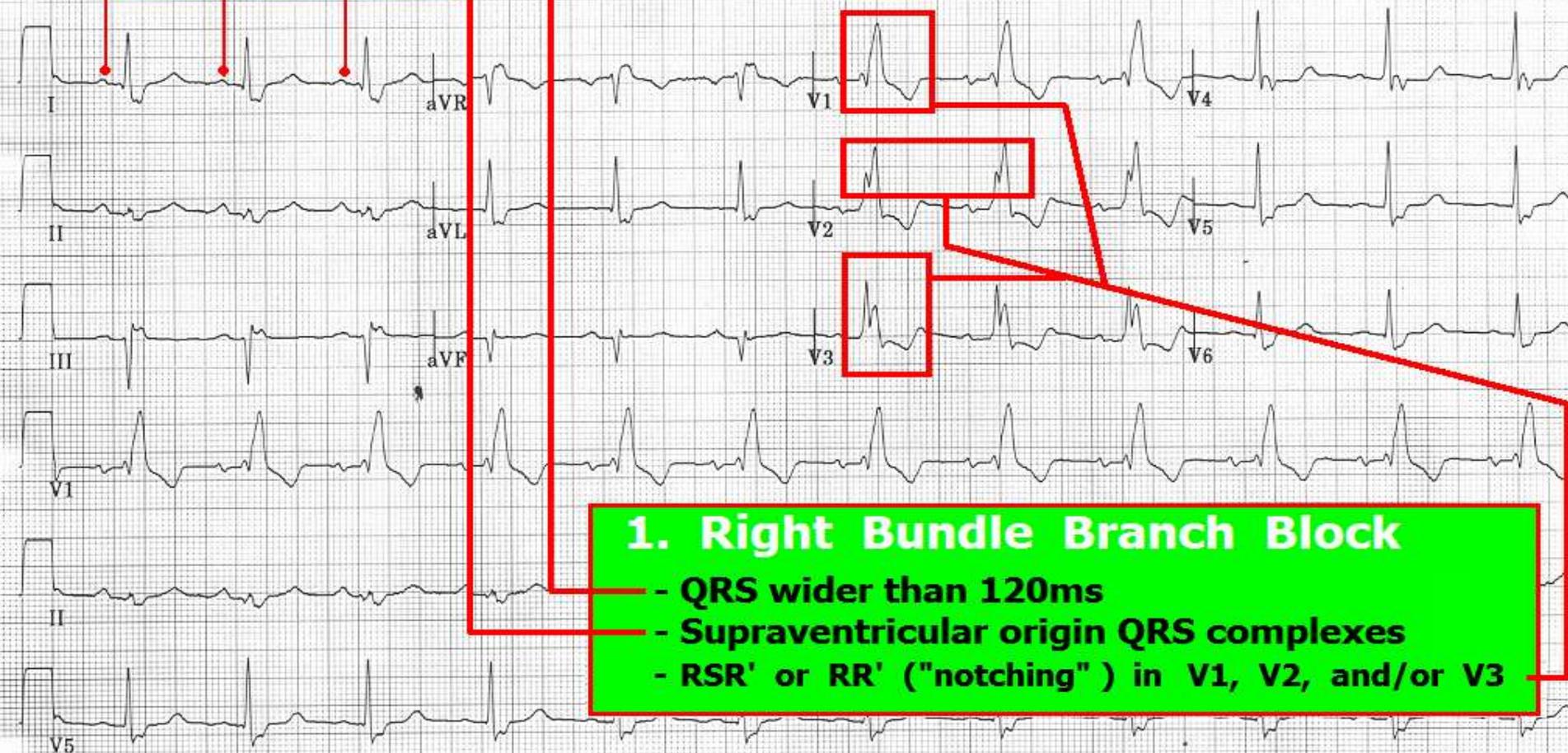
Technician: WR

Referred by:

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**P Waves precede each
 QRS w/ reg. P-R int.**

D.O.S.:



1. Right Bundle Branch Block

- QRS wider than 120ms
- Supraventricular origin QRS complexes
- RSR' or RR' ("notching") in V1, V2, and/or V3

31 yr
Male Black
Room:ER
Loc:3 Option:16

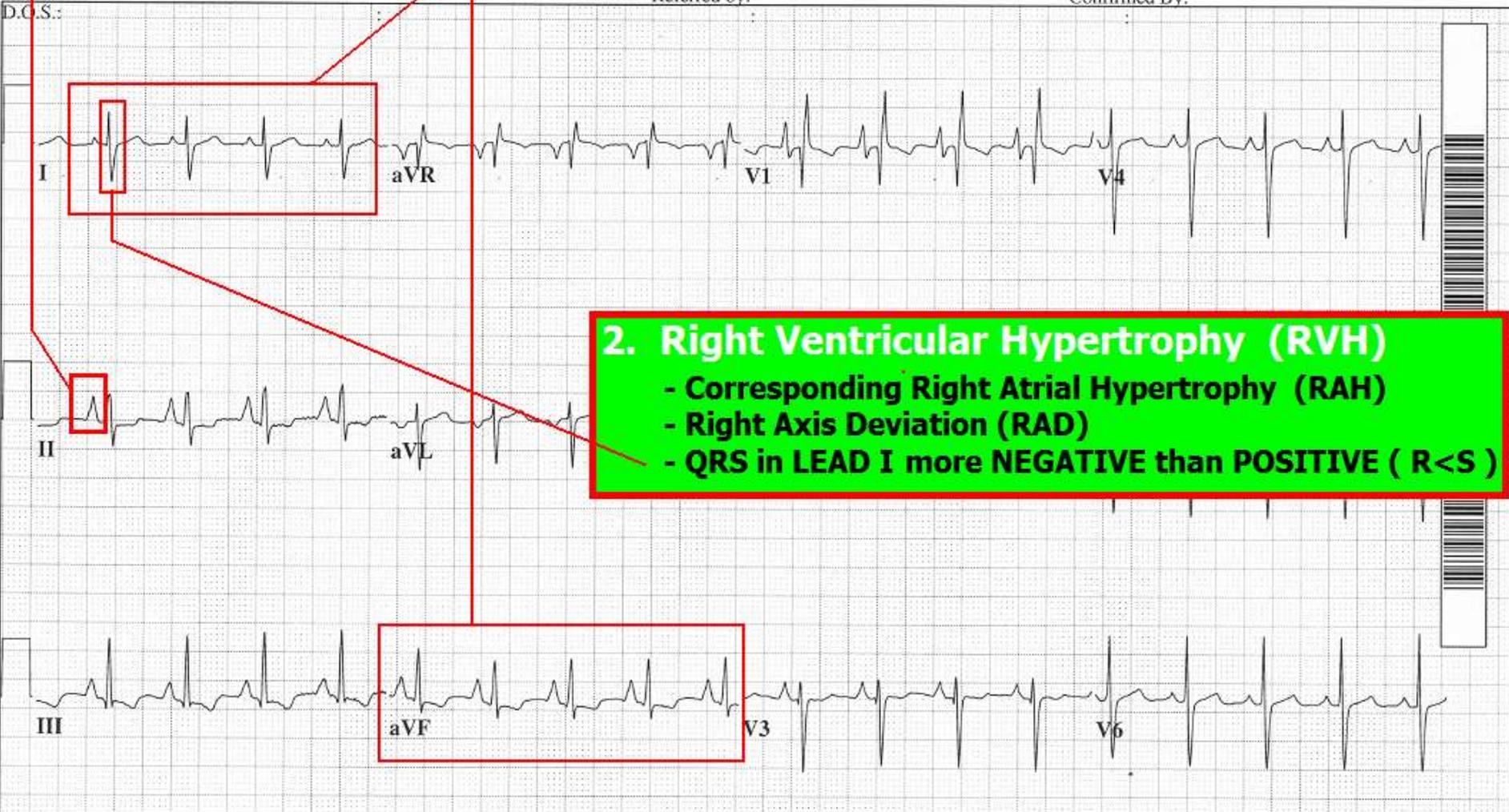
Vent. rate 109 BPM
PR interval 122 ms
QRS duration 84 ms
QT/QTc 296/398 ms
P-R-T axes 79 117 -27

- Sinus tachycardia
- Right atrial enlargement
- Right axis deviation
- Right ventricular hypertrophy

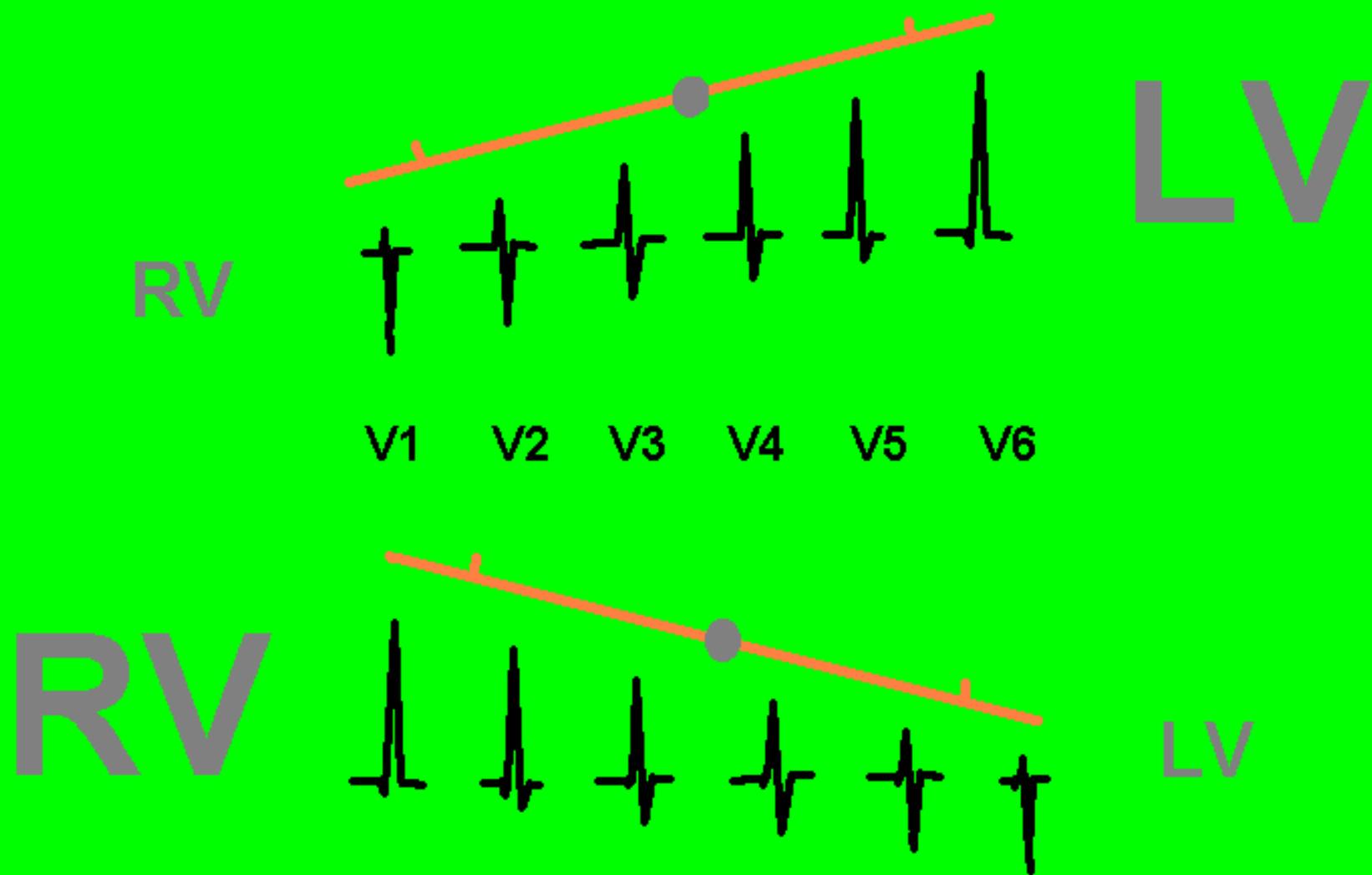
Cannot rule out Anteroseptal infarct (cited on or before 13-SEP-1999)
ST & T wave abnormality, consider inferior ischemia
Abnormal ECG
When compared with ECG of 16-FEB-2000 13:11,
ST now depressed in Inferior leads ...

Technician: EKG CLASS #WR03446043

Referred by: Confirmed By:



"SEE-SAW EFFECT" of RVH on R WAVE PROGRESSION



14-JUL-1997 14:30:58

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL-ER ROUTINE RETRIEVAL

17 yr
Male Black
Room:ER
Loc:3 Option:16

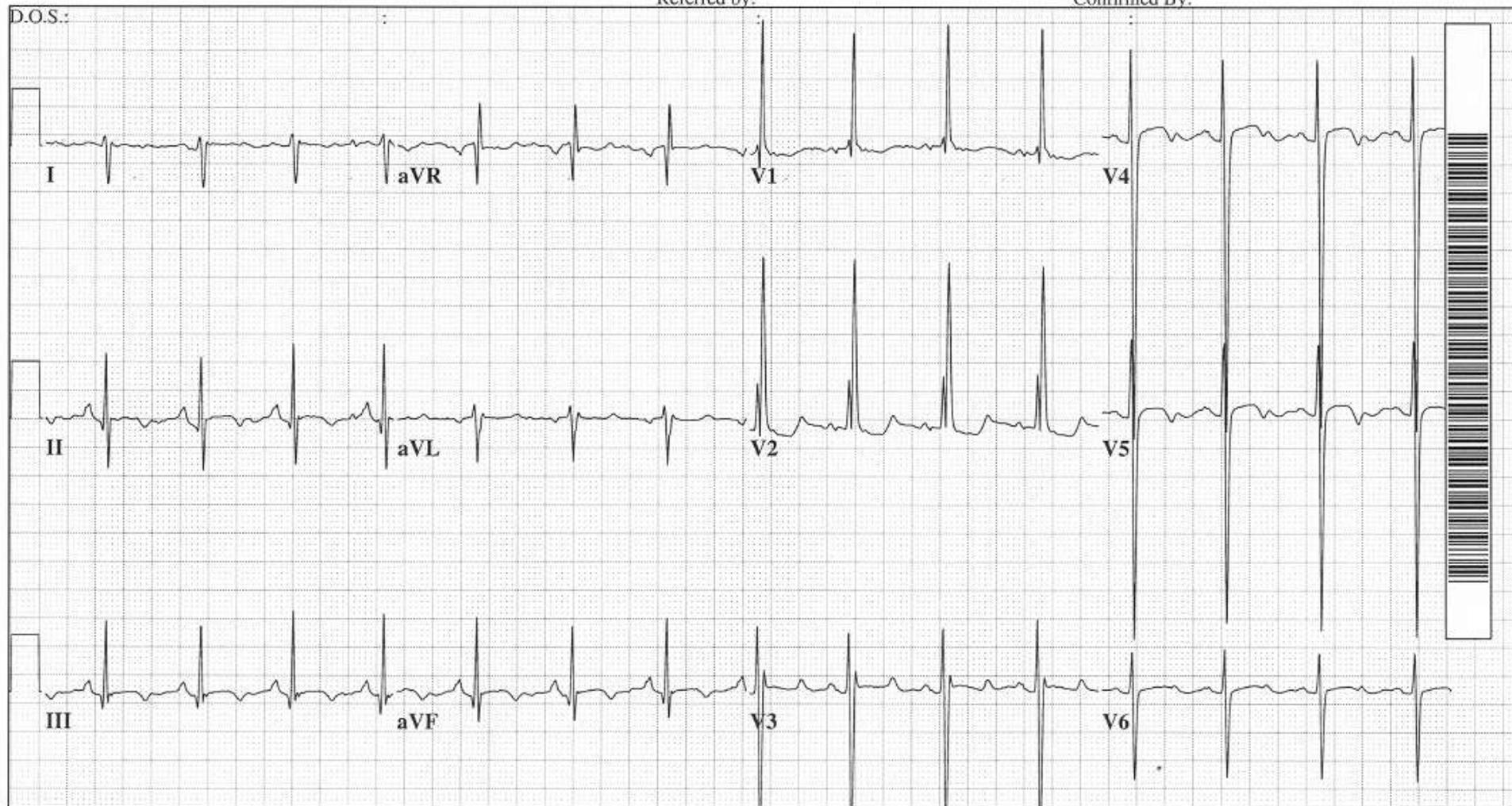
Vent. rate 90 BPM
PR interval 136 ms
QRS duration 94 ms
QT/QTc 378/462 ms
P-R-T axes 77 123 58

Normal sinus rhythm
Right atrial enlargement
Right axis deviation
Incomplete right bundle branch block , plus right ventricular hypertrophy
NORMAL SINUS INFERIOR LATERAL CHANGES
Abnormal ECG

Technician: EKG CLASS #WR03616941

Referred by:

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What is the cause of EARLY TRANSITION in this EKG ?

Male Caucasian
Room:CCU3
Loc:1 Option:1

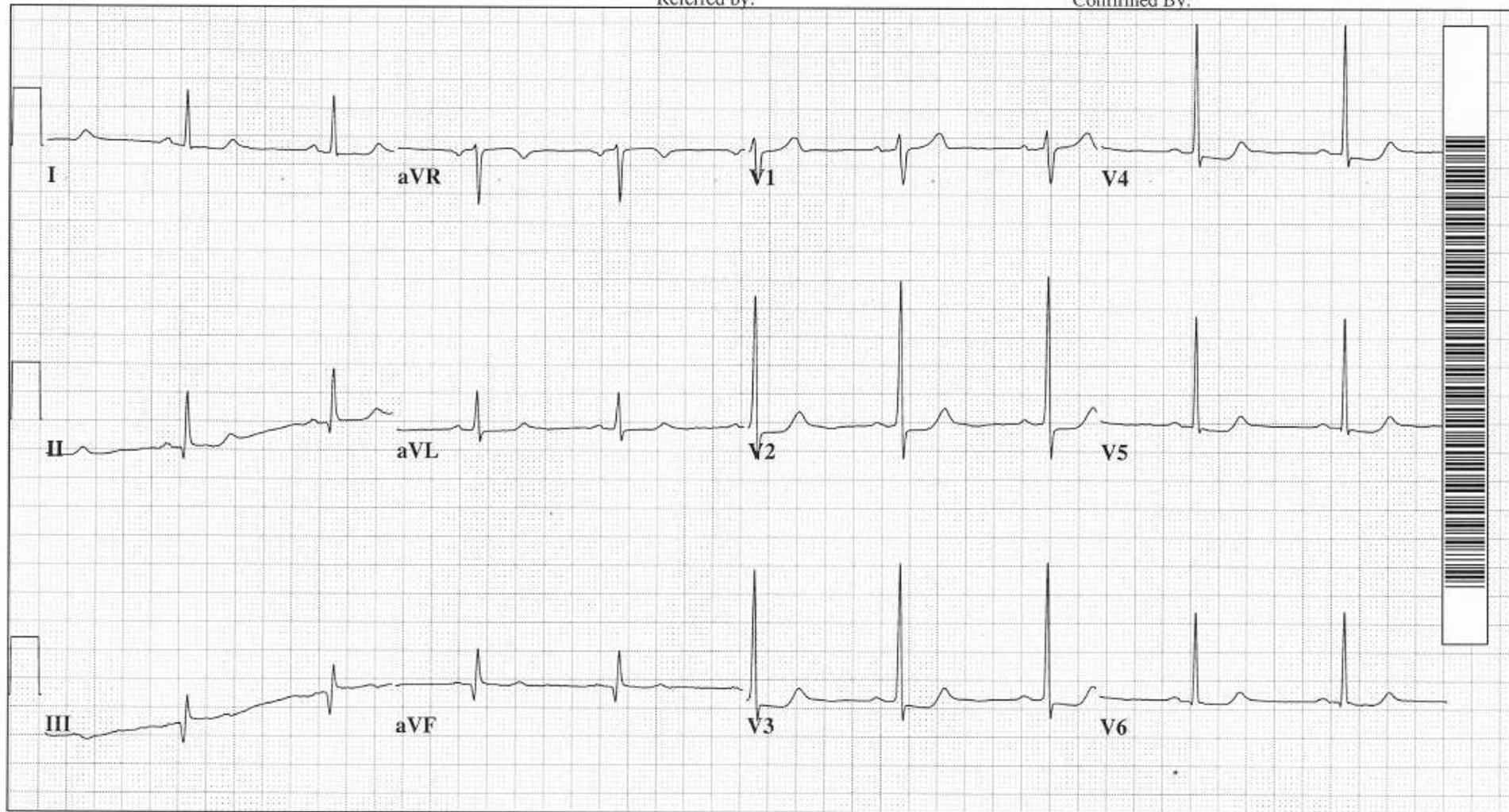
Vent. rate 58 BPM
PR interval 168 ms
QRS duration 84 ms
QT/QTc 424/416 ms
P-R-T axes 18 28 29

Technician ID: EKG CLASS #WR03602216

Med: Unknown

Referred by:

Confirmed By:



Male Caucasian
Room:CCU3
Loc:1 Option:1

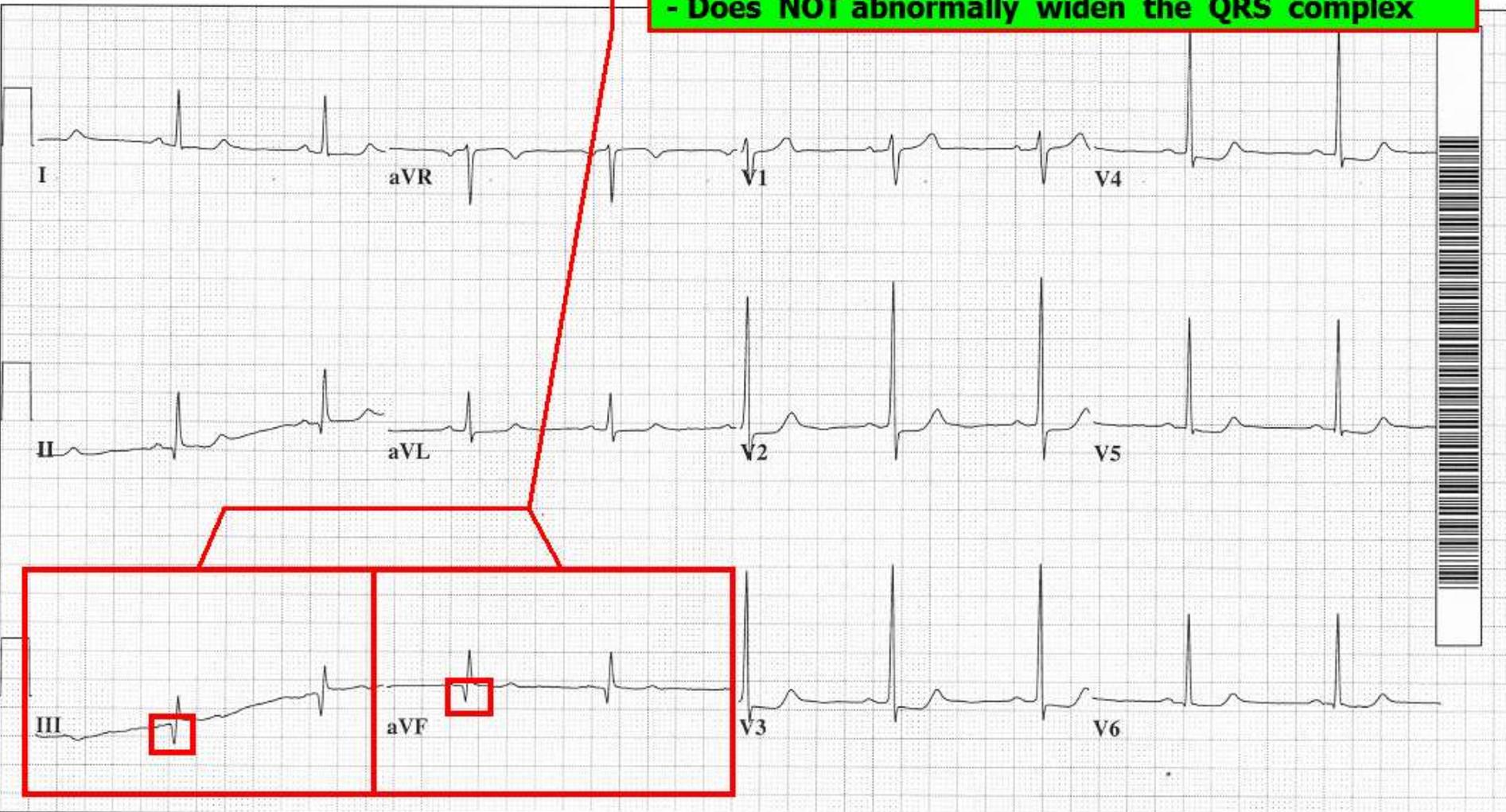
Vent. rate 58 BPM
PR interval 168 ms
QRS duration 84 ms
QT/QTc 424/416 ms
P-R-T axes 18 28 29

Sinus bradycardia
Inferior-posterior infarct (cited on or before 27-APR-1997)
Abnormal ECG
When compared with ECG of 30-APR-1997 13:39,
No significant change was found

Technician ID: EKG CLASS #WR03602216

Med: Unknown

Old Posterior Wall MI
→ Usually accompanied by OLD INFERIOR WALL MI
- Does NOT abnormally widen the QRS complex



01-MAY- 04:14:17

51 yr
Male Caucasian
Room:540
Loc:5 Option:28

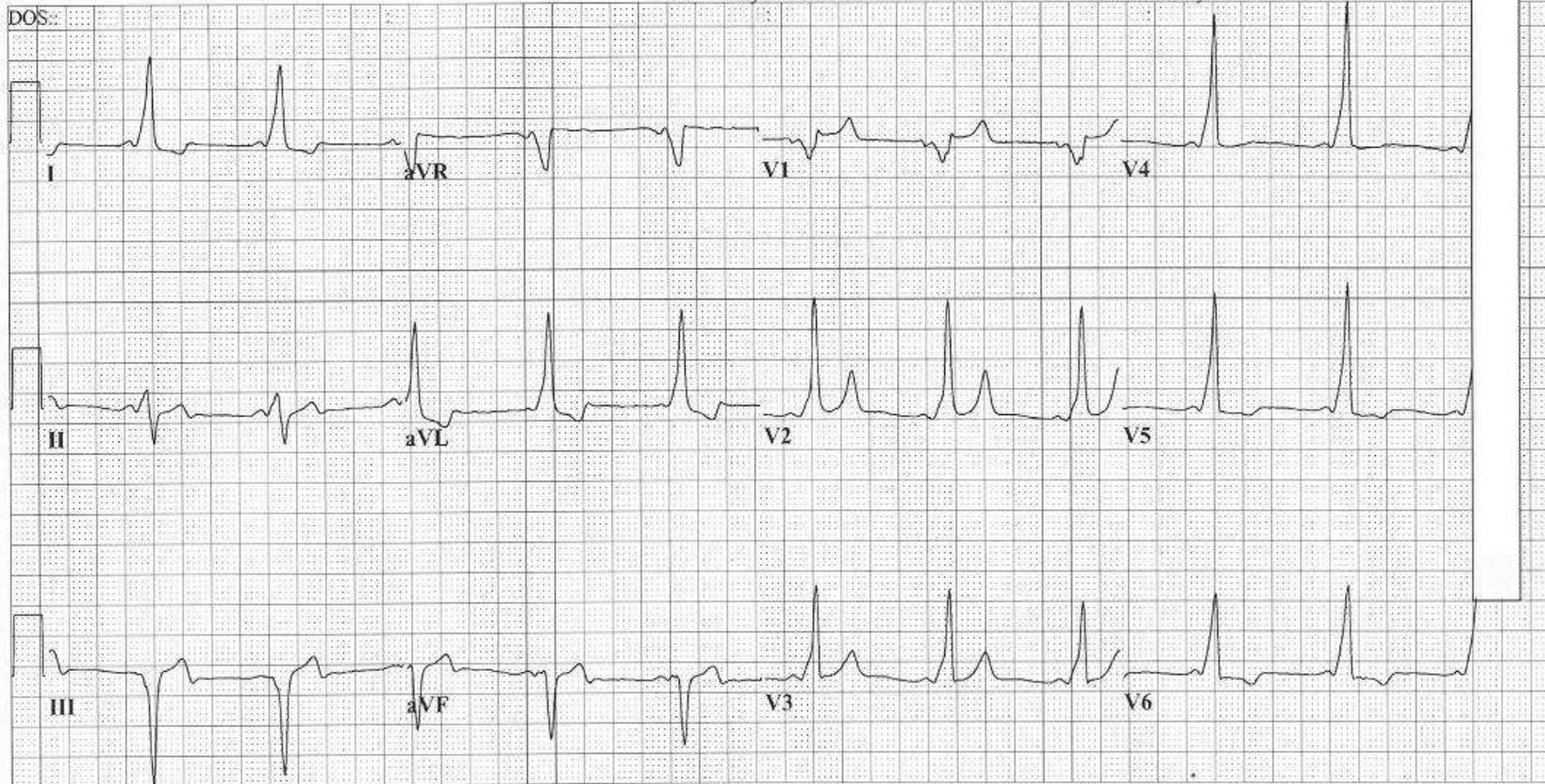
Vent. rate 64 BPM
PR interval 110 ms
QRS duration 146 ms
QT/QTc 418/431 ms
P-R-T axes 50 -36 119

**What is the cause of
EARLY TRANSITION
in this EKG ?**

Technician EKG CLASS #WR03696205

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51 yr
Male Caucasian
Room:540
Loc:5 Option:28

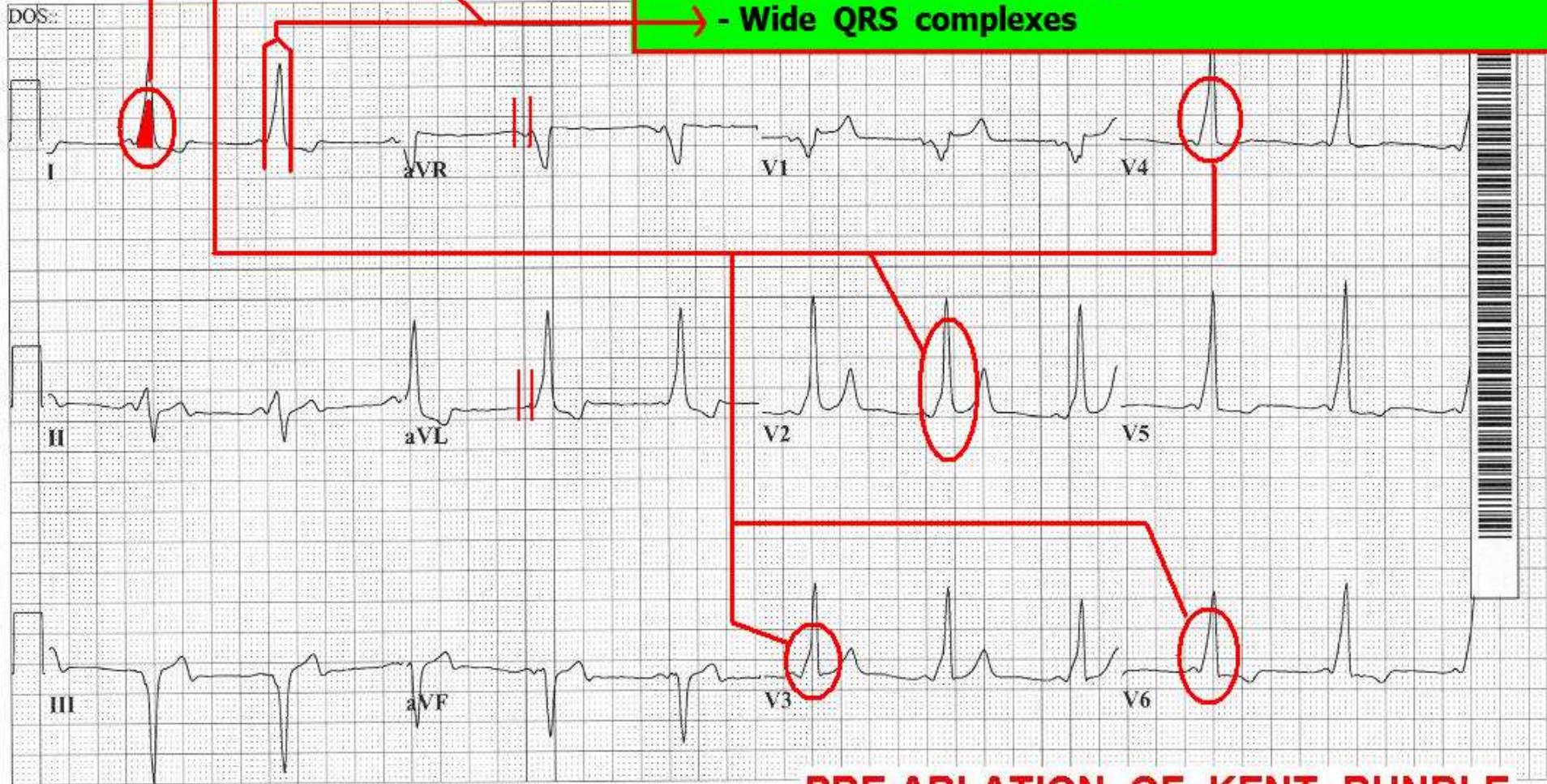
Vent rate	64	BPM
PR interval	110	ms
QRS duration	146	ms
QT/QTc	418/431	ms
P-R-T axes	50 -36 119	

Normal sinus rhythm
Wolff-Parkinson-White
Abnormal ECG
No previous ECGs available

Technician: EKG CLASS #WR03696205

4. Wolff-Parkinson-White (WPW) type A

- Short P-R Interval
- Presence of Delta Waves
- Wide QRS complexes



PRE-ABLATION OF KENT BUNDLE

51 yr
Male Caucasian
Room:426
Loc:5 Option:28

Vent. rate 69 BPM
PR interval 184 ms
QRS duration 88 ms
QT/QTc 392/420 ms
P-R-T axes 60 69 -50

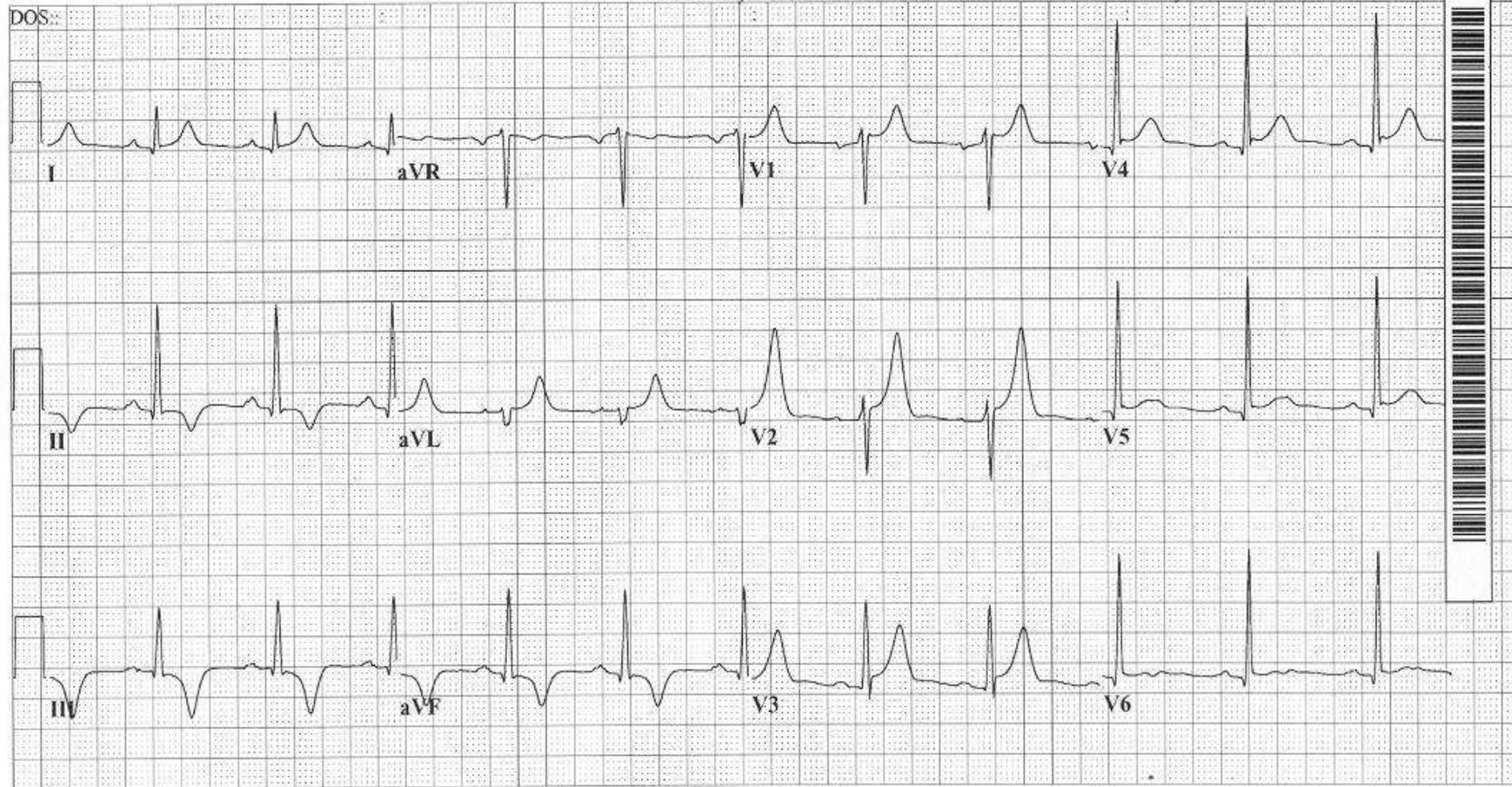
Normal sinus rhythm
Marked T wave abnormality, consider inferior ischemia
Abnormal ECG
When compared with ECG of 01-MAY-1999 21:36,
Wolff-Parkinson-White is no longer Present

POST-ABLATION OF KENT BUNDLE

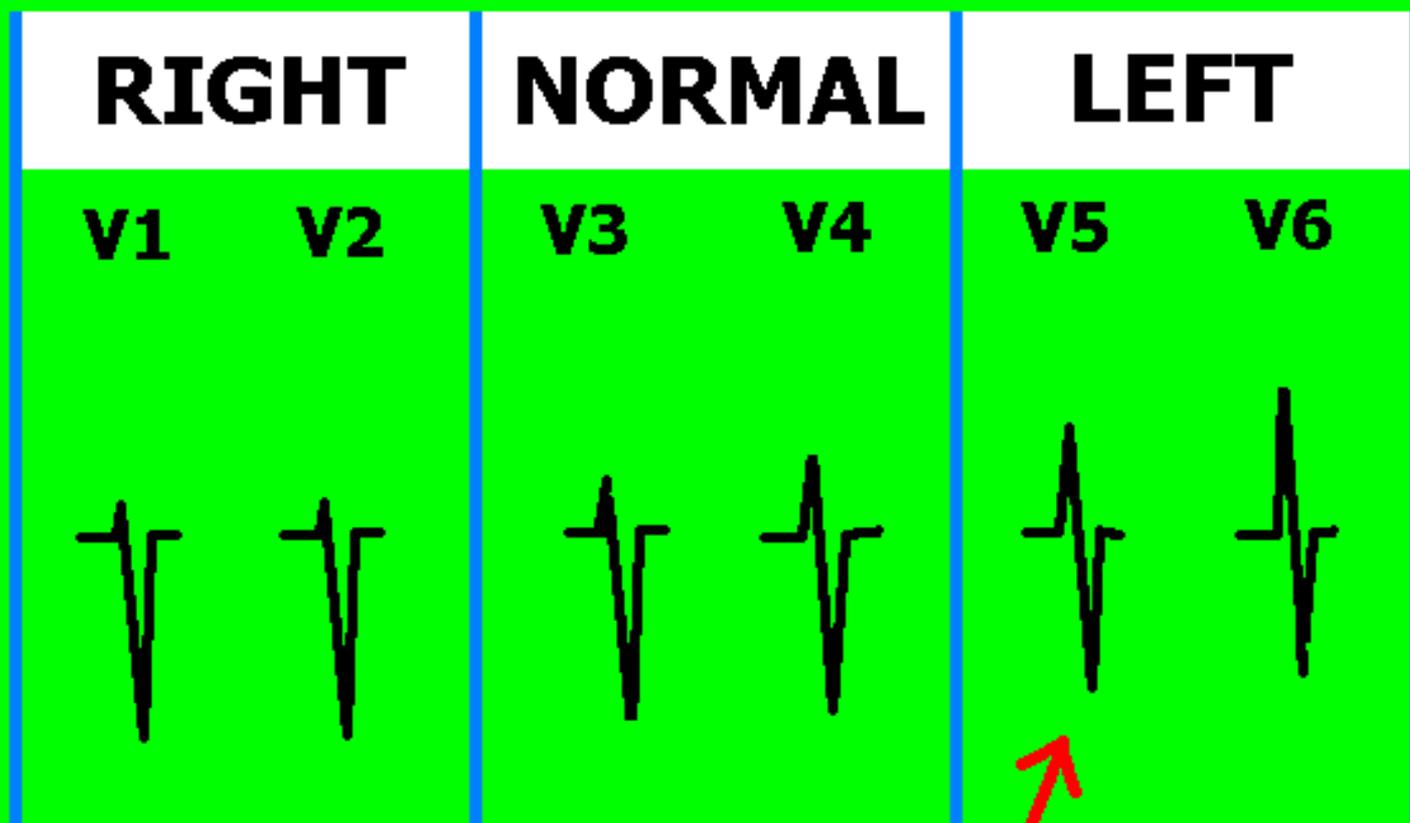
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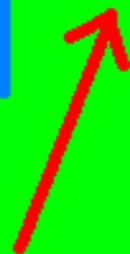


AXIS ROTATION

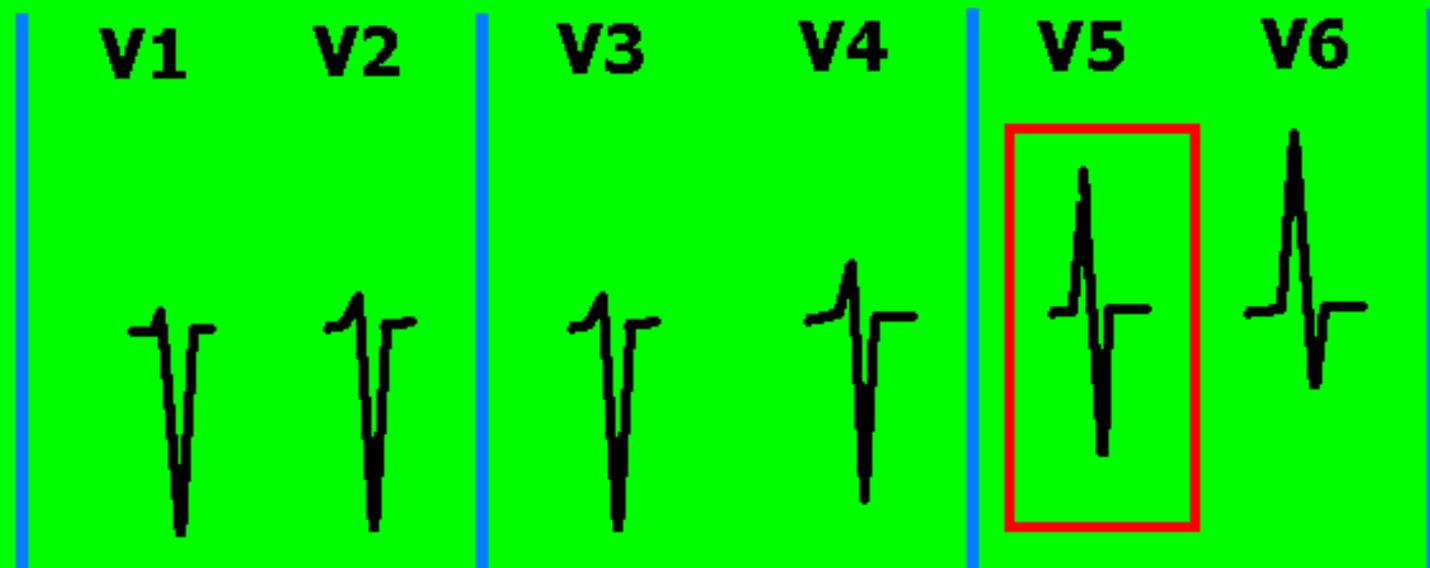


"LATE TRANSITION"

"SHIFTED TO THE LEFT"



COMMON CAUSES of LATE TRANSITION



1. Old Anterior Wall M.I.
2. Left Bundle Branch Block
3. Left Ventricular Hypertrophy
4. Wolff-Parkinson-White (type B)

RIGHT-SIDED PATHWAY - FROM MARRIOTT'S
"Practical Electrocardiography - 10th Edition," 2000

COMMON CAUSES OF LATE TRANSITION

.... WITH SOME *COMMON* HELPFUL CLUES:

1. Old Anterior MI

- Q Waves in V1, V2, and /or V3
- Other causes of LATE TRANSITION ruled out

2. Left Bundle Branch Block (LBBB)

- Supraventricular Rhythm
- QRS wider than 120 ms (.12 sec)
- RsR' or RR' ("notching") in V5 and/or V6

3. Left Ventricular Hypertrophy (LVH)

- Corresponding Left Atrial Hypertrophy (LAH)
- T wave Strain Pattern V5 / V6
- Intrinsicoid Deflection in V5 / V6 > 45 ms
- V1 S wave + V5 or V6 R wave > 35 mm
- R or S wave in any LIMB LEAD > 2.0 mV (20 mm)

4. Wolff-Parkinson-White (Type B)

- Presence of DELTA waves
- Short P-R Interval (< 120 ms)
- Wide QRS (> 120 ms)

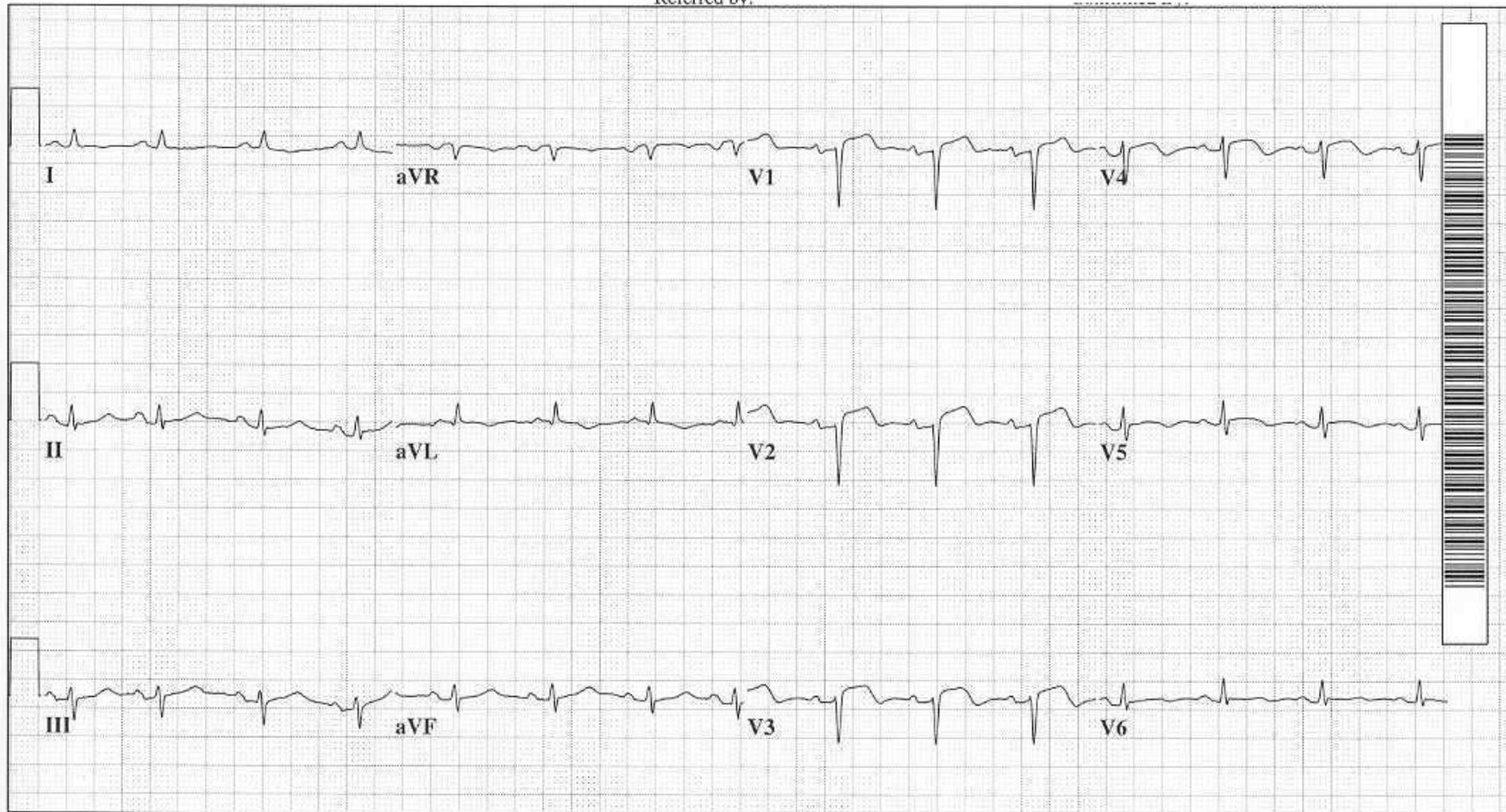
91 yr
Female Caucasian
Room:3
Loc:1 Option:1

Vent. rate 87 BPM
PR interval 156 ms
QRS duration * 80 ms
QT/QTc 332/399 ms
P-R-T axes 45 4 96

**What is the cause of
LATE TRANSITION in
this EKG ?**

Technician ID: EKG CLASS # WR03110848

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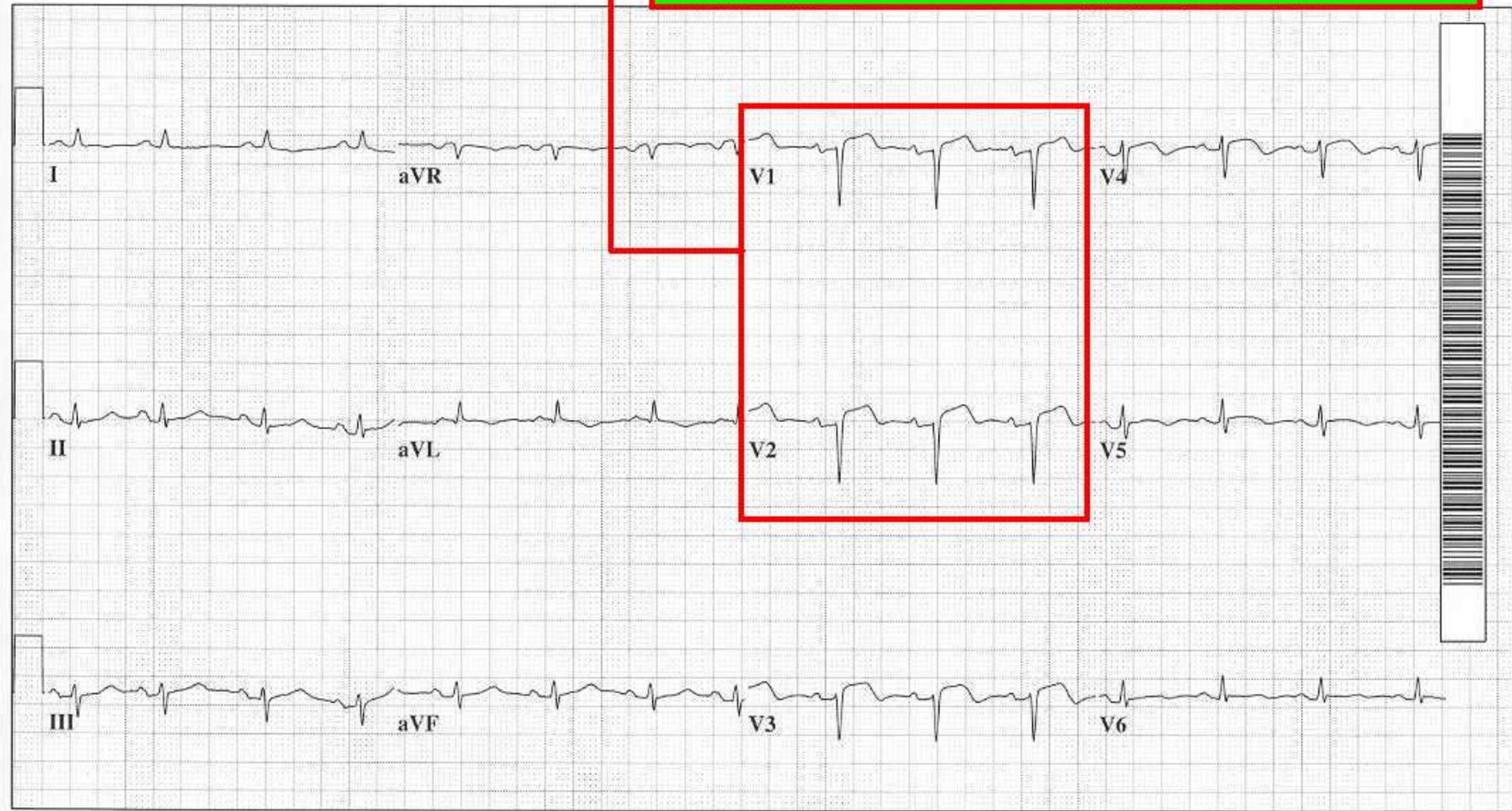
91 yr
Female Caucasian
Room:3
Loc:1 Option:1

Vent. rate 87 BPM
PR interval 156 ms
QRS duration * 80 ms
QT/QTc 332/399 ms
P-R-T axes 45 4 96

Normal sinus rhythm
Possible Anterior infarct (cited on or before 27-MAR-1997)
Abnormal ECG

Technician ID: EKG CLASS # WR03110848

Old Anterior MI
- Q waves in V1, V2, V3 and/or V4
- other causes of LATE TRANSITION ruled out



85 yr
 Female Caucasian
 Room: 715A
 Loc: 6 Option: 19

Vent. rate 55 BPM
 PR interval 152 ms
 QRS duration 76 ms
 QT/QTc 432/413 ms
 P-R-T axes 40 14 34

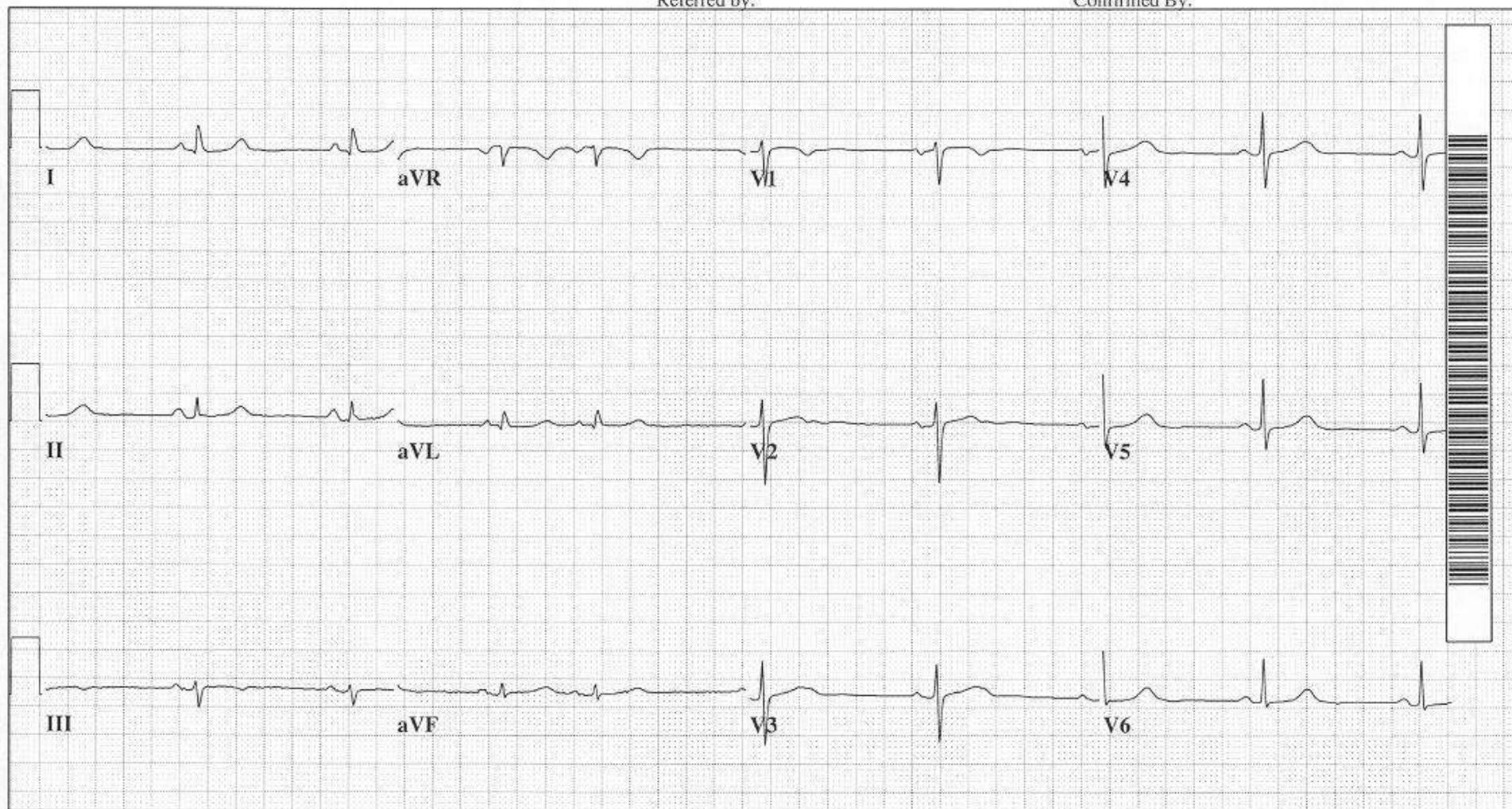
Sinus bradycardia with occasional Premature supraventricular complexes
 Otherwise normal ECG

EKG CLASS # WR03110848

PRE-INFARCTION EKG

Referred by:

Confirmed By:



91 yr
 Female Caucasian
 Room:ER
 Loc:3 Option:17

Vent. rate 100 BPM
 PR interval 166 ms
 QRS duration 80 ms
 QT/QTc 360/464 ms
 P-R-T axes 52 -38 70

Normal sinus rhythm with frequent, and consecutive Premature ventricular and fusion complexes
 Left atrial enlargement
 Left axis deviation
 Septal infarct, possibly acute
 Anterolateral injury pattern
 ***** ACUTE MI *****

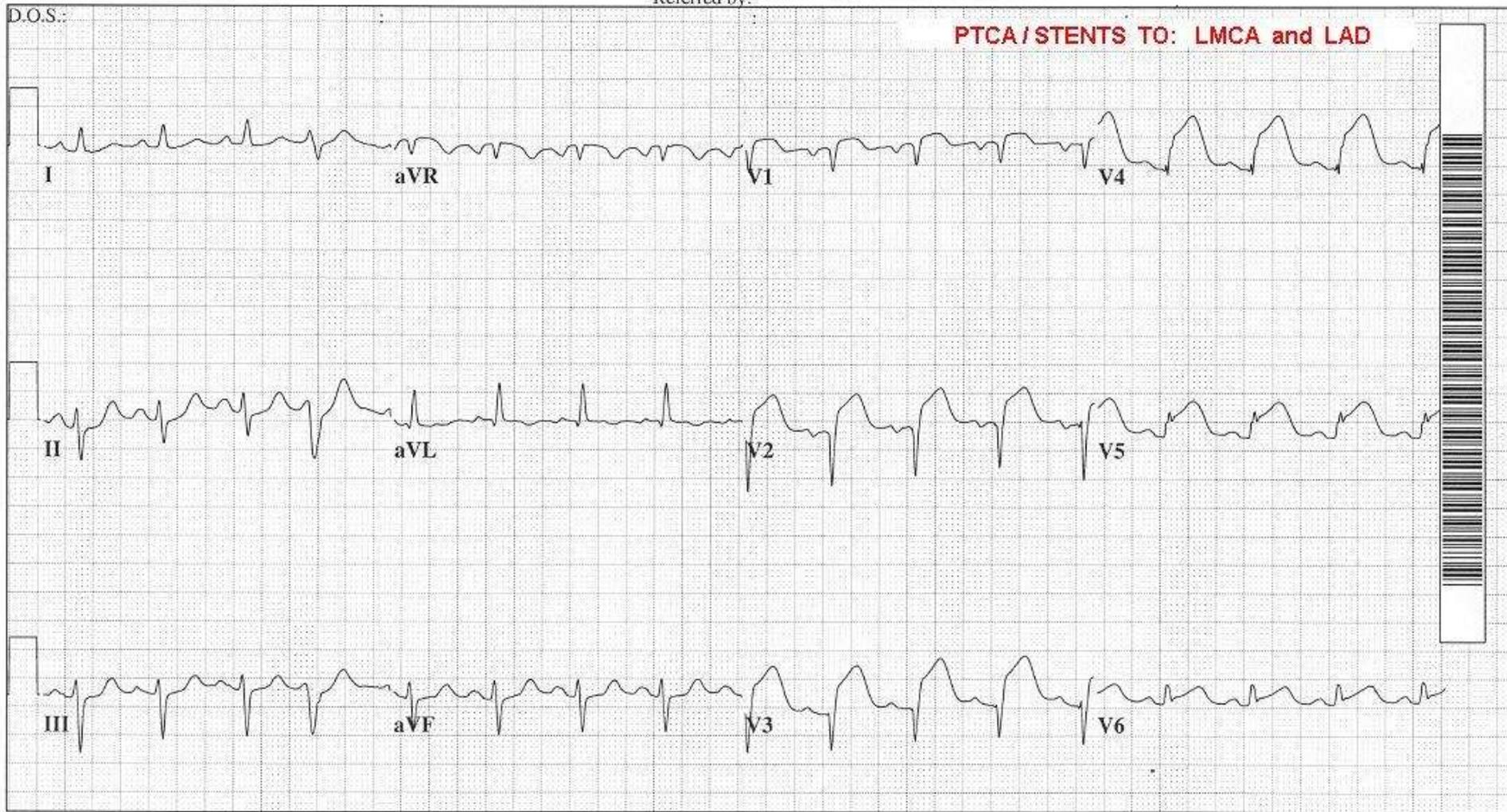
SUDDEN ONSET CHEST PAIN
-WAITED "SEVERAL HOURS"
BEFORE SEEKING HELP
-ER - DIRECTLY TO CATH LAB

CPK: 2,471
 CK/MB: 483
 CK INDEX: 14

Technician: EKG CLASS# WR03110848

Referred by:

PTCA/STENTS TO: LMCA and LAD



91 yr
 Female Caucasian
 Room:3
 Loc:1 Option:1

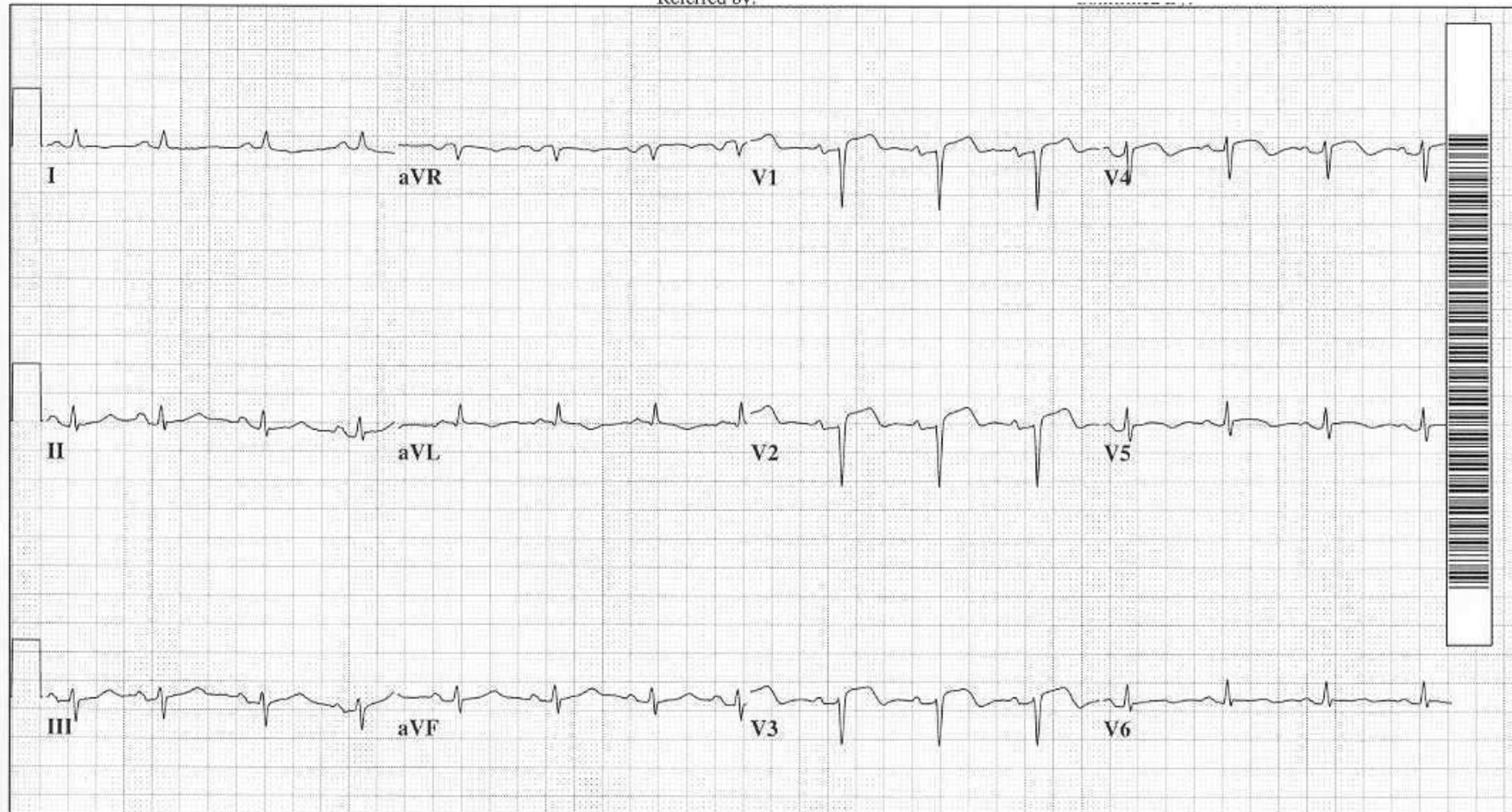
Vent. rate 87 BPM
 PR interval 156 ms
 QRS duration * 80 ms
 QT/QTc 332/399 ms
 P-R-T axes 45 4 96

Normal sinus rhythm
 Possible Anterior infarct (cited on or before 27-MAR-1997)
 Abnormal ECG
 When compared with ECG of 27-MAR-1997 16:26 (UNCONFIRMED),
 QRS duration has decreased
 Questionable change in initial forces of Anteroseptal leads
 Non-specific change in ST segment in Lateral leads
 QT has shortened

Technician ID: EKG CLASS # WR03110848

EKG POST - INFARCTION

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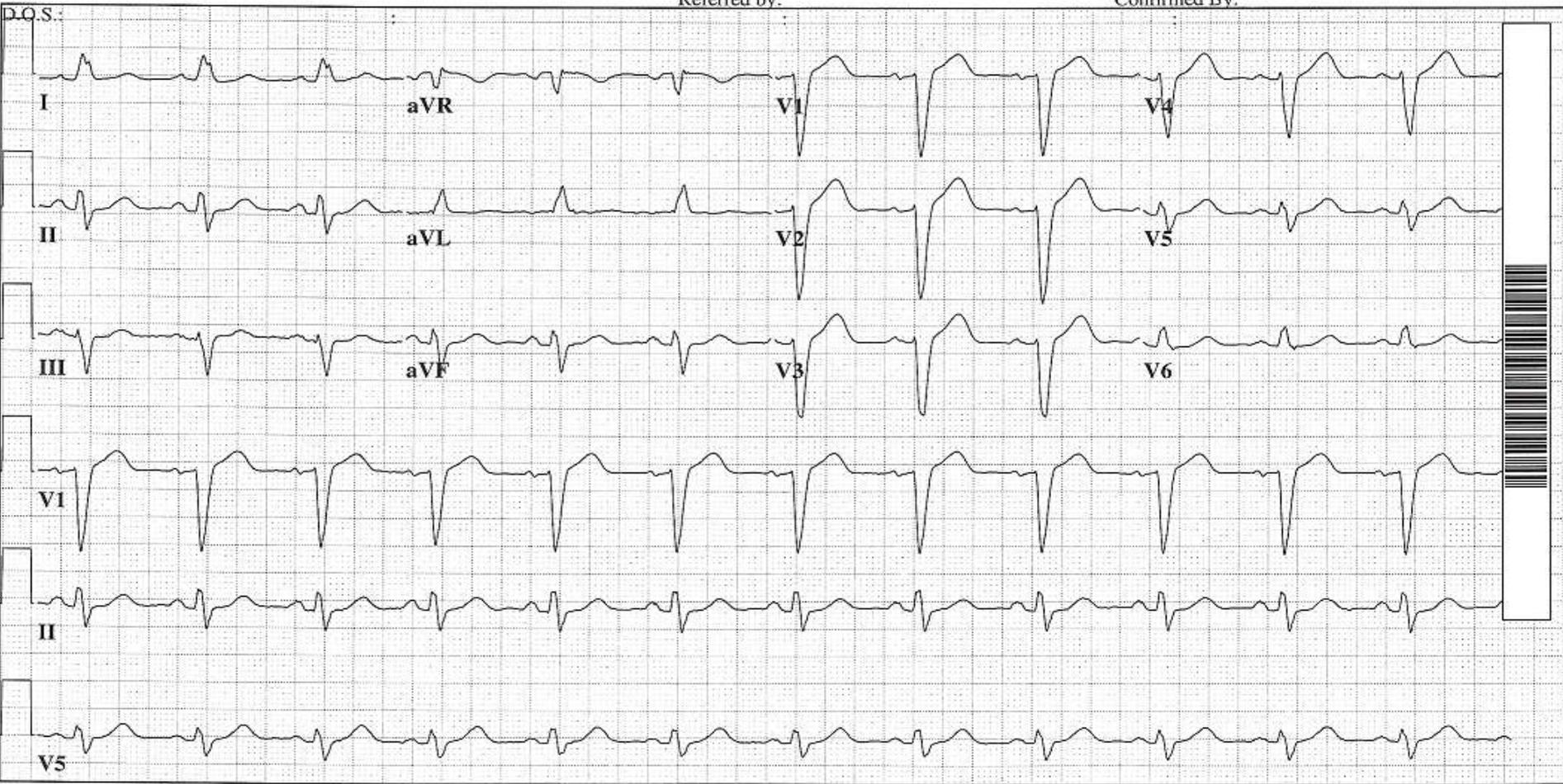
74 yr
Female Caucasian
Loc:7 Option:35

Vent. rate 73 BPM
PR interval 160 ms
QRS duration 134 ms
QT/QTc 450/495 ms
P-R-T axes 67 -33 62

What is the cause of LATE TRANSITION in this EKG ?

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11:36:49

74 yr
Female Caucasian

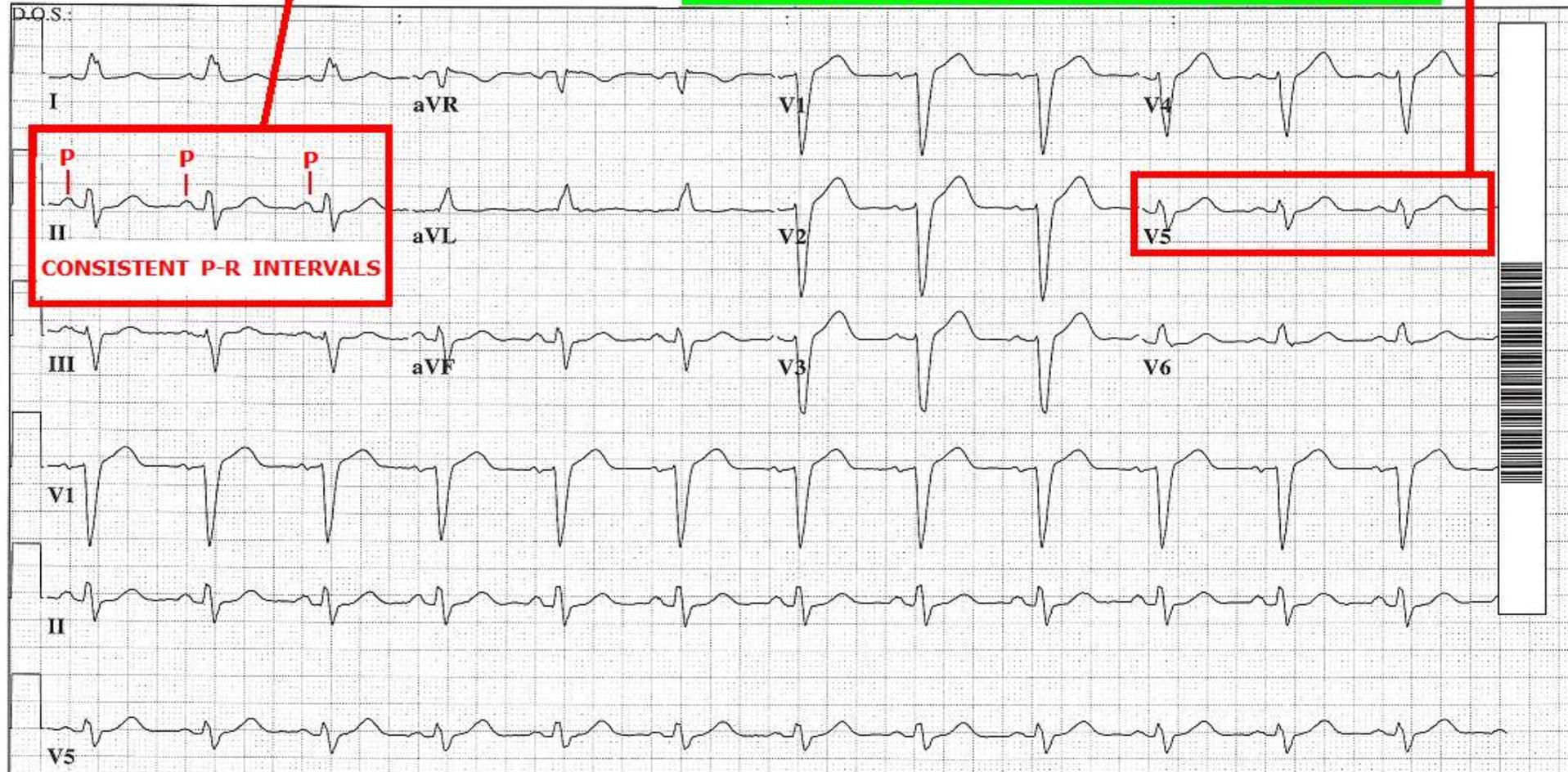
Vent. rate	73	BPM
PR interval	160	ms
QRS duration	134	ms
QT/QTc	438/435	ms
P-R-T axes	67 -33	62

Normal sinus rhythm
Left axis deviation
Left bundle branch block

Left Bundle Branch Block (LBBB)

- Supraventricular Rhythm
- QRS wider than 120 ms (.12 sec)
- RsR' or RR' ("notching") in V5 and/or V6

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53 yr
Male Black
Room:ER
Loc:3 Option:23

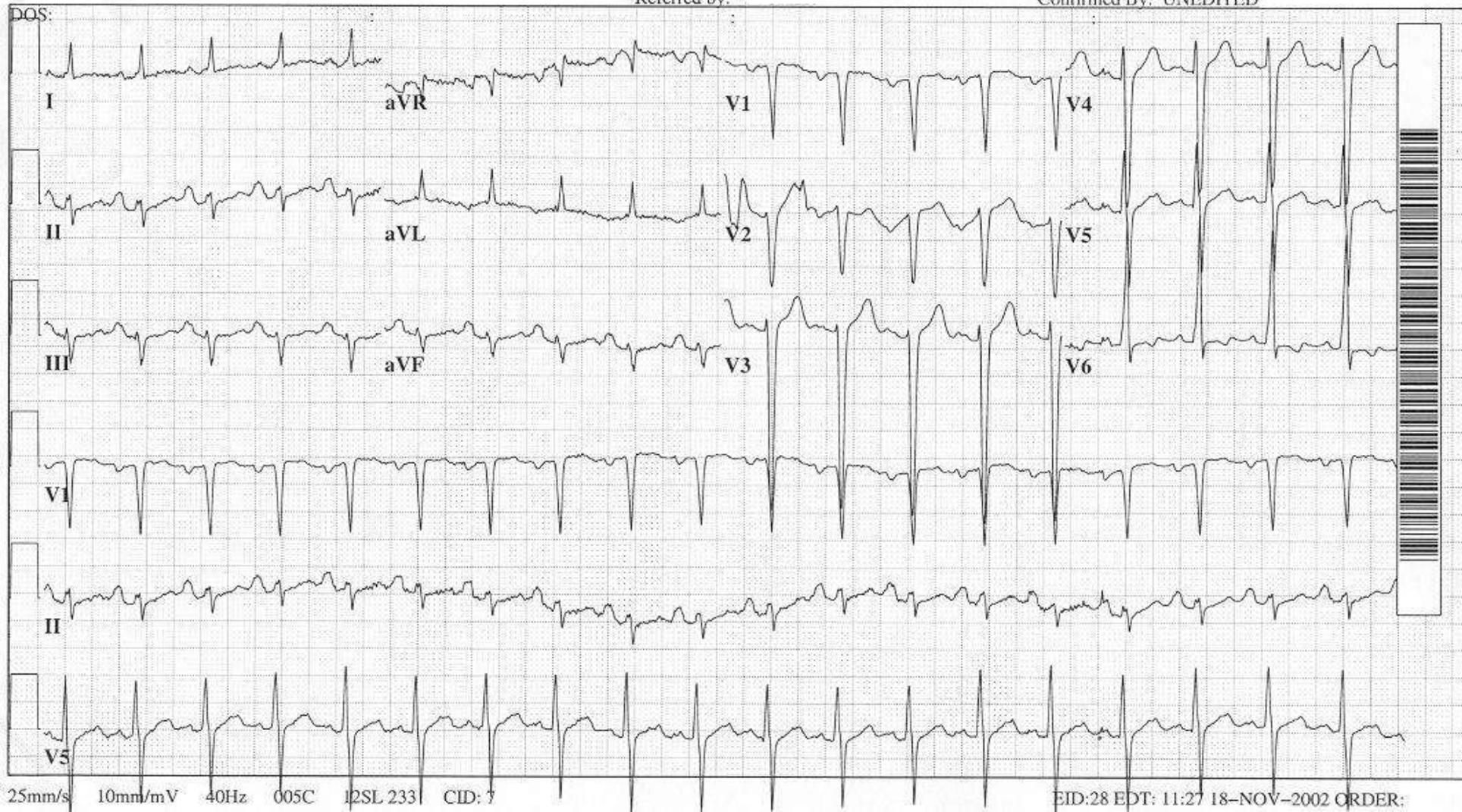
Vent. rate 115 BPM
PR interval 160 ms
QRS duration 92 ms
QT/QTc 316/437 ms
P-R-T axes 76 -39 59

**What is the cause of
LATE TRANSITION in
this EKG ?**

EKG CLASS #WR03896717

Referred by:

Confirmed By: UNEDITED



53 yr
Male Black
Room:ER
Loc:3 Option:23

Vent. rate 115 BPM
PR interval 160 ms
QRS duration 92 ms
QT/QTc 316/437 ms
P-R-T axes 76 -39 59

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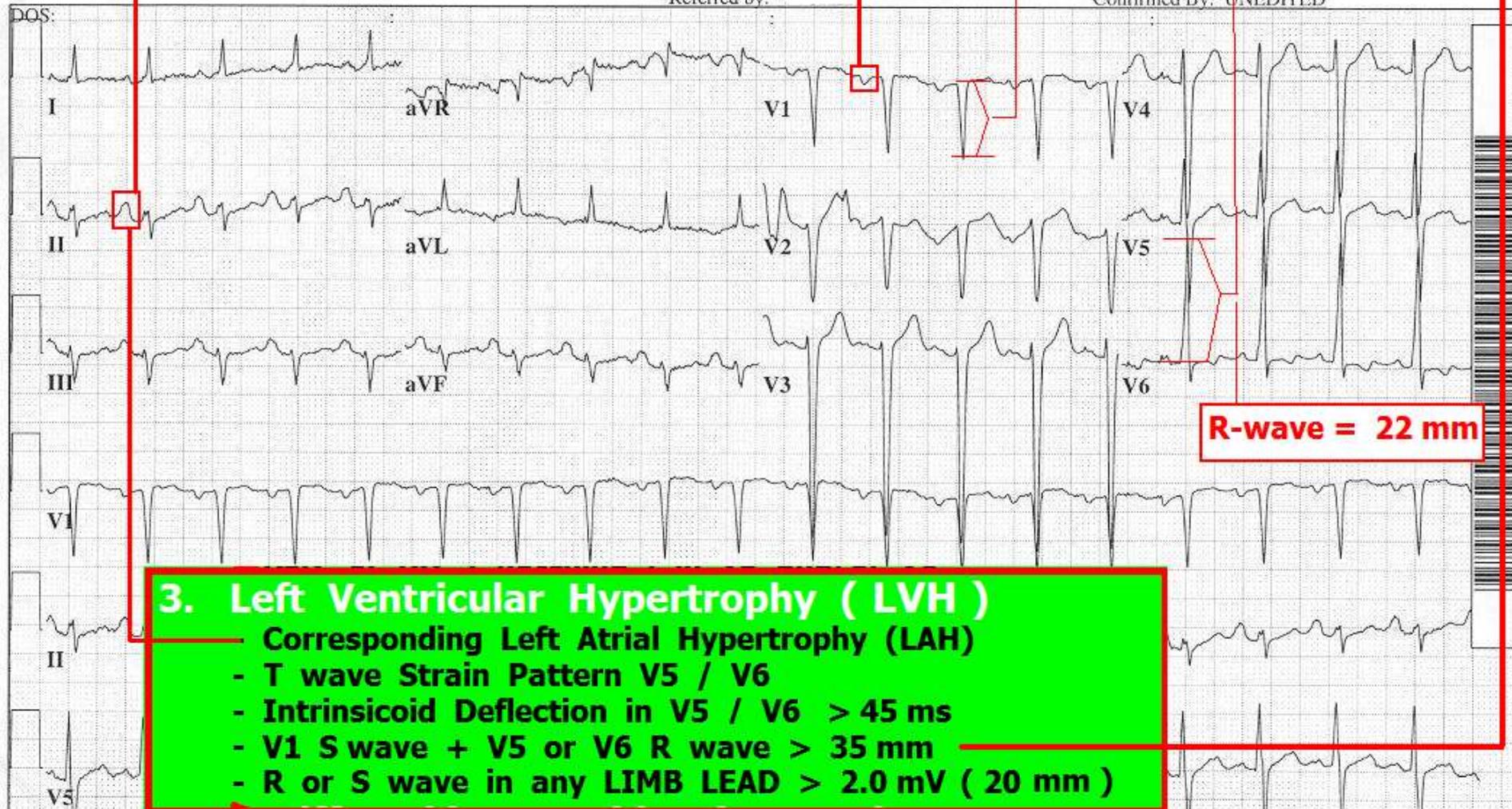
Sinus tachycardia
Possible Left atrial enlargement
Left axis deviation
Left ventricular hypertrophy
Abnormal ECG
No previous ECGs available

S wave V1 = 14 mm
R wave V5 = 22 mm
TOTAL = 36 mm
= LVH

EKG CLASS #WR03896717

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3. Left Ventricular Hypertrophy (LVH)

Corresponding Left Atrial Hypertrophy (LAH)

- T wave Strain Pattern V5 / V6
- Intrinsicoid Deflection in V5 / V6 > 45 ms
- V1 S wave + V5 or V6 R wave > 35 mm
- R or S wave in any LIMB LEAD > 2.0 mV (20 mm)

26 yr
 Male Black
 Room:703A
 Loc:8 Option:25

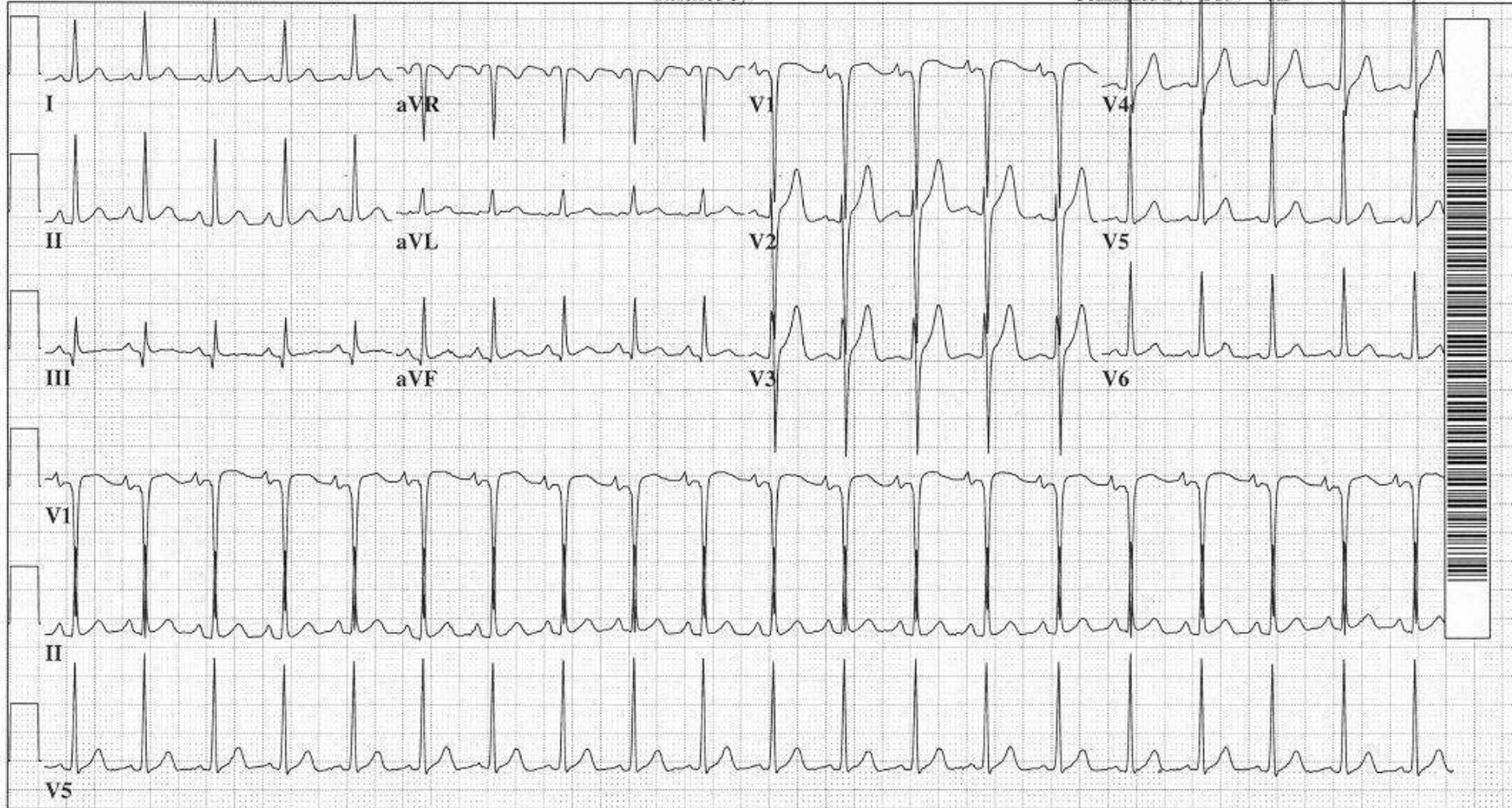
Vent. rate 119 BPM
 PR interval 126 ms
 QRS duration 78 ms
 QT/QTc 282/397 ms
 P-R-T axes 68 46 41

Sinus tachycardia
 Minimal voltage criteria for LVH, may be normal variant
 Borderline ECG

EKG CLASS #WR03446043

Referred by:

Confirmed By: DR. MI



16 yr
Female Caucasian
Room:REC
Loc:20 Option:50

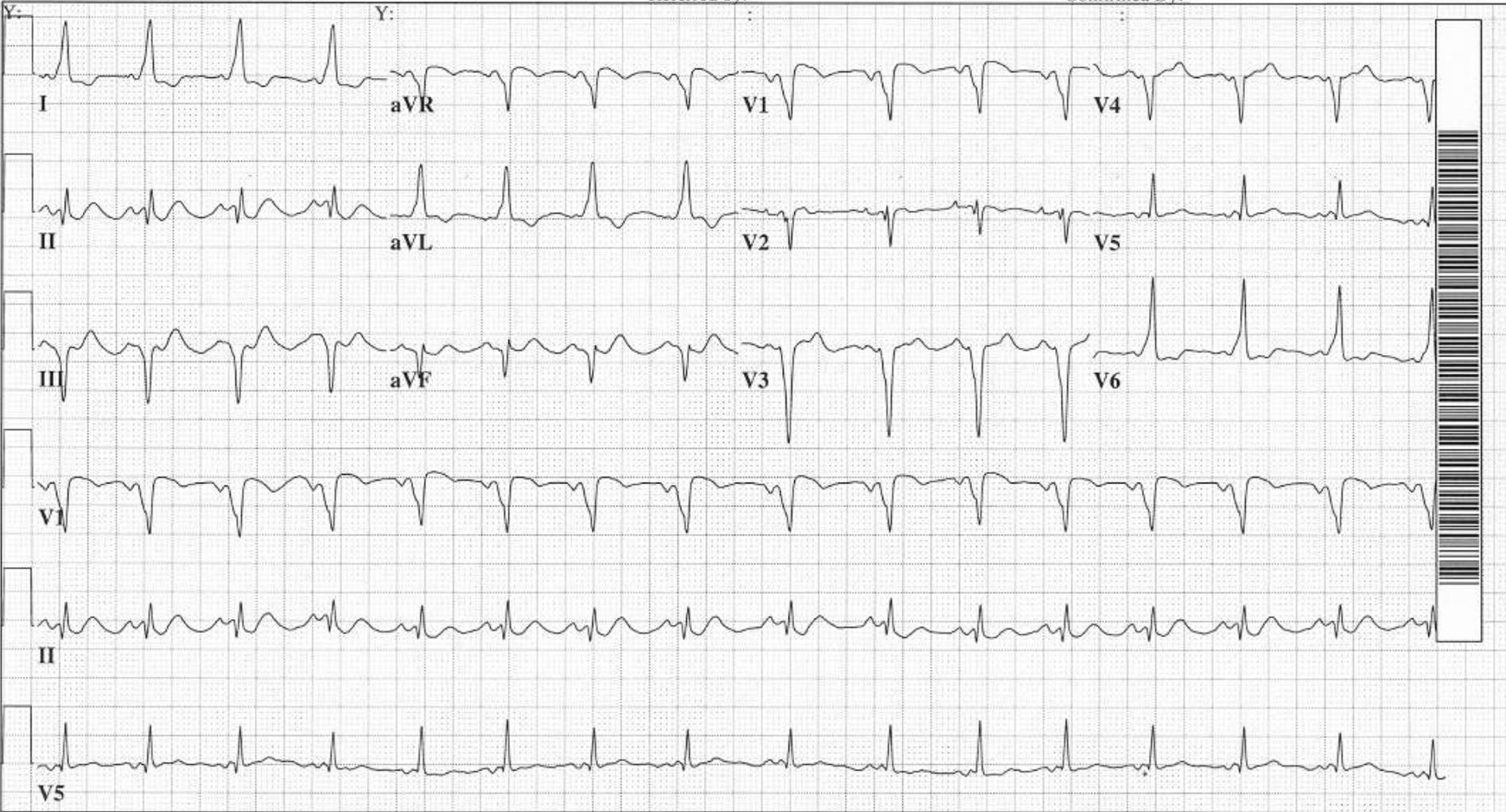
Vent. rate 92 BPM
PR interval 112 ms
QRS duration 118 ms
QT/QTc 356/440 ms
P-R-T axes 59 -22 107

**what is the cause of
LATE TRANSITION on
this EKG ?**

History:Unknown EKG CLASS #WR030100
Technician: DP 60783
Test ind:EKG

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Confirmed By:



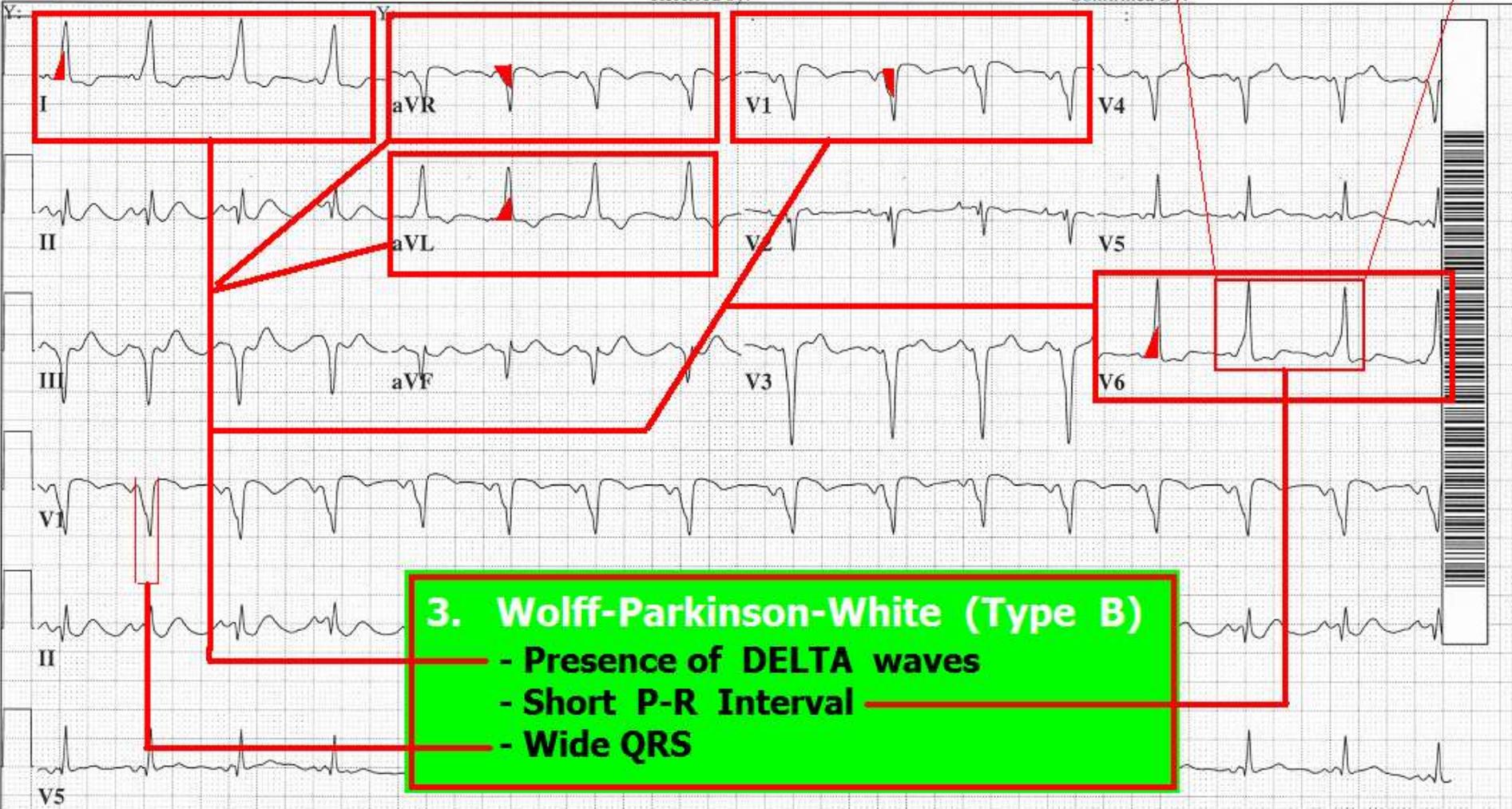
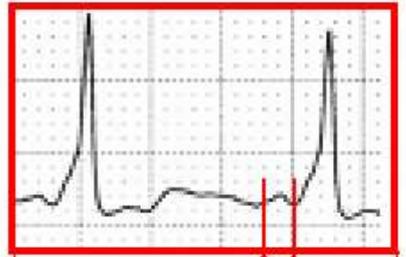
16 yr
Female Caucasian
Room:REC
Loc:20 Option:50

Vent. rate 92 BPM
PR interval 112 ms
QRS duration 118 ms
QT/QTc 356/440 ms
P-R-T axes 59 -22 107

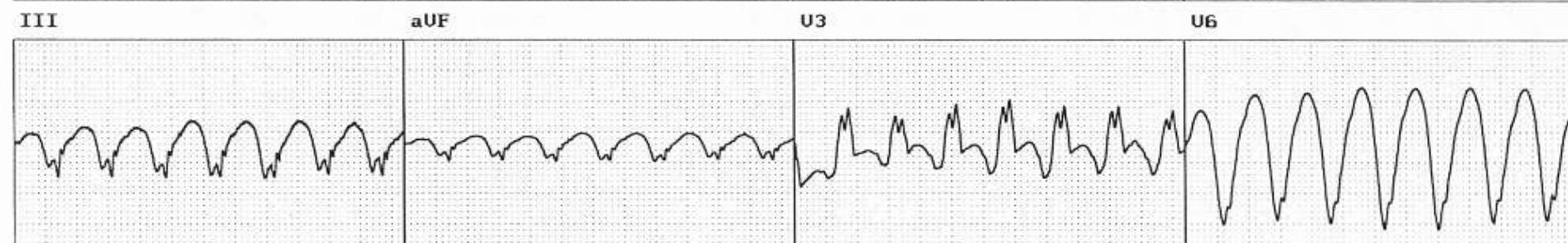
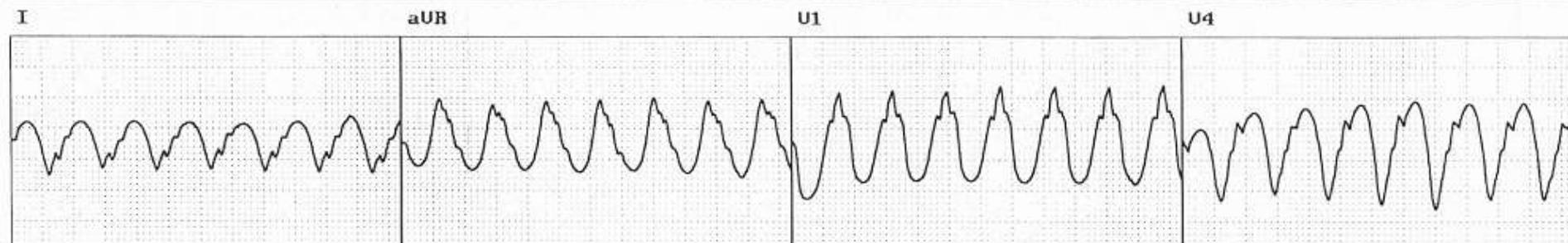
Normal sinus rhythm with sinus arrhythmia
Wolff-Parkinson-White
Abnormal ECG
No previous ECGs available

History:Unknown
Technician: DP
Test ind:EKG
EKG CLASS #WR030100
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P-R = .08



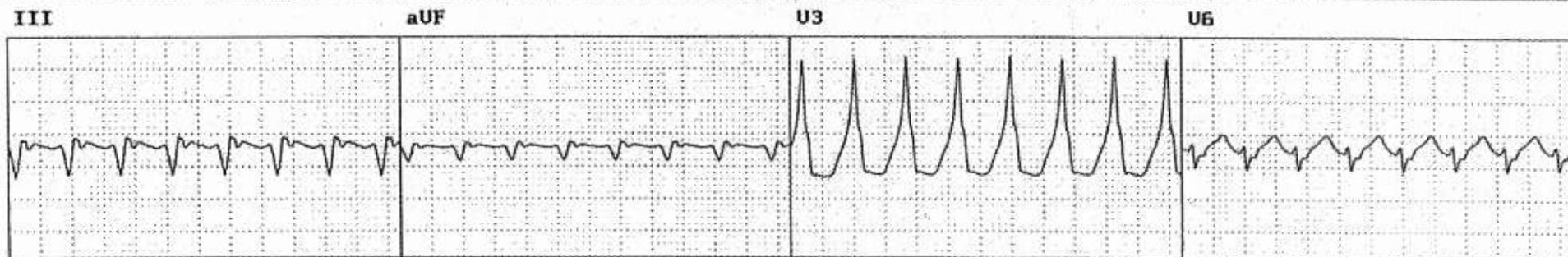
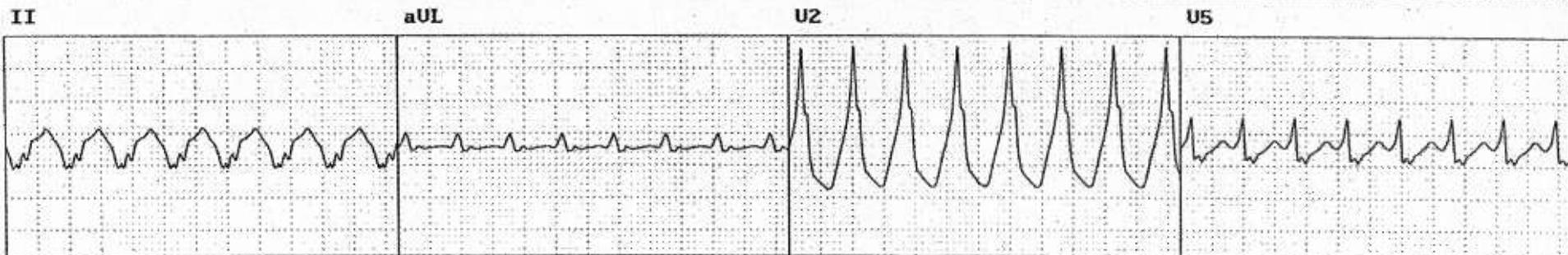
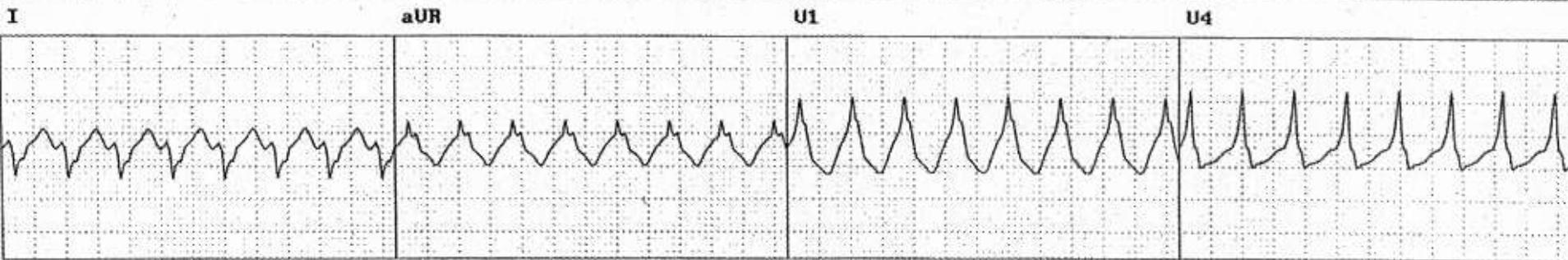
3. Wolff-Parkinson-White (Type B)
- Presence of DELTA waves
- Short P-R Interval
- Wide QRS



U1 06/21/01 8:57:50 Baseline Intervals 25mm/sec B. 3mm/mV



VENTRICULAR TACHYCARDIA - L LATERAL WALL



W-P-W Left Lateral Bypass Tract
13 yr old male



ECG EVALUATION

THE TRADITIONAL FORMAT

- RATE

- BRADY, NORMAL, or TACHY
- HOW WILL RATE EFFECT PT'S HEMODYNAMIC STATUS?

- RHYTHM

- REGULAR, IRREGULAR, or IRREGULARLY IRREGULAR
- IDENTIFY FOCUS: SINUS, JUNCTIONAL, or VENTRICULAR
- IDENTIFY RHYTHM: (SR, A-FIB, FLUTTER, HEART BLOCK, etc.)

- AXIS

- DEVIATION: NORMAL, LEFT, RIGHT, FAR RIGHT
- ROTATION: SHIFT TO L or R

- HYPERTROPHY

- ATRIAL: R and/or L
- VENTRICULAR
- CONSIDER CAUSE OF HYPERTROPHY (VALVE DISORDERS, PULMONARY DISEASE, HYPERTENSION, CONGENITAL DEFECTS)

- ISCHEMIA / INFARCTION / NECROSIS

- IDENTIFY AREA OF HEART INVOLVED
- CONSIDER COMMON ARTERIES THAT SERVE EFFECTED AREA
- ANTICIPATE FAILURES OF ASSO. STRUCTURES / ACTION PLAN!



ECG EVALUATION

EMERGENT "CATH LAB" APPROACH

- RATE

- BRADY, NORMAL, or TACHY? (PACE / CARDIOVERT)
- HOW WILL RATE EFFECT PT'S HEMODYNAMIC STATUS?

- QRS WIDTH

- PACEMAKER RHYTHM (USELESS FOR STEMI / ISCHEMIA EVAL.)
- LBBB (NEW LBBB vs. PREVIOUSLY DIAGNOSED? - LOW EF?)
- VENTRICULAR RHYTHM? (V-TACH: MONO or POLYMORPHIC)
- DELTA WAVES?!? (W-P-W: NO AV NODAL BLOCKERS!!!!)
- ACUTE HYPERKALEMIA? (TALL, PEAKED T WAVES)
- PROLONGED Q-T INTERVAL?
- BRUGADA SYNDROME? (RBBB, V1-V3 "TRIANGULAR" S-T ELEV.)

- ISCHEMIA / INFARCTION / NECROSIS

(EVALUATION of J POINT, S-T SEGMENTS, T WAVES)

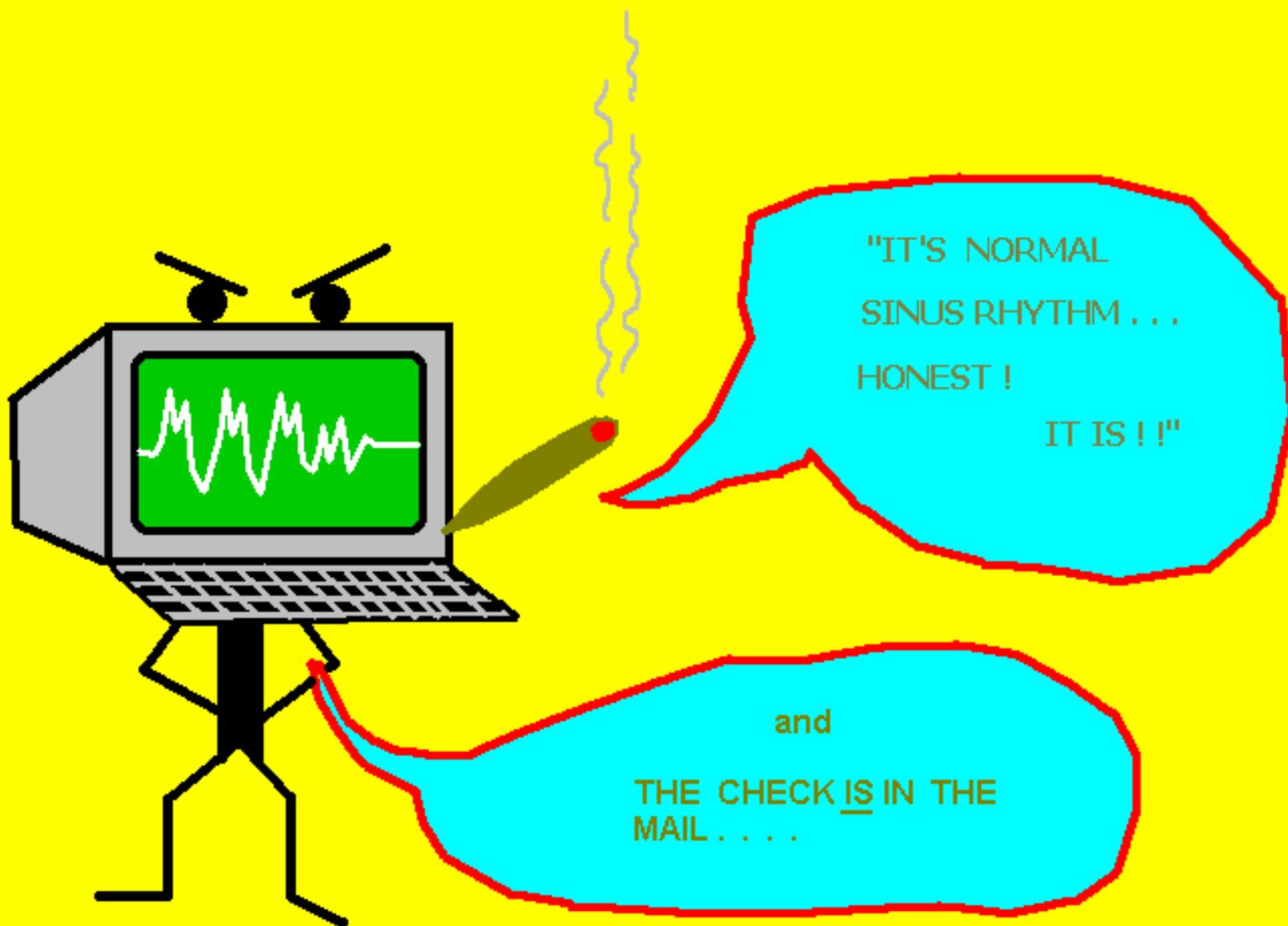
- IDENTIFY AREA OF HEART INVOLVED
- IDENTITY SUSPECTED "CULPRIT" ARTERY
- CONSIDER SIZE OF MI (CARDIOGENIC SHOCK?)
- ANTICIPATE FAILURE OF ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES
- SIGNIFICANT Q WAVES? - OLD MI vs. CURRENT EVOLVING MI

- AXIS

- ROTATION: LATE R WAVE PROGRESSION - OLD ANTERIOR MI?
EARLY R WAVE PROGR. - OLD POSTERIOR MI?

- then CONTINUE WITH TRADITIONAL FORMAT . . .

THE COMPUTER IS VERY GOOD, BUT



86 yr
Male Hispanic
Room:ER
Loc:3 Option:23

Vent. rate 83 BPM
PR interval * ms
QRS duration 150 ms
QT/QTc 416/488 ms
P-R-T axes * -76 89

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Undetermined rhythm

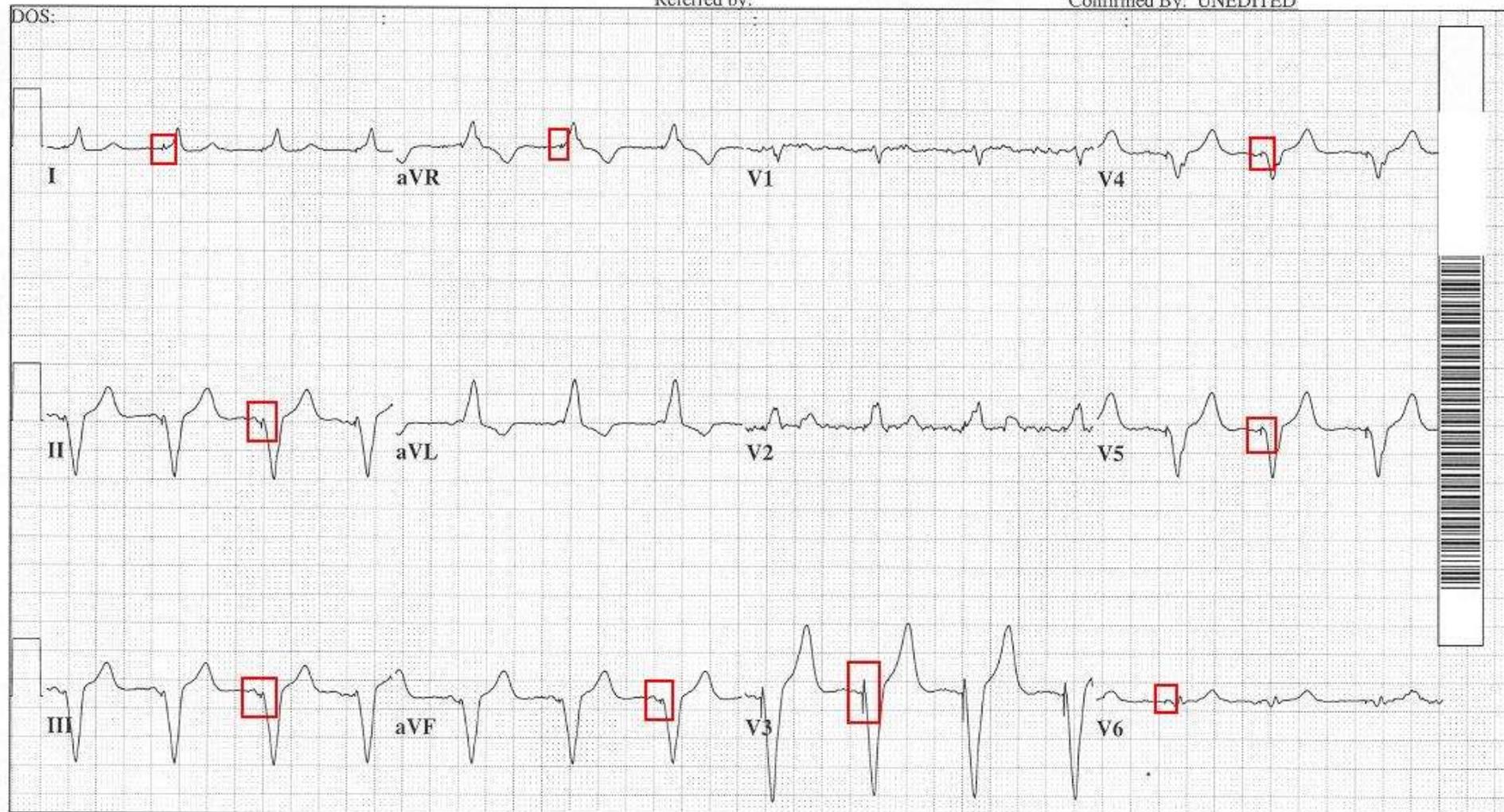
Non-specific intra-ventricular conduction block
Abnormal ECG

When compared with ECG of 09-JUN-2001 18:11,
Current undetermined rhythm precludes rhythm comparison, needs review
QRS duration has increased
Non-specific change in ST segment in Lateral leads ...

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**COMPUTER MISDIAGNOSIS
DESPITE VISIBLE SPIKES IN
9 of 12 LEADS**



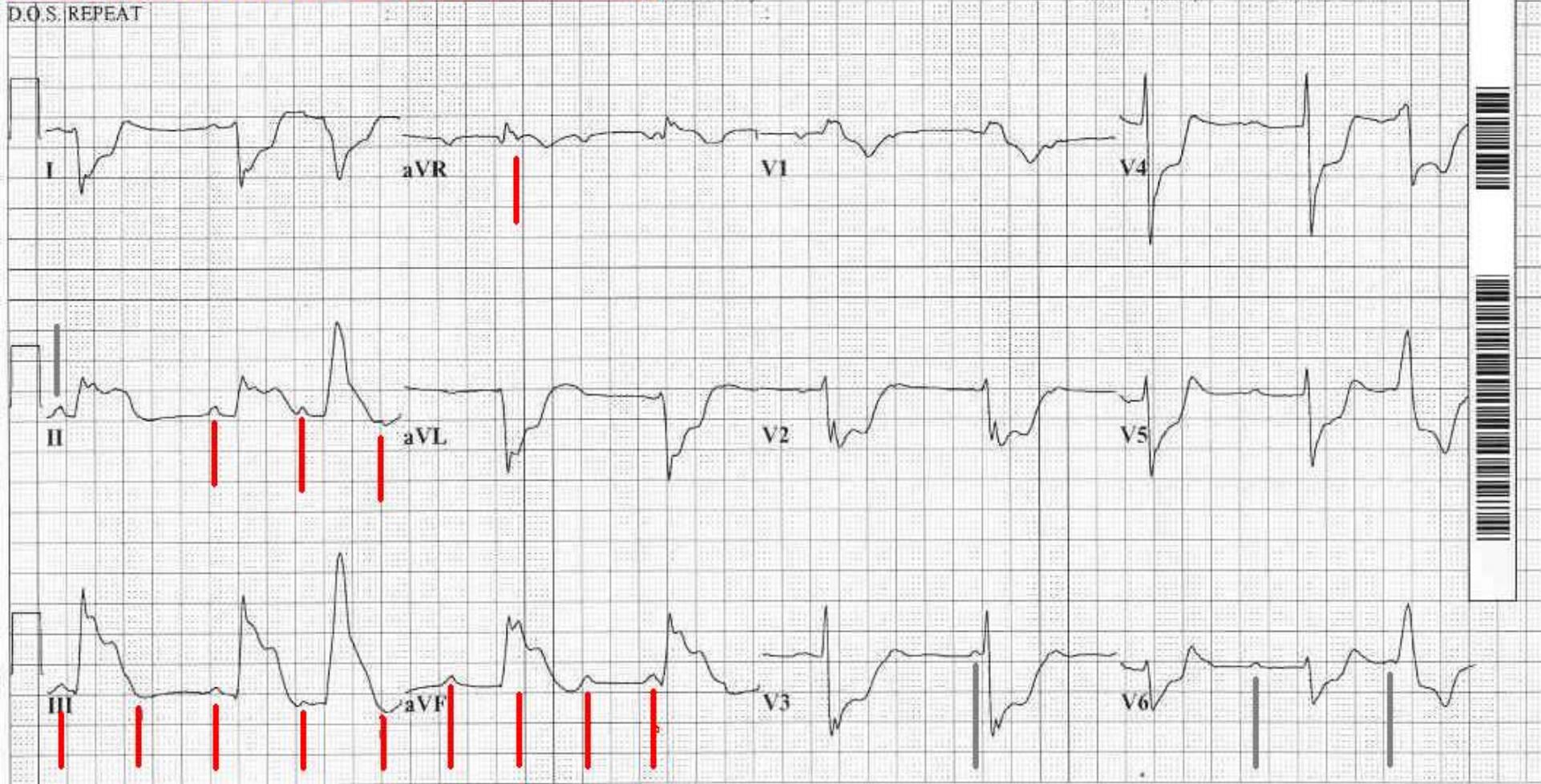
72 yr
Female Caucasian
Room:S8
Loc:3 Option:22

Vent. rate 58 BPM
PR interval * ms
QRS duration 150 ms
QT/QTc 538/528 ms
P-R-T axes * 128 64

Atrial fibrillation with slow ventricular response with premature ventricular or aberrantly conducted complexes
Right bundle branch block
Left posterior fascicular block
*** Bifascicular block ***

**COMPUTER MISDIAGNOSES
COMPLETE 3rd DEGREE HB as
"atrial fibrillation w/ PVCs "**

ST elevation consider inferior injury or acute infarct
***** ACUTE MI *****
Abnormal ECG
When compared with ECG of 16-OCT-1997 16:04 (UNCONFIRMED),
Referred by: Confirmed By:



81 yr
Female Caucasian
Room:ER
Loc:3 Option:11

Vent. rate 36 BPM
PR interval 846 ms
QRS duration 88 ms
QT/QTc 574/443 ms
P-R-T axes * 78 99

Marked sinus bradycardia with 1st degree A-V block
ST elevation consider inferior injury or acute infarct
***** ACUTE MI *****
Abnormal ECG
No previous ECGs available



COMPUTER MISDIAGNOSIS - Actual diagnosis - 3rd DEGREE HEART BLOCK!



54years Male Caucasian
 Room: A4 Loc: 3 Opt: 23
 Vent. rate 85 bpm
 PR interval 148 ms
 QRS duration 72 ms
 QT/QTc 344/409 ms
 P-R-T axes 61 0 41

*** Age and gender specific ECG analysis ***
 Normal sinus rhythm
 Acute pericarditis
 Abnormal ECG

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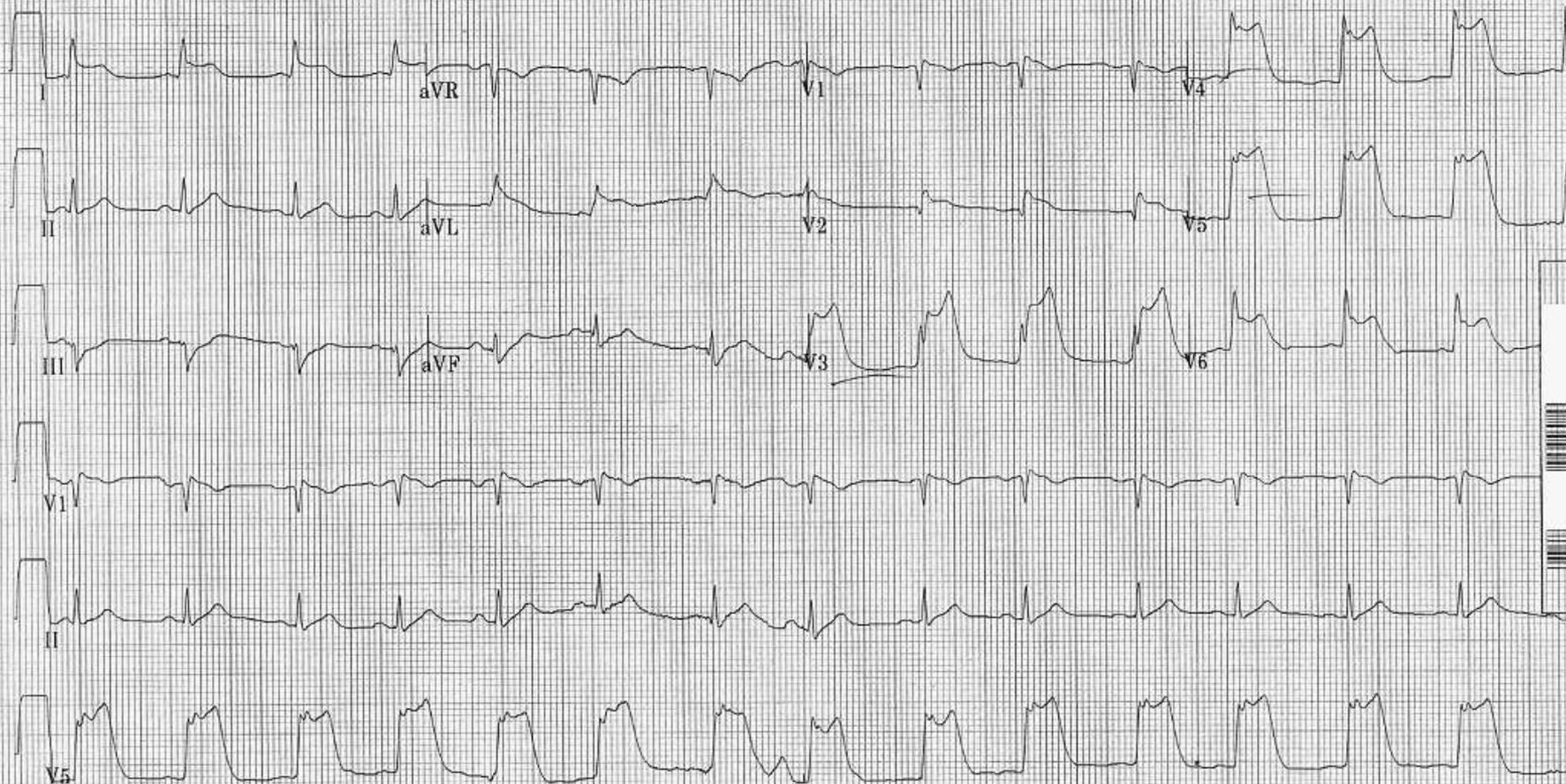
? ACUTE PERICARDITIS ?
.... "YEAH, RIGHT !"

Technician:

Referred by:

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30-Sep-2002 4:04:35

54years
Male Caucasian
Room:
Opt:

Vent. rate 107 bpm
PR interval * ms
QRS duration 162 ms
QT/QTc 342/456 ms
P-R-T axes * 35 131

*** Age and gender specific ECG analysis ***
Atrial fibrillation with rapid ventricular response
Left bundle branch block
Abnormal ECG

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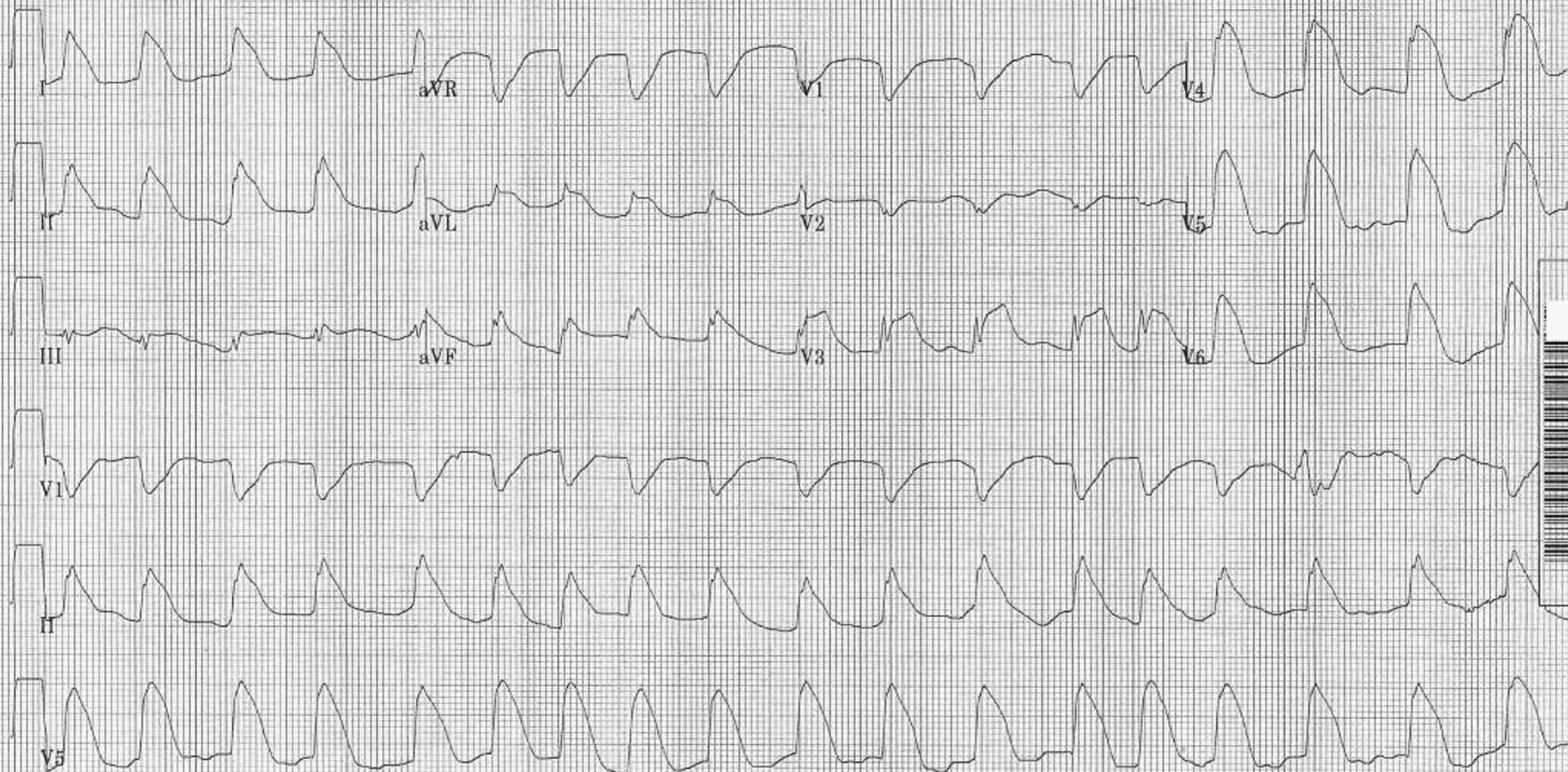
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Oh Really?

DOS:



54years
Male Caucasian
Room:
Opt:

Vent. rate 107 bpm
PR interval * ms
QRS duration 162 ms
QT/QTc 342/456 ms
P-R-T axes * 35 131

*** Age and gender specific ECG analysis ***
Atrial fibrillation with rapid ventricular response
Left bundle branch block
Abnormal ECG

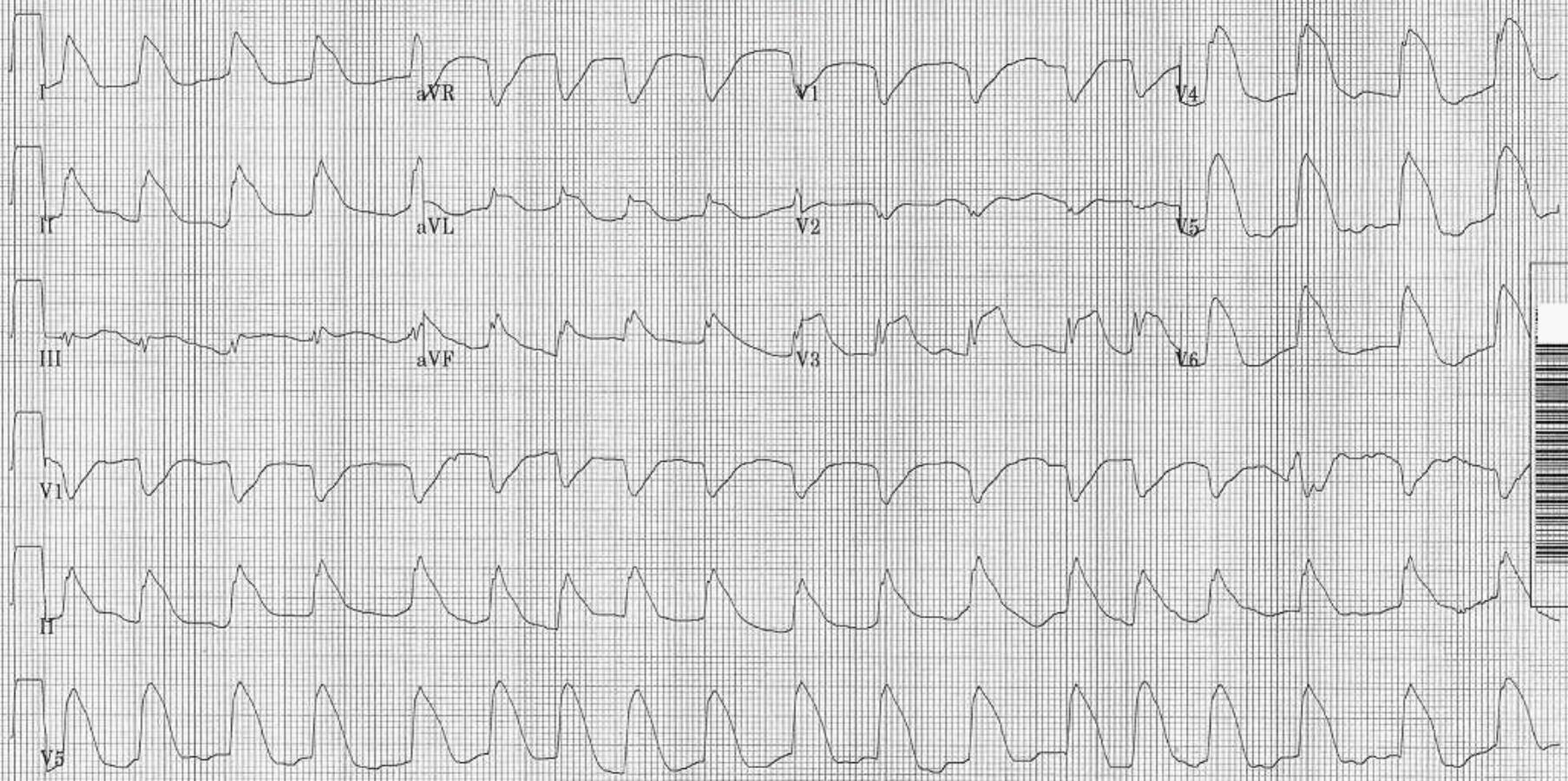
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**ACUTE (MASSIVE) ANTERIOR -INFERIOR-
LATERAL INFARCTION - Total Left Main
Occlusion. Pt. expired minutes \bar{p} EKG recorded.**

firmed

Oh Really?

DOS:





MOM and DAD at Lee's Diner, York, PA 2006