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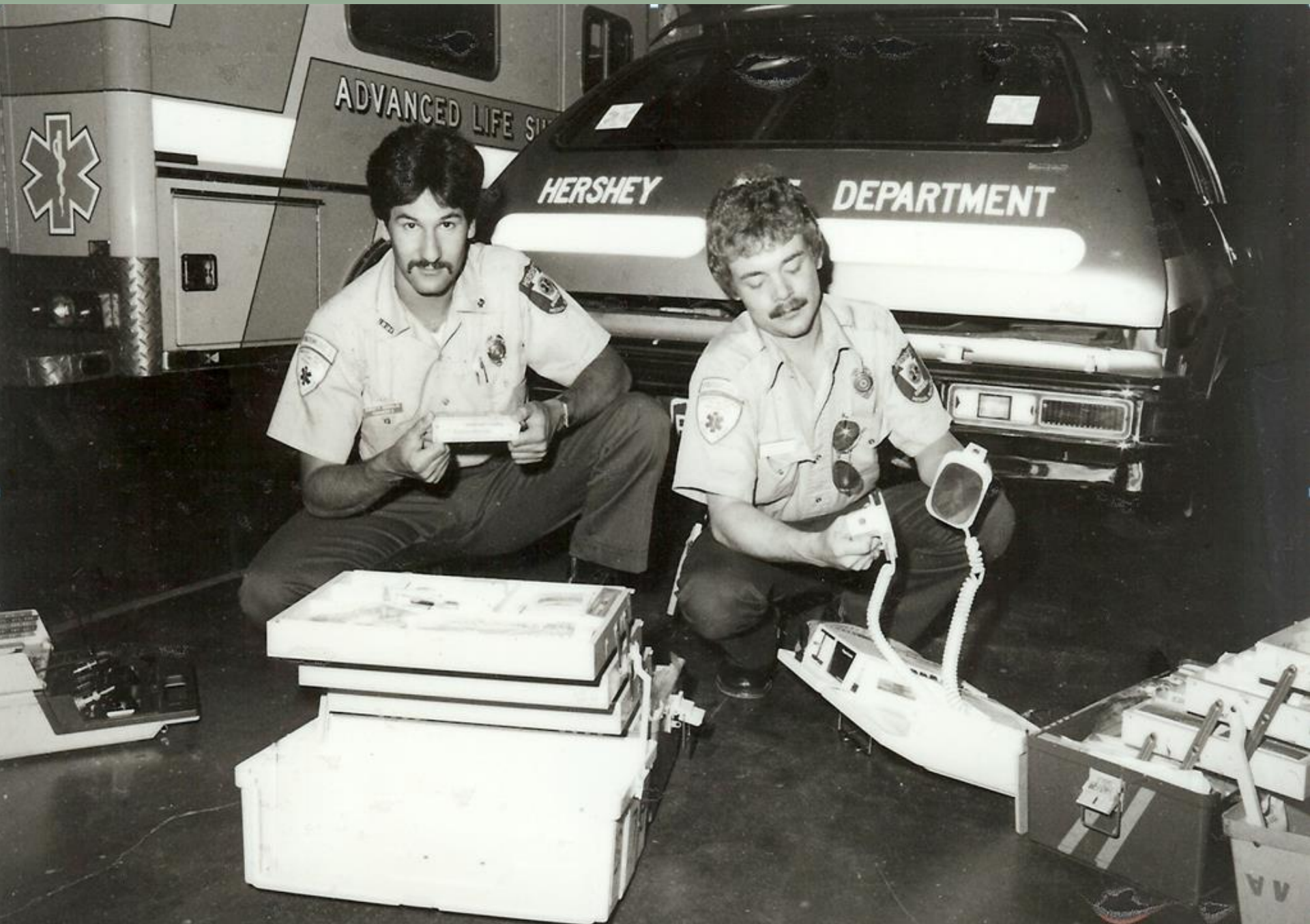


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**Welcome !**





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



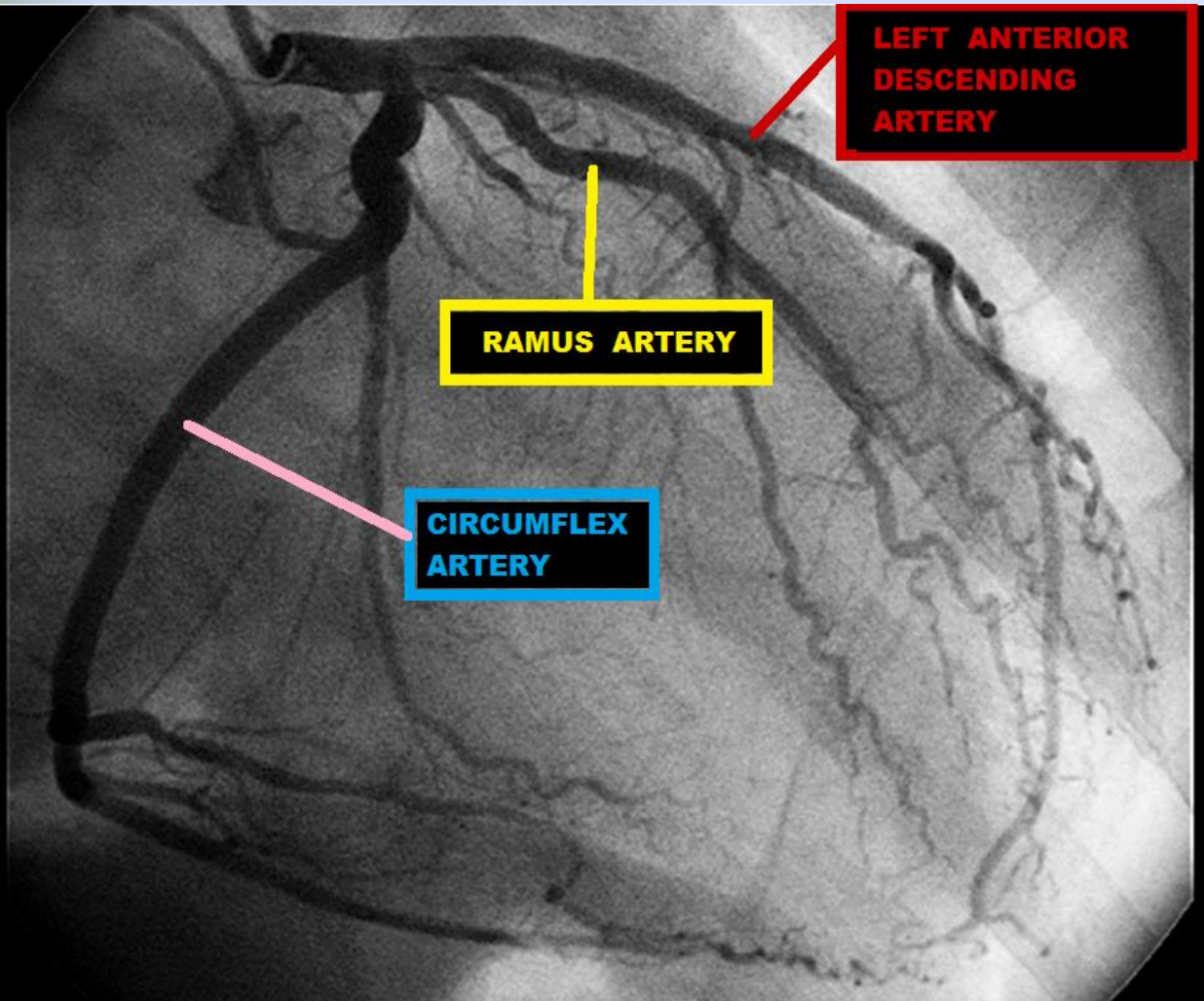
**13,000 – 15,000 EP and Cath Lab cases between 1996 - Today**



**Wayne Ruppert and Dr. James Irwin, St Joseph's Hospital, Tampa, 7/29/2004**

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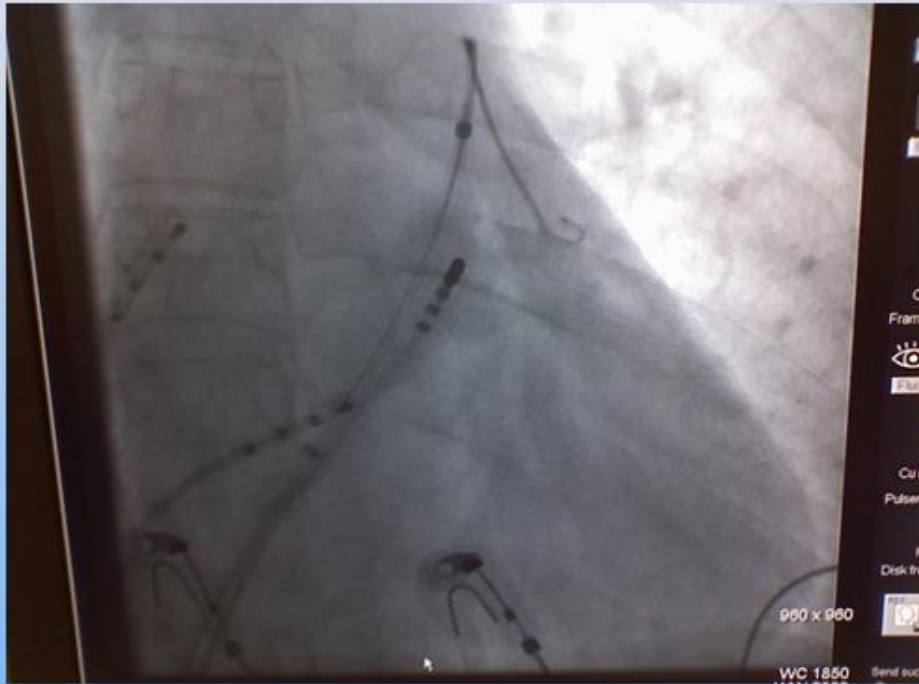
# Cardiac Cath Lab Advantage:



Correlation  
of ECG leads  
with  
SPECIFIC  
cardiac  
anatomic  
structures.



# Electrophysiology Lab Case Studies



EP Catheters within the heart used for obtaining the Electrogram (the “internal ECG”) Tracing and for Pace-mapping, an integral component of an EP study



Author Wayne Ruppert conducting Pace-mapping during EP study at the St Joseph's Hospital Heart Institute, Pediatric Electrophysiology Program, Tampa, FL in 2004



# EP Lab Advantage:



Correlation  
of ECG  
derived  
diagnosis  
with true  
intra-cardiac  
electrogram  
acquired  
diagnosis.

# Wayne Ruppert – Bio:

- 1978 – 1996 EMT-Paramedic
- 1996 – 2012 Interventional Cardiovascular Technologist Cardiac Cath Lab and Electrophysiology Labs
- 2012 – Present Cardiovascular Programs Director / Coordinator

# Wayne Ruppert - Bio:

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- Interventional Cardiovascular / Electrophysiology Technologist, 1995-Present. (Approx 13,000 patients)
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- Author of: “[STEMI Assistant](#),” 2014, TriGen publishing / Ingram Books
- Florida Nursing CE Provider # 50-12998
- 12 Lead ECG Instructor, 1994-present (multiple hospitals, USF College of Medicine 1994)
- ACLS Instructor: 1982 - 2022
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- Two peer reviewed, published textbooks

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**Joseph P. Ornato, MD, FACP, FACC, FACEP**

- Professor and Chairman, Department of Emergency Medicine  
Medical College of Virginia/Virginia Commonwealth University  
- Medical Director, Richmond Ambulance Authority,  
Richmond, Virginia

*"This book integrates academic ECG principles with real-world clinical practice by incorporation of well chosen cath lab case studies into its curriculum. This combination lets readers see patients and their ECGs through the eyes of an experienced cath lab Interventionalist, and provides a balanced approach to patient evaluation that compensates for the ECGs inherent lack of sensitivity and specificity. I highly recommend this book for all Emergency Medicine and Cardiology Fellows. For experienced clinicians, it's a superb review."*

**Humberto Coto, MD, FACP, FACC**

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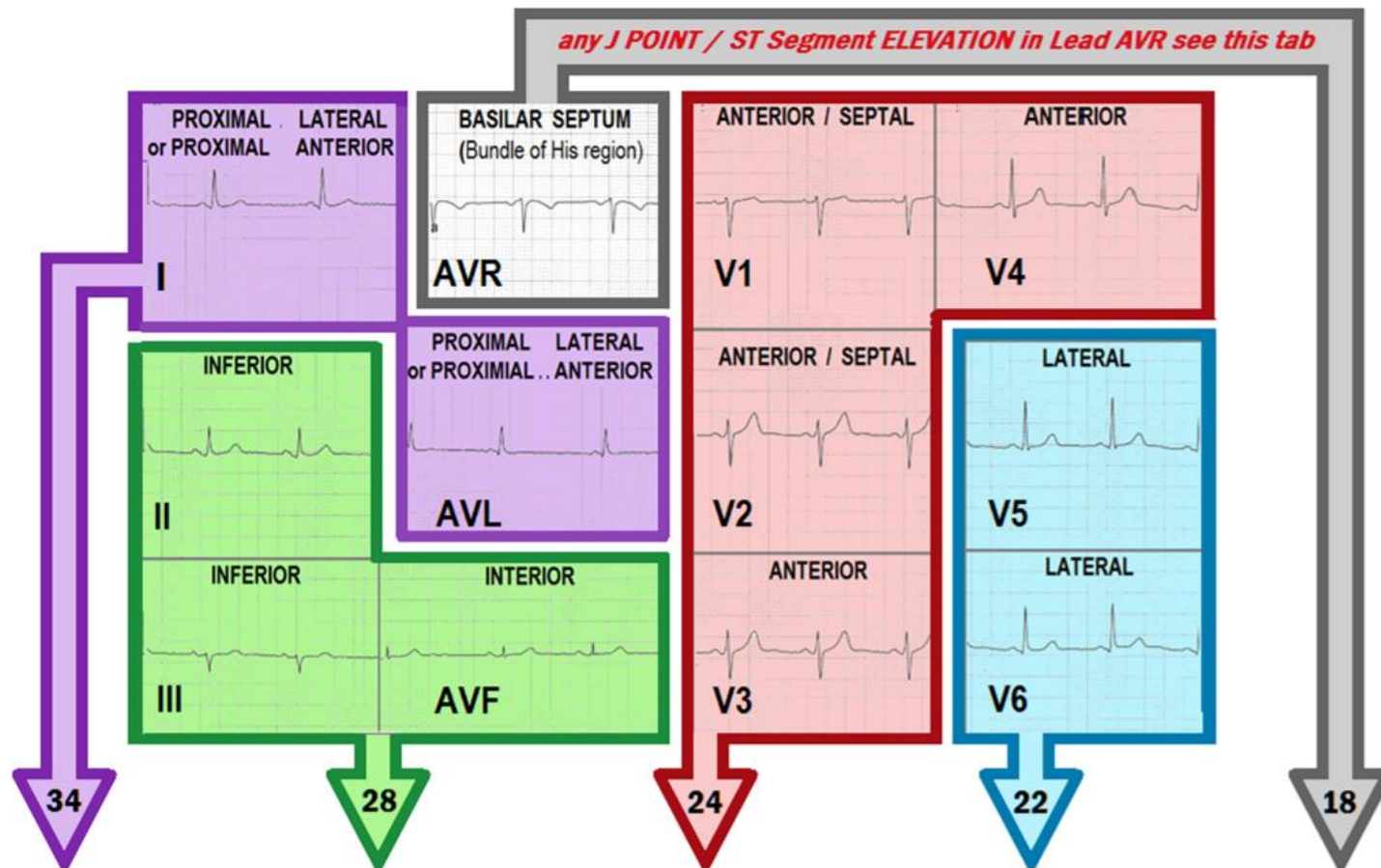
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UNIVERSAL ACS PATIENT MANAGEMENT ALGORITHM

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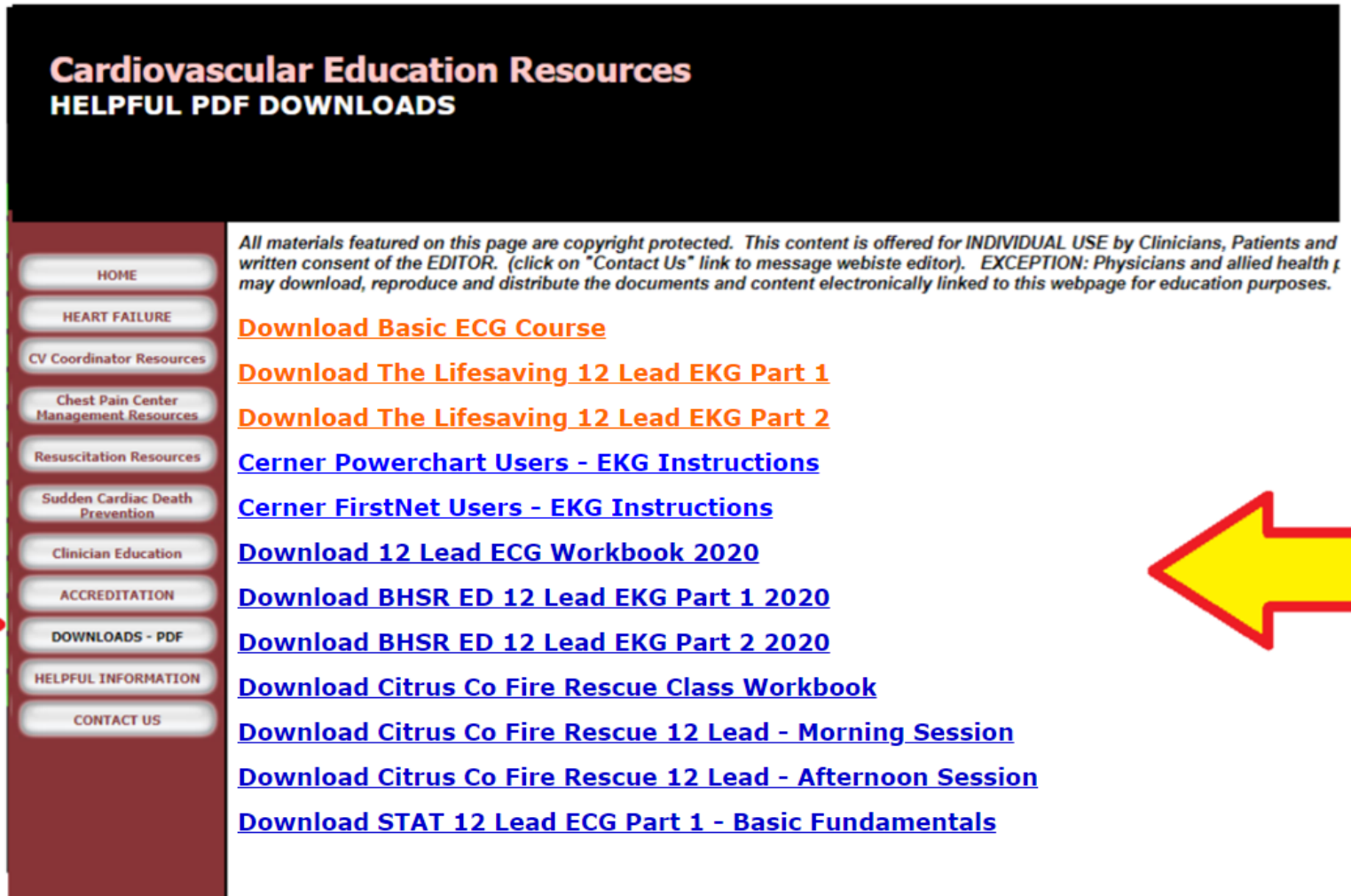
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**PATIENTS:** This website provides resource to help patients and their families to better understand and cope with their in the near future. We only provide materials supported by the latest evidence-based research, as well as providing I

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- American Heart Association
- Heart Failure Society of America
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- Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes (SADS) Foundation \*

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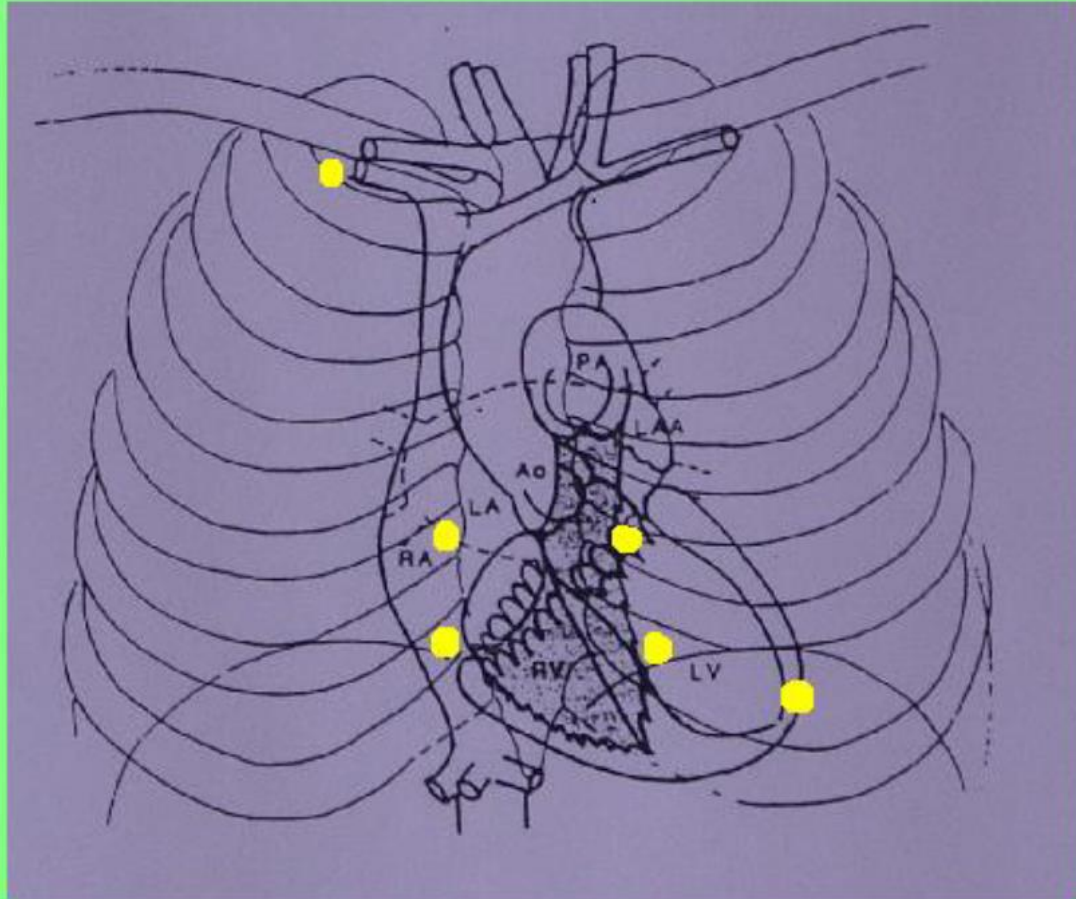
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# HEART SOUNDS ASSESSMENT



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# **VERY** BASIC HEART SOUNDS ASSESSMENT

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- ❑ **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.

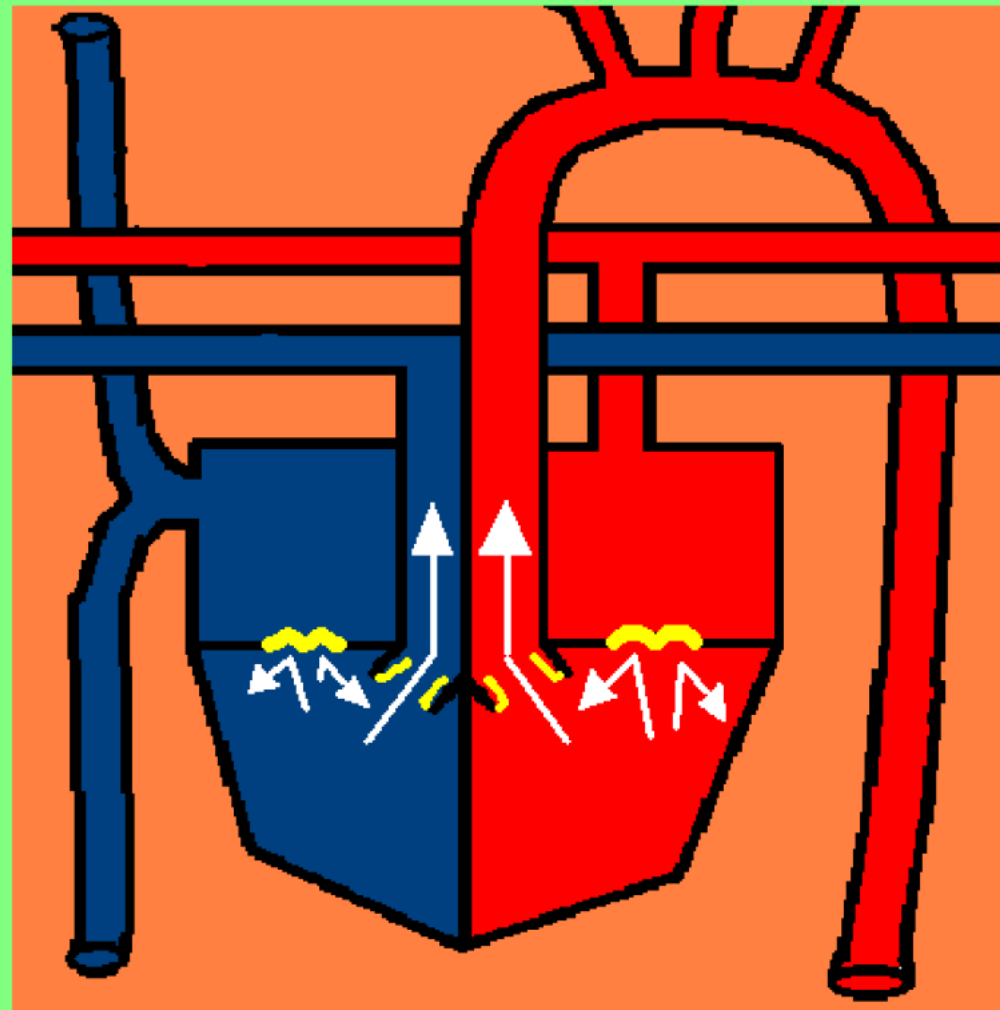
THERE ARE TWO NORMAL HEART SOUNDS,  
KNOWN AS: S-1 and S-2

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

# HEART SOUNDS ASSESSMENT

S-1  
BEGINNING  
OF  
SYSTOLE.

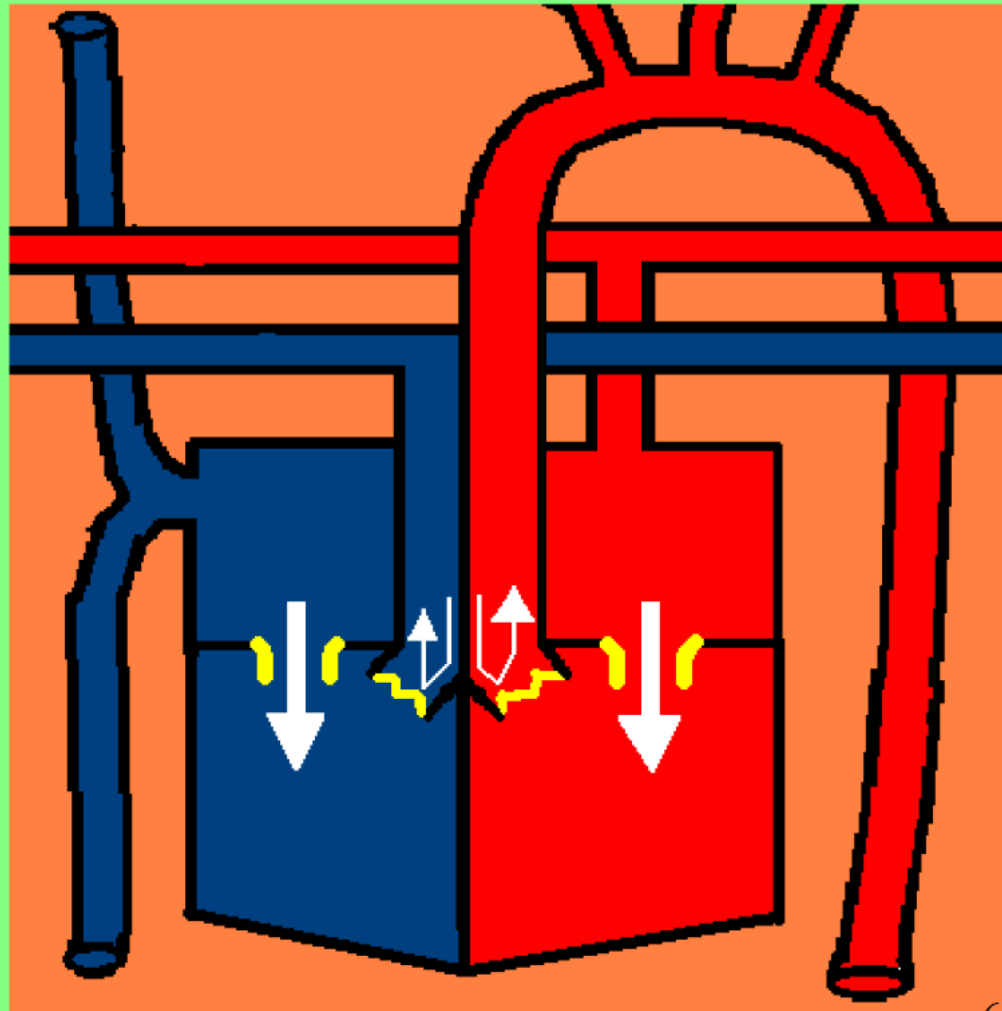
SOUND OF  
THE  
MITRAL  
AND  
TRICUSPID  
VALVES  
CLOSING.



# 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.



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

**S-1 MURMUR SOUNDS LIKE:**

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

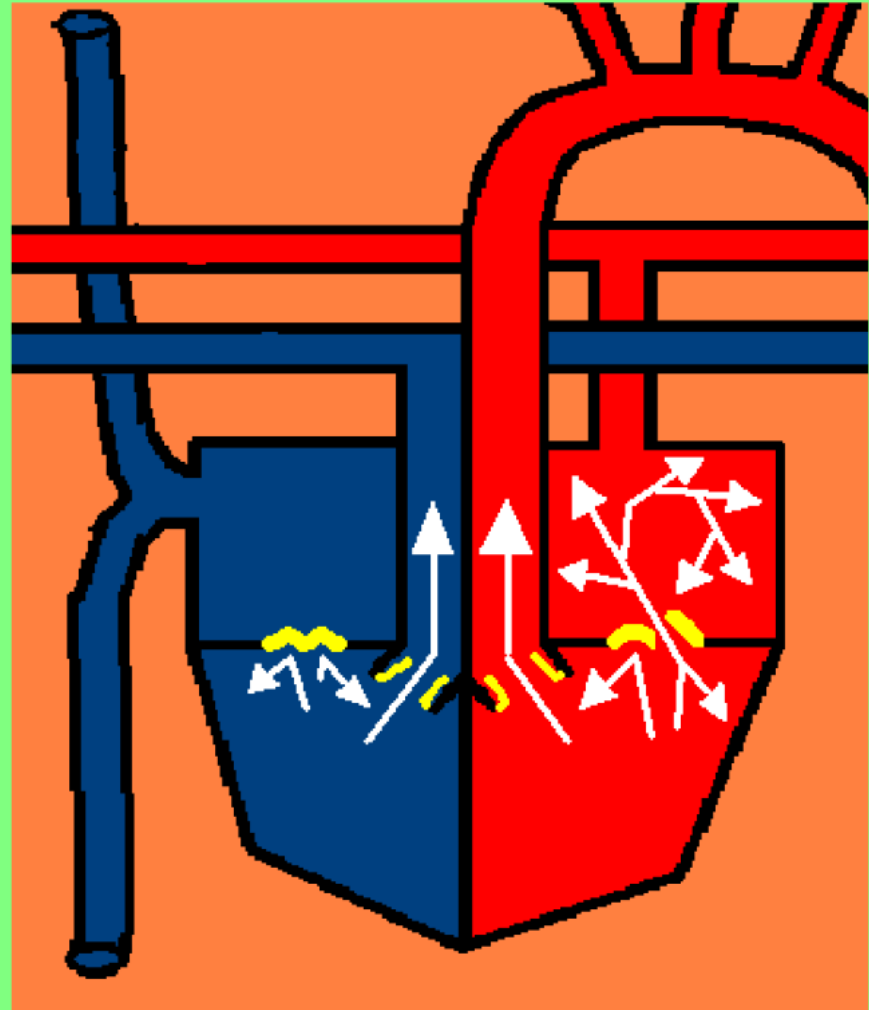




# CAUSE OF SYSTOLIC (S 1) MURMUR

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- ❑ **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).**

**ACUTE Mitral Valve  
REGURGITATION can be caused by  
EXTENSIVE “Multi-Site” Myocardial  
Infarction and Necrosis – which  
results in PAPILLARY MUSCLE  
NECROSIS and PAPILLARY  
MUSCLE TEAR.**

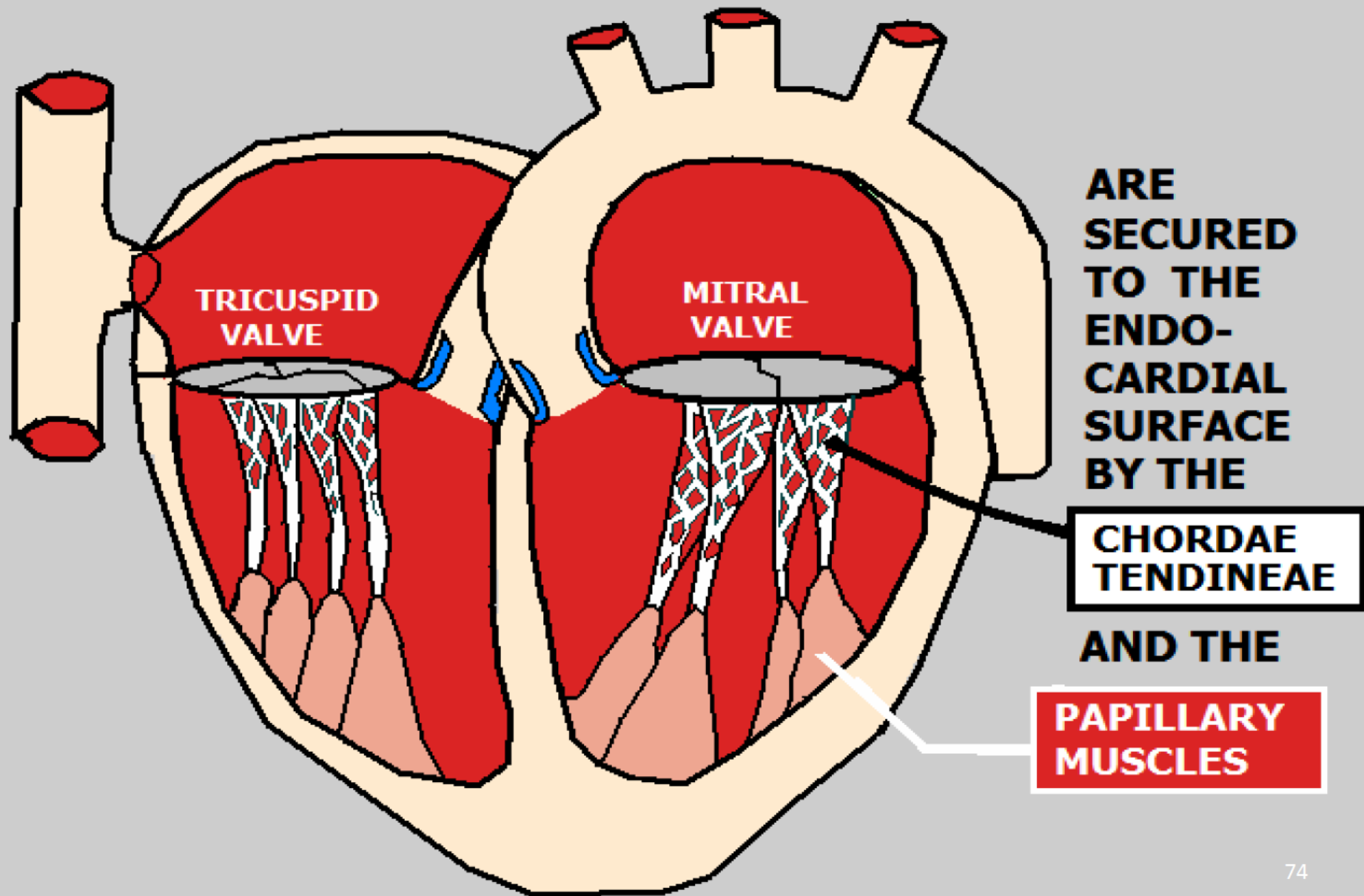
**Papillary muscles are attached to  
“multiple surfaces” . . . . .**

# **A Common Cause of ACUTE MITRAL REGURGITATION is:**

**“Patients who are 7-10 days POST-EXTENSIVE MI,” in cases where the “zone of infarction” is large (e.g. “inferior-posterior-lateral”) and there was a delay in PCI resulting in large zone of necrosis.**

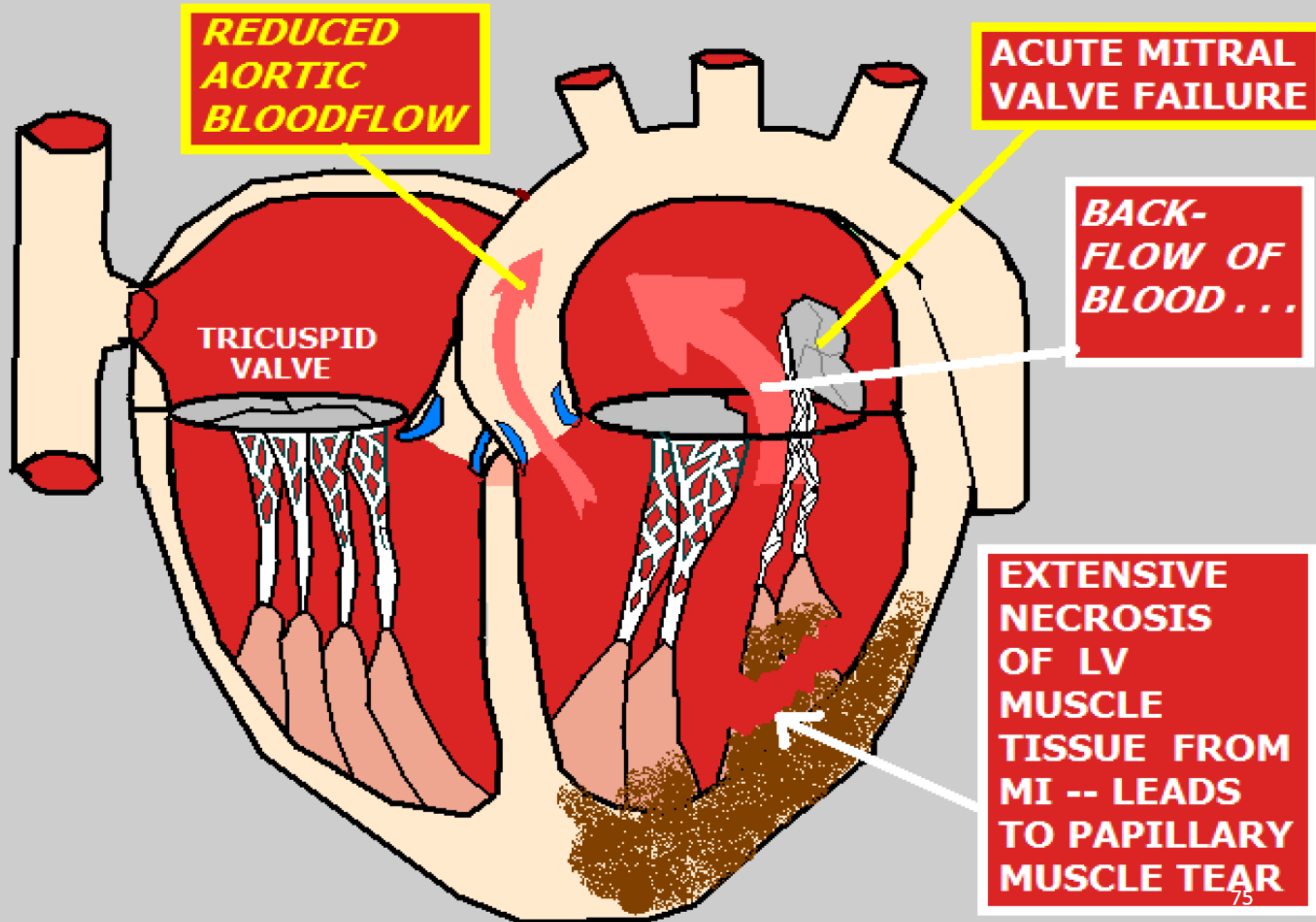


# ATRIO-VENTRICULAR VALVES



# ACUTE MITRAL REGURGITATION

DURING VENTRICULAR SYSTOLE



# Symptoms of Acute Mitral Regurgitation

- SHOCK
- PROFOUND HYPOTENSION
- PINK, FROTHY SPUTUM
- PULMONARY EDEMA
- SYSTOLIC (S1) MURMUR

*“SWOOSH – DUB.....SWOOSH – DUB.....SWOOSH – DUB...”*

# BASIC HEART SOUNDS ASSESSMENT

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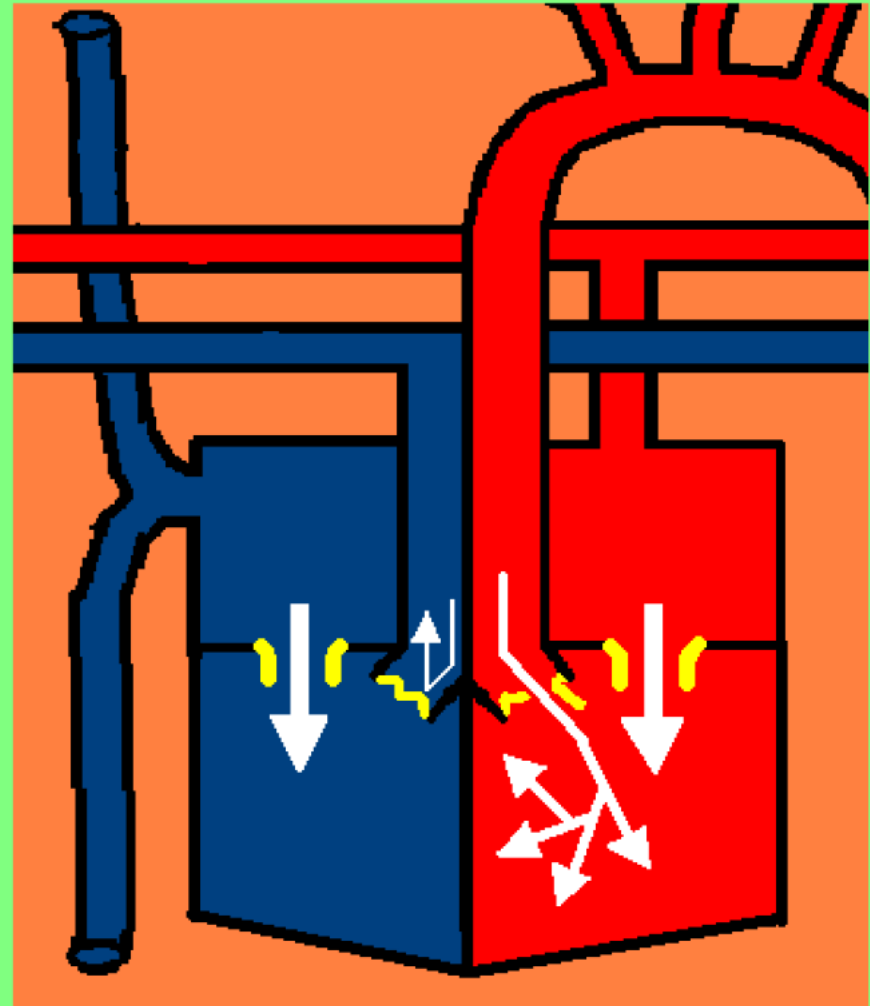
**"LUB-SWOOSH . . . . LUB-SWOOSH  
. . . .LUB-SWOOSH . . . . LUB-  
SWOOSH . . . "**



# CAUSE OF DIASTOLIC ( $S_2$ ) MURMUR

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



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[Heart Sound Simulator](#)

# Integrated ECG:

*PATIENT'S HEMODYNAMIC STATUS*

+

*SYMPTOMS*

+

*ECG*

# Integrated ECG:

- HEMODYNAMIC STATUS
  - ABCs
  - Shock
- SYMPTOMS
  - Chest Pain / Pressure
  - Other ACS Symptoms
- ECG
  - 12 Lead
  - Single Lead “rhythm strip”

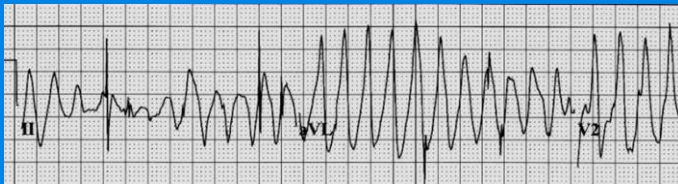
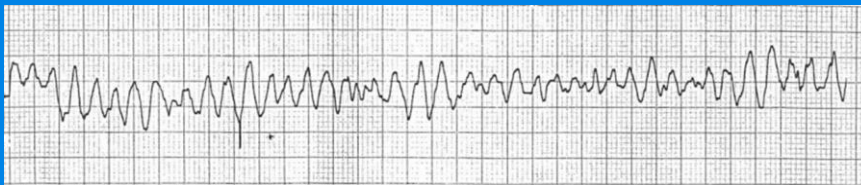
# Integrated ECG:

- HEMODYNAMIC STATUS
  - ABCs (Airway open? + Breathing? + Pulse?)



# If there is **NO PULSE** . . . .

- **Start CPR**
- **Apply ECG** – determine rhythm- shockable?
  - **SHOCKABLE:** V-fib / V-tach / Torsades



Defib 120-200 BiPhasic

- IV Access
- Advanced Airway

Defib 120-200 or HIGHER

- Epinephrine 1mg IV

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- Amiodarone 300mg - OR –  
Lidocaine 1.0 -1.5 mg/kg

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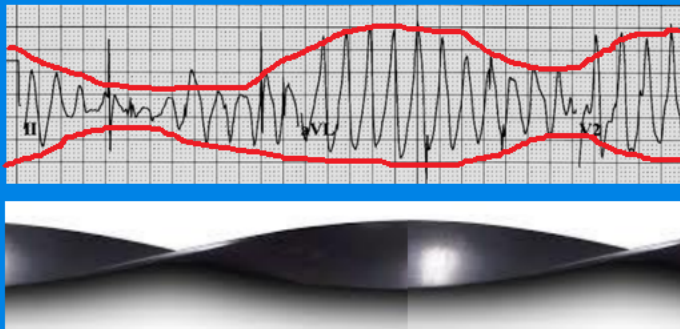
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**Torsades de Pointes . . . the QRS pattern resembles a "TWISTED RIBBON" . . . .**



**CONSIDER using Lidocaine in place of Amiodarone due to the increased possibility of QT PROLONGATION . . .**

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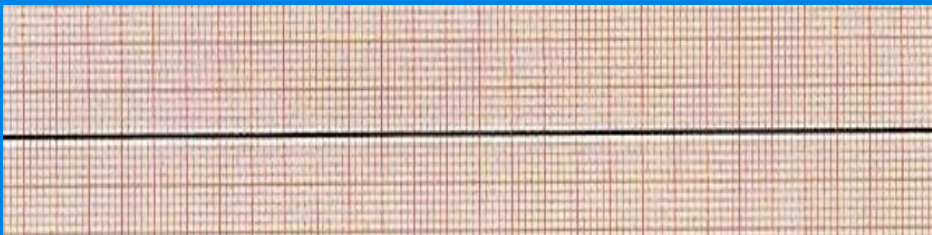
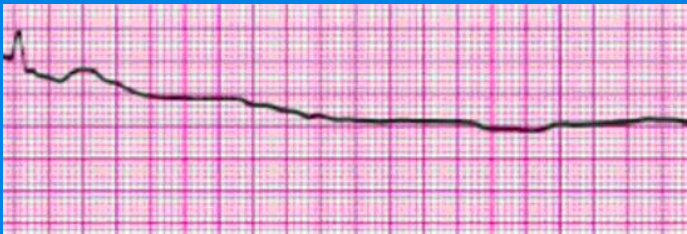
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- Rule out reversible causes
- CONTINUE as per ACLS....

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if the patient  
**HAS A PULSE** with  
**AGONAL COMPLEXES . . . .**  
**IMMEDIATELY BEGIN TRANSCUTANEOUS**  
**PACING -**  
*you will probably save the patient's life !*

- Continue CPR
- IV/IO Access
- Advanced Airway
- Epinephrine 1mg IV
- Rule out reversible causes
- CONTINUE as per ACLS....

# Integrated ECG:

- HEMODYNAMIC STATUS
  - ABCs
  - Shock Assessment



# SHOCK ASSESSMENT





SECONDS

SHOCK =

INADEQUATE TISSUE  
PERFUSION

- STARTS THE INSTANT YOU SEE PATIENT
- ENDS WHEN YOU REACH THE PATIENT'S SIDE

# SHOCK ASSESSMENT

LOC:	ANXIOUS RESTLESS LETHARGIC UNCONSCIOUS	AWAKE ALERT & ORIENTED
SKIN:	PALE / ASHEN CYANOTIC COOL DIAPHORETIC	NORMAL HUE WARM DRY
BREATHING:	TACHYPNEA	NORMAL
PULSE:	WEAK / THREADY TOO FAST or SLOW	STRONG
STATUS:	 <b>SHOCK</b> 	<b>NORMAL</b>

***SHOCK***  
*is*  
***THE***  
***CORRIDOR***  
***TO***  
***DEATH***

# SHOCK – FIND CAUSE . . .

- HYPOVOLEMIC (internal or external bleeding)
- OBSTRUCTIVE (PE / tamponade)
- PSYCHOGENIC (sudden fear – self-correcting)
- NEUROLOGICAL (spinal injury)
- INSULIN (hypoglycemia)
- SEPTIC (systemic infection)
- **CARDIOGENIC ( abnormal heart rate or contractility)**

# Actions at the Scene:

- Vital signs
- ECG
- Verbal history
- O2 (if indicated)
- IV (if indicated)



# THE EKG MACHINE

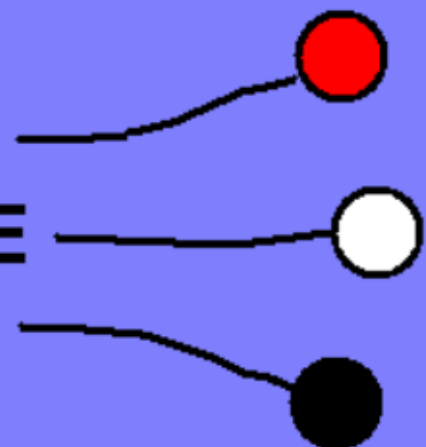
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( 6 CHEST and 4 LIMB )

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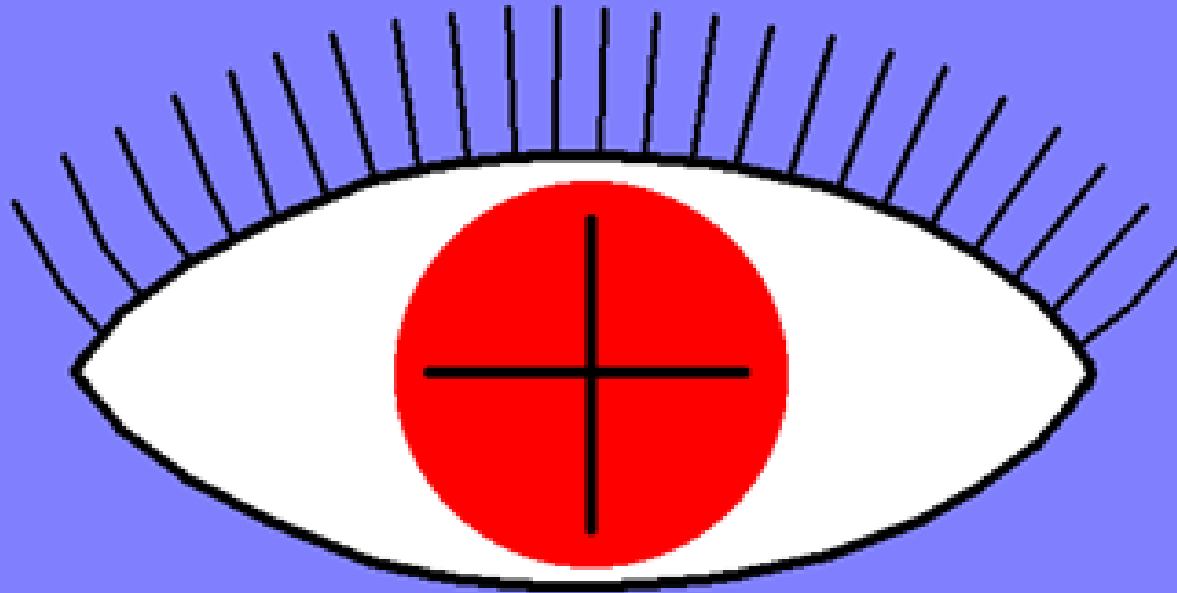
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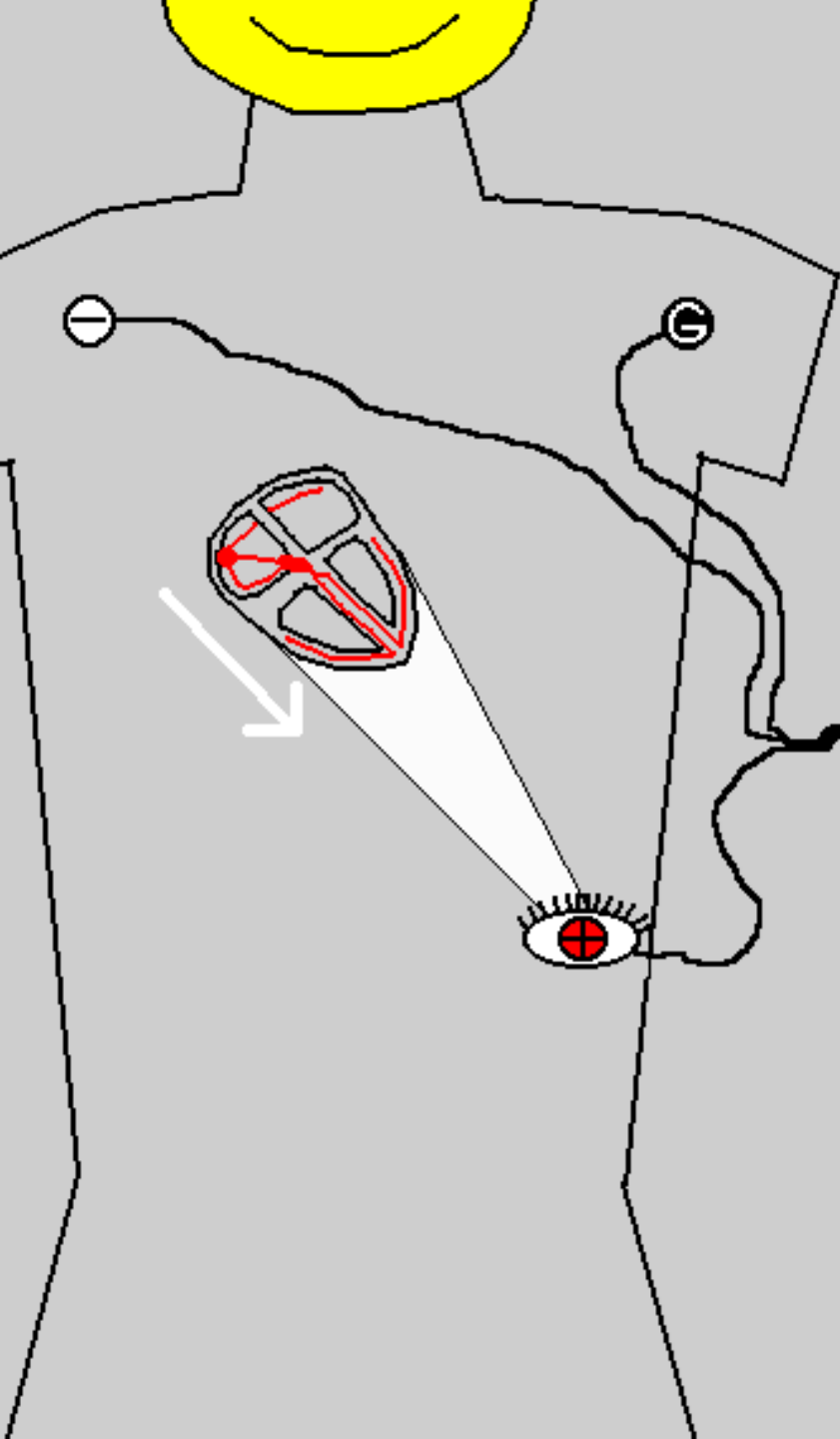
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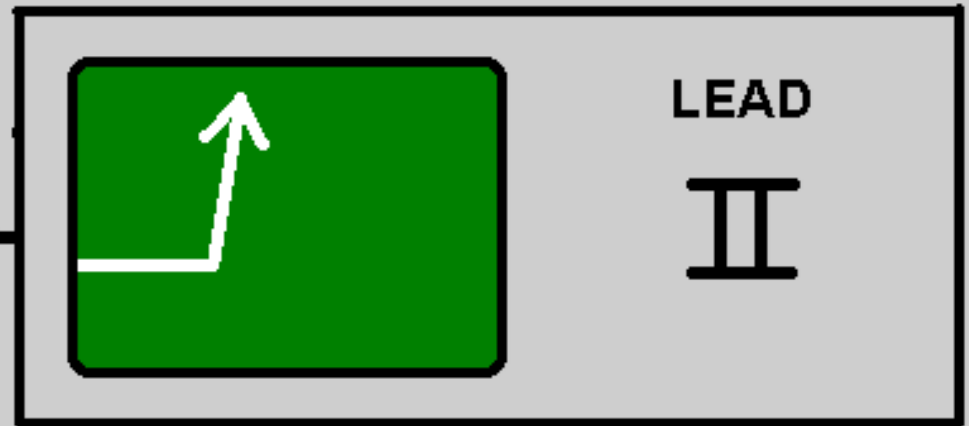
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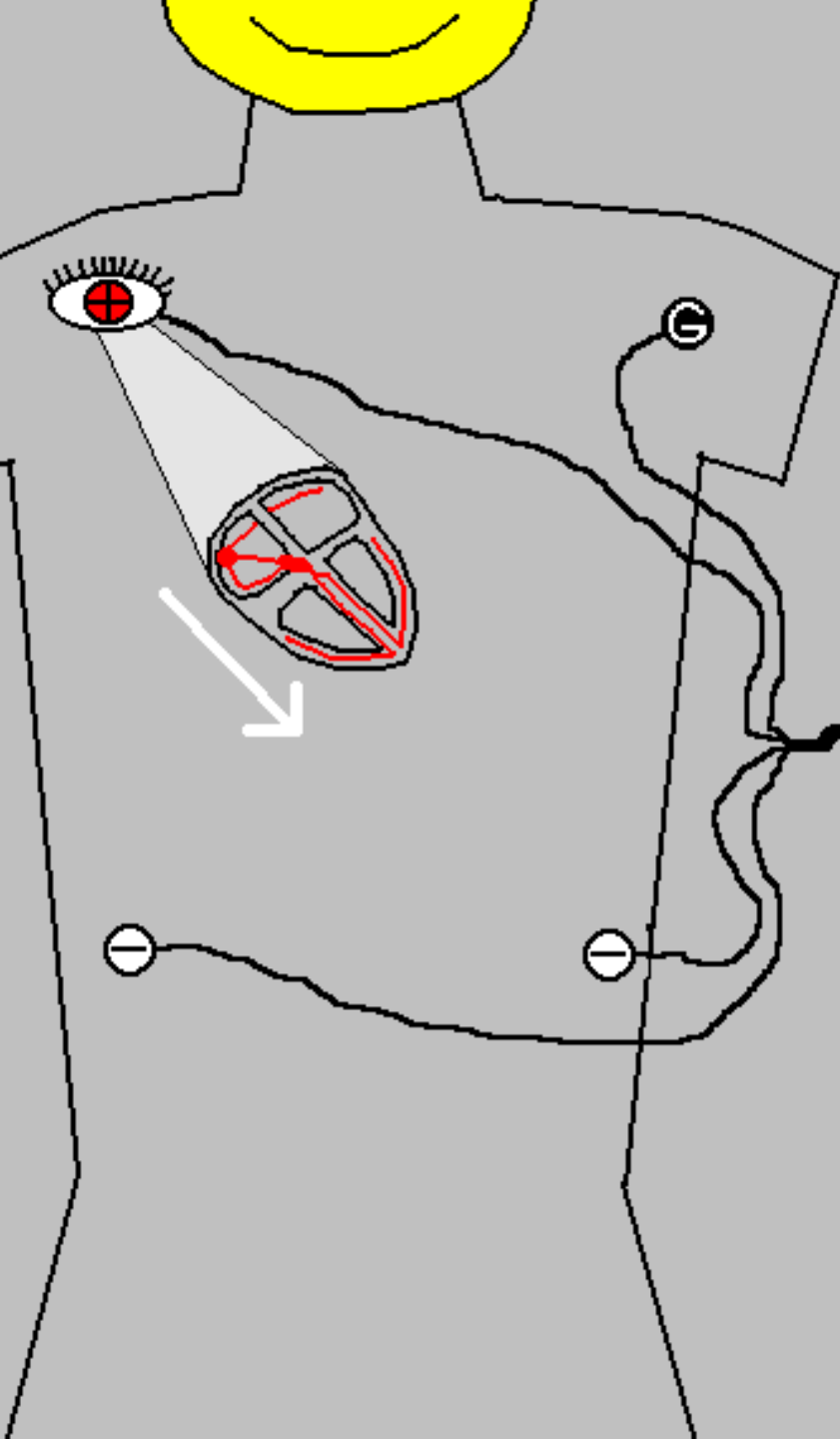
## IS THE "EYE" . . .



**CURRENT MOVING  
TOWARD THE EYE  
(POSITIVE ELECTRODE)**



**RECORDS AN  
"UPWARD"  
DEFLECTION**



**CURRENT MOVING  
AWAY FROM  
THE EYE  
( POSITIVE ELECTRODE )**



**RECORDS A  
"DOWNWARD"  
DEFLECTION**

# CARDIOGENIC SHOCK

- Heart Rate:
  - Should be between 50 – 150



# CARDIOGENIC SHOCK

- Heart Rate:
  - Should be between 50 – 150

DECREASED CARDIAC OUTPUT may be present when heart rate is:

- LESS THAN 50
- GREATER THAN 150

# CARDIOGENIC SHOCK

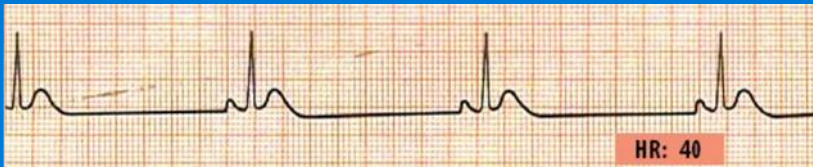
- Heart Rate

- **TOO SLOW (less than 50) with signs of shock:**



***SPEED UP THE HEART RATE***

(follow ACLS and Protocols)



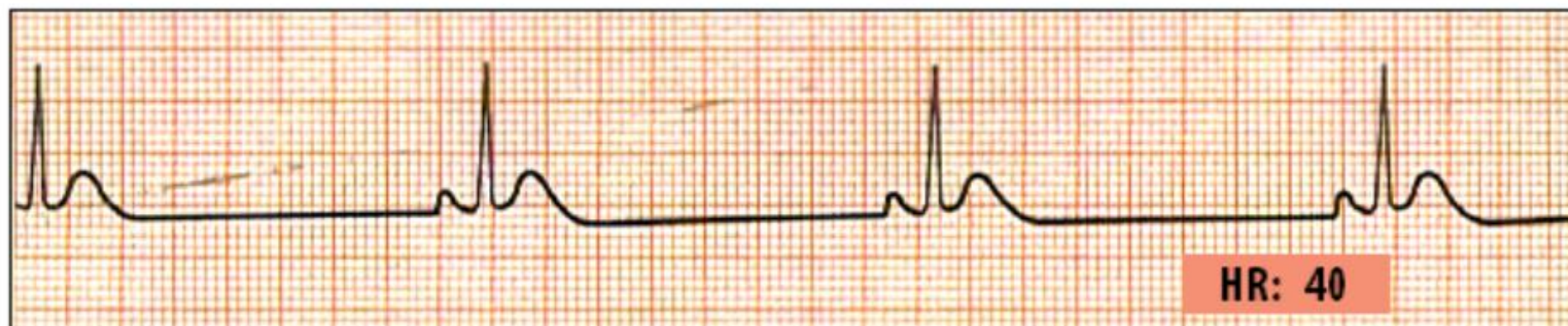
Usual treatment:

- Atropine
- Pacemaker

# Bradycardias & Heart Block

- There are several ECG Rhythms seen with “BRADYCARDIA”
- While you should be able to distinguish each rhythm, what is MORE IMPORTANT is that you simply “identify when the heart rate being TOO SLOW is causing the patient to be symptomatic (SHOCK) . . . .and that you. . .
- KNOW how to treat it.

# THIS RHYTHM IS: SINUS BRADYCARDIA



## WE MUST CONSIDER UNDERLYING CAUSES:

INCREASED VAGAL TONE	—————→
BLOCKED SA NODAL ARTERY (INFERIOR WALL MI)	—————→
ELECTROLYTE IMBAL. (K <sup>+</sup> )	—————→
HYPOTHERMIA	—————→
ORGANOPHOSPHATE POISONING	—————→
ATHLETIC METABOLISM (excellent health !)	—————→

## AND TREAT THEM:

ATROPINE
CARDIAC CATH - PTCA / STENT
THROMBOLYTICS
CORRECT ELECTROLYTES
WARM PATIENT
ATROPINE
COMPLIMENT PATIENT!

# THIS RHYTHM IS: FIRST DEGREE HEART BLOCK

280 mSEC



MAIN IDENTIFICATION CHARACTERISTIC(S): **P - R INTERVAL TOO LONG -  
(GREATER THAN 200 mSEC.)**

RATE	NORMAL
RHYTHM	REGULAR
P-R INTERVAL	<b>&gt; 200 mSEC.</b>
P: QRS RATIO	1:1
QRS INTERVAL	NORMAL



**P : QRS RATIO**  
**IF GREATER THAN 1 : 1**

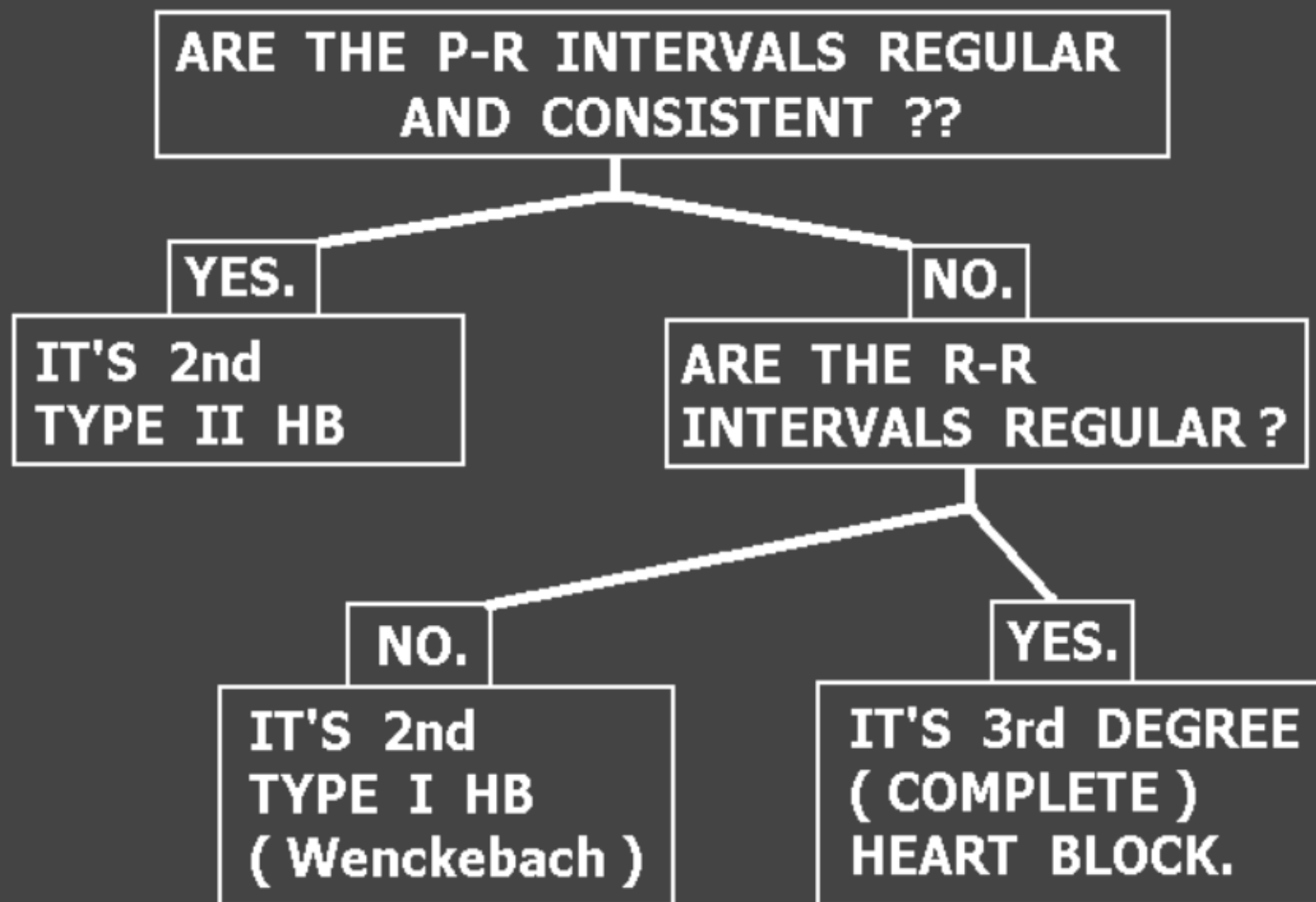
**THINK:**

- **2° HEART BLOCK**  
**( TYPE 1 or 2 )**
- **3° HEART BLOCK**



# DIAGNOSING 2nd and 3rd DEGREE HEART BLOCK

**MORE P-WAVES THAN QRS COMPLEXES PRESENT.**

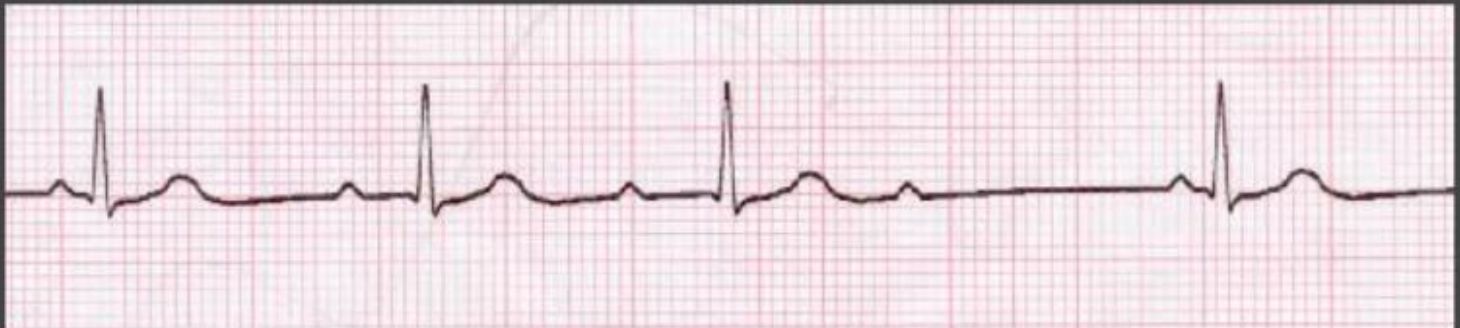


# LET'S TEST THE PROCEDURE . . .

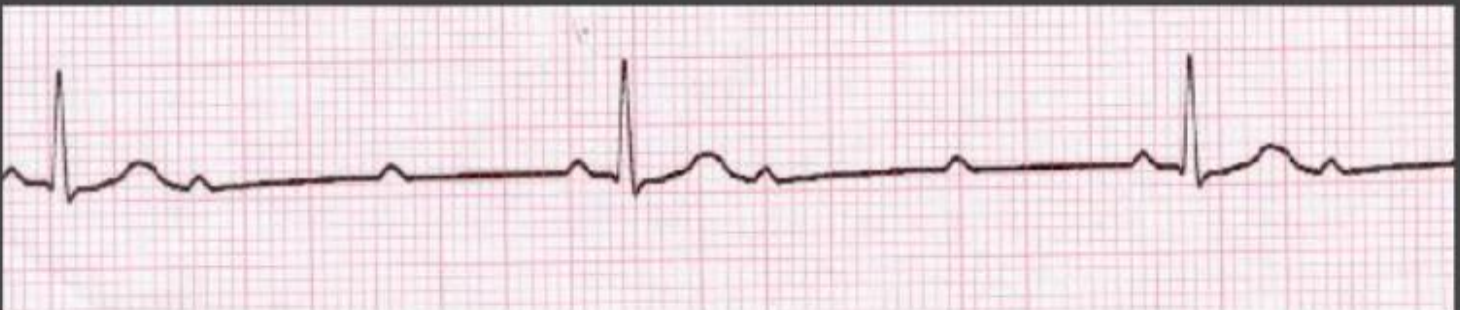
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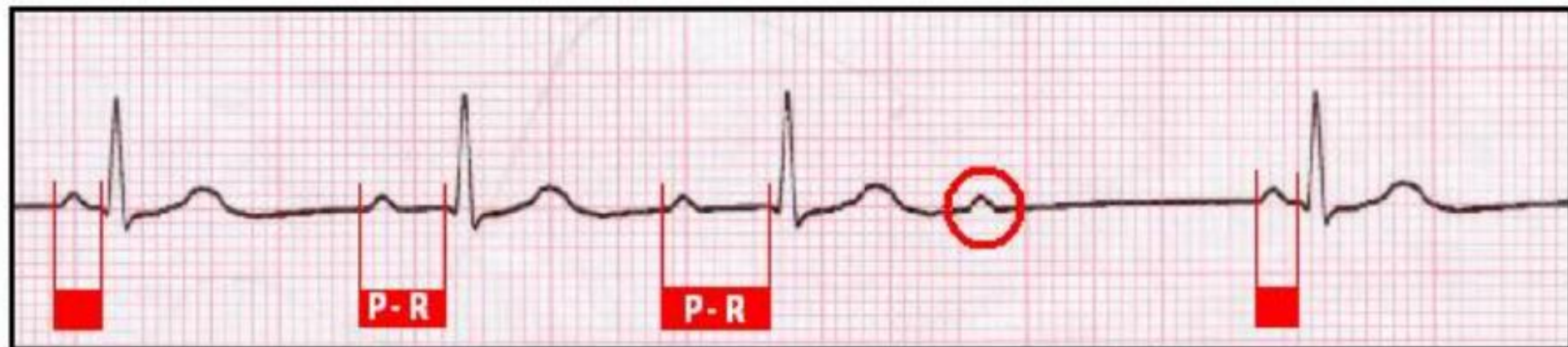
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# THIS RHYTHM IS: 2<sup>nd</sup>° TYPE I HB (Wenckebach)

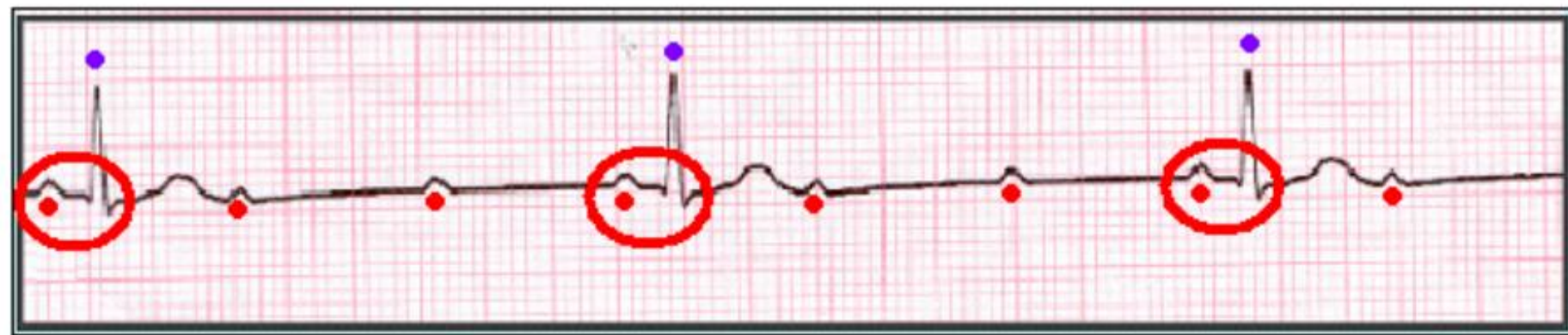


MAIN IDENTIFICATION CHARACTERISTIC(S): **P - R INTERVAL GETS PROGRESSIVELY LONGER UNTIL IT DROPS A QRS – THEN CYCLE REPEATS**

RATE —————	<b>NORMAL or BRADYCARDIC</b>
RHYTHM —————	<b>REGULARLY IRREGULAR</b>
P-R INTERVAL ———	<b>VARIES (regularly irregular)</b>
P: QRS RATIO ———	<b>VARIES (usually 1:1 and 2:1)</b>
QRS INTERVAL ———	<b>NORMAL</b>



# THIS RHYTHM IS: 2nd<sup>0</sup> TYPE II HEART BLOCK



MAIN IDENTIFICATION CHARACTERISTIC(S): **MORE THAN ONE P WAVE FOR EACH QRS – BUT EVERY QRS HAS A NORMAL, CONSISTENT P - R INTERVAL**

RATE	USUALLY BRADYCARDIC
RHYTHM	USUALLY REGULAR (can be irregular)
P-R INTERVAL	<b>NORMAL and CONSISTENT</b>
P: QRS RATIO	<b><math>\geq 2:1</math></b>
QRS INTERVAL	NORMAL

## THIS RHYTHM IS: 3rd<sup>0</sup> HB $\bar{c}$ JUNCTIONAL ESCAPE



**MAIN IDENTIFICATION CHARACTERISTIC(S): P - R INTERVAL INCOSISTENT, P - P INTERVALS REGULAR, R - R INTERVALS REGULAR-- NO RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN P WAVES AND QRS COMPLEXES.**

RATE -----	USUALLY BRADYCARDIC (40 -60 JUNCTIONAL RATE)
RHYTHM -----	REGULAR
P-R INTERVAL ----	INCONSISTENT (irregularly irregular)
P: QRS RATIO ----	VARIES - USUALLY > 2 : 1
QRS INTERVAL ----	NORMAL (< 120 ms) UNLESS PT HAS BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK



## THIS RHYTHM IS: 3rd<sup>0</sup> HB $\bar{c}$ IDIOVENTRICULAR ESCAPE



MAIN IDENTIFICATION CHARACTERISTIC(S): **P - R INTERVALS INCONSISTENT**  
**P - P INTERVALS REGULAR, R - R INTERVALS REGULAR. NO**  
**RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN P WAVES AND QRS COMPLEXES. QRS**  
**COMPLEXES are WIDER THAN 120ms, AND OF SLOW VENTRICULAR**  
**RATE (usually < 40)**

RATE —————	USUALLY BRADYCARDIC (< 40 VENTRICULAR RATE)
RHYTHM —————	REGULAR
P-R INTERVAL ———	INCONSISTENT (irregularly irregular)
P:QRS RATIO ———	VARIES - USUALLY > 2:1
QRS INTERVAL ———	WIDER THAN 120 ms





???

# THIS RHYTHM IS: JUNCTIONAL RHYTHM



**MAIN IDENTIFICATION CHARACTERISTIC(S):** P WAVES ABSENT, or LOCATED JUST AFTER QRS (in S-Tseg) or JUST BEFORE QRS (short P-R). WHEN P wave

seen, it is INVERTED (upside-down).

- HR USUALLY 40 -60

RATE ————— 40 -60

RHYTHM ————— REGULAR

P-R INTERVAL ——— ABSENT or SHORT

P:QRS RATIO ——— 1:1

QRS INTERVAL ——— NORMAL

# CARDIOGENIC SHOCK

- Heart Rate
  - **TOO FAST** (greater than 150) with signs of shock:
  - ☞ ***SLOW the heart rate***
  - (follow ACLS and Protocols)



Usual treatment:  
- Synchronized  
Cardioversion

# Tachycardias

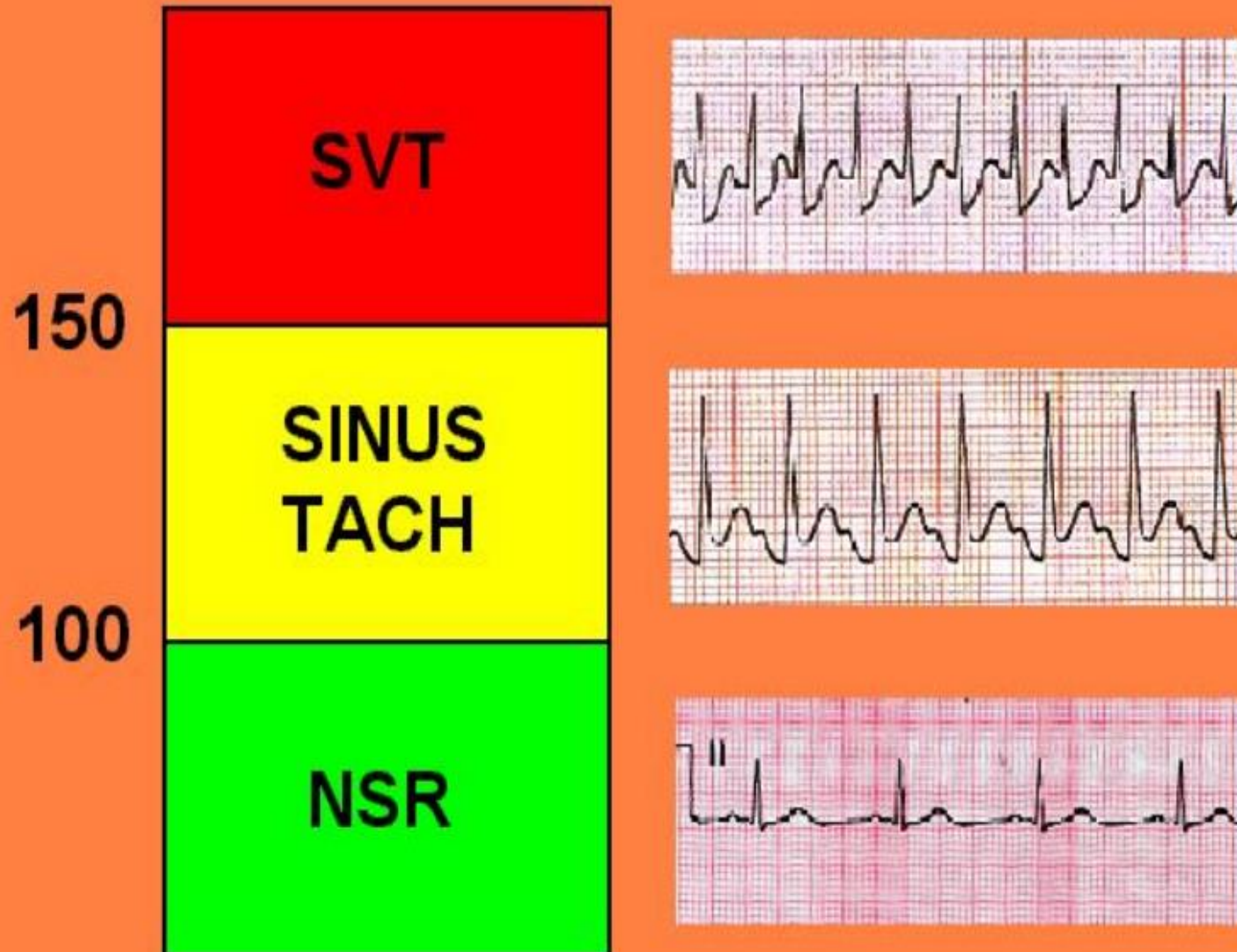
- Is the patient STABLE or UNSTABLE?
- QRS narrow or wide ???
  - Narrow = “not greater than 120 ms” (3 mm)
  - Wide = “greater than 120 ms (3 mm)

# ALL UNSTABLE TACHYCARDIAS:

- SYNCHRONIZED CARDIOVERSION
  - As per agency PROTOCOL and/or ACLS
  - NARROW tachycardias = less initial energy
  - WIDE QRS tachycardias AND A-fib RVR = higher initial energy



# ACLS TACHYCARDIA GUIDELINES



# THIS RHYTHM IS: SINUS TACHYCARDIA



MAIN IDENTIFICATION CHARACTERISTIC(S): **SINUS RHYTHM, RATE HIGHER THAN 100. (ACLS guidelines: heart rate 100 - 150 )**

RATE ————— **100 - 150 ( can be > 150 )**

RHYTHM ————— **REGULAR**

P-R INTERVAL ——— **NORMAL ( 120 - 200 ms )**

P: QRS RATIO ——— **1 : 1**

QRS INTERVAL ——— **NORMAL ( < 120 ms ), ( unless Bundle Branch Block present )**



# THIS RHYTHM IS: SINUS TACHYCARDIA



## **WE MUST CONSIDER UNDERLYING CAUSES:**

## **AND TREAT THEM:**

**ANXIETY / FEAR**



**CALM PATIENT**

**HYPOVOLEMIA**

**DEHYDRATION**



**FLUIDS**

**BLOOD LOSS**



**STOP BLEEDING**

**MEDICATION EFFECTS**



**CONSIDER MEDICAL Tx**

**OTHER ILLNESS**



**IDENTIFY & Tx DISORDER**

## RHYTHM CLUES . . . .



**SUPRAVENTRICULAR TACHYCARDIA**

**SVT is usually PAROXSYMAL -- ie: has a SUDDEN ONSET.**

**SINUS TACHYCARDIA usually has a "ramp - up " and "ramp - down " period -- a gradual change in HEART RATE.**



# THIS RHYTHM IS: SUPRAVENTRICULAR TACHYCARDIA (SVT)



**MAIN IDENTIFICATION CHARACTERISTIC(S):** HEART RATE TOO FAST, USUALLY  $> 150$ . P WAVES MAY BE "BURIED" IN THE PRECEDING T WAVES. Pt USUALLY C/O "SUDDEN ONSET of HEART RACING," or "PALPITATIONS."

RATE ————— TACHYCARDIC (usually  $> 150$ )

RHYTHM ————— REGULAR

P-R INTERVAL ——— NORMAL or ABNORMAL. MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE TO SEE DUE

P:QRS RATIO ——— 1:1 TO P WAVE BURIED IN T WAVES

QRS INTERVAL ——— NORMAL

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## TREATMENT / INTERVENTIONS:



**BASED ON WHETHER PATIENT IS**  
**STABLE or UNSTABLE: . . .**



**THIS RHYTHM IS:**



**MAIN IDENTIFICATION CHARACTERISTIC(S):**

**RATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**RHYTHM** \_\_\_\_\_

**P-R INTERVAL** \_\_\_\_\_

**P:QRS RATIO** \_\_\_\_\_

**QRS INTERVAL** \_\_\_\_\_

# THIS RHYTHM IS: MONOMORPHIC V-TACH



**MAIN IDENTIFICATION CHARACTERISTIC(S):** WIDE QRS COMPLEXES ( $> 120$  ms)  
HR USUALLY BETWEEN 150 - 200; ALL QRS COMPLEXES APPEAR SAME IN  
SHAPE and DEFLECTION; IF P WAVES SEEN, DISASSOCIATED w/ QRS

RATE	$> 100$ (usually 150 - 200)
RHYTHM	REGULAR
P-R INTERVAL	N / A
P: QRS RATIO	N / A
QRS INTERVAL	$> 120$ ms

# V-Tach

- NO PULSE – Follow Protocols / ACLS for “V-Fib / V-Tach”
- PULSE – but UNSTABLE – Synchronized Cardioversion
- STABLE - Give MEDS as per Protocols / ACLS



# THIS RHYTHM IS: POLYMORPHIC V-TACH



**MAIN IDENTIFICATION CHARACTERISTIC(S):** WIDE QRS COMPLEXES,  
MULTIPLE SHAPES AND FORMS, POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE DEFLECTIONS,  
APPEARS TO ROTATE BETWEEN NEGATIVE AND POSITIVE (TWISTING OF POINTS)

**RATE** ----- **200 - 300**

**RHYTHM** ----- **VARIES**

**P-R INTERVAL** ----- **N/A**

**P:QRS RATIO** ----- **N/A**

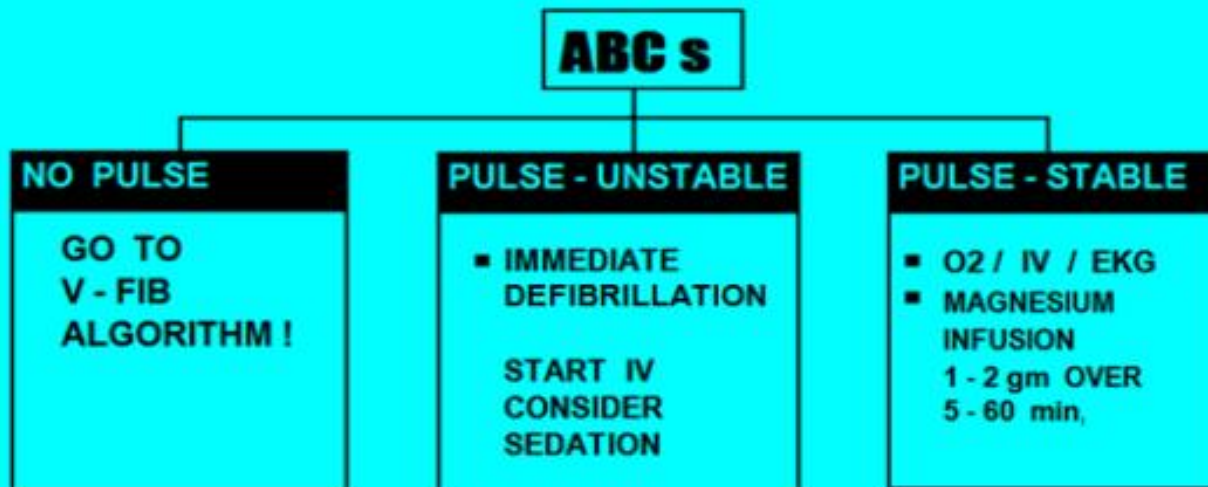
**QRS INTERVAL** ----- **VARIES**

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



*a piece of Twisted Ribbon !*





***DO NOT give PROCAINAMIDE, AMIODARONE, or SOTALOL to patients with TORSADES or POLYMORPHIC VT !!!***



# 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**

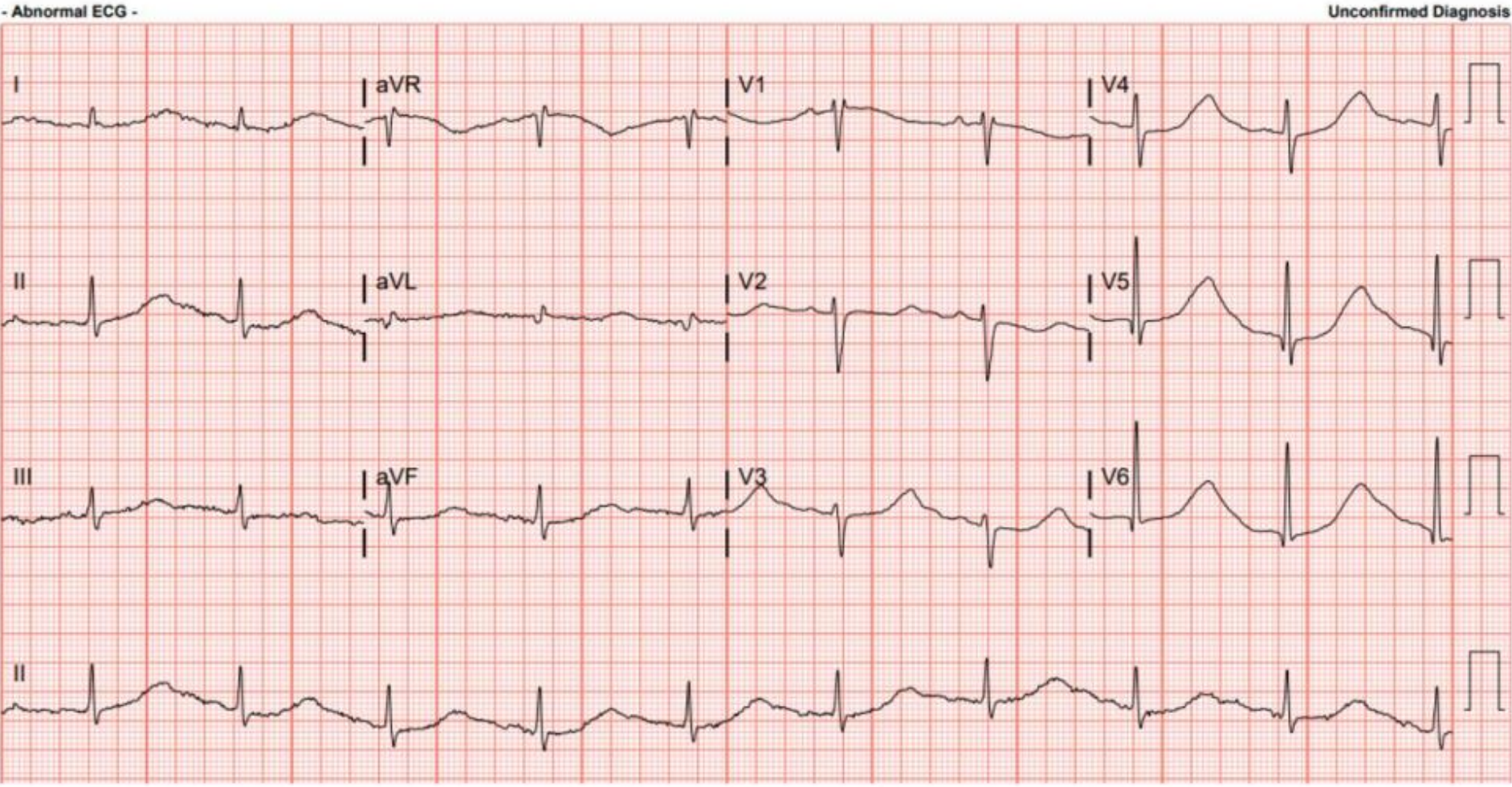
**High (All Genders):** **500 - 600 ms**

## **Critical High**

**(associated with TdP):** **600 + ms**

Rate	58	Sinus rhythm
PR	185	IVCD, consider atypical RBBB
QRSd	126	Baseline wander in lead(s) V2,V3,V4,V6
QT	668	COMPARED TO ECG 07/22/2020 16:56:59
QTc	657	SINUS RHYTHM NOW PRESENT
--Axis--		
P	107	
QRS	61	
T	45	

QTc greater than 600 = "Torsades very possible....."

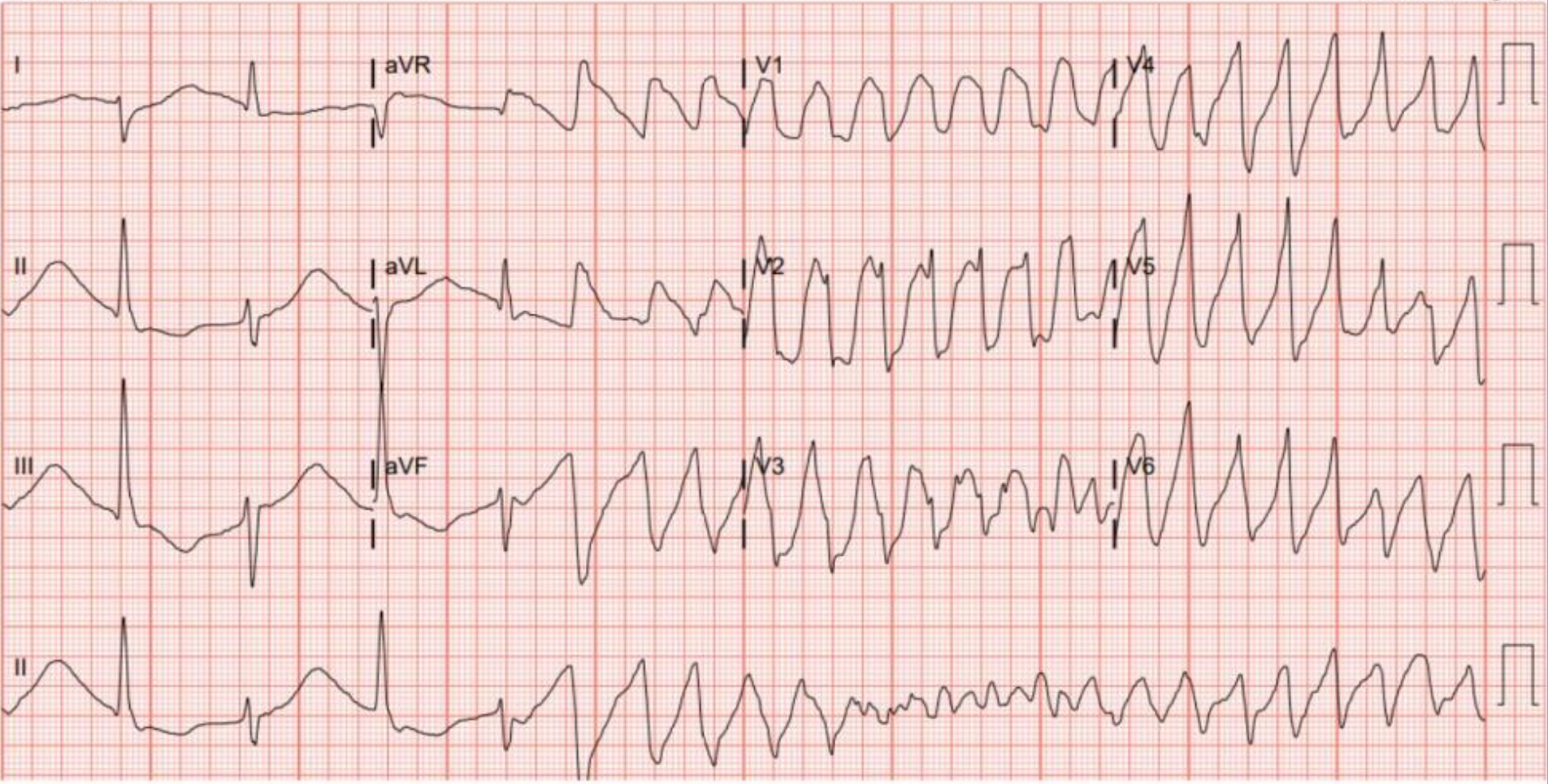




Rate	156	Atrial fibrillation
PR		Ventricular tachycardia, unsustained
QRSd	138	RBBB and LPFB
QT	456	Repol abnrm suggests ischemia, diffuse leads
QTc	735	Baseline wander in lead(s) II,III,aVR,aVF,V1,V2,V3,V4
--Axis--		
P		COMPARED TO ECG 07/22/2020 15:32:52
QRS	102	ATRIAL FIBRILLATION NOW PRESENT
T	185	VENTRICULAR TACHYCARDIA NOW PRESENT
		LEFT POSTERIOR FASCICULAR BLOCK NOW PRESENT
		RIGHT BUNDLE-BRANCH BLOCK NOW PRESENT
		POSSIBLE ISCHEMIA NOW PRESENT
		PROLONGED QT INTERVAL NO LONGER PRESENT

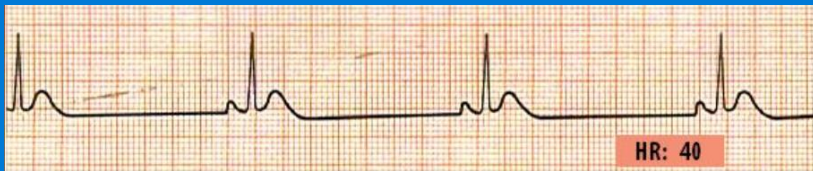
- Abnormal ECG -

Unconfirmed Diagnosis



# CARDIOGENIC SHOCK

- Heart Rate – TOO SLOW or TOO FAST
  - Wide QRS
  - Narrow QRS



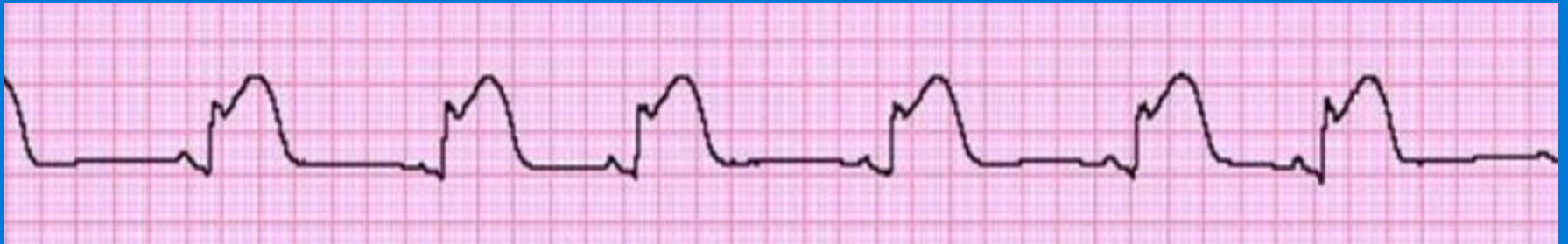


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- Heart Rate:
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- Decreased Contractility:
  - STEMI / Acute Coronary Syndrome (vascular)
  - Myocarditis (muscle dysfunction)
    - Often mimics STEMI on the ECG. Often “challenging” for advanced practitioners to diagnose.

# Integrated ECG:

- HEMODYNAMIC STATUS
  - ABCs
  - Shock
- SYMPTOMS
  - Chest Pain / Pressure

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( within 10 minutes ) !!



# CHIEF COMPLAINT

## KEY WORDS:

**“CHEST: PAIN / HEAVINESS / PRESSURE/  
FUNNY FEELING IN,” etc.**

**SHORTNESS BREATH**

**DIZZINESS / LIGHTHEADEDNESS**

**ETC. ETC. ETC.**

# INFARCTION

## SYMPTOMS OF MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION:

### 1. CHEST PAIN:

- Substernal - can radiate to neck, shoulders, jaw, L or R arm
- Pain described as "Dull Pain" or "Pressure" or "Heaviness" - but can be sharp
- Usually NOT effected by DEEP INSPIRATION, POSITION, or MOVEMENT

# INFARCTION

## SYMPTOMS OF MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION:

1. CHEST PAIN

2. SHORTNESS OF BREATH

May or may not be present.

# INFARCTION

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2. SHORTNESS OF BREATH
3. NAUSEA  
May or may not be present

# INFARCTION

## SYMPTOMS OF MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION:

1. CHEST PAIN
2. SHORTNESS OF BREATH
3. NAUSEA
4. COLD, CLAMMY, PALE SKIN  
and other signs of hypoperfusion  
may be present



# INFARCTION

- - - *"Classic Symptoms"* - - -



## QUICK ASSESSMENT "SHORT FORM"

- ☒ **SUBSTERNAL CHEST PAIN**  
( HAVE PATIENT POINT TO WORST PAIN )
- ☒ **DESCRIBED AS "DULL PAIN,"  
"PRESSURE," or "HEAVINESS"**
- ☒ **DOES NOT CHANGE WITH  
DEEP BREATH**

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# ATYPICAL SYMPTOMS of ACS

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**Acute MI patients who present without chest pain\* are SHREWD:**

**Stroke** (previous history of)

**Heart failure** (previous history of)

**Race** (non-white)

**Elderly** (age 75+)

**Women**

**Diabetes mellitus**

\* The information listed in the table to the immediate left resulted from a study conducted by John G. Canto, MD, MSPH, et. al., of the University of Alabama. The study consisted of 434,877 patients diagnosed with AMI between 1994 and 1998 in 1,674 US hospitals. Study results were published in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) on June 28, 2000, Vol. 283, No. 24, pages 3223-3229

**Common atypical complaints associated with AMI without chest pain include:**

**Malaise** (weakness)

**Fatigue**

**Indigestion**

**Abdominal pain**

**Nausea**

**Cold sweats**

**Dizziness**

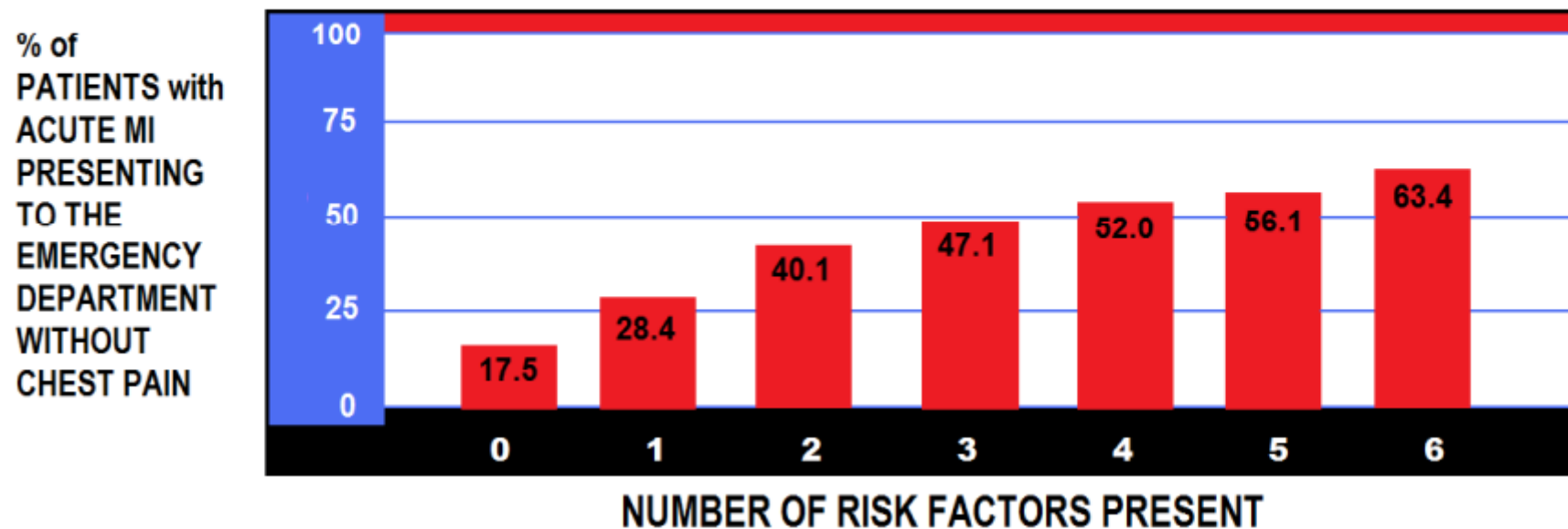
**Elevated heart rate**

**Syncope**

**Dsypnea**



## Effect of Having Multiple Risk Factors for AMI Without Chest Pain



RISK FACTORS INCLUDE: **S**troke (previous), **H**eat failure (previous), **R**ace (non-white), **E**lderly (age 75+), **W**omen, **D**iabetes

**DATA SOURCE: J. CANTO, MD, MSPH, et al, JAMA 2000 ; 283 : 3223 - 3229**

# Integrated ECG:

- HEMODYNAMIC STATUS
  - ABCs
  - Shock
- SYMPTOMS
  - Chest Pain / Pressure
  - Other ACS Symptoms
- ECG
  - 12 Lead
  - Single Lead “rhythm strip”

# Actions at the Scene

- If patient has ANY symptoms of ACS, get a

***STAT 12 Lead ECG***

# EMS 12 Lead ECG



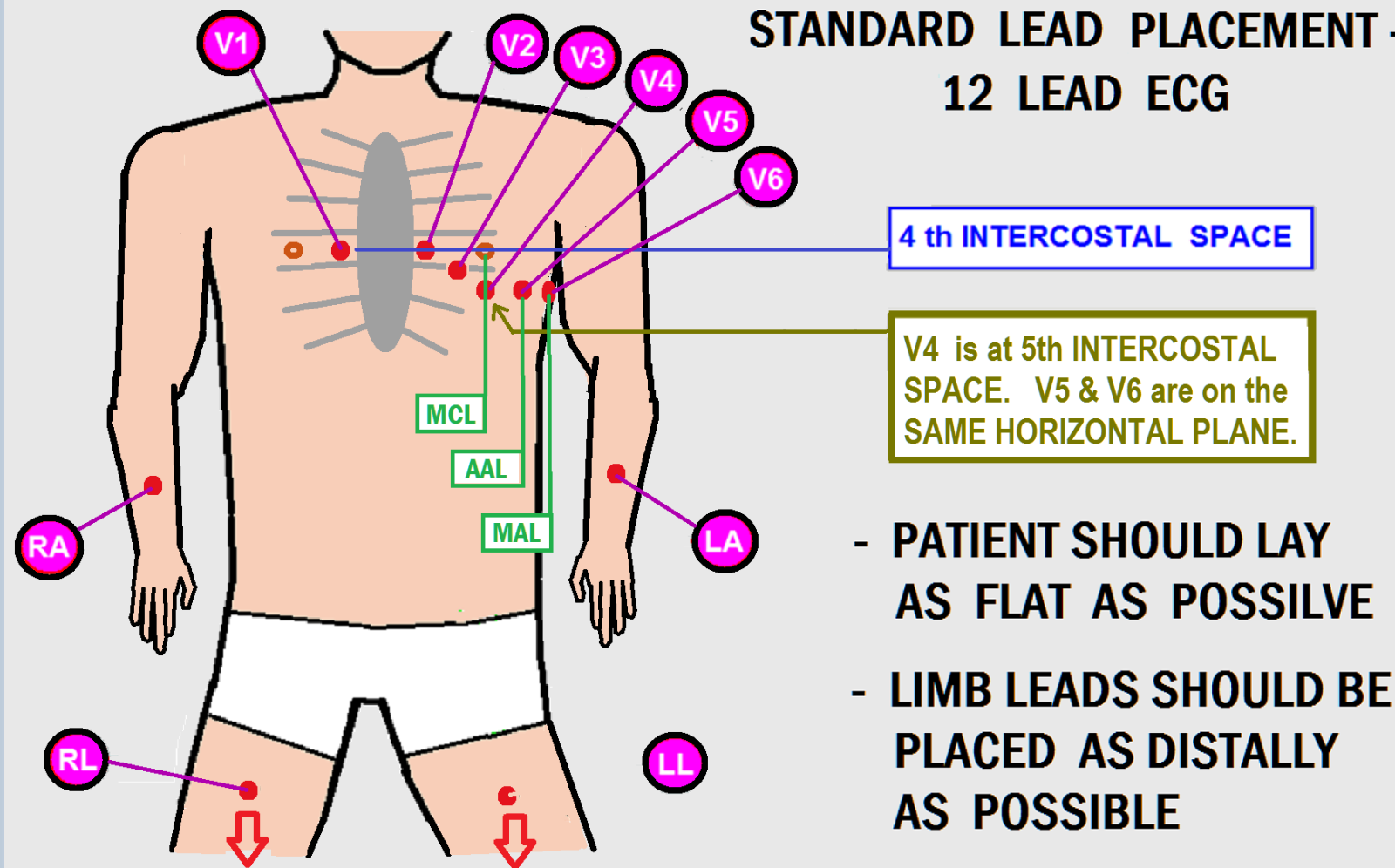
# 10 wires . . .

- 4 limb leads
- 6 chest (“V”) leads





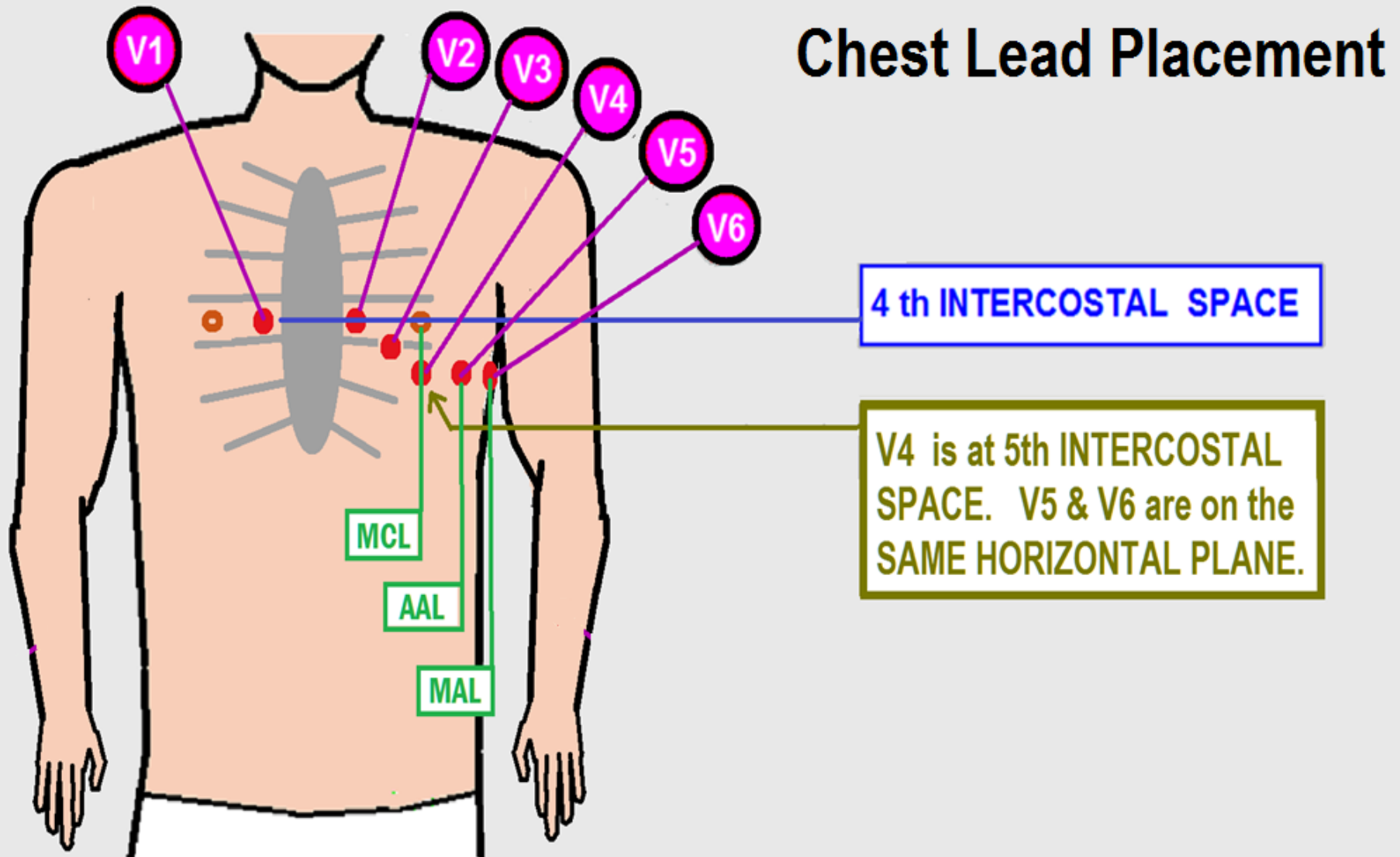
# Obtaining the 12 Lead ECG



# **Leads V1 & V2 on 12 Lead ECG:**

- **Proper lead placement of precordial Leads V1 and V2 are 4th intercostal space on opposite sides of the sternum.**
- **Incorrect placement of Leads V1 and V2 will result in: reduction of R wave amplitude (resulting in poor R wave progression) leading to misdiagnosis of previous anterior / septal infarction.**

# CORRECT Lead placement:





DOB [REDACTED] 75 Years

Female

(2)

Rate 76 . Sinus rhythm.....normal P axis, V-rate 50- 99

PR 161  
QRSD 90  
QT 350  
QTc 394

TECH

SD

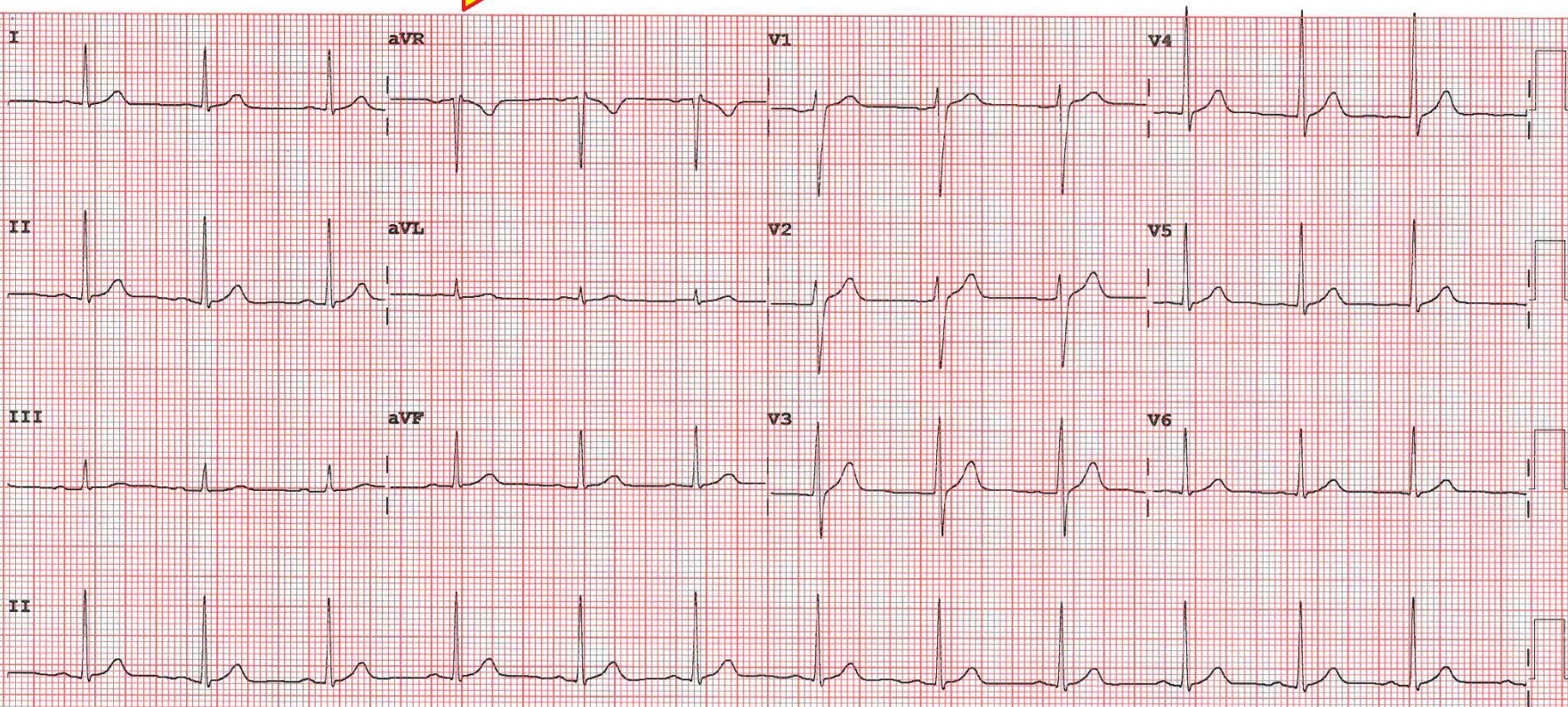
--AXIS--

P 50  
QRS 51  
T 44

12 Lead; Standard Placement

- NORMAL ECG -

Unconfirmed Diagnosis



Device:

Speed: 25 mm/sec

Limb: 10 mm/mV

Chest: 10.0 mm/mV

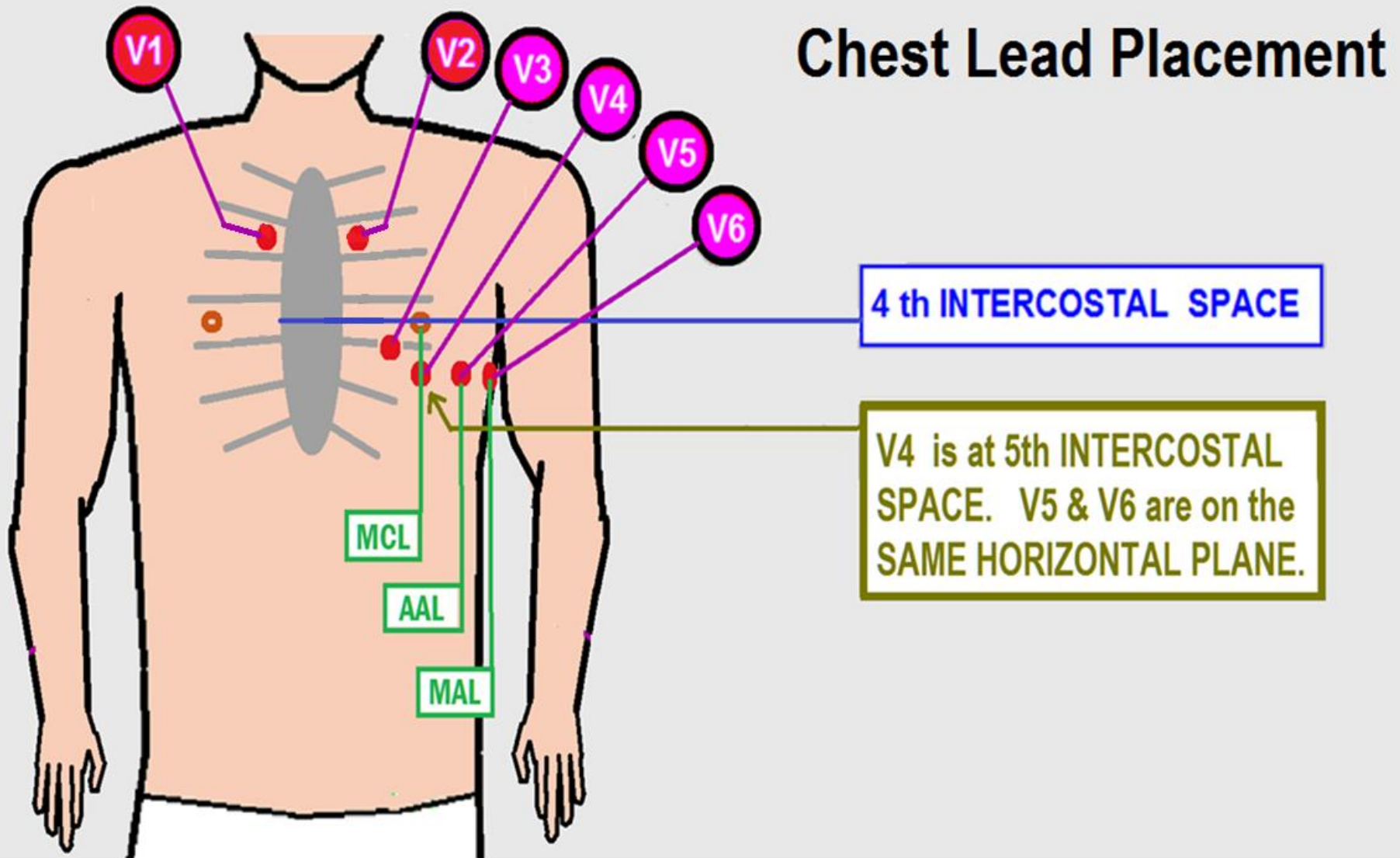
F 60~ 0.15-100 Hz

100B CL

P?



# INCORRECT Lead placement:





DOB [REDACTED] 1988 30 Years

Female

5:20:58 AM

(1)

Rate 89 Sinus rhythm.....normal P axis V-rate 50- 99  
Anteroseptal infarct, age indeterminate.....Q >35ms

PR 157  
QRSD 96  
QT 365  
QTc 445

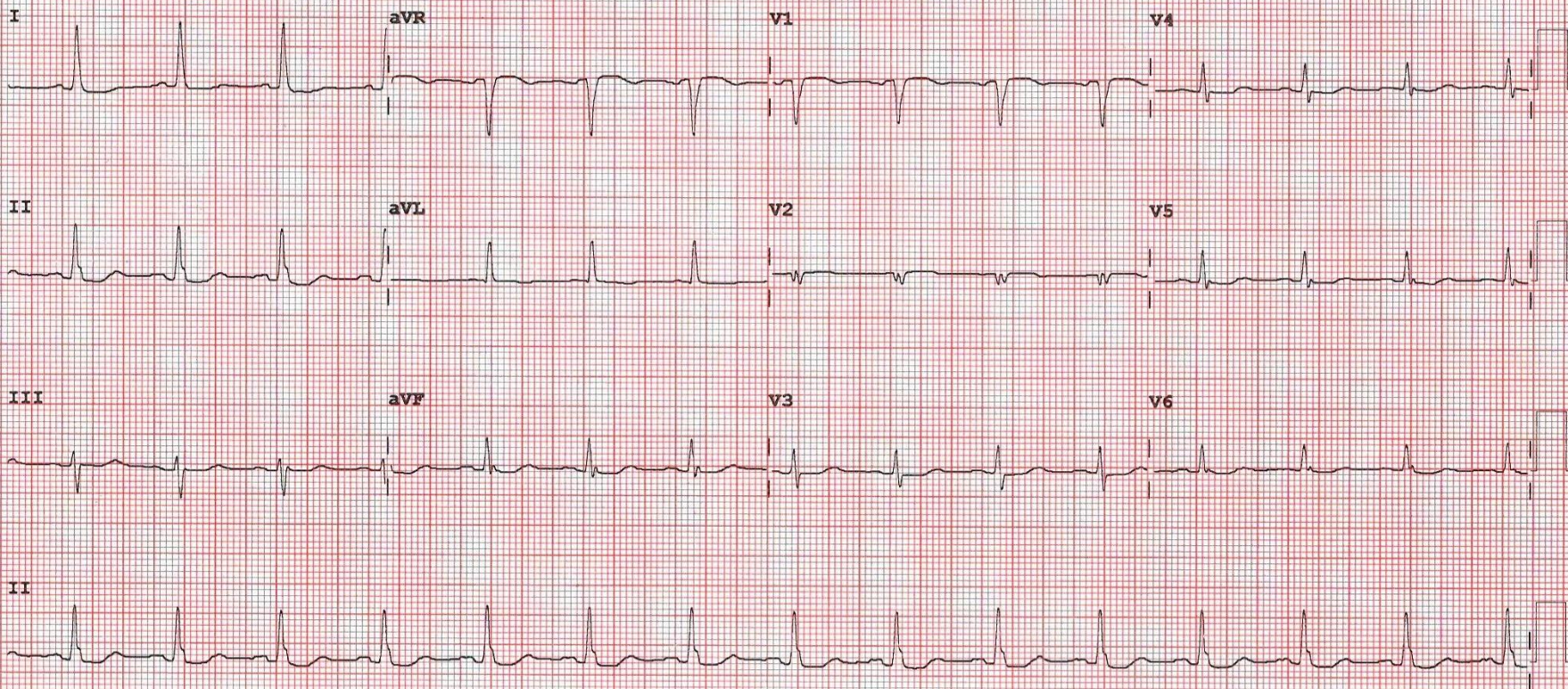
--AXIS--

P 46  
QRS 24  
T 86

12 Lead; Standard Placement

- ABNORMAL ECG -

Unconfirmed Diagnosis



Device

Speed: 25 mm/sec

Limb: 10 mm/mV

Chest: 10.0 mm/mV

F 60~ 0.15-100 Hz

123 CL

P?



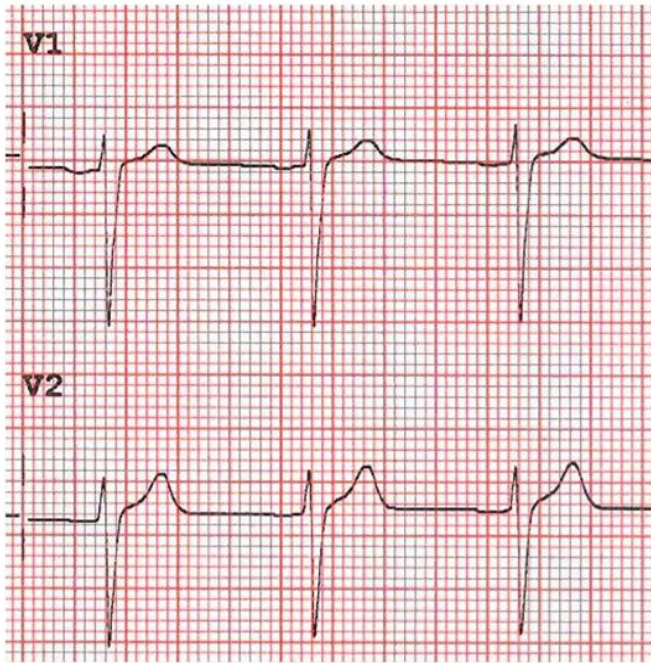
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## Recommendations for the Standardization and Interpretation of the Electrocardiogram

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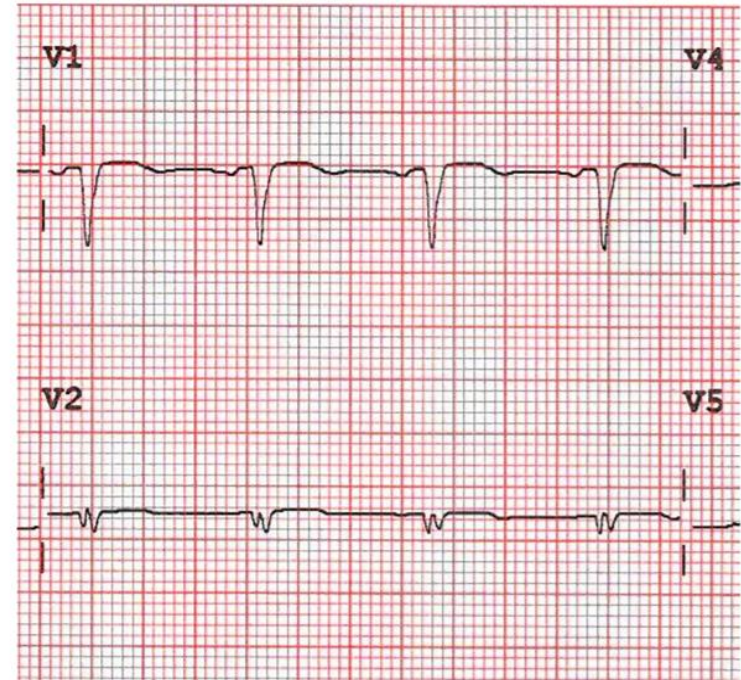
the often profound alterations in waveforms that can result from precordial electrode misplacement.<sup>85,86</sup> A common error is superior misplacement of  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  in the second or third intercostal space. This can result in reduction of initial R-wave amplitude in these leads, approximating 0.1 mV per interspace, which can cause poor R-wave progression or erroneous signs of anterior infarction.<sup>87</sup> Superior displacement of the  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  electrodes will often result in rSr' complexes with T-wave inversion, resembling the complex in lead aVR. It also has been shown that in patients with low diaphragm position, as in obstructive pulmonary disease,<sup>88,89</sup>

## Correct Lead Placement



**RS = NO old MI**

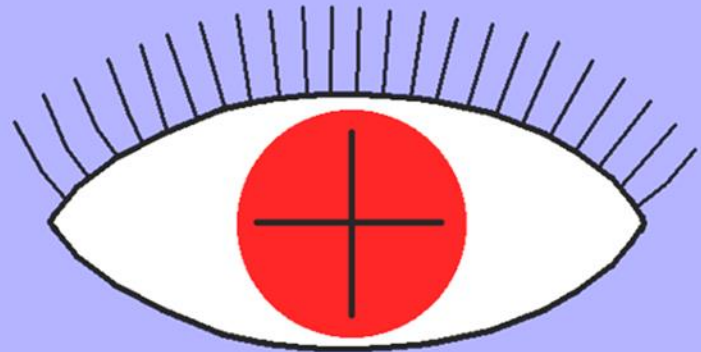
## Incorrect Lead Placement



**QS = old MI**

# ***What part of the HEART does each lead SEE ?***

THE POSITIVE ELECTRODE



IS THE "EYE" . . .

# AREAS VIEWED by 12 LEAD ECG



AVR

AVL, I

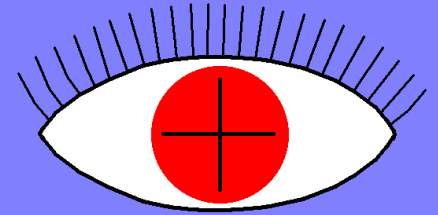
V1, V2

V3, V4

V5, V6

II, III, AVF

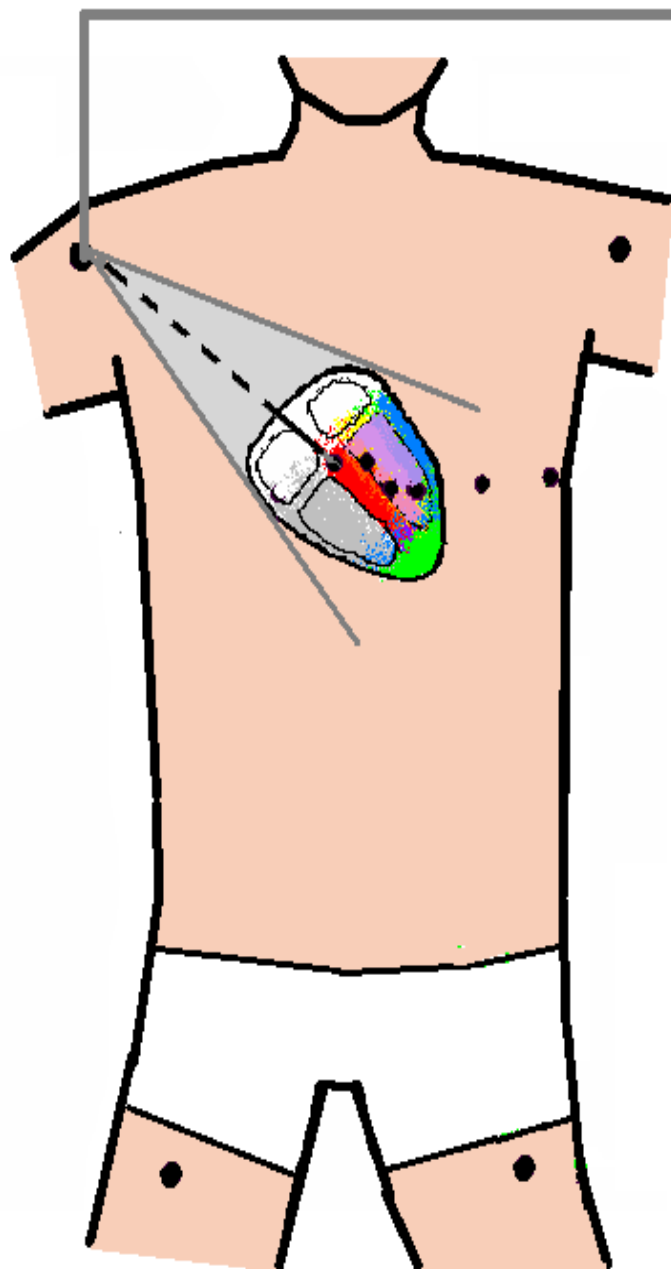
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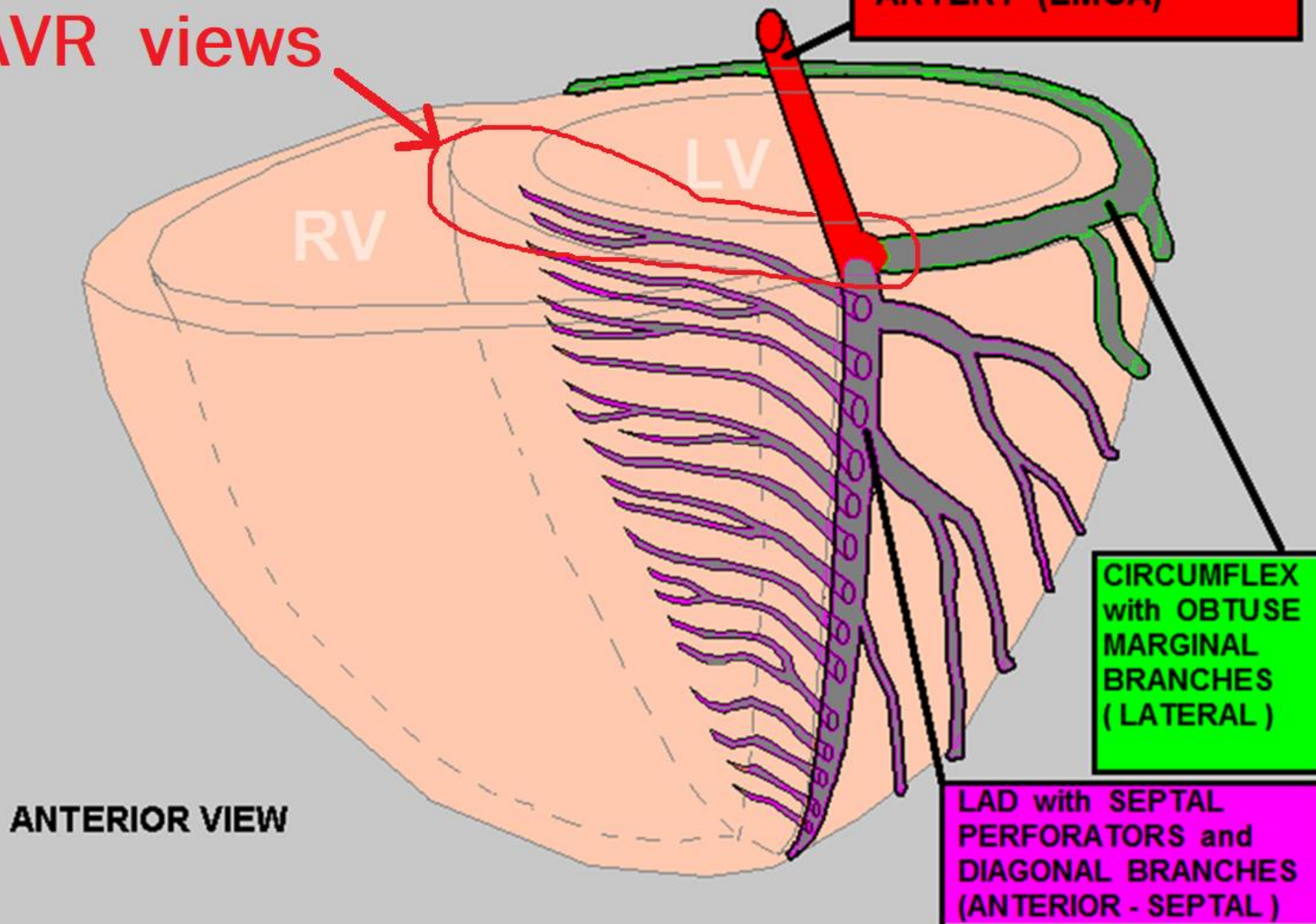
# Lead AVR Views the BASILAR SEPTUM (region of the Bundle of His):



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38 Yrs	Vent. Rate:	68	NORMAL SINUS RHYTHM			
MALE	P-R Int.:	160 ms	Normal EKG			
	QRS:	100 ms	Very Healthy Athletic EKG !			
I	AVR	V1	V4			
II	AVL	V2	V5			
III	AVF	V3	V6			

# LEFT CORONARY ARTERY SYSTEM

AVR views



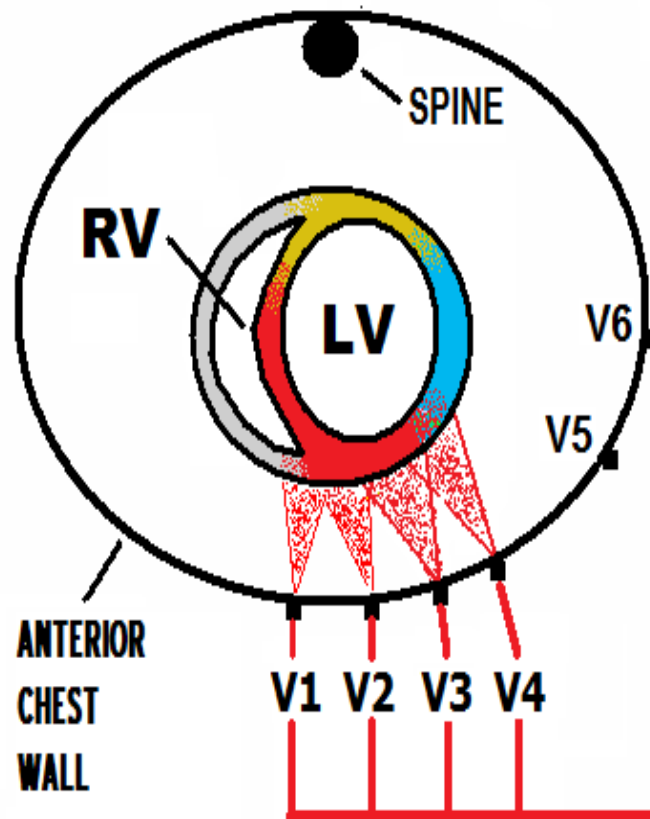
RUPP  
38 Yr  
MALE

I  
II  
III

RUPPERT, WAYNE		ID: 74456836	9	05-OCT-2006	JOHNS-HOPKINS UNIV.
38 Yrs MALE		Vent. Rate:	68	NORMAL SINUS RHYTHM	
		P-R Int.:	160 ms	Normal EKG	
		QRS:	100 ms	Very Healthy Athletic EKG !	
I	AVR	V1	V4		
II	AVL	V2	V5		
III	AVF	V3	V6		

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

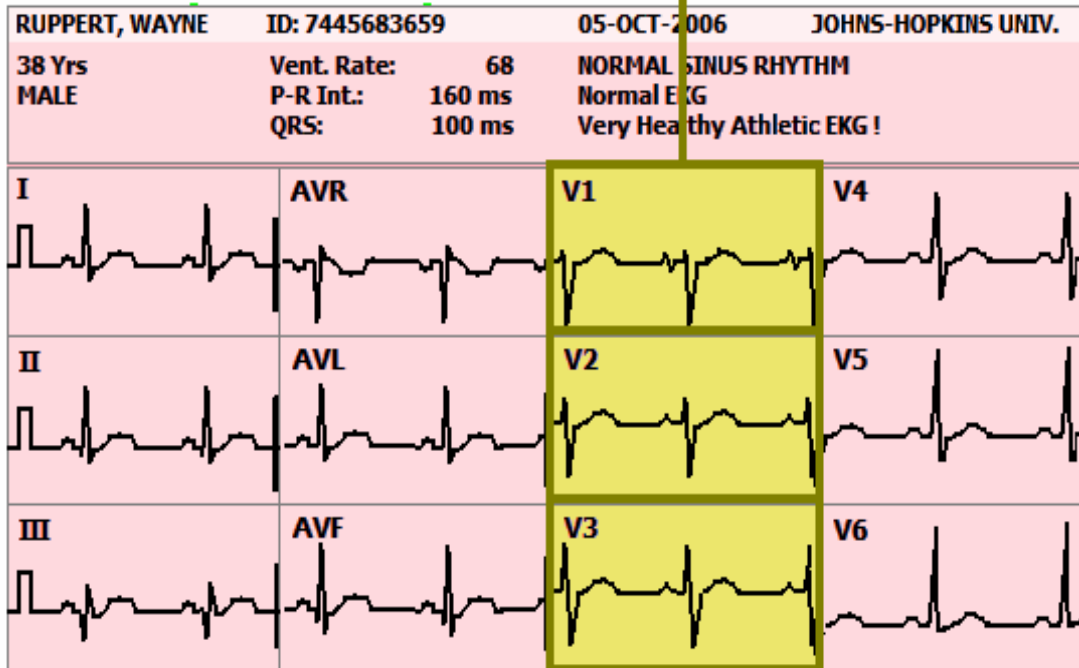
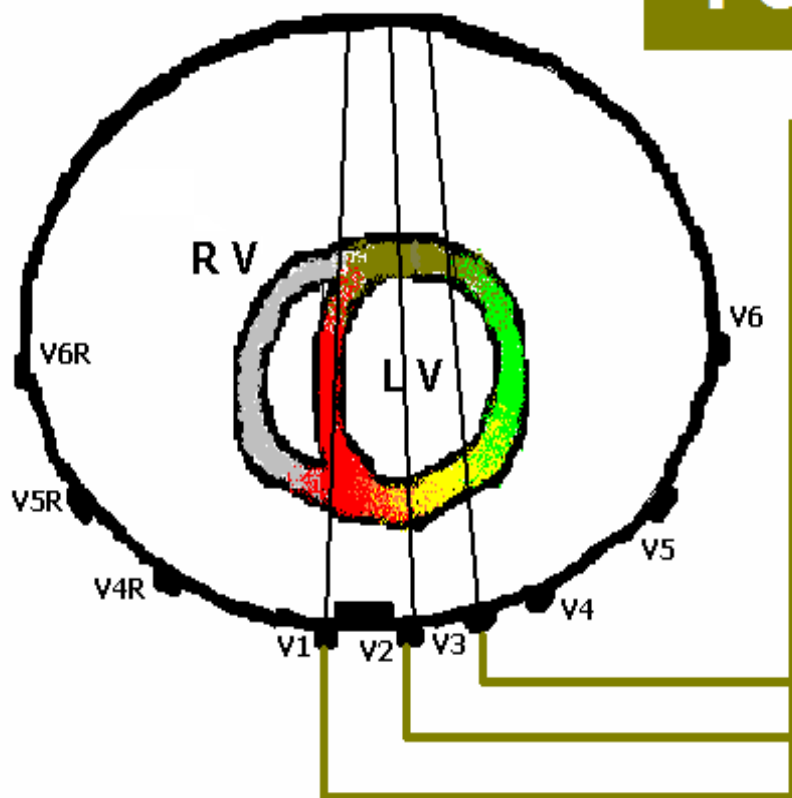
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# LEADS V1 - V3 *view the*

## POSTERIOR WALL



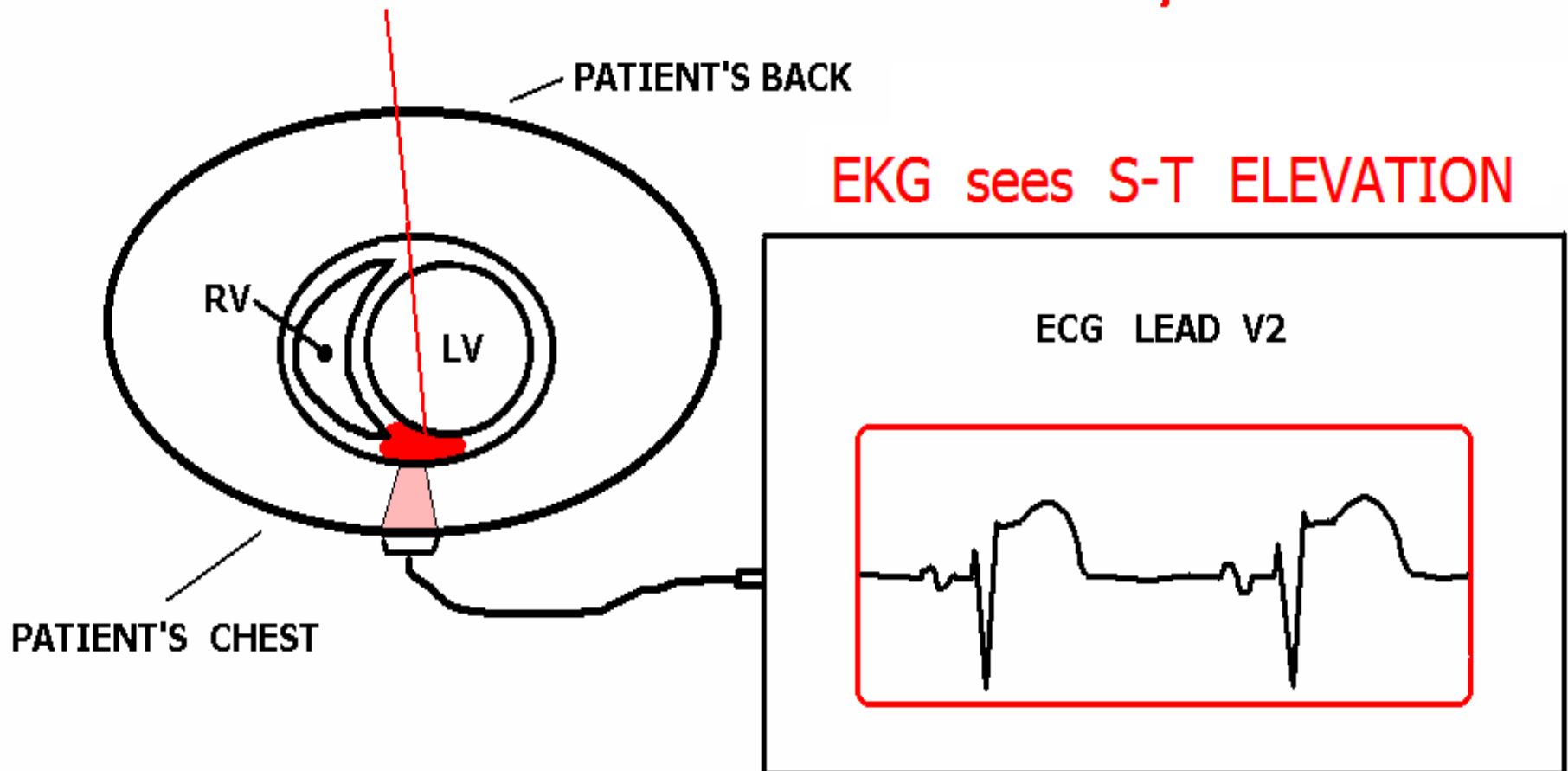
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# HOW EKG VIEWS INDICATIVE CHANGES

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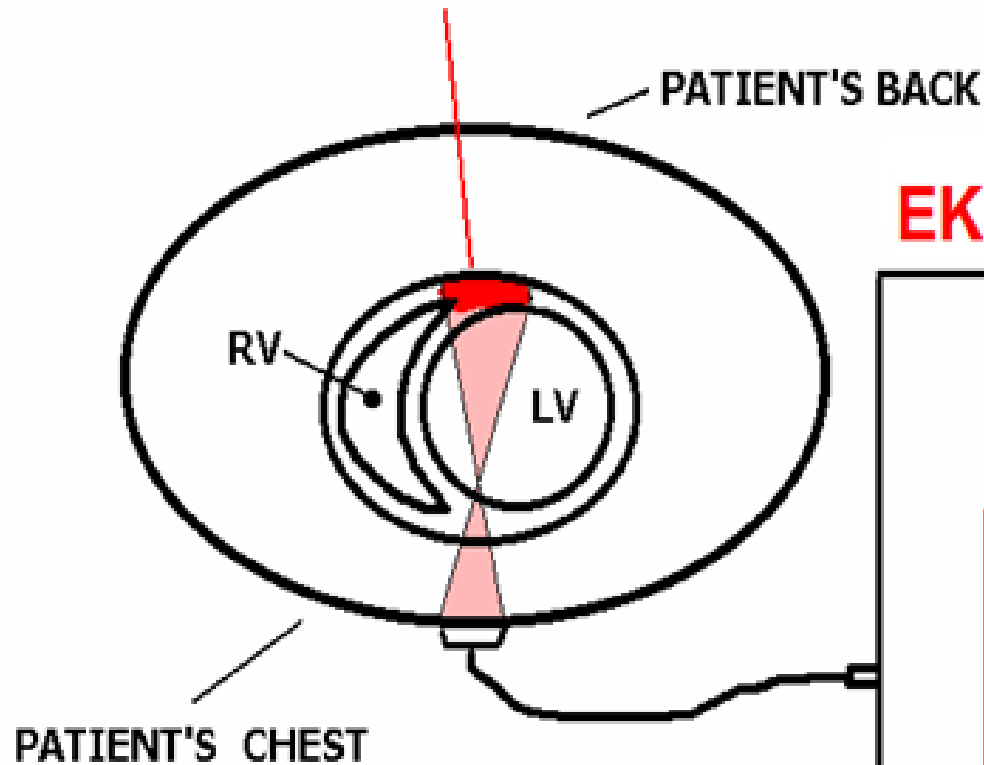
**AREA OF ACUTE INFARCTION - ANTERIOR/SEPTAL**



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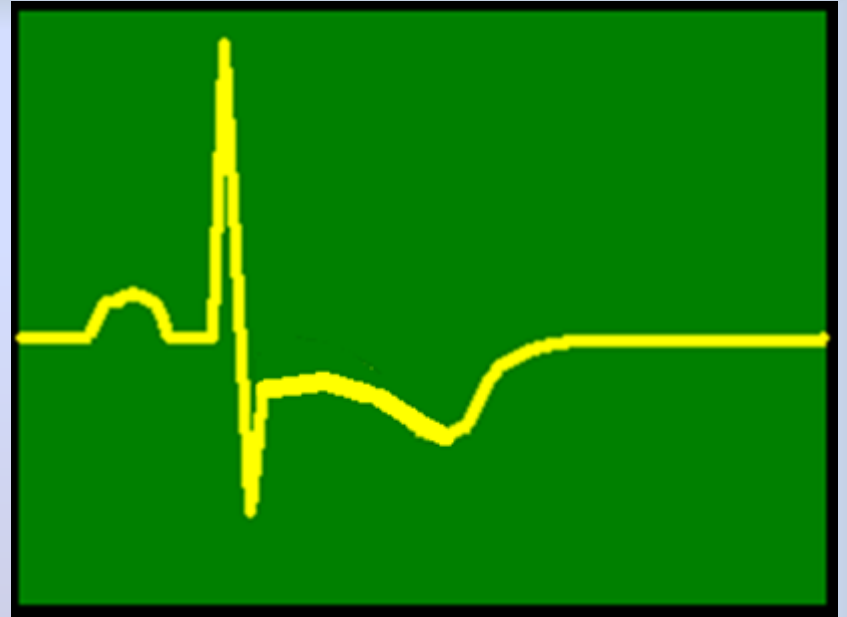


**EKG sees S-T DEPRESSION**

ECG LEAD V2

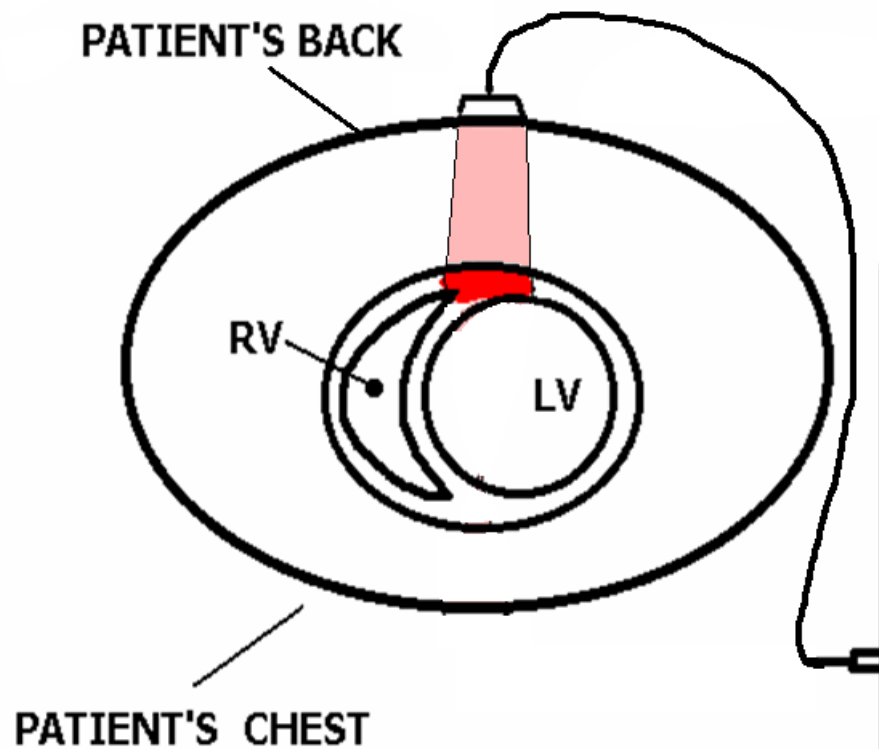


# ST Depression can indicate:



- ISCHEMIA
- “Partial-wall thickness” MI (NSTEMI)
- STEMI (in the opposite side of the heart)
- Other things (like RBBB, certain medications, etc).

**If we put ECG leads on the BACK  
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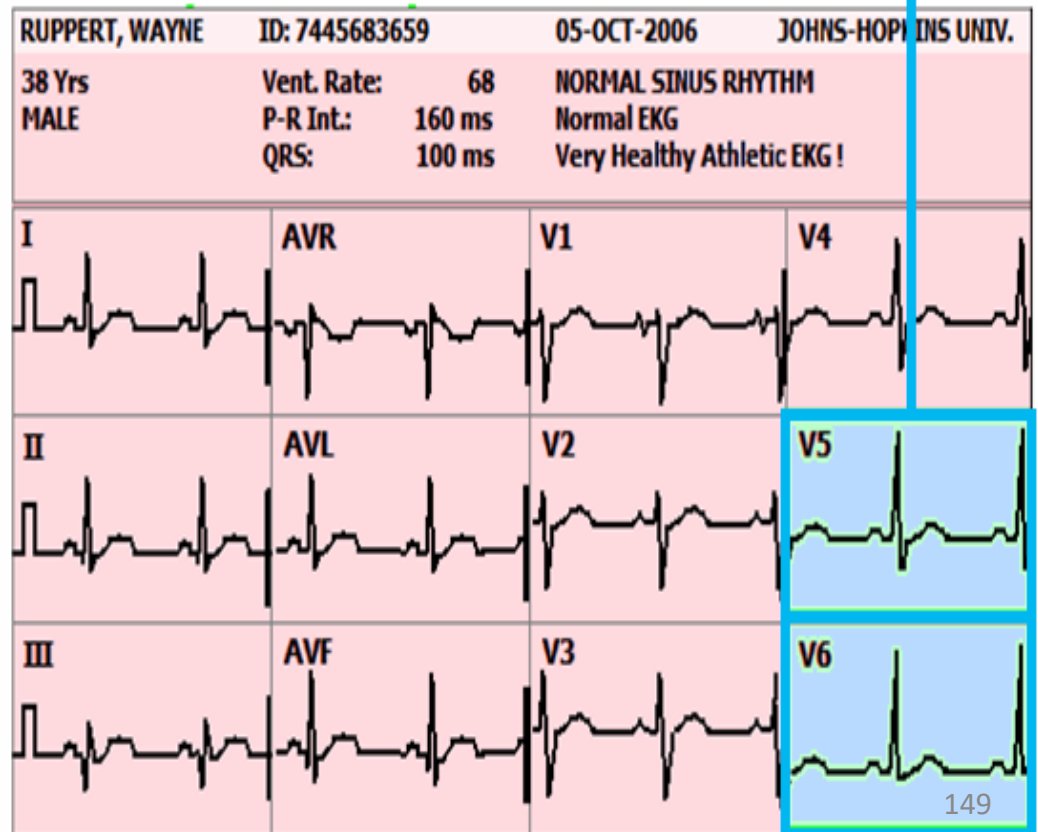
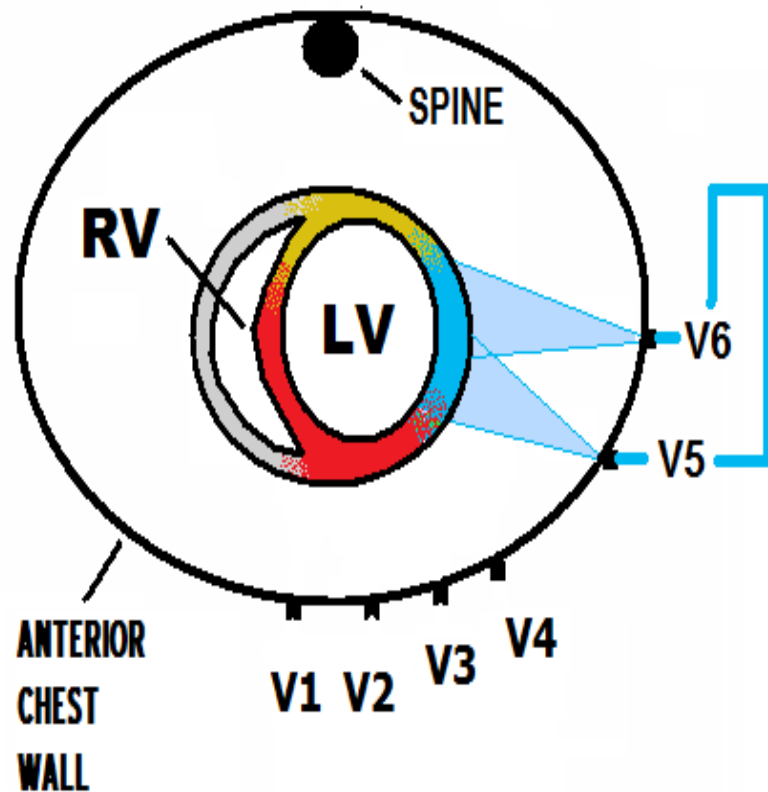


**EKG sees S-T ELEVATION**

**ECG LEADS: V7, V8 or V9**



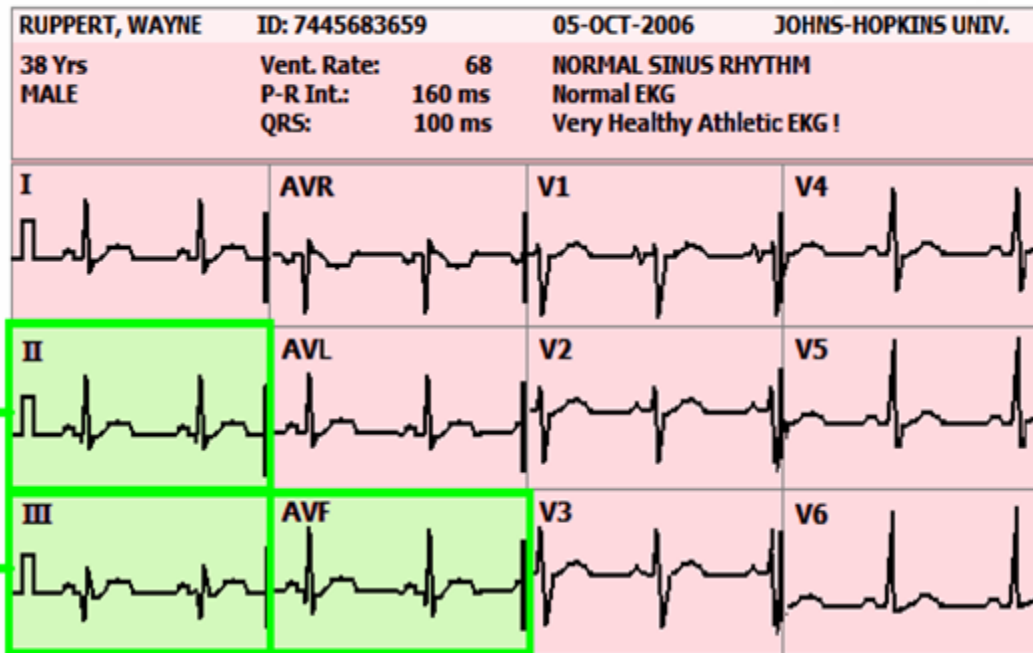
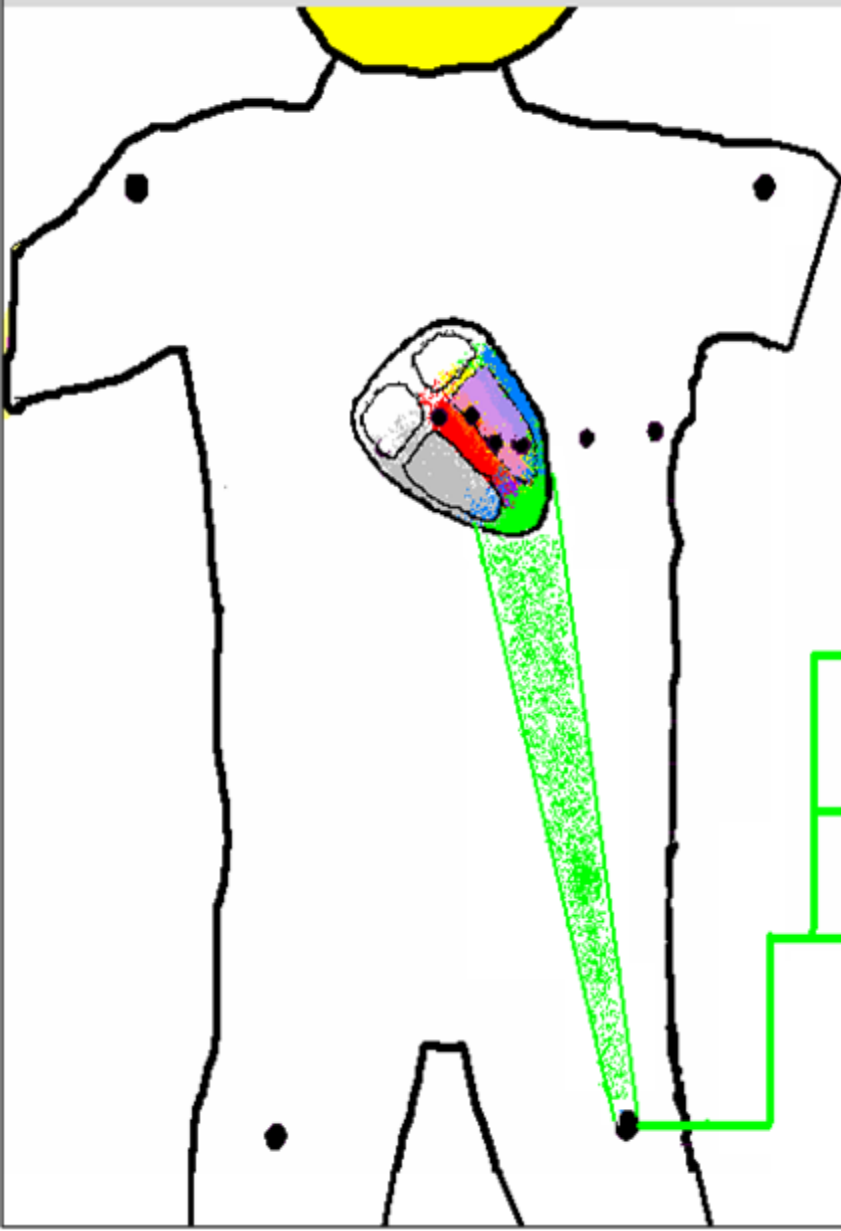
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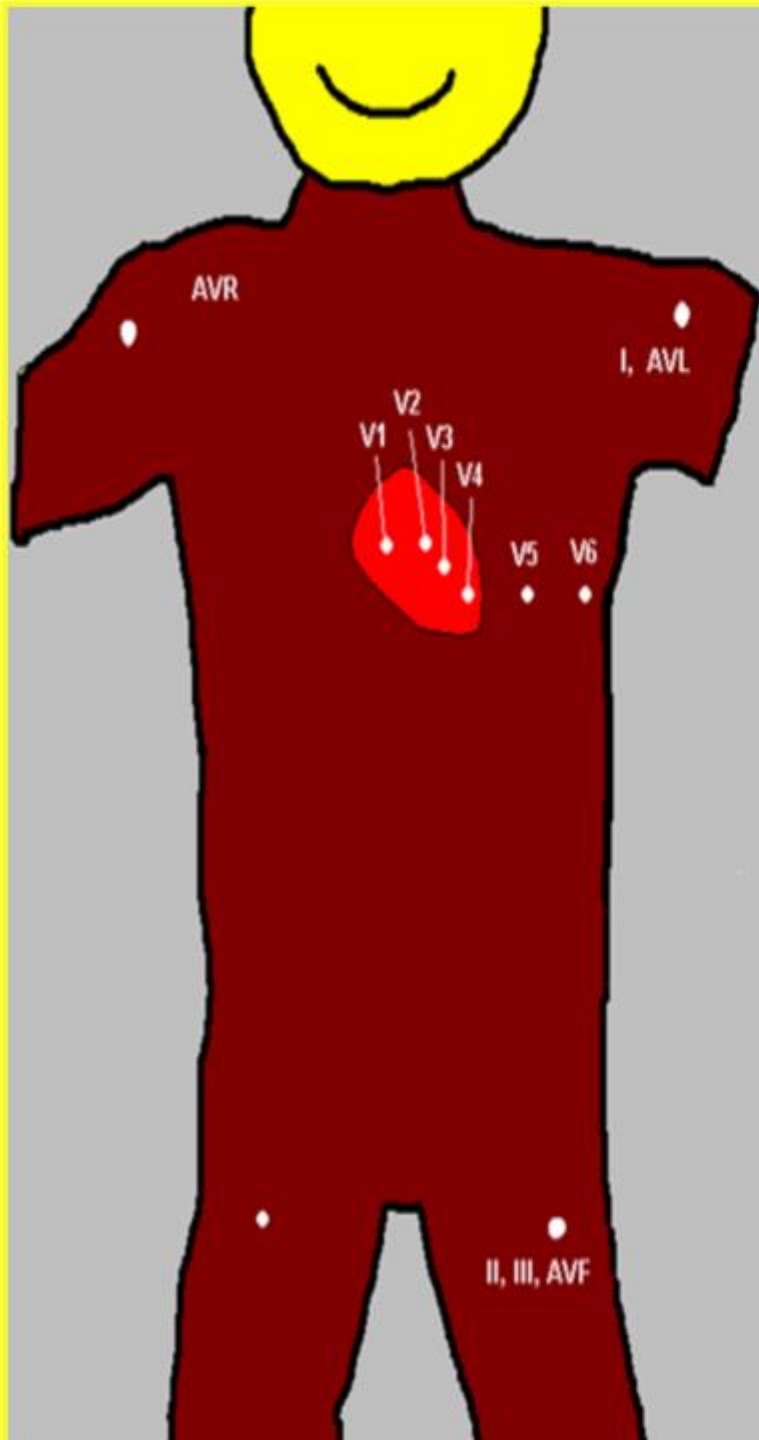


# LEADS II, III, and aVF VIEW

## INFERIOR WALL of the LEFT VENTRICLE



# AREAS VIEWED by 12 LEAD ECG



AVR	<i>BASILAR SEPTAL</i>
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AVL, I	LATERAL ANTERIOR
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V1, V2	ANTERIOR
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SEPTAL
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POSTERIOR (recip.)
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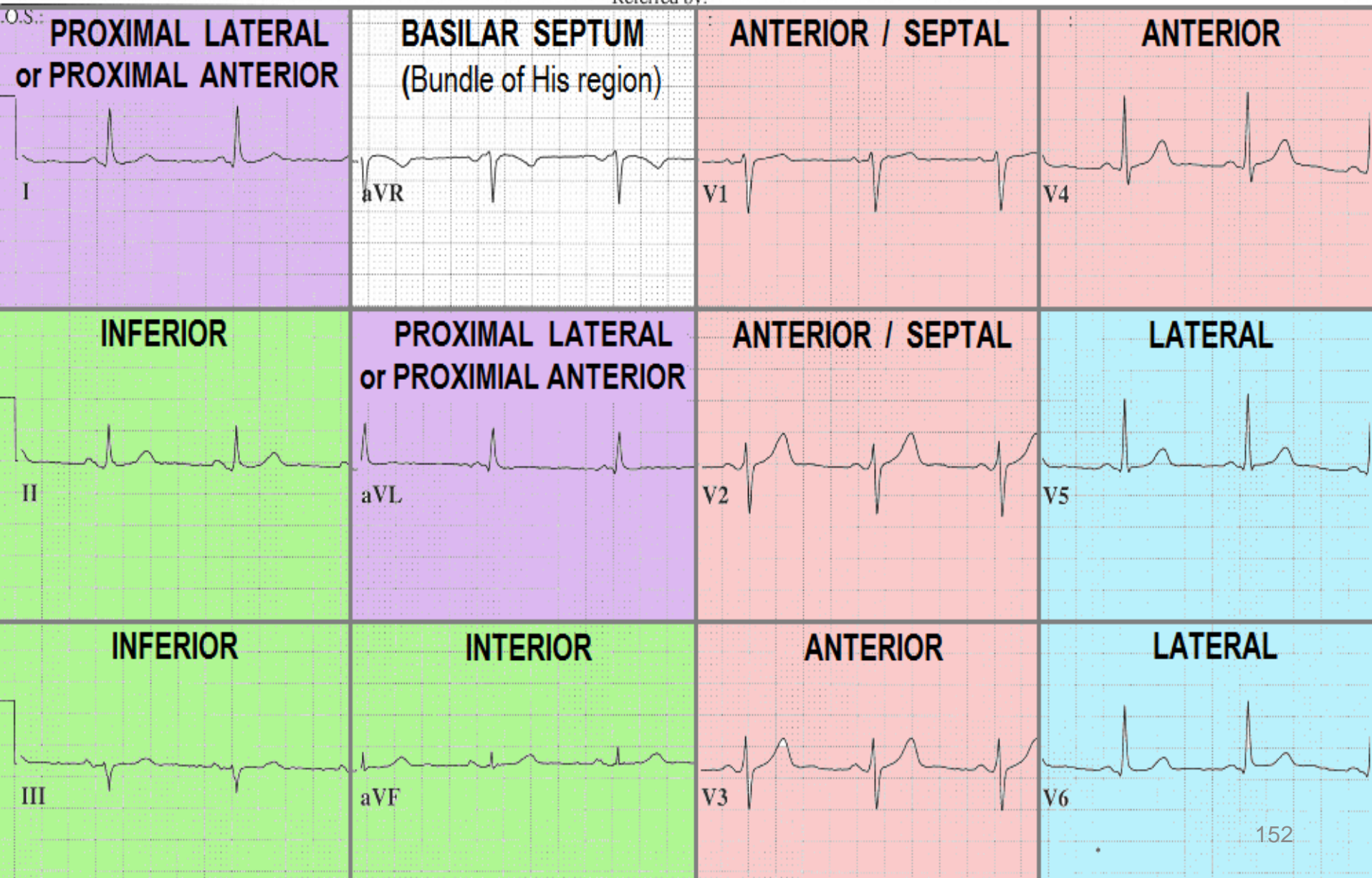
V3, V4	ANTERIOR
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V5, V6	LATERAL
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II, III, AVF	INFERIOR
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Vent. rate	64	BPM	Normal sinus rhythm
PR interval	130	ms	Normal ECG
QRS duration	96	ms	No previous ECGs available
QT/QTc	396/408	ms	
P-R-T axes	40 11 61		

Referred by:





# *THE CORONARY*

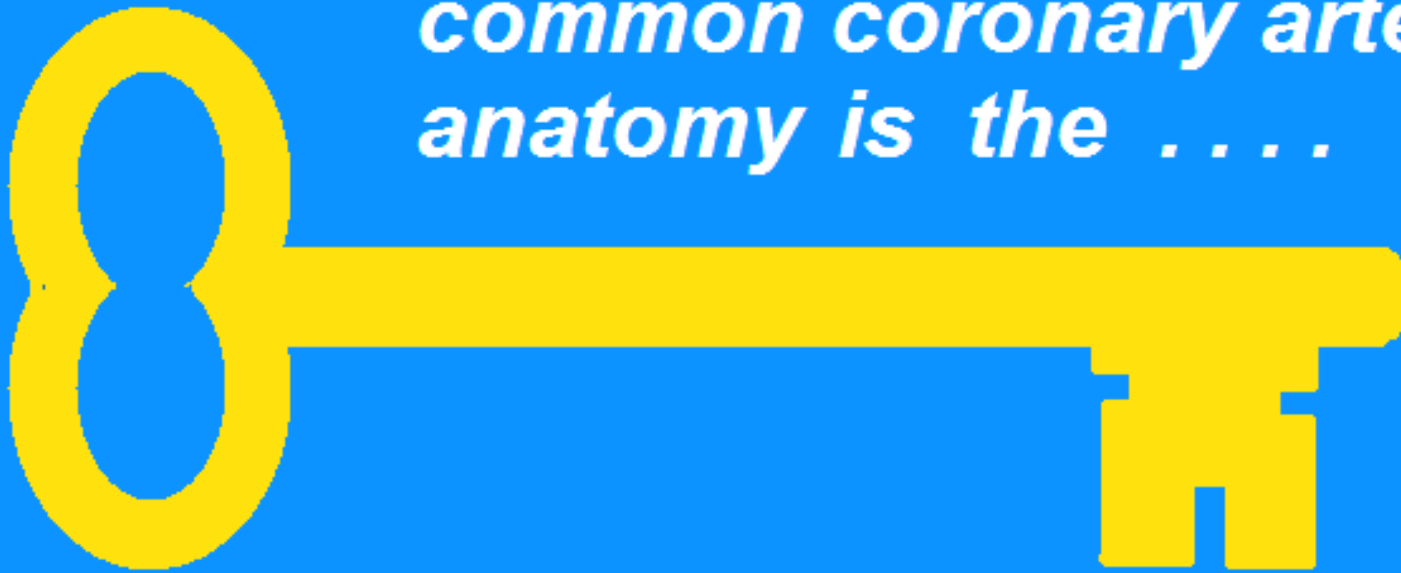


# *ARTERIES*



*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 !"***

The 12 Lead ECG becomes your “crystal ball !!”

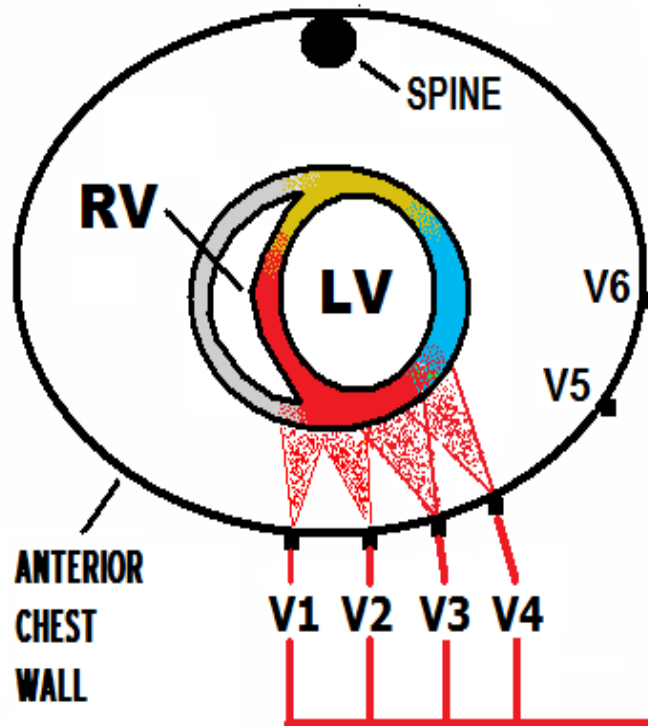


# INTERPRET THE EKG, THEN:

- 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**

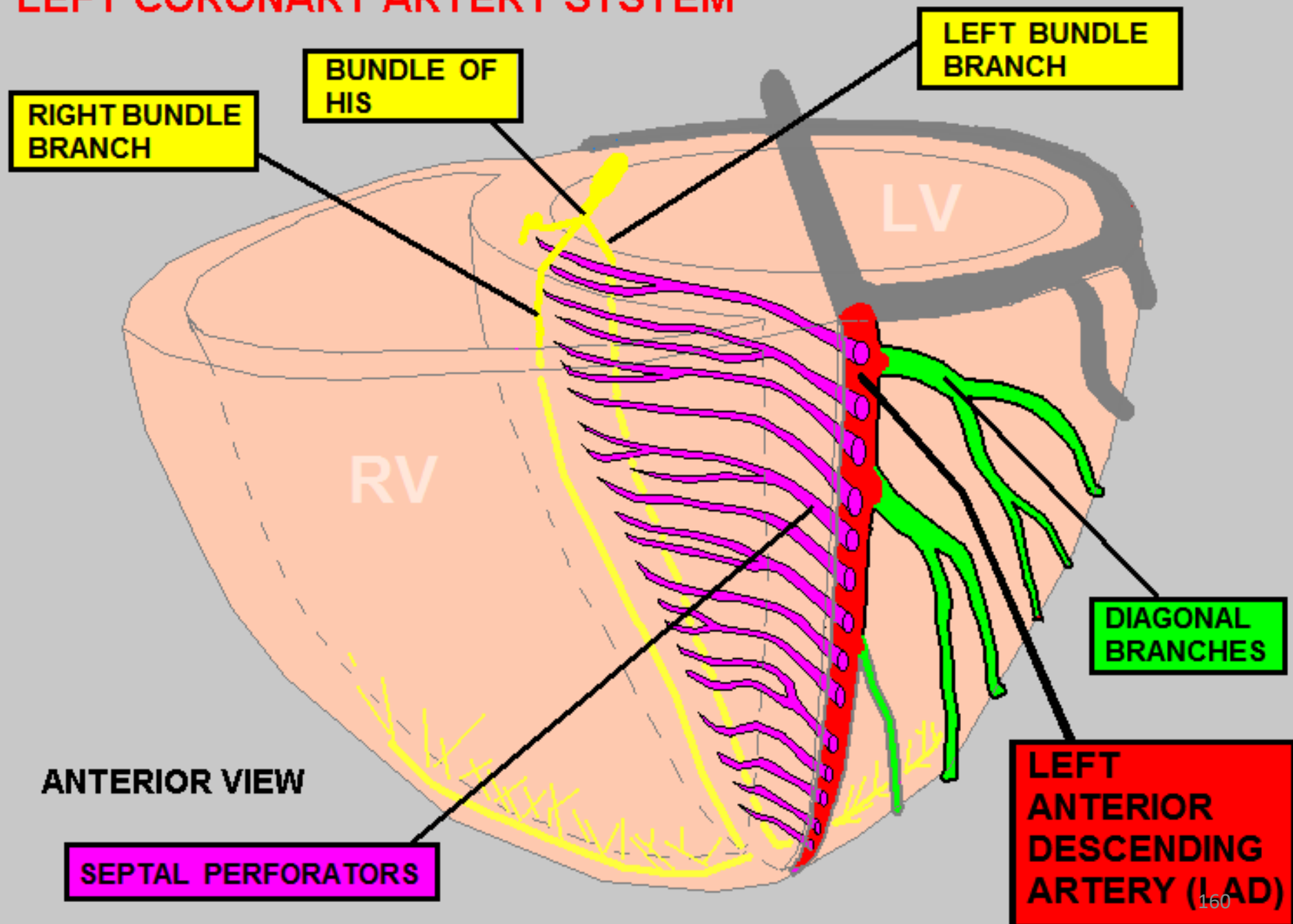


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**Which Coronary Artery typically Supplies the ANTERIOR WALL ?** 159

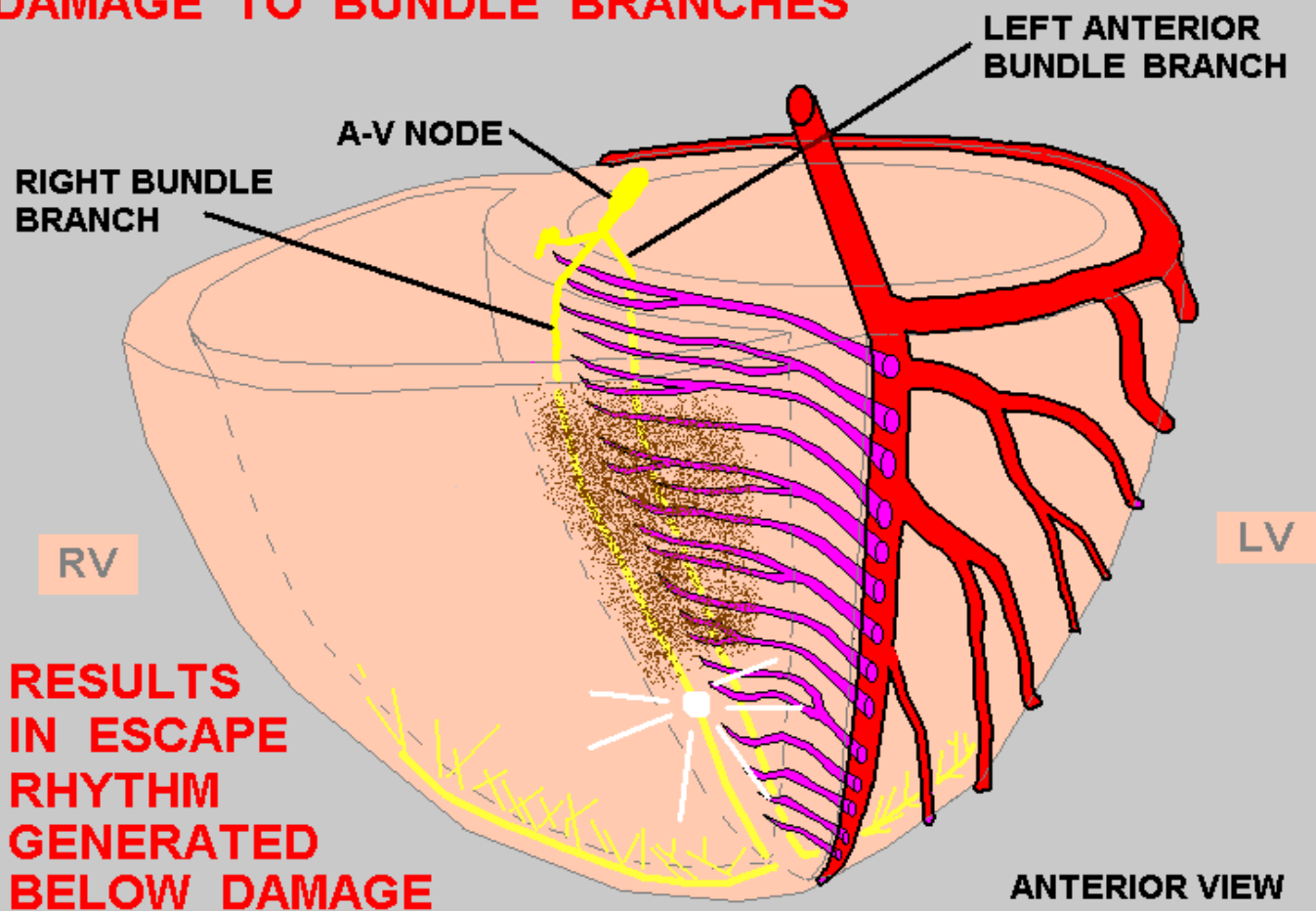


# LEFT CORONARY ARTERY SYSTEM



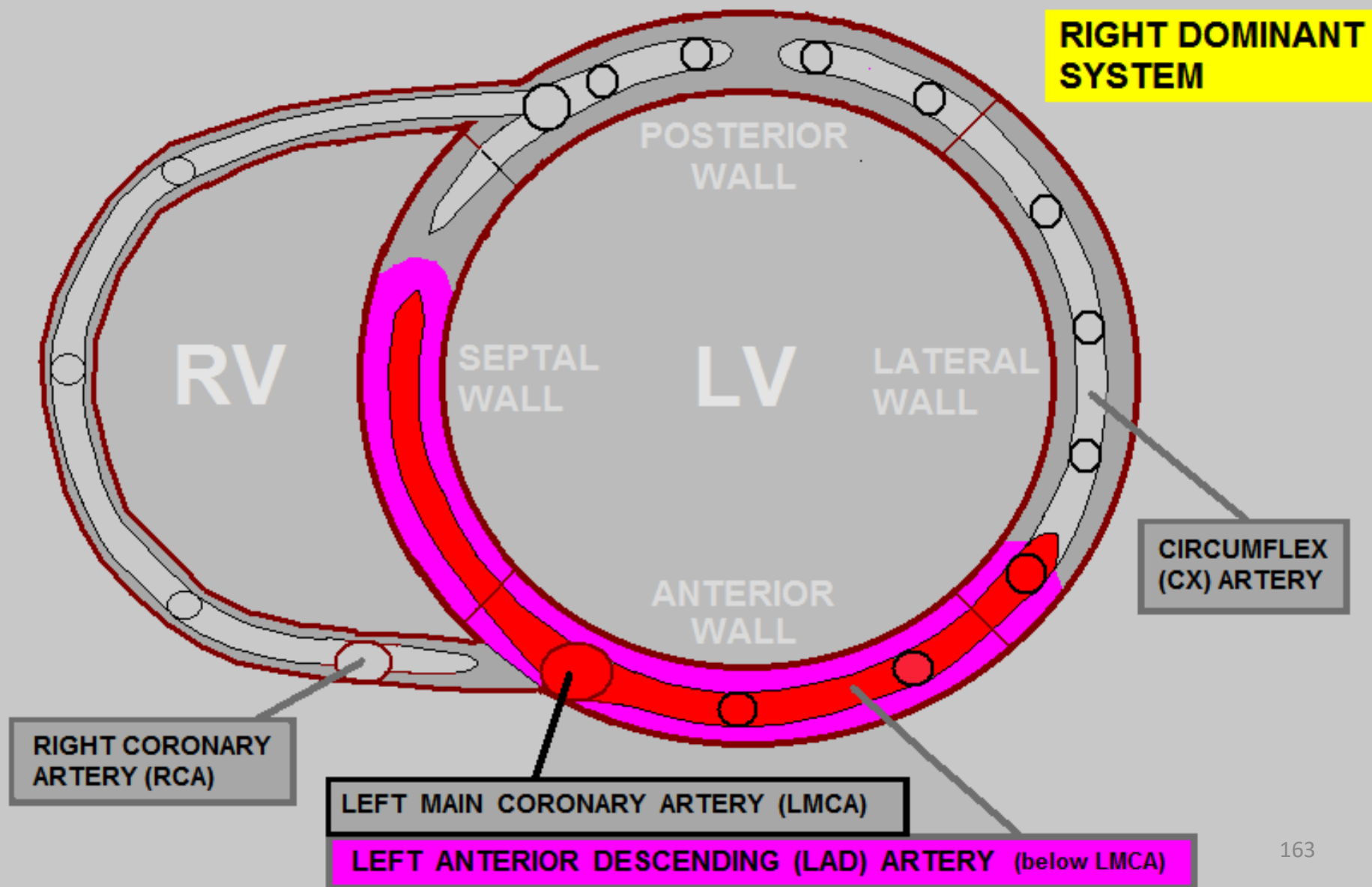


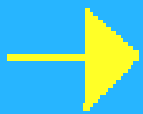
## DAMAGE TO BUNDLE BRANCHES



## LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY (LAD)

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





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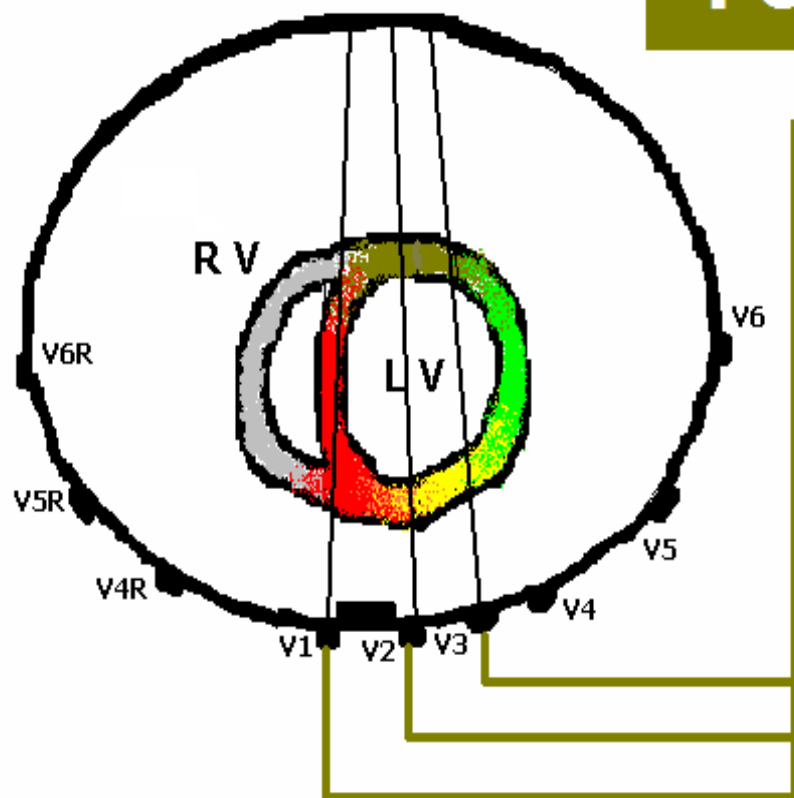
## LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY (LAD)

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

# LEADS V1 - V3 *view the*

## POSTERIOR WALL



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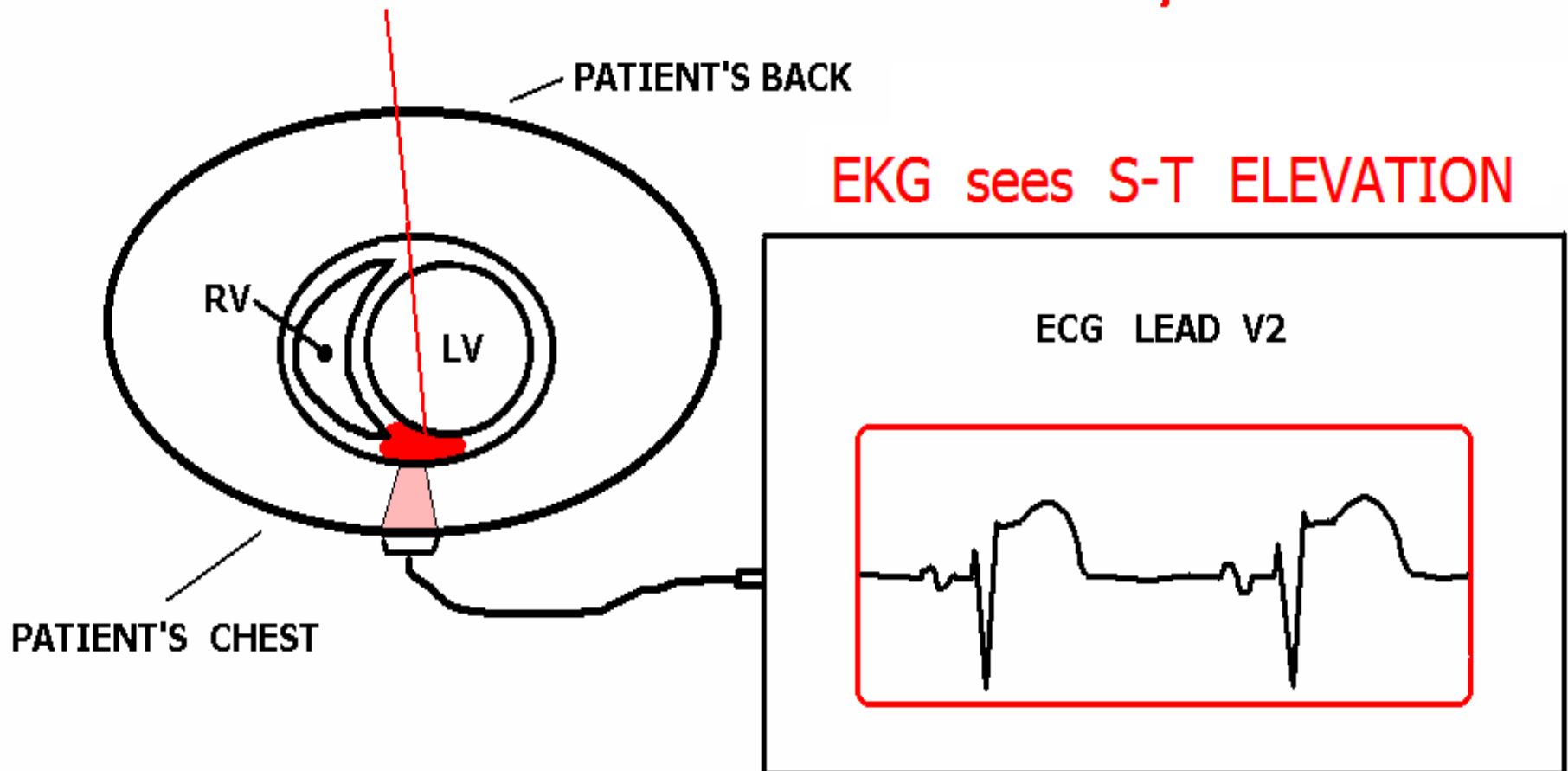
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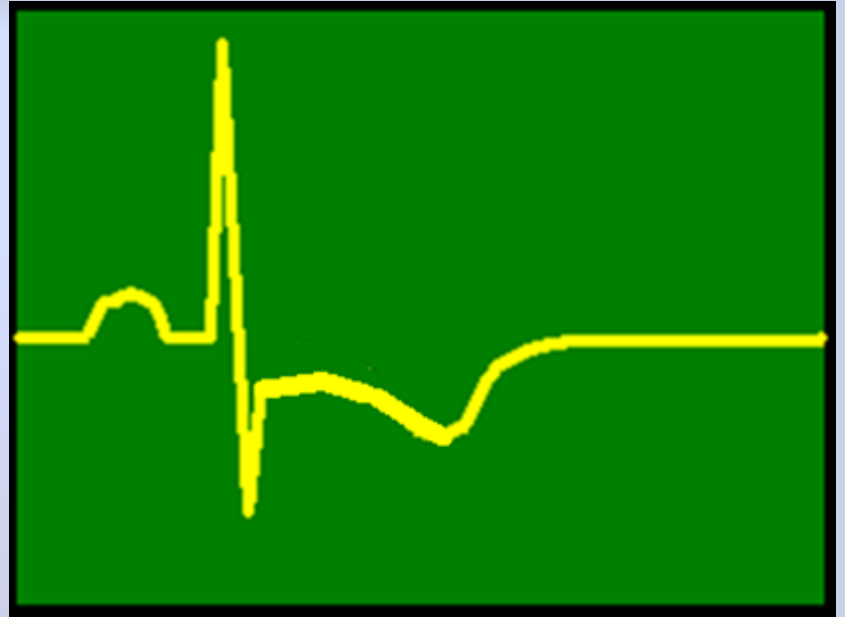
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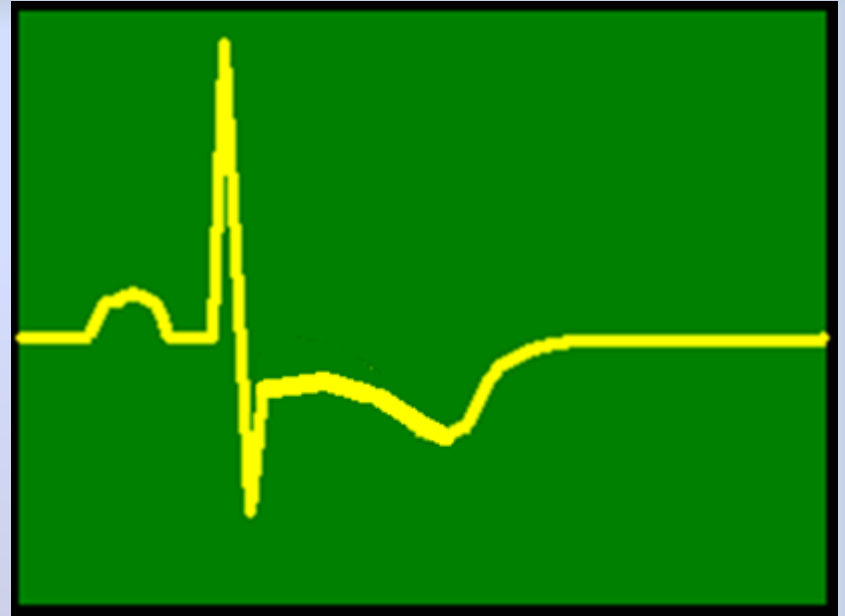


## ST Depression in Leads V1 – V4:



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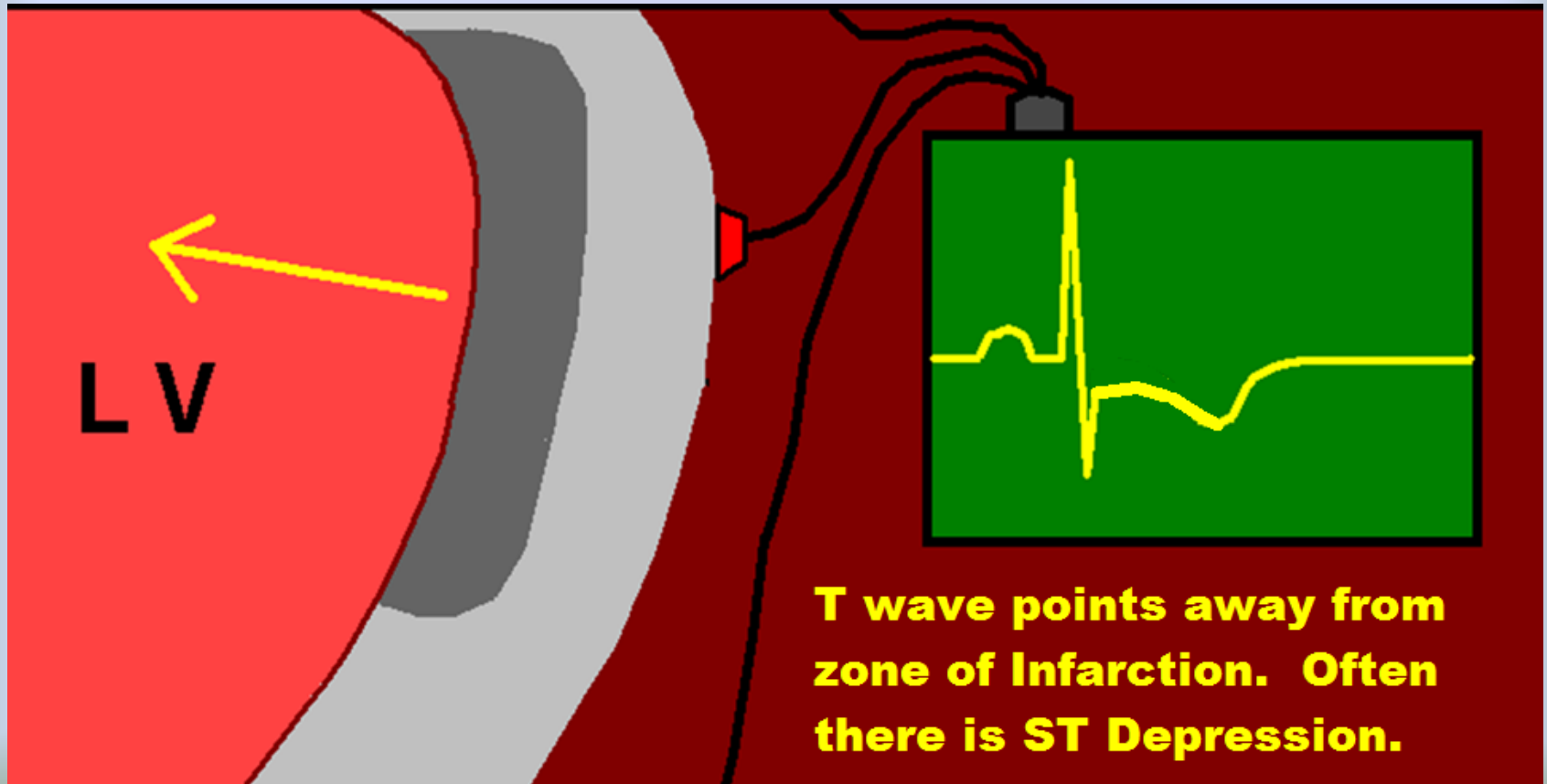
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- Direct view of ISCHEMIA (anterior wall)
- Direct view of NSTEMI (anterior wall)

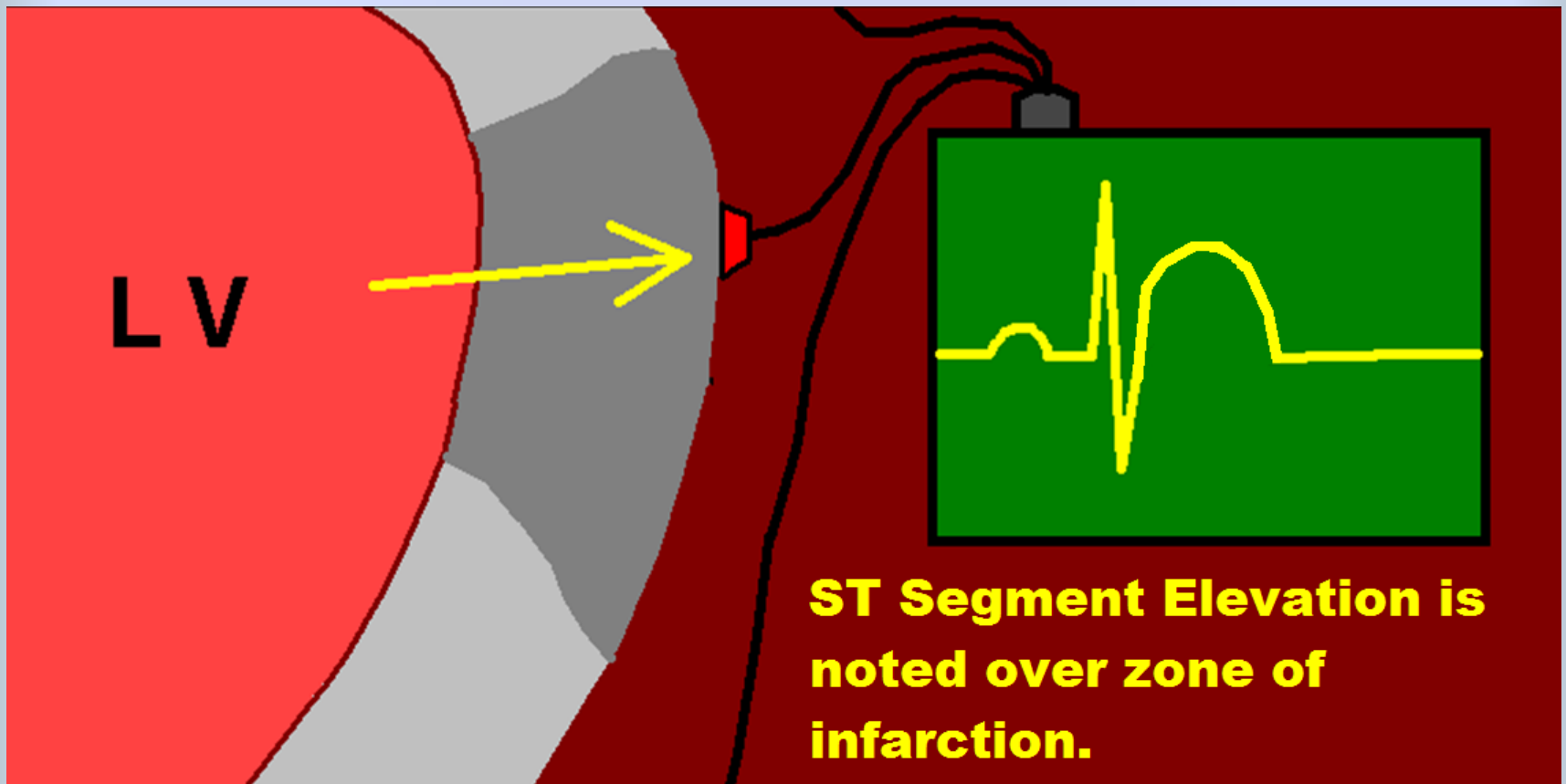
# Non-STEMI (NSTEMI)

Non-ST Segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction.  
“sub-endocardial MI” . . . “partial wall thickness”



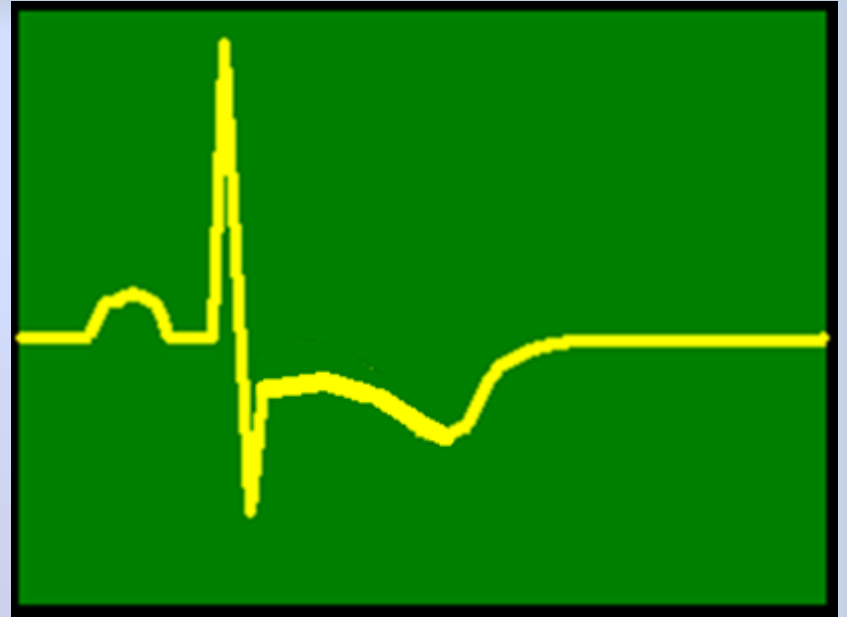
# STEMI

- ST Segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction.





# ST Depression in Leads V1 – V4:

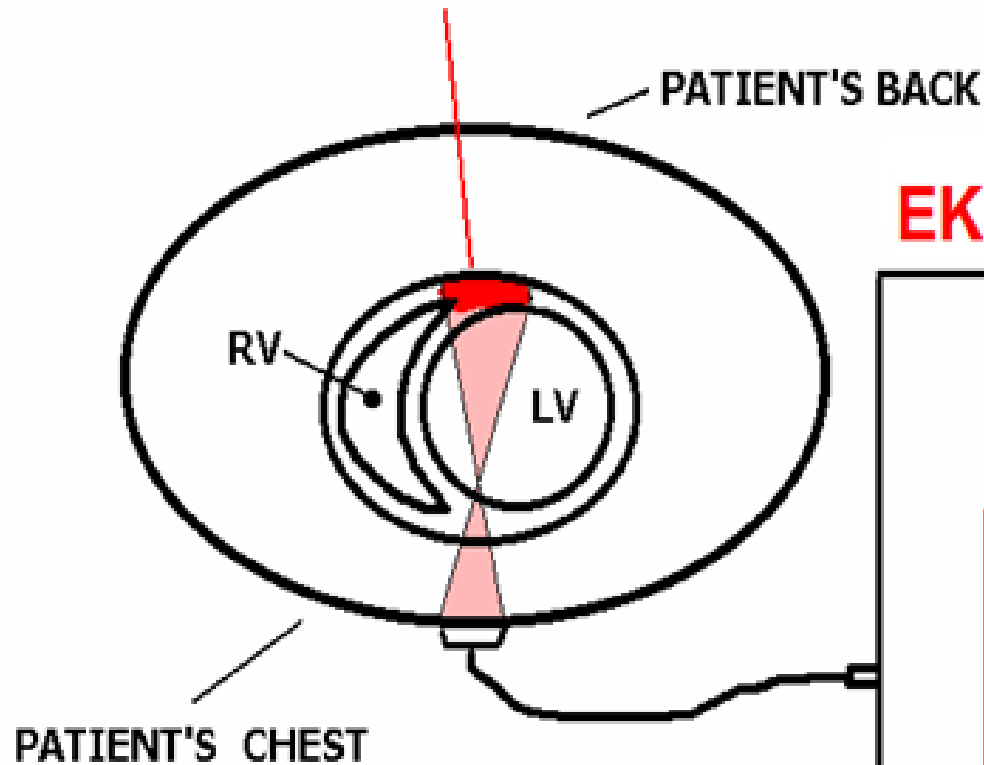


- Direct view of ISCHEMIA (anterior wall)
- Direct view of NSTEMI (anterior wall)
- Reciprocal view of STEMI (opposite side of heart - posterior wall)

# HOW EKG VIEWS RECIPROCAL CHANGES

## EXAMPLE:

**AREA OF ACUTE INFARCTION - POSTERIOR WALL**

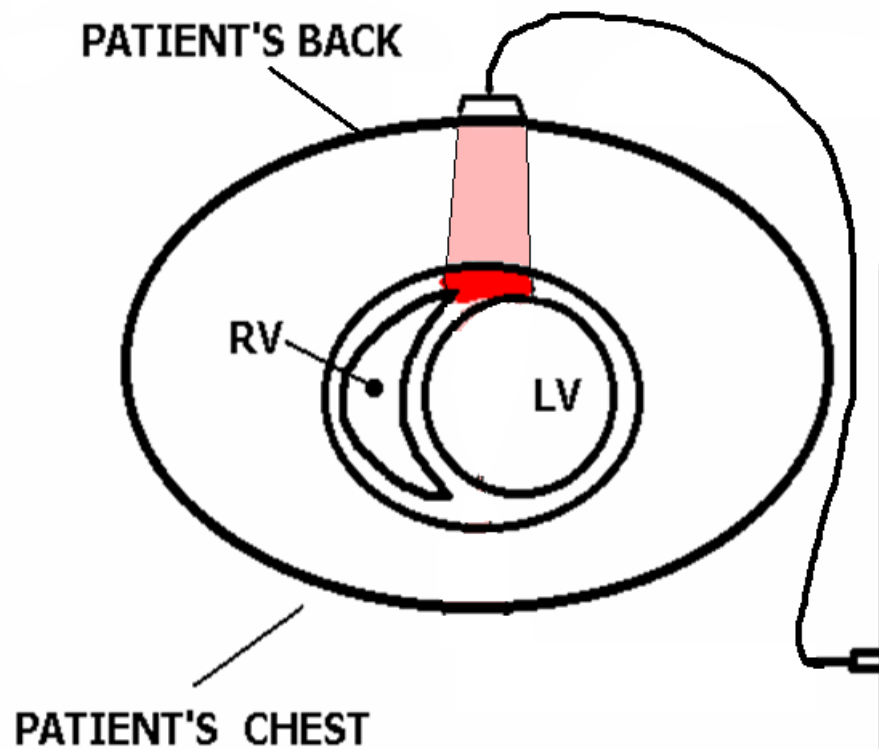


**EKG sees S-T DEPRESSION**

ECG LEAD V2



# If we put ECG leads on the BACK of a PATIENT who is having an **ACUTE POSTERIOR WALL MI . . . . .**

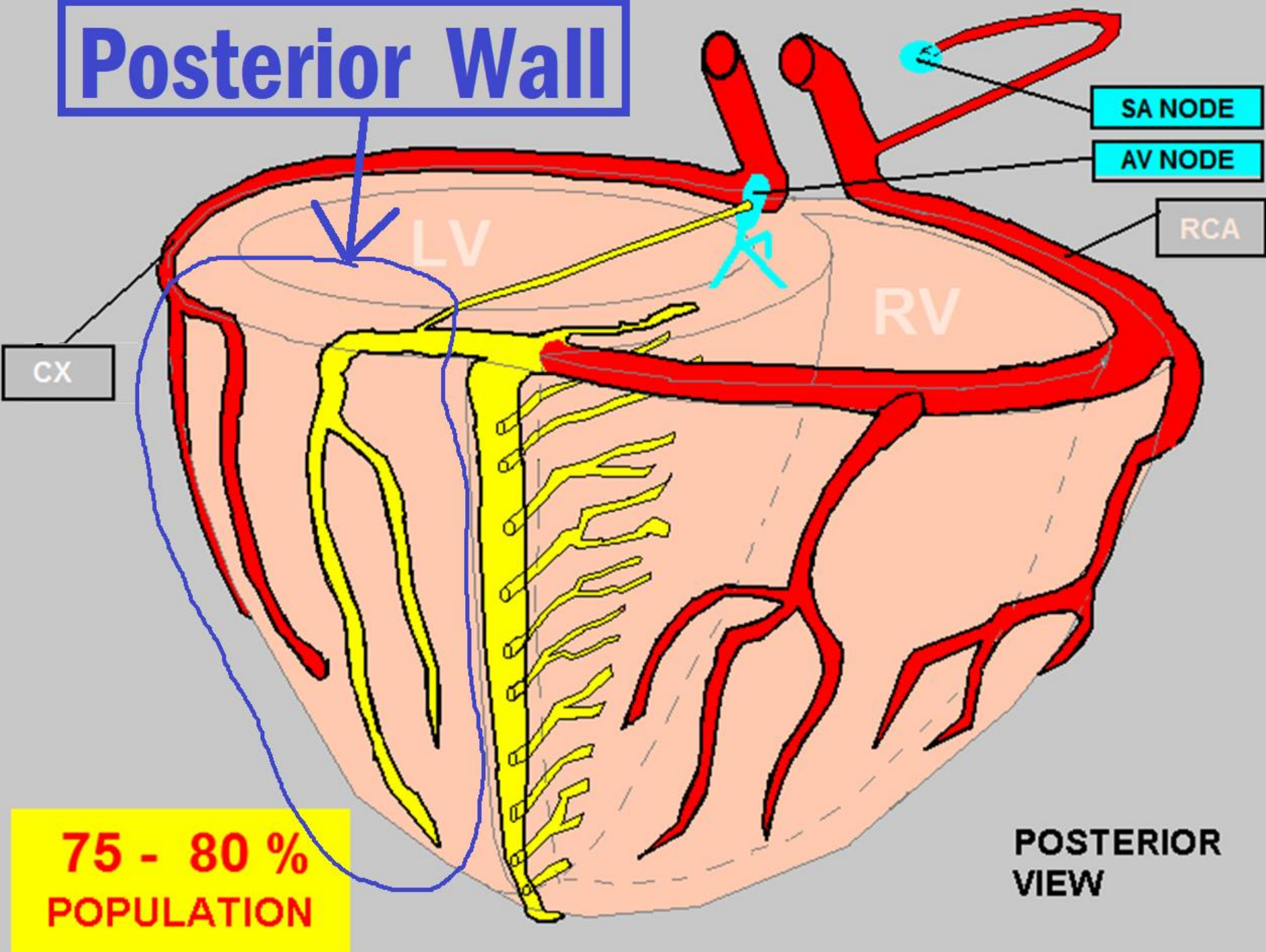


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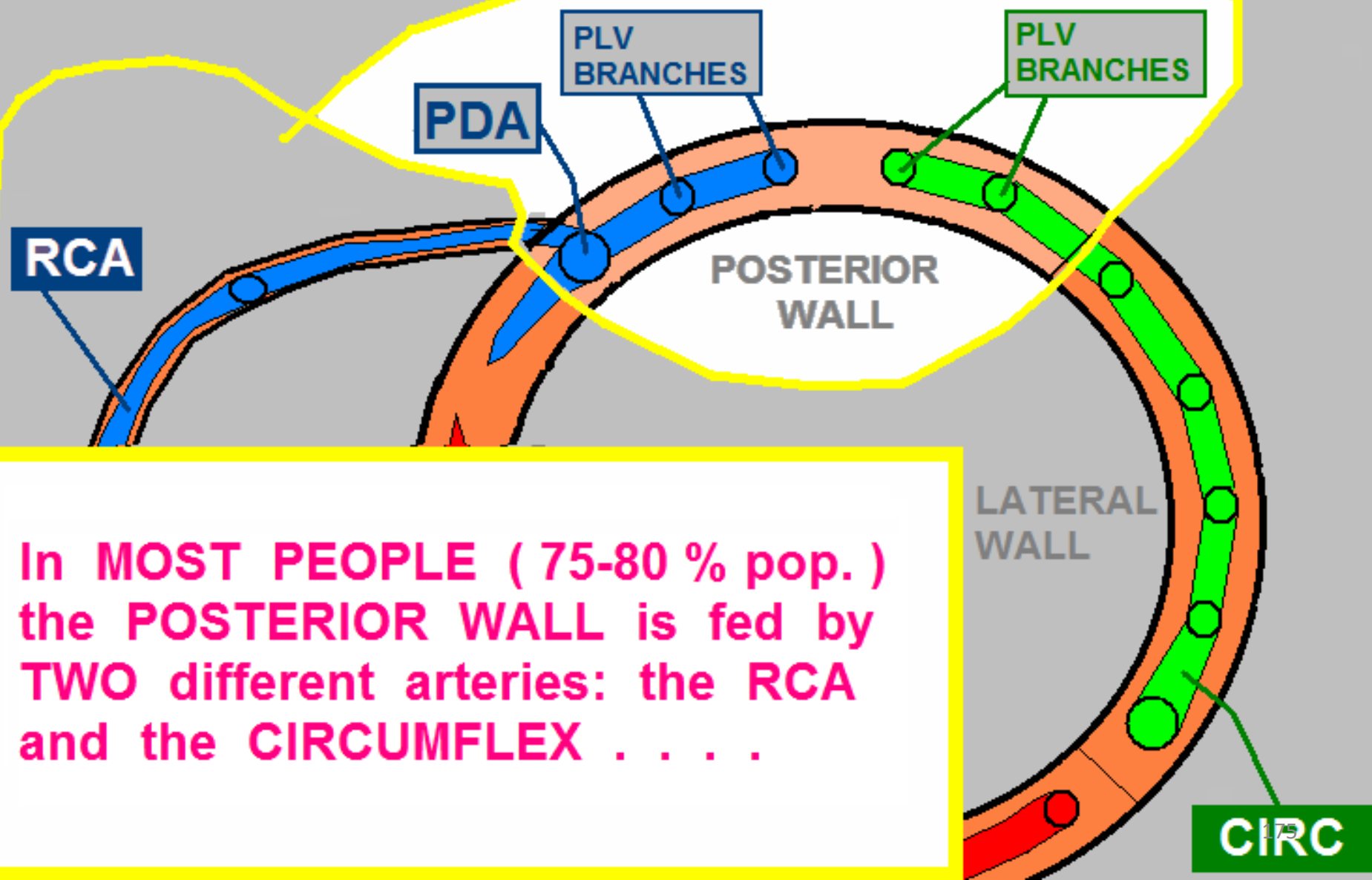
# Posterior Wall



# POSTERIOR WALL BLOOD SUPPLY

## DOMINANT RCA

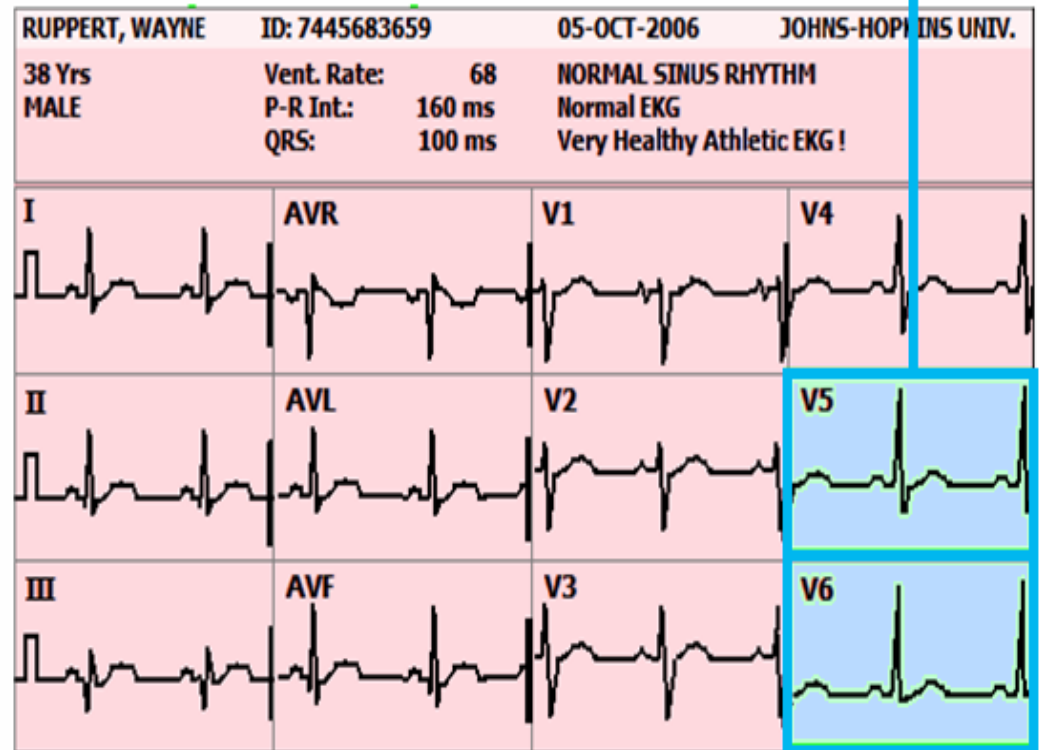
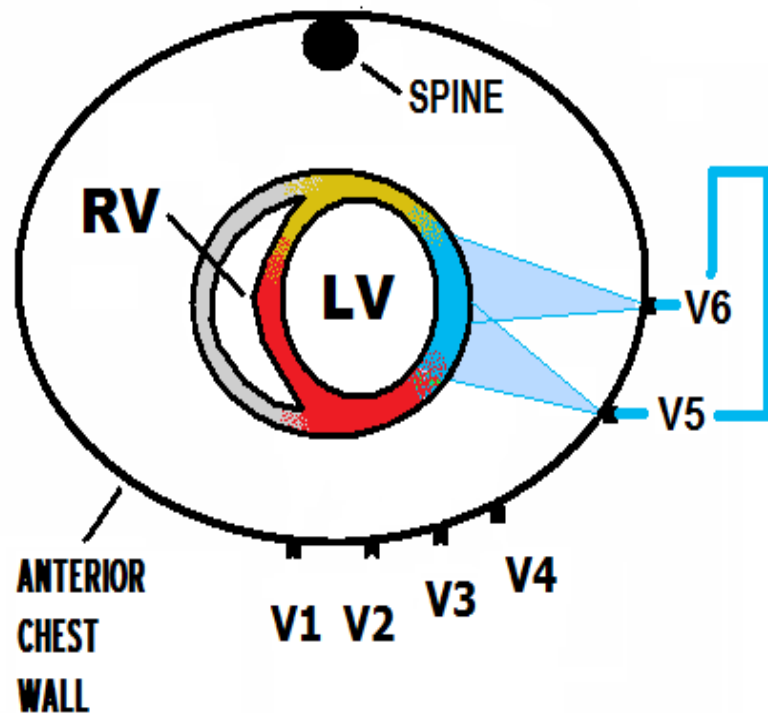
75-80% of POPULATION



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

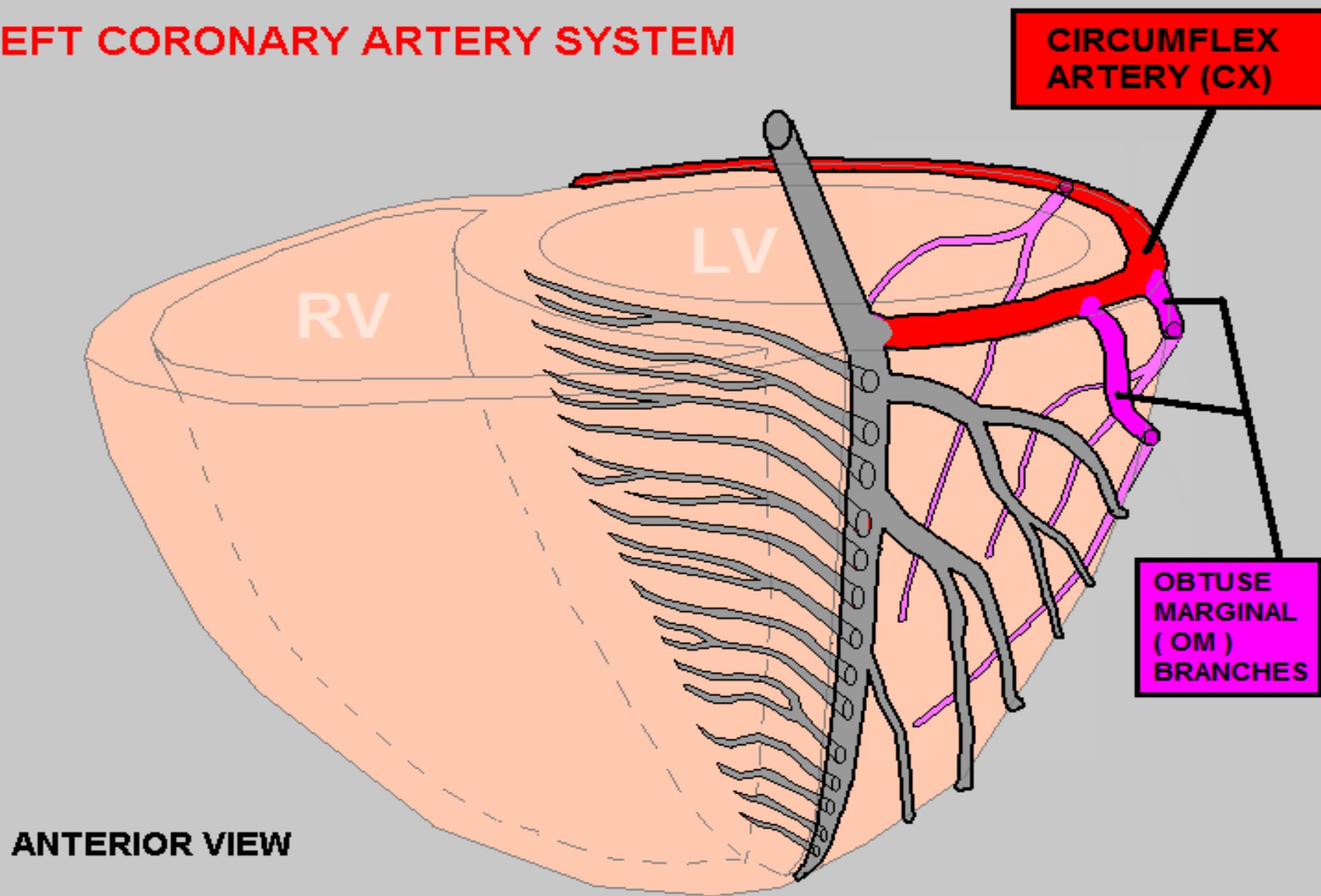


# V5 - V6 VIEW THE LATERAL WALL of the LEFT VENTRICLE



Which Coronary Artery typically Supplies the LATERAL WALL ?

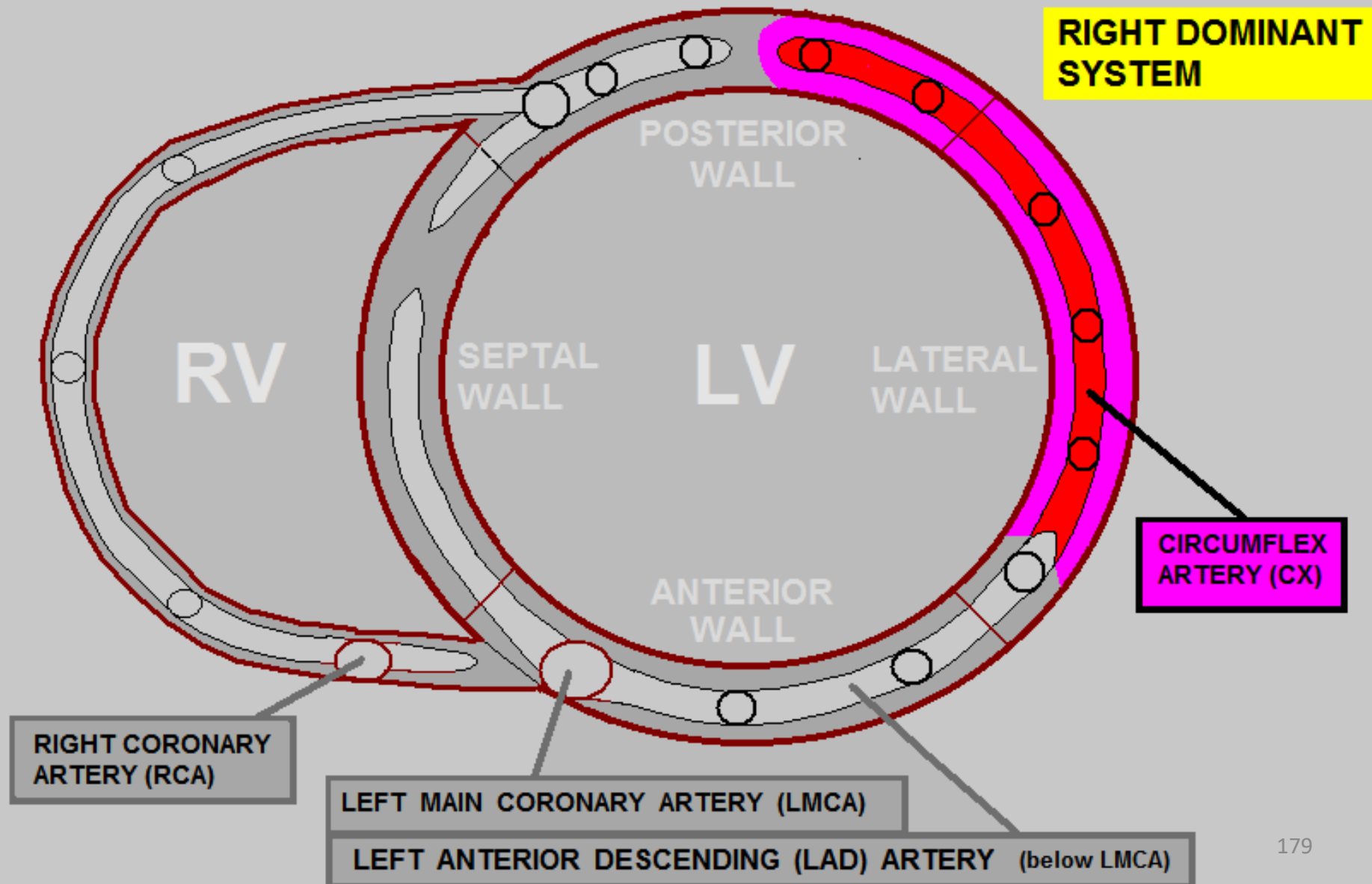
# LEFT CORONARY ARTERY SYSTEM



## CIRCUMFLEX ARTERY (CX) DISTRIBUTION



**SUPPLIES 20 - 30 % of the LV MUSCLE MASS**





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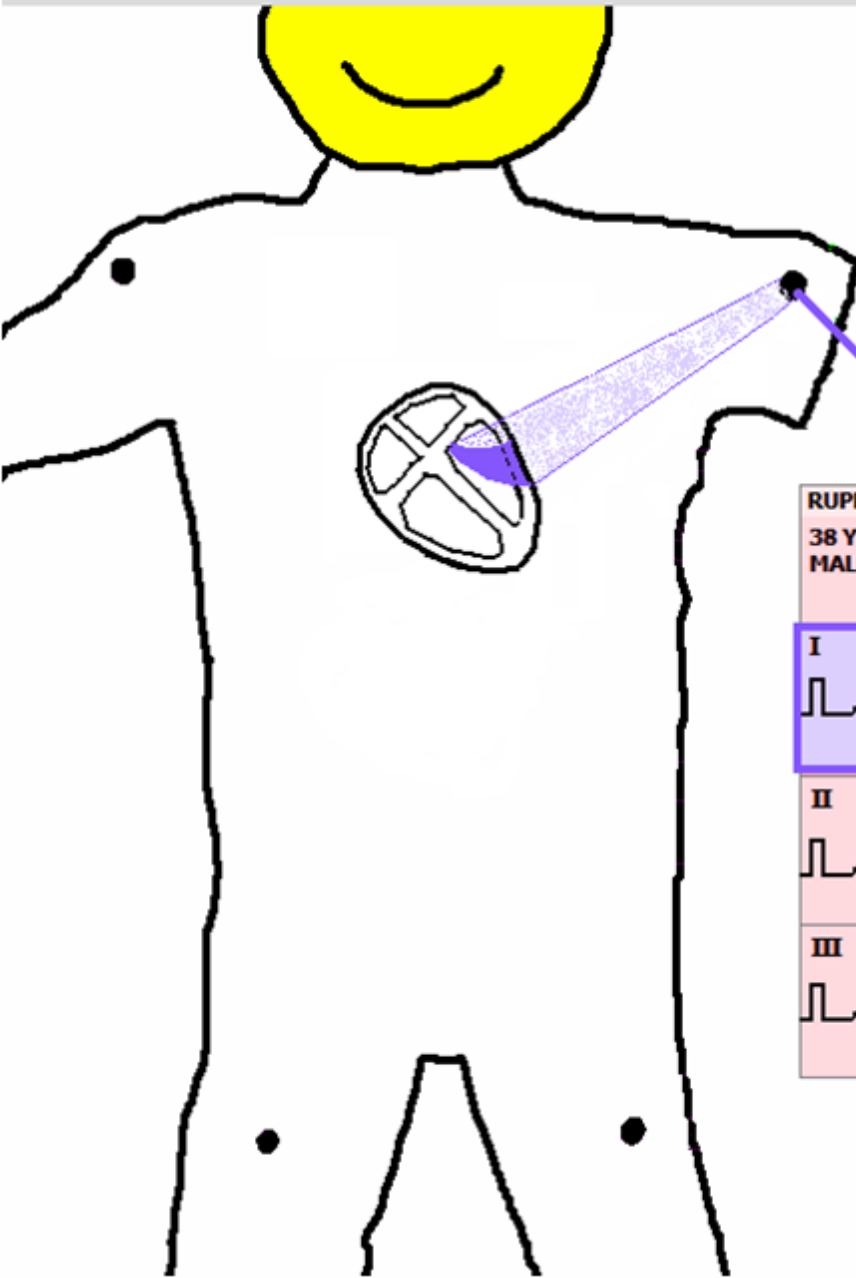


## CIRCUMFLEX ARTERY (CX)

RIGHT DOMINANT  
SYSTEMS

- ▶ LEFT ATRIUM
- ▶ SINUS NODE ( 5% of the population )
- ▶ LEFT VENTRICLE: 20 - 30 % of muscle mass
  - LATERAL WALL
  - up to 1/2 of POSTERIOR WALL

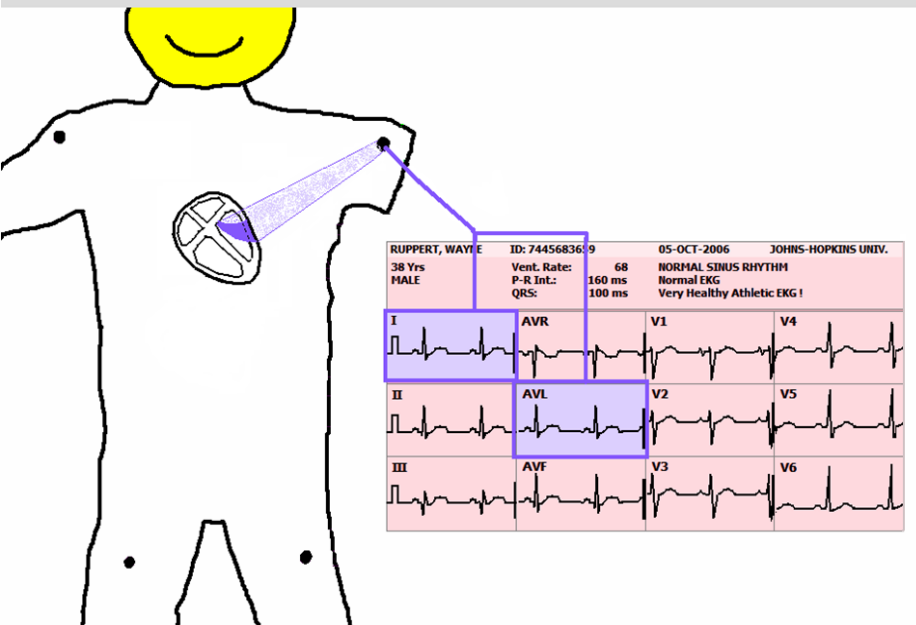
# LEADS I and aVL VIEW the LATERAL - ANTERIOR WALL



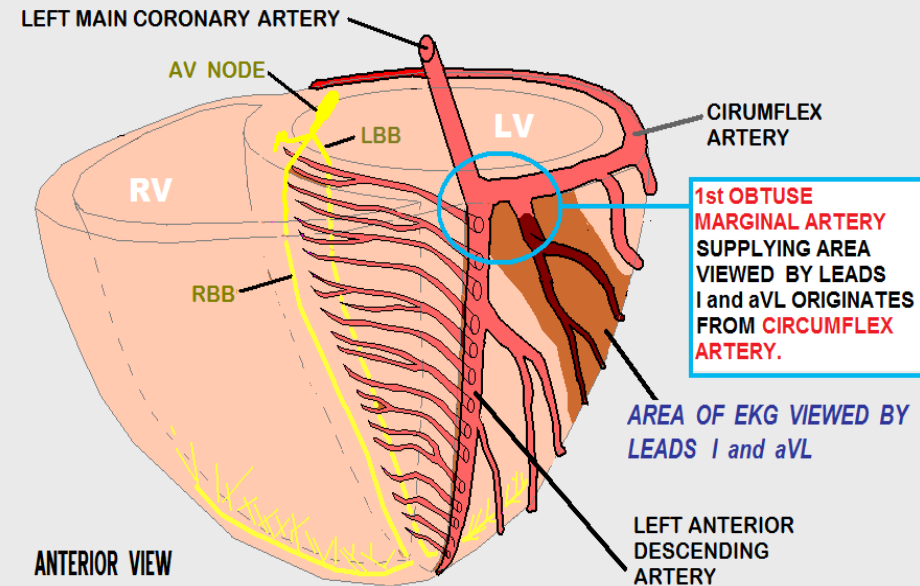
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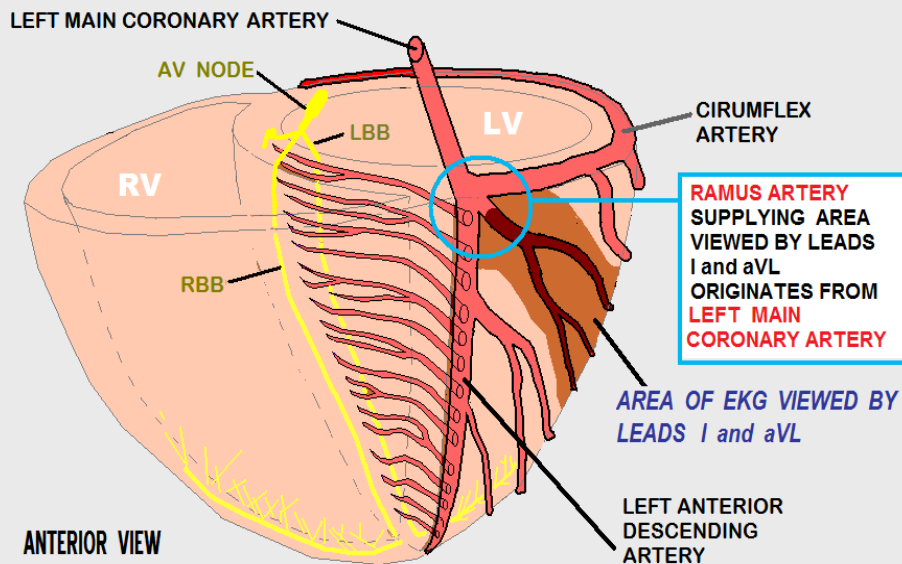
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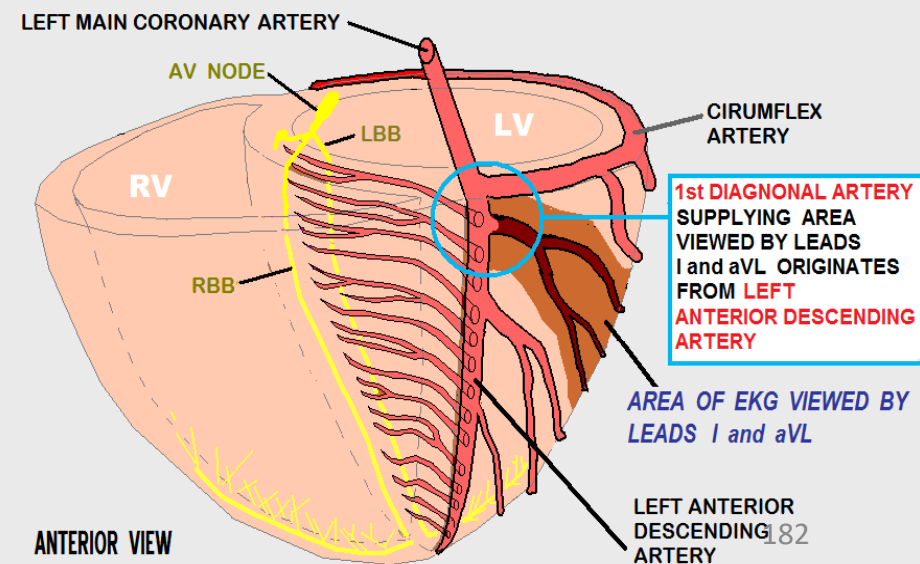
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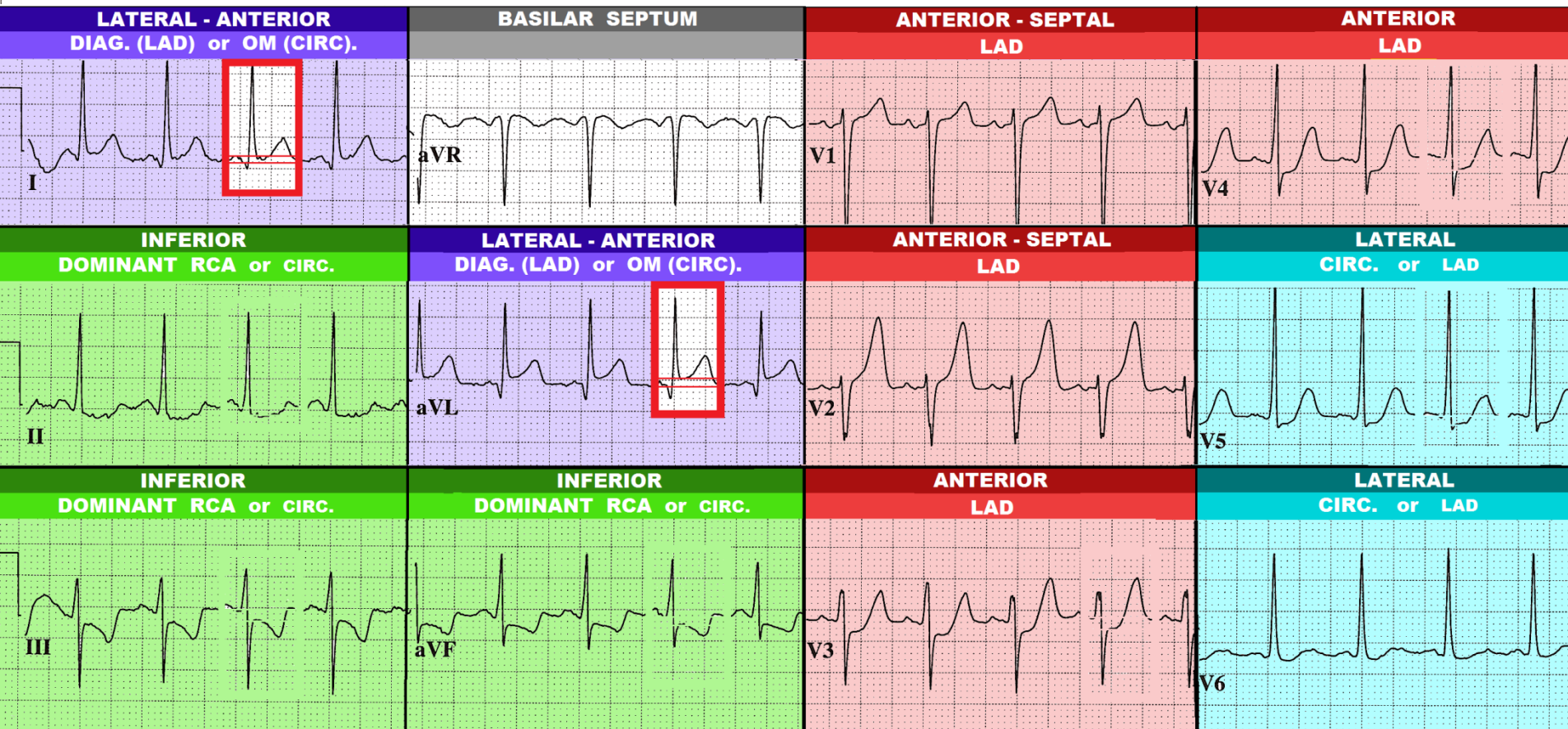
## OCCCLUSION of DIAGONAL ARTERY



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**

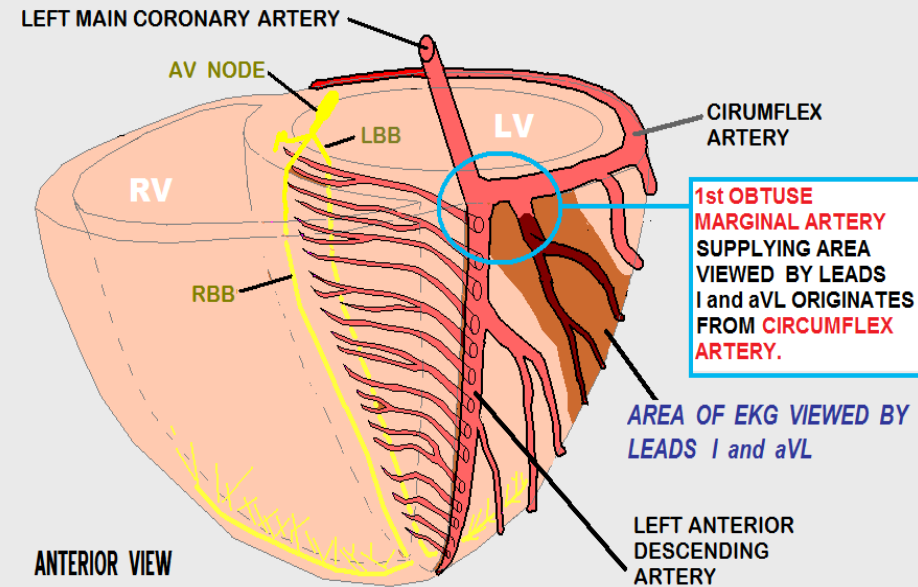


**ST Segment elevation ONLY in Leads I and aVL**

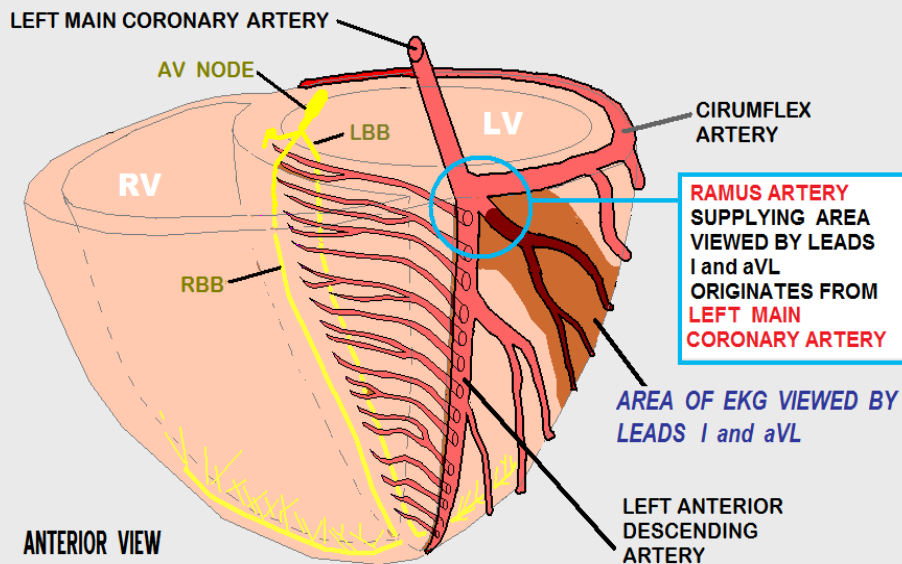
ST Elevation isolated to Leads I and aVL - usually indicates the "Culprit Artery" is most likely One of the following:

- RAMUS BRANCH
- 1<sup>st</sup> DIAGONAL off of LAD
- 1<sup>st</sup> OBTUSE MARGINAL off of CIRCUMFLEX

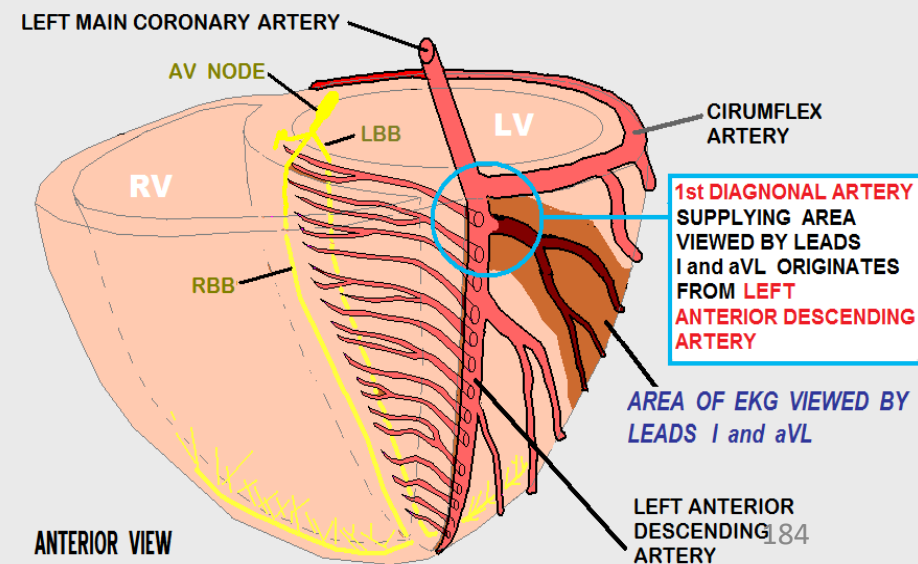
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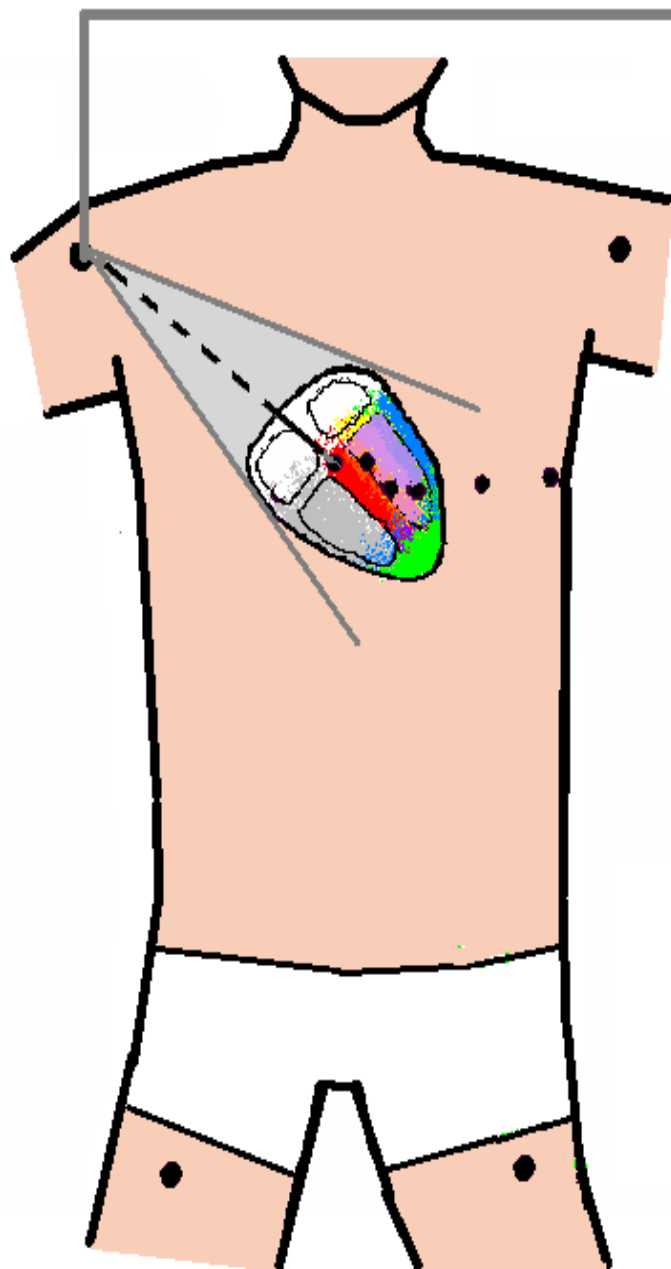
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# Lead AVR Views the BASILAR SEPTUM (region of the Bundle of His):

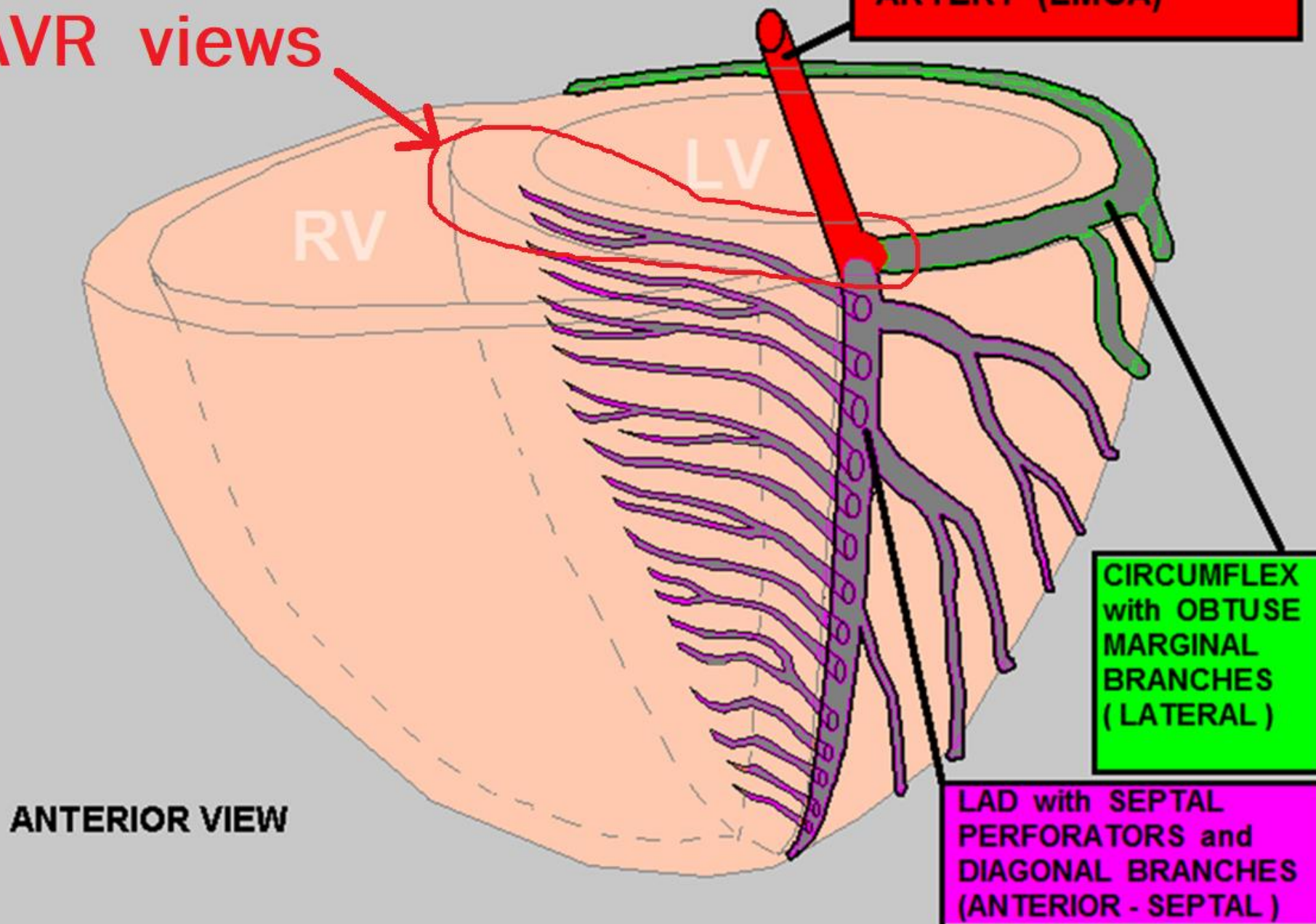


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# LEFT CORONARY ARTERY SYSTEM

AVR views





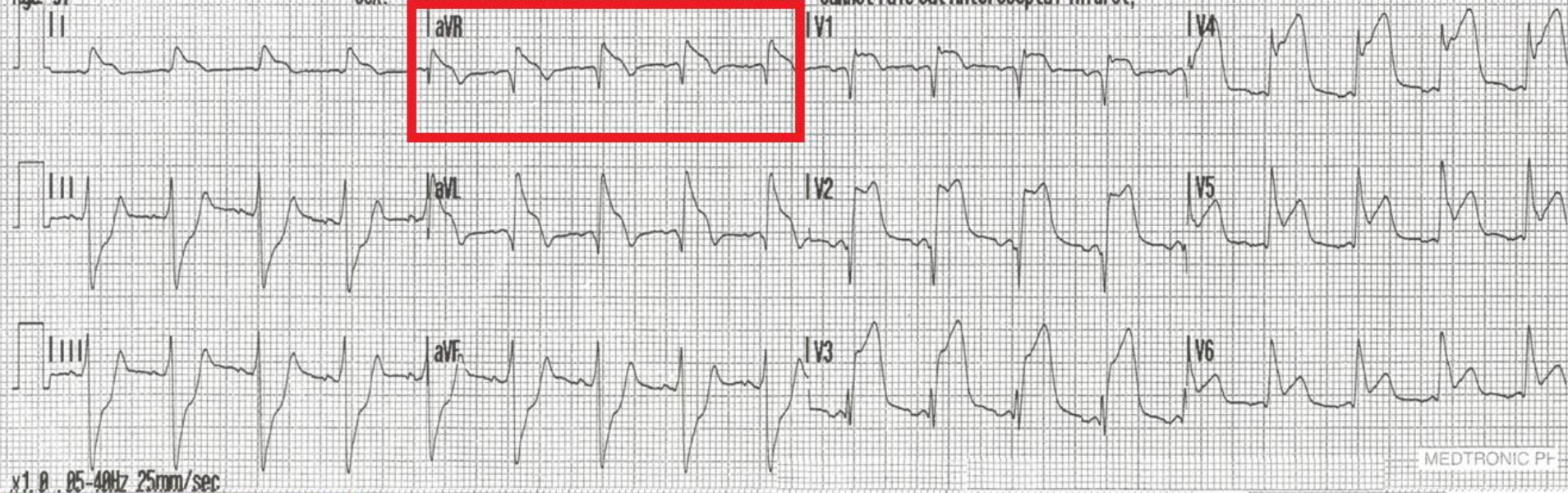
When LEAD AVR shows ST  
Elevation:

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

Name: 12-Lead 4 HR 107 bpm  
 ID: 06 Oct 07 12:44:13  
 Patient ID: PR 0.154s  
 Incident: QT/QTc 0.332s/0.443s  
 Age 37 Sex: P-QRS-T Axes 80° -62° 44°

• \*\*\* ACUTE MI SUSPECTED \*\*\*  
 • Abnormal ECG \*\*Unconfirmed\*\*  
 • Sinus tachycardia  
 • Left anterior fascicular block  
 • Cannot rule out Anteroseptal infarct,

**ACUTE STEMI caused by  
 LEFT MAIN CORONARY  
 ARTERY OCCLUSION**

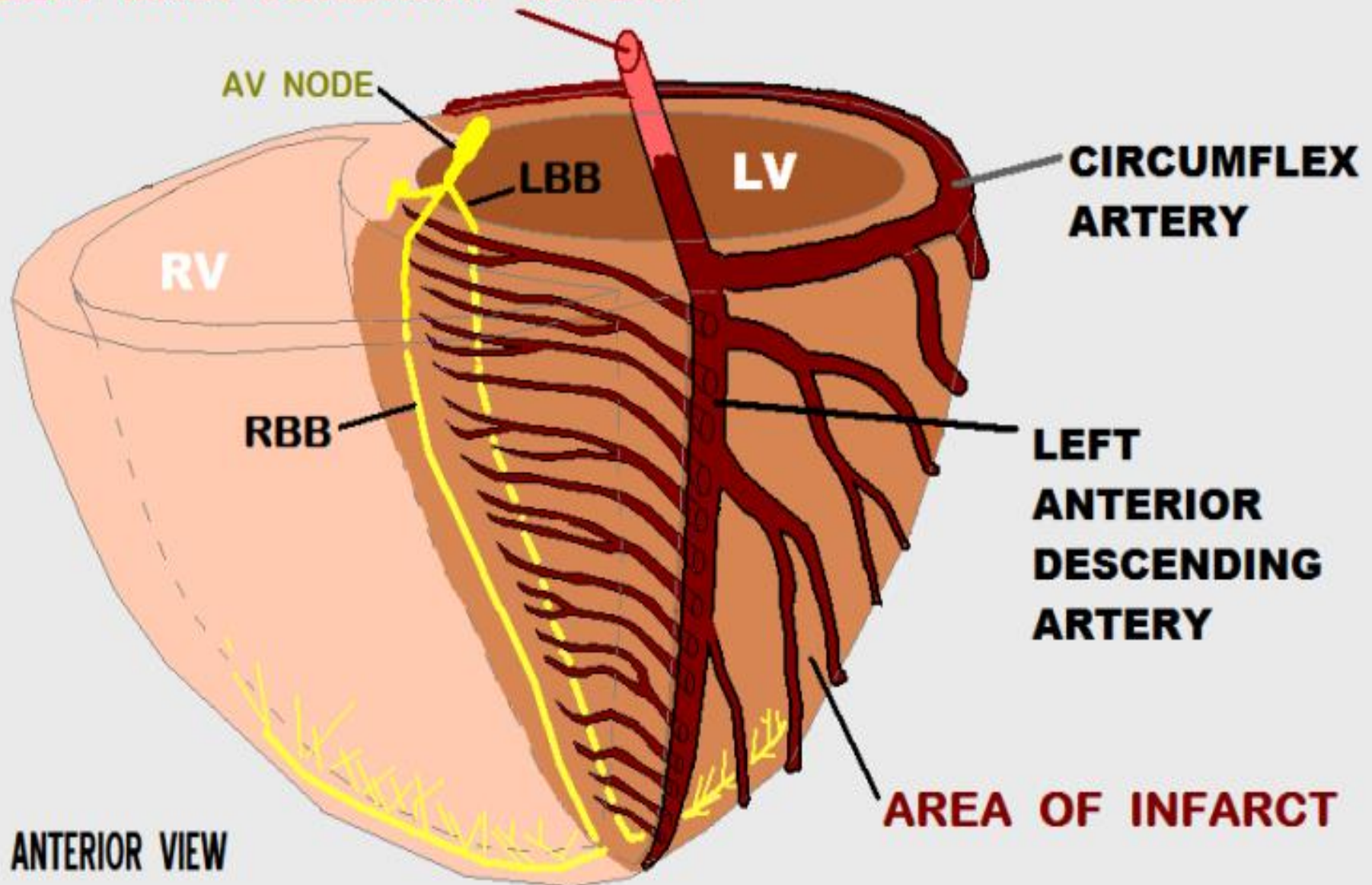


**ECG CLUES of ACUTE  
 STEMI caused by  
 LEFT MAIN CORONARY  
 ARTERY OCCLUSION:**

- ☒ ST ELEVATION in LEADS I, aVL, V1 - V6
- ☒ ST ELEVATION in aVR GREATER THAN 0.5 mm
- ☒ ST ELEVATION in aVR GREATER THAN LEAD V1
- ☒ LEFT ANTERIOR FASCICULAR BLOCK PATTERN

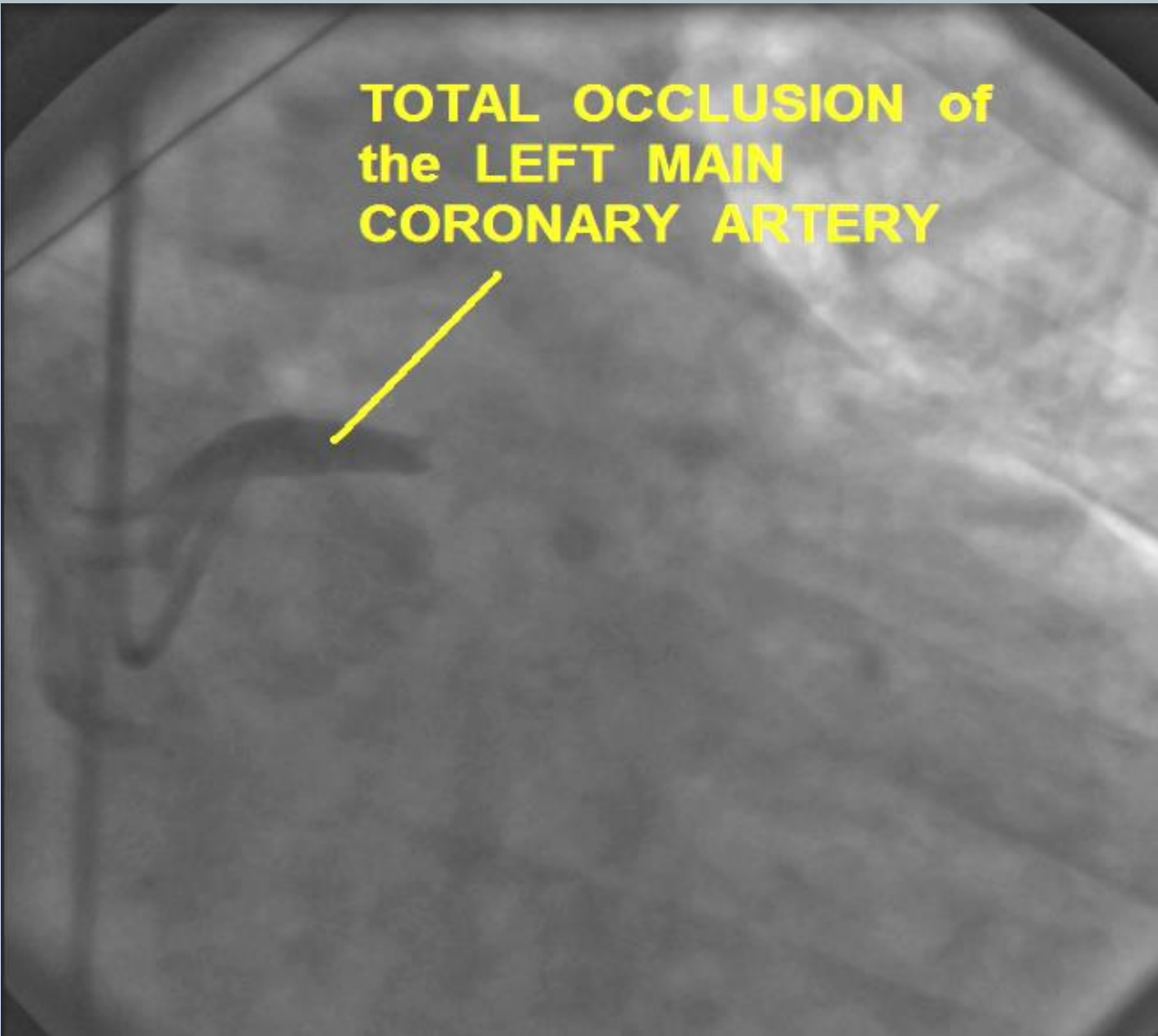
# OCCLUSION of the LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY

## LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY



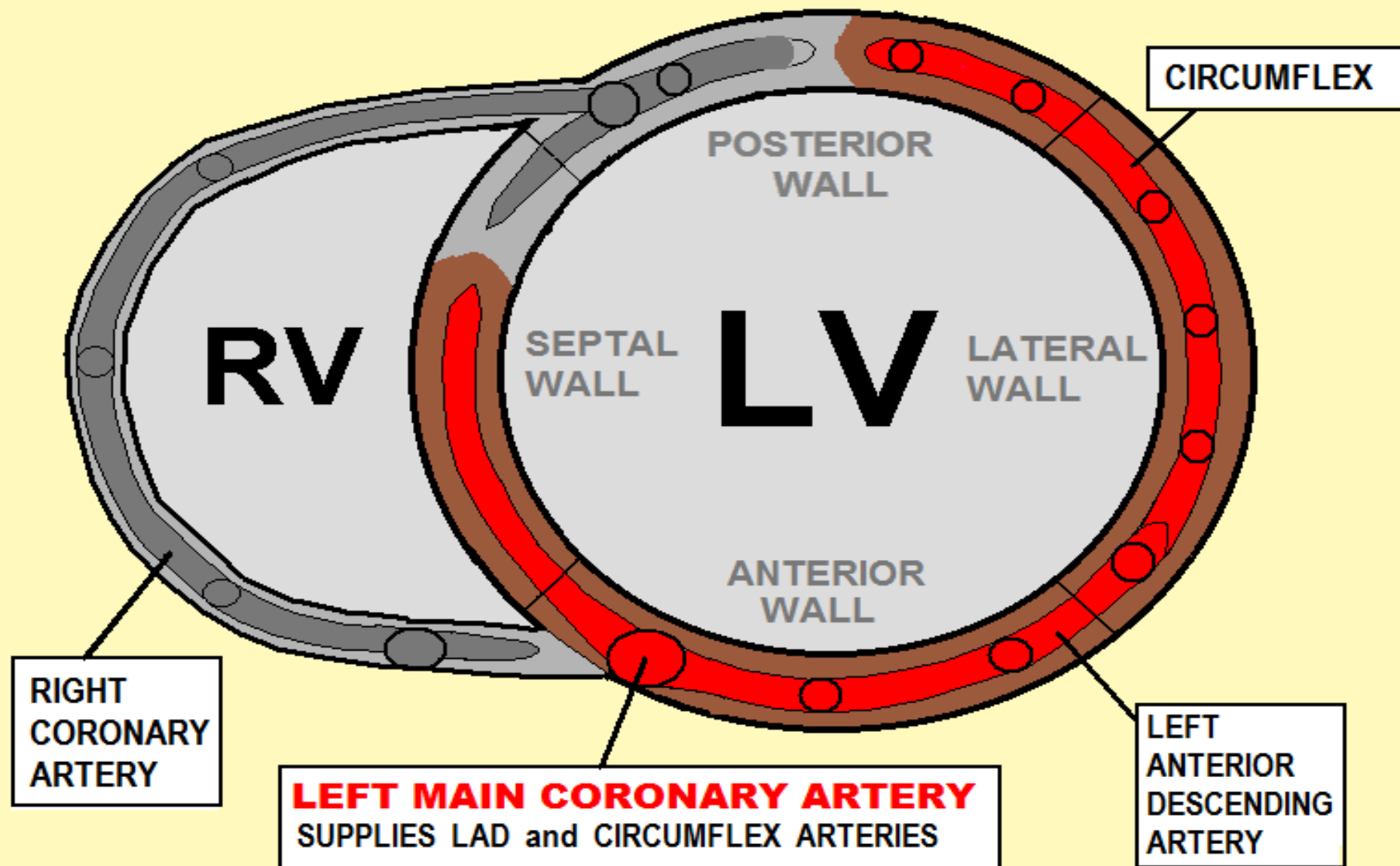


**TOTAL OCCLUSION of  
the LEFT MAIN  
CORONARY ARTERY**



# The LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY

*SUPPLIES 75 - 100 % of the LEFT VENTRICULAR MUSCLE MASS*





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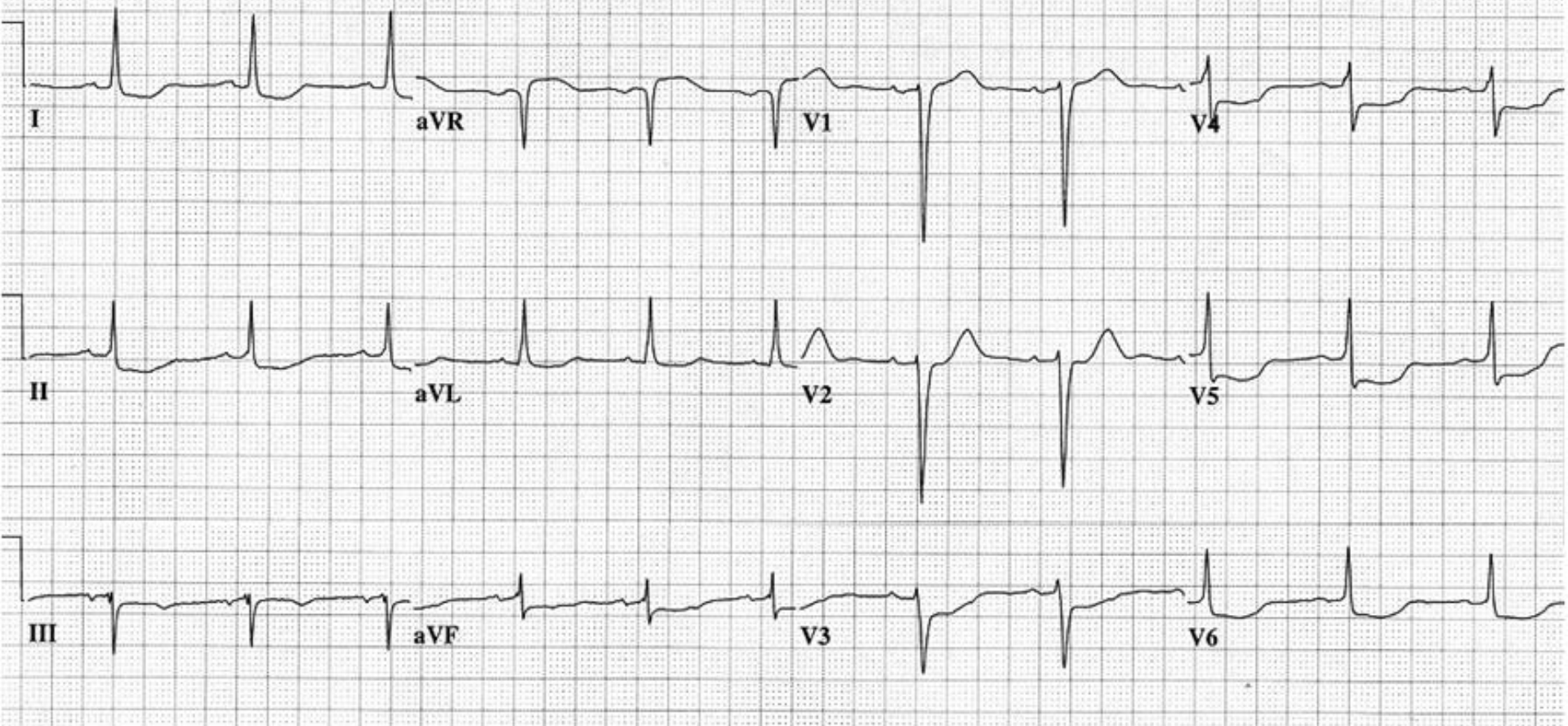
- **STEMI:** consider occlusion of the Left Main Coronary Artery.
- **NSTEMI and Unstable Angina** consider LMCA Occlusion – or **TRIPLE VESSEL DISEASE**

**In patients without STEMI, ST Elevation in AVR, when seen with global indications of ischemia (ST Depression in 8 leads or more), is indicative of advanced multi-vessel disease or significant Left Main Coronary Artery stenosis**

67 yr  
Female Hispanic  
Room:S7  
Loc:3 Option:23

Vent. rate	67	BPM
PR interval	188	ms
QRS duration	106	ms
QT/QTc	458/483	ms
P-R-T axes	27 -3 -111	

OS:





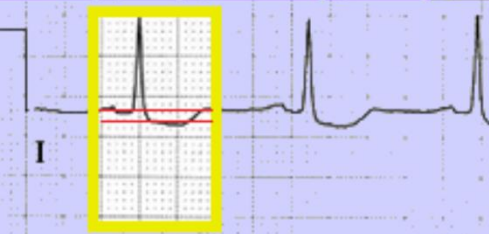
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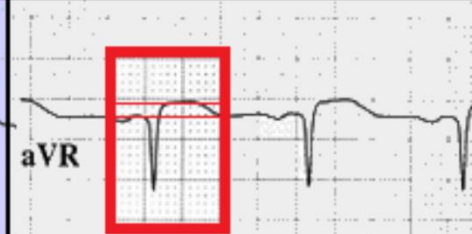
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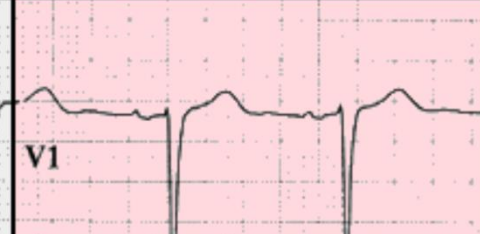
**LATERAL - ANTERIOR  
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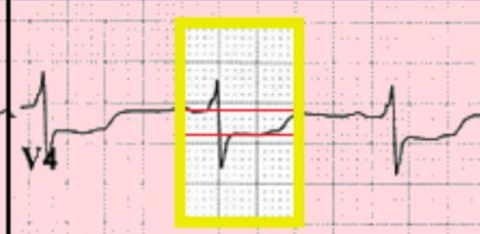
**BASILAR SEPTAL  
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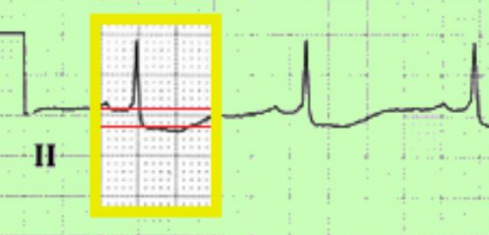
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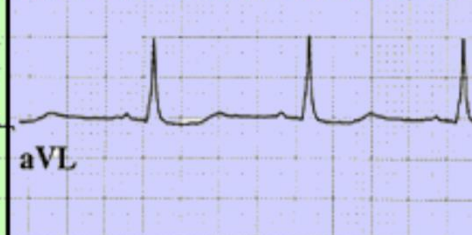
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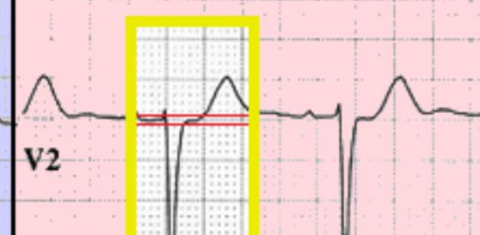
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RCA or CIRC.**



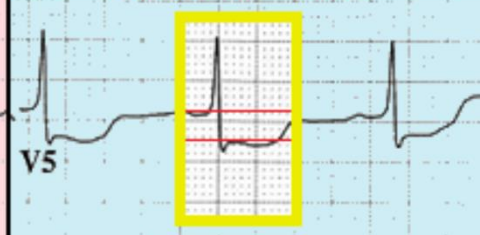
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DIAG (LAD) or OM (CIRC)**



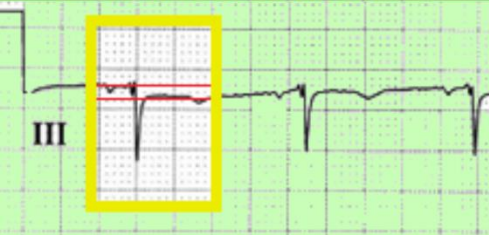
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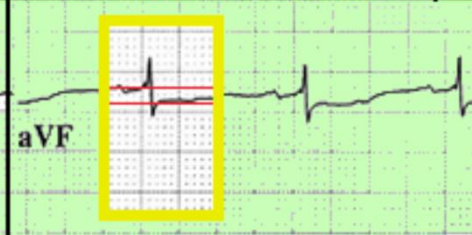
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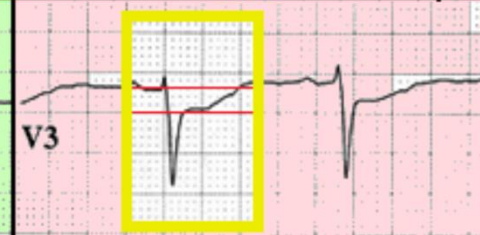
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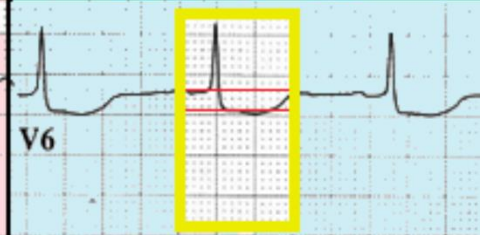
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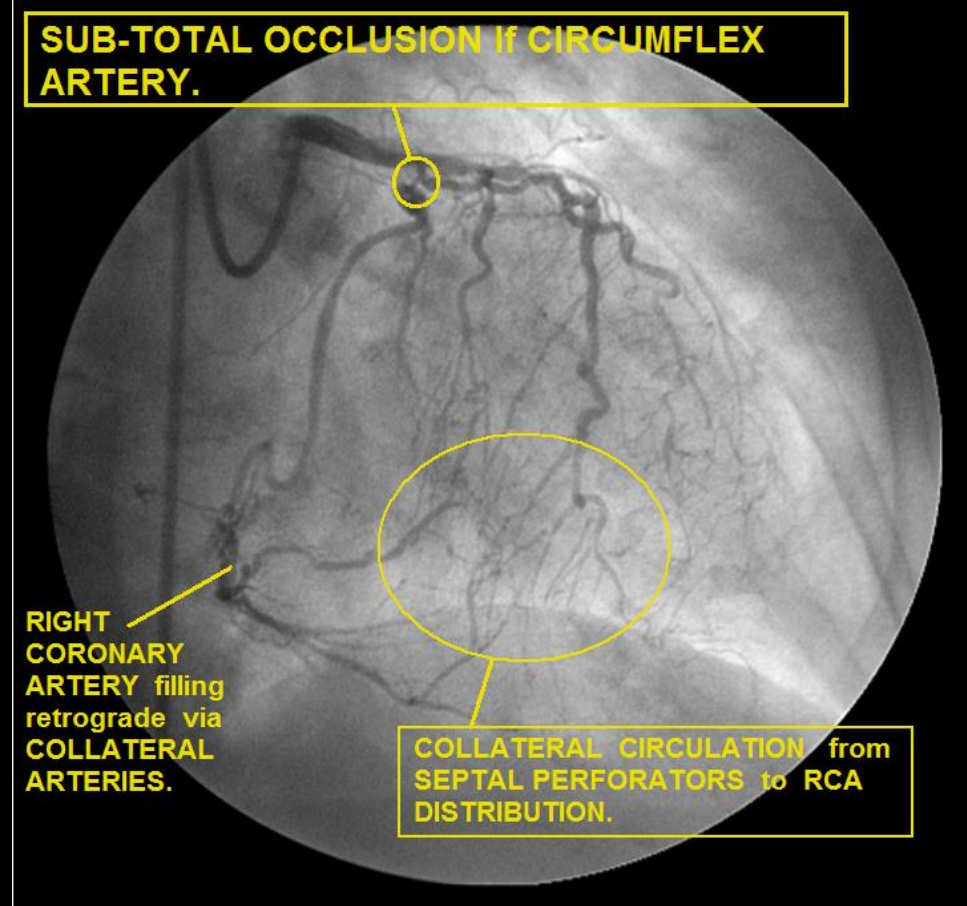
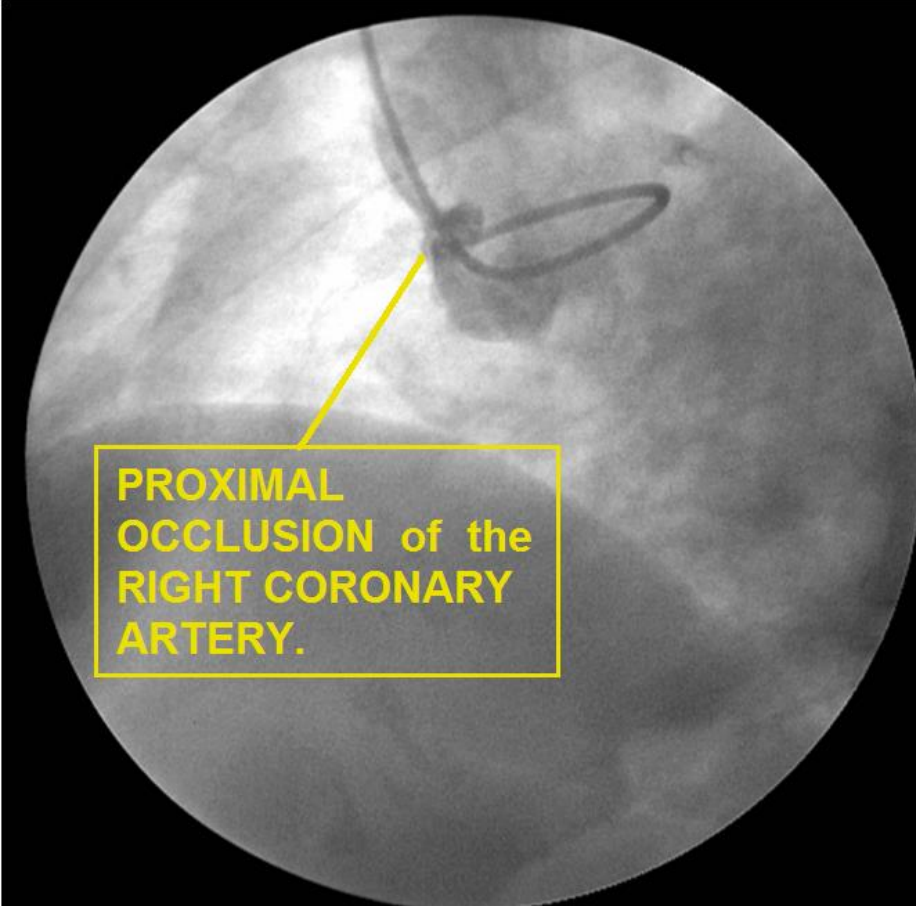
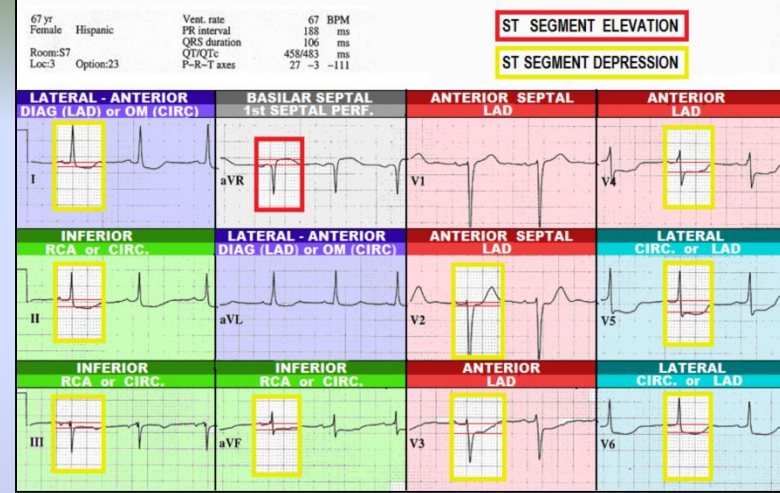




# GLOBAL ISCHEMIA

- ST Elevation Lead aVR
- ST Depression in 8 or more other Leads
- Indicates either SUB-TOTALLY OCCLUDED LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY – or – TRIPLE VESSEL DISEASE.
- ***MOST PATIENTS WITH THIS ECG PRESENTATION REQUIRE OPEN HEART SURGERY.***

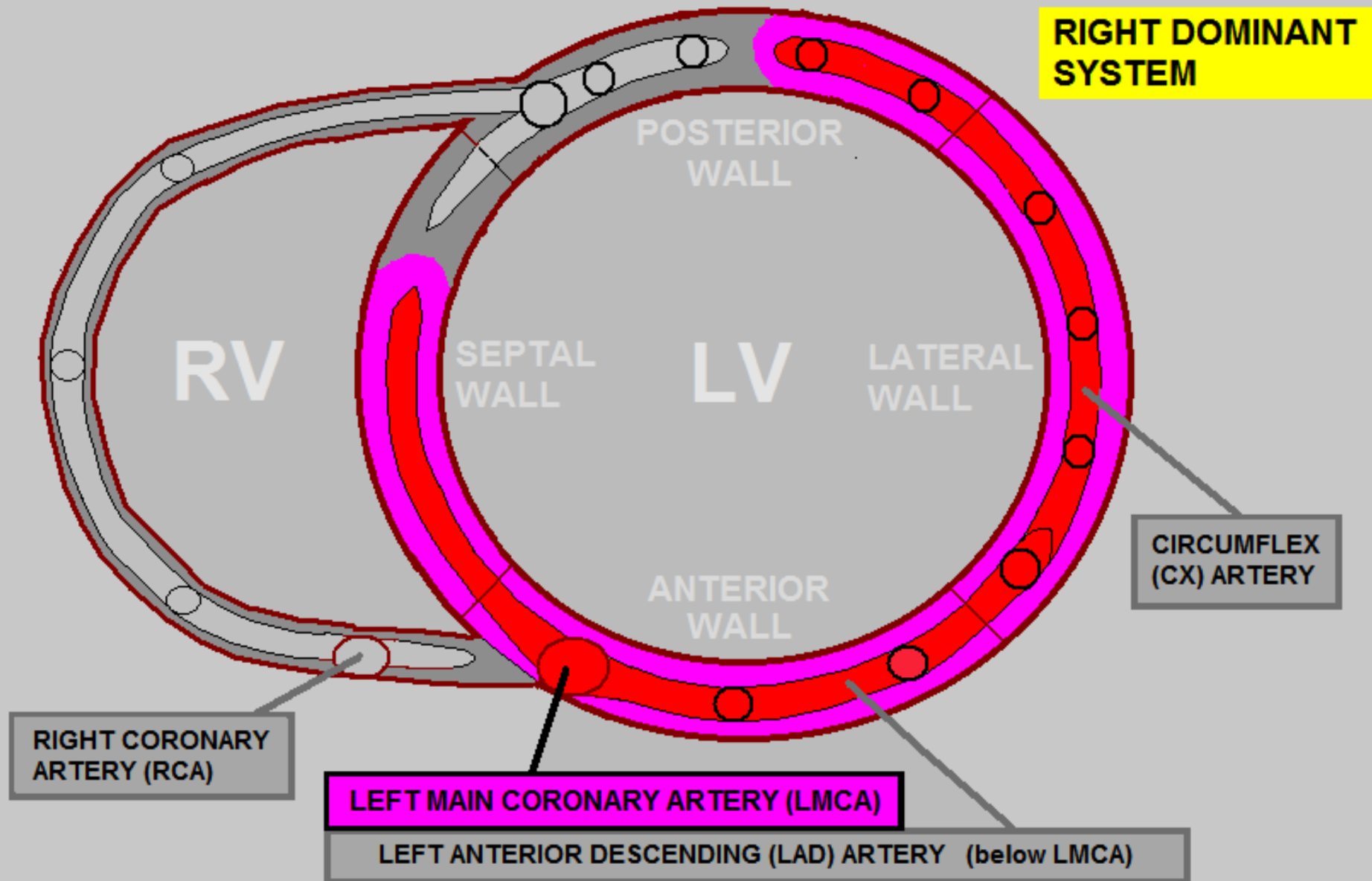
# Critical Triple Vessel Disease = *STAT Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery*



cutaway view of the

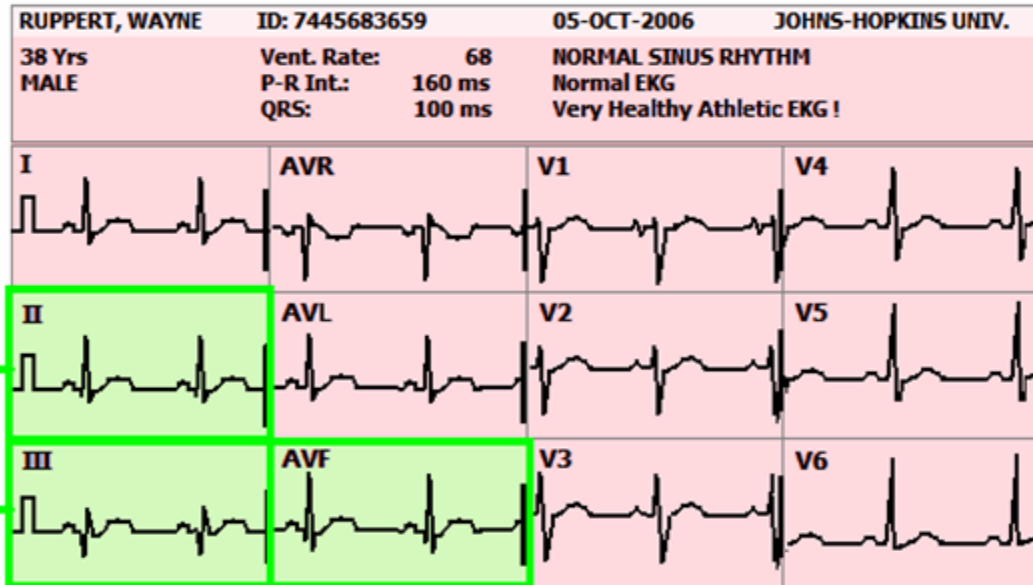
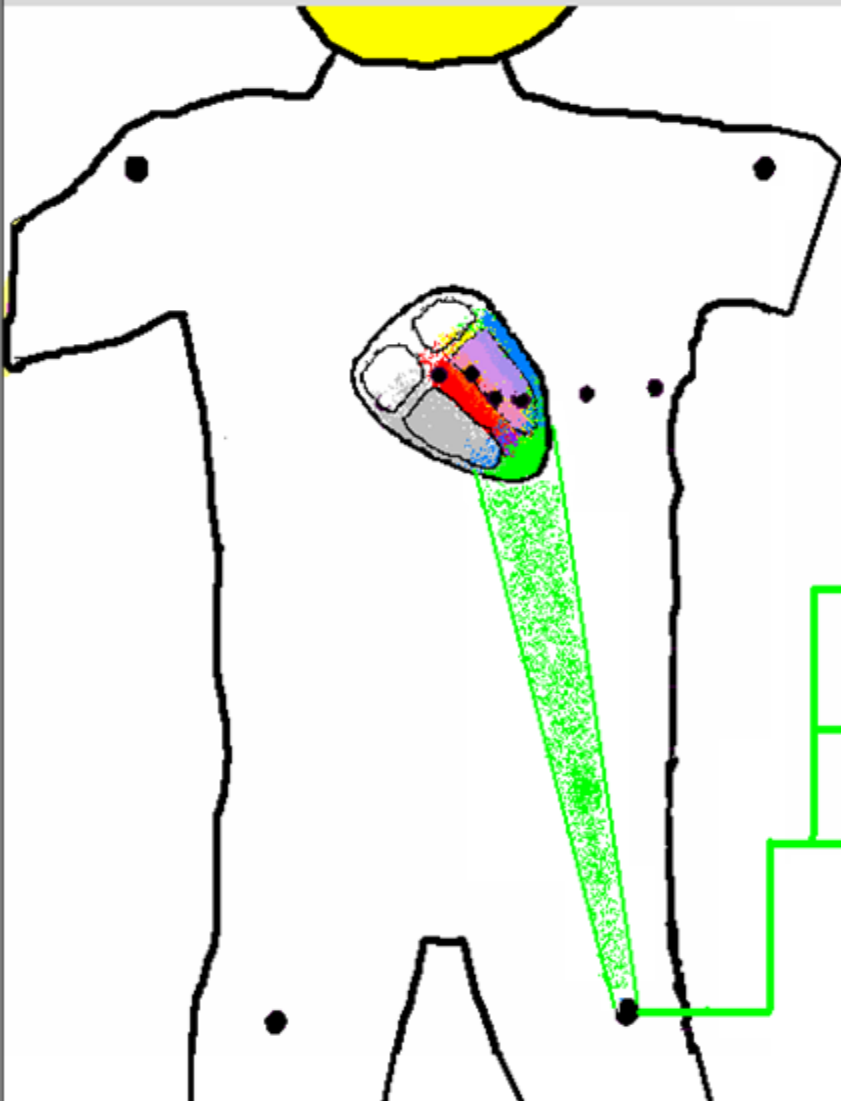
## LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY (LMCA)

👉 SUPPLIES APPROXIMATELY 75% OF LV MUSCLE MASS



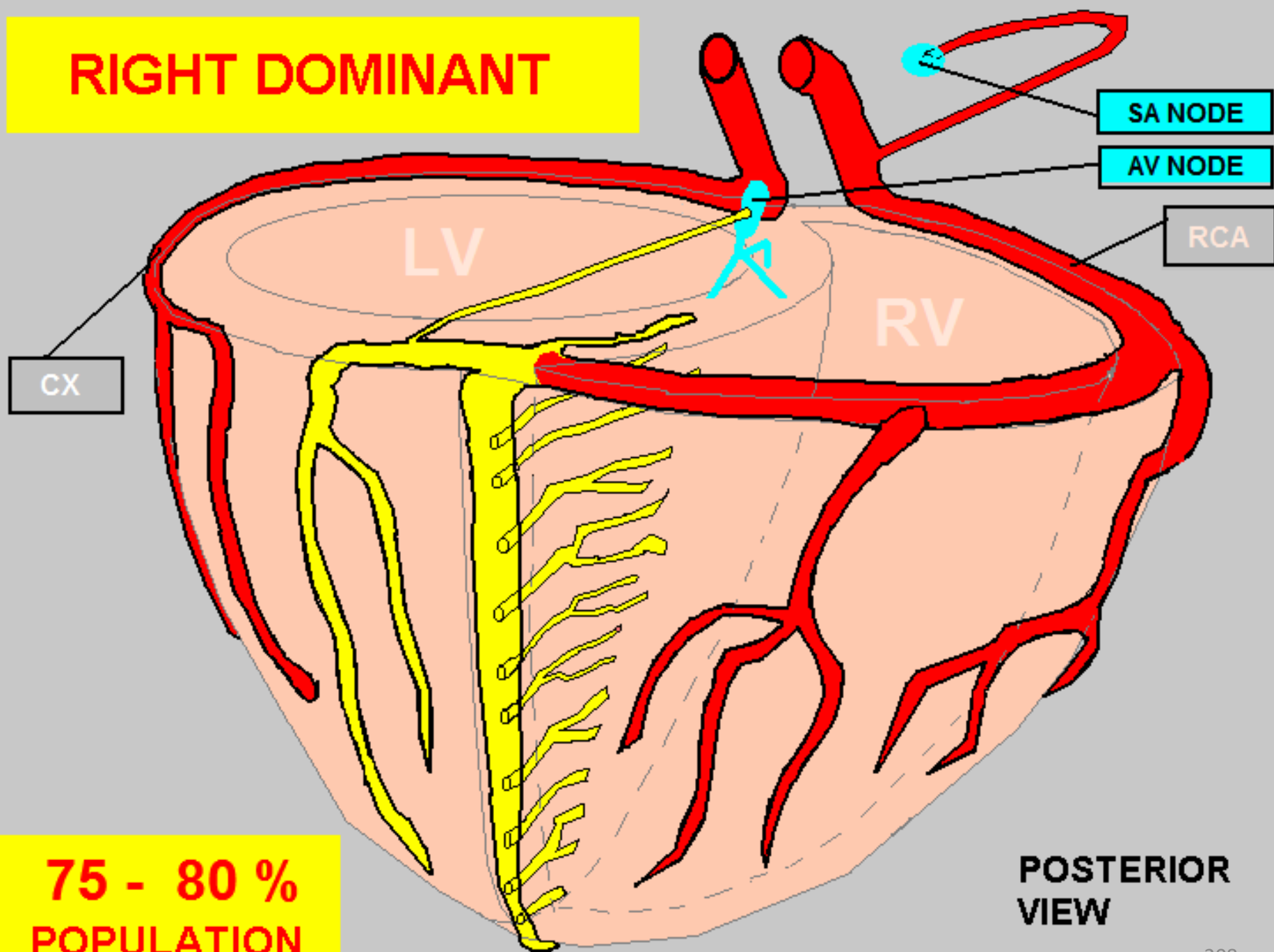
# LEADS II, III, and aVF VIEW

## INFERIOR WALL of the LEFT VENTRICLE



Which CORONARY ARTERY usually supplies the INFERIOR WALL?

# RIGHT DOMINANT



75 - 80 %  
POPULATION

POSTERIOR  
VIEW





HELPFUL HINT... *MEMORIZE THIS !*

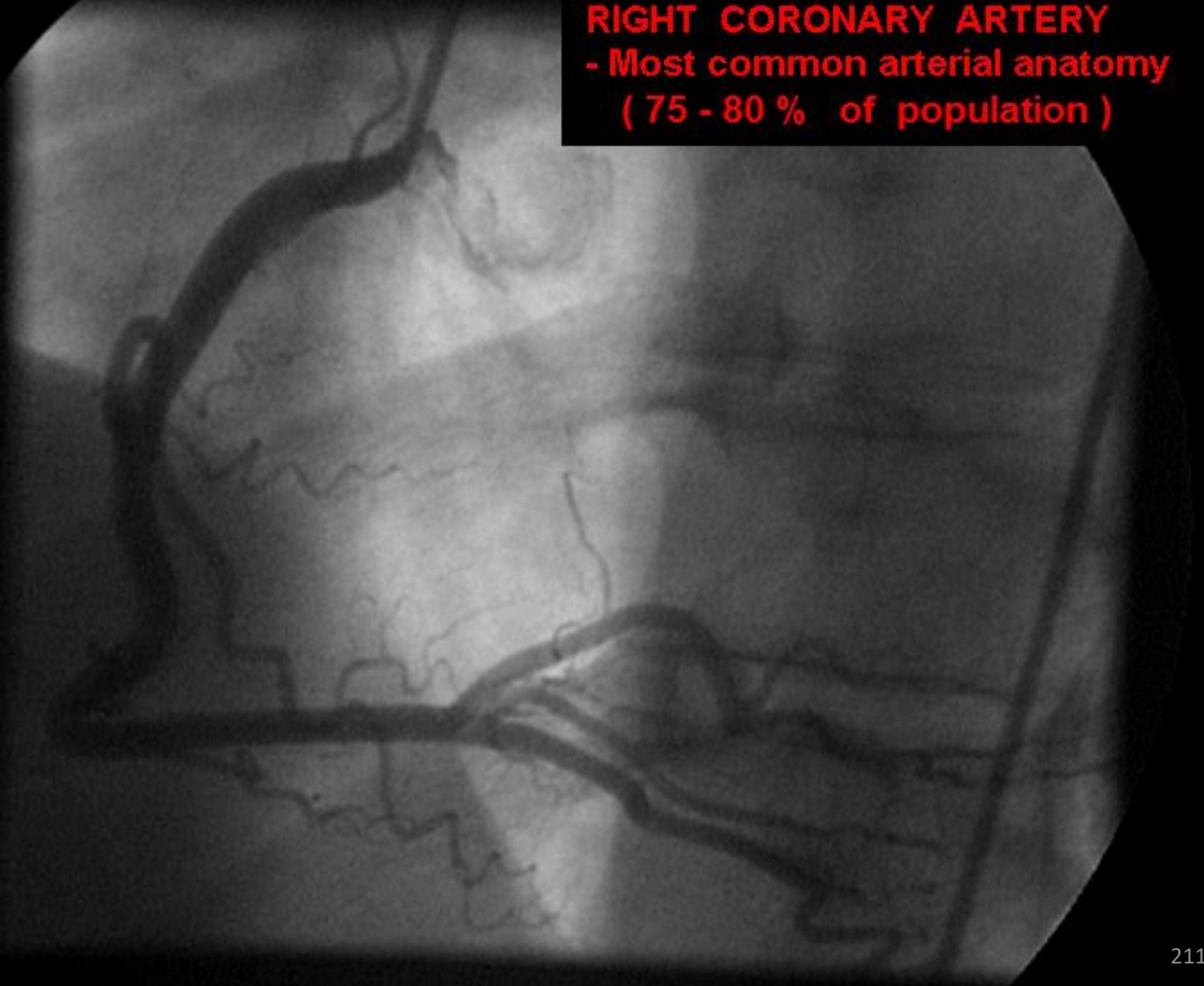


## RIGHT CORONARY ARTERY ( RCA )

RIGHT DOMINANT  
SYSTEMS

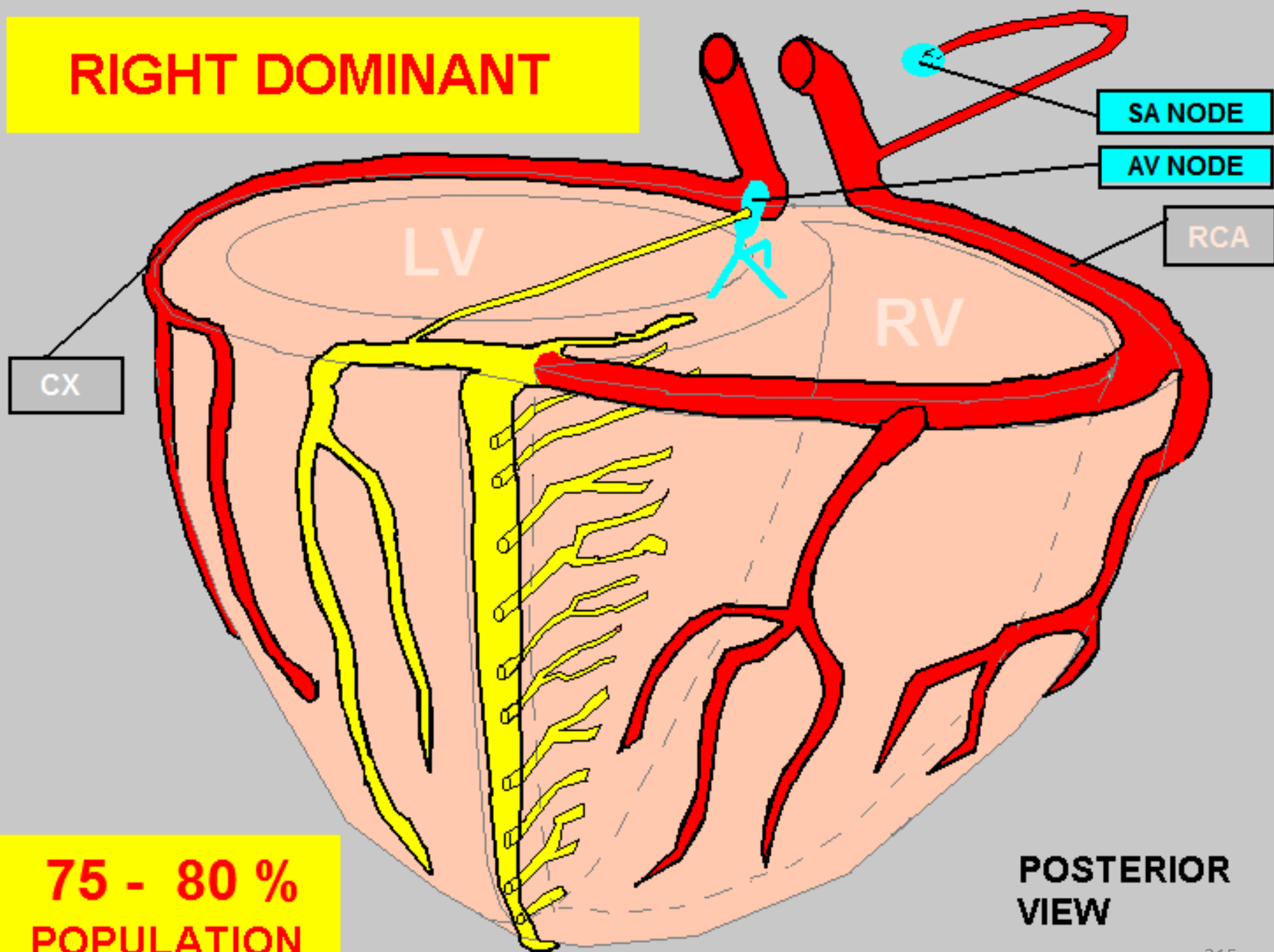
- ▶ RIGHT ATRIUM
- ▶ SINUS NODE ( 55% of the population )
- ▶ RIGHT VENTRICLE - 100 % of muscle mass
- ▶ LEFT VENTRICLE: 15 - 25 % of muscle mass
  - INFERIOR WALL
  - approx. 1/2 of POSTERIOR WALL
- ▶ AV NODE

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

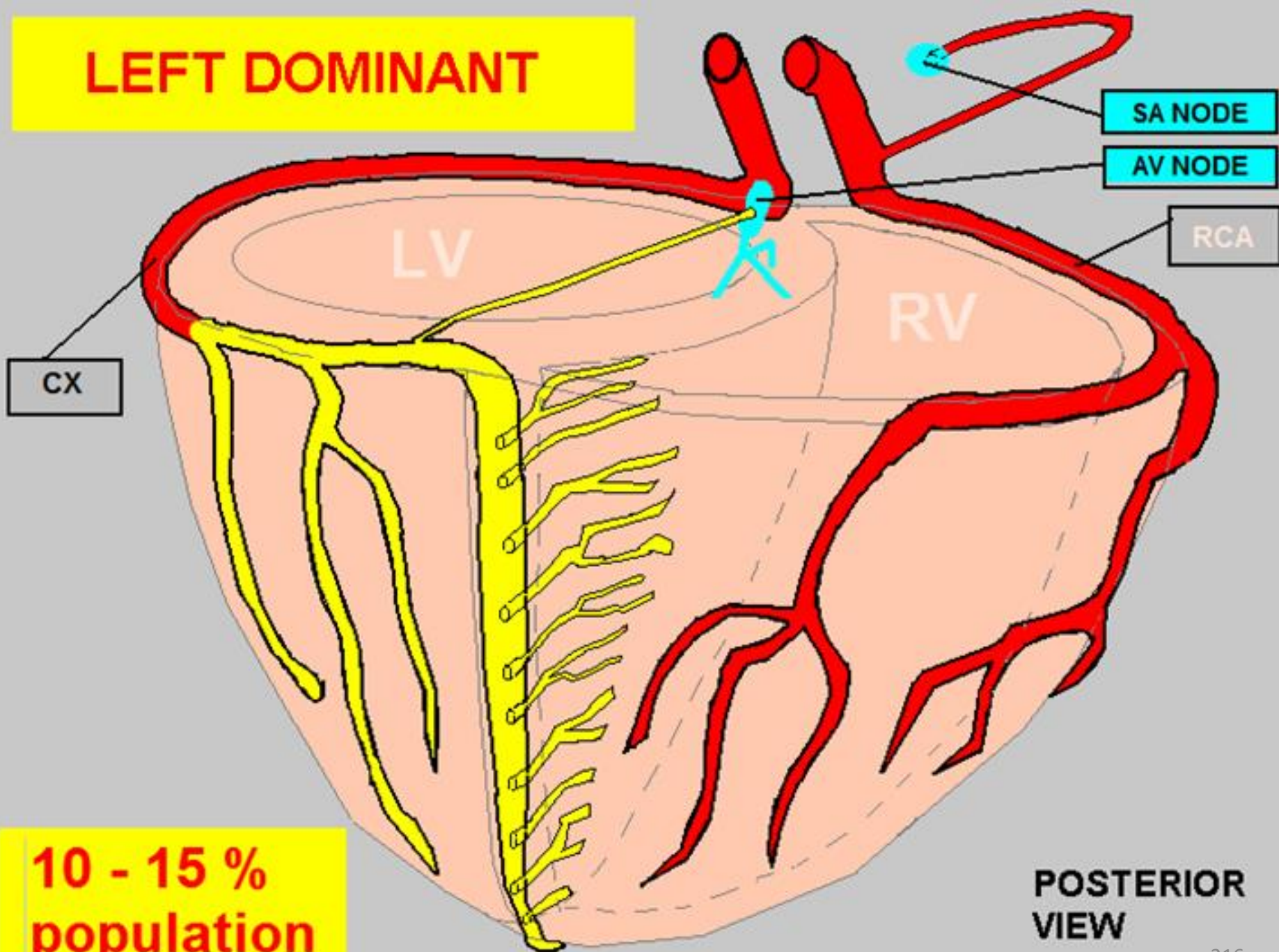


**So if the Right Coronary Artery  
Is DOMINANT in 75 – 80% of the  
POPULATION, what accounts for the  
Other 20 – 25% ??**

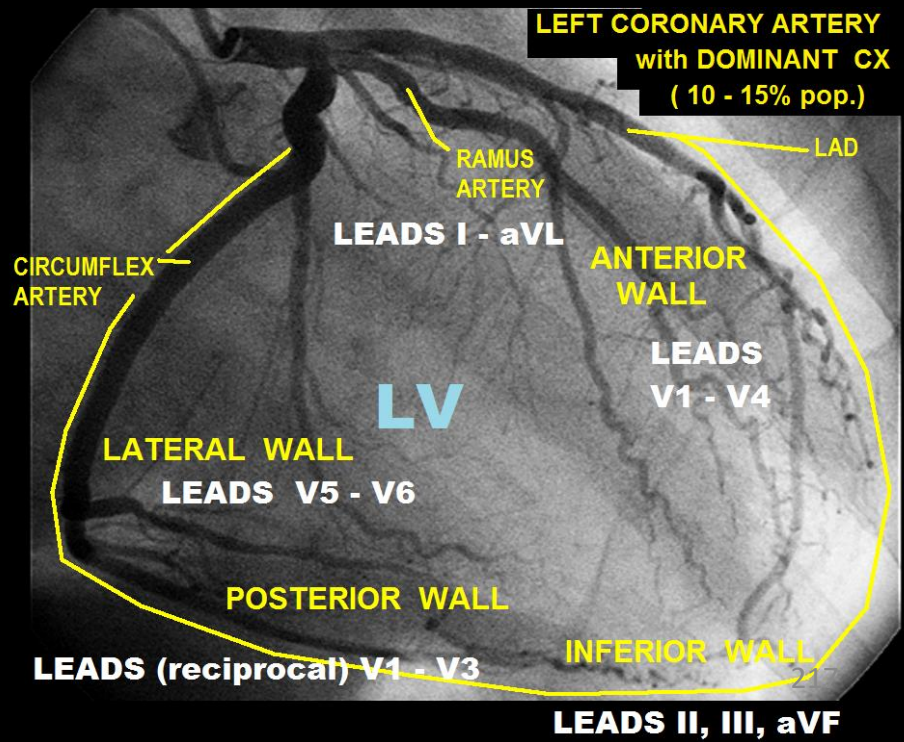
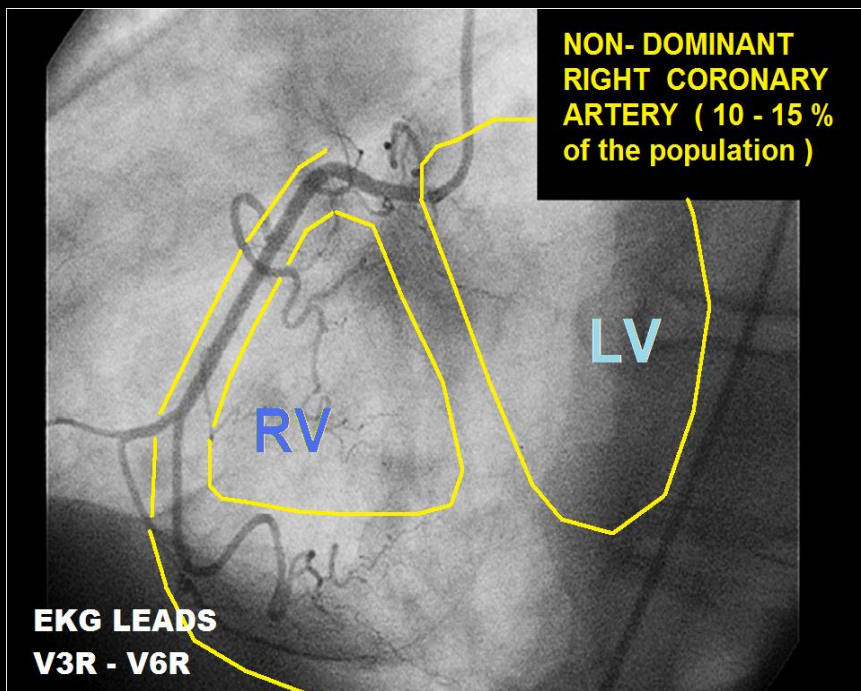
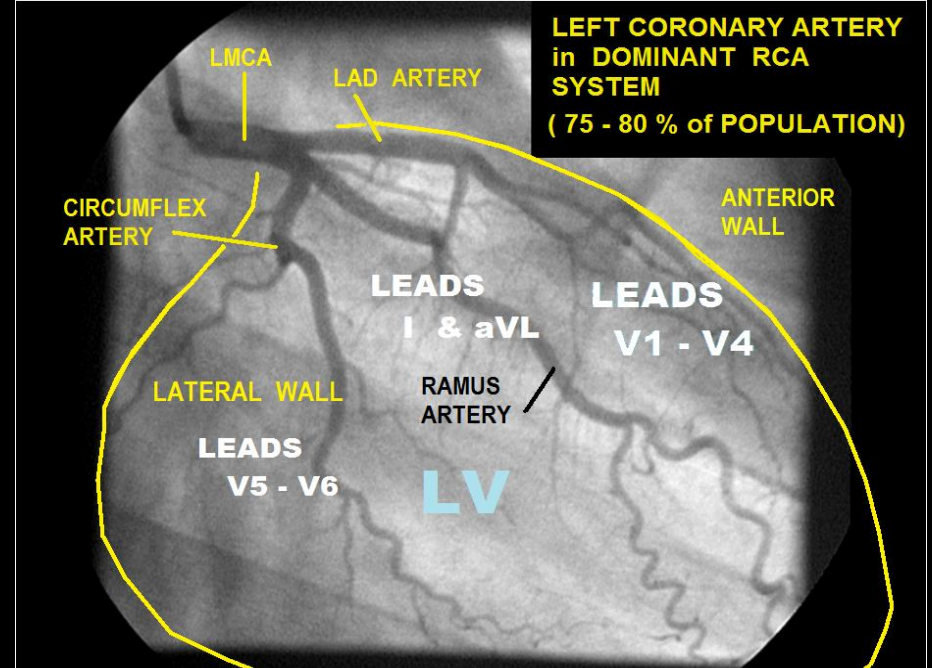
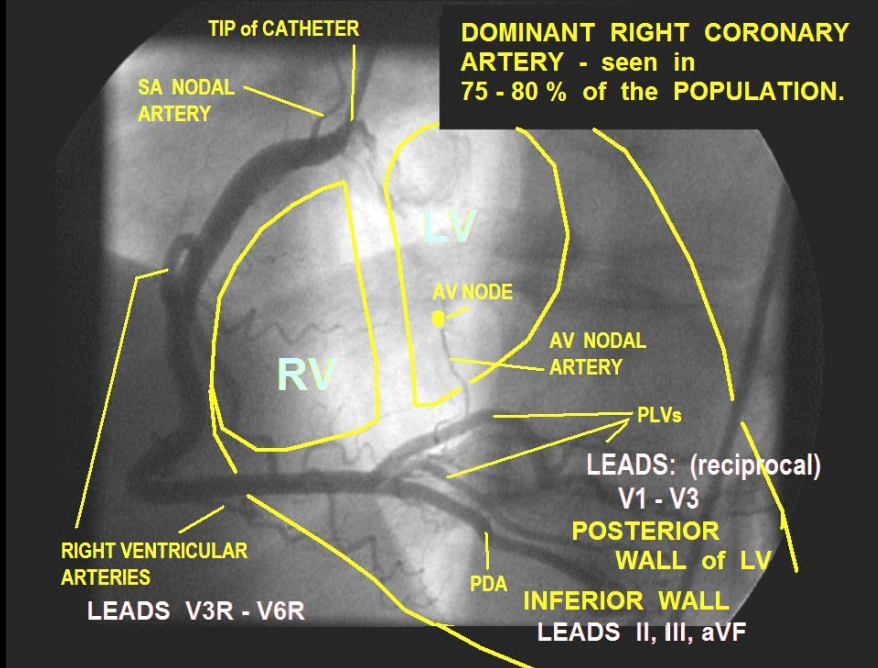
# RIGHT DOMINANT



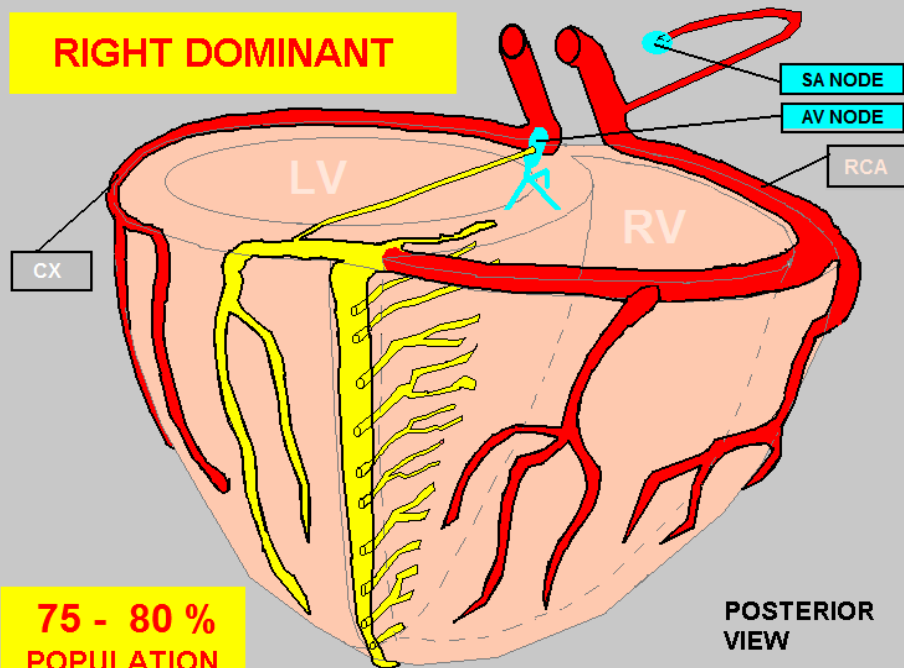
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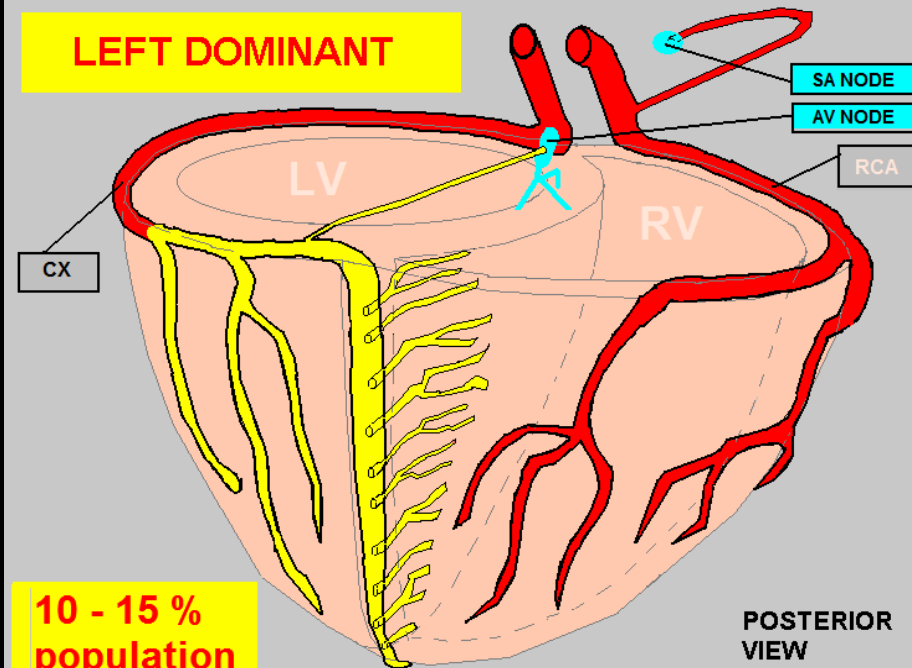
## RIGHT DOMINANT



**75 - 80 %  
POPULATION**

**POSTERIOR  
VIEW**

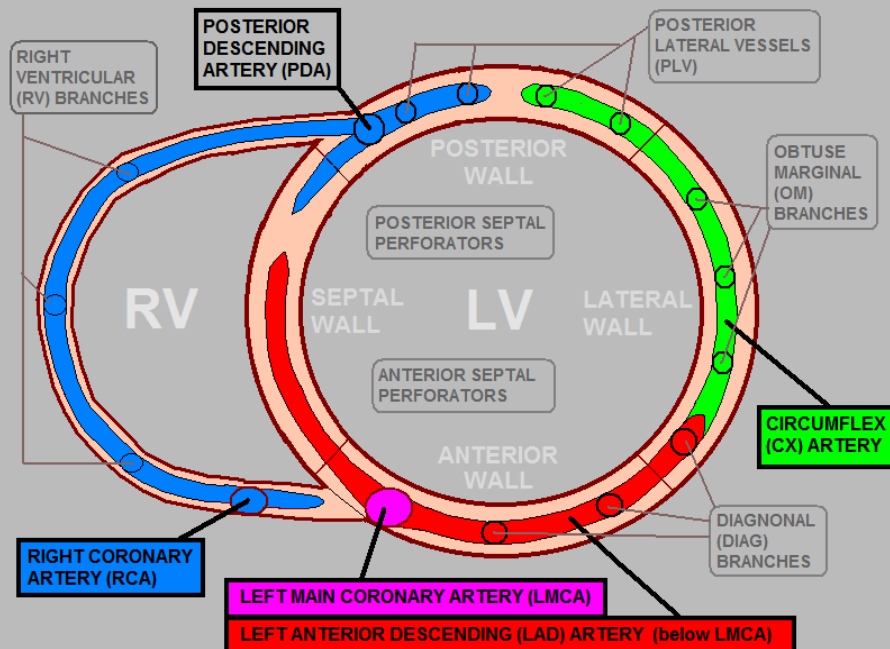
## LEFT DOMINANT



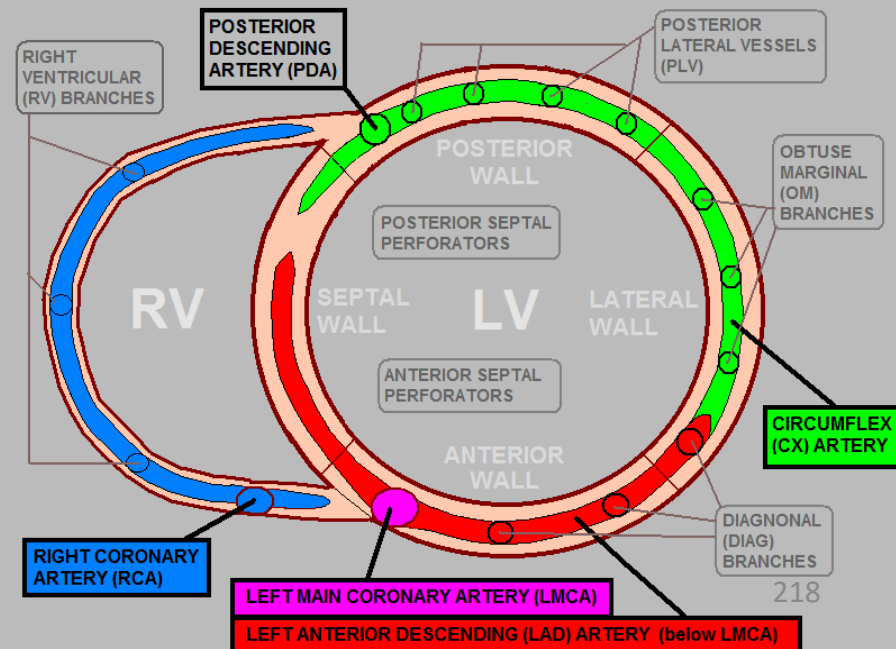
**10 - 15 %  
population**

**POSTERIOR  
VIEW**

## CORONARY ARTERIAL DISTRIBUTIONS - RIGHT DOMINANT SYSTEM



## CORONARY ARTERIAL DISTRIBUTIONS - LEFT DOMINANT SYSTEMS

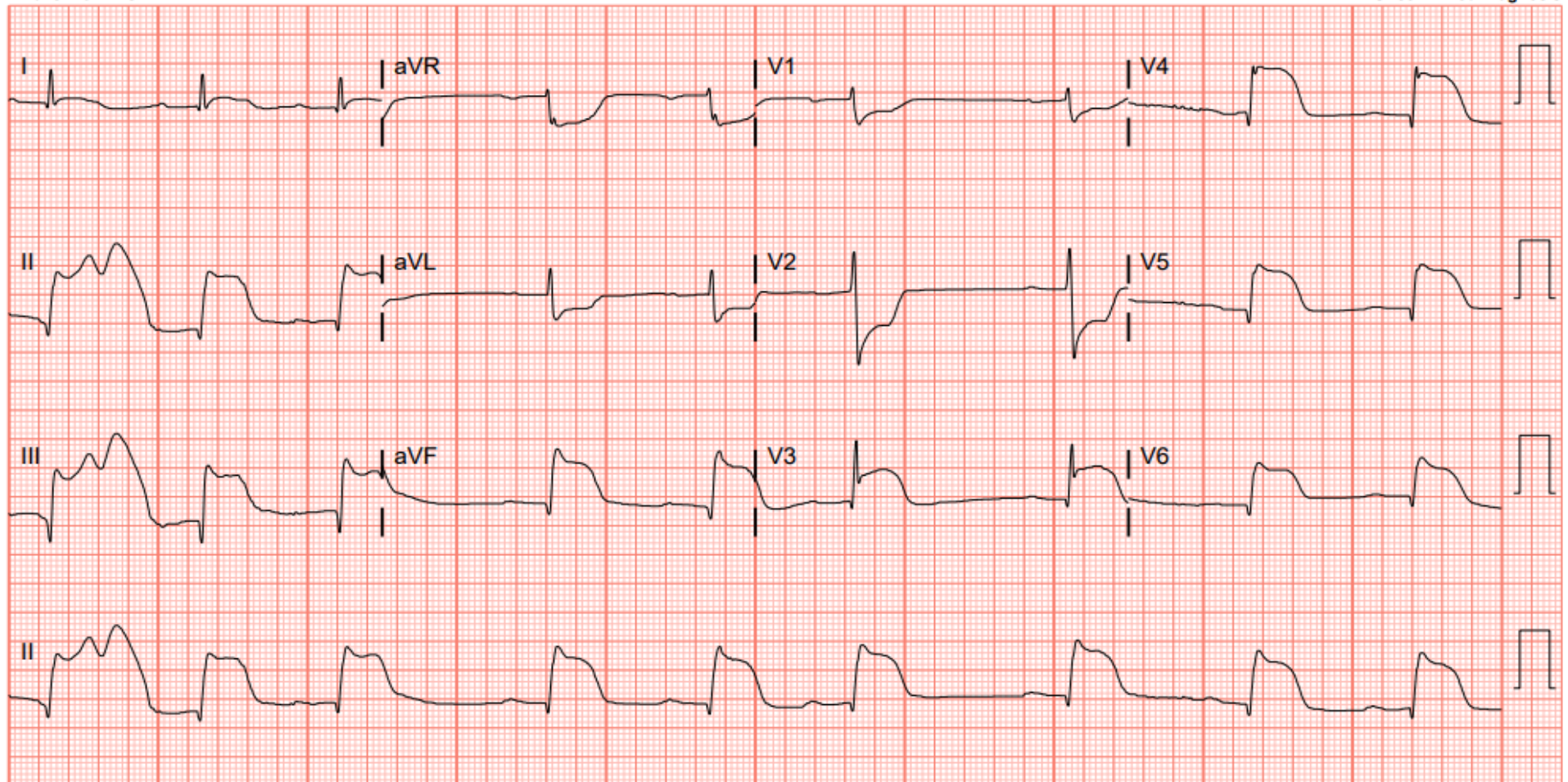




Rate	54	Sinus or ectopic atrial rhythm
PR	329	Atrial premature complex
QRSd	139	Prolonged PR interval
QT	437	Nonspecific intraventricular conduction delay
QTc	415	Inferoposterior infarct, acute (LCx)
--Axis--		Anterolateral infarct, acute
P	-83	Baseline wander in lead(s) V3,V4
QRS	80	NO PREVIOUS ECG AVAILABLE FOR COMPARISON
T	77	

Req Provider: Xandus Chen

- Abnormal ECG - Unconfirmed Diagnosis



# CIRCUMFLEX ARTERY (CX)

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- NON-DOMINANT CX:

CX = 15 - 30% OF LV MASS

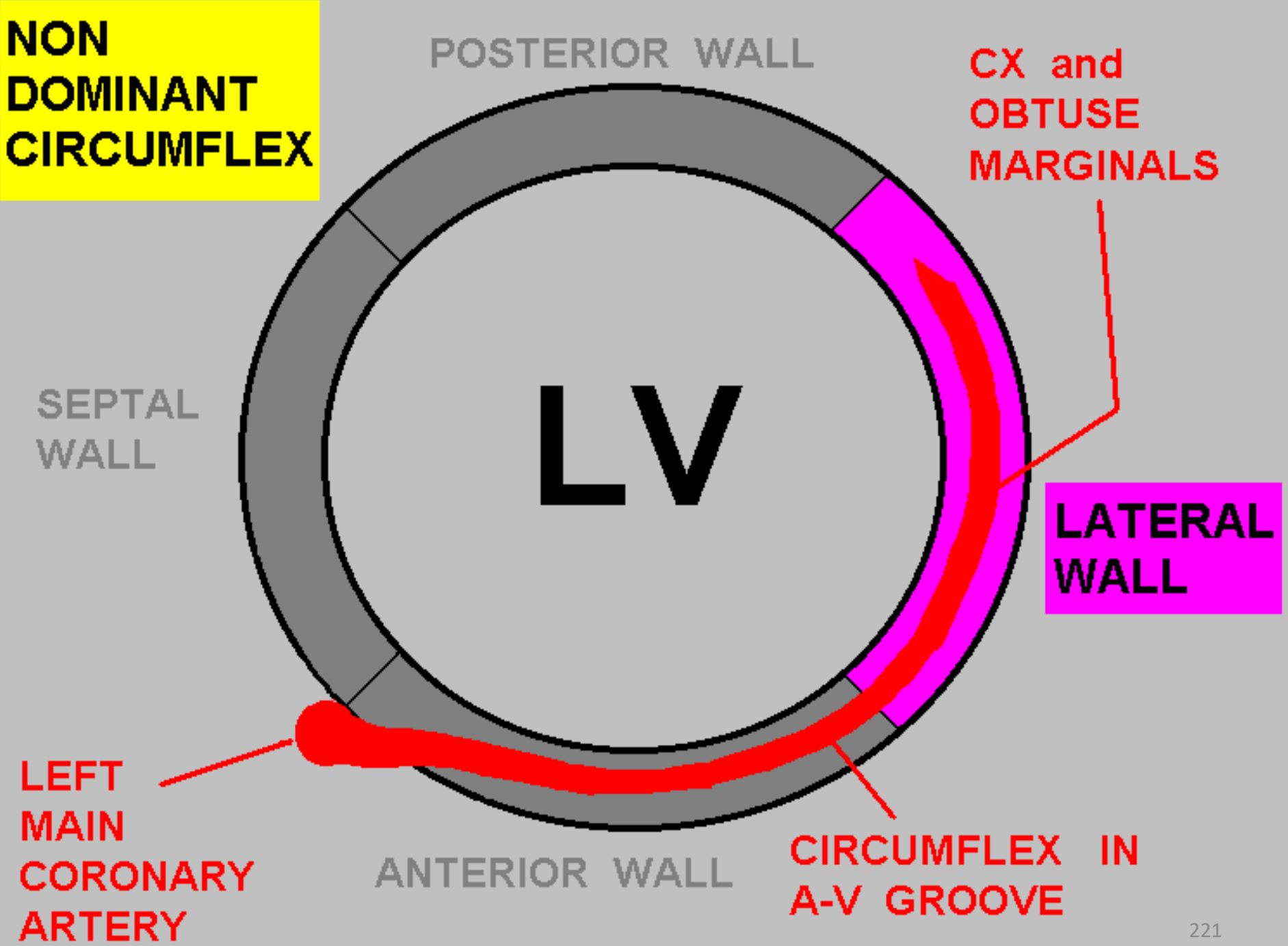
- DOMINANT CX:

CX = 15 - 30% OF LV MASS

+ PDA = 15 - 25% OF LV MASS

TOTAL 30 - 55% OF LV MASS

**NON  
DOMINANT  
CIRCUMFLEX**





**DOMINANT  
CIRCUMFLEX**

**POSTERIOR WALL**

**CX and  
OBTUSE  
MARGINALS**

PLVs

PDA

SEPTAL FEEDERS

**LV**

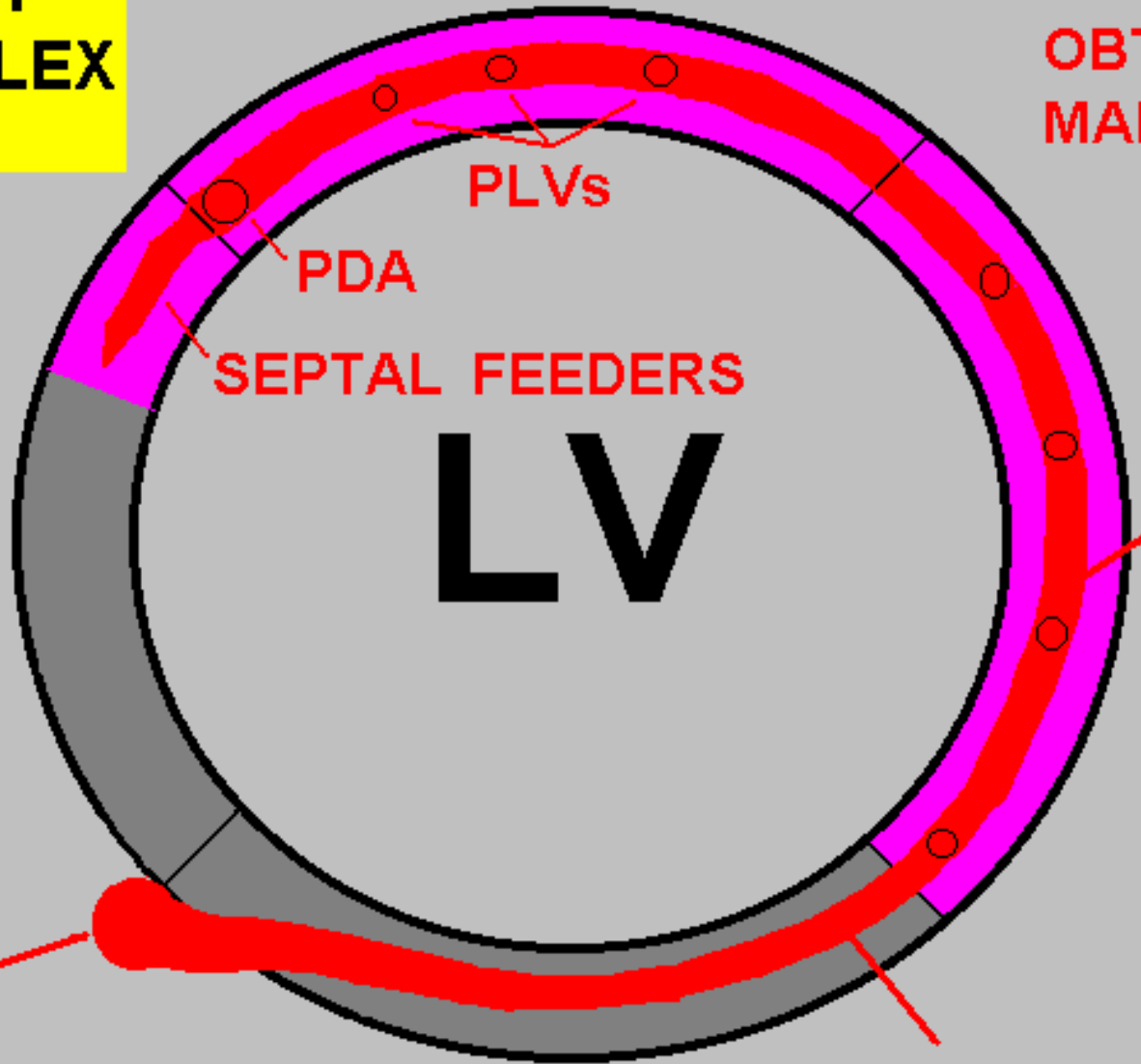
**SEPTAL  
WALL**

**LATERAL  
WALL**

**LEFT  
MAIN  
CORONARY  
ARTERY**

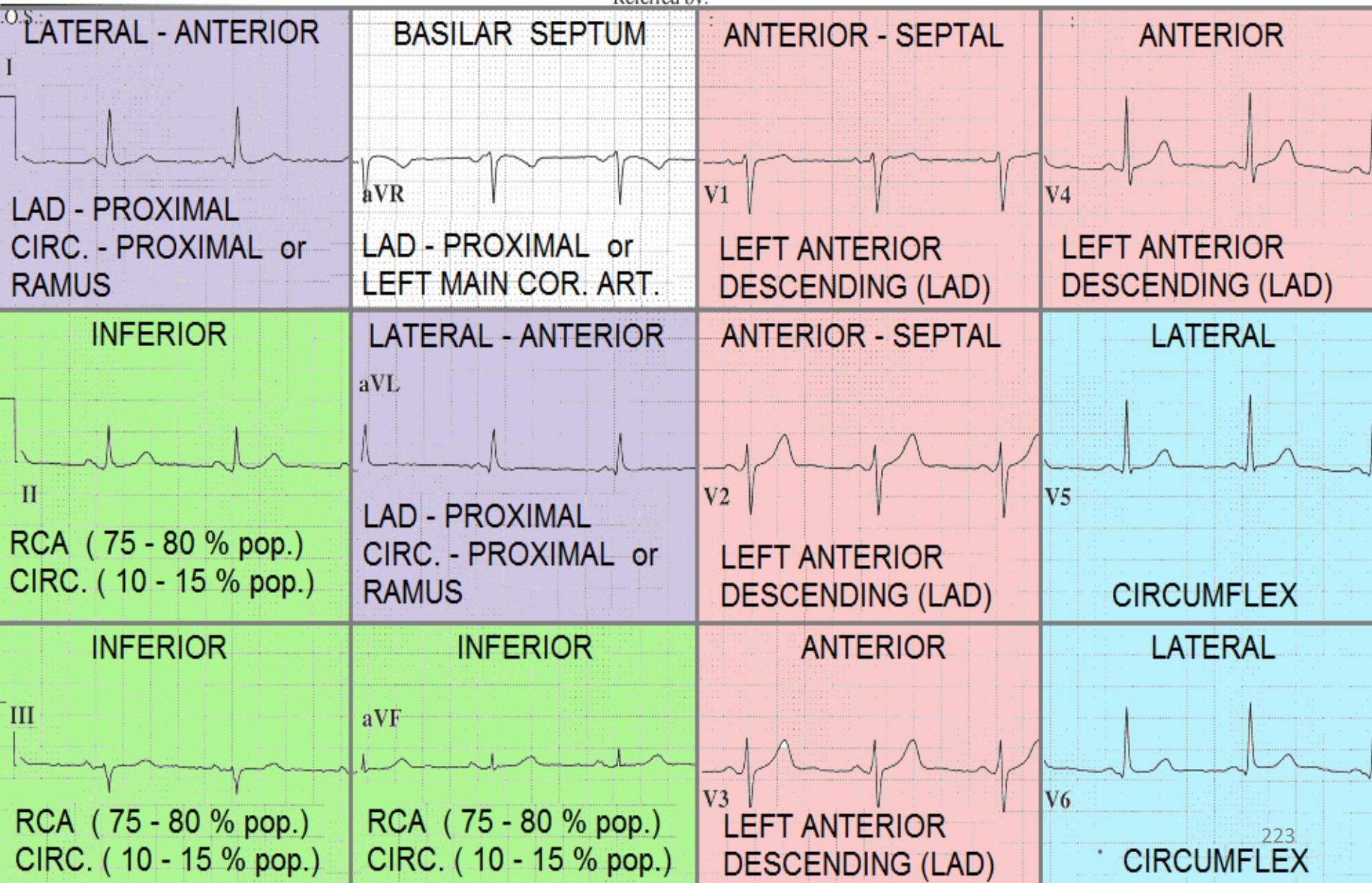
**ANTERIOR WALL**

**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		

Referred by:



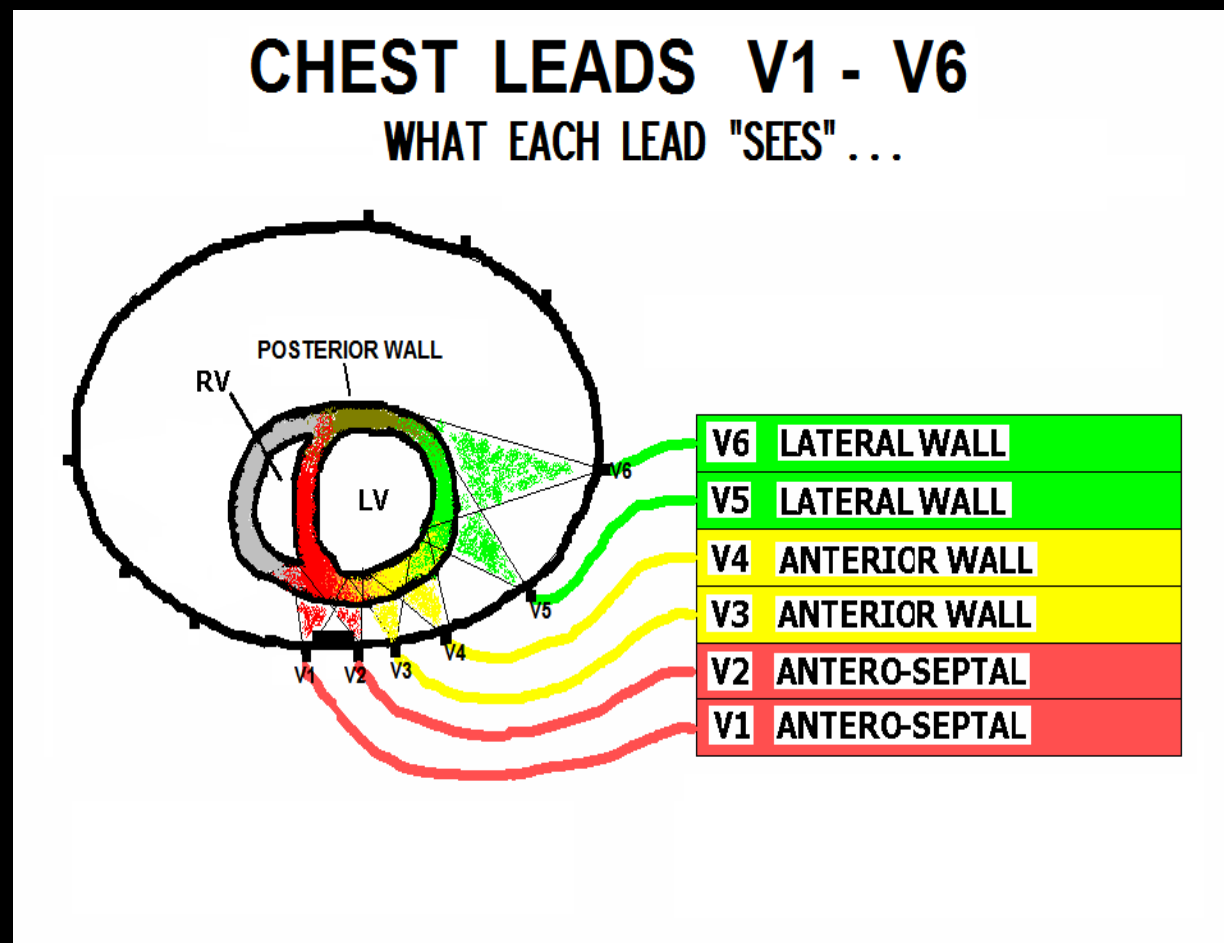
# The 12 Lead ECG

Has **TWO** major **BLIND SPOTS** . . . . .

The **POSTERIOR WALL**

&

**RIGHT  
VENTRICLE**



# When do we need to see the Right Ventricle?

- All Patient with INFERIOR WALL STEMI (ST Elevation in Leads II, III, aVF ).

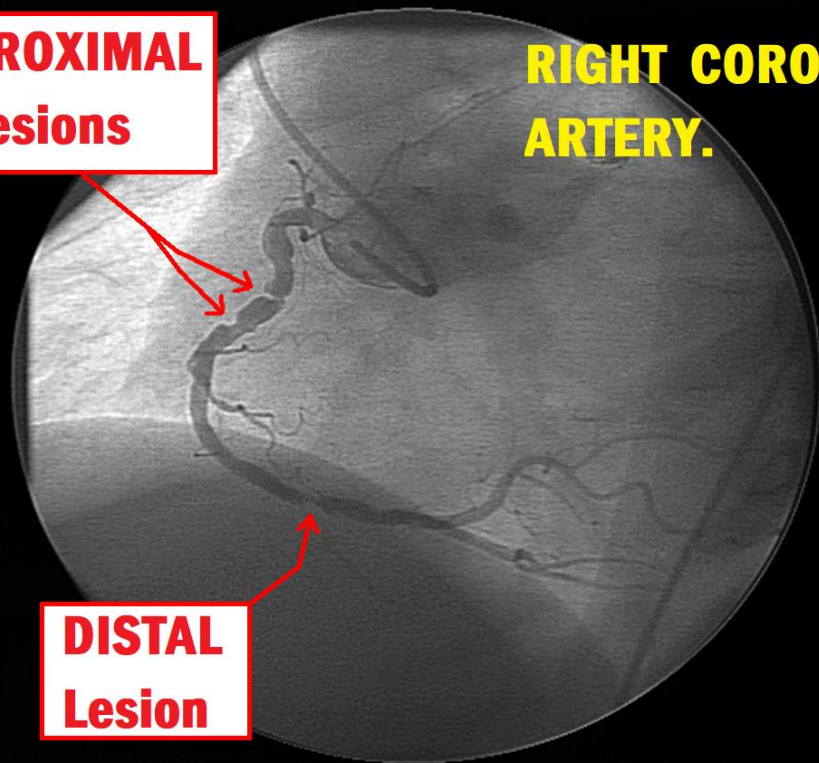


When you see an EKG with **ST Elevation in Leads II, III and AVF** (Inferior Wall STEMI) – you cannot tell if the blockage is in the **PROXIMAL RCA** – or the **DISTAL RCA**.

**PROXIMAL Lesions**

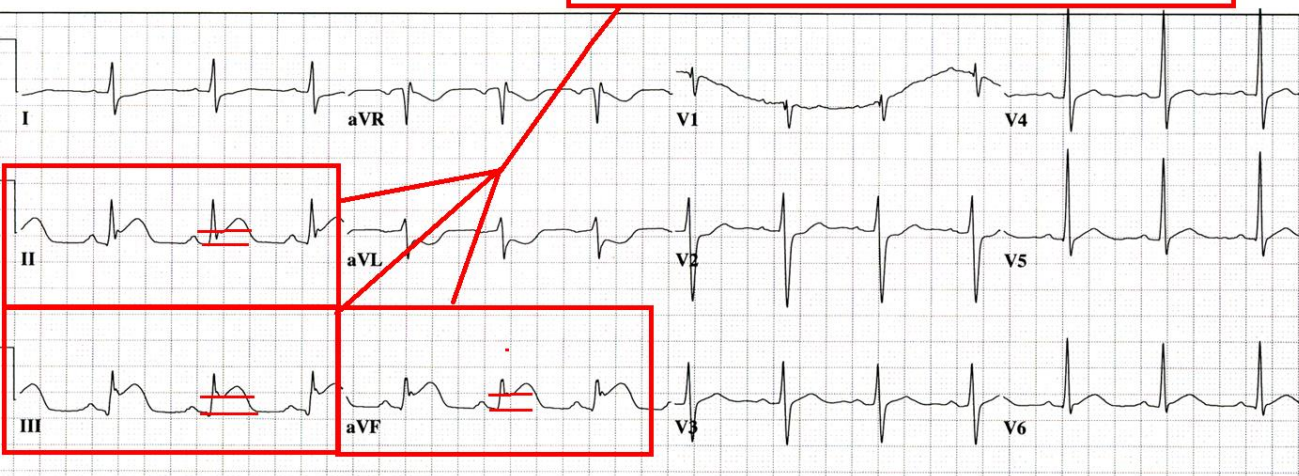
**RIGHT CORONARY ARTERY.**

**DISTAL Lesion**



**Inferior Wall STEMI**

46 yr		Vent. rate	82	BPM
Male	Caucasian	PR interval	168	ms
		QRS duration	96	ms
		QT/QTc	384/448	ms
Loc:3	Option:23	P-R-T axes	76 81	88





To see the  
**RIGHT VENTRICLE . . .**

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




You must do a

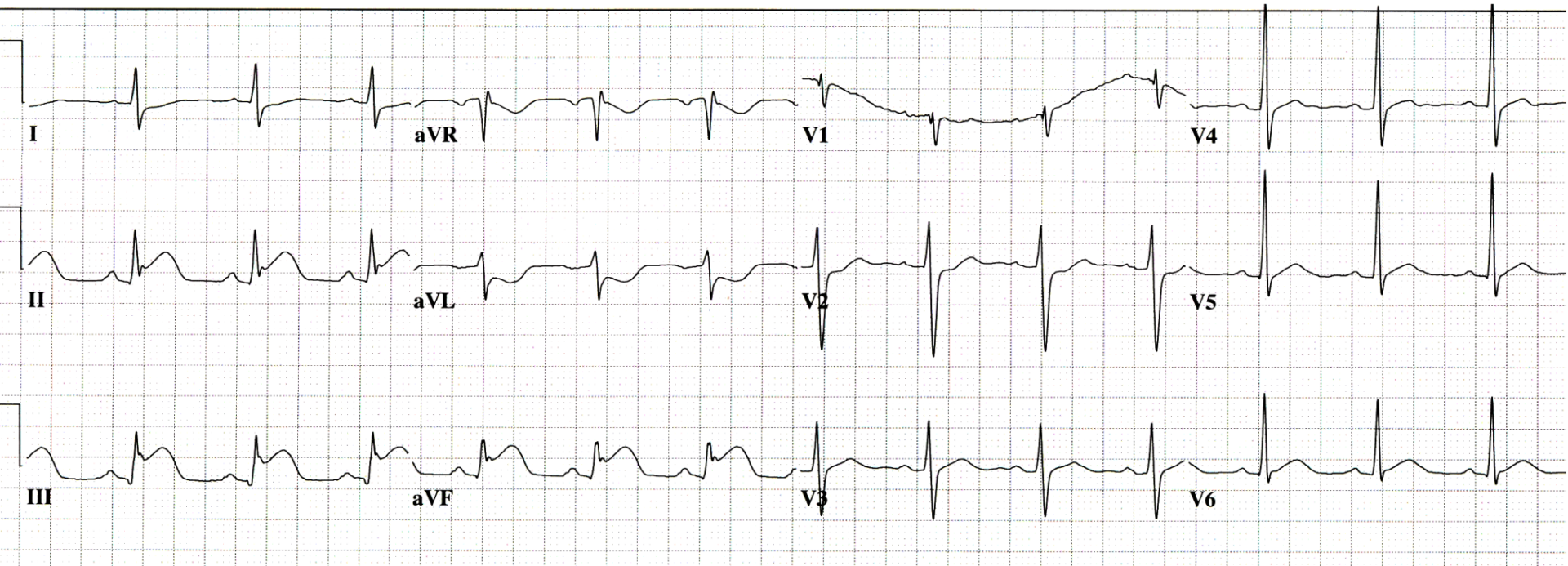
**RIGHT - SIDED EKG !!**

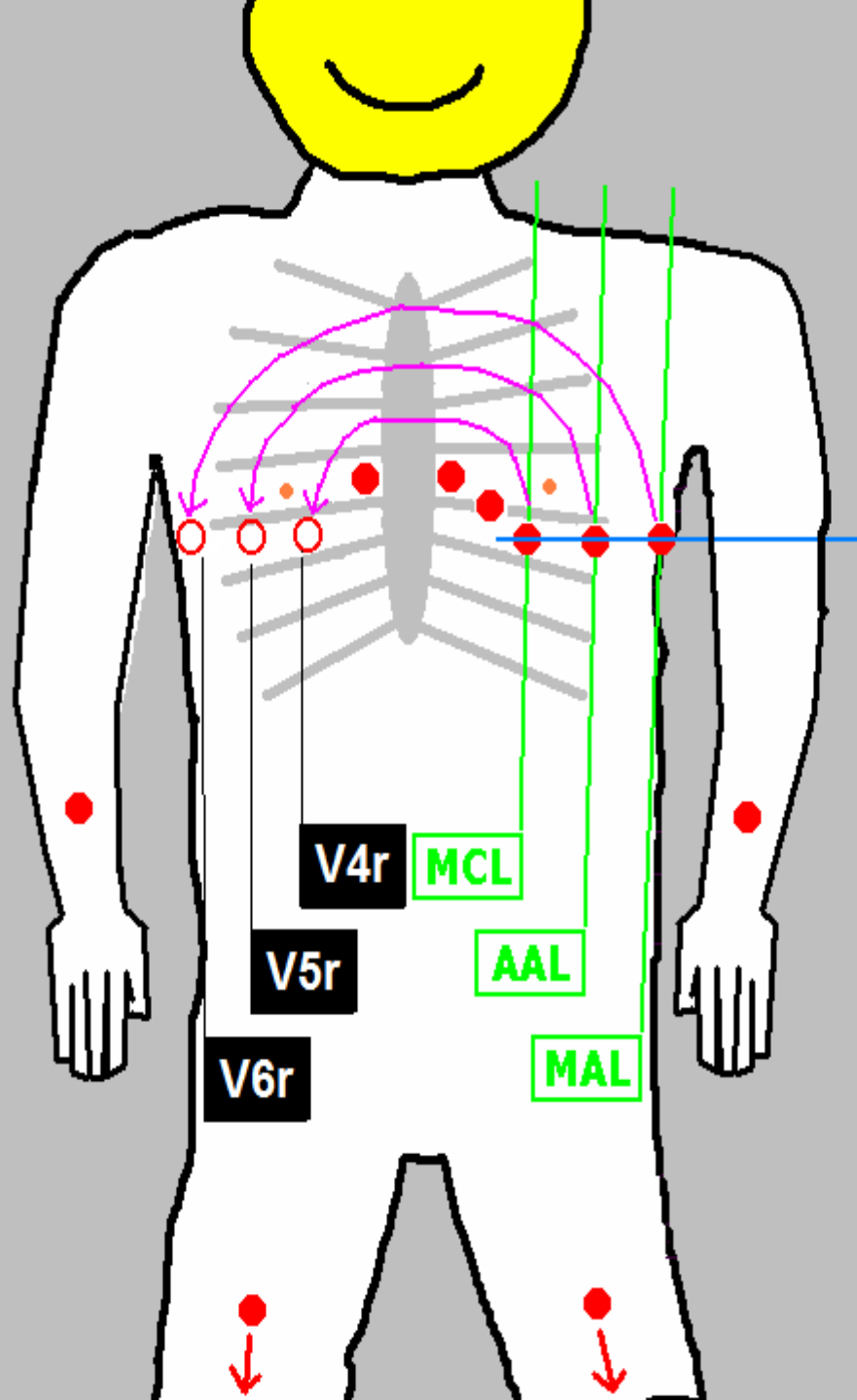
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Male      Caucasian

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P-R-T axes	76 81 88	

Loc:3      Option:23

-  **EVALUATE EKG for indicators of ACS:**
- ST SEGMENT ELEVATION / DEPRESSION
  - HYPERACUTE T WAVES
  - CONVEX ST SEGMENTS
  - OTHER ST SEGMENT / T WAVE ABNORMALITIES



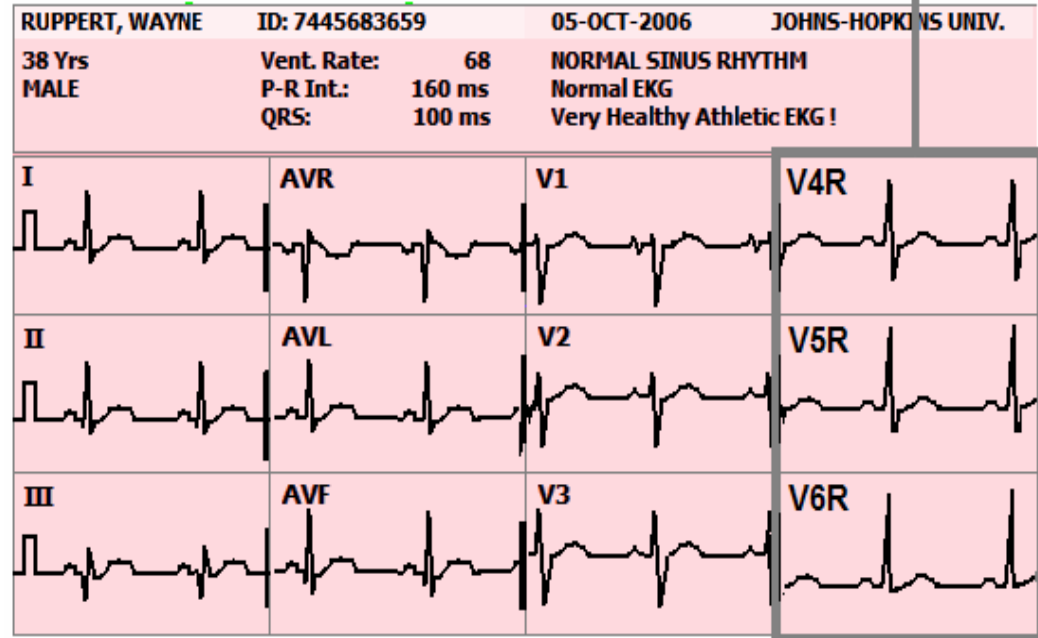
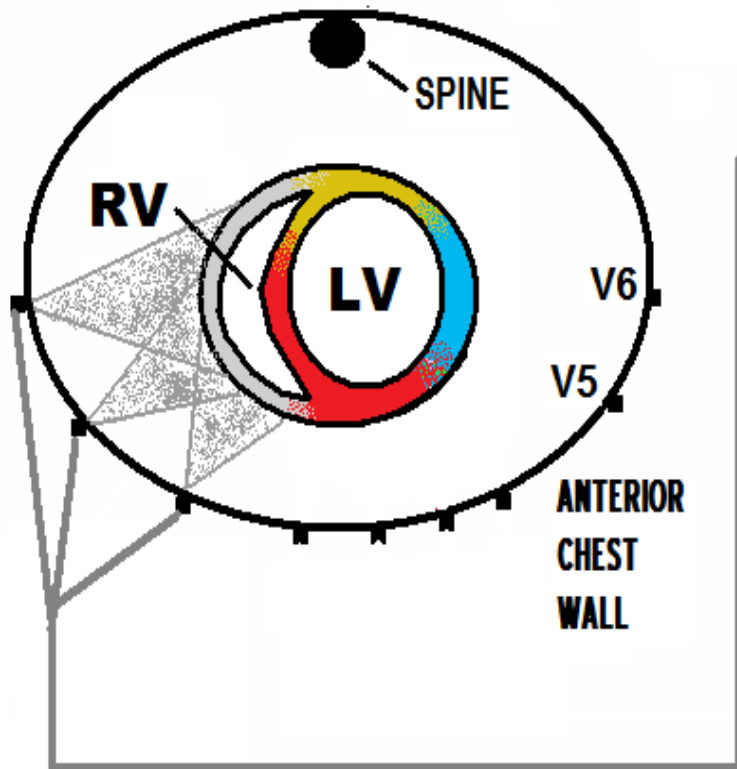


To do a  
**RIGHT - SIDED EKG . .**

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

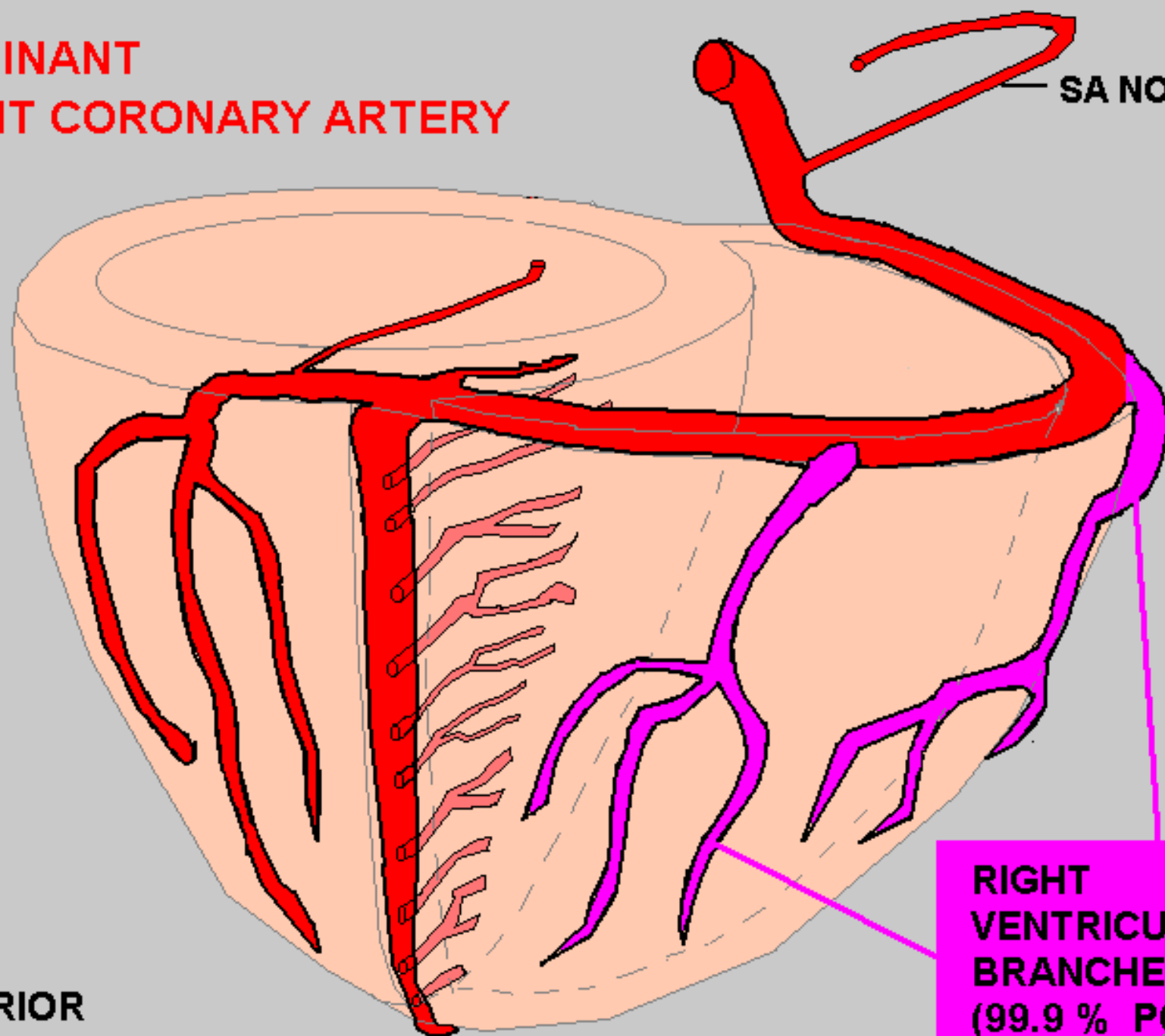
**to the corresponding  
placement on the  
RIGHT SIDE of patient's  
chest . . .**

# V4R - V6R VIEW THE RIGHT VENTRICLE



**DOMINANT  
RIGHT CORONARY ARTERY**

SA NODAL



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

**POSTERIOR  
VIEW**



ID:

46 yo  
Male Caucasian

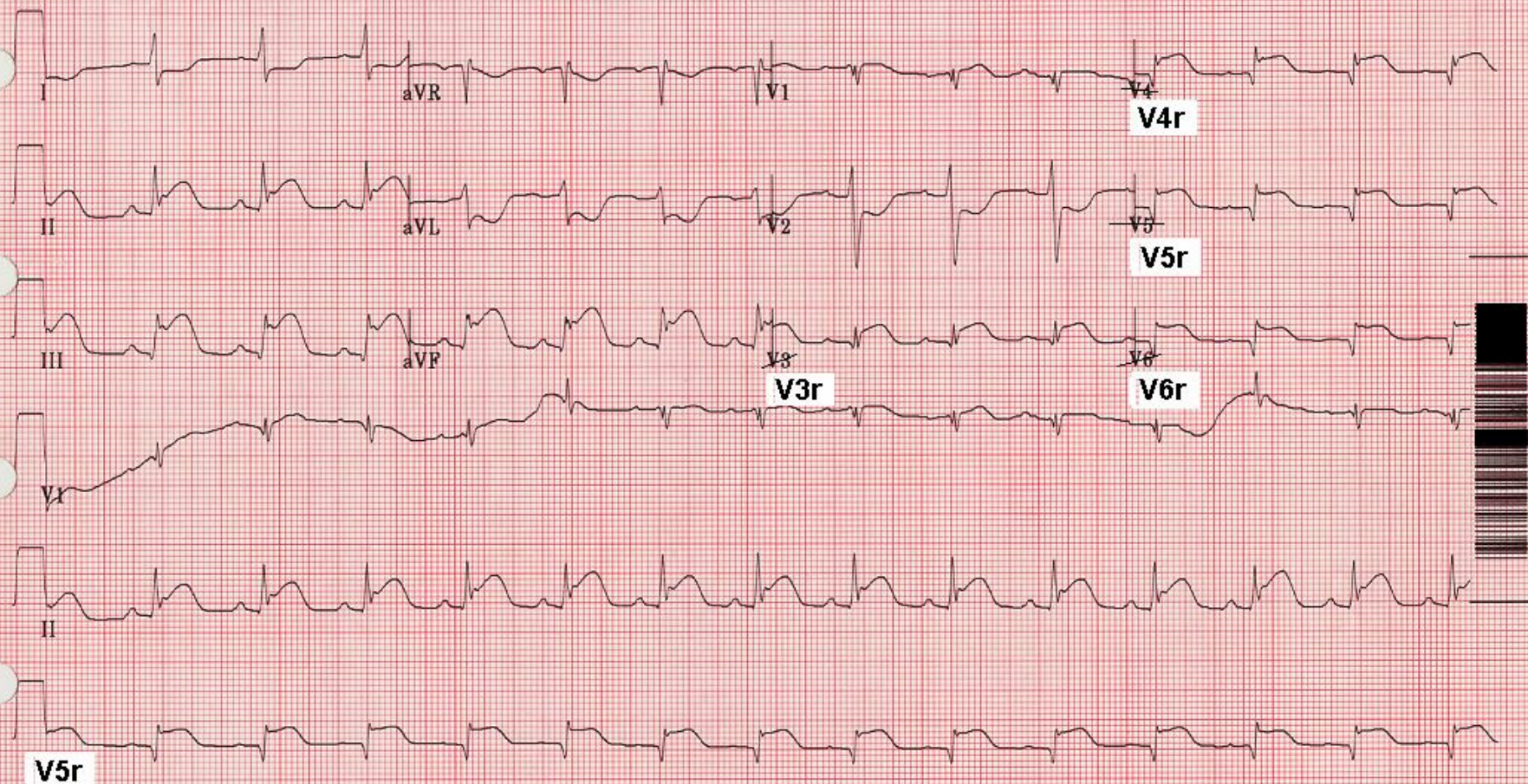
Room: Opt:

Vent. rate 87 bpm  
PR interval 176 ms  
QRS duration 94 ms  
QT/QTc 330/397 ms  
P-R-T axes 79 81 102Normal sinus rhythm  
~~Anterolateral infarct, possibly acute~~  
Inferior injury pattern  
\*\*\*\*\* Acute MI \*\*\*\*\*  
Abnormal ECG**Right Ventricular Infarct**V LEADS  
R SIDE

Technician:

Referred by:

Unconfirmed



40 Hz 25.0 mm/s 10.0 mm/mV

4 by 2.5s + 3 rhythm lds

MACVU 003C

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# When do we need to see the Posterior Wall?

- Any time a patient presents with symptoms of ACS and the 12 Lead ECG shows ST Depression in Leads V1, V2, V3 and/or V4.

Whenever you see  
**ST DEPRESSION** in Leads V1 - V4



you must do a

**POSTERIOR LEAD ECG**

( V7 - V9 )

to see if you Patient is having a

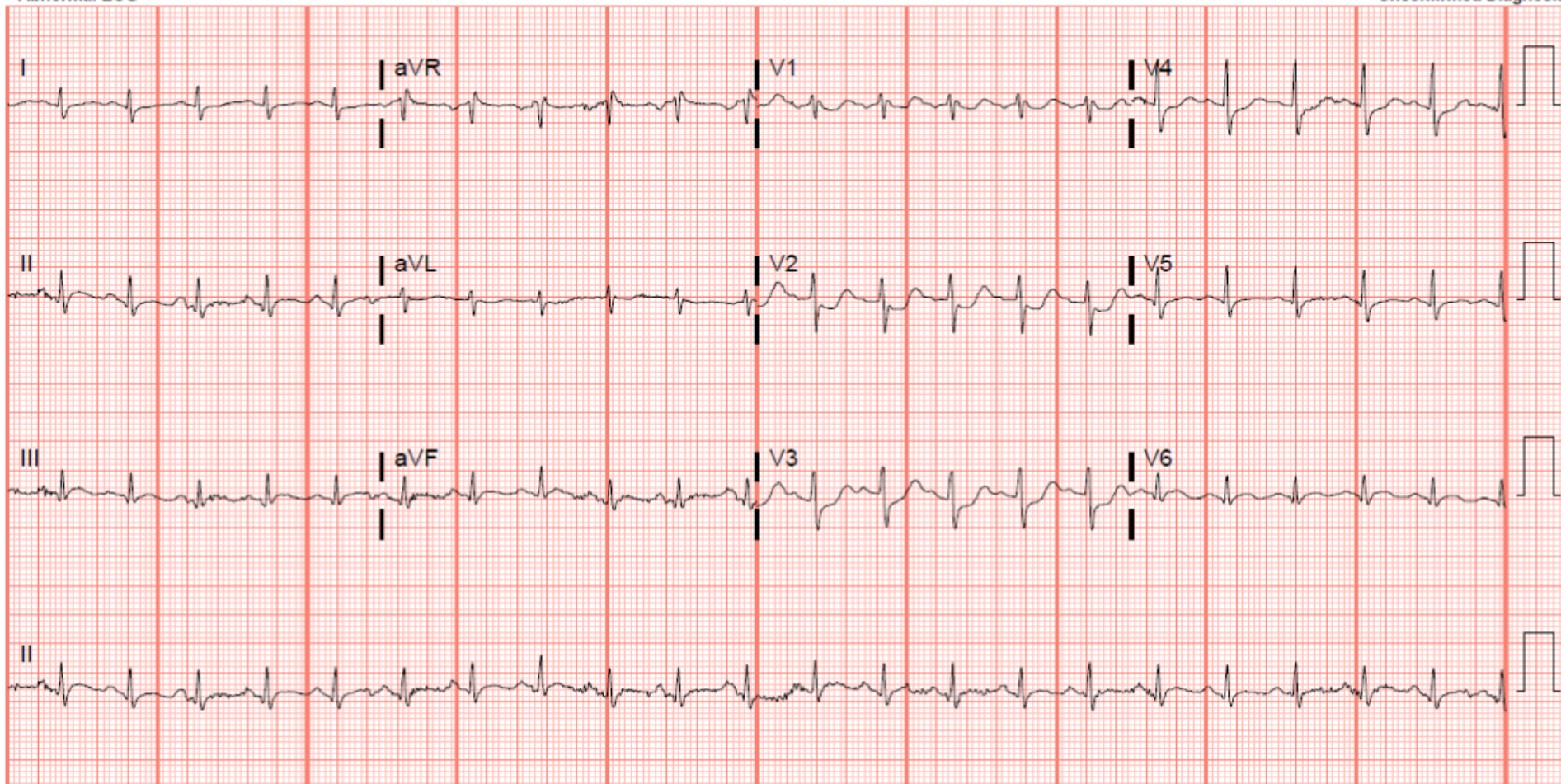
**POSTERIOR WALL STEMI**

Req Provider: CHARLES NOLES

Rate	131	Sinus tachycardia
PR	128	Probable inferior infarct, old
QRSd	92	Posterior infarct, acute (LCx)
QT	317	ST depression V1-V3, suggest recording posterior leads
QTc	468	NO PREVIOUS ECG AVAILABLE FOR COMPARISON

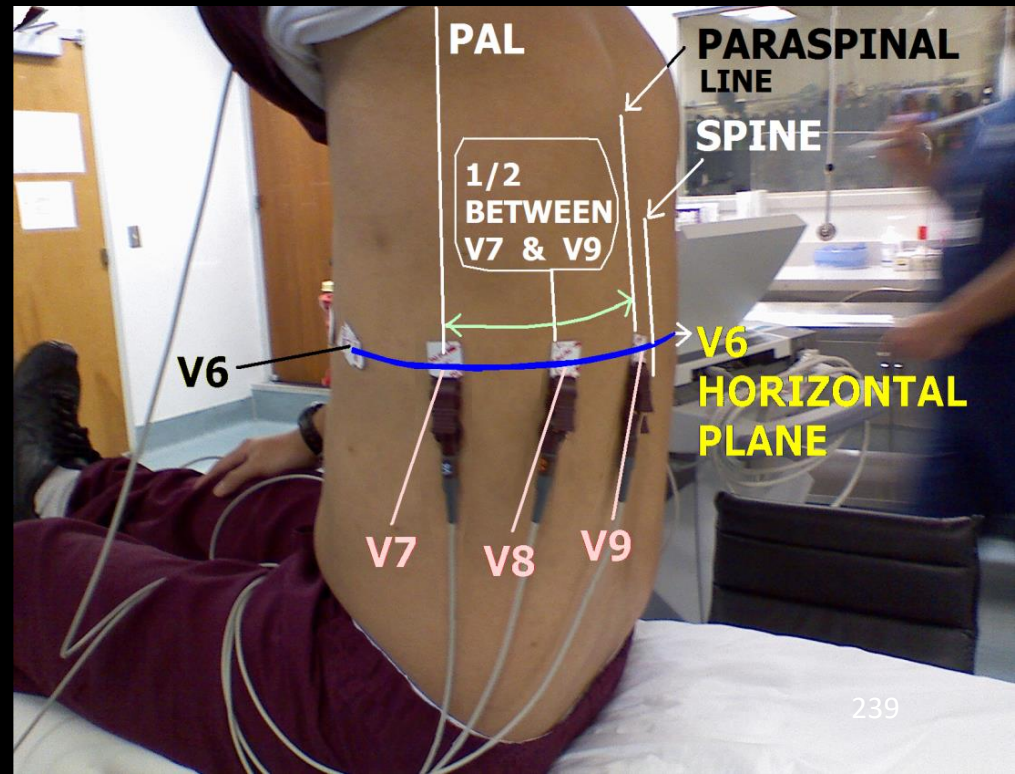
--Axis--  
P 65  
QRS 83  
T 132

- Abnormal ECG - Unconfirmed Diagnosis

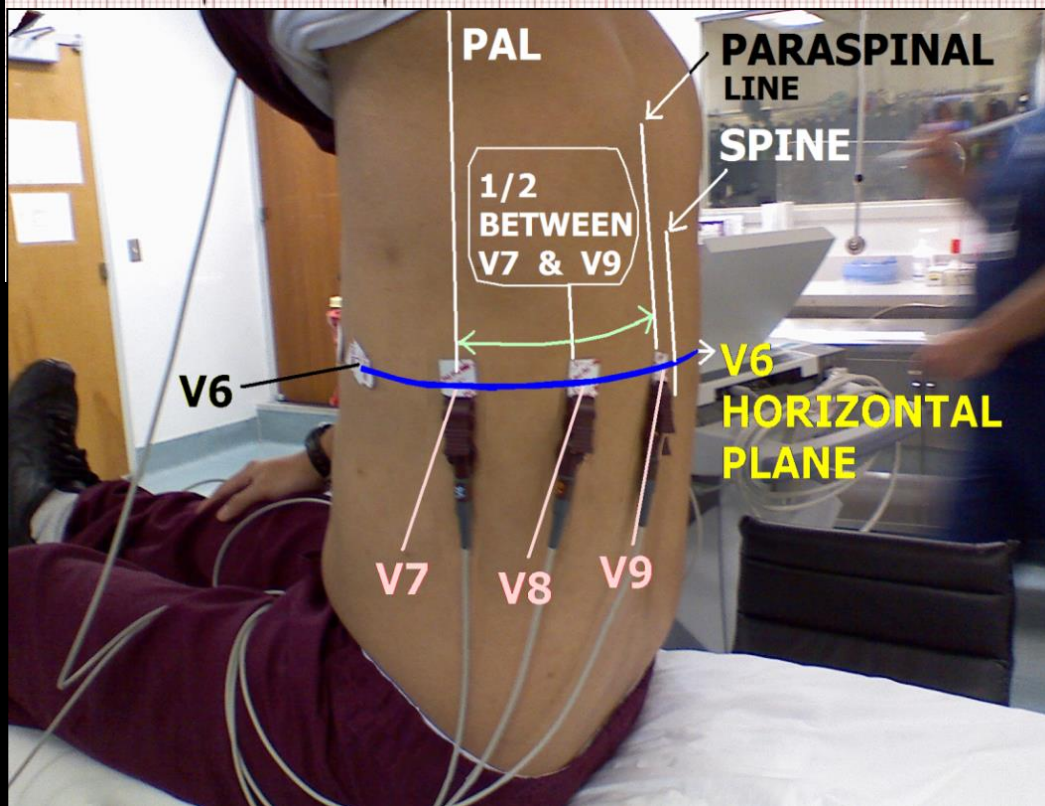
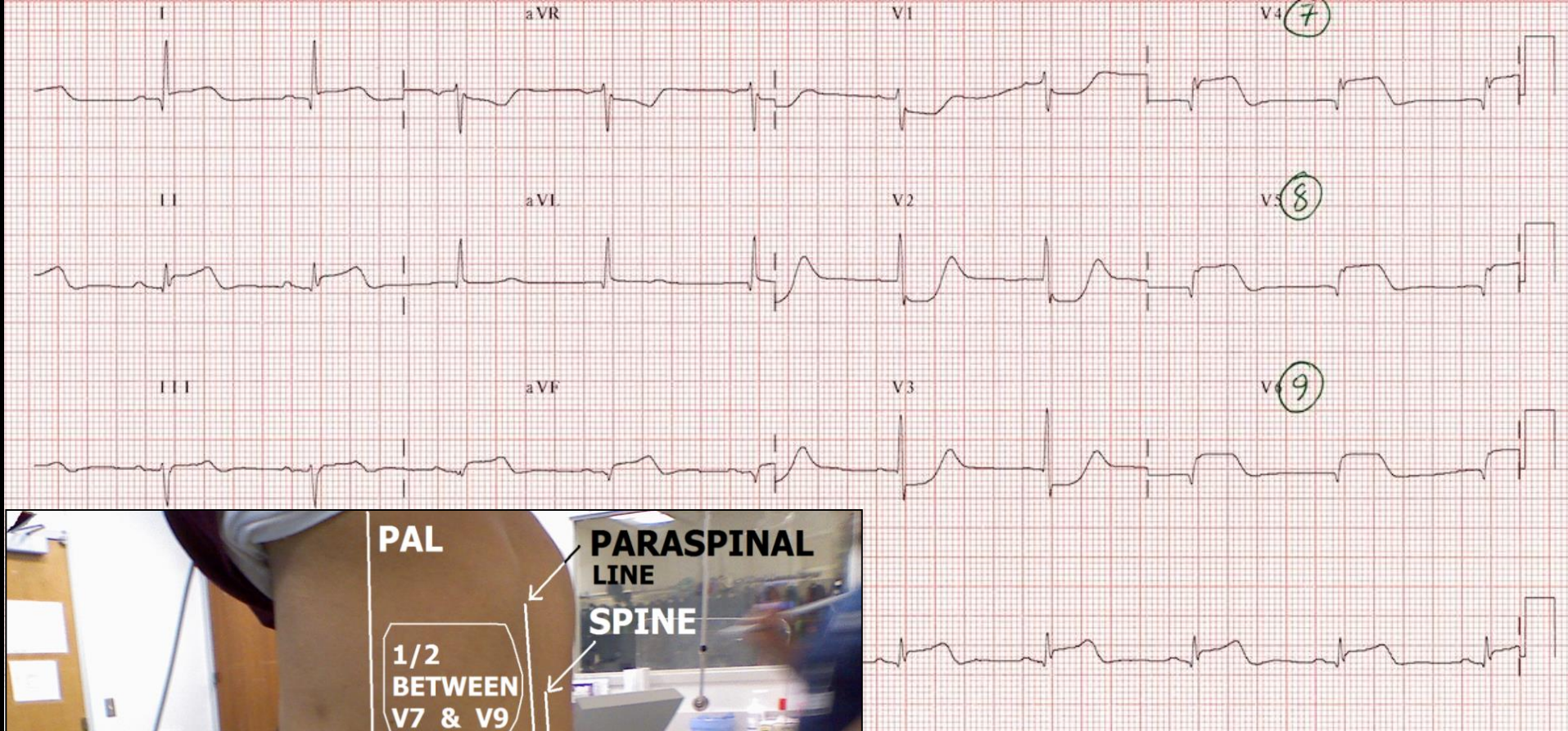


Whenever your patient's ECG exhibits  
ST DEPRESSION in any of the  
ANTERIOR LEADS (V1-V4),  
CONSIDER the possibility of  
POSTERIOR WALL STEMI !!

... To DIGANOSE  
Posterior Wall  
STEMI, we should  
see LEADS  
V7 – V9 !!

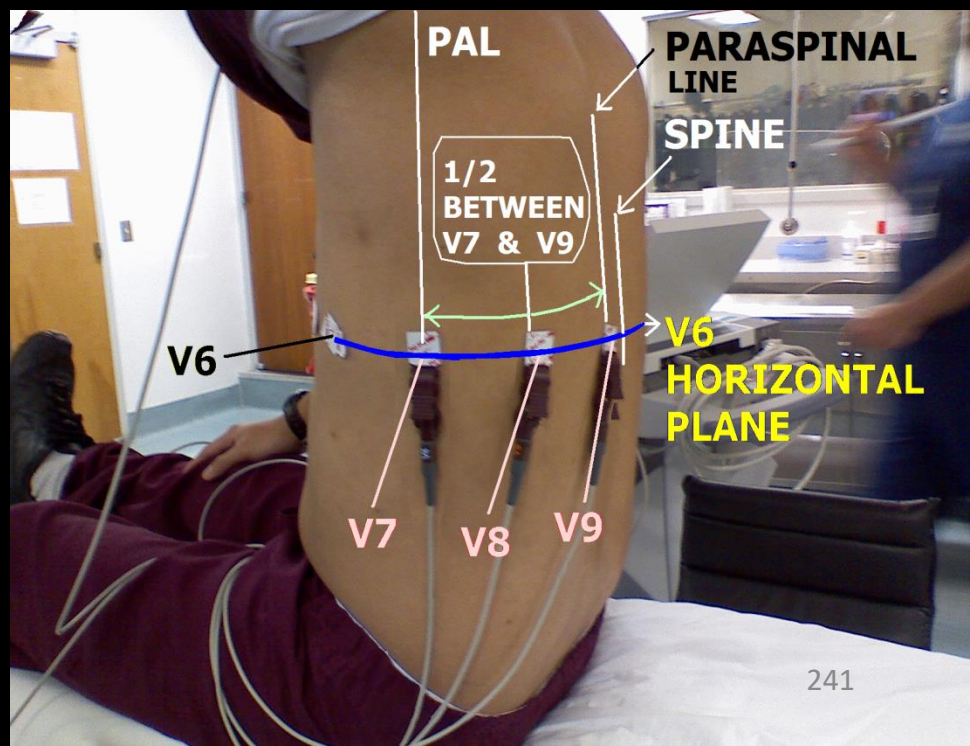
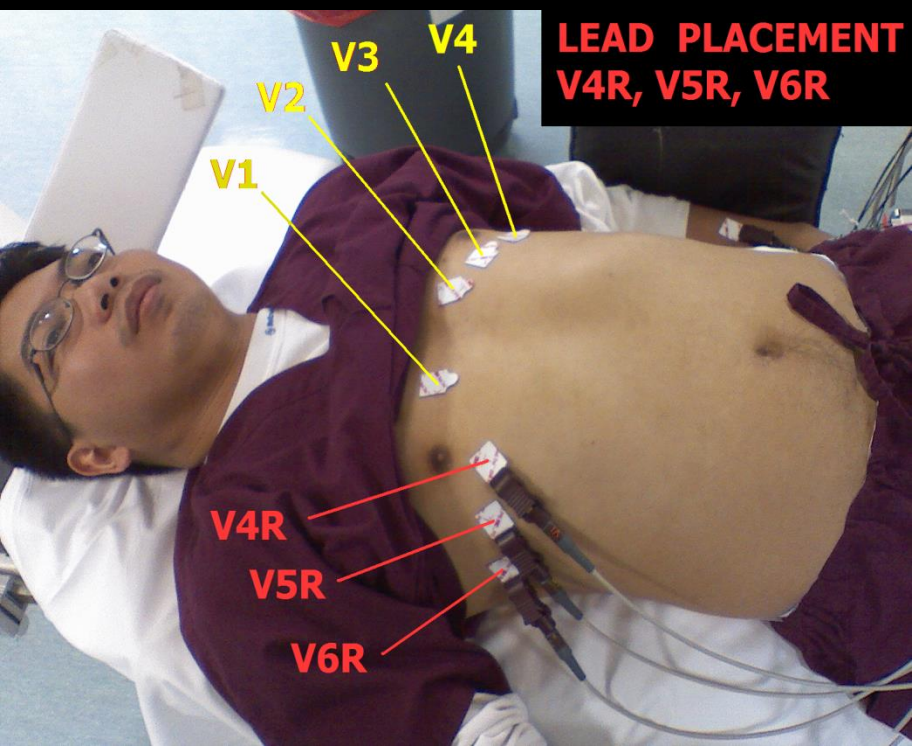
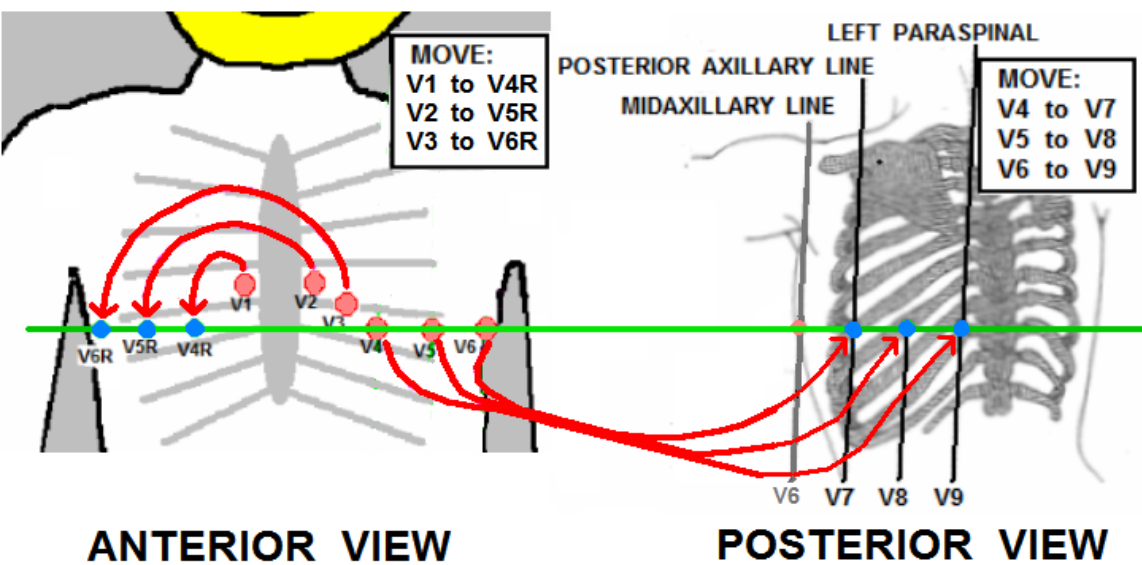






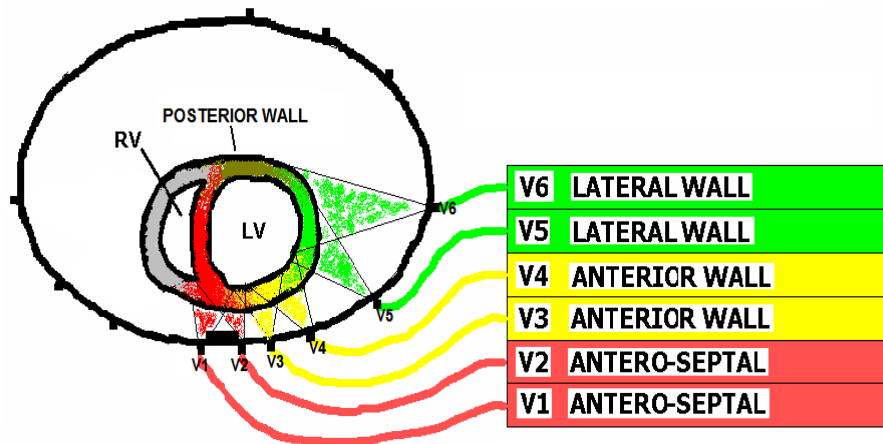


# HOW TO REPOSITION 6 CHEST LEADS to OBTAIN 3 R VENTRICLE and 3 POSTERIOR LEADS



# CHEST LEADS V1 - V6

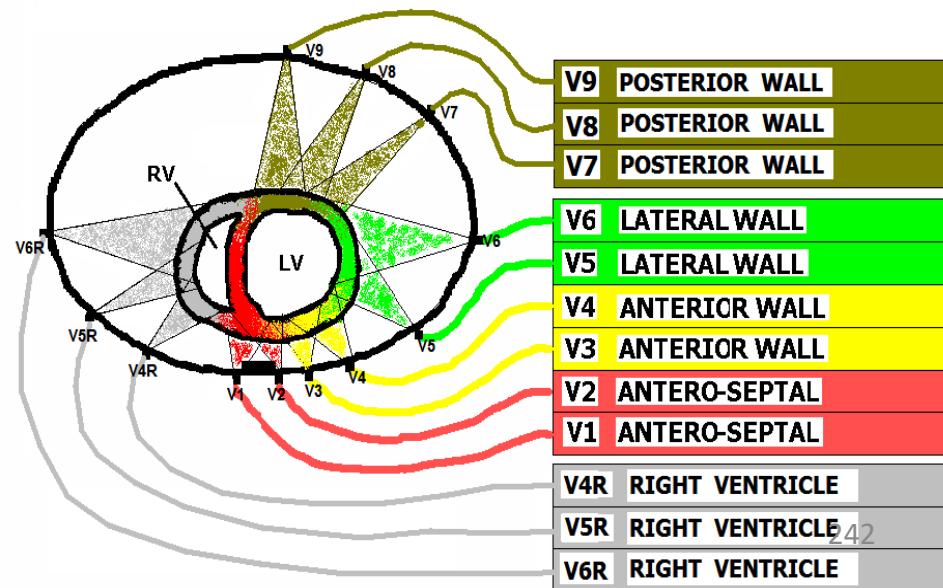
WHAT EACH LEAD "SEES" ...



⇐ The 12 Lead ECG

The 18 Lead ECG ⇒

CHEST LEADS V1 - V6 PLUS V4R, V5R, V6R, and V7, V8, V9  
WHAT EACH LEAD "SEES" ...





Technician: WR

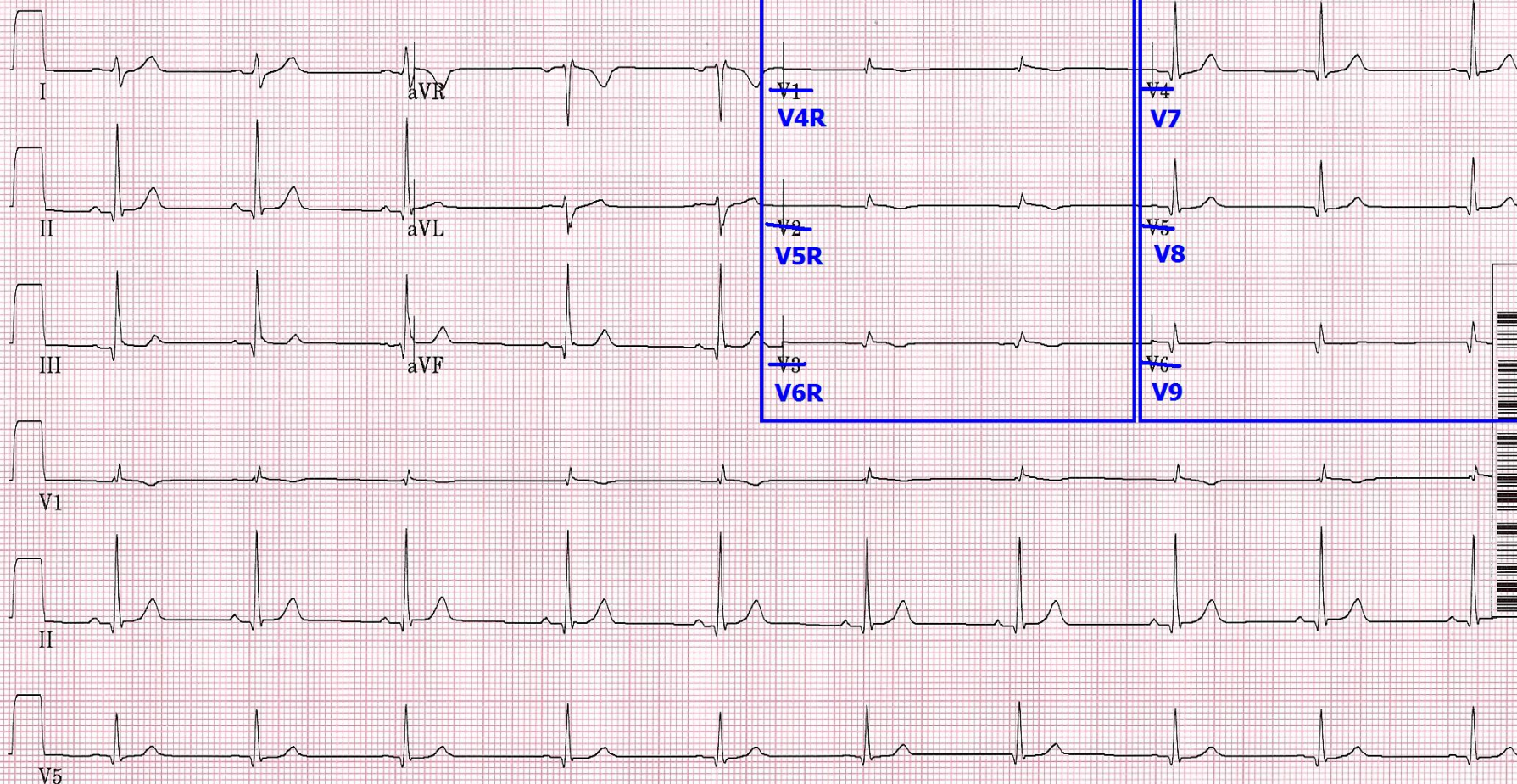
~~Sinus bradycardia~~  
~~RSR' or QR pattern in V1 suggests right ventricular conduction delay~~  
~~Cannot rule out Anteroseptal infarct, age undetermined~~  
~~Abnormal ECG~~

DOS:

Referred by:

## RIGHT VENTRICLE

## POSTERIOR WALL





POSTERIOR WALL MI  
usually accompanies  
INFERIOR and/or  
LATERAL WALL MI !!!



POSTERIOR WALL MI  
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*. . . . On rare occasions,  
we see isolated cases of  
POSTERIOR WALL MI*

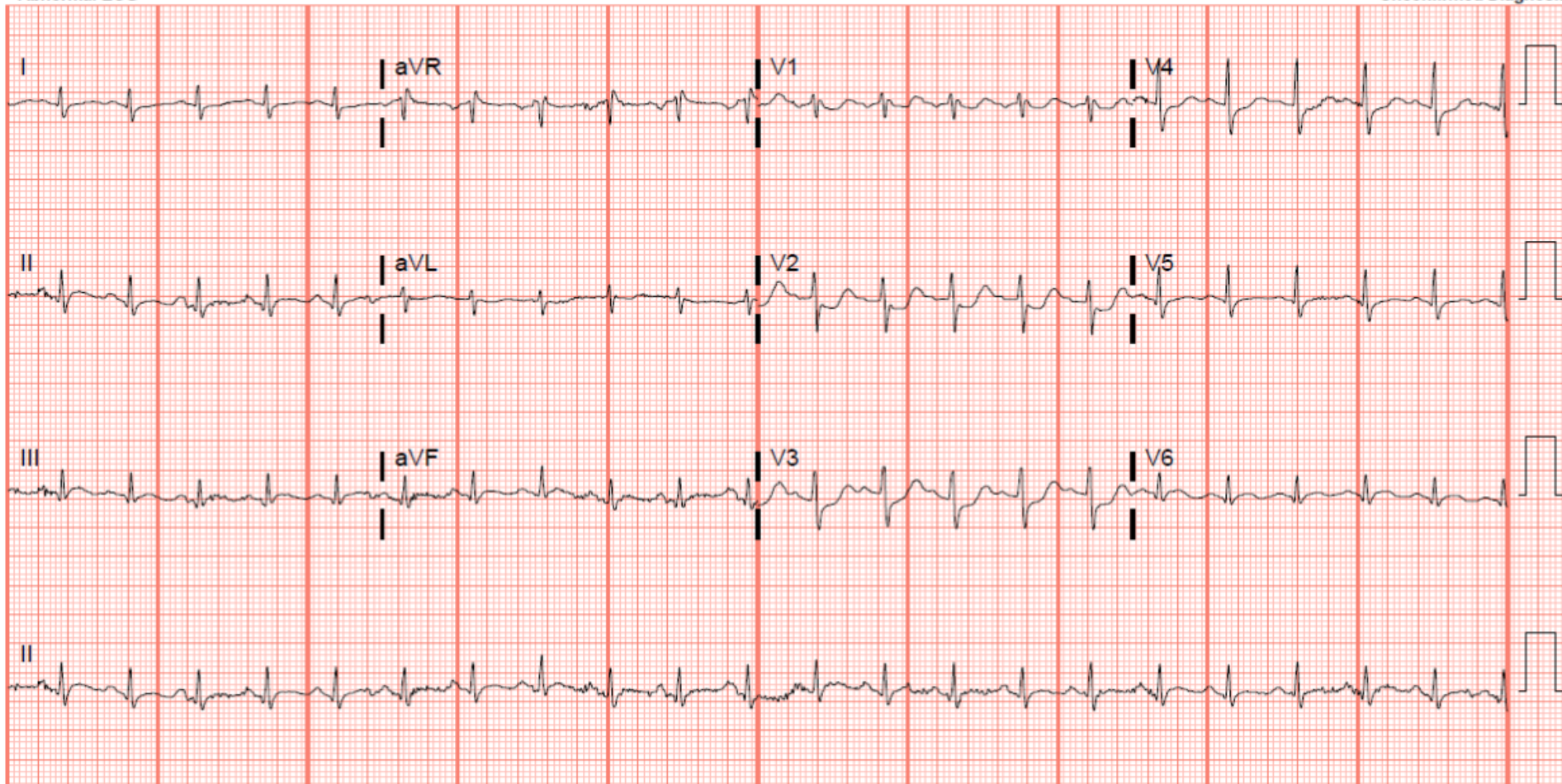
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- Abnormal ECG -

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“ROAD TO FOREVER,” Rt 385, Oklahoma panhandle, 1994

Your patient has chest pain.....

Your patient has chest pain.....

You obtain a STAT 12 Lead ECG.....



**Evaluating the ECG for ACS:**

**A TWO-STEP process:**

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## A TWO-STEP process:

**STEP 1: Evaluate QRS Width**

# Evaluating the ECG for ACS:

## A TWO-STEP process:

**STEP 1: Evaluate QRS Width**

**STEP 2: Evaluate J Points, ST-Segment and T waves  
in EVERY Lead**

## STEP 1 – evaluate QRS width:





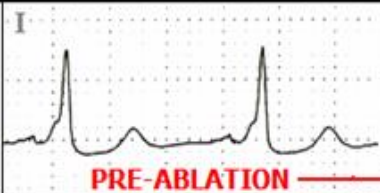
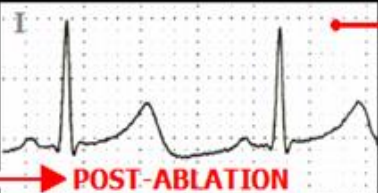

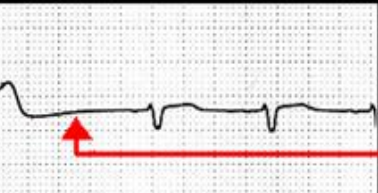
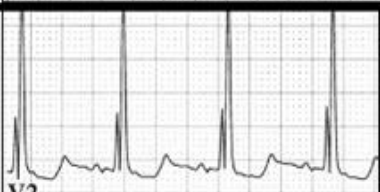
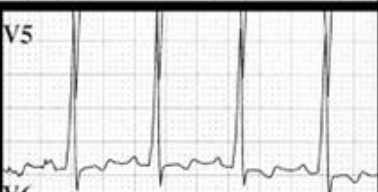
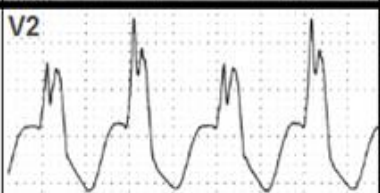

- QRS is **ABNORMALLY WIDE (>120 ms)**,
  - indicates **DEPOLARIZATION ABNORMALITY** (e.g. “bundle branch block, Wolff-Parkinson-White Syndrome, etc).

## STEP 1 – evaluate QRS width:

- QRS is **ABNORMALLY WIDE (>120 ms)**,
  - indicates **DEPOLARIZATION ABNORMALITY** (e.g. “bundle branch block, Wolff-Parkinson-White Syndrome, etc).
  - **DEPOLARIZATION ABNORMALITIES** in turn cause **REPOLARIZATION ABNORMALITIES**, which alters the: *J Points, ST-Segments and/or T Waves.*



## CONDITIONS THAT INCREASE QRS DURATION RESULT IN SECONDARY REPOLARIZATION ABNORMALITIES:

RIGHT BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK			LEFT BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK
W-P-W BYPASS TRACT, LEFT LATERAL WALL 49 y/o MALE			SAME PATIENT AS ON LEFT - IMMEDIATELY AFTER RF ABLATION OF BYPASS TRACT
W-P-W BYPASS TRACT, RIGHT ANTERIOR/ LATERAL WALL 14 y/o MALE			SAME PATIENT AS ON LEFT - IMMEDIATELY AFTER RF ABLATION OF BYPASS TRACT
PACEMAKER - RIGHT VENTRICULAR APEX			PACEMAKER TURNED OFF HERE
RIGHT VENTRICULAR HYPERTROPHY ( Strain Pattern )			LEFT VENTRICULAR HYPERTROPHY ( Strain Pattern )
VENTRICULAR TACHYCARDIA FOCUS: LEFT FASICULAR, 17 y/o FEMALE			VENTRICULAR TACHYCARDIA- FOCUS: RIGHT VENTRICULAR APEX

**Wide QRS present:  
QRSd > 120ms**

- **Determine RIGHT vs. LEFT Bundle  
Branch Block Pattern**

# Simple “Turn Signal Method” . . .

## THE “TURN SIGNAL METHOD” for identifying BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK

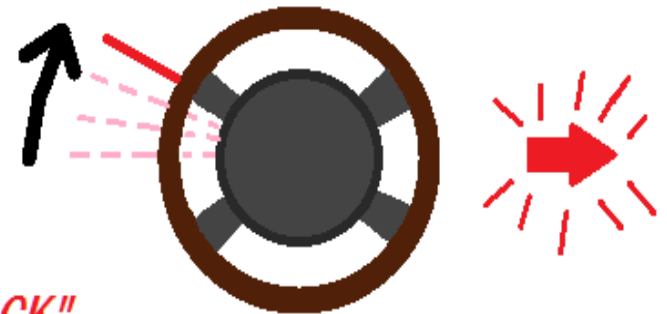
V1

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”*

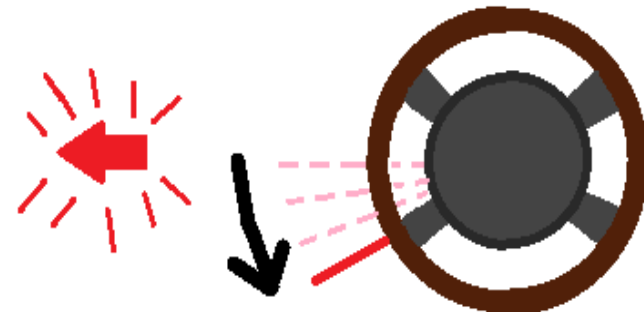


V1

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

THINK:

*“QRS points DOWN = LEFT BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK”*



# DIAGNOSING BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK

USING LEADS V1, V2, and V5, V6:

LOCATING RsR' or RR' COMPLEXES:

**V1**



**V2**



**RIGHT BUNDLE  
BRANCH BLOCK**

**V5**



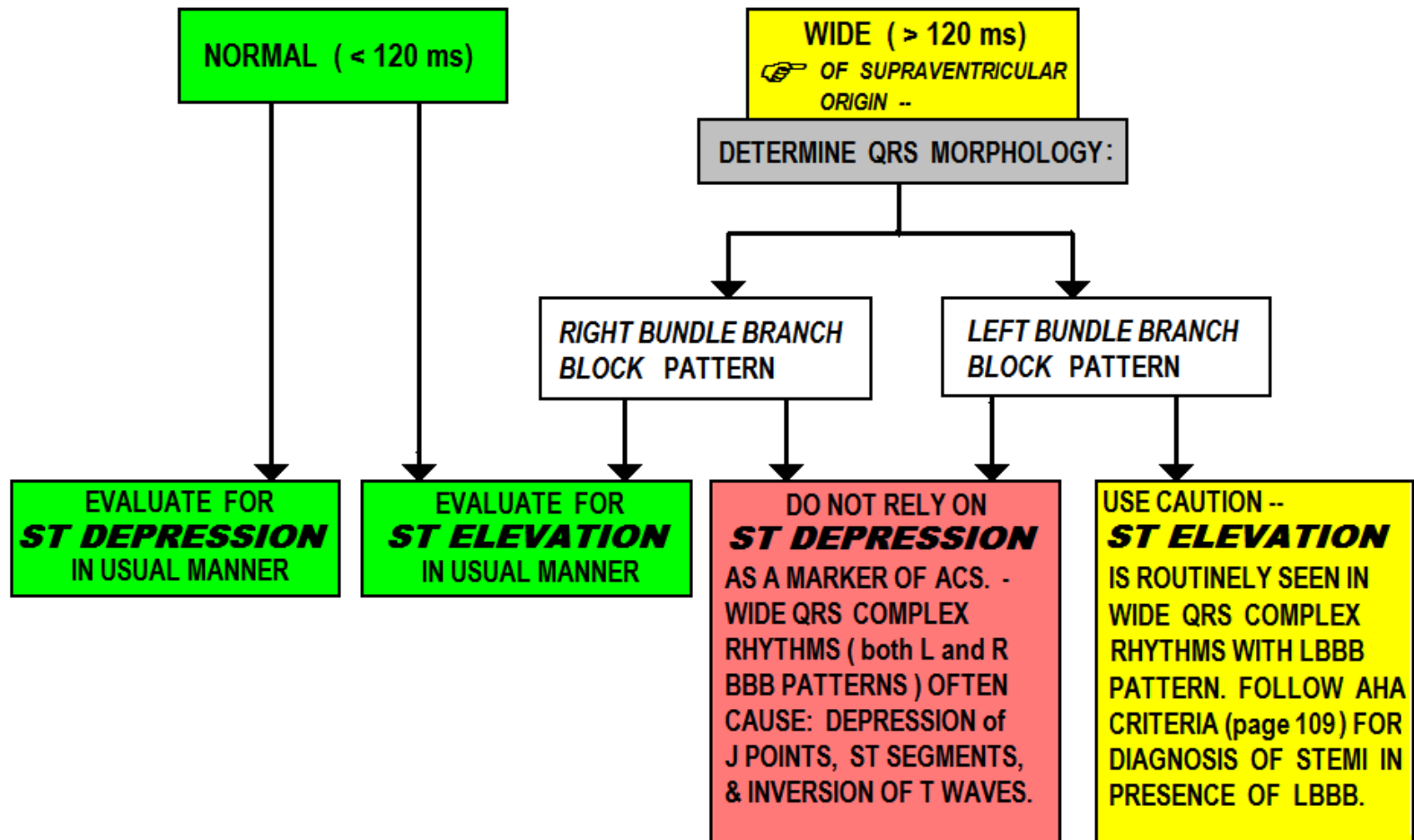
**V6**



**LEFT BUNDLE  
BRANCH BLOCK**

# Evaluating the ECG for ACS:

## STEP 1 - EVALUATE WIDTH OF QRS:





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- **When RIGHT Bundle Branch Block pattern is present:**
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74years		Vent. rate	72 bpm	Normal sinus rhythm
Male	Caucasian	PR interval	186 ms	Left axis deviation
		QRS duration	166 ms	Right bundle branch block
Room:		QT/QTc	436/477 ms	Inferior infarct, age undetermined
Loc: 0	Opt:	P-R-T axes	57 -32 32	Abnormal ECG

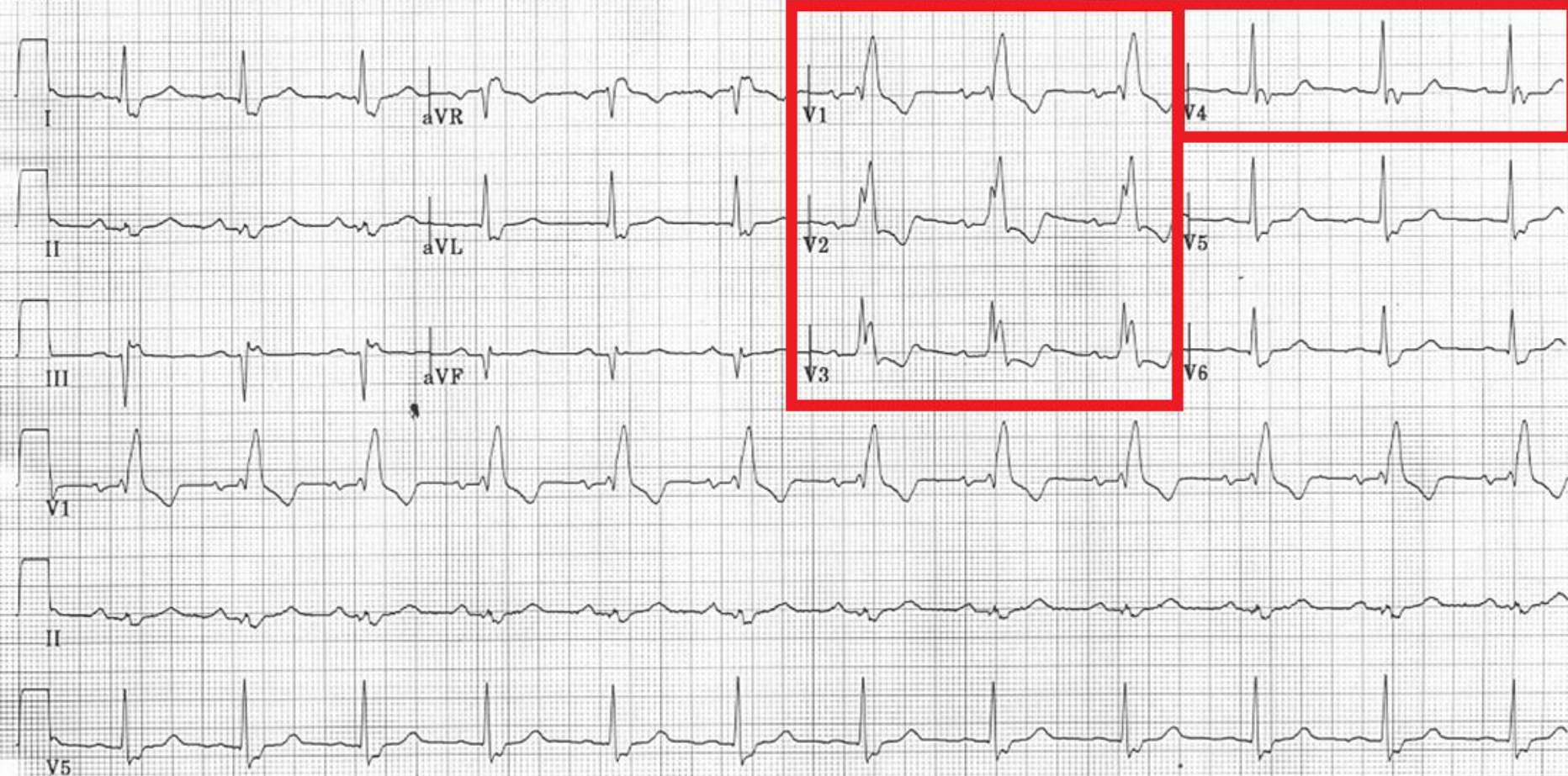
Technician: WR

***RBBB causes ST Depression,  
T Wave Inversion, ANTERIOR  
Leads ( V1 - V4 ).***

D.O.S.:

Referred by:

Unconfirmed



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  - **DOES NOT MASK STEMI; *when ST Elevation is noted, CONSIDER STEMI !!***



RBBB with CHEST PAIN - CASE 1: ST ELEVATION IN LEADS V1 - V4

48 yr  
Male Caucasian  
Room:ATL  
Loc:3 Option:23

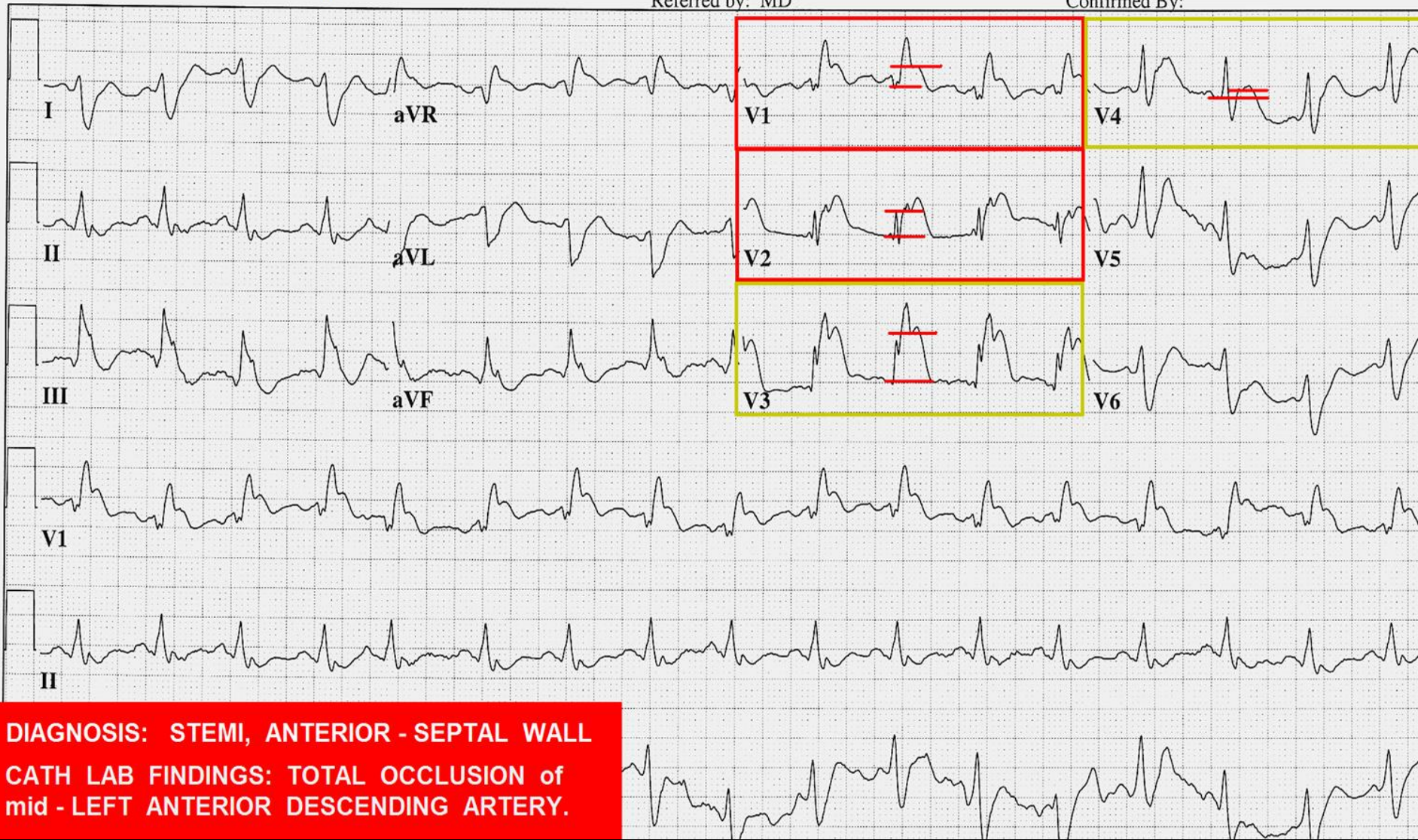
Vent. rate 102 BPM  
PR interval 130 ms  
QRS duration 168 ms  
QT/QTc 400/521 ms  
P-R-T axes 60 114 -19

Sinus tachycardia with Premature supraventricular complexes and Fusion complexes  
**Right bundle branch block**  
ST elevation consider anterior injury or acute infarct  
\*\*\*\*\* ACUTE MI \*\*\*\*\*  
Abnormal ECG ...

Technician: W Ruppert

Referred by: MD

Confirmed By:



**DIAGNOSIS: STEMI, ANTERIOR - SEPTAL WALL**  
**CATH LAB FINDINGS: TOTAL OCCLUSION of mid - LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY.**



**RBBB with CHEST PAIN - CASE 2: ST ELEVATION LEADS II, III, aVF - WITH RECIPROCAL ST DEPRESSION in LEADS V1 - V6**

25 yr  
Male      Caucasian  
  
Loc:3      Option:23

Vent. rate      67 BPM  
PR interval      258 ms  
QRS duration      136 ms  
QT/QTc      398/420 ms  
P-R-T axes      44 94 82

Sinus rhythm with 1st degree A-V block

**Right bundle branch block**

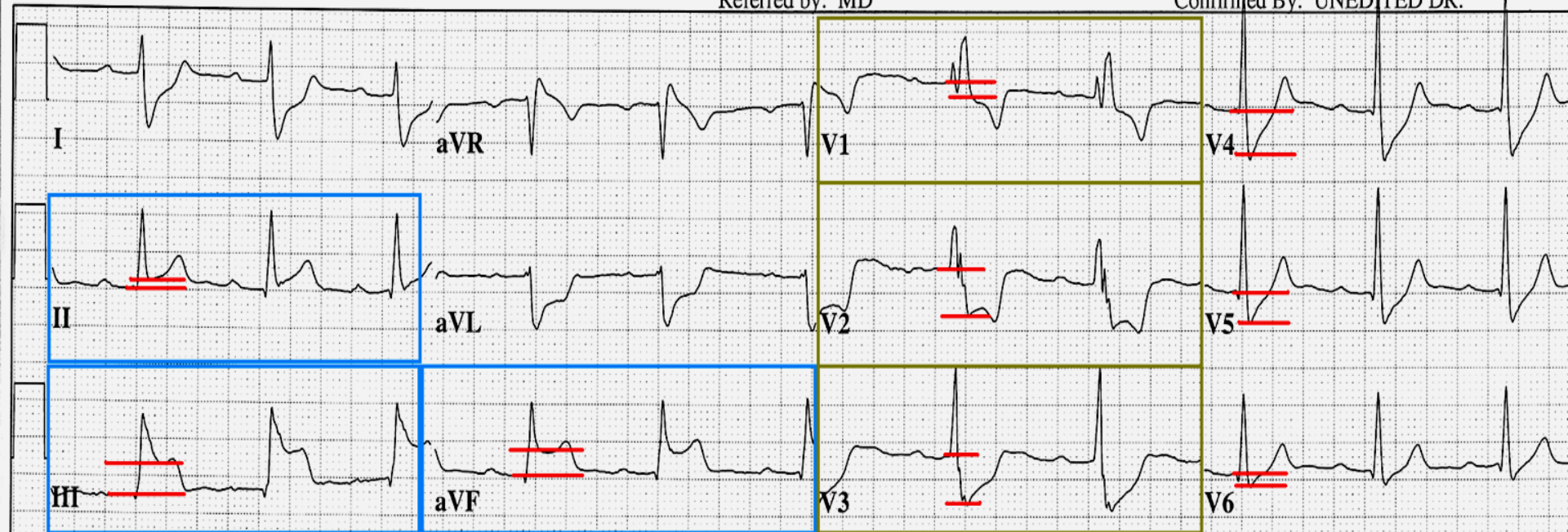
ST elevation consider inferior injury or acute infarct

\*\*\*\*\* ACUTE MI \*\*\*\*\*

Abnormal ECG

Referred by: MD

Confirmed By: UNEDITED DR.



**DIAGNOSIS: STEMI - INFERIOR-POSTERIOR WALL**

**CATH LAB FINDINGS: TOTAL OCCLUSION of  
DOMINANT RIGHT CORONARY ARTERY**



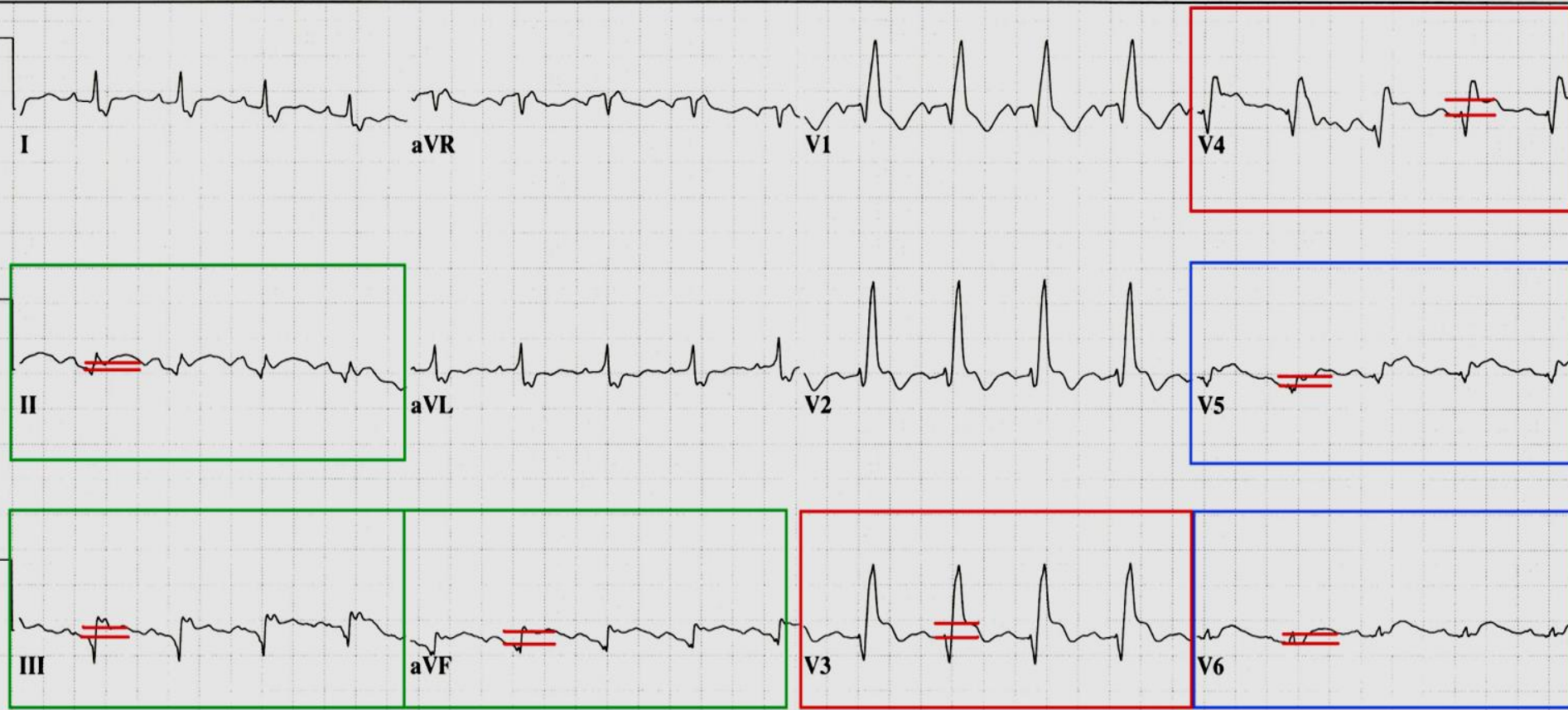
# RBBB with CHEST PAIN - CASE 3: ST ELEVATION V3 - V6, II, III, aVF

75 yr  
Male      Caucasian  
  
Room:CS-19  
Loc:6      Option:4I

Vent. rate      110    BPM  
PR interval      170    ms  
QRS duration      148    ms  
QT/QTc      366/495    ms  
P-R-T axes      57 19    69

Sinus tachycardia  
Right bundle branch block  
Lateral infarct , possibly acute  
Inferior infarct , possibly acute  
Anterior injury pattern  
Abnormal ECG

ACUTE LATERAL - INFERIOR - ANTERIOR AMI  
CATH LAB FINDINGS: OCCLUDED VEIN GRAFT  
TO THE CIRCUMFLEX DISTRIBUTION  
(DOMINANT CIRCUMFLEX)



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  - *Does NOT typically cause ST elevation in INFERIOR Leads (II, III and AVF).*



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- ***Convex ST Segment***

78 yr  
Female Black  
Room: ICU5  
Loc: 6 Option: 19

Vent. rate 94 BPM  
PR interval 202 ms  
QRS duration 160 ms  
QT/QTc 388/485 ms  
P-R-T axes 91 -23 87

Normal sinus rhythm with occasional Premature ventricular complexes  
Left bundle branch block  
Abnormal ECG

- Normal arteries
- Normal LV Function
- No hypertrophy

Technician: EKG CLASS #WR03602718

Referred by:







## **HELPFUL INDICATORS FOR ECG DIAGNOSIS OF STEMI in the presence of LBBB:**

- ST ELEVATION > 5 mm
- COMPARE J POINT, ST SEGMENTS and T WAVES of previous ECG with LBBB to NEW ECG.
- CONVEX ST SEGMENT = poss. MI  
CONCAVE ST SEGMENT = normal
- CONCORDANT ST changes ( 1 mm or > ST DEPRESSION V1 - V3 or ST ELEVATION LEADS II, III, AVF )
- ST ELEVATION in LEADS II, III, and/or AVF

“Electrocardiographic Diagnosis of Evolving Acute Myocardial Infarction in the Presence of Left Bundle-Branch Block” Birnbaum et al, N Engl J Med 1996; 334:481-487

*Be advised that in patients with*

**Left Bundle Branch Block  
Combined with  
Ventricular Hypertrophy,**

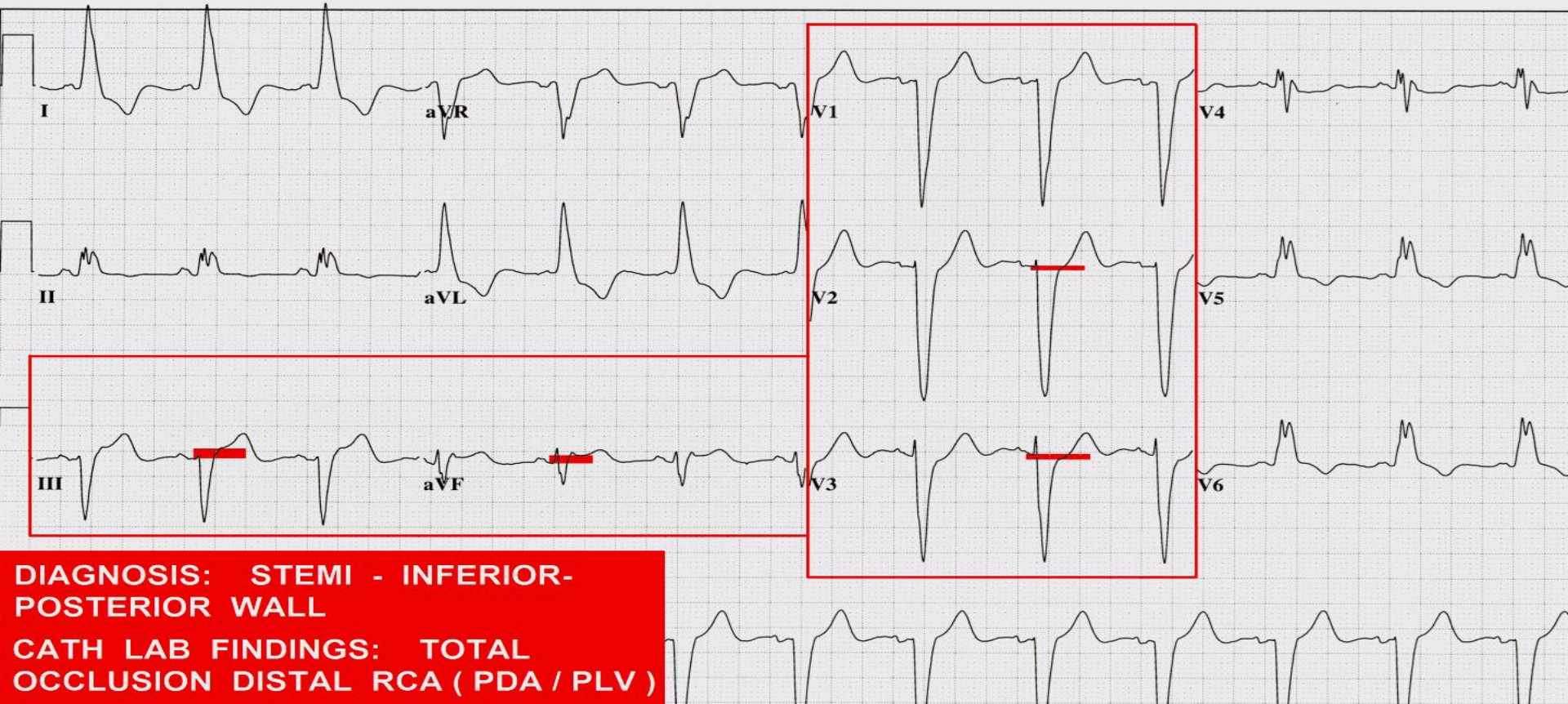
*The J Point elevation can exceed 0.5 mv  
(5mm) above the iso-electric line in patients  
without ACS.*

# LBBB with CHEST PAIN - CASE 1 : PRESENTING EKG

58 yr  
Female Hispanic  
Room: ER  
Loc:3 Option:23

Vent. rate	77	BPM
PR interval	128	ms
QRS duration	158	ms
QT/QTc	454/513	ms
P-R-T axes	43 -11	150

Normal sinus rhythm  
Left bundle branch block  
Abnormal ECG



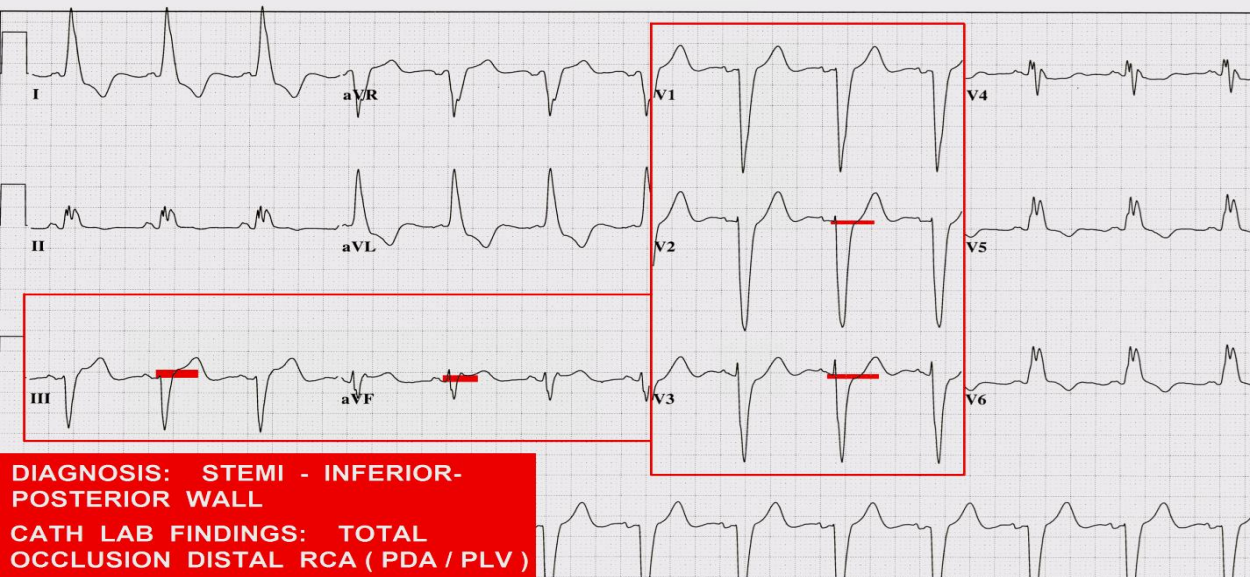


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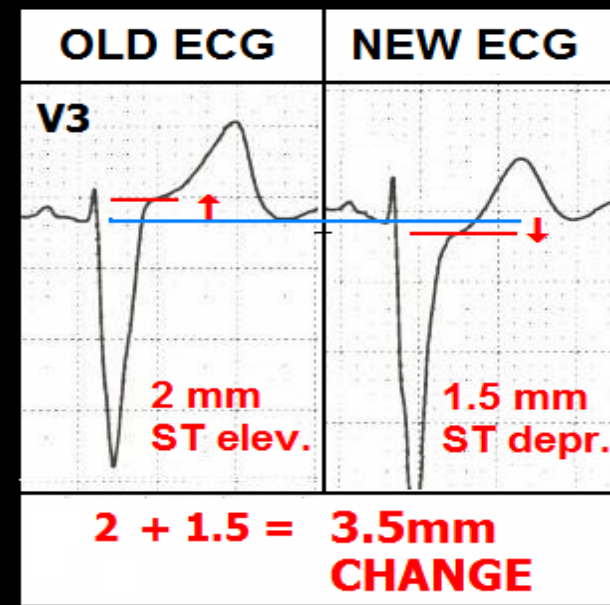
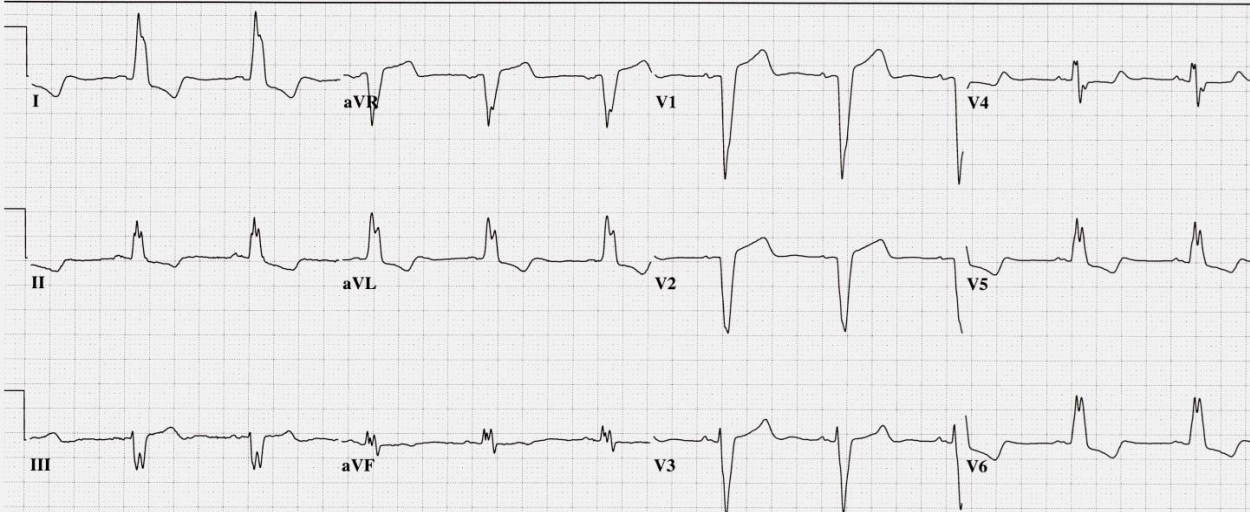


## LBBB with CHEST PAIN - CASE 1 : EKG RECORDED 7 MONTHS AGO

57 yr  
Female Hispanic  
Room:416B  
Loc:6 Option:39

Vent. rate 63 BPM  
PR interval 140 ms  
QRS duration 142 ms  
QT/QTc 462/472 ms  
P-R-T axes 48 10 191

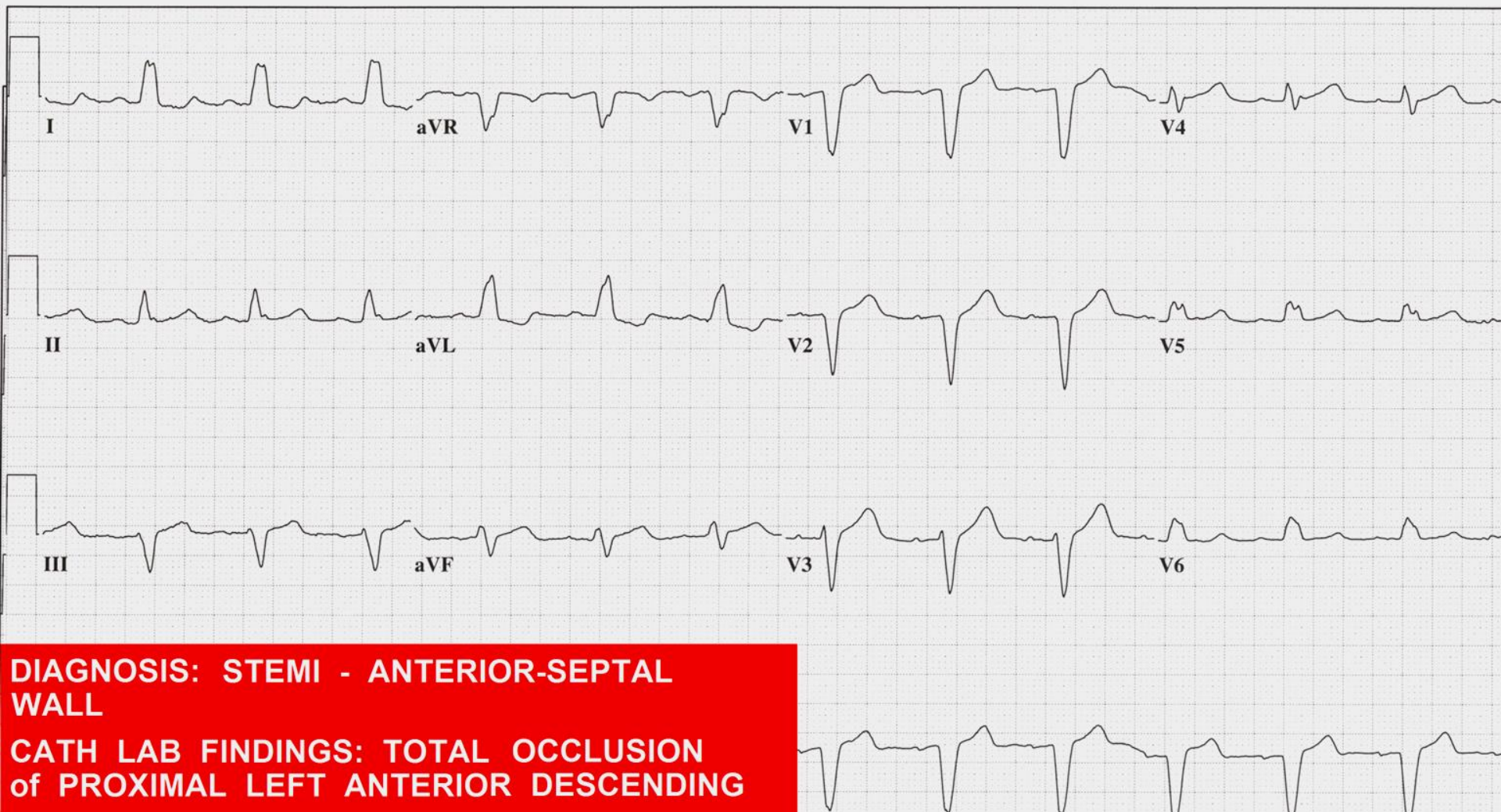
\*\*\* AGE AND GENDER SPECIFIC ECG ANALYSIS \*\*\*  
 Normal sinus rhythm  
 Left bundle branch block  
 Abnormal ECG  
 When compared with ECG of 22-JAN-2005 11:15.





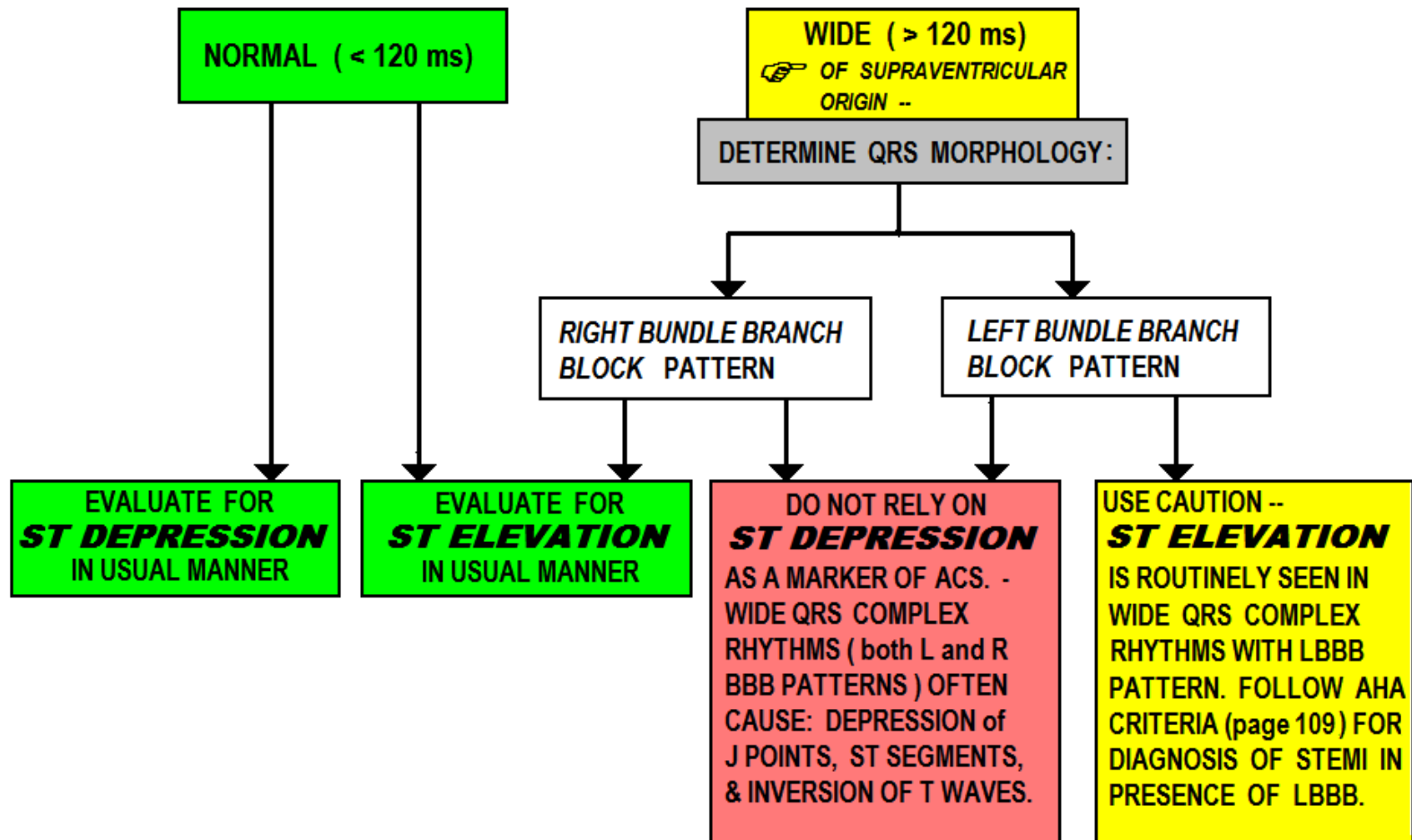
# LBBB with CHEST PAIN - CASE 2 : NEW ONSET of LBBB

46 yr		Vent. rate	77	BPM	Normal sinus rhythm
Male	Caucasian	PR interval	172	ms	Left bundle branch block
		QRS duration	142	ms	Abnormal ECG
Room:ER		QT/QTc	446/504	ms	
Loc:3	Option:23	P-R-T axes	38 0	92	



# Evaluating the ECG for ACS:

## STEP 1 - EVALUATE WIDTH OF QRS:



# Evaluating the ECG for ACS:

## *Patients with Normal Width QRS*

### *(QRSd < 120ms)*

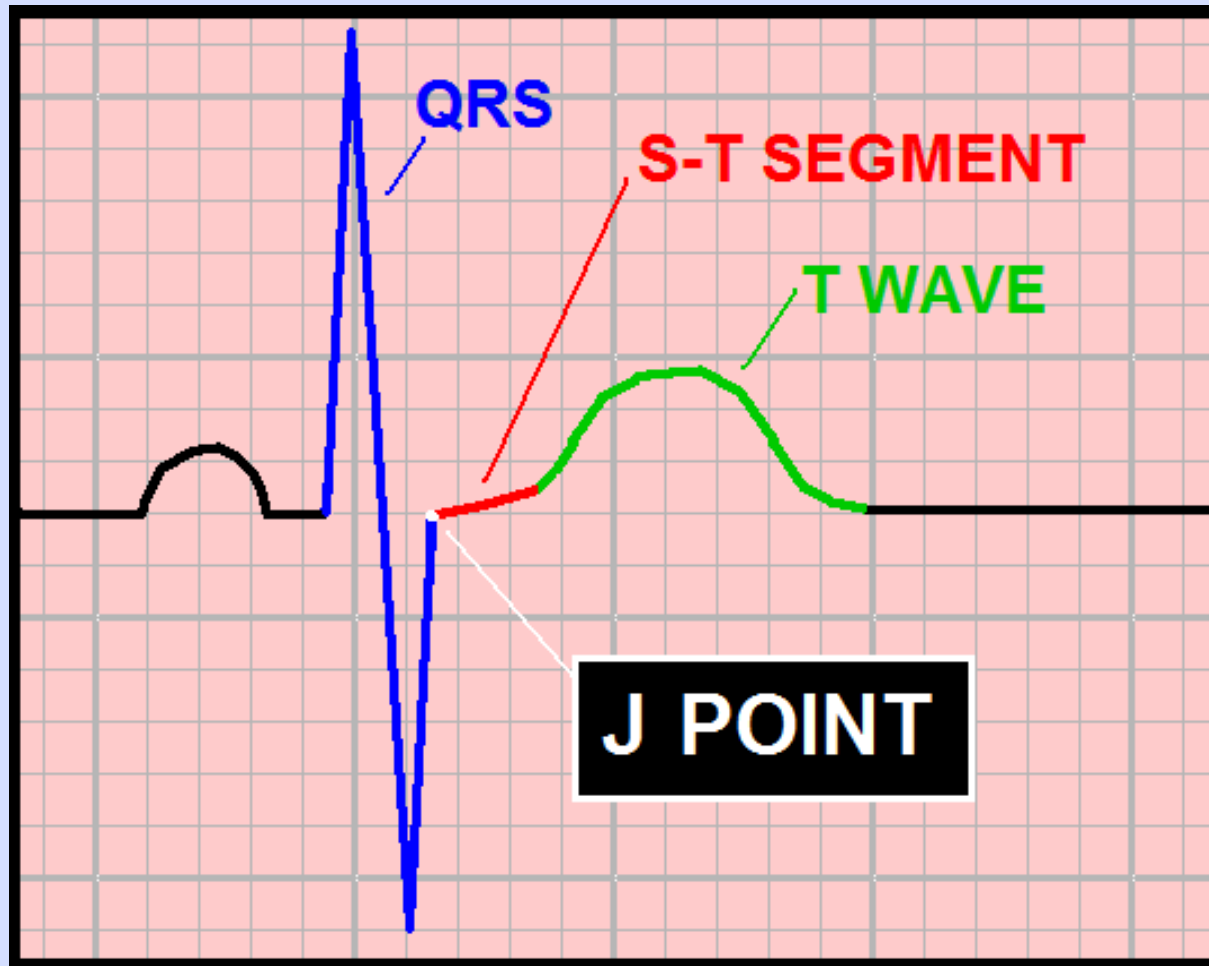
## STEP 2 - EVALUATE the EKG for ACS

THE EKG MARKERS USED FOR DETERMINING THE PRESENCE OF ACUTE CORONARY SYNDROME INCLUDE:

- J POINTS
- ST SEGMENTS
- T WAVES

CAREFULLY SCRUTINIZE THESE MARKERS IN EVERY LEAD OF THE 12 LEAD EKG, TO DETERMINE IF THEY ARE *NORMAL* or *ABNORMAL*.

# Defining NORMAL – QRS <120ms:

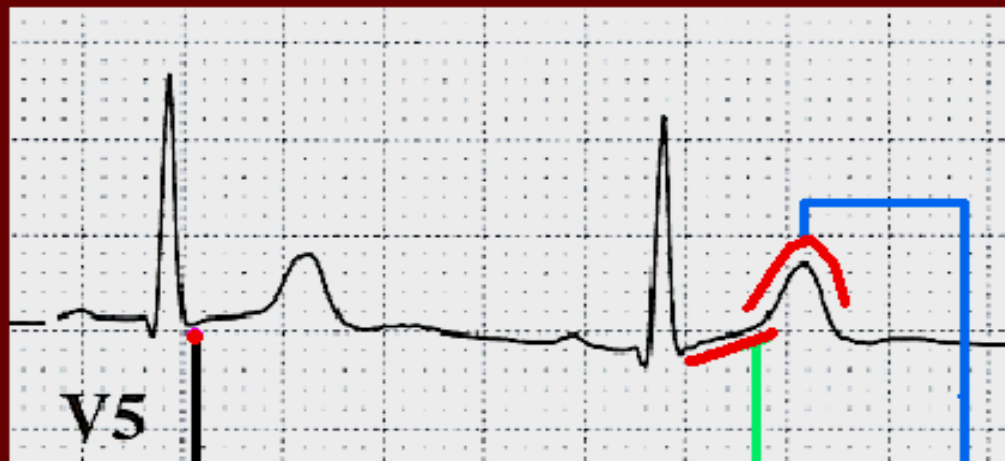


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## ASSESS:

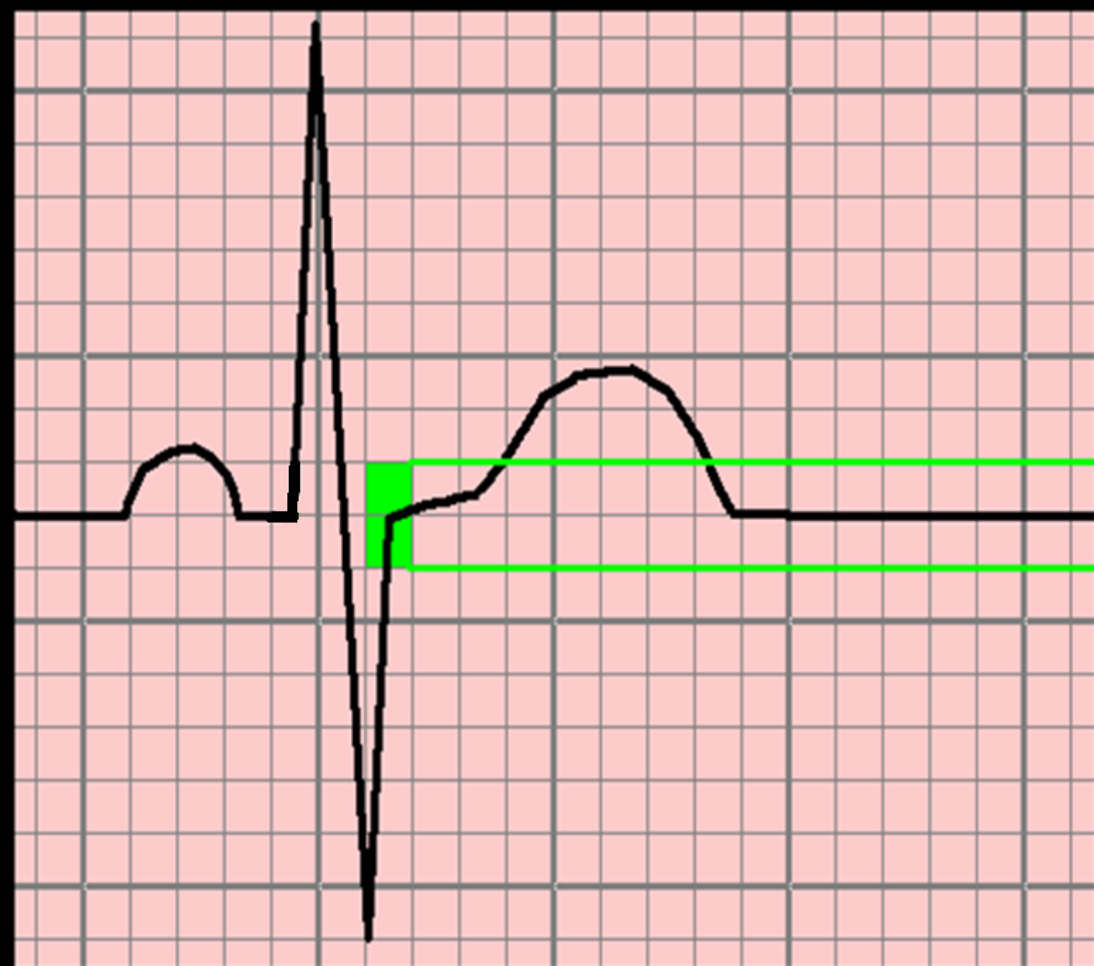


- J POINT: ISOELECTRIC ( or  $< 1$  mm dev. )
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- T WAVE: UPRIGHT, POSITIVE

👉 in **EVERY LEAD EXCEPT aVR !!**



# THE J POINT SHOULD BE ..

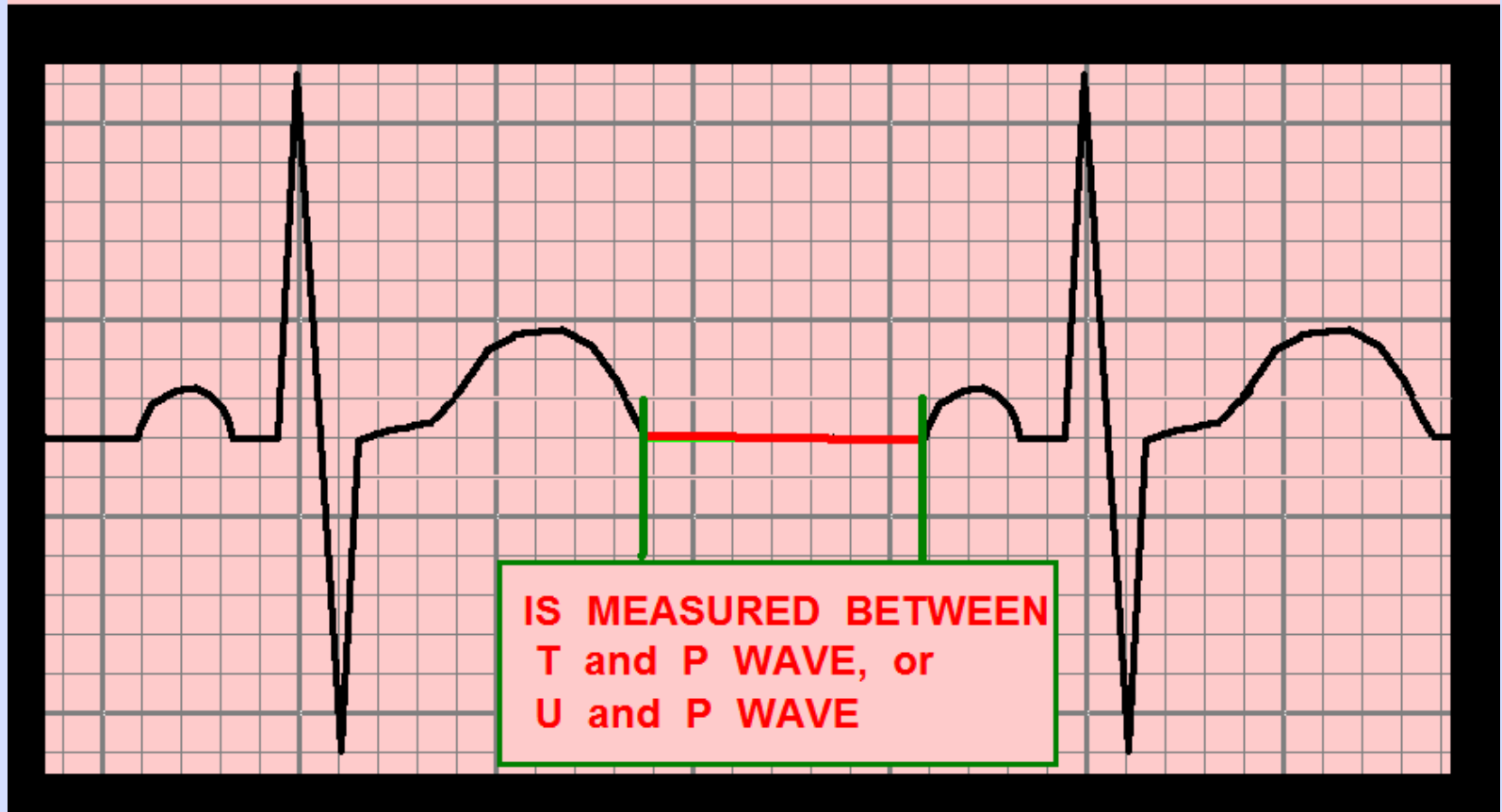


WITHIN  
1 mm  
ABOVE

OR

BELOW  
the  
ISOELECTRIC  
LINE

# THE ISOELECTRIC LINE

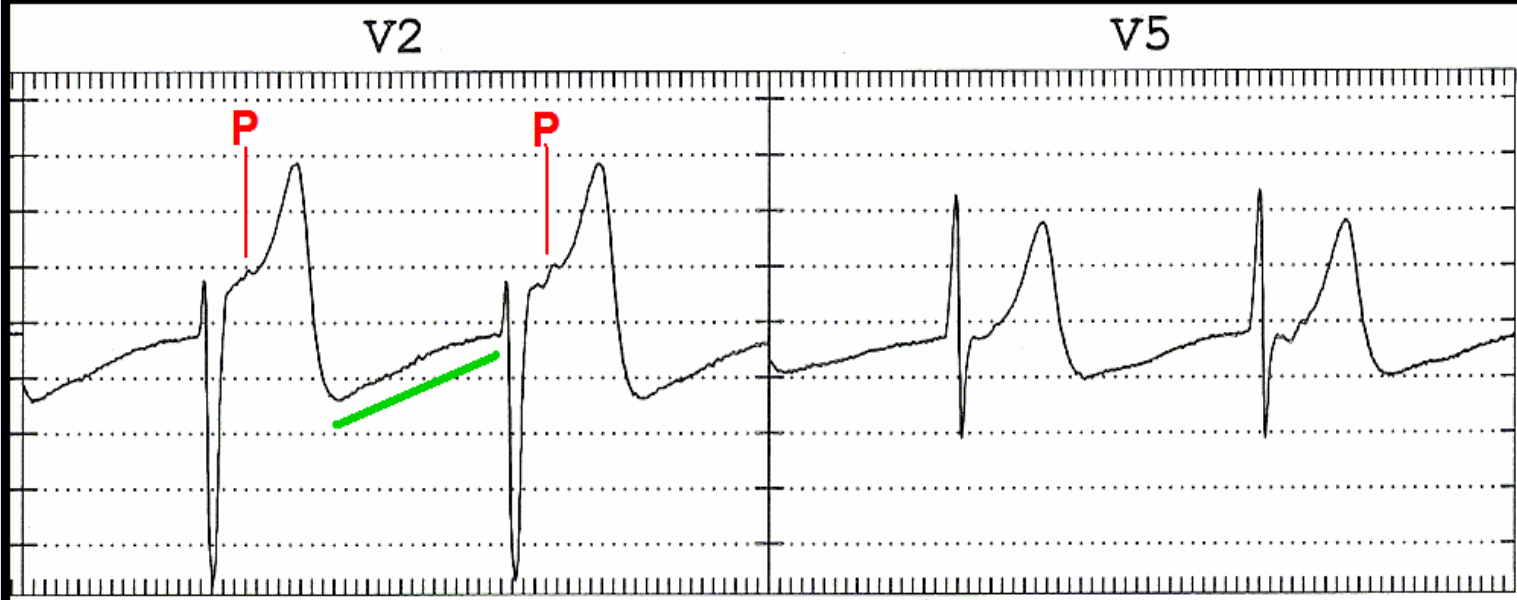


...the “flat line” between ECG complexes,  
when there is no detectable electrical  
activity ...

# The Isoelectric Line - *it's not always isoelectric !*

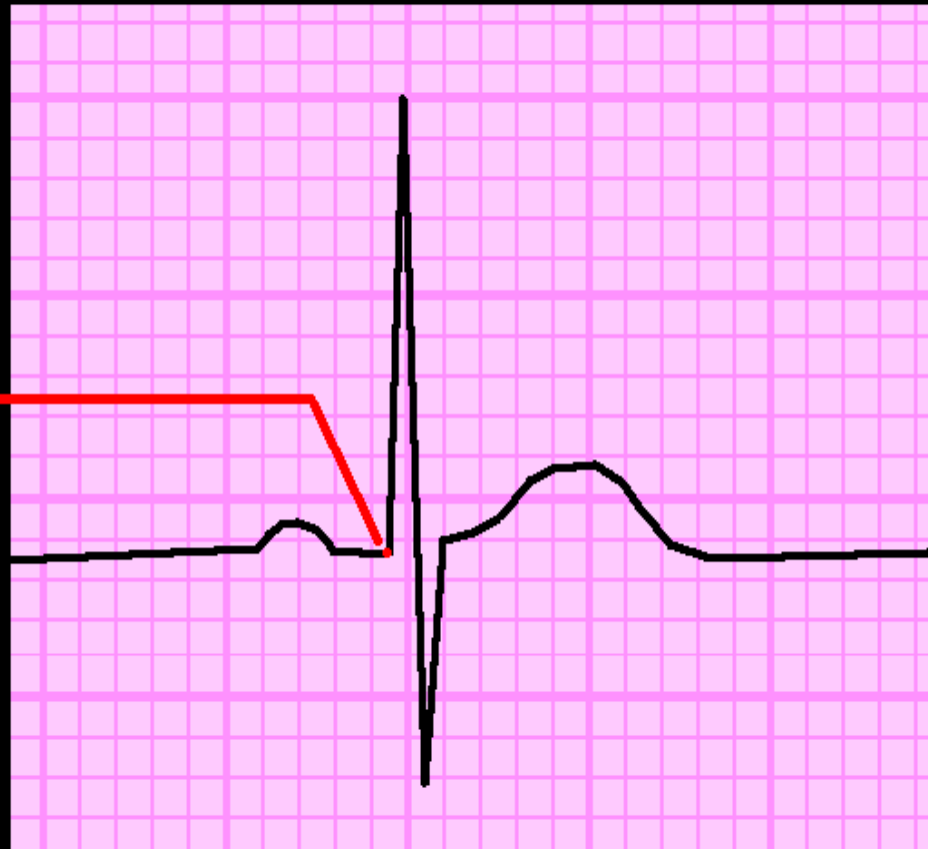
## THE ISOELECTRIC LINE

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  
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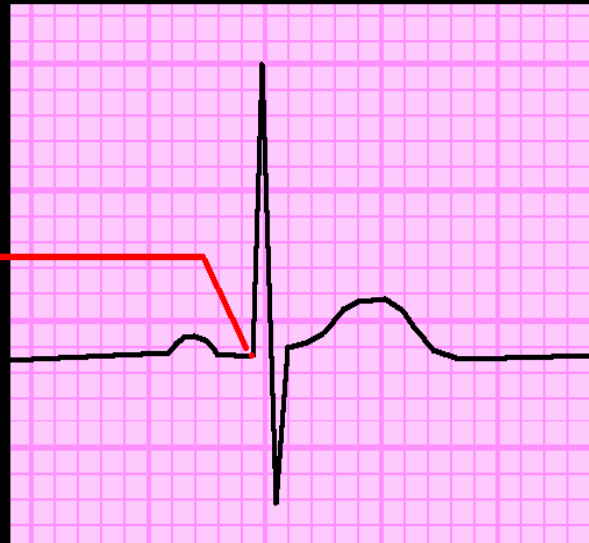
Use the P-Q junction as a reference point for measuring the J Point and ST-Segment when “iso-electric line is

not  
iso-electric !

### THE P-Q JUNCTION

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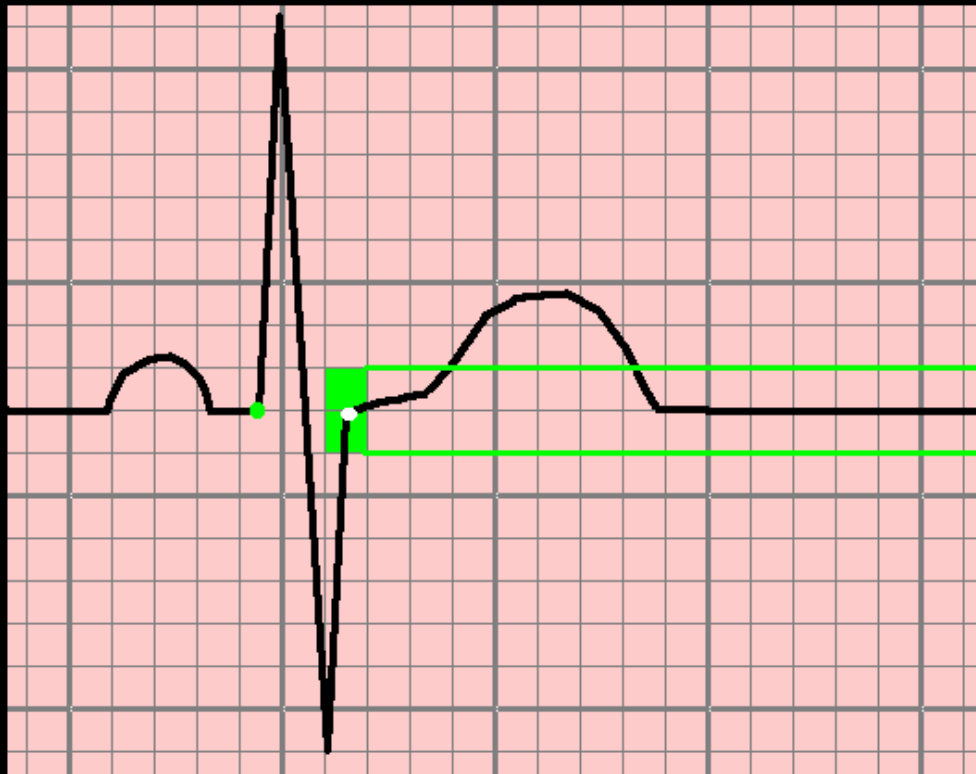


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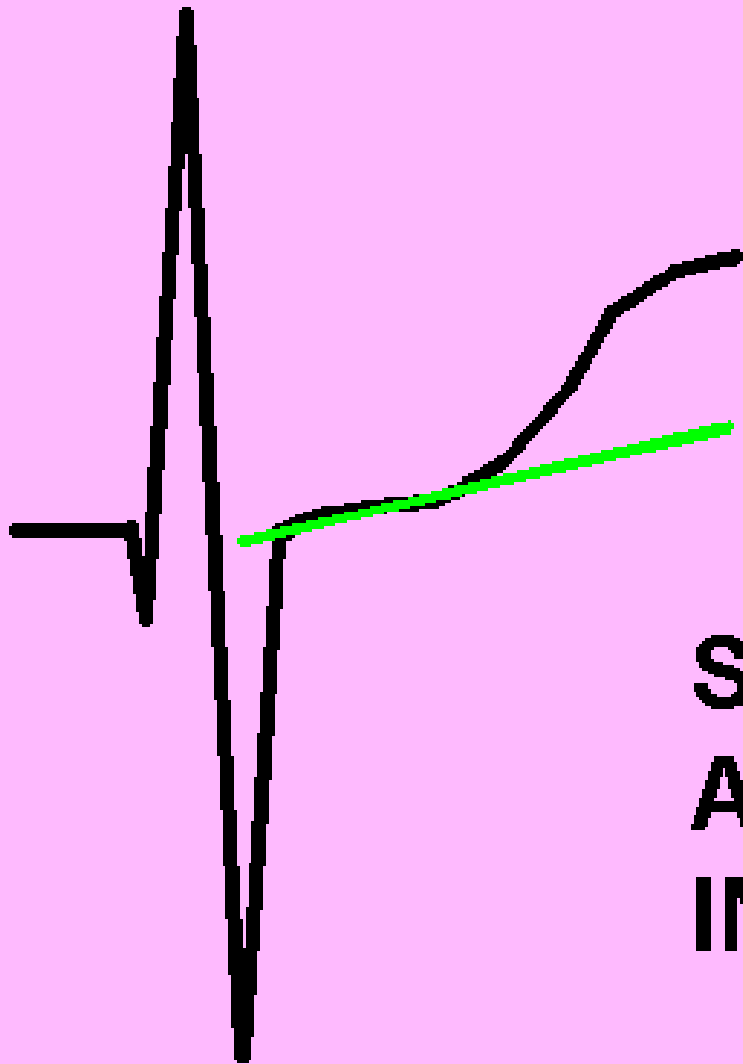


**WITHIN  
1 mm  
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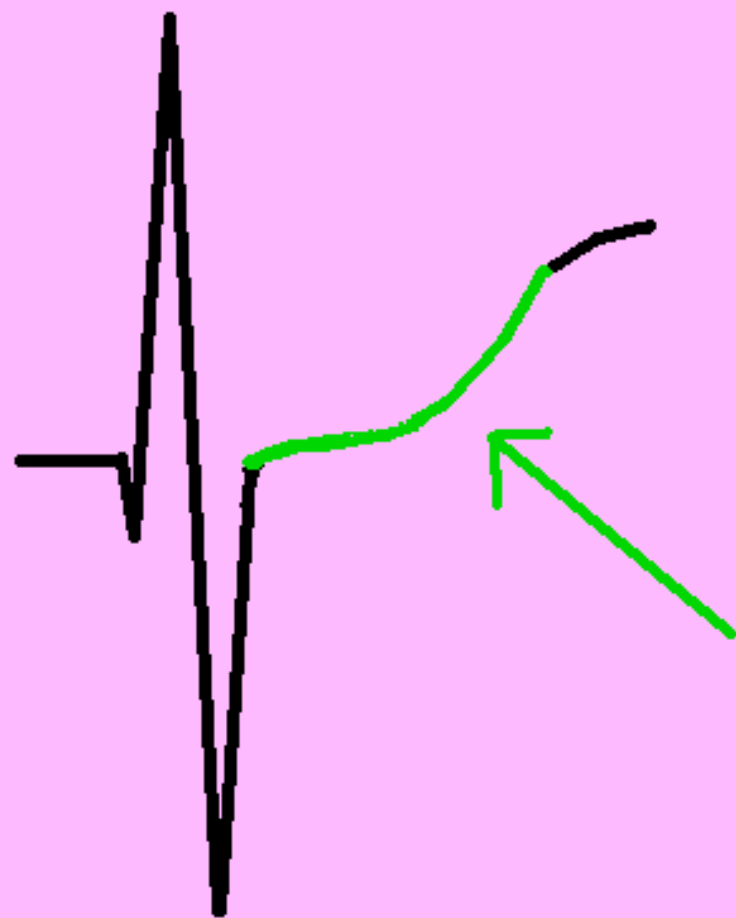
**BELOW  
THE  
P-Q  
JUNCTION**

# THE S-T SEGMENT



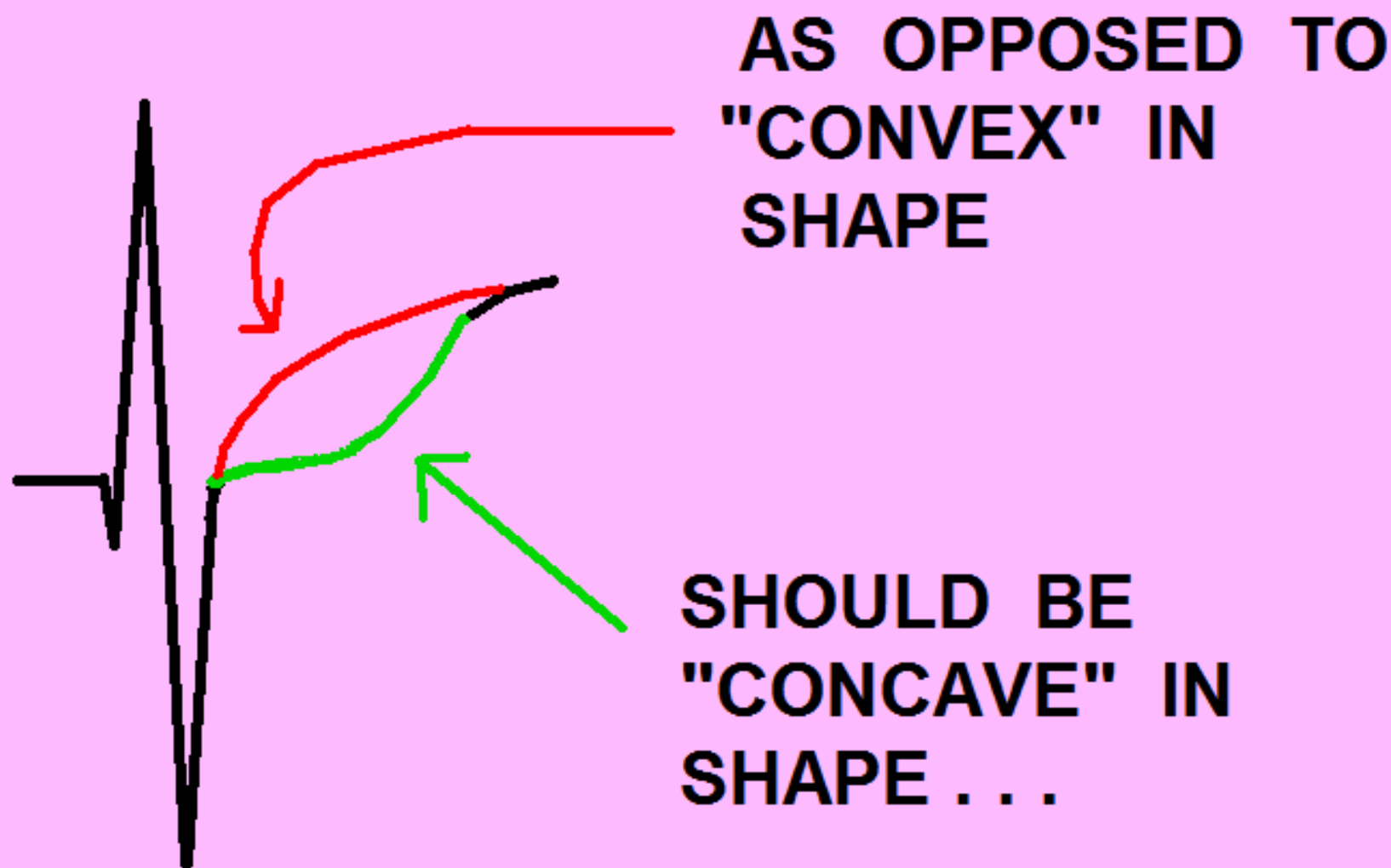
**SHOULD HAVE  
A "SLIGHT POSITIVE"  
INCLINATION**

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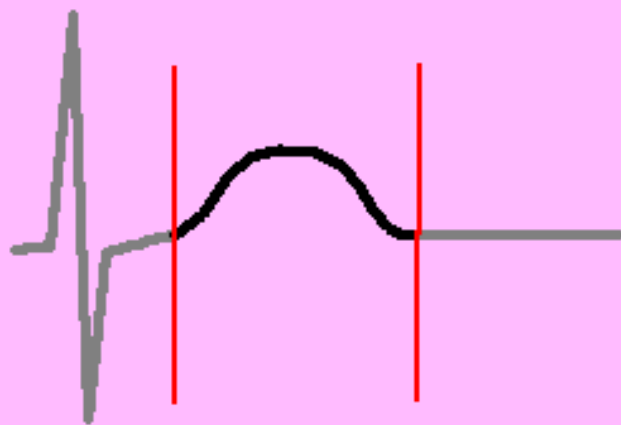


SHOULD BE  
"CONCAVE" IN  
SHAPE . . .

# THE S-T SEGMENT



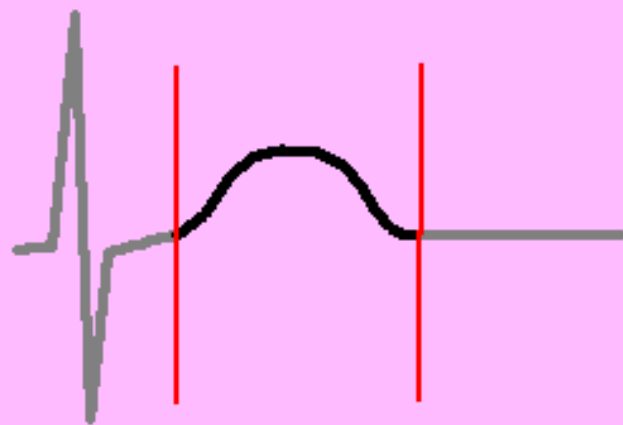
# THE T WAVE



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- SHOULD BE SYMMETRICAL

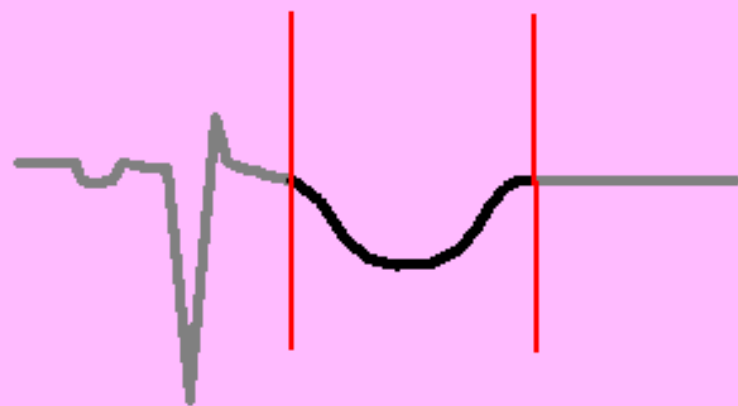


# THE T WAVE



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

# THE T WAVE

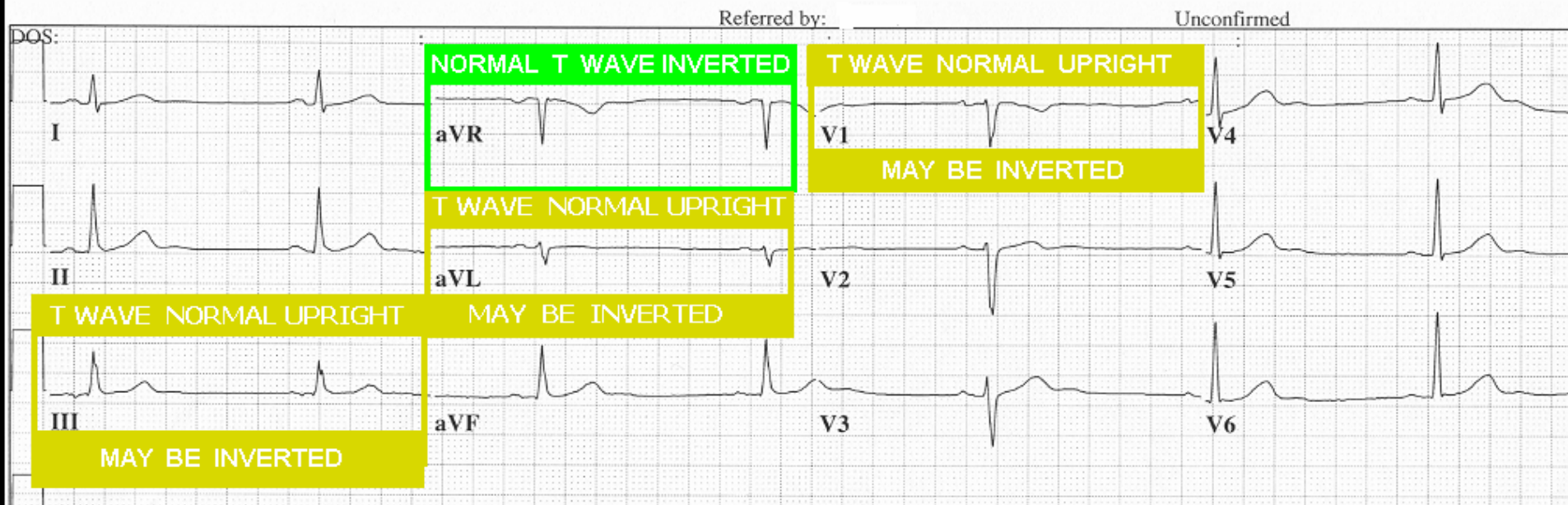


**LEAD  
AVR**

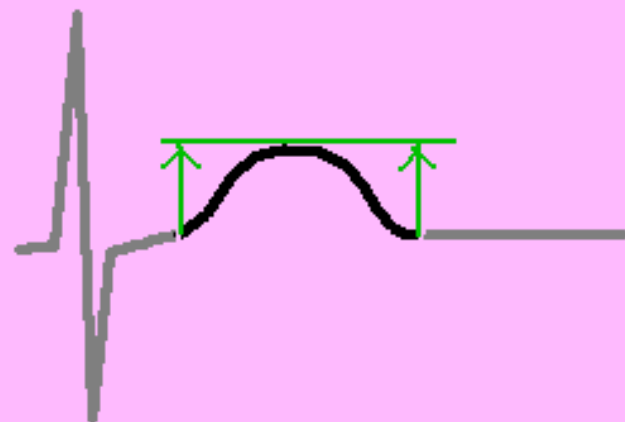
- REMEMBER, IN LEAD AVR  
*EVERYTHING*  
IS  
"UPSIDE-DOWN"

# Normal Variants: *T Wave Inversion*

**Leads where the T WAVE may be  
INVERTED:**



# THE T WAVE



## AMPLITUDE GUIDELINES:

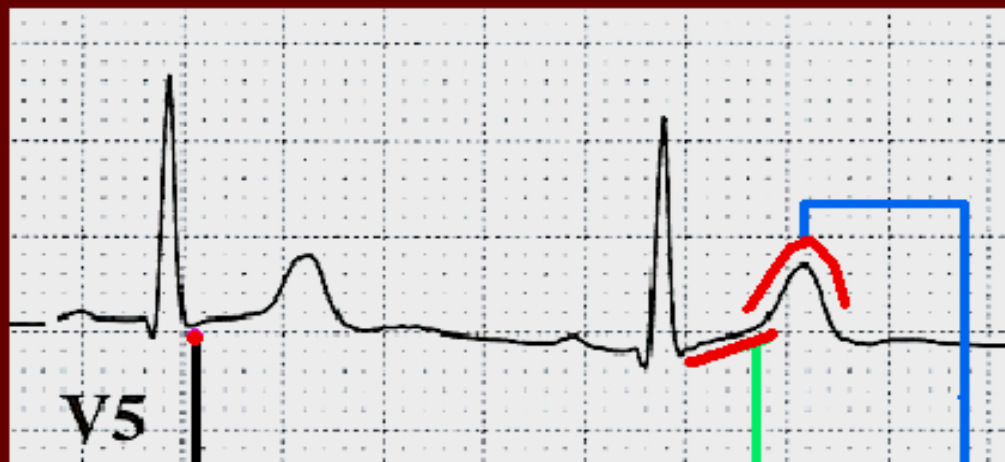
- IN THE LIMB LEADS, SHOULD BE LESS THAN 1.0 mv ( 10 mm )
- IN THE PRECORDIAL LEADS, SHOULD BE LESS THAN 0.5 mv ( 5 mm )
- SHOULD NOT BE TALLER THAN R WAVE IN 2 OR MORE LEADS.

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# NORMAL ST - T WAVES

- WHEN QRS WIDTH IS NORMAL (  $< 120$  ms )

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**ECG Indicators  
of ACS  
in Patients with  
*Normal Width* QRS Complexes  
(QRS duration < 120 ms)**

## Multiple patterns of ABNORMAL:

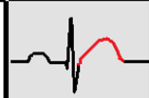
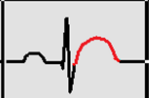
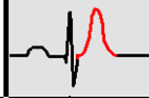

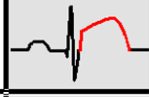

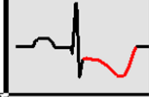

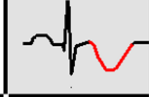



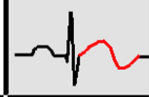
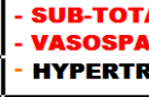
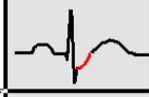

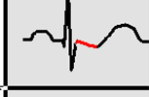

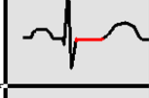

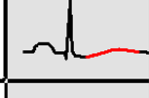

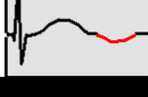

- J Point
- ST-Segment
- T Wave

configurations may indicate  
ACS.

Remember, “IF IT’S NOT  
NORMAL, it’s  
**ABNORMAL !**”


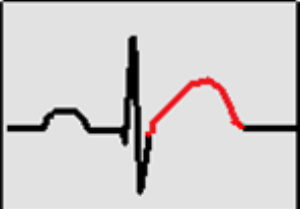
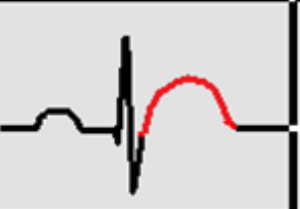
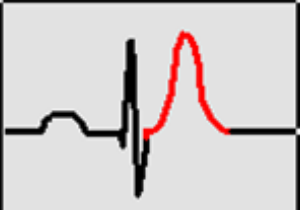
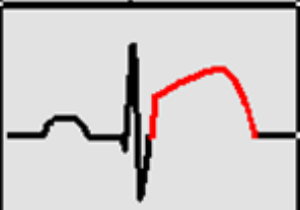
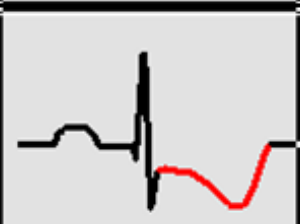
## **EKG PATTERNS of ACS & ISCHEMIA**

-- J POINT, ST SEGMENT, and T WAVE ABNORMALITIES --

! FLAT or CONVEX J-T APEX SEGMENT			- Typical Cath Lab Finding: Coronary Artery Thrombus (TIMI Grade 1-2 blood flow)
! HYPER-ACUTE T WAVE			- <b>HYPERKALEMIA</b> - <b>TRANSMURAL ISCHEMIA</b> - <b>ACUTE MI</b> - <b>HYPERTROPHY</b>
! S-T SEGMENT ELEVATION at J POINT			- <b>ACUTE MI</b> - <b>ACUTE PERICARDITIS / MYOCARDITIS</b> - <b>EARLY REPOLARIZATION</b>
! DEPRESSED J pt. DOWNSLOPING ST and INVERTED T			- <b>ACUTE (NON-Q WAVE) MI</b> - <b>ACUTE MI - (RECIPROCAL CHANGES)</b> - <b>ISCHEMIA</b>
INVERTED T WAVE			- <b>MYOCARDITIS</b> - <b>ELECTROLYTE IMBAL.</b> - <b>ISCHEMIA</b>
SHARP S-T T ANGLE			- <b>ACUTE MI (NOT COMMON)</b> - <b>ISCHEMIA</b>
BI-PHASIC T WAVE (WELLEN'S)			- <b>SUB-TOTAL LAD LESION</b> - <b>VASOSPASM</b> - <b>HYPERTROPHY</b>
DEPRESSED J POINT with UPSLOPING ST			- <b>ISCHEMIA</b>
DOWNSLOPING S-T SEGMENT			- <b>ISCHEMIA</b>
? FLAT S-T SEGMENT > 120 ms			- <b>ISCHEMIA</b>
? LOW VOLTAGE T WAVE WITH NORMAL QRS			- <b>ISCHEMIA</b>
? U WAVE POLARITY OPPOSITE THAT OF T WAVE			- <b>ISCHEMIA</b>

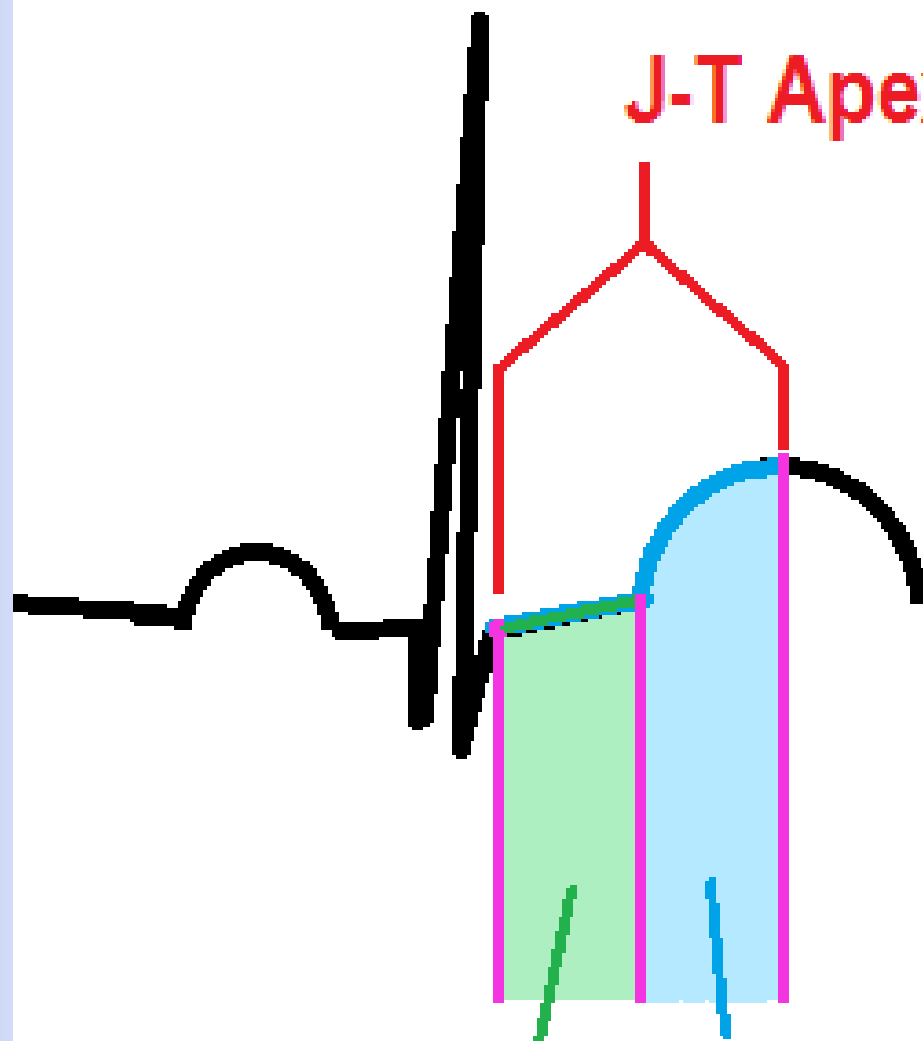
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# ***ECG Patterns associated with “EARLY PHASE MI:”***

- ***J-T Apex abnormalities***
- ***Hyper-Acute T Waves***
- ***ST-T Wave Changes***



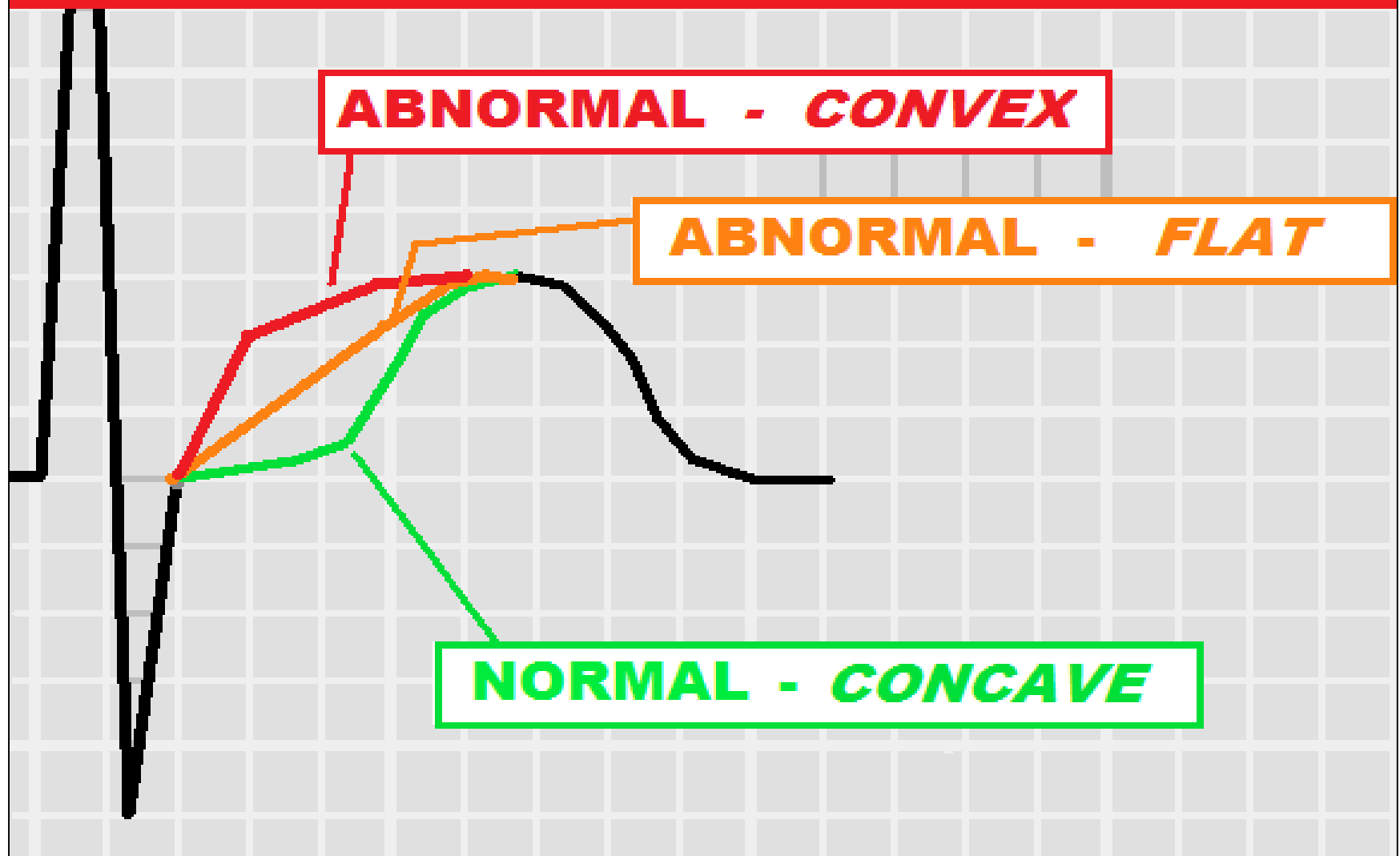
J-T Apex Segment

ST-Segment

T wave: origin to apex



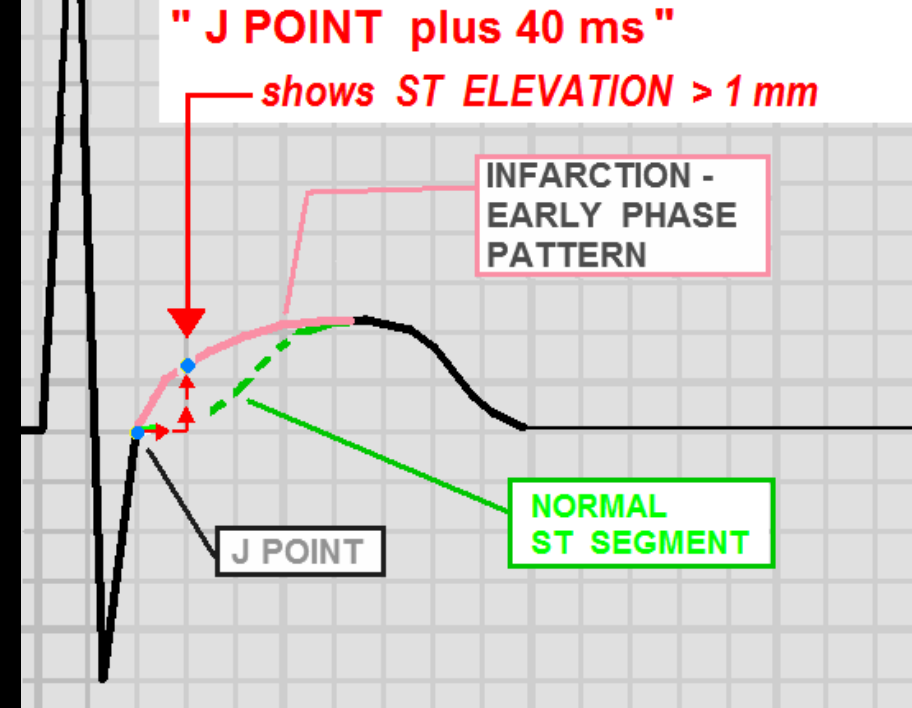
# J - T APEX SEGMENT VARIATIONS



***PATTERNS of EARLY INFARCTION***  
**-- FLAT and CONVEX J-T APEX SEGMENTS**

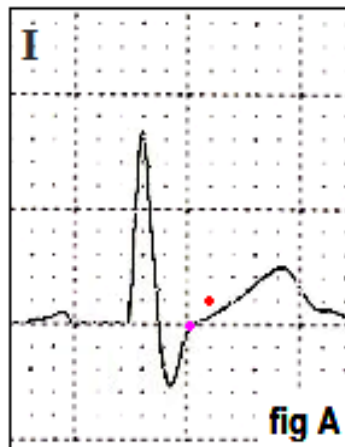
# WHEN EVALUATING for ST SEGMENT ELEVATION .....

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ACLS 2005 REVISIONS

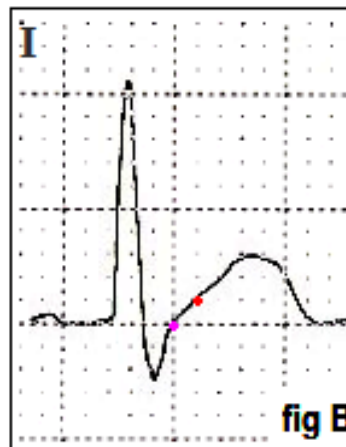


During **NORMAL STATES** of **PERFUSION**, the **J POINT** is **ISOELECTRIC** and the **ST SEGMENT** has a **CONCAVE** appearance. When measured 40 ms beyond the **J POINT** (noted by the **RED DOT**), the **ST SEGMENT** elevation is less than 1mm.

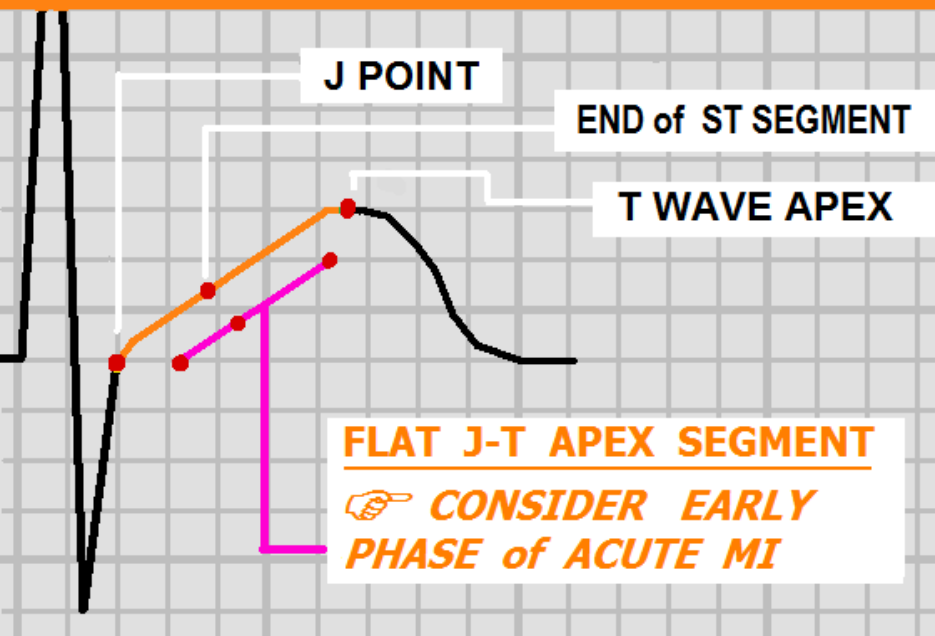
Both figures were recorded from a 54 year old male while resting (figure A), and during PTCA of the Left Anterior Descending artery (figure B).



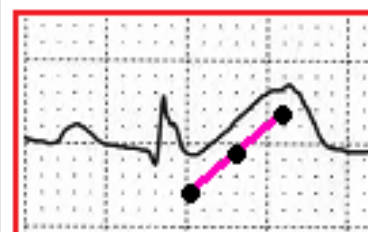
During a 20 second **BALLOON OCCLUSION** of the patient's **LAD** during routine **PTCA**, the **ST segment** assumes a **CONVEX** shape. When measured 40 ms beyond the **J POINT**, the **ST segment** is elevated > 1 mm. This phenomenon is seen routinely in the cath lab prior to the occurrence of **ST ELEVATION** at the **J POINT** during **PTCA** and **STENTING**.



## ABNORMAL J-T APEX SEGMENT



LEAD II

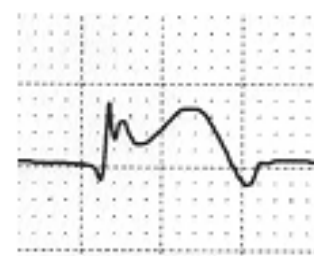


1839 hrs

41 y/o FEMALE

In ER C/O CHEST PAIN  
x 30 minutes.

- **FLAT J-T APEX SEGMENT**
- **NO ST ELEVATION at J POINT!**



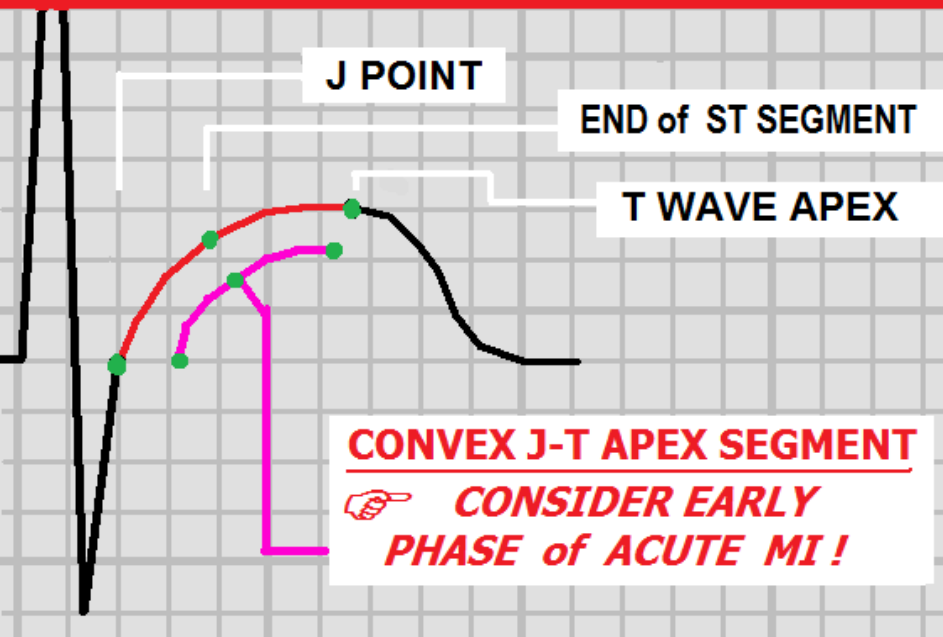
1850 hrs

**STEMI - INFERIOR WALL**

11 MINUTES LATER, S-T  
ELEVATION at the J POINT  
IS NOTED.

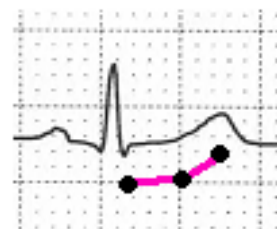
- **CATH LAB FINDINGS:**  
TOTAL OCCLUSION of the  
RIGHT CORONARY ARTERY

# ABNORMAL J-T APEX SEGMENT



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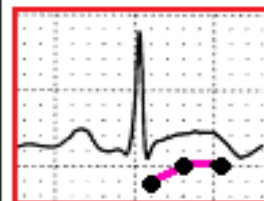
53 y/o MALE



1 yr. PRIOR TO MI

NORMAL EKG

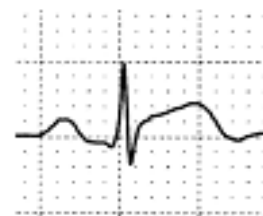
CONCAVE J - T APEX SEGMENT



0732 hrs

**STEMI LATERAL WALL**

- **CONVEX J-T APEX SEGMENT**
- **MINIMAL ST ELEVATION at J POINT**



0747 hrs

15 MINUTES LATER, S-T ELEVATION at the J POINT IS NOTED.


- **CATH LAB FINDINGS: TOTAL OCCLUSION OF CIRCUMFLEX ARTERY**

## CASE STUDY: ABNORMAL J-T APEX SEGMENTS

### CHIEF COMPLAINT and SIGNIFICANT HISTORY:

56 y/o MALE presents to ED with complaint of "INTERMITTENT SUBSTERNAL & SUB-EPIGASTRIC PRESSURE" x 3 HOURS. PMHx of ESOPHAGEAL REFLUX. NO other significant past medical history.

### RISK FACTOR PROFILE:

-  FAMILY HISTORY - father died of MI at age 62
- ☒ PREVIOUS CIGARETTE SMOKER - quit 15 years ago.
- ☒ CHOLESTEROL - DOES NOT KNOW; "never had it checked."
- ☒ OBESITY

**PHYSICAL EXAM:** Patient supine on exam table, mildly anxious, currently complaining of "mild indigestion," skin is warm, pale, dry; REST OF EXAM is UNREMARKABLE.

**VITAL SIGNS:** BP 142/94, P 80, R 20, SAO2 98%

**LABS:** JUST OBTAINED, RESULTS NOT AVAILABLE YET.



56 yr  
Male      Caucasian  
Room: A9  
Loc: 3      Option: 23

Vent. rate      80 BPM  
PR interval      154 ms  
QRS duration      78 ms  
QT/QTc      380/438 ms  
P-R-T axes      51 -24 38

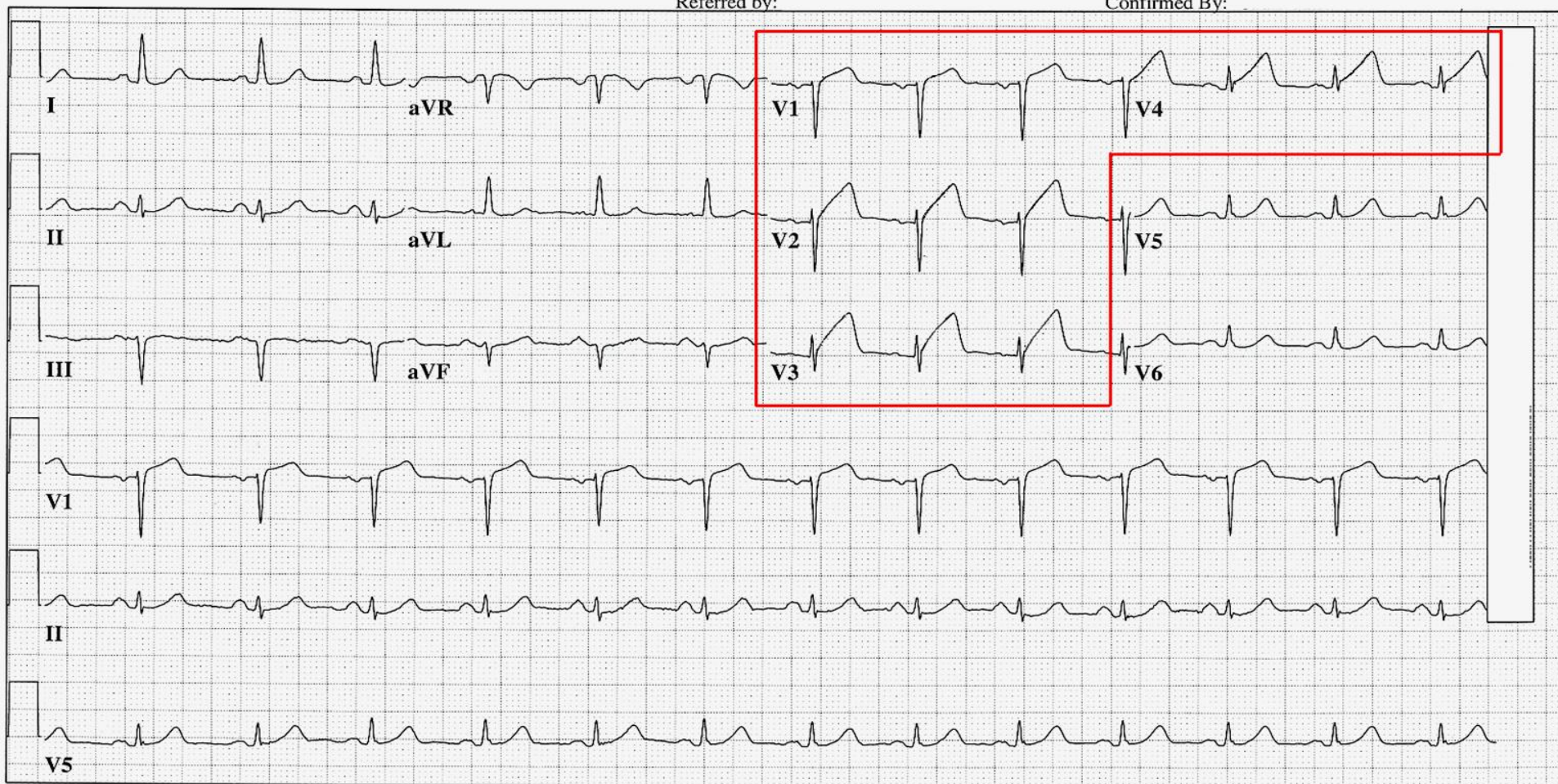
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Normal sinus rhythm  
Normal ECG  
No previous ECGs available

Technician: W Ruppert

Referred by:

Confirmed By:



25mm/s    10mm/mV    40Hz    005C    12SL 235    CID: 3

EID:10 EDT:

**ECG COMPUTER DOES NOT NOTICE THE CONVEX J-T APEX SEGMENTS !**

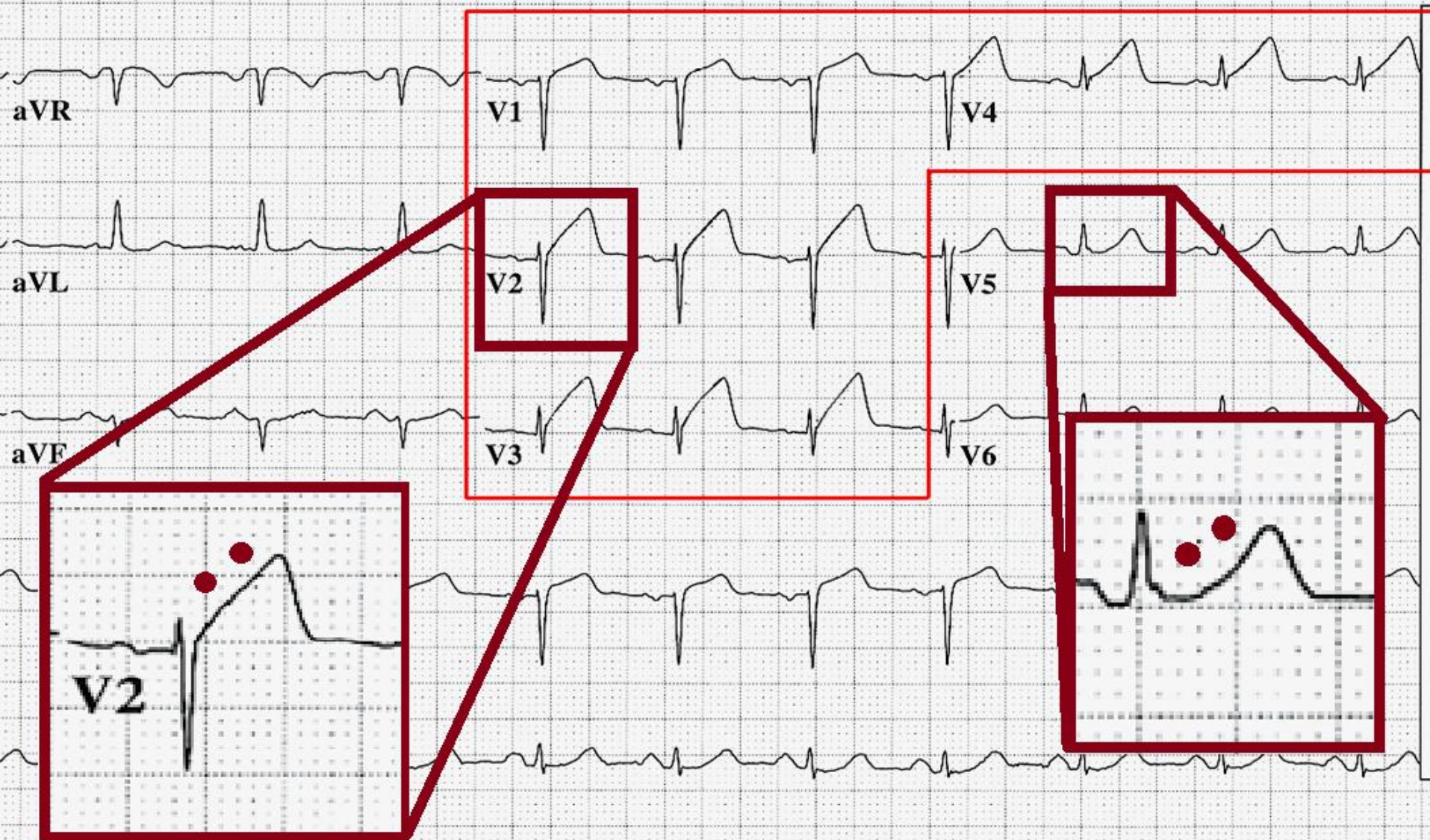


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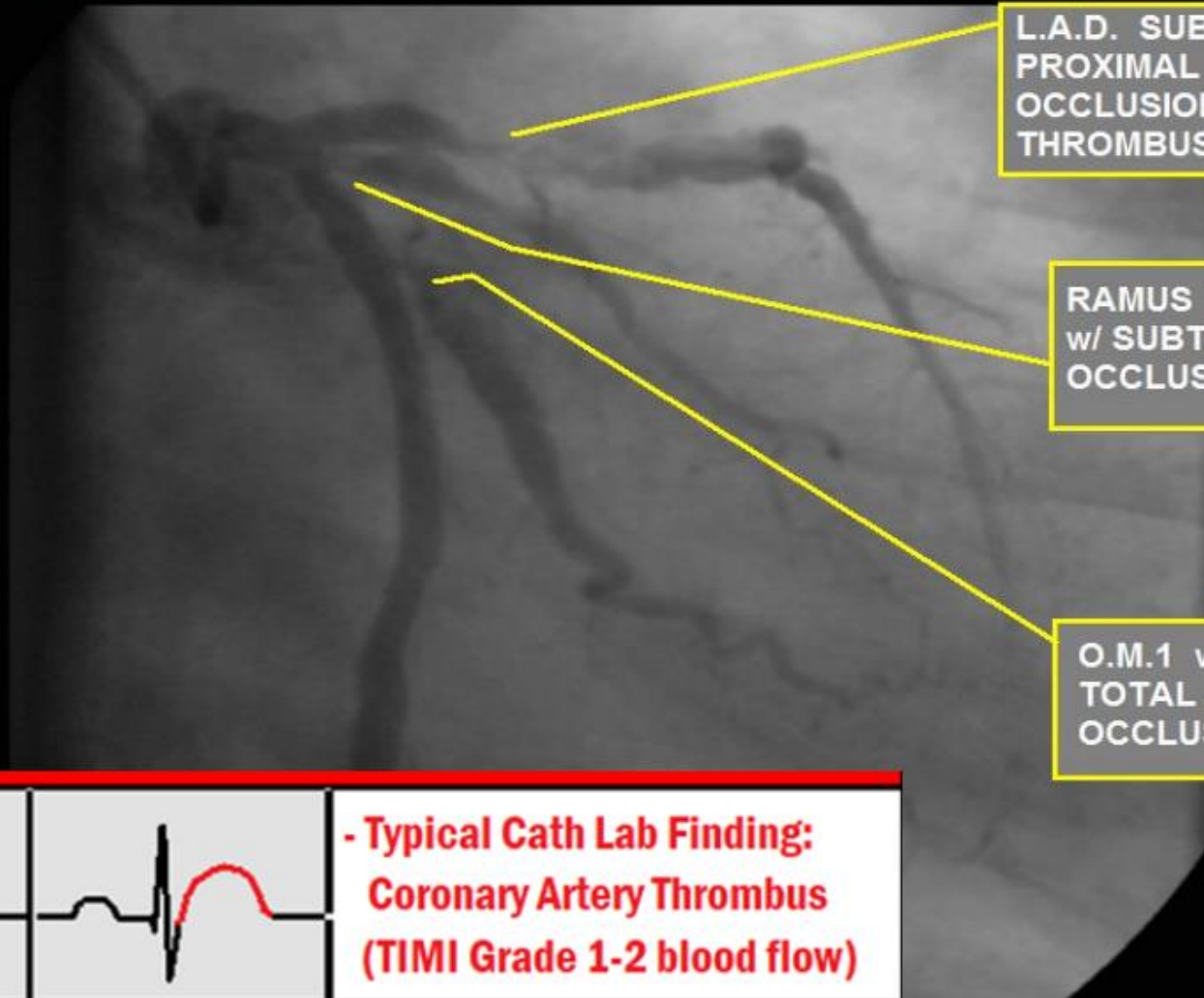
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Confirmed By:



# CASE STUDY: 56 y/o male with INTERMITTENT "CHEST HEAVINESS" . . . .



L.A.D. SUBTOTAL  
PROXIMAL  
OCCLUSION WITH  
THROMBUS

RAMUS ARTERY  
w/ SUBTOTAL  
OCCLUSION

O.M.1 w/ SUB-  
TOTAL  
OCCLUSION

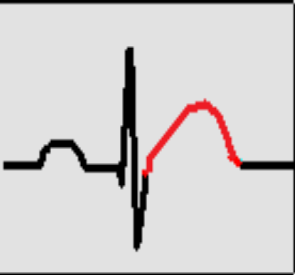
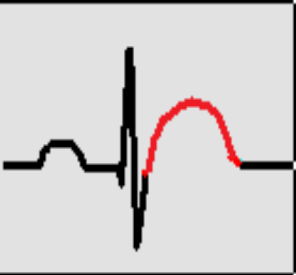
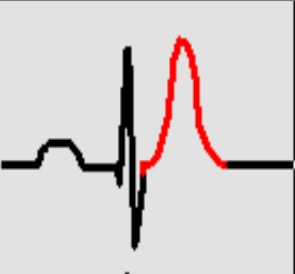
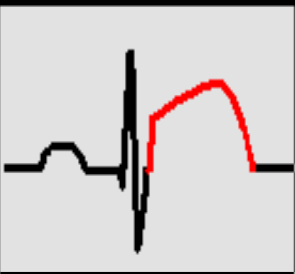
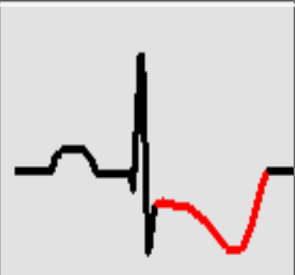
- Typical Cath Lab Finding:  
Coronary Artery Thrombus  
(TIMI Grade 1-2 blood flow)

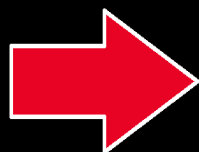
**TREATMENT PLAN : EMERGENCY CORONARY ARTERY  
BYPASS SURGERY ( 4 VESSEL )**



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# HYPER-ACUTE T WAVES - COMMON ETIOLOGIES:



CONDITION:

SEE PAGE(S):



**HYPERKALEMIA** — XX - XX



**ACUTE MI** — XX - XX



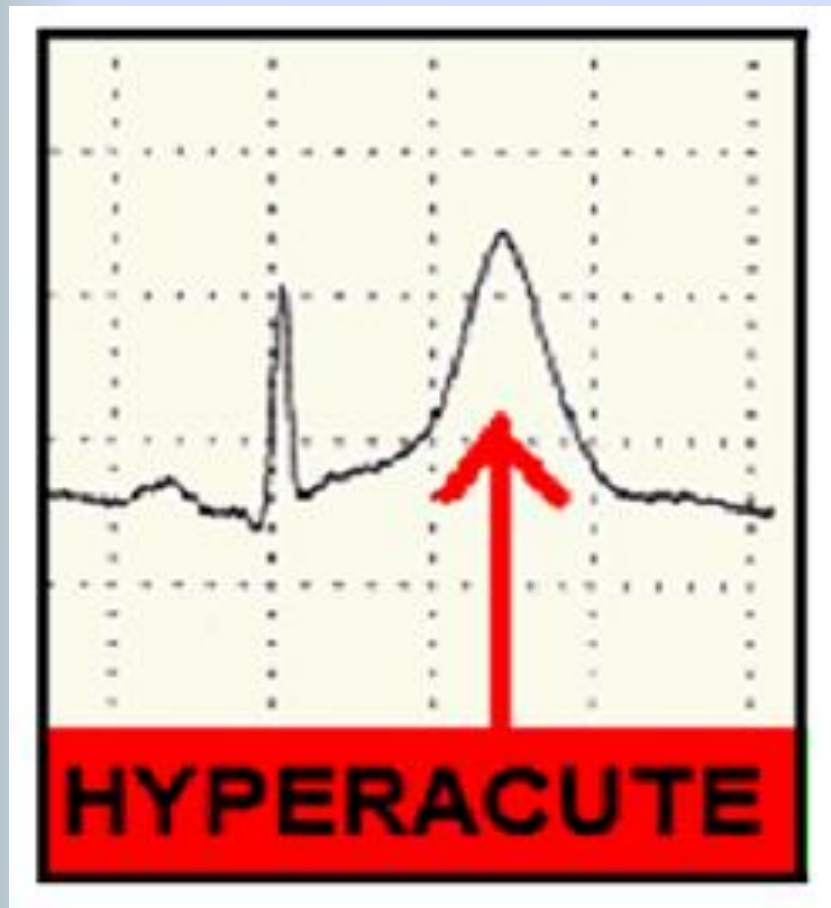
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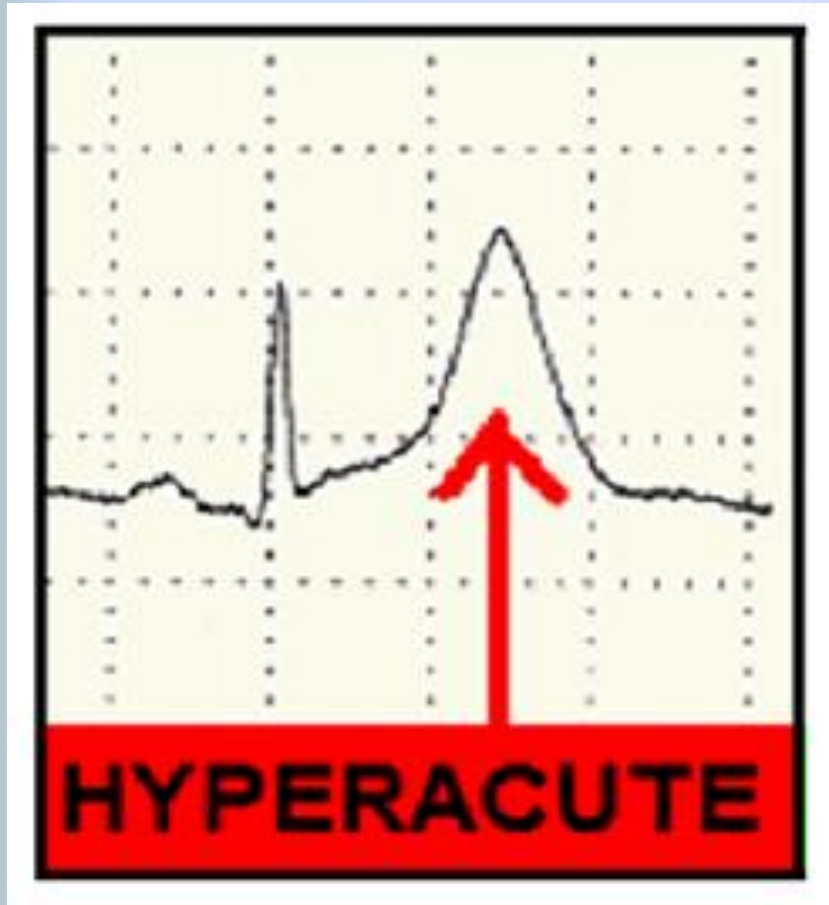
**HYPERTROPHY** — XX - XX



# T waves should not be HYPERACUTE



# HYPERACUTE T Waves may indicate:



- **Early phase Acute MI**
- **Transmural ischemia** (usually seen in one region of the ECG)
- **Hyperkalemia** (seen globally across ECG)
- **Hypertrophy**

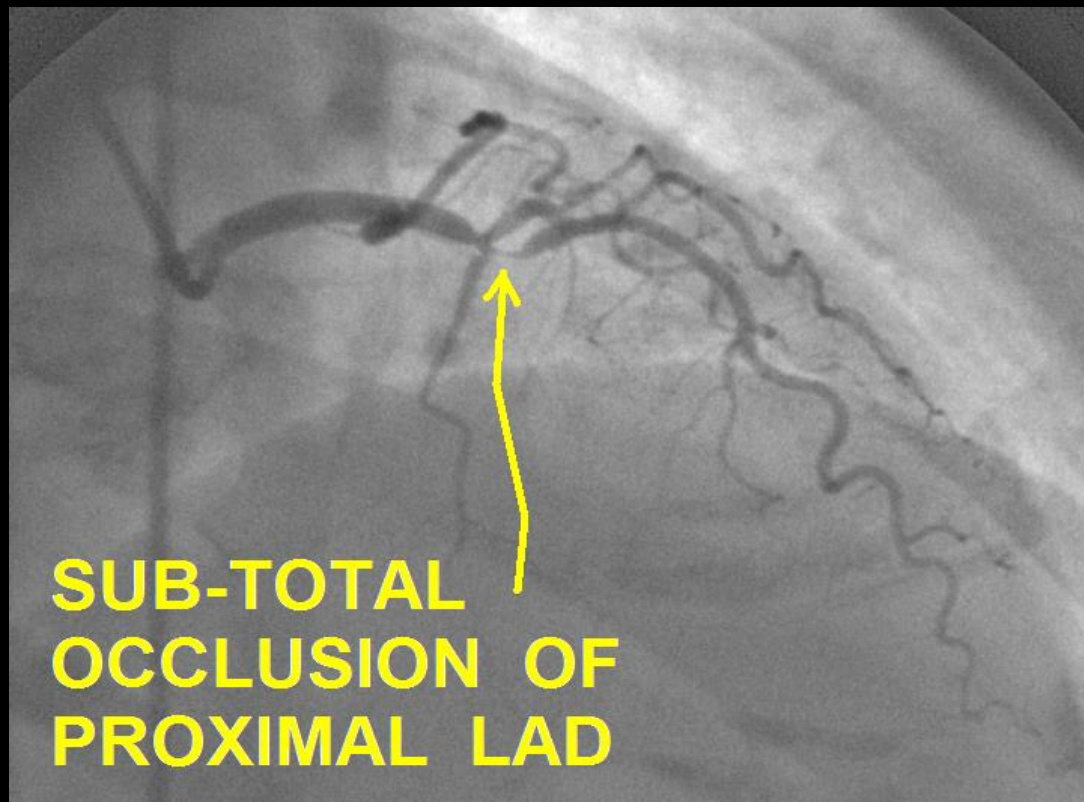
# HYPERACUTE T WAVES



**HYPERACUTE**



**NORMAL**



# Helpful Clue: Hyper-Acute T Waves

- **GLOBAL Hyper-acute T Waves** (in leads viewing multiple myocardial regions / arterial distributions) **favors HYPERKALEMIA**



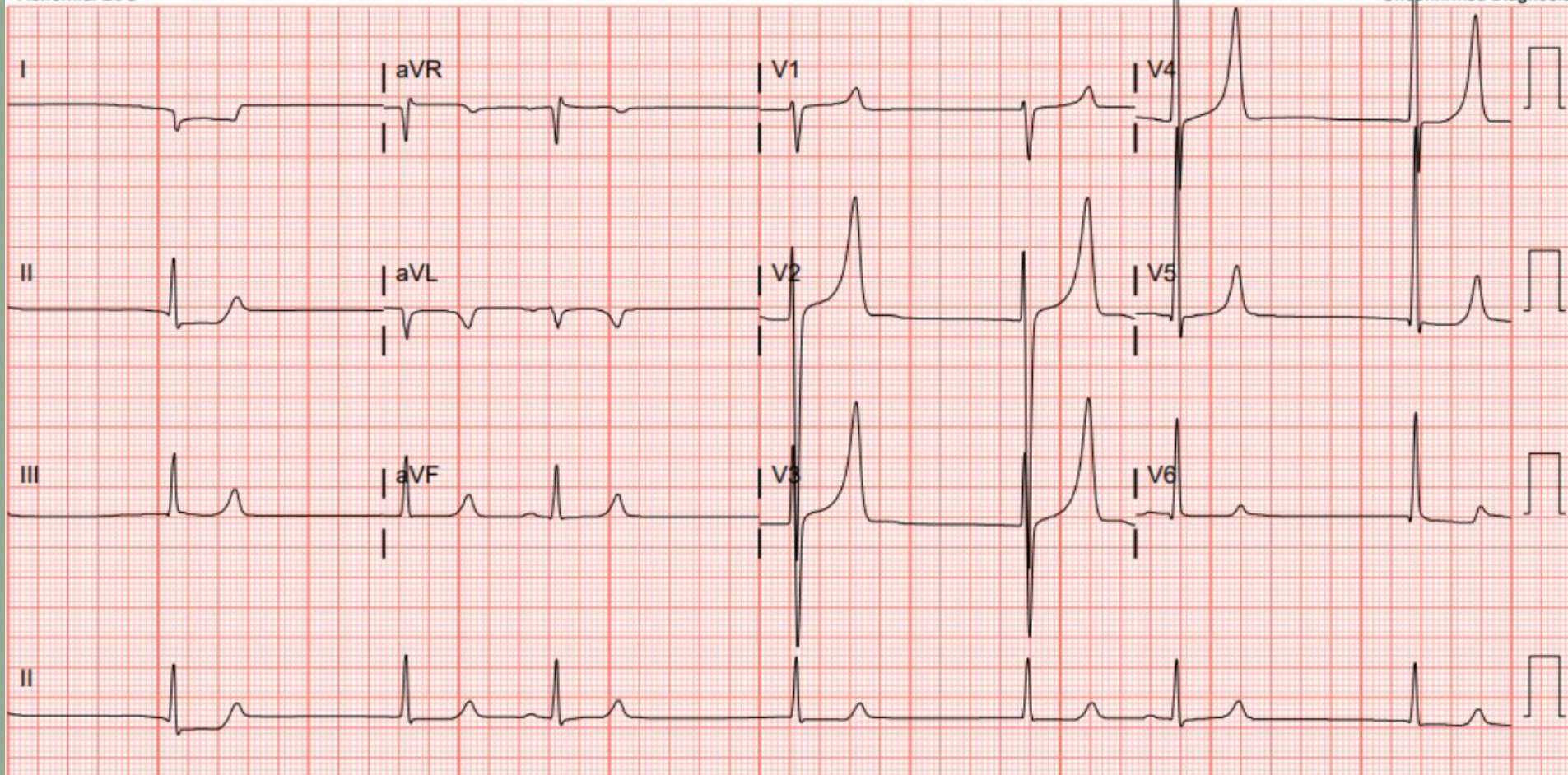
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PR	500	Sinus bradycardia
QRSd	117	Atrial premature complexes
QT	549	LVH with IVCD and secondary repol abnrm
QTc	443	Anterior ST elevation, probably due to LVH
--Axis--		COMPARED TO ECG 02/24/2020 21:46:48
P	0	SINUS BRADYCARDIA NOW PRESENT
QRS	96	INTRAVENTRICULAR CONDUCTION DELAY NOW PRESENT
T	117	ST (T WAVE) DEVIATION NOW PRESENT
		PROLONGED QT INTERVAL NO LONGER PRESENT

Req Provider: ONIER VILLARREA

**K+ = 7.9**

- Abnormal ECG -

Unconfirmed Diagnosis





55years  
Female Caucasian

Room:

Vent. rate 57 bpm  
PR interval 150 ms  
QRS duration 102 ms  
QT/QTc 472/459 ms  
P-R-T axes 76 70 58

ID:

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REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Sinus bradyc a  
Possible Left atrial enlargement  
Borderline ECG

ER ATTENDING REVIEW  
NO STEMI  
TIME 1:51

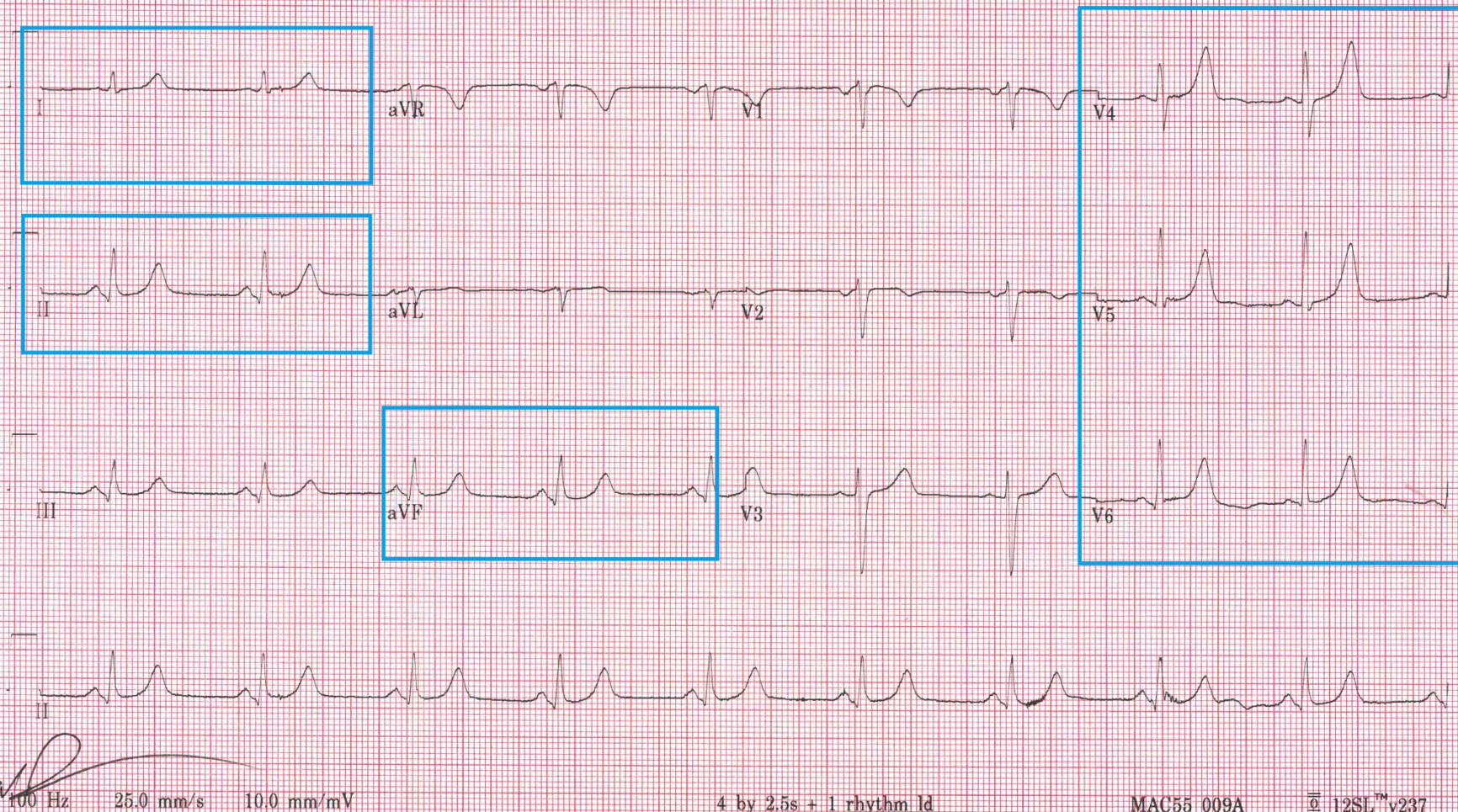
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- **Hyper-acute T Wave noted in ONE ARTERIAL DISTRIBUTION ( Anterior / Lateral / Inferior )** **favours TRANSMURAL ISCHEMIA / Early Phase Acute MI**

## CASE STUDY: HYPERACUTE T WAVES

### CHIEF COMPLAINT and SIGNIFICANT HISTORY:

30 y/o male presents to ER via EMS, c/o sudden onset of dull chest pain x 40 min. Pain level varies, not effected by position, movement or deep inspiration. No associated symptoms.

**RISK FACTOR PROFILE:** NONE. CHOLESTEROL UNKNOWN.

**PHYSICAL EXAM:** Patient is supine on exam table, CAO x 4, anxious, restless, skin pale, cool, dry. Patient c/o chest pressure, "7" on 1 - 10 scale, uneffected by position, movement, deep inspiration. Lungs clear. HS: NL S1, S2, no rubs, murmurs, gallops

**VITAL SIGNS:** BP 136/88 P 90 R 20 SAO2 98%

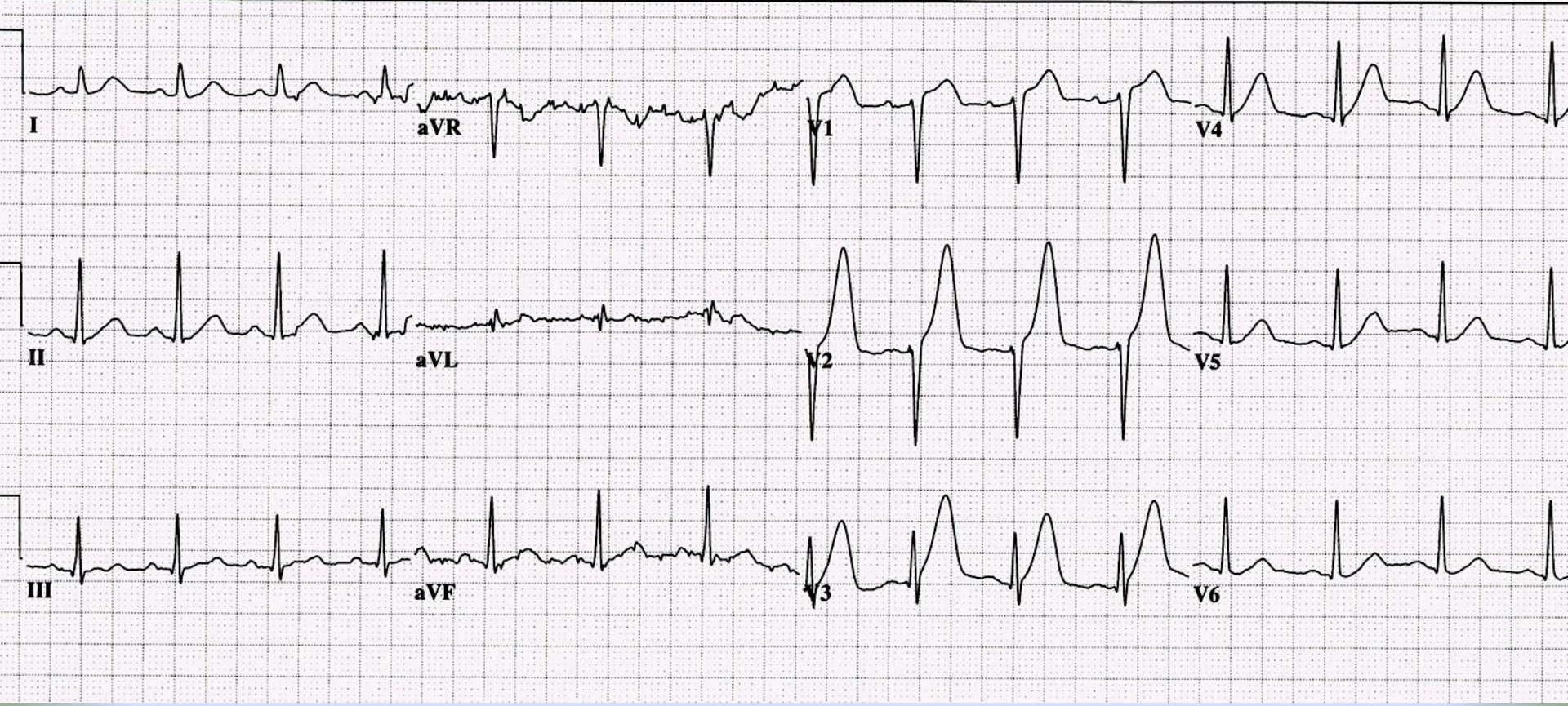
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30 yr  
Male      Black  
  
Room: ER  
Loc:      Option:

Vent. rate	88	BPM
PR interval	164	ms
QRS duration	90	ms
QT/QTc	370/447	ms
P-R-T axes	61 62	53

Normal sinus rhythm  
Normal ECG  
No previous ECGs available

← NOTE COMPUTER INTERPRETATION



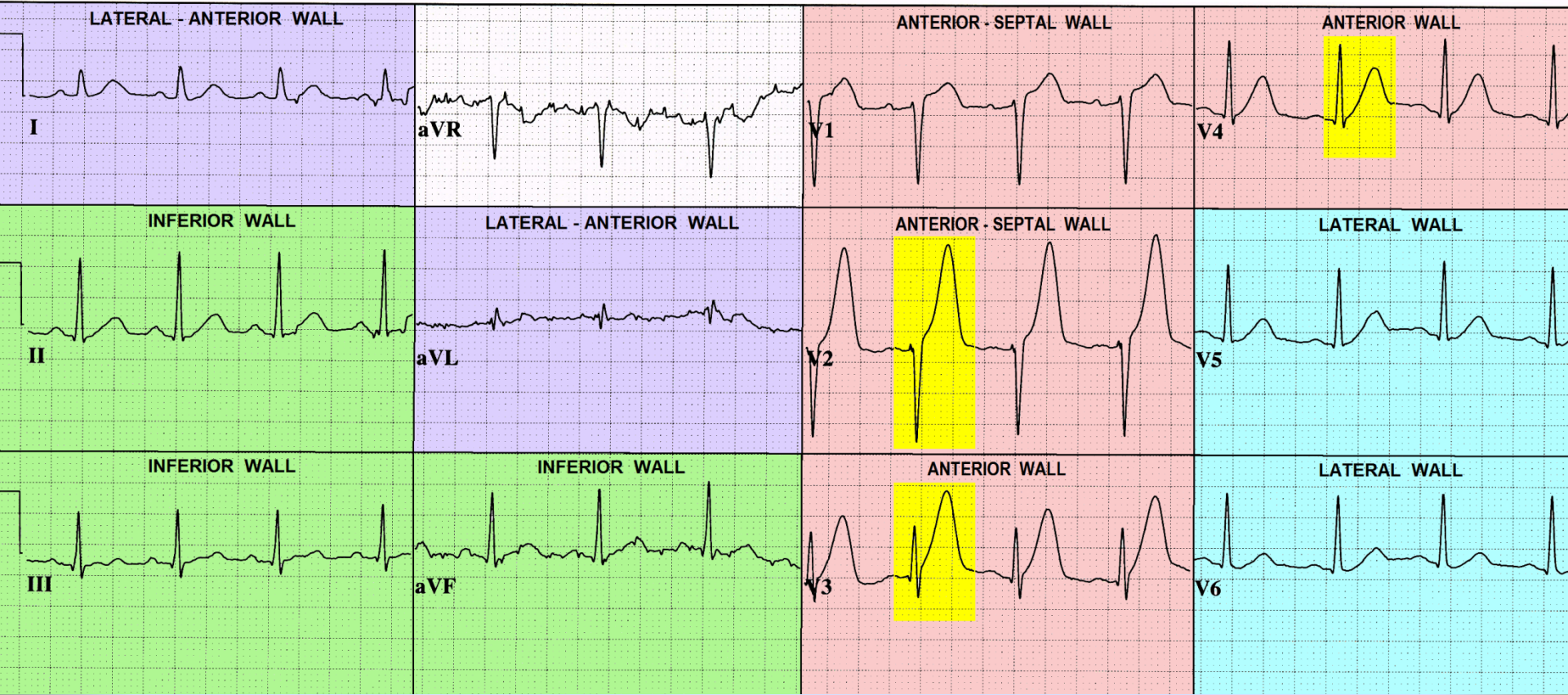


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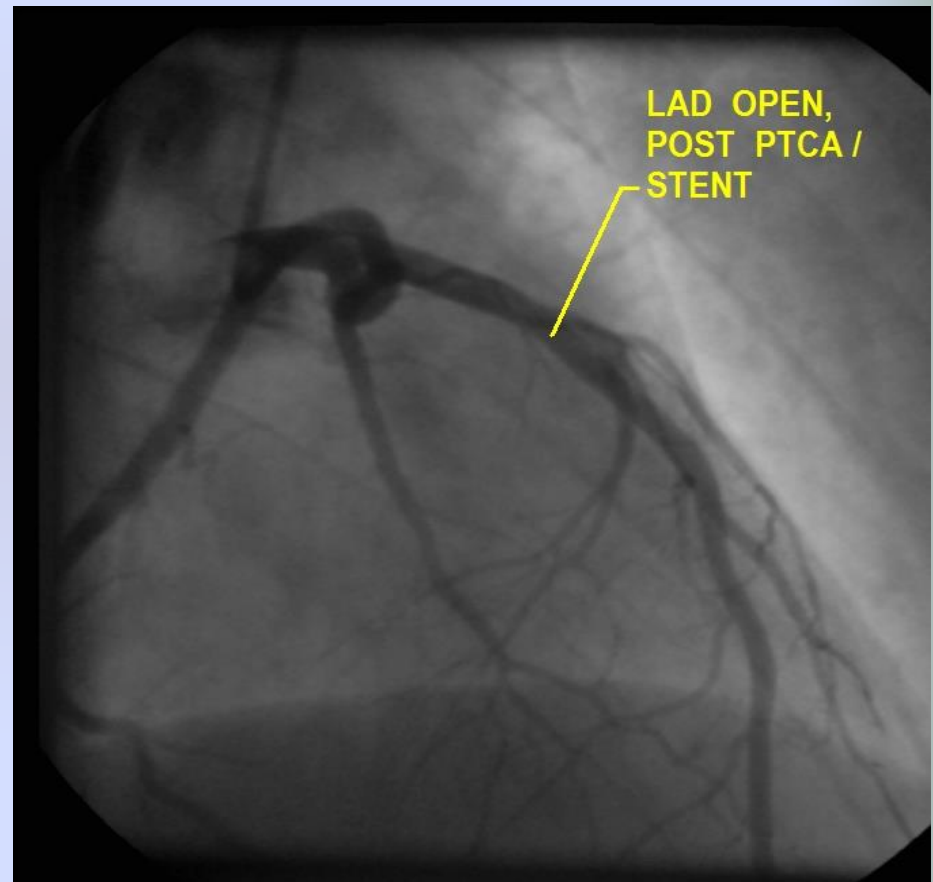
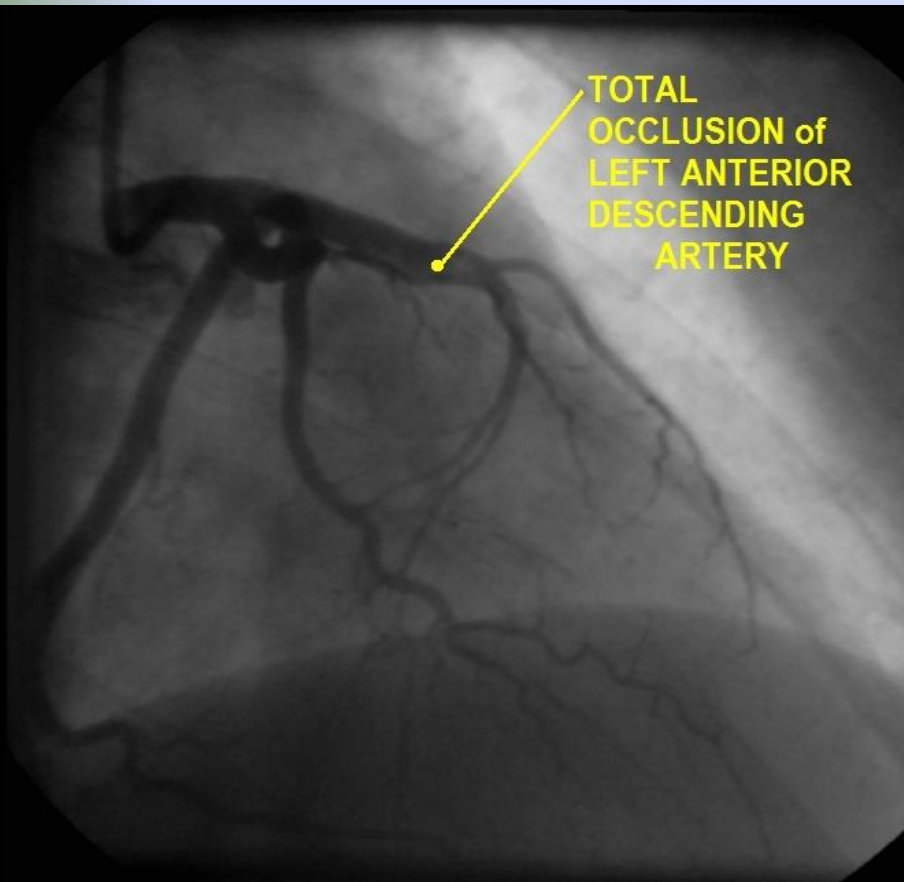
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**HIGHLIGHTED AREAS =  
HYPERACUTE T WAVES**

**CORONARY ARTERIAL DISTRIBUTIONS:**  
V1 - V4 = LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ( LAD )  
I, AVL = DIAGONAL (DIAG) off the LAD or  
OBTUSE MARGINAL (OM) off CIRCUMFLEX (CX)  
V5, V6 = CIRCUMFLEX  
II, III, AVF = RIGHT CORONARY ARTERY or CX





## Cath Lab findings:



# Dynamic ST-T Wave Changes:

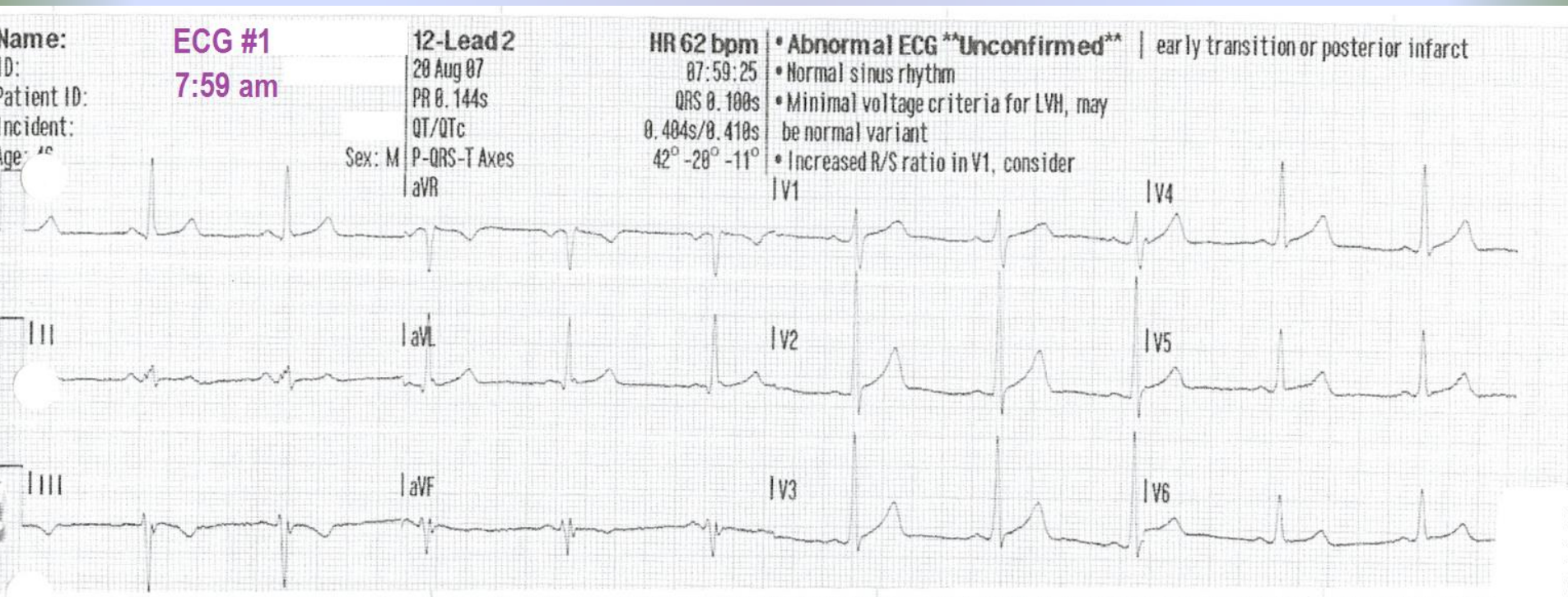
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# Dynamic ST-T Wave Changes:

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- **When changes to J Points, ST-Segments and/or T waves are NOTED, consider EVOLVING MYOCARDIAL ISCHEMIA and/or EARLY PHASE MI, until proven otherwise.**

# 46 year old male

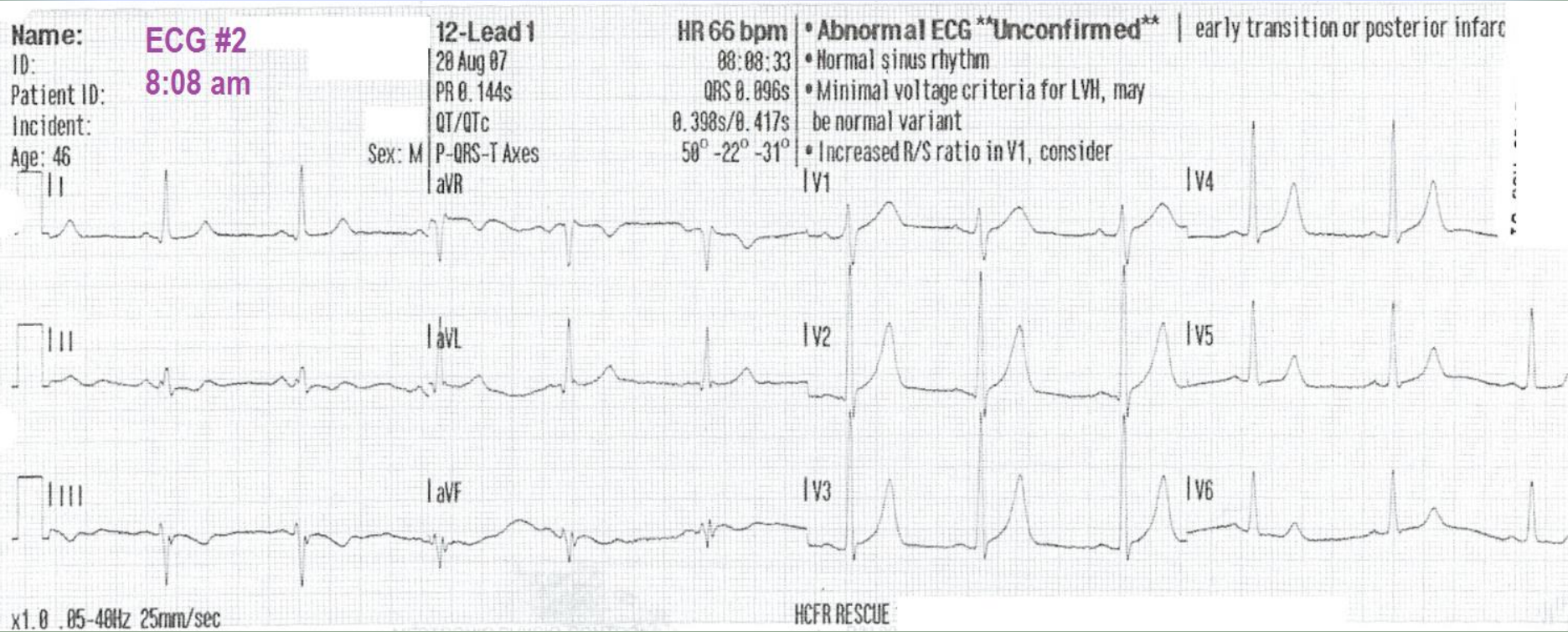
- Exertional dyspnea X “several weeks”
- Intermittent chest pressure X last 3 hours.  
Currently pain free.





# 46 year old male: ECG 1

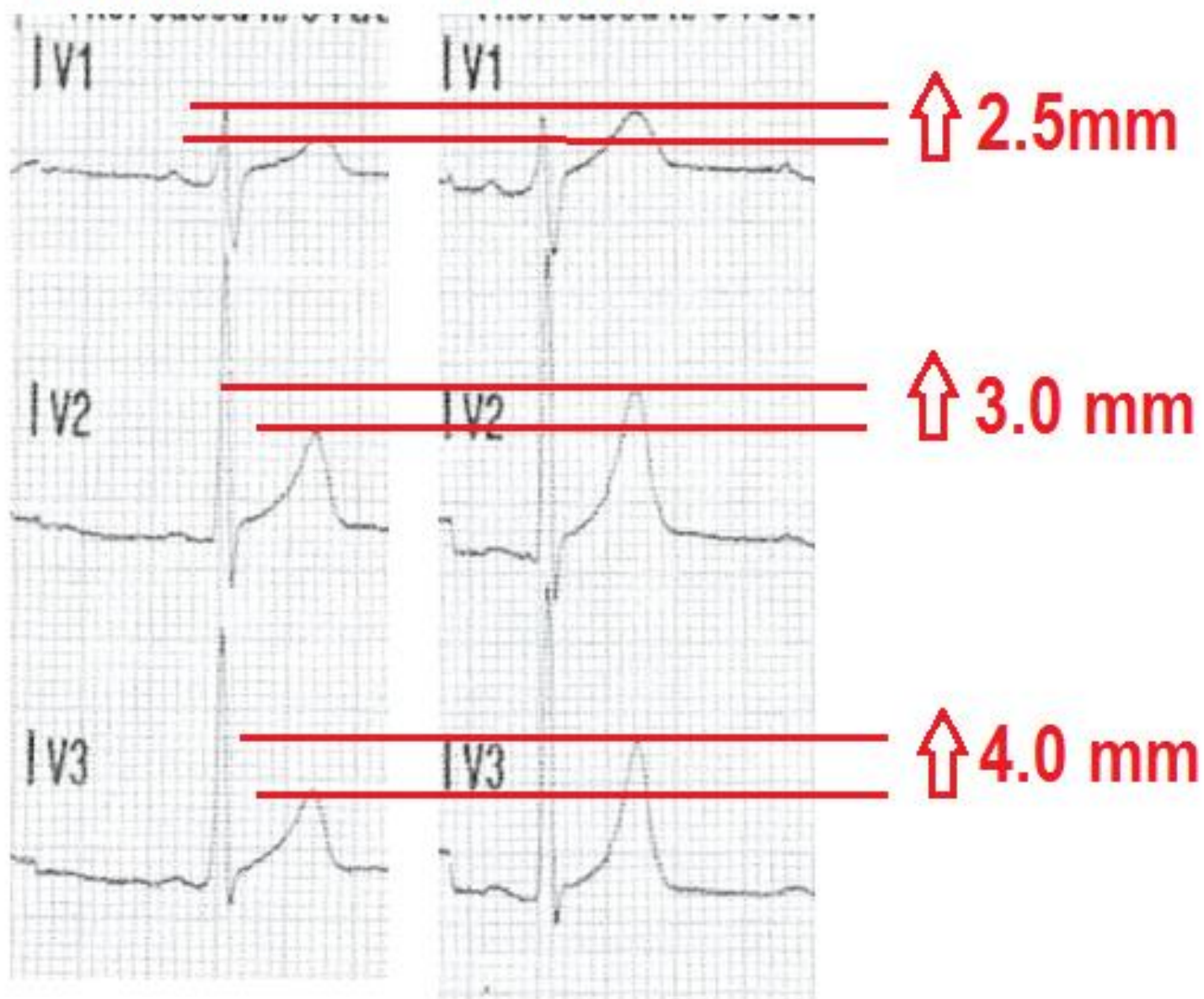
- Chest pressure has returned, “5” on 1-10 scale. 2<sup>nd</sup> ECG obtained due to “change in symptoms”:





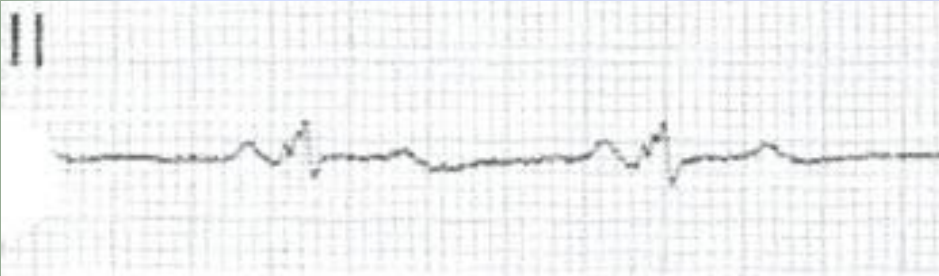
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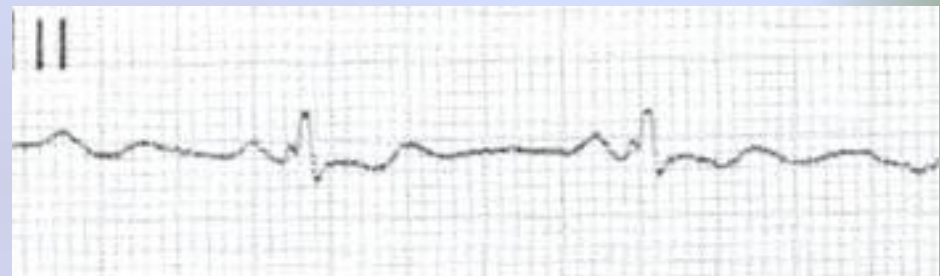


# ST-Segment Depression

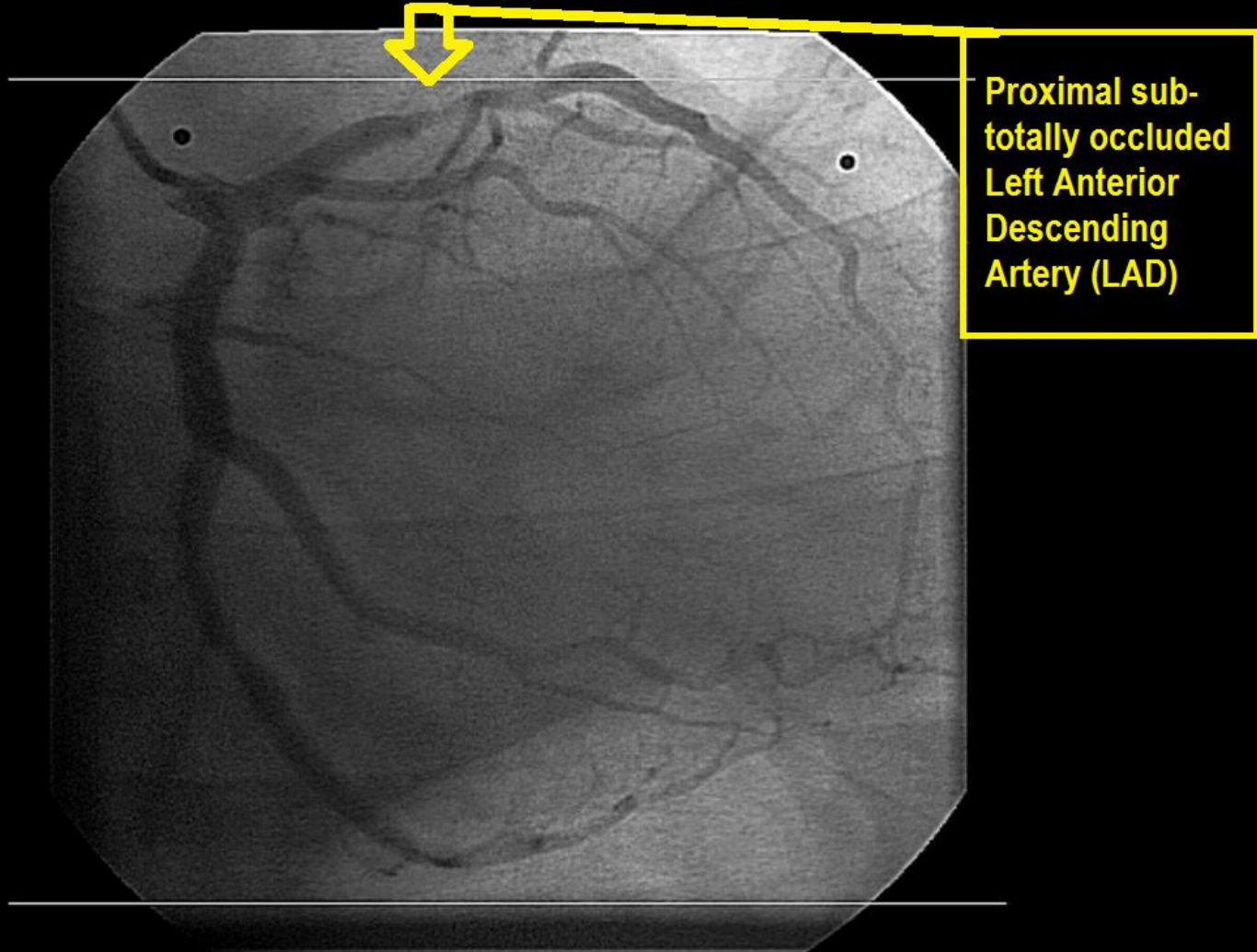
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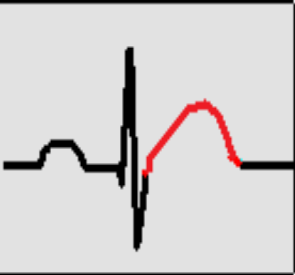
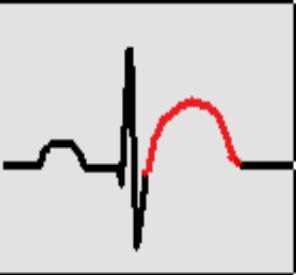
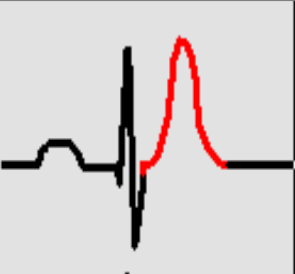
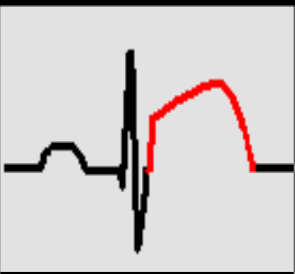
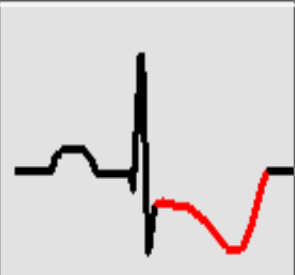


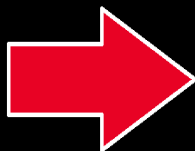
# Cath Lab Angiography:



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# **ECG CRITERIA for DIAGNOSIS of STEMI:**

## **(ST ELEVATION @ J POINT)**

### **\*LEADS V2 and V3:**

MALES AGE 40 and up ----- 2.0 mm

(MALES LESS THAN 40----- 2.5 mm)

FEMALES ----- 1.5 mm

**ALL OTHER LEADS:**      1.0 mm or more,  
in TWO or more  
CONTIGUOUS LEADS

\* P. Rautaharju et al, “Standardization and Interpretation of the ECG,” JACC 2009;(53)No.11:982-991



# STEMI Criteria for 18 Lead ECGs:

*Right-Sided Chest Leads*

*(V3R – V6R): 0.5 mm*

*Posterior Chest Leads*

*(V7 – V9): 0.5 mm*

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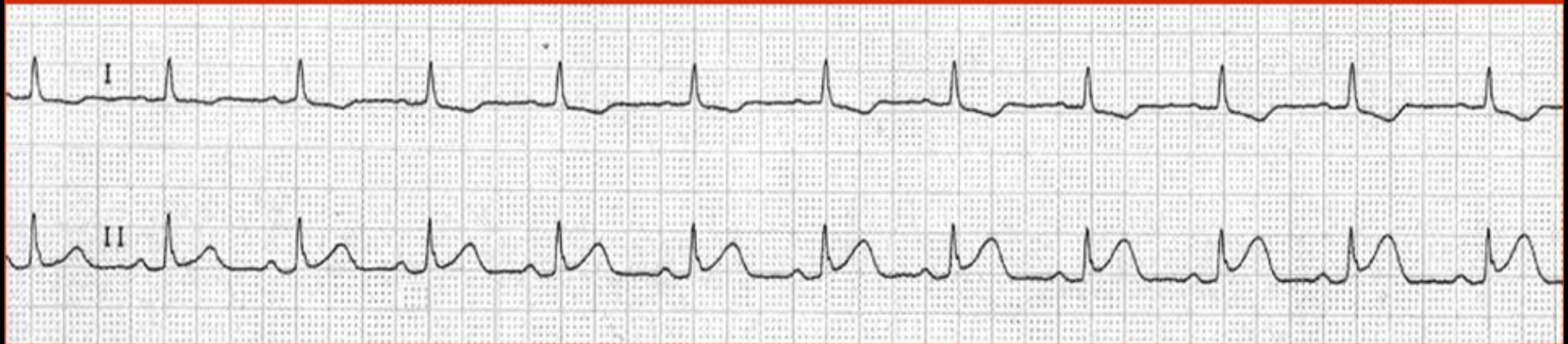
# Abnormal ST Elevation Criteria: ACC/AHA 2009 “Standardization and Interpretation of the ECG, Part VI Acute Ischemia and Infarction,” Galen Wagner, et al

## **Recommendations**

1. For men 40 years of age and older, the threshold value for abnormal J-point elevation should be 0.2 mV (2 mm) in leads  $V_2$  and  $V_3$  and 0.1 mV (1 mm) in all other leads.
2. For men less than 40 years of age, the threshold values for abnormal J-point elevation in leads  $V_2$  and  $V_3$  should be 0.25 mV (2.5 mm).
3. For women, the threshold value for abnormal J-point elevation should be 0.15 mV (1.5 mm) in leads  $V_2$  and  $V_3$  and greater than 0.1 mV (1 mm) in all other leads.
4. For men and women, the threshold for abnormal J-point elevation in  $V_3R$  and  $V_4R$  should be 0.05 mV (0.5 mm), except for males less than 30 years of age, for whom 0.1 mV (1 mm) is more appropriate.
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6. For men and women of all ages, the threshold value for abnormal J-point depression should be  $-0.05$  mV ( $-0.5$  mm) in leads  $V_2$  and  $V_3$  and  $-0.1$  mV ( $-1$  mm) in all other leads.

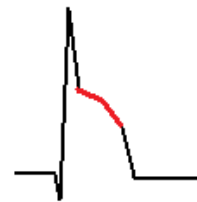
# ***ST SEGMENT ELEVATION:***

**S-T SEGMENTS ELEVATE WITHIN SECONDS OF CORONARY ARTERY OCCLUSION:**



**IN THIS CASE, a normal response to balloon occlusion of the RIGHT CORONARY ARTERY during PTCA in the CARDIAC CATH LAB**

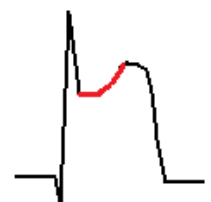
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ST SEGMENT ELEVATION  
From ACUTE MI:**



**DOWNSLOPING  
S-T SEGMENT**



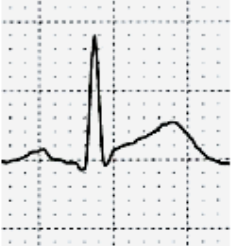
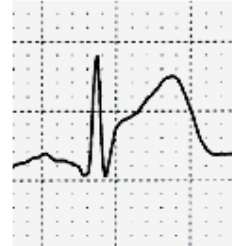
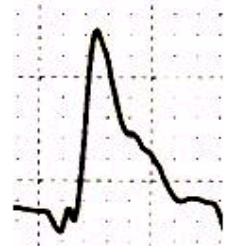
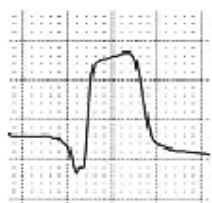
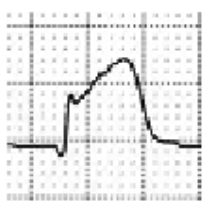
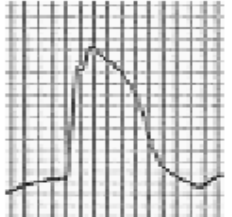
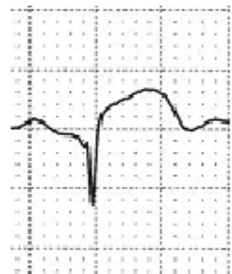

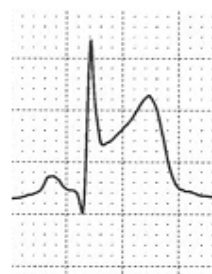
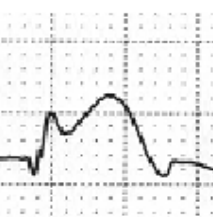
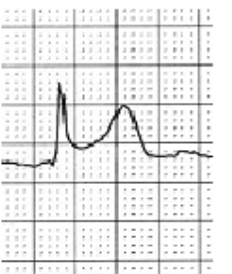
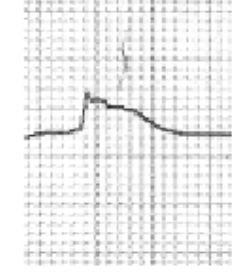
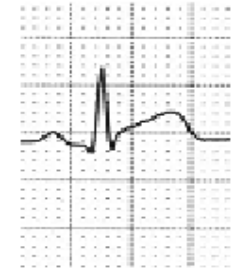
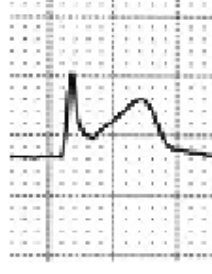
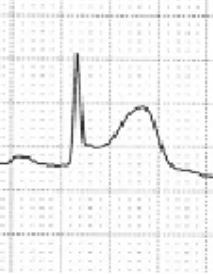
**FLAT  
S-T SEGMENT**



**UPSLOPING  
S-T SEGMENT**

## ***ST SEGMENT ELEVATION in ACUTE MI:***

The following samples are from patients with ACUTE MI, as confirmed by discovery of total arterial occlusion in the Cardiac Cath Lab:

 <p>V5 - ANTERIOR LATERAL MI</p>	 <p>V4 - ANTERIOR LATERAL MI</p>	 <p>aVL - ANTERIOR LATERAL MI</p>	<p><b>"TOOMBSTONE" PATTERN</b></p>  <p>V2 - ANTERIOR LATERAL MI</p>	<p><b>"FIREMAN'S HAT" PATTERN</b></p>  <p>V3 - ANTERIOR LATERAL MI</p>
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# ACUTE MI

## COMPLICATIONS TO ANTICIPATE FOR ALL MI PATIENTS :

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**LETHAL DYSRHYTHMIAS**



**CARDIAC ARREST**



**FAILURE OF STRUCTURE(S)  
SERVED BY THE BLOCKED ARTERY**

**Lancaster County, Pennsylvania**  
**Winter, 2002**







"NOWHERE", NEW MEXICO, 1994



## CASE STUDY 1 - STEMI

### CHIEF COMPLAINT and SIGNIFICANT HISTORY:

72 y/o male, c/o CHEST "HEAVINESS," started 20 minutes before calling 911. Pain is "8" on 1-10 scale, also c/o mild shortness of breath. Has had same pain "intermittently" x 2 weeks.

### RISK FACTOR PROFILE:

- 💣 FAMILY HISTORY - father died of MI at age 77
- 💣 FORMER CIGARETTE SMOKER - smoked for 30 year - quit 27 years ago
- 💣 DIABETES - oral meds and diet controlled
- 💣 HIGH CHOLESTEROL - controlled with STATIN meds
- 💣 AGE: OVER 65

**PHYSICAL EXAM:** Patient calm, alert, oriented X 4, skin cool, dry, pale.  
No JVD, Lungs clear bilaterally. Heart sounds normal S1, S2. No peripheral edema.

**VITAL SIGNS:** BP: 100/64, P: 75, R: 20, SAO2: 94%

**LABS:** FIRST TROPONIN: 6.4

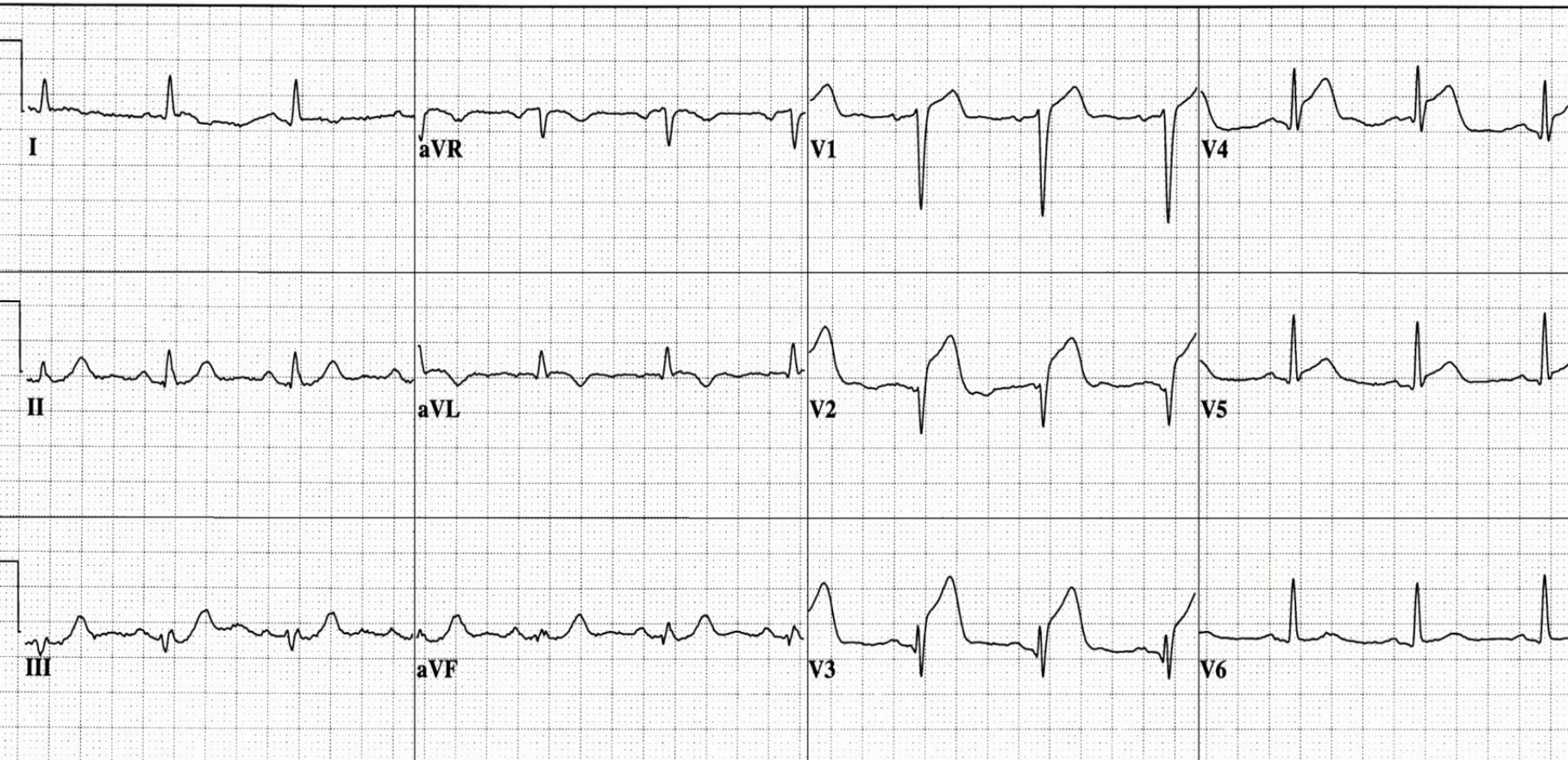
72 yr  
Male      Caucasian  
  
Loc:3      Option:23

Vent. rate	75	BPM
PR interval	162	ms
QRS duration	98	ms
QT/QTc	382/426	ms
P-R-T axes	72 13	83



**EVALUATE EKG for indicators of ACS:**

- ST SEGMENT ELEVATION / DEPRESSION
- HYPERACUTE T WAVES
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- OTHER ST SEGMENT / T WAVE ABNORMALITIES





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

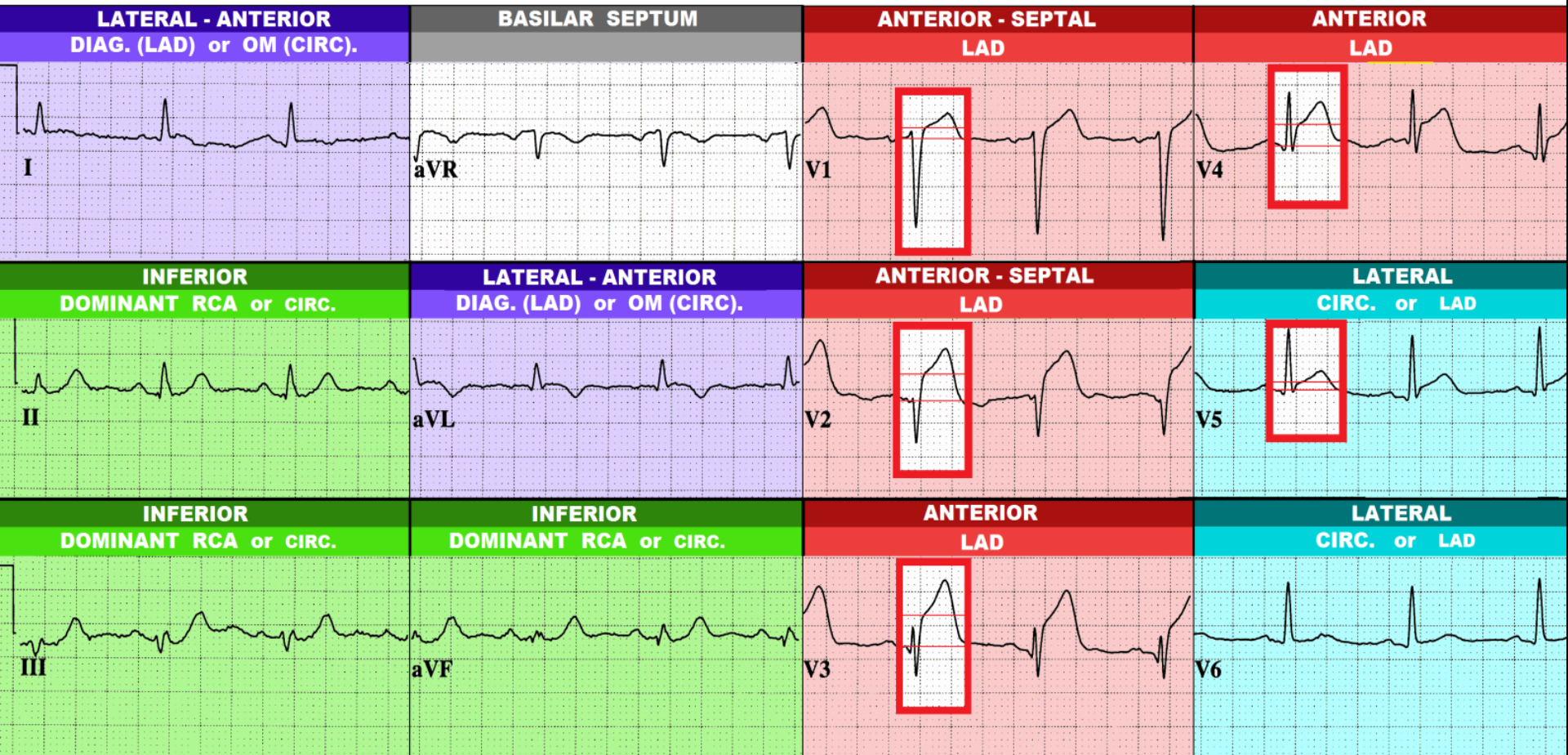
Normal sinus rhythm

Anteroseptal infarct, possibly acute

\*\*\*\*\* ACUTE MI \*\*\*\*\*

Abnormal ECG

ST SEGMENT ELEVATION



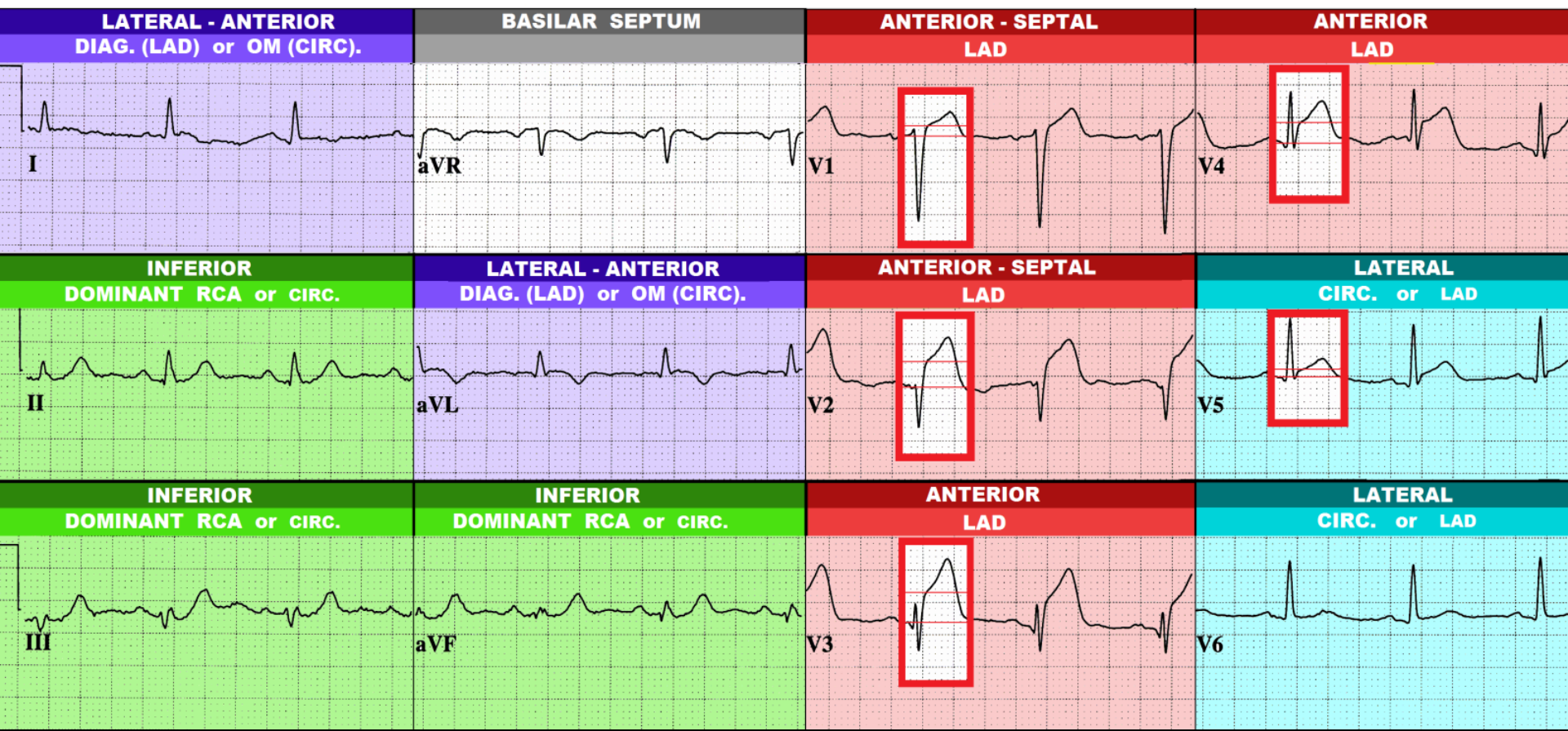
**Note: There is NO Reciprocal ST Depression on this STEMI ECG !**

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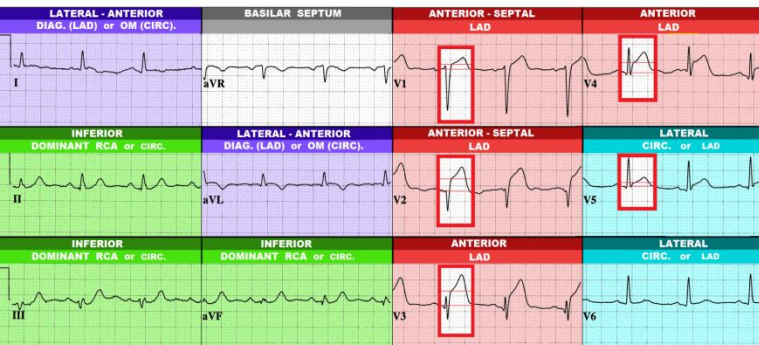
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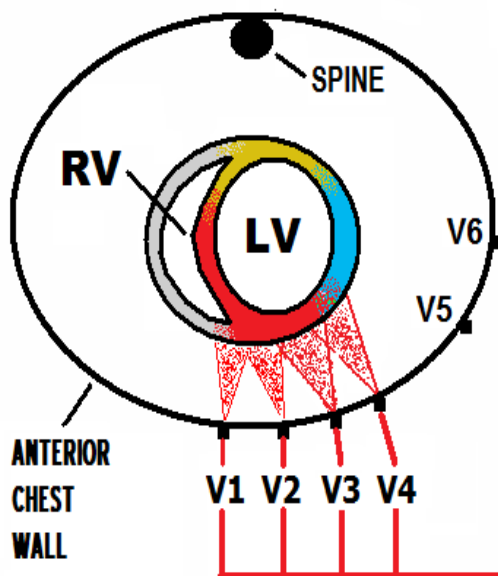






# V1 - V4 VIEW THE ANTERIOR-SEPTAL WALL of the LEFT VENTRICLE

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



RUPPERT, WAYNE		ID: 7445683659	05-OCT-2006	JOHNS-HOPKINS UNIV.
38 Yrs	MALE	Vent. Rate: 68	P-R Int.: 160 ms	QRS: 100 ms
		NORMAL SINUS RHYTHM		
		Normal EKG		
		Very Healthy Athletic EKG !		
I	AVR	V1	V4	
II	AVL	V2	V5	
III	AVF	V3	V6	

# OCCLUSION of MID - LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY

LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY

AV NODE

LBB

LV

CIRUMFLEX ARTERY

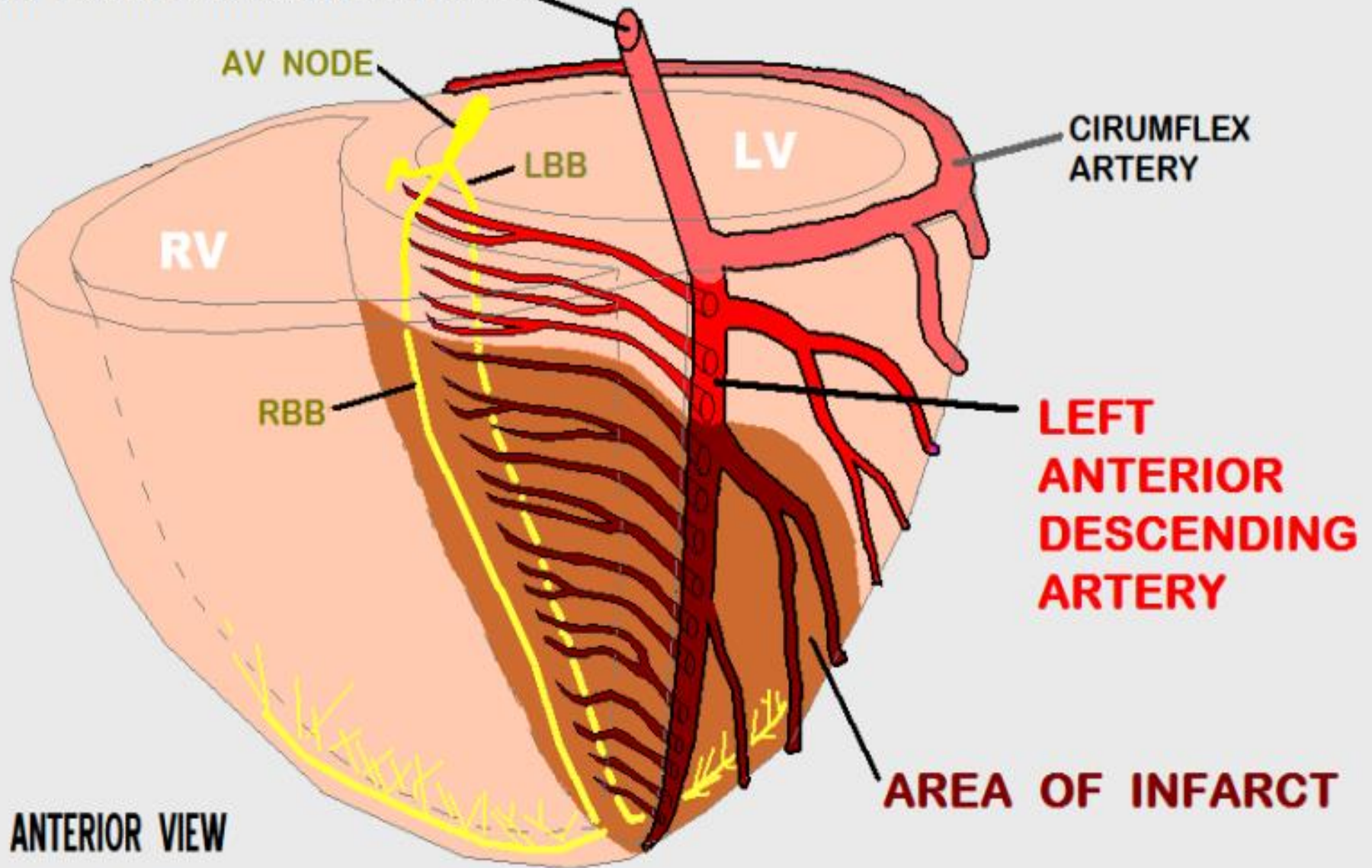
RV

RBB

LEFT  
ANTERIOR  
DESCENDING  
ARTERY

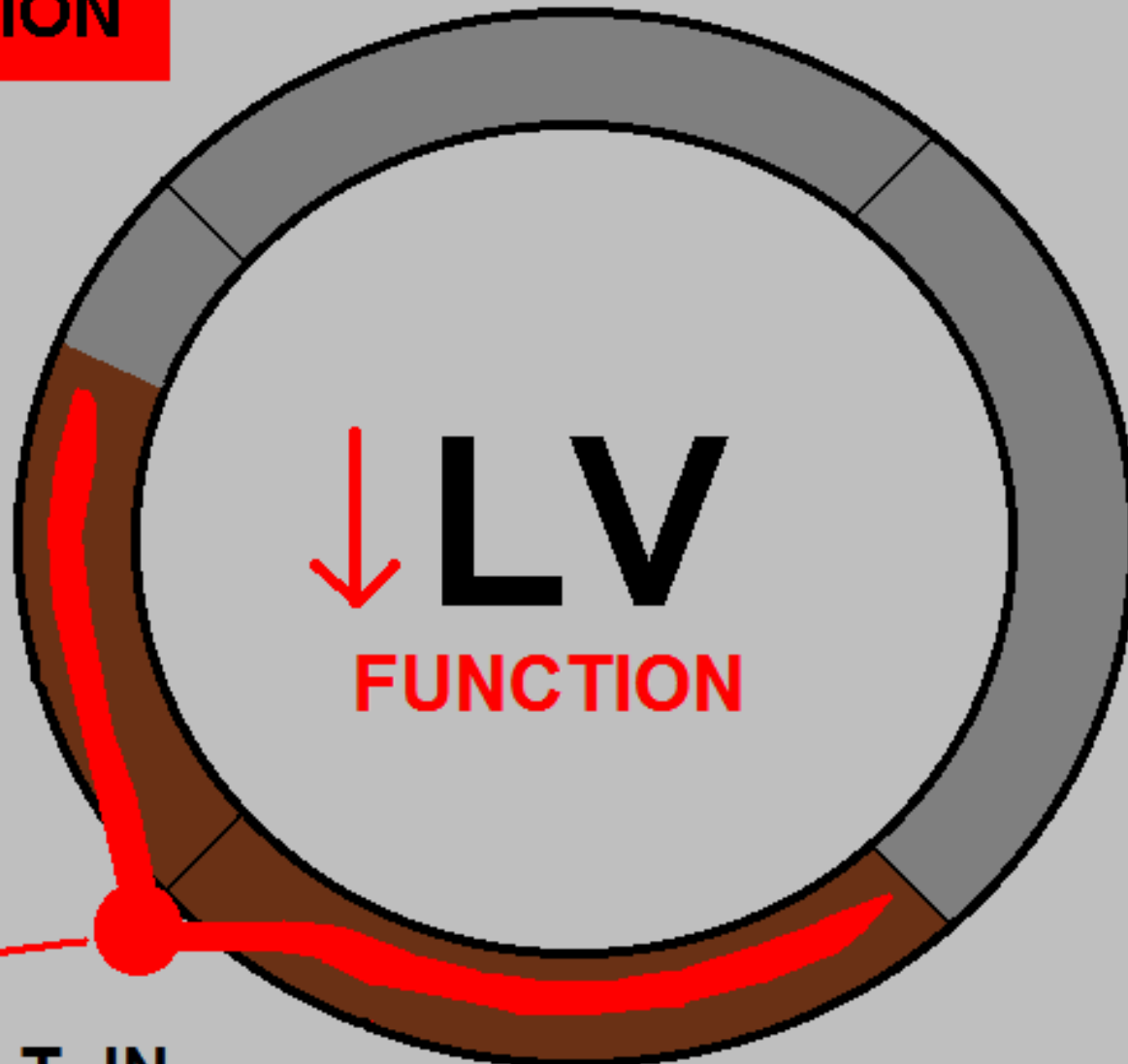
AREA OF INFARCT

ANTERIOR VIEW



# LAD DISTRIBUTION

35 - 45 % of LV MUSCLE MASS



A  
BLOCKAGE  
OF THE  
LAD

CAN RESULT IN  
LV PUMP FAILURE --



CARDIOGENIC SHOCK



PULMONARY EDEMA





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# 400 mg Dopamine

(1600 mcg/mL)  
Dopamine Hydrochloride  
and 5% Dextrose Injection USP

250 mL  
NDC 0208-102-02

**250 mL**  
Each 100 mL contains 160 mg Dopamine Hydrochloride  
USP, 5 g Dextrose Hydrated, USP, 5 mEq/L sodium chloride  
added as a stabilizer. pH adjusted with hydrochloric acid.  
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Sterile, nonpyrogenic, single dose container. Drug substance  
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# LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY ( LAD )

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- ANTERIOR WALL OF LEFT VENTRICLE

 **35 - 45 % OF LEFT VENTRICLE MUSCLE MASS**

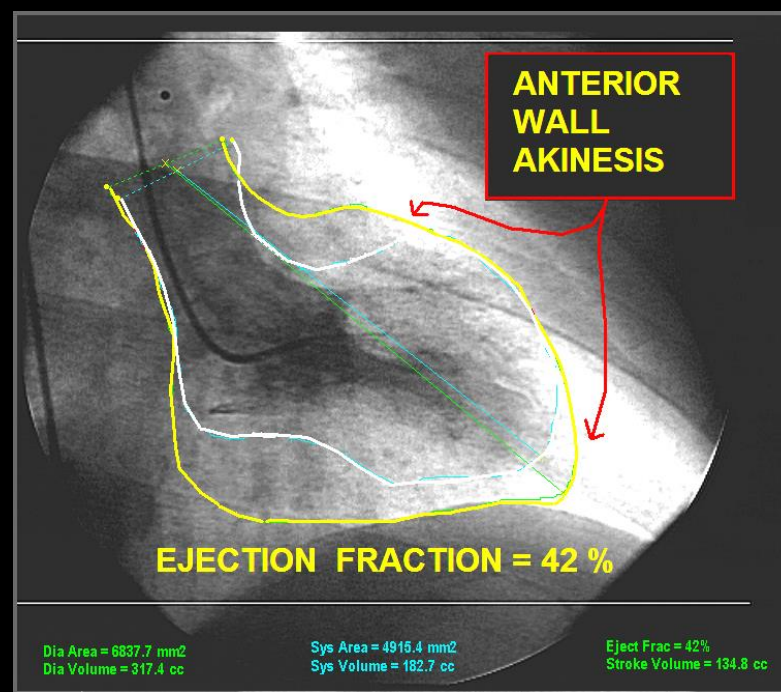
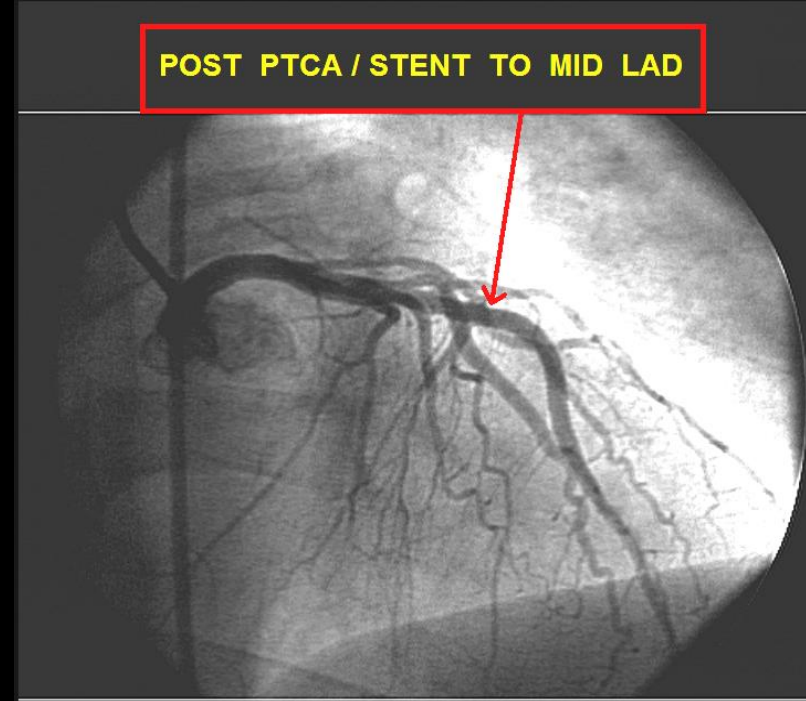
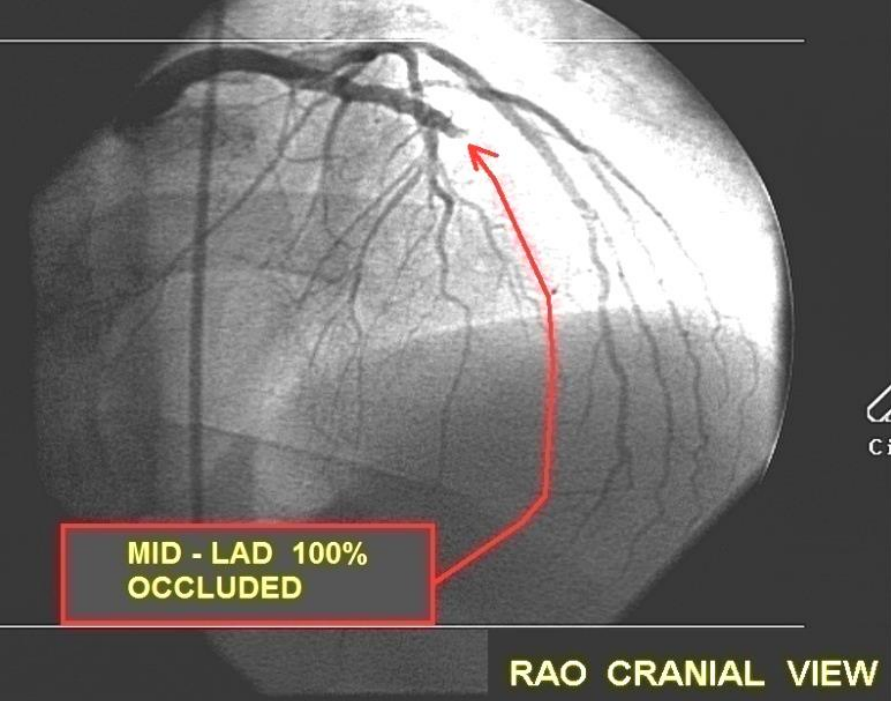
- SEPTUM, ANTERIOR 2/3

 **BUNDLE BRANCHES**

- ANTERIOR-MEDIAL PAPILLARY MUSCLE



ANTICIPATED COMPLICATIONS of ANTERIOR-SEPTAL WALL STEMI & POSSIBLE INDICATED INTERVENTIONS:	
- CARDIAC ARREST	BCLS / ACLS
- CARDIAC DYSRHYTHMIAS (VT / VF)	ACLS (antiarrhythmics)
- PUMP FAILURE with CARDIOGENIC SHOCK	INOTROPE THERAPY: -DOPAMINE / DOBUTAMINE / LEVOPHED - INTRA-AORTIC BALLOON PUMP (use caution with fluid challenges due to PULMONARY EDEMA)
- PULMONARY EDEMA	- CPAP - ET INTUBATION (use caution with diuretics due to pump failure and hypotension)



## CASE STUDY 2: STEMI

### CHIEF COMPLAINT and SIGNIFICANT HISTORY:

46 y/o Female walks into ED TRIAGE, with chief complaint of EPIGASTRIC PAIN, NAUSEA and WEAKNESS. Symptoms have been intermittent for last two days. She was awakened early this morning with the above symptoms, which are now PERSISTENT.

### RISK FACTOR PROFILE:

-  FAMILY HISTORY - father died of CAD, older brother had CABG, age 39
-  DIABETES - diet controlled
-  HYPERTENSION


**PHYSICAL EXAM:** Pt. CAOx4, anxious, SKIN cold, clammy, diaphoretic. No JVD.  
Lungs: clear, bilaterally. Heart Sounds: Normal S1, S2.

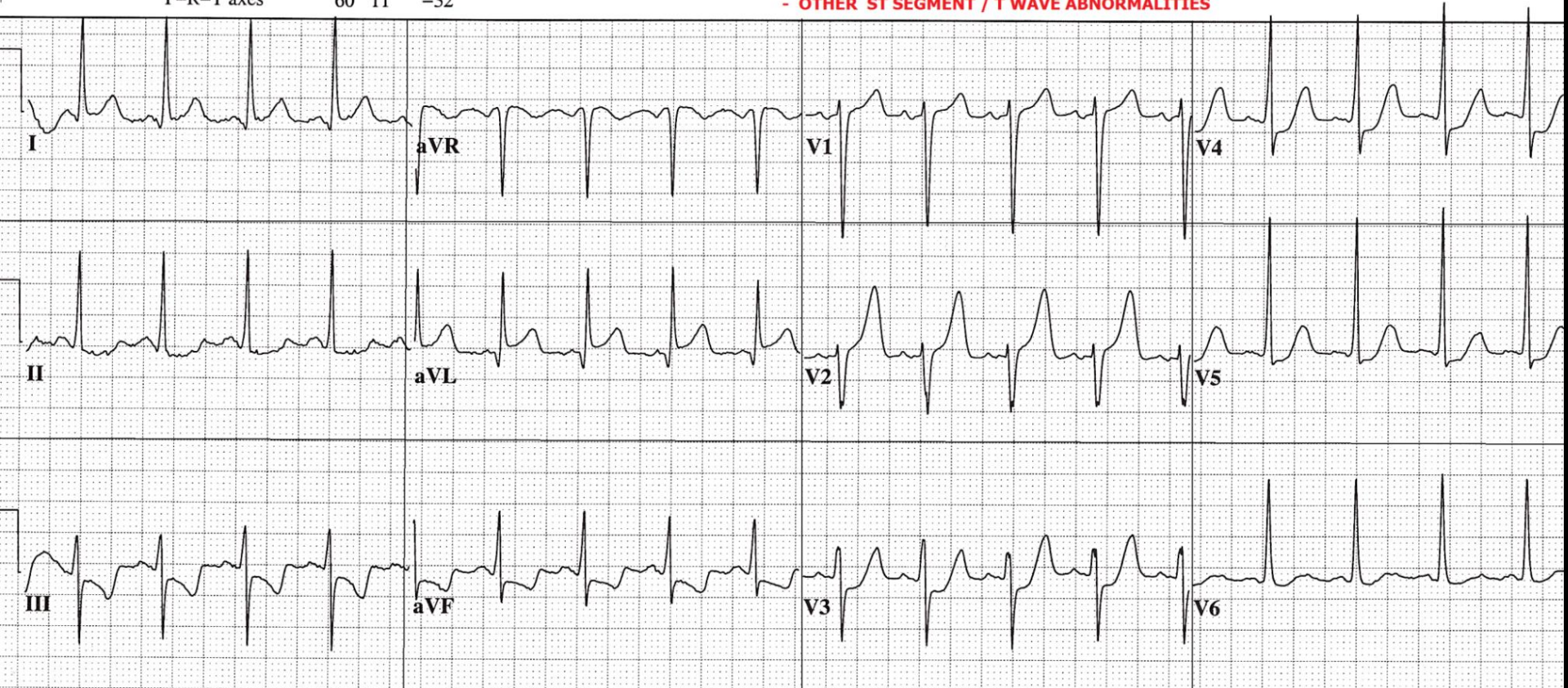
**VITAL SIGNS:** BP: 168/98, P: 110, R: 24, SAO2: 97% on O2 4 LPM via nasal canula

**LABS:** TROPONIN ultra = 2.8



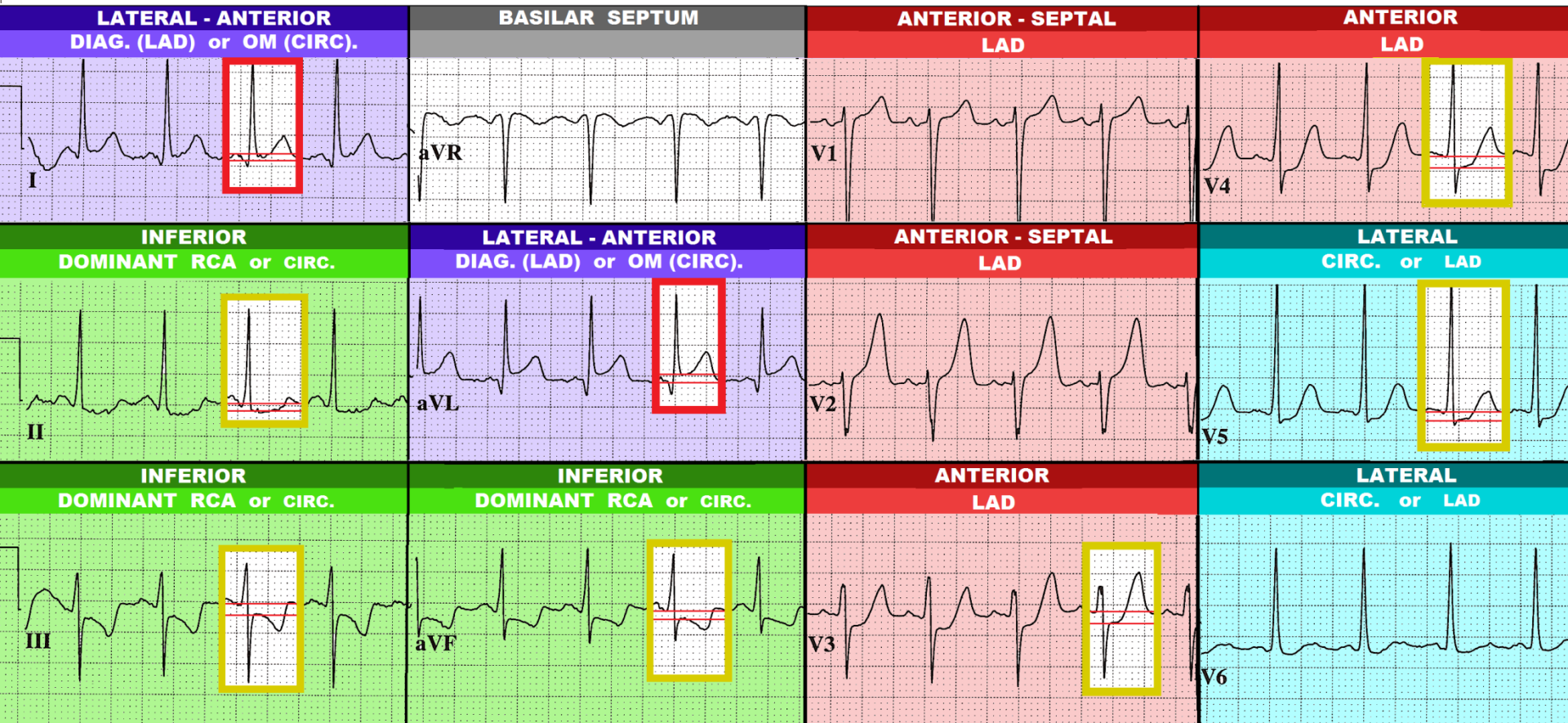
46 yr      Vent. rate      109    BPM  
Female      PR interval      132    ms  
Room:ER      QRS duration      82    ms  
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                 P-R-T axes      60 11    -32

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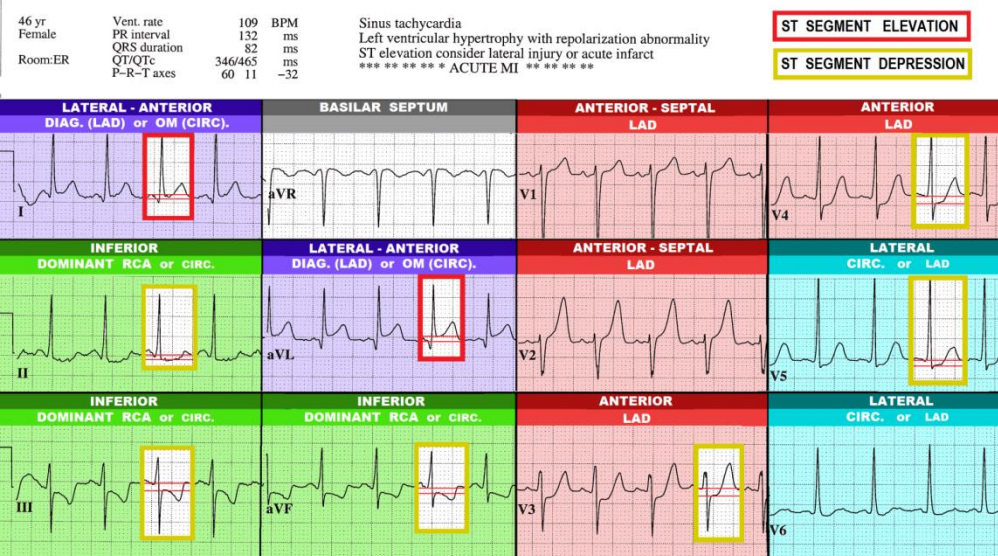


46 yr	Vent. rate	109	BPM	Sinus tachycardia
Female	PR interval	132	ms	Left ventricular hypertrophy with repolarization abnormality
	QRS duration	82	ms	ST elevation consider lateral injury or acute infarct
Room:ER	QT/QTc	346/465	ms	*** ** * ACUTE MI ** * ** *
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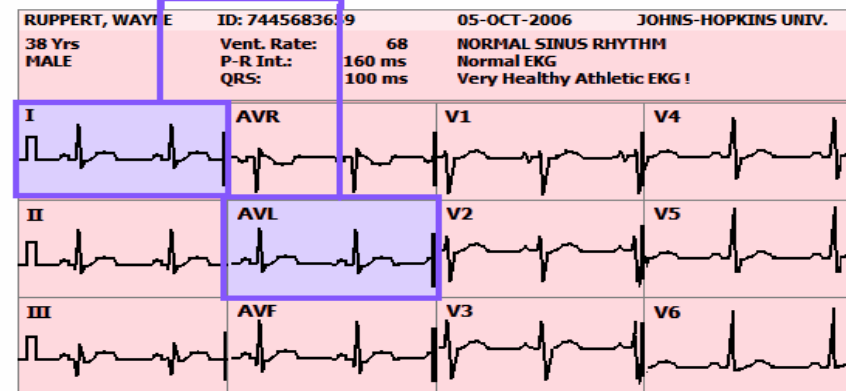
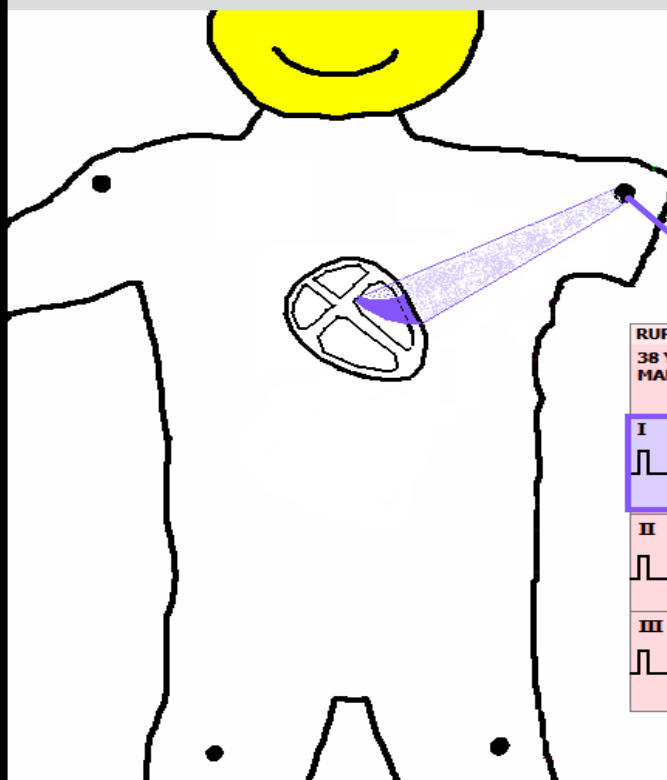
<b>ST SEGMENT ELEVATION</b>
<b>ST SEGMENT DEPRESSION</b>



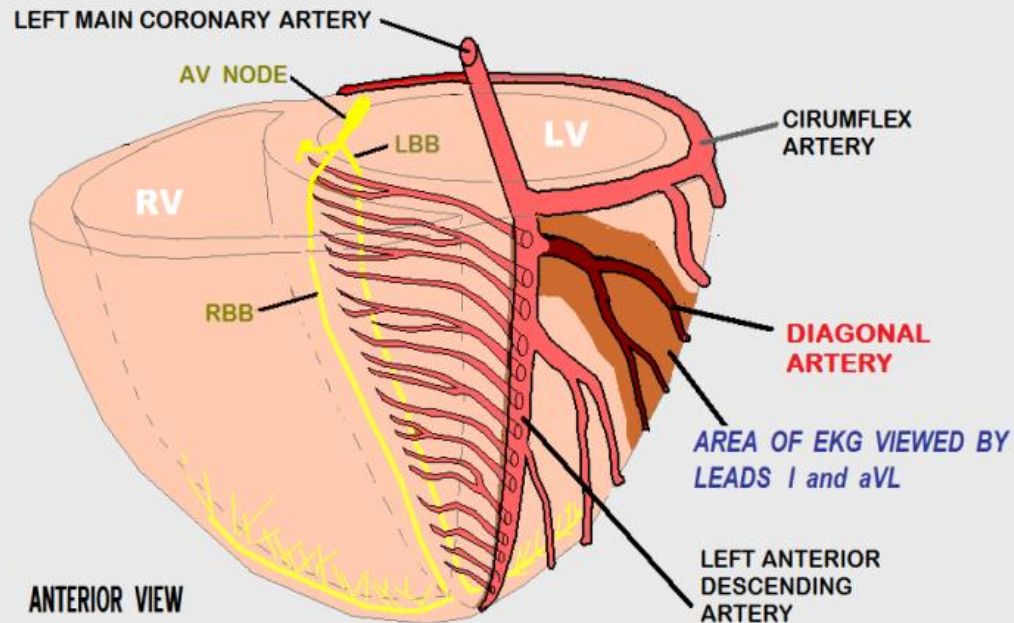




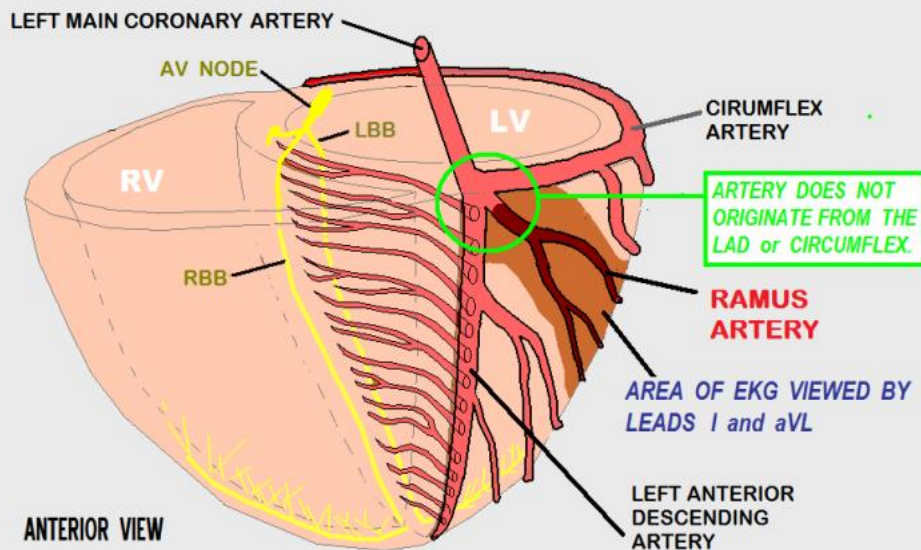
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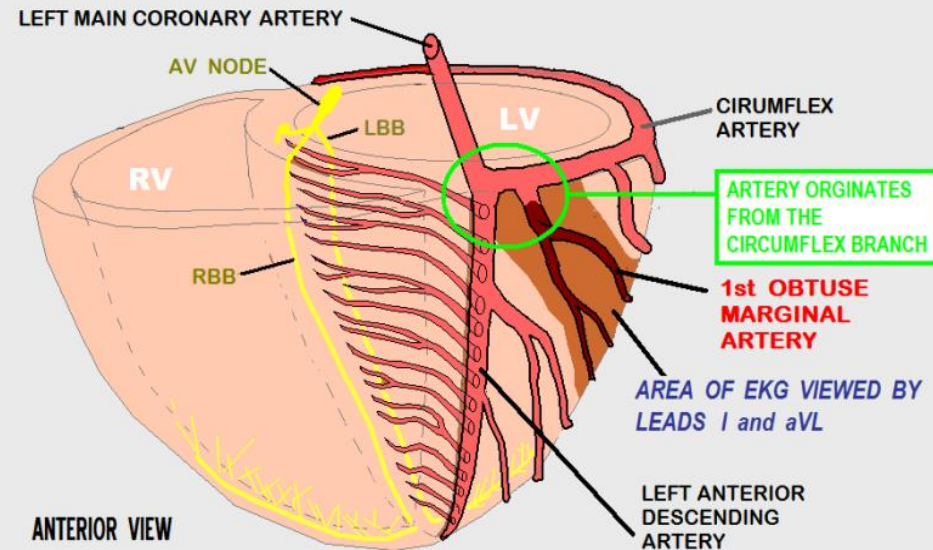
## OCCLUSION of DIAGONAL ARTERY



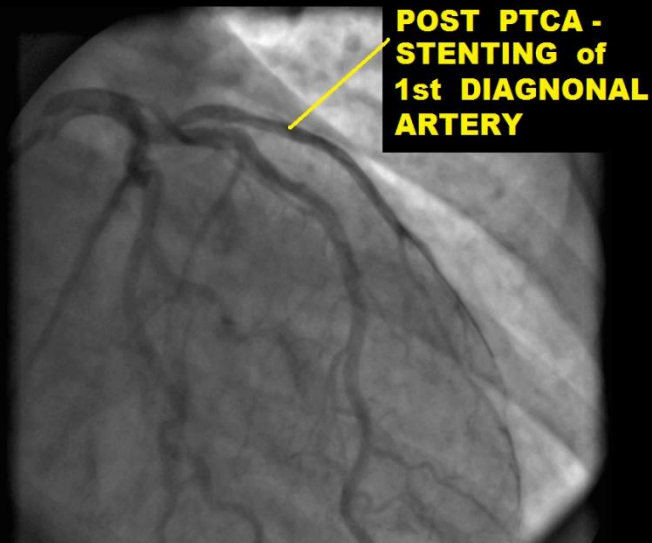
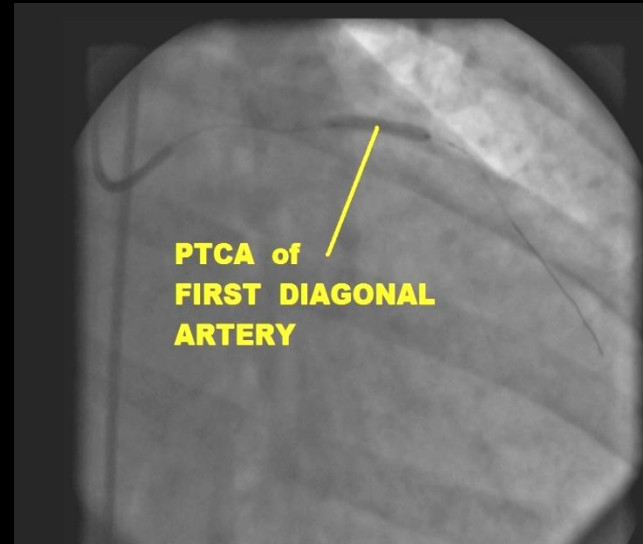
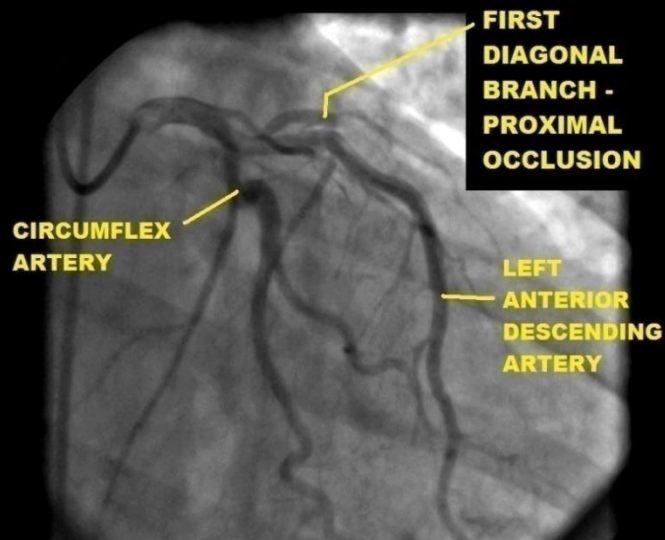
## OCCLUSION of RAMUS ARTERY



## OCCLUSION of OBTUSE MARGINAL ARTERY



**CASE PROGRESSION:** As the patient was being prepared for transport to the Cardiac Cath Lab, she experienced an episode of Ventricular Fibrillation.





11111111  
Born 1/ 1941 77 Years

Acct# [REDACTED] MR# [REDACTED]  
ONIER VILLARREAL  
Adm: [REDACTED] 2018 DOB: [REDACTED]  
SEVEN RIVERS RMC

3/16/2018 1:31:57 PM

Seven Rivers Reg al

Rate 69 . SINUS RHYTHM .....normal P axis, V-rate 50- 99 Room: er11  
PR 180 . LEFT ATRIAL ABNORMALITY.....P,P'>60mS, <-0.15mV V1  
QRSD 94 . LEFT ANTERIOR FASCICULAR BLOCK.....axis(240,-40), init forces inf  
QT 436  
QTc 467

--AXIS--

P 56  
QRS -51  
T -7

12 Lead; Standard Placement

- ABNORMAL ECG -

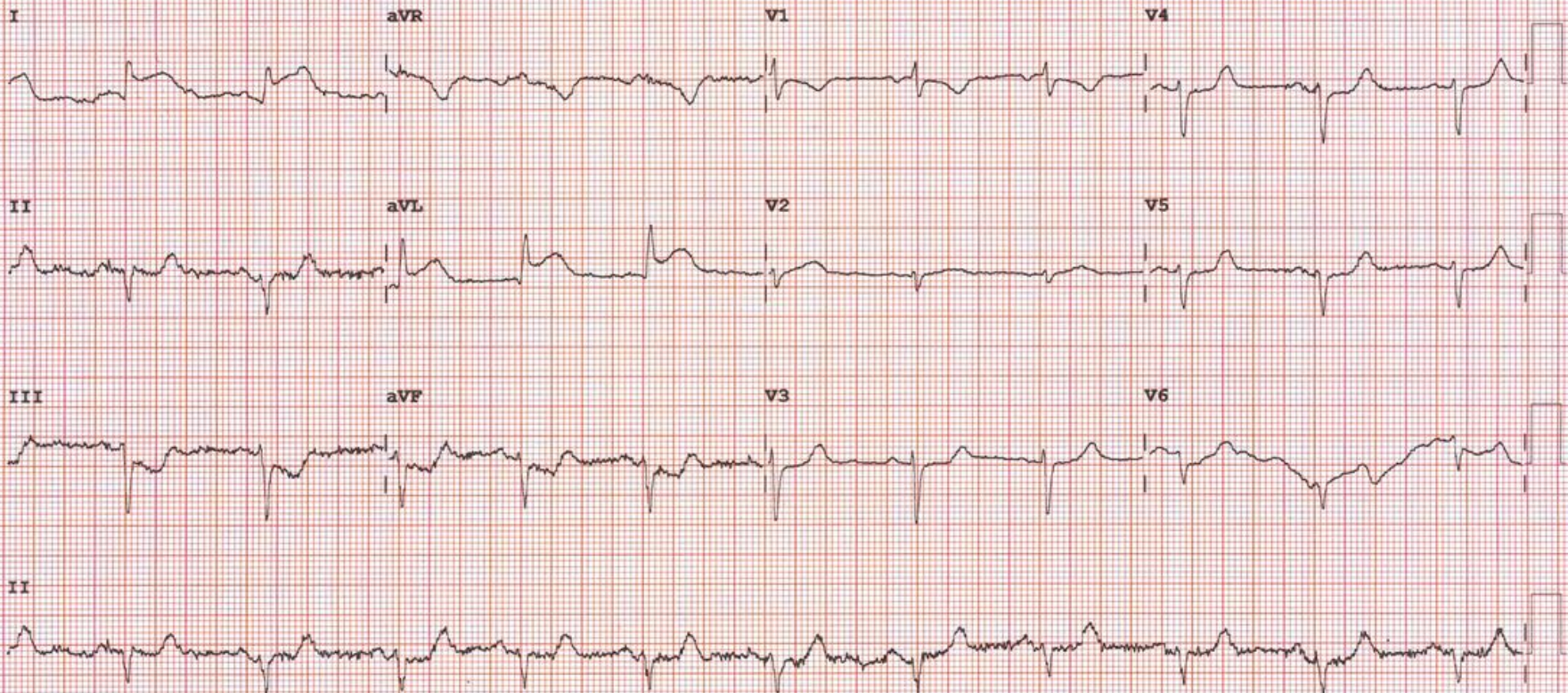
Unconfirmed Diagnosis

Physician  
Date  
Time  
STEMI

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YES

NO



Device: Speed: 25 mm/sec Limb: 10 mm/mV Chest: 10.0 mm/mV

F 60~ 0.15-100 Hz

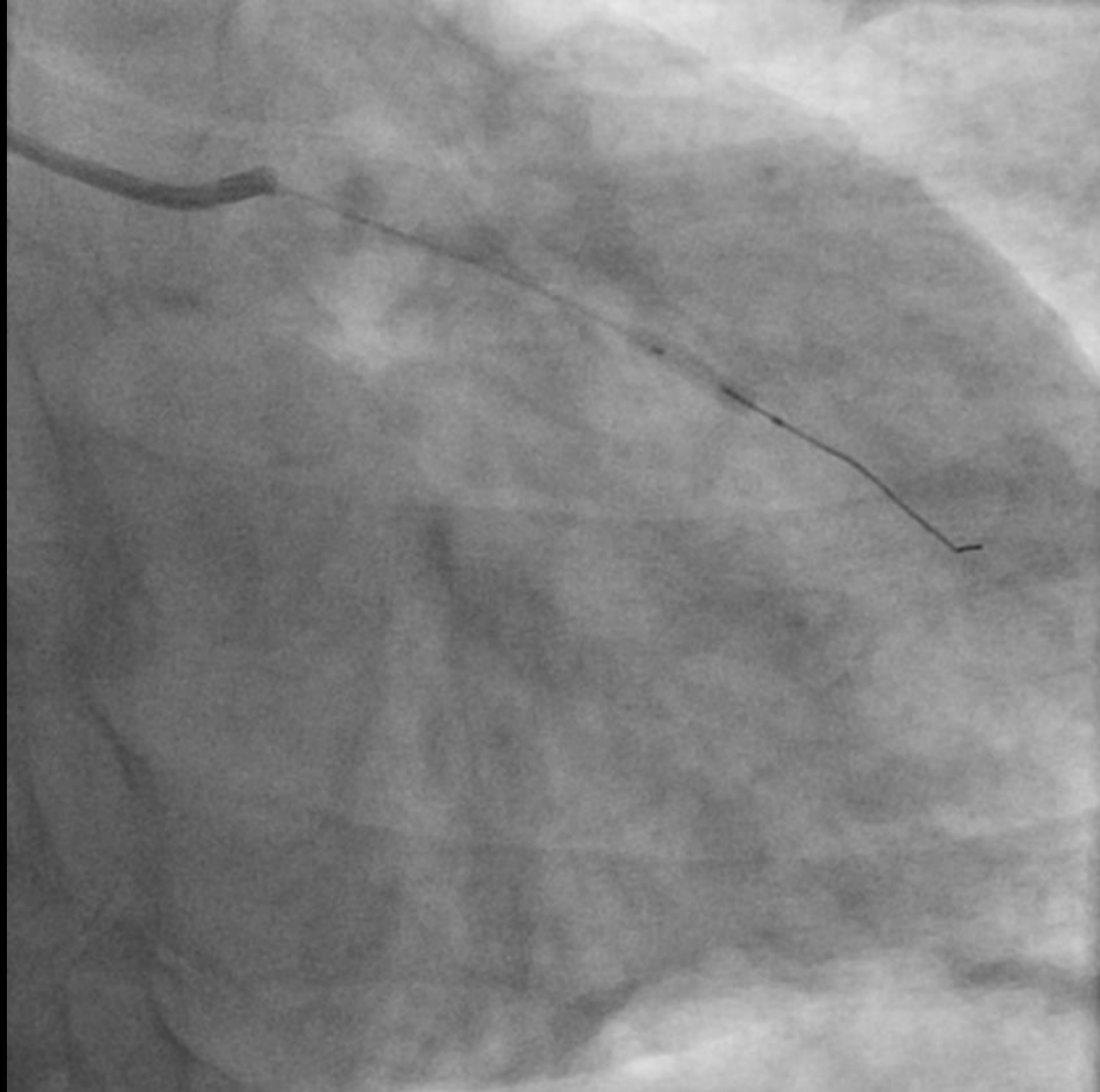
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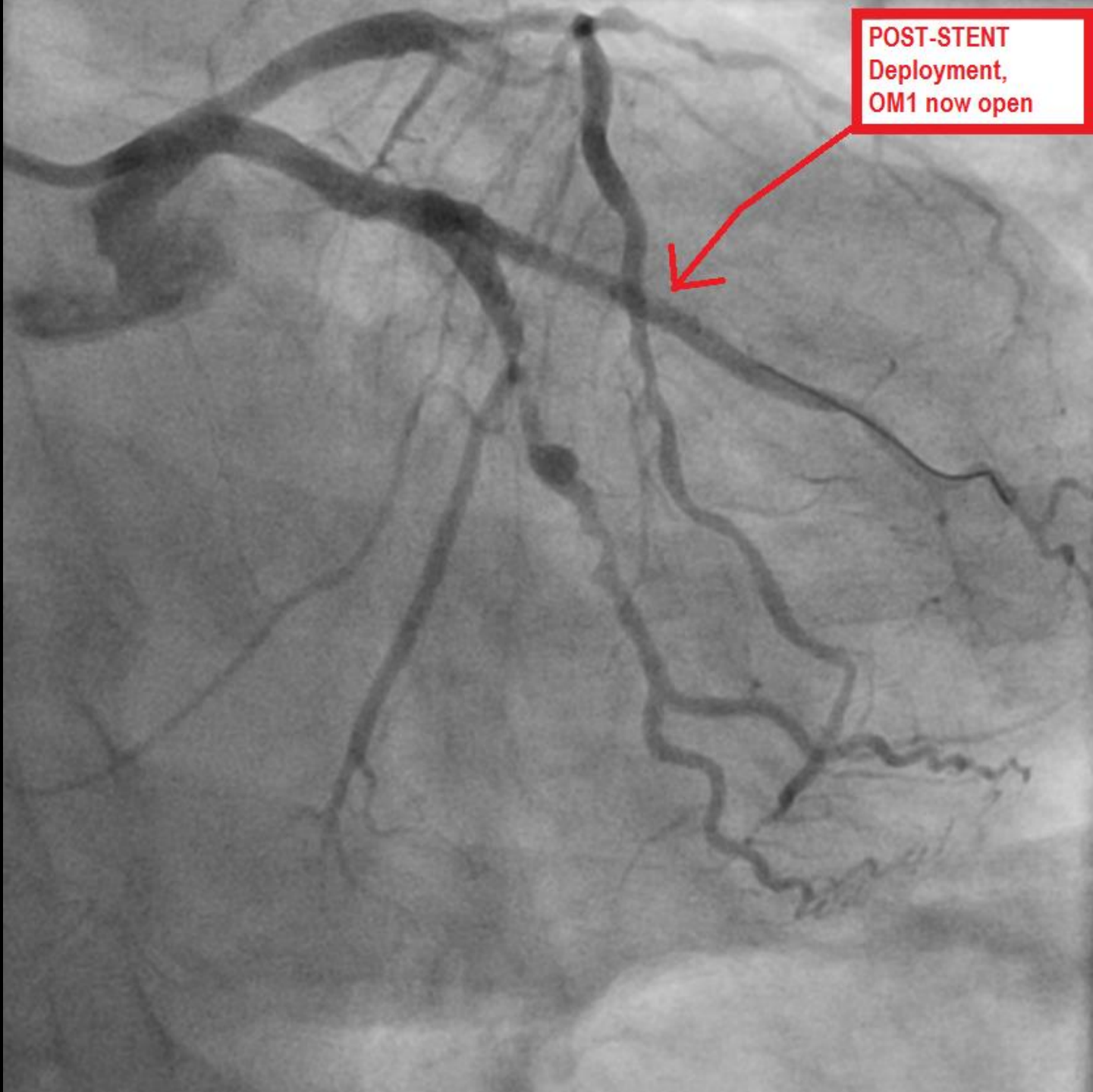
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POST-STENT  
Deployment,  
OM1 now open






## CASE STUDY 3: **STEMI**

### CHIEF COMPLAINT and SIGNIFICANT HISTORY:

29 y/o male presents to the ER c/o "HEAVY CHEST PRESSURE" x 30 minutes. The patient states he was playing football with friends after eating a large meal. Pt. also c/o nausea. Denies DIB.

### RISK FACTOR PROFILE:


-  FAMILY HISTORY - father died of MI age 46
-  CURRENT CIGARETTE SMOKER
-  "MILD" HYPERTENSION - untreated
- ☒ CHOLESTEROL - unknown - "never had it checked."

**PHYSICAL EXAM:** Patient alert, oriented X 4, skin cool, dry, pale. Patient restless. No JVD, Lungs clear bilaterally. Heart sounds normal S1, S2. No peripheral edema.

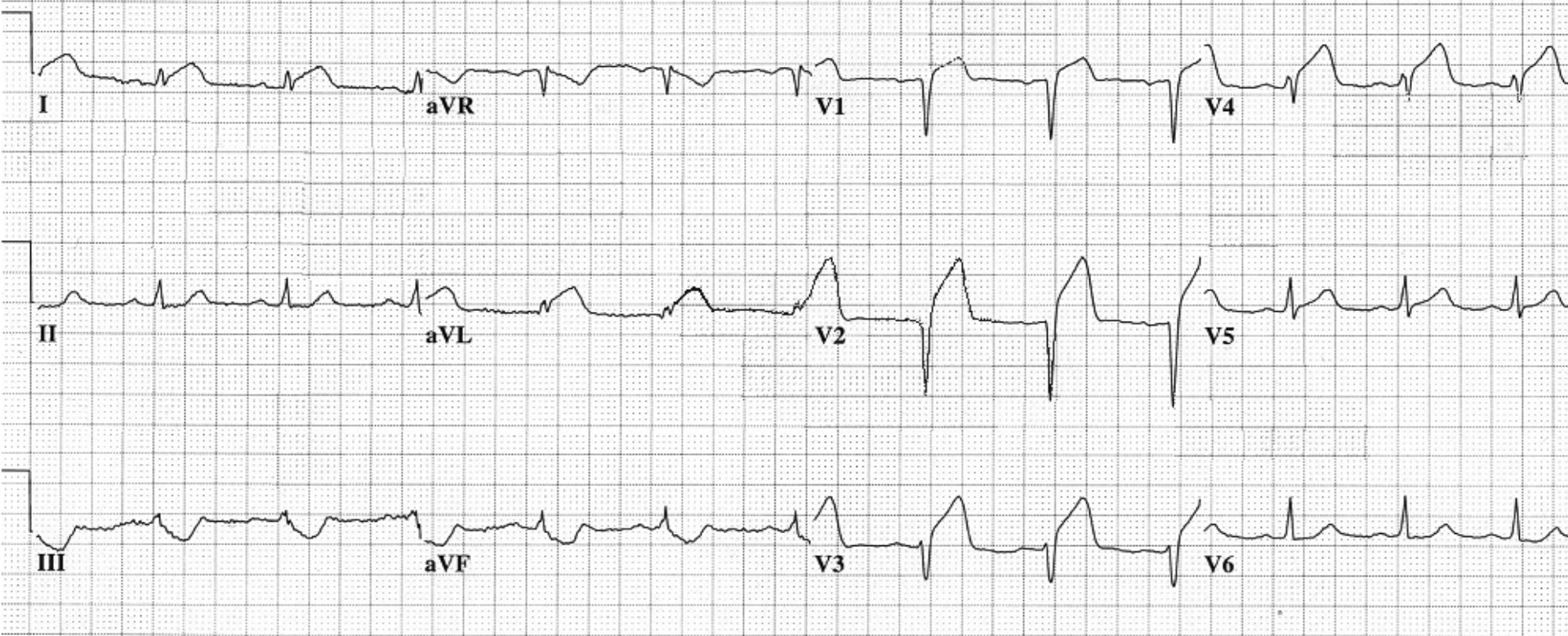
**VITAL SIGNS:** BP: 104/78, P: 76, R: 20, SAO2: 96%

**LABS:** INITIAL CARDIAC MARKERS - NEGATIVE

29 yr  
Male Caucasian  
Loc:3 Option:20  
Vent. rate 75 BPM  
PR interval 176 ms  
QRS duration 90 ms  
QT/QTc 362/404 ms  
P-R-T axes 70 50 -11 14:07 Hours

 **EVALUATE the EKG for signs of ACS:**  
- ST SEGMENT ELEVATION / DEPRESSION  
- HYPERACUTE T WAVES  
- CONVEX / FLAT ST SEGMENTS  
- OTHER ST - T WAVE ABNORMALITIES

DOS::





29 yr  
Male

Caucasian

Vent. rate  
PR interval  
QRS duration  
QT/QTc  
P-R-T axes

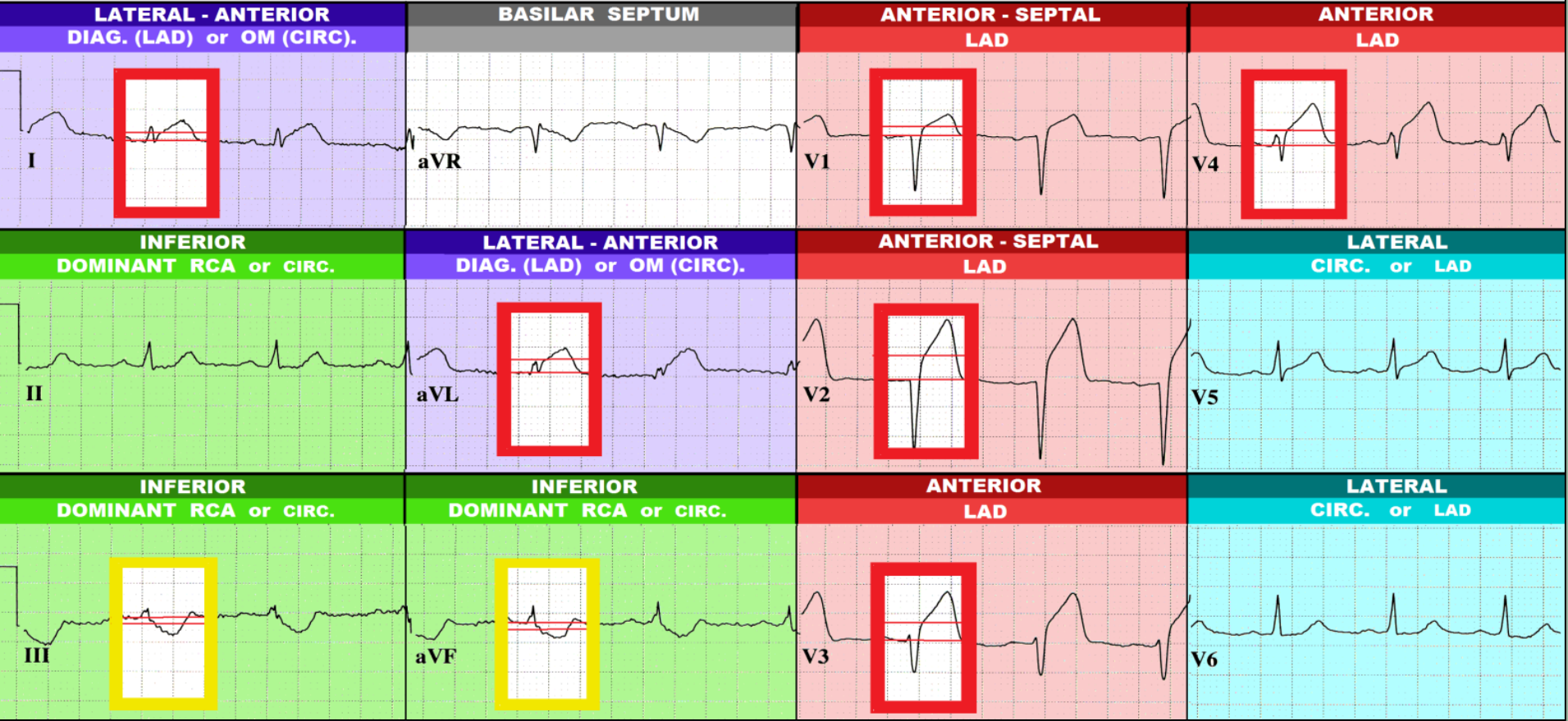
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70 50

BPM  
ms  
ms  
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-11

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

ST SEGMENT ELEVATION

ST SEGMENT DEPRESSION





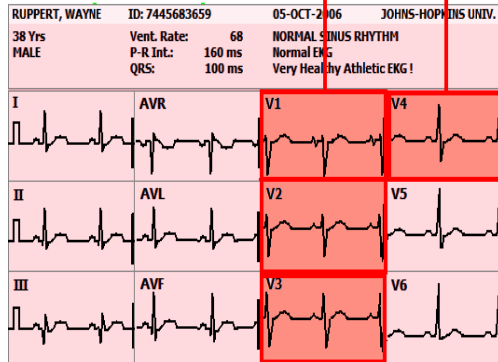
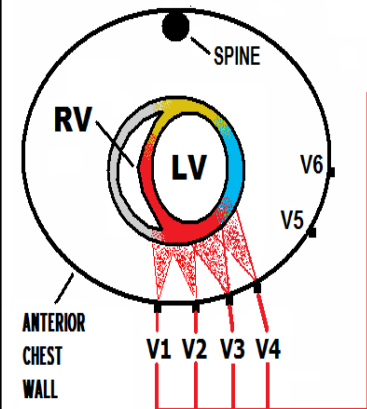
- **Reciprocal ST Depression is NOW PRESENT**
- **Additional ST Elevation is present in Leads I, AVL**

# V1 - V4 VIEW THE ANTERIOR-SEPTAL WALL

of the LEFT VENTRICLE

V1, V2 - ANTERIOR / SEPTAL

V3, V4 - ANTERIOR



## OCCCLUSION of MID - LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY

LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY

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LBB

LV

CIRUMFLEX ARTERY

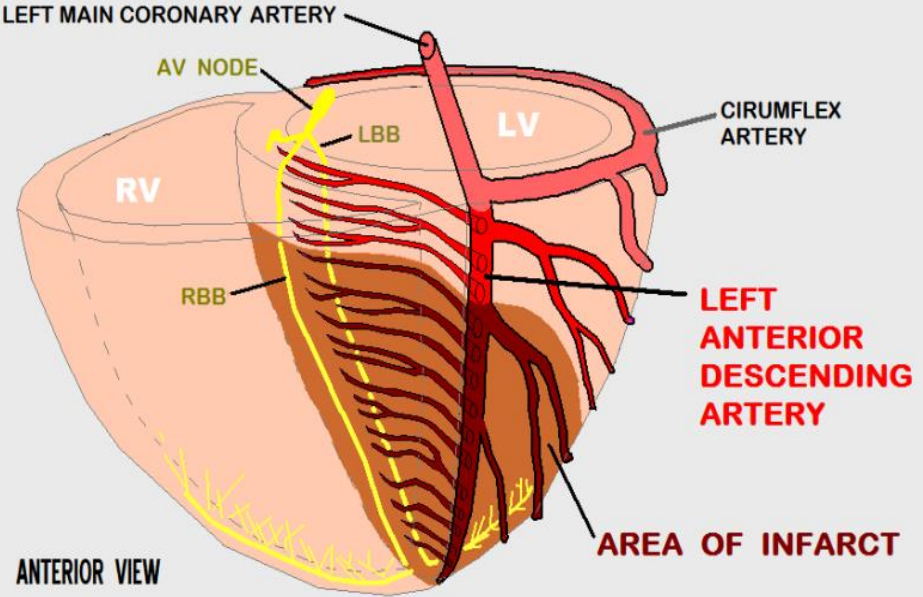
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LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY

ANTERIOR VIEW

AREA OF INFARCT

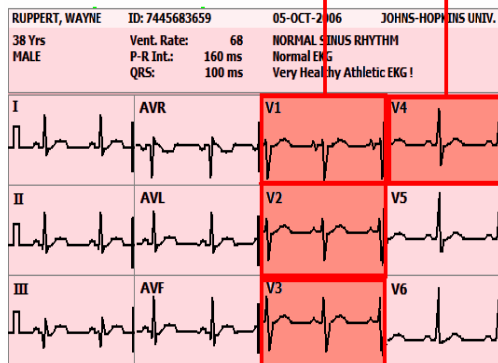
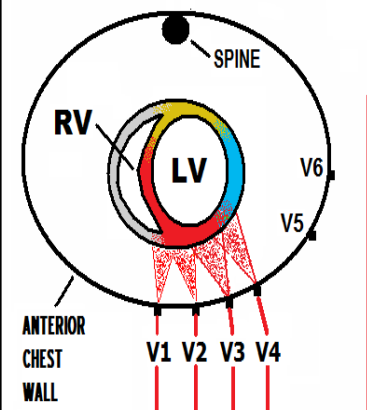


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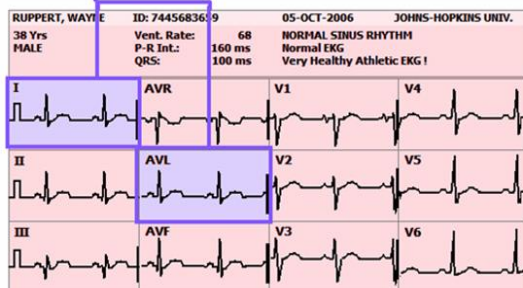
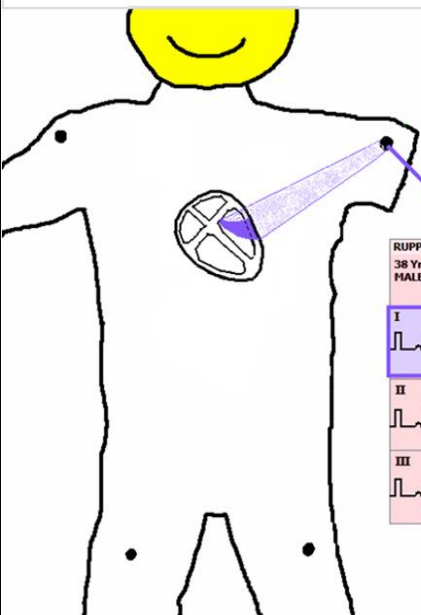
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LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY

AREA OF INFARCT

ANTERIOR VIEW

Leads I & AVL view the ANTERIOR-LATERAL JUNCTION



## OCCCLUSION of DIAGONAL ARTERY

LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY

AV NODE

LBB

RV

LV

CIRUMFLEX ARTERY

RBB

1st DIAGONAL ARTERY SUPPLYING AREA VIEWED BY LEADS I and aVL ORIGINATES FROM LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY

AREA OF EKG VIEWED BY LEADS I and aVL

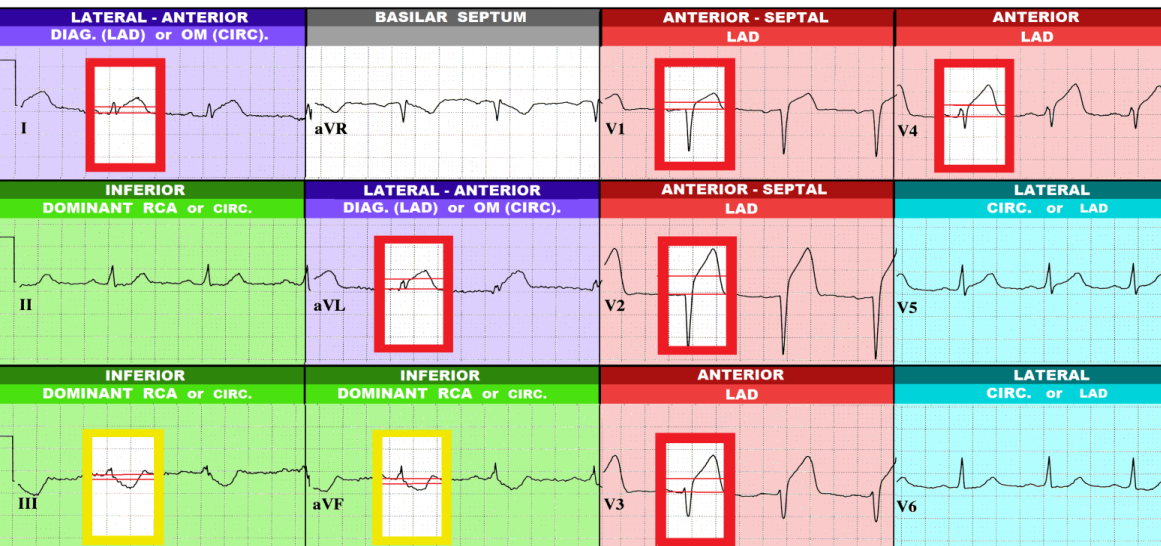
LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY

ANTERIOR VIEW

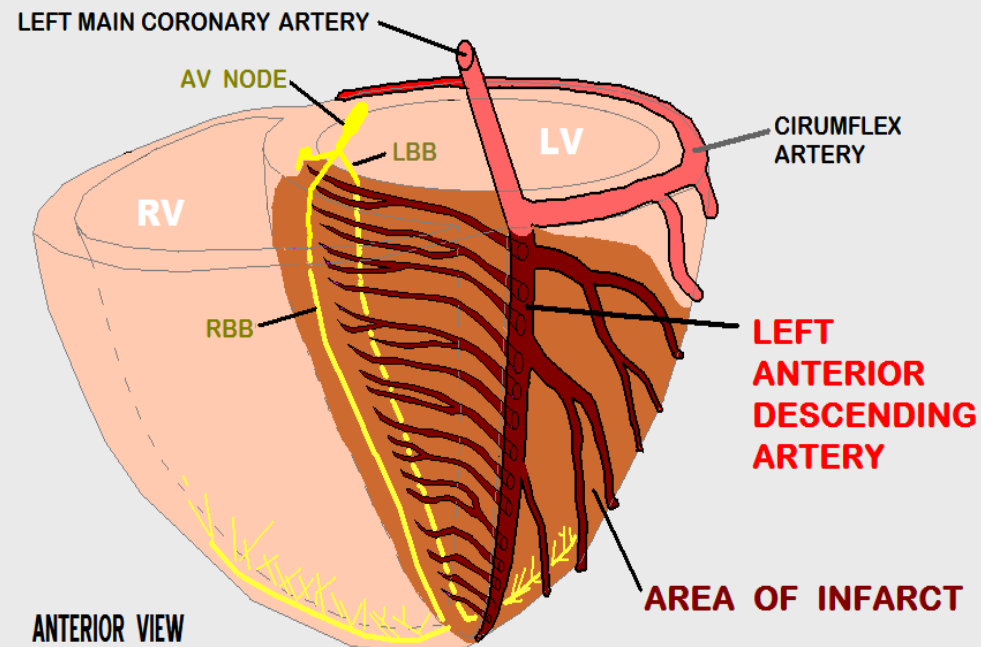
29 yr Male Caucasian  
 Vent. rate 75 BPM  
 PR interval 176 ms  
 QRS duration 90 ms  
 QT/QTc 362/404 ms  
 P-R-T axes 70 50 -11  
 Normal sinus rhythm  
 Septal infarct, possibly acute  
 Anterolateral injury pattern  
 \*\*\*\*\* ACUTE MI \*\*\*\*\*  
 Abnormal ECG

ST SEGMENT ELEVATION

ST SEGMENT DEPRESSION



## OCCCLUSION of PROXIMAL LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY



# OCCLUSION of PROXIMAL LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY

LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY

AV NODE

LBB

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CIRUMFLEX ARTERY

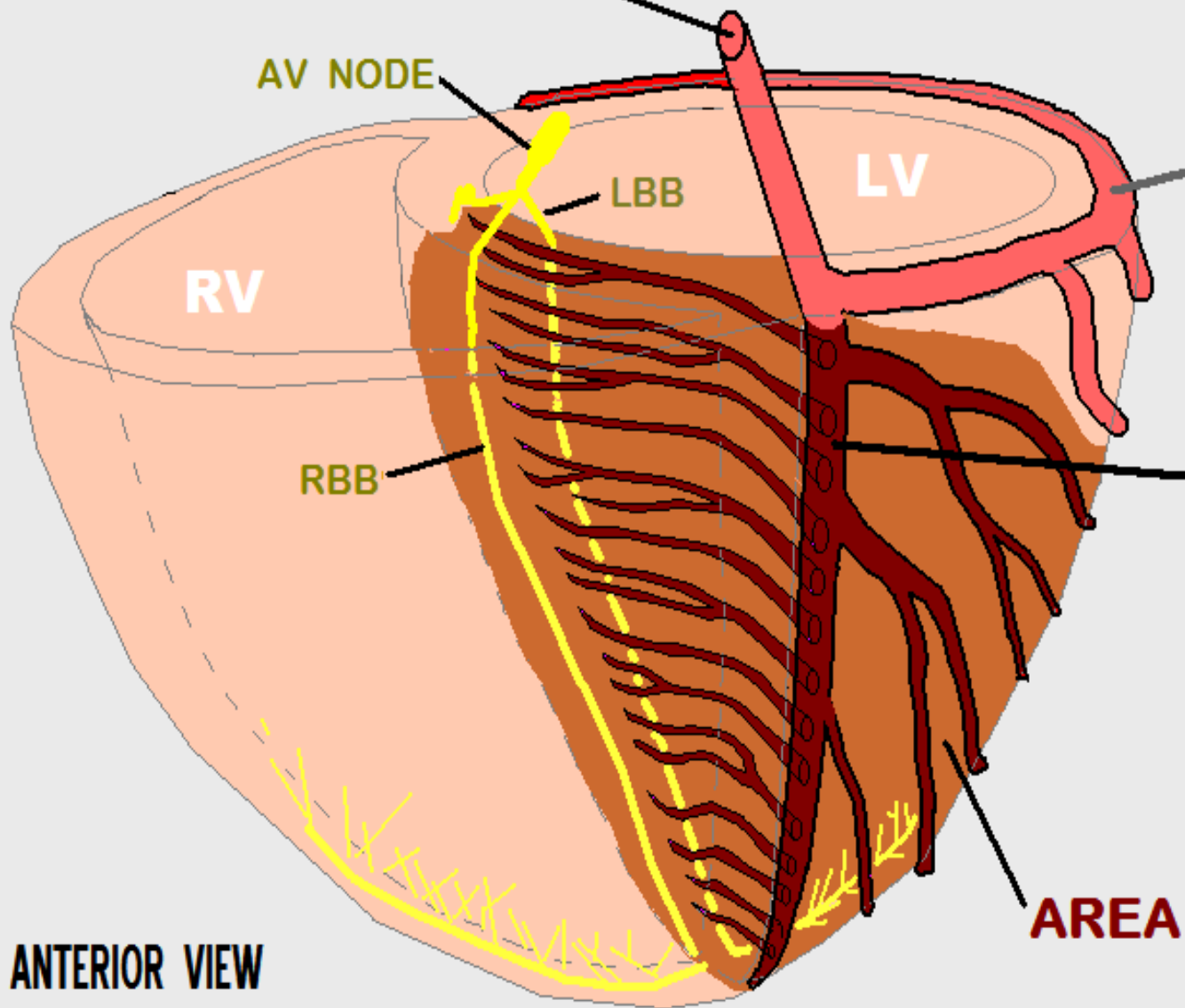
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LEFT  
ANTERIOR  
DESCENDING  
ARTERY

AREA OF INFARCT

ANTERIOR VIEW

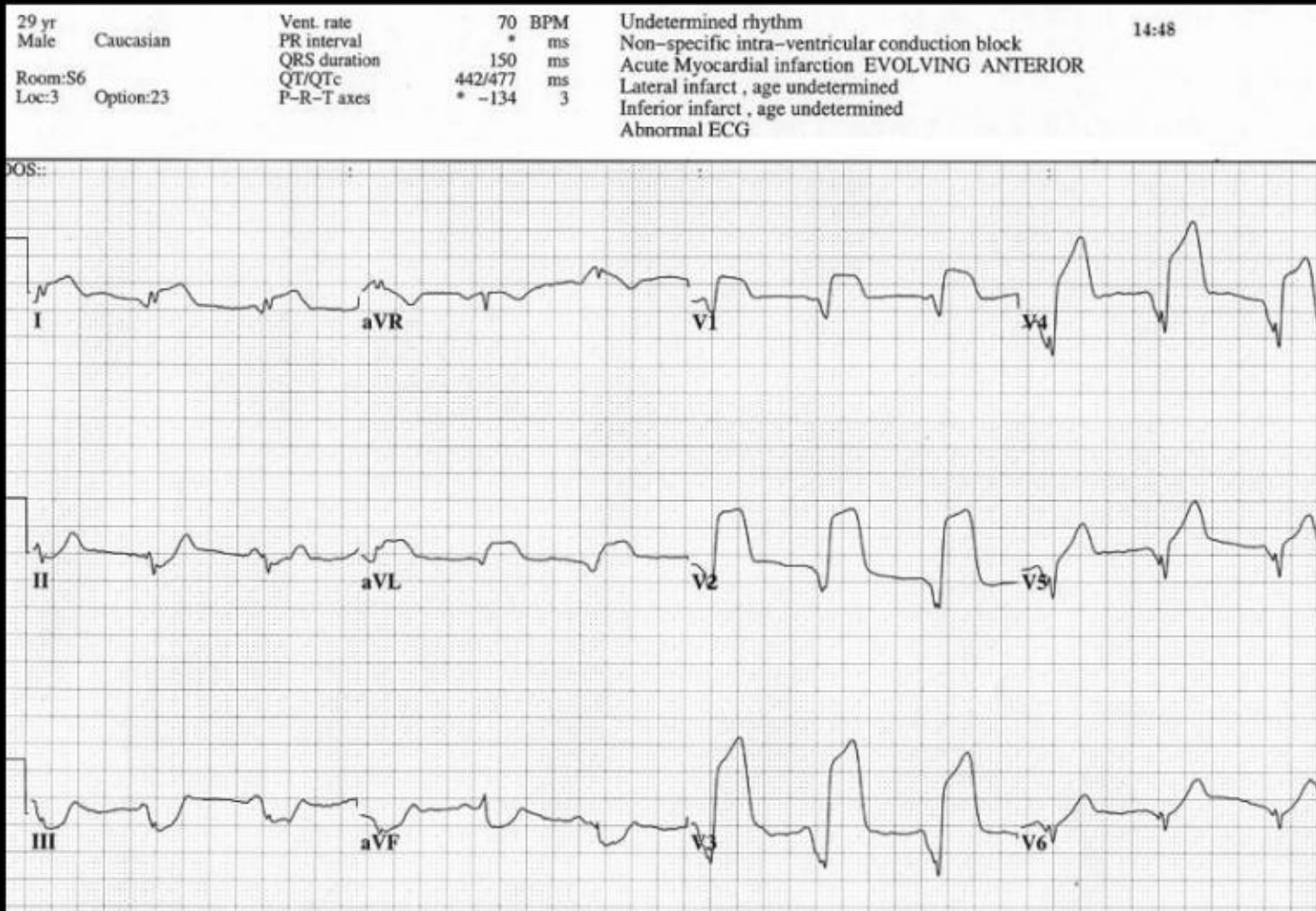


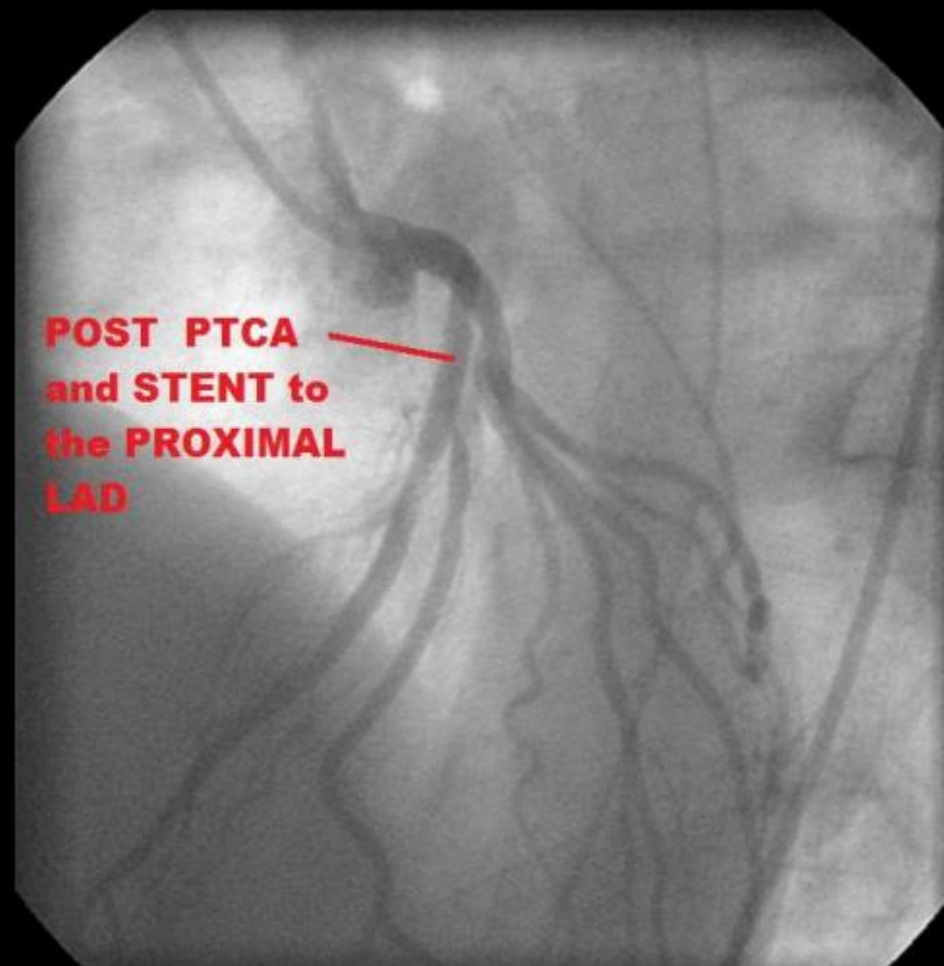
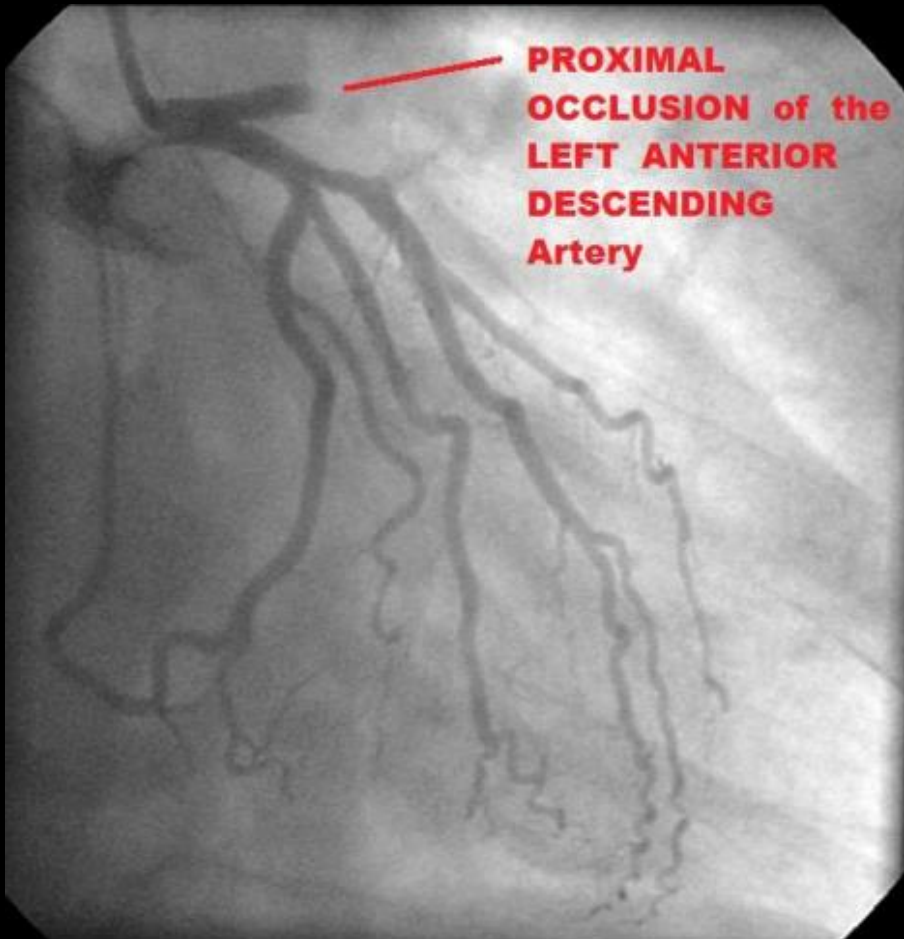


ANTICIPATED COMPLICATIONS of ANTERIOR-SEPTAL WALL STEMI & POSSIBLE INDICATED INTERVENTIONS:	
- CARDIAC ARREST	BCLS / ACLS
- CARDIAC DYSRHYTHMIAS (VT / VF)	ACLS (antiarrhythmics)
- PUMP FAILURE with CARDIOGENIC SHOCK	INOTROPE THERAPY: -DOPAMINE / DOBUTAMINE / LEVOPHED - INTRA-AORTIC BALLOON PUMP (use caution with fluid challenges due to PULMONARY EDEMA)
- PULMONARY EDEMA	- CPAP - ET INTUBATION (use caution with diuretics due to pump failure and hypotension)

**WHILE AWAITING THE CATH TEAM, THE PATIENT BEGAN VOMITING. SKIN BECAME ASHEN & DIAPHORETIC. REPEAT BP = 50/30.**

**-WHAT THERAPEUTIC INTERVENTIONS SHOULD BE IMPLMENTED AT THIS POINT ?**

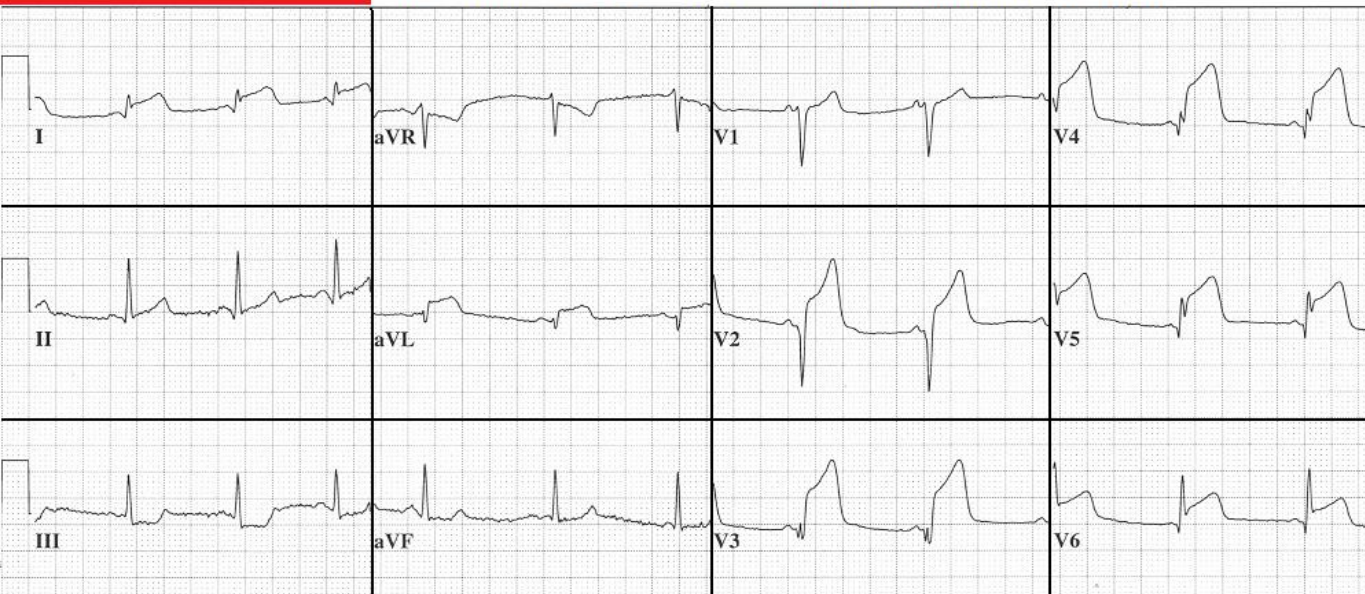






## PATIENT A:

44 y/o MALE, CHEST PAIN x 1 HOUR,  
BP: 78/46, P: 70, R: 28. CARDIAC MARKERS: NEGATIVE

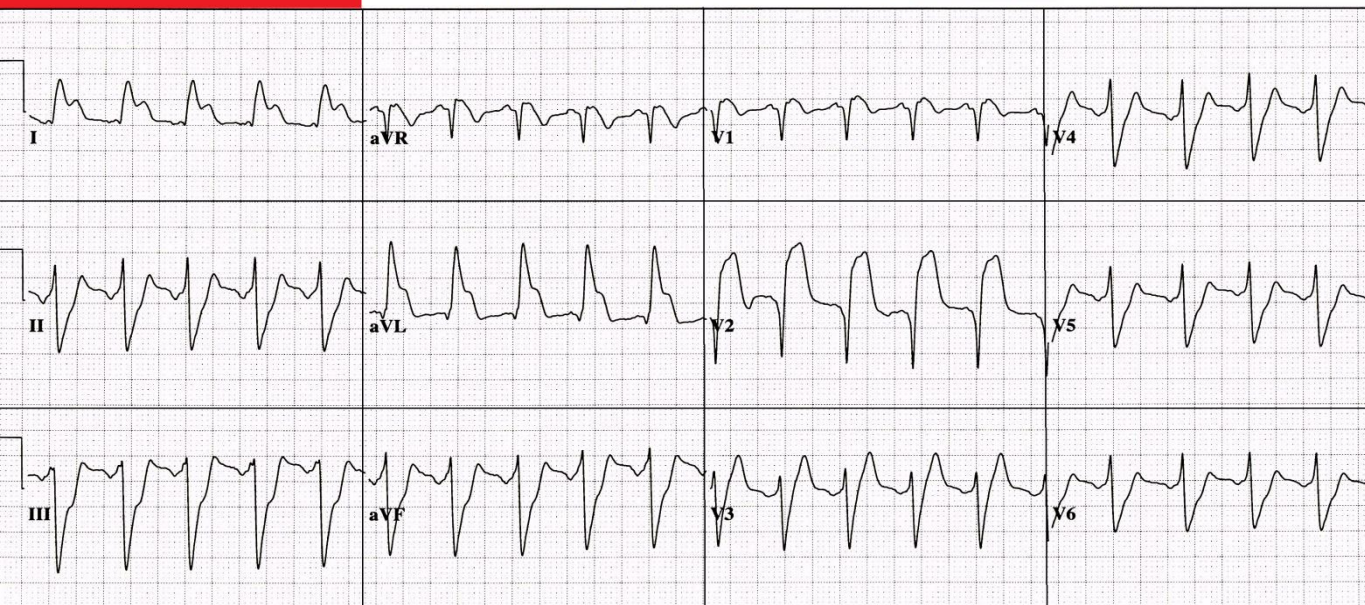


WHO SHOULD  
GO TO THE  
CATH LAB  
FIRST ?

And . . . .

## PATIENT B:

36 y/o MALE, CHEST PAIN x 1 HOUR,  
BP: 80/48, P: 120, R: 28 CARDIAC MARKERS: NEGATIVE

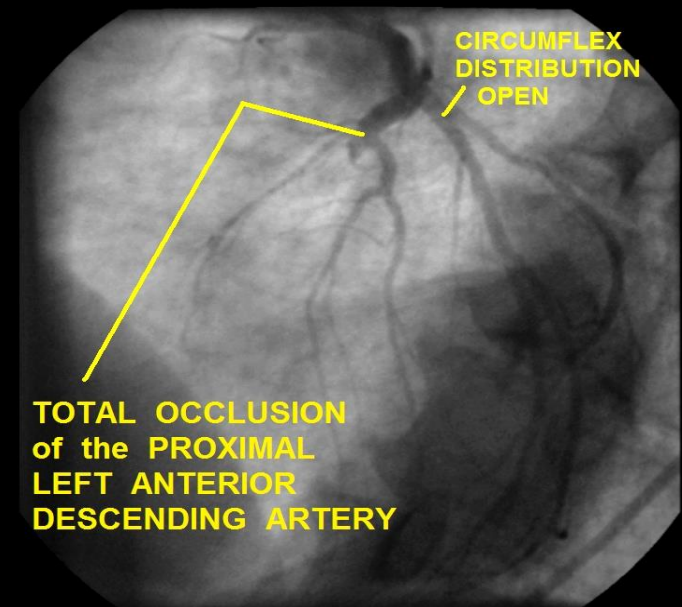
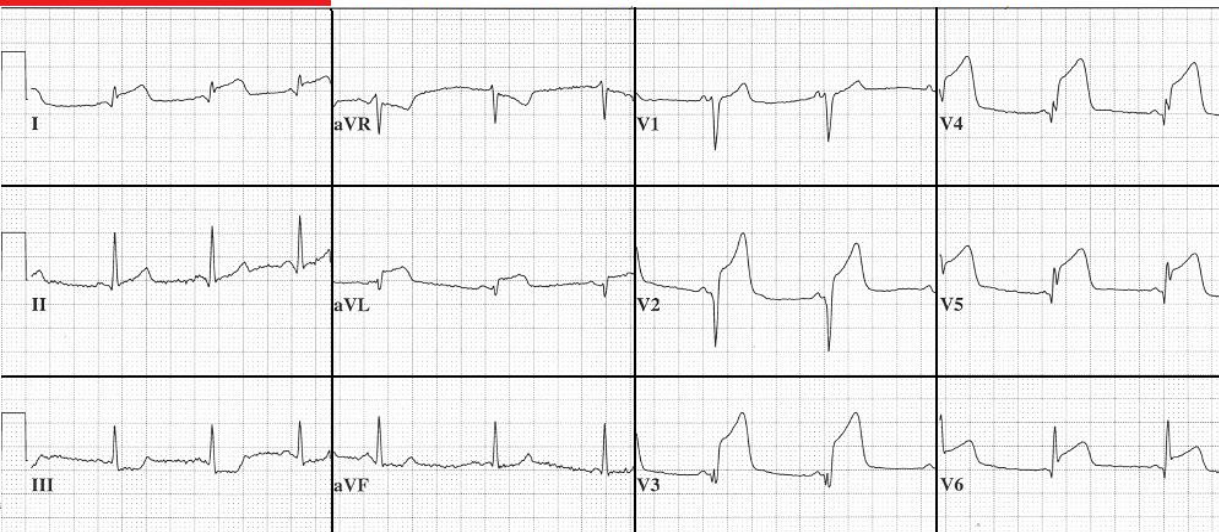


WHAT WOULD  
YOU DO WITH  
THE PATIENT  
WHO DID NOT  
GO TO THE  
CATH LAB ?



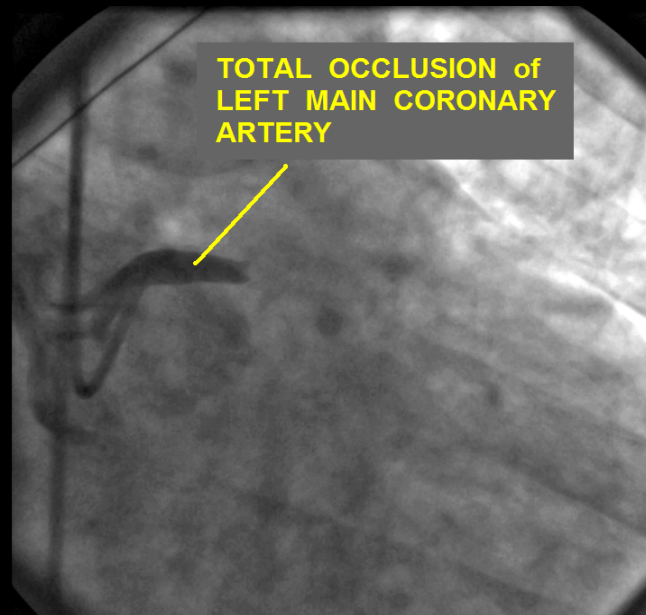
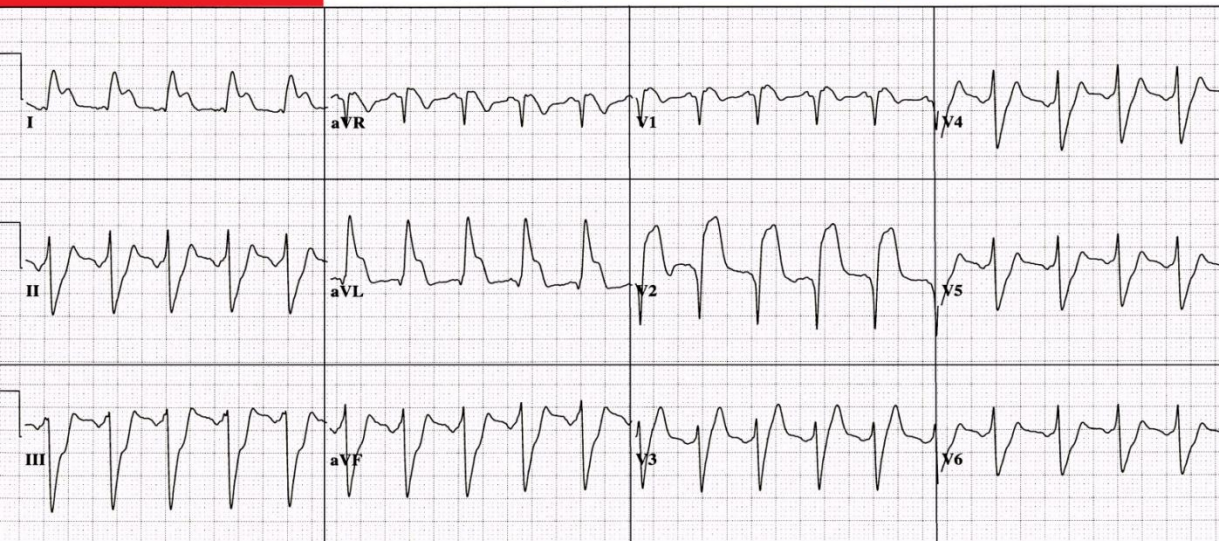
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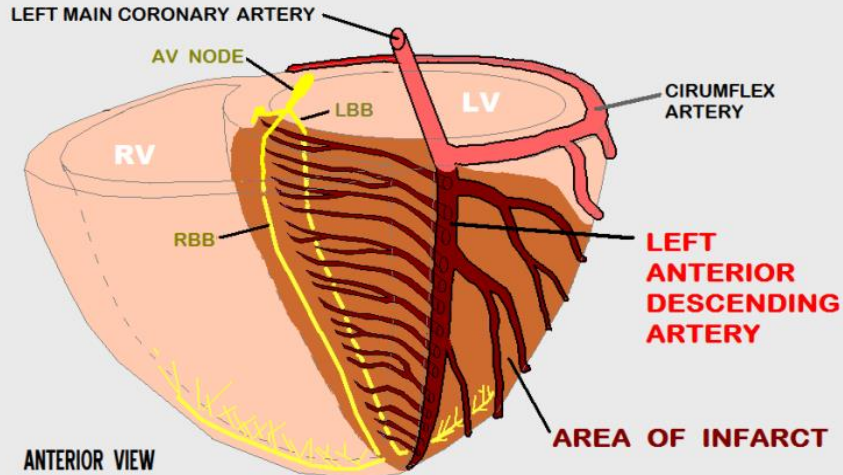
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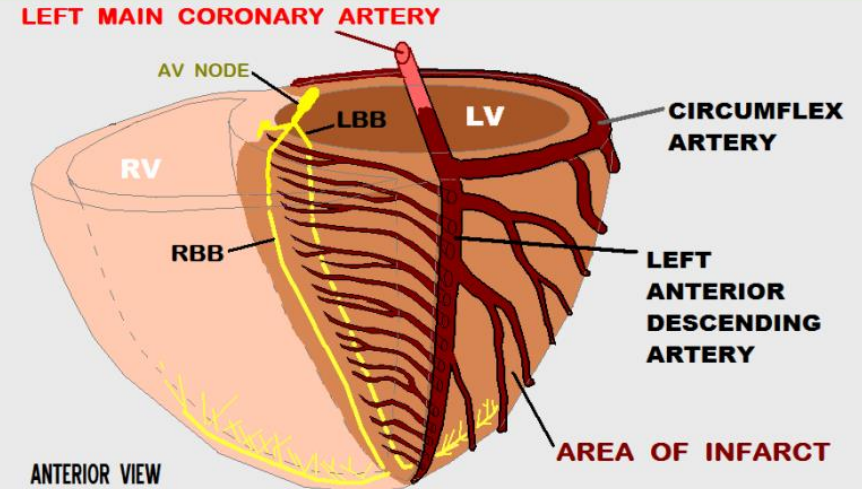
## PATIENT A:

### OCCLUSION of PROXIMAL LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY



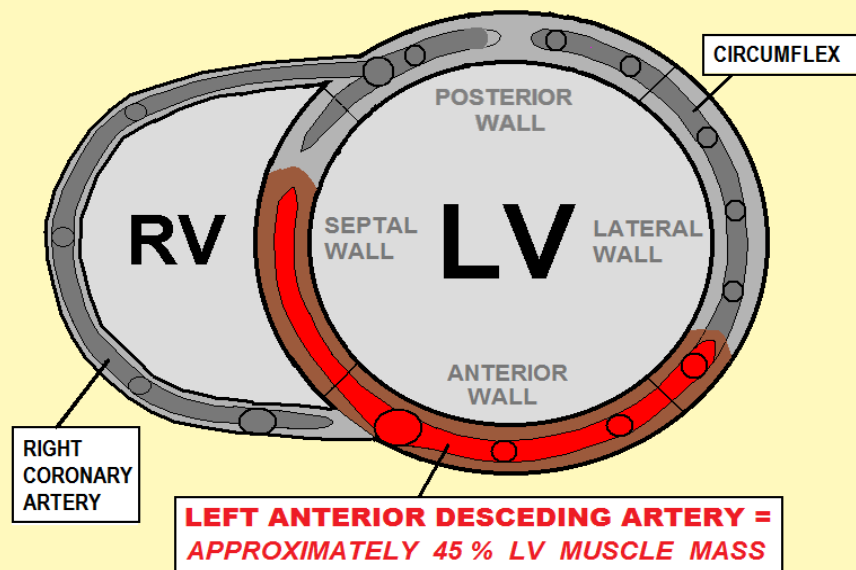
## PATIENT B:

### OCCLUSION of the LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY



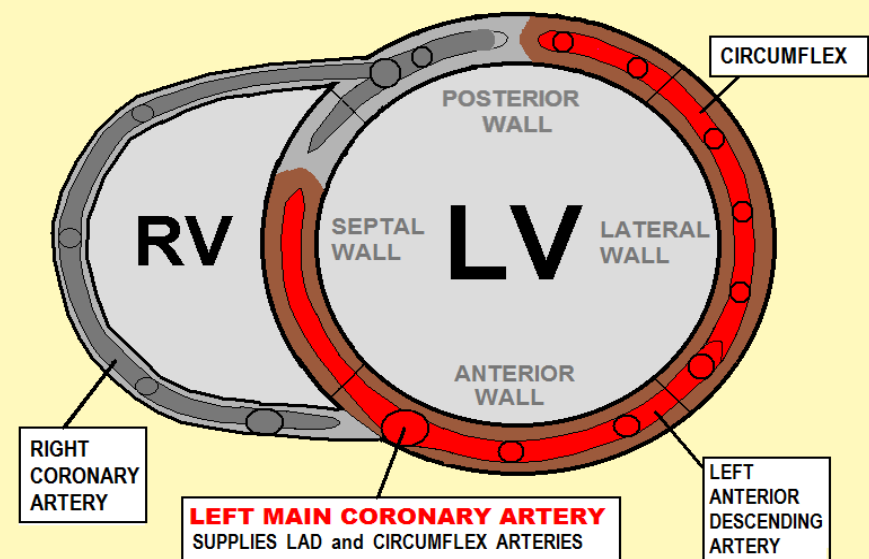
### The LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY

**SUPPLIES 40-50 % OF THE LEFT VENTRICULAR MUSCLE MASS**



### The LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY

**SUPPLIES 75-100 % of the LEFT VENTRICULAR MUSCLE MASS**

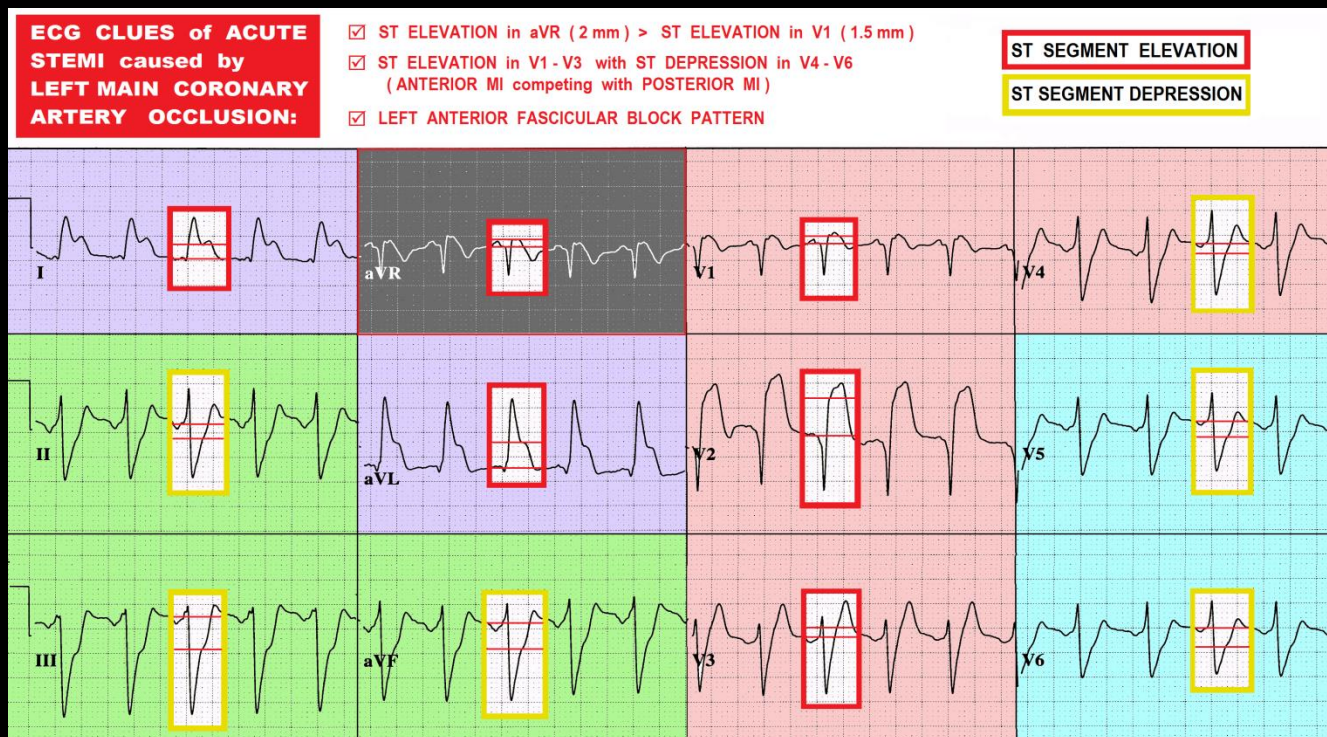


# ECG Clues... for IDENTIFYING STEMI CAUSED BY LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY occlusion:

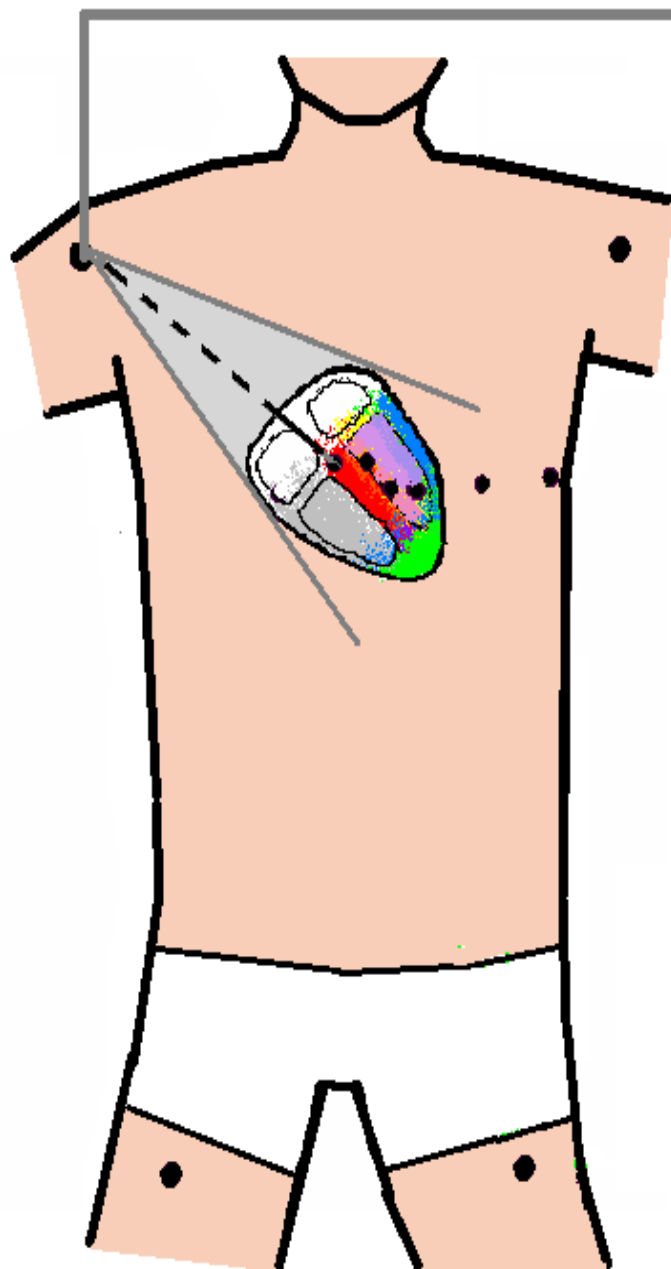
- ☑ ST ELEVATION in ANTERIOR LEADS (V1 - V4) and LATERAL LEADS (V5 & V6)
- ☑ ST DEPRESSION or ISOELECTRIC J POINTS may be seen in VLEADS.... mainly V2 and/or V3 caused by *COMPETING FORCES* of ANTERIOR vs. POSTERIOR WALL MI.\*<sup>+</sup>
  - NOTE: it is very unusual to see ST DEPRESSION in V LEADS with isolated ANTERIOR WALL MI when caused by occluded LAD.
- ☑ ST ELEVATION in AVR is GREATER THAN ST ELEVATION in V1\*<sup>+</sup>
- ☑ ST ELEVATION in AVR GREATER THAN 0.5 mm
- ☑ ST ELEVATION in LEAD I and AVL (caused by NO FLOW to DIAGONAL / OBTUSE MARGINAL BRANCHES)\*
- ☑ ST DEPRESSION in LEADS II, III, and AVF (in cases of LMCA occlusion of DOMINANT CIRCUMFLEX, leads II, III, and AVF may show ST ELEVATION or ISOELECTRIC J POINTS)\*<sup>+</sup>
- ☑ NEW / PRESUMABLY NEW RBBB, and/or LEFT ANTERIOR FASCICULAR BLOCK\*<sup>+</sup>

\* Kurisu et al, HEART 2004, SEPTEMBER: 90 (9): 1059-1060

+ Yamaji et al, JACC vol. 38, No. 5, 2001, November 1, 2001:1348-54



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



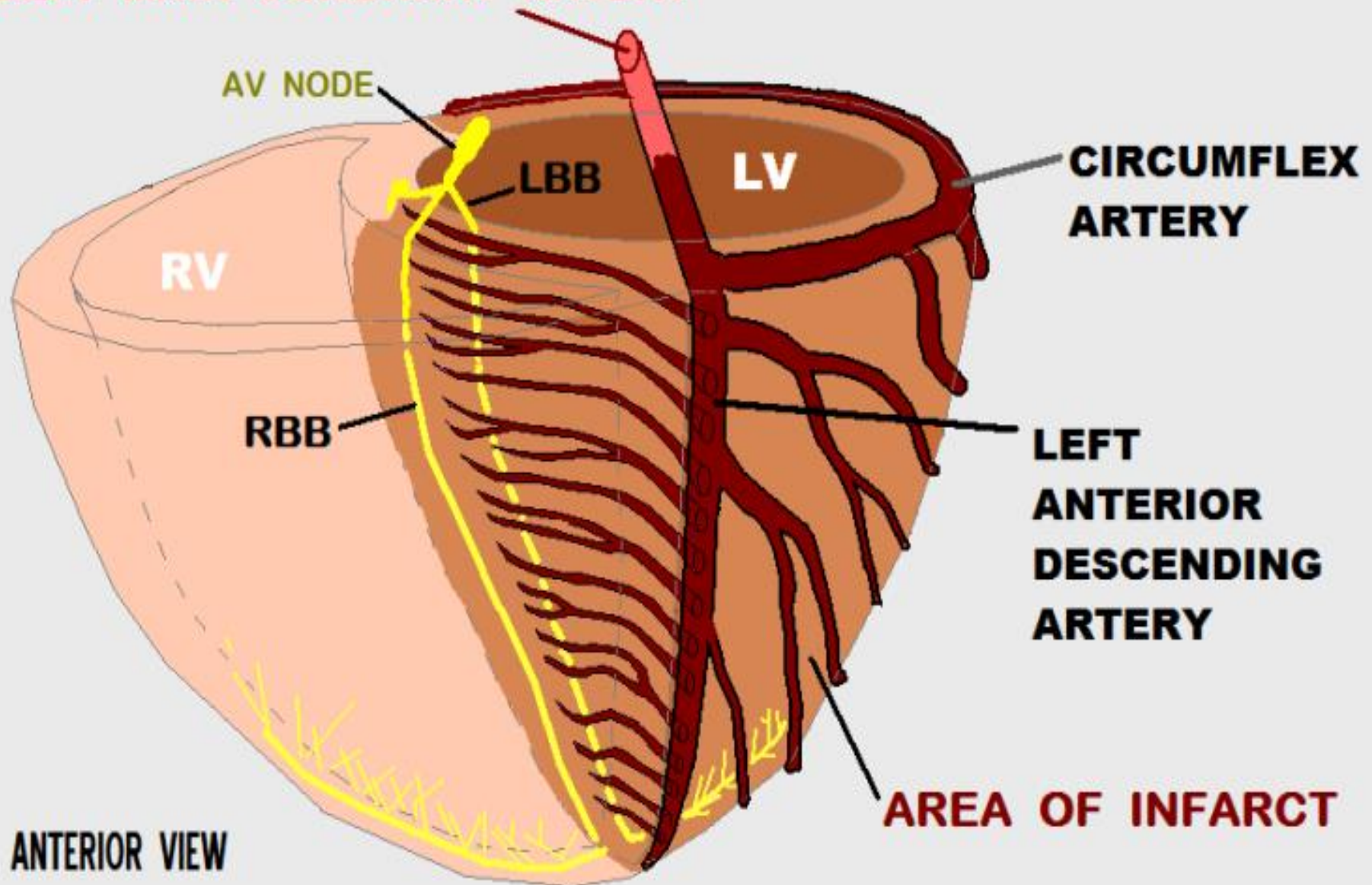
RUPPERT, WAYNE		ID: 7445683	59	05-OCT-2006	JOHNS-HOPKINS UNIV.
38 Yrs		Vent. Rate:	68	NORMAL SINUS RHYTHM	
MALE		P-R Int.:	160 ms	Normal EKG	
		QRS:	100 ms	Very Healthy Athletic EKG !	
I	AVR	V1	V4		
II	AVL	V2	V5		
III	AVF	V3	V6		

In STEMI with ST-Segment  
Elevation in Lead AVR,  
This is indicative of  
Left Main Coronary Artery  
Occlusion . . .



# OCCLUSION of the LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY

## LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY





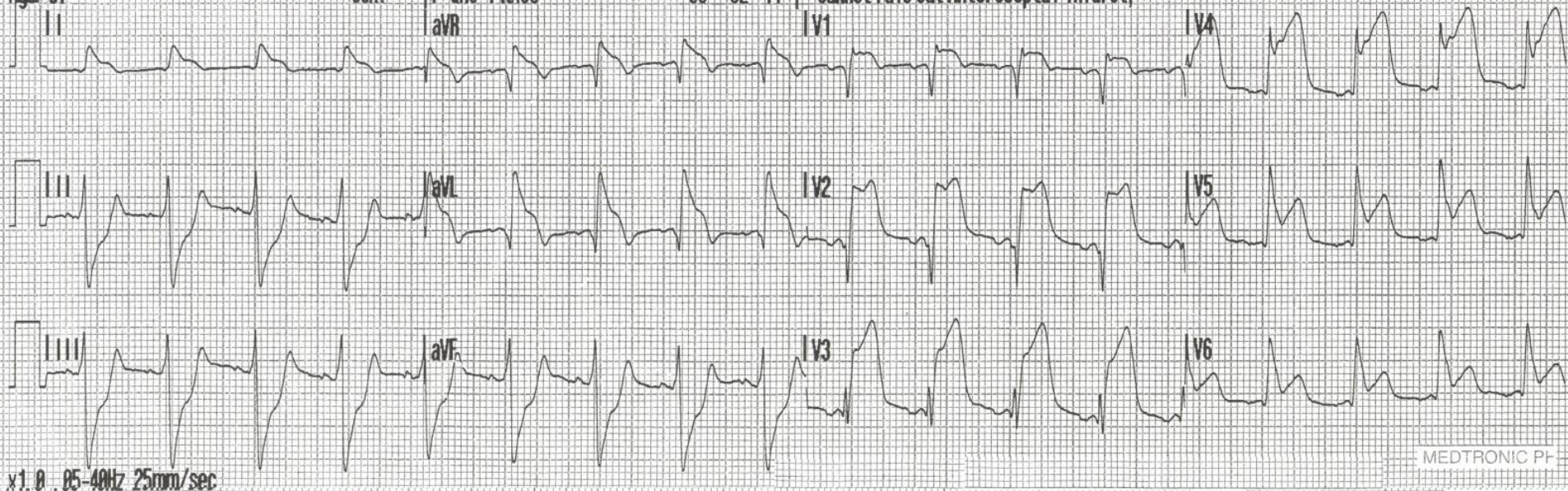
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ID:  
Patient ID:  
Incident:  
Age 37

Sex:  
12-Lead 4  
06 Oct 07  
PR 0.154s  
QT/QTc  
P-QRS-T Axes  
aVR

HR 107 bpm  
12:44:13  
QRS 0.102s  
0.332s/0.443s  
89° -62° 44°  
V1

• \*\*\* ACUTE MI SUSPECTED \*\*\*  
• Abnormal ECG \*\*Unconfirmed\*\*  
• Sinus tachycardia  
• Left anterior fascicular block  
• Cannot rule out Anteroseptal infarct,

**ACUTE STEMI caused by  
LEFT MAIN CORONARY  
ARTERY OCCLUSION**



**ECG CLUES of ACUTE  
STEMI caused by  
LEFT MAIN CORONARY  
ARTERY OCCLUSION:**

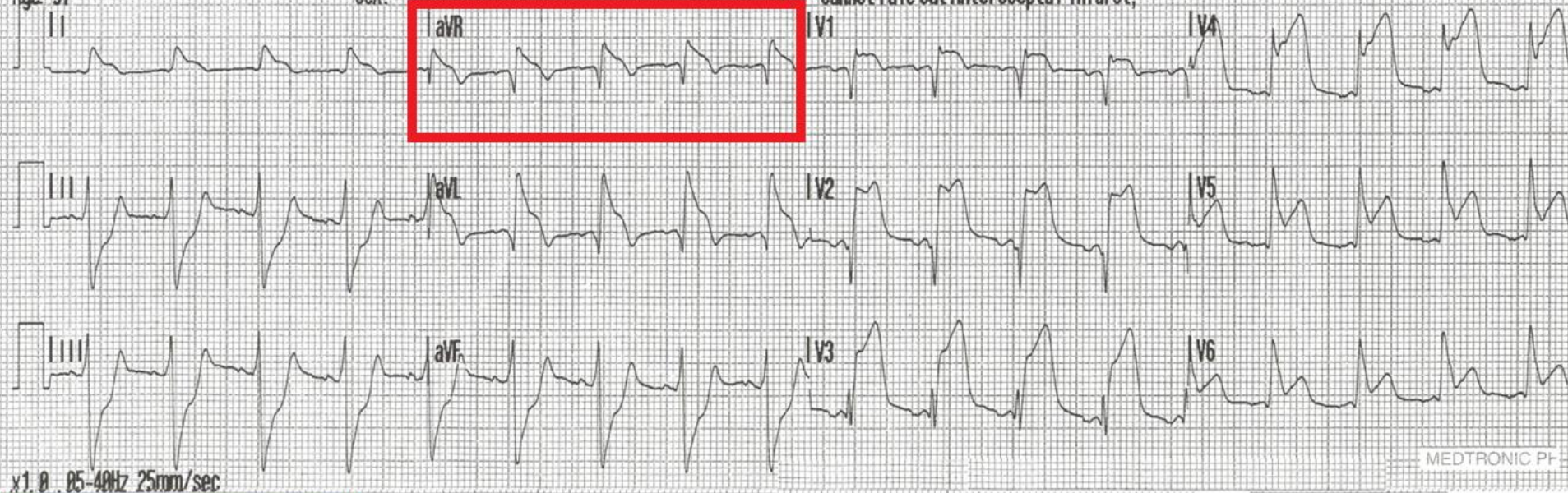
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- ☒ ST ELEVATION in aVR GREATER THAN LEAD V1
- ☒ LEFT ANTERIOR FASCICULAR BLOCK PATTERN



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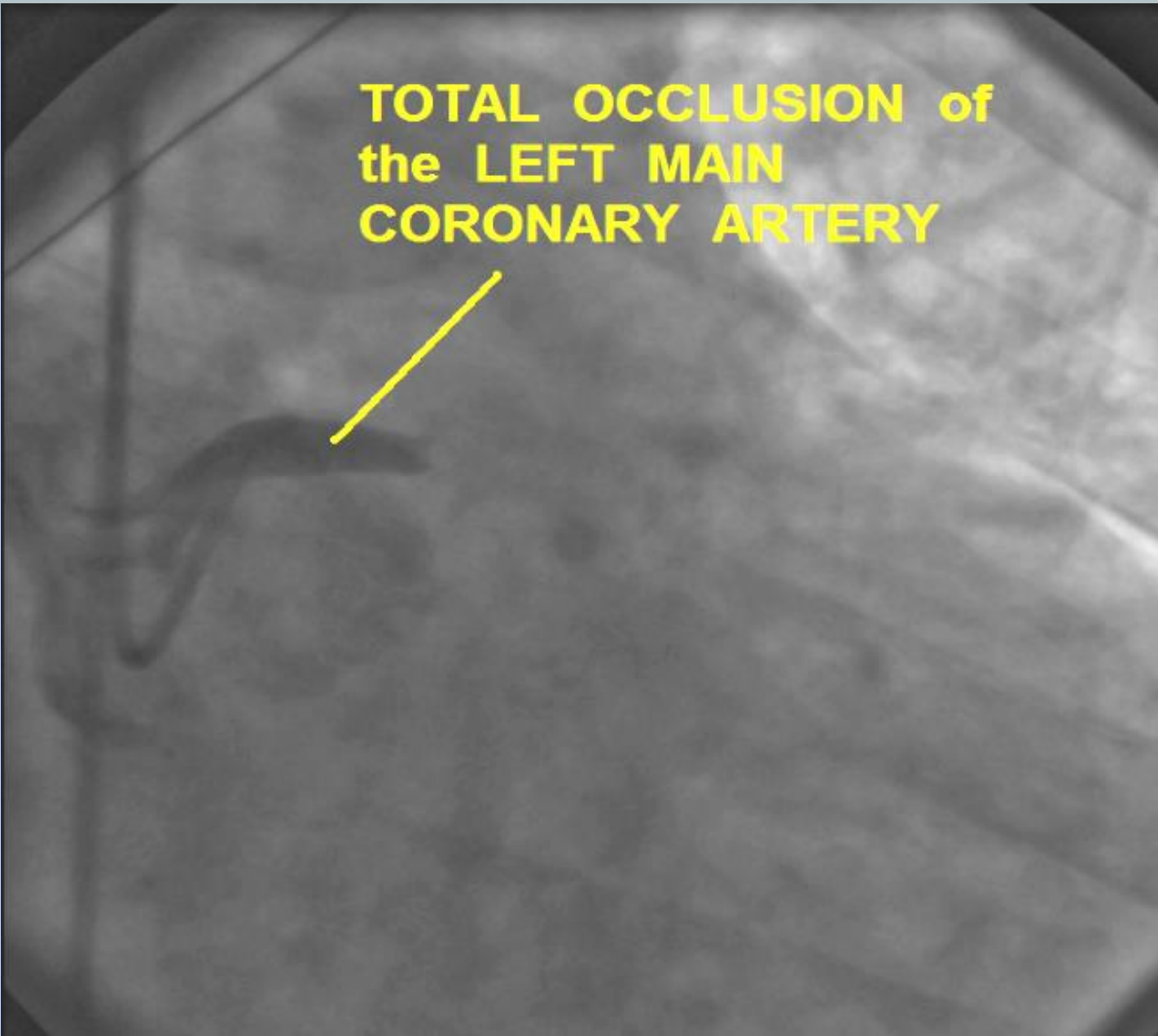
**ACUTE STEMI caused by  
 LEFT MAIN CORONARY  
 ARTERY OCCLUSION**

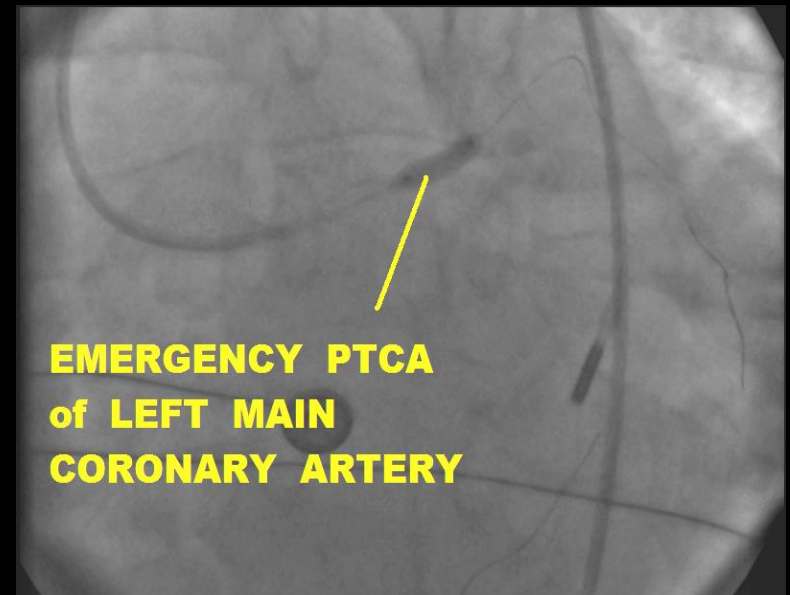
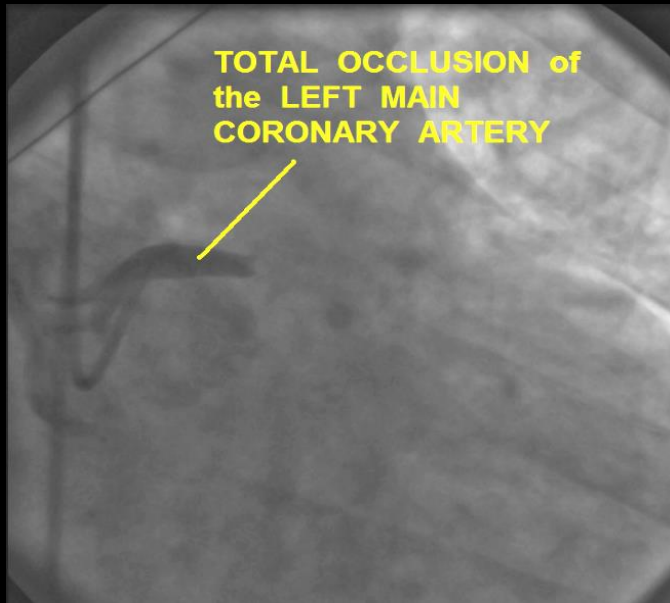


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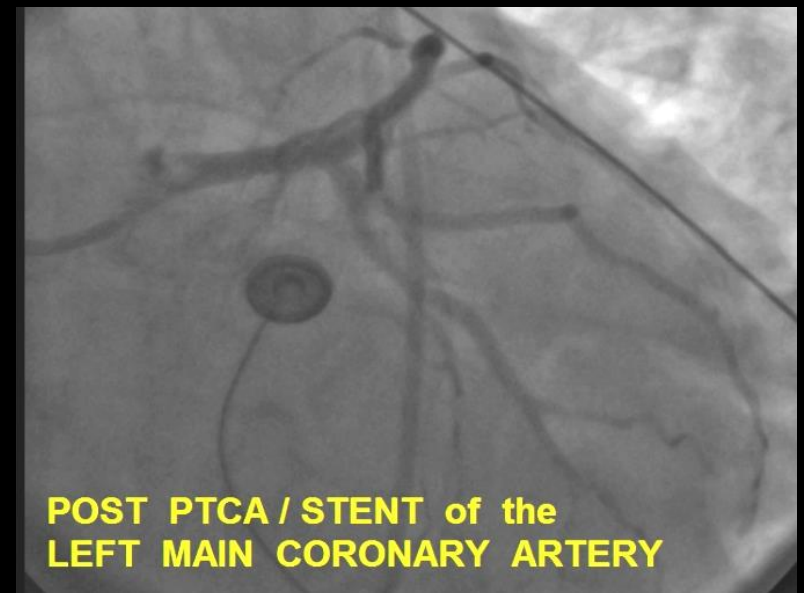
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**TOTAL OCCLUSION of  
the LEFT MAIN  
CORONARY ARTERY**





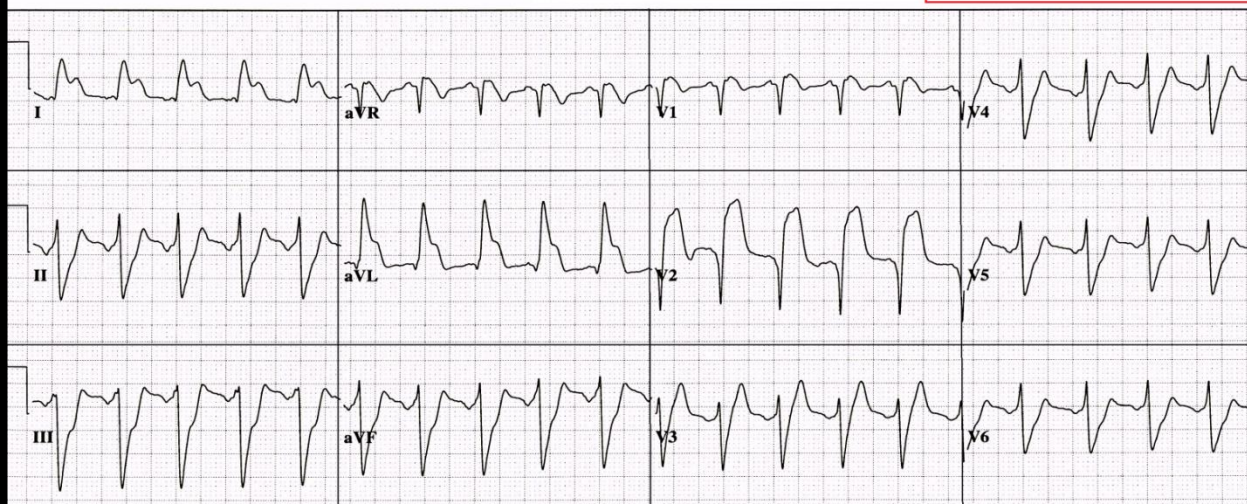
Despite the dismal mortality rate associated with STEMI from total LMCA occlusion, this patient survived and was later discharged. His EF is estimated at approximately 30%. He received an ICD, and is currently stable.





36 yr	Vent. rate	123	BPM	Sinus tachycardia with short PR
Male	PR interval	96	ms	Left ventricular hypertrophy with QRS widening
Caucasian	QRS duration	130	ms	Cannot rule out Septal infarct, age undetermined
Room: C-	QT/QTc	310/443	ms	Lateral injury pattern
Loc: 3	P-R-T axes	* -53	43	***** ACUTE MI *****

**ACUTE STEMI caused by  
LEFT MAIN CORONARY  
ARTERY OCCLUSION**

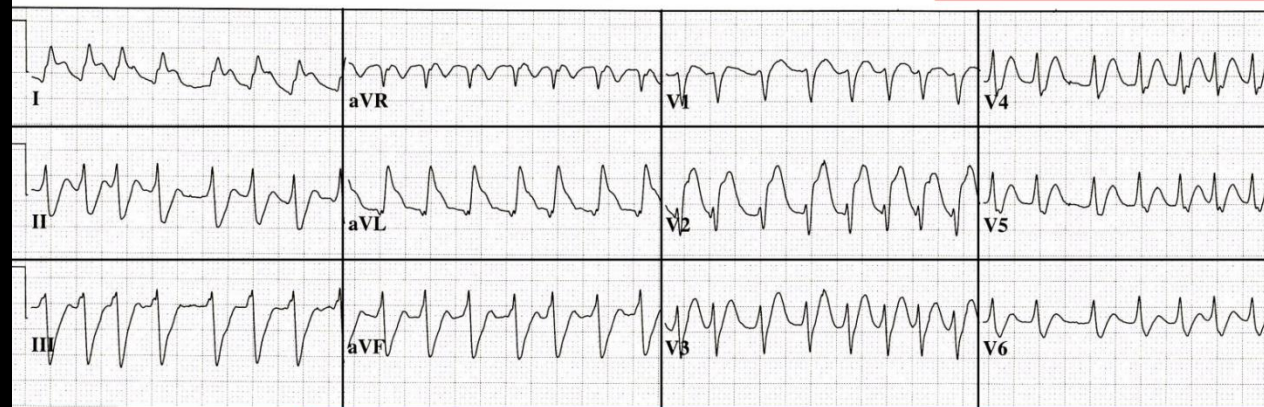


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ARTERY OCCLUSION:**

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- ☒ INCONSISTENCY of ST SEGMENT in leads V1-V6: V1-V3 ST ELEVATION, V4-V6 ST DEPRESSION (COMPETING FORCES of ANTERIOR vs. POSTERIOR M.I.)
- ☒ PATTERN of LEFT ANTERIOR FASCICULAR BLOCK (POS. QRS lead I; NEG rS leads II, III)
- ☒ ST ELEVATION in lead aVR > 0.5 mm

43 yr	Vent. rate	183	BPM	Atrial fibrillation with rapid ventricular response
Male	PR interval	*	ms	with premature ventricular or aberrantly conducted complexes
	QRS duration	106	ms	Left axis deviation
	QT/QTc	240/418	ms	ST elevation consider anterolateral injury or acute infarct
	P-R-T axes	* -34	-18	***** ACUTE MI *****

**ACUTE STEMI caused by  
LEFT MAIN CORONARY  
ARTERY OCCLUSION**



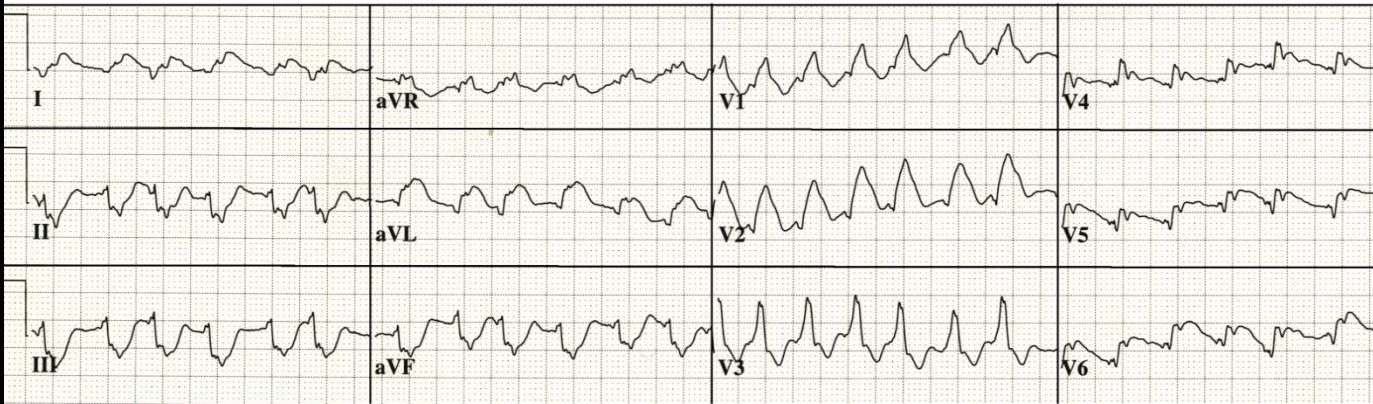
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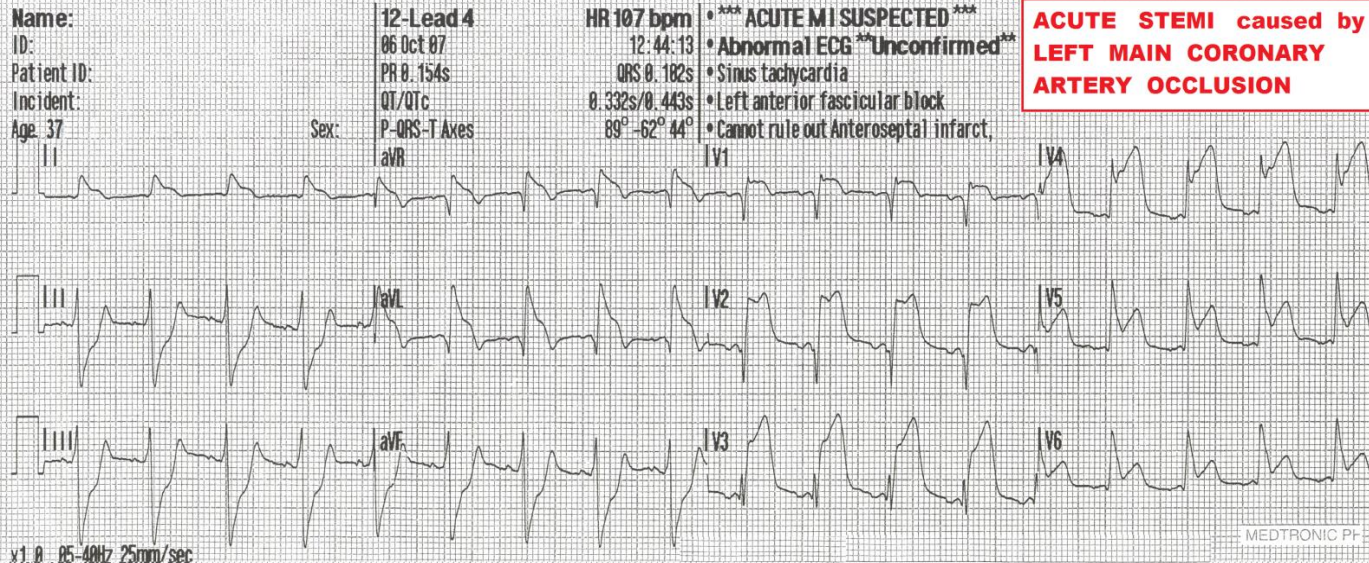
48 yr Male Caucasian Vent. rate 155 BPM  
 PR interval \* ms  
 QRS duration 110 ms  
 QT/QTc 300/482 ms  
 Loc: Option: P-R-T axes \* -83 -34

**ACUTE STEMI caused by  
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 ARTERY OCCLUSION**



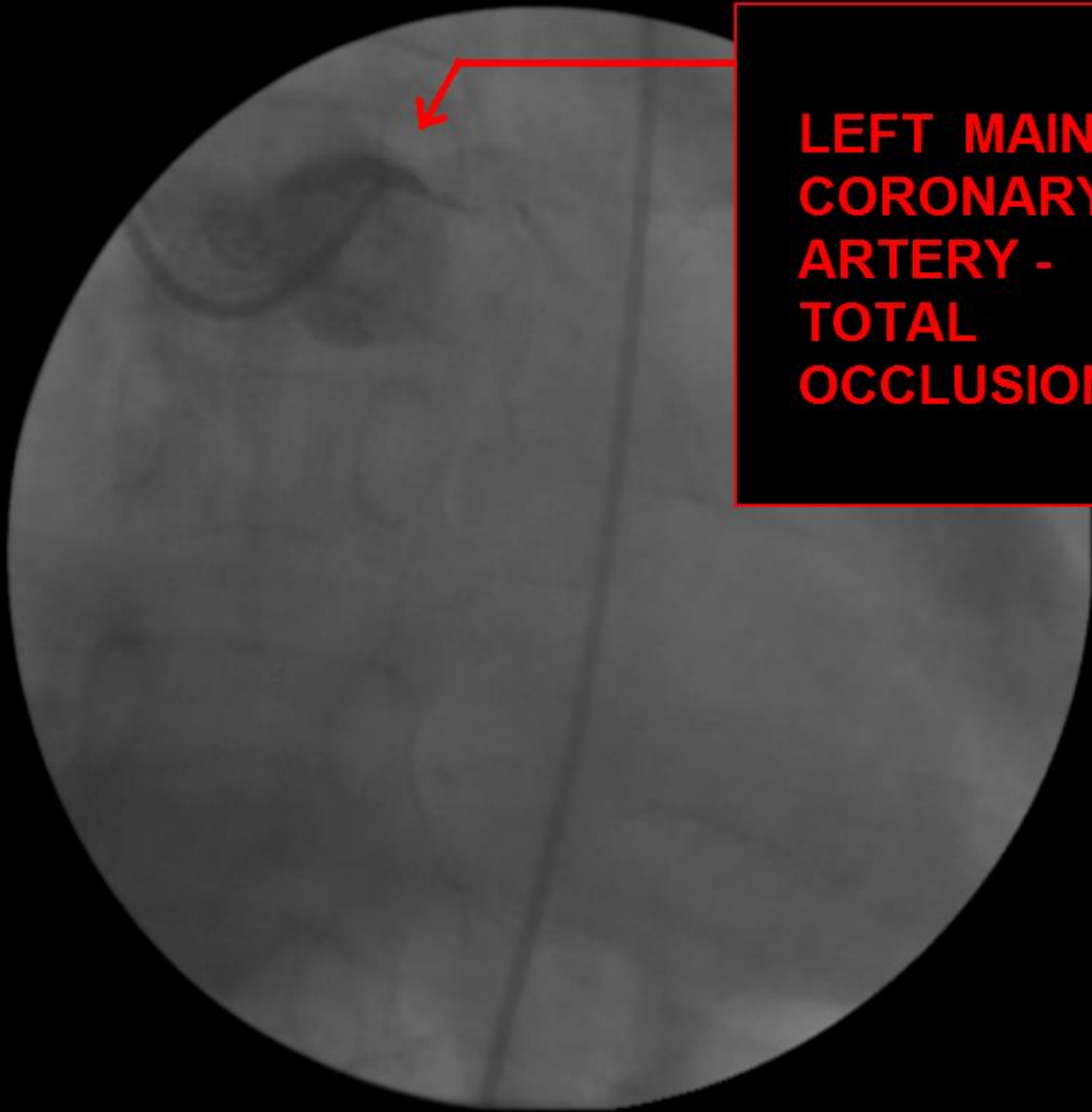
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 LEFT MAIN CORONARY  
 ARTERY OCCLUSION:**

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 (COMPETING FORCES of ANTERIOR vs. POSTERIOR M.I.)
- ☒ RIGHT BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK PATTERN, with
- ☒ LEFT ANTERIOR FASCICULAR BLOCK PATTERN



**ECG CLUES of ACUTE  
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**LEFT MAIN  
CORONARY  
ARTERY -  
TOTAL  
OCCLUSION**



## CASE STUDY 4: CRITICAL DECISIONS SCENARIO

### CONCLUSIONS:

QUESTION 1: WHICH PATIENT SHOULD BE TAKEN FIRST FOR IMMEDIATE CARDIAC CATHETERIZATION for EMERGENCY PCI ?

ANSWER: PATIENT B was taken emergently to the Cardiac Cath Lab - both the ED physician and the Interventional Cardiologist correctly identified the EKG patterns of LMCA occlusion.

QUESTION 2: WHAT COURSE OF ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH THE PATIENT NOT CHOSEN TO BE SENT TO THE CATH LAB FIRST?

ANSWER: PATIENT A received thrombolytic therapy in the ED. It was determined that THROMBOLYTIC THERAPY would achieve the FASTEST ROUTE to REPERFUSION -- *by at least 60 minutes.*

**CHIEF COMPLAINT and SIGNIFICANT HISTORY:**

46 yr. old MALE arrives in ER, C/O SUDDEN ONSET OF CHEST PRESSURE 45 MINUTES AGO. PAIN IS CONSTANT, PRESSURE-LIKE, AND NOT EFFECTED BY POSITION, MOVEMENT or DEEP INSPIRATION. ALSO C/O D.I.B.

**RISK FACTOR PROFILE:**

-  **CURRENT CIGARTE SMOKER x 18 YEARS**
-  **HYPERTENSION**
-  **HIGH LDL CHOLESTEROL**

**PHYSICAL EXAM:** Patient is alert & oriented x 4, skin warm, dry, color normal. Non-anxious  
Lungs clear, normal S1, S2. No JVD, No ankle edema.

**VITAL SIGNS:** BP: 136/88 P: 88 R: 20 SAO2: 100% on 4 LPM O2


**LABS:** TROPONIN: < .04



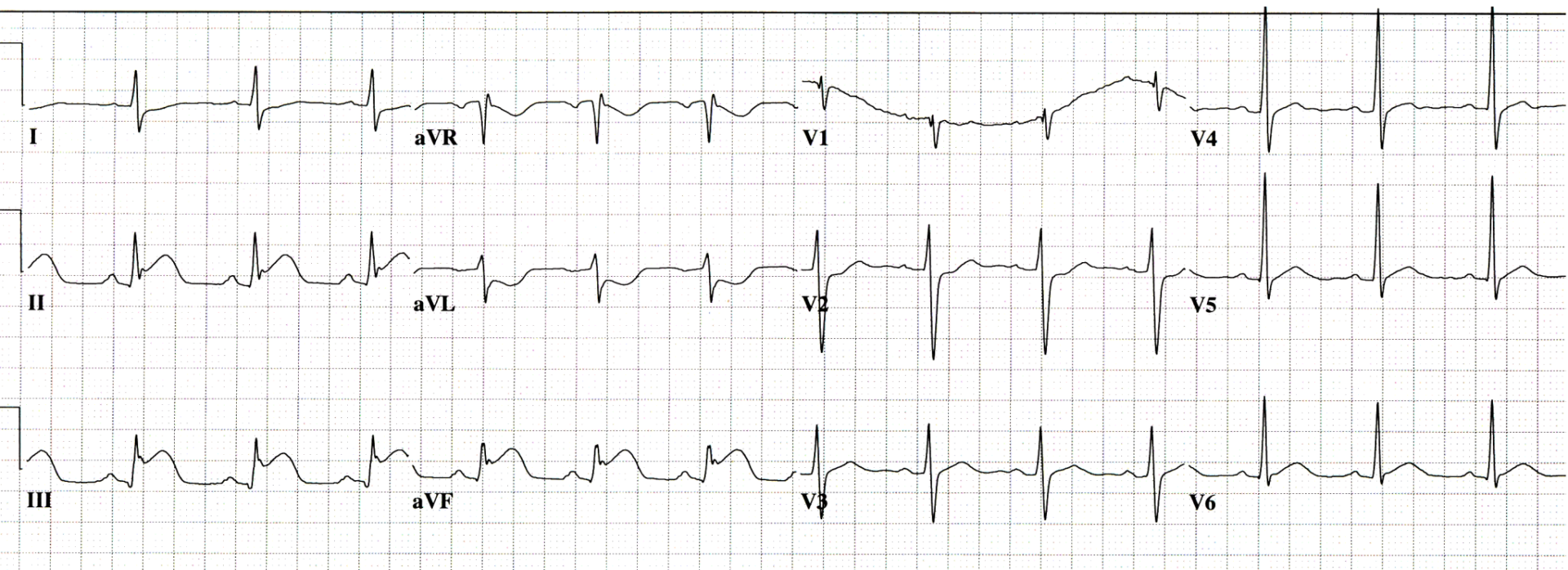
46 yr  
Male      Caucasian

Vent. rate	82	BPM
PR interval	168	ms
QRS duration	96	ms
QT/QTc	384/448	ms
P-R-T axes	76 81	88

Loc:3      Option:23

 **EVALUATE EKG for indicators of ACS:**

- ST SEGMENT ELEVATION / DEPRESSION
- HYPERACUTE T WAVES
- CONVEX ST SEGMENTS
- OTHER ST SEGMENT / T WAVE ABNORMALITIES



46 yr  
Male

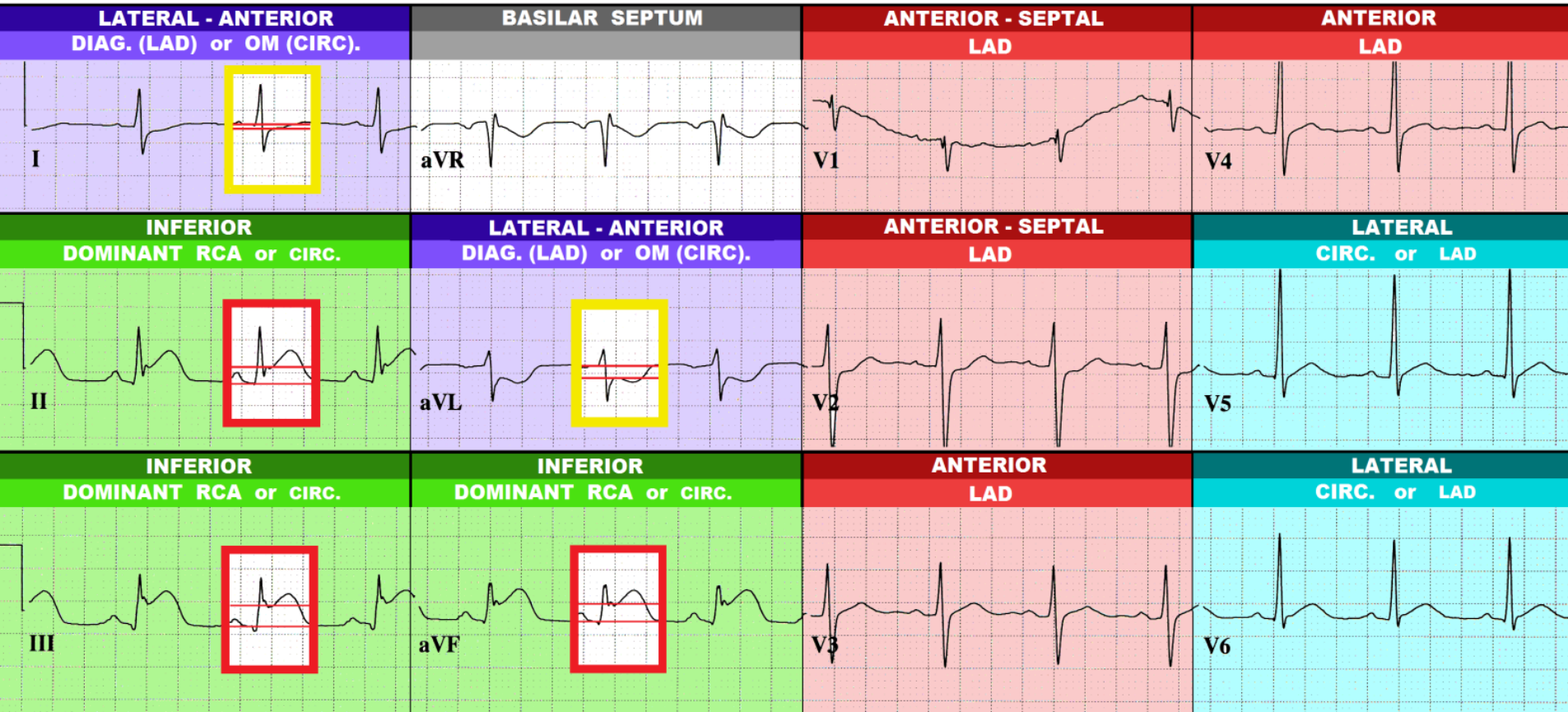
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ST elevation consider inferior injury or acute infarct  
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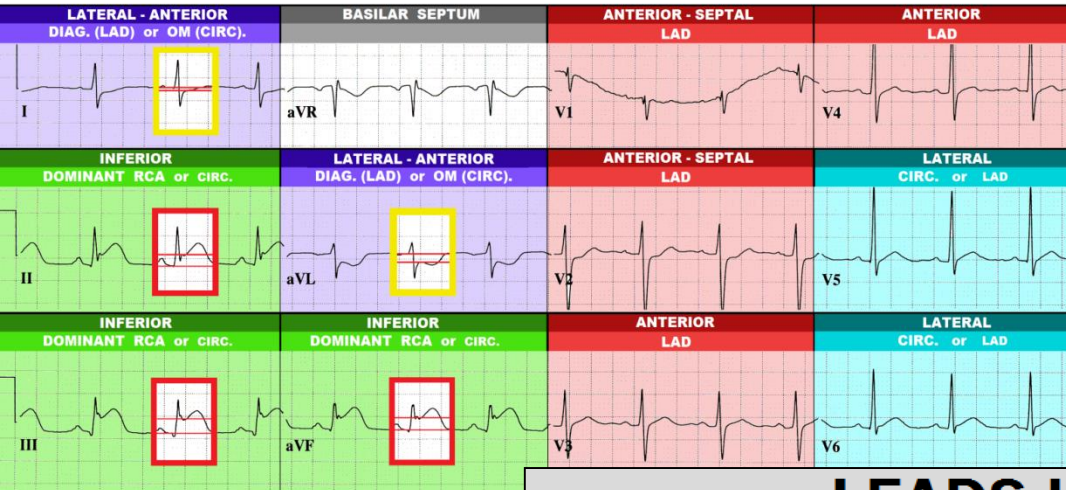
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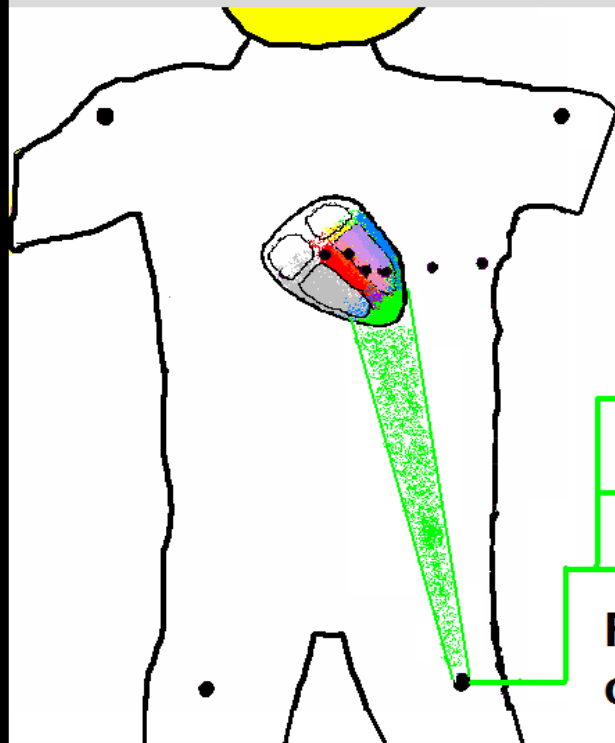


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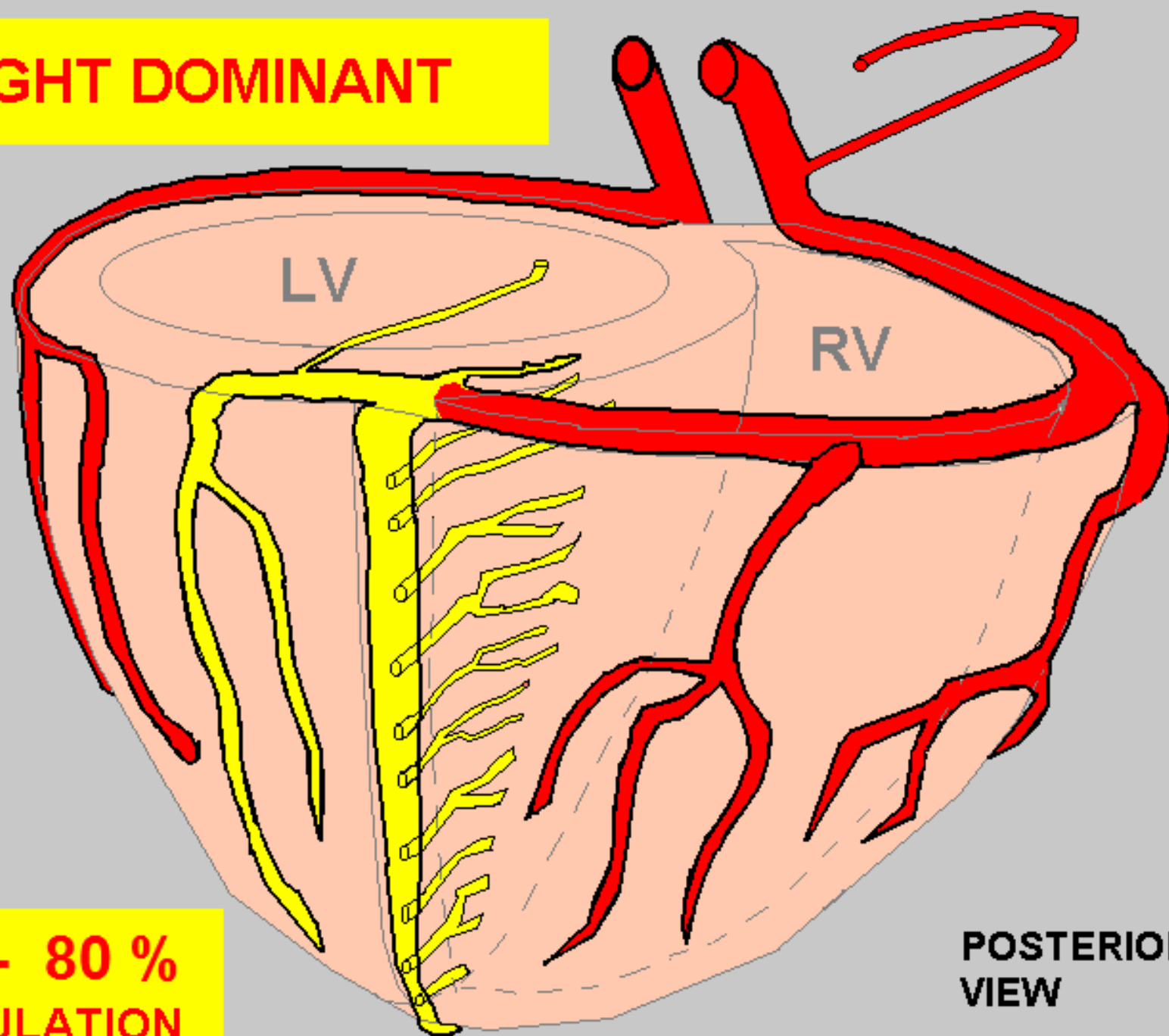
# LEADS II, III, and aVF VIEW INFERIOR WALL of the LEFT VENTRICLE



RUPPERT, WAYNE		ID: 7445683659	05-OCT-2006	JOHNS-HOPKINS UNIV.
38 Yrs	MALE	Vent. Rate: 68	NORMAL SINUS RHYTHM	
		P-R Int.: 160 ms	Normal EKG	
		QRS: 100 ms	Very Healthy Athletic EKG !	
I	AVR	V1	V4	
II	AVL	V2	V5	
III	AVF	V3	V6	

FED by the RCA ( 75 - 80 % pop )  
or the CIRCUMFLEX ( 10 - 15 % )

**RIGHT DOMINANT**



**75 - 80 %  
POPULATION**

**POSTERIOR  
VIEW**





HELPFUL HINT... *MEMORIZE THIS !*

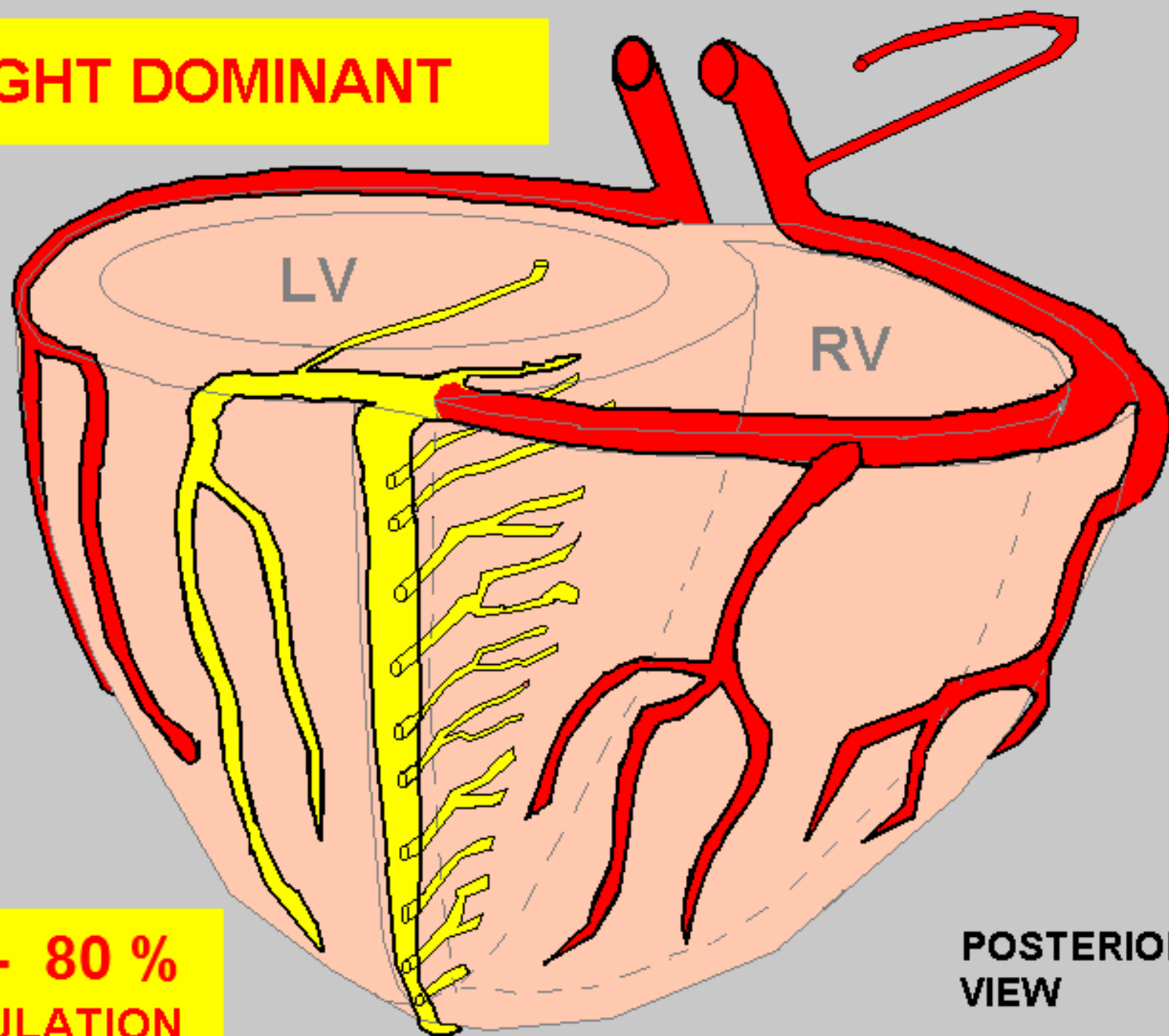


## RIGHT CORONARY ARTERY ( RCA )

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

**RIGHT DOMINANT**



**75 - 80 %  
POPULATION**

**POSTERIOR  
VIEW**

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.**

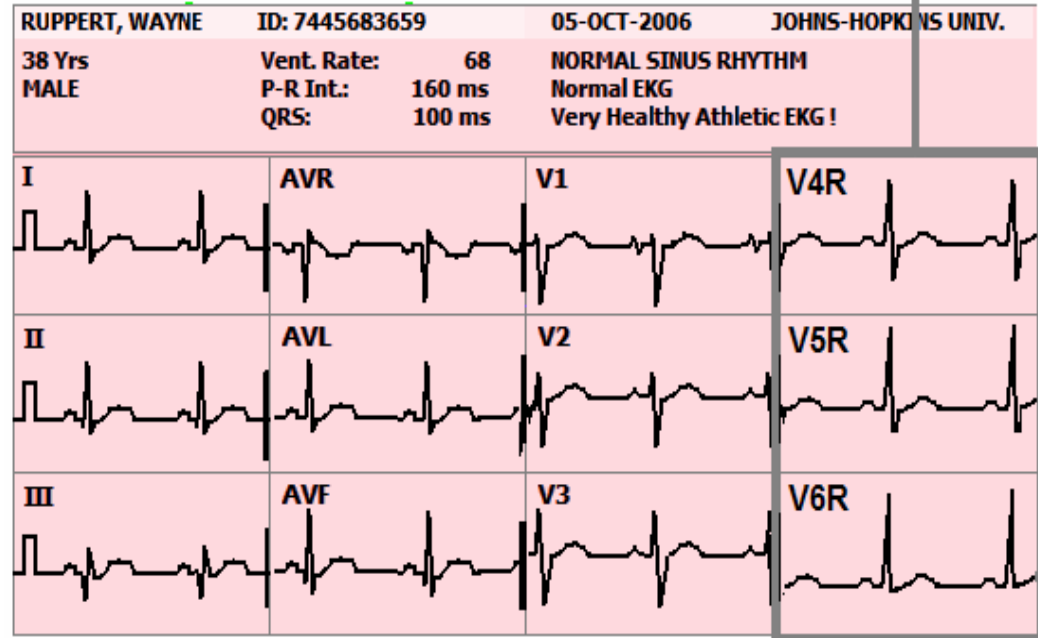
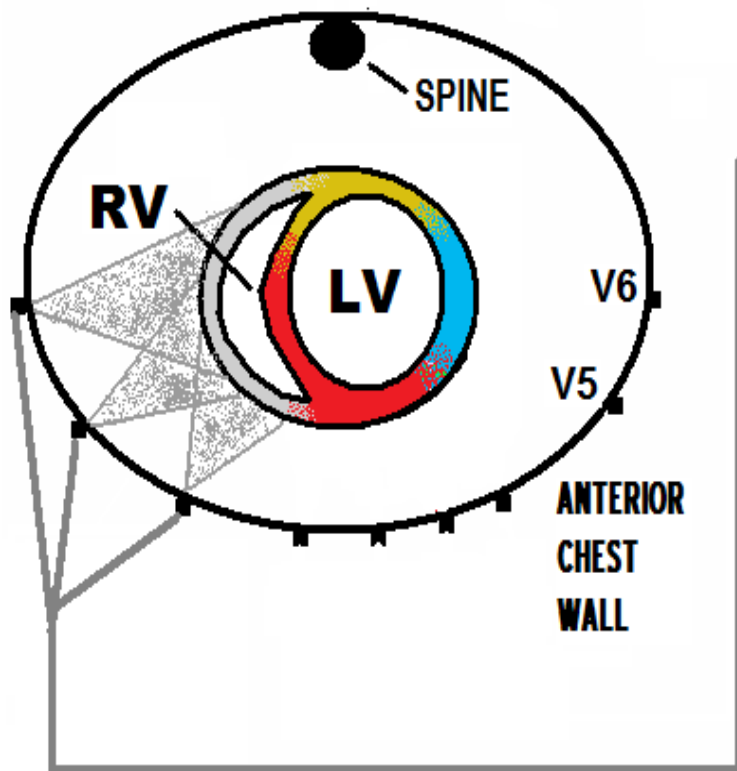


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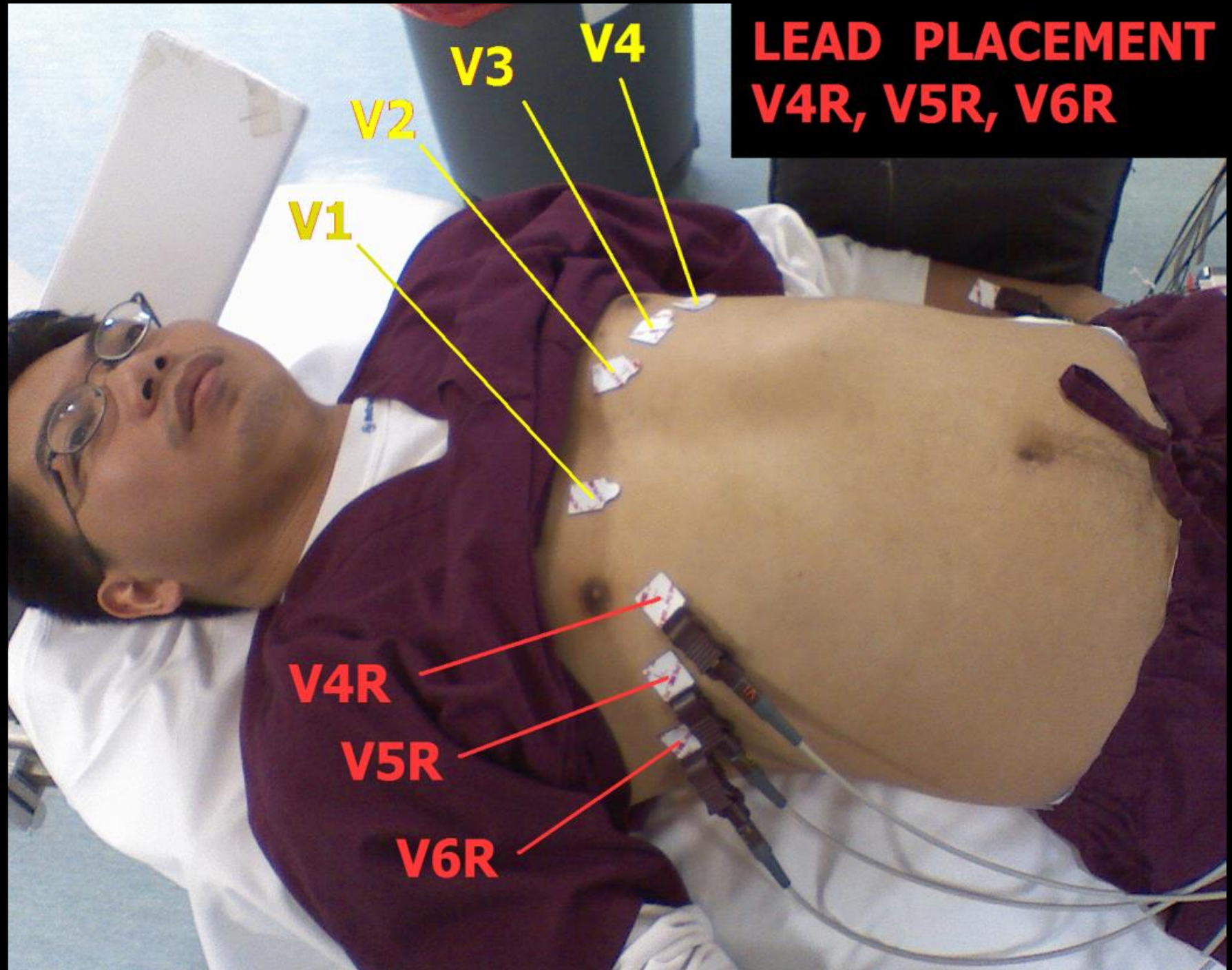
**RIGHT - SIDED EKG !!**



# V4R - V6R VIEW THE RIGHT VENTRICLE



# LEAD PLACEMENT V4R, V5R, V6R





ID:

46 yo

Male Caucasian

Room:

Opt:

Technician:

Vent. rate 87 bpm  
 PR interval 176 ms  
 QRS duration 94 ms  
 QT/QTc 330/397 ms  
 P-R-T axes 79 81 102

Normal sinus rhythm

~~Anterolateral infarct, possibly acute~~

Inferior injury pattern

\*\*\*\*\* Acute MI \*\*\*\*\*

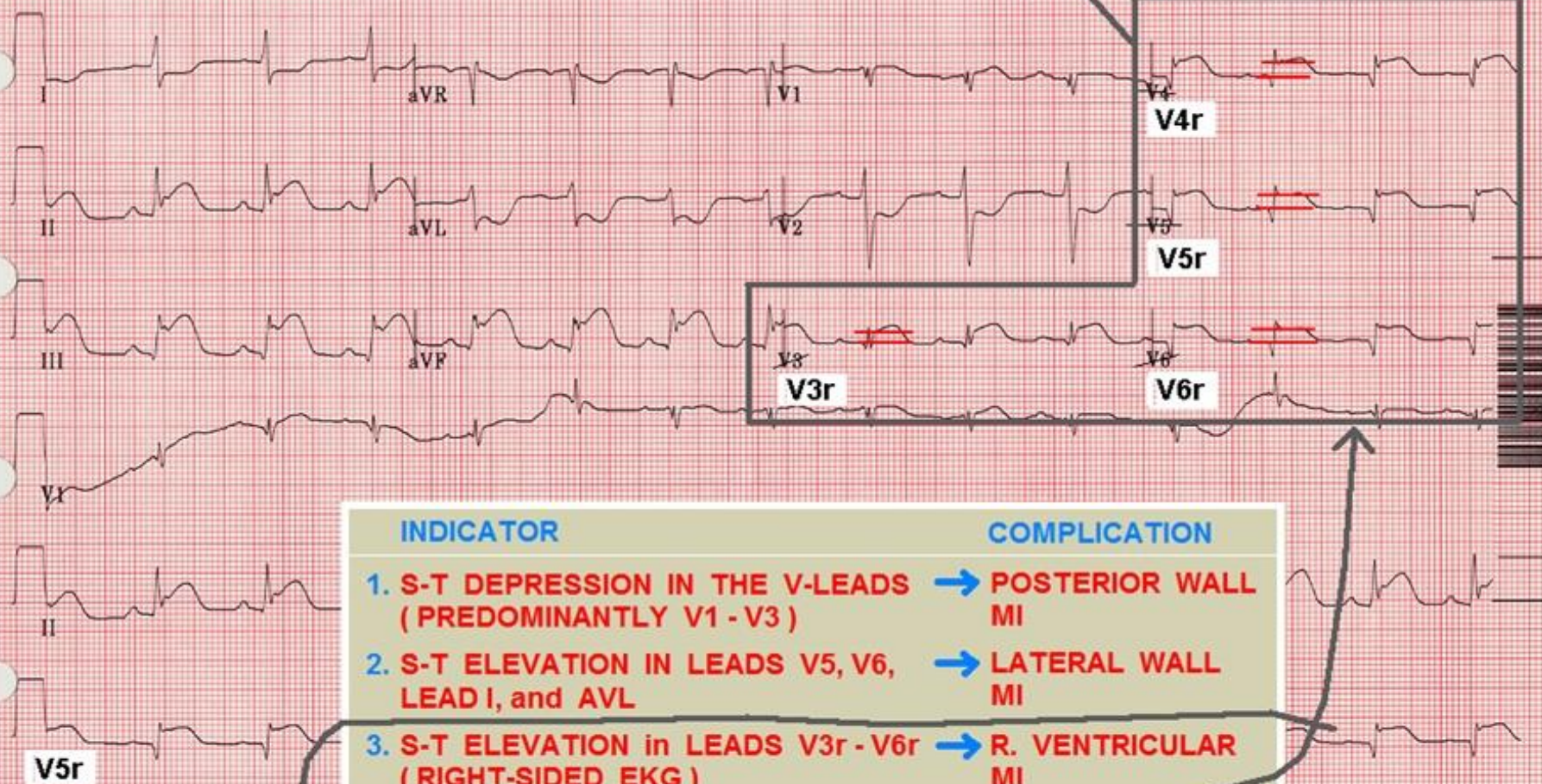
Abnormal ECG

**Right Ventricular Infarct**

V LEADS  
 R SIDE

Referred by:

Unconfirmed

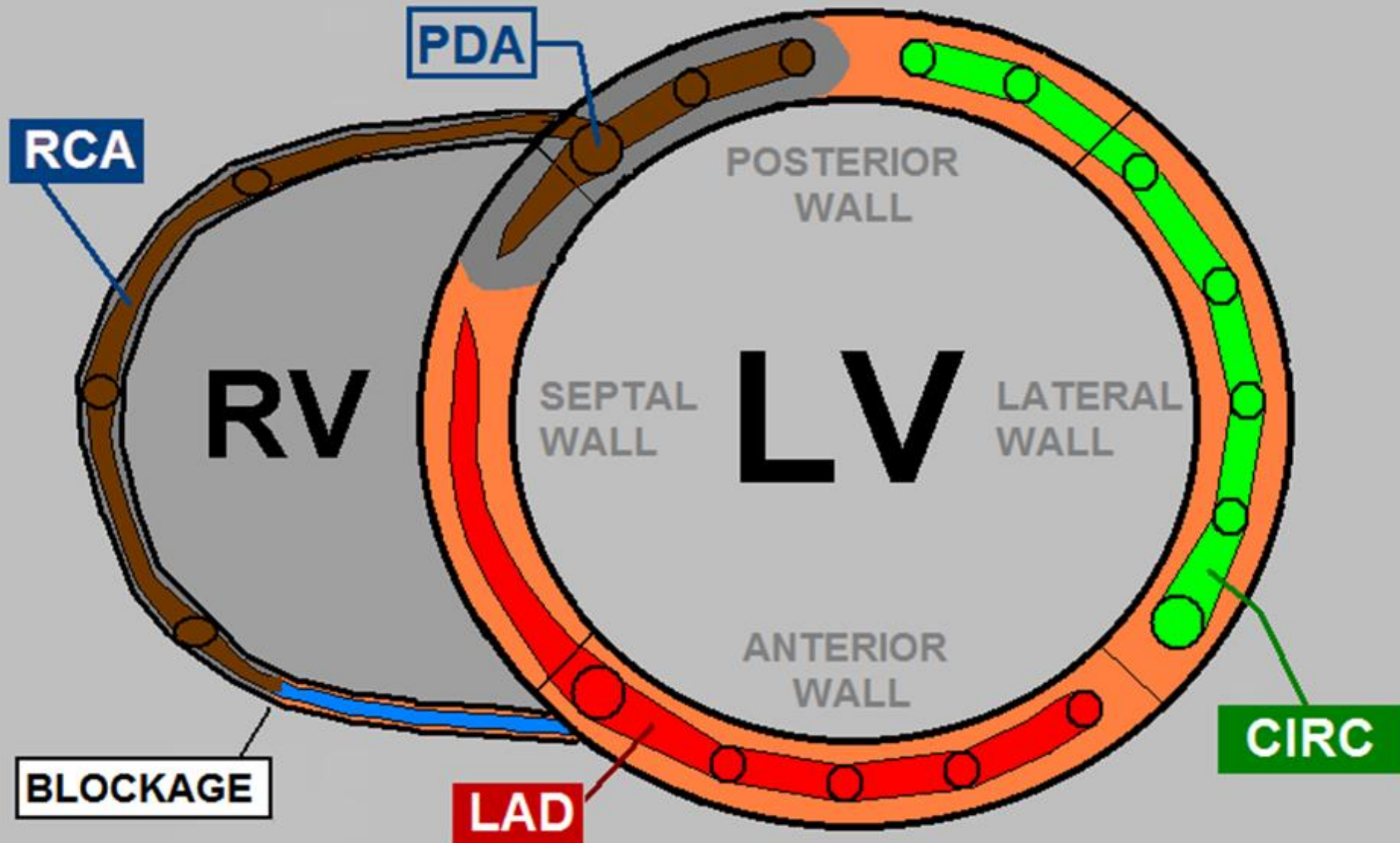




# INFERIOR - RIGHT VENTRICULAR MI

**DOMINANT RCA**

**75-80 % of POPULATION**





# ANTICIPATED COMPLICATIONS of INFERIOR WALL STEMI secondary to RCA Occlusion & POSSIBLE INDICATED INTERVENTIONS:

- CARDIAC ARREST	BCLS / ACLS
- CARDIAC DYSRHYTHMIAS (VT / VF)	ACLS (antiarrhythmics)
- SINUS BRADYCARDIA	ATROPINE 0.5mg, REPEAT as needed UP TO 3mg. (follow ACLS and/or UNIT protocols)
- HEART BLOCKS (1st, 2nd & 3rd Degree HB)	ATROPINE 0.5mg, REPEAT as needed UP TO 3mg, Transcutaneous Pacing, (follow ACLS and/or UNIT protocols)
- RIGHT VENTRICULAR MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The standard 12 Lead ECG does NOT view the Right Ventricle.</li> <li>- You must do a RIGHT-SIDED ECG to see if RV MI is present.</li> <li>- Do NOT give any Inferior Wall STEMI patient NITRATES or DIURETICS until RV MI has been RULED OUT.</li> </ul>

If this patient becomes  
**HYPOTENSIVE . . . . .**

MI with HYPOTENSION ??

WET LUNG  
SOUNDS ??

NO

YES

RIGHT VENTRICULAR MI ?

YES

NO

POSTERIOR / LATERAL  
INVOLVEMENT ?

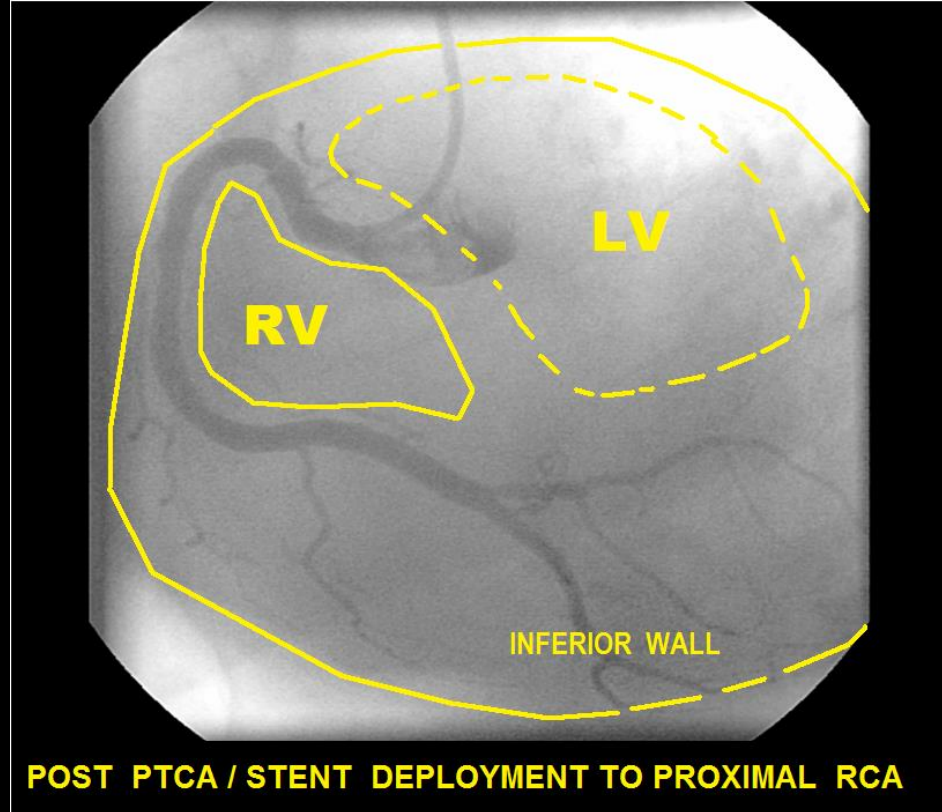
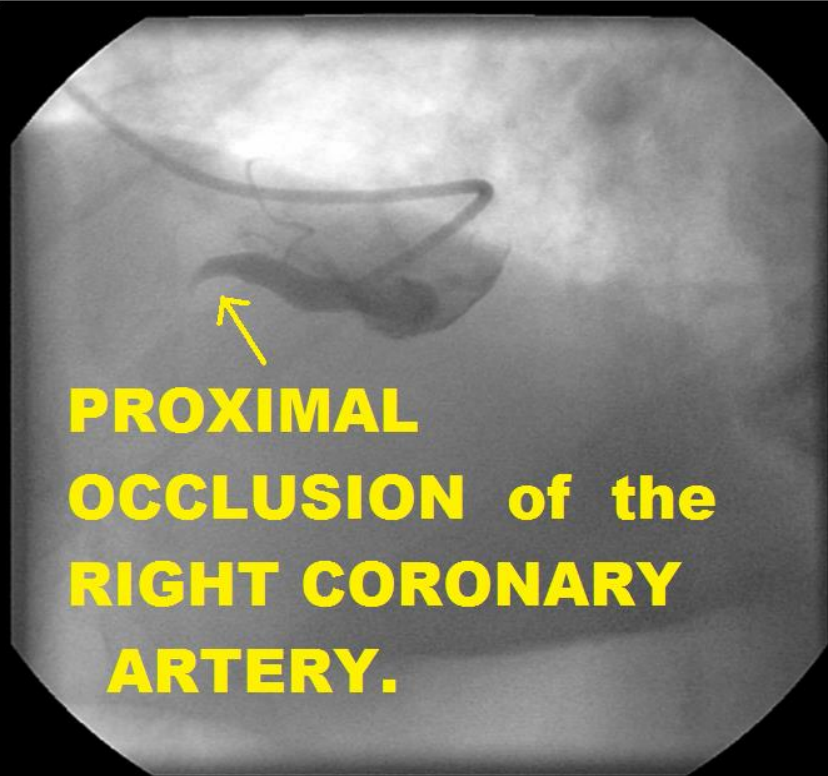
NO

YES

IV  
FLUIDS !

- FLUID CHALLENGE
- INOTROPES
- CONSIDER I.A.B.P

- INOTROPES
- CONSIDER ET INTUBATION
- CONSIDER I.A.B.P.





IN *EVERY* CASE of

# INFERIOR WALL STEMI

You must first *RULE OUT*

## RIGHT VENTRICULAR MI

*BEFORE* giving any:

- NITROGLYCERIN
- Diuretics

**Nitroglycerin & Diuretics  
are  
CLASS III CONTRINDICATED  
in  
RIGHT VENTRICULAR MI ! !\***

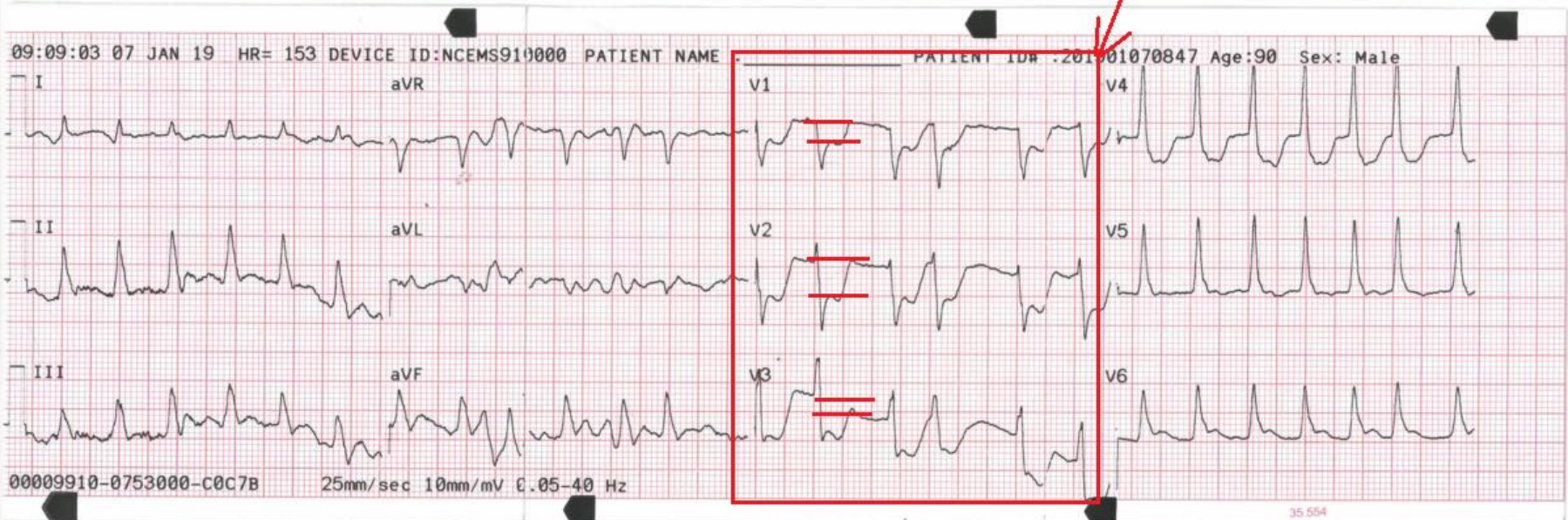
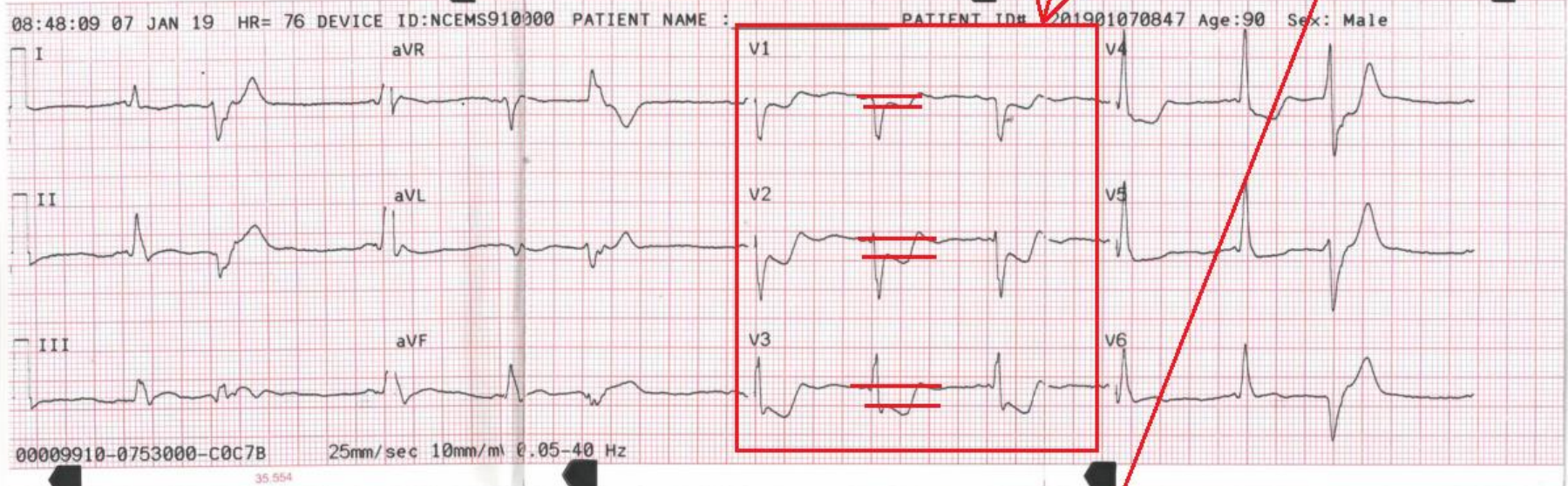
**They precipitate SEVERE  
HYPOTENSION**

**\* A.H.A. ACLS 2010 / 2015**

# Case Study- January 2019

- 79 y/o female complaining of “L arm pain, and minimal chest pain”
- EMS 12 Lead ECGs show ST Depression in Anterior Leads V1-V4. There is NO ST Elevation.....

**Two EMS 12 Lead ECGs: none show ST Elevation, but both show significant ST depression in Anterior Leads V1-V3.**





# Initial Exam in ED

- Upon arrival in ED, 12 Lead ECG confirmed EMS findings: ST Depression in Leads V1-V4.

Pat ID [REDACTED]

01/07/2019 09:19:35

Caucasian Female

Bayfront Health Seven Rivers ED

RX  
DXDept ED  
Room ED01  
Tech gp

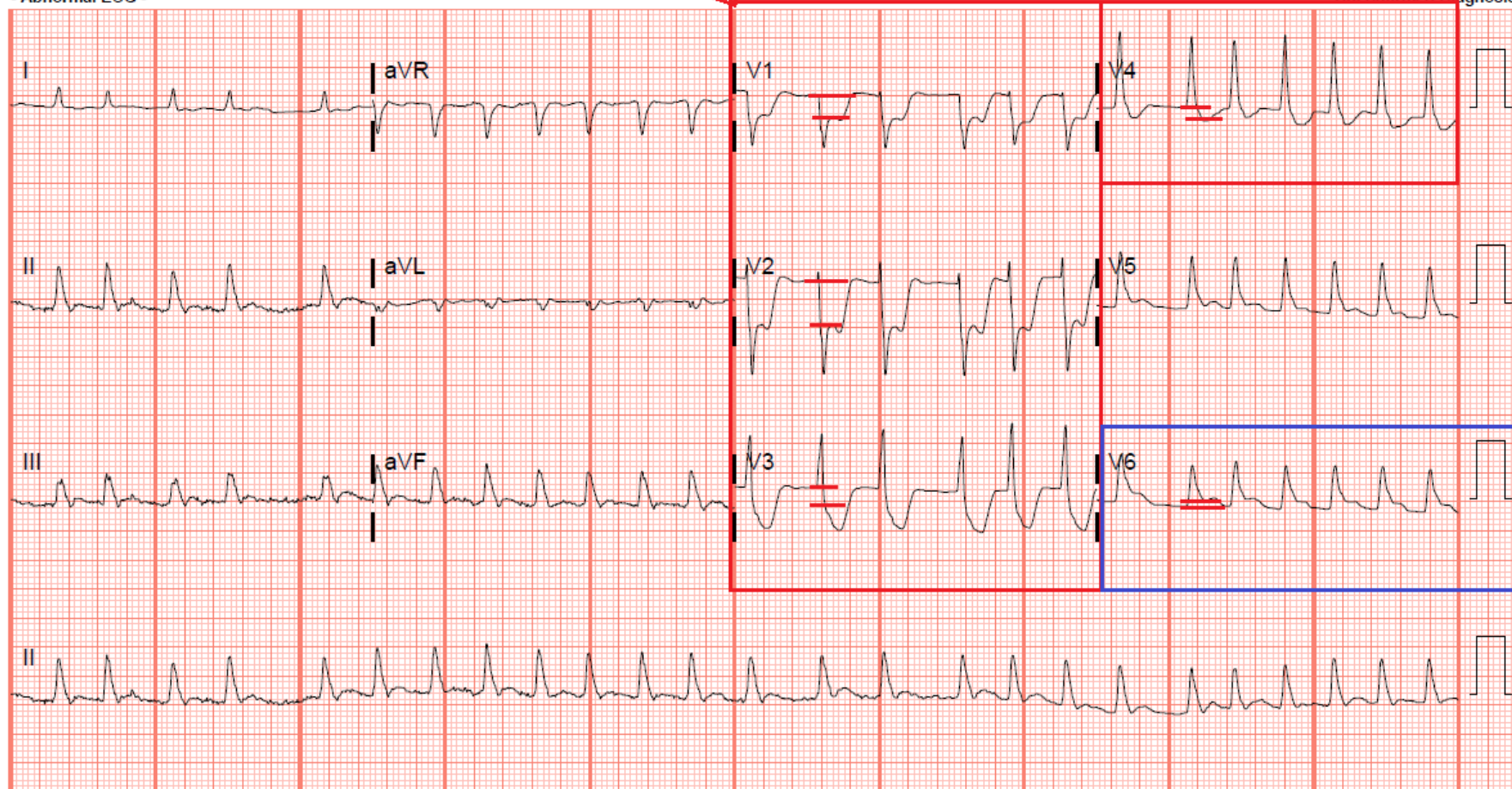
Rate 153 Atrial fibrillation with rapid V-rate  
PR Nonspecific intraventricular conduction delay  
QRSd 117 NO PREVIOUS ECG AVAILABLE FOR COMPARISON  
QT 260  
QTc 415

Req Provider:

--Axis--  
P  
QRS 73  
T 78

**ST Depression Leads V1 - V4****Minimal ST Elevation in Lead V6.  
(Does not meet STEMI Criteria)**

- Abnormal ECG -

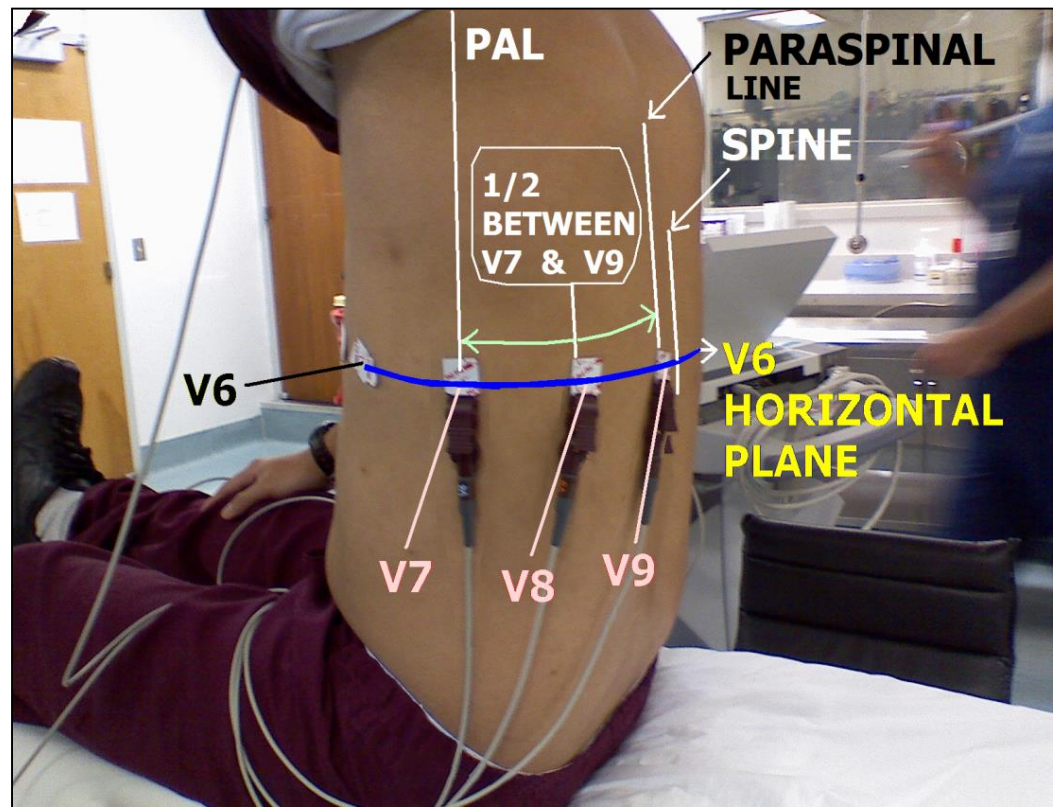


# Causes of ST Depression V1-V4

- Anterior Wall ischemia
- Anterior Wall NSTEMI (partial wall thickness myocardial infarction)
- Posterior Wall STEMI

# Continued Exam in the ED....

- Upon noting ST Depression in Anterior Leads, 3 leads were placed on the patient's back. The lead wires for V4, V5 and V6, were repositioned, as shown here:
- The "Posterior Lead ECG" is seen on the next slide.....





Pat ID [REDACTED]

01/07/2019 09:23:29

[REDACTED] 79 yrs

Caucasian Female

Account [REDACTED]

Bayfront Health Seven Rivers ED

Dept EDHD

Room EDH

Tech gp

Req Provider: ONIER VILLARREAL

Rate 133 Atrial fibrillation  
PR ~~Anterolateral infarct, acute~~  
QRSd 114 Prolonged QT interval  
QT 337 COMPARED TO ECG 01/07/2019 09:21:04  
QTc 502 PROLONGED QT INTERVAL NOW PRESENT

--Axis--

**\*\* Posterior Infarct - Acute \*\***

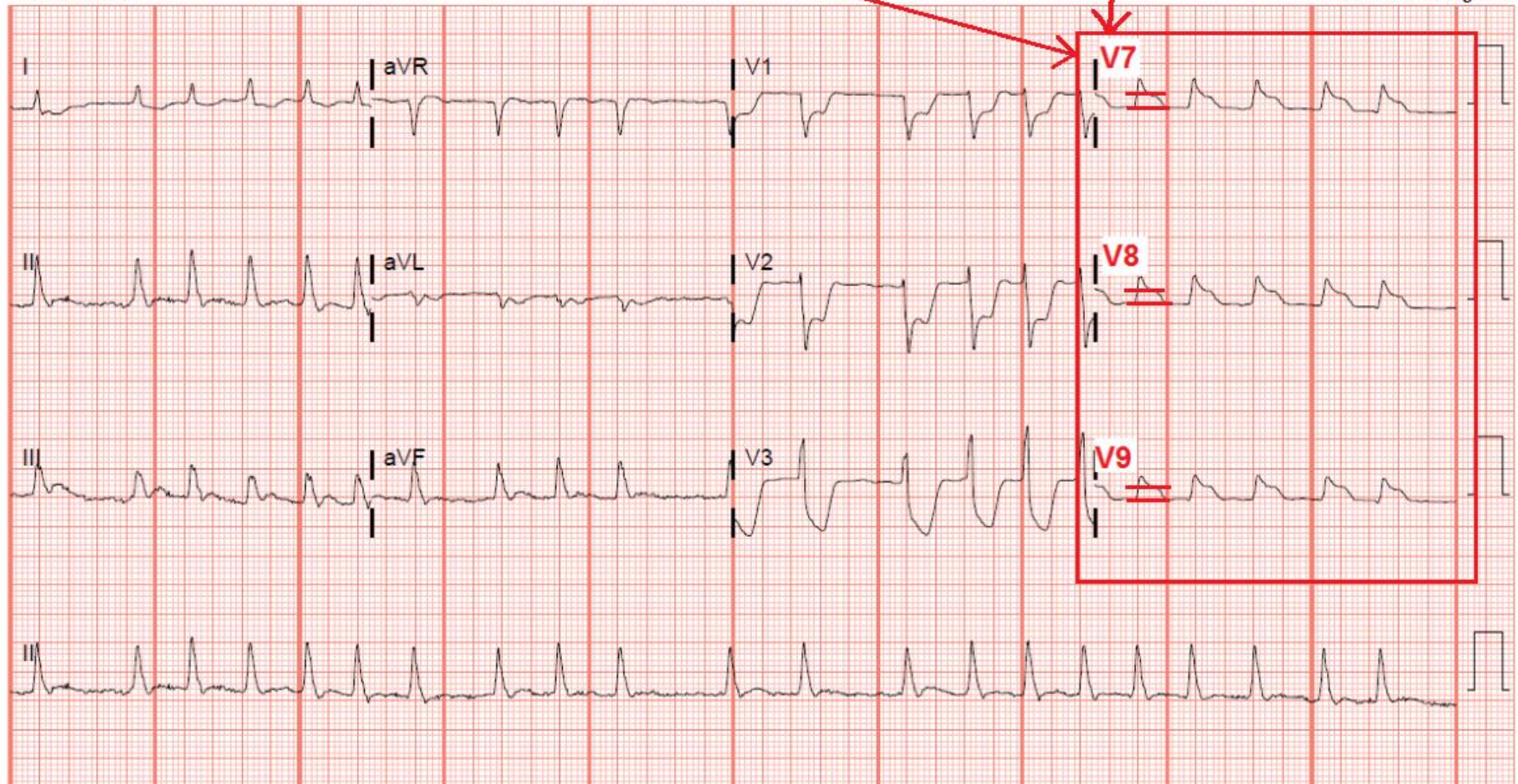
P  
QRS 77  
T 121

**ACUTE POSTERIOR WALL STEMI**

**Chest leads V4-V6 repositioned to patient's back (Posterior Leads V7, V8 and V9) reveal ST Segment Elevation. Patient diagnosis changes from "possible NSTEMI" to "Acute STEMI."**

- Abnormal ECG -

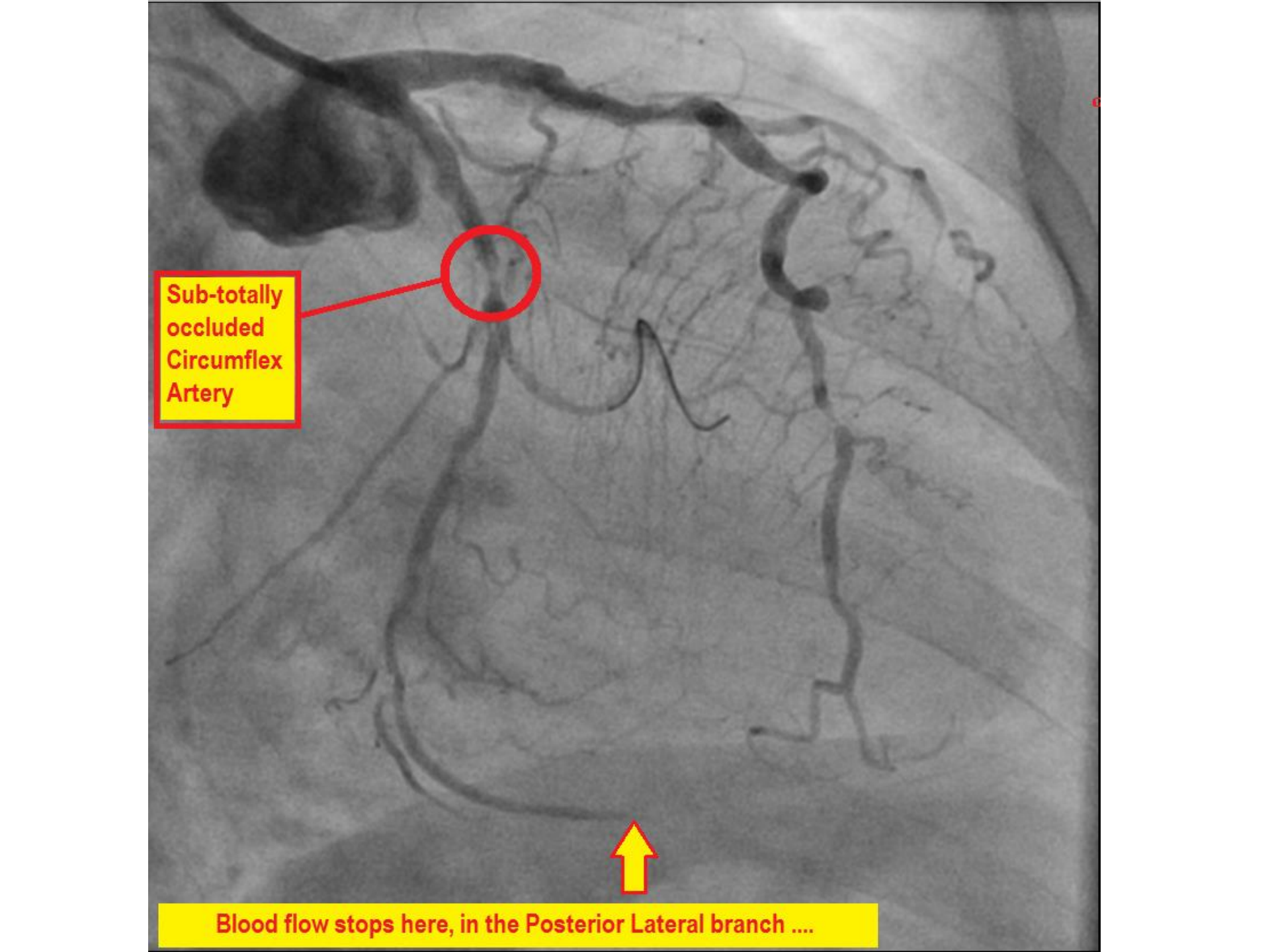
Unconfirmed Diagnosis



# STEMI Alert !

Upon seeing “Significant ST Elevation in TWO or more CONTIGUOUS LEADS, the ED physician diagnosed “Posterior Wall STEMI,” a STEMI Alert was issued, and the patient was taken immediately to the cardiac cath lab, where the following images were obtained.....





Sub-totally  
occluded  
Circumflex  
Artery

This is a grayscale coronary angiogram showing the left coronary artery system. The main trunk of the left coronary artery is visible at the top, branching into the anterior descending artery (running down the center) and the circumflex artery (curving around the heart). A red circle highlights a narrowing in the circumflex artery. A yellow arrow points to a branch of the anterior descending artery. The background shows the faint outline of the heart and surrounding structures.

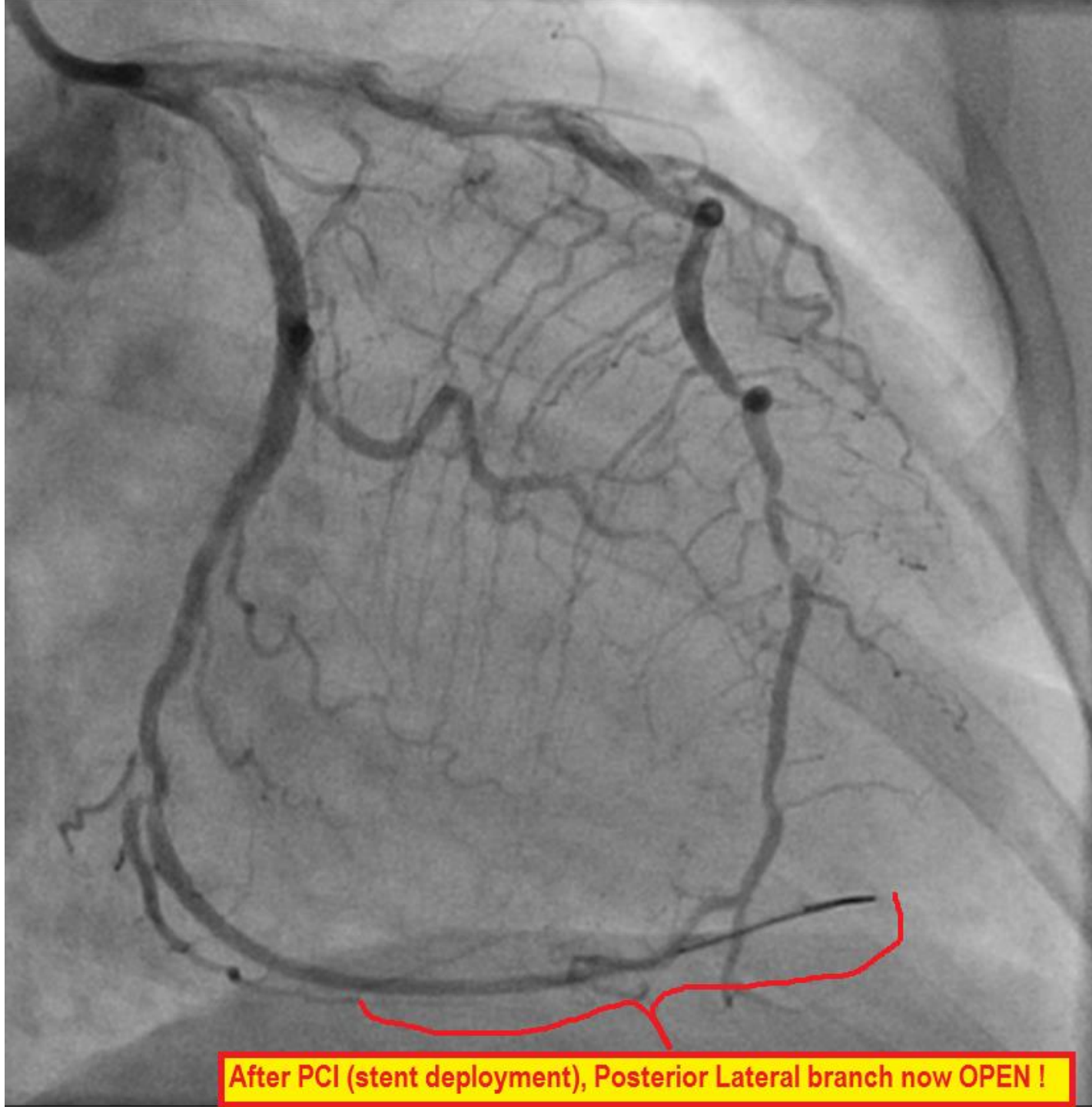
Blood flow stops here, in the Posterior Lateral branch ....

PCI balloon inflated  
here.....



Handwritten signature or mark.





After PCI (stent deployment), Posterior Lateral branch now OPEN !

# SUMMARY

- Whenever ST Depression is noted in Anterior Leads (V1-V4), it could indicate that Acute Posterior Wall STEMI is present.
- To rule-out Posterior Wall STEMI, a “posterior lead ECG” (V7 – V9) must be obtained.
- In THIS CASE, **Posterior Wall STEMI** was diagnosed via Posterior Lead ECG.
- **STEMI Alert was issued, with a Door-to-PCI time of 53 minutes.**