



Session I



The INTEGRATED LIFESAVING ECG

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- Acute Coronary Syndromes
 - STEMI
 - NSTEMI
 - Unstable Angina
 - Low Risk Chest Pain

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- Acute Coronary Syndromes
- Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes (SADS)
 - Long QT Syndrome (LQTS)
 - Brugada Syndrome (BrS)
 - Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM)
 - Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Dysplasia (ARVD)
 - Catecholnergic Polymorphic Ventricular Tachycardia (CPVT)
 - Wolff-Parkinson-White (WPW) Syndrome

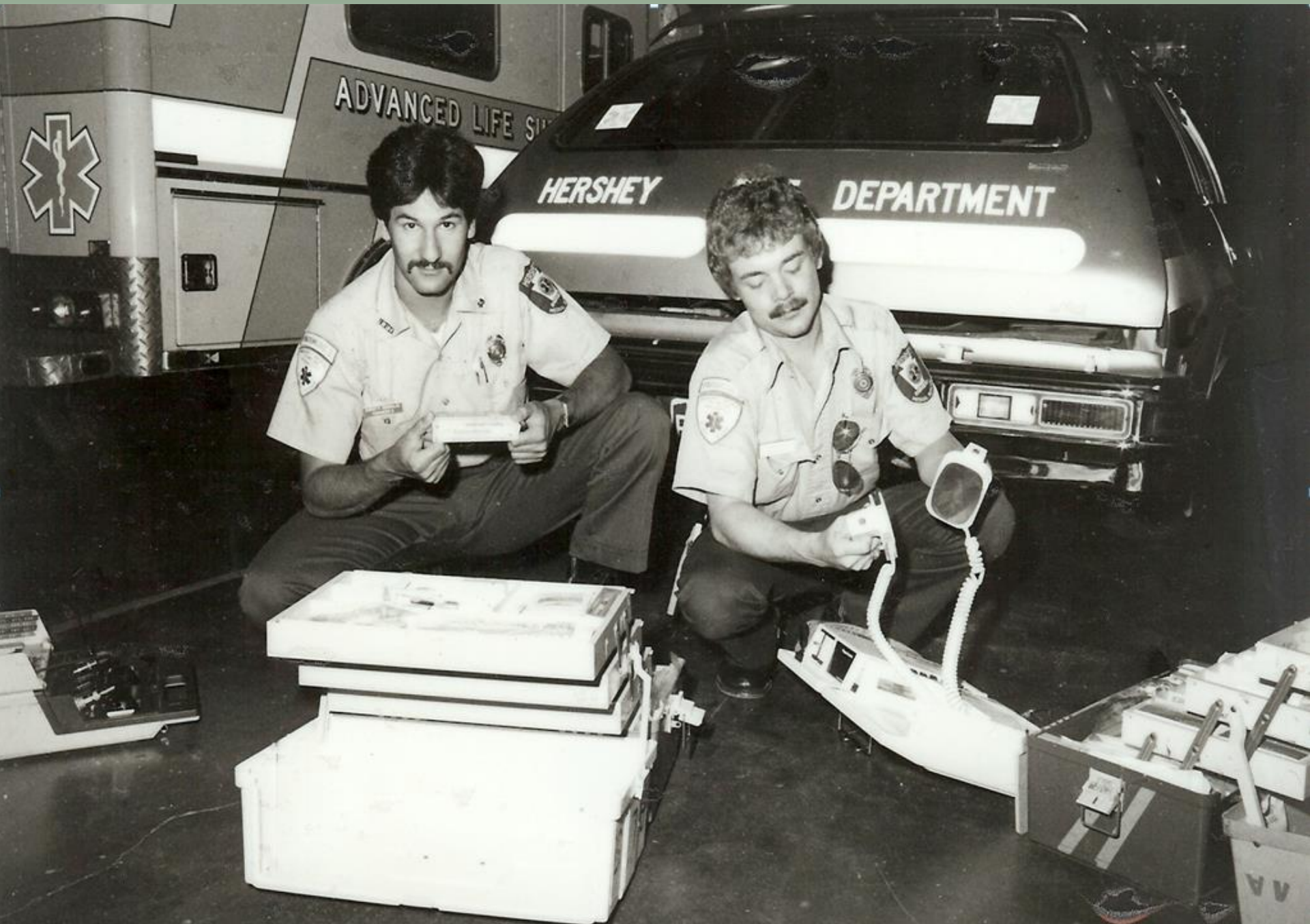
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We do not cover “Axis Deviation or Axis Rotation” in today’s course. While helpful to know, these items are not critical to identifying ACS or SADS conditions.

Welcome !



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

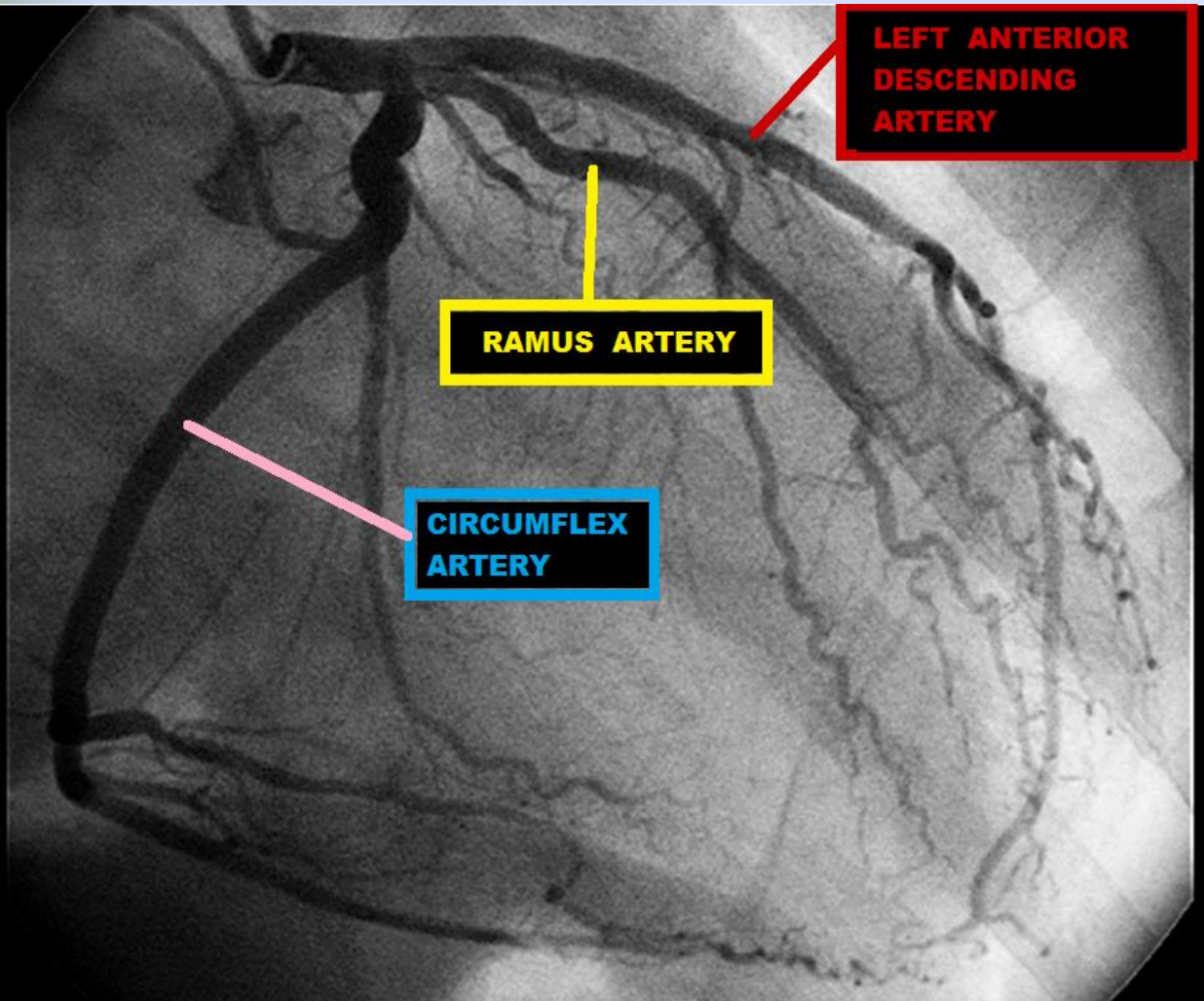
13,000 – 15,000 EP and Cath Lab cases between 1996 - Today



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

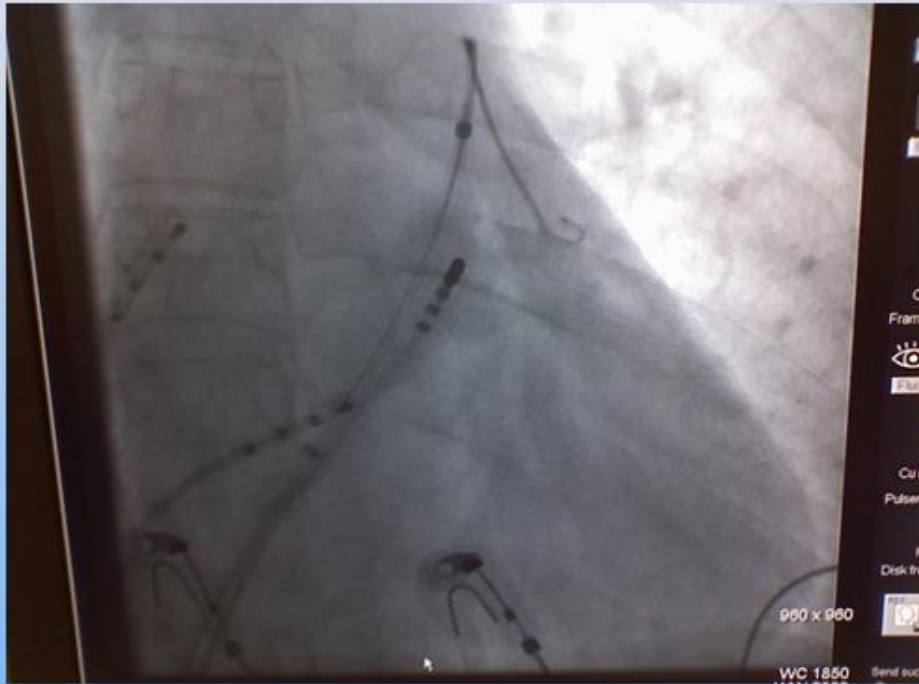
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Cardiac Cath Lab Advantage:



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

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Correlation
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with true
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electrogram
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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

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- Cardiovascular Coordinator 2012-present (coordinated 7 successful accreditations)
- Interventional Cardiovascular / Electrophysiology Technologist, 1995-Present. (Approx 13,000 patients)
- Author of: “[12 Lead ECG Interpretation in Acute Coronary Syndrome with Case Studies from the Cardiac Cath Lab](#),” 2010, TriGen publishing / Ingram Books
- Author of: “[STEMI Assistant](#),” 2014, TriGen publishing / Ingram Books
- Florida Nursing CE Provider # 50-12998
- 12 Lead ECG Instructor, 1994-present (multiple hospitals, USF College of Medicine 1994)
- ACLS Instructor: 1982 - 2022
- Website: www.ECGtraining.org

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- Two peer reviewed, published textbooks

In the CARDIAC CATHETERIZATION LAB, we read our patients' 12 Lead ECGs and then evaluate their coronary arteries and ventricular function during angiography. Stated in plain English, *we rapidly learn how to correlate 12 lead ECG findings with what's really going on inside our patients' hearts.* Seeing ECGs from this perspective adds a new dimension to understanding the complex pathophysiologies of cardiovascular disease.

This book prepares you to:

- INTERPRET 12 Lead ECGs.
- ASSIMILATE DATA derived from the 12 Lead ECG into a comprehensive patient evaluation process designed to maximize diagnostic accuracy, while taking into consideration the 12 Lead ECGs inherent LACK of SENSITIVITY and SPECIFICITY.
- IDENTIFY 13 PATTERNS associated with myocardial ischemia and infarction, including the most subtle ECG changes often missed by clinicians and the ECG machine's computerized interpretation software.
- CORRELATE each lead of the ECG with specific regions of the heart – and the CORONARY ARTERIAL DISTRIBUTION that commonly supplies it. **In cases of STEMI, this knowledge prepares you to ANTICIPATE the FAILURE OF CRITICAL CARDIAC STRUCTURES – often BEFORE THEY FAIL.**

For those who need to master essential material quickly, this book has been written with an expedited learning* feature, *designed to make learning as easy as 1 2 3:*

1. READ the **YELLOW HIGHLIGHTED TEXT**
2. STUDY the GRAPHIC IMAGES, PICTURES and ECGs
3. CORRECTLY ANSWER the REVIEW QUESTIONS at the end of each section.

This is an invaluable resource for every medical professional who evaluates patients and reads their 12 lead ECGs:

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

"I think this book will be a wonderful addition to the textbooks that are already available, with a fresh perspective!"

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

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

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

Humberto Coto, MD, FACP, FACC

- Chief of Interventional Cardiology
St. Joseph's Hospital
Tampa, Florida



12 LEAD ECG INTERPRETATION IN ACUTE CORONARY SYNDROME with CASE STUDIES from the CATH LAB -- WAYNE RUPPERT

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IN

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STEMI Assistant

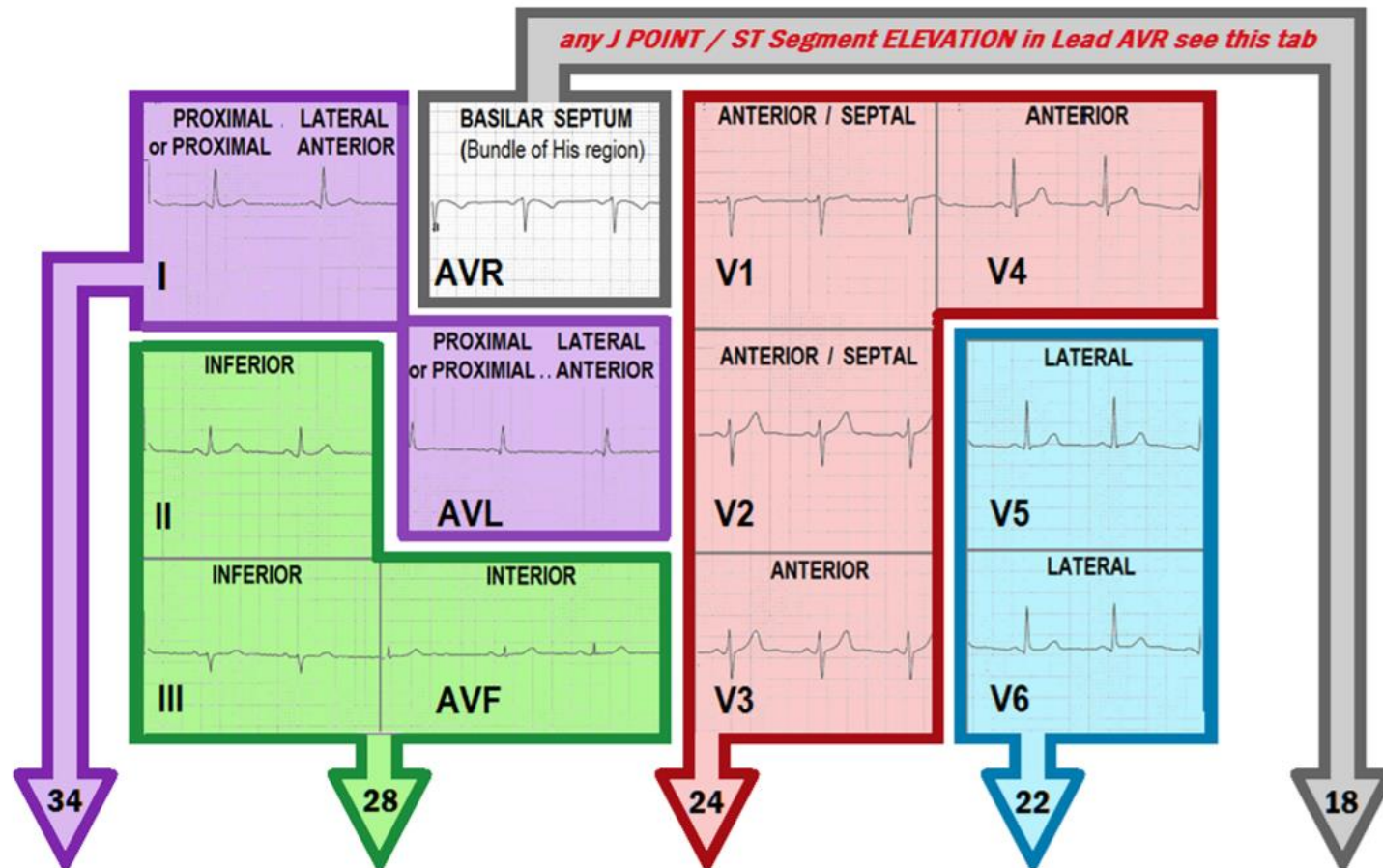
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UNIVERSAL ACS PATIENT MANAGEMENT ALGORITHM

--- See PAGE ONE ---

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

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Serving Patients, Clinicians and the Community.

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PATIENT MANAGEMENT TOOLS: This website provides resources to assist physicians, case managers and nurses in the management of Cardiovascular Disease as well as Resuscitation (Therapeutic Hypothermia) and Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes.

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

- The American College of Cardiology
- American Heart Association
- Heart Failure Society of America
- Heart Rhythms Society *
- Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes (SADS) Foundation *

* denotes future addition

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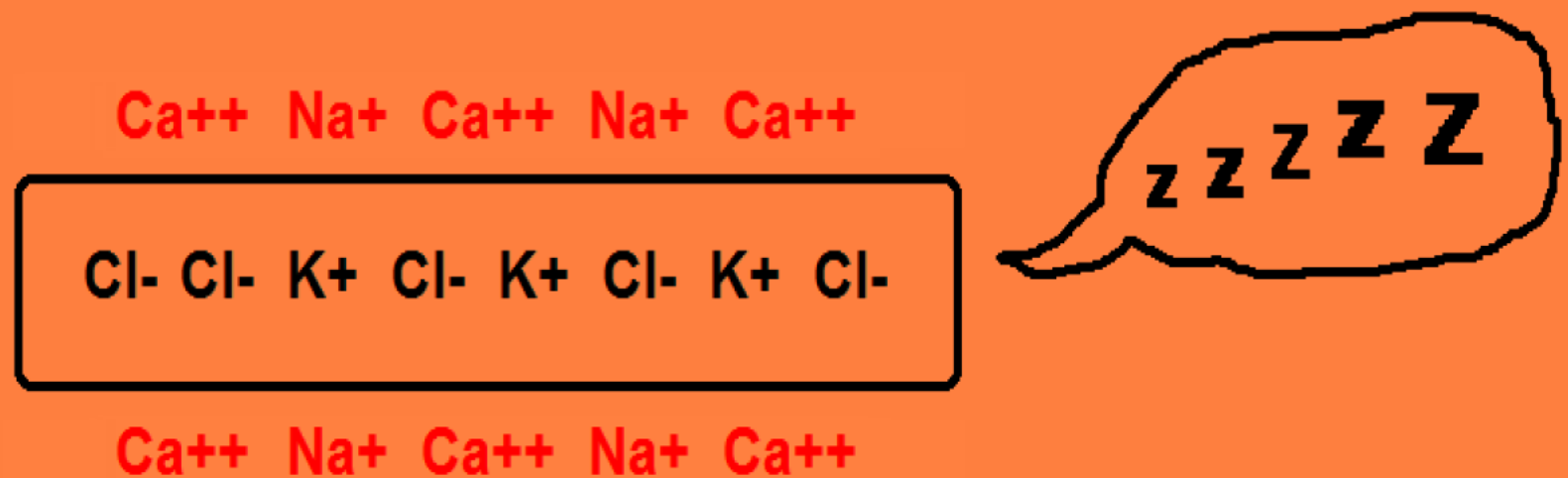
But it will move as fast.

Cardiac A & P “101”

- **Action Potential of Ventricular Muscle Cells**

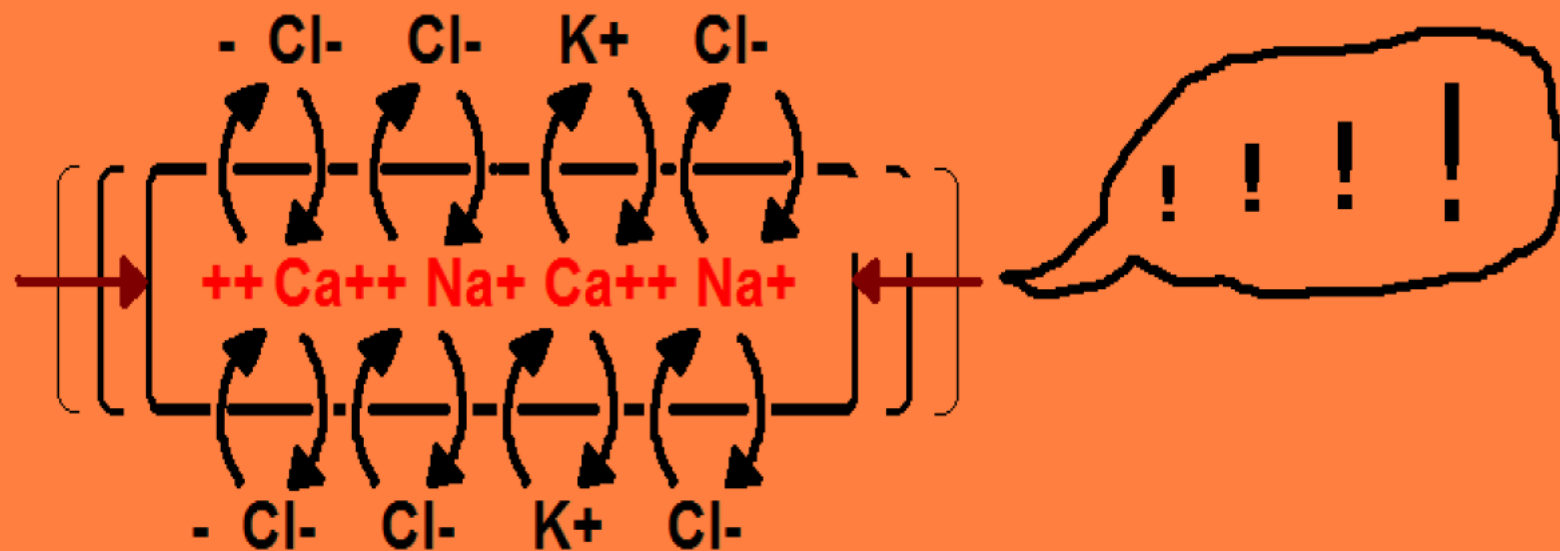
CARDIAC ANATOMY and PHYSIOLOGY "101"

CARDIAC CELLS AT REST have **POSITIVE** charged IONS on the **OUTSIDE** of the cell membrane, and **NEGATIVE** charged IONS on the **INSIDE**



CARDIAC ANATOMY and PHYSIOLOGY "101"

... when the IONS shift ... that is, the **POSITIVE IONS** that were on the outside **TRADE PLACES** with the **NEGATIVE IONS** that were on the **INSIDE**



... **THE CELL CONTRACTS!**

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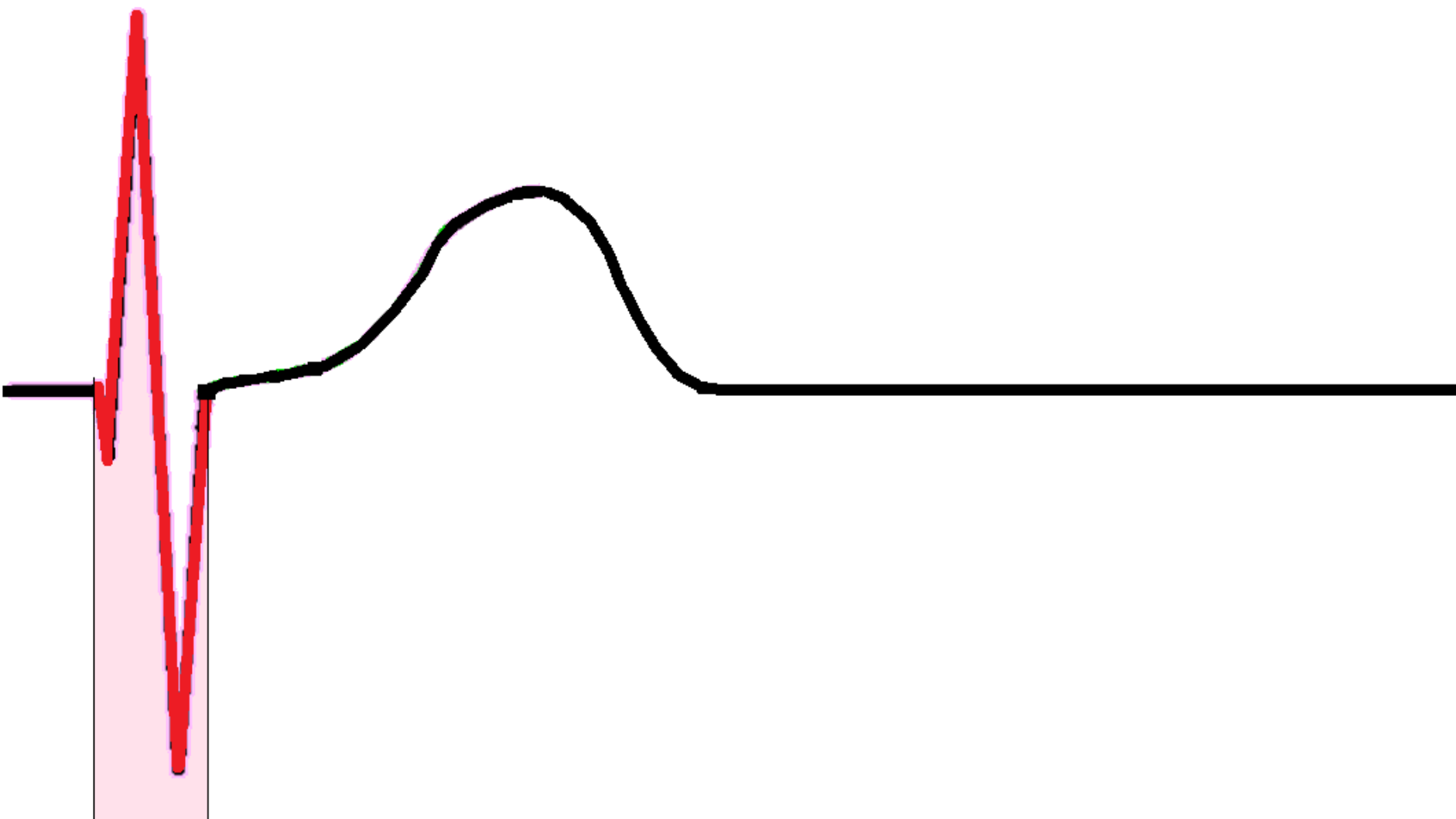
THIS (OF COURSE) IS KNOWN AS . . .

DEPOLARIZATION

WHEN EVERYTHING IS WORKING PROPERLY, THE WAVE OF DEPOLARIZING CELLS CAUSES THE HEART TO CONTRACT, AND PUMP BLOOD TO THE LUNGS AND THE SYSTEMIC CIRCULATION

Ventricular Depolarization:

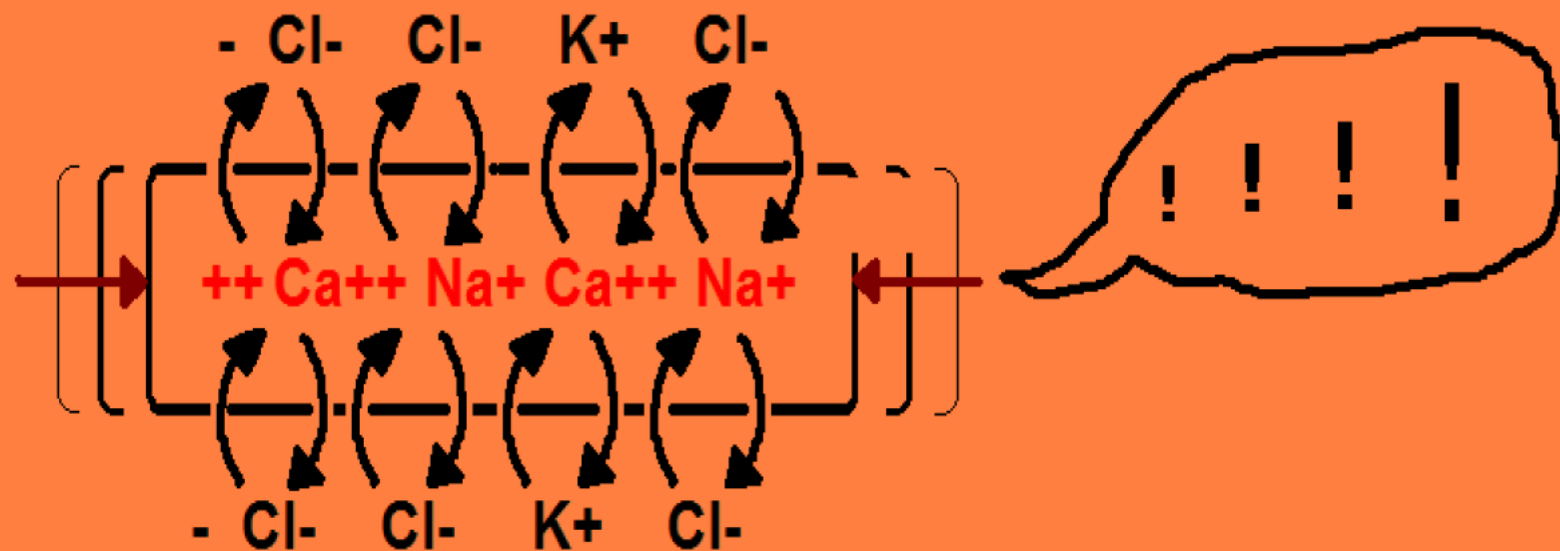
- Is represented by the **QRS Complex**



QRS Complex = Ventricular Depolarization

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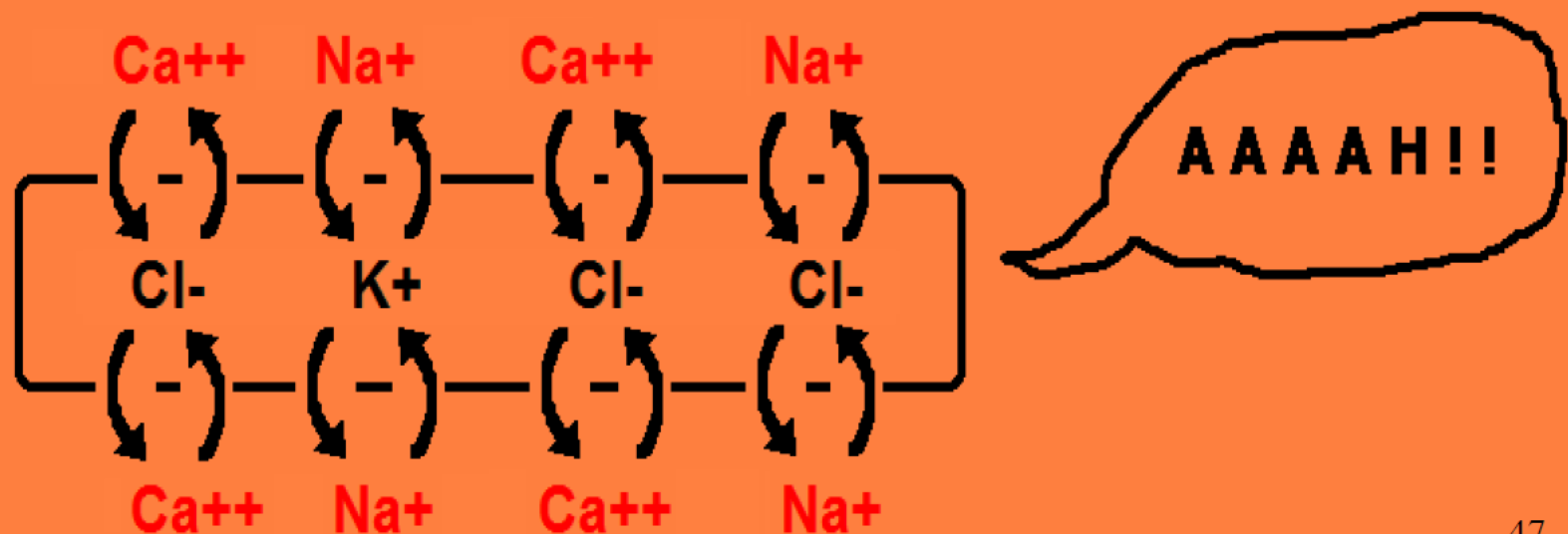
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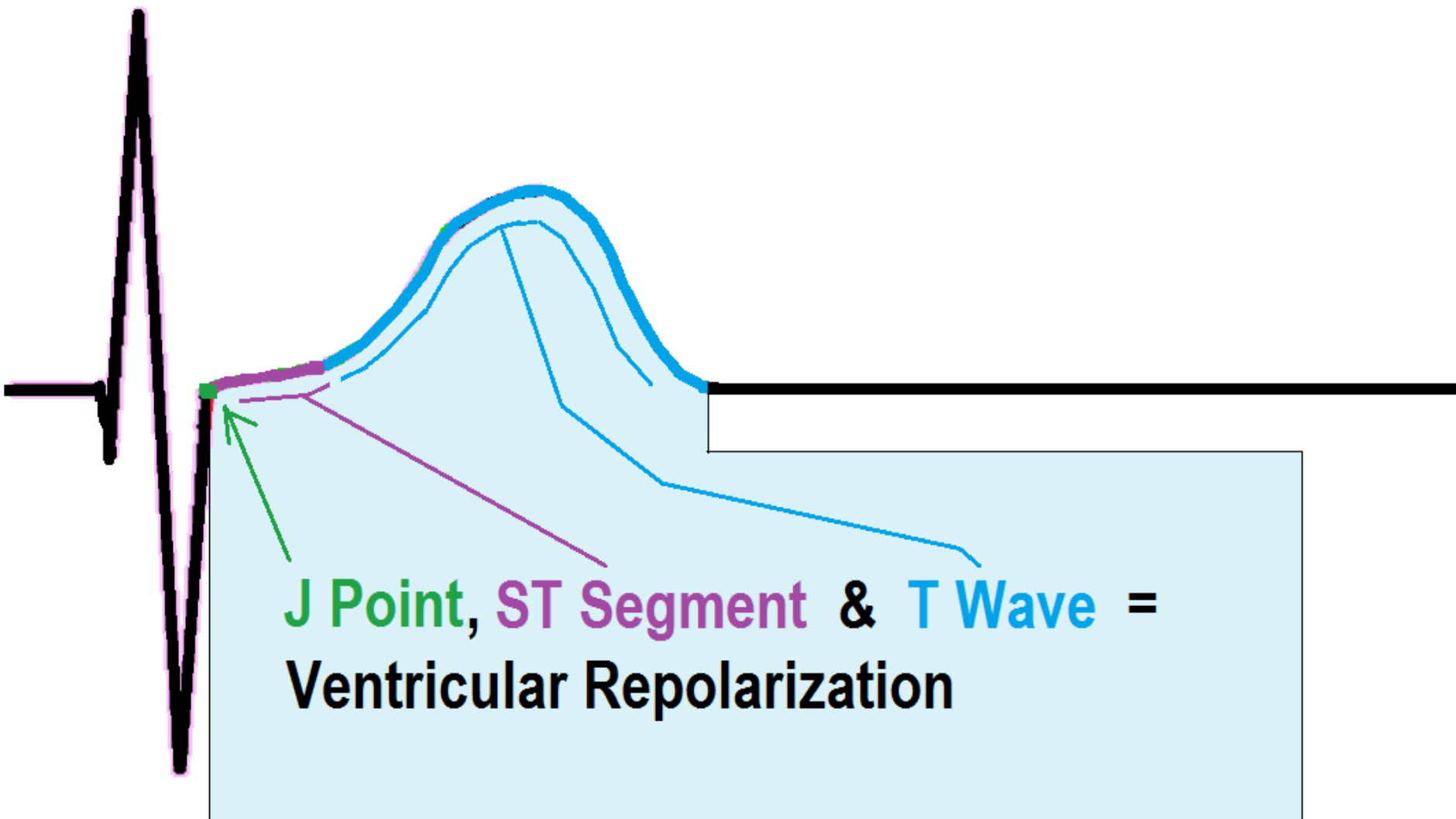
CARDIAC ANATOMY and PHYSIOLOGY "101"

AFTER DEPOLARIZATION, THE CELLS RELAX.
THE IONS RETURN TO THEIR ORIGINAL POSITIONS --
THIS PROCESS IS KNOWN AS **REPOLARIZATION**

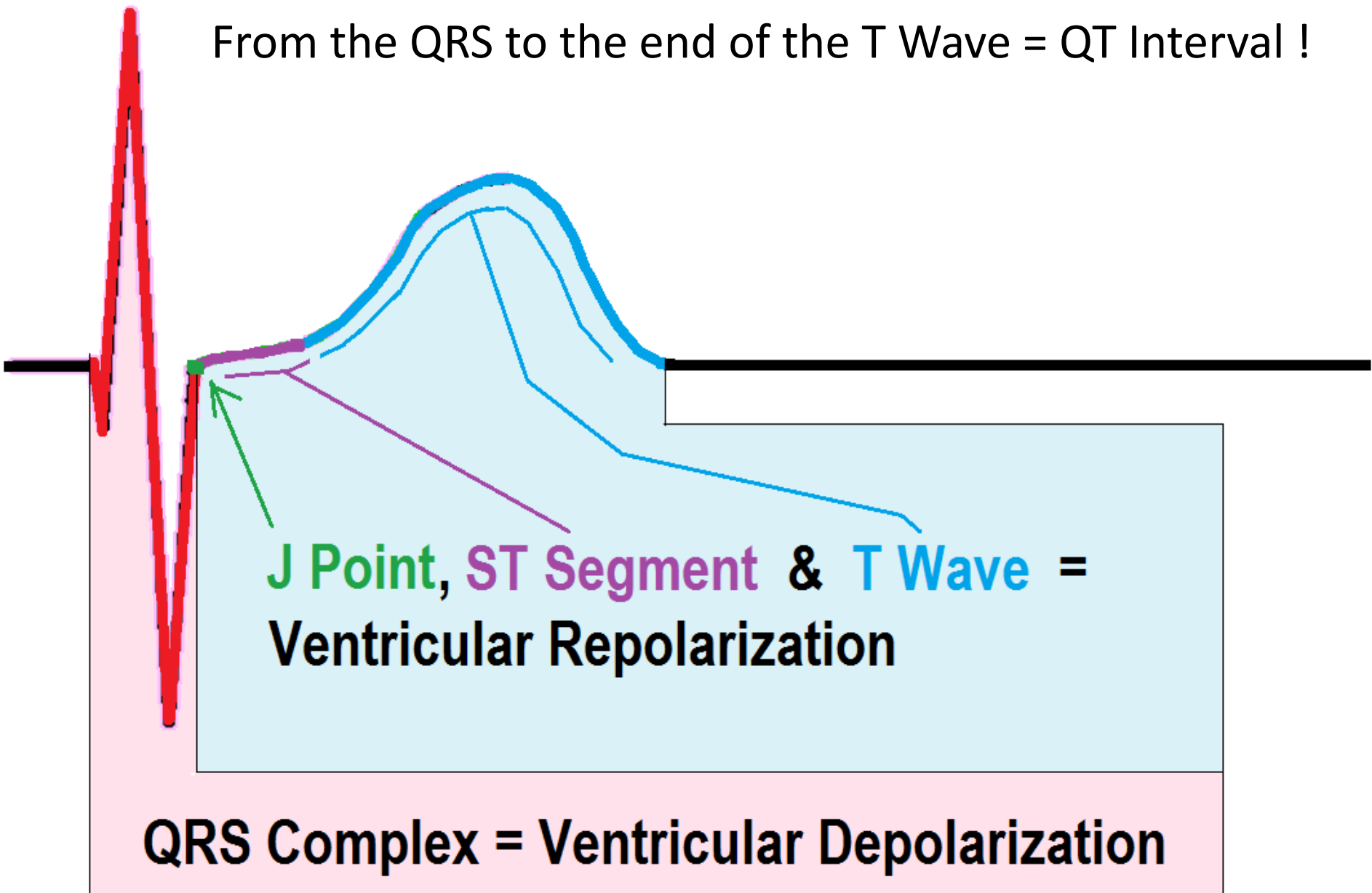


Repolarization on the ECG:

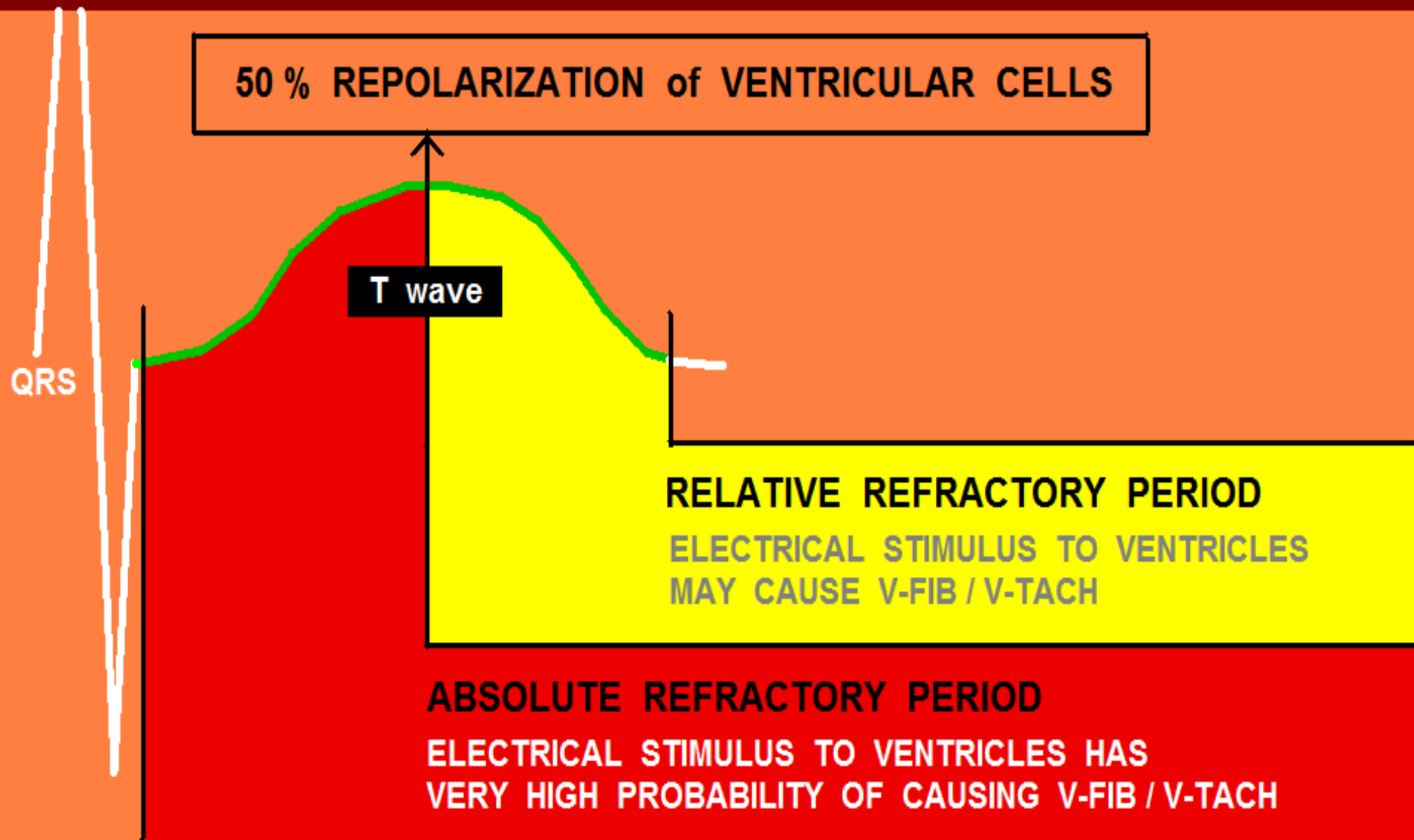
- Is represented by the:
 - **J Point**
 - **ST Segment**
 - **T Wave**



From the QRS to the end of the T Wave = QT Interval !



CARDIAC ANATOMY and PHYSIOLOGY "101"



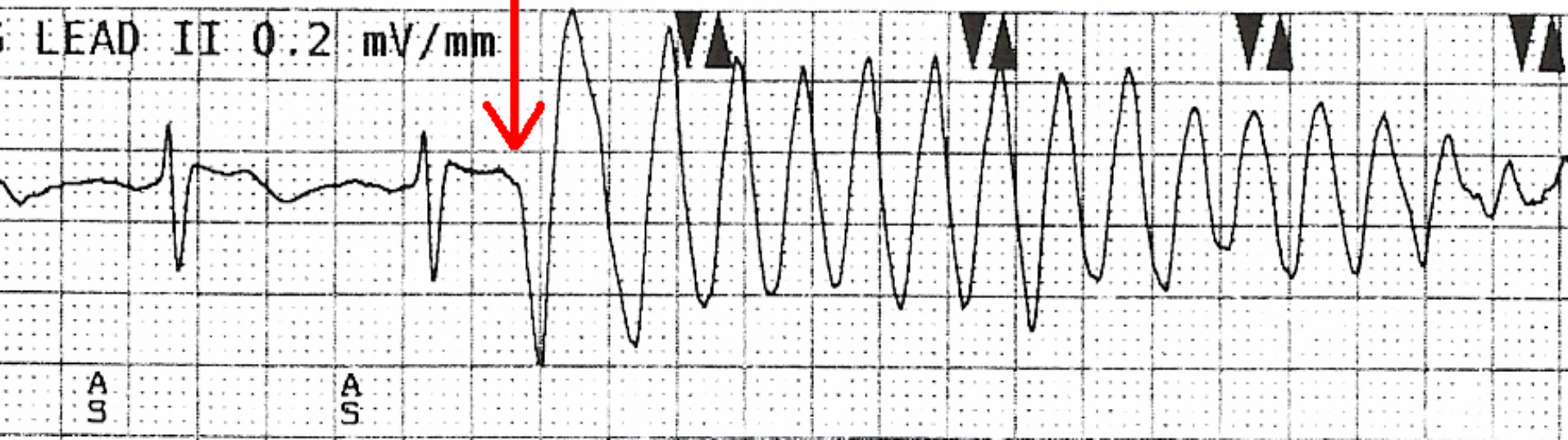
ROUTINE TEST OF ICD

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

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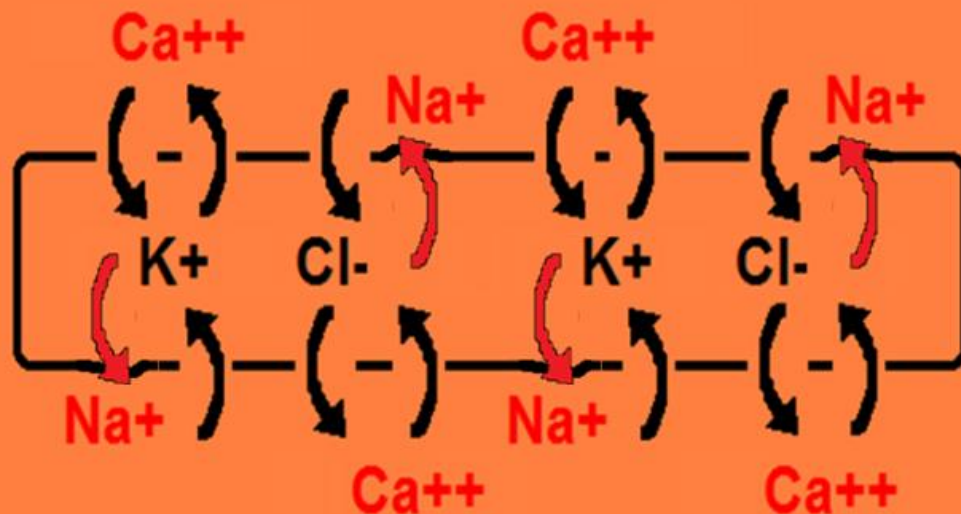
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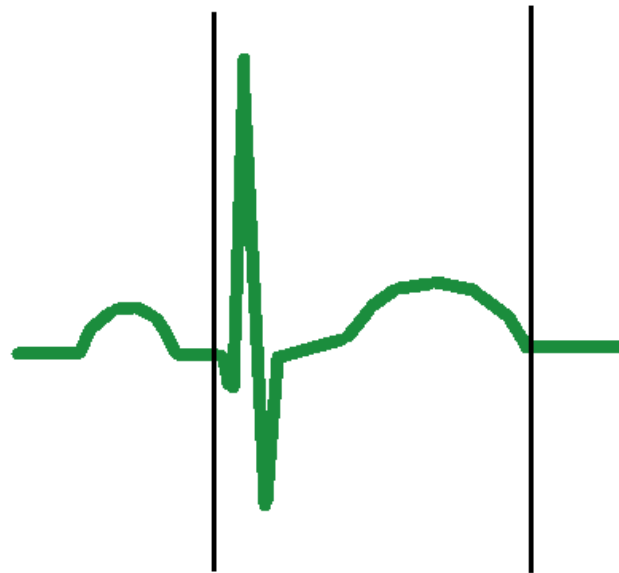
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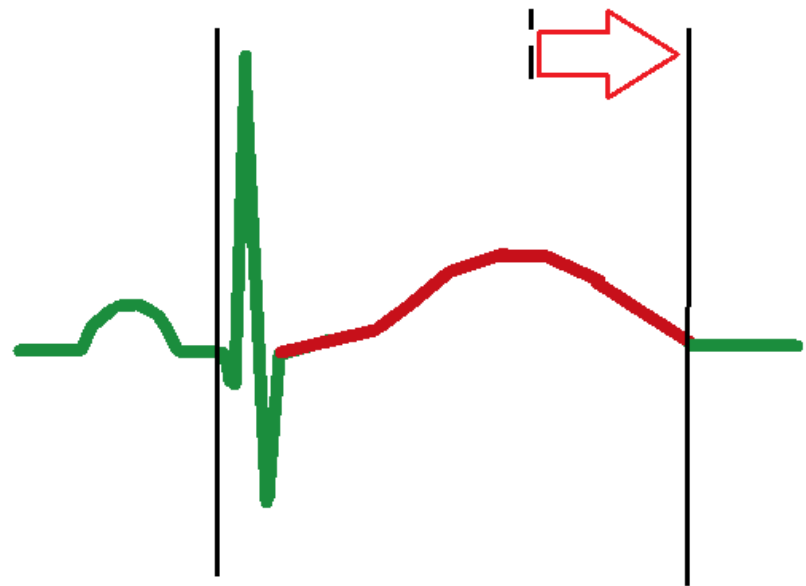
. . . . this can DELAY REPOLARIZATION, which will show on the ECG as "QT Prolongation"



Normal
QT Interval



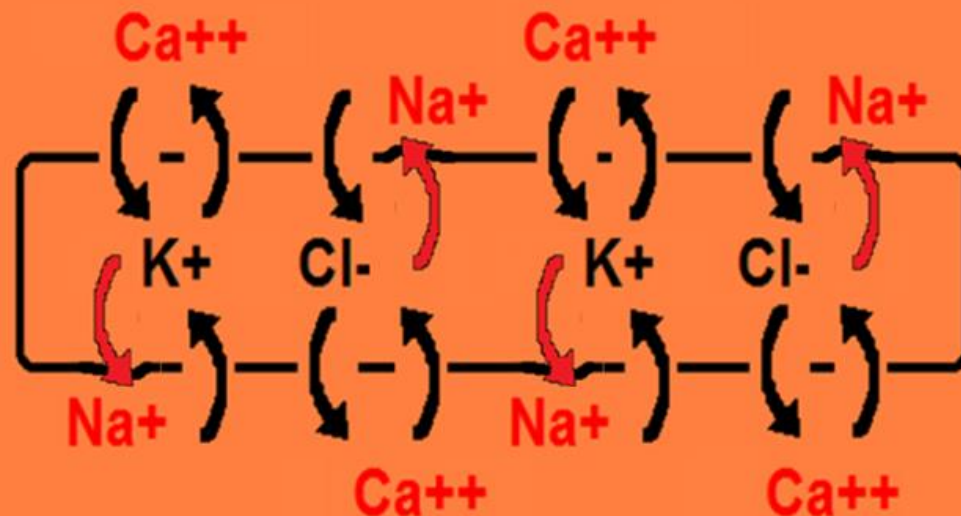
ABNORMAL
(prolonged)
QT Interval



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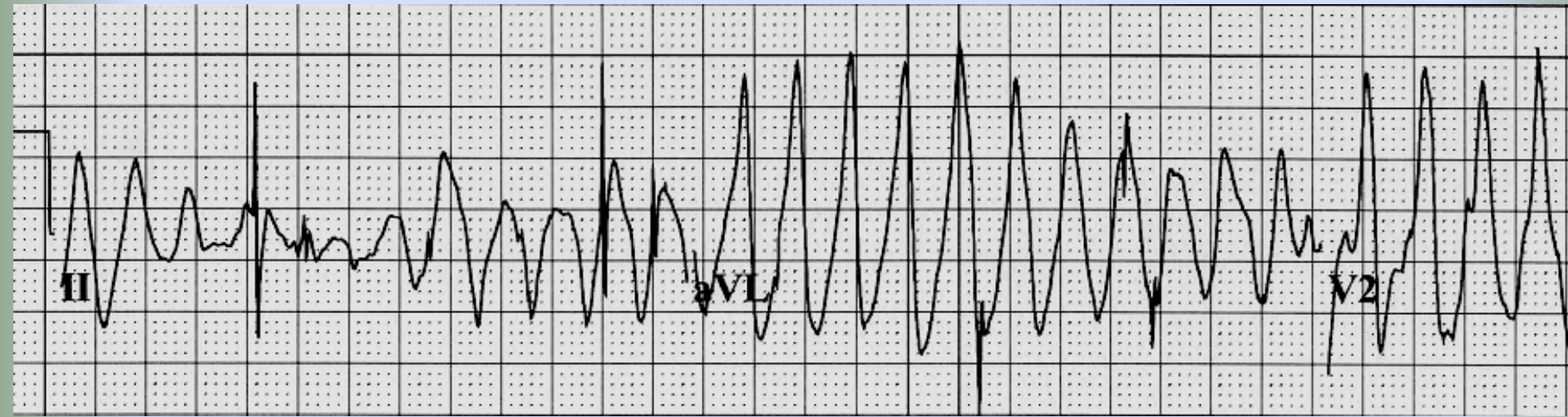
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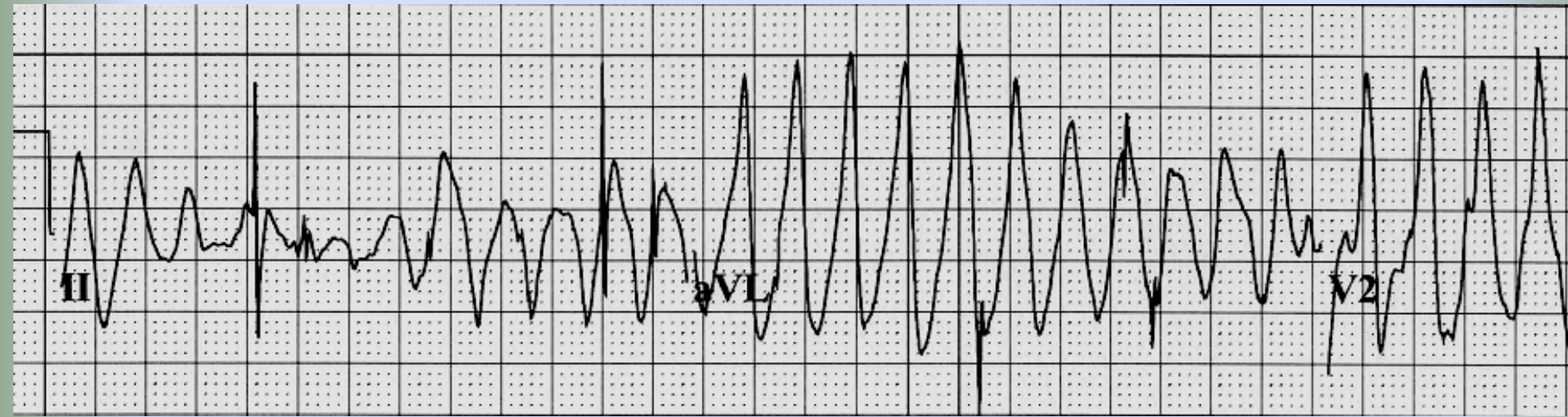
**which can lead
to Torsades . . .
Cardiac
Arrest . . . and
SUDDEN DEATH.**

Torsades de Pointes (TdP)



- **Common cause: $QTc > 600$ ms**
- Patients typically have little to no cardiac output when in this rhythm
- TdP may self-terminate or deteriorate into **VENTRICULAR FIBRILLATION**

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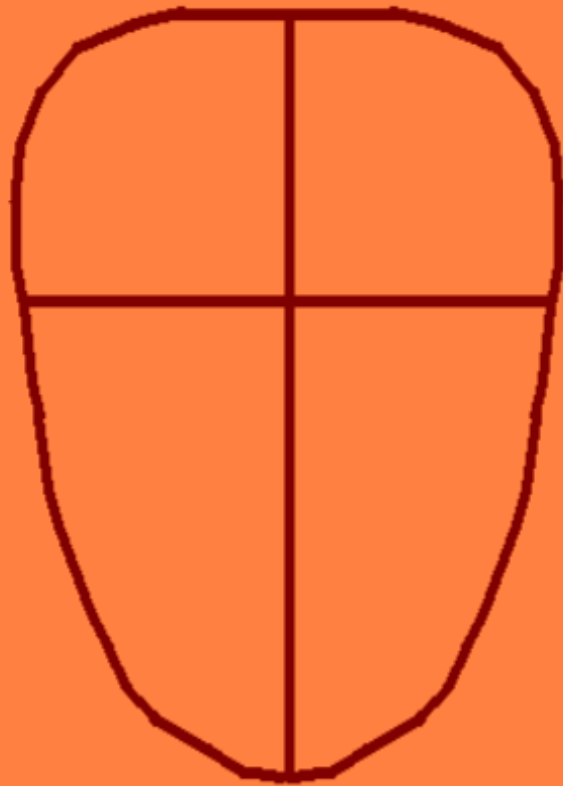


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Cardiac A & P “101”

- Action Potential of Ventricular Muscle Cells
- **Rapid basic review heart structure**

FOUR CHAMBERED PUMP



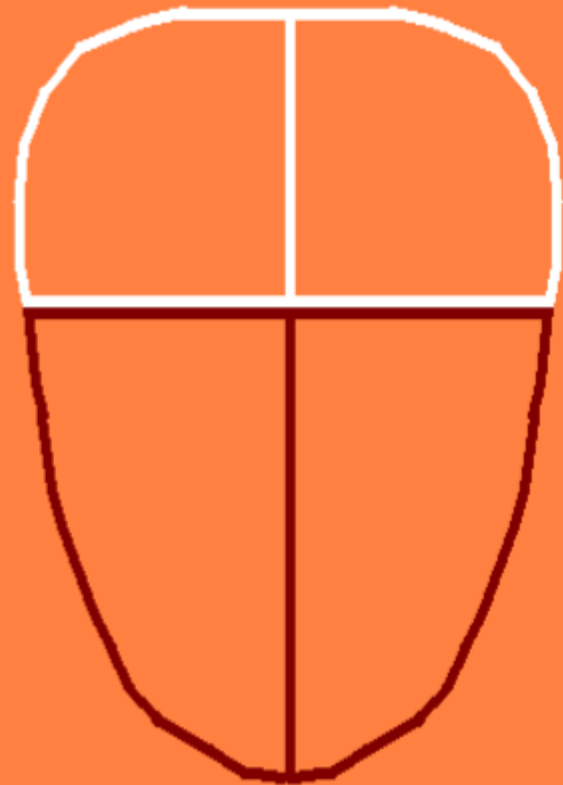
FOUR CHAMBERED PUMP . . .

2 ATRIUM



PRIMARY JOB:

"PACK VENTRICLES
FULL OF BLOOD"

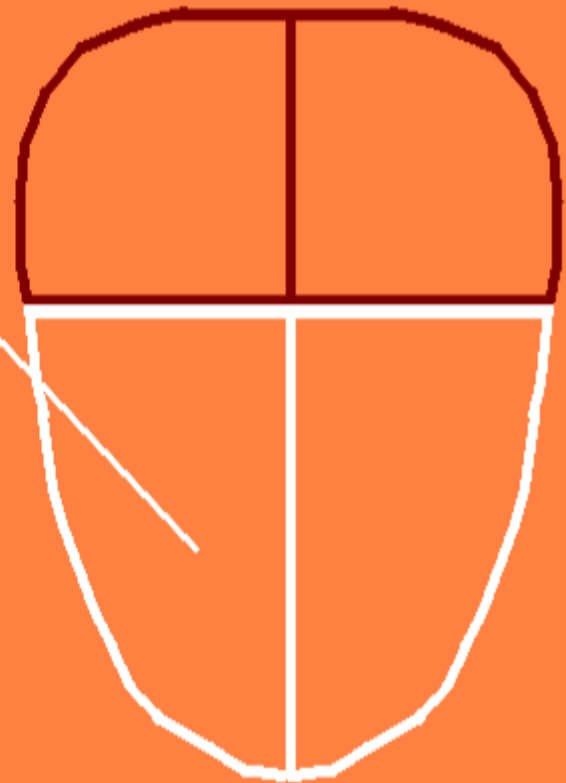


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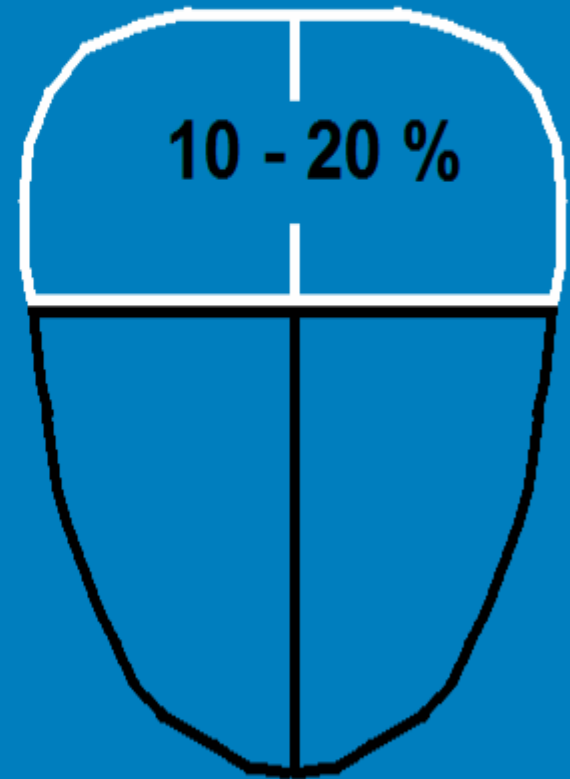
2 VENTRICLES

PRIMARY JOB:

"PUMP BLOOD TO THE
LUNGS AND THE
REST OF THE BODY"



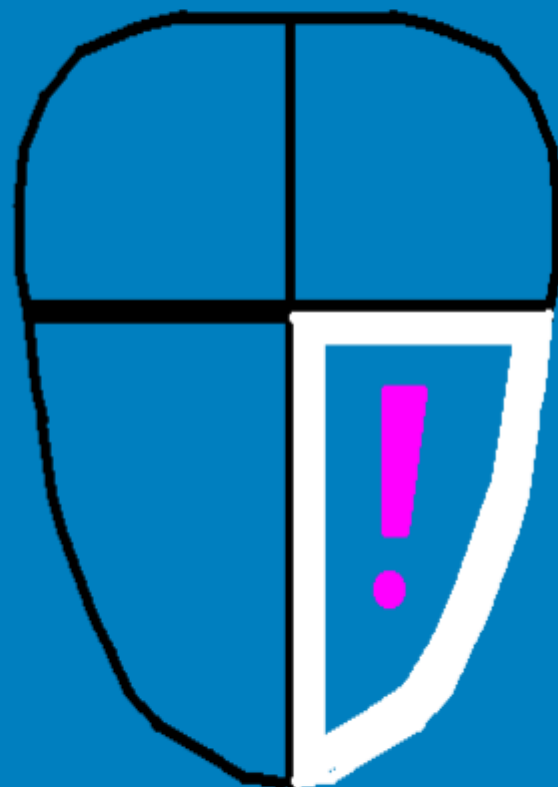
**WHEN FUNCTIONING PROPERLY,
THE ATRIUM SUPPLY
APPROXIMATELY
WHAT
PERCENTAGE
OF THE
CARDIAC OUTPUT ?**



THE CHAMBER MOST IMPORTANT
TO KEEPING THE PATIENT ALIVE

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

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



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- Action Potential of Ventricular Muscle Cells
- Rapid basic review heart structure
- **Electrical System**

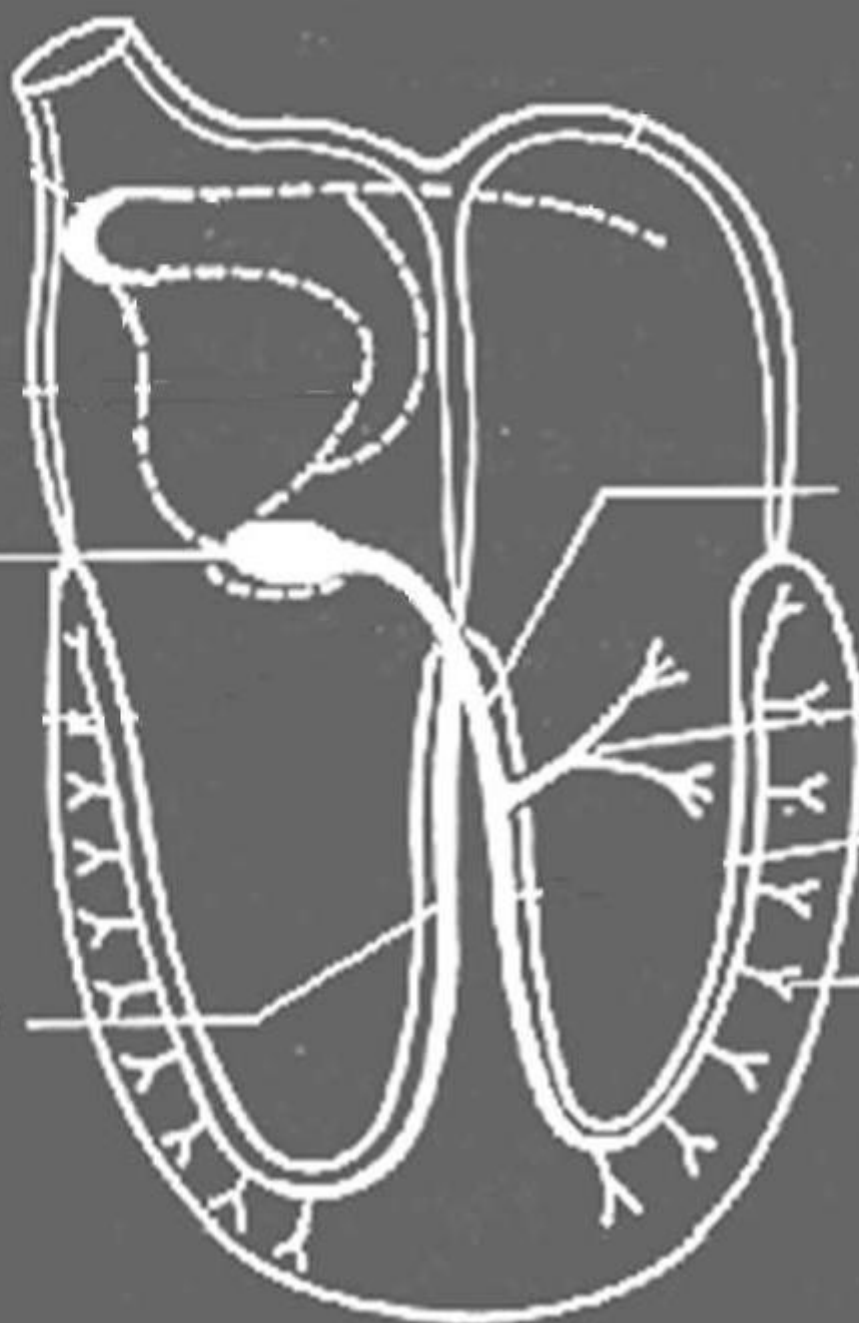
Sinus node

AV node

Right bundle
branch

Left bundle
branch

Purkinje fibers



Sinus node

60 - 100
beats / min.

AV node

Left bundle
branch

Right bundle
branch

Purkinje fibers



~~Sinus node~~

AV node

40 - 60
beats / min.

Right bundle
branch

Left bundle
branch

Purkinje fibers



~~Sinus node~~

~~AV node~~

Left bundle
branch

Right bundle
branch

Purkinje fibers

Pacemaker site in the
Ventricles:
20 - 40 beats / min

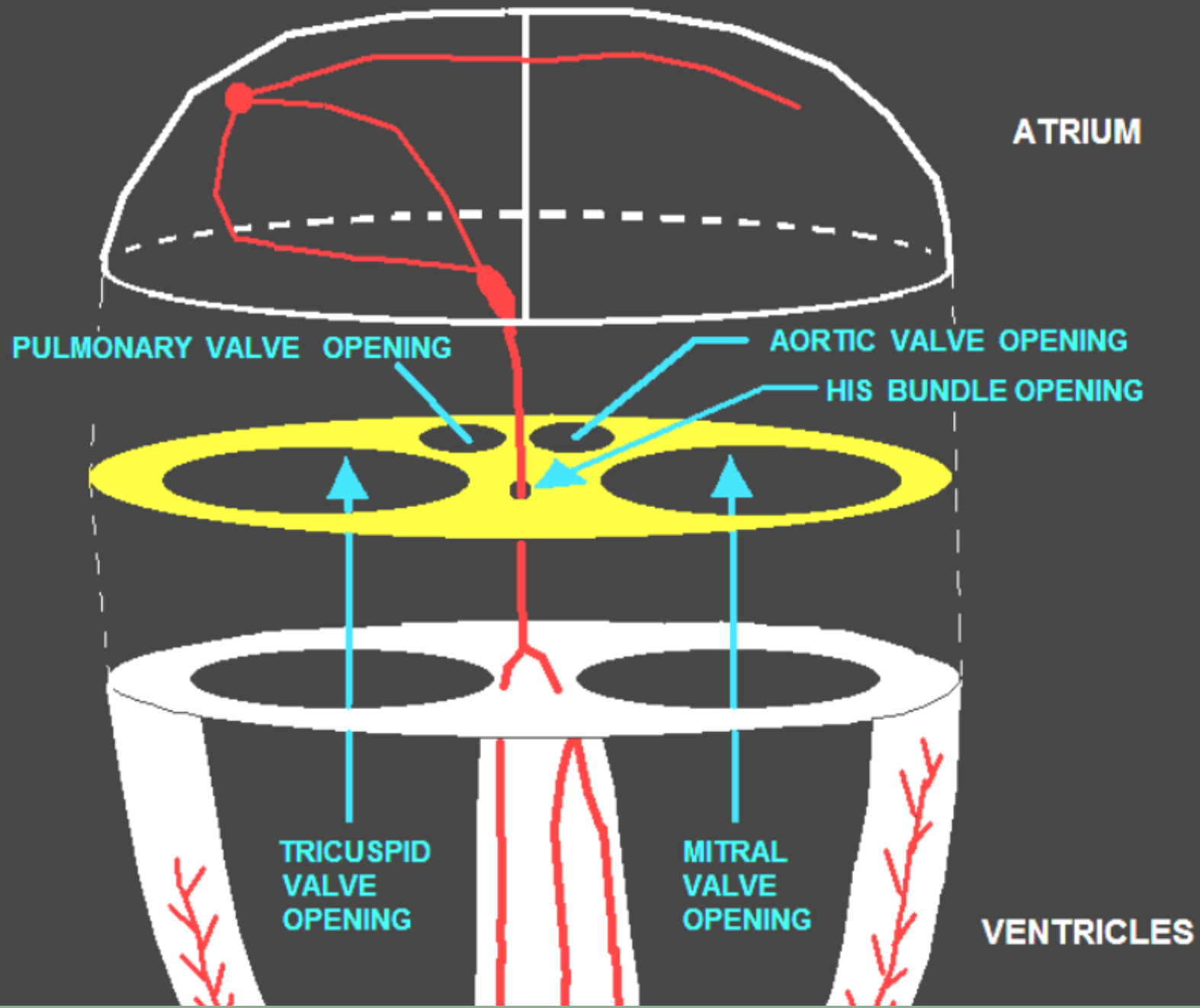


Cardiac A & P “101”

- Action Potential of Ventricular Muscle Cells
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- Electrical System
- **Fibrous Skeleton of the Heart**

THE "SKELETON OF THE HEART"

**FIBROUS
"SKELETON
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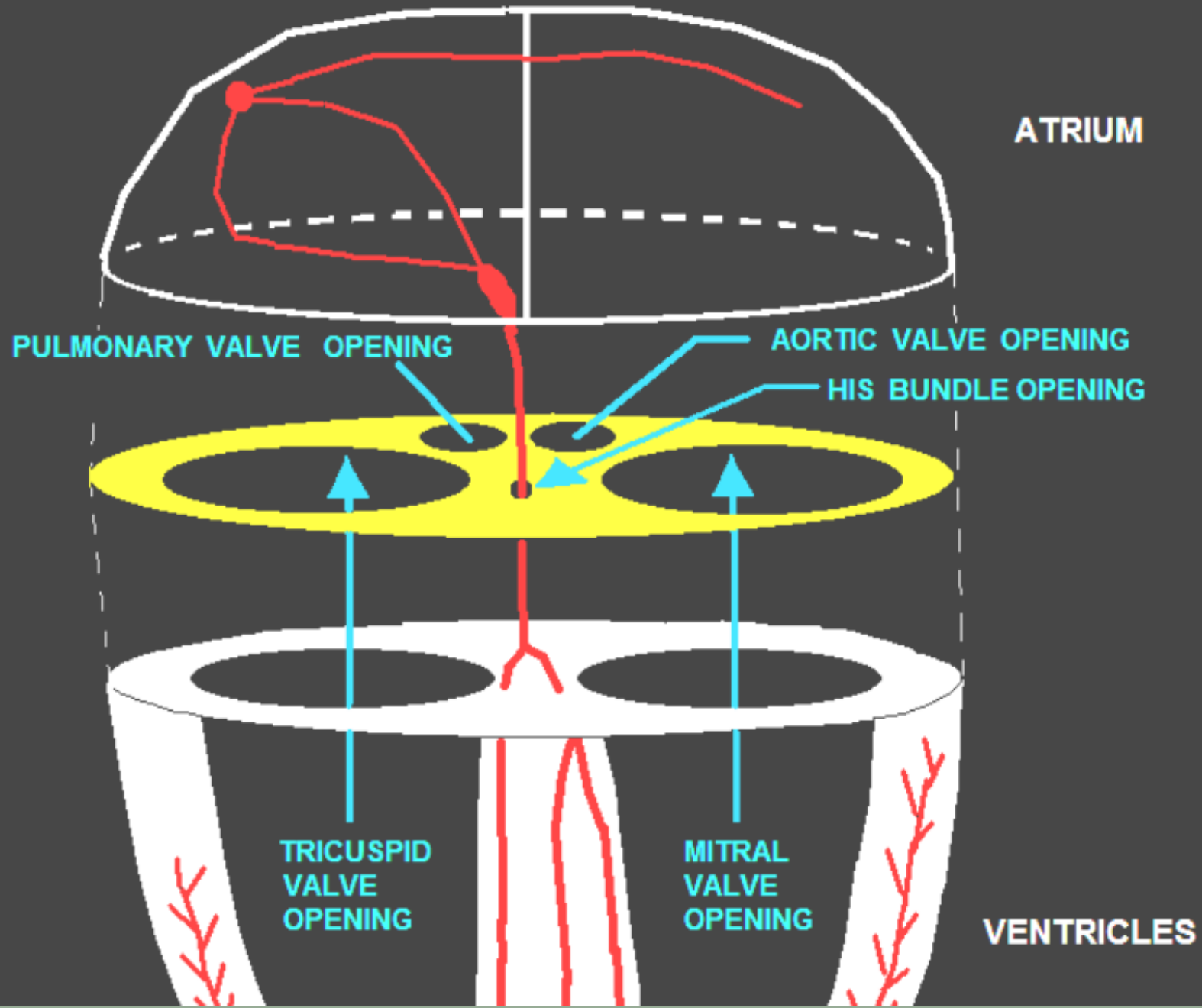


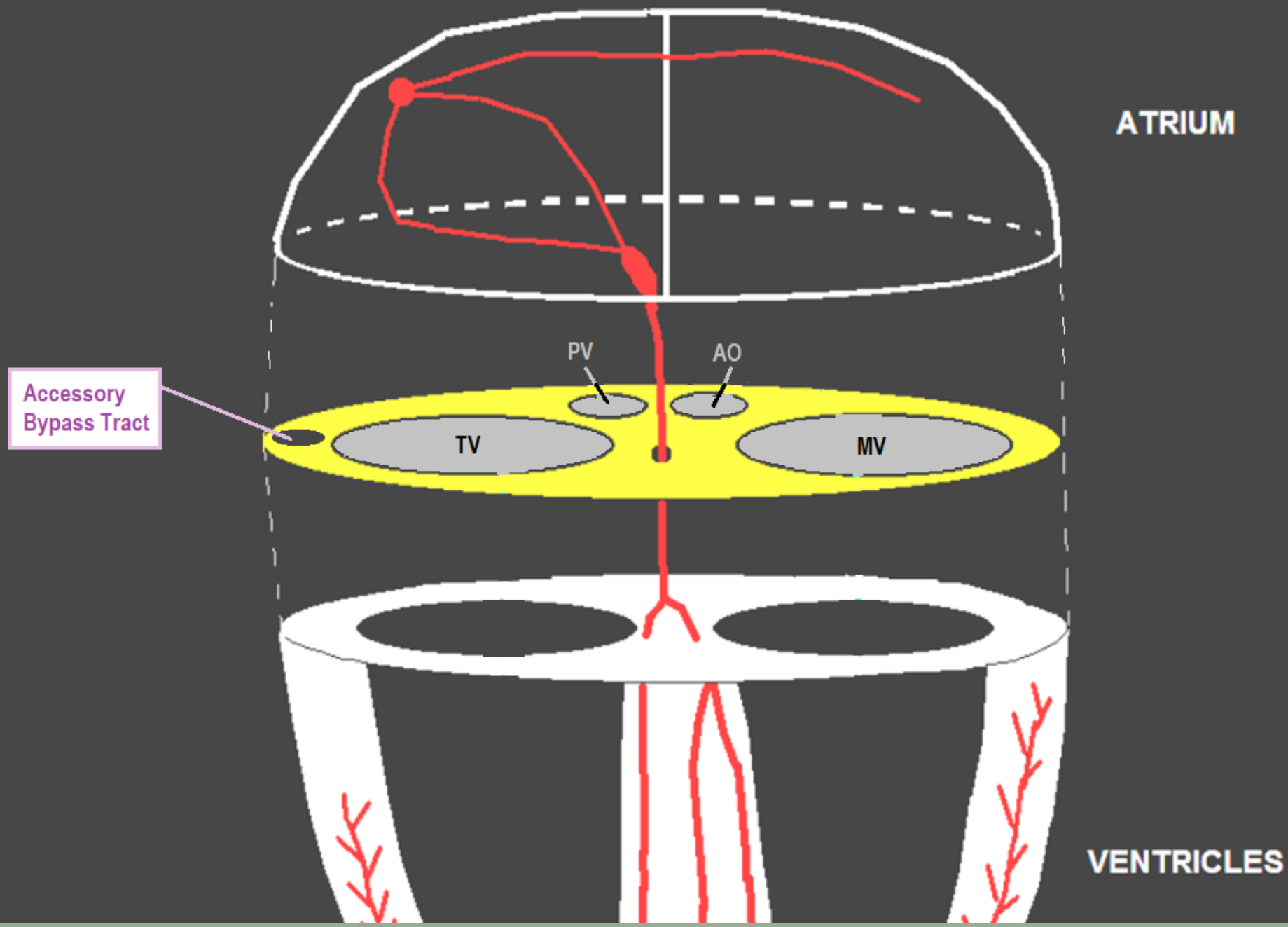
Cardiac A & P “101”

- Action Potential of Ventricular Muscle Cells
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- Electrical System
- Fibrous Skeleton of the Heart
- **Pathophysiology of Accessory Bypass Tracts
(cause of Wolff-Parkinson-White Syndrome)**

THE "SKELETON OF THE HEART"

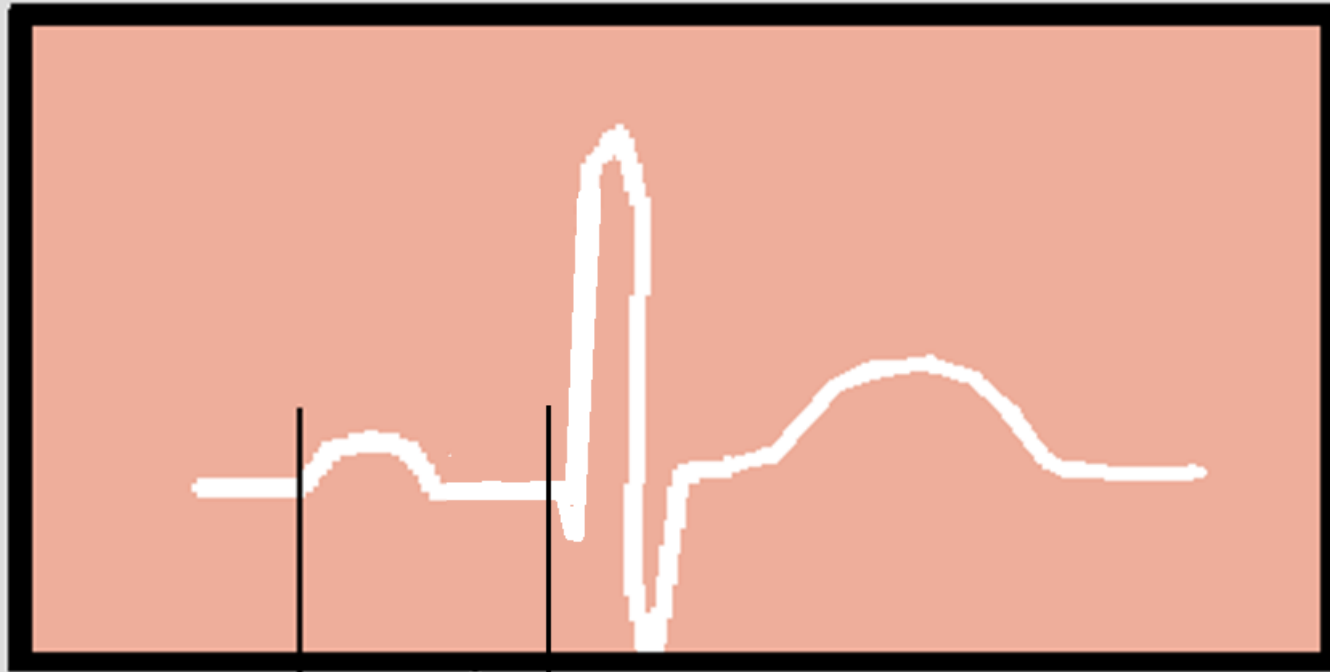
**FIBROUS
"SKELETON
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WOLFF-PARKINSON-WHITE

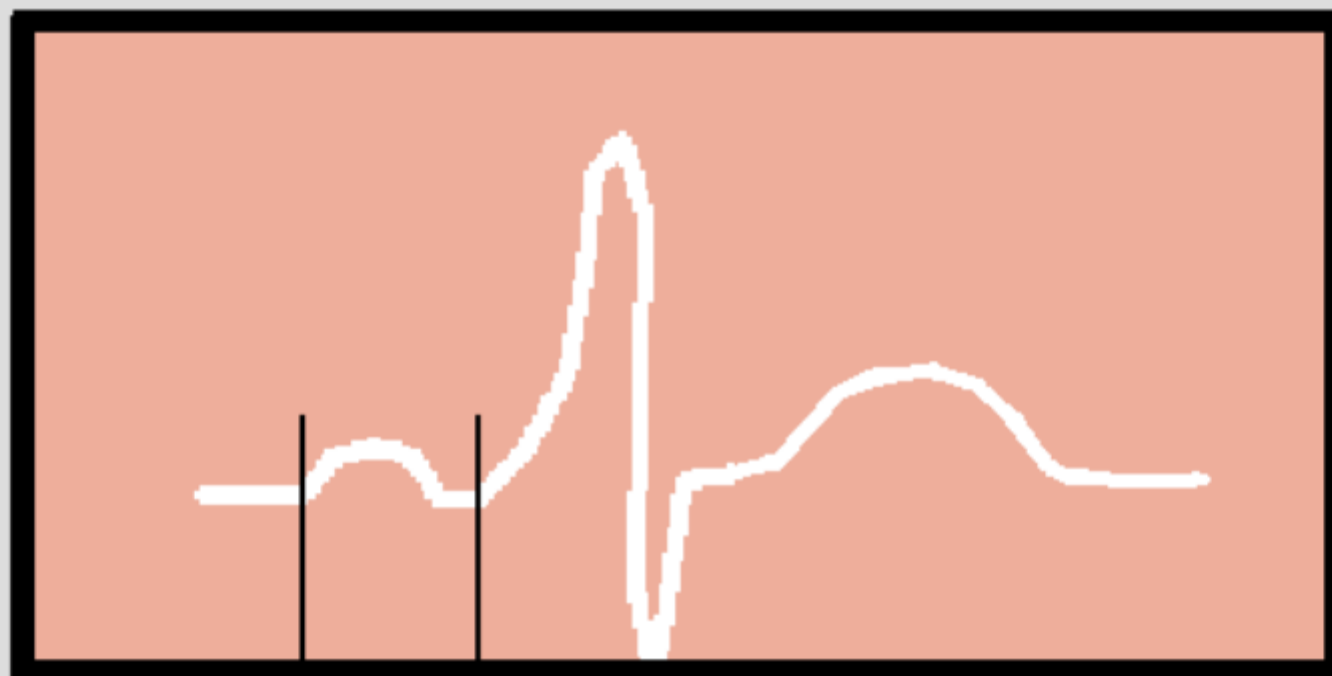
THE NORMAL ECG



**NORMAL
P-R INTERVAL**

WOLFF-PARKINSON-WHITE

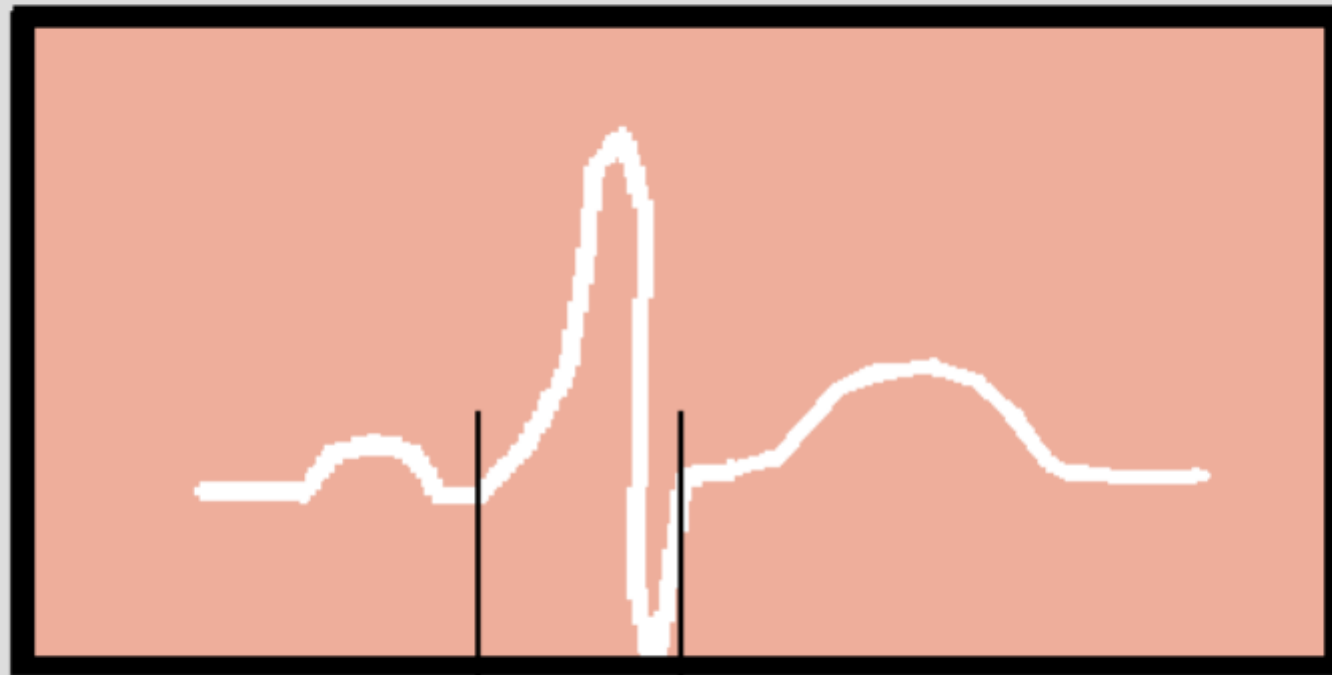
EKG CHARACTERISTICS



SHORTENED
P-R INTERVAL

WOLFF-PARKINSON-WHITE

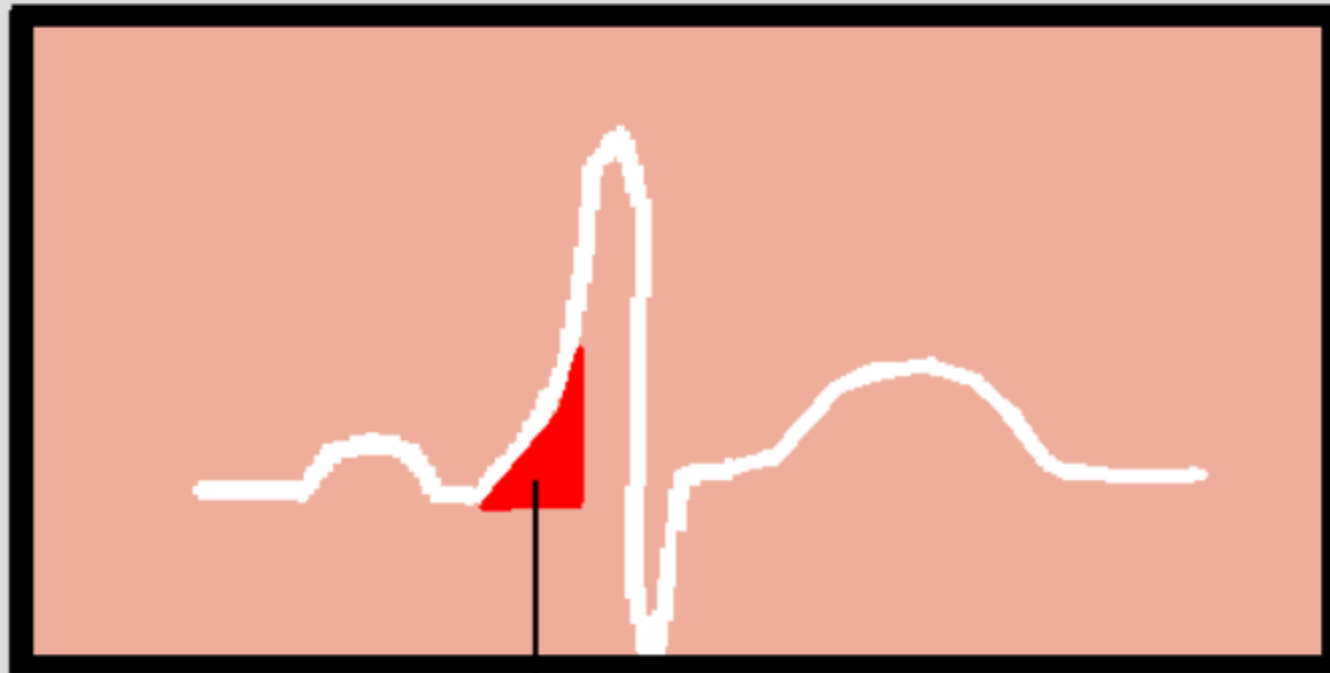
EKG CHARACTERISTICS



WIDENED
QRS COMPLEX

WOLFF-PARKINSON-WHITE

EKG CHARACTERISTICS



DELTA
WAVE

16 yr
Female Caucasian

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

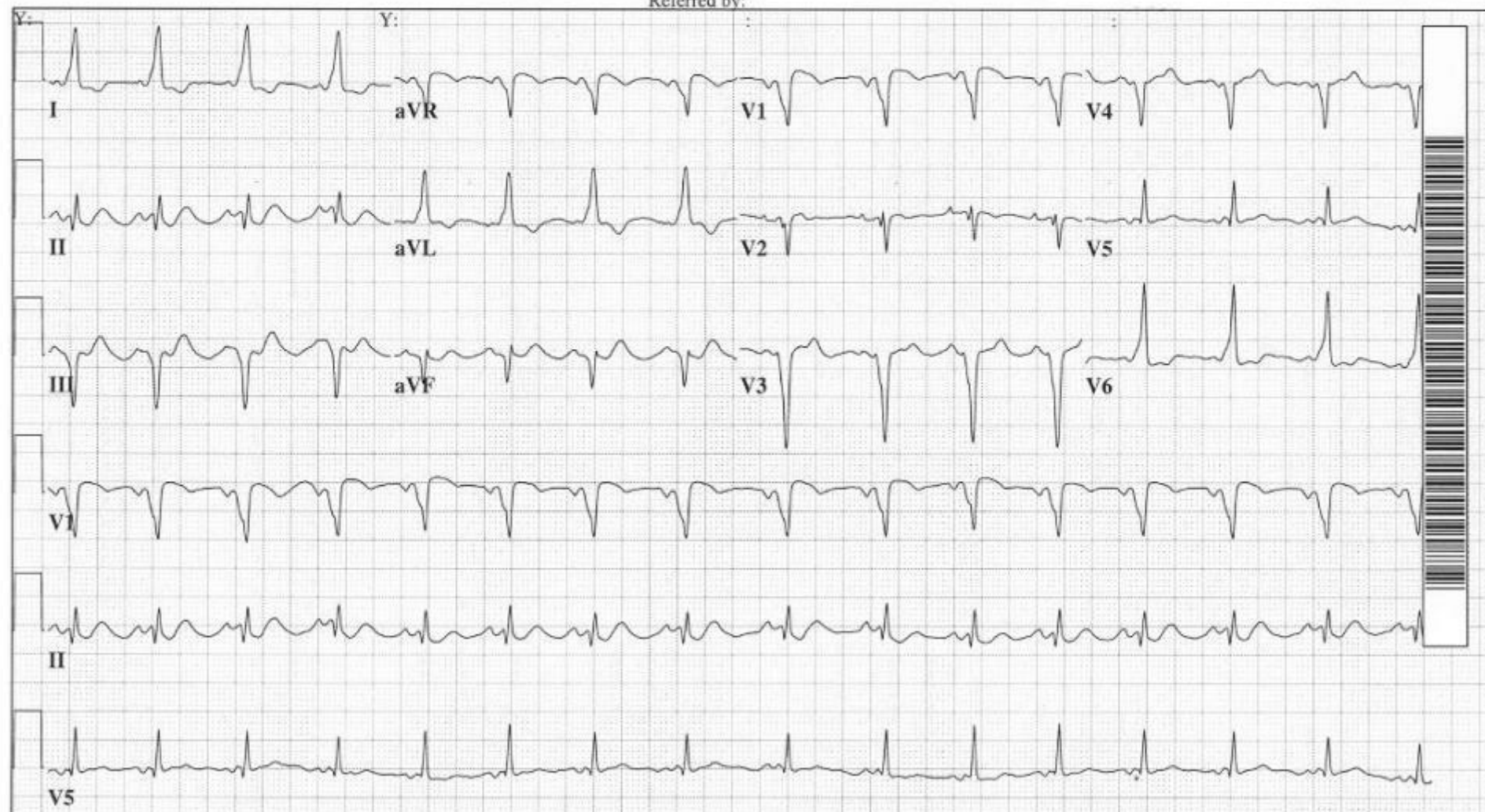
Room: REC
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History: Unknown
Technician: DP
Test ind: EKG
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Normal sinus rhythm with sinus arrhythmia
~~Left atrial enlargement~~
~~Anterior infarct, age undetermined~~
~~Inferior infarct, age undetermined~~
~~ST & T wave abnormality, consider lateral ischemia~~
Wolff-Parkinson-White
Abnormal ECG
No previous ECGs available

**WOLFF-PARKINSON-WHITE
TYPE B**

Referred by:



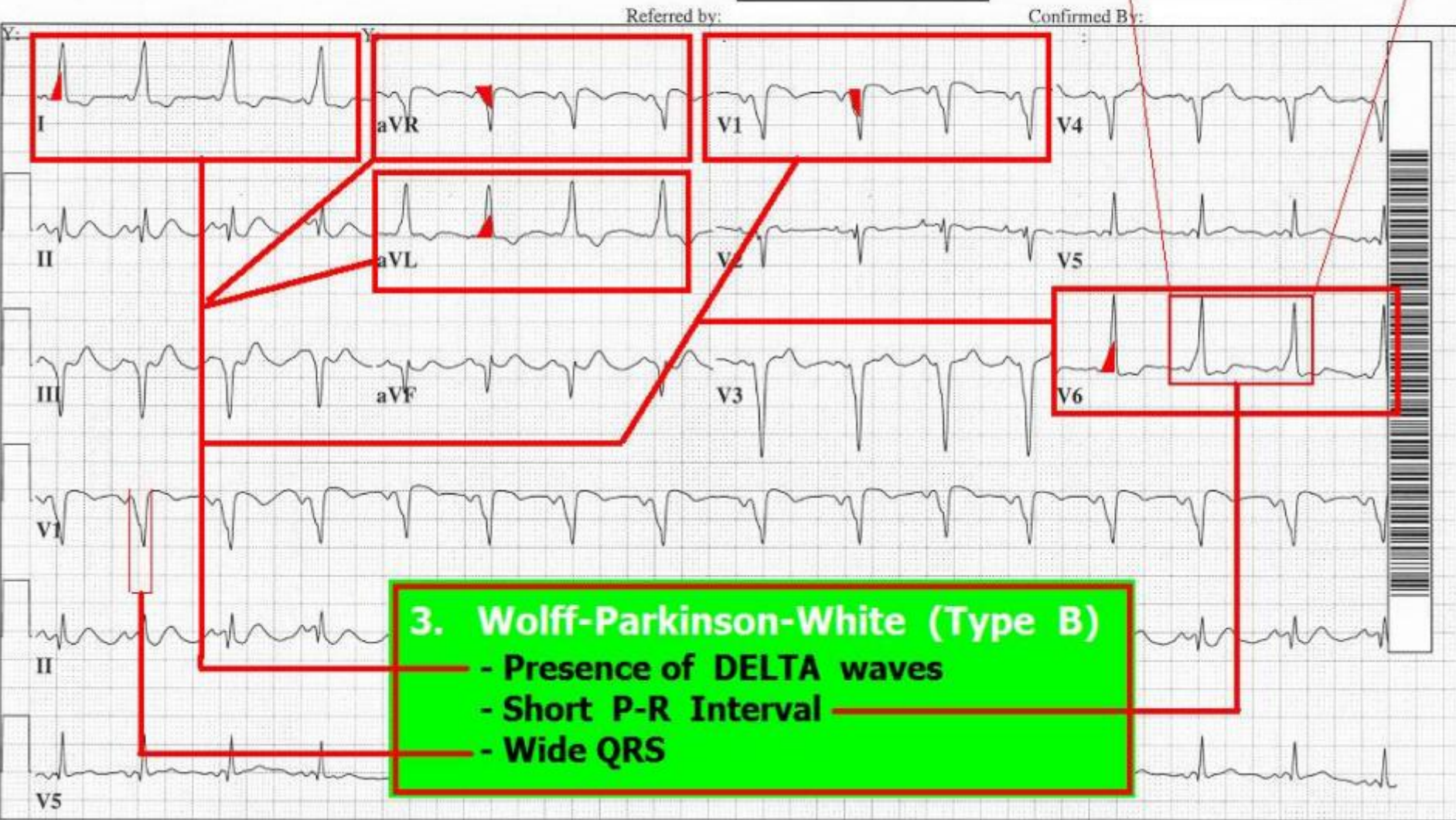
16 yr
Female Caucasian
Room: REC
Loc: 20 Option: 50

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

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

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

P-R = .08



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

Patient Profile: Wolff-Parkinson-White:

- Typically Pediatric / Young Adult**
- May not know they have it**
- May experience episodes of “palpitations” or “Very Fast Heartbeat.”**

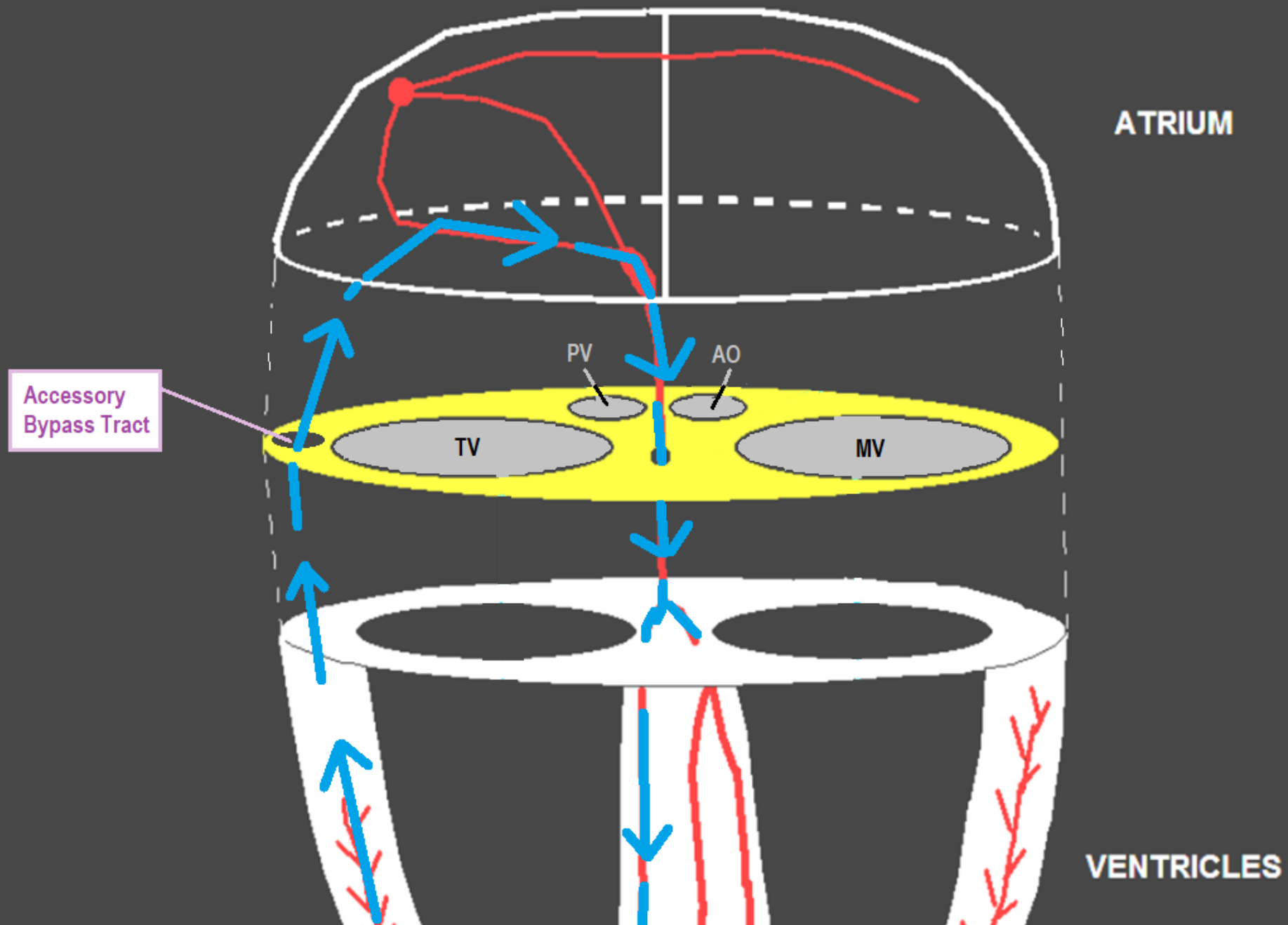
W-P-W may CAUSE A-fib with RVR.

Patients may present with symptoms of “palpitations,” “heart racing,” “light-headedness,” or “passing out”

Patients with Bypass Tract Physiology (W-P-W) may present with:

- **Narrow QRS Tachycardia (SVT)**

Orthodromic Bypass Tract Tachycardia



SVT

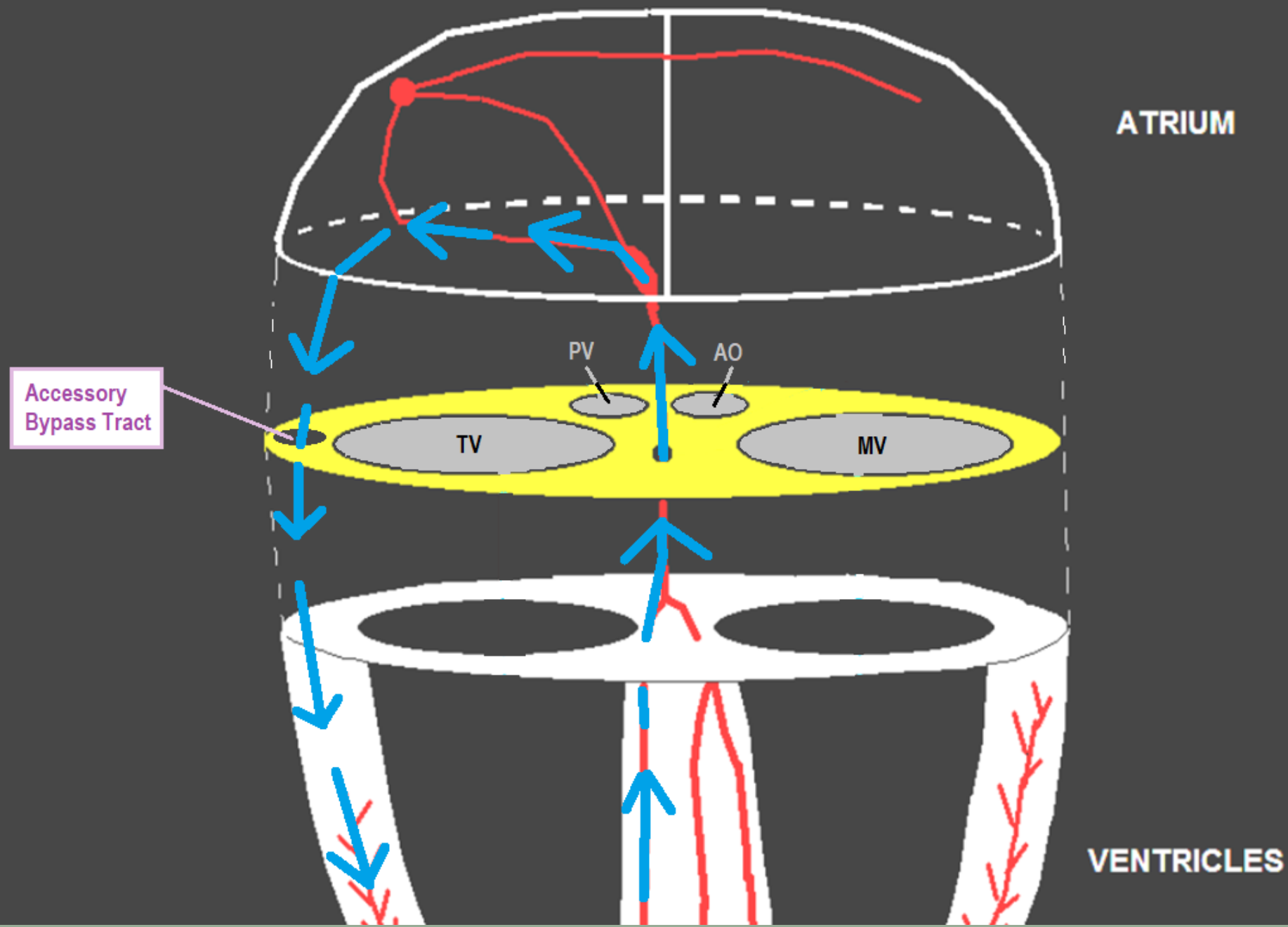


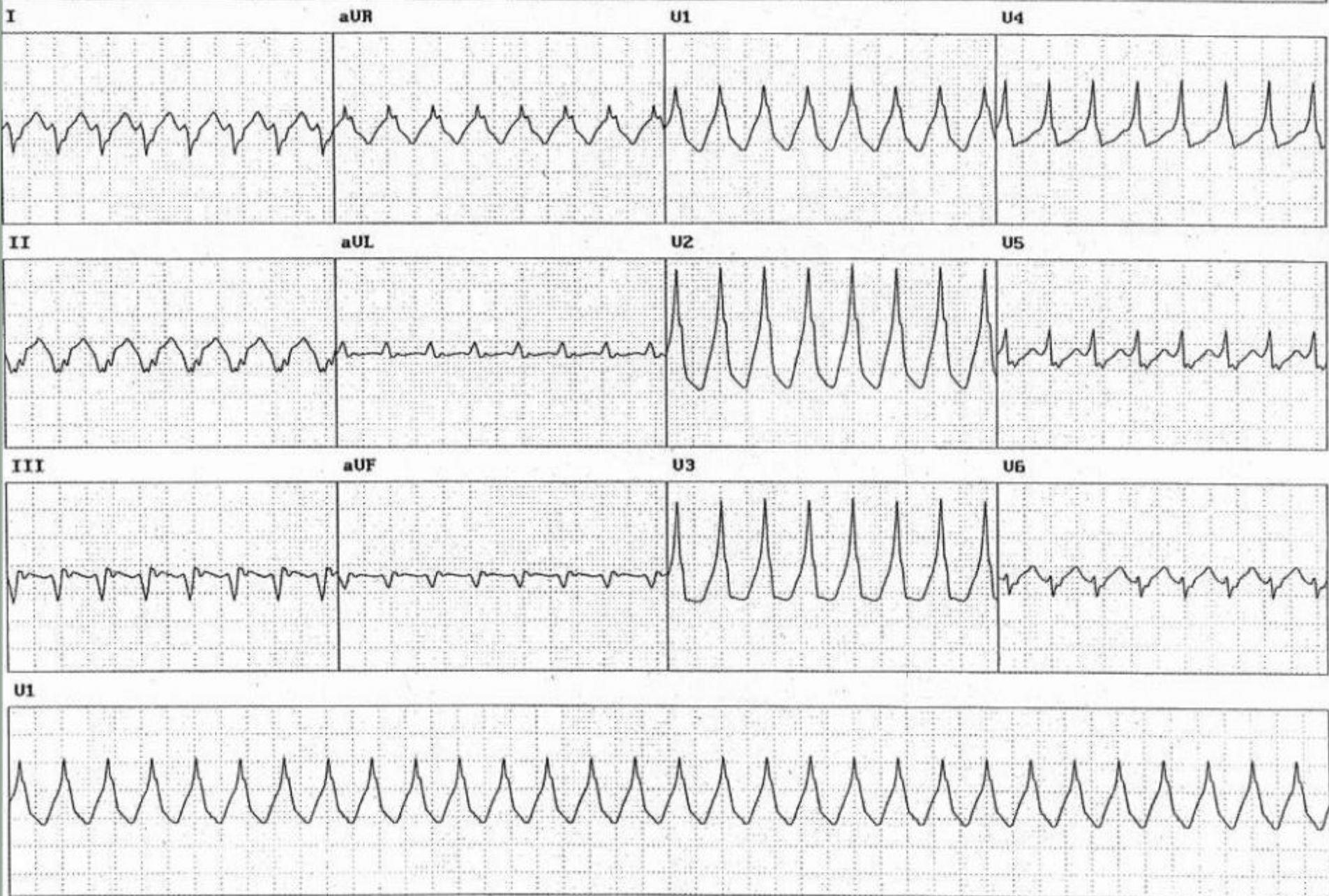
- SVT has numerous causes, including
 - Ectopic Atrial Tachycardia
 - AV Nodal Reentrant Tachycardia (Junctional)
 - Orthodromic Bypass Tract Tachycardia (WPW)
- EP study is often needed to diagnose etiology.

Patients with Bypass Tract Physiology (W-P-W) may present with:

- Narrow QRS Tachycardia (SVT)
- **Wide QRS Tachycardia (mimics V-tach)**

Antedromic Bypass Tract Tachycardia





Patients with Bypass Tract Physiology (W-P-W) may present with:

- Narrow QRS Tachycardia (SVT)
- Wide QRS Tachycardia (mimics V-tach)
- **Atrial Fib with RVR – and a WIDE QRS**

37 y/o male

**Chief Complaint: Lightheadedness,
Palpitations, Shortness of Breath**

**HPI: Sudden onset of above symptoms
approx. 1 hour ago**

PMH: HTN (non-compliant)

37 y/o male

PE: Alert, oriented, restless, cool, pale, dry skin. PERL, No JVD, Lungs clear. Abd soft non tender, Extremities: WNL, no edema

Meds: None, NKDA

VS: BP 106/50, P 180, R 26, SAO2 93%

37 yr
Male Caucasian
Room:OP
Loc:8 Option:16

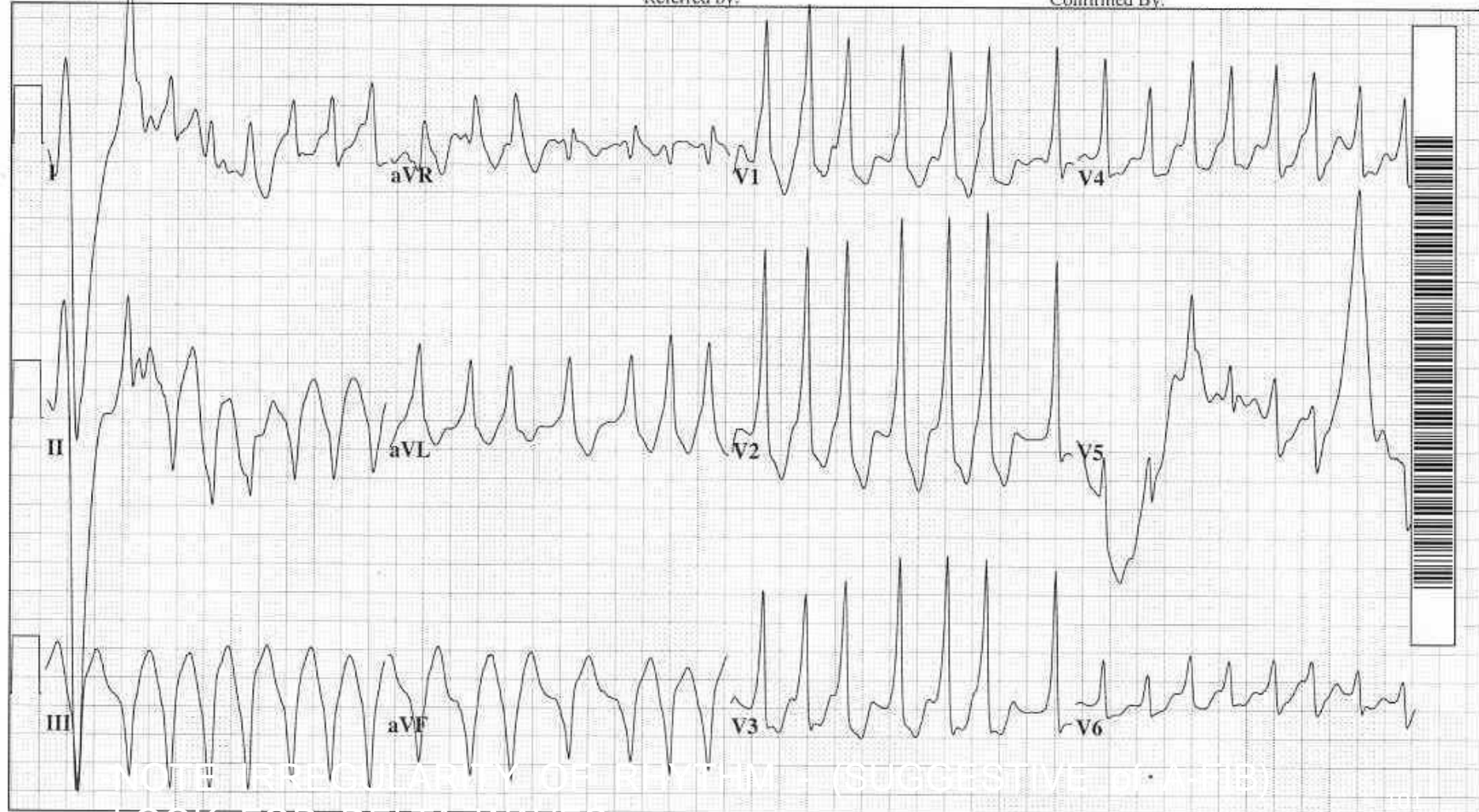
Vent. rate 180 BPM
PR interval * ms
QRS duration 148 ms
QT/QTc 284/491 ms
P-R-T axes * -77 103

WIDE QRS TACHYCARDIA - POSSIBLE VT
Right bundle branch block PATTERN
Abnormal ECG

Med: Unknown

Referred by:

Confirmed By:



Physician correctly identified
Atrial Fibrillation with Rapid
Ventricular Response.

However did NOT identify the Wolff-
Parkinson-White component.

Patient was given Diltiazem –
promptly converted to -
VENTRICULAR FIBRILLATION.

37 y/o male

After the patient was defibrillated, sinus rhythm with good perfusion was restored.

A 12 Lead EKG obtained revealed

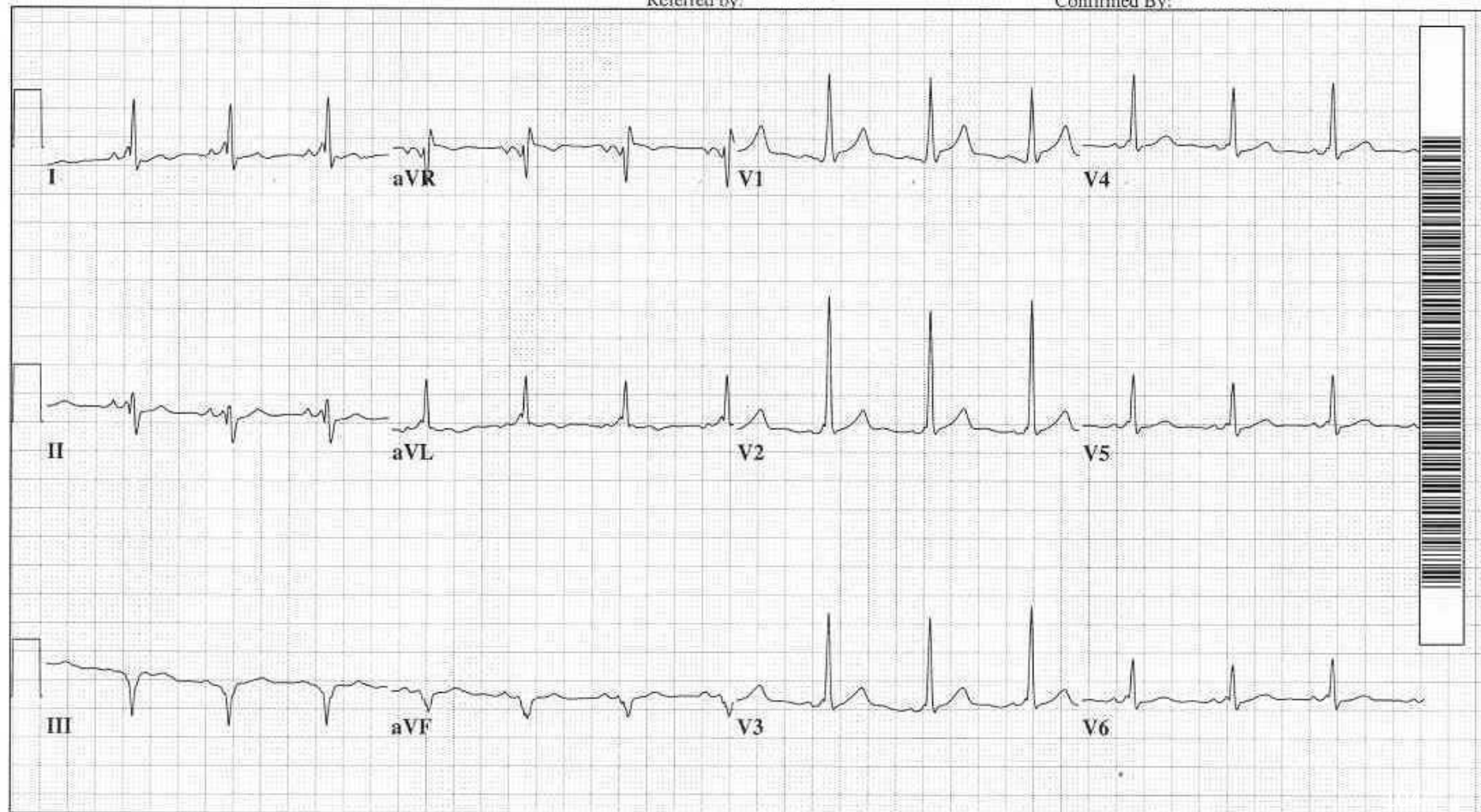
37 yr
Male Caucasian
Room:OP
Loc:8 Option:19

Vent. rate 82 BPM
PR interval 132 ms
QRS duration 128 ms
QT/QTc 392/458 ms
P-R-T axes 77 -44 154

Normal sinus rhythm
Ventricular pre-excitation, WPW pattern type A
Abnormal ECG

Referred by:

Confirmed By:



37 yr
Male Caucasian
Room: OP
Loc: 8 Option: 16

Vent. rate 180 BPM
PR interval * ms
QRS duration 148 ms
QT/QTc 284/491 ms
P-R-T axes * -77 103

WIDE QRS TACHYCARDIA - POSSIBLE VT
Right bundle branch block PATTERN
Abnormal ECG

Med: Unknown

Referred by:

Confirmed By:



25mm/s 10mm/mV 40Hz 005C 12SL 72 CID: 0

-NOTE IRREGULARITY OF RHYTHM - (SUGGESTIVE of A-FIB)
-LOOK FOR DELTA WAVES

17 year old male: W-P-W with Afib & RVR



CHARACTERISTICS of W-P-W with Afib & RVR:

- **WIDE COMPLEX TACHYCARDIA**
- **IRREGULARLY IRREGULAR R – R INTERVALS !!**

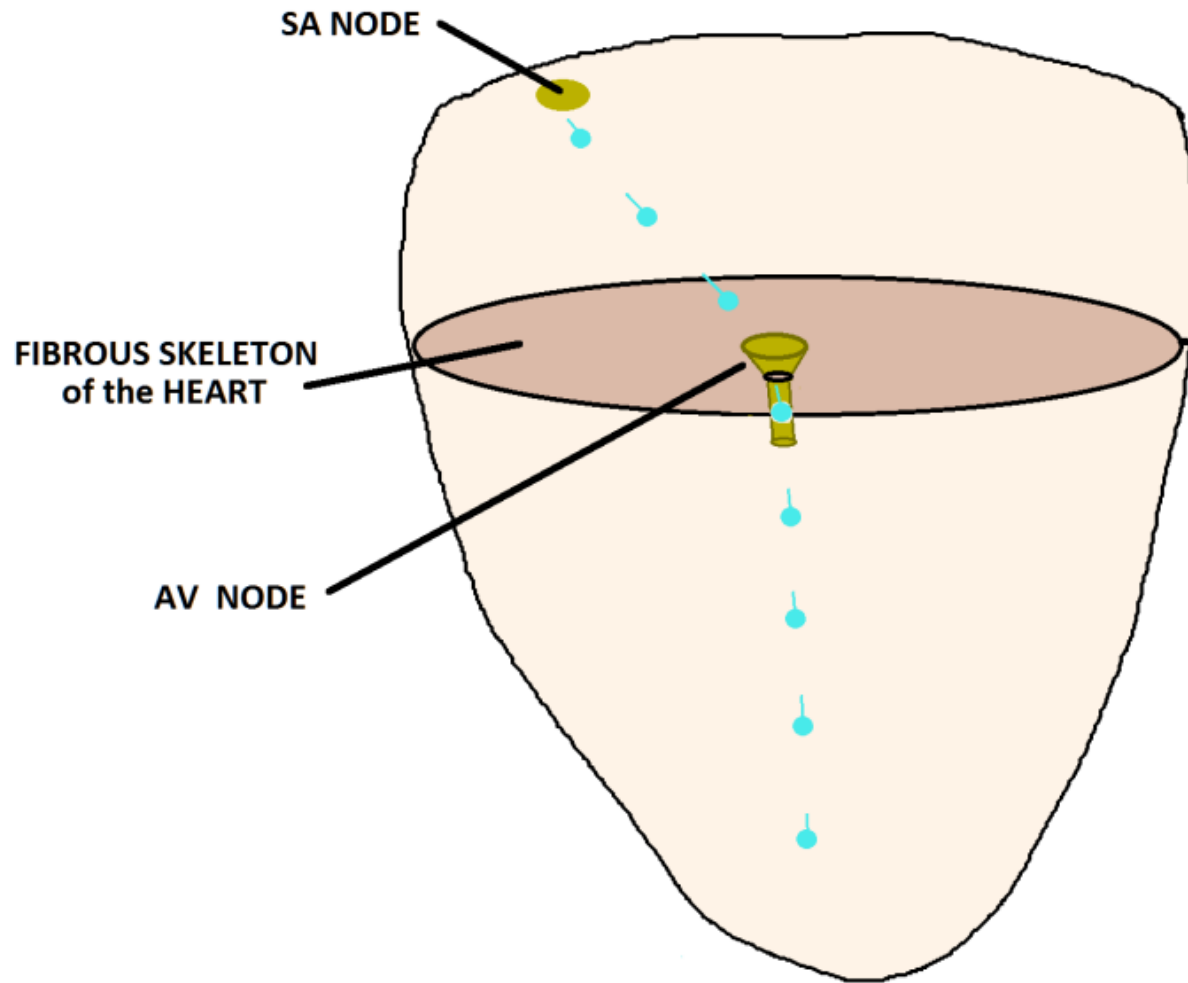
NOTE:

**Delta Waves
may not be
discernable !**

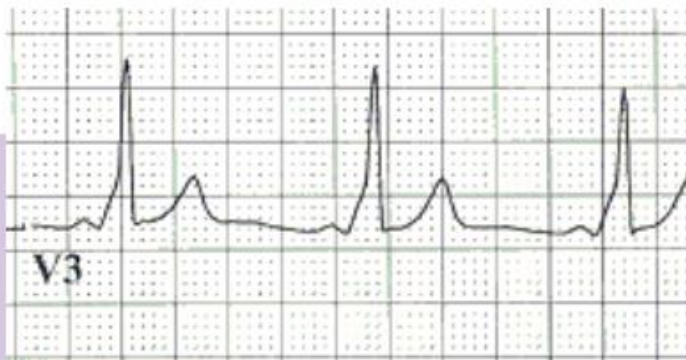
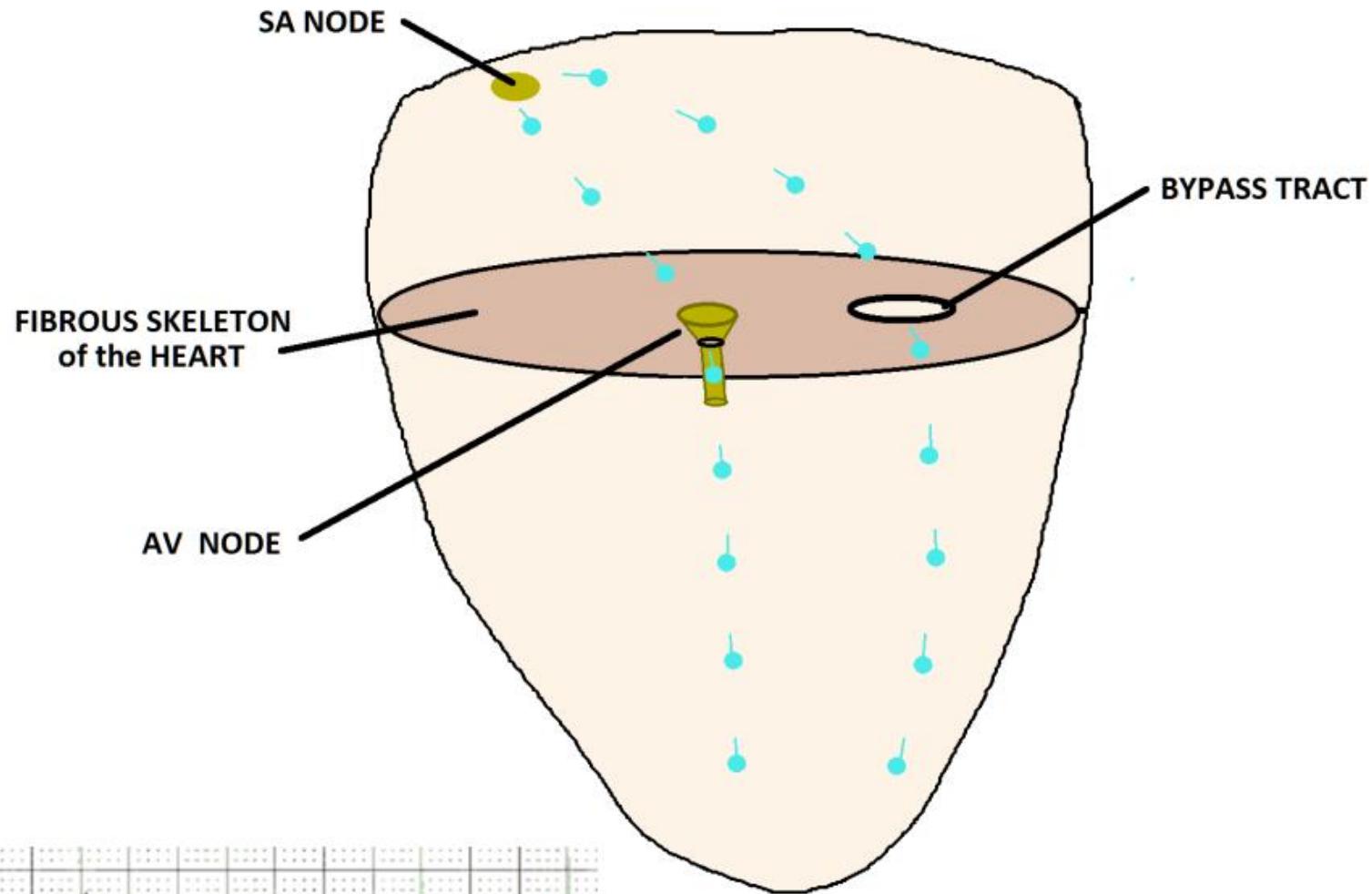


***NO AV NODAL BLOCKERS
[e.g. ADENOSINE, CALCIUM
CHANNEL BLOCKERS]
FOR WIDE COMPLEX
TACHYCARDIAS THAT COULD
BE ATRIAL FIBRILLATION with
Pre-Excitation (W-P-W)***

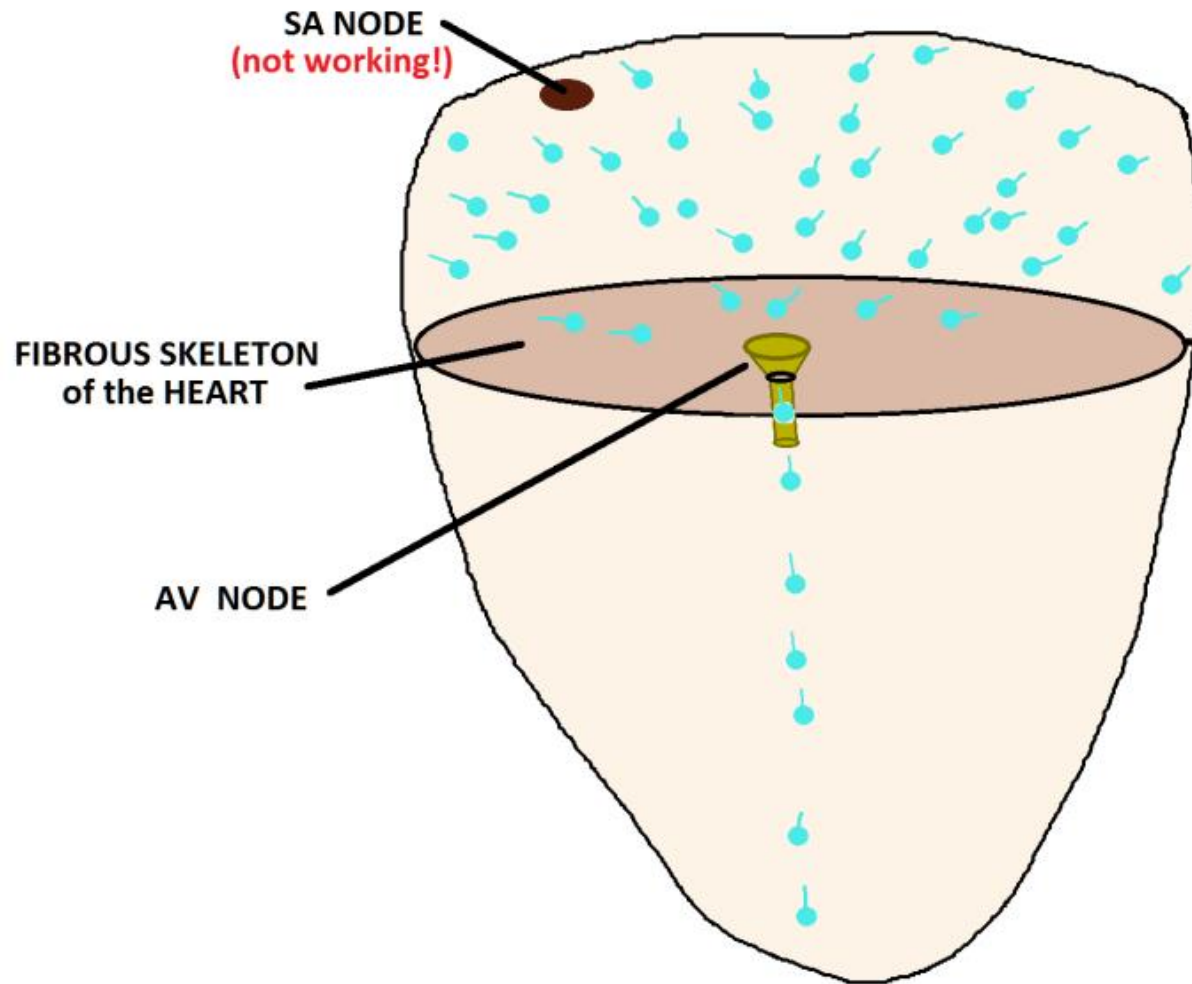
Normal Sinus Rhythm



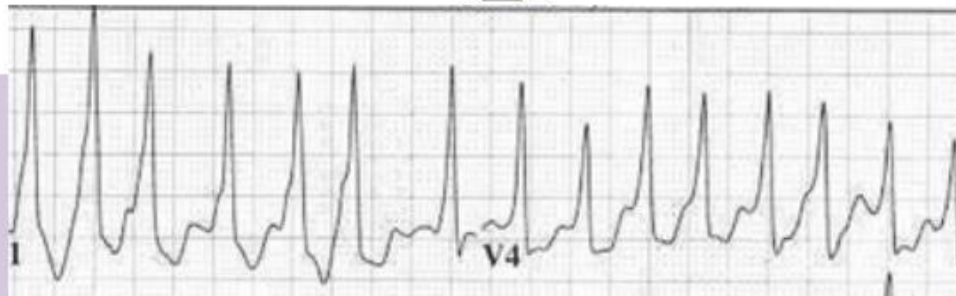
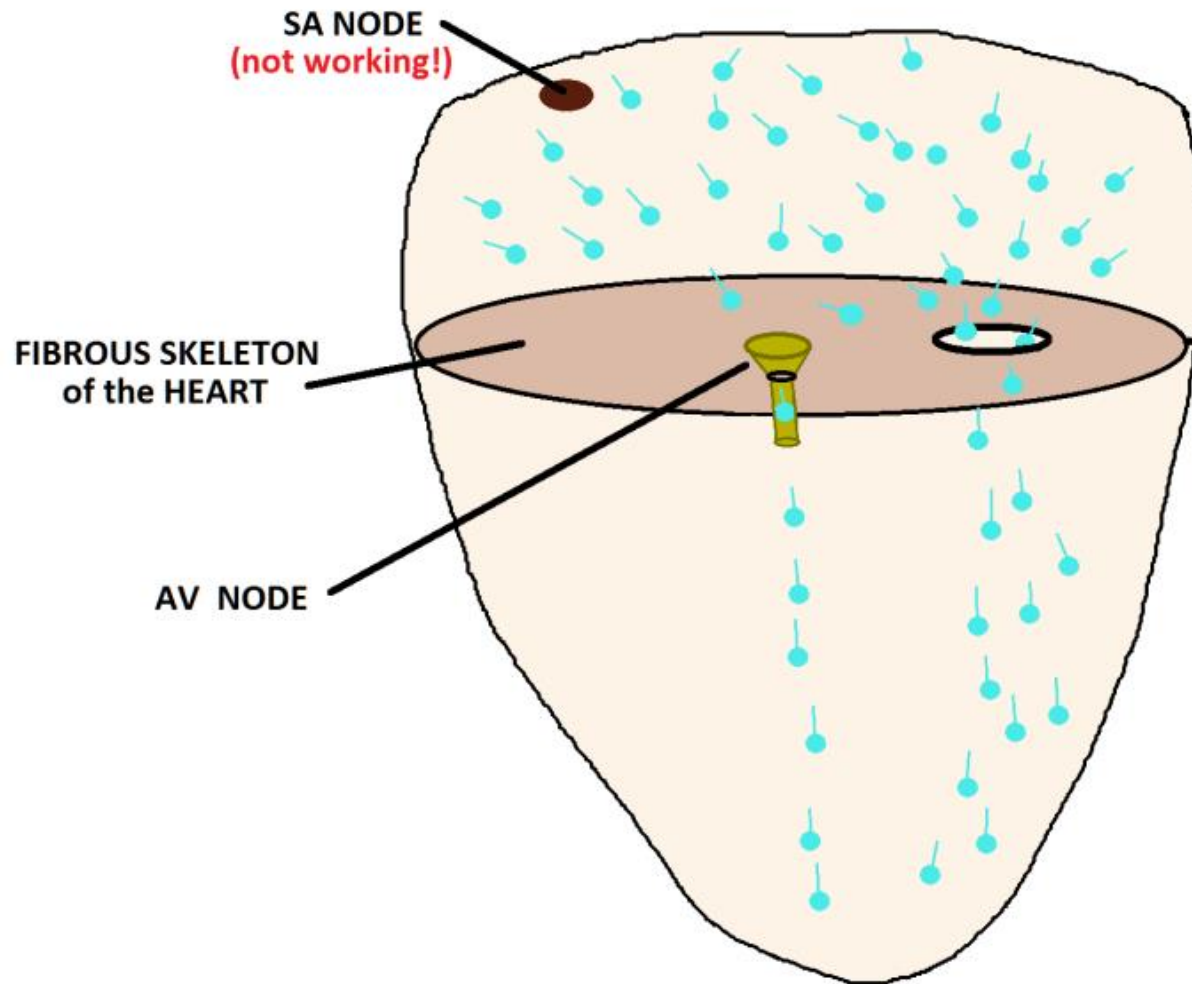
Normal Sinus Rhythm with Wolff-Parkinson White



Atrial Fibrillation



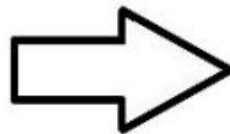
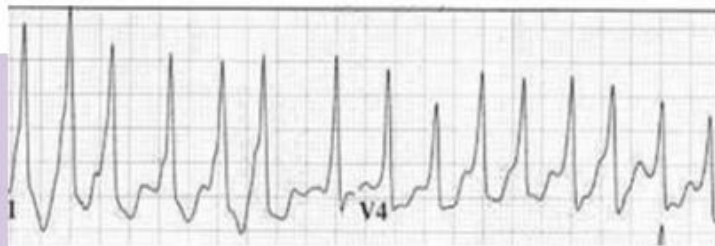
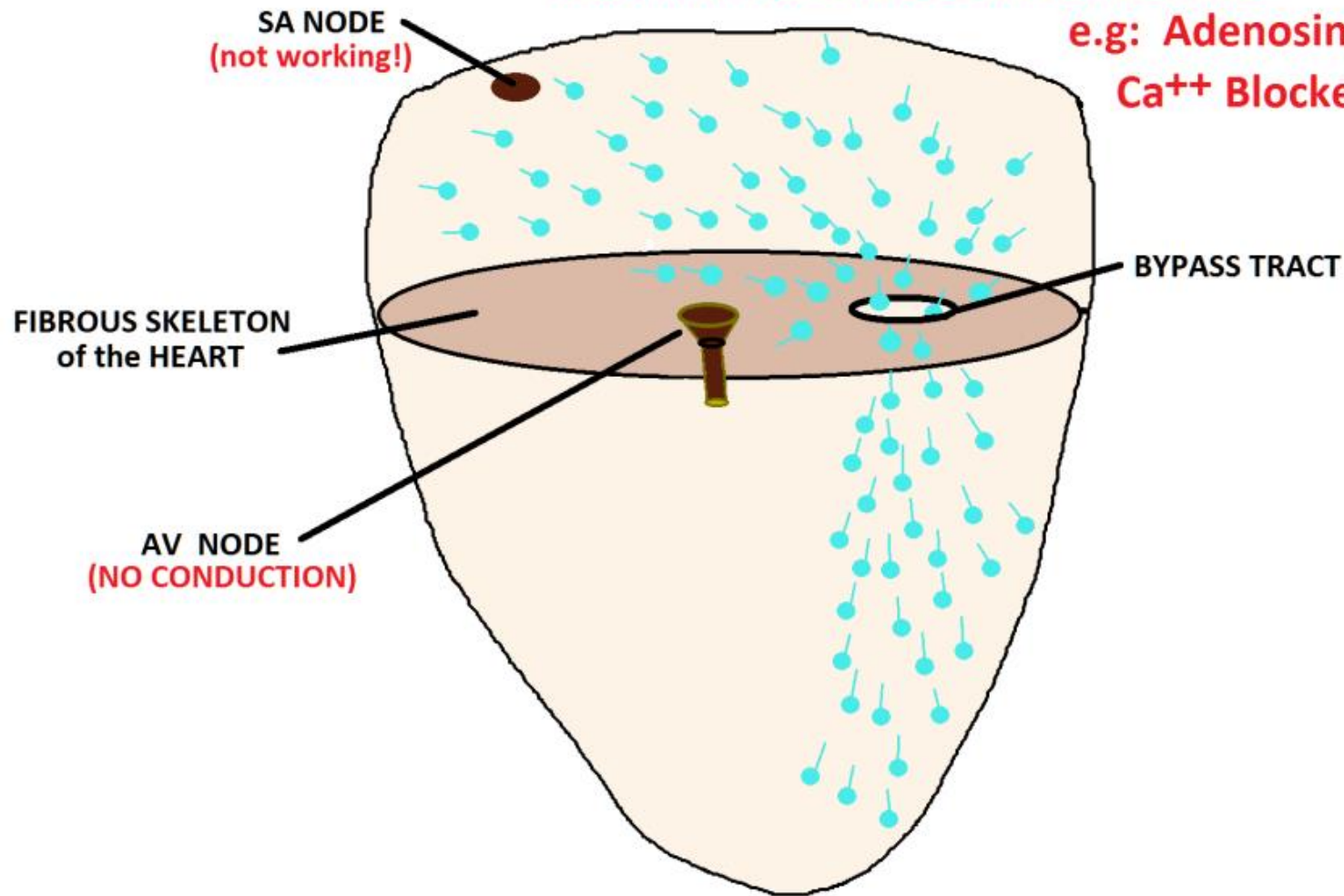
Atrial Fibrillation with Wolff-Parkinson White



Atrial Fibrillation with Wolff-Parkinson White

with AV NODAL BLOCKING AGENTS

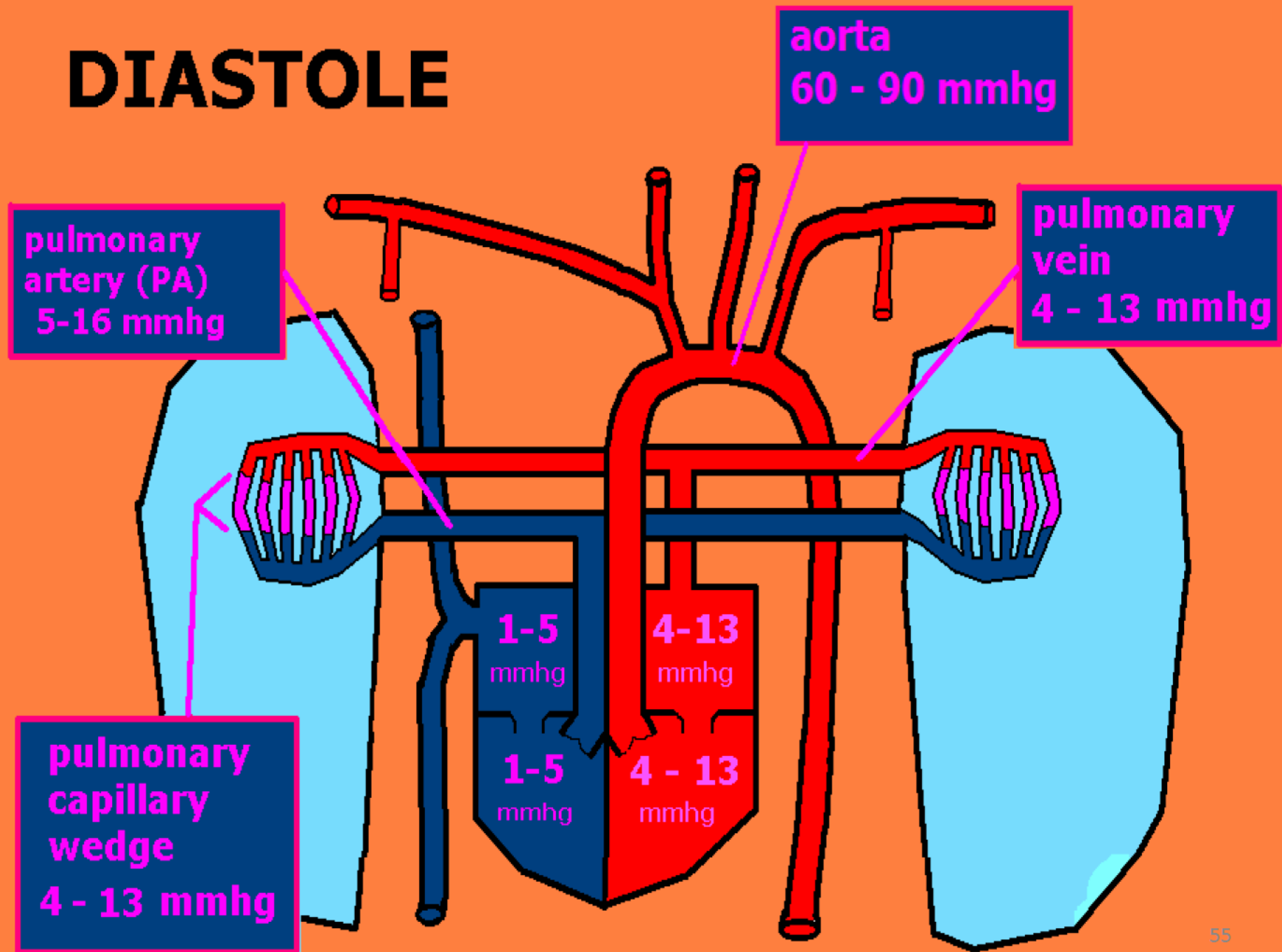
e.g: Adenosine,
Ca⁺⁺ Blockers



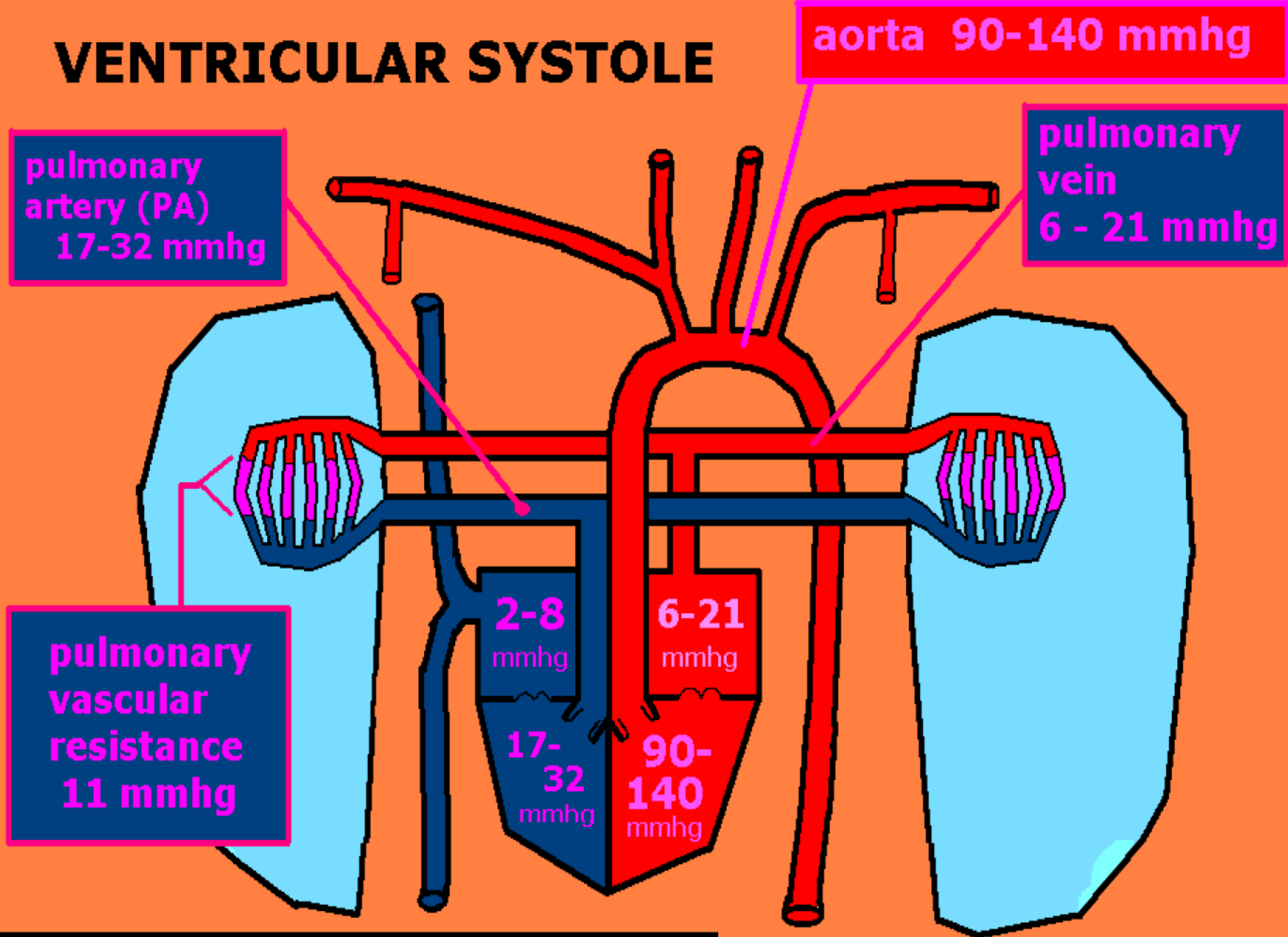
Cardiac A & P “101”

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- Rapid basic review heart structure
- Electrical System
- Fibrous Skeleton of the Heart
- Pathophysiology of Accessory Bypass Tracts (cause of Wolff-Parkinson-White Syndrome)
- **Normal Pressures with Heart and Lungs**

DIASTOLE



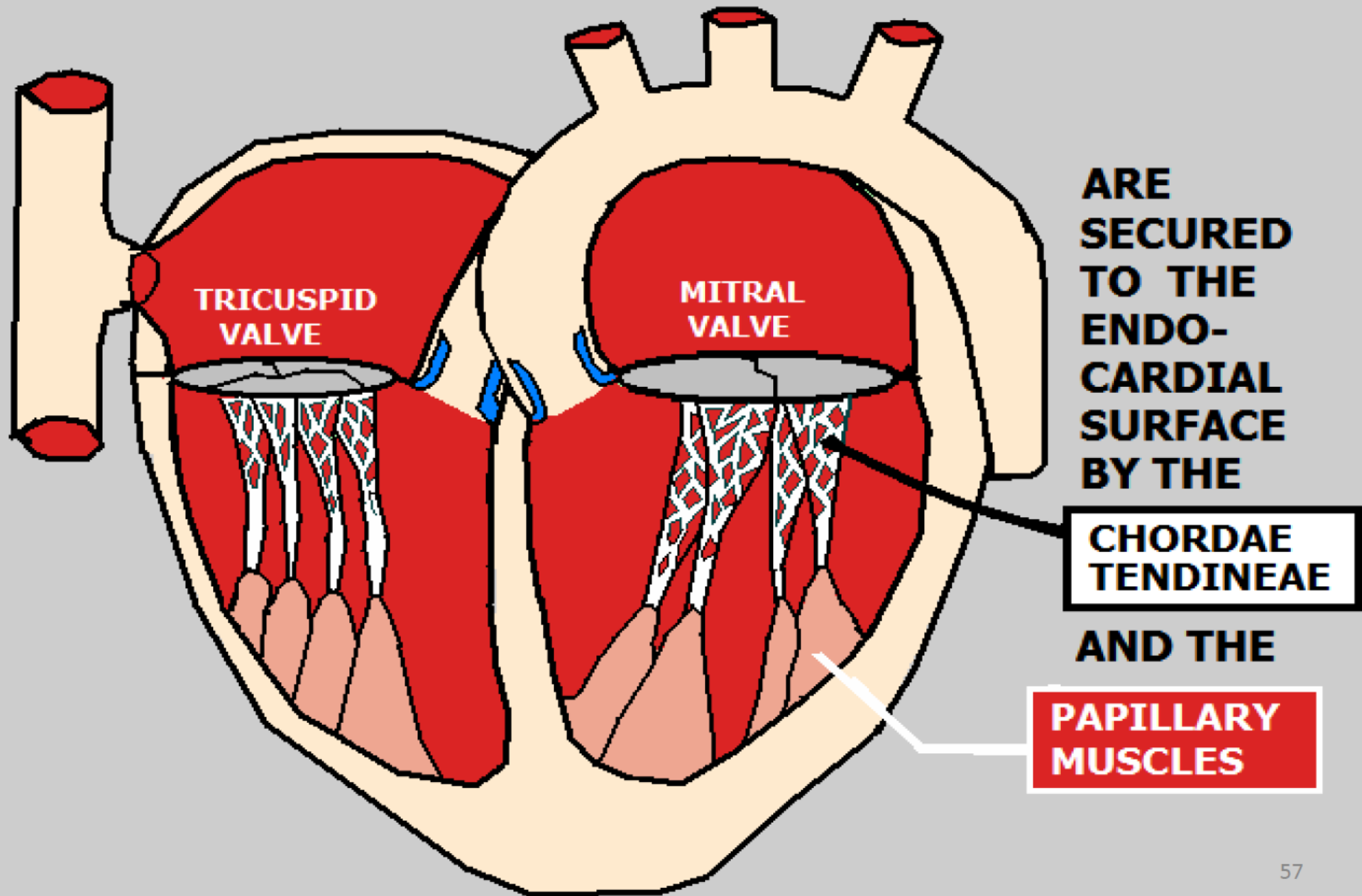
VENTRICULAR SYSTOLE



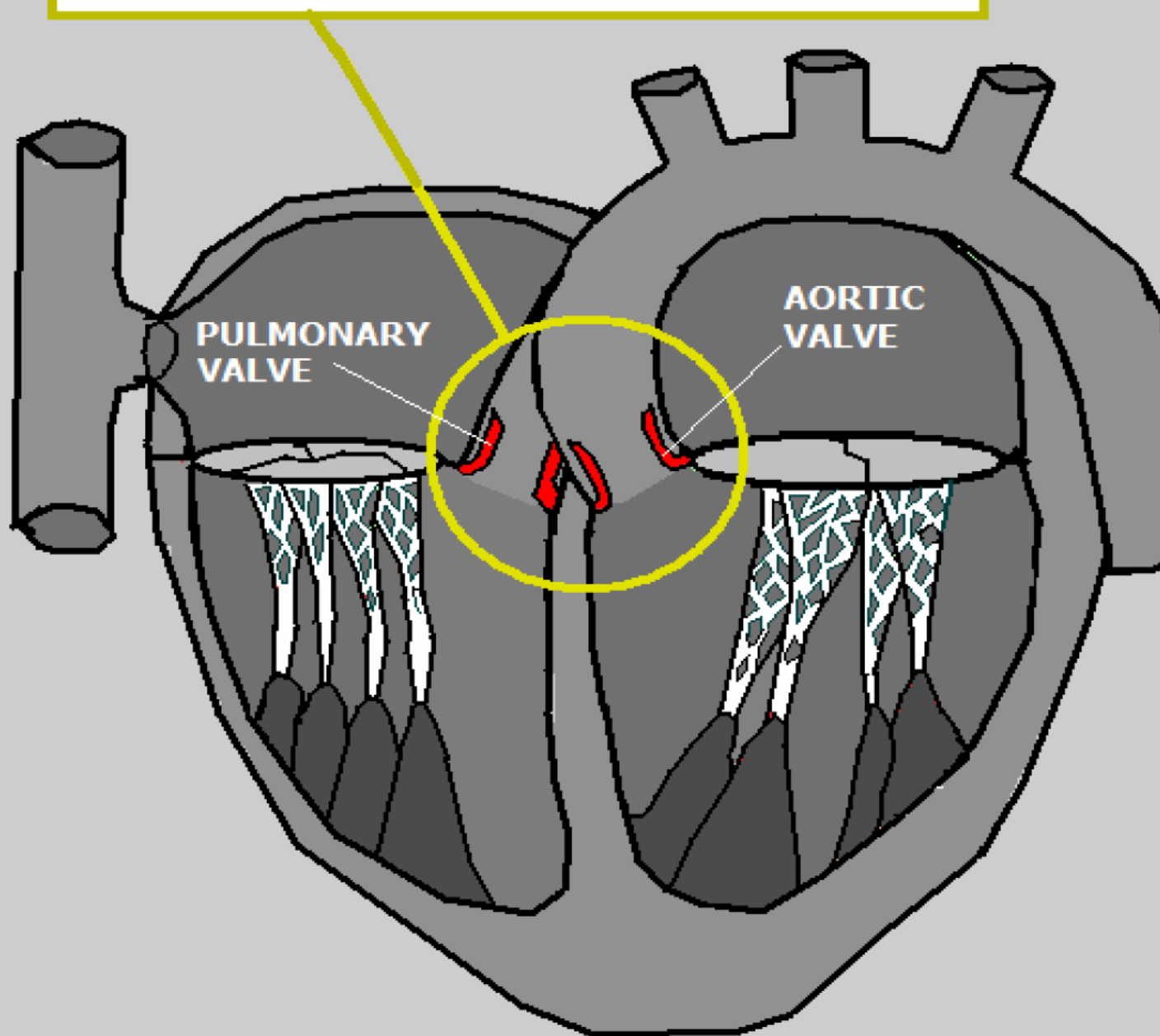
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- **Heart Valves**

ATRIO-VENTRICULAR VALVES



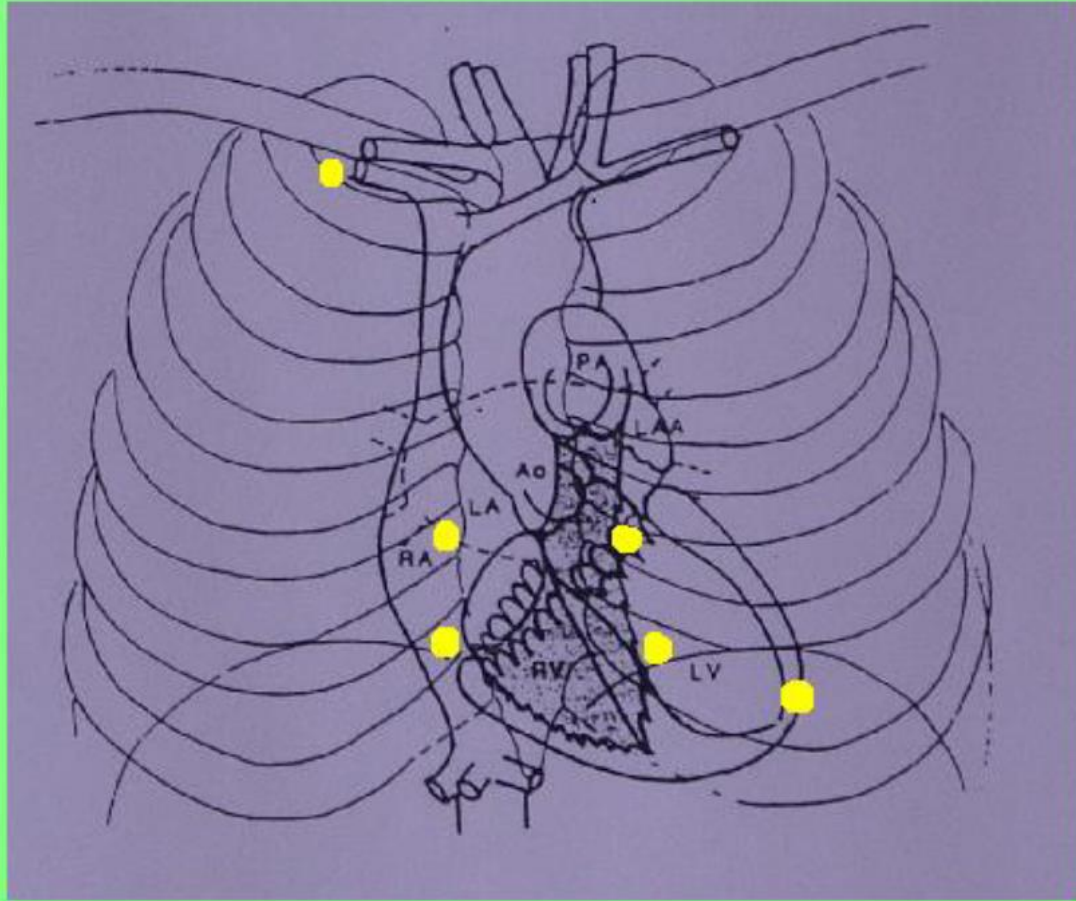
THE SEMILUNAR VALVES



HEART SOUNDS ASSESSMENT



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VERY BASIC HEART SOUNDS ASSESSMENT

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



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

HEART SOUNDS ASSESSMENT

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

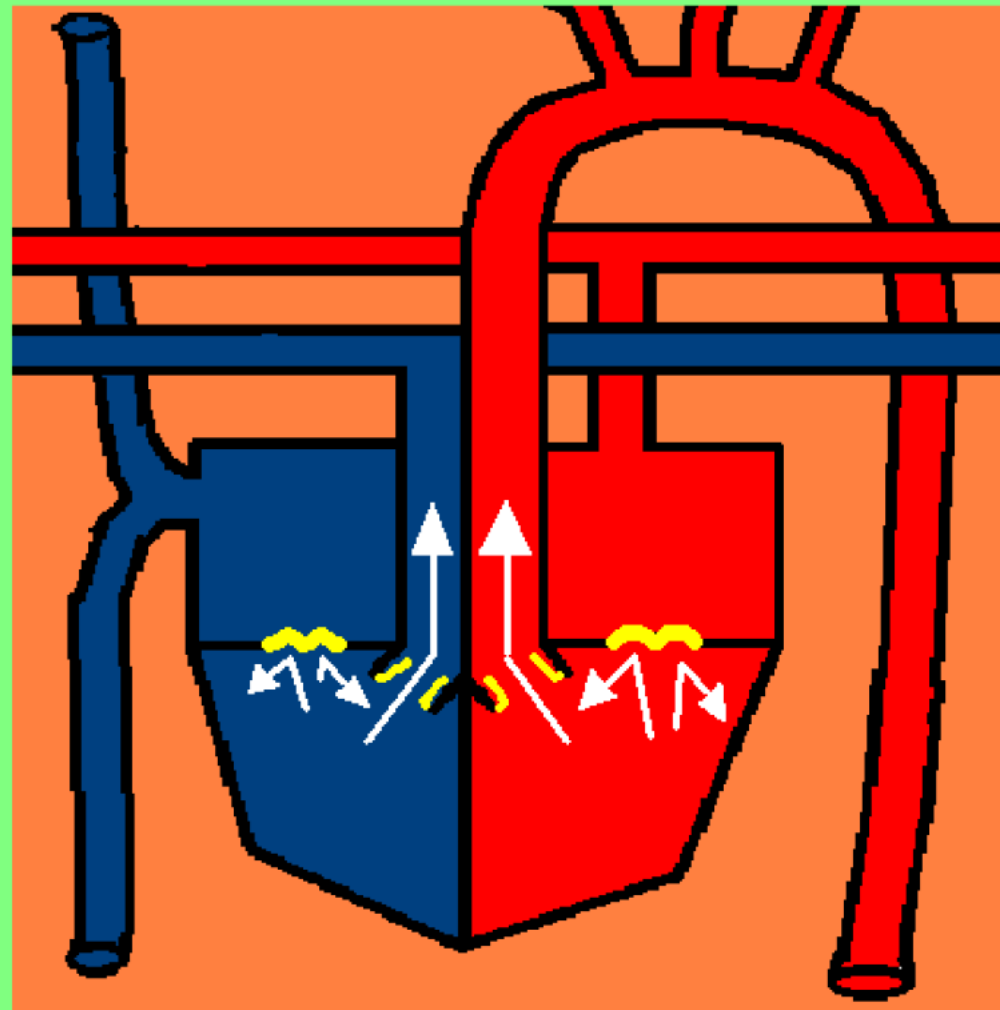
THERE ARE TWO NORMAL HEART SOUNDS,
KNOWN AS: S-1 and S-2

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

HEART SOUNDS ASSESSMENT

S-1
BEGINNING
OF
SYSTOLE.

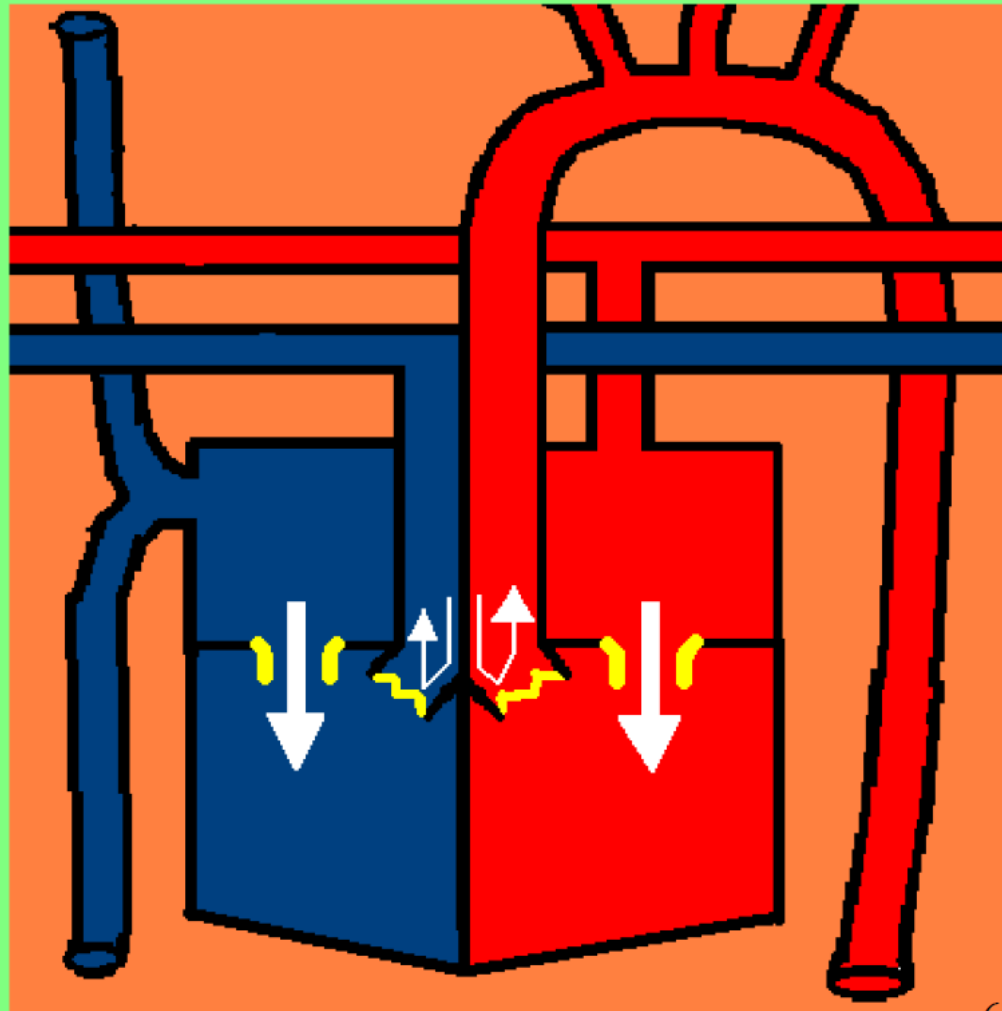
SOUND OF
THE
MITRAL
AND
TRICUSPID
VALVES
CLOSING.



HEART SOUNDS ASSESSMENT

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

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



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

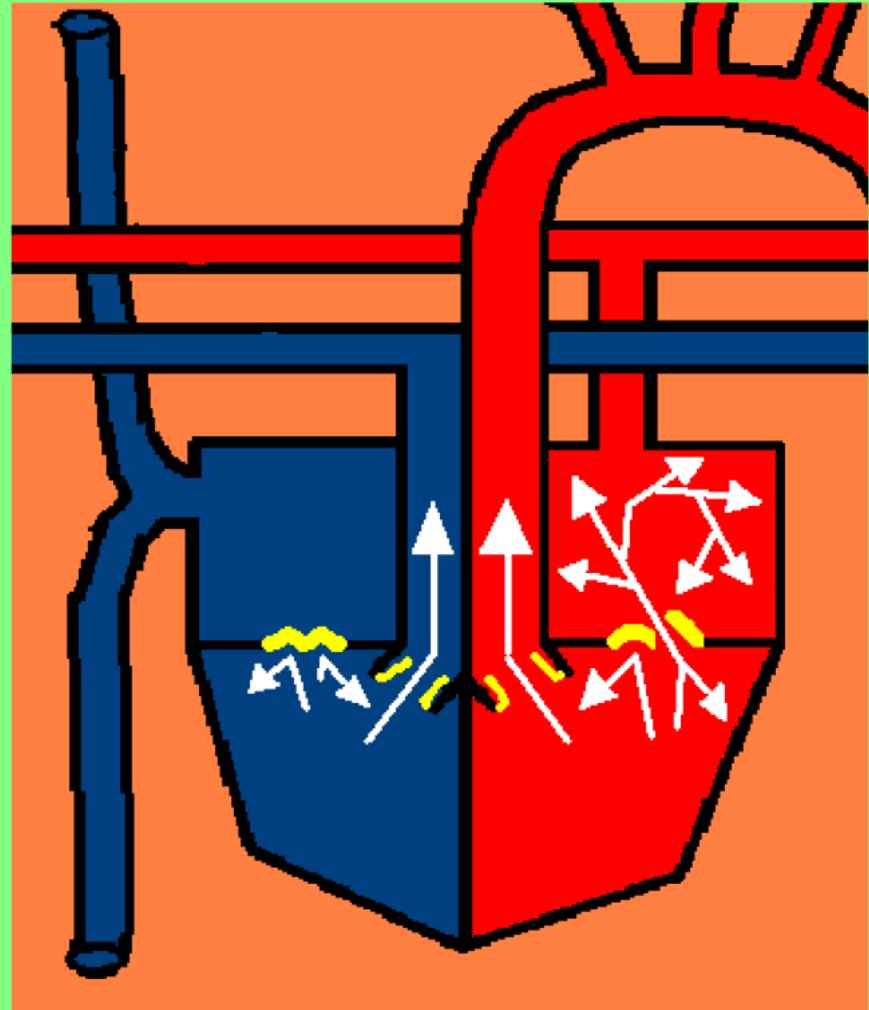
S-1 MURMUR SOUNDS LIKE:

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



CAUSE OF SYSTOLIC (S 1) MURMUR

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



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



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

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

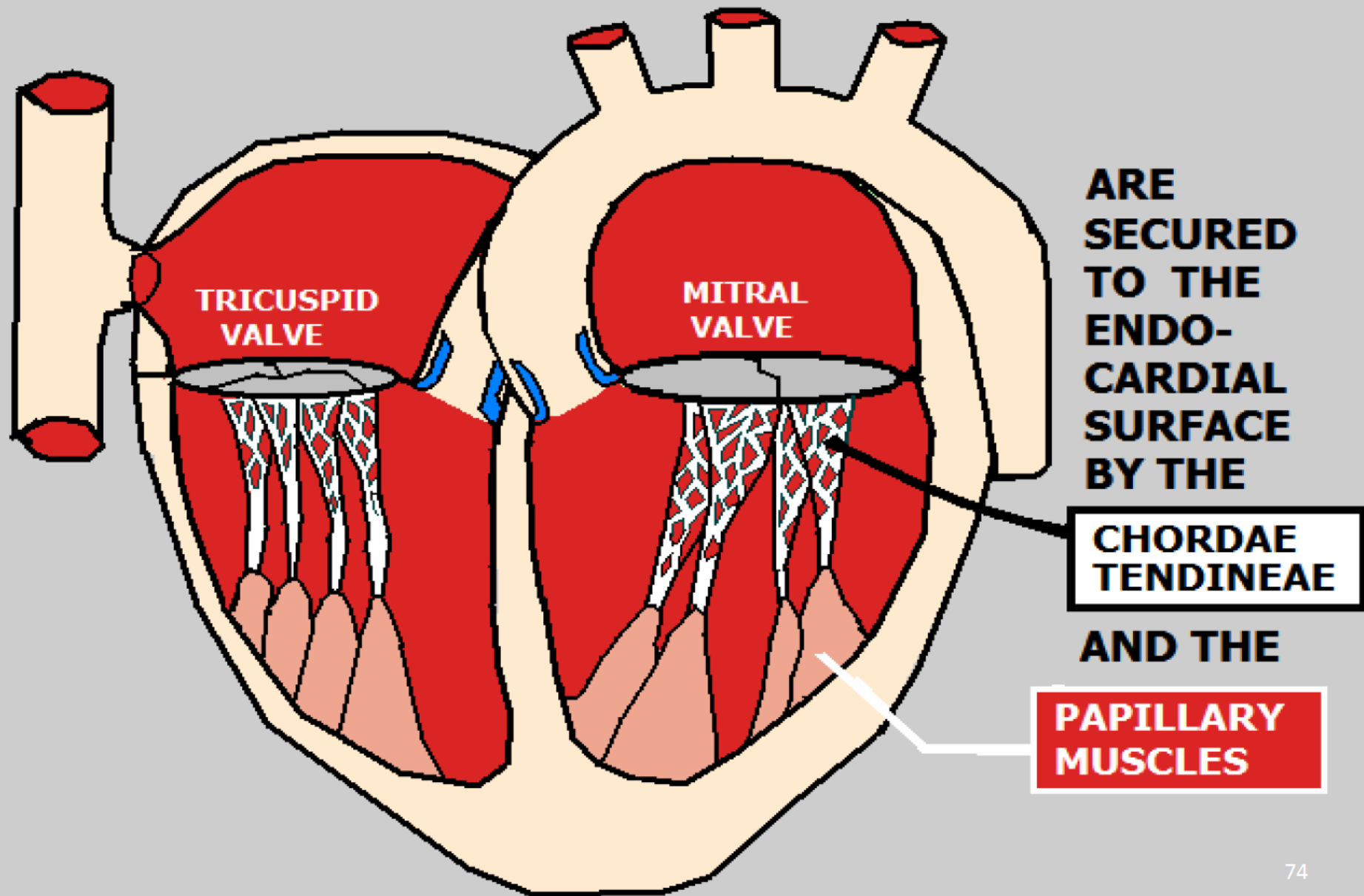
**ACUTE Mitral Valve
REGURGITATION can be caused by
EXTENSIVE “Multi-Site” Myocardial
Infarction and Necrosis – which
results in PAPILLARY MUSCLE
NECROSIS and PAPILLARY
MUSCLE TEAR.**

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

A Common Cause of ACUTE MITRAL REGURGITATION is:

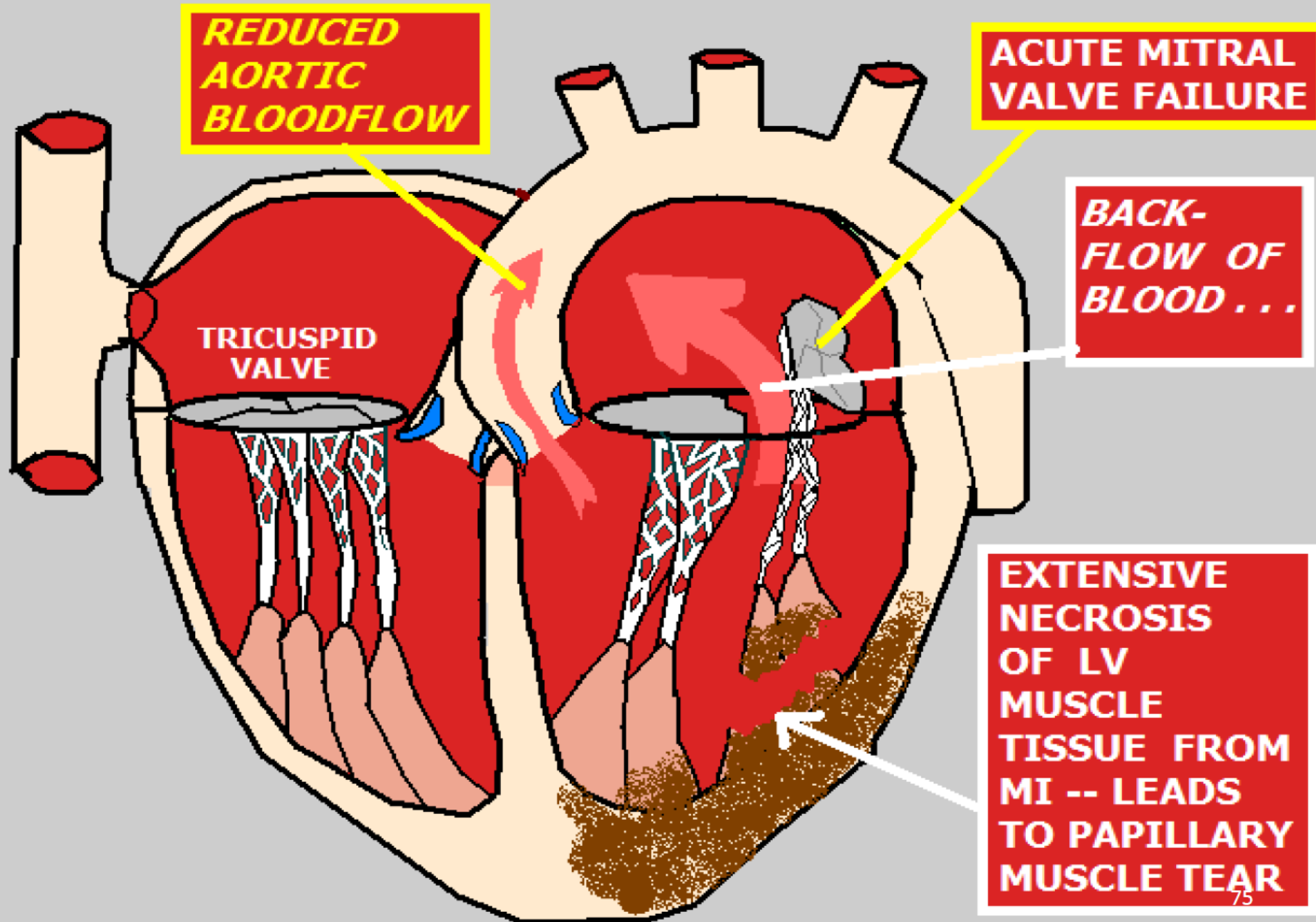
“Patients who are 7-10 days POST-EXTENSIVE MI,” in cases where the “zone of infarction” is large (e.g. “inferior-posterior-lateral”) and there was a delay in PCI resulting in large zone of necrosis.

ATRIO-VENTRICULAR VALVES



ACUTE MITRAL REGURGITATION

DURING VENTRICULAR SYSTOLE



Symptoms of Acute Mitral Regurgitation

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

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

BASIC HEART SOUNDS ASSESSMENT

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SOUND CAUSED BY THE
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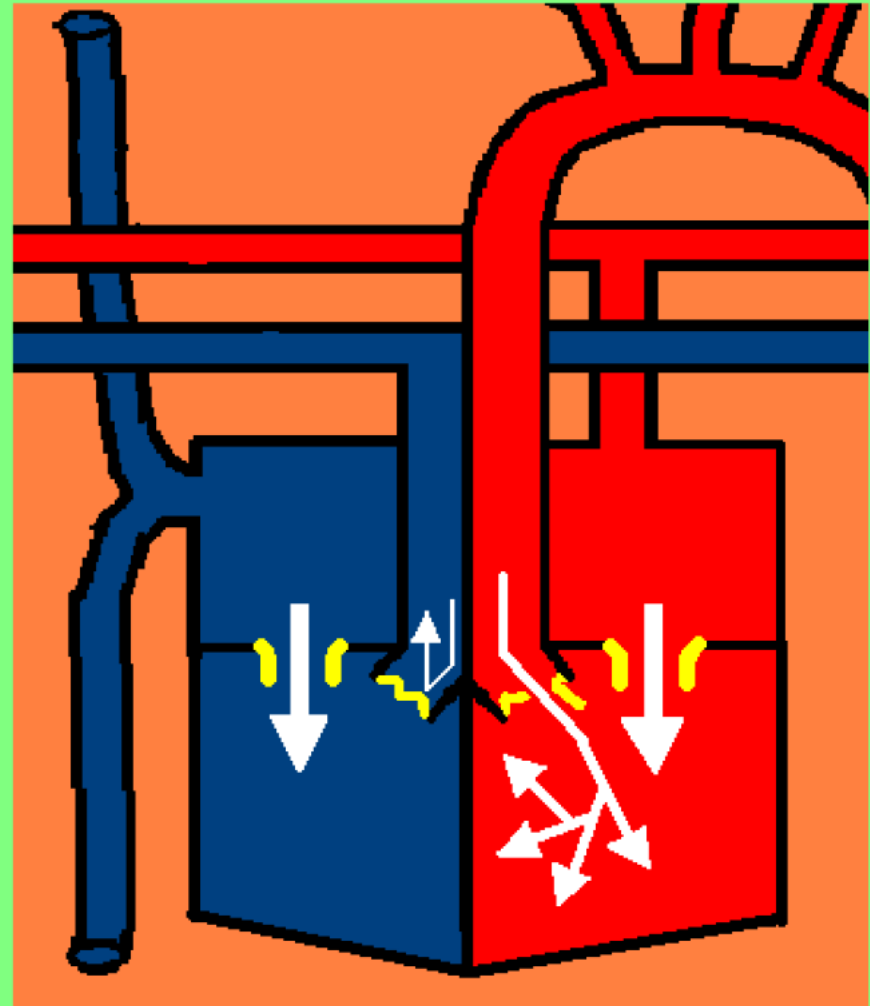


S-2 MURMUR SOUNDS LIKE:

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

CAUSE OF DIASTOLIC (S_2) MURMUR

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



Chronic **Valvular REGURGITATION**
(Leaky Valve) leads to elevated heart
chamber pressures and DILITATION.

Chronic **Valvular STENOSIS** (“Creaky”
Valve) leads to Cardiac Muscle STRAIN
and HYPERTROPHY.

BOTH conditions, if untreated,
eventually leads to **HEART FAILURE.**

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Department of Medicine

[Heart Sound Simulator](#)

Integrated ECG:

PATIENT'S HEMODYNAMIC STATUS

+

SYMPTOMS

+

ECG



OLD BARN, SHREWSBURY, PA — 2001

Integrated ECG:

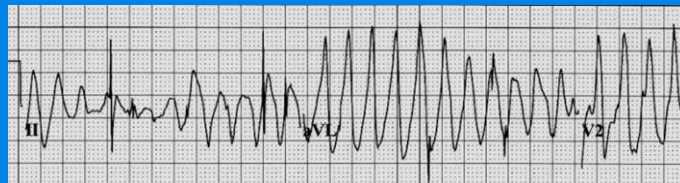
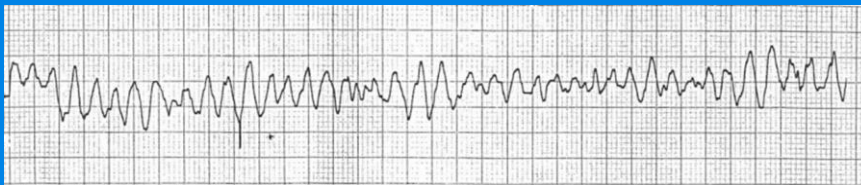
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 - Shock
- SYMPTOMS
 - Chest Pain / Pressure
 - Other ACS Symptoms
- ECG
 - 12 Lead
 - Single Lead “rhythm strip”

Integrated ECG:

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

If there is **NO PULSE**

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



Defib 120-200 BiPhasic

- IV Access
- Advanced Airway

Defib 120-200 or HIGHER

- Epinephrine 1mg IV

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

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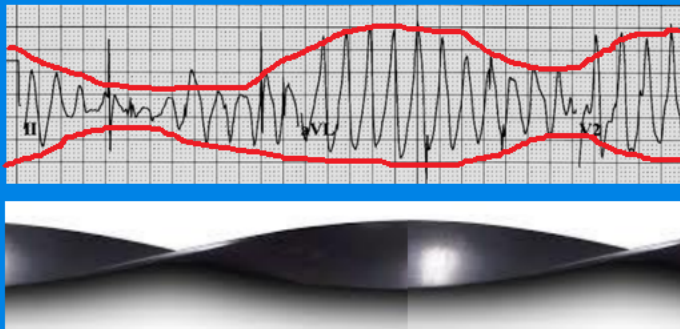
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- CONTINUE as per ACLS....

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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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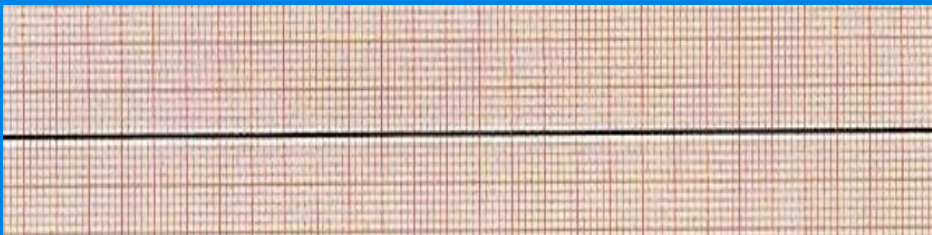
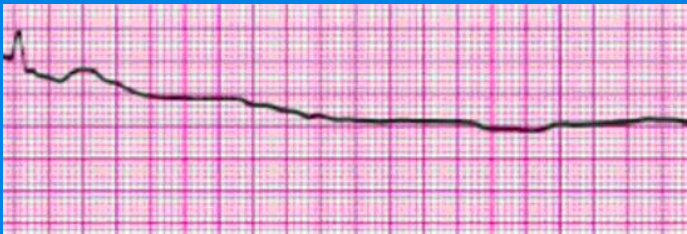
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 - **NOT SHOCKABLE:** Agonal Rhythm / Asystole / PEA



Patient has NO PULSE

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

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

- Continue CPR
- IV/IO Access
- Advanced Airway
- Epinephrine 1mg IV
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Integrated ECG:

- HEMODYNAMIC STATUS
 - ABCs
 - Shock Assessment

SHOCK ASSESSMENT





SECONDS

SHOCK =

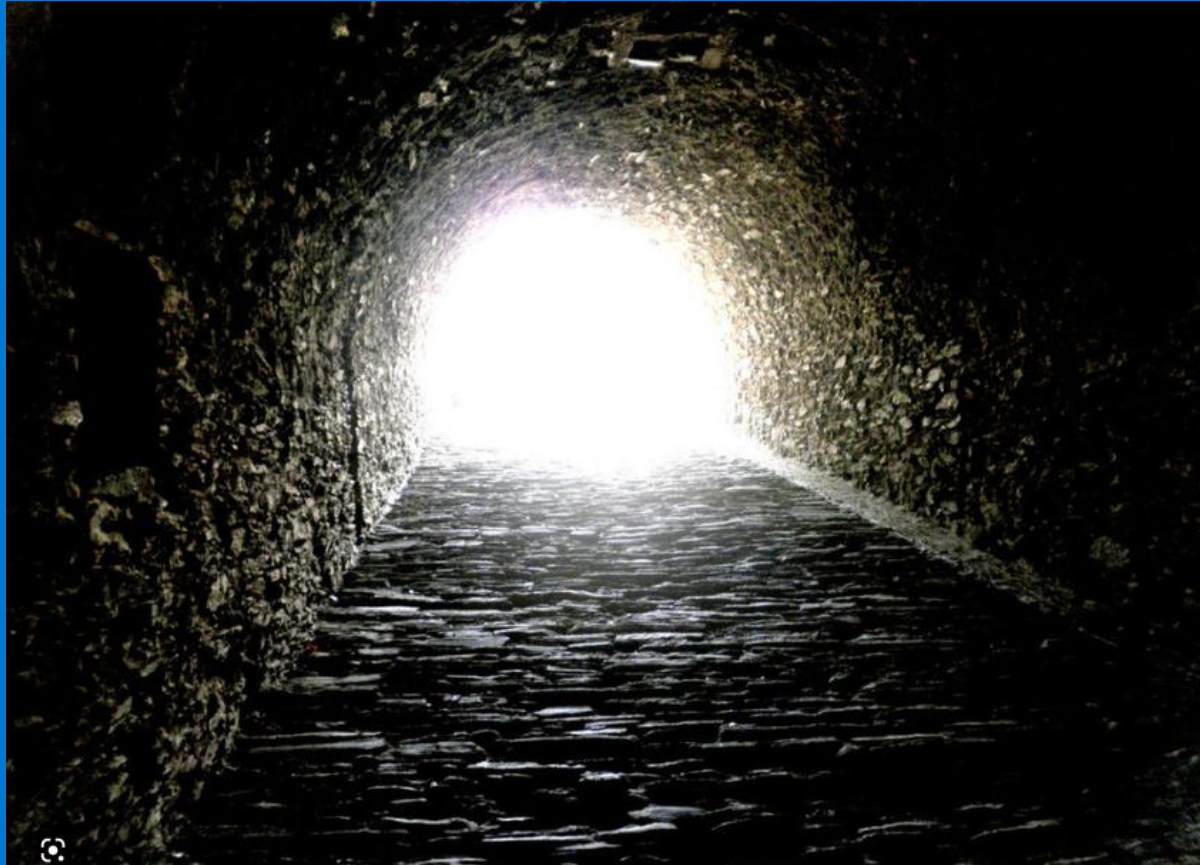
INADEQUATE TISSUE
PERFUSION

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

SHOCK ASSESSMENT

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

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)
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- SEPTIC (systemic infection)
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- Determine CHIEF COMPLAINT
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- Continuous ECG Monitoring
- Vital signs
- Verbal history
- O2 (if indicated)
- IV (if indicated)

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(within 10 minutes) !!

CHIEF COMPLAINT

KEY WORDS:

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

SHORTNESS BREATH

DIZZINESS / LIGHTHEADEDNESS

ETC. ETC. ETC.

INFARCTION

SYMPTOMS OF MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION:

1. CHEST PAIN:

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

INFARCTION

SYMPTOMS OF MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION:

1. CHEST PAIN

2. SHORTNESS OF BREATH

May or may not be present.

INFARCTION

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

INFARCTION

SYMPTOMS OF MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION:

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

INFARCTION

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



QUICK ASSESSMENT "SHORT FORM"

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

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ATYPICAL SYMPTOMS of ACS

???

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

Stroke (previous history of)

Heart failure (previous history of)

Race (non-white)

Elderly (age 75+)

Women

Diabetes mellitus

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

Common atypical complaints associated with AMI without chest pain include:

Malaise (weakness)

Fatigue

Indigestion

Abdominal pain

Nausea

Cold sweats

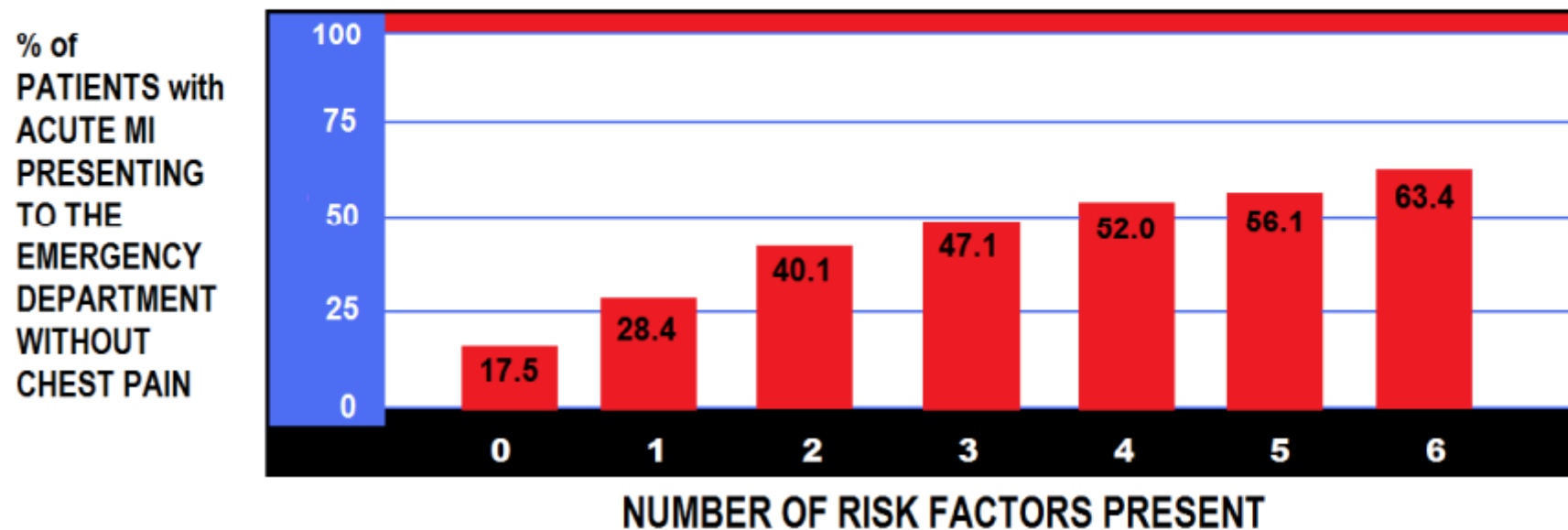
Dizziness

Elevated heart rate

Syncope

Dsypnea

Effect of Having Multiple Risk Factors for AMI Without Chest Pain



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

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

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- The 12 Lead ECG has been ordered
- Meanwhile we'll hook the patient to the ECG monitor

THE EKG MACHINE

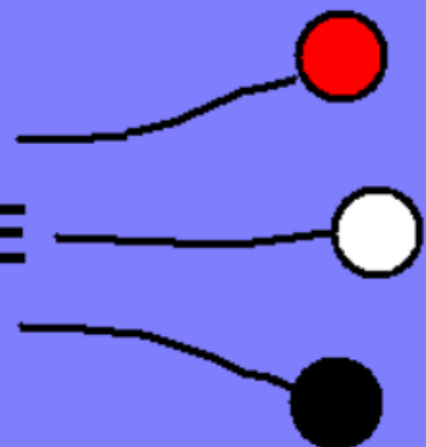
STANDARD 12 LEADS - USES 10 WIRES
(6 CHEST and 4 LIMB)

- I, II, III, and V1, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6
EACH CONSIST OF:

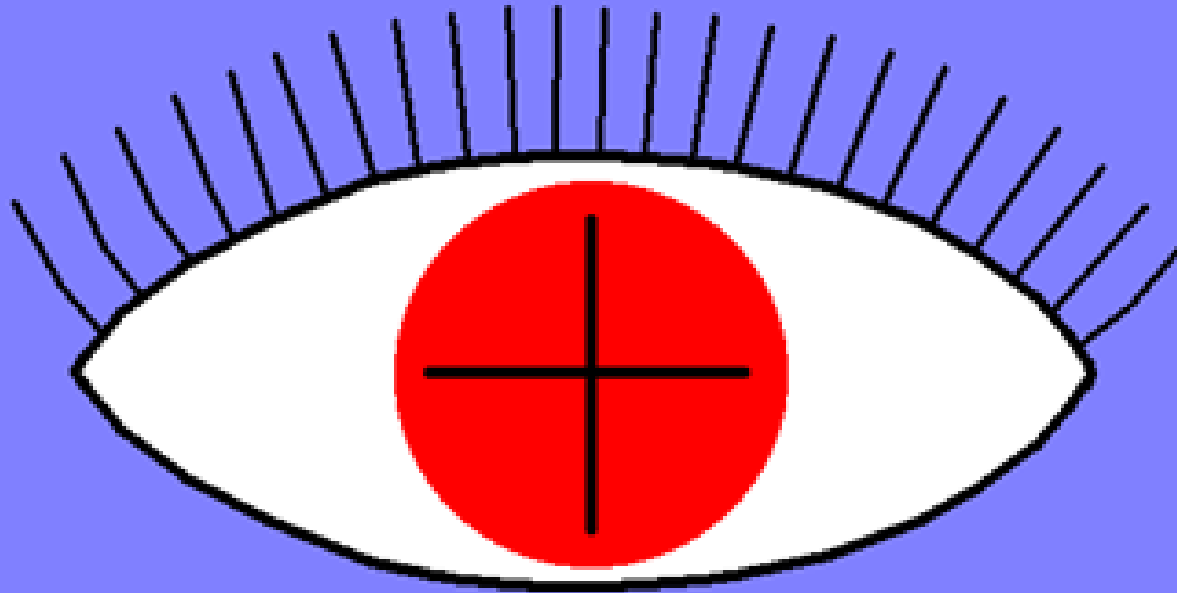
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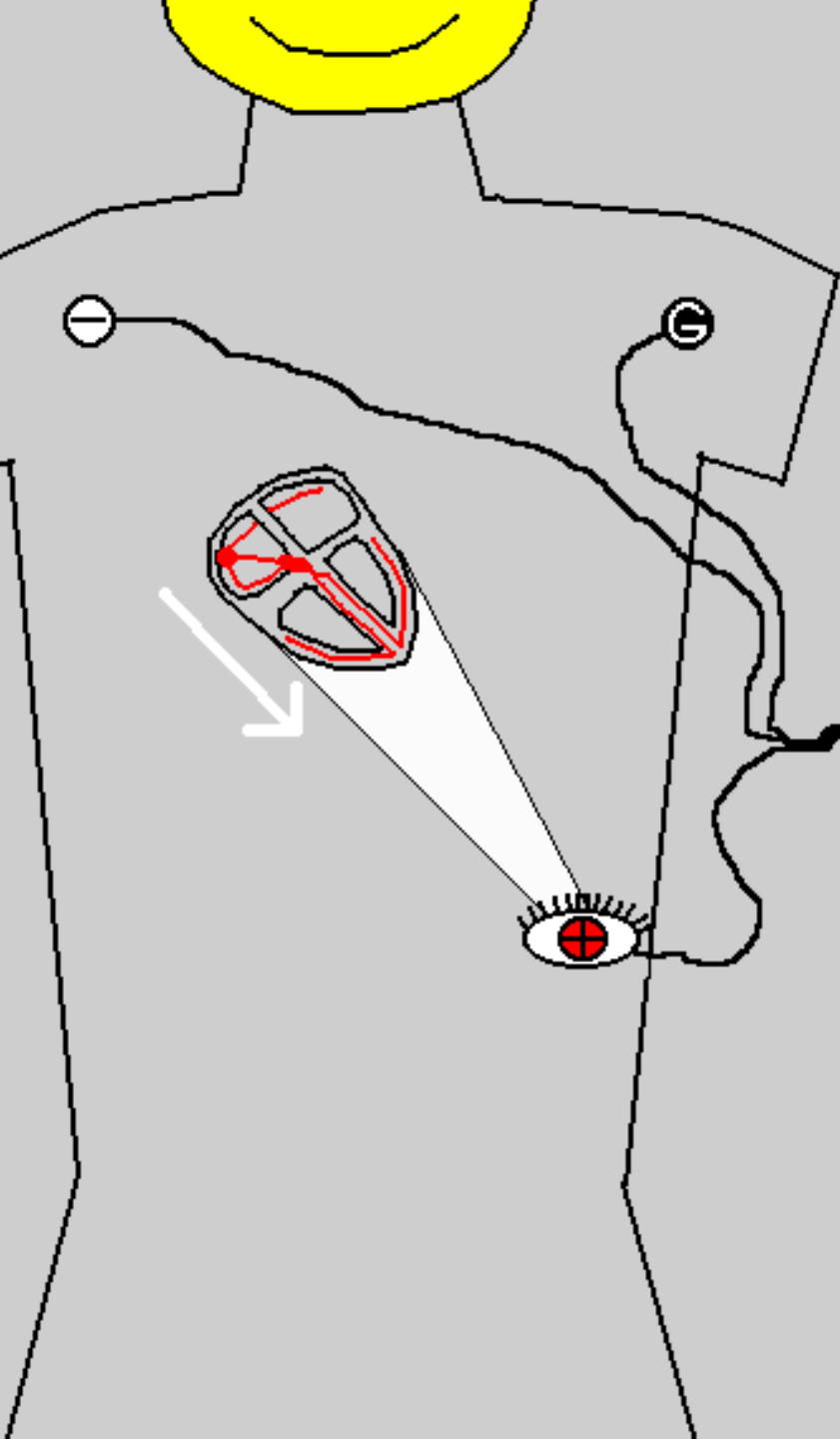
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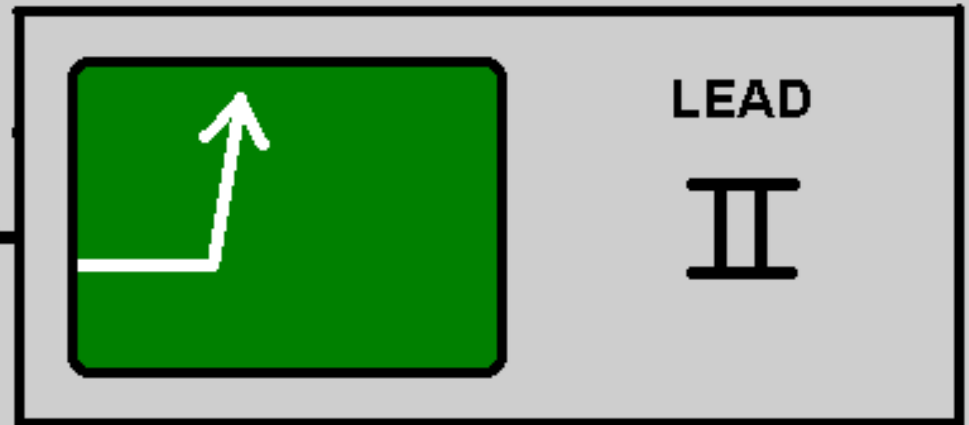
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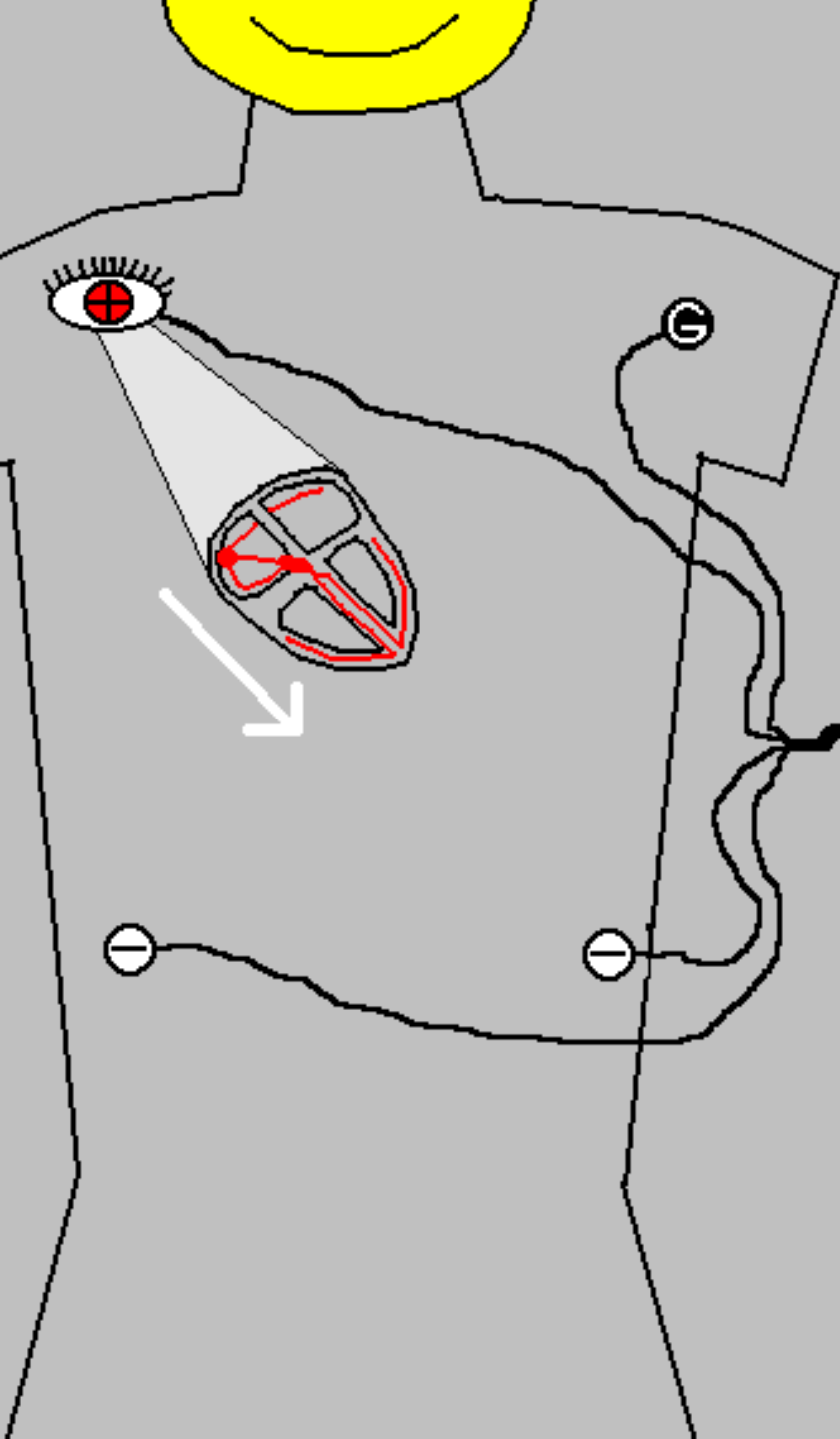
IS THE "EYE" . . .



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



**RECORDS AN
"UPWARD"
DEFLECTION**

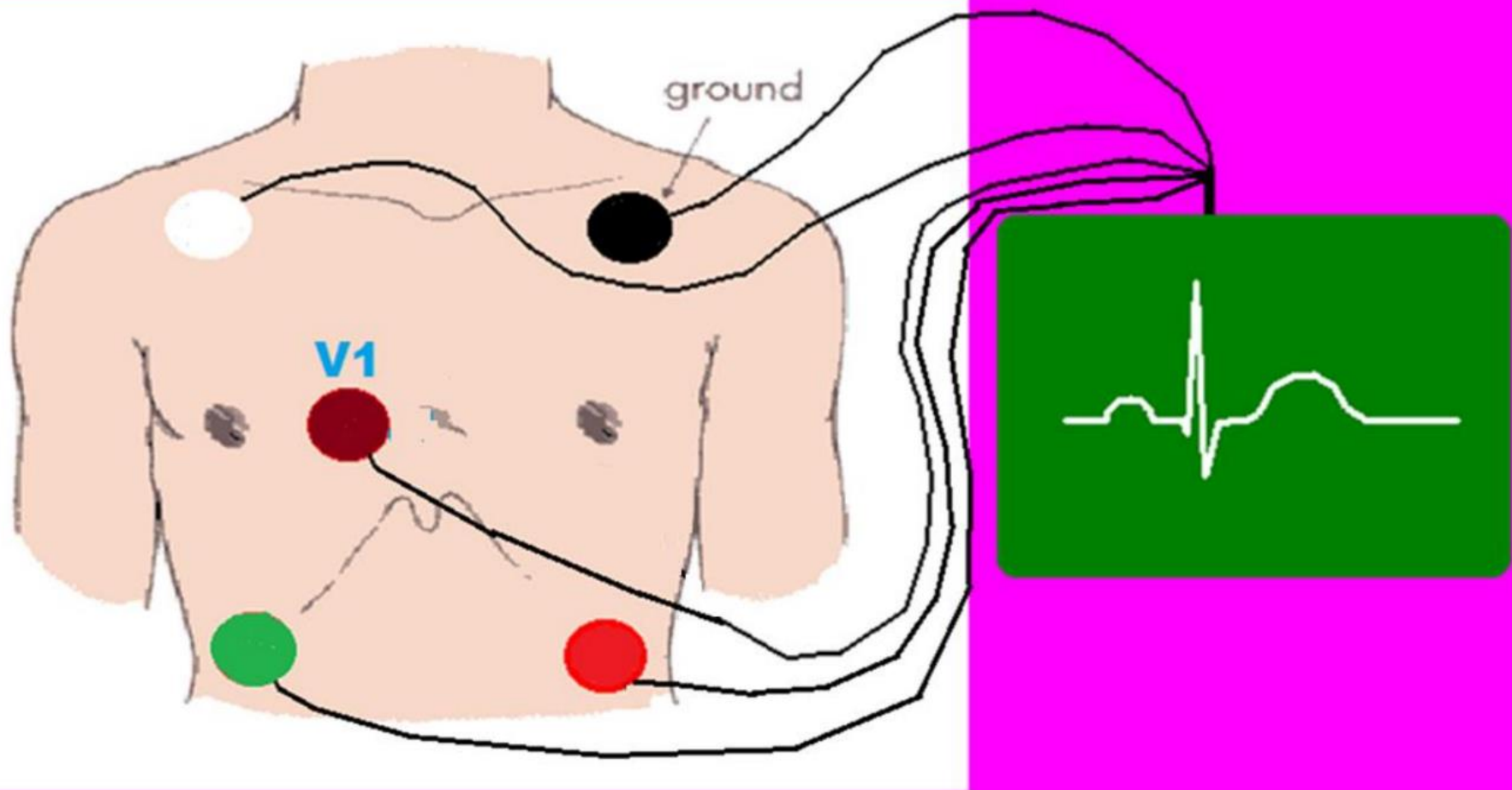


**CURRENT MOVING
AWAY FROM
THE EYE
(POSITIVE ELECTRODE)**

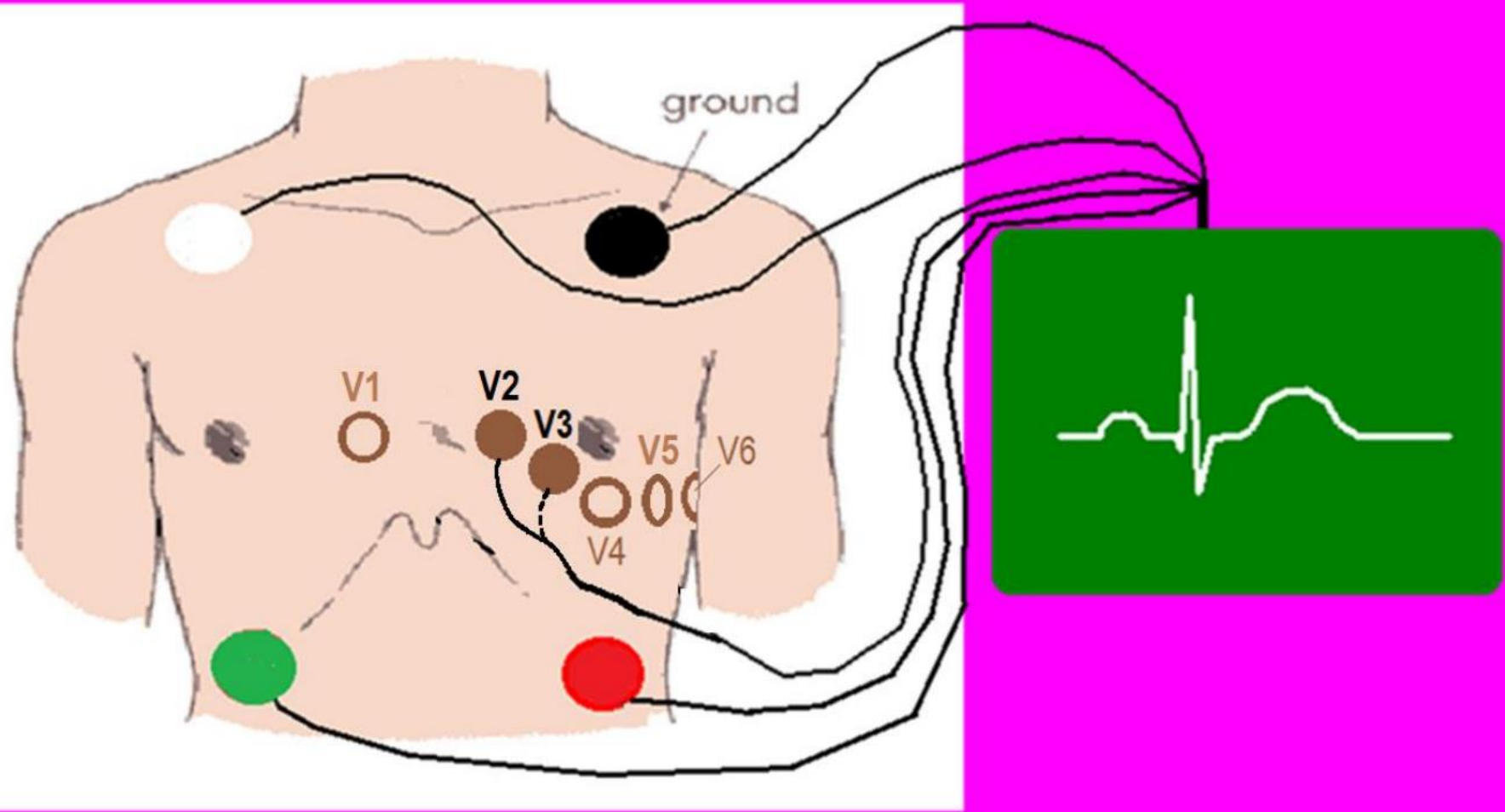


**RECORDS A
"DOWNWARD"
DEFLECTION**

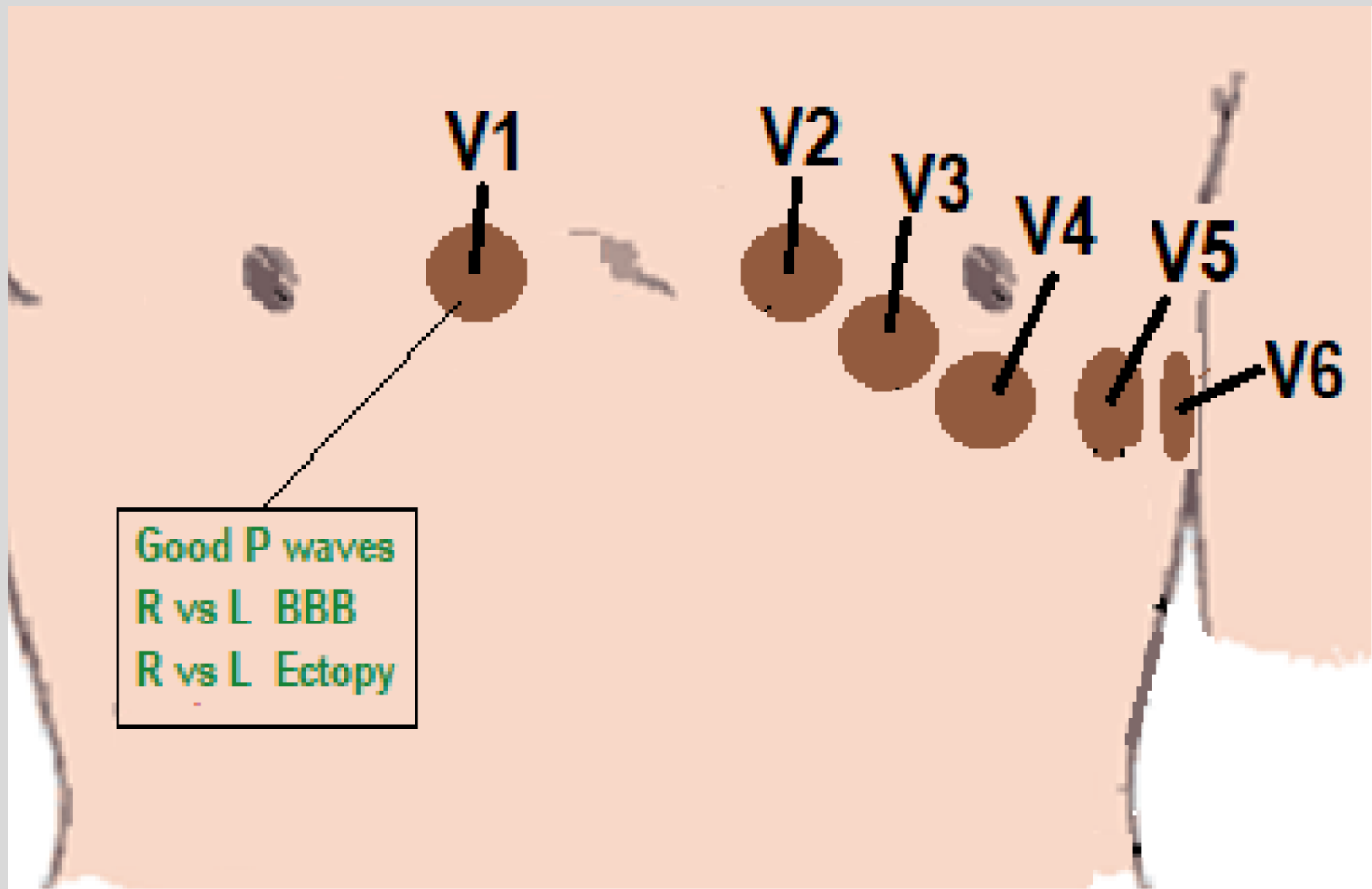
Traditional ECG Monitoring Lead Placement:



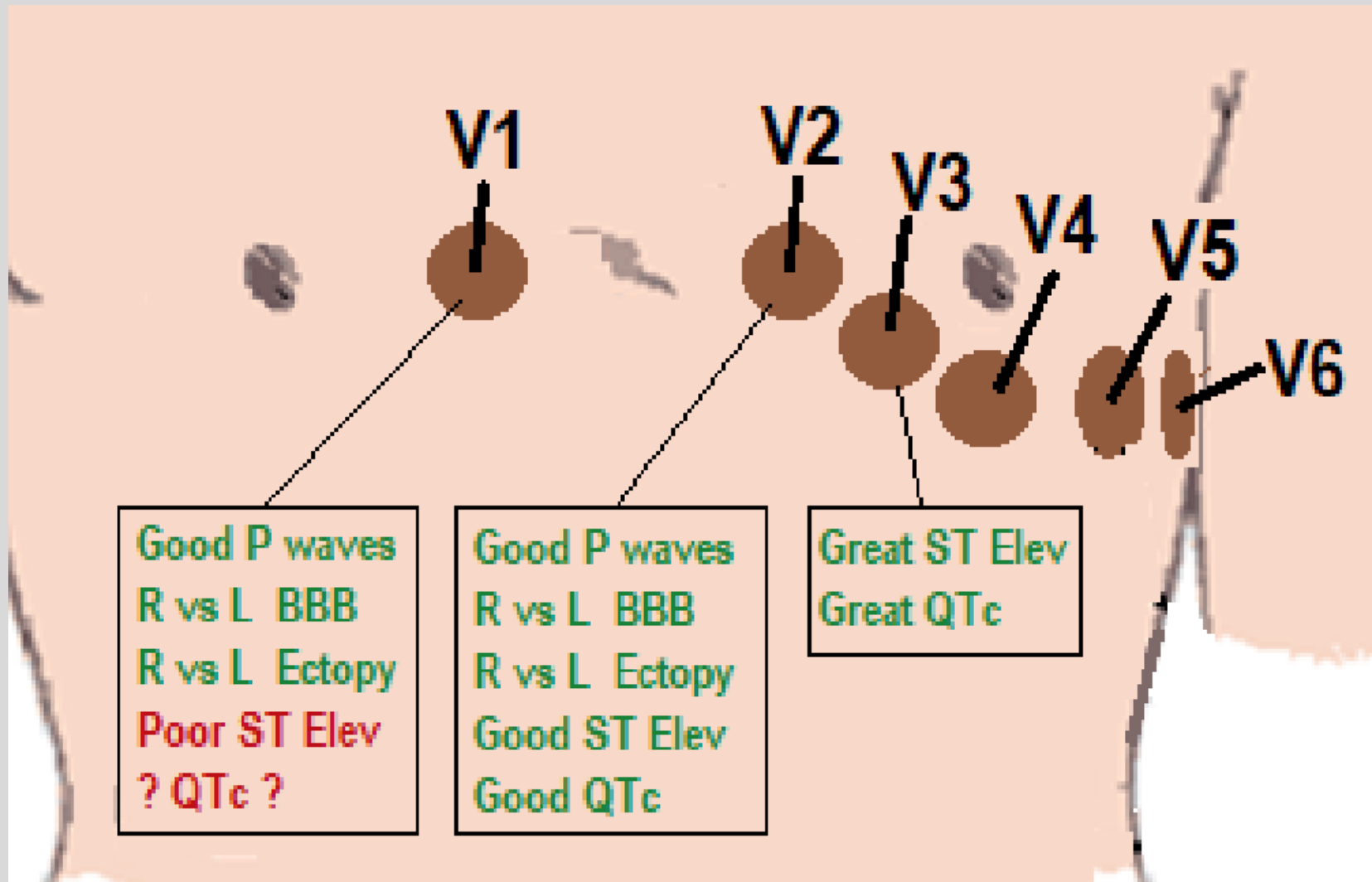
New (2014) Guideline Suggested ECG Monitoring Lead Placement



Traditional Continuous ECG Monitoring Lead: V1



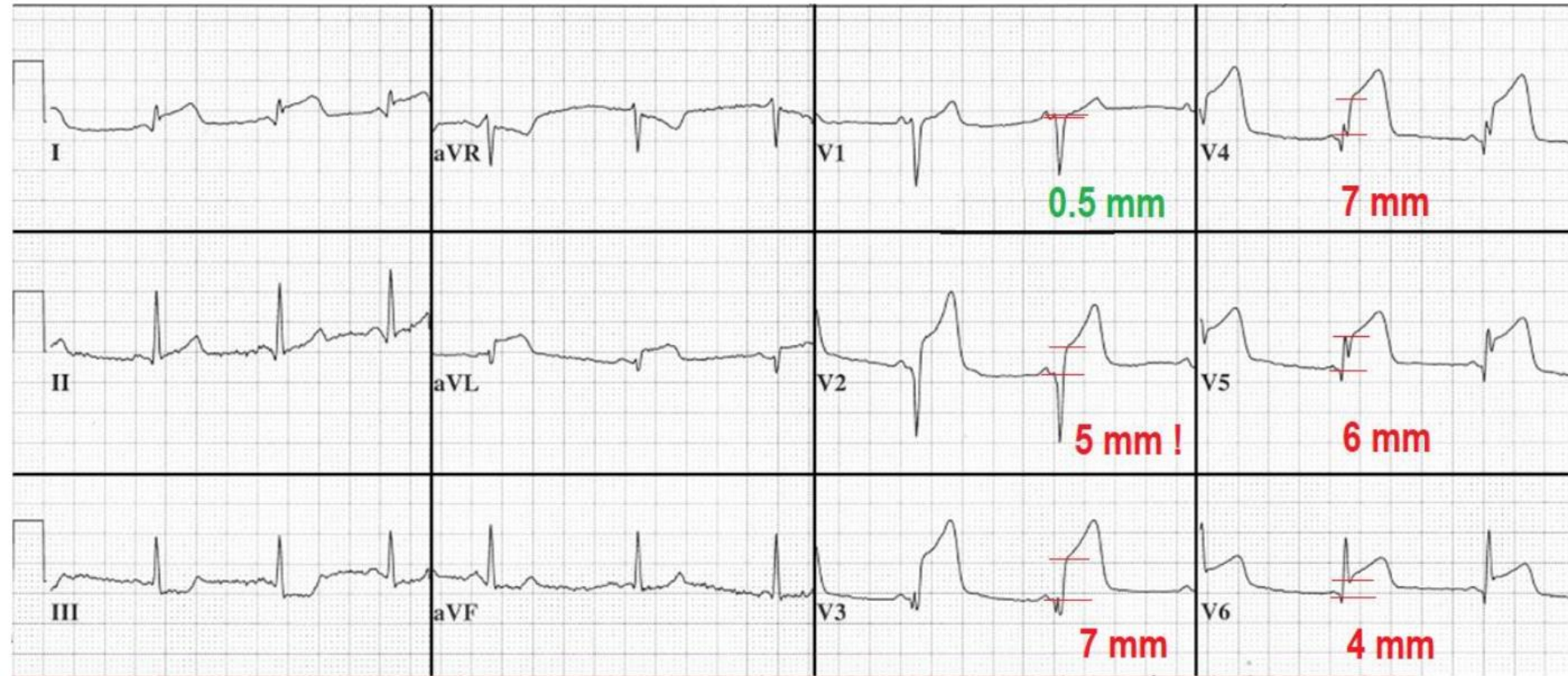
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Why not V1 ?

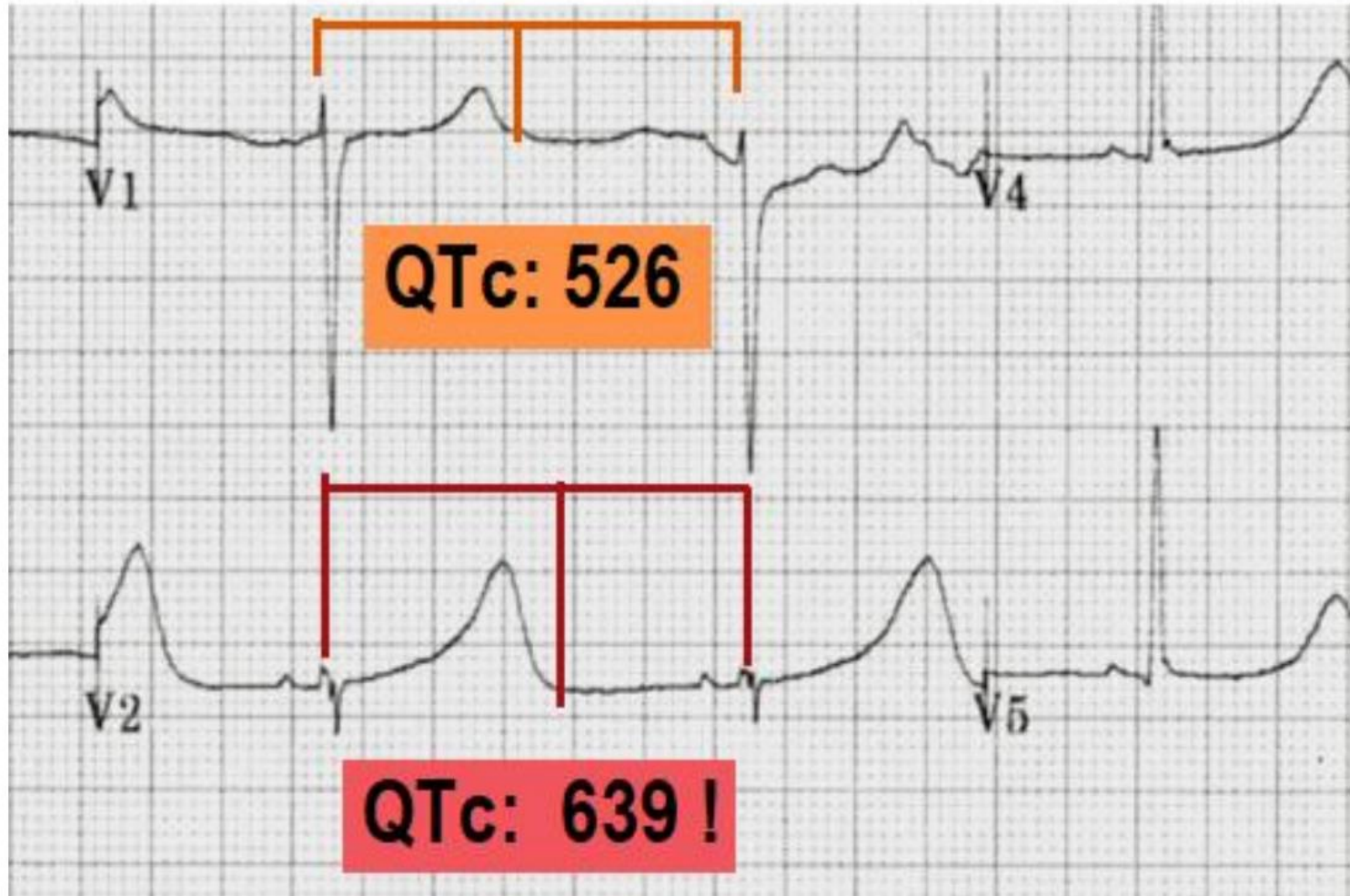


Why not V1 ? *(often won't see STEMI !)*



If you were only monitoring Leads II and V1, you **would NOT detect this patient's STEMI !!**

Why not V1 ? *(may not detect critical QTc)*



- We've established continuous ECG monitoring and we assess the rhythm

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

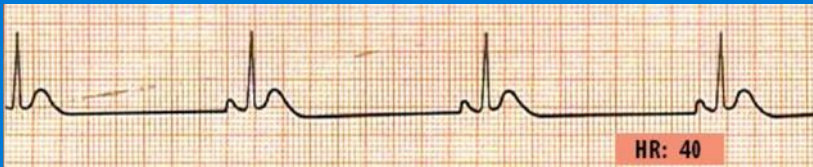
- Heart Rate

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



SPEED UP THE HEART RATE

(follow ACLS and Protocols)



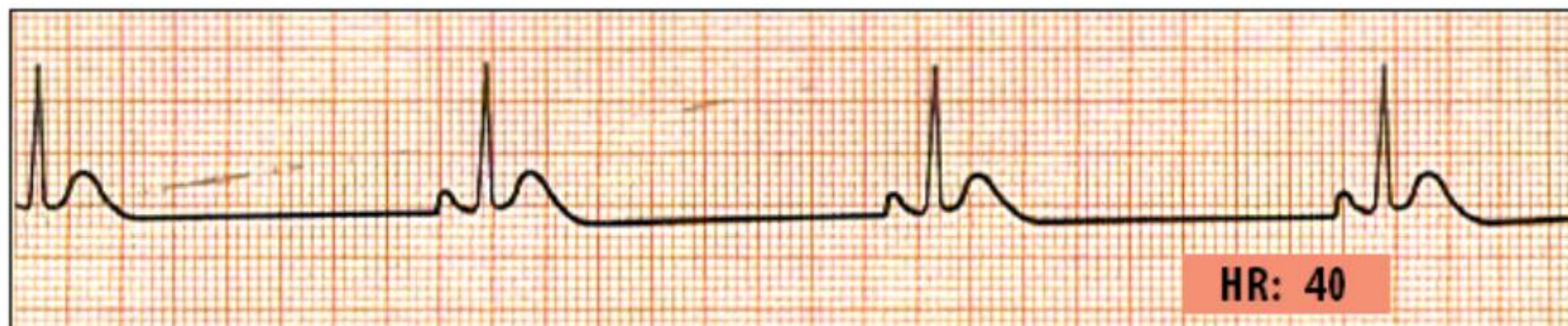
Usual treatment:

- 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 ⁺)	—————→
HYPOTHERMIA	—————→
ORGANOPHOSPHATE POISONING	—————→
ATHLETIC METABOLISM (excellent health !)	—————→

AND TREAT THEM:

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

THIS RHYTHM IS: FIRST DEGREE HEART BLOCK

280 mSEC



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

RATE	NORMAL
RHYTHM	REGULAR
P-R INTERVAL	> 200 mSEC.
P: QRS RATIO	1:1
QRS INTERVAL	NORMAL

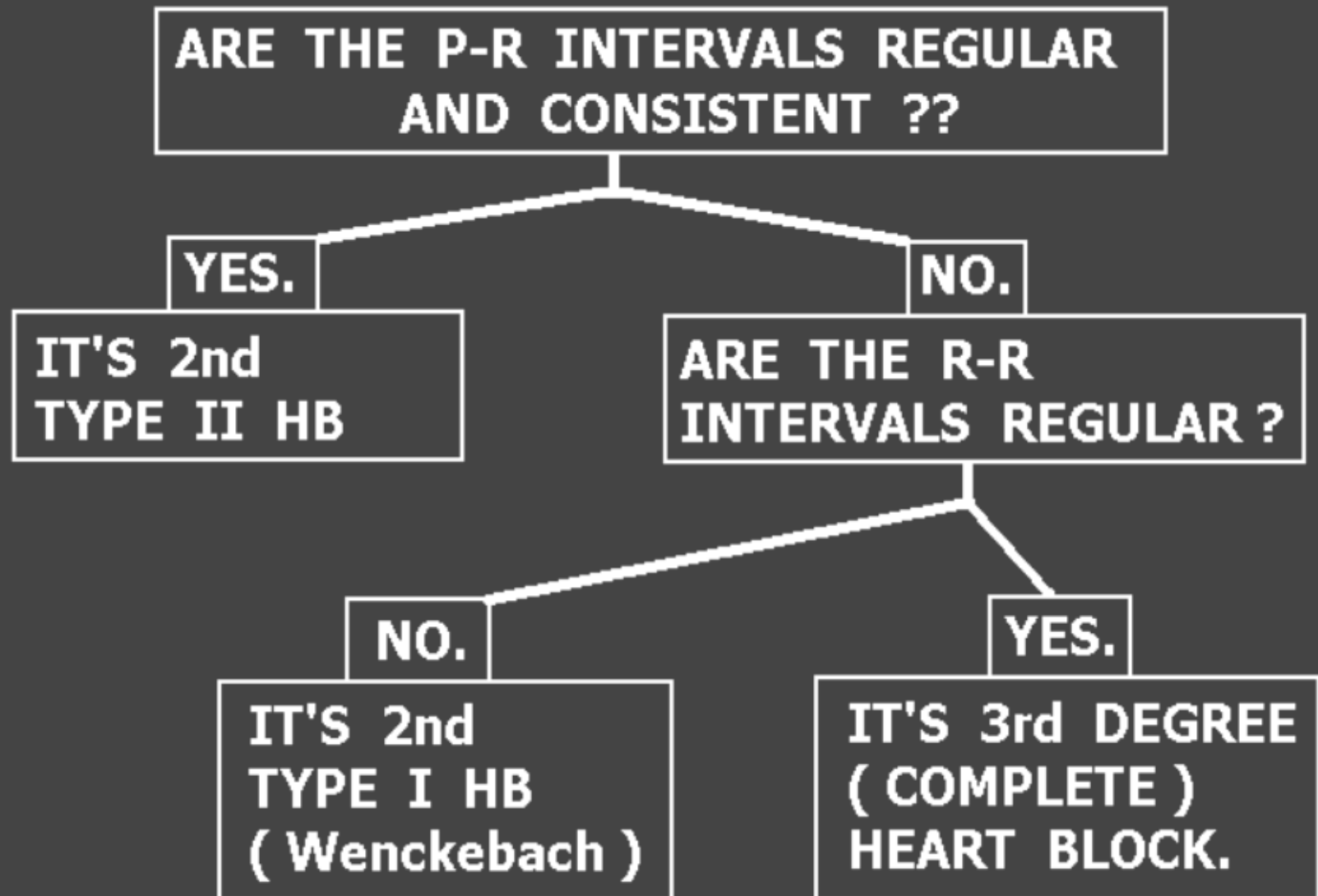
P : QRS RATIO
IF GREATER THAN 1 : 1

THINK:

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

DIAGNOSING 2nd and 3rd DEGREE HEART BLOCK

MORE P-WAVES THAN QRS COMPLEXES PRESENT.

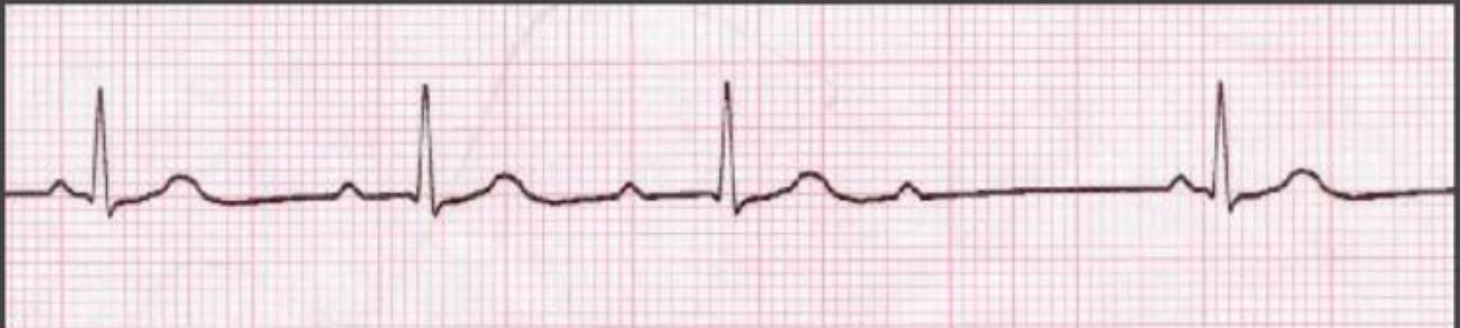


LET'S TEST THE PROCEDURE . . .

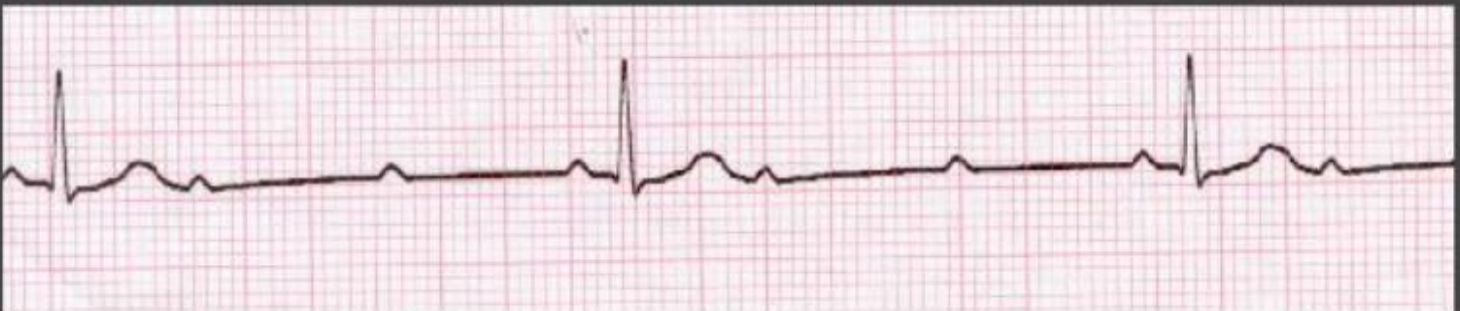
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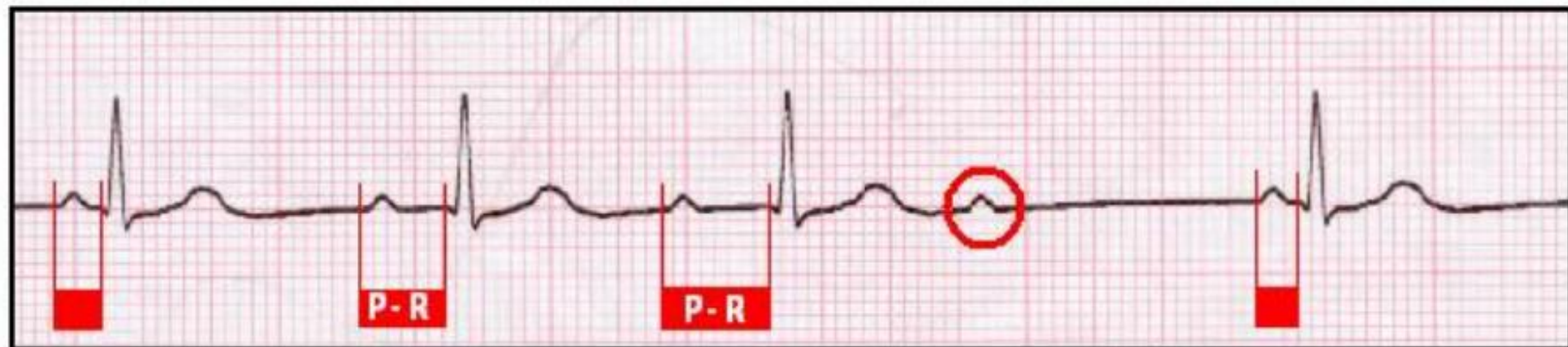
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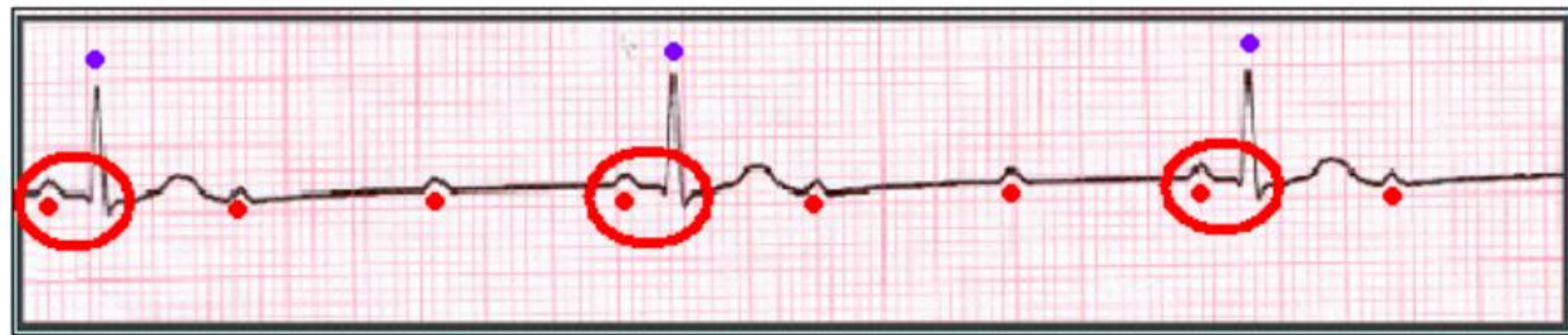
THIS RHYTHM IS: 2nd° TYPE I HB (Wenckebach)



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

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

THIS RHYTHM IS: 2nd⁰ 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	NORMAL and CONSISTENT
P: QRS RATIO	$\geq 2:1$
QRS INTERVAL	NORMAL

THIS RHYTHM IS: 3rd⁰ 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^o HB \bar{c} IDIOVENTRICULAR ESCAPE



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

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



???

THIS RHYTHM IS: JUNCTIONAL RHYTHM



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

seen, it is INVERTED (upside-down).

- HR USUALLY 40-60

RATE ————— 40-60

RHYTHM ————— REGULAR

P-R INTERVAL ——— ABSENT or SHORT

P:QRS RATIO ——— 1:1

QRS INTERVAL ——— NORMAL

CARDIOGENIC SHOCK

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



Usual treatment:
- Synchronized
Cardioversion

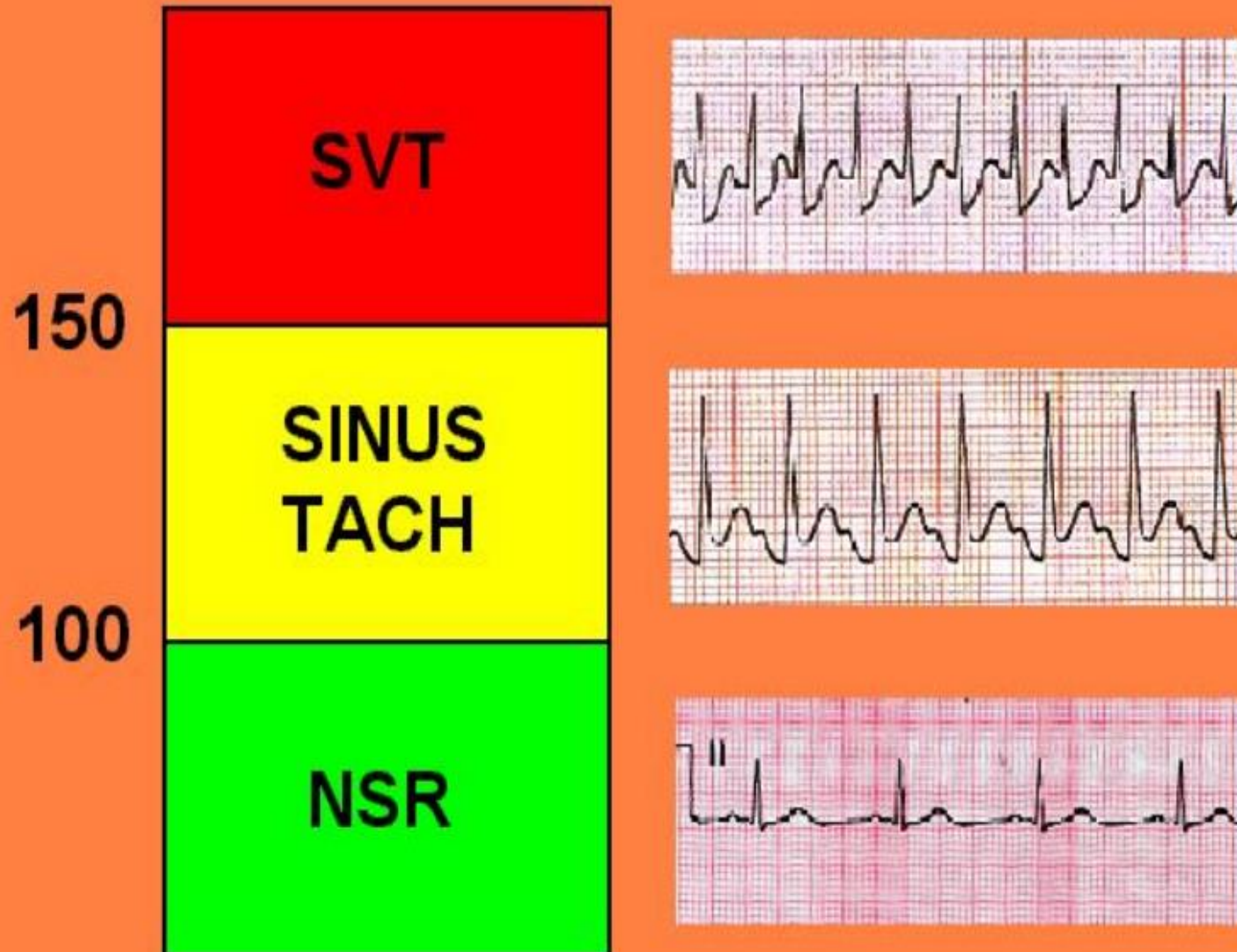
Tachycardias

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

ALL UNSTABLE TACHYCARDIAS:

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

ACLS TACHYCARDIA GUIDELINES



THIS RHYTHM IS: SINUS TACHYCARDIA



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

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

RHYTHM ————— **REGULAR**

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

P: QRS RATIO ——— **1 : 1**

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

THIS RHYTHM IS: SINUS TACHYCARDIA



WE MUST CONSIDER UNDERLYING CAUSES:

AND TREAT THEM:

ANXIETY / FEAR



CALM PATIENT

HYPOVOLEMIA

DEHYDRATION



FLUIDS

BLOOD LOSS



STOP BLEEDING

MEDICATION EFFECTS



CONSIDER MEDICAL Tx

OTHER ILLNESS



IDENTIFY & Tx DISORDER

RHYTHM CLUES



SUPRAVENTRICULAR TACHYCARDIA

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

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

THIS RHYTHM IS: SUPRAVENTRICULAR TACHYCARDIA (SVT)



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

RATE ----- TACHYCARDIC (usually > 150)

RHYTHM ----- REGULAR

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

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

QRS INTERVAL ----- NORMAL

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TREATMENT / INTERVENTIONS:



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

THIS RHYTHM IS:



MAIN IDENTIFICATION CHARACTERISTIC(S):

RATE _____

RHYTHM _____

P-R INTERVAL _____

P:QRS RATIO _____

QRS INTERVAL _____

THIS RHYTHM IS: MONOMORPHIC V-TACH



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

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

V-Tach

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

THIS RHYTHM IS: POLYMORPHIC V-TACH



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

RATE ————— **200 - 300**

RHYTHM ————— **VARIES**

P-R INTERVAL ——— **N/A**

P:QRS RATIO ——— **N/A**

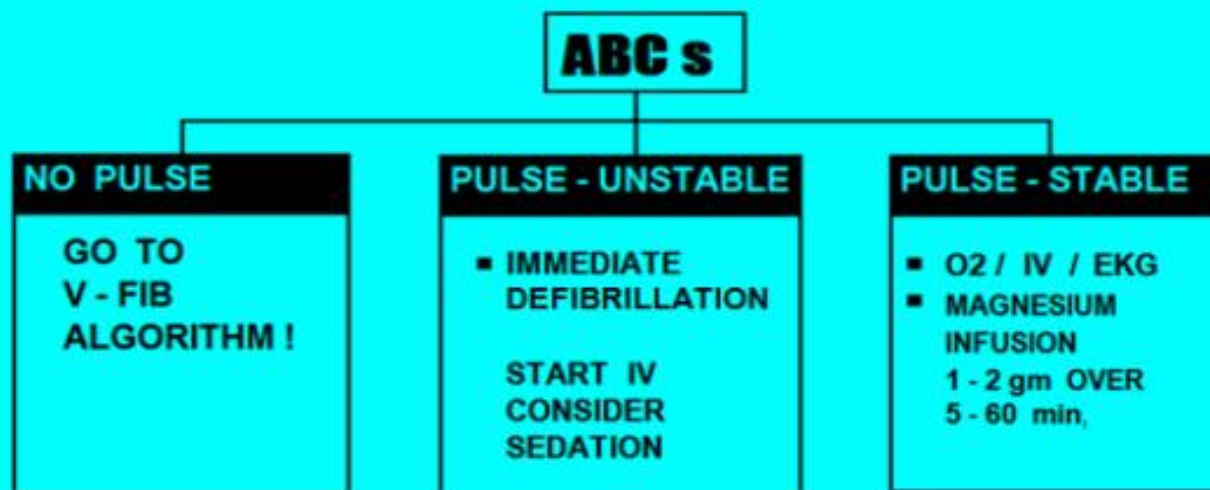
QRS INTERVAL ——— **VARIES**

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



a piece of Twisted Ribbon !





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

QTc Values:

Too Short: **< 390 ms**

Normal

-Males: **390 - 450 ms**

-Females: **390 - 460 ms**

Borderline High

-Males: **450 - 500 ms**

-Females: **460 - 500 ms**

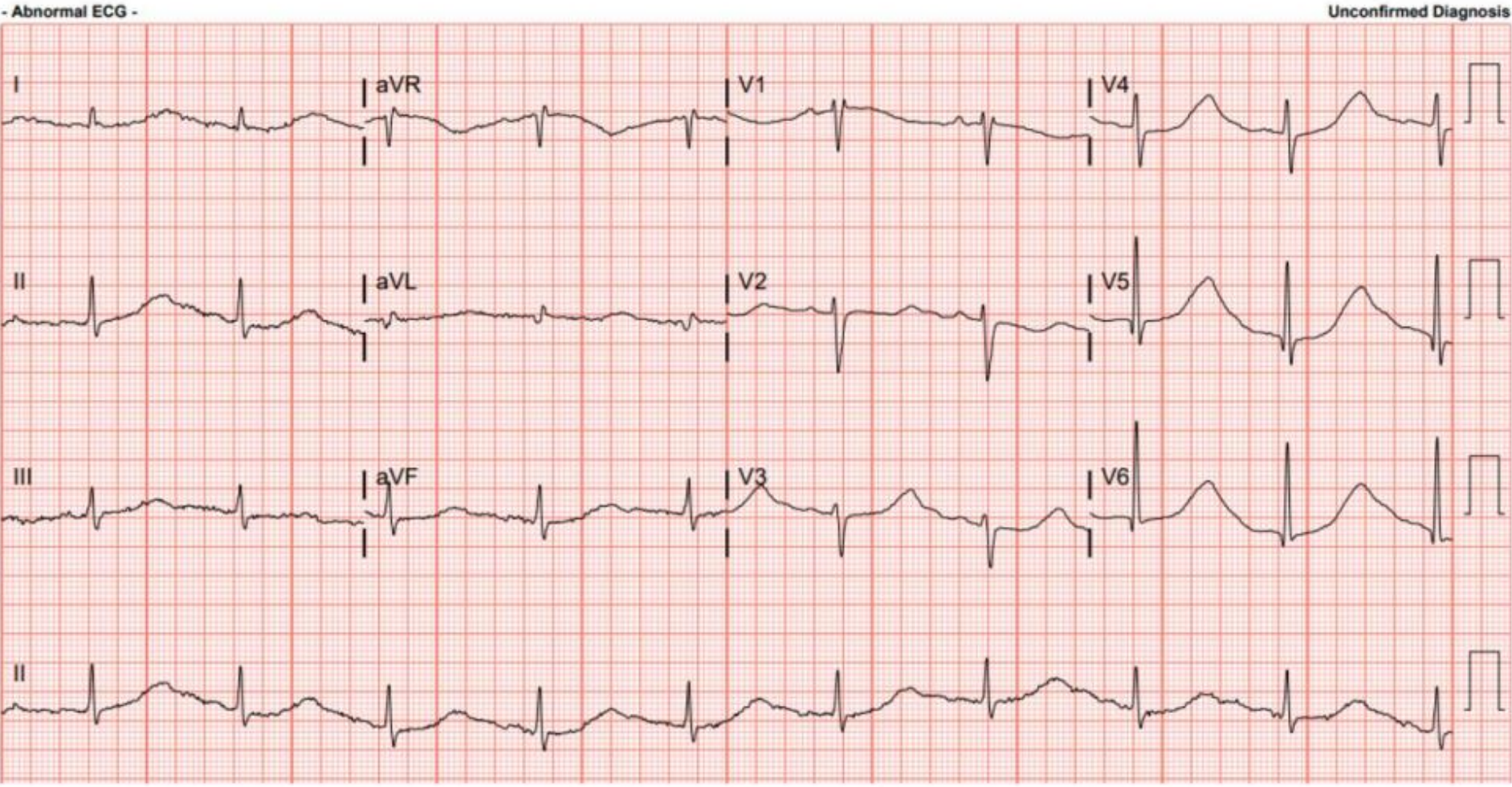
High (All Genders): **500 - 600 ms**

Critical High

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

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

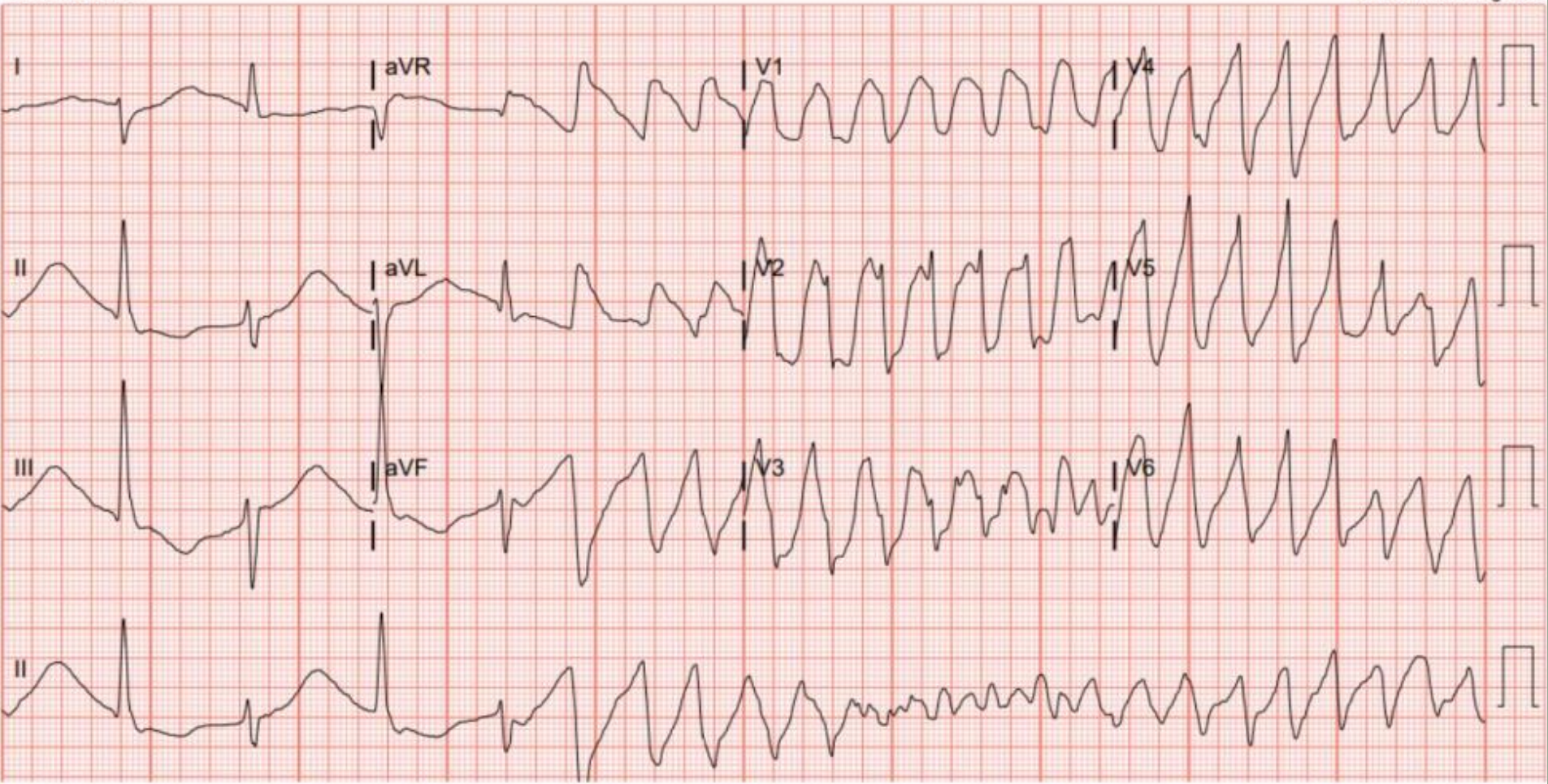
QTc greater than 600 = "Torsades very possible....."



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

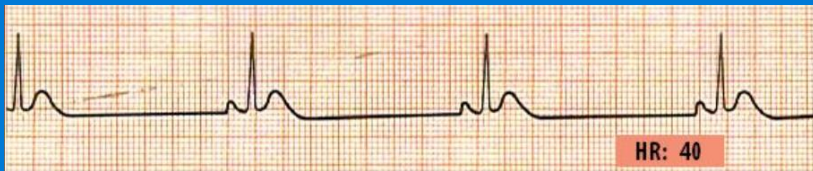
- Abnormal ECG -

Unconfirmed Diagnosis



CARDIOGENIC SHOCK

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

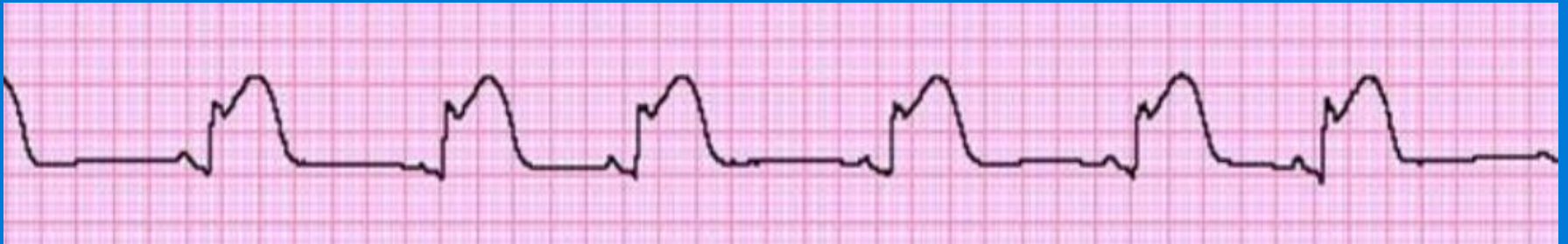


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 - STEMI / Acute Coronary Syndrome (vascular)



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CARDIOGENIC SHOCK

- Heart Rate:
 - Should be between 50 – 150
- Decreased Contractility:
 - STEMI / Acute Coronary Syndrome (vascular)
 - Myocarditis (muscle dysfunction)
 - Often mimics STEMI on the ECG. Often “challenging” for advanced practitioners to diagnose.

Initial Patient Workup:

- If patient has ANY symptoms of ACS, get a

STAT 12 Lead ECG

EMS 12 Lead ECG



In-Hospital 12 Lead ECG

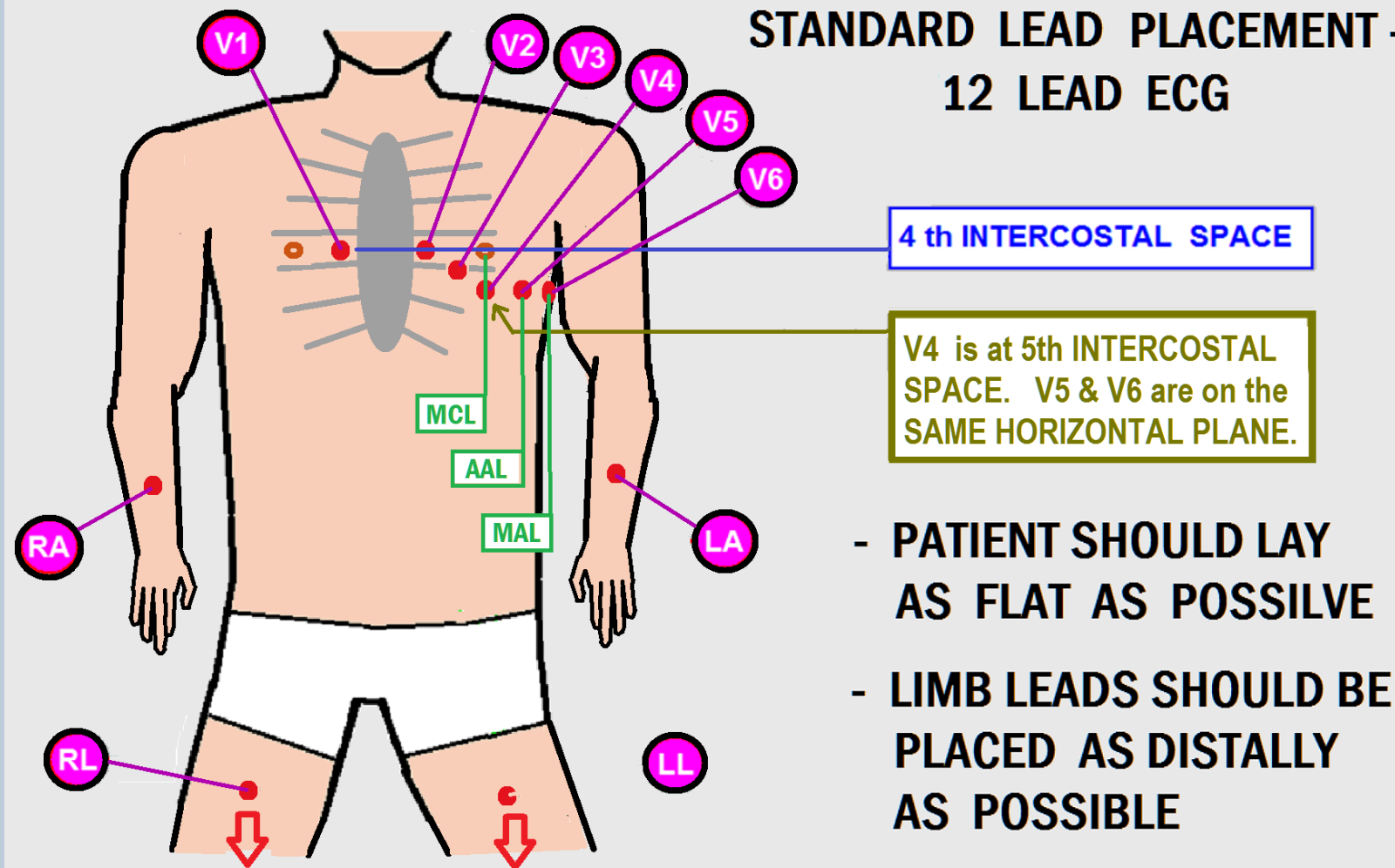


10 wires . . .

- 4 limb leads
- 6 chest (“V”) leads



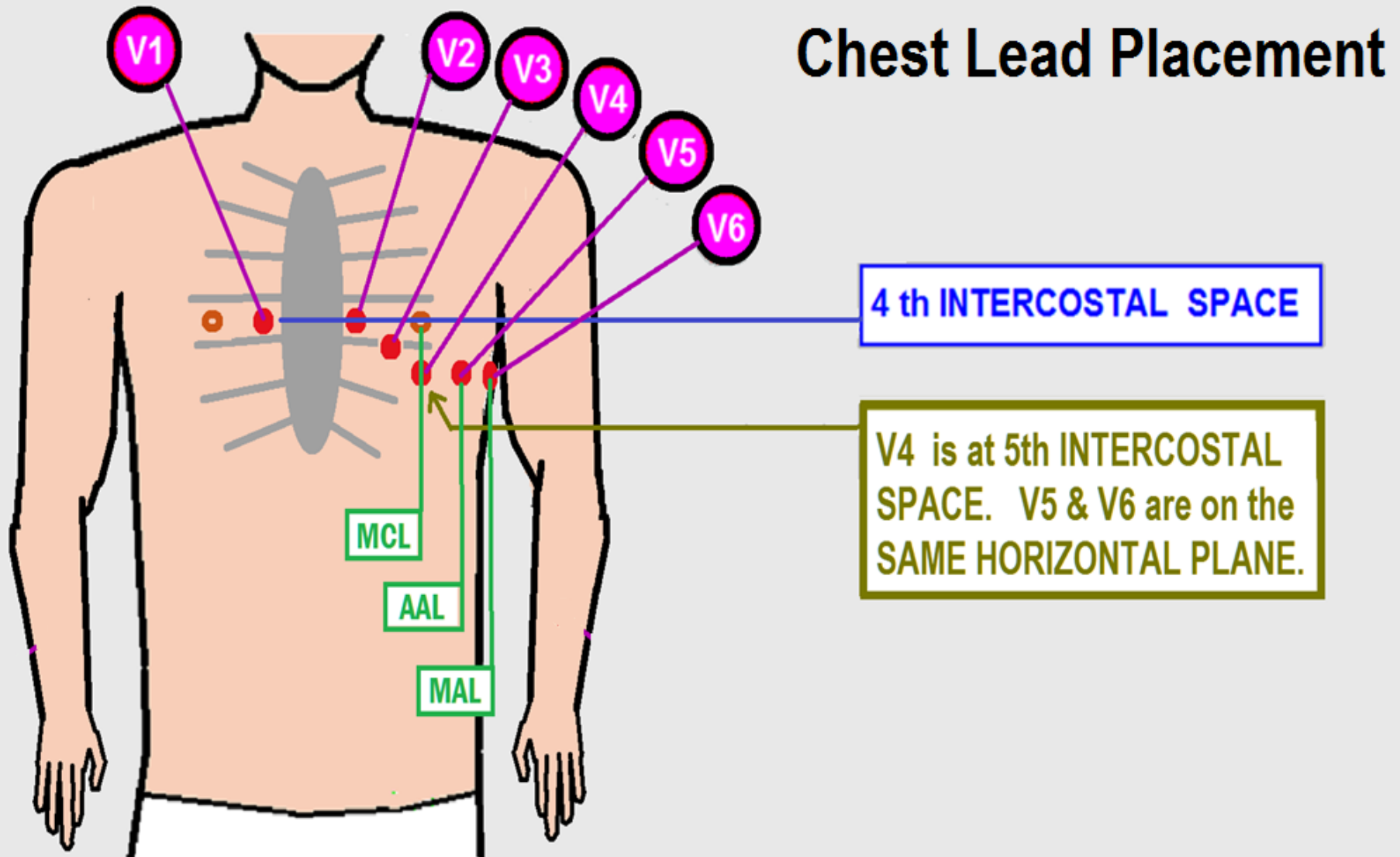
Obtaining the 12 Lead ECG



Leads V1 & V2 on 12 Lead ECG:

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

CORRECT Lead placement:



DOB [REDACTED] 75 Years

Female

(2)

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

PR 161
QRSD 90
QT 350
QTc 394

TECH

SD

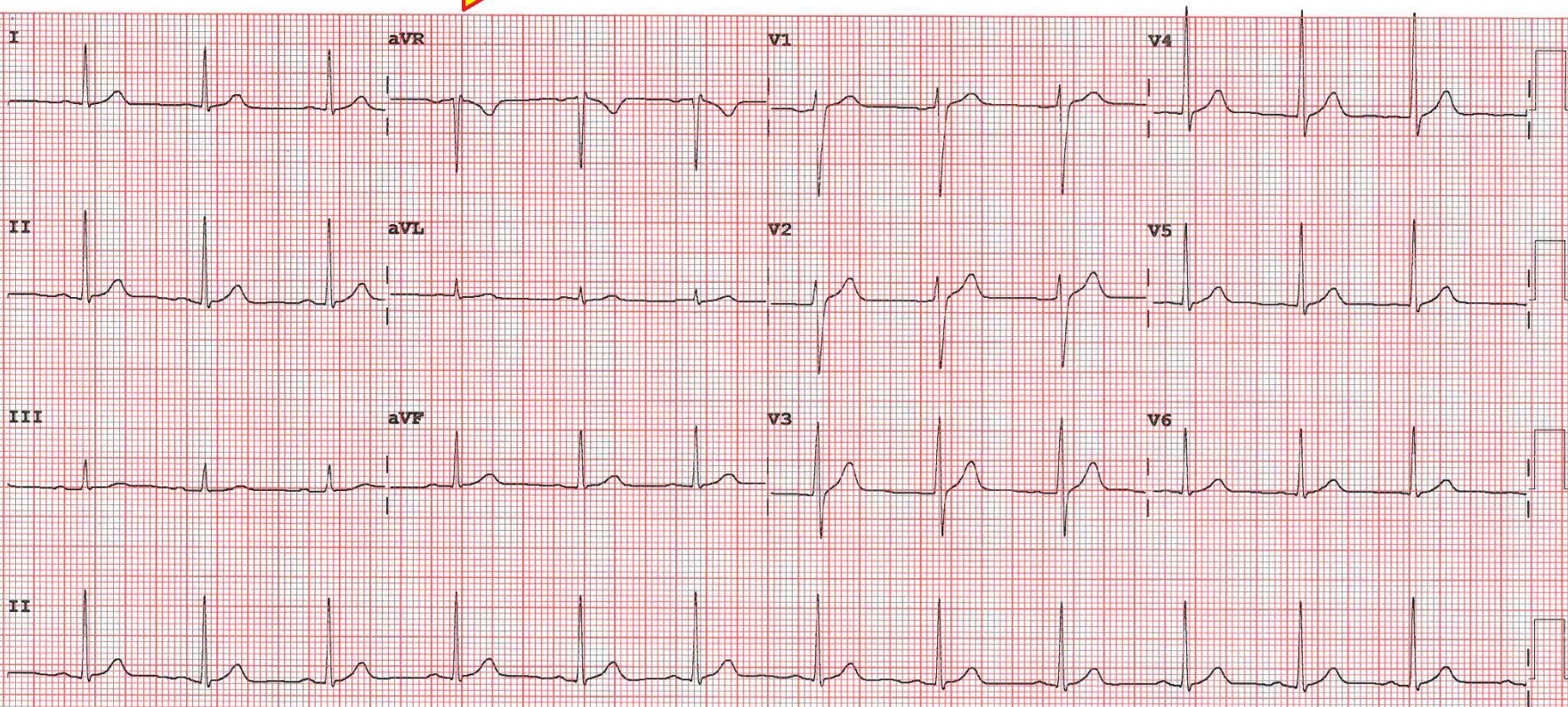
--AXIS--

P 50
QRS 51
T 44

12 Lead; Standard Placement

- NORMAL ECG -

Unconfirmed Diagnosis



Device:

Speed: 25 mm/sec

Limb: 10 mm/mV

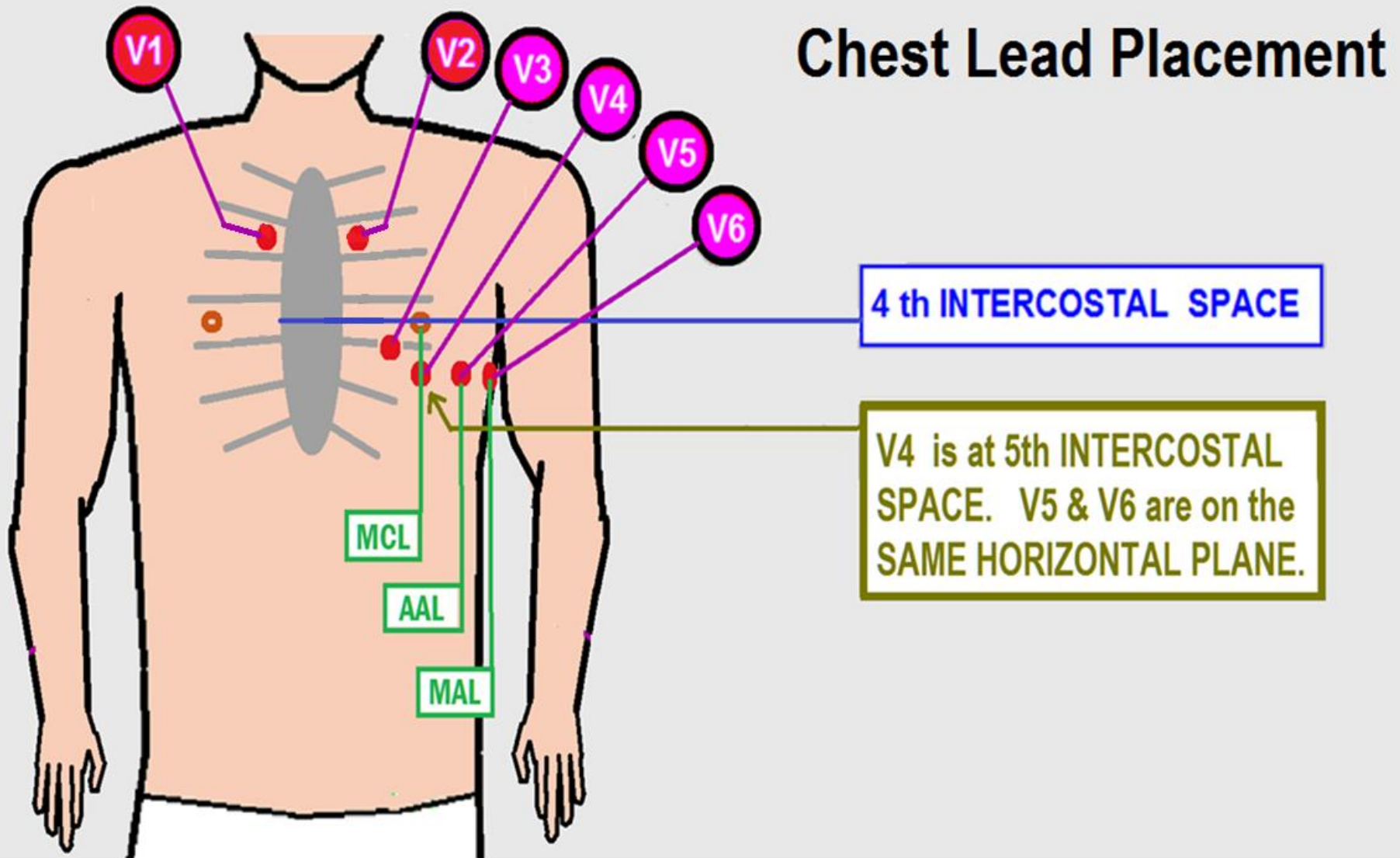
Chest: 10.0 mm/mV

F 60~ 0.15-100 Hz

100B CL

P?

INCORRECT Lead placement:



DOB [REDACTED] 1988 30 Years

Female

5:20:58 AM

(1)

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

PR 157
QRSD 96
QT 365
QTc 445

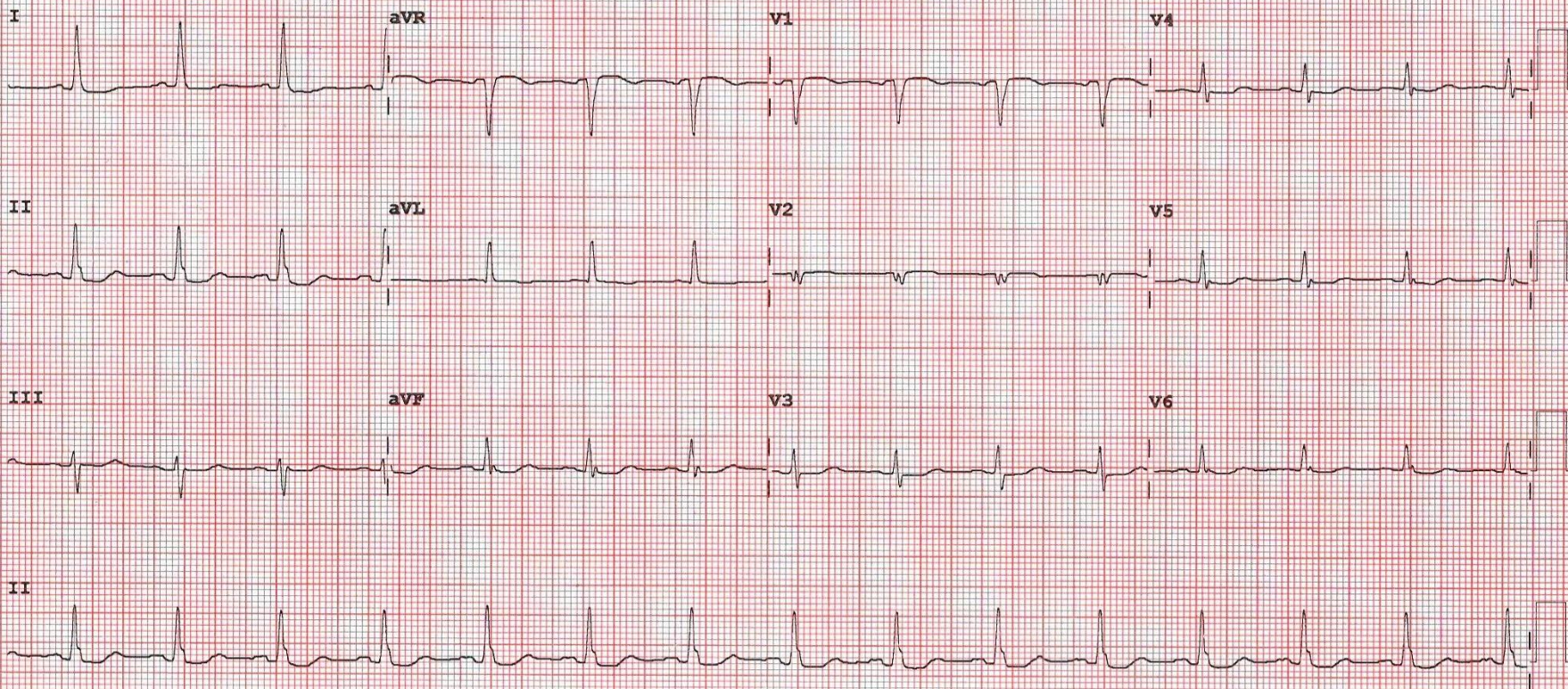
--AXIS--

P 46
QRS 24
T 86

12 Lead; Standard Placement

- ABNORMAL ECG -

Unconfirmed Diagnosis



Device

Speed: 25 mm/sec

Limb: 10 mm/mV

Chest: 10.0 mm/mV

F 60~ 0.15-100 Hz

123 CL

P?

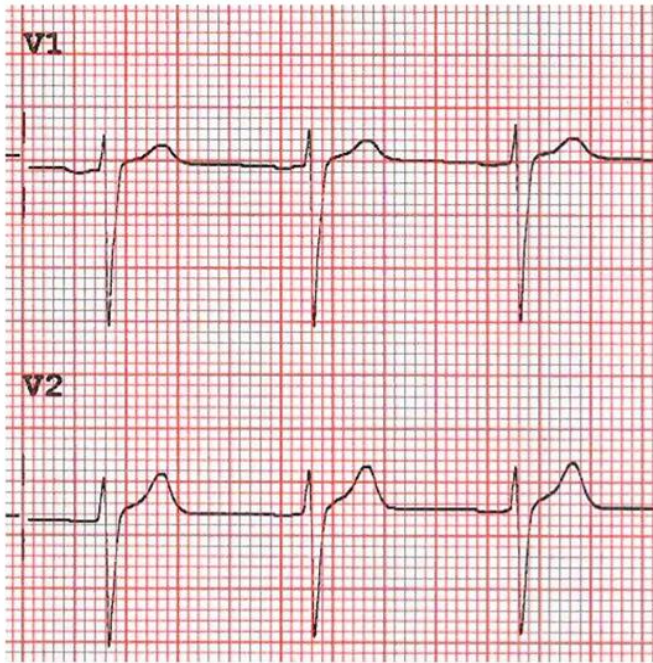
AHA/ACC/HRS Scientific Statement

Recommendations for the Standardization and Interpretation of the Electrocardiogram

Part I: The Electrocardiogram and Its Technology

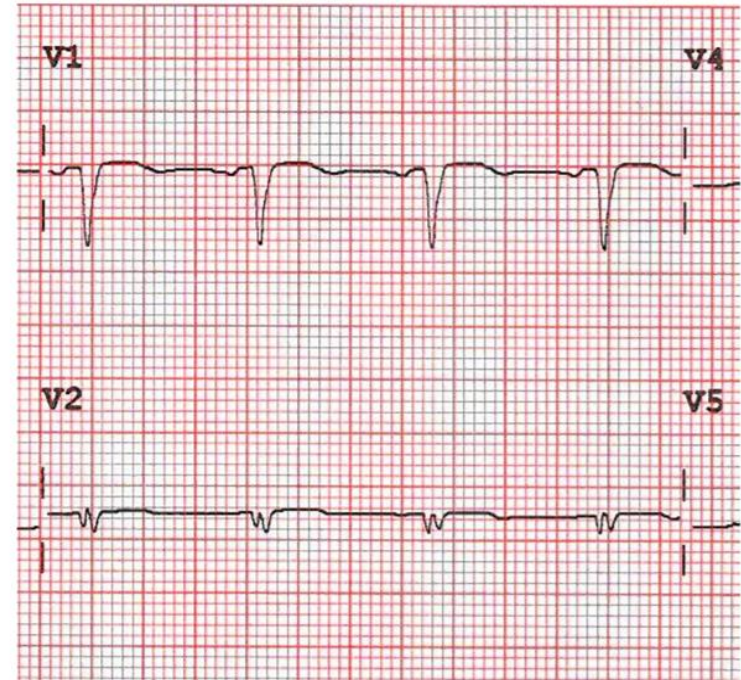
the often profound alterations in waveforms that can result from precordial electrode misplacement.^{85,86} A common error is superior misplacement of V_1 and V_2 in the second or third intercostal space. This can result in reduction of initial R-wave amplitude in these leads, approximating 0.1 mV per interspace, which can cause poor R-wave progression or erroneous signs of anterior infarction.⁸⁷ 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,^{88,89}

Correct Lead Placement



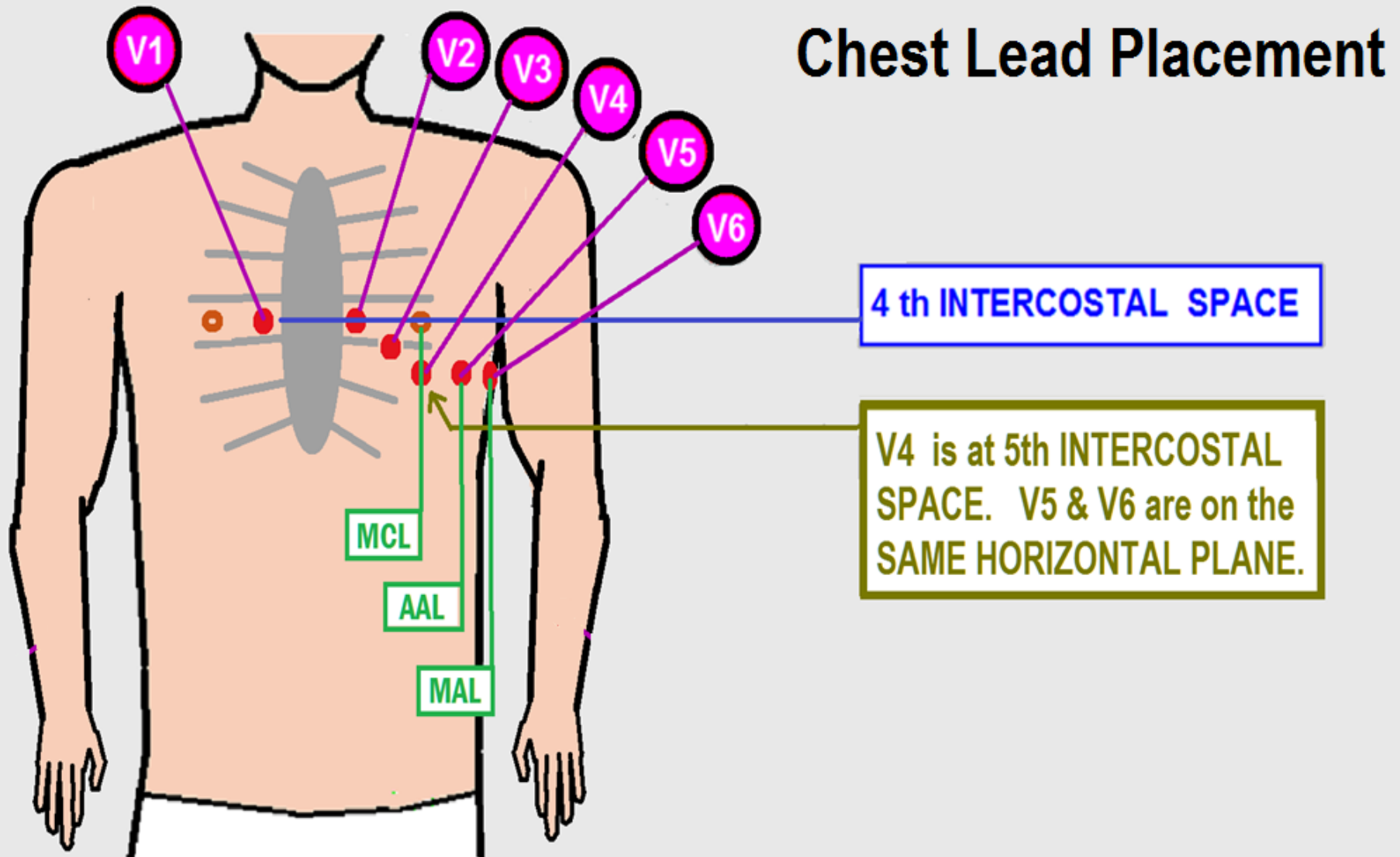
RS = NO old MI

Incorrect Lead Placement



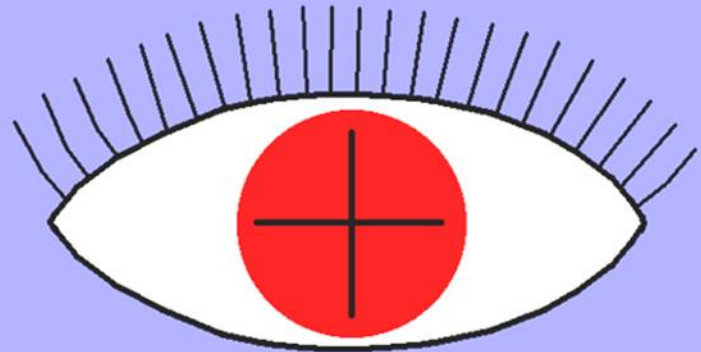
QS = old MI

CORRECT Lead placement:



What part of the HEART does each lead SEE ?

THE POSITIVE ELECTRODE



IS THE "EYE" . . .

AREAS VIEWED by 12 LEAD ECG



AVR

AVL, I

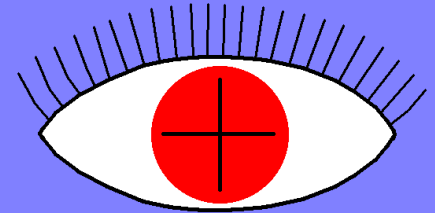
V1, V2

V3, V4

V5, V6

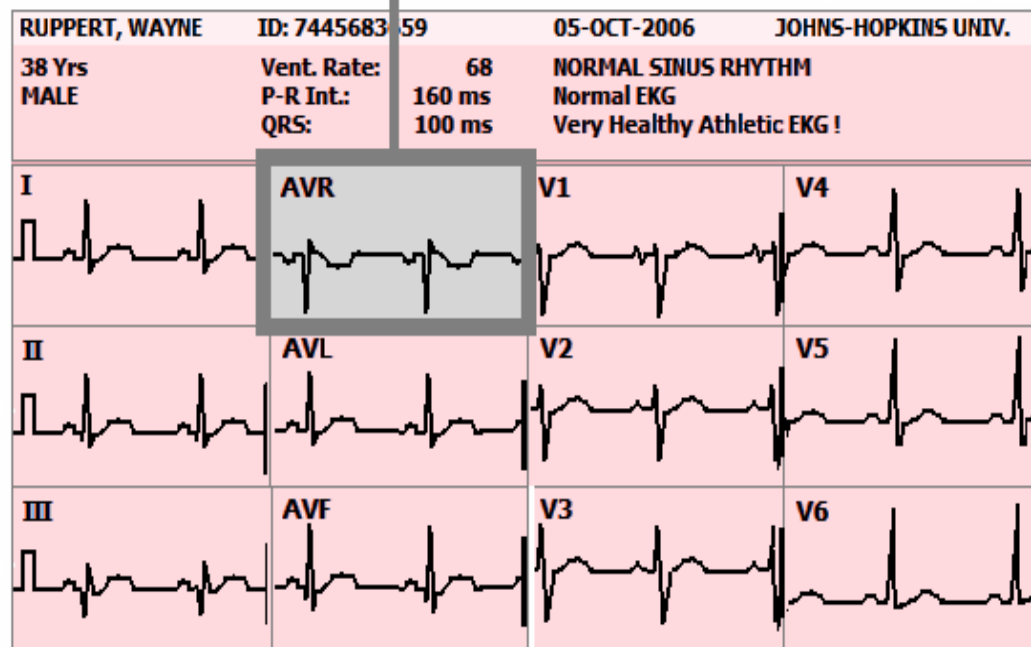
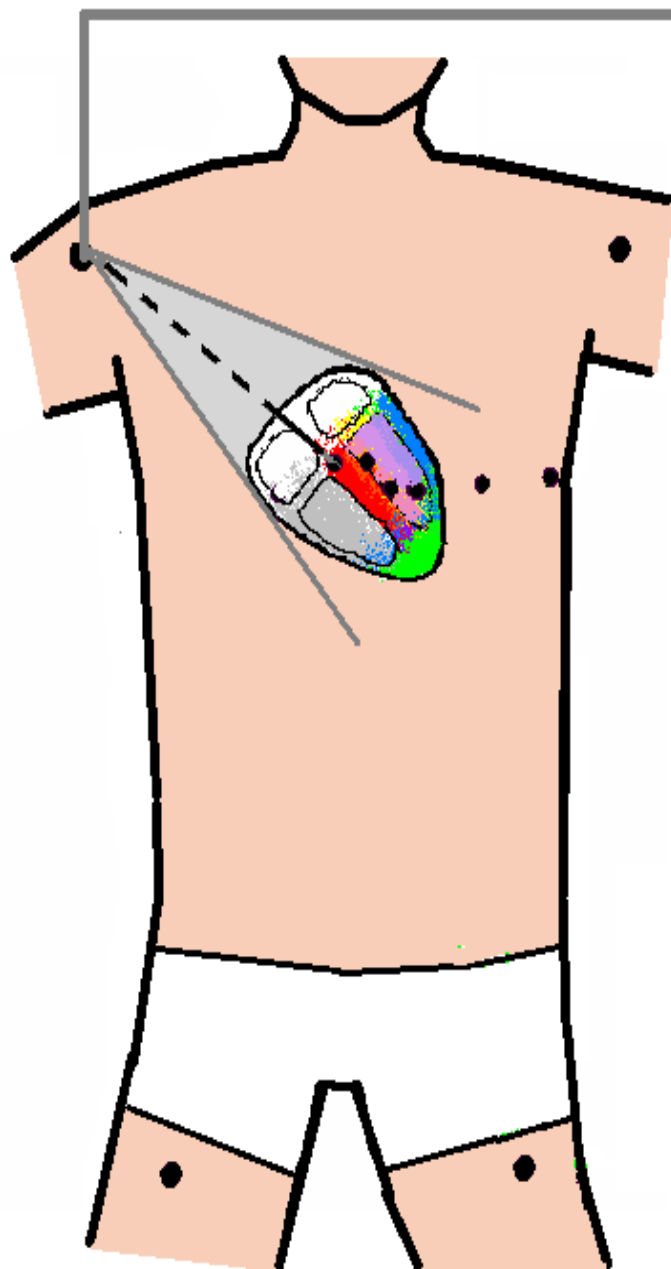
II, III, AVF

THE POSITIVE ELECTRODE



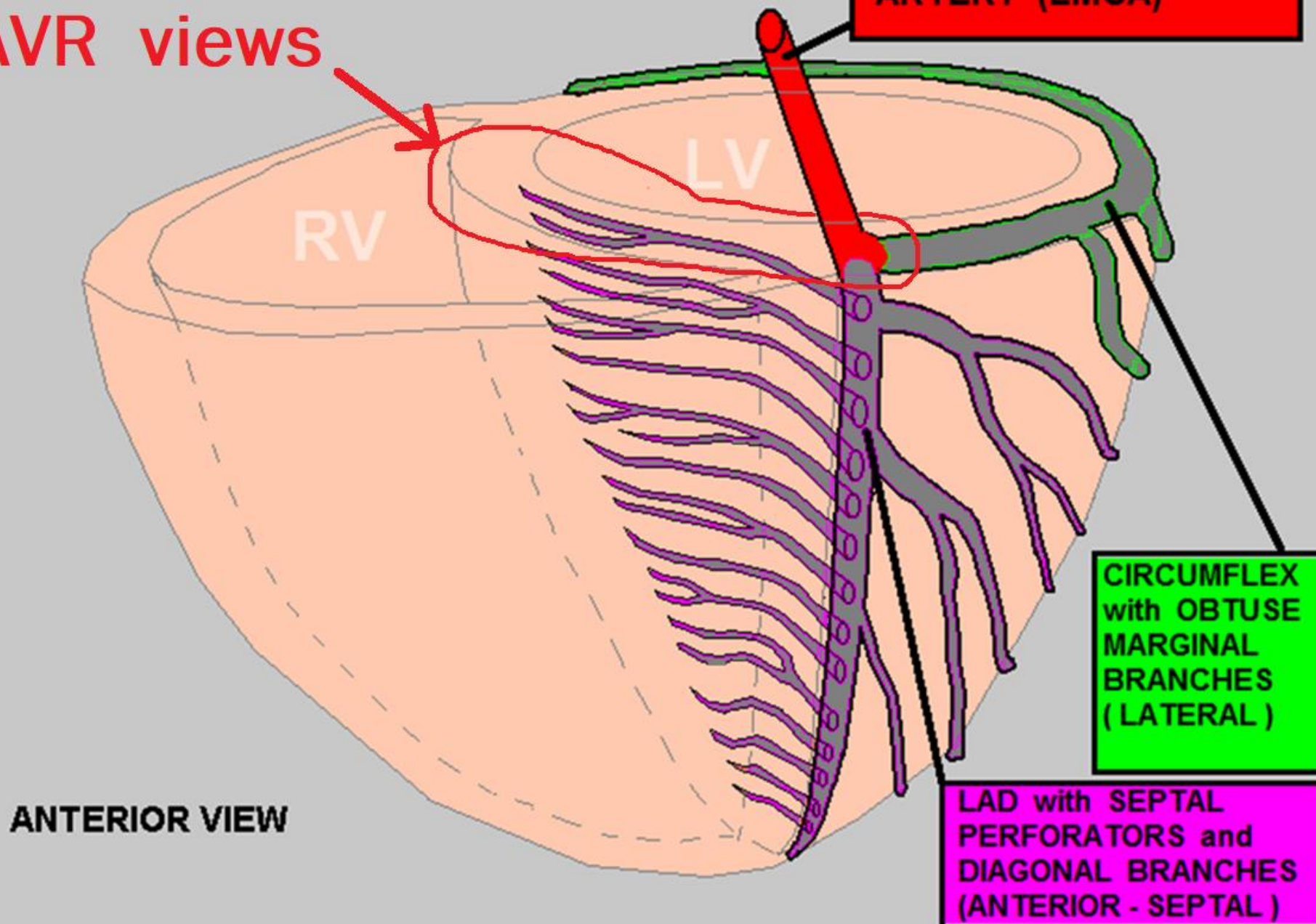
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Lead AVR Views the BASILAR SEPTUM (region of the Bundle of His):

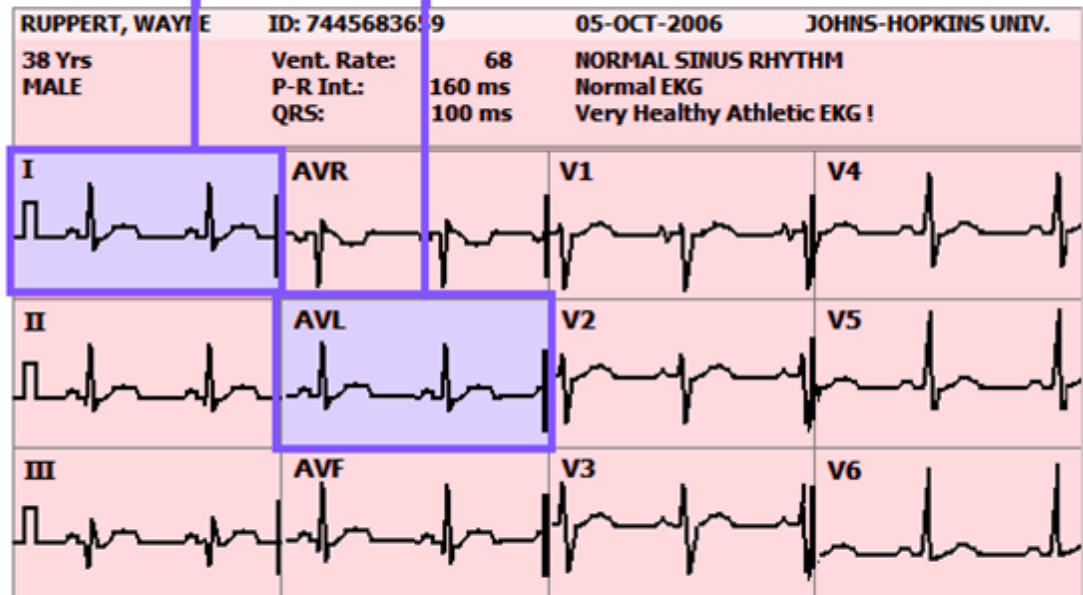
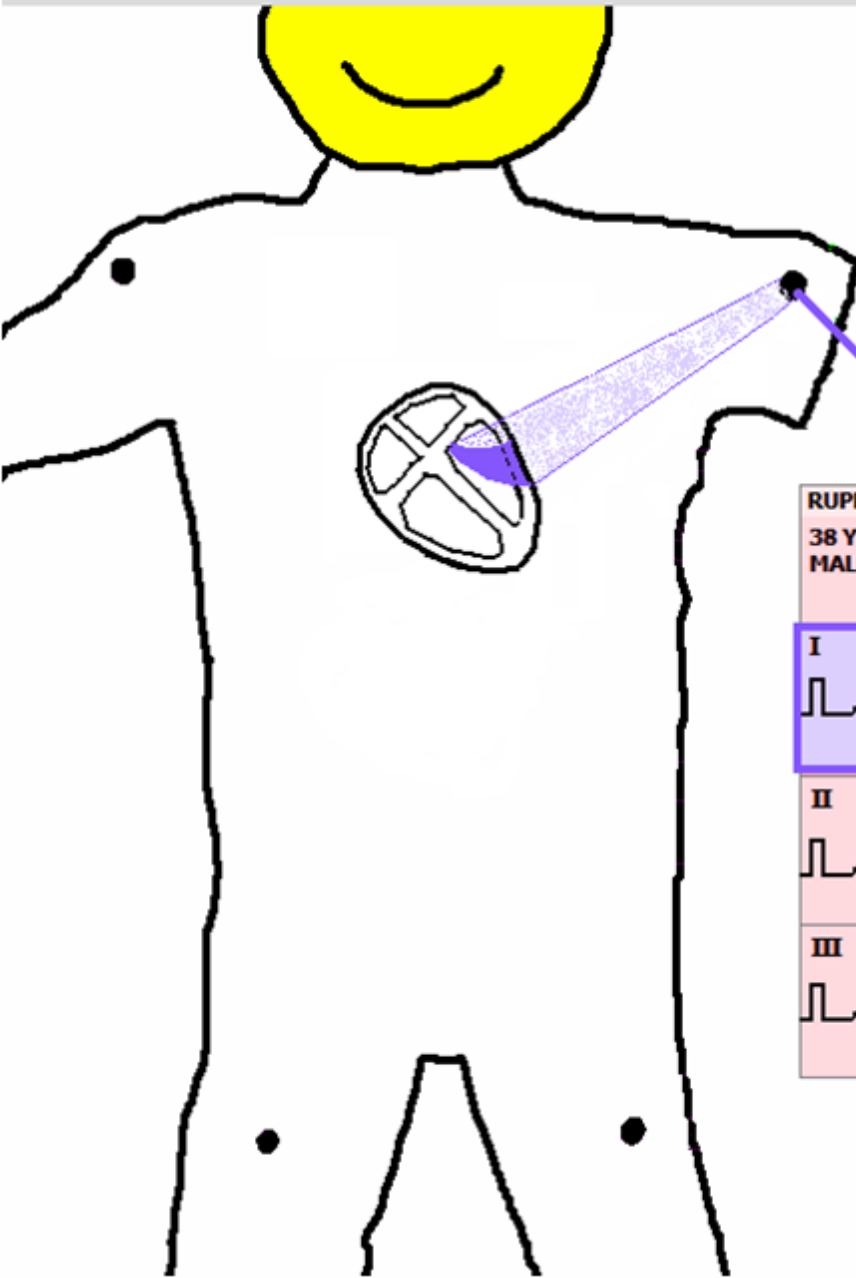


LEFT CORONARY ARTERY SYSTEM

AVR views

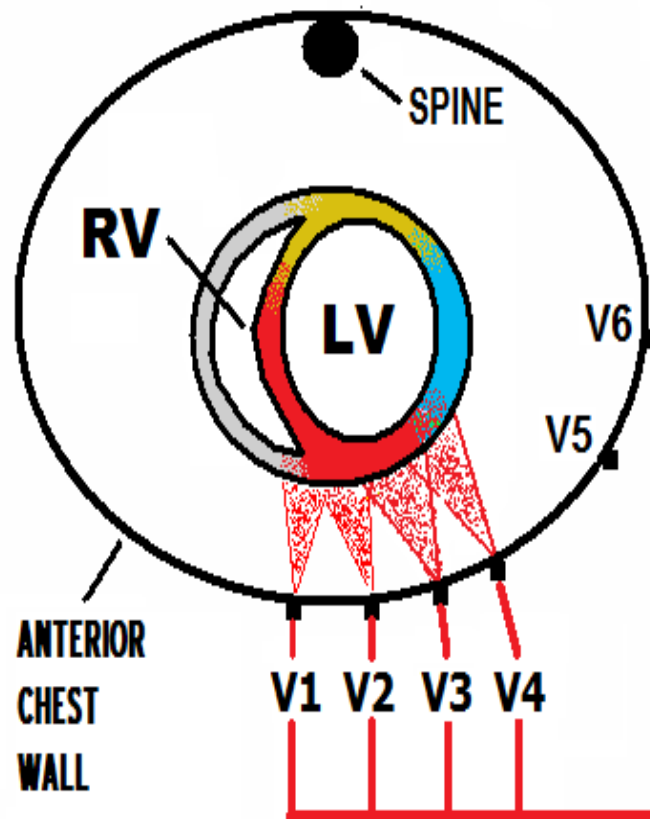


LEADS I and aVL VIEW the LATERAL - ANTERIOR WALL



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

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

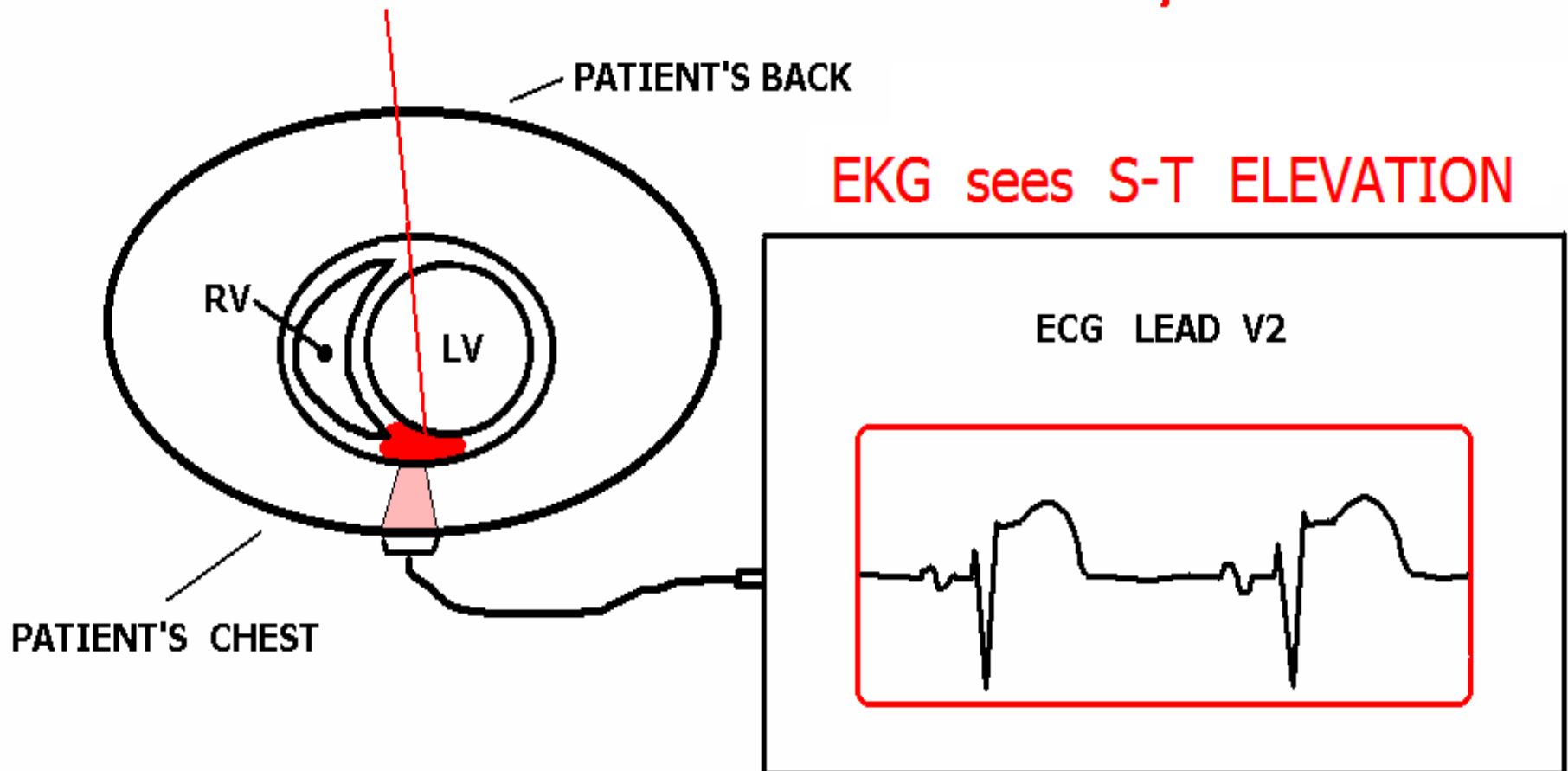


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38 Yrs		Vent. Rate: 68	NORMAL SINUS RHYTHM	
MALE		P-R Int.: 160 ms	Normal EKG	
		QRS: 100 ms	Very Healthy Athletic EKG !	
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HOW EKG VIEWS INDICATIVE CHANGES

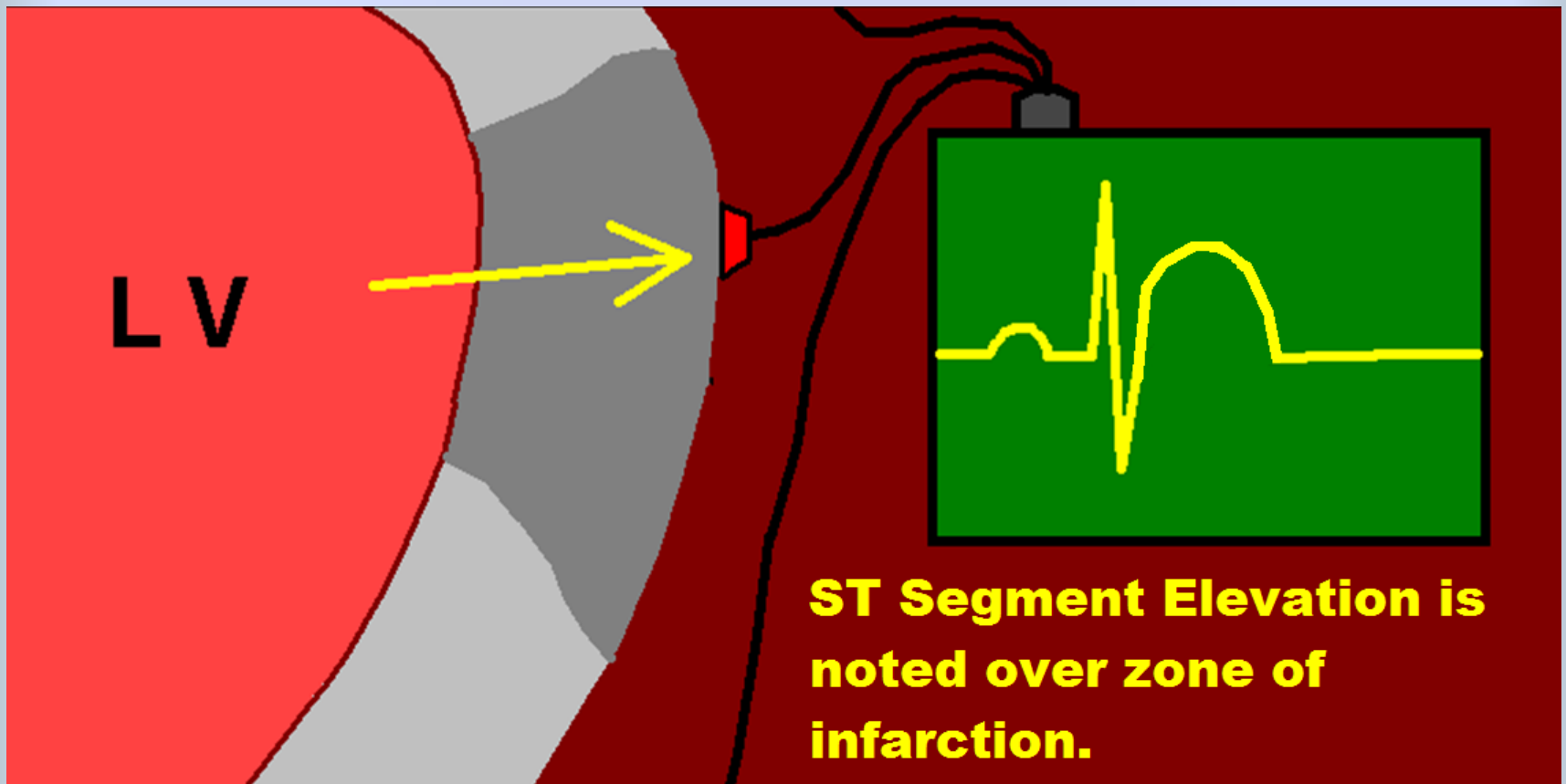
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AREA OF ACUTE INFARCTION - ANTERIOR/SEPTAL



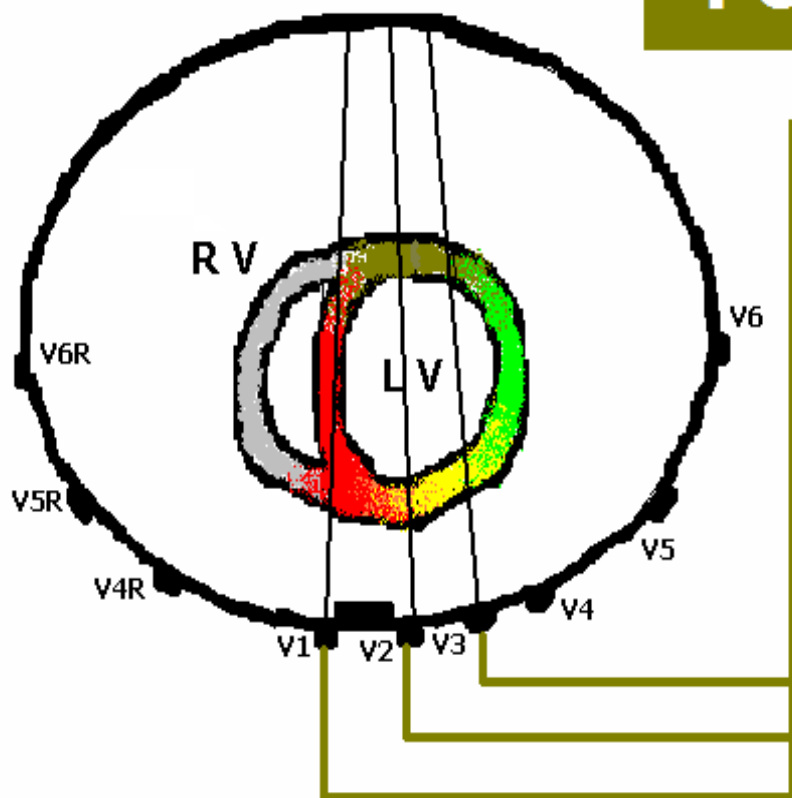
STEMI

- ST Segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction.

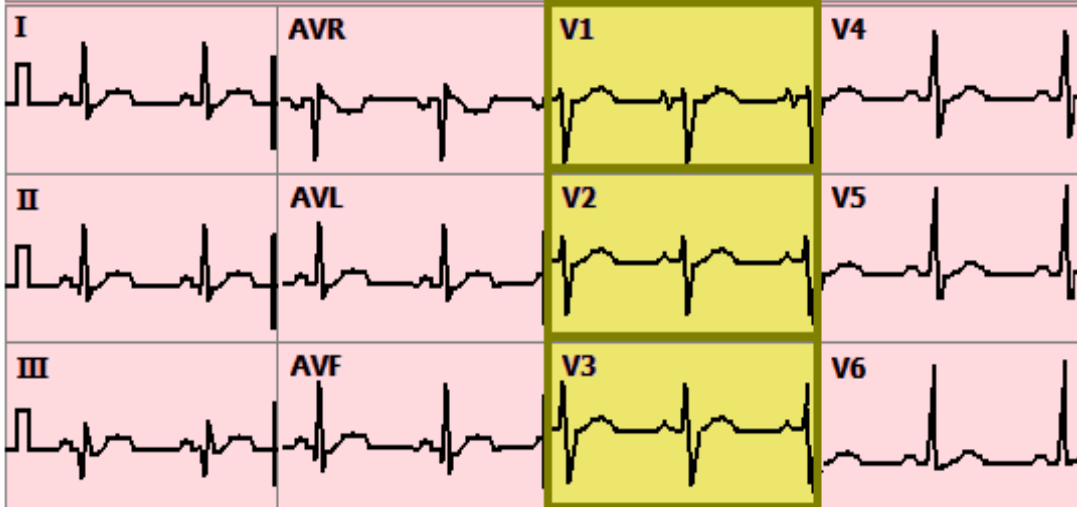


LEADS V1 - V3 *view the*

POSTERIOR WALL

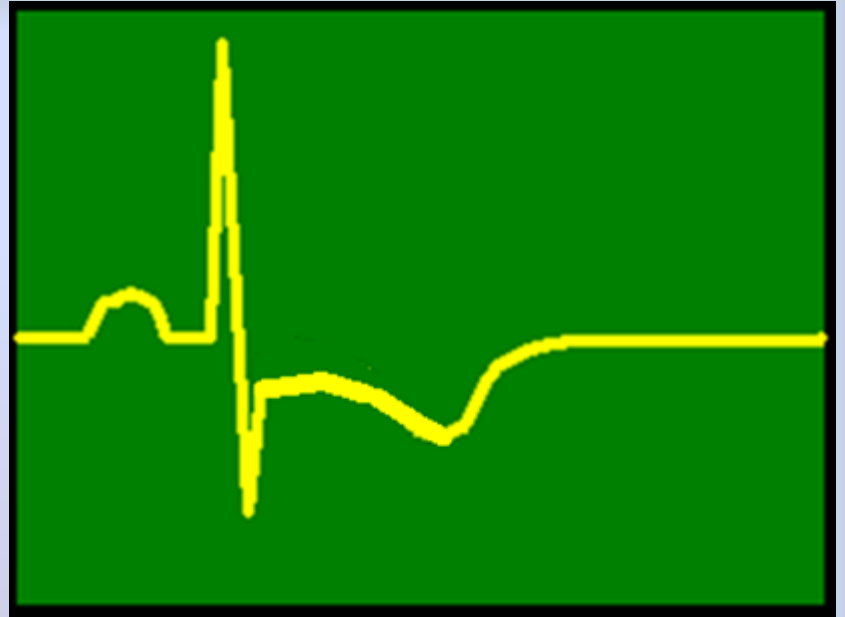


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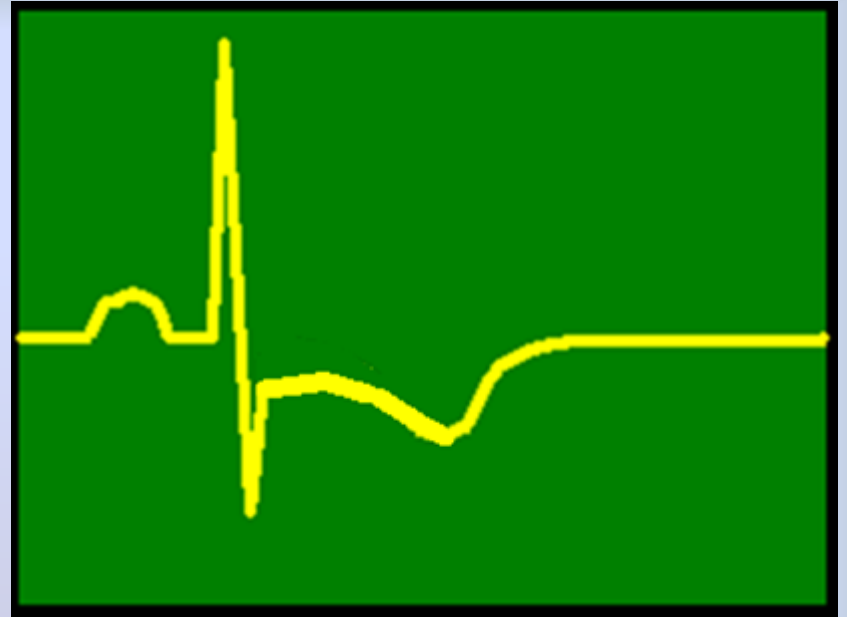
via **RECIPROCAL CHANGES.**

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

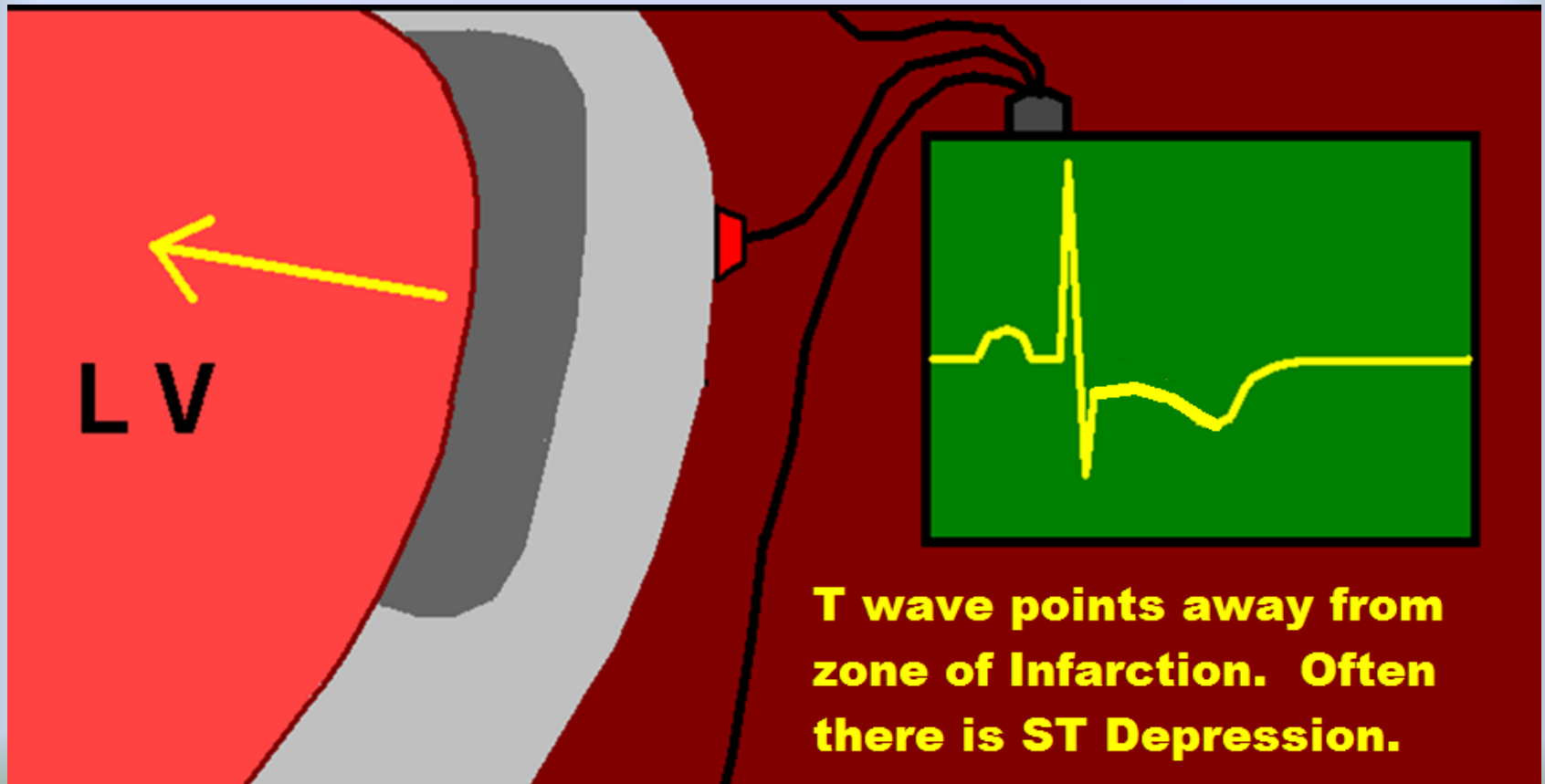
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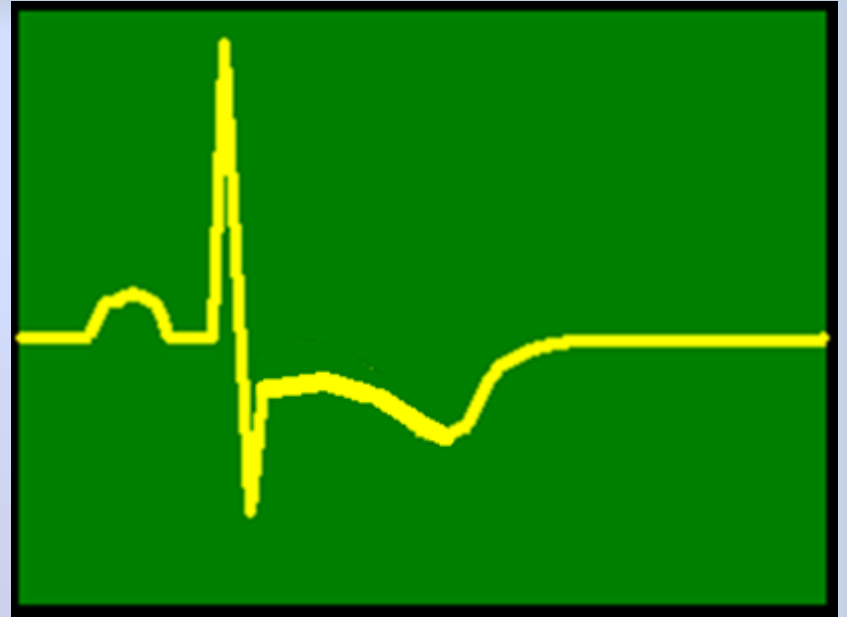
- Direct view of ISCHEMIA (anterior wall)
- Direct view of NSTEMI (anterior wall)

Non-STEMI (NSTEMI)

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



ST Depression in Leads V1 – V4:

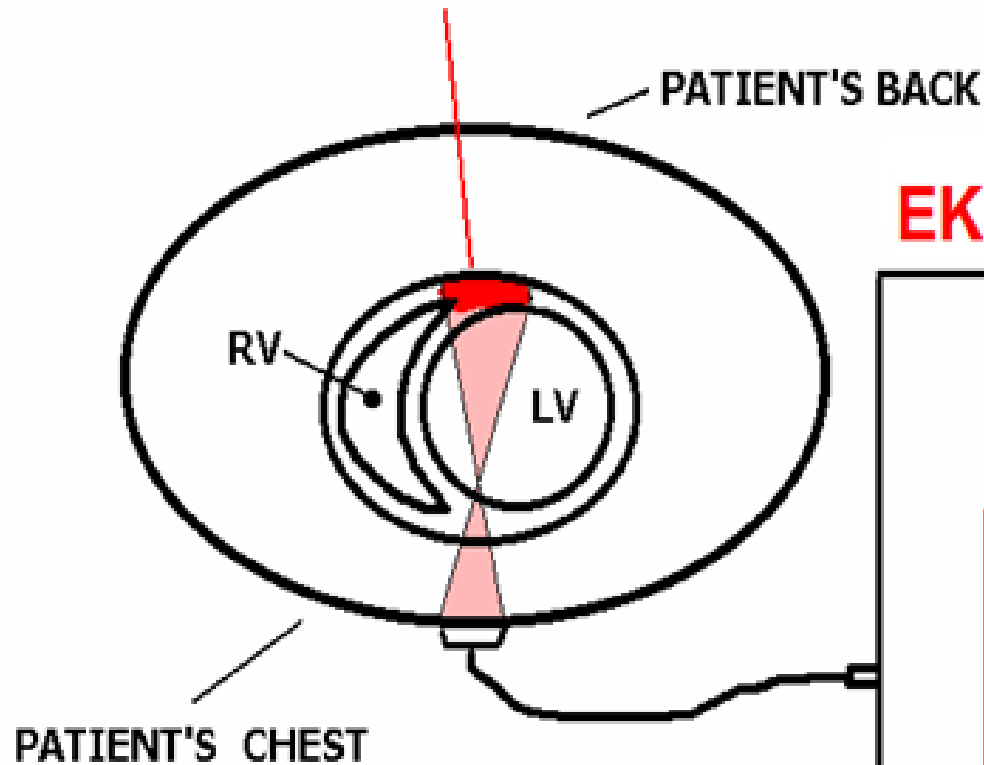


- Direct view of ISCHEMIA (anterior wall)
- Direct view of NSTEMI (anterior wall)
- Reciprocal view of STEMI (opposite side of heart - posterior wall)

HOW EKG VIEWS RECIPROCAL CHANGES

EXAMPLE:

AREA OF ACUTE INFARCTION - POSTERIOR WALL



EKG sees S-T DEPRESSION

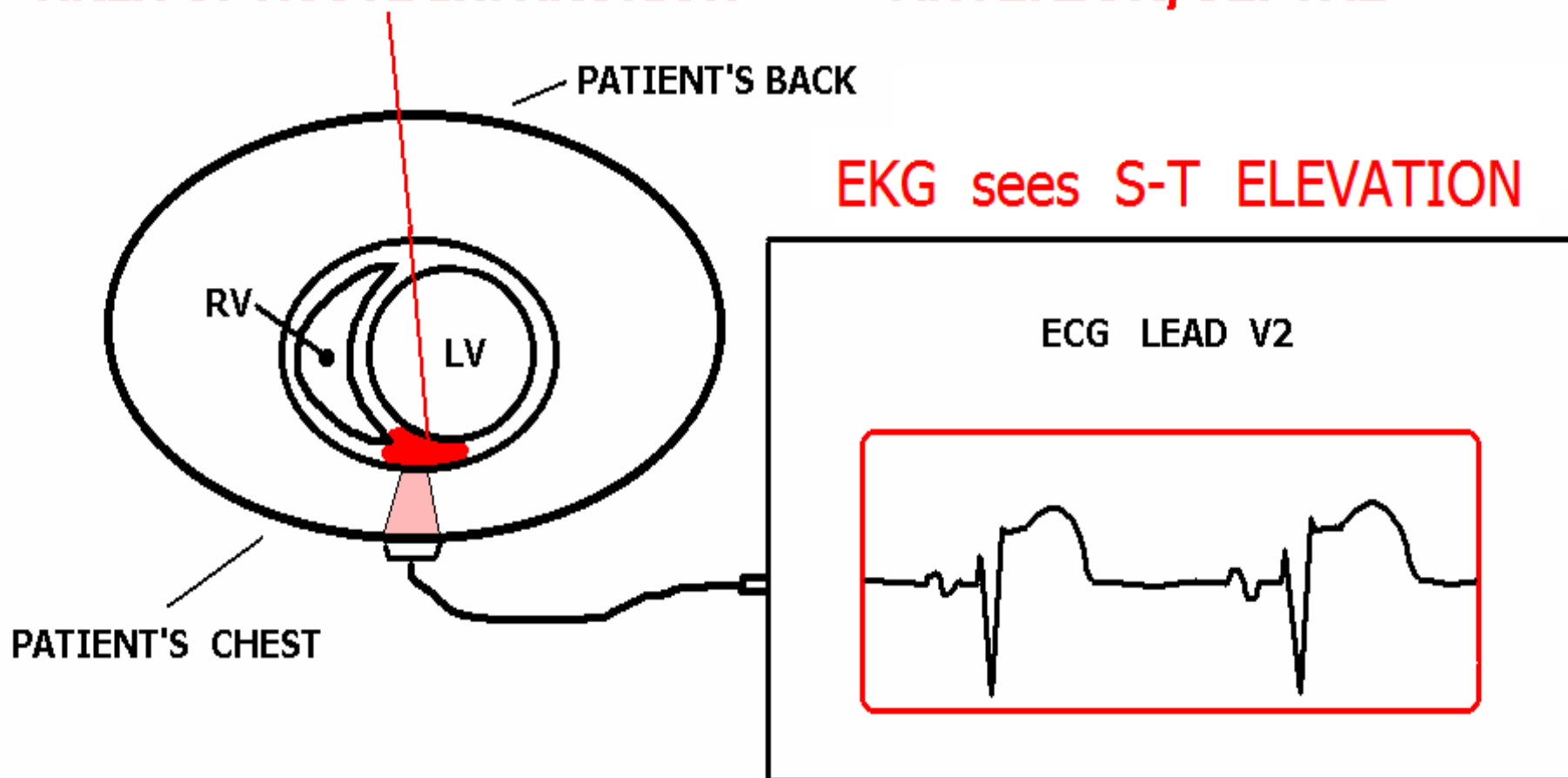
ECG LEAD V2



HOW EKG VIEWS INDICATIVE CHANGES

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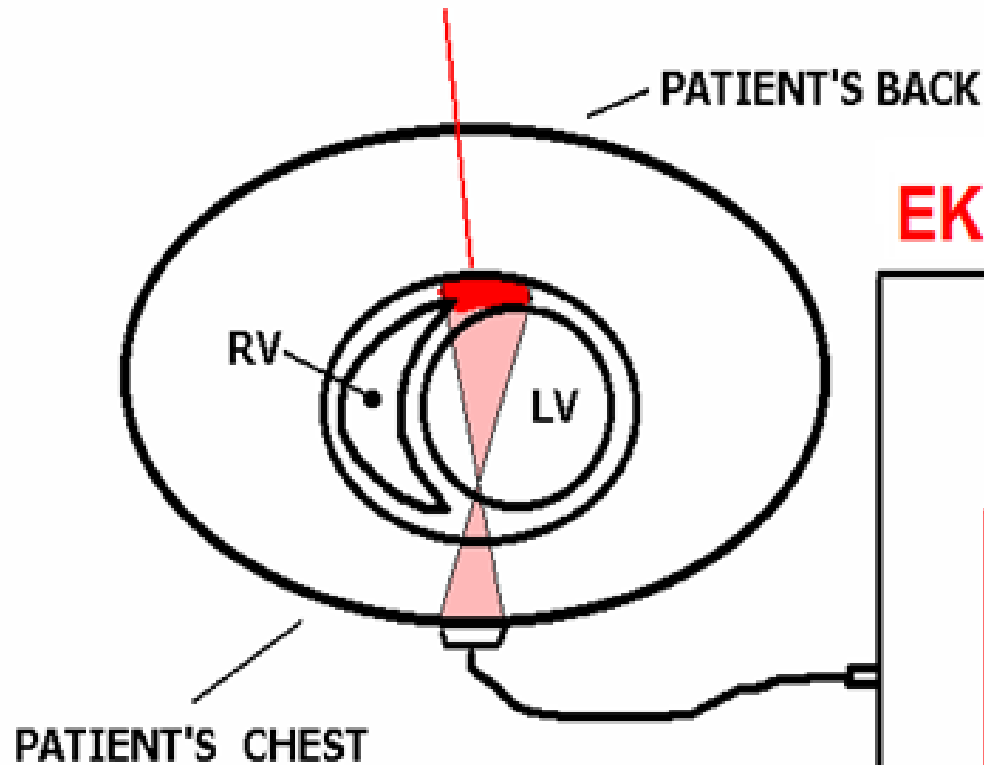
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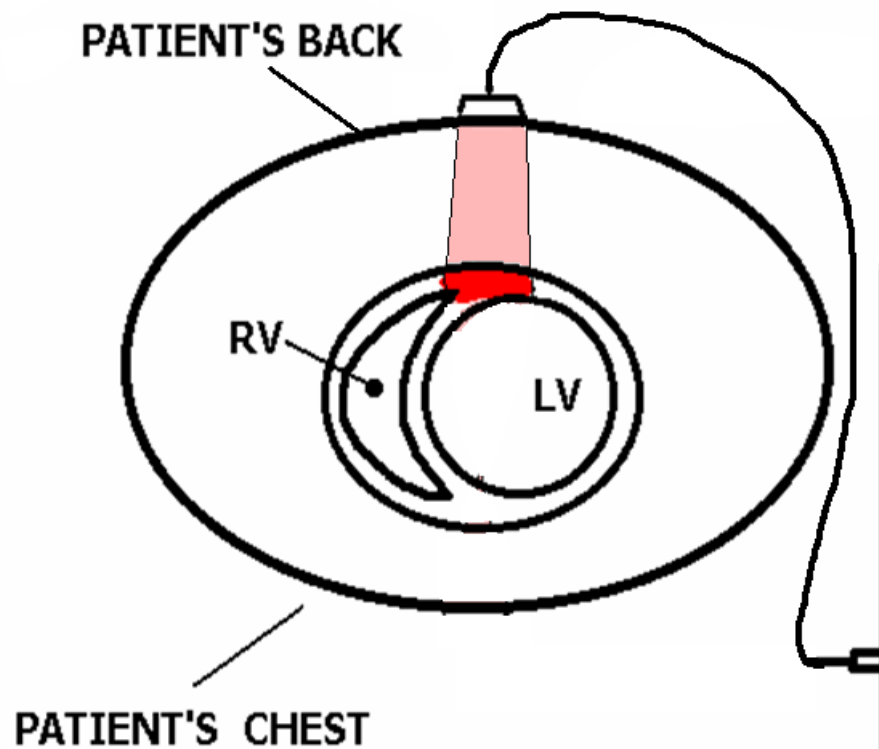


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ECG LEAD V2



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

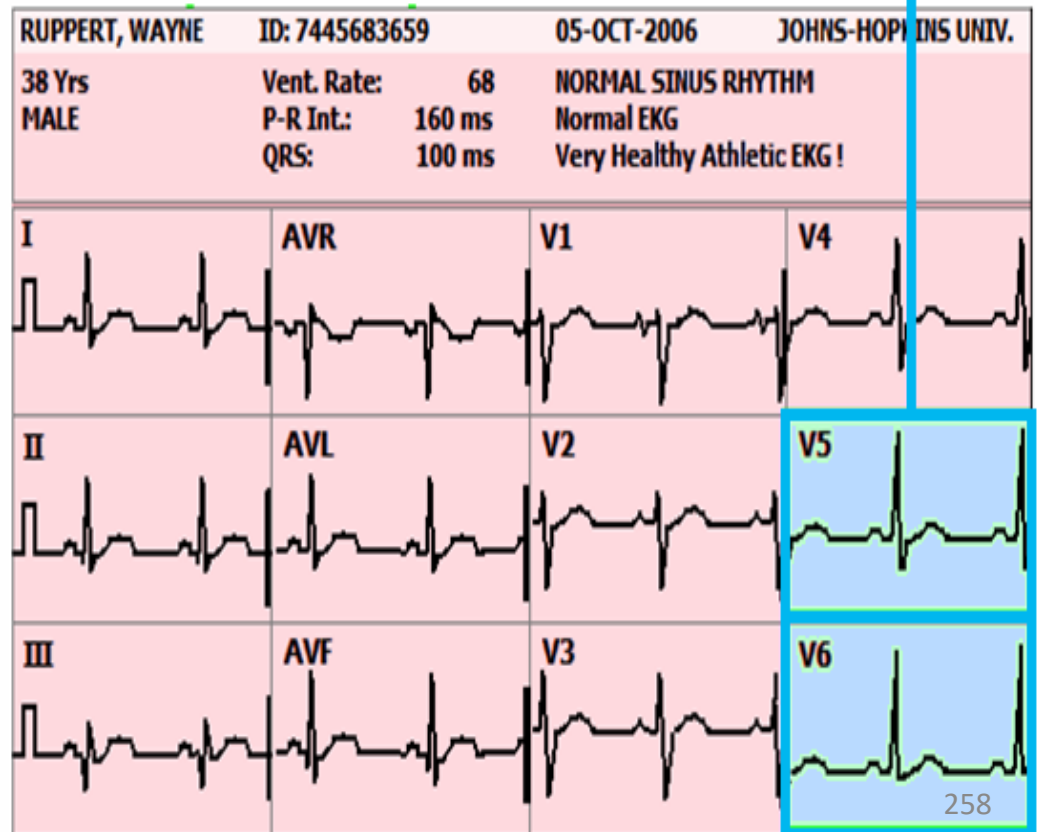
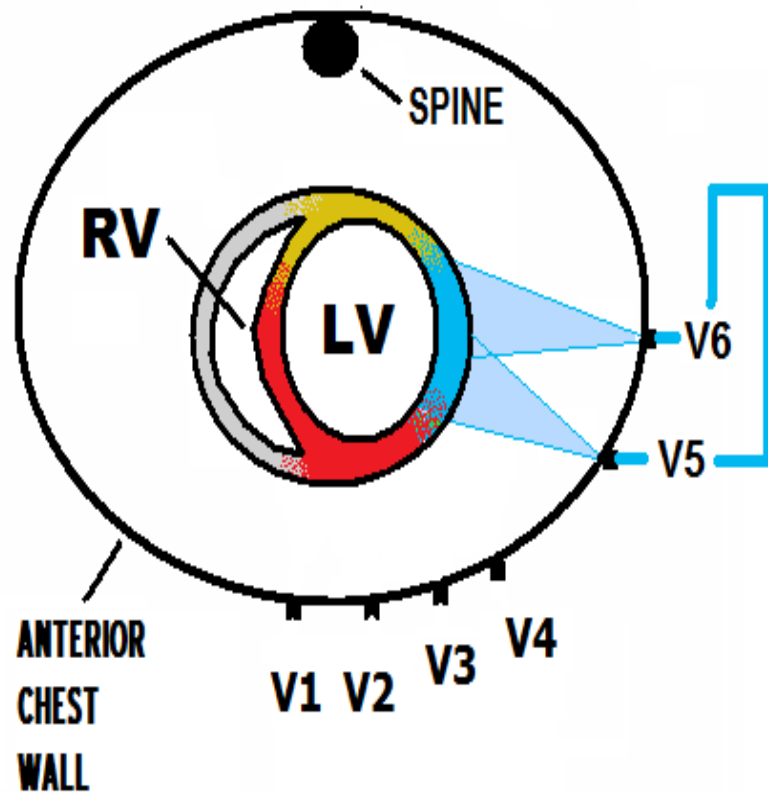


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ECG LEADS: V7, V8 or V9

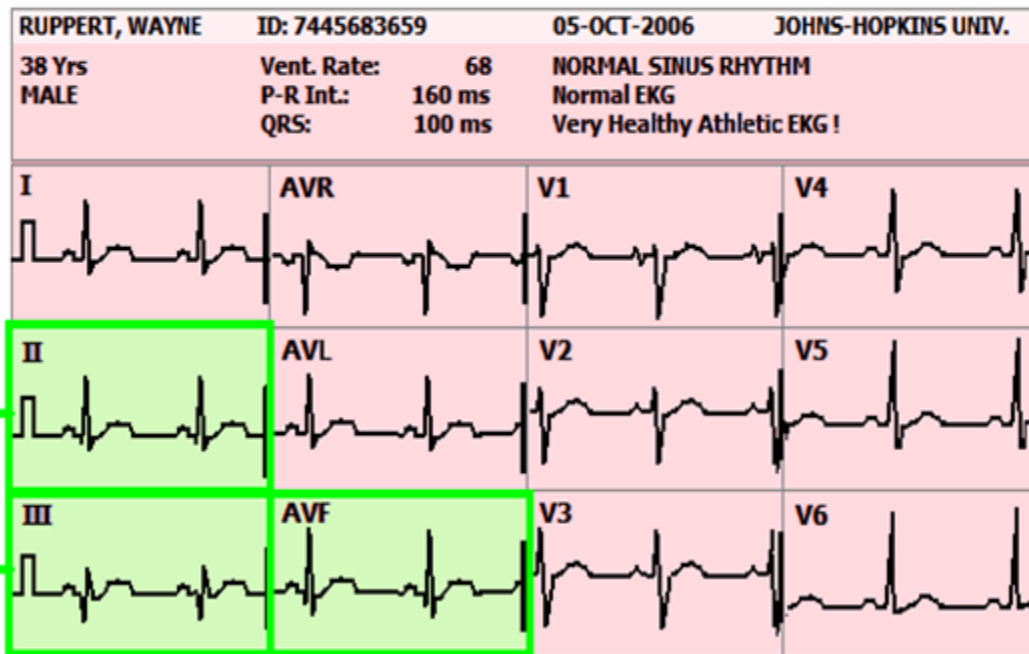


V5 - V6 VIEW THE LATERAL WALL of the LEFT VENTRICLE

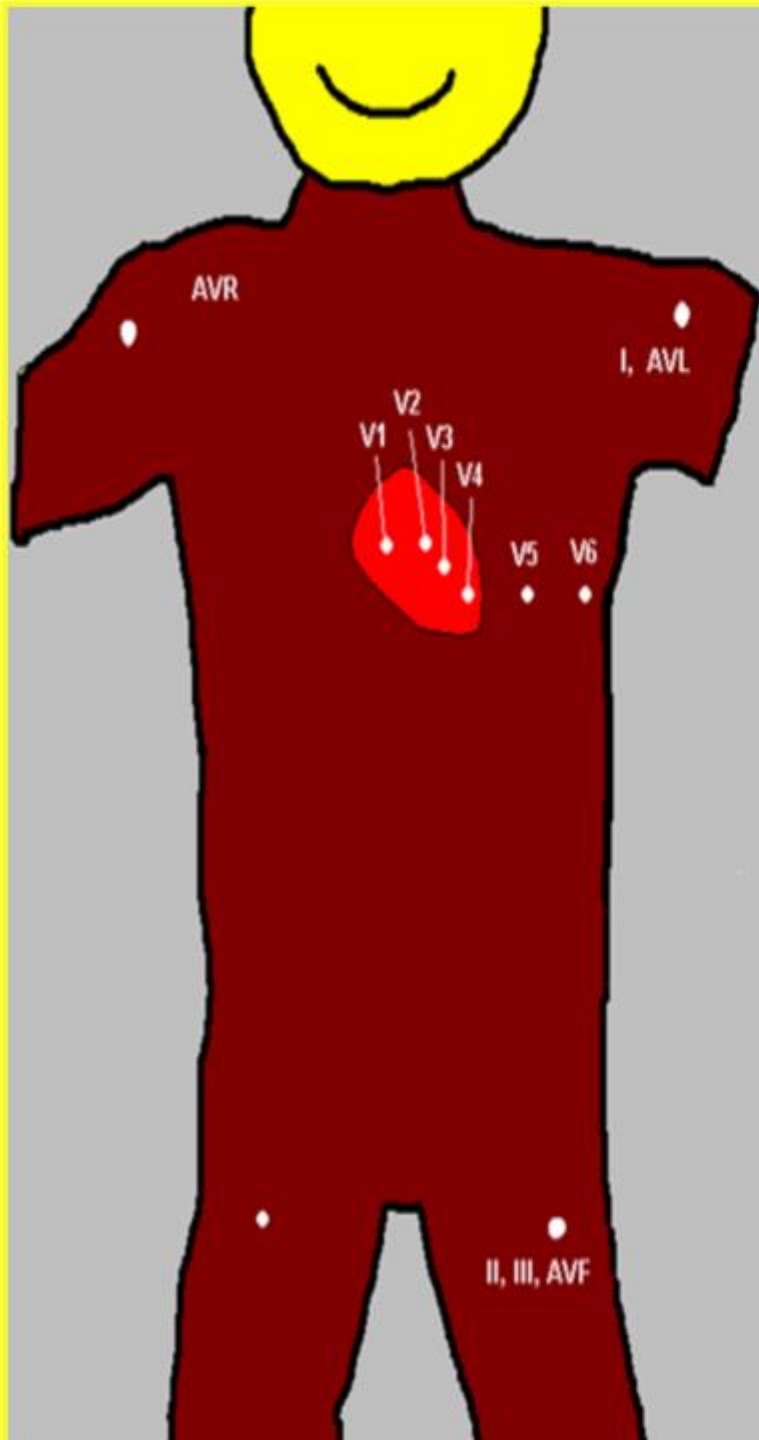


LEADS II, III, and aVF VIEW

INFERIOR WALL of the LEFT VENTRICLE



AREAS VIEWED by 12 LEAD ECG



AVR	<i>BASILAR SEPTAL</i>
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AVL, I	LATERAL ANTERIOR
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V1, V2	ANTERIOR
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SEPTAL

POSTERIOR (recip.)

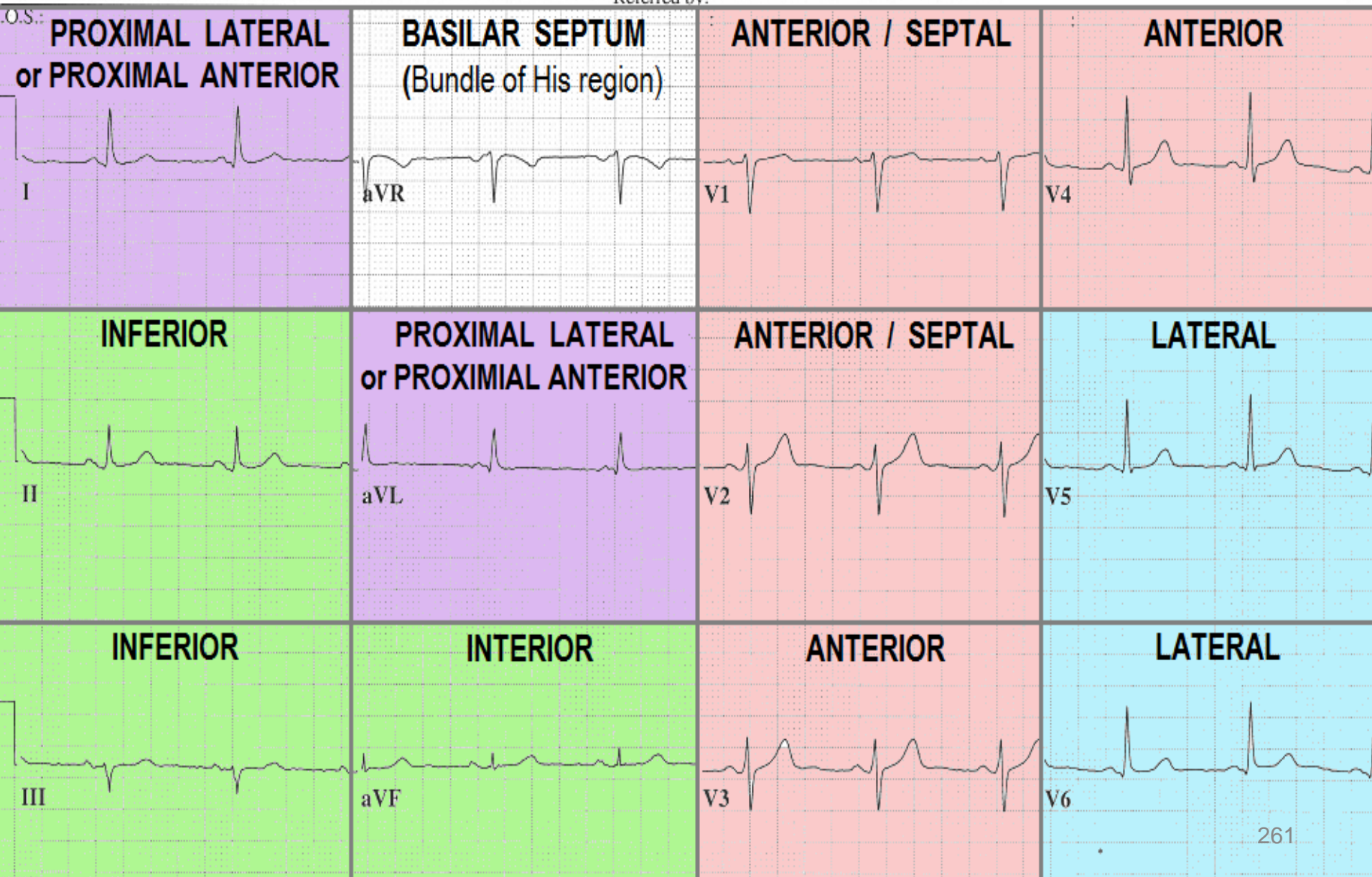
V3, V4	ANTERIOR
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V5, V6	LATERAL
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II, III, AVF	INFERIOR
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Vent. rate	64	BPM	Normal sinus rhythm
PR interval	130	ms	Normal ECG
QRS duration	96	ms	No previous ECGs available
QT/QTc	396/408	ms	
P-R-T axes	40 11 61		

Referred by:



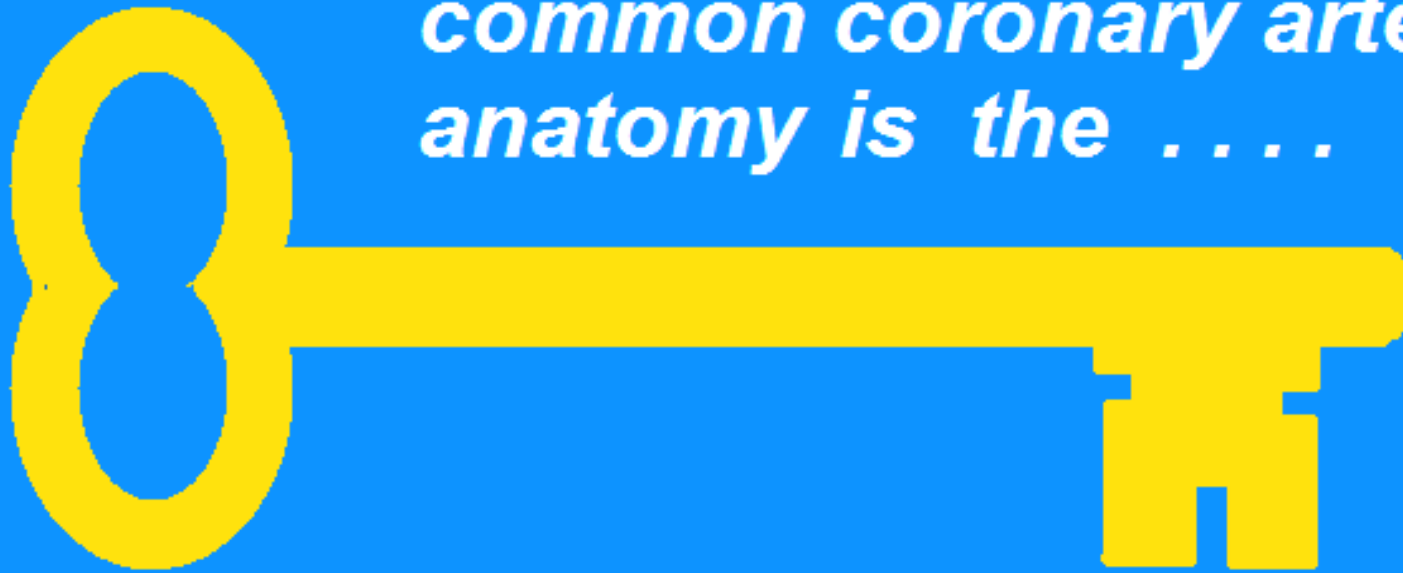
THE CORONARY



ARTERIES

*STRUCTURES
SERVED
BY THE
CORONARY
ARTERIES*

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



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

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

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

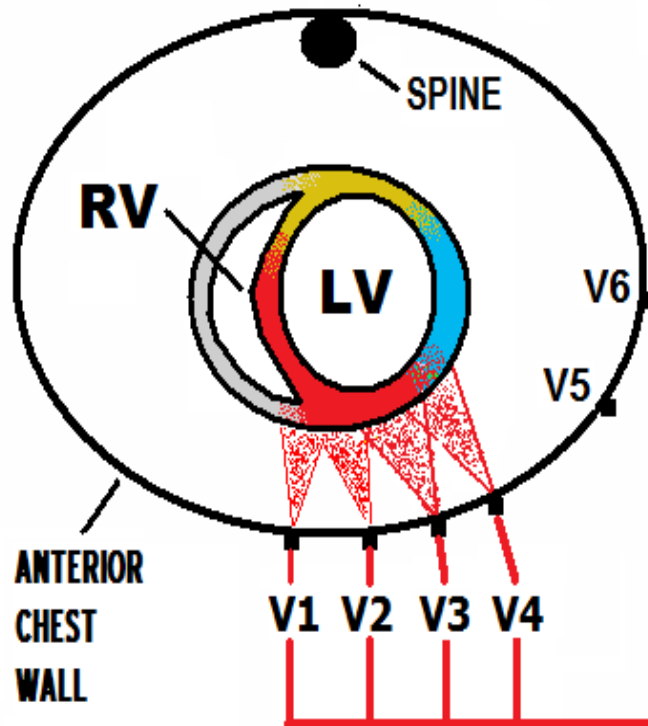


INTERPRET THE EKG, THEN:

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

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

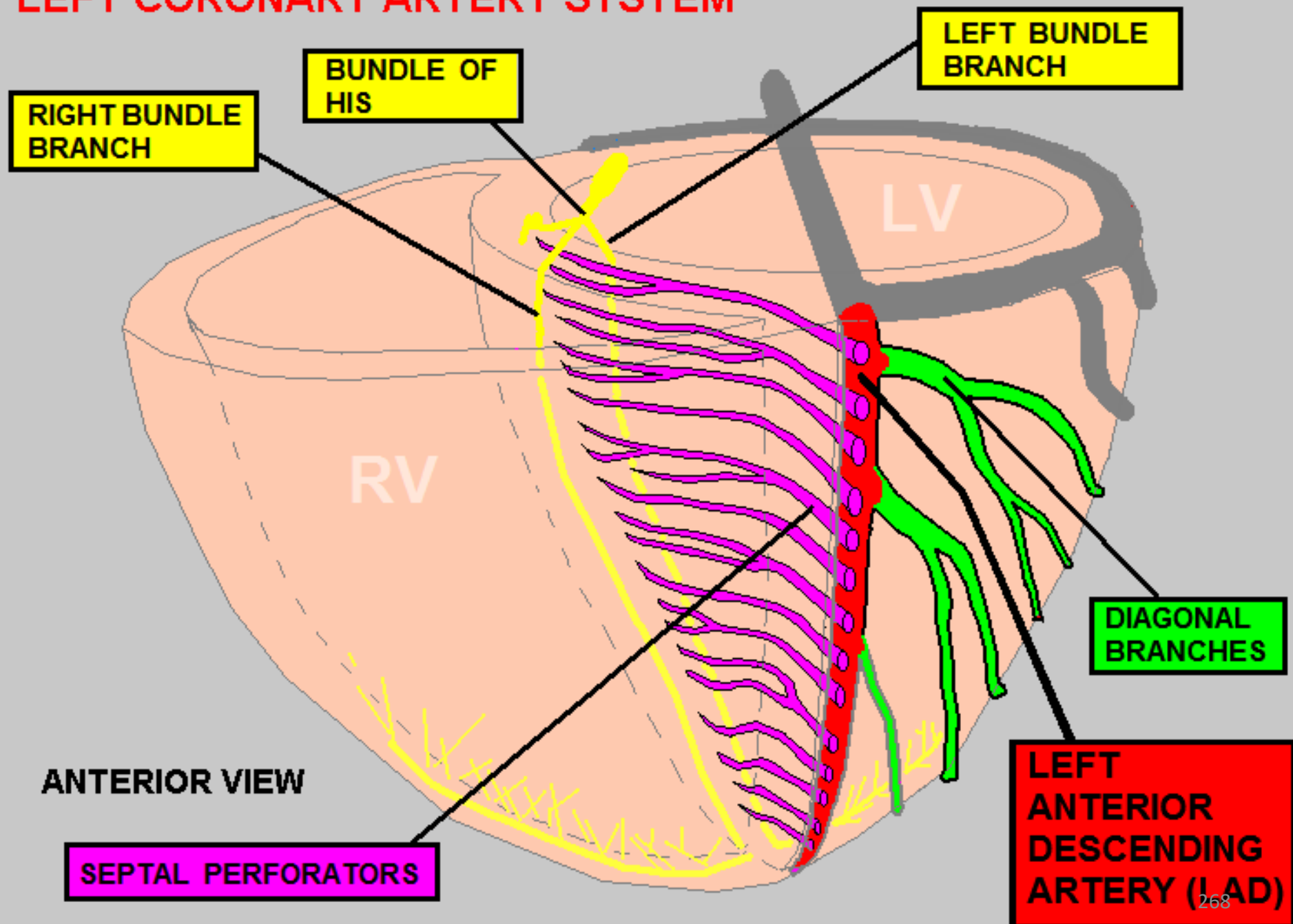
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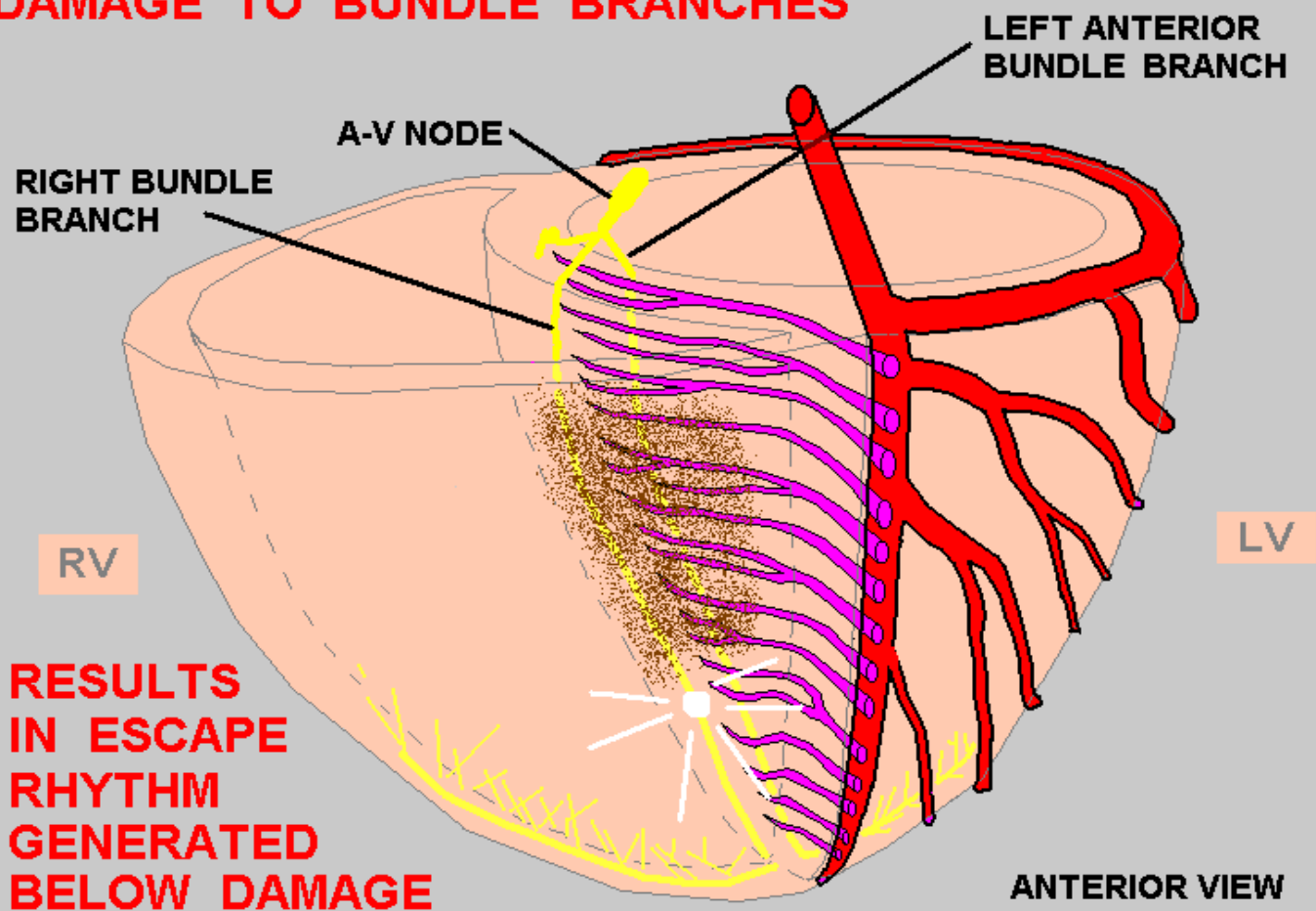
Which Coronary Artery typically Supplies the ANTERIOR WALL ? 267

LEFT CORONARY ARTERY SYSTEM



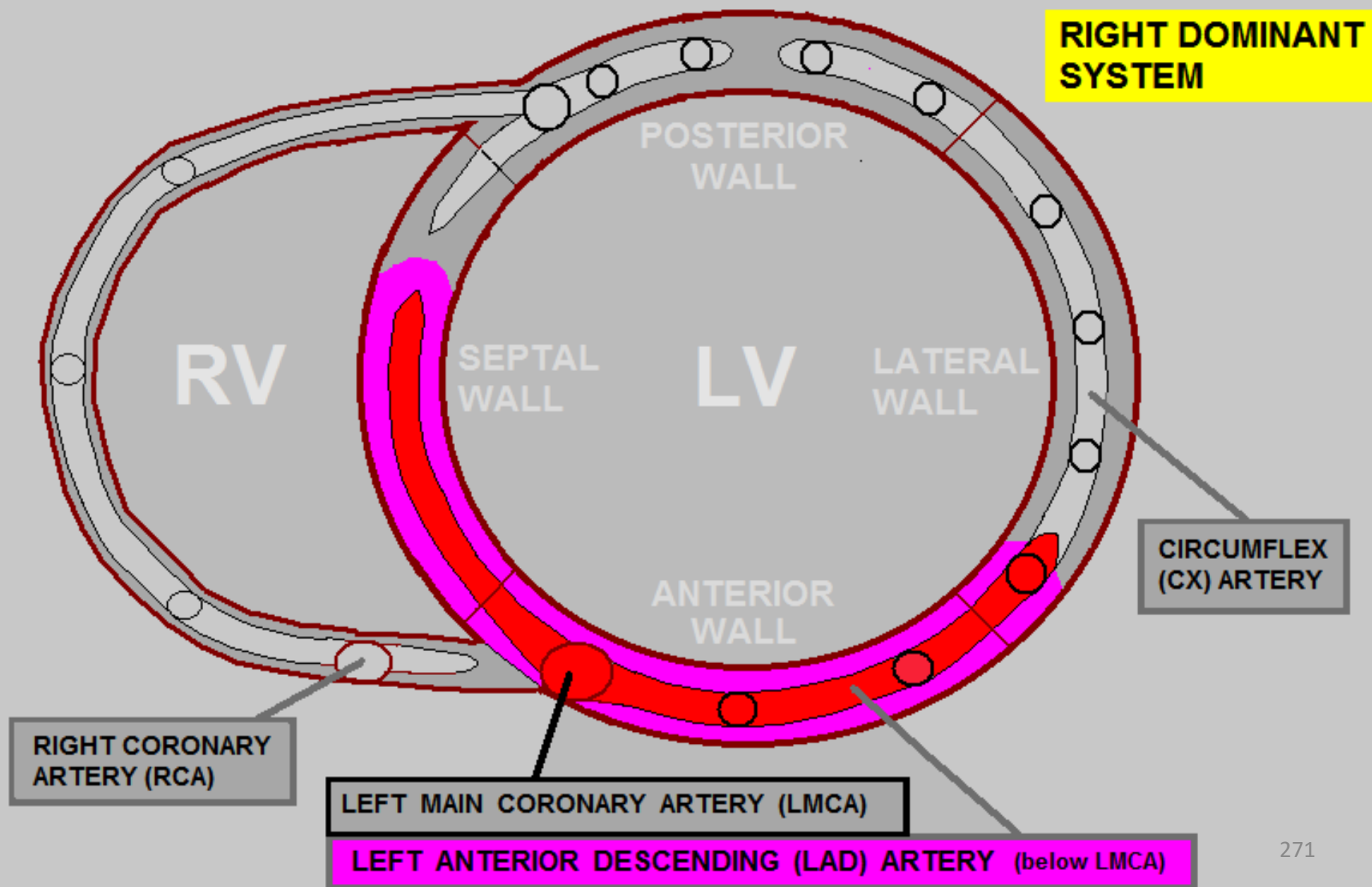


DAMAGE TO BUNDLE BRANCHES



LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY (LAD)

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





HELPFUL HINT... *MEMORIZE THIS!*

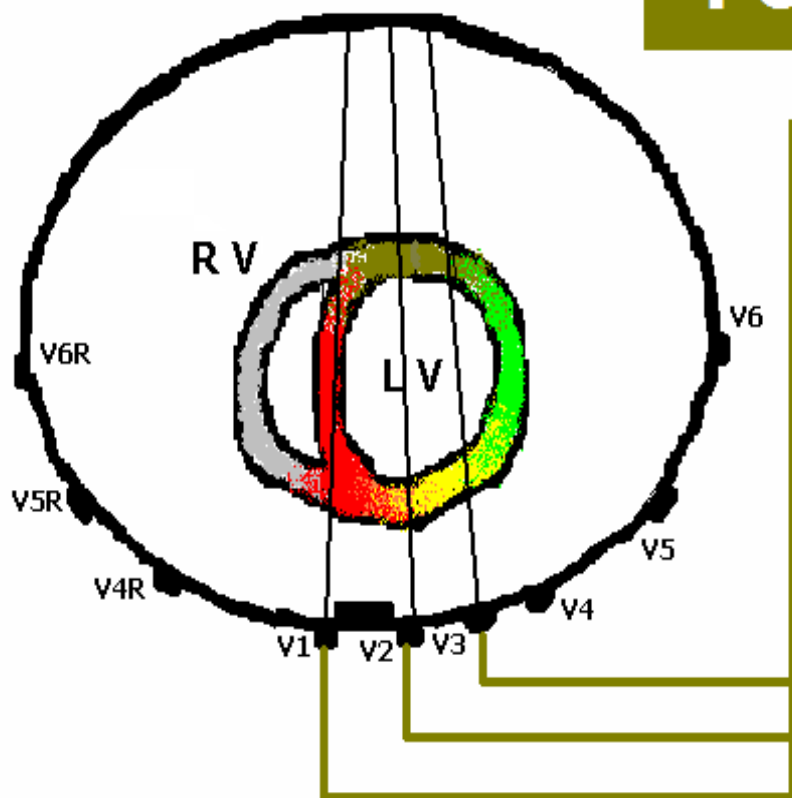


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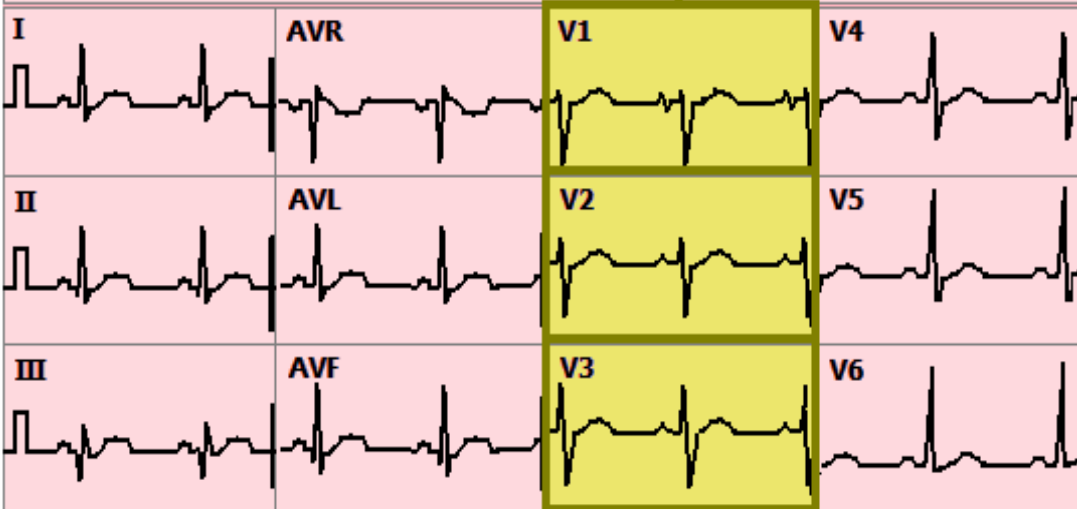
- ▶ BUNDLE OF HIS
- ▶ BUNDLE BRANCHES ()
- ▶ 35 - 45 % OF LV MUSCLE MASS
 - ANTERIOR WALL
 - SEPTAL WALL (anterior 2/3)

LEADS V1 - V3 *view the*

POSTERIOR WALL

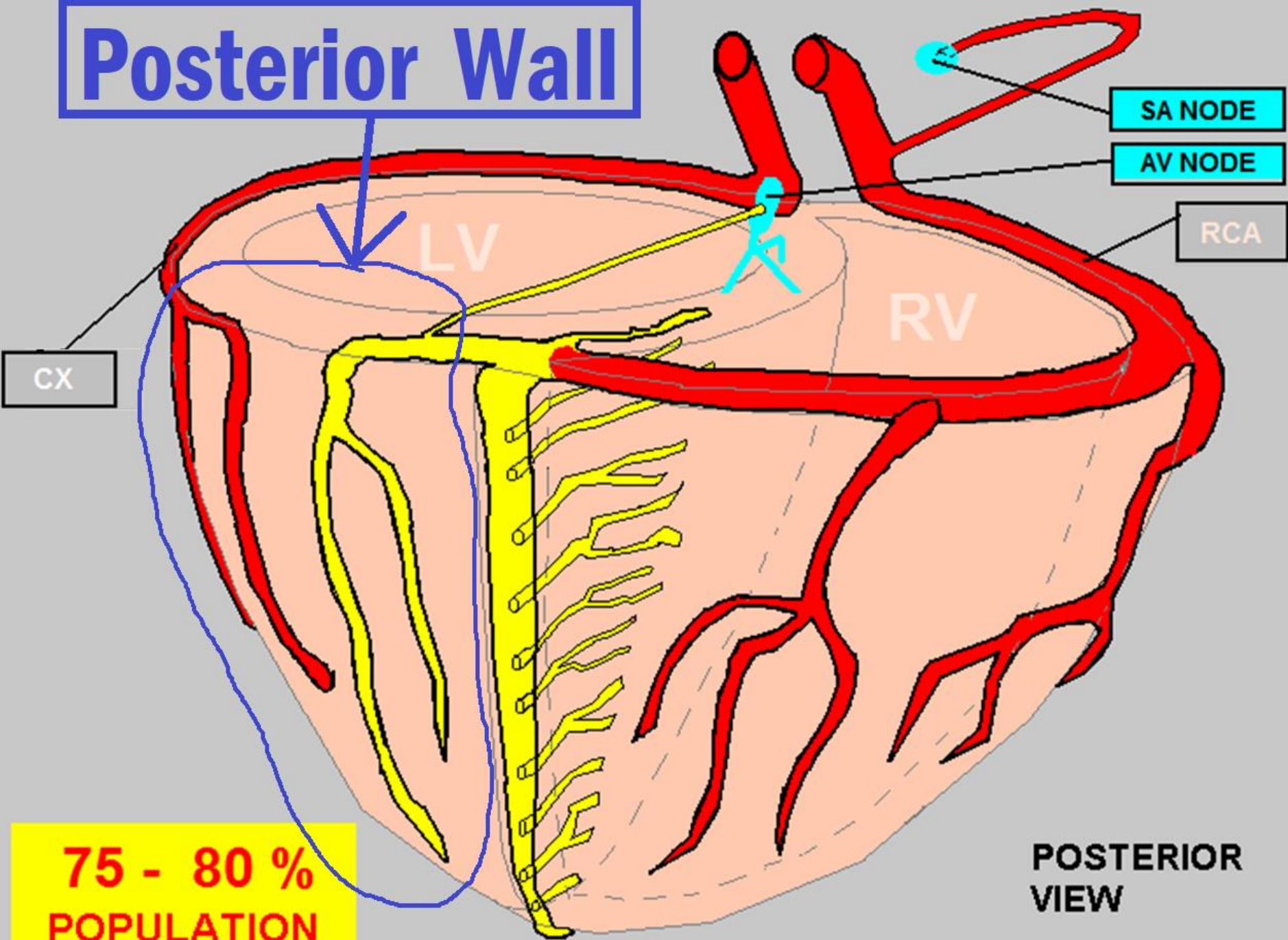


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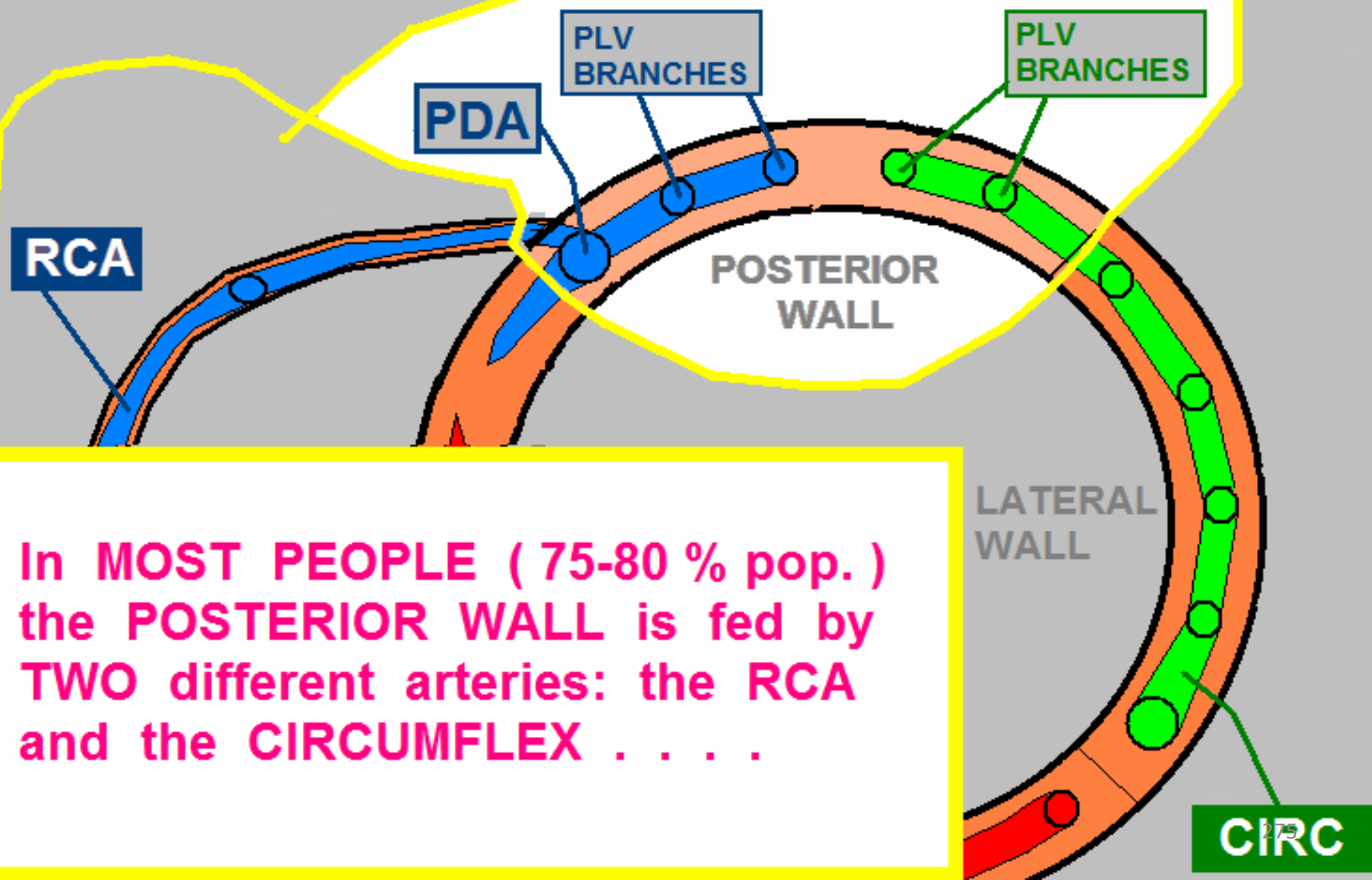
Posterior Wall



POSTERIOR WALL BLOOD SUPPLY

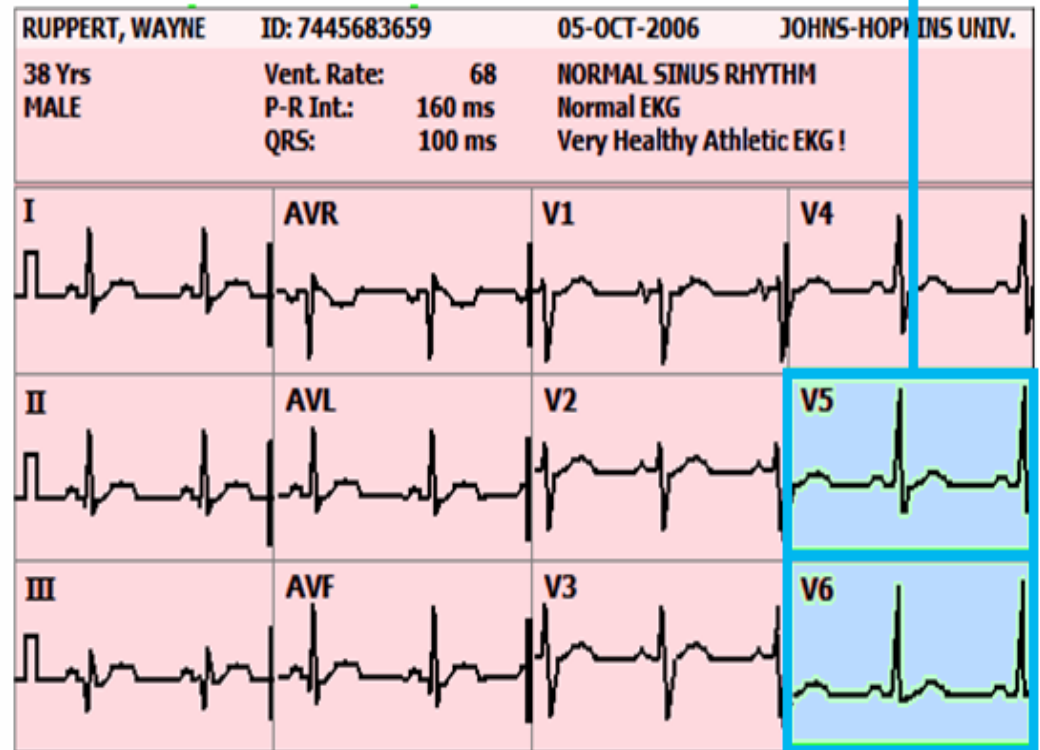
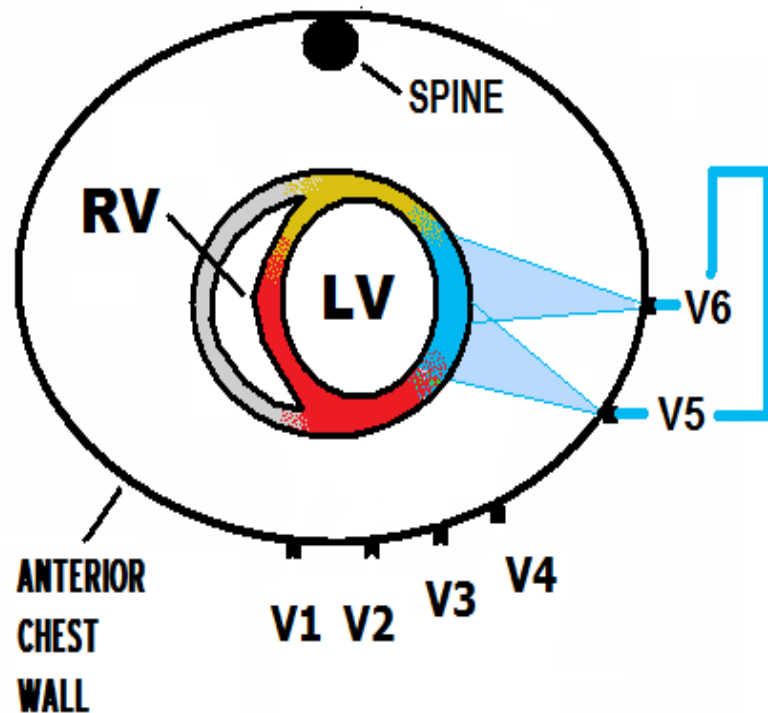
DOMINANT RCA

75-80% of POPULATION



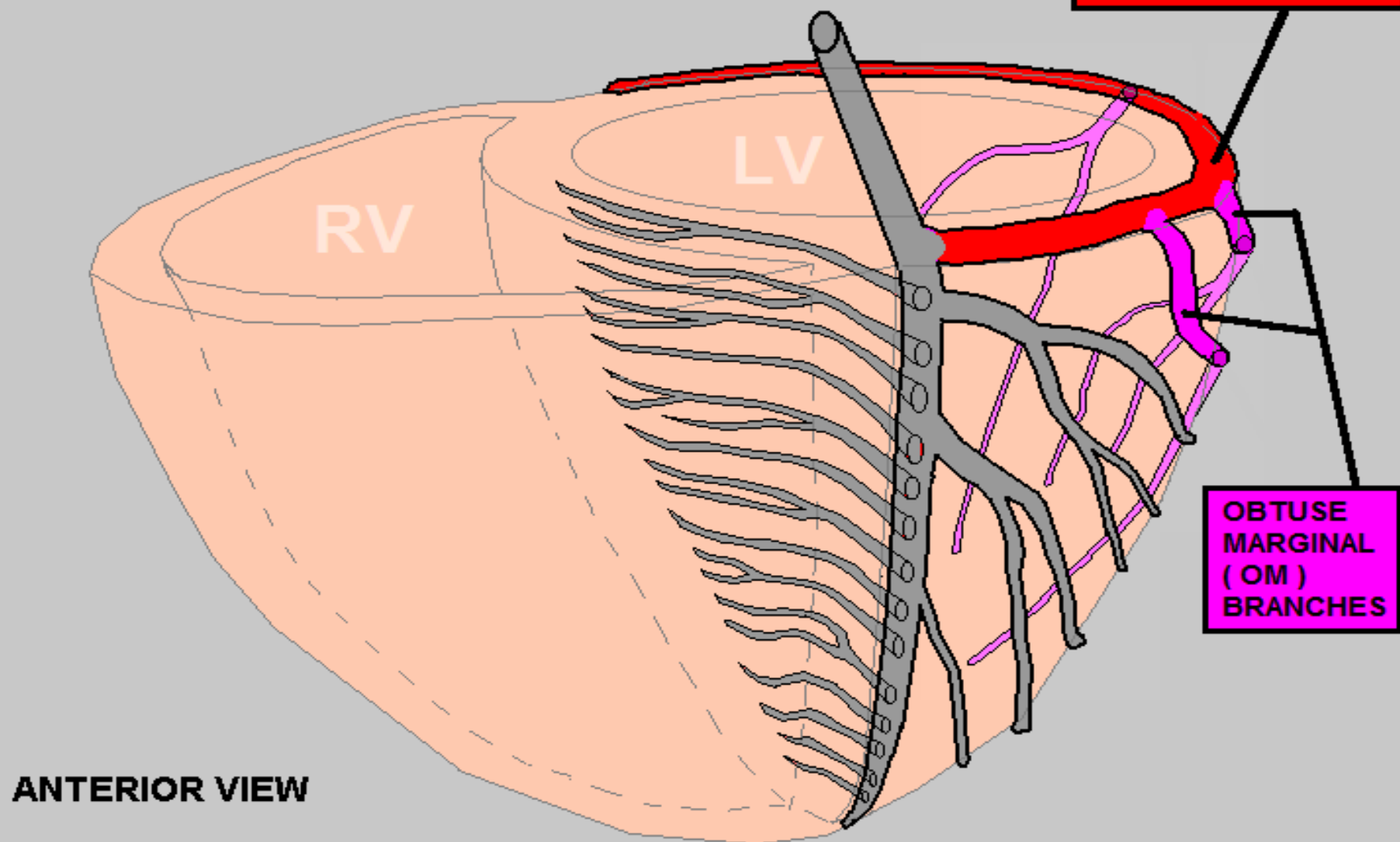
In MOST PEOPLE (75-80 % pop.)
the POSTERIOR WALL is fed by
TWO different arteries: the RCA
and the CIRCUMFLEX

V5 - V6 VIEW THE LATERAL WALL of the LEFT VENTRICLE



Which Coronary Artery typically Supplies the LATERAL WALL ?

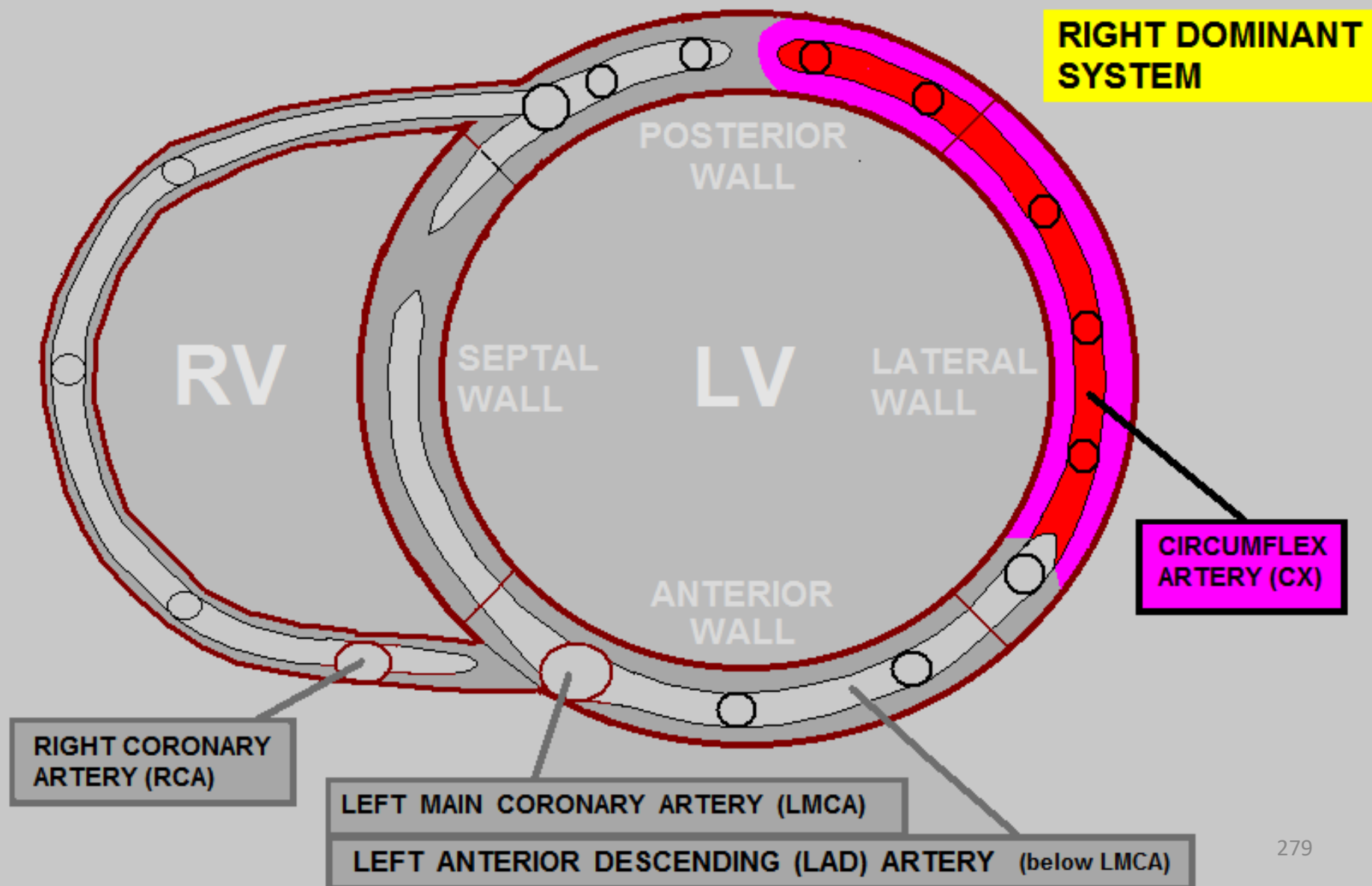
LEFT CORONARY ARTERY SYSTEM



CIRCUMFLEX ARTERY (CX) DISTRIBUTION



SUPPLIES 20 - 30 % of the LV MUSCLE MASS





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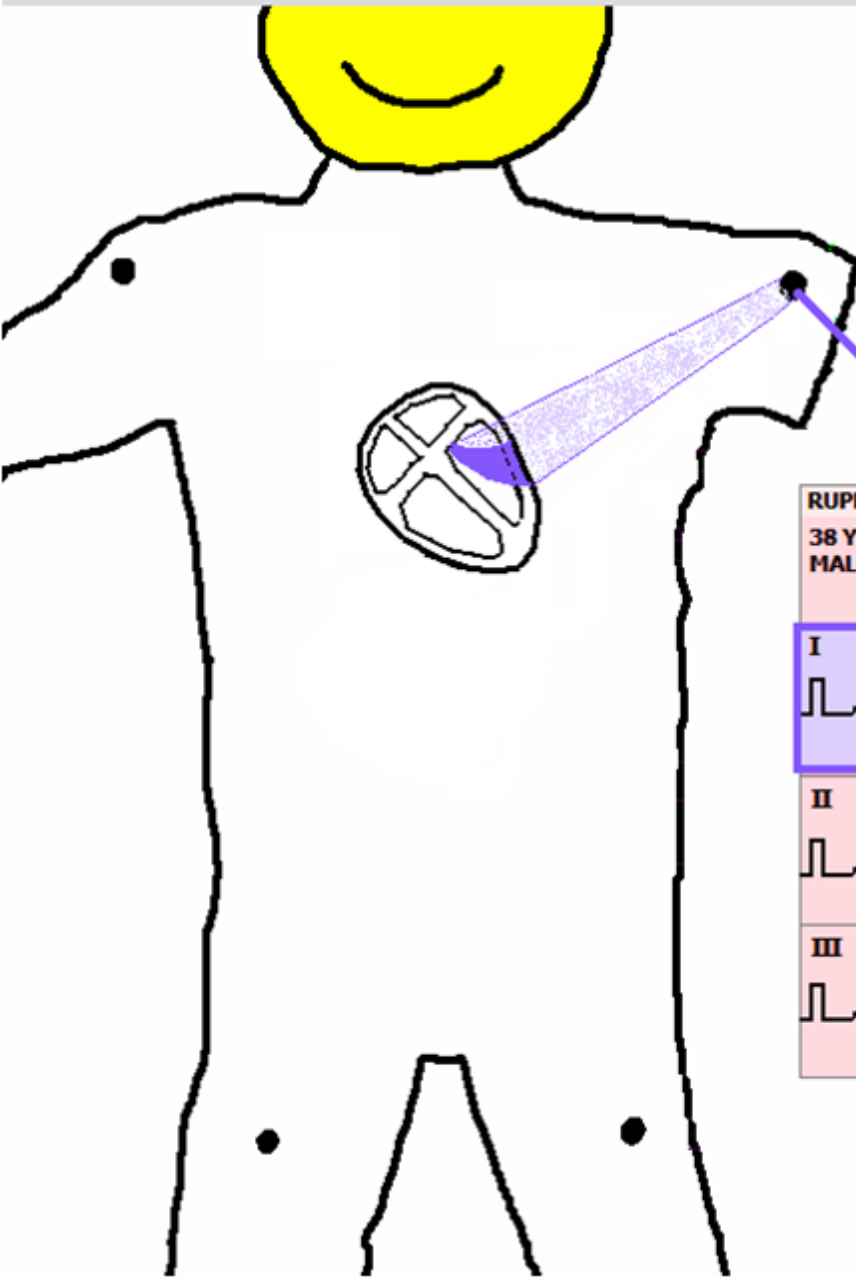


CIRCUMFLEX ARTERY (CX)

RIGHT DOMINANT
SYSTEMS

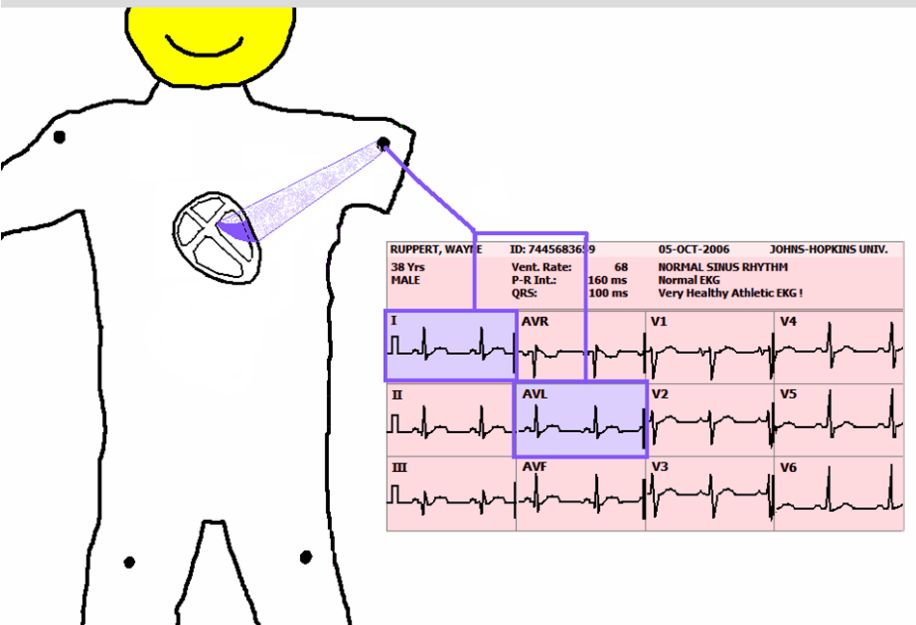
- ▶ LEFT ATRIUM
- ▶ SINUS NODE (5% of the population)
- ▶ LEFT VENTRICLE: 20 - 30 % of muscle mass
 - LATERAL WALL
 - up to 1/2 of POSTERIOR WALL

LEADS I and aVL VIEW the LATERAL - ANTERIOR WALL

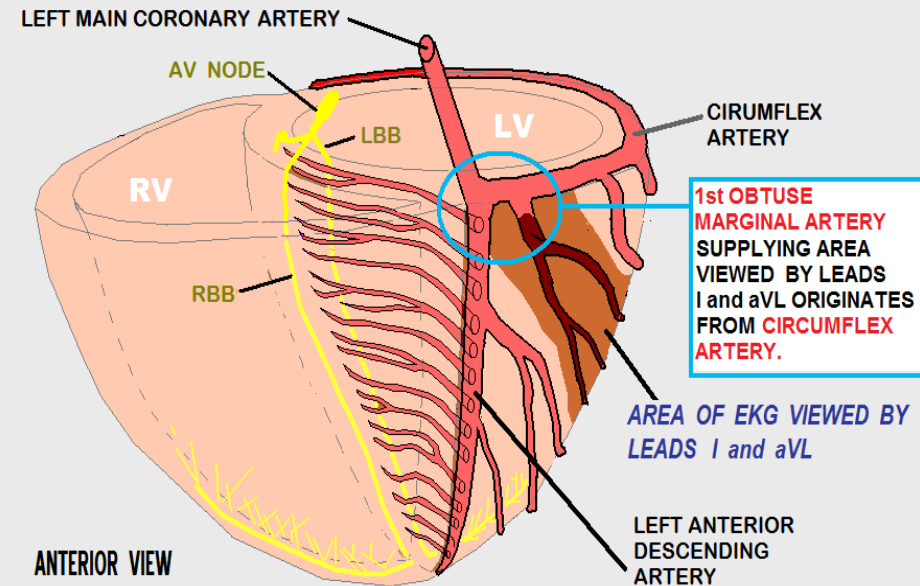


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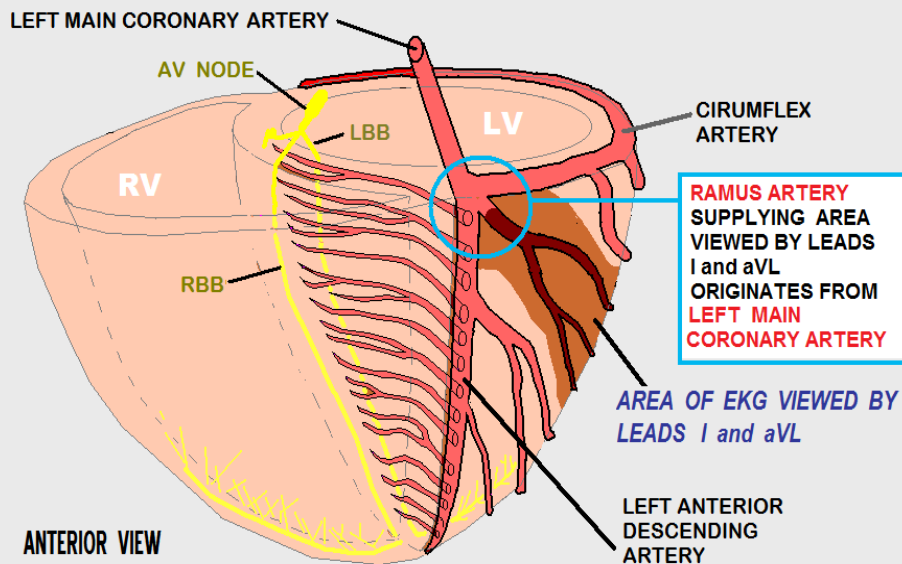
LEADS I and aVL VIEW the LATERAL - ANTERIOR WALL



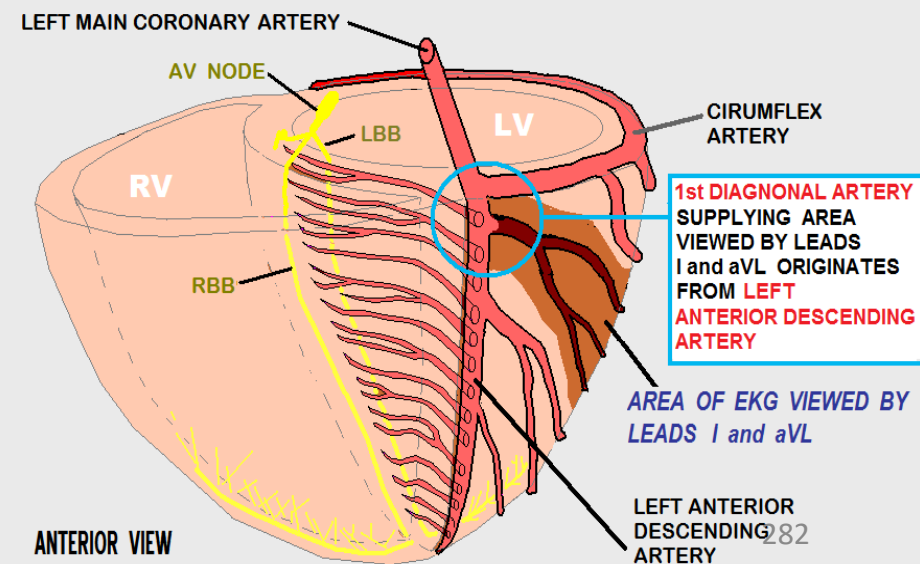
OCCCLUSION of OBTUSE MARGINAL ARTERY



OCCCLUSION of RAMUS ARTERY



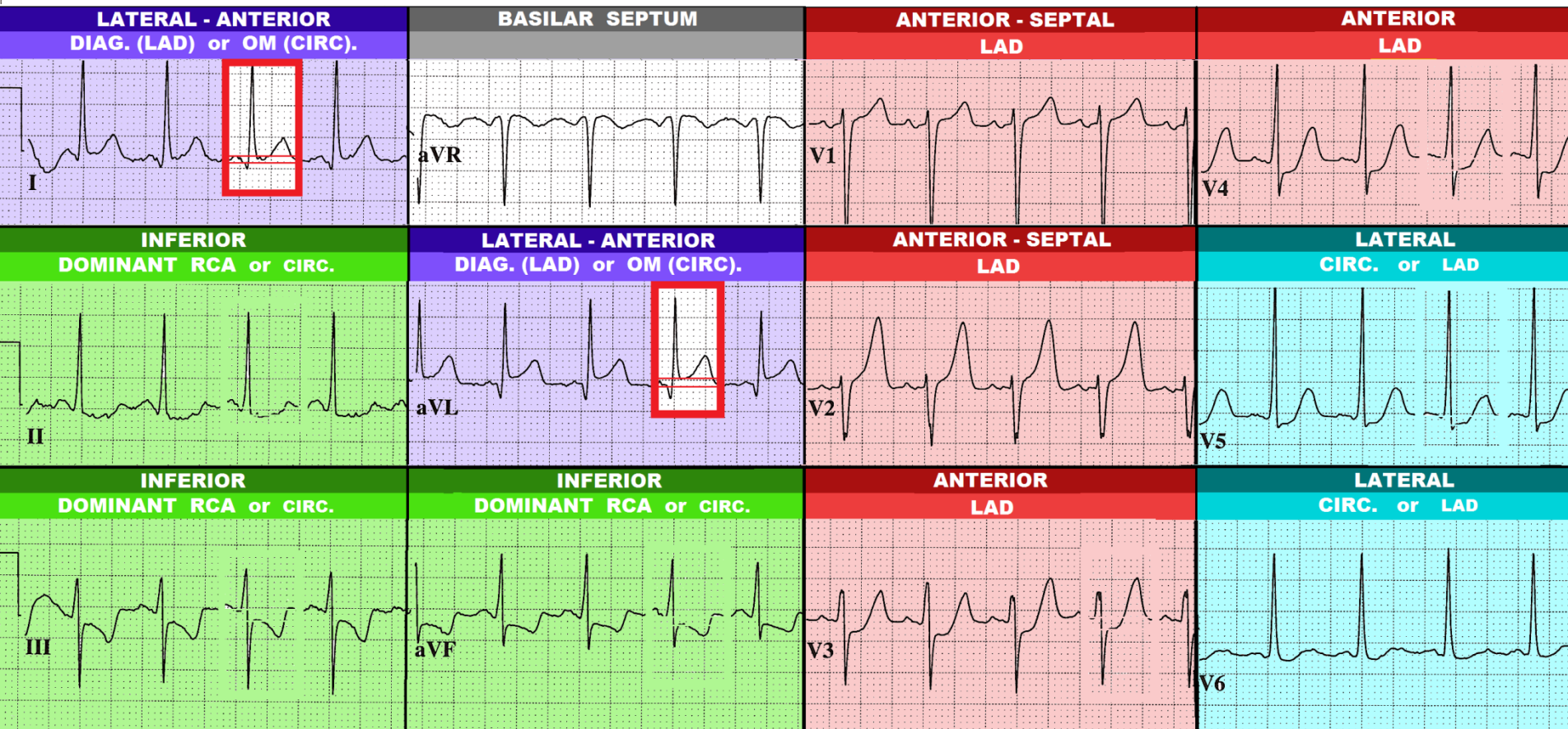
OCCCLUSION of DIAGONAL ARTERY



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

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

ST SEGMENT ELEVATION

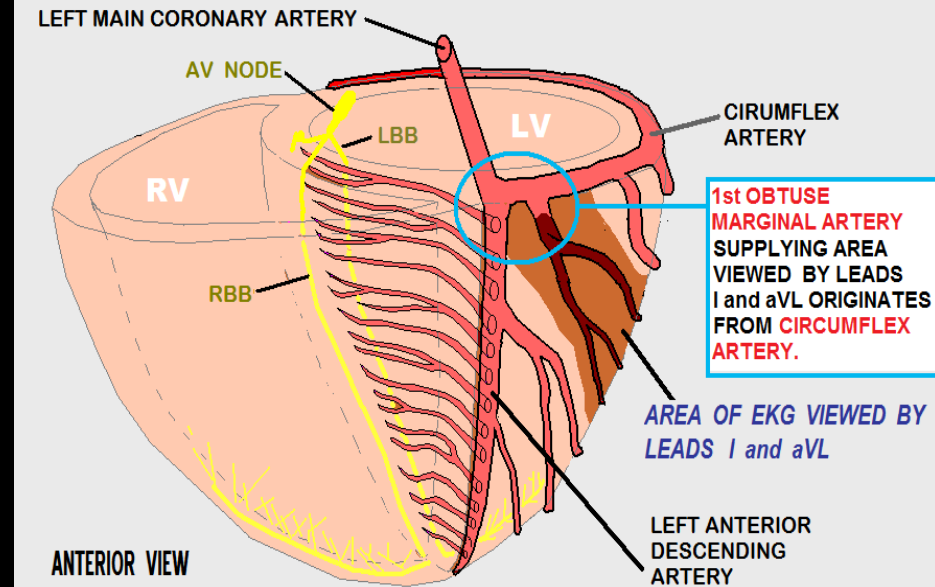


ST Segment elevation ONLY in Leads I and aVL

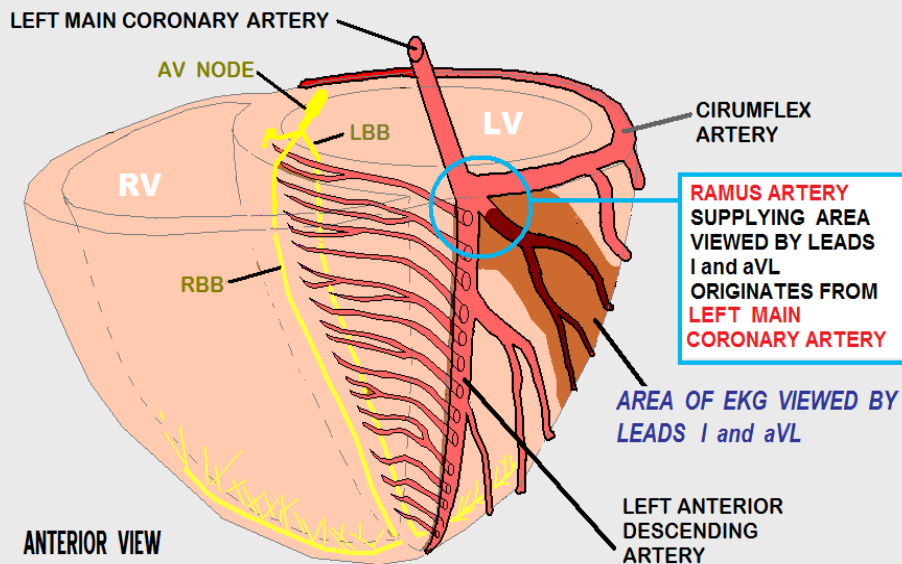
ST Elevation isolated to Leads I and aVL - usually indicates the "Culprit Artery" is most likely One of the following:

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

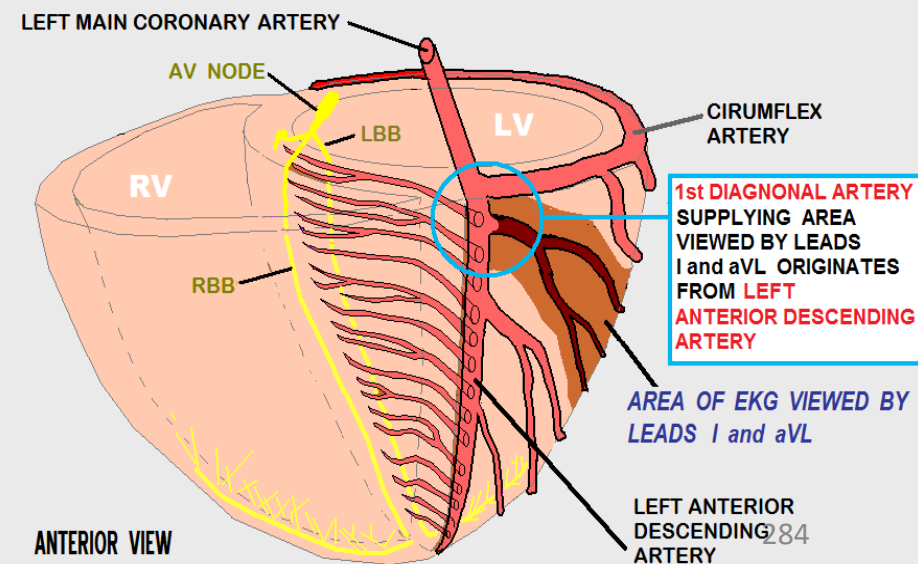
OCCUSION of OBTUSE MARGINAL ARTERY



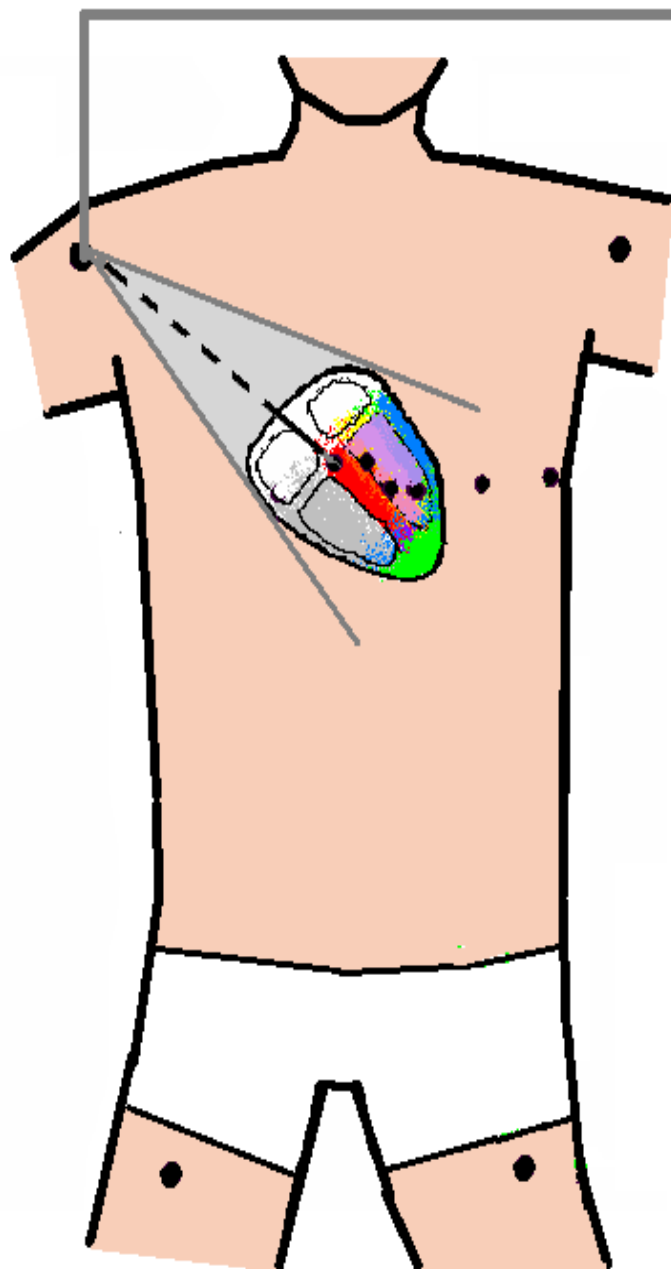
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OCCUSION of DIAGONAL ARTERY



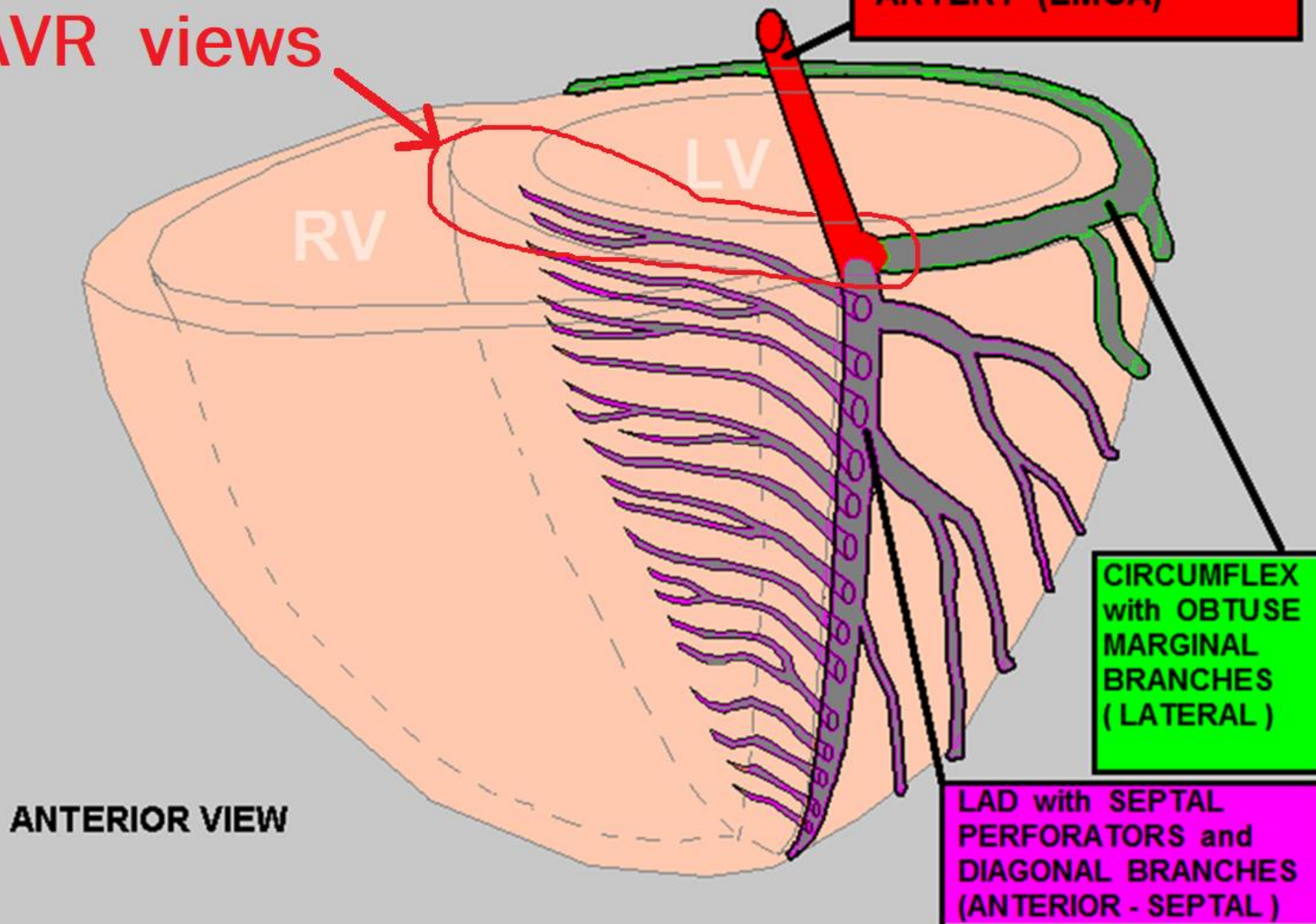
Lead AVR Views the BASILAR SEPTUM (region of the Bundle of His):



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LEFT CORONARY ARTERY SYSTEM

AVR views



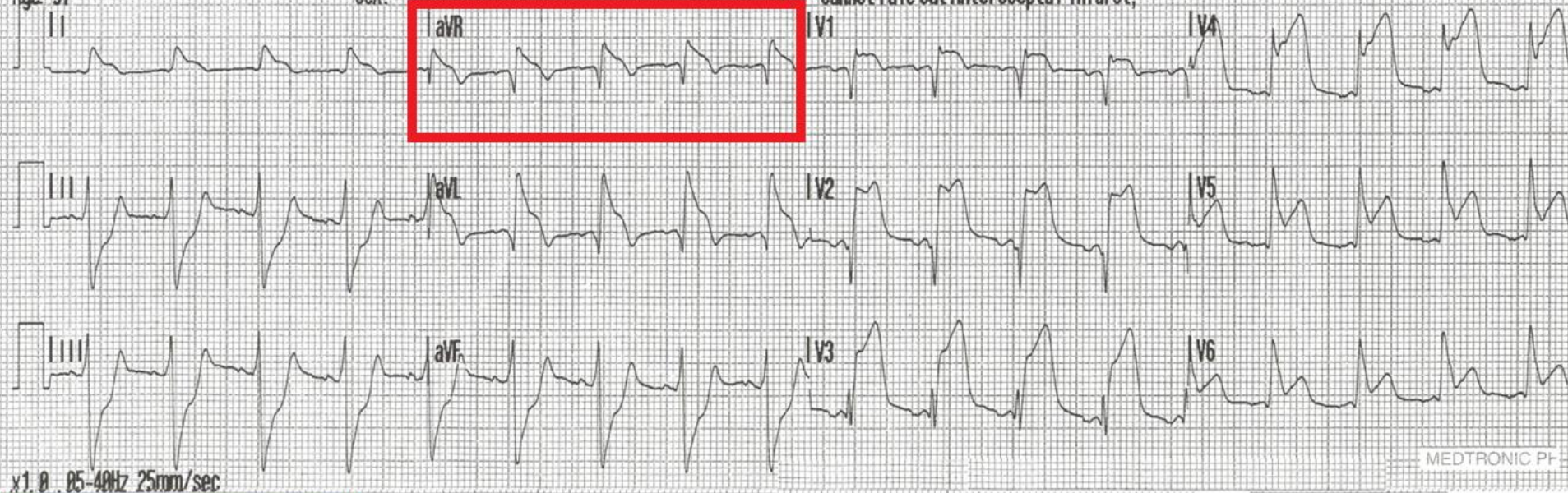
When LEAD AVR shows ST
Elevation:

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

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

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

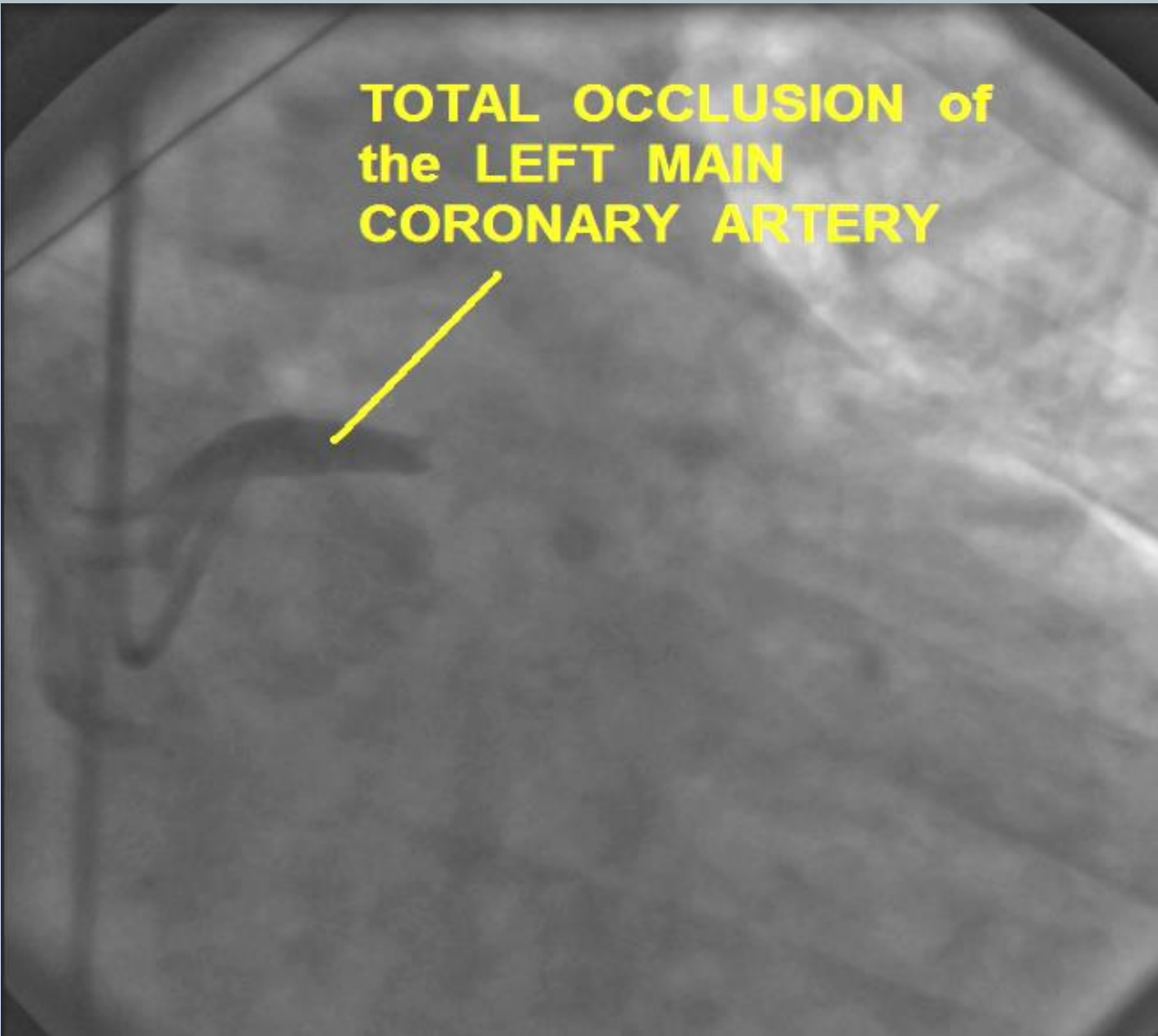
**ACUTE STEMI caused by
 LEFT MAIN CORONARY
 ARTERY OCCLUSION**



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

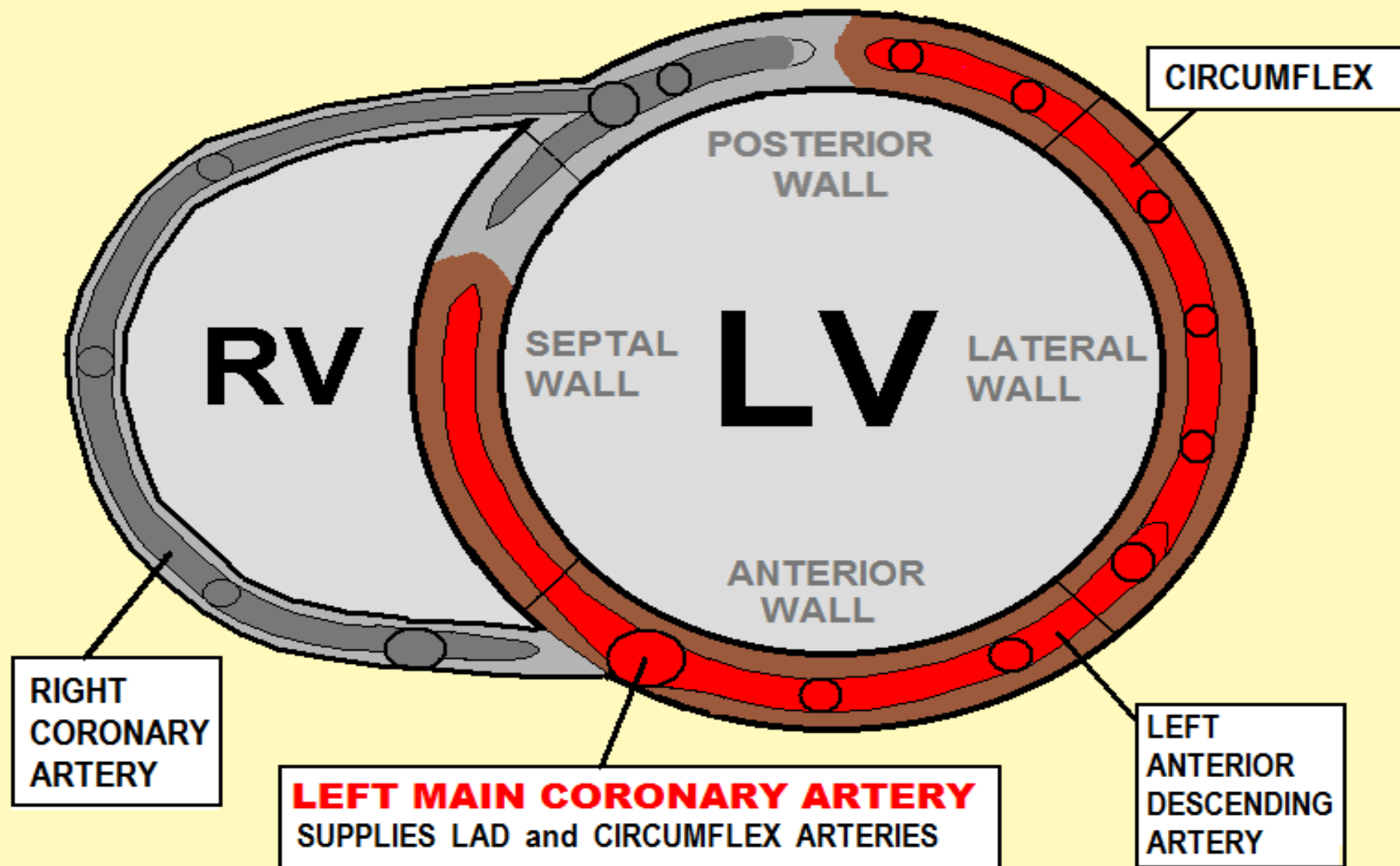
- ☒ ST ELEVATION in LEADS I, aVL, V1 - V6
- ☒ ST ELEVATION in aVR GREATER THAN 0.5 mm
- ☒ ST ELEVATION in aVR GREATER THAN LEAD V1
- ☒ LEFT ANTERIOR FASCICULAR BLOCK PATTERN

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



The LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY

SUPPLIES 75 - 100 % of the LEFT VENTRICULAR MUSCLE MASS



When LEAD AVR shows ST
Elevation:

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of the Left Main Coronary
Artery.

When LEAD AVR shows ST Elevation:

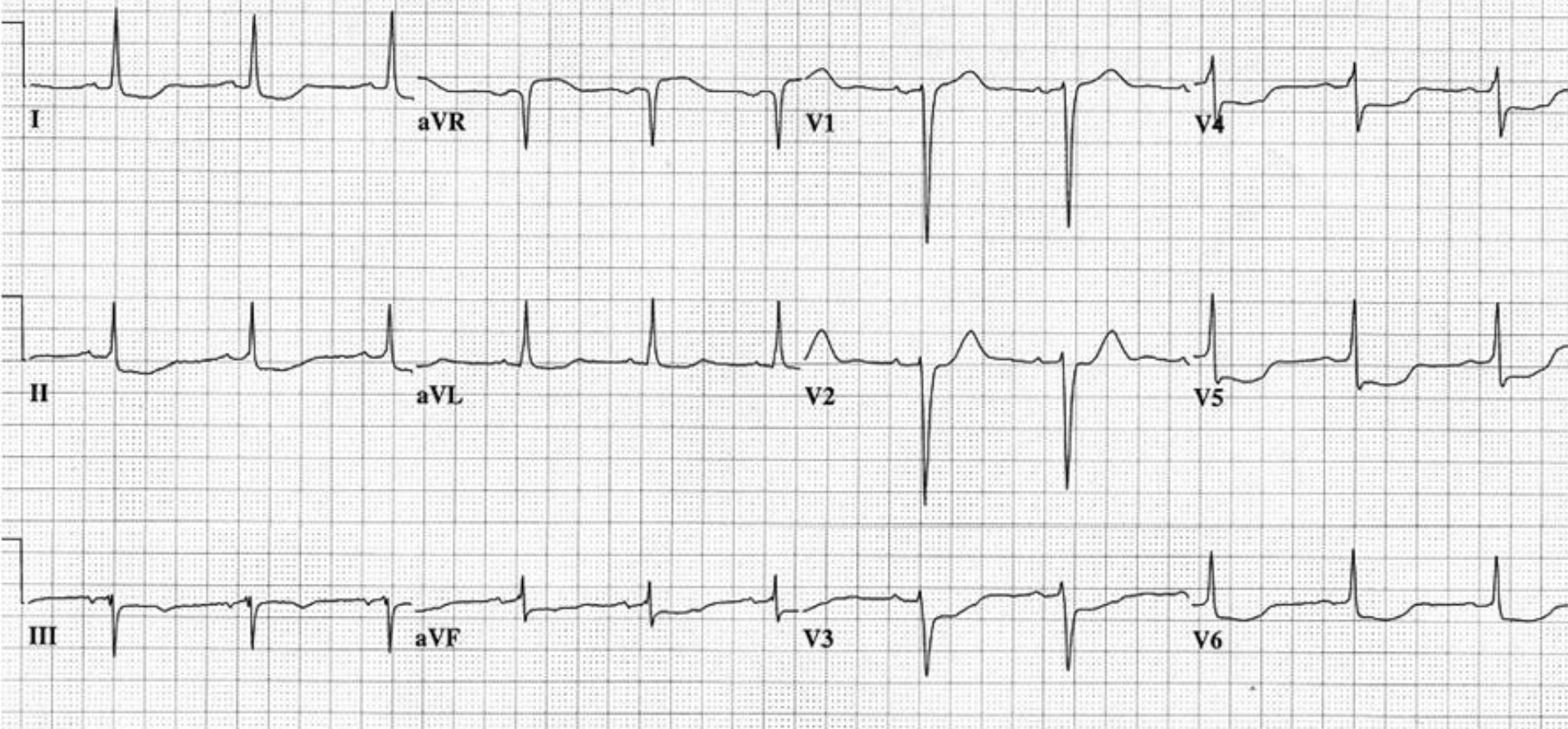
- **STEMI:** consider occlusion of the Left Main Coronary Artery.
- **NSTEMI and Unstable Angina** consider LMCA Occlusion – or **TRIPLE VESSEL DISEASE**

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

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

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

OS:



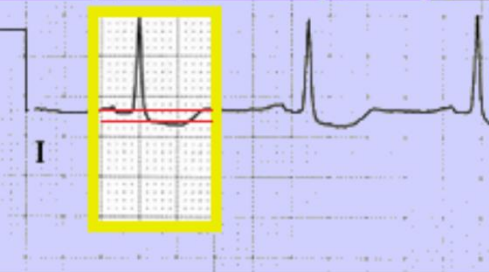
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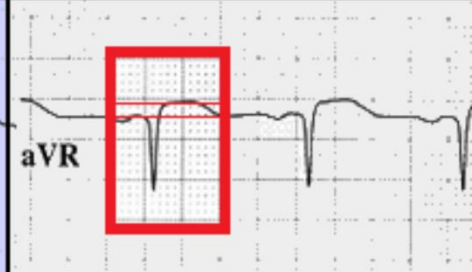
ST SEGMENT ELEVATION

ST SEGMENT DEPRESSION

**LATERAL - ANTERIOR
DIAG (LAD) or OM (CIRC)**



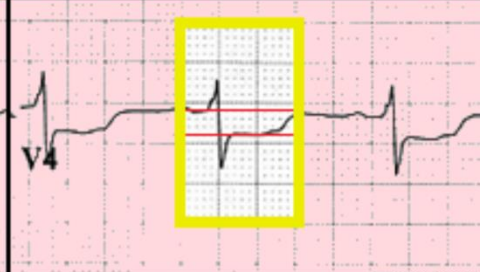
**BASILAR SEPTAL
1st SEPTAL PERF.**



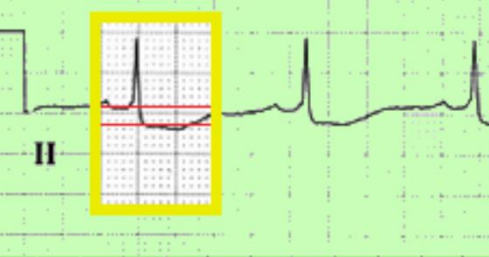
**ANTERIOR SEPTAL
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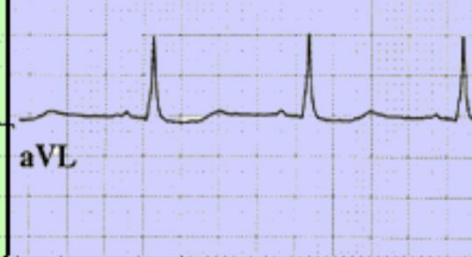
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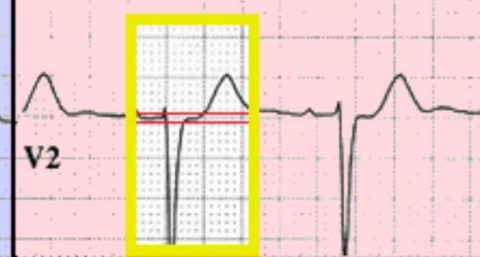
**INFERIOR
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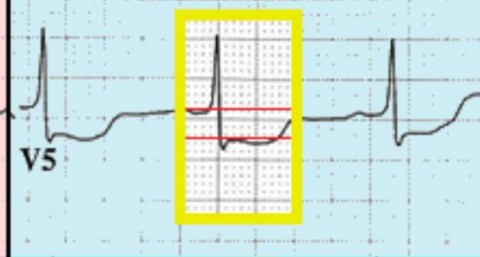
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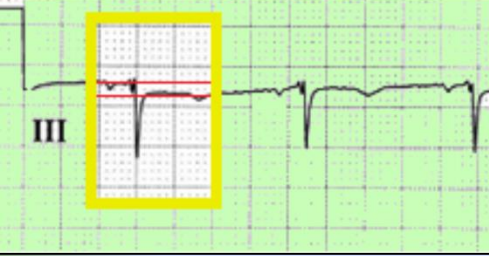
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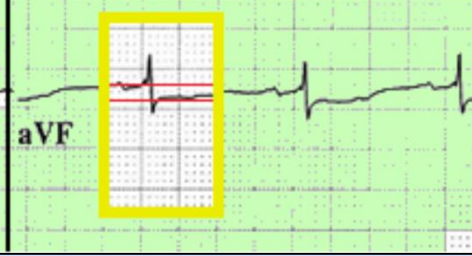
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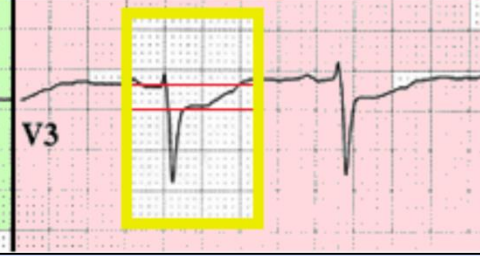
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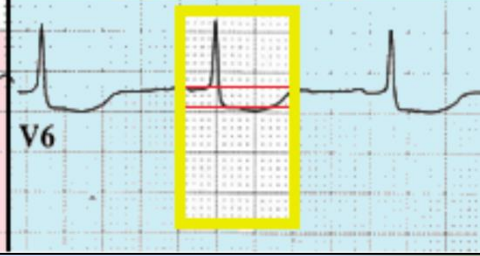
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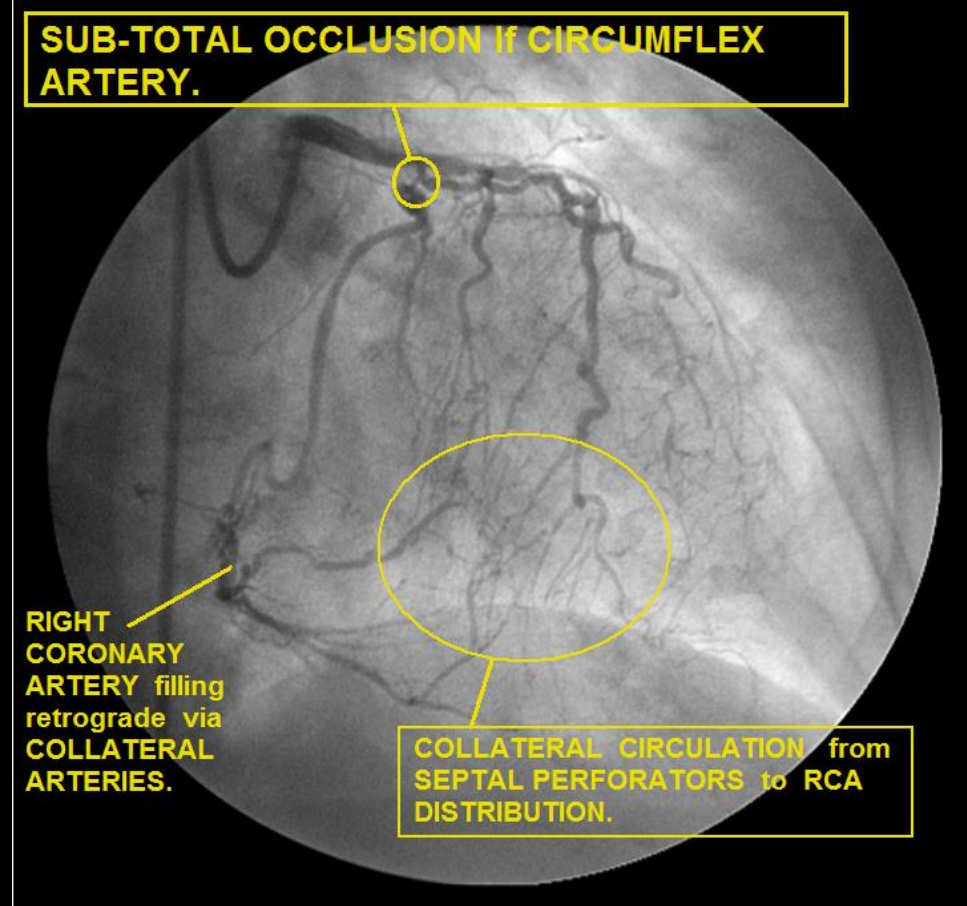
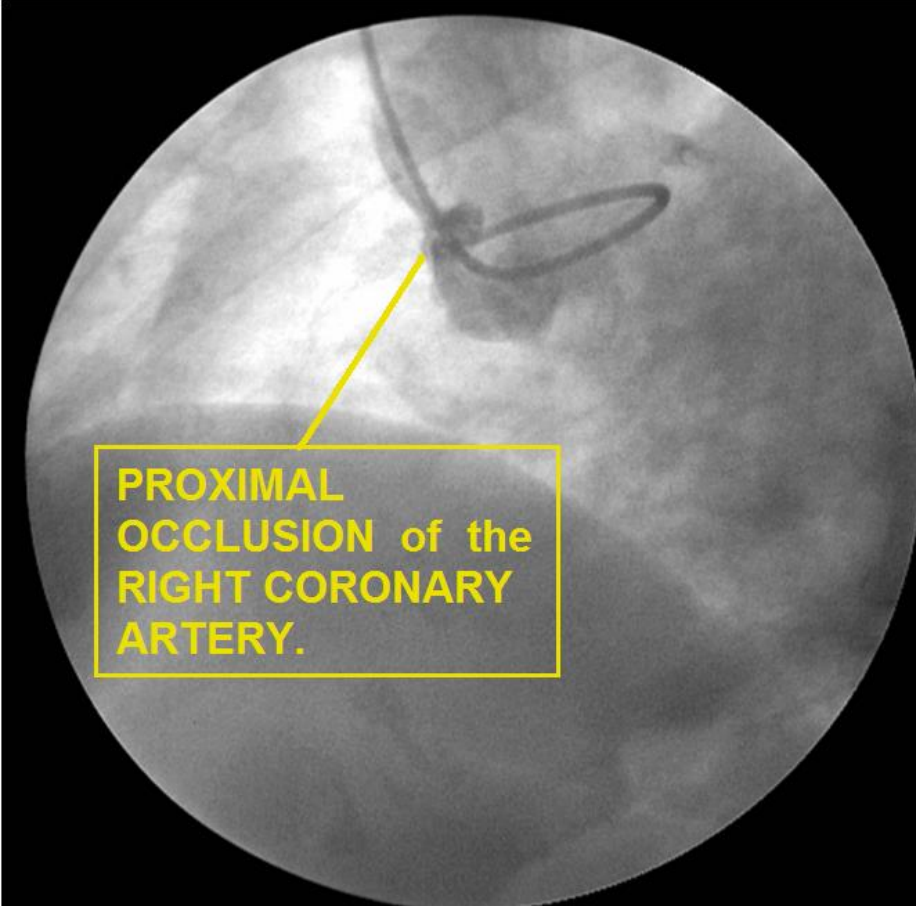
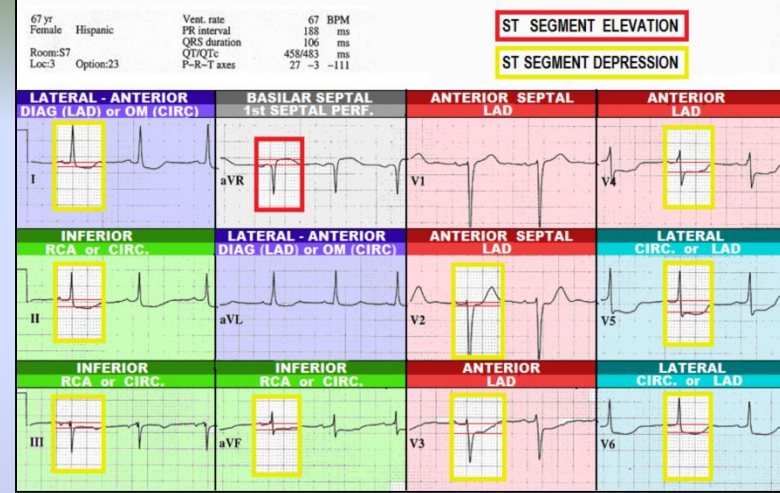
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GLOBAL ISCHEMIA

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

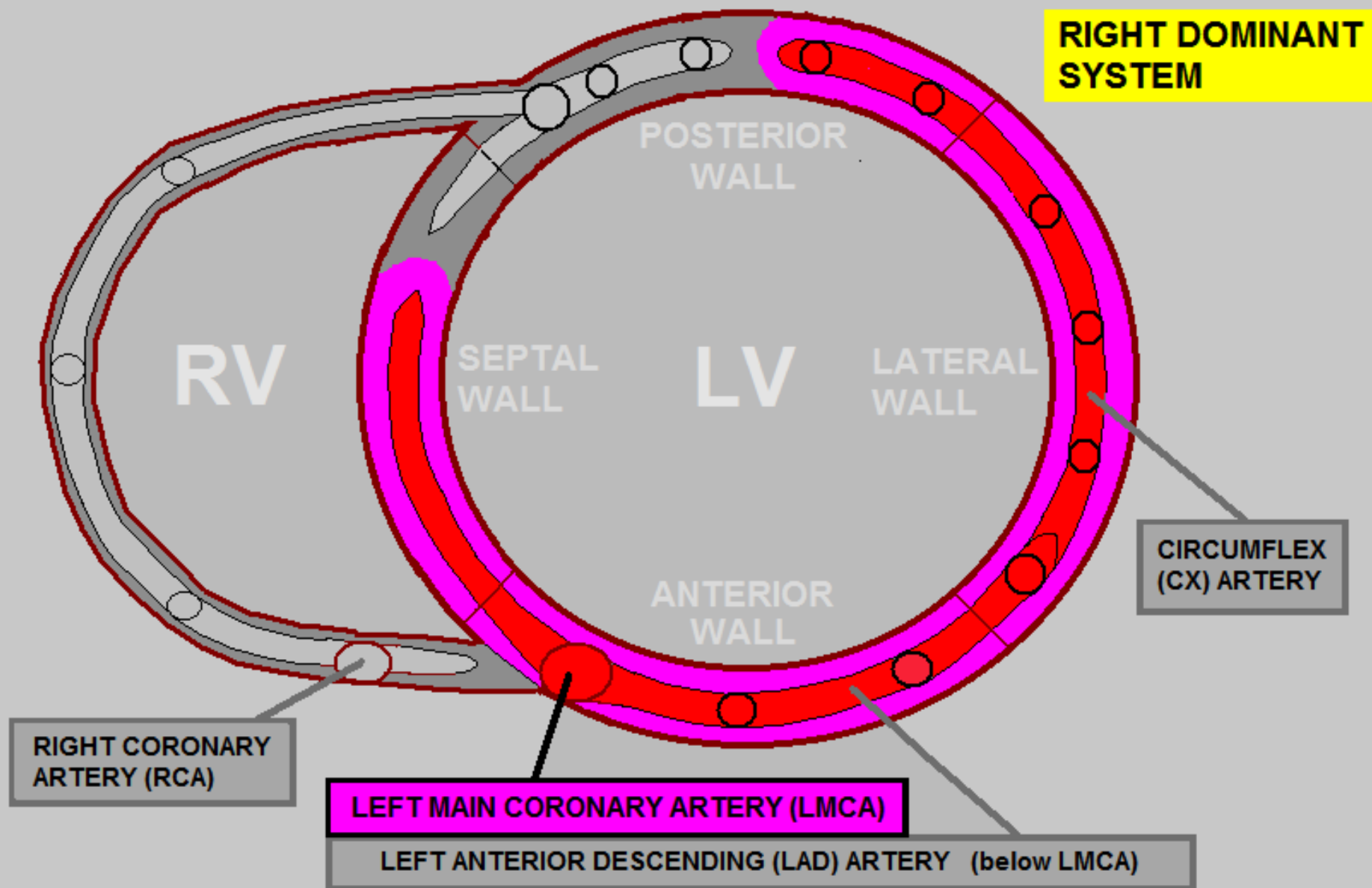
Critical Triple Vessel Disease = *STAT Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery*



cutaway view of the

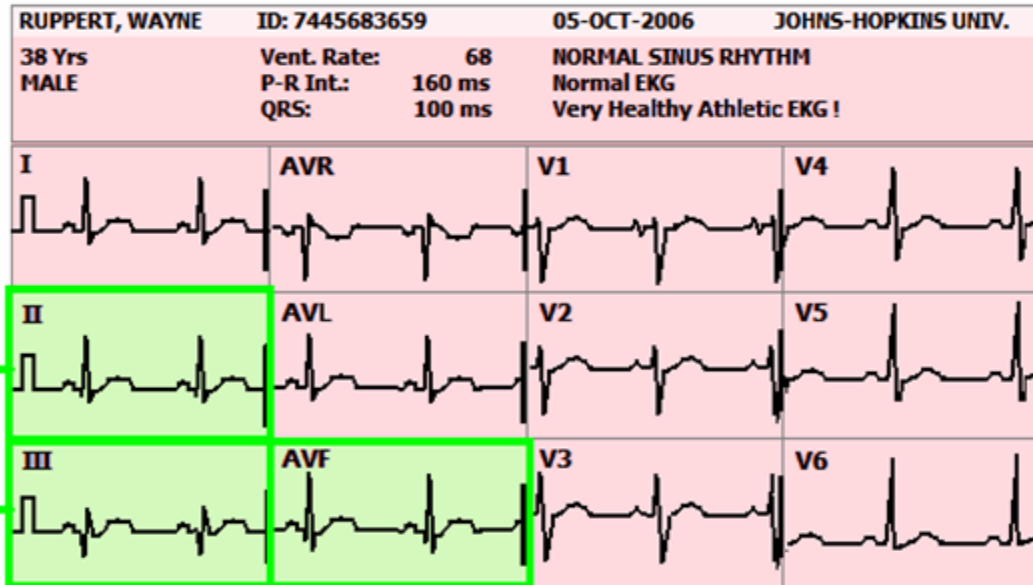
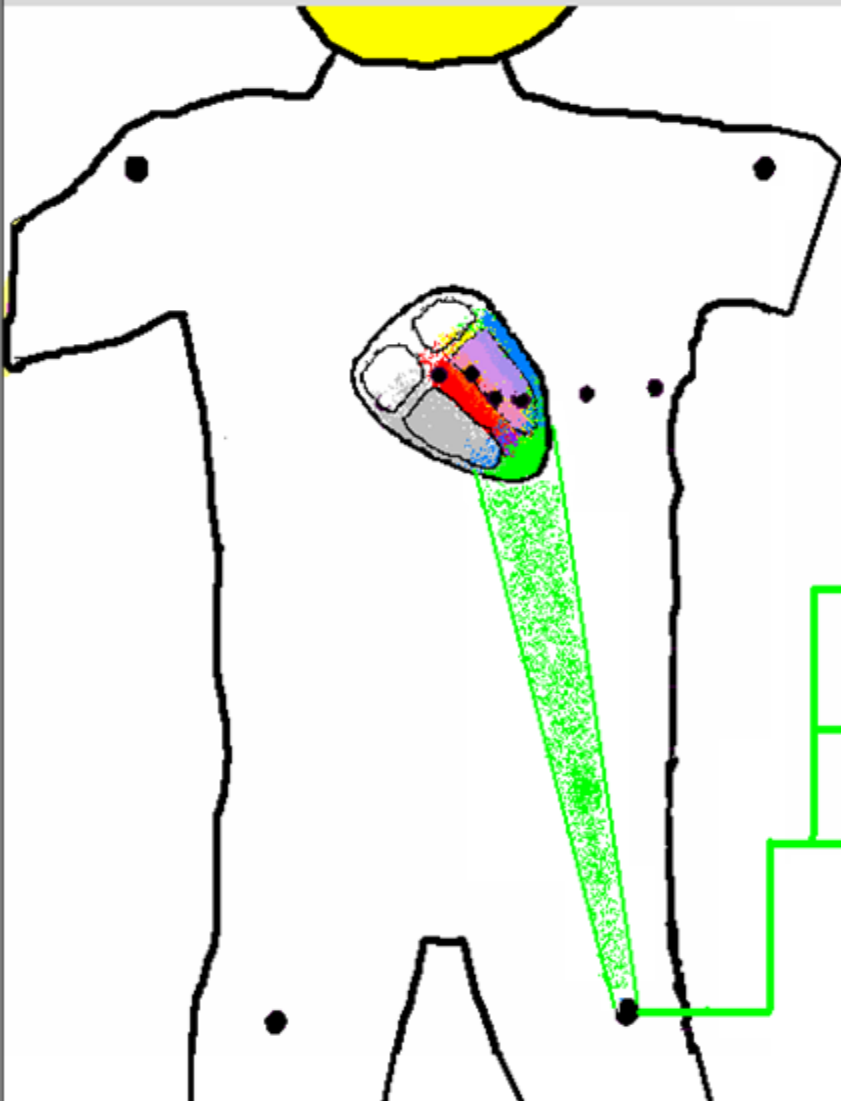
LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY (LMCA)

👉 SUPPLIES APPROXIMATELY 75% OF LV MUSCLE MASS



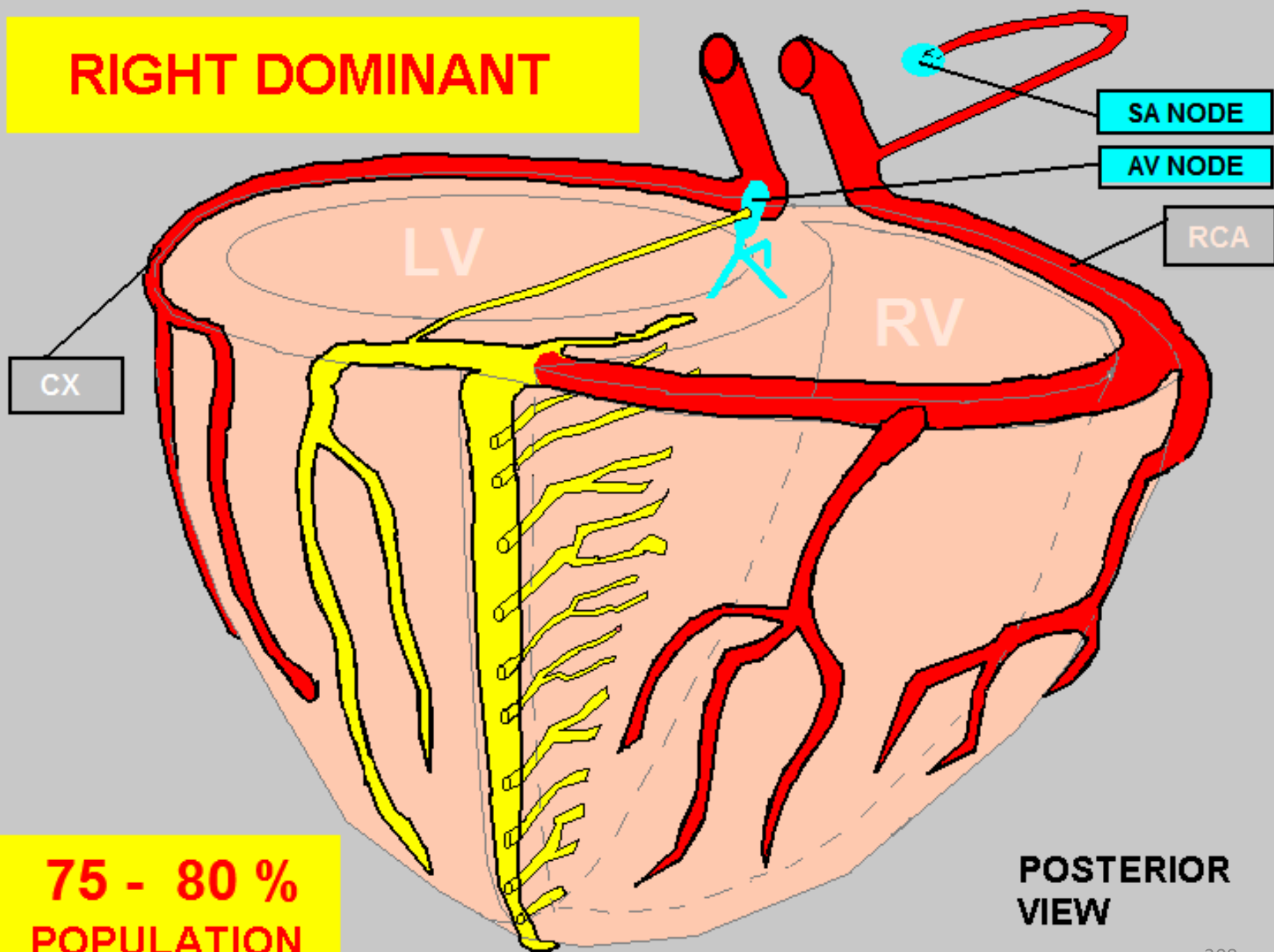
LEADS II, III, and aVF VIEW

INFERIOR WALL of the LEFT VENTRICLE



Which CORONARY ARTERY usually supplies the INFERIOR WALL?

RIGHT DOMINANT





HELPFUL HINT... *MEMORIZE THIS !*

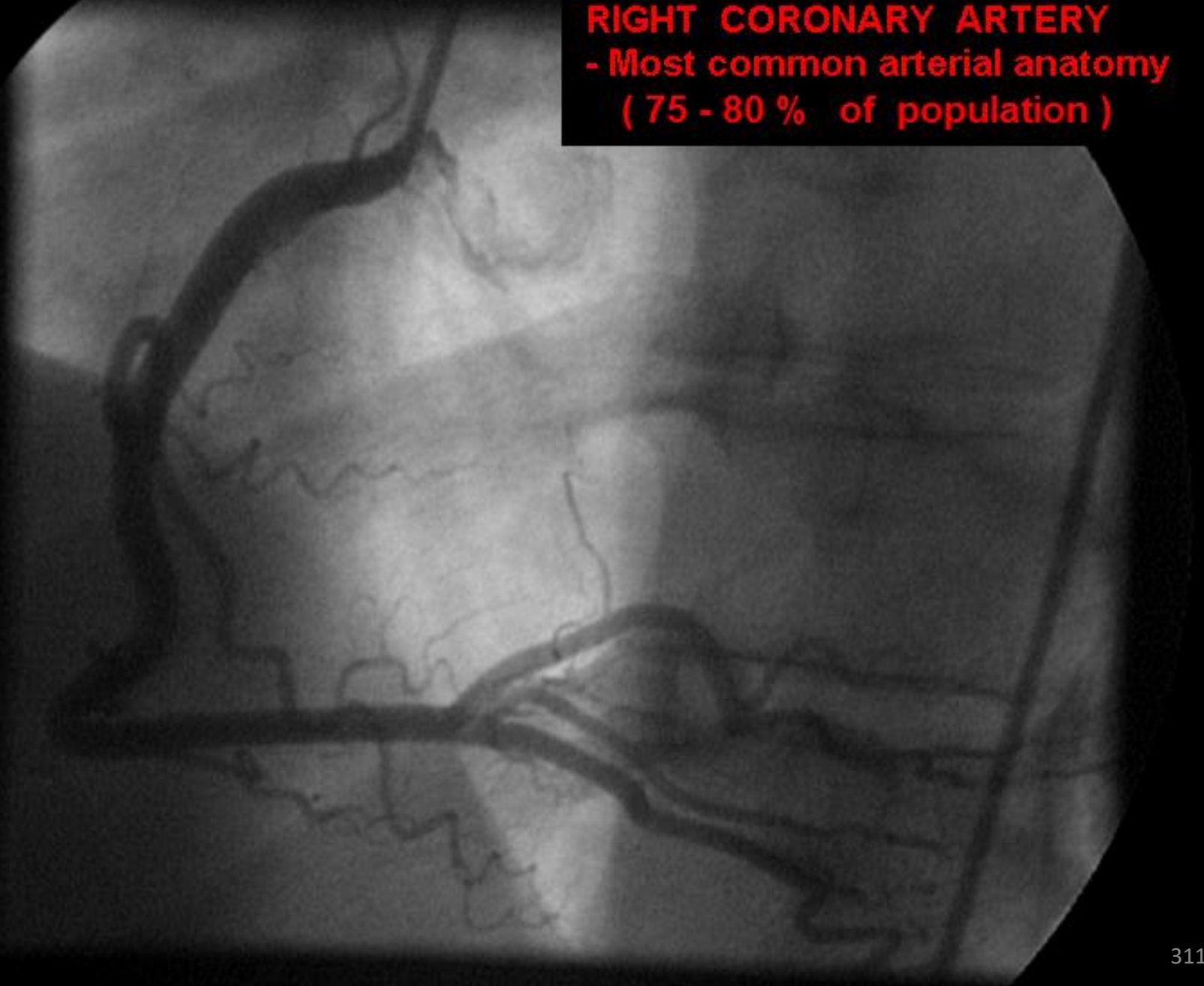


RIGHT CORONARY ARTERY (RCA)

RIGHT DOMINANT
SYSTEMS

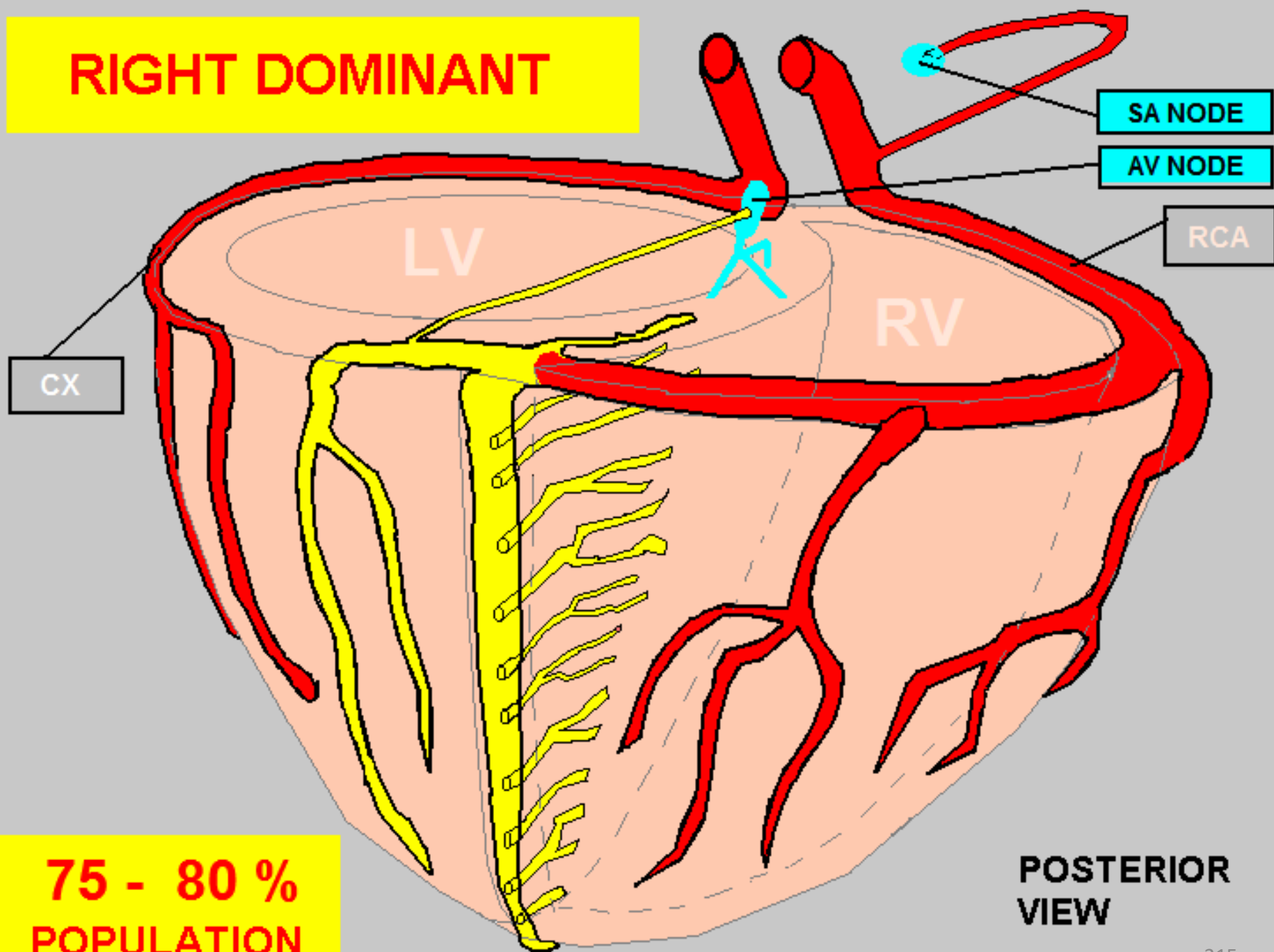
- ▶ RIGHT ATRIUM
- ▶ SINUS NODE (55% of the population)
- ▶ RIGHT VENTRICLE - 100 % of muscle mass
- ▶ LEFT VENTRICLE: 15 - 25 % of muscle mass
 - INFERIOR WALL
 - approx. 1/2 of POSTERIOR WALL
- ▶ AV NODE

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

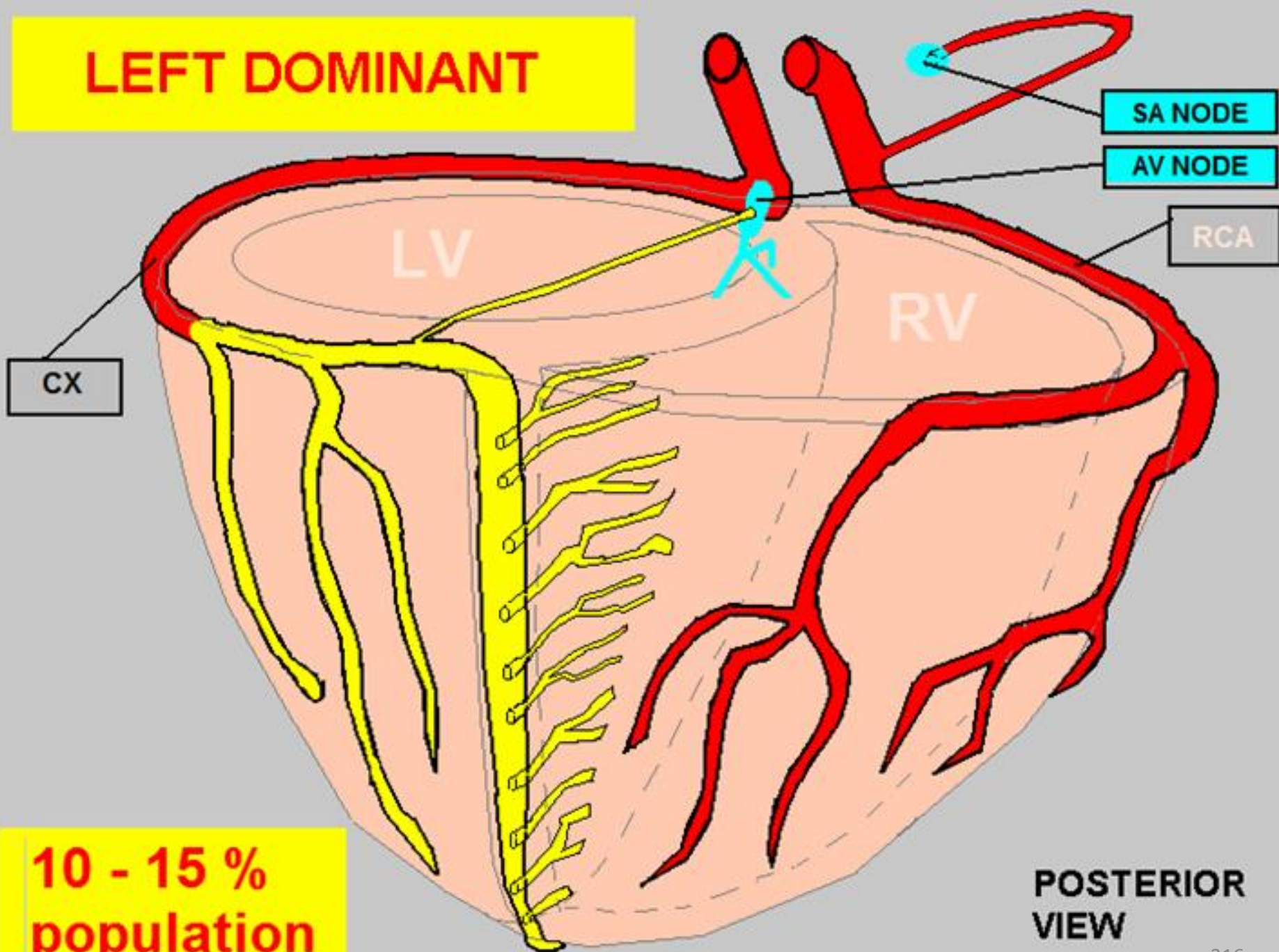


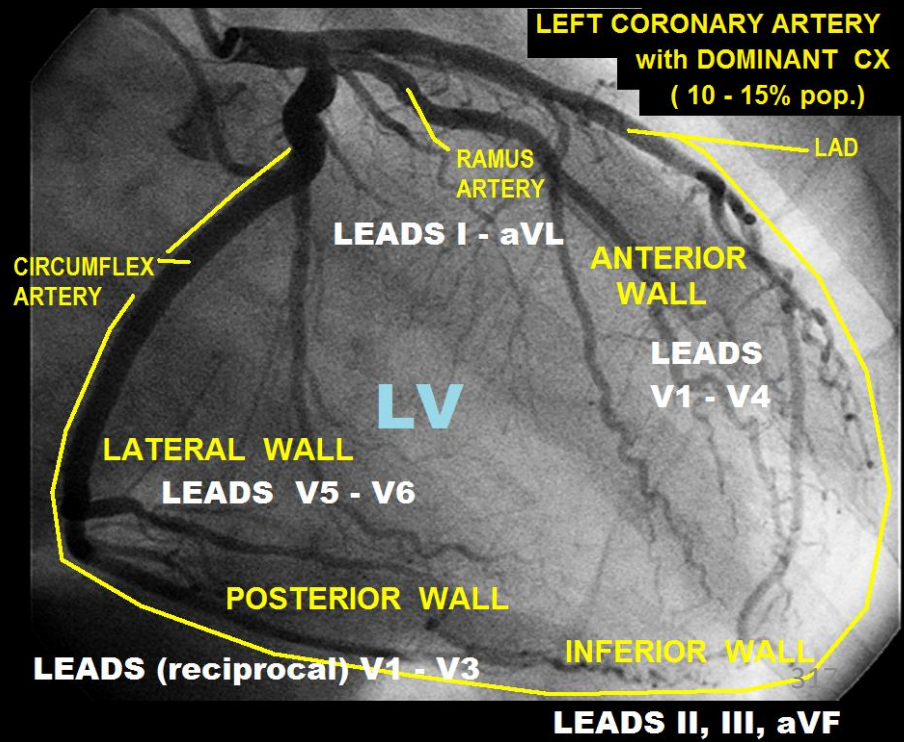
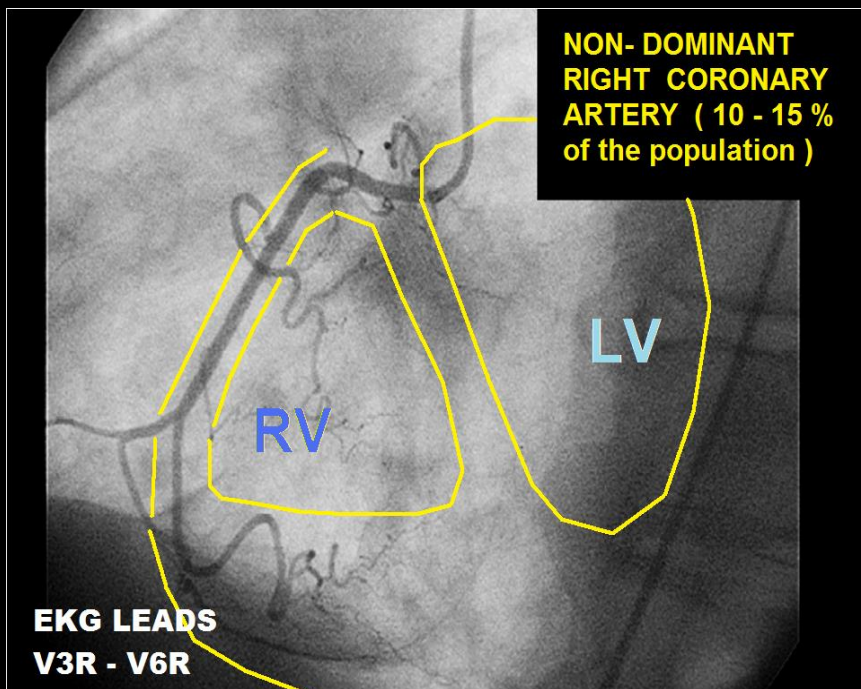
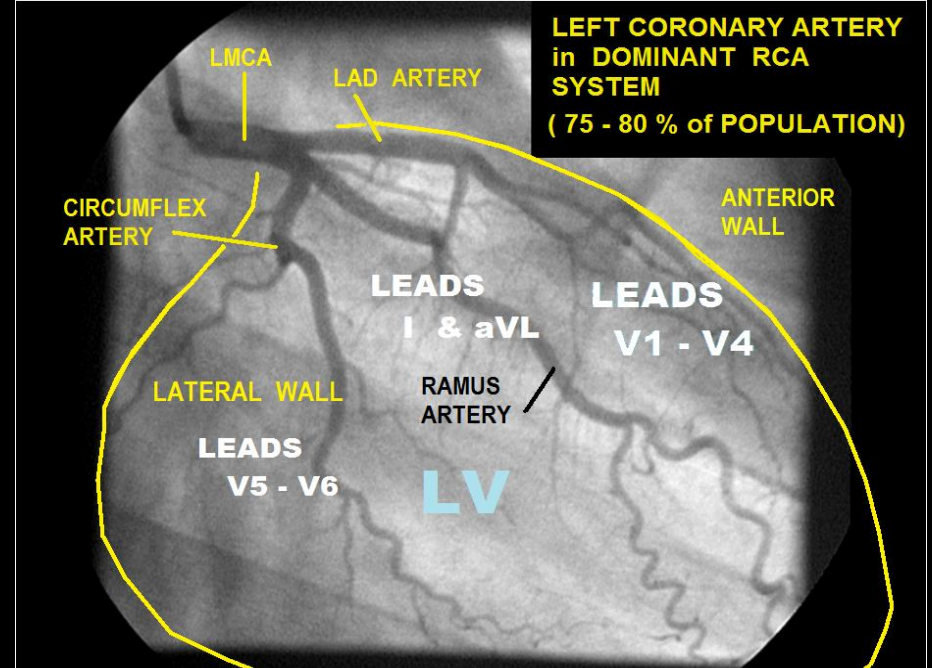
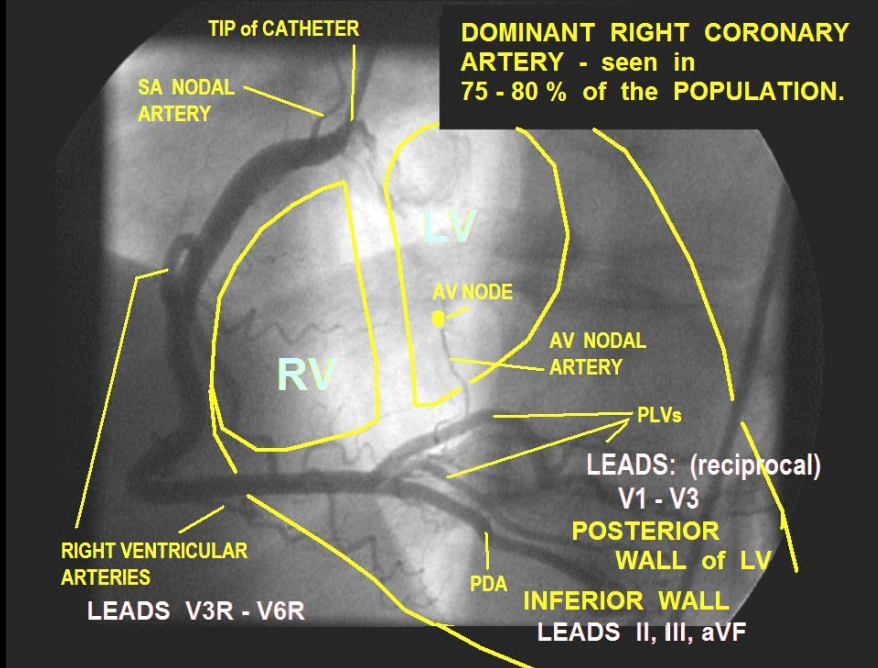
**So if the Right Coronary Artery
Is DOMINANT in 75 – 80% of the
POPULATION, what accounts for the
Other 20 – 25% ??**

RIGHT DOMINANT

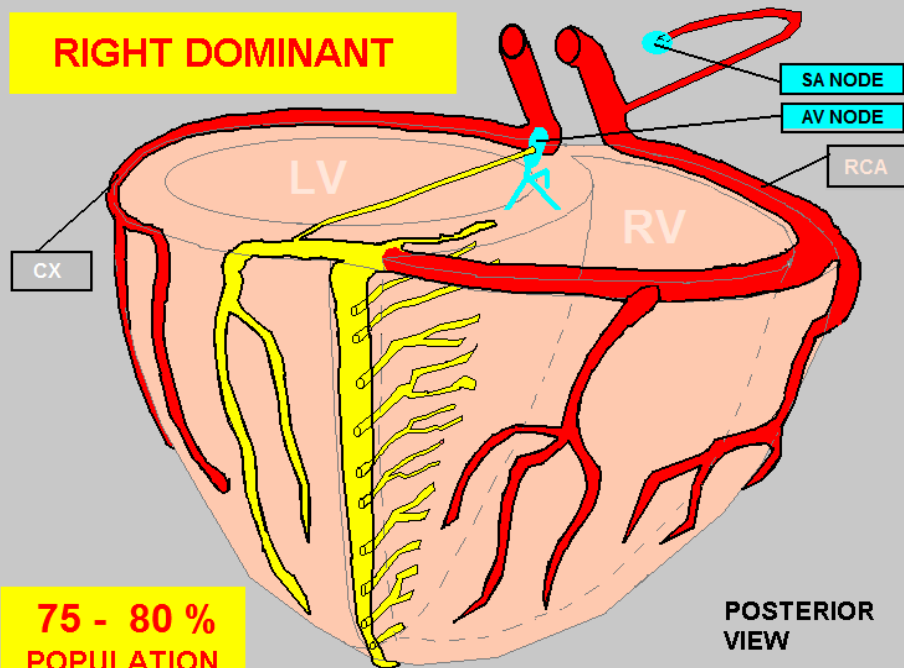


LEFT DOMINANT

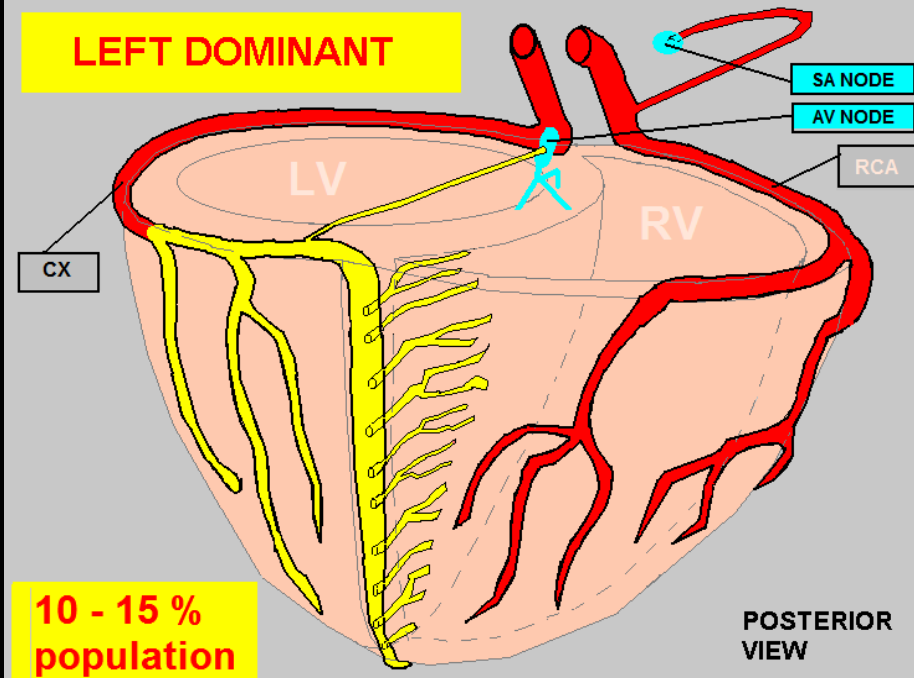




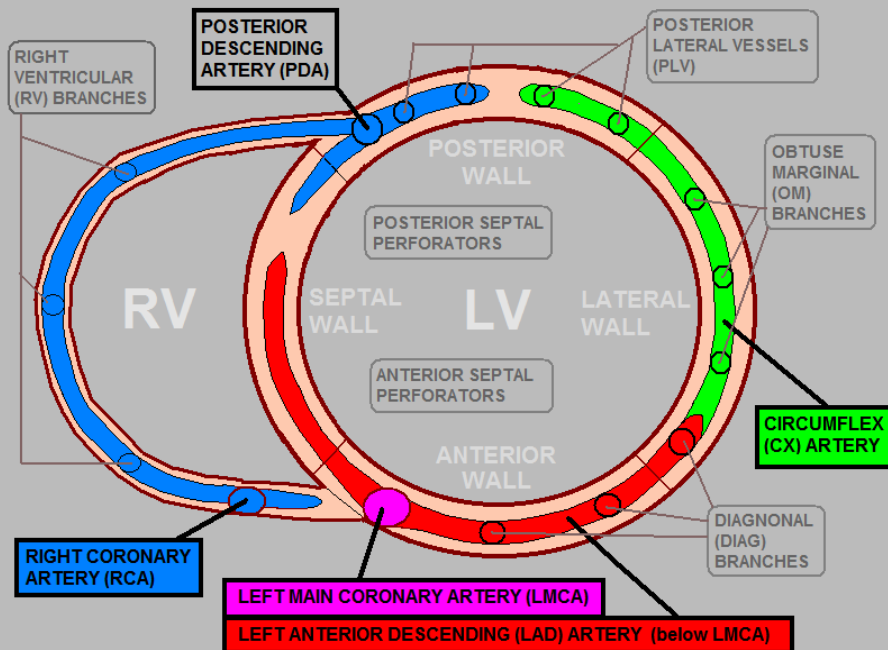
RIGHT DOMINANT



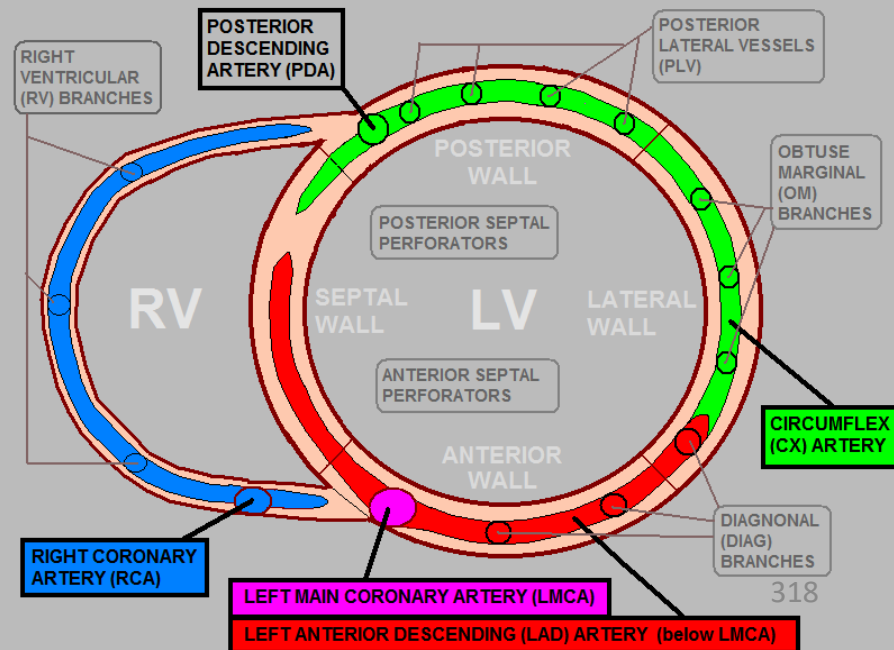
LEFT DOMINANT



CORONARY ARTERIAL DISTRIBUTIONS - RIGHT DOMINANT SYSTEM



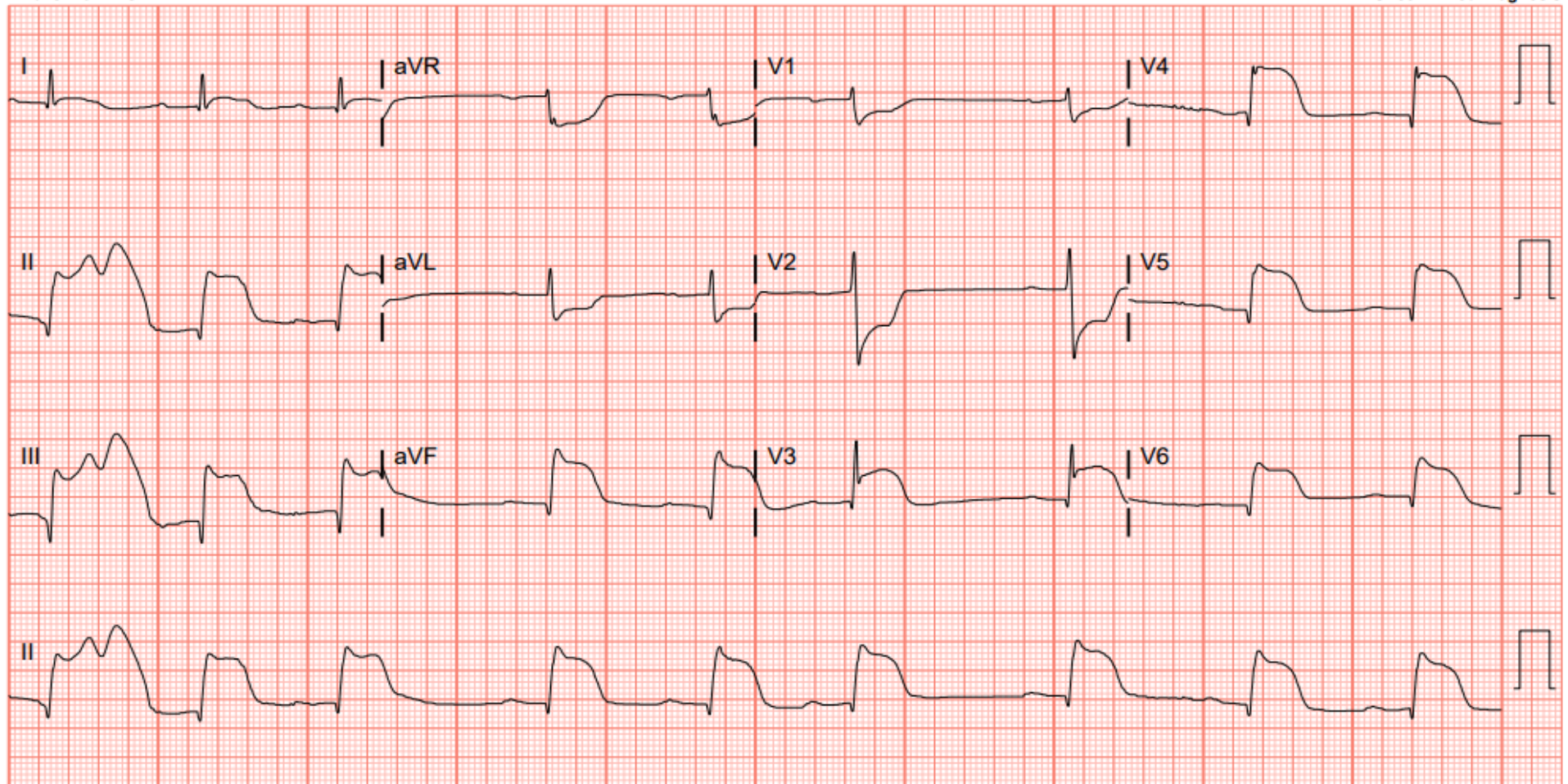
CORONARY ARTERIAL DISTRIBUTIONS - LEFT DOMINANT SYSTEMS



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

Req Provider: Xandus Chen

- Abnormal ECG - Unconfirmed Diagnosis



CIRCUMFLEX ARTERY (CX)

- NON-DOMINANT CX:

CX = 15 - 30% OF LV MASS

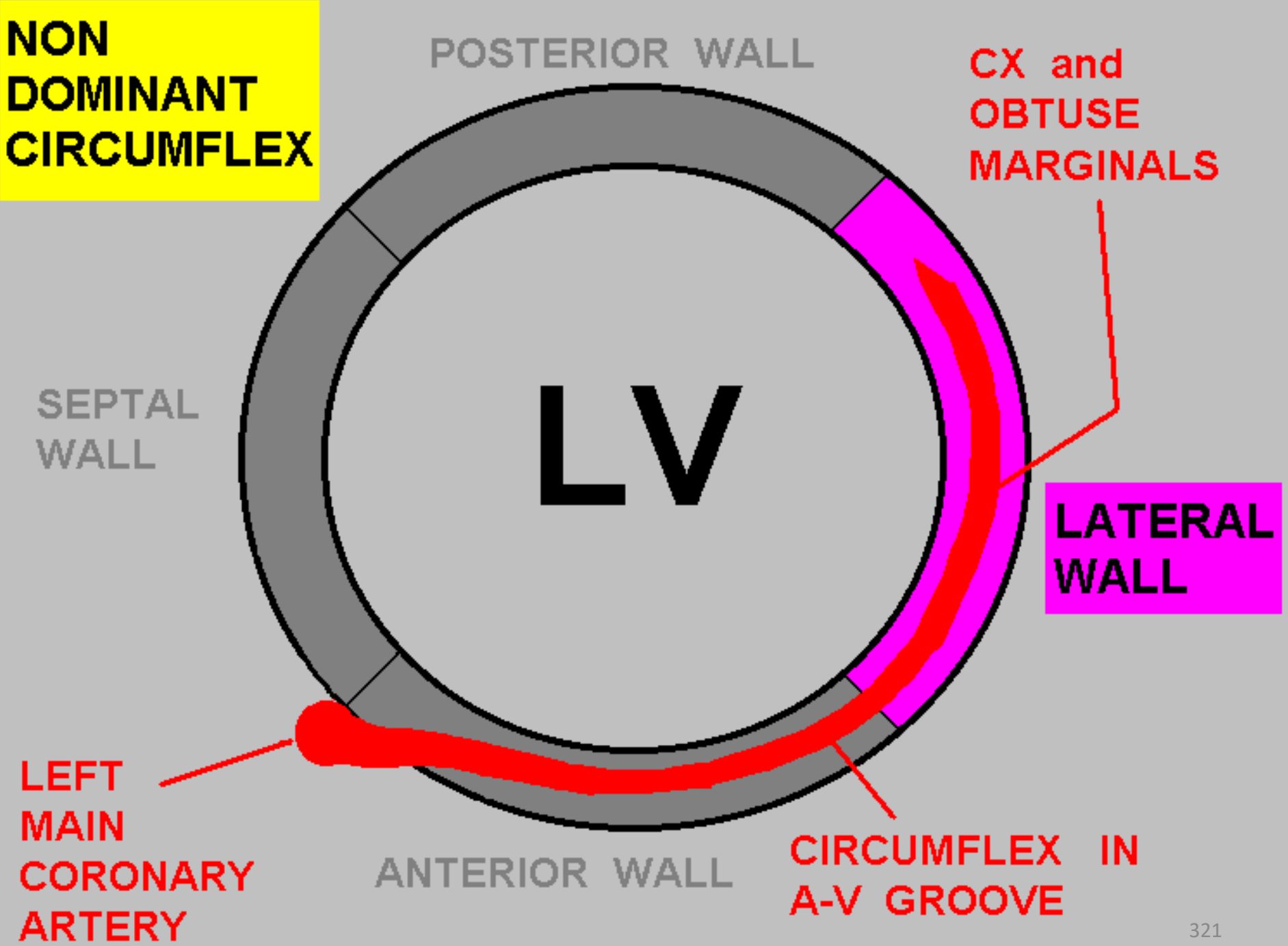
- DOMINANT CX:

CX = 15 - 30% OF LV MASS

+ PDA = 15 - 25% OF LV MASS

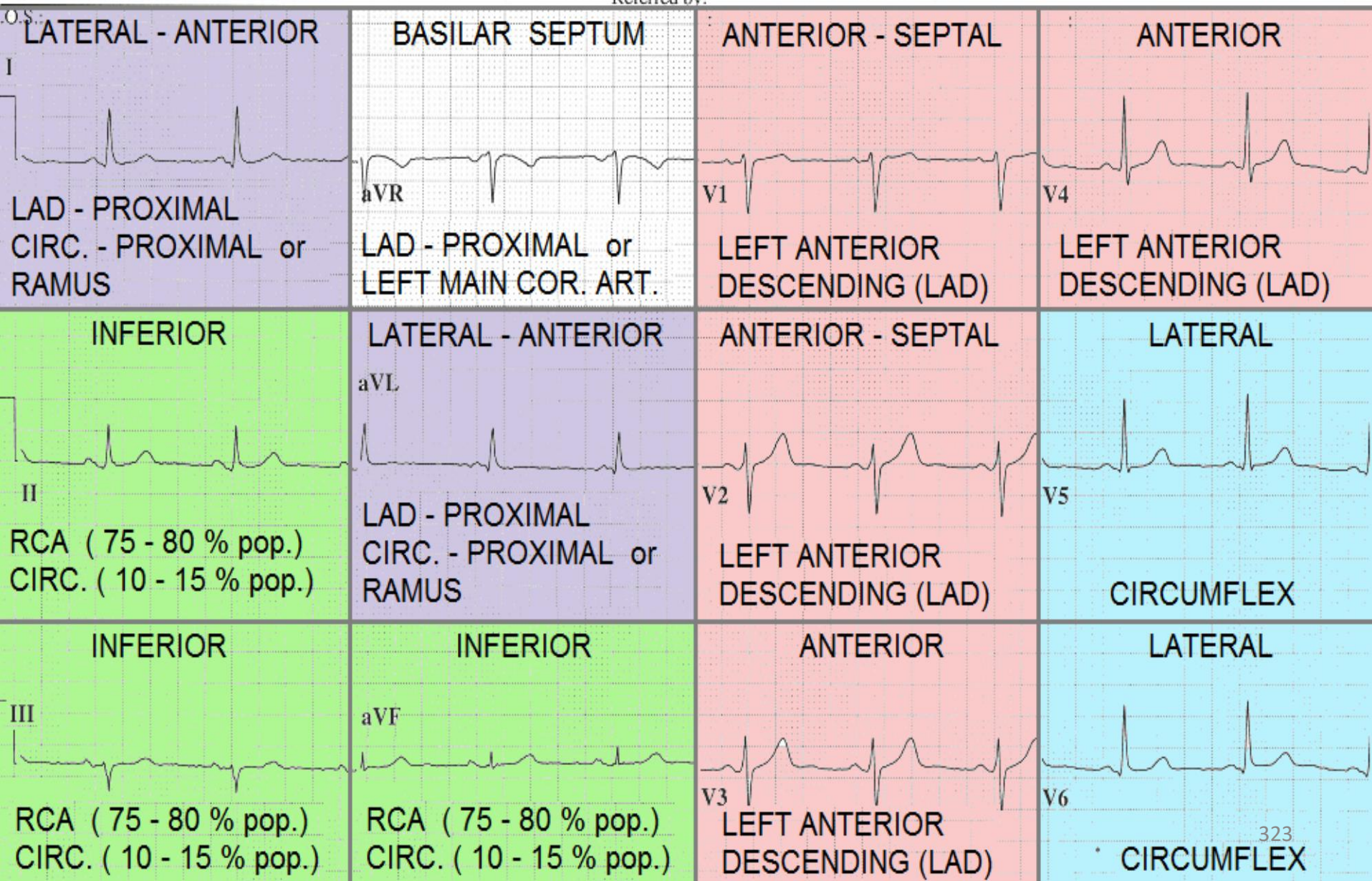
TOTAL 30 - 55% OF LV MASS

**NON
DOMINANT
CIRCUMFLEX**



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

Referred by:



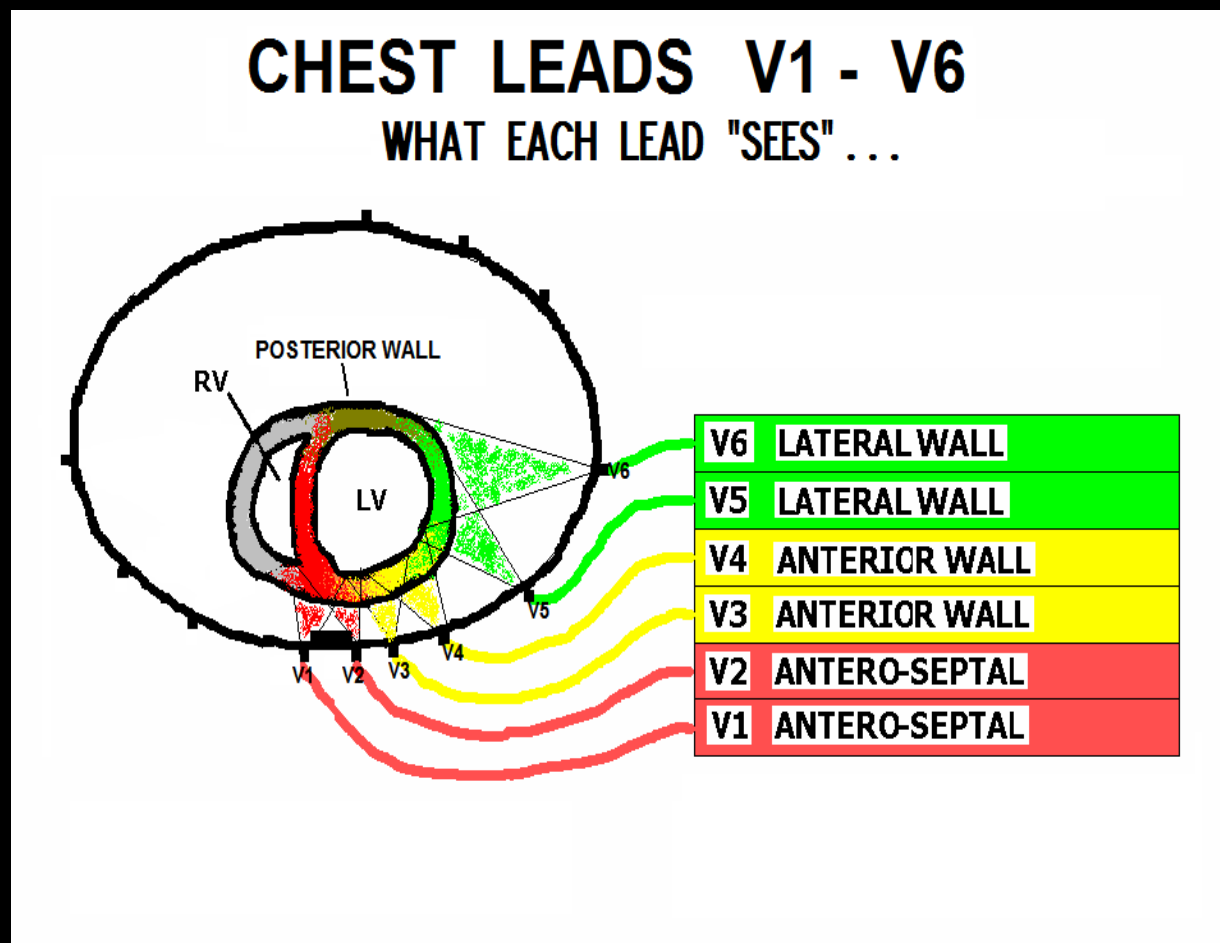
The 12 Lead ECG

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

The **POSTERIOR WALL**

&

**RIGHT
VENTRICLE**



When do we need to see the Right Ventricle?

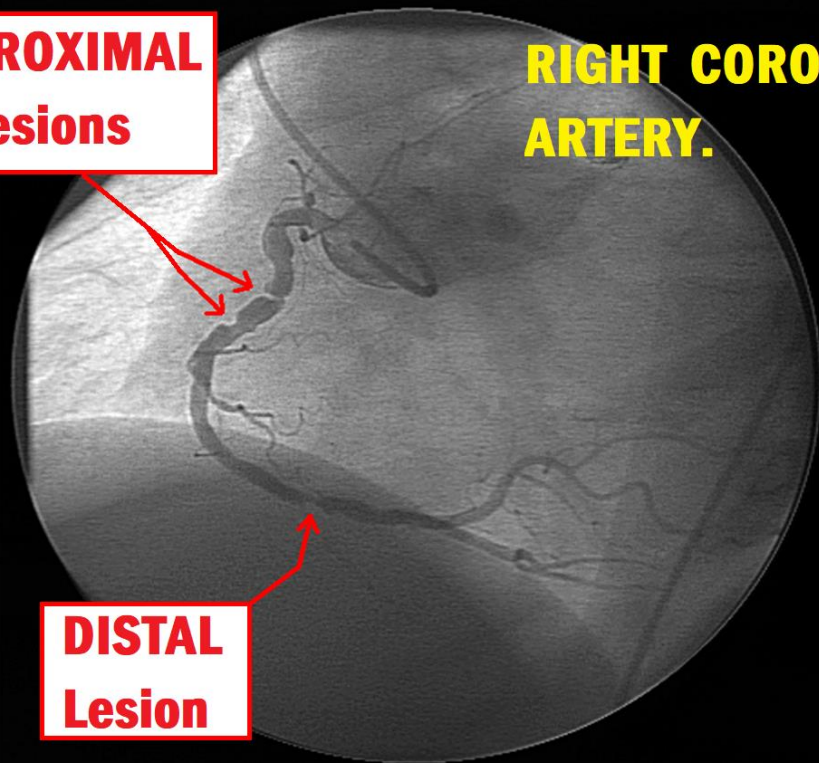
- All Patient with INFERIOR WALL STEMI (ST Elevation in Leads II, III, aVF).

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

PROXIMAL Lesions

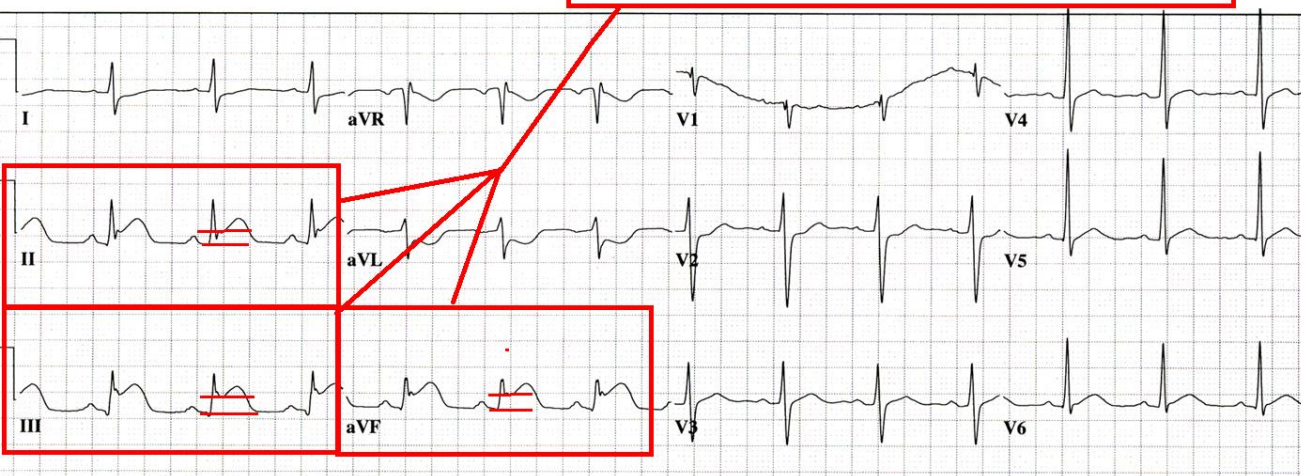
RIGHT CORONARY ARTERY.

DISTAL Lesion



Inferior Wall STEMI

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



To see the
RIGHT VENTRICLE . . .

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




You must do a

RIGHT - SIDED EKG !!

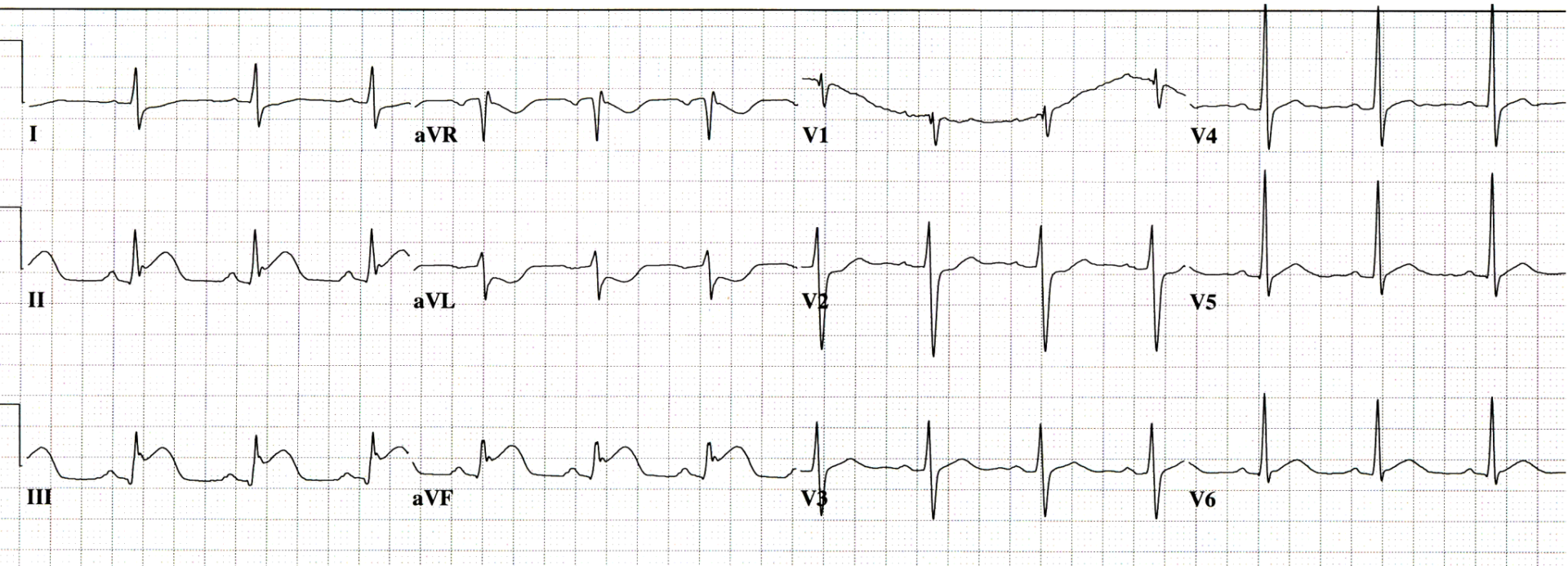
46 yr
Male Caucasian

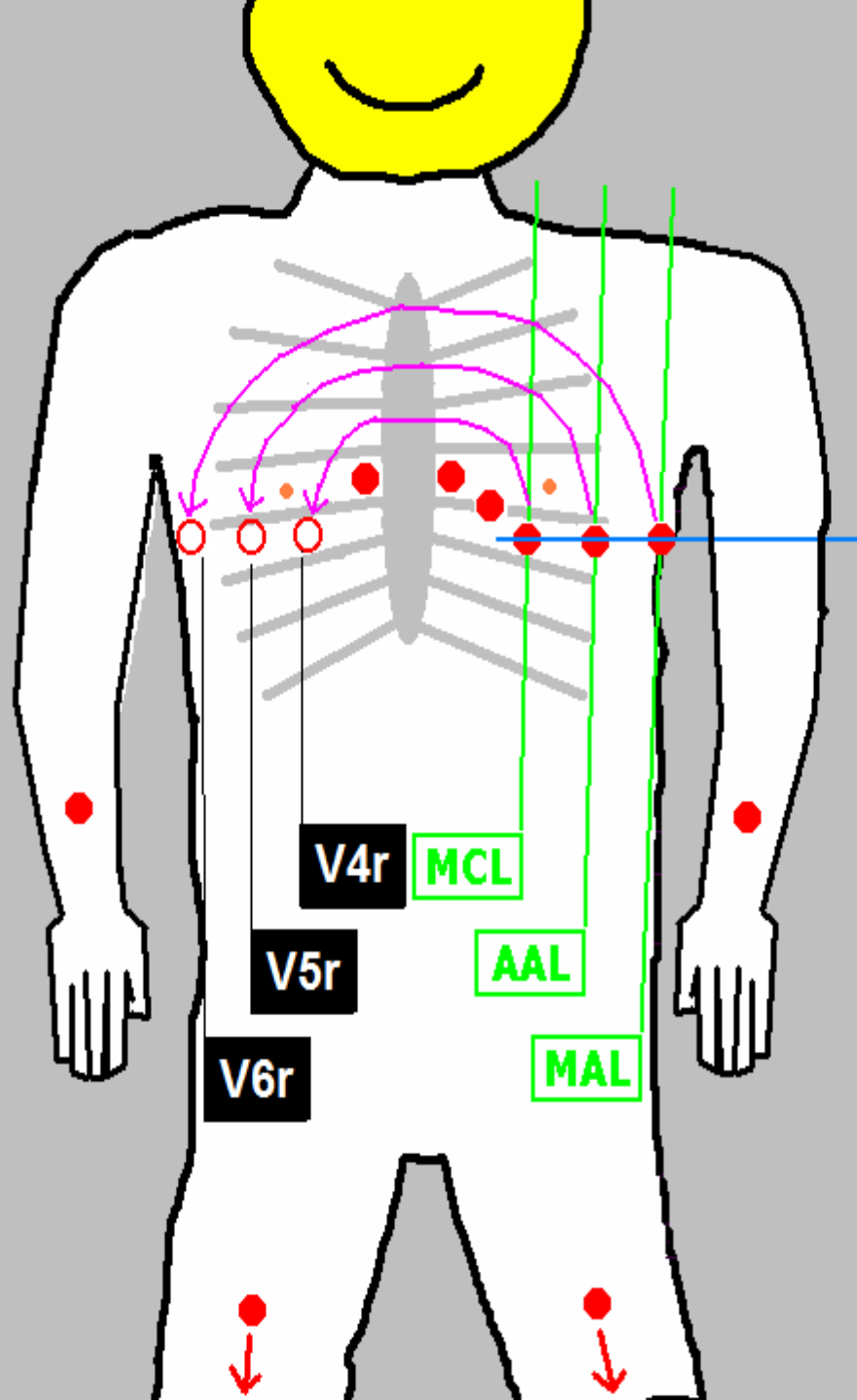
Vent. rate	82	BPM
PR interval	168	ms
QRS duration	96	ms
QT/QTc	384/448	ms
P-R-T axes	76 81 88	

Loc:3 Option:23

 **EVALUATE EKG for indicators of ACS:**

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



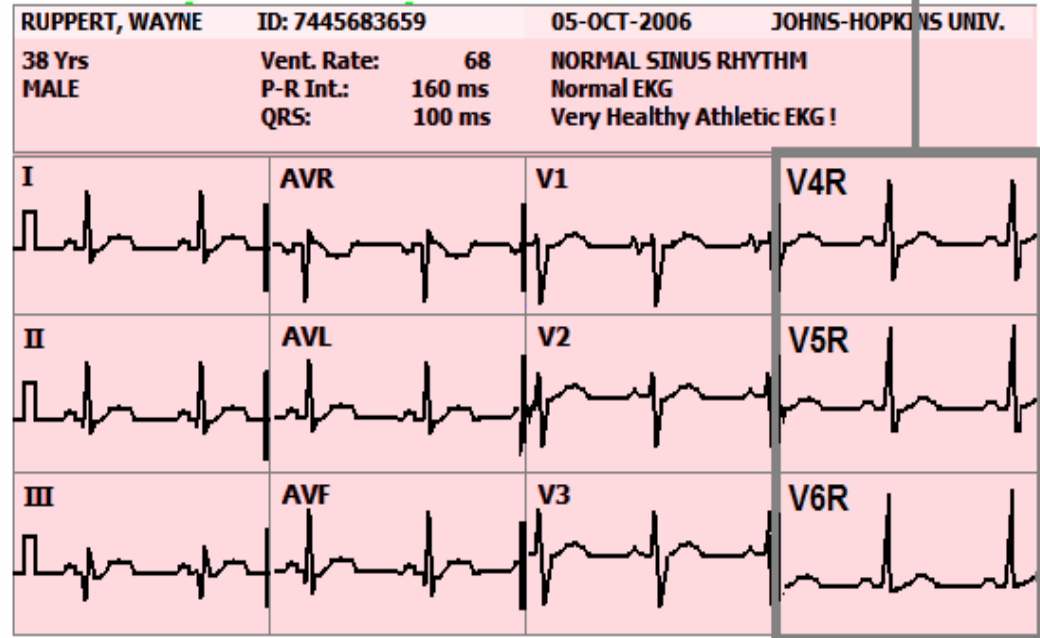
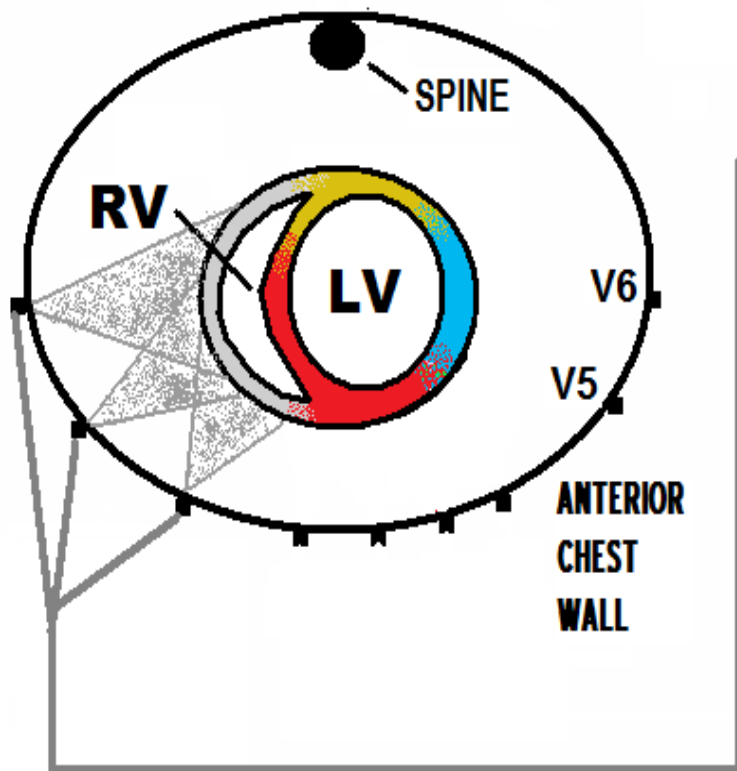


To do a
RIGHT - SIDED EKG . .

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

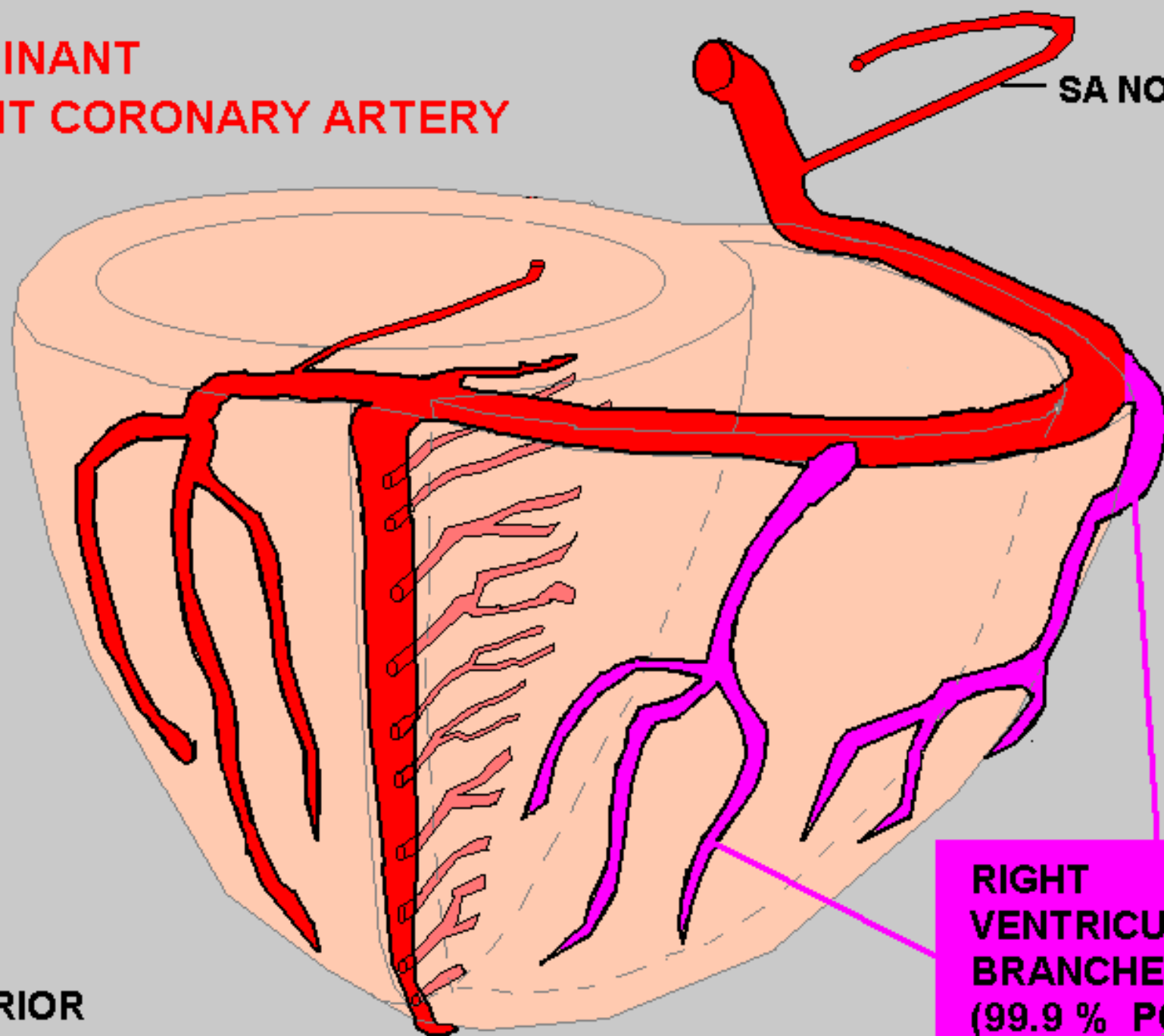
**to the corresponding
placement on the
RIGHT SIDE of patient's
chest . . .**

V4R - V6R VIEW THE RIGHT VENTRICLE



**DOMINANT
RIGHT CORONARY ARTERY**

SA NODAL



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

**POSTERIOR
VIEW**

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

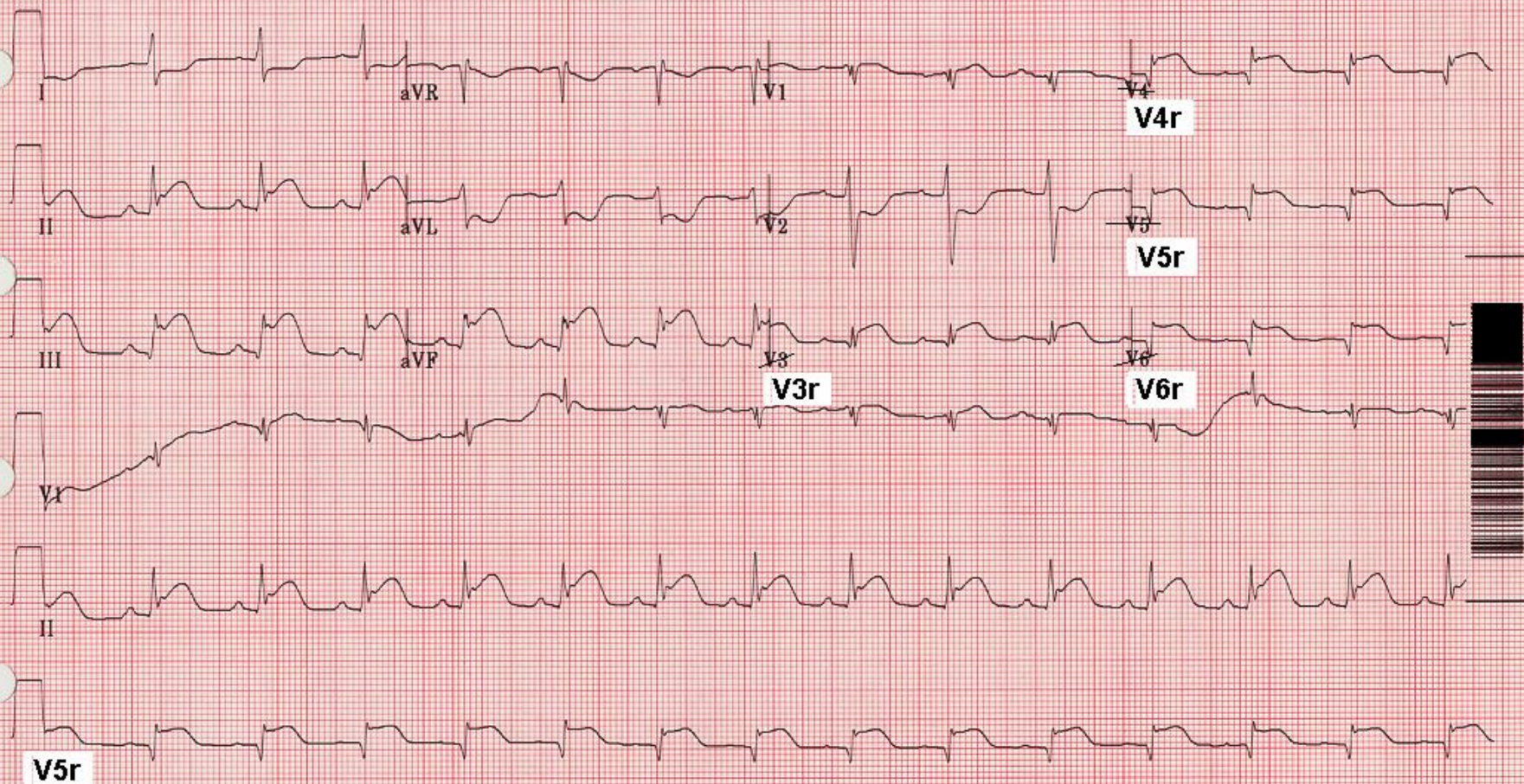
Right Ventricular Infarct

V LEADS
R SIDE

Technician:

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40 Hz 25.0 mm/s 10.0 mm/mV

4 by 2.5s + 3 rhythm lds

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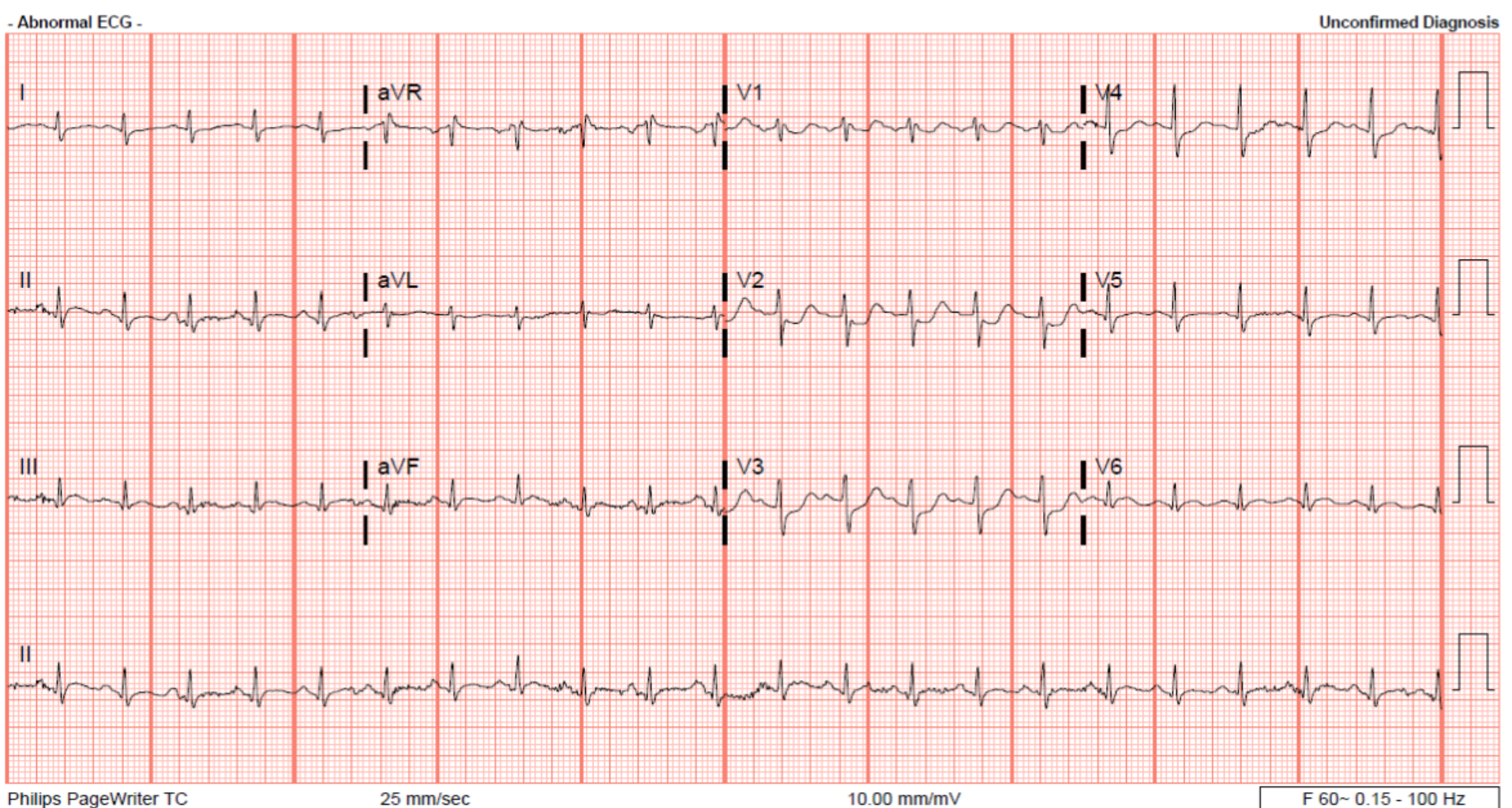
**When do we need to see the
Posterior Wall?**

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.**

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



Whenever you see
ST DEPRESSION in Leads V1 - V4



you must do a

POSTERIOR LEAD ECG

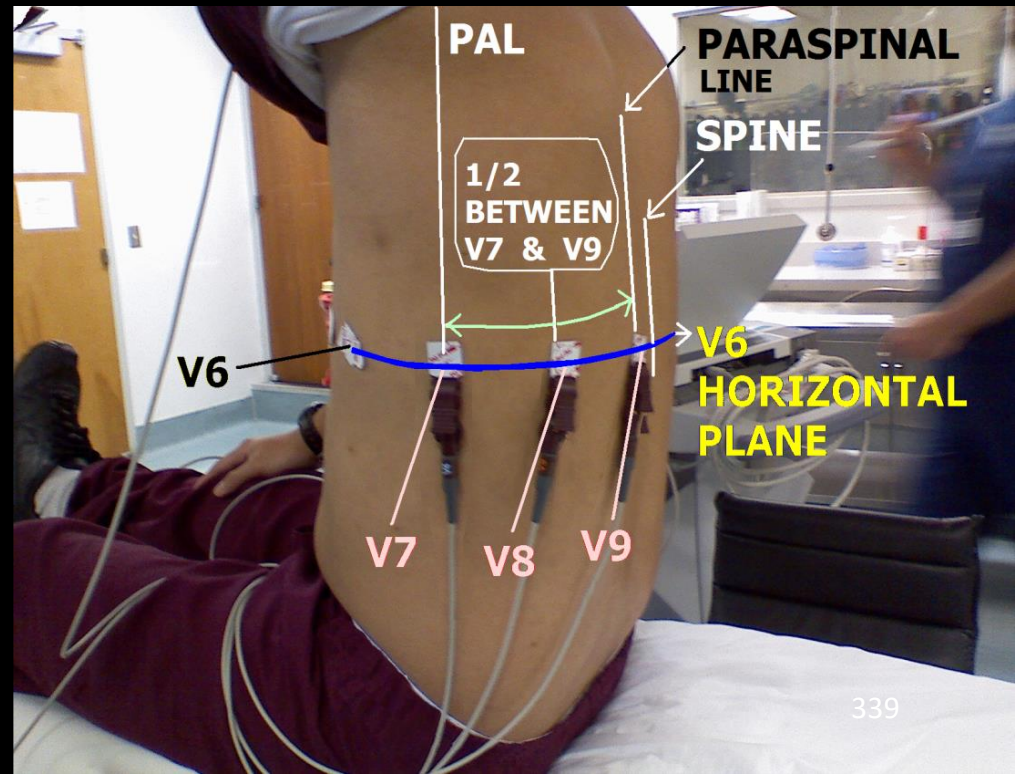
(V7 - V9)

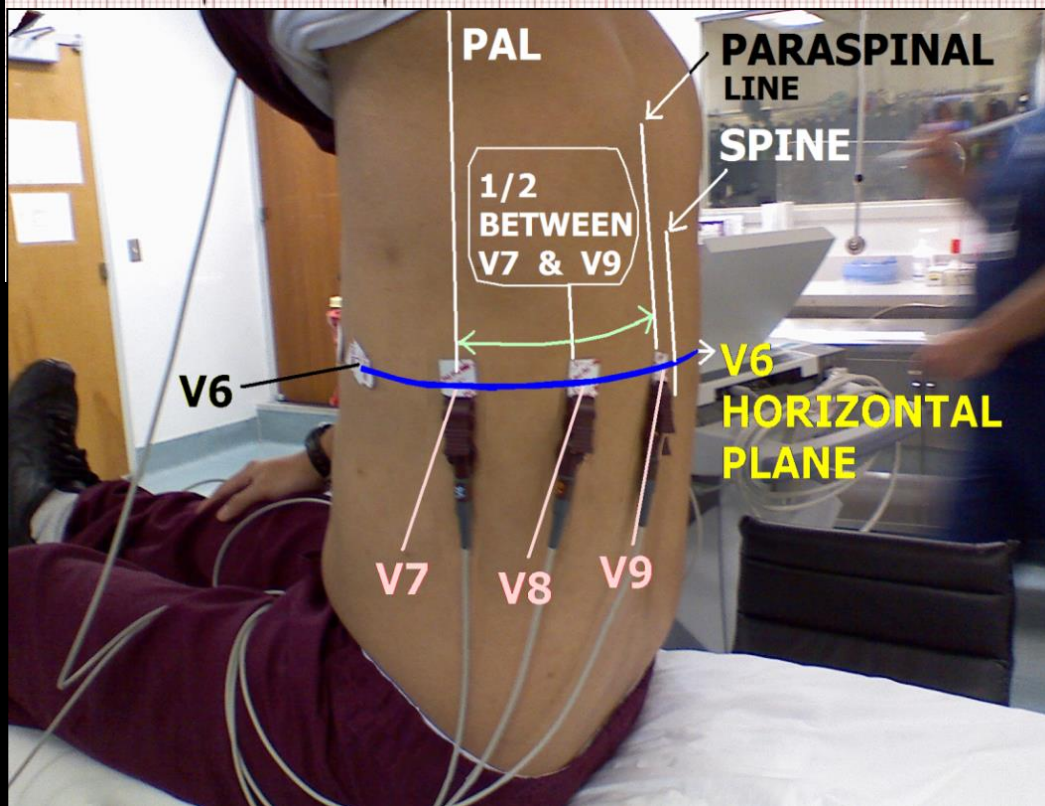
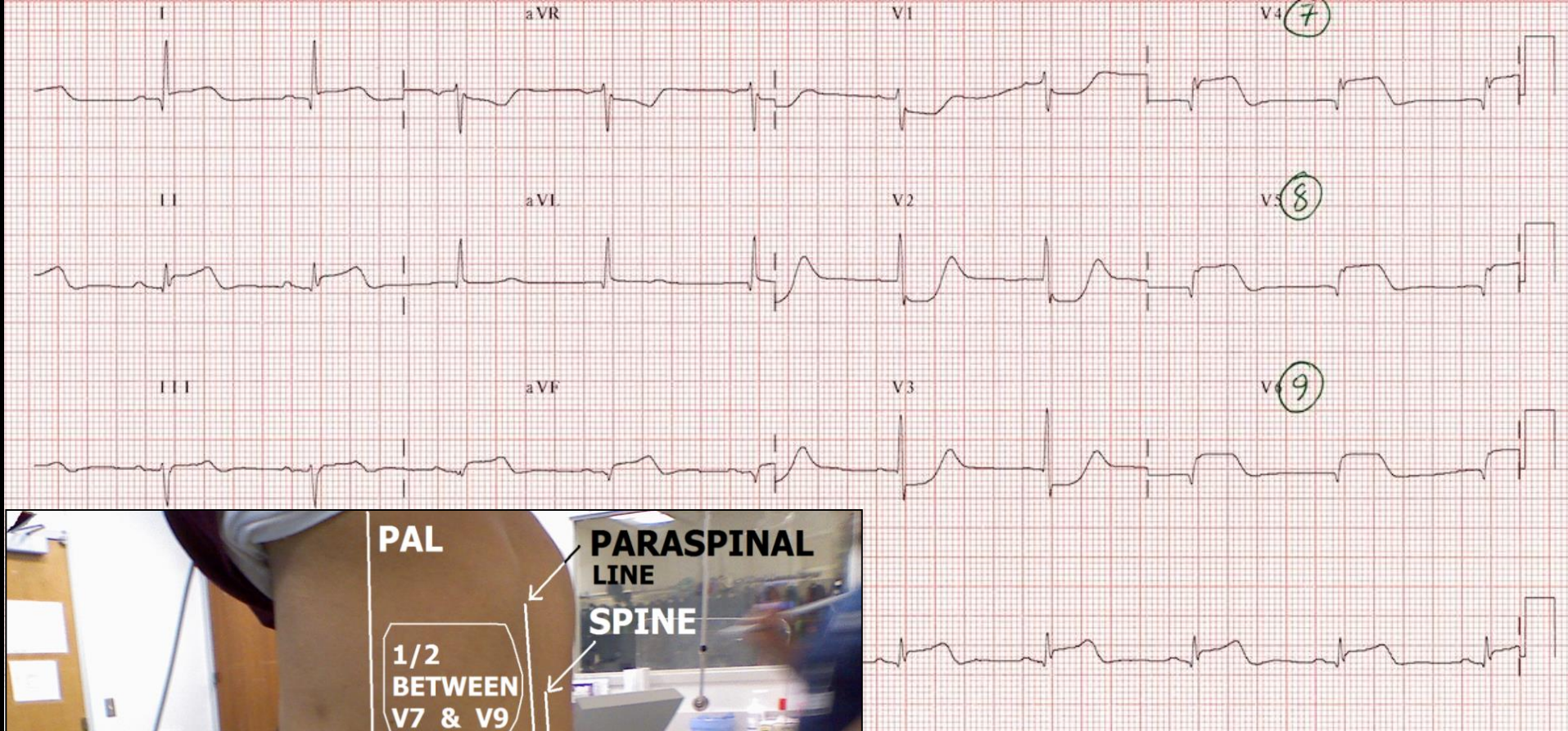
to see if you Patient is having a

POSTERIOR WALL STEMI

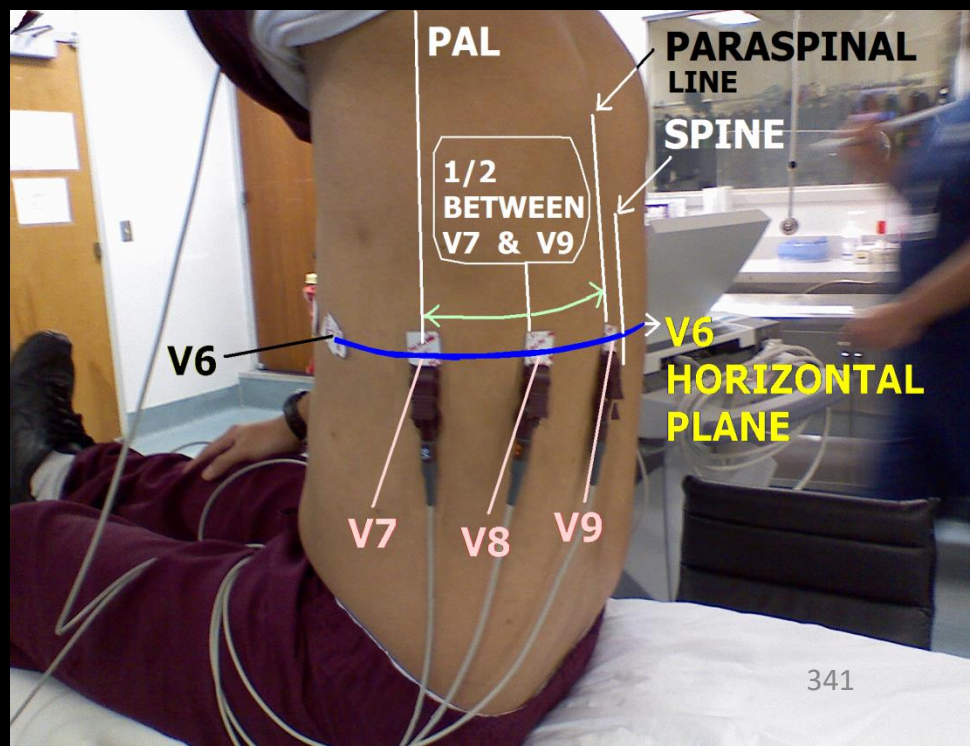
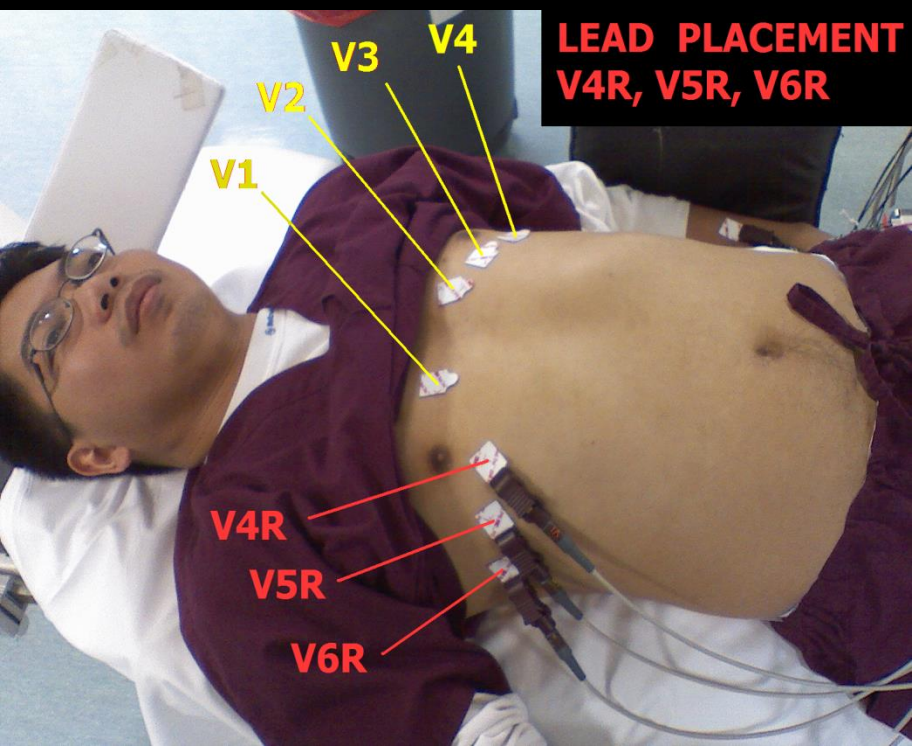
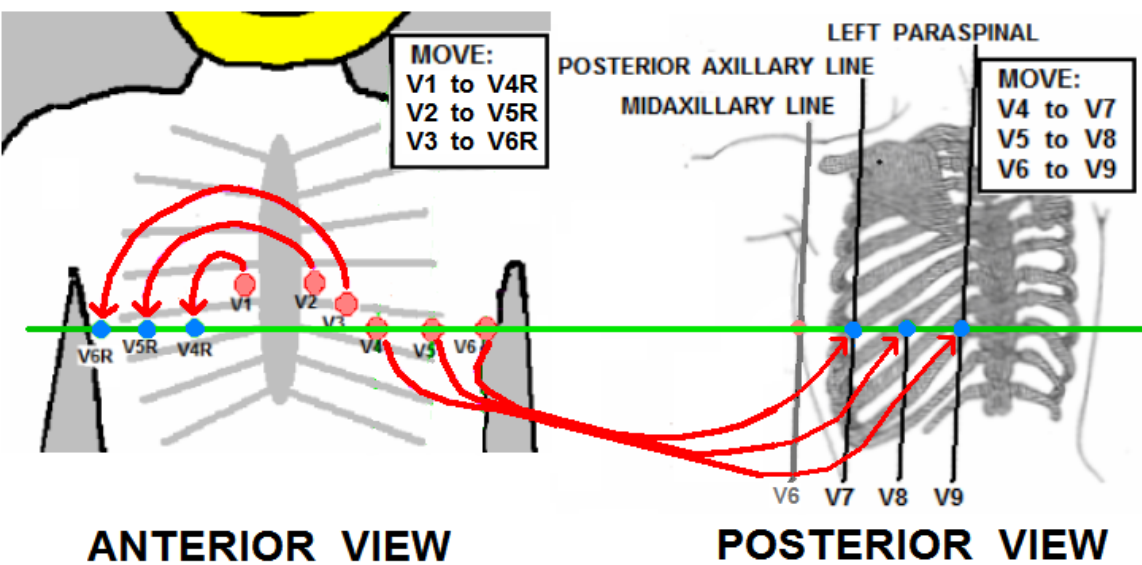
Whenever your patient's ECG exhibits
ST DEPRESSION in any of the
ANTERIOR LEADS (V1-V4),
CONSIDER the possibility of
POSTERIOR WALL STEMI !!

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



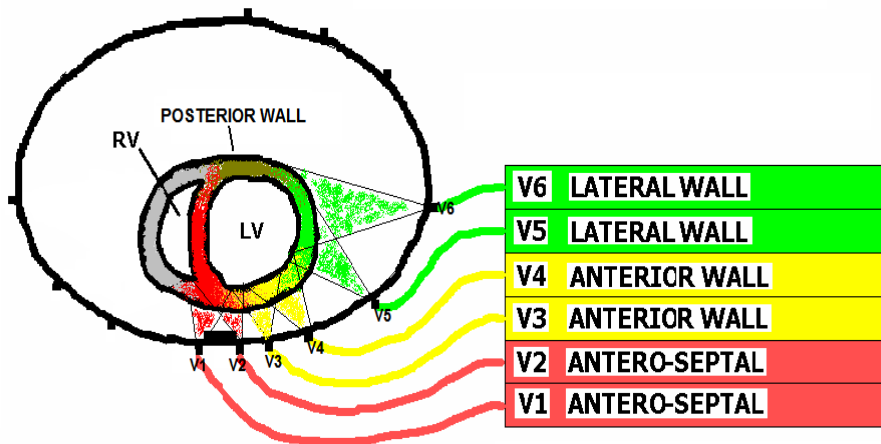


HOW TO REPOSITION 6 CHEST LEADS to OBTAIN 3 R VENTRICLE and 3 POSTERIOR LEADS



CHEST LEADS V1 - V6

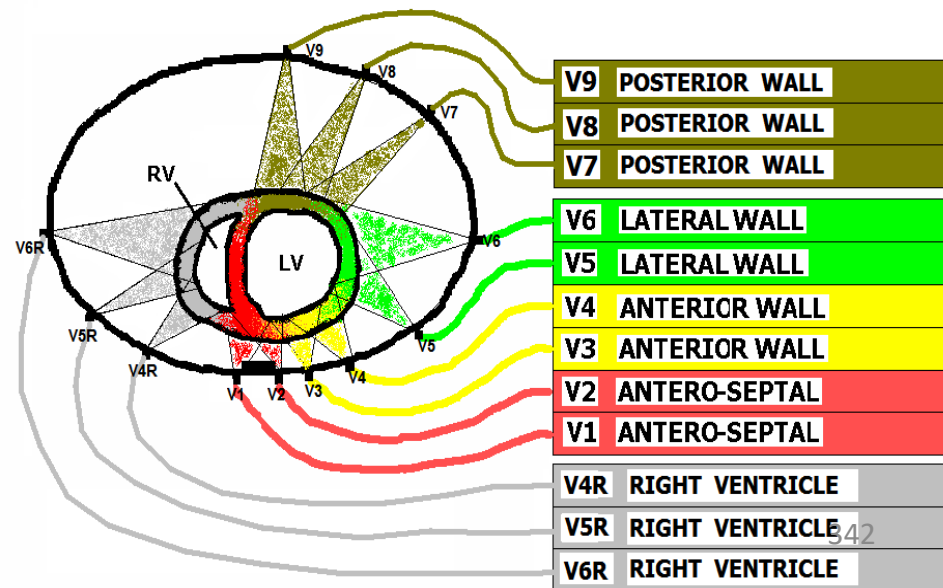
WHAT EACH LEAD "SEES" ...



⇐ The 12 Lead ECG

The 18 Lead ECG ⇒

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



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

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

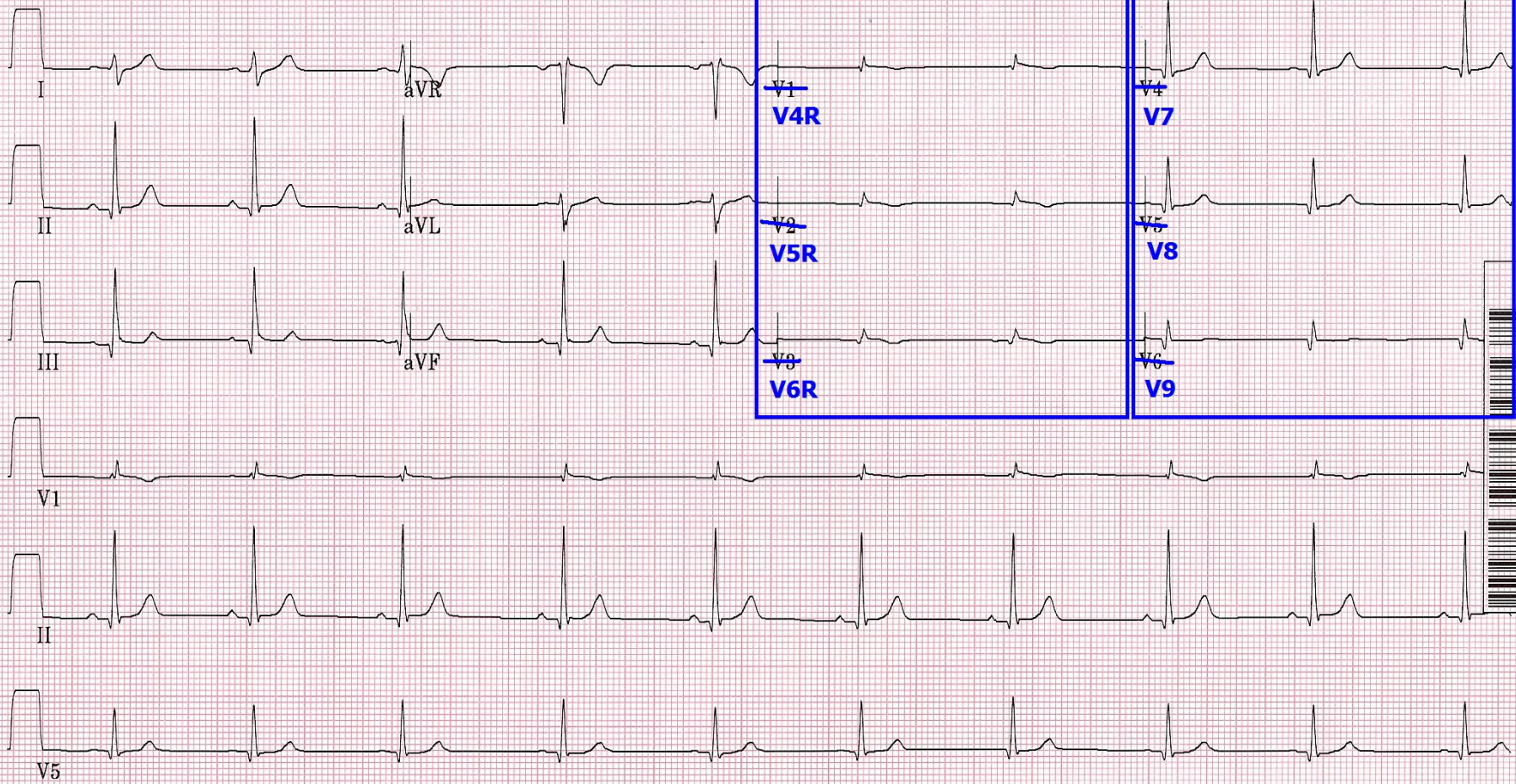
Technician: WR

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RIGHT VENTRICLE

POSTERIOR WALL



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

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

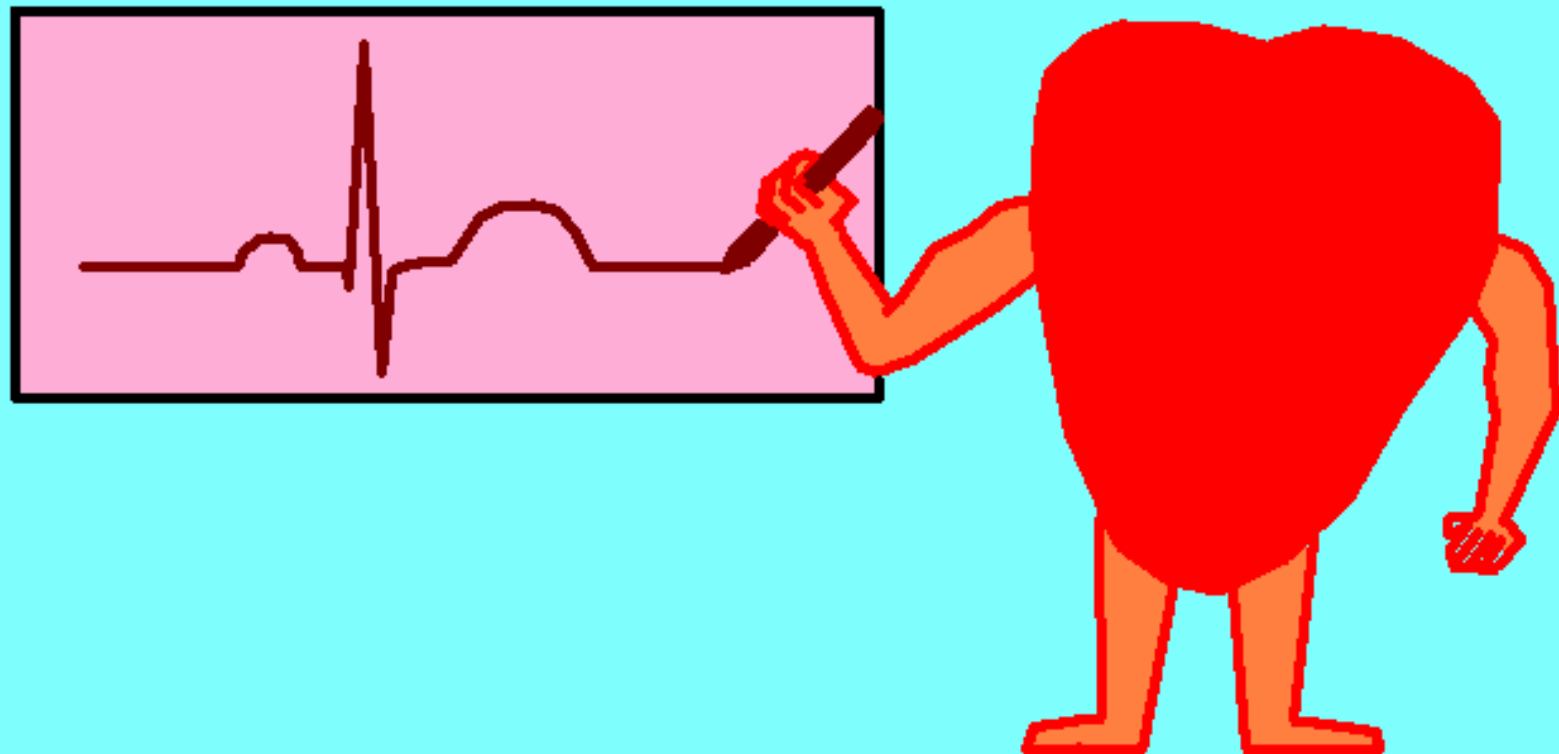
*. . . . On rare occasions,
we see isolated cases of
POSTERIOR WALL MI*



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

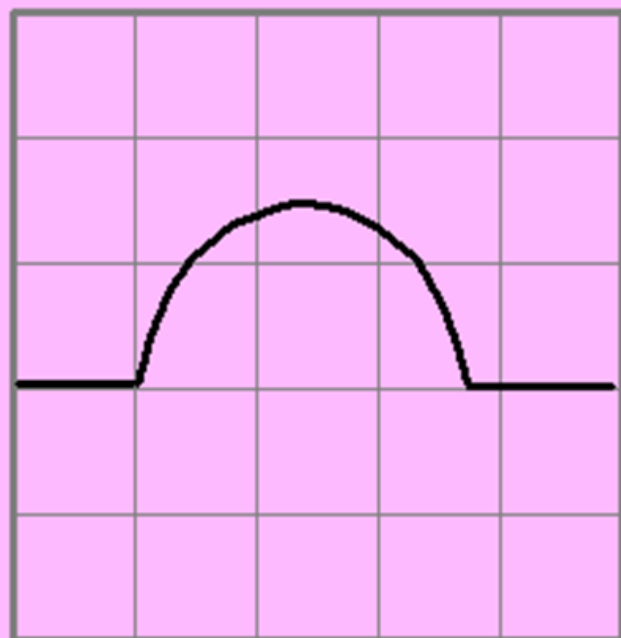
PUTTING IT ALL ON PAPER...

WAVEFORMS and INTERVALS ...



THE P WAVE

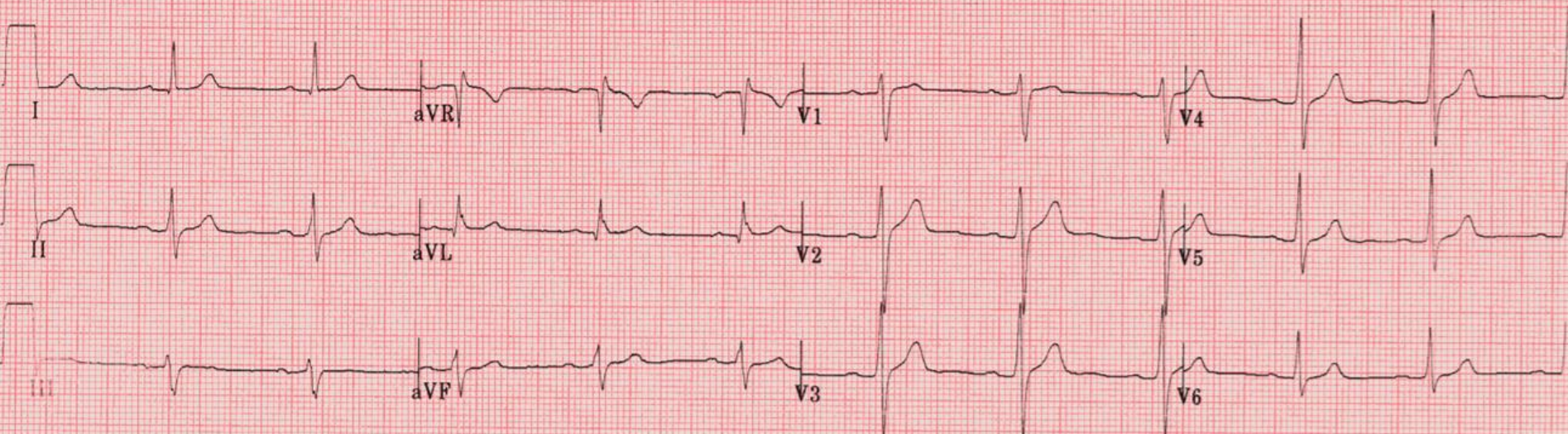
- SHOULD BE UPRIGHT, CONVEX-SHAPED DOME IN ALL LEADS EXCEPT AVR and V1



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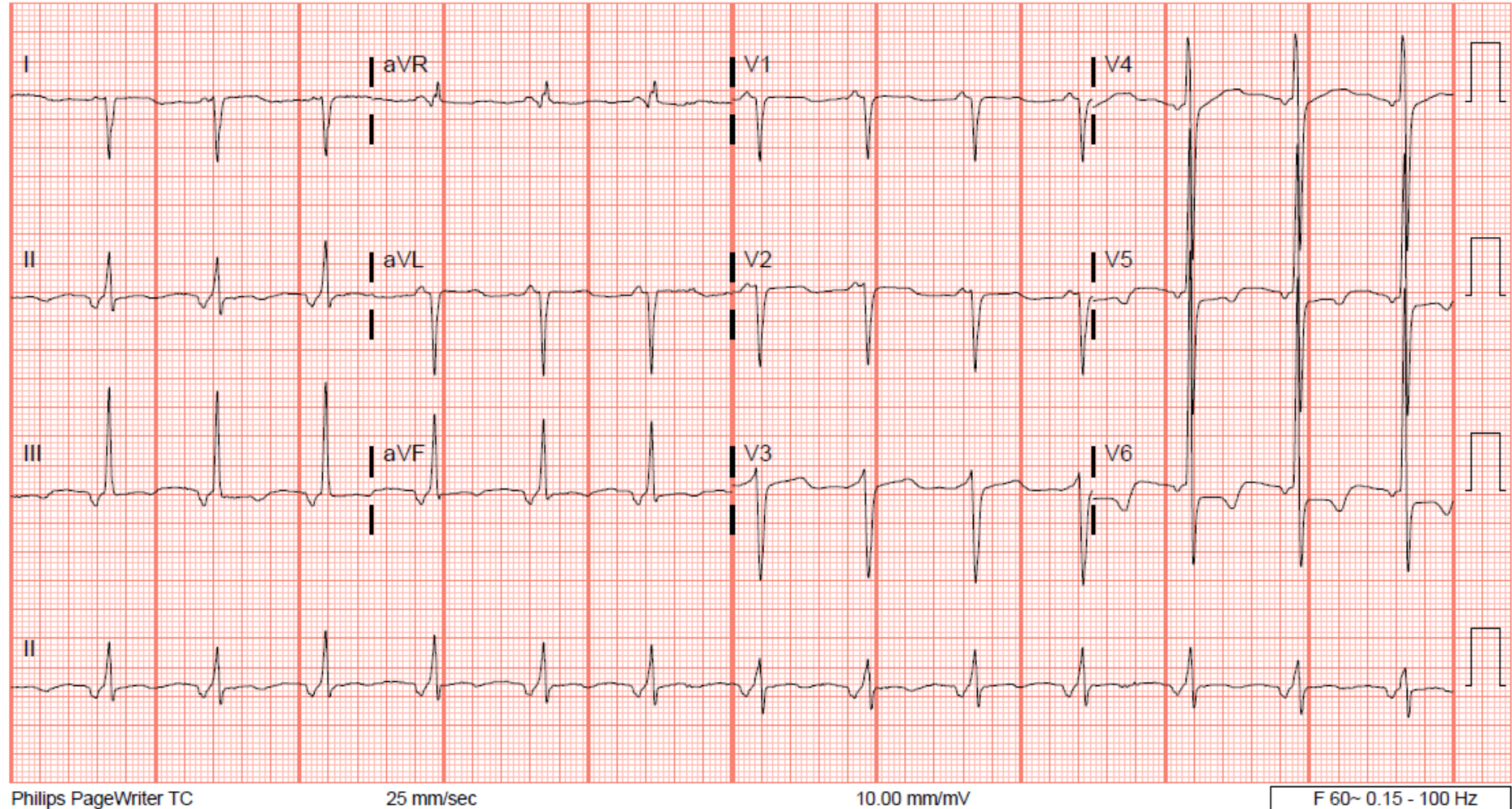
P Wave Axis

- P waves with abnormal axis (“not pointing in the right direction”) may signify ectopic atrial beats.
- When P waves are inverted in most leads with an abnormally short P-R interval ($<120\text{ms}$) the origin of the rhythm may be the AV node (Junctional Rhythm).

Inverted P waves & short P-R interval:

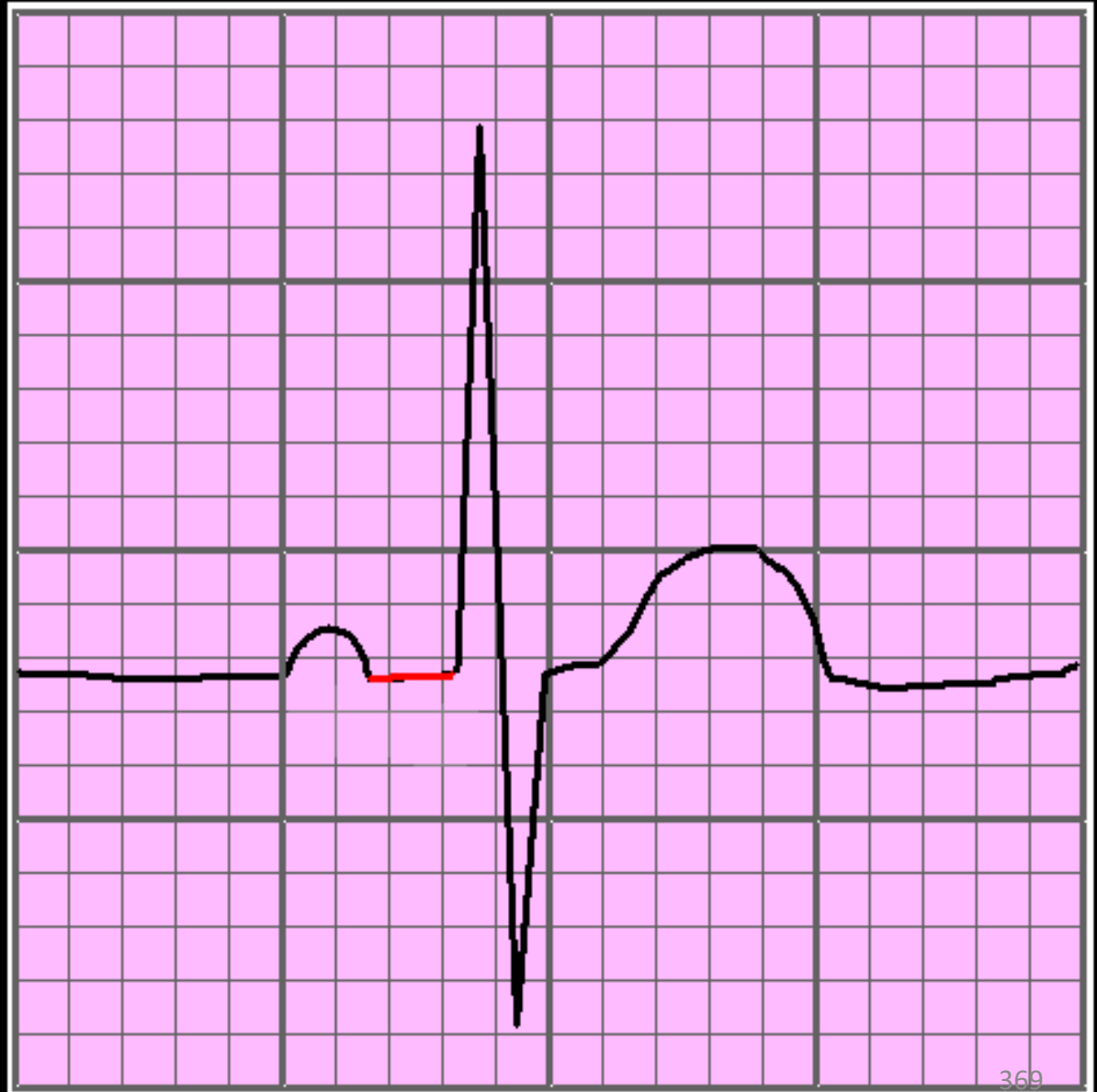
- Abnormal ECG -

Unconfirmed Diagnosis



THE P-R SEGMENT

SHOULD
RETURN TO
THE
ISO-
ELECTRIC
LINE.



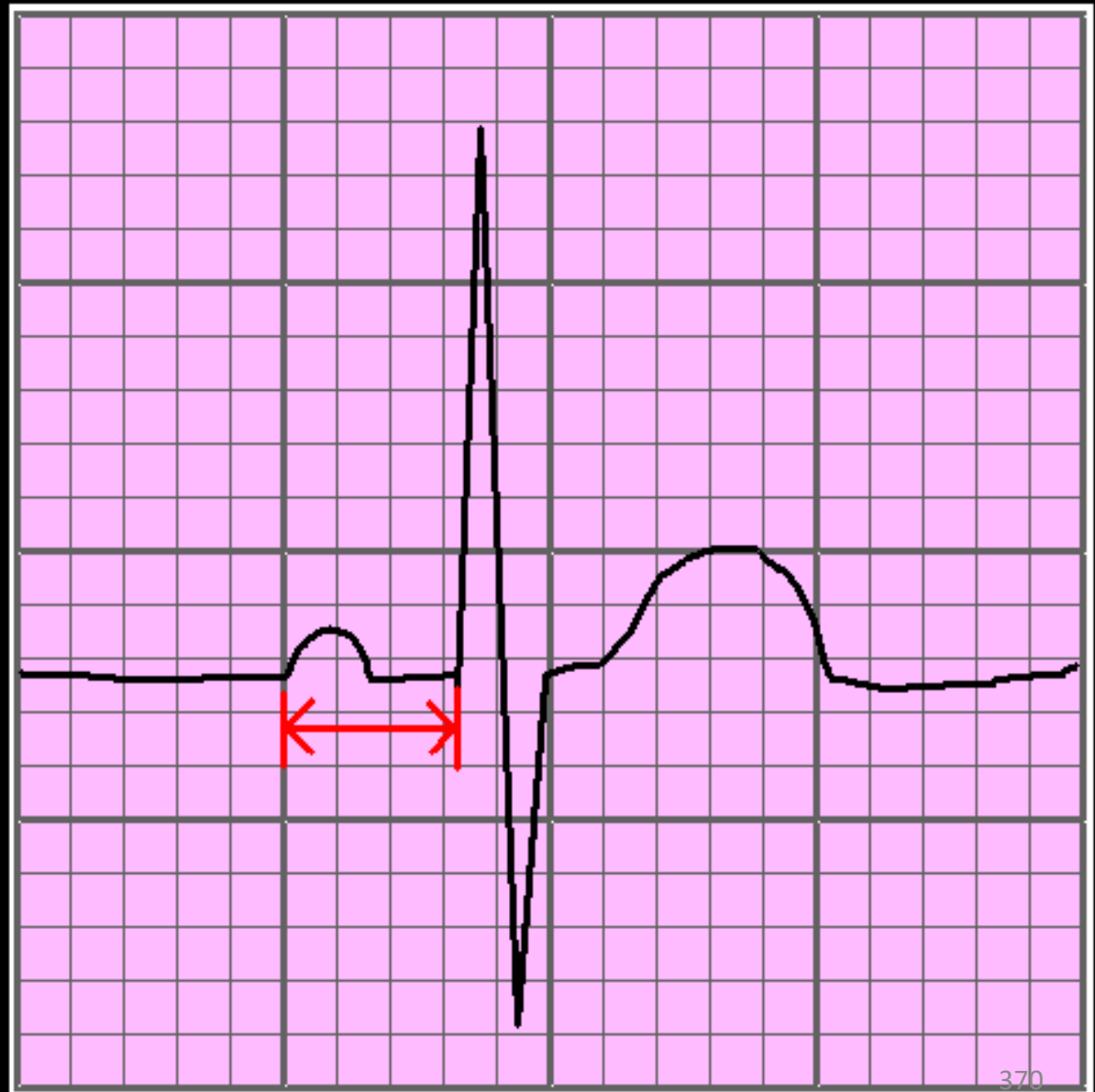
NORMAL P-R INTERVAL

.12 - .20 SEC

or

120 - 200

mSEC



P - R INTERVAL TOO SHORT . . .
LESS THAN 120 mSEC

THINK:

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

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

THINK:

- HEART BLOCK

THE QRS COMPLEX

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



THE QRS COMPLEX

THIS QRS COMPLEX CONSISTS OF
3 DEFLECTIONS



THE QRS COMPLEX

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3 DEFLECTIONS

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



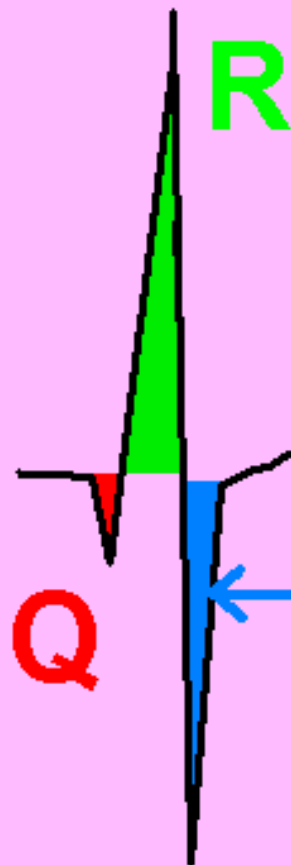
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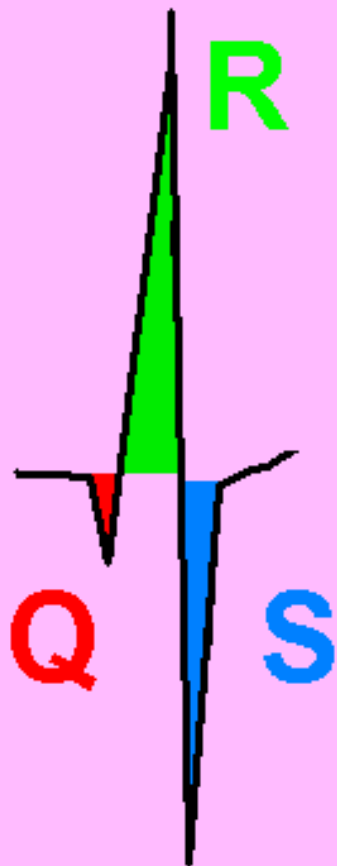


A NEGATIVE
DEFLECTION
AFTER THE
R WAVE IS
CALLED THE
" S " WAVE

THE QRS COMPLEX

THIS QRS COMPLEX CONSISTS OF
3 DEFLECTIONS

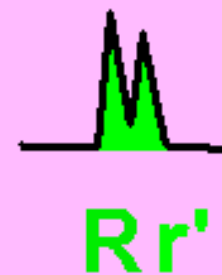
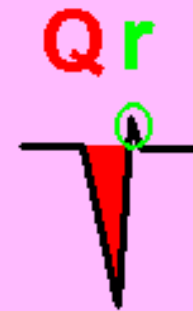
AND IS
THE ONLY
TRUE
"QRS"
COMPLEX



SOME OF
THE OTHER
VARIATIONS
INCLUDE

THE QRS COMPLEX

WHAT ARE THESE COMPLEXES ??



QRS INTERVAL

LESS THAN

.12

OR

120 mSEC



QRS COMPLEX TOO WIDE

WIDER THAN 120 mSEC

THINK:

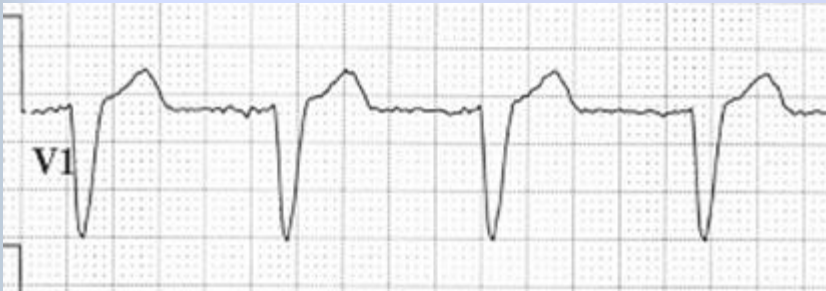
- BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK
- **VENTRICULAR COMPLEX (ES)**
- PACED RHYTHM
- L VENTRICULAR HYPERTROPHY
- **ELECTROLYTE IMBAL. ($\uparrow K^+$ $\downarrow Ca^{++}$)**
- DELTA WAVE (PRE-EXCITATION)

When the QRS is WIDE (> 3mm):

- If you KNOW the Rhythm is originating ABOVE the Ventricles (such as NSR or any Supraventricular Rhythm) – you should determine if the QRS has a RIGHT or LEFT Bundle Branch Block morphology.

Normal Sinus and Other “Supraventricular Rhythms” with WIDE QRS (> 120 ms)

- Determine LEFT vs. RIGHT Bundle Branch Block Pattern



Simple “Turn Signal Method” . . .

THE “TURN SIGNAL METHOD” for identifying BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK

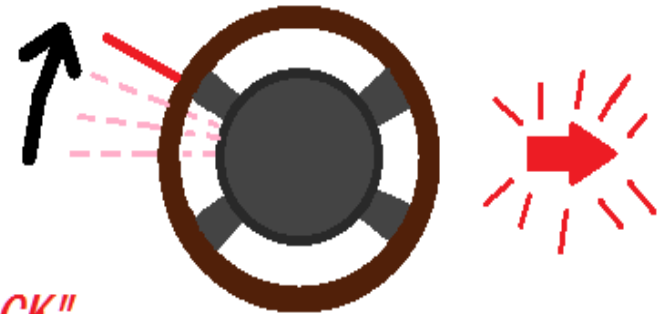
V1

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”

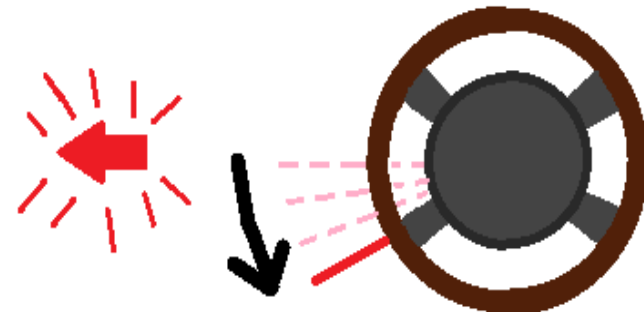


V1

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

THINK:

“QRS points DOWN = LEFT BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK”

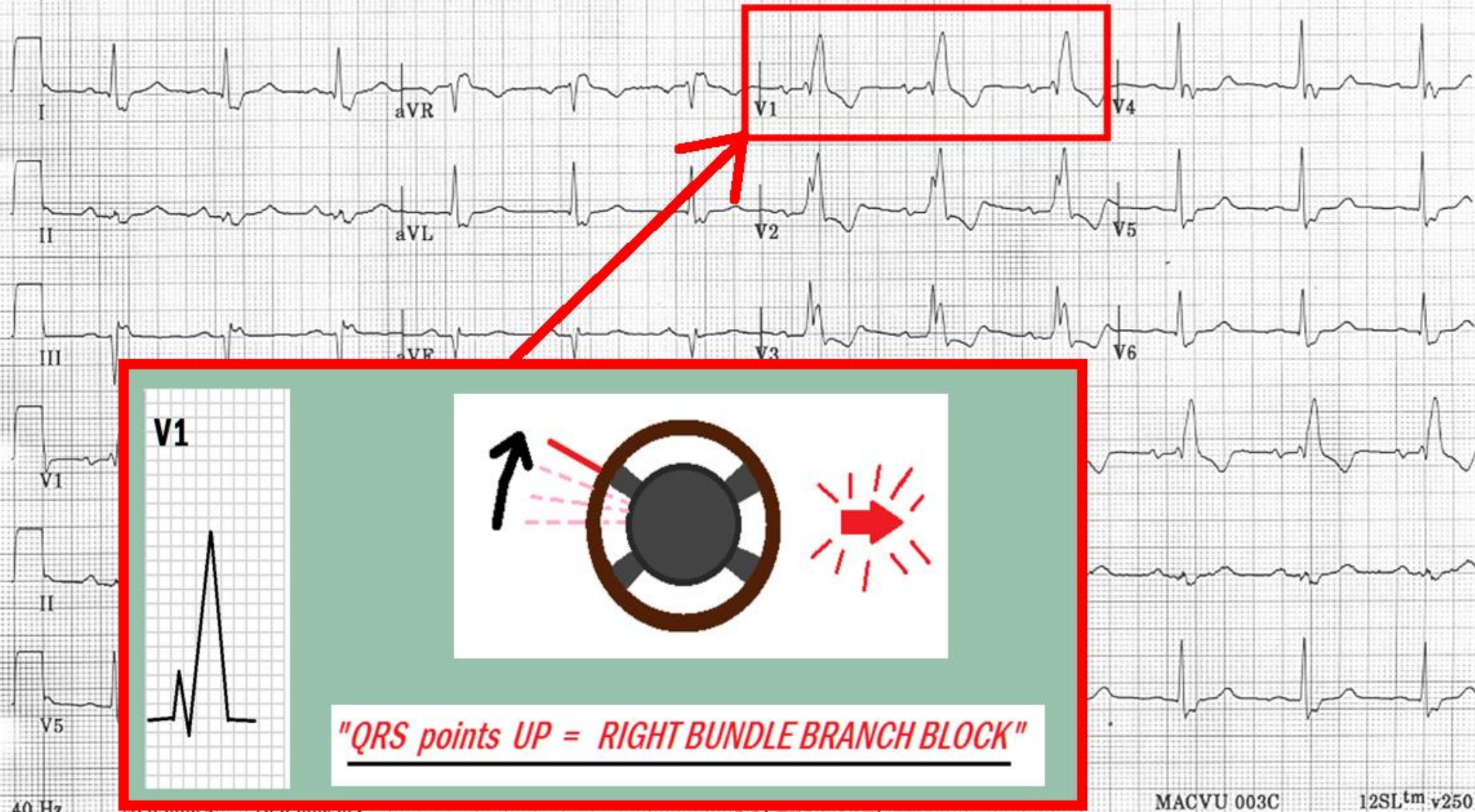


74years		Vent. rate	72 bpm	Normal sinus rhythm
Male	Caucasian	PR interval	186 ms	Left axis deviation
		QRS duration	166 ms	Right bundle branch block
Room:		QT/QTc	436/477 ms	Inferior infarct, age undetermined
Loc: 0	Opt:	P-R-T axes	57 -32 32	Abnormal ECG

Technician: WR

USE LEAD V1 for this technique

D.O.S.:



09:16:40

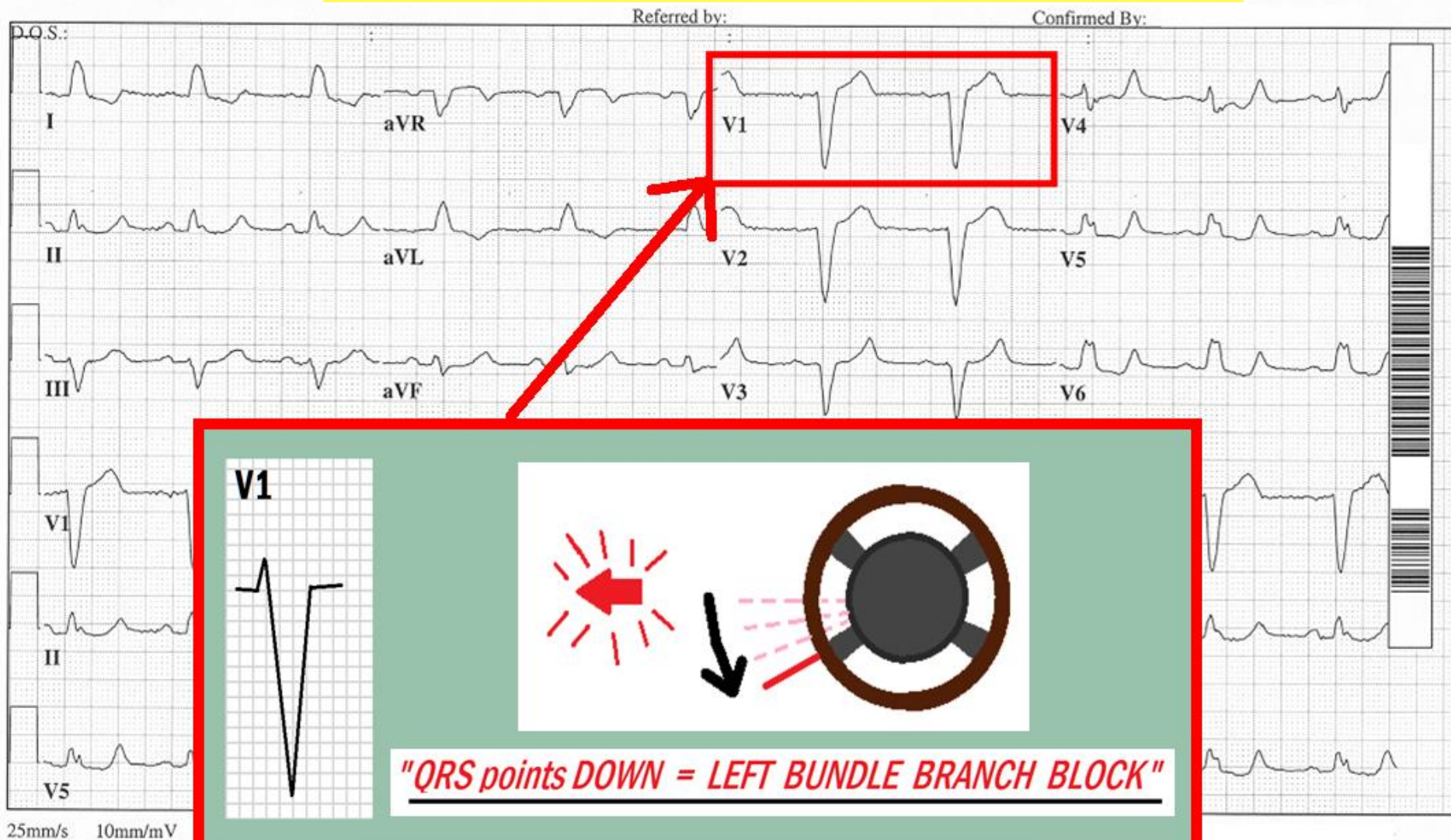
74 yr
Female Caucasian

Vent. rate 64 BPM
PR interval 188 ms
QRS duration 152 ms
QT/QTc 472/486 ms
P-R-T axes 78 3 106
EKG #A1D03020050

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

Technician: WW

USE LEAD V1 for this technique

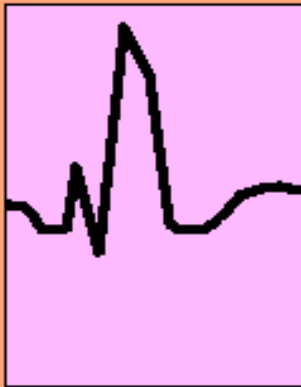


DIAGNOSING BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK

USING LEADS V1, V2, and V5, V6:

LOCATING RsR' or RR' COMPLEXES:

V1



V2



**RIGHT BUNDLE
BRANCH BLOCK**

V5



V6



**LEFT BUNDLE
BRANCH BLOCK**



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