The background of the slide is a collage of medical-related images. At the top left, there are several ECG strips with lead labels (I, aVR, V1, II, aVL, V2, V5) and some yellow highlights. The rest of the background is a semi-transparent image of a hospital interior, showing a patient in a bed being attended to by medical staff, and a woman holding a baby in the foreground.

# ***The*** ***LIFESAVING*** ***Electrocardiogram***

***PART II***

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# Elements of Sudden Cardiac Death Prevention Programs

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Brief, focused ECG excerpts  
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# Prevalence

## SADS Foundation Stats:

- Each year in the United States, 350,000 Americans die suddenly and unexpectedly due to cardiac arrhythmias. Almost 4,000 of them are young people under age 35. (CDC 2002)
- In 30%–50% of sudden cardiac deaths, it is the first clinically identified expression of heart disease
- 10-12% of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) cases are due to Long QT Syndrome.
- LQTS is now known to be 3 times more common in the US than childhood leukemia.
- 1 in 200,000 high school athletes in the US will die suddenly, most without any prior symptoms—*JAMA 1996; 276*

# The SADS Conditions:

- Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM)
- Long QT Syndrome (LQTS)
- Short QT Syndrome (SQTS)
- Brugada Syndrome (BrS)
- Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Dysplasia (ARVD)
- Catecholaminergic Polymorphic Ventricular Tachycardia (CPVT)
- Wolff-Parkinson-White (WPW) Syndrome
- Commotio Cordis
- Less-common conditions (e.g. Marfans, Ehlers-Danlos, Loeys-Dietz Syndromes)

# Estimated SADS Prevalence in US Population:

- HCM: 1/500 [\*J Am Coll Cardiol.\* 2014;64](#)
- BrS: 1/2,500 SADS Foundation
- LQTS: 1/2,500 [Lenhart,SE 2007 AHA Circ](#)
- ARVD: 1/10,000 SADS Foundation
- CPVT: 1/10,000 [US Nat'l Library of Medicine](#)
- WPW: 1/1,000 [Circulation.2011; 124: 746-757](#)

# Prevalence

## Sudden Deaths in Young Competitive Athletes

[B Maron et al; AHA Circulation.2009; 119: 1085-1092](#)

Analysis, causes of 1866 Deaths in the US, 1980 –2006:

- **Cardiovascular: 56%**
- **Traumatic: 22%**
- **Commotio Cordis: 3%**
- **Heat Stroke: 2%**
- **Other: 17%**

**Most ACS Patients are over  
age 30.**

***Meet the typical patients  
affected by LQTS . . . .***



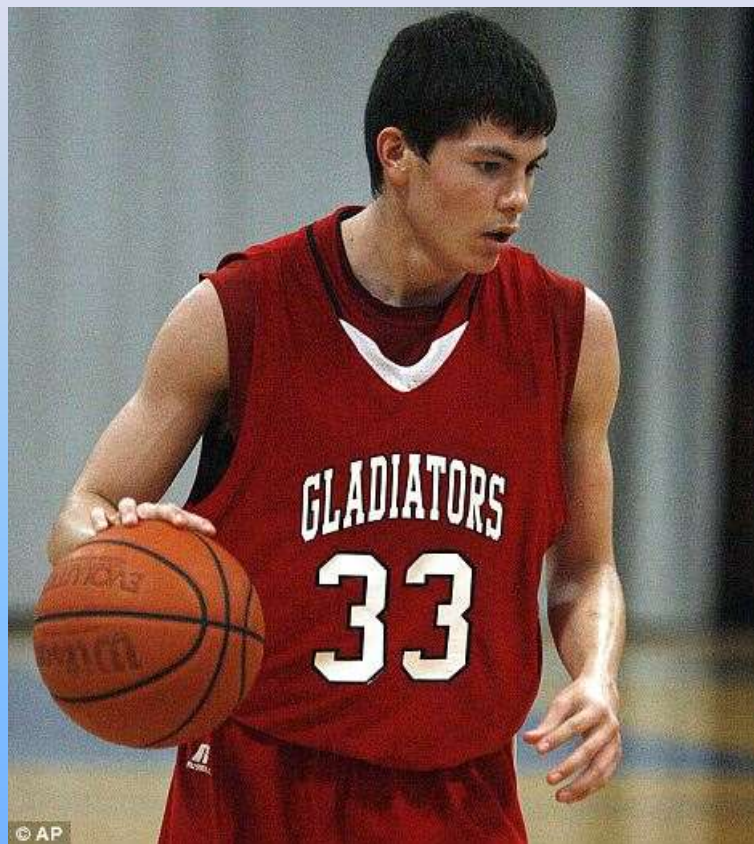
# High School Athlete Dies After Collapsing At Practice

August 15, 2011 11:28 PM

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# Teen basketball player collapses and dies on court - third school boy sportsman to do so in less than a month



By [DAILY MAIL REPORTER](#)

UPDATED: 12:03 EST, 14 March 2011

A teenage basketball player has become the third school boy sportsman in less than a month to collapse and die while playing. Roma High School junior Robert Garza, 16, was playing in the AAU tournament on Saturday with the Hoopsters, a South Texas club team, when he collapsed without any warning.

His death follows that of Wes Leonard, **who died of cardiac arrest from an enlarged heart** on March 3 and

Matthew Hammerdorfer, 17, who collapsed after taking a tackle to the chest at a rugby match near Denver last week.

**Sudden:** The death of **Robert Garza** is the third such school boy death in the last month. The other two both had heart conditions



**Tragedy:** The death comes only weeks after that of **Wes Leonard** (right top) and **Matthew Hammerdorfer**, who collapsed after taking a school rugby match near Denver

# Ray-Pec student collapses and dies during track practice

Posted, 2015-03-05

[Kansas City Star](#)

***A senior at Raymore-Peculiar High School collapsed during track practice Wednesday and died at a hospital, according to school officials.  
... Click to Continue »***

# Family and friends mourn popular Boonsboro High School athlete

Michaela Grove 'was just a good kid that didn't follow the crowd, and people liked that'

July 24, 2013 | By DAVE McMILLION | [davem@herald-mail.com](mailto:davem@herald-mail.com)



Family members and friends of a popular Boonsboro High School athlete are mourning her death after she collapsed at a camp in Mercersburg, Pa., on Monday evening.

Michaela Grove's mother, Brenda Grove, said she believes her 16-year-old daughter was involved in a tug-of-war competition at Camp Tohiglo when she fell to the ground in cardiac arrest.

## Greg Moyer, 15



**Greg Moyer** collapsed and died of sudden cardiac arrest while playing in a high school basketball game in East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. His school did not have an automated external defibrillator available and there were no nearby emergency medical services.

Afterwards, a nurse at the hospital emergency room suggested to Greg's parents that they start a fund to help local schools get AEDs. The Moyers are now involved in AED projects statewide, and Greg's mother, Rachel Moyer, has traveled as far as Hawaii to advocate for school AED legislation and donate AEDs.



**“Princess George” died at age 3 of sudden cardiac arrest brought on by an undiagnosed heart condition. At the suggestion of the doctor who saw “George” in the emergency room, her brother was subsequently tested for heart problems. He was diagnosed with a heart condition that is, fortunately, treatable.**

**Jennifer Lynn Balma, their mother, notes that “George” never showed any symptoms of cardiac problems — *until the day she suddenly stopped breathing.***



## Olivia Corinne Hoff, 14

Olivia died at age 14 from sudden cardiac arrest attributed to **Long QT Syndrome**. The condition was undiagnosed. Olivia, a high school freshman involved in sports and cheerleading, suffered cardiac arrest during the night. Her mother found her unresponsive and called 911. Olivia was subsequently hospitalized, but did not survive.

Her mother, Corinne Ruiz, wrote: **“Today, 6 years later, I cry for my daughter every day. Not a day goes by that I don’t ask myself: *If only I had been told that there are screening tests or preventative treatments.*”**





High school quarterback **Reggie Garrett** threw his second touchdown pass of the night, walked off the field, and [collapsed from sudden cardiac arrest](#). He died in the ambulance on the way to the hospital in West Orange, Texas.

In the news coverage following Garrett's death, Dallas station WFAA.com urged cardiac screening for high school athletes.



### **Zachary Schrah, 16**

High school football player Zachary Schrah collapsed and [died of sudden cardiac arrest](#) during football practice in Plano, Texas. His mother, Karen Schrah, has become an advocate for legislation mandating heart screenings as a part of student physicals.

Zachary's death had an impact on the community at large. Heart Hospital Baylor Plano now offers low-cost [ECGs](#) and echocardiograms for the area's student athletes.



***Eric Paredes***, a two-sport high school athlete, had an enlarged heart. But no one knew about it until it was too late. His father, Hector Paredes, found Eric on the kitchen floor, unconscious and not breathing. He administered CPR, but was unable to revive him. Eric died of sudden cardiac arrest.

In Eric's memory, the family has organized electrocardiogram (EKG) screening for other students at Eric's San Diego area high school.



In 2005, Chicago conservationist and wildlife educator **Max Schewitz** [died of sudden cardiac arrhythmia](#). Since then, the Max Schewitz Foundation, created by his parents, has provided free [electrocardiograms](#) (EKGs) for more than 10,000 Chicago-area students through a Screen for Teens program.

According to media reports, the screenings have identified 142 teens who are considered at-risk for sudden cardiac death because of cardiac conditions.

## Nick Varrenti, 16



Nick Varrenti played in two high school football games — varsity and junior varsity — on Labor Day weekend. A day later, he [suffered sudden cardiac arrest](#) and died. His family learned later that **Nick had lived with an undiagnosed heart condition, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.**

Nick's parents created the Nick of Time Foundation, which is dedicated to education schools, athletes, and communities about sudden cardiac arrest, [public access defibrillator](#) (PAD) programs, and cardiac screenings.

## Jimmy Brackett, 22, and Crissy Brackett, 21



The hereditary cardiac disease [Long QT Syndrome](#) ran in Jackie Renfrow's family, *but she had no idea about it until two of her children died from sudden cardiac arrest.*

## Brandon athlete dies after collapsing at practice



**TAMPA — A Brandon High School senior Milo Meeks died Saturday, one day after conditioning with the basketball team**  
**“This is mind blowing,” said Ben Bromley, the junior varsity and assistant varsity basketball coach at Armwood.**

**Jeremy Twining,  
age 23  
Dade City, Florida  
February 1, 2015**

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## Obituaries

### Jeremy Grant Twining



TWINING, Jeremy Grant, 21, of Dade City, joined his savior Jesus in Heaven on Feb. 1, 2015. He was born May 31, 1993. He graduated from Pasco High School and was studying Criminal Justice at Liberty University. He is survived by his parents, John and Julie Twining of Dade City; siblings, Jonathan, Jessica and James Twining of Dade City; girlfriend, Lydia Tucker of Temple Terrace; paternal grandparents, Dave and Shirley Twining of Tampa; maternal grandparents, Edna Margaret Neatherly of Tampa and Earl and Ginger Hornsby of Cromwell, Conn.; and countless aunts, uncles, and cousins. Jeremy will always be remembered for his contagious laugh, his huge caring heart, and his love for his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. A private graveside service was held Feb. 6 from the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell. A memorial service was held at First Baptist Church of Dade City on Feb. 7. In lieu of flowers make send donations to the Sudden Arrhythmia Death Foundation at [SADS.org](http://SADS.org). Hodges Family Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



**. . . . And on a more personal note:**

**This slide added April 27, 2016:**

**Yesterday, a good friend of my daughter collapsed during a tennis game in the Carrollwood community of Tampa, Florida. She was 16 years old.**

**A physician bystander started CPR, but since no AED was available, she did not survive.**

**Sudden death was the first indication that she suffered from a cardiac condition. At the current time, her specific diagnosis is unknown.**

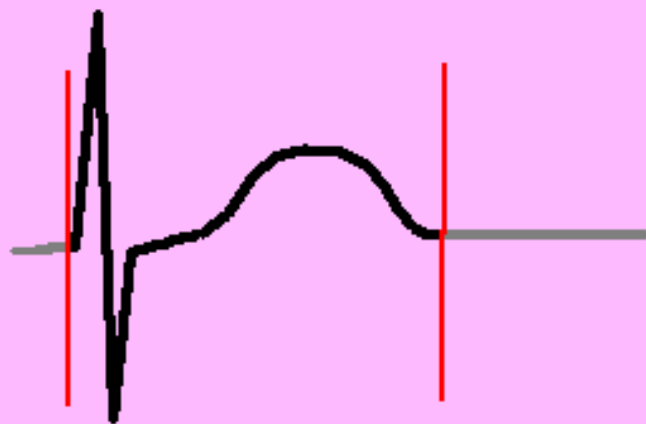
**Entry 5/2/2016: I was advised that the cause of cardiac arrest was Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy.**



**My step-daughter, Caitlin Cameron (right) with her friend, also named Caitlin (left) who collapsed and died during a tennis match on 4/26/16**

***“As Healthcare Professionals, we have an obligation to implement programs, practices, protocols, policies and procedures designed to eliminate the needless mortality of SADS in our communities.”***

# THE Q - T INTERVAL



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

# THE \*QTc INTERVAL

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

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

*Annals of Internal Medicine, 1988 109:905.*

# Determining the QTc

Manual calculation:

## QT CORRECTION FORMULAS:

Bazett's

$$QTc = QT / \sqrt{RR}$$

Fredericia

$$QTc = QT / (RR)^{1/3}$$

Framingham

$$QTc = QT + 0.154(1 - RR)$$

Rautaharju

$$QTp = 656 / (1 + HR/100)$$

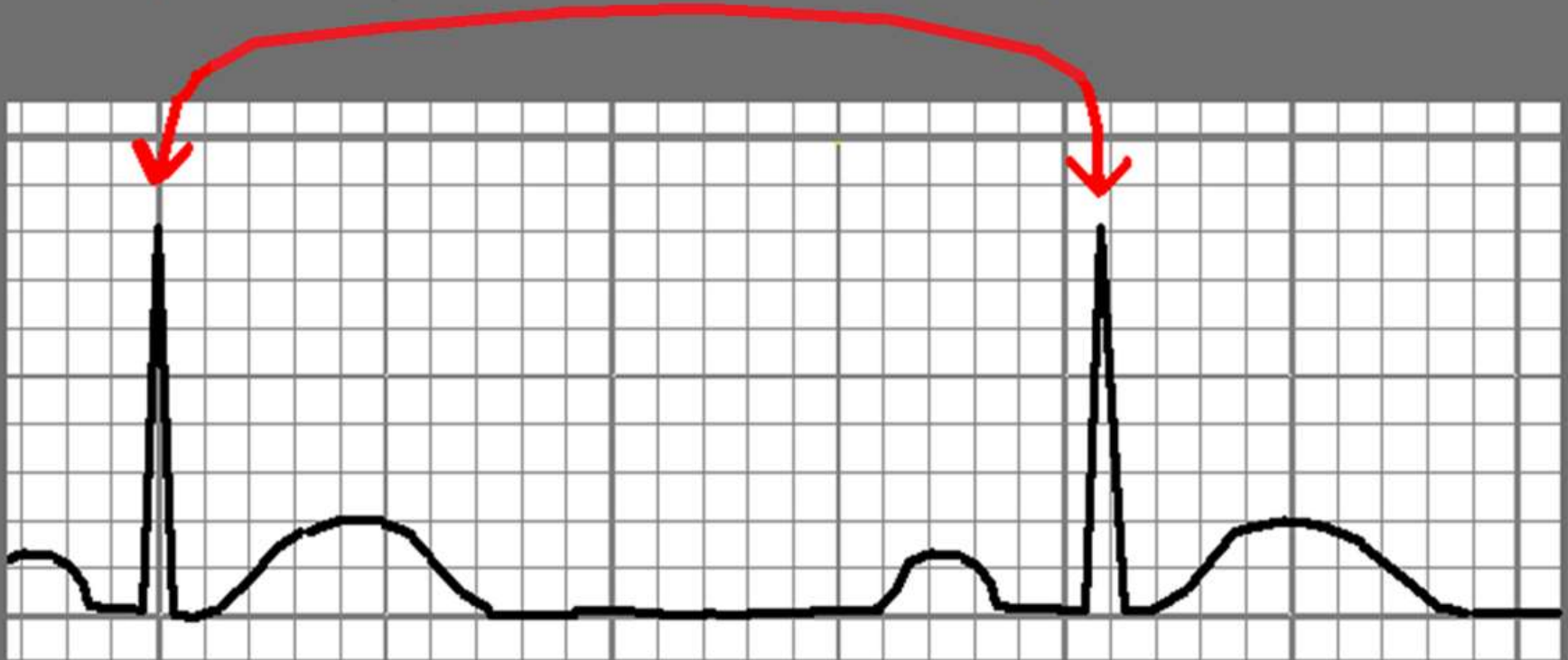
# DETERMINING Q-T INTERVAL LIMITS

## THE "QUICK PEEK" METHOD

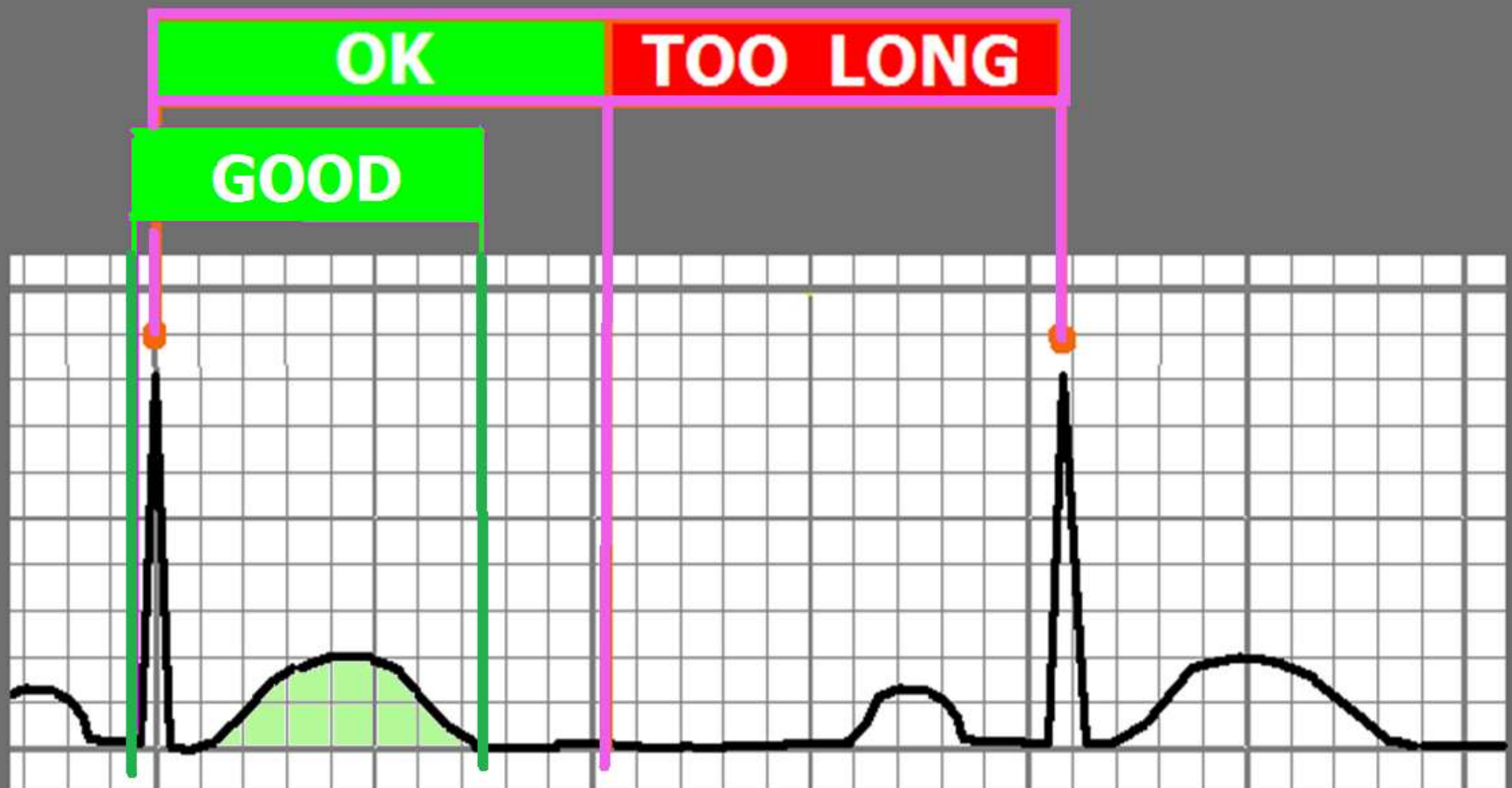


Relatively accurate method to quickly identify patients with abnormal QT Intervals.

- Applies to patients with normal heart rates (60-100) and narrow QRS (QRSd <120ms)



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



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





# Determining the QT / QTc

## Method 1 – 12 Lead ECG Report:

Standard 12 Lead ECG  
printout . . .

Heart Rate = 83

QT Interval = 357

QTc = 420

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



# Determining the QTc

## Method 4, Use a Smartphone App:

- **iPhone**

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

- **Android**

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

“There’s  
an APP  
for  
that!”

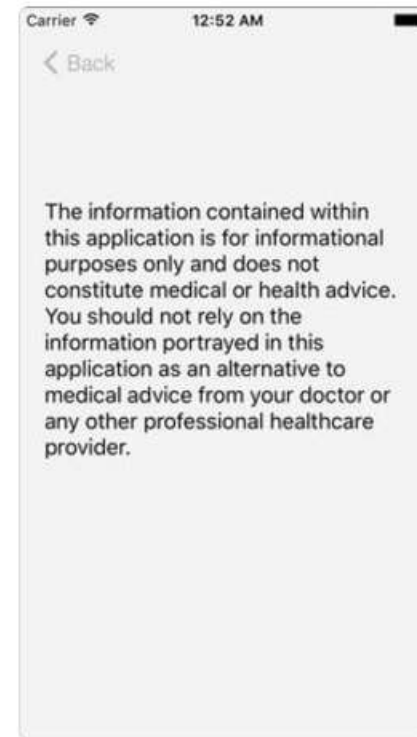
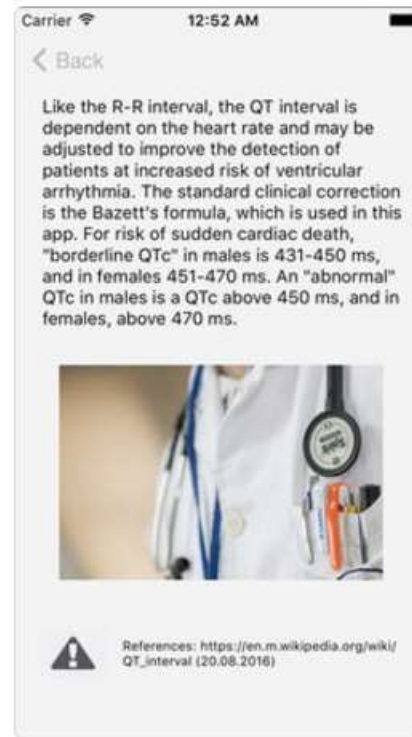
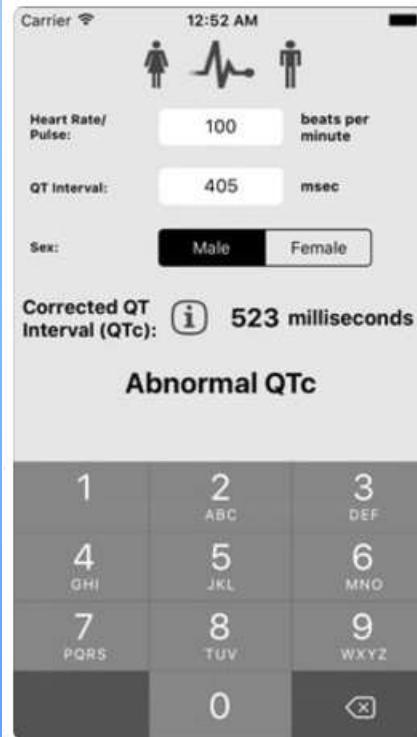


## Corrected QT Interval (QTc) 17+

Daniel Juergens

\$0.99

### iPhone Screenshots



# Determining the QTc

## Method 3, Use a Web-based App:



Calculators > Heart and Chest, Critical Care

### QT Interval Correction (EKG)

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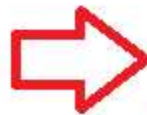
#### Input:

QT Interval	<input type="text" value="310"/>	<input type="text" value="msec"/>	<input type="button" value="v"/>
Heart Rate	<input type="text" value="88"/>	<input type="text" value="bpm"/>	<input type="button" value="v"/>

#### Results:

RR Interval	<input type="text" value="682"/>	<input type="text" value="msec"/>	<input type="button" value="v"/>
QTI Corrected	<input type="text" value="375"/>	<input type="text" value="msec"/>	<input type="button" value="v"/>

Our patient's QTc = 375 ms.



Decimal Precision:

# QTc Values:

**Too Short:** < 390 ms

## **Normal**

**-Males:** 390 - 450 ms

**-Females:** 390 - 460 ms

## **Borderline High**

**-Males:** 450 - 500 ms

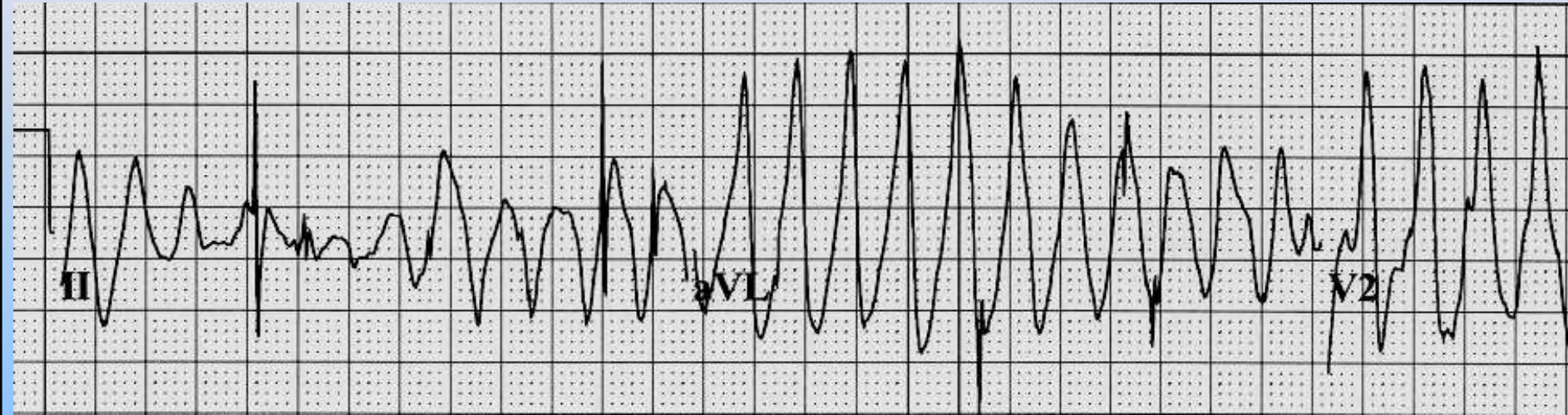
**-Females:** 460 - 500 ms

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

## **Critical High**

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

# Dysrhythmia Associated with Mortality, Triggered by LQTS: *Torsades de Pointes*



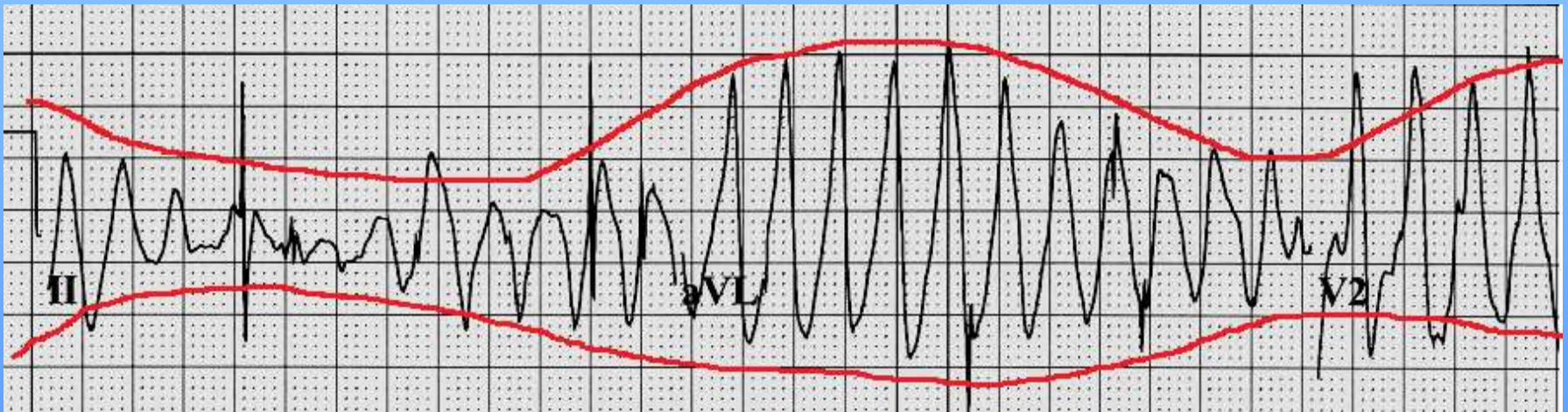
## Torsades de Pointes (TdP) – **HEMODYNAMICS:**

- **Decreased – to – NO Cardiac Output**
- **Often patient PULSELESS during episode**
- **Patients often report SYNCOPÉ when TdP self-terminates.**
- **May DETERIORATE into VENTRICULAR FIBRILLATION and CARDIAC ARREST. (“Sudden Death”)**

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



*a piece of Twisted Ribbon !*



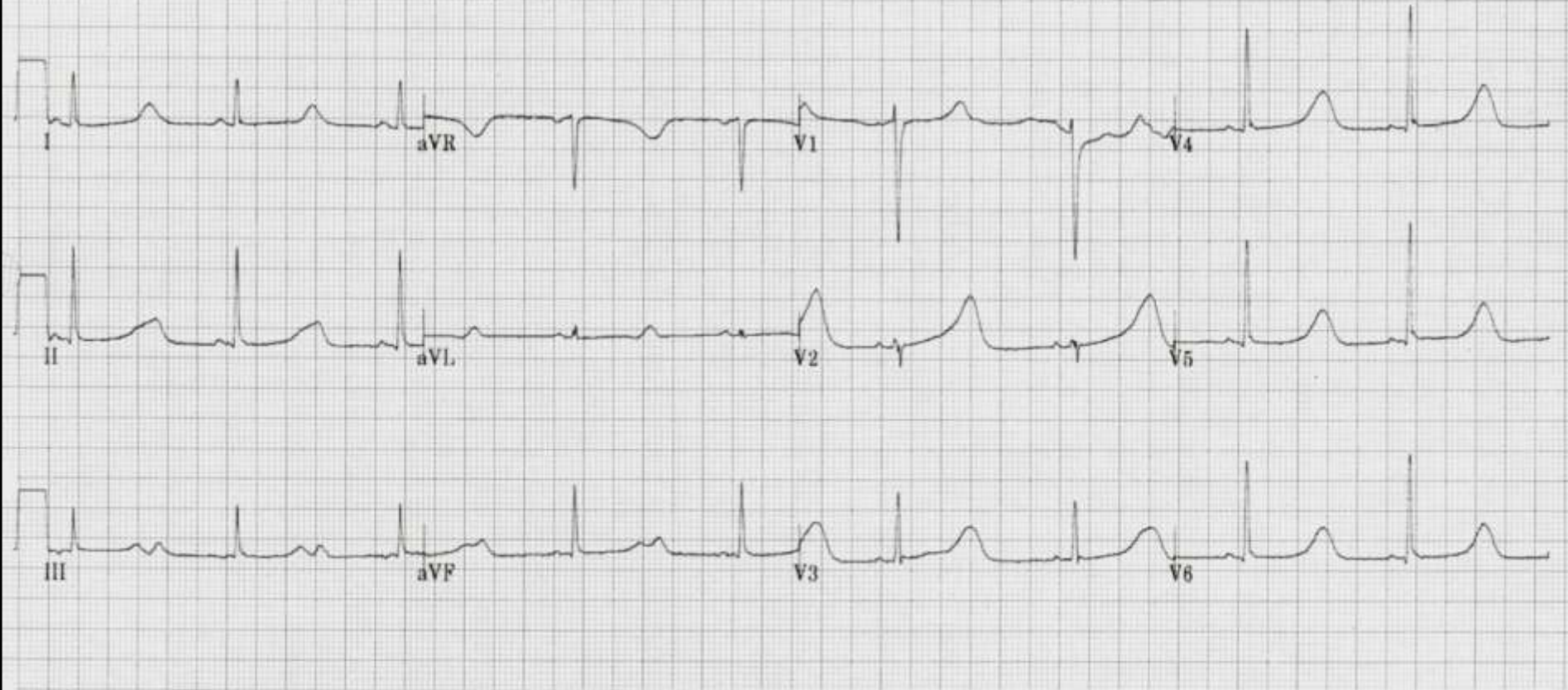
**22 y/o FEMALE**

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

PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY ASSOCIATES

Doctor: J MCCORMACK

Pt. Status: EST CHCT



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



## Etiology of Long QT Syndromes:

### **Congenital** (14 known subtypes)

Genetic mutation results in abnormalities of cellular ion channels

### **Acquired**

Drug Induced

Metabolic/electrolyte induced

Very low energy diets / anorexia

CNS & Autonomic nervous system disorders

### **Miscellaneous**

Coronary Artery Disease

Mitral Valve Prolapse

# PROLONGED Q - T INTERVAL

THINK:

- CHECK K<sup>+</sup> AND MAG LEVELS
- POSSIBILITY OF TORSADES

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***- QUESTION MEDS THAT PROLONG Q-T***

# QT Prolongation -- *STAT Intervention:*

 [Avoidance of Meds that are known to prolong the QT Interval. Click here for current list from CREDIBLEMEDS.ORG](#)

*Commonly used QT prolonging meds include:*

**-Amiodarone**

**-Ritalin**

**-Procainamide**

**-Pseudoephedrine**

**-Levaquin**

**-Haloperidol**

**-Erythromycin**

**-Thorazine**

**-Norpace**

**-Propulcid**

**-Tequin**

**-Zofran**

**-Benadryl**

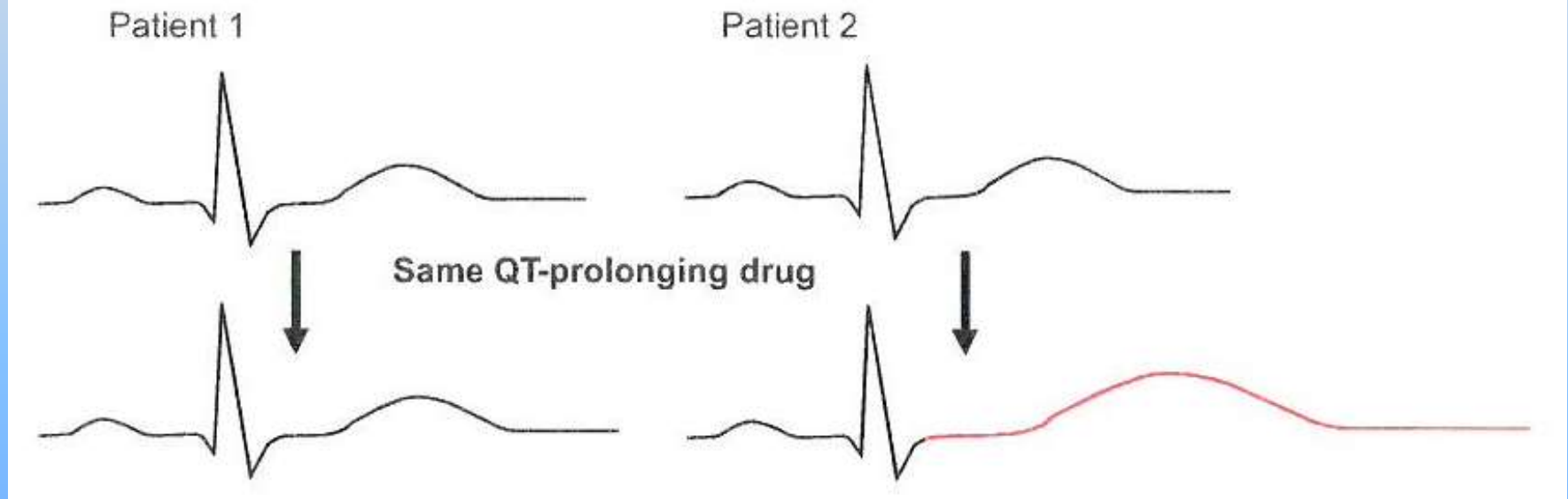
**-Ilbutilide**

***and MANY more!***

PATIENT 1: NORMAL

PATIENT 2: Genetic susceptibility; sensitivity to QT prolonging drugs:

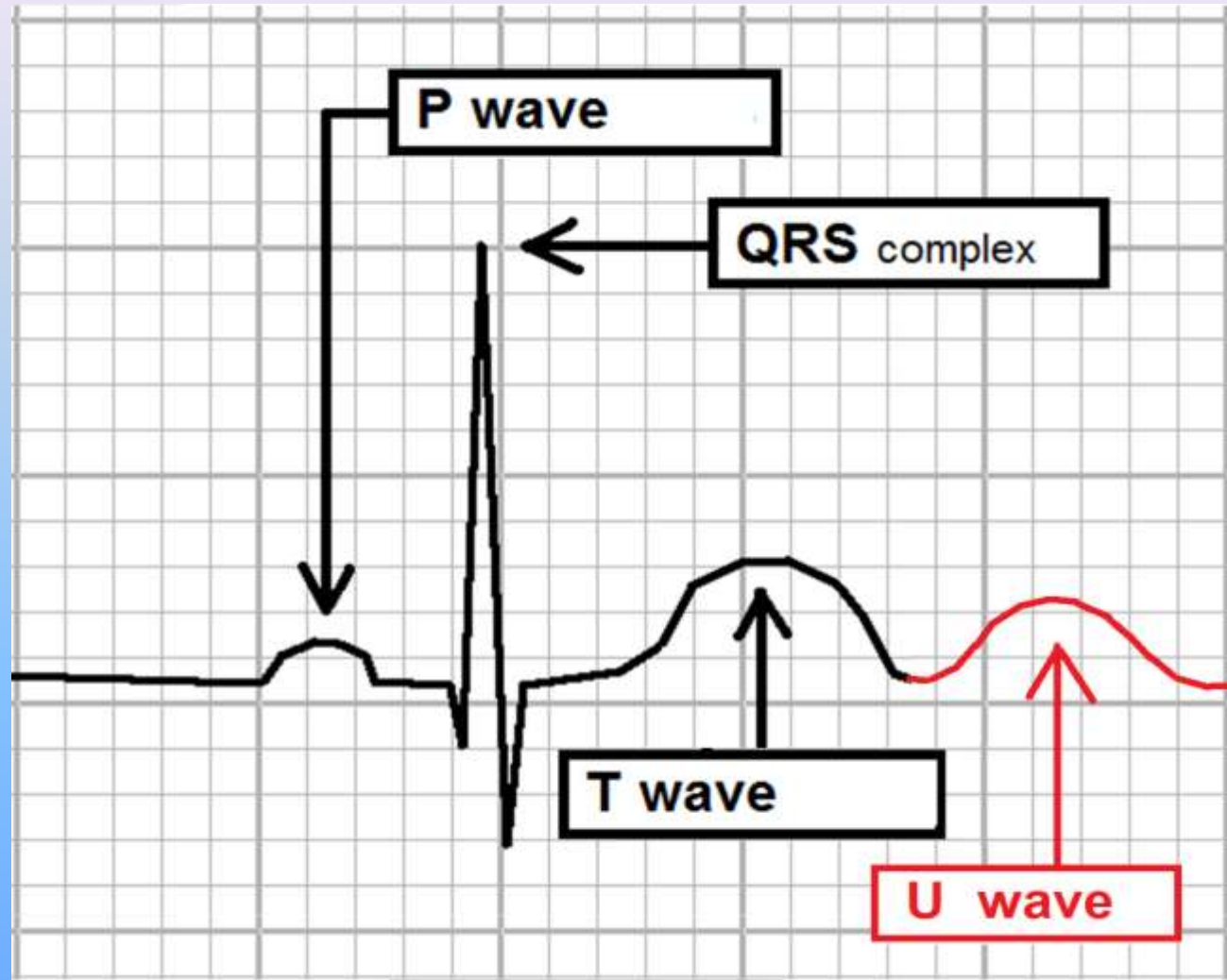
KANNANKERIL ET AL.



[Click here for link to paper by Kannankeril et al \(2010 Pharmacological Reviews\) that describes genetic susceptibility described above.](#)

# U Waves

Occasionally an extra wave is noted after each T wave. It typically resembles “a secondary T wave.”



When present on the ECG, this “extra” waveform is referred to as a “**U Wave.**”

# U Waves . . .

- Common U wave Etiology:
  - **Hypomagnesemia\***
  - **Hypokalemia\***
  - **Hypocalcemia\***
  - **QT prolonging medications\***
  - **Increased intracranial pressure\***
  - **Hypothermia\***
  - **Digitalis** (usually *shortens* the QT Interval)

**\* *These are also causes of QT interval prolongation.***

# Abnormal U Waves

***INCLUDE the U Wave in the QT Interval measurement*** when any one or more criteria are present:

- U wave 100% (or more) the size of the T wave.
- U wave is **INVERTED** (opposite polarity of T wave)
- U wave merged with the T wave

## EVIDENCE SOURCE:

[ACC/AHA/HRS Recommendations for the Standardization and Interpretation of the Electrocardiogram Part IV: The ST Segment, T and U Waves, and the QT Interval.](#)



I

aVR

V1

V4

**QT = 500ms**

II

aVL

V2

V5

**(QTc = 447ms)**

III

aVF

V3

**QT = 760ms**

V6

**(QTc = 672ms !)**

**This ECG illustrates the degree of variation that can be noted between different leads on the 12 Lead ECG. ALWAYS measure the QT Interval in the lead with the GREATEST value.**

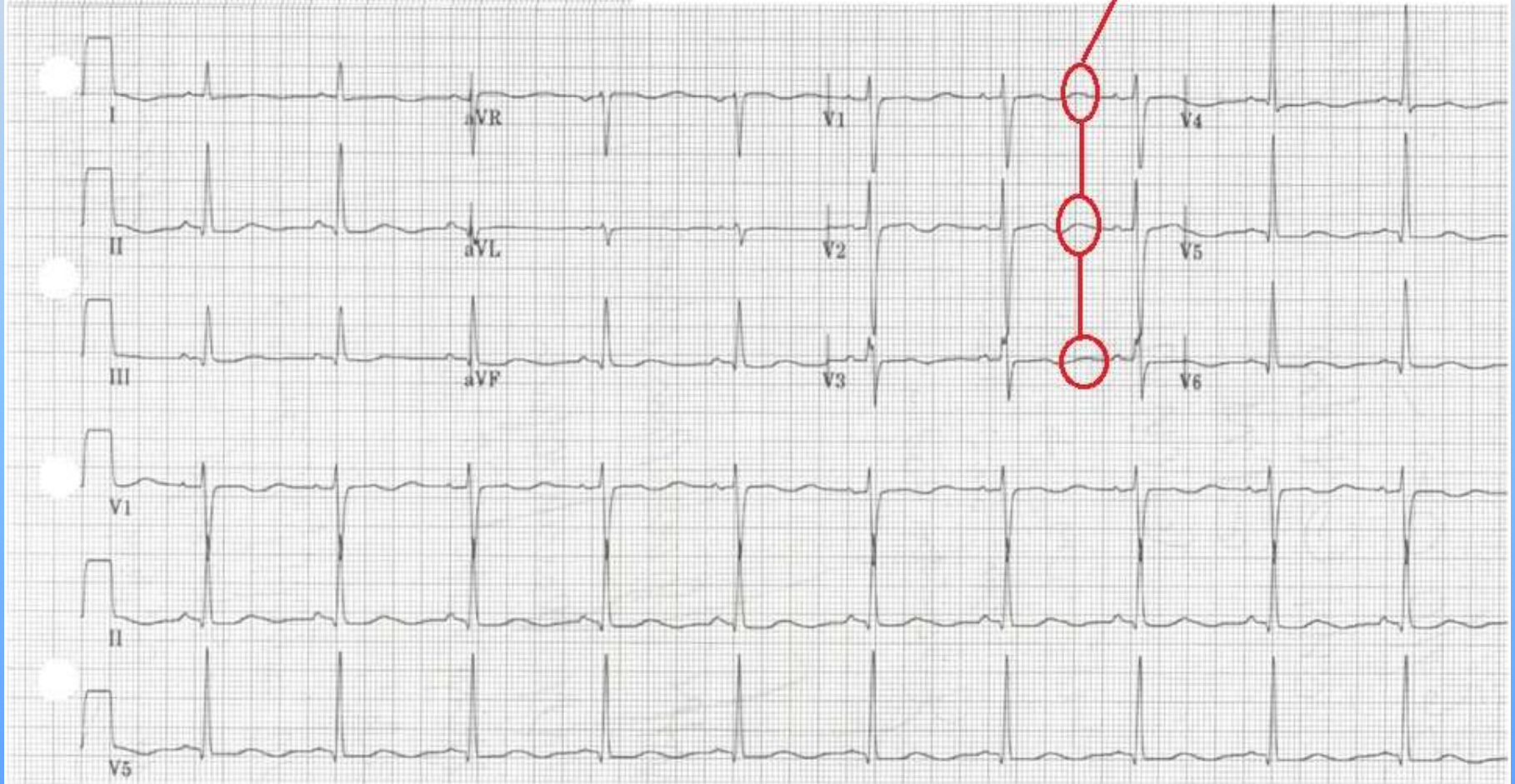
# Medication induced LQTS with TdP and Cardiac Arrest - Case Study: 56 year old male

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

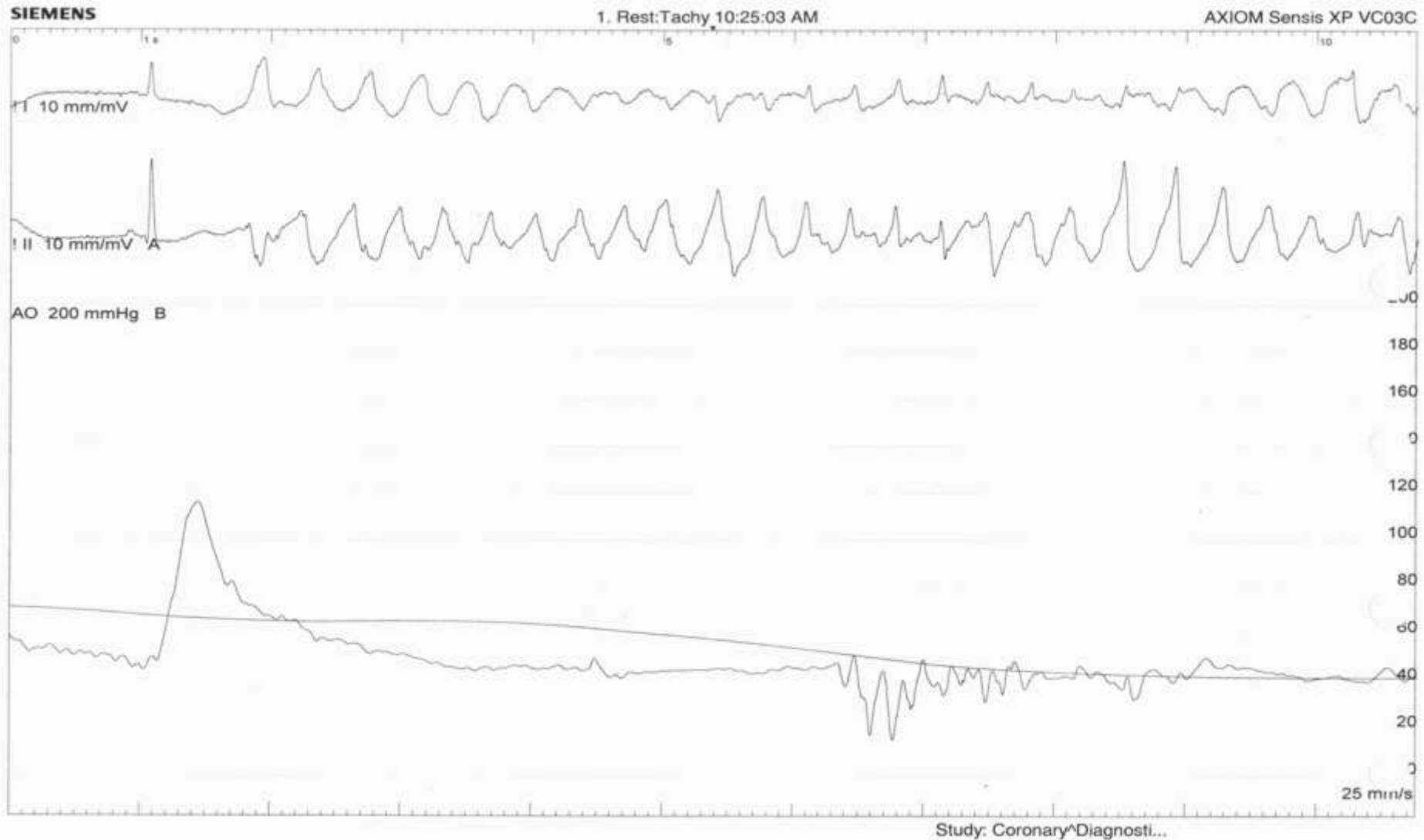
Technician:

## "Syncope of Unknown Etiology"

30 days prior to this visit, patient started taking Ritalin. Since then he has reported multiple syncopal episodes. Notice the prominent U waves in Leads V1, V2 and V3.

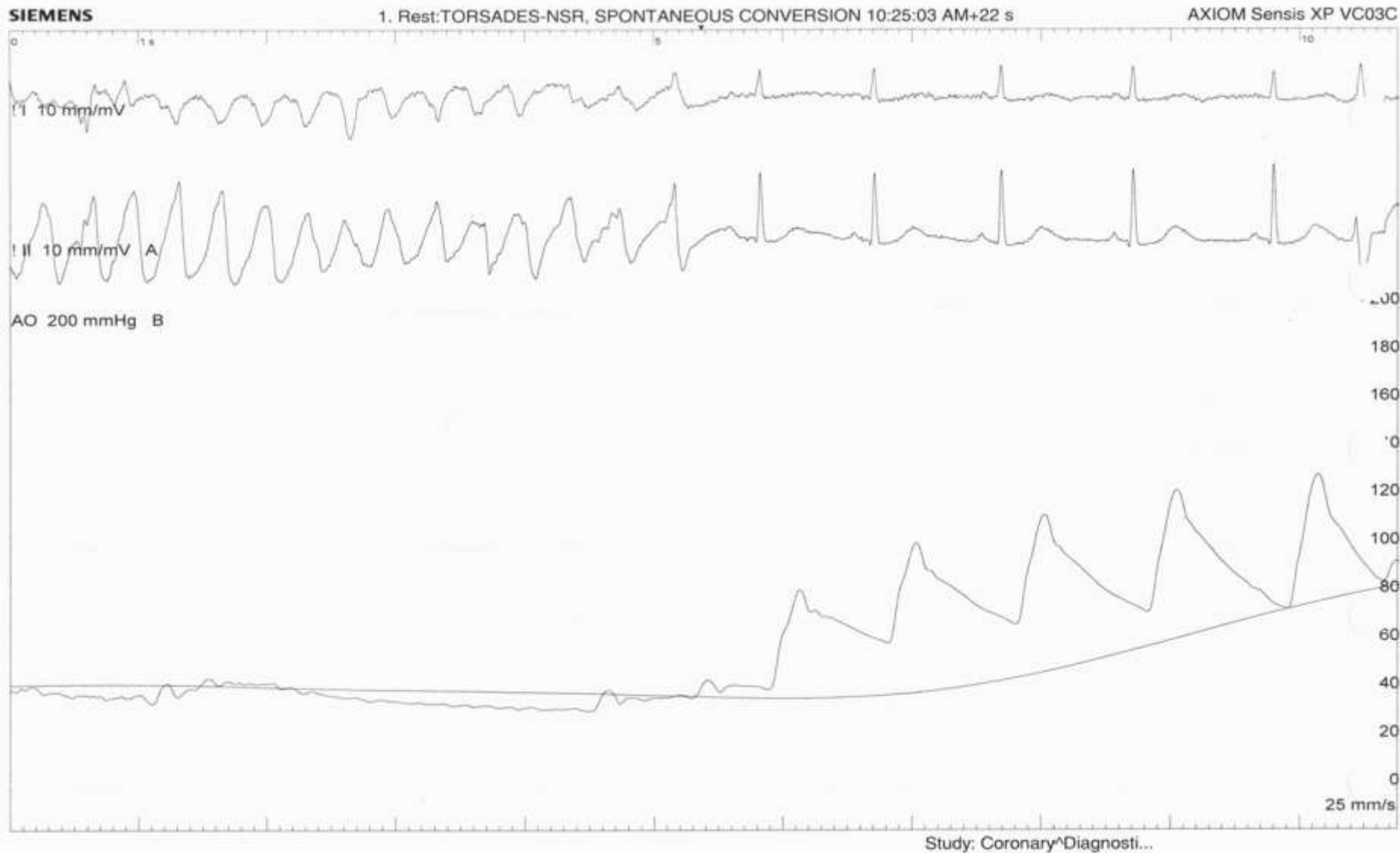


# Medication induced LQTS with TdP and Cardiac Arrest - Case Study: 56 year old male



Run of Torsades de Pointes occurred during Cardiac Catheterization . . .

# Medication induced LQTS with TdP and Cardiac Arrest - Case Study: 56 year old male



**Torsades de Pointes self-terminates just before aborted Defibrillation**

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Technician:

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

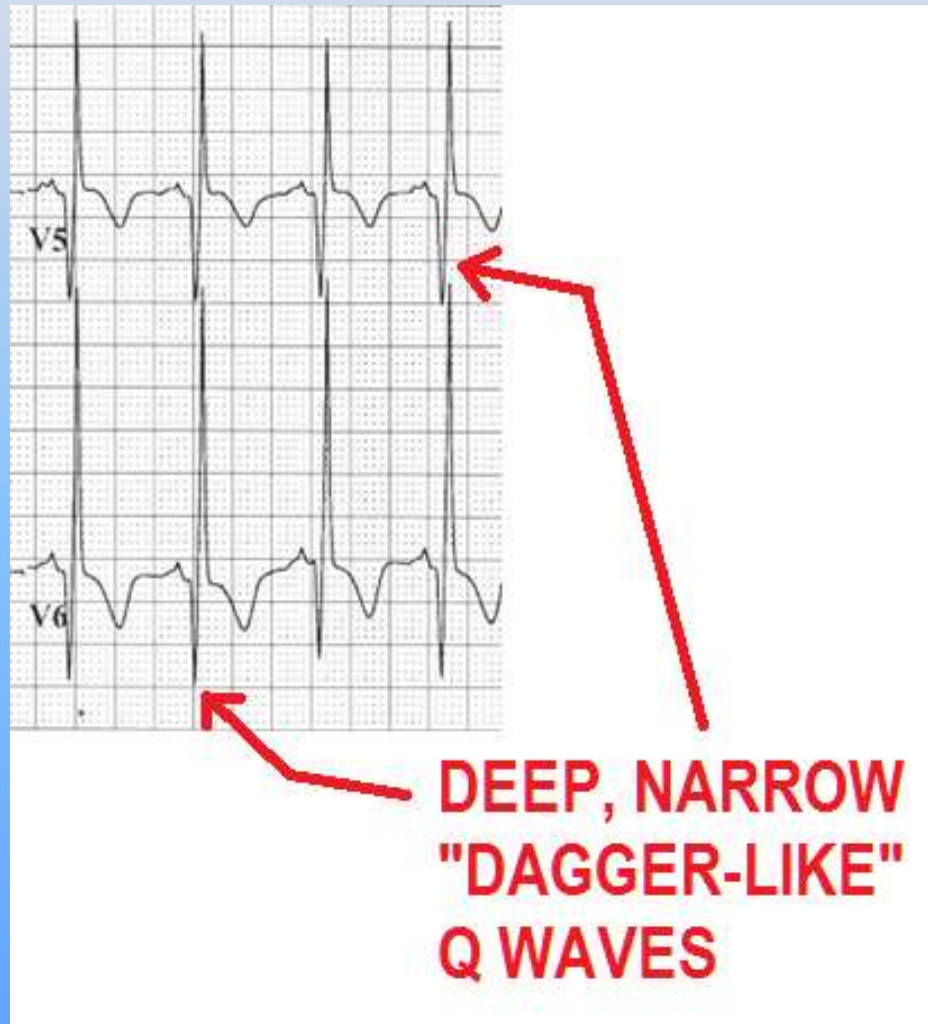
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# ECG Indicators: Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy

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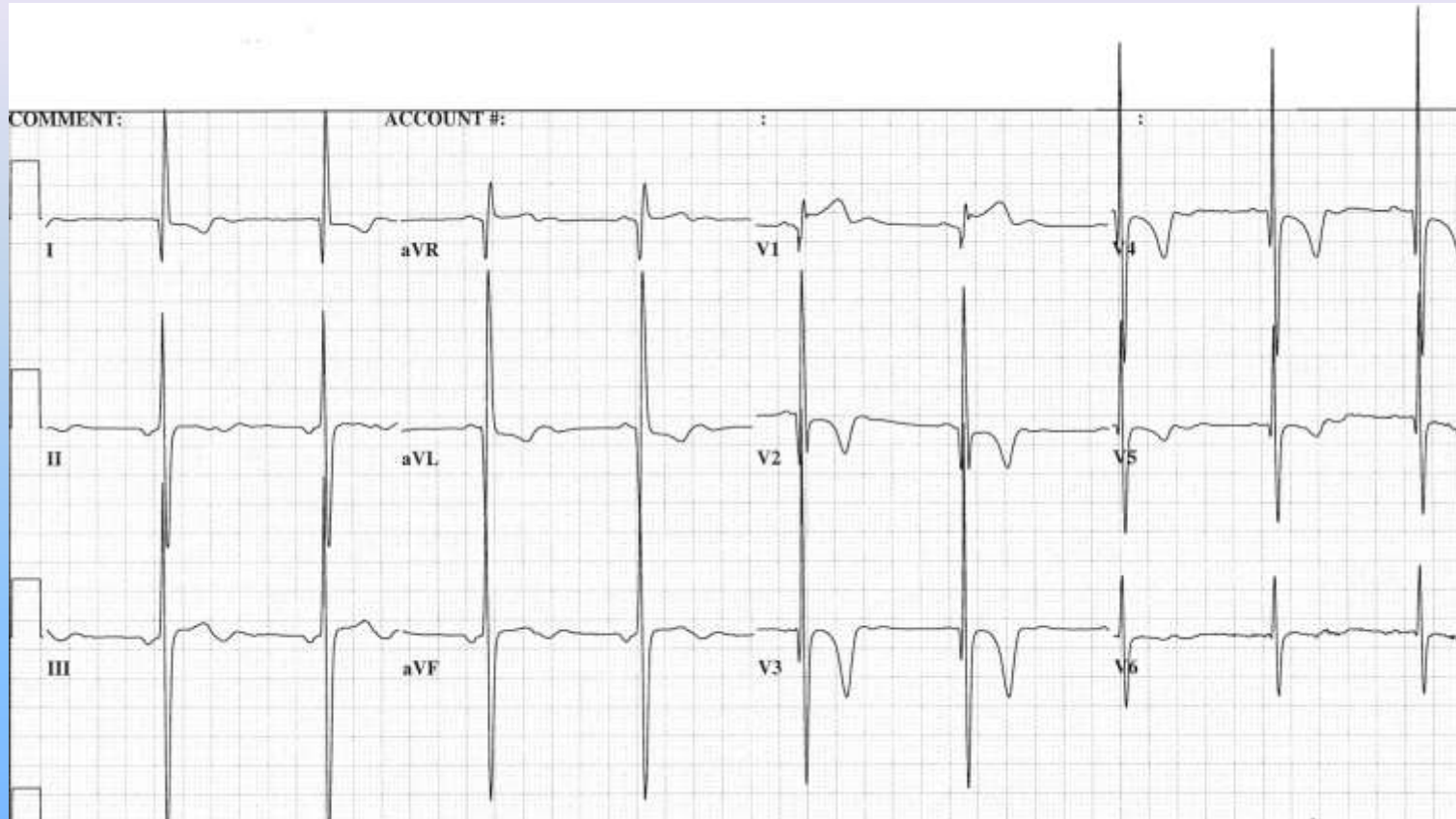


# ECG Indicators: Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy

- ECG may be normal
- Deep, narrow (dagger-like) Q waves
- Inverted T waves in multiple regions
- Left Ventricular and possibly Left Atrial Hypertrophy



# Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM)



## 12 Lead ECG Traits:

- QRS Height -- exceeds normal size, “spearing through QRS” in other leads
- Inverted T waves appear in multiple regions (ANTERIOR, LATERAL )
- BiPHASIC T waves in Inferior Leads.
- T WAVES are SYMMETRICAL .

# **ECG Indicators: Brugada Syndrome**

**IS THERE ANYTHING  
ABNORMAL WITH THIS EKG ?**

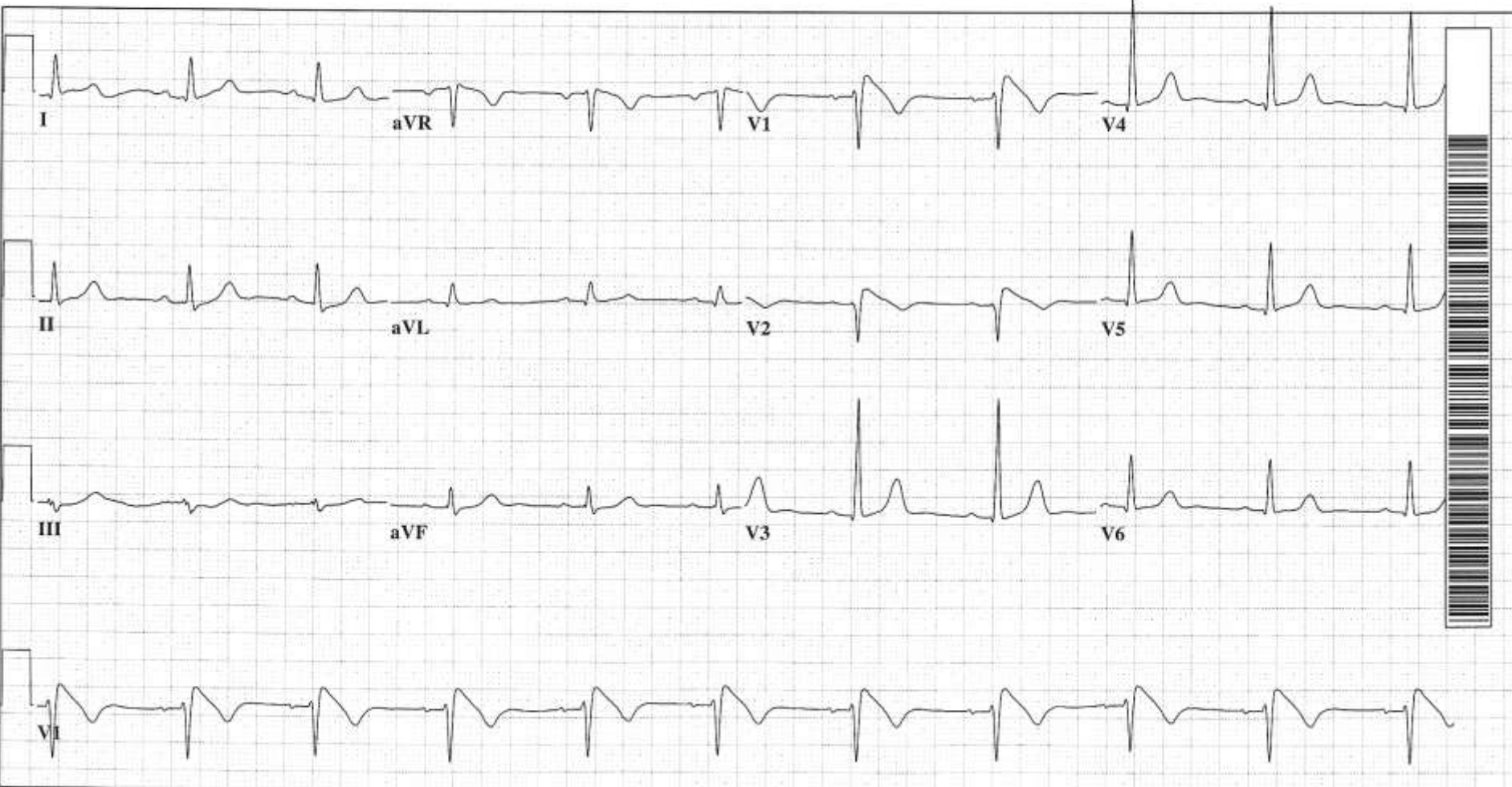
37 yr  
Female Caucasian  
Room:C4A  
Loc:3 Option:23

Vent. rate 62 BPM  
PR interval 180 ms  
QRS duration 88 ms  
QT/QTc 418/424 ms  
P-R-T axes 37 22 47

Normal sinus rhythm  
Normal ECG  
No previous ECGs available

Technician: :

Referred by:



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Female Caucasian

Vent. rate	62	BPM
PR interval	180	ms
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QT/QTc	418/424	ms
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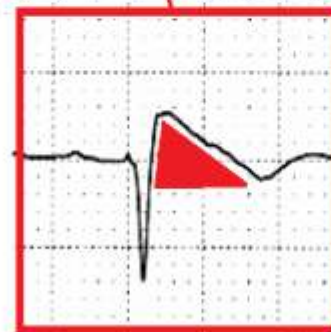
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THIS PATIENT EXHIBITS A "CLASSIC" TYPE I BRUGADA SYNDROME ECG PATTERN:

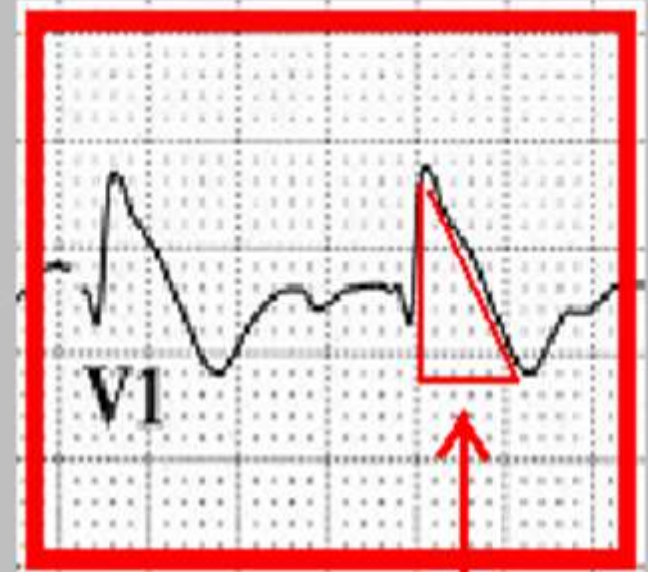
- ELEVATED J POINTS IN V1, V2
- DOWNSLOPING "COVED" ST SEGMENT
- INVERTED T WAVE.

**NEVER FORGET THE "TRIANGULAR" SHAPE!**



# BRUGADA SYNDROME

1. RBBB PATTERN
2. J POINT ELEVATION V1, V2 and possibly V3
3. DOWNWARD SLOPING S-T SEGMENT
4. INVERTED T WAVE
5. GIVES S-T SEGMENT A "TRIANGULAR" APPEARANCE



# PATTERNS of S-T ELEVATION :



***BEWARE of the***

**" TRIANGULAR "  
SHAPED S-T SEGMENT  
IN V1, V2, and some-  
times also in V3 . . .  
THINK - -**



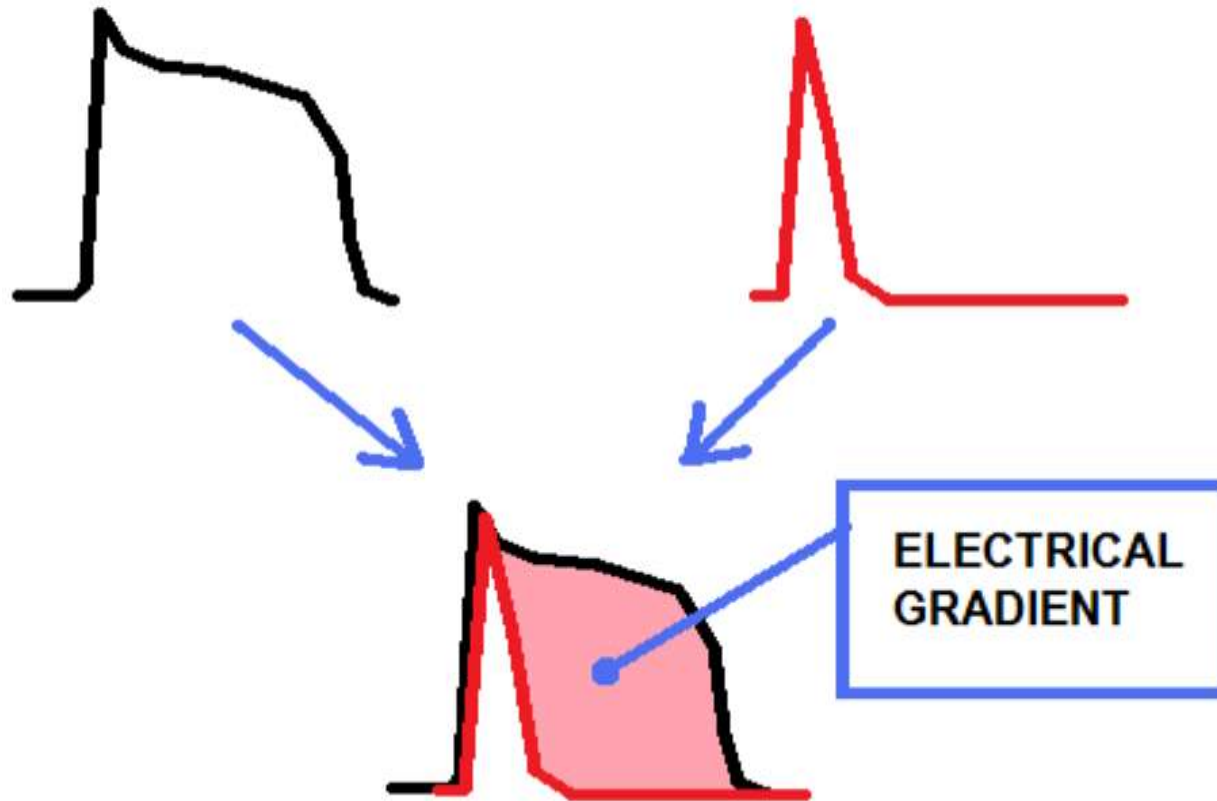
**BRUGADA SYNDROME**



## MECHANISM OF PHASE 2 RE-ENTRY IN BRUGADA SYNDROME

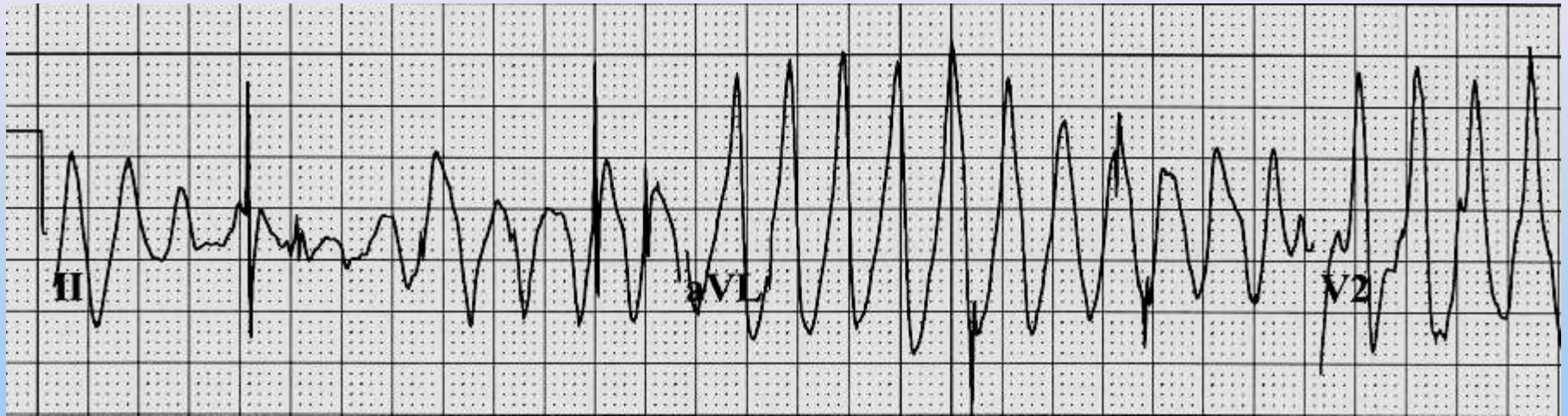
NORMAL ENDOCARDIAL ACTION POTENTIAL

ALTERED (SHORTENED) ACTION POTENTIAL OF EPICARDIAL CELLS



Trigger for Torsades de Pointes – ECTOPIC BEAT during The “ELECTRICAL GRADIENT” phase shown above.

## Brugada / Long QT Syndromes cause:



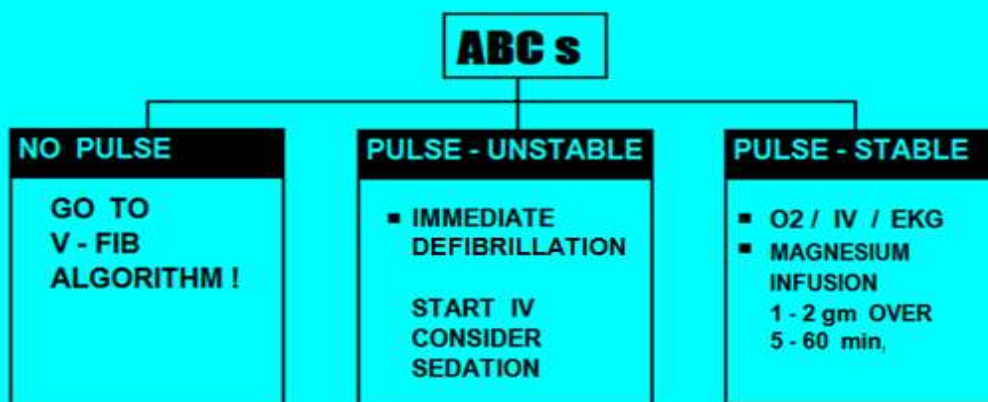
### Torsades de Pointes:

- Decreased – to – NO Cardiac Output
- Often patient PULSELESS during episode
- Causes SYNCOPÉ
- Often DETERIORATES into VENTRICULAR FIBRILLATION and CARDIAC ARREST.



# WIDE COMPLEX TACHYCARDIA TORSADES de POINTES

(QRS > 120 ms)



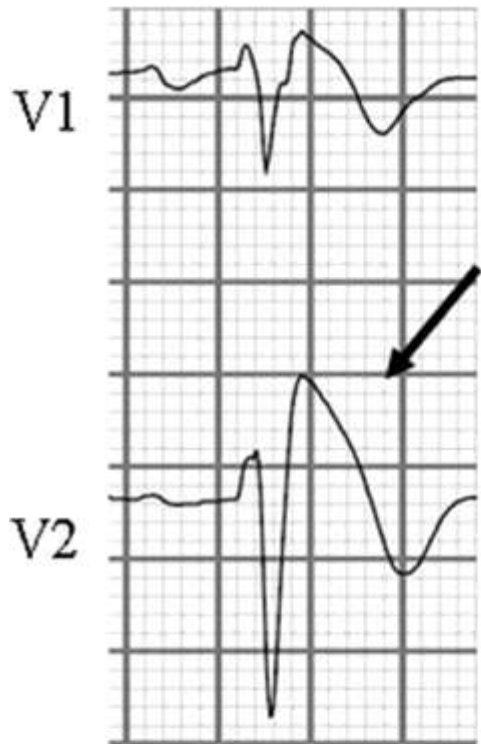
***DO NOT give PROCAINAMIDE, AMIODARONE, or SOTALOL to patients with TORSADES or POLYMORPHIC VT !!!***

## OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

- EVALUATE BASELINE ECG RHYTHM FOR PRONGED Q-T INTERVAL.
- EVALUATE PATIENT'S MEDS FOR Q-T PROLONGING DRUGS
  - ... if PATIENT HAS BEEN RECEIVING ANY Q-T PROLONGING DRUGS, IMMEDIATELY DISCONTINUE AND CONTACT PHYSICIAN STAT.
- EVALUATE PATIENT HISTORY FOR PREVIOUS EVENTS OF "SYNCOPE OF UNKOWN ETIOLOGY"
- EVALUATE PATIENT FOR FAMILY HISTORY FOR SUDDEN CARDIAC DEATH

REPORT ANY ABNORMAL FINDINGS TO PHYSICIAN.

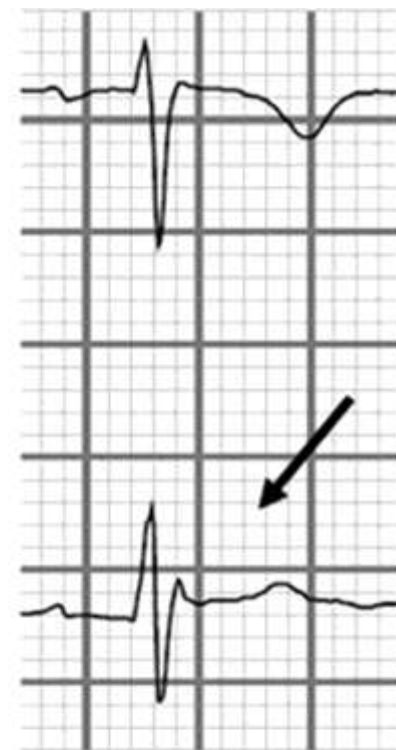
# ECG abnormality diagnostic or suspected of Brugada syndrome.



**Type 1:  
Coved type  
ST-segment  
elevation**



**Type 2:  
saddle-back type  
ST-segment  
elevation**

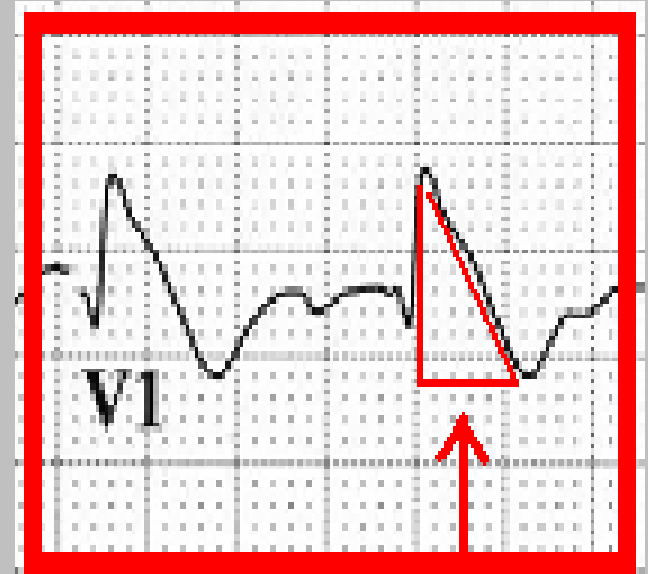


**Type 3:  
Saddle-back type  
“ST-segment  
elevation”**

Yuka Mizusawa, and Arthur A.M. Wilde *Circ Arrhythm  
Electrophysiol.* 2012;5:606-616

# BRUGADA SYNDROME

- SEVERAL VARIATIONS of this disorder are known to exist.
- CONCEALED and NON-CONCEALED.
- The NON-CONCEALED version HAS THE V1-V3 abnormality VISIBLE at all times.
- The CONCEALED version - pt. has a NORMAL EKG at most times - a DRUG STUDY, an EP STUDY, and / or GENETIC TESTING must be done to rule out or confirm diagnosis.



# Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Dysplasia

- A genetically acquired myocardial disease associated with paroxysmal ventricular arrhythmias and sudden cardiac death.
- Characterized pathologically by fibro-fatty replacement of the right ventricular myocardium.
- The second most common cause of sudden cardiac death in young people (after HOCM), causing *up to 20% of sudden cardiac deaths in patients < 35 yrs of age*.
- Typically inherited as an autosomal dominant trait, with variable penetrance and expression (there is an autosomal recessive form called [Naxos Disease](#), which is associated with woolly hair and skin changes).
- More common in men than women (3:1) and in people of Italian or Greek descent.
- Estimated to affect approximately 1 in 5,000 people overall.

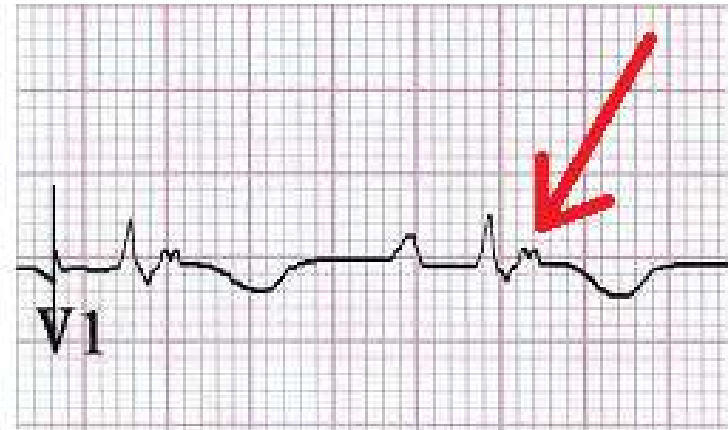
**From: 2014 ACC/AHA Guideline on Perioperative Cardiovascular Evaluation and Management of Patients Undergoing Noncardiac Surgery: A Report of the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association Task Force on Practice Guidelines**

## **Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular (RV) Cardiomyopathy and/or Dysplasia:**

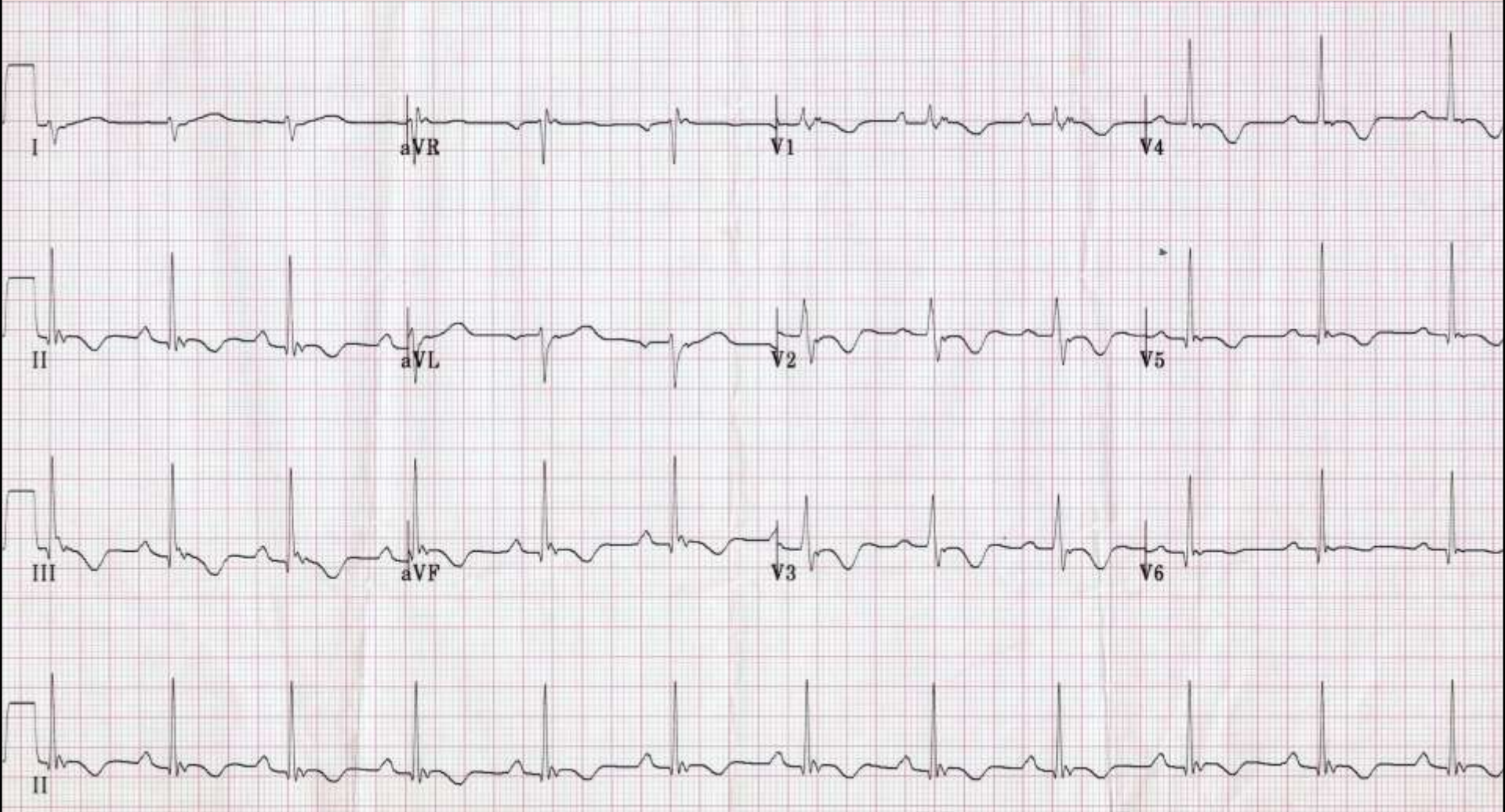
**In 1 autopsy study examining a series of 200 cases of sudden death associated with arrhythmogenic RV cardiomyopathy and/or dysplasia, death occurred in 9.5% of cases during the perioperative period. This emphasizes the importance of close perioperative evaluation and monitoring of these patients for ventricular arrhythmia. Most of these patients require cardiac electrophysiologist involvement and consideration for an implantable cardioverter-defibrillator (ICD) for long-term management.**

# ARVD – 12 Lead ECG Indicators

## EPSILON WAVES



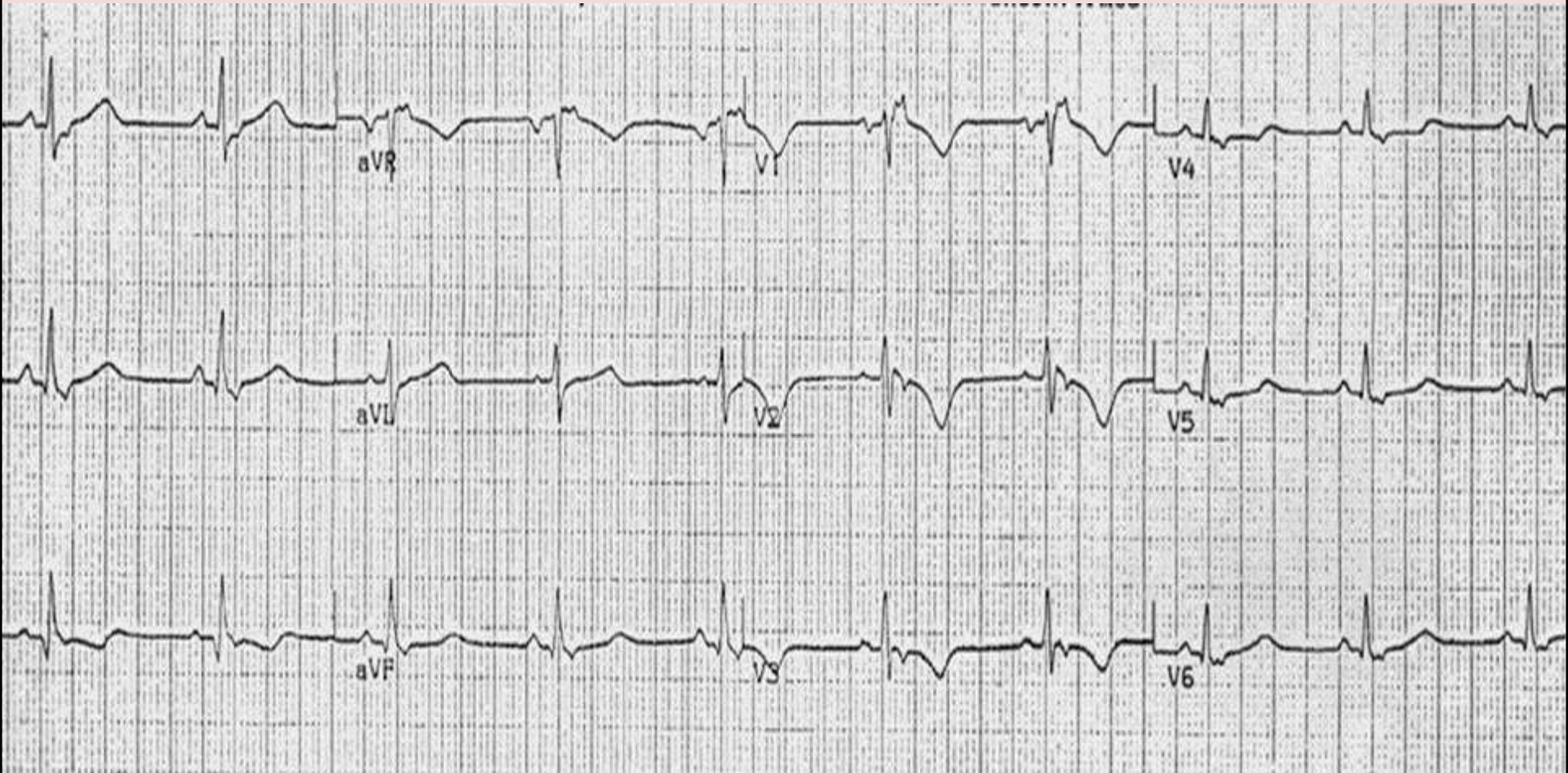
# ARVD ECG 1



1. "Incomplete RBBB" Pattern
2. V1, V2 Rs pattern
3. Inverted T waves, symmetrical, - Global

4. Epsilon's waves

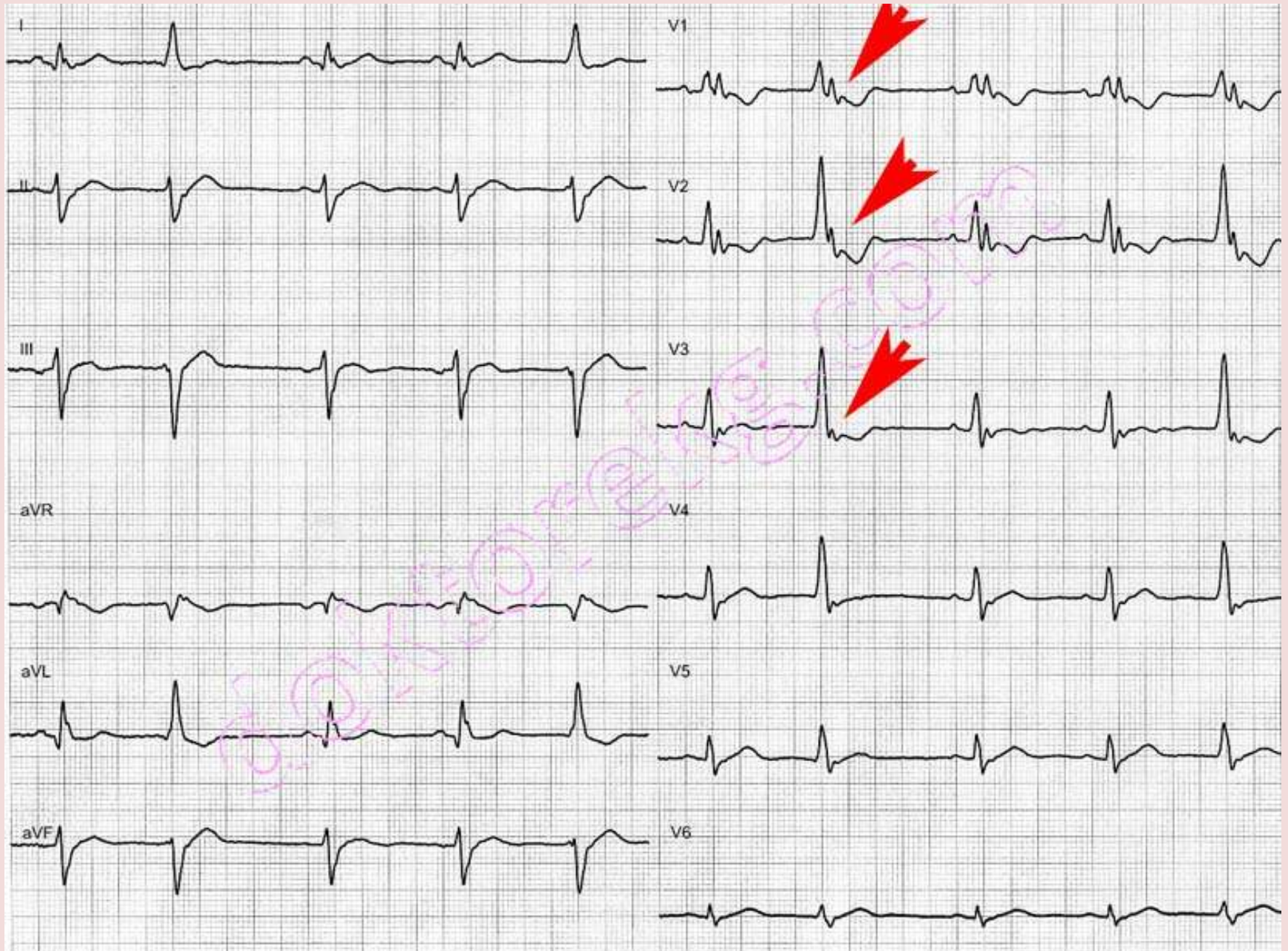
# ARVD ECG 2



1. "Incomplete RBBB" Pattern
2. V1, V2 Rs pattern
3. Inverted T waves, symmetrical, - Global

4. Epsilon's waves



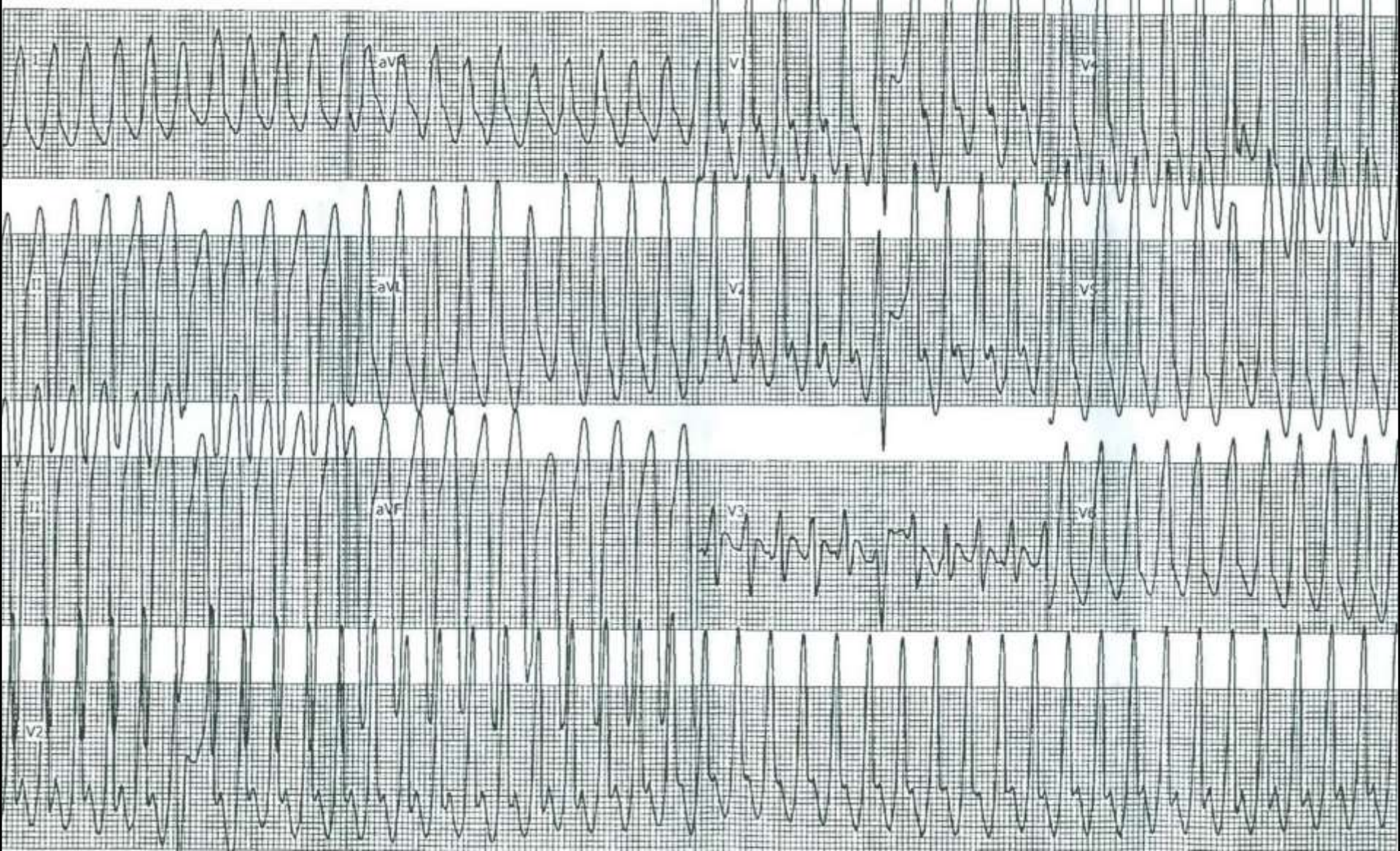


Years  
Male  
185 Cm

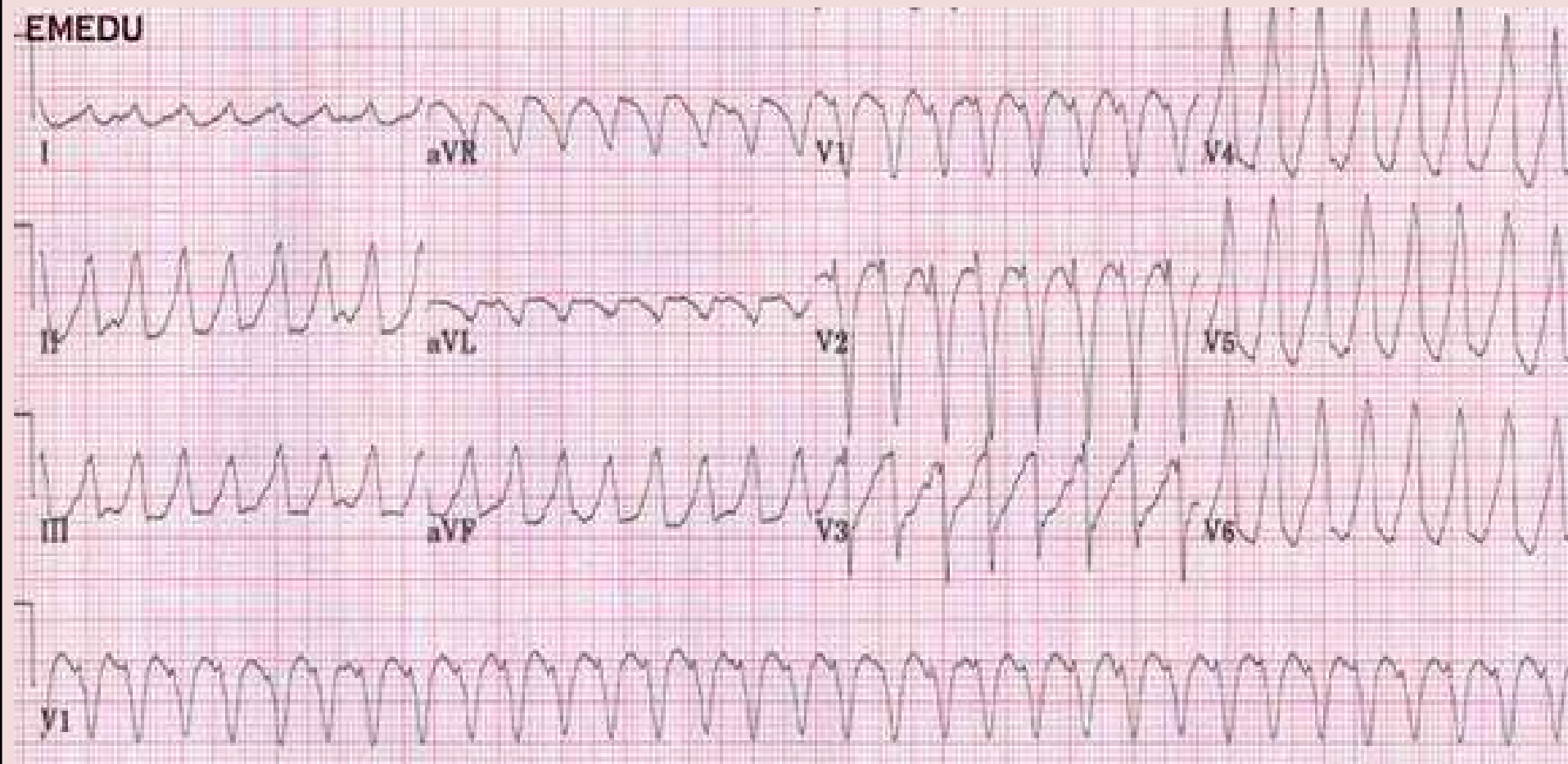
Weight: 62.0 Kg  
Vent Rate (BPM): 252  
RR (msec): 238

PR (msec): 218  
QRS dur (msec): 116  
QT / QTC (msec): 262 / 538

Display speed: 25 mm/sec  
Display Scale: 15 mm/mV



# ARVD INDUCED VT



# Evidence Based Reference Sources

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- [2014 AHA/ACC Scientific Statement](#): Assessment of the 12-Lead ECG as a Screening Test for Detection of Cardiovascular Disease in Healthy General Populations of Young People (12–25 Years of Age)
- [AHA/ACCF/HRS Recommendations for the Standardization and Interpretation of the Electrocardiogram: Part IV: The ST Segment, T and U Waves, and the QT Interval : Circulation 2009 119: e241-e250](#)
- [AHA Circulation: Inherited Arrhythmias; Basic Science for Clinicians](#)
- [AHA ACC Scientific Statement Prevention of Torsade de Pointes in Hospital Settings](#)
- [AHA ACC QTc Behavior During Exercise and Genetic Testing for the Long-QT Syndrome](#)
- [Pharmacology Review: Drug Induced Long QT Syndromes](#)

# Evidence Based Reference Sources, cont'

- [HRS/EHRA/APHRS Expert Consensus Statement on the Diagnosis and Management of Patients with Inherited Primary Arrhythmia Syndromes](#)
- [Genetic Determinants of Sudden Cardiac Death: AHA Circulation.2008; 118: 1854-1863](#)
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- [Arrhythmogenic Disorders of Genetic Origin; Brugada Syndrome: Circulation: Arrhythmia and Electrophysiology.2012; 5: 606-616](#)

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<http://circ.ahajournals.org/>



[www.SADS.org](http://www.SADS.org)

# The New England Medical Journal



# ***THE ACUTE CORONARY SYNDROMES***

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



# HEART

HEART score for chest pain patients			
History	Highly suspicious	2	
	Moderately suspicious	1	
	Slightly suspicious	0	
ECG	Significant ST-deviation	2	
	Non specific repolarisation disturbance / LBTB / PM	1	
	Normal	0	
Age	≥ 65 years	2	
	> 45 and < 65 years	1	
	≤ 45 years	0	
Risk factors	≥ 3 risk factors or history of atherosclerotic disease*	2	
	1 or 2 risk factors	1	
	No risk factors known	0	
Troponin	≥ 3x normal limit	2	
	> 1 and < 3x normal limit	1	
	≤ 1x normal limit	0	
		<b>Total</b>	

\*Risk factors for atherosclerotic disease:

Hypercholesterolemia	Cigarette smoking
Hypertension	Positive family history
Diabetes Mellitus	Obesity

**H** = chest pain = 2

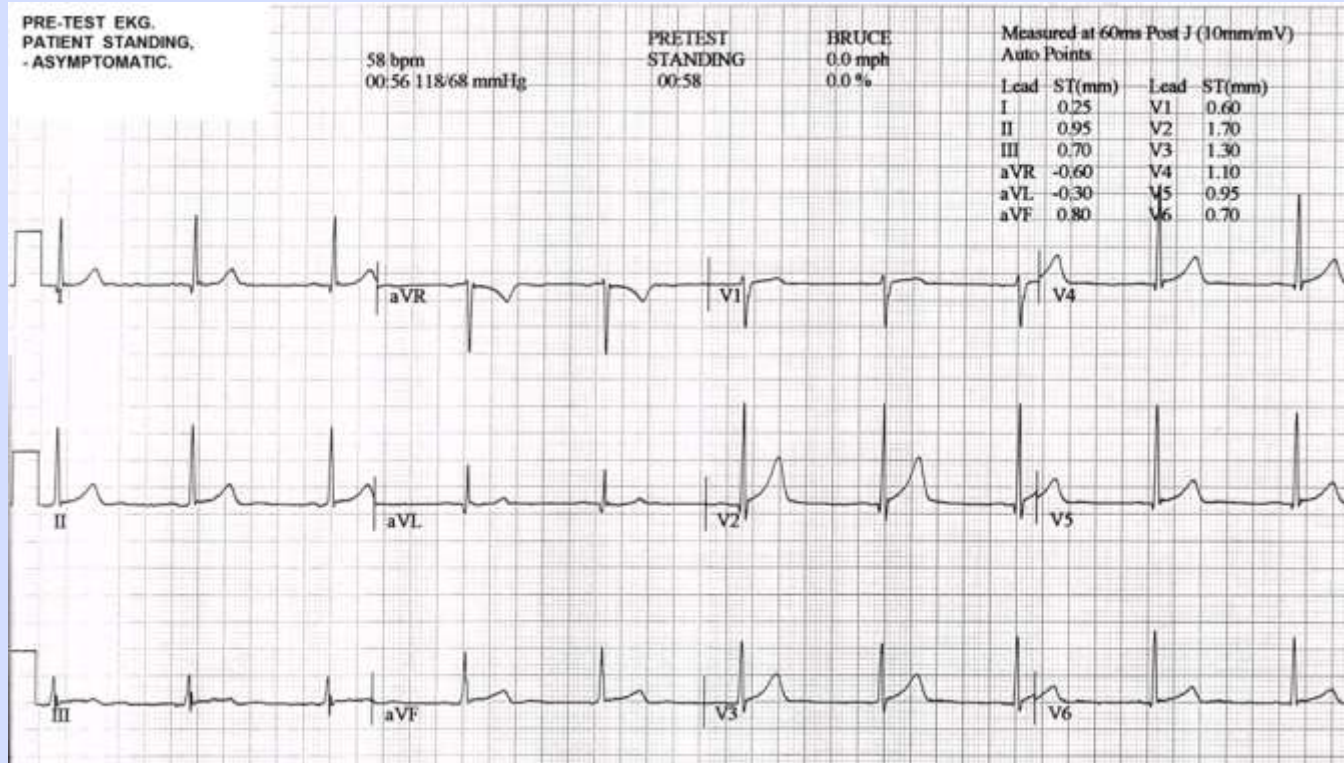
**E** = ECG normal = 0

**A** = 63 = 1

**R** = 3 risk factors = 2

**T** = Trop. NL = 0

**HEART Score: = 5**



2 patients with the above ECG.

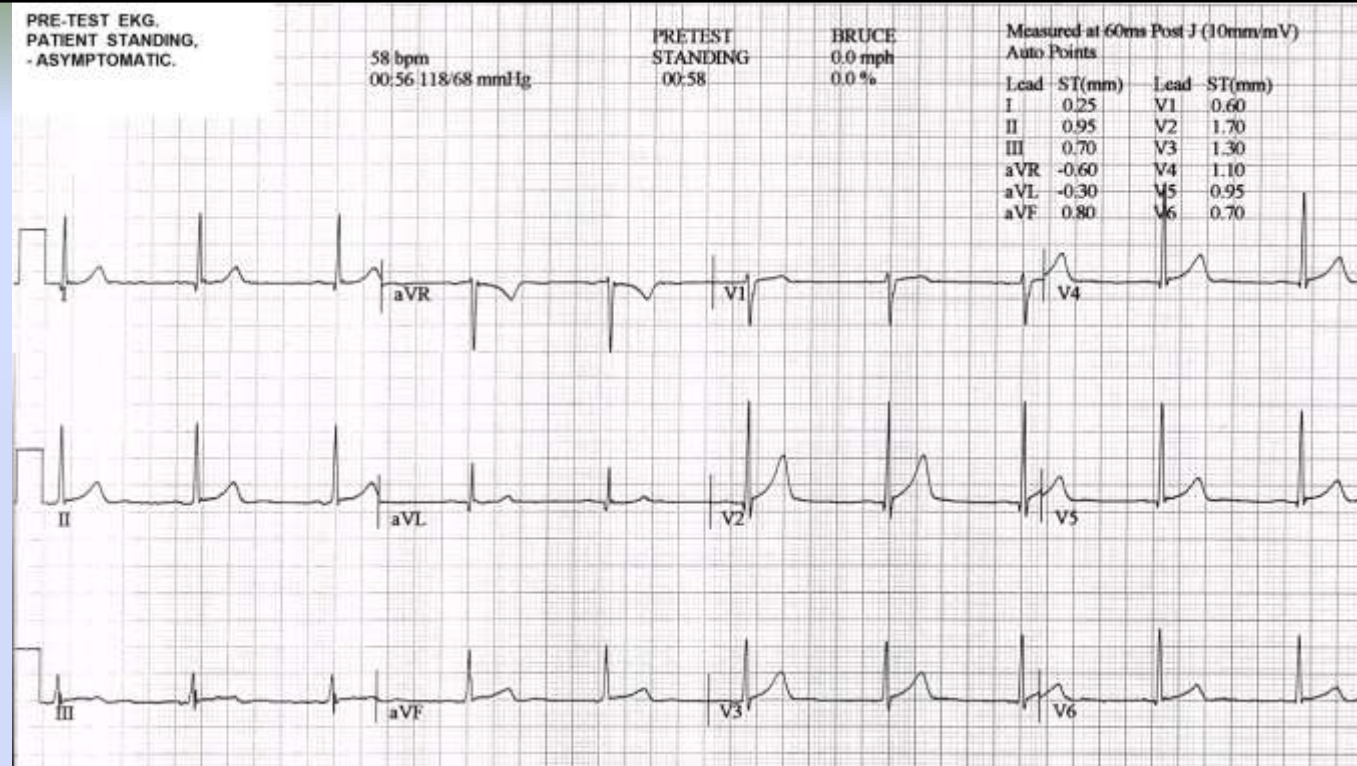
- Patient 1 HEART Score of “0”
- Patient 2 HEART Score of “5”

Should they get the same care ??

**PROBLEMS WITH SENSITIVITY . . .**

**NORMAL ECG.**

But . . . . .



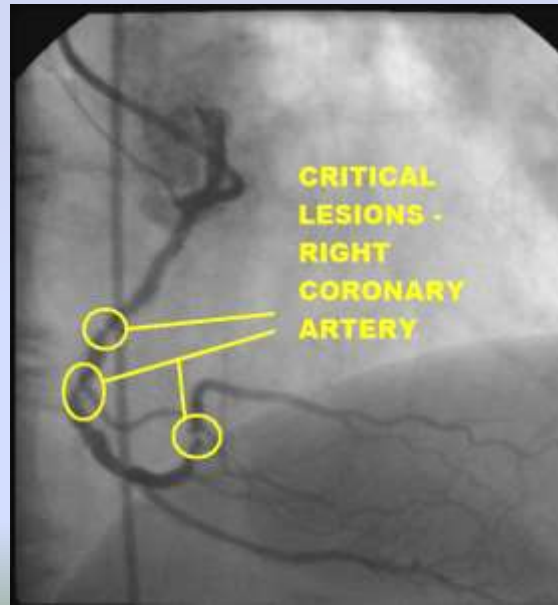
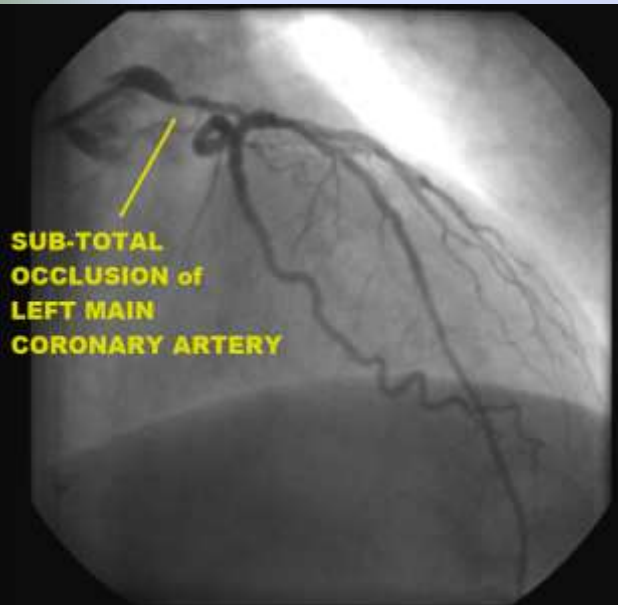
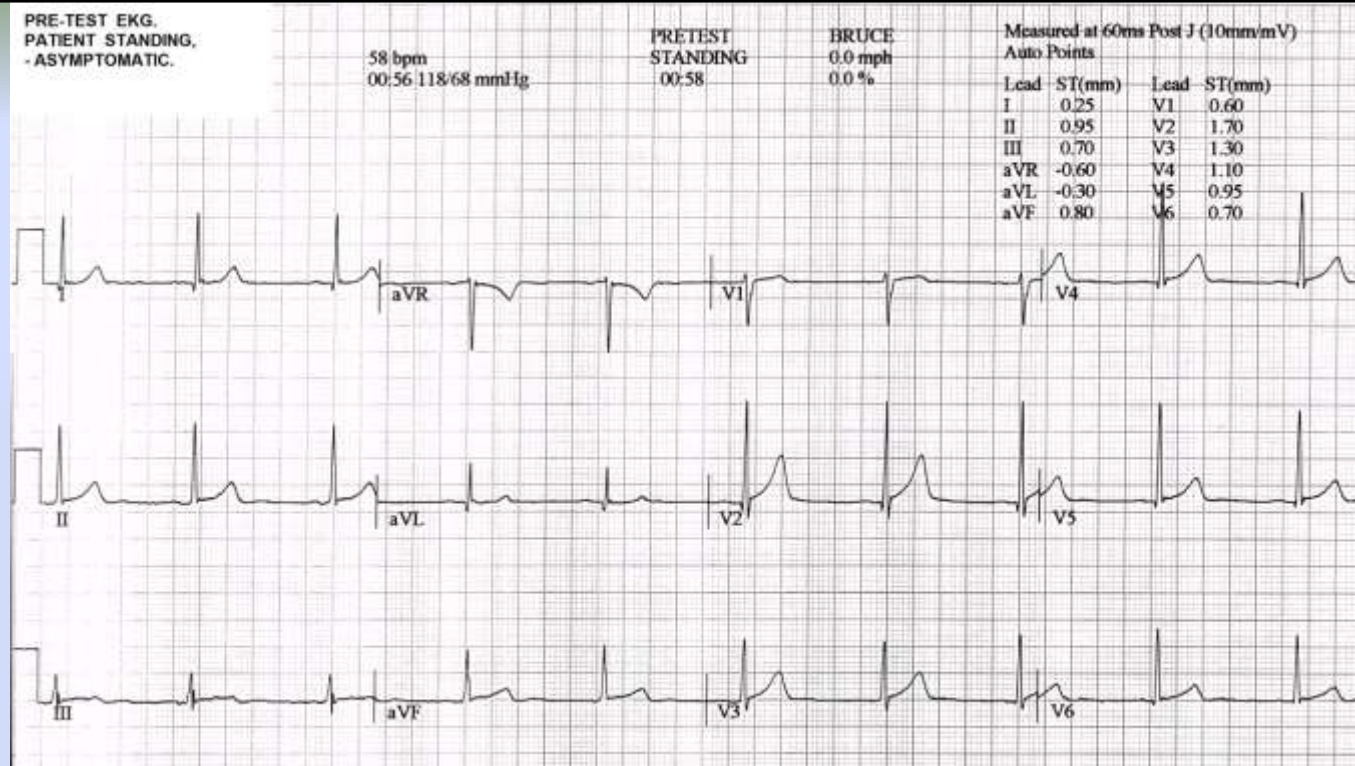
His HEART Score = 5

What could that possibly mean?

**PROBLEMS WITH SENSITIVITY . . .**

**NORMAL ECG.**

But . . . . .



***LETHAL  
TRIPLE  
VESSEL  
DISEASE***

PRE-TEST EKG.  
PATIENT STANDING,  
- ASYMPTOMATIC.

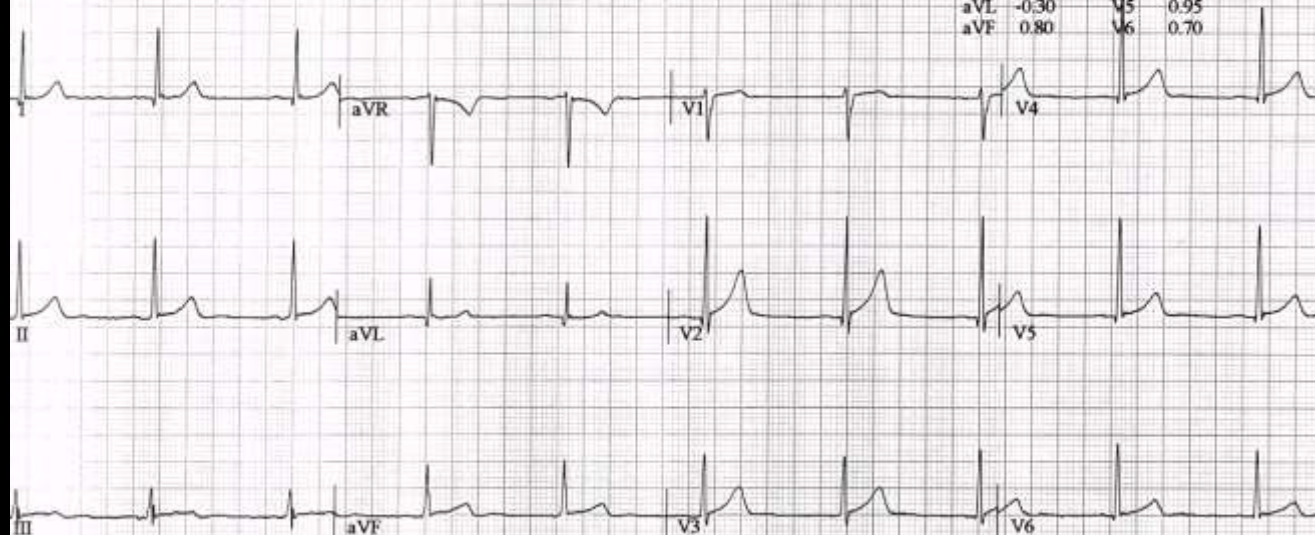
58 bpm  
00:56 118/68 mmHg

PRETEST  
STANDING  
00:58

BRUCE  
0.0 mph  
0.0 %

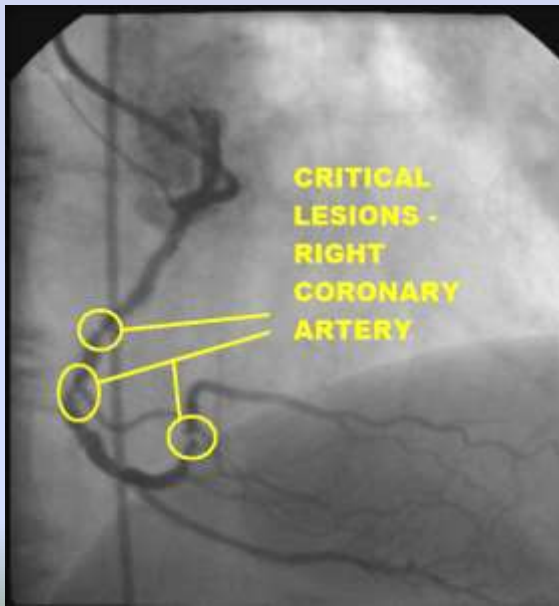
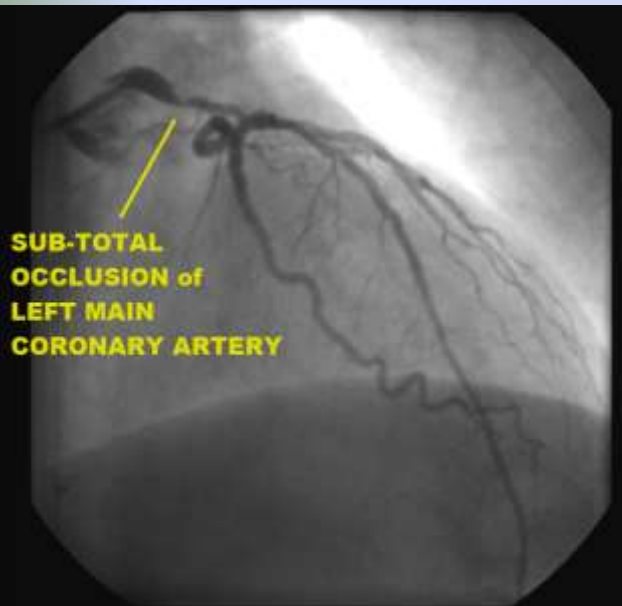
Measured at 60ms Post J (10mm/mV)  
Auto Points

Lead	ST(mm)	Lead	ST(mm)
I	0.25	V1	0.60
II	0.95	V2	1.70
III	0.70	V3	1.30
aVR	-0.60	V4	1.10
aVL	-0.30	V5	0.95
aVF	0.80	V6	0.70



HEART SCORE:

5



Outcome:  
Successful  
Emergency  
Bypass Surgery



# TYPICAL SYPTOMS of ACUTE CORNARY SYNDROME:

- ✓ **CHEST PAIN - DESCRIBED AS . . .**
  - "HEAVINESS, PRESSURE, DULL PAIN, TIGHTNESS"
  - CENTERED IN CHEST, SUBSTERNAL
  - MAY RADIATE TO SHOULDERS, JAW, NECK, LEFT or RIGHT ARM
  - NOT EFFECTED by:
    - MOVEMENT
    - POSITION
    - DEEP INSPIRATION
  
- ✓ **SHORTNESS OF BREATH**
  - MAY or MAY NOT BE PRESENT
  
- ✓ **NAUSEA / VOMITING**
  - MAY or MAY NOT 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**

## **stable angina**

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1. SYMPTOMS START DURING PHYSICAL EXERTION.
2. SYMPTOMS ARE "PREDICTABLE"

**VS.**

## **unstable angina**

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1. SYMPTOMS MAY START AT ANY TIME, EVEN DURING REST
2. SYMPTOMS ARE NEW, DIFFERENT, or WORSE THAN PREVIOUS EPISODES

***BEWARE of the patient with***

***“INTERMITTENT CHEST PAIN” . . . .***





# ATYPICAL SYMPTOMS of ACS

? ? ?

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

**S**roke (previous history of)

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

**R**ace (non-white)

**E**lderly (age 75+)

**W**omen

**D**iabetes mellitus

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

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

**M**alaise (weakness)

**F**atigue

**I**ndigestion

**A**bdominal pain

**N**ausea

**C**old sweats

**D**izziness

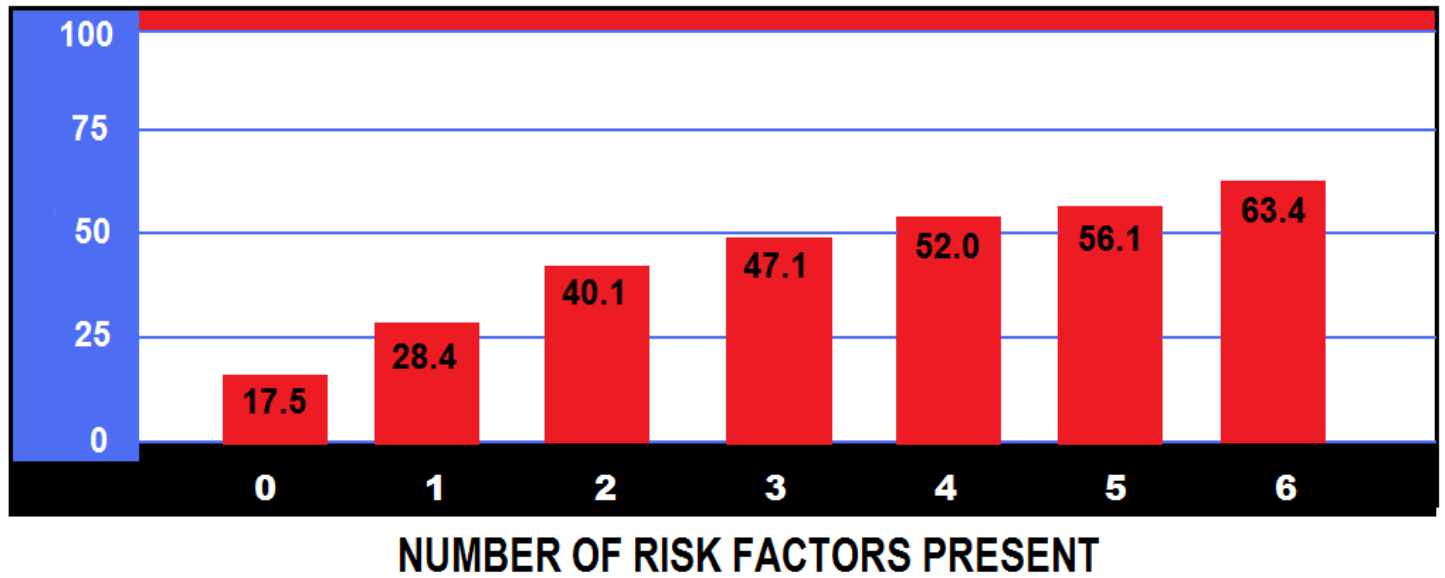
**E**levated heart rate

**S**yncope

**D**yspnea

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

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



RISK FACTORS INCLUDE: **S**troke (previous), **H**ear 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

**WOMEN'S MAJOR SYMPTOMS  
PRIOR TO THEIR HEART ATTACK:**

- UNUSUAL FATIGUE 71 %
- SLEEP DISTURBANCE 48 %
- SOB 42 %
- INDIGESTION 39 %
- ANXIETY 36 %

**APPROXIMATELY 78 % OF WOMEN REPORTED EXPERIENCING AT LEAST ONE OF THESE SYMPTOMS FOR MORE THAN ONE MONTH EITHER DAILY OR SEVERAL TIMES PER WEEK PRIOR TO THEIR MI.**

**WOMEN'S MAJOR SYMPTOMS  
DURING THEIR HEART ATTACK:**

- SHORTNESS OF BREATH 58 %
- WEAKNESS 55 %
- UNUSUAL FATIGUE 43 %
- COLD SWEAT 39 %
- DIZZINESS 39 %



**43 % HAD NO CHEST PAIN AT ANY TIME DURING THEIR MI!**

*Circulation*, 2003;108;2619-2623

# E = ECG

- **2 Points:** ST Deviation (elevation or depression at the J point of 0.5mv or more)
- **1 Point:** Non-specific ST-T wave abnormalities / Non
- **0 Points:** Normal ECG

A = Age

- **2 Points:** Age 65 or more
- **1 Point:** Age 46 – 64
- **0 Points:** Age 45 or less











# R = Risk Factors for CAD

- **2 Points:** 3 or more risk factors
- **1 Point:** 1 or 2 risk factors
- **0 Points:** No Risk Factors

# **RISK FACTORS**

for the development of

## **CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE:**

-  **HEREDITY**
-  **↑ LDL and ↓ HDL CHOLESTEROL PROFILES**
-  **SMOKING**
-  **DIABETES MELLITUS**
-  **OBESITY**
-  **PHYSICAL INACTIVITY**
-  **HYPERTENSION**
-  **AGE - OVER 65**
-  **MALE**
-  **HIGH STRESS**



# T = Troponin

- **2 Points:** 3 X Normal
- **1 Point:** >1 - <3 times normal limit
- **0 Points:** up to normal limit

# OBTAINING THE 12 LEAD ECG

And have it interpreted by a  
physician or mid-level provider  
*...within 10 minutes !*

**Evaluating the ECG for ACS:**

**A TWO-STEP process:**

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**STEP 1: Evaluate QRS Width**

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**A TWO-STEP process:**

**STEP 1: Evaluate QRS Width**

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



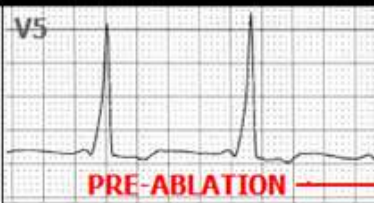
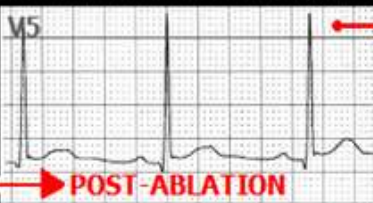
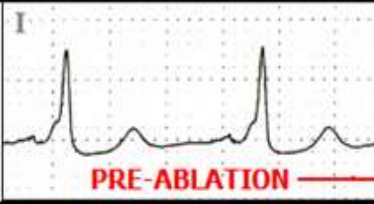


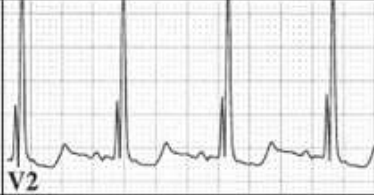

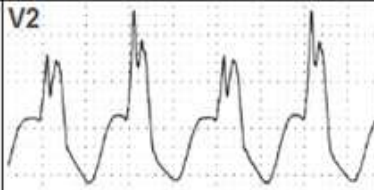

## STEP 1 – evaluate QRS width:

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

## STEP 1 – evaluate QRS width:

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

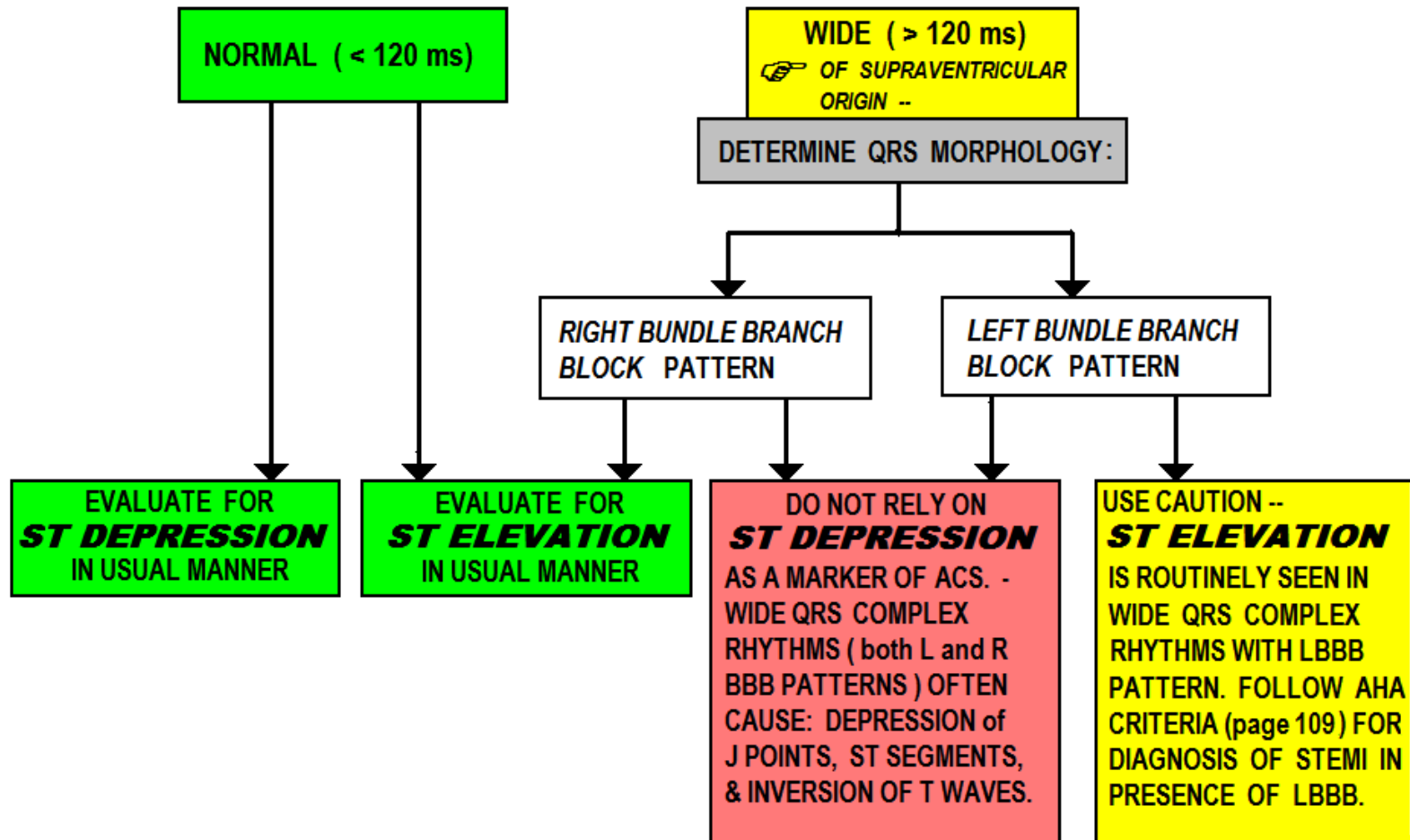
## CONDITIONS THAT INCREASE QRS DURATION RESULT IN SECONDARY REPOLARIZATION ABNORMALITIES:

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



# Evaluating the ECG for ACS:

## STEP 1 - EVALUATE WIDTH OF QRS:



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

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

# Simple "Turn Signal Method" . . .

## THE "TURN SIGNAL METHOD" for identifying BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK

V1

**USE LEAD V1 for this technique**

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

THINK:

"QRS points UP = RIGHT BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK"

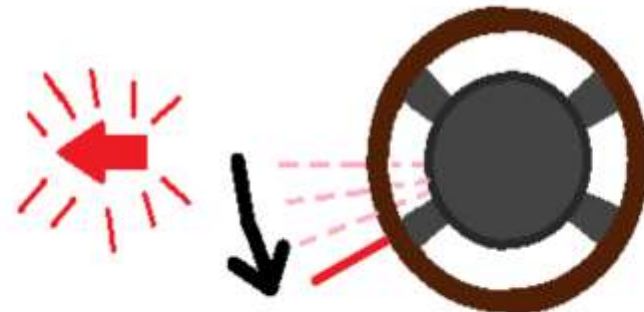


V1

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

THINK:

"QRS points DOWN = LEFT BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK"



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

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

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

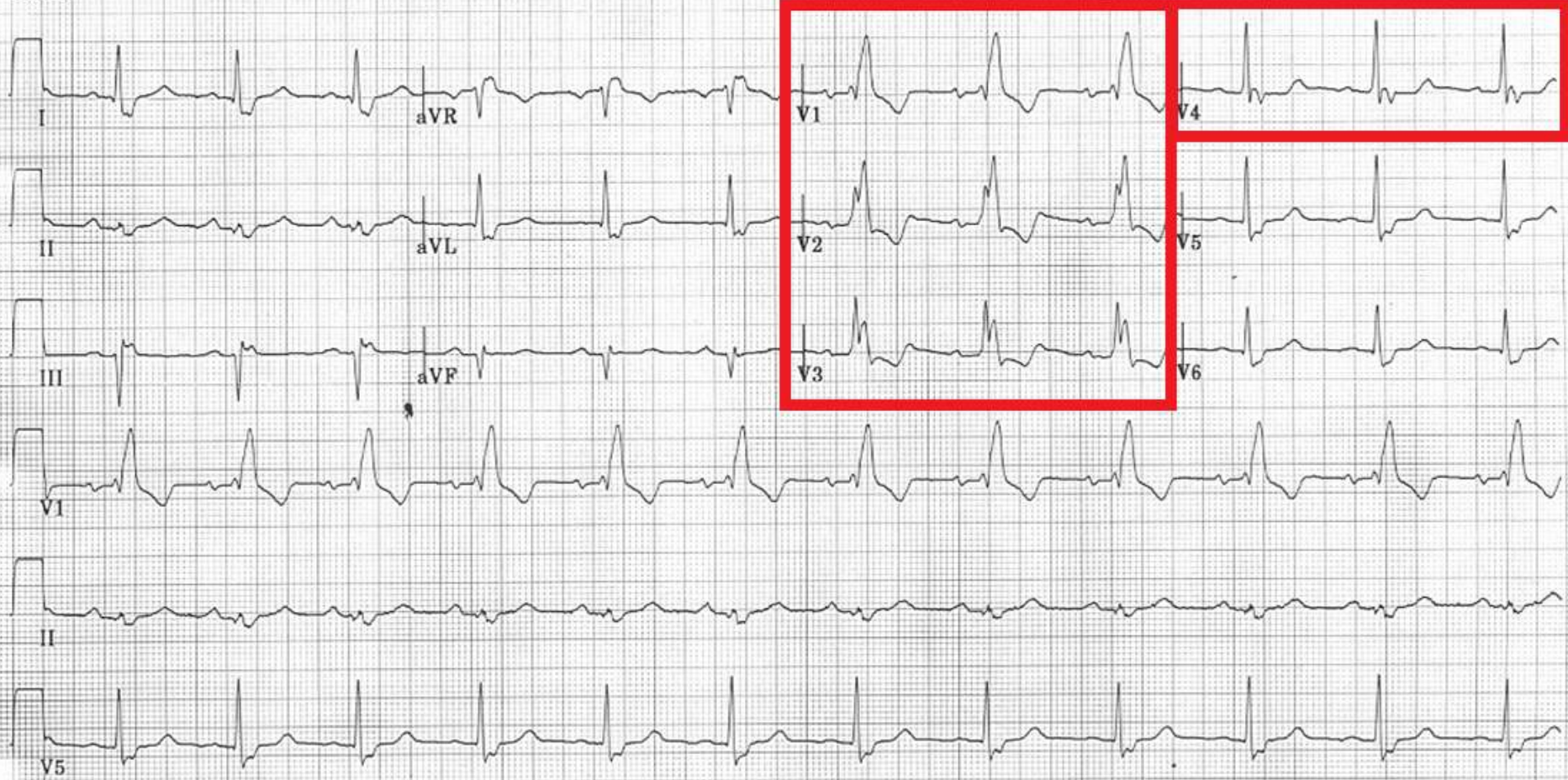
**RBBB causes ST Depression, T Wave Inversion, ANTERIOR Leads (V1 - V4).**

Technician: WR

Referred by:

Unconfirmed

D.O.S.:



# Wide QRS present: (QRSd > 120ms)

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

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

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

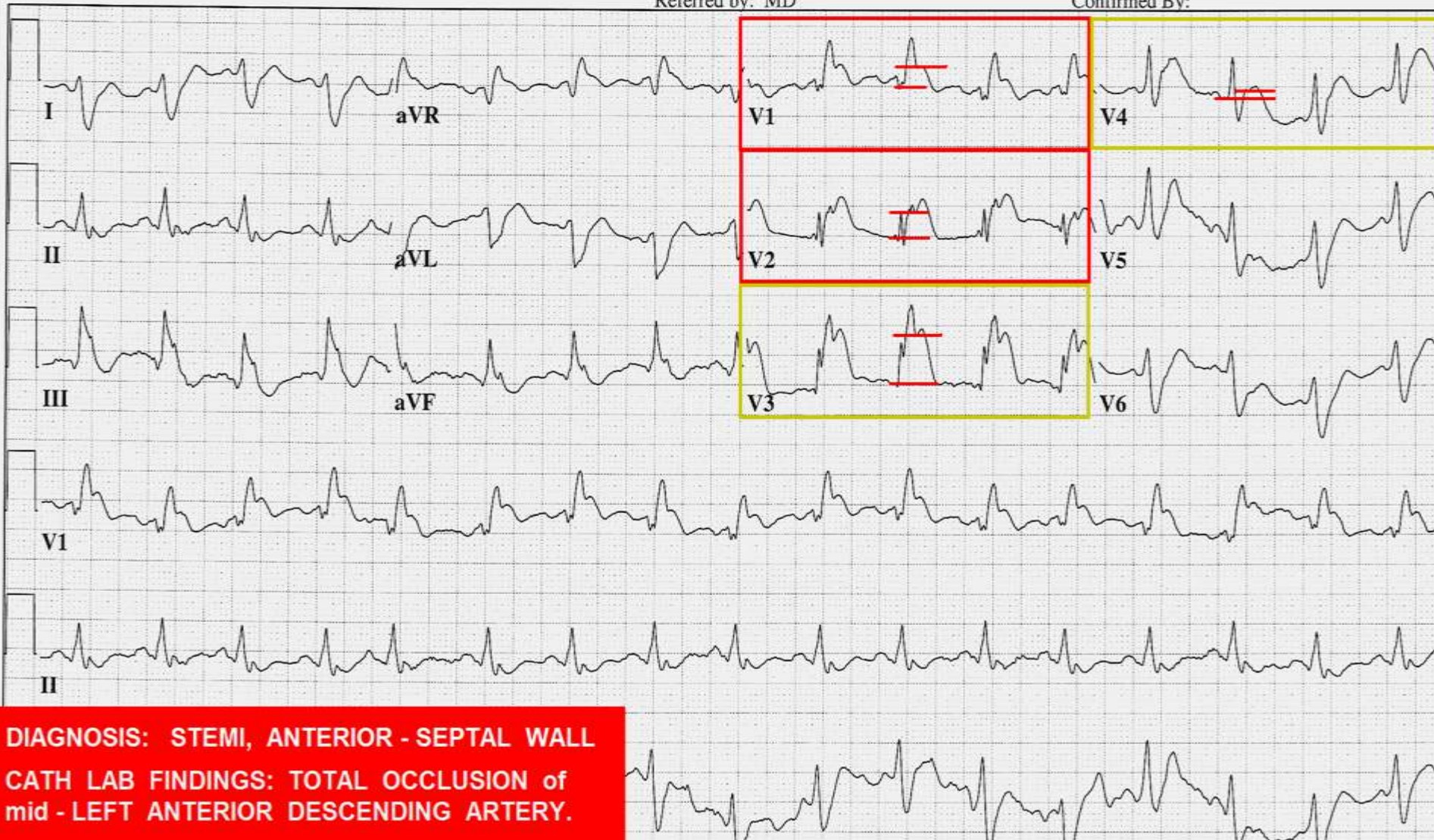
Vent. rate 102 BPM  
PR interval 130 ms  
QRS duration 168 ms  
QT/QTc 400/521 ms  
P-R-T axes 60 114 -19

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

Technician: W Ruppert

Referred by: MD

Confirmed By:



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

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

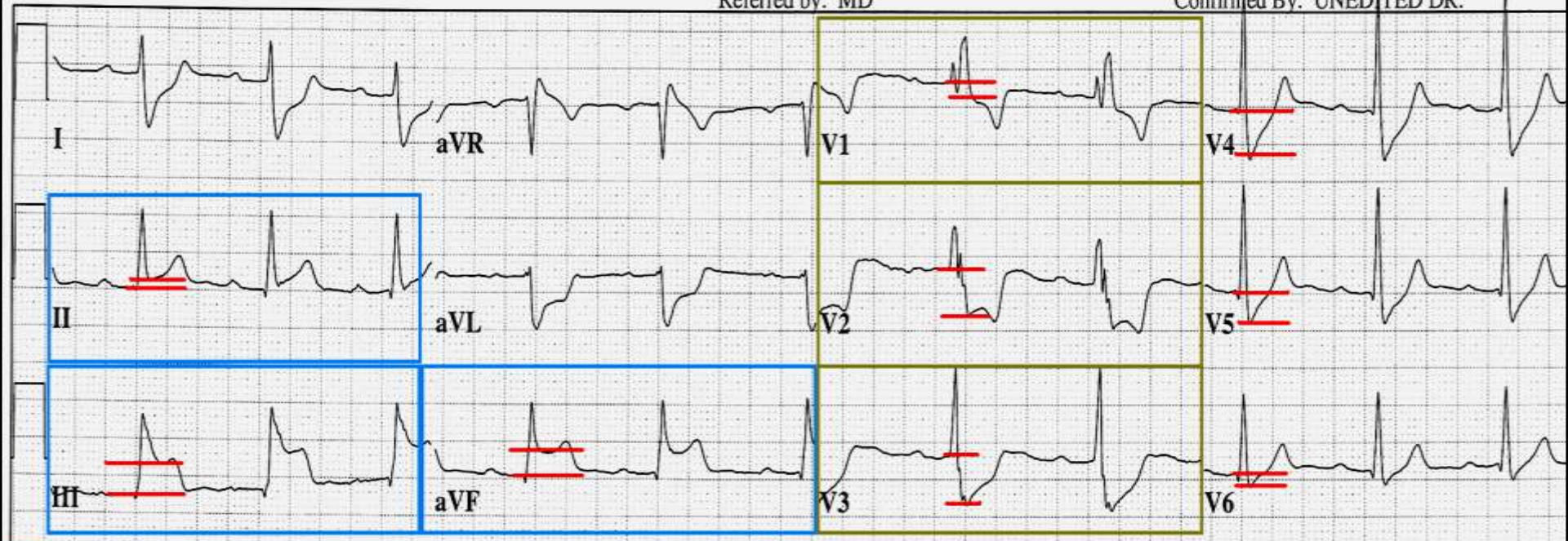
25 yr  
Male Caucasian  
Loc:3 Option:23

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

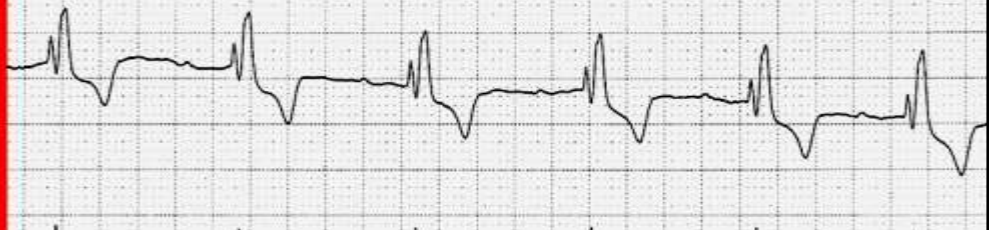
Sinus rhythm with 1st degree A-V block  
**Right bundle branch block**  
ST elevation consider inferior injury or acute infarct  
\*\*\*\*\* ACUTE MI \*\*\*\*\*  
Abnormal ECG

Referred by: MD

Confirmed By: UNEDITED DR.



**DIAGNOSIS: STEMI - INFERIOR-POSTERIOR WALL**  
**CATH LAB FINDINGS: TOTAL OCCLUSION of DOMINANT RIGHT CORONARY ARTERY**





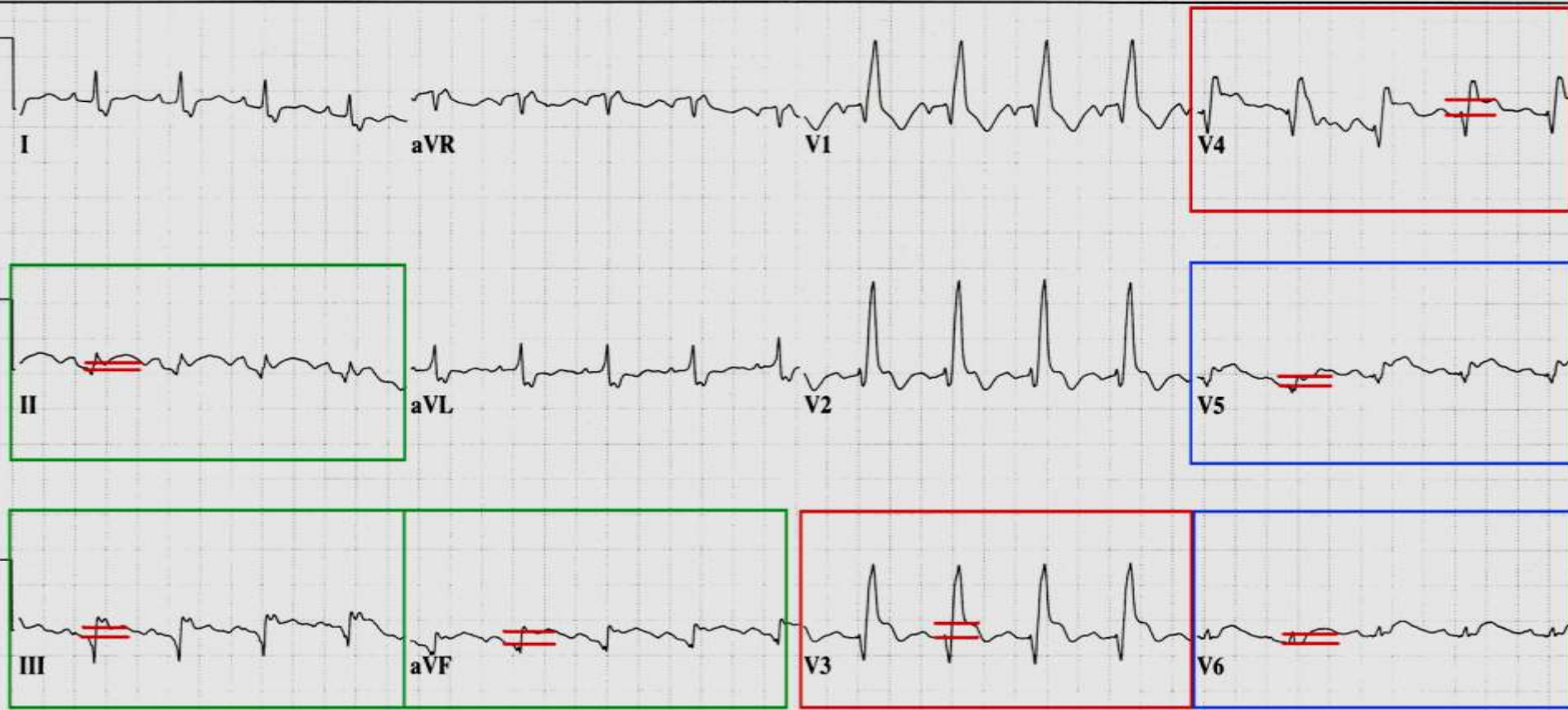
# RBBB with CHEST PAIN - CASE 3: ST ELEVATION V3 - V6, II, III, aVF

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

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

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

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



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- ***Convex ST Segment***

# A.H.A. ACLS GUIDELINES

1. If patient has a **CONFIRMED HISTORY** of LBBB, rely on:

- **CARDIAC MARKERS**
- **SYMPTOMS**
- **RISK FACTOR PROFILE**
- **HIGH INDEX OF SUSPICION**

**for diagnosis of STEMI**

2. If patient has:

a) **previously NORMAL ECGs (no LBBB)**

**-- OR --**

b) **no old ECGs available for comparison**

**consider diagnosis as STEMI until proven otherwise.**

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

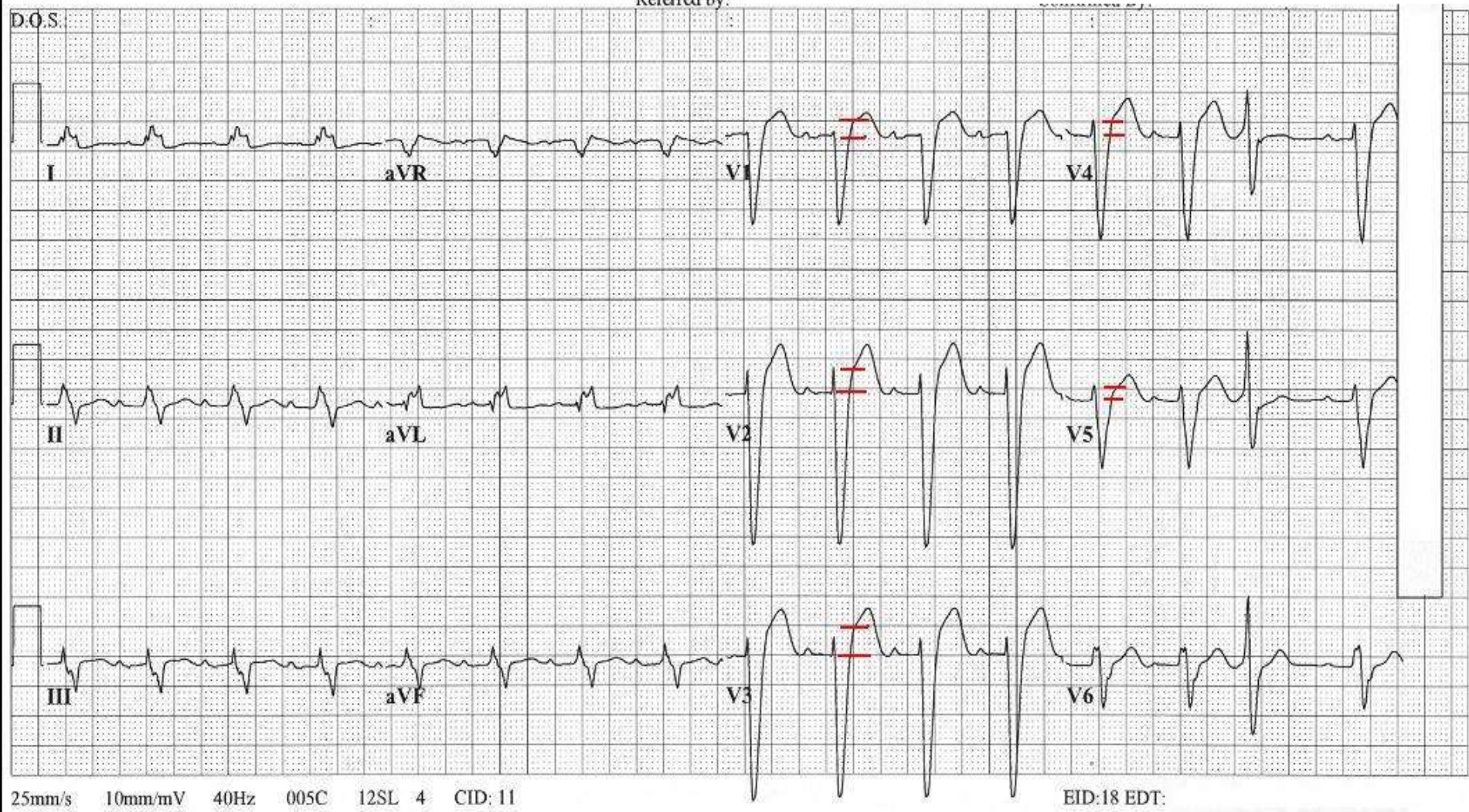
Vent. rate	94	BPM
PR interval	202	ms
QRS duration	160	ms
QT/QTc	388/485	ms
P-R-T axes	91 -23 87	

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

- Normal arteries
- Normal LV Function
- No hypertrophy

Technician: EKG CLASS #WR03602718

Referred by:





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

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

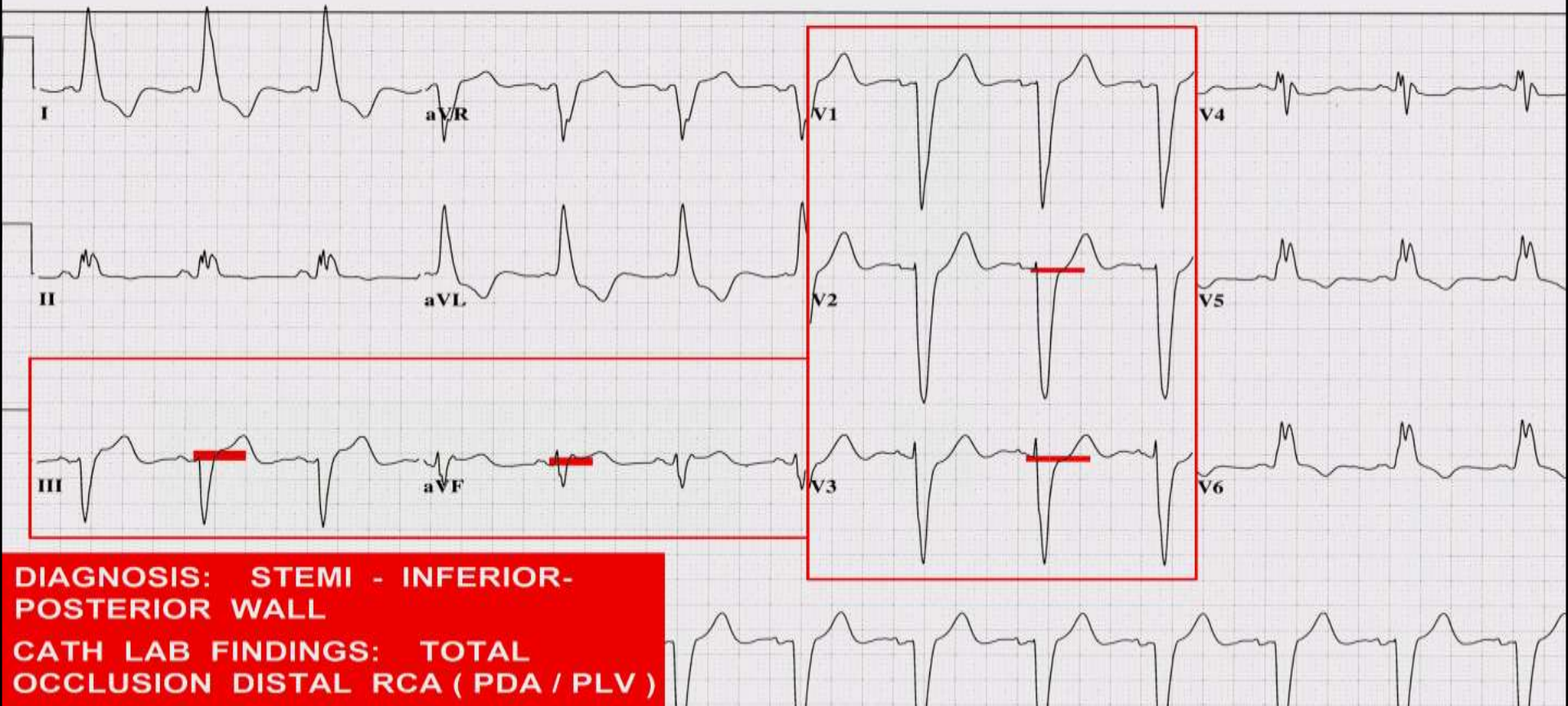
**“Electrocardiographic Diagnosis of Evolving Acute Myocardial Infarction in the Presence of Left Bundle-Branch Block” Birnbaum et al, N Engl J Med 1996; 334:481-487**

# LBBB with CHEST PAIN - CASE 1 : PRESENTING EKG

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

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

Normal sinus rhythm  
Left bundle branch block  
Abnormal ECG

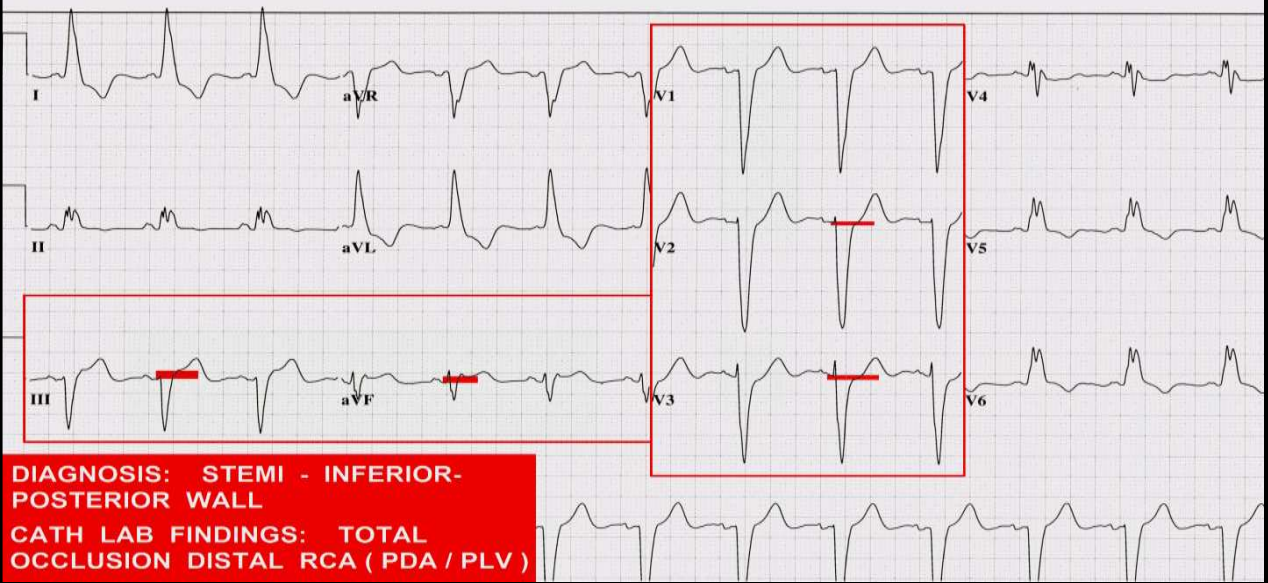


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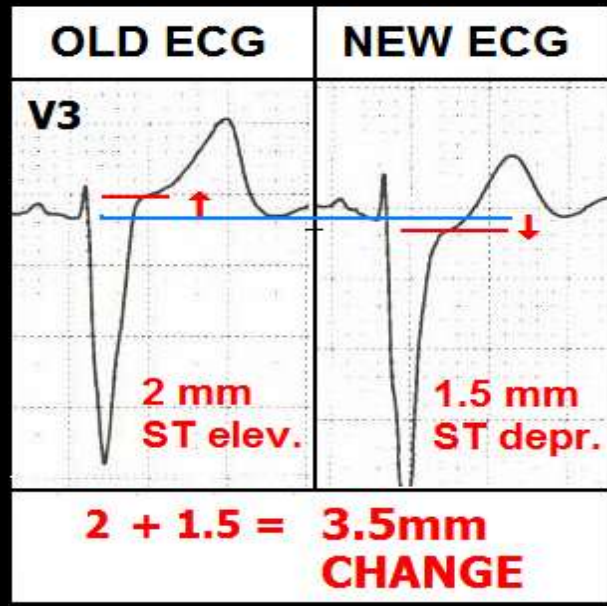
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**DIAGNOSIS: STEMI - INFERIOR-POSTERIOR WALL**  
**CATH LAB FINDINGS: TOTAL OCCLUSION DISTAL RCA ( PDA / PLV )**



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

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

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

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

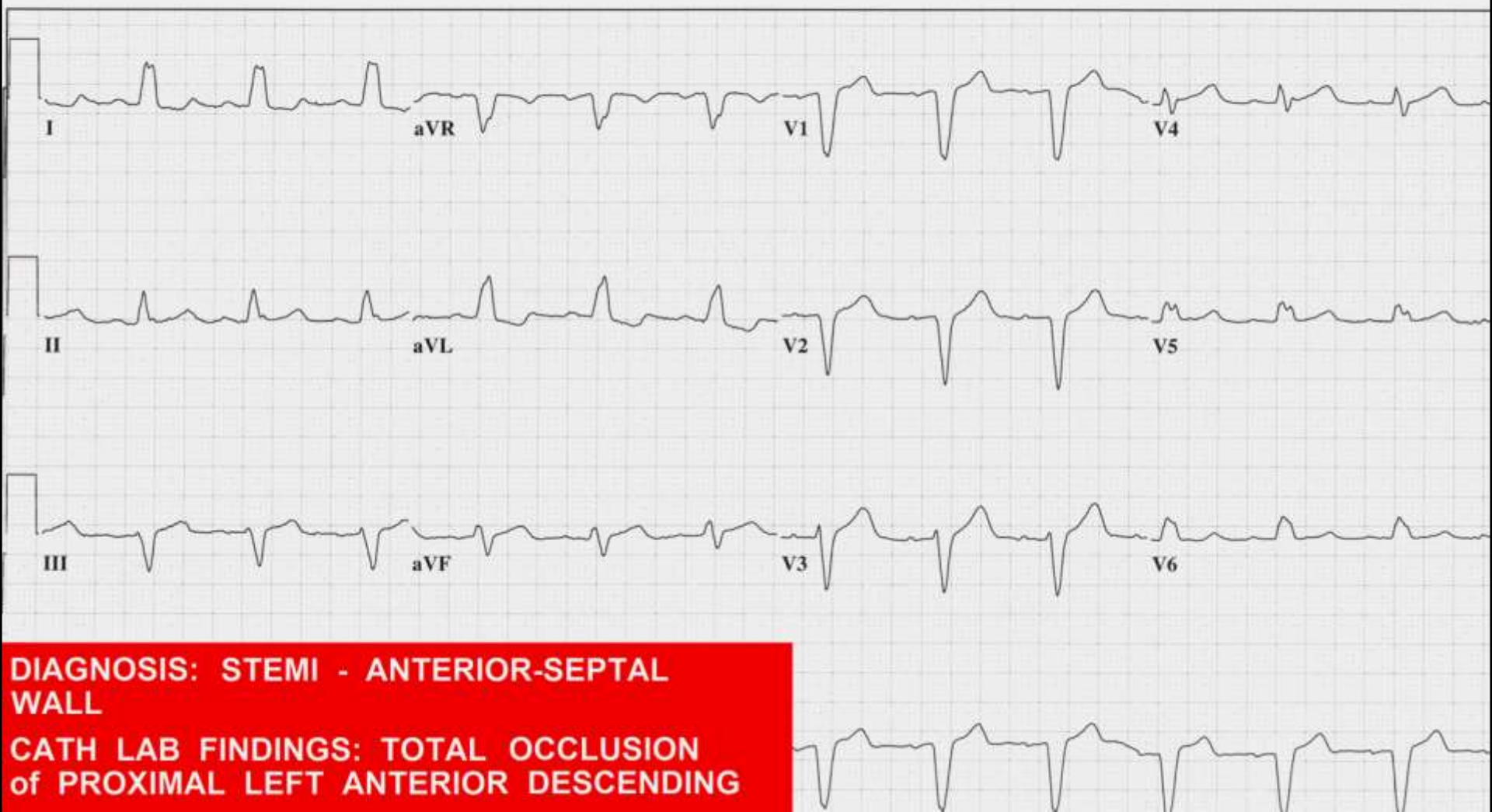


# LBBB with CHEST PAIN - CASE 2 : NEW ONSET of LBBB

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

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

Normal sinus rhythm  
Left bundle branch block  
Abnormal ECG

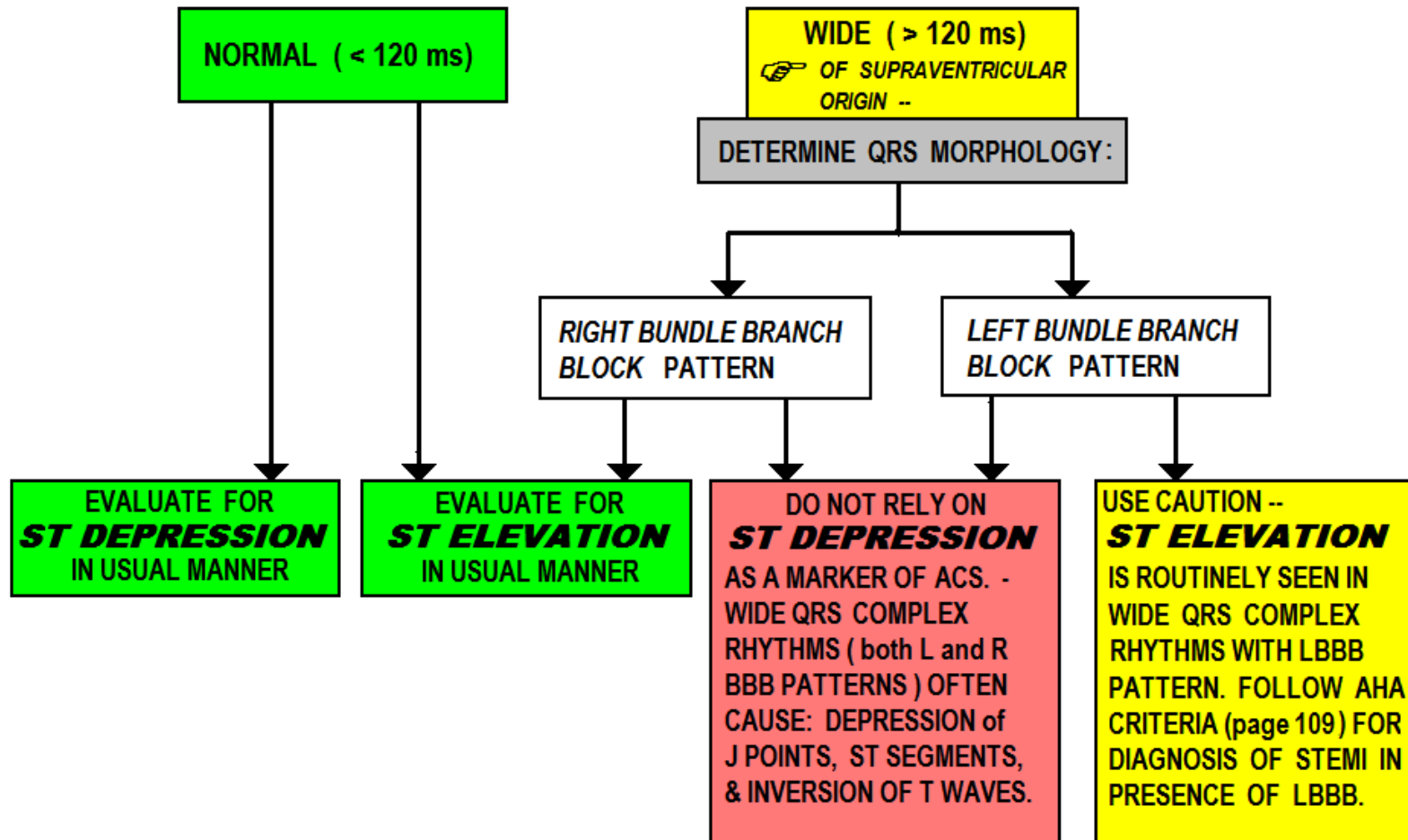


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# Evaluating the ECG for ACS:

## STEP 1 - EVALUATE WIDTH OF QRS:



# Evaluating the ECG for ACS:

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

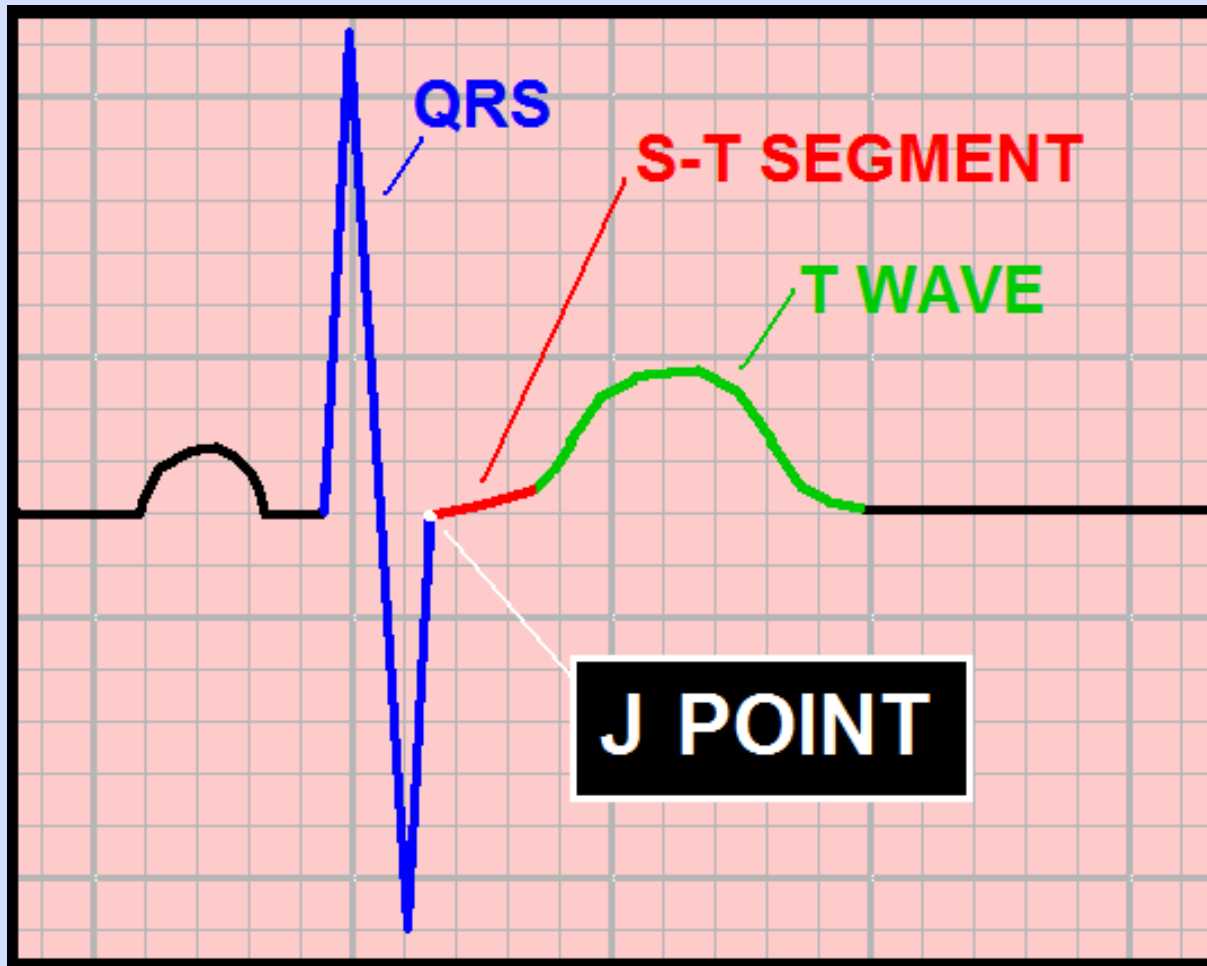
### STEP 2 - EVALUATE the EKG for ACS

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

- J POINTS
- ST SEGMENTS
- T WAVES

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

# Defining NORMAL – QRS <120ms:



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

# NORMAL ST - T WAVES

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

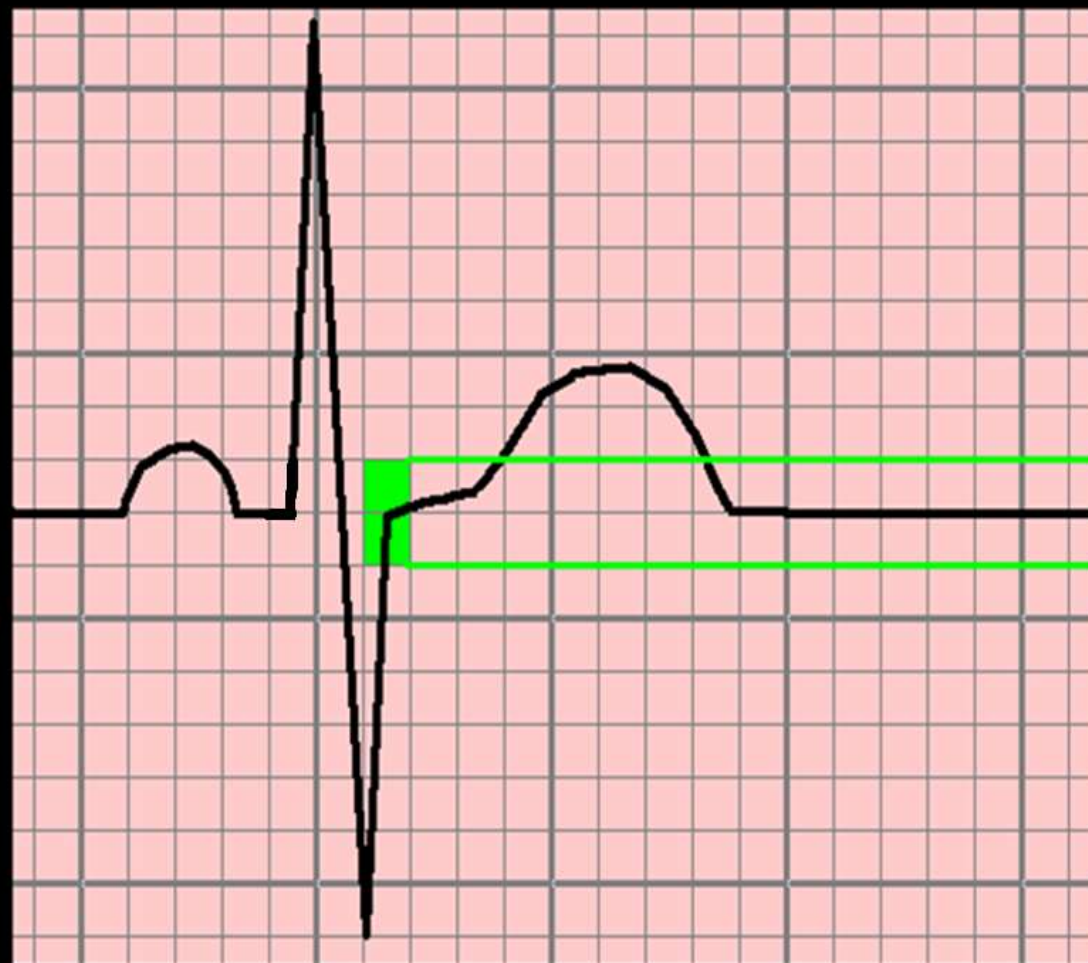
## ASSESS:

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



 **in EVERY LEAD EXCEPT aVR !!**

# THE J POINT SHOULD BE ..



WITHIN  
1 mm  
ABOVE

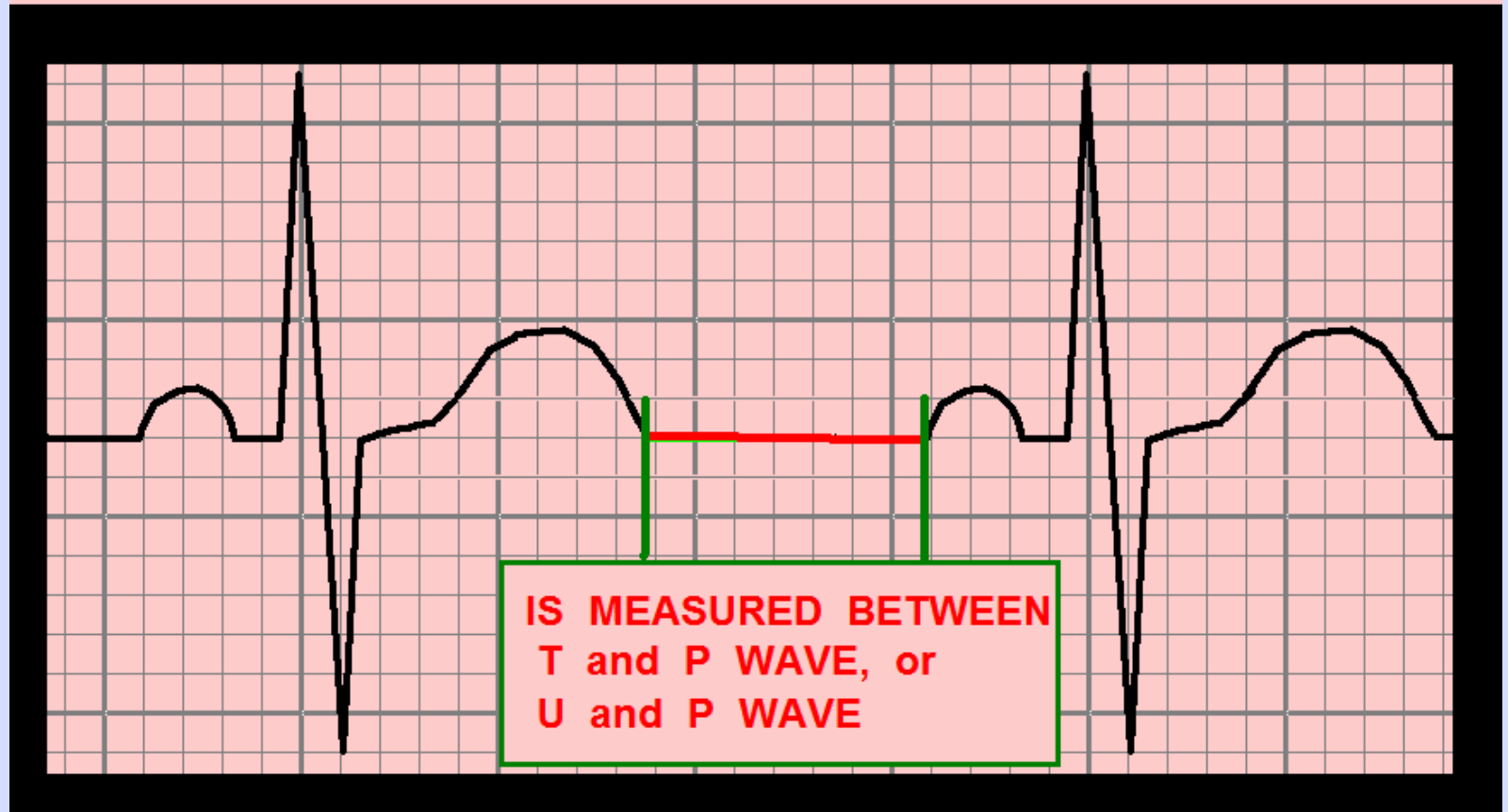
OR

BELOW

the

ISOELECTRIC  
LINE

# THE ISOELECTRIC LINE

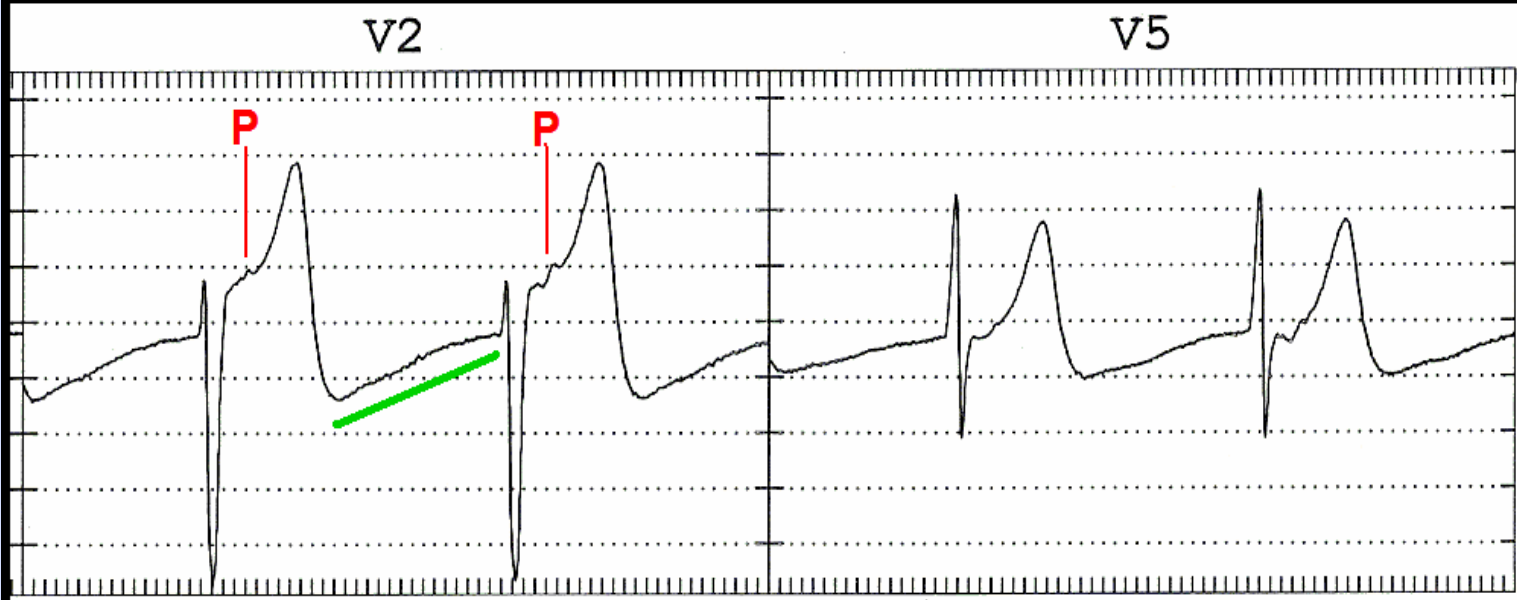


...the “flat line” between ECG complexes,  
when there is no detectable electrical  
activity ...

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

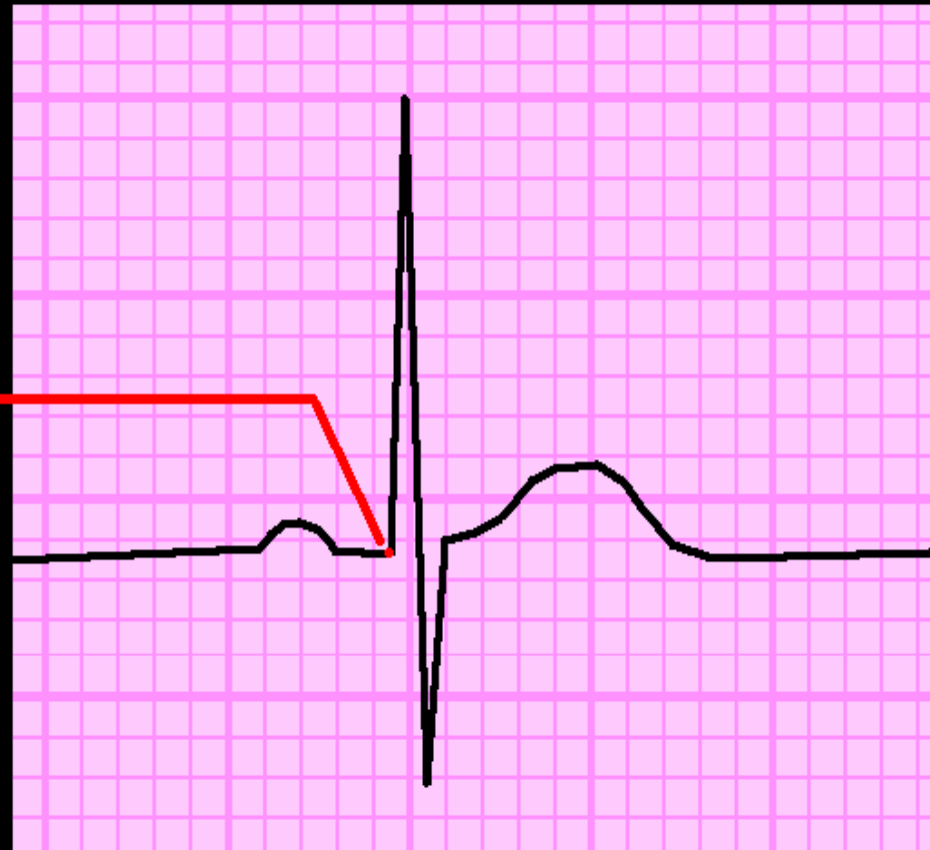
## THE ISOELECTRIC LINE

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



# THE P-Q JUNCTION

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



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



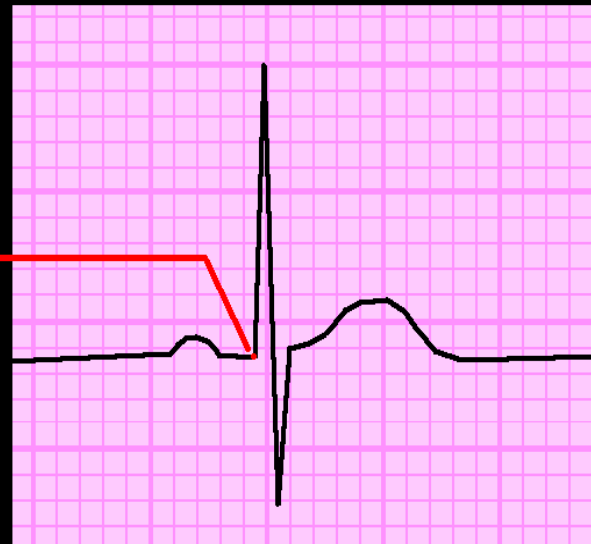
Use the P-Q junction as a reference point for measuring the J Point and ST-Segment when “iso-electric line is

not  
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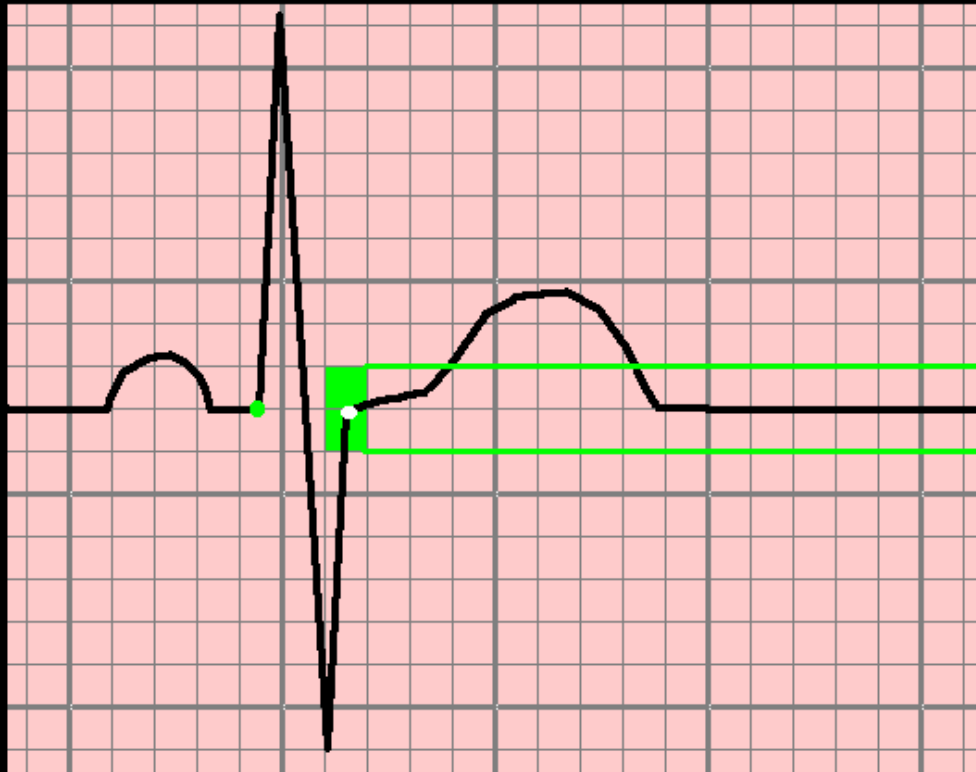
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# Defining NORMAL:

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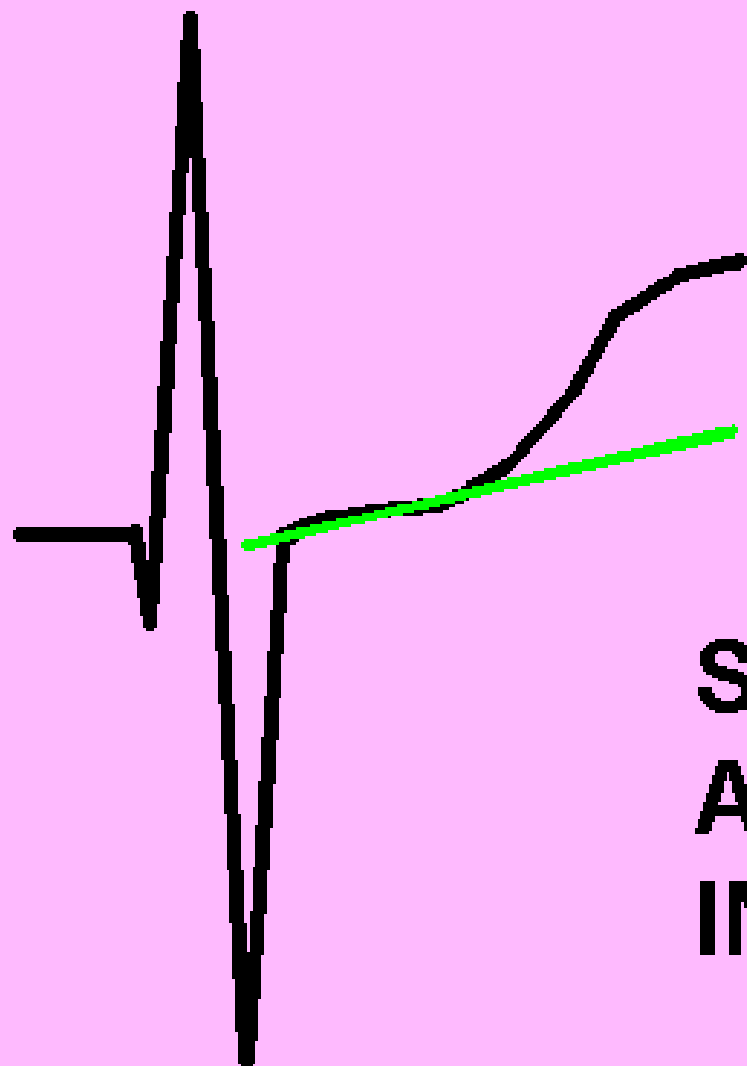


**WITHIN  
1 mm  
ABOVE**

**OR**

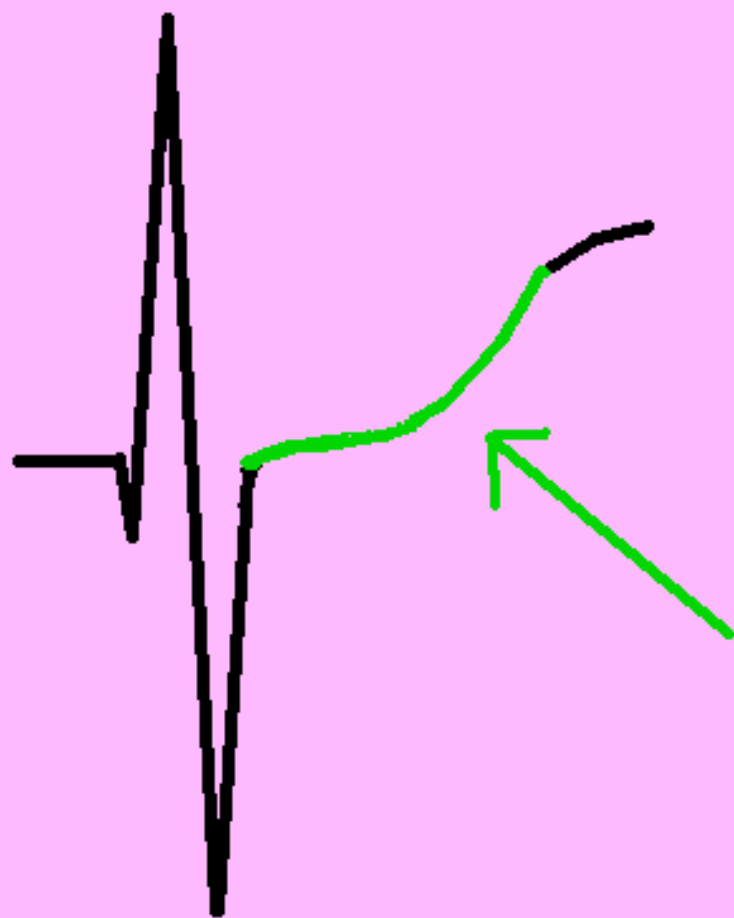
**BELOW  
THE  
P-Q  
JUNCTION**

# THE S-T SEGMENT



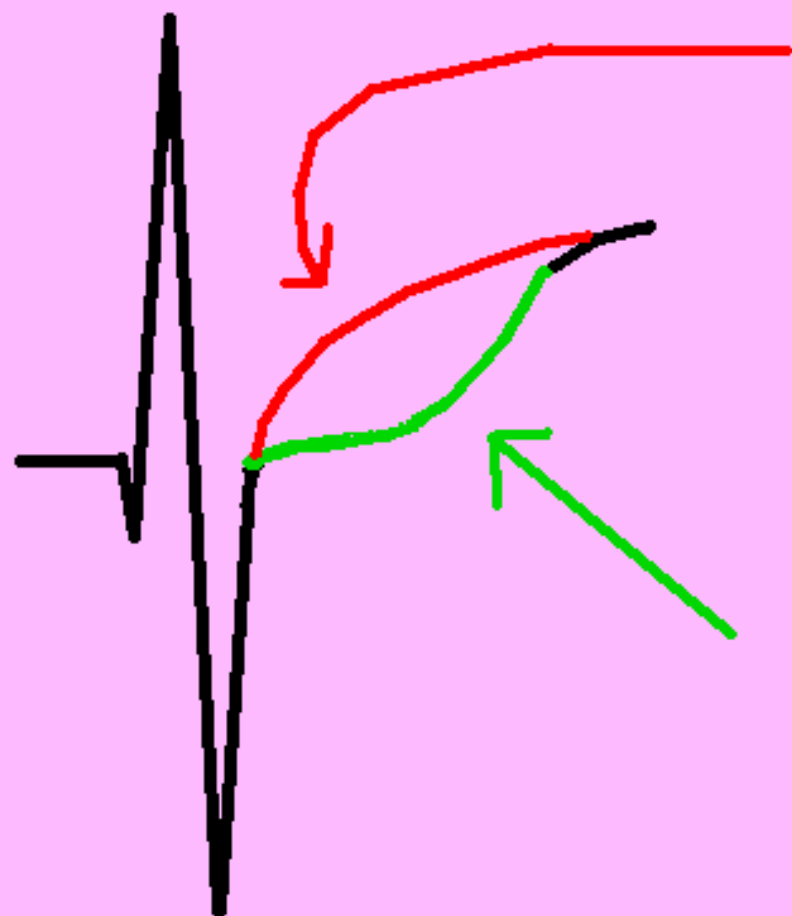
SHOULD HAVE  
A "SLIGHT POSITIVE"  
INCLINATION

# THE S-T SEGMENT



SHOULD BE  
"CONCAVE" IN  
SHAPE . . .

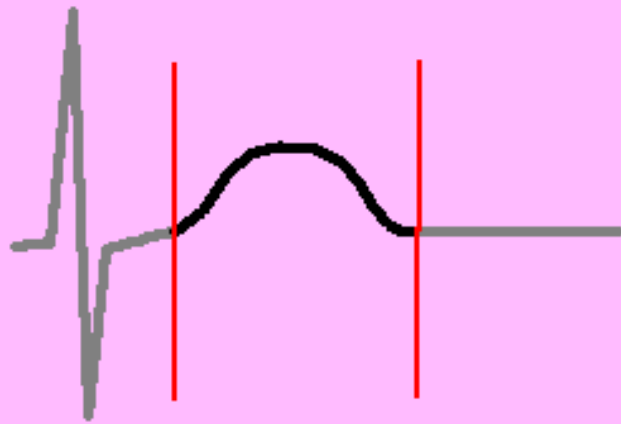
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AS OPPOSED TO  
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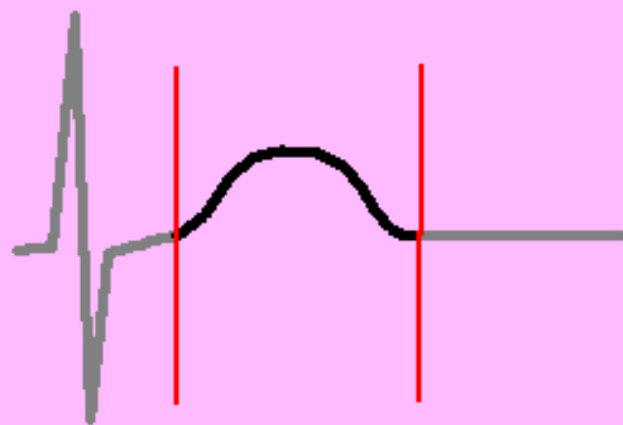
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# THE T WAVE



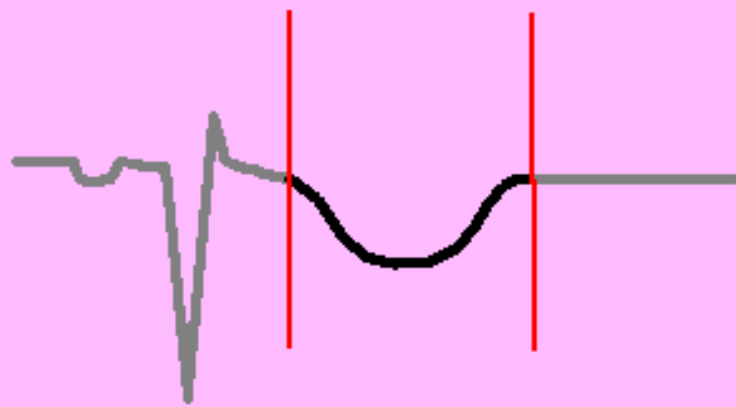
- SHOULD BE A "NICE," ROUNDED, CONVEX SHAPE
- SHOULD BE SYMMETRICAL

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- SHOULD BE UPRIGHT IN ALL LEADS, EXCEPT AVR

# THE T WAVE



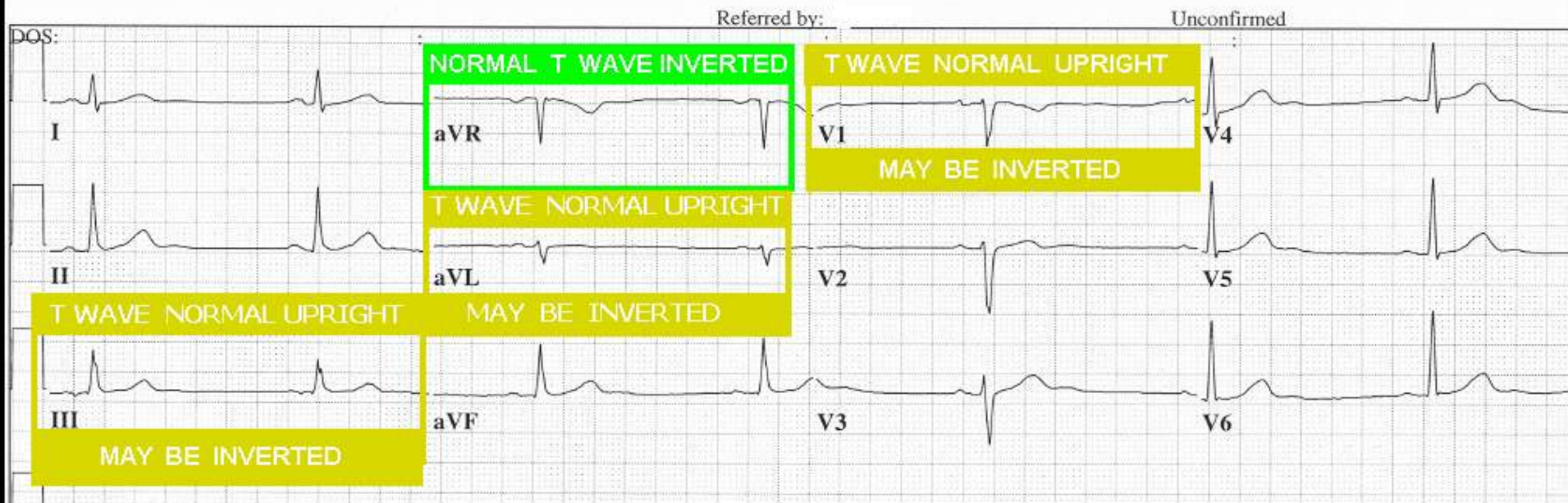
**LEAD  
AVR**

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

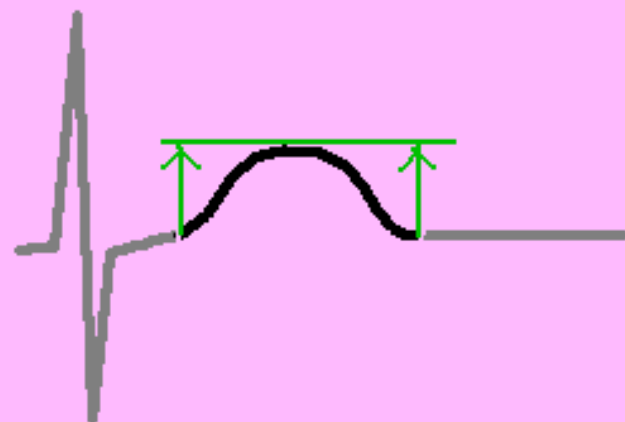


# Normal Variants: *T Wave Inversion*

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



# THE T WAVE



## AMPLITUDE GUIDELINES:

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

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# NORMAL ST - T WAVES

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



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 **in EVERY LEAD EXCEPT aVR !!**

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

# Multiple patterns of

## ABNORMAL:

- J Point
- ST-Segment
- T Wave

configurations may indicate ACS.





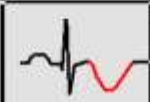

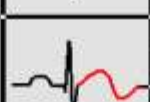





Remember, "IF IT'S NOT

**NORMAL**, it's

**ABNORMAL !"**



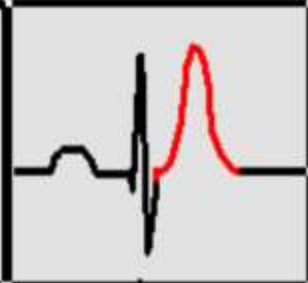
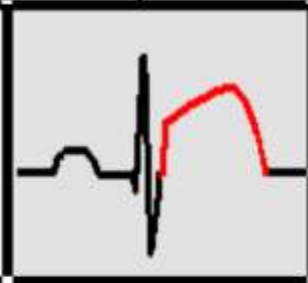
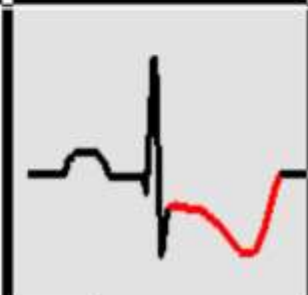
# EKG PATTERNS of ACS & ISCHEMIA

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

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!	FLAT or CONVEX J-T APEX SEGMENT		- ACUTE MI - ISCHEMIA
!	HYPER-ACUTE T WAVE		- HYPERKALEMIA - TRANSMURAL ISCHEMIA - ACUTE MI - HYPERTROPHY
!	DEPRESSED J pt. DOWNSLOPING ST and INVERTED T		- ACUTE (NON-Q WAVE) MI - ACUTE MI - (RECIPROCAL CHANGES) - ISCHEMIA
	INVERTED T WAVE		- MYOCARDITIS - ELECTROLYTE IMBAL. - ISCHEMIA
	SHARP S-T T ANGLE		- ACUTE MI (NOT COMMON) - ISCHEMIA
	BI-PHASIC T WAVE (WELLEN'S)		- SUB-TOTAL LAD LESION - VASOSPASM - HYPERTROPHY
	DEPRESSED J POINT with UPSLOPING ST		- ISCHEMIA
	DOWNSLOPING S-T SEGMENT		- ISCHEMIA
?	FLAT S-T SEGMENT > 120 ms		- ISCHEMIA
?	LOW VOLTAGE T WAVE WITH NORMAL QRS		- ISCHEMIA
?	U WAVE POLARITY OPPOSITE THAT OF T WAVE		- ISCHEMIA


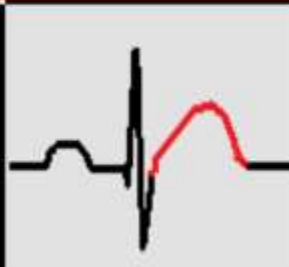

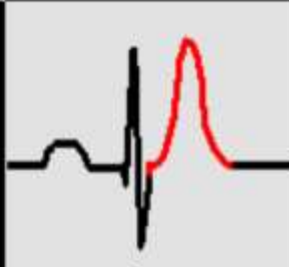
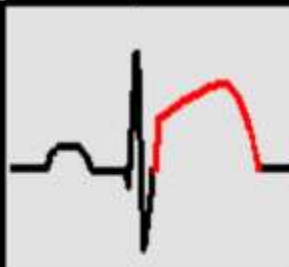
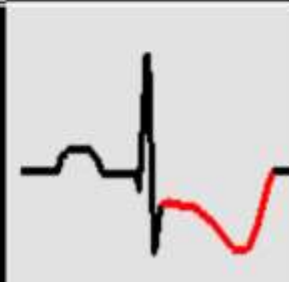
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# ***ECG Patterns associated with “EARLY PHASE MI:”***

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



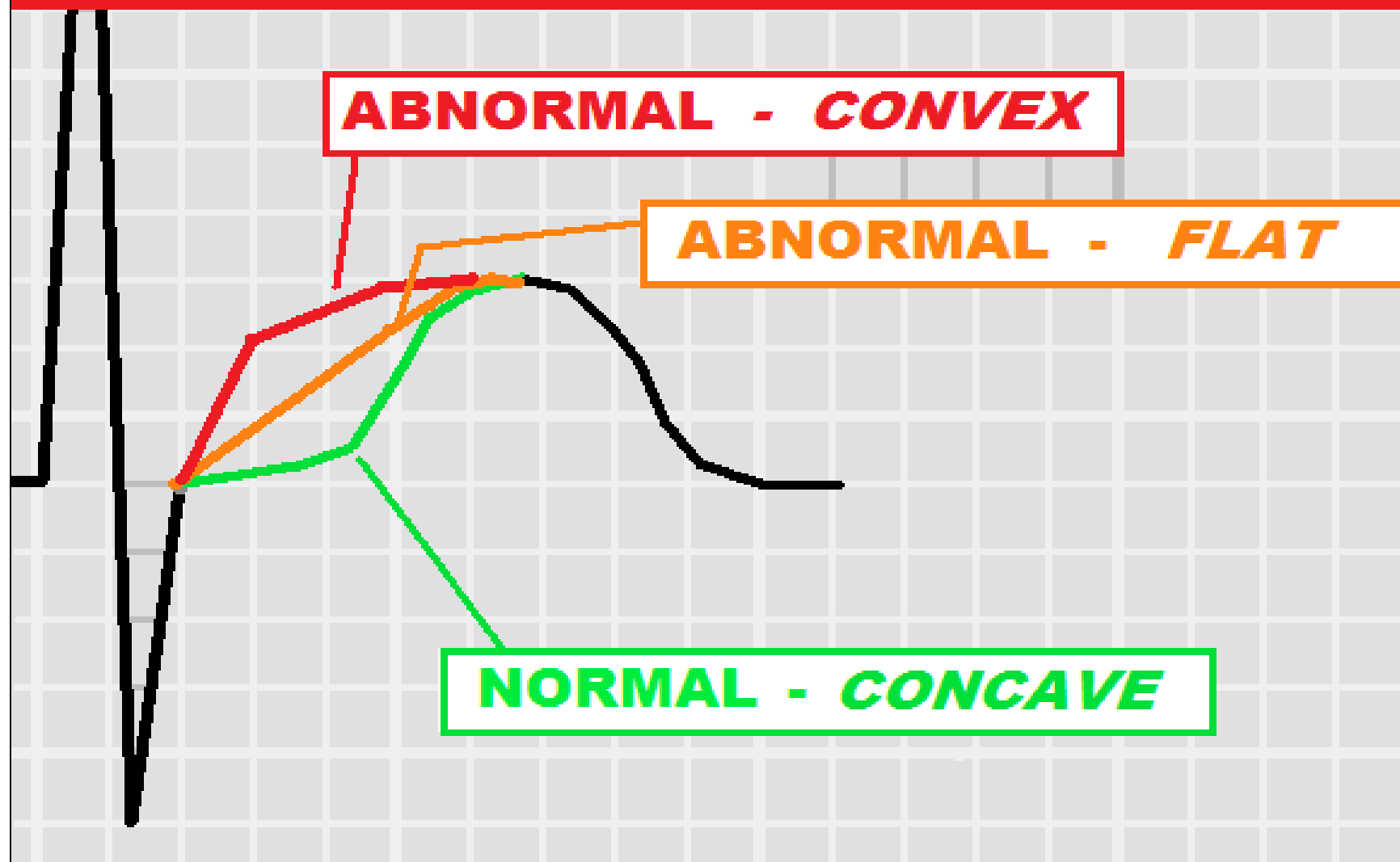
# J-T Apex Segment



ST-Segment

T wave: origin to apex

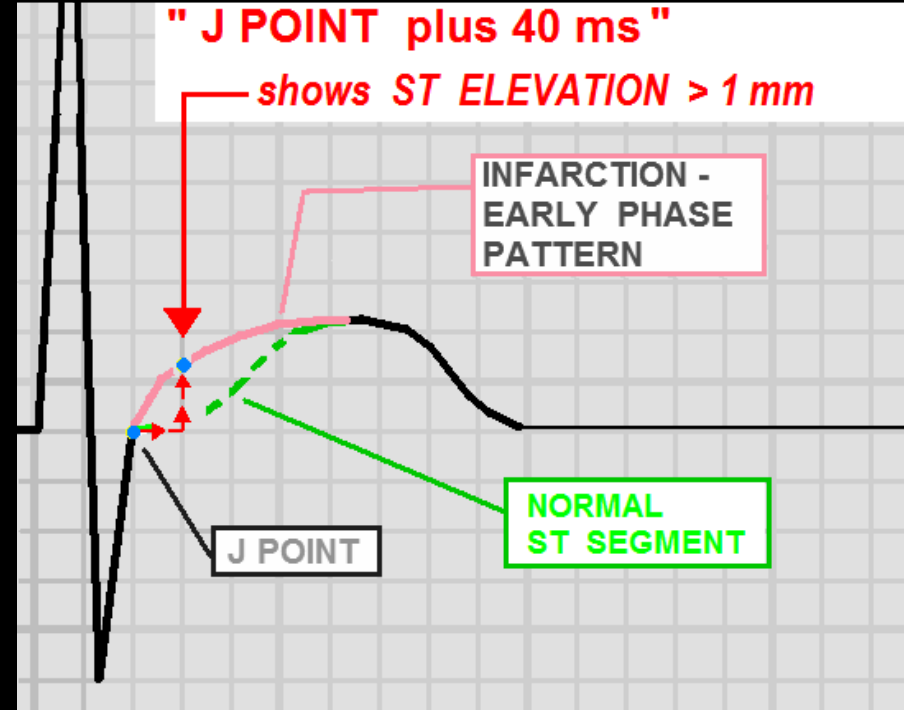
# J-T APEX SEGMENT VARIATIONS



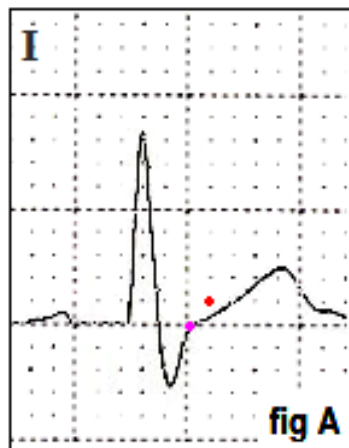
***PATTERNS of EARLY INFARCTION***  
**-- FLAT and CONVEX J-T APEX SEGMENTS**

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

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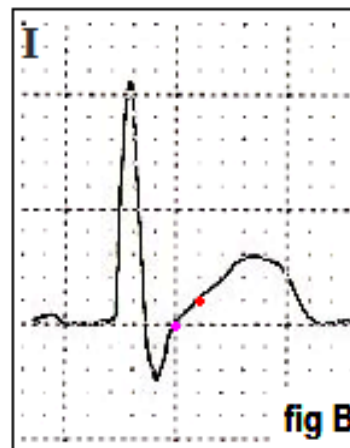


During **NORMAL STATES** of PERFUSION, the J POINT is **ISOELECTRIC** and the ST SEGMENT has a **CONCAVE** appearance. When measured 40 ms beyond the J POINT (noted by the **RED DOT**), the ST SEGMENT elevation is less than 1mm.



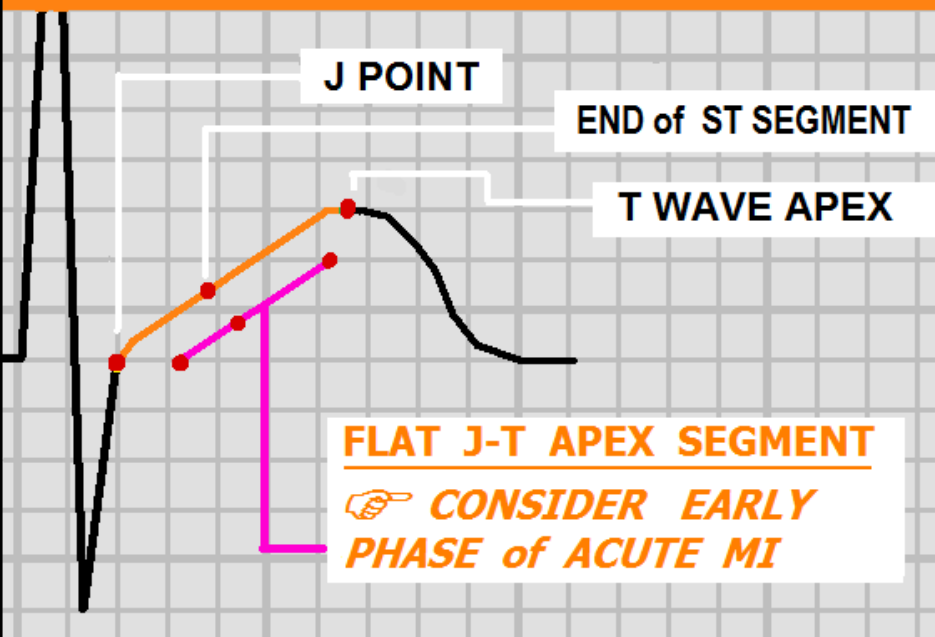
Both figures were recorded from a 54 year old male while resting (figure A), and during PTCA of the Left Anterior Descending artery (figure B).

During a 20 second **BALLOON OCCLUSION** of the patient's LAD during routine PTCA, the ST segment

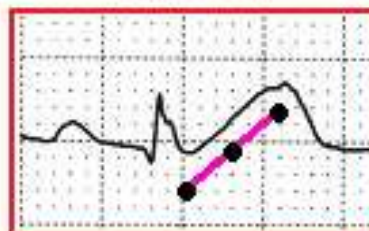


assumes a **CONVEX** shape. When measured 40 ms beyond the J POINT, the ST segment is elevated > 1 mm. This phenomenon is seen routinely in the cath lab prior to the occurrence of ST ELEVATION at the J POINT during PTCA and STENTING.

# ABNORMAL J-T APEX SEGMENT



LEAD II



41 y/o FEMALE

In ER C/O CHEST PAIN  
x 30 minutes.

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

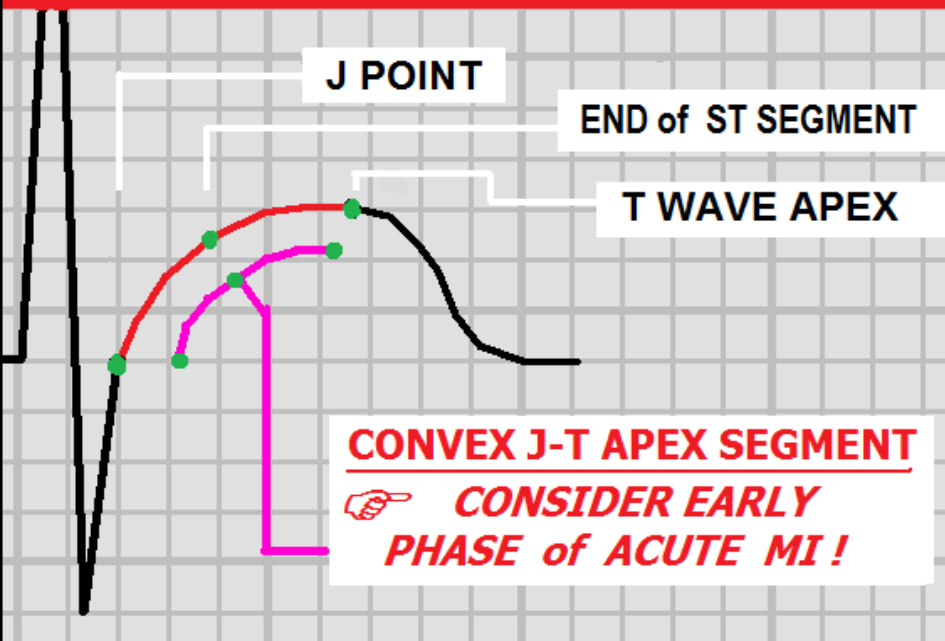


**STEMI - INFERIOR WALL**

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

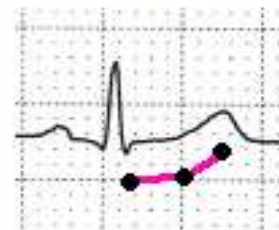
- **CATH LAB FINDINGS:**  
**TOTAL OCCLUSION of the  
RIGHT CORONARY ARTERY**

# ABNORMAL J-T APEX SEGMENT



LEAD I

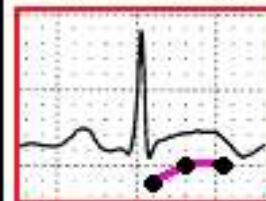
53 y/o MALE



1 yr. PRIOR TO MI

NORMAL EKG

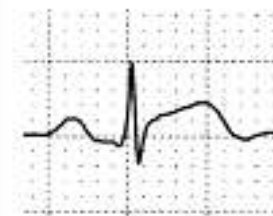
CONCAVE J - T APEX SEGMENT



0732 hrs

**STEMI LATERAL WALL**

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



0747 hrs

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

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

## CASE STUDY: ABNORMAL J-T APEX SEGMENTS

### CHIEF COMPLAINT and SIGNIFICANT HISTORY:

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

### RISK FACTOR PROFILE:

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

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

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

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

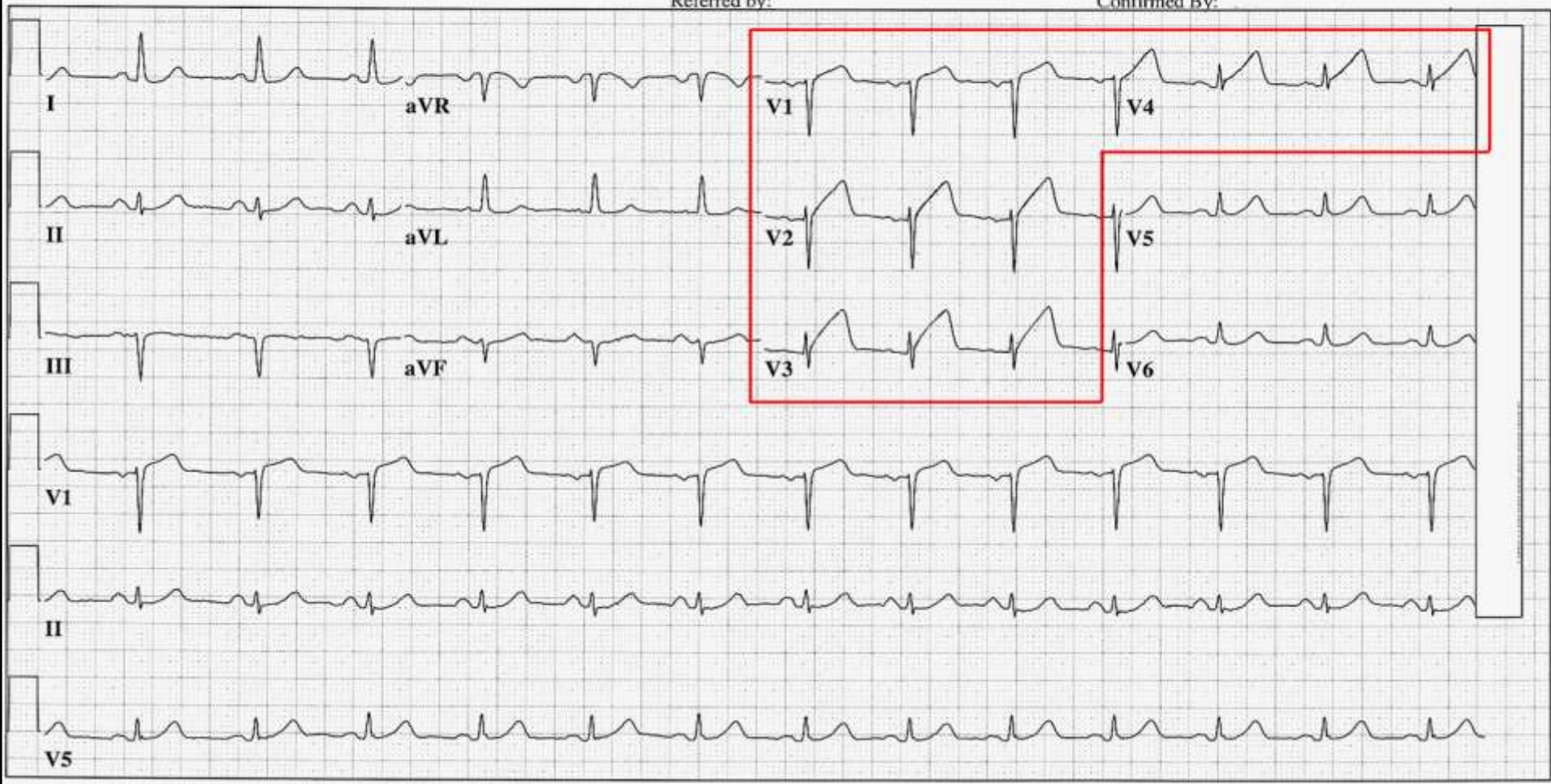
36 yr Male Caucasian  
Room:A9 Loc:3 Option:23  
Vent. rate 80 BPM  
PR interval 154 ms  
QRS duration 78 ms  
QT/QTc 380/438 ms  
P-R-T axes 51 -24 38

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Normal ECG  
No previous ECGs available

Technician: W Ruppert

Referred by:

Confirmed By:

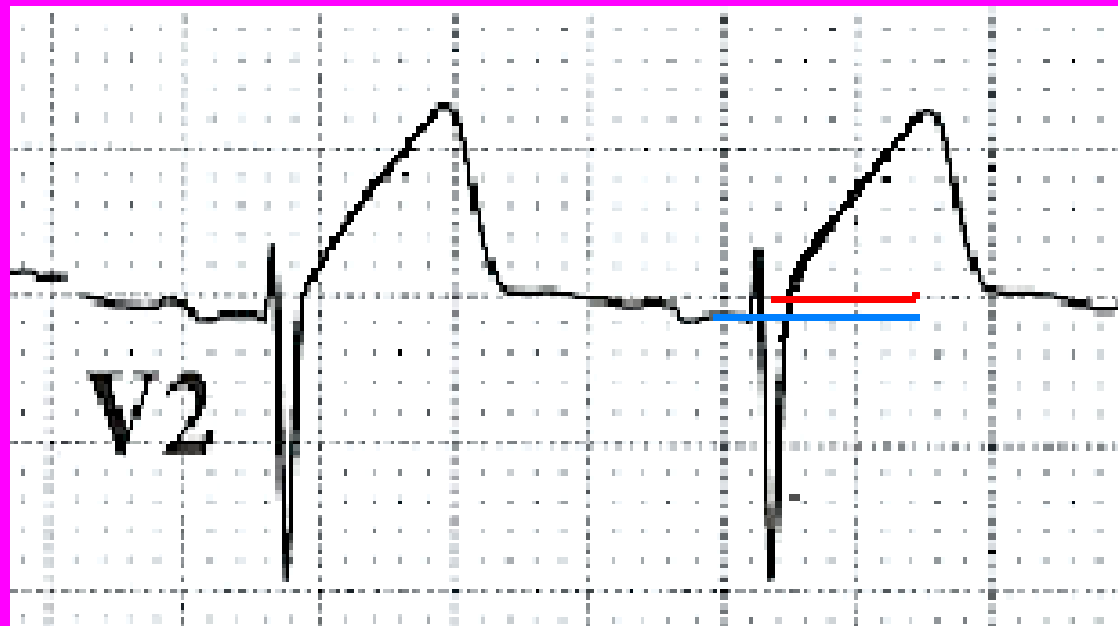


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**ECG COMPUTER DOES NOT NOTICE THE CONVEX J-T APEX SEGMENTS !**

# measurement of S-T elevation

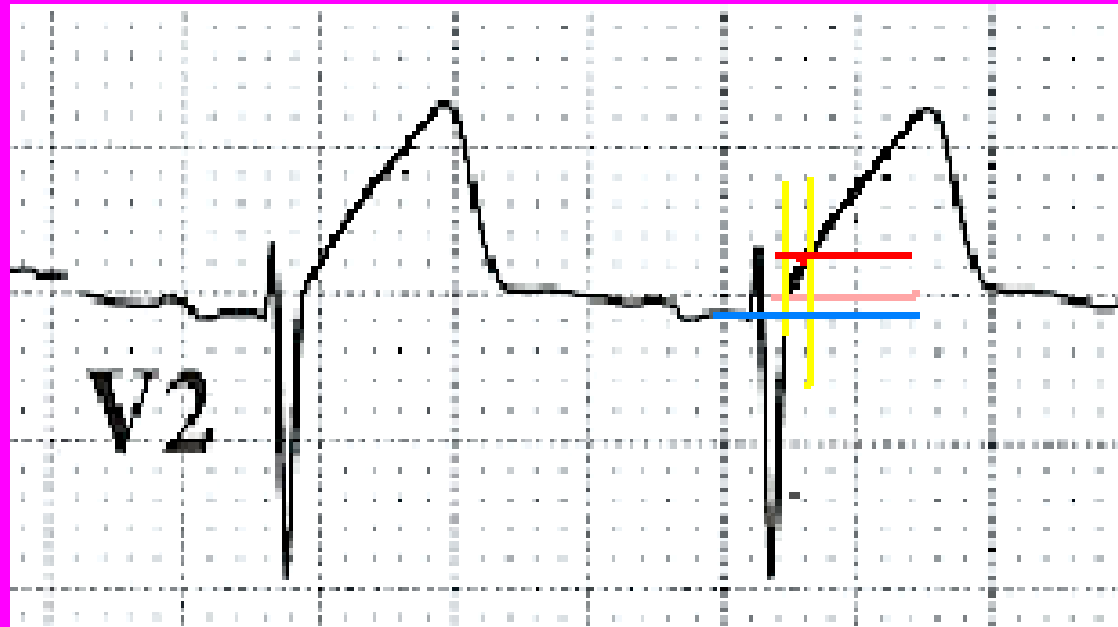


S-T elevation at J point = 0.5 mm

**ACUTE MI = S-T elev. > 1.0 mm**



# measurement of S-T elevation by "J point + .04" method

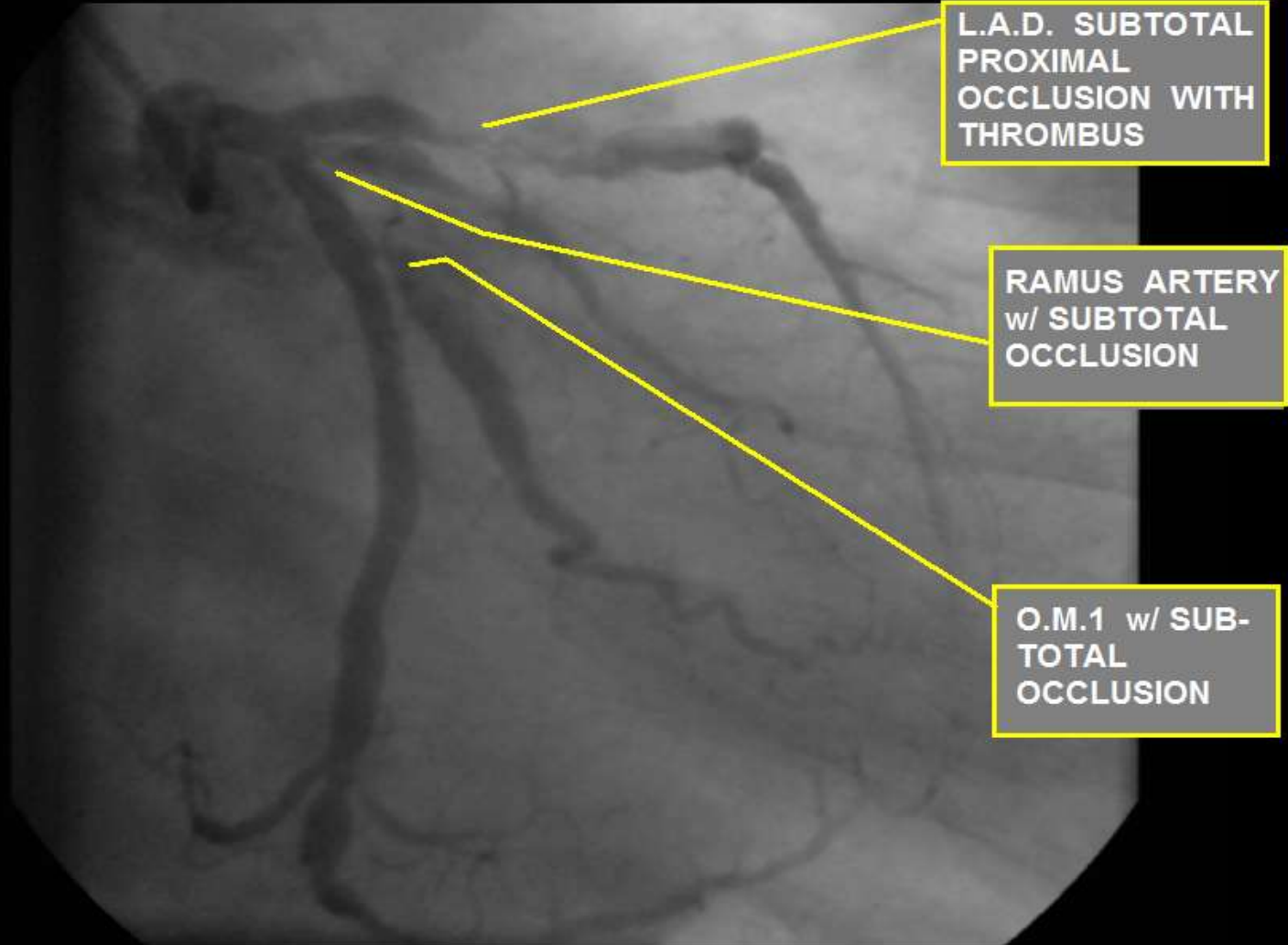


S-T elevation at J point = 0.5 mm

S-T elevation at J + .04 = 2.0 mm

**ACUTE MI = S-T elev. > 1.0 mm**

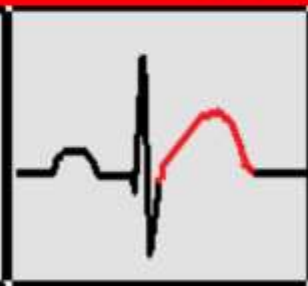
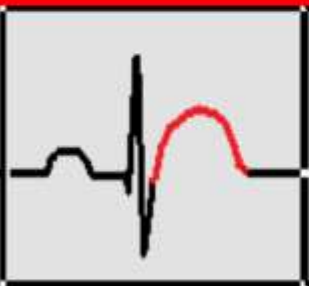
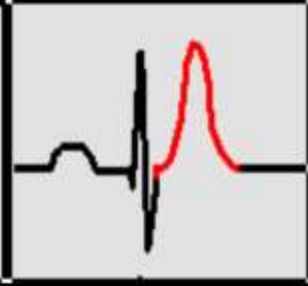
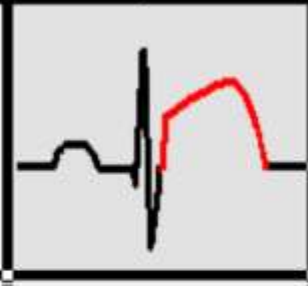
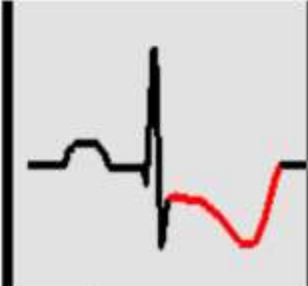
**CASE STUDY: 56 y/o male with INTERMITTENT "CHEST HEAVINESS" . . . . .**



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

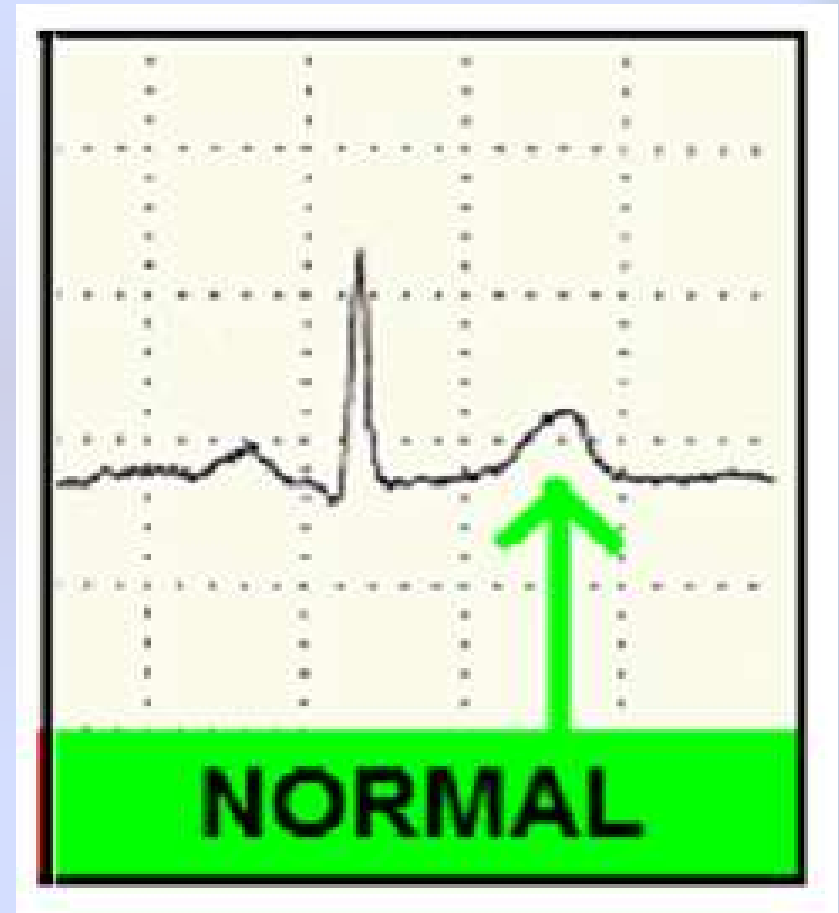
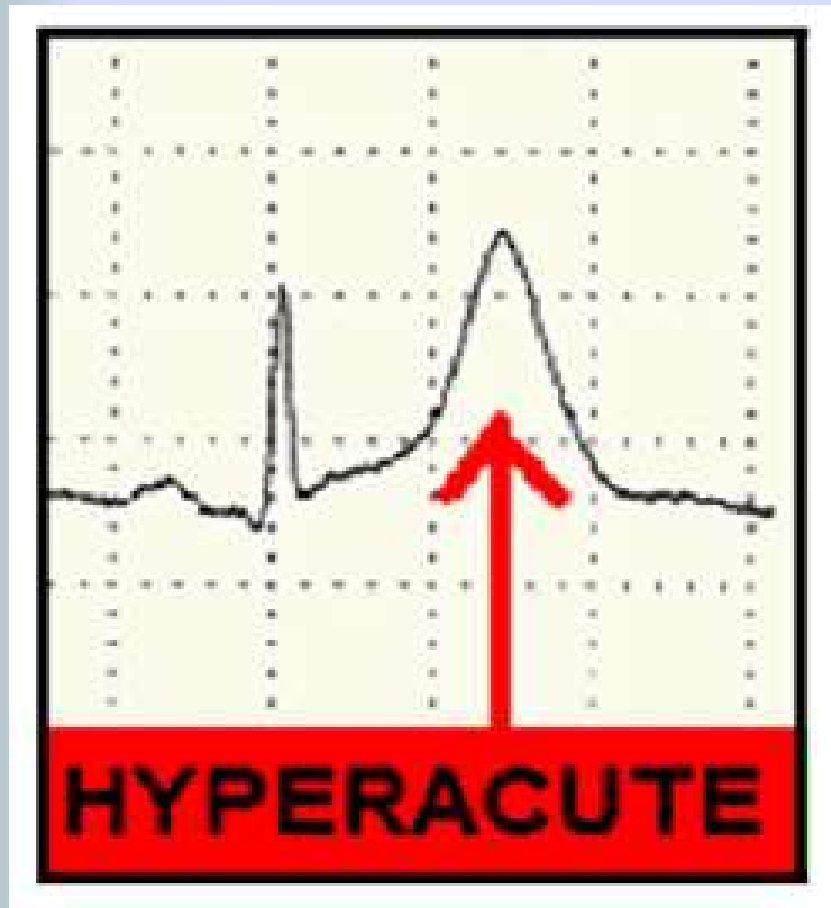
# ***PATTERNS of ACS & ISCHEMIA***

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

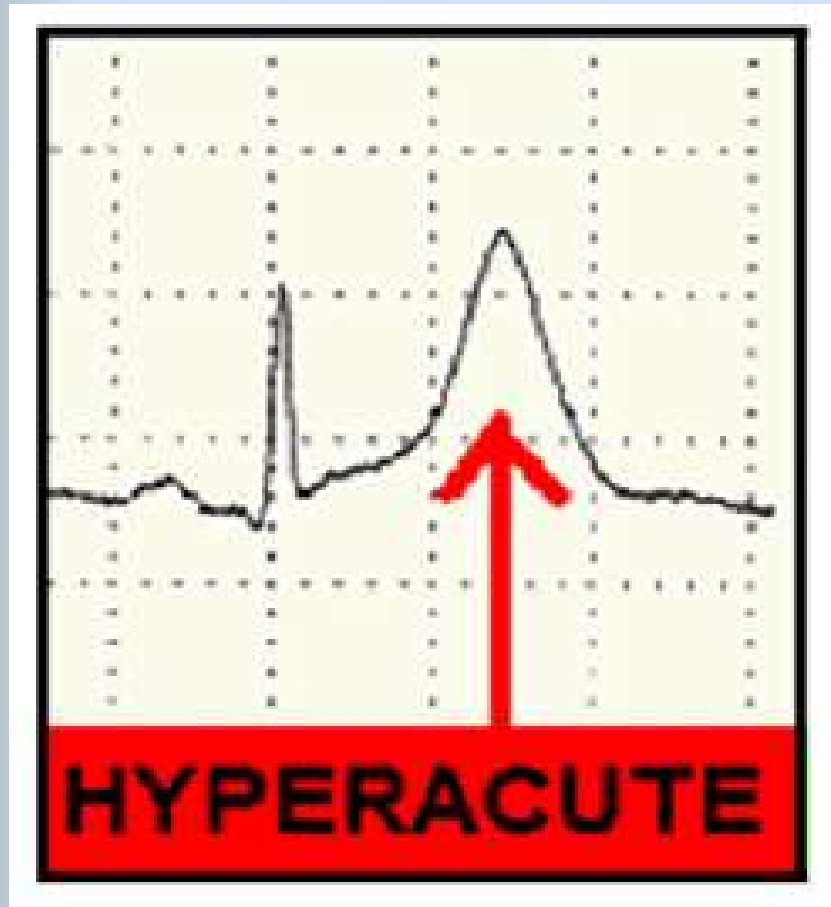
! FLAT or CONVEX J-T APEX SEGMENT			<b><i>ACUTE MI</i></b> <b><i>EARLY PHASE</i></b>
! HYPER-ACUTE T WAVE			<b><i>ACUTE MI</i></b> <b><i>EARLY PHASE</i></b>
! S-T SEGMENT ELEVATION at J POINT			<b><i>ACUTE MI</i></b>
! DEPRESSED J pt. DOWNSLOPING ST and INVERTED T			<b>- ACUTE (NON-Q WAVE) MI</b> <b>- ACUTE MI - (RECIPROCAL CHANGES)</b> <b>- ISCHEMIA</b>



# T waves should not be HYPERACUTE

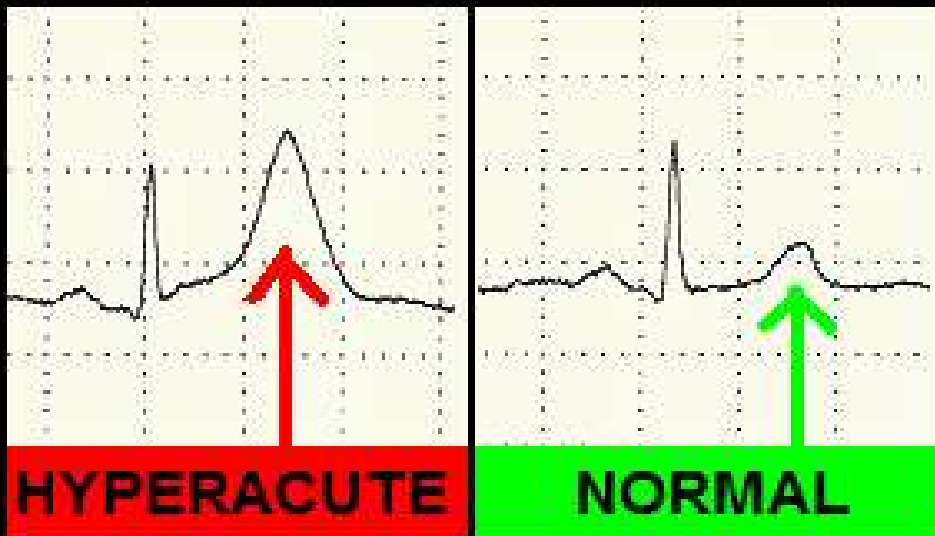


# HYPERACUTE T Waves may indicate:



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

# HYPERACUTE T WAVES



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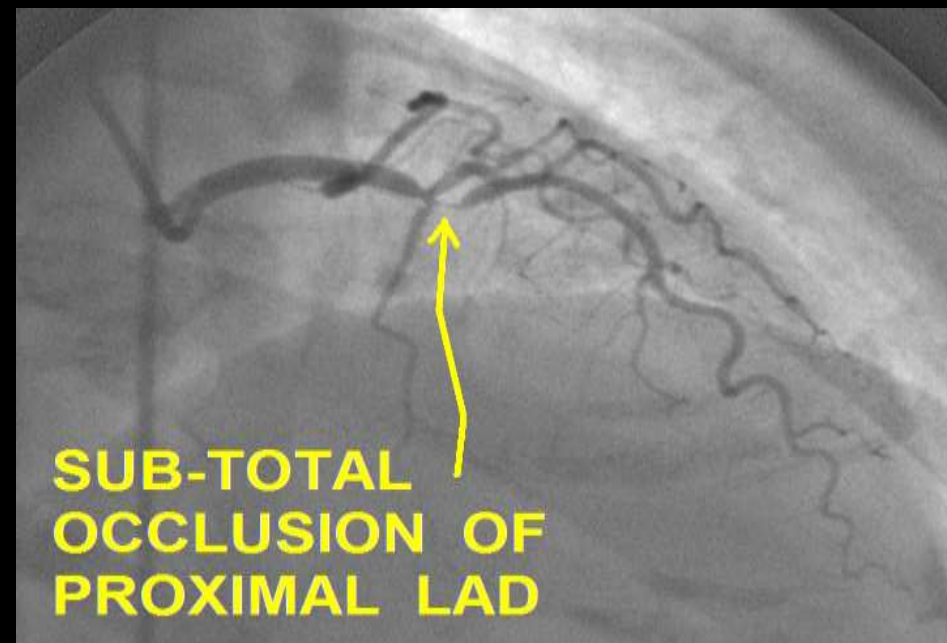
## HYPER-ACUTE T WAVES - COMMON ETIOLOGIES:



CONDITION: \_\_\_\_\_

SEE PAGE(S): \_\_\_\_\_

- HYPERKALEMIA** — XX - XX
- ACUTE MI** — XX - XX
- TRANS-MURAL ISCHEMIA** — XX - XX
- HYPERTROPHY** — XX - XX



# Helpful Clue: Hyper-Acute T Waves

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

ID:

23-Nov-

REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

55years

Female

Caucasian

Vent. rate 57 bpm

PR interval 150 ms

QRS duration 102 ms

QT/QTc 472/459 ms

P-R-T axes 76 70 58

Sinus bradyc a

Possible Left atrial enlargement

Borderline ECG

Room:

Technician:

Test ind:

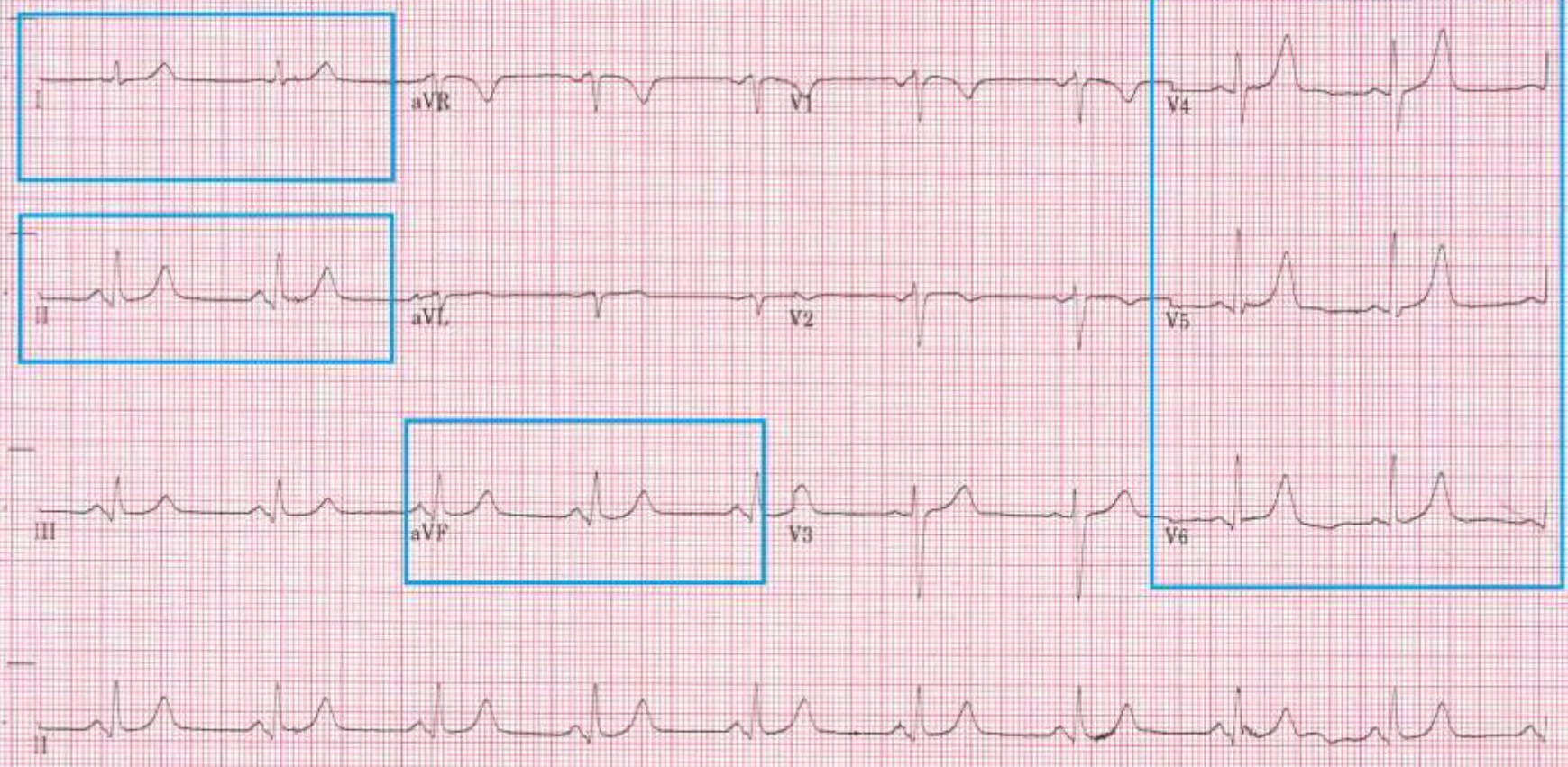
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NO STEMI  
TIME 1:51

**K+ = 6.7**

Referred by:

Unconfirmed

LOCATION:



100 Hz 25.0 mm/s 10.0 mm/mV

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# Helpful Clue: Hyper-Acute T Waves

- **GLOBAL Hyper-acute T Waves** (in leads viewing multiple myocardial regions / arterial distributions) **favours HYPERKALEMIA**
- **Hyper-acute T Wave noted in ONE ARTERIAL DISTRIBUTION** ( Anterior / Lateral / Inferior ) **favours TRANSMURAL ISCHEMIA / Early Phase Acute MI**

## CASE STUDY: HYPERACUTE T WAVES

### CHIEF COMPLAINT and SIGNIFICANT HISTORY:

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

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

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

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

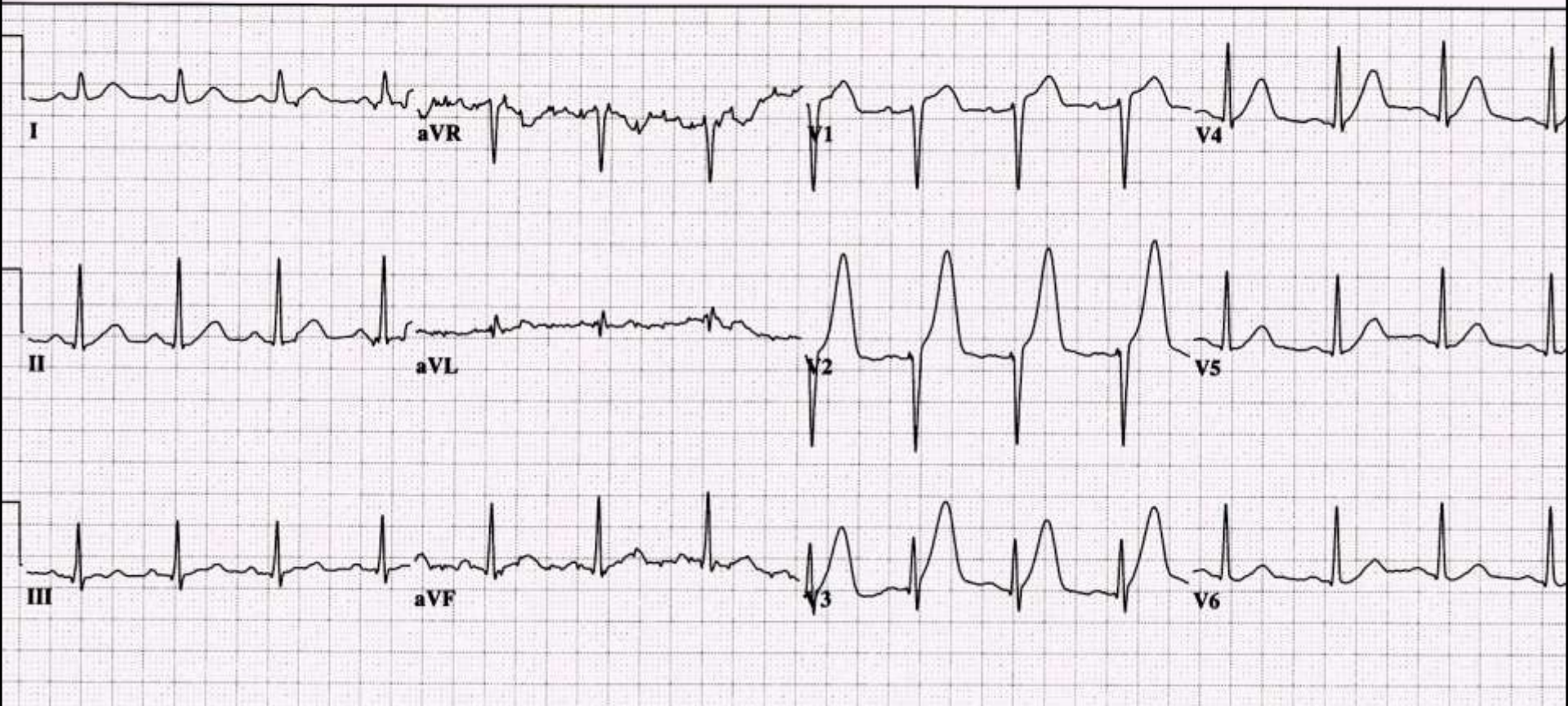
**DIAGNOSTIC TESTING:** 1st TROPONIN I - ultra: <0.07

30 yr  
Male Black  
Room: ER  
Loc: Option:

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

Normal sinus rhythm  
Normal ECG  
No previous ECGs available

← NOTE COMPUTER INTERPRETATION



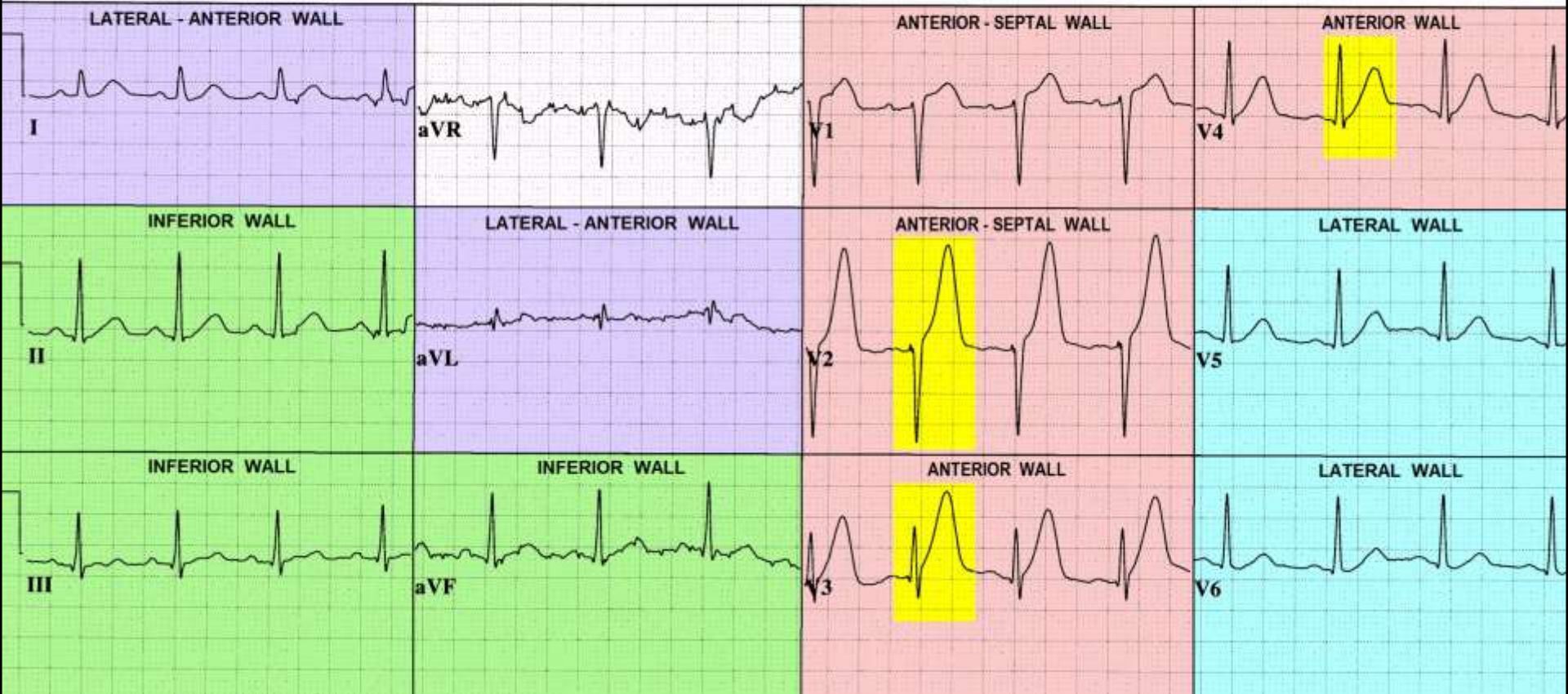
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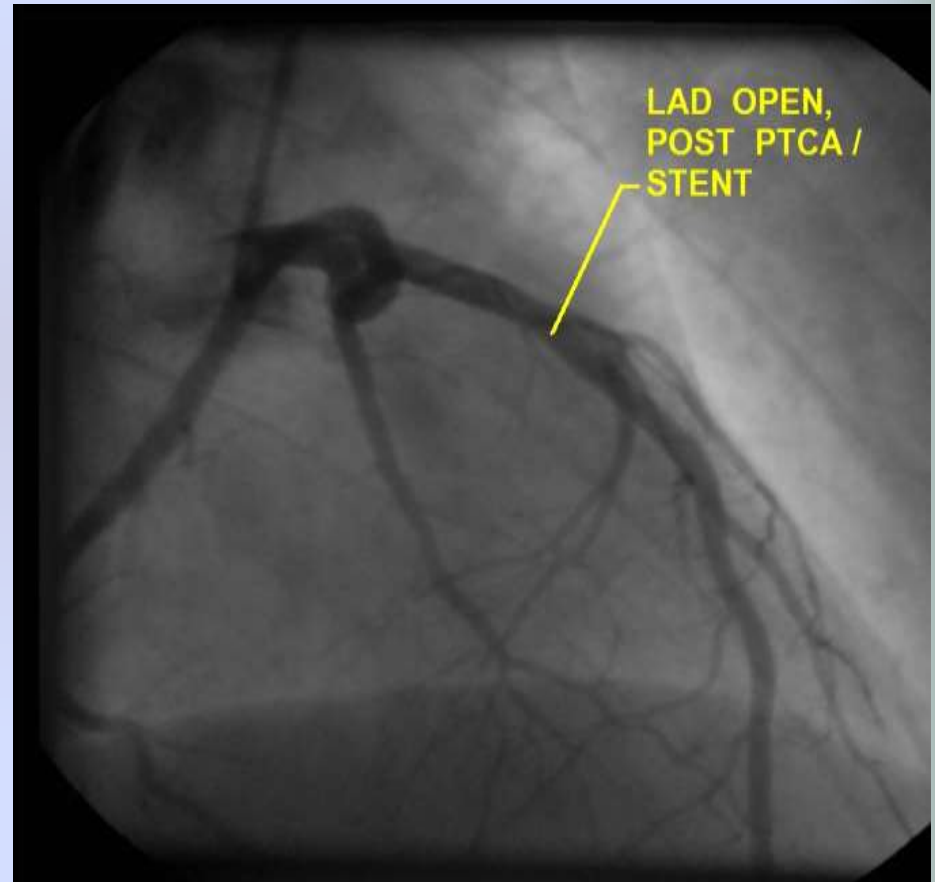
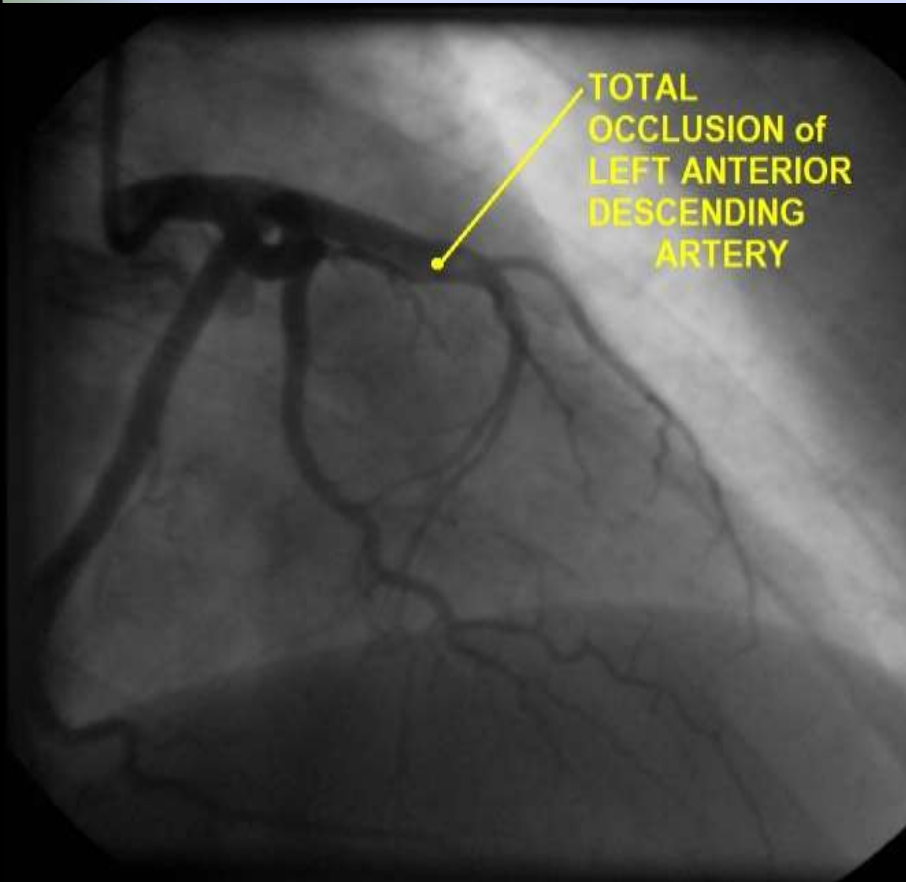
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**HIGHLIGHTED AREAS =  
 HYPERACUTE T WAVES**

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



## Cath Lab findings:



# Dynamic ST-T Wave Changes:

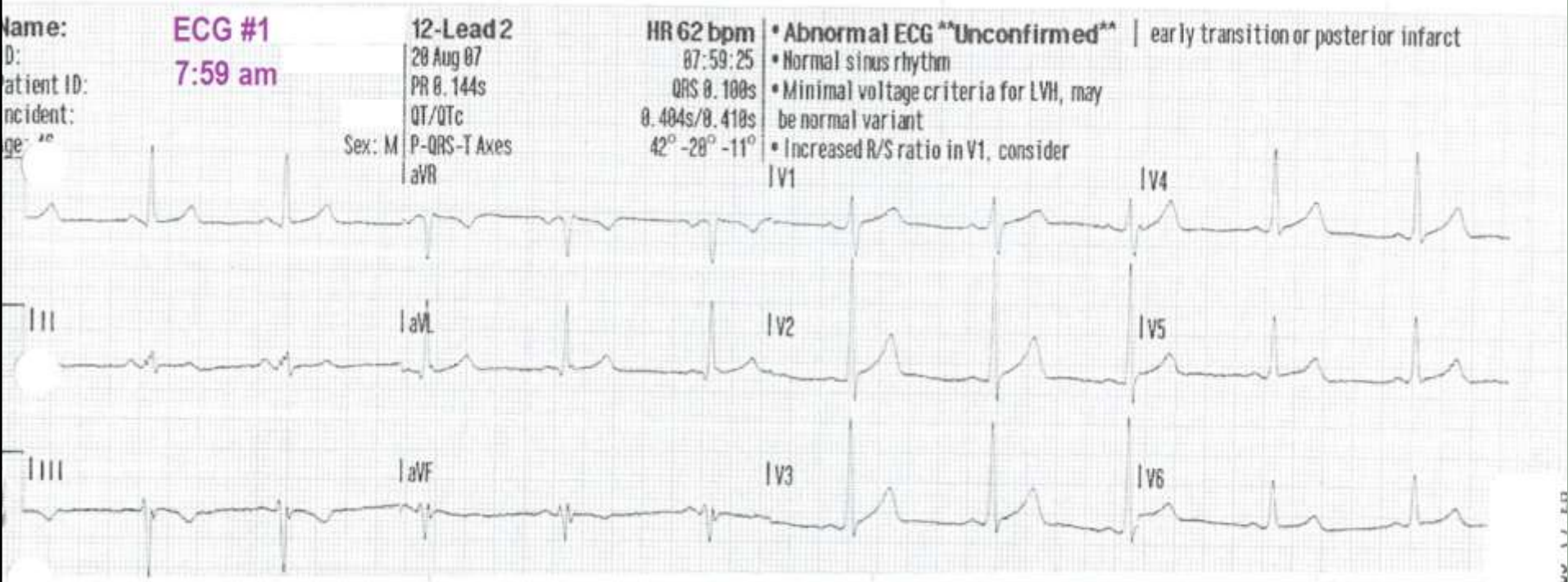
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# Dynamic ST-T Wave Changes:

- Other than HEART RATE related variations (which affect intervals), ***J Points, ST-Segments and T Waves SHOULD NOT CHANGE.***
- **When changes to J Points, ST-Segments and/or T waves are NOTED, consider EVOLVING MYOCARDIAL ISCHEMIA and/or EARLY PHASE MI, until proven otherwise.**

# 46 year old male

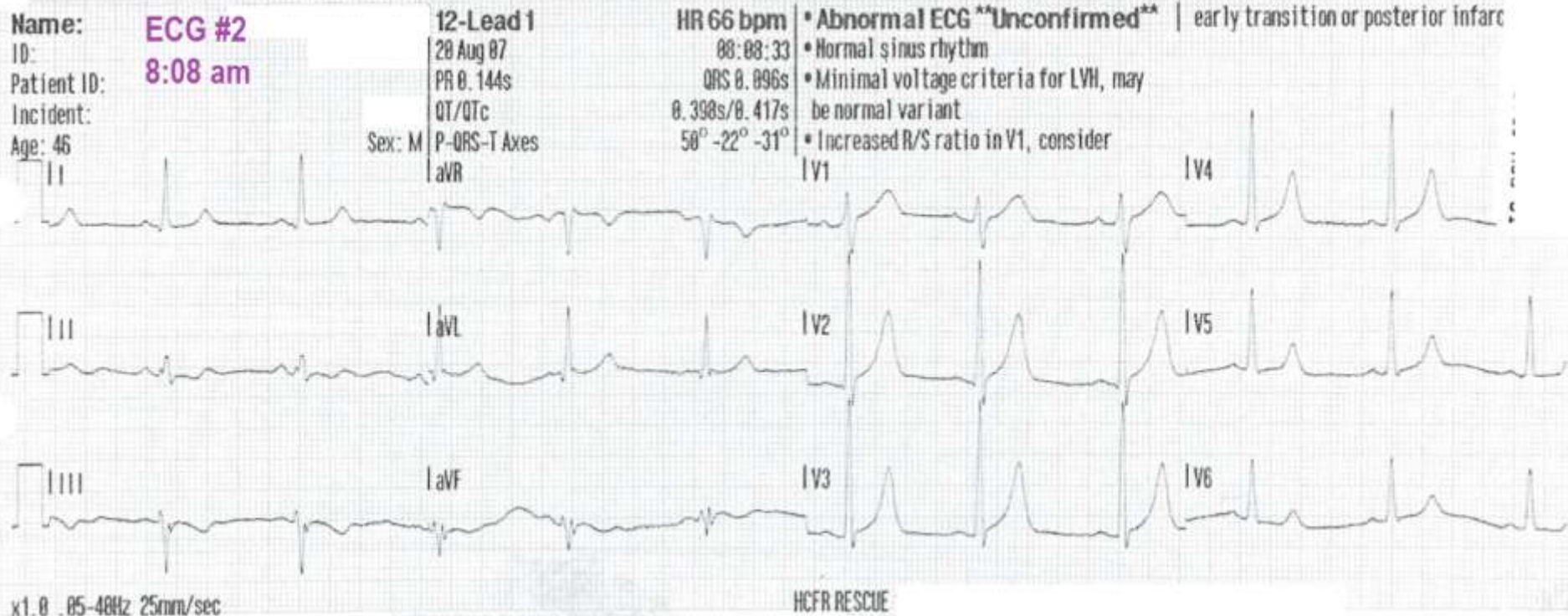
- Exertional dyspnea X “several weeks”
- Intermittent chest pressure X last 3 hours.  
Currently pain free.





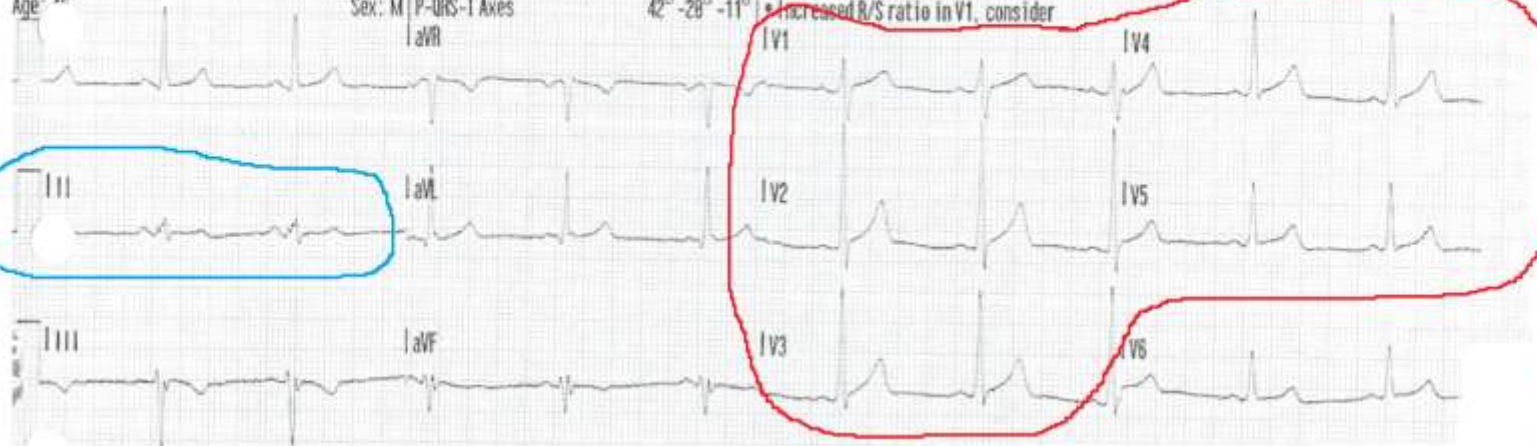
# 46 year old male: ECG 1

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



Name: **ECG #1** 12-Lead 2  
 ID: 28 Aug 07  
 Patient ID: 7:59 am  
 Incident:  
 Age: 46 Sex: M  
 HR 62 bpm  
 87:59:25  
 QRS 0.100s  
 0.404s/0.410s  
 42° -28° -11°

• **Abnormal ECG \*\*Unconfirmed\*\*** | early transition or posterior infarct  
 • Normal sinus rhythm  
 • Minimal voltage criteria for LVH, may be normal variant  
 • Increased R/S ratio in V1, consider

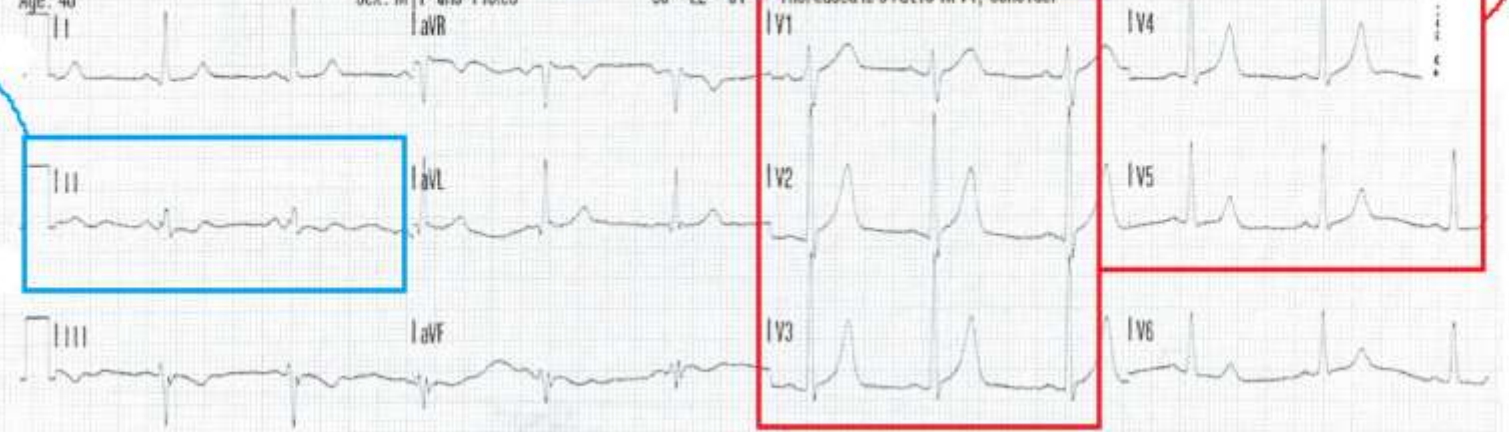


ST-segments have dropped in Lead II

T waves have gained amplitude in Leads V1-V5

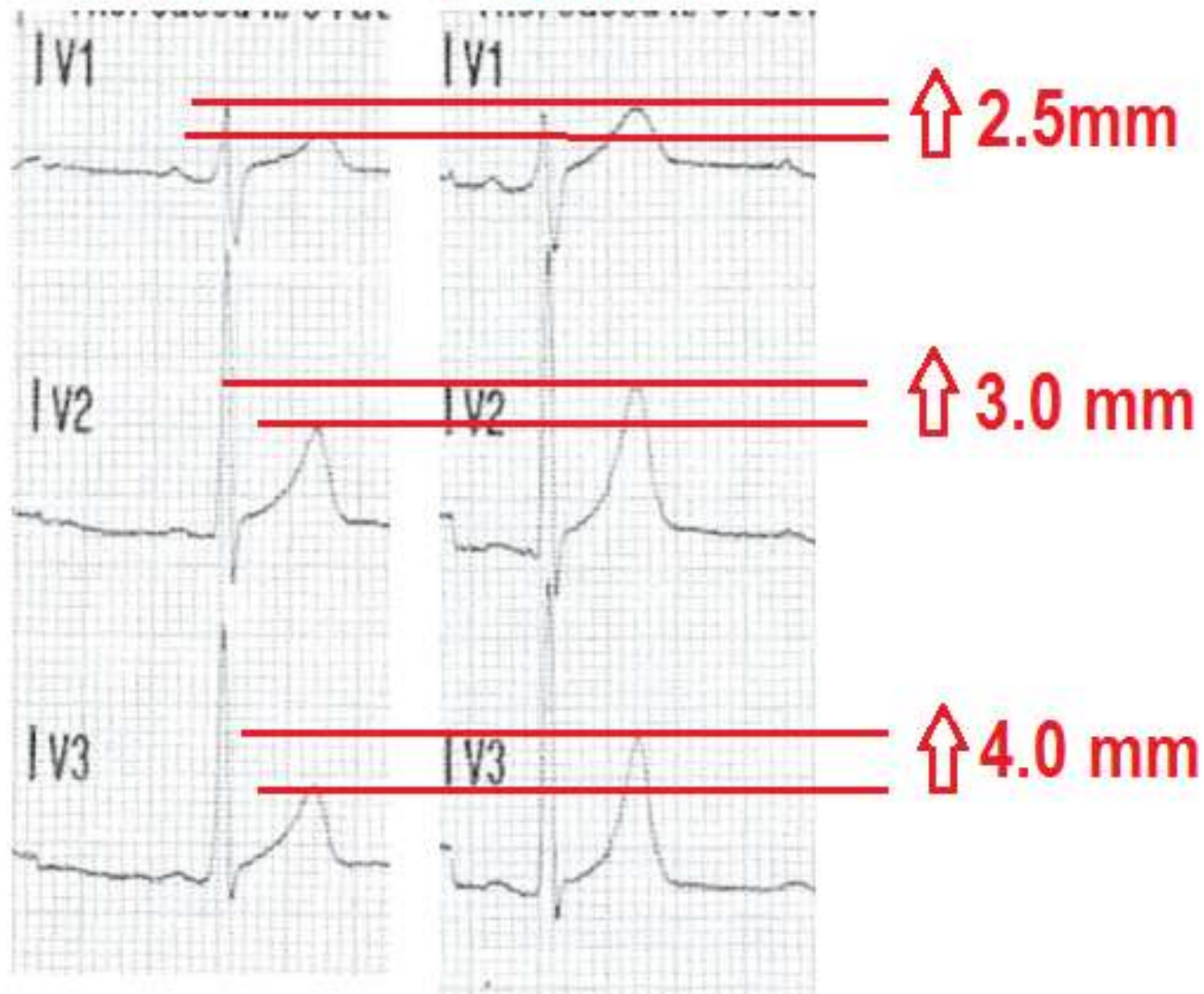
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 ID: 28 Aug 07  
 Patient ID: 8:08 am  
 Incident:  
 Age: 46 Sex: M  
 HR 66 bpm  
 88:08:33  
 QRS 0.096s  
 0.398s/0.417s  
 58° -22° -31°

• **Abnormal ECG \*\*Unconfirmed\*\*** | early transition or posterior infarct  
 • Normal sinus rhythm  
 • Minimal voltage criteria for LVH, may be normal variant  
 • Increased R/S ratio in V1, consider



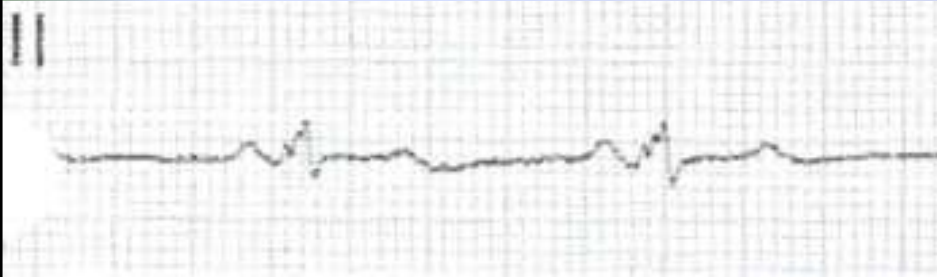
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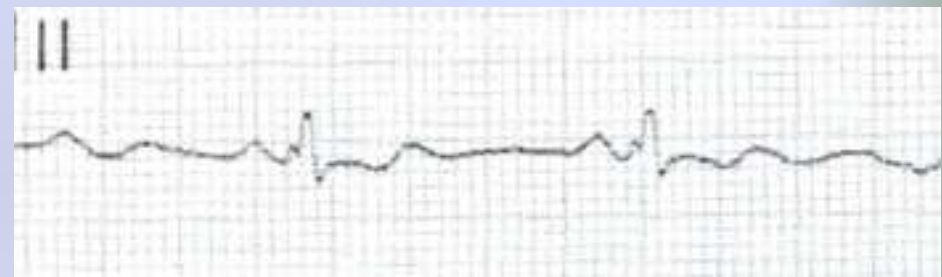


# ST-Segment Depression

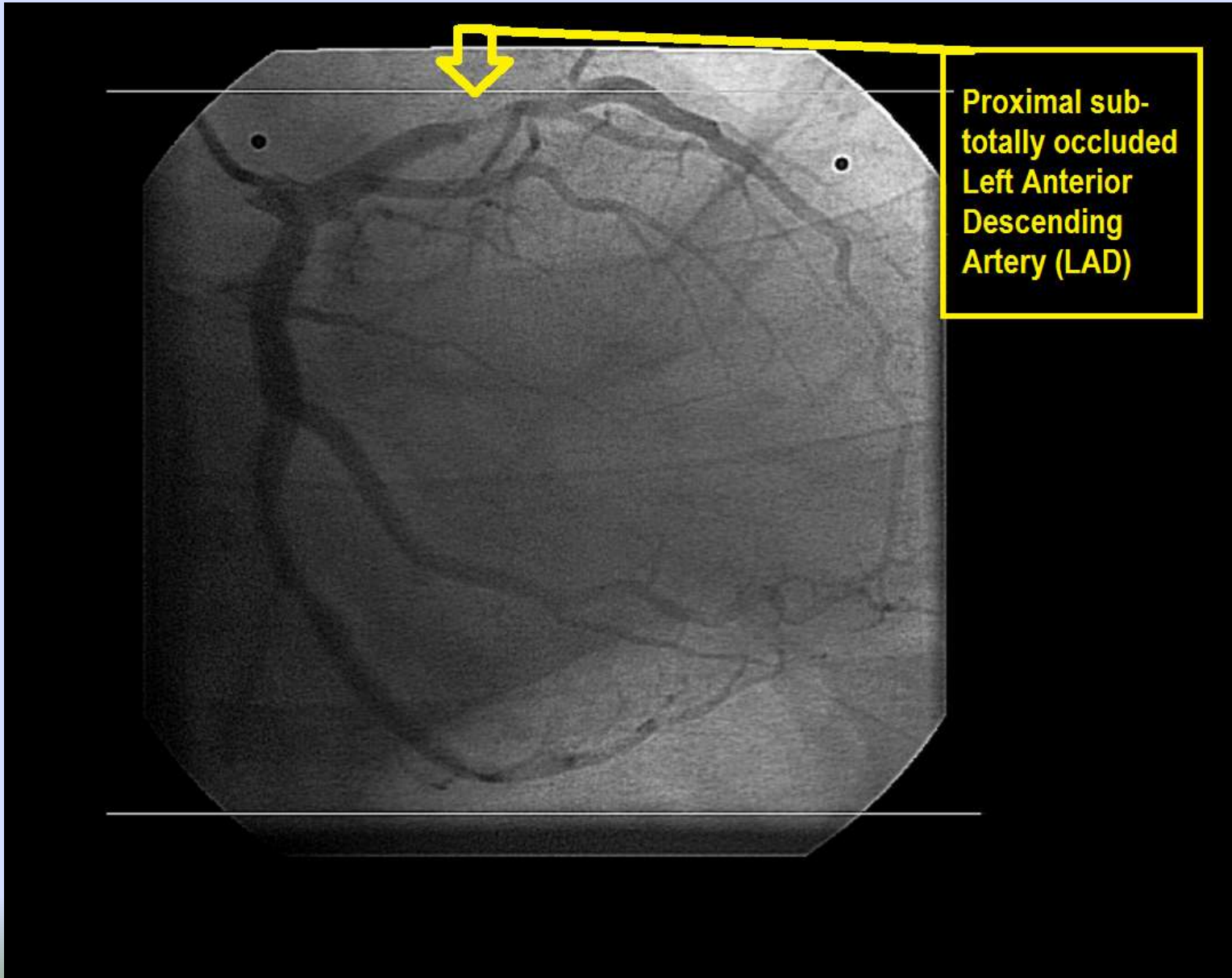
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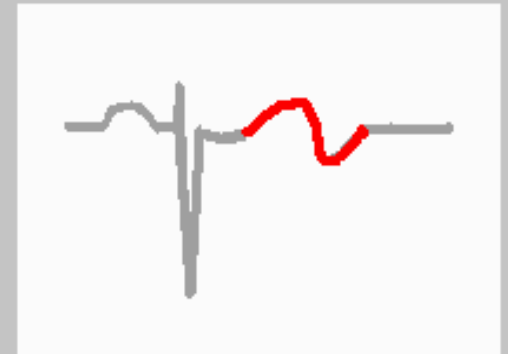


# Cath Lab Angiography:



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

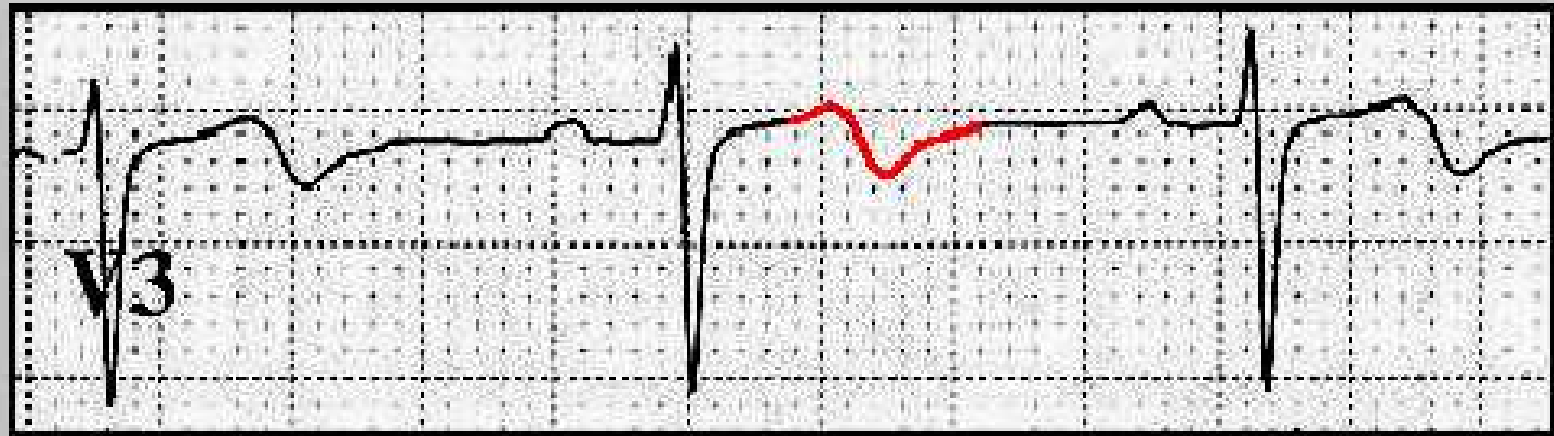
# **ISCHEMIA**



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

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

# BI-PHASIC T WAVES



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



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



# Classic “Wellen’s Syndrome:”

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

# **Wellen's Syndrome ETIOLOGY:**

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

# Wellen's Syndrome EPIDEMIOLOGY & PROGNOSIS:

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

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

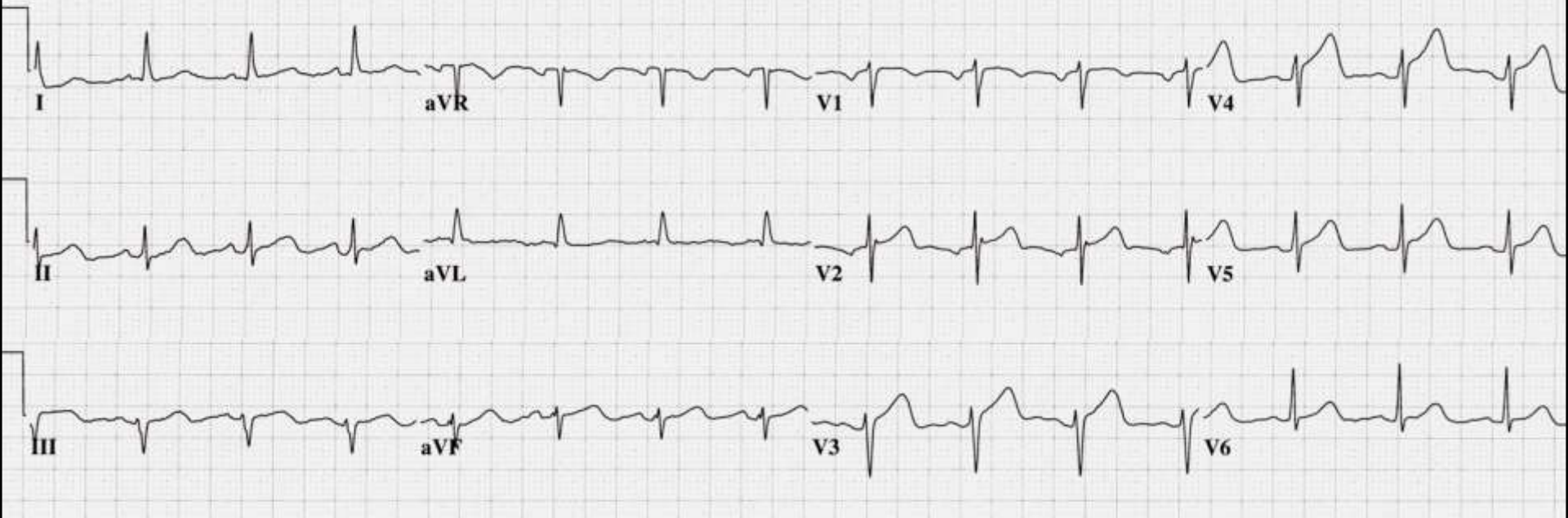
# Wellen's Syndrome Case Study

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

# Wellen's Syndrome Case Study

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

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

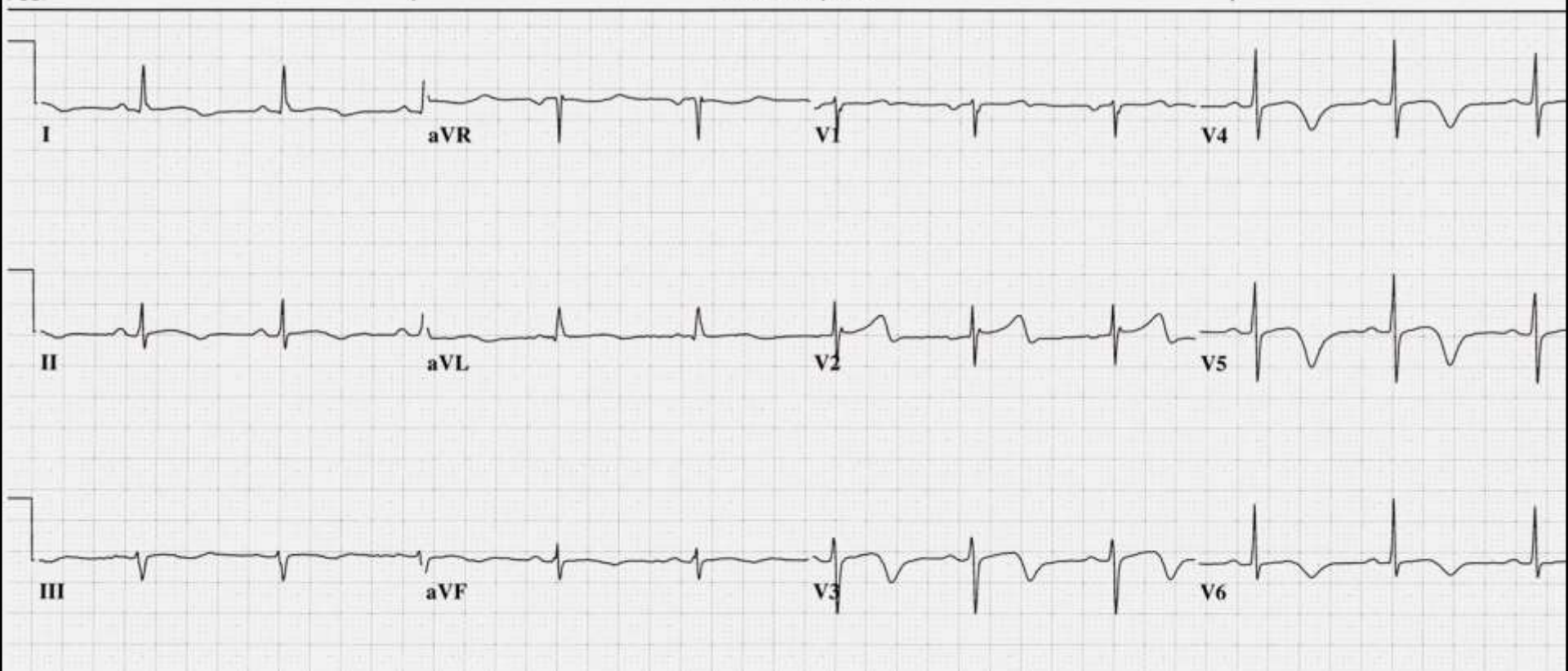


# Wellen's Syndrome Case Study

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

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

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



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

**NOW**

***is the time for the***

***STAT CALL***

***to the***

***CARDIOLOGIST !!!!***

# Wellen's Syndrome Case Study

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

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

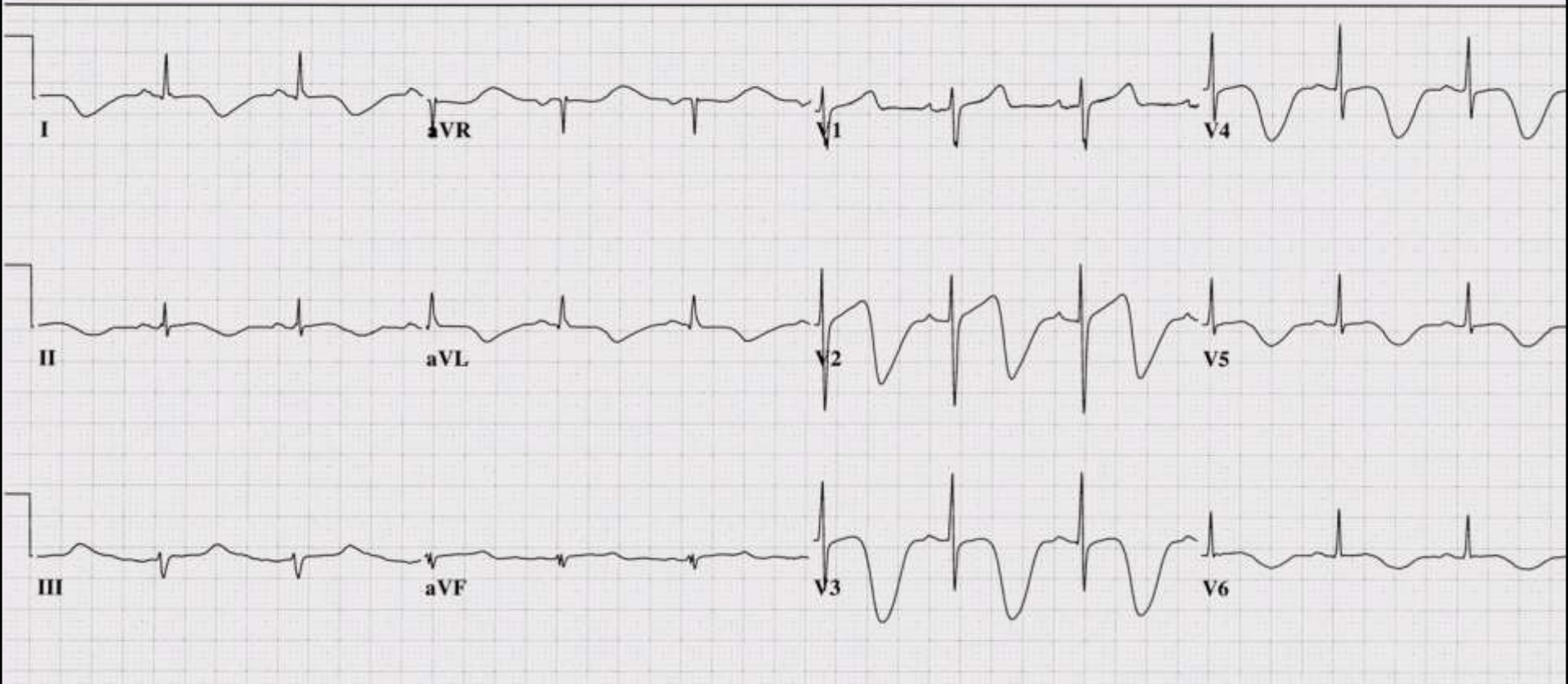




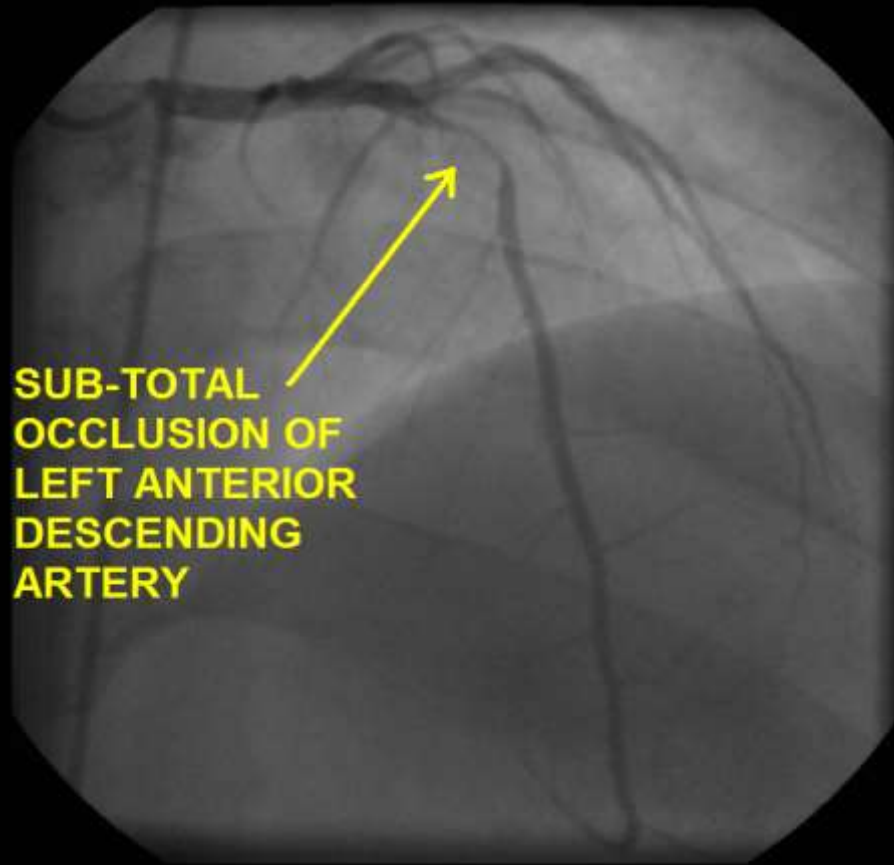
# Wellen's Syndrome Case Study

SERIAL EKG CASE STUDY 1 - EKG # 4 @ 15:37 HOURS

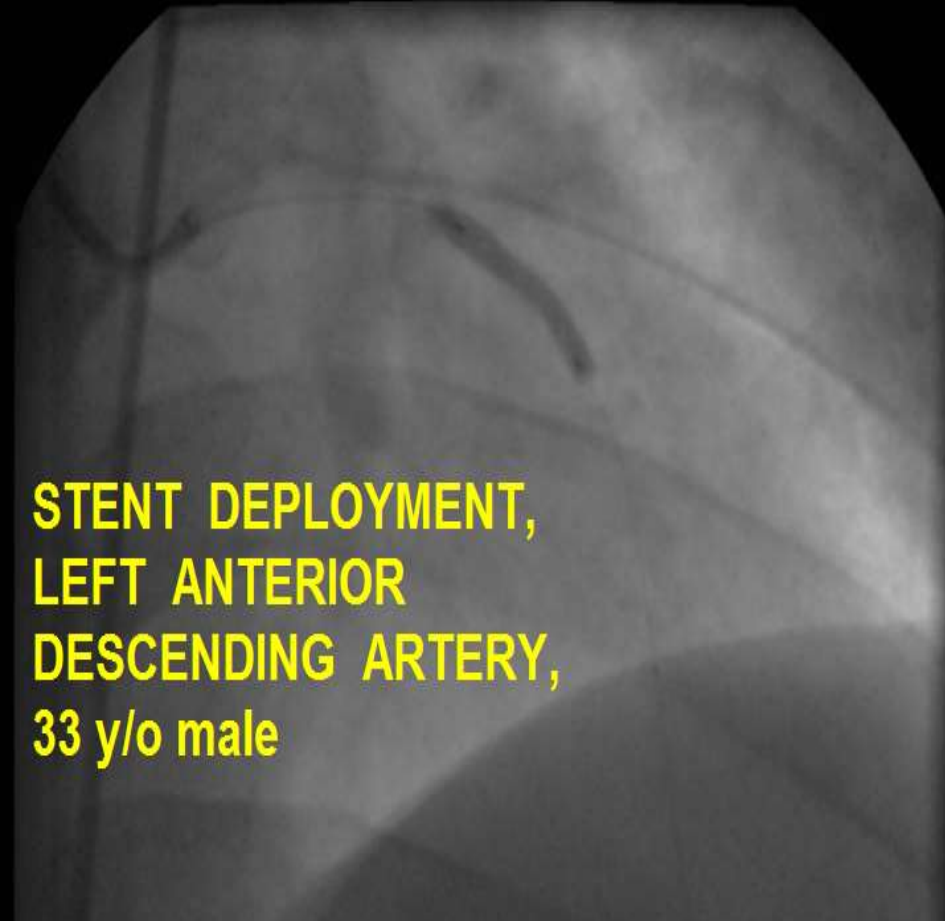
33 yr		Vent. rate	71	BPM	Normal sinus rhythm
Male	Black	PR interval	144	ms	Marked T wave abnormality, consider anterolateral ischemia
		QRS duration	74	ms	Prolonged QT
Room:405A		QT/QTc	600/652	ms	Abnormal ECG
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# Wellen's Syndrome Case Study

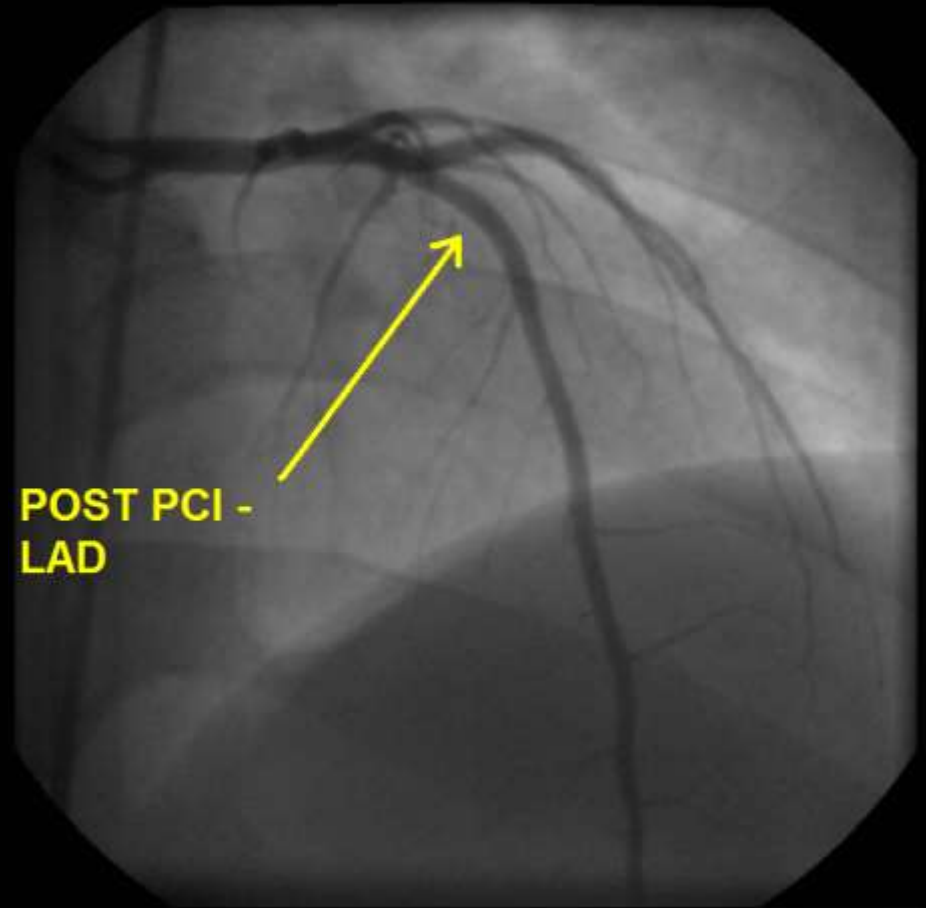
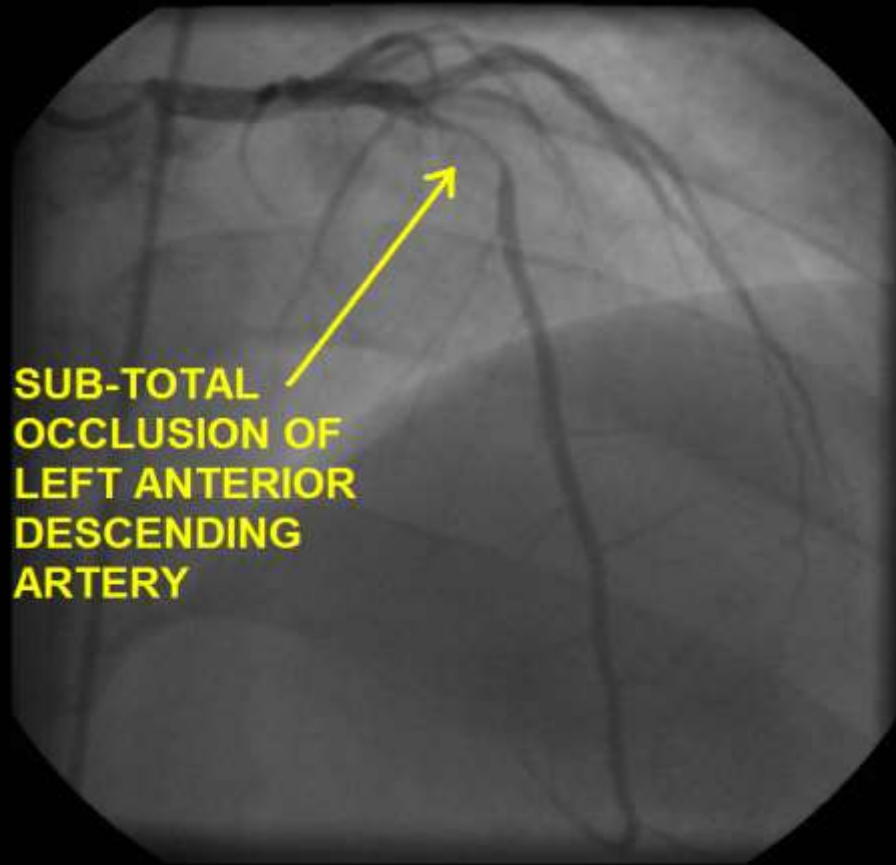


**SUB-TOTAL  
OCCLUSION OF  
LEFT ANTERIOR  
DESCENDING  
ARTERY**



**STENT DEPLOYMENT,  
LEFT ANTERIOR  
DESCENDING ARTERY,  
33 y/o male**

# Wellen's Syndrome Case Study



# Additional Resources:



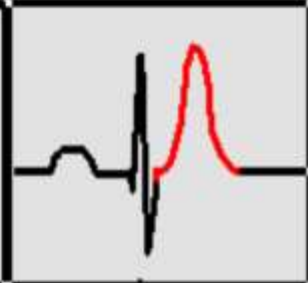
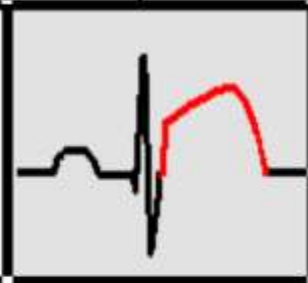
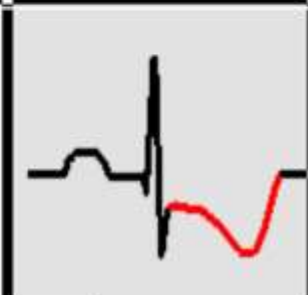
- [Wellen's Syndrome, NEJM case study](#)



“NOWHERE”, NEW MEXICO, 1994

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

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

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! HYPER-ACUTE T WAVE			<b><i>ACUTE MI</i></b> <b><i>EARLY PHASE</i></b>
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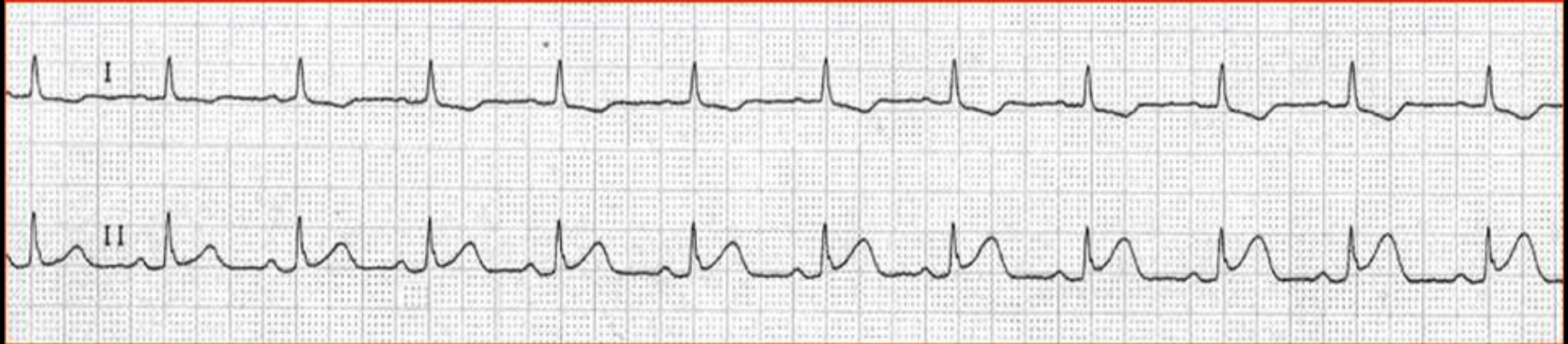
# Abnormal ST Elevation Criteria: ACC/AHA 2009 “Standardization and Interpretation of the ECG, Part VI Acute Ischemia and Infarction,” Galen Wagner, et al

## **Recommendations**

1. For men 40 years of age and older, the threshold value for abnormal J-point elevation should be 0.2 mV (2 mm) in leads  $V_2$  and  $V_3$  and 0.1 mV (1 mm) in all other leads.
2. For men less than 40 years of age, the threshold values for abnormal J-point elevation in leads  $V_2$  and  $V_3$  should be 0.25 mV (2.5 mm).
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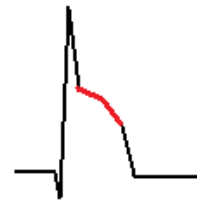
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**S-T SEGMENTS ELEVATE WITHIN SECONDS OF CORONARY ARTERY OCCLUSION:**



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

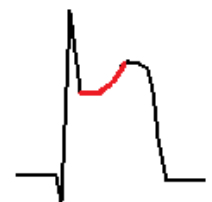
**3 COMMON PATTERNS of ST SEGMENT ELEVATION From ACUTE MI:**



**DOWNSLOPING S-T SEGMENT**



**FLAT S-T SEGMENT**




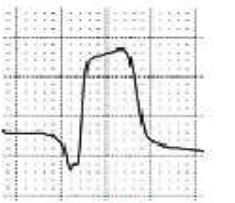
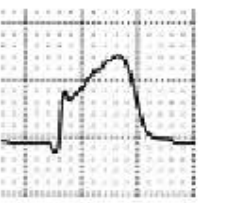
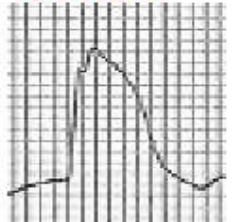

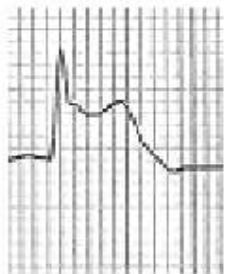
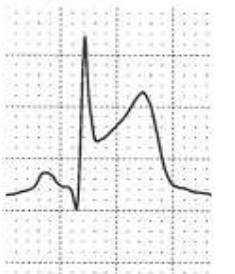
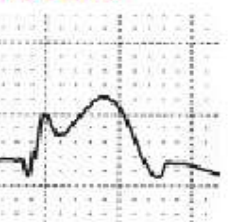
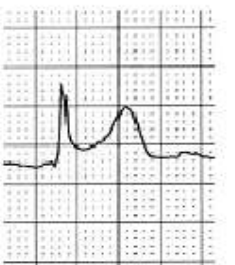
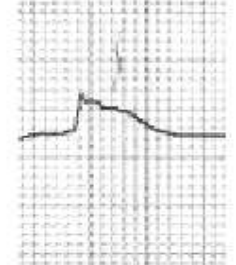
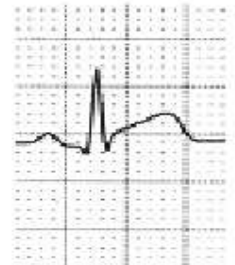
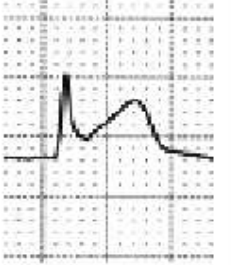
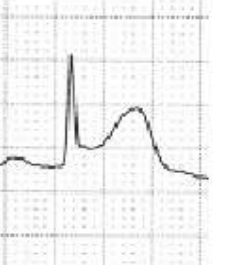


**UPSLOPING S-T SEGMENT**



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

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

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

## COMPLICATIONS TO ANTICIPATE FOR ALL MI PATIENTS :

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**LETHAL DYSRHYTHMIAS**



**CARDIAC ARREST**



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

**Lancaster County, Pennsylvania  
Winter, 2002**



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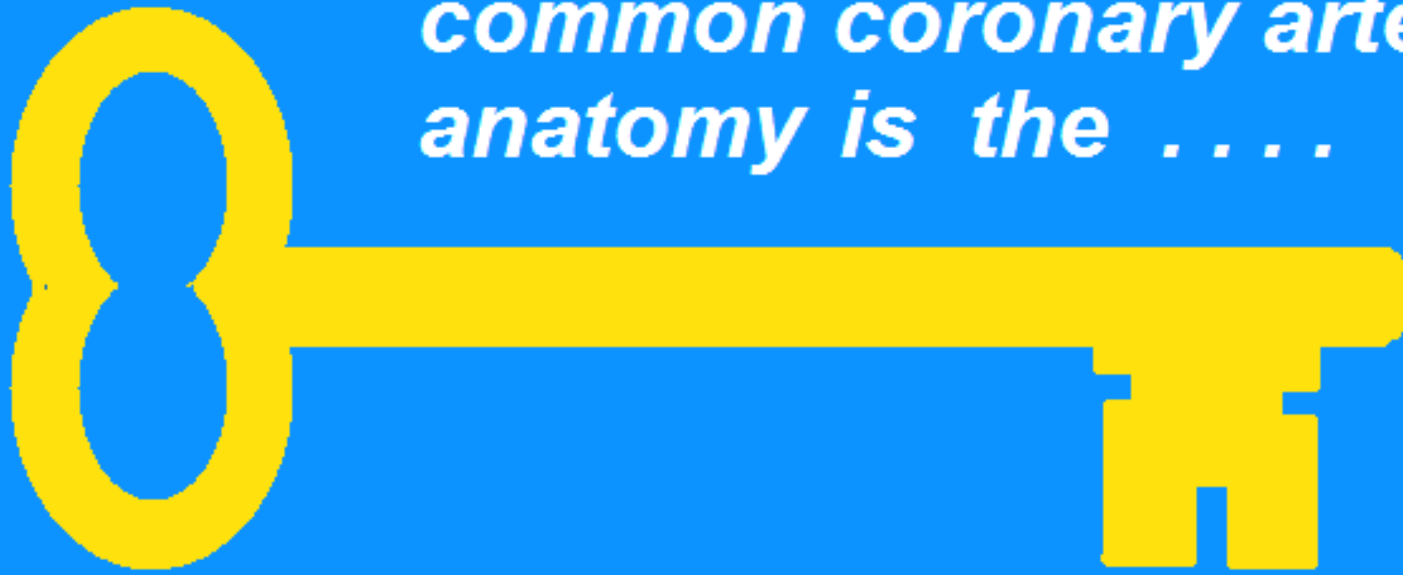
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    . . . . . **BEFORE** they occur !!

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



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

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

# INTERPRET THE EKG, THEN:

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






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

## CASE STUDY 1 - STEMI

### CHIEF COMPLAINT and SIGNIFICANT HISTORY:

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

### RISK FACTOR PROFILE:

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

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

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

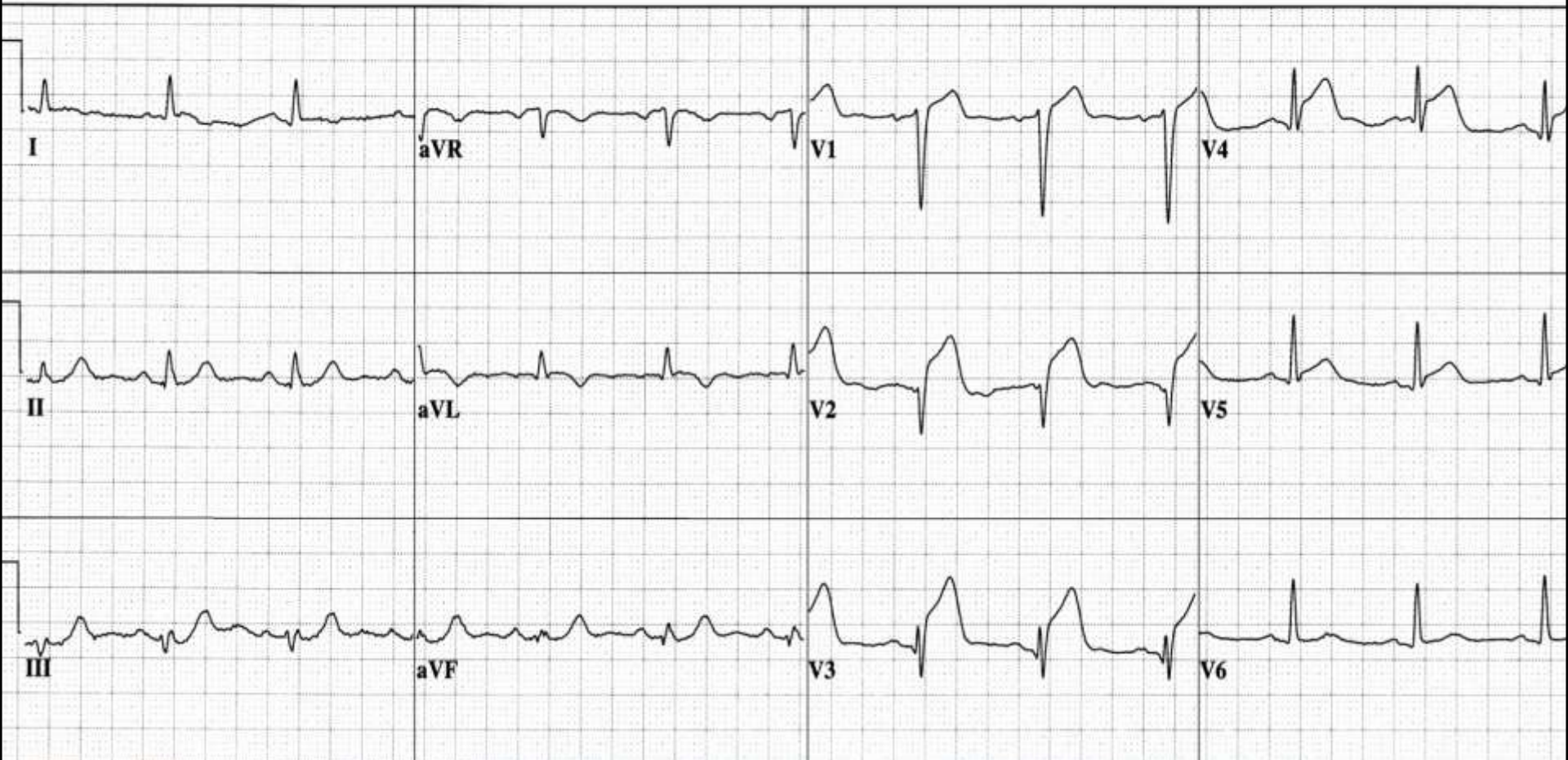
**LABS:** FIRST TROPONIN: 6.4

72 yr  
Male      Caucasian  
Loc:3      Option:23

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

**EVALUATE EKG for indicators of ACS:**

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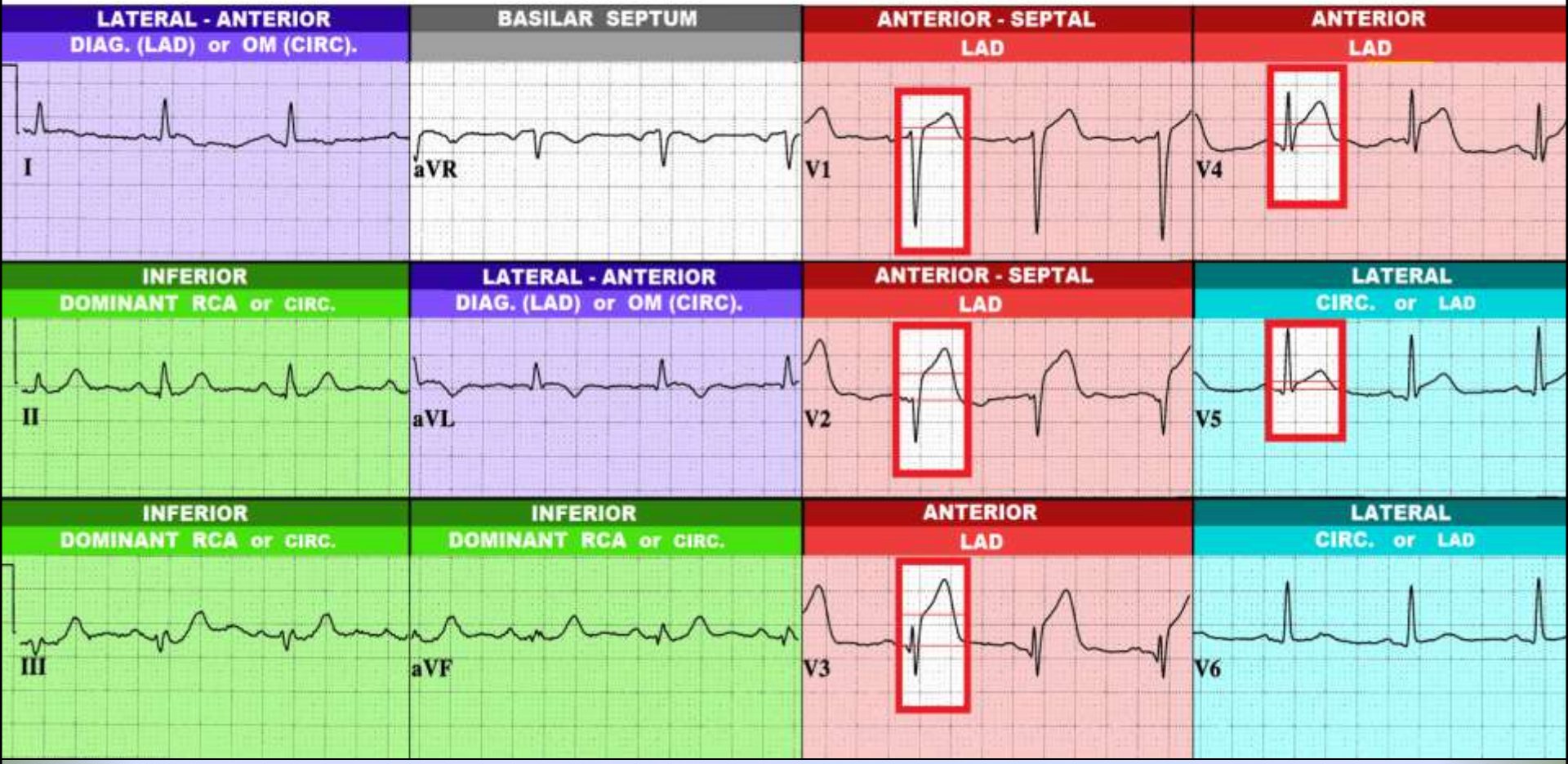


72 yr Male  
 Caucasian  
 Loc: Option:2

Vent. rate 75 BPM  
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Normal sinus rhythm  
 Anteroseptal infarct, possibly acute  
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**ST SEGMENT ELEVATION**



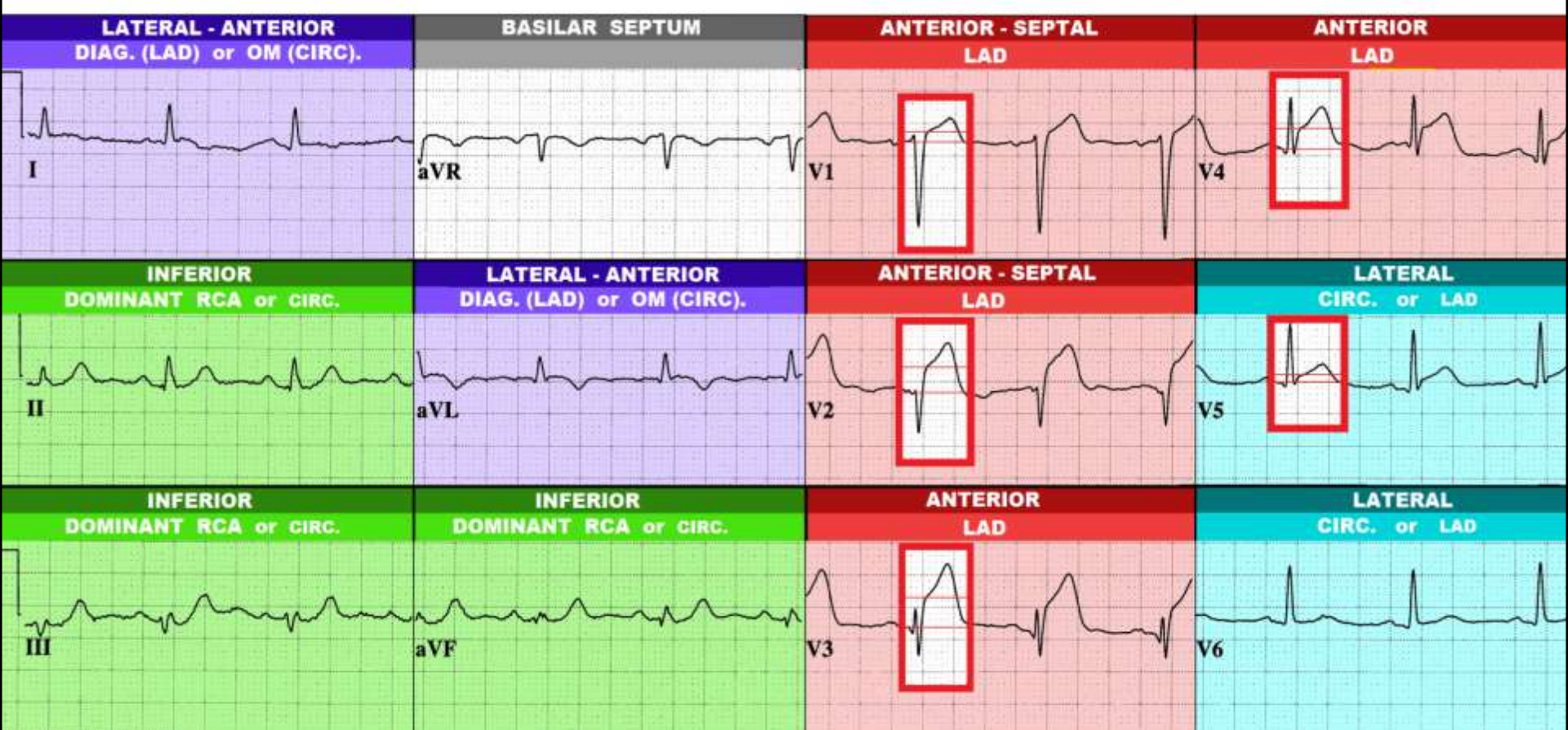
**Note: There is NO Reciprocal ST Depression on this STEMI ECG !**

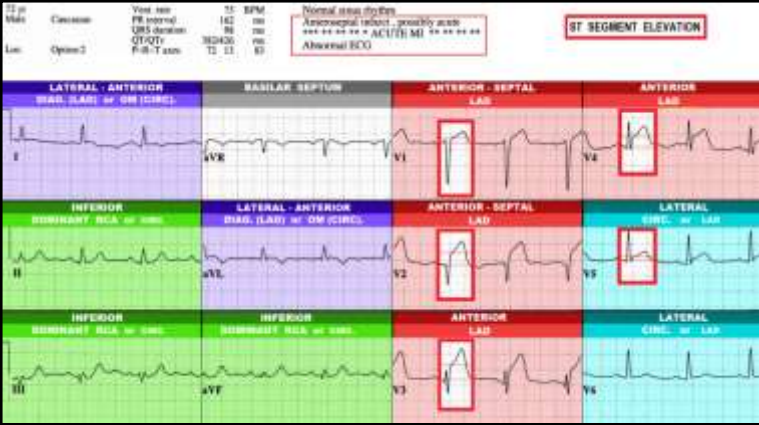


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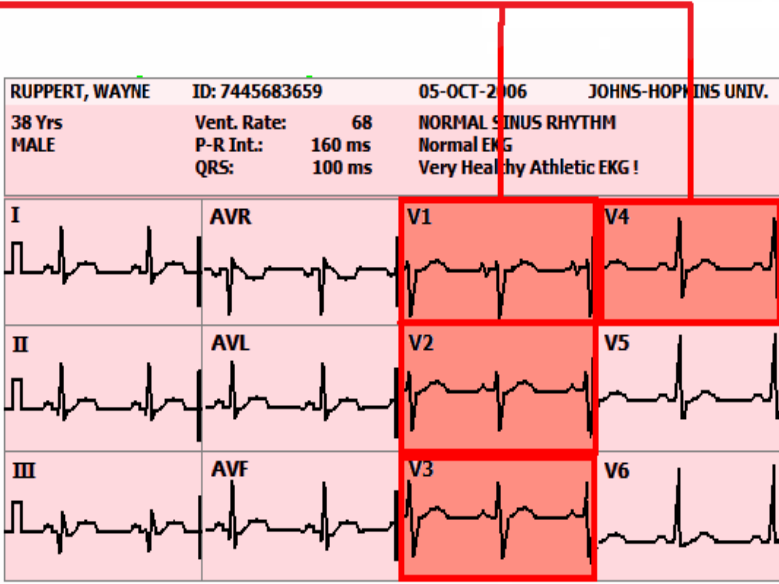
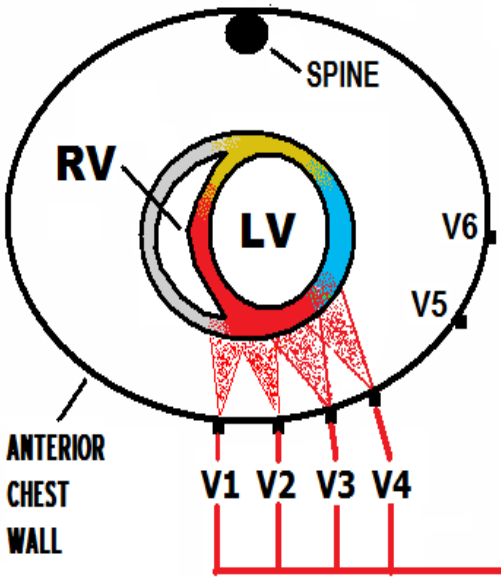
**ST SEGMENT ELEVATION**





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

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



# OCCLUSION of MID - LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY

LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY

AV NODE

LBB

LV

CIRUMFLEX ARTERY

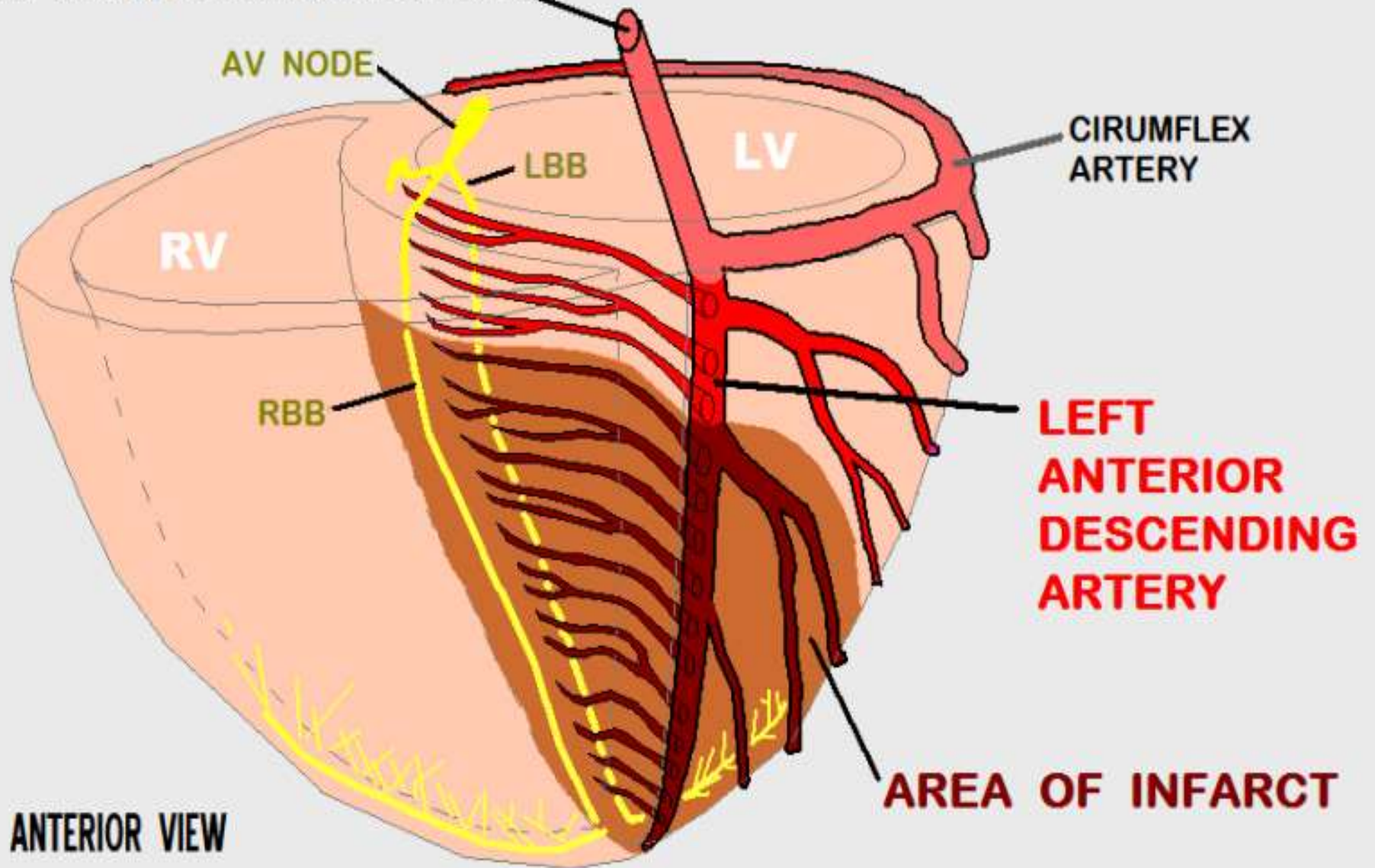
RV

RBB

**LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY**

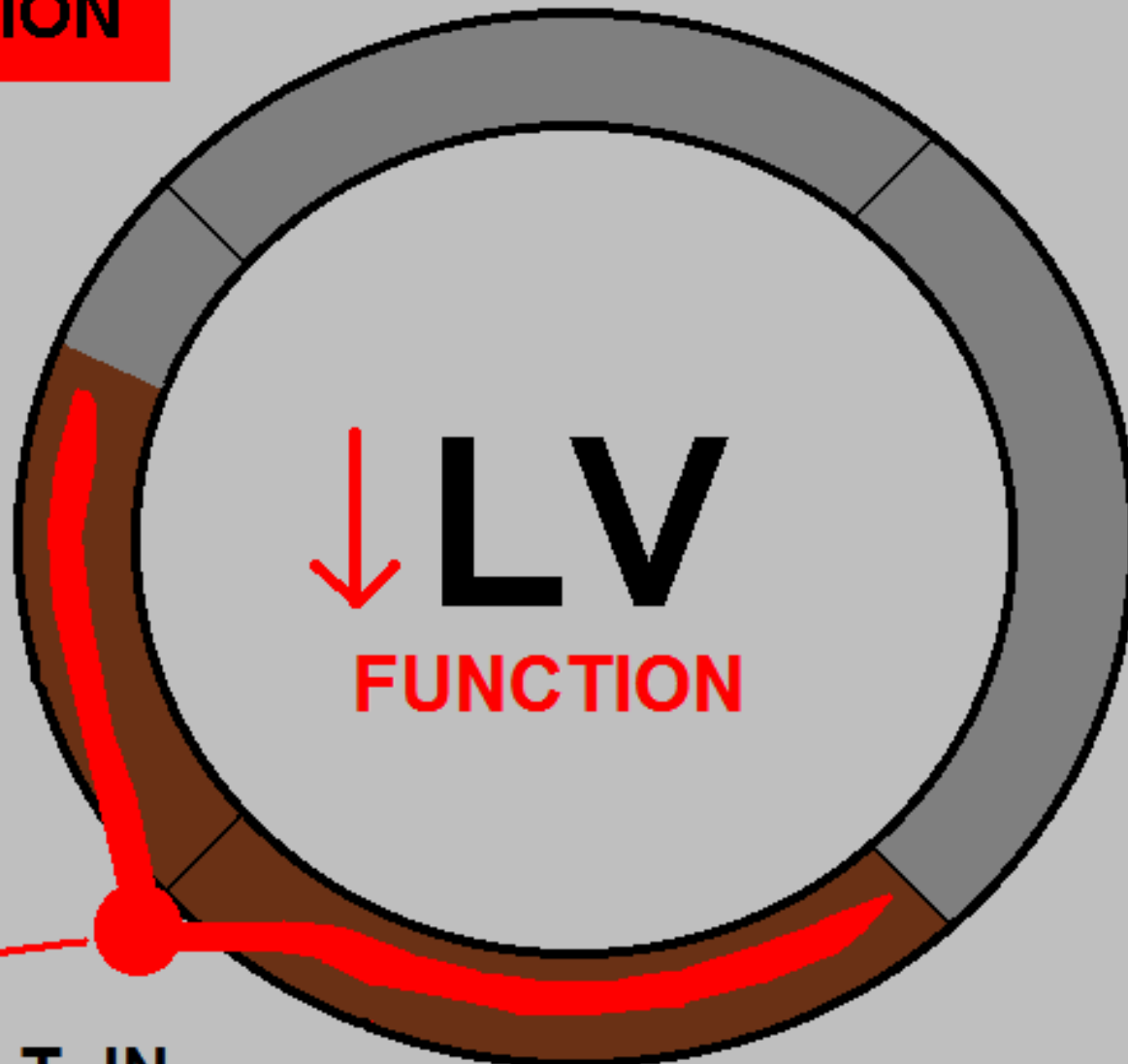
**AREA OF INFARCT**

ANTERIOR VIEW



**LAD  
DISTRIBUTION**

**35 - 45 % of LV MUSCLE MASS**



**A  
BLOCKAGE  
OF THE  
LAD**

**CAN RESULT IN  
LV PUMP FAILURE --**



**CARDIOGENIC SHOCK**



**PULMONARY EDEMA**



Do not remove unit from outer bag until ready for use.  
 Do not use if overwrap has been damaged or if contents are damaged.  
 The inner bag maintains the sterility of the solution.

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

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 NDC 5208-102-02

**250 mL**

Each 100 mL contains 160 mg Dopamine Hydrochloride USP, 5 mg Dextrose Hydrochloride USP, and 5 mg Dextrose USP, pH adjusted with Hydrochloric Acid, buffered as a stabilizer. Osmolality 269 mOsmol/L, pH 3.5 (2.5 to 4.5). Sterile, nonpyrogenic, single dose container. Dopamine should not be made to this solution. Dosage should be directed by a physician. See directions. Caution: Breakage of the inner bag may result in leakage. Do not use if the inner bag leaks by squeezing the outer bag firmly. Do not use if the solution is cloudy or if there are minute leaks by squeezing the inner bag firmly. Do not use if the solution is cloudy or if there are minute leaks by squeezing the inner bag firmly. Do not use if the solution is cloudy or if there are minute leaks by squeezing the inner bag firmly.



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**500 mg Total DOBUTamine**  
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# LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY ( LAD )

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- ANTERIOR WALL OF LEFT VENTRICLE

-  35 - 45 % OF LEFT VENTRICLE MUSCLE MASS

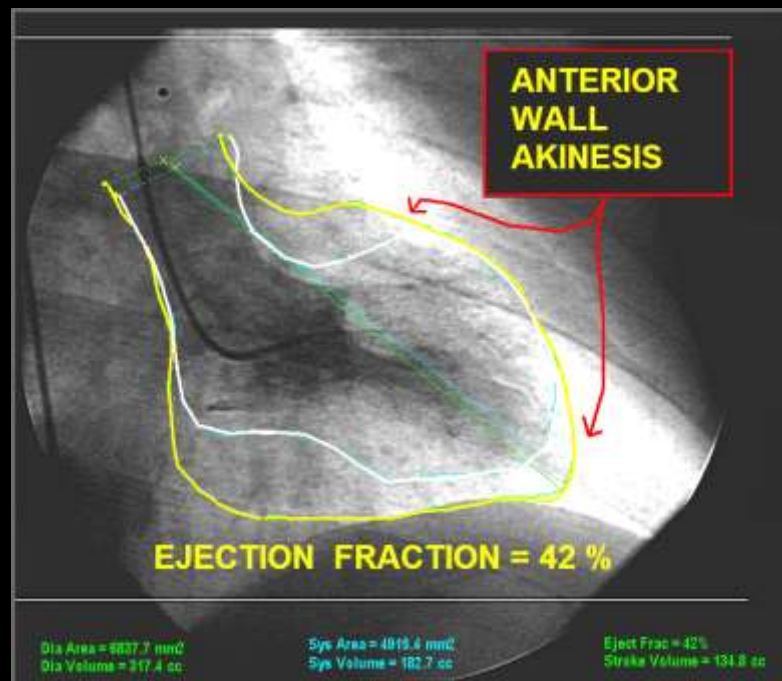
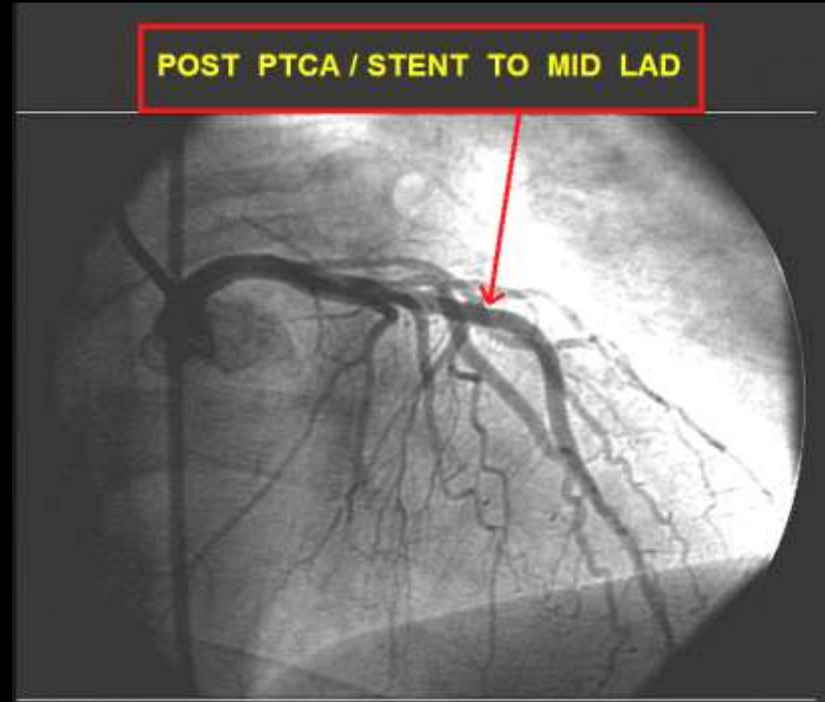
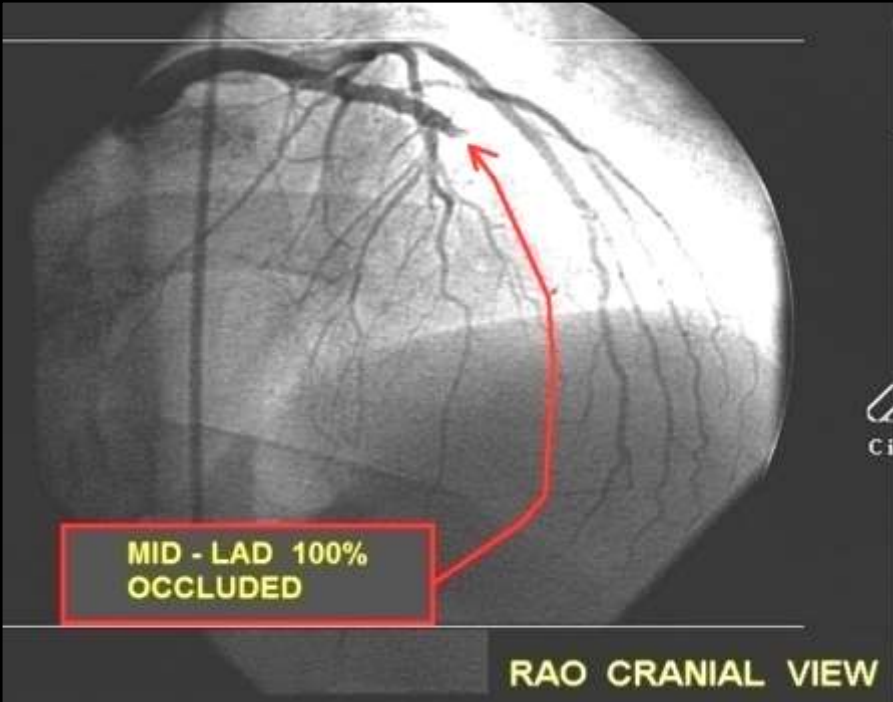
- SEPTUM, ANTERIOR 2/3

-  **BUNDLE BRANCHES**

- ANTERIOR-MEDIAL PAPILLARY MUSCLE

# **ANTICIPATED COMPLICATIONS of ANTERIOR-SEPTAL WALL STEMI & POSSIBLE INDICATED INTERVENTIONS:**

<b>- CARDIAC ARREST</b>	<b>BCLS / ACLS</b>
<b>- CARDIAC DYSRHYTHMIAS (VT / VF)</b>	<b>ACLS (antiarrhythmics)</b>
<b>- PUMP FAILURE with CARDIOGENIC SHOCK</b>	<b>INOTROPE THERAPY: -DOPAMINE / DOBUTAMINE / LEVOPHED - INTRA-AORTIC BALLOON PUMP (use caution with fluid challenges due to PULMONARY EDEMA)</b>
<b>- PULMONARY EDEMA</b>	<b>- CPAP - ET INTUBATION (use caution with diuretics due to pump failure and hypotension)</b>
<b>- 3rd DEGREE HEART BLOCK - NOT RESPONSIVE TO ATROPINE</b>	<b>TRANSCUTANEOUS or TRANSVENOUS PACING</b>





## CASE STUDY 2: STEMI

### CHIEF COMPLAINT and SIGNIFICANT HISTORY:

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

### RISK FACTOR PROFILE:

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

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

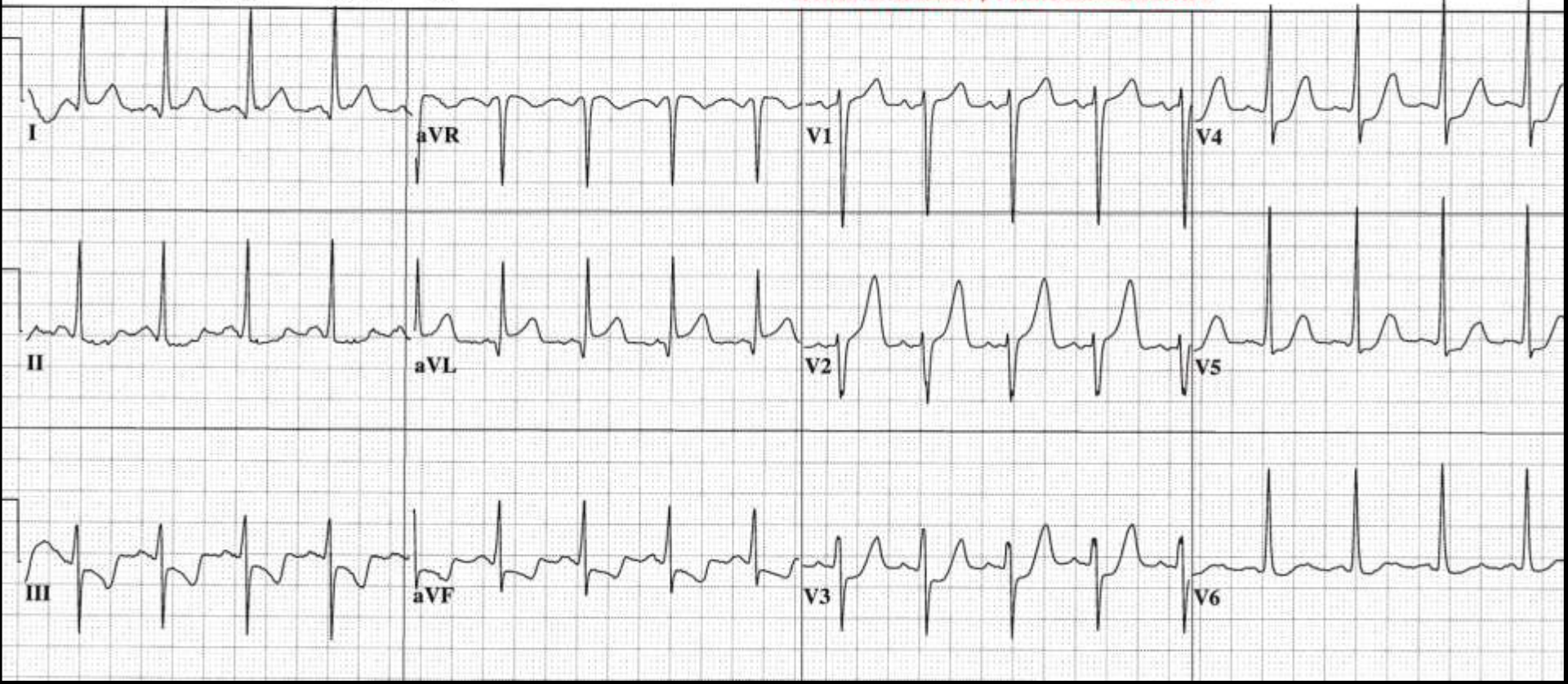
**VITAL SIGNS:** BP: 168/98, P: 110, R: 24, SAO2: 97% on O2 4 LPM via nasal canula

**LABS:** TROPONIN ultra = 2.8

**EVALUATE EKG for indicators of ACS:**

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Female	PR interval	132	ms
	QRS duration	82	ms
Room:ER	QT/QTc	346/465	ms
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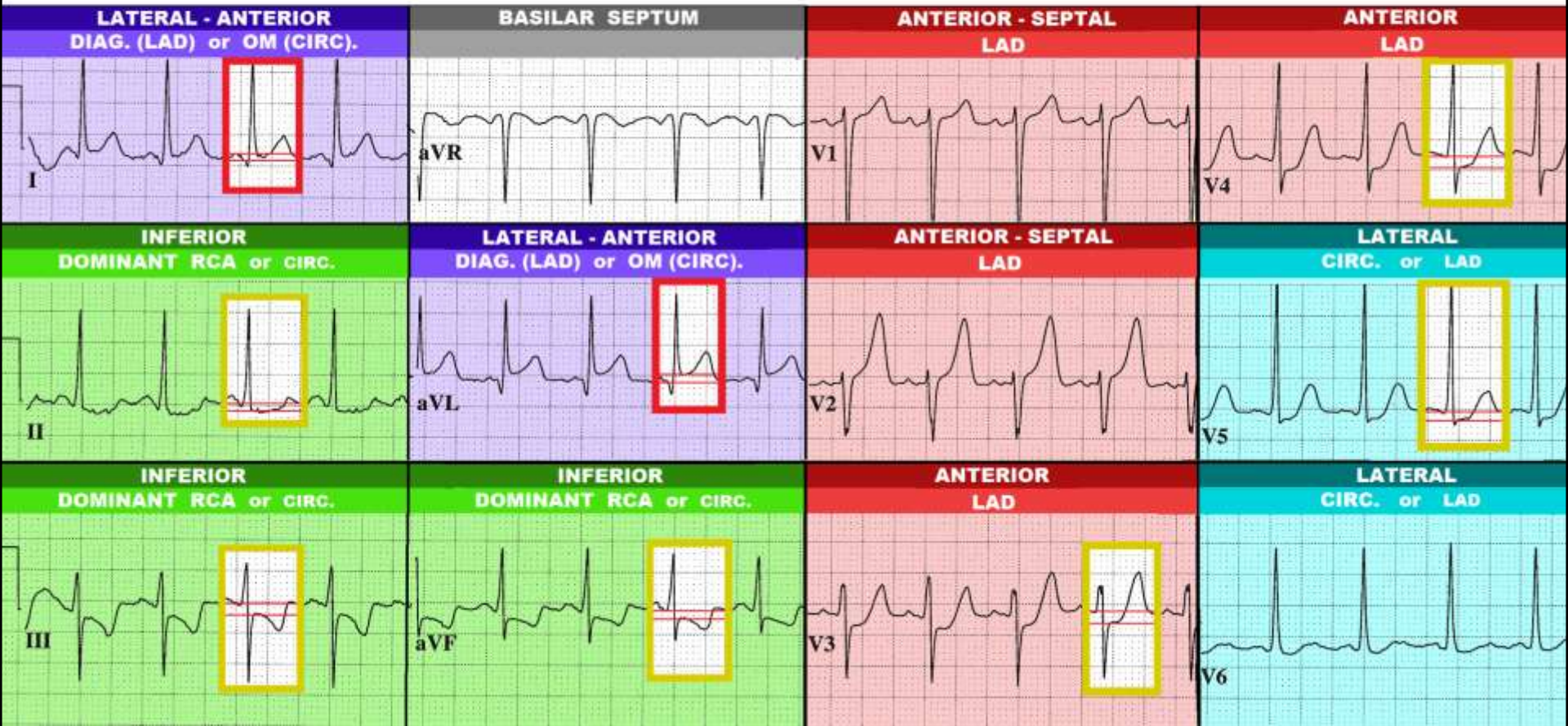


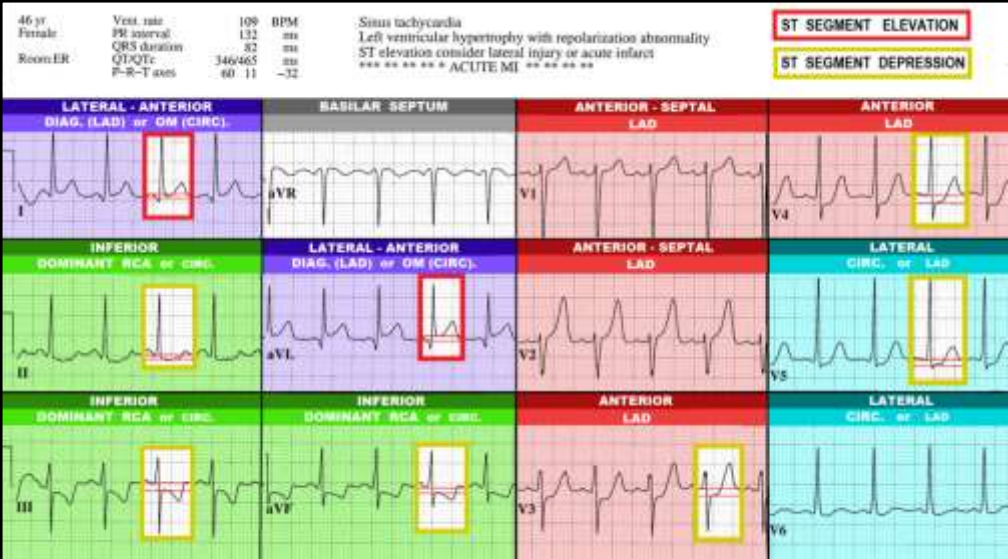
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Sinus tachycardia  
 Left ventricular hypertrophy with repolarization abnormality  
 ST elevation consider lateral injury or acute infarct  
 \*\*\*\*\* ACUTE MI \*\*\*\*\*

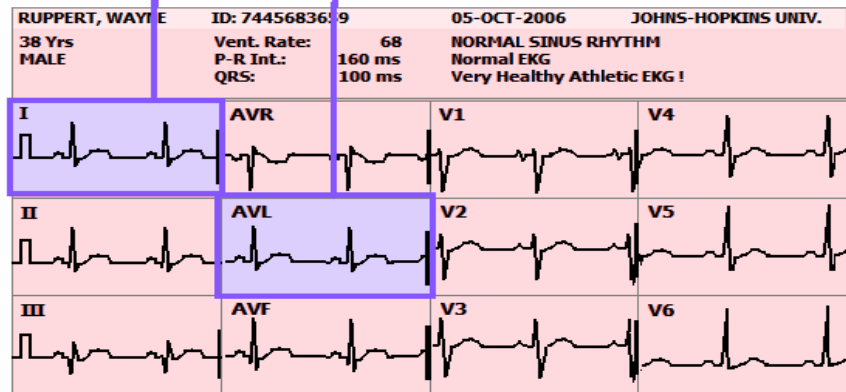
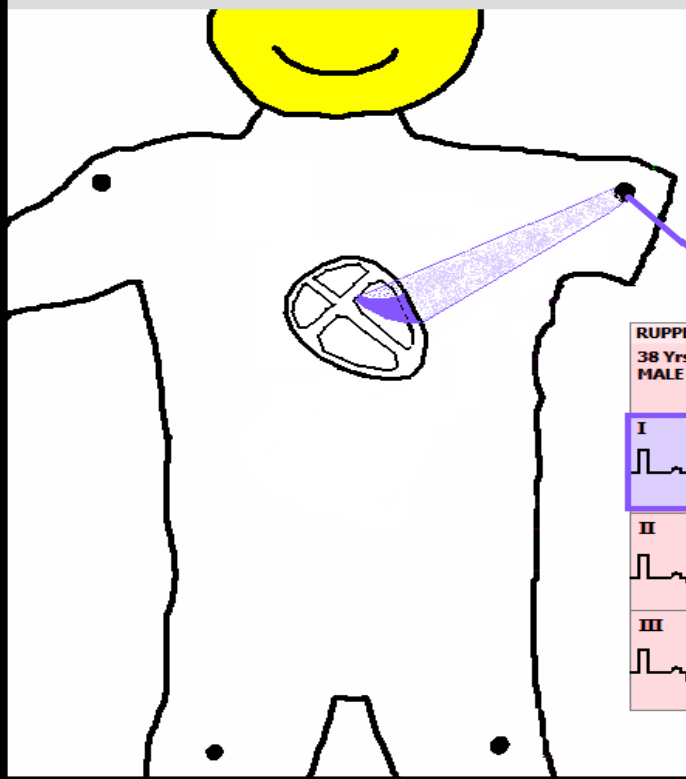
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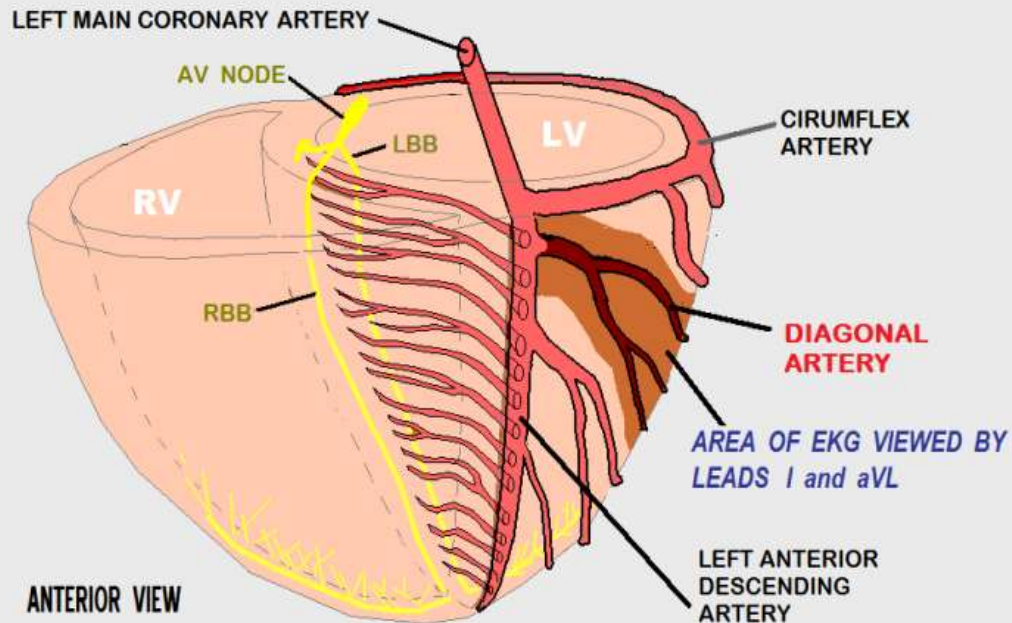




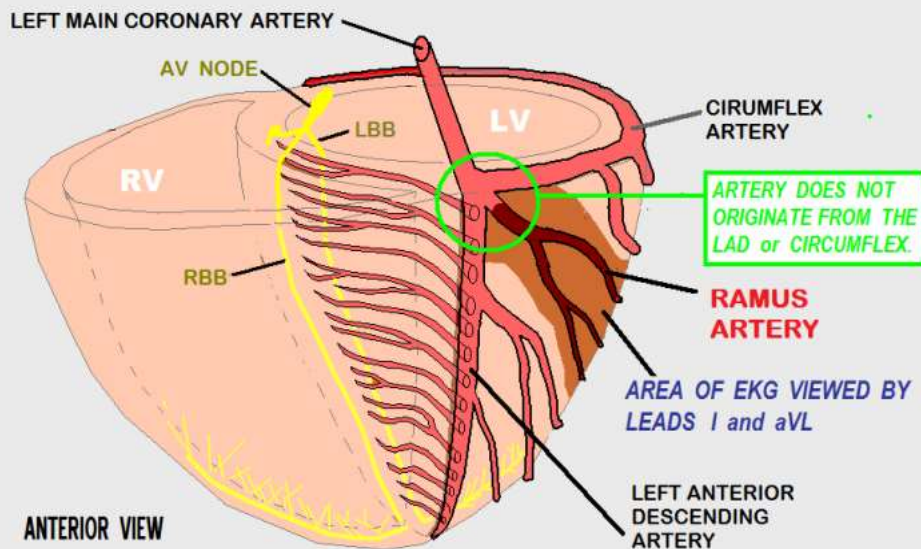
## LEADS I and aVL view the ANTERIOR-LATERAL JUNCTION



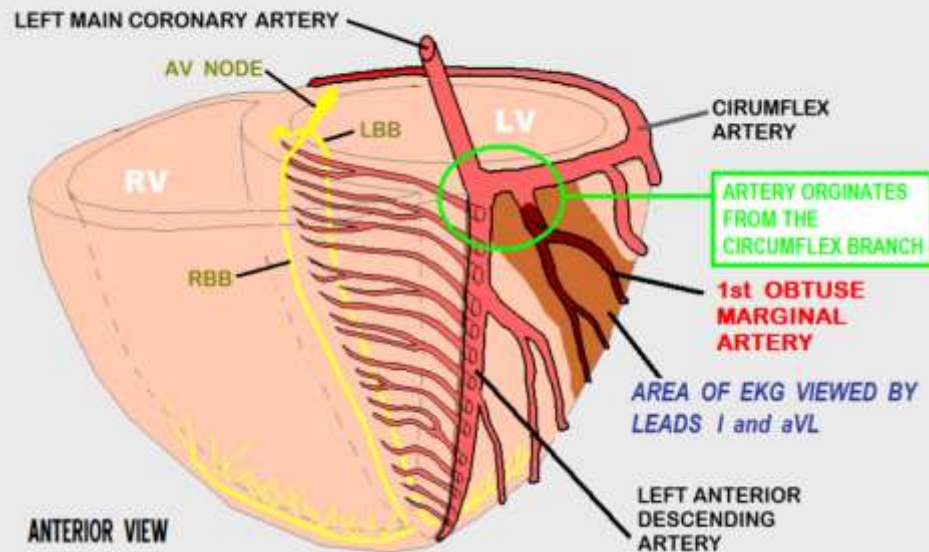
## OCCUSION of DIAGONAL ARTERY



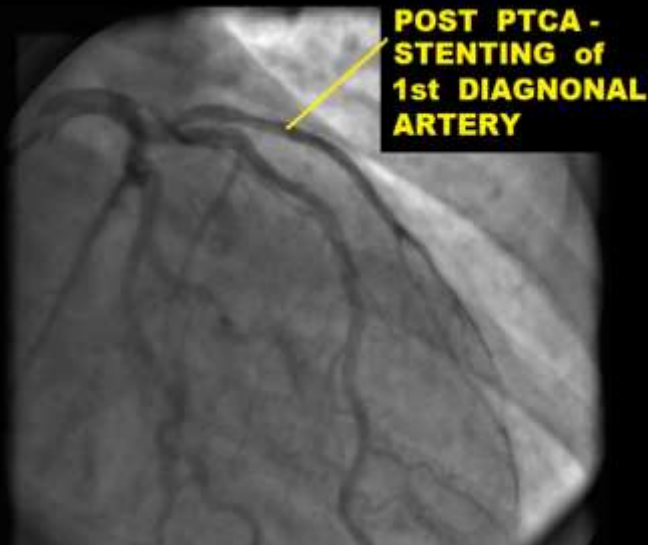
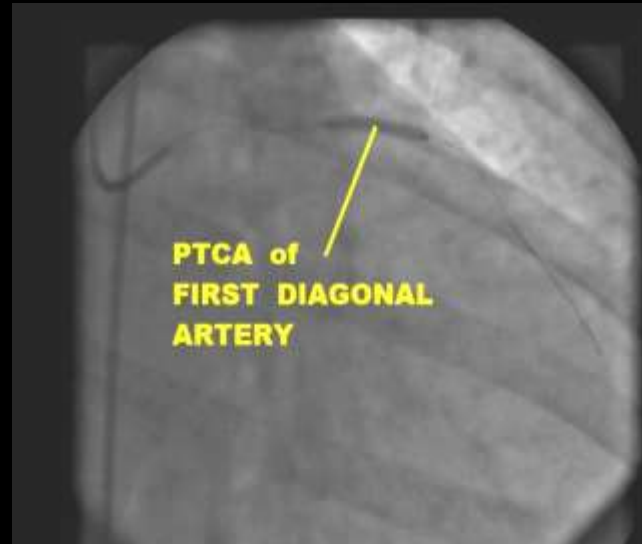
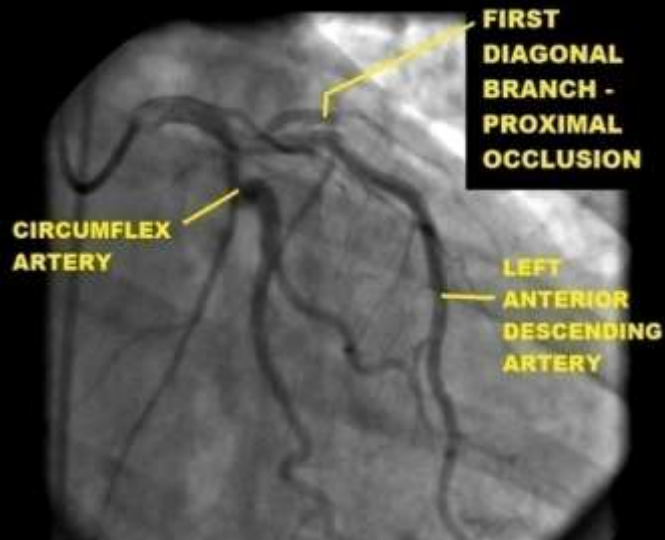
## OCCUSION of RAMUS ARTERY



## OCCUSION of OBTUSE MARGINAL ARTERY



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



## CASE STUDY 3: STEMI

### CHIEF COMPLAINT and SIGNIFICANT HISTORY:

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

### RISK FACTOR PROFILE:

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

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

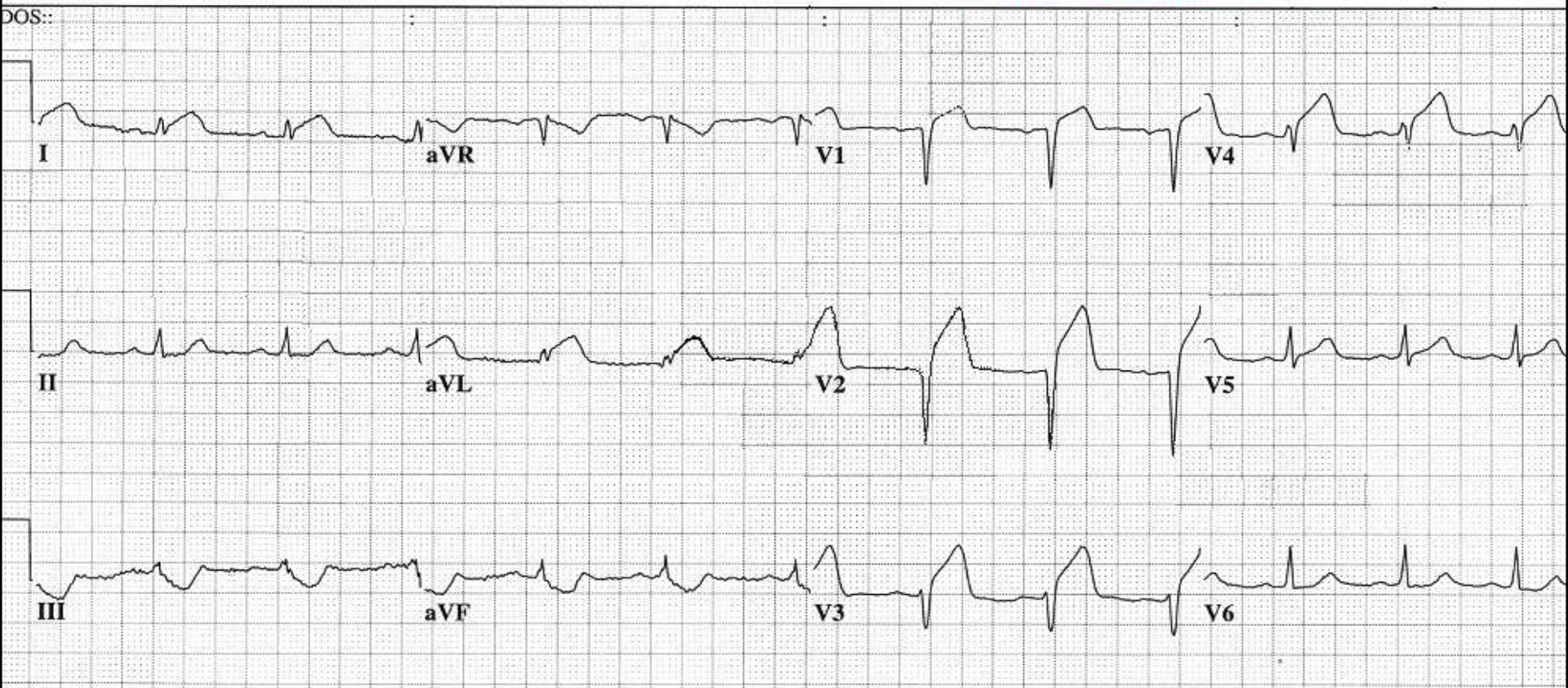
**VITAL SIGNS:** BP: 104/78, P: 76, R: 20, SAO2: 96%

**LABS:** INITIAL CARDIAC MARKERS - NEGATIVE

29 yr  
Male      Caucasian  
Loc:3    Option:20

Vent. rate      75    BPM  
PR interval     176    ms  
QRS duration    90    ms  
QT/QTc         362/404    ms  
P-R-T axes      70 50 -11    14:07 Hours

 **EVALUATE the EKG for signs of ACS:**  
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29 yr  
Male

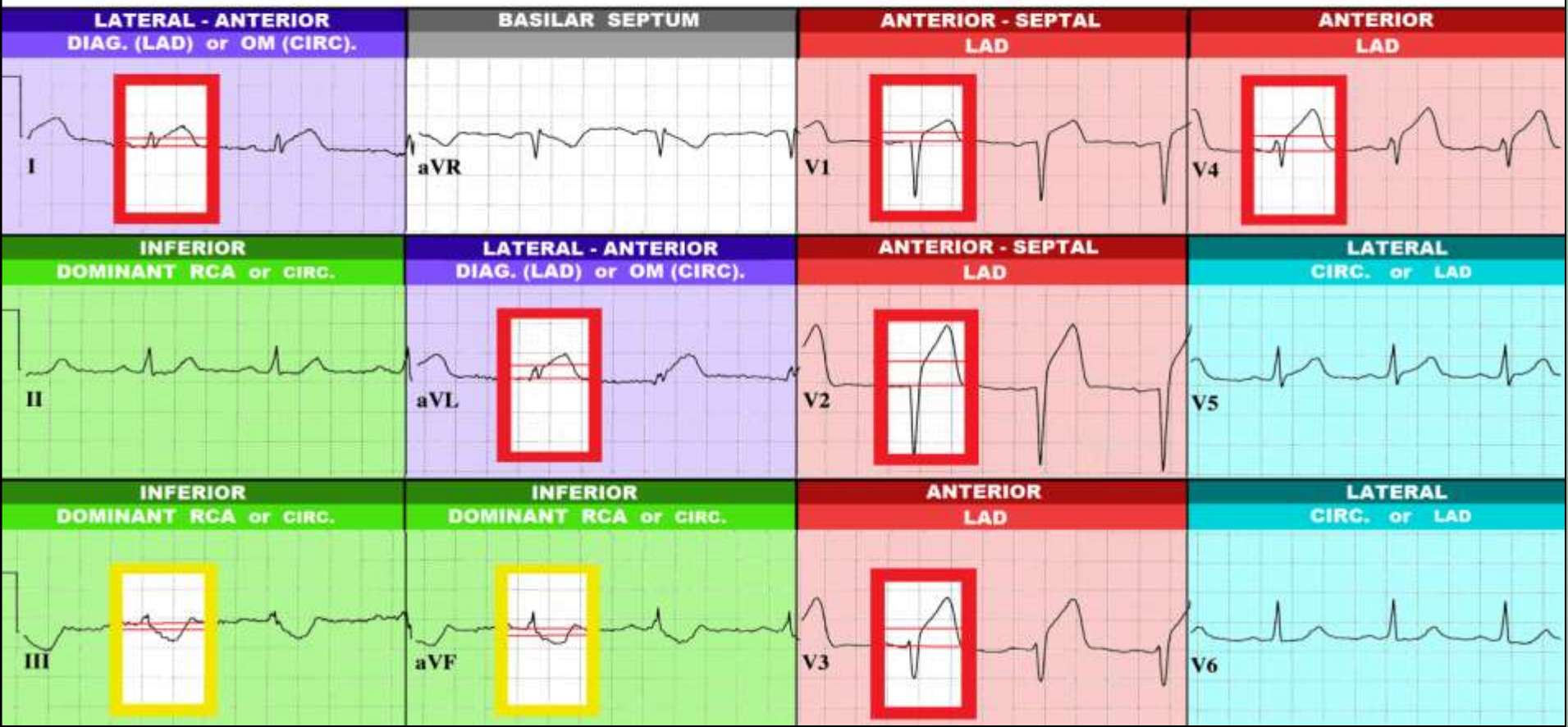
Caucasian

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

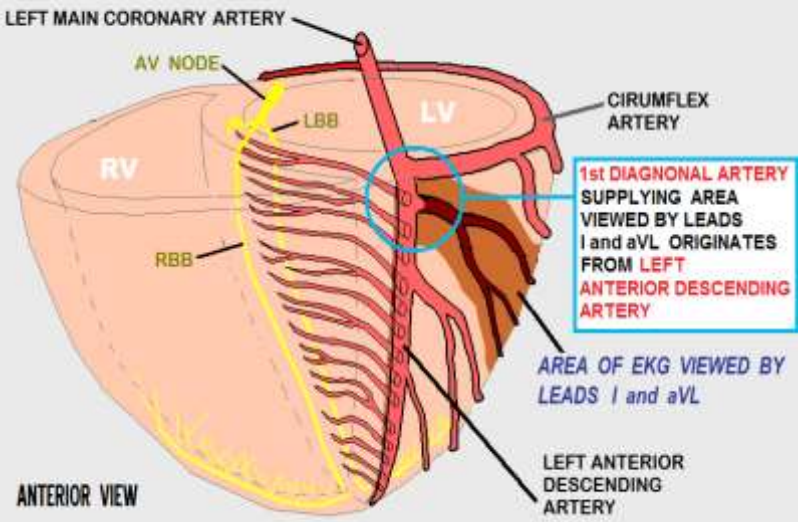
**ST SEGMENT ELEVATION**

**ST SEGMENT DEPRESSION**



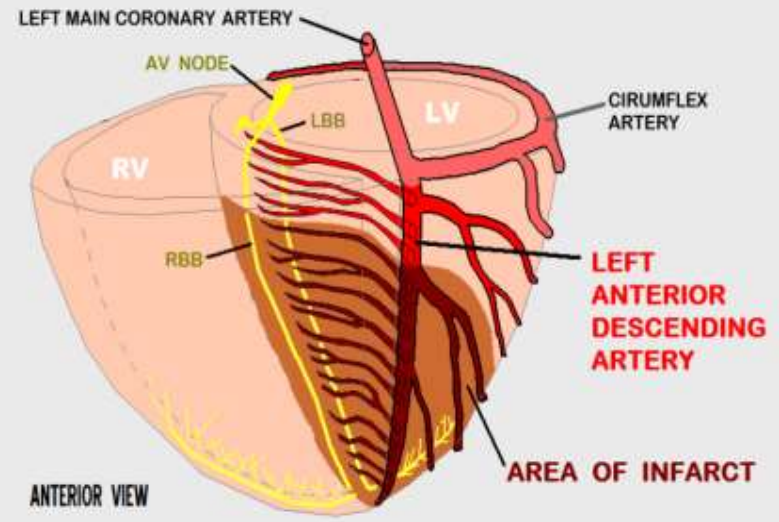
- **Reciprocal ST Depression is NOW PRESENT**
- **Additional ST Elevation is present in Leads I, AVL**

### OCCLUSION of DIAGONAL ARTERY



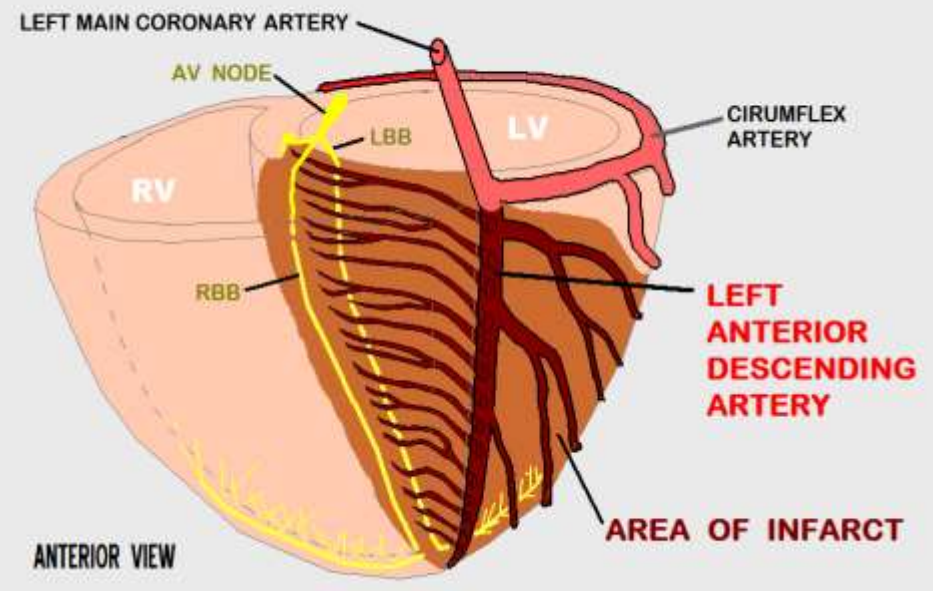
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### OCCLUSION of MID - LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY



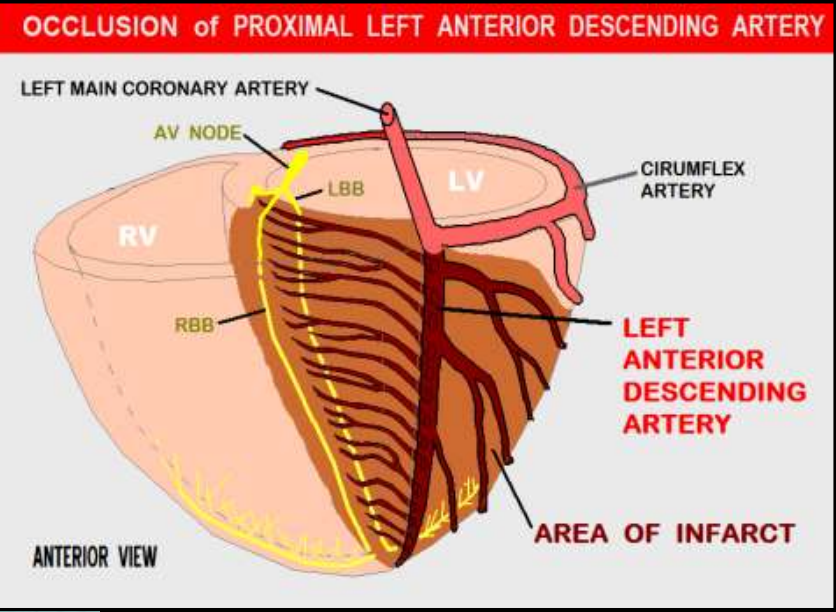
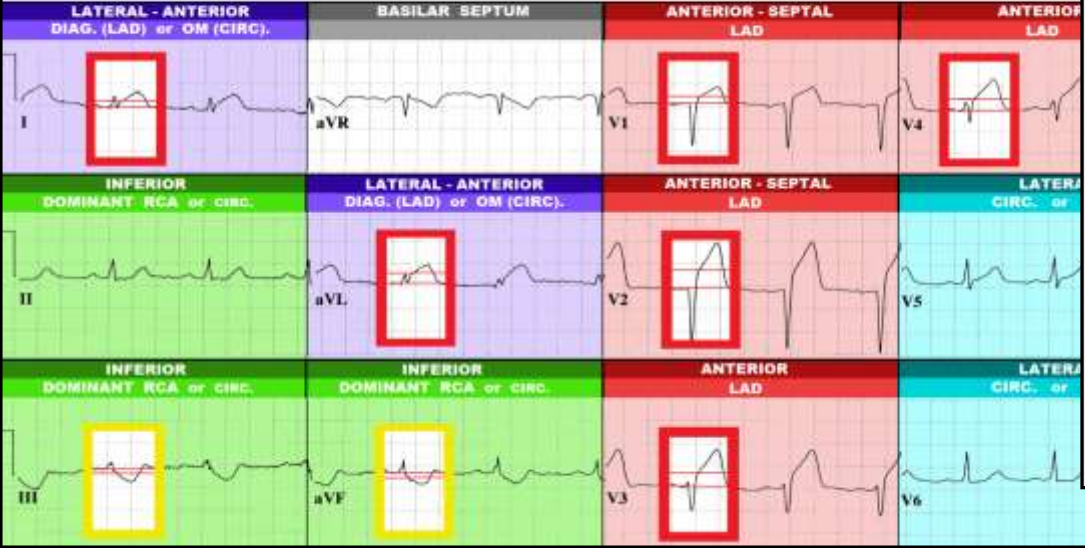
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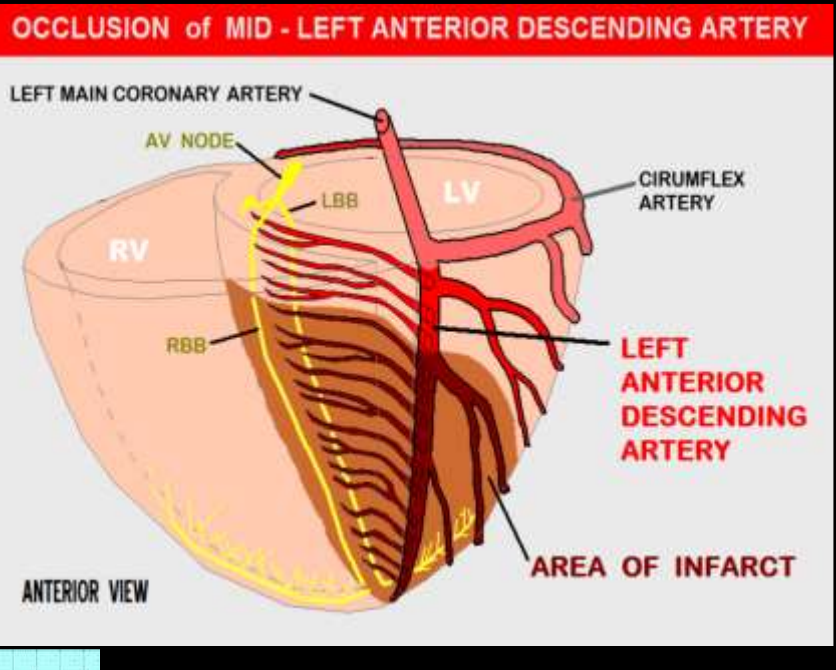
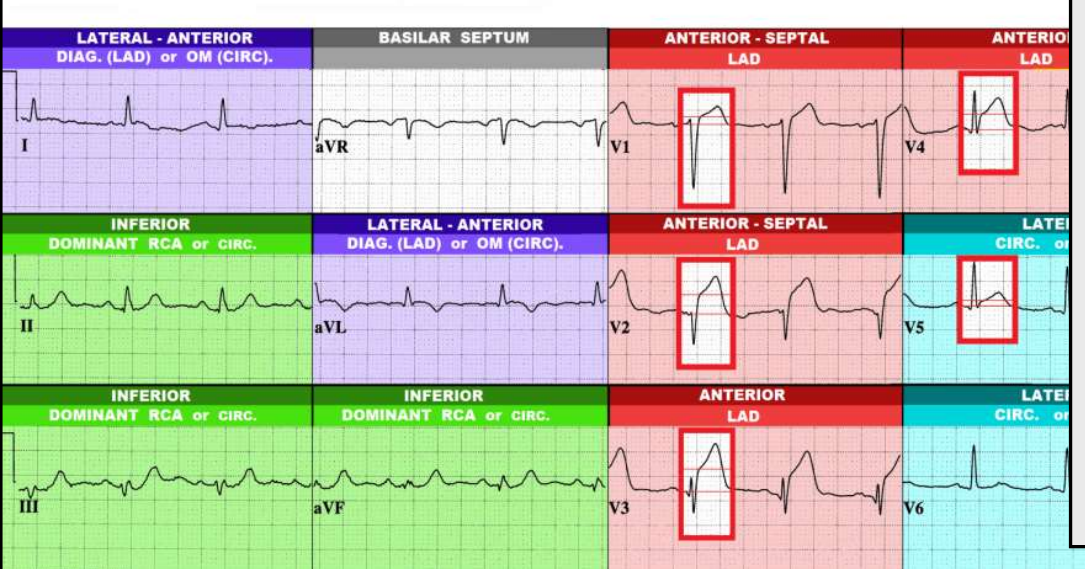
29 yr Male Caucasian Vent. rate 75 BPM Normal sinus rhythm  
 PR interval 176 ms Septal infarct, possibly acute  
 QRS duration 90 ms Anterolateral injury pattern  
 QT/QTc 362/404 ms \*\*\*\*\* ACUTE MI \*\*\*\*\*  
 P-R-T axes 70 50 -11 Abnormal ECG

ST SEGMENT ELEVATION  
 ST SEGMENT DEPRESSION



72 yr Male Caucasian Vent. rate 75 BPM Normal sinus rhythm  
 PR interval 162 ms Anteroseptal infarct, possibly acute  
 QRS duration 98 ms \*\*\*\*\* ACUTE MI \*\*\*\*\*  
 QT/QTc 382/426 ms Abnormal ECG  
 P-R-T axes 72 13 83

ST SEGMENT ELEVATION



# OCCLUSION of PROXIMAL LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY

LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY

AV NODE

LBB

LV

CIRUMFLEX ARTERY

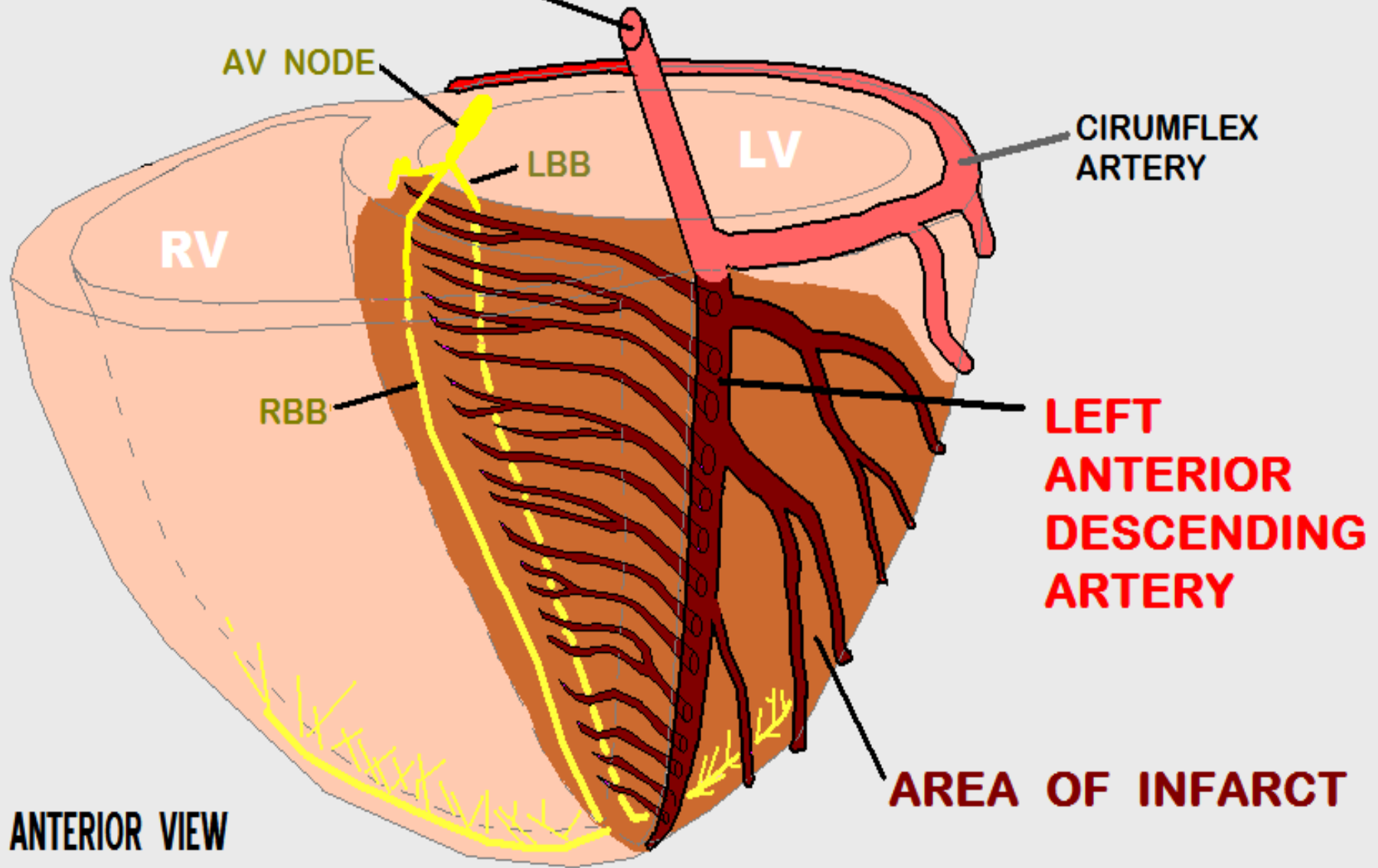
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RBB

**LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY**

**AREA OF INFARCT**

ANTERIOR VIEW

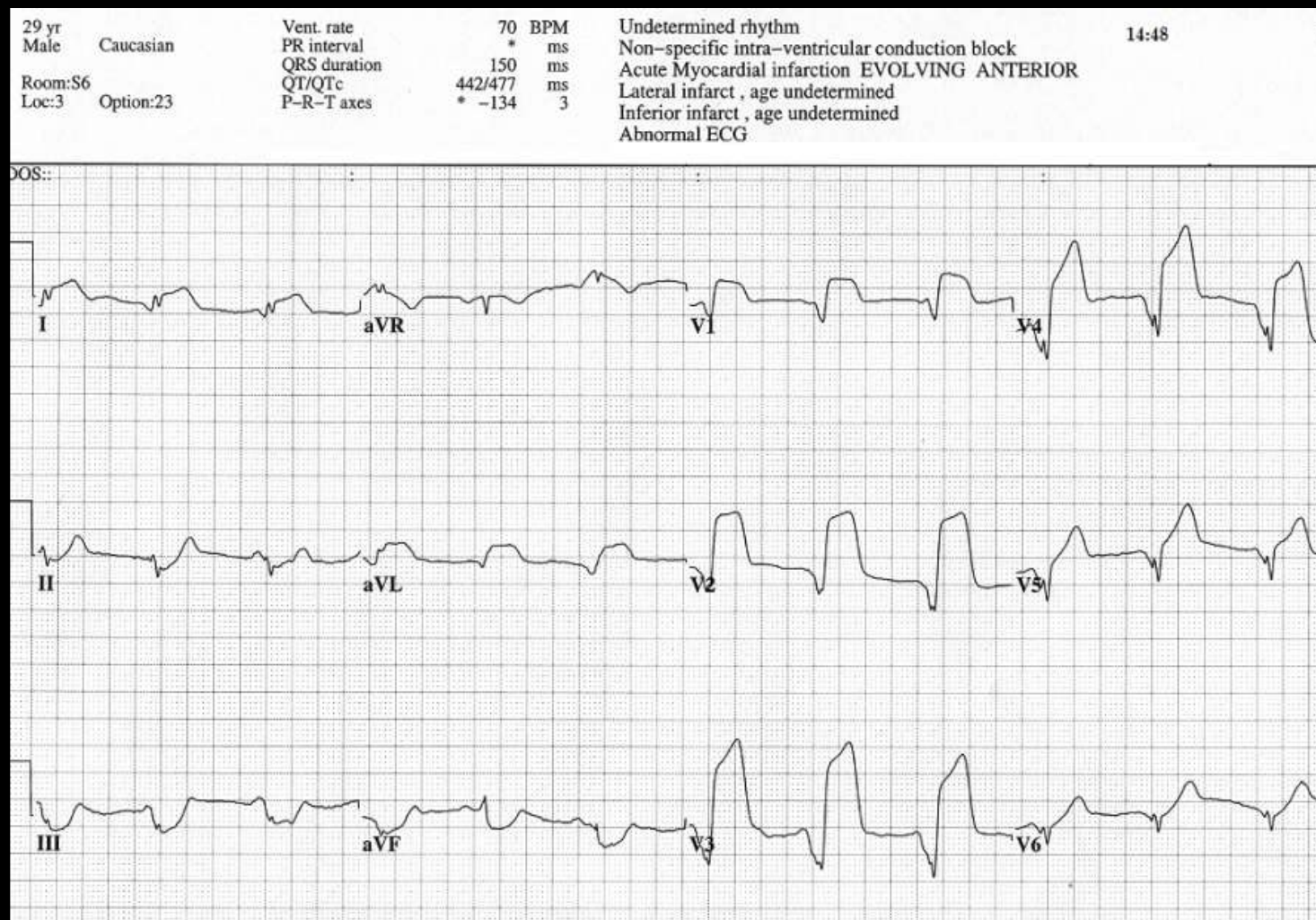


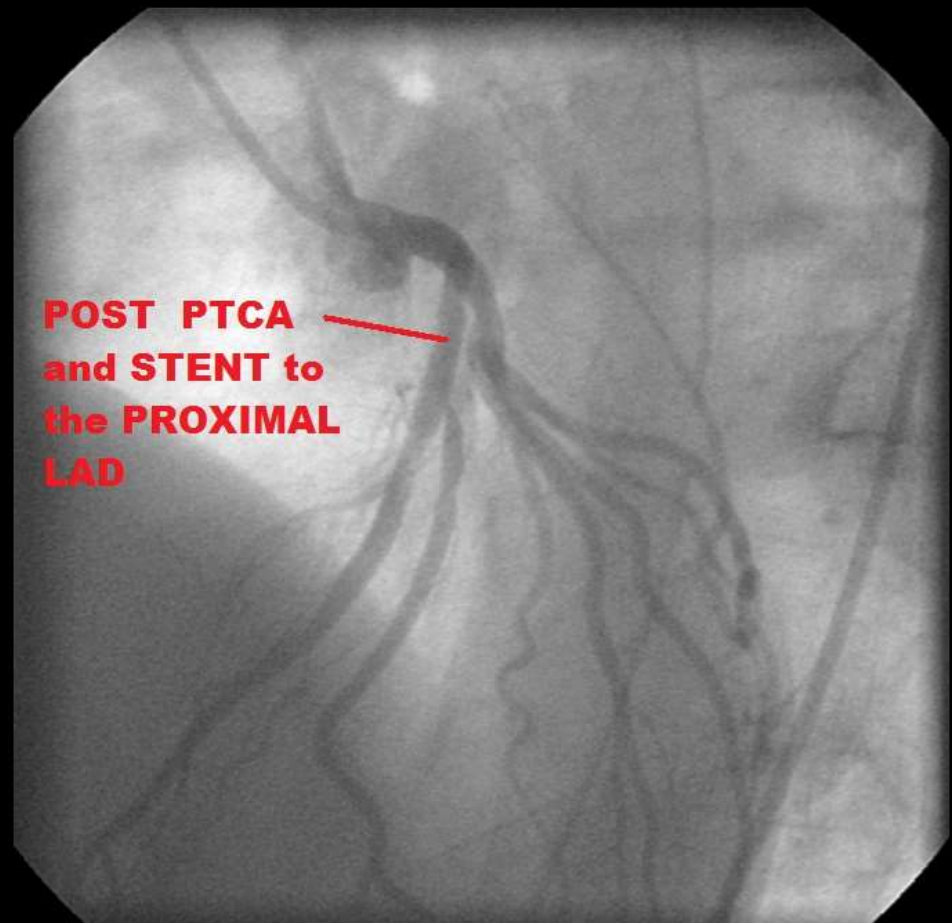
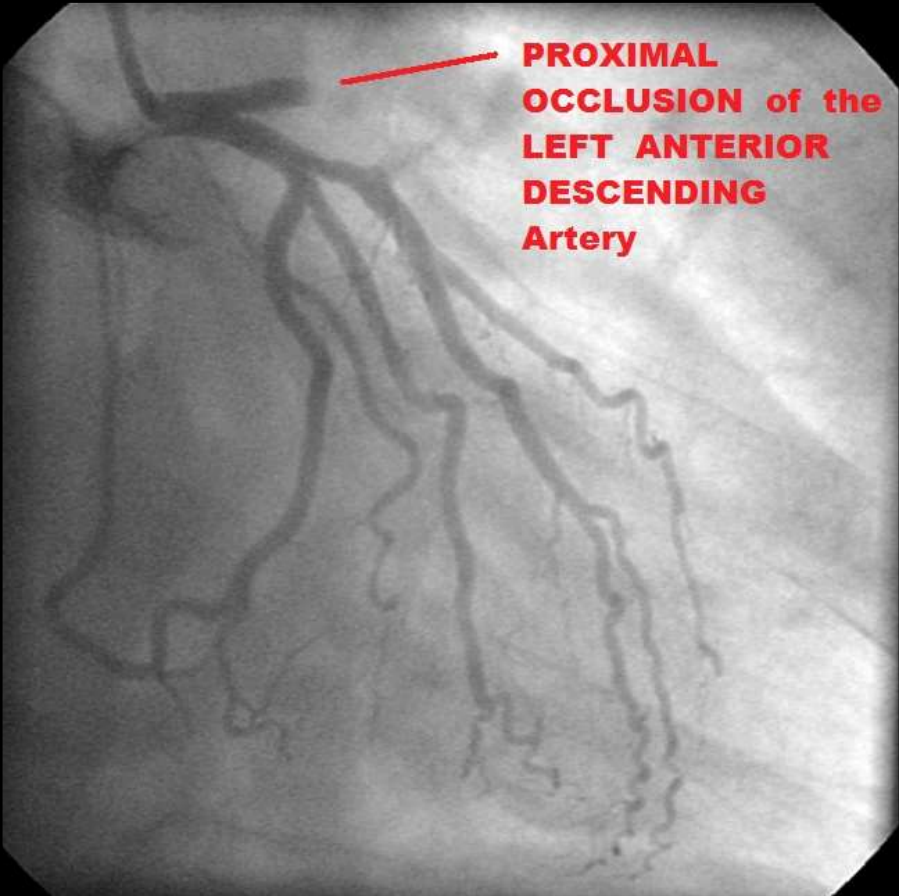
# **ANTICIPATED COMPLICATIONS of ANTERIOR-SEPTAL WALL STEMI & POSSIBLE INDICATED INTERVENTIONS:**

<b>- CARDIAC ARREST</b>	<b>BCLS / ACLS</b>
<b>- CARDIAC DYSRHYTHMIAS (VT / VF)</b>	<b>ACLS (antiarrhythmics)</b>
<b>- PUMP FAILURE with CARDIOGENIC SHOCK</b>	<b>INOTROPE THERAPY: -DOPAMINE / DOBUTAMINE / LEVOPHED - INTRA-AORTIC BALLOON PUMP (use caution with fluid challenges due to PULMONARY EDEMA)</b>
<b>- PULMONARY EDEMA</b>	<b>- CPAP - ET INTUBATION (use caution with diuretics due to pump failure and hypotension)</b>
<b>- 3rd DEGREE HEART BLOCK - NOT RESPONSIVE TO ATROPINE</b>	<b>TRANSCUTANEOUS or TRANSVENOUS PACING</b>

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

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







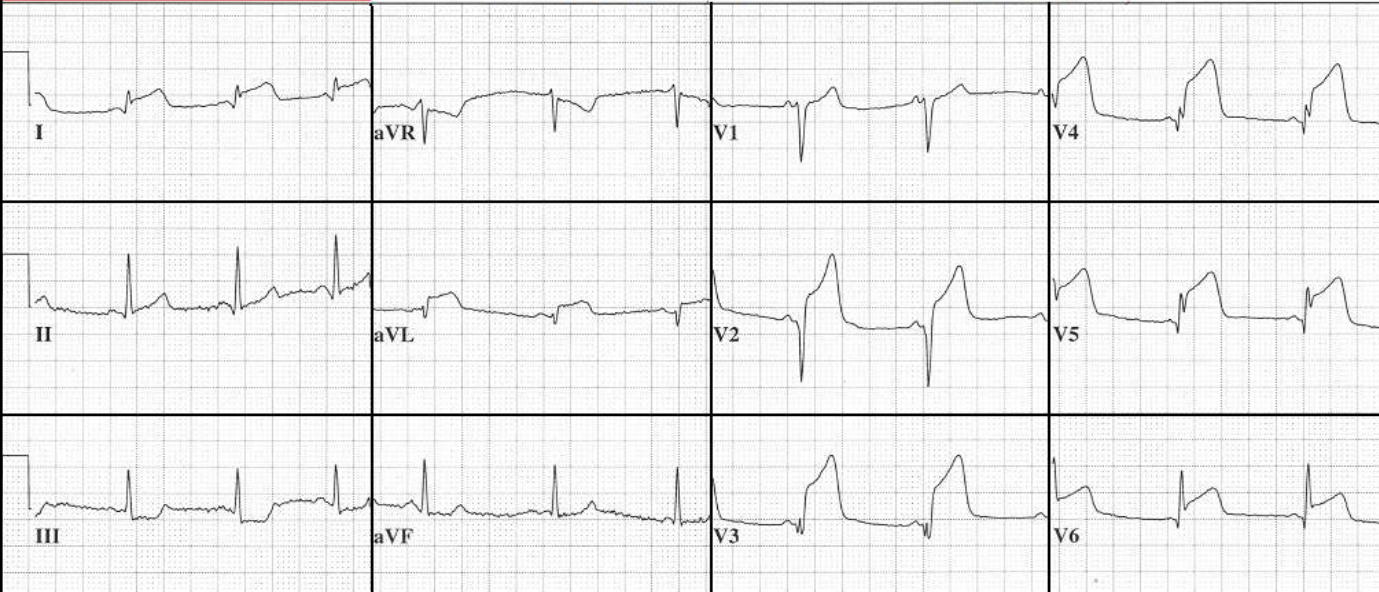
## **CASE STUDY 4: CRITICAL DECISIONS SCENARIO**

As per current AHA recommendations, your hospital's policy is to send every STEMI patient to the Cardiac Catheterization Lab for emergency PCI.

You are the ranking medical officer on duty in the ED when two acute STEMI patients arrive, ten minutes apart. The Cath Lab has one lab open, and can take ONE patient immediately. Both patients duration of symptoms and state of hemodynamic stability are similar.

**PATIENT A:**

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

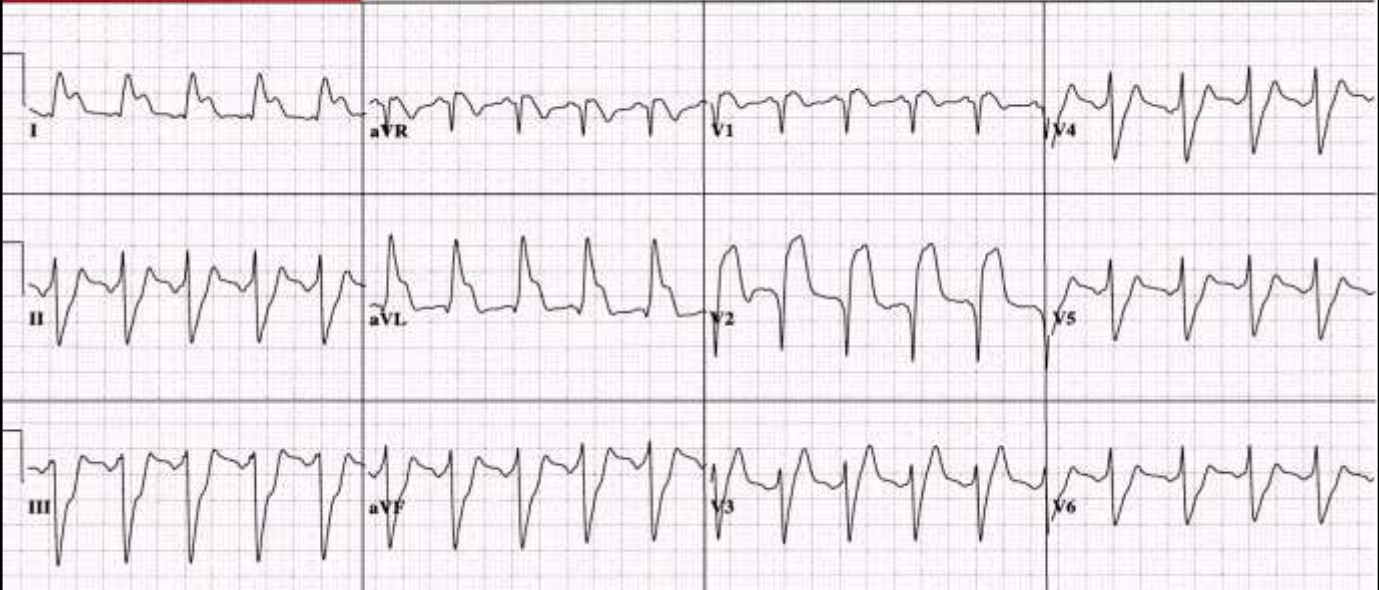


WHO SHOULD GO TO THE CATH LAB FIRST ?

And . . . .

**PATIENT B:**

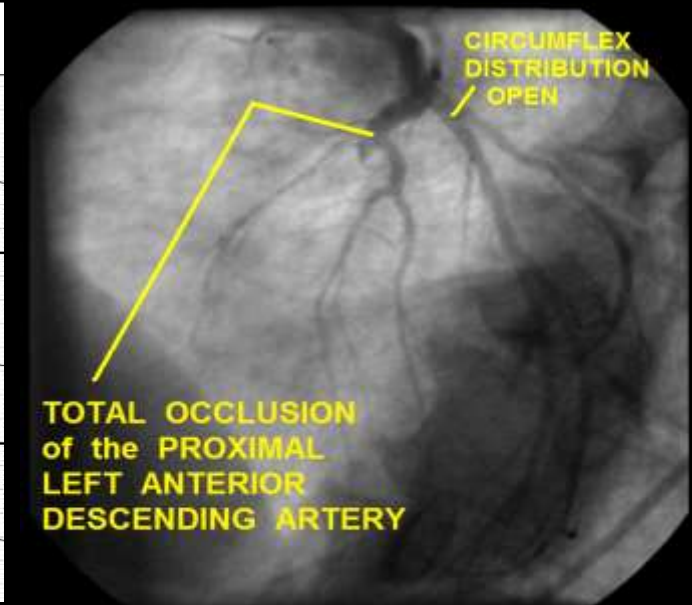
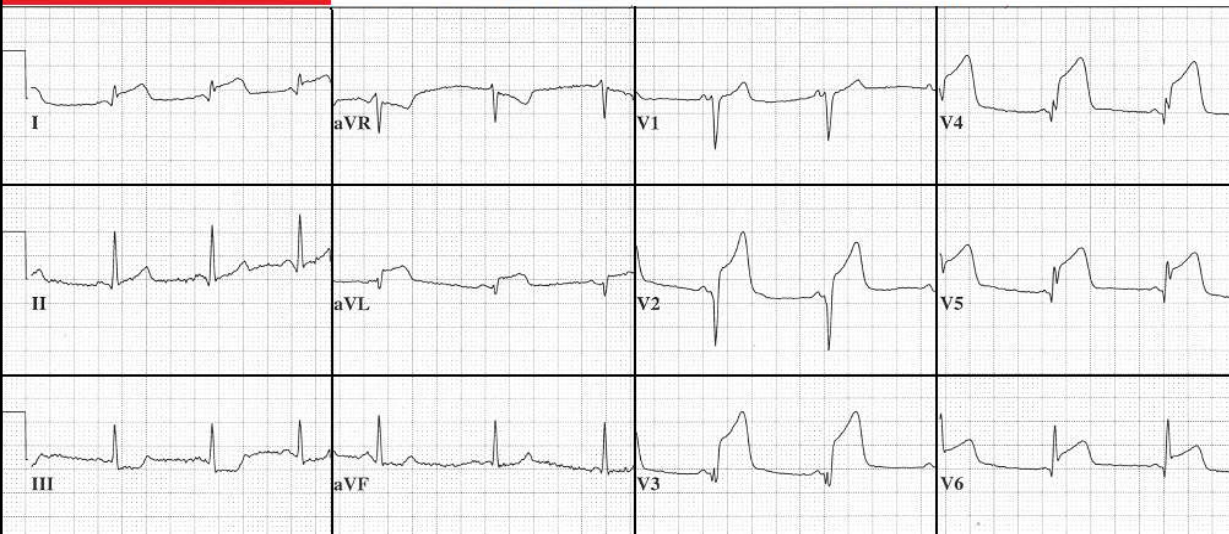
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WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH THE PATIENT WHO DID NOT GO TO THE CATH LAB ?

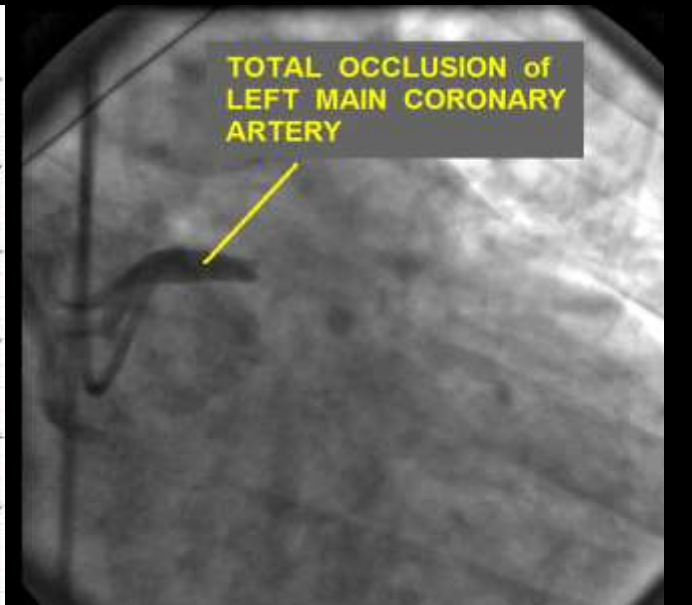
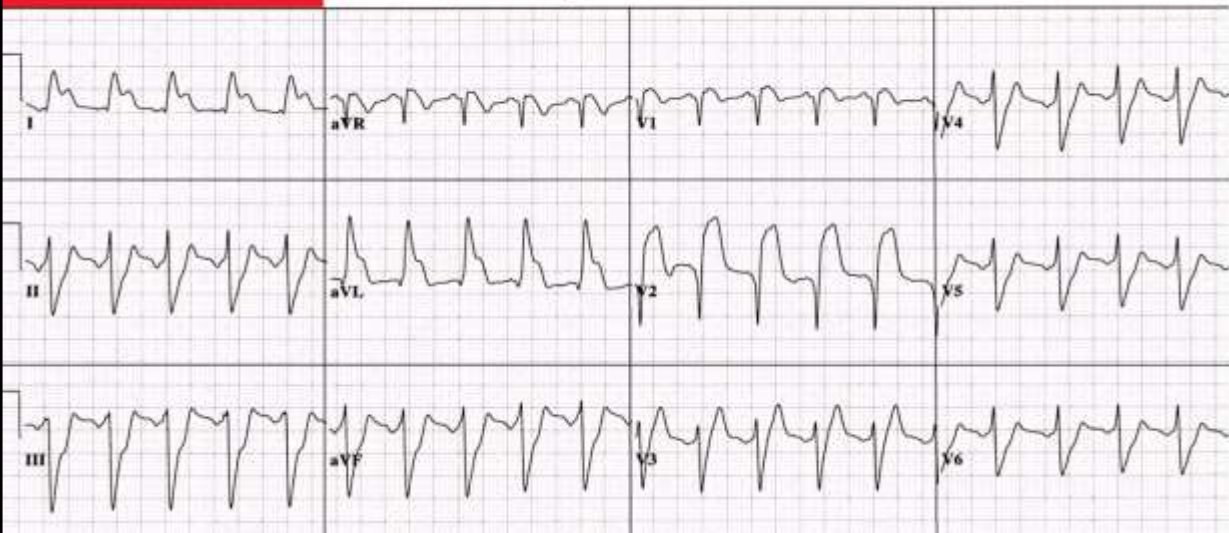
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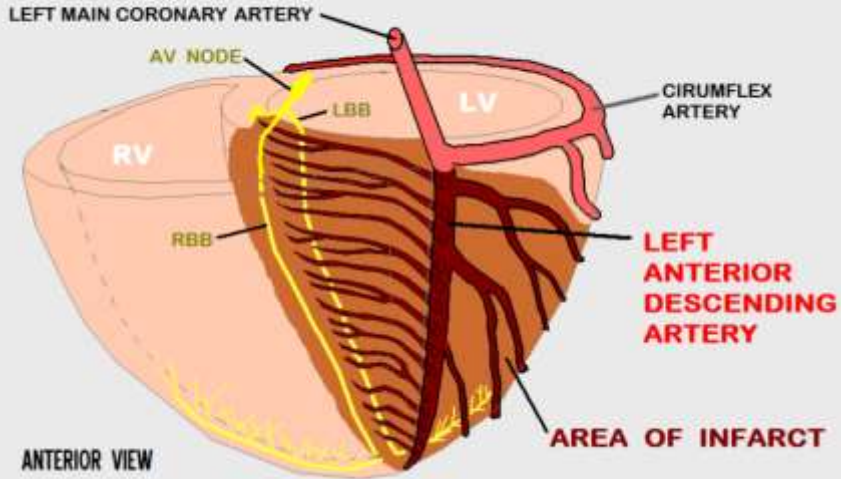
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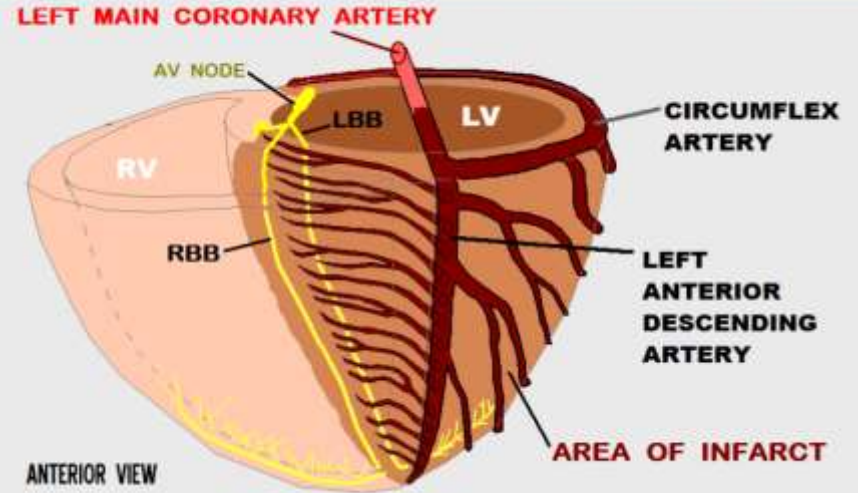
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## OCCLUSION of PROXIMAL LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY



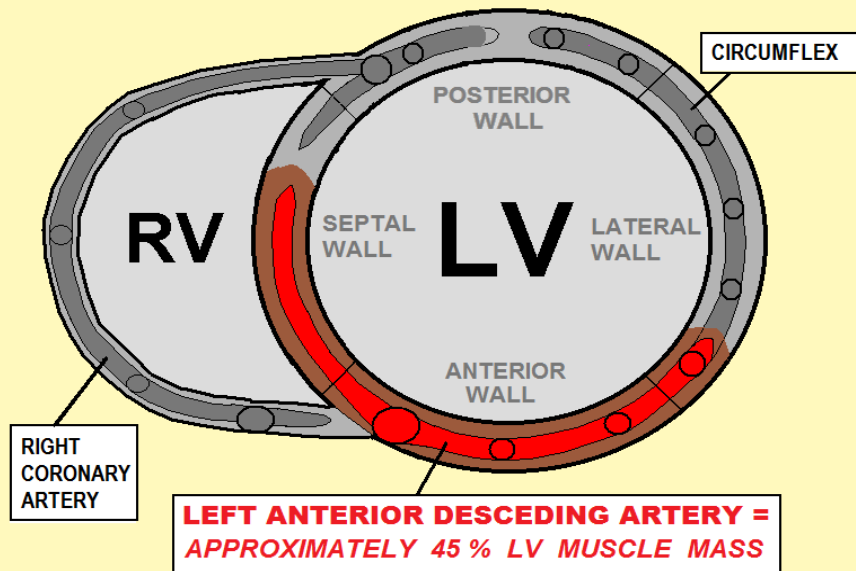
# PATIENT B:

## OCCLUSION of the LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY



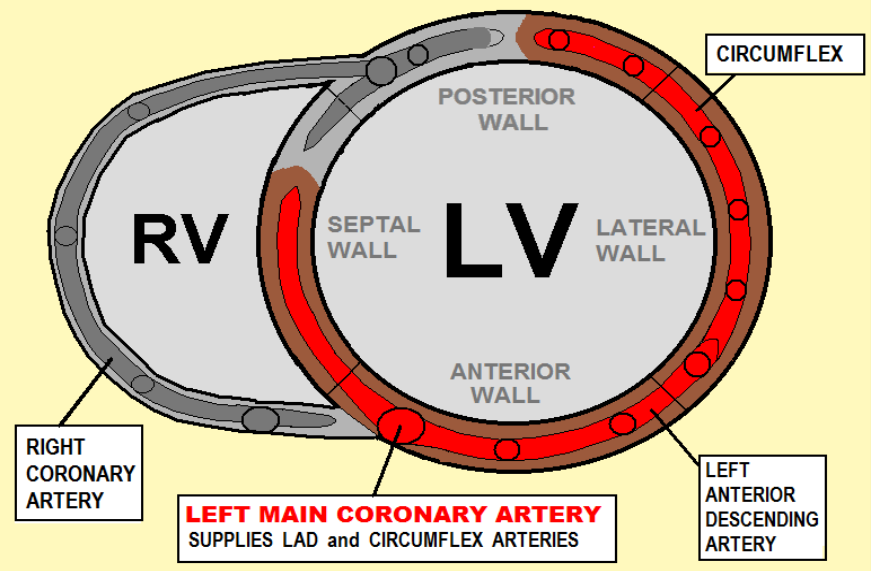
## The LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY

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



## The LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY

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

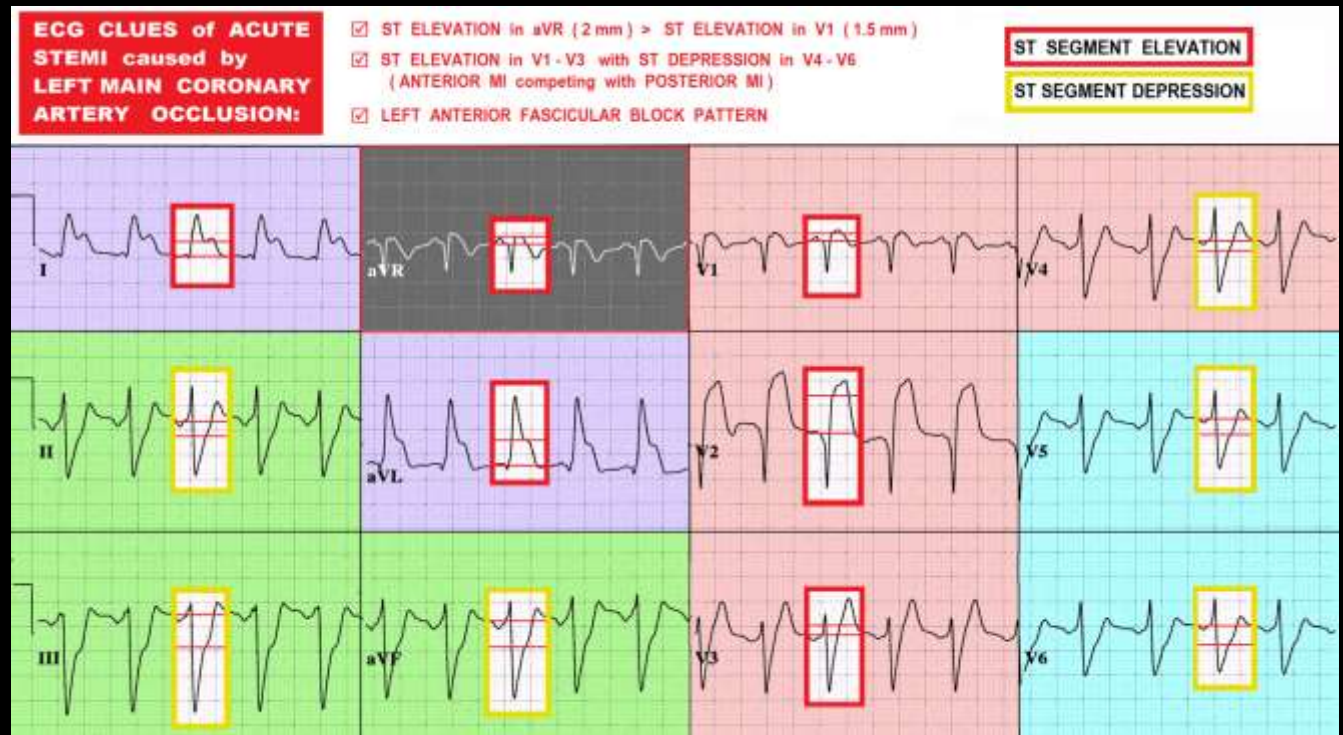


# ECG Clues... for IDENTIFYING STEMI CAUSED BY LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY occlusion:

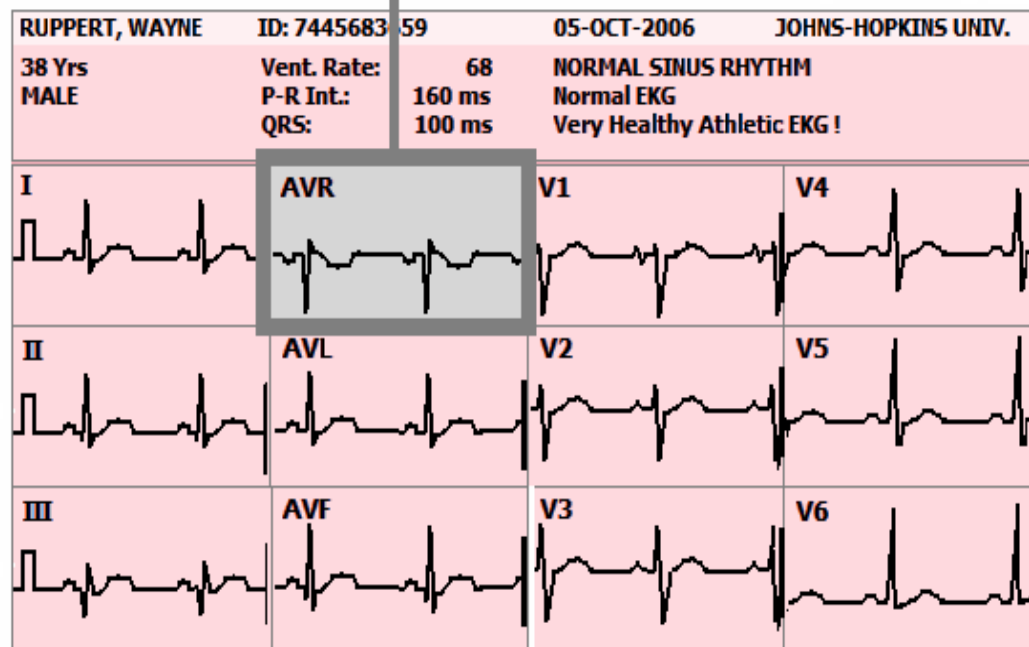
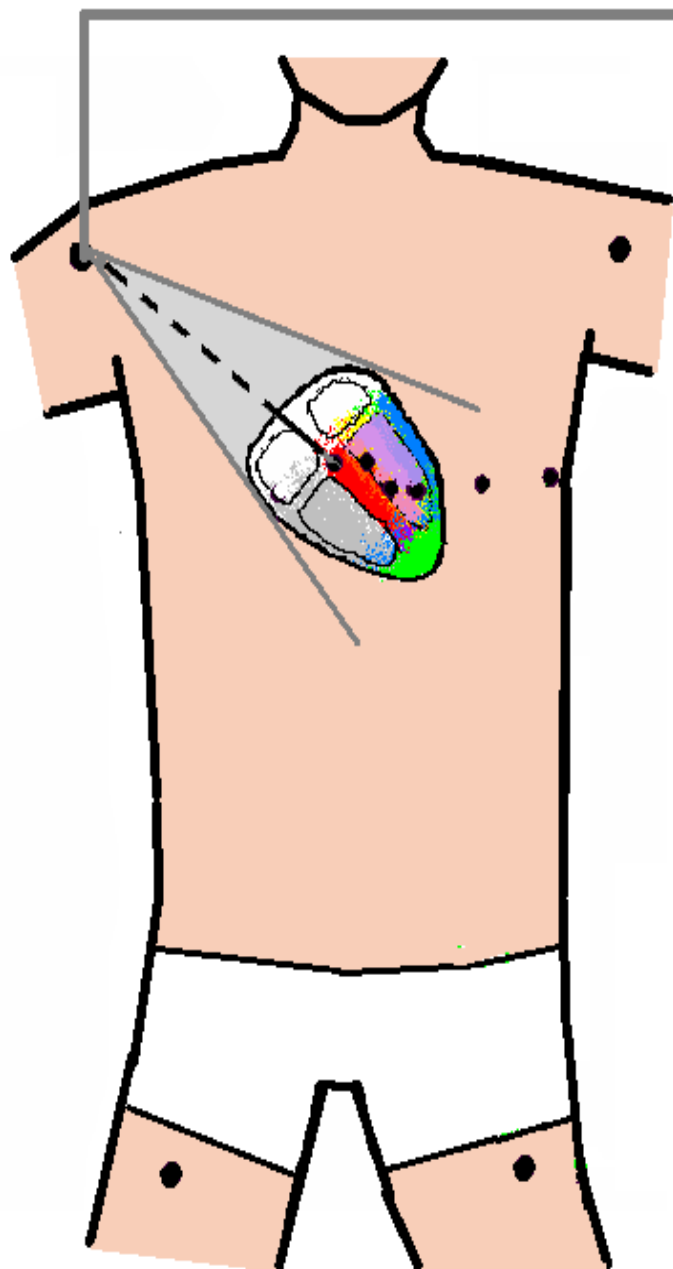
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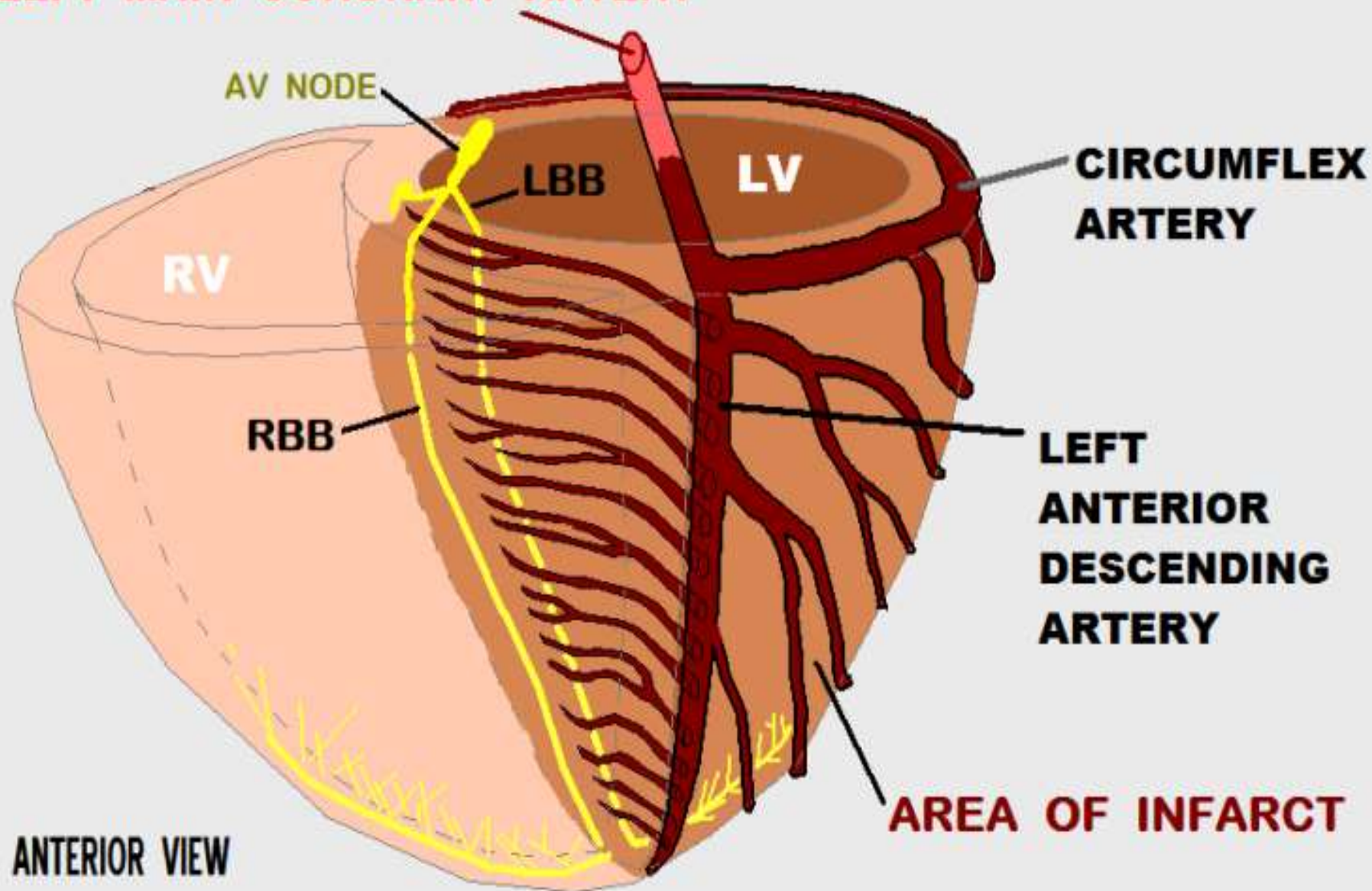
# Lead AVR Views the BASILAR SEPTUM (region of the Bundle of His):



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

# OCCLUSION of the LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY

## LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY





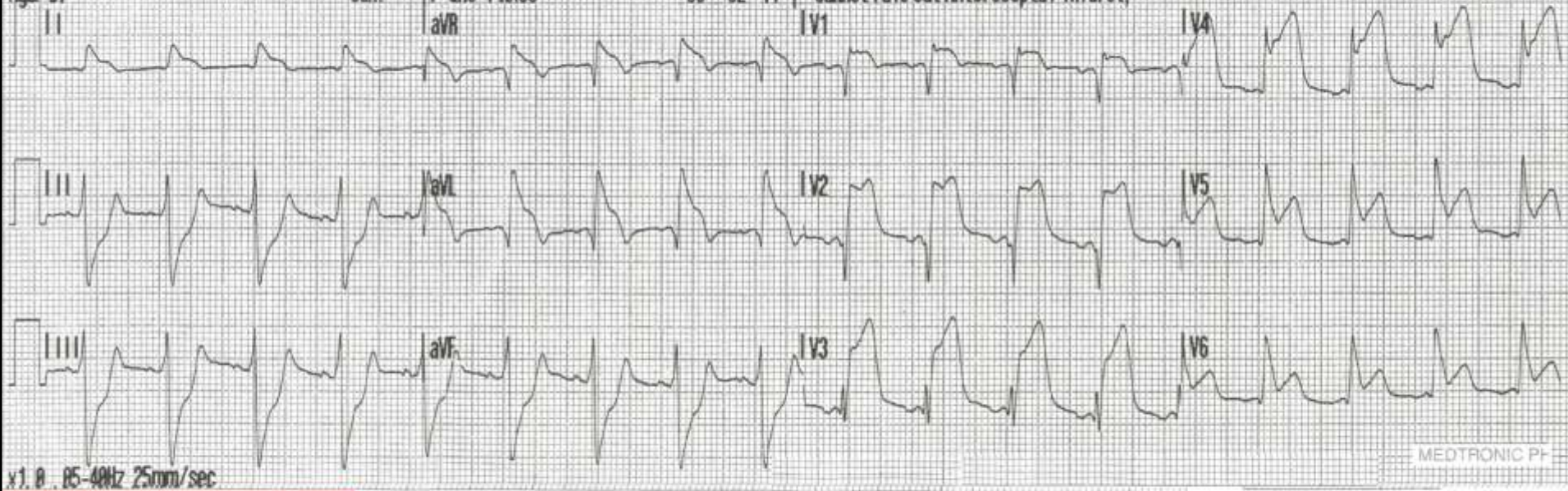
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ID:  
Patient ID:  
Incident:  
Age 37

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

HR 107 bpm  
12:44:13  
QRS 0.182s  
0.332s/0.443s  
89° -62° 44°

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

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



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

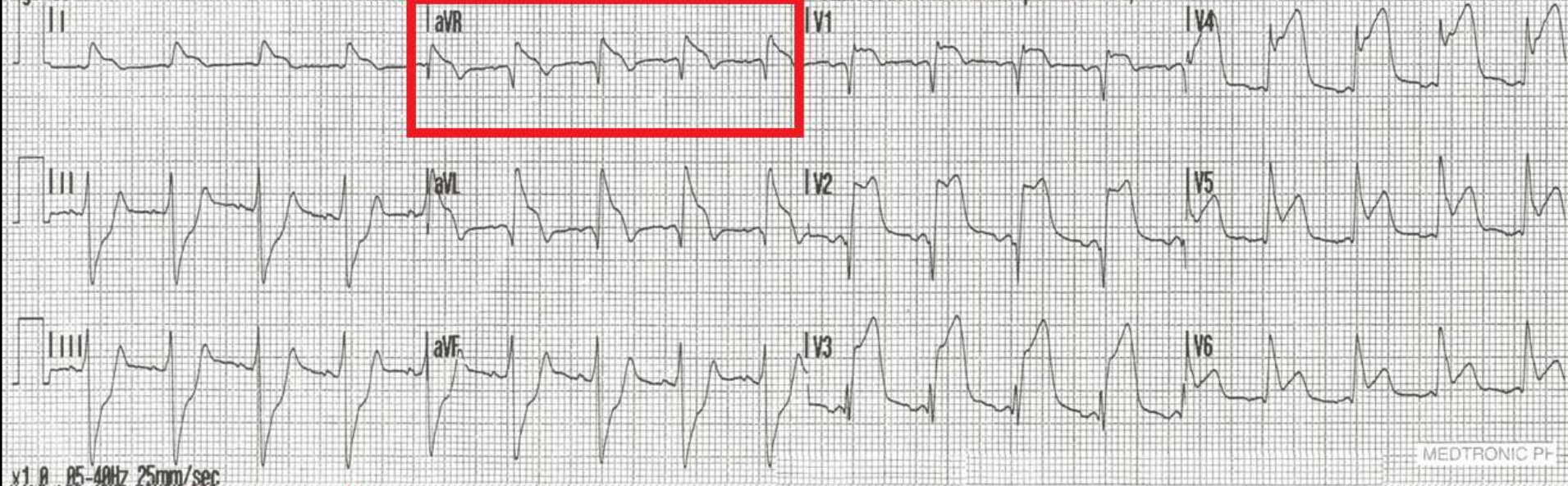
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MEDTRONIC PH

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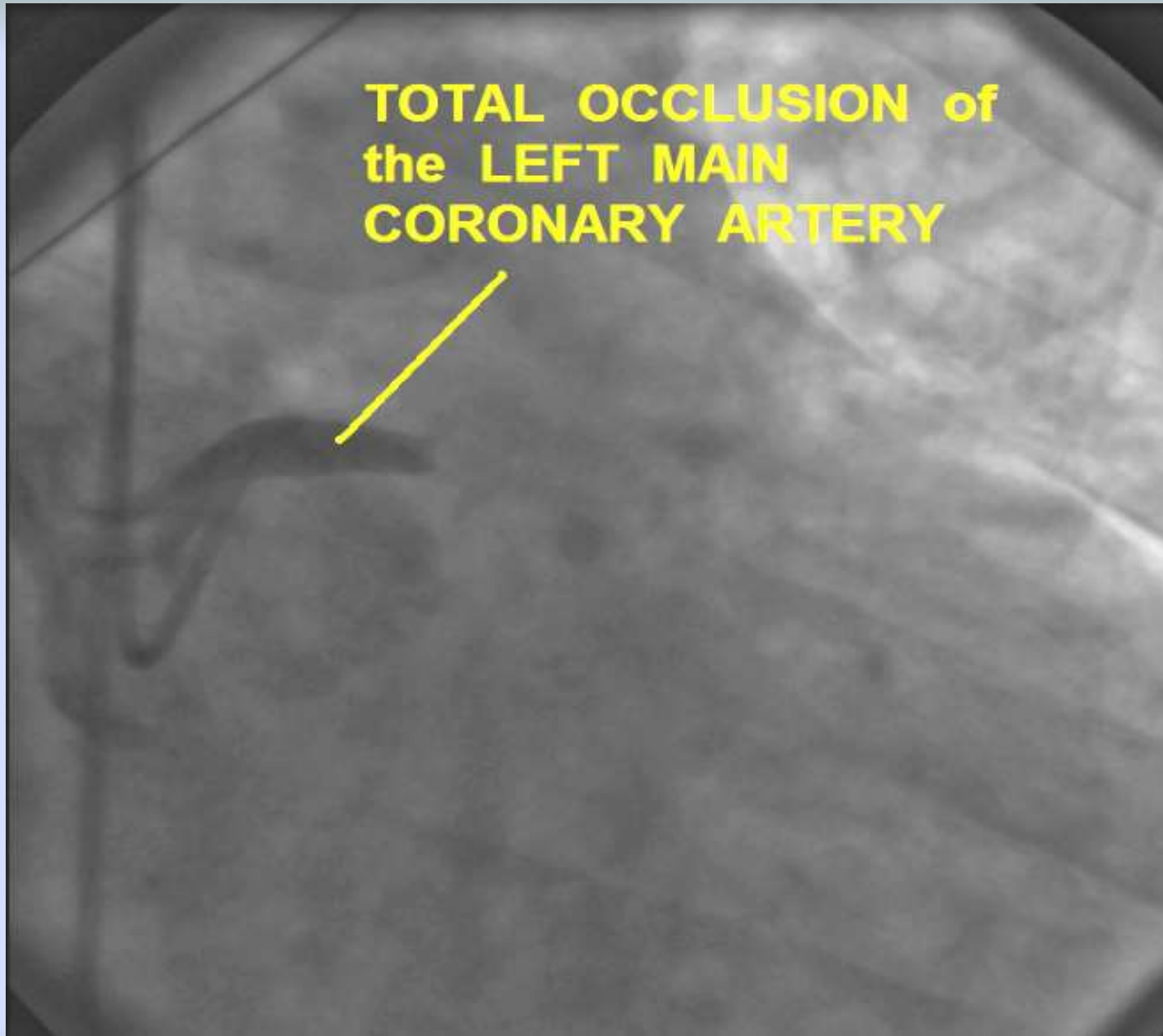
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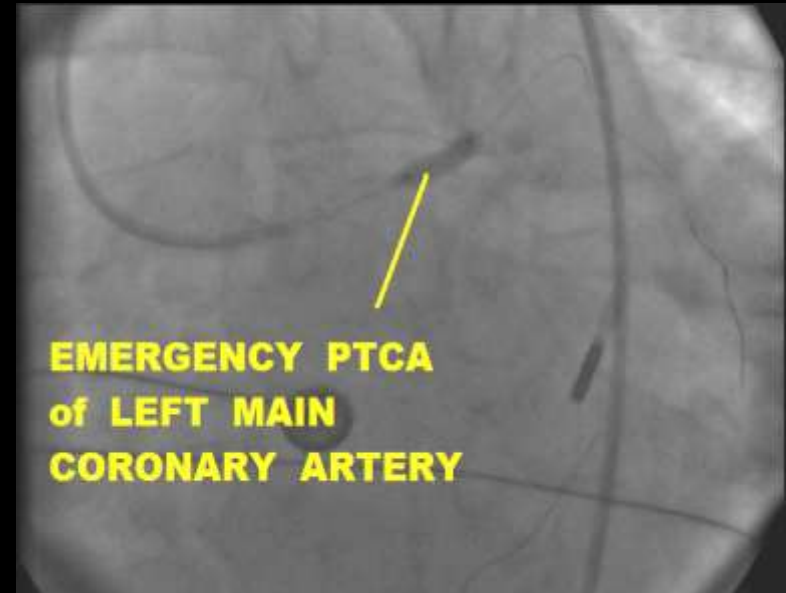
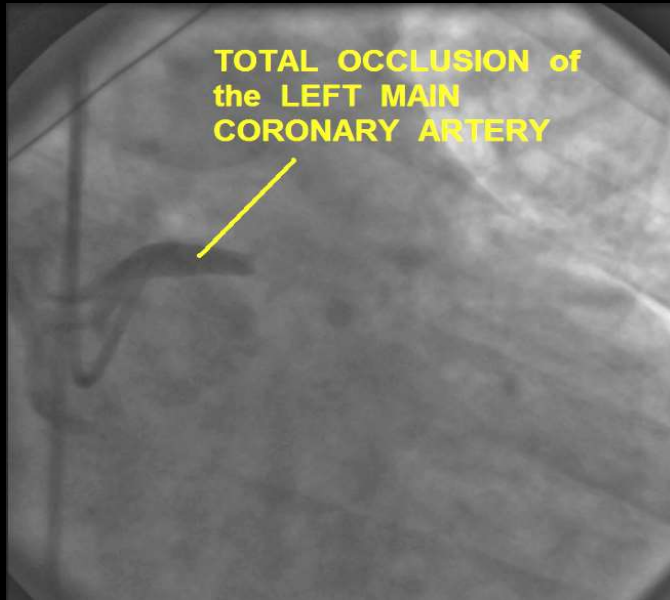
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x1.0 .05-40Hz 25mm/sec

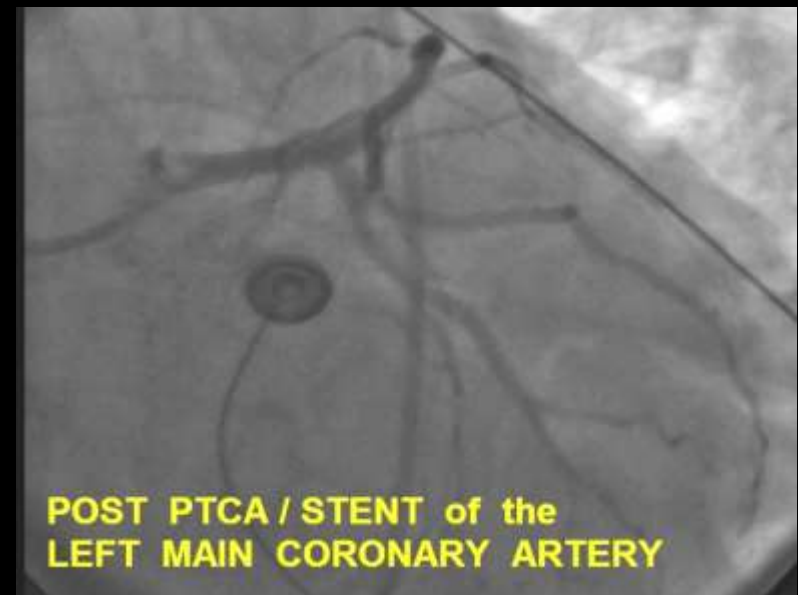
MEDTRONIC PI-

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





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



## CASE STUDY 4: CRITICAL DECISIONS SCENARIO

### CONCLUSIONS:

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

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

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

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



# ECG Clues . . .

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

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

**“In patients with:**

- **Angina at rest**

- **ST Elevation in AVR and ST**

**Depression in 8 or more ECG leads**

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

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

**3-vessel or left main coronary**

**artery stenosis” . . .**

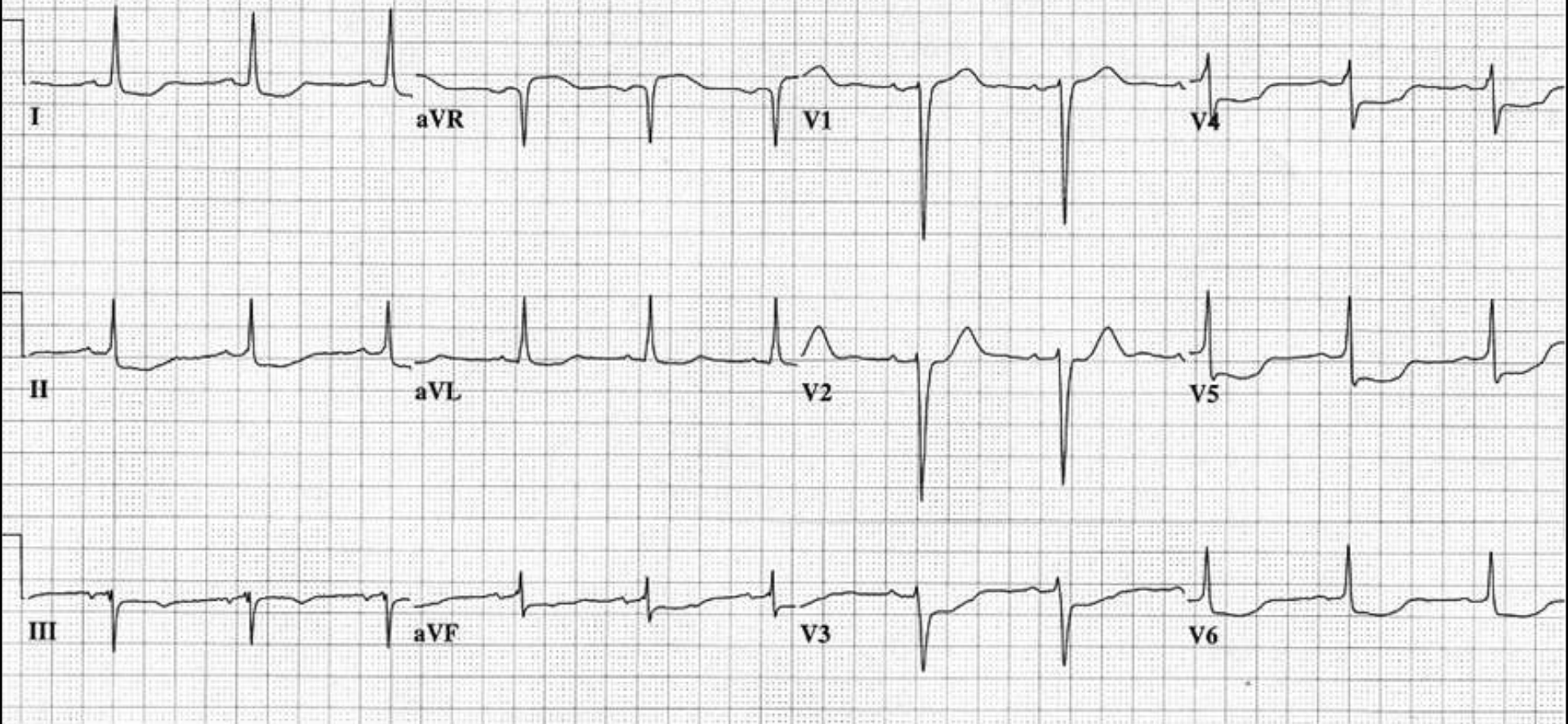
- Wagner et al, 2009 ACC/AHA Standardization and Interpretation of the ECG, Part VI, ACS.



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

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

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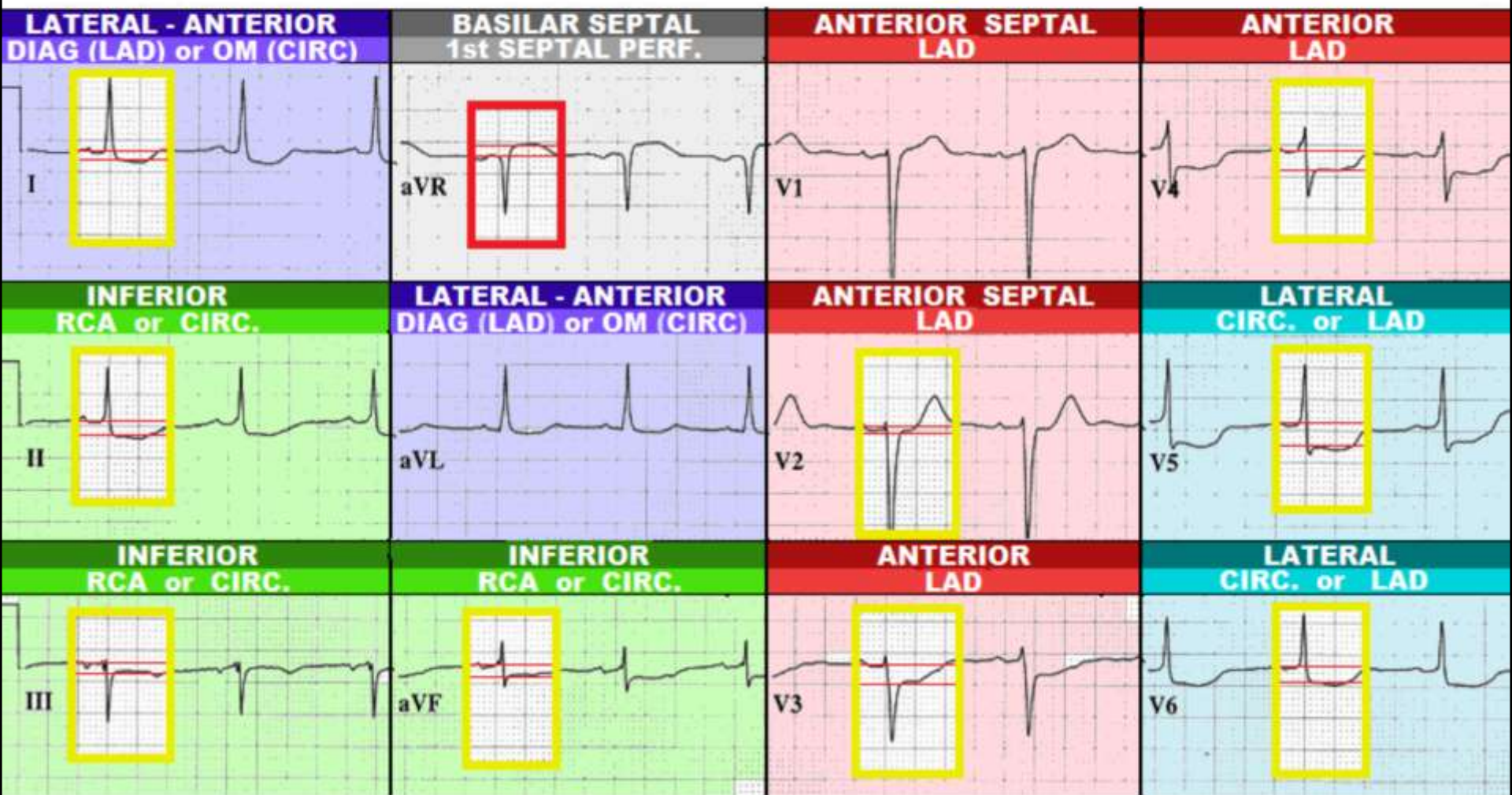


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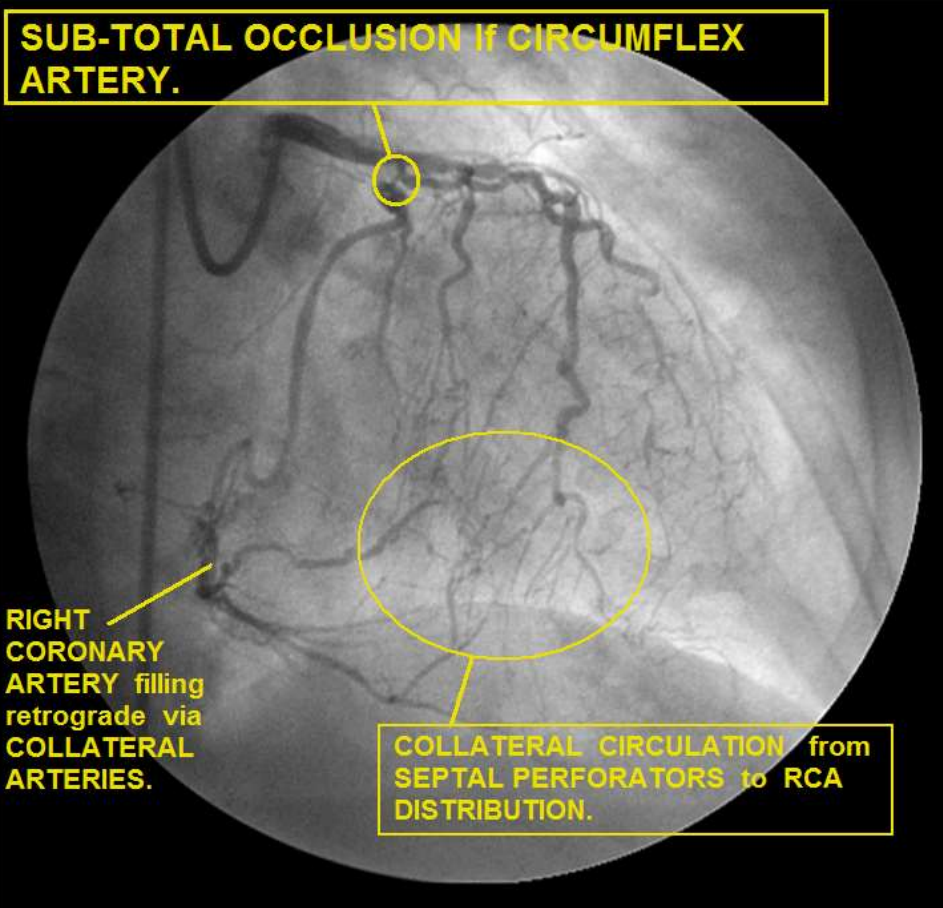
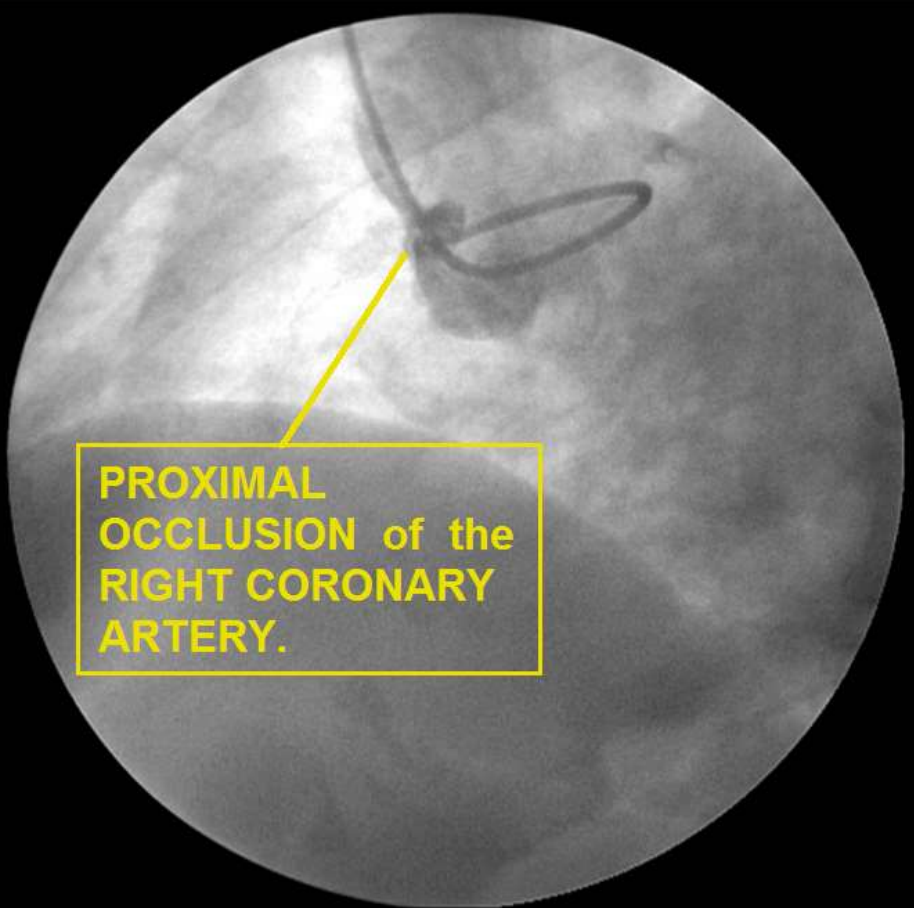
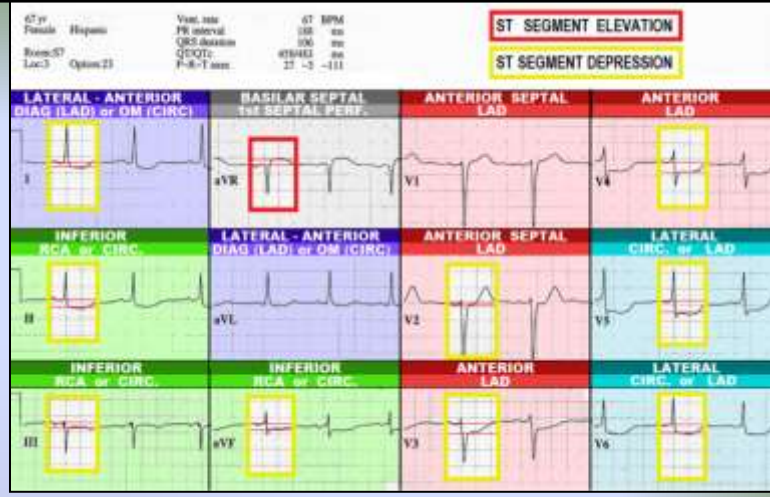
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**ST SEGMENT ELEVATION**

**ST SEGMENT DEPRESSION**



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



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

Patients with CHEST PAIN at REST and this ECG presentation have a 75% incidence of severe LMCA STENOSIS and/or TRIPLE - VESSEL DISEASE -- in such cases Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery (CABG) is frequently indicated.

PREHOSPITAL: if patient has no hospital preference consider transport to Chest Pain Center WITH Open Heart Surgery capabilities IF nearby.

HOSPITAL: consider use of SHORT-ACTING intravenous GP IIb/IIIa receptor agonists

- ACTIVE CHEST PAIN

ACUTE CHEST PAIN PROTOCOL

- ISCHEMIA - CONSIDER DYSRHYTHMIAS

ACLS PROTOCOL

- INCREASED PROBABILITY of IMMINENT MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION

1. AGGRESSIVE SERIAL TROPONIN and SERIAL ECG PROTOCOLS (2014 AHA /ACC / NSTE-ACS Guidelines)
2. Positive TROPONIN: consider STAT / early Cardiac Catheterization

Excerpt from **STEMI Assistant**

**CHIEF COMPLAINT and SIGNIFICANT HISTORY:**

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

**RISK FACTOR PROFILE:**

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

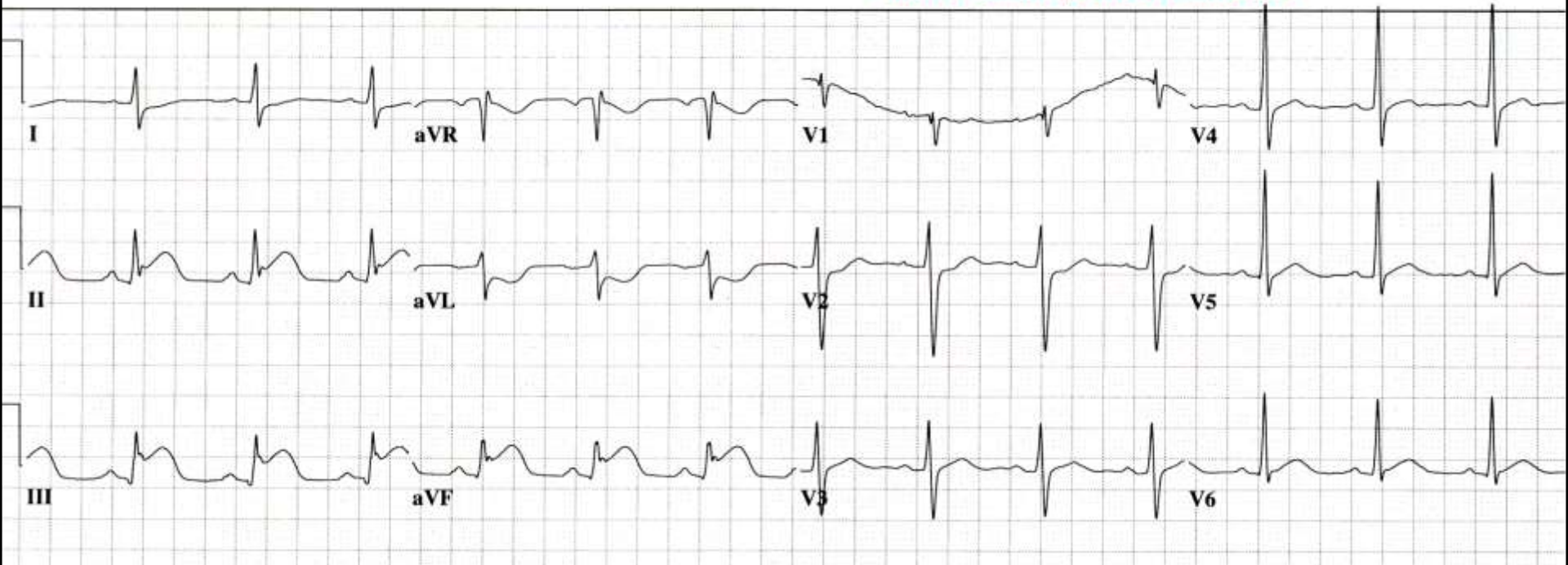
**PHYSICAL EXAM:** Patient is alert & oriented x 4, skin warm, dry, color normal. Non-anxious  
Lungs clear, normal S1, S2. No JVD, No ankle edema.

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

**LABS:** TROPONIN: < .04

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

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



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Male

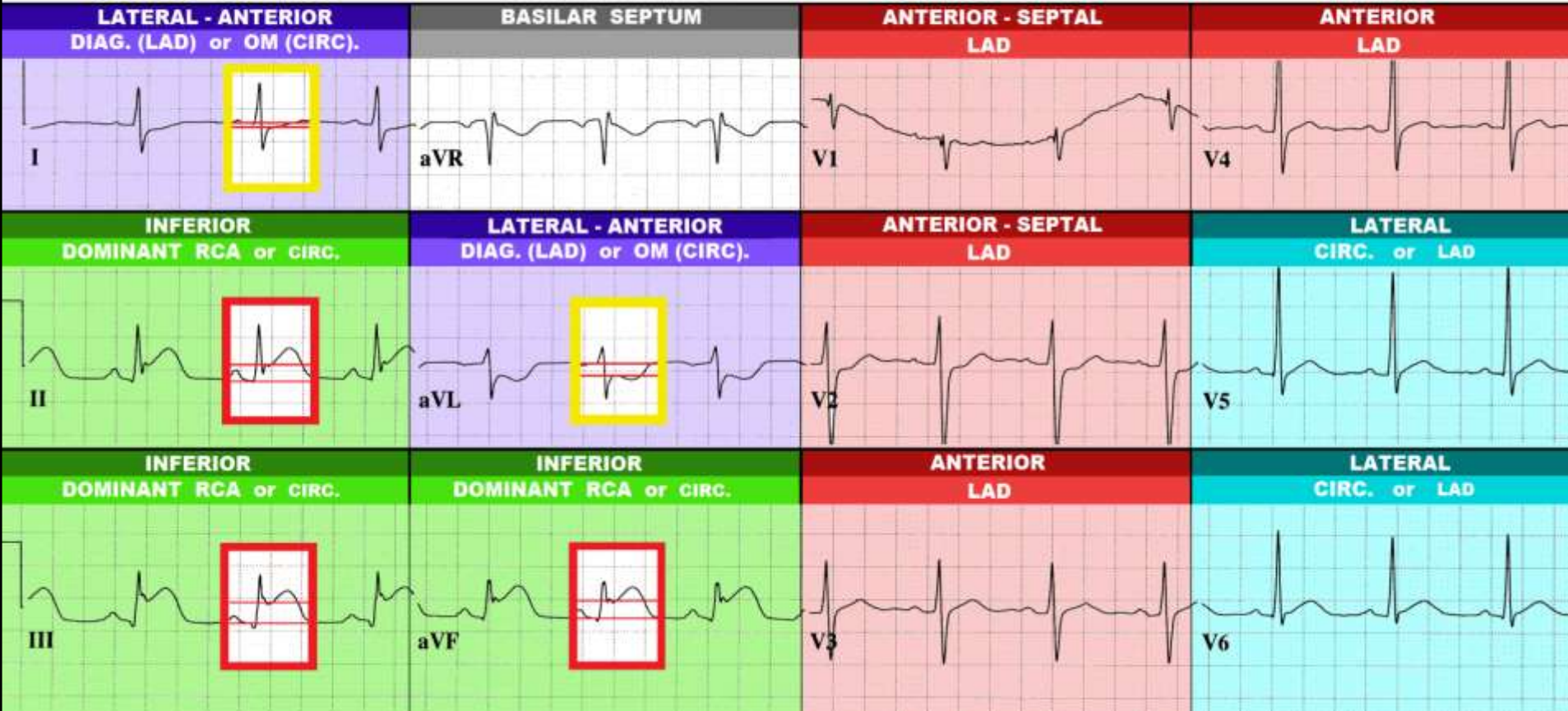
Caucasian

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Normal sinus rhythm  
ST elevation consider inferior injury or acute infarct  
\*\*\*\*\* ACUTE MI \*\*\*\*\*  
Abnormal ECG

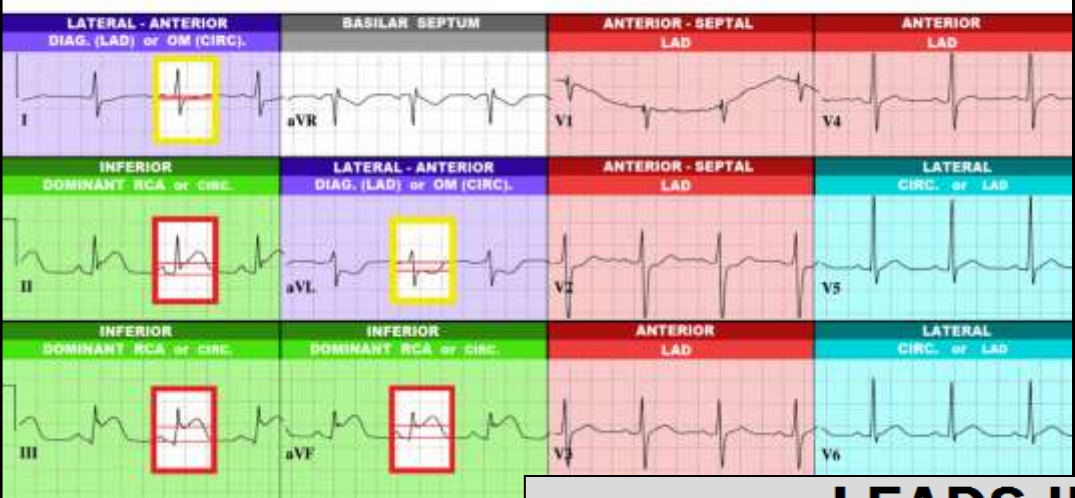
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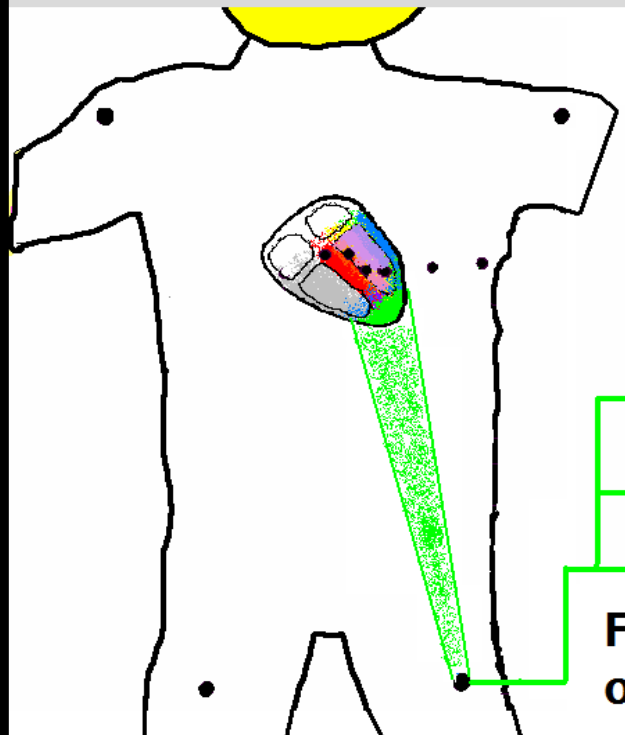


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## LEADS II, III, and aVF VIEW INFERIOR WALL of the LEFT VENTRICLE

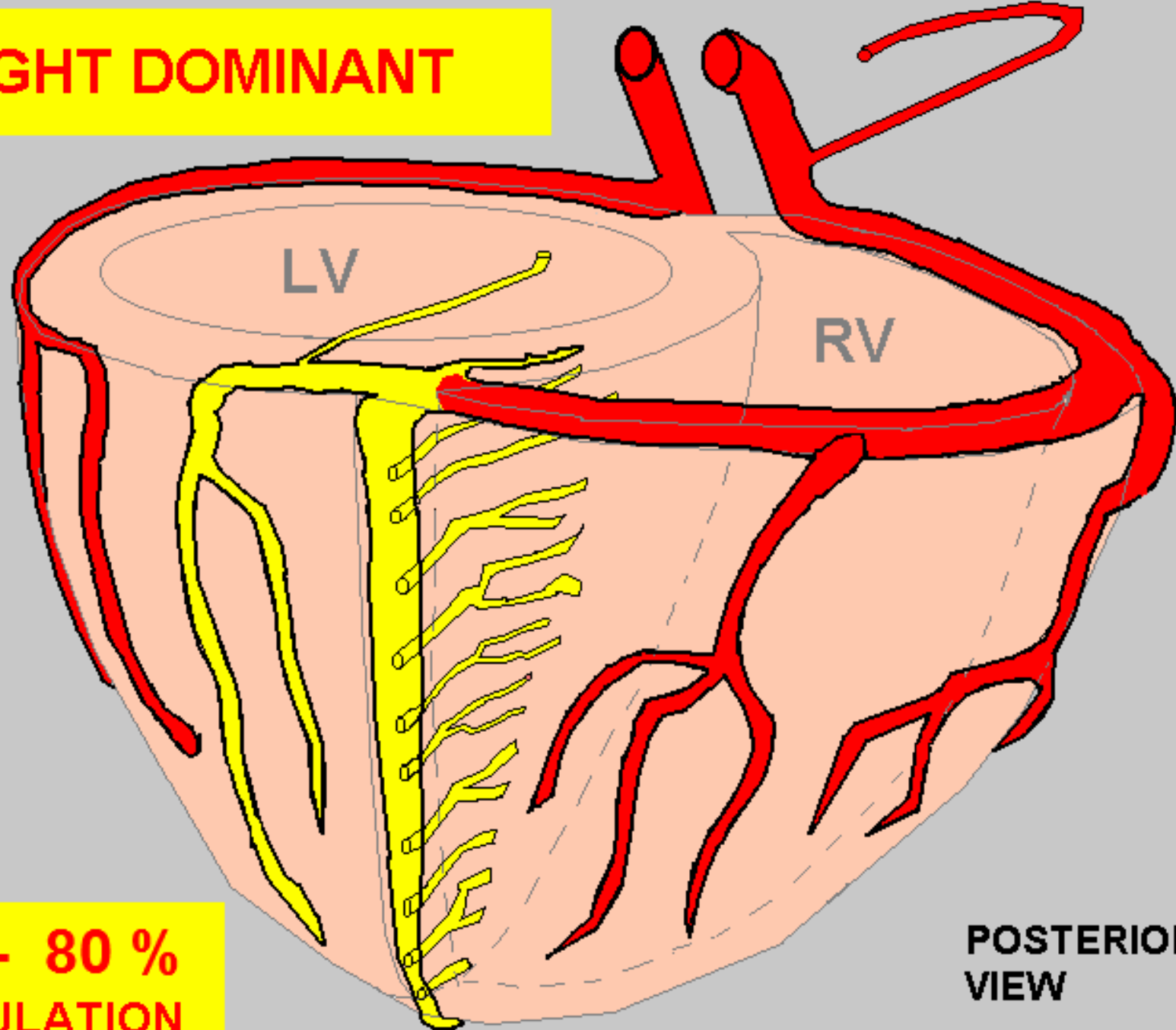


RUPPERT, WAYNE		ID: 7445683659	05-OCT-2006	JOHNS-HOPKINS UNIV.
38 Yrs	MALE	Vent. Rate: 68	NORMAL SINUS RHYTHM	
		P-R Int.: 160 ms	Normal EKG	
		QRS: 100 ms	Very Healthy Athletic EKG !	
I	AVR	V1	V4	
II	AVL	V2	V5	
III	AVF	V3	V6	

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



**RIGHT DOMINANT**



**75 - 80 %  
POPULATION**

**POSTERIOR  
VIEW**



HELPFUL HINT . . . *MEMORIZE THIS!*

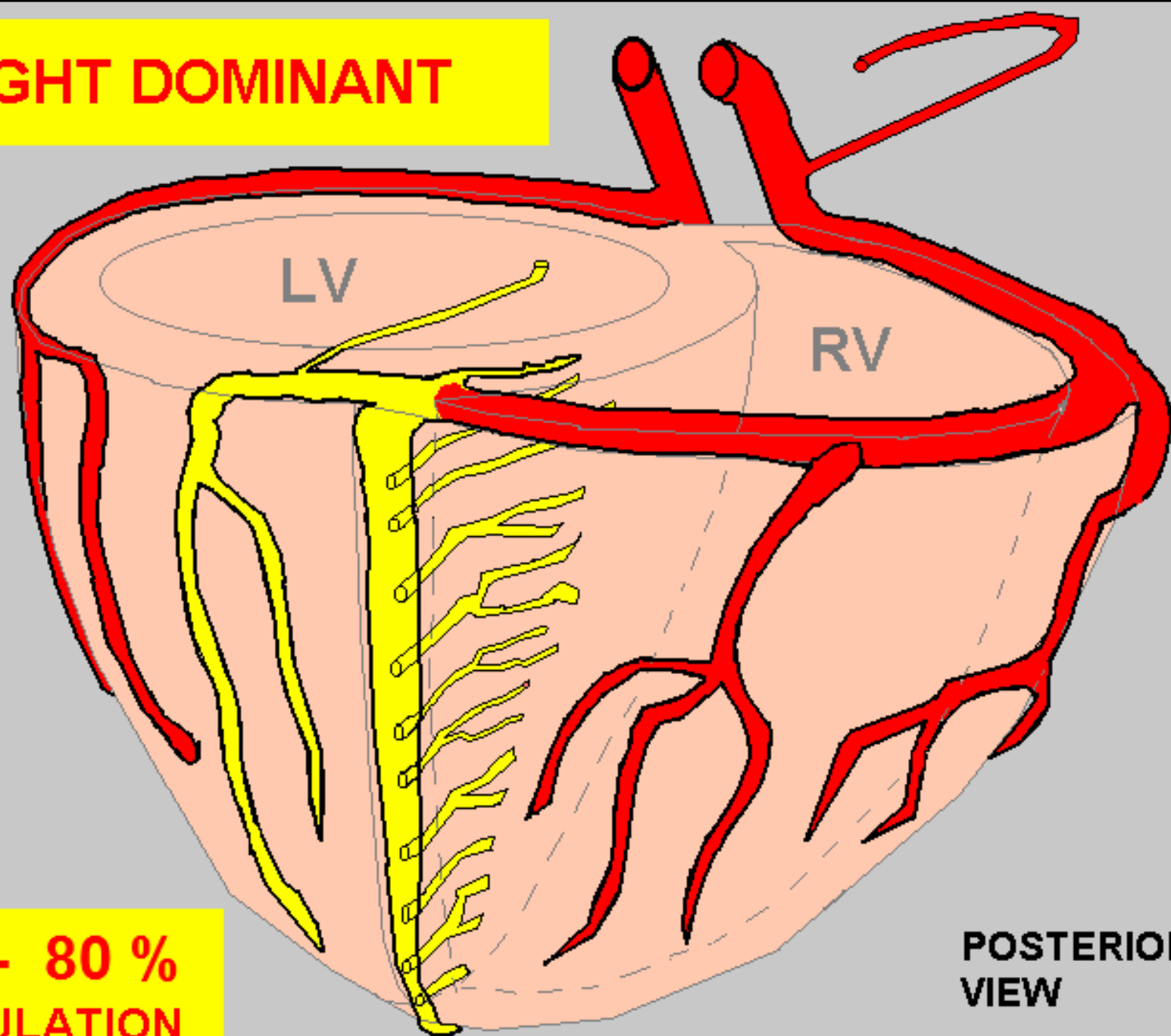


## RIGHT CORONARY ARTERY ( RCA )

RIGHT DOMINANT  
SYSTEMS

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

**RIGHT DOMINANT**



**75 - 80 %  
POPULATION**

**POSTERIOR  
VIEW**

A standard

**12 LEAD EKG**

Does NOT show the

**RIGHT VENTRICLE**

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

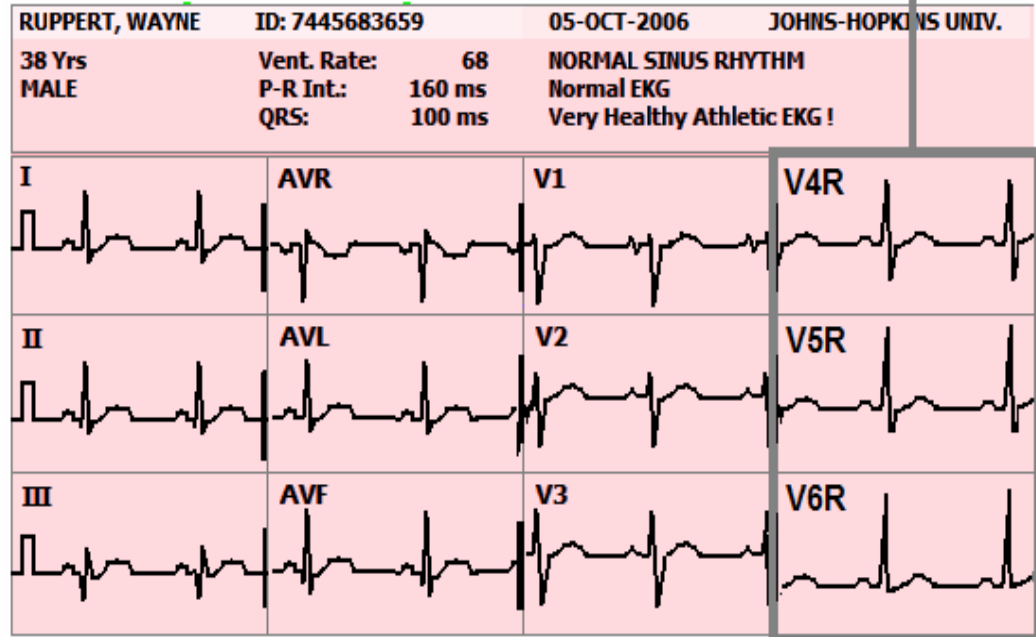
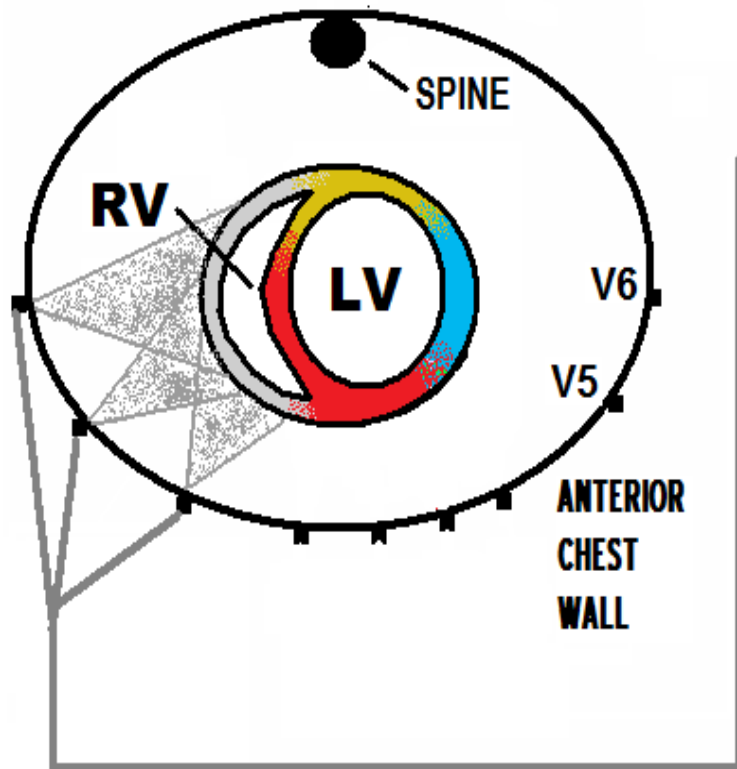
. . . such as in cases of  
**INFERIOR WALL M.I.**



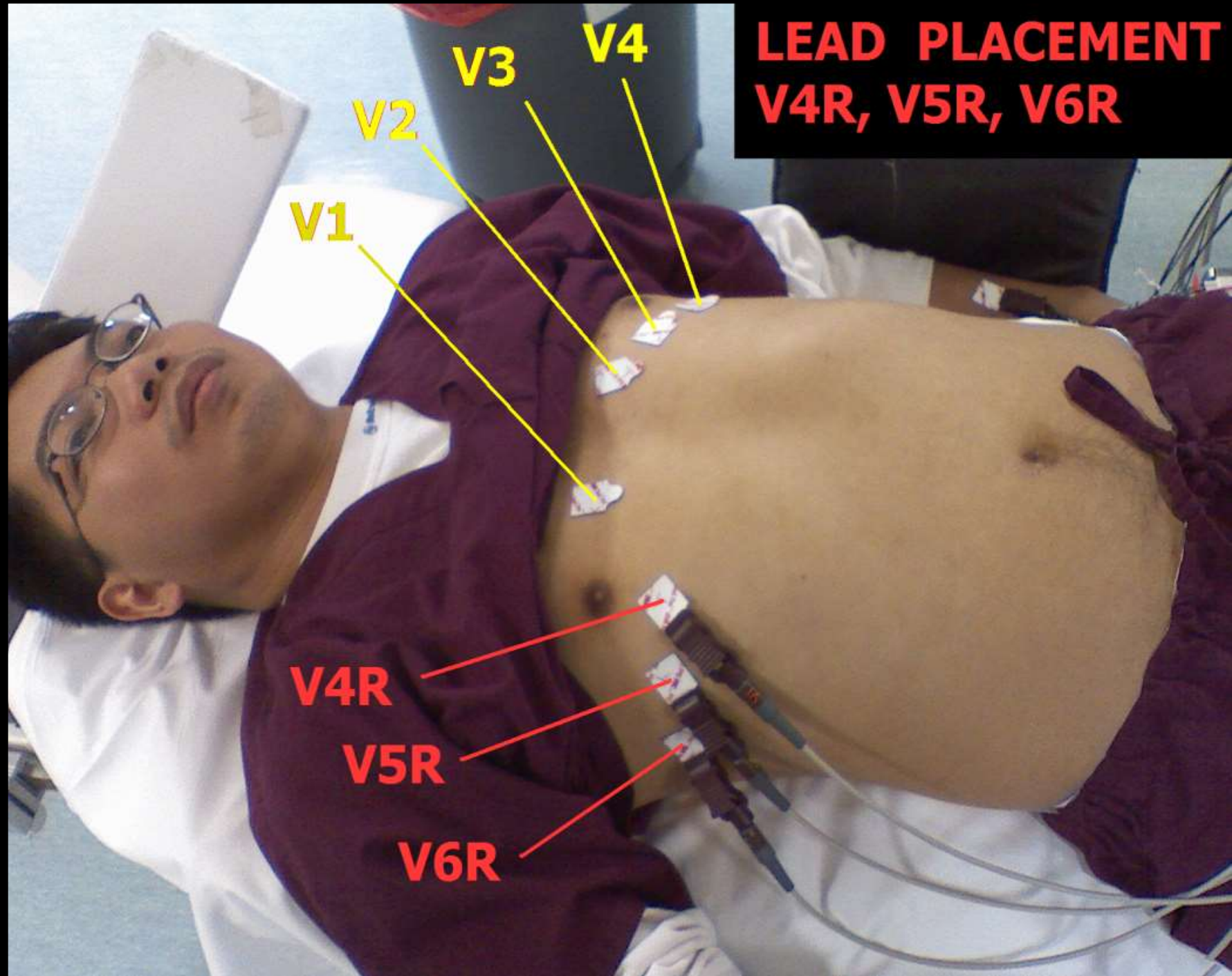
You must do a

**RIGHT - SIDED EKG !!**

# V4R - V6R VIEW THE RIGHT VENTRICLE



**LEAD PLACEMENT  
V4R, V5R, V6R**



**V1**

**V2**

**V3**

**V4**

**V4R**

**V5R**

**V6R**

46 yo

Male Caucasian

Room:

Opt:

Technician:

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

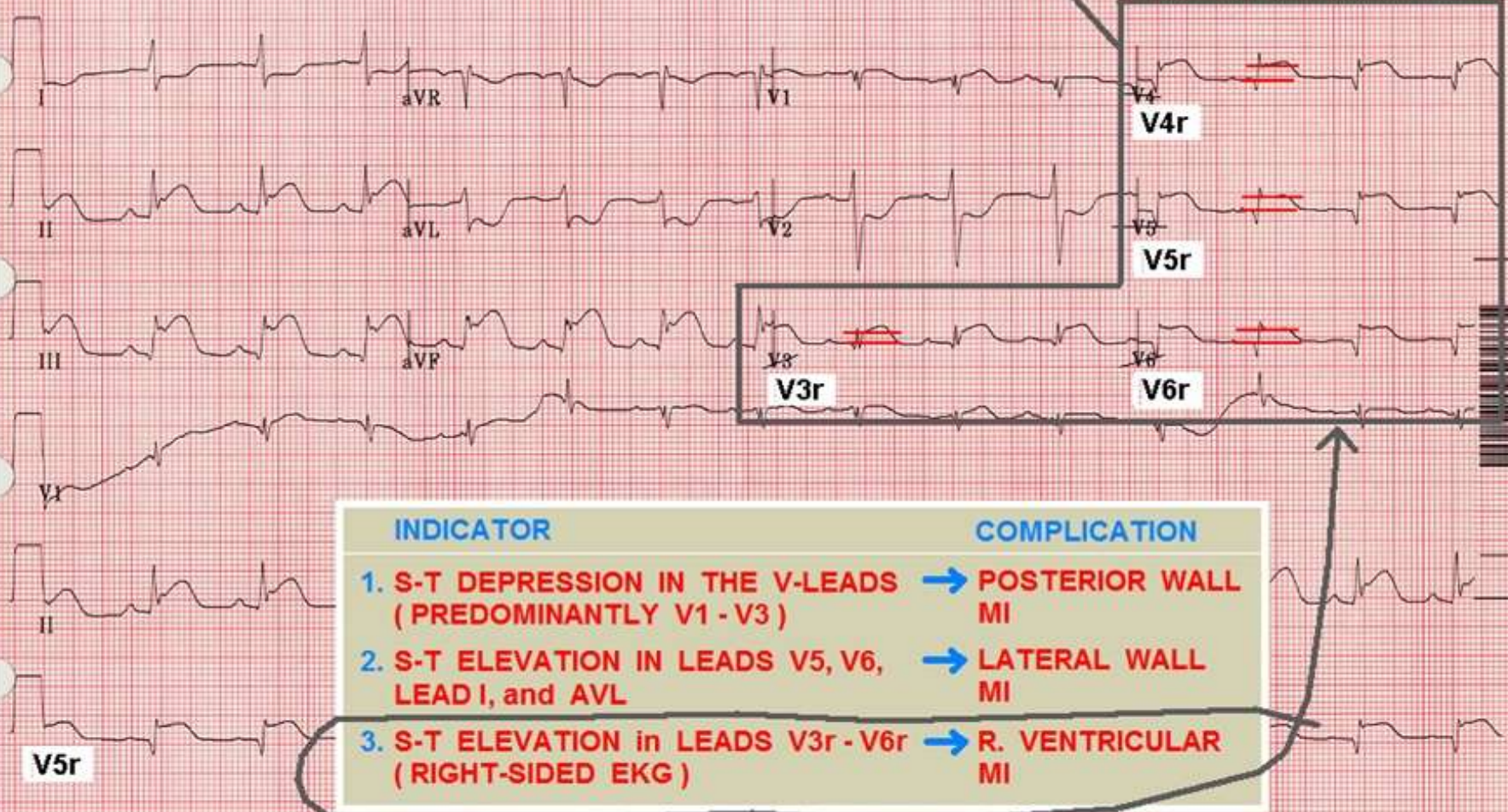
Normal sinus rhythm  
~~Anterolateral infarct, possibly acute~~  
 Inferior injury pattern  
 \*\*\*\*\* Acute MI \*\*\*\*\*  
 Abnormal ECG

**Right Ventricular Infarct**

V LEADS  
R SIDE

Referred by:

Unconfirmed



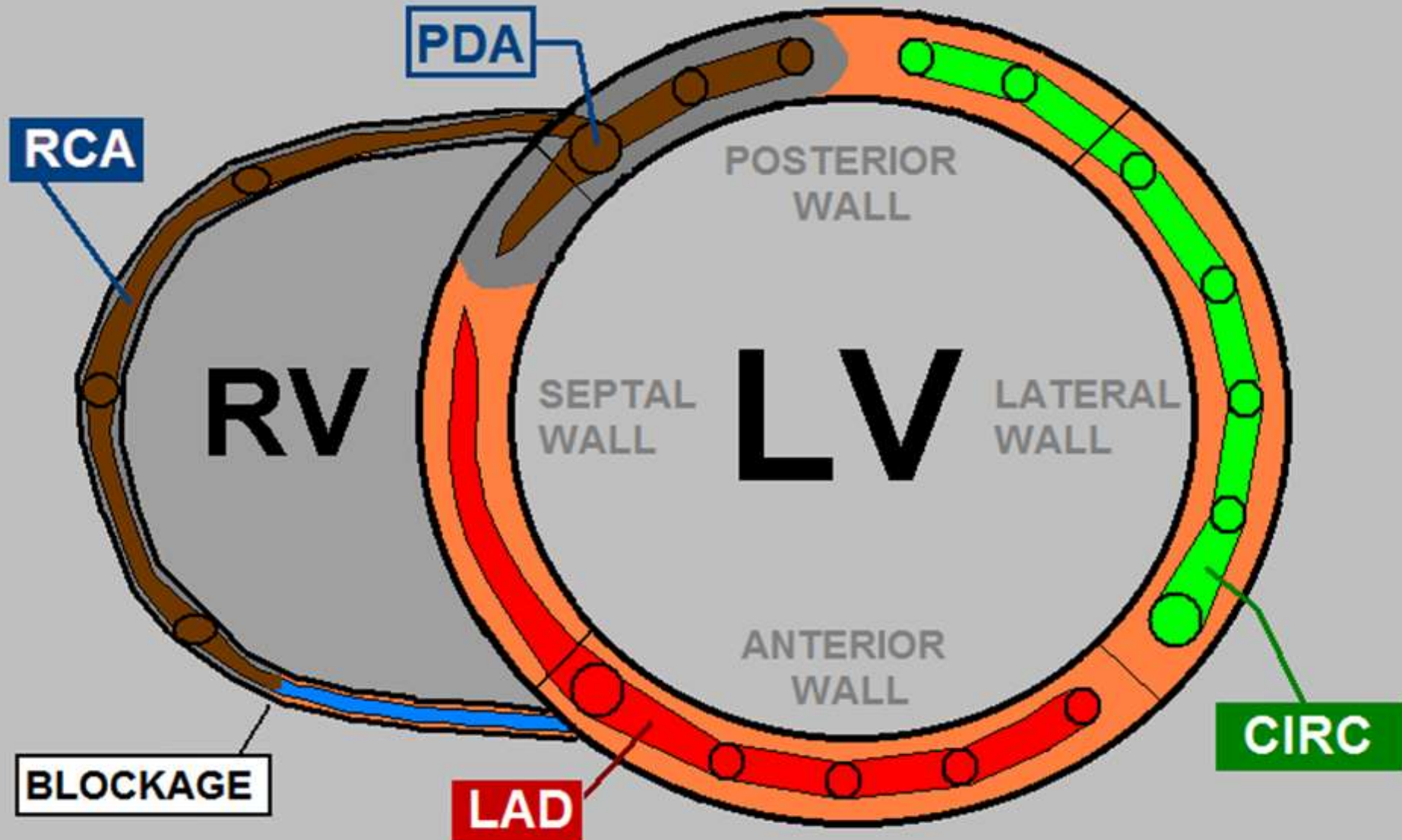
INDICATOR	COMPLICATION
1. S-T DEPRESSION IN THE V-LEADS (PREDOMINANTLY V1 - V3)	→ POSTERIOR WALL MI
2. S-T ELEVATION IN LEADS V5, V6, LEAD I, and AVL	→ LATERAL WALL MI
3. S-T ELEVATION in LEADS V3r - V6r (RIGHT-SIDED EKG)	→ R. VENTRICULAR MI



# INFERIOR - RIGHT VENTRICULAR MI

**DOMINANT RCA**

**75-80 % of POPULATION**



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

- CARDIAC ARREST	BCLS / ACLS
- CARDIAC DYSRHYTHMIAS (VT / VF)	ACLS (antiarrhythmics)
- SINUS BRADYCARDIA	ATROPINE 0.5mg, REPEAT as needed UP TO 3mg. (follow ACLS and/or UNIT protocols)
- HEART BLOCKS (1st, 2nd & 3rd Degree HB)	ATROPINE 0.5mg, REPEAT as needed UP TO 3mg, Transcutaneous Pacing, (follow ACLS and/or UNIT protocols)
- RIGHT VENTRICULAR MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The standard 12 Lead ECG does NOT view the Right Ventricle.</li> <li>- You must do a RIGHT-SIDED ECG to see if RV MI is present.</li> <li>- Do NOT give any Inferior Wall STEMI patient NITRATES or DIURETICS until RV MI has been RULED OUT.</li> </ul>
- POSTERIOR WALL INFARCTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- POSTERIOR WALL MI presents on the 12 Lead ECG as ST DEPRESSION in Leads V1 - V3.</li> <li>- POSTERIOR WALL MI is NOT PRESENT ON THIS ECG</li> </ul>

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

MI with HYPOTENSION ??

WET LUNG  
SOUNDS ??

NO

YES

RIGHT VENTRICULAR MI ?

YES

NO

POSTERIOR / LATERAL  
INVOLVEMENT ?

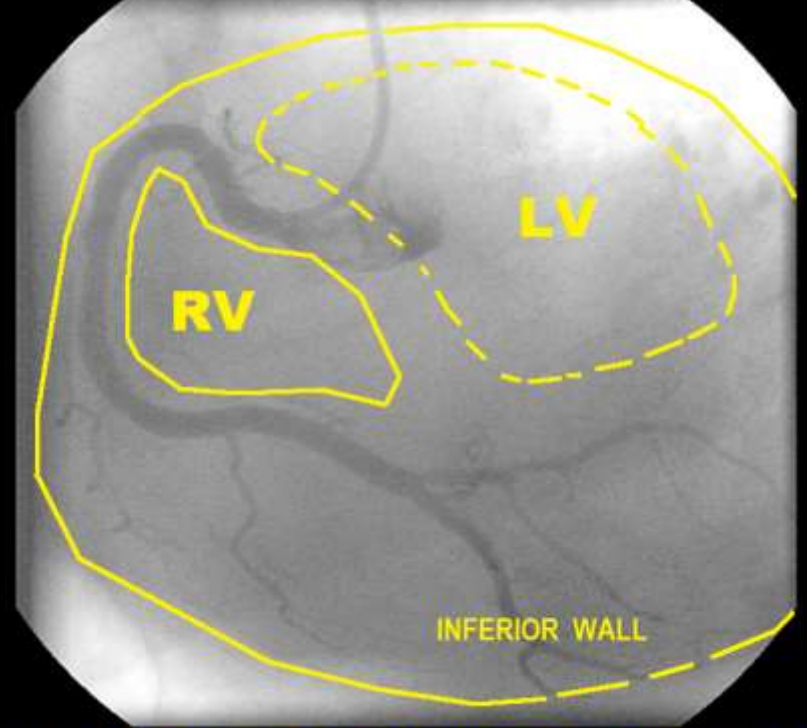
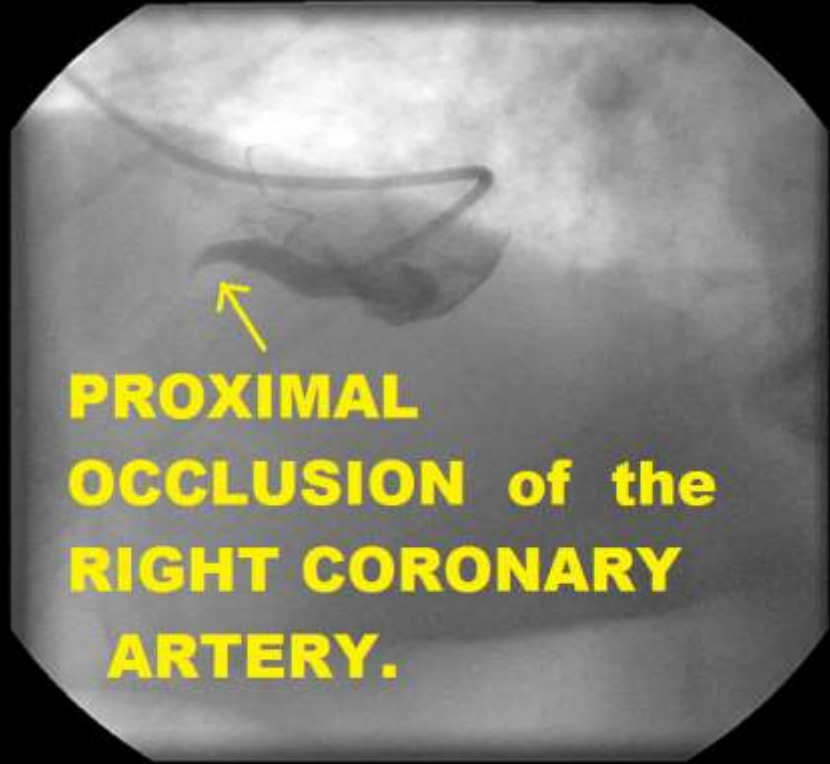
NO

YES

IV  
FLUIDS !

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

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



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

IN *EVERY* CASE of

# INFERIOR WALL STEMI

You must first *RULE OUT*

## RIGHT VENTRICULAR MI

*BEFORE* giving any:

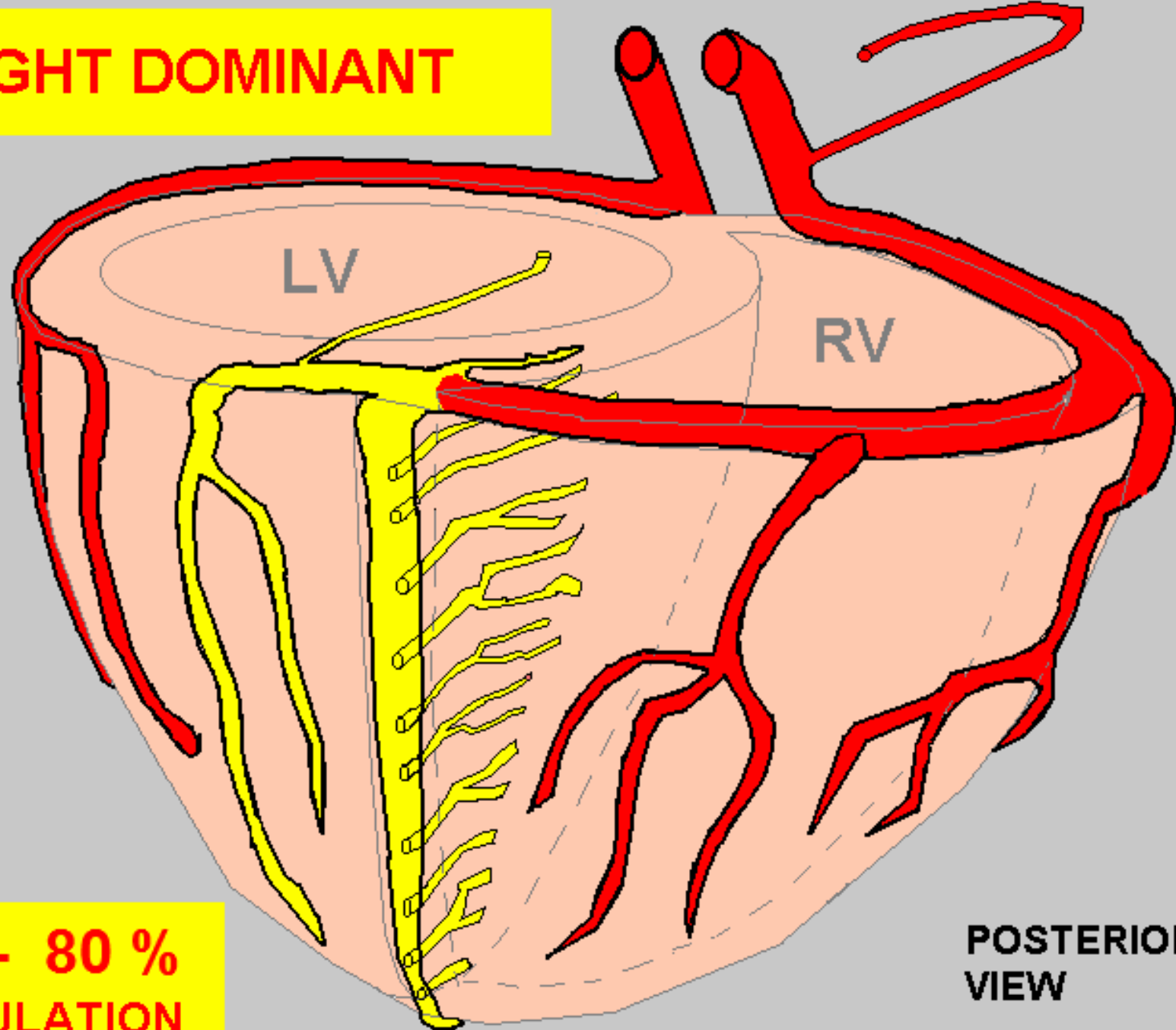
- NITROGLYCERIN
- Diuretics

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

**They precipitate SEVERE  
HYPOTENSION**

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

**RIGHT DOMINANT**

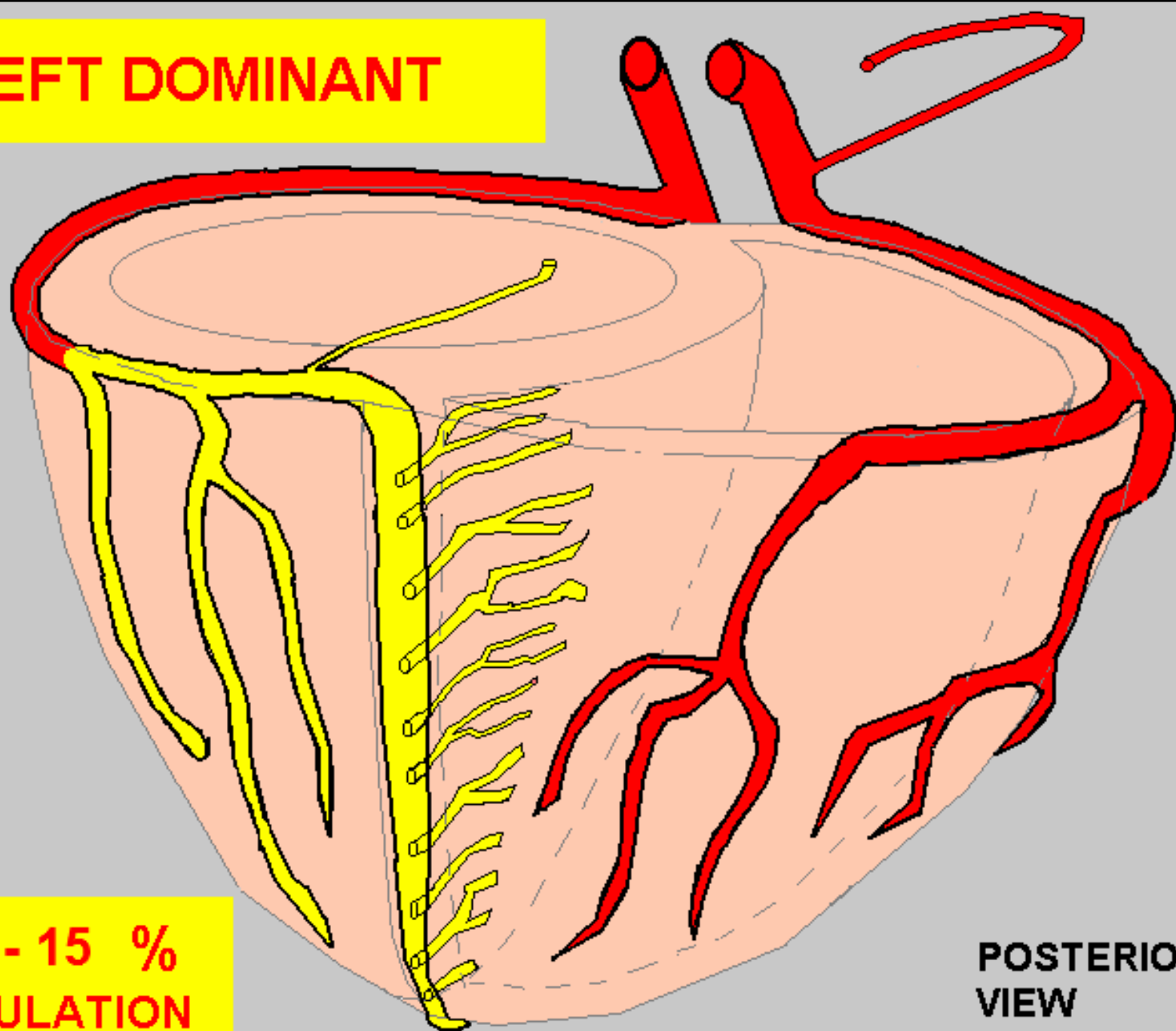


**75 - 80 %  
POPULATION**

**POSTERIOR  
VIEW**



**LEFT DOMINANT**



**10 - 15 %  
POPULATION**

**POSTERIOR  
VIEW**

**CHIEF COMPLAINT and SIGNIFICANT HISTORY:**

42 y/o MALE arrived via EMS, c/o "HEAVY CHEST PRESSURE," SHORTNESS of BREATH X 40 min. He has experienced V-FIB and been DEFIBRILLATED multiple times

**RISK FACTOR PROFILE:**



-  CIGARETTE SMOKER
-  HYPERTENSION
-  HIGH LDL CHOLESTEROL

**PHYSICAL EXAM:** Patient is alert & oriented x 4, ANXIOUS, with COOL, PALE, DIAPHORETIC SKIN. C/O NAUSEA, and is VOMITING. LUNG SOUNDS: COARSE CRACKLES, BASES, bilaterally

**VITAL SIGNS:** BP: 80/40 P: 70 R: 32 SAO2: 92% on 15 LPM O2

**LABS:** TROPONIN: < .04

# ***SHOCK ASSESSMENT***

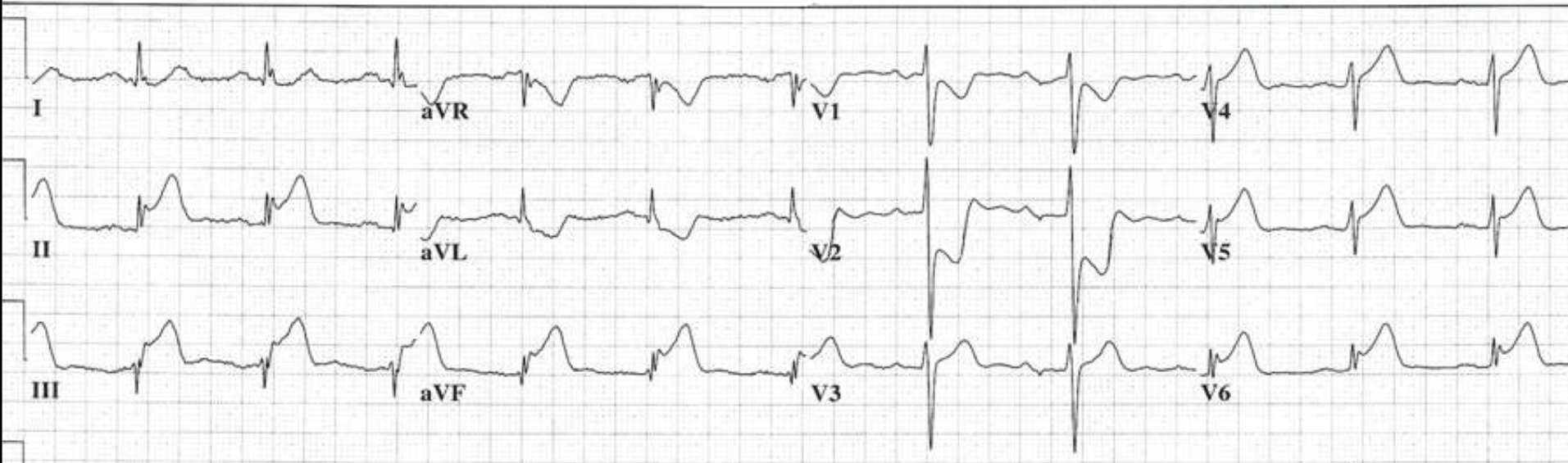
<b>LOC:</b>	<b>ANXIOUS RESTLESS LETHARGIC UNCONSCIOUS</b>	<b>AWAKE ALERT &amp; ORIENTED</b>
<b>SKIN:</b>	<b>PALE / ASHEN CYANOTIC COOL DIAPHORETIC</b>	<b>NORMAL HUE WARM DRY</b>
<b>BREATHING:</b>	<b>TACHYPNEA</b>	<b>NORMAL</b>
<b>PULSE:</b>	<b>WEAK / THREADY TOO FAST or SLOW</b>	<b>STRONG</b>
<b>STATUS: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

42 yr		Vent. rate	69	BPM
Male	Caucasian	PR interval	196	ms
		QRS duration	98	ms
		QT/QTc	388/415	ms
Loc:3	Option:23	P-R-T axes	14 28	81



### EVALUATE EKG for indicators of ACS:

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



### CASE STUDY QUESTIONS:

NOTE LEADS WITH ST ELEVATION:

NOTE LEADS WITH ST DEPRESSION:

WHAT IS THE SUSPECTED DIAGNOSIS ?

WHAT IS THE "CULPRIT ARTERY" -- if applicable ?

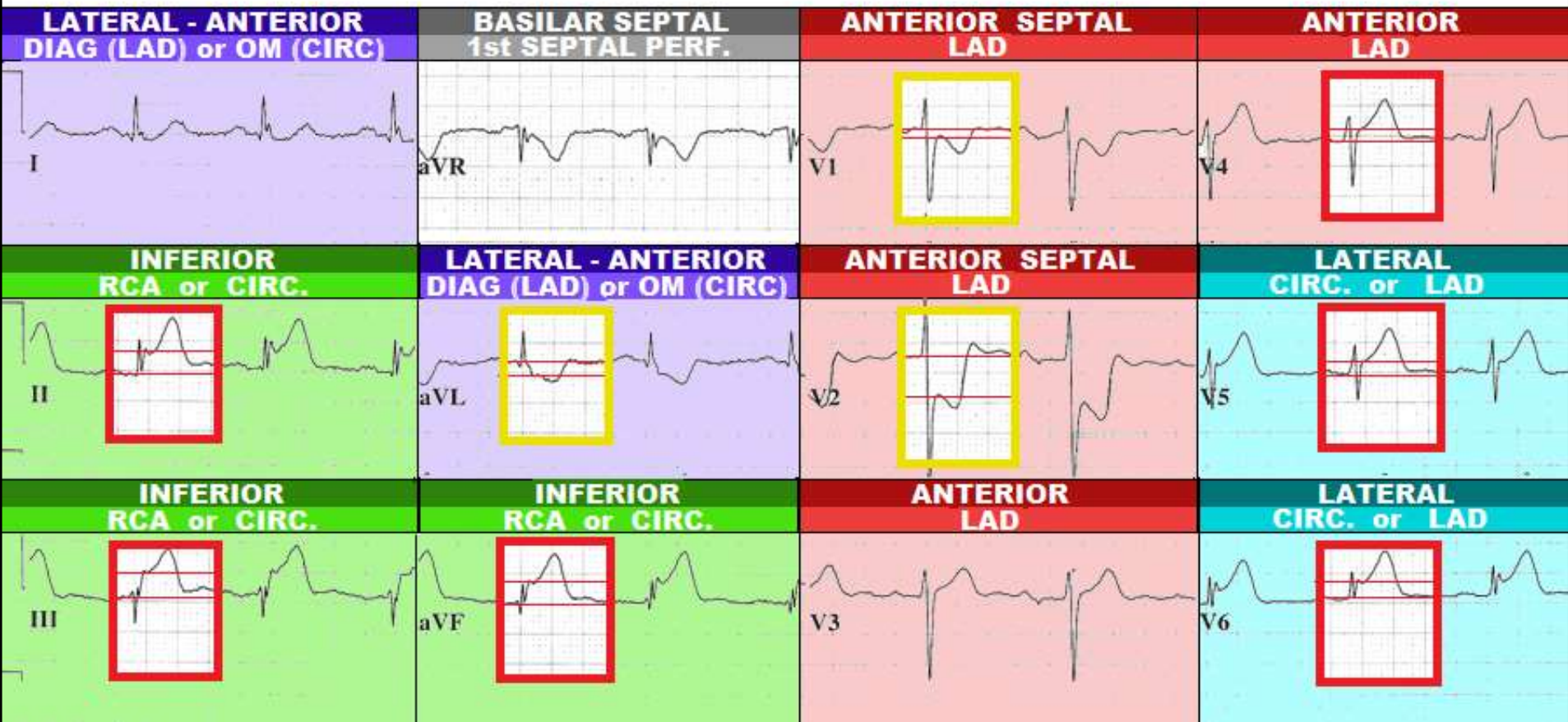
LIST ANY CRITICAL STRUCTURES COMPROMISED:

LIST ANY POTENTIAL COMPLICATIONS:

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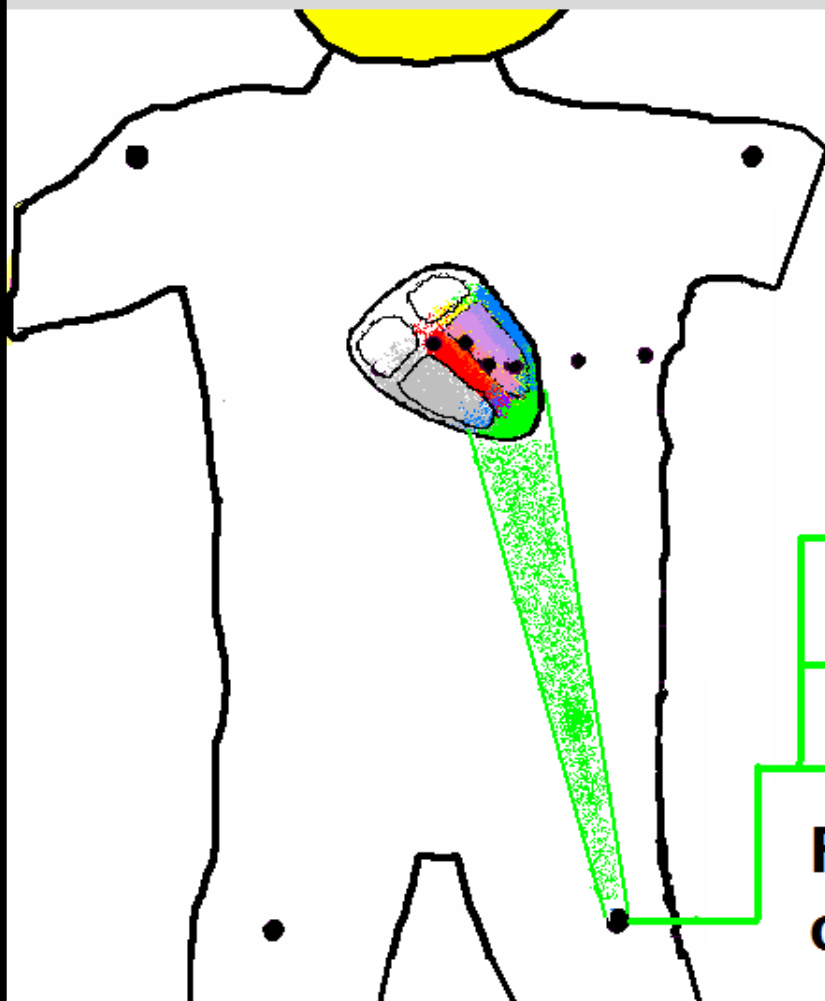
**ST SEGMENT ELEVATION**

**ST SEGMENT DEPRESSION**



# LEADS II, III, and aVF VIEW

## INFERIOR WALL of the LEFT VENTRICLE



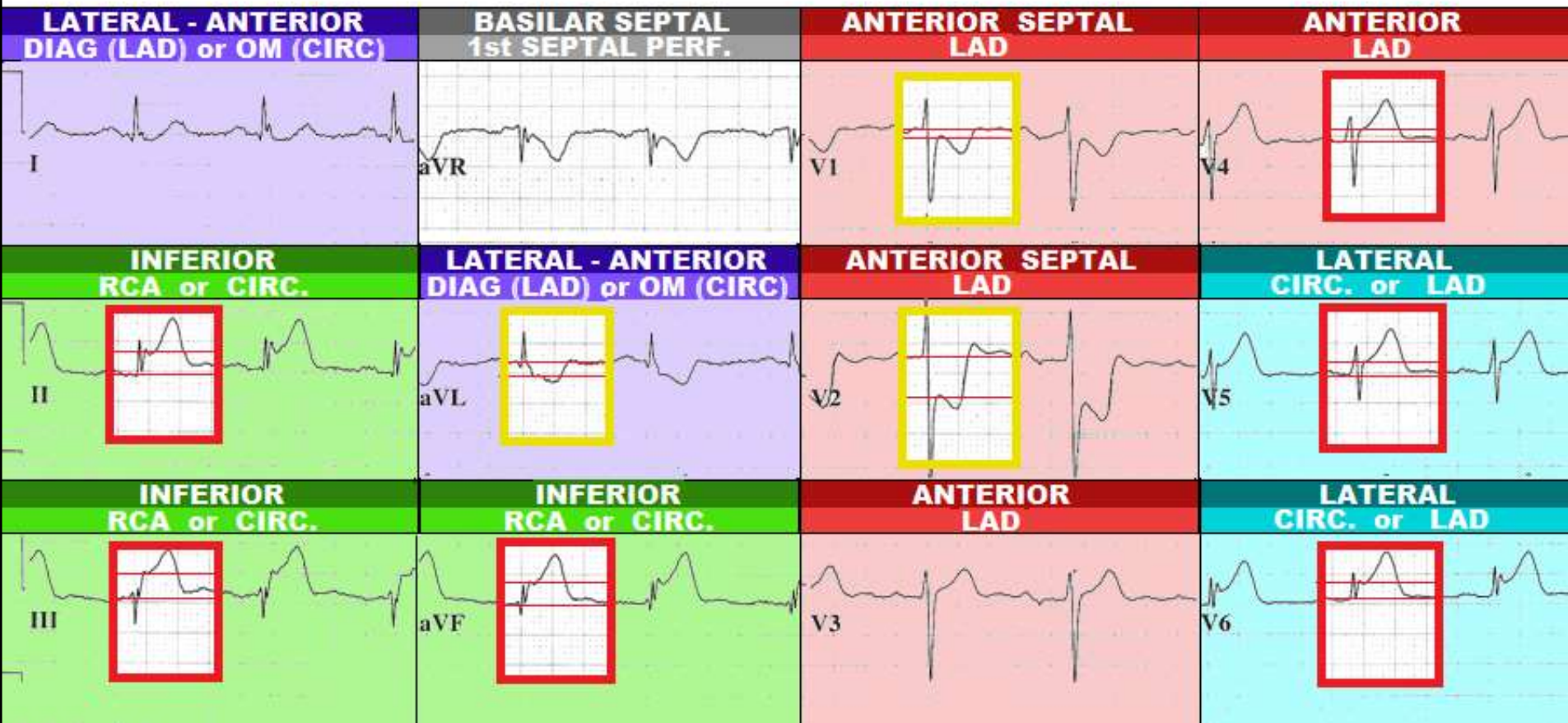
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I	AVR	V1	V4
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III	AVF	V3	V6

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

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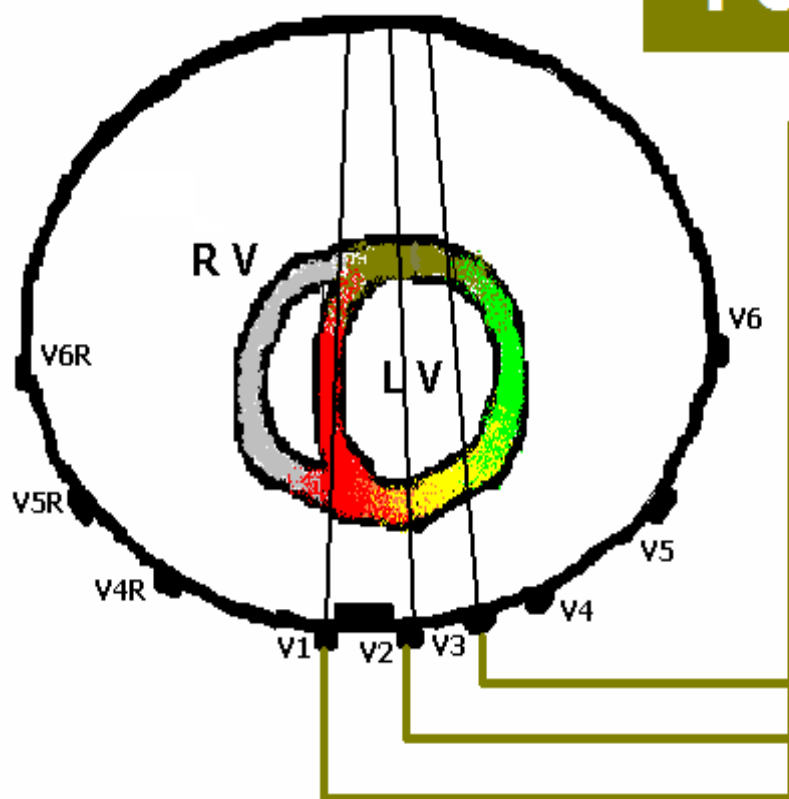
**ST SEGMENT ELEVATION**

**ST SEGMENT DEPRESSION**

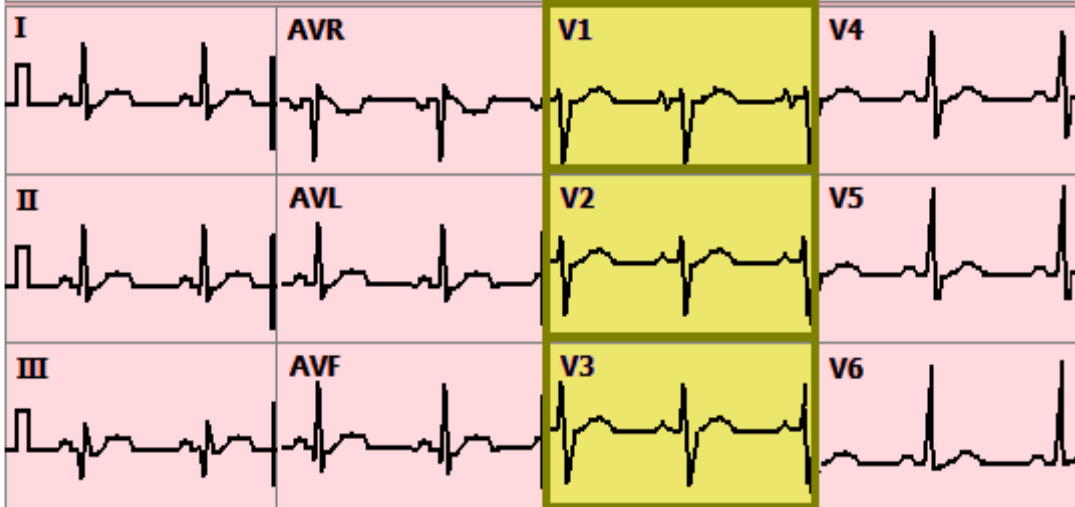


# LEADS V1 - V3 *view the*

## POSTERIOR WALL



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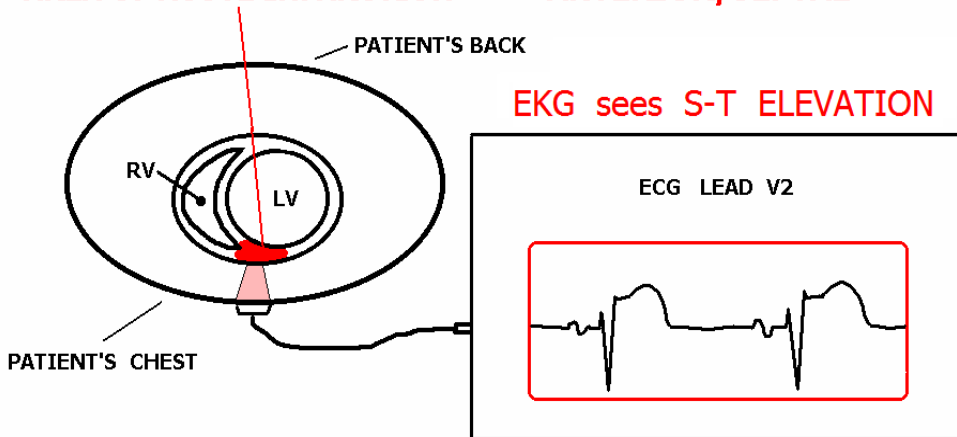
*via* **RECIPROCAL CHANGES.**



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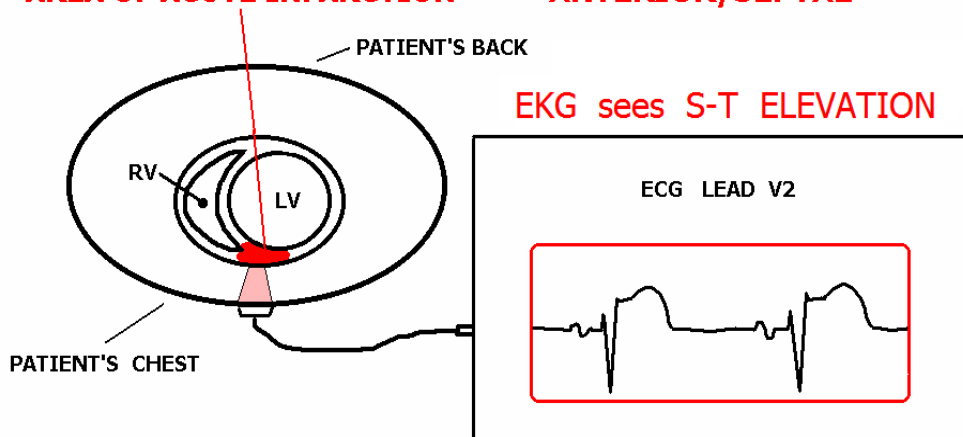
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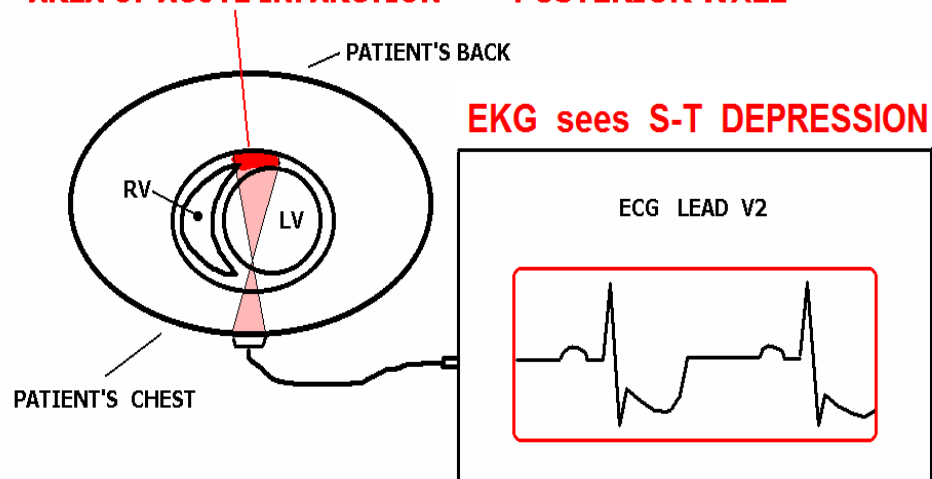
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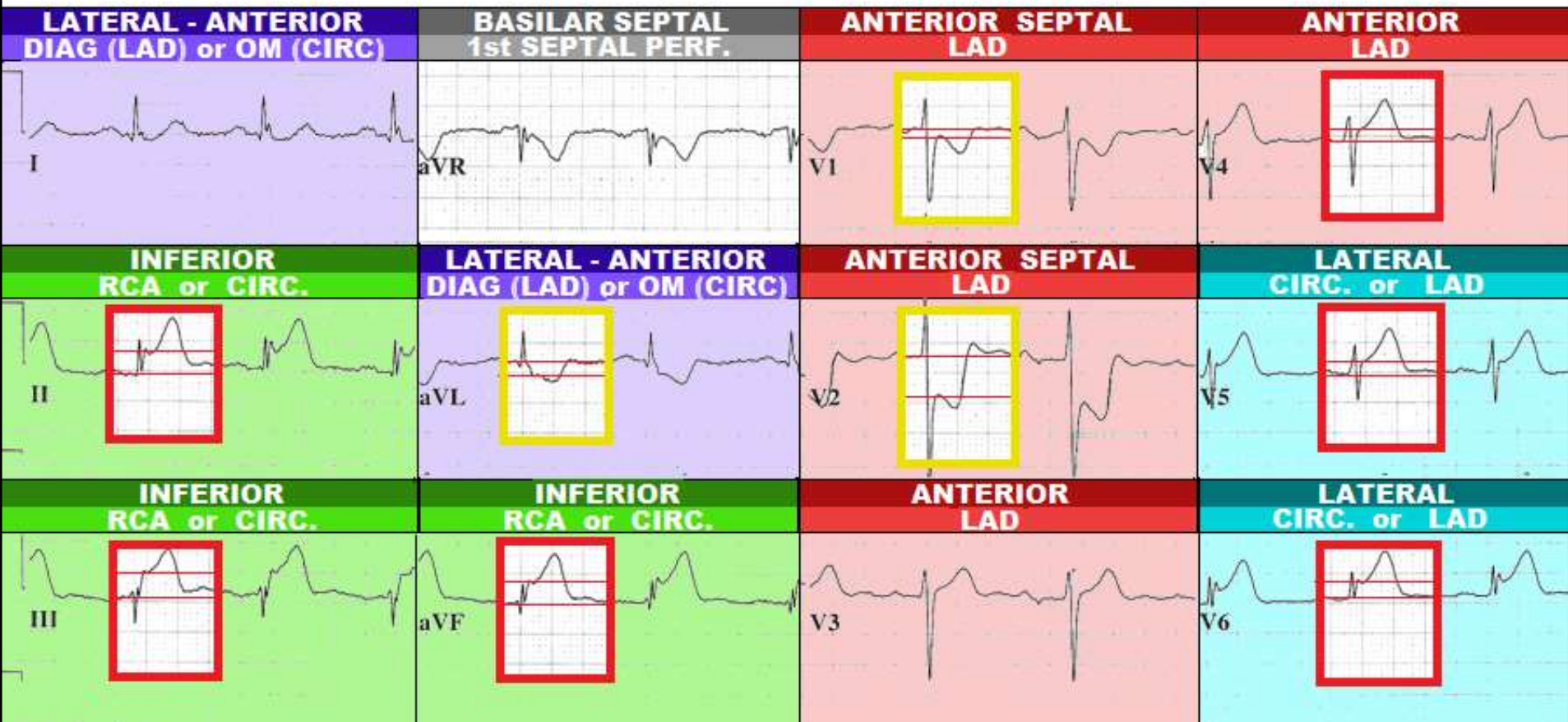
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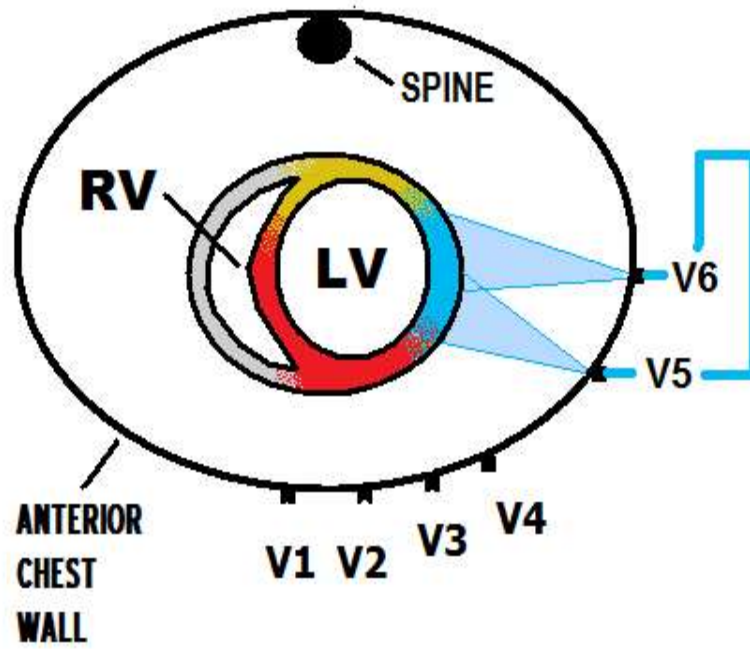
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**ST SEGMENT ELEVATION**

**ST SEGMENT DEPRESSION**



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

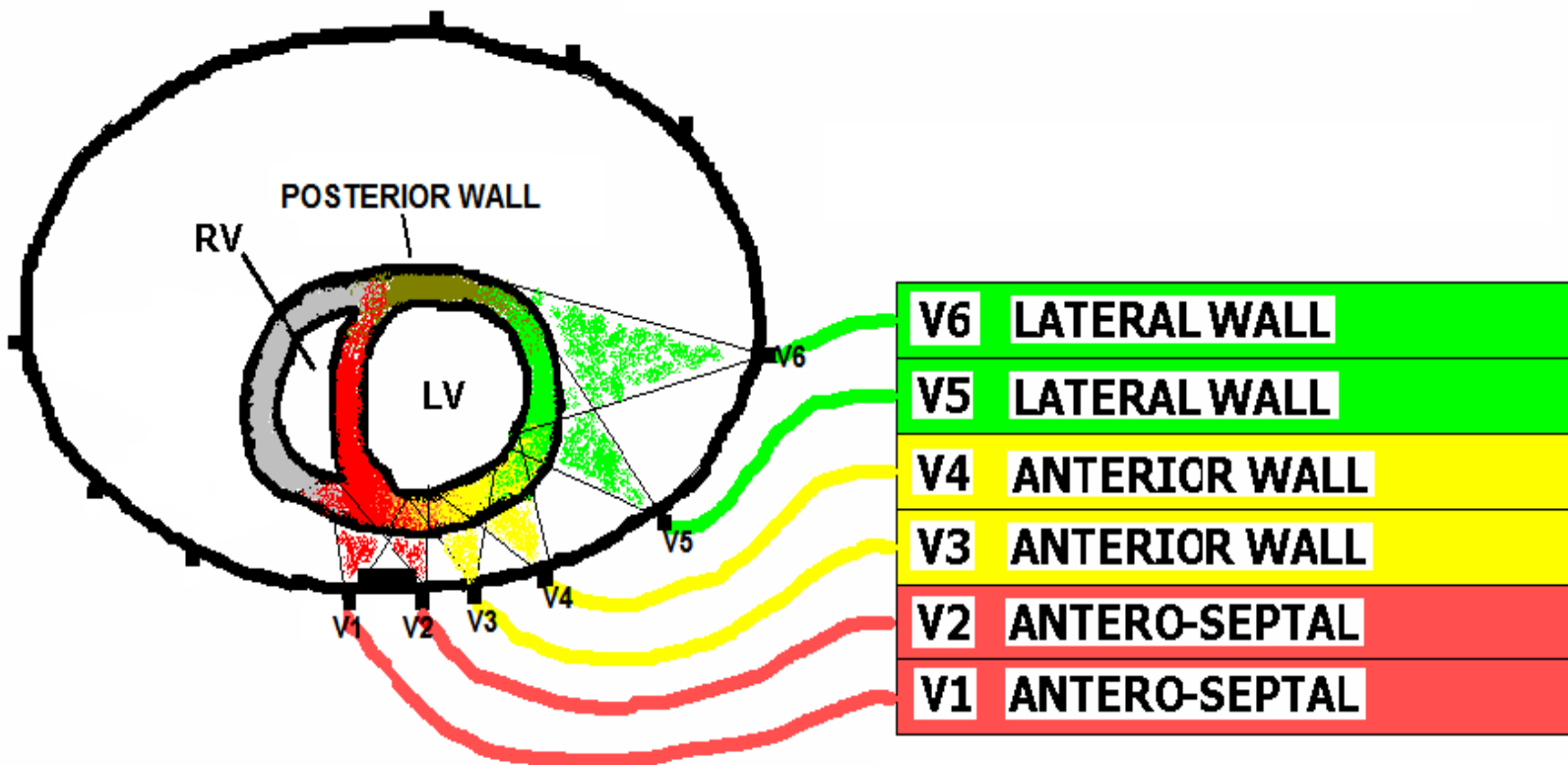


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THE 12 LEAD ECG HAS TWO MAJOR BLIND SPOTS ..

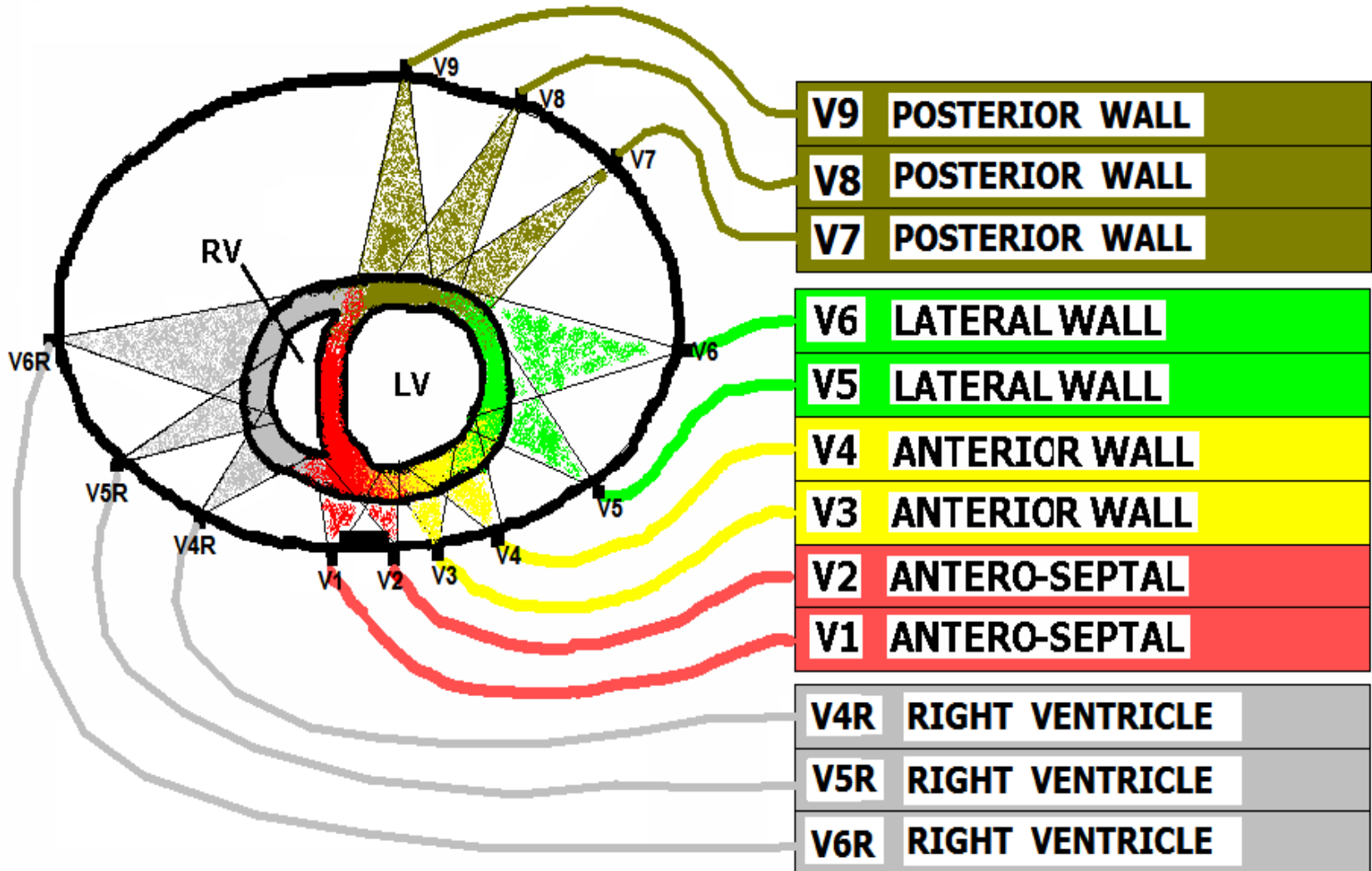
## CHEST LEADS V1 - V6

WHAT EACH LEAD "SEES" ...



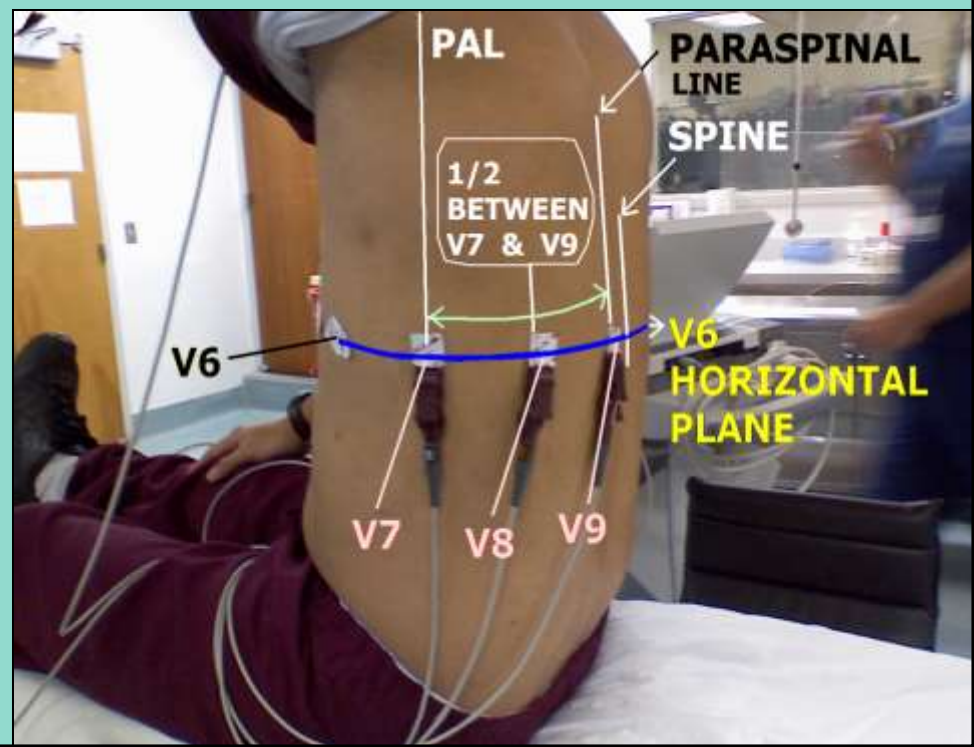
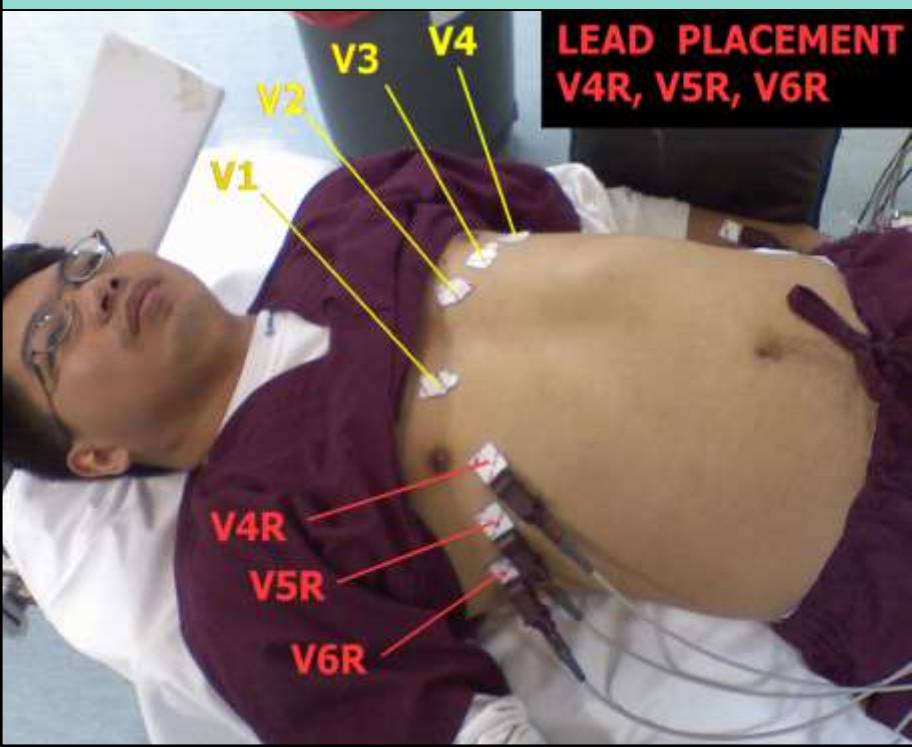
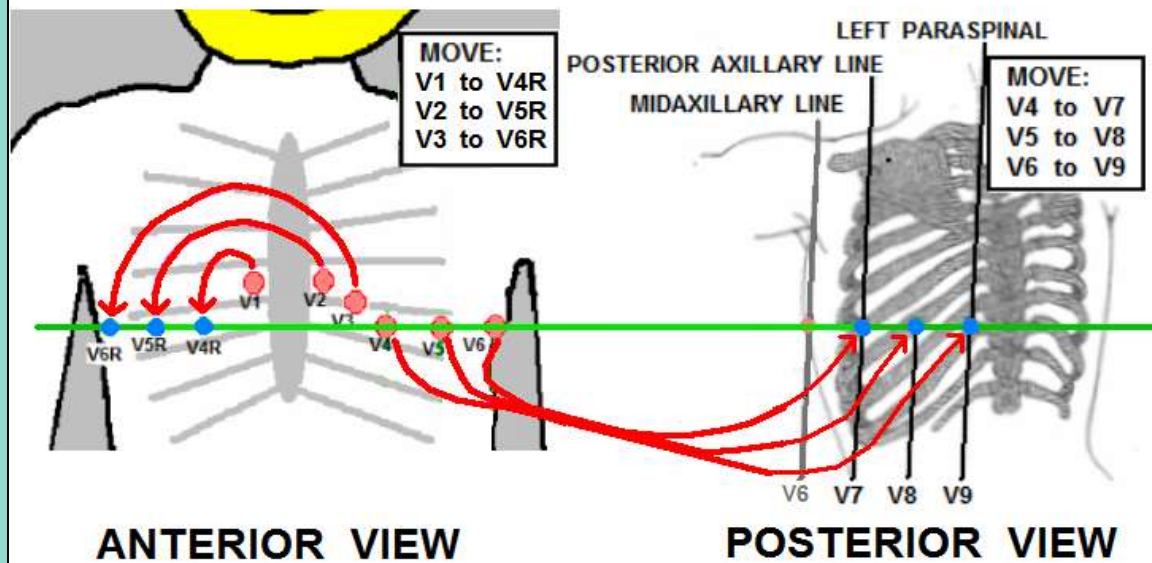
# THE 18 LEAD ECG COVERS THE ENTIRE HEART ..

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

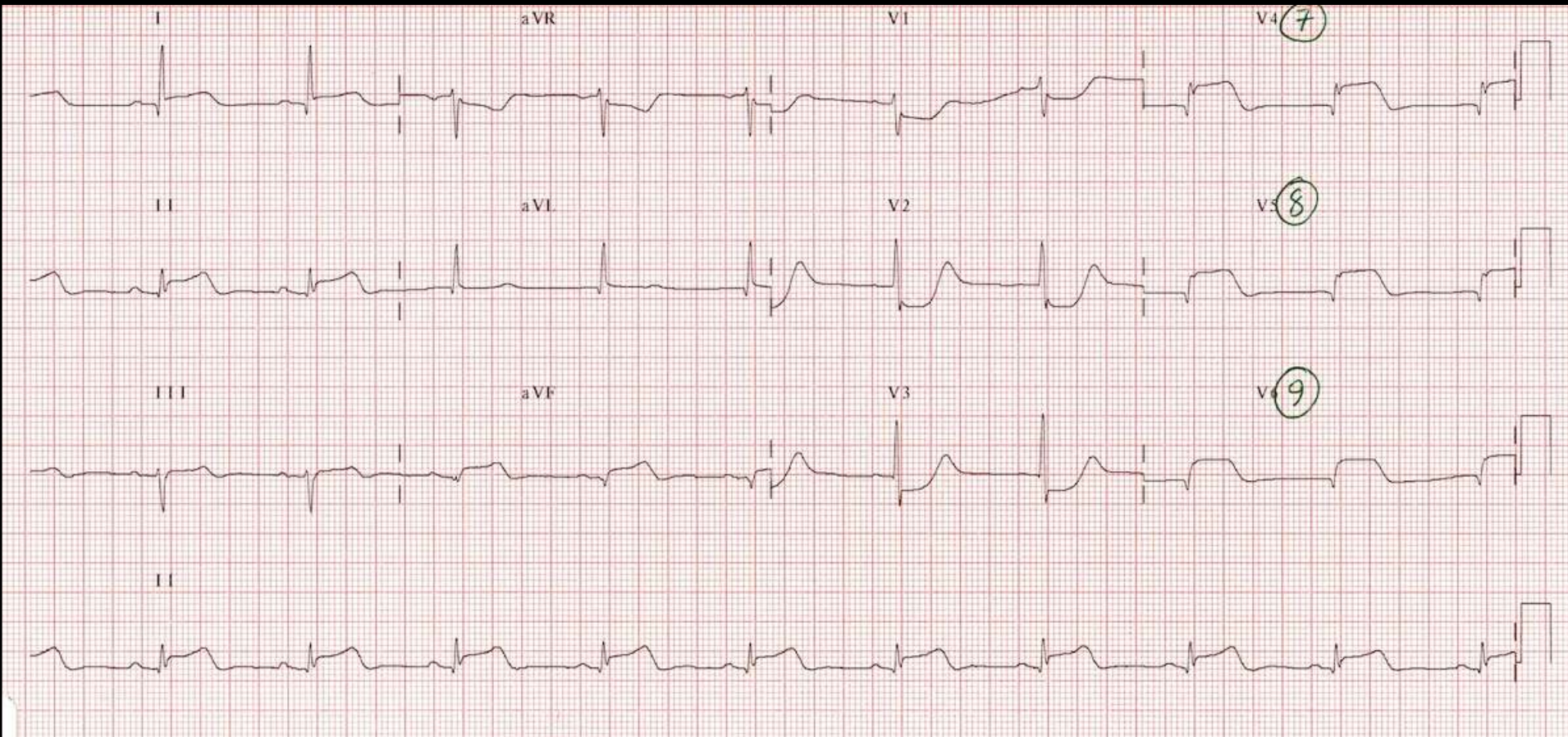


To do 18 Lead ECG with 12 Lead machine – after you obtain 12 Lead, reposition CHEST LEADS to this configuration, then print !

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



# Posterior wall STEMI – ST Elevation V7 – V9



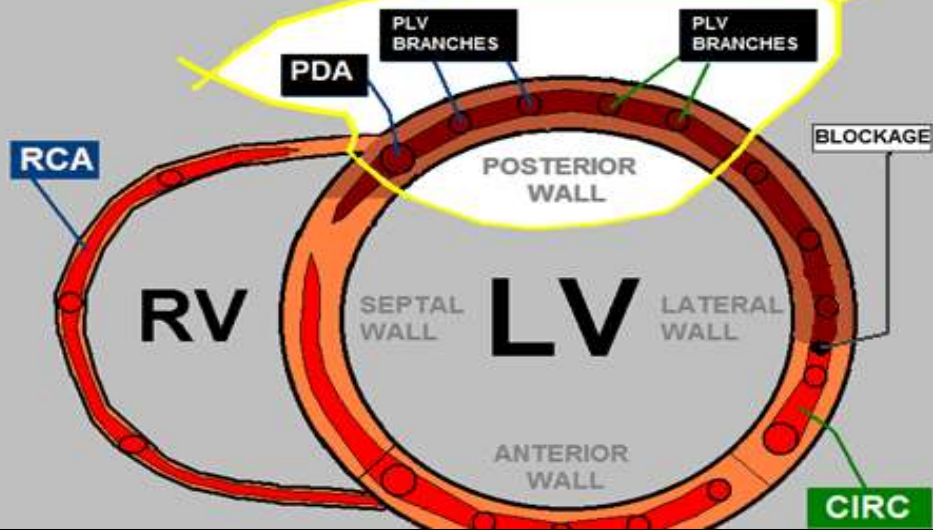


# **INDICATIONS for 18 Lead ECG include:**

- INFERIOR WALL MI**
- ST Depression in  
LEADS V1-V4**

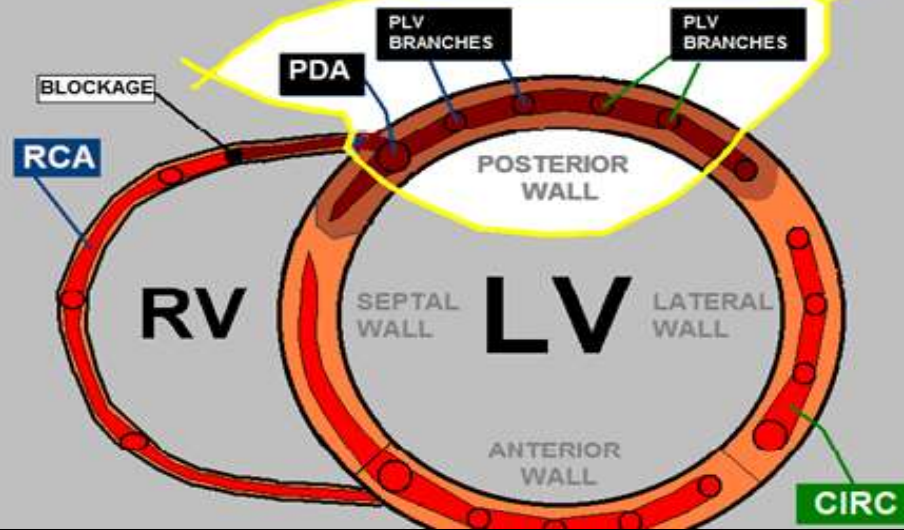
# LEFT DOMINANT ( CIRCUMFLEX )

10-15% of POPULATION



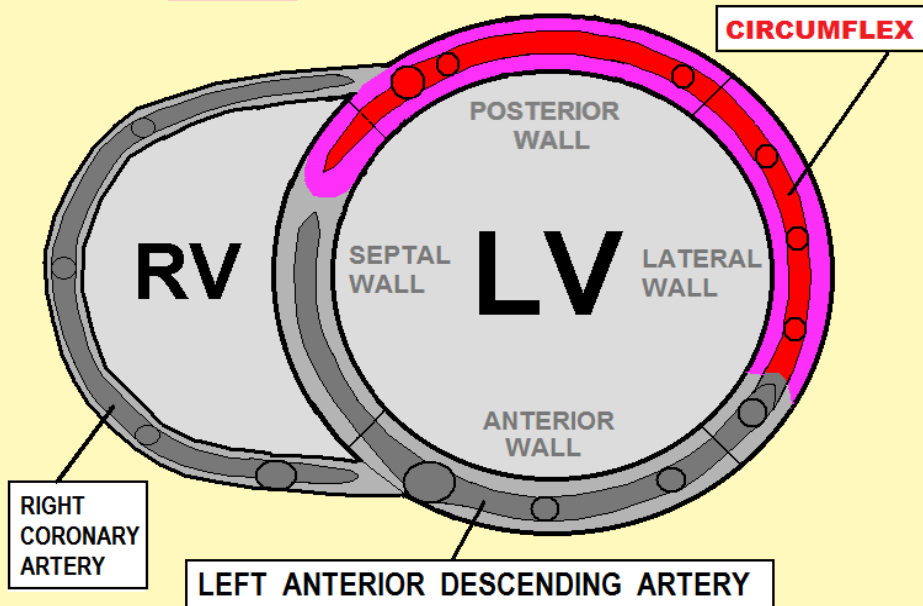
# "EXTREME RIGHT DOMINANT" RCA

3 - 5 % of POPULATION



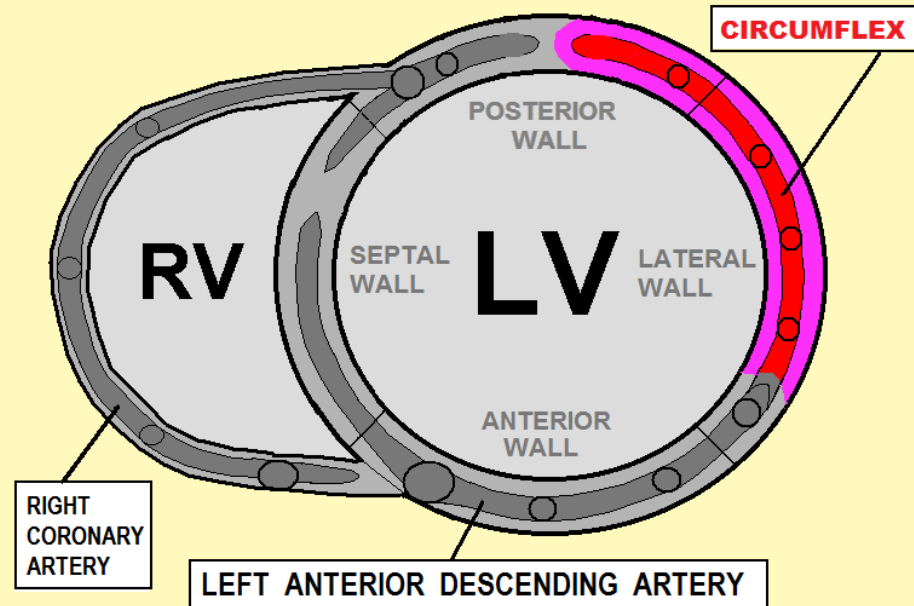
## The DOMINANT CIRCUMFLEX ARTERY ...

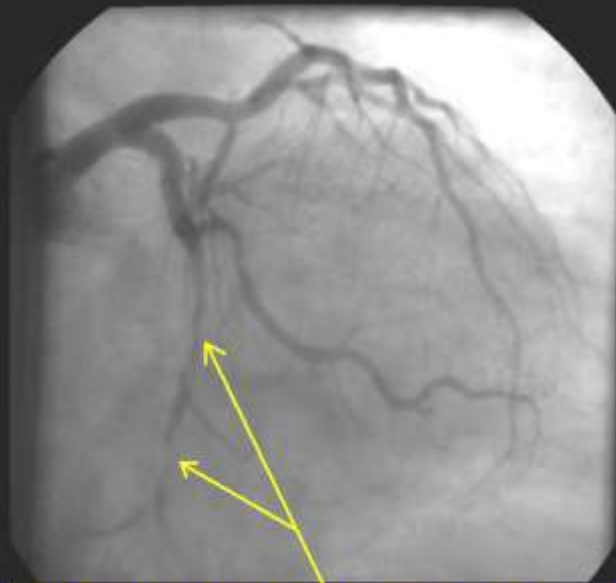
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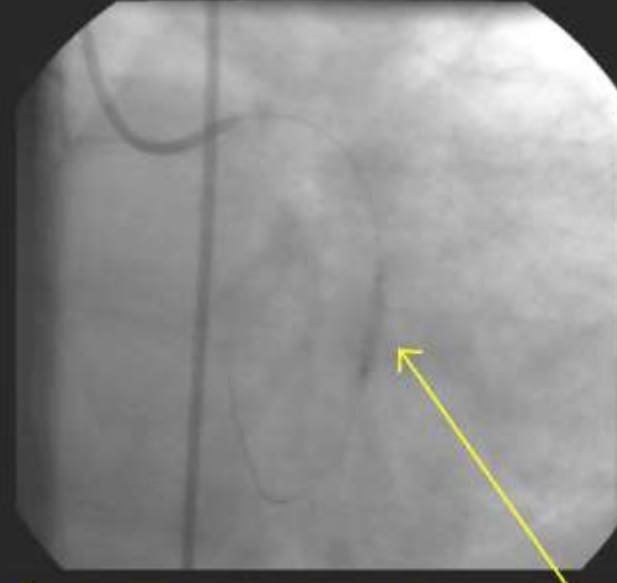
## The NON - DOMINANT CIRCUMFLEX ARTERY

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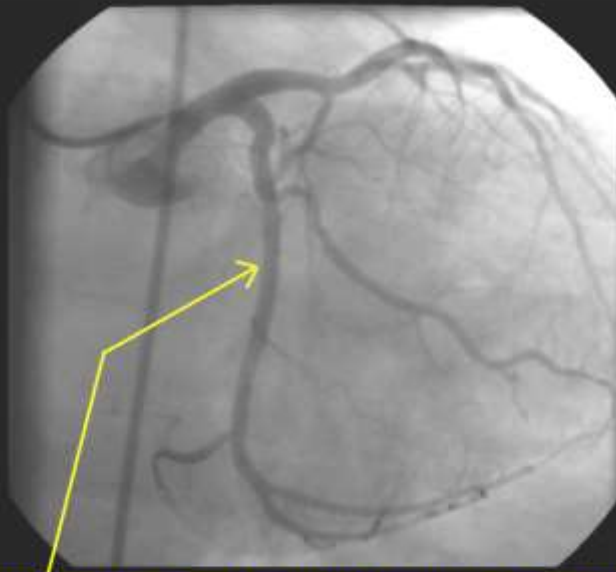




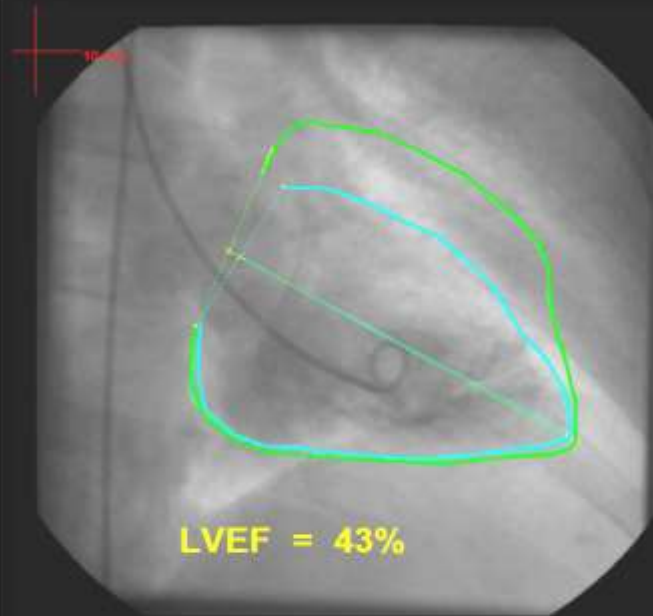
**CIRCUMFLEX ARTERY OCCLUDED with significant THROMBUS.**



**PTCA of CIRCUMFLEX ARTERY.**



**DOMINANT CIRCUMFLEX ARTERY OPEN POST THROMBECTOMY with STENT DEPLOYMENT.**



**LVEF = 43%**

Dia Area = 11.8 cm<sup>2</sup>  
Dia Volume = 27.7 ml

Sys Area = 8.7 cm<sup>2</sup>  
Sys Volume = 15.8 ml

Eject Frac = 43%  
Stroke Volume = 11.9 ml

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

**Any**

**???**



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