

# ***STAT 12 Lead ECG Workshop: Basics & ACS***

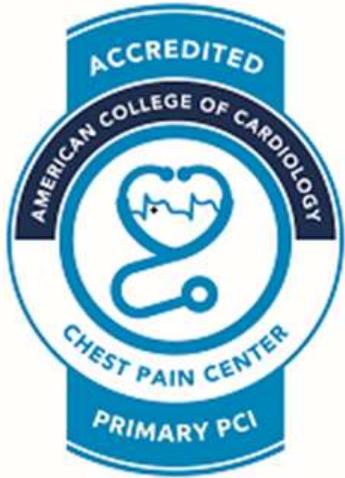
## **Part 2: Acute Coronary Syndrome**

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# **Your patient complains of CHEST PAIN**

The instant you see the patient, you assess for:

- Cardiac Arrest**
- Shock**

# SHOCK ASSESSMENT



SECONDS

SHOCK =

INADEQUATE TISSUE  
PERFUSION

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

# SHOCK ASSESSMENT

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

# ***FAIL the SHOCK SURVEY ?***



**RAPIDLY FIND AND TREAT  
THE ROOT CAUSE . . .**

# PHASE 1: RULE OUT LIFE-THREATENING CONDITIONS

- ABCs
- SHOCK ASSESSMENT

**UNCONSCIOUS**

**CONSCIOUS, WITH SIGNS OF SHOCK**

**CONSCIOUS, NO SIGNS OF SHOCK**

ABCs

**FAIL** | **PASS**

**RESUSCITATE PATIENT as per ACLS, or INSTITUTIONAL PROTOCOLS**

**RULE OUT CAUSES OF SHOCK:**

- INSULIN
- CARDIogenic
- HYPOVOLEMIC
- METABOLIC
- NEUROGENIC
- SEPTIC
- RESPIRATORY
- PULMONARY EMBOLUS
- DRUGS / MEDS

**PROVIDE APPROPRIATE TX**

- ASSESS VITAL SIGNS & O2 SAT
- ECG MONITOR
- TREAT SYMPTOMATIC DYSRHYTHMIAS as per ACLS, or INSTITUTIONAL PROTOCOLS
- START IV & DRAW LABS

# PHASE 2: RULE OUT ACUTE CORONARY SYNDROME

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- ECG ABNORMALITIES**
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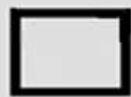
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# CHIEF COMPLAINT

## KEY WORDS:

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

SHORTNESS BREATH

DIZZINESS / LIGHTHEADEDNESS

ETC. ETC. ETC.



# 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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**VS.**

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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

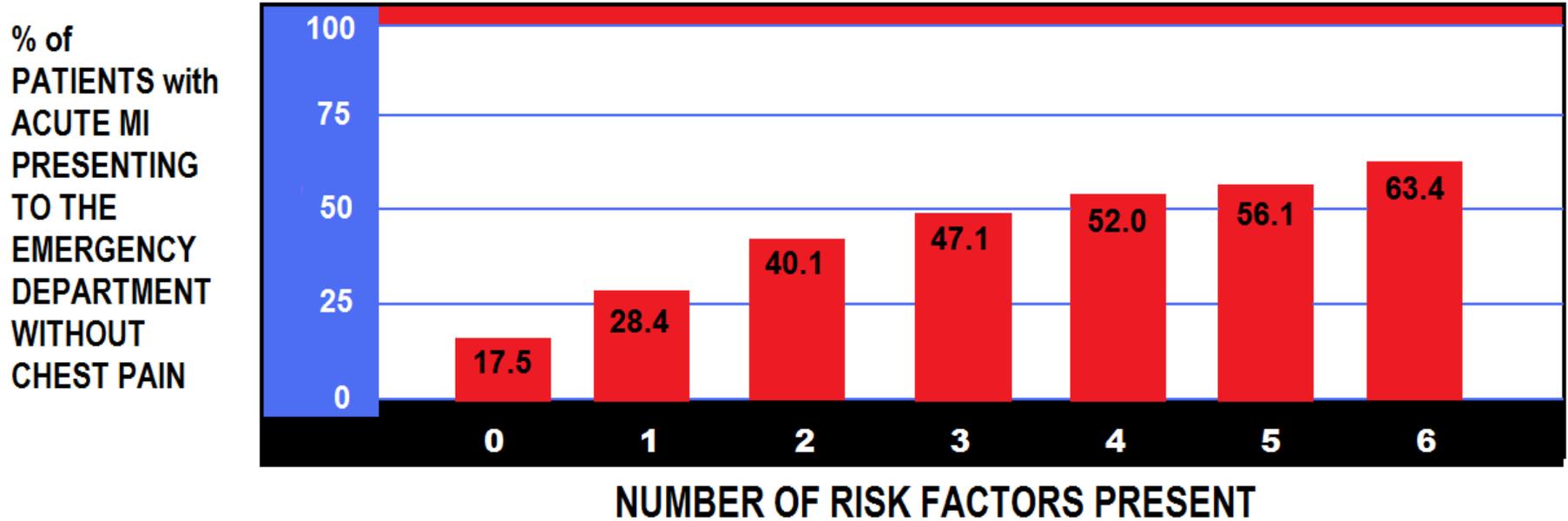
**D**izziness

**E**levated heart rate

**S**yncope

**D**yspnea

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



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

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

**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

# Physical Exam – Clues of MI:

- Skin may be PALE, CLAMMY
- **SWEATING !** (Diaphoresis)
- Clutching /Rubbing chest
- BP can be high, normal or low
- Anxiety / “look of impending doom.”

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3 or more major RISK FACTORS gets you a “checkmark” in the RISK FACTOR box!

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# 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**

# The 12 Lead ECG to Rule out ACS:

- **Acute Coronary Syndrome (ACS)** is made up of the following cardiac conditions:
  - Unstable Angina
  - Non-ST Segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction (NSTEMI)
  - ST Segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI)
- Low Risk Chest Pain

# Unstable Angina

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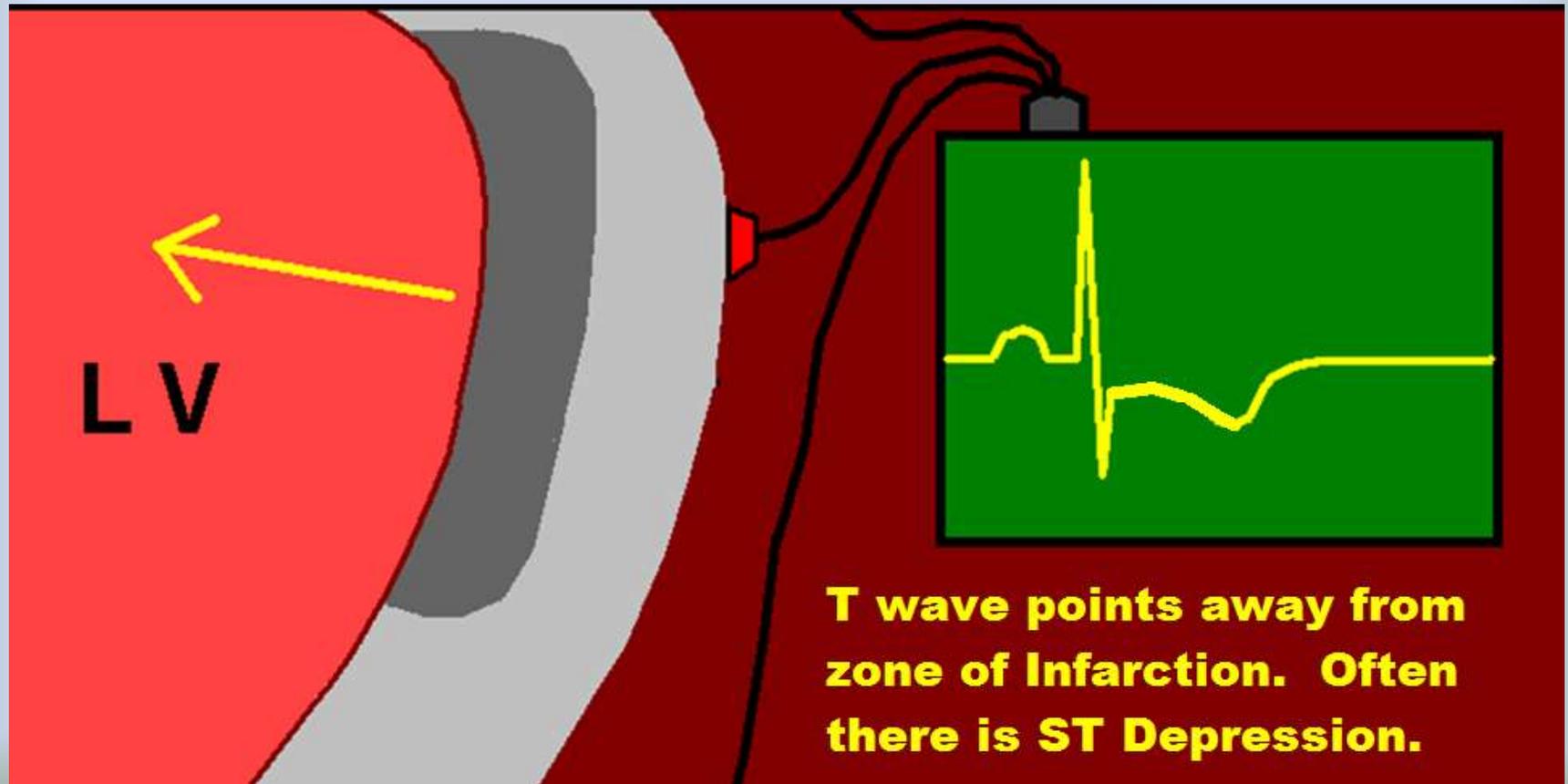
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The 12 Lead ECG may show:

- ST Depression
- Other ST Segment changes
- Inverted T wave
- **THE ECG MAY BE TOTALLY NORMAL.**

**TROPONIN is ABNORMALLY ELEVATED !**

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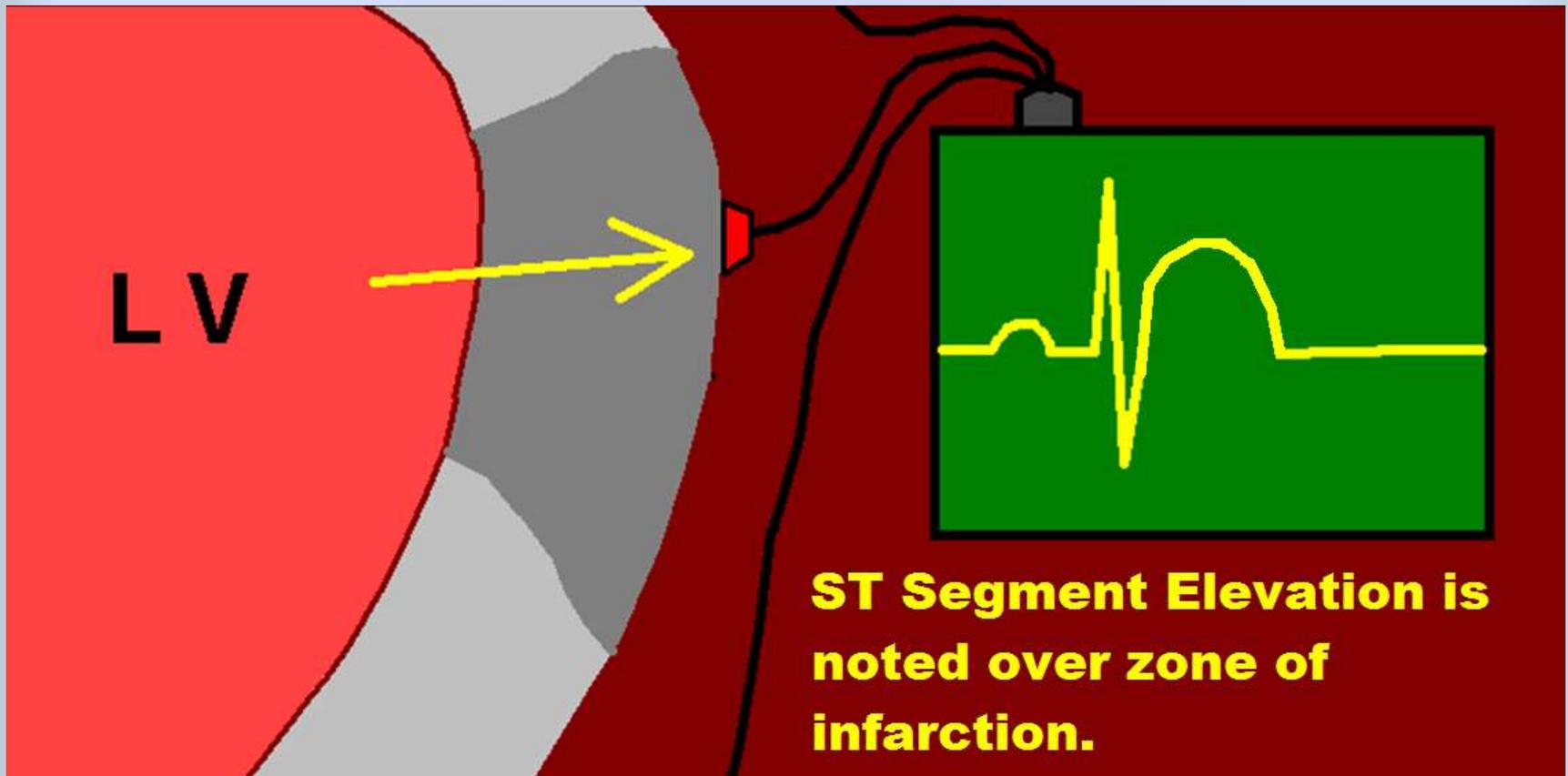
“sub-endocardial MI” . . . “partial wall thickness”

This is a “Partial Wall Thickness” MI, heart cells are dying, and the Troponin becomes detectable in the patient’s bloodstream.

Usually “less severe” than a STEMI, patient needs blood thinners and to get to the cath lab in 24-48 hours.

# STEMI

- ST Segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction.



# STEMI

ST Segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction.  
(“full-wall thickness,” Transmural event)

This is a life-threatening emergency. Part of the patient’s heart is dying. Blood flow must be restored within 90 minutes or less in order to preserve heart muscle. Based on the region of the heart affected, critical and often lethal complications rapidly develop.

# Ischemia and Infarction = Acute Coronary Syndrome

The conditions associated with Acute Coronary Syndrome (ACS) include:

- Unstable Angina (**ischemia**)
- Non-ST Segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction (NSTEMI) (**infarction**)
- ST Segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) (**Infarction**)

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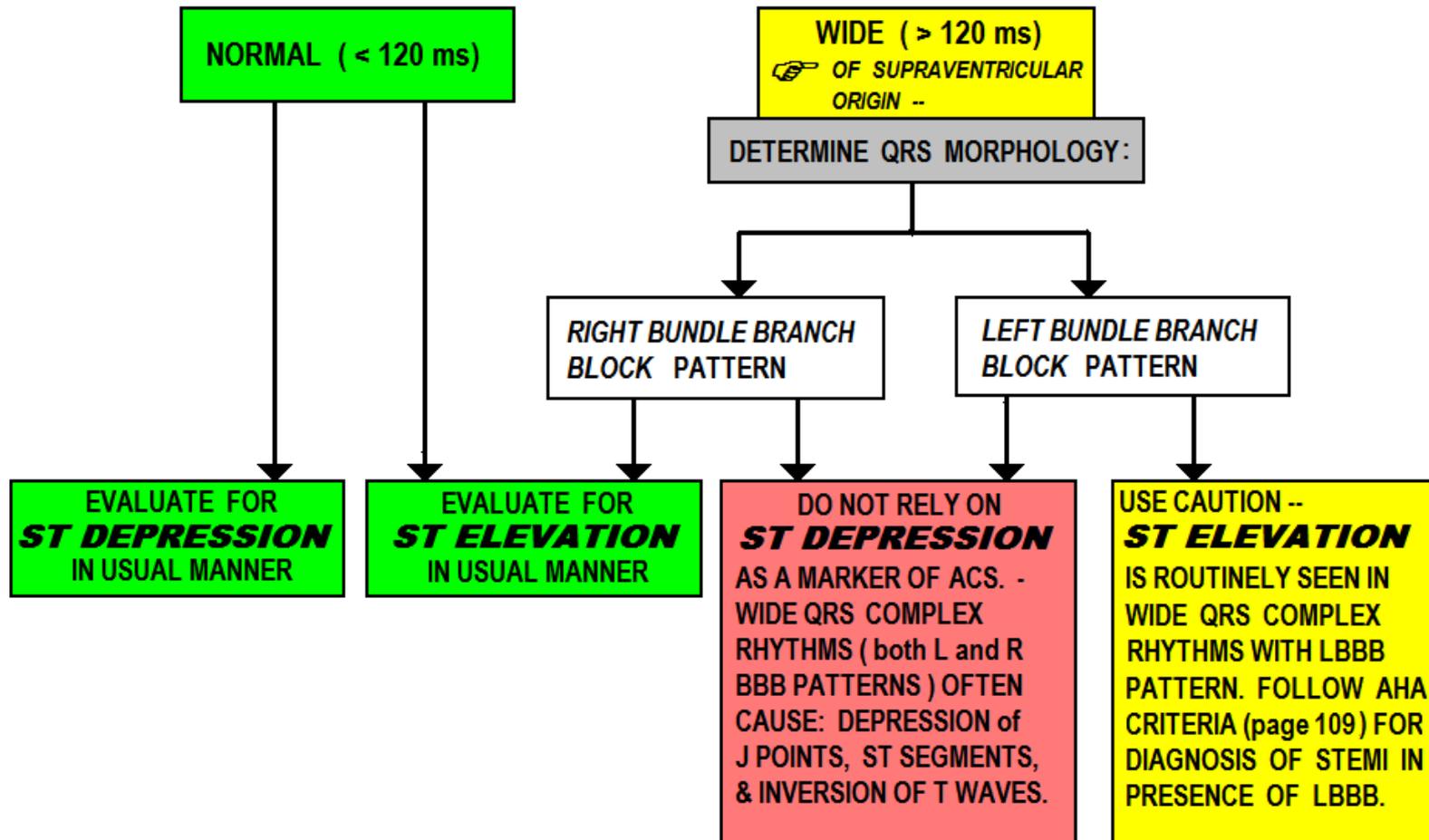
**A: We evaluate the**

- J Points**
- ST Segments &**
- T Waves**

**..... in each lead !**

# 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*.

Q: Why is QRS width an issue when we look at J Points, ST Segments and T Waves??

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A: When the QRS is abnormally wide ( $> 120\text{ms}$ ), it ALTERS the J Points, ST Segments and T Waves.

# THE J POINT SHOULD BE ..



WITHIN  
1 mm  
ABOVE

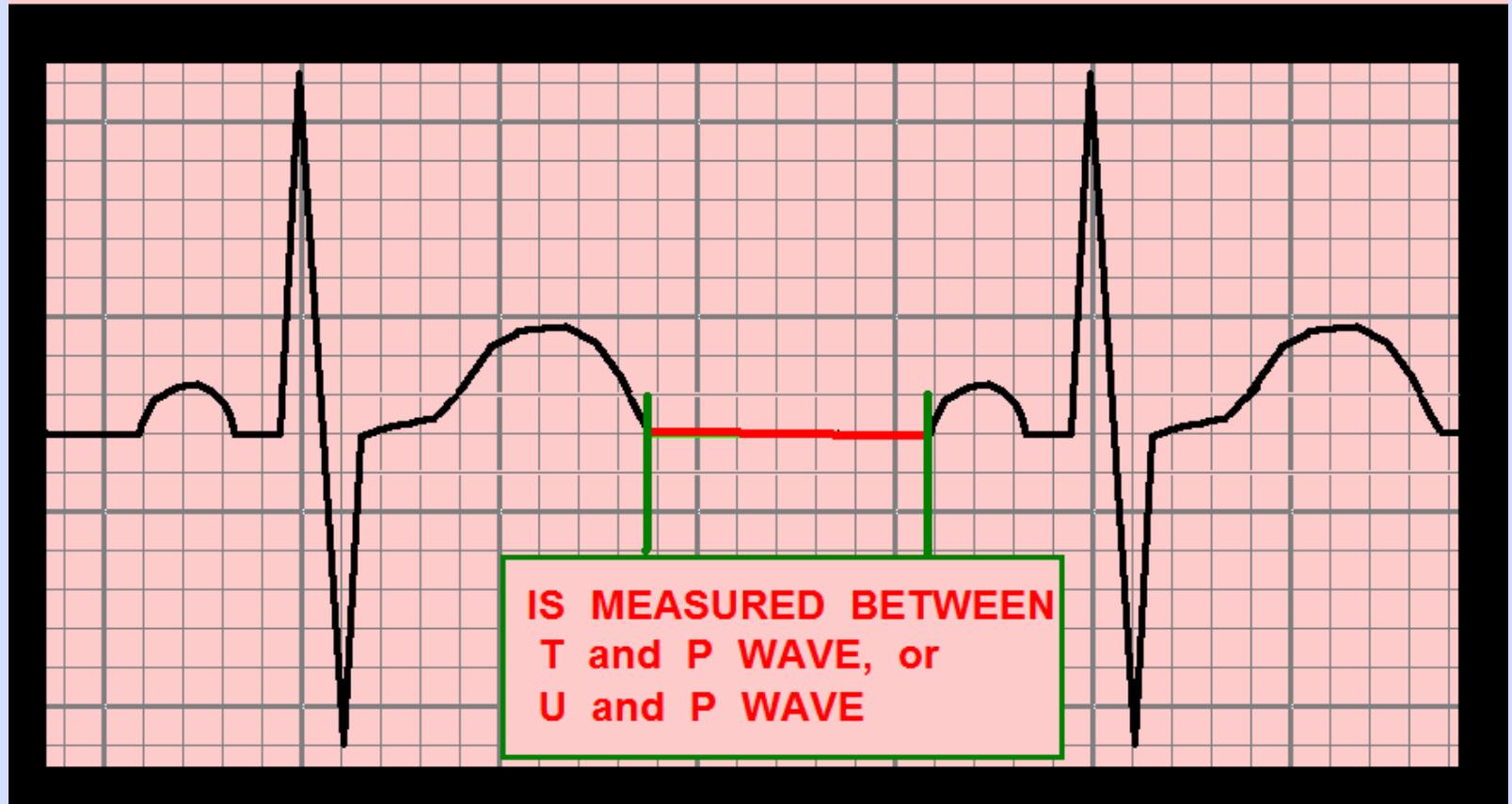
OR

BELOW

the

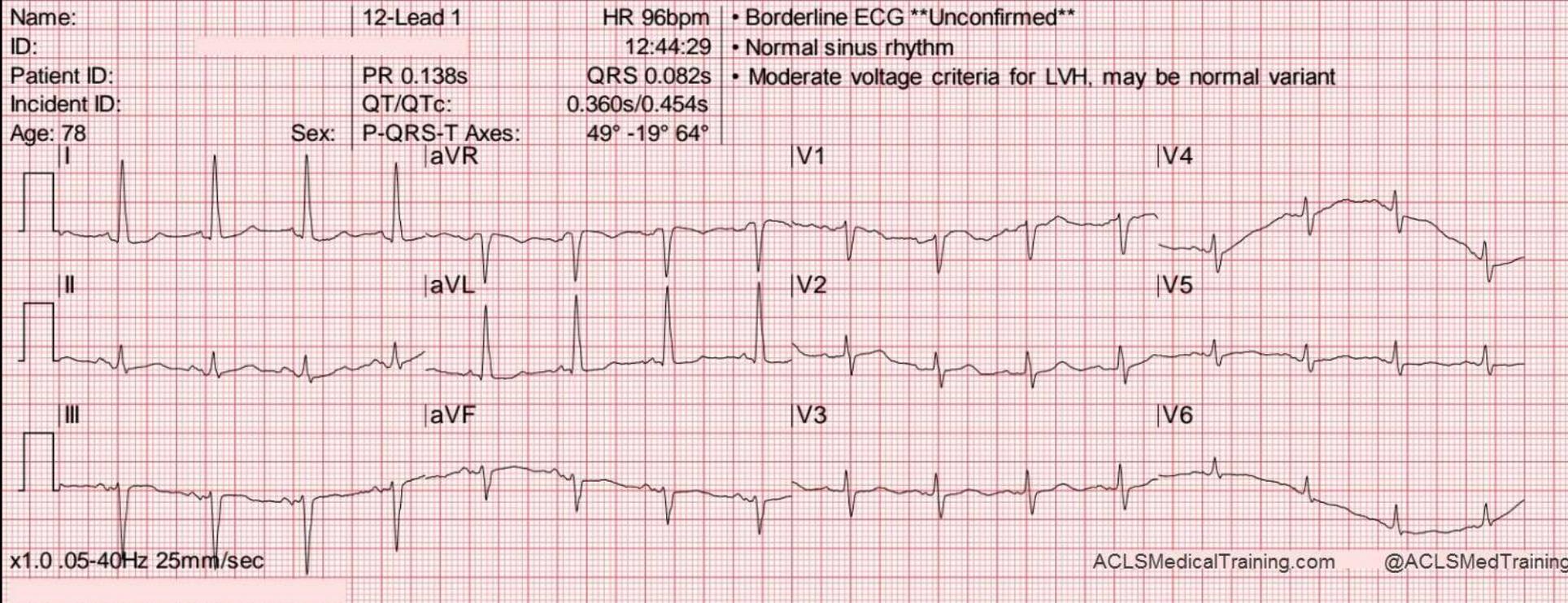
ISOELECTRIC  
LINE

# THE ISOELECTRIC LINE



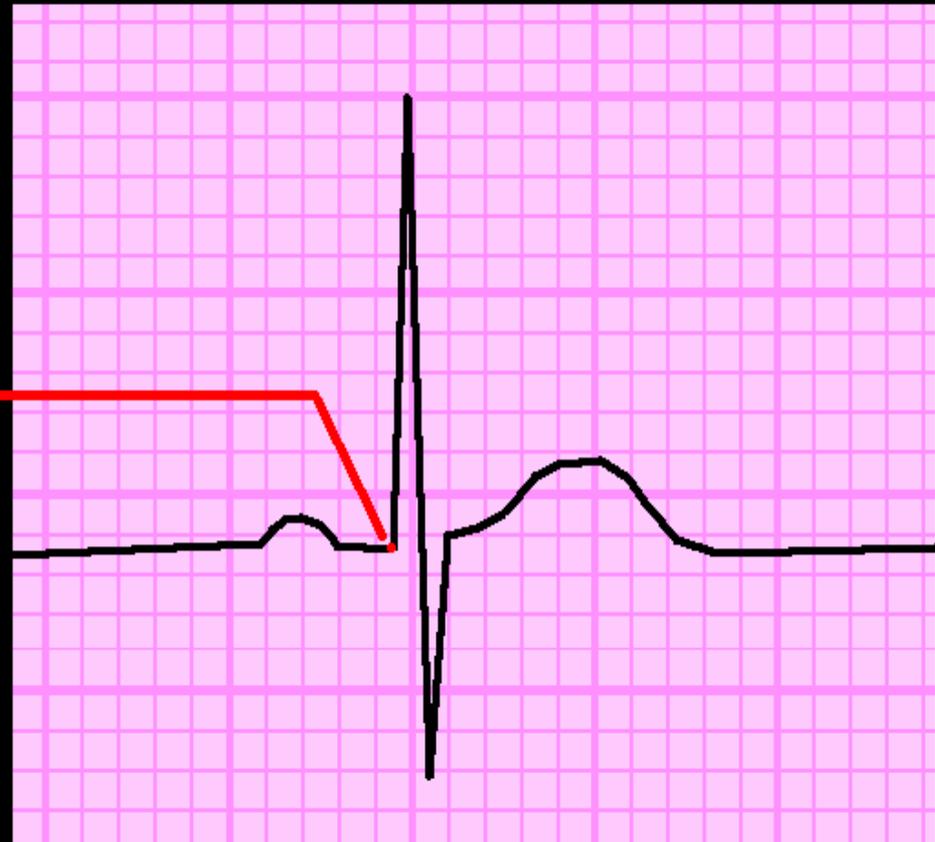
...the “flat line” between ECG complexes,  
when there is no detectable electrical  
activity ...

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



# THE 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 -



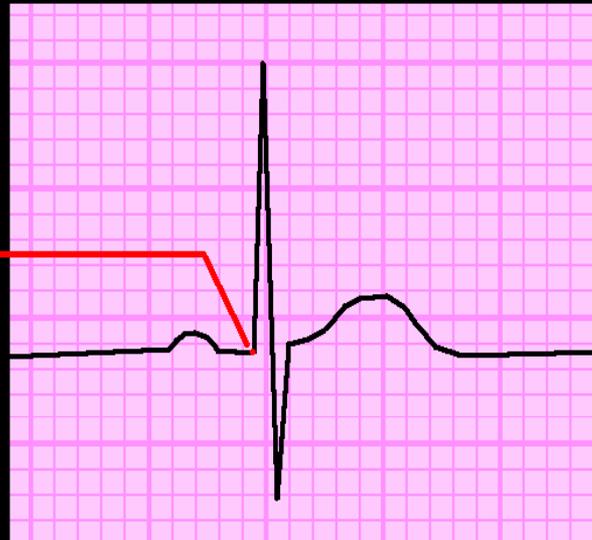
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Use the P-Q junction as a reference point for measuring the J Point and ST-Segment when “iso-electric line is not iso-electric !”

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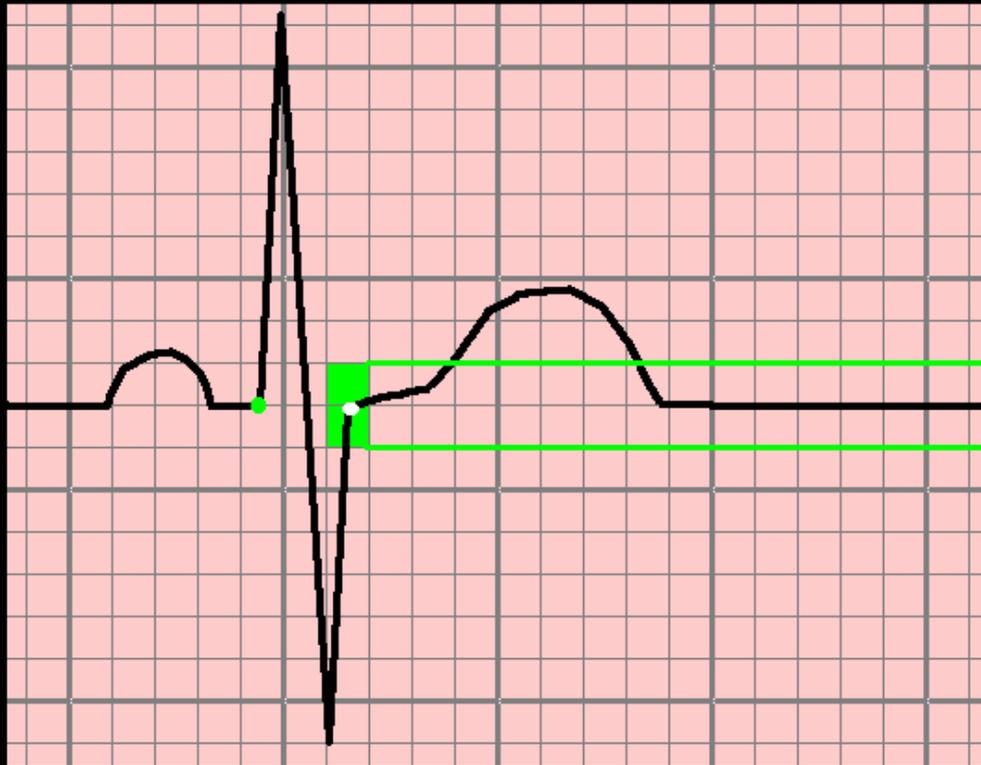
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# Defining NORMAL:

**THE J POINT SHOULD BE ..**



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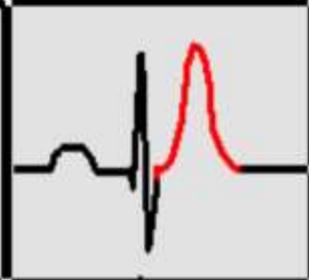
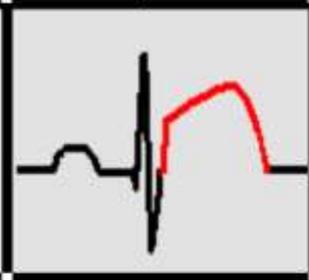
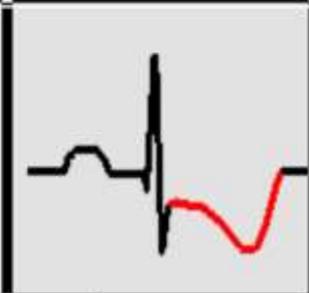
**OR**

**BELOW  
THE  
P-Q  
JUNCTION**

**ECG Indicators of  
ABNORMAL PERFUSION  
(possible ischemia / infarction)  
in Patients with  
*Normal Width* QRS Complexes  
(QRS duration < 120 ms)**

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

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

<p><b>!</b> FLAT or CONVEX J-T APEX SEGMENT</p>			<p><b><i>ACUTE MI</i></b> <b><i>EARLY PHASE</i></b></p>
<p><b>!</b> HYPER-ACUTE T WAVE</p>			<p><b><i>ACUTE MI</i></b> <b><i>EARLY PHASE</i></b></p>
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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



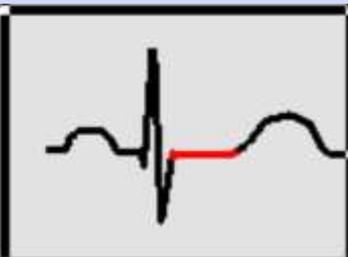
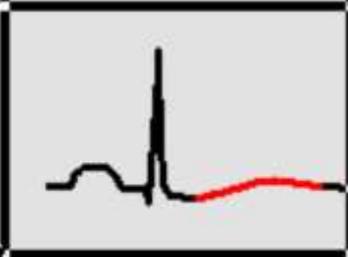
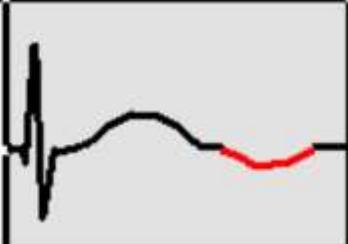
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DOWNSLOPING  
S-T SEGMENT



- **ISCHEMIA**

# Some less common, less reliable possible indicators of ACS:

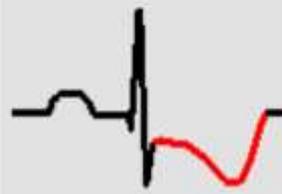
? FLAT S-T SEGMENT > 120 ms		- ISCHEMIA
? LOW VOLTAGE T WAVE WITH NORMAL QRS		- ISCHEMIA
? U WAVE POLARITY OPPOSITE THAT OF T WAVE		- ISCHEMIA

LET'S START HERE . . . .

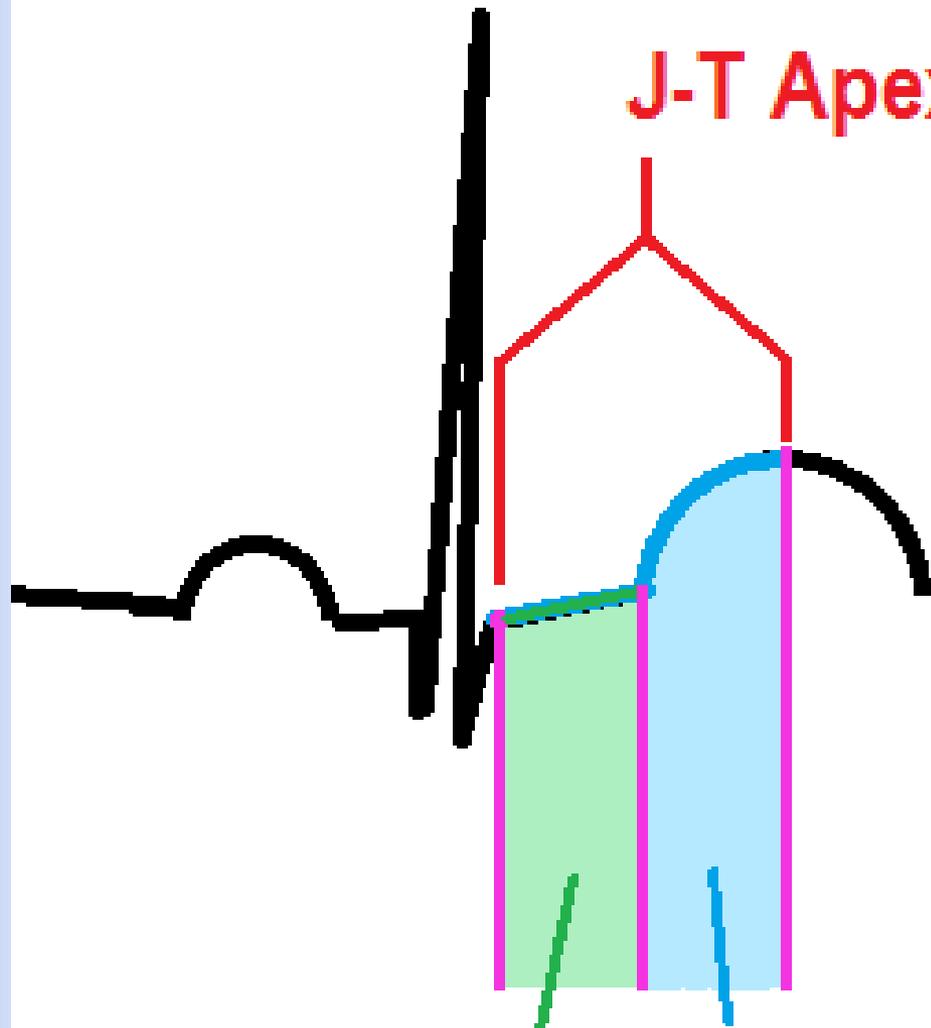
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**J-T Apex Segment**

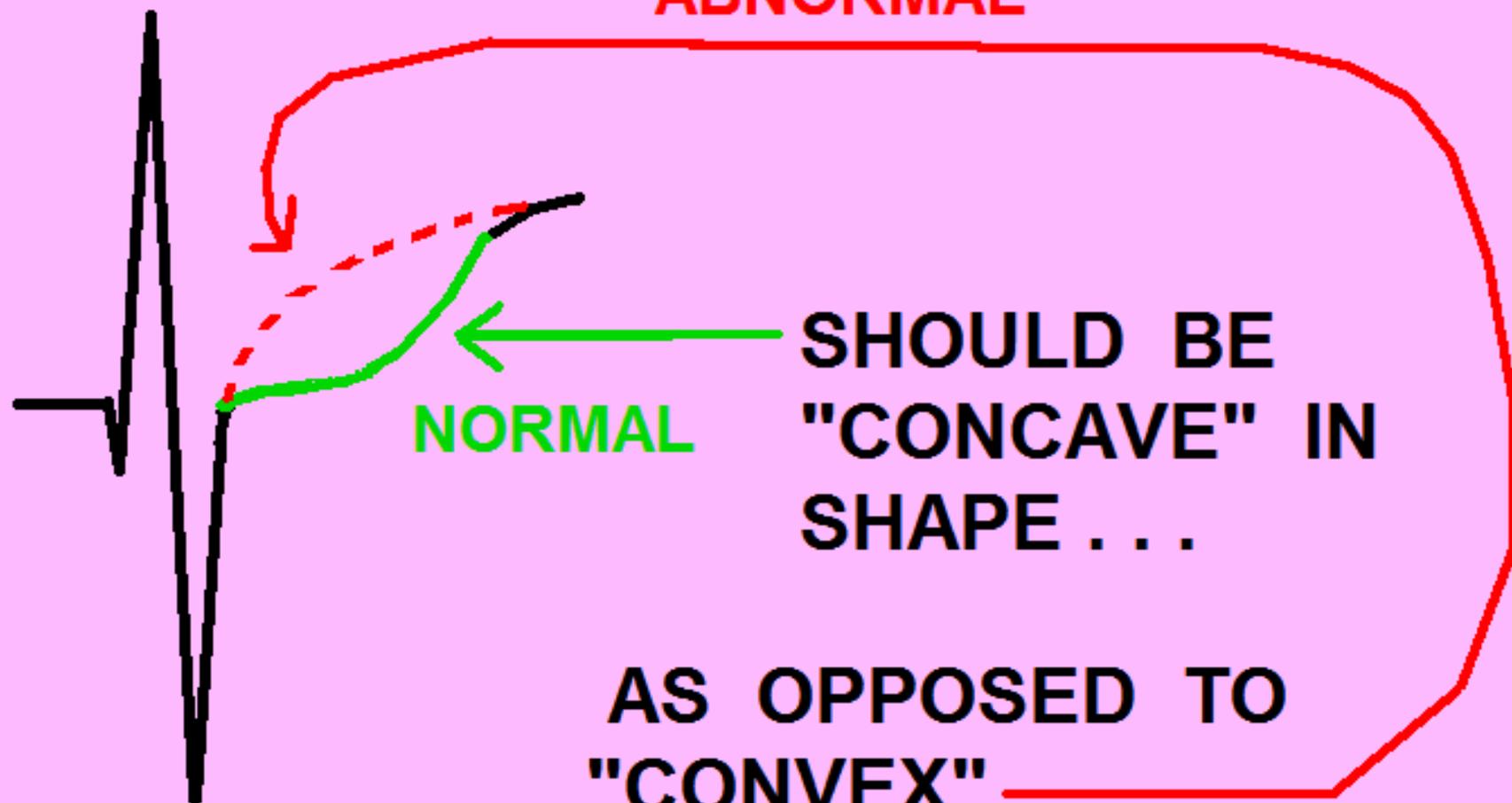


**ST-Segment**

**T wave: origin to apex**

# THE S-T SEGMENT

**ABNORMAL**

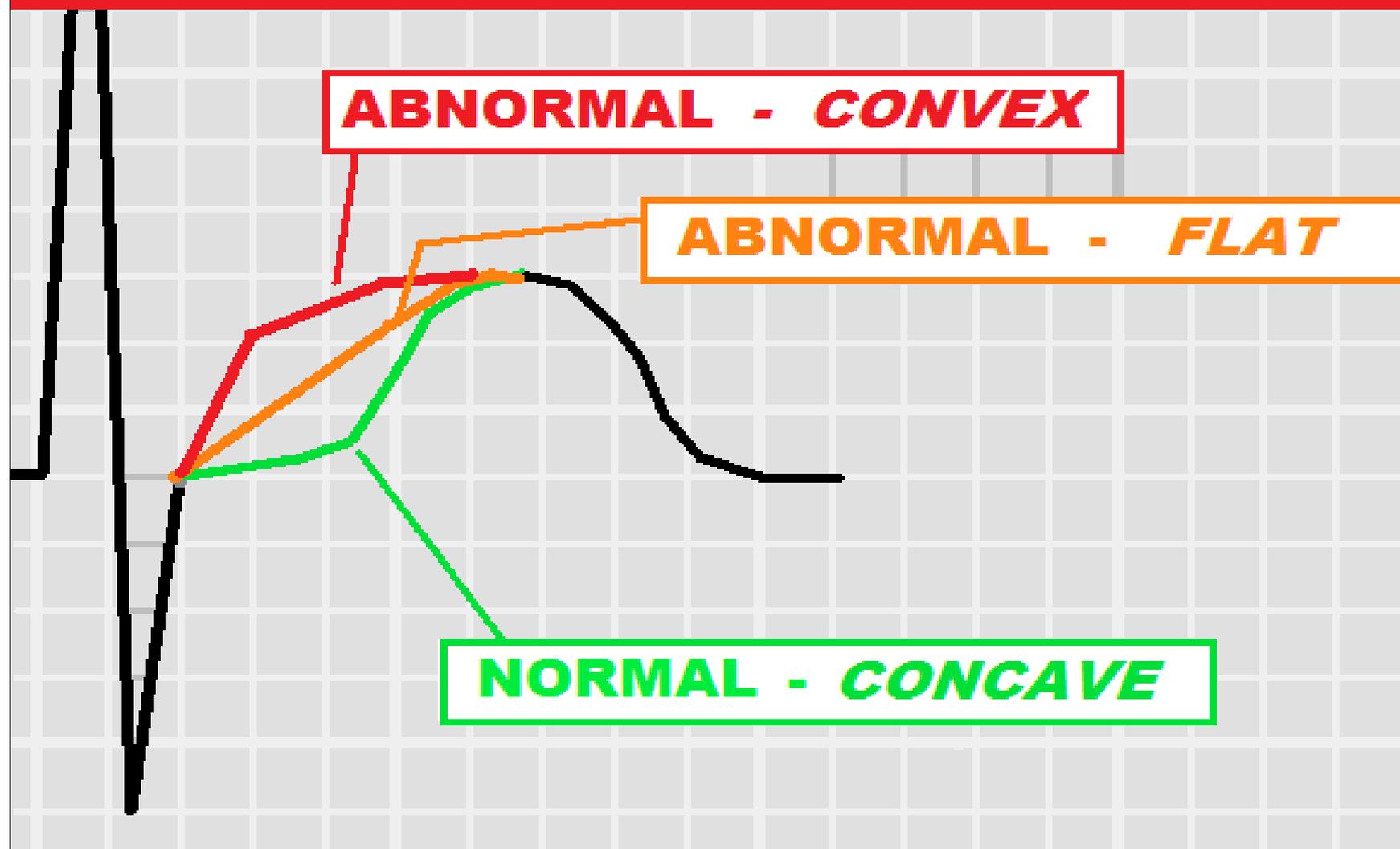


**NORMAL**

**SHOULD BE  
"CONCAVE" IN  
SHAPE . . .**

**AS OPPOSED TO  
"CONVEX"**

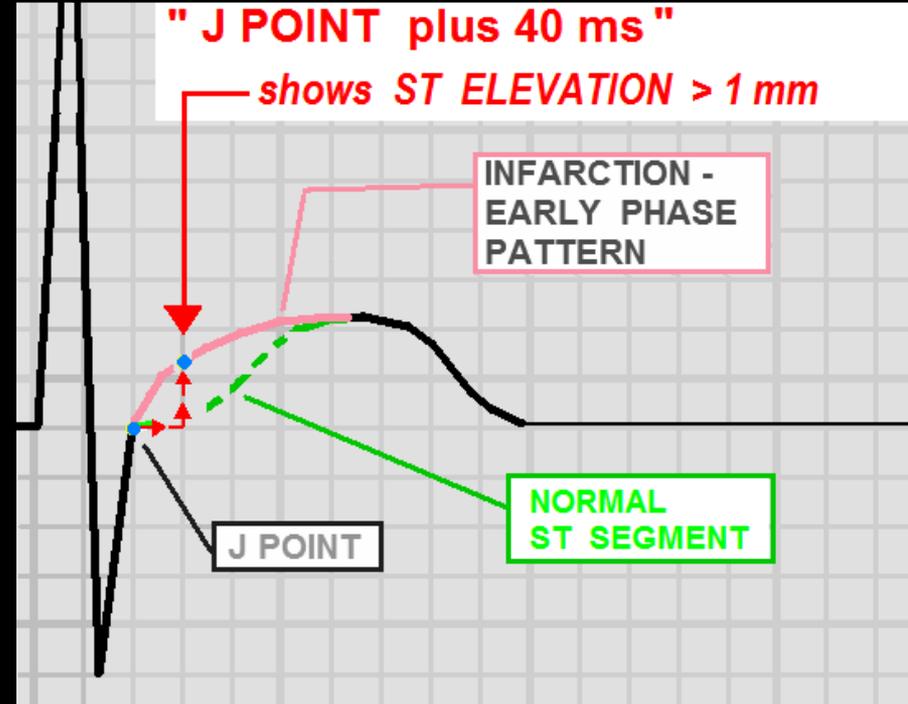
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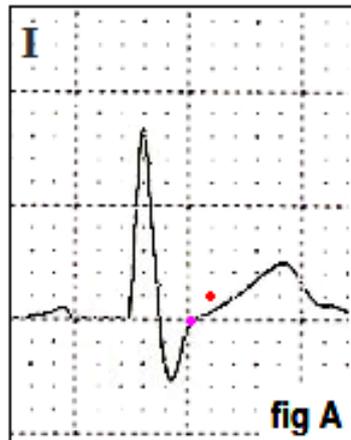
***PATTERNS of EARLY INFARCTION***  
**-- FLAT and CONVEX J-T APEX SEGMENTS**

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

From:  
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ACLS 2005 REVISIONS

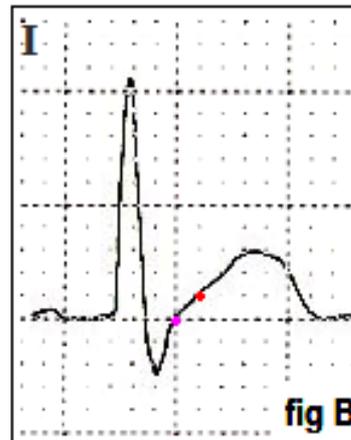


During **NORMAL STATES** of **PERFUSION**, the **J POINT** is **ISOELECTRIC** and the **ST SEGMENT** has a **CONCAVE** appearance. When measured 40 ms beyond the **J POINT** (noted by the **RED DOT**), the **ST SEGMENT** elevation is less than 1mm.



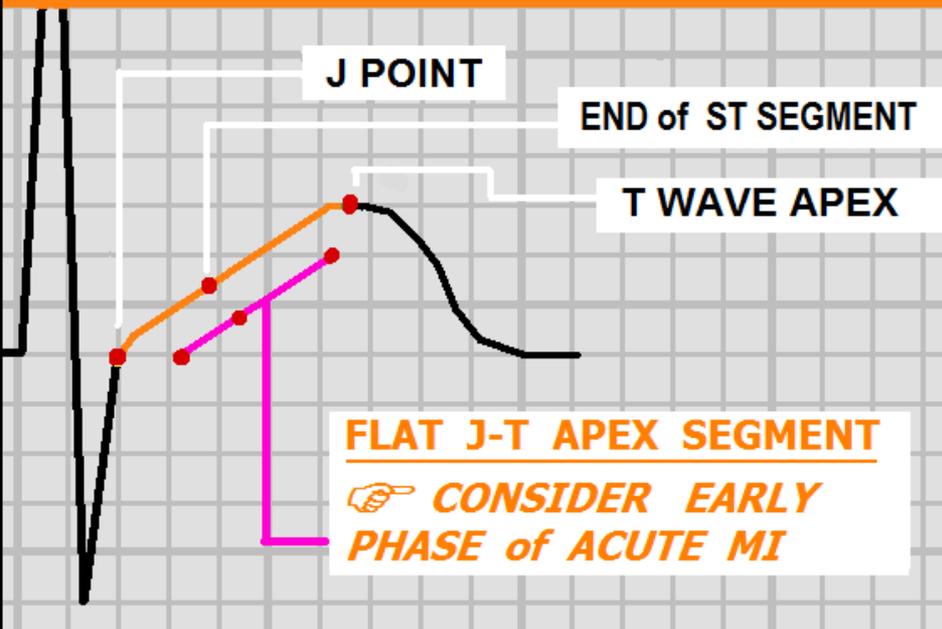
Both figures were recorded from a 54 year old male while resting (figure A), and during PTCA of the Left Anterior Descending artery (figure B).

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

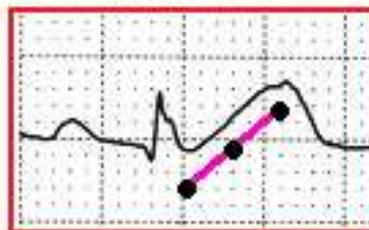


assumes a **CONVEX** shape. When measured 40 ms beyond the **J POINT**, the **ST segment** is elevated > 1 mm. This phenomenon is seen routinely in the cath lab prior to the occurrence of **ST ELEVATION** at the **J POINT** during **PTCA** and **STENTING**.

# ABNORMAL J-T APEX SEGMENT



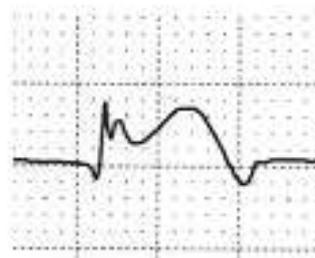
LEAD II



41 y/o FEMALE

In ER C/O CHEST PAIN  
x 30 minutes.

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

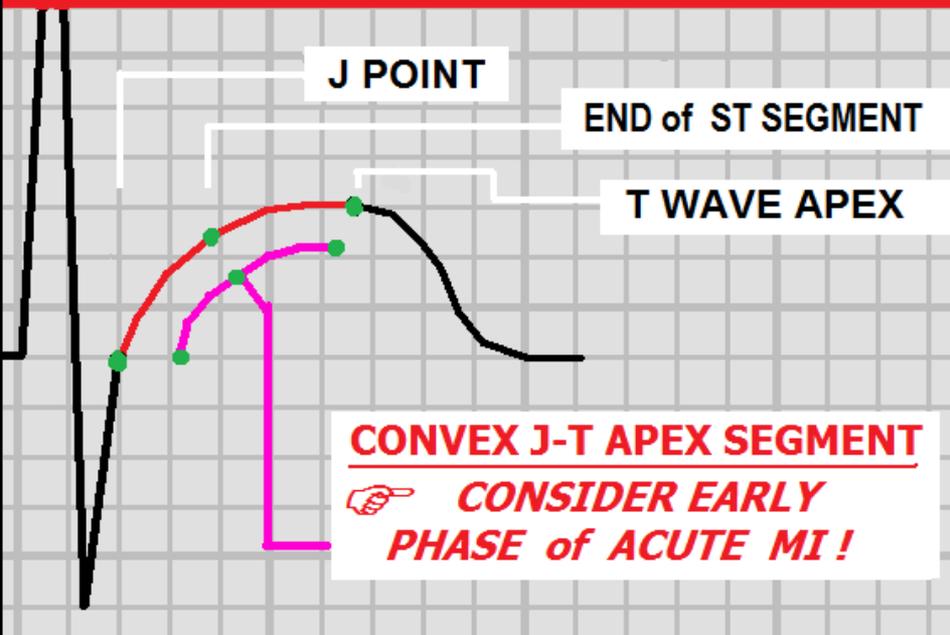


**STEMI - INFERIOR WALL**

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

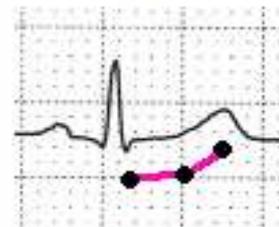
- **CATH LAB FINDINGS:**  
**TOTAL OCCLUSION of the  
RIGHT CORONARY ARTERY**

# ABNORMAL J-T APEX SEGMENT



LEAD I

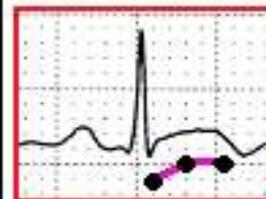
53 y/o MALE



1 yr. PRIOR TO MI

NORMAL EKG

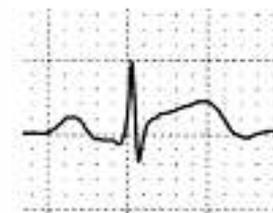
CONCAVE J - T APEX SEGMENT



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.

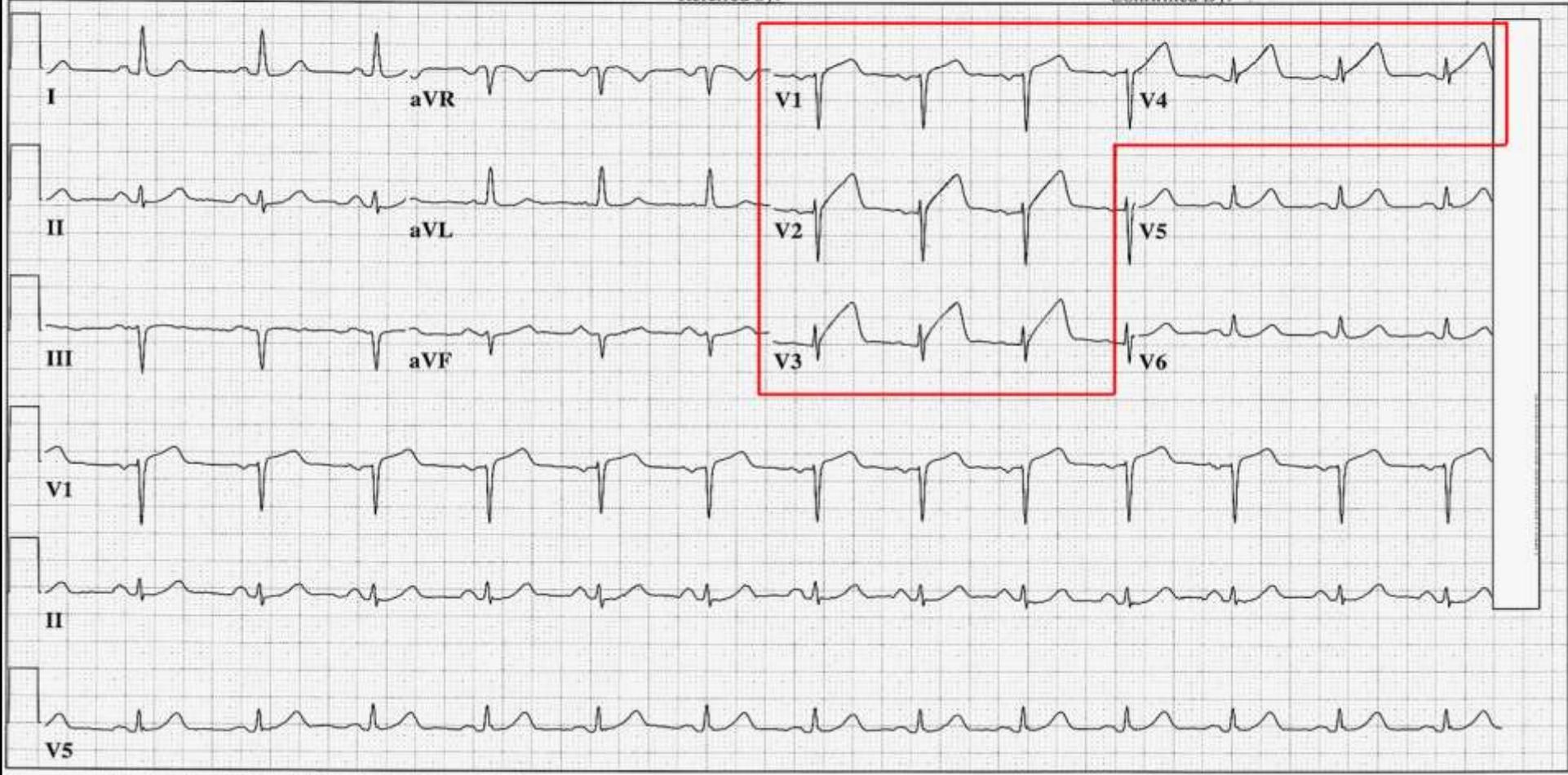
36 yr Male Caucasian  
Room:A9 Loc:3 Option:23  
Vent. rate 80 BPM  
PR interval 154 ms  
QRS duration 78 ms  
QT/QTc 380/438 ms  
P-R-T axes 51 -24 38

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Normal sinus rhythm  
Normal ECG  
No previous ECGs available

Technician: W Ruppert

Referred by:

Confirmed By:

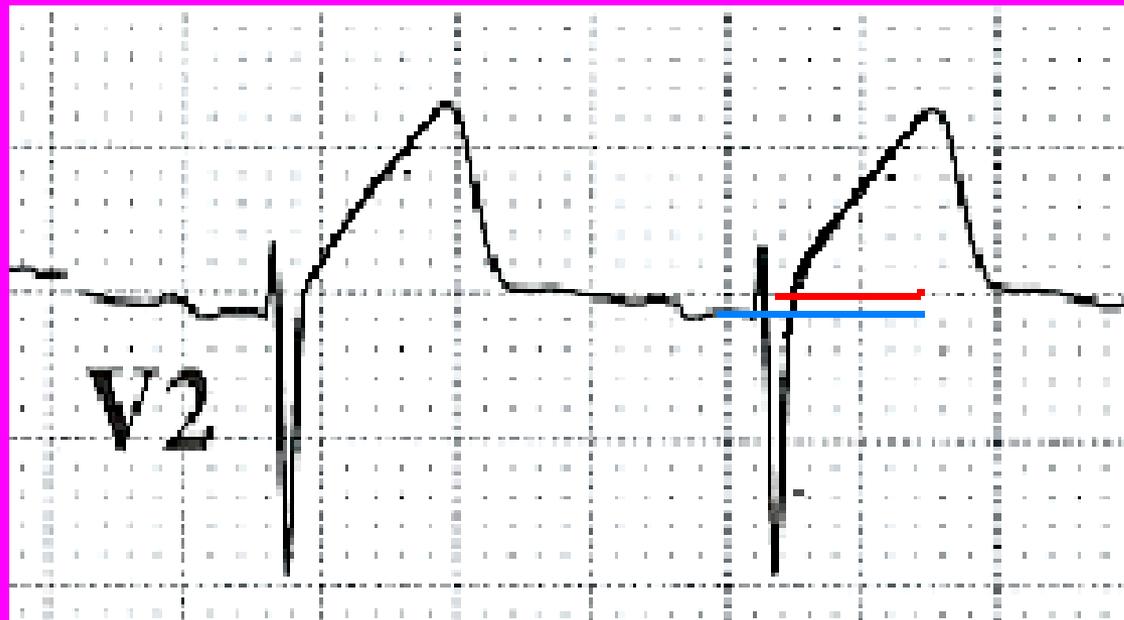


25mm/s 10mm/mV 40Hz 005C 12SL 235 CID: 3

EID:10 EDT:

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

# 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

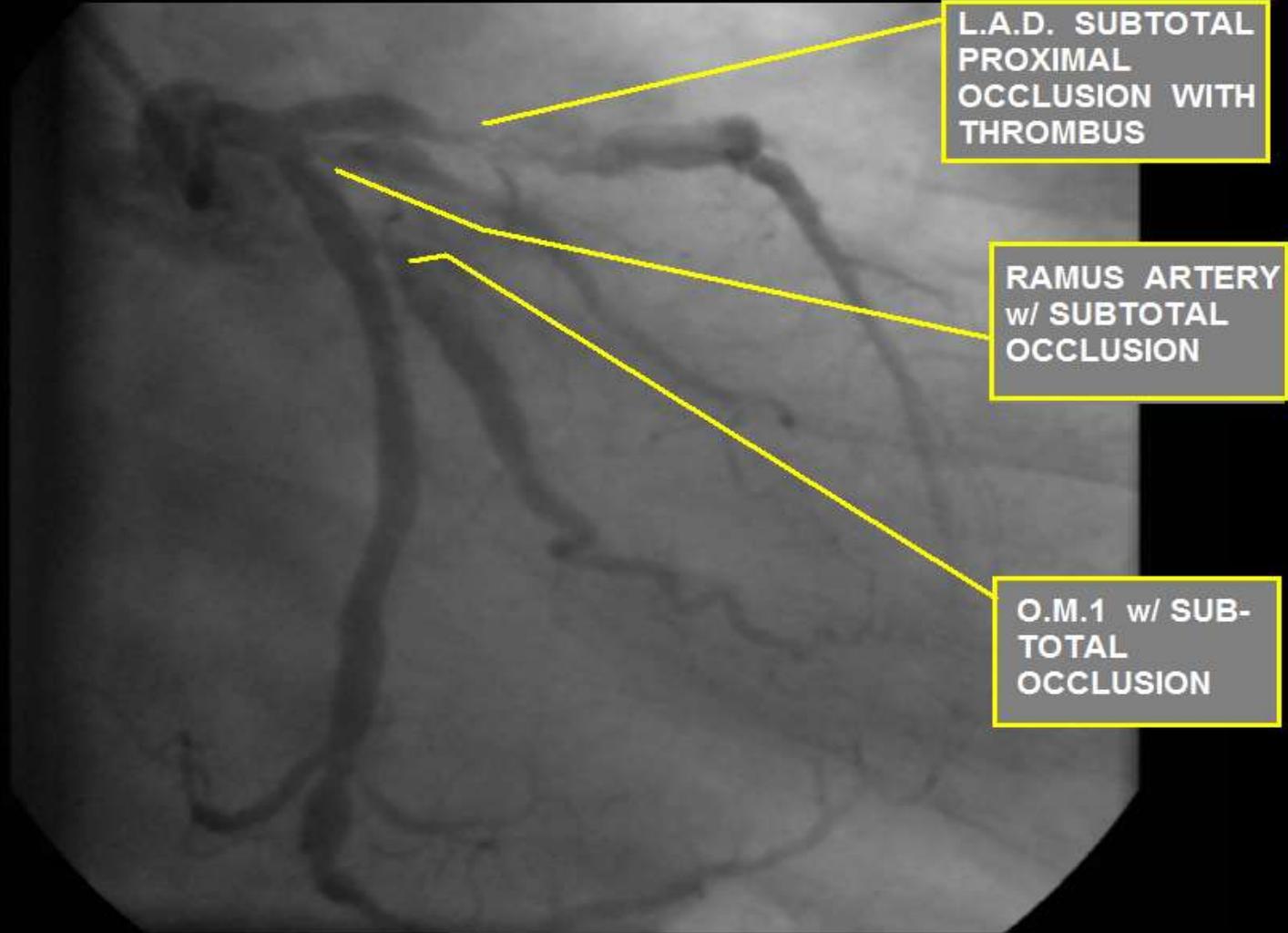


S-T elevation at J point = 0.5 mm

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

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



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

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

- ***J-T Apex abnormalities***
- ***Dynamic ST-T Wave  
Changes on Serial ECGs***

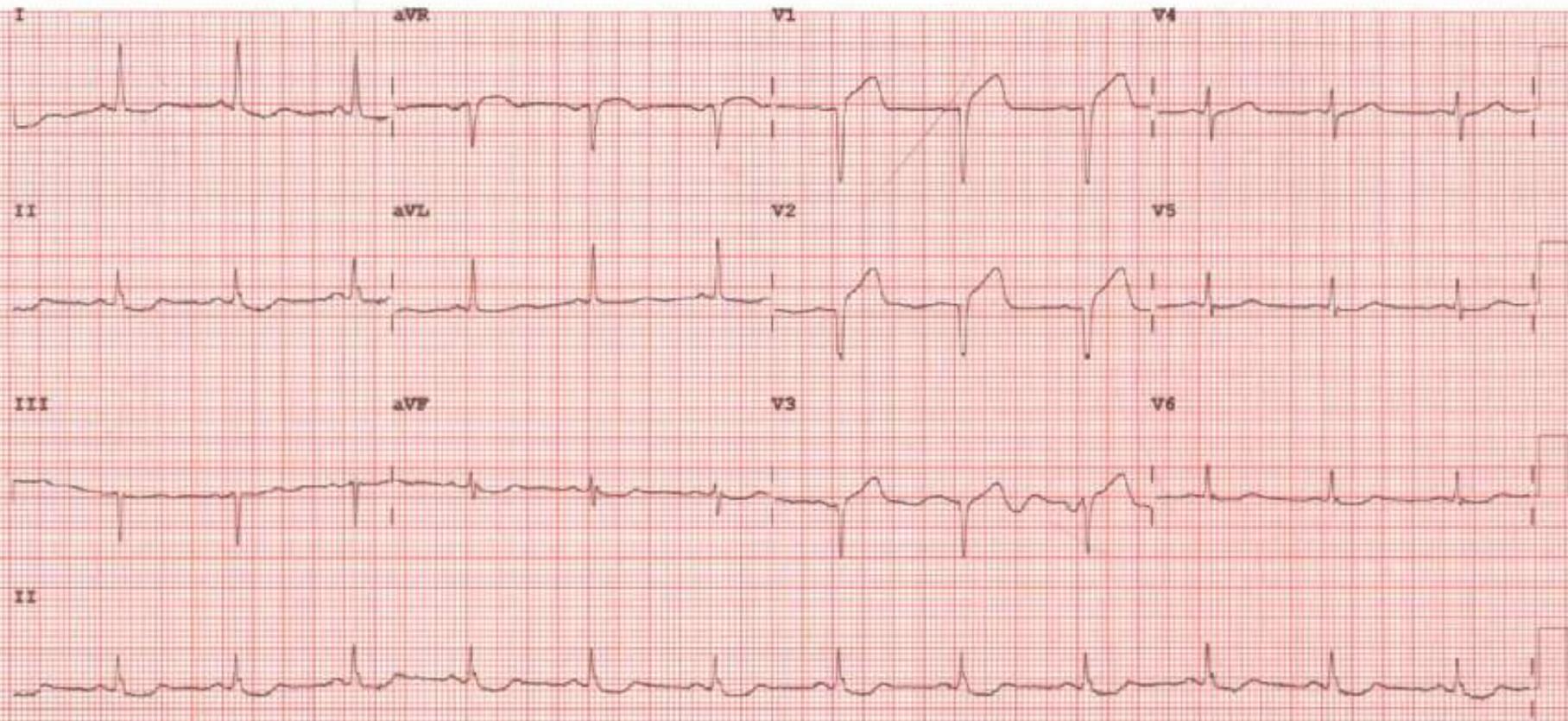
Rate 75 . SINUS RHYTHM.....normal P axis, V-rate 50- 99  
 . CONSIDER ANTEROSEPTAL INFARCT.....Q >30ms, V1 V2  
 PR 140 . BORDERLINE REPOLARIZATION ABNORMALITY.....ST dep & abnormal T  
 QRSD 90 . BASELINE WANDER IN LEAD(S) V1,V2  
 QT 376  
 QTc 420

--AXIS--  
 P 35  
 QRS 6  
 T 193

- ABNORMAL ECG -

SEVEN RIVERS REGIONAL MED CTR

Unconfirmed Diagnosis



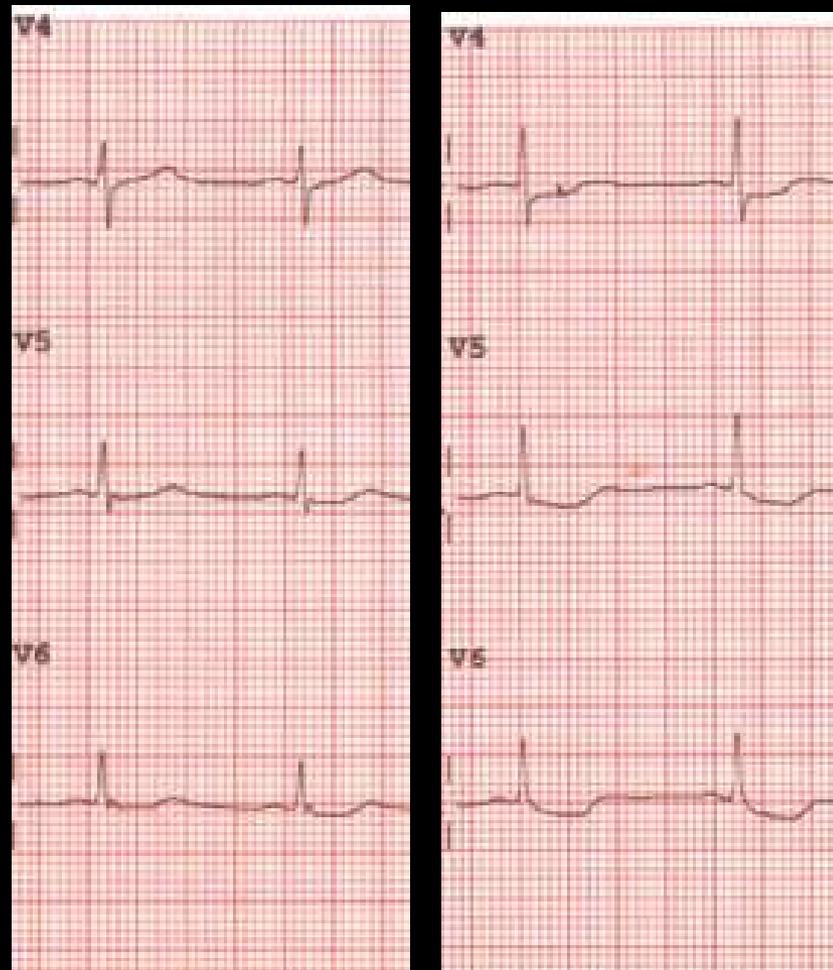
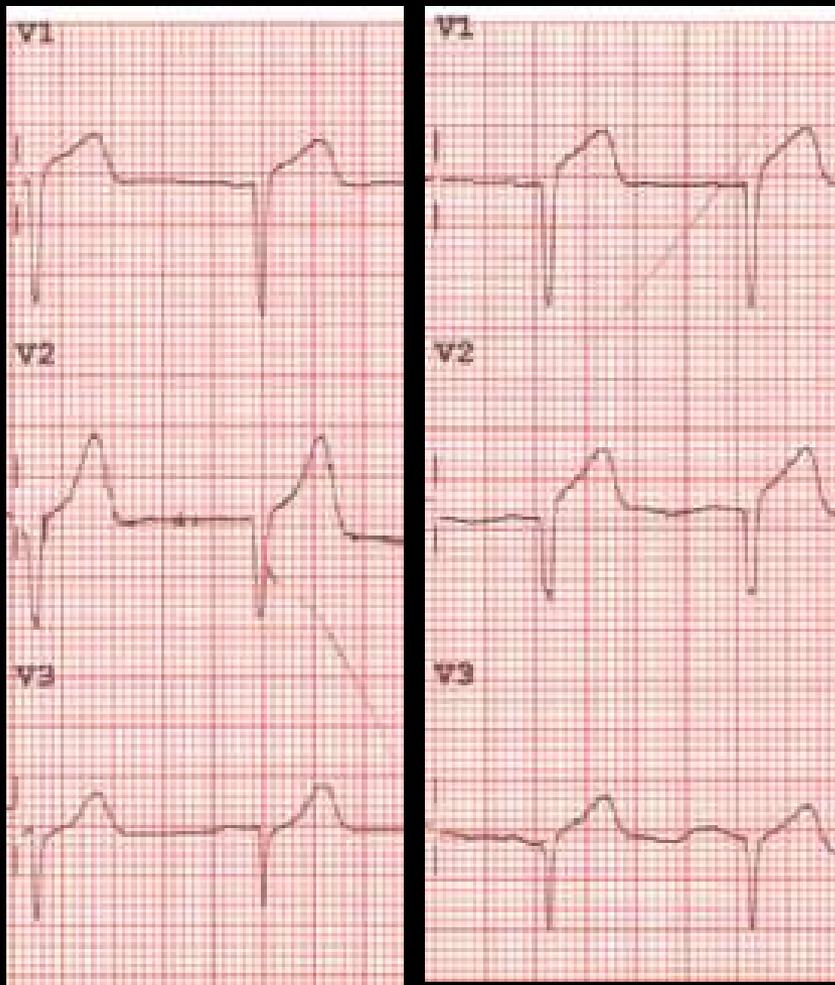
### 3. Dynamic ST-T Wave Changes in Serial ECGs. Recorded at SRRMC

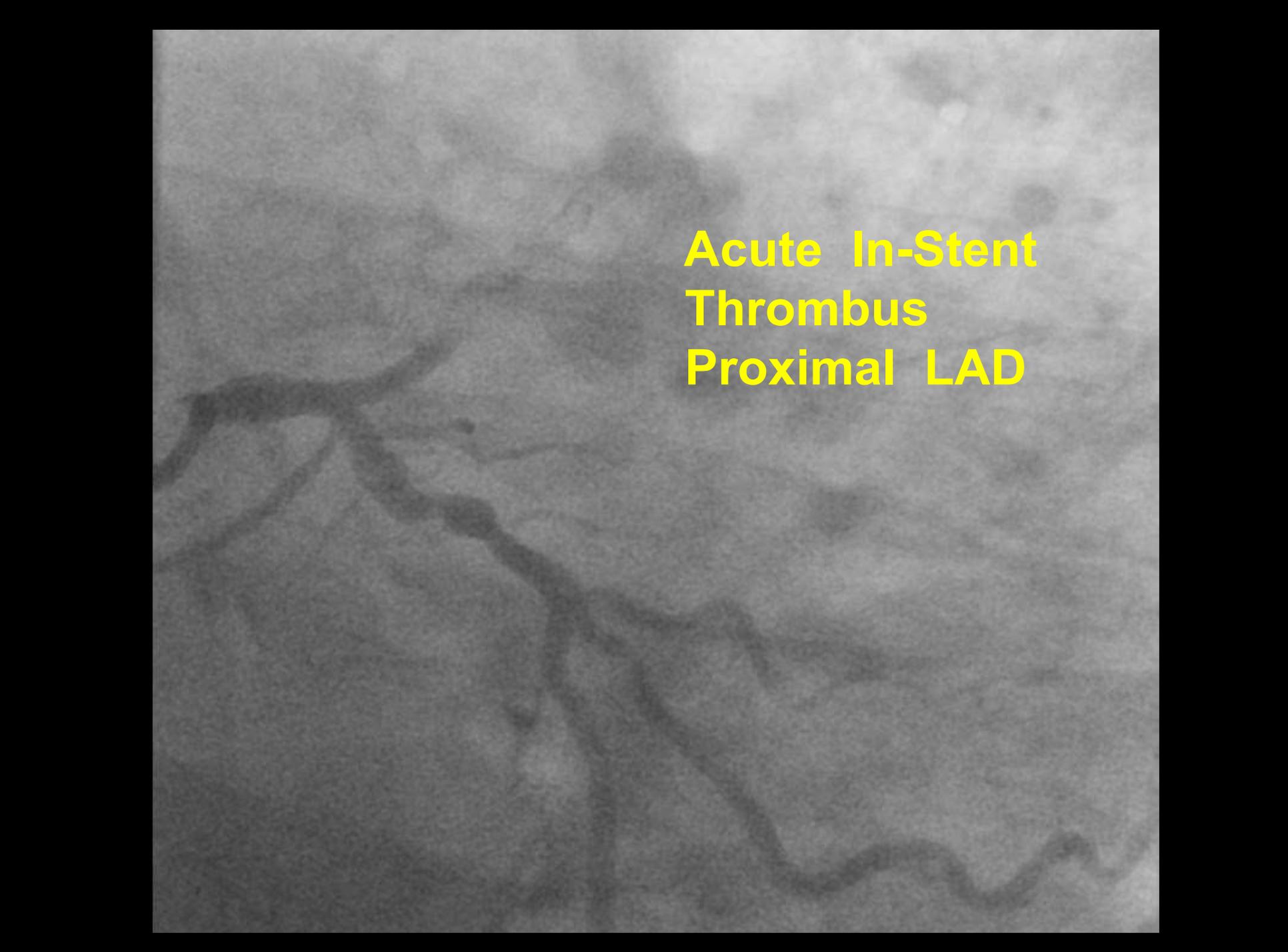
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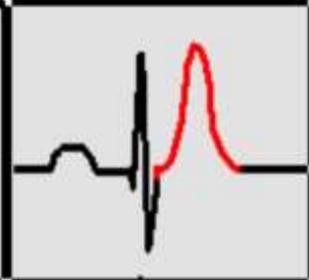
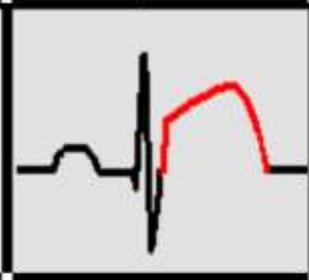
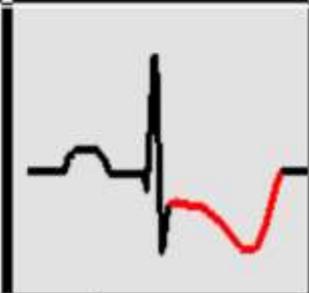


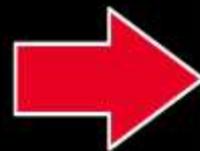
An angiogram of the proximal left anterior descending artery (LAD) showing acute in-stent thrombosis. The image displays a dark, irregular filling defect within the lumen of the artery, which is partially obscured by the radiopaque struts of a stent. The surrounding vessel wall and other branches are visible in a lighter gray tone.

**Acute In-Stent  
Thrombus  
Proximal LAD**

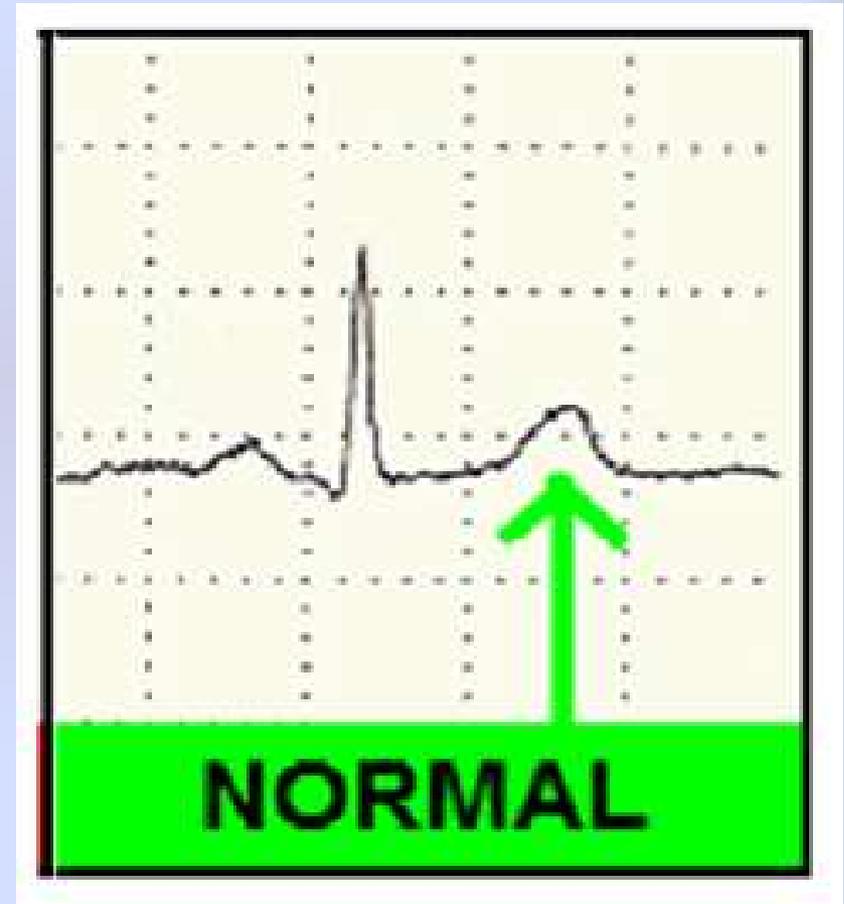
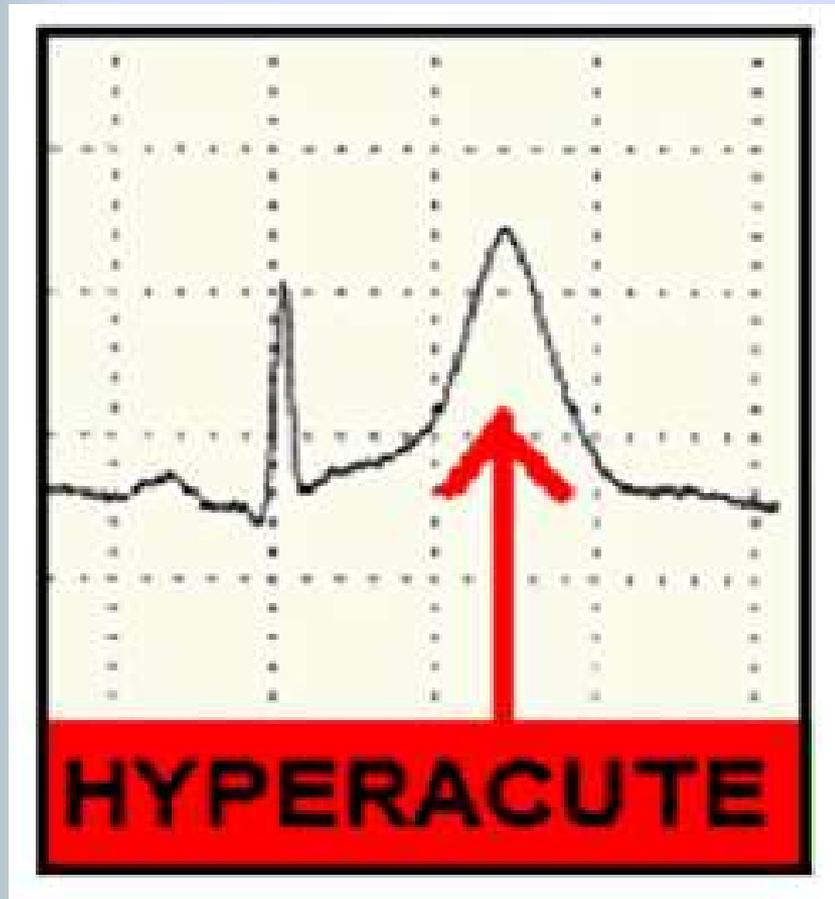
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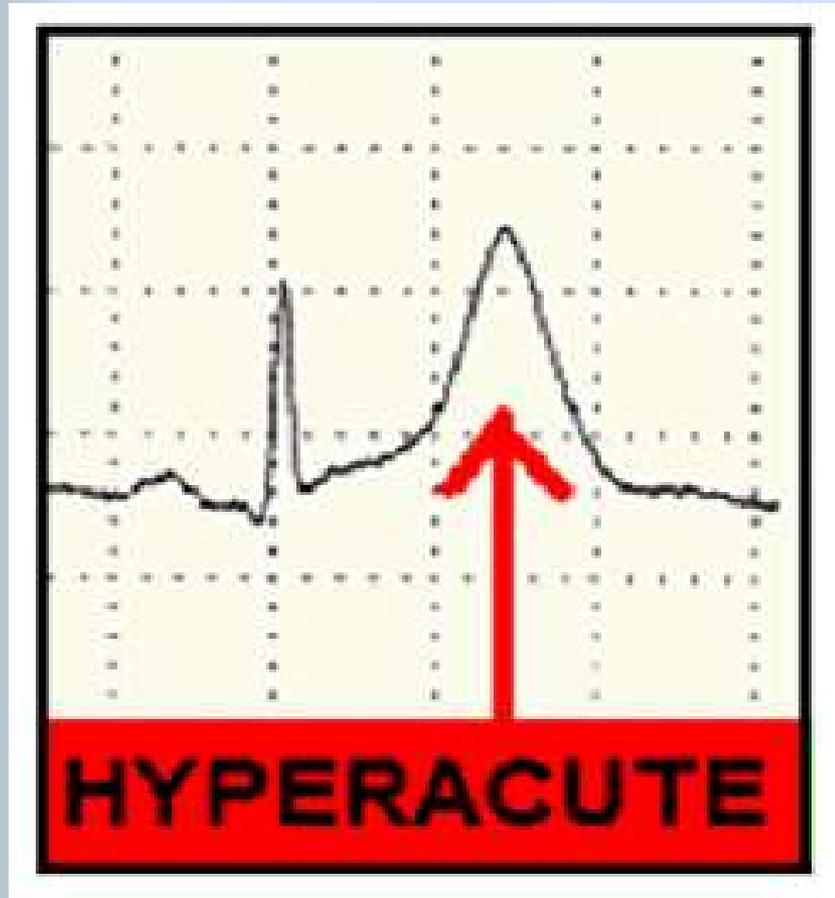
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# T waves should not be HYPERACUTE

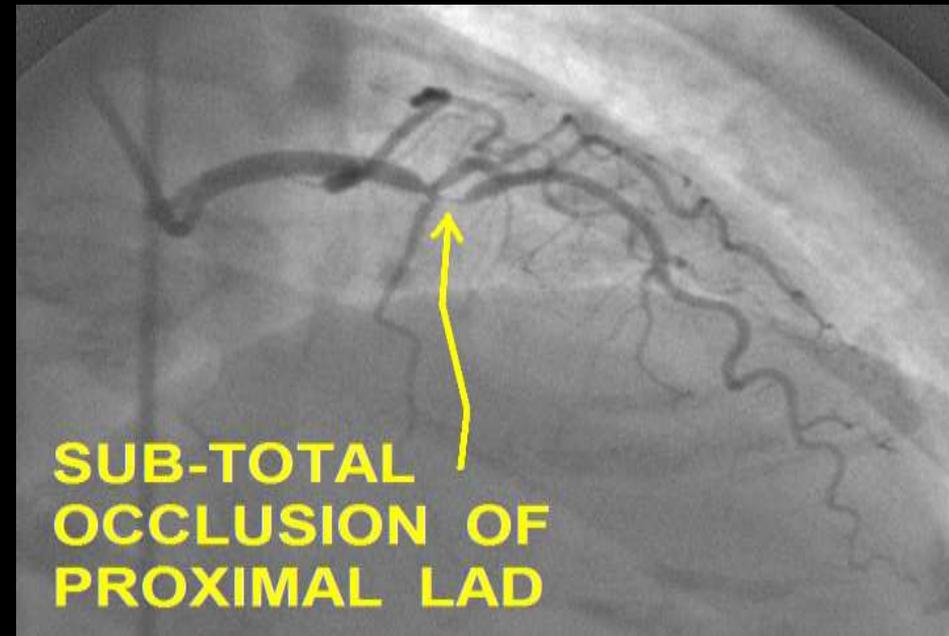
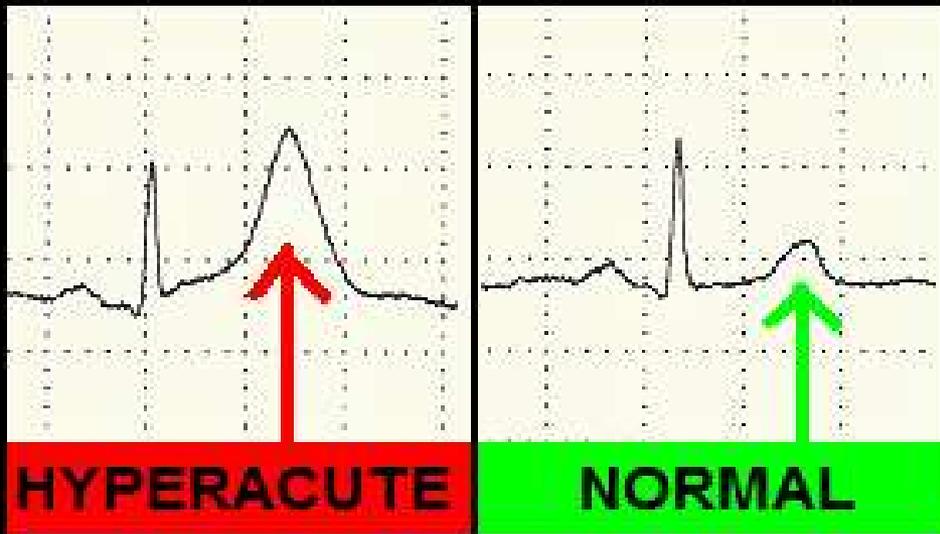


# HYPERACUTE T Waves may indicate:



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

# HYPERACUTE T WAVES



ECG waveforms obtained just before (hyperacute) and just after (normal) the critical blockage was stented in this patient's Proximal Left Anterior Descending (LAD) artery.

# 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:

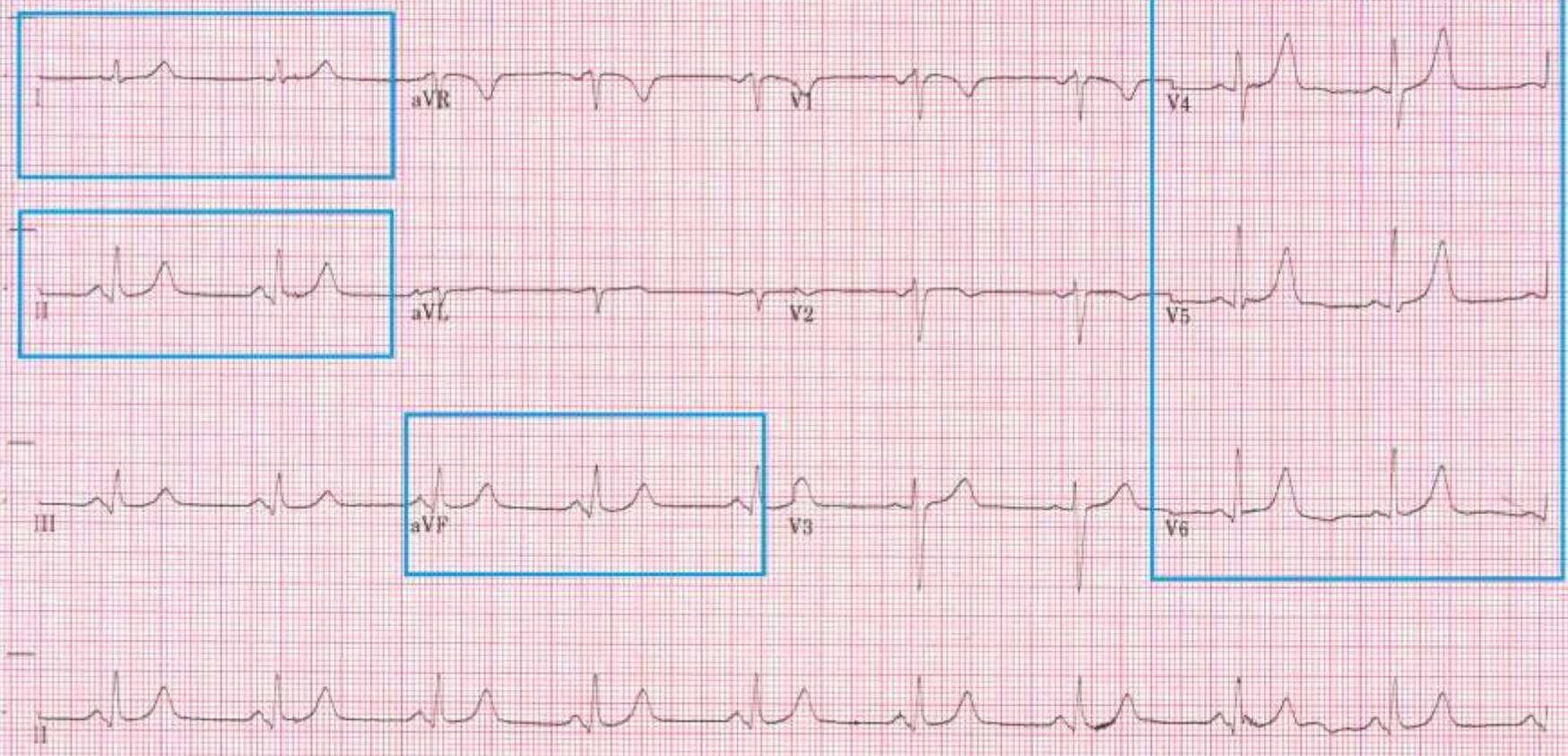
ER ATTENDING REVIEW  
NO STEMI  
TIME 1:51

**K+ = 6.7**

Referred by:

Unconfirmed

LOCATION:



100 Hz 25.0 mm/s 10.0 mm/mV

4 by 2.5s + 1 rhythm ld

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- **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%

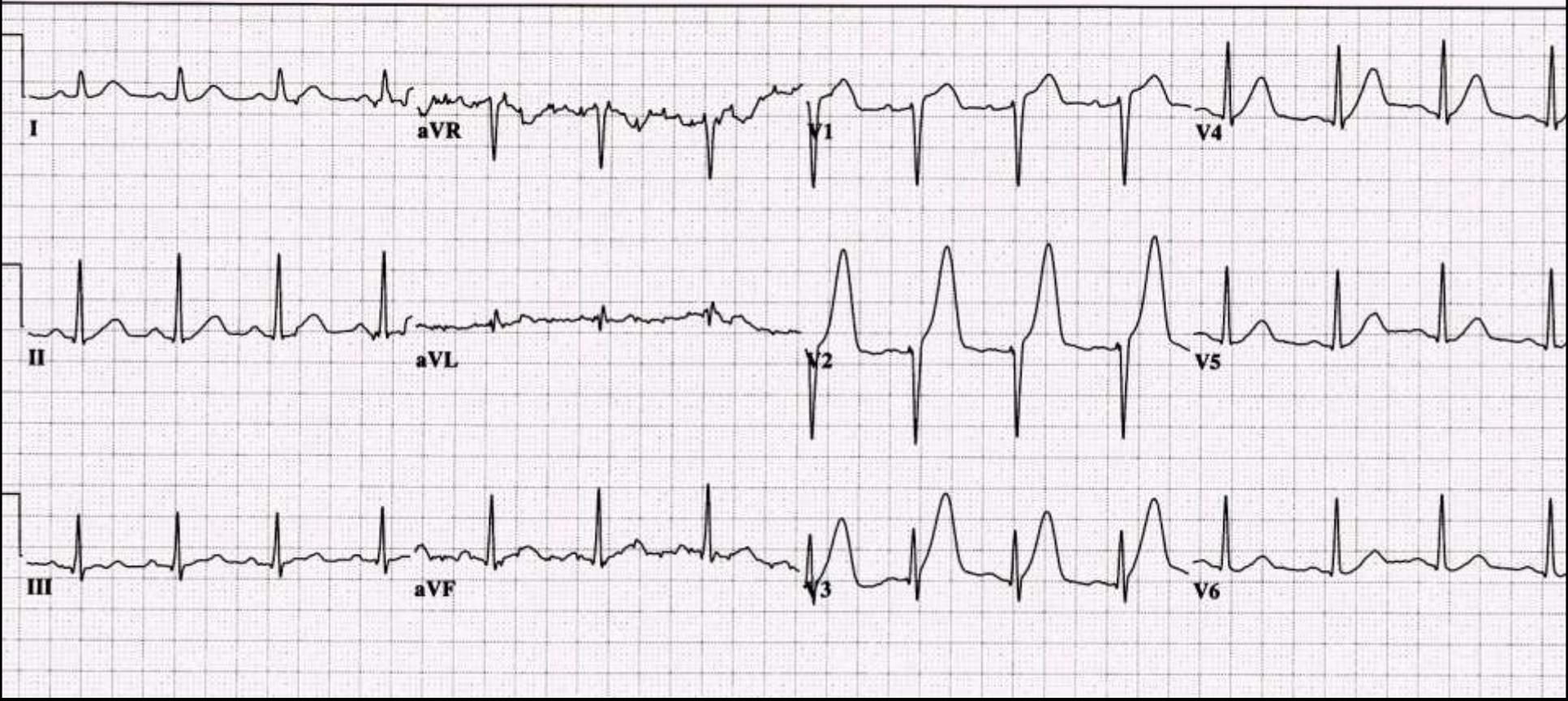
**DIAGNOSTIC TESTING:** 1st TROPONIN I - ultra: <0.07

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  
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← NOTE COMPUTER INTERPRETATION



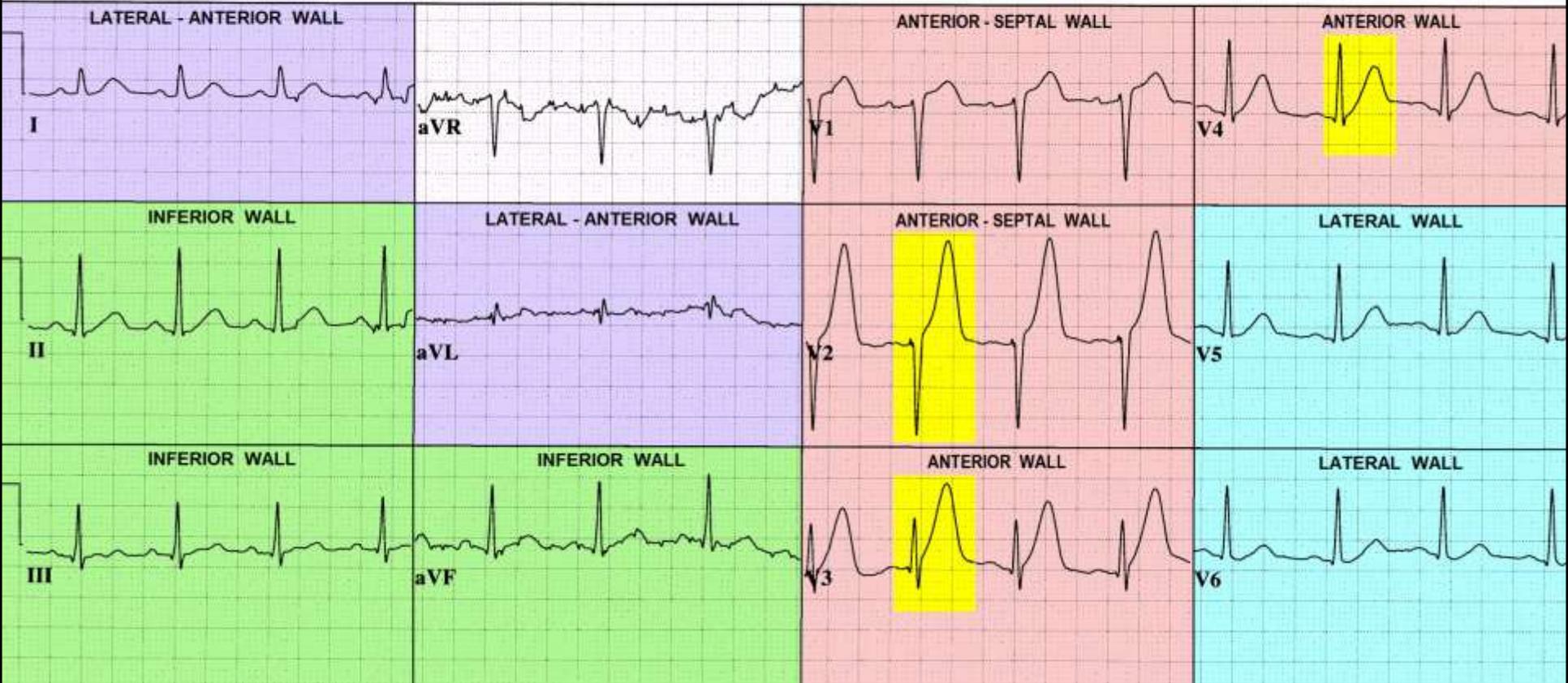
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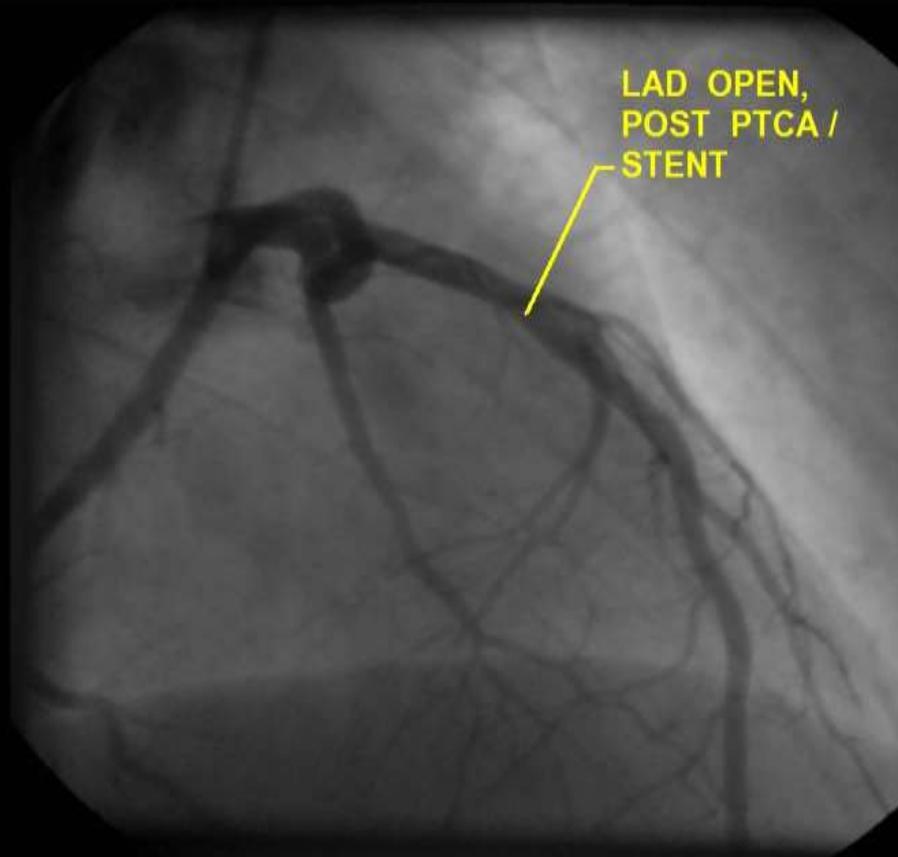
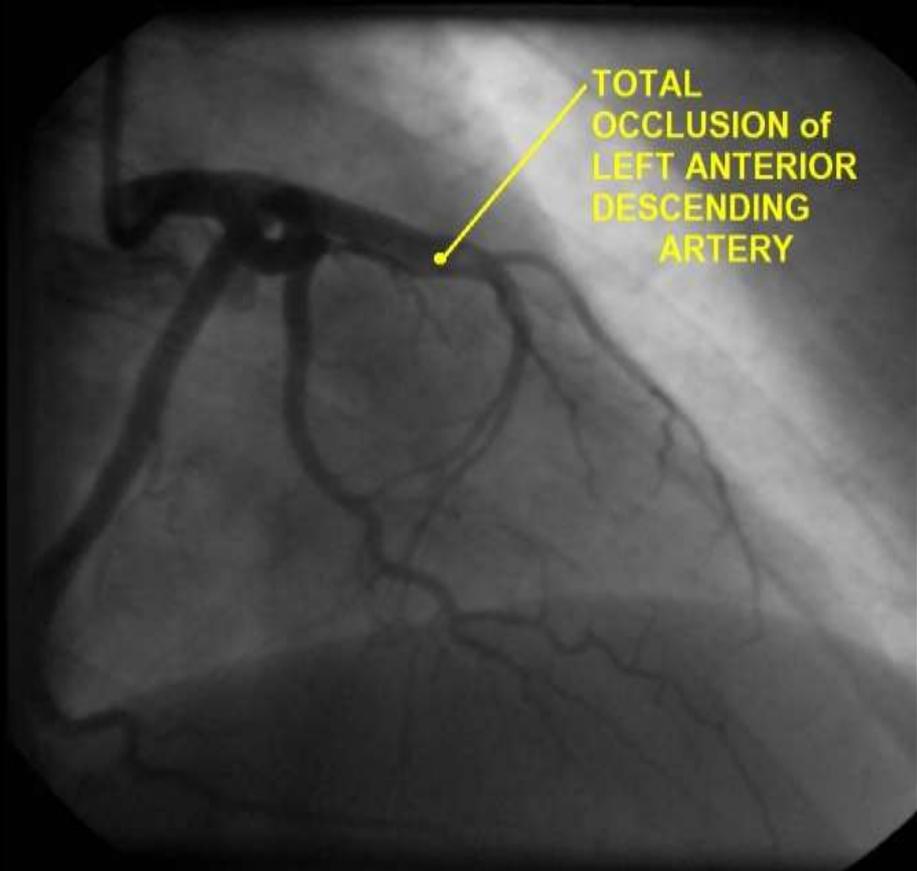
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**HIGHLIGHTED AREAS =  
 HYPERACUTE T WAVES**

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



# Cath Lab findings:



# Dynamic ST-T Wave Changes:

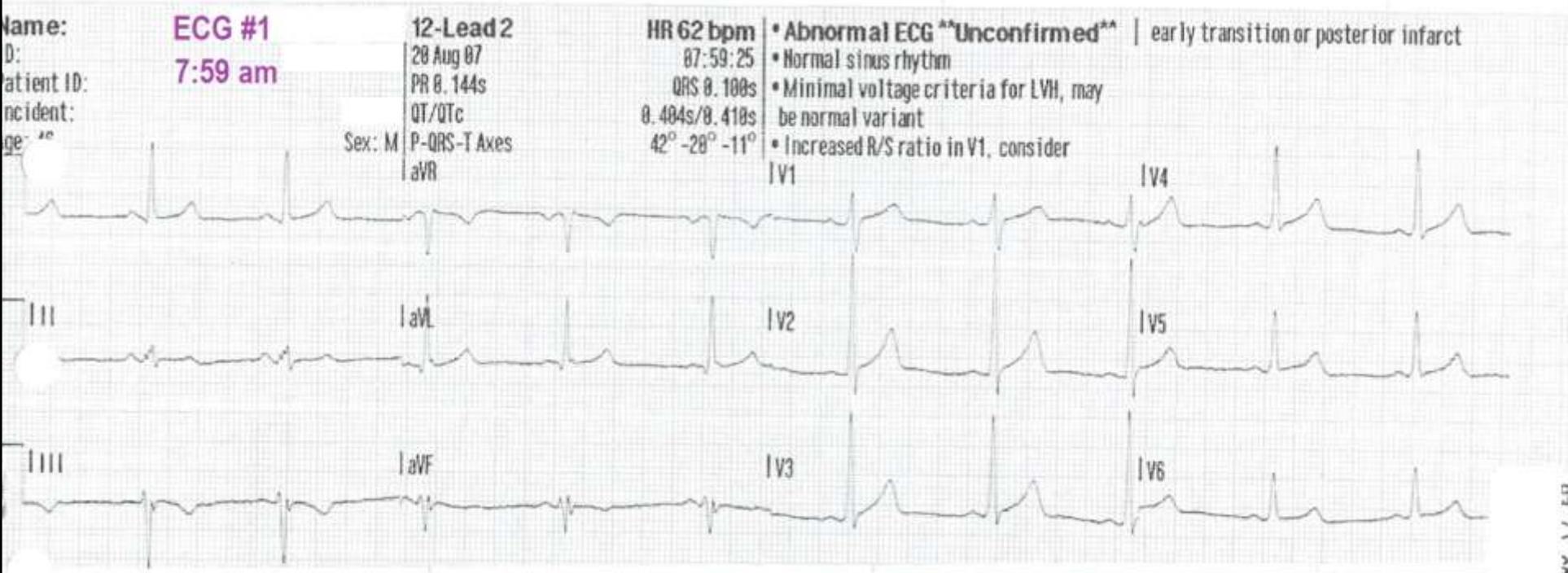
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# Dynamic ST-T Wave Changes:

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

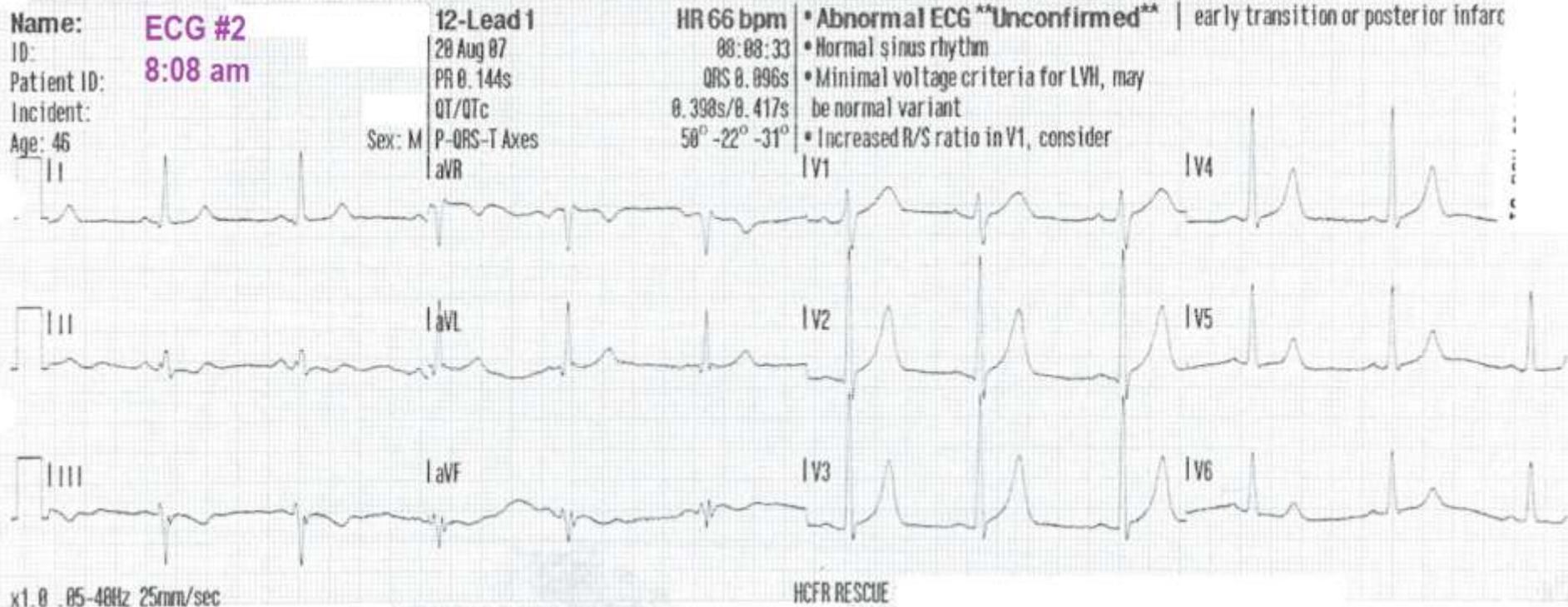
# 46 year old male

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



# 46 year old male: ECG 1

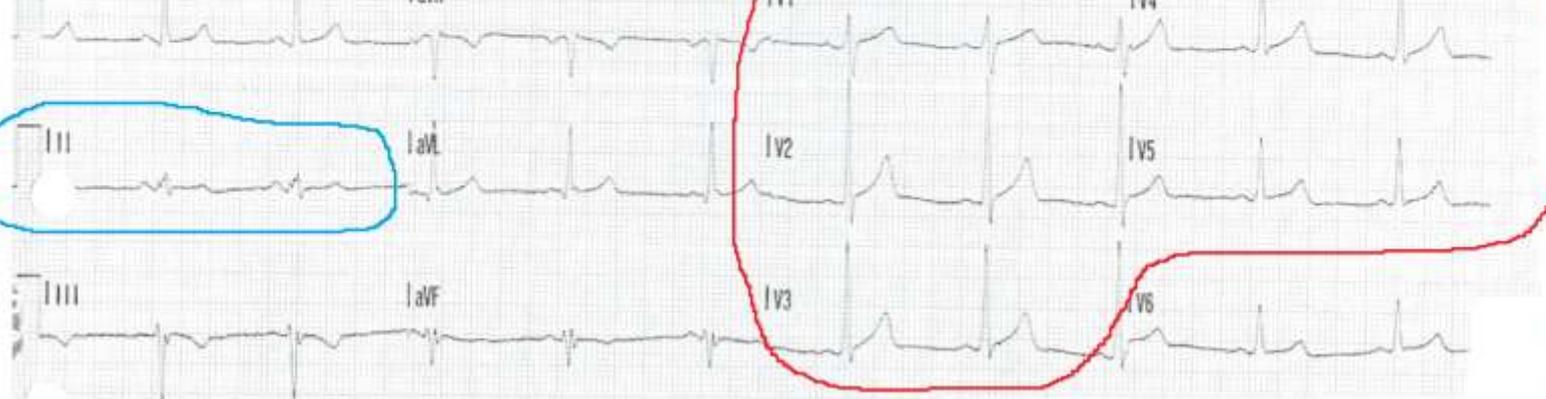
- Chest pressure has returned, “5” on 1-10 scale. 2<sup>nd</sup> ECG obtained due to “change in symptoms”:



Name: **ECG #1** 12-Lead 2  
 ID: 28 Aug 07  
 Patient ID: 7:59 am  
 Incident:  
 Age: 46 Sex: M P-QRS-T Axes  
 aVR

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



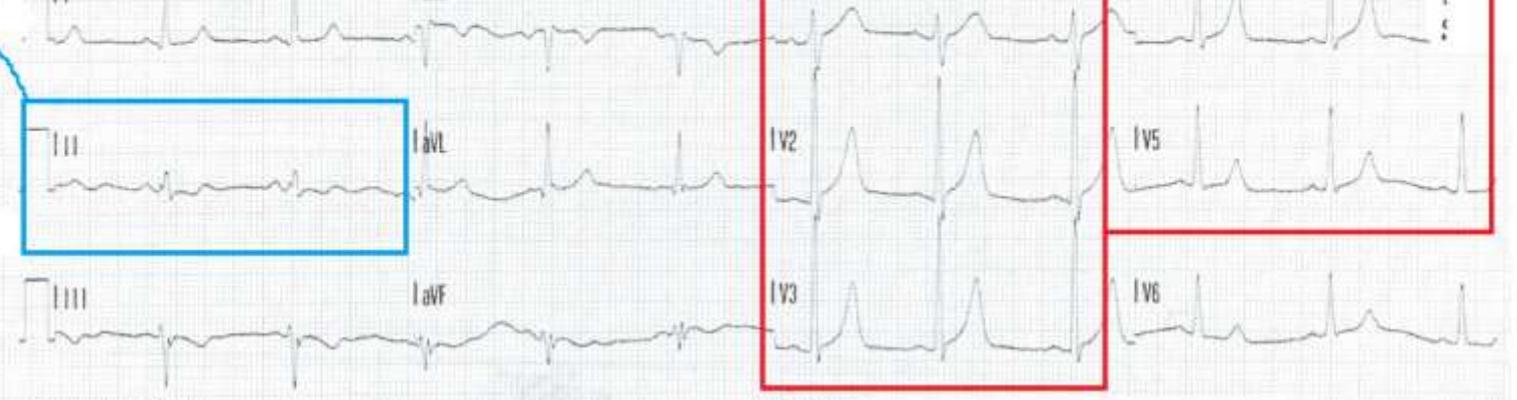
ST-segments have dropped in Lead II

T waves have gained amplitude in Leads V1-V5

Name: **ECG #2** 12-Lead 1  
 ID: 28 Aug 07  
 Patient ID: 8:08 am  
 Incident:  
 Age: 46 Sex: M P-QRS-T Axes  
 aVR

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  
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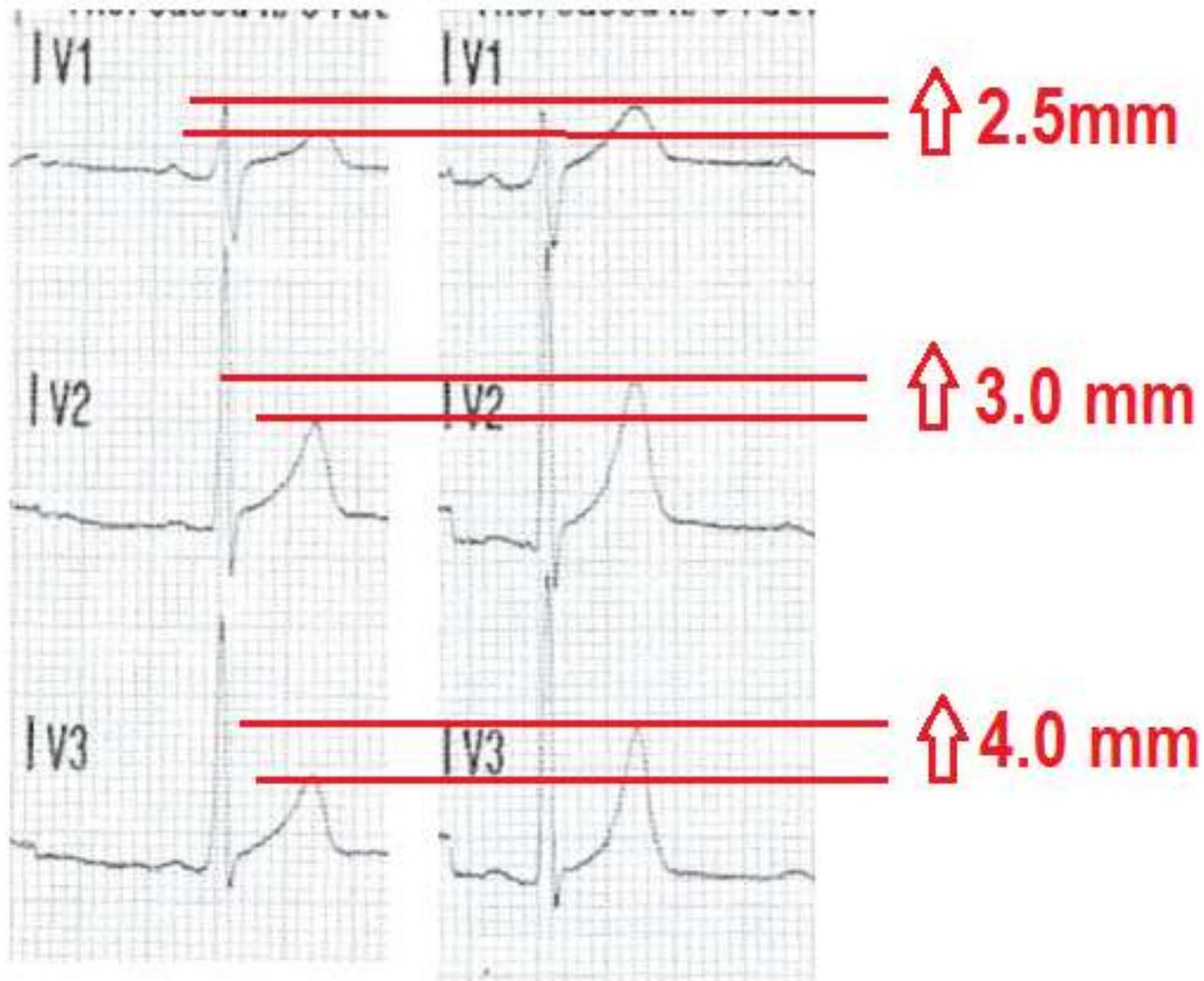


x1.0 05-48Hz 25mm/sec

HCFR RESCUE

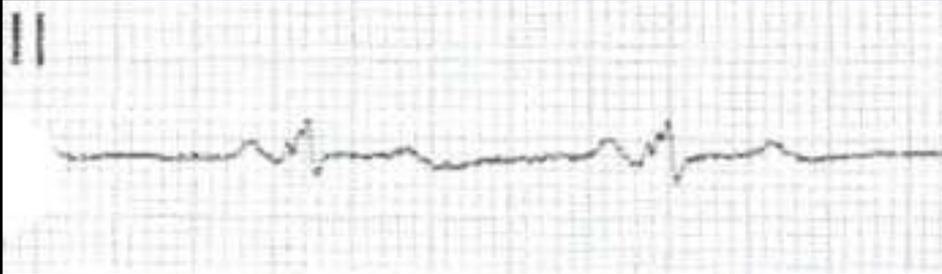
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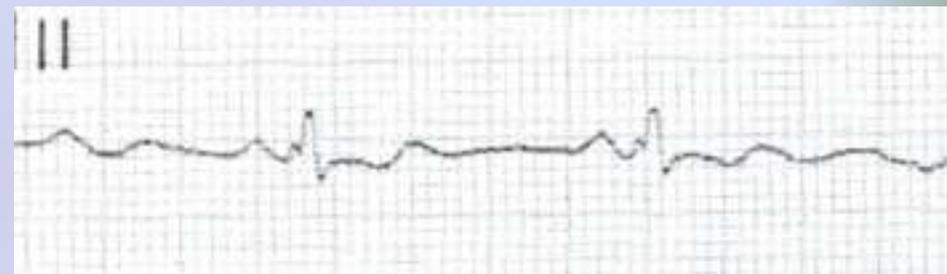


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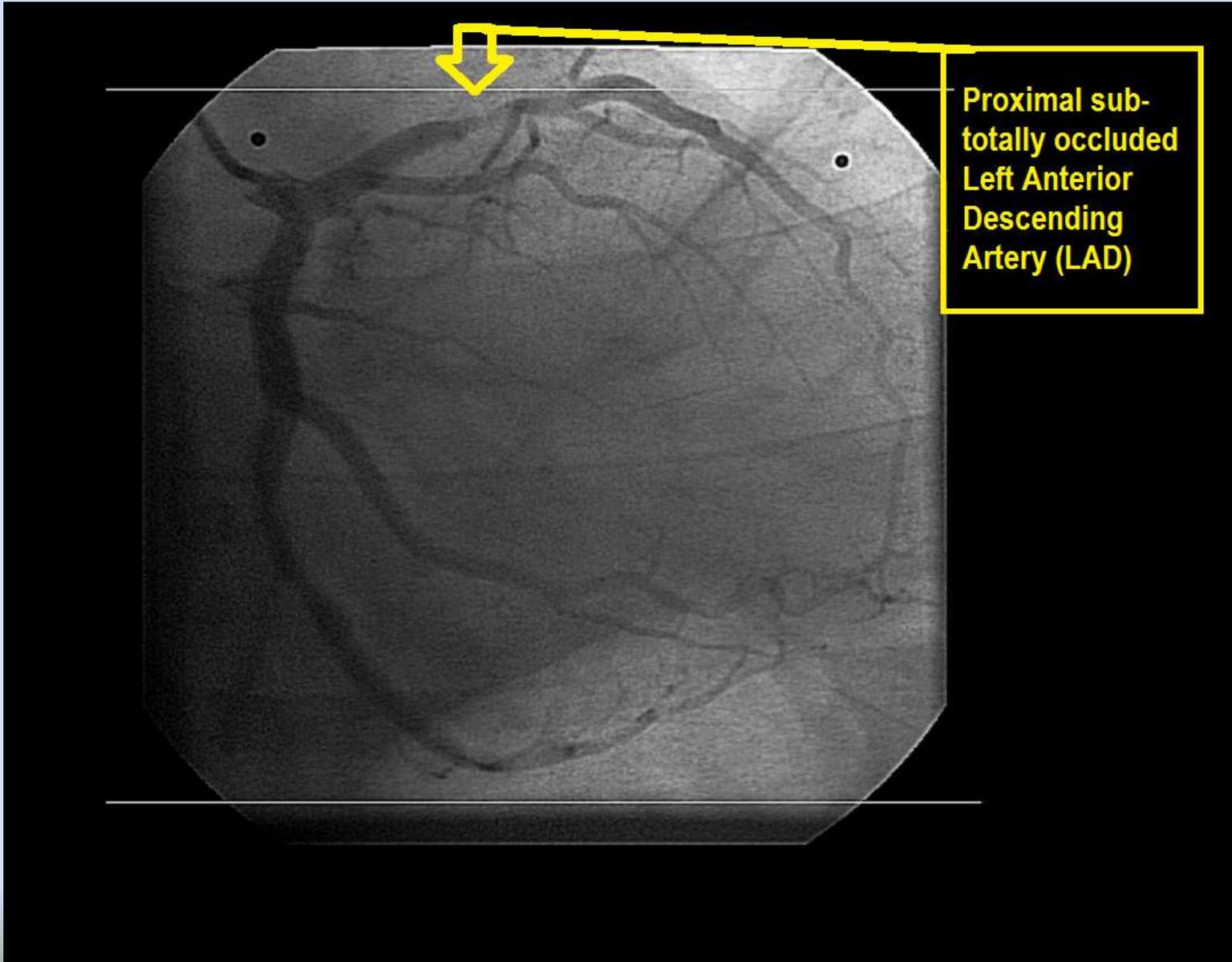
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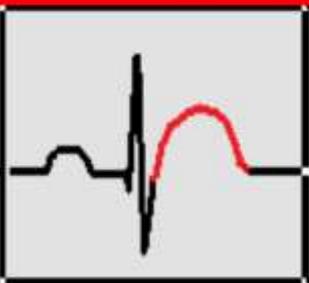
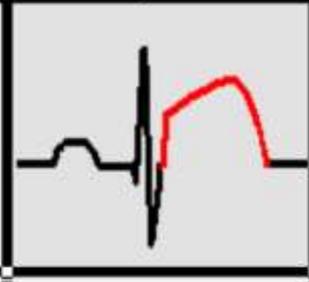
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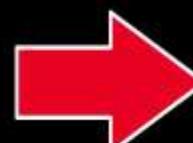


**Proximal sub-totally occluded Left Anterior Descending Artery (LAD)**

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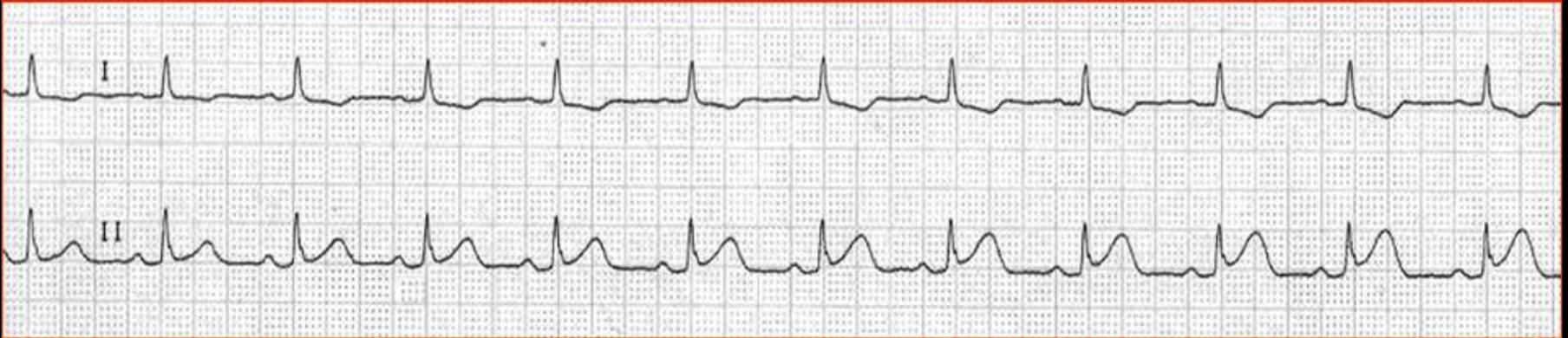
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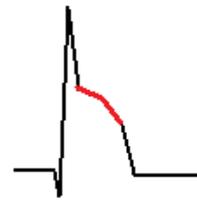
# ***ST SEGMENT ELEVATION:***

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



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

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



**DOWNSLOPING  
S-T SEGMENT**



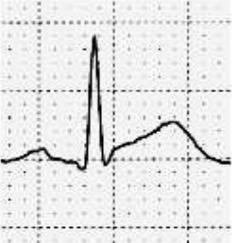
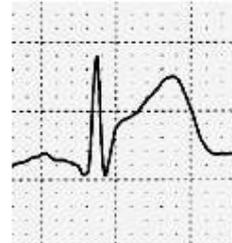
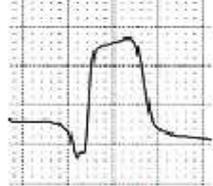
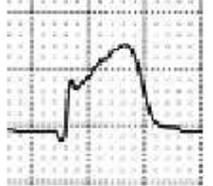
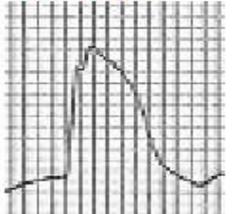
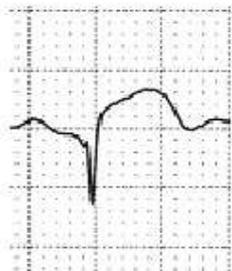
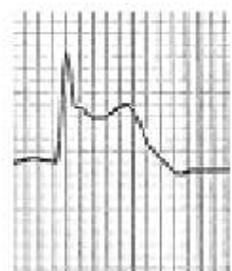
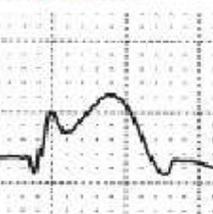
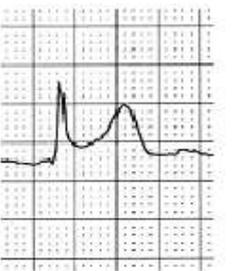
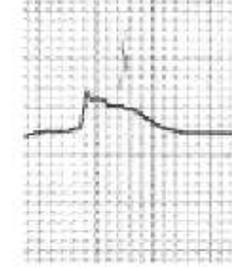
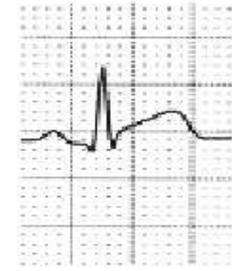
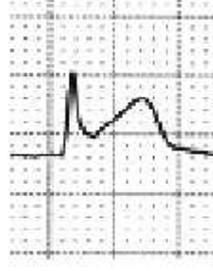
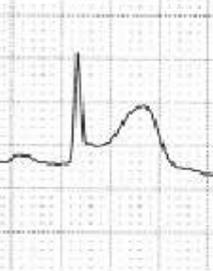
**FLAT  
S-T SEGMENT**



**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>	<b>"TOOMBSTONE" PATTERN</b>  <p>V2 - ANTERIOR LATERAL MI</p>	<b>"FIREMAN'S HAT" PATTERN</b>  <p>V3 - ANTERIOR LATERAL MI</p>
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Reciprocal S-T Segment Depression *may* or *may not* be present during AMI.

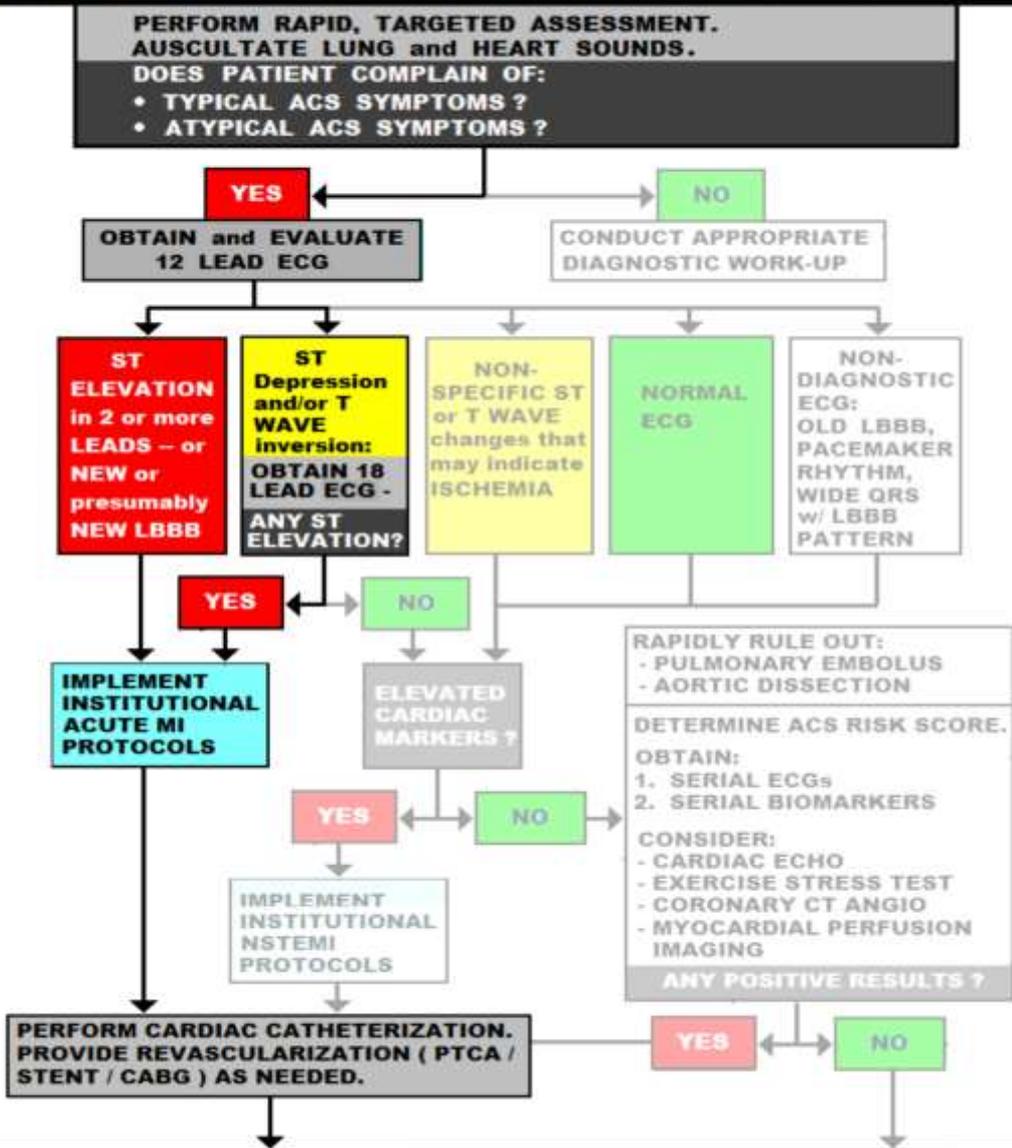
The presence of S-T Depression on an EKG which exhibits significant S-T elevation is a fairly reliable indicator that AMI is the diagnosis.

However the *lack of Reciprocal S-T Depression* DOES NOT rule out AMI.

# STEMI CASE STUDIES

## PHASE 1: RULE OUT LIFE-THREATENING CONDITIONS

## PHASE 2: RULE OUT ACUTE CORONARY SYNDROME



## PHASE 3: RULE OUT OTHER LETHAL CARDIAC and NON-CARDIAC CONDITIONS.

# 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**

# 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!



“NOWHERE”, NEW MEXICO, 1994

***STEMI CASE  
STUDIES***

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

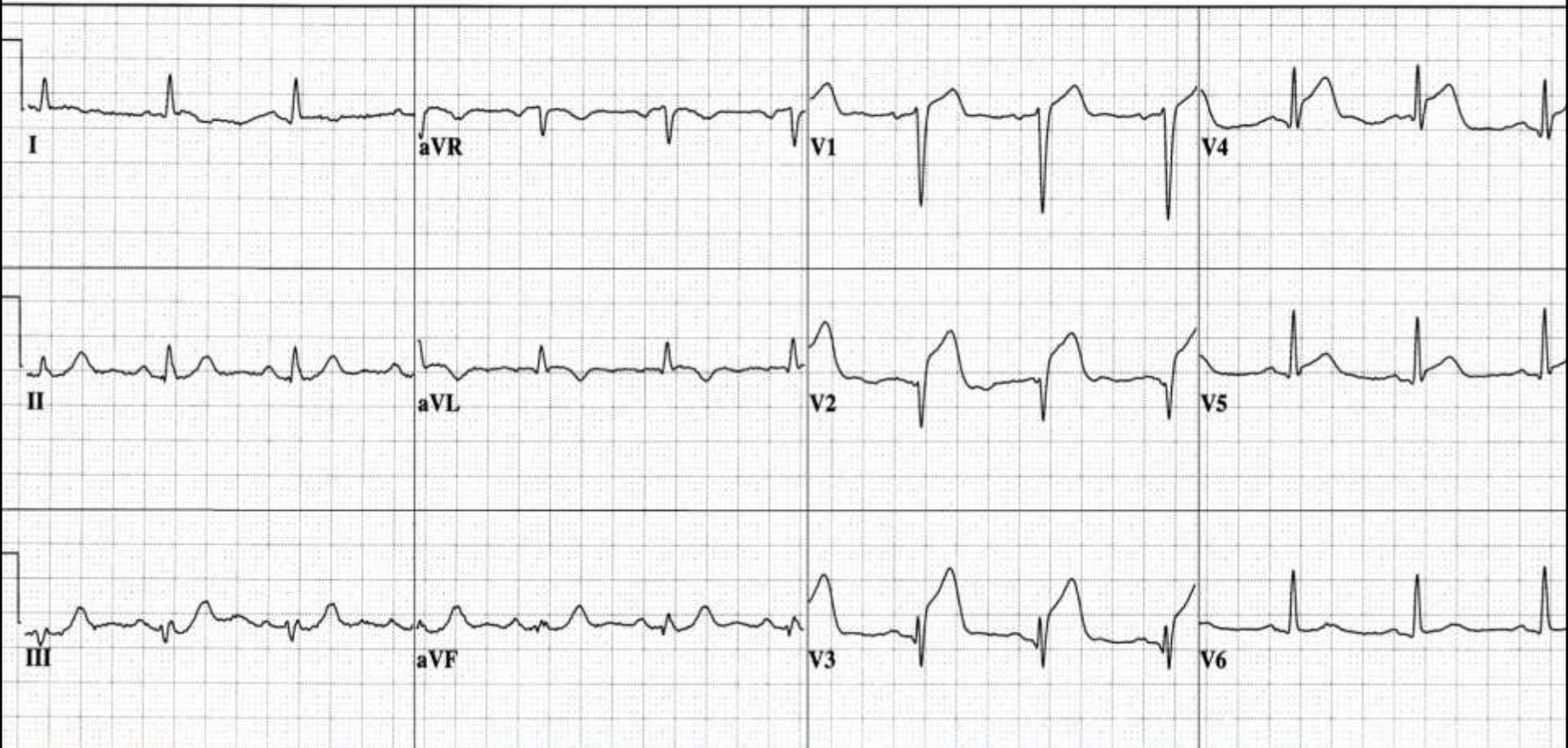
72 yr  
Male      Caucasian  
Loc:3      Option:23

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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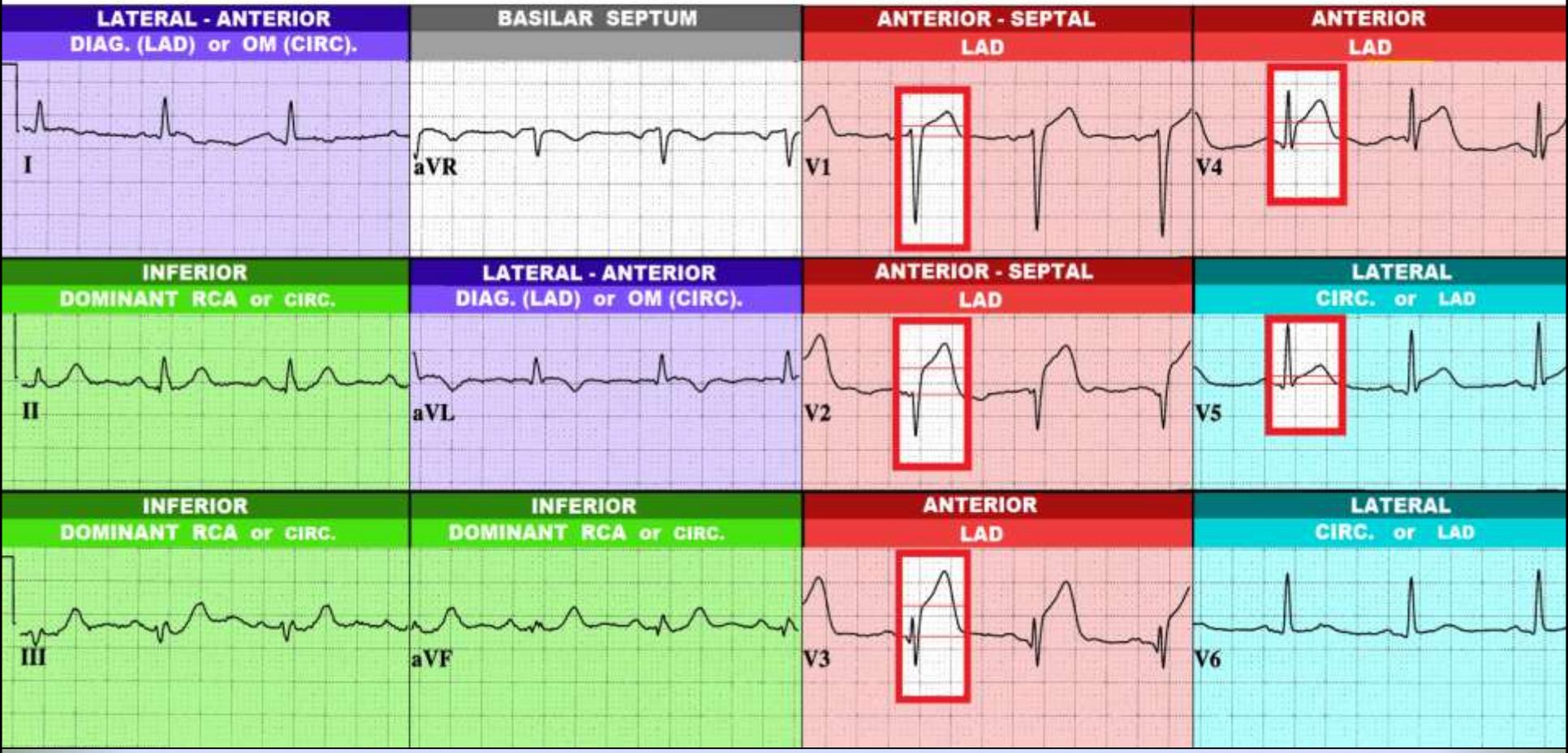


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Vent. rate 75 BPM  
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Normal sinus rhythm  
 Anteroseptal infarct, possibly acute  
 \*\*\*\*\* ACUTE MI \*\*\*\*\*  
 Abnormal ECG

**ST SEGMENT ELEVATION**



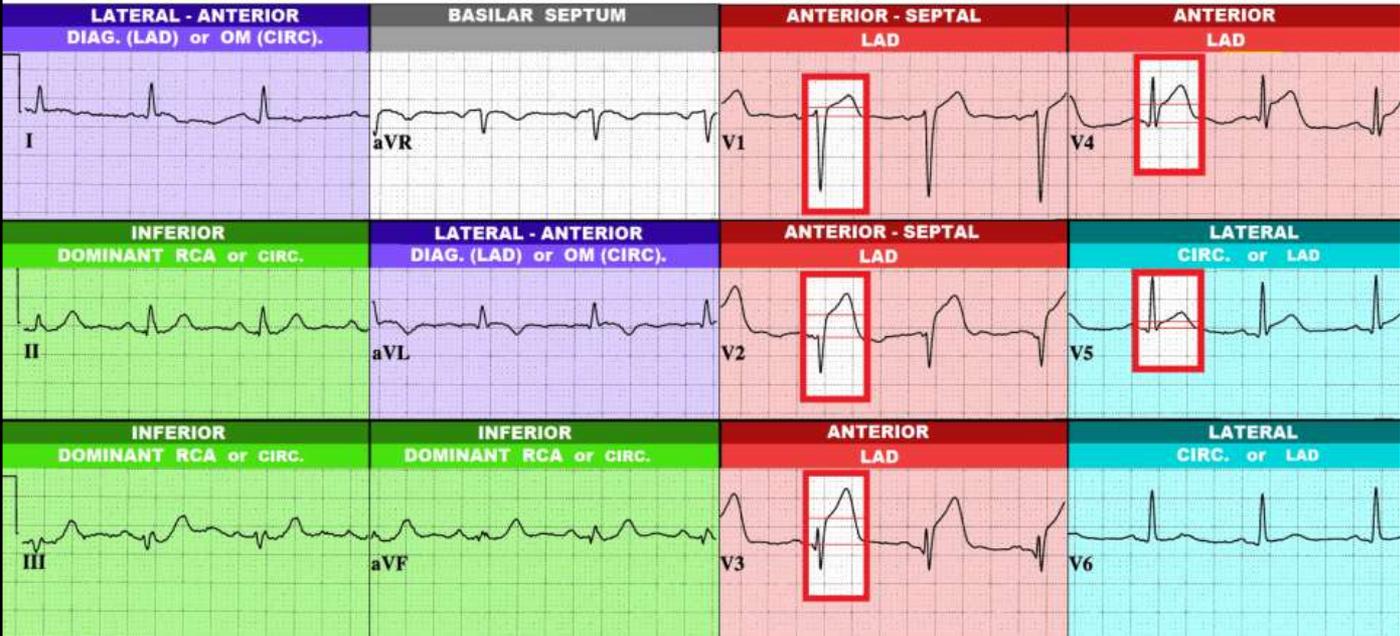
**Note: There is NO Reciprocal ST Depression on this STEMI ECG !**

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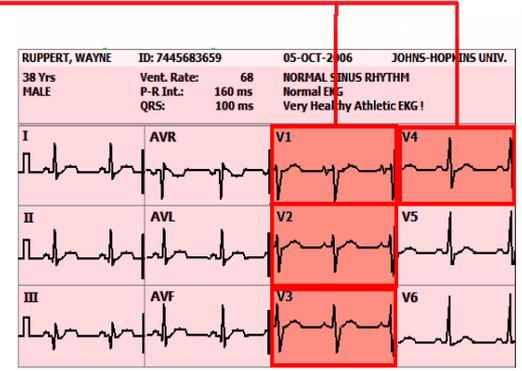
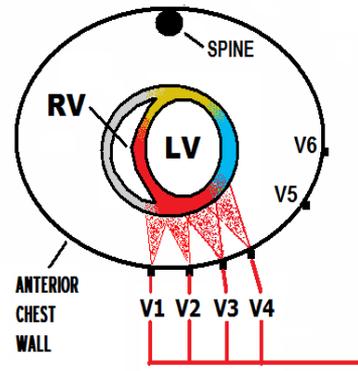
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 Abnormal ECG

**ST SEGMENT ELEVATION**



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

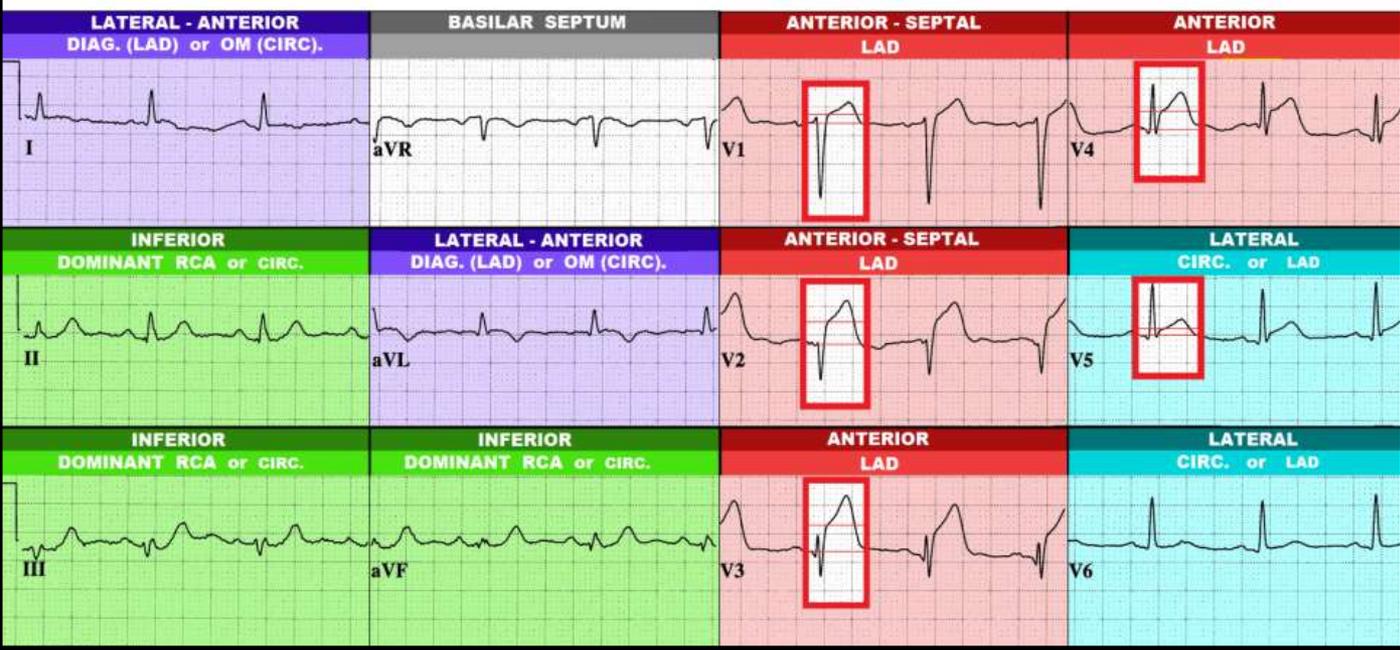
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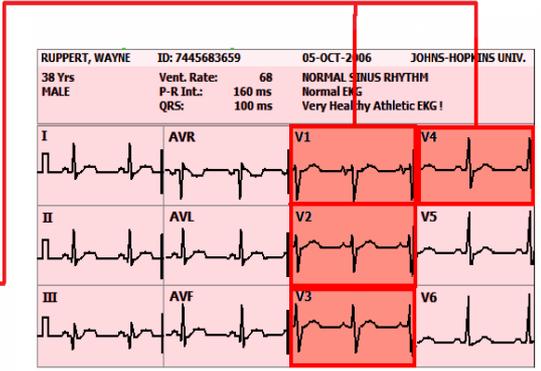
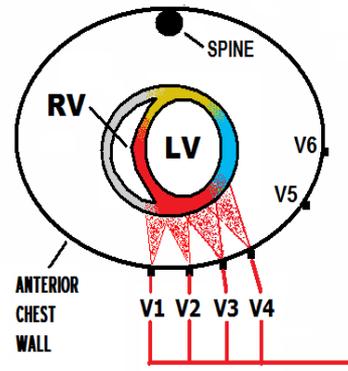
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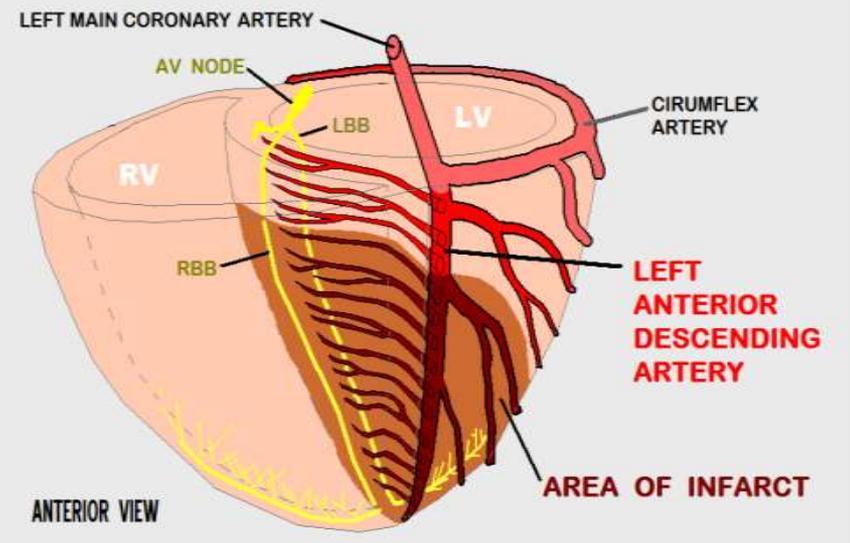


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**OCCCLUSION of MID - LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY**



# OCCLUSION of MID - LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY

LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY

AV NODE

LBB

LV

CIRUMFLEX ARTERY

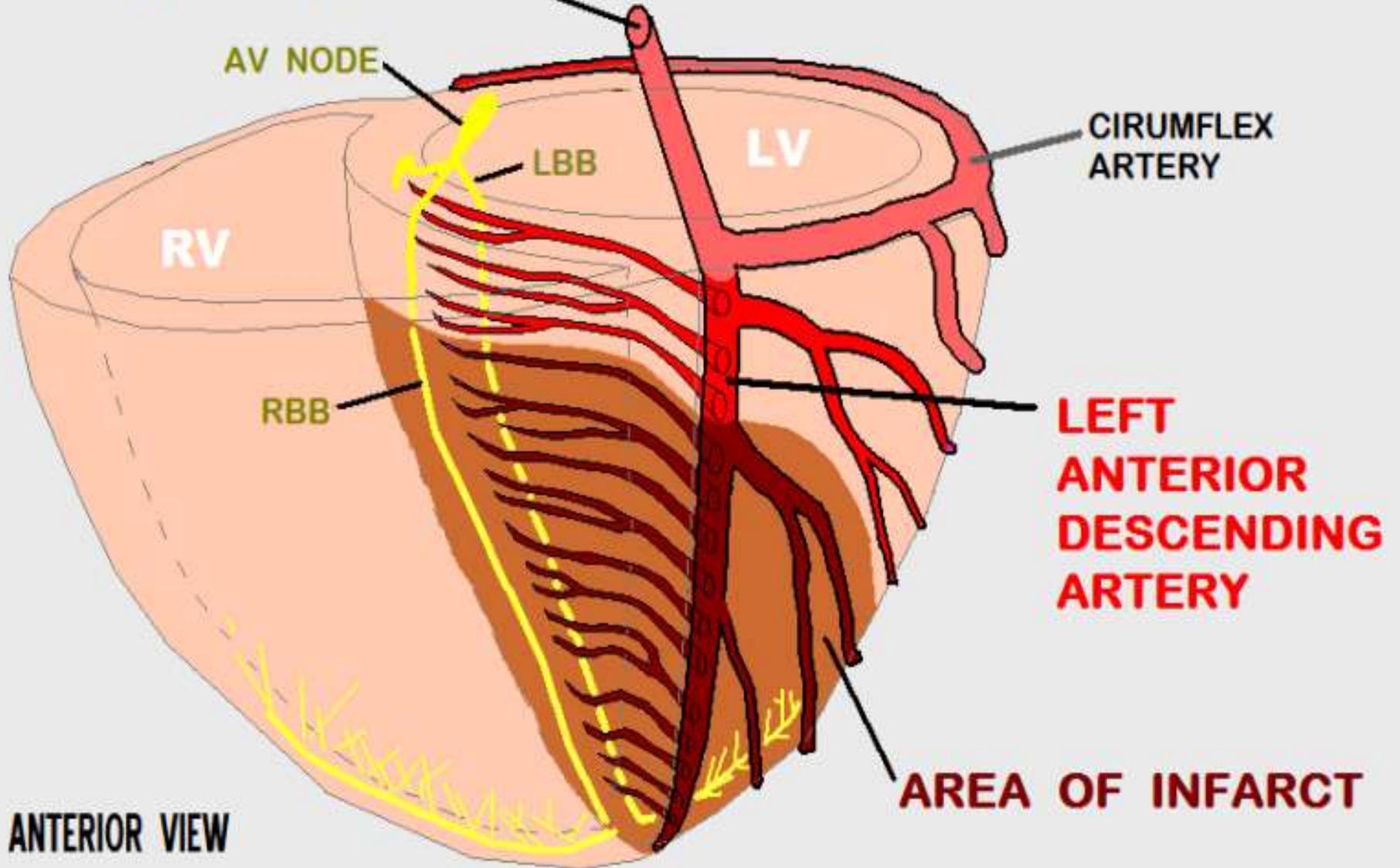
RV

RBB

**LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY**

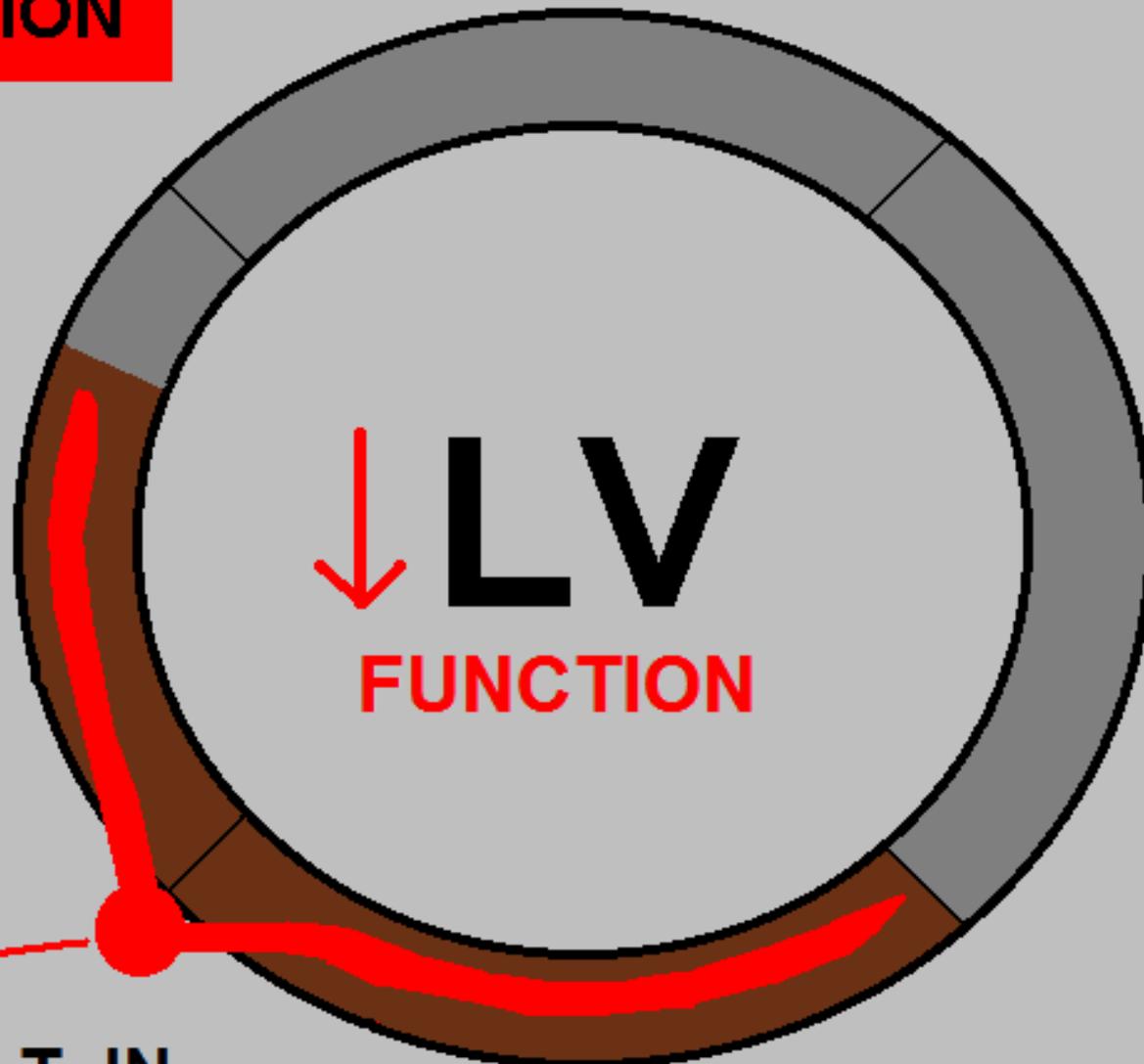
**AREA OF INFARCT**

ANTERIOR VIEW



**LAD  
DISTRIBUTION**

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



**↓ LV  
FUNCTION**

**A  
BLOCKAGE  
OF THE  
LAD**

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

-  **CARDIOGENIC SHOCK** 
-  **PULMONARY EDEMA** 

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# 400 mg Dopamine

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

250 mL

Each 100 mL contains 160 mg Dopamine Hydrochloride USP & 5 g Dextrose Hydrochloride 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 instructions should be made to this solution. Caution: Breakage of minute leaks by squeezing the inner bag firmly may be found. Do not use if any leaks are found. Do not use in series connections. Do not administer directly with blood. Do not use if this solution is clear and is not darker than slightly yellow. Rx Only. Recommended storage: Room temperature (25°C). Avoid excessive heat. Protect from freezing.

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5% Dextrose Injection  
(2000 mcg/mL)

250 mL



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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

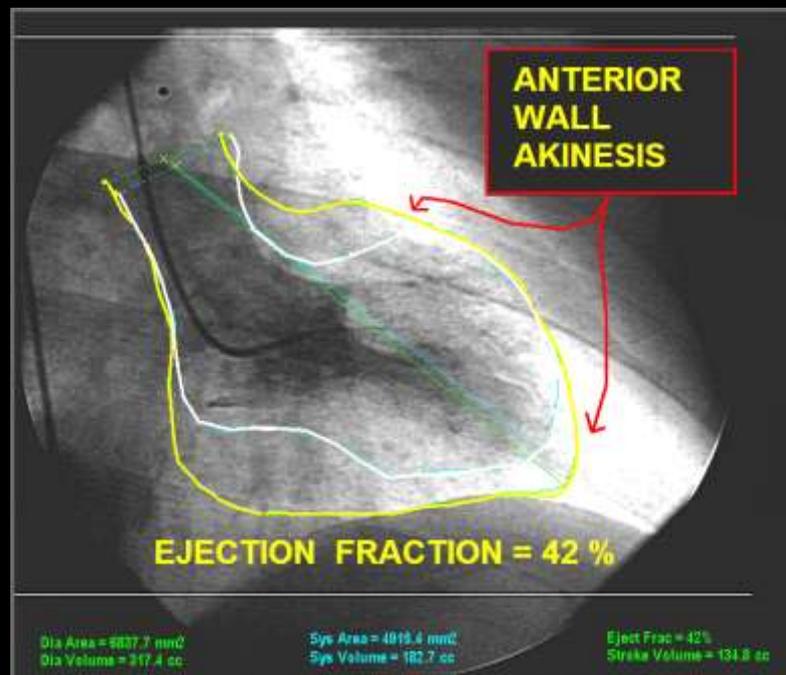
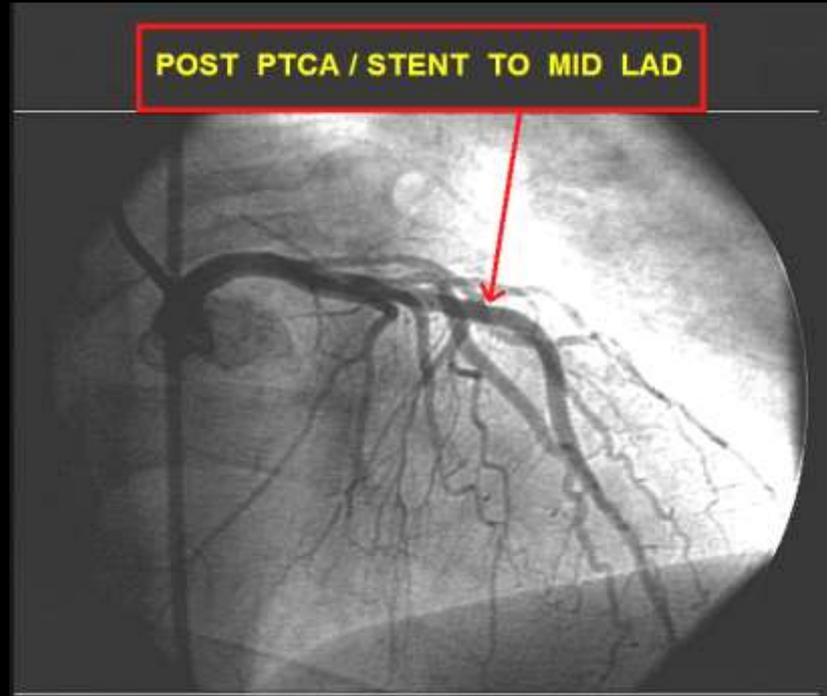
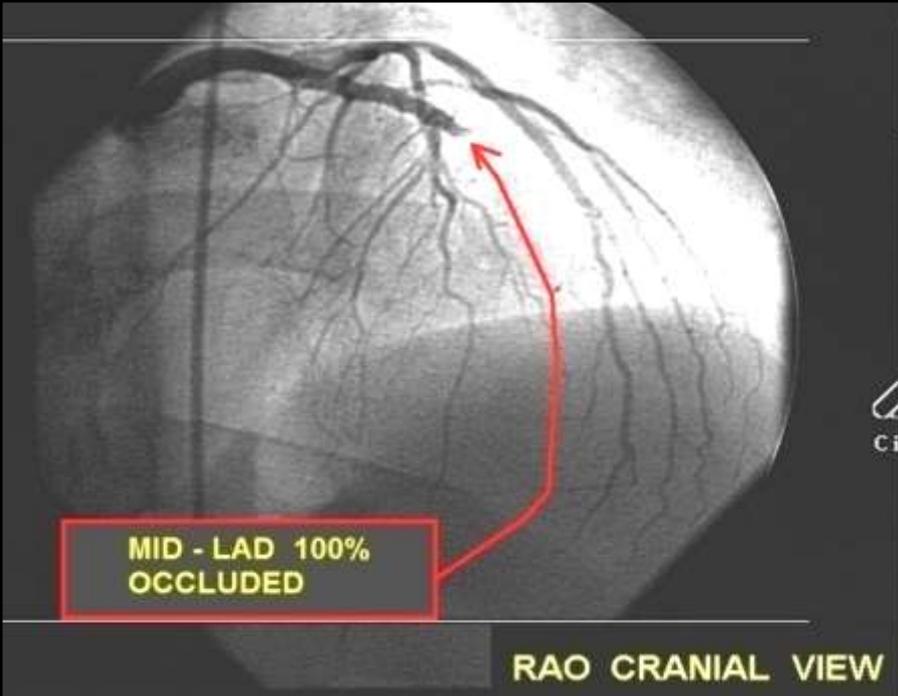
- SEPTUM, ANTERIOR 2/3

-  **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.

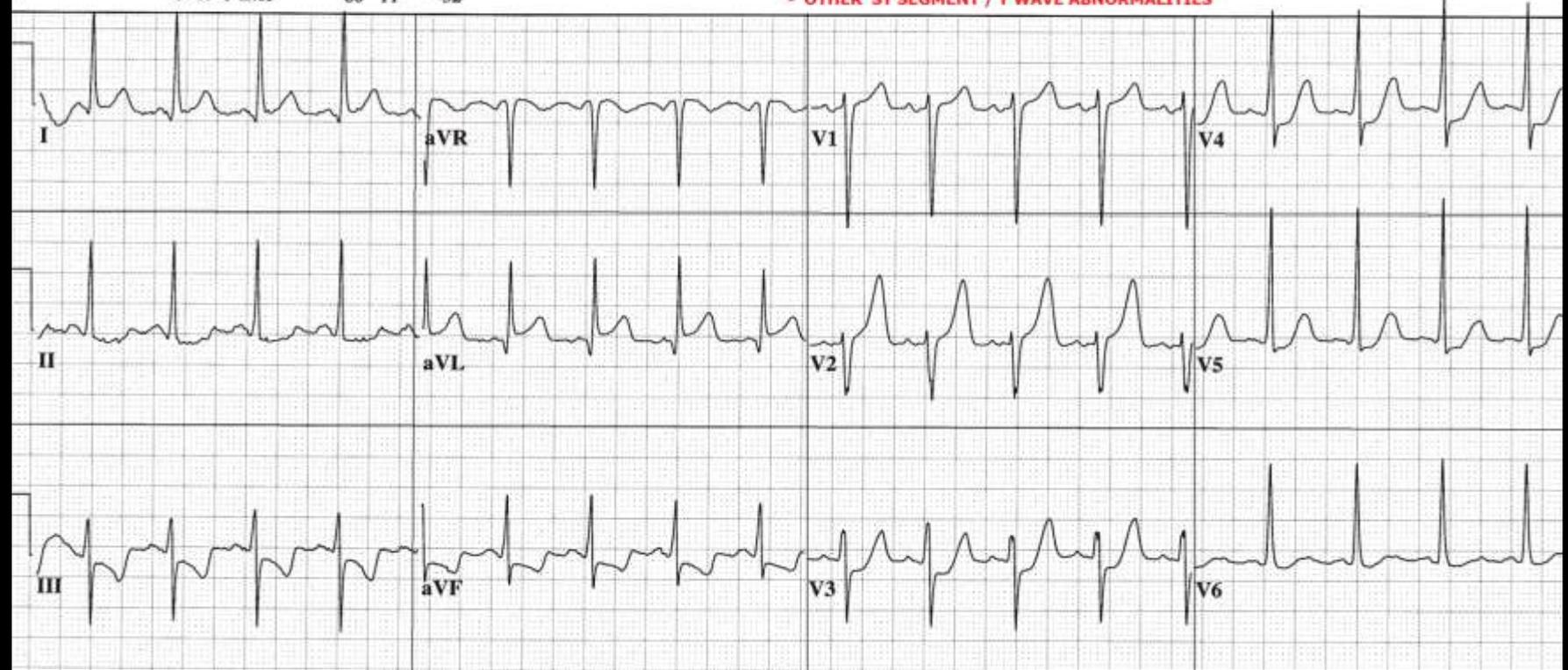
**VITAL SIGNS:** BP: 168/98, P: 110, R: 24, SAO2: 97% on O2 4 LPM via nasal canula

**LABS:** TROPONIN ultra = 2.8

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

**EVALUATE EKG for indicators of ACS:**

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- HYPERACUTE T WAVES
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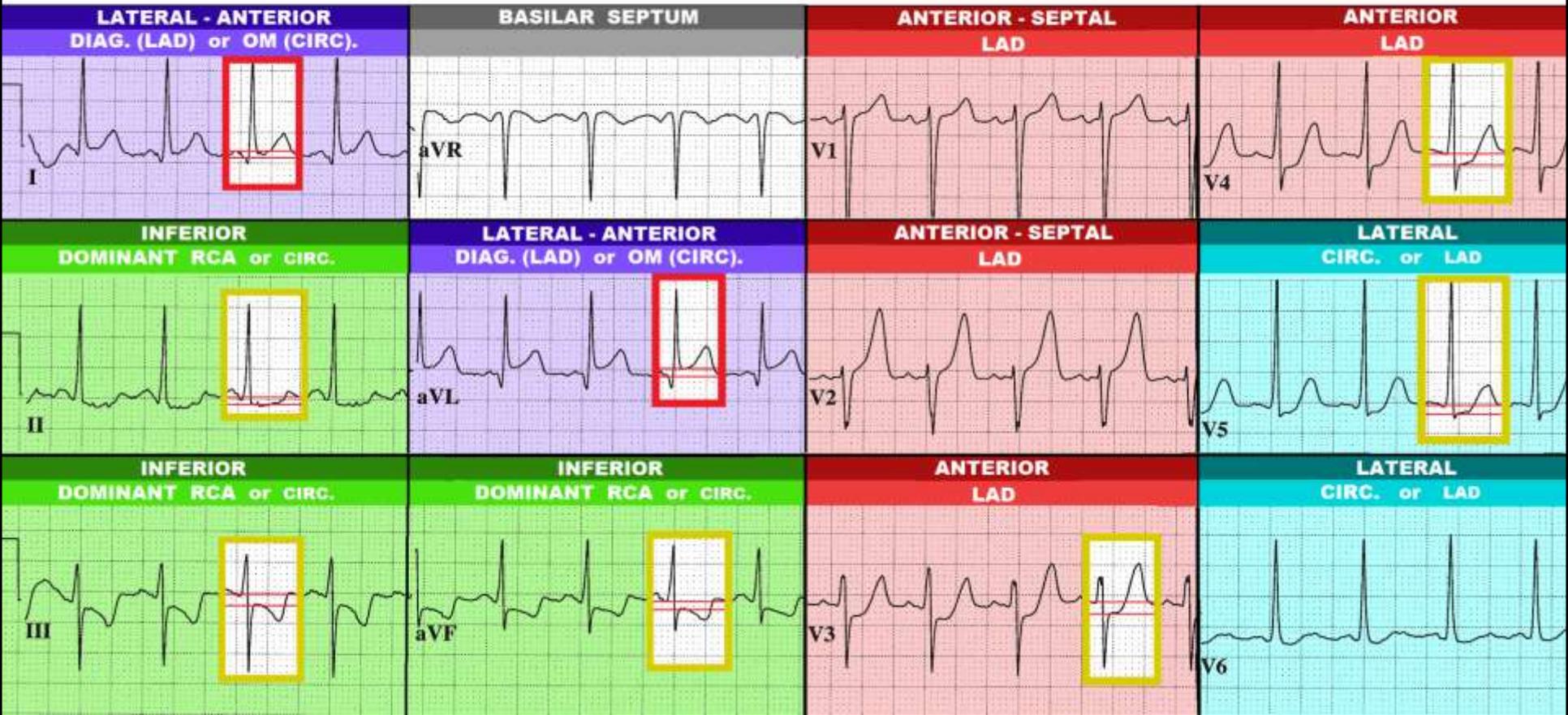
<b>CASE STUDY QUESTIONS:</b>	
<b>NOTE LEADS WITH ST ELEVATION:</b>	<b>NOTE LEADS WITH ST DEPRESSION:</b>
<b>WHAT IS THE SUSPECTED DIAGNOSIS ?</b>	
<b>WHAT IS THE "CULPRIT ARTERY" -- if applicable ?</b>	
<b>LIST ANY CRITICAL STRUCTURES COMPROMISED:</b>	<b>LIST ANY POTENTIAL COMPLICATIONS:</b>

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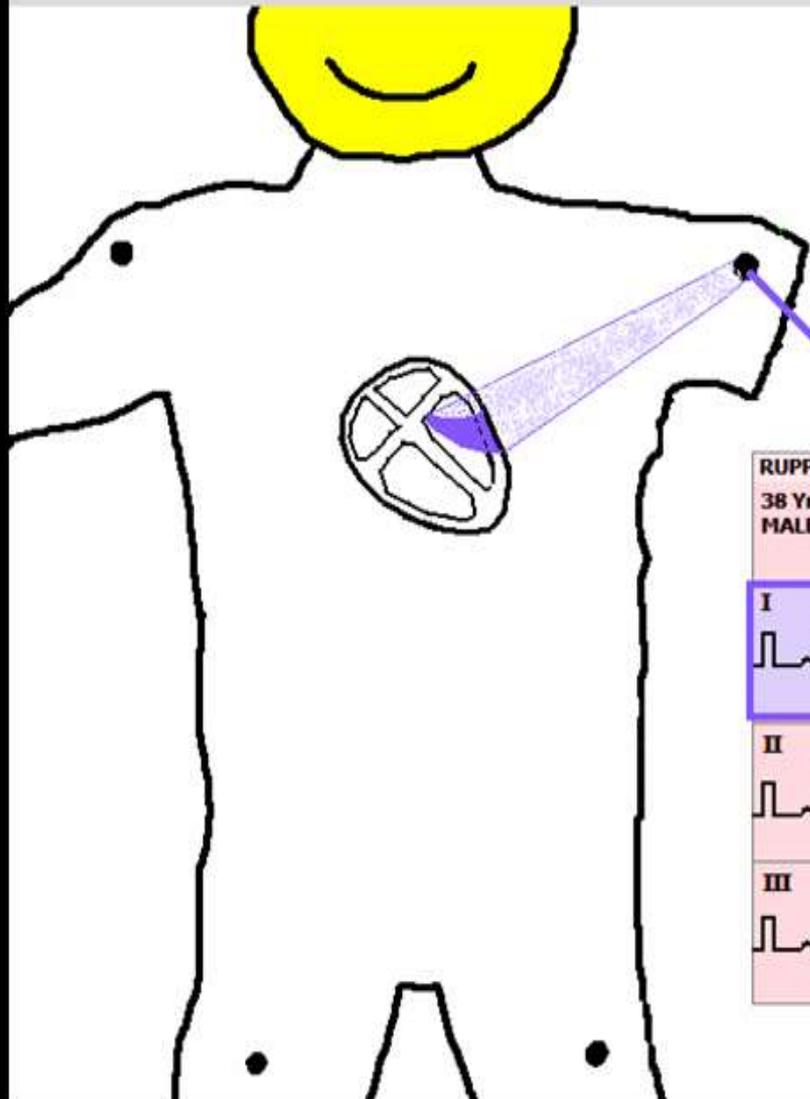
Sinus tachycardia  
 Left ventricular hypertrophy with repolarization abnormality  
 ST elevation consider lateral injury or acute infarct  
 \*\*\*\*\* ACUTE MI \*\*\*\*\*

**ST SEGMENT ELEVATION**

**ST SEGMENT DEPRESSION**

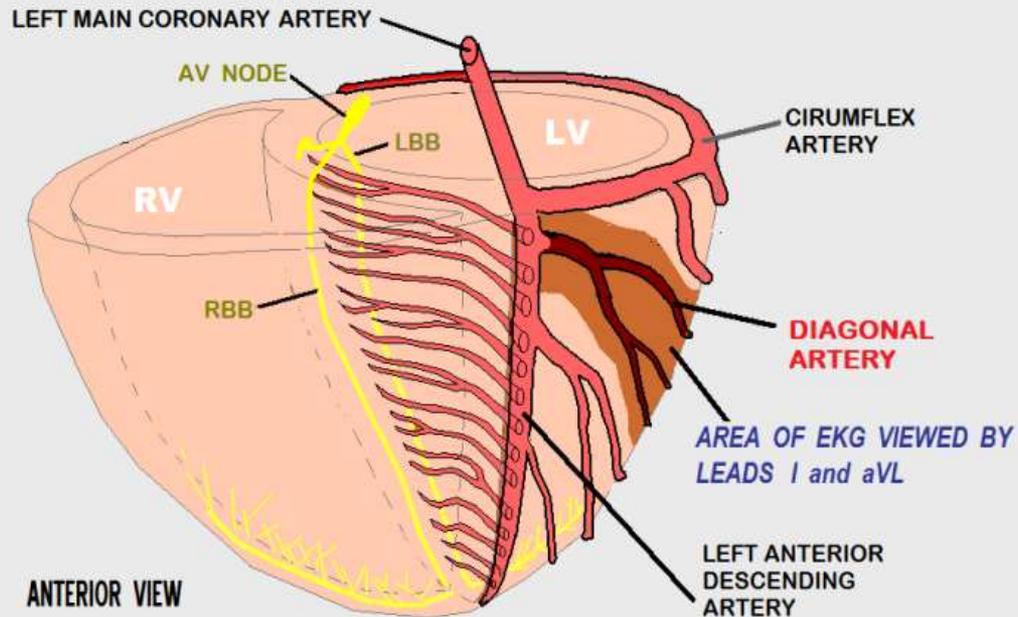


# LEADS I and aVL view the ANTERIOR-LATERAL JUNCTION

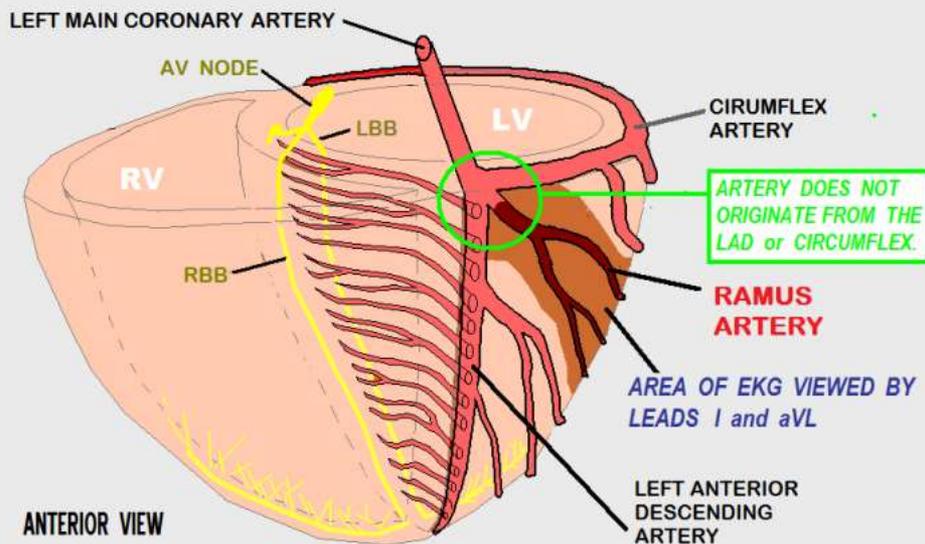


RUPPERT, WAYNE	ID: 744568369	05-OCT-2006	JOHNS-HOPKINS UNIV.
38 Yrs MALE	Vent. Rate: P-R Int: QRS:	68 160 ms 100 ms	NORMAL SINUS RHYTHM Normal EKG Very Healthy Athletic EKG !
I	AVR	V1	V4
II	AVL	V2	V5
III	AVF	V3	V6

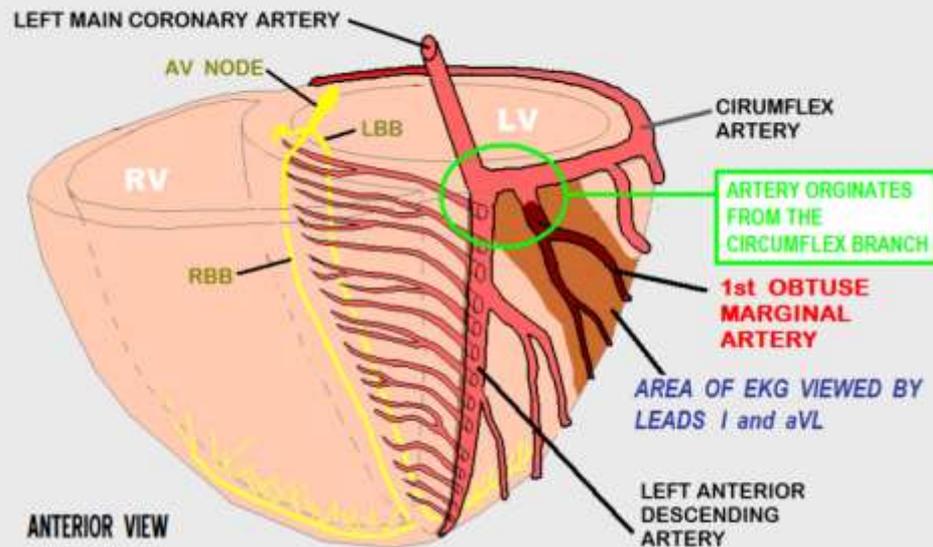
## OCCUSION of DIAGONAL ARTERY



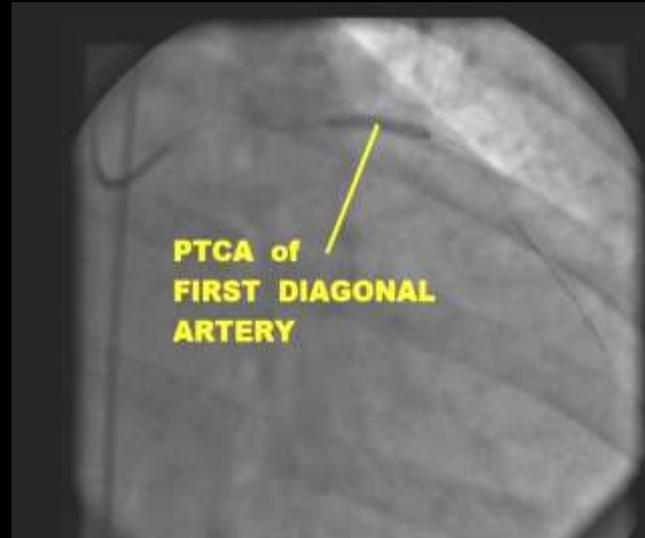
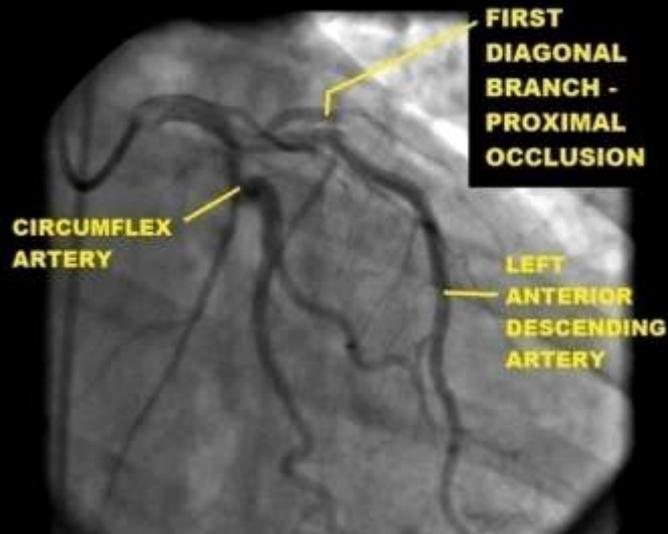
## OCCUSION of RAMUS ARTERY



## 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 SUMMARY

ST ELEVATION:

**I, aVL**

ST DEPRESSION:

**II, III, aVF, V3 - V5**

SUSPECTED DIAGNOSIS:

**ACUTE LATERAL WALL M.I.**

SUSPECTED "CULPRIT ARTERY" (if applicable):

USUALLY ONE OF THE SMALLER SIDE-BRANCH ARTERIES:

1. **DIAGONAL ARTERY.** (This is a side-branch artery off of the **LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING (LAD)** artery.)
2. **OBTUSE MARGINAL ARTERY.** (This is a side-branch artery off of the **CIRCUMFLEX** artery)
3. **RAMUS ARTERY.**

IMMEDIATE CONCERNS FOR ALL STEMI PATIENTS:

- **BE PREPARED TO MANAGE SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST ( PRIMARY V-FIB / V-TACH, BRADYCARDIAS / HEART BLOCKS )**
- **STAT REPERFUSION THERAPY: THROMBOLYTICS vs. CARDIAC CATHETERIZATION and PCI**
- **CONSIDER NEEDS FOR ANTI-PLATELET and ANTI-COAGULATION THERAPY**

CRITICAL STRUCTURES COMPROMISED:



**15-30% of the LV  
MUSCLE MASS**

POTENTIAL COMPLICATIONS:

**POSSIBLE MODERATE  
LV PUMP FAILURE**

POSSIBLE CRITICAL INTERVENTIONS:

**INOTROPIC AGENTS  
ET INTUBATION  
I.A.B.P. INSERTION**

## 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.

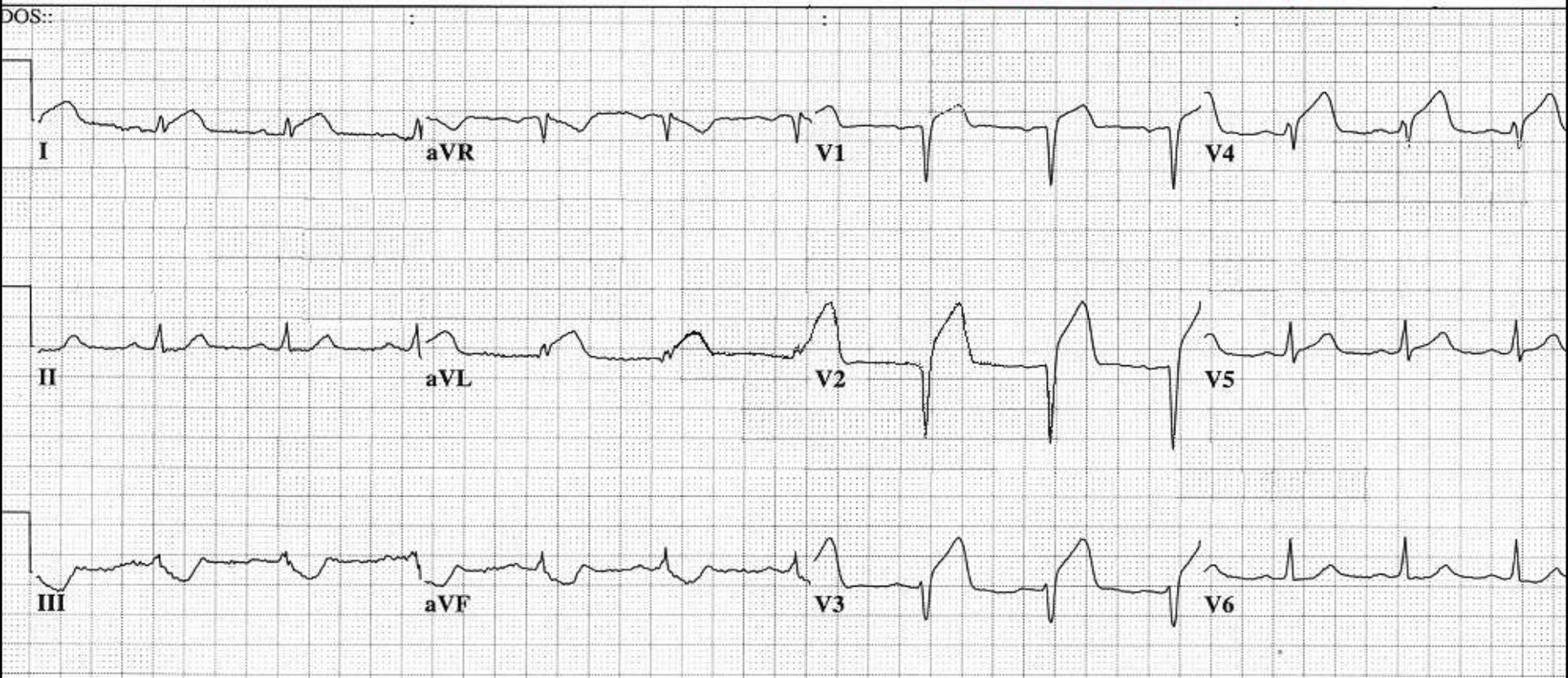
**VITAL SIGNS:** BP: 104/78, P: 76, R: 20, SAO2: 96%

**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  
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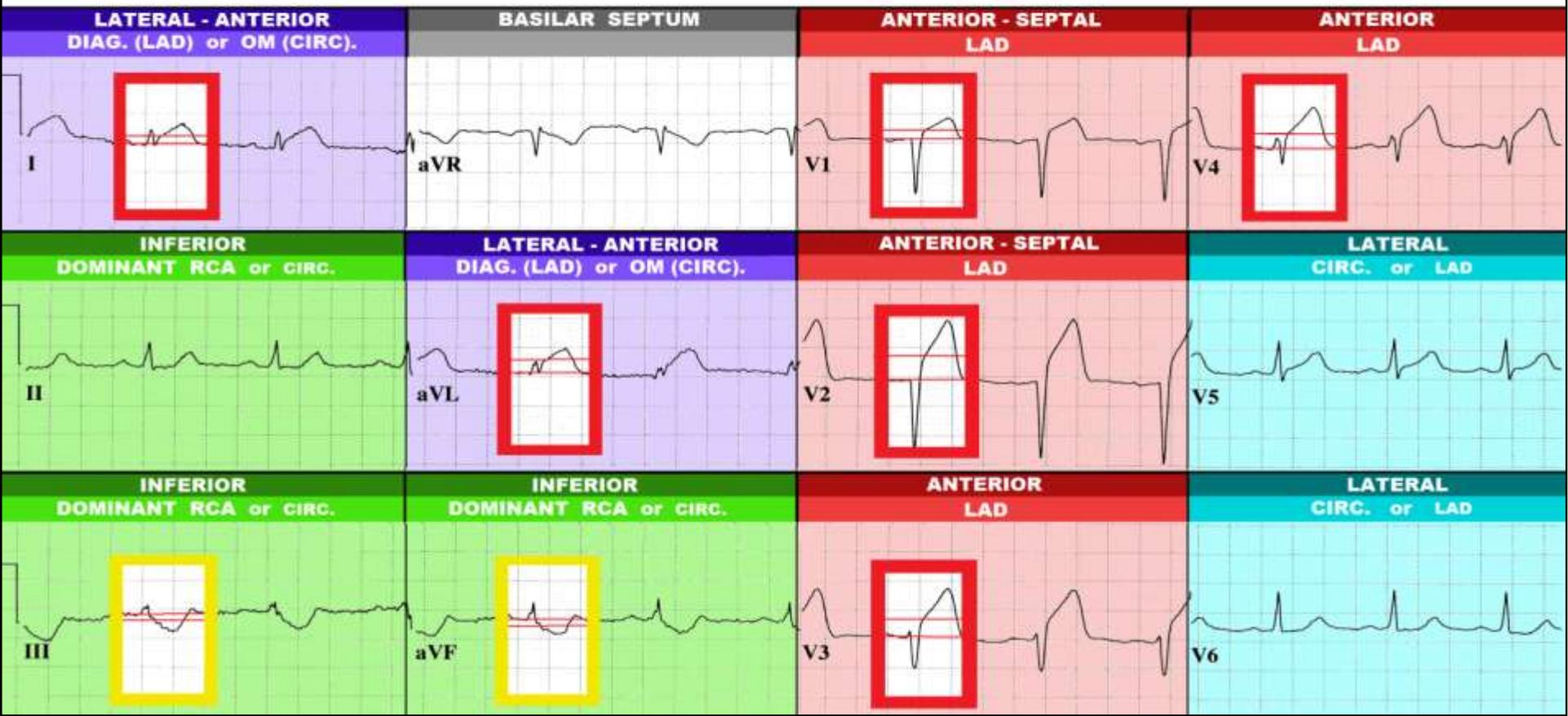
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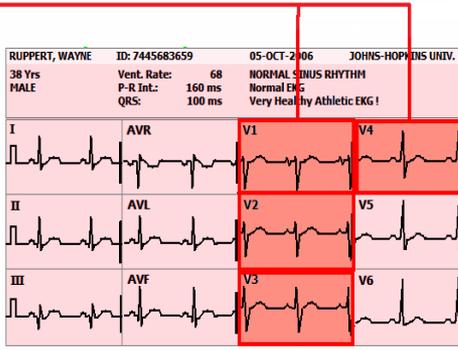
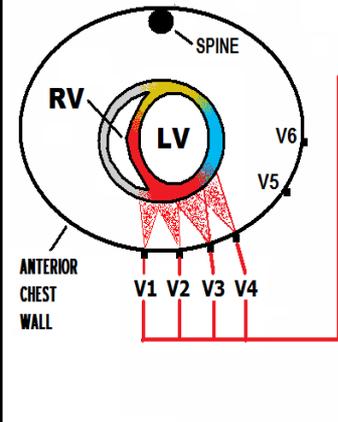
**ST SEGMENT ELEVATION**

**ST SEGMENT DEPRESSION**



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



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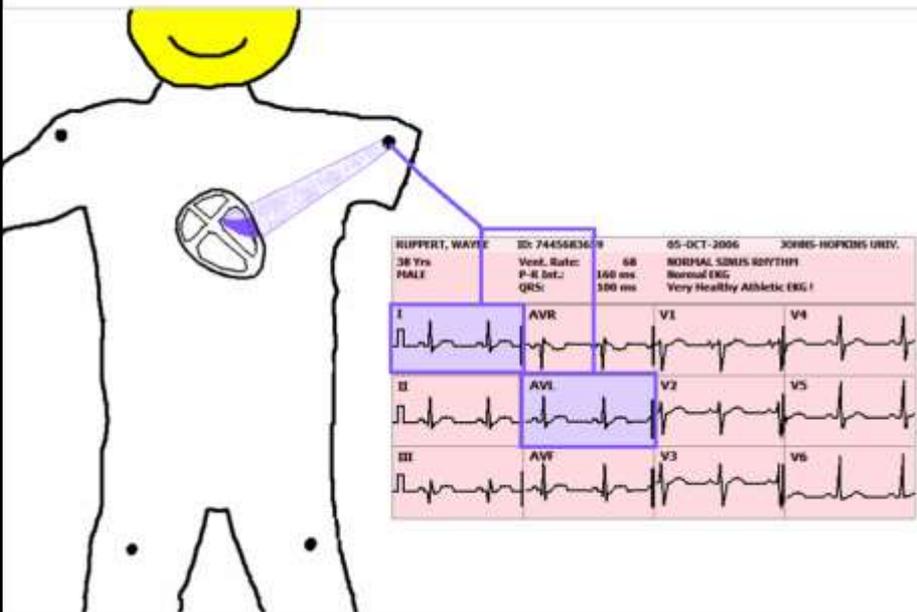
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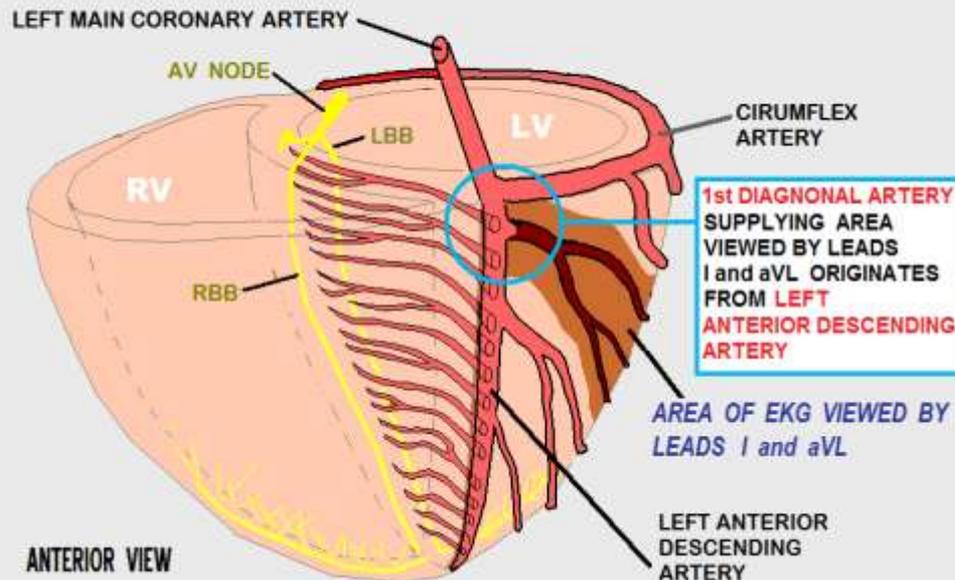
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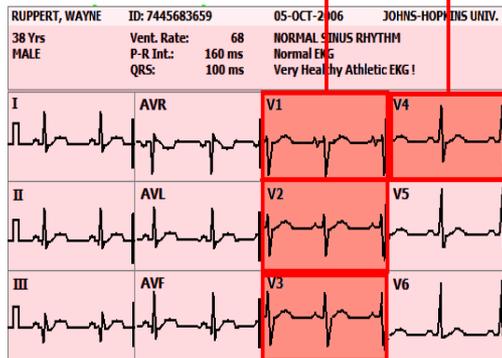
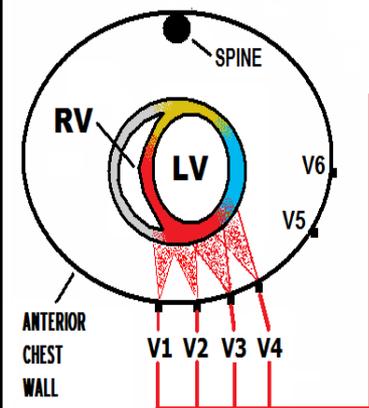


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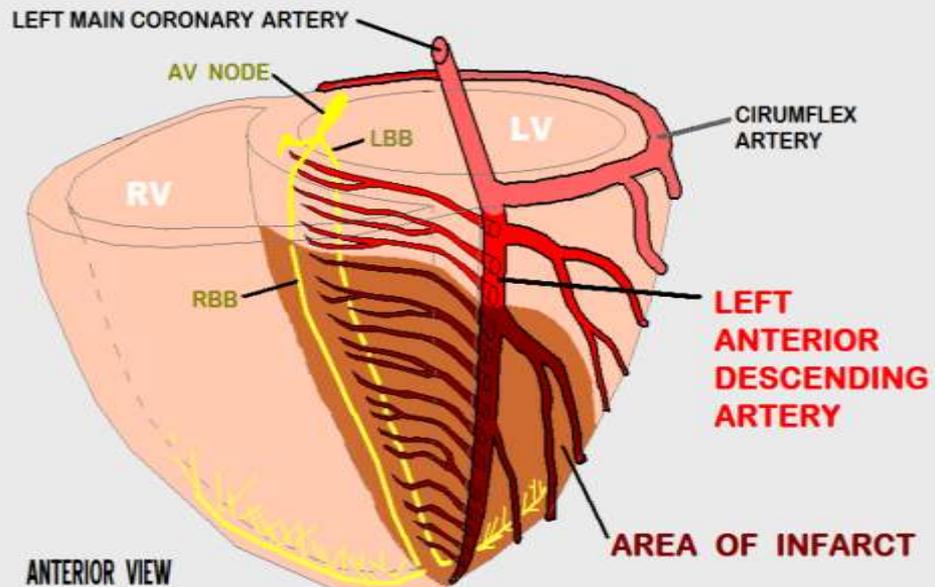


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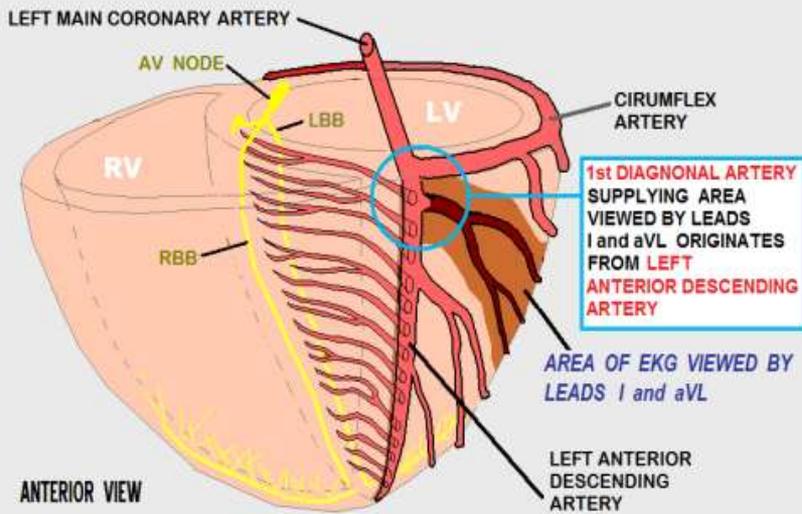
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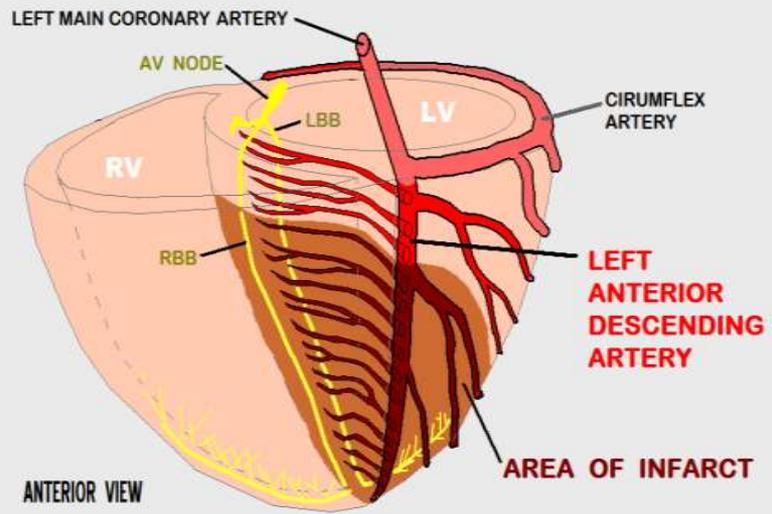


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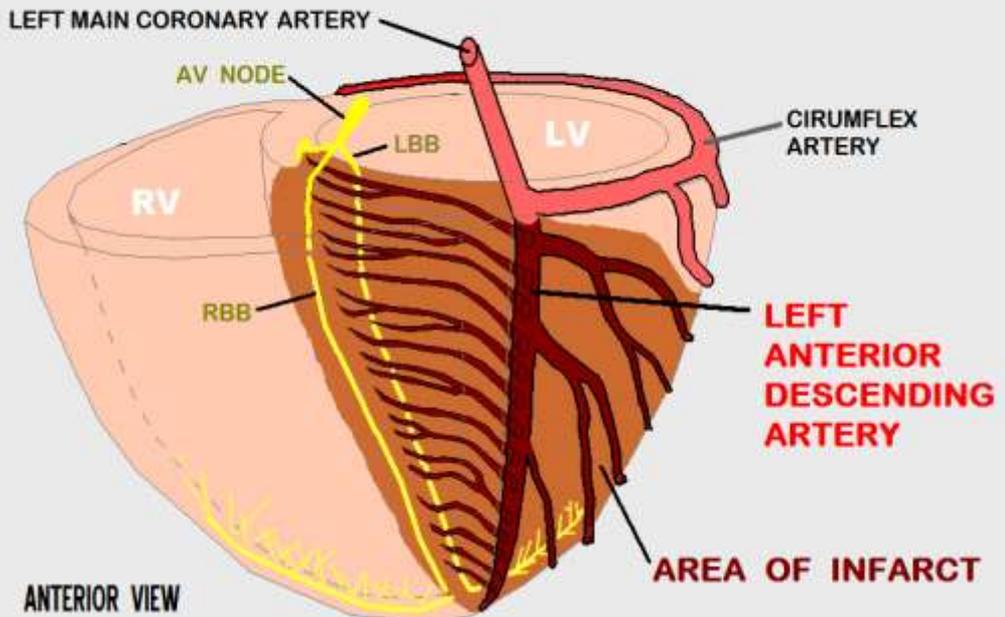
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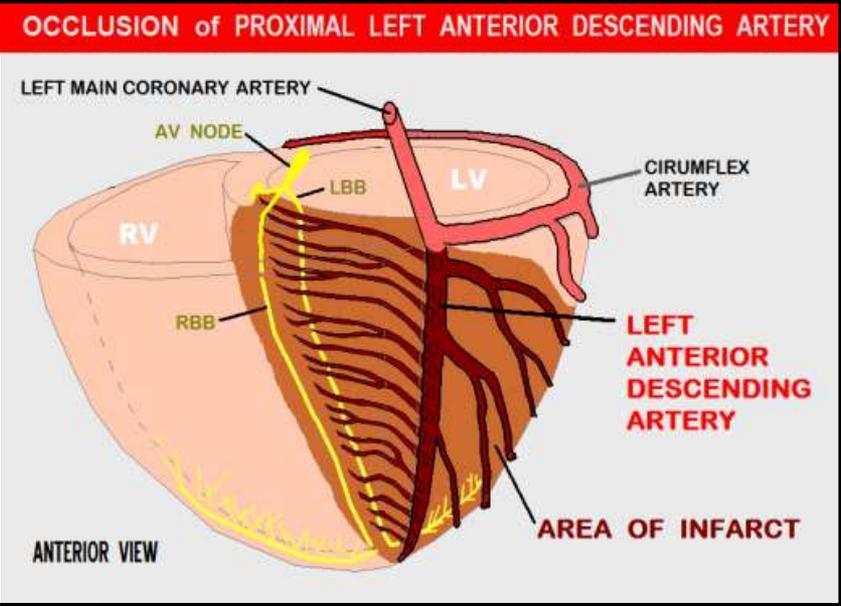
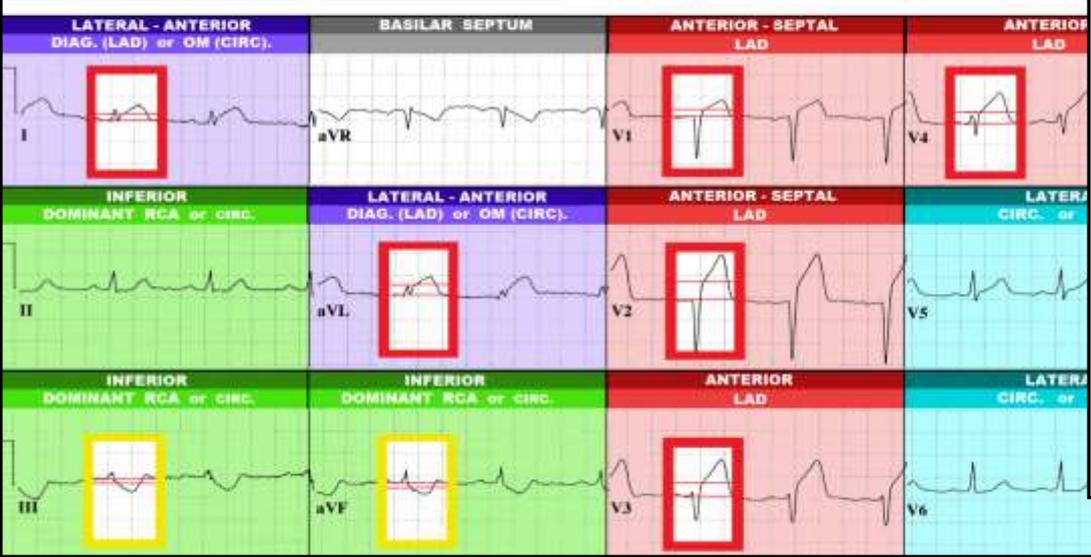
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29 yr Male Caucasian Vent. rate 75 BPM PR interval 176 ms QRS duration 90 ms QT/QTc 362/404 ms P-R-T axes 70 50 -11 Normal sinus rhythm Septal infarct, possibly acute Anterolateral injury pattern \*\*\*\*\* ACUTE MI \*\*\*\*\* Abnormal ECG

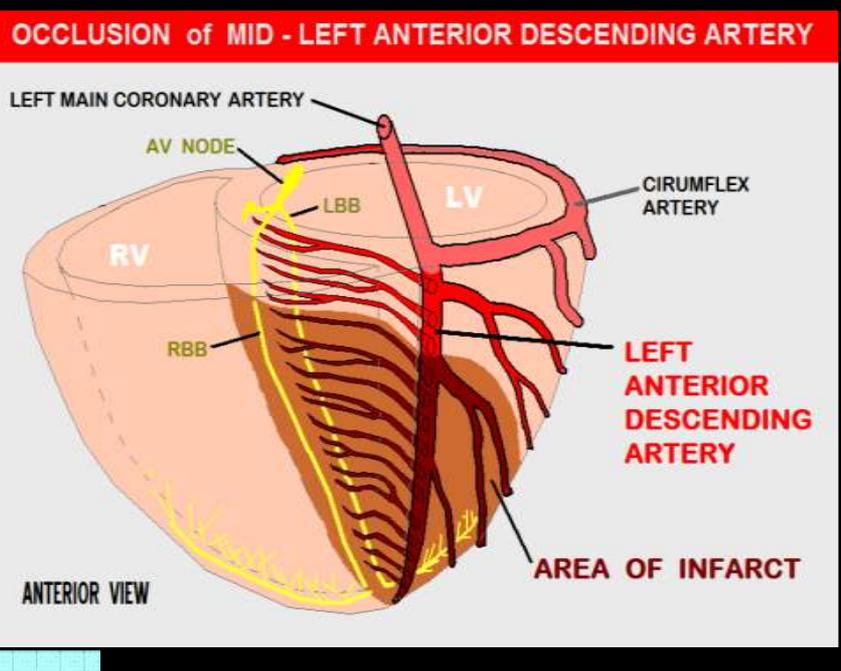
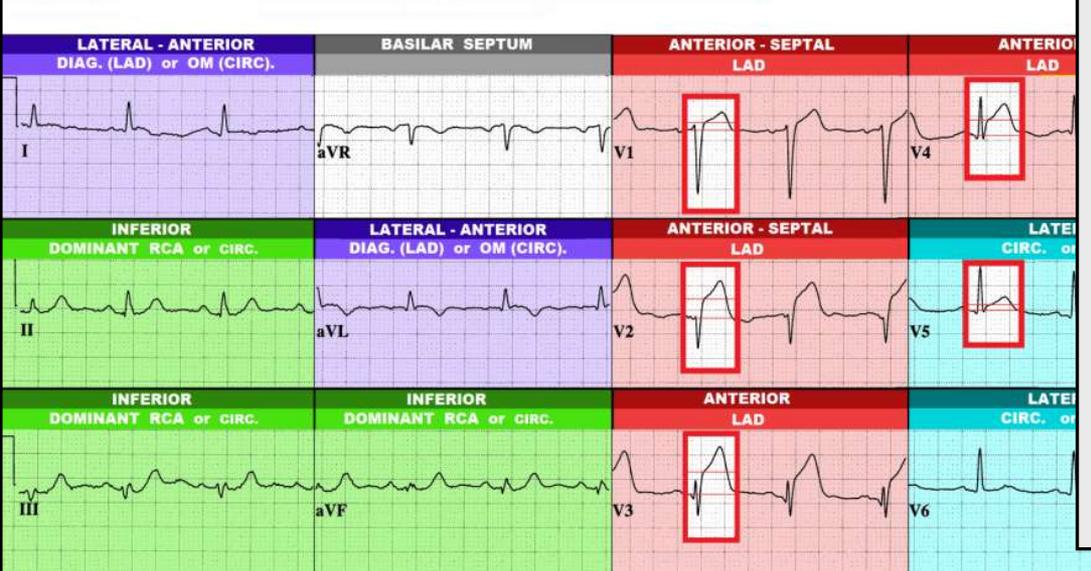
**ST SEGMENT ELEVATION**

**ST SEGMENT DEPRESSION**



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

**ST SEGMENT ELEVATION**



# OCCLUSION of PROXIMAL LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY

LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY

AV NODE

LBB

LV

CIRUMFLEX ARTERY

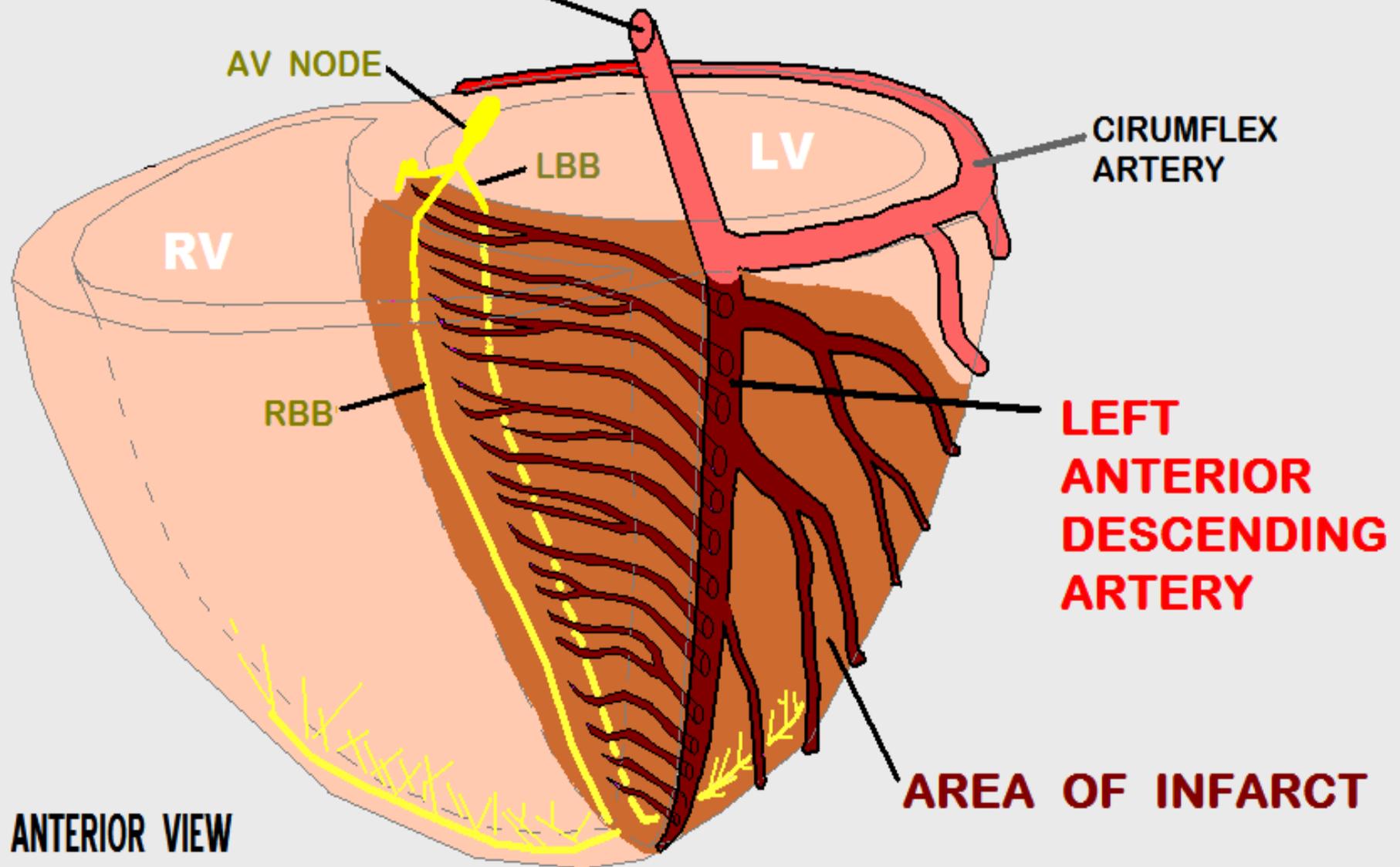
RV

RBB

**LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY**

**AREA OF INFARCT**

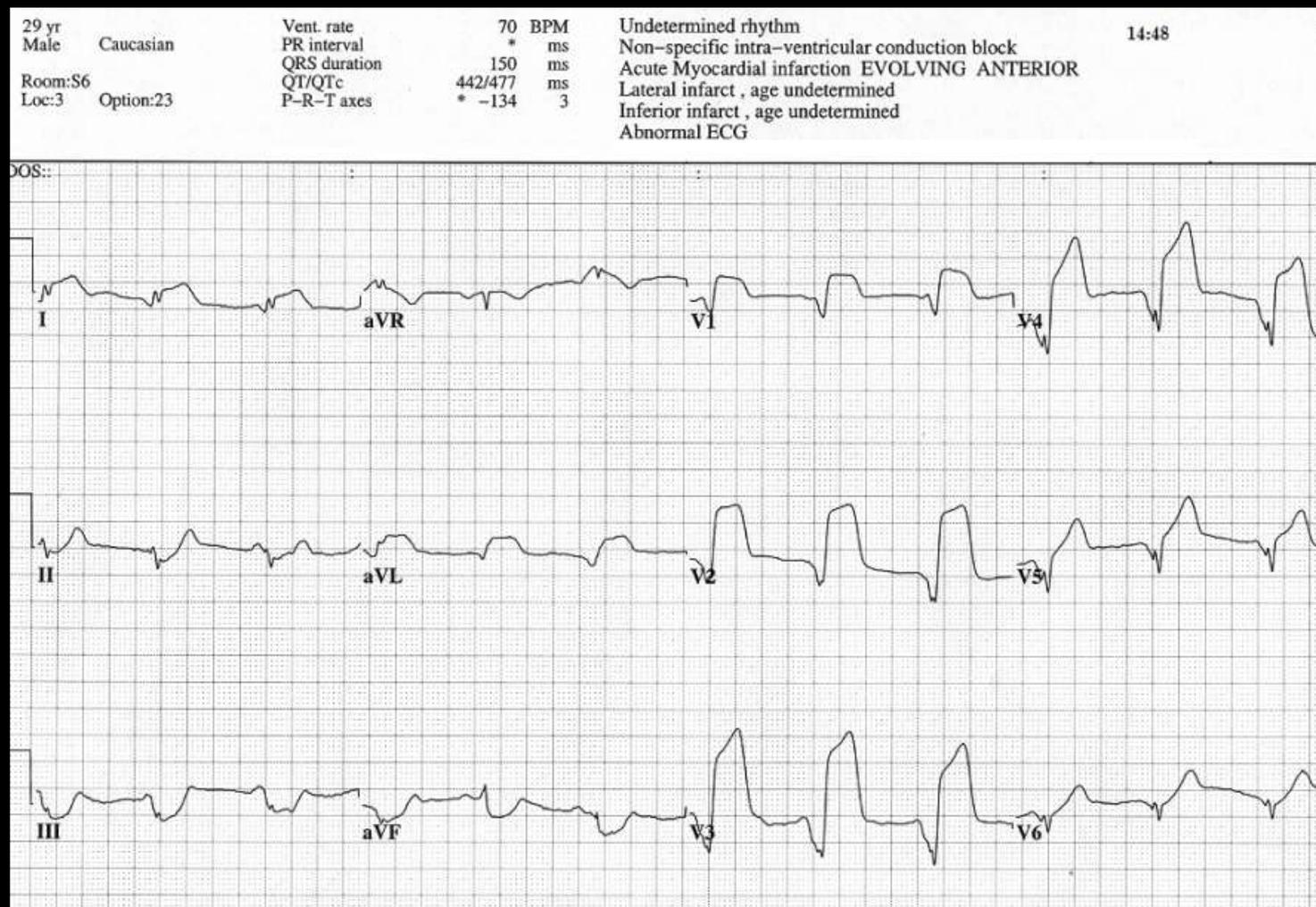
ANTERIOR VIEW

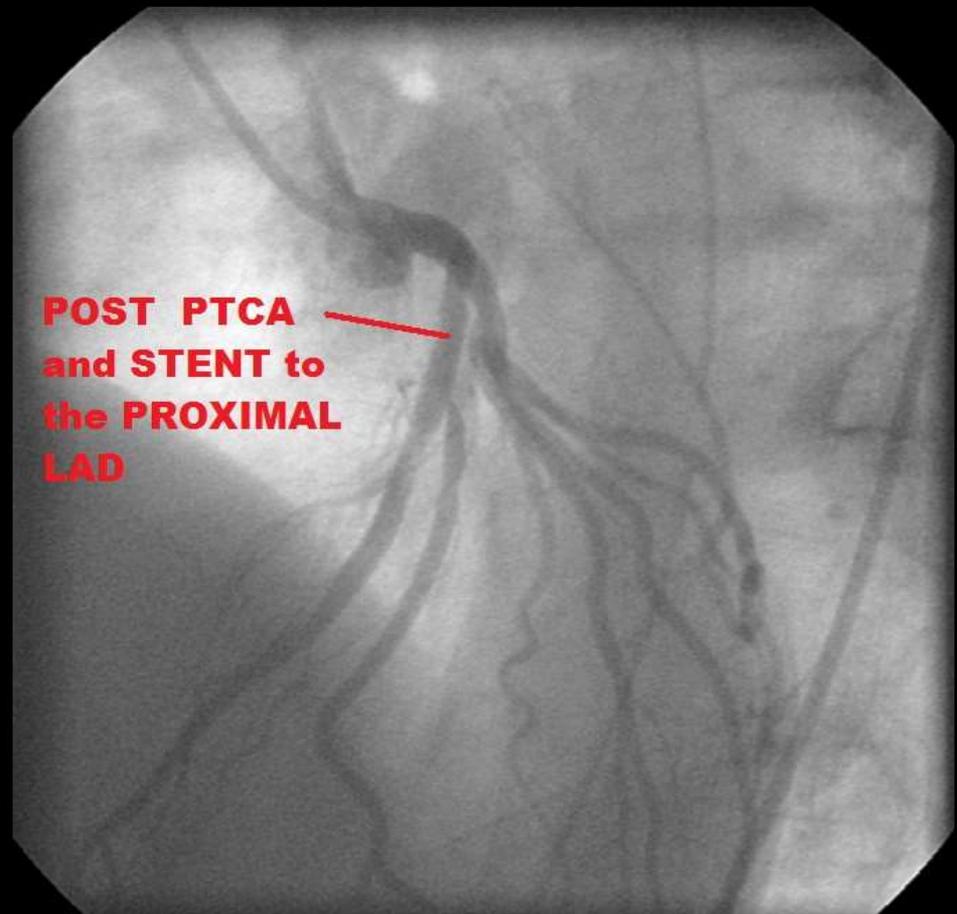
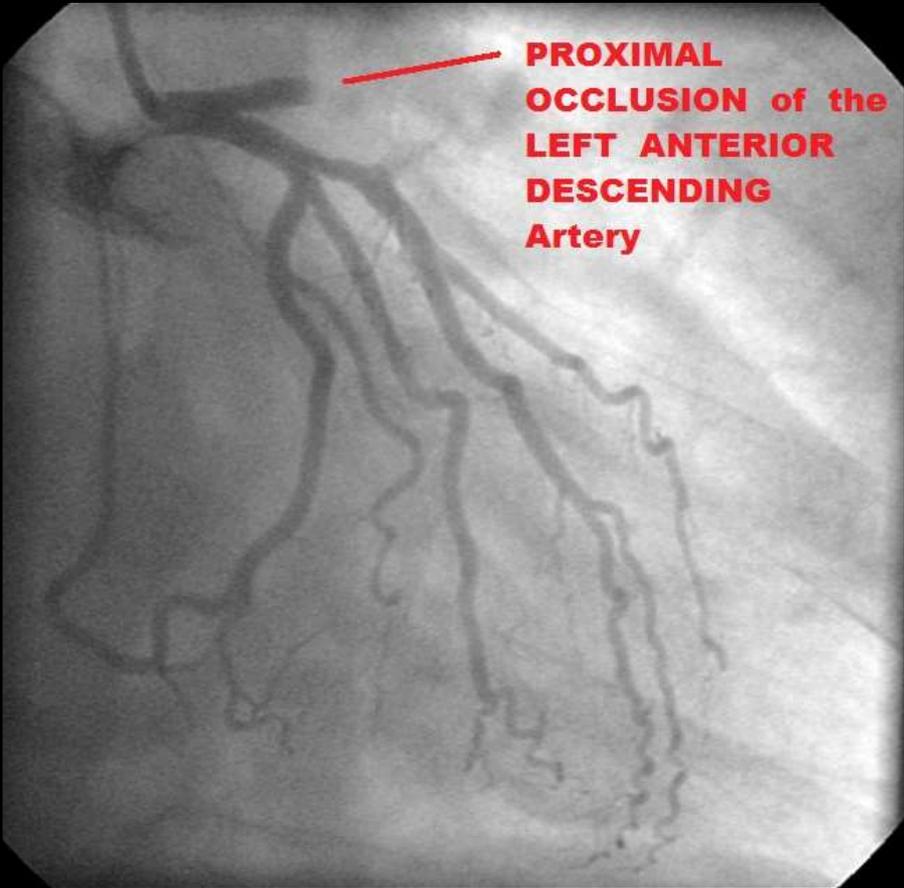


<b>ANTICIPATED COMPLICATIONS of ANTERIOR-SEPTAL WALL STEMI &amp; POSSIBLE INDICATED INTERVENTIONS:</b>	
<b>- CARDIAC ARREST</b>	<b>BCLS / ACLS</b>
<b>- CARDIAC DYSRHYTHMIAS (VT / VF)</b>	<b>ACLS (antiarrhythmics)</b>
<b>- PUMP FAILURE with CARDIOGENIC SHOCK</b>	<b>INOTROPE THERAPY: -DOPAMINE / DOBUTAMINE / 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 IMPLMENTED 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

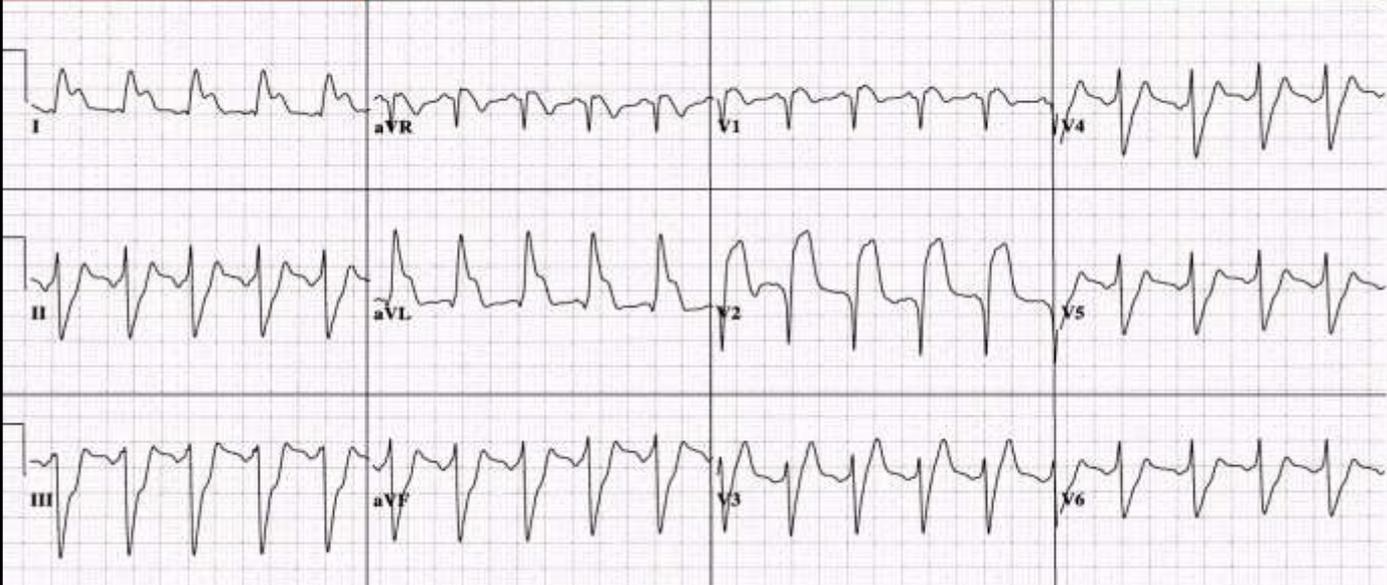


WHO SHOULD GO TO THE CATH LAB FIRST ?

And . . . .

**PATIENT B:**

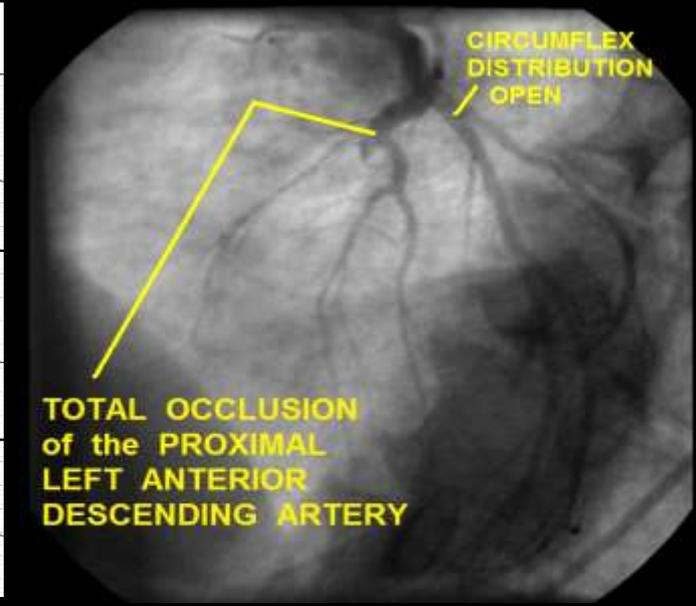
36 y/o MALE, CHEST PAIN x 1 HOUR,  
BP: 80/48, P: 120, R: 28 CARDIAC MARKERS: NEGATIVE



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

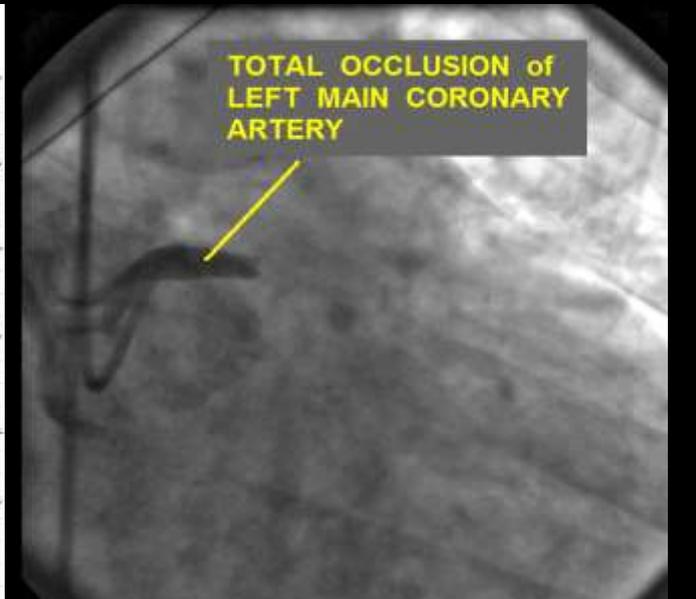
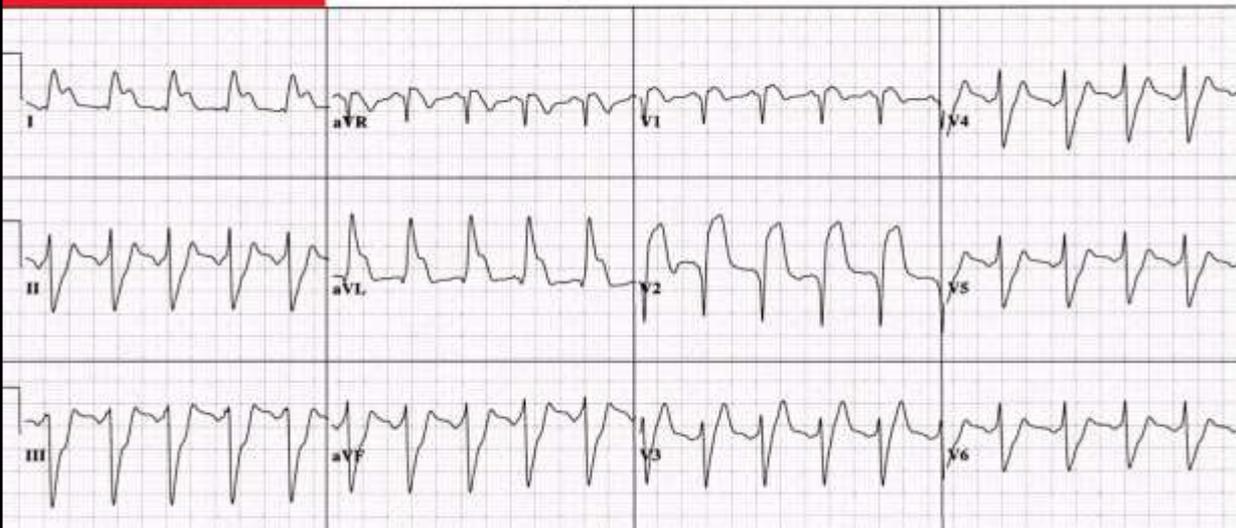
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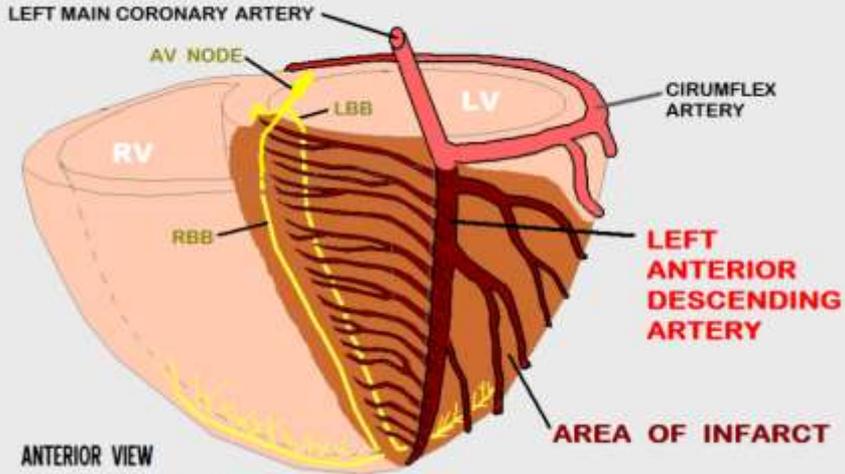
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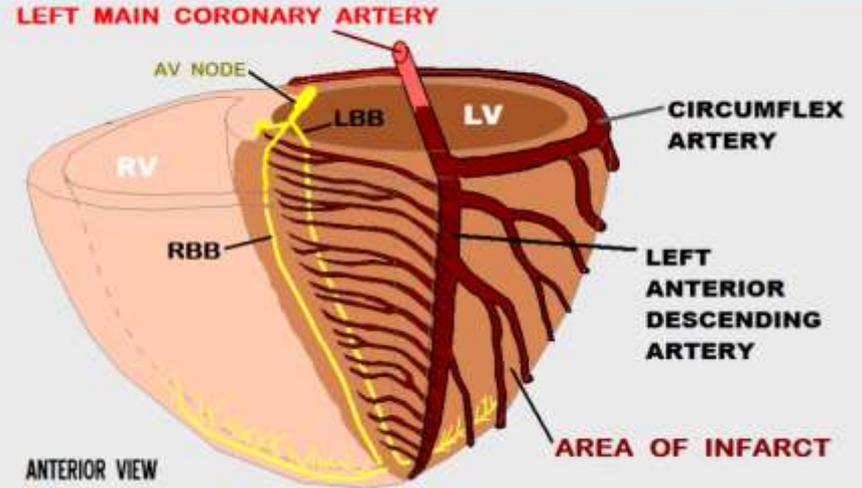
# PATIENT A:

## OCCLUSION of PROXIMAL LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY



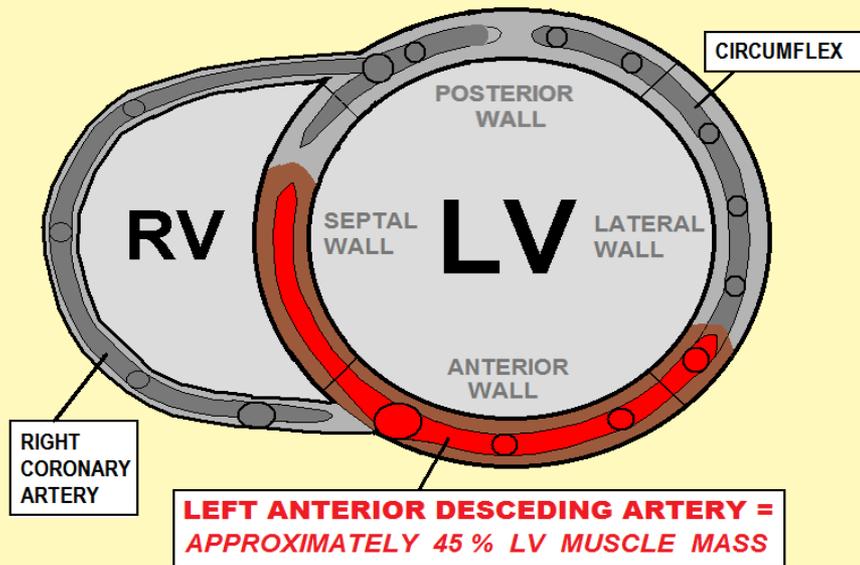
# PATIENT B:

## OCCLUSION of the LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY



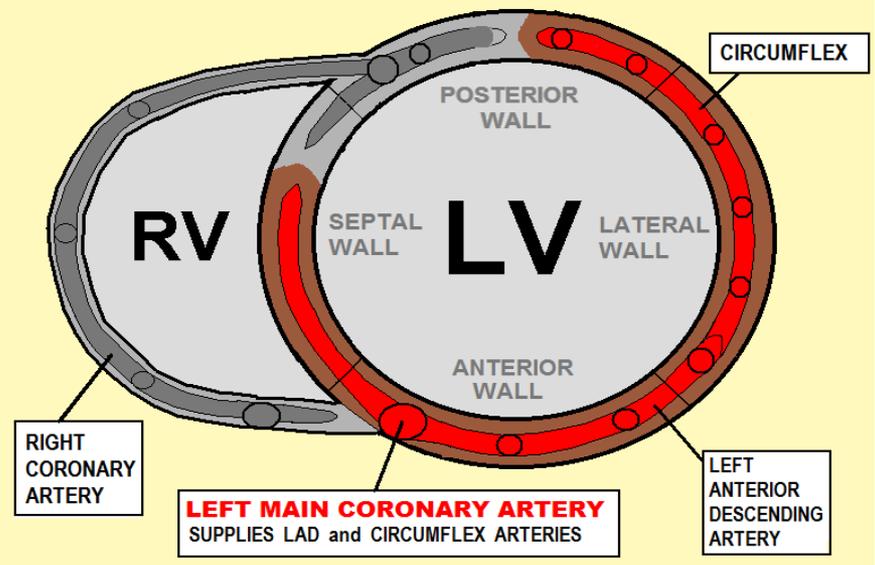
## The LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY

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



## The LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY

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

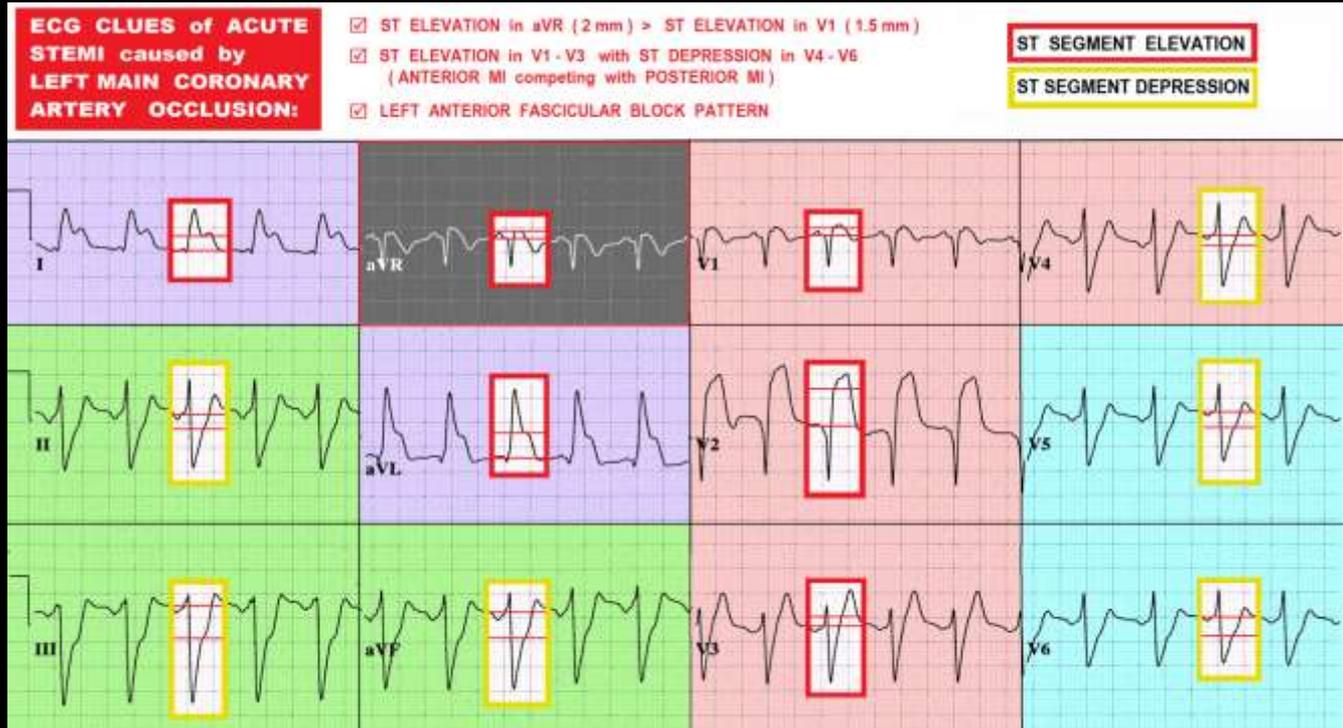


# ECG Clues... for IDENTIFYING STEMI CAUSED BY LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY occlusion:

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

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

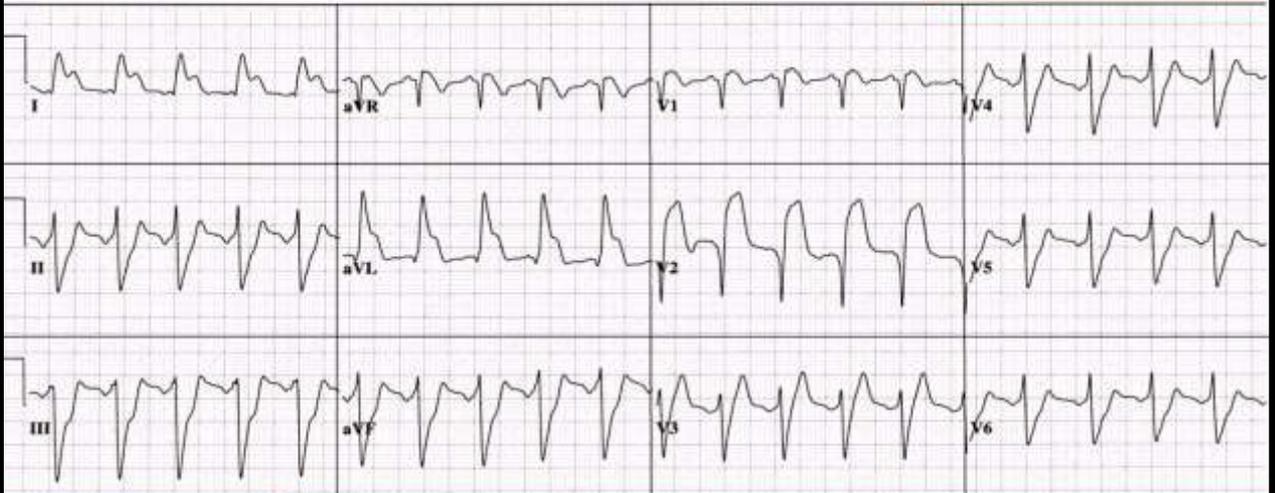
+ Yamaji et al, JACC vol. 38, No. 5, 2001, November 1, 2001:1348-54



36 yr Male Caucasian Vent. rate 123 BPM PR interval 96 ms QRS duration 130 ms QT/QTc 310/443 ms P-R-T axes \* -53 43

Sinus tachycardia with short PR  
Left ventricular hypertrophy with QRS widening  
Cannot rule out Septal infarct, age undetermined  
Lateral injury pattern  
\*\*\*\*\* ACUTE MI \*\*\*\*\*

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



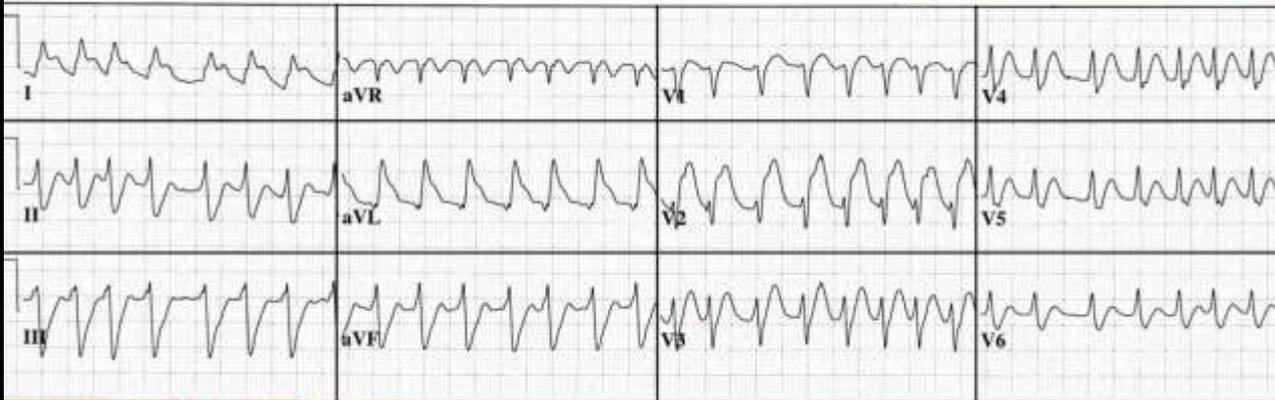
**ECG CLUES of ACUTE STEMI caused by LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY OCCLUSION:**

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

43 yr Male Vent. rate 183 BPM PR interval \* ms QRS duration 106 ms QT/QTc 240/418 ms P-R-T axes \* -34 -18

Atrial fibrillation with rapid ventricular response with premature ventricular or aberrantly conducted complexes  
Left axis deviation  
ST elevation consider anterolateral injury or acute infarct  
\*\*\*\*\* ACUTE MI \*\*\*\*\*

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

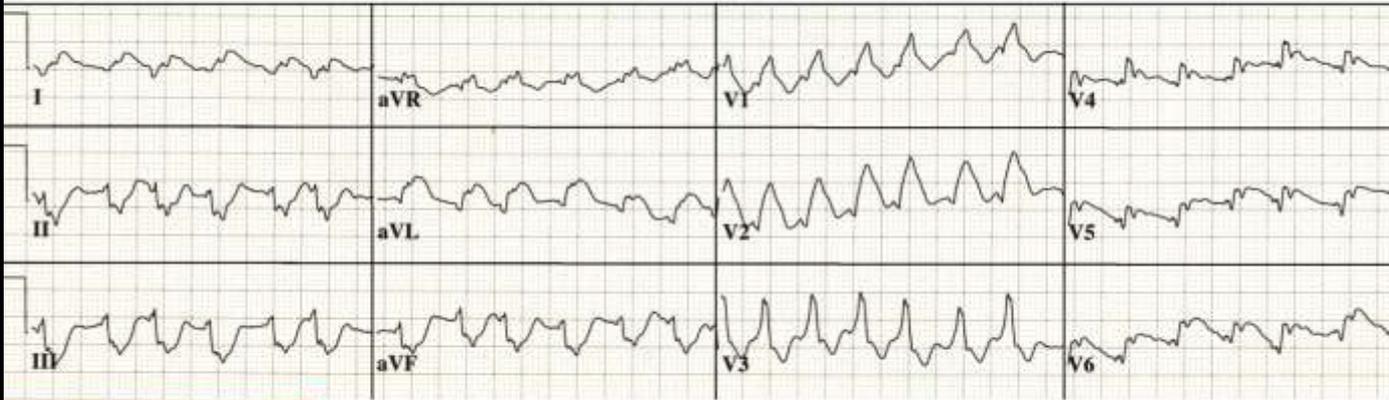


**ECG CLUES of ACUTE STEMI caused by LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY OCCLUSION:**

- ST ELEVATION in leads I and aVL
- INCONSISTENCY of ST SEGMENT in leads V1-V6: V1-V2 ST ELEVATION, V3-V6 ST DEPRESSION (COMPETING FORCES of ANTERIOR vs. POSTERIOR M.I.)
- PATTERN of LEFT ANTERIOR FASCICULAR BLOCK (POS. QRS lead I; NEG rS leads II, III)

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

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



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

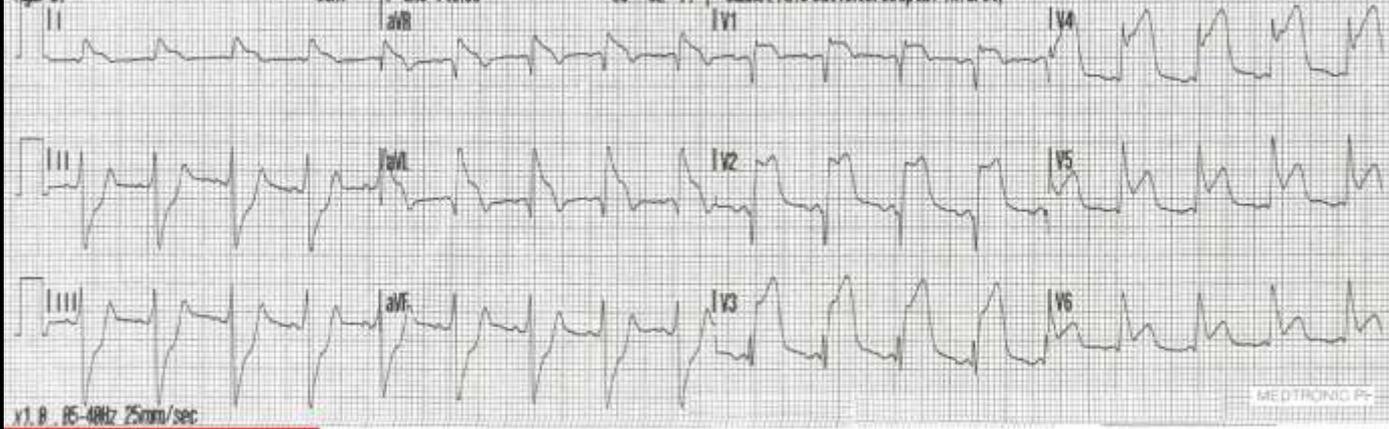
- ST ELEVATION in LEADS I, aVL, V1 - V2, V4 - V6 with ST DEPRESSION in V3: (COMPETING FORCES of ANTERIOR vs. POSTERIOR M.I.)
- RIGHT BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK PATTERN, with
- LEFT ANTERIOR FASCICULAR BLOCK PATTERN

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

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

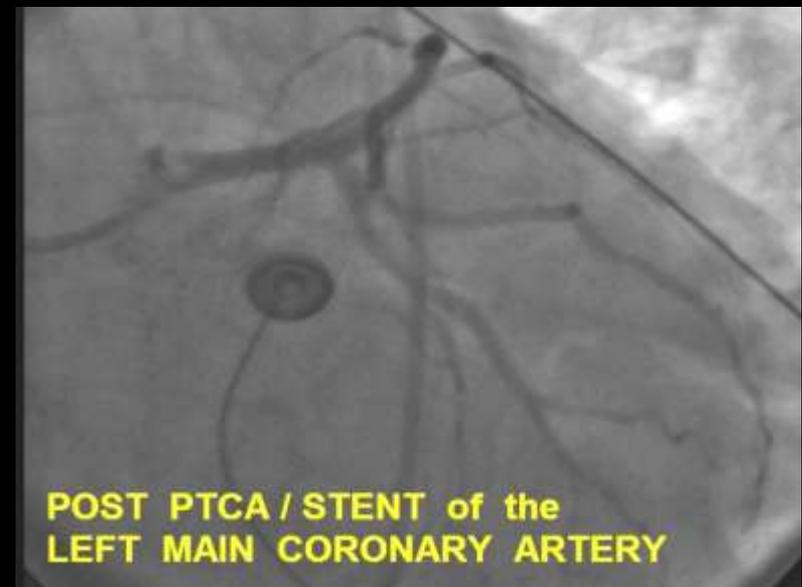
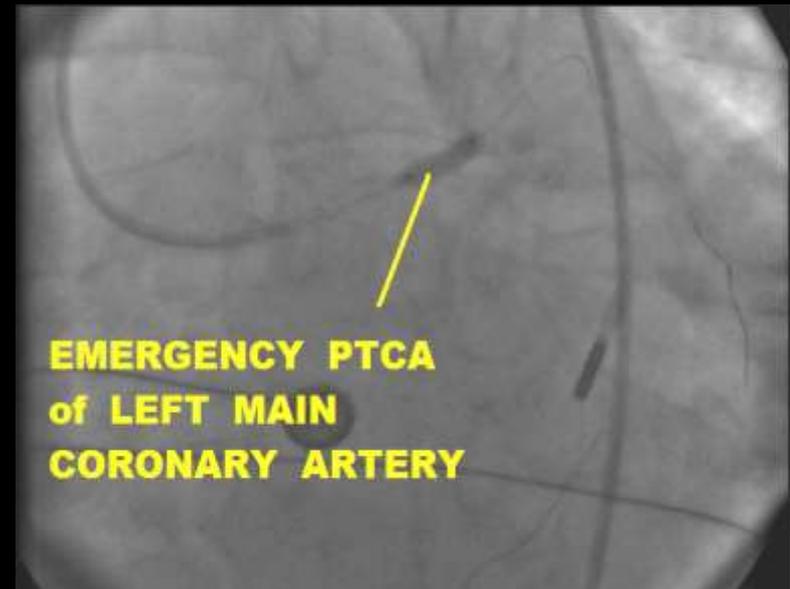
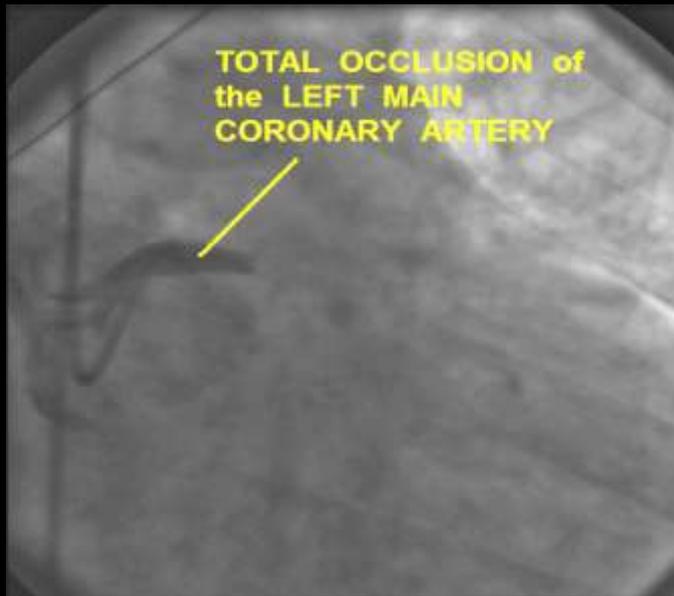
**ACUTE STEMI caused by LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY OCCLUSION**

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



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

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



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.*

## CASE STUDY 7 - STEMI

### 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

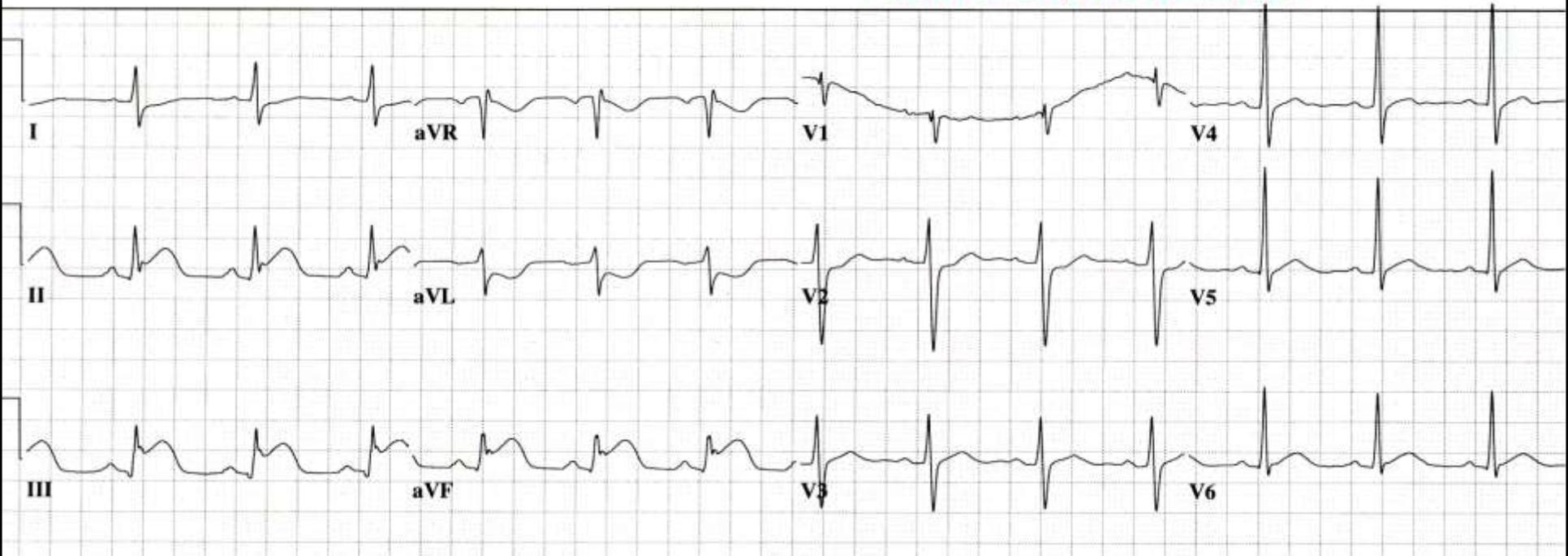
**PHYSICAL EXAM:** Patient is alert & oriented x 4, skin warm, dry, color normal. Non-anxious  
Lungs clear, normal S1, S2. No JVD, No ankle edema.

**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



46 yr  
Male

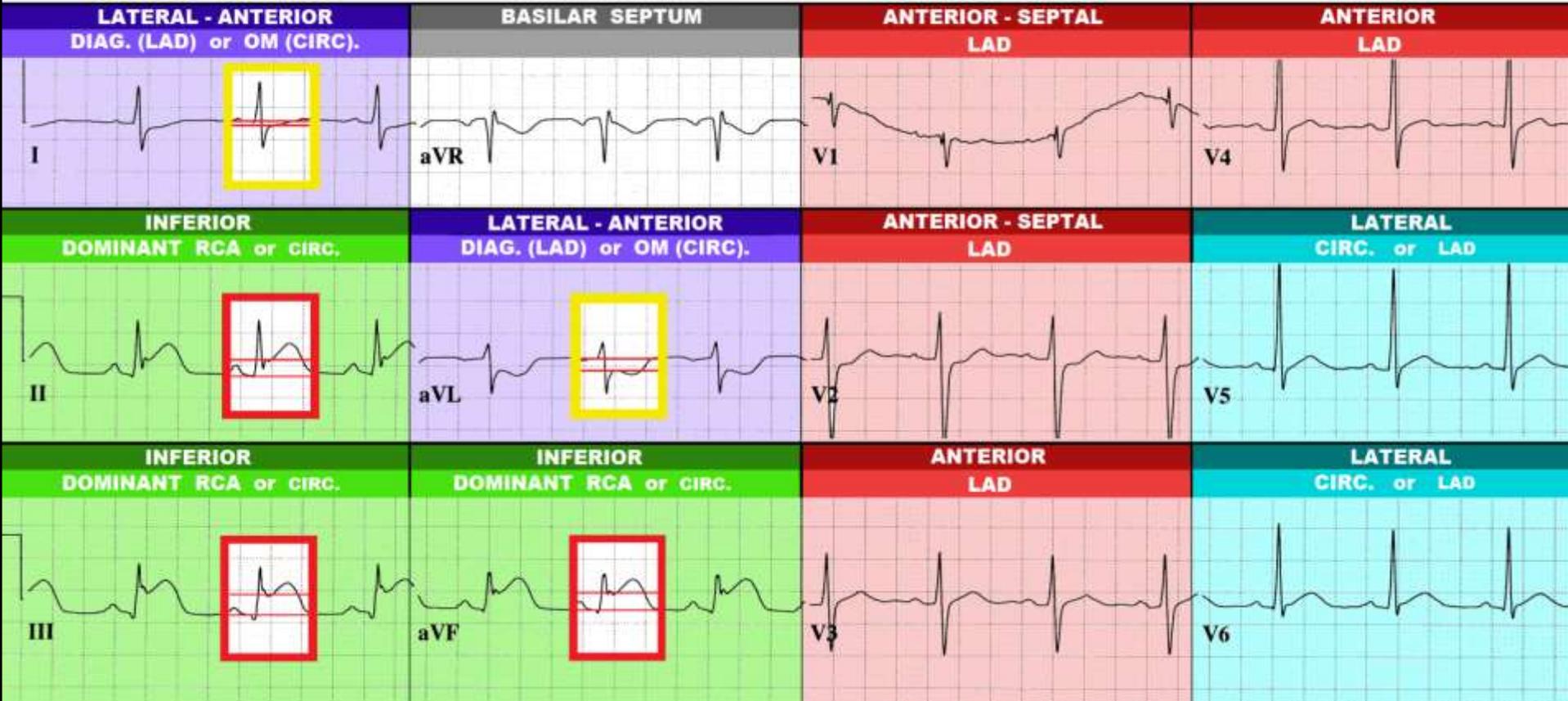
Caucasian

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

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

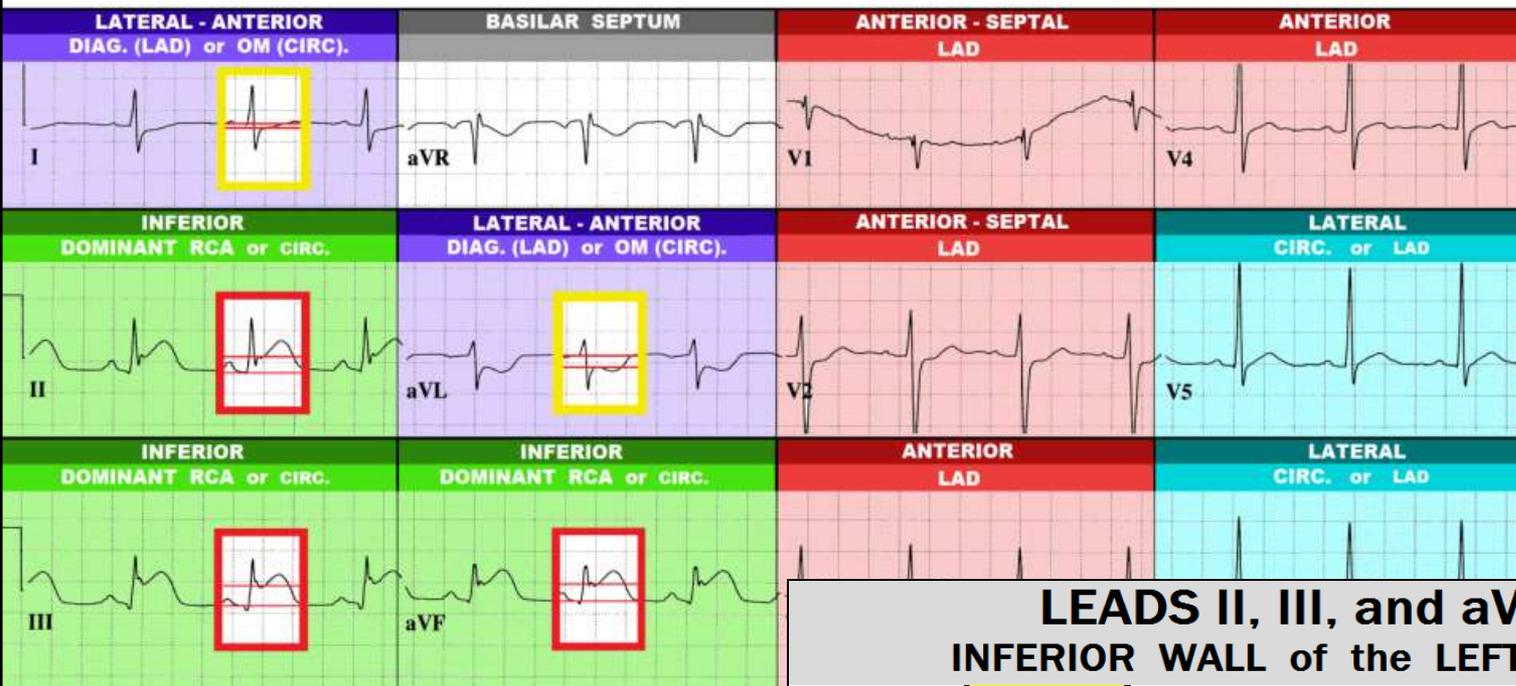
**ST SEGMENT ELEVATION**

**ST SEGMENT DEPRESSION**

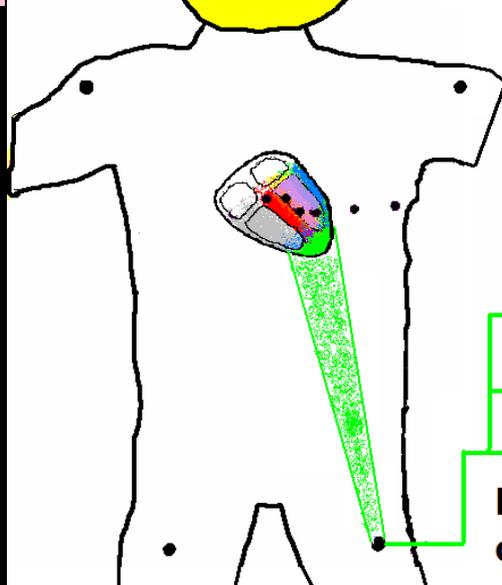


46 yr Male Caucasian  
 Vent. rate 82 BPM  
 PR interval 168 ms  
 QRS duration 96 ms  
 QT/QTc 384/448 ms  
 P-R-T axes 76 81 88  
 Normal sinus rhythm  
 ST elevation consider inferior injury or acute infarct  
 \*\*\*\*\* ACUTE MI \*\*\*\*\*  
 Abnormal ECG

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



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



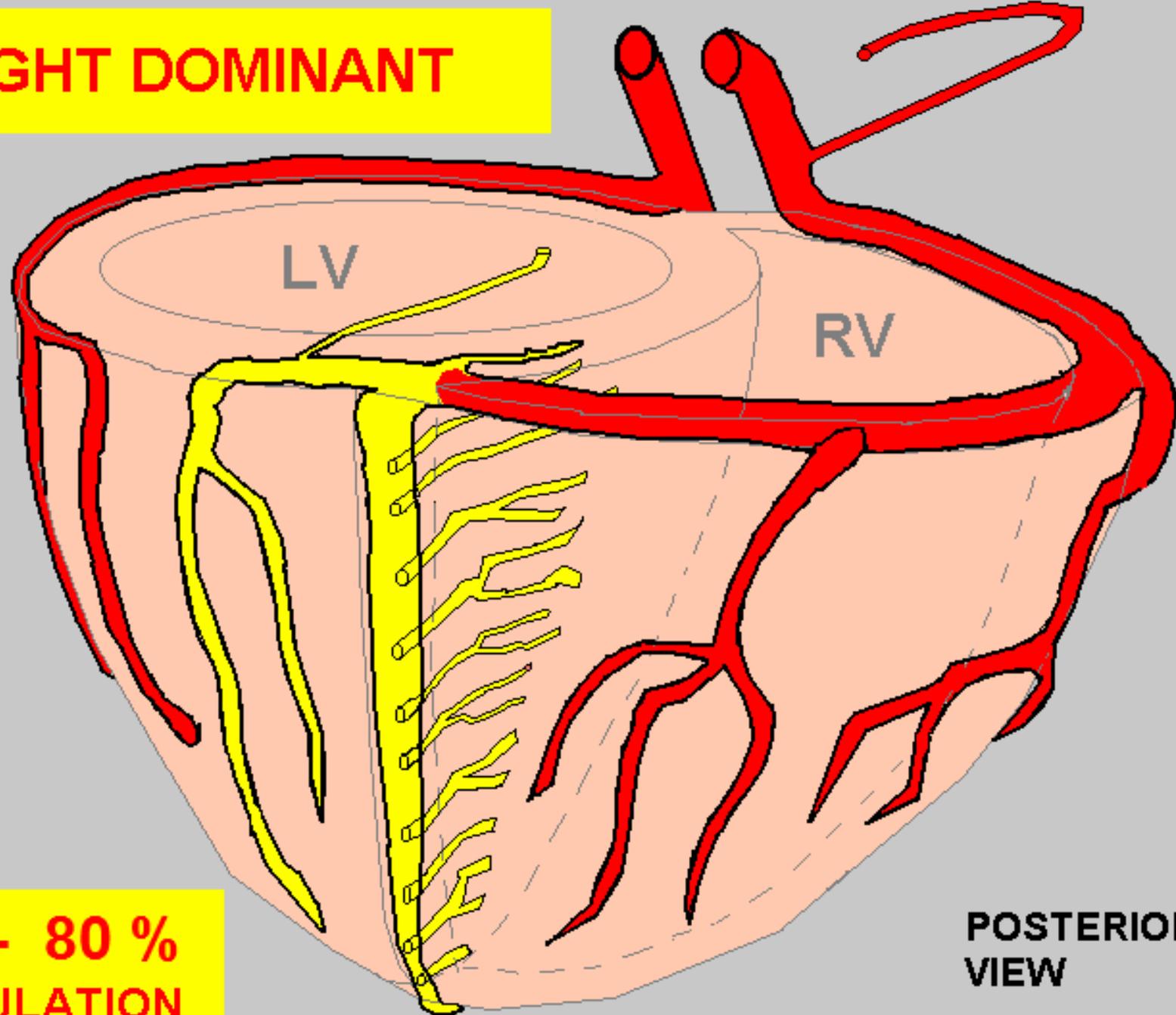
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38 Yrs	MALE	Vent. Rate: 68	NORMAL SINUS RHYTHM	
		P-R Int.: 160 ms	Normal EKG	
		QRS: 100 ms	Very Healthy Athletic EKG!	

I	AVR	V1	V4
II	AVL	V2	V5
III	AVF	V3	V6

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

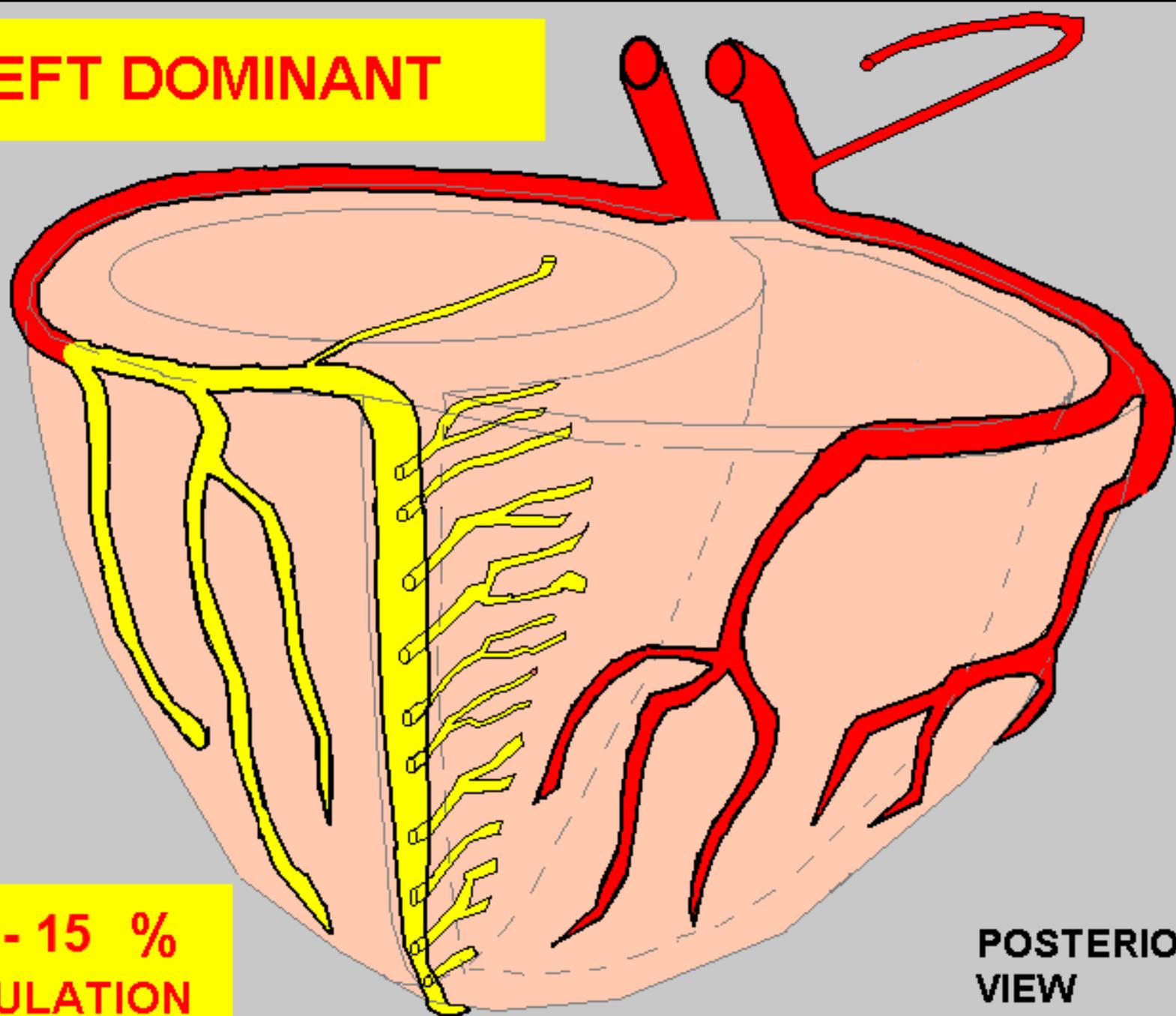
**RIGHT DOMINANT**



**75 - 80 %  
POPULATION**

**POSTERIOR  
VIEW**

**LEFT DOMINANT**



**10 - 15 %  
POPULATION**

**POSTERIOR  
VIEW**



HELPFUL HINT . . . *MEMORIZE THIS!*



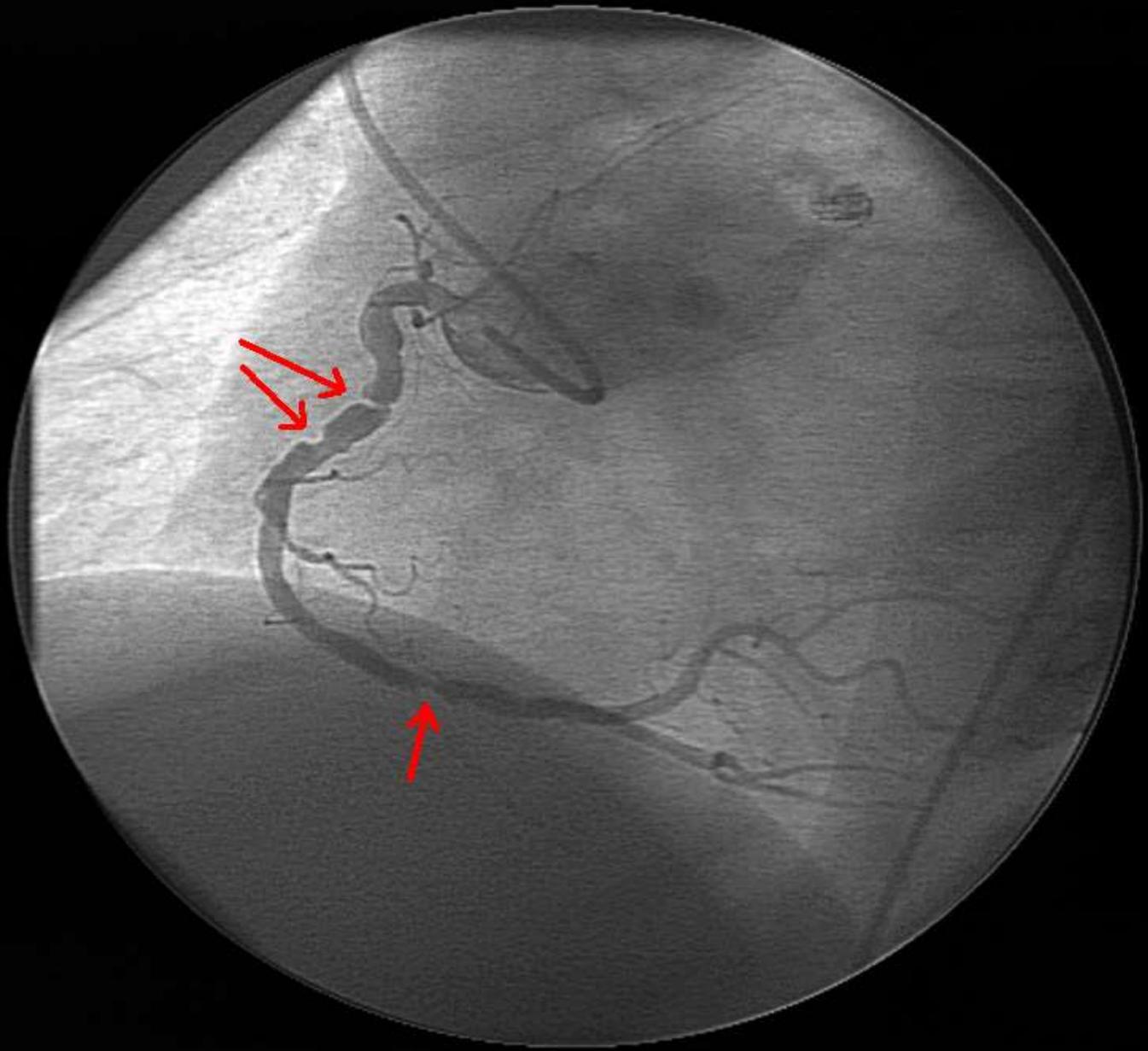
## RIGHT CORONARY ARTERY ( RCA )

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**

# 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>



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A standard

**12 LEAD EKG**

Does NOT show the

**RIGHT VENTRICLE**

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

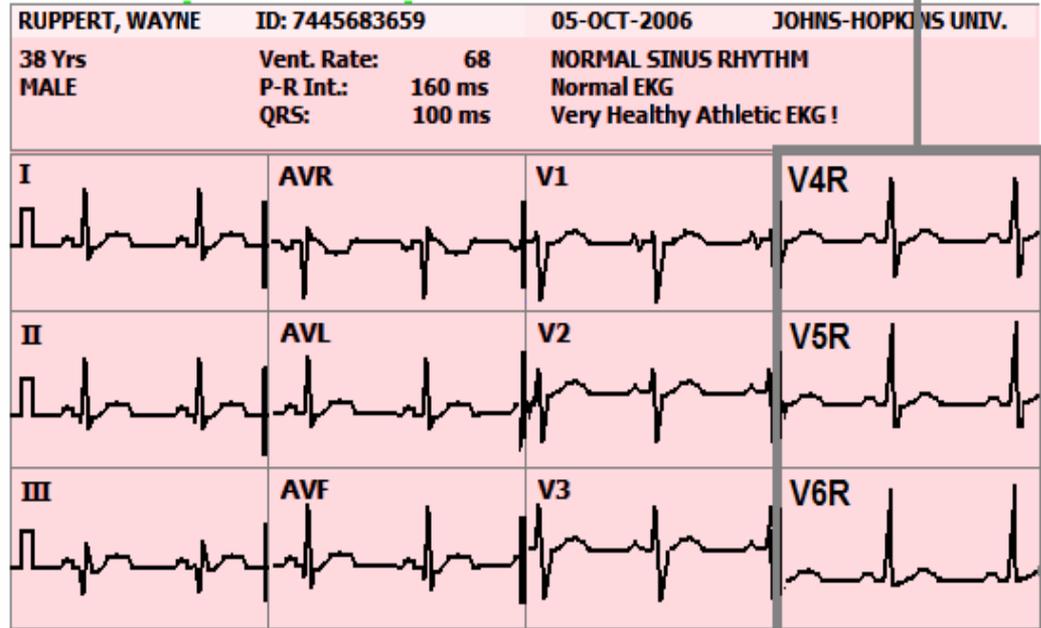
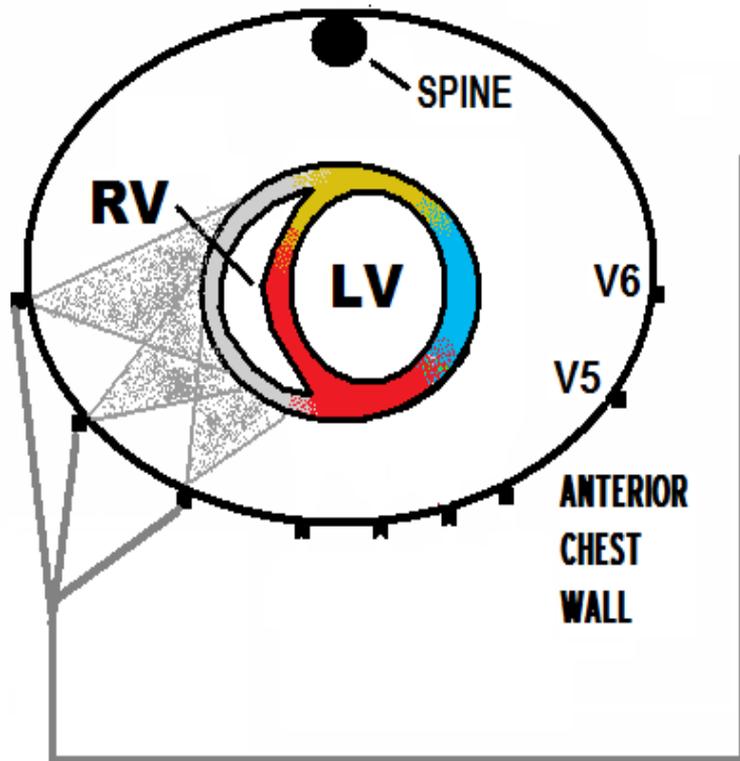
. . . such as in cases of  
**INFERIOR WALL M.I.**



You must do a

**RIGHT - SIDED EKG !!**

# V4R - V6R VIEW THE RIGHT VENTRICLE



# RV MI STEMI Criteria:

- ST Elevation of 0.5mm (0.5mv) or more in Leads V3R, V4R, V5R or V6R

# RV MI STEMI Criteria:

- ST Elevation of \_\_\_mm (0.5mv) or more in Leads V3R, V4R, V5R or V6R

ID:

46 yo

Male Caucasian

Room:

Opt:

Technician:

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

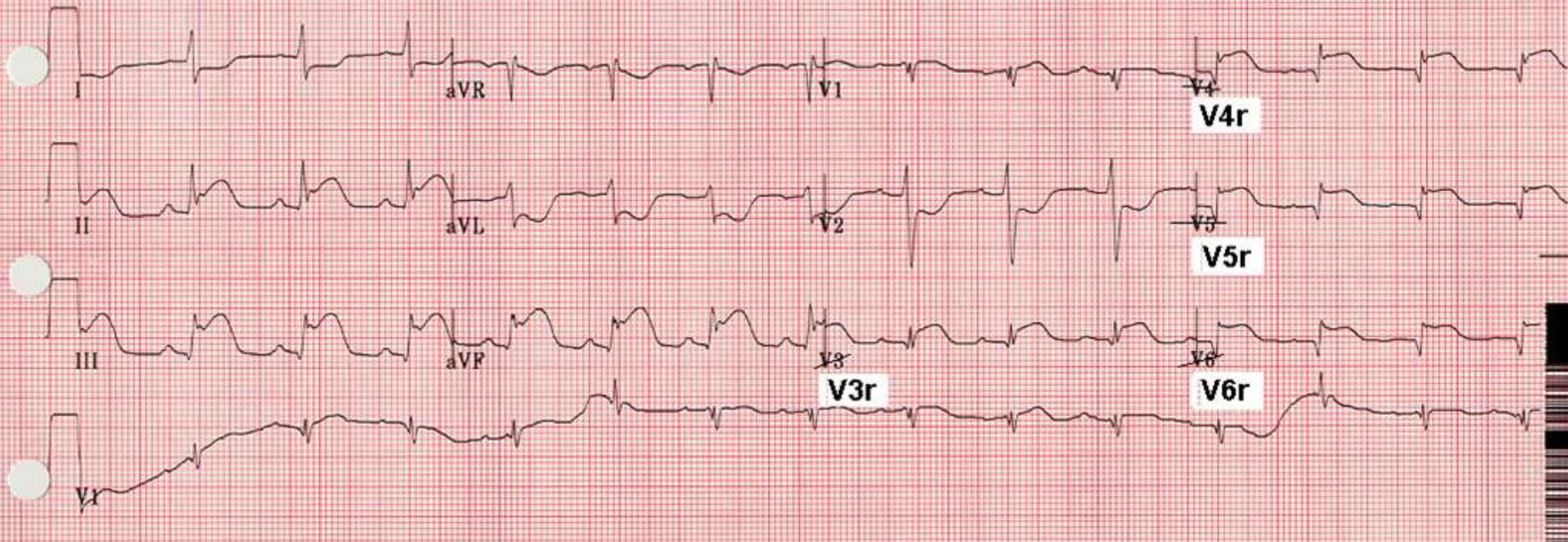
Normal sinus rhythm  
~~Anterolateral infarct, possibly acute~~  
 Inferior injury pattern  
 \*\*\*\*\* Acute MI \*\*\*\*\*  
 Abnormal ECG

**Right Ventricular Infarct**

V LEADS  
R SIDE

Referred by:

Unconfirmed



**RIGHT VENTRICULAR STEMI is indicated when ST Segment Elevation of 0.5mv is present.**

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 !!\***

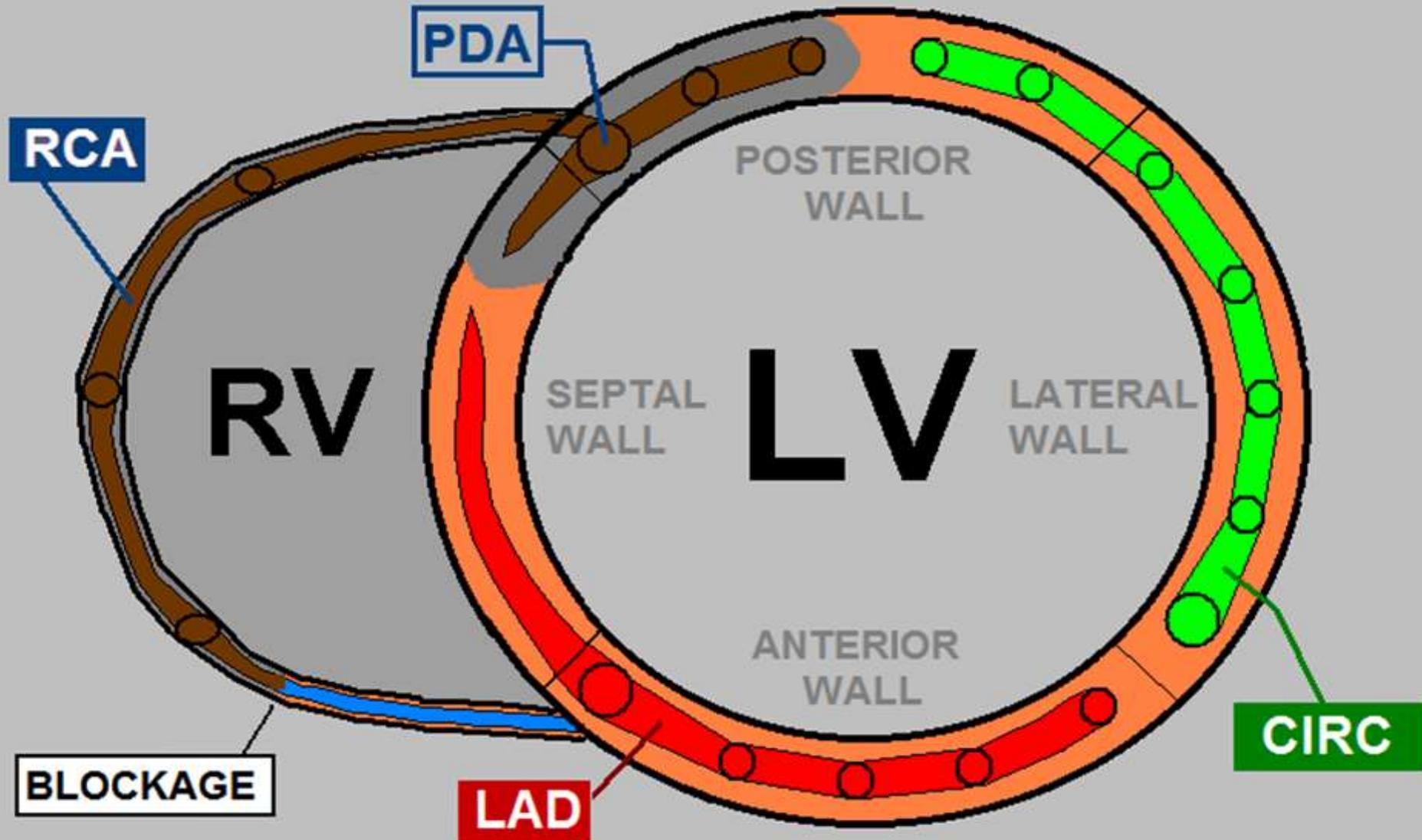
**They precipitate SEVERE  
HYPOTENSION**

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

# INFERIOR - RIGHT VENTRICULAR MI

**DOMINANT RCA**

**75-80 % of POPULATION**



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- RIGHT VENTRICULAR MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NITRATES and DIURETICS are CONTRA-INDICATED.</li> <li>- TREAT HYPOTENSION WITH FLUIDS. (It is Not uncommon to give 500-2000ml of NORMAL SALINE to stabilize BP.</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 ?

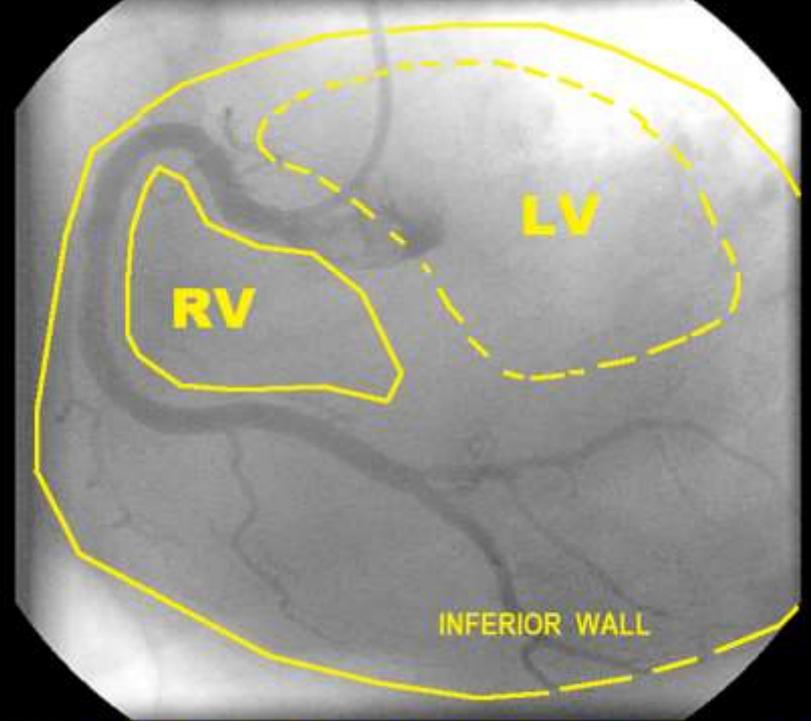
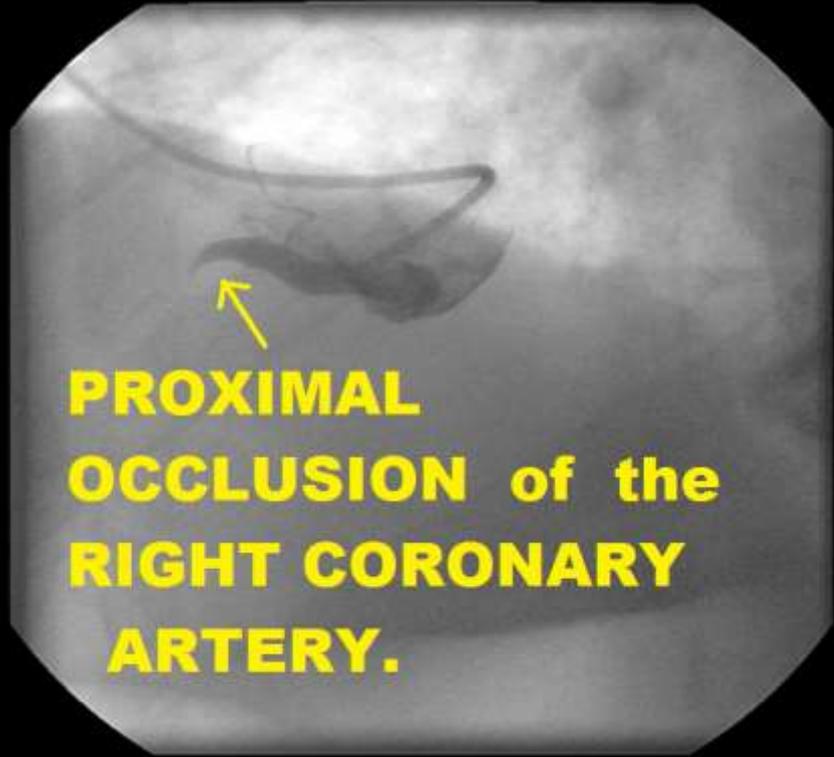
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YES

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**

**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

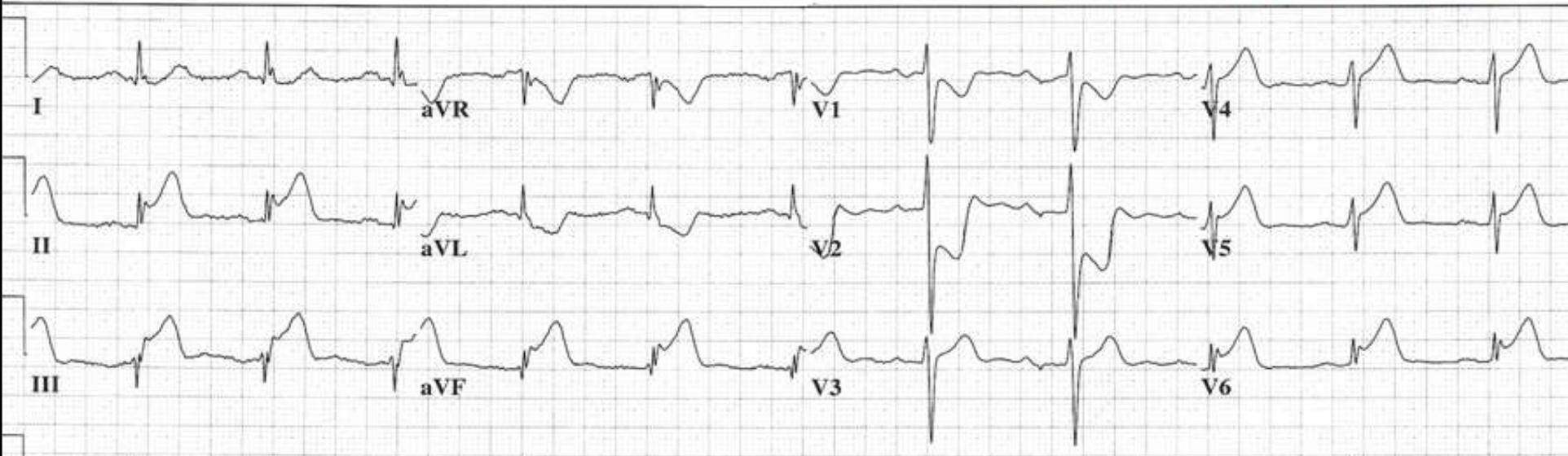
LOC:	ANXIOUS RESTLESS LETHARGIC UNCONSCIOUS	AWAKE ALERT & ORIENTED
SKIN:	PALE / ASHEN CYANOTIC COOL DIAPHORETIC	NORMAL HUE WARM DRY
BREATHING:	TACHYPNEA	NORMAL
PULSE:	WEAK / THREADY TOO FAST or SLOW	STRONG
<b>STATUS:</b>	 <b>SHOCK</b> 	<b>NORMAL</b>

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 ?

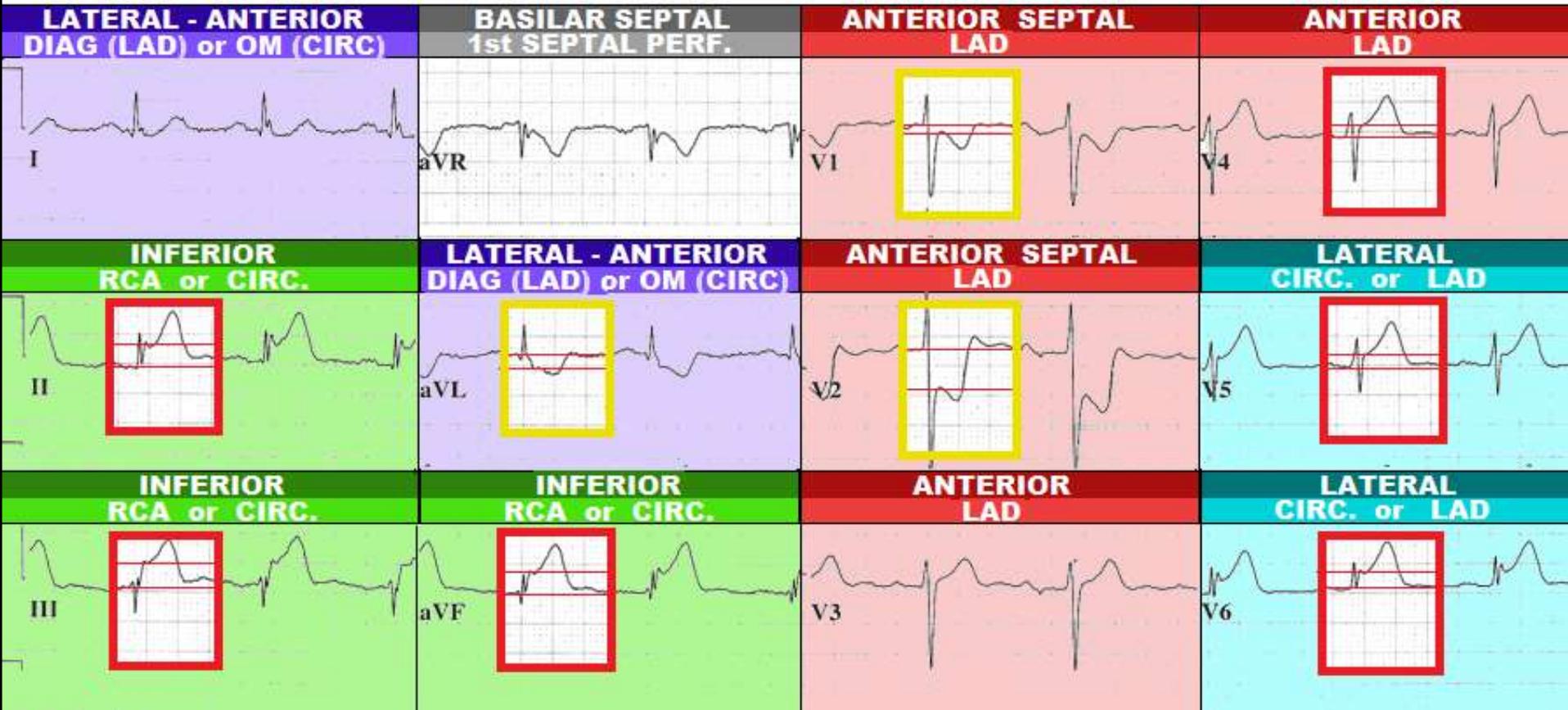
WHAT IS THE "CULPRIT ARTERY" -- if applicable ?

LIST ANY CRITICAL STRUCTURES COMPROMISED:

LIST ANY POTENTIAL COMPLICATIONS:

42 yr Male Caucasian Vent. rate 69 BPM \*\*\* Acute MI \*\*\*  
 PR interval 196 ms Inferior-Posterior-Lateral Injury Pattern  
 QRS duration 98 ms  
 QT/QTc 388/415 ms  
 Loc:3 Option:23 P-R-T axes 14 28 81

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

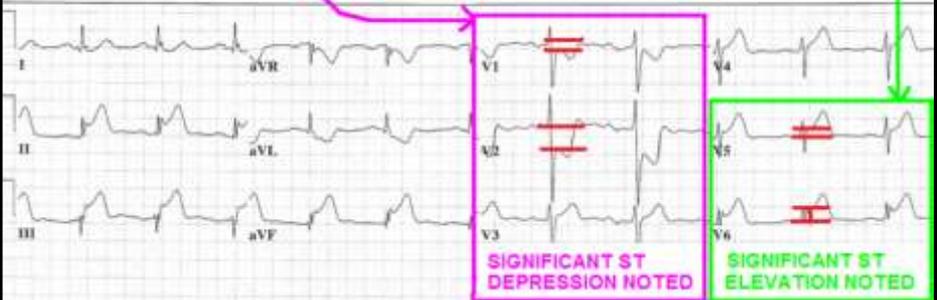


42 yr Male Caucasian Vest. rate 60 BPM PR interval 190 ms QR3 direction 50 ms QT/QTc 388/415 ms LAD:3 Option:23 P-R-T axes 14 28 81

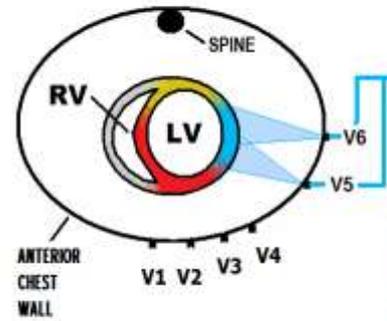
INDICATOR COMPLICATION

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 → R. VENTRICULAR MI (RIGHT-SIDED EKG)

R SIDED ECG was obtained, NO ST ELEVATION was noted in RV Leads

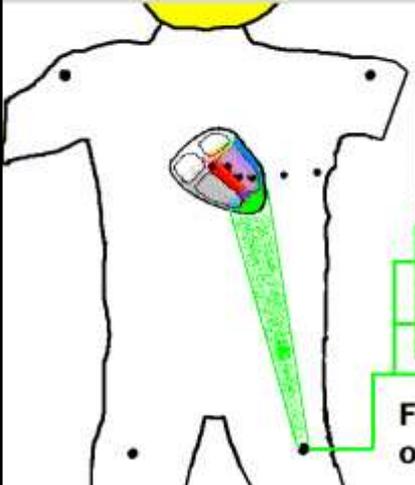


### V5 - V6 VIEW THE LATERAL WALL of the LEFT VENTRICLE



RUPPERT, WAYNE 38 Yrs MALE	ID: 7445683659 Vest. Rate: 68 P-R Int.: 160 ms QRS: 100 ms	05-OCT-2006 NORMAL SINUS RHYTHM Normal ECG Very Healthy Athletic EKG 1	JOHNS HOPKINS UNIV.
I	AVR	V1	V4
II	AVL	V2	V5
III	AVF	V3	V6

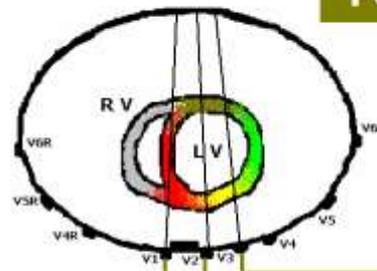
### LEADS II, III, and aVF VIEW THE INFERIOR WALL of the LEFT VENTRICLE



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

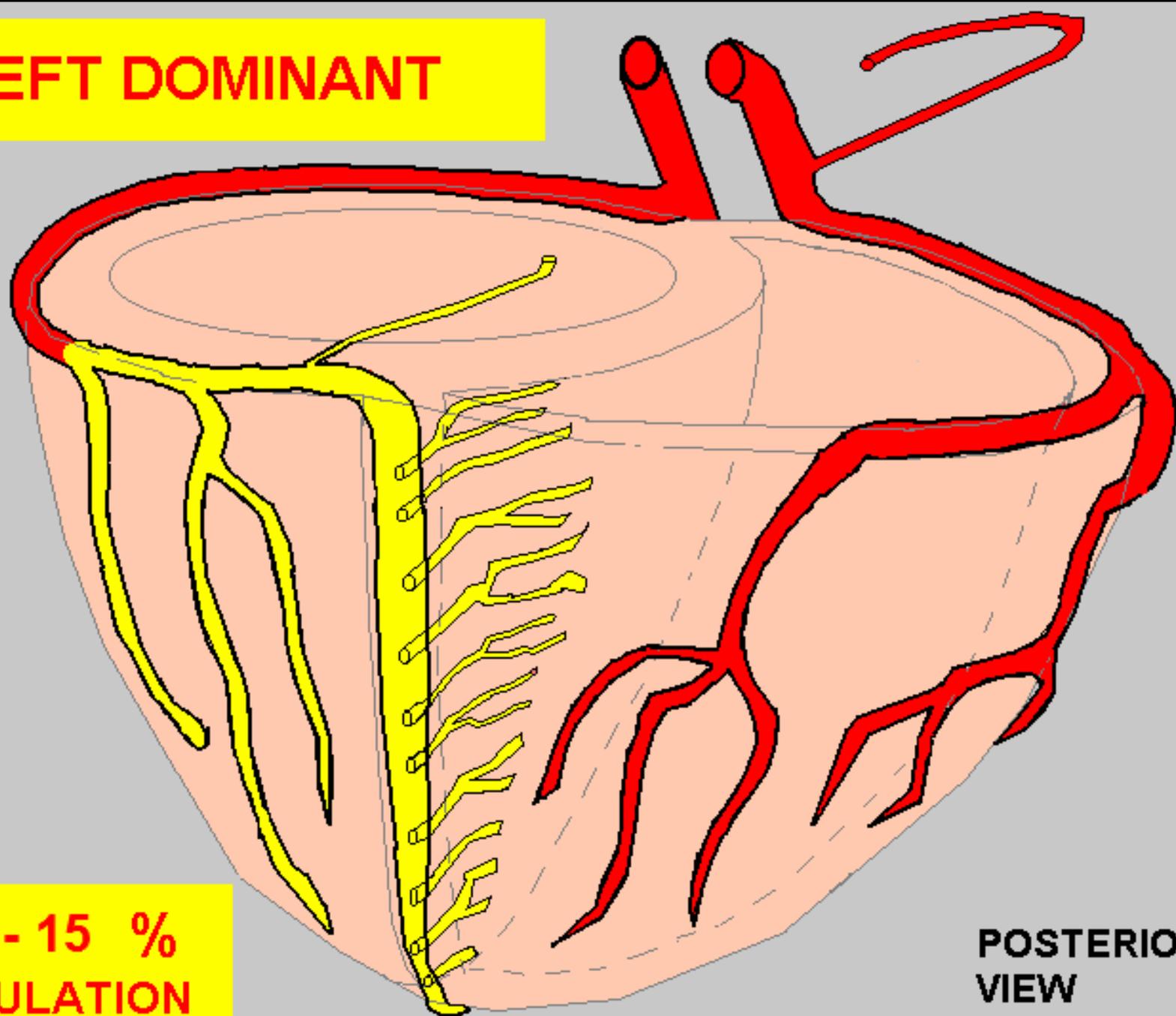
### LEADS V1 - V3 view the POSTERIOR WALL



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via RECIPROCAL CHANGES.

**LEFT DOMINANT**

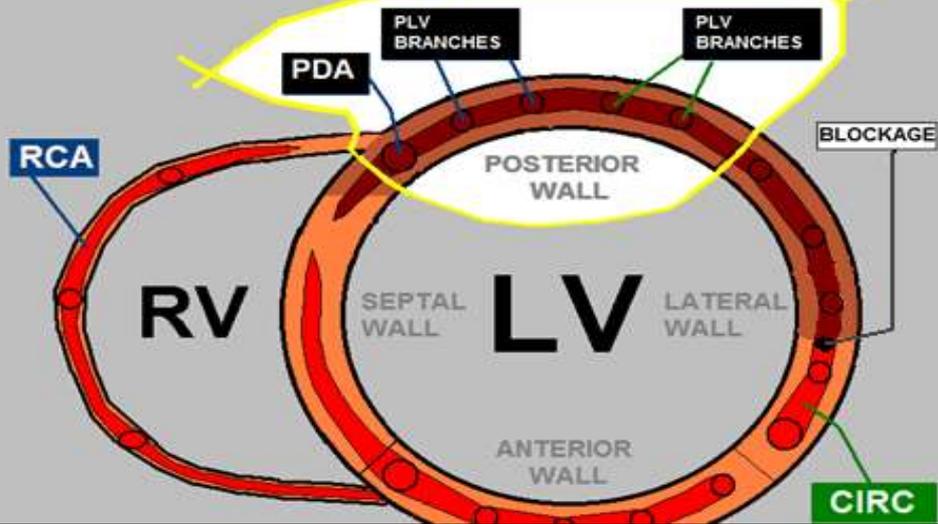


**10 - 15 %  
POPULATION**

**POSTERIOR  
VIEW**

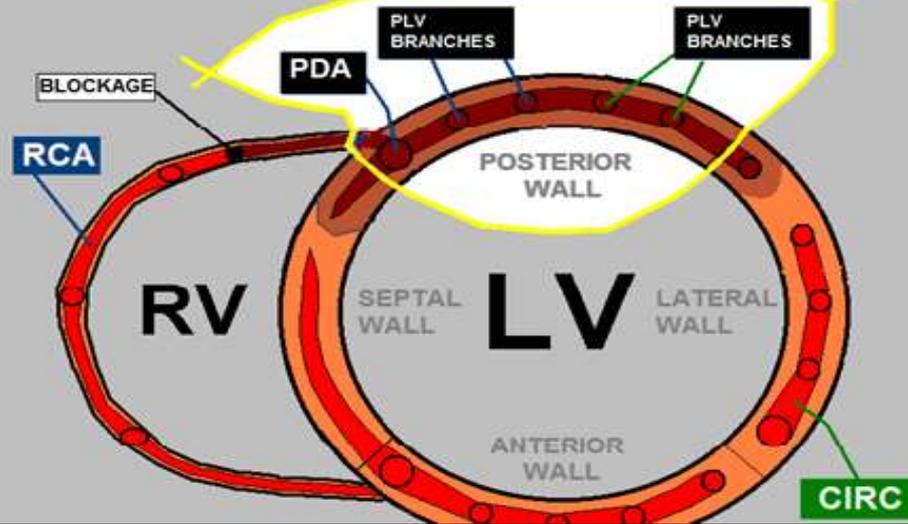
# LEFT DOMINANT ( CIRCUMFLEX )

10-15% of POPULATION



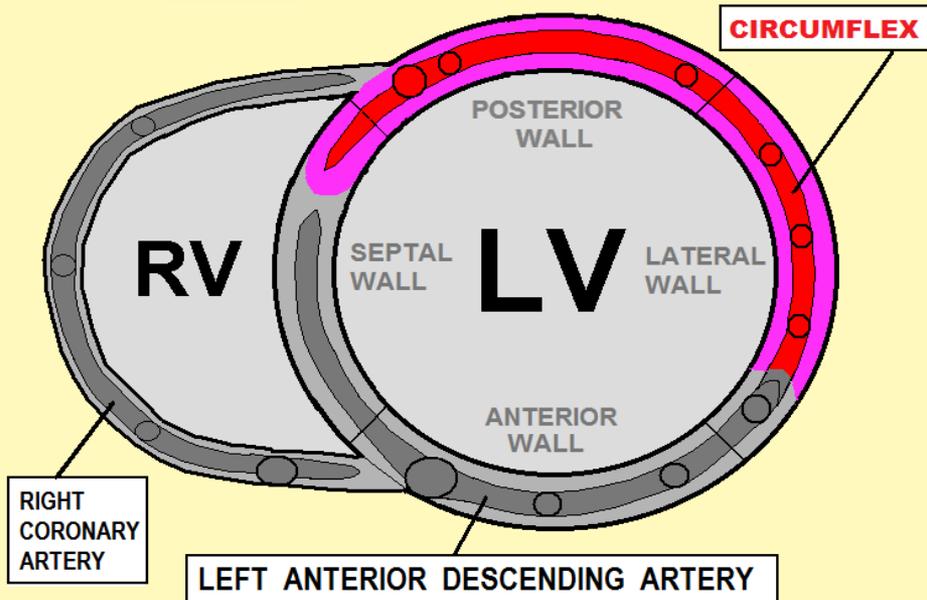
# "EXTREME RIGHT DOMINANT" RCA

3 - 5 % of POPULATION



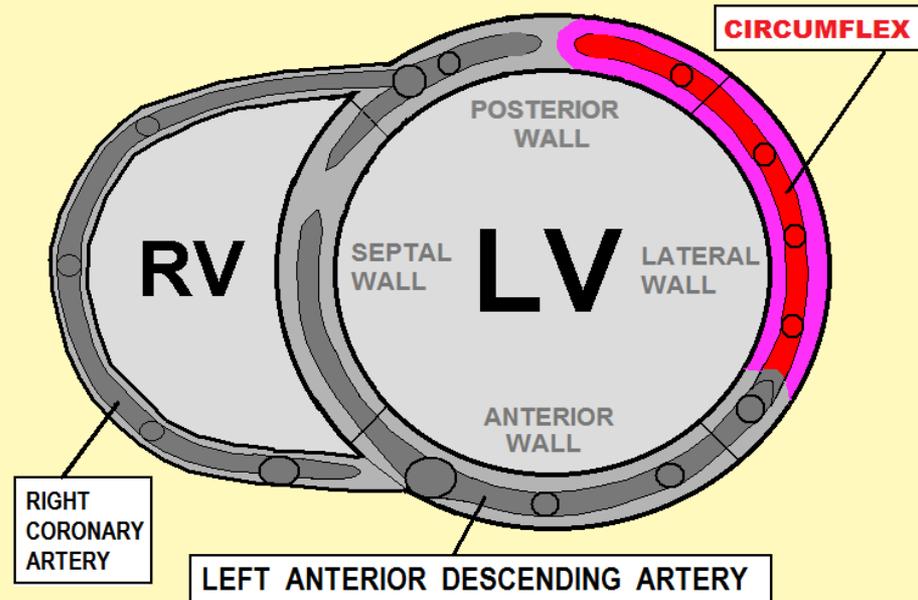
## The DOMINANT CIRCUMFLEX ARTERY ...

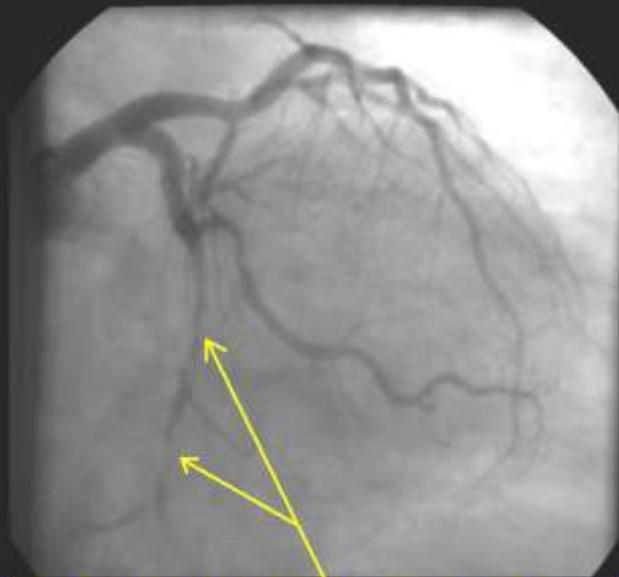
SUPPLIES 35-55% OF THE LEFT VENTRICULAR MUSCLE MASS



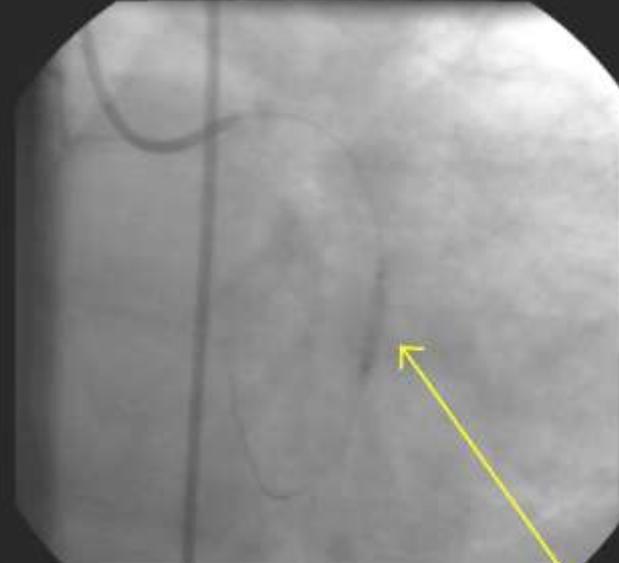
## The NON - DOMINANT CIRCUMFLEX ARTERY

SUPPLIES 25-30% OF THE LEFT VENTRICULAR MUSCLE MASS

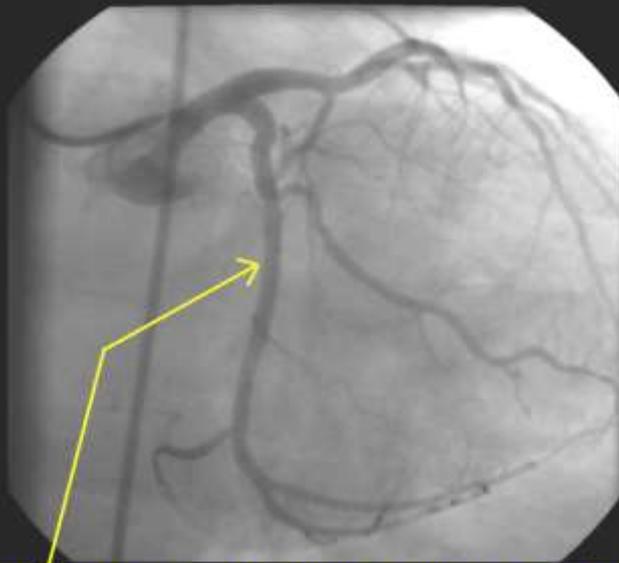




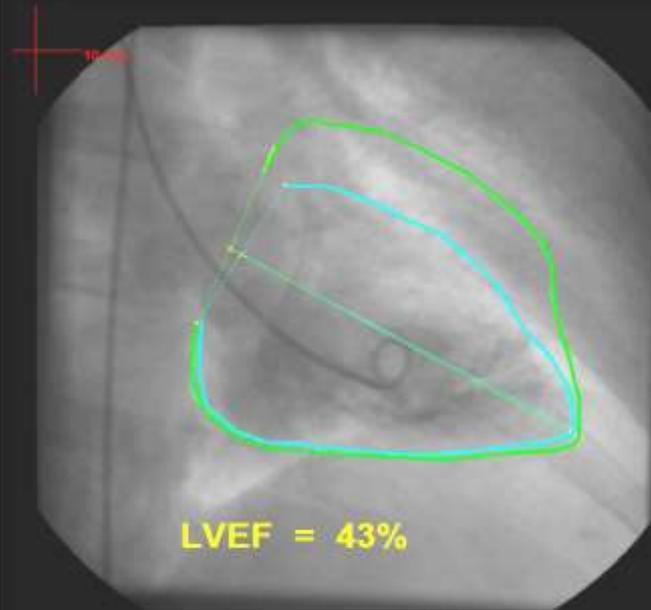
**CIRCUMFLEX ARTERY OCCLUDED with significant THROMBUS.**



**PTCA of CIRCUMFLEX ARTERY.**



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



Dia Area = 11.8 cm<sup>2</sup>      Sys Area = 8.7 cm<sup>2</sup>      Eject Frac = 43%  
Dia Volume = 27.7 ml      Sys Volume = 15.8 ml      Stroke Volume = 11.9 ml

## CASE STUDY SUMMARY

<b>ST ELEVATION:</b> II, III, aVF, V5, V6	<b>ST DEPRESSION:</b> V1 - V3, POSSIBLY I and aVL
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**SUSPECTED DIAGNOSIS:** ACUTE INFERIOR - POSTERIOR - LATERAL MI

**SUSPECTED "CULPRIT ARTERY" (if applicable):**  
OCCLUSION of DOMINANT CIRCUMFLEX ARTERY

**IMMEDIATE CONCERNS FOR ALL STEMI PATIENTS:**

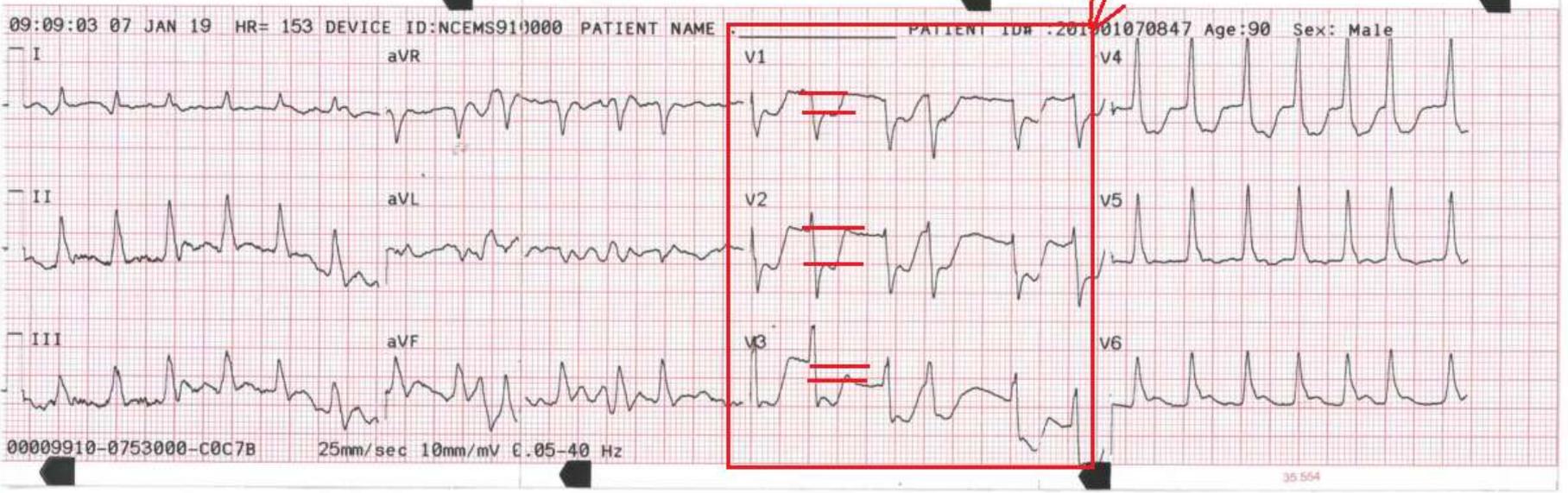
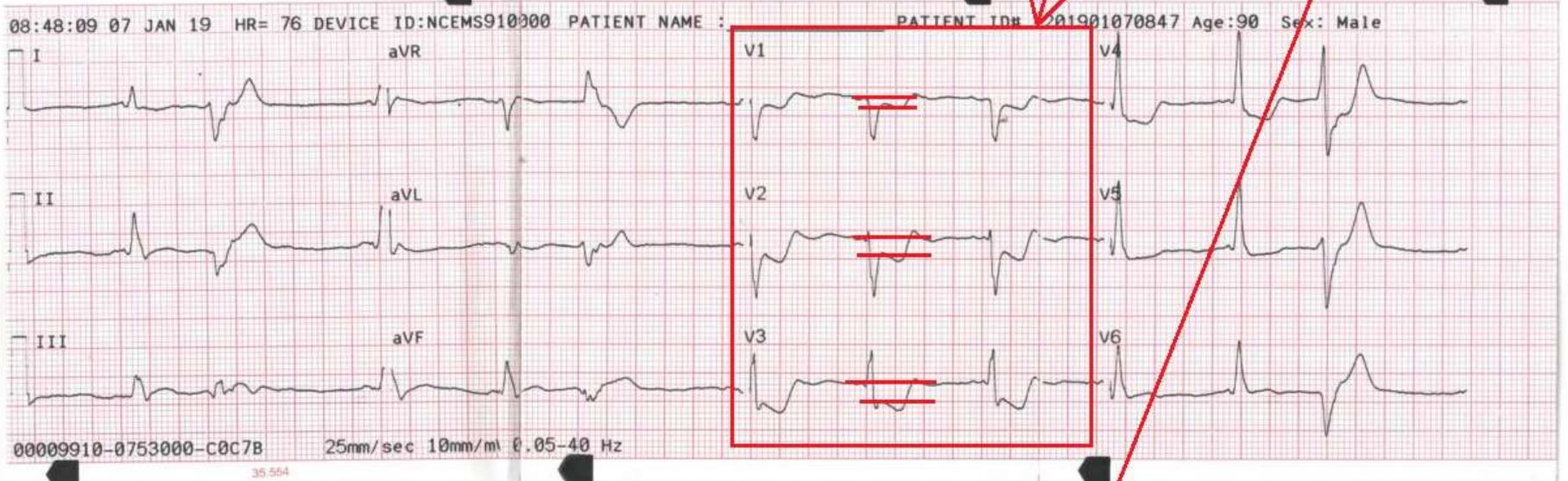
- BE PREPARED TO MANAGE SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST ( PRIMARY V - FIB / V- TACH, BRADYCARDIAS / HEART BLOCKS )
- STAT REPERFUSION THERAPY: THROMBOLYTICS vs. CARDIAC CATHETERIZATION and PCI
- CONSIDER NEEDS FOR ANTI-PLATELET and ANTI-COAGULATION THERAPY

CRITICAL STRUCTURES COMPROMISED:	POTENTIAL COMPLICATIONS:	POSSIBLE CRITICAL INTERVENTIONS:
30 - 55% of LV MUSCLE MASS	POSSIBLE SEVERE LV PUMP FAILURE	INOTROPIC AGENTS ET INTUBATION I.A.B.P. INSERTION
SA NODE	SINUS BRADYCARDIA / SINUS ARREST	ATROPINE TRANSCUTANEOUS PACING
AV NODE	HEART BLOCKS	ATROPINE TRANSCUTANEOUS PACING
SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT of PAPILLARY MUSCLE INSERTION to BASE of LV	ACUTE PAPILLARY MUSCLE TEAR and MITRAL VALVE REGURGITATION ( 7 - 10 DAYS )	INOTROPIC AGENTS DIEURETICS EMERGENCY SURGERY

# Case Study- January 2019

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

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



# Initial Exam in ED

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

Pat ID [REDACTED]

01/07/2019 09:19:35  
[REDACTED] 79 yrs

Caucasian Female  
Account # [REDACTED]

Bayfront Health Seven Rivers ED  
Dept ED  
Room ED01  
Tech gp

RX  
DX

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

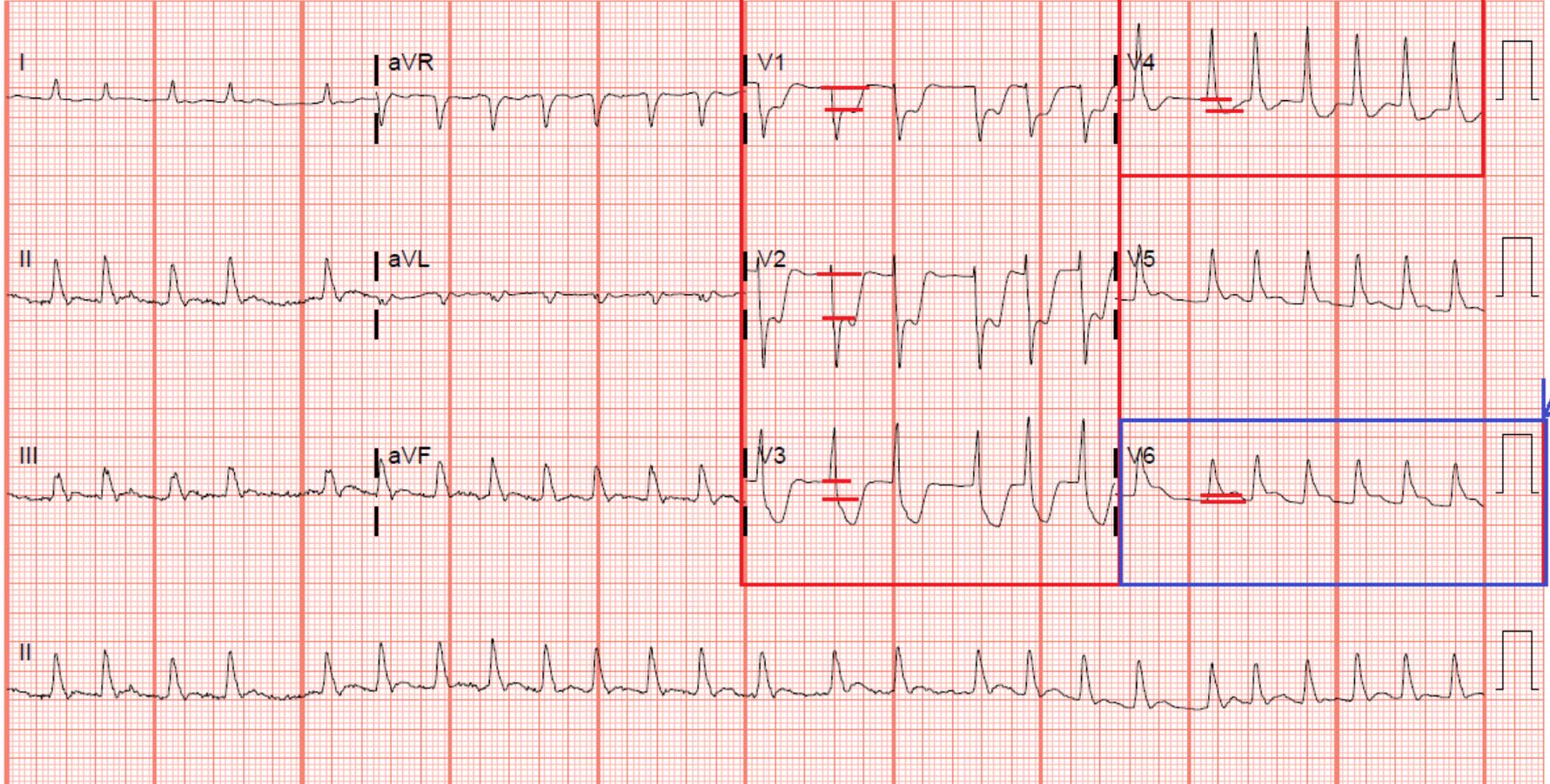
Req Provider:

--Axis--  
P  
QRS 73  
T 78

**ST Depression Leads V1 - V4**

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

- Abnormal ECG -

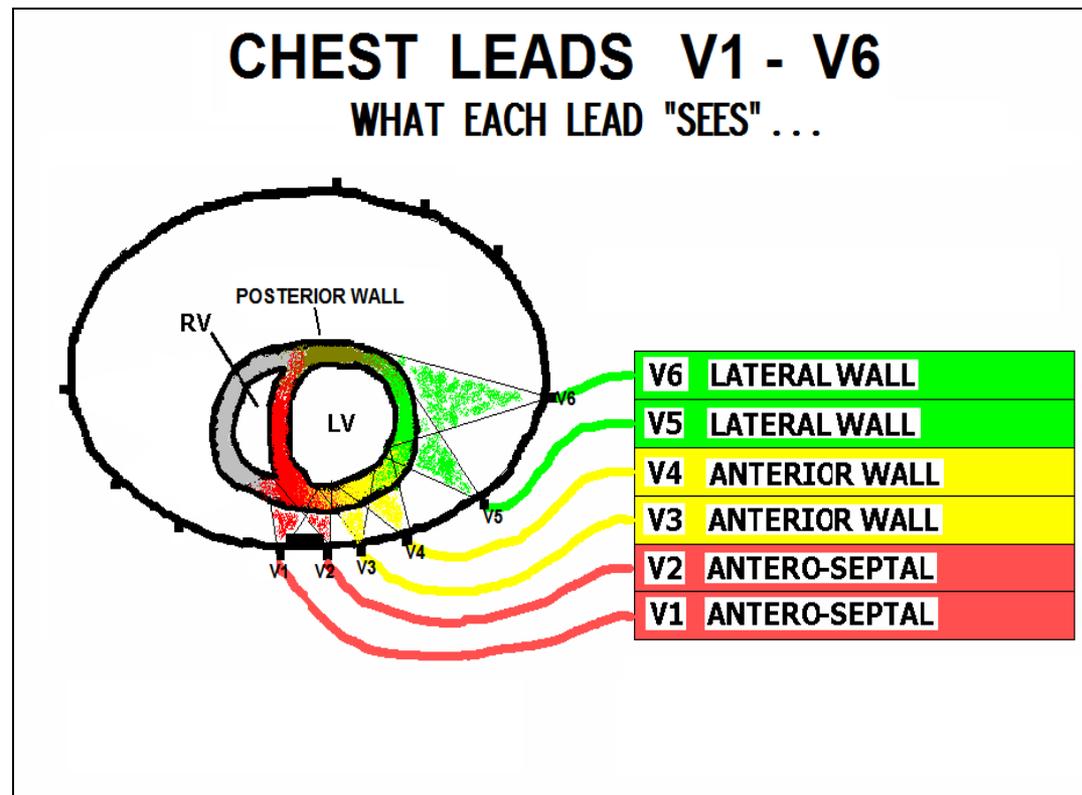


# Causes of ST Depression V1-V4

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

# Posterior Wall STEMI....

- **Does not show ST elevation on standard 12 lead ECG** because NONE of the 12 leads view the Posterior Wall directly....

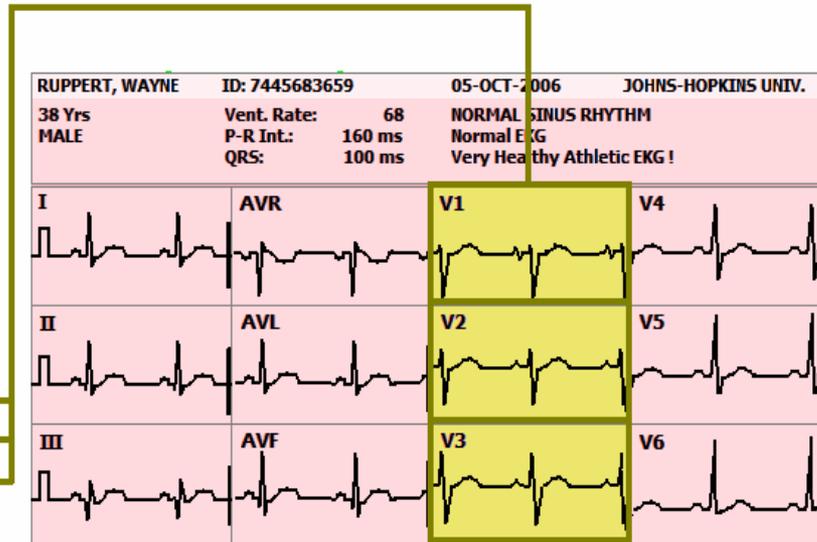
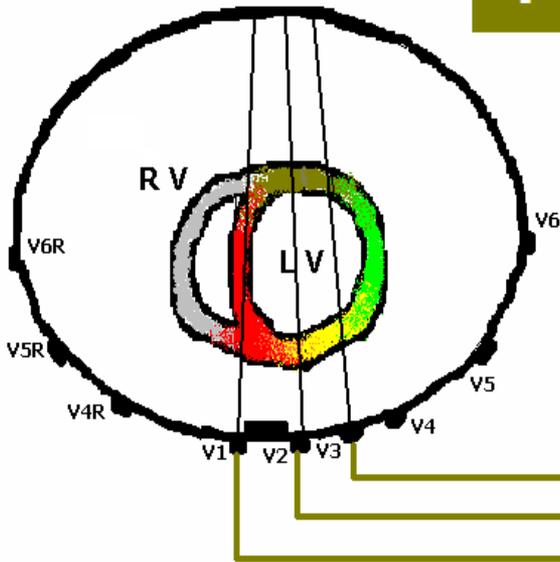


# Posterior Wall STEMI....

- Often shows NO ST Elevation on the standard 12 Lead ECG.
- Will show up on standard 12 Lead ECG as “ST Depression” (Reciprocal) in Leads V1-V3 (sometimes V4-V6, too).

# V1-V3 see the Posterior Wall ONLY through RECIPROCAL changes (ST Depression)

**LEADS V1 - V3 view the  
POSTERIOR WALL**

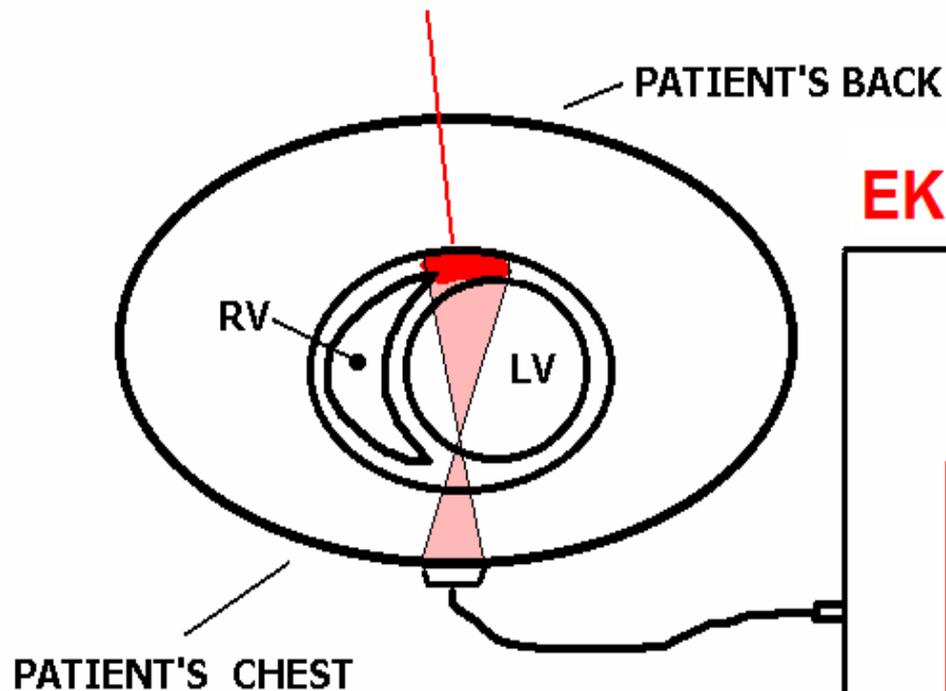


**via RECIPROCAL CHANGES.**

# HOW EKG VIEWS RECIPROCAL CHANGES

**EXAMPLE:**

**AREA OF ACUTE INFARCTION - POSTERIOR WALL**



**EKG sees S-T DEPRESSION**

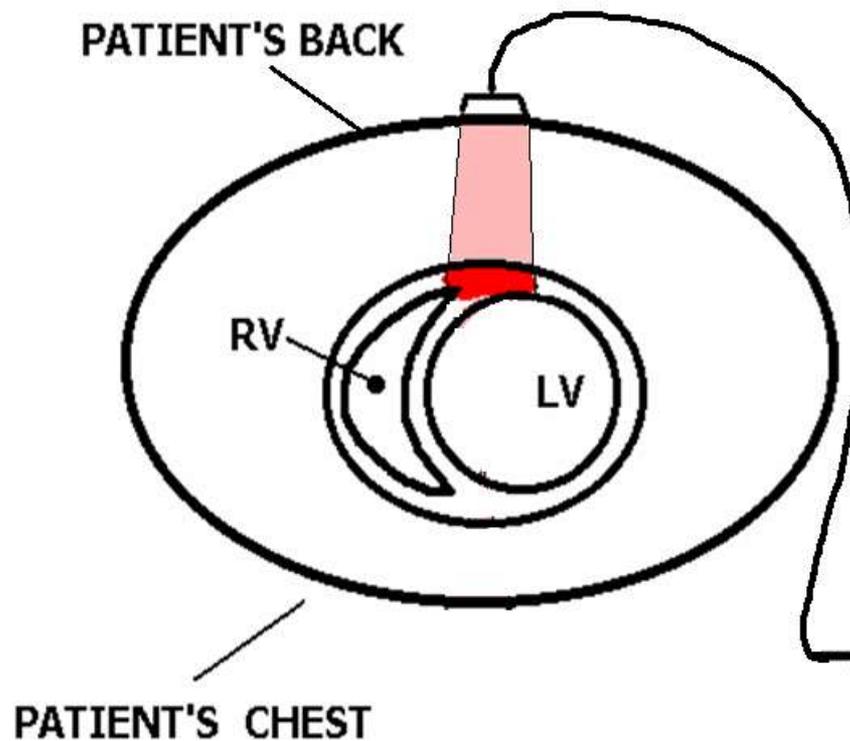
ECG LEAD V2



# Posterior Wall STEMI....

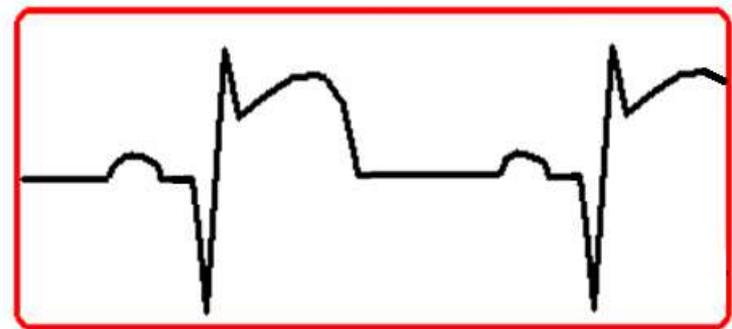
- To see **ST Elevation** from a Posterior Wall STEMI, *you must place ECG leads **on the patient's back...***

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



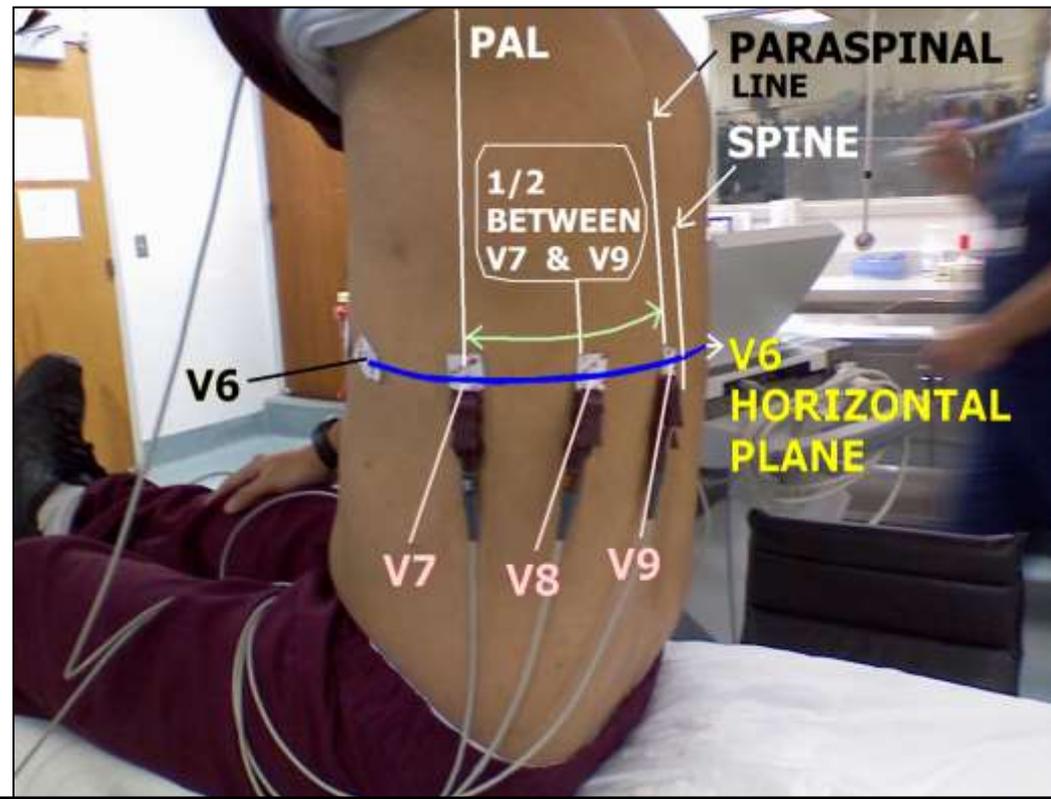
**EKG sees S-T ELEVATION**

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



# Continued Exam in the ED....

- Upon noting ST Depression in Anterior Leads V1-V4, ED Paramedic Gary Polizzi place three leads on the patient's back. Gary used the lead wires for V4, V5 and V6, with placement as shown here:
- The “Posterior Lead ECG” is seen on the next slide.....



# Posterior STEMI Criteria:

- ST Elevation of 0.5mm (0.5mv) or more in Leads V7, V8 and/or V9

# Posterior STEMI Criteria:

- ST Elevation of \_\_\_mm (0.5mv) or more in Leads V7, V8 and/or V9

Pat ID [REDACTED]

01/07/2019 09:23:29

[REDACTED] 79 yrs

Caucasian Female

Account [REDACTED]

Bayfront Health Seven Rivers ED

Dept EDHD

Room EDH

Tech gp

Req Provider: ONIER VILLARREAL

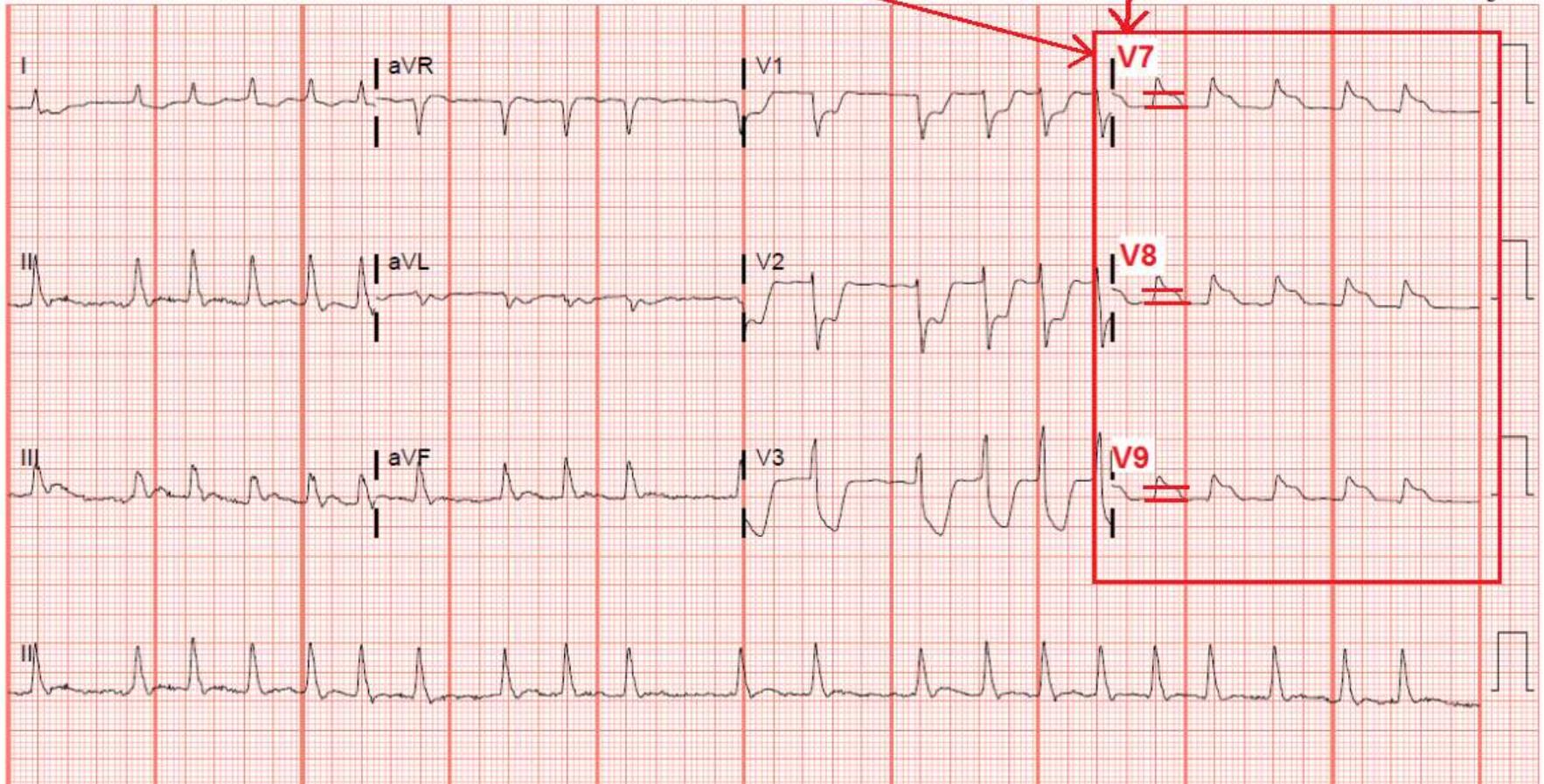
Rate	133	Atrial fibrillation
PR		<del>Anterolateral infarct, acute</del>
QRSd	114	Prolonged QT interval
QT	337	COMPARED TO ECG 01/07/2019 09:21:04
QTc	502	PROLONGED QT INTERVAL NOW PRESENT
--Axis--		<b>** Posterior Infarct - Acute **</b>
P		
QRS	77	
T	121	

**ACUTE POSTERIOR WALL STEMI**

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

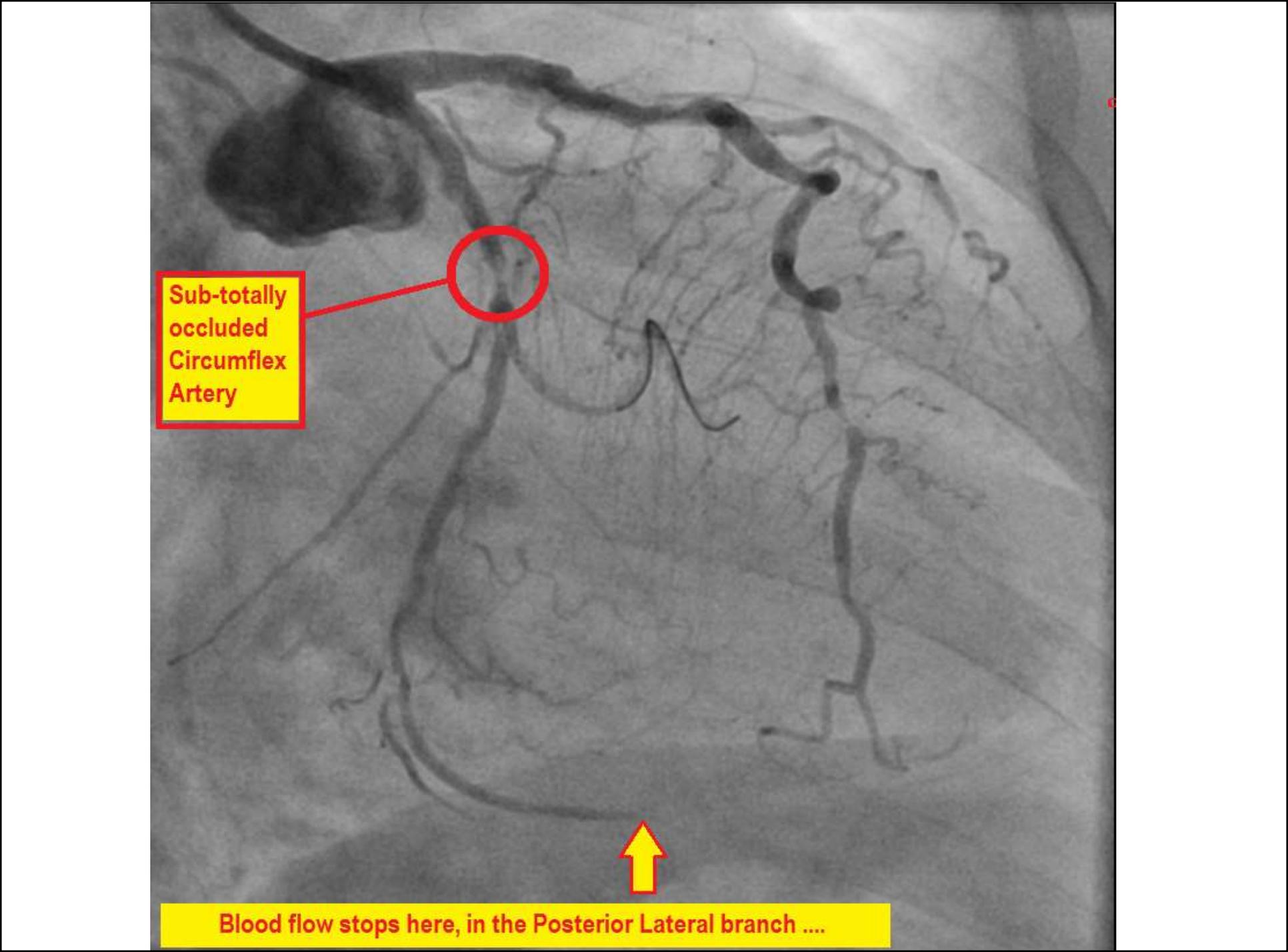
- Abnormal ECG -

Unconfirmed Diagnosis



# STEMI Alert !

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

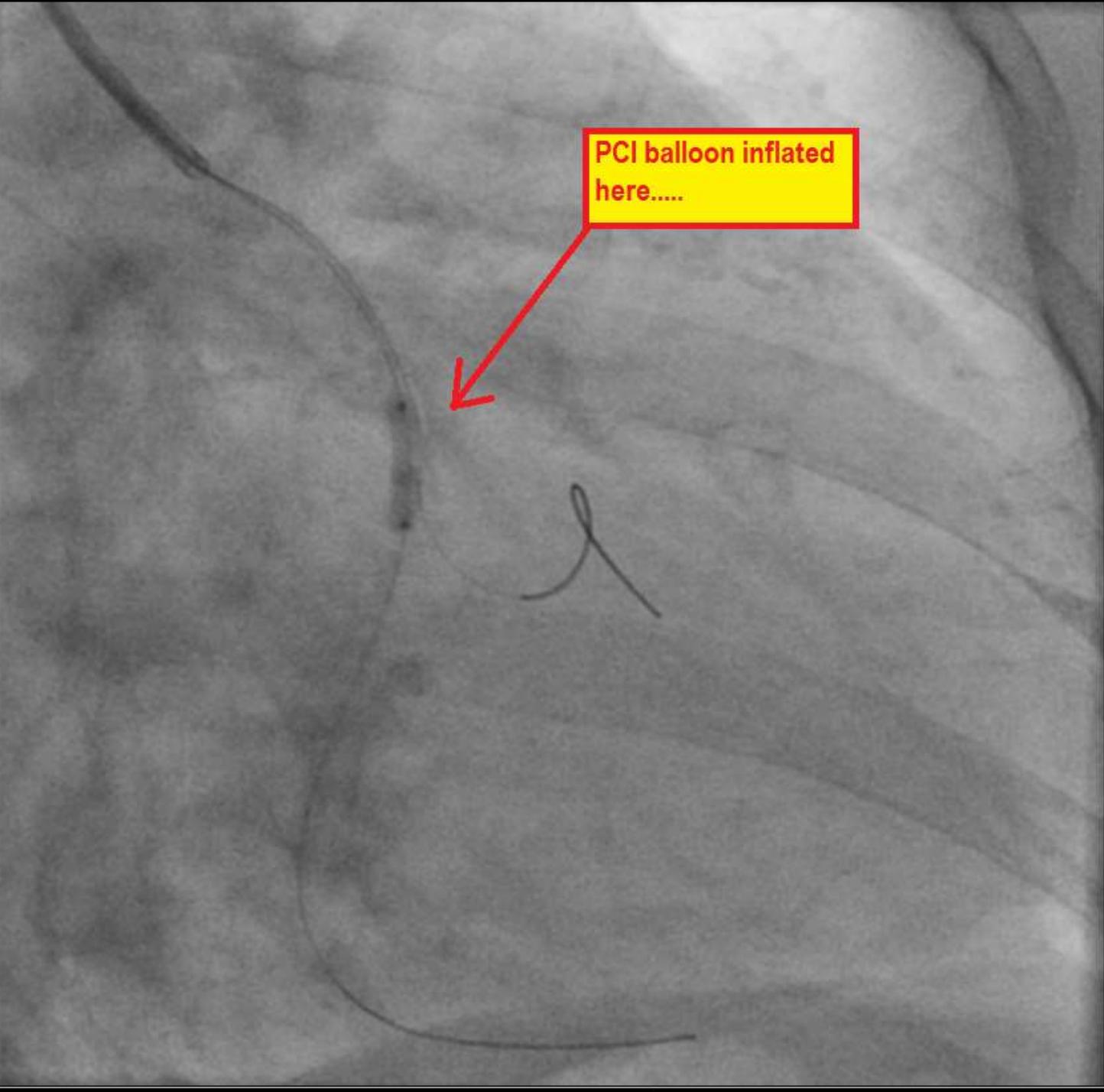


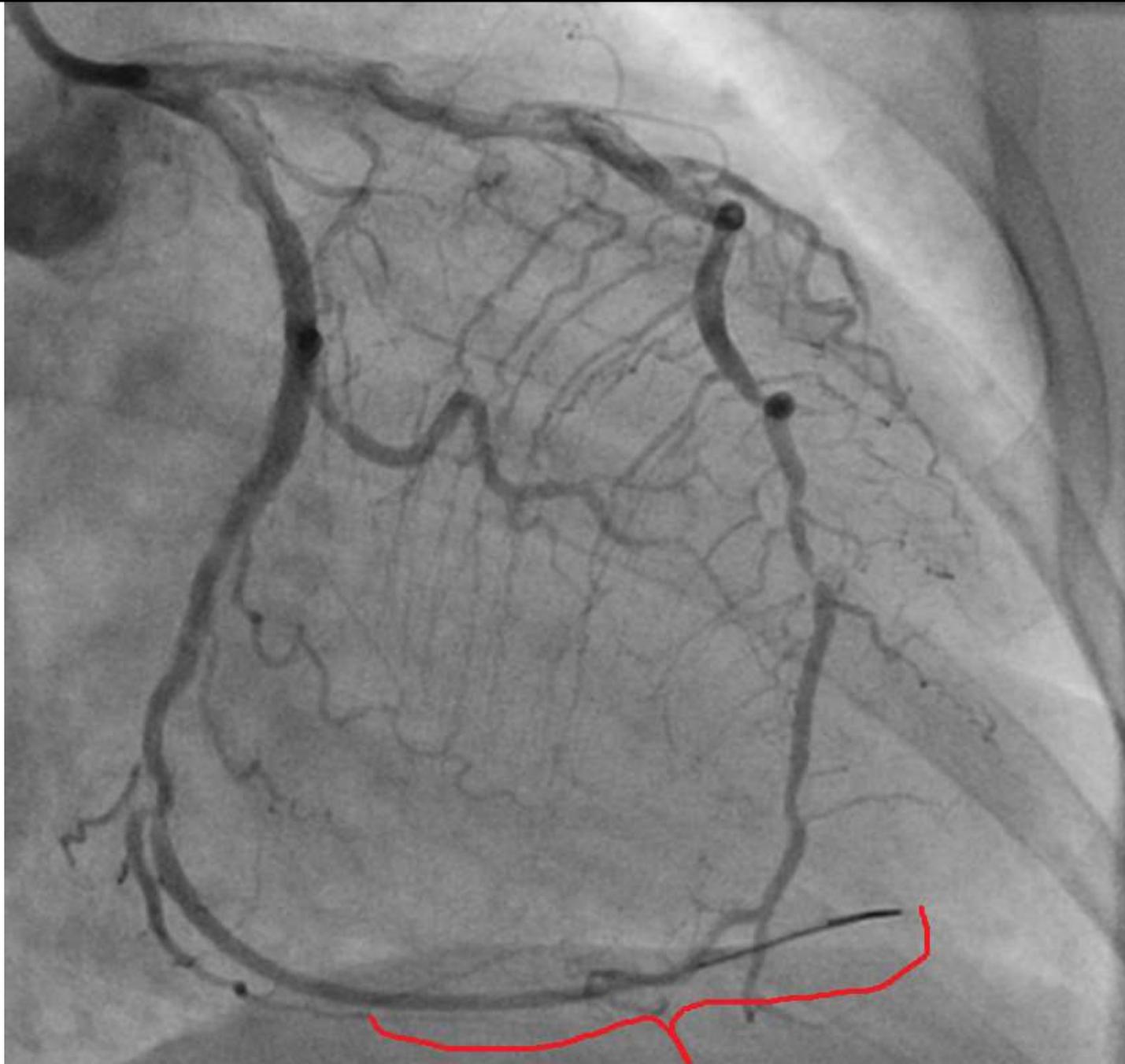
Sub-totally  
occluded  
Circumflex  
Artery

This is a grayscale coronary angiogram showing the heart's arterial system. A red circle highlights a narrowing in the Circumflex Artery. A yellow arrow points to a branch at the bottom of the image where the contrast medium has stopped, indicating a blockage.

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

PCI balloon inflated here.....





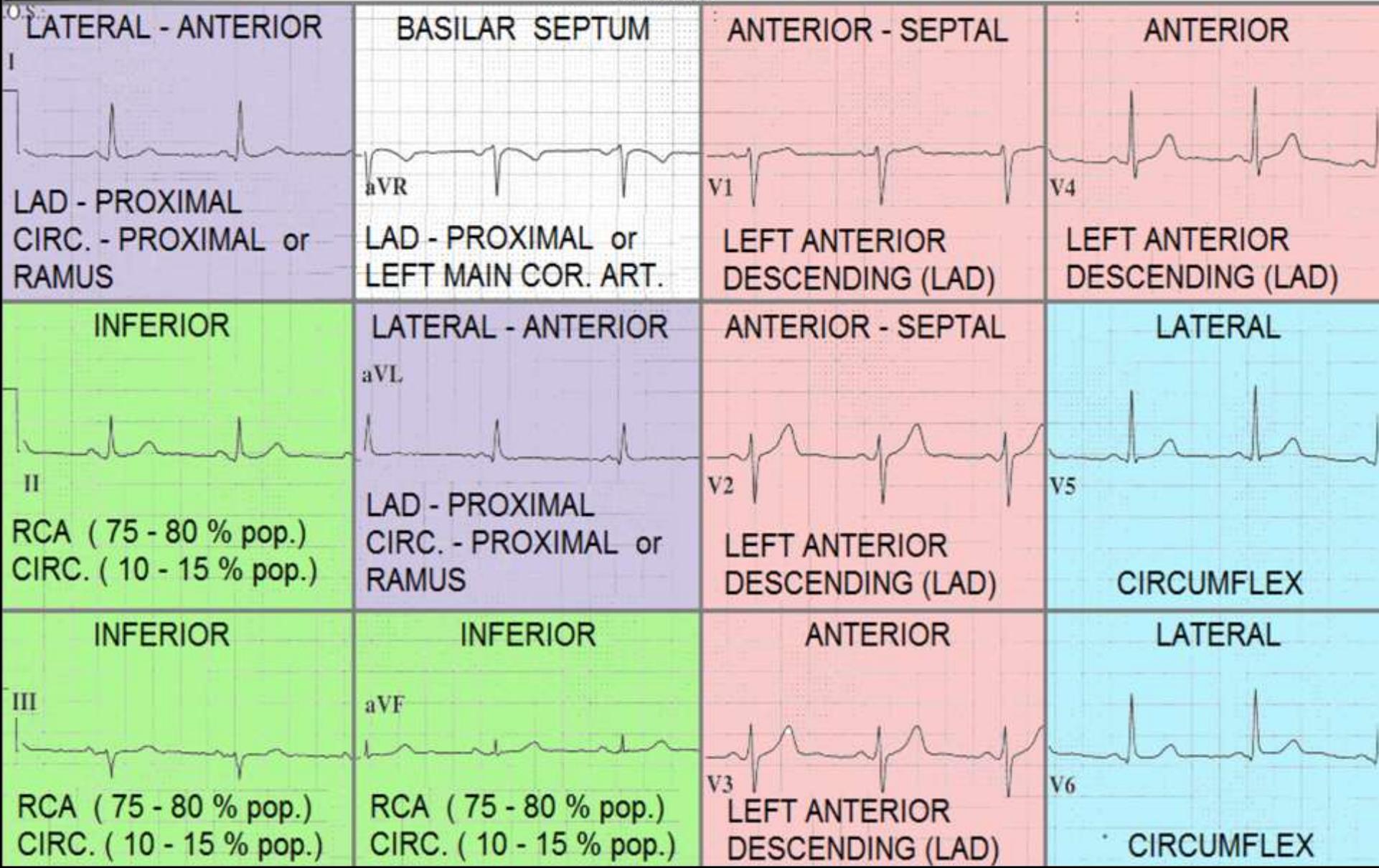
**After PCI (stent deployment), Posterior Lateral branch now OPEN !**

# SUMMARY

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

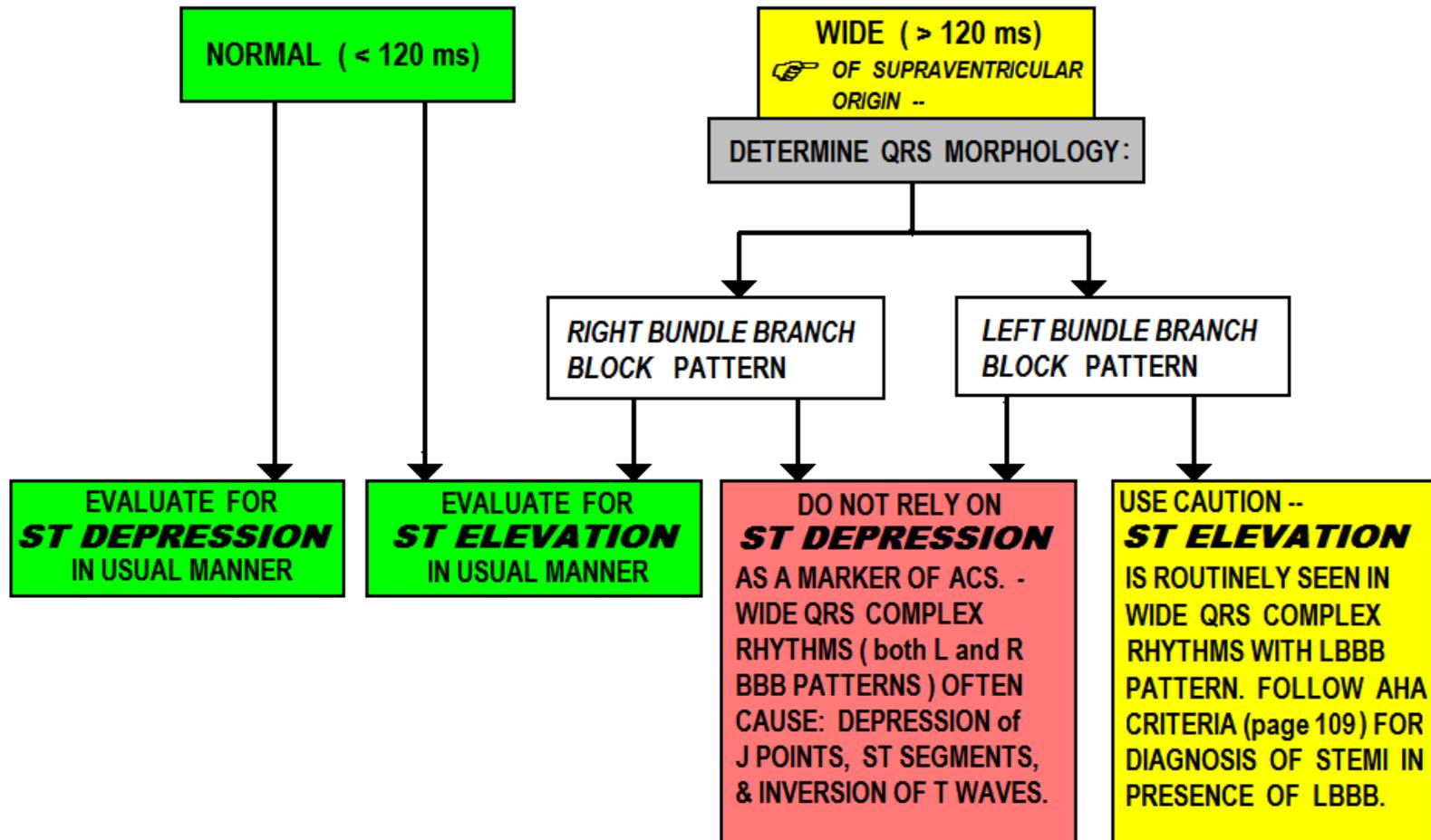
Vent. rate 64 BPM Normal sinus rhythm  
 PR interval 130 ms Normal ECG  
 QRS duration 96 ms No previous ECGs available  
 QT/QTc 396/408 ms  
 P-R-T axes 40 11 61

Referred by:



# 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

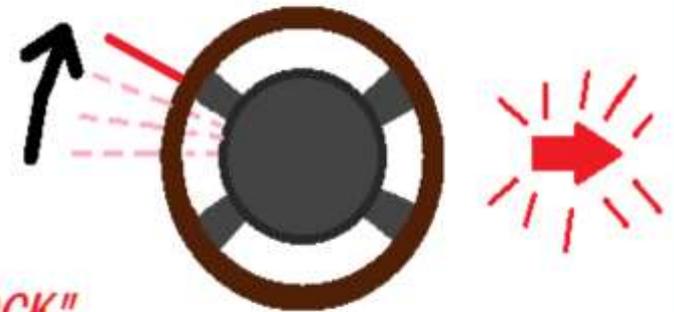
V1

**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"

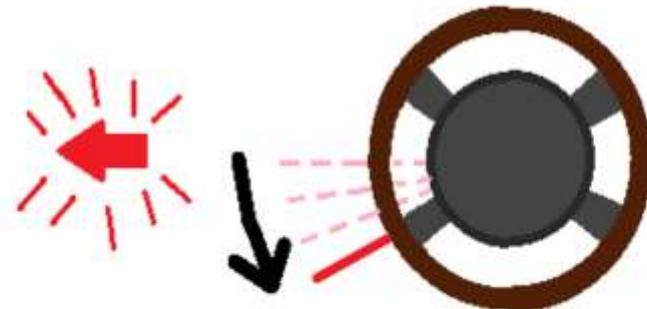


V1

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

THINK:

"QRS points DOWN = LEFT BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK"



# “Terminal Phase of QRS Method”...

## DIAGNOSING BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK

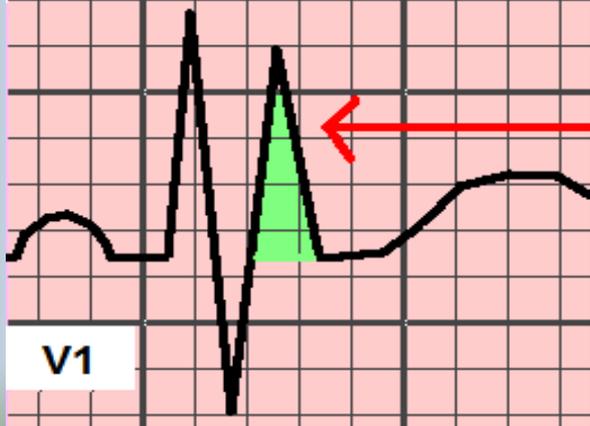
### L.B.B.B.



### USING LEAD V1

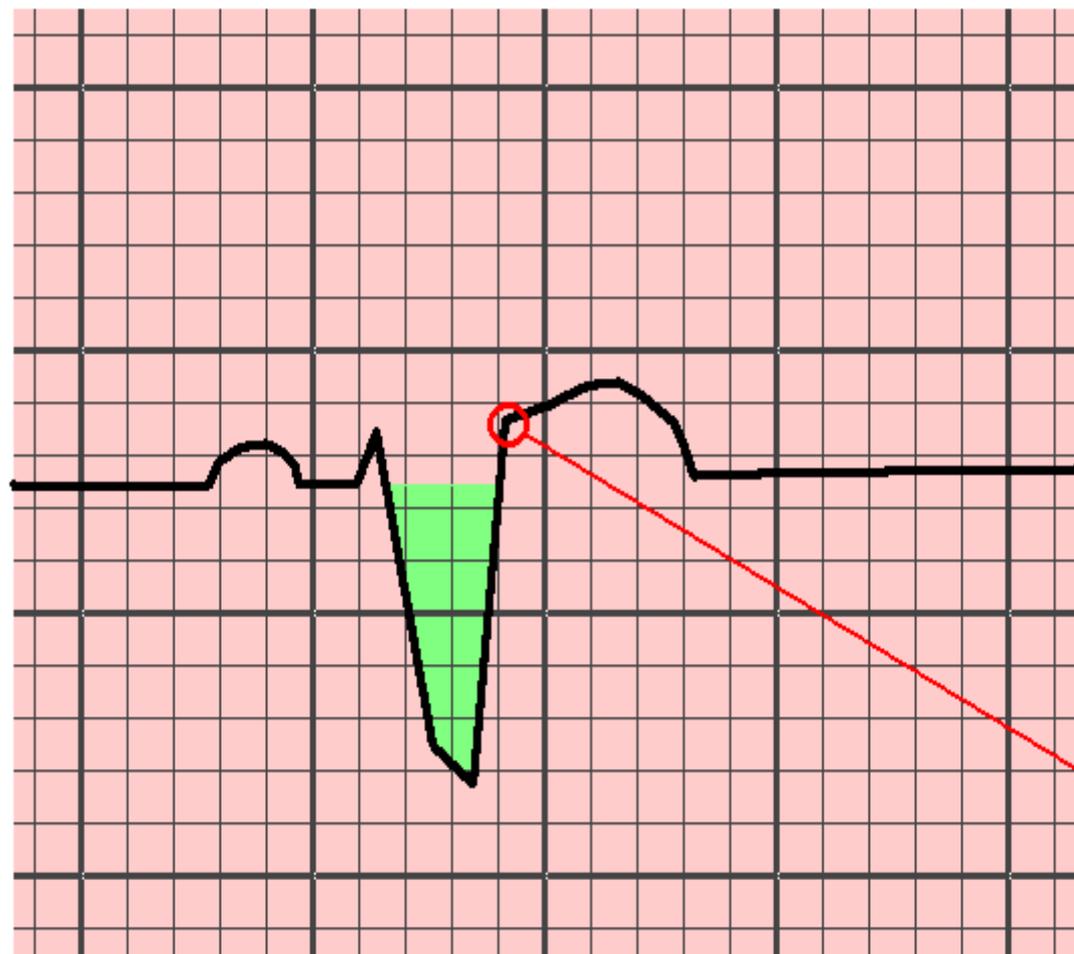
- QRS WIDER THAN 120 ms
- BEAT IS SUPRAVENTRICULAR IN ORIGIN
- TERMINAL PHASE OF QRS COMPLEX (LAST DEFLECTION)

### R.B.B.B.



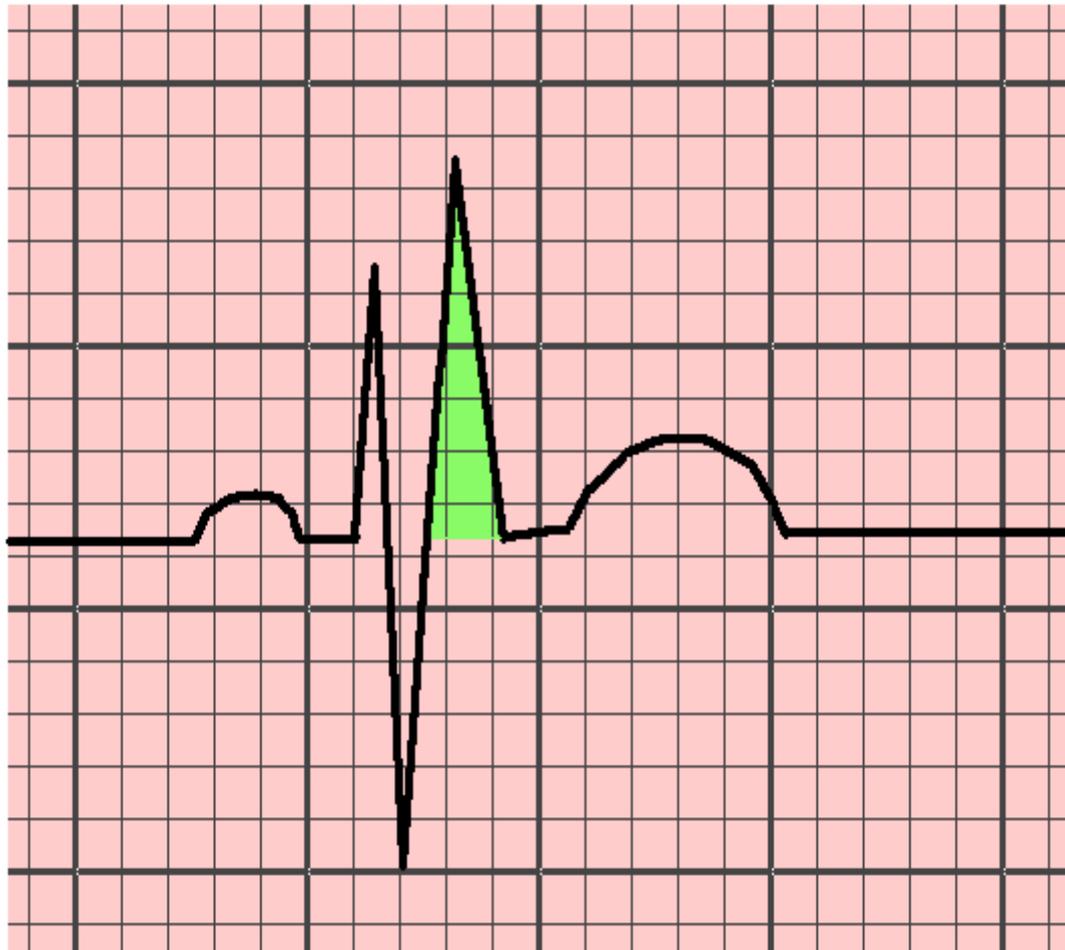
- NEGATIVE = LEFT BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK
- POSITIVE = RIGHT BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK

## DIAGNOSING LBBB IN LEAD V1:



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

## DIAGNOSING RBBB IN LEAD V1:



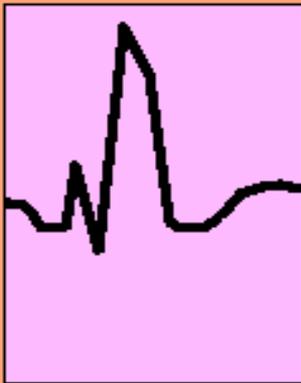
- **WIDER THAN 120 ms (.12)**  
**(or 3 little boxes)**
- **TERMINAL PHASE (LAST PART) OF QRS COMPLEX IS POSITIVE DEFLECTION**

# DIAGNOSING BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK

USING LEADS V1, V2, and V5, V6:

LOCATING  $R_sR'$  or  $RR'$  COMPLEXES:

V1



V2



**RIGHT BUNDLE  
BRANCH BLOCK**

V5



V6



**LEFT BUNDLE  
BRANCH BLOCK**

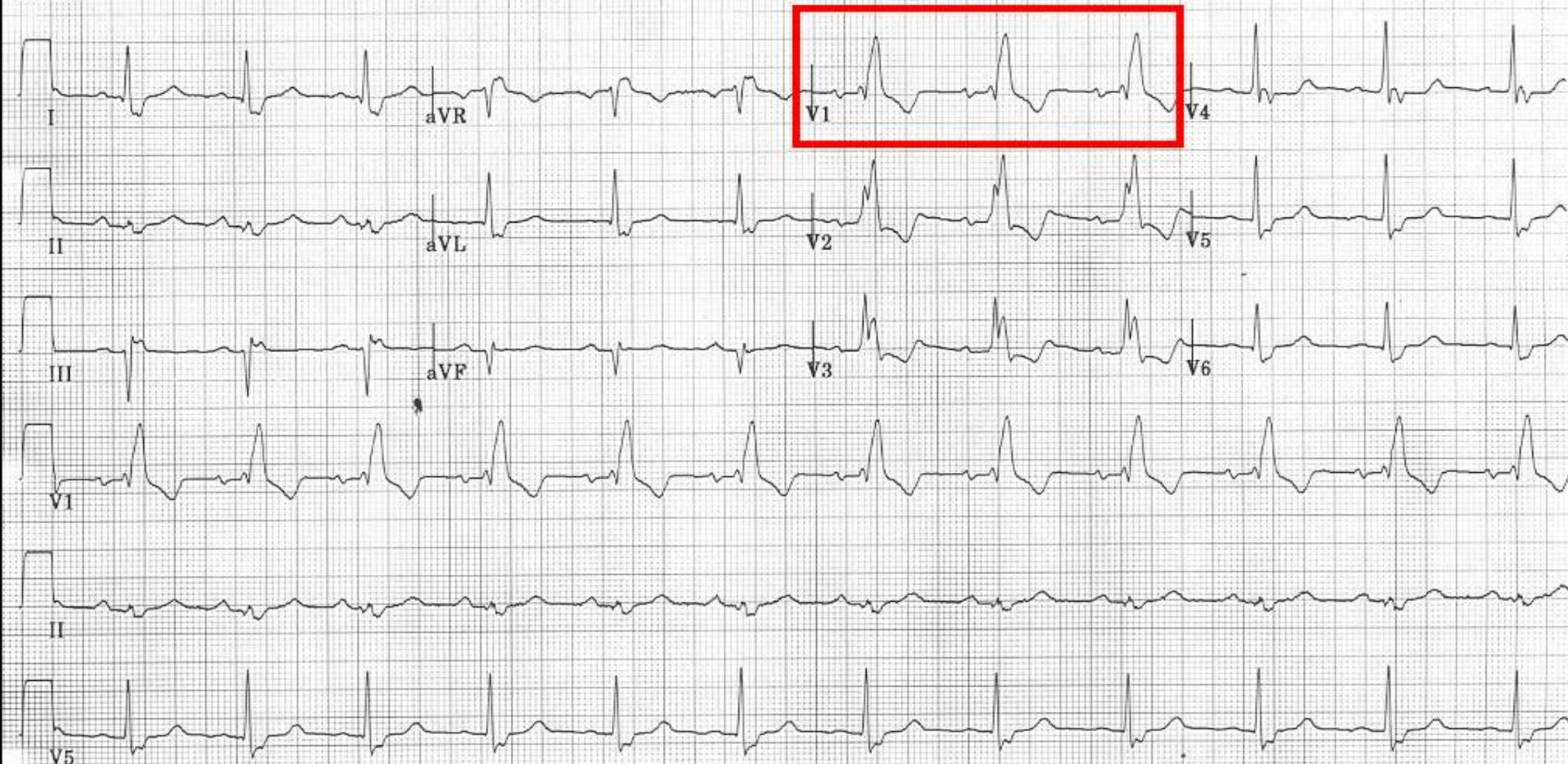
74years		Vent. rate	72 bpm	Normal sinus rhythm
Male	Caucasian	PR interval	186 ms	Left axis deviation
		QRS duration	166 ms	Right bundle branch block
Room:		QT/QTc	436/477 ms	Inferior infarct, age undetermined
Loc: 0	Opt:	P-R-T axes	57 -32 32	Abnormal ECG

Technician: WR

Referred by:

Unconfirmed

D.O.S.:



**TERMINAL PHASE OF QRS IS**  
**POSITIVE**



**= RIGHT BUNDLE  
BRANCH BLOCK**

09:16:40

74 yr  
Female Caucasian

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

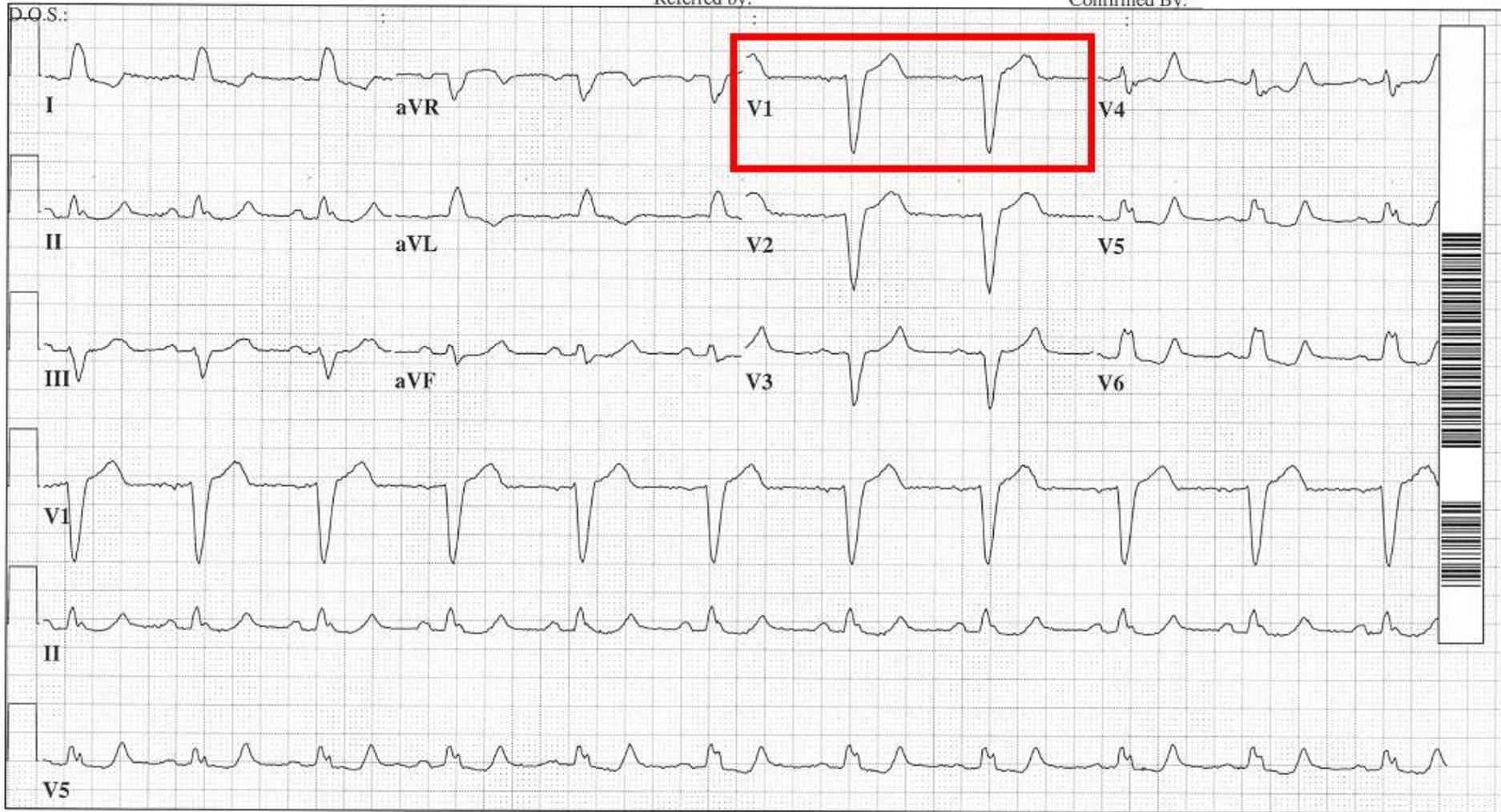
Normal sinus rhythm  
Left bundle branch block  
Abnormal ECG  
When compared with ECG of 28-MAY-2003 06:36,

EKG #WR03029959

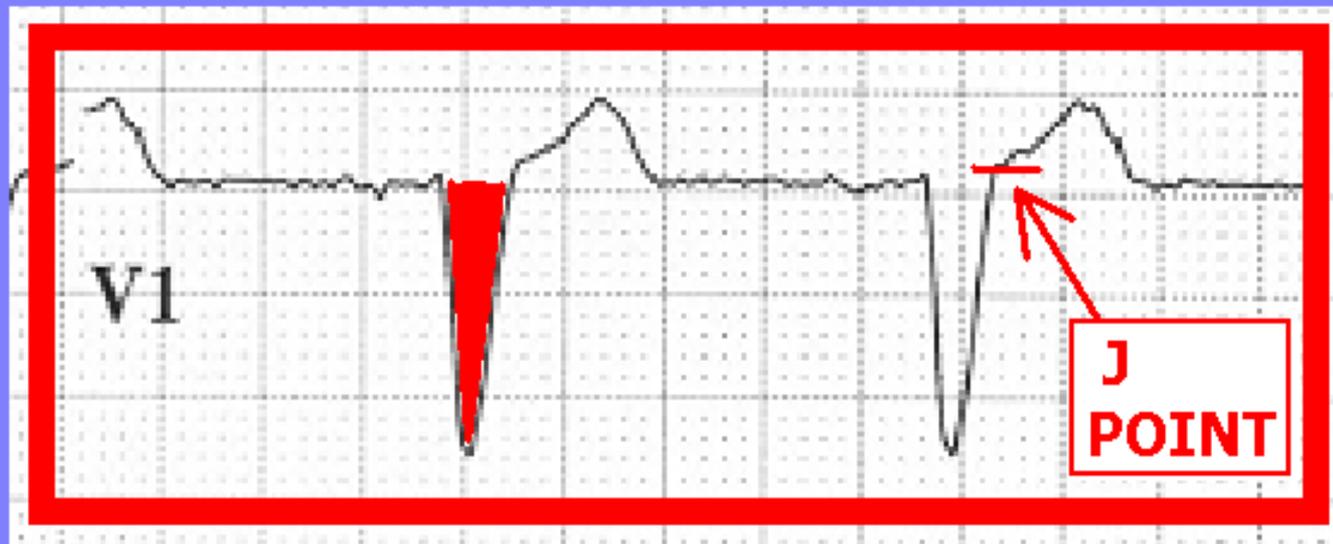
Technician: WW

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**TERMINAL PHASE OF QRS IS  
NEGATIVE**



**= 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

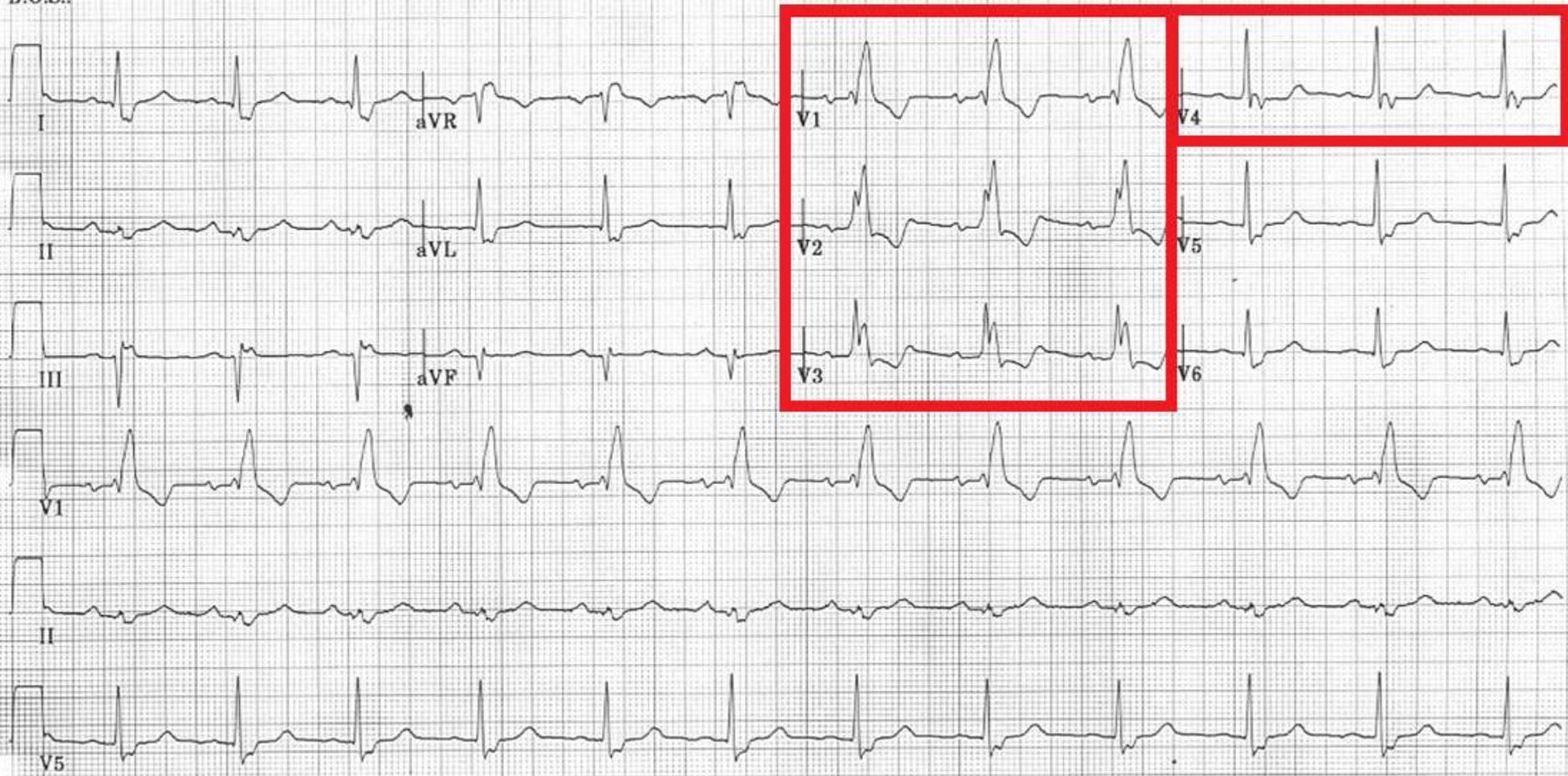
**RBBB causes ST Depression, T Wave Inversion, ANTERIOR Leads (V1 - V4).**

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**

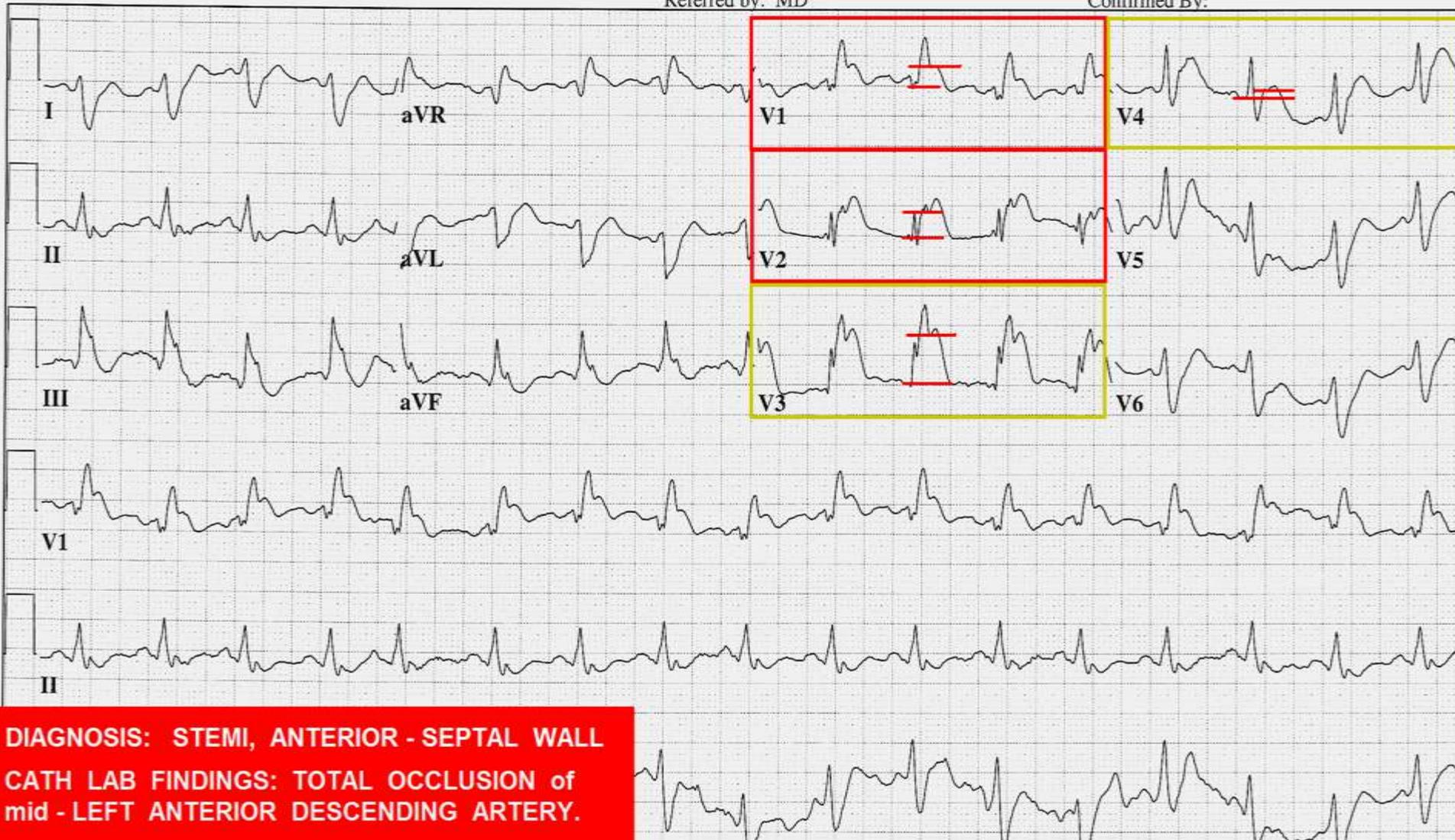
48 yr  
Male Caucasian  
Room:ATL  
Loc:3 Option:23  
Vent. rate 102 BPM  
PR interval 130 ms  
QRS duration 168 ms  
QT/QTc 400/521 ms  
P-R-T axes 60 114 -19

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.**

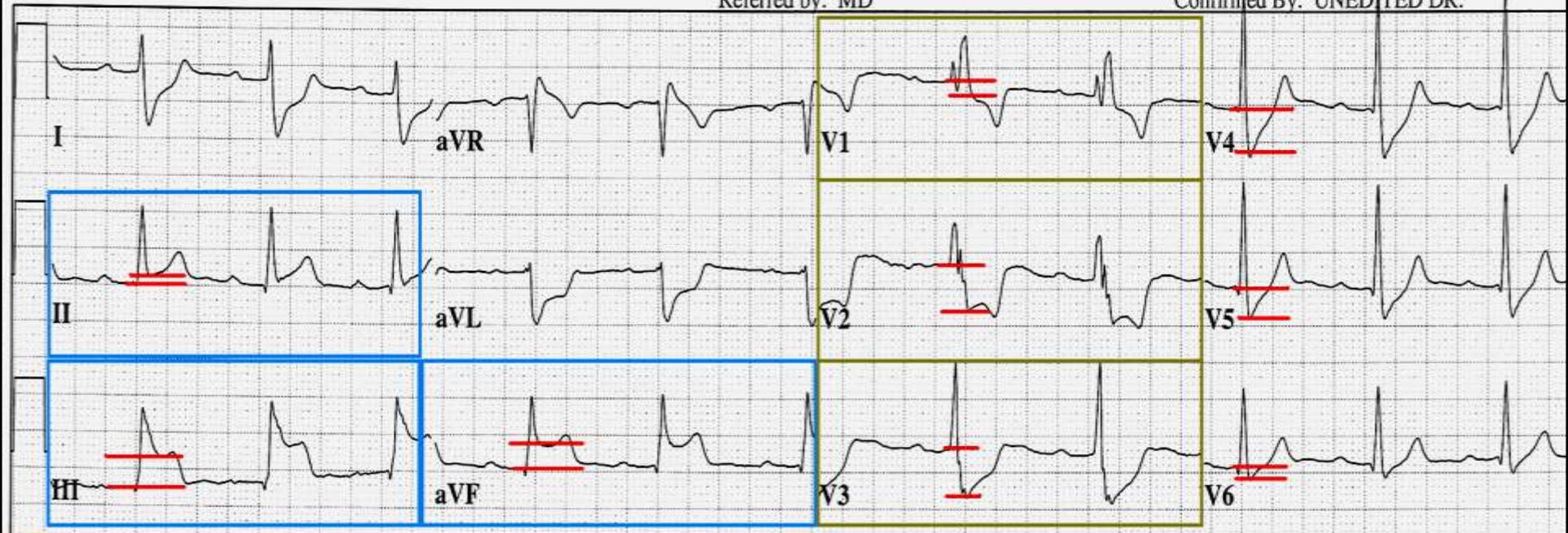
**RBBB with CHEST PAIN - CASE 2: ST ELEVATION LEADS II, III, aVF - WITH RECIPROCAL ST DEPRESSION in LEADS V1 - V6**

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

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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

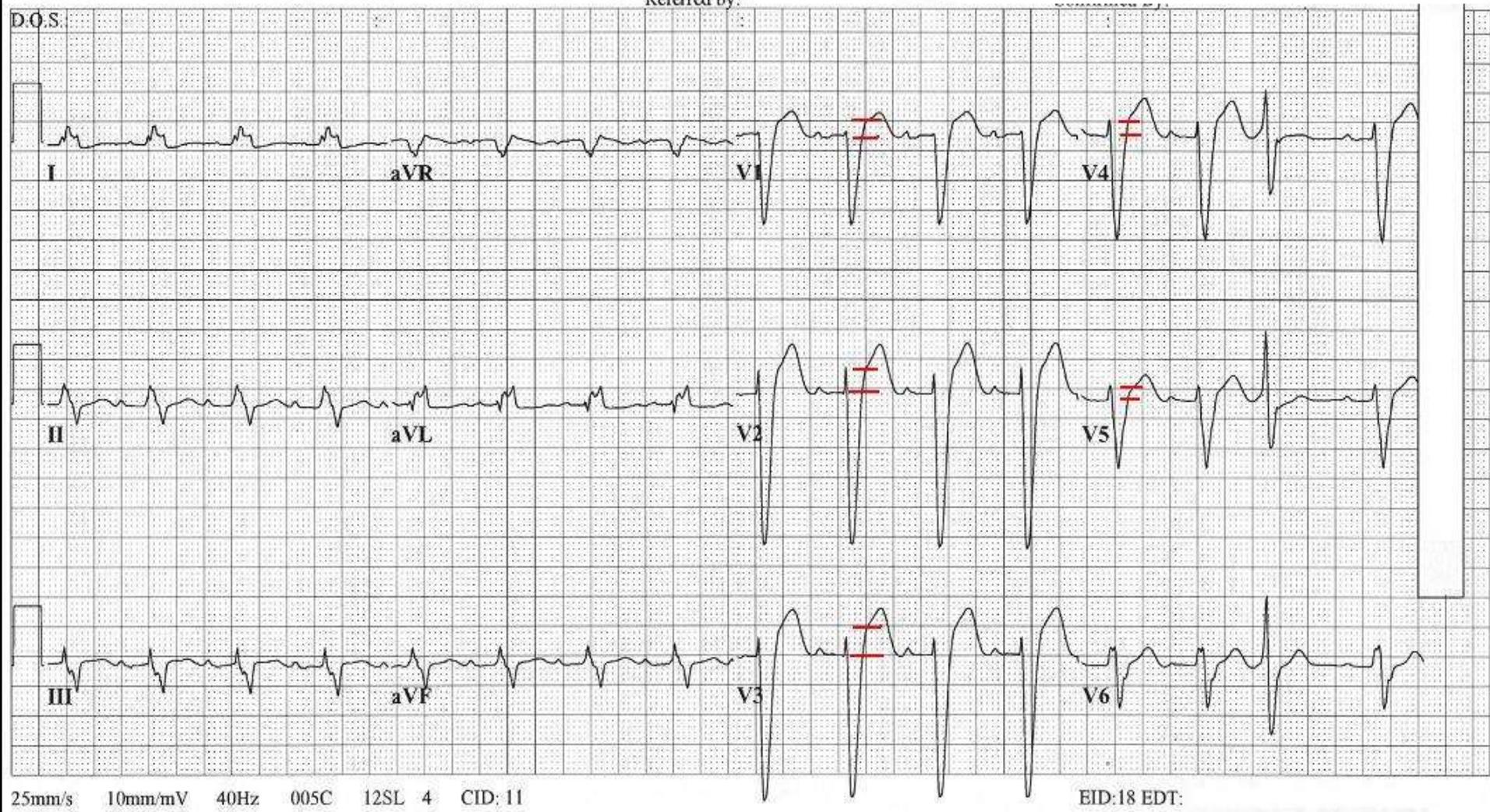
Vent. rate	94	BPM
PR interval	202	ms
QRS duration	160	ms
QT/QTc	388/485	ms
P-R-T axes	91 -23 87	

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**

*In patients with*

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

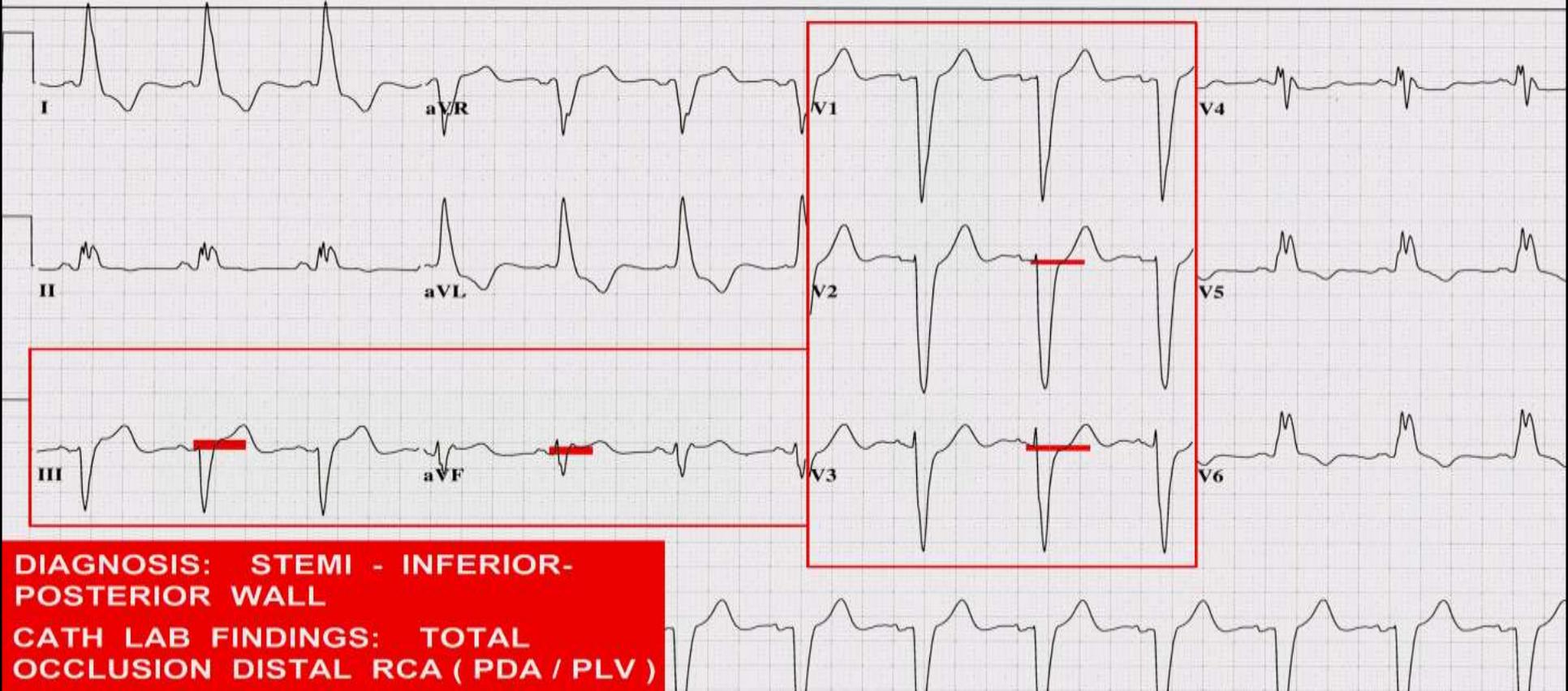
*The J Point elevation can exceed 0.5 mv  
(5mm) above the iso-electric line in patients  
without ACS.*

# LBBB with CHEST PAIN - CASE 1 : PRESENTING EKG

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

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

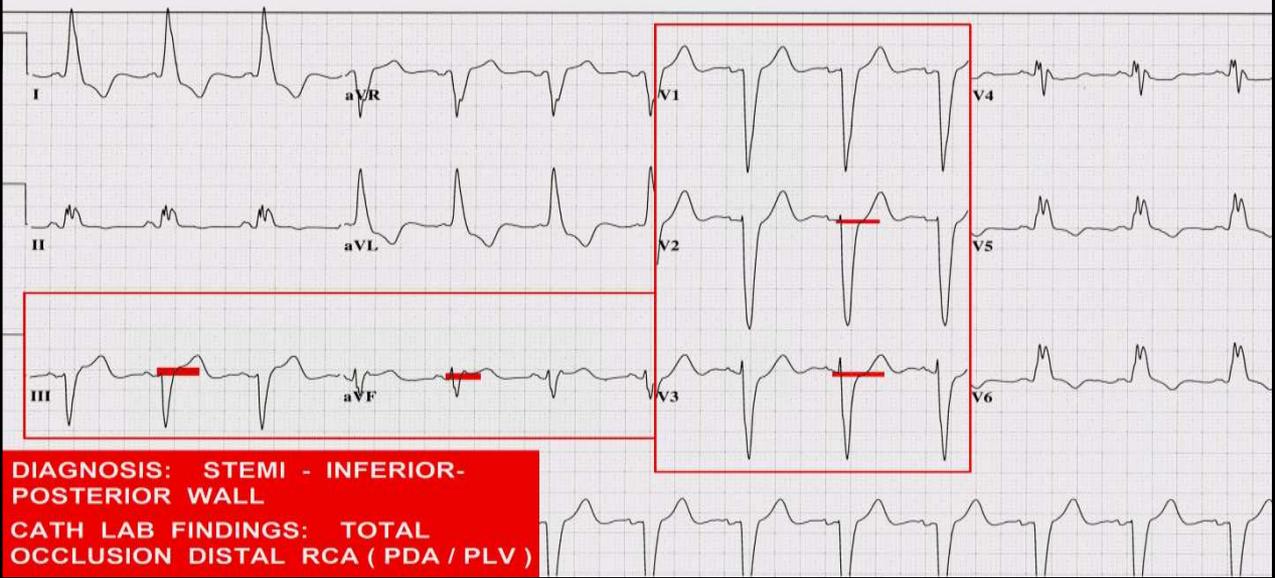
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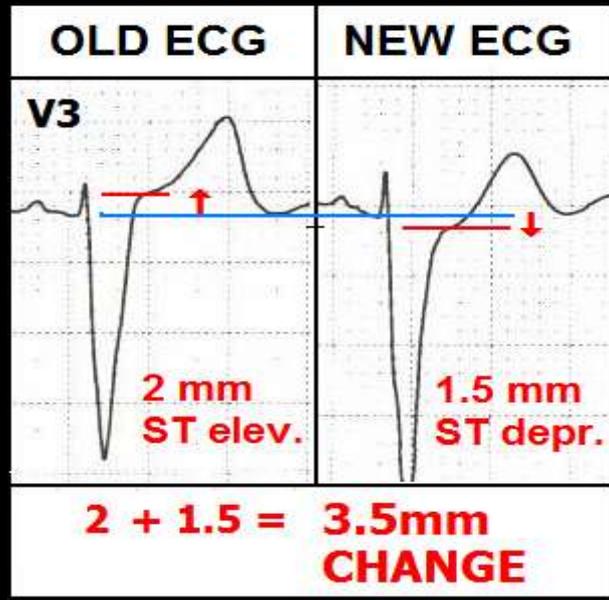
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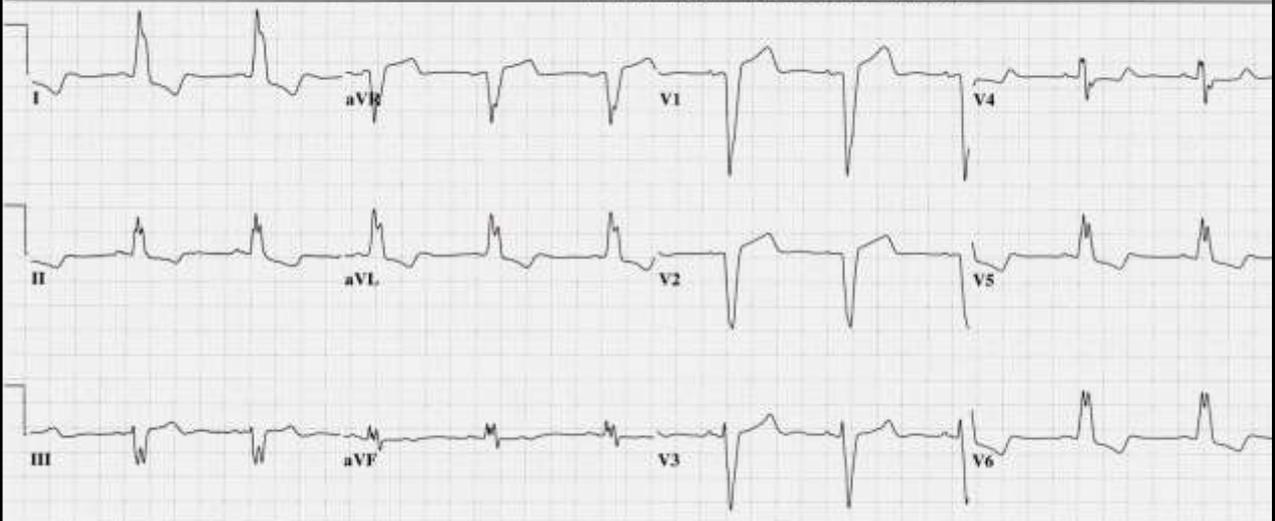
**DIAGNOSIS: STEMI - INFERIOR-POSTERIOR WALL**  
**CATH LAB FINDINGS: TOTAL OCCLUSION DISTAL RCA ( PDA / PLV )**



**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.

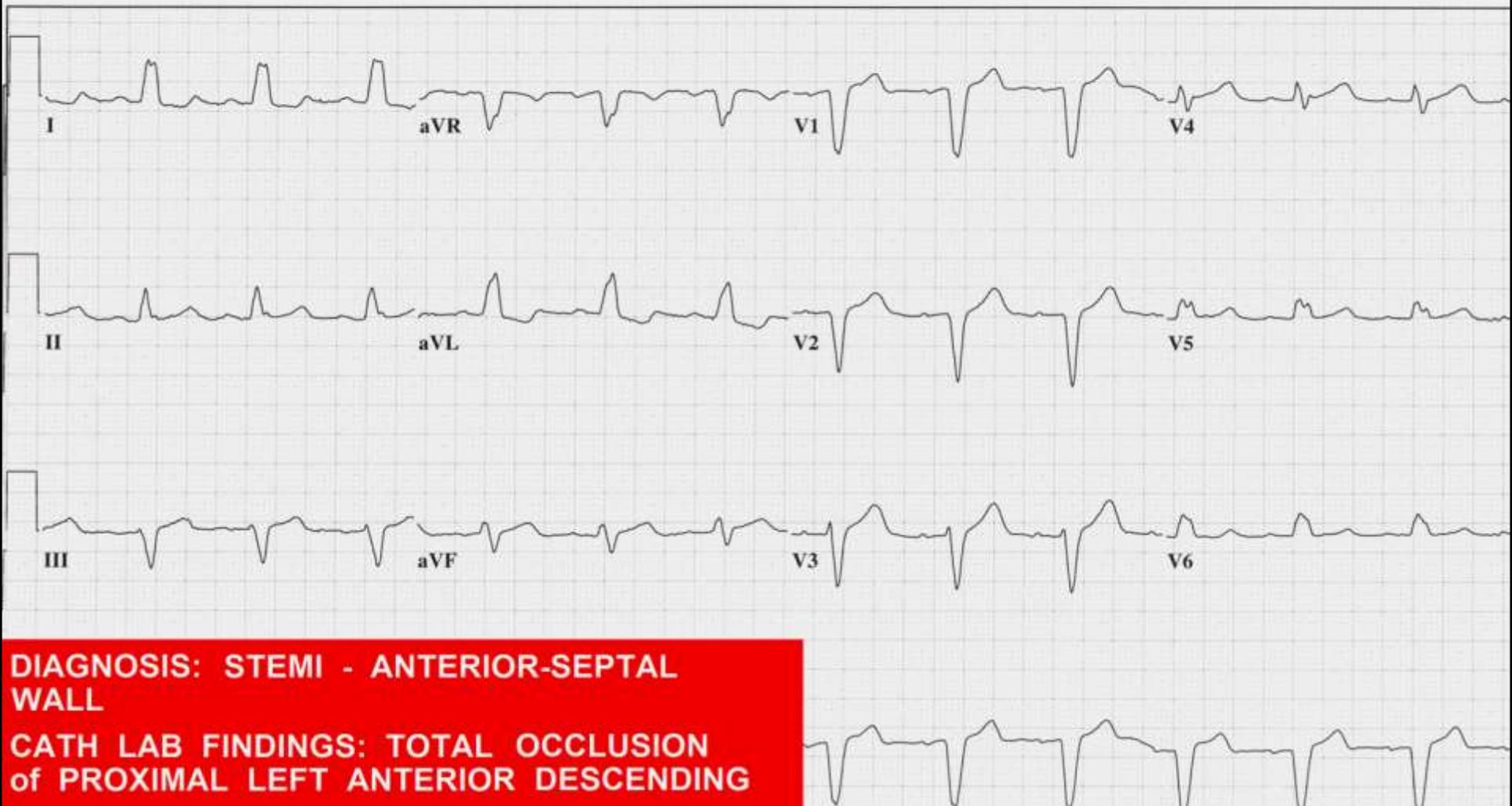


# LBBB with CHEST PAIN - CASE 2 : NEW ONSET of LBBB

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

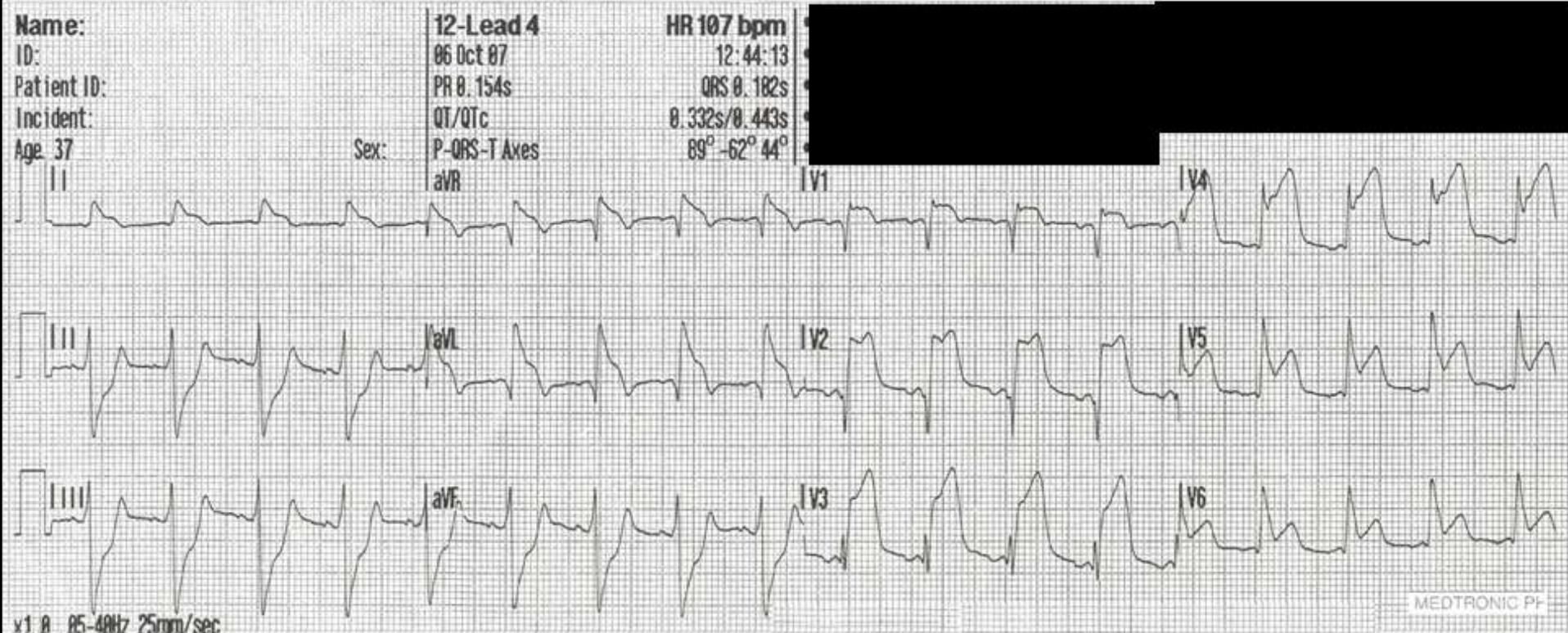
Vent. rate 77 BPM  
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QRS duration 142 ms  
QT/QTc 446/504 ms  
P-R-T axes 38 0 92

Normal sinus rhythm  
Left bundle branch block  
Abnormal ECG

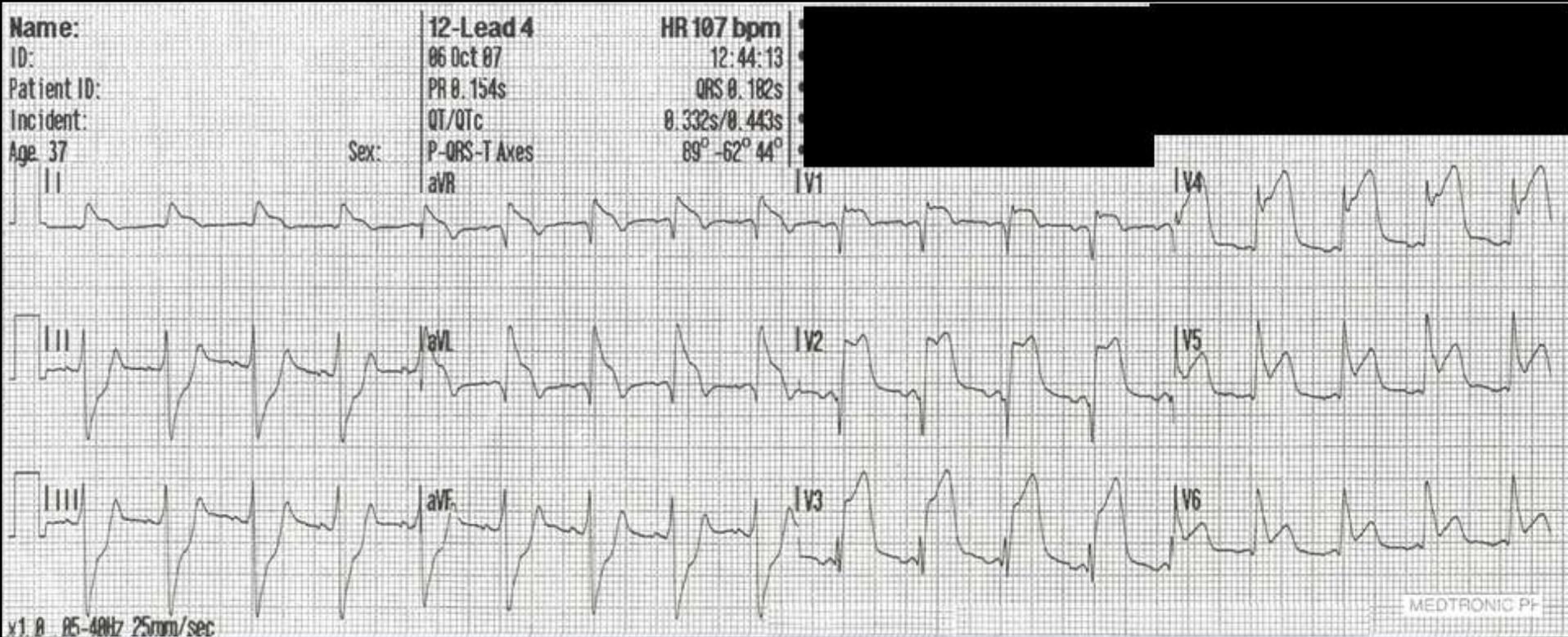


# Practice ECGs . . .

# Let's review . . . .

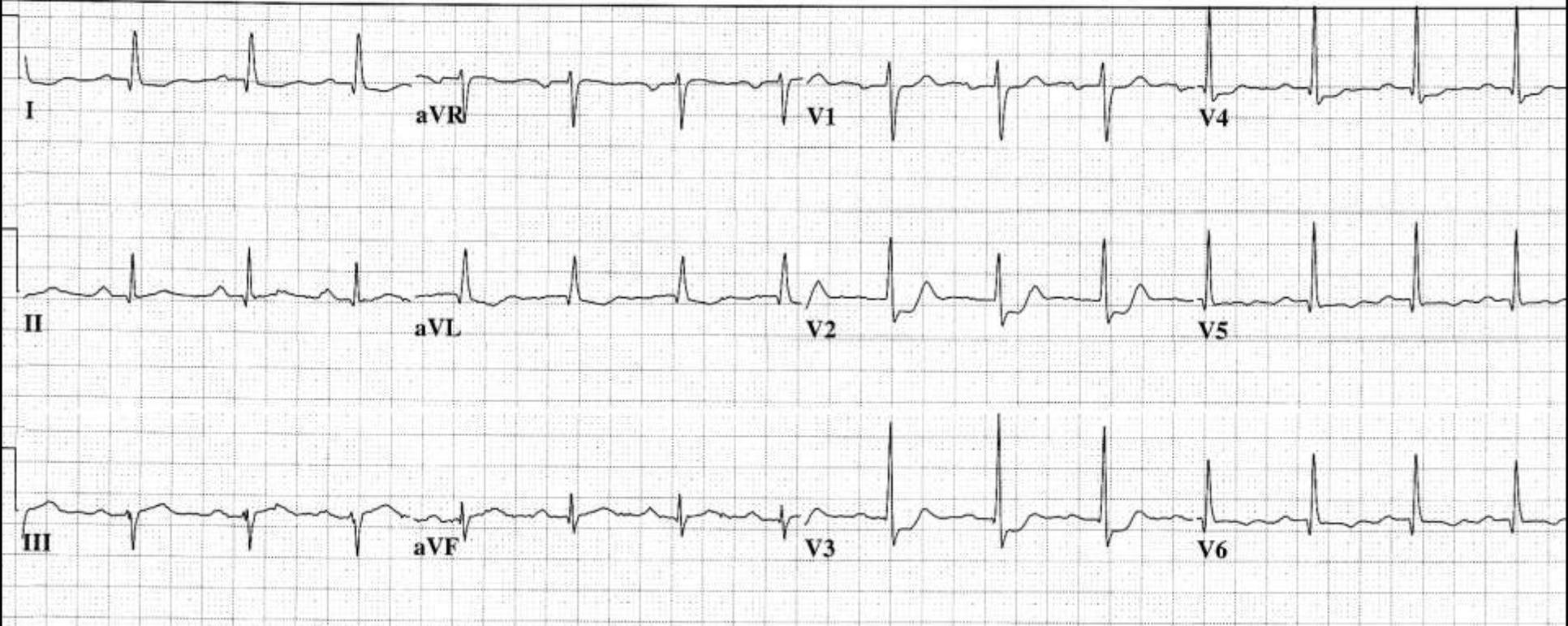


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2. Possible diagnosis?
3. Action / Intervention?



- 1. ECG abnormality(ies)? ST Elevation Leads I, AVR AVL, V1, V2, V3, V4, V5 & V6. ST Depression II, III and AVF**
- 2. Possible diagnosis? Acute Anterolateral Wall STEMI secondary to Left Main Coronary Artery occlusion (widow-maker MI).**
- 3. Action / Intervention? STAT CATH LAB vs STAT Thrombolytics. Prepare for Cardiac Arrest**

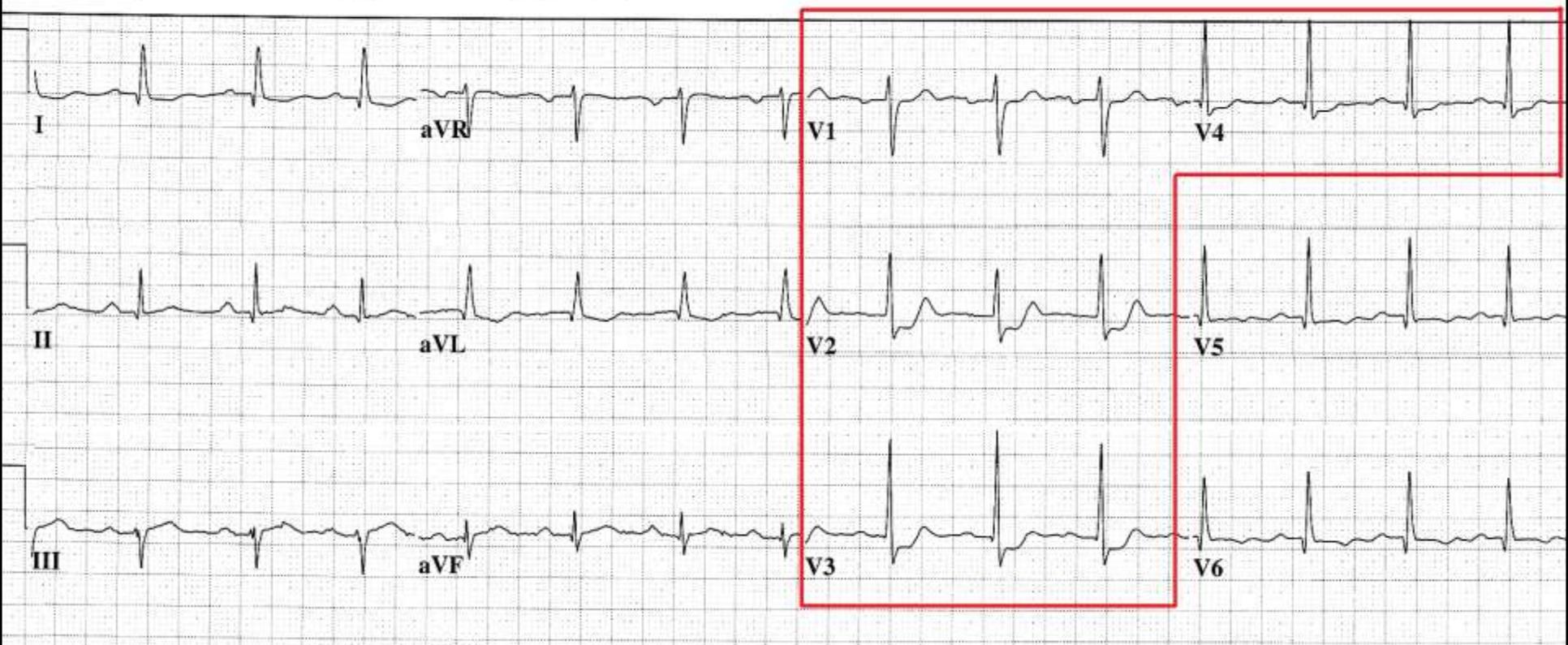
63 yr		Vent. rate	88	BPM
Male	Hispanic	PR interval	200	ms
		QRS duration	94	ms
Room: VAM		QT/QTc	352/425	ms
Loc: 3	Option: 23	P-R-T axes	63 2	118



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63 yr  
Male Hispanic  
Room: VAM  
Loc: 3 Option: 23

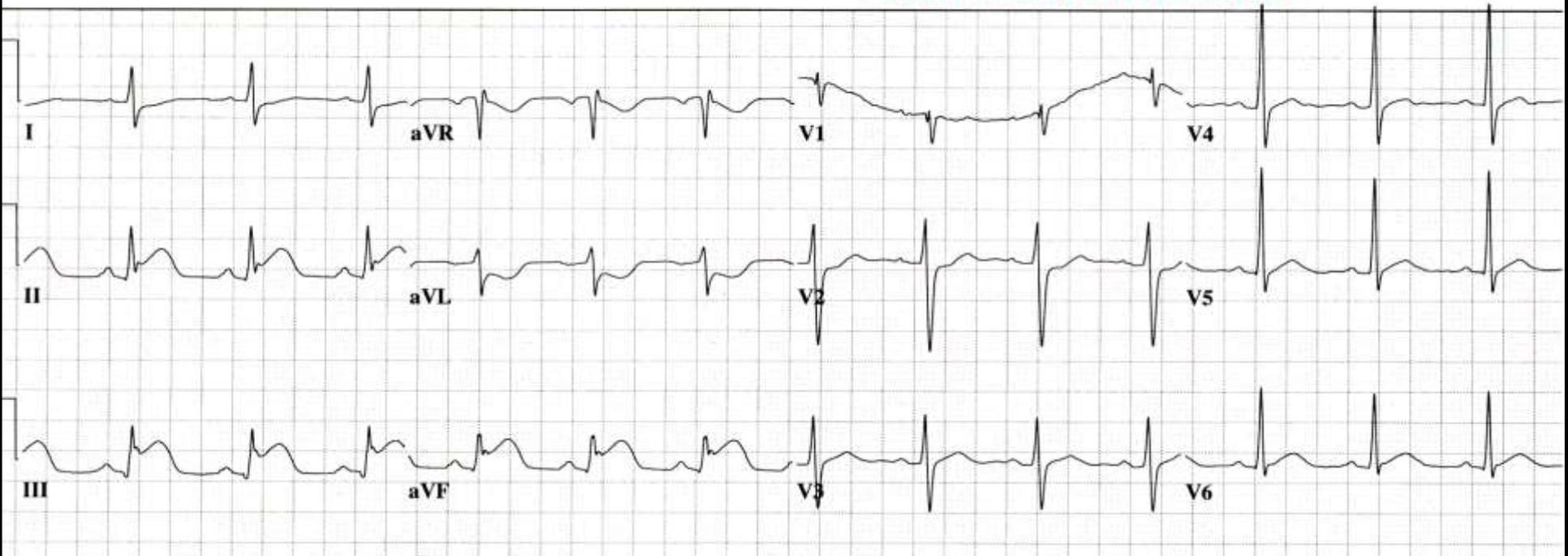
Vent. rate 88 BPM  
PR interval 200 ms  
QRS duration 94 ms  
QT/QTc 352/425 ms  
P-R-T axes 63 2 118



1. ECG abnormality(ies)? **ST Depression V1-V4**
2. Possible diagnosis? **Anterior ischemia vs. Posterior wall STEMI**
3. Action / Intervention? **Posterior ECG (V7-V9)**

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

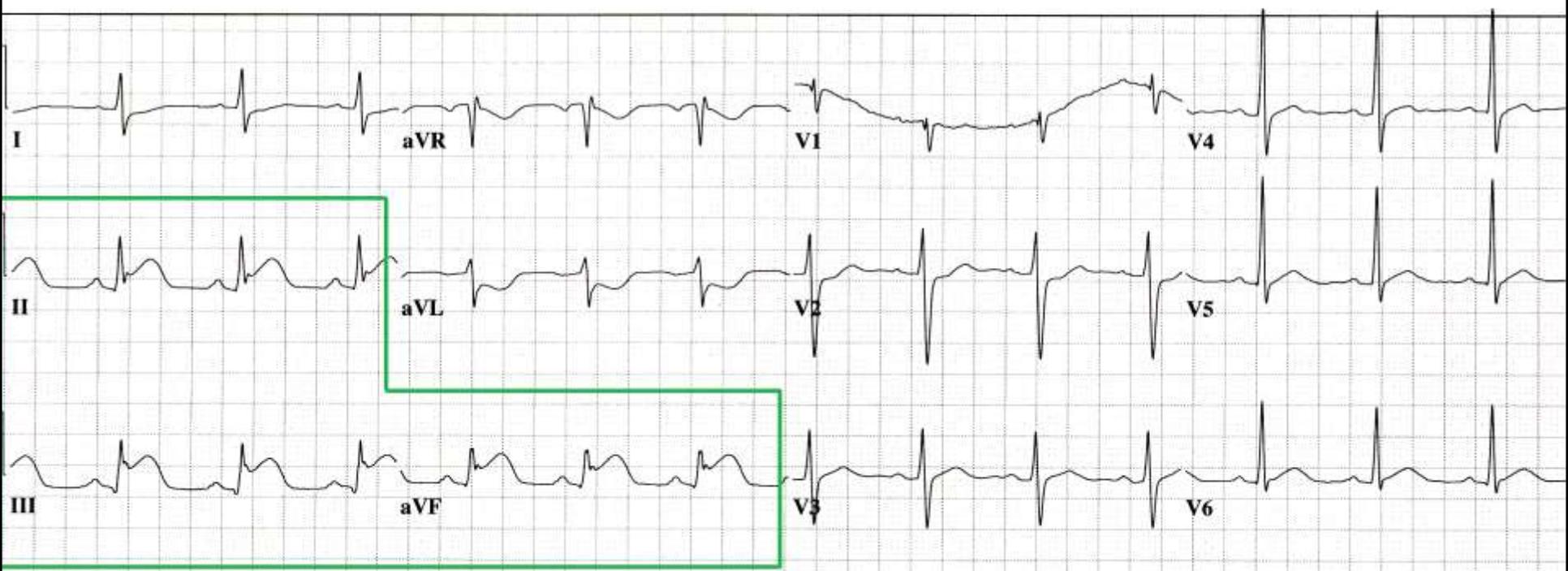


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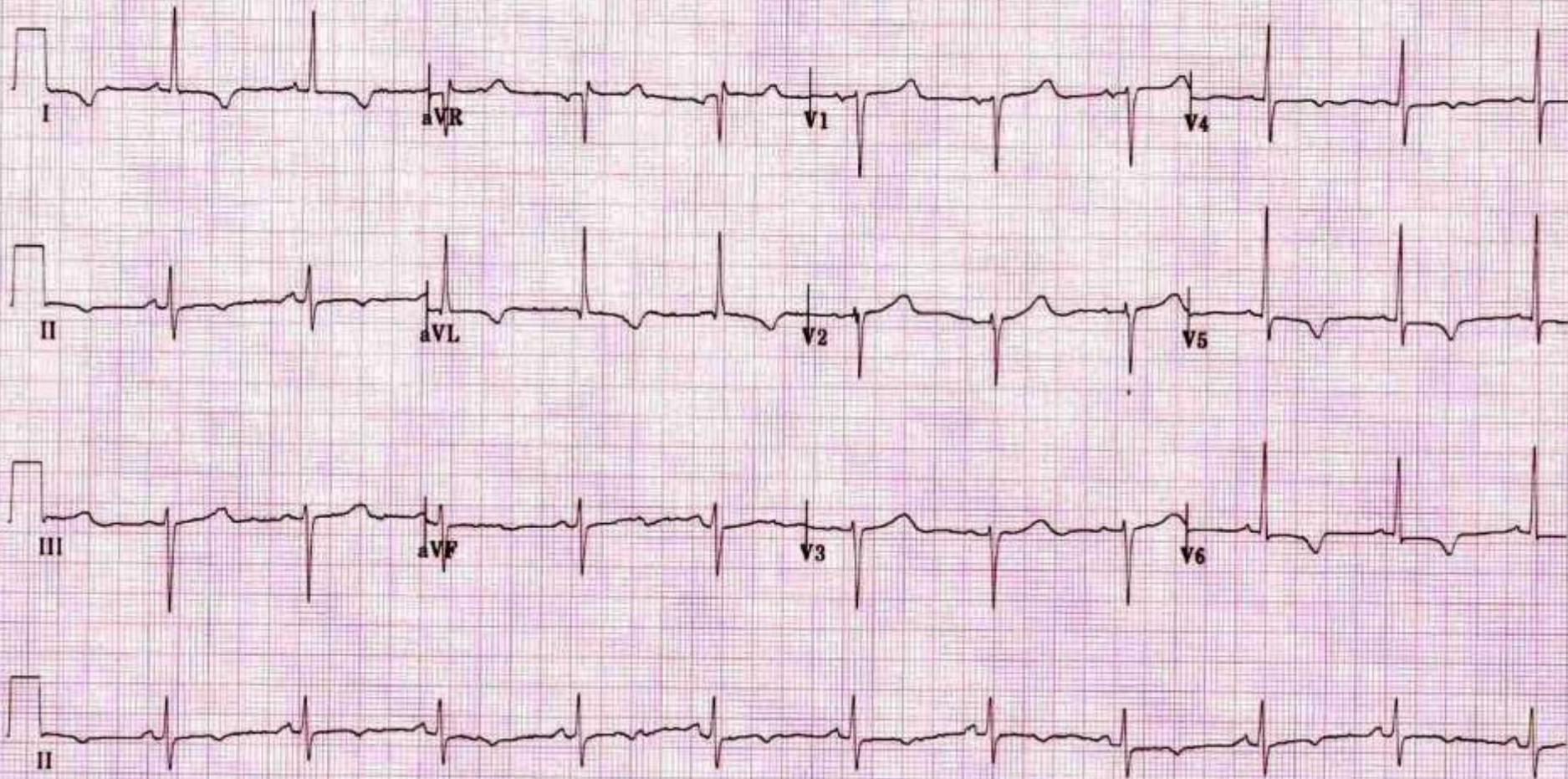
**ST-Segment Elevation in Leads II, III and AVF  
Consistent with: INFERIOR STEMI**



- 1. ECG abnormality(ies)?** **ST Elevation, Leads II,III & AVF**
- 2. Possible diagnosis?** **Inferior Wall STEMI**
- 3. Action / Intervention?** **1. Do R-sided ECG, *prepare for Atropine administration, external pacing, cardiac arrest, STAT cath lab visit !***

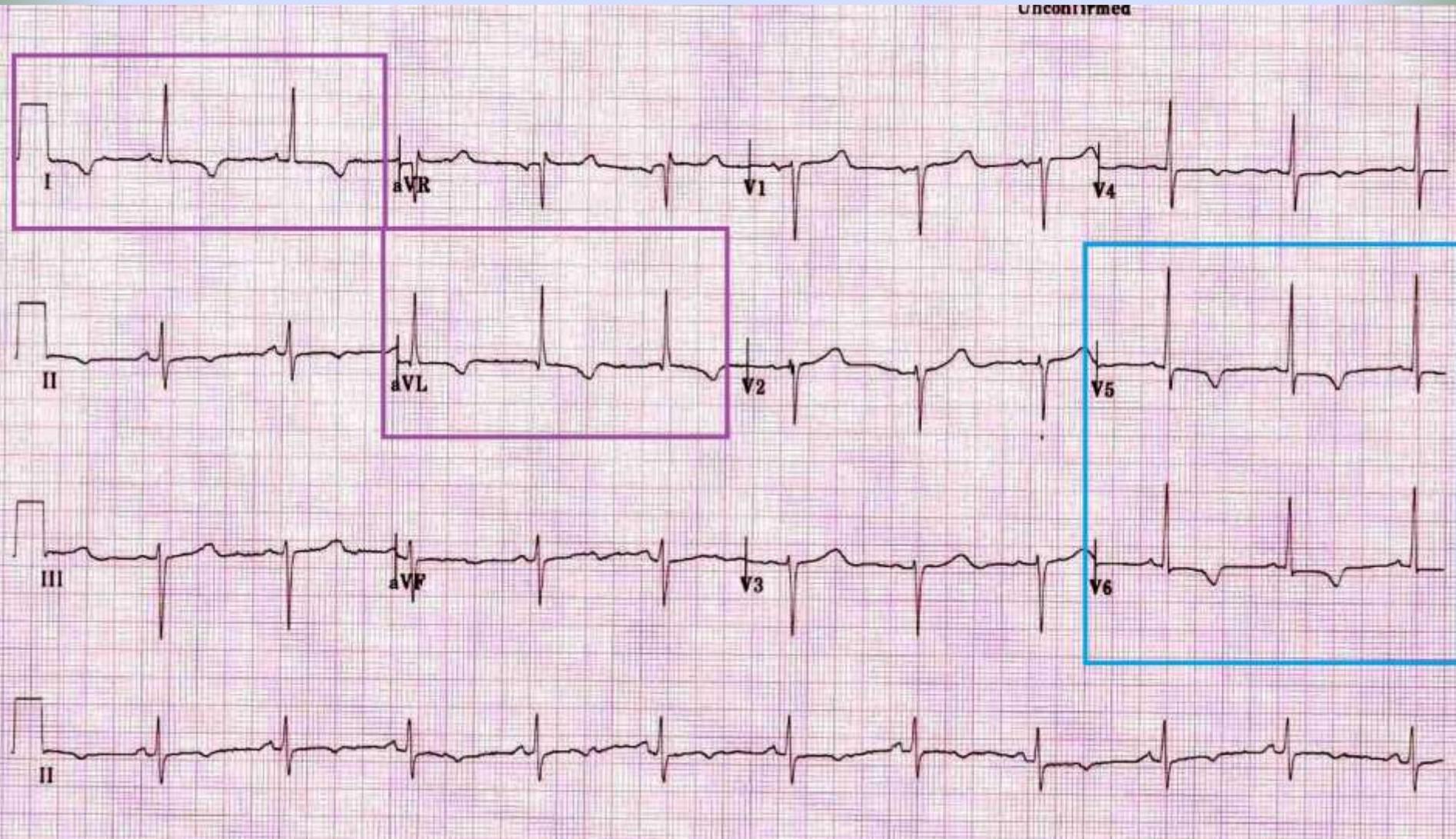
# What leads show signs of possible ACS?

Unconfirmed



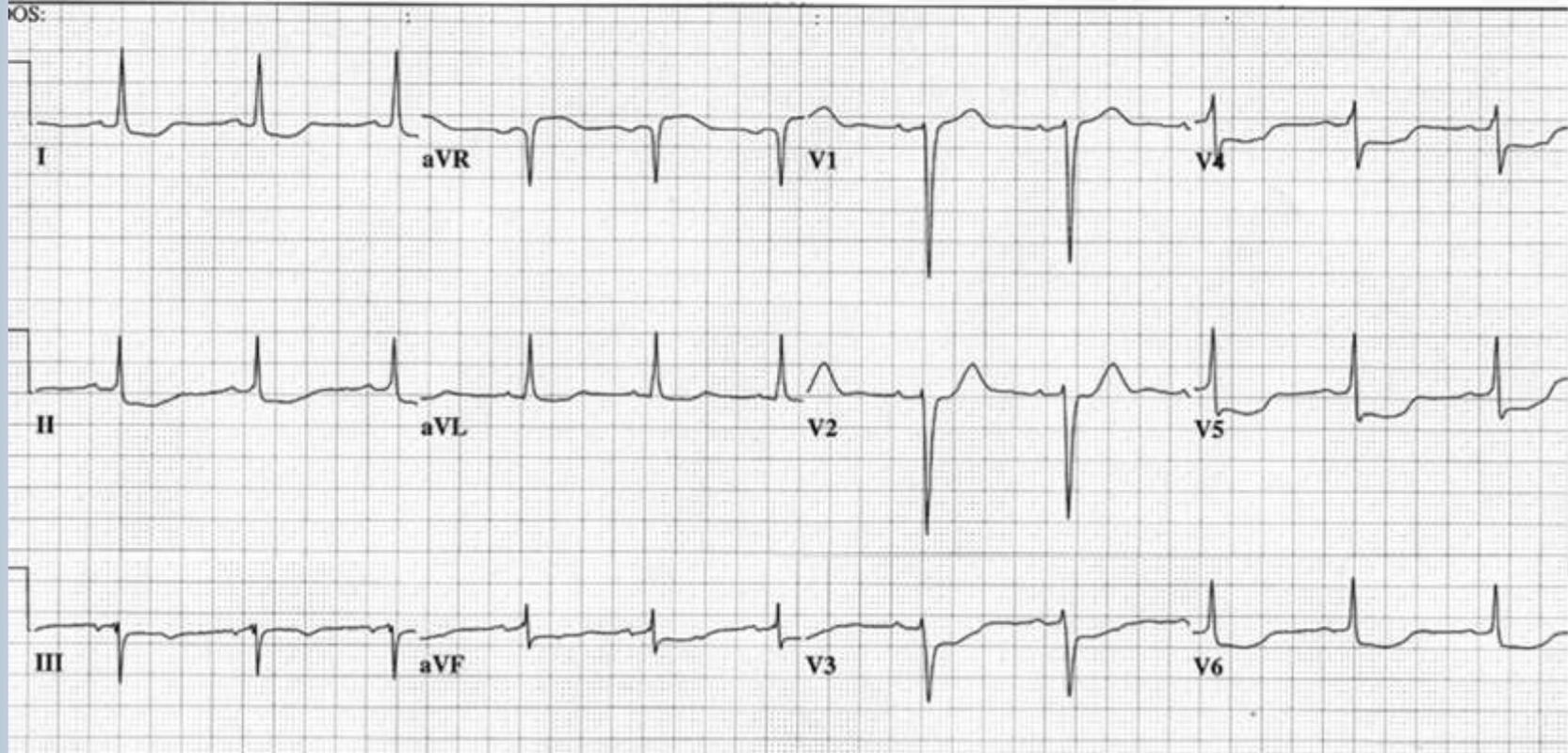
# 12 Lead ECG

shows **ISCHEMIC CHANGES** Lateral Wall:



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

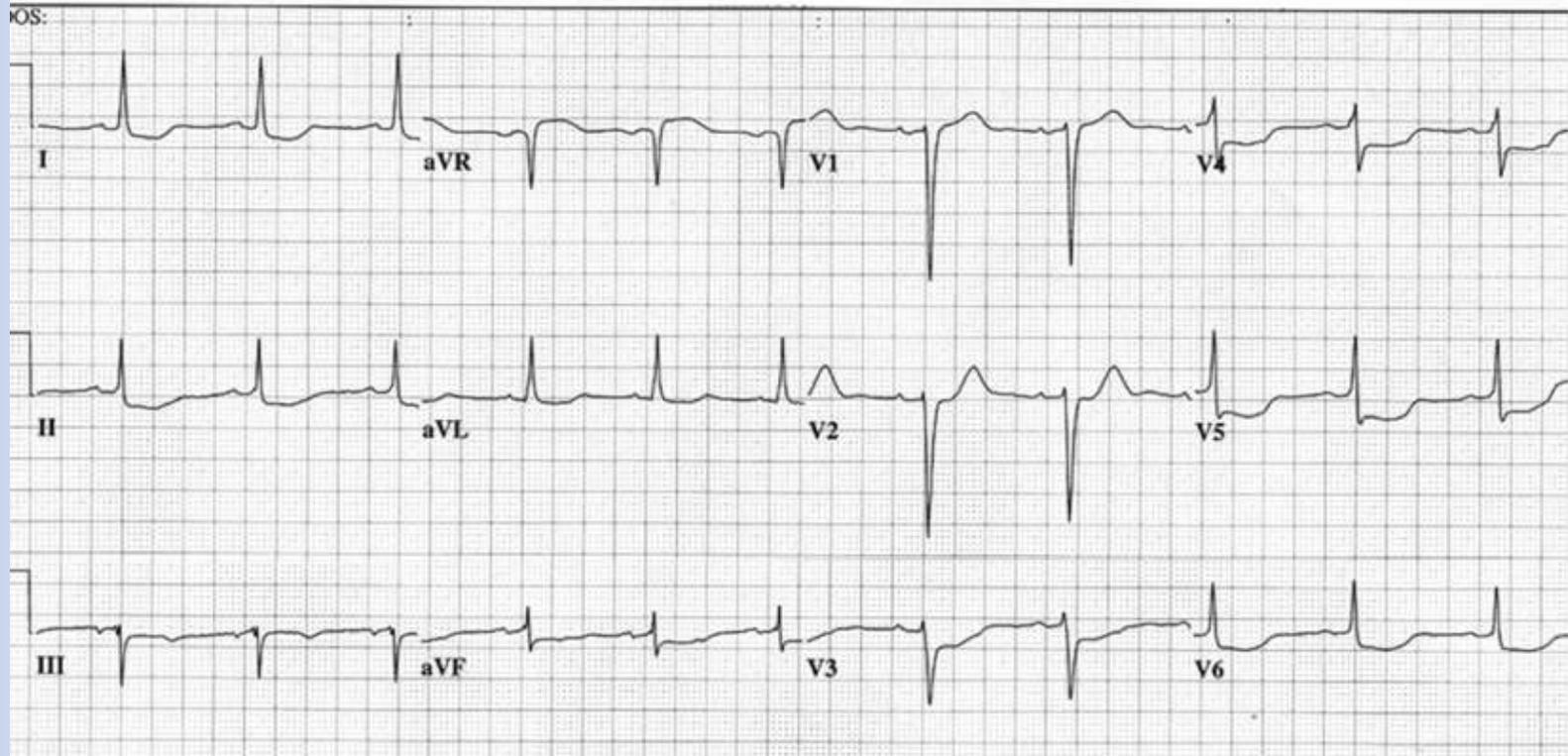
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QRS duration 106 ms  
QT/QTc 458/483 ms  
P-R-T axes 27 -3 -111



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1. ECG abnormality(ies)? **ST Elevation Lead AVR, Global ST Depression (I, II, III, AVL, AVF, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6)**
2. Possible diagnosis? **possible LMCA or 3x vessel disease.**
3. Action / Intervention? **Troponins, Continuous ST monitoring, cath lab visit STAT or ASAP (based on sympt.)**

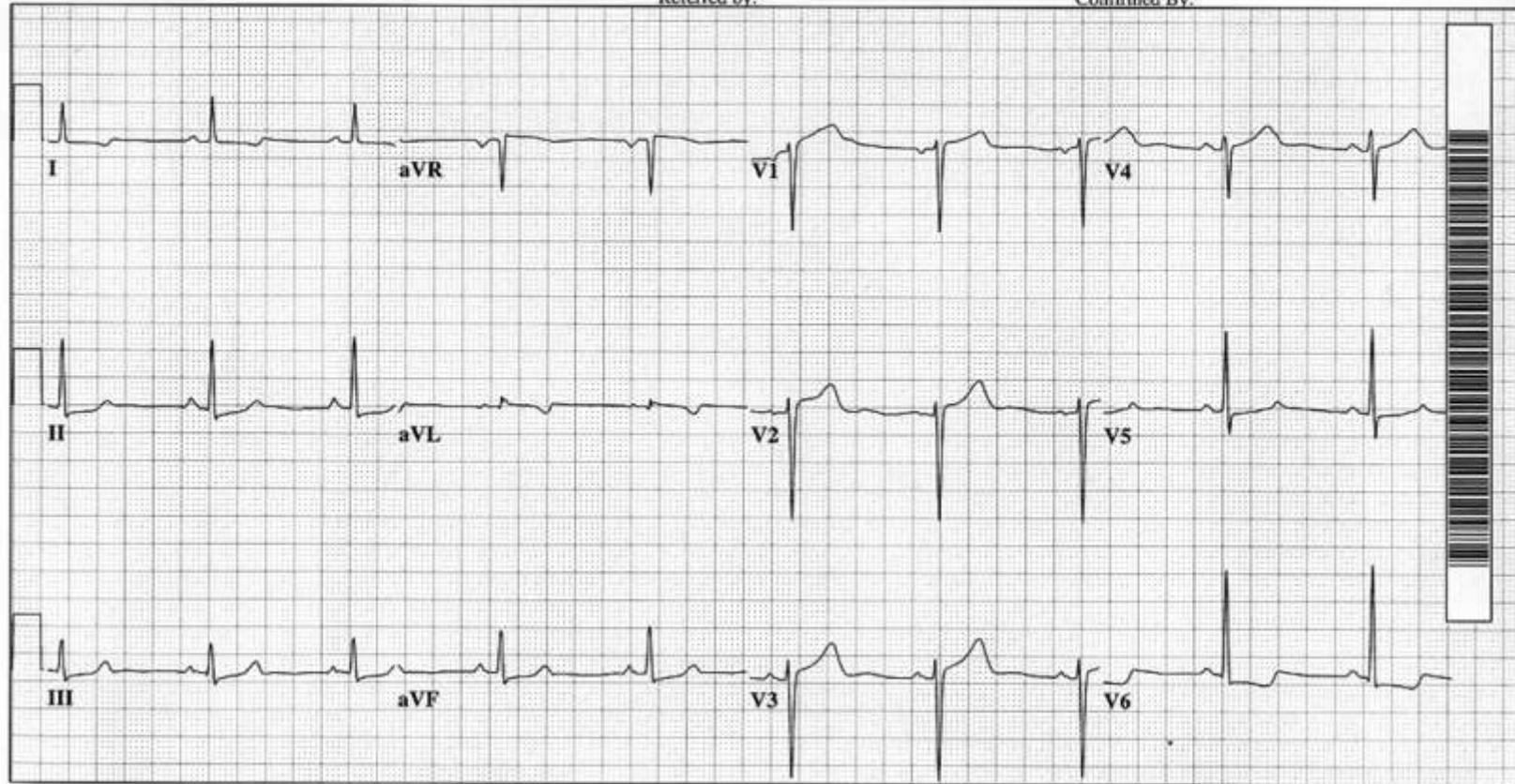
45 yr  
Female Caucasian

Vent. rate 58 BPM  
PR interval 148 ms  
QRS duration 80 ms  
QT/QTc 448/440 ms  
P-R-T axes 57 48 105

Loc:1 Option:1

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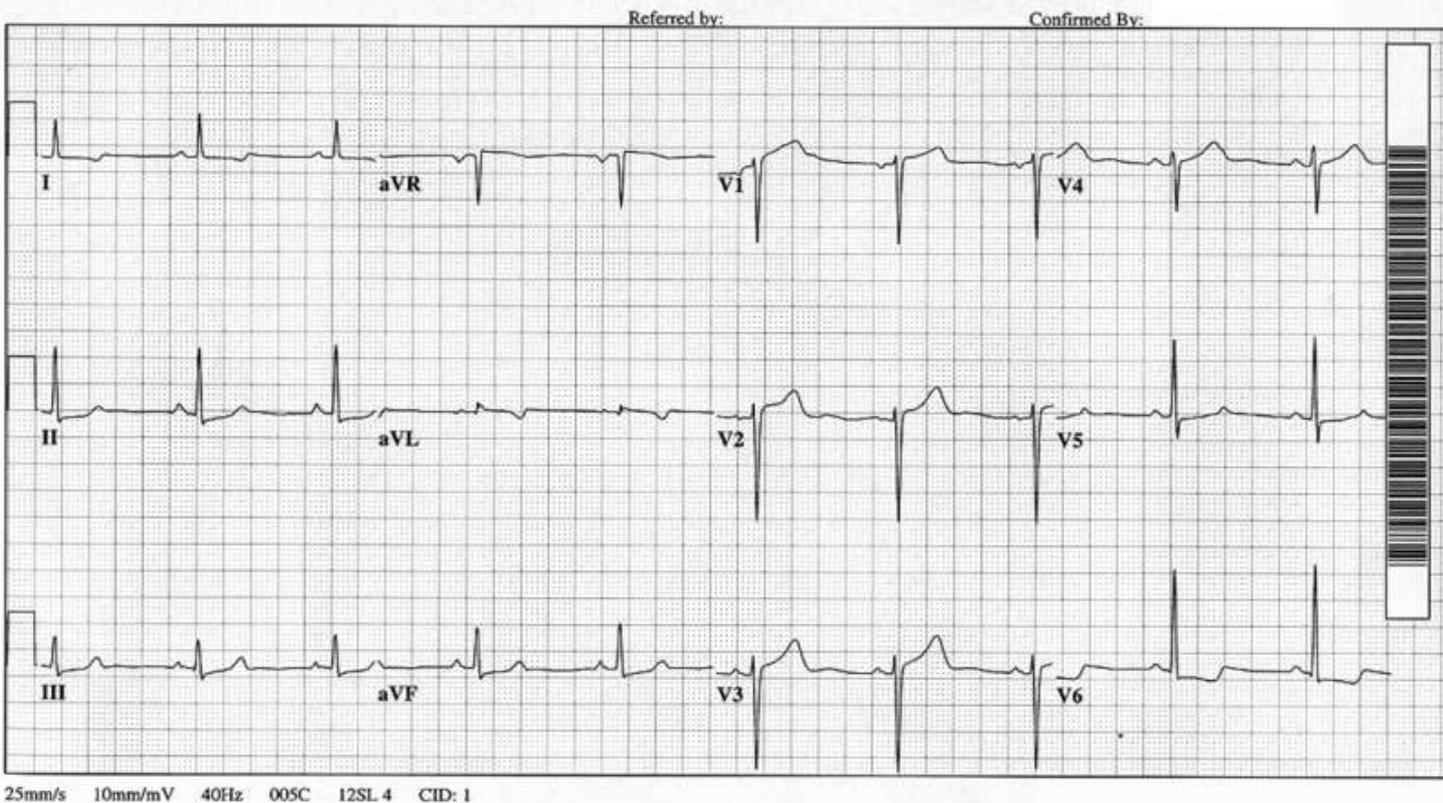
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25mm/s 10mm/mV 40Hz 005C 12SL 4 CID: 1

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1. ECG abnormality(ies)? **Inferior (II, III, AVF) ST Depr (ischemia?), I & AVL T wave inversion, V5 ST Depr**
2. Possible diagnosis? **Inferior / Lateral ischemia**
3. Action / Intervention? **Serial ECGs / Troponins, additional diagnostic testing, cath lab**

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**

# ISCHEMIA

## HELPFUL PATTERNS . . .

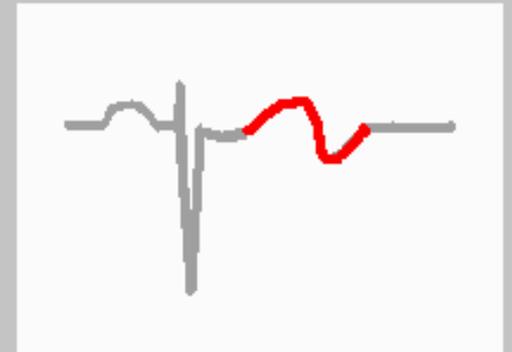
**J POINT DEPRESSION  
( > 1 mm )**

**INVERTED T WAVES**

**J POINT DEPRESSION  
+ INVERTED T WAVES**



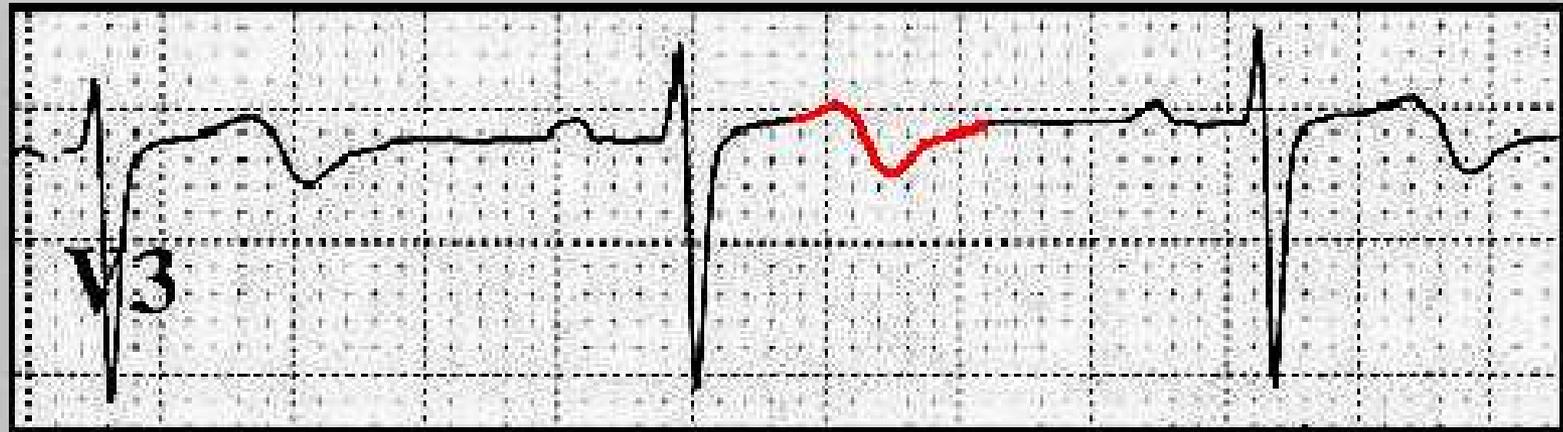
# **ISCHEMIA**



## ***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](#)

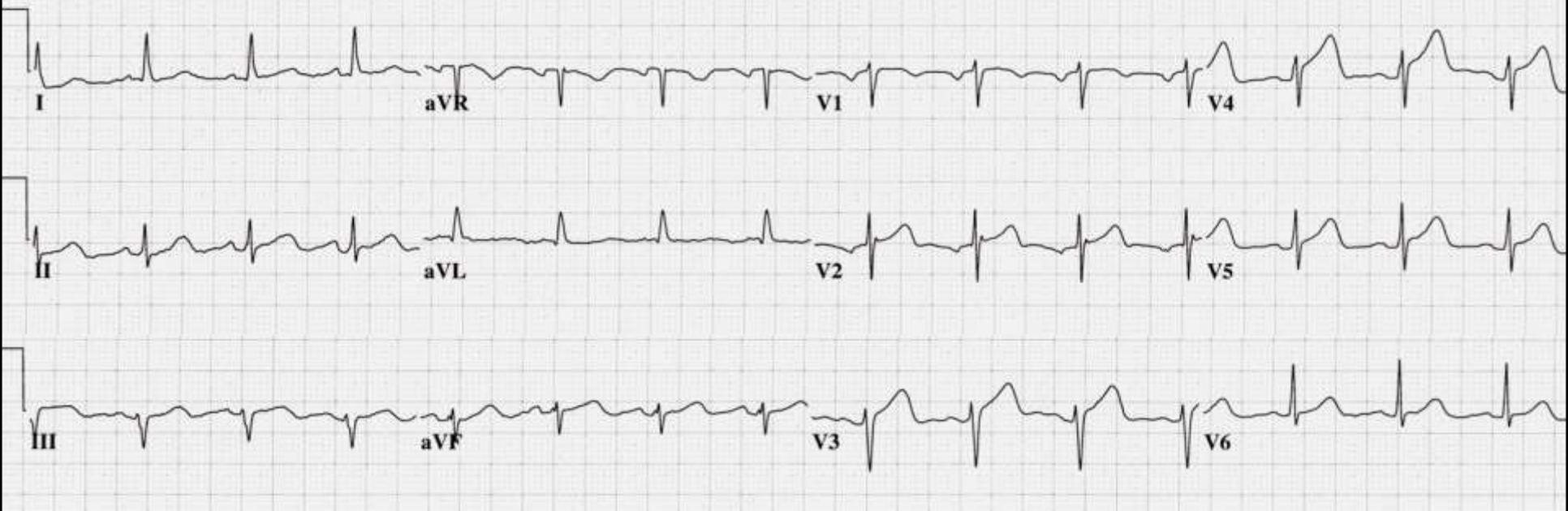
# Wellen's Syndrome Case Study

- 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	

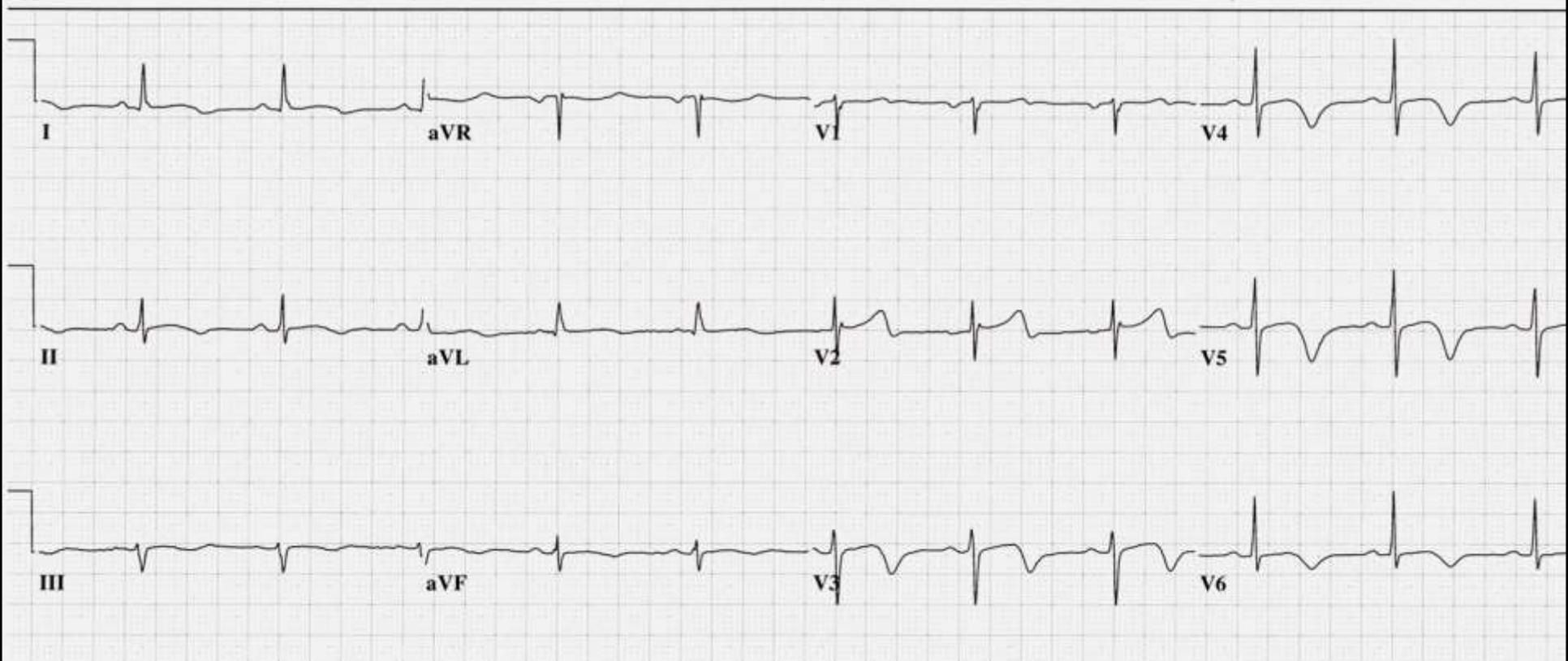


# Wellen's Syndrome Case Study

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***

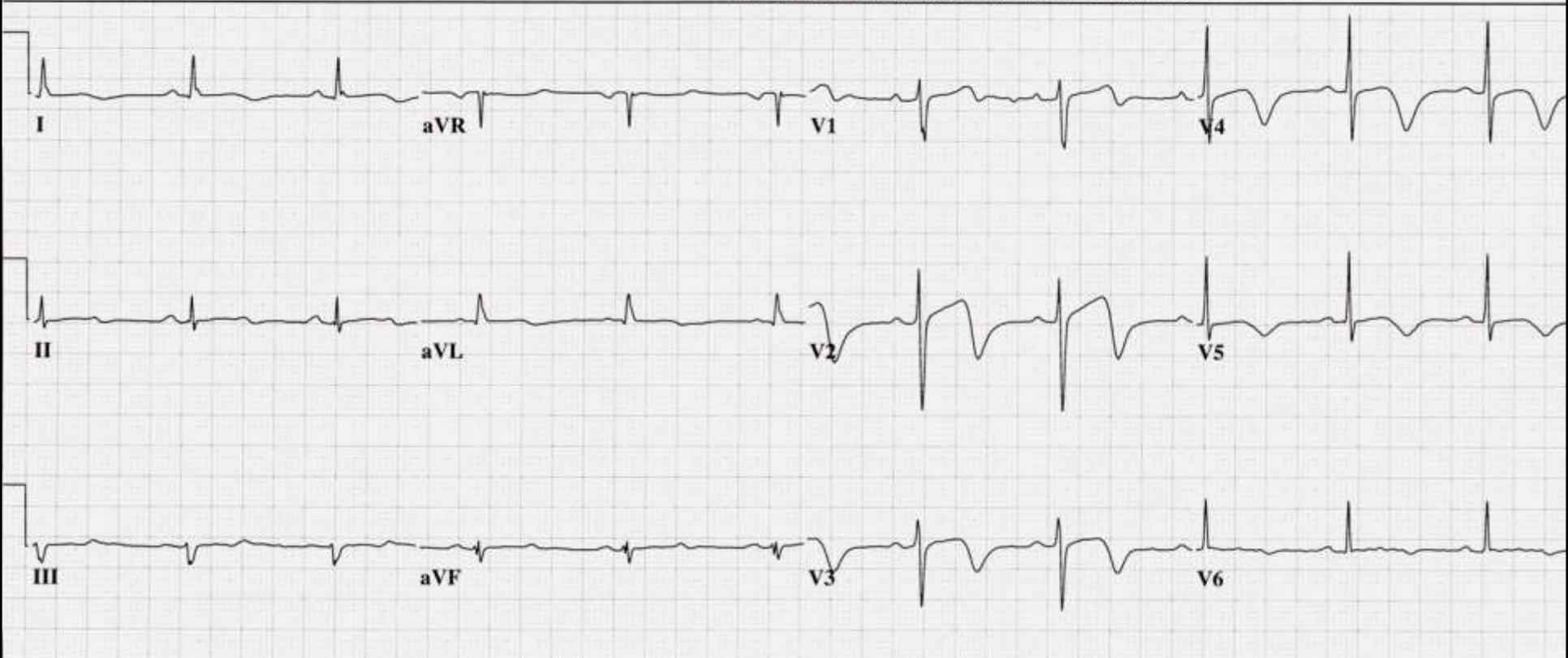
***to the***

***CARDIOLOGIST !!!!***

# Wellen's Syndrome Case Study

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

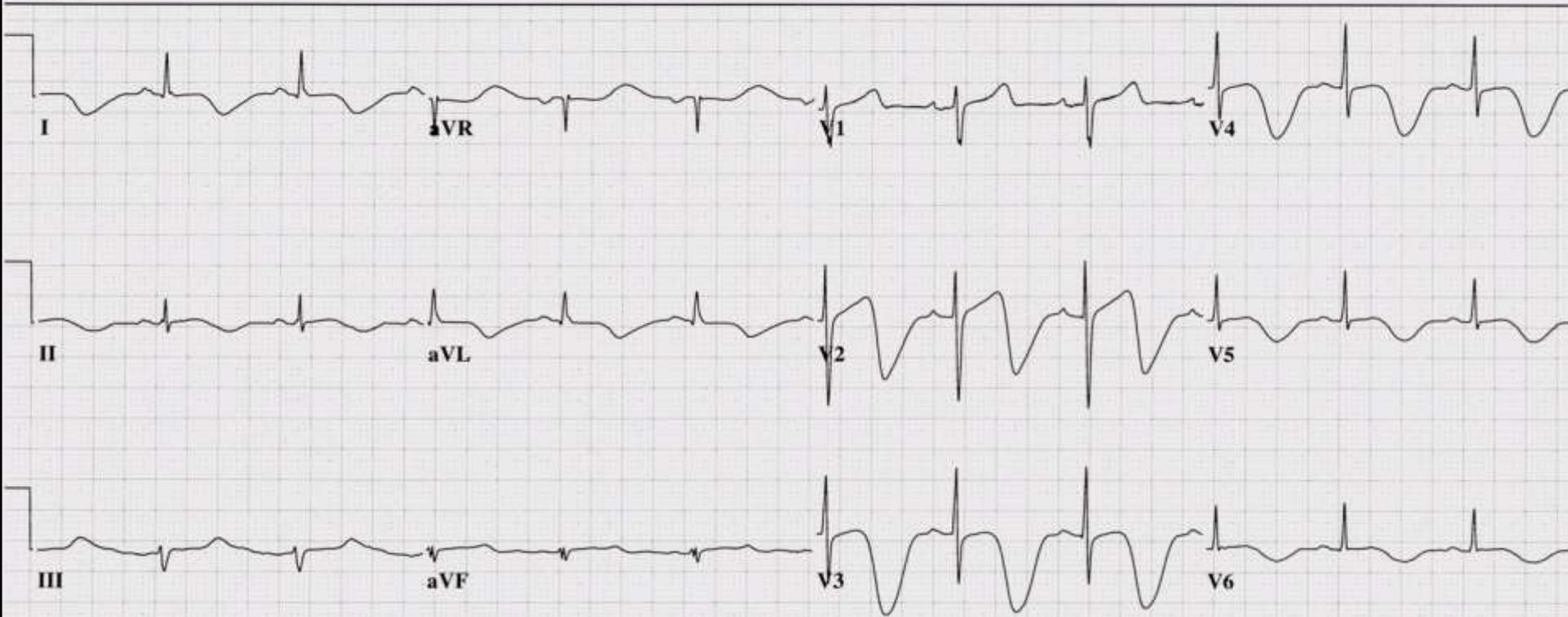
33 yr Male	Black	Vent. rate	64	BPM	Normal sinus rhythm
		PR interval	160	ms	Marked T wave abnormality, consider anterolateral ischemia
		QRS duration	84	ms	Prolonged QT
Loc:7	Option:35	QT/QTc	514/530	ms	Abnormal ECG
		P-R-T axes	45 3	91	When compared with ECG of 05-NOV-2008 05:12.



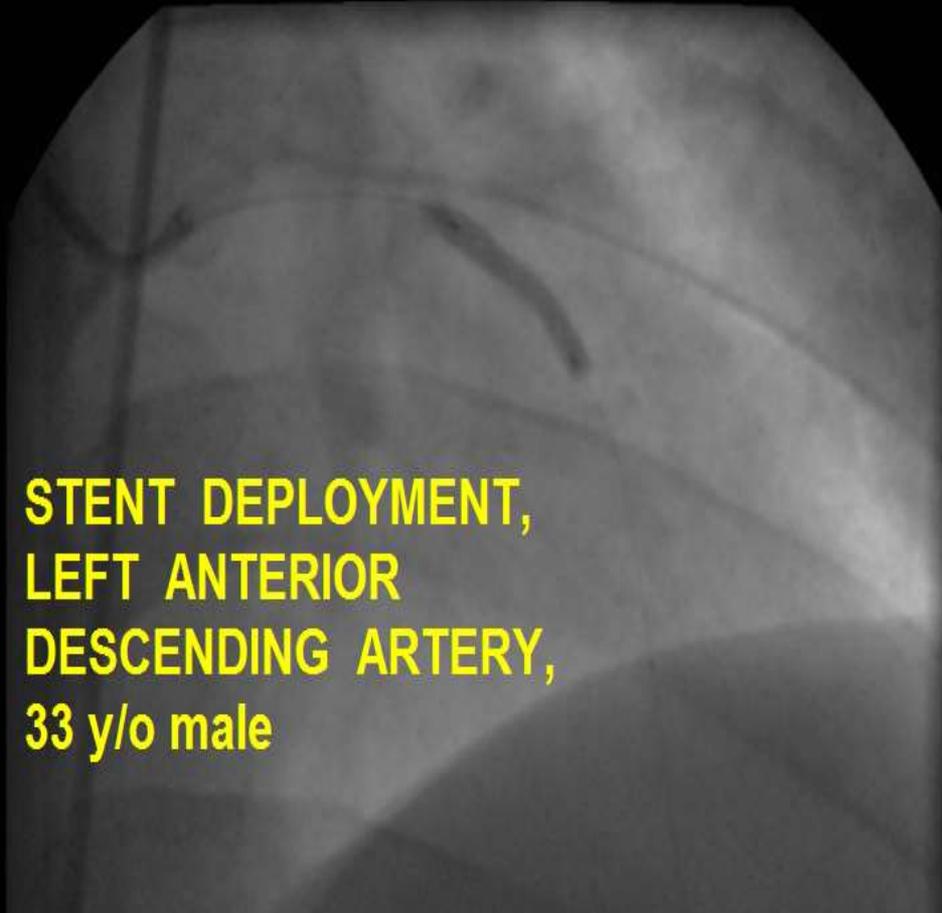
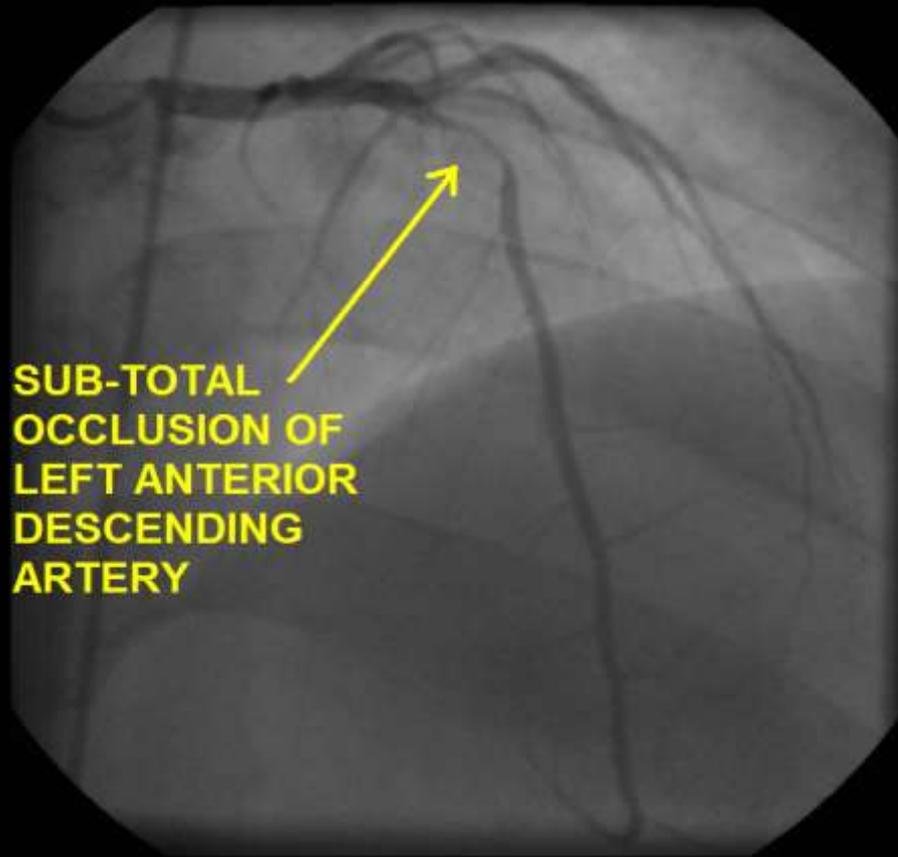
# Wellen's Syndrome Case Study

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

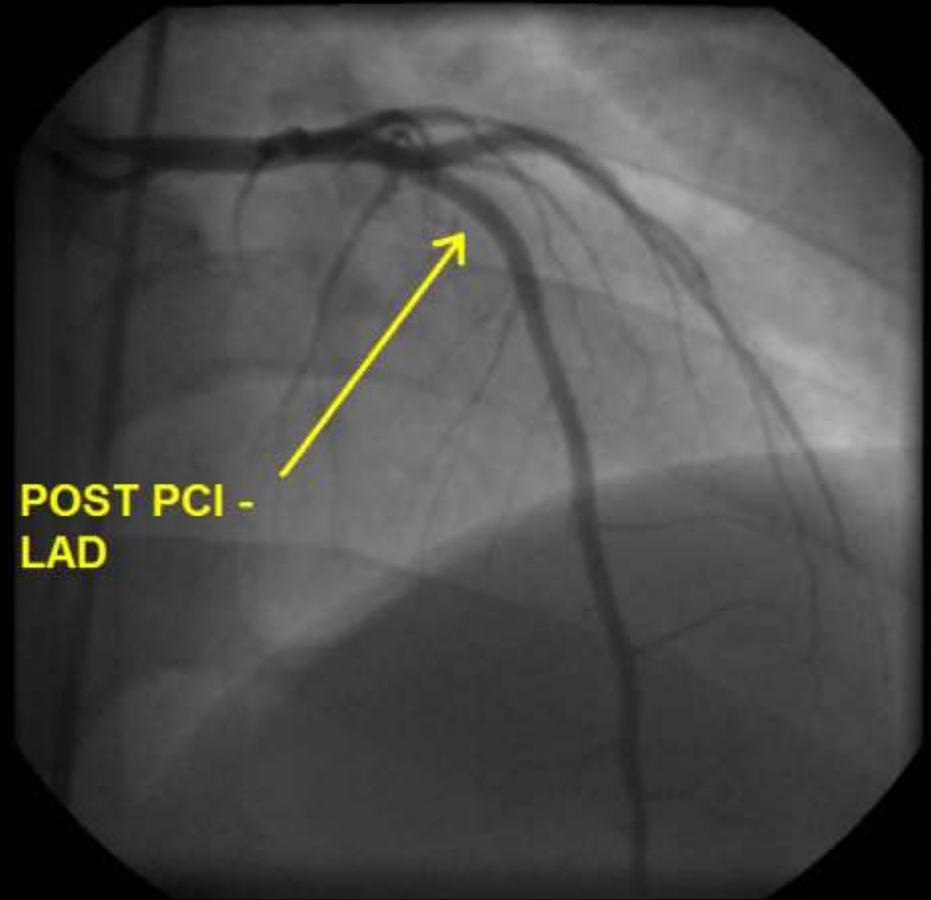
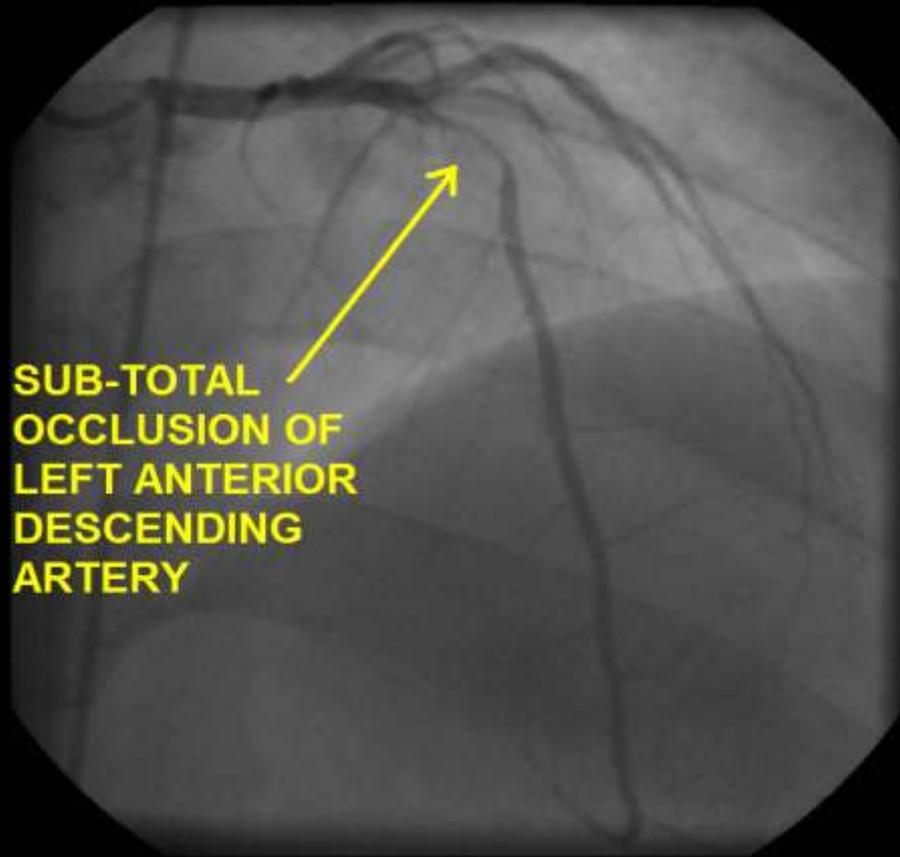
33 yr		Vent. rate	71	BPM	Normal sinus rhythm
Male	Black	PR interval	144	ms	Marked T wave abnormality, consider anterolateral ischemia
		QRS duration	74	ms	Prolonged QT
Room:405A		QT/QTc	600/652	ms	Abnormal ECG
Loc:5	Option:39	P-R-T axes	20 1	160	



# Wellen's Syndrome Case Study



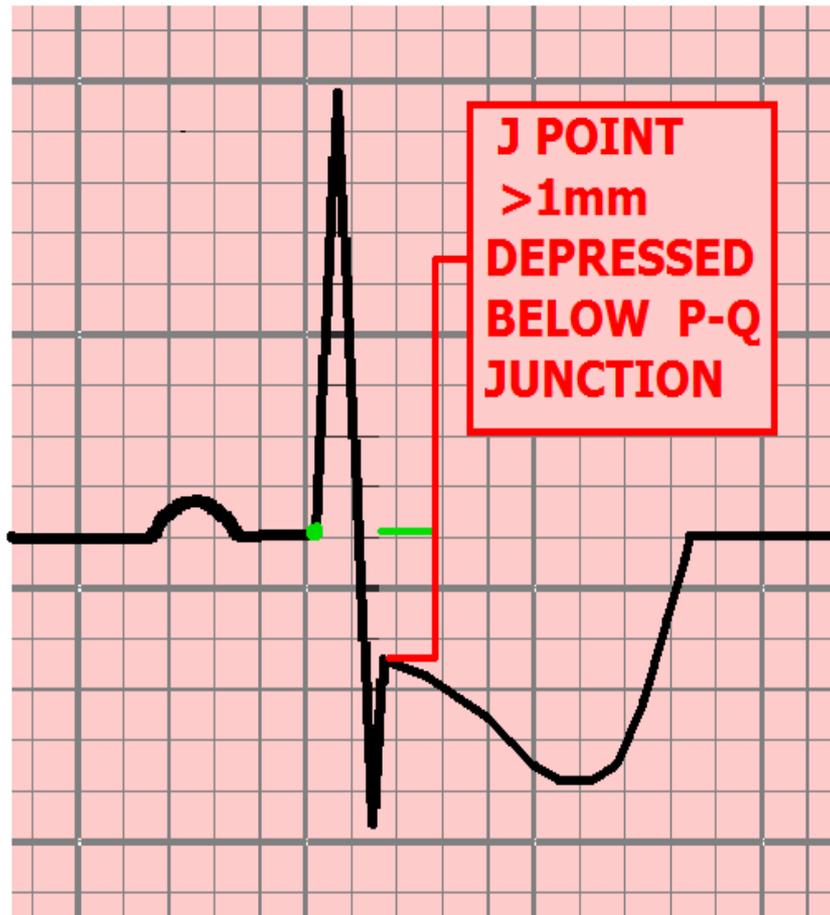
# Wellen's Syndrome Case Study



# Additional Resources:

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

# S-T SEGMENT DEPRESSION - COMMON ETIOLOGIES:



## CONDITION:

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

# T WAVE INVERSION - COMMON ETIOLOGIES:

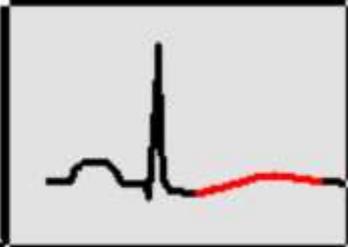
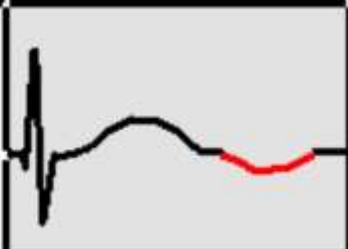
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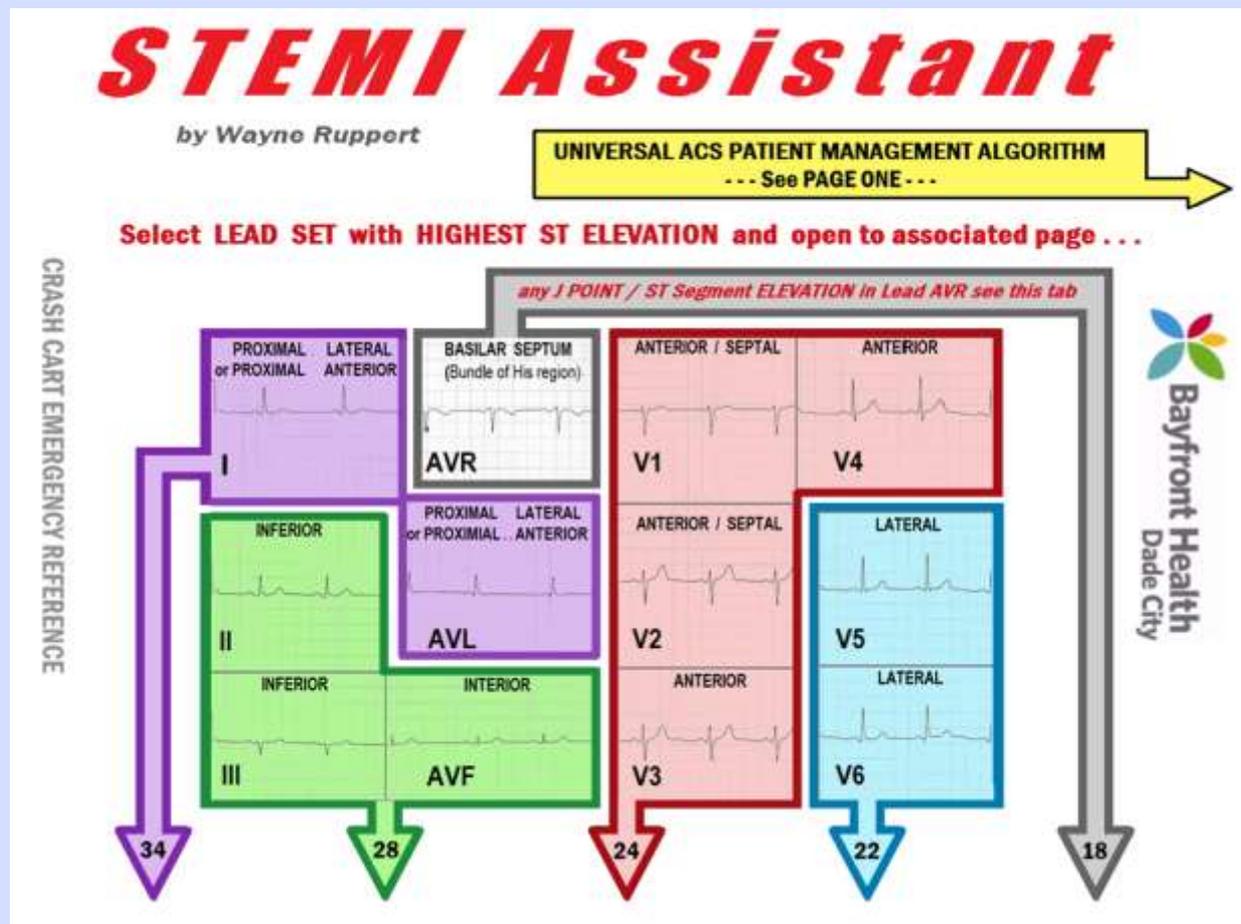
- **MYOCARDITIS**
- **ELECTROLYTE IMBALANCE**
- **ISCHEMIA**
- **POSITIVE STRESS TEST**
- **CEREBRAL DISORDER**
- **MITRAL VALVE PROLAPSE**
- **VENTRICULAR HYPERTROPHY**
- **WOLFF-PARKINSON-WHITE**
- **HYPERVENTILATION**
- **CARDIOACTIVE DRUGS**
- **OLD MI ( NECROSIS vs. ISCHEMIA )**
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-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

# Some less common, less reliable possible indicators of ACS:

? FLAT S-T SEGMENT > 120 ms		- ISCHEMIA
? LOW VOLTAGE T WAVE WITH NORMAL QRS		- ISCHEMIA
? U WAVE POLARITY OPPOSITE THAT OF T WAVE		- ISCHEMIA



# **STEMI Assistant:** an Emergency Crash Cart Interactive Reference Manual - free Download



**STEMI Assistant – Information Video**

# Helpful STEMI ECG Resources

[1] [“Use of the Electrocardiogram in Acute Myocardial Infarction,” Zimetbaum, et al, NEJM 348:933-940](#)

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

[ECG in STEMI – excellent powerpoint – quick reference, in-depth material](#)

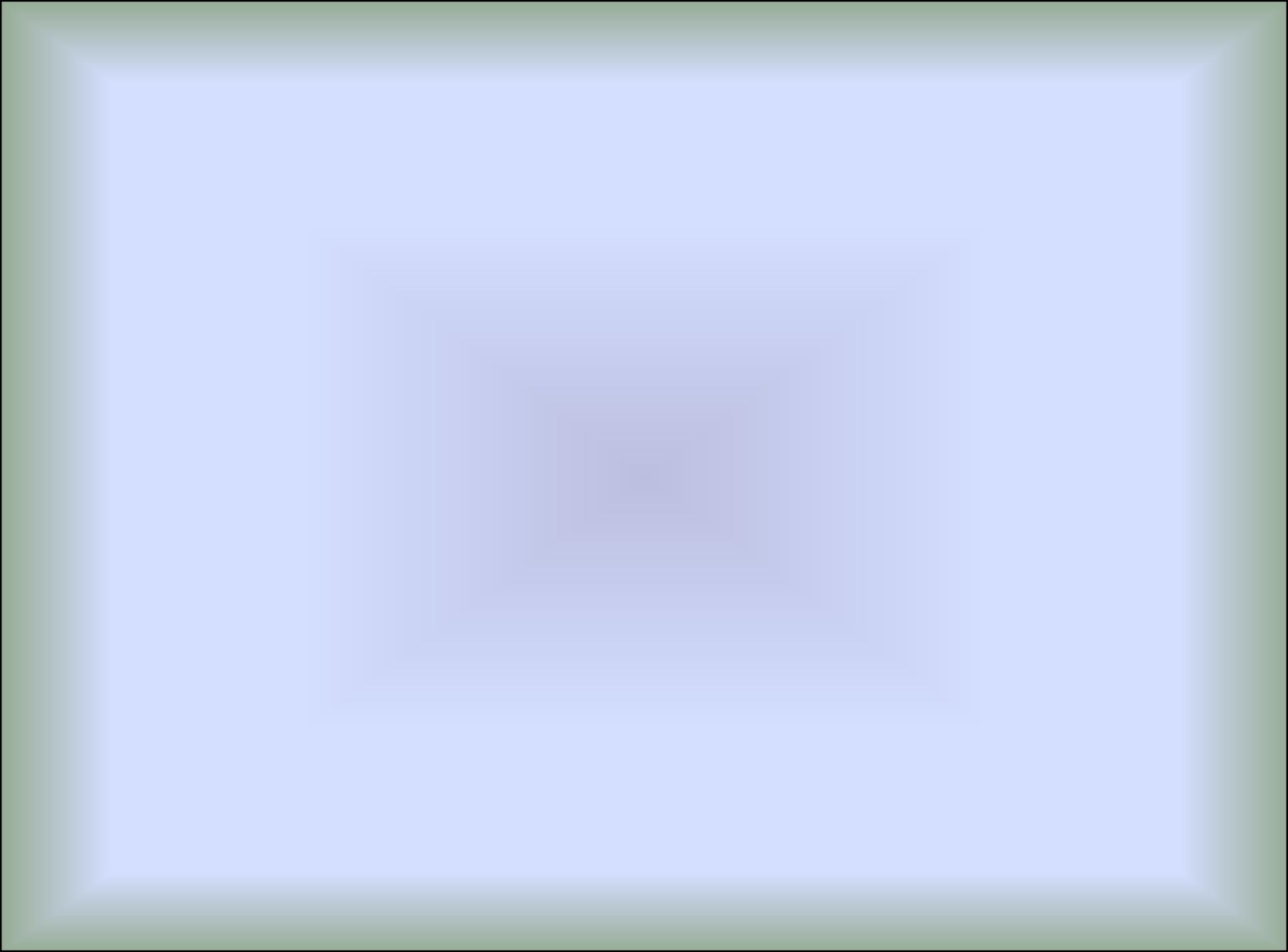
# Helpful STEMI ECG Resources

[Download Non-ED STEMI Protocol - example](#)

[Download STEMI Alert ED Physicians Order Set](#)

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

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



# Evolving MI & “Old MI”

# • Q WAVES •

## Normal Q Waves

caused by depolarization of  
the intraventricular septum

## Abnormal Q Waves -

caused by:

- necrosis ( old infarction )
- hypertrophy

• Q WAVES •



*SIZE*  
*DOES*  
*COUNT!!!*

# THE QRS COMPLEX

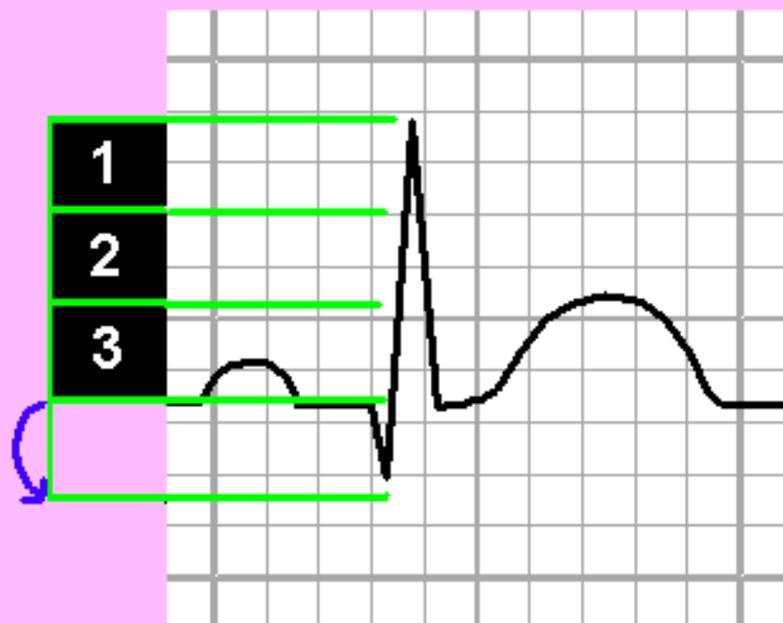
## GENERAL RULES FOR NORMAL Q WAVES - WIDTH



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

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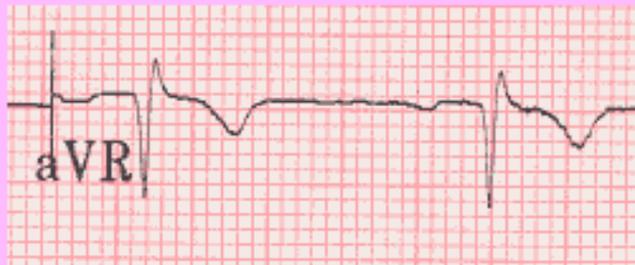
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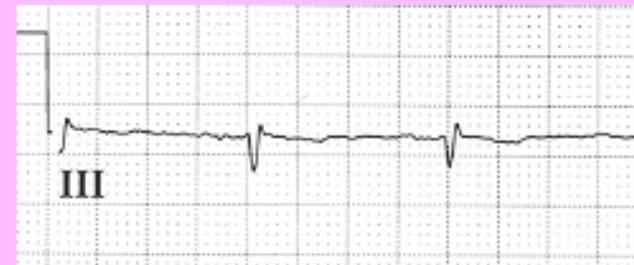
LESS THAN  $\frac{1}{3}$  THE  
HEIGHT OF THE R WAVE

# THE QRS COMPLEX

## NORMAL Q WAVES EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULES



LEAD aVR



LEAD III



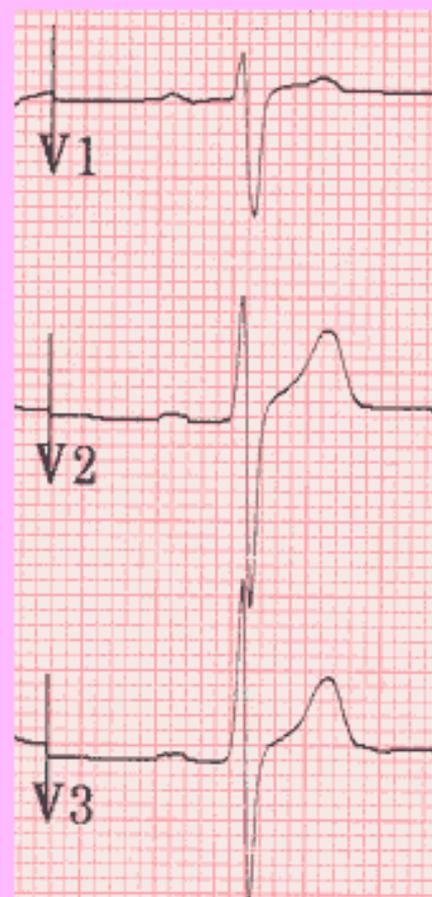
THE Q WAVE CAN BE ANY SIZE

# THE QRS COMPLEX

## NORMAL Q WAVES EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULES



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



# THE QRS COMPLEX

## Q WAVE RULES - SUMMARY:

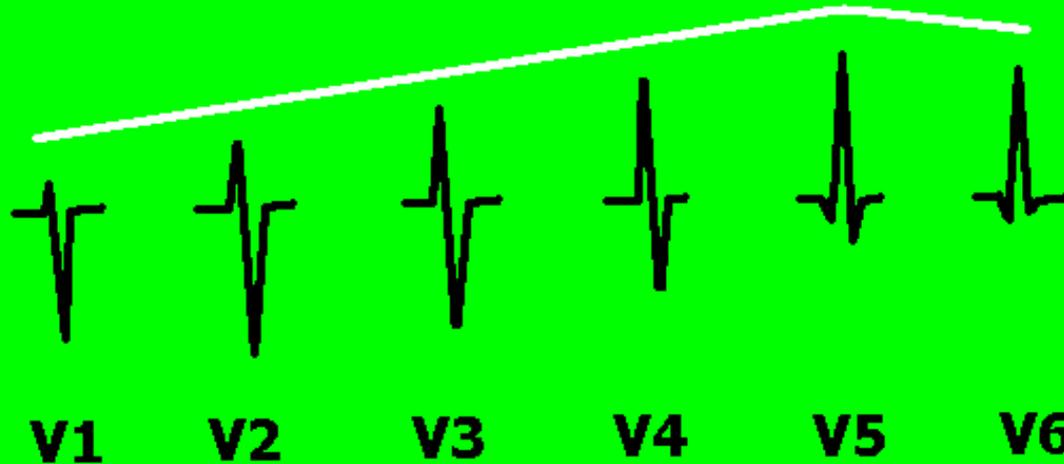
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- Q WAVES SHOULD BE LESS THAN 1/3 THE HEIGHT OF THE R WAVE
- Q WAVES CAN BE ANY SIZE IN LEADS III and AVR
- THERE SHOULD BE NO Q WAVES IN LEADS V1, V2, or V3

# The NORMAL ECG

## ASSESSING AXIS ROTATION

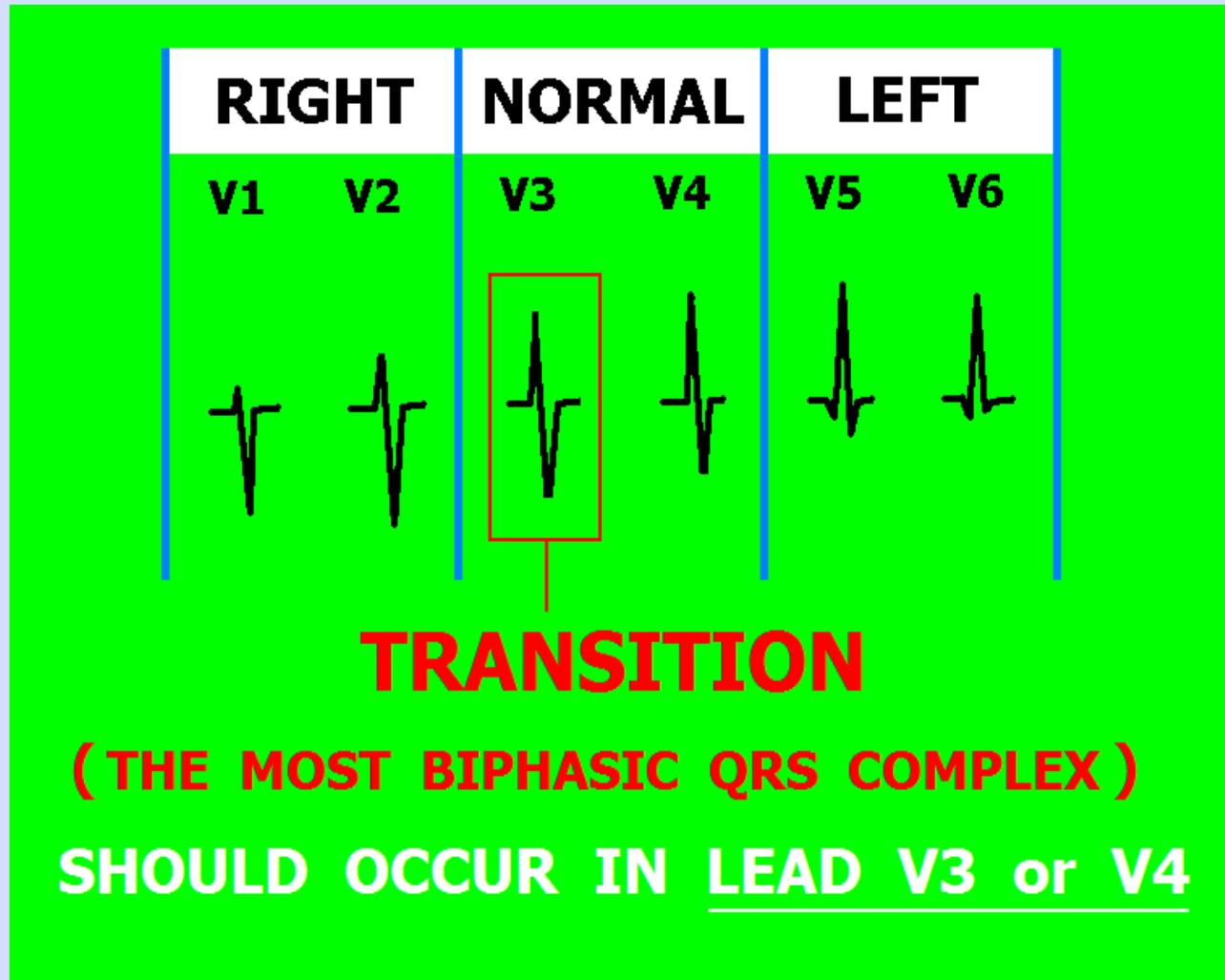
**NORMAL**

**R - WAVE PROGRESSION**



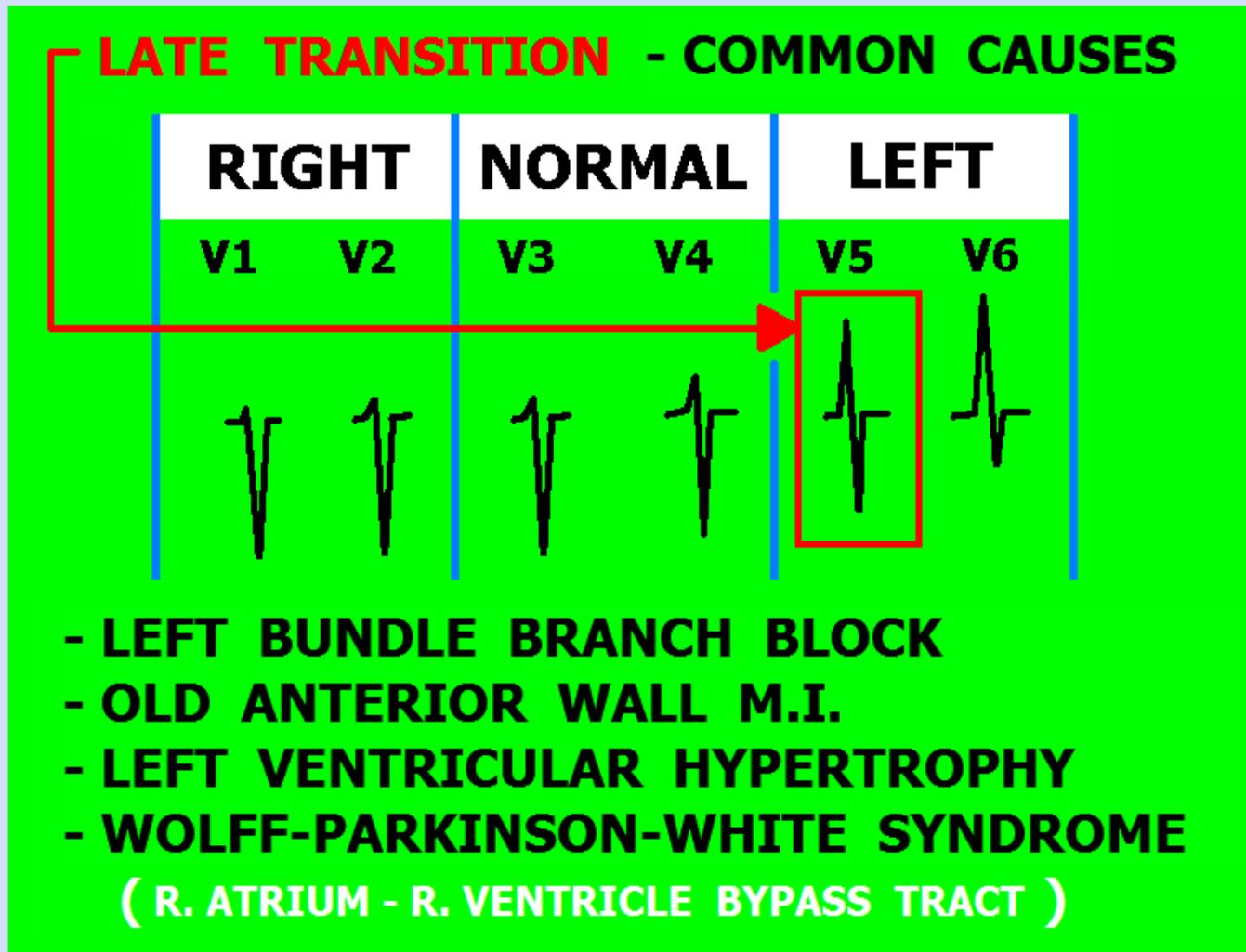
**R wave amplitude (size) gradually increases from V1 through V6 . . . .**

# The NORMAL ECG



In V3 or V4, the QRS complex becomes Biphasic.

# “Poor R Wave Progression” . . . .



Anterior Wall necrosis (“old MI”) is a common cause of “Poor R Wave Progression”.

# EVOLVING STEMI:

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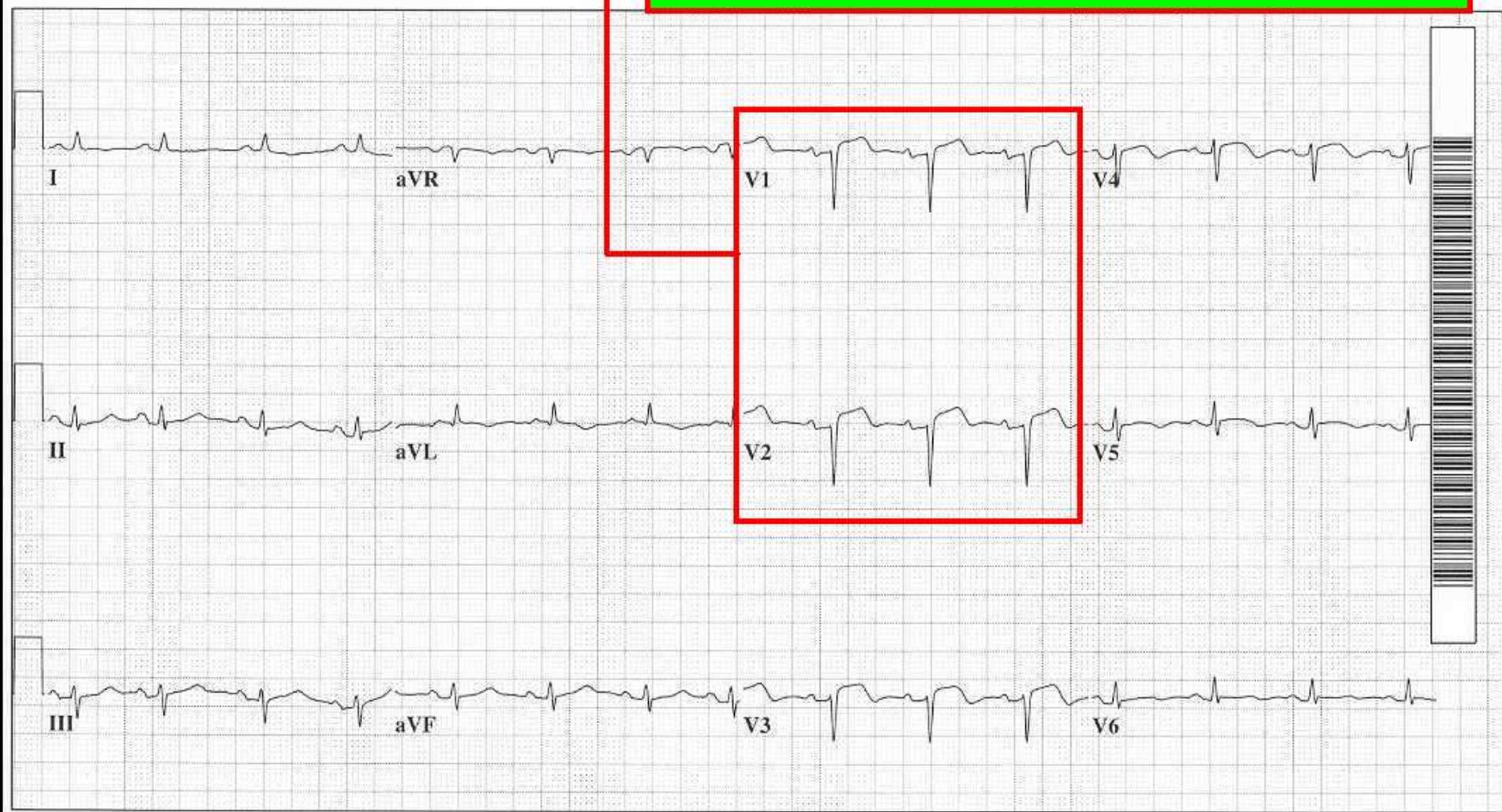
91 yr  
Female Caucasian  
Room:3  
Loc:1 Option:1

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

Normal sinus rhythm  
Possible Anterior infarct  
Abnormal ECG

Technician ID: EKG CLASS # WR03110848

**2. OLD ANTERIOR WALL M.I.**  
- Q waves in V1, V2, V3 and/or V4  
- other causes of LATE TRANSITION ruled out



# ACUTE ANTERIOR WALL STEMI

EKG # 1 UPON ARRIVAL IN E.D. - CHEST PAIN x 40 MINUTES

APRIL 6, 2009 01:14 HOURS

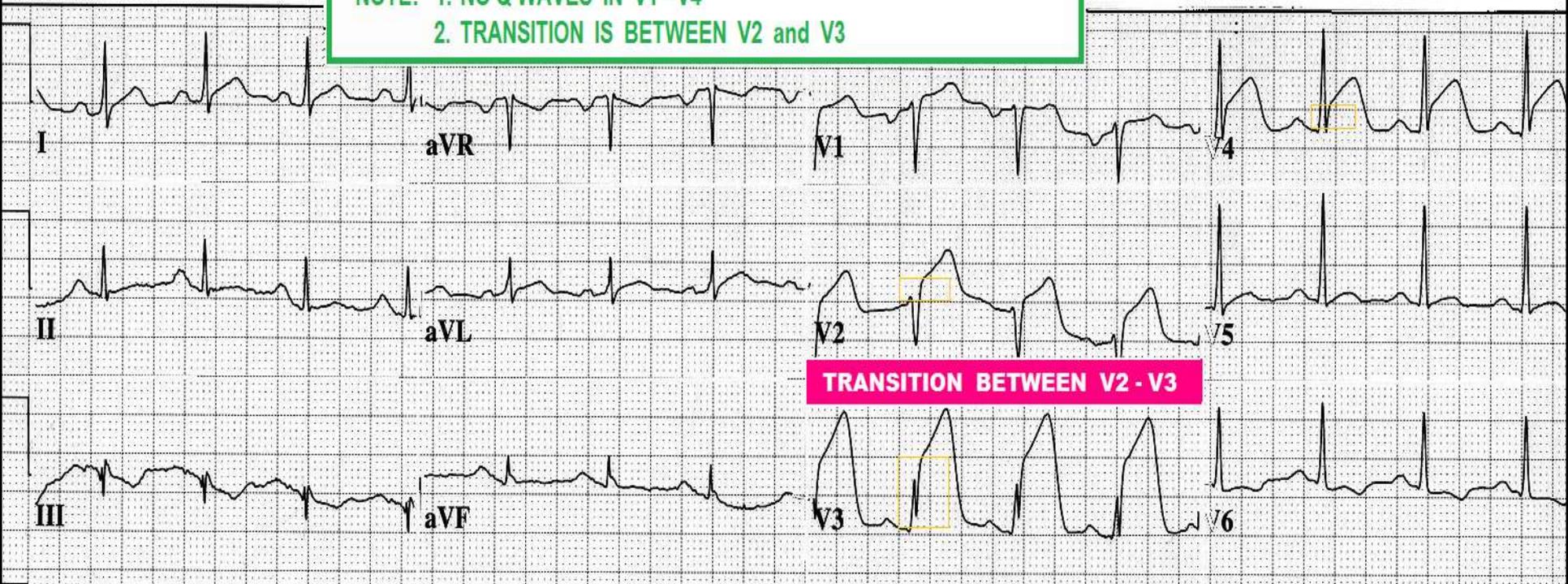
49 yr  
Male  
Caucasian  
Loc:3  
Option:23

Vent. rate 91 BPM  
PR interval 172 ms  
QRS duration 86 ms  
QT/QTc 350/430 ms  
P-R-T axes 41 17 -15

Normal sinus rhythm  
Left atrial enlargement  
Cannot rule out Inferior infarct, new  
Anterior injury pattern  
\*\*\*\*\* ACUTE MI \*\*\*\*\*

EKG TAKEN UPON ARRIVAL IN  
EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT.  
- CHEST PAIN x 40 MINUTES  
- ST ELEVATION V1 - V4

NOTE: 1. NO Q WAVES IN V1 - V4  
2. TRANSITION IS BETWEEN V2 and V3

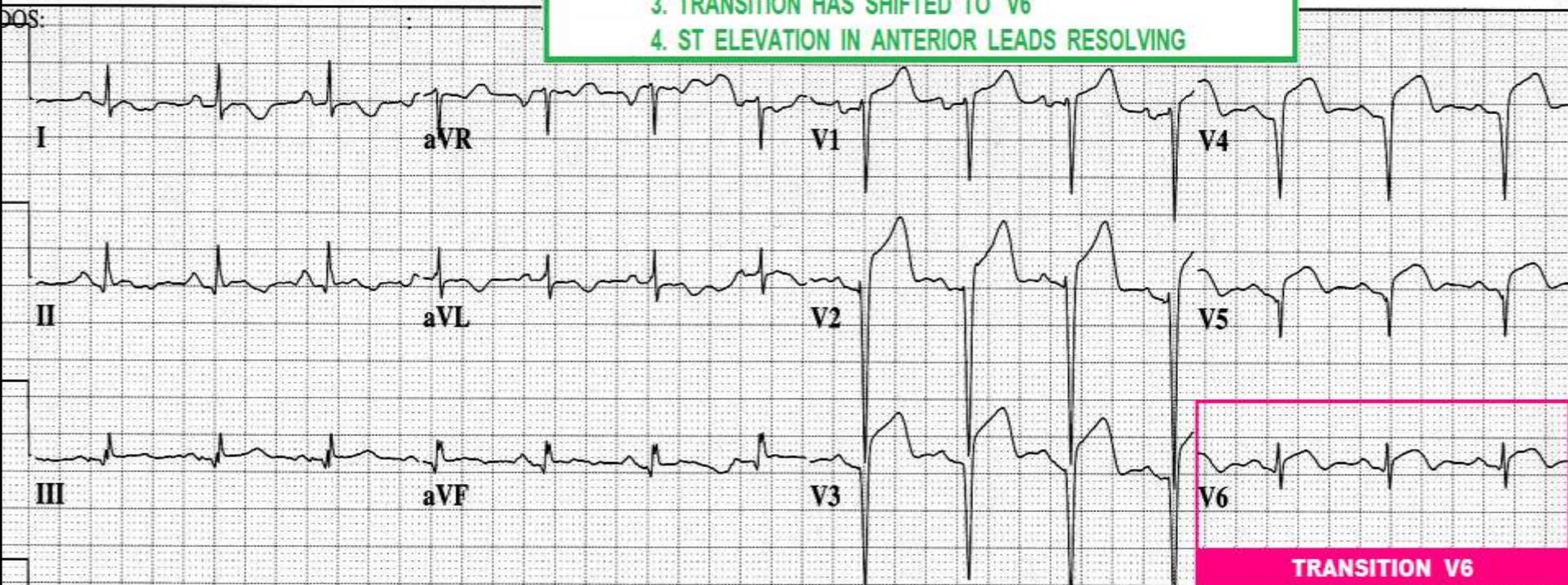


# EVOLVING ANTERIOR WALL STEMI

**EKG # 4** APPROXIMATELY 19 HOURS FROM ONSET OF SYMPTOMS APRIL 6, 2009 19:36 HOURS

49 yr	Vent. rate	86	BPM	Normal sinus rhythm	
Male	Caucasian	PR interval	174	ms	Anterior infarct , possibly acute
		QRS duration	78	ms	Lateral injury pattern
Room:CS1		QT/QTc	360/430	ms	***** ACUTE MI *****
Loc:5	Option:28	P-R-T axes			

**NOTE:** 1. Q WAVES IN LEADS V2 - V5  
2. ST ELEVATION NOW IN V5  
3. TRANSITION HAS SHIFTED TO V6  
4. ST ELEVATION IN ANTERIOR LEADS RESOLVING



# FULLY EVOLVED ANTERIOR WALL MI

POST - INFARCTION EKG

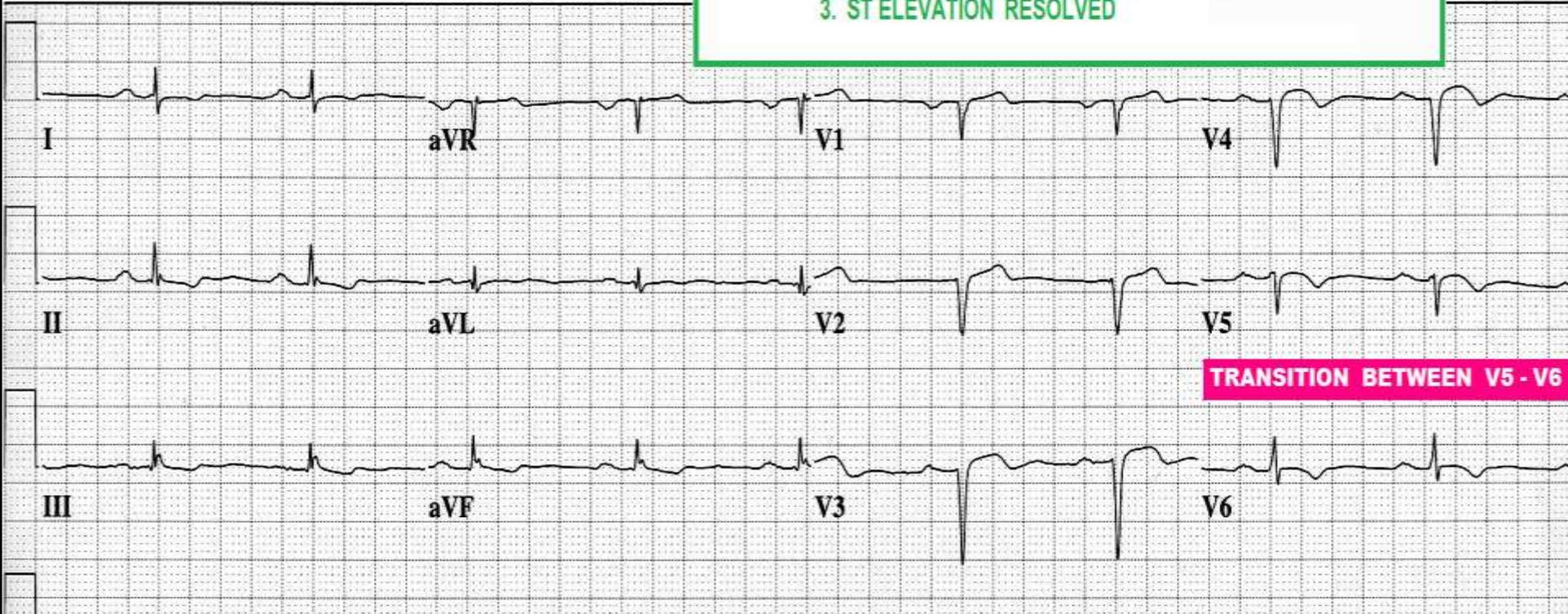
TAKEN 1 YEAR AFTER ANTERIOR WALL MI

50 yr  
Male    Caucasian  
Room:  
Loc:    Option:

Vent. rate    57 BPM  
PR interval    216 ms  
QRS duration    96 ms  
QT/QTc    392/381 ms  
P-R-T axes    40 58 -120

Sinus bradycardia with 1st degree A-V block  
Anterolateral infarct  
T wave abnormality, consider inferior ischemia  
Abnormal ECG

NOTE: 1. QS COMPLEXES NOW SEEN IN V1 - V4  
2. TRANSITION NOW BETWEEN V5 and V6  
3. ST ELEVATION RESOLVED



***Your thoughts, ideas, comments  
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