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# The INTEGRATED ECG

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**Welcome !**



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

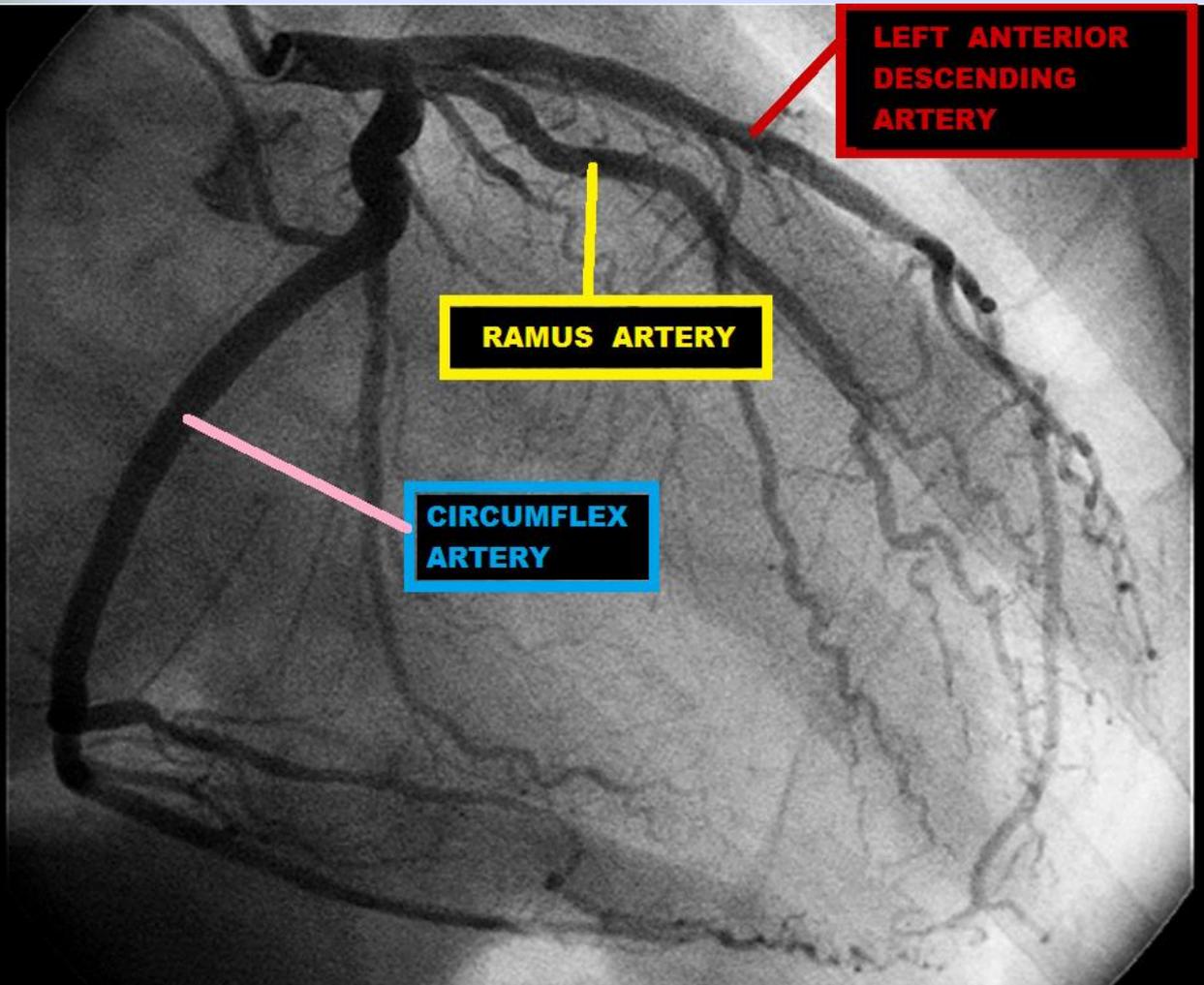
**13,000 – 15,000 EP and Cath Lab cases between 1996 - Today**



**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

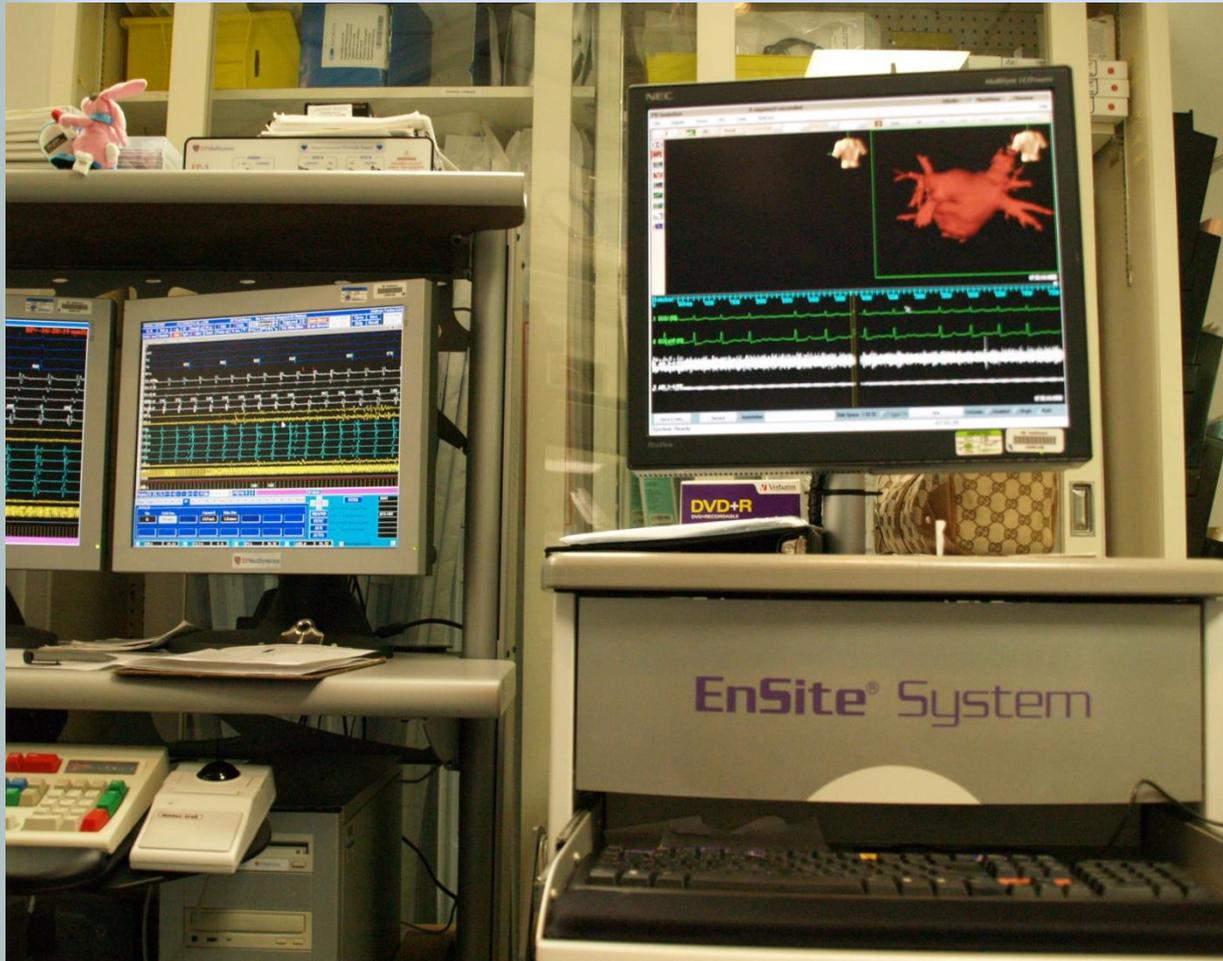


EP Catheters within the heart used for obtaining the Electrogram (the “internal ECG”) Tracing and for Pace-mapping, an integral component of an EP study



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.

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- 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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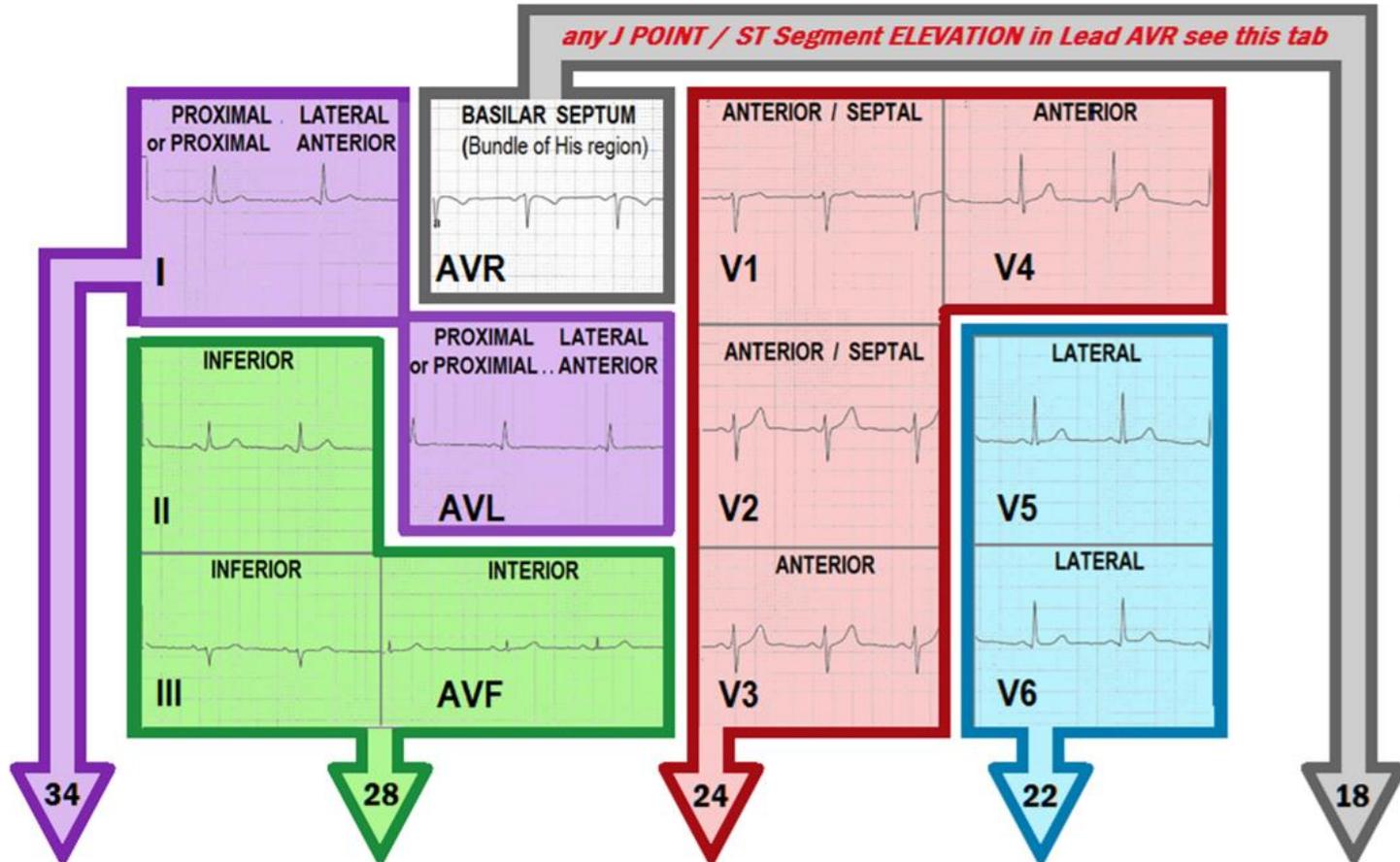
# STEMI Assistant

by Wayne Ruppert

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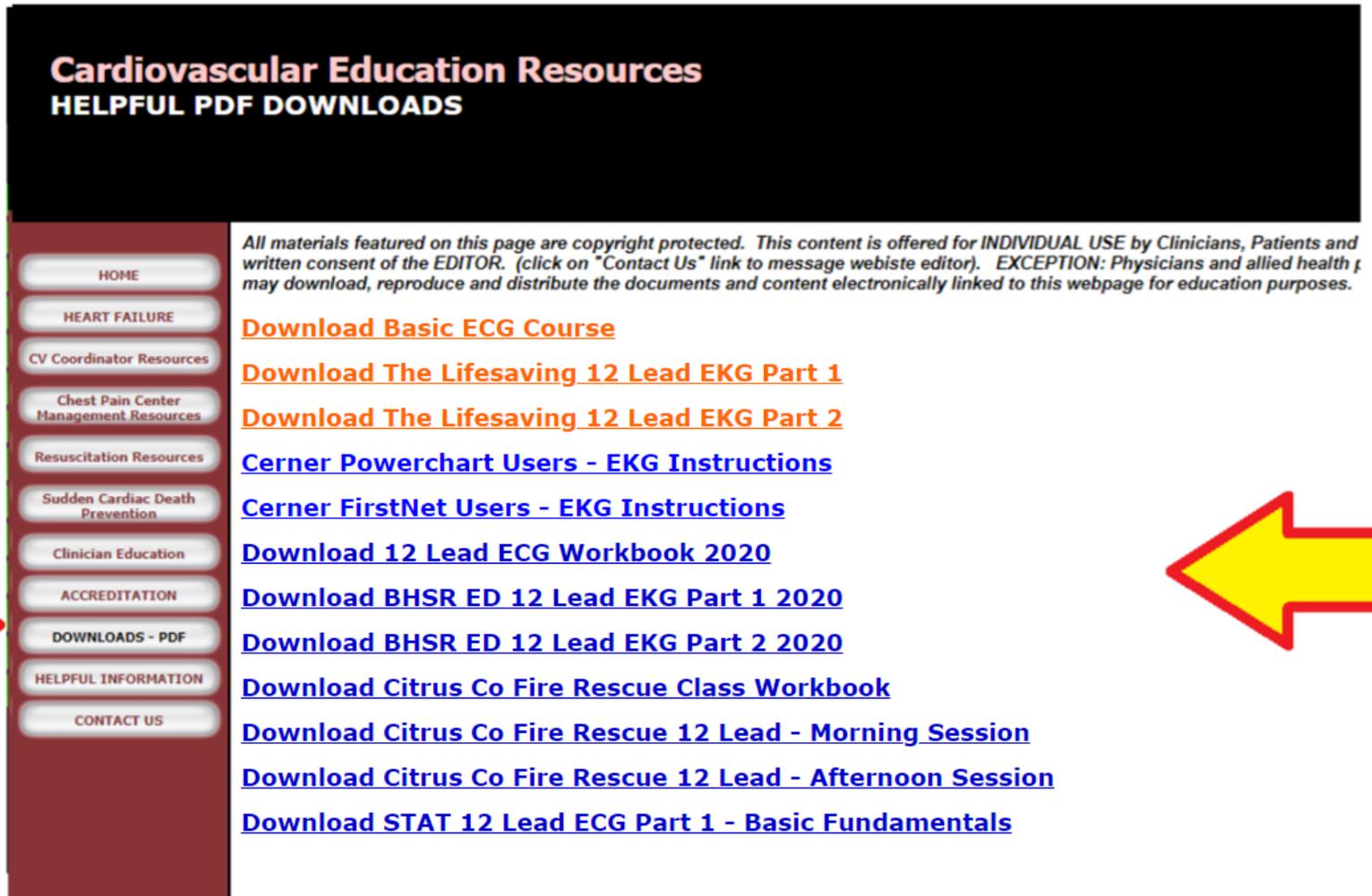
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# Integrated ECG:

*PATIENT'S HEMODYNAMIC STATUS*

+

*SYMPTOMS*

+

*ECG*

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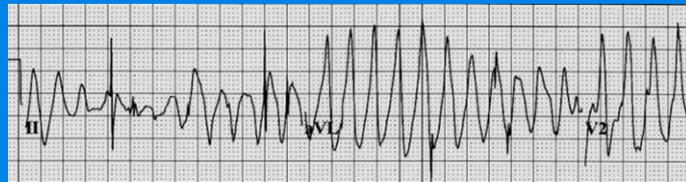
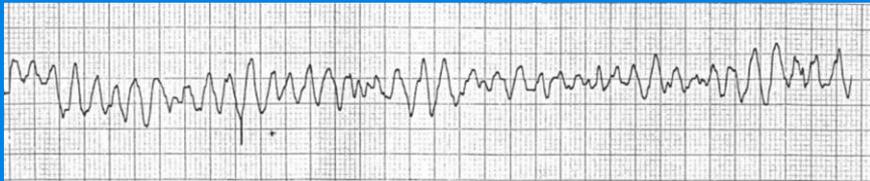
- HEMODYNAMIC STATUS
  - ABCs
  - Shock
- SYMPTOMS
  - Chest Pain / Pressure
  - Other ACS Symptoms
- ECG
  - 12 Lead
  - Single Lead “rhythm strip”

# Integrated ECG:

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

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

- **Start CPR**
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  - **SHOCKABLE:** V-fib / V-tach / Torsades



Defib 120-200 BiPhasic

- IV Access
- Advanced Airway

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- CONTINUE as per ACLS....

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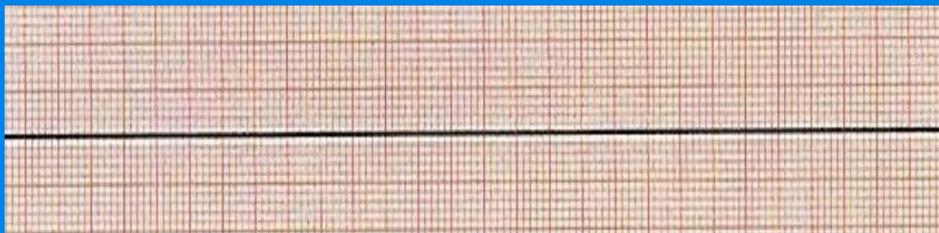
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**if the patient  
HAS A PULSE with  
AGONAL COMPLEXES . . . .  
IMMEDIATELY BEGIN TRANSCUTANEOUS  
PACING -  
*you will probably save the patient's life !***

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# 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

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

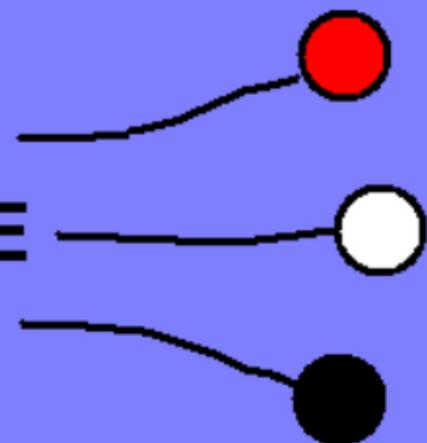
STANDARD 12 LEADS - USES 10 WIRES  
( 6 CHEST and 4 LIMB )

- I, II, III, and V1, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6  
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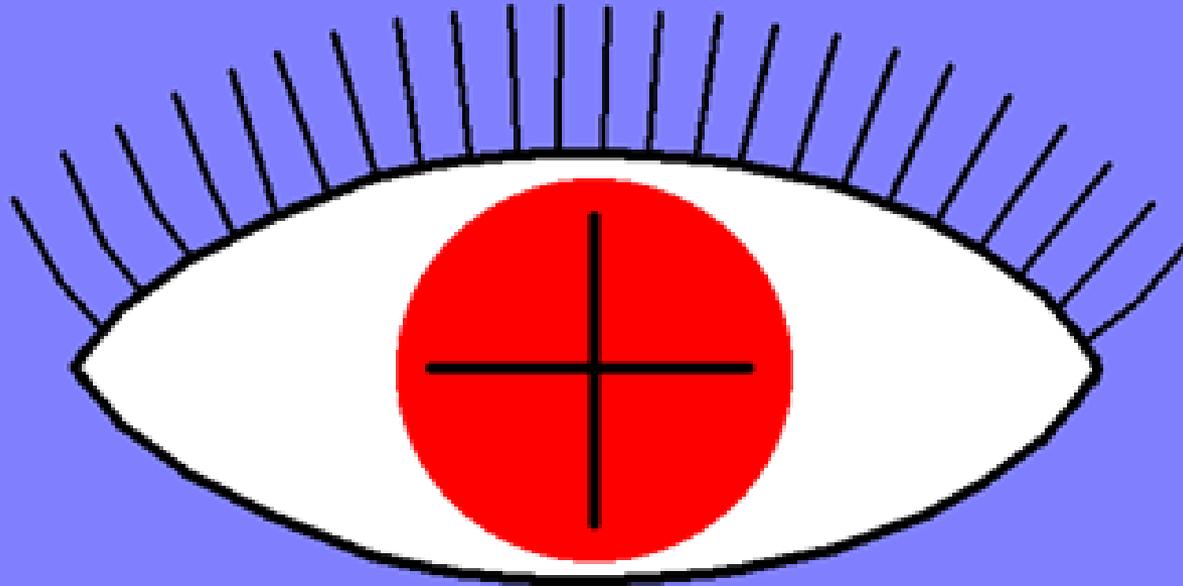
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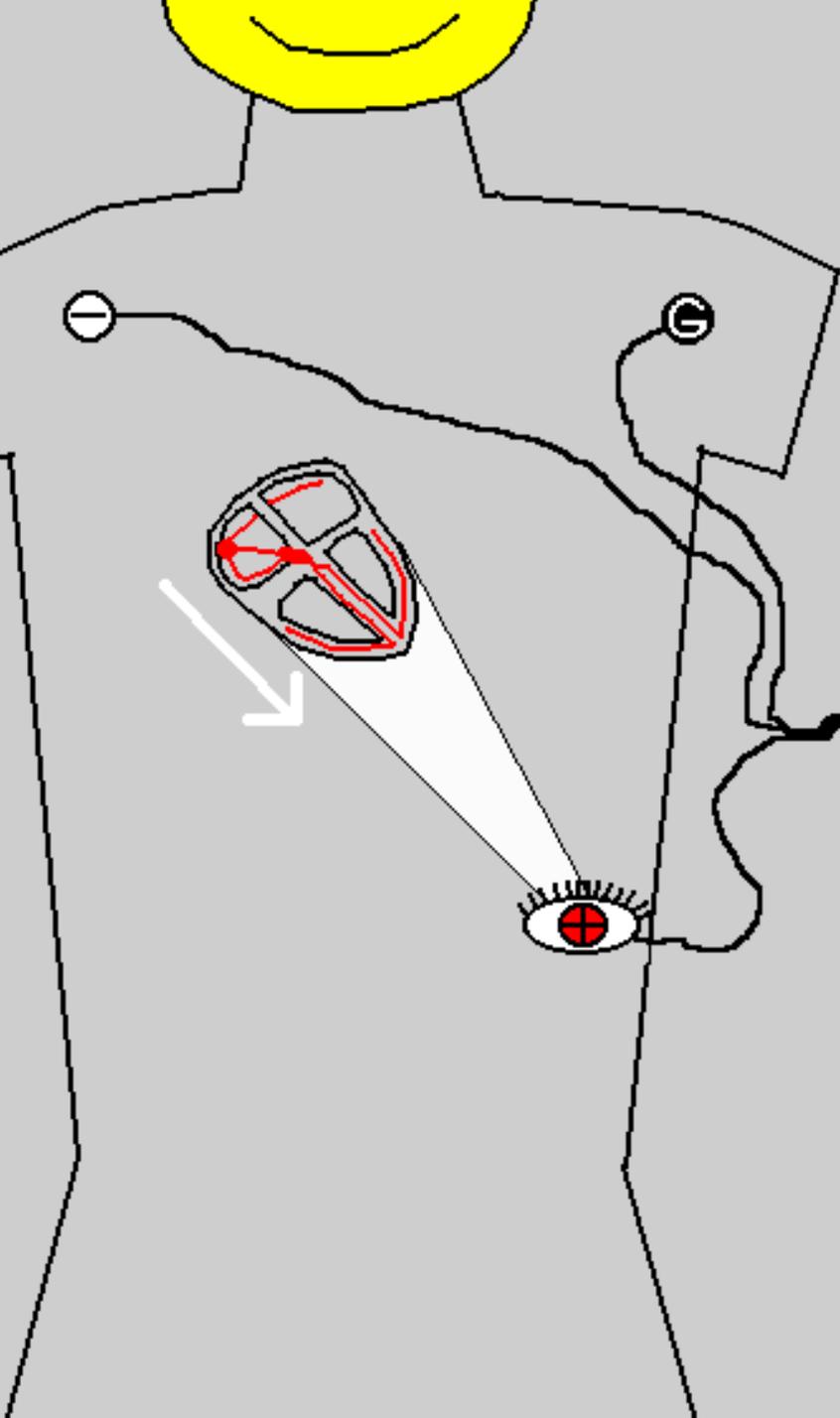
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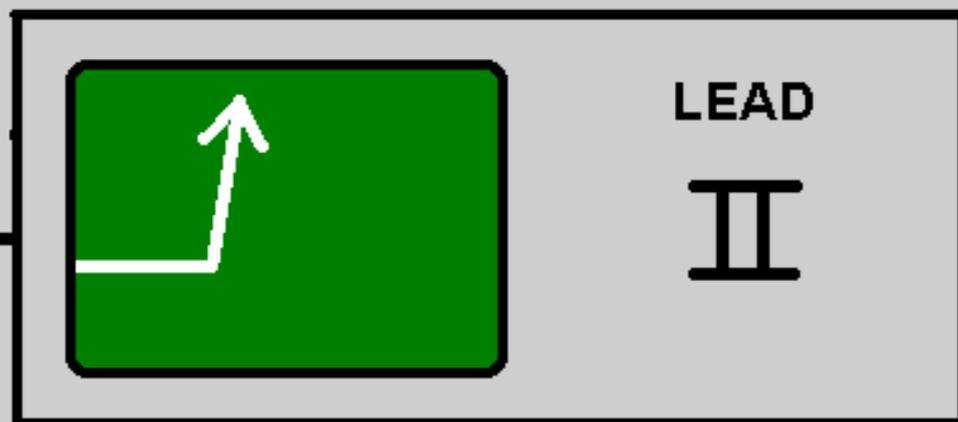
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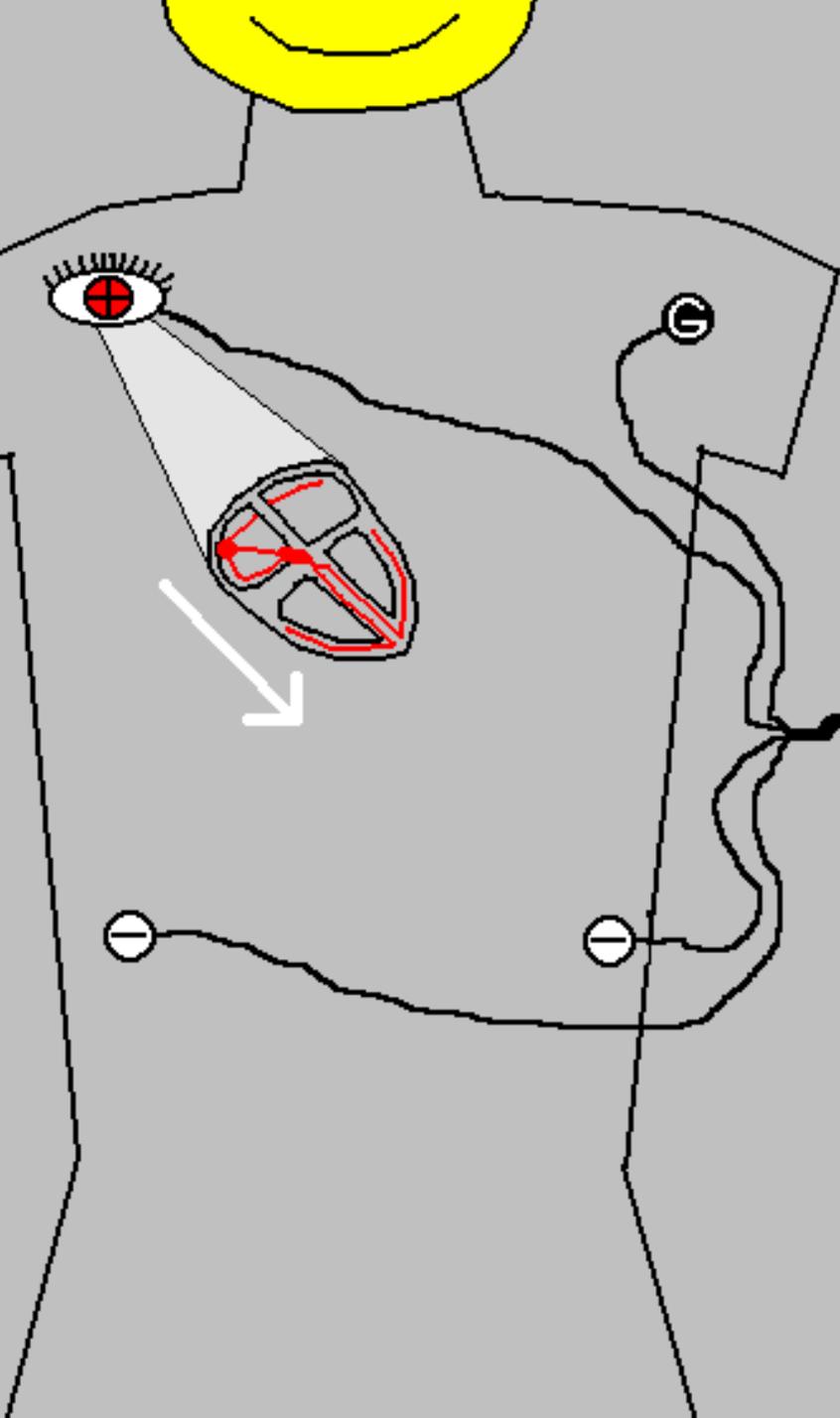
IS THE "EYE" . . .



**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

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DECREASED CARDIAC OUTPUT may be present when heart rate is:

- LESS THAN 50
- GREATER THAN 150

# CARDIOGENIC SHOCK

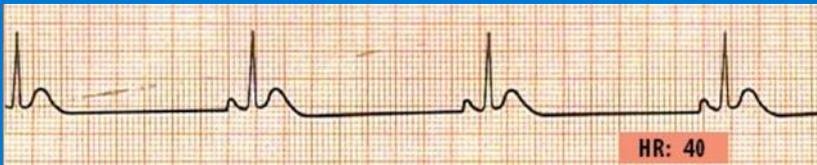
- Heart Rate

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



***SPEED UP THE HEART RATE***

(follow ACLS and Protocols)



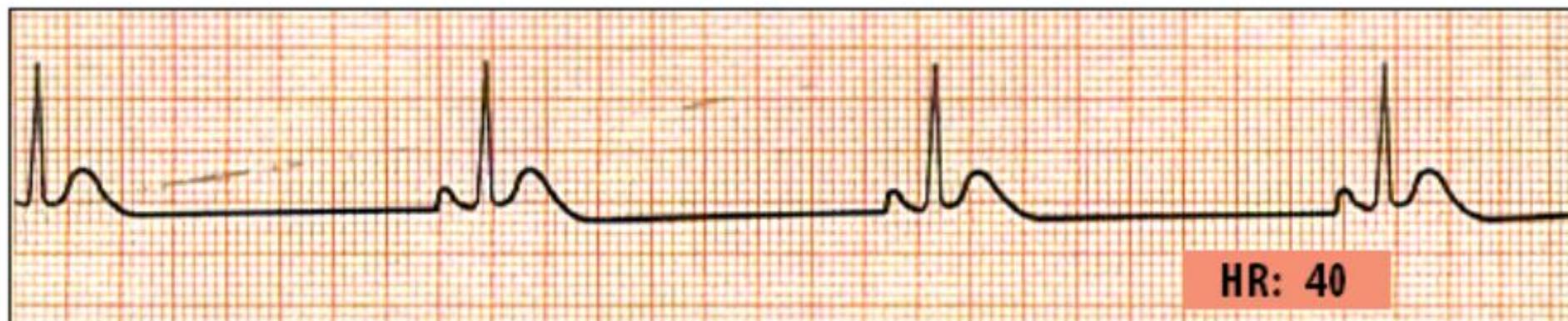
Usual treatment:

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

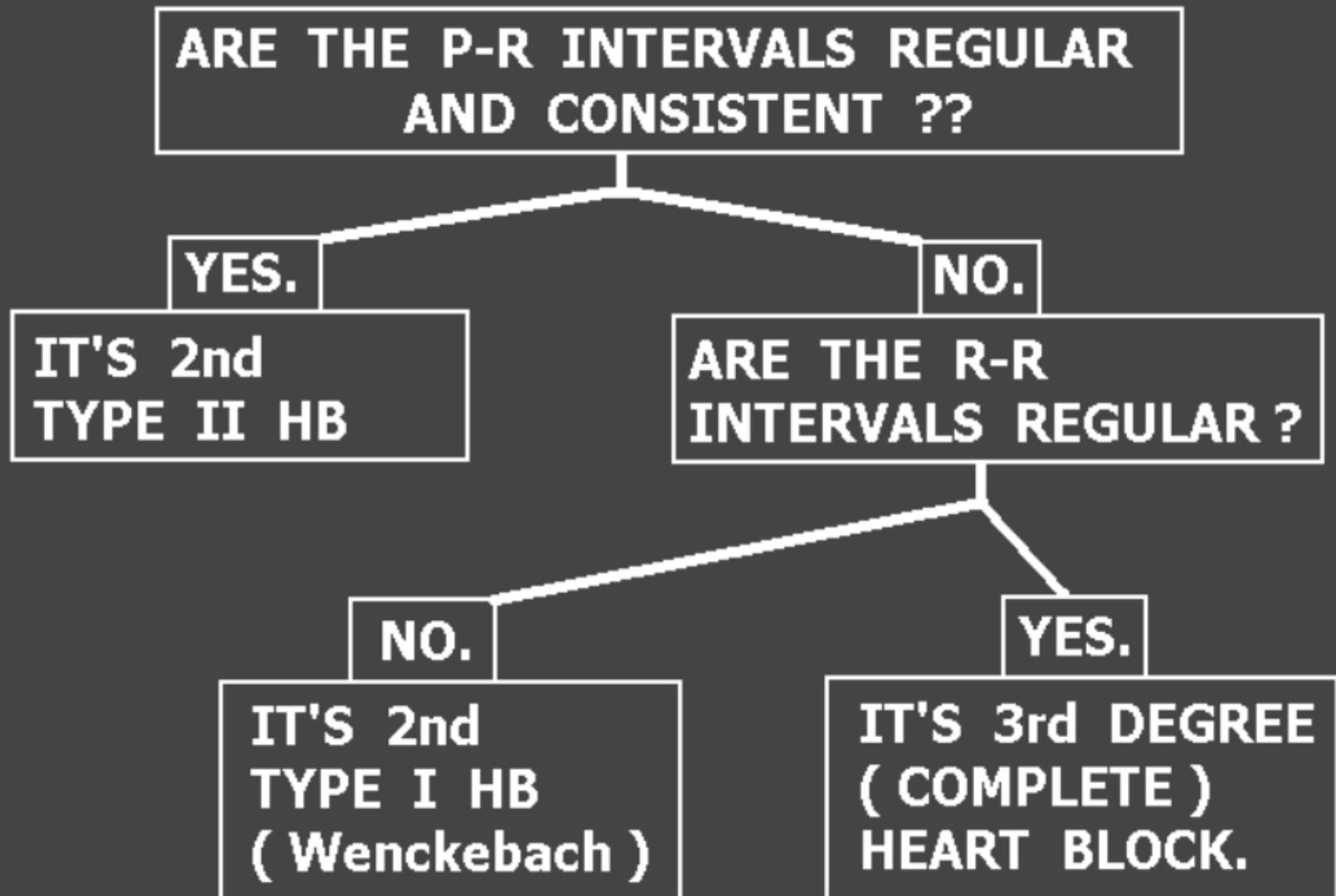
**P : QRS RATIO**  
**IF GREATER THAN 1 : 1**

**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.**

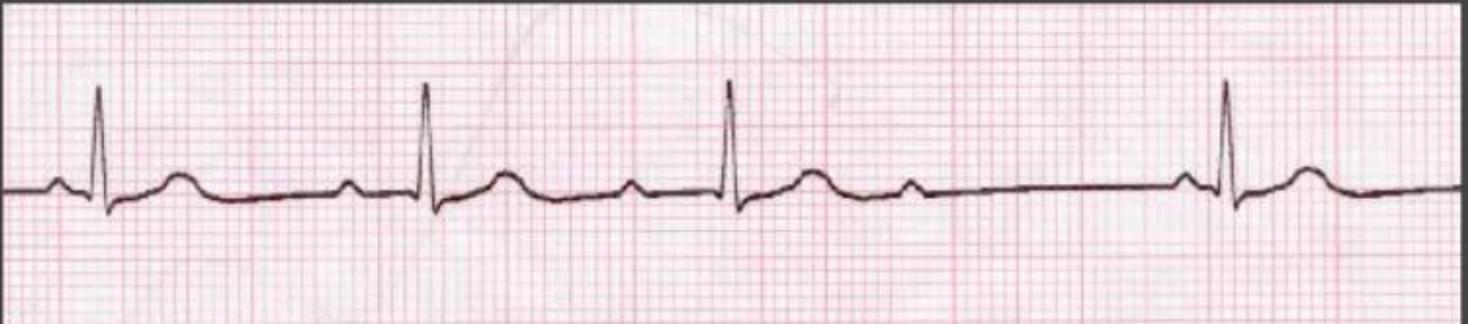


# LET'S TEST THE PROCEDURE . . .

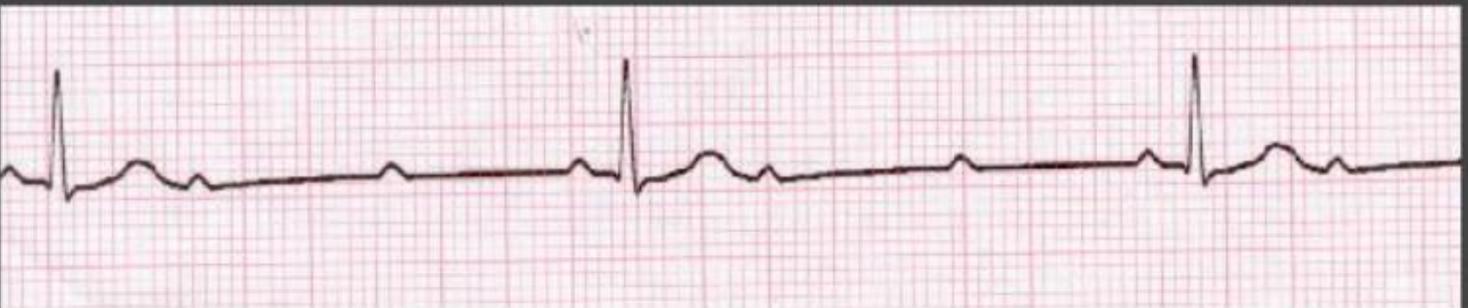
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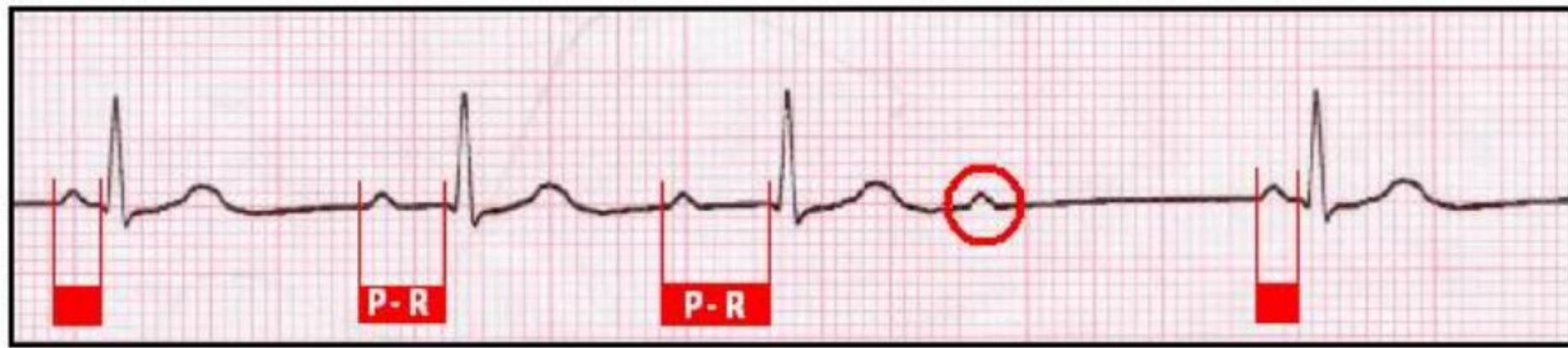
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# THIS RHYTHM IS: 2<sup>nd</sup>° TYPE I HB (Wenckebach)



**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: 2<sup>nd</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>≥ 2:1</b>                       |
| QRS INTERVAL | <b>NORMAL</b>                      |

# THIS RHYTHM IS: 3rd<sup>o</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.**

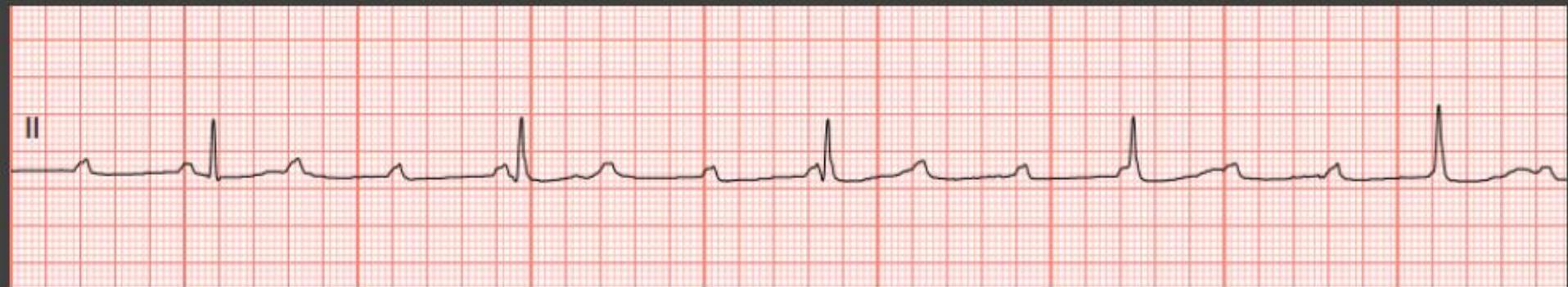
RATE	USUALLY BRADYCARDIC (40 -60 JUNCTIONAL RATE)
RHYTHM	REGULAR
P-R INTERVAL	INCONSISTENT (irregularly irregular)
P:QRS RATIO	VARIES - USUALLY > 2:1
QRS INTERVAL	NORMAL (< 120 ms) UNLESS PT HAS BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK

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



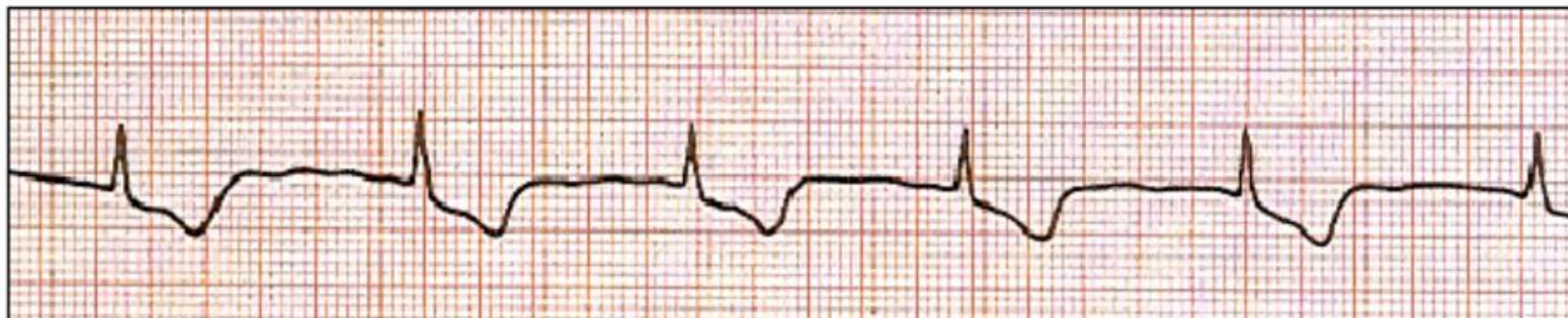
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COMPLEXES are WIDER THAN 120ms, AND OF SLOW VENTRICULAR  
RATE (usually < 40)**

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

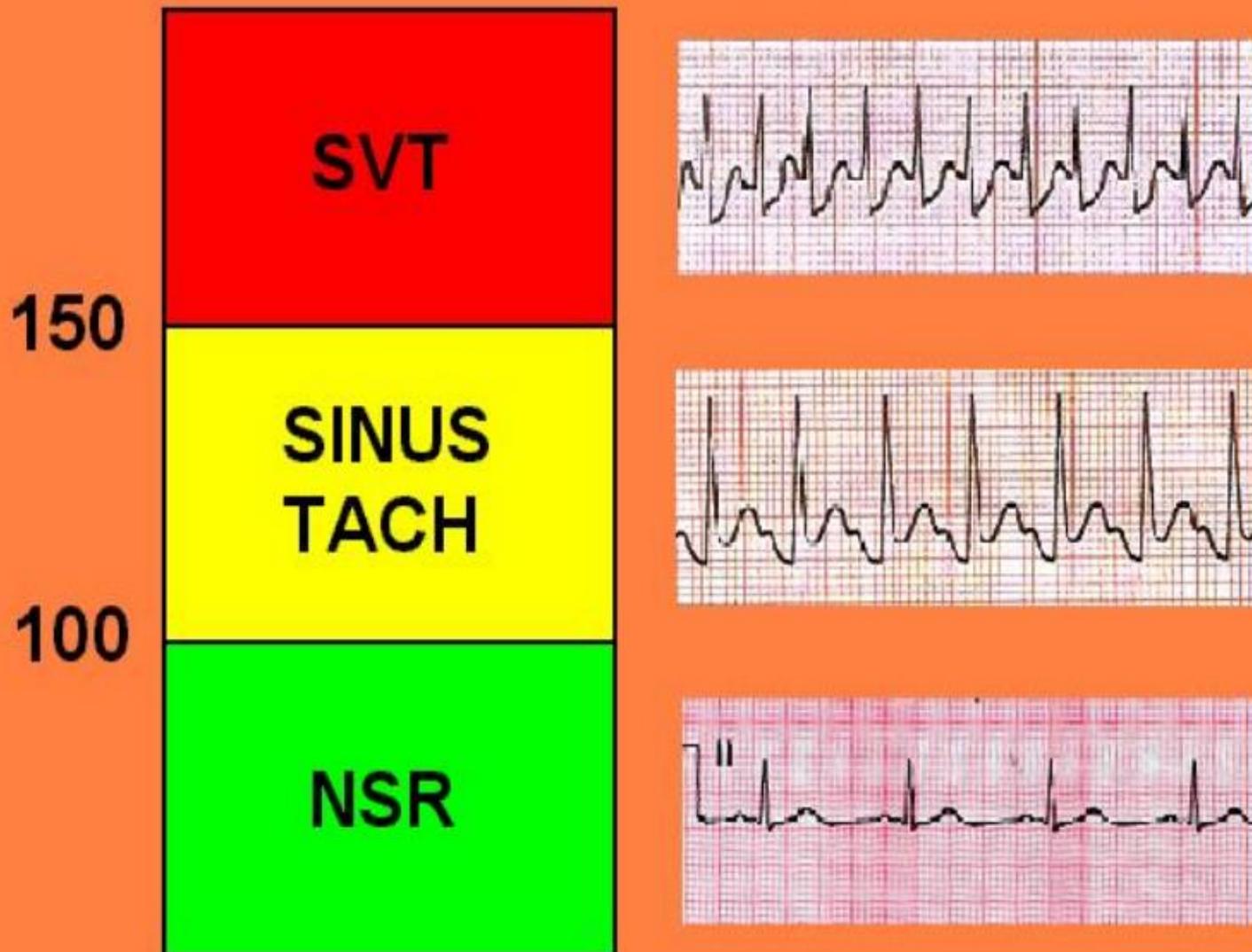
# Tachycardias

- 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)

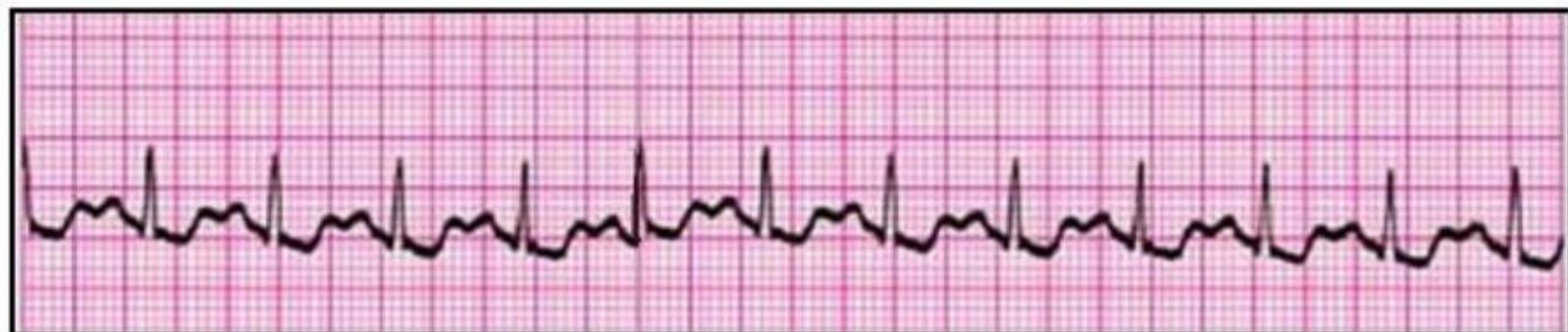
# ALL UNSTABLE TACHYCARDIAS:

- 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 )**

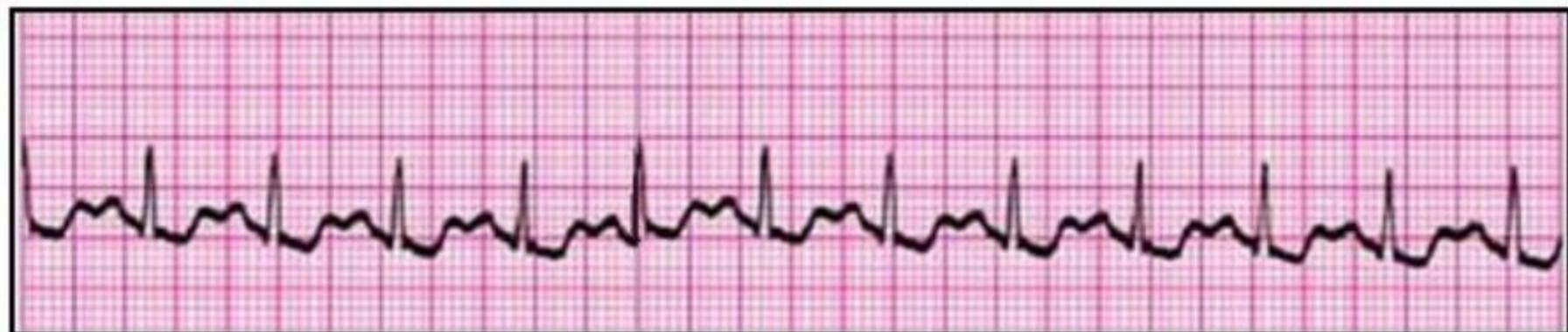
**RHYTHM** ----- **REGULAR**

**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 PAROXYSMAL -- ie: has a SUDDEN ONSET.**

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

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**RATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **TACHYCARDIC (usually > 150)**

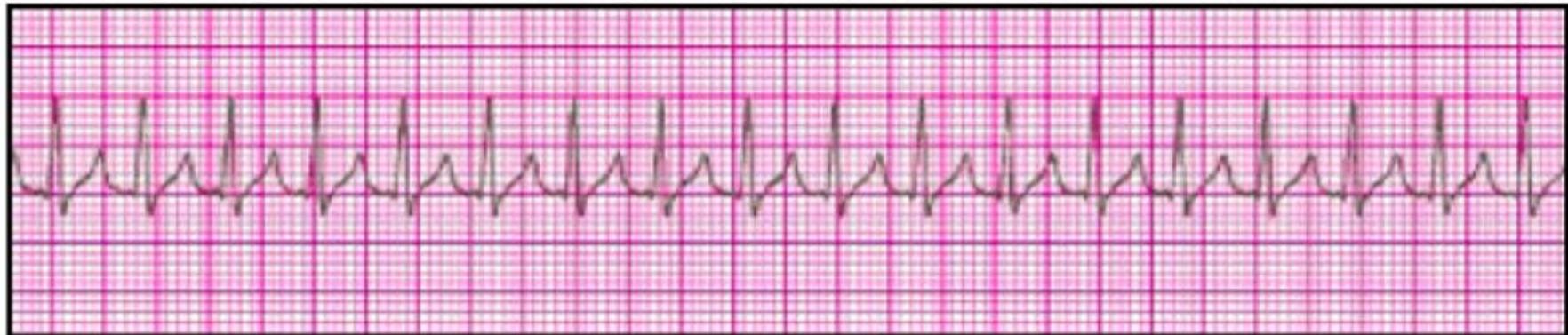
**RHYTHM** \_\_\_\_\_ **REGULAR**

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

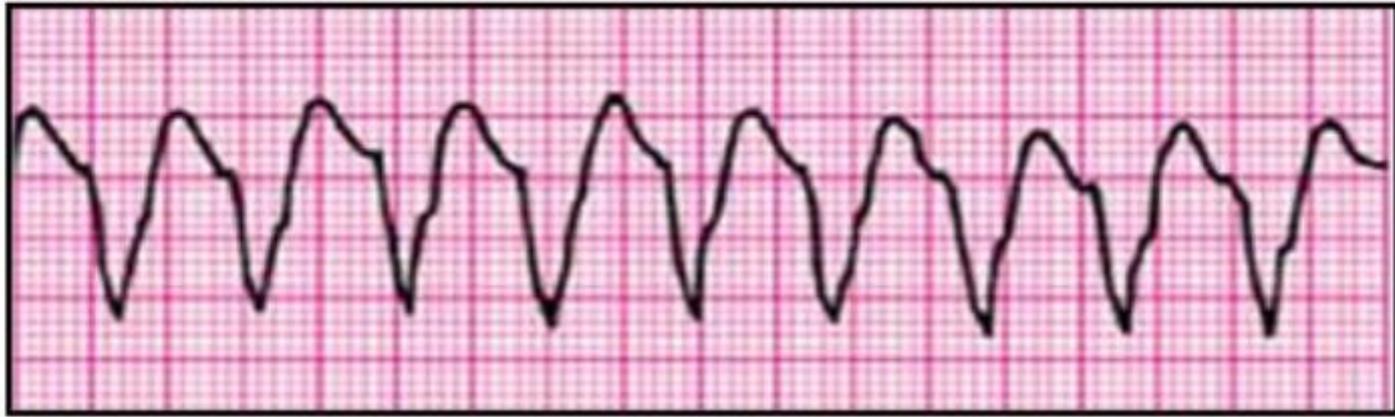
RHYTHM \_\_\_\_\_

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	-----	<b><math>&gt; 100</math> (usually 150 - 200 )</b>
RHYTHM	-----	<b>REGULAR</b>
P-R INTERVAL	-----	<b>N / A</b>
P: QRS RATIO	-----	<b>N / A</b>
QRS INTERVAL	-----	<b><math>&gt; 120</math> ms</b>

# 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 . . . . .

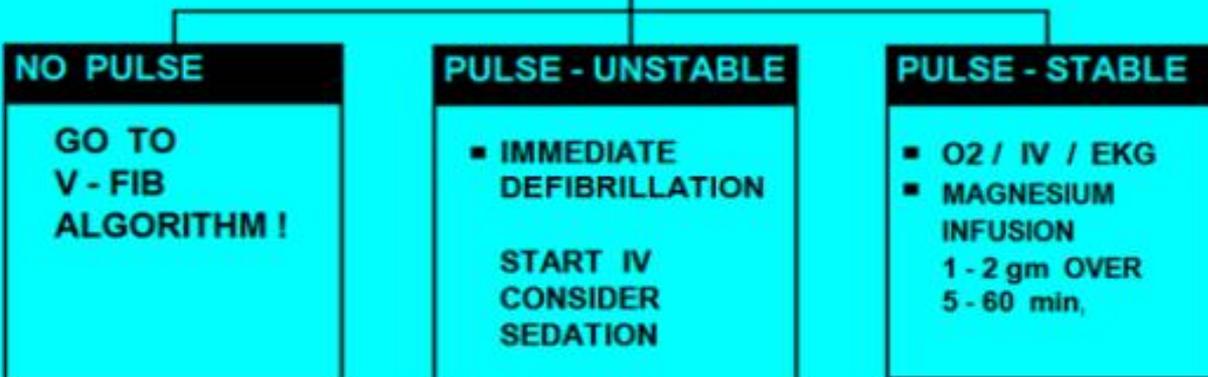


*a piece of Twisted Ribbon !*





## ABCs



***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

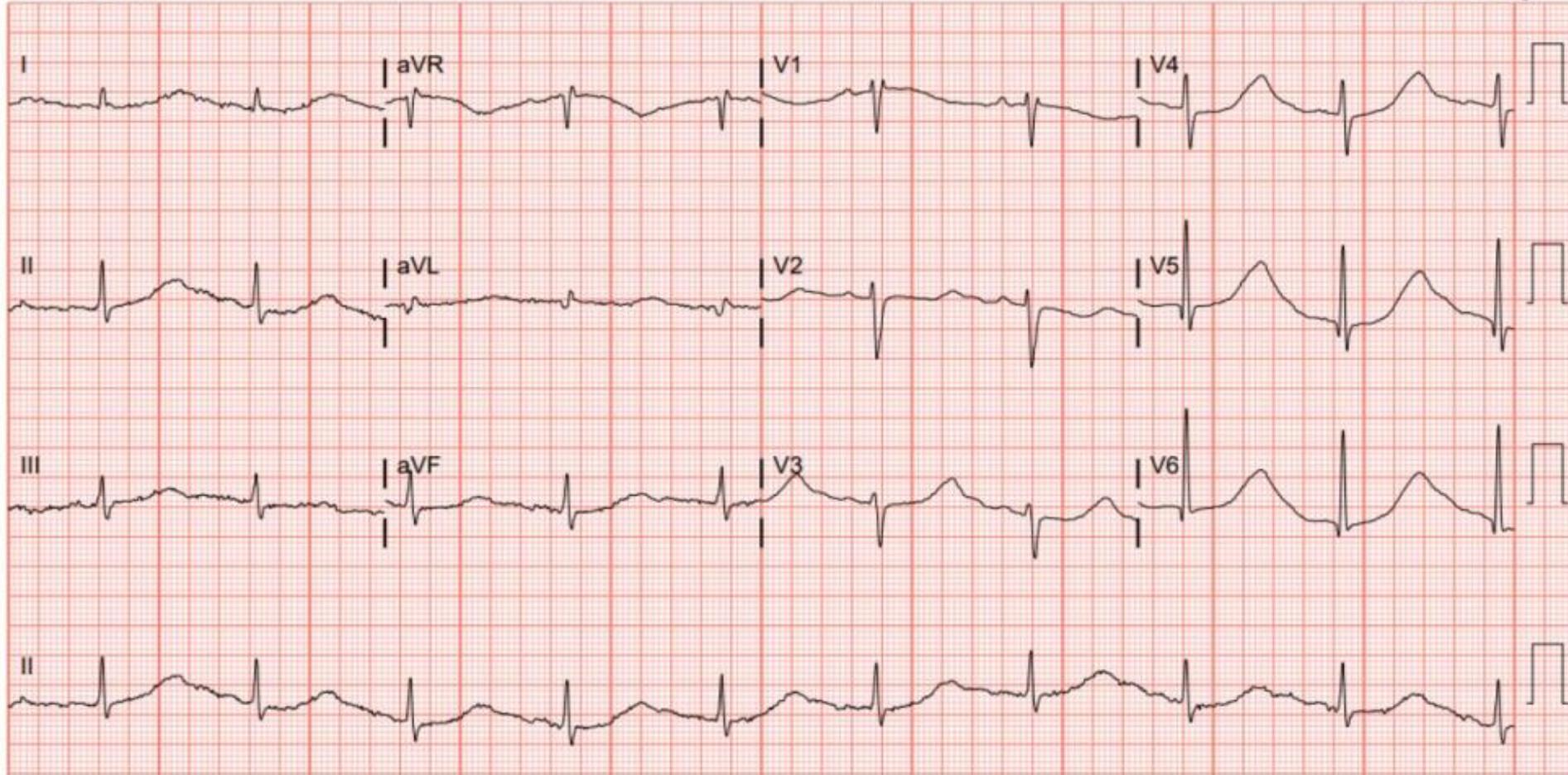
## **Critical High**

**(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	

- Abnormal ECG -

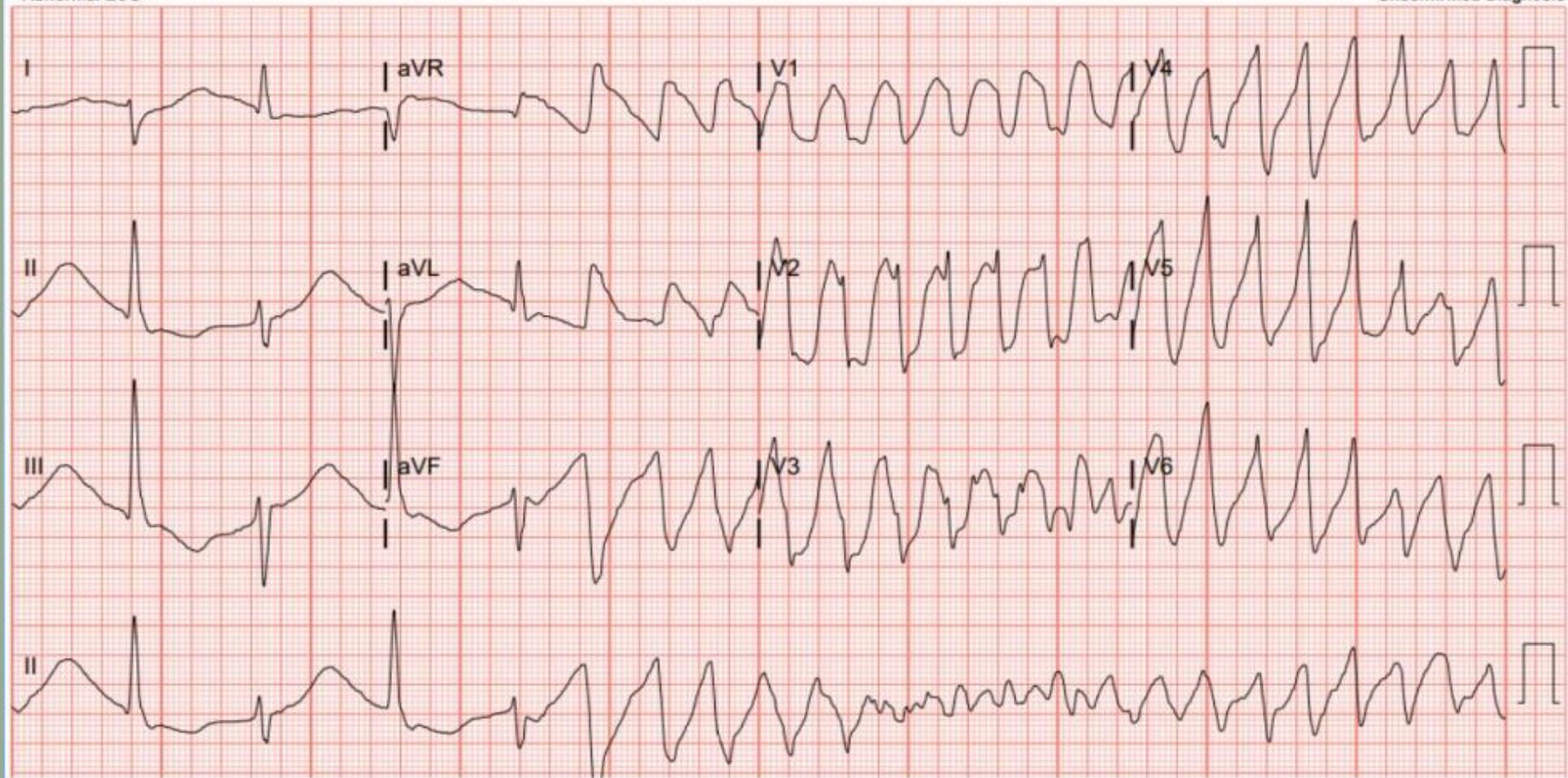
Unconfirmed Diagnosis



Rate	156	Atrial fibrillation
PR		Ventricular tachycardia, unsustained
QRSd	138	RBBB and LPPB
QT	456	Repol abnrm suggests ischemia, diffuse leads
QTc	735	Baseline wander in lead(s) II,III,aVR,aVF,V1,V2,V3,V4
--Axis-- COMPARED TO ECG 07/22/2020 15:32:52		
P		ATRIAL FIBRILLATION NOW PRESENT
QRS	102	VENTRICULAR TACHYCARDIA NOW PRESENT
T	185	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



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  - Myocarditis (muscle dysfunction)
    - Often mimics STEMI on the ECG. Often “challenging” for advanced practitioners to diagnose.

# Integrated ECG:

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  - ABCs
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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.

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## 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

???

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

**S**roke (previous history of)

**H**eart failure (previous history of)

**R**ace (non-white)

**E**lderly (age 75+)

**W**omen

**D**iabetes 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:**

**M**alaise (weakness)

**F**atigue

**I**ndigestion

**A**bdominal pain

**N**ausea

**C**old sweats

**D**izziness

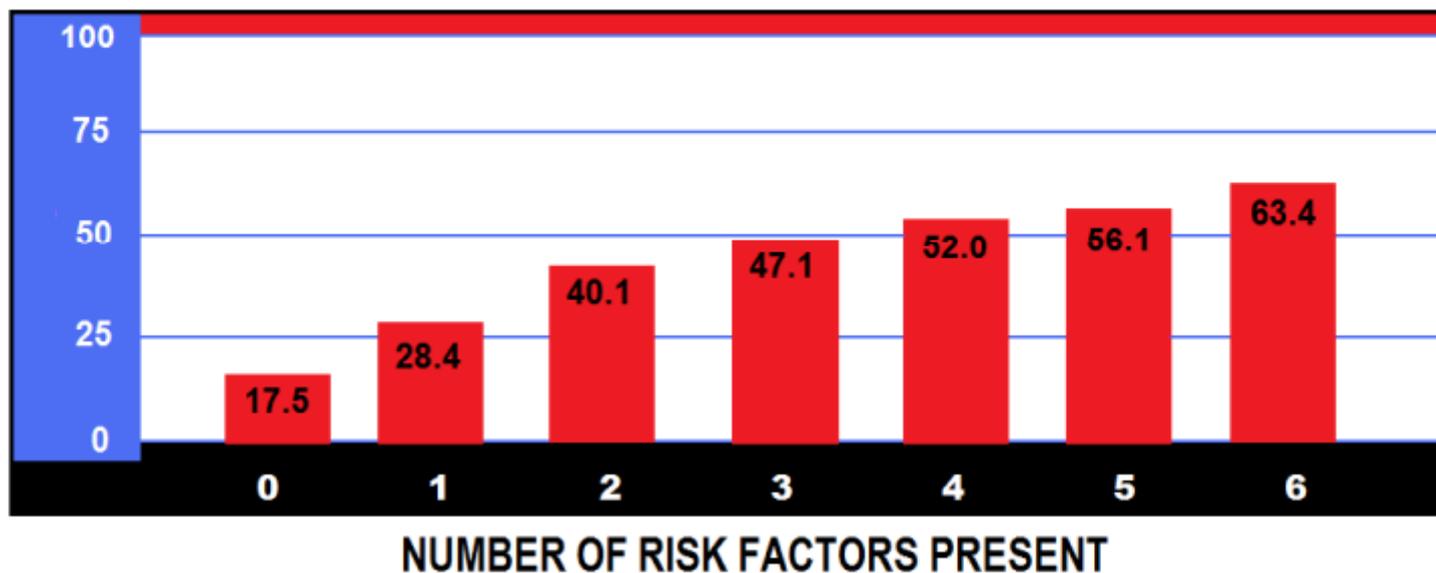
**E**levated heart rate

**S**yncope

**D**yspnea

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

% of PATIENTS with ACUTE MI PRESENTING TO THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT WITHOUT CHEST PAIN



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

**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

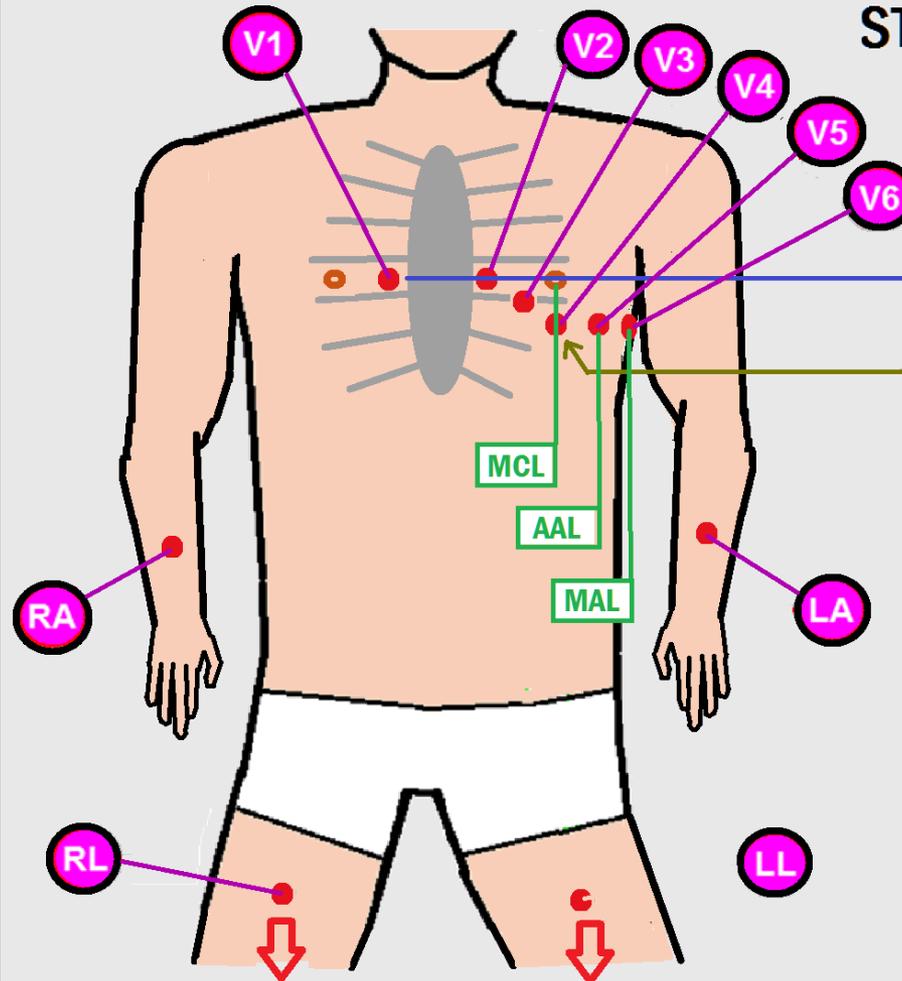


# 10 wires . . .

- 4 limb leads
- 6 chest (“V”) leads



# Obtaining the 12 Lead ECG



## STANDARD LEAD PLACEMENT --- 12 LEAD ECG

4 th INTERCOSTAL SPACE

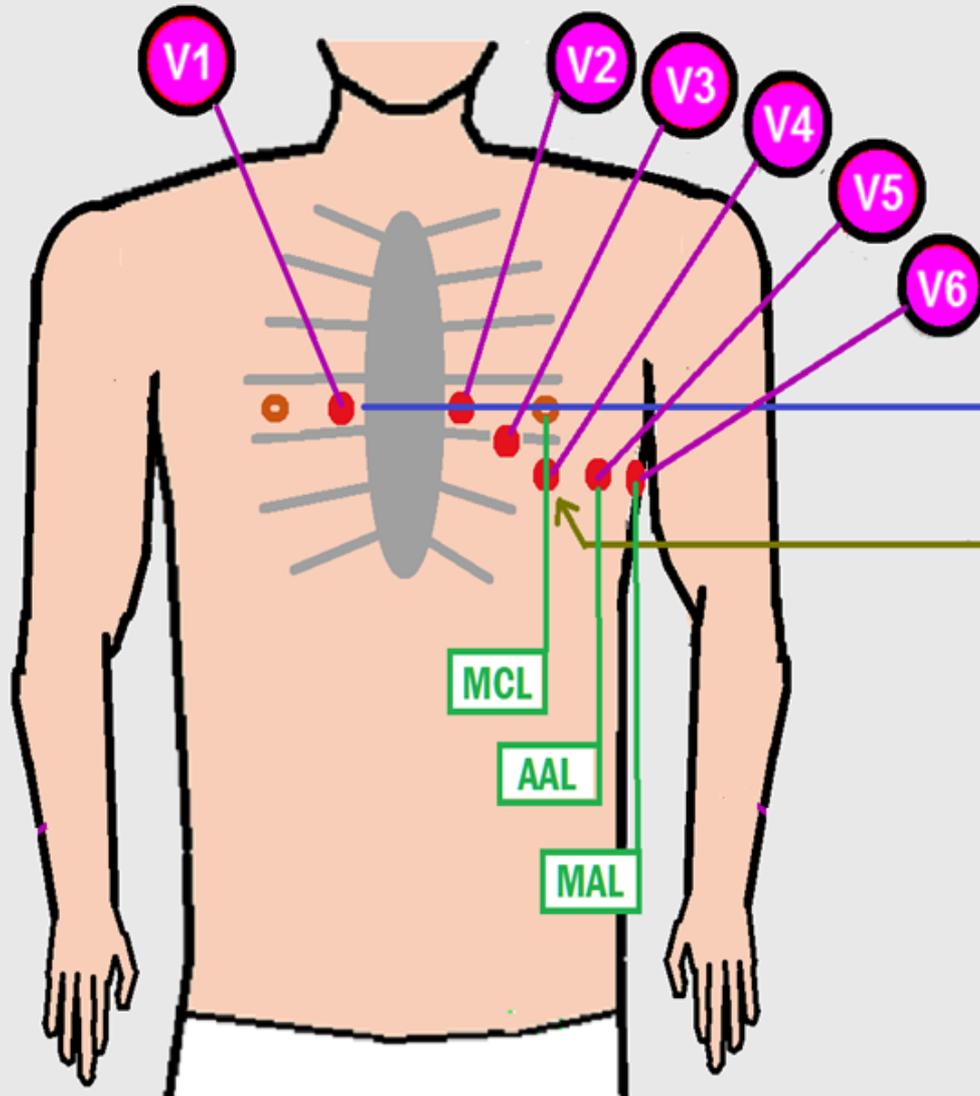
V4 is at 5th INTERCOSTAL SPACE. V5 & V6 are on the SAME HORIZONTAL PLANE.

- PATIENT SHOULD LAY AS FLAT AS POSSIBLE
- LIMB LEADS SHOULD BE PLACED AS DISTALLY AS POSSIBLE

# **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:



## Chest Lead Placement

4 th INTERCOSTAL SPACE

V4 is at 5th INTERCOSTAL SPACE. V5 & V6 are on the SAME HORIZONTAL PLANE.

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

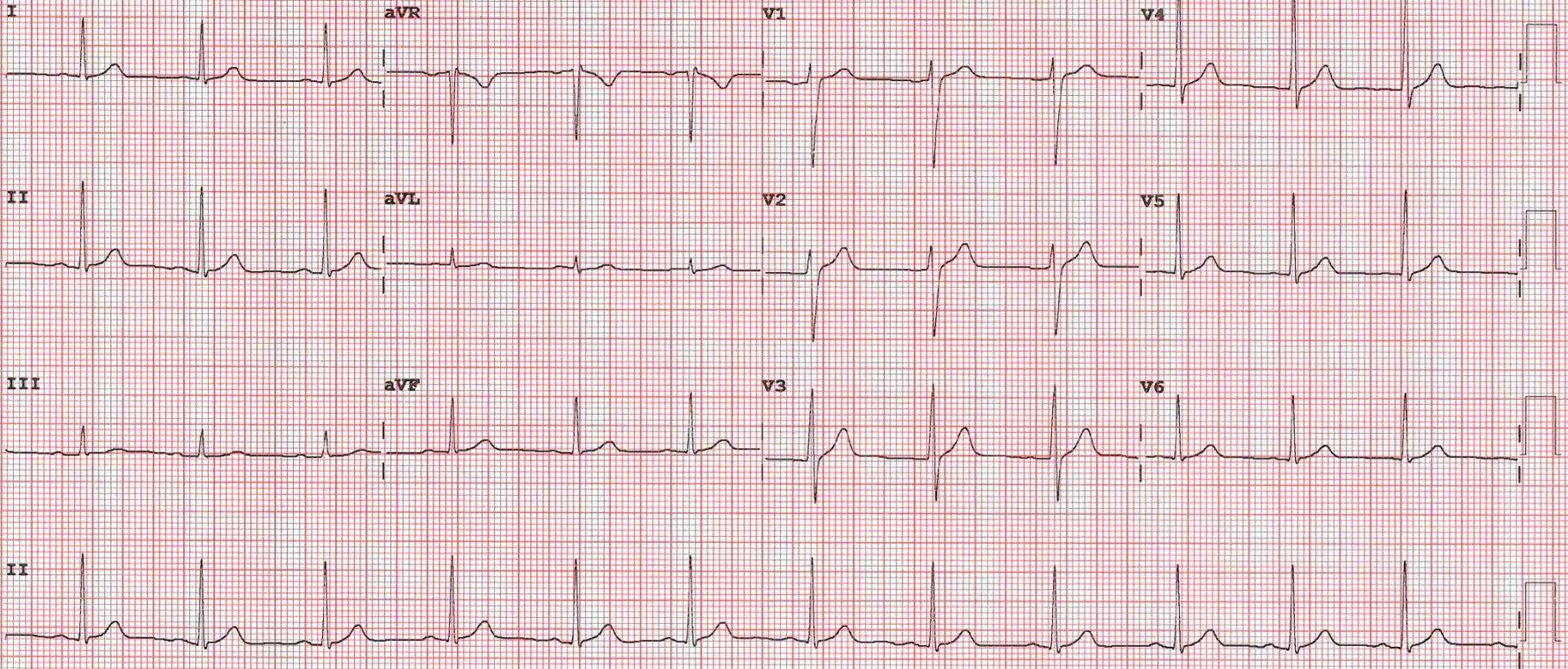
--AXIS--

P 50  
QRS 51  
T 44

12 Lead; Standard Placement

- NORMAL ECG -

Unconfirmed Diagnosis



Device:

Speed: 25 mm/sec

Limb: 10 mm/mV

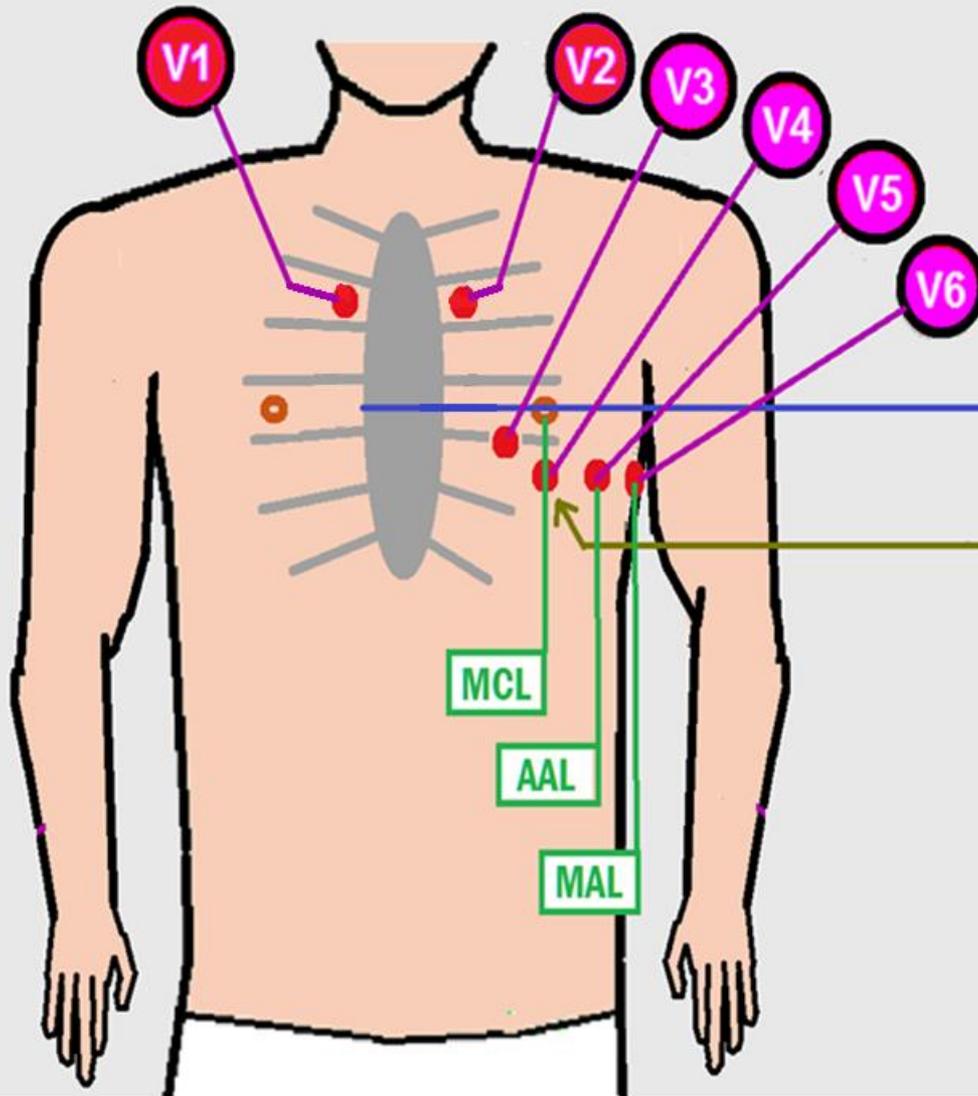
Chest: 10.0 mm/mV

F 60~ 0.15-100 Hz

100B CL

P?

# INCORRECT Lead placement:



## Chest Lead Placement

4 th INTERCOSTAL SPACE

V4 is at 5th INTERCOSTAL SPACE. V5 & V6 are on the SAME HORIZONTAL PLANE.

DOB [REDACTED] 1988 30 Years

Female

5:20:58 AM

(1)

Rate 89 Sinus rhythm.....normal P axis V-rate 50- 99  
 PR 157 Anteroseptal infarct, age indeterminate.....Q >35ms  
 QRSD 96  
 QT 365  
 QTc 445

3NE

TEC

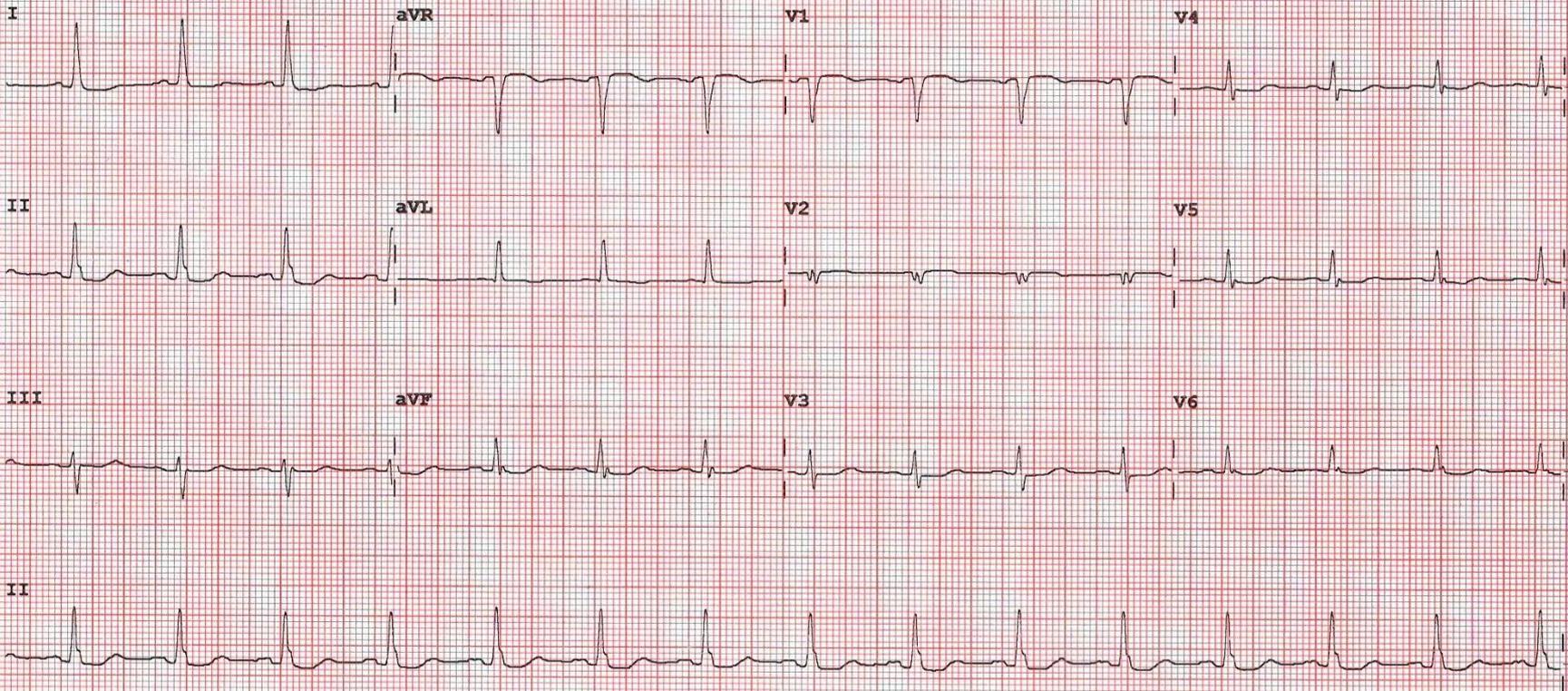
--AXIS--

P 46  
 QRS 24  
 T 86

- ABNORMAL ECG -

12 Lead; Standard Placement

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Device

Speed: 25 mm/sec

Limb: 10 mm/mV

Chest: 10.0 mm/mV

F 60~ 0.15-100 Hz

123 CL

P?

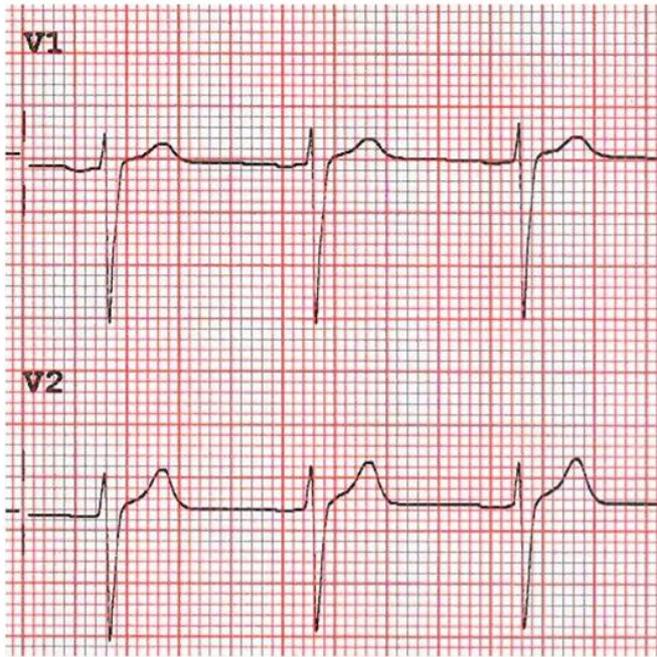
# AHA/ACC/HRS Scientific Statement

## Recommendations for the Standardization and Interpretation of the Electrocardiogram

### Part I: The Electrocardiogram and Its Technology

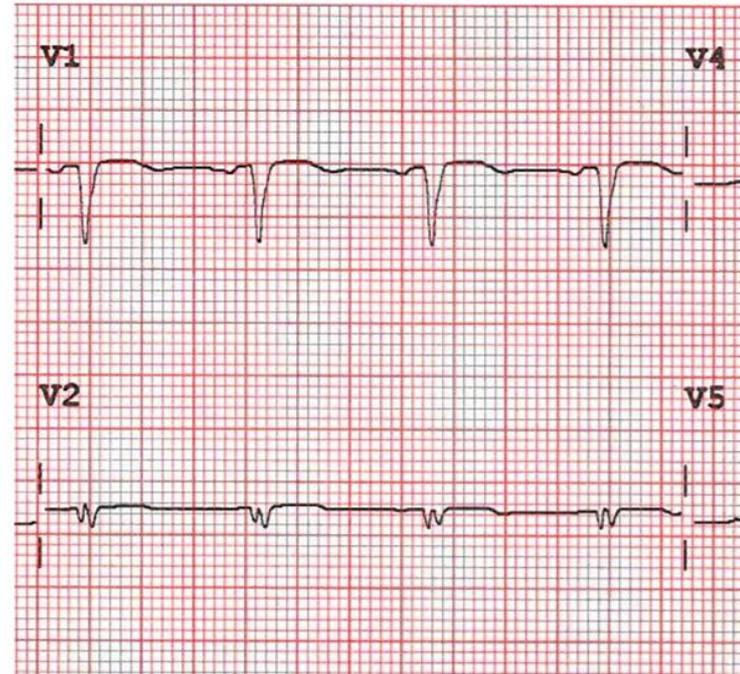
the often profound alterations in waveforms that can result from precordial electrode misplacement.<sup>85,86</sup> A common error is superior misplacement of  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  in the second or third intercostal space. This can result in reduction of initial R-wave amplitude in these leads, approximating 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**

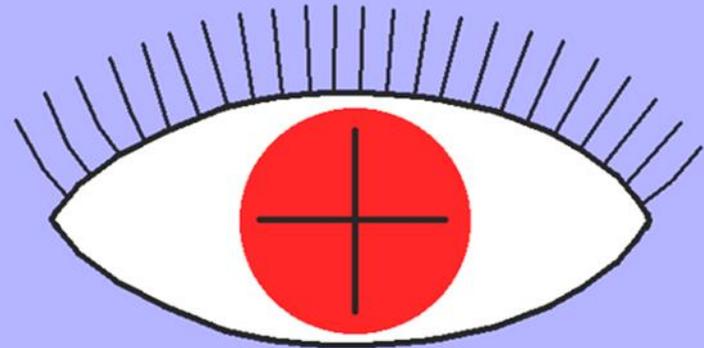
# Incorrect Lead Placement



**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

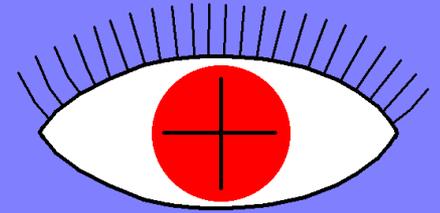
V1, V2

V3, V4

V5, V6

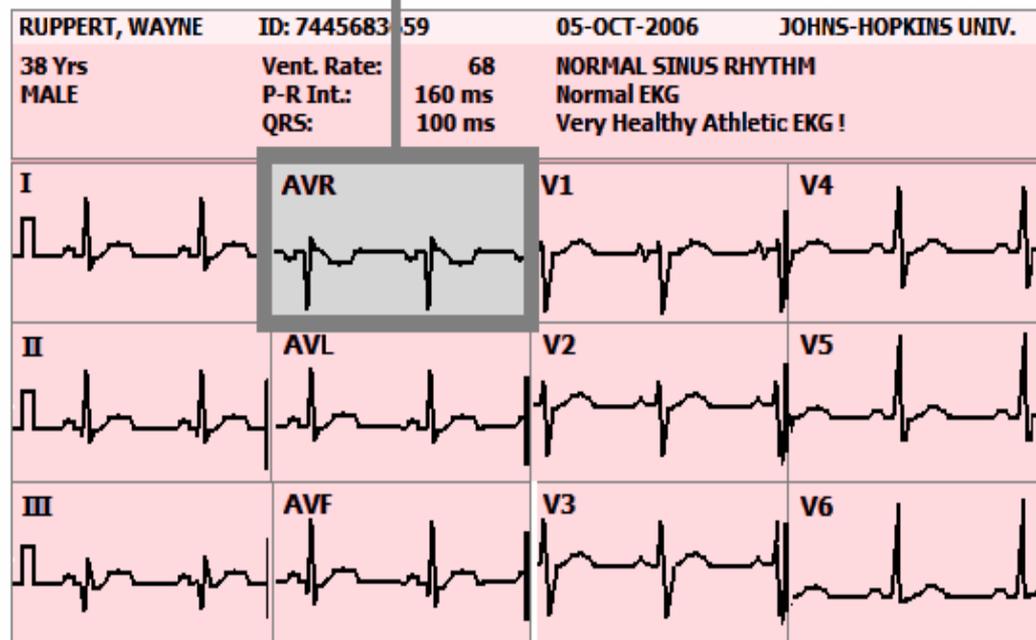
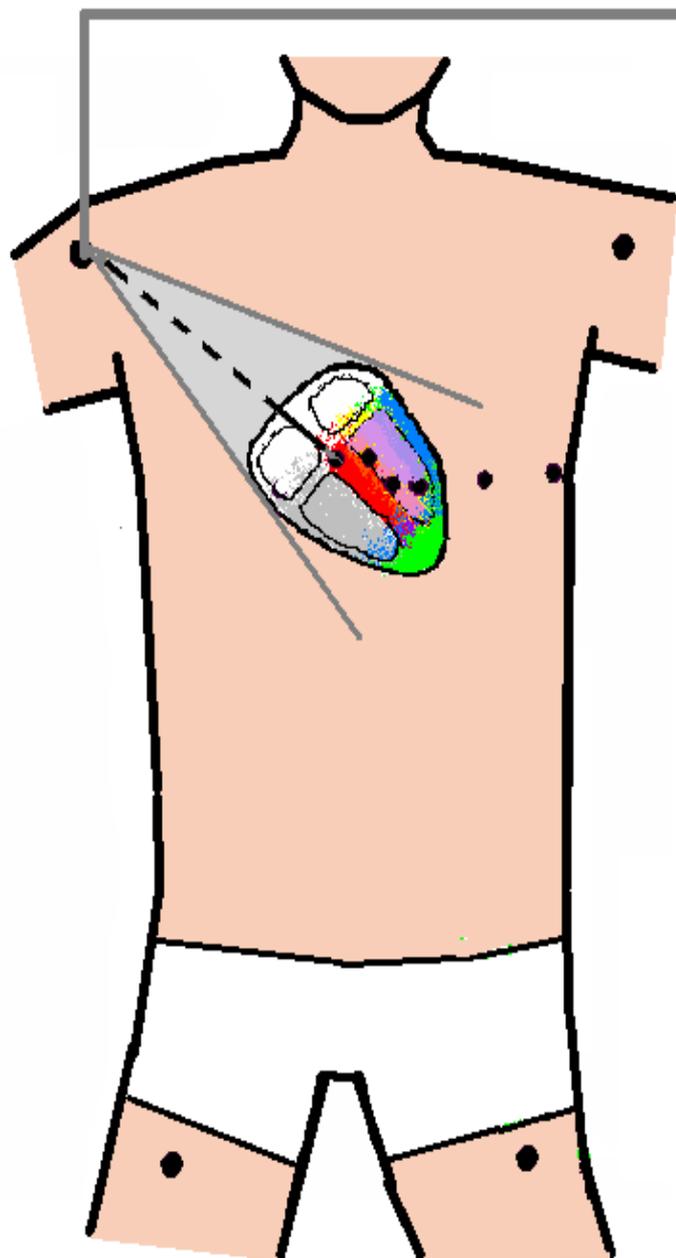
II, III, AVF

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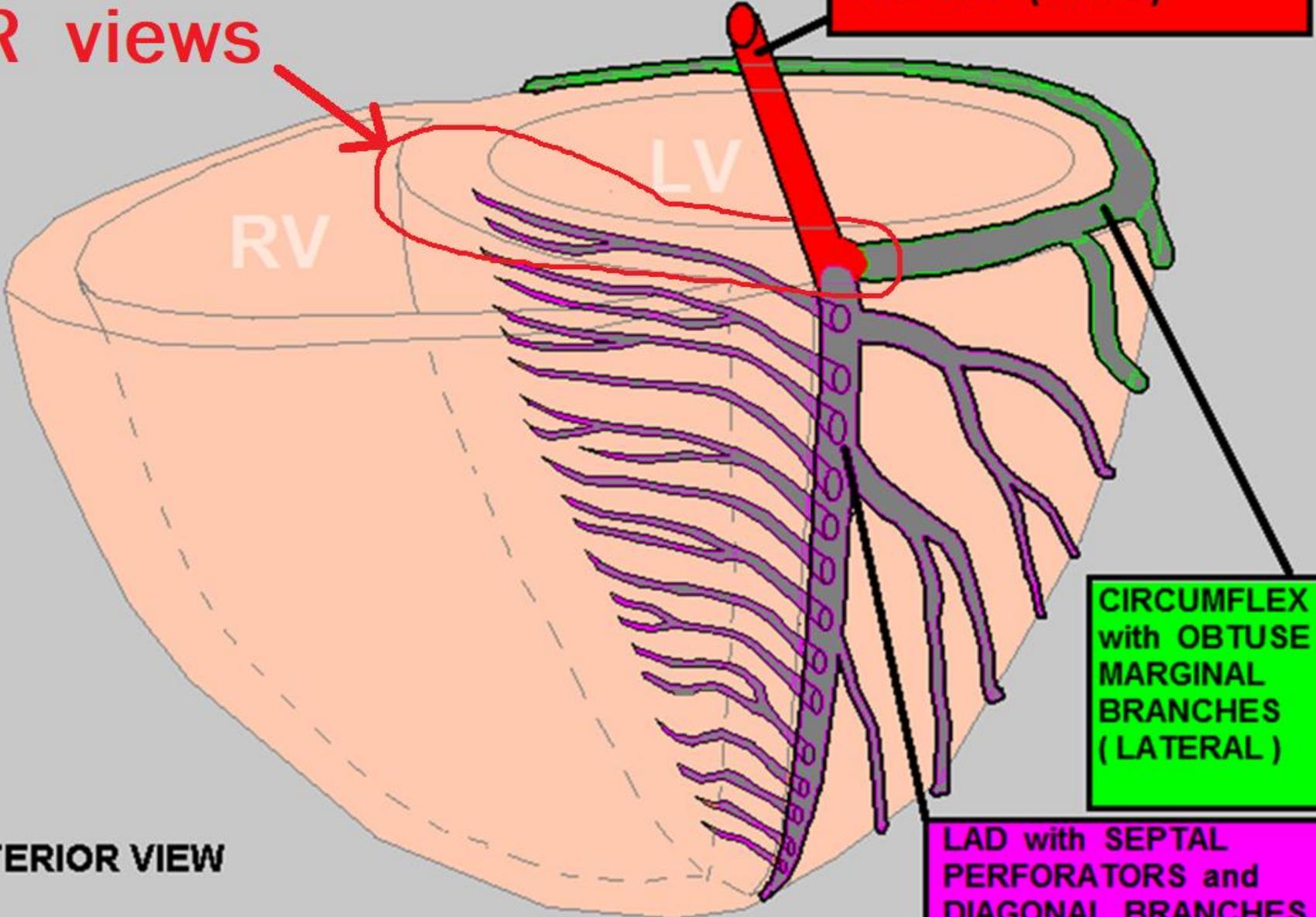
# Lead AVR Views the BASILAR SEPTUM (region of the Bundle of His):



# LEFT CORONARY ARTERY SYSTEM

**AVR views**

**LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY (LMCA)**

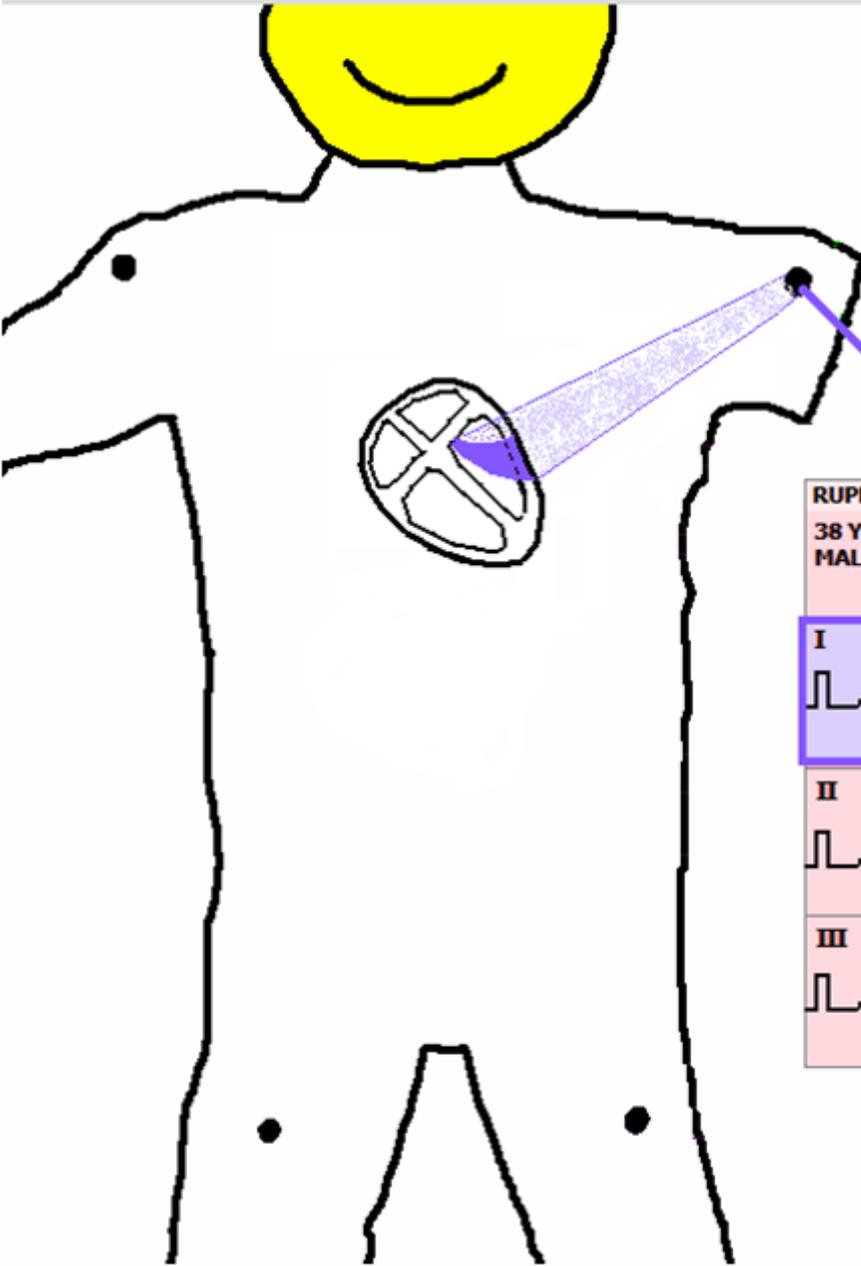


**CIRCUMFLEX with OBTUSE MARGINAL BRANCHES (LATERAL)**

**LAD with SEPTAL PERFORATORS and DIAGONAL BRANCHES (ANTERIOR - SEPTAL)**

**ANTERIOR VIEW**

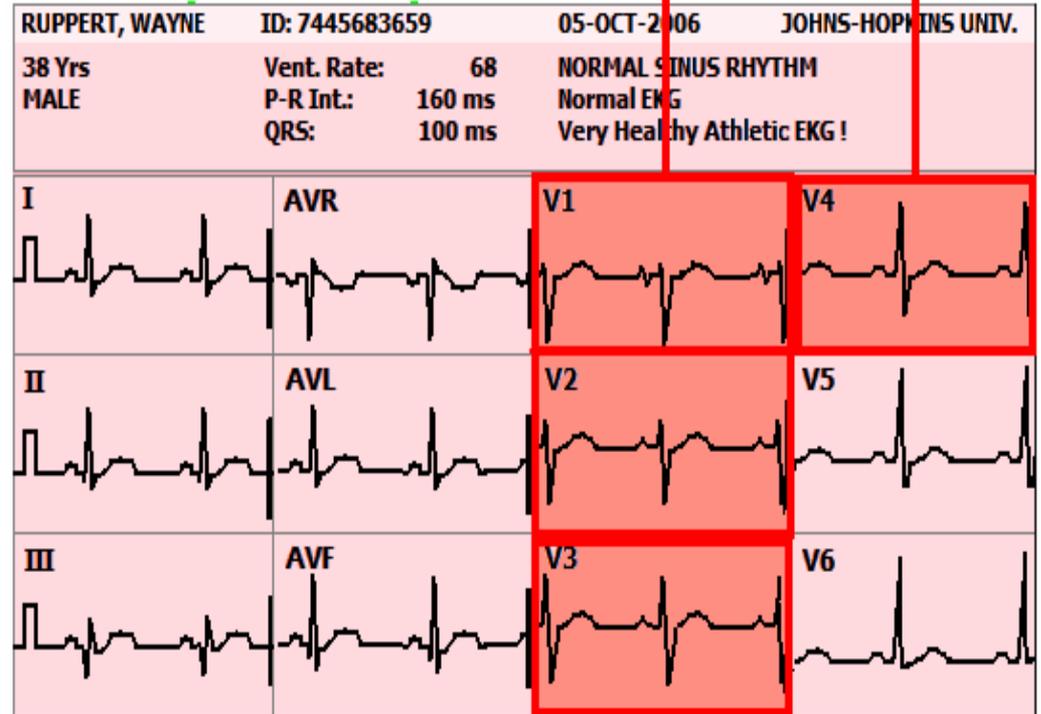
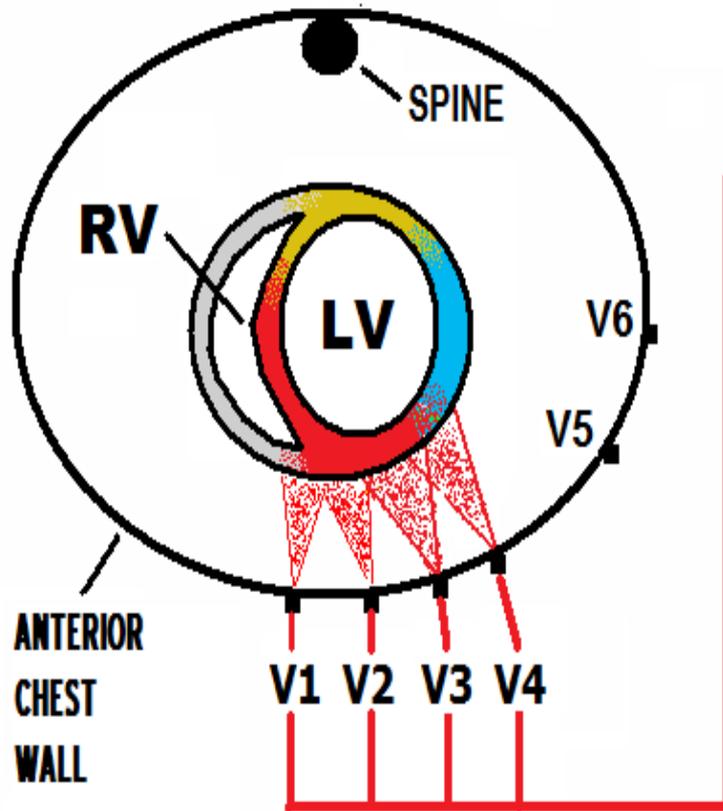
# LEADS I and aVL VIEW the LATERAL - ANTERIOR WALL



RUPPERT, WAYNE		ID: 744568369	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	

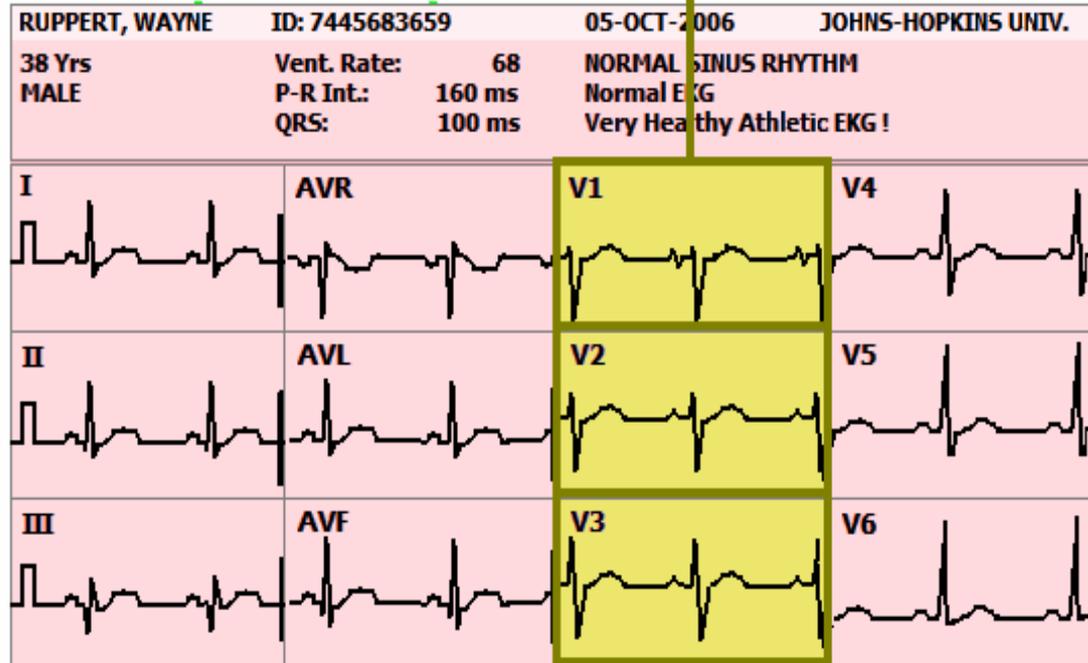
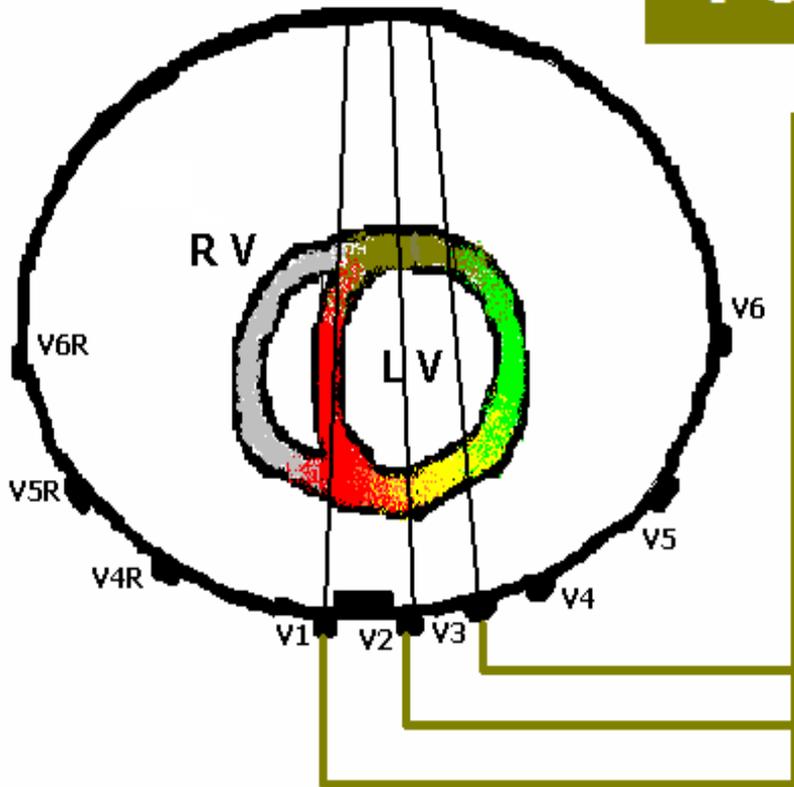
# V1 - V4 VIEW THE ANTERIOR-SEPTAL WALL of the LEFT VENTRICLE

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



# LEADS V1 - V3 *view the*

## POSTERIOR WALL

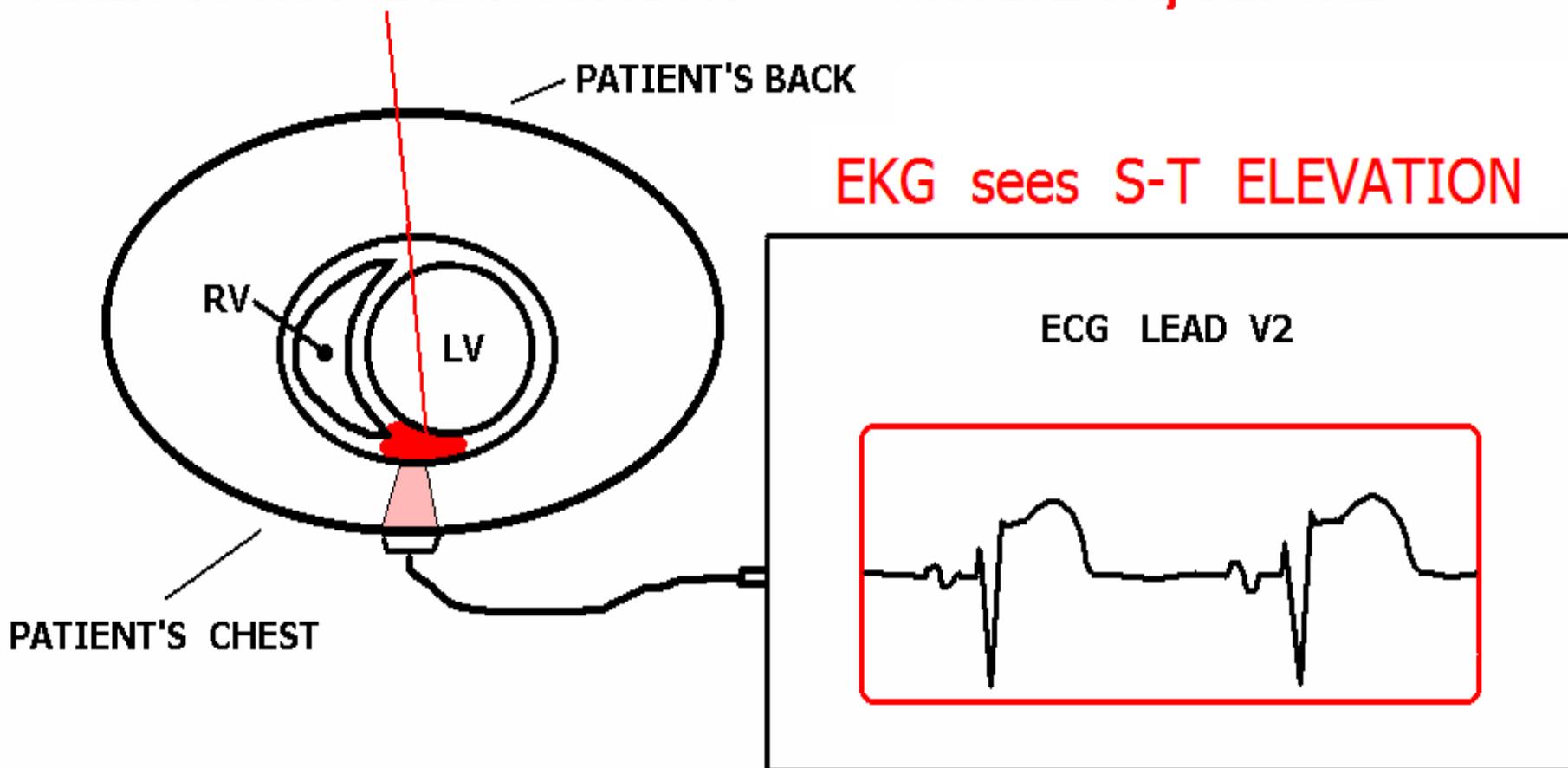


*via* **RECIPROCAL CHANGES.**

# HOW EKG VIEWS INDICATIVE CHANGES

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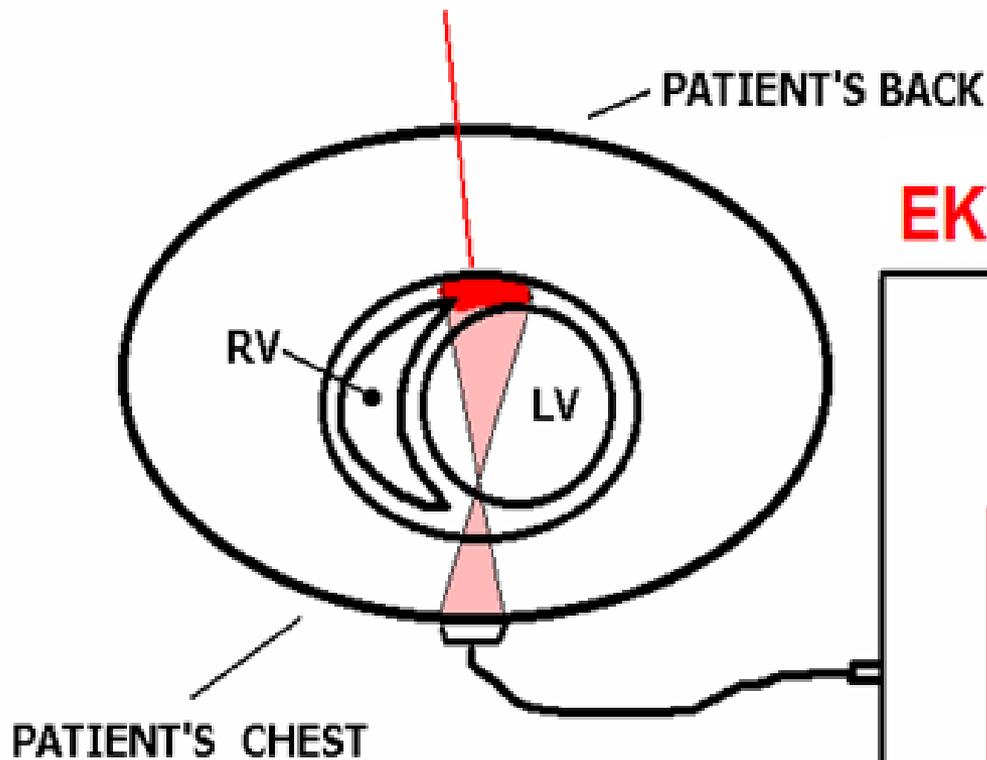
**AREA OF ACUTE INFARCTION - ANTERIOR/SEPTAL**



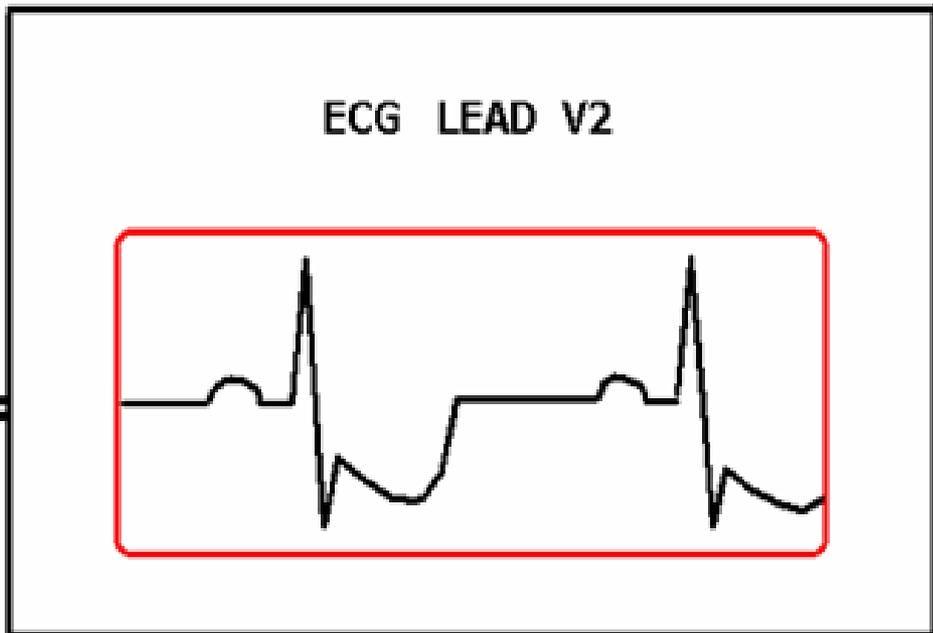
# HOW EKG VIEWS RECIPROCAL CHANGES

**EXAMPLE:**

**AREA OF ACUTE INFARCTION - POSTERIOR WALL**



**EKG sees S-T DEPRESSION**

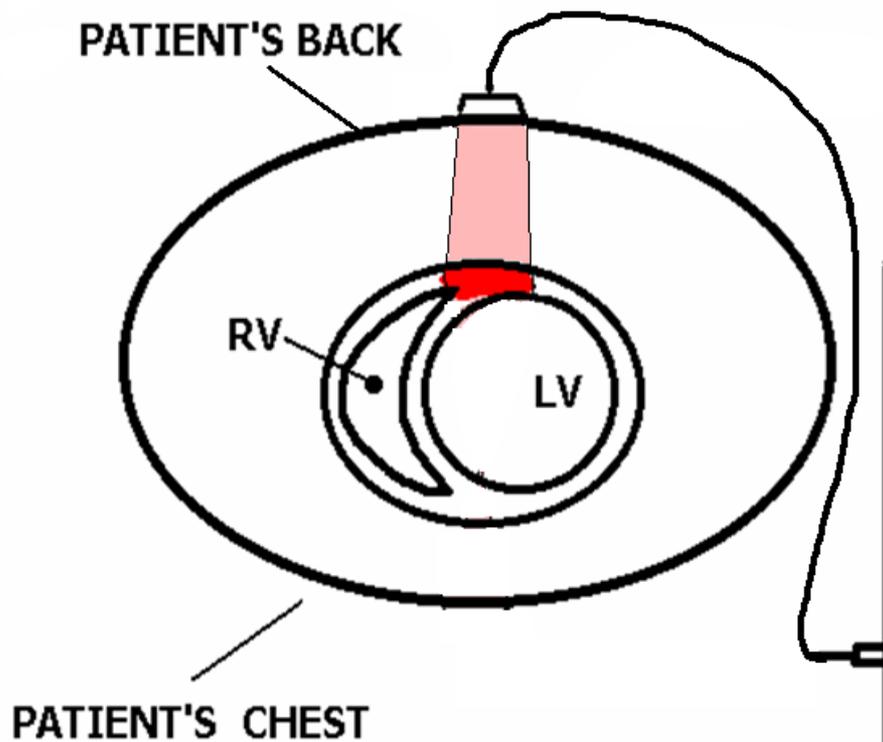


# ST Depression can indicate:



- **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  
of a PATIENT who is having an  
ACUTE POSTERIOR WALL MI . . . . .**

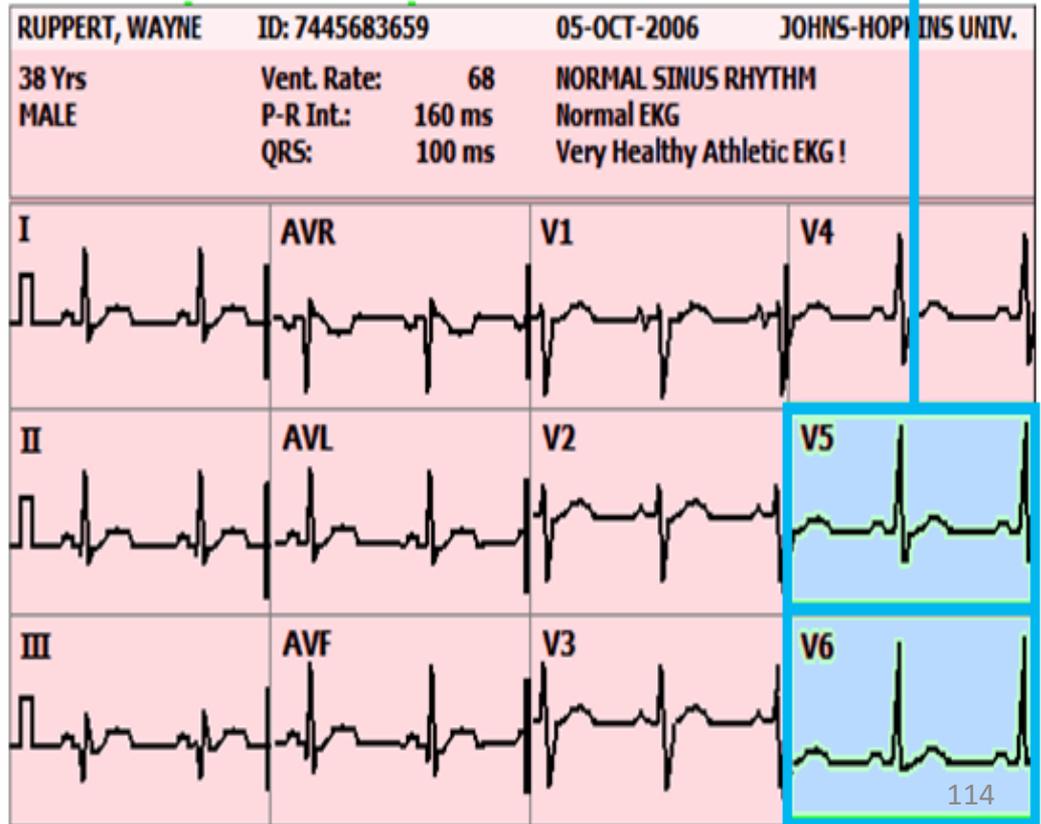
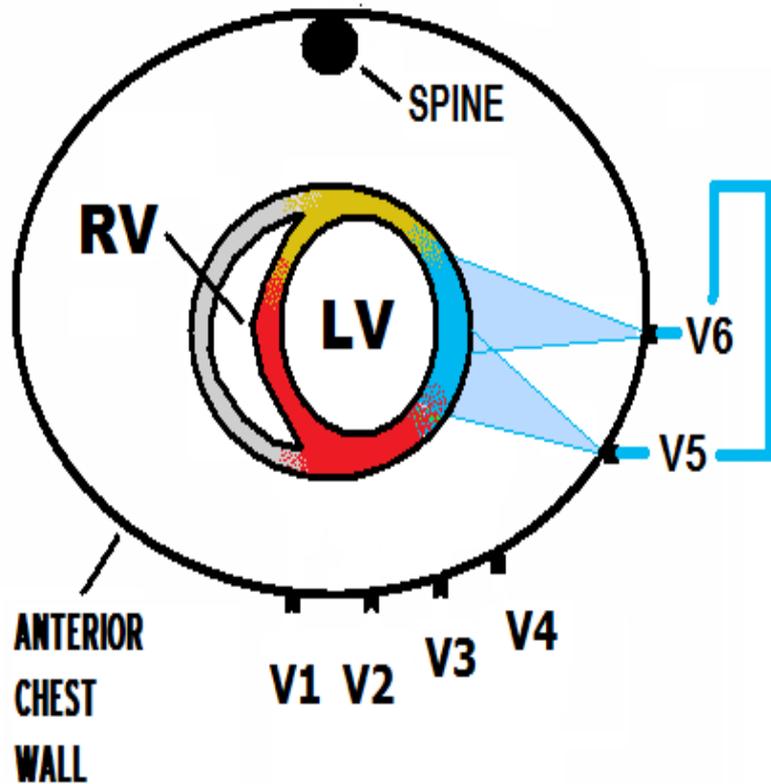


**EKG sees S-T ELEVATION**

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

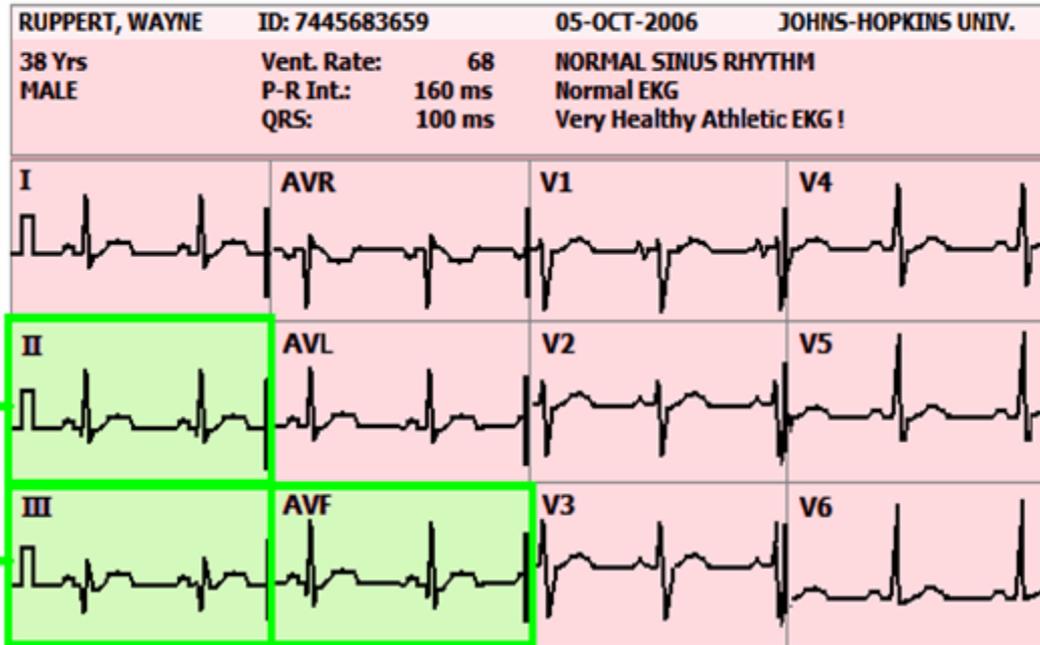
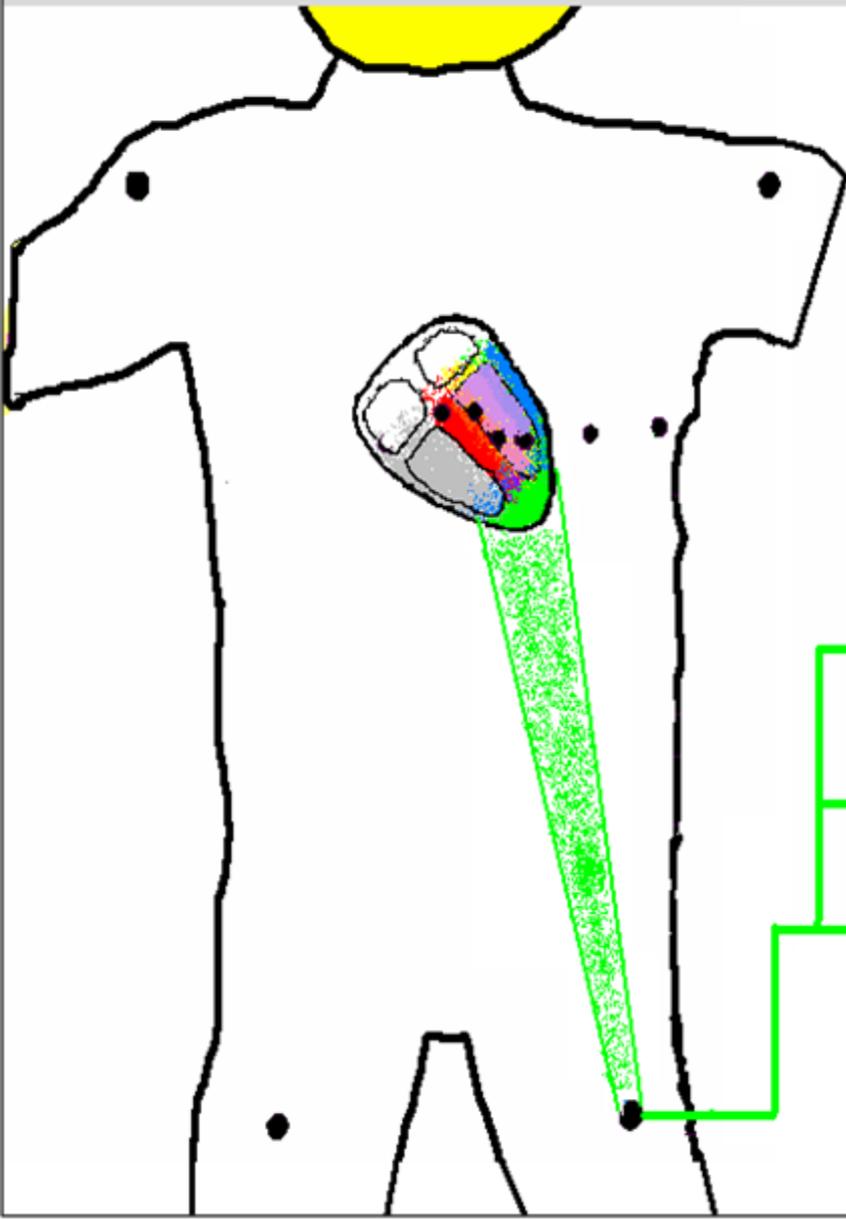


# V5 - V6 VIEW THE LATERAL WALL of the LEFT VENTRICLE



# LEADS II, III, and aVF VIEW

## INFERIOR WALL of the LEFT VENTRICLE



# AREAS VIEWED by 12 LEAD ECG



AVR *BASILAR SEPTAL*

AVL, I LATERAL  
ANTERIOR

V1, V2 ANTERIOR

SEPTAL

POSTERIOR (recip.)

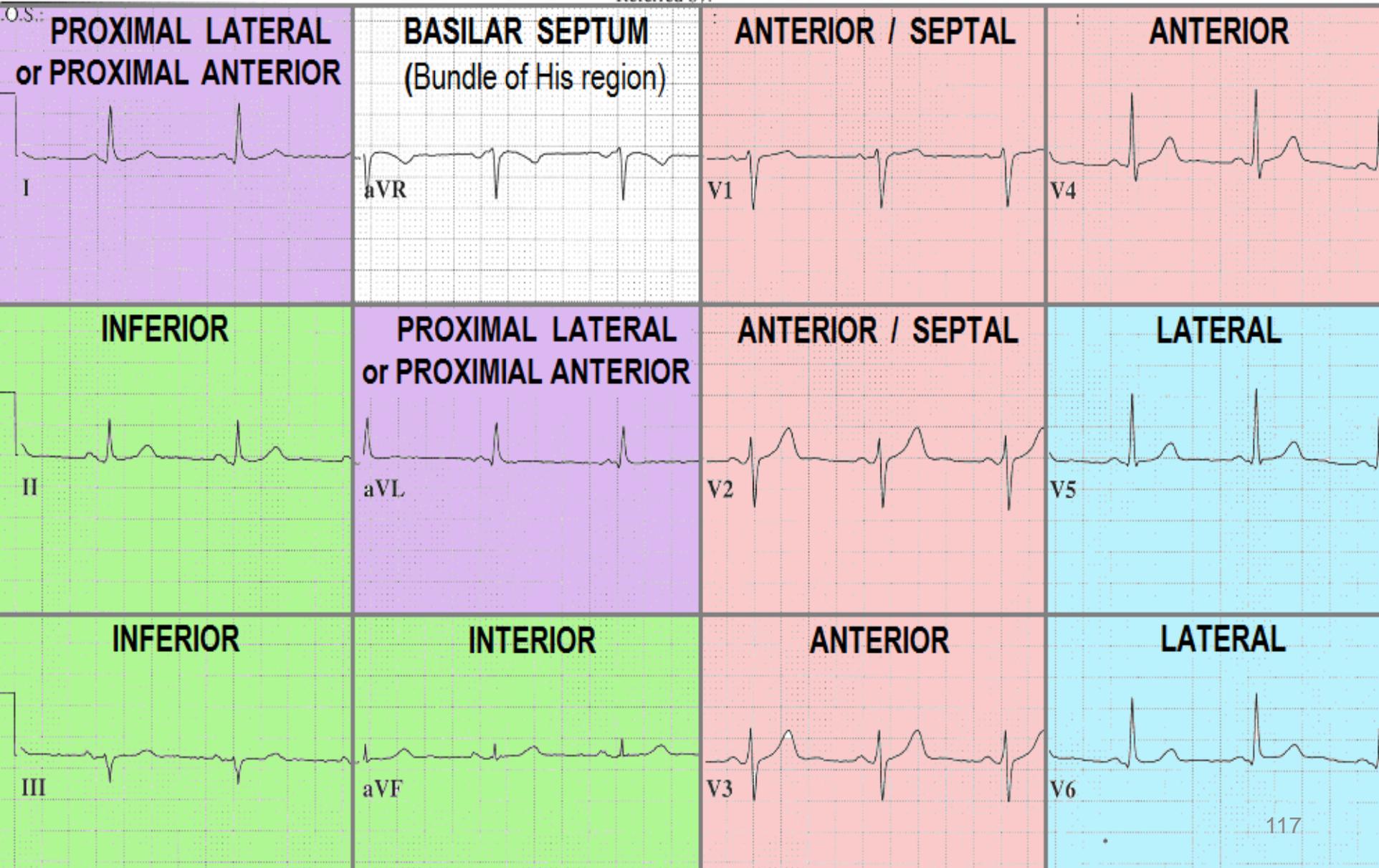
V3, V4 ANTERIOR

V5, V6 LATERAL

II, III, AVF INFERIOR

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

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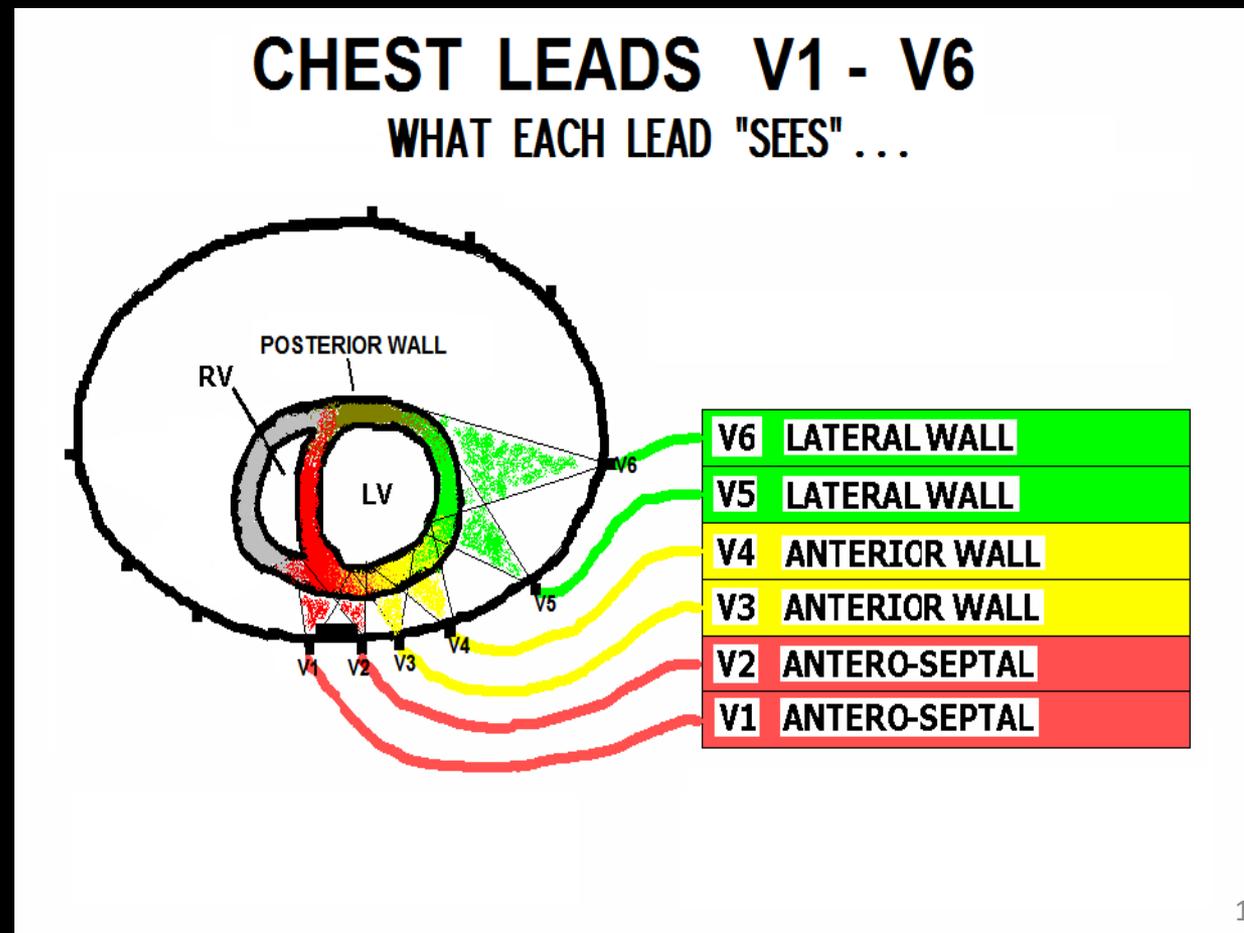
# The 12 Lead ECG

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

The **POSTERIOR WALL**

&

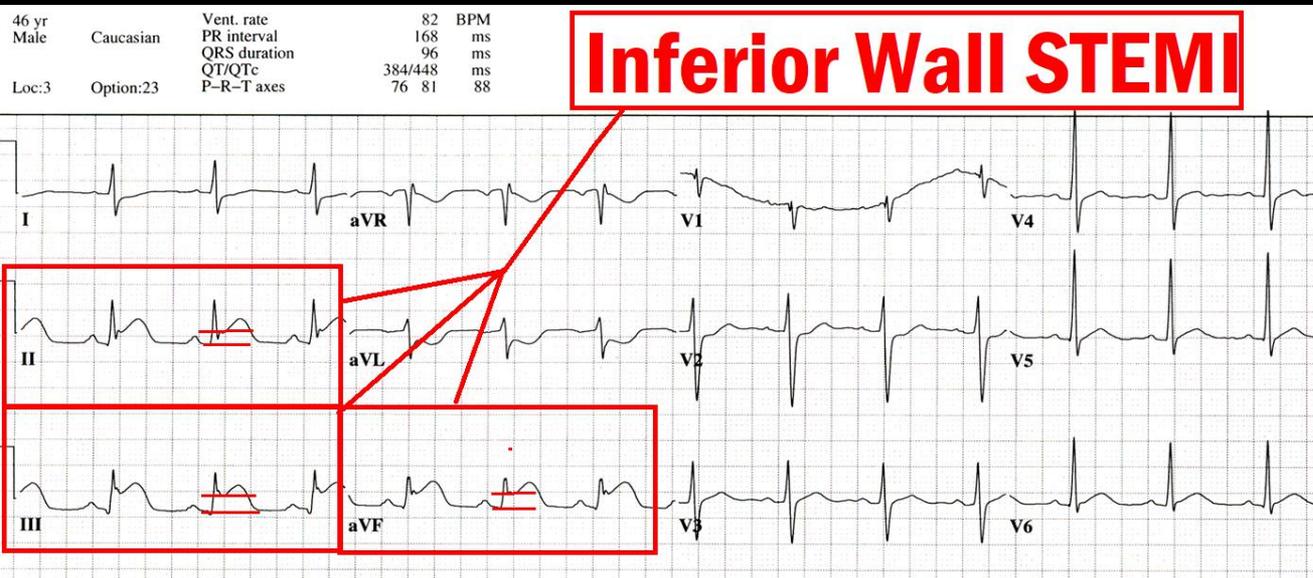
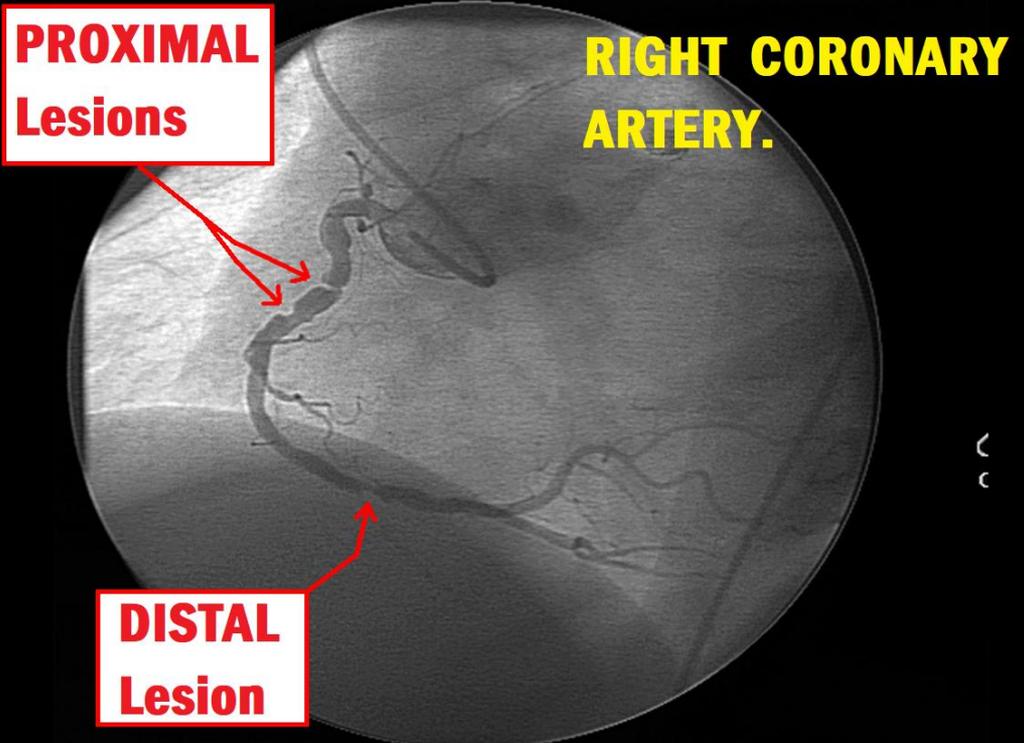
**RIGHT  
VENTRICLE**



# 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**.



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

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

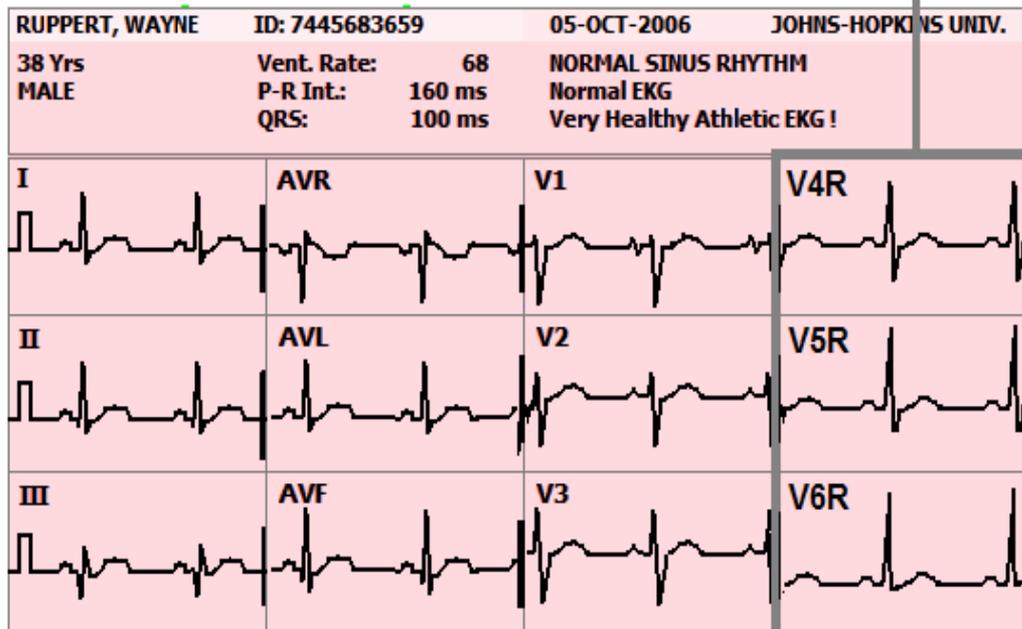
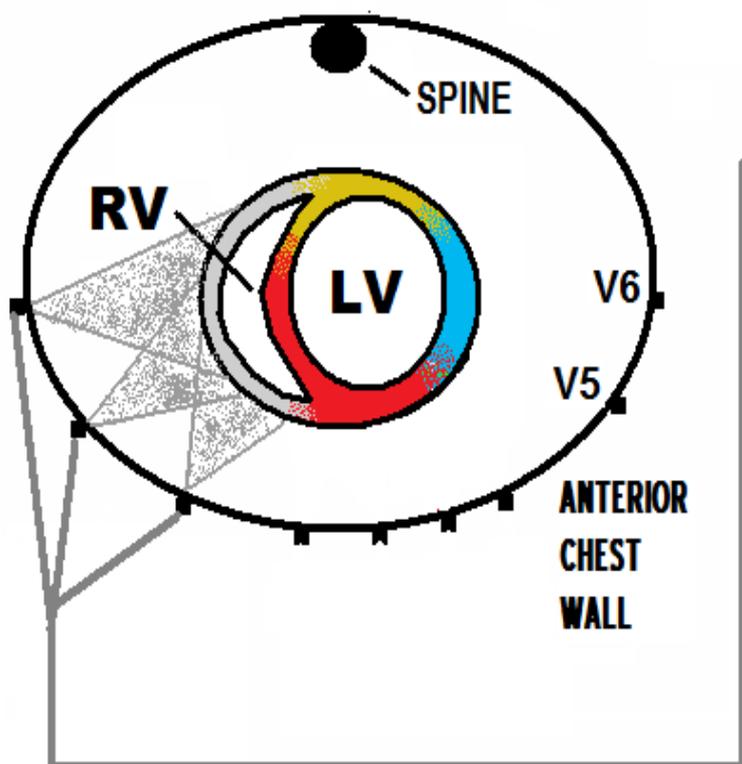


You must do a

**RIGHT - SIDED EKG !!**

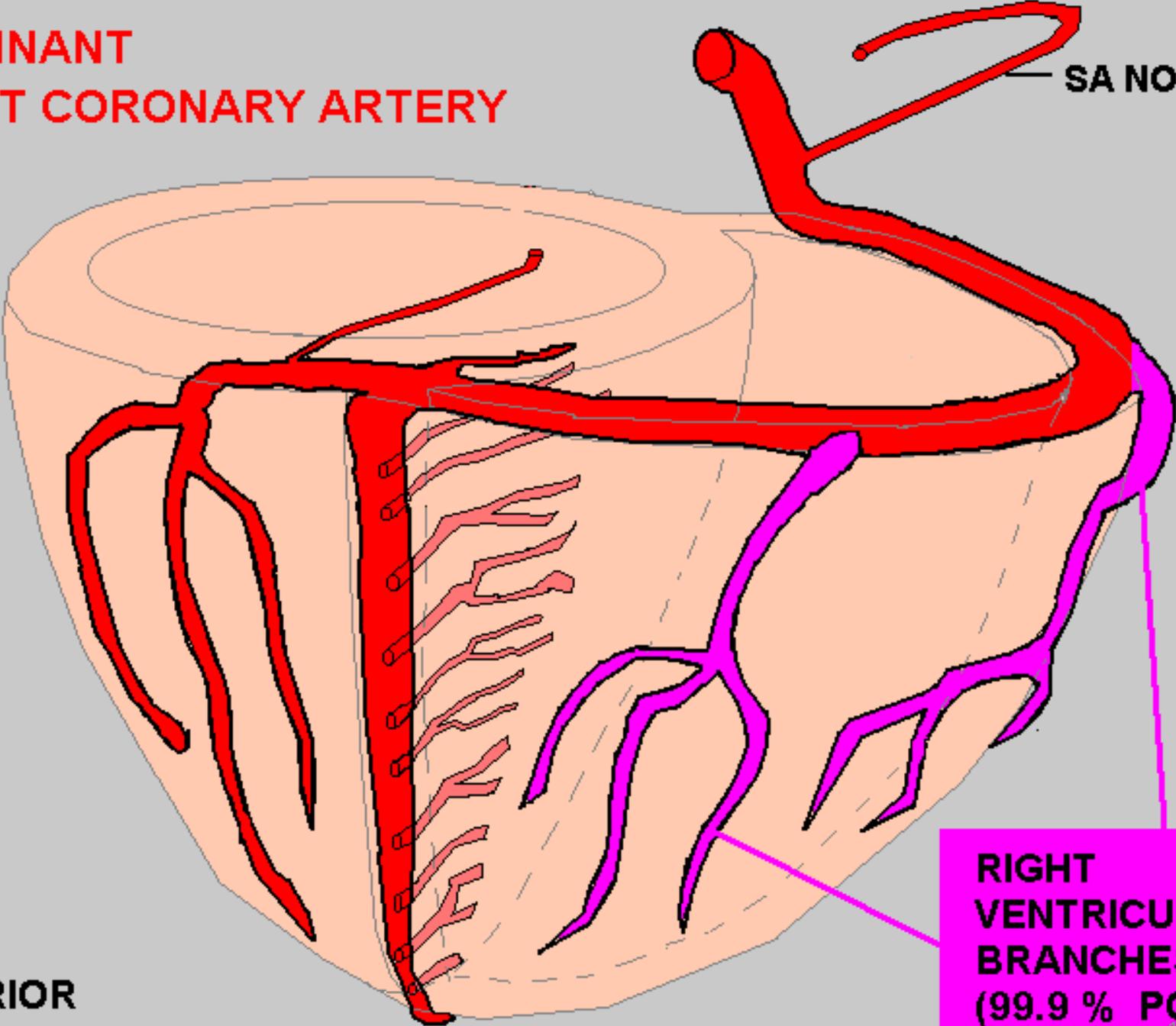


# V4R - V6R VIEW THE RIGHT VENTRICLE



**DOMINANT  
RIGHT CORONARY ARTERY**

SA NODAL



**POSTERIOR  
VIEW**

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

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 81 102

Normal sinus rhythm  
~~Anterolateral infarct, possibly acute~~  
Inferior injury pattern  
\*\*\*\*\* Acute MI \*\*\*\*\*  
Abnormal ECG

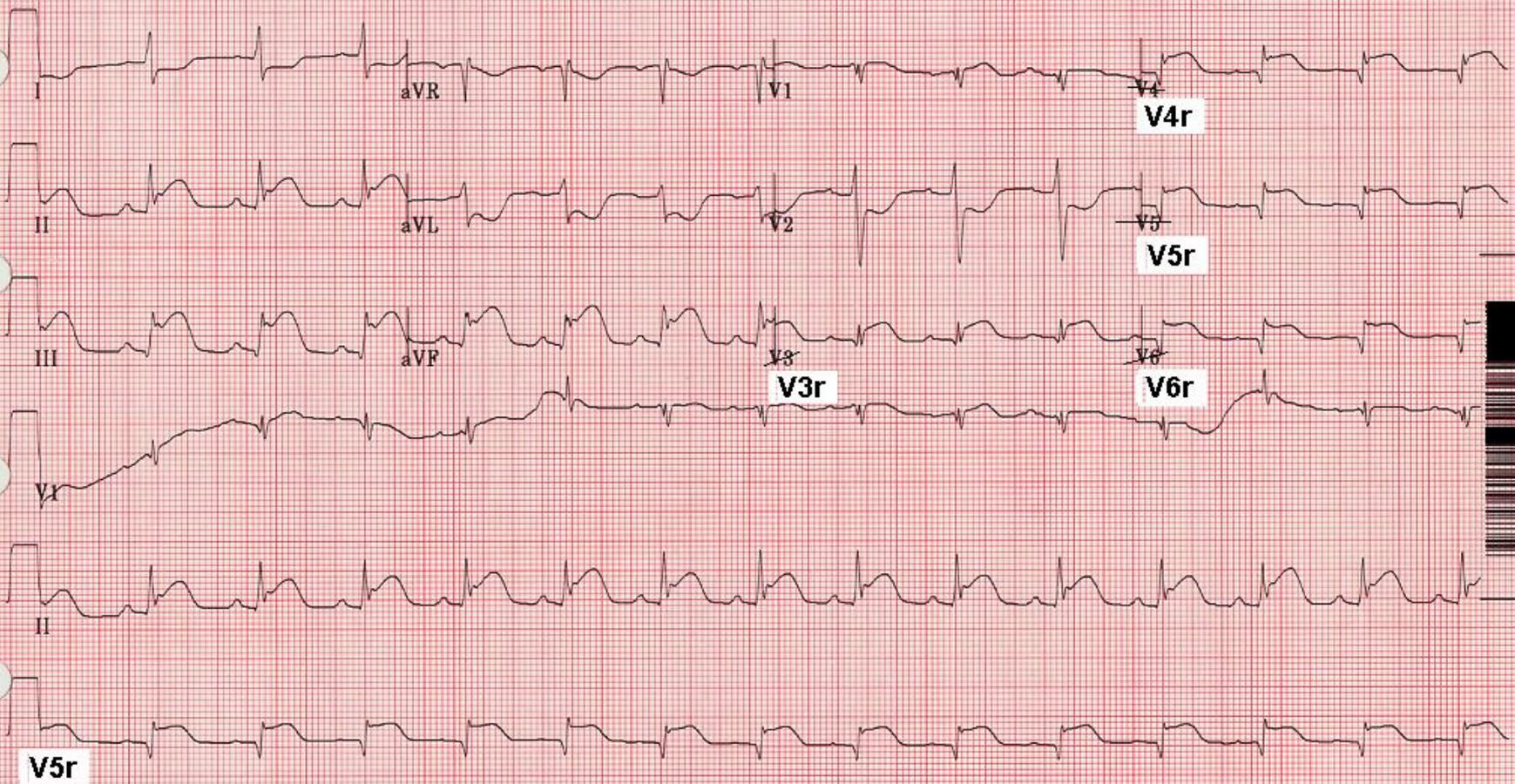
**Right Ventricular Infarct**

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

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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**

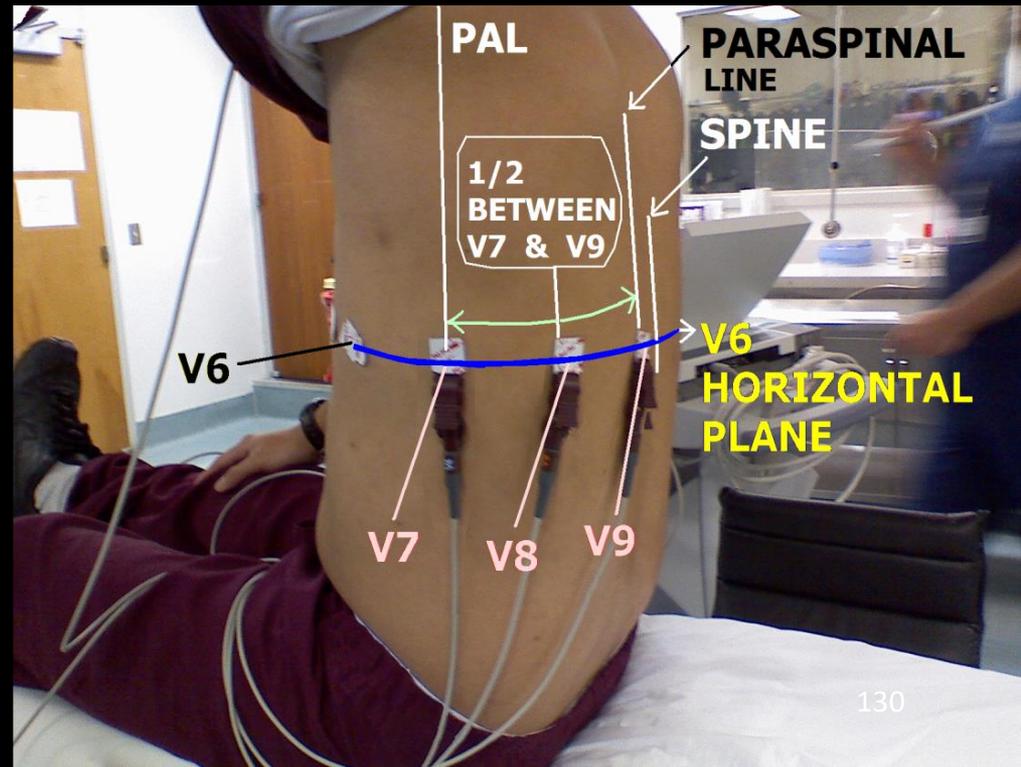
**( V7 - V9 )**

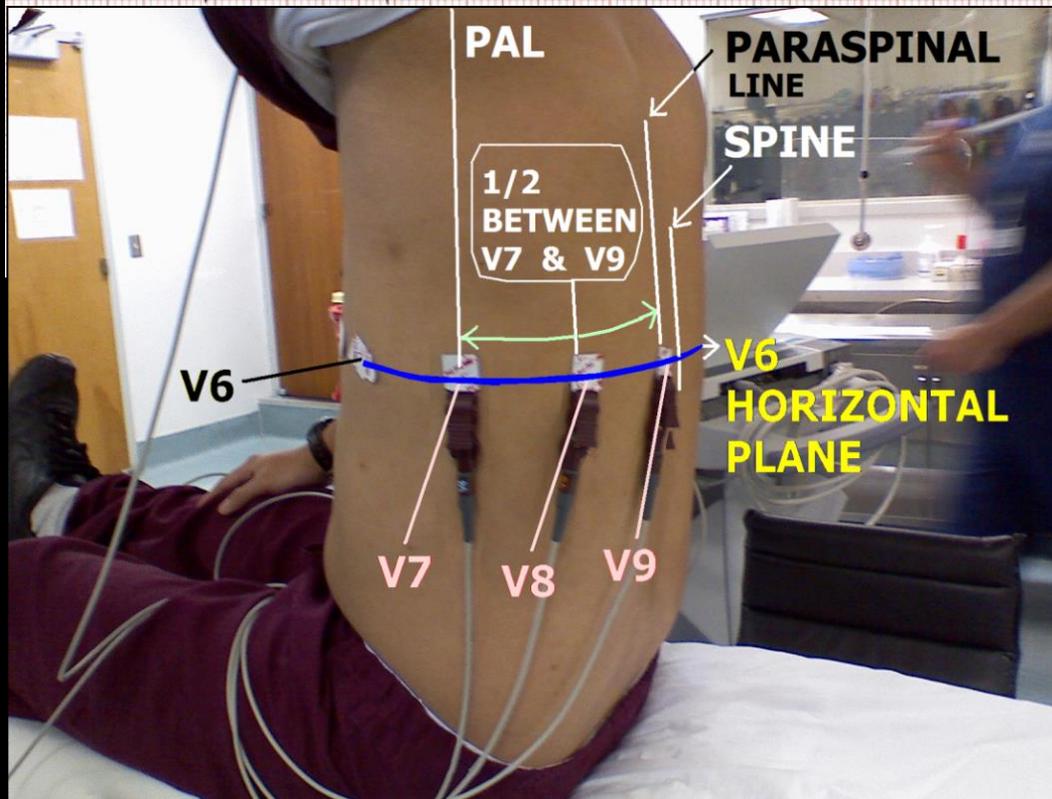
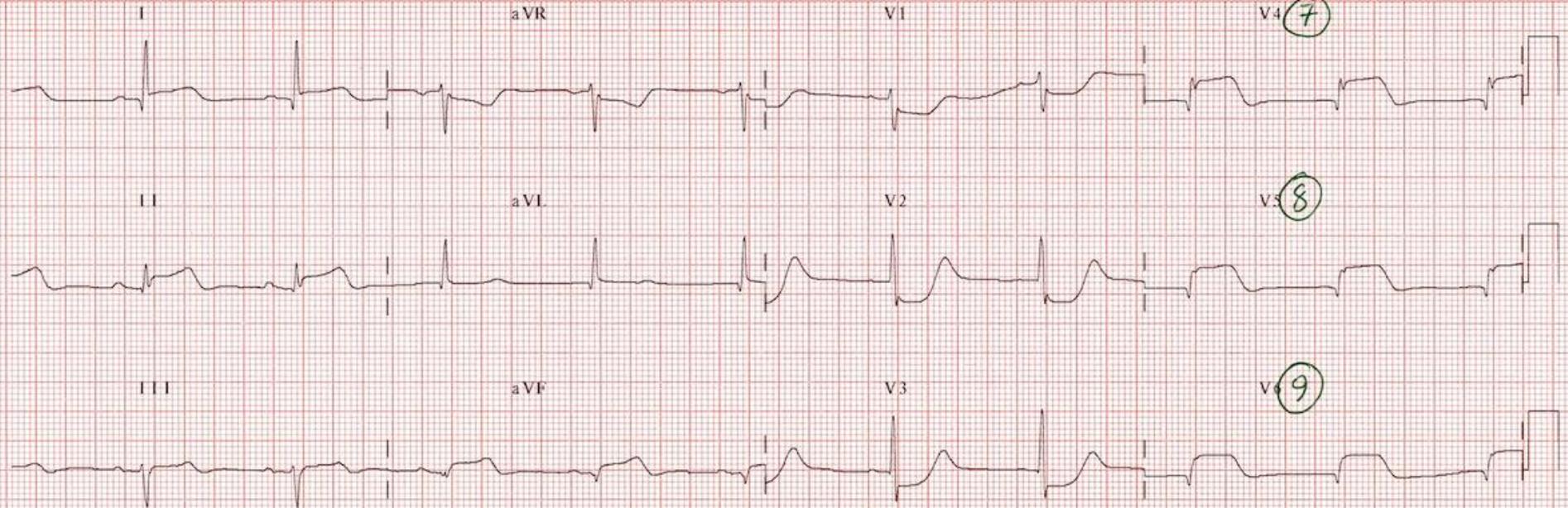
to see if you Patient is having a

**POSTERIOR WALL STEMI**

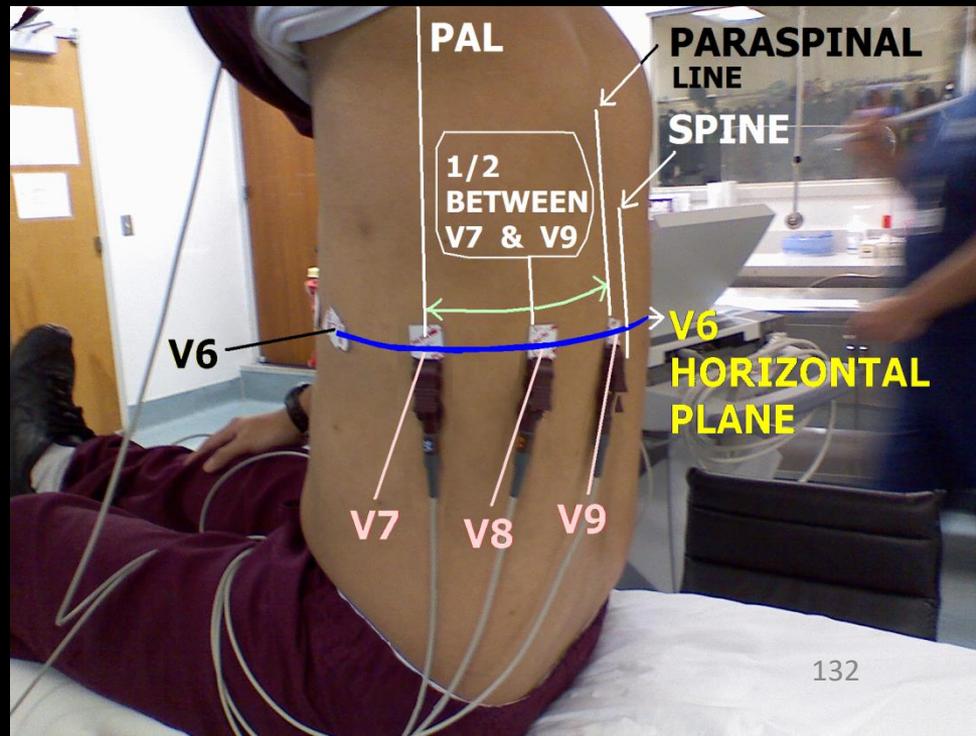
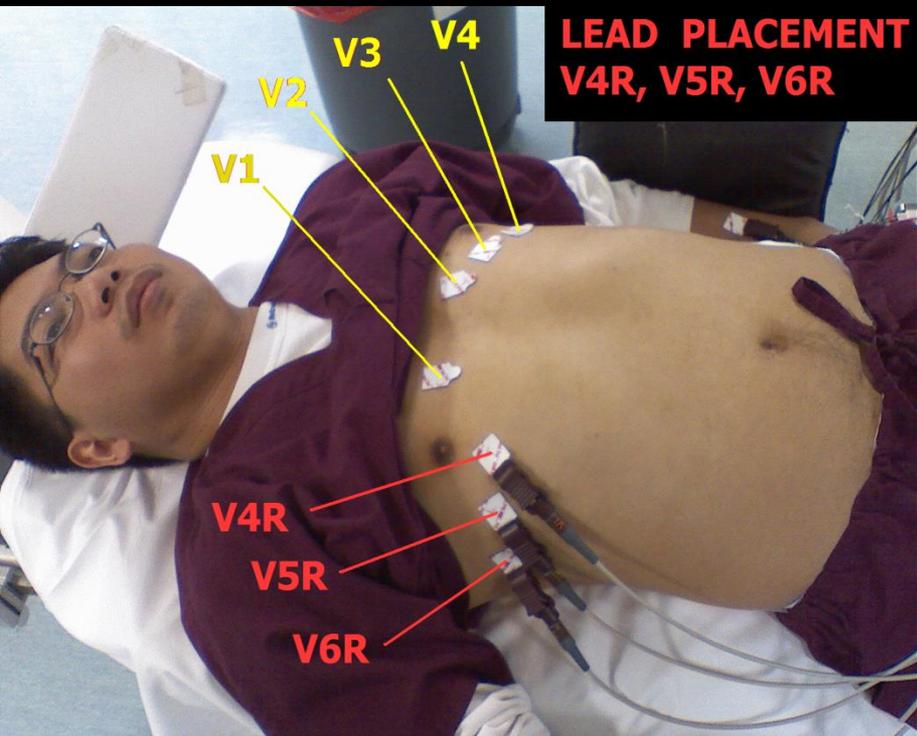
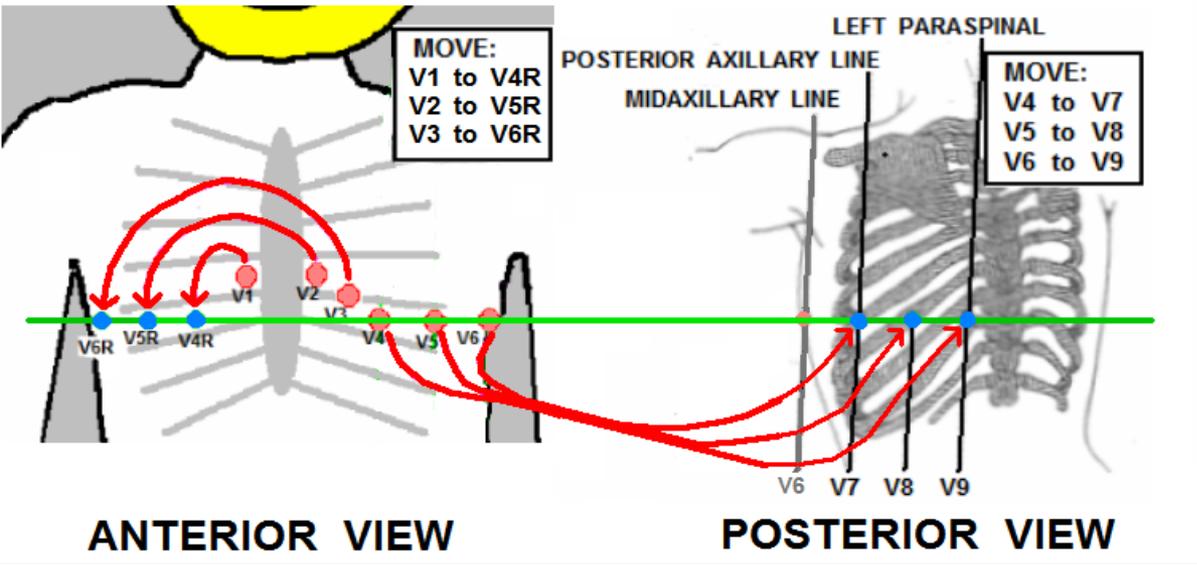
Whenever your patient's ECG exhibits ST DEPRESSION in any of the ANTERIOR LEADS (V1-V4), CONSIDER the possibility of POSTERIOR WALL STEMI !!

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



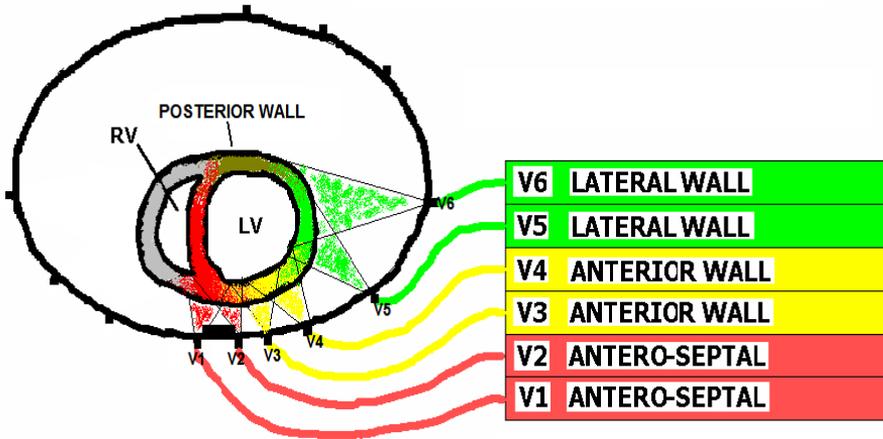


# HOW TO REPOSITION 6 CHEST LEADS to OBTAIN 3 R VENTRICLE and 3 POSTERIOR LEADS



# CHEST LEADS V1 - V6

WHAT EACH LEAD "SEES" ...

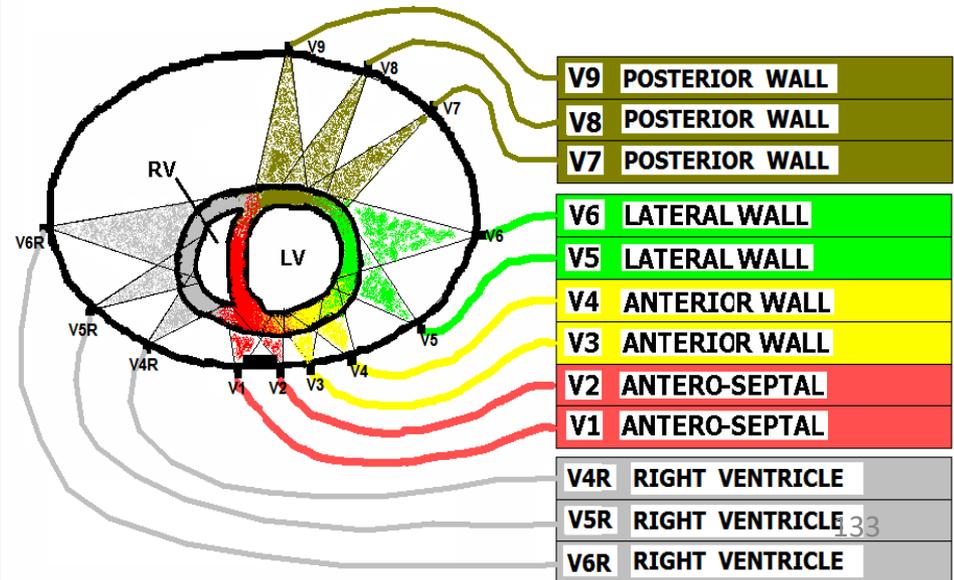


← The 12 Lead ECG

The 18 Lead ECG →

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

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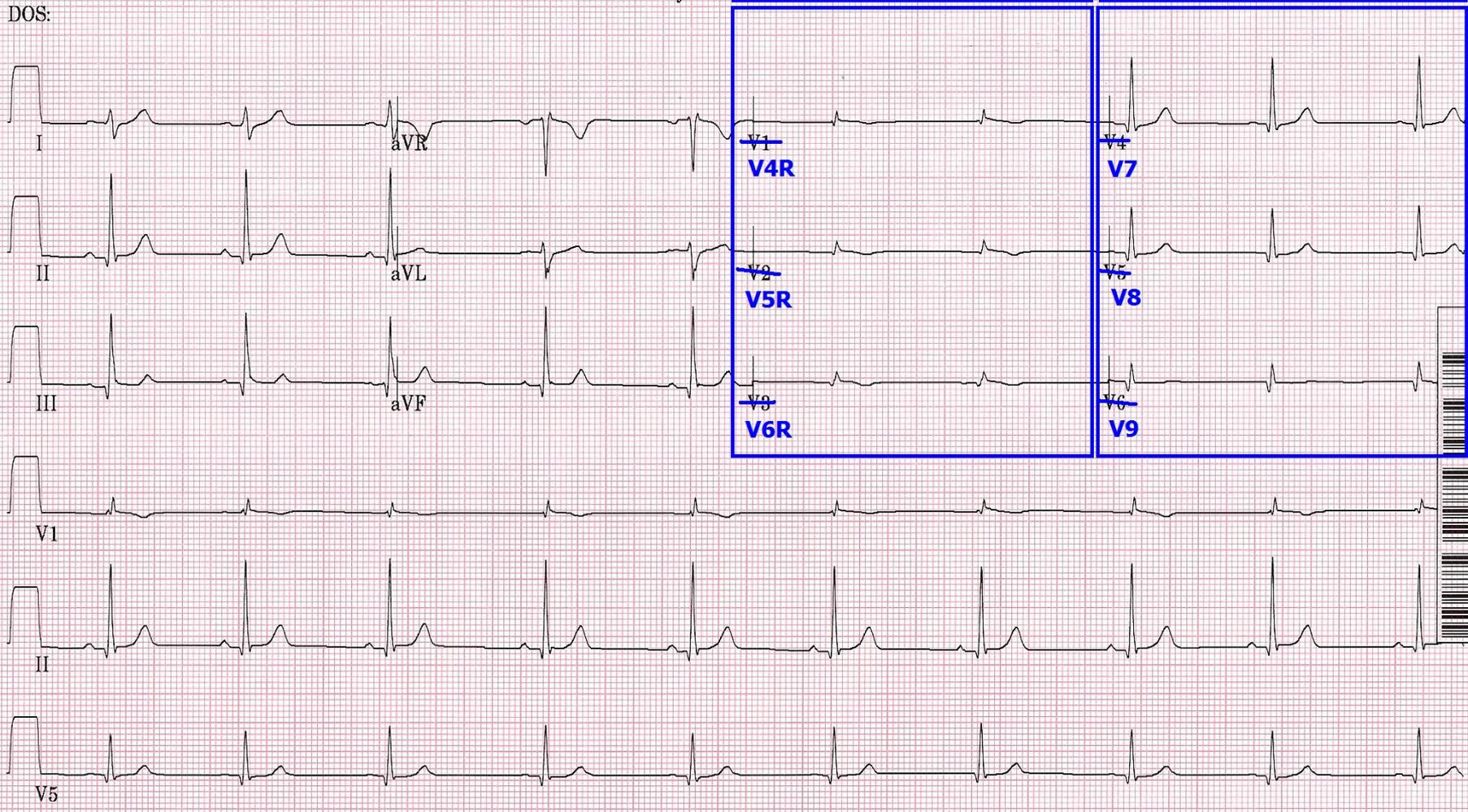
34years Male Asian  
Room: Opt:  
Vent. rate 58 bpm  
PR interval 146 ms  
QRS duration 82 ms  
QT/QTc 372/365 ms  
P-R-T axes 29 82 50

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

Technician: WR

Referred by:

**RIGHT VENTRICLE**      **POSTERIOR WALL**



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

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

Pat ID [REDACTED] 2019 22:07:54  
46 yrs

Caucasian Female  
Account # [REDACTED]

Bayfront Health Seven Rivers ED  
Dept ED  
Room [REDACTED]  
Tech LDC

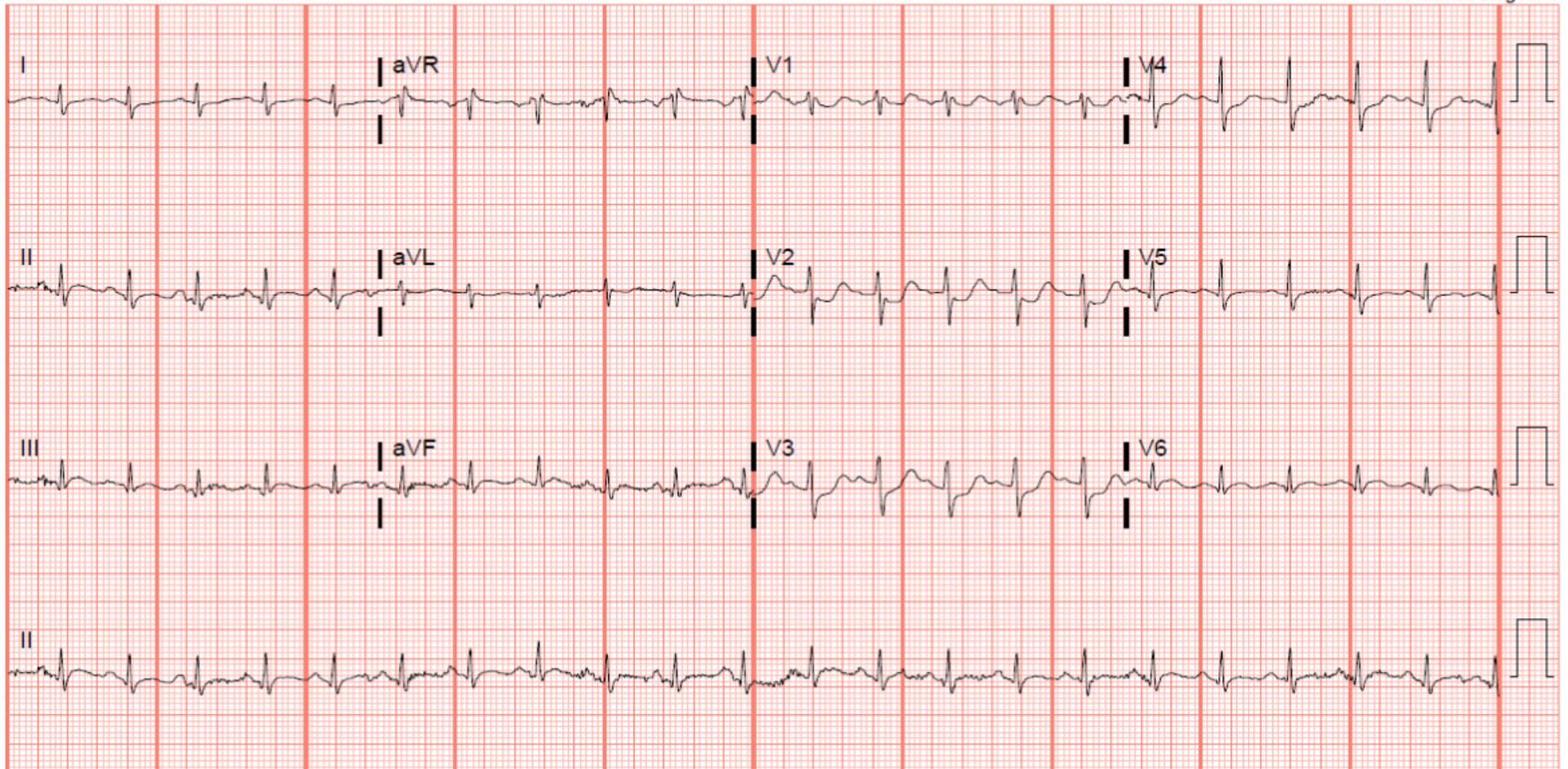
RX  
DX

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

Req Provider: CHARLES NOLES

- Abnormal ECG -

Unconfirmed Diagnosis



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

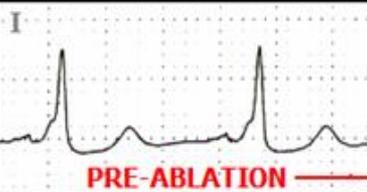
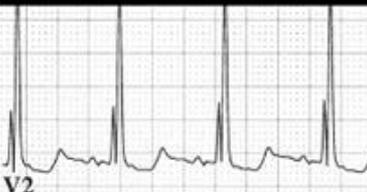
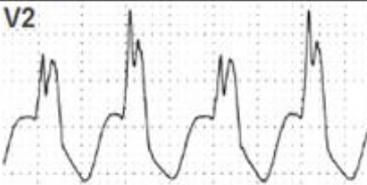
## STEP 1 – evaluate QRS width:

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  - **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:

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

**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

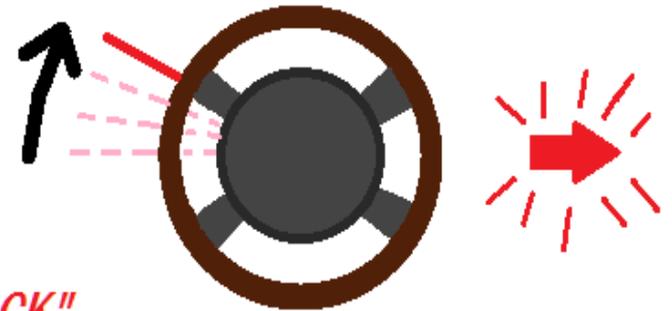
V1

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"

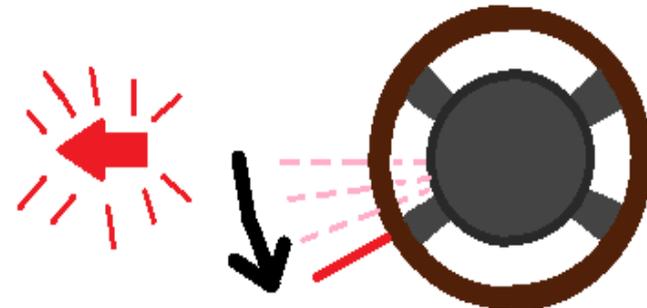


V1

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



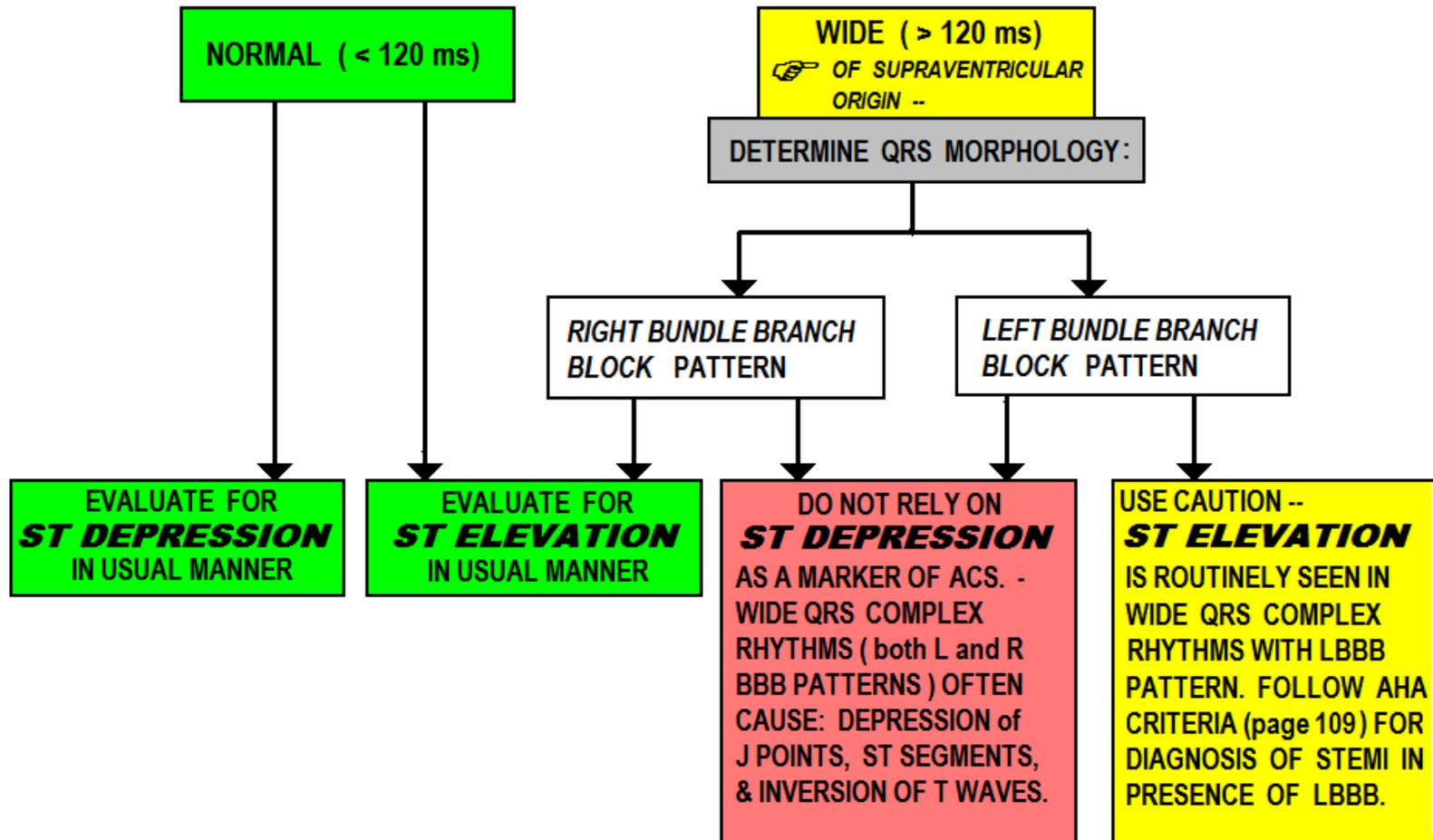
V6



**LEFT BUNDLE  
BRANCH BLOCK**

# Evaluating the ECG for ACS:

## STEP 1 - EVALUATE WIDTH OF QRS:



# **Wide QRS present: (QRSd > 120ms)**

- **When RIGHT Bundle Branch Block pattern is present:**
  - **Precordial Leads typically demonstrate ST Depression and T wave Inversion**

74 years		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

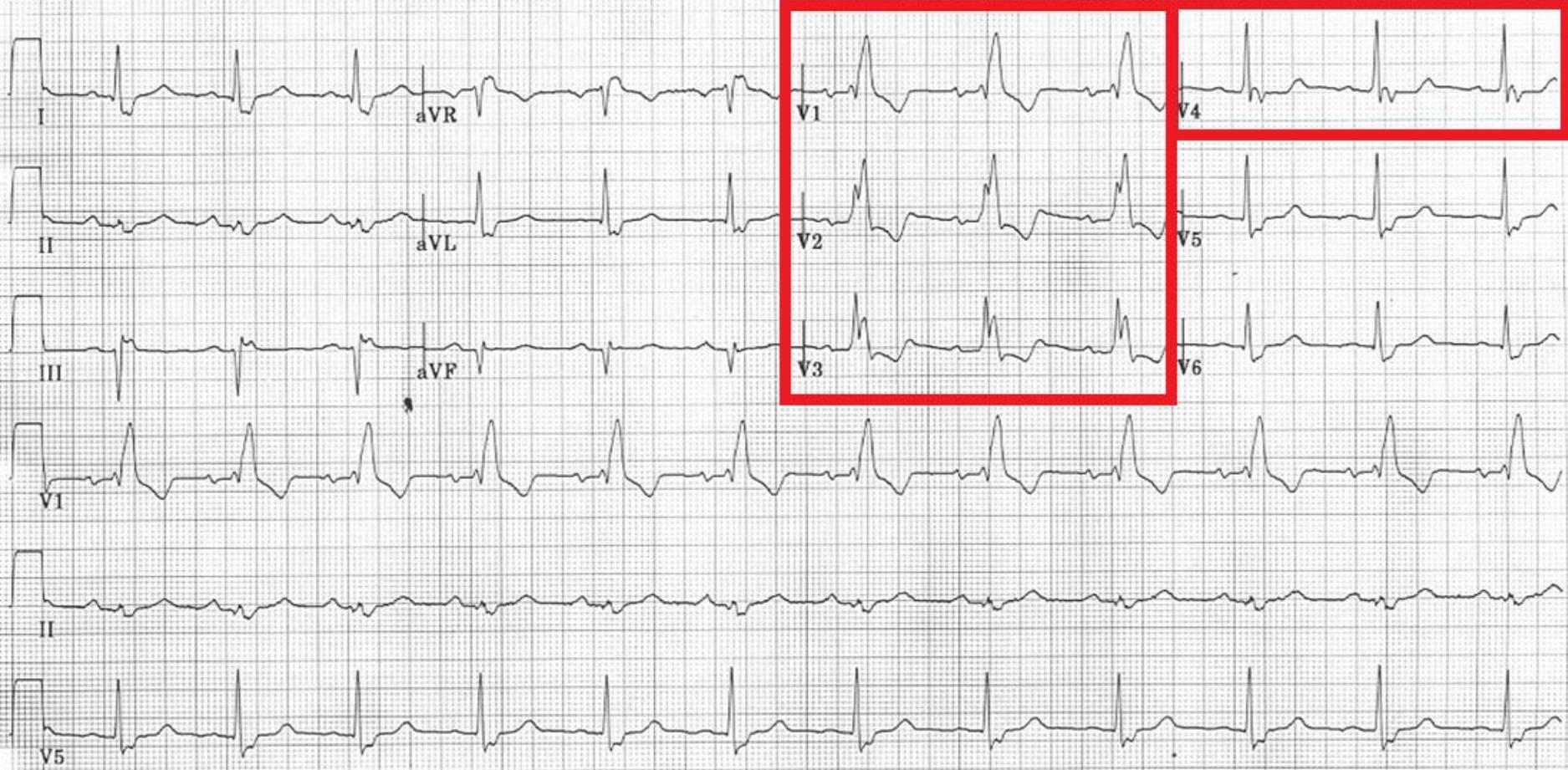
**RBBB causes ST Depression, T Wave Inversion, ANTERIOR Leads (V1 - V4).**

Technician: WR

Referred by:

Unconfirmed

D.O.S.:



# Wide QRS present: (QRSd > 120ms)

- **When RIGHT Bundle Branch Block pattern is present:**
  - Precordial Leads typically demonstrate ST Depression and T wave Inversion
  - **DOES NOT MASK STEMI; *when ST Elevation is noted, CONSIDER STEMI !!***

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

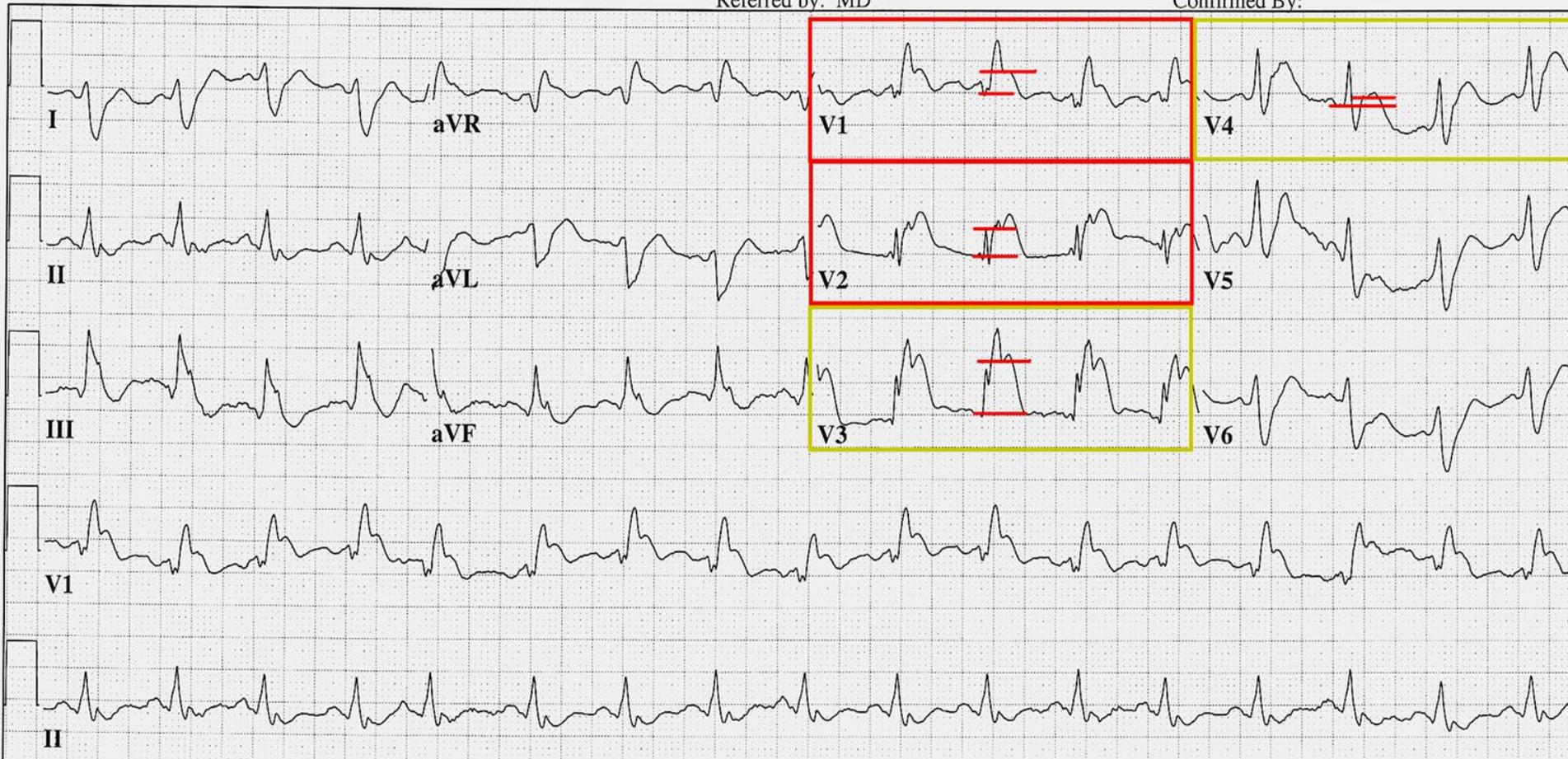
48 yr  
Male Caucasian  
Room:ATL  
Loc:3 Option:23  
Vent. rate 102 BPM  
PR interval 130 ms  
QRS duration 168 ms  
QT/QTc 400/521 ms  
P-R-T axes 60 114 -19

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 ...

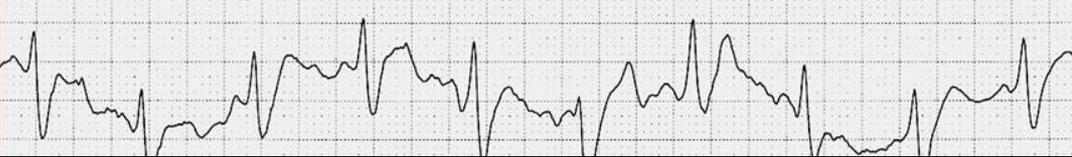
Technician: W Ruppert

Referred by: MD

Confirmed By:



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



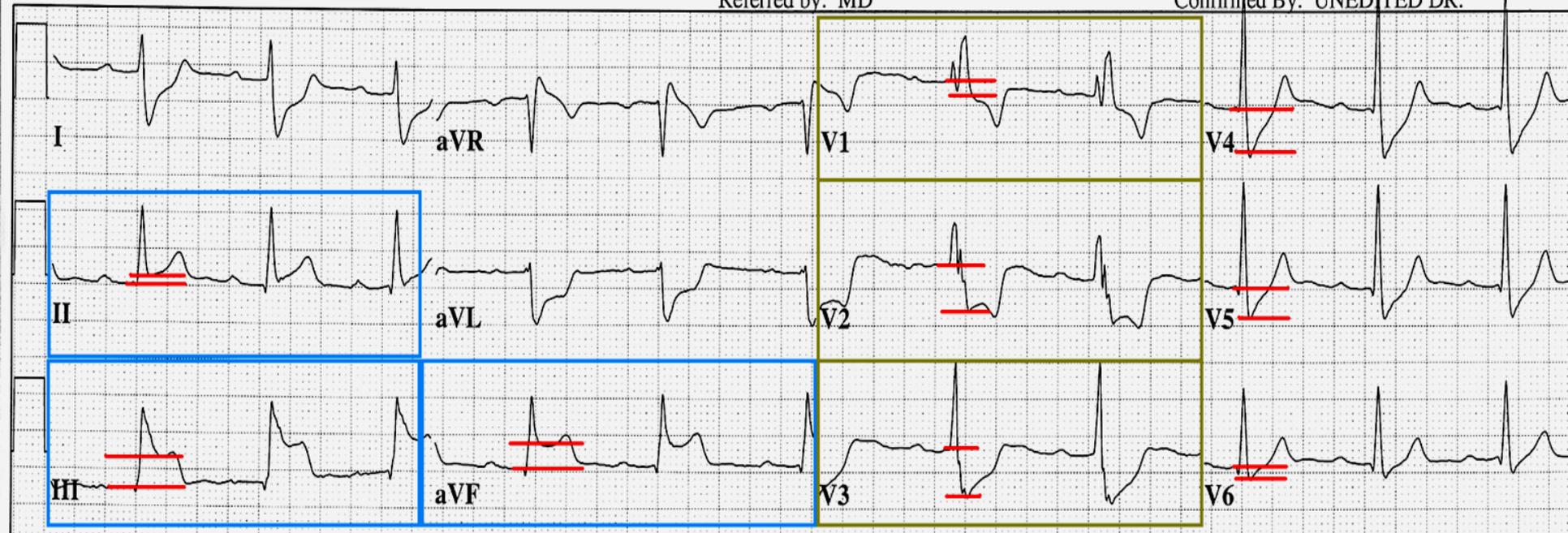
**RBBB with CHEST PAIN - CASE 2: ST ELEVATION LEADS II, III, aVF - WITH RECIPROCAL ST DEPRESSION in LEADS V1 - V6**

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**



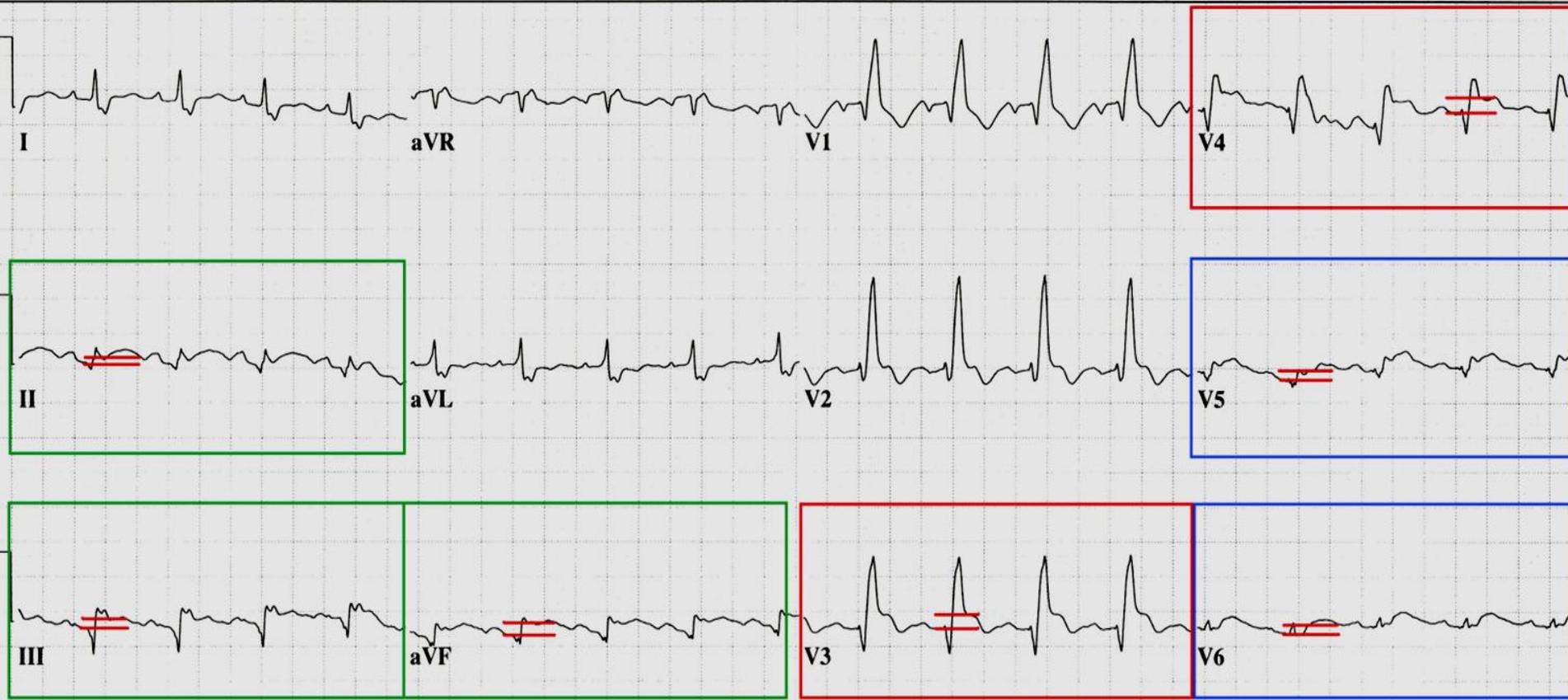
# RBBB with CHEST PAIN - CASE 3: ST ELEVATION V3 - V6, II, III, aVF

75 yr  
Male Caucasian  
Room:CS-19  
Loc:6 Option:41

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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(QRSd > 120ms)

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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

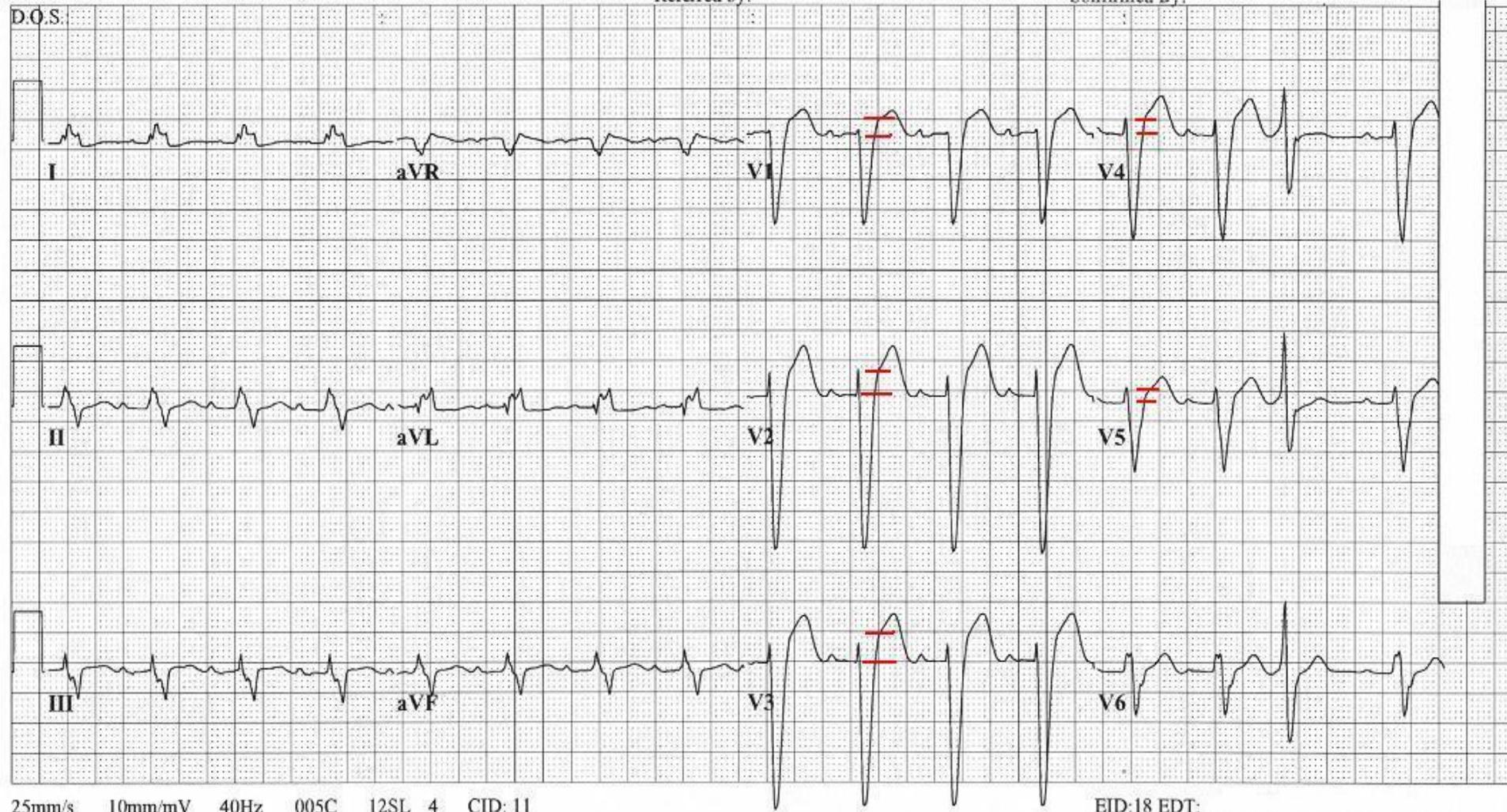
Vent. rate	94	BPM
PR interval	202	ms
QRS duration	160	ms
QT/QTc	388/485	ms
P-R-T axes	91 -23 87	

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,**

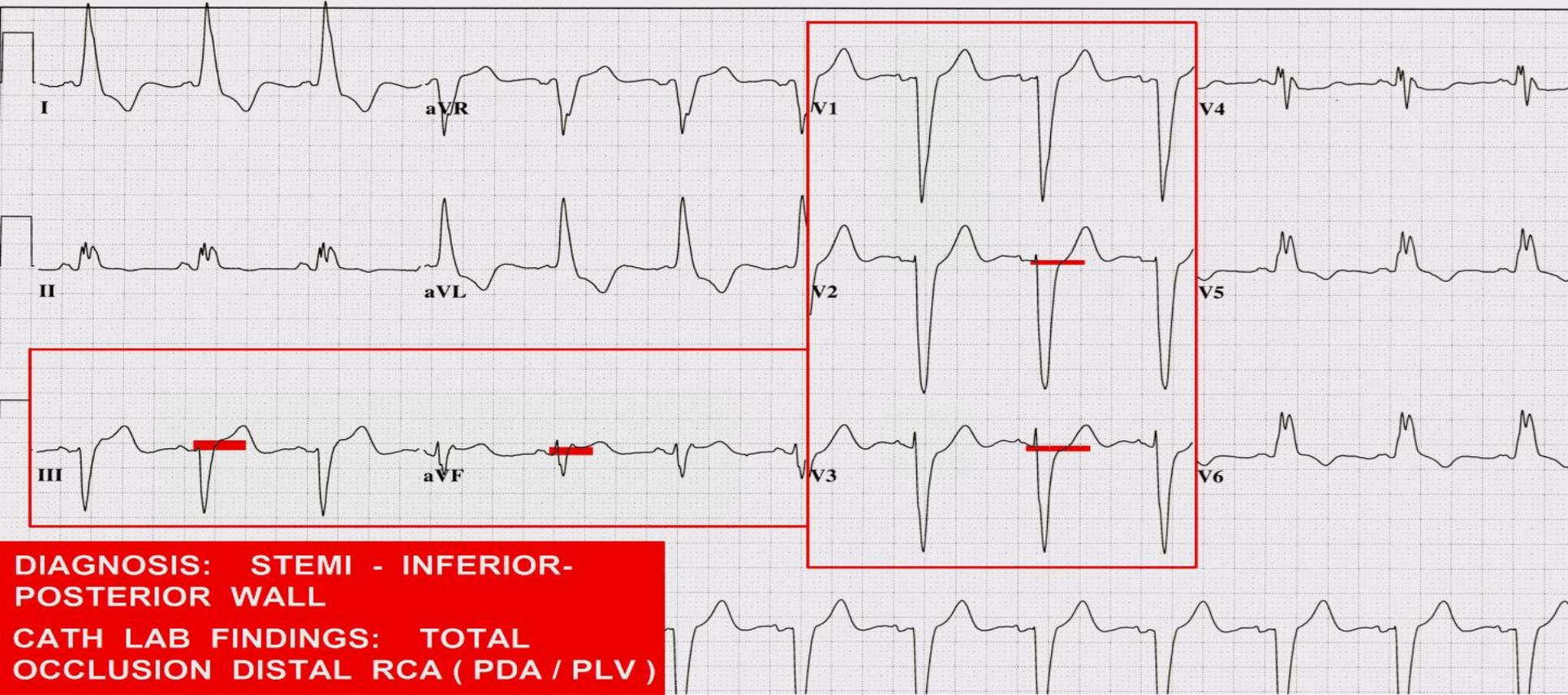
*The J Point elevation can exceed 0.5 mv  
(5mm) above the iso-electric line in patients  
without ACS.*

# 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

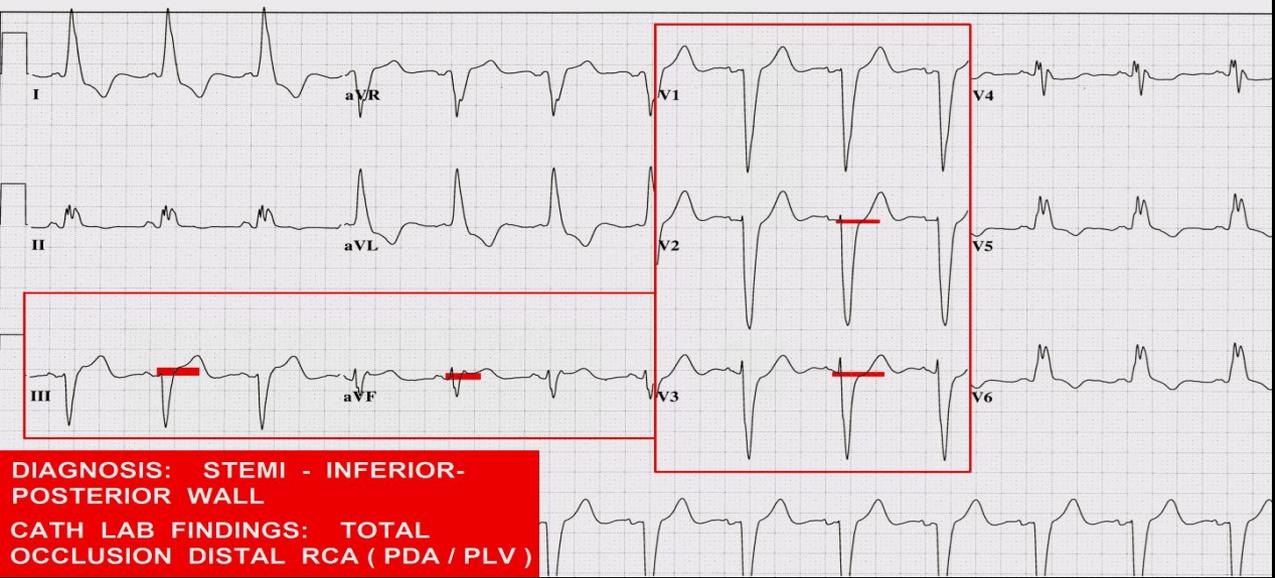
Normal sinus rhythm  
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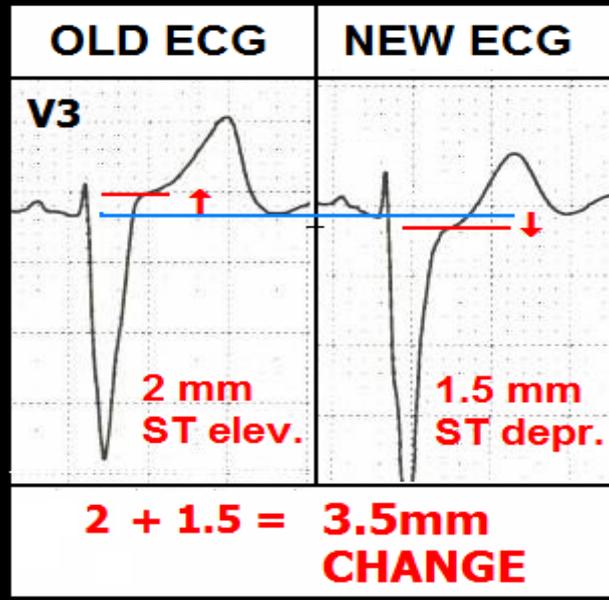
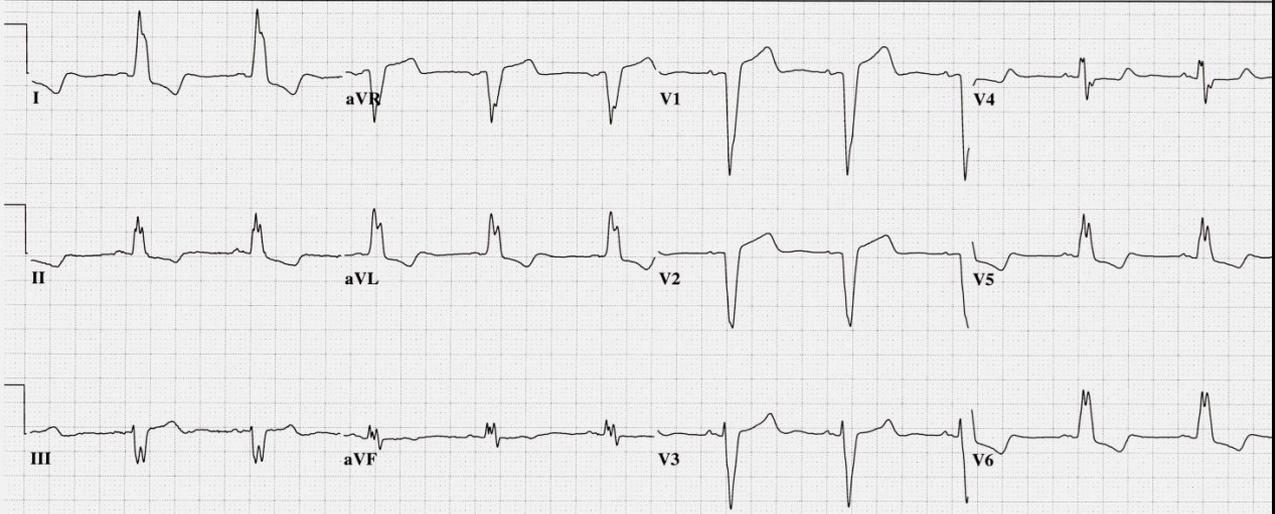


**DIAGNOSIS: STEMI - INFERIOR-POSTERIOR WALL**  
**CATH LAB FINDINGS: TOTAL OCCLUSION DISTAL RCA ( PDA / PLV )**

**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.

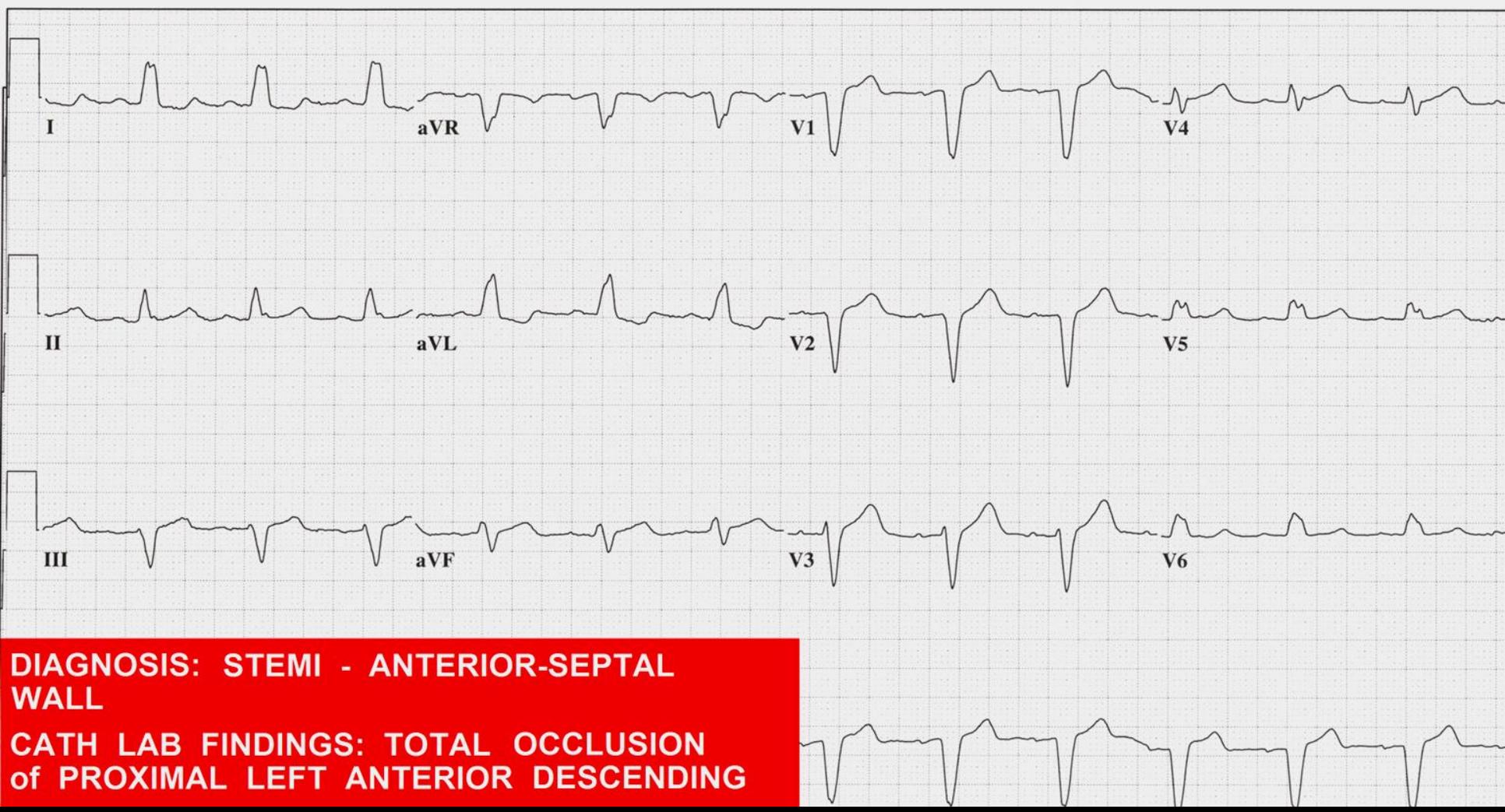


# LBBB with CHEST PAIN - CASE 2 : NEW ONSET of LBBB

46 yr  
Male Caucasian  
Room:ER  
Loc:3 Option:23

Vent. rate 77 BPM  
PR interval 172 ms  
QRS duration 142 ms  
QT/QTc 446/504 ms  
P-R-T axes 38 0 92

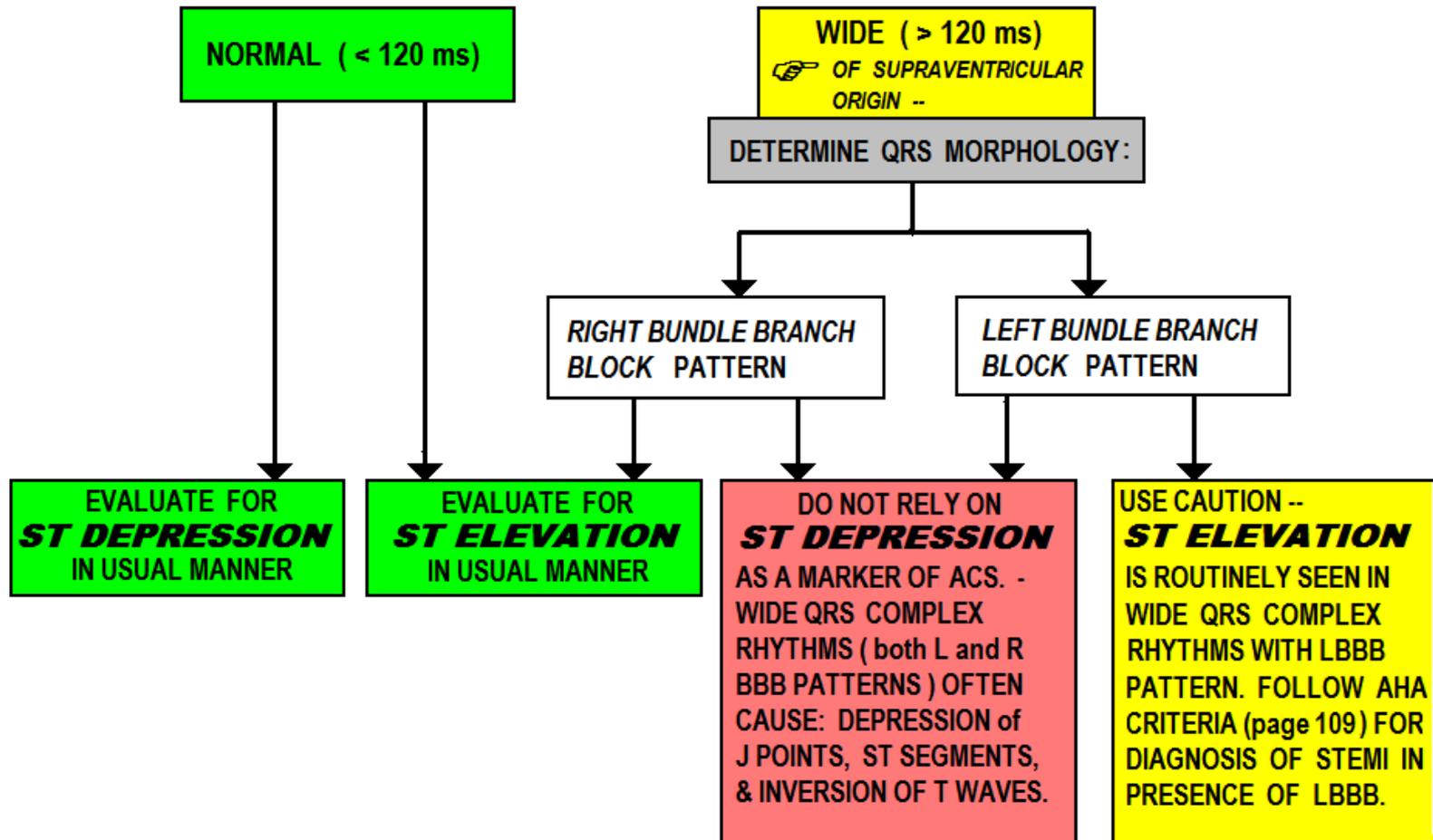
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Left bundle branch block  
Abnormal ECG



**DIAGNOSIS: STEMI - ANTERIOR-SEPTAL WALL**  
**CATH LAB FINDINGS: TOTAL OCCLUSION of PROXIMAL LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING**

# Evaluating the ECG for ACS:

## STEP 1 - EVALUATE WIDTH OF QRS:



# Evaluating the ECG for ACS:

## *Patients with Normal Width QRS (QRSd < 120ms)*

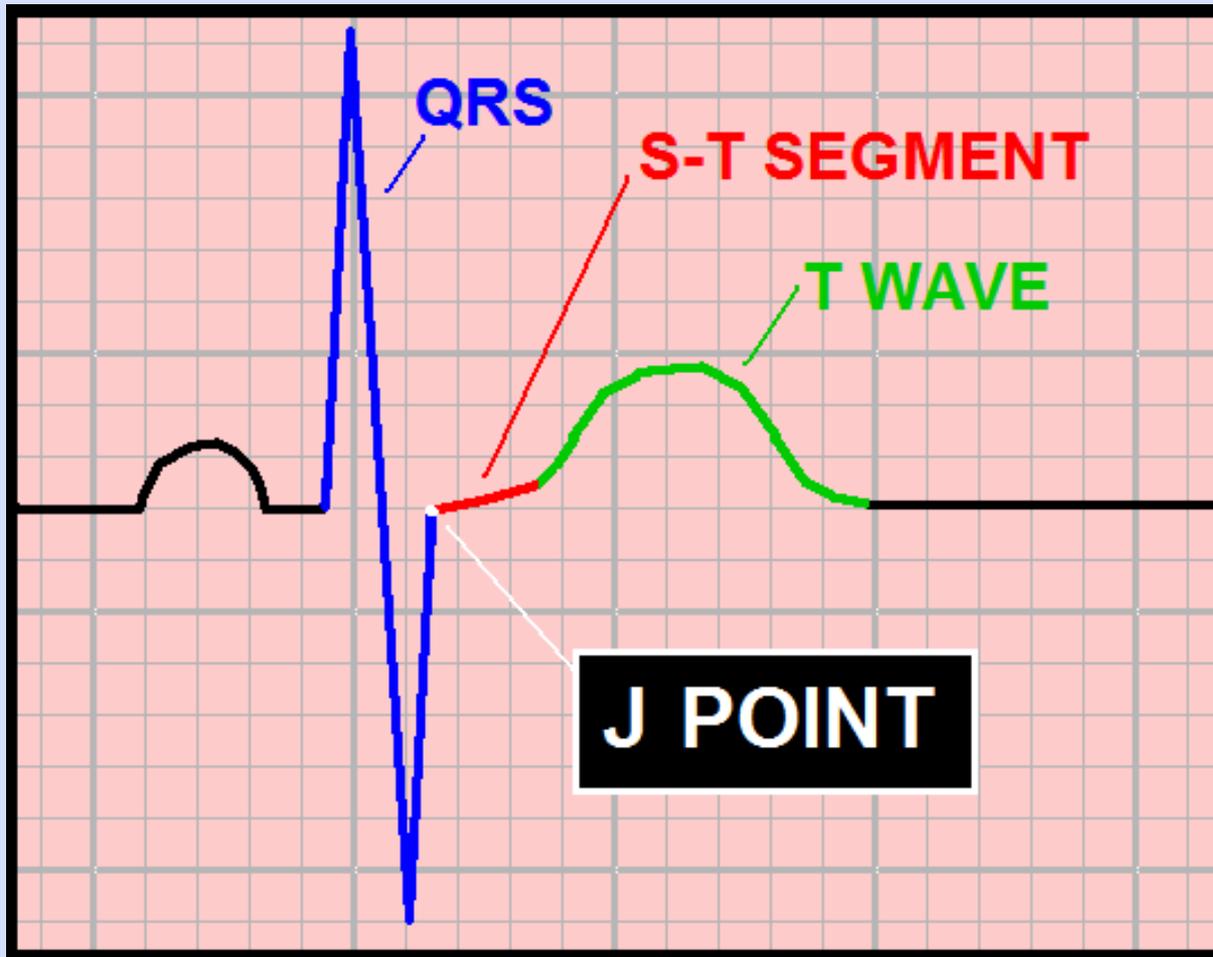
### STEP 2 - EVALUATE the EKG for ACS

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:



When QRS duration is NORMAL ( $< 120$  ms):

# NORMAL ST - T WAVES

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

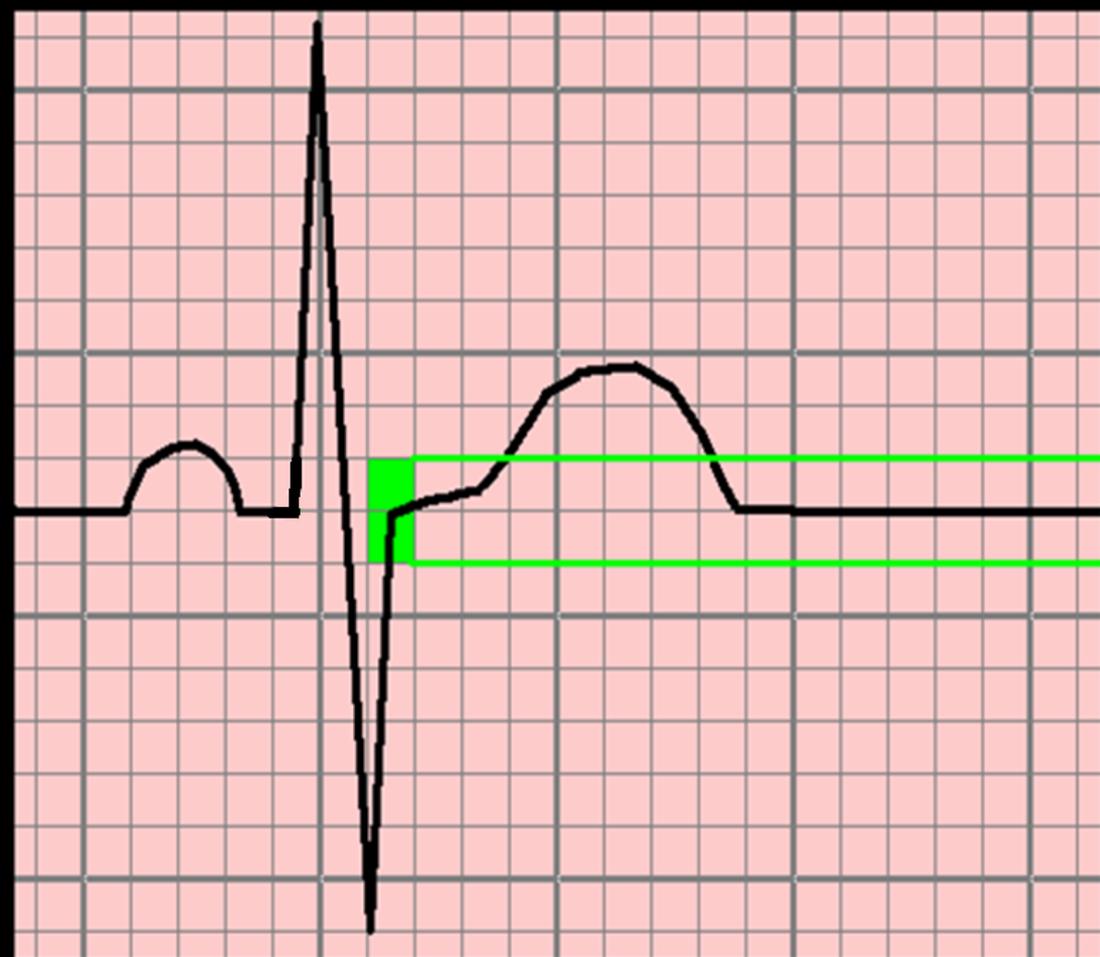
## ASSESS:



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

 **in EVERY LEAD EXCEPT aVR !!**

# THE J POINT SHOULD BE ..

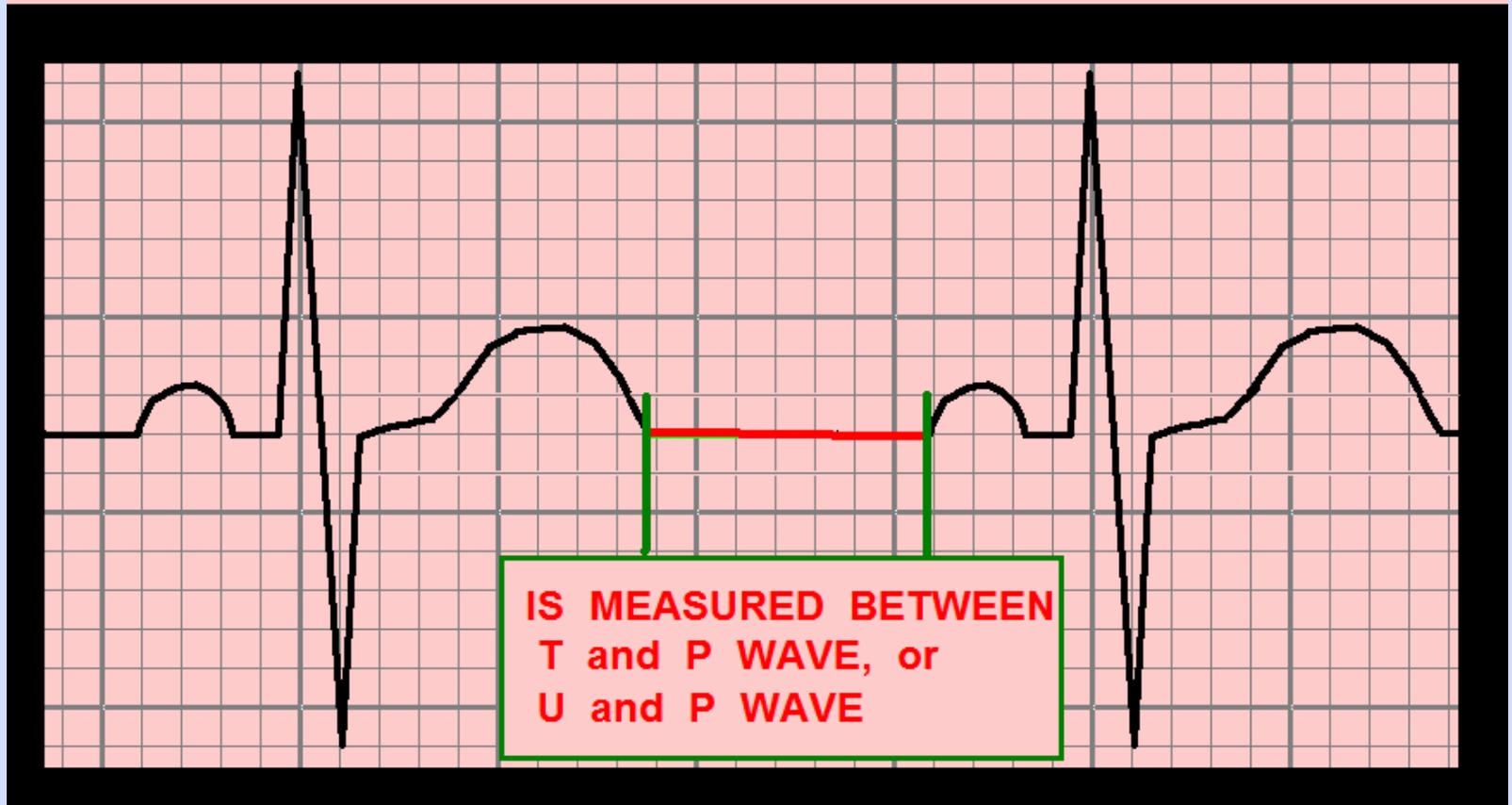


WITHIN  
1 mm  
ABOVE

OR

BELOW  
the  
ISOELECTRIC  
LINE

# THE ISOELECTRIC LINE

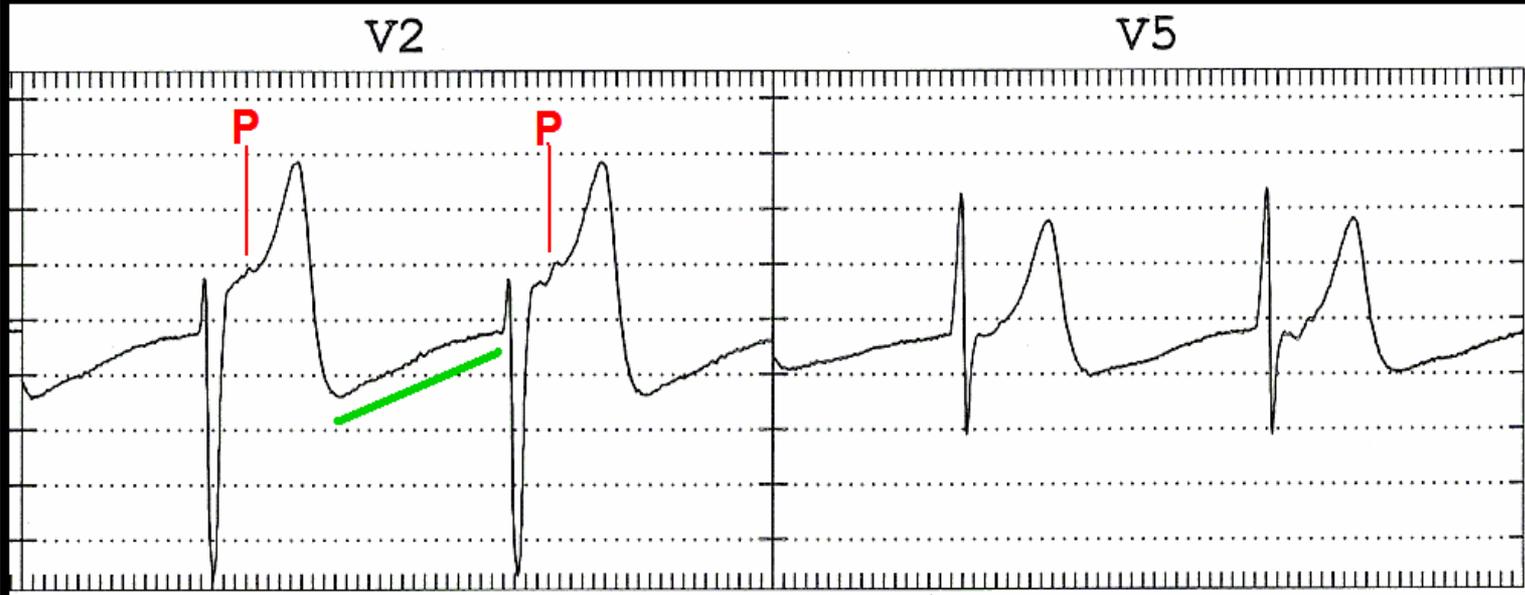


. . .the “flat line” between ECG complexes,  
when there is no detectable electrical  
activity . . .

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

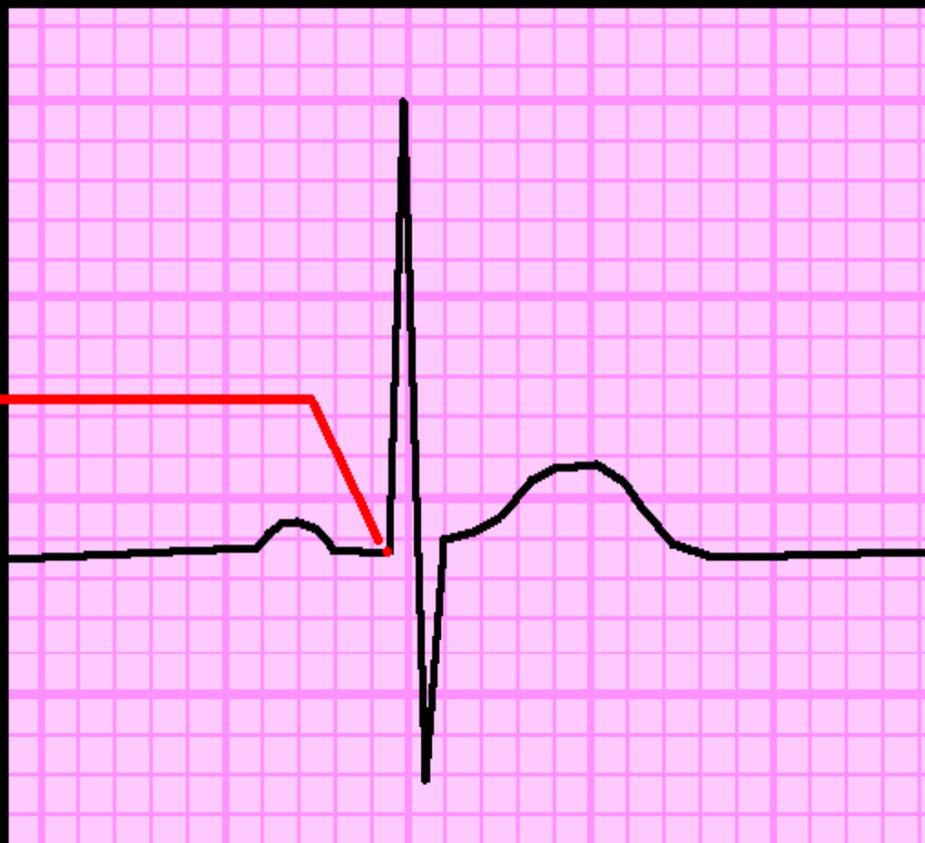
## THE ISOELECTRIC LINE

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 where the P-R SEGMENT ends and the QRS COMPLEX BEGINS. Used for POINT OF REFERENCE for measurement of the J-POINT and the S-T SEGMENT –



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

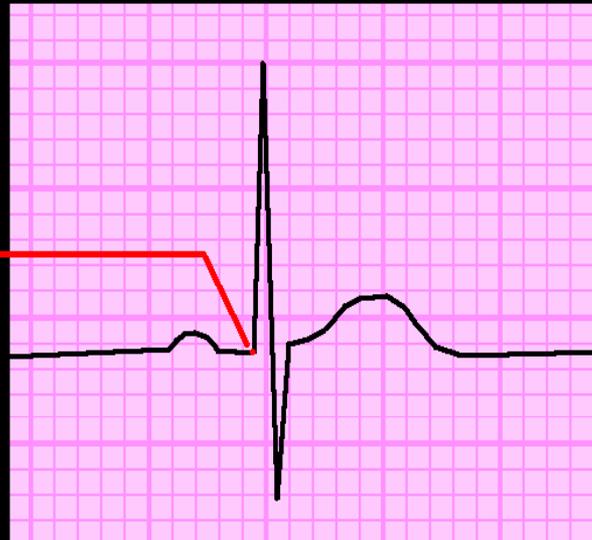
Use the P-Q junction as a reference point for measuring the J Point and ST-Segment when “iso-electric line is

not  
iso-electric !

## THE P-Q JUNCTION

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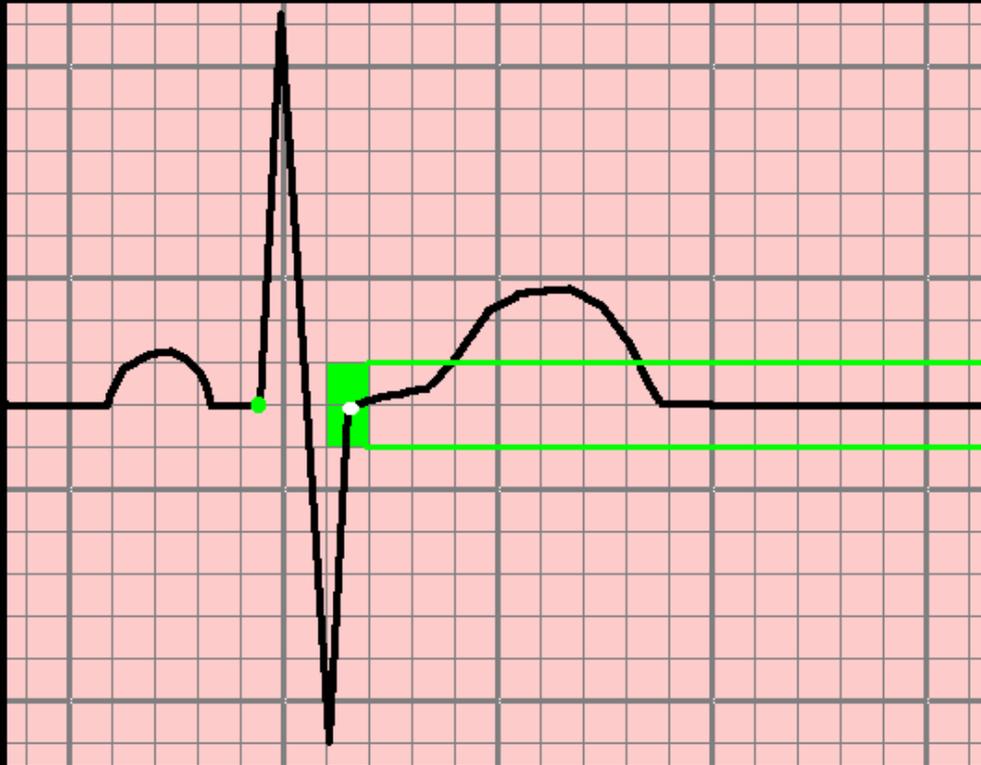
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# Defining NORMAL:

**THE J POINT SHOULD BE ..**

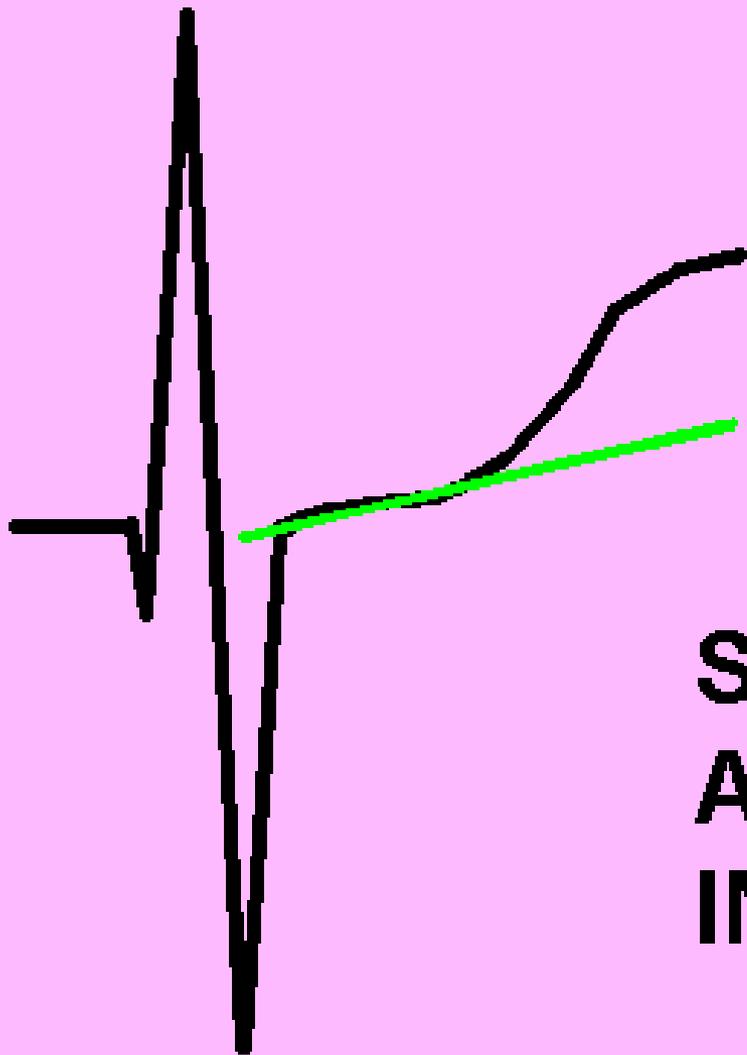


**WITHIN  
1 mm  
ABOVE**

**OR**

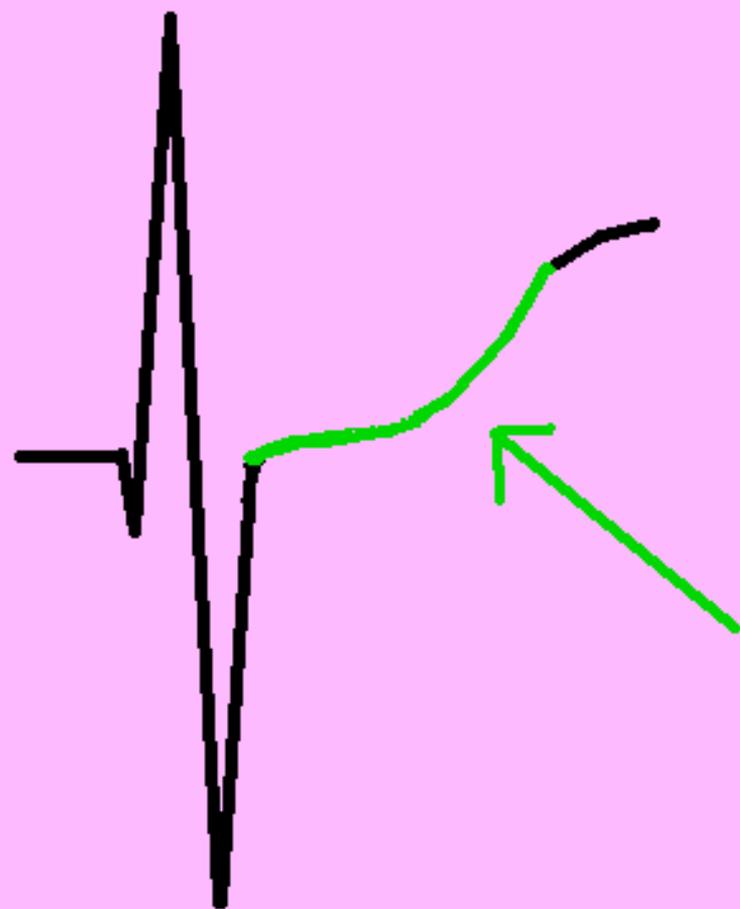
**BELOW  
THE  
P-Q  
JUNCTION**

# THE S-T SEGMENT



SHOULD HAVE  
A "SLIGHT POSITIVE"  
INCLINATION

# THE S-T SEGMENT

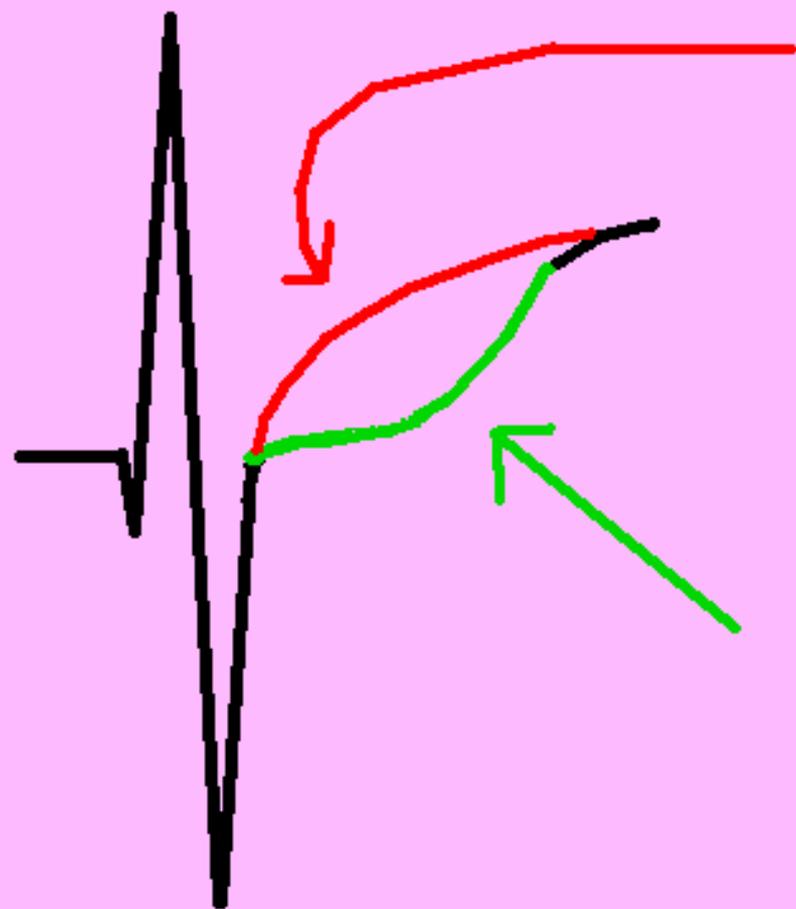


SHOULD BE  
"CONCAVE" IN  
SHAPE . . .

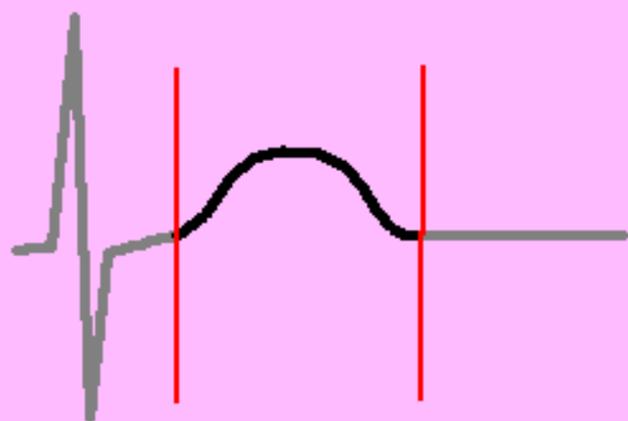
# THE S-T SEGMENT

AS OPPOSED TO  
"CONVEX" IN  
SHAPE

SHOULD BE  
"CONCAVE" IN  
SHAPE . . .

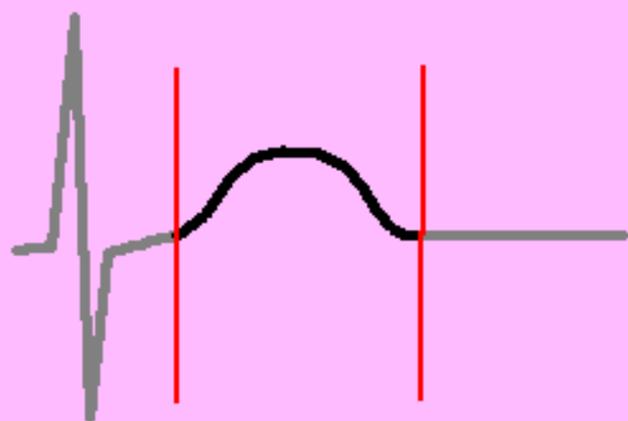


# THE T WAVE



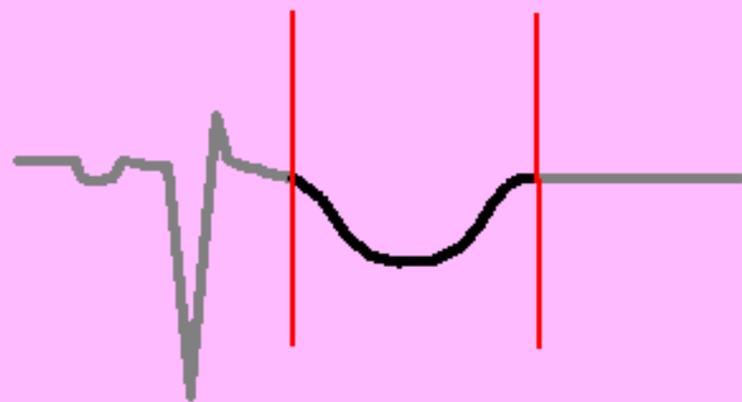
- SHOULD BE A "NICE," ROUNDED, CONVEX SHAPE
- SHOULD BE SYMMETRICAL

# THE T WAVE



- SHOULD BE A "NICE," ROUNDED, CONVEX SHAPE
- SHOULD BE SYMMETRICAL
- SHOULD BE UPRIGHT IN ALL LEADS, EXCEPT AVR

# THE T WAVE

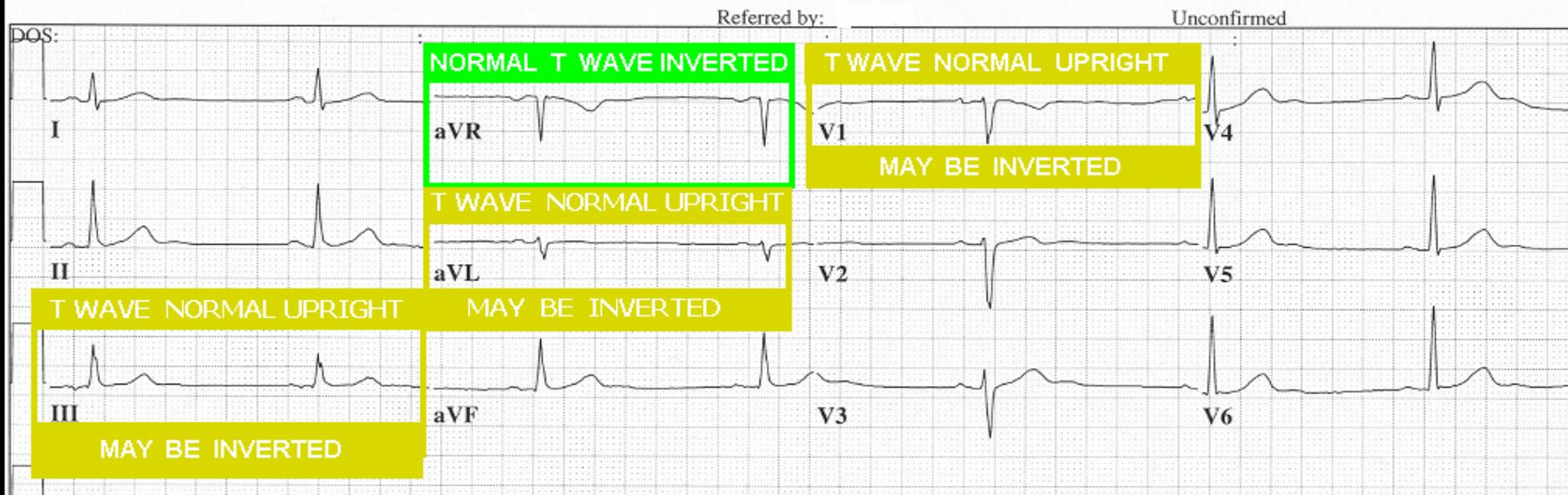


**LEAD  
AVR**

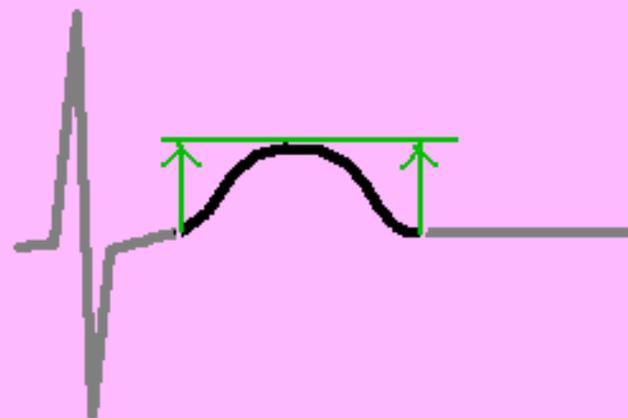
- **REMEMBER, IN LEAD AVR  
*EVERYTHING*  
IS  
"UPSIDE-DOWN"**

# 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.

When QRS duration is NORMAL ( $< 120$  ms):

# NORMAL ST - T WAVES

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

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

# EKG PATTERNS of ACS & ISCHEMIA

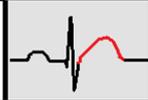
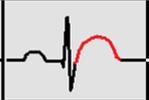
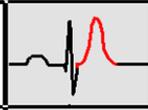
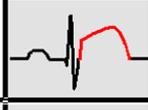
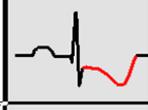
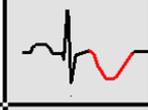
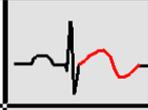
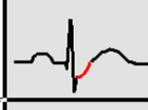
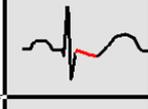
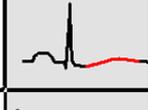
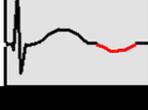
-- J POINT, ST SEGMENT, and T WAVE ABNORMALITIES --

## Multiple patterns of ABNORMAL:

- J Point
- ST-Segment
- T Wave

configurations may indicate  
ACS.

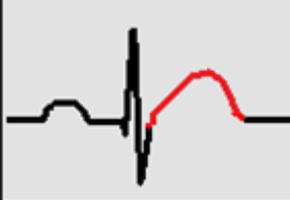
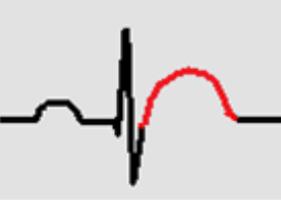
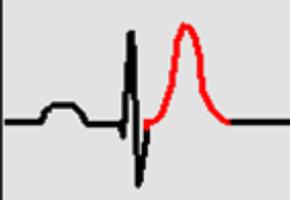
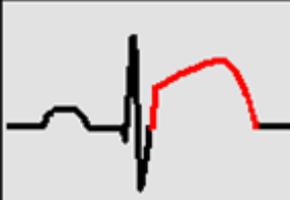
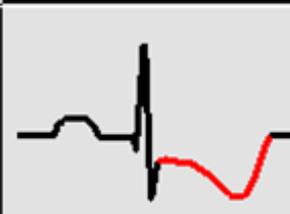
Remember, "IF IT'S NOT  
NORMAL, it's  
**ABNORMAL !**"

! 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>

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

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

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

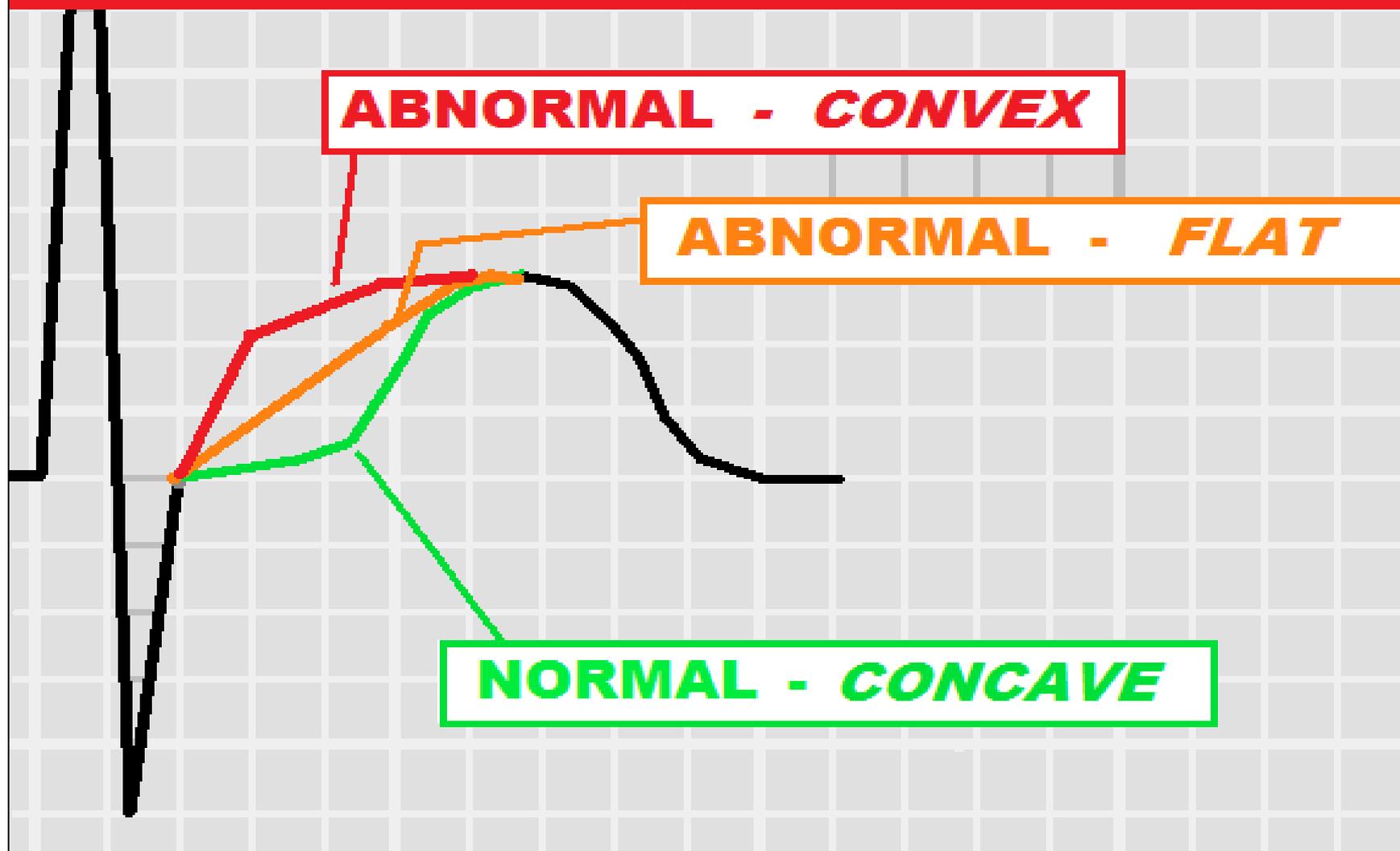
## J-T Apex Segment



ST-Segment

T wave: origin to apex

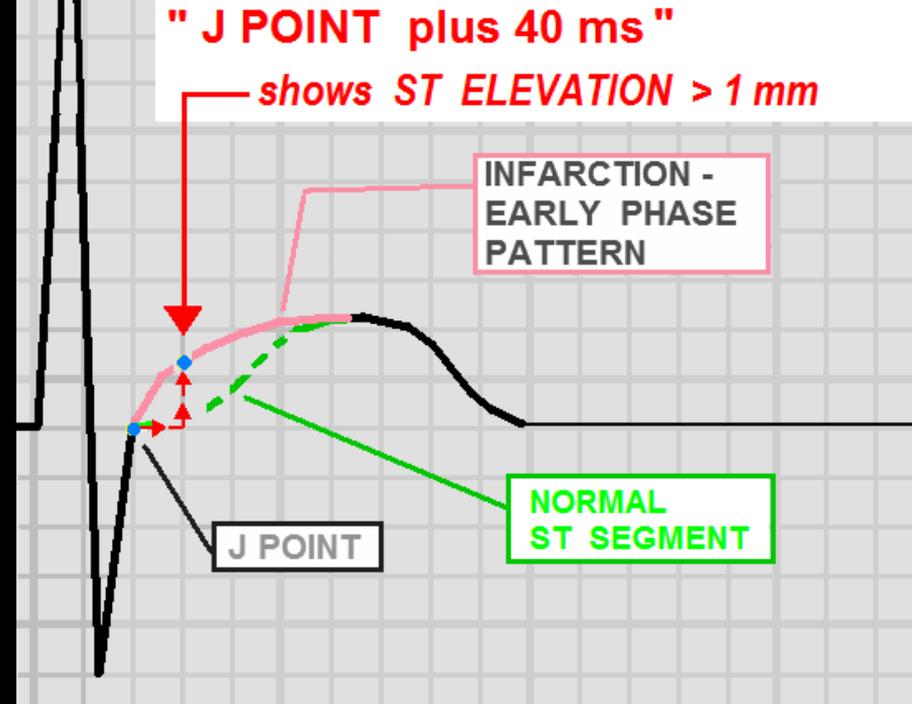
# J-T APEX SEGMENT VARIATIONS



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

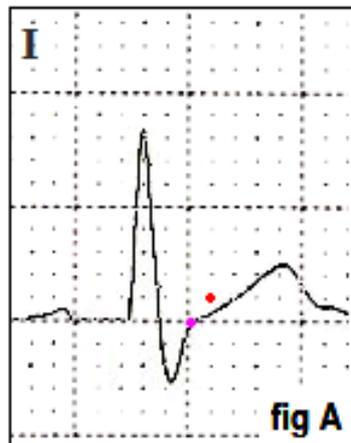
# WHEN EVALUATING for ST SEGMENT ELEVATION . . . . .

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AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION  
ACLS 2005 REVISIONS

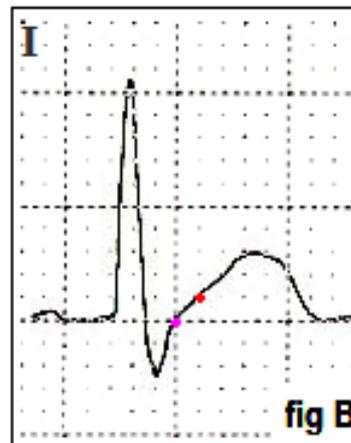


During **NORMAL STATES** of **PERFUSION**, the **J POINT** is **ISOELECTRIC** and the **ST SEGMENT** has a **CONCAVE** appearance. When measured 40 ms beyond the **J POINT** (noted by the **RED DOT**), the **ST SEGMENT** elevation is less than 1mm.

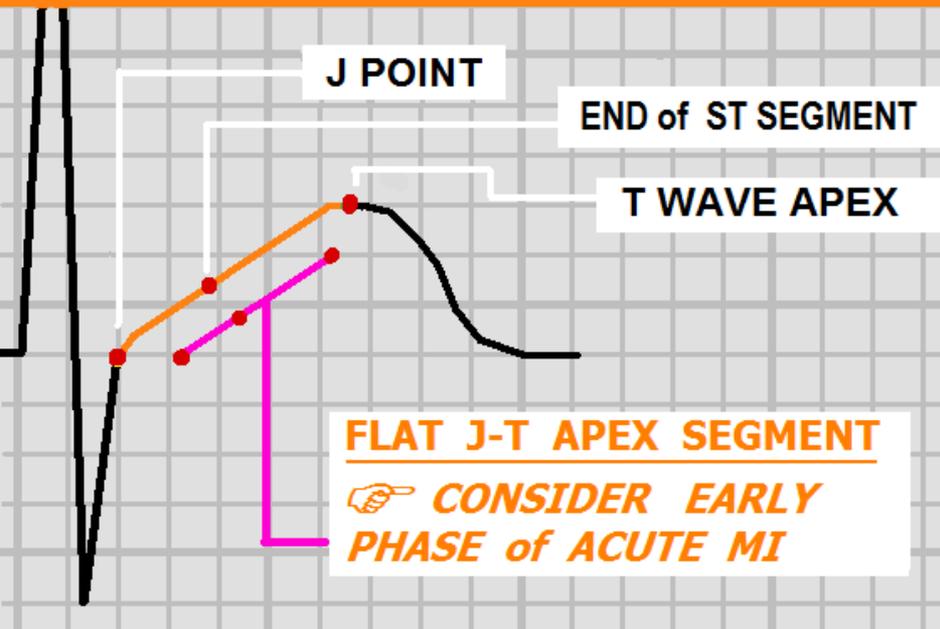
Both figures were recorded from a 54 year old male while resting (figure A), and during PTCA of the Left Anterior Descending artery (figure B).



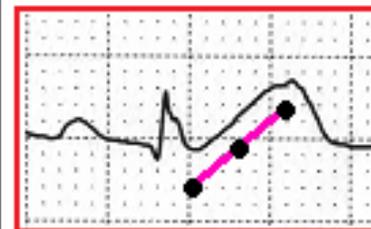
During a 20 second **BALLOON OCCLUSION** of the patient's LAD during routine PTCA, the ST segment assumes a **CONVEX** shape. When measured 40 ms beyond the **J POINT**, the ST segment is elevated > 1 mm. This phenomenon is seen routinely in the cath lab prior to the occurrence of **ST ELEVATION** at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



# ABNORMAL J-T APEX SEGMENT



LEAD II

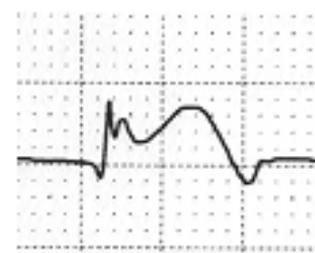


1839 hrs

41 y/o FEMALE

In ER C/O CHEST PAIN  
x 30 minutes.

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



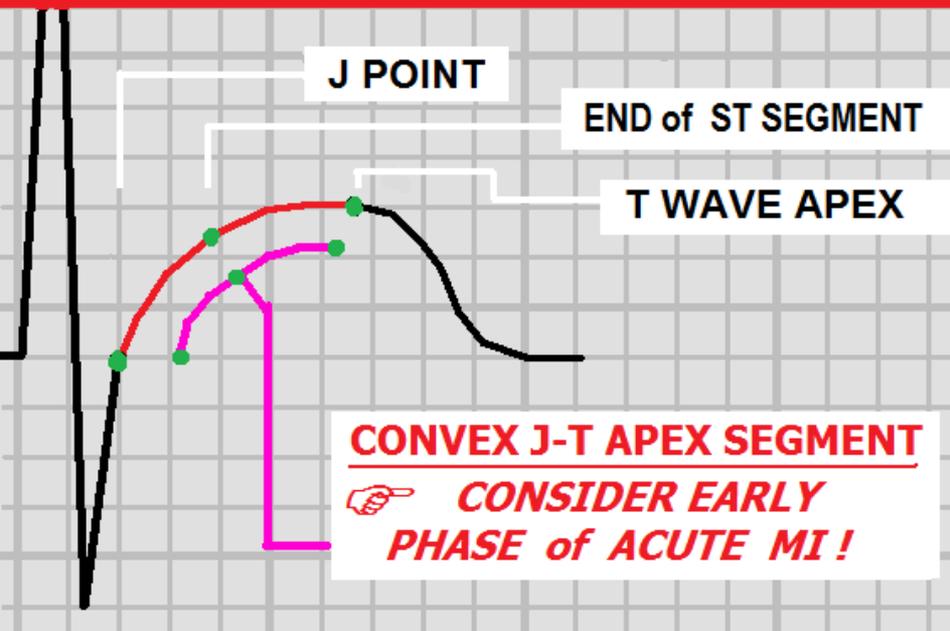
1850 hrs

**STEMI - INFERIOR WALL**

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

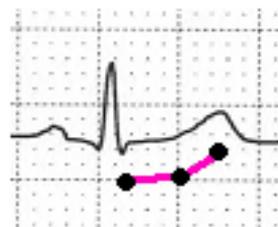
- **CATH LAB FINDINGS:**  
**TOTAL OCCLUSION of the  
RIGHT CORONARY ARTERY**

# ABNORMAL J-T APEX SEGMENT



LEAD I

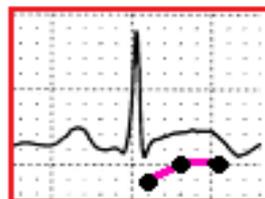
53 y/o MALE



1 yr. PRIOR TO MI

NORMAL EKG

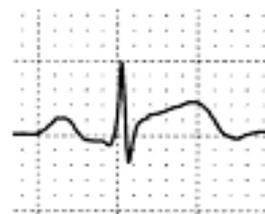
CONCAVE J - T APEX SEGMENT



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.

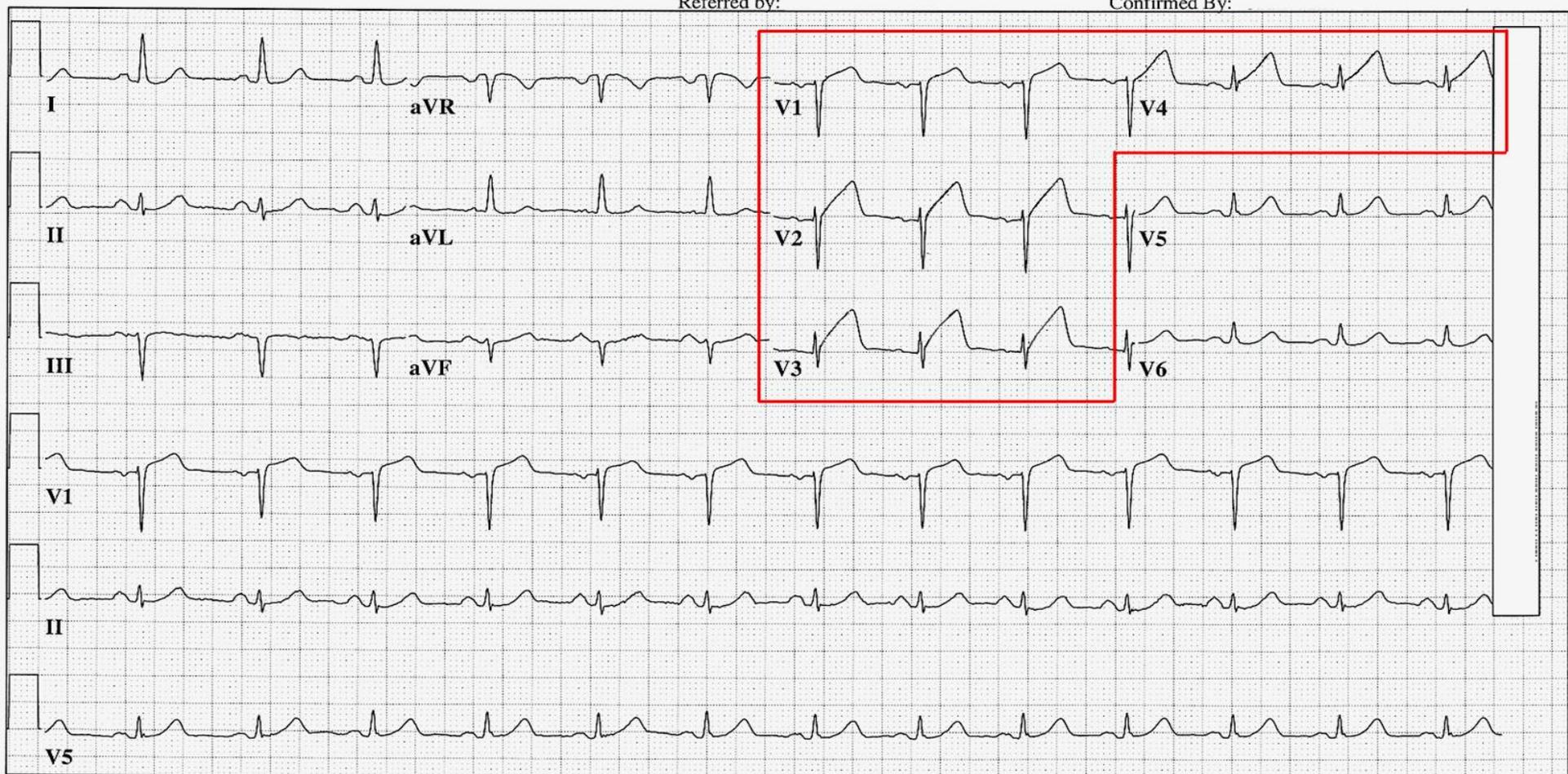
36 yr Male Caucasian  
Room:A9 Loc:3 Option:23  
Vent. rate 80 BPM  
PR interval 154 ms  
QRS duration 78 ms  
QT/QTc 380/438 ms  
P-R-T axes 51 -24 38

**\*\*UNEDITED COPY - REPORT IS COMPUTER GENERATED ONLY, WITHOUT PHYSICIAN INTERPRETATION**  
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:

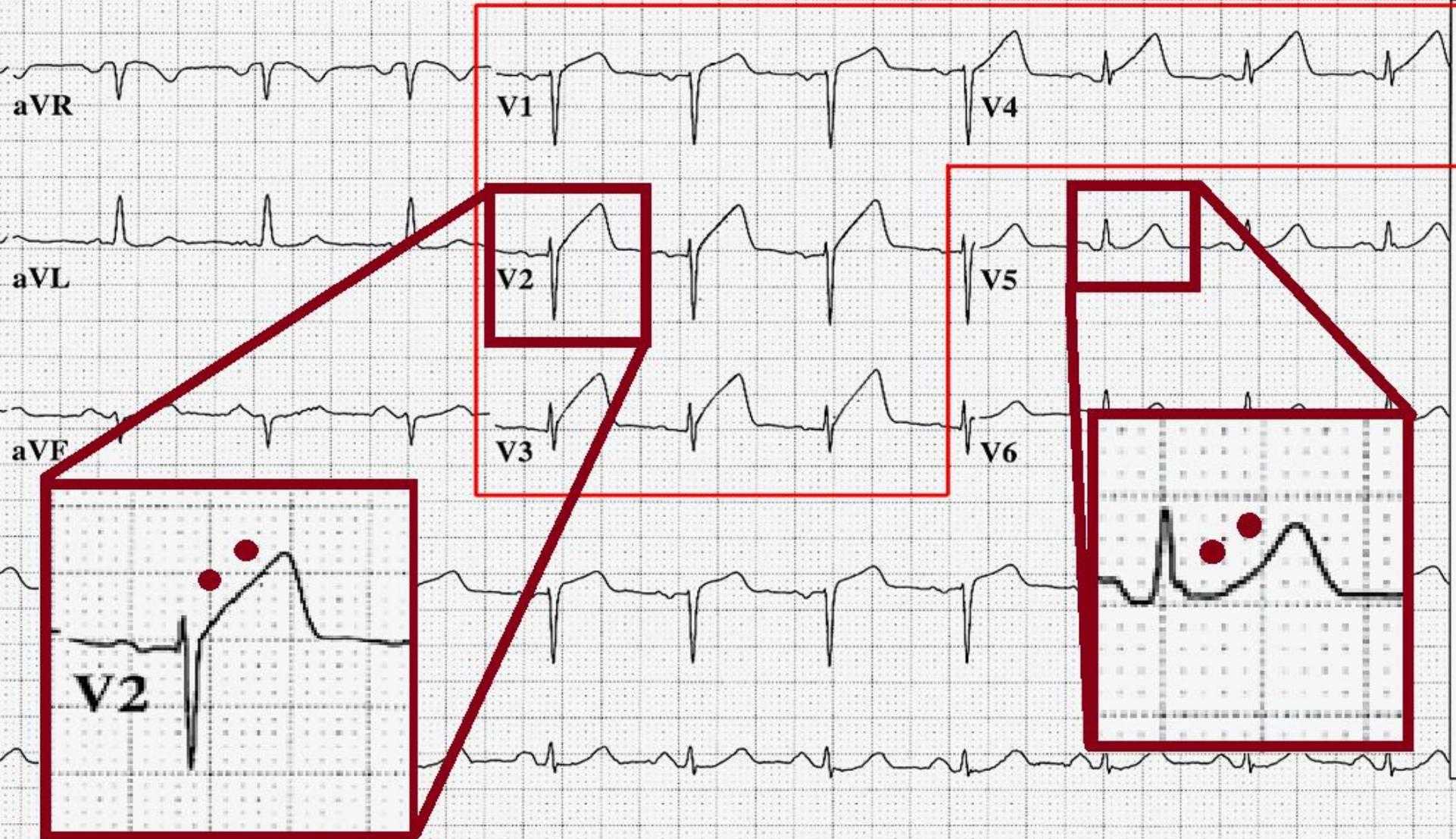
**ECG COMPUTER DOES NOT NOTICE THE CONVEX J-T APEX SEGMENTS !**

380/438 ms  
51 -24 38

Normal sinus rhythm  
No previous ECGs available

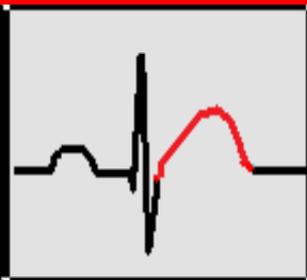
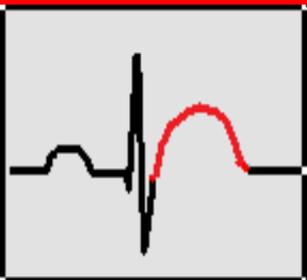
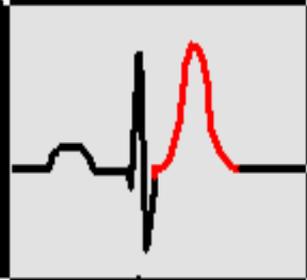
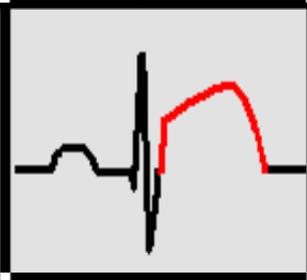
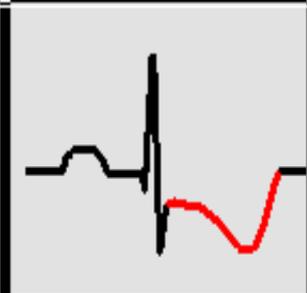
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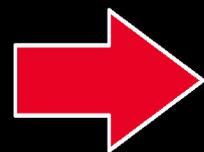
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-- J POINT, ST SEGMENT, and T WAVE ABNORMALITIES --

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# HYPER-ACUTE T WAVES - COMMON ETIOLOGIES:



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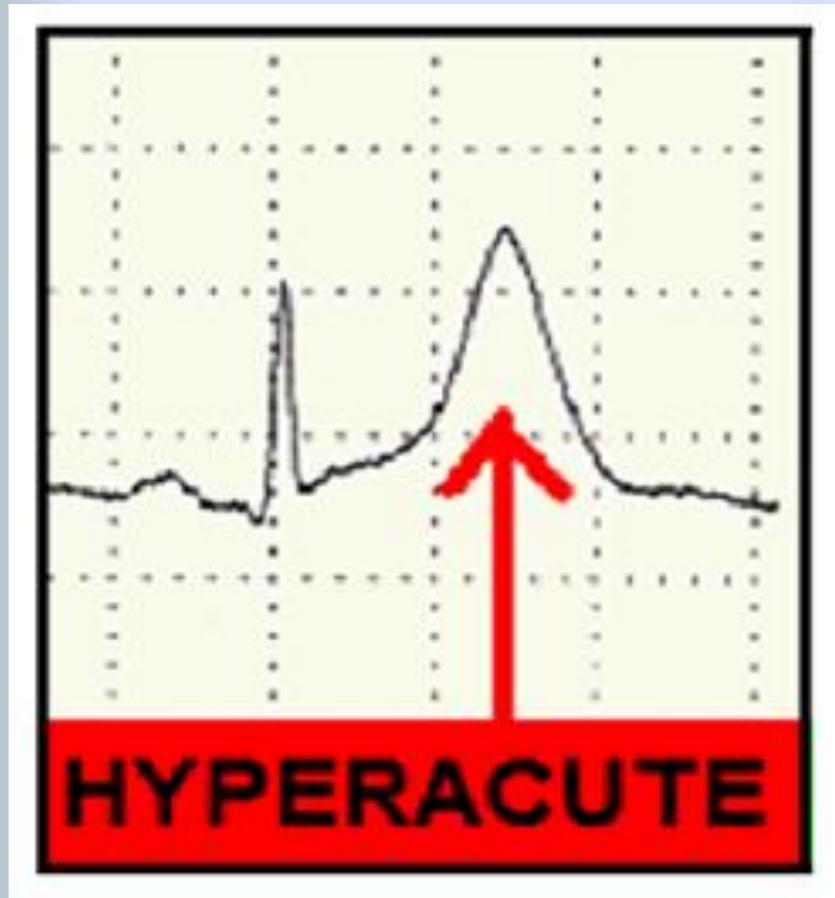
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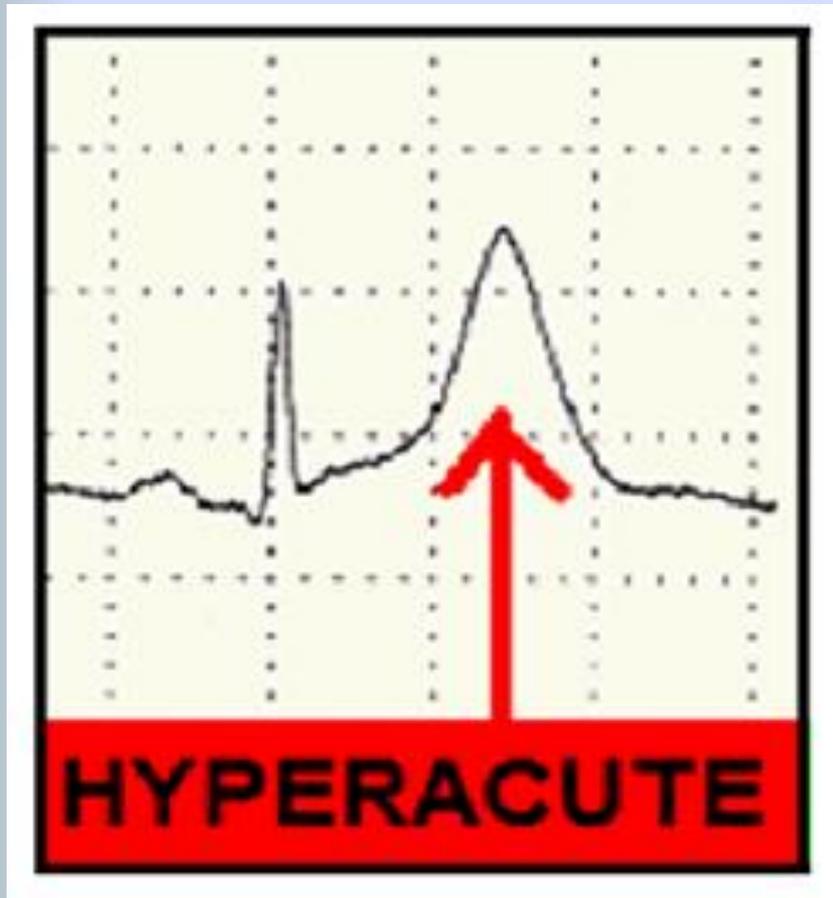
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 **HYPERTROPHY** — XX - XX

# 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**

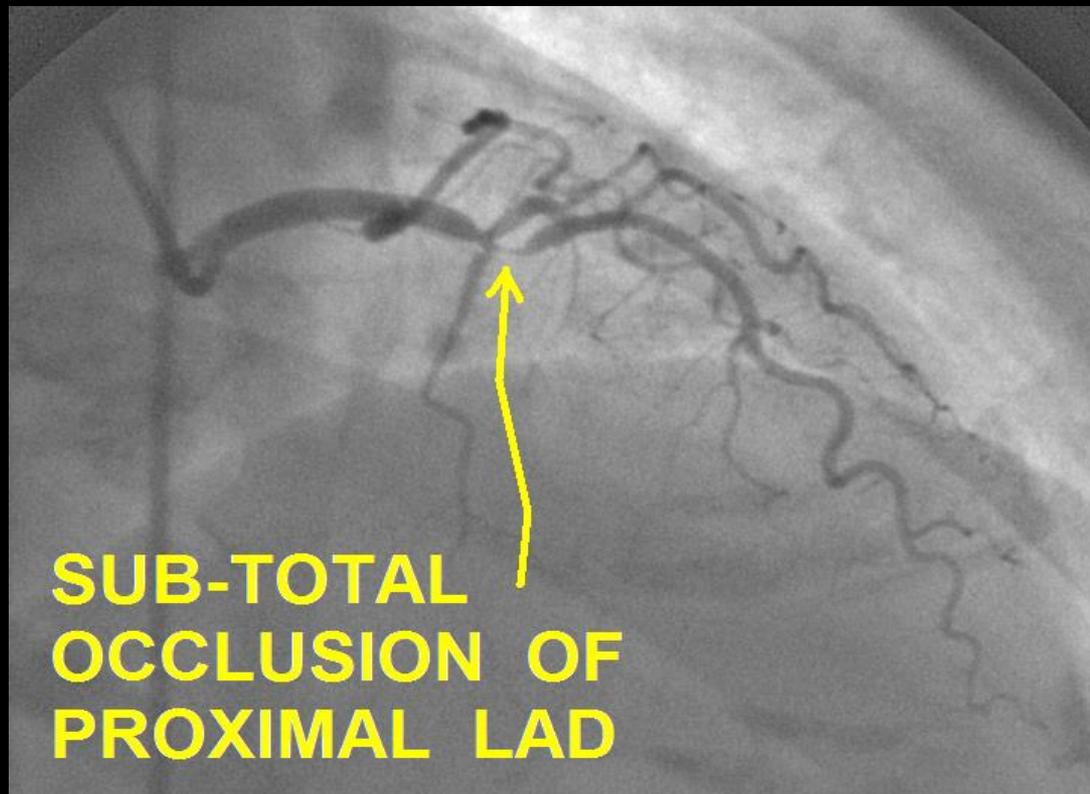
# HYPERACUTE T WAVES



**HYPERACUTE**



**NORMAL**



# Helpful Clue: Hyper-Acute T Waves

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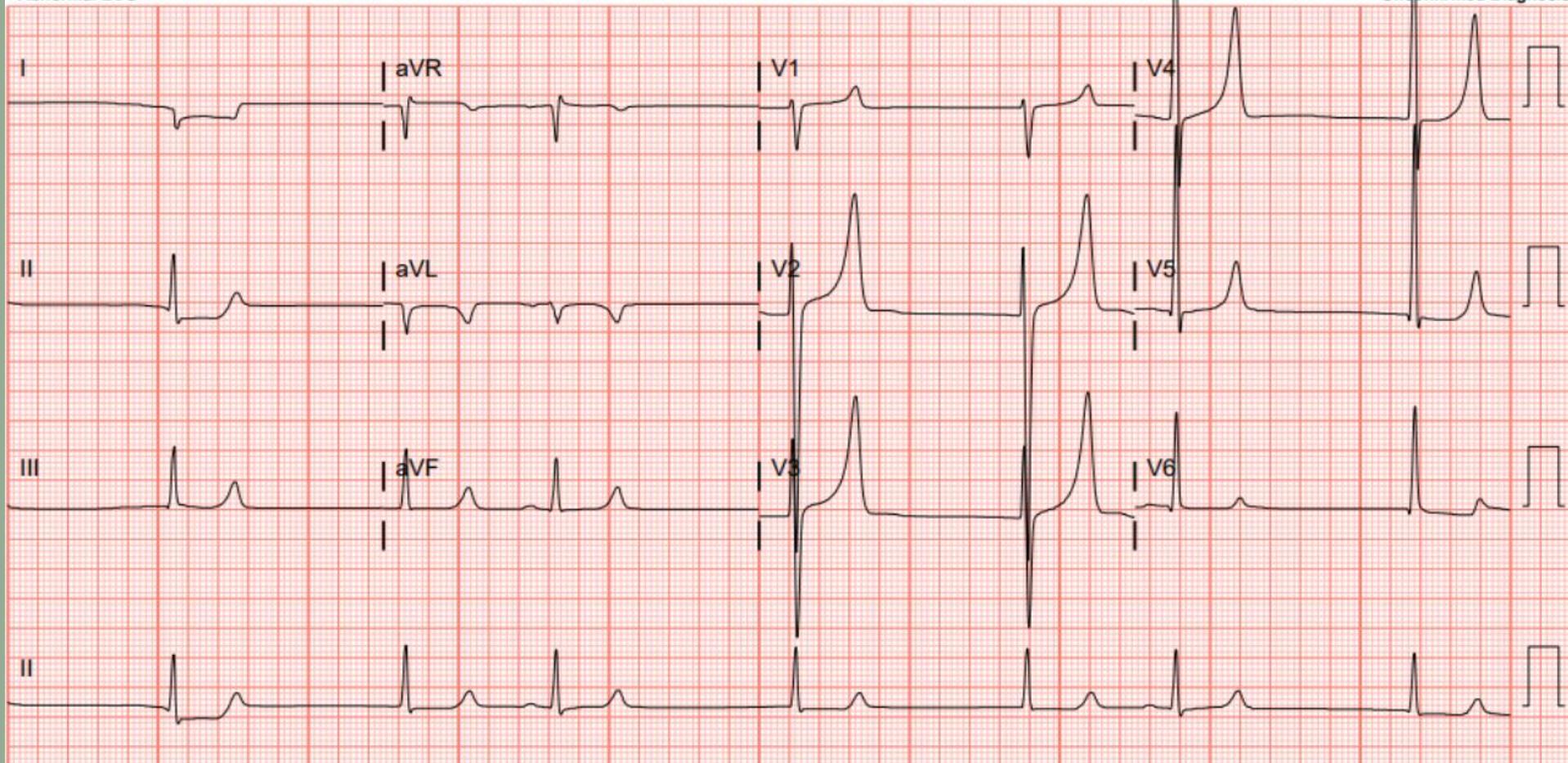
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PR	500	Sinus bradycardia
QRSd	117	Atrial premature complexes
QT	549	LVH with IVCD and secondary repol abnrm
QTc	443	Anterior ST elevation, probably due to LVH
--Axis--		COMPARED TO ECG 02/24/2020 21:46:48
P	0	SINUS BRADYCARDIA NOW PRESENT
QRS	96	INTRAVENTRICULAR 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



ID:

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REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

55years  
Female

Caucasian

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

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Possible Left atrial enlargement  
Borderline ECG

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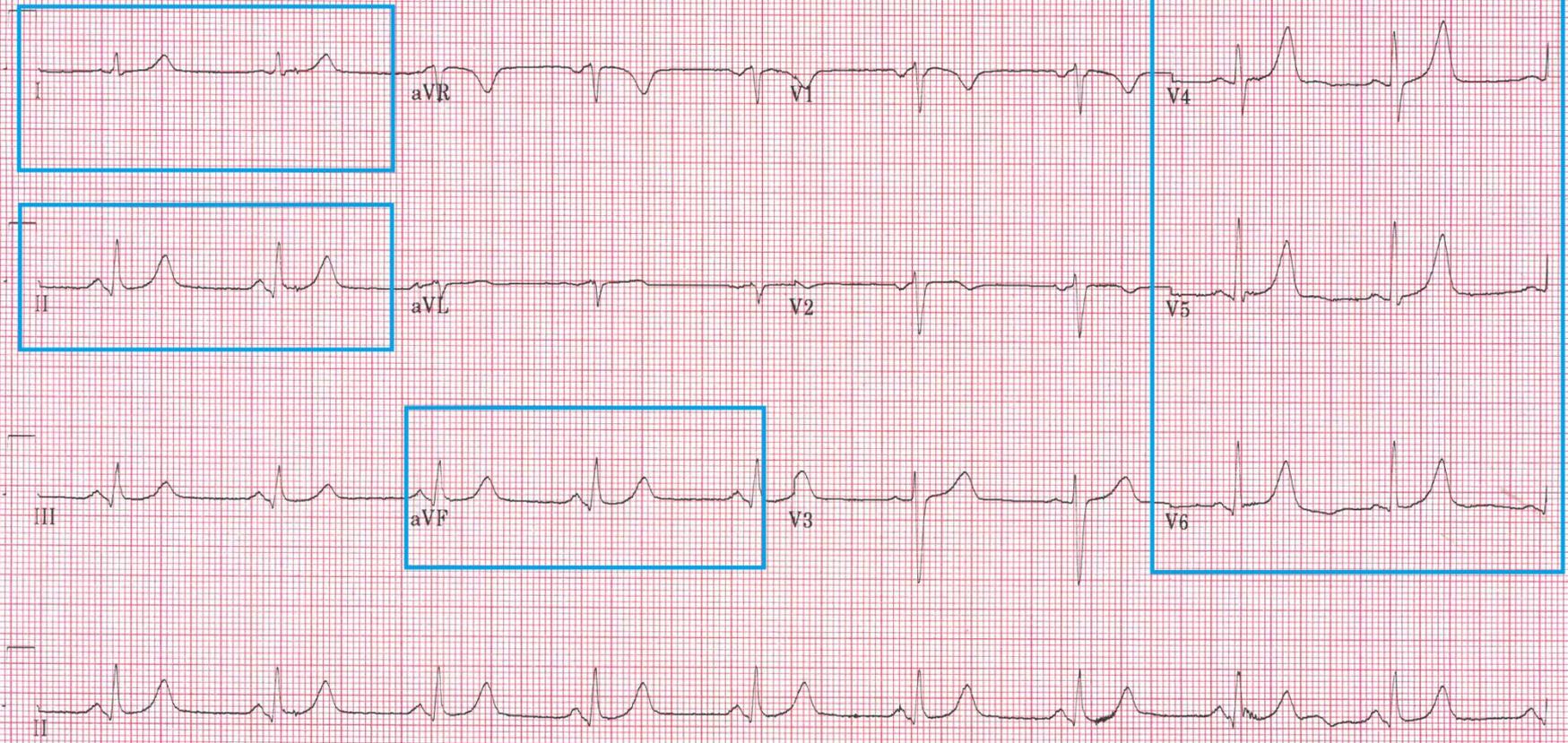
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NO STEMI  
TIME 1:51

**K+ = 6.7**

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4 by 2.5s + 1 rhythm ld

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# Helpful Clue: Hyper-Acute T Waves

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

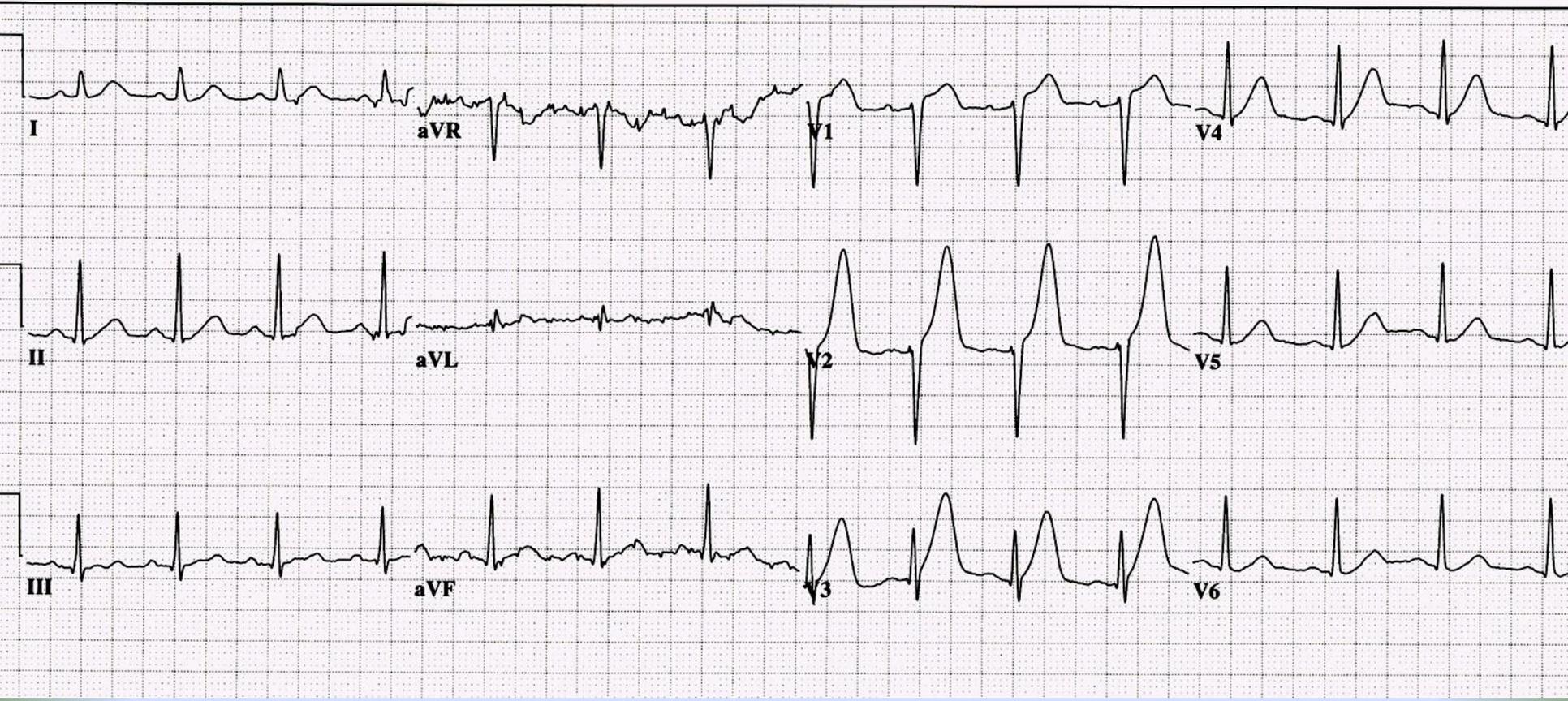
**DIAGNOSTIC TESTING:** 1st TROPONIN I - ultra: <0.07

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

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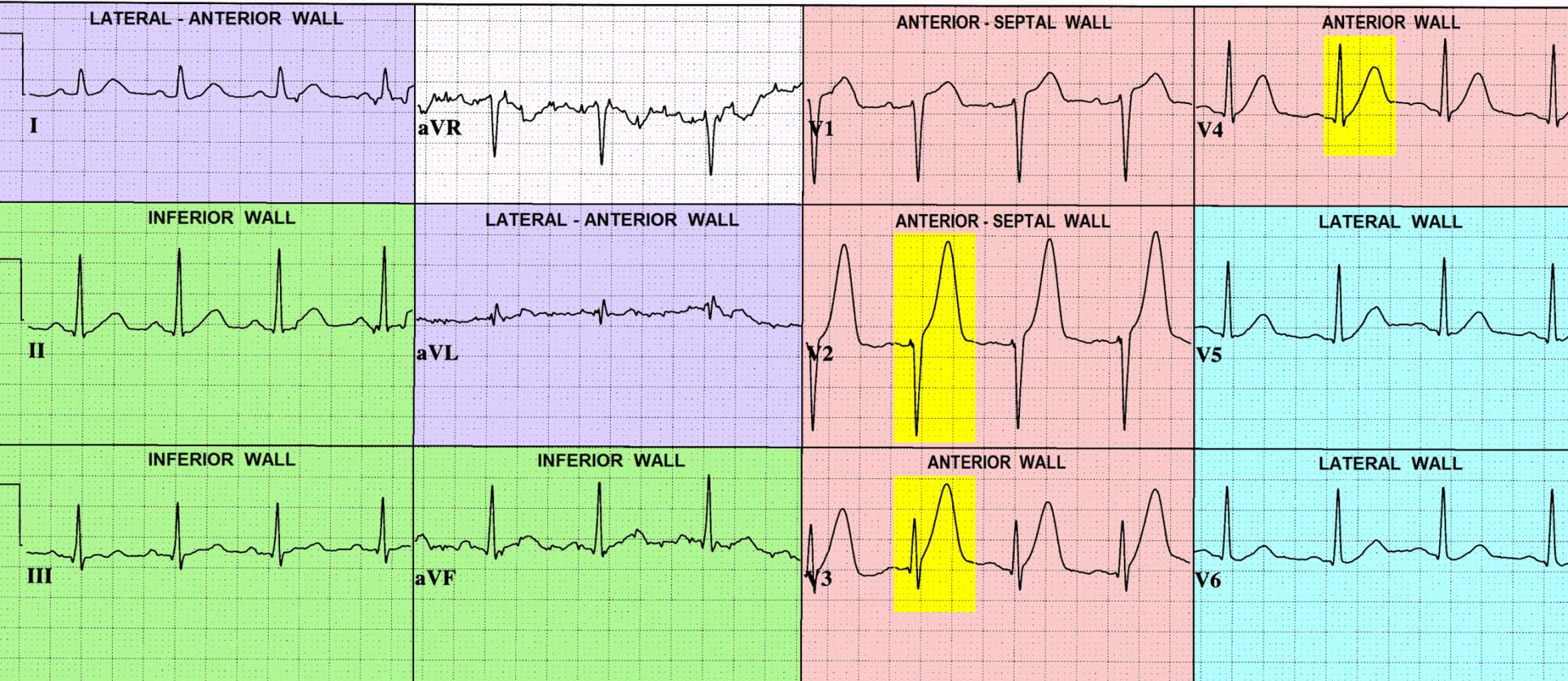
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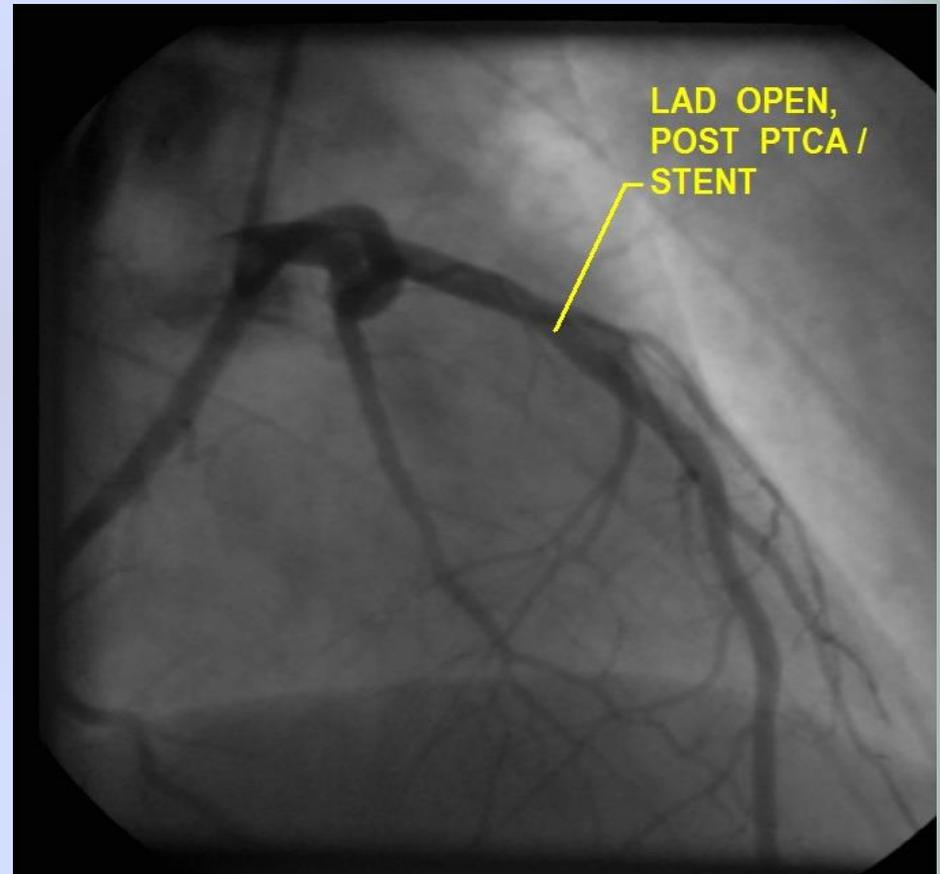
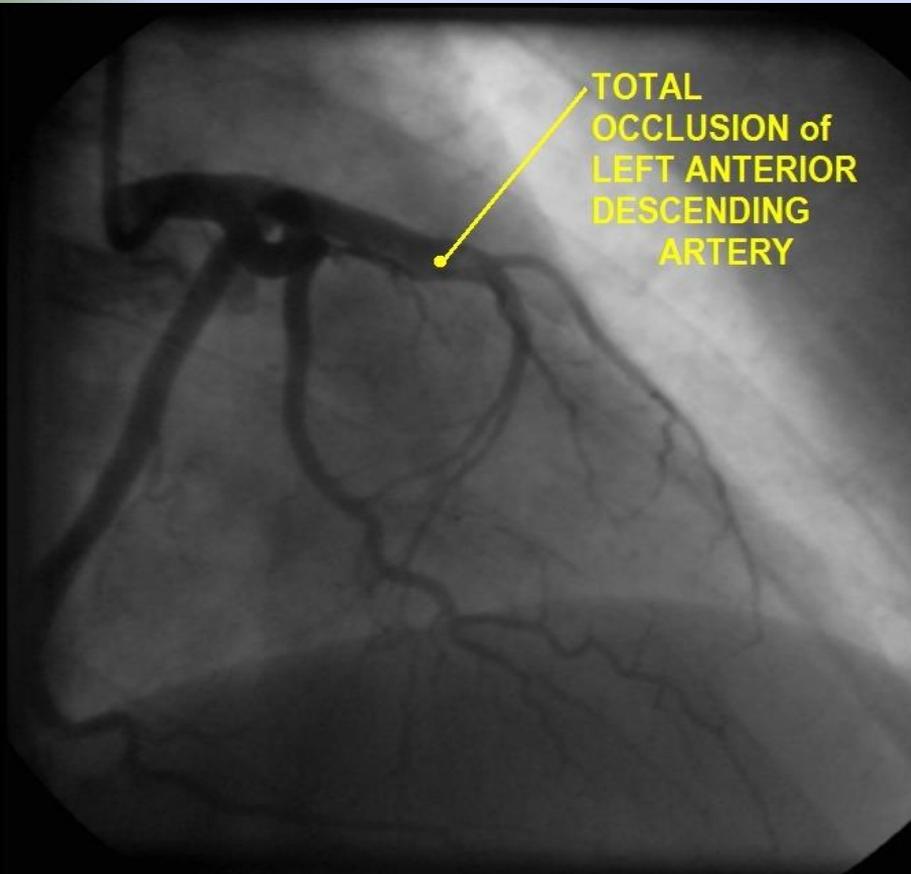
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**HIGHLIGHTED AREAS =  
 HYPERACUTE T WAVES**

**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:

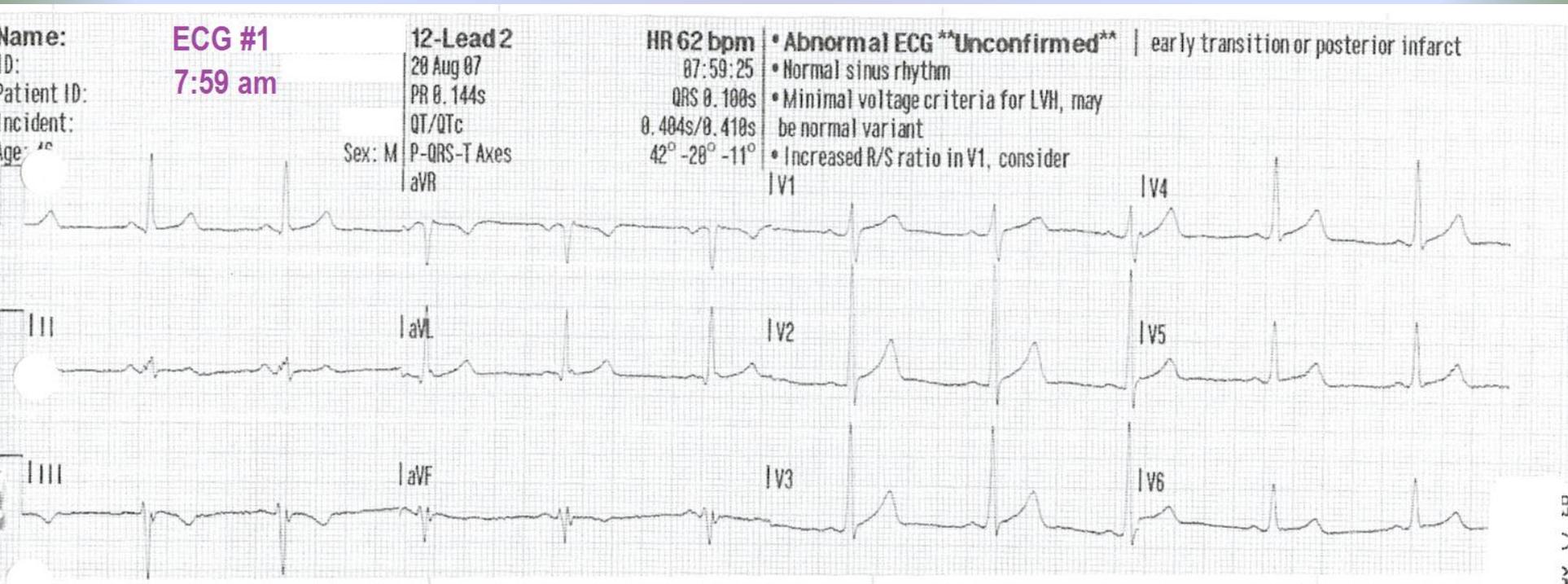
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# Dynamic ST-T Wave Changes:

- Other than HEART RATE related variations (which affect intervals), ***J Points, ST-Segments and T Waves SHOULD NOT CHANGE.***
- **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.**

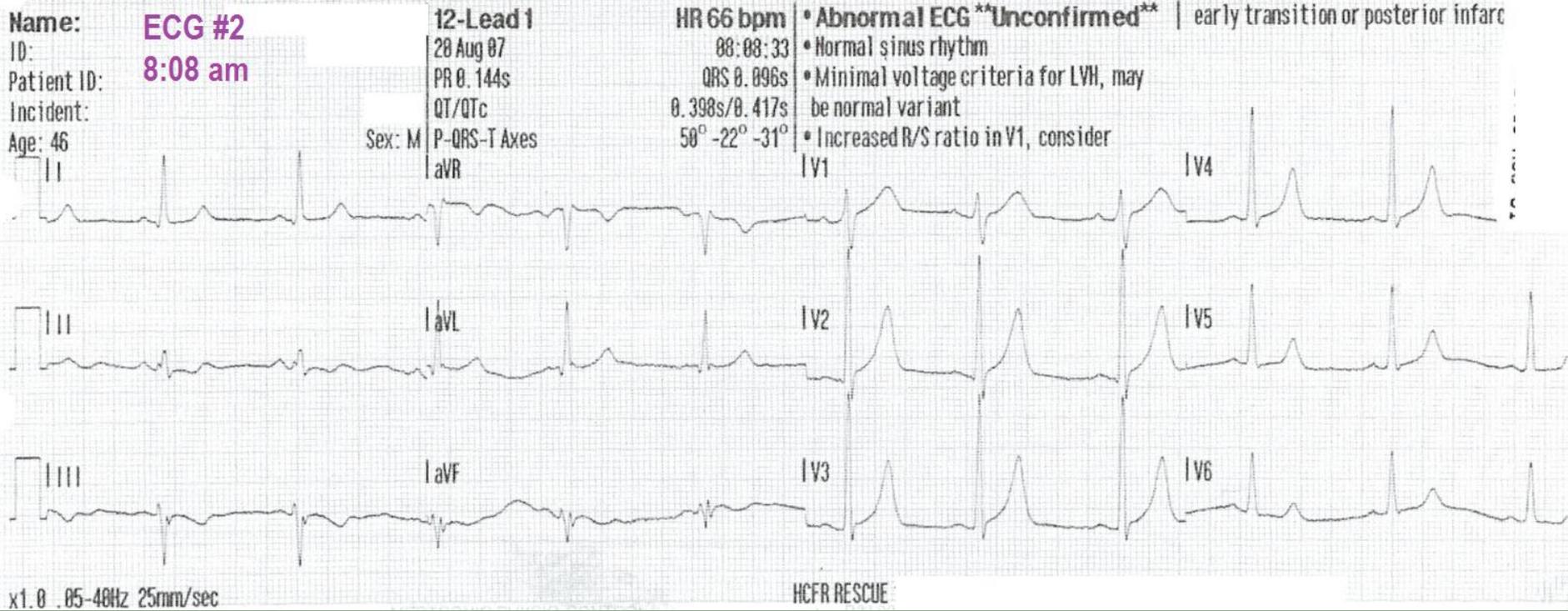
# 46 year old male

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



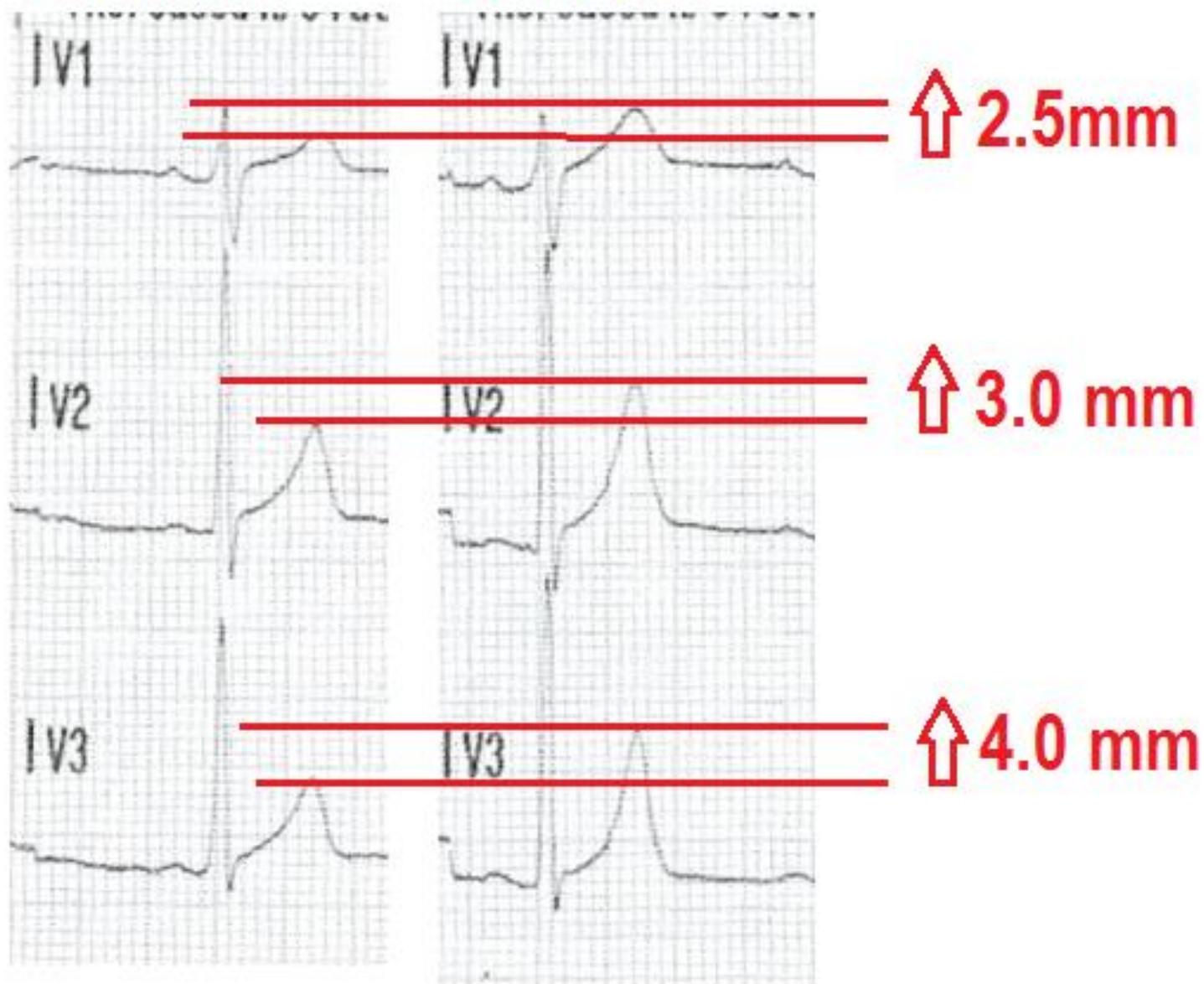
# 46 year old male: ECG 1

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



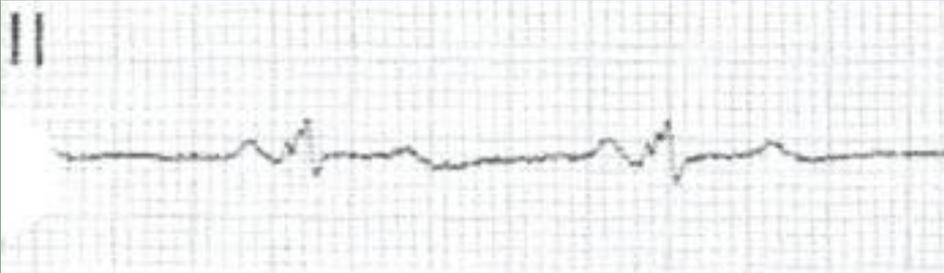
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**8:08 am**

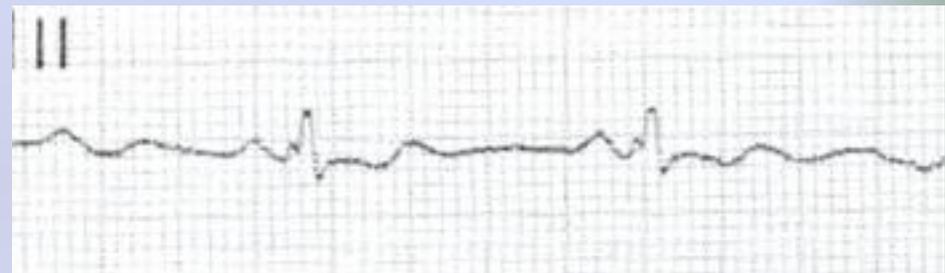


# ST-Segment Depression

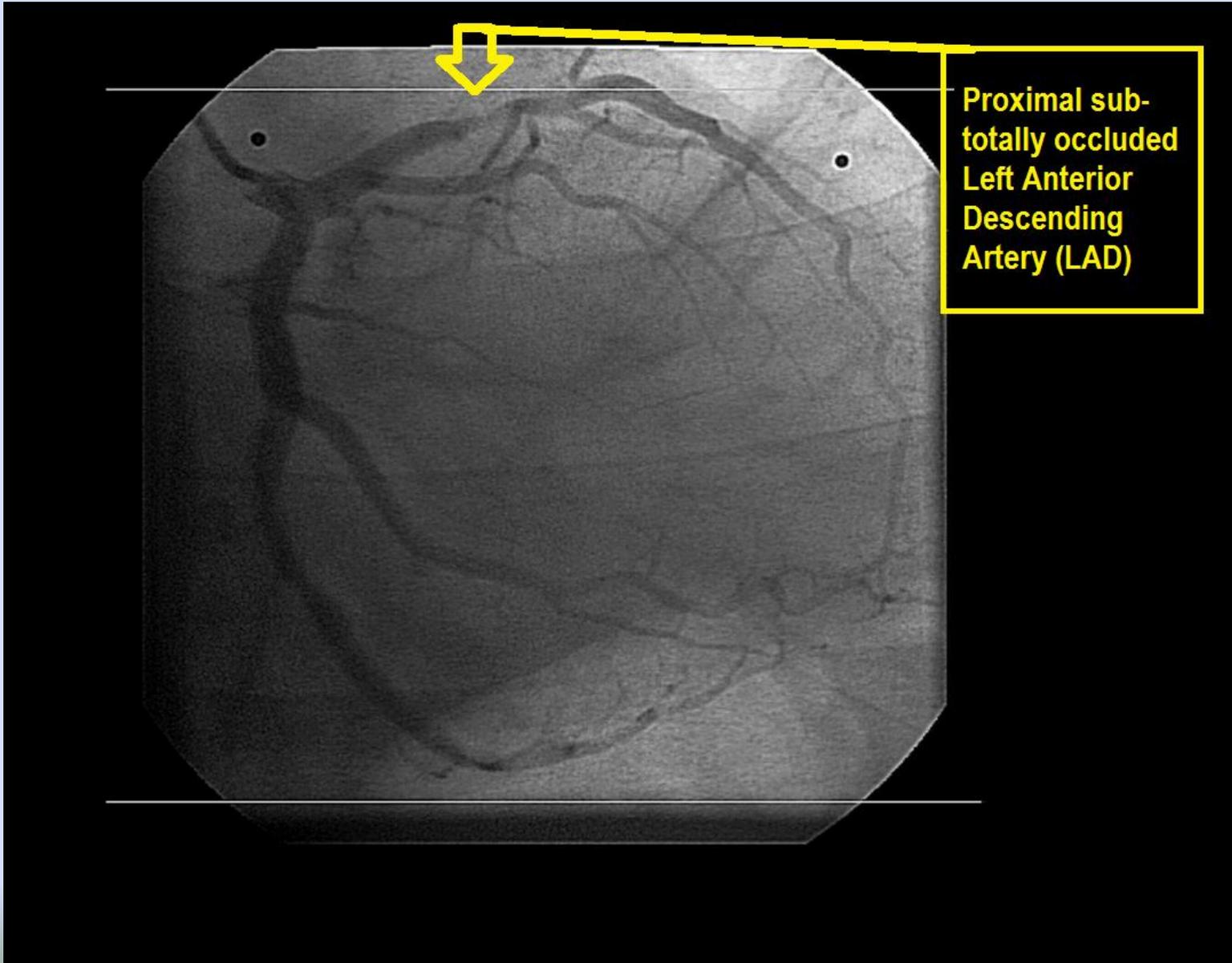
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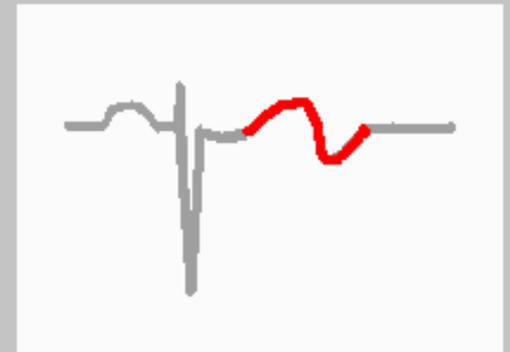


# Cath Lab Angiography:



**Proximal sub-totally occluded Left Anterior Descending Artery (LAD)**

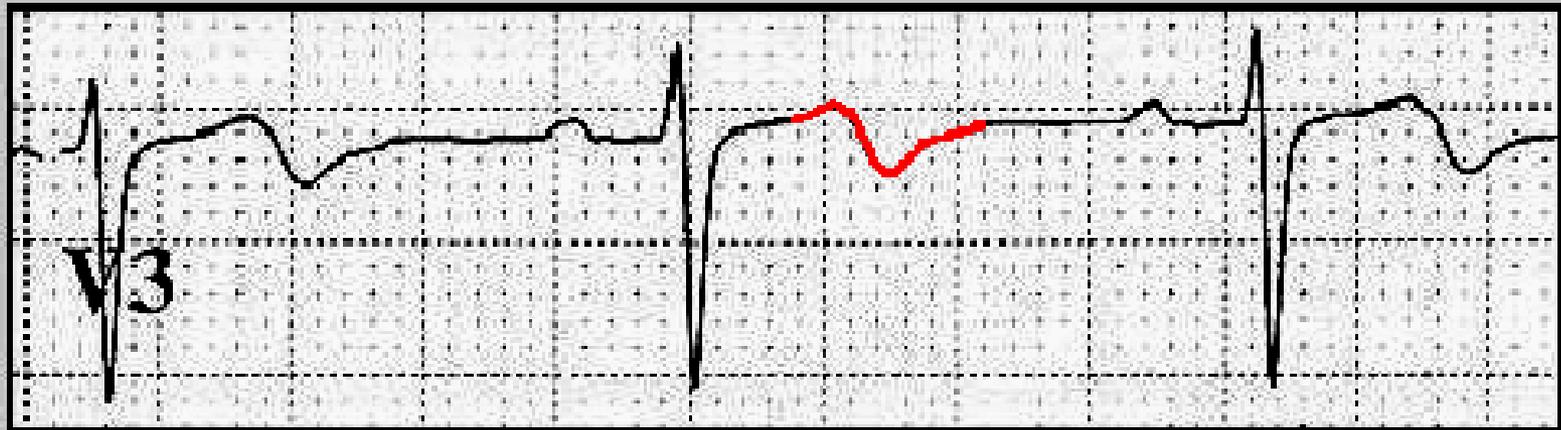
# **ISCHEMIA**



## ***BI-PHASIC T WAVE***

- **SUB-TOTAL OCCLUSION of LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY ( when noted in V1-V4 )**
- **LEFT VENTRICULAR HYPERTROPHY**
- **COCAINE INDUCED VASOSPASM**

# BI-PHASIC T WAVES



**58 y/o MALE WITH SUB-TOTAL  
OCCLUSIONS OF THE LEFT  
ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY**



**58 y/o MALE WITH "WELLEN'S  
WARNING." PT HAS SUB-TOTALLY  
OCCLUDED LAD X 2**

# Classic “Wellen’s Syndrome:”

- **Characteristic T wave changes**
  - Biphasic T waves
  - Inverted T waves
- **History of anginal chest pain**
- **Normal or minimally elevated cardiac markers**
- **ECG without Q waves, without significant ST-segment elevation, and with normal precordial R-wave progression**

# **Wellen's Syndrome ETIOLOGY:**

- **Critical Lesion, Proximal LAD**
- **Coronary Artery Vasospasm**
- **Cocaine use (vasospasm)**
- **Increased myocardial oxygen demand**
- **Generalized Hypoxia / anemia / low H&H**

# Wellen's Syndrome EPIDEMIOLOGY & PROGNOSIS:

- Present in 14-18% of patients admitted with unstable angina
- 75% patients not treated developed extensive Anterior MI within 3 weeks.
- *Median Average time from presentation to Acute Myocardial Infarction – 8 days*

Sources: [H Wellens et. Al, Am Heart J 1982; v103\(4\) 730-736](#)

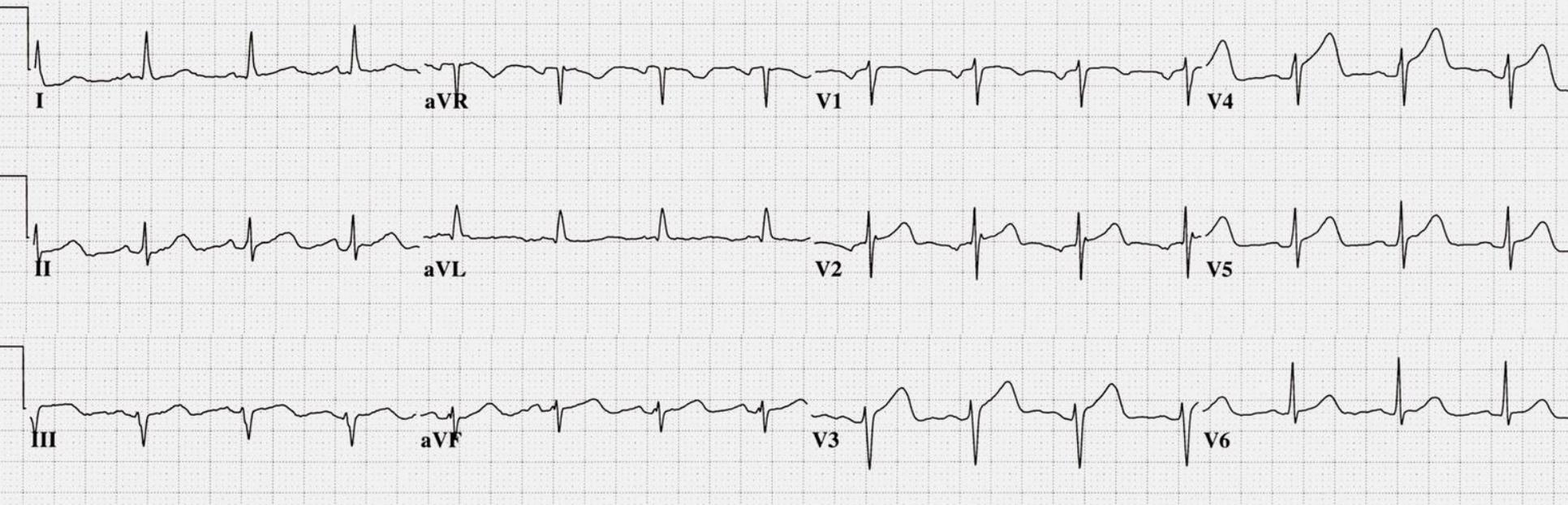
# Wellen's Syndrome Case Study

- 33 y/o male
- Chief complaint “sharp, pleuritic quality chest pain, intermittent, recent history lower respiratory infection with productive cough.”
- ED physician attributed the ST elevation in precordial leads to “early repolarization,” due to patient age, gender, race (African American) and concave nature of ST-segments.

# Wellen's Syndrome Case Study

## SERIAL EKG CASE STUDY 1 - EKG # 1 @ 06:22 HOURS

33 yr		Vent. rate	89	BPM	Normal sinus rhythm
Male	Black	PR interval	158	ms	Possible Left atrial enlargement
		QRS duration	80	ms	Borderline ECG
Loc:3	Option:23	QT/QTc	366/445	ms	No previous ECGs available
		P-R-T axes	60 -5	65	

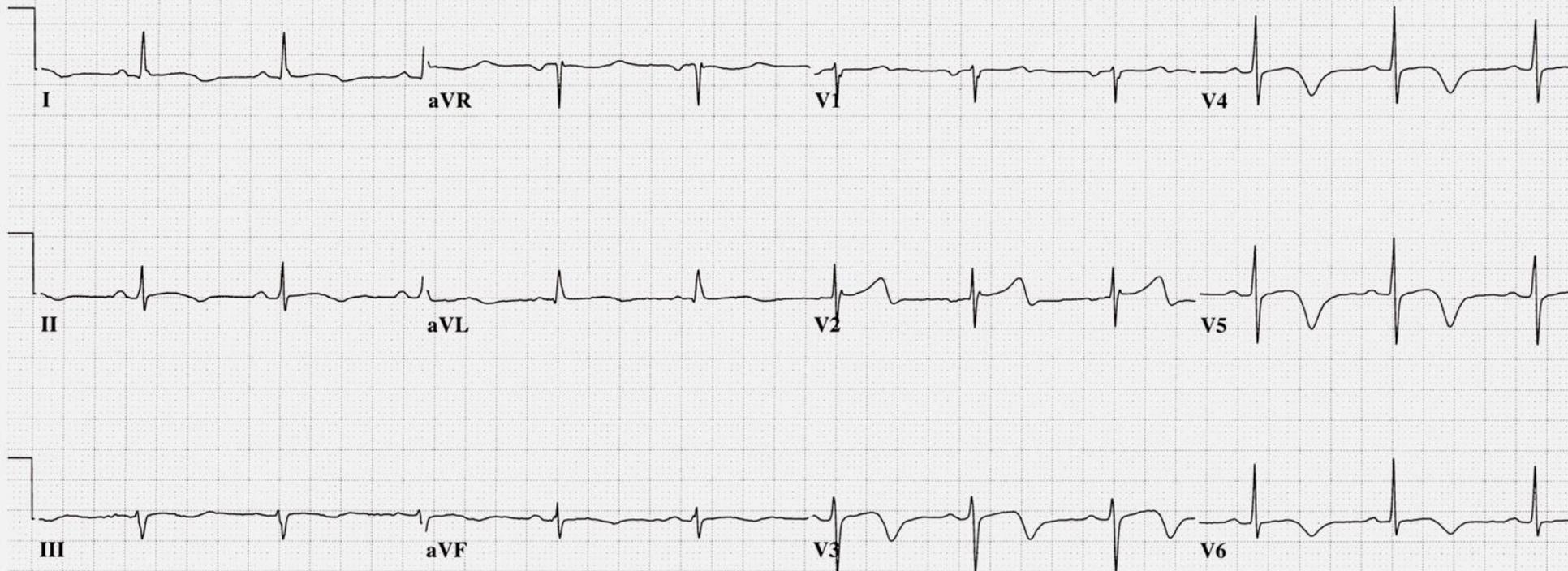


# Wellen's Syndrome Case Study

SERIAL EKG CASE STUDY 1 - EKG # 2 @ 09:42 HOURS

33 yr		Vent. rate	67	BPM
Male	Black	PR interval	160	ms
		QRS duration	82	ms
Room:A13		QT/QTc	512/541	ms
Loc:3	Option:23	P-R-T axes	44 0	54

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Normal sinus rhythm  
T wave abnormality, consider anterolateral ischemia  
Prolonged QT  
Abnormal ECG



***DYNAMIC ST-T Wave Changes  
ARE PRESENT !!***

**NOW**

***is the time for the***

***STAT CALL***

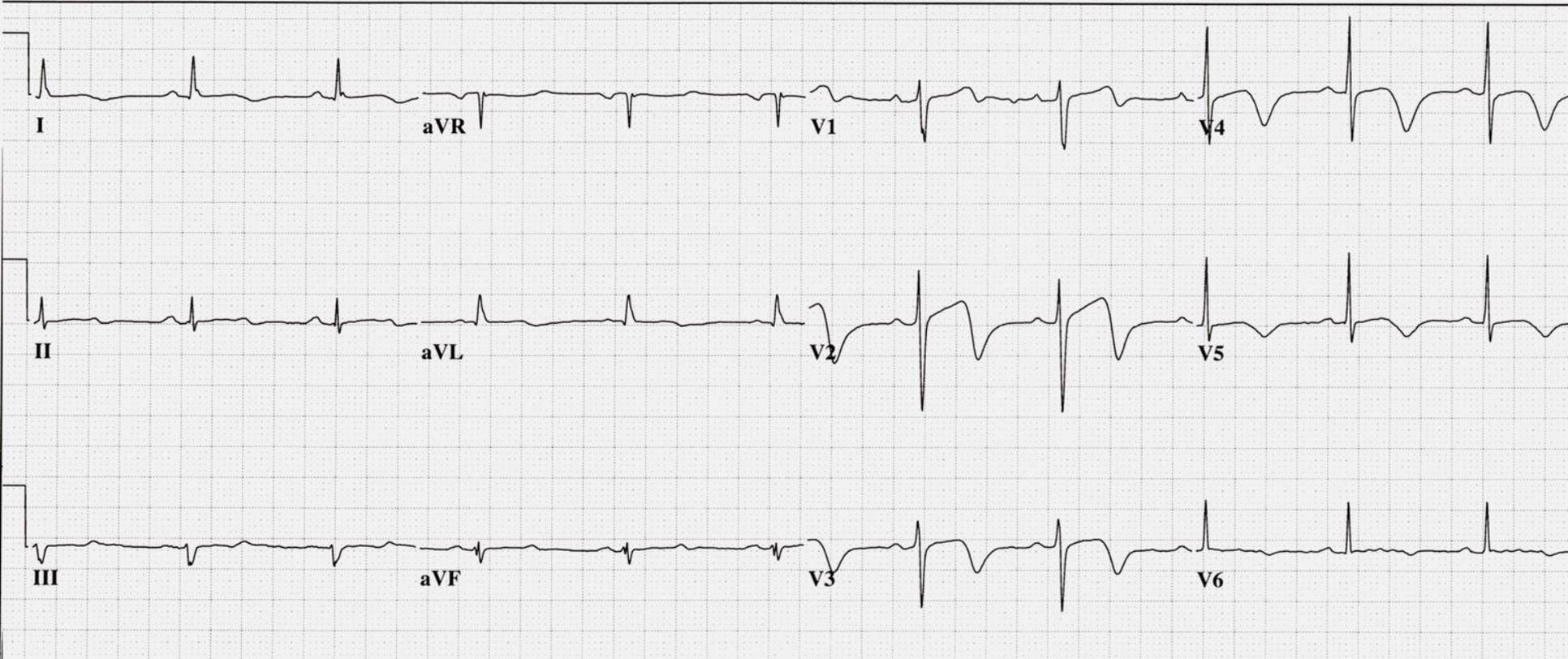
***to the***

***CARDIOLOGIST !!!!***

# Wellen's Syndrome Case Study

## SERIAL EKG CASE STUDY 1 - EKG # 3 @ 12:12 HOURS

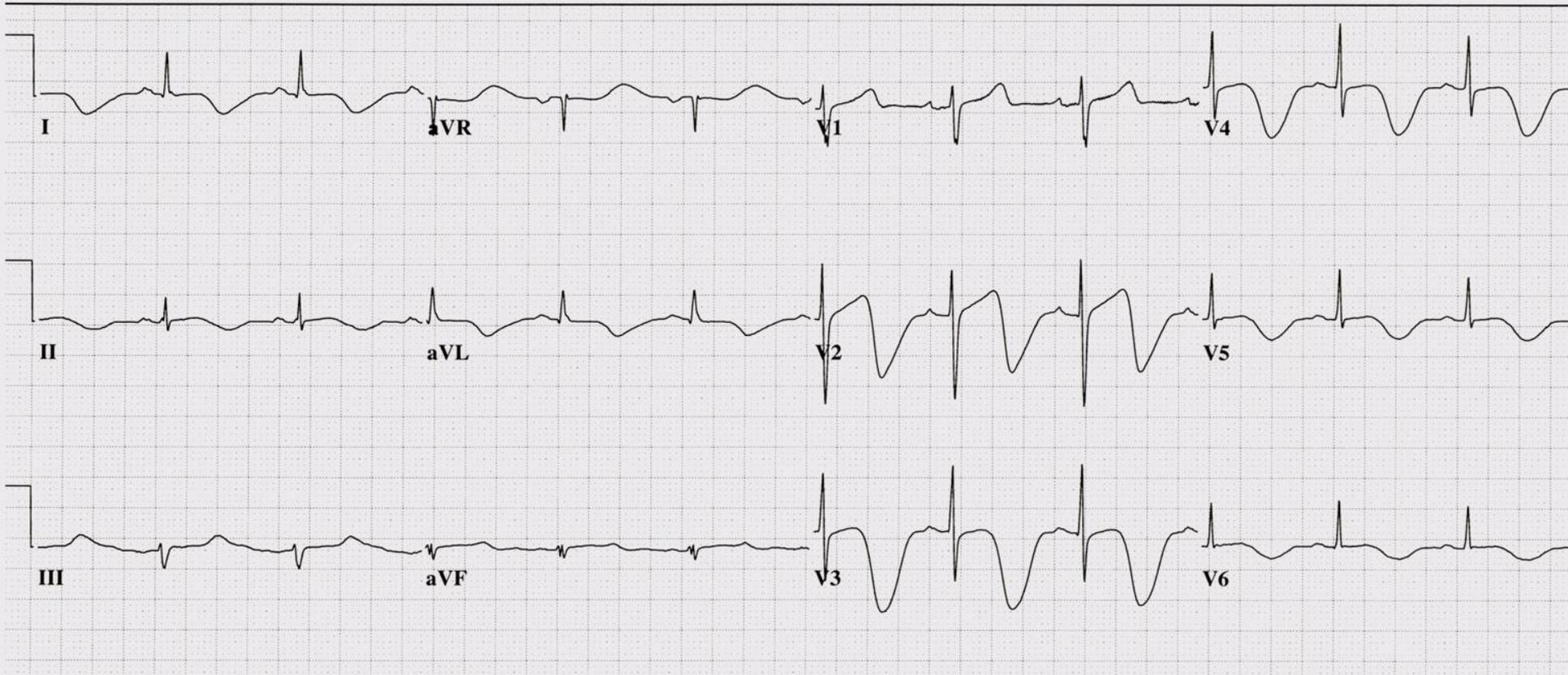
33 yr Male	Black	Vent. rate	64	BPM	Normal sinus rhythm
		PR interval	160	ms	Marked T wave abnormality, consider anterolateral ischemia
		QRS duration	84	ms	Prolonged QT
		QT/QTc	514/530	ms	Abnormal ECG
Loc:7	Option:35	P-R-T axes	45 3	91	When compared with ECG of 05-NOV-2008 05:12.



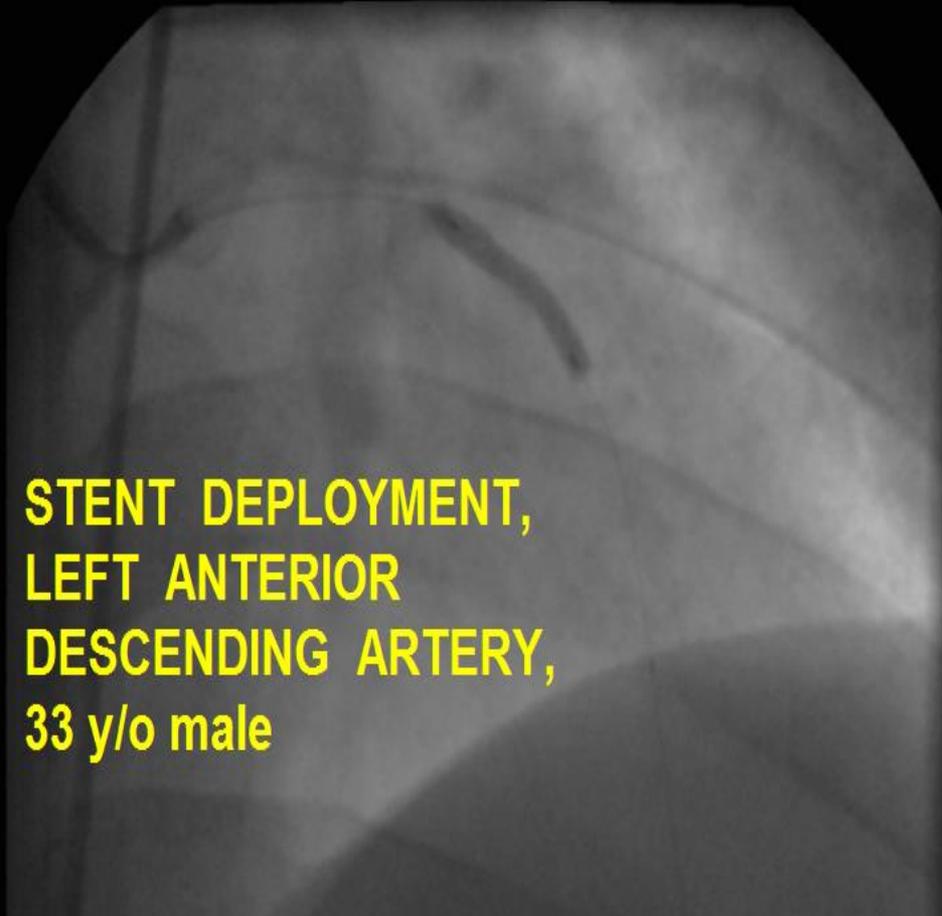
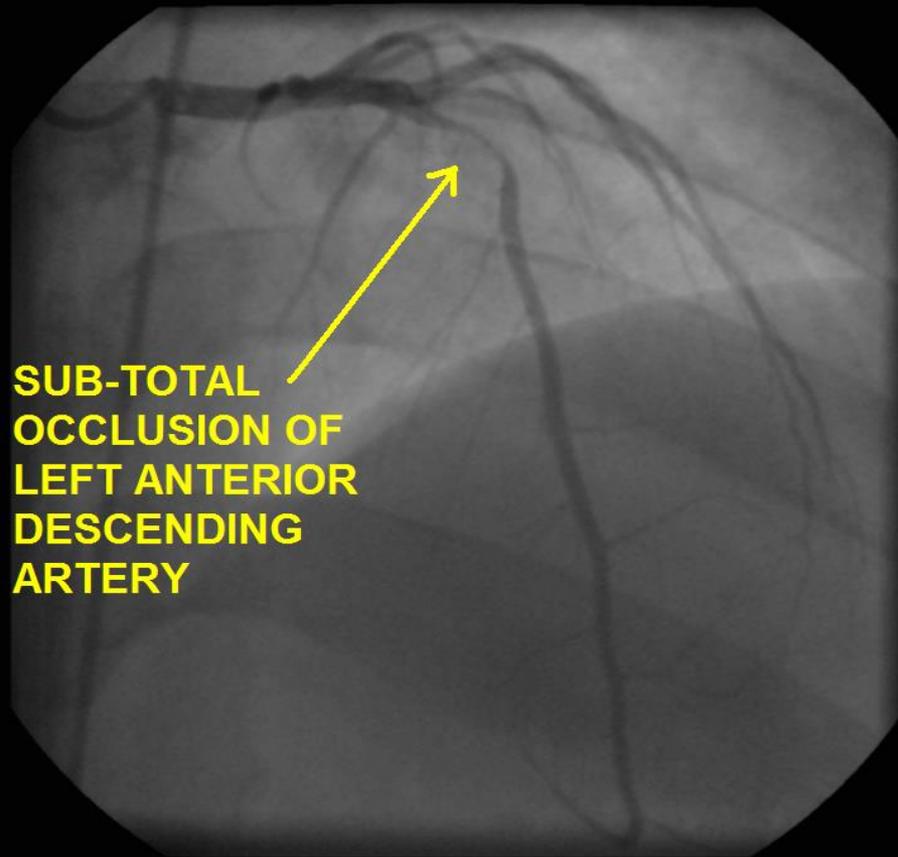
# Wellen's Syndrome Case Study

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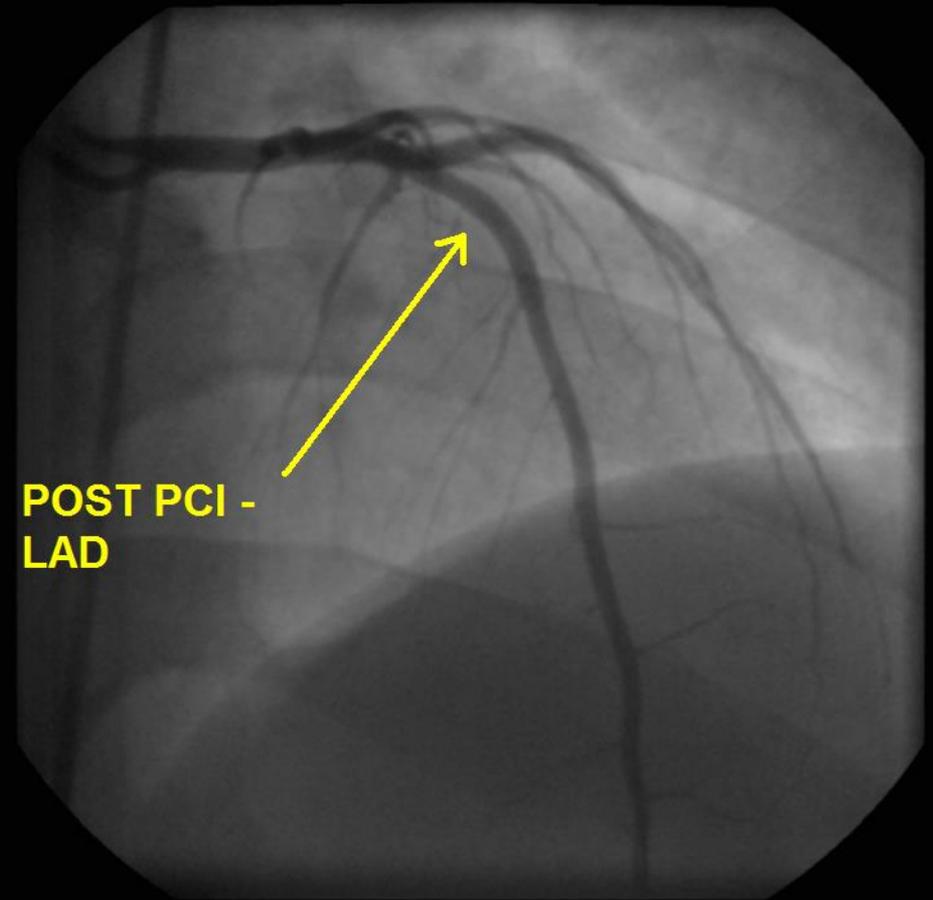
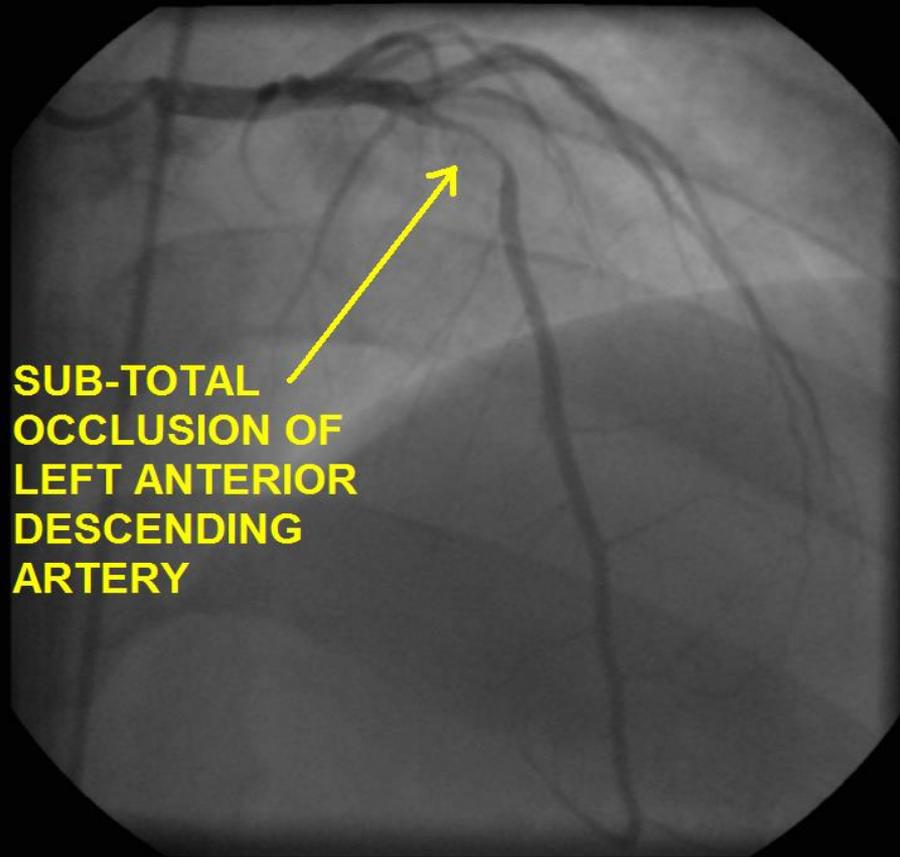
33 yr		Vent. rate	71	BPM	Normal sinus rhythm
Male	Black	PR interval	144	ms	Marked T wave abnormality, consider anterolateral ischemia
		QRS duration	74	ms	Prolonged QT
Room:405A		QT/QTc	600/652	ms	Abnormal ECG
Loc:5	Option:39	P-R-T axes	20 1	160	



# Wellen's Syndrome Case Study



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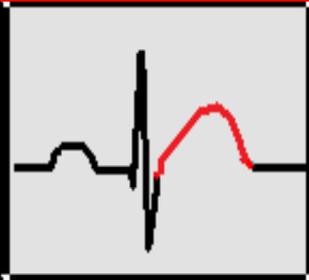
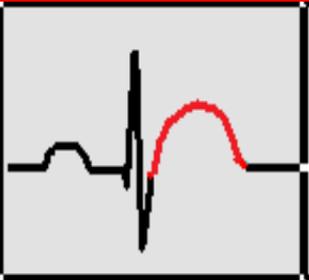
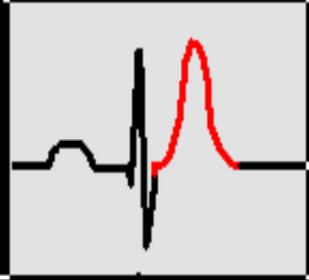
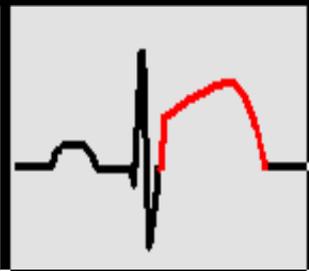
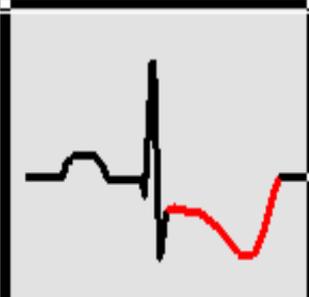


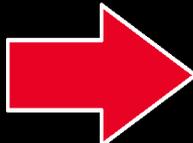
# Additional Resources:

- [Wellen's Syndrome, NEJM case study](#)

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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<sub>2</sub> and V<sub>3</sub> 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<sub>2</sub> and V<sub>3</sub> 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<sub>2</sub> and V<sub>3</sub> 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<sub>3</sub>R and V<sub>4</sub>R 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.
5. For men and women, the threshold value for abnormal J-point elevation in V<sub>7</sub> through V<sub>9</sub> should be 0.05 mV (0.5 mm).
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<sub>2</sub> and V<sub>3</sub> and -0.1 mV (-1 mm) in all other leads.

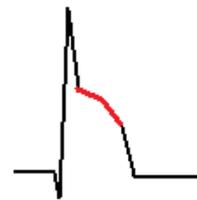
# ***ST SEGMENT ELEVATION:***

**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**

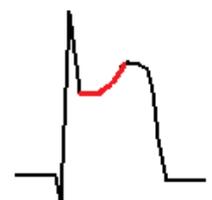
**3 COMMON PATTERNS of  
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From ACUTE MI:**



**DOWNSLOPING  
S-T SEGMENT**



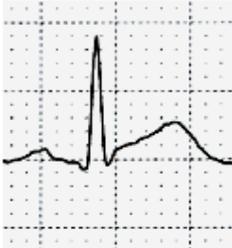
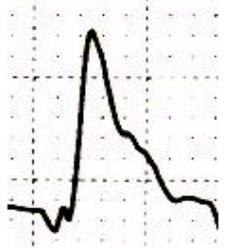
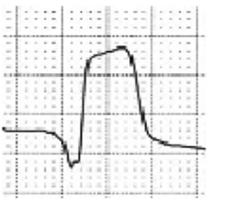
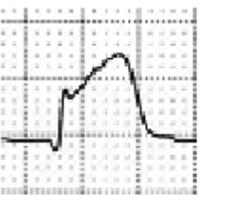
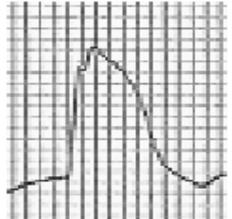
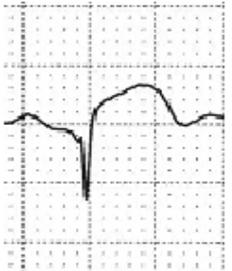
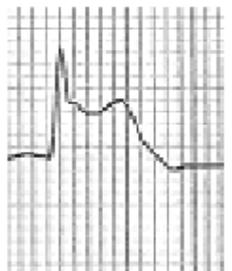
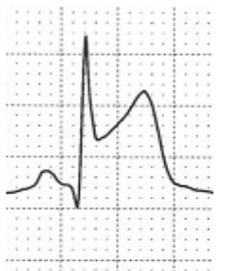
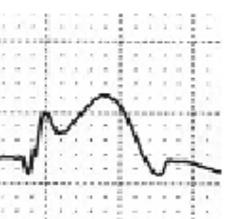
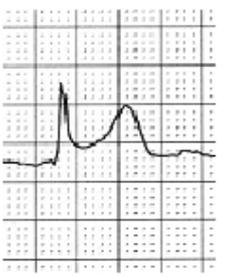
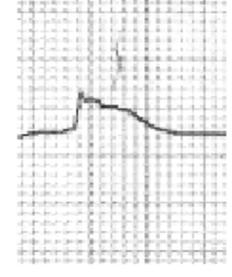
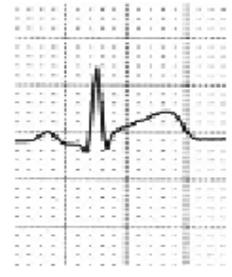
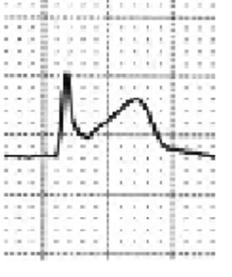
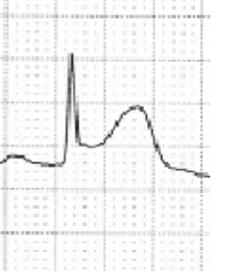
**FLAT  
S-T SEGMENT**



**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>	<b>"TOOMBSTONE" PATTERN</b>  <p>V2 - ANTERIOR LATERAL MI</p>	<b>"FIREMAN'S HAT" PATTERN</b>  <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

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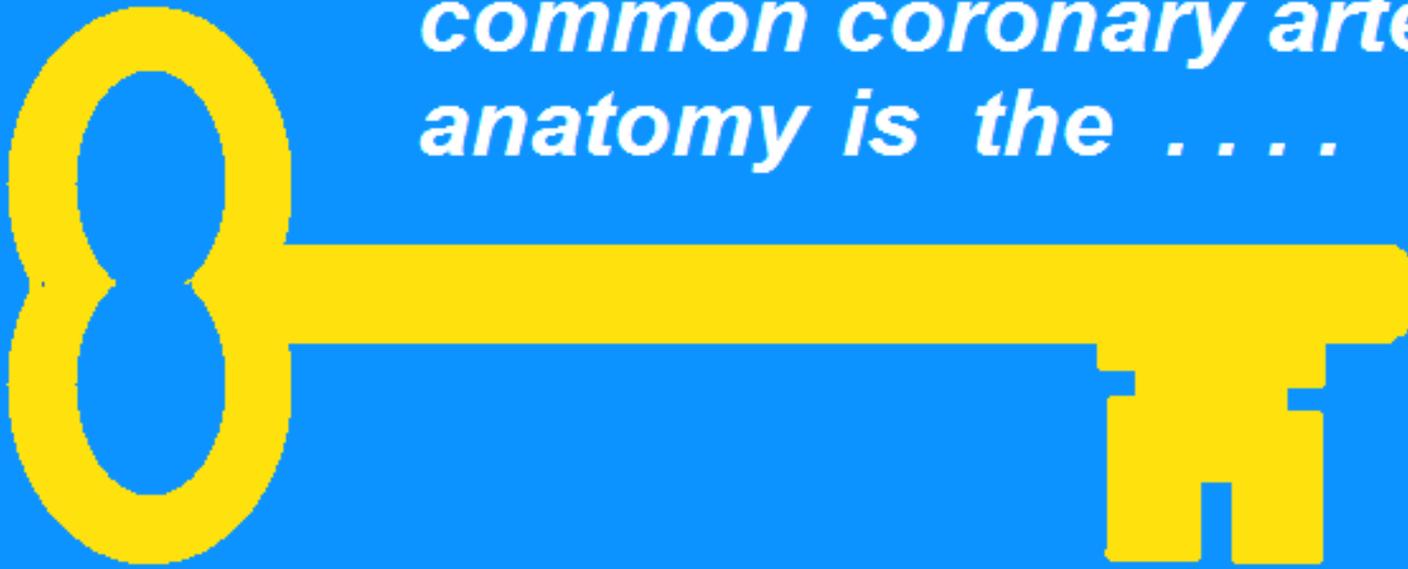
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    . . . . . **BEFORE** they occur !!

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



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

***"an 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!

STEMI Case Studies,  
excerpts from “12 Lead  
ECG Interpretation in ACS  
with Case Studies from  
the Cardiac Cath Lab.”

## 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.

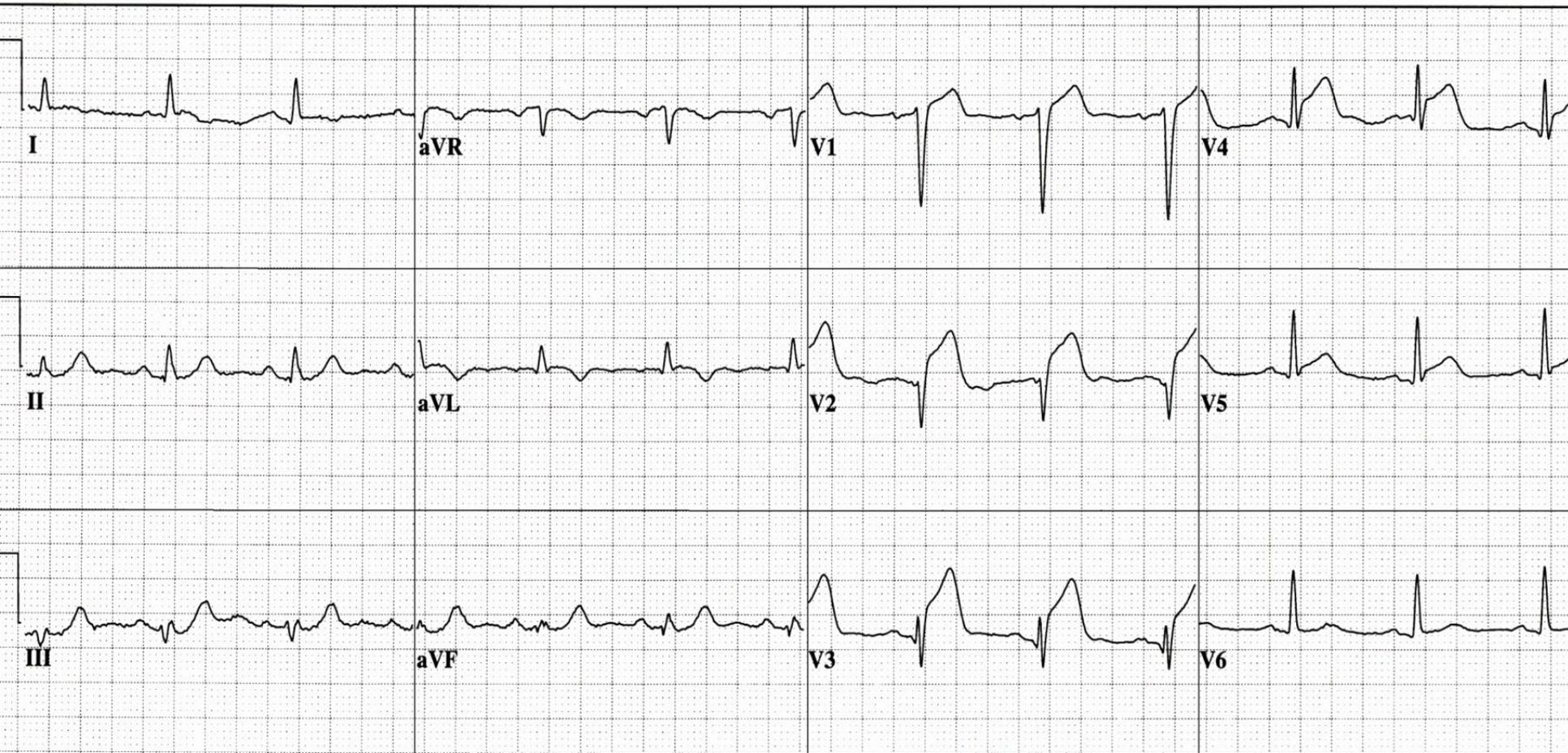
**VITAL SIGNS:** BP: 100/64, P: 75, R: 20, SAO2: 94%

**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

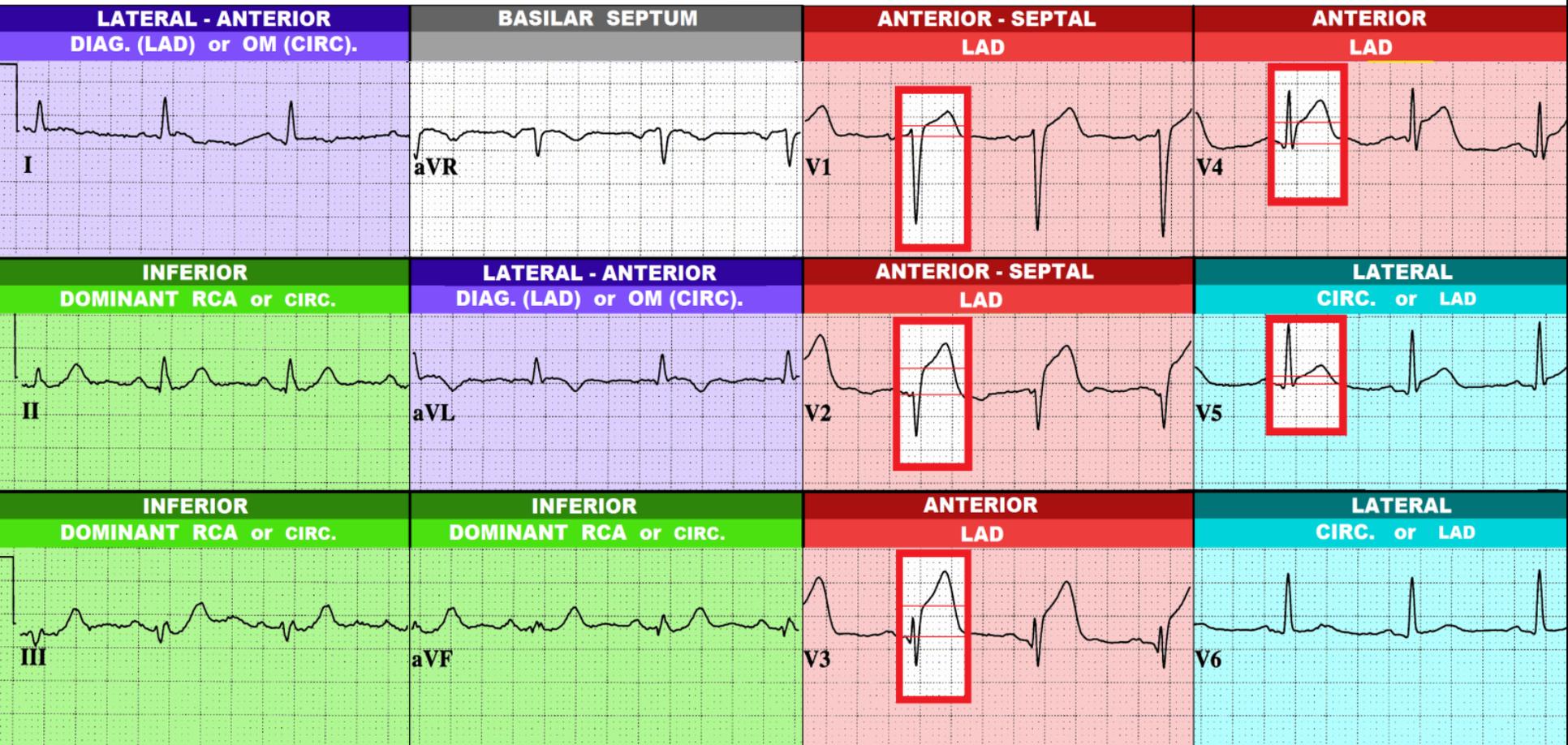
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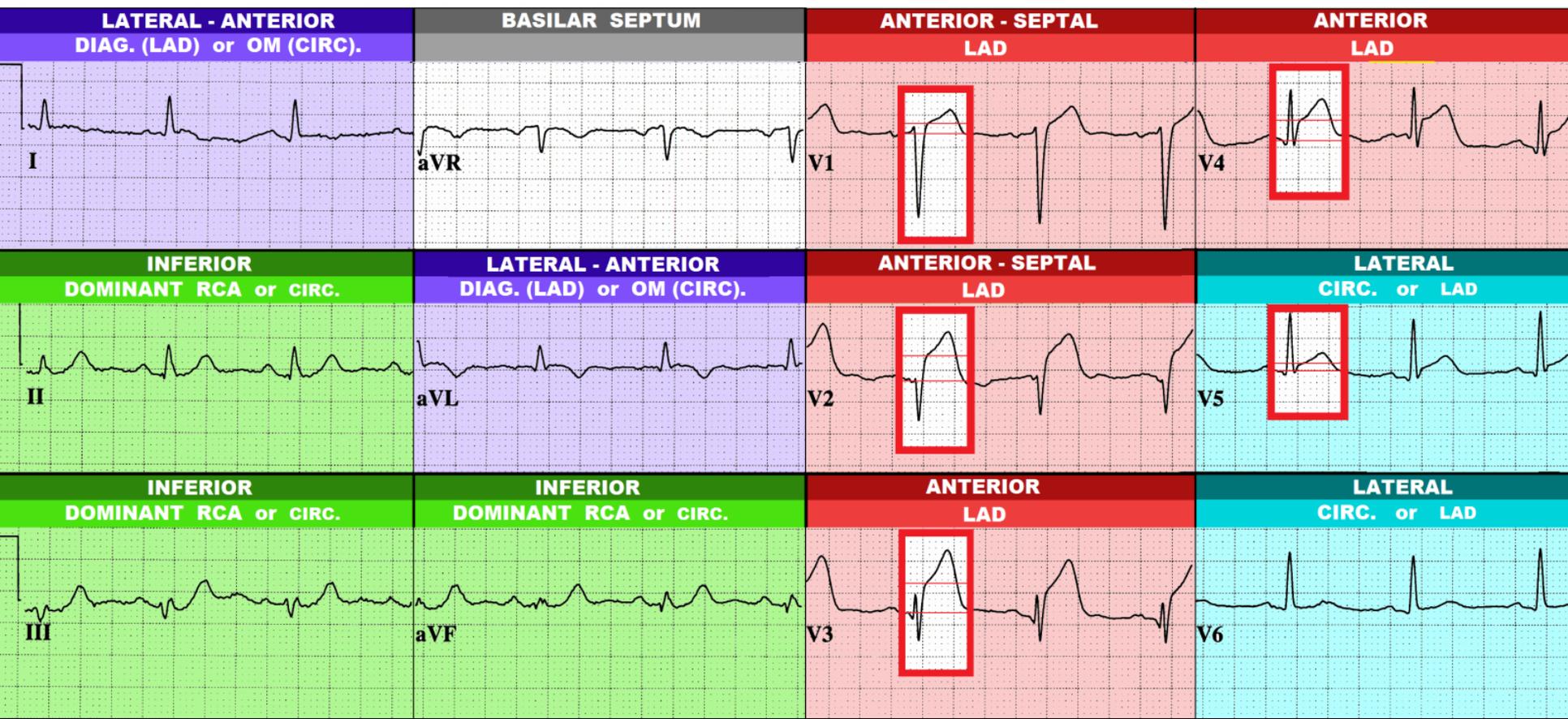
**Note: There is NO Reciprocal ST Depression on this STEMI ECG !**

72 yr Male  
 Caucasian  
 Loc: Option:2

Vent. rate 75 BPM  
 PR interval 162 ms  
 QRS duration 98 ms  
 QT/QTc 382/426 ms  
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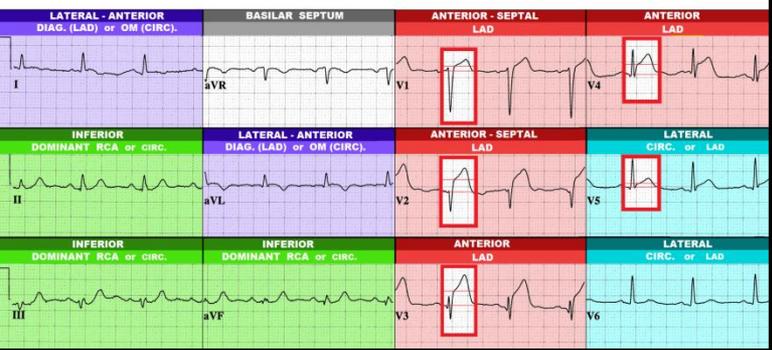


32 yr Male  
 Caucasian  
 Loc: Option:2

Vent. rate 75 BPM  
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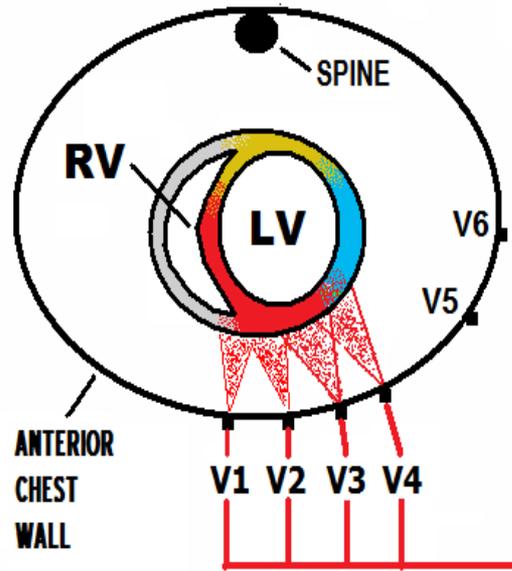
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ST SEGMENT ELEVATION



# 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 ECG 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

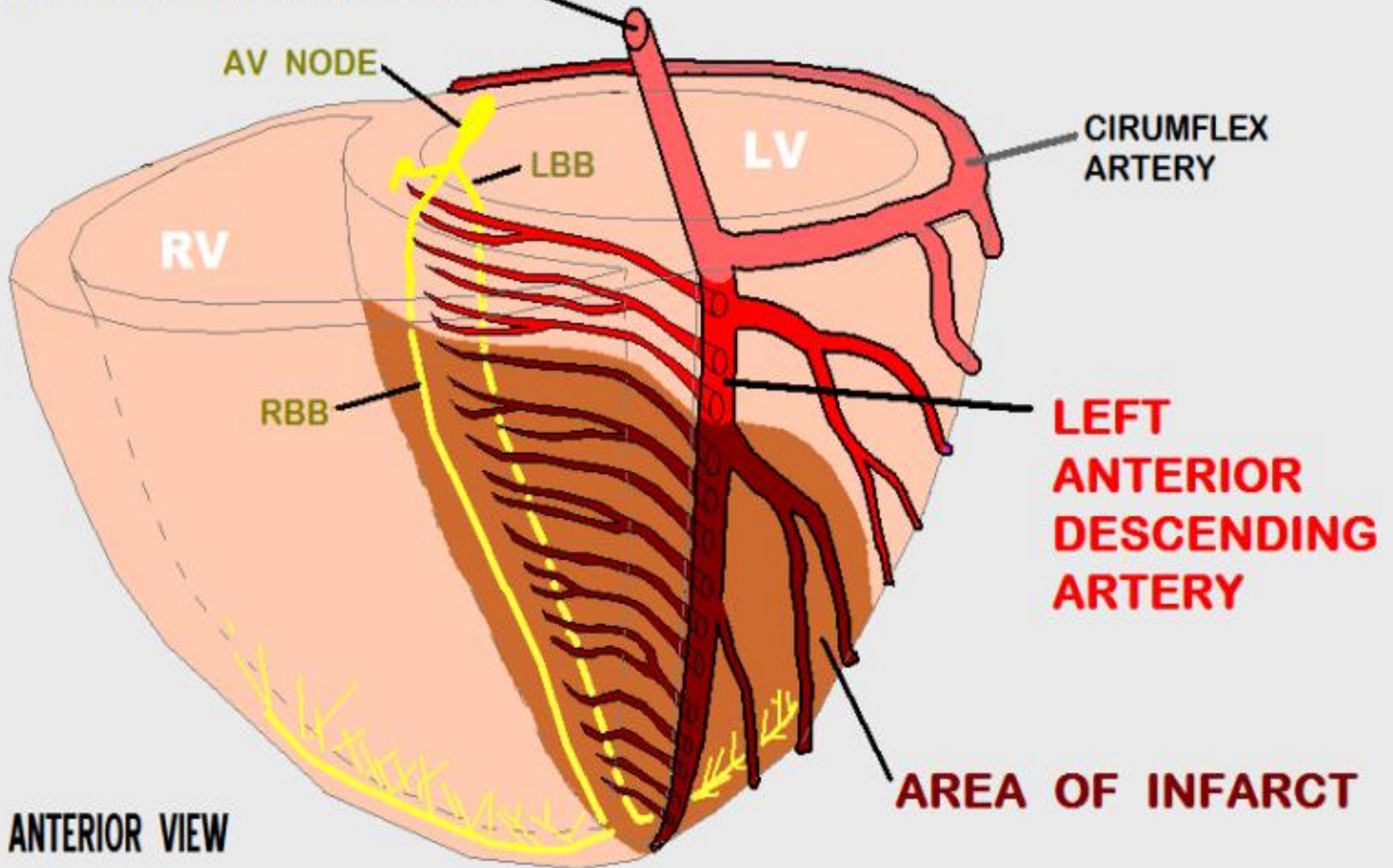
RV

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**LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY**

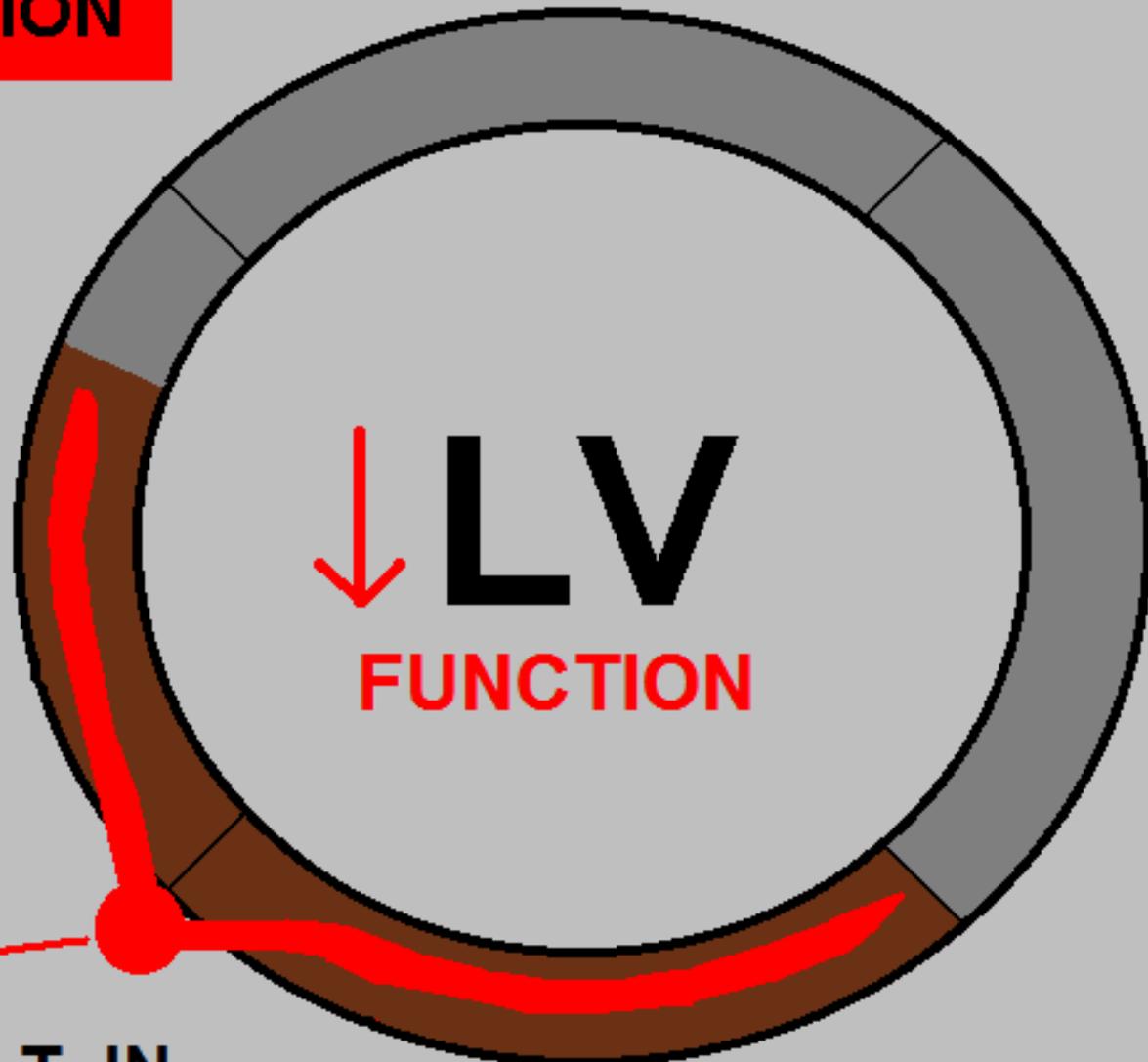
**AREA OF INFARCT**

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**



Do not remove unit from overwrap until ready to use. Do not use if overwrap has been previously opened or damaged. This overwrap is a plastic and oxygen barrier. The inner bag maintains the sterility of the product.

# 400 mg Dopamine

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

208842  
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. Sterile, nonpyrogenic, single dose container. Drug substance should not be made to this solution. Dosage: Intravenously directed by a physician. See directions. Caution: Breaks for minute leaks by squeezing the inner bag firmly. Leaks are found, discard. Just in case used may be impaired. Do not in series connections. Do not administer simultaneously with blood and is not darker than slightly yellow. Rx Only. Recommended storage: Room temperature (25°C). Avoid excessive heat. Protect from freezing. See insert.



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# 500 mg Total DOBUtamine

Hydrochloride in  
5% Dextrose Injection  
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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

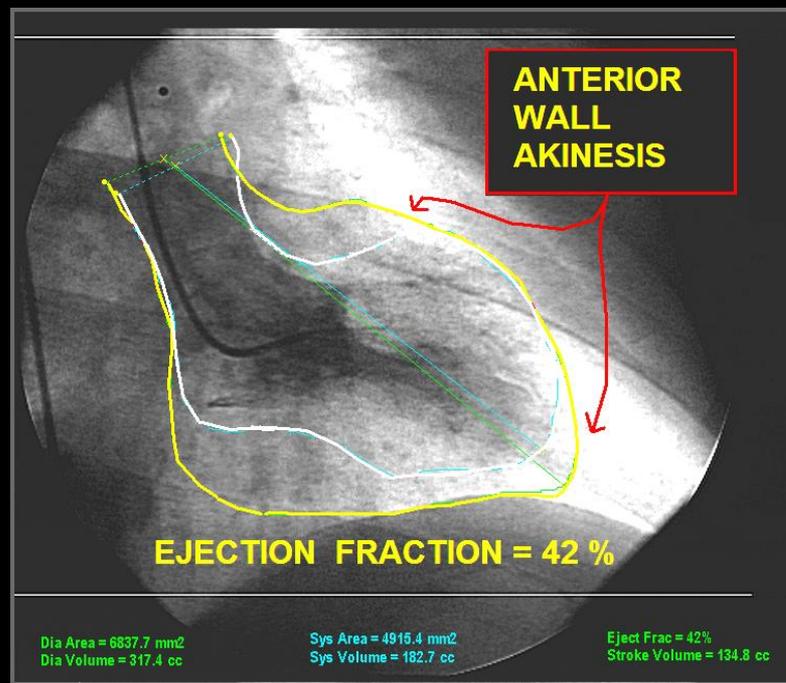
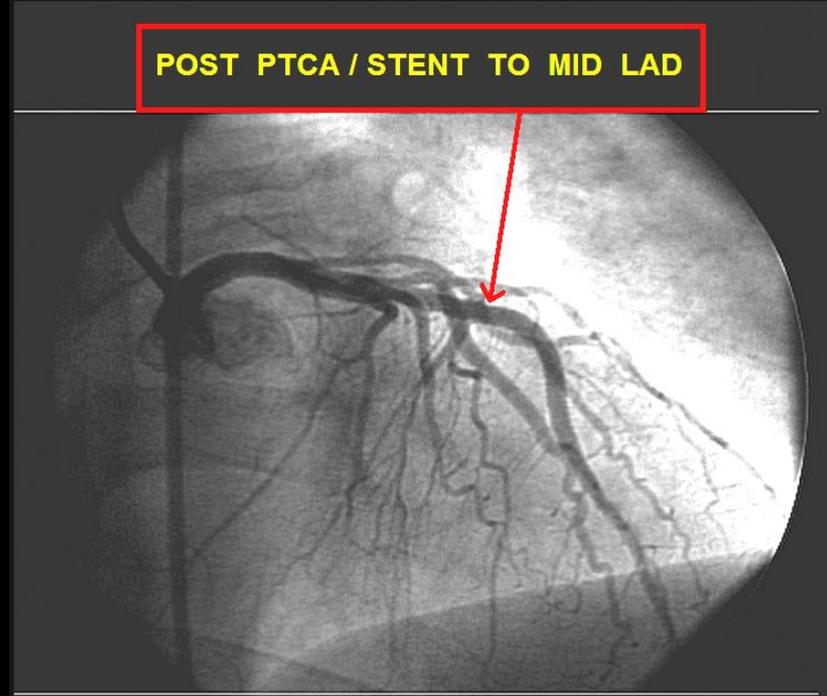
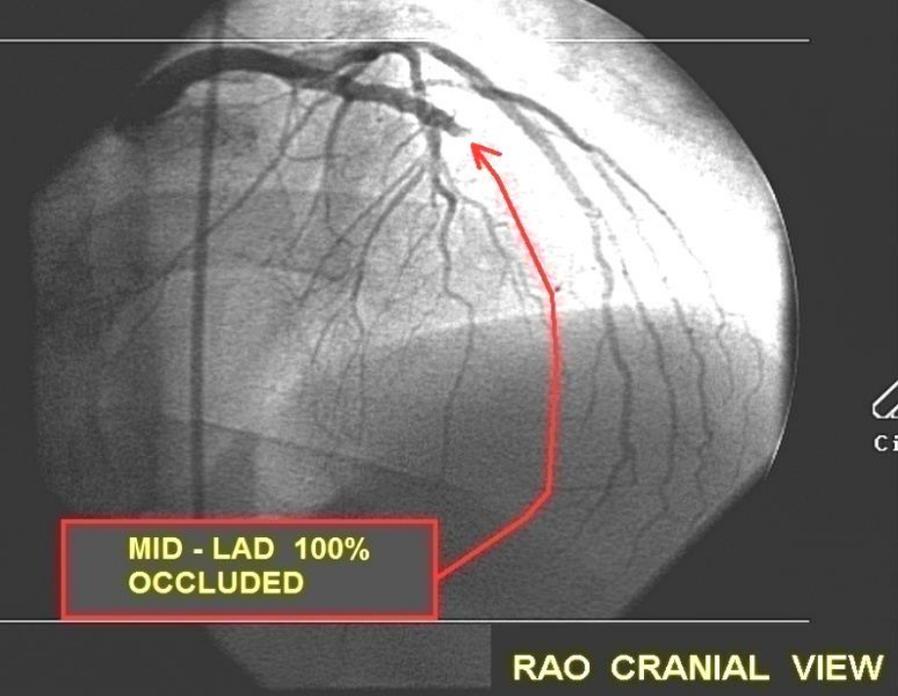
-  **BUNDLE BRANCHES**

- 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)



**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.

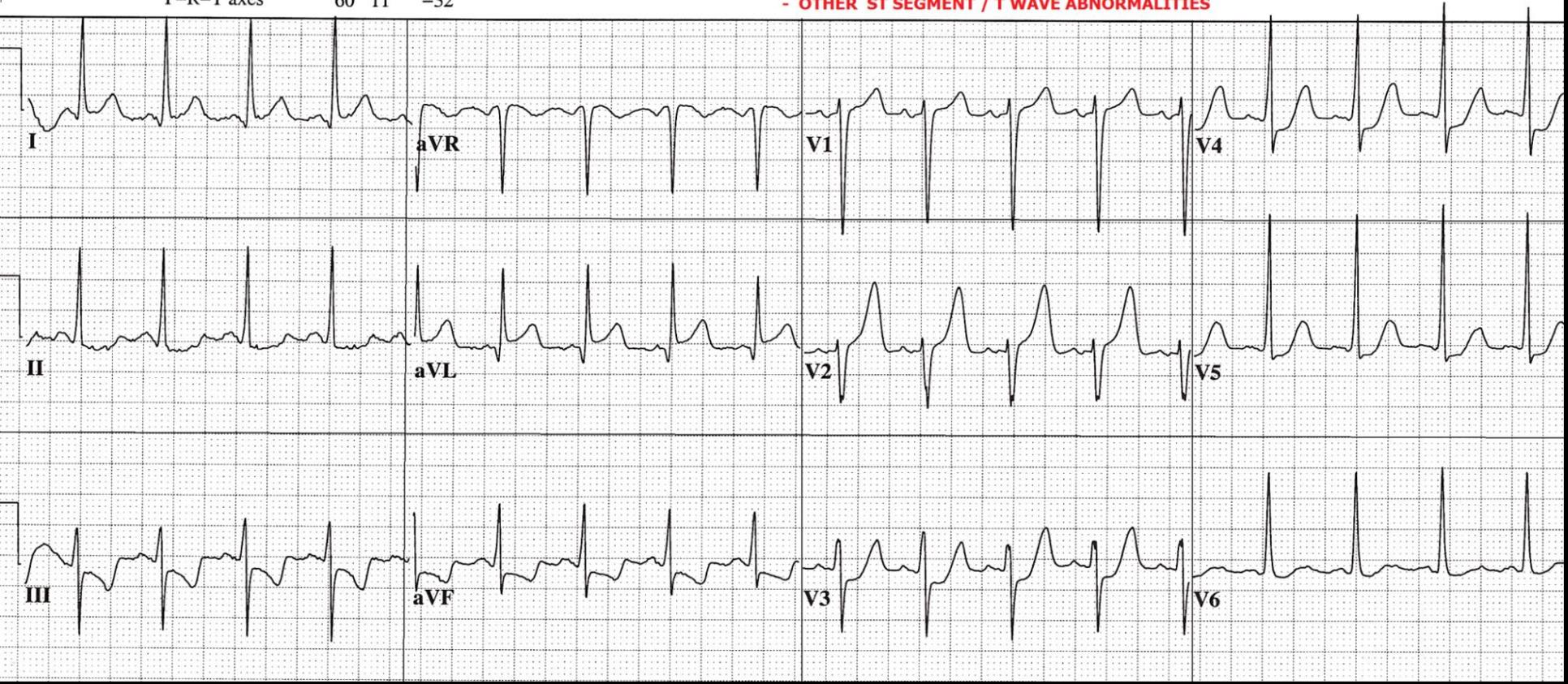
**VITAL SIGNS:** BP: 168/98, P: 110, R: 24, SAO2: 97% on O2 4 LPM via nasal canula

**LABS:** TROPONIN ultra = 2.8

**EVALUATE EKG for indicators of ACS:**

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

46 yr	Vent. rate	109	BPM
Female	PR interval	132	ms
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Room:ER	QT/QTc	346/465	ms
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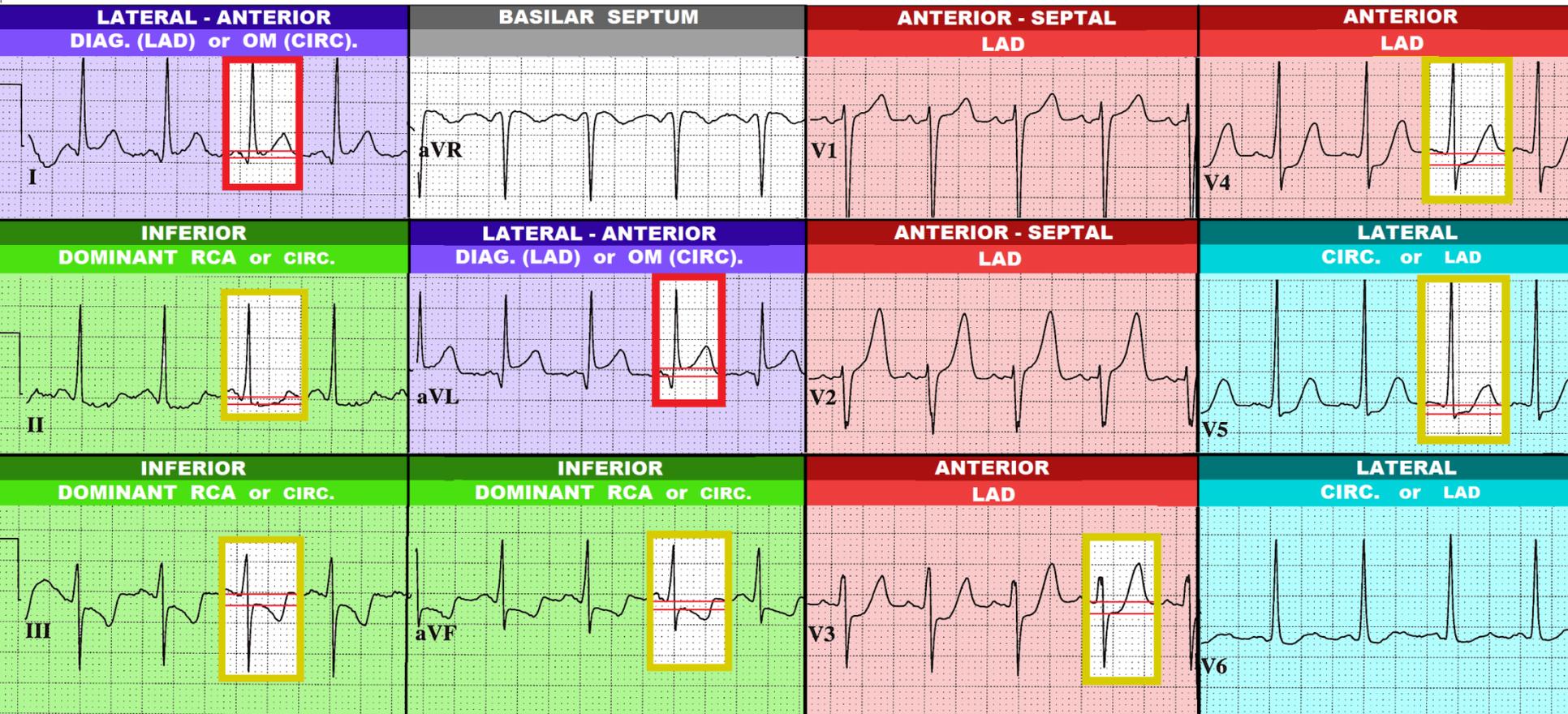


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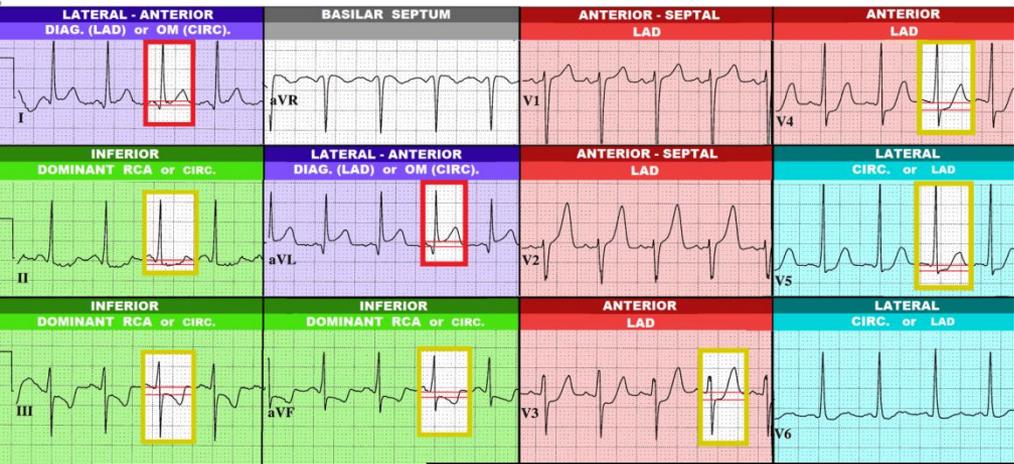
**ST SEGMENT ELEVATION**

**ST SEGMENT DEPRESSION**

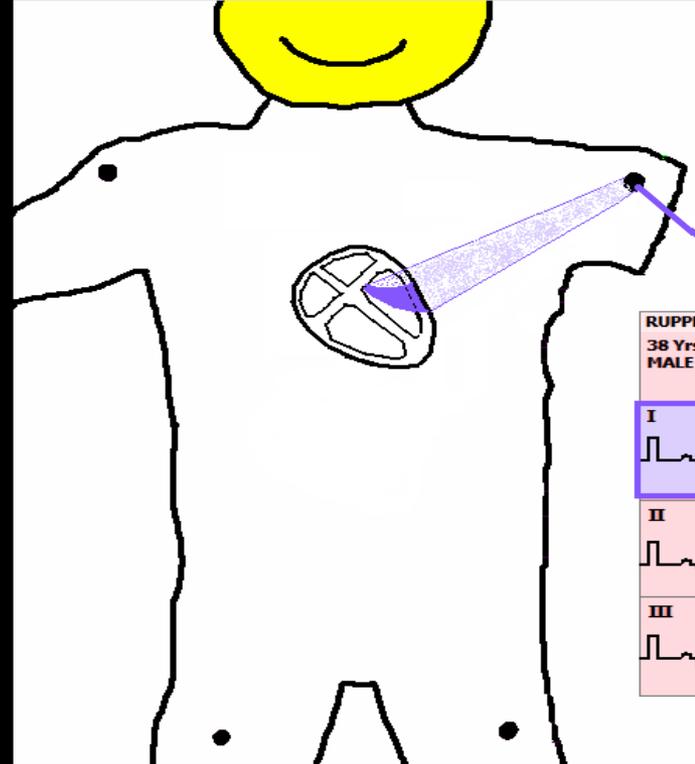


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**ST SEGMENT ELEVATION**  
**ST SEGMENT DEPRESSION**



# LEADS I and aVL view the ANTERIOR-LATERAL JUNCTION

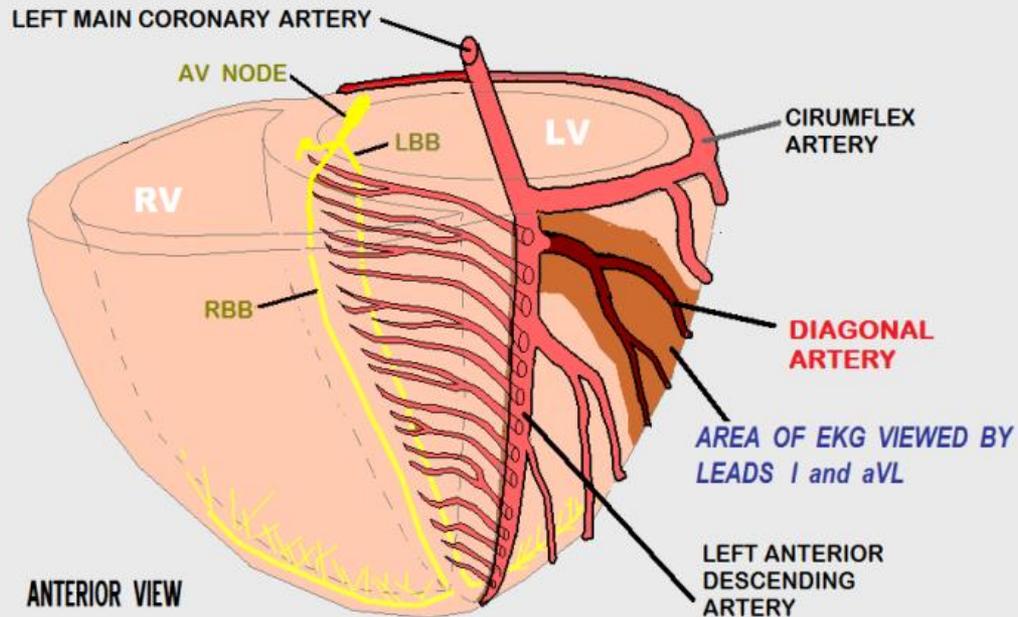


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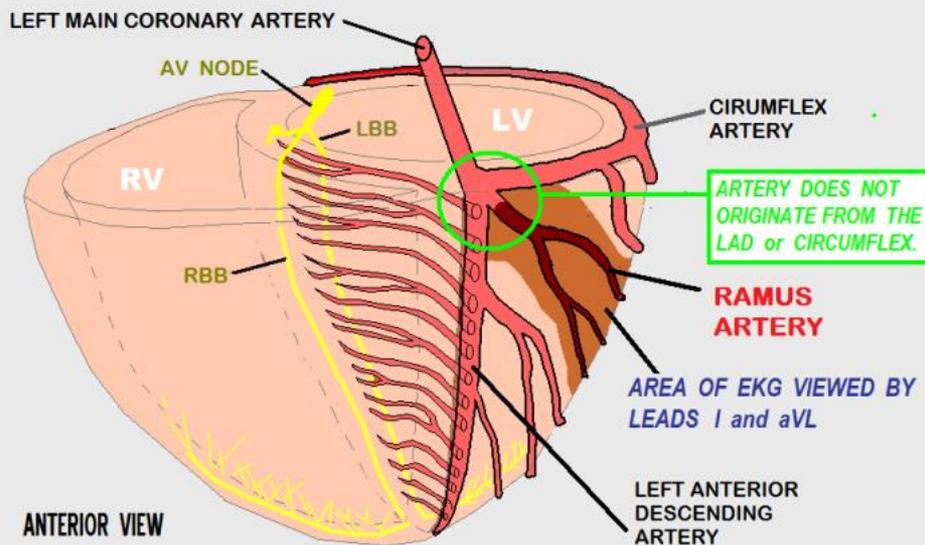
  

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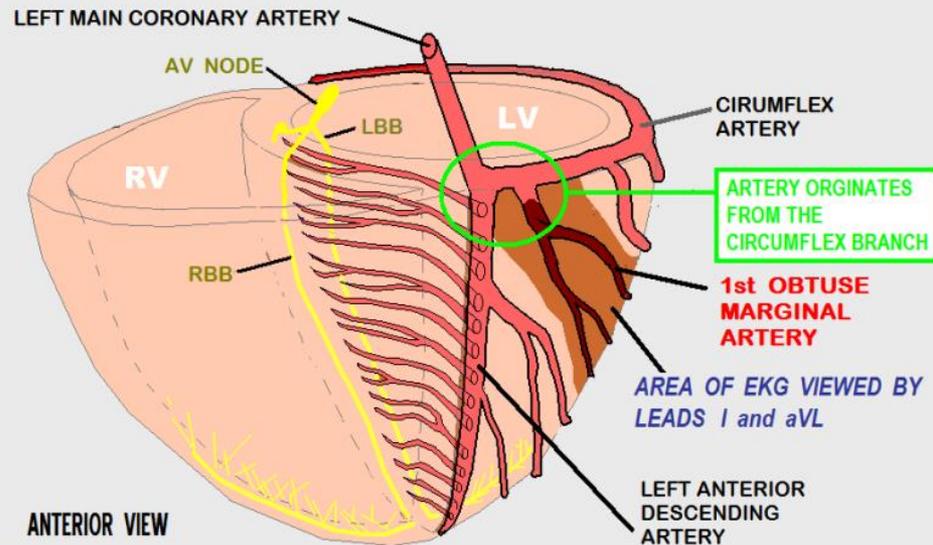
## OCCUSION of DIAGONAL ARTERY



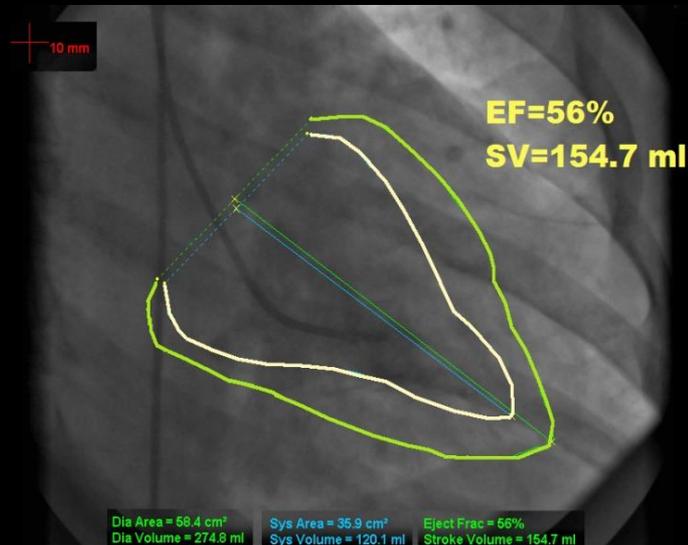
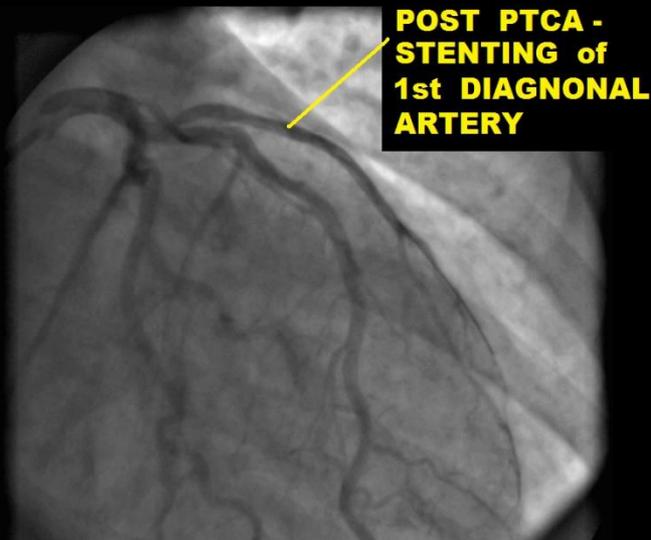
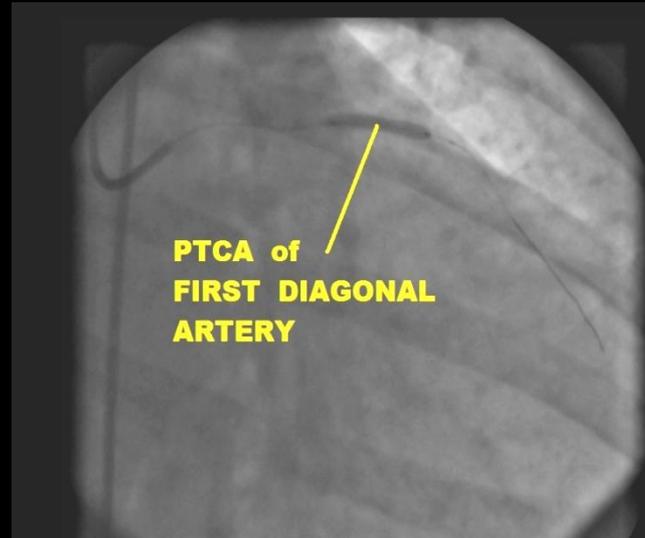
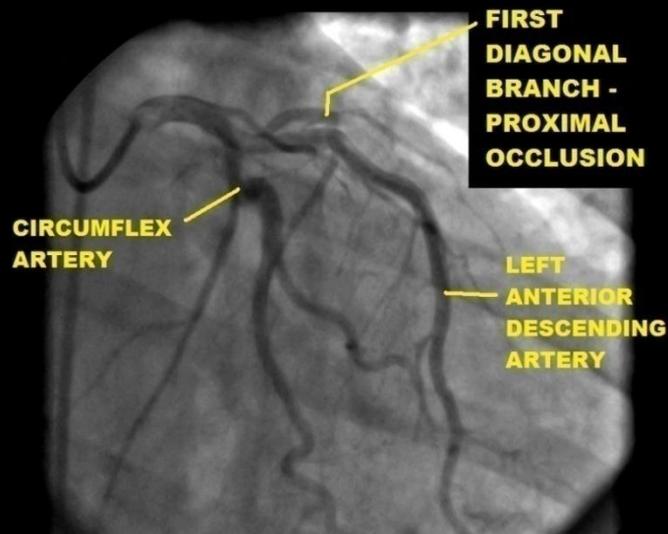
## OCCUSION of RAMUS ARTERY



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

--AXIS--

P 56  
QRS -51  
T -7

- ABNORMAL ECG -

12 Lead; Standard Placement

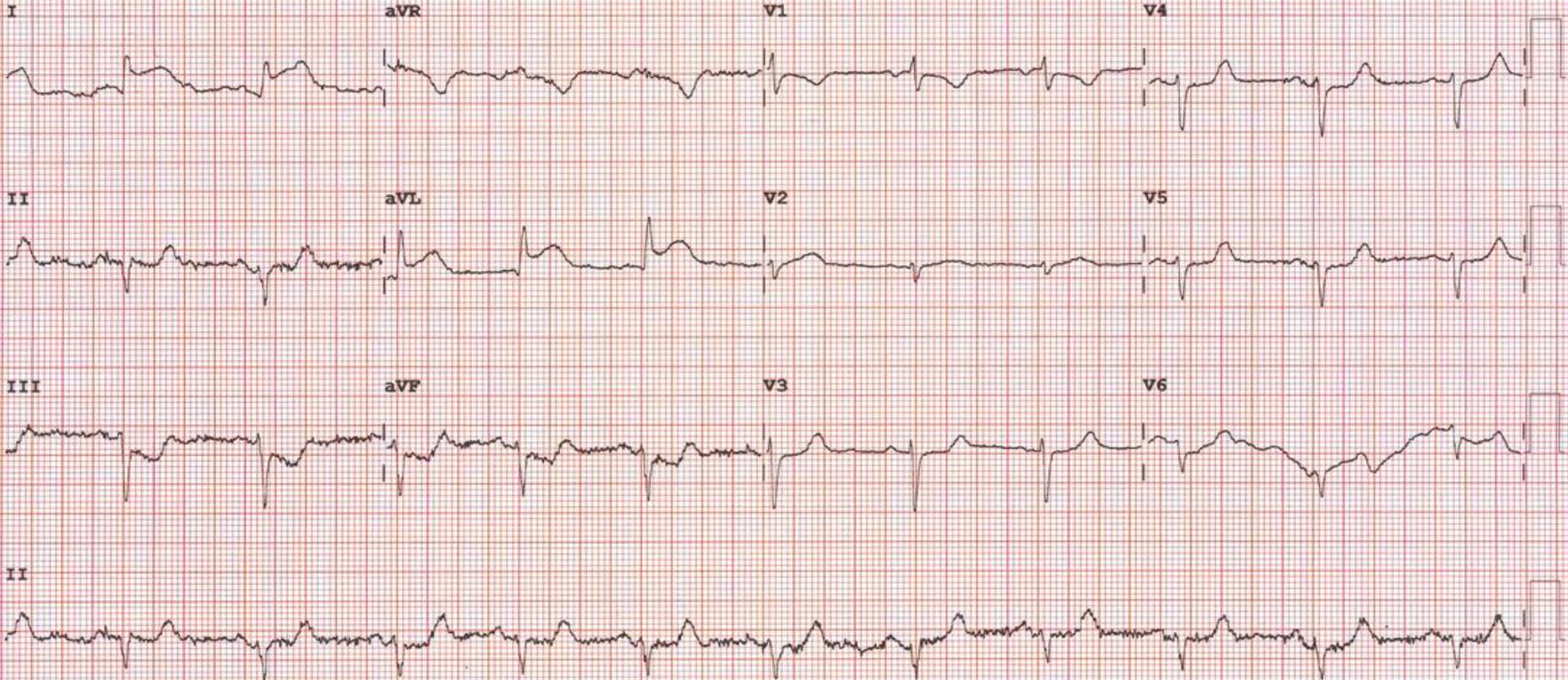
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Physician  
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Time  
STEMI

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YES

NO



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

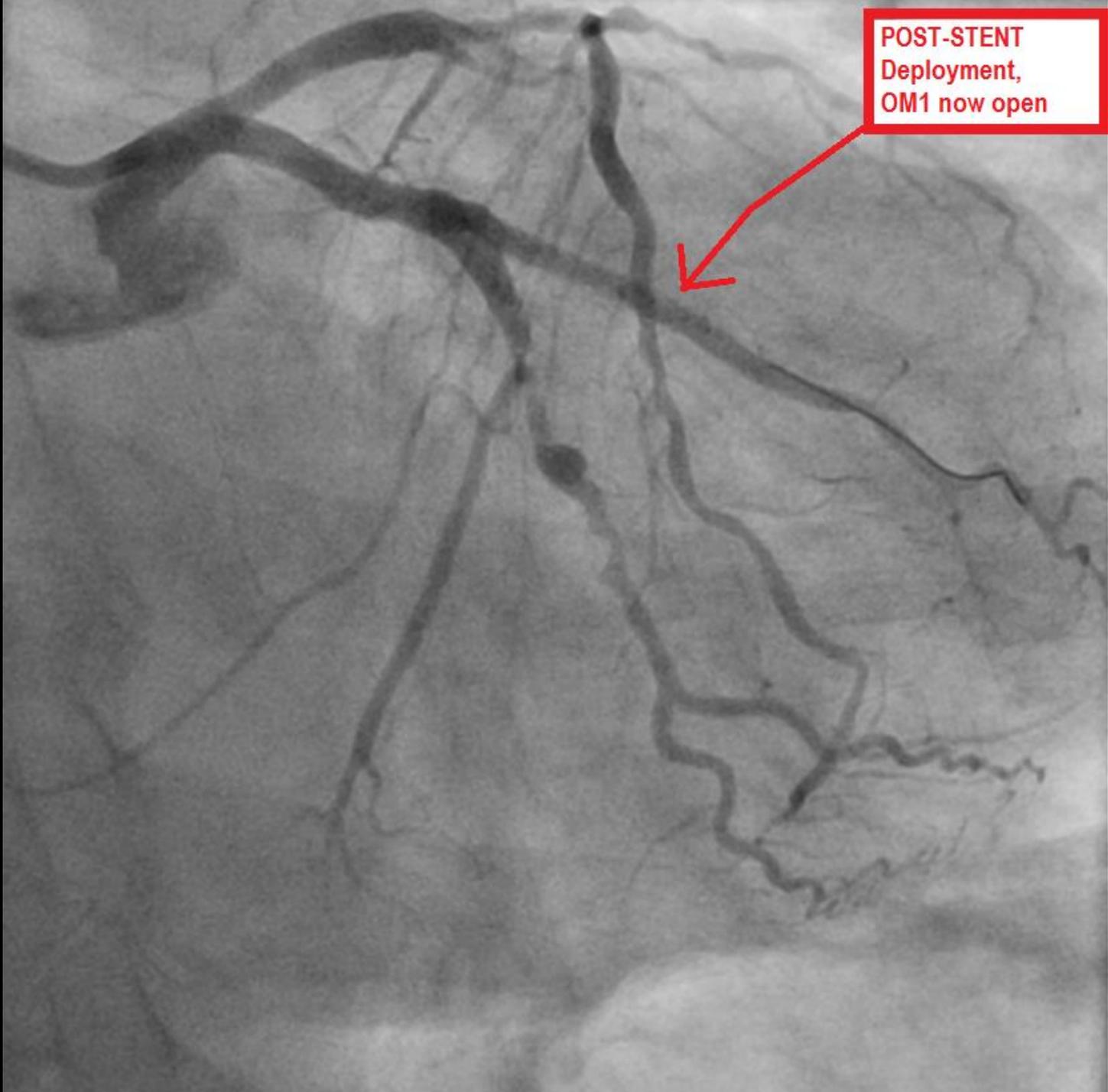
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OM 1 100%  
occluded proximally





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%

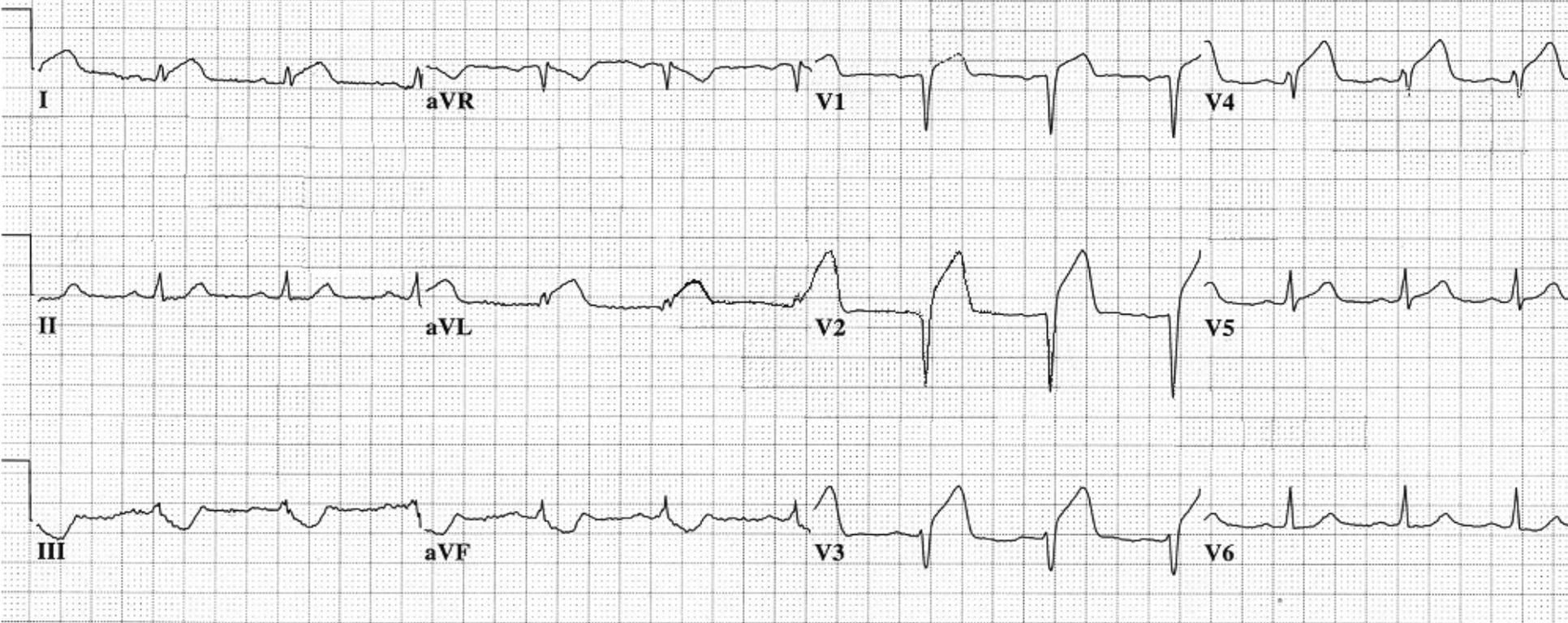
**LABS:** INITIAL CARDIAC MARKERS - NEGATIVE

29 yr  
Male Caucasian

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

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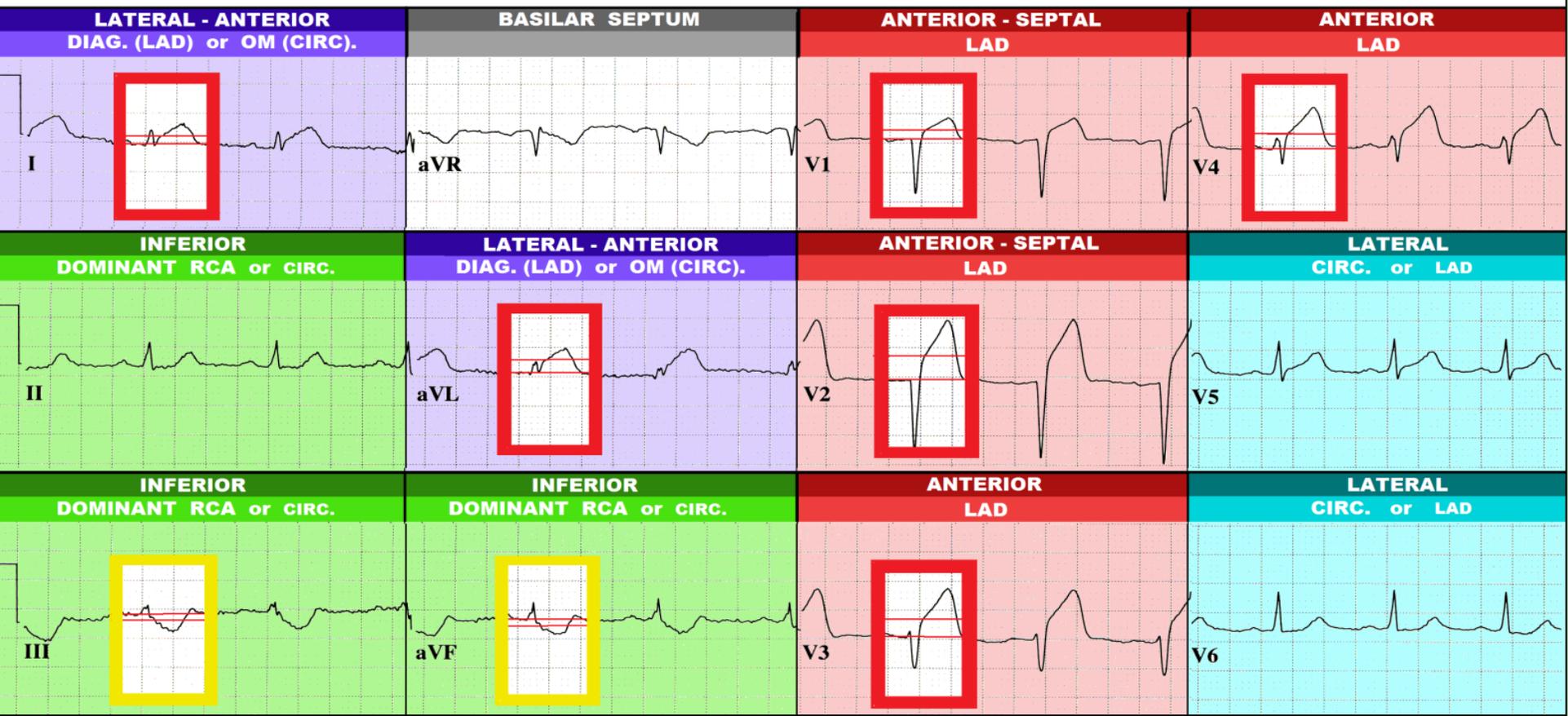
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Septal infarct, possibly acute  
Anterolateral injury pattern  
\*\*\*\*\* ACUTE MI \*\*\*\*\*  
Abnormal ECG

**ST SEGMENT ELEVATION**

**ST SEGMENT DEPRESSION**

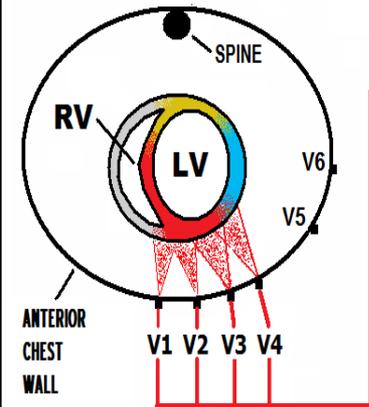


- **Reciprocal ST Depression is NOW PRESENT**
- **Additional ST Elevation is present in Leads I, AVL**

# V1 - V4 VIEW THE ANTERIOR-SEPTAL WALL

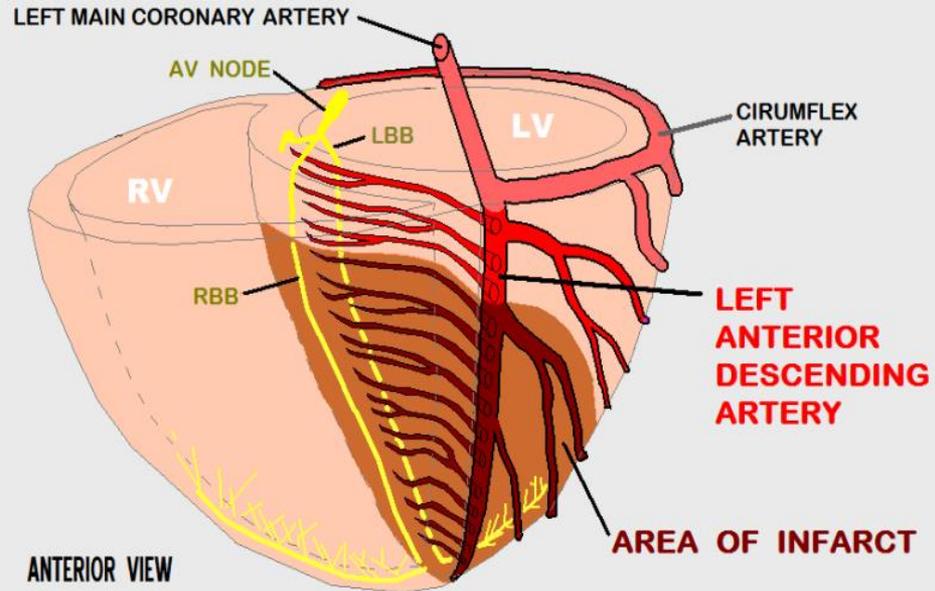
of the LEFT VENTRICLE

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



RUPPERT, WAYNE	ID: 7445683659	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

# OCCLUSION of MID - LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY



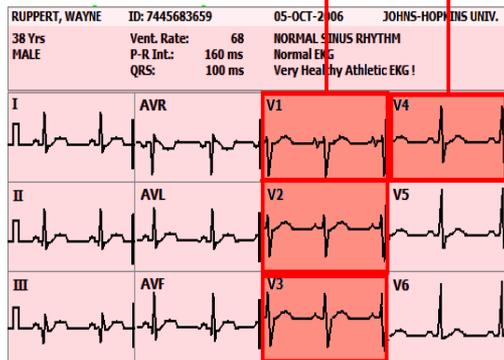
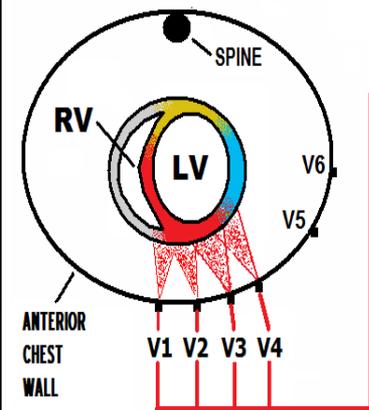
ANTERIOR VIEW

# V1 - V4 VIEW THE ANTERIOR-SEPTAL WALL

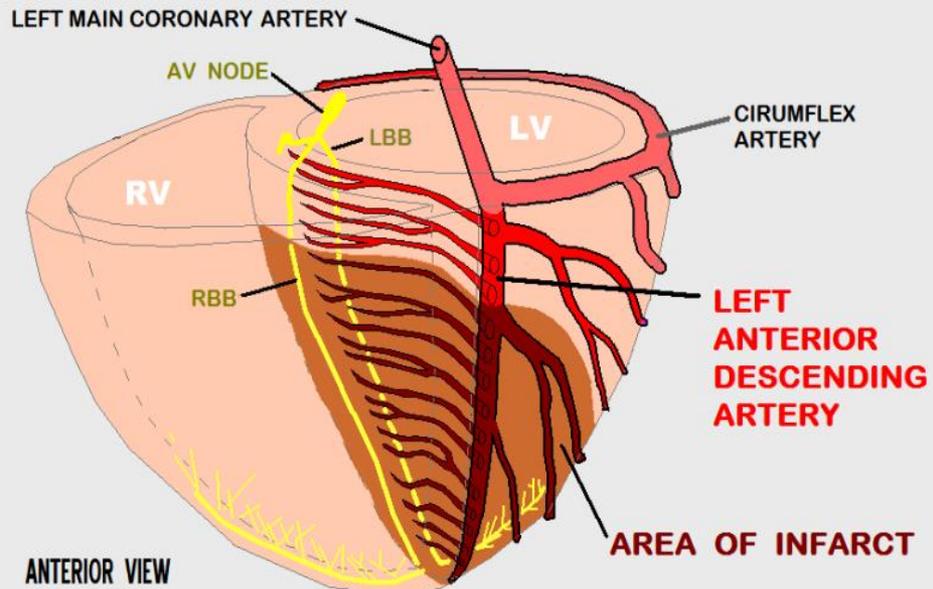
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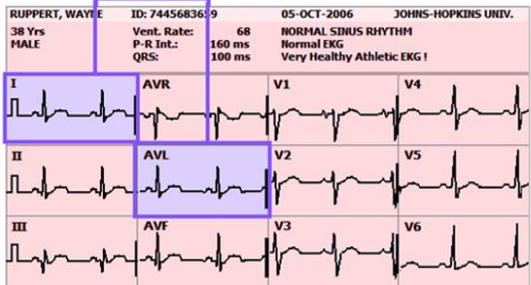
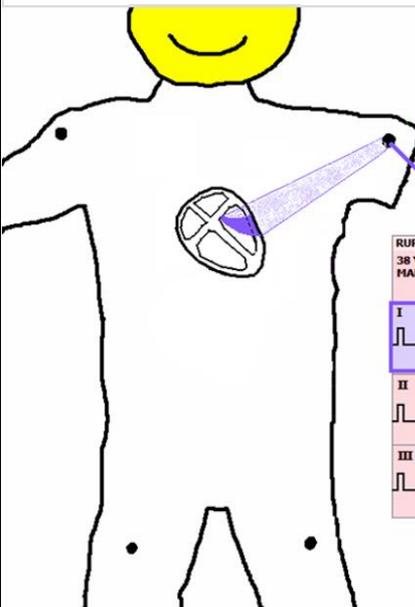


# OCCCLUSION of MID - LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY

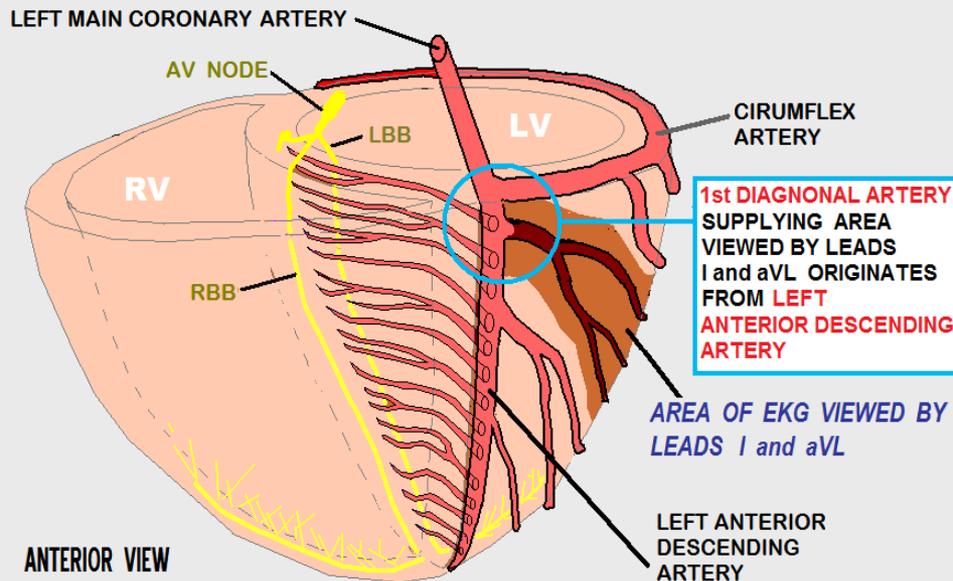


ANTERIOR VIEW

# Leads I & AVL view the ANTERIOR-LATERAL JUNCTION



# OCCCLUSION of DIAGONAL ARTERY

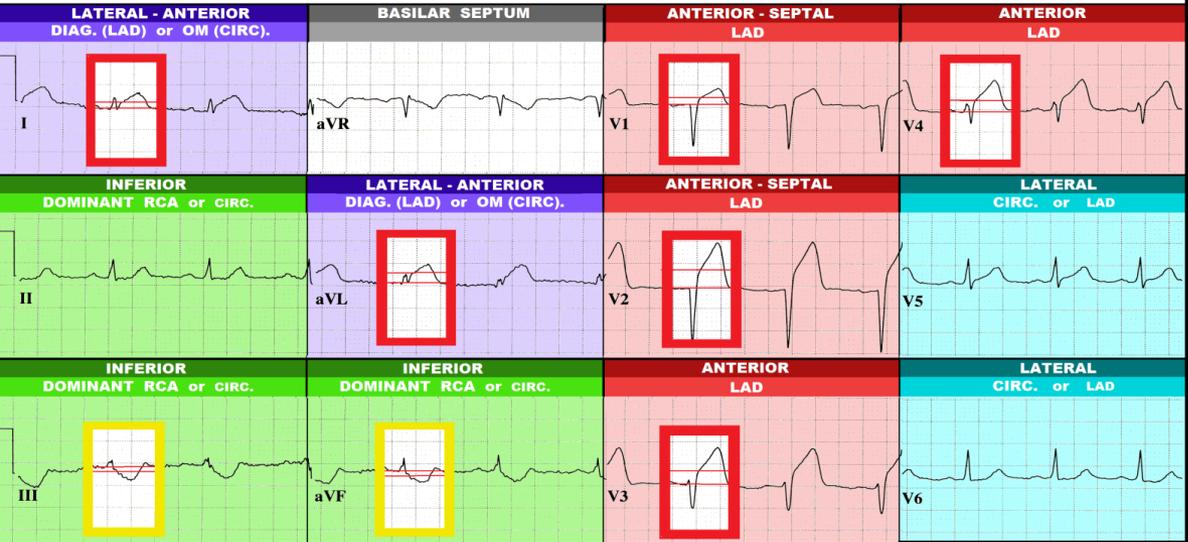


ANTERIOR VIEW

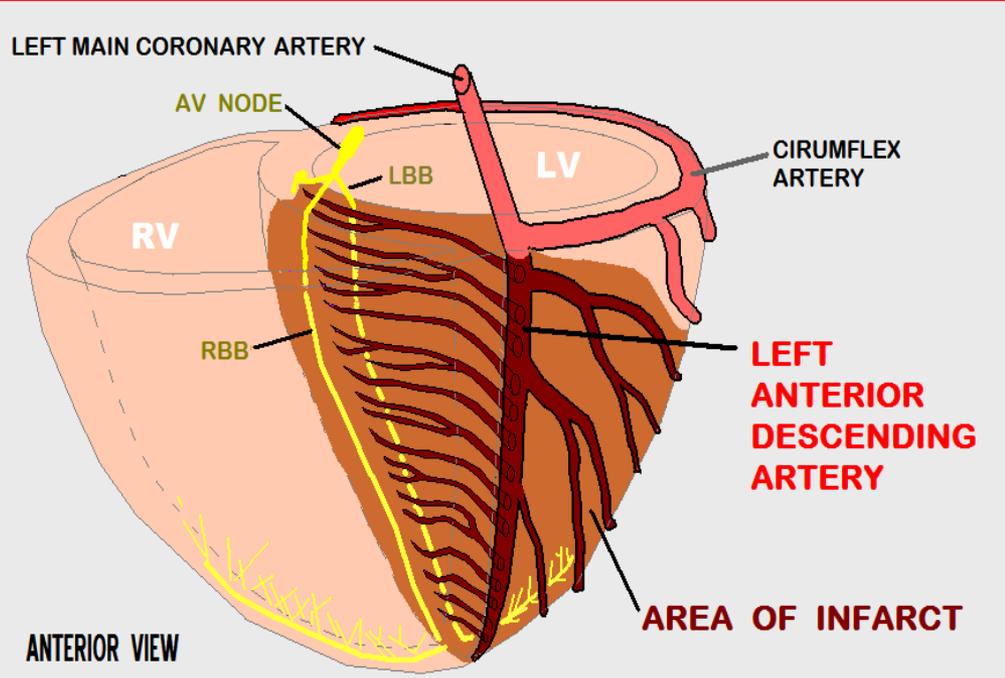
29 yr Male Caucasian  
 Vent. rate 75 BPM  
 PR interval 176 ms  
 QRS duration 90 ms  
 QT/QTc 362/404 ms  
 P-R-T axes 70 50 -11  
 Normal sinus rhythm  
 Septal infarct, possibly acute  
 Anterolateral injury pattern  
 \*\*\*\*\* ACUTE MI \*\*\*\*\*  
 Abnormal ECG

**ST SEGMENT ELEVATION**

**ST SEGMENT DEPRESSION**



**OCCUSION of PROXIMAL LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY**



# OCCLUSION of PROXIMAL LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY

LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY

AV NODE

LBB

LV

CIRUMFLEX ARTERY

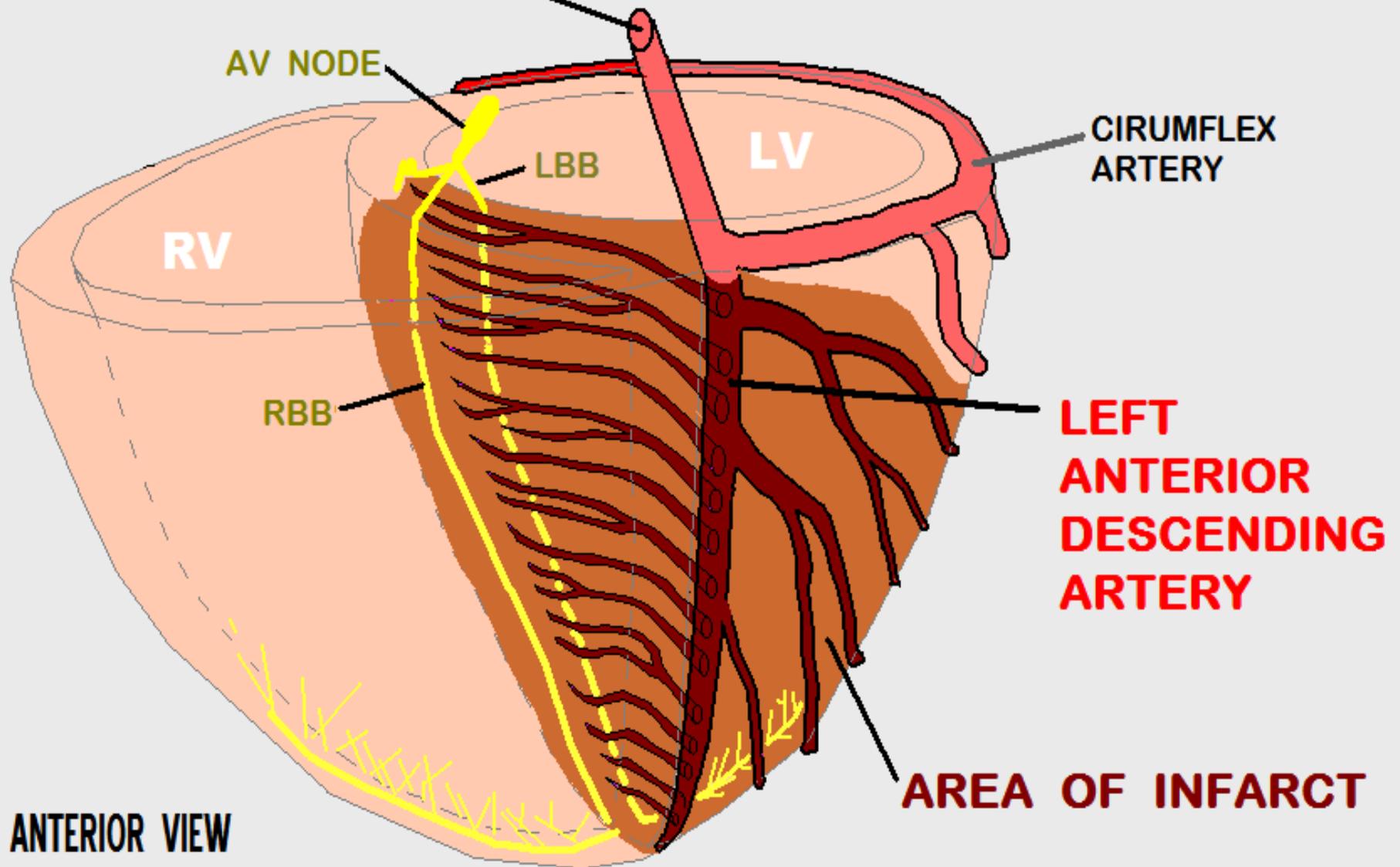
RV

RBB

**LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY**

**AREA OF INFARCT**

ANTERIOR VIEW



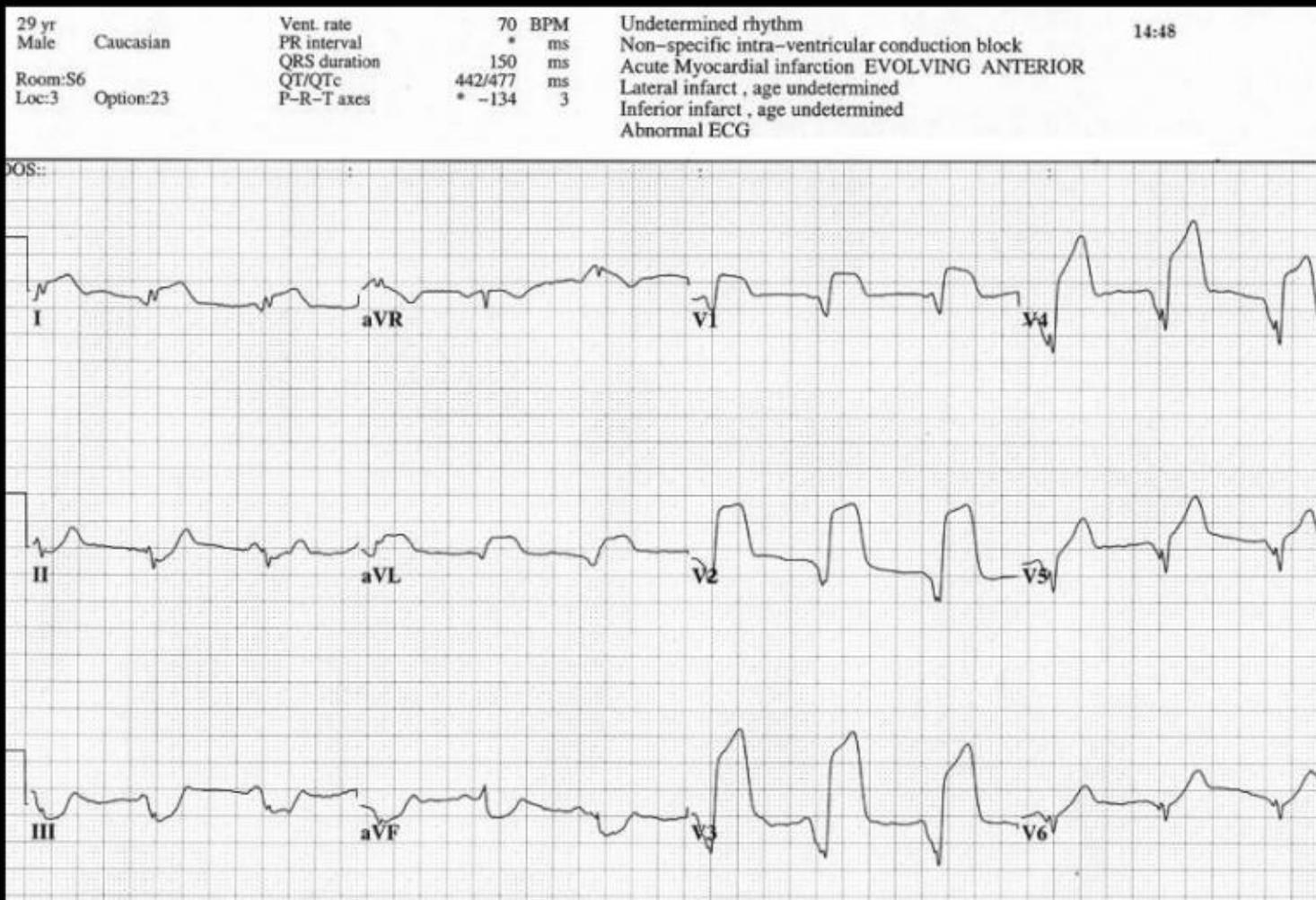
# ANTICIPATED COMPLICATIONS of ANTERIOR-SEPTAL WALL STEMI

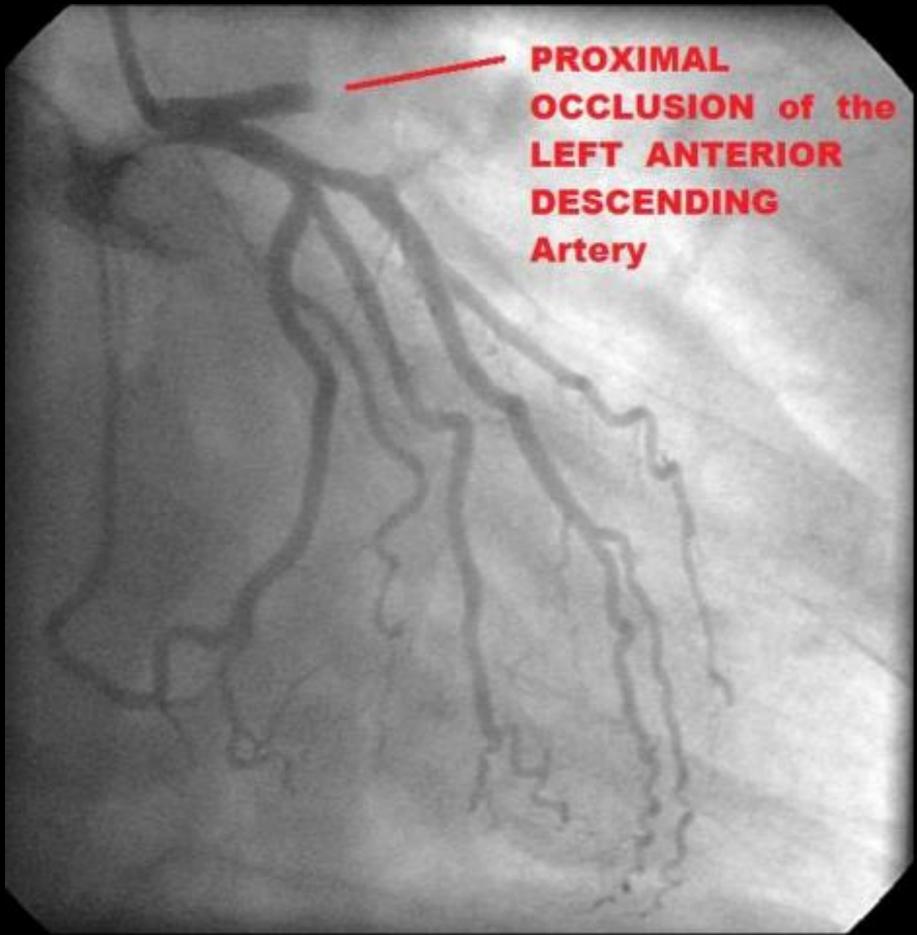
## & POSSIBLE INDICATED INTERVENTIONS:

- 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)

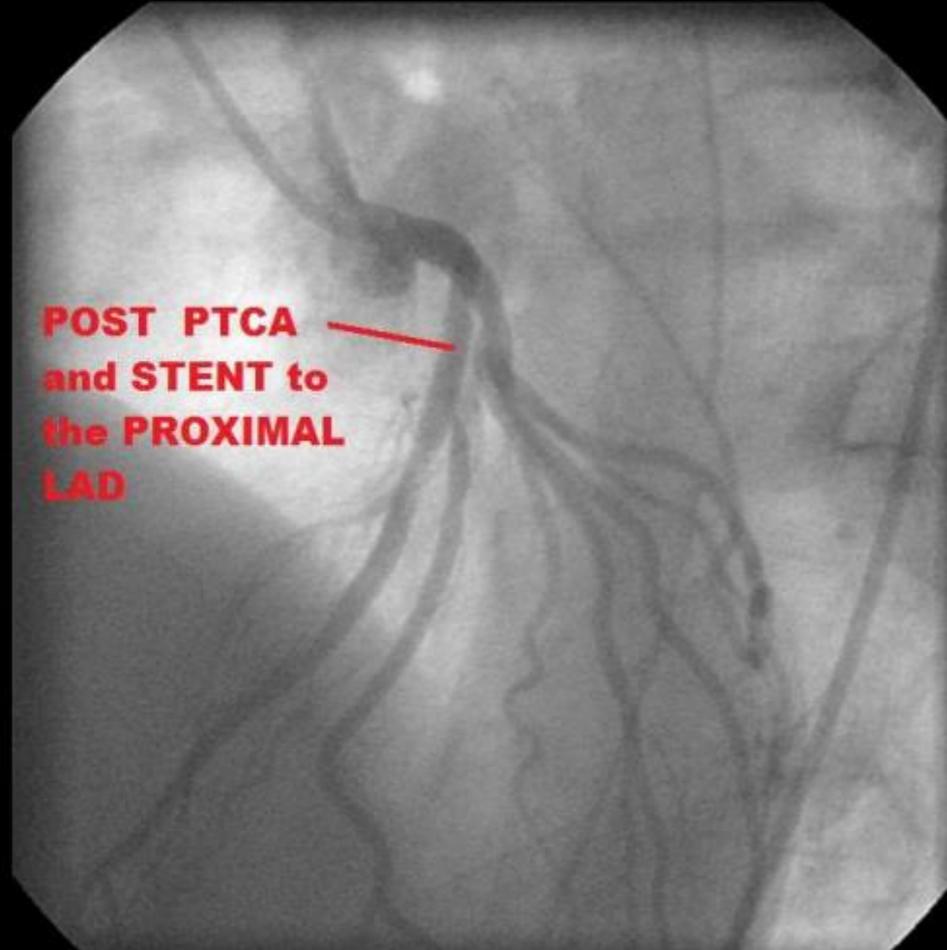
**WHILE AWAITING THE CATH TEAM, THE PATIENT BEGAN VOMITING. SKIN BECAME ASHEN & DIAPHORETIC. REPEAT BP = 50/30.**

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





**PROXIMAL  
OCCLUSION of the  
LEFT ANTERIOR  
DESCENDING  
Artery**



**POST PTCA  
and STENT to  
the PROXIMAL  
LAD**

**PATIENT A:**

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

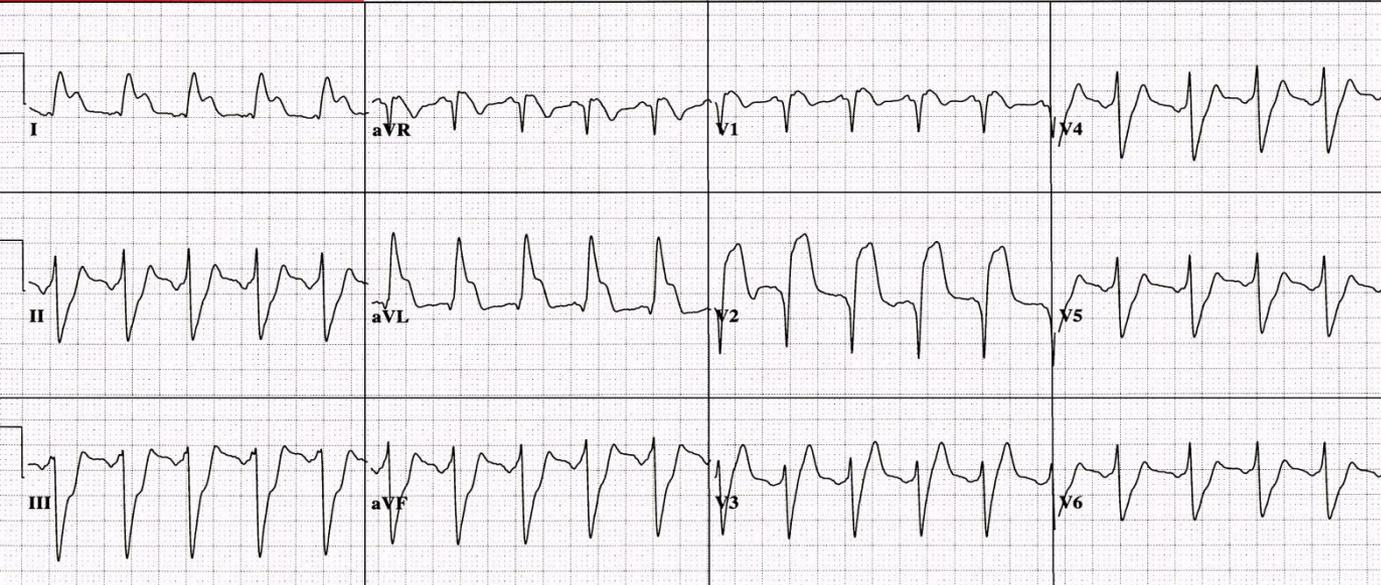


WHO SHOULD GO TO THE CATH LAB FIRST ?

And . . . .

**PATIENT B:**

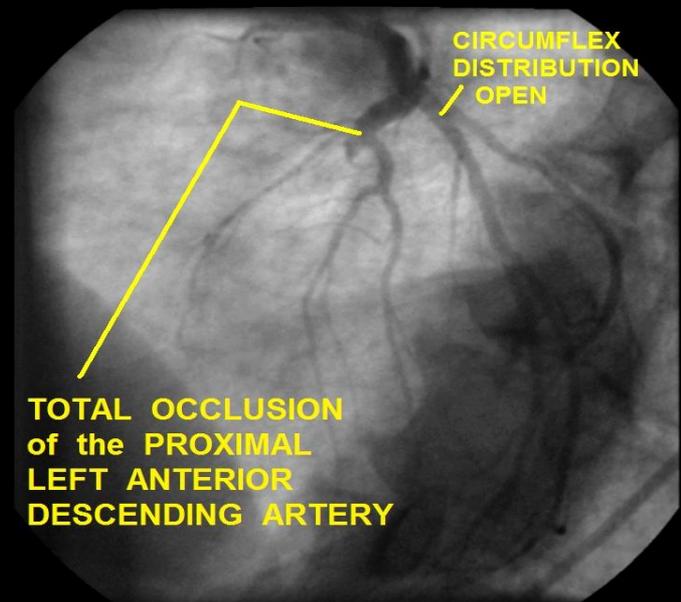
36 y/o MALE, CHEST PAIN x 1 HOUR,  
BP: 80/48, P: 120, R: 28 CARDIAC MARKERS: NEGATIVE



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

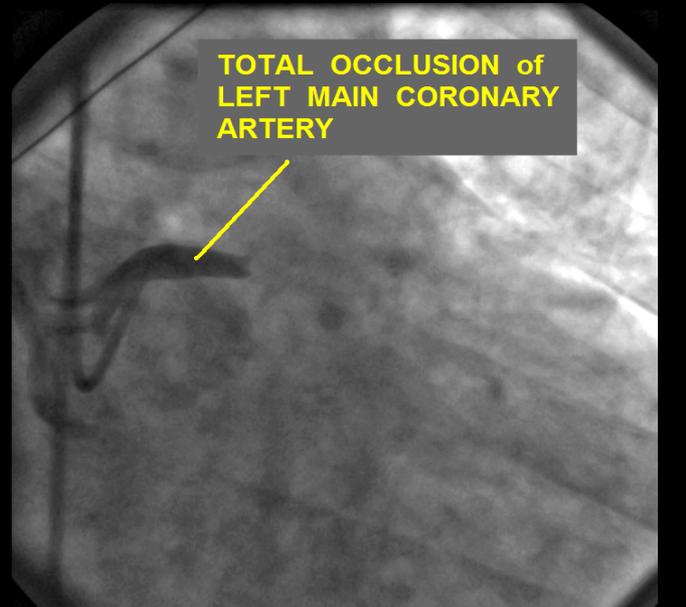
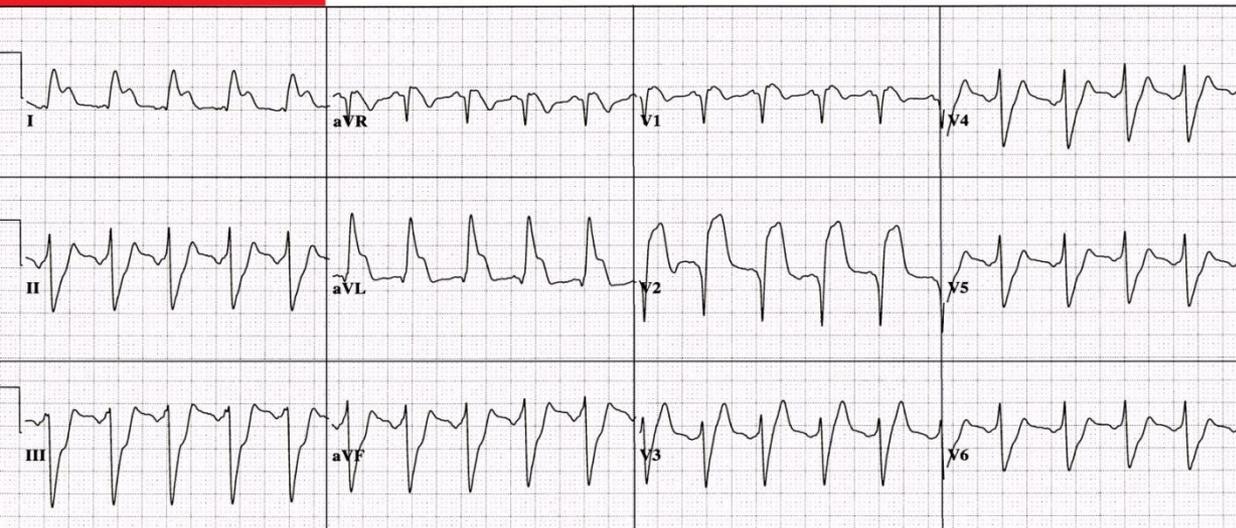
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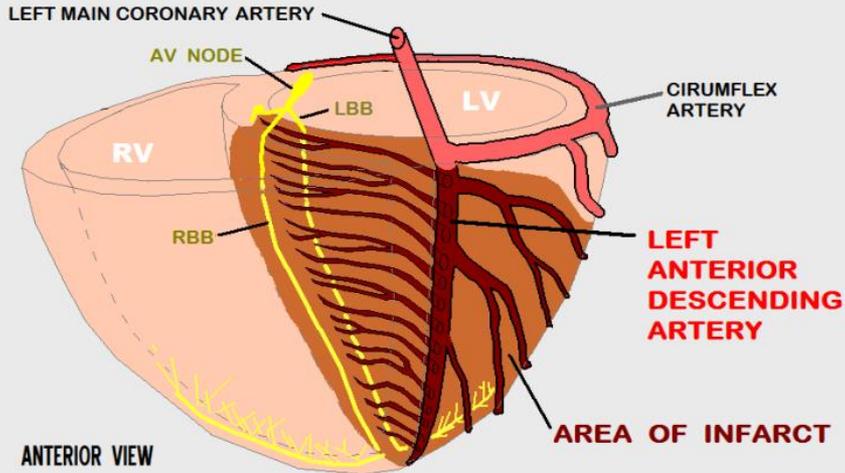
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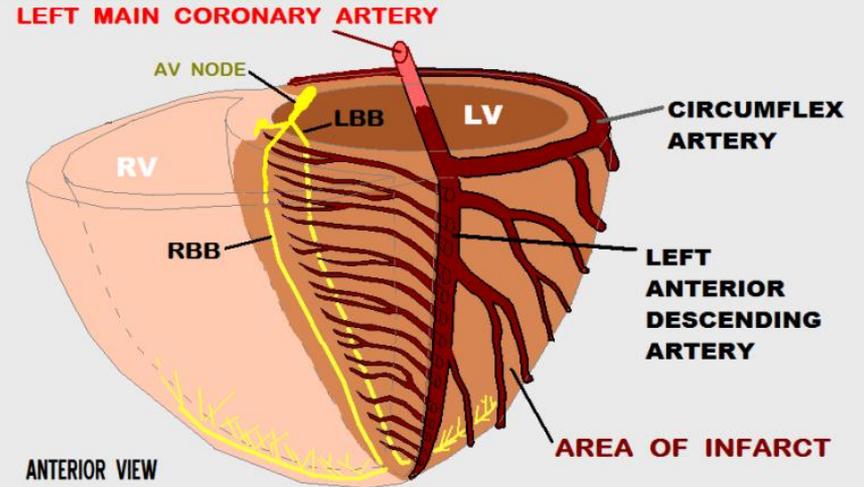
# PATIENT A:

## OCCLUSION of PROXIMAL LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY



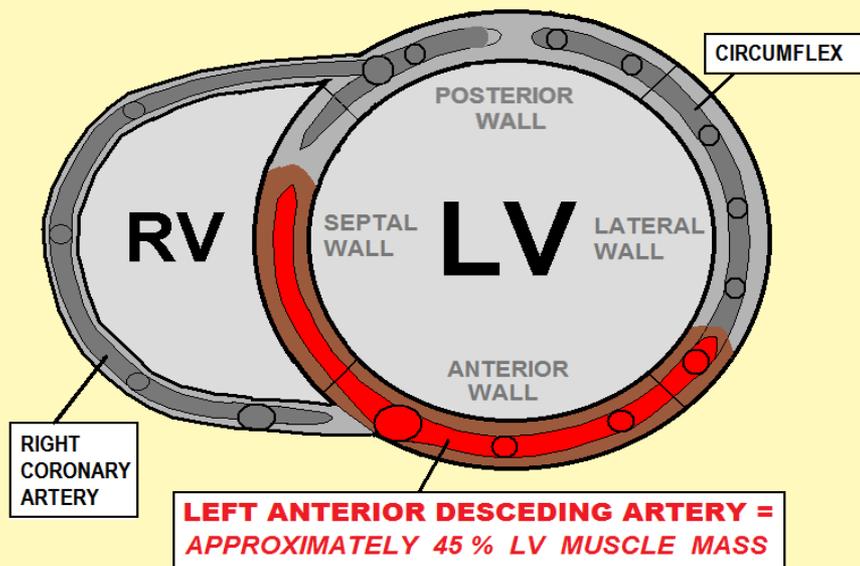
# PATIENT B:

## OCCLUSION of the LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY



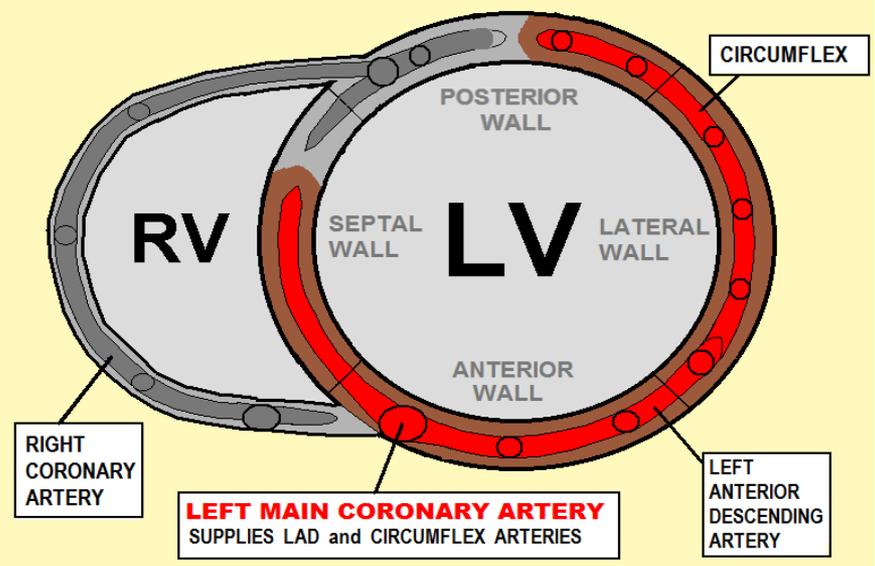
## The LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY

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



## The LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY

*SUPPLIES 75-100% OF THE LEFT VENTRICULAR MUSCLE MASS*

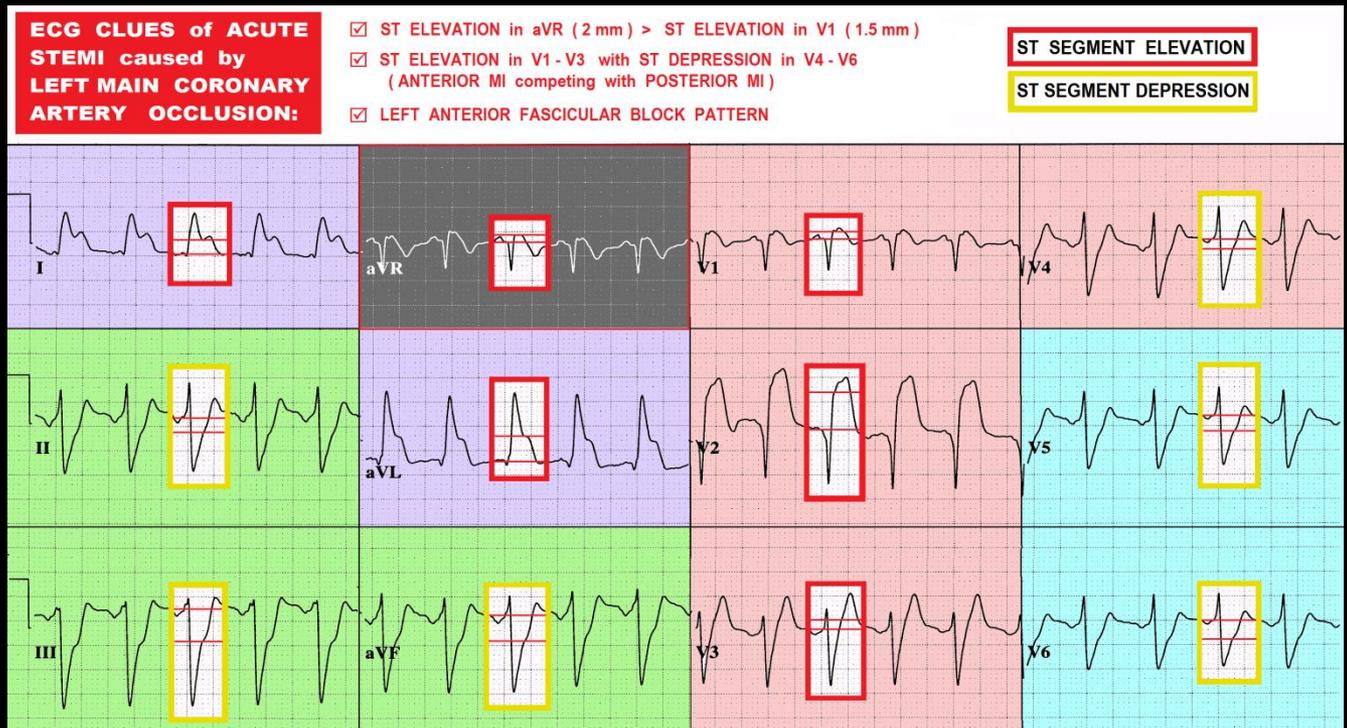


# ECG Clues... for IDENTIFYING STEMI CAUSED BY LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY occlusion:

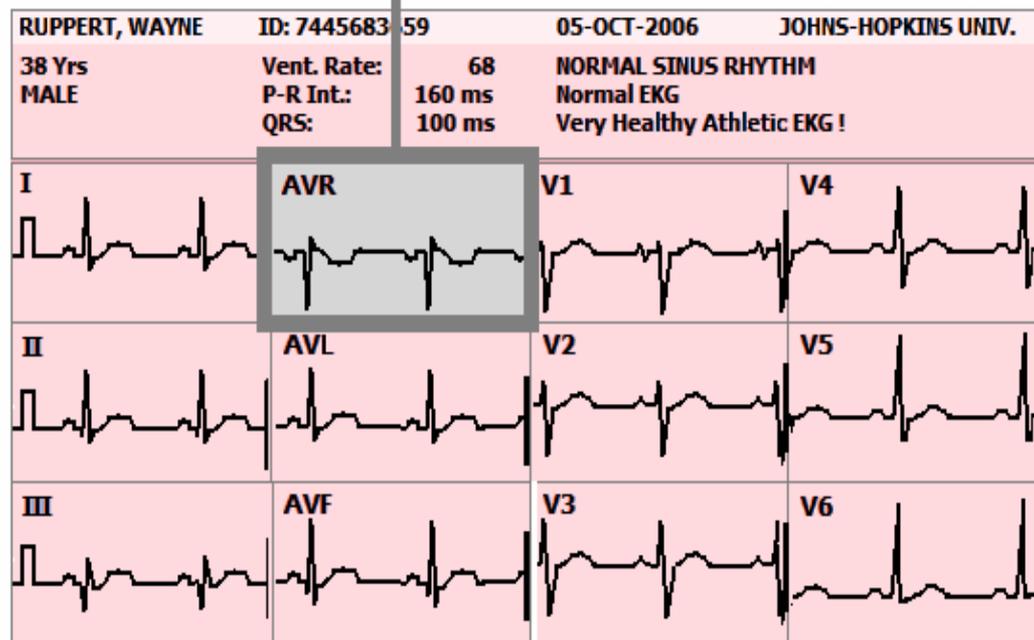
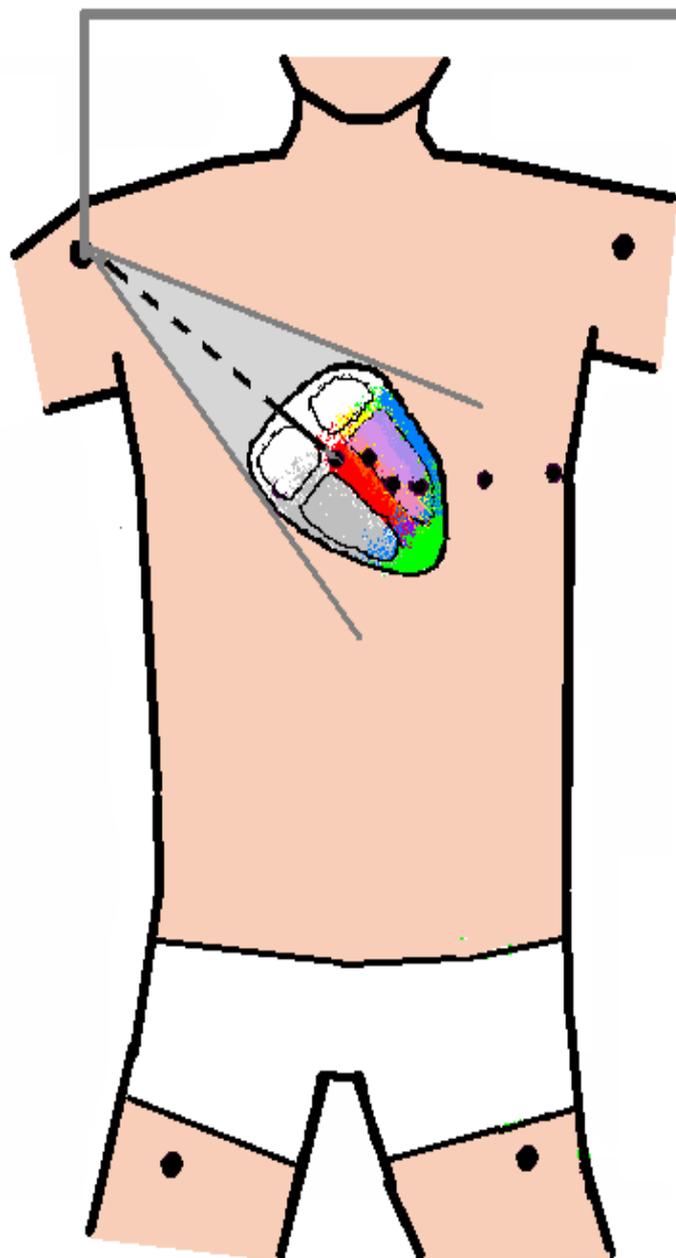
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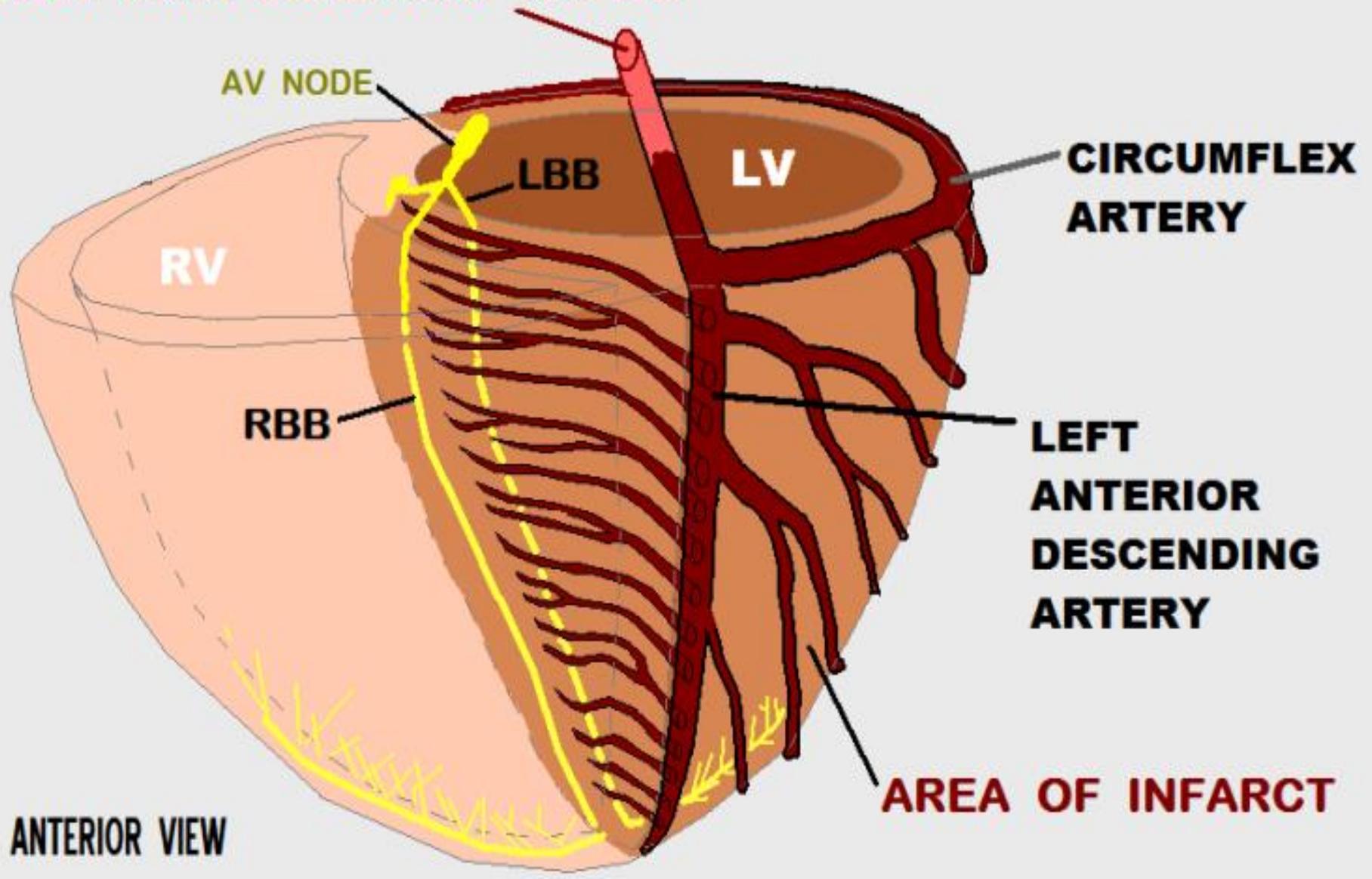
# Lead AVR Views the BASILAR SEPTUM (region of the Bundle of His):



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

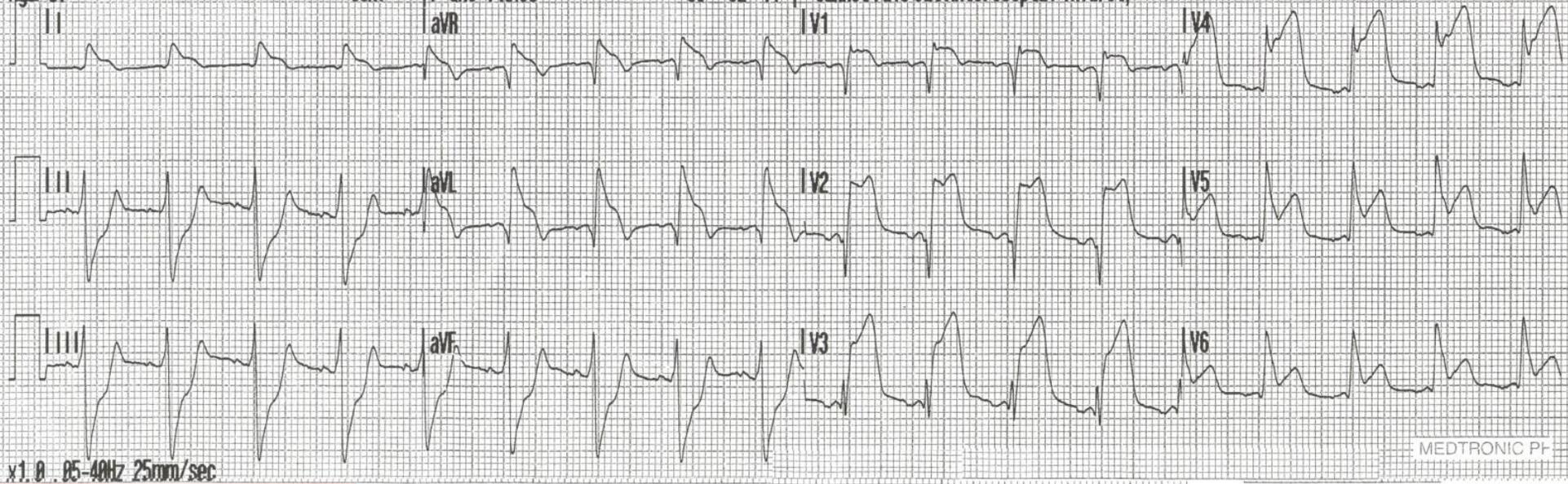


Name: 12-Lead 4  
 ID: 06 Oct 07  
 Patient ID: PR 0.154s  
 Incident: QT/QTc  
 Age: 37 Sex: P-QRS-T Axes  
 aVR

HR 107 bpm  
 12:44:13  
 QRS 0.102s  
 0.332s/0.443s  
 89° -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 0.5mm
- ST ELEVATION in aVR GREATER THAN LEAD V1
- LEFT ANTERIOR FASCICULAR BLOCK PATTERN

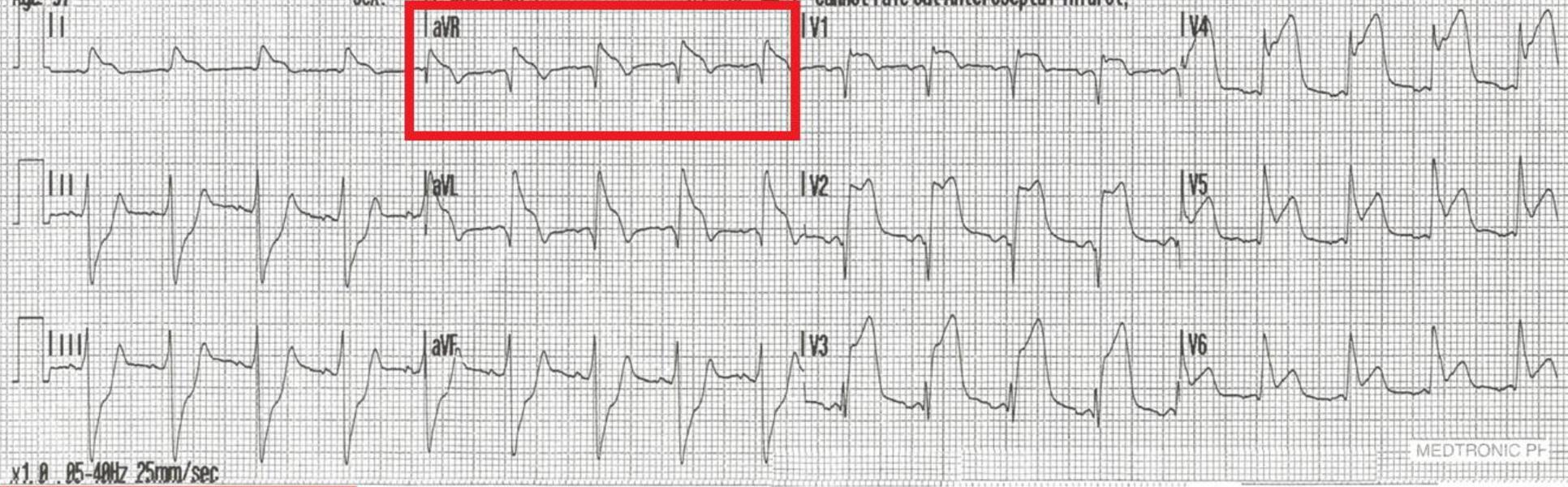
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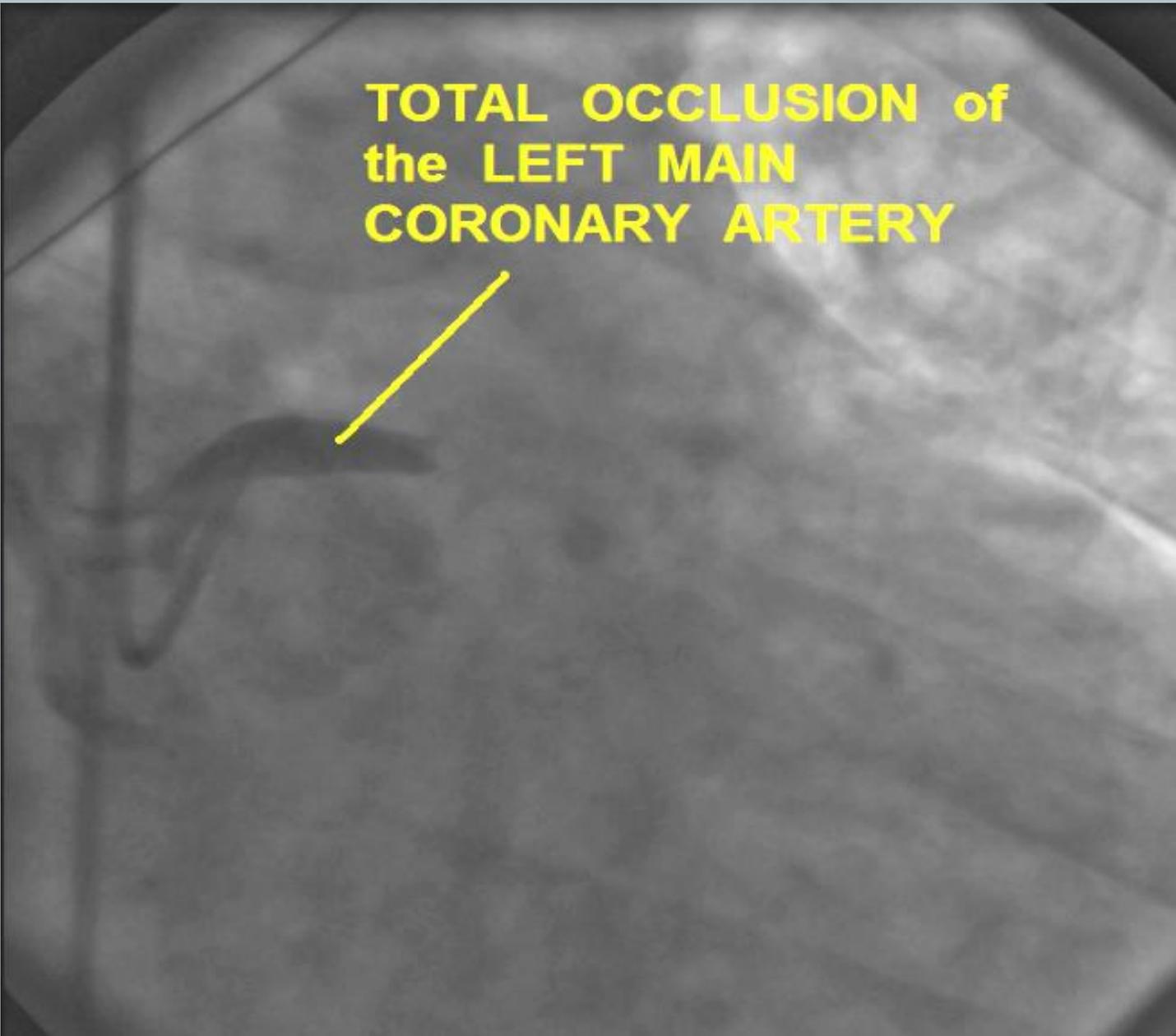


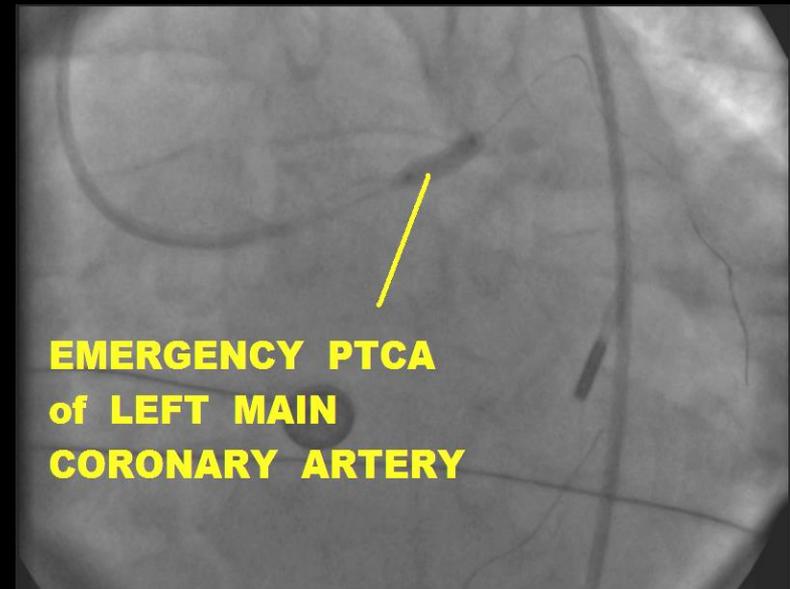
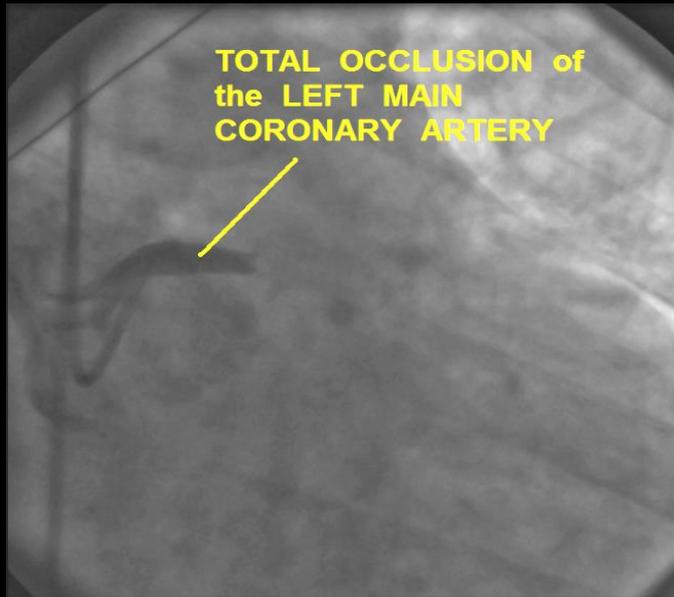
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- ST ELEVATION in aVR GREATER THAN 0.5 mm
- ST ELEVATION in aVR GREATER THAN LEAD V1
- LEFT ANTERIOR FASCICULAR BLOCK PATTERN

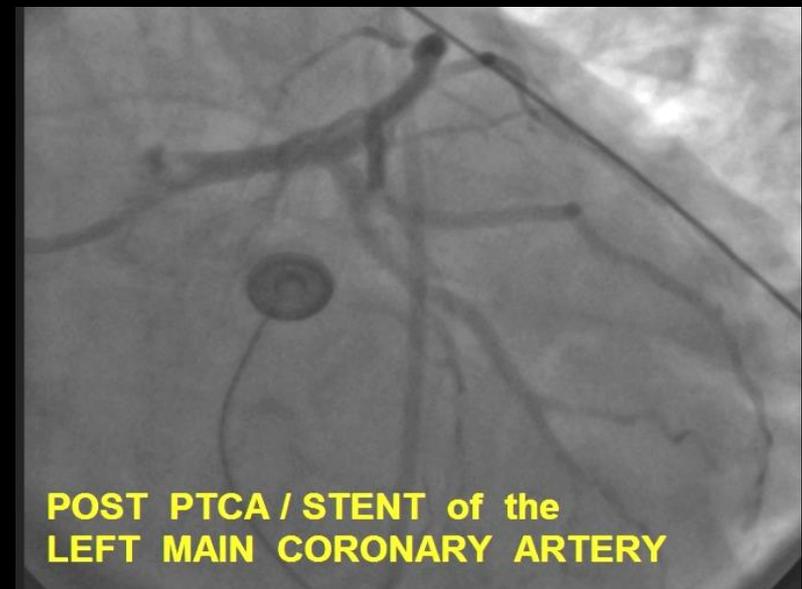
MEDTRONIC PF

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



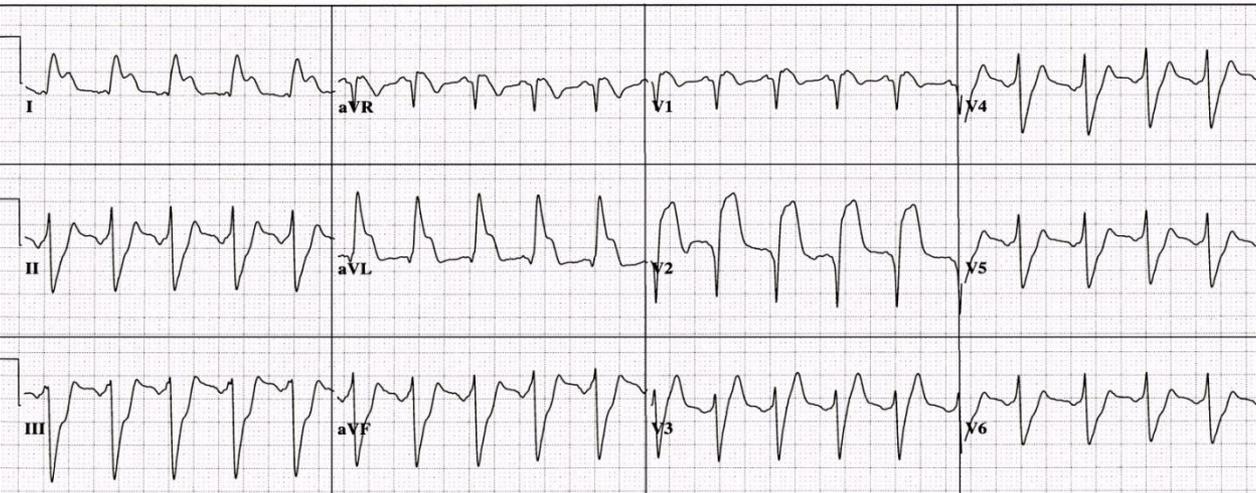


Despite the dismal mortality rate associated with STEMI from total LMCA occlusion, this patient survived and was later discharged. His EF is estimated at approximately 30%. He received an ICD, and is currently stable.



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**

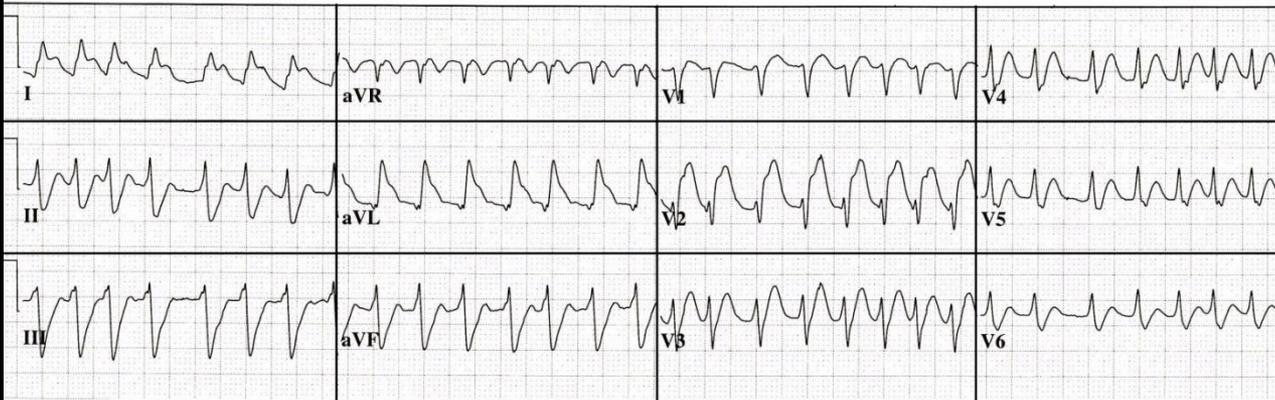


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- PATTERN of LEFT ANTERIOR FASCICULAR BLOCK (POS. QRS lead I; NEG rS leads II, III)
- ST ELEVATION in lead aVR > 0.5 mm

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**

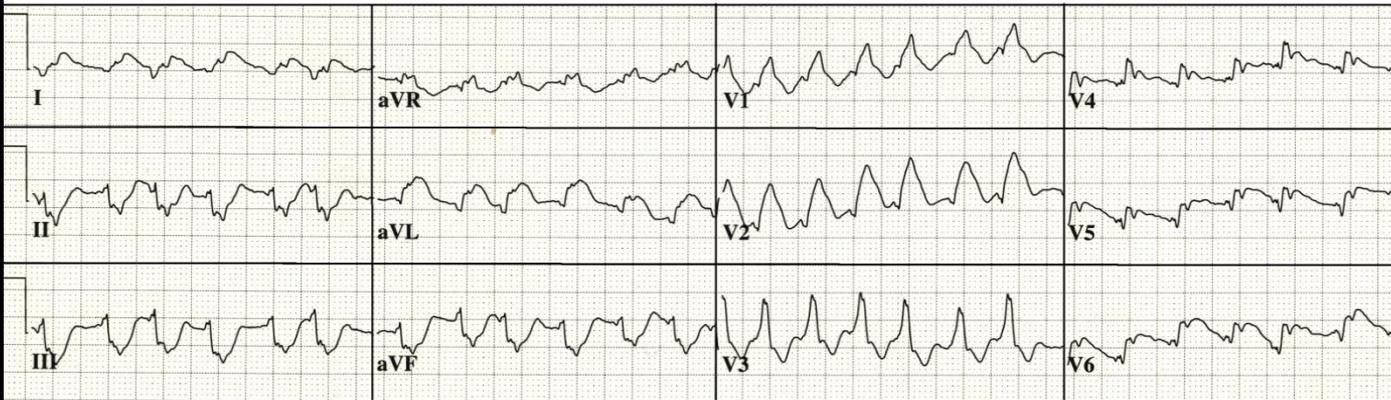


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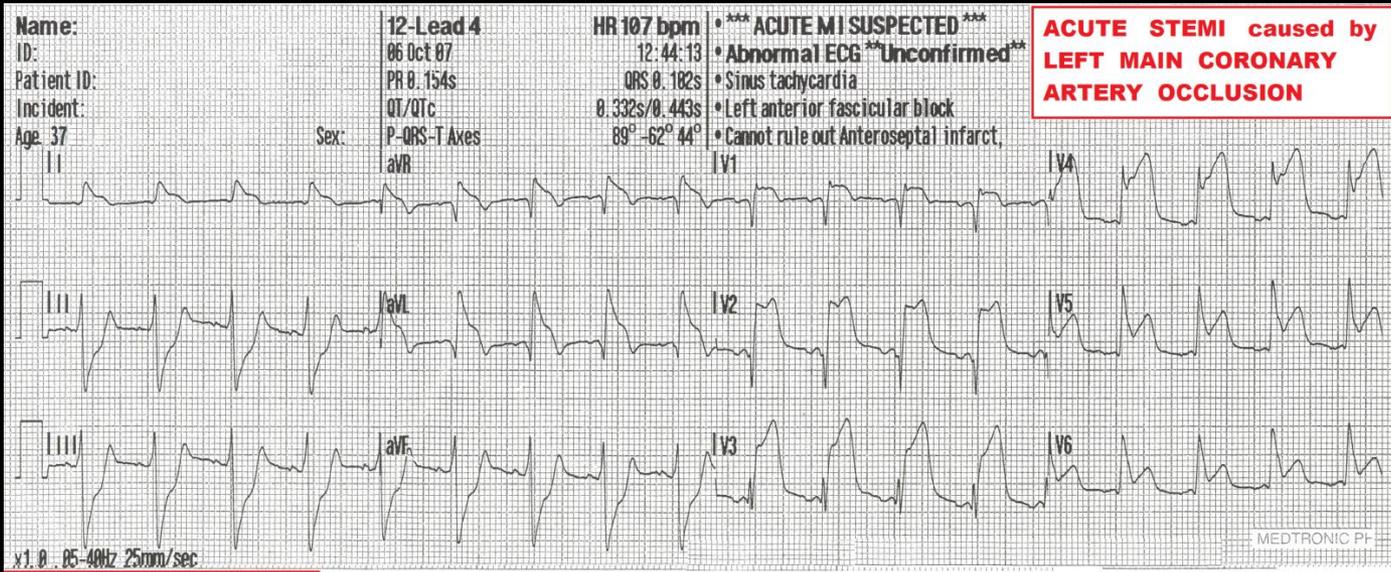
48 yr Male Caucasian  
 Vent. rate 155 BPM  
 PR interval \* ms  
 QRS duration 110 ms  
 QT/QTc 300/482 ms  
 P-R-T axes \* -83 -34

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



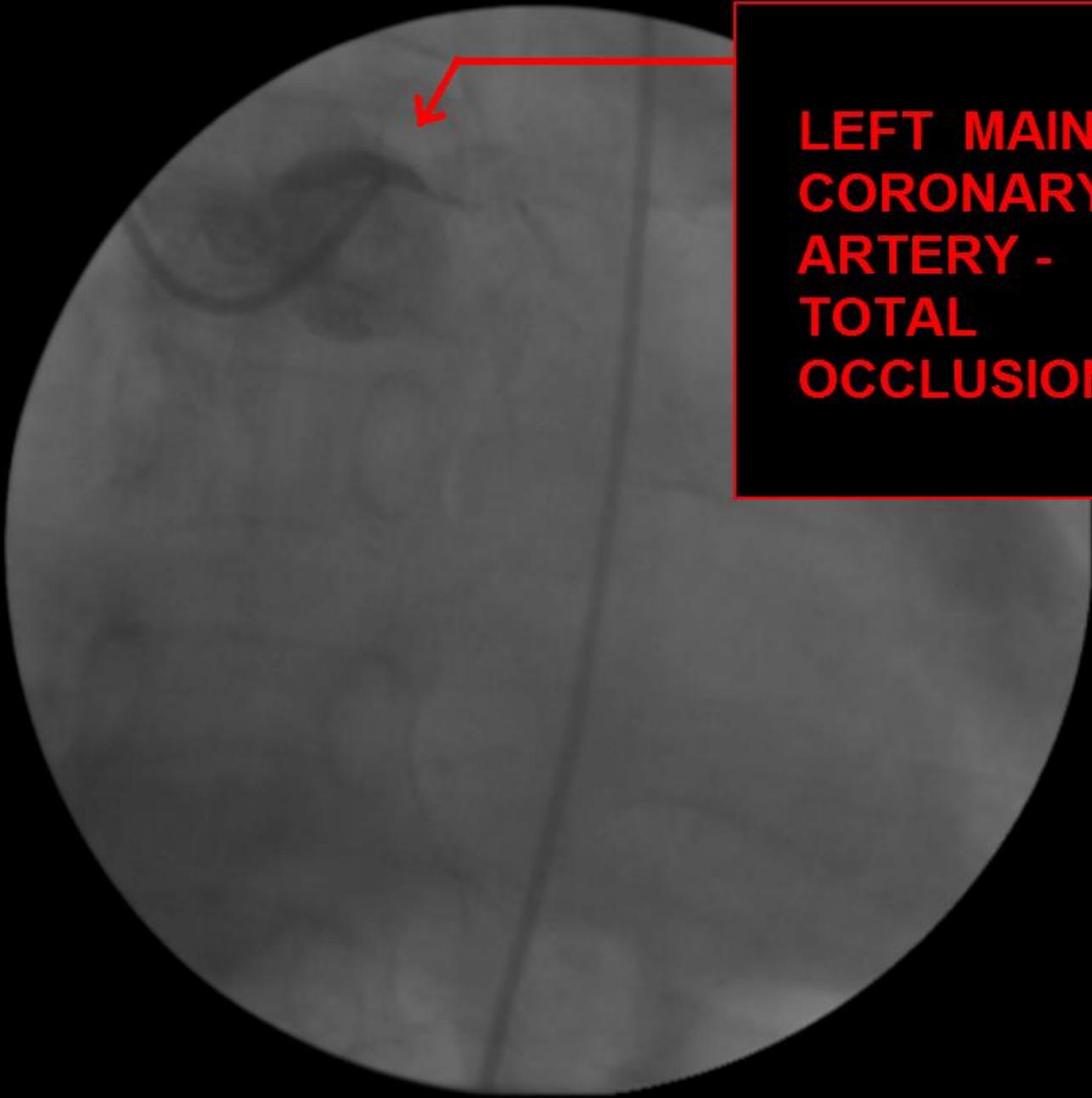
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- RIGHT BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK PATTERN, with
- LEFT ANTERIOR FASCICULAR BLOCK PATTERN



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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.*



# ECG Clues . . .

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[Electrocardiogram patterns in acute left main occlusion: J Electrocardiol. 2008 Nov-Dec;41\(6\):626-9.](#)

**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**

**“In patients with:**

**- Angina at rest**

**- ST Elevation in AVR and ST**

**Depression in 8 or more ECG leads**

**(global ischemia), it is reported**

**with a *75% predictive accuracy* of**

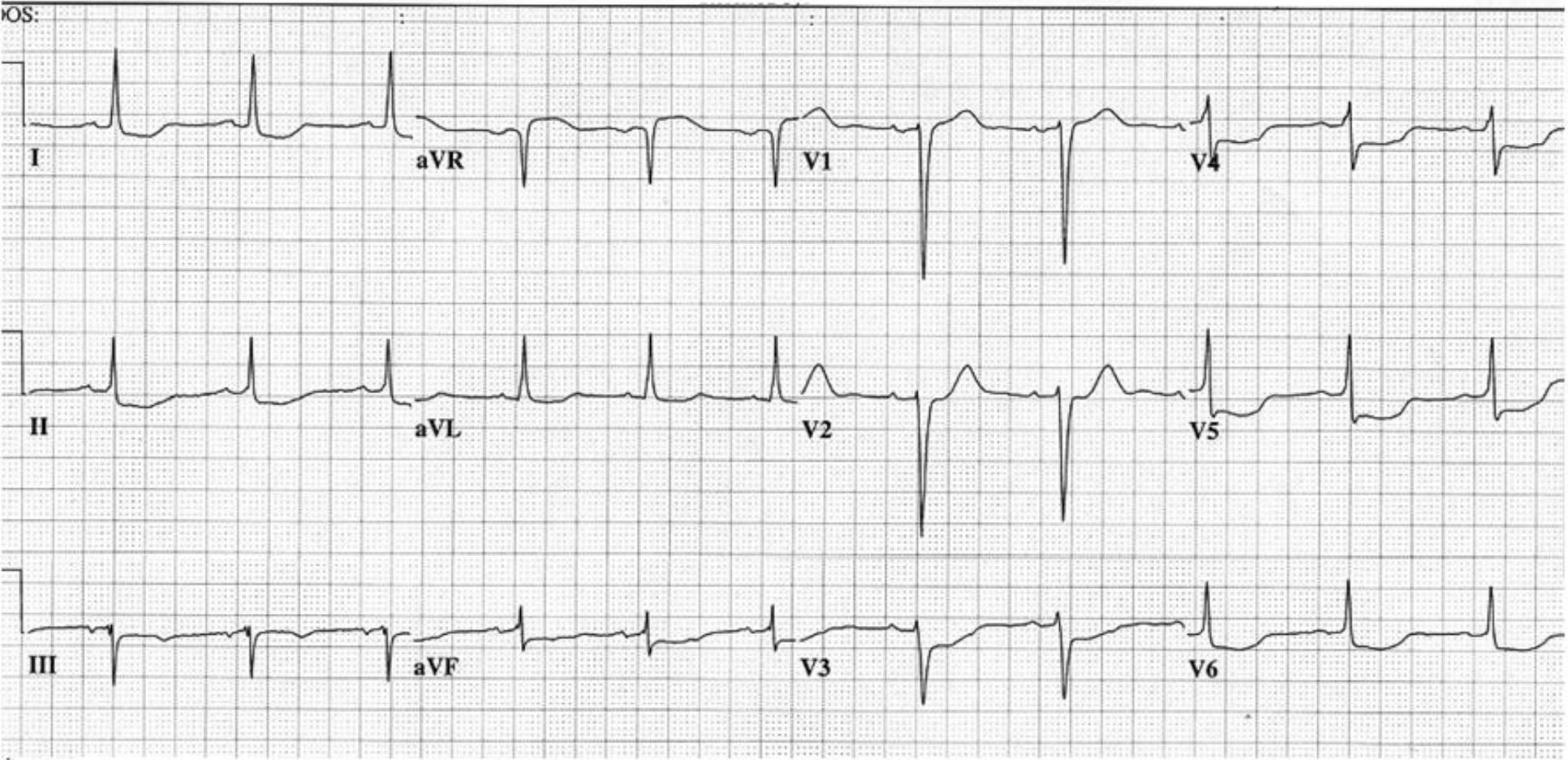
**3-vessel or left main coronary**

**artery stenosis” . . .**

- Wagner et al, 2009 ACC/AHA Standardization and Interpretation of the ECG, Part VI, ACS.

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

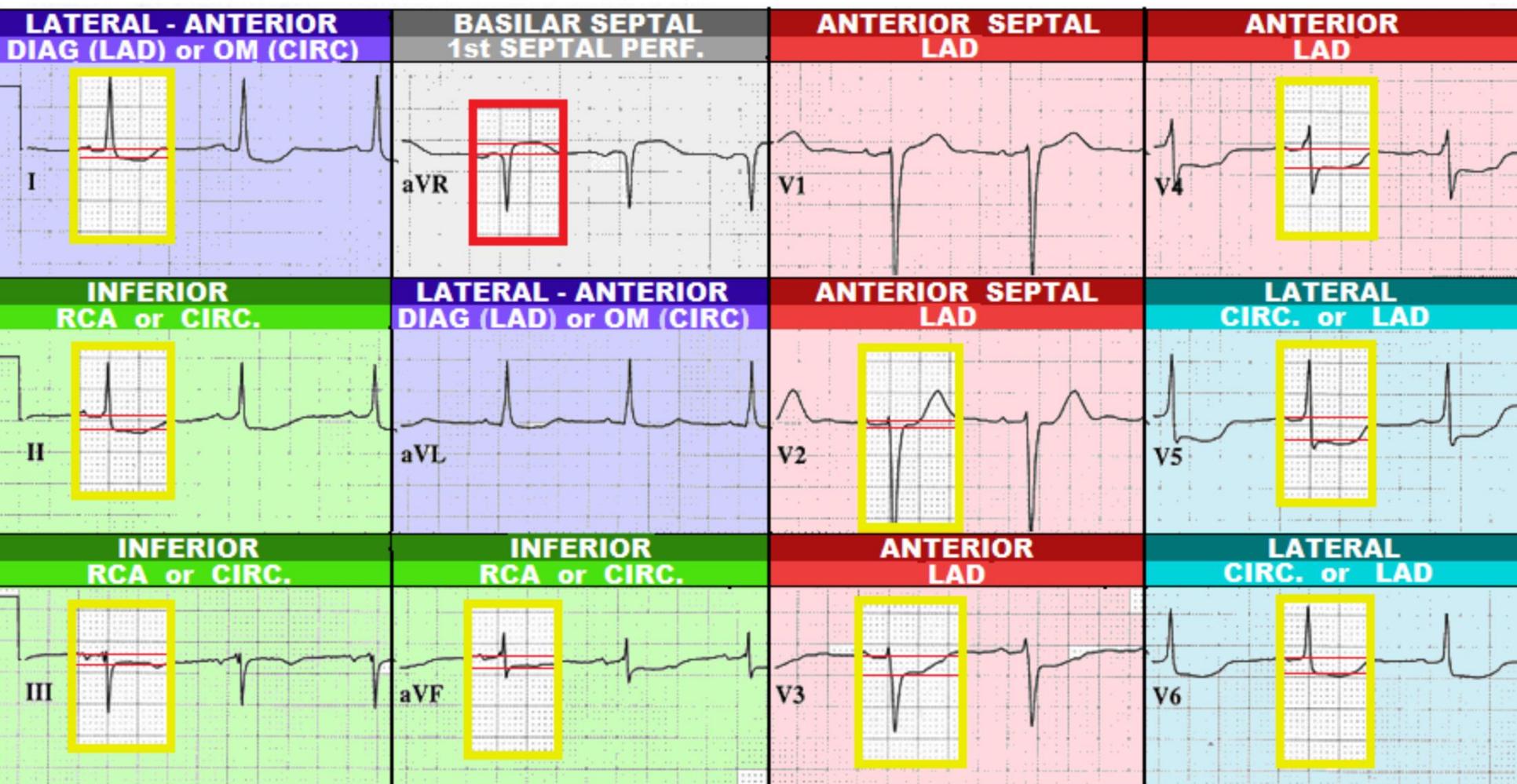


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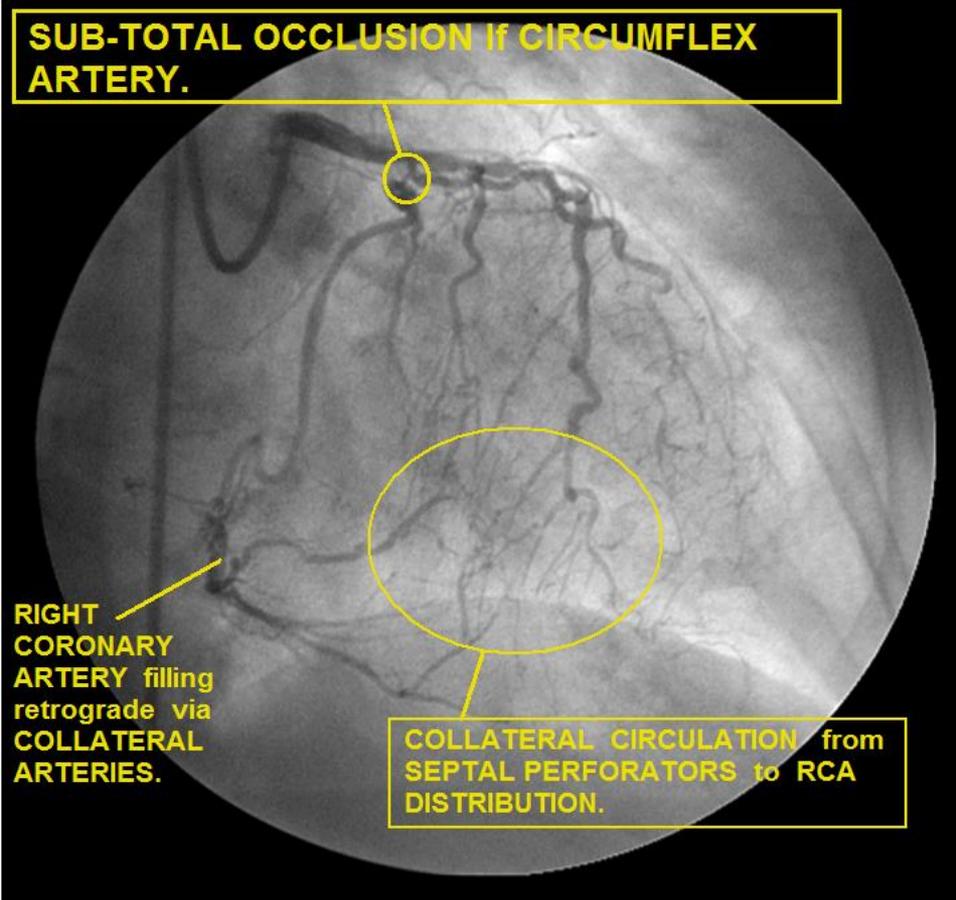
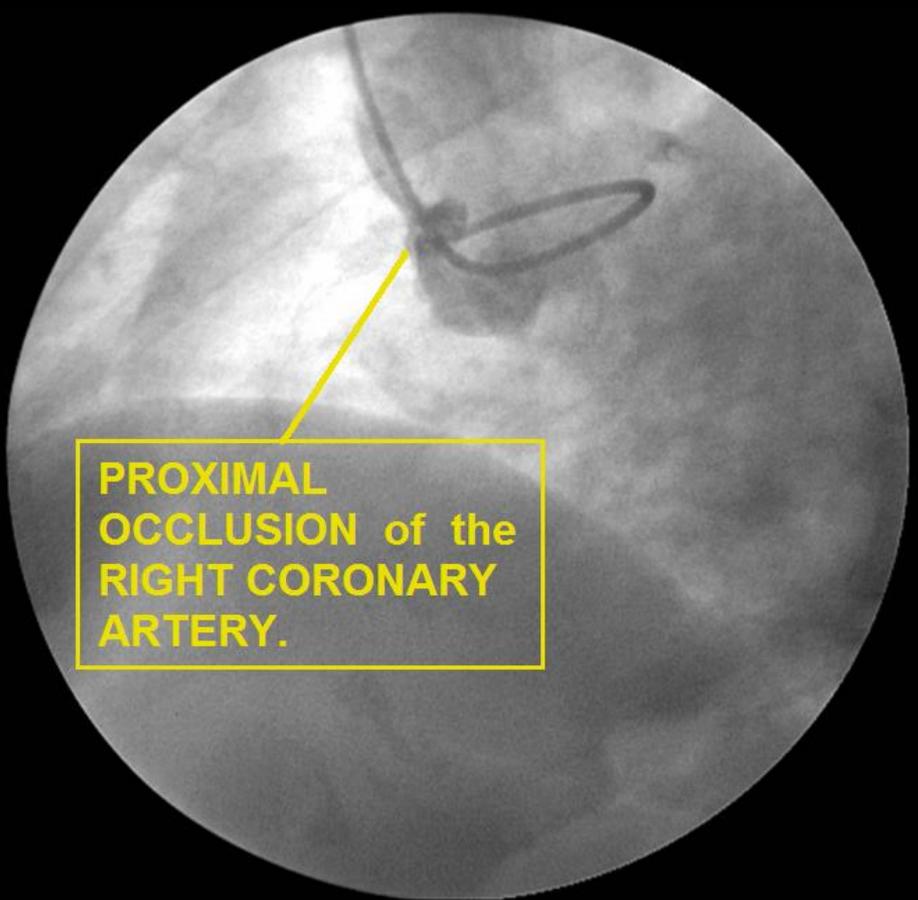
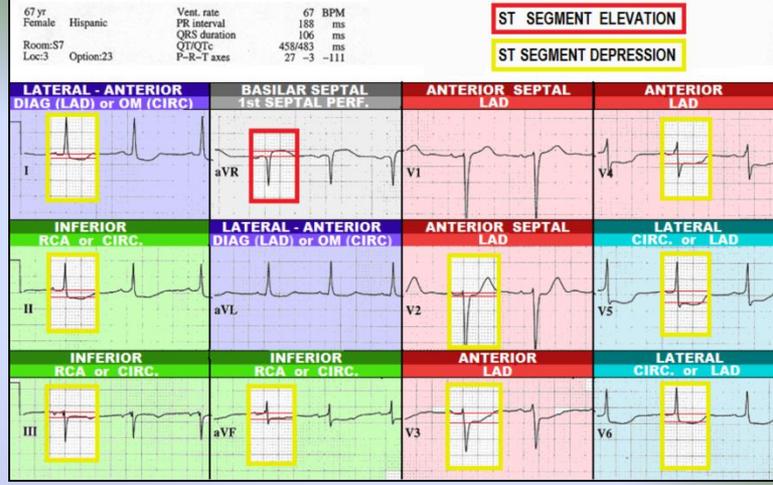
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**ST SEGMENT ELEVATION**

**ST SEGMENT DEPRESSION**



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



# ANTICIPATED COMPLICATIONS of GLOBAL ISCHEMIA with POSSIBLE NSTEMI -- INTERVENTIONS to be CONSIDERED:

<p>Patients with CHEST PAIN at REST and this ECG presentation have a 75% incidence of severe LMCA STENOSIS and/or TRIPLE - VESSEL DISEASE -- in such cases Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery (CABG) is frequently indicated.</p>	<p>PREHOSPITAL: if patient has no hospital preference consider transport to Chest Pain Center WITH Open Heart Surgery capabilities IF nearby.</p> <p>HOSPITAL: consider use of SHORT-ACTING intravenous GP IIb/IIIa receptor agonists</p>
<p>- ACTIVE CHEST PAIN</p>	<p>ACUTE CHEST PAIN PROTOCOL</p>
<p>- ISCHEMIA - CONSIDER DYSRHYTHMIAS</p>	<p>ACLS PROTOCOL</p>
<p>- INCREASED PROBABILITY of IMMINENT MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION Excerpt from <b>STEMI Assistant</b></p>	<p>1. AGGRESSIVE SERIAL TROPONIN and SERIAL ECG PROTOCOLS (2014 / NSTE-ACS Guidelines)</p> <p>2. Positive TROPONIN: consider STAT</p>

**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**

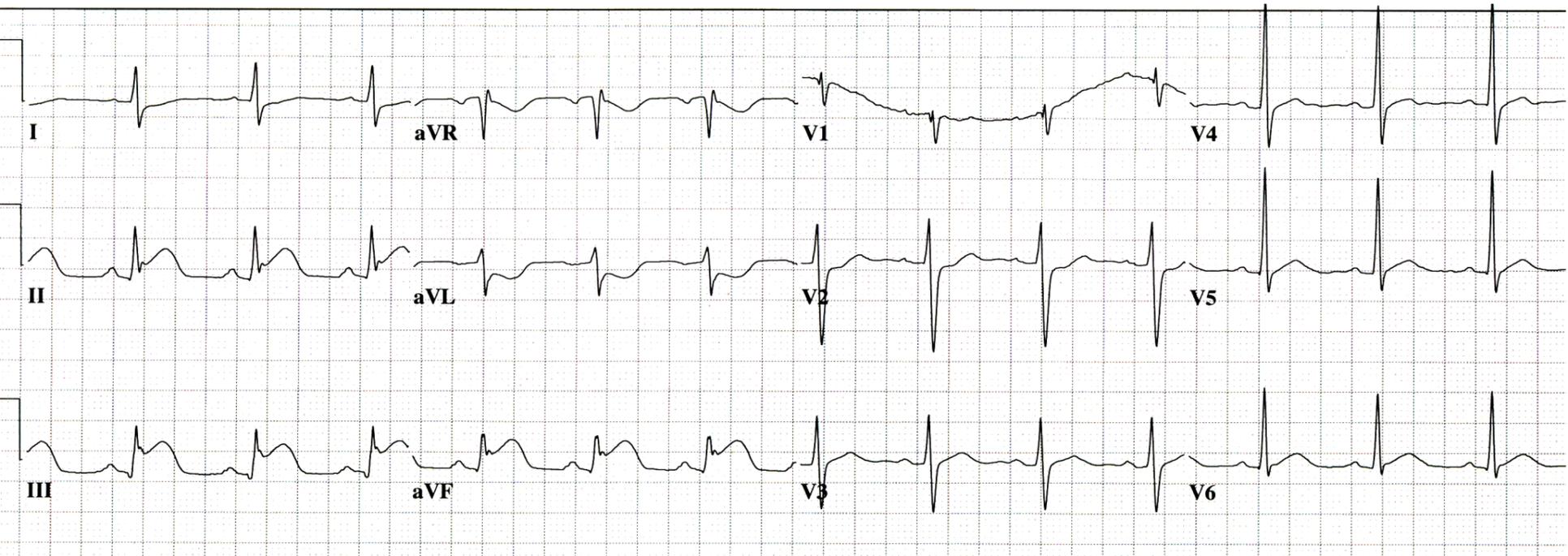
**PHYSICAL EXAM:** Patient is alert & oriented x 4, skin warm, dry, color normal. Non-anxious  
Lungs clear, normal S1, S2. No JVD, No ankle edema.

**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

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



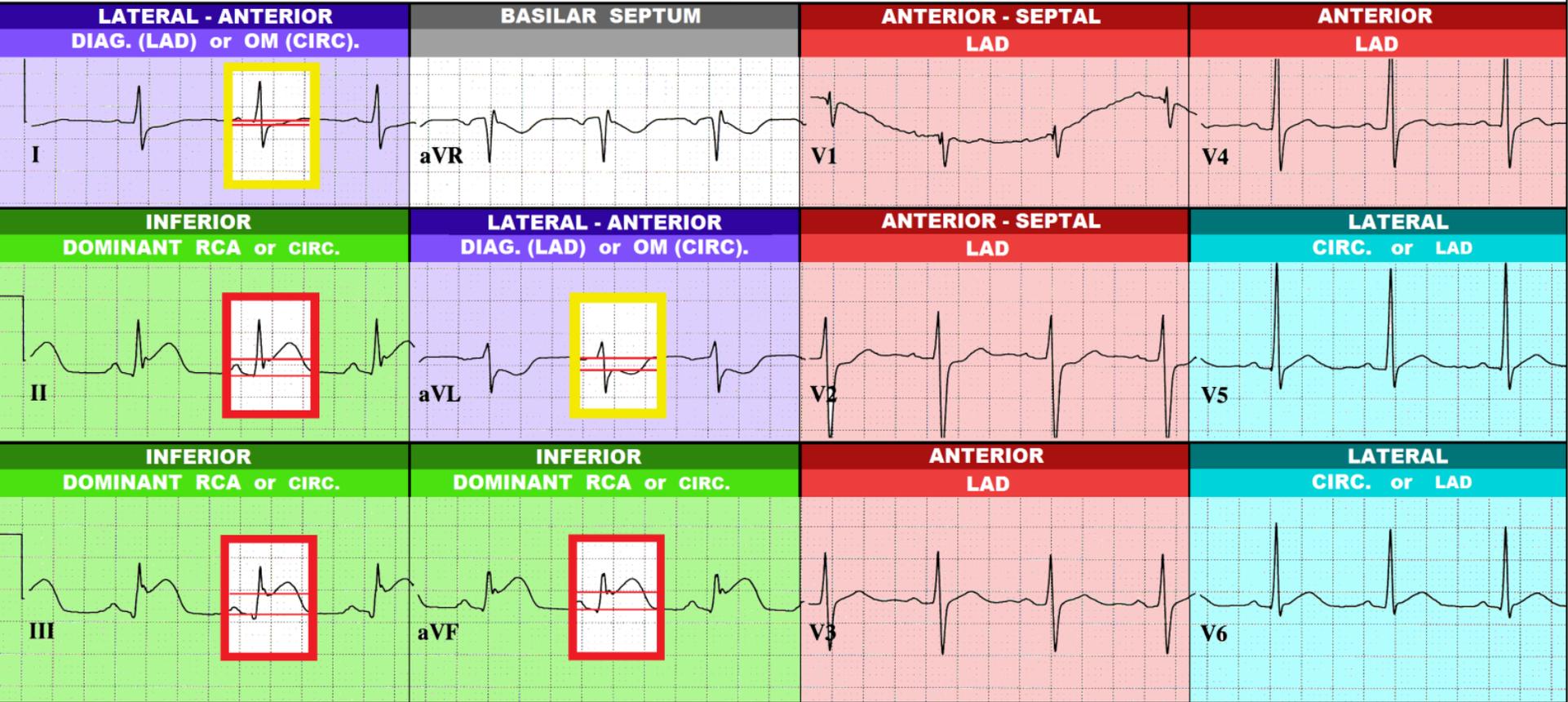
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\*\*\*\*\* ACUTE MI \*\*\*\*\*  
Abnormal ECG

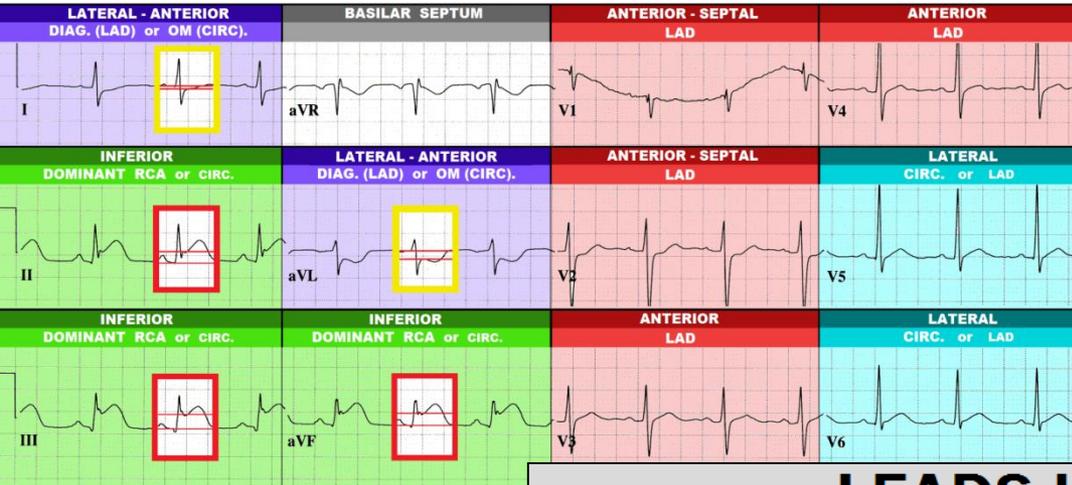
**ST SEGMENT ELEVATION**

**ST SEGMENT DEPRESSION**

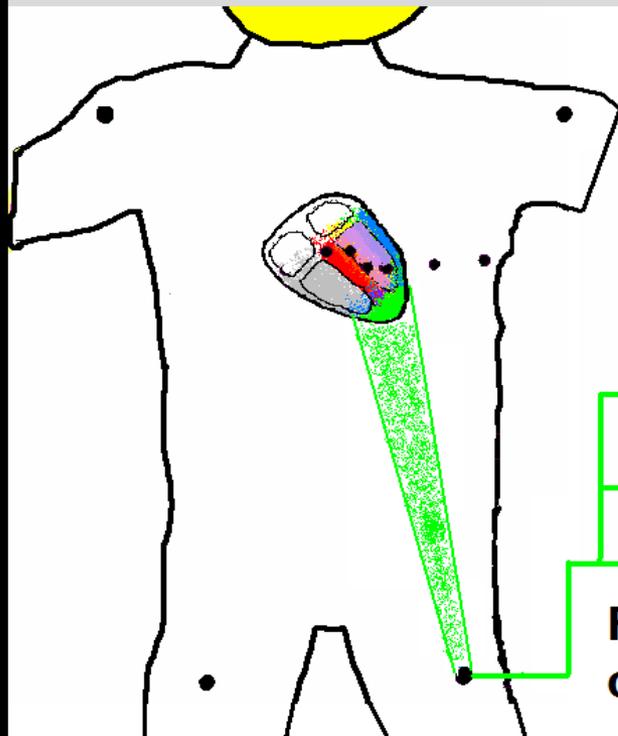


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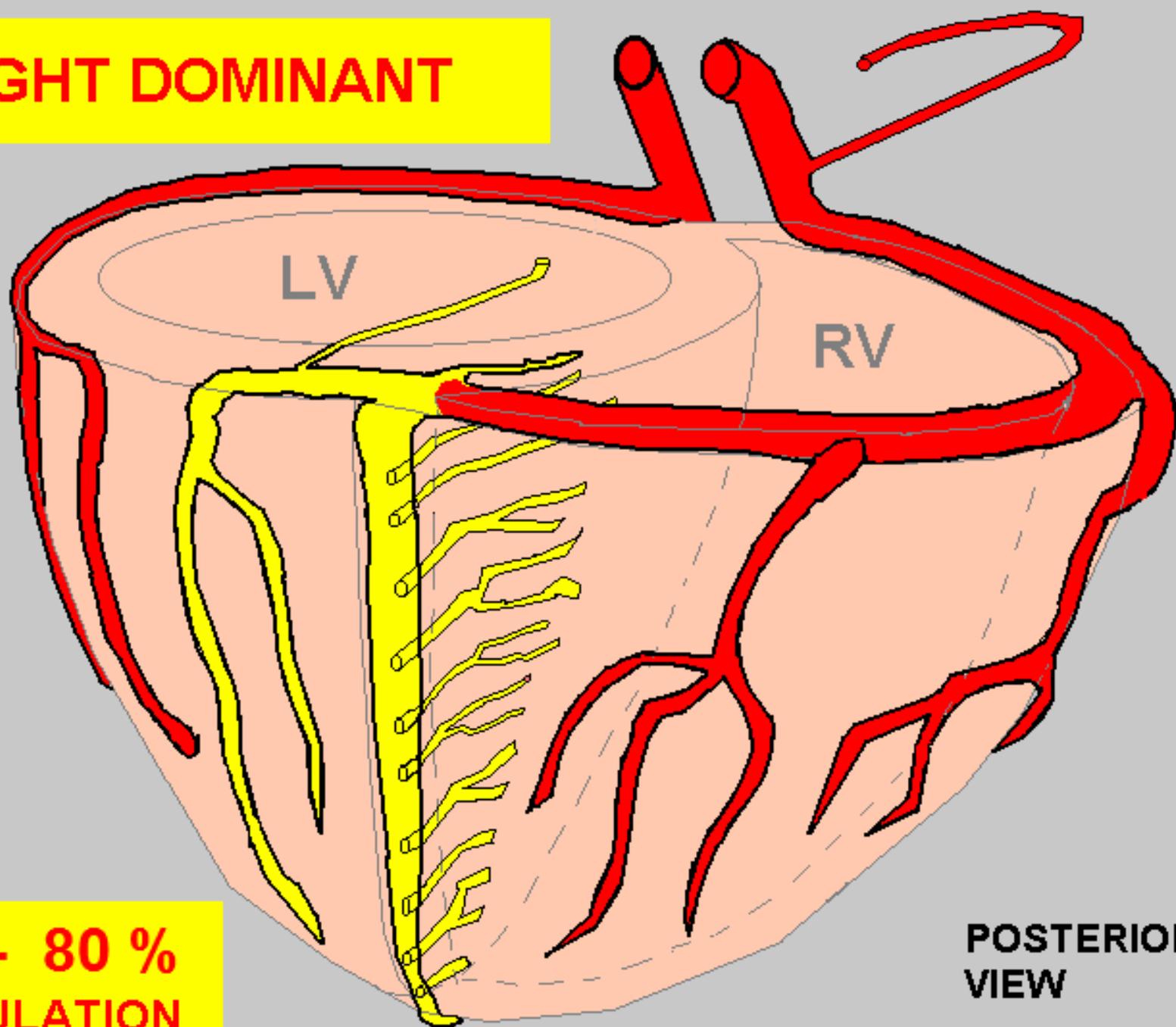
## LEADS II, III, and aVF VIEW INFERIOR WALL of the LEFT VENTRICLE



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!*

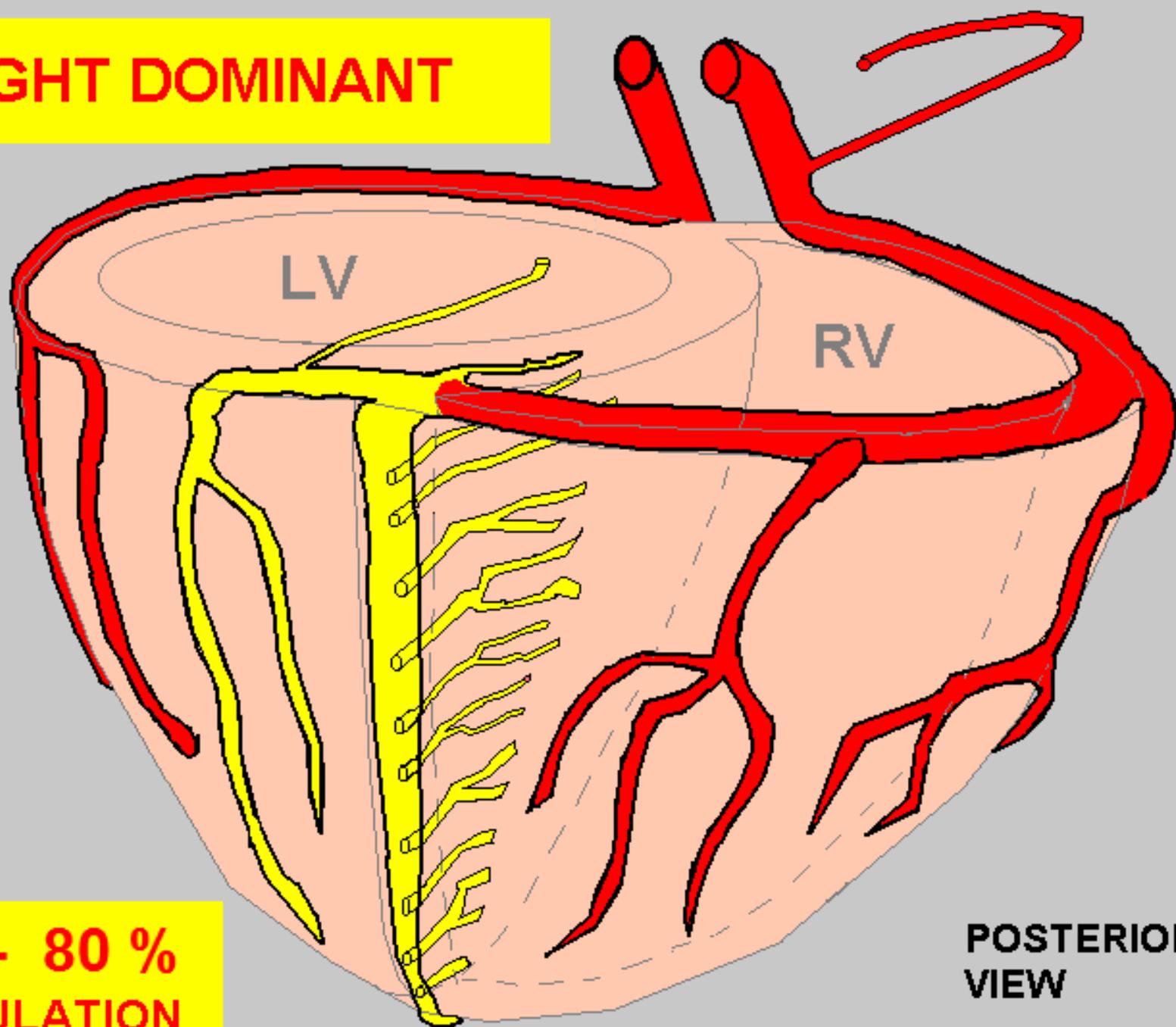


## RIGHT CORONARY ARTERY ( RCA )

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**



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A standard

**12 LEAD EKG**

Does NOT show the

**RIGHT VENTRICLE**

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

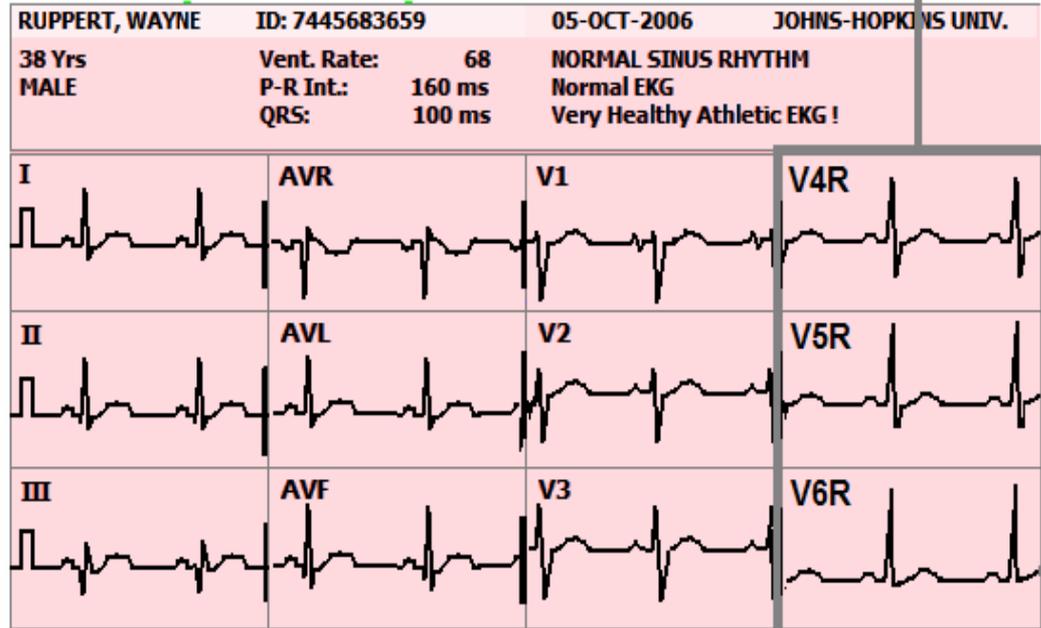
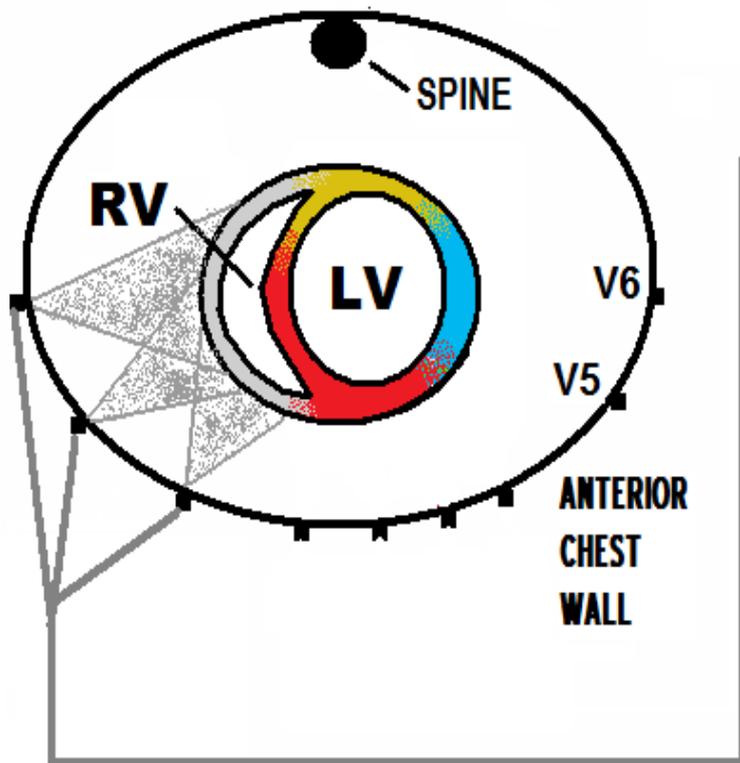
. . . such as in cases of  
**INFERIOR WALL M.I.**



You must do a

**RIGHT - SIDED EKG !!**

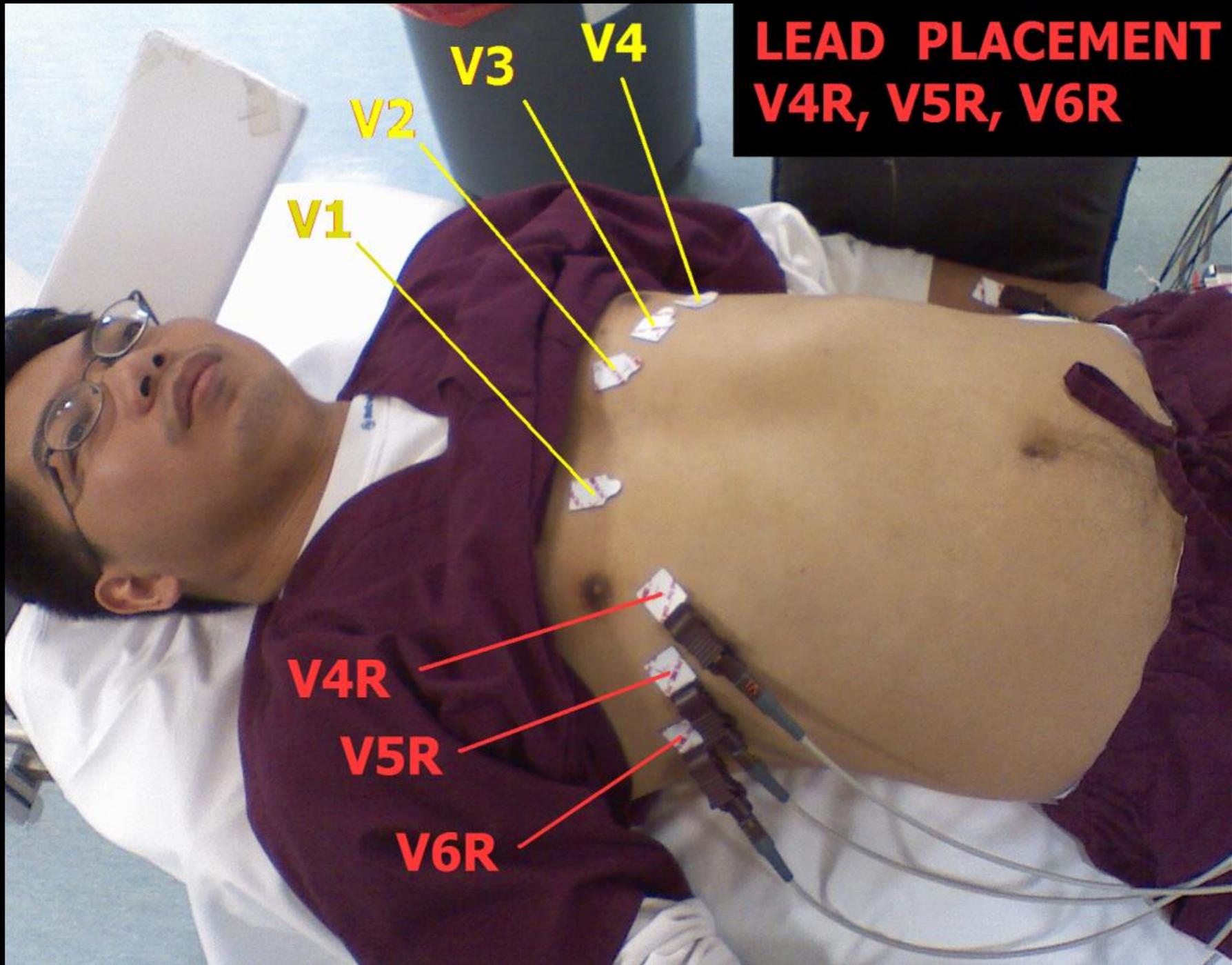
# V4R - V6R VIEW THE RIGHT VENTRICLE



**LEAD PLACEMENT  
V4R, V5R, V6R**

**V1**  
**V2**  
**V3**  
**V4**

**V4R**  
**V5R**  
**V6R**



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

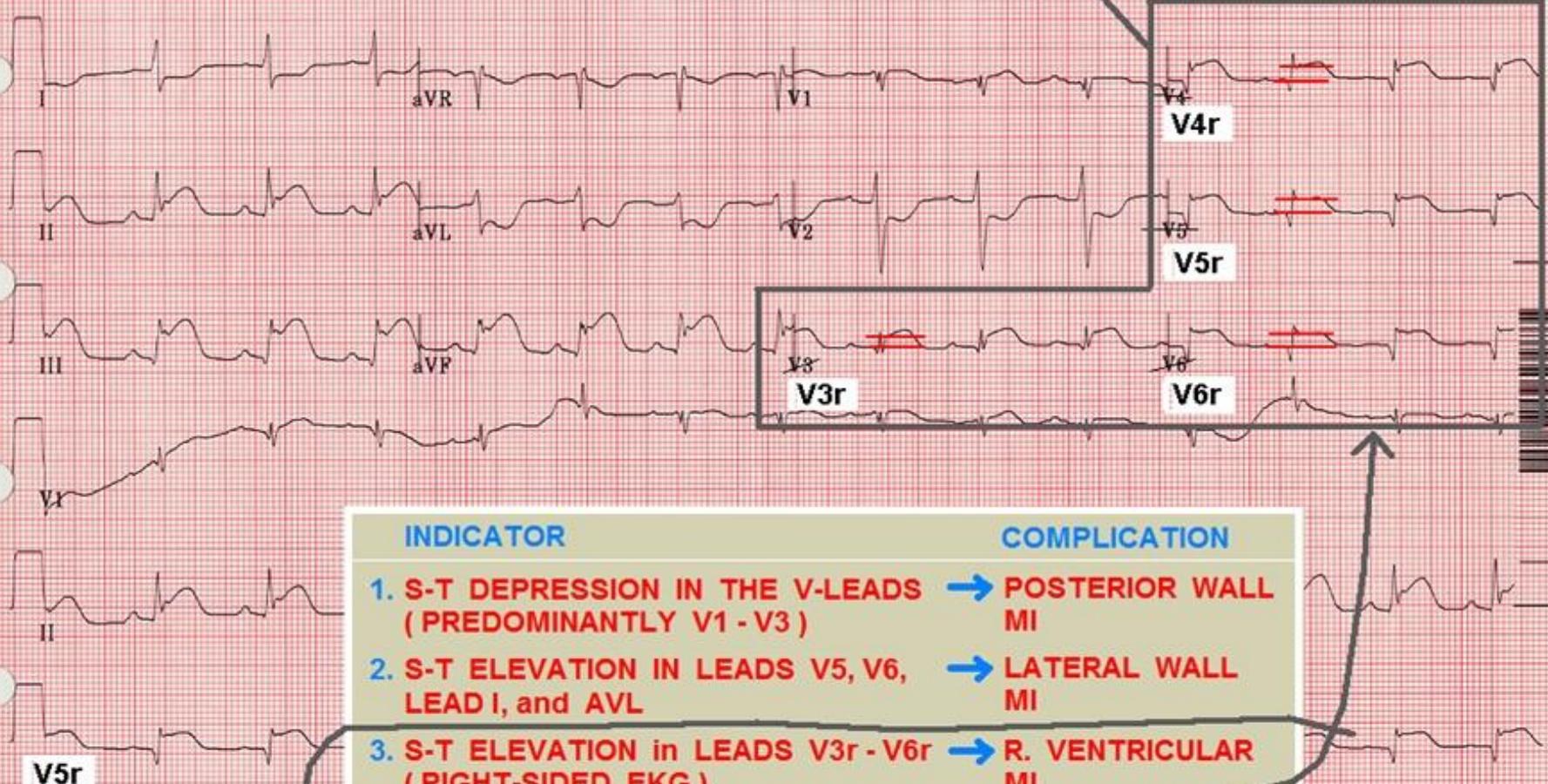
Normal sinus rhythm  
~~Anterolateral infarct, possibly acute~~  
 Inferior injury pattern  
 \*\*\*\*\* Acute MI \*\*\*\*\*  
 Abnormal ECG

**Right Ventricular Infarct**

V LEADS  
R SIDE

Referred by:

Unconfirmed

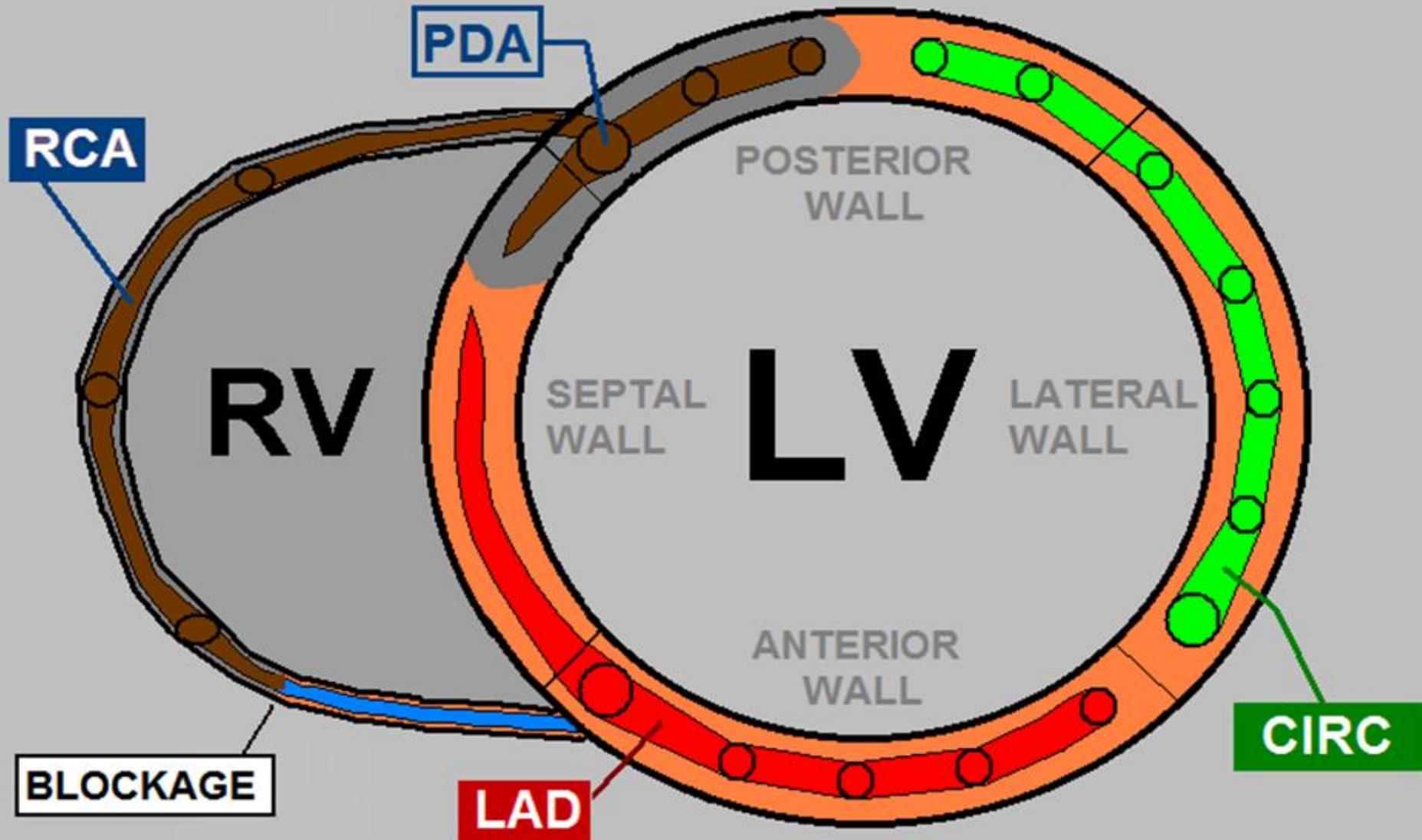


INDICATOR	COMPLICATION
1. S-T DEPRESSION IN THE V-LEADS (PREDOMINANTLY V1 - V3)	→ POSTERIOR WALL MI
2. S-T ELEVATION IN LEADS V5, V6, LEAD I, and AVL	→ LATERAL WALL MI
3. S-T ELEVATION in LEADS V3r - V6r (RIGHT-SIDED EKG)	→ R. VENTRICULAR MI

# 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 ?

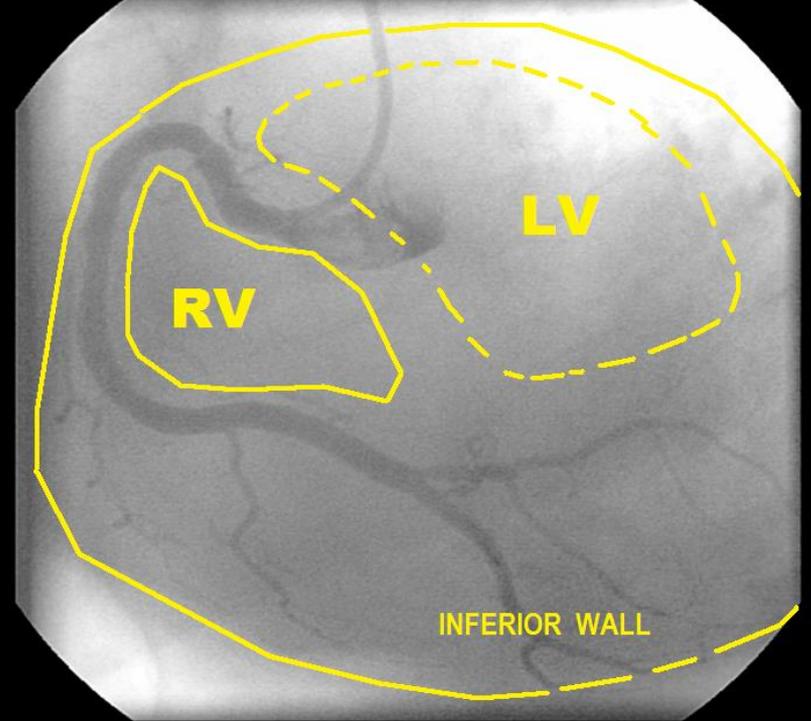
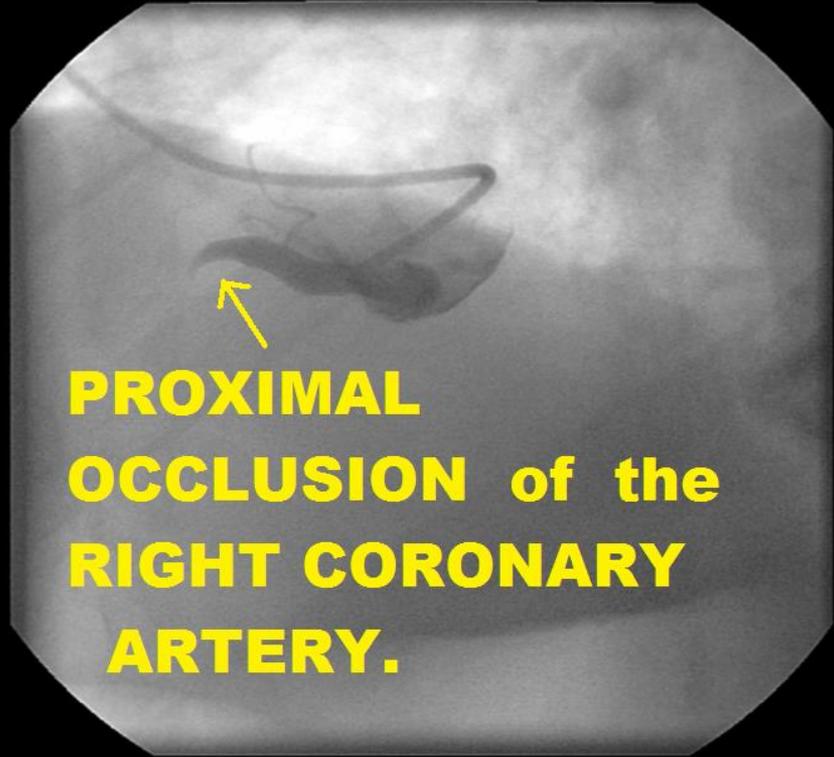
NO

YES

IV  
FLUIDS !

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

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



**POST PTCA / STENT DEPLOYMENT TO PROXIMAL RCA**

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**

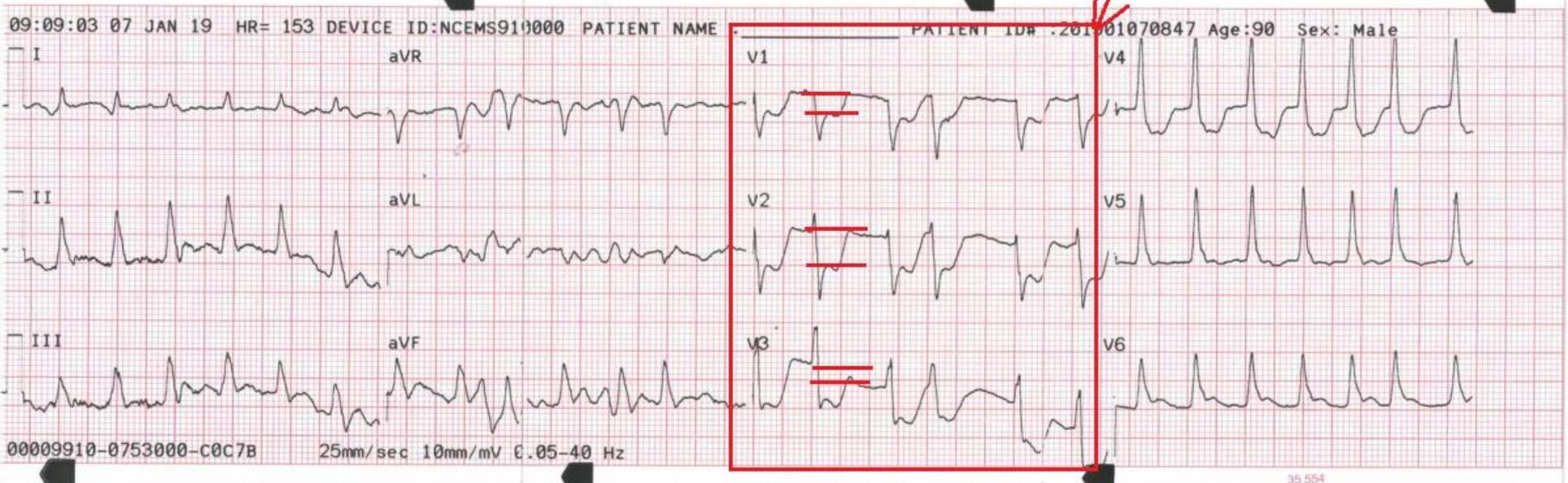
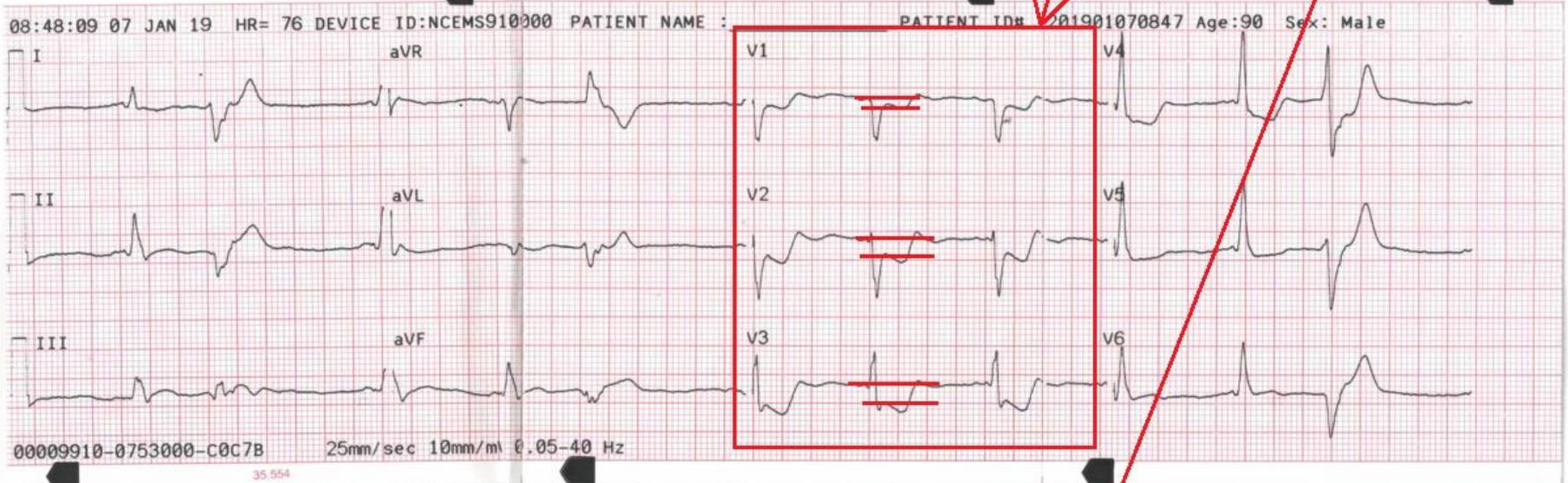
# Correlation of Leads with ST Elevation and Cardiac Structures at Risk, based on STEMI in patients with Common Coronary Arterial Anatomy

	<b>ECG Leads:</b>	<b>Associated Region:</b>	<b>Coronary Artery:</b>	<b>Structures at Risk:</b>
<b>All Patients</b>	<b>V1 - V4</b>	<b>Anterior and Septal walls of LV</b>	<b>Left Anterior Descending (LAD) Artery</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>35 - 45% of LV muscle mass</b></li> <li>- <b>Bundle of HIS</b></li> <li>- <b>Bundle Branches</b></li> </ul>
<b>RCA Dominant</b>	<b>V5 - V6</b>	<b>Lateral wall LV, approx. 50% Posterior wall</b>	<b>Circumflex (Cx) ( non - dominant )</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>20 - 30% LV muscle mass</b></li> <li>- <b>Sinus Node (rare)</b></li> </ul>
	<b>II, III, AVF</b>	<b>Inferior Wall, approx. 50% Posterior wall</b>	<b>Right Coronary Artery (RCA)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>SA Node</b></li> <li>- <b>Right Ventricle</b></li> <li>- <b>AV Node</b></li> </ul>
<b>Cx Dominant</b>	<b>V5 - V6 + II, III, AVF</b>	<b>Lateral wall of LV Posterior Wall (all) Inferior Wall</b>	<b>Circumflex (Dominant)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>45-55% LV muscle mass</b></li> <li>- <b>SA Node (rare)</b></li> <li>- <b>AV Node</b></li> </ul>

# 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  
[REDACTED] 79 yrs

[REDACTED]  
Caucasian Female  
Account # [REDACTED]

Bayfront Health Seven Rivers ED  
Dept ED  
Room ED01  
Tech gp

RX  
DX

Req Provider:

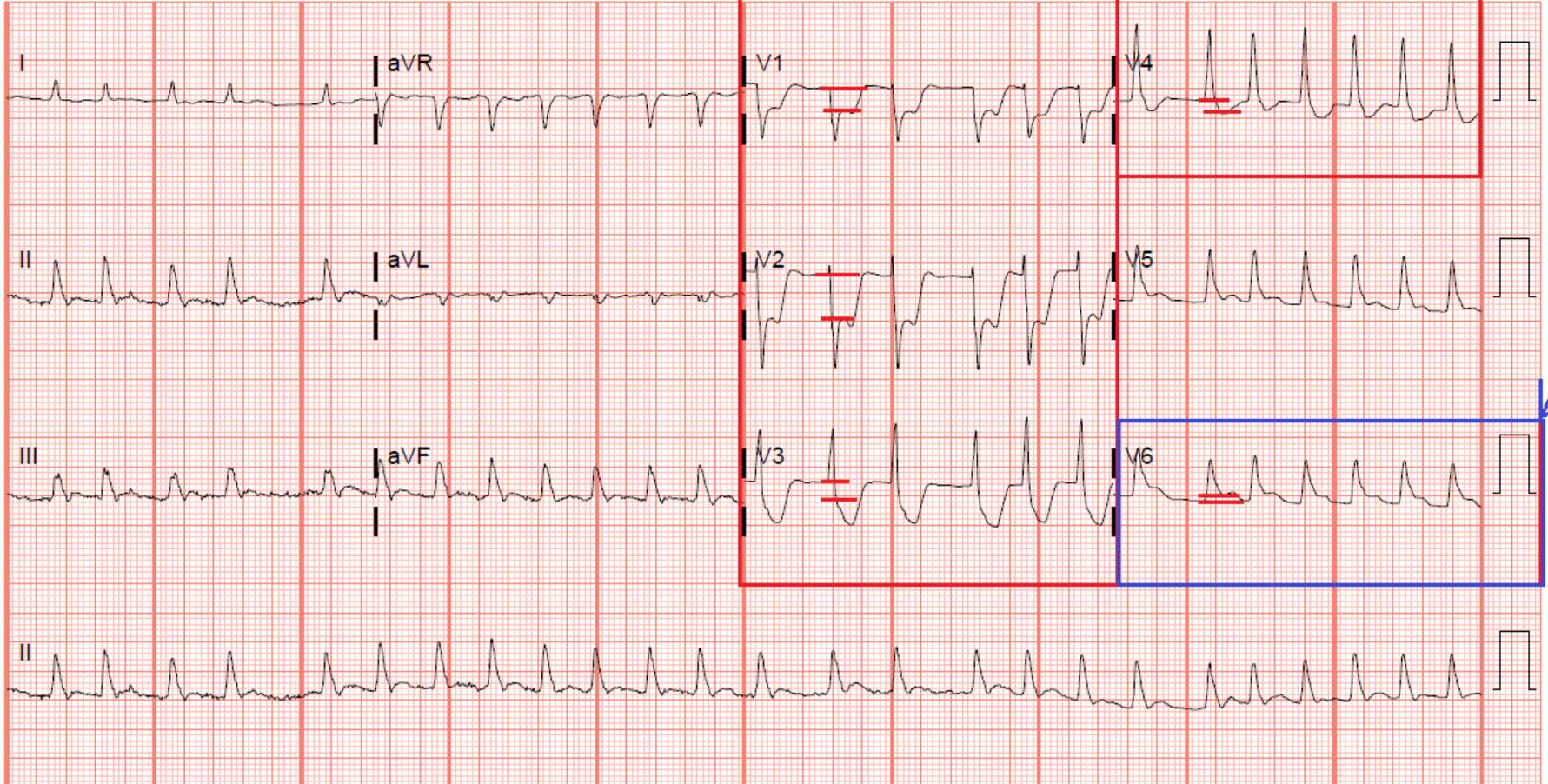
Rate	153	Atrial fibrillation with rapid V-rate
PR		Nonspecific intraventricular conduction delay
QRSd	117	NO PREVIOUS ECG AVAILABLE FOR COMPARISON
QT	260	
QTc	415	

**ST Depression Leads V1 - V4**

**Minimal ST Elevation in Lead V6.  
(Does not meet STEMI Criteria)**

--Axis--	
P	
QRS	73
T	78

- Abnormal ECG -

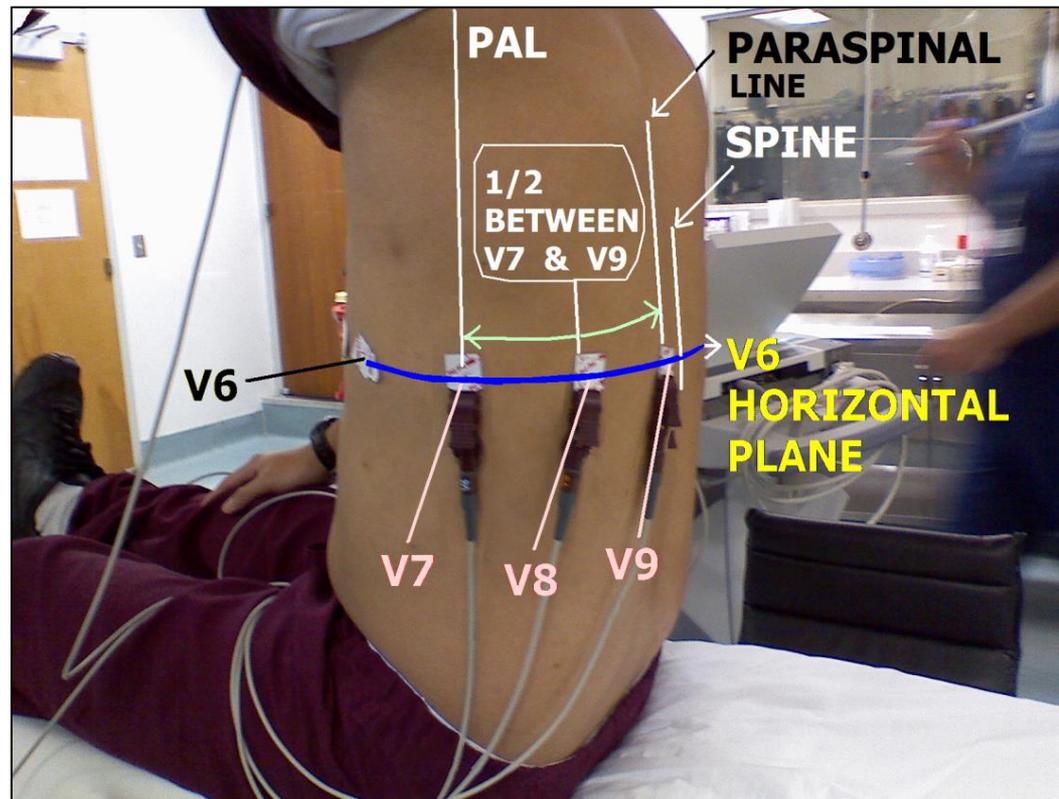


# Causes of ST Depression V1-V4

- 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

RX  
DX

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

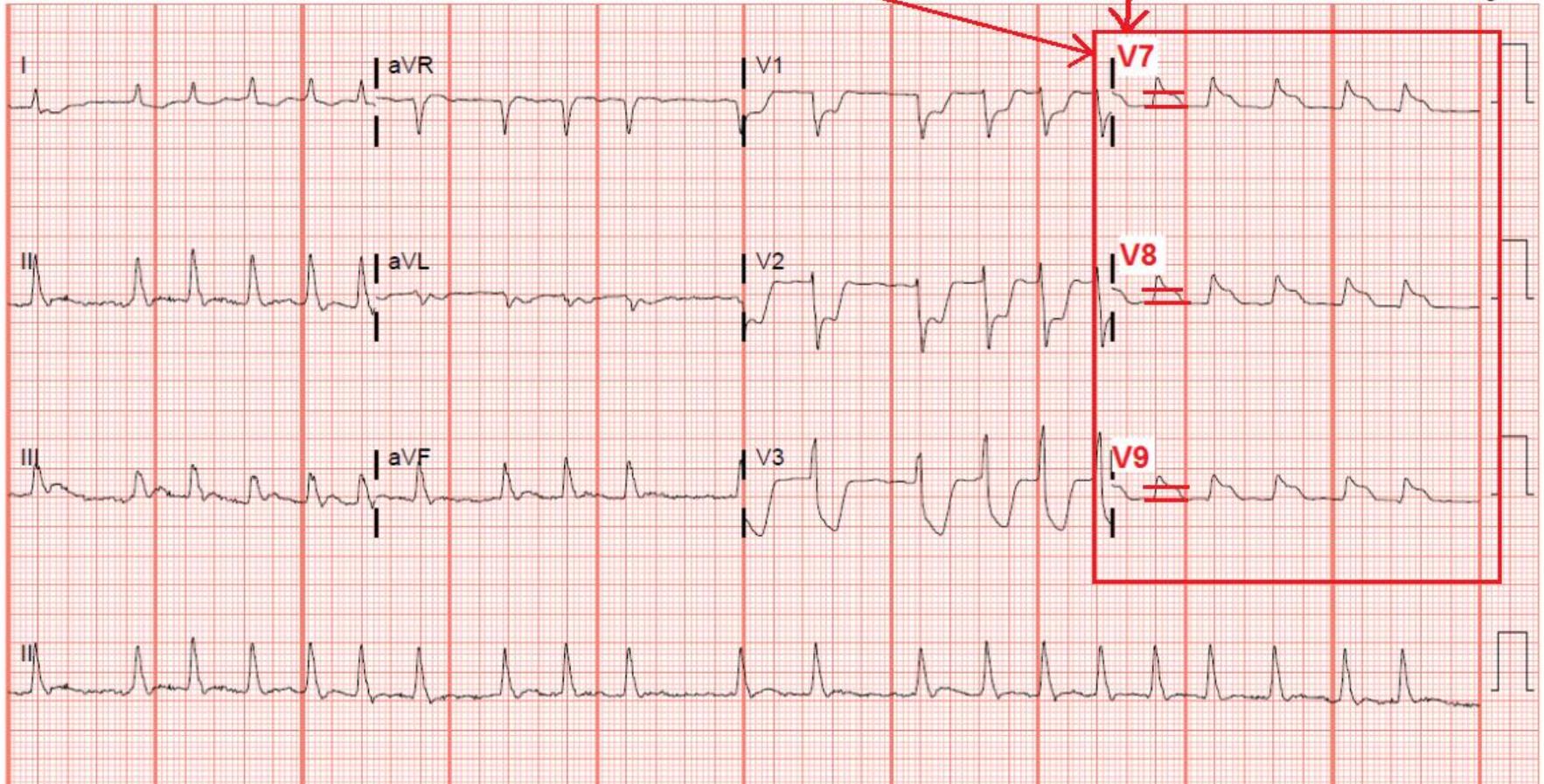
--Axis--  
 P  
 QRS 77  
 T 121

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

**ACUTE POSTERIOR WALL STEMI**

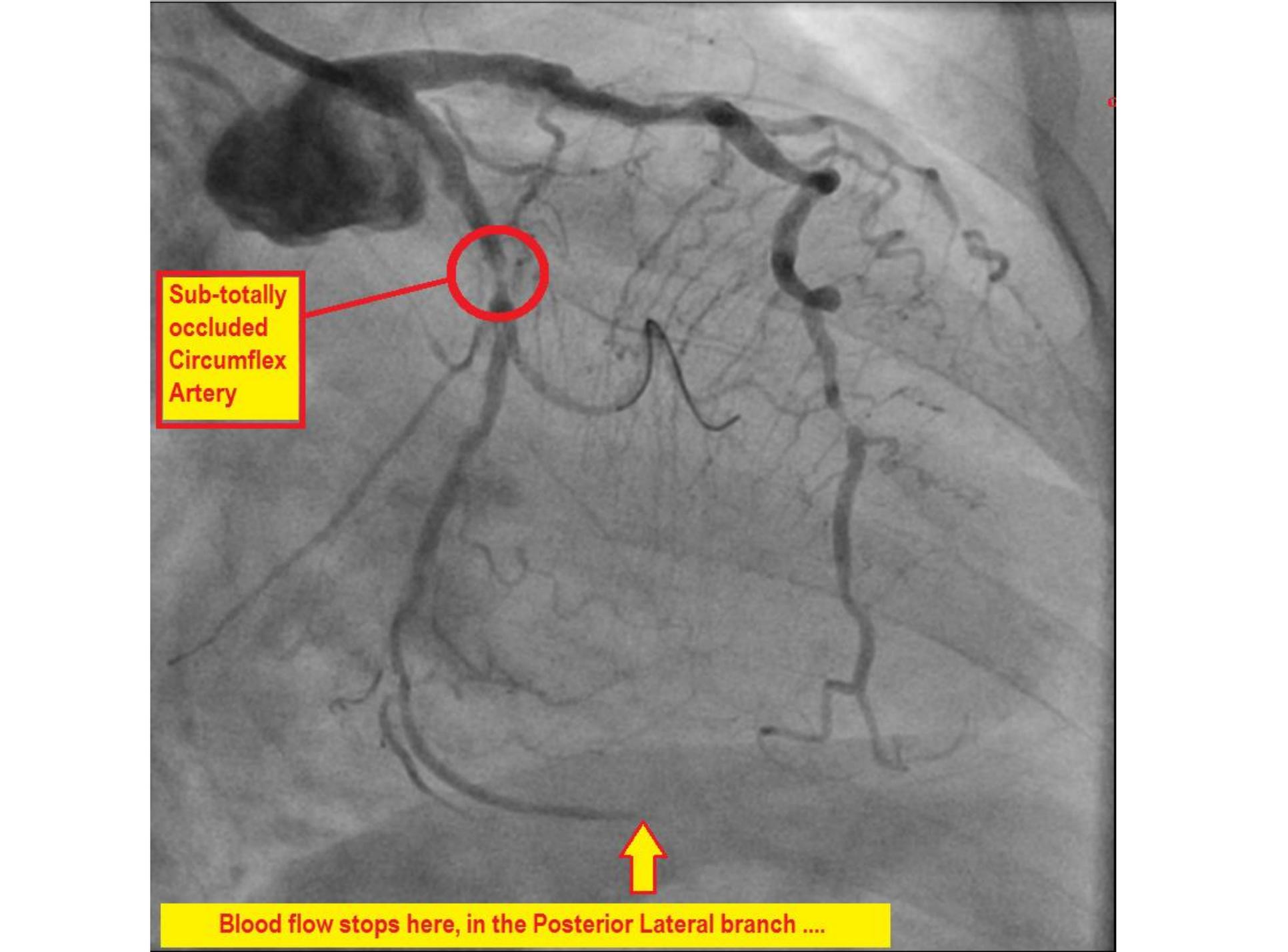
**Chest leads V4-V6 repositioned to patient's back (Posterior Leads V7, V8 and V9) reveal ST Segment Elevation. Patient diagnosis changes from "possible NSTEMI" to "Acute STEMI."**

- Abnormal ECG -



# 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.....

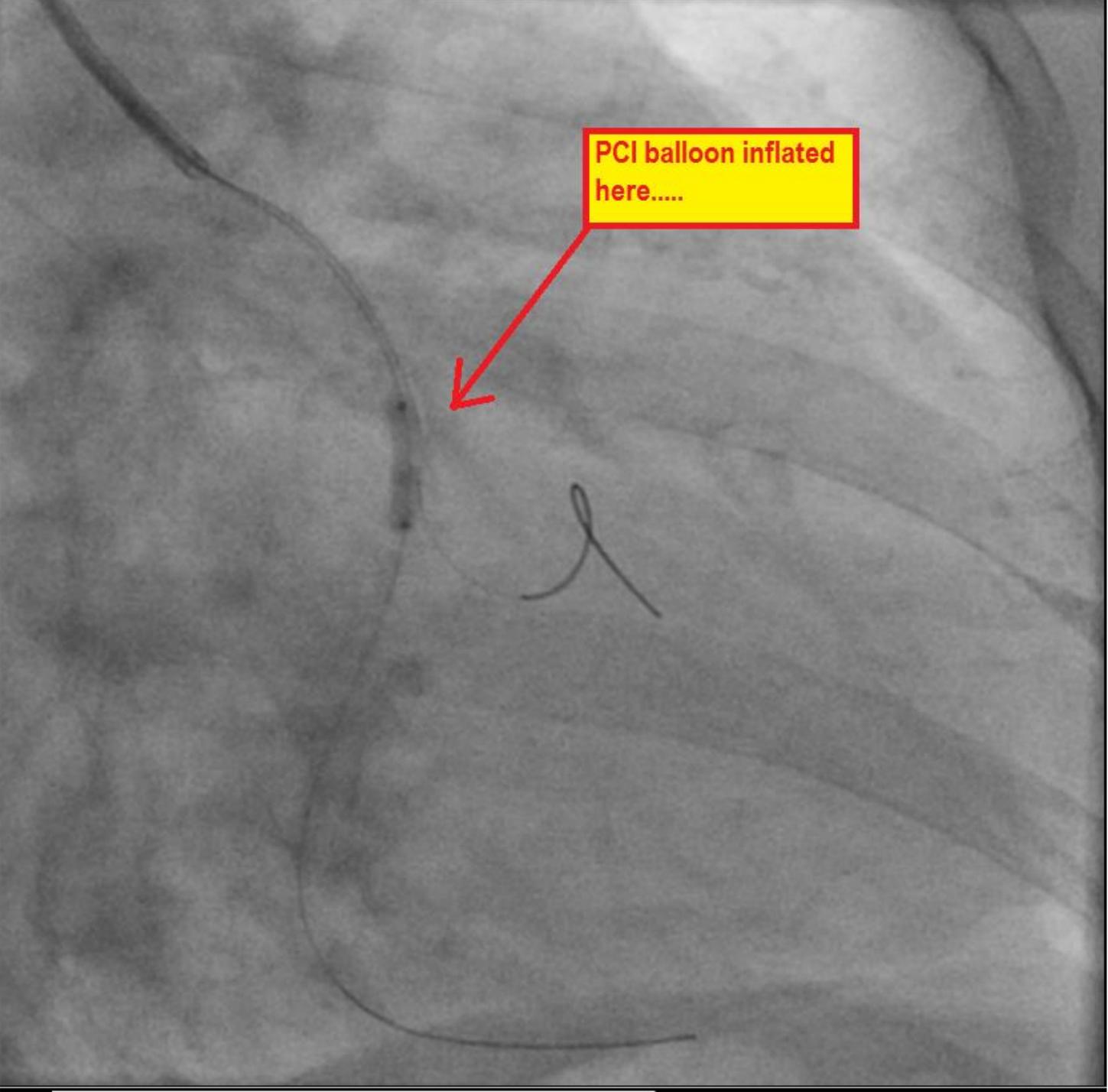


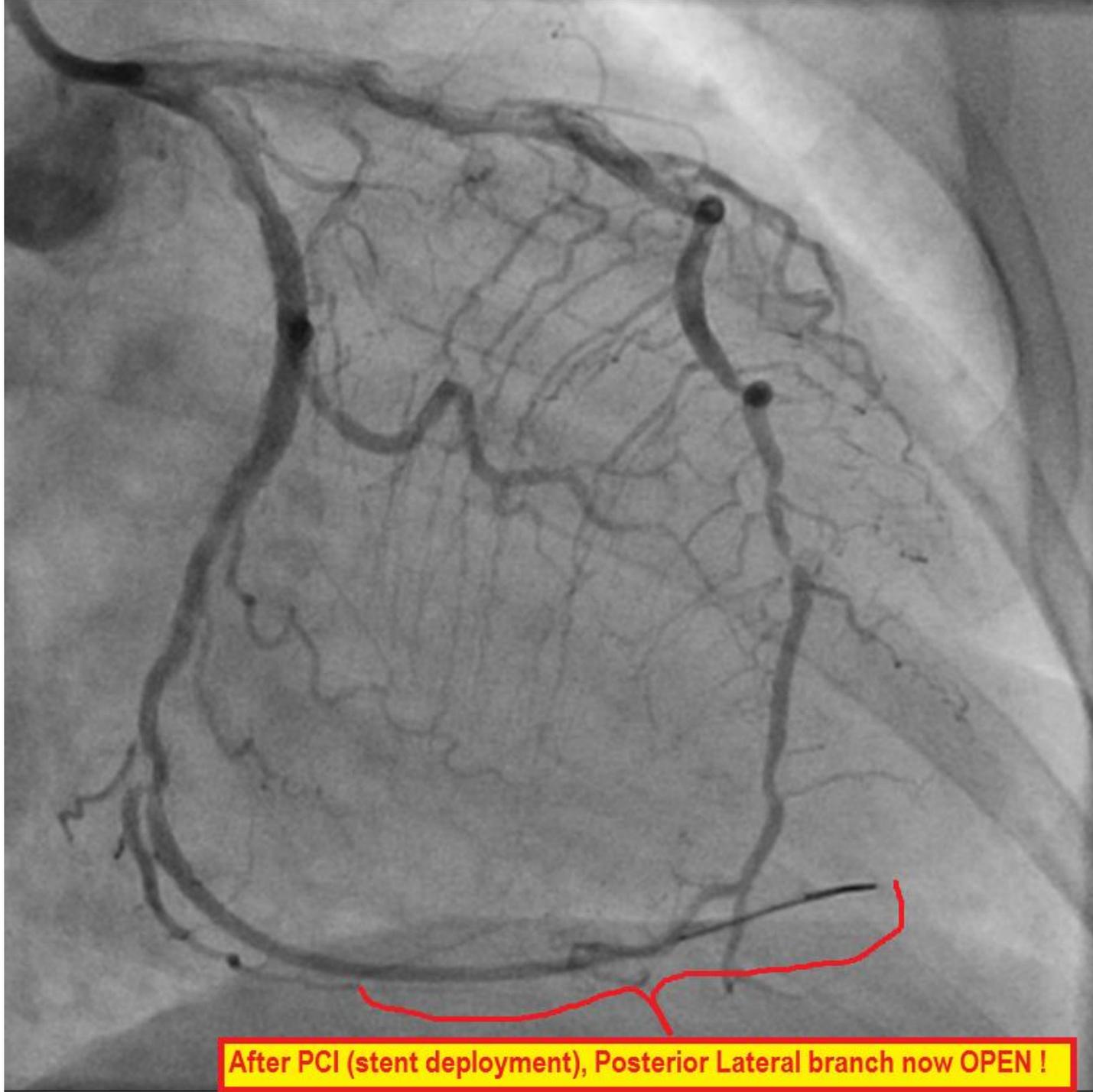
Sub-totally  
occluded  
Circumflex  
Artery

This is a coronary angiogram showing the coronary artery system. A red circle highlights a sub-totally occluded Circumflex Artery. A yellow arrow points to a blockage in the Posterior Lateral branch. The image shows the complex branching of the coronary arteries, with some areas of narrowing and blockage.

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

PCI balloon inflated here.....





**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.**

***YOU MADE IT !!!***

**Any**

**???**



***My top two reasons for giving everything in life the best I have to offer.***