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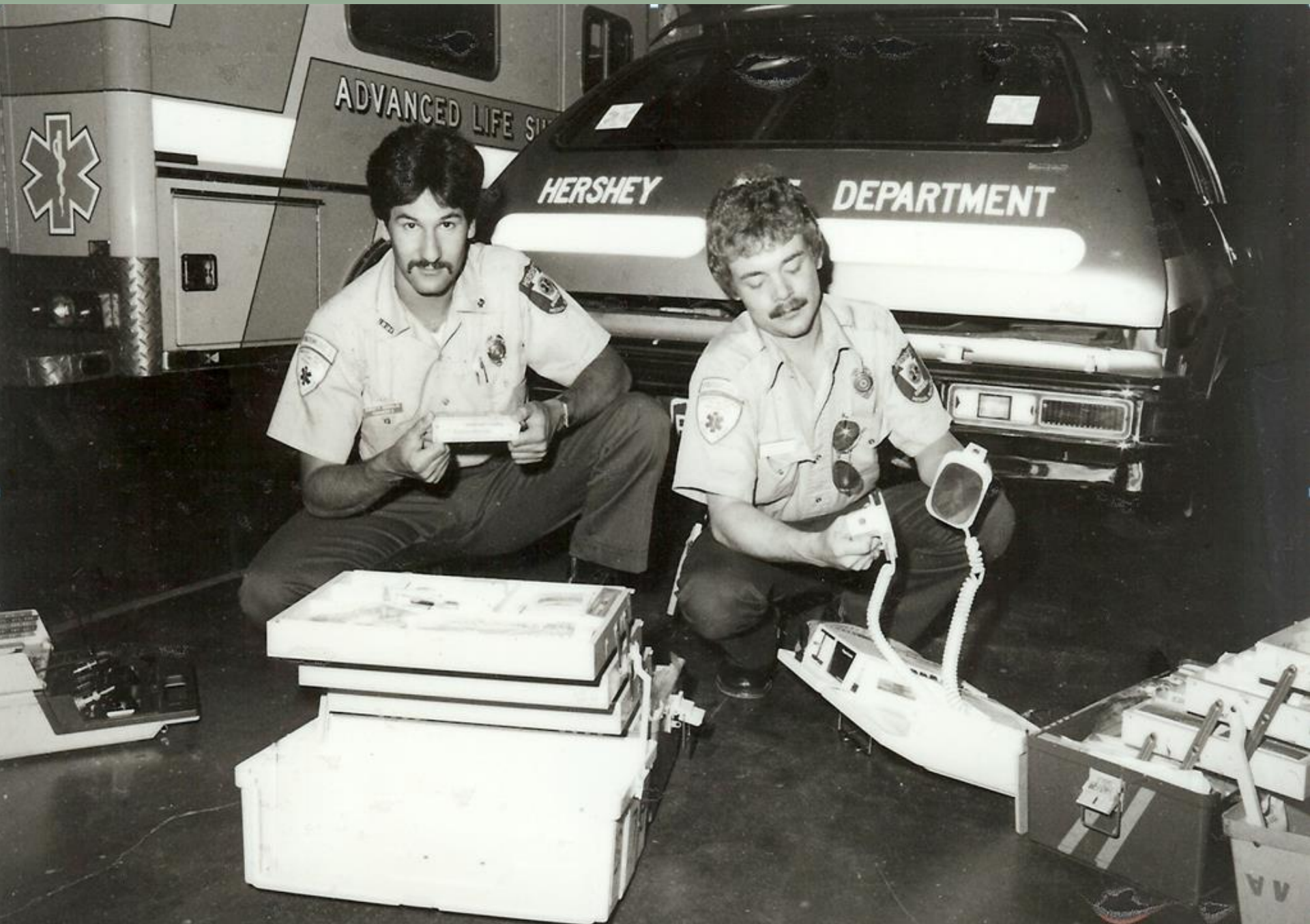
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Welcome !



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

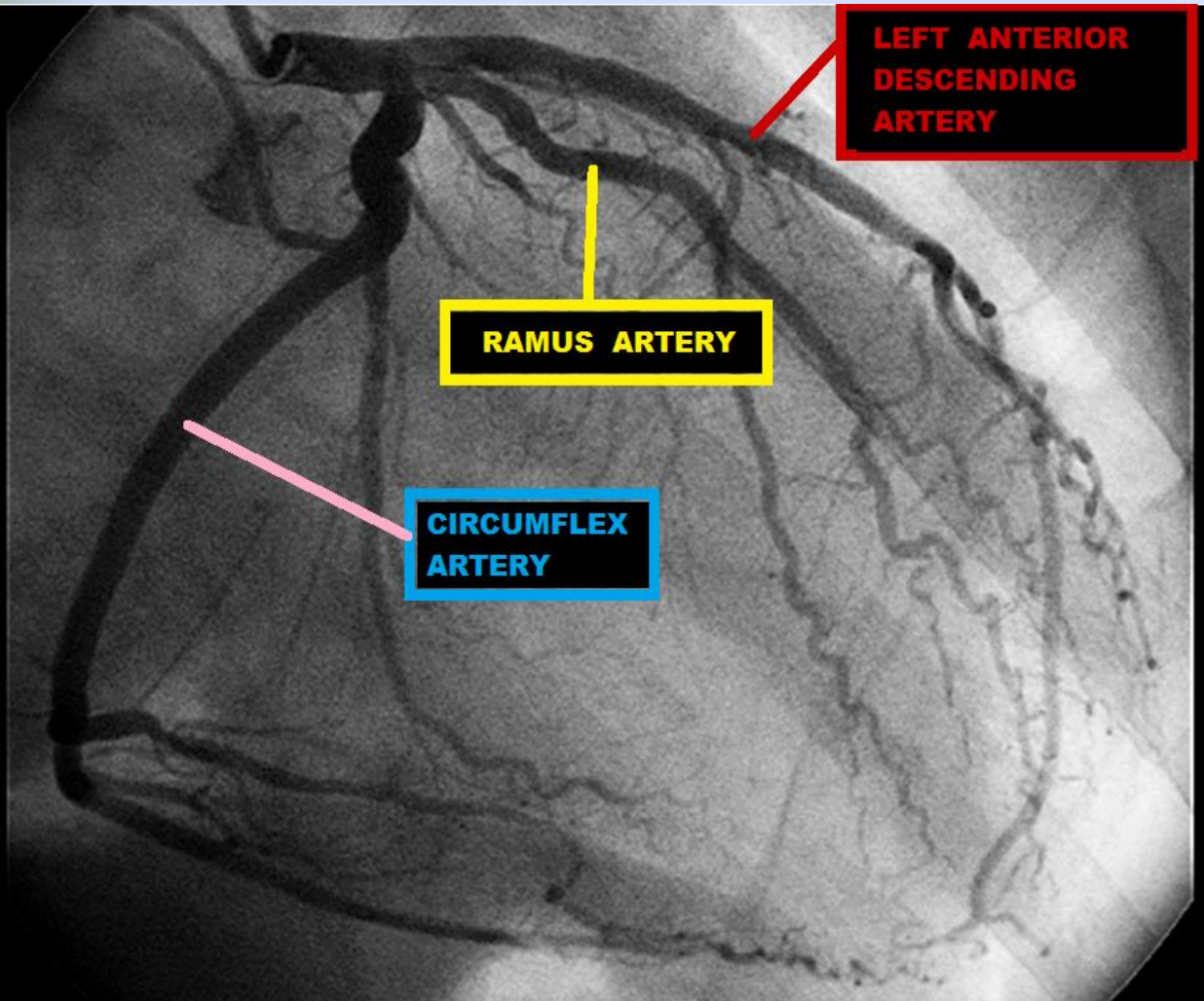
13,000 – 15,000 EP and Cath Lab cases between 1996 - Today



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

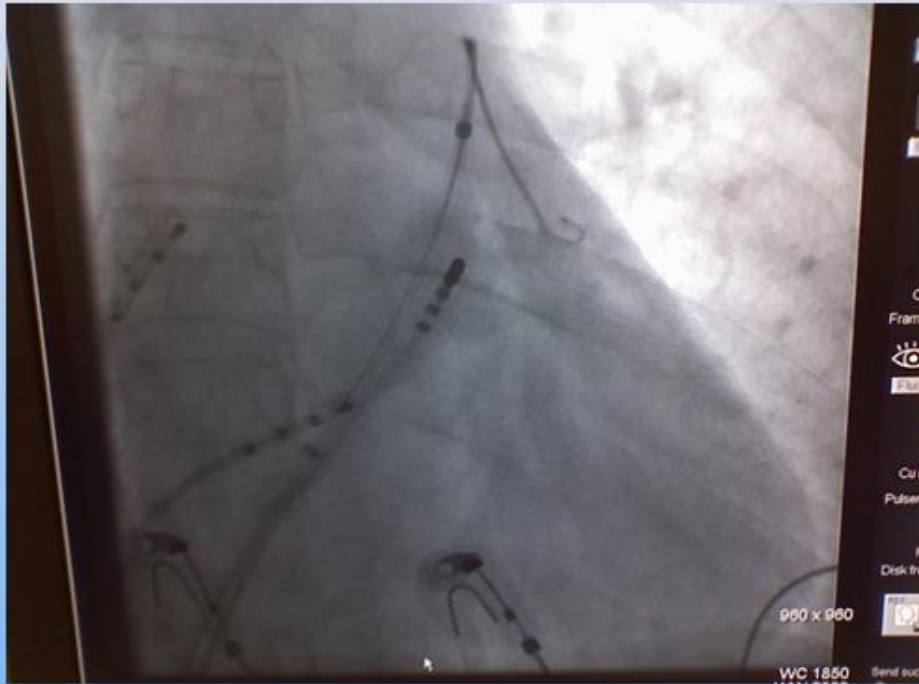
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Cardiac Cath Lab Advantage:



Correlation
of ECG leads
with
SPECIFIC
cardiac
anatomic
structures.

Electrophysiology Lab Case Studies

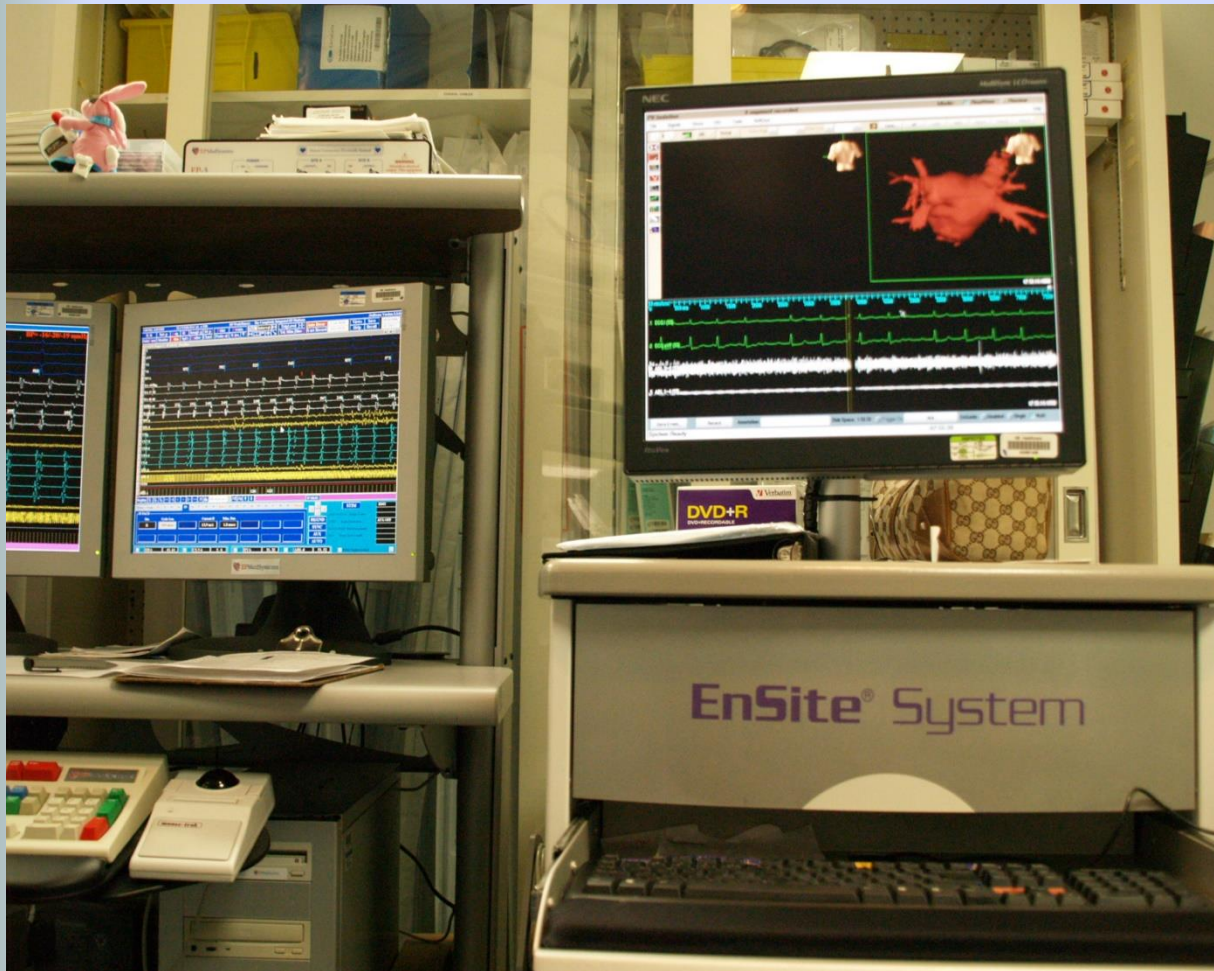


EP Catheters within the heart used for obtaining the Electrogram (the “internal ECG”) Tracing and for Pace-mapping, an integral component of an EP study



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

EP Lab Advantage:



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

Wayne Ruppert – Bio:

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

Wayne Ruppert - Bio:

- Cardiovascular Coordinator 2012-present (coordinated 7 successful accreditations)
- Interventional Cardiovascular / Electrophysiology Technologist, 1995-Present. (Approx 13,000 patients)
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- Author of: “[STEMI Assistant](#),” 2014, TriGen publishing / Ingram Books
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- 12 Lead ECG Instructor, 1994-present (multiple hospitals, USF College of Medicine 1994)
- ACLS Instructor: 1982 - 2022
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 - New England Journal of Medicine
- Two peer reviewed, published textbooks

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

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3. CORRECTLY ANSWER the REVIEW QUESTIONS at the end of each section.

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- Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners
- Emergency Department Nurses
- Coronary Care Unit and Cardiac Telemetry Nurses
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Joseph P. Ornato, MD, FACP, FACC, FACEP

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

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

Humberto Coto, MD, FACP, FACC

- Chief of Interventional Cardiology
St. Joseph's Hospital
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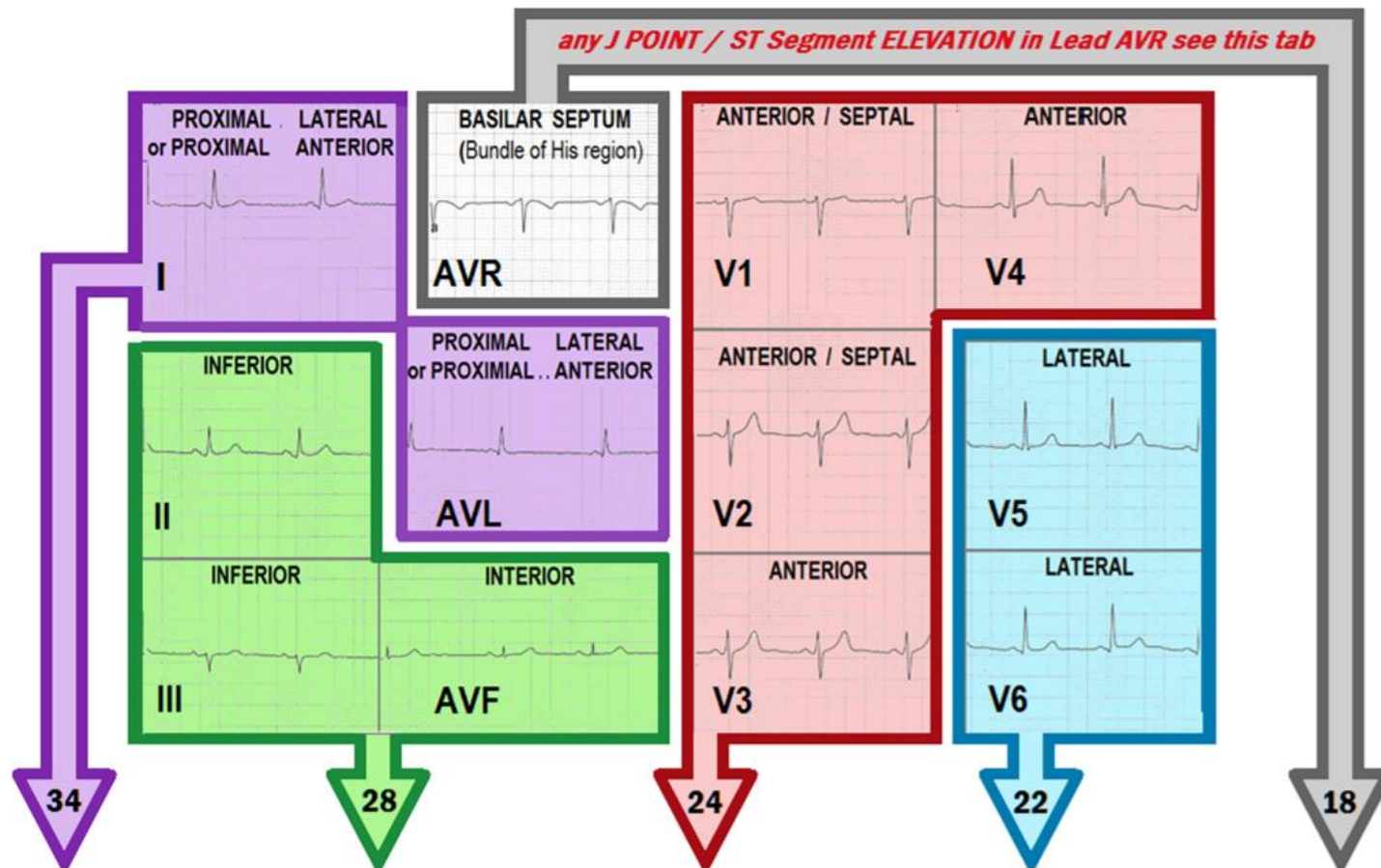
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UNIVERSAL ACS PATIENT MANAGEMENT ALGORITHM

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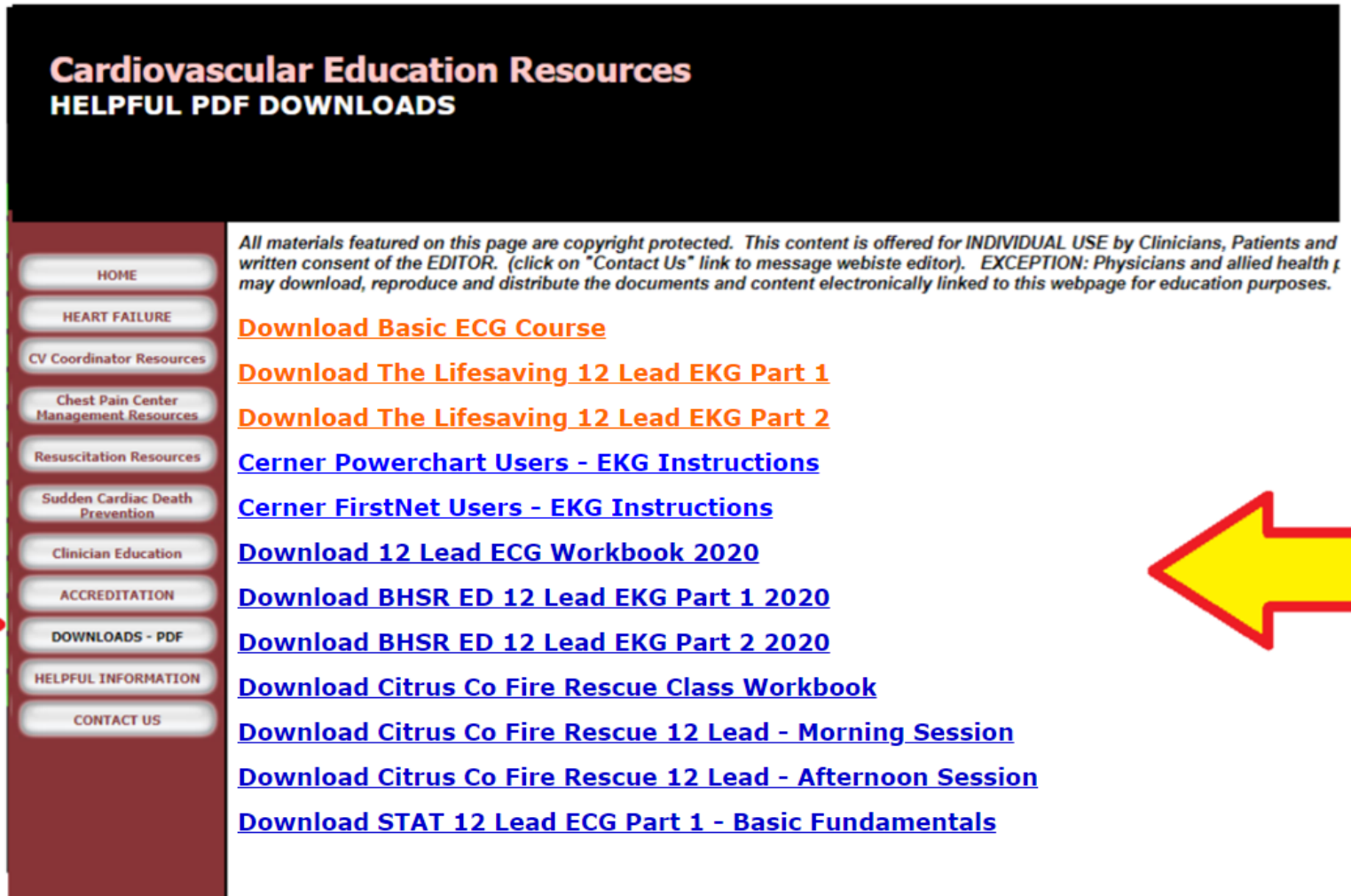
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PATIENTS: This website provides resource to help patients and their families to better understand and cope with their in the near future. We only provide materials supported by the latest evidence-based research, as well as providing I

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

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PATIENT'S HEMODYNAMIC STATUS

+

SYMPTOMS

+

ECG

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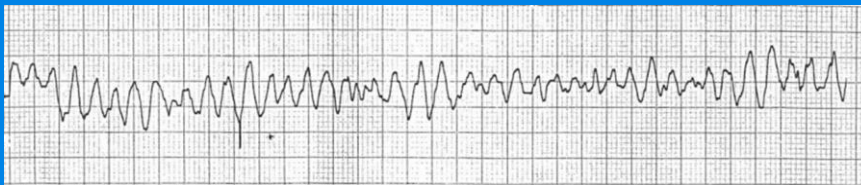
- HEMODYNAMIC STATUS
 - ABCs
 - Shock
- SYMPTOMS
 - Chest Pain / Pressure
 - Other ACS Symptoms
- ECG
 - 12 Lead
 - Single Lead “rhythm strip”

Integrated ECG:

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

If there is **NO PULSE**

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



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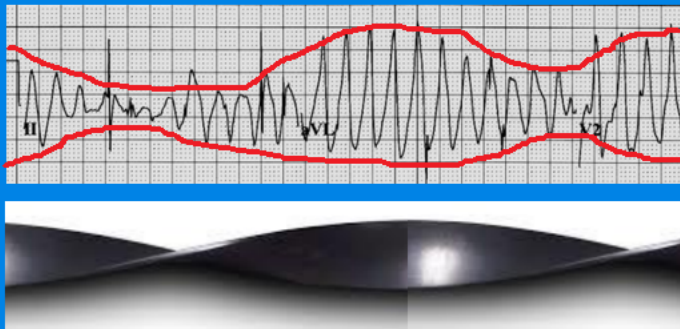
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Torsades de Pointes . . . the QRS pattern resembles a "TWISTED RIBBON"



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

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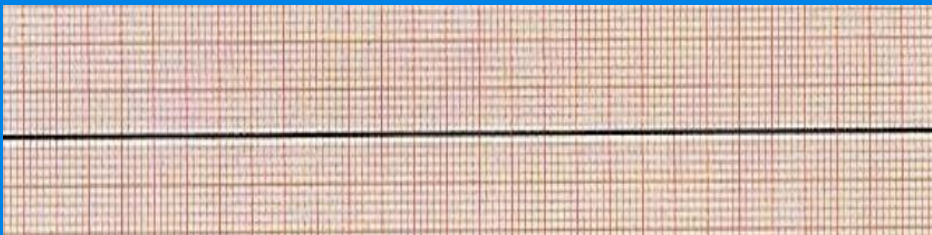
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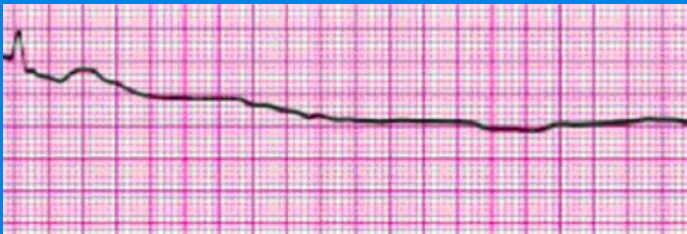
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if the patient
HAS A PULSE with
AGONAL COMPLEXES
IMMEDIATELY BEGIN TRANSCUTANEOUS
PACING -
you will probably save the patient's life !

- Continue CPR
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- CONTINUE as per ACLS....

Integrated ECG:

- HEMODYNAMIC STATUS
 - ABCs
 - Shock Assessment

SHOCK ASSESSMENT





SECONDS

SHOCK =

INADEQUATE TISSUE
PERFUSION

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

SHOCK ASSESSMENT

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

SHOCK
is
THE
CORRIDOR
TO
DEATH

SHOCK – FIND CAUSE . . .

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

Actions at the Scene:

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

THE EKG MACHINE

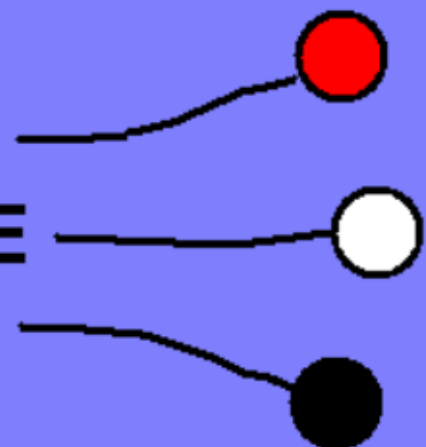
STANDARD 12 LEADS - USES 10 WIRES
(6 CHEST and 4 LIMB)

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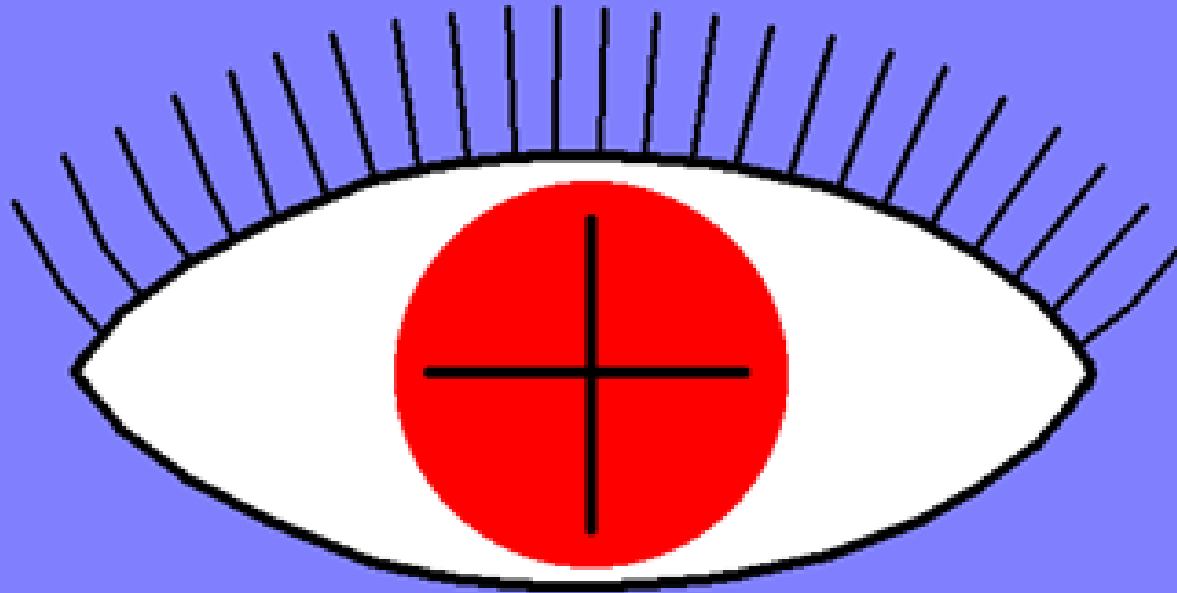
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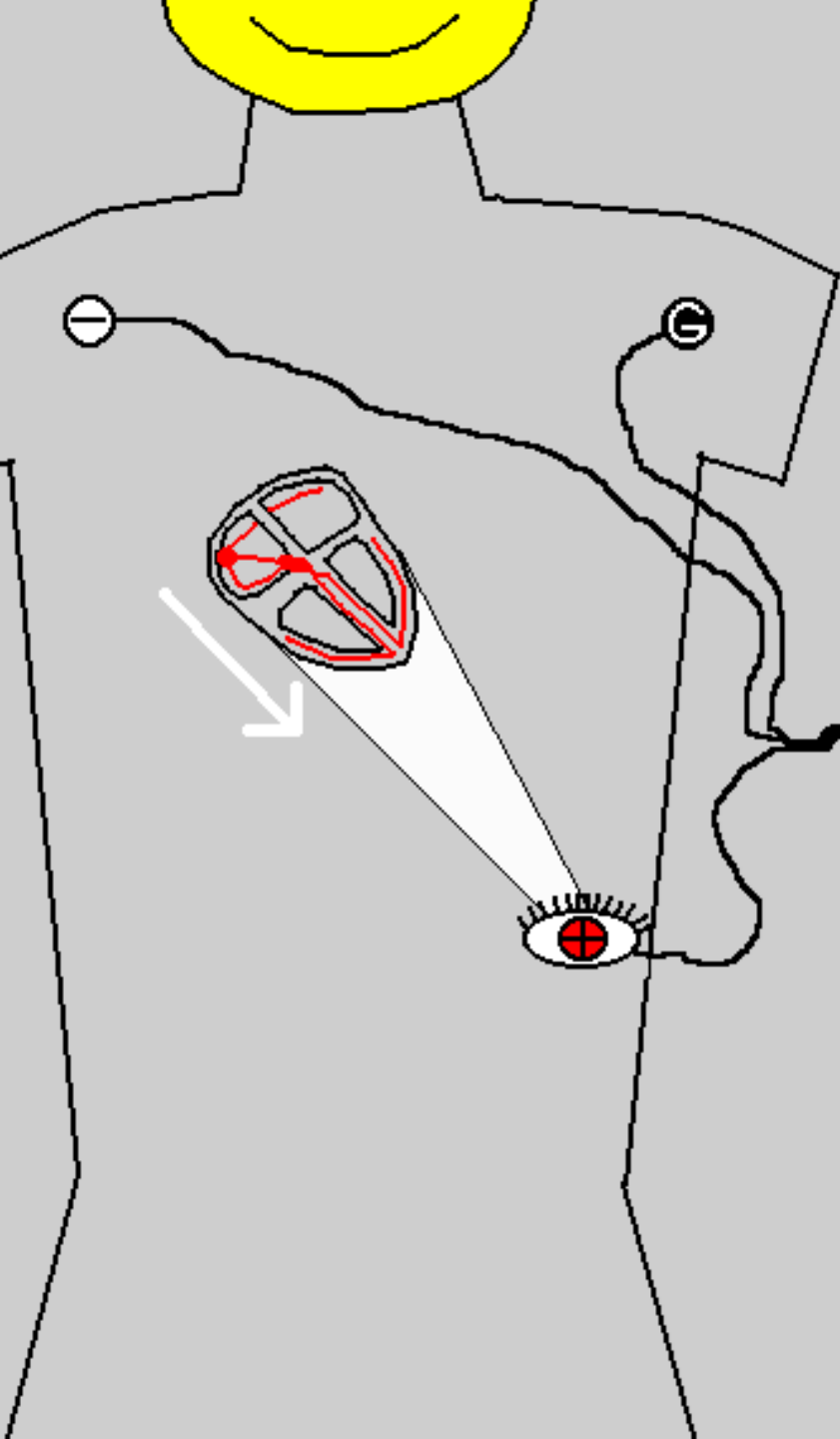
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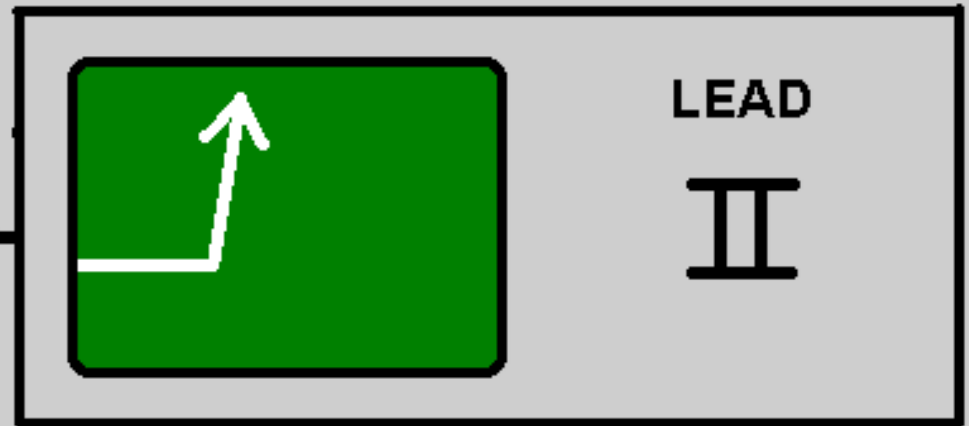
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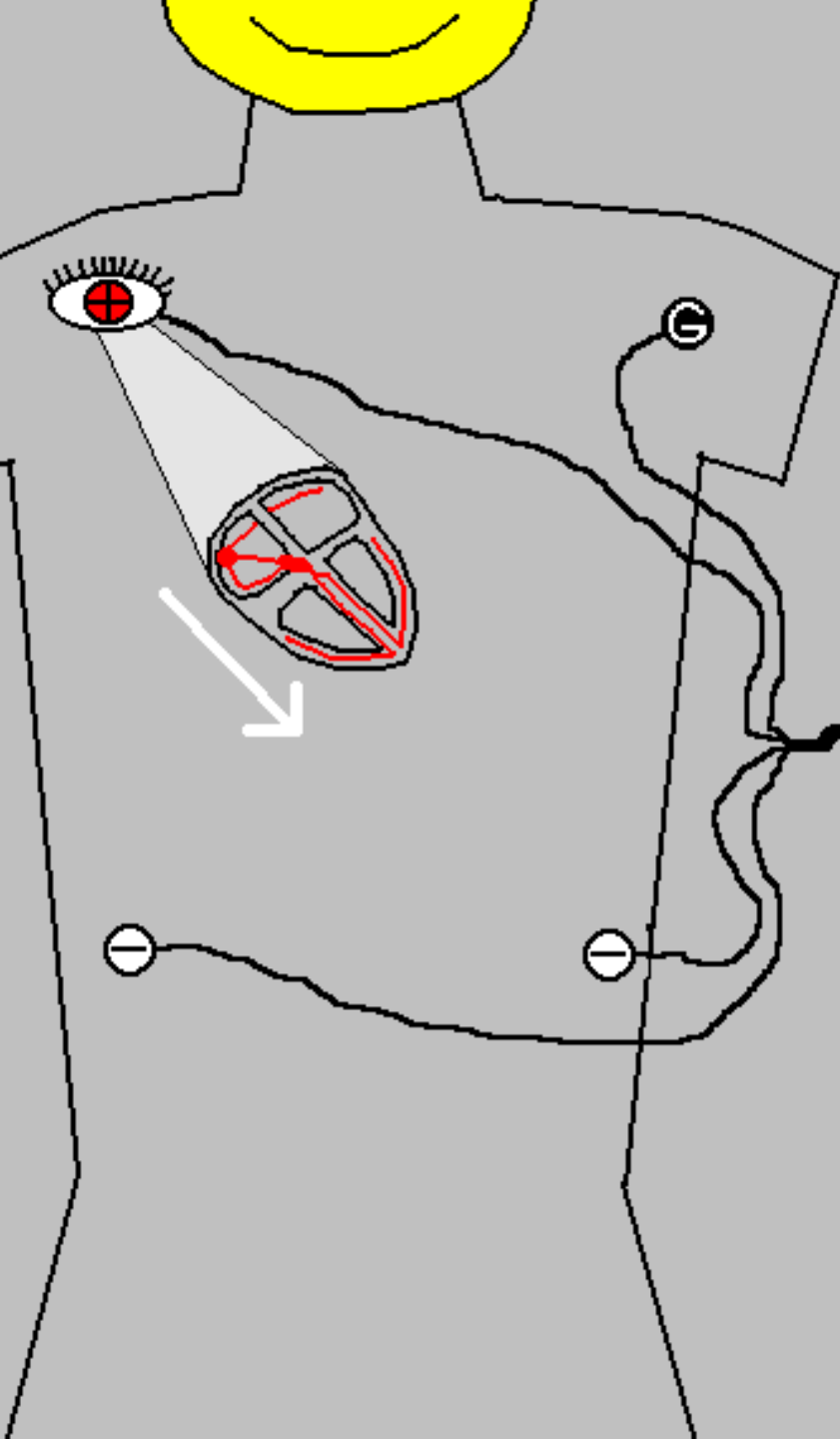
IS THE "EYE" . . .



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



**RECORDS AN
"UPWARD"
DEFLECTION**



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



**RECORDS A
"DOWNWARD"
DEFLECTION**

CARDIOGENIC SHOCK

- Heart Rate:
 - Should be between 50 – 150

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DECREASED CARDIAC OUTPUT may be present when heart rate is:

- LESS THAN 50
- GREATER THAN 150

CARDIOGENIC SHOCK

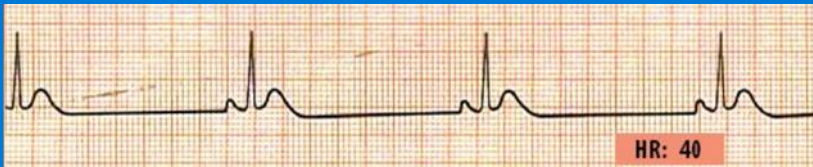
- Heart Rate

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



SPEED UP THE HEART RATE

(follow ACLS and Protocols)



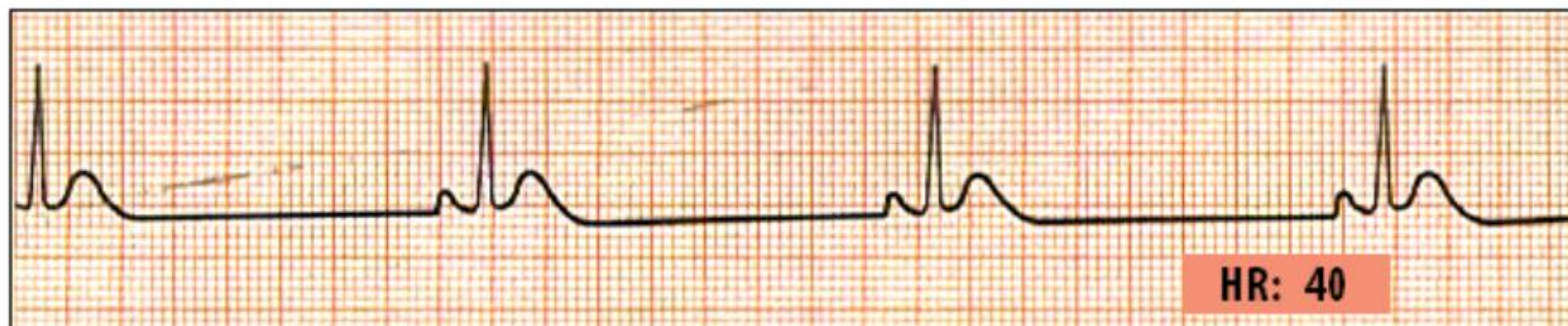
Usual treatment:

- Atropine
- Pacemaker

Bradycardias & Heart Block

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

THIS RHYTHM IS: SINUS BRADYCARDIA



WE MUST CONSIDER UNDERLYING CAUSES:

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

AND TREAT THEM:

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

THIS RHYTHM IS: FIRST DEGREE HEART BLOCK



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

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

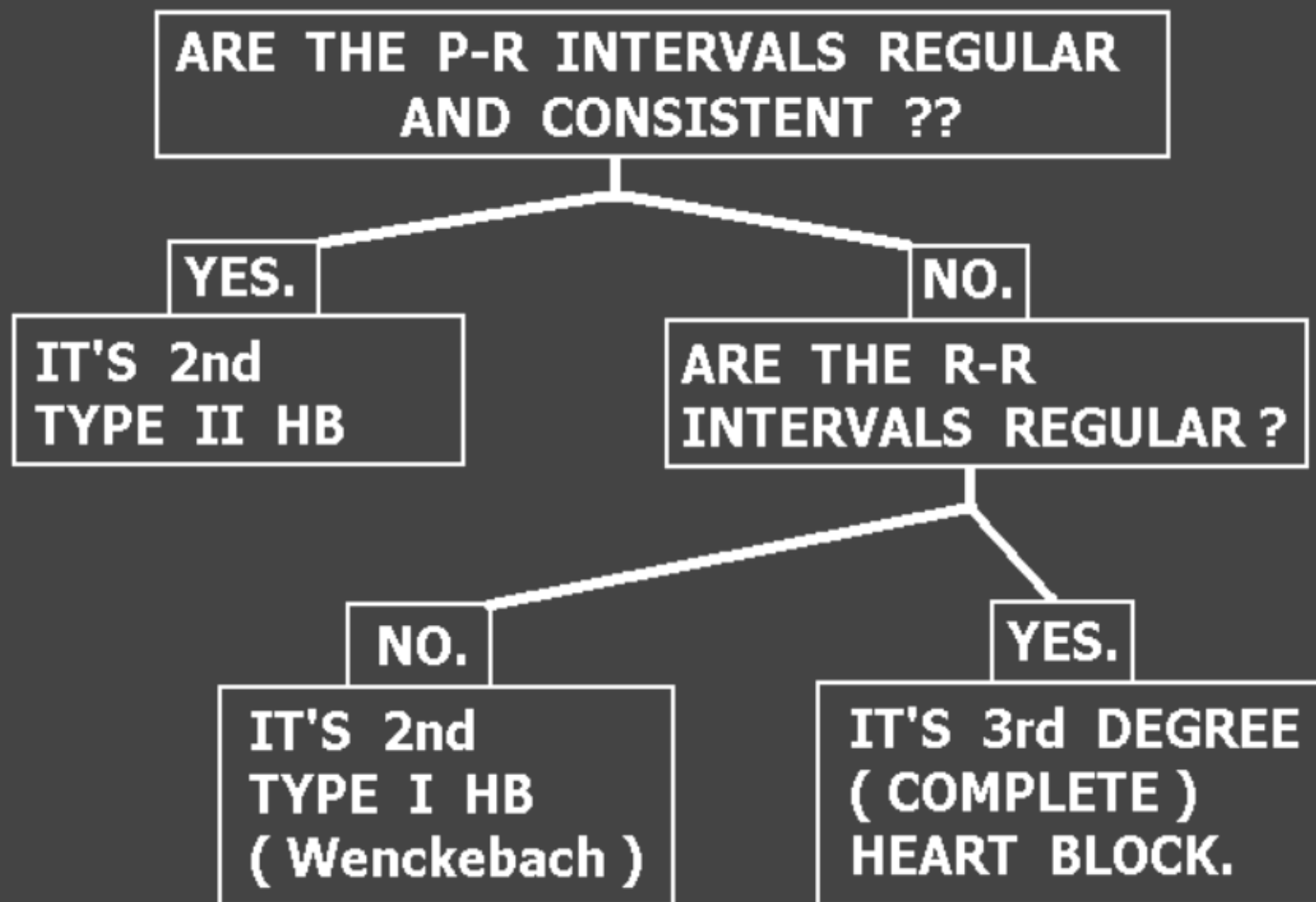
P : QRS RATIO
IF GREATER THAN 1 : 1

THINK:

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

DIAGNOSING 2nd and 3rd DEGREE HEART BLOCK

MORE P-WAVES THAN QRS COMPLEXES PRESENT.



LET'S TEST THE PROCEDURE . . .

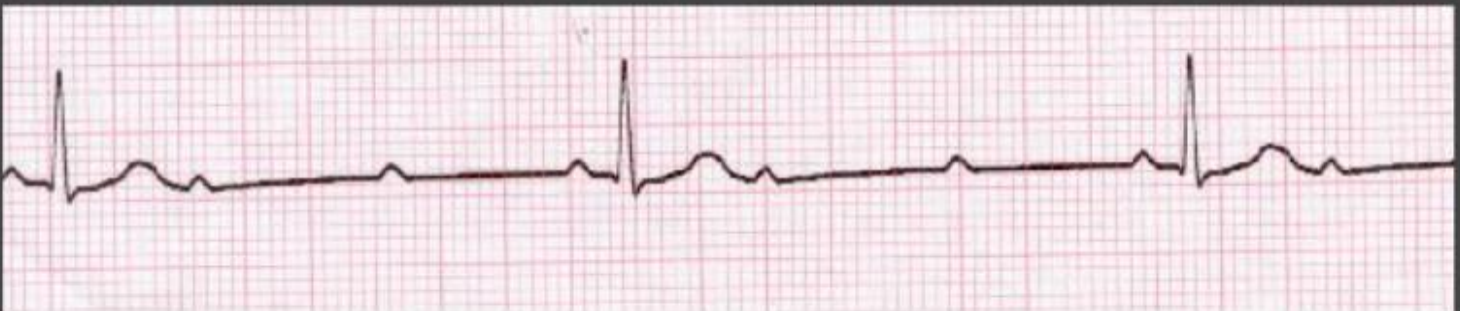
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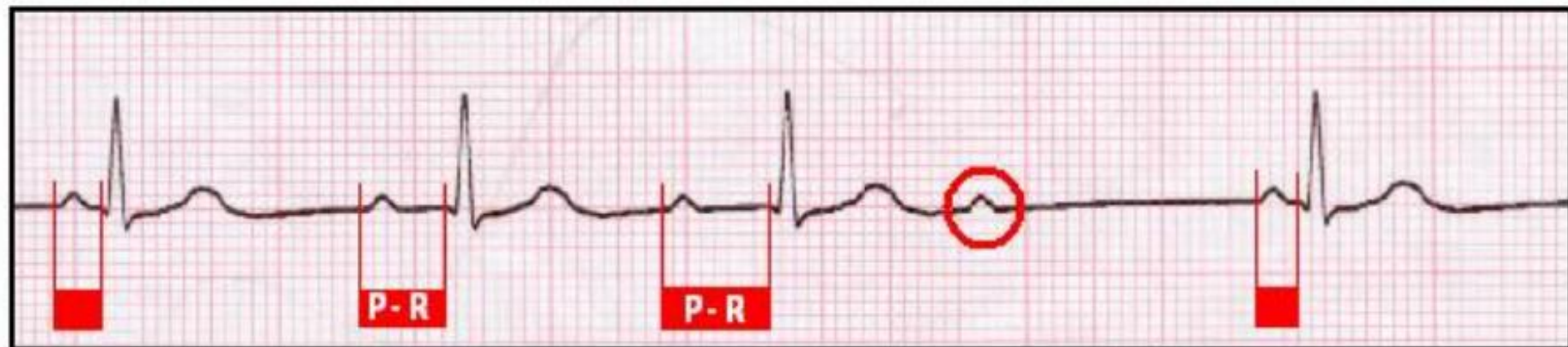
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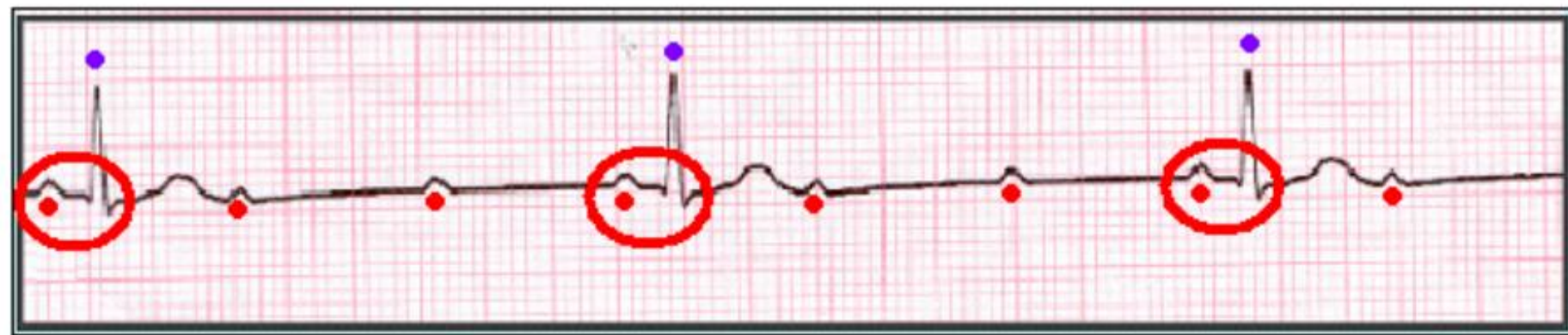
THIS RHYTHM IS: 2nd° TYPE I HB (Wenckebach)



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

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

THIS RHYTHM IS: 2nd° TYPE II HEART BLOCK



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

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

THIS RHYTHM IS: 3rd⁰ HB \bar{c} JUNCTIONAL ESCAPE



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

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

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



MAIN IDENTIFICATION CHARACTERISTIC(S): P - R INTERVALS INCONSISTENT
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RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN P WAVES AND QRS COMPLEXES. QRS
COMPLEXES are WIDER THAN 120ms, AND OF SLOW VENTRICULAR
RATE (usually < 40)

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



???

THIS RHYTHM IS: JUNCTIONAL RHYTHM



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

seen, it is INVERTED (upside-down).
- HR USUALLY 40-60

RATE	40-60
RHYTHM	REGULAR
P-R INTERVAL	ABSENT or SHORT
P:QRS RATIO	1:1
QRS INTERVAL	NORMAL

CARDIOGENIC SHOCK

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



Usual treatment:
- Synchronized
Cardioversion

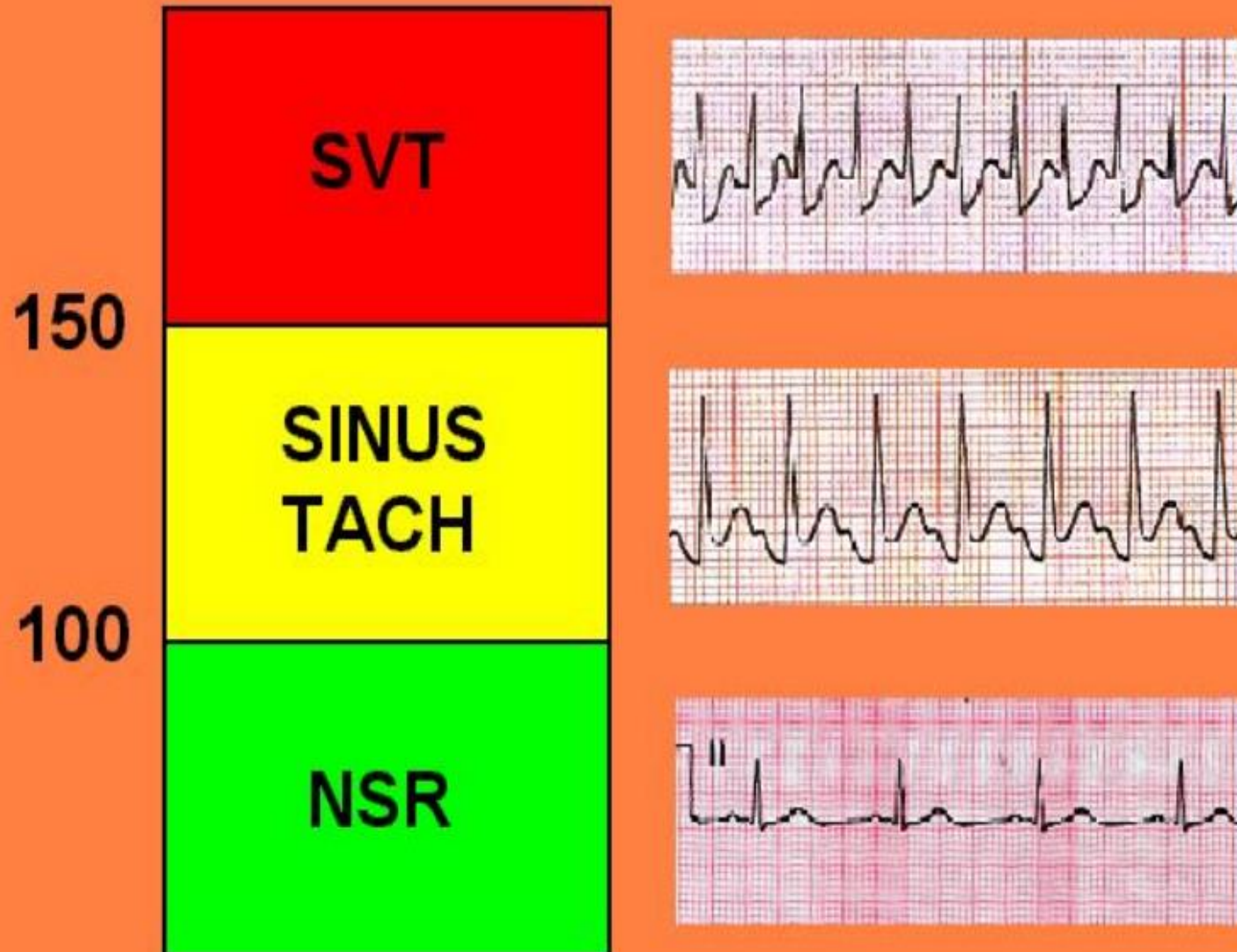
Tachycardias

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

ALL UNSTABLE TACHYCARDIAS:

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

ACLS TACHYCARDIA GUIDELINES



THIS RHYTHM IS: SINUS TACHYCARDIA



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

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

RHYTHM ————— **REGULAR**

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

P: QRS RATIO ——— **1 : 1**

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

THIS RHYTHM IS: SINUS TACHYCARDIA



WE MUST CONSIDER UNDERLYING CAUSES:

AND TREAT THEM:

ANXIETY / FEAR



CALM PATIENT

HYPOVOLEMIA

DEHYDRATION



FLUIDS

BLOOD LOSS



STOP BLEEDING

MEDICATION EFFECTS



CONSIDER MEDICAL Tx

OTHER ILLNESS



IDENTIFY & Tx DISORDER

RHYTHM CLUES



SUPRAVENTRICULAR TACHYCARDIA

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

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

THIS RHYTHM IS: SUPRAVENTRICULAR TACHYCARDIA (SVT)



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

RATE	TACHYCARDIC (usually > 150)
RHYTHM	REGULAR
P-R INTERVAL	NORMAL or ABNORMAL. MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE TO SEE DUE TO P WAVE BURIED IN T WAVES
P:QRS RATIO	1:1
QRS INTERVAL	NORMAL

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TREATMENT / INTERVENTIONS:



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

THIS RHYTHM IS:



MAIN IDENTIFICATION CHARACTERISTIC(S):

RATE _____

RHYTHM _____

P-R INTERVAL _____

P:QRS RATIO _____

QRS INTERVAL _____

THIS RHYTHM IS: MONOMORPHIC V-TACH



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

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

V-Tach

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

THIS RHYTHM IS: POLYMORPHIC V-TACH



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

RATE ————— **200 - 300**

RHYTHM ————— **VARIES**

P-R INTERVAL ——— **N/A**

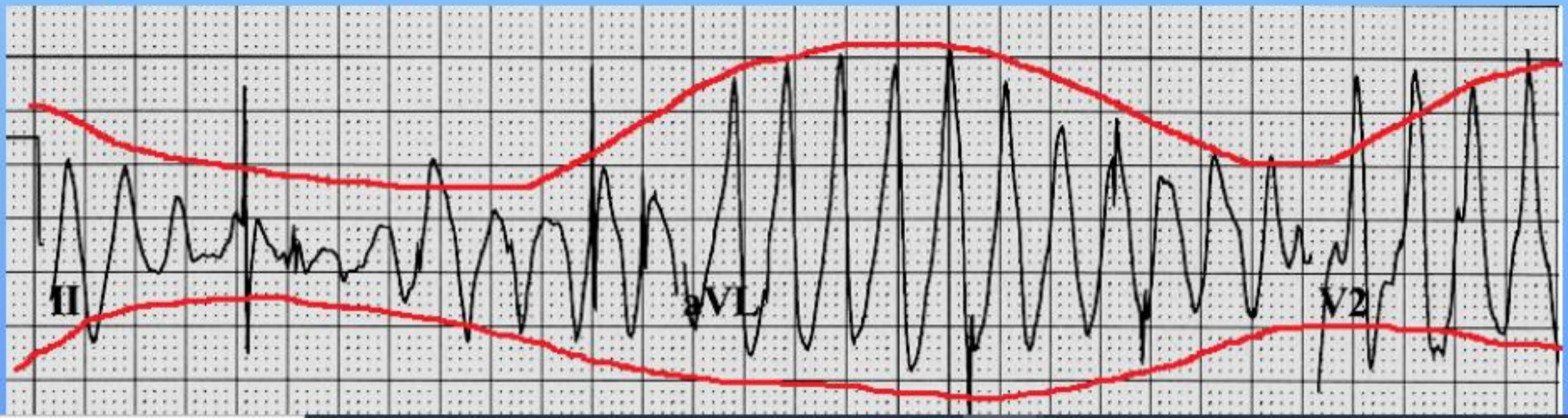
P:QRS RATIO ——— **N/A**

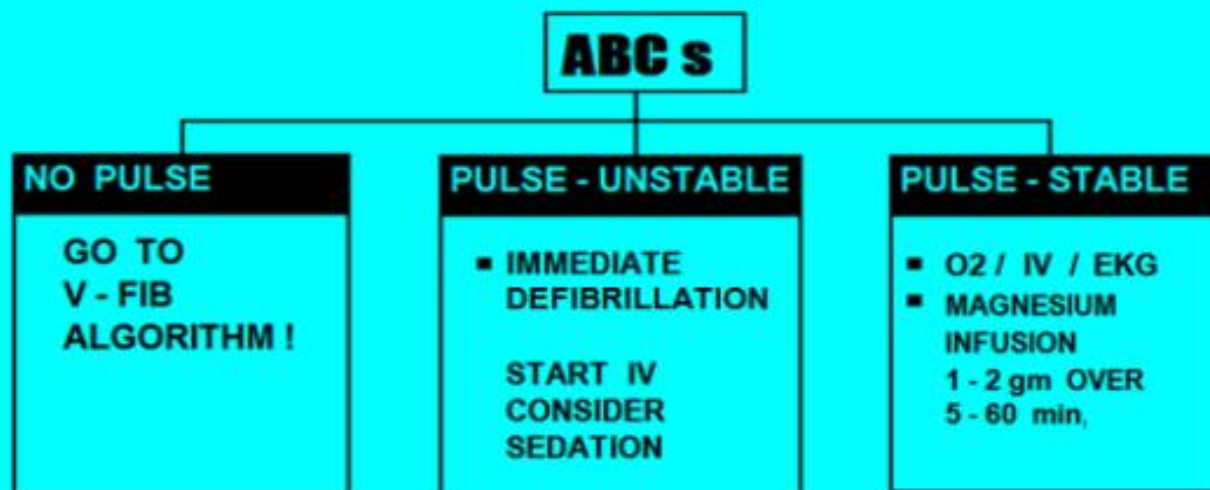
QRS INTERVAL ——— **VARIES**

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



a piece of Twisted Ribbon !





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

QTc Values:

Too Short: **< 390 ms**

Normal

-Males: **390 - 450 ms**

-Females: **390 - 460 ms**

Borderline High

-Males: **450 - 500 ms**

-Females: **460 - 500 ms**

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

Critical High

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

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

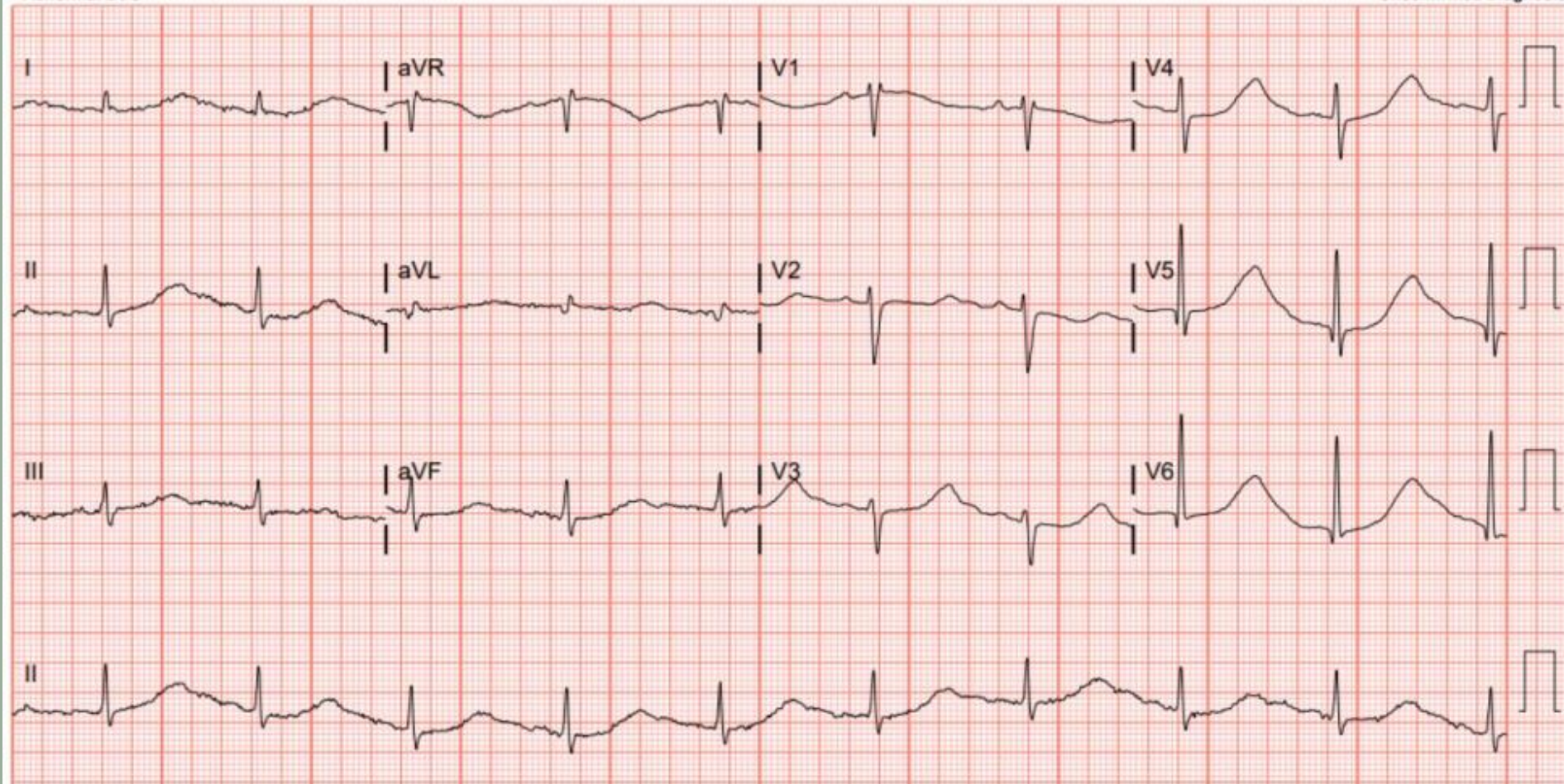
Req Provider: Rafael Santiago-App

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P	107
QRS	61
T	45

- Abnormal ECG -

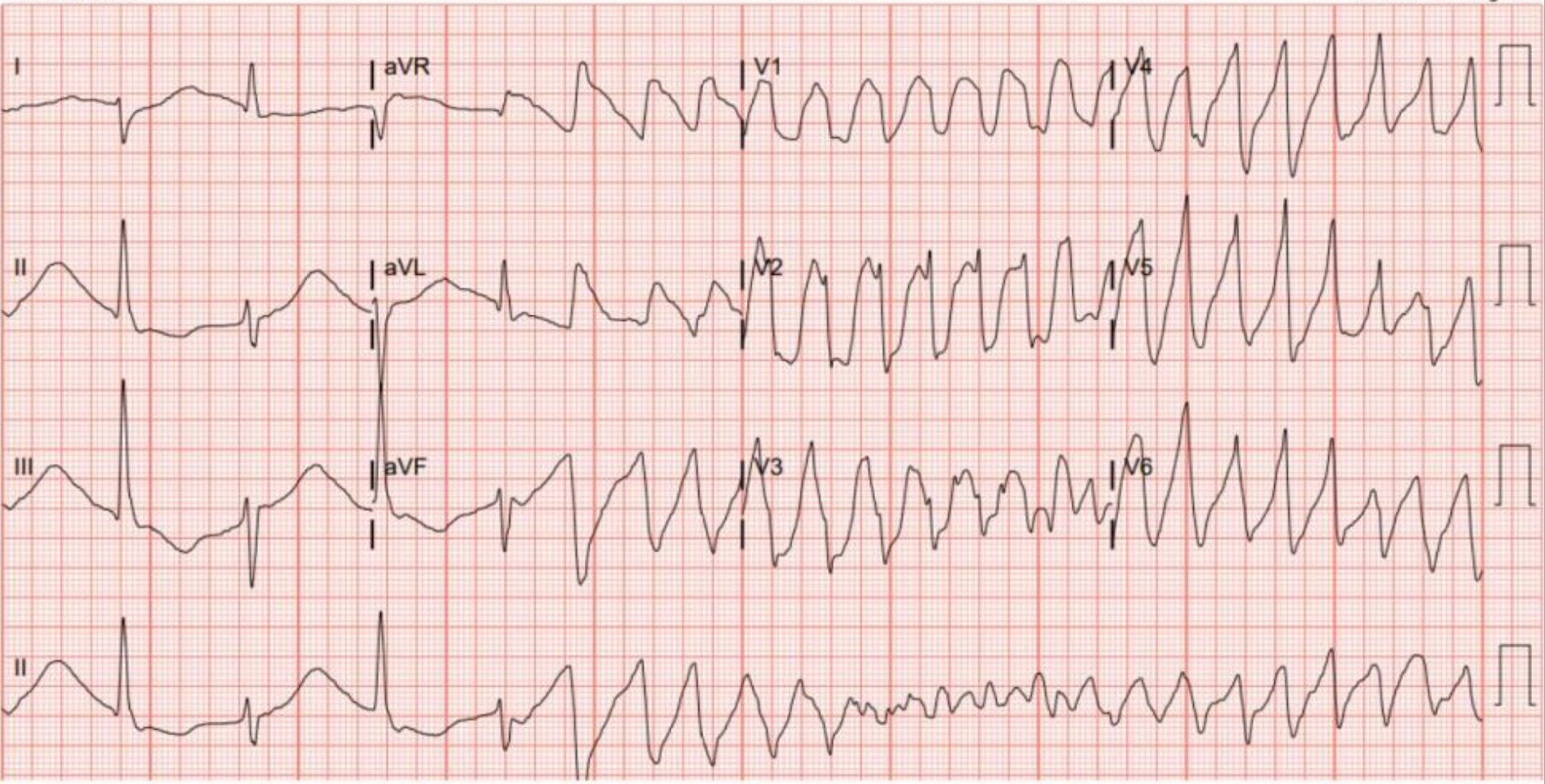
Unconfirmed Diagnosis



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

- Abnormal ECG -

Unconfirmed Diagnosis

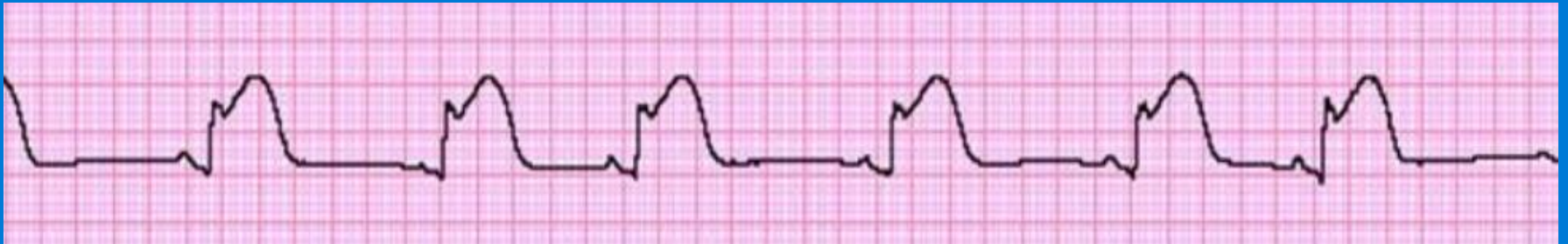


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- Decreased Contractility:
 - STEMI / Acute Coronary Syndrome (vascular)
 - Myocarditis (muscle dysfunction)
 - Often mimics STEMI on the ECG. Often “challenging” for advanced practitioners to diagnose.

Integrated ECG:

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 - ABCs
 - Shock
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 - Chest Pain / Pressure

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(within 10 minutes) !!

CHIEF COMPLAINT

KEY WORDS:

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

SHORTNESS BREATH

DIZZINESS / LIGHTHEADEDNESS

ETC. ETC. ETC.

INFARCTION

SYMPTOMS OF MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION:

1. CHEST PAIN:

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

INFARCTION

SYMPTOMS OF MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION:

1. CHEST PAIN

2. SHORTNESS OF BREATH

May or may not be present.

INFARCTION

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

INFARCTION

SYMPTOMS OF MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION:

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

INFARCTION

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



QUICK ASSESSMENT "SHORT FORM"

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

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ATYPICAL SYMPTOMS of ACS

???

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

Stroke (previous history of)

Heart failure (previous history of)

Race (non-white)

Elderly (age 75+)

Women

Diabetes mellitus

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

Common atypical complaints associated with AMI without chest pain include:

Malaise (weakness)

Fatigue

Indigestion

Abdominal pain

Nausea

Cold sweats

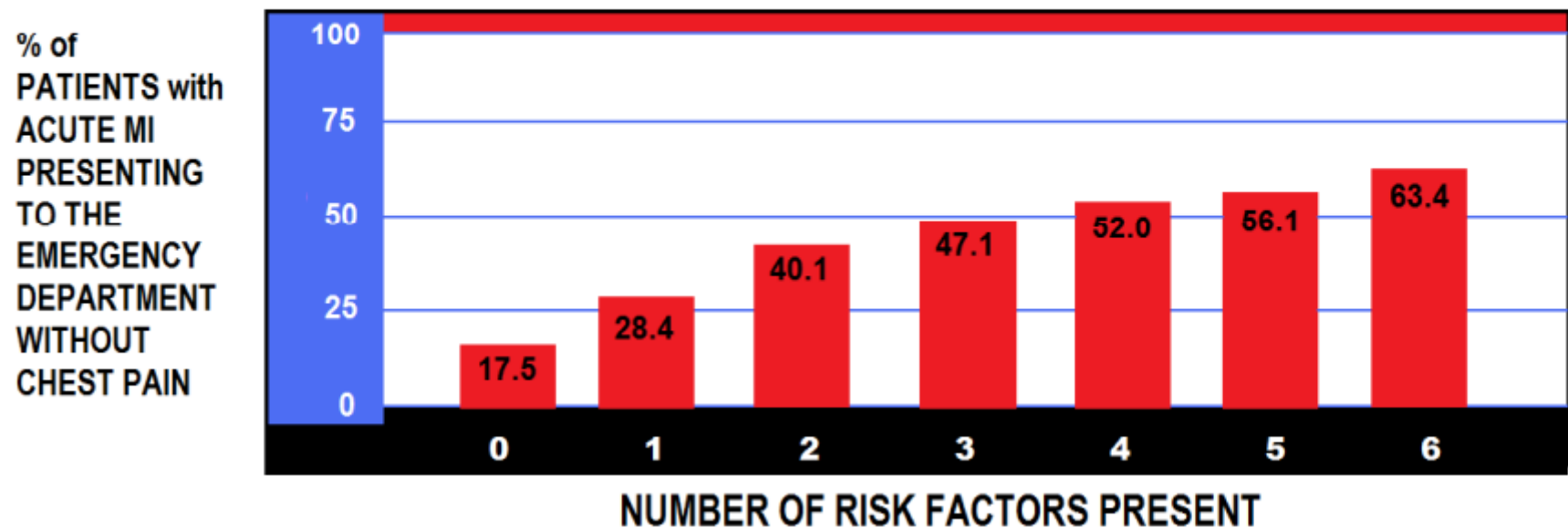
Dizziness

Elevated heart rate

Syncope

Dsypnea

Effect of Having Multiple Risk Factors for AMI Without Chest Pain



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

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

Integrated ECG:

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

Actions at the Scene

- If patient has ANY symptoms of ACS, get a

STAT 12 Lead ECG

EMS 12 Lead ECG

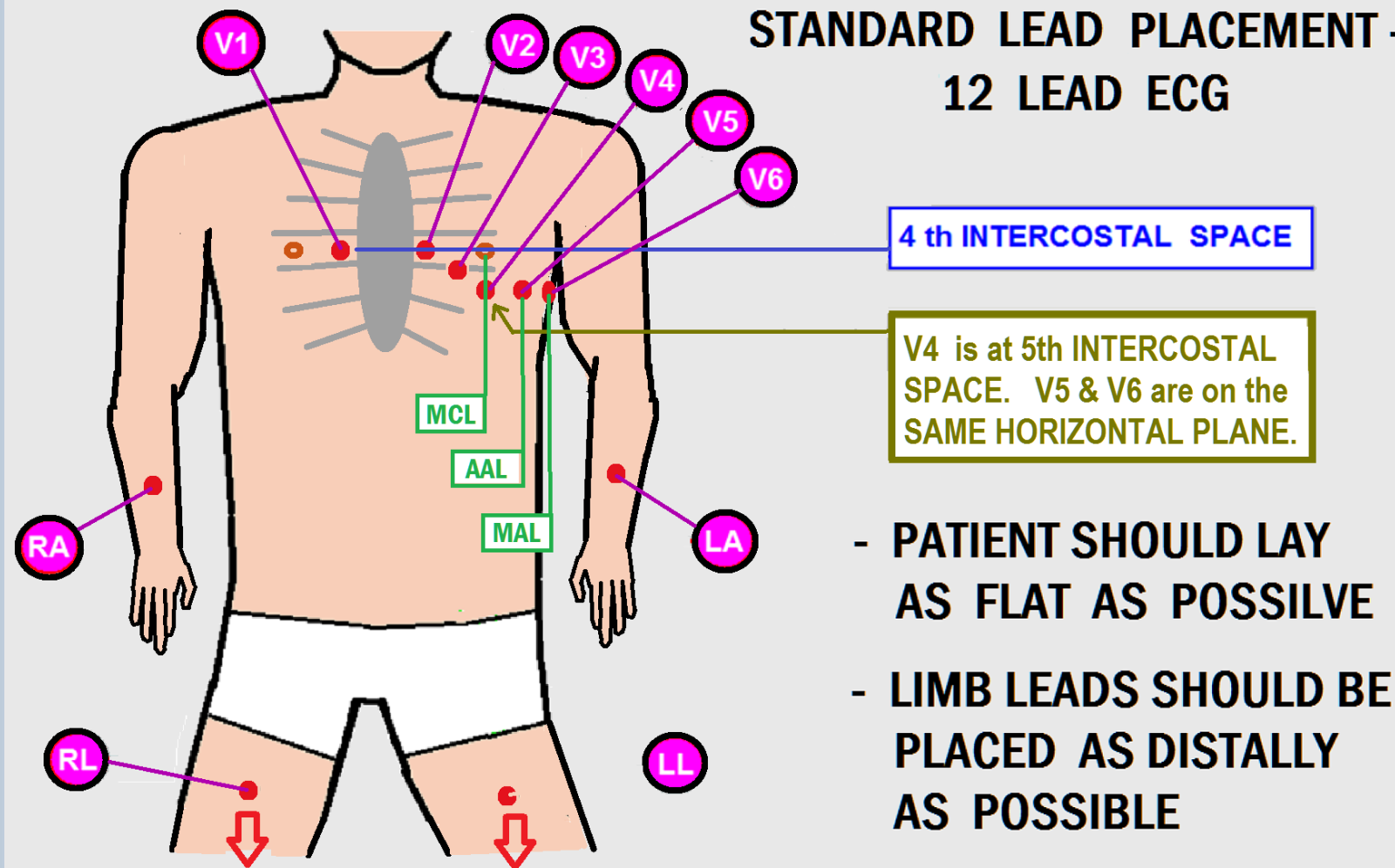


10 wires . . .

- 4 limb leads
- 6 chest (“V”) leads



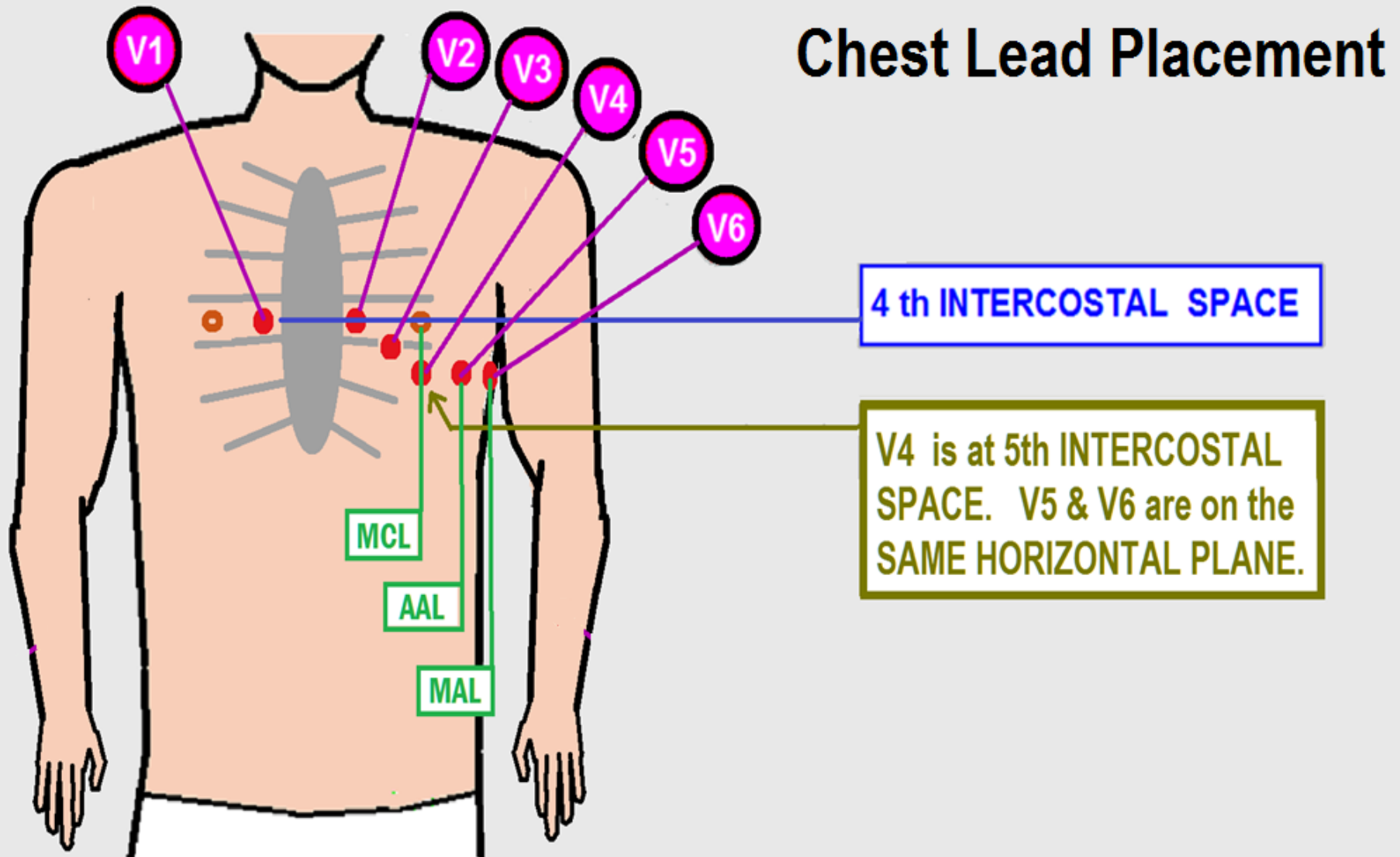
Obtaining the 12 Lead ECG



Leads V1 & V2 on 12 Lead ECG:

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

CORRECT Lead placement:



DOB [REDACTED] 75 Years

Female

(2)

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

PR 161
QRSD 90
QT 350
QTc 394

TECH

SD

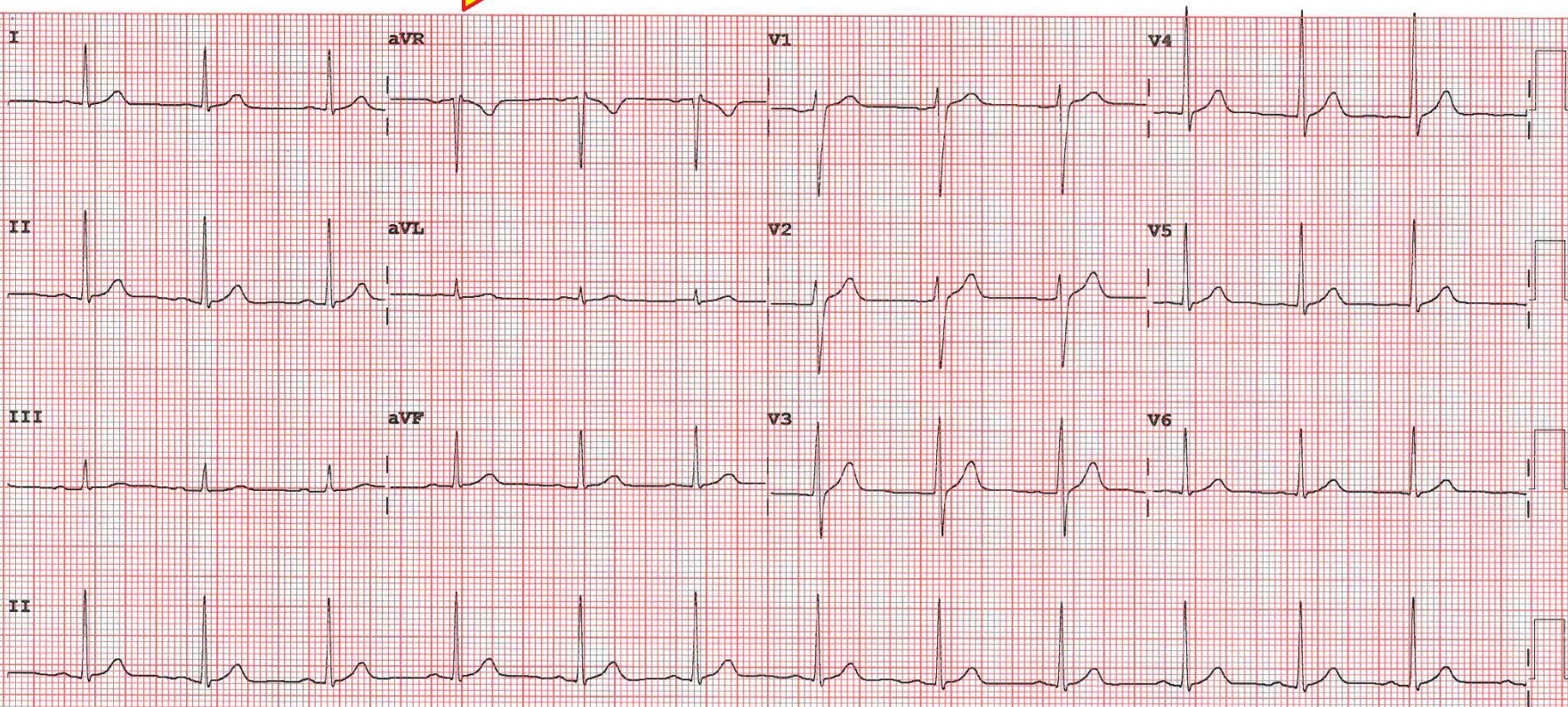
--AXIS--

P 50
QRS 51
T 44

12 Lead; Standard Placement

- NORMAL ECG -

Unconfirmed Diagnosis



Device:

Speed: 25 mm/sec

Limb: 10 mm/mV

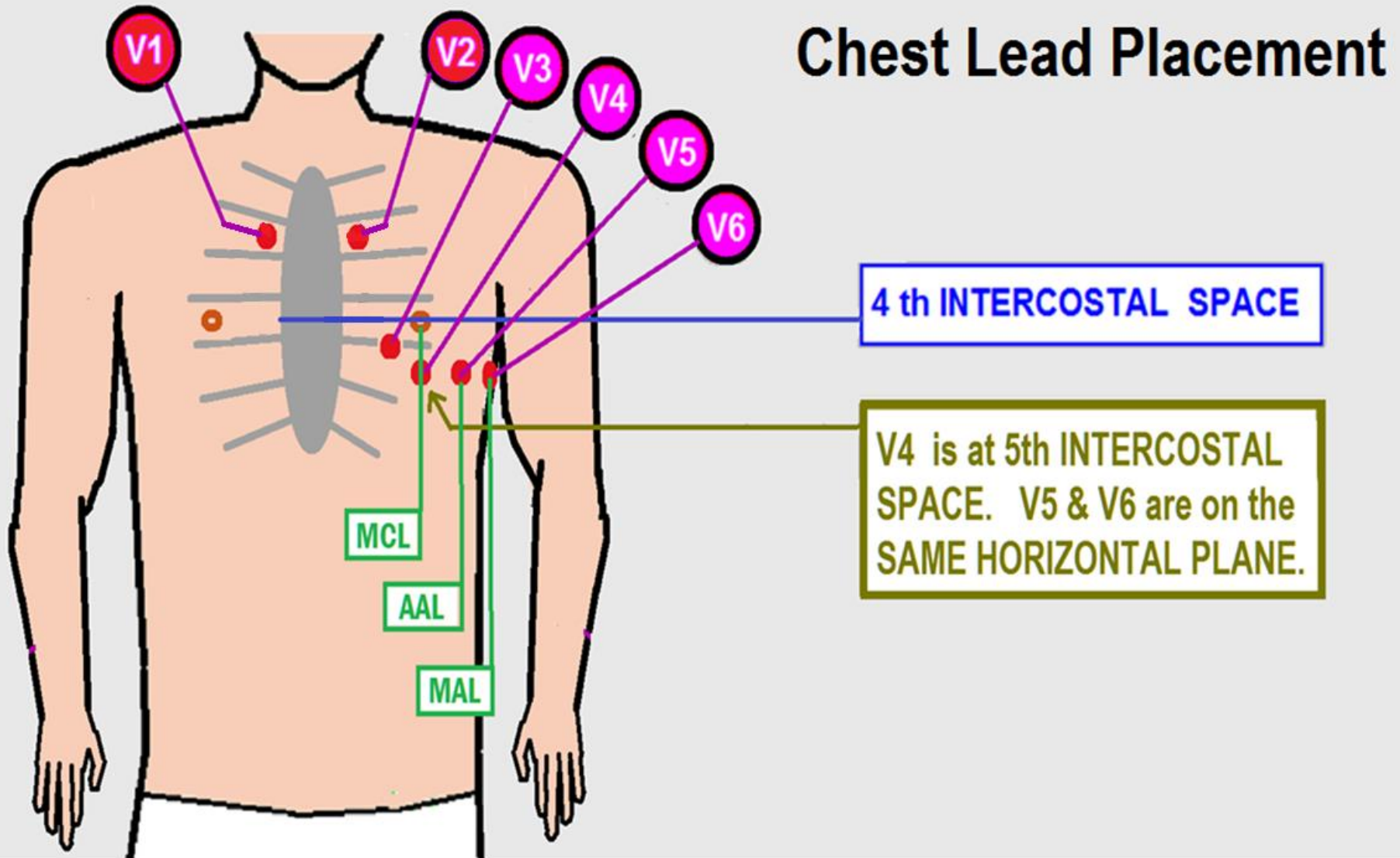
Chest: 10.0 mm/mV

F 60~ 0.15-100 Hz

100B CL

P?

INCORRECT Lead placement:



DOB [REDACTED] 1988 30 Years

Female

5:20:58 AM

(1)

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

PR 157
QRSD 96
QT 365
QTc 445

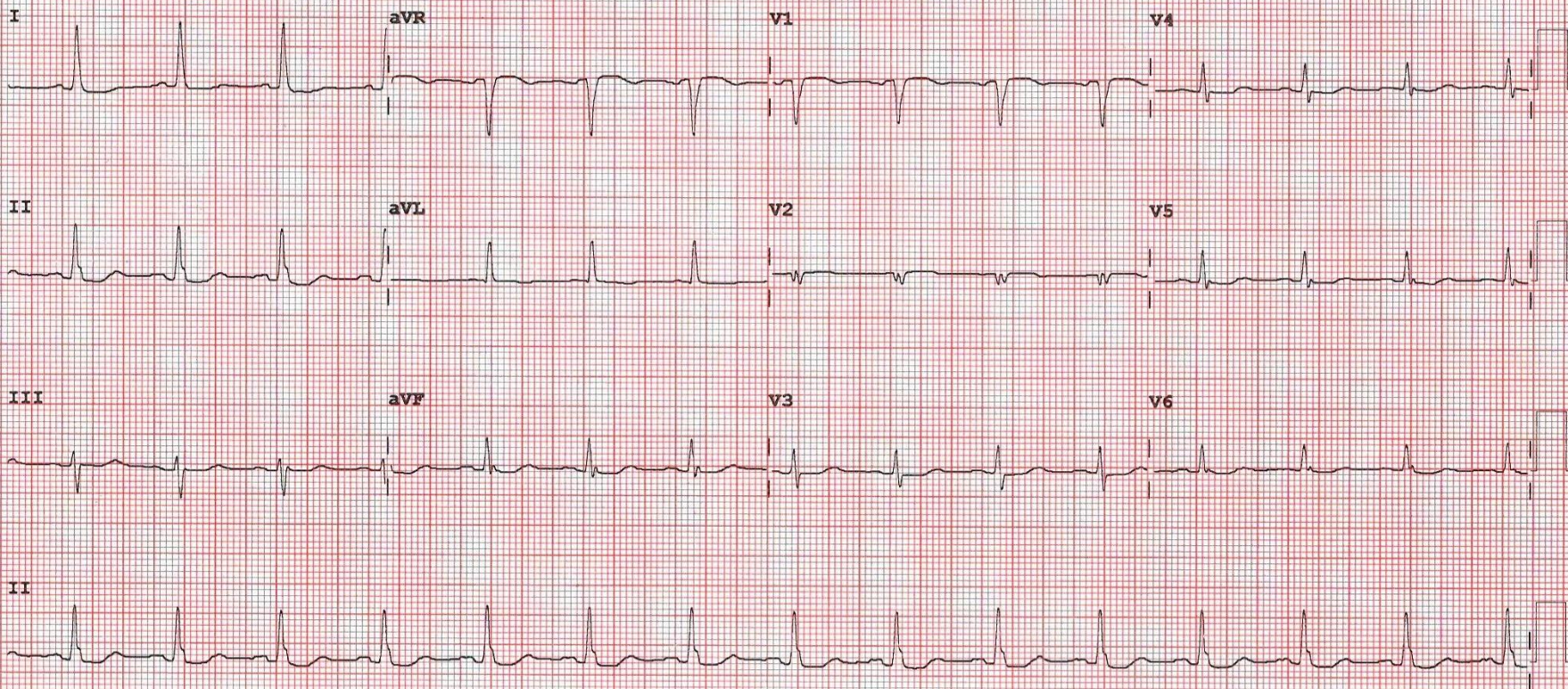
--AXIS--

P 46
QRS 24
T 86

12 Lead; Standard Placement

- ABNORMAL ECG -

Unconfirmed Diagnosis



Device

Speed: 25 mm/sec

Limb: 10 mm/mV

Chest: 10.0 mm/mV

F 60~ 0.15-100 Hz

123 CL

P?

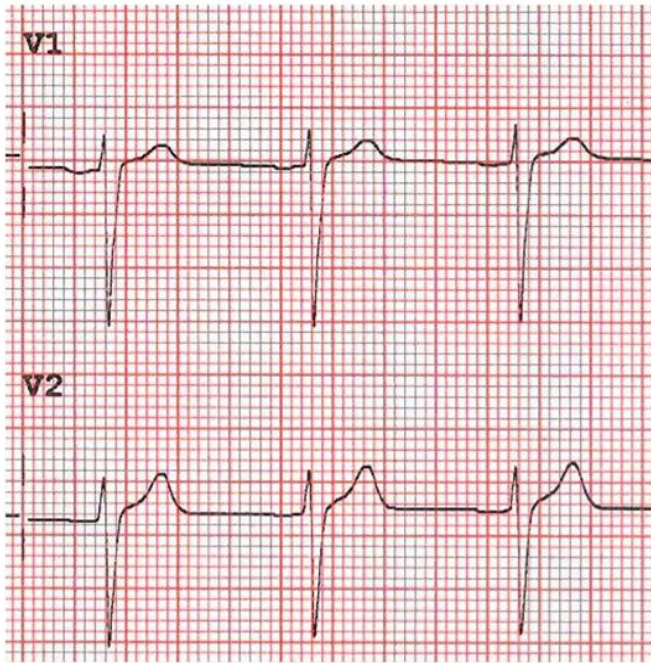
AHA/ACC/HRS Scientific Statement

Recommendations for the Standardization and Interpretation of the Electrocardiogram

Part I: The Electrocardiogram and Its Technology

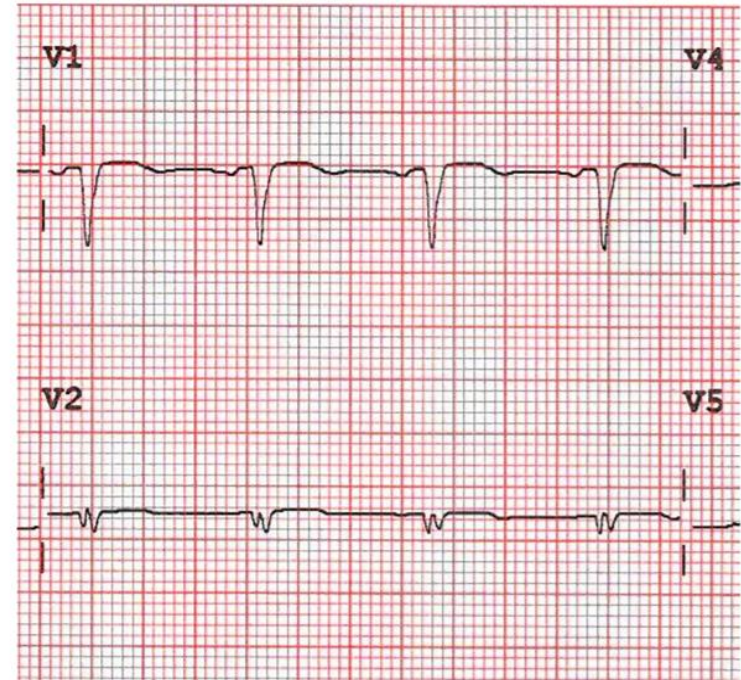
the often profound alterations in waveforms that can result from precordial electrode misplacement.^{85,86} A common error is superior misplacement of V_1 and V_2 in the second or third intercostal space. This can result in reduction of initial R-wave amplitude in these leads, approximating 0.1 mV per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

Correct Lead Placement



RS = NO old MI

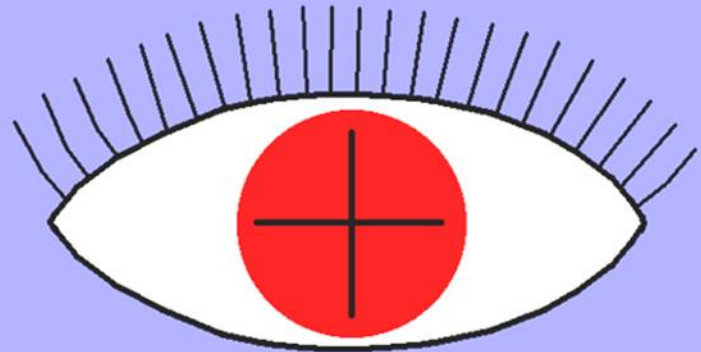
Incorrect Lead Placement



QS = old MI

What part of the HEART does each lead SEE ?

THE POSITIVE ELECTRODE



IS THE "EYE" . . .

AREAS VIEWED by 12 LEAD ECG



AVR

AVL, I

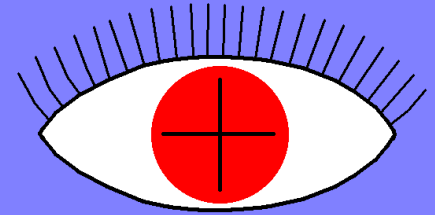
V1, V2

V3, V4

V5, V6

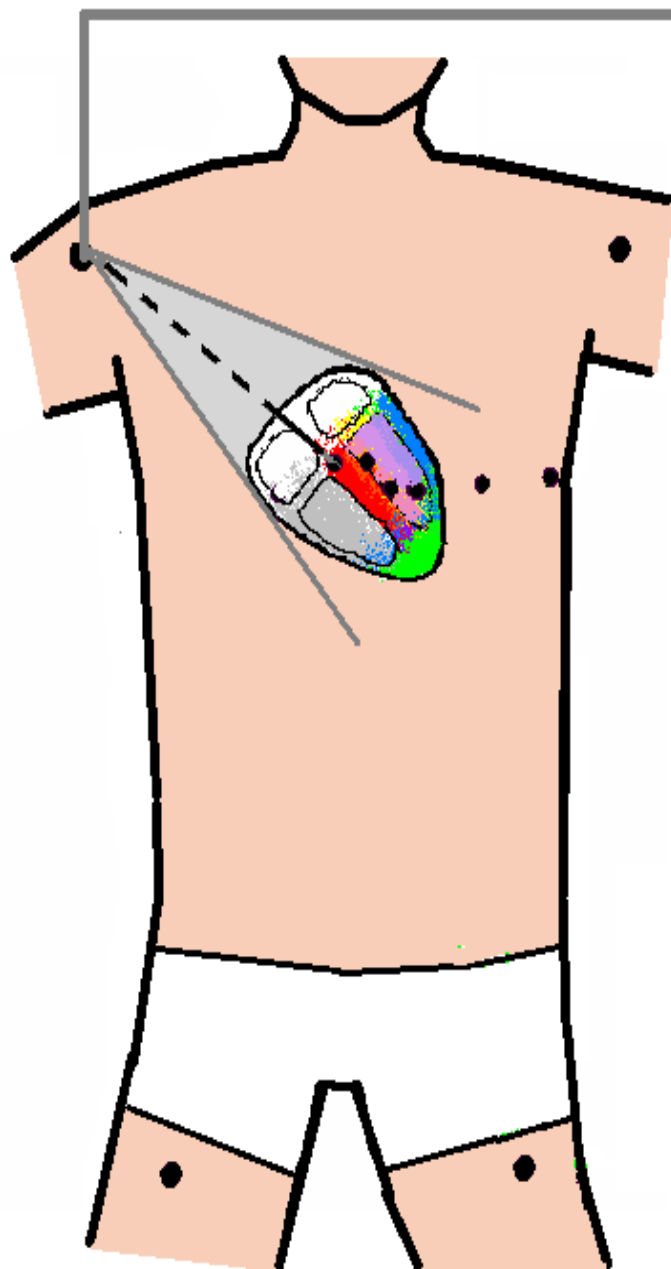
II, III, AVF

THE POSITIVE ELECTRODE



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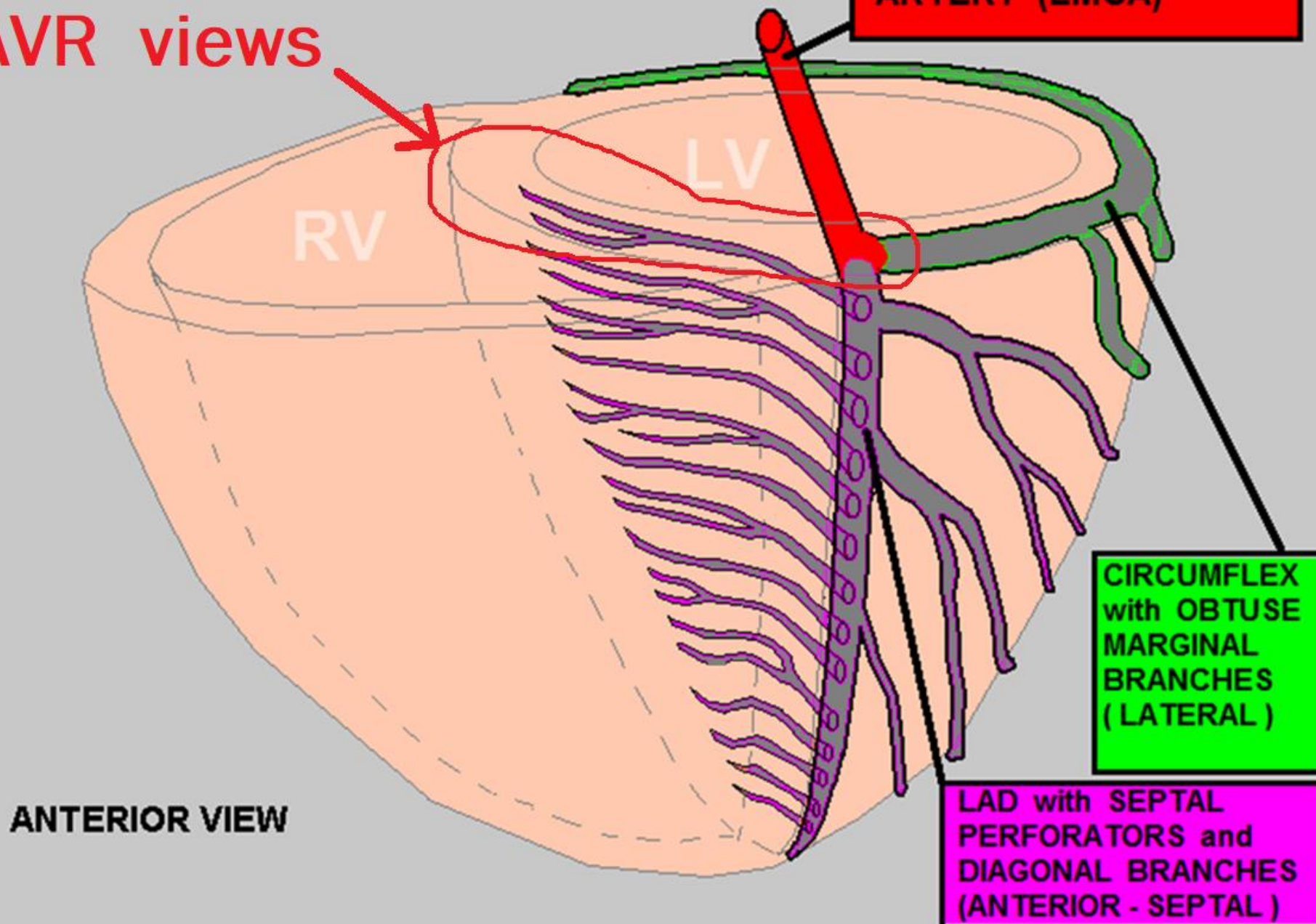
Lead AVR Views the BASILAR SEPTUM (region of the Bundle of His):



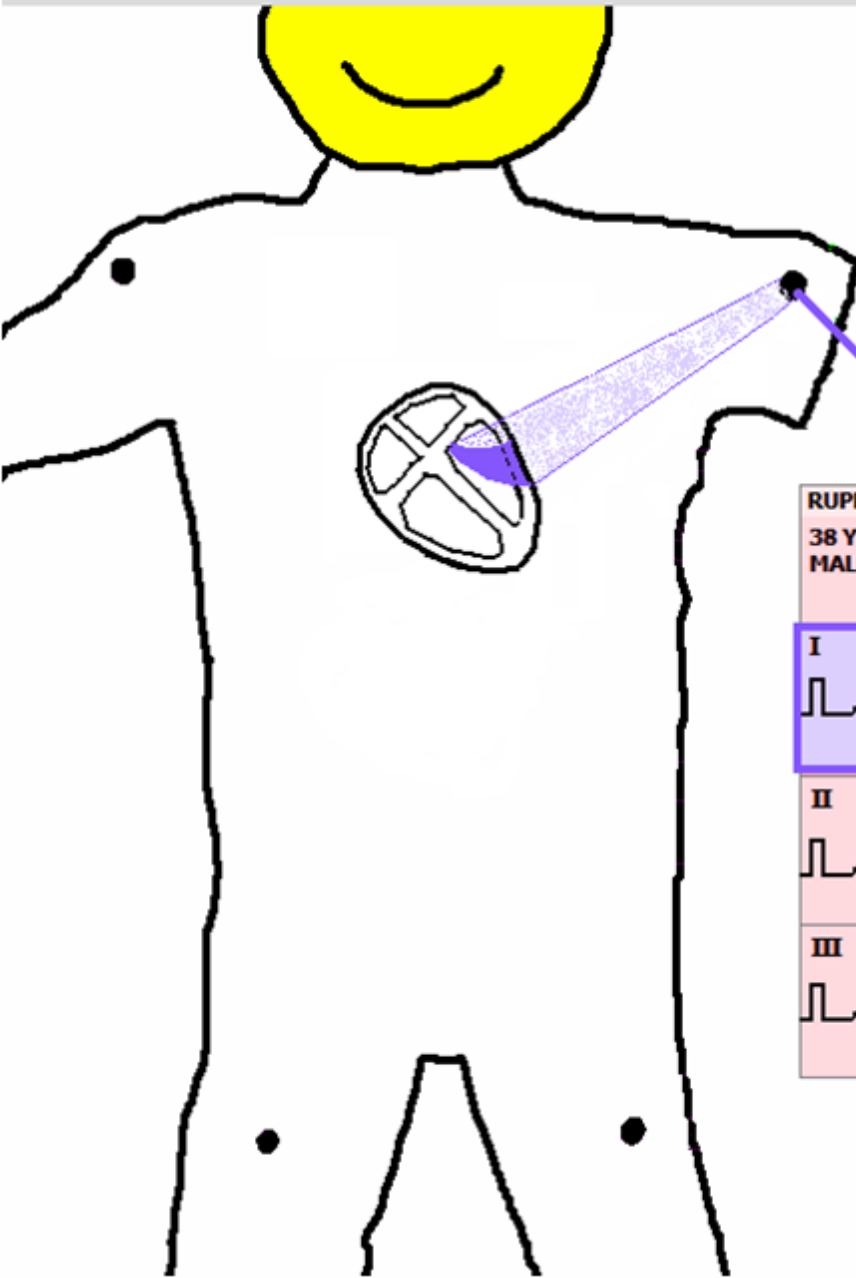
RUPPERT, WAYNE		ID: 7445683	59	05-OCT-2006	JOHNS-HOPKINS UNIV.
38 Yrs		Vent. Rate:	68	NORMAL SINUS RHYTHM	
MALE		P-R Int.:	160 ms	Normal EKG	
		QRS:	100 ms	Very Healthy Athletic EKG !	
I	AVR	V1	V4		
II	AVL	V2	V5		
III	AVF	V3	V6		

LEFT CORONARY ARTERY SYSTEM

AVR views



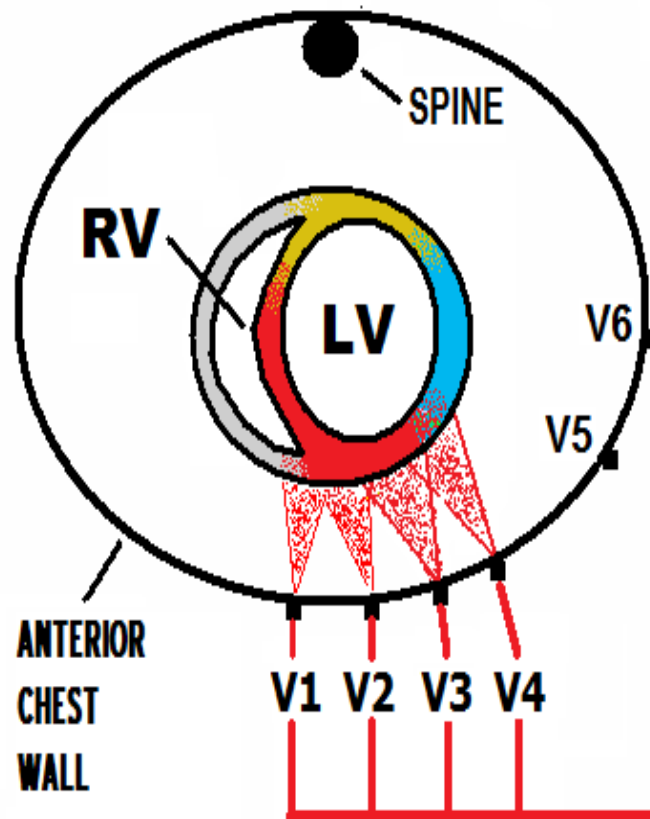
LEADS I and aVL VIEW the LATERAL - ANTERIOR WALL



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

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

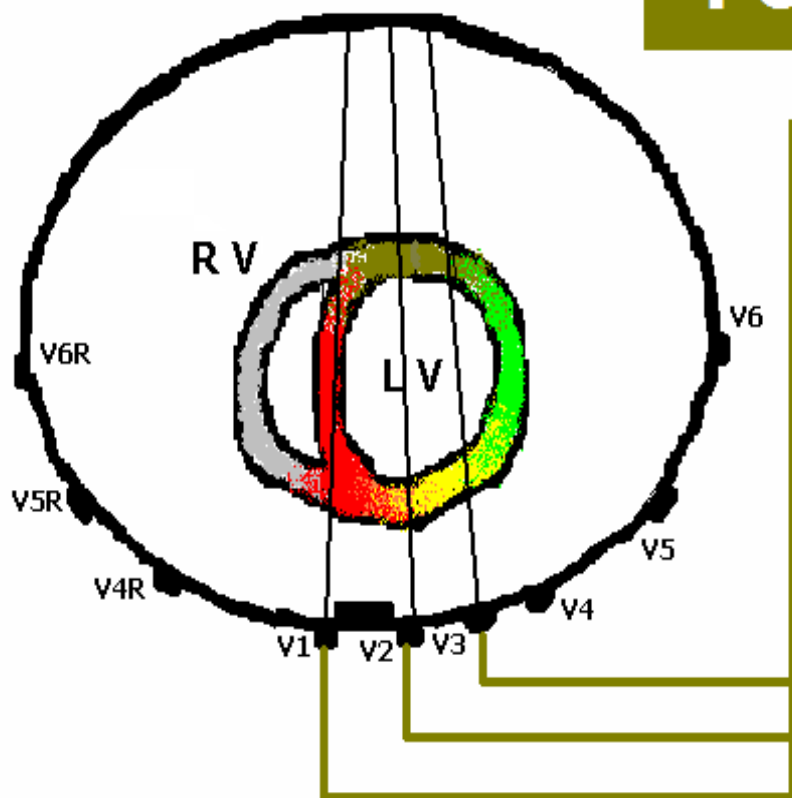
V1, V2 - ANTERIOR / SEPTAL
V3, V4 - ANTERIOR



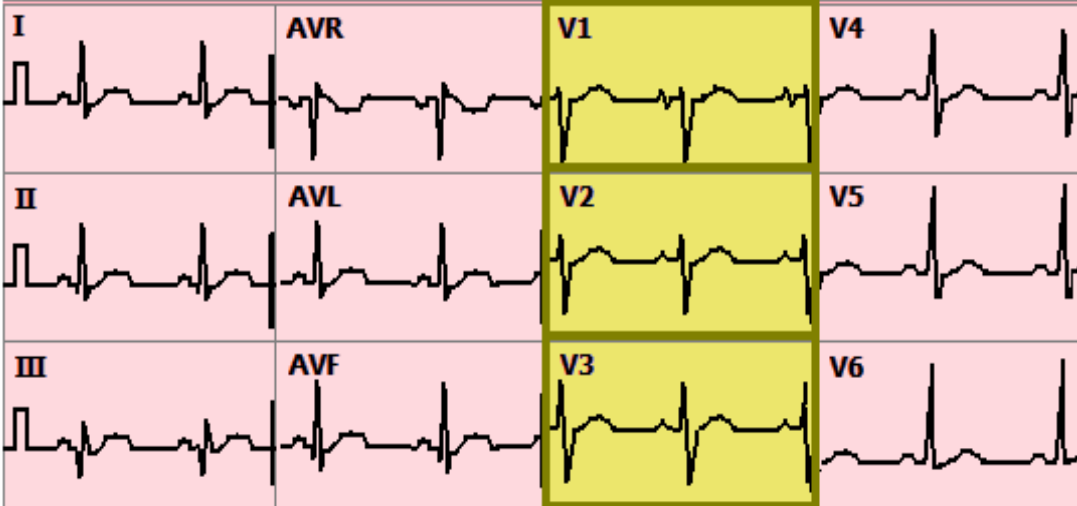
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MALE		P-R Int.: 160 ms	Normal EKG	
		QRS: 100 ms	Very Healthy Athletic EKG !	
I	AVR	V1	V4	
II	AVL	V2	V5	
III	AVF	V3	V6	

LEADS V1 - V3 *view the*

POSTERIOR WALL



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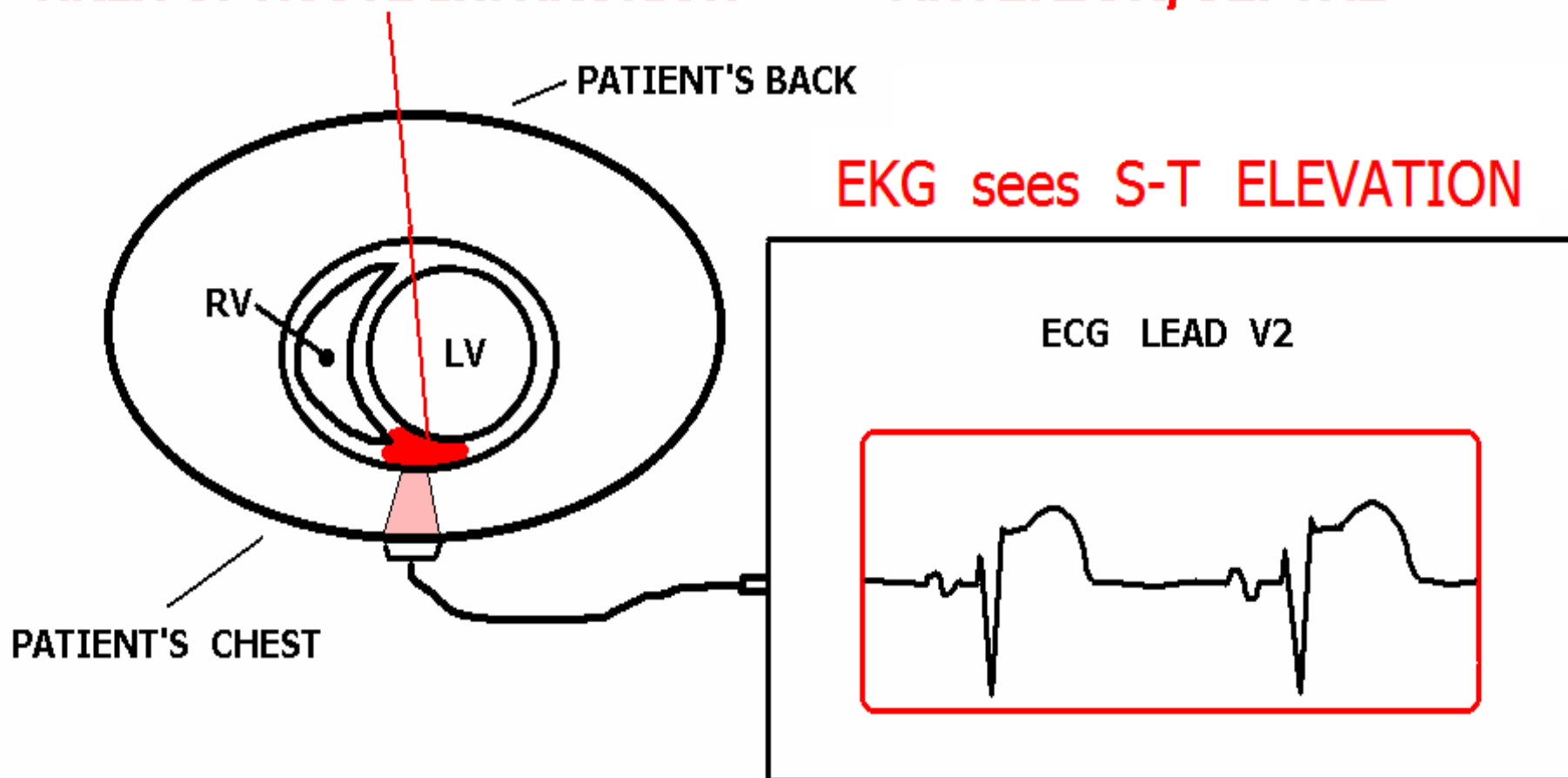


via **RECIPROCAL CHANGES.**

HOW EKG VIEWS INDICATIVE CHANGES

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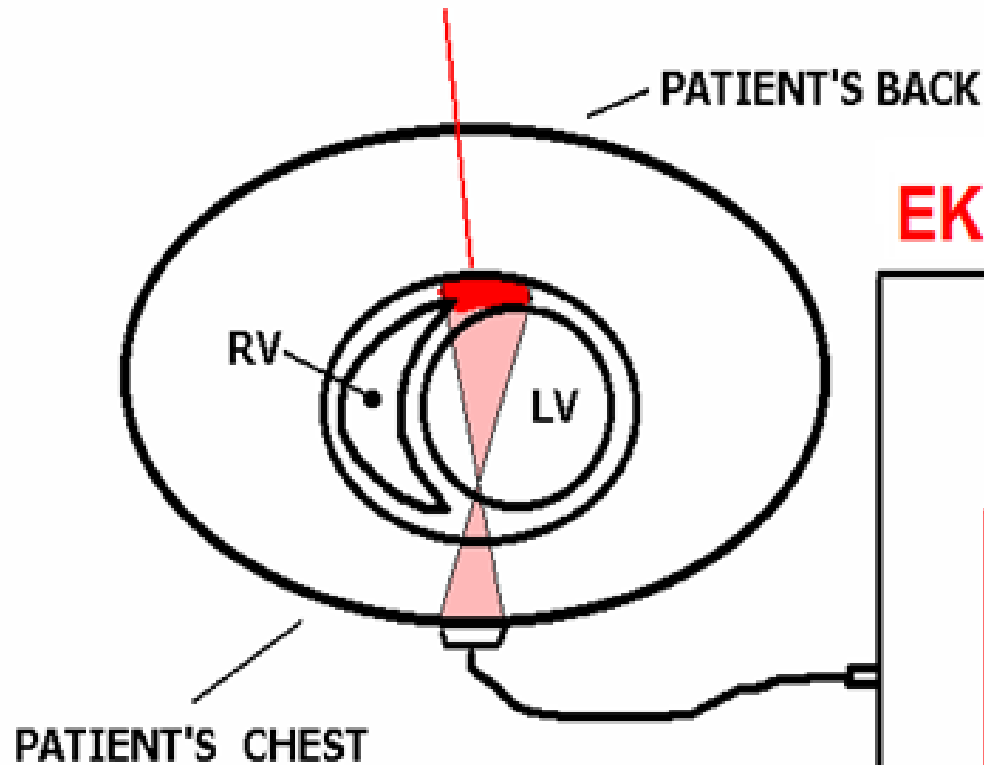
AREA OF ACUTE INFARCTION - ANTERIOR/SEPTAL



HOW EKG VIEWS RECIPROCAL CHANGES

EXAMPLE:

AREA OF ACUTE INFARCTION - POSTERIOR WALL

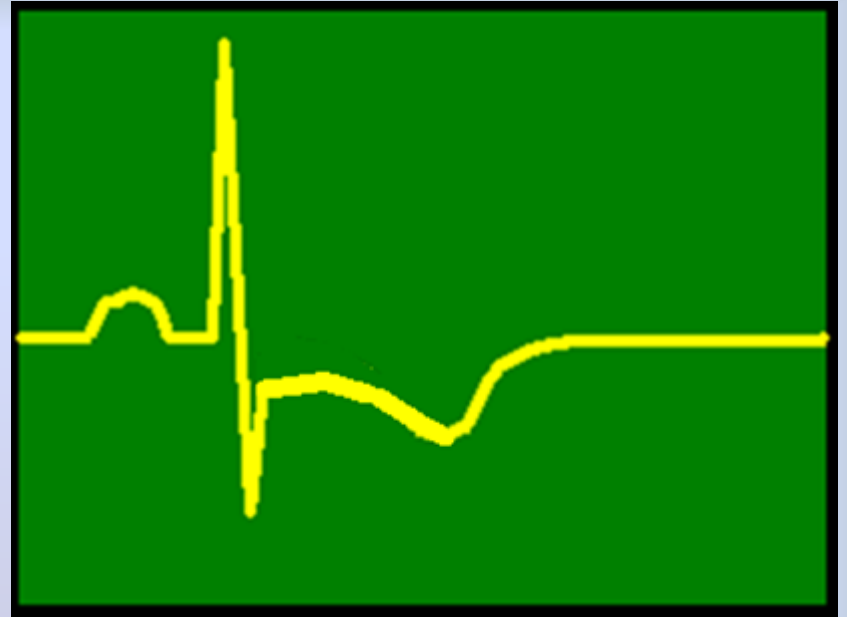


EKG sees S-T DEPRESSION

ECG LEAD V2

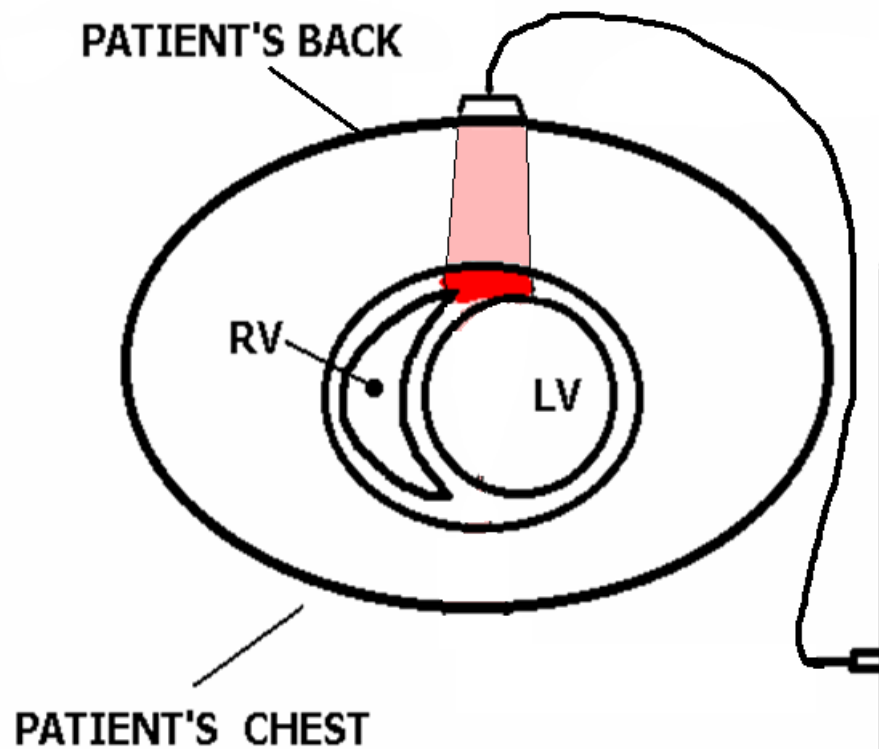


ST Depression can indicate:



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

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



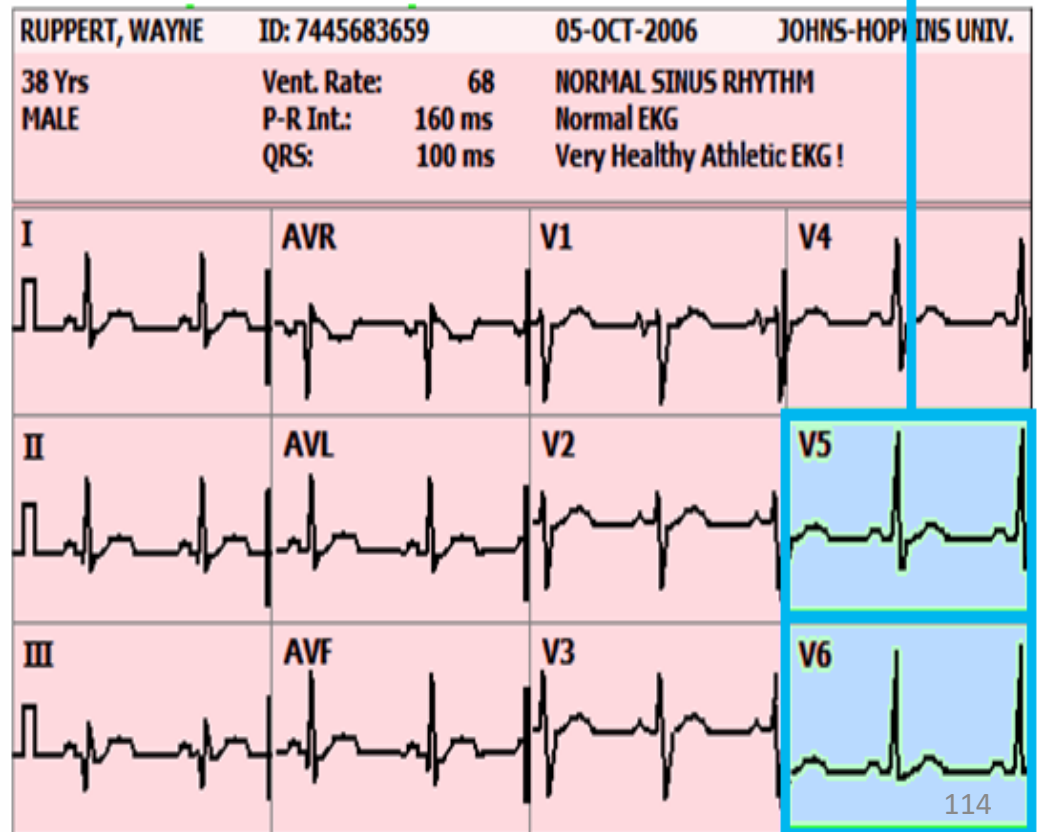
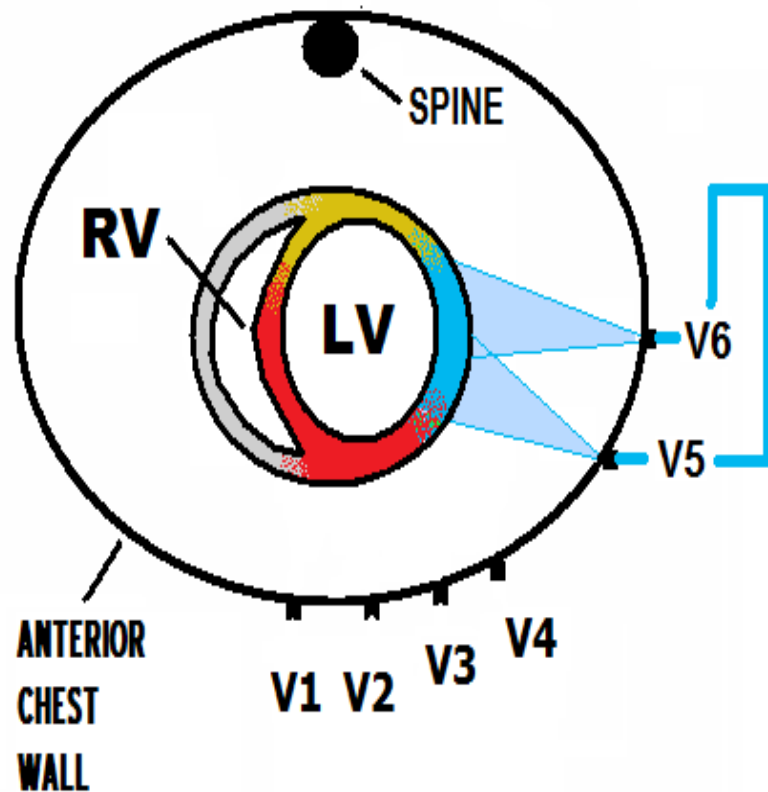
EKG sees S-T ELEVATION

ECG LEADS: V7, V8 or V9



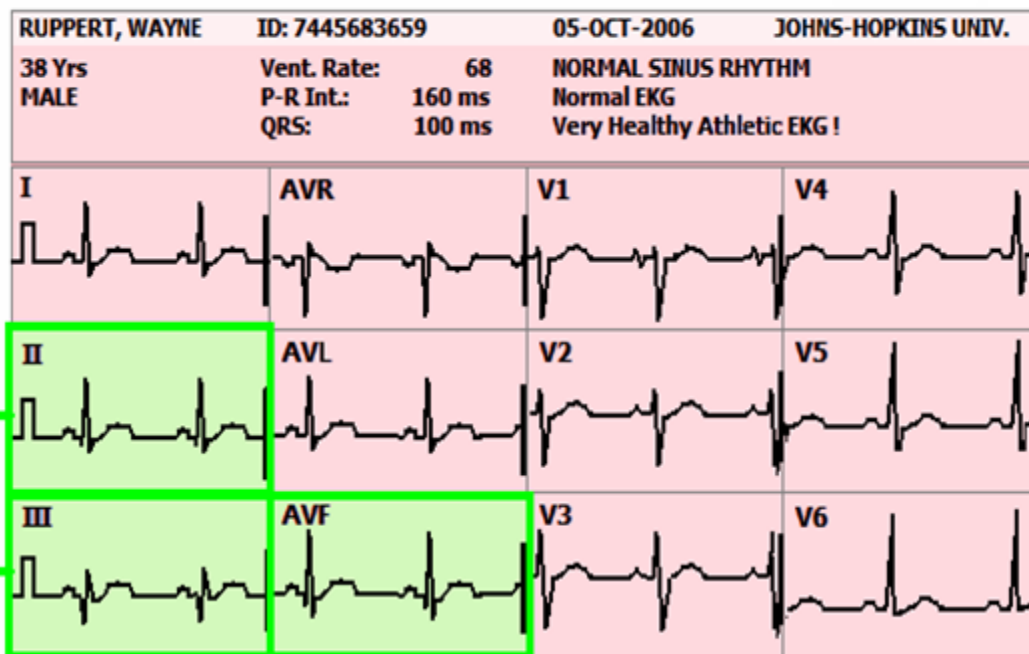
V5 - V6 VIEW THE LATERAL WALL

of the LEFT VENTRICLE

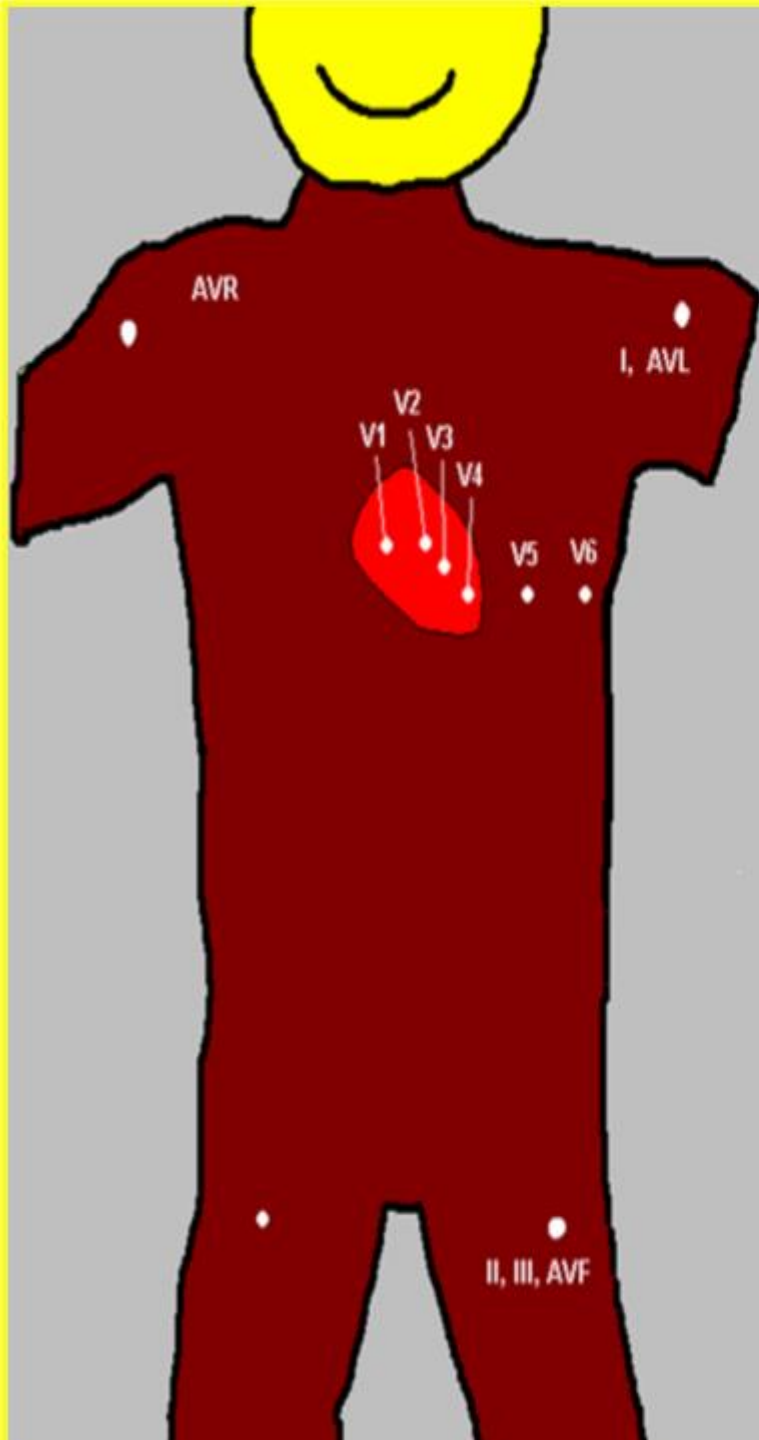


LEADS II, III, and aVF VIEW

INFERIOR WALL of the LEFT VENTRICLE



AREAS VIEWED by 12 LEAD ECG



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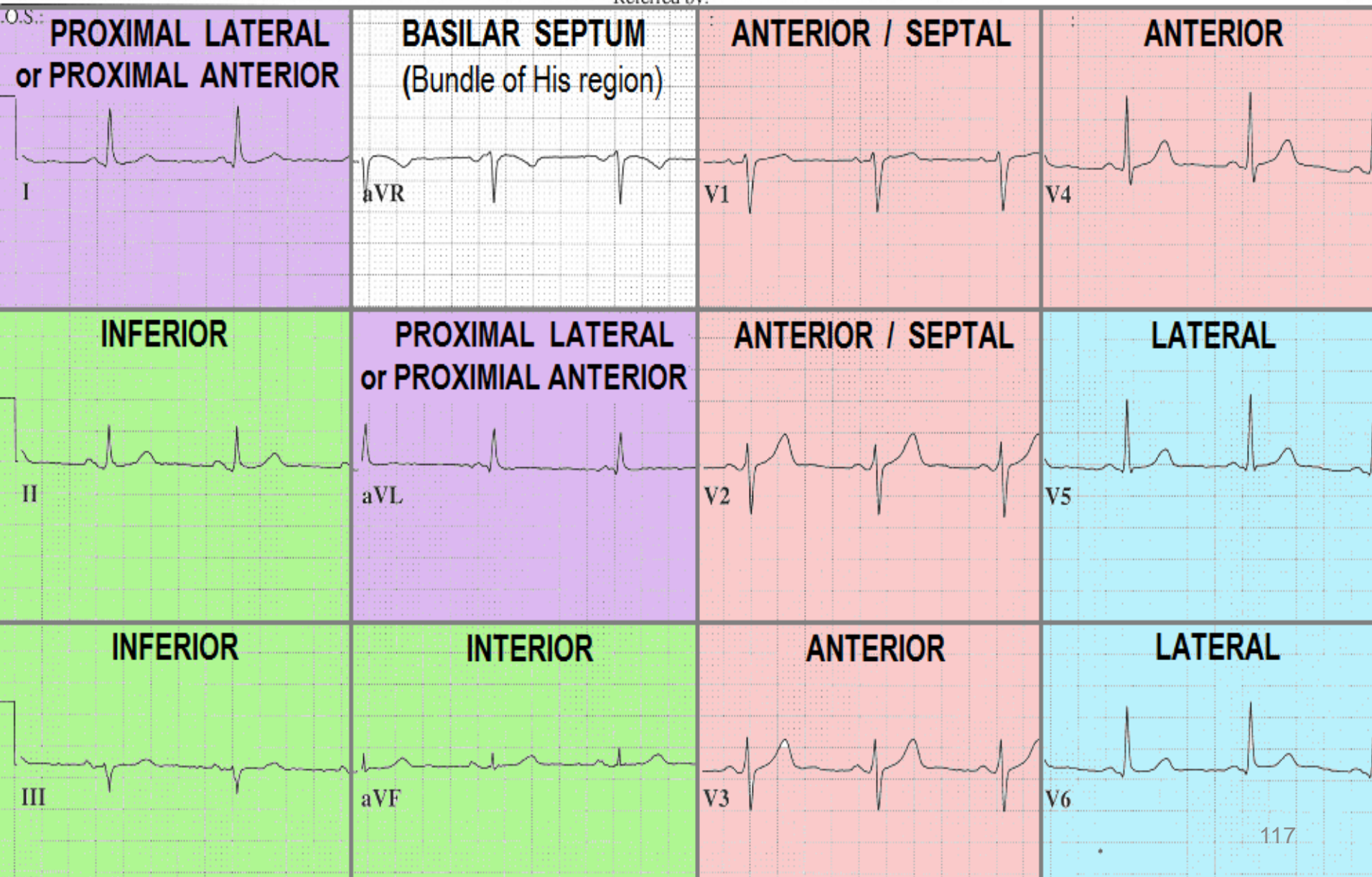
V3, V4	ANTERIOR
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V5, V6	LATERAL
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II, III, AVF	INFERIOR
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Vent. rate	64	BPM	Normal sinus rhythm
PR interval	130	ms	Normal ECG
QRS duration	96	ms	No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

Referred by:



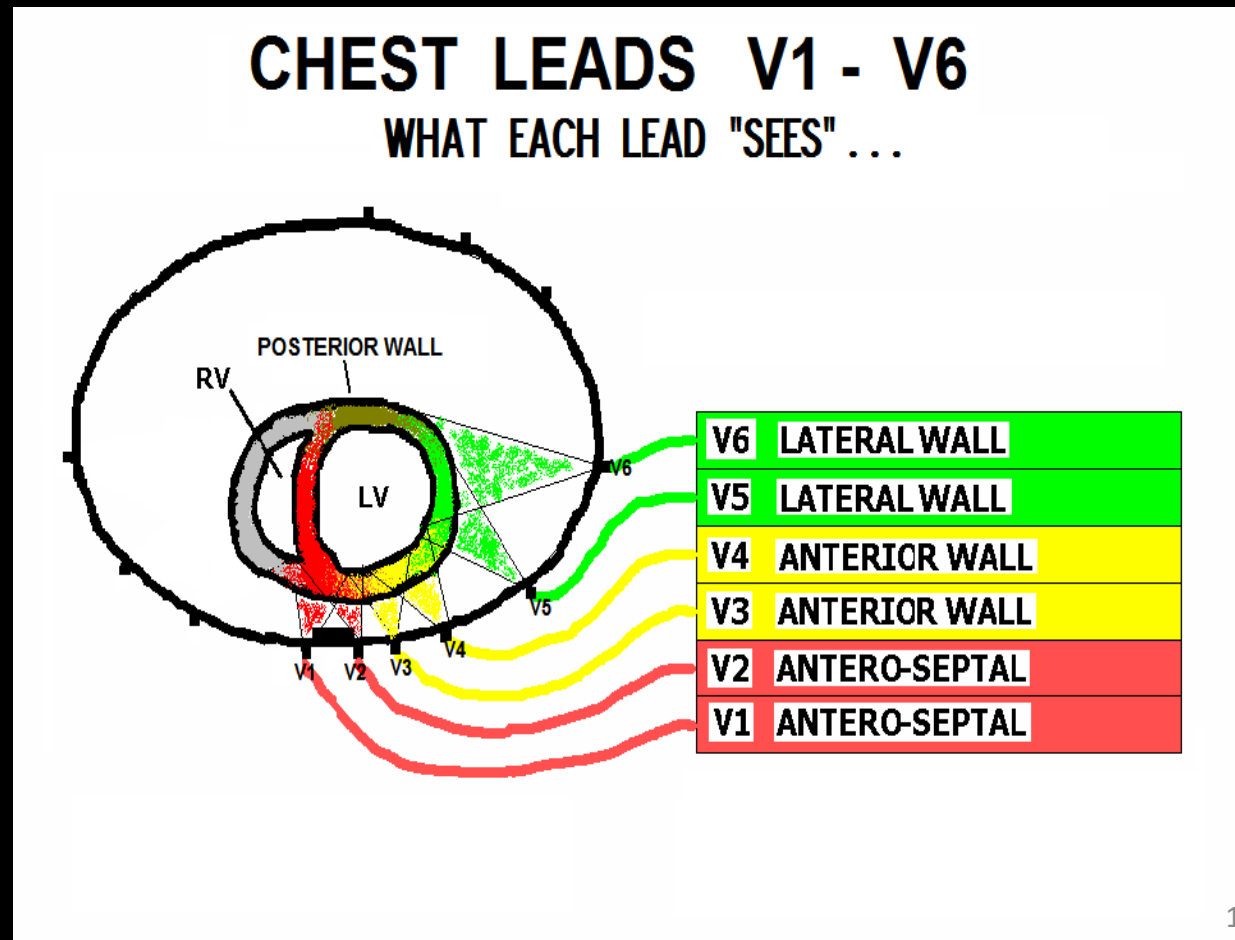
The 12 Lead ECG

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

The **POSTERIOR WALL**

&

**RIGHT
VENTRICLE**



When do we need to see the Right Ventricle?

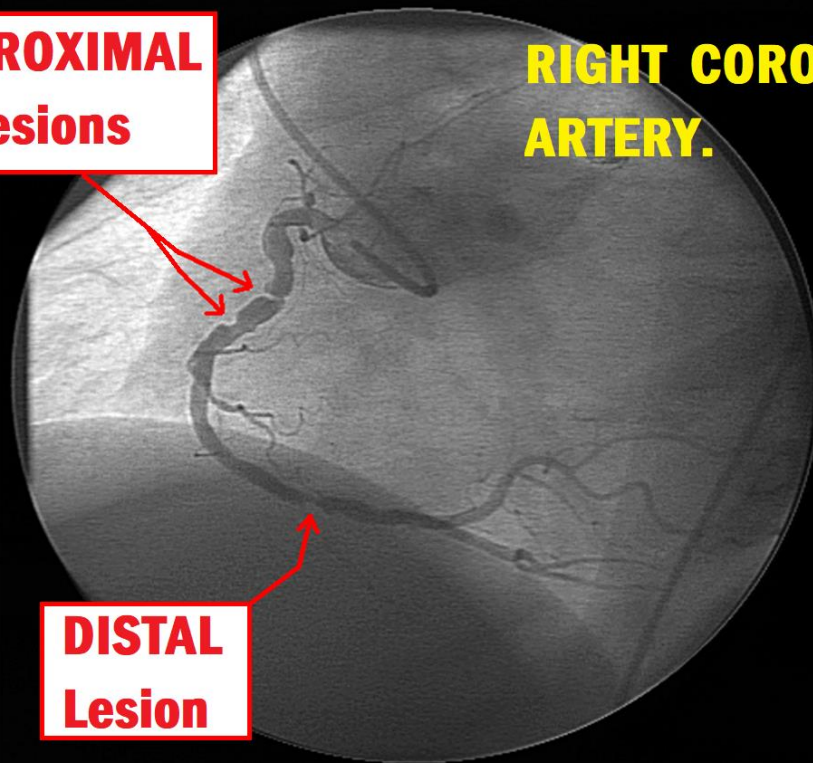
- All Patient with INFERIOR WALL STEMI (ST Elevation in Leads II, III, aVF).

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

PROXIMAL Lesions

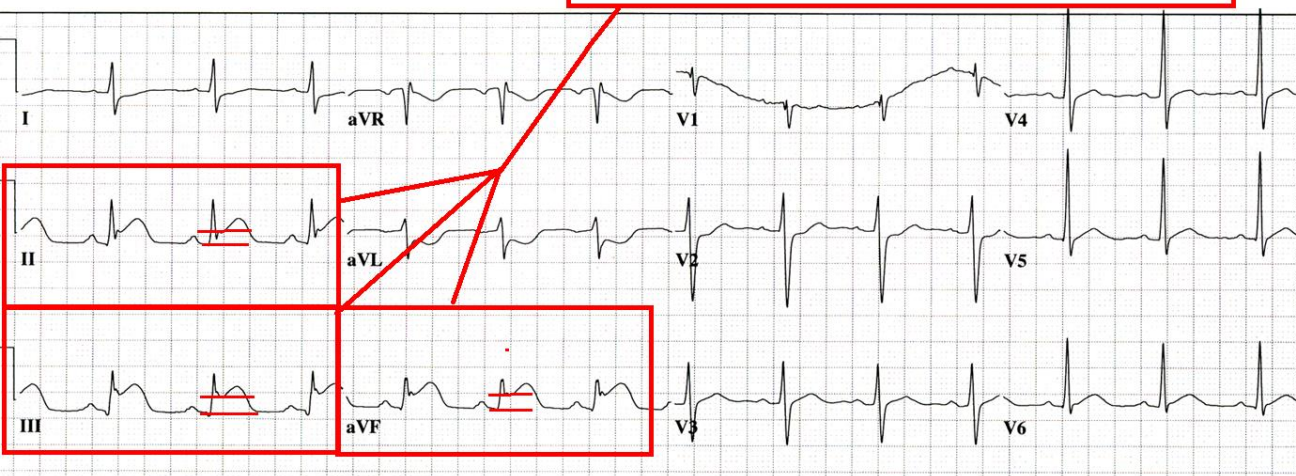
RIGHT CORONARY ARTERY.

DISTAL Lesion



Inferior Wall STEMI

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



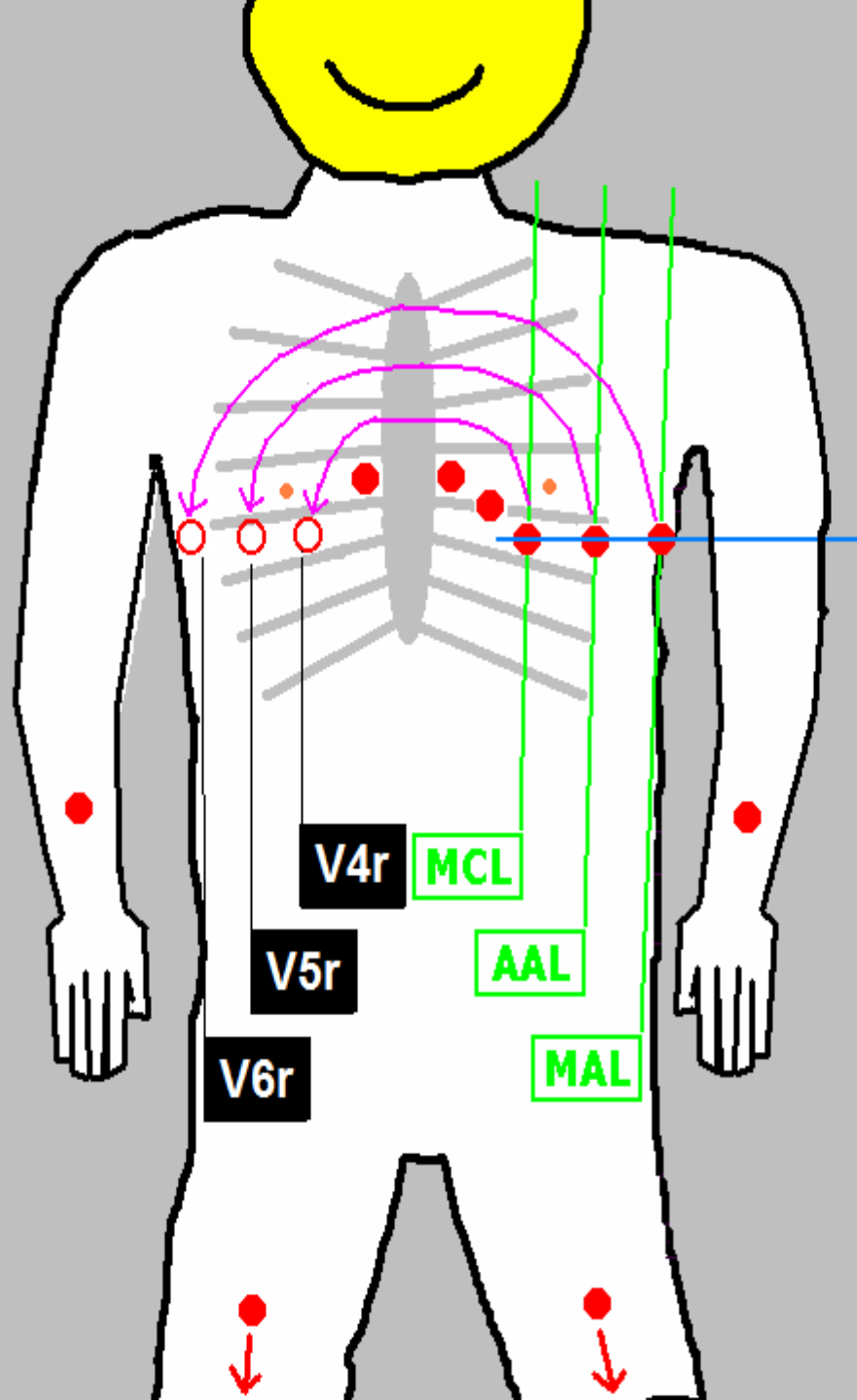
To see the
RIGHT VENTRICLE . . .

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



You must do a

RIGHT - SIDED EKG !!

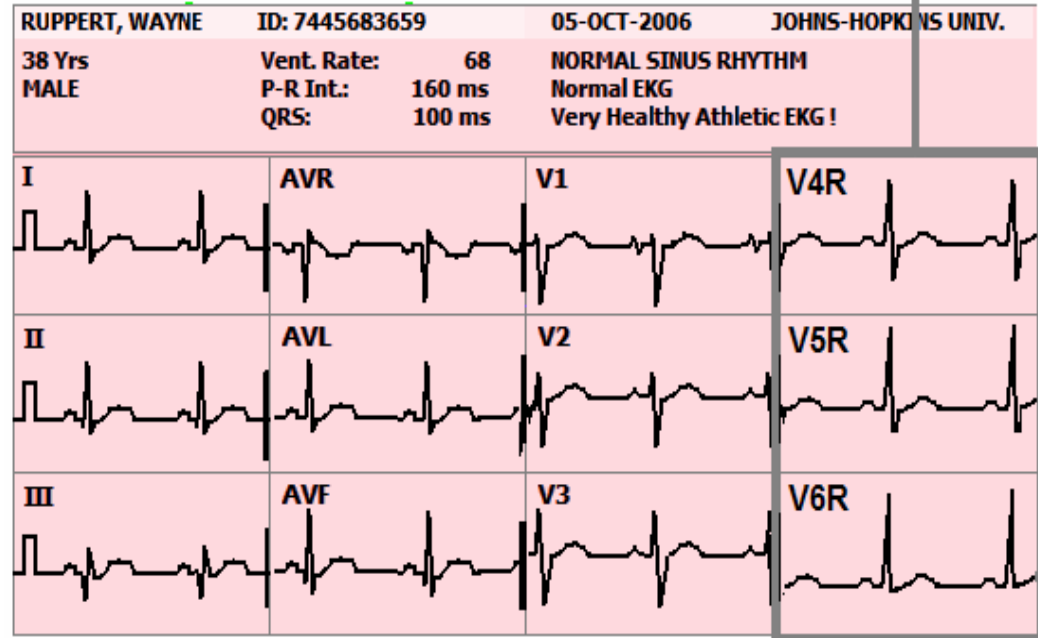
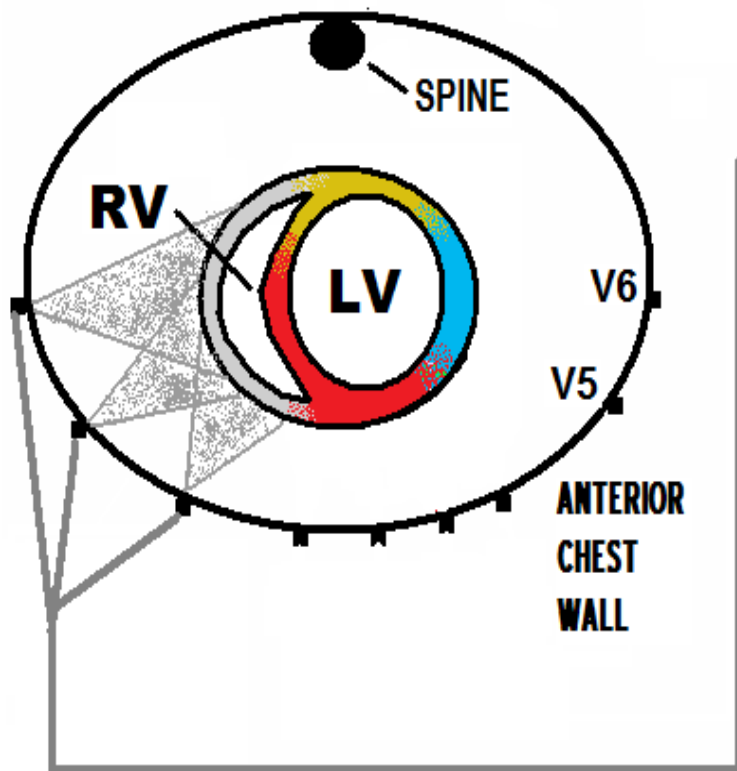


To do a
RIGHT - SIDED EKG . .

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

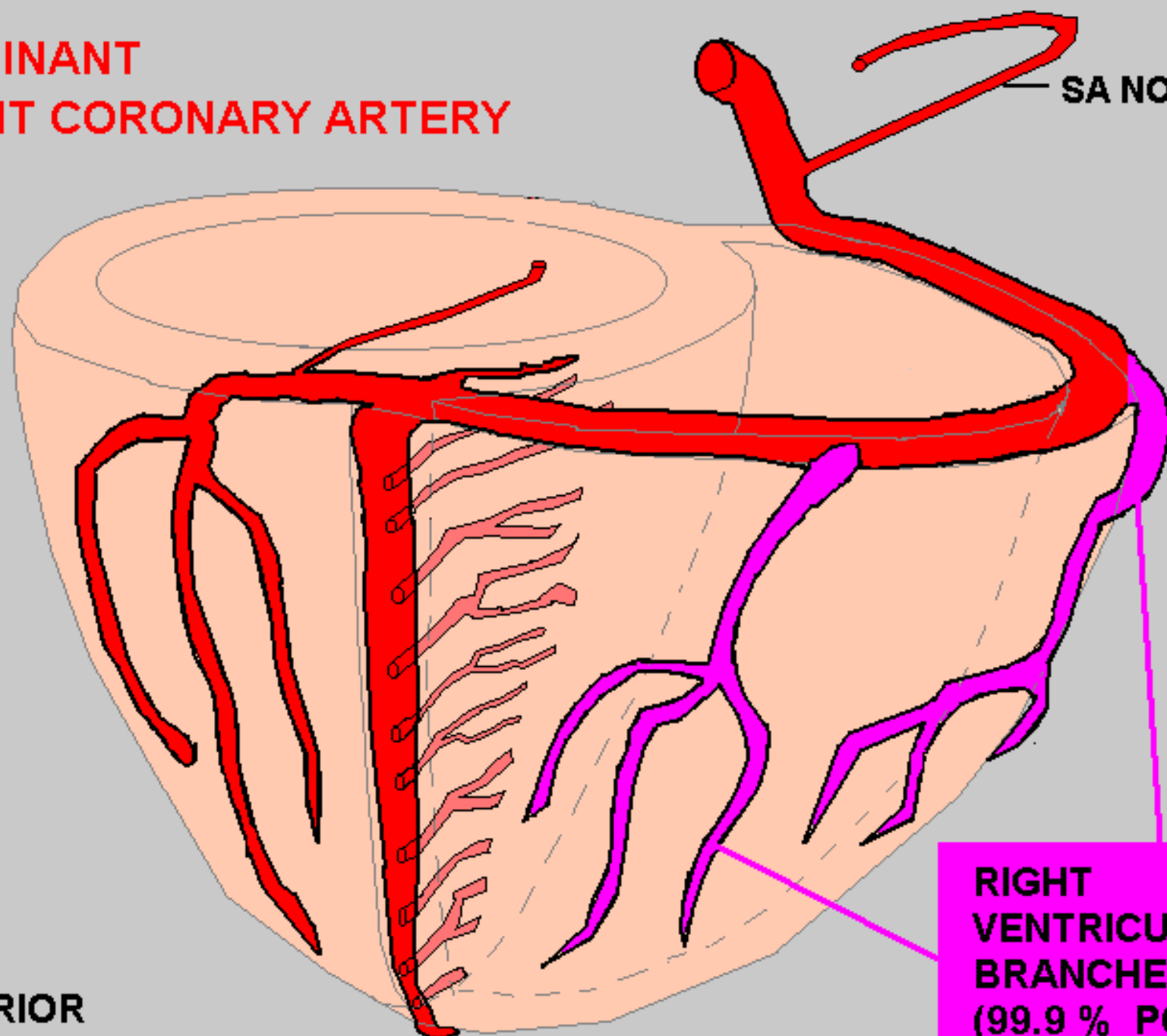
**to the corresponding
placement on the
RIGHT SIDE of patient's
chest . . .**

V4R - V6R VIEW THE RIGHT VENTRICLE



**DOMINANT
RIGHT CORONARY ARTERY**

SA NODAL



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

**POSTERIOR
VIEW**

ID:

46 yo
Male Caucasian

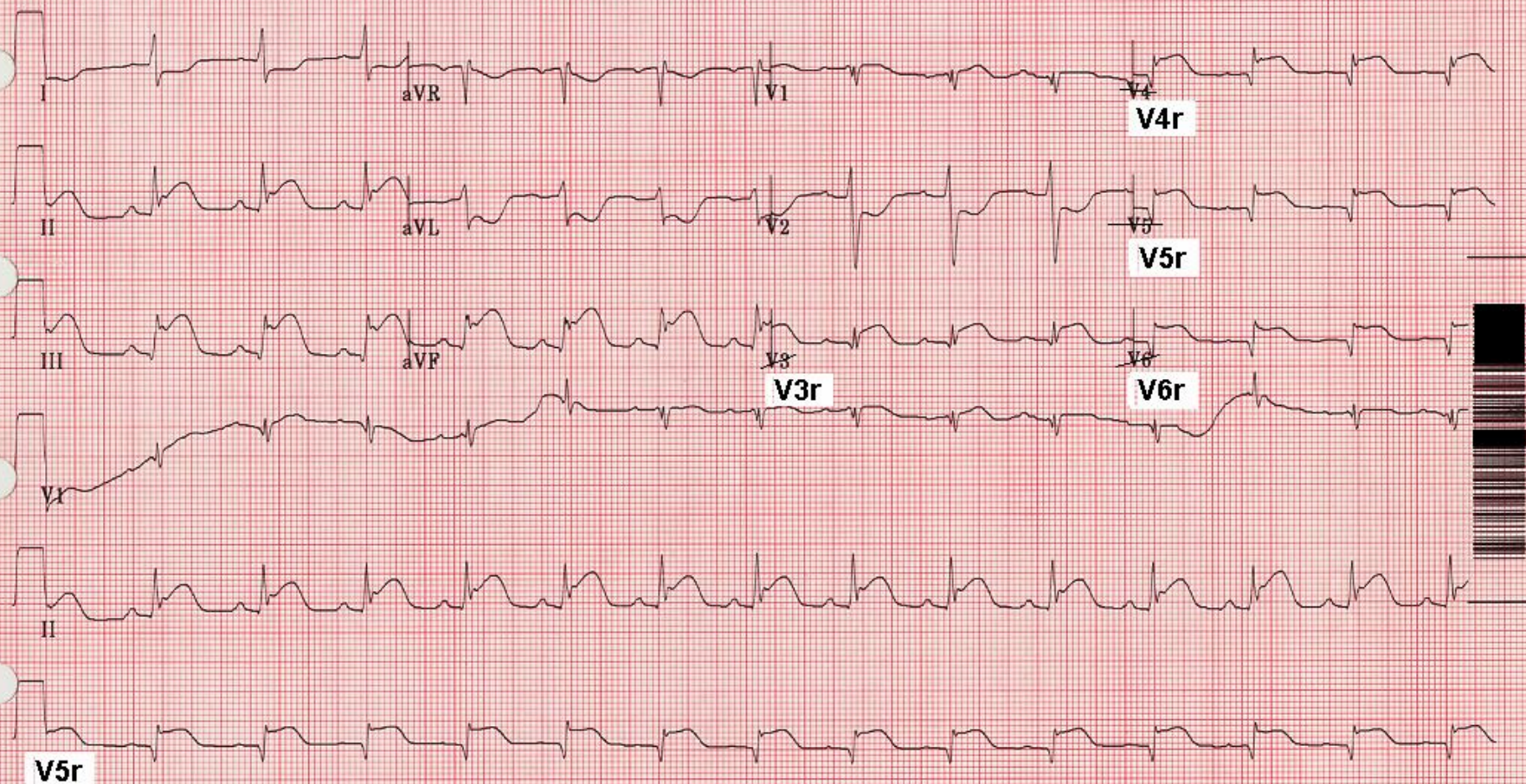
Room: Opt:

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

Technician:

Referred by:

Unconfirmed



40 Hz 25.0 mm/s 10.0 mm/mV

4 by 2.5s + 3 rhythm lds

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When do we need to see the Posterior Wall?

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

Whenever you see
ST DEPRESSION in Leads V1 - V4



you must do a

POSTERIOR LEAD ECG

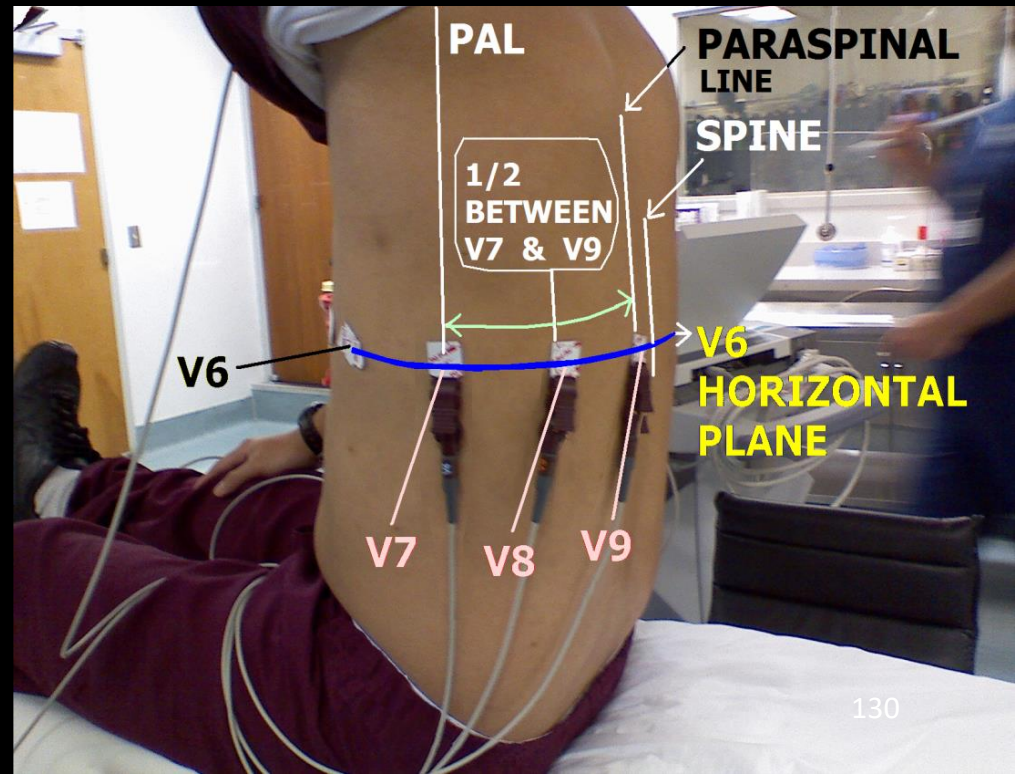
(V7 - V9)

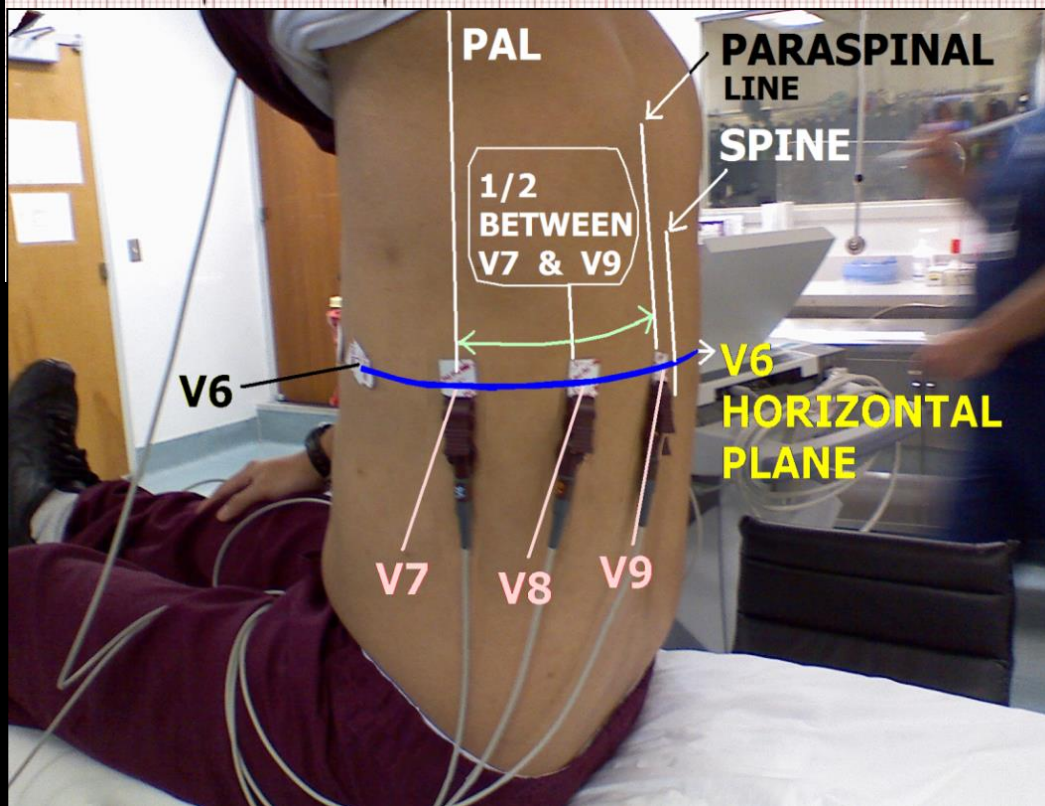
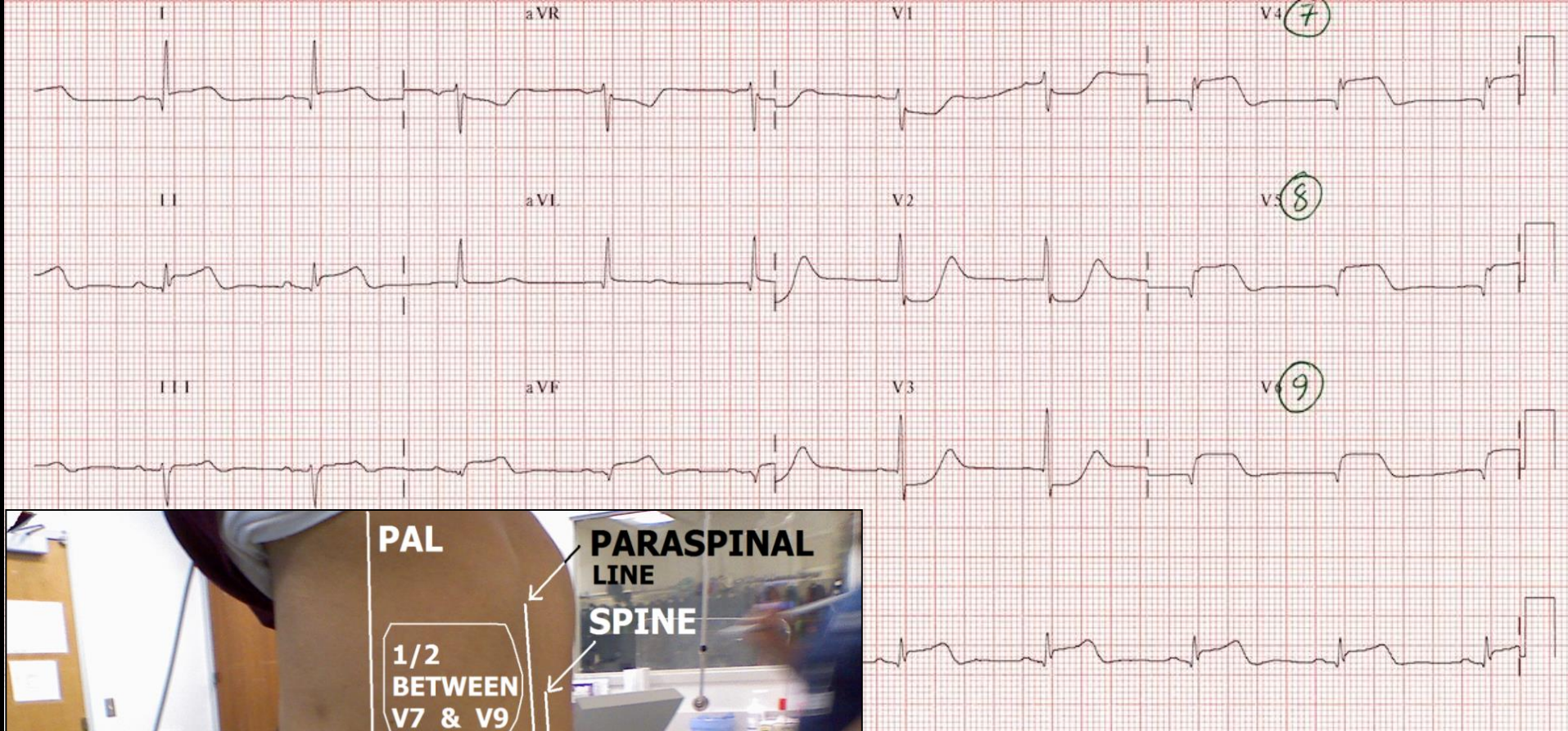
to see if you Patient is having a

POSTERIOR WALL STEMI

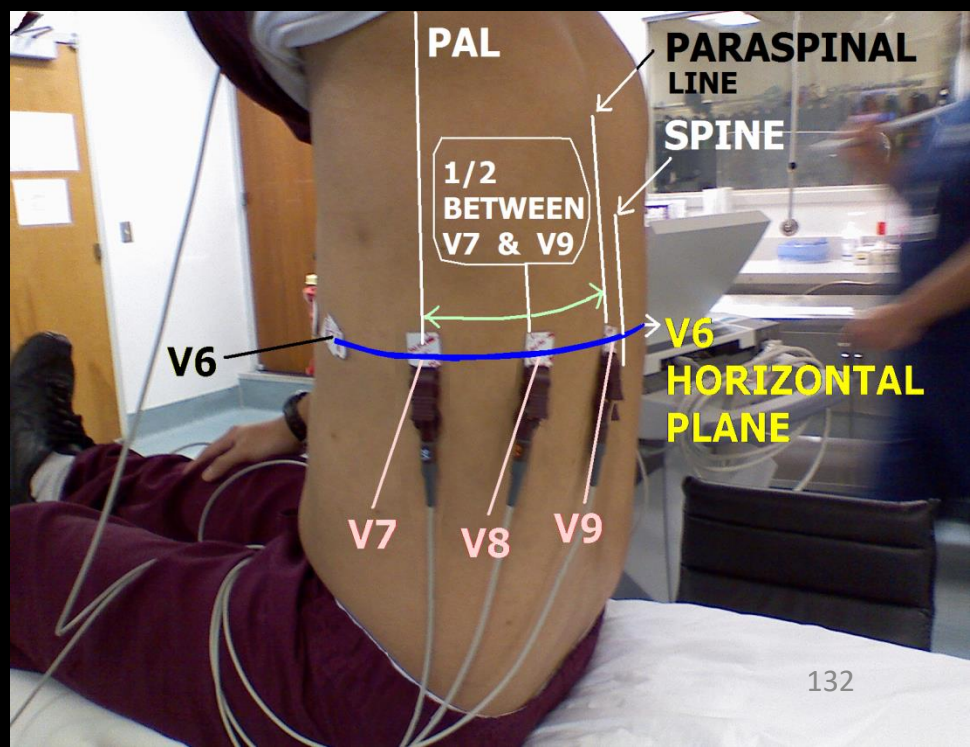
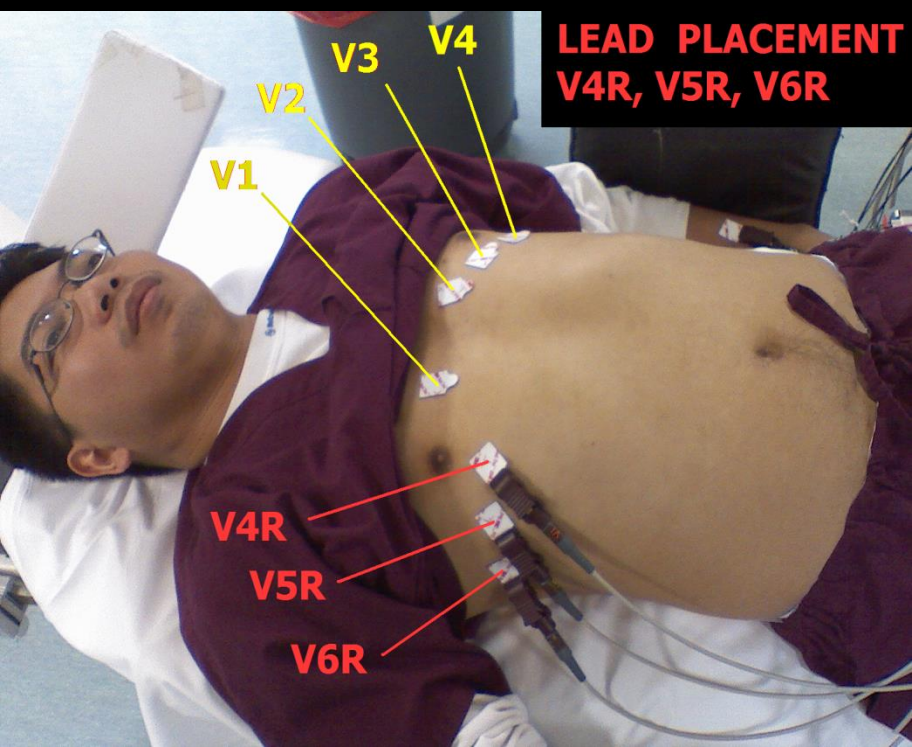
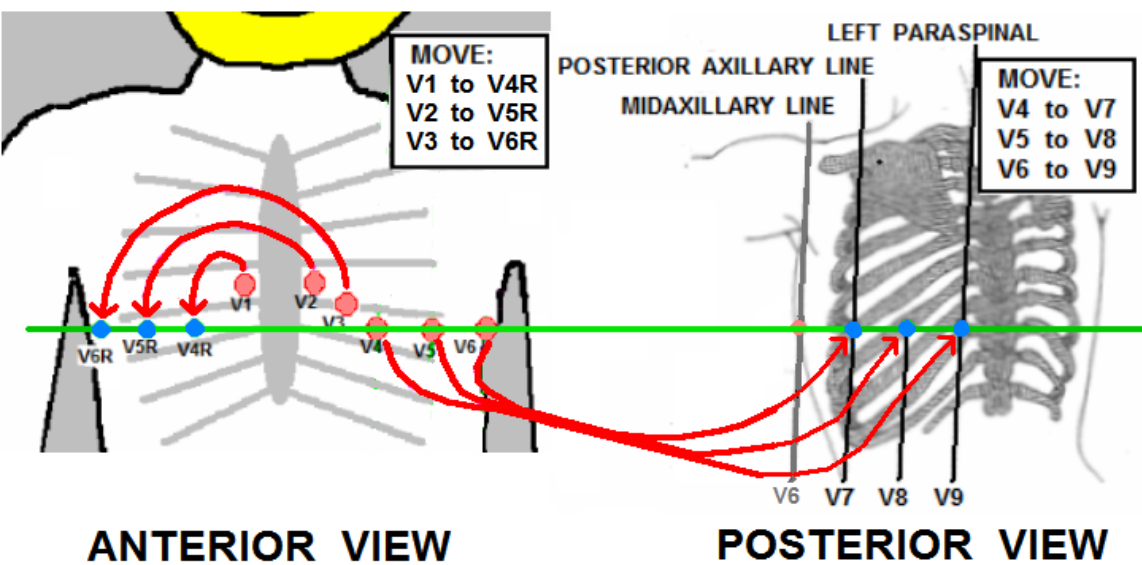
Whenever your patient's ECG exhibits
ST DEPRESSION in any of the
ANTERIOR LEADS (V1-V4),
CONSIDER the possibility of
POSTERIOR WALL STEMI !!

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



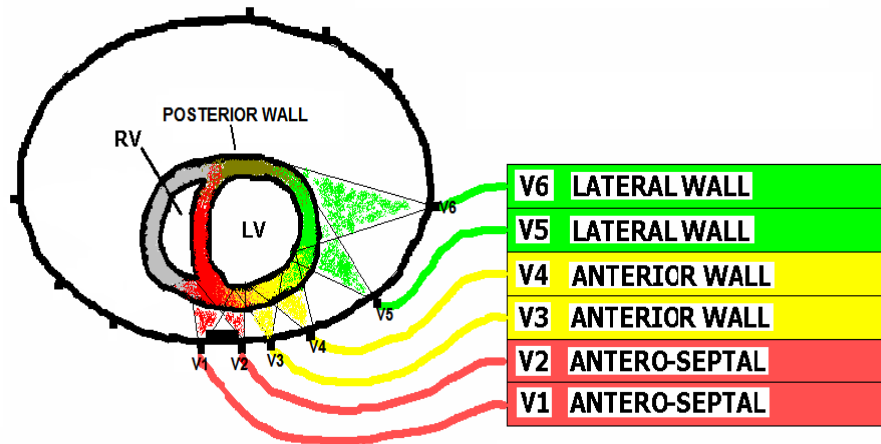


HOW TO REPOSITION 6 CHEST LEADS to OBTAIN 3 R VENTRICLE and 3 POSTERIOR LEADS



CHEST LEADS V1 - V6

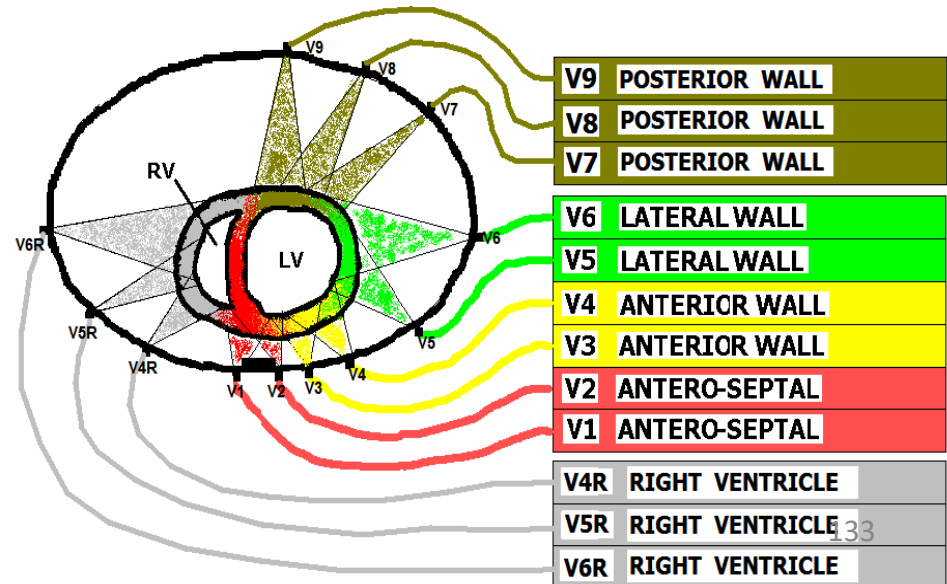
WHAT EACH LEAD "SEES" ...



⇐ The 12 Lead ECG

The 18 Lead ECG ⇒

CHEST LEADS V1 - V6 PLUS V4R, V5R, V6R, and V7, V8, V9
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Technician: WR

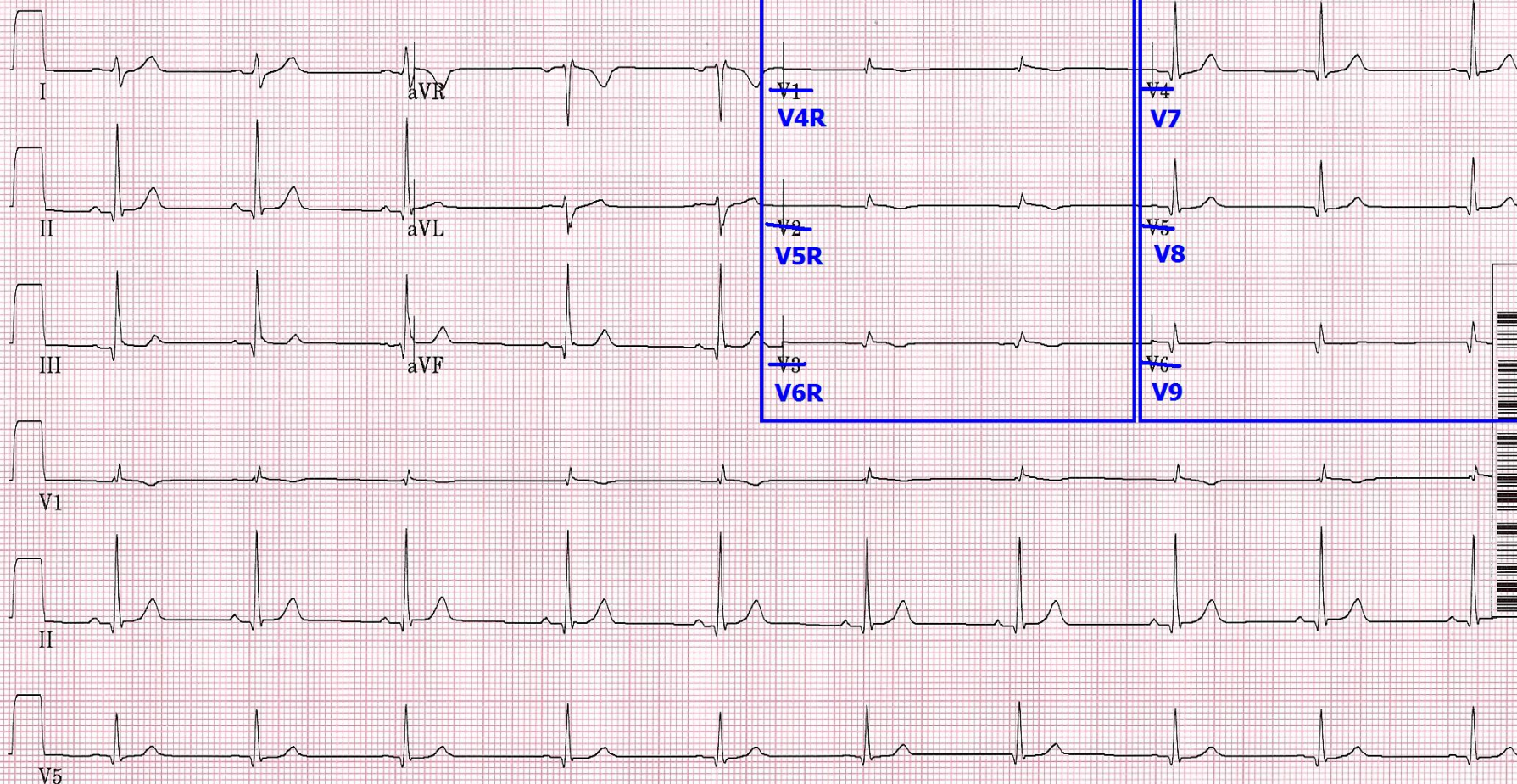
~~Sinus bradycardia~~
~~RSR' or QR pattern in V1 suggests right ventricular conduction delay~~
~~Cannot rule out Anteroseptal infarct, age undetermined~~
~~Abnormal ECG~~

DOS:

Referred by:

RIGHT VENTRICLE

POSTERIOR WALL



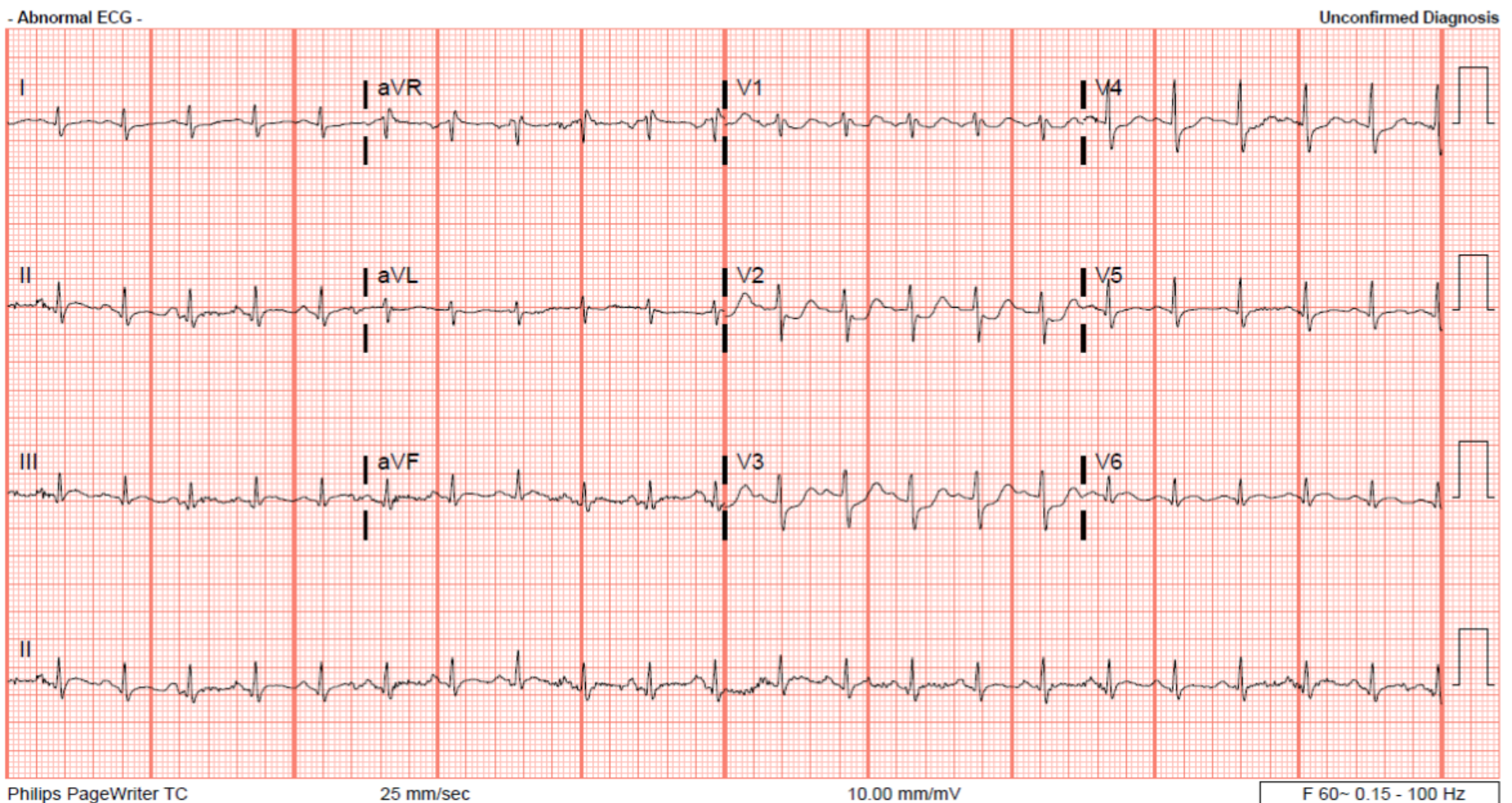
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*. . . . On rare occasions,
we see isolated cases of
POSTERIOR WALL MI*

Rate	131	Sinus tachycardia
PR	128	Probable inferior infarct, old
QRSd	92	Posterior infarct, acute (LCx)
QT	317	ST depression V1-V3, suggest recording posterior leads
QTc	468	NO PREVIOUS ECG AVAILABLE FOR COMPARISON
--Axis--		
P	65	
QRS	83	
T	132	

Req Provider: CHARLES NOLES



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





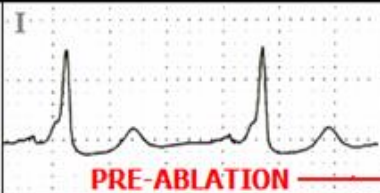
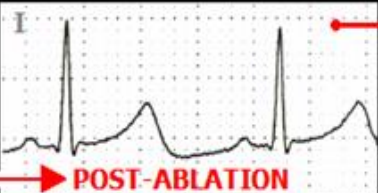

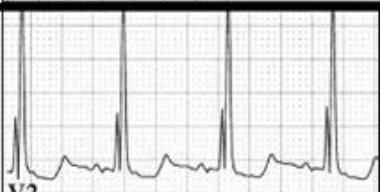
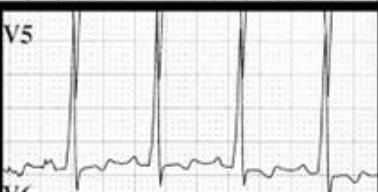
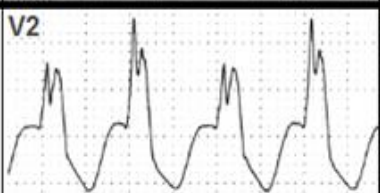

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 - **DEPOLARIZATION ABNORMALITIES** in turn cause **REPOLARIZATION ABNORMALITIES**, which alters the: *J Points, ST-Segments and/or T Waves.*

CONDITIONS THAT INCREASE QRS DURATION RESULT IN SECONDARY REPOLARIZATION ABNORMALITIES:

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

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

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

Simple “Turn Signal Method” . . .

THE “TURN SIGNAL METHOD” for identifying BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK

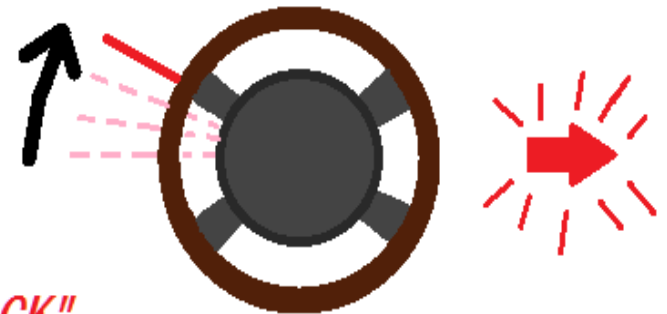
V1

USE LEAD V1 for this technique

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

THINK:

“QRS points UP = RIGHT BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK”

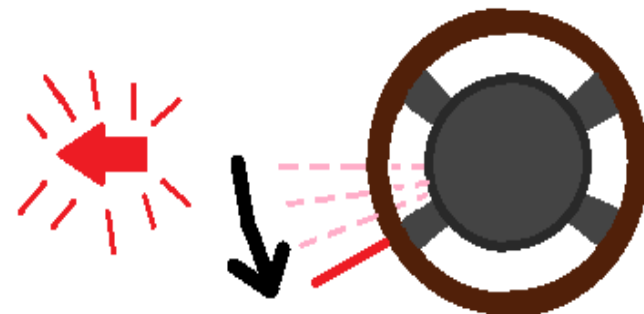


V1

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

THINK:

“QRS points DOWN = LEFT BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK”

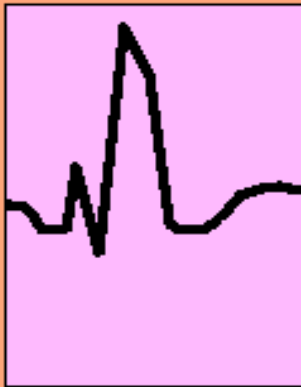


DIAGNOSING BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK

USING LEADS V1, V2, and V5, V6:

LOCATING RsR' or RR' COMPLEXES:

V1



V2



**RIGHT BUNDLE
BRANCH BLOCK**

V5



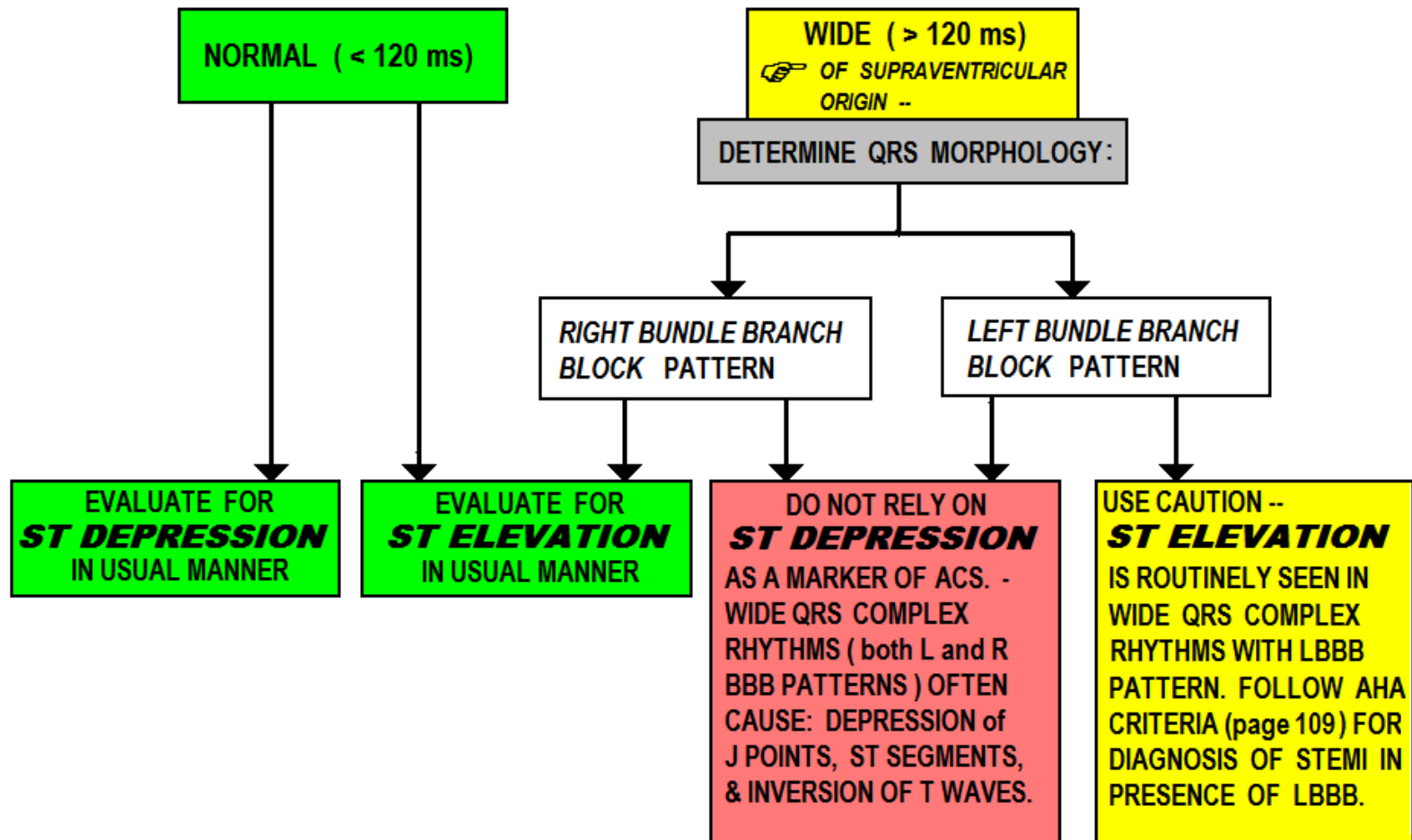
V6



**LEFT BUNDLE
BRANCH BLOCK**

Evaluating the ECG for ACS:

STEP 1 - EVALUATE WIDTH OF QRS:



Wide QRS present: (QRSd > 120ms)

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

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

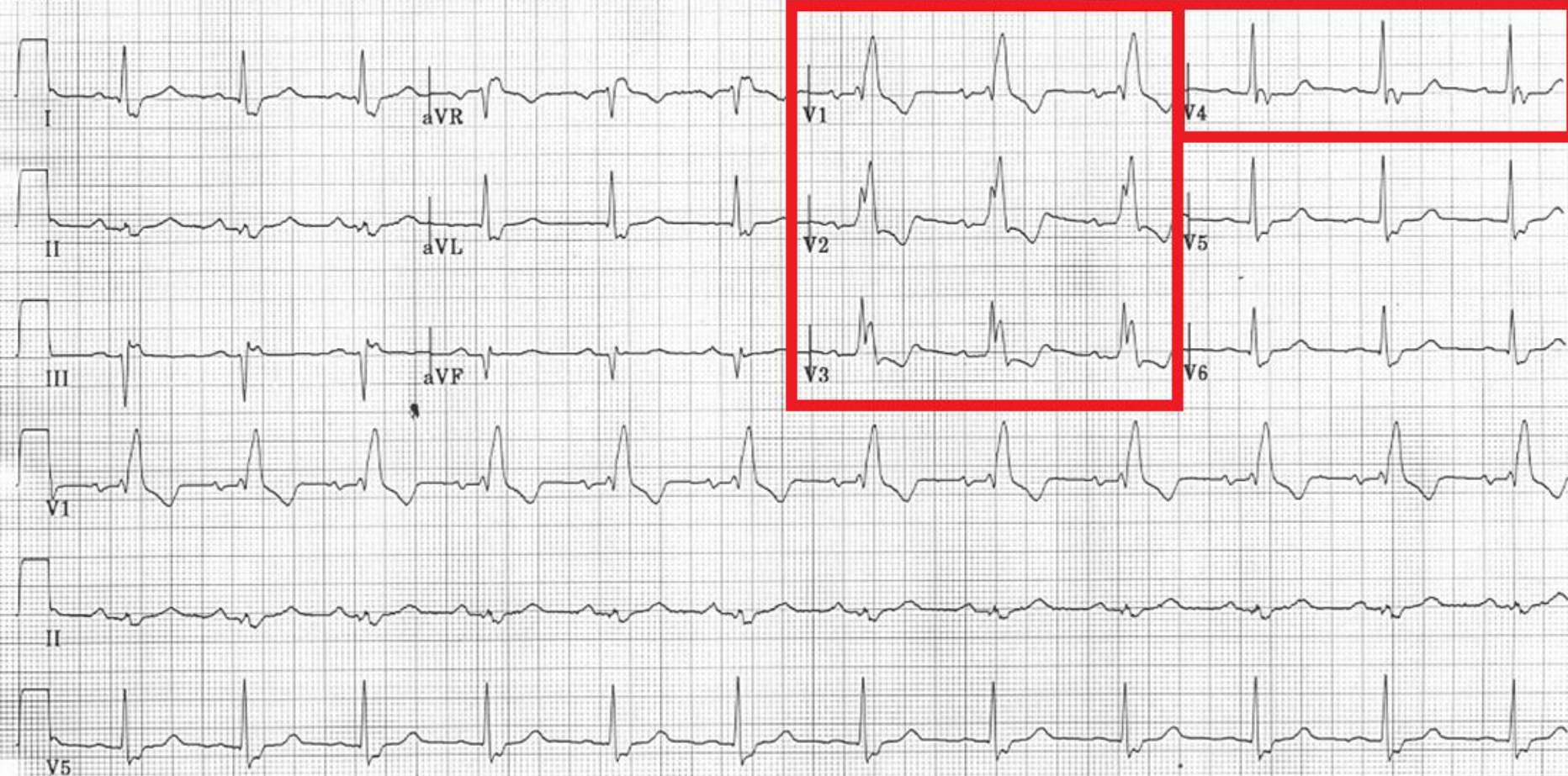
Technician: WR

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

D.O.S.:

Referred by:

Unconfirmed



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

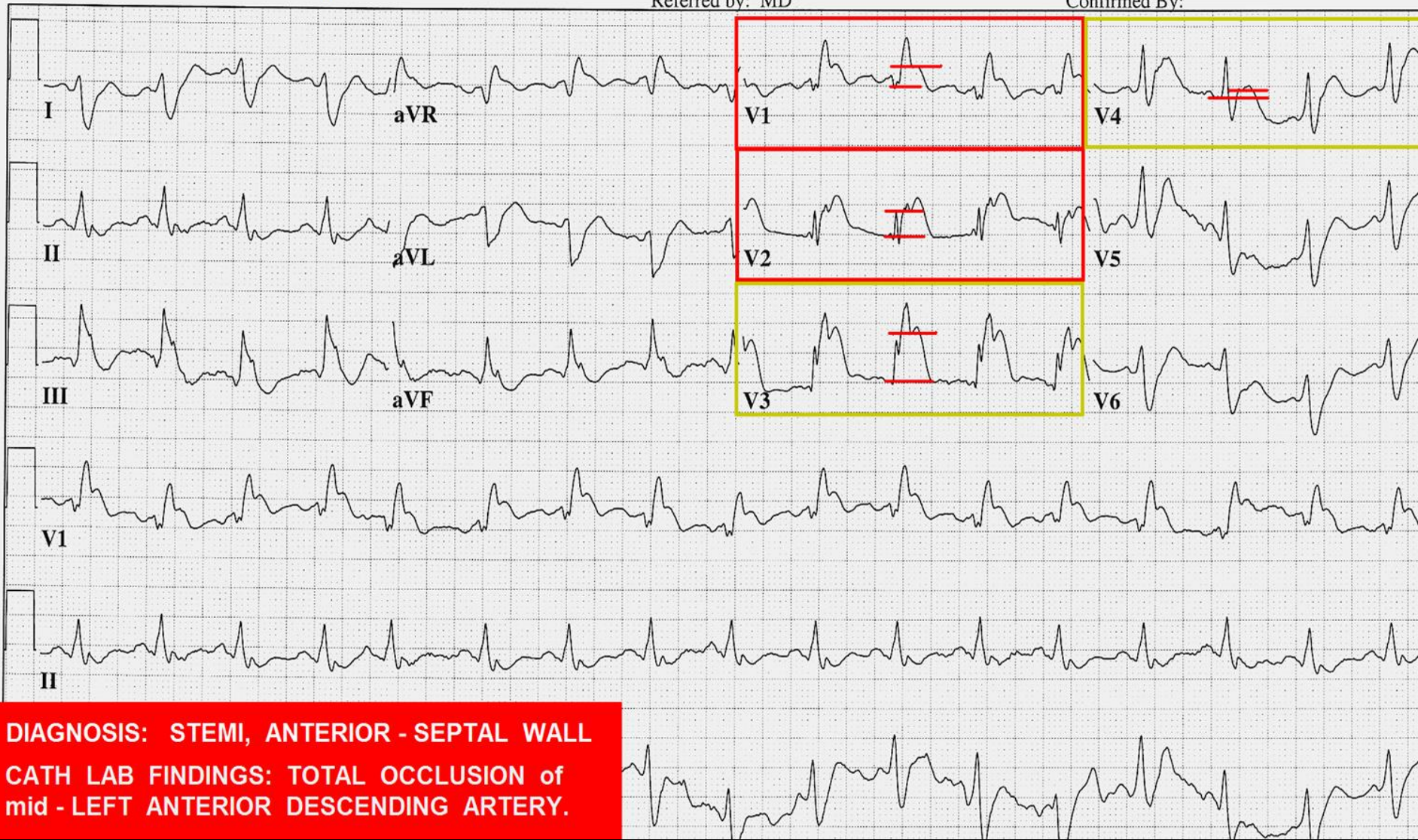
48 yr	Vent. rate	102	BPM
Male	Caucasian	PR interval	130 ms
		QRS duration	168 ms
Room:ATL		QT/QTc	400/521 ms
Loc:3	Option:23	P-R-T axes	60 114 -19

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
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

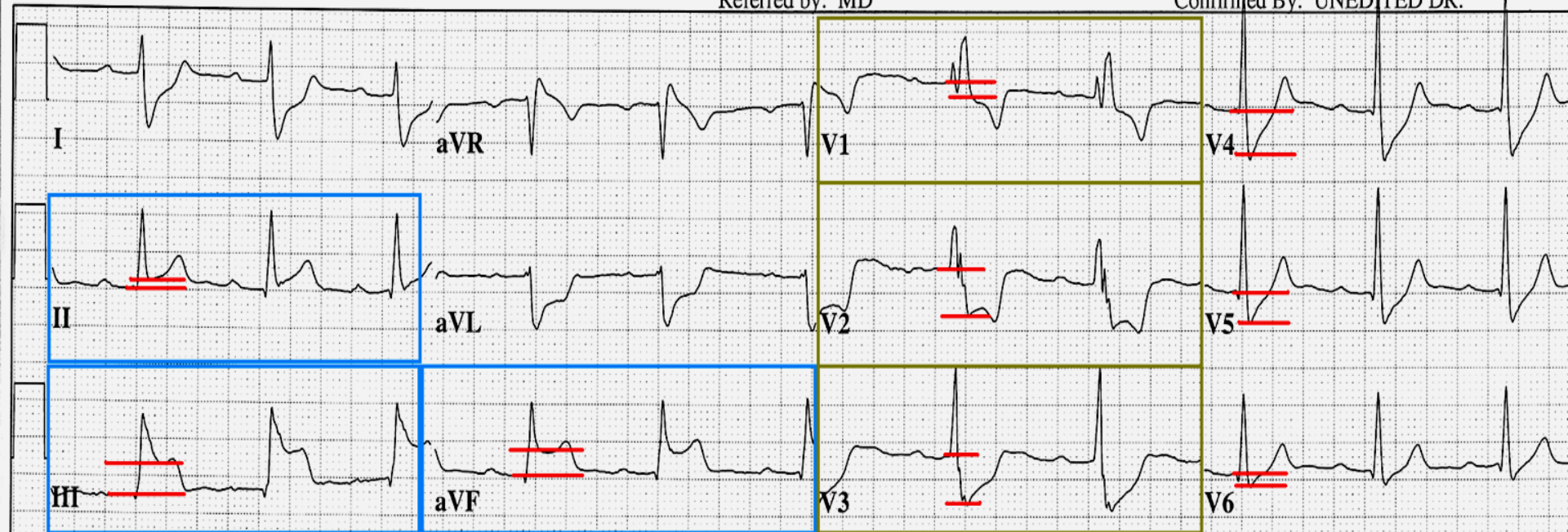
ST elevation consider inferior injury or acute infarct

***** 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

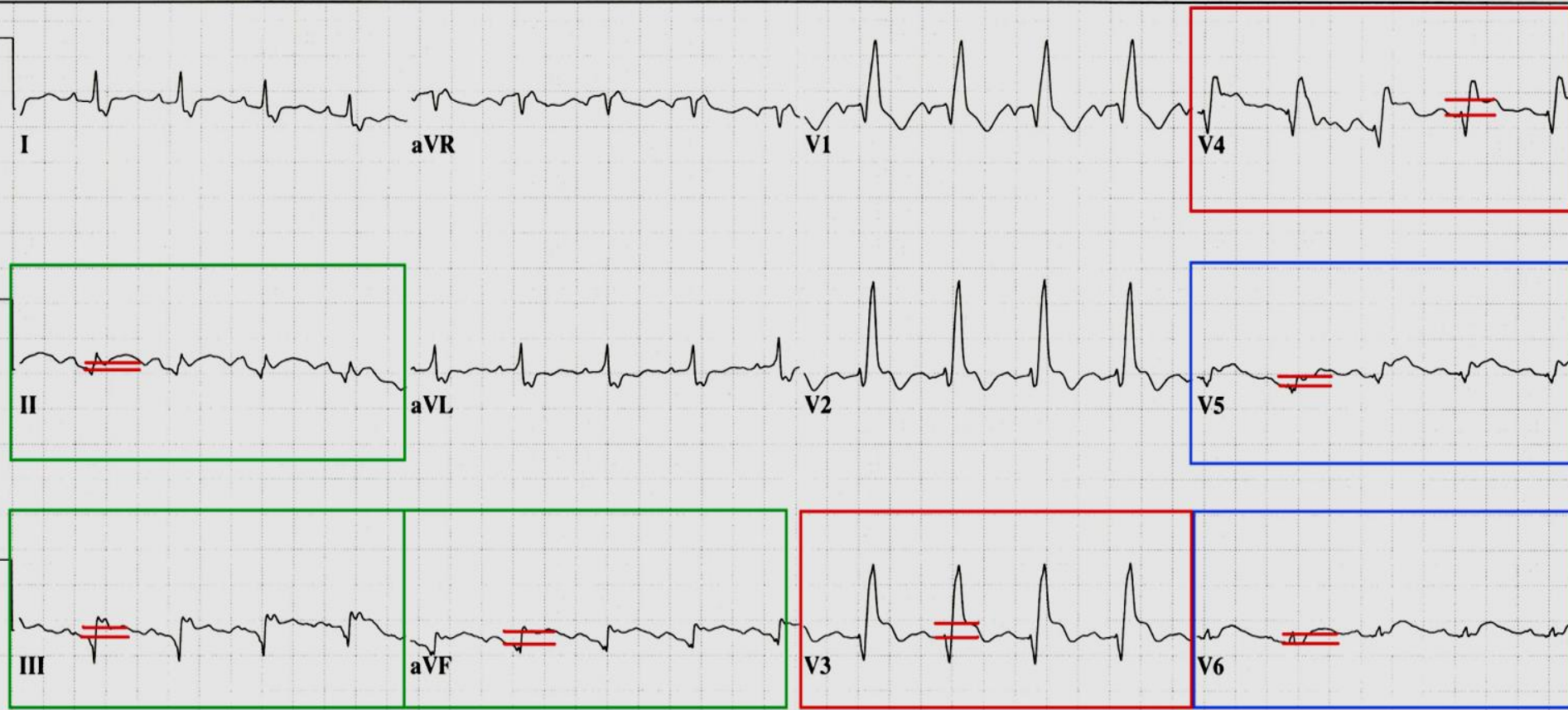
75 yr
Male Caucasian

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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2013 ACC/AHA Guideline for Management of STEMI

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- ***Convex ST Segment***

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

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

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

- Normal arteries
- Normal LV Function
- No hypertrophy

Technician: EKG CLASS #WR03602718

Referred by:





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

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

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

Be advised that in patients with

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

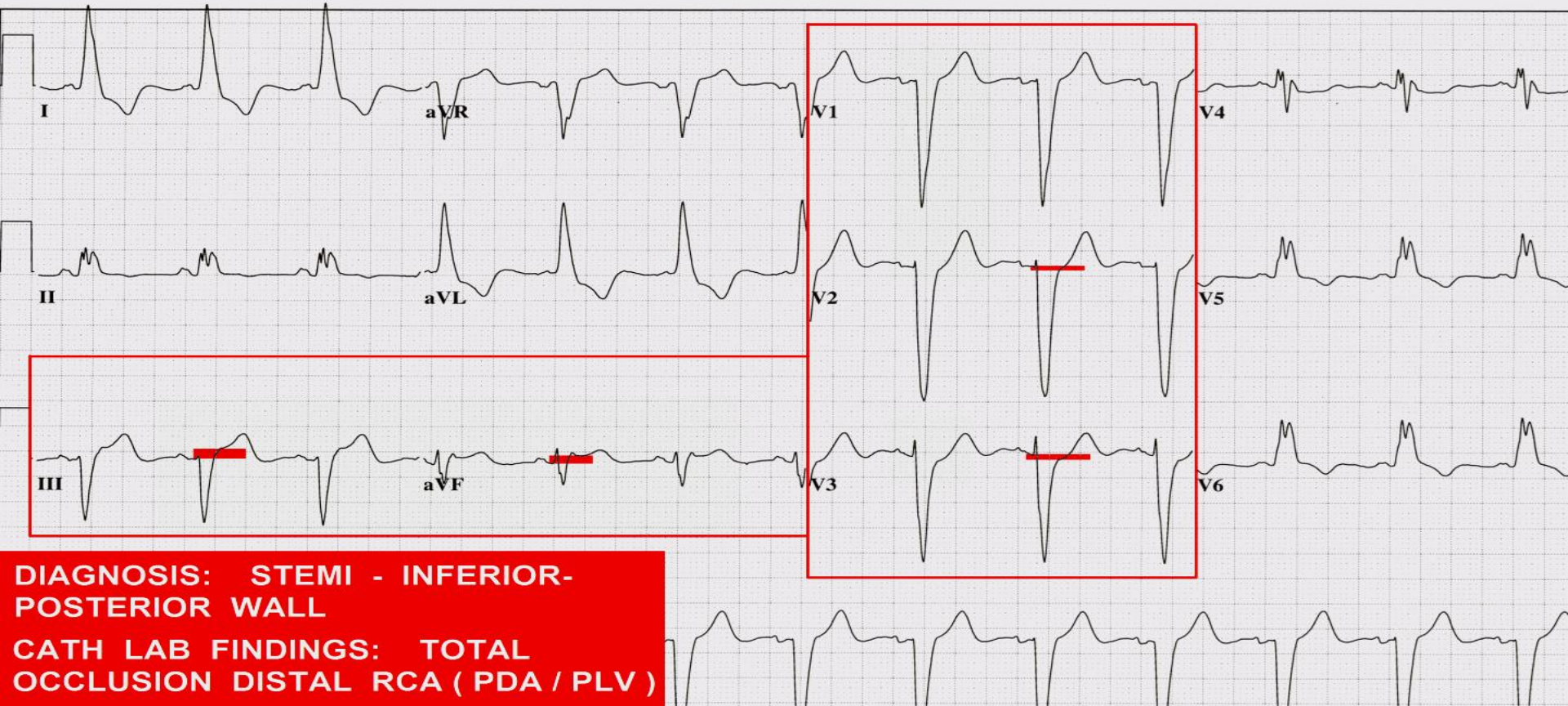
*The J Point elevation can exceed 0.5 mv
(5mm) above the iso-electric line in patients
without ACS.*

LBBB with CHEST PAIN - CASE 1 : PRESENTING EKG

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

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

Normal sinus rhythm
Left bundle branch block
Abnormal ECG

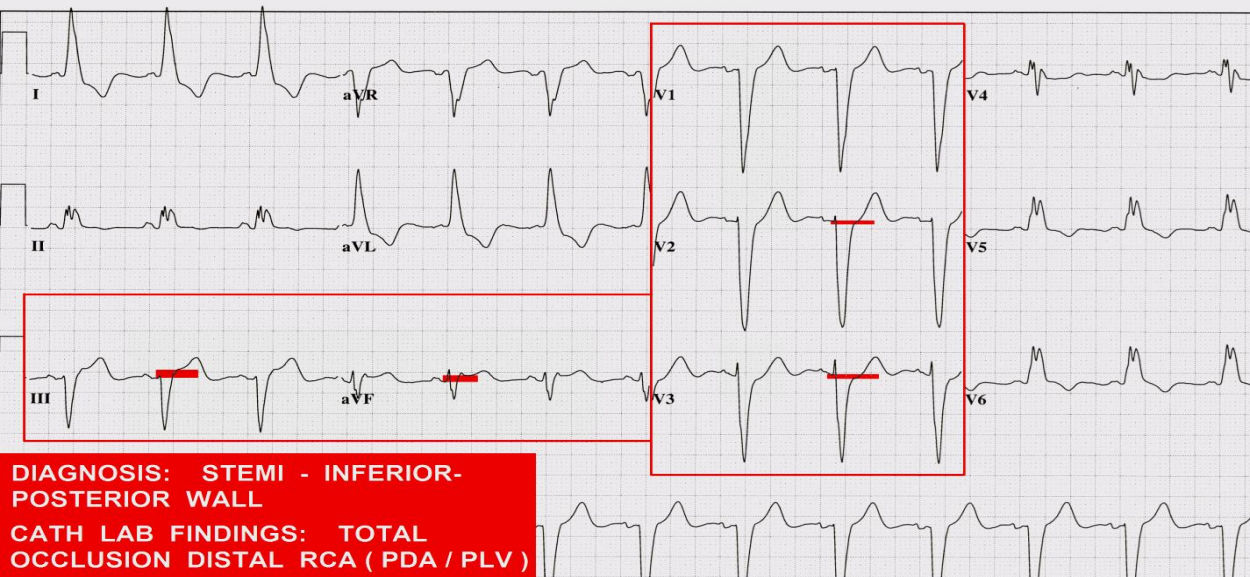


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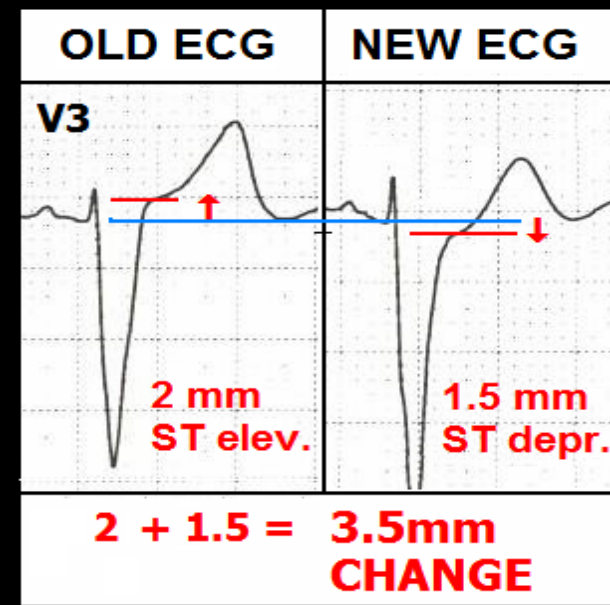
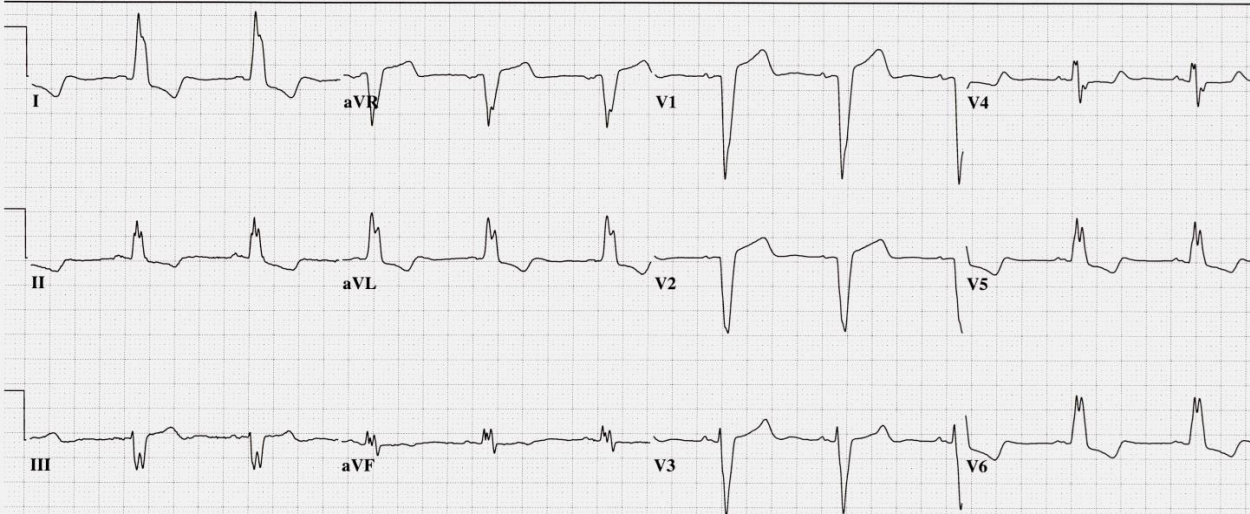


LBBB with CHEST PAIN - CASE 1 : EKG RECORDED 7 MONTHS AGO

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

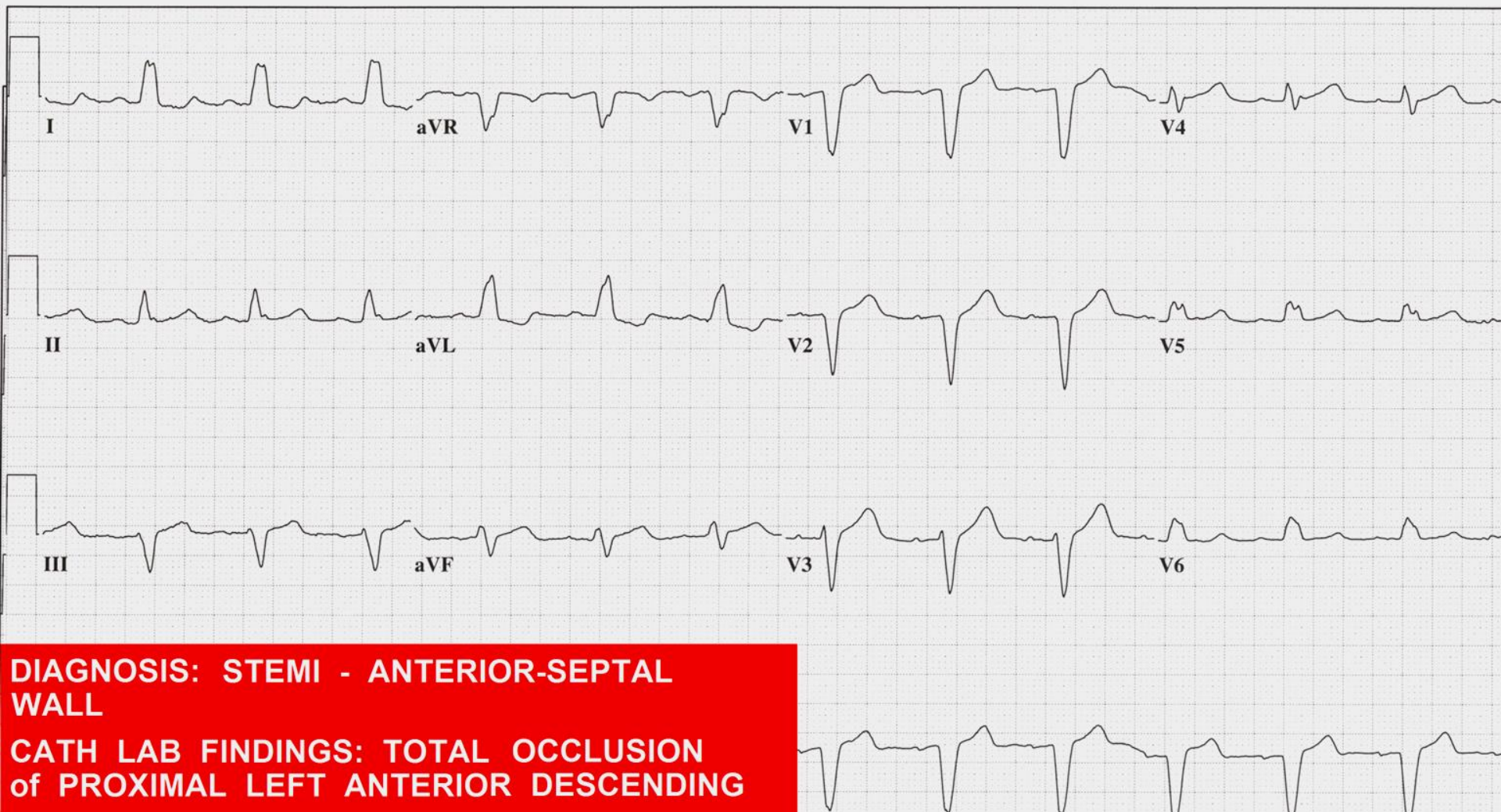
Vent. rate 63 BPM
PR interval 140 ms
QRS duration 142 ms
QT/QTc 462/472 ms
P-R-T axes 48 10 191

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



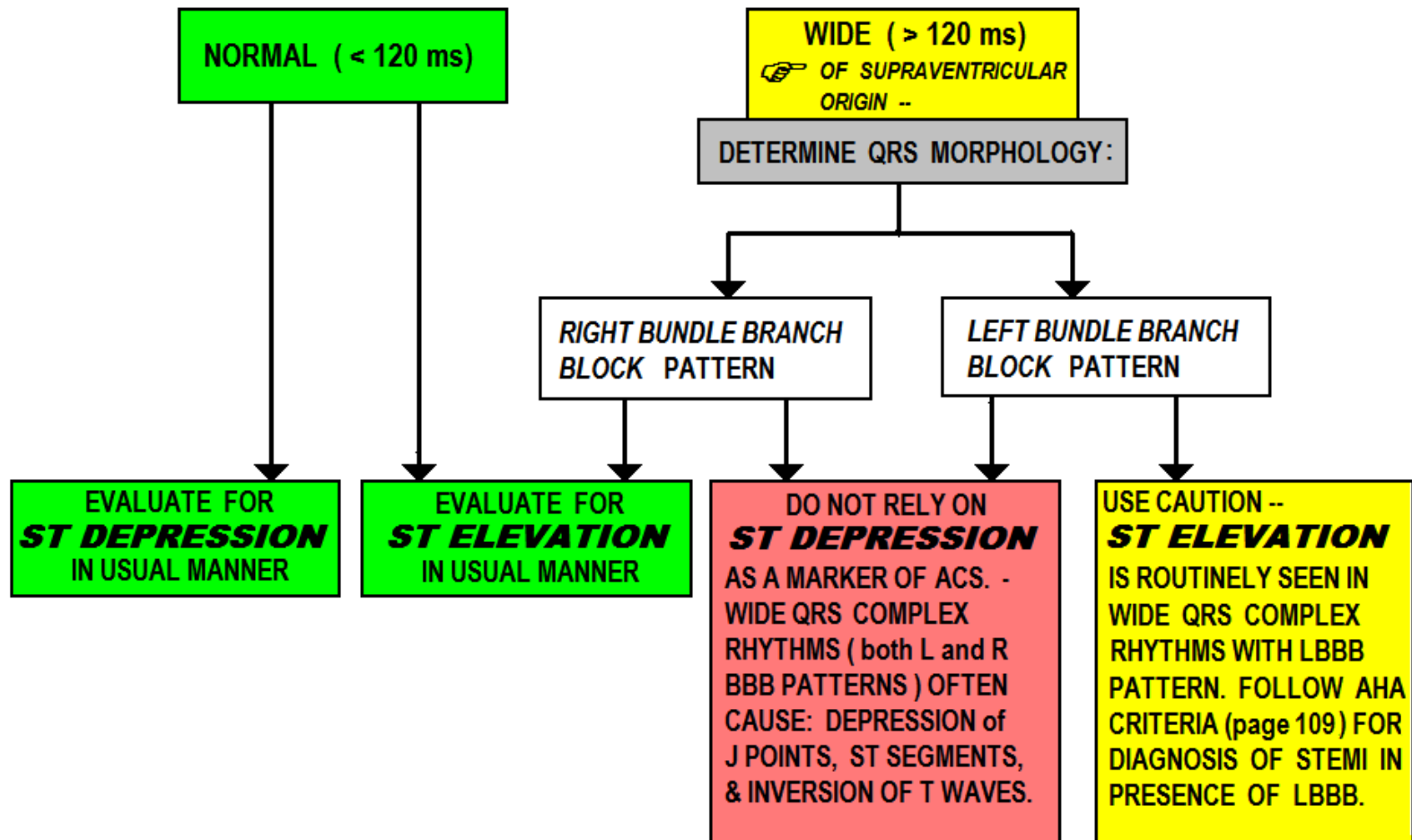
LBBB with CHEST PAIN - CASE 2 : NEW ONSET of LBBB

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



Evaluating the ECG for ACS:

STEP 1 - EVALUATE WIDTH OF QRS:



Evaluating the ECG for ACS:

Patients with Normal Width QRS (QRSd < 120ms)

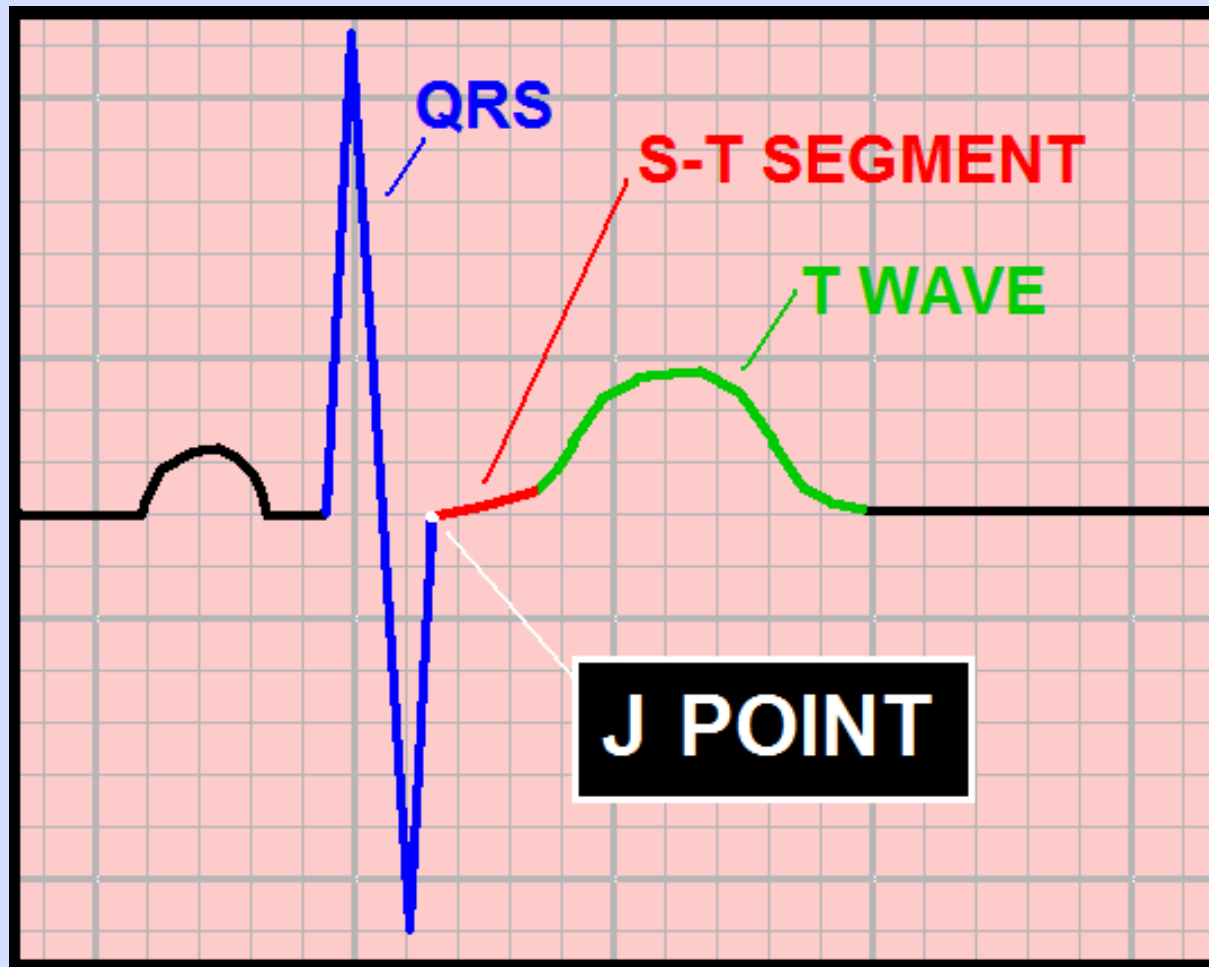
STEP 2 - EVALUATE the EKG for ACS

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

- J POINTS
- ST SEGMENTS
- T WAVES

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

Defining NORMAL – QRS <120ms:

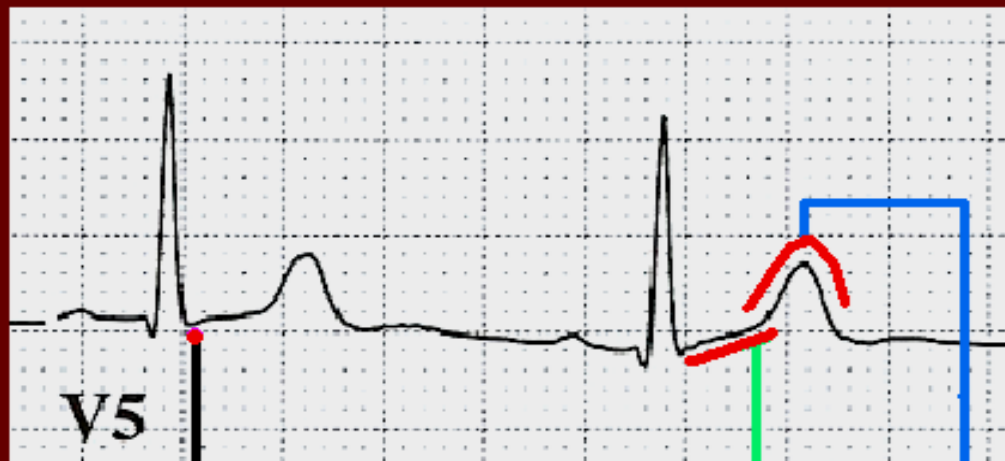


When QRS duration is NORMAL (< 120 ms):

NORMAL ST - T WAVES

- WHEN QRS WIDTH IS NORMAL (< 120 ms)

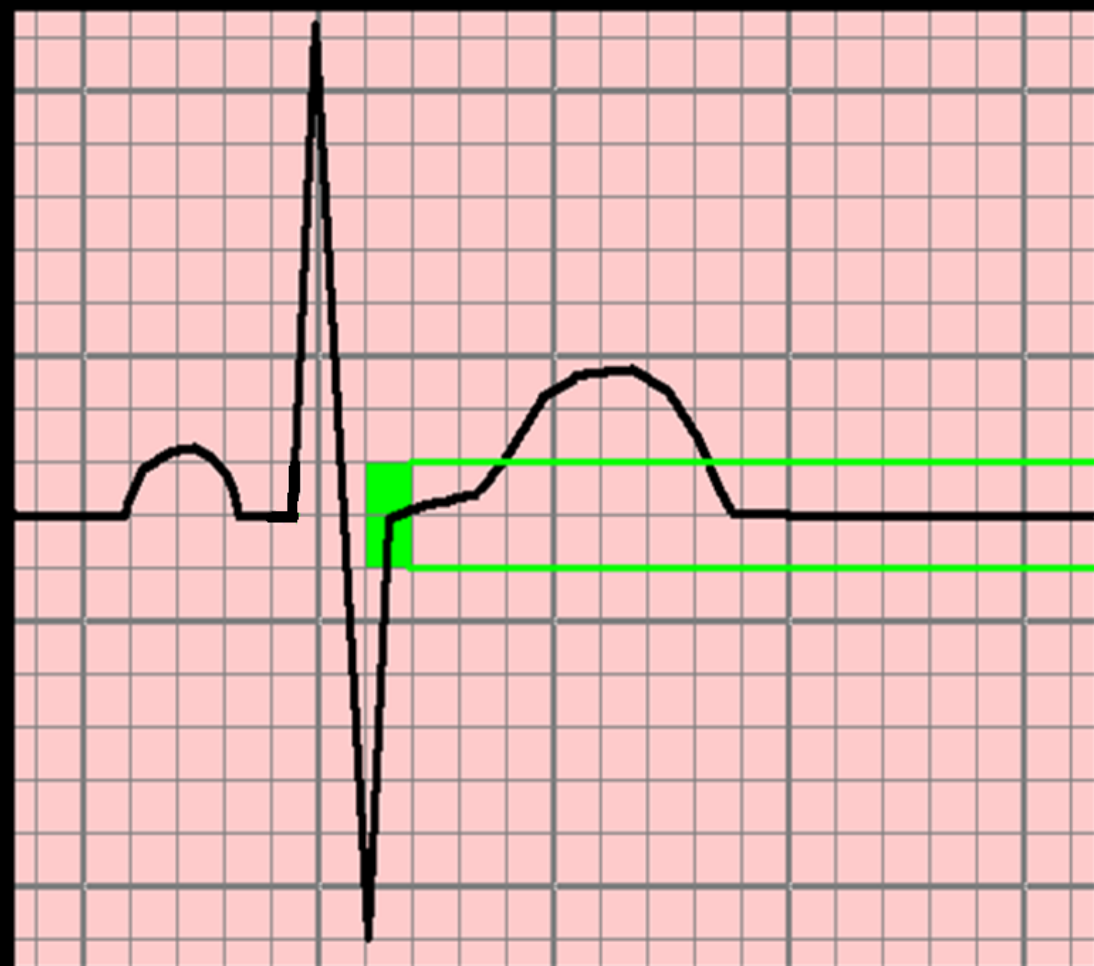
ASSESS:



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

👉 *in EVERY LEAD EXCEPT aVR !!*

THE J POINT SHOULD BE ..

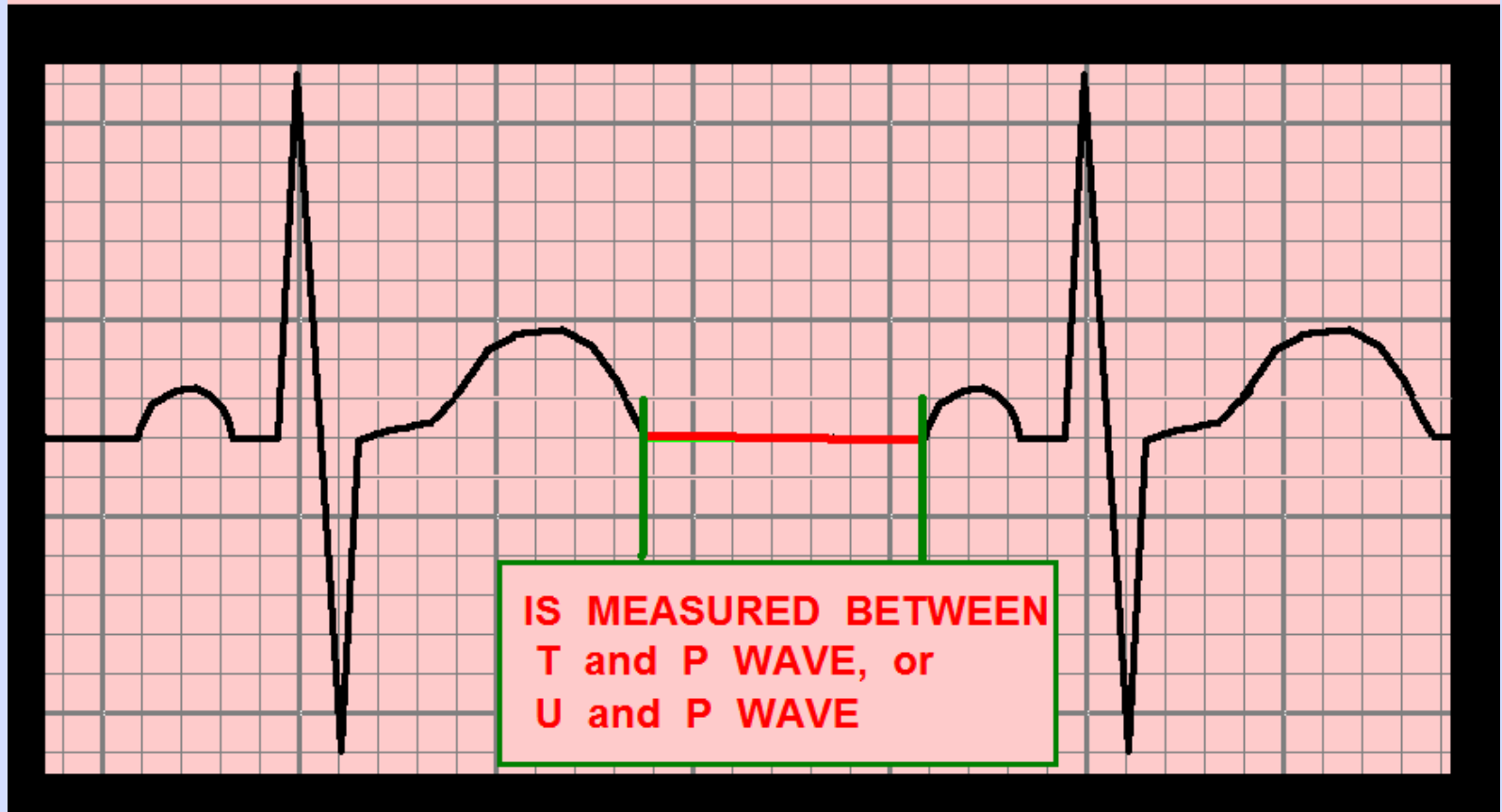


WITHIN
1 mm
ABOVE

OR

BELOW
the
ISOELECTRIC
LINE

THE ISOELECTRIC LINE

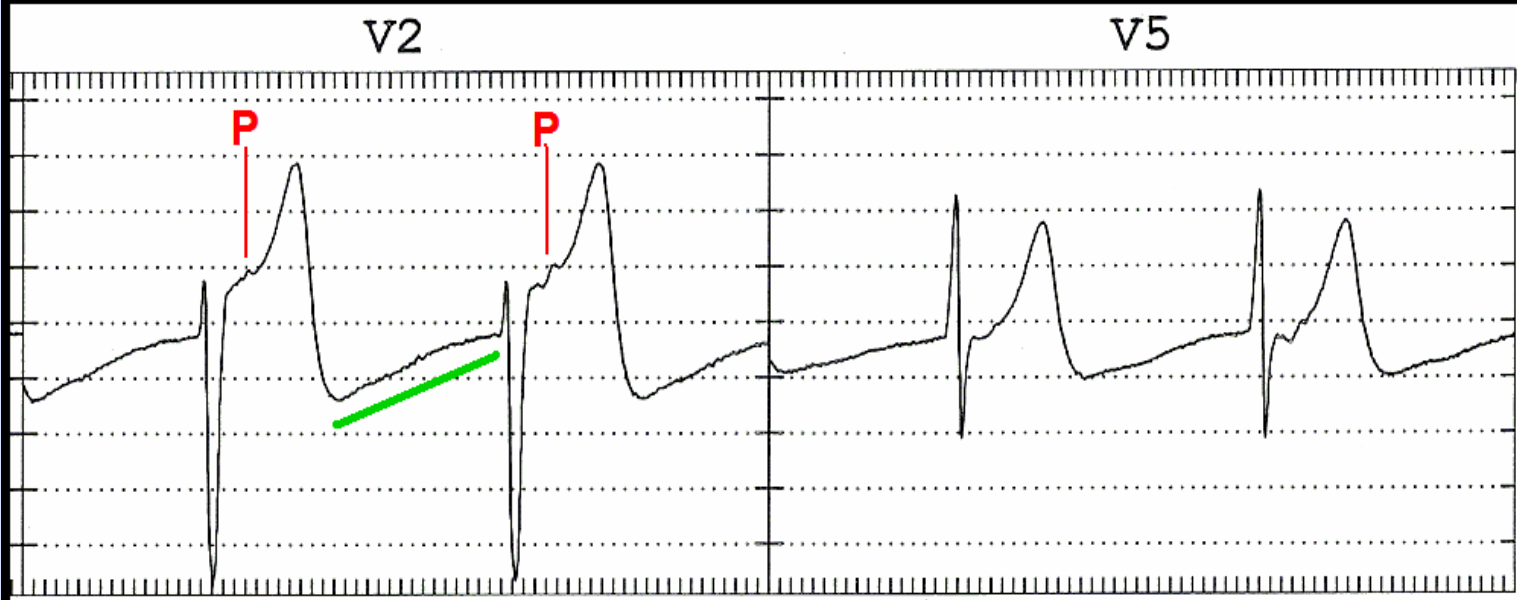


...the “flat line” between ECG complexes,
when there is no detectable electrical
activity ...

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

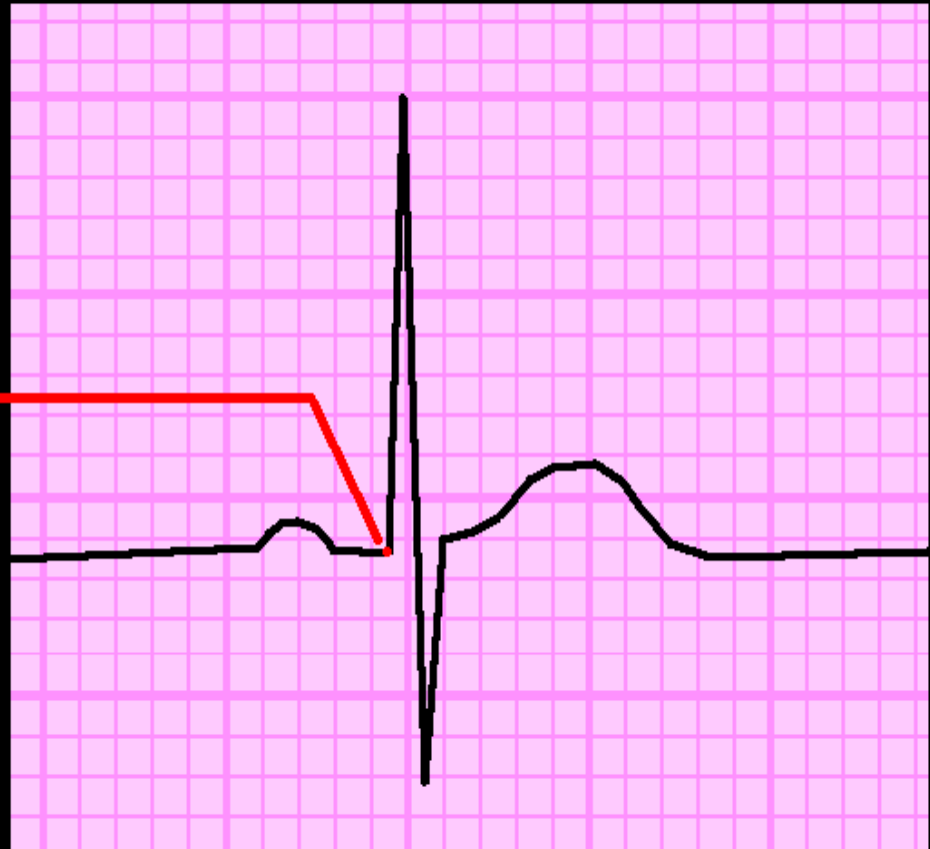
THE ISOELECTRIC LINE

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



THE P-Q JUNCTION

. . . is the POINT
where the P-R
SEGMENT ends
and the QRS
COMPLEX BEGINS.
Used for POINT
OF REFERENCE
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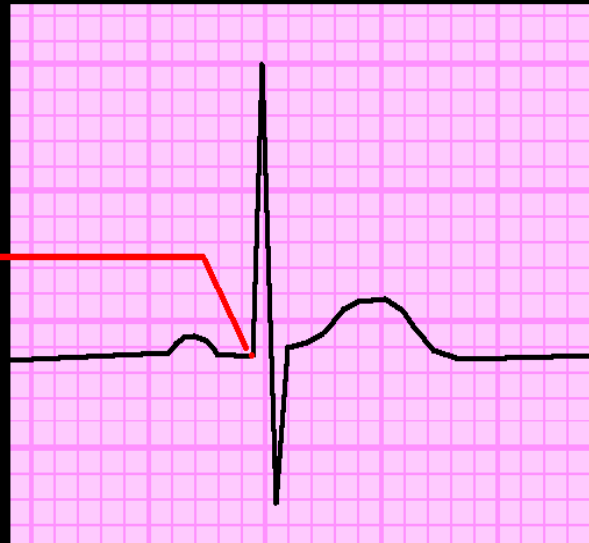
Use the P-Q junction as a reference point for measuring the J Point and ST-Segment when “iso-electric line is

not
iso-electric !

THE P-Q JUNCTION

... is the POINT where the P-R SEGMENT ends and the QRS COMPLEX BEGINS.

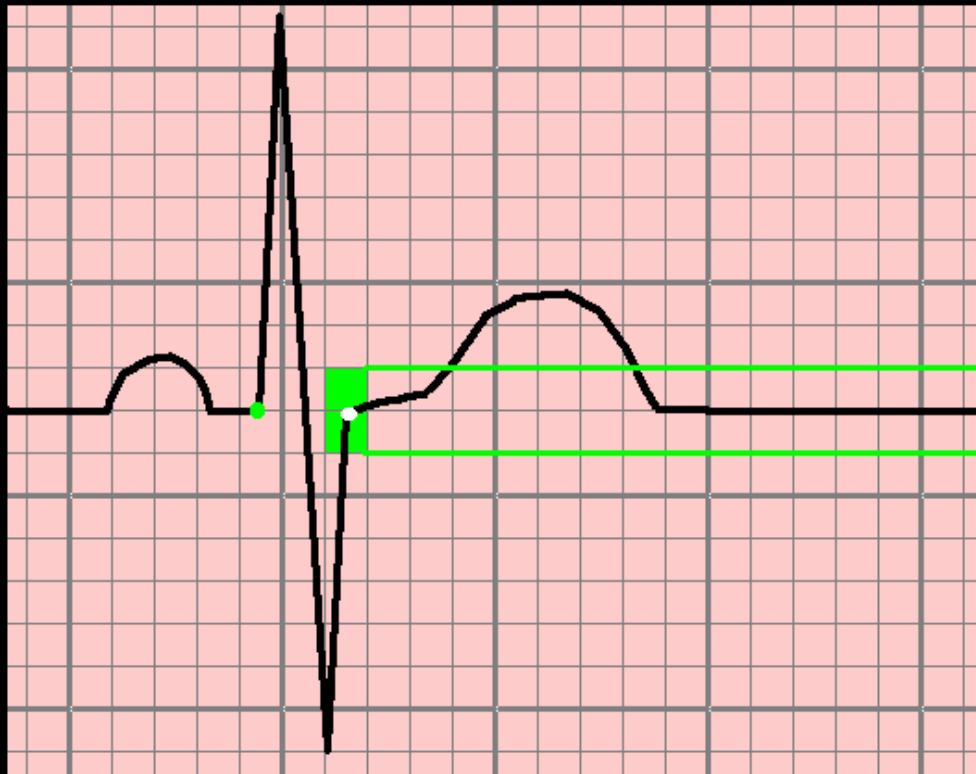
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Defining NORMAL:

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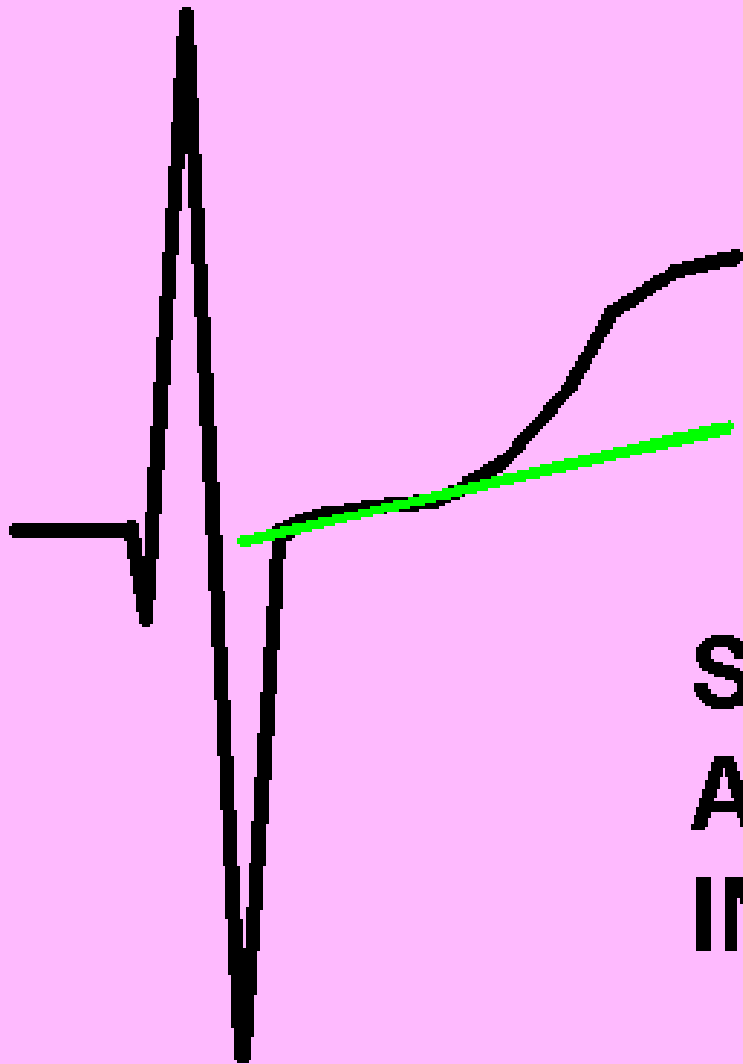


**WITHIN
1 mm
ABOVE**

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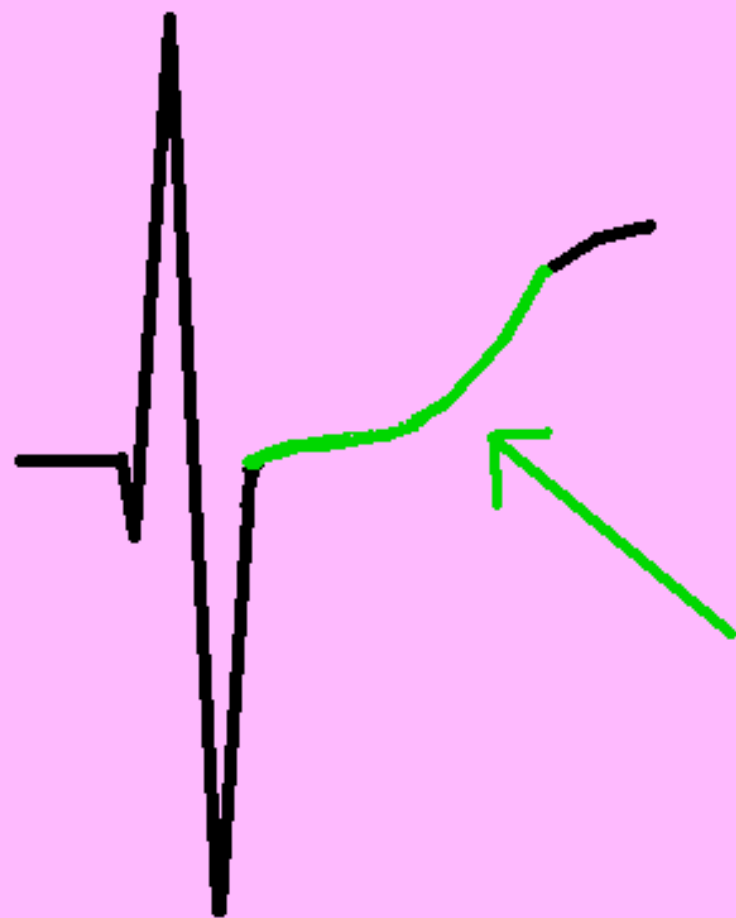
**BELOW
THE
P-Q
JUNCTION**

THE S-T SEGMENT



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

THE S-T SEGMENT

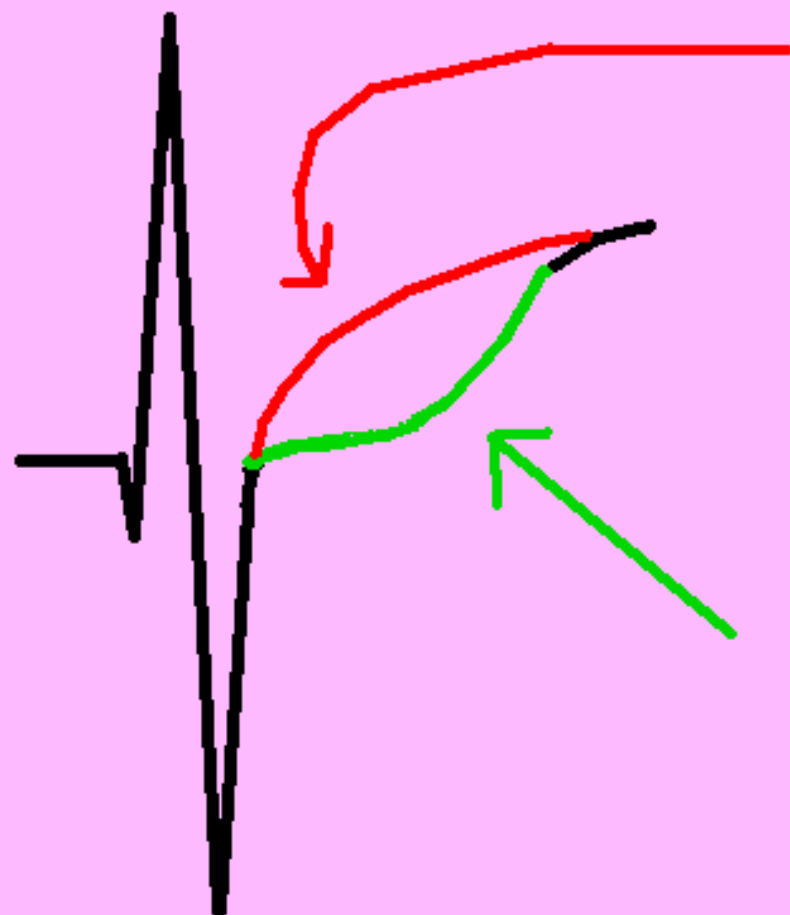


SHOULD BE
"CONCAVE" IN
SHAPE . . .

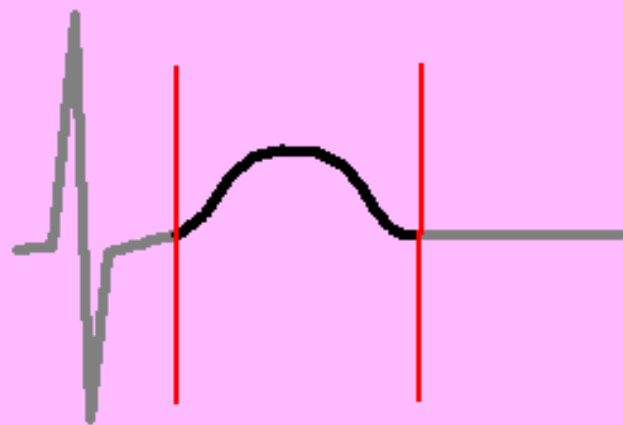
THE S-T SEGMENT

AS OPPOSED TO
"CONVEX" IN
SHAPE

SHOULD BE
"CONCAVE" IN
SHAPE . . .

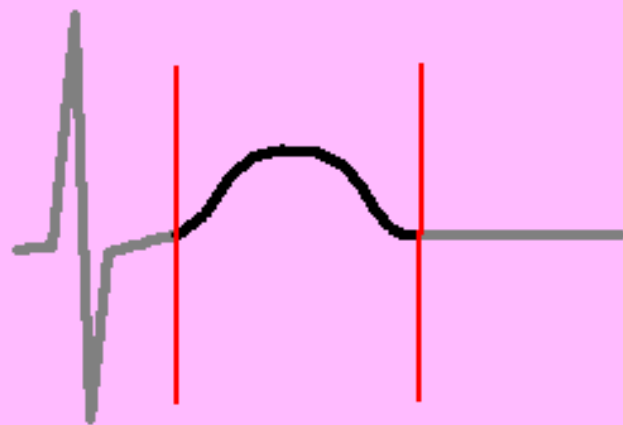


THE T WAVE



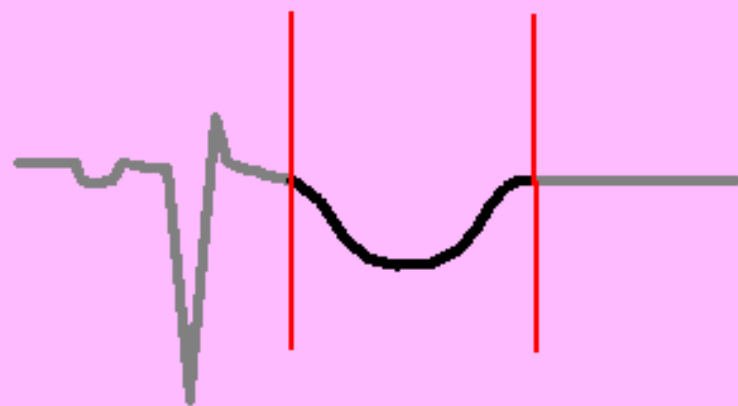
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- SHOULD BE SYMMETRICAL

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- SHOULD BE UPRIGHT IN ALL LEADS, EXCEPT AVR

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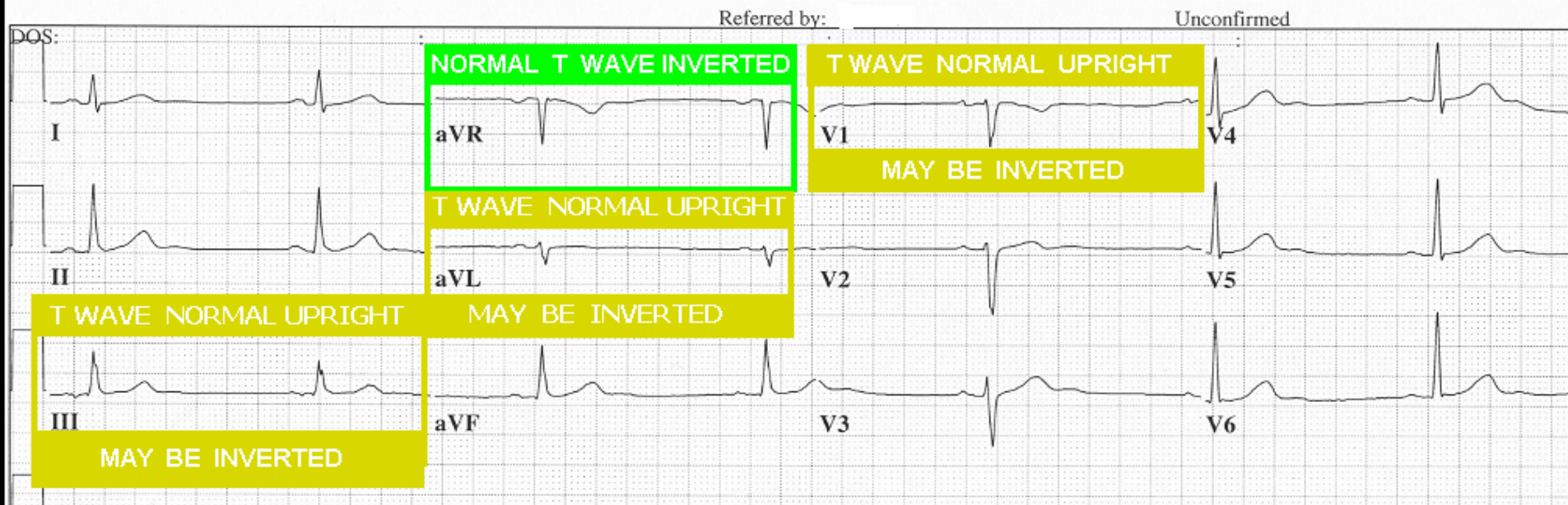


**LEAD
AVR**

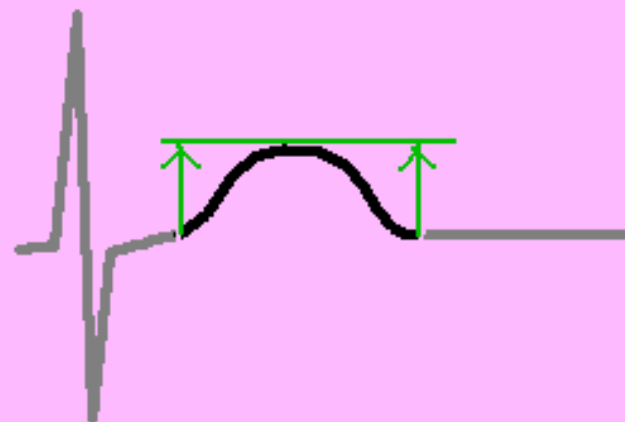
- REMEMBER, IN LEAD AVR
EVERYTHING
IS
"UPSIDE-DOWN"

Normal Variants: *T Wave Inversion*

Leads where the T WAVE may be INVERTED:



THE T WAVE



AMPLITUDE GUIDELINES:

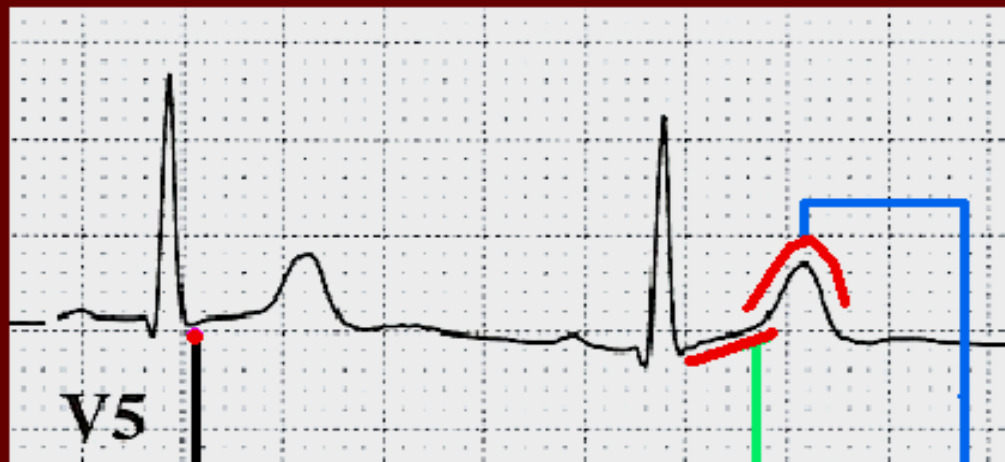
- IN THE LIMB LEADS, SHOULD BE LESS THAN 1.0 mv (10 mm)
- IN THE PRECORDIAL LEADS, SHOULD BE LESS THAN 0.5 mv (5 mm)
- SHOULD NOT BE TALLER THAN R WAVE IN 2 OR MORE LEADS.

When QRS duration is NORMAL (< 120 ms):

NORMAL ST - T WAVES

- WHEN QRS WIDTH IS NORMAL (< 120 ms)

ASSESS:



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

👉 in **EVERY LEAD EXCEPT aVR !!**

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

Multiple patterns of ABNORMAL:

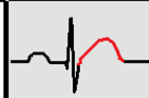
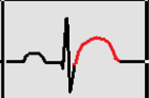
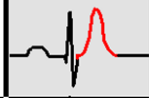

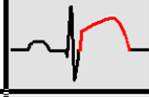

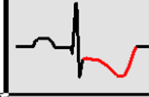

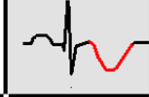



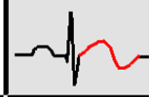
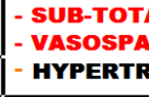
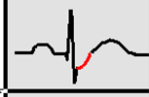

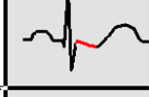

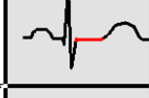

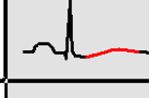

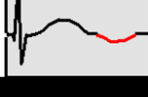

- J Point
- ST-Segment
- T Wave

configurations may indicate
ACS.

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


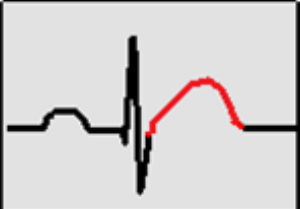
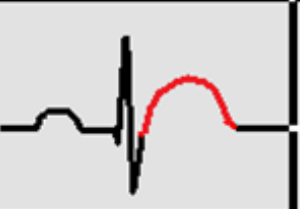
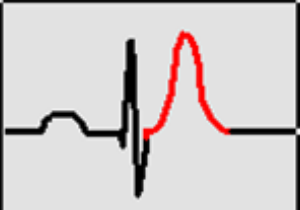
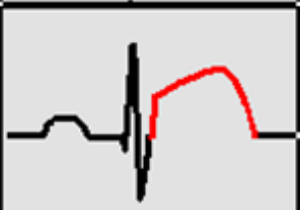
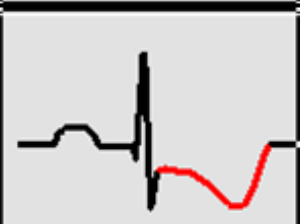
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INVERTED T WAVE			- MYOCARDITIS - ELECTROLYTE IMBAL. - ISCHEMIA
SHARP S-T T ANGLE			- ACUTE MI (NOT COMMON) - ISCHEMIA
BI-PHASIC T WAVE (WELLEN'S)			- SUB-TOTAL LAD LESION - VASOSPASM - HYPERTROPHY
DEPRESSED J POINT with UPSLOPING ST			- ISCHEMIA
DOWNSLOPING S-T SEGMENT			- ISCHEMIA
? FLAT S-T SEGMENT > 120 ms			- ISCHEMIA
? LOW VOLTAGE T WAVE WITH NORMAL QRS			- ISCHEMIA
? U WAVE POLARITY OPPOSITE THAT OF T WAVE			- ISCHEMIA

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ECG Patterns associated with “EARLY PHASE MI:”

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

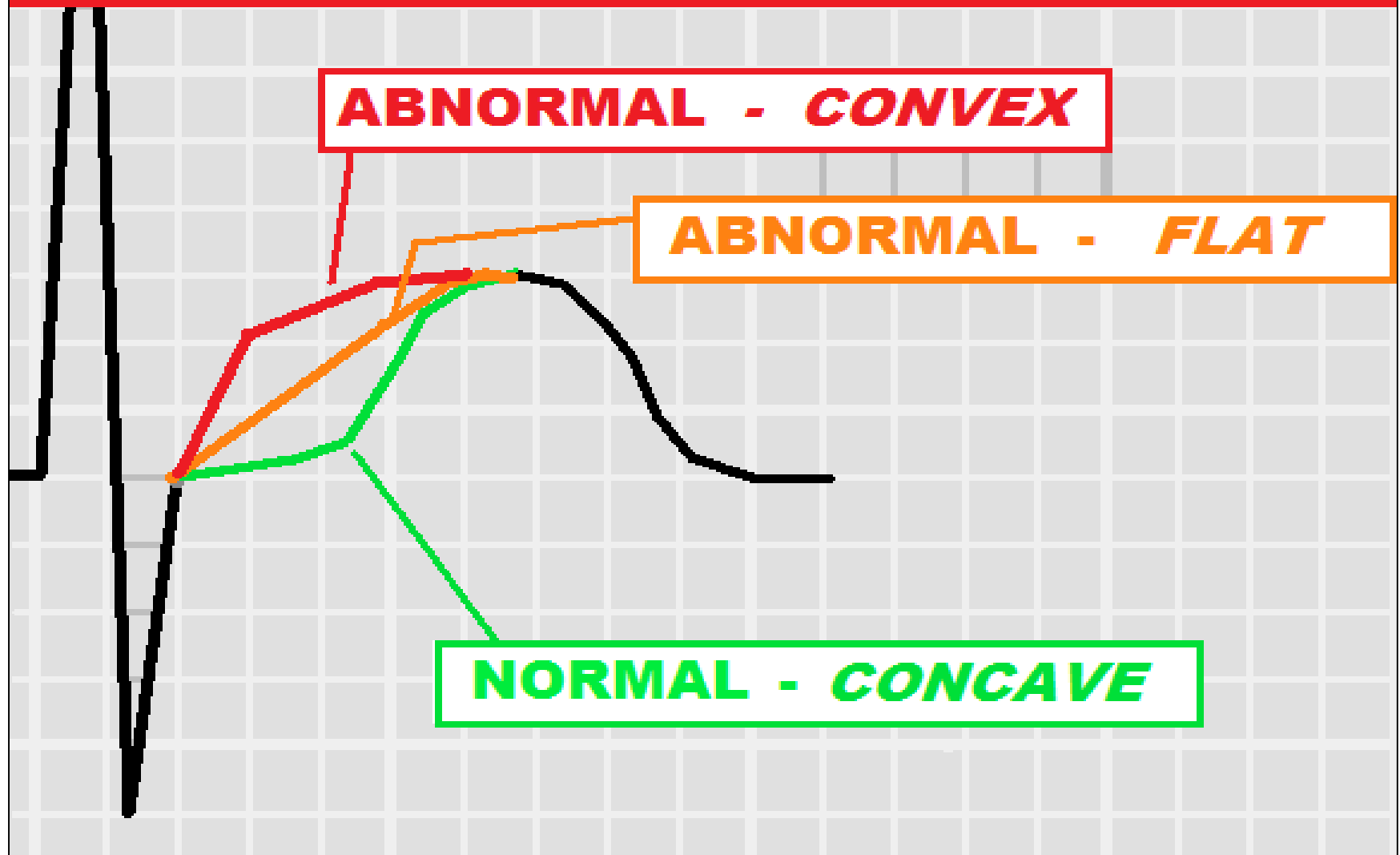


J-T Apex Segment

ST-Segment

T wave: origin to apex

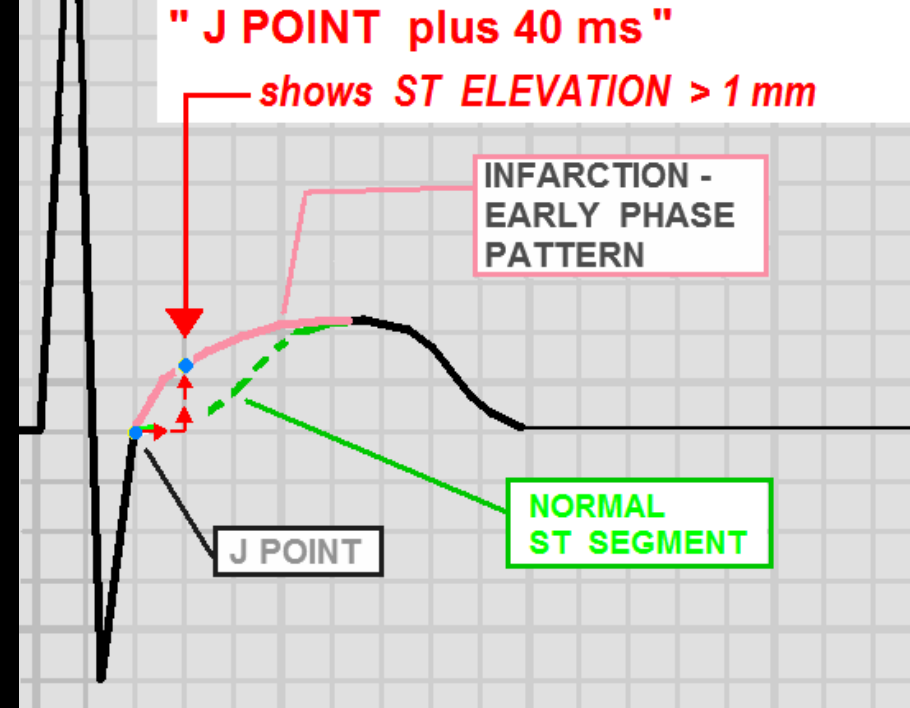
J - T APEX SEGMENT VARIATIONS



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

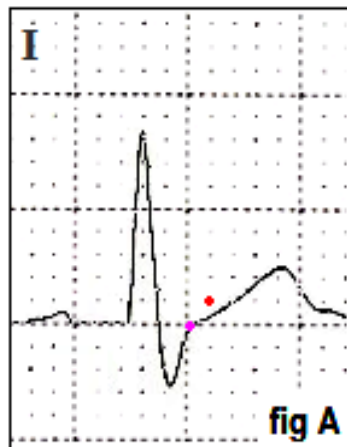
WHEN EVALUATING for ST SEGMENT ELEVATION

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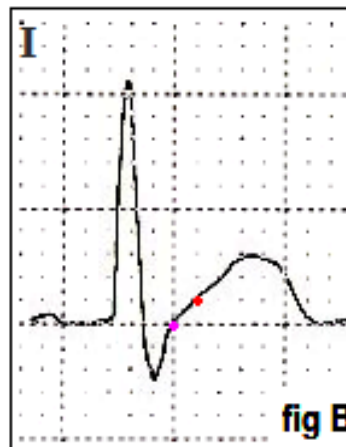


During **NORMAL STATES** of **PERFUSION**, the **J POINT** is **ISOELECTRIC** and the **ST SEGMENT** has a **CONCAVE** appearance. When measured 40 ms beyond the **J POINT** (noted by the **RED DOT**), the **ST SEGMENT** elevation is less than 1mm.

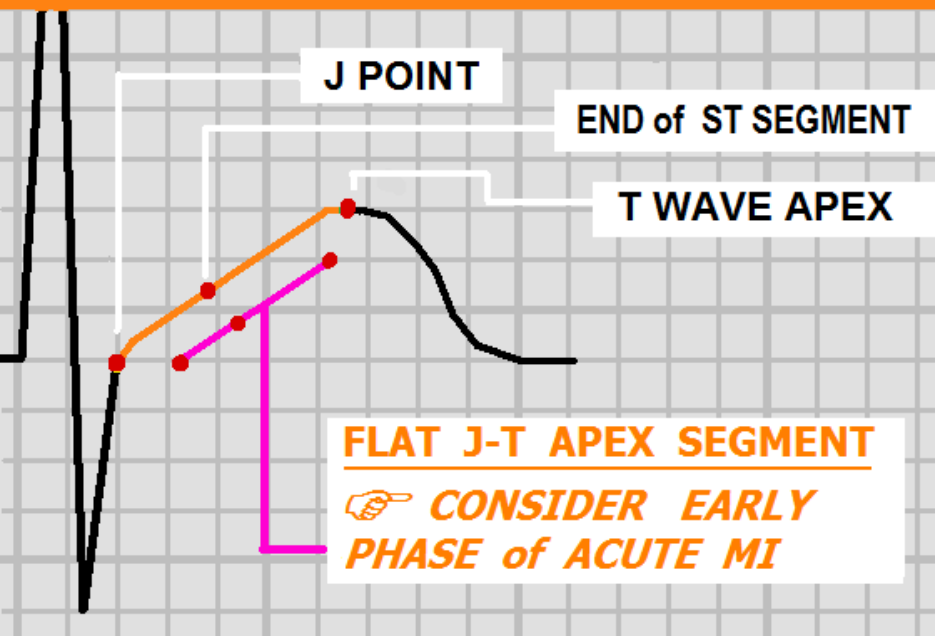
Both figures were recorded from a 54 year old male while resting (figure A), and during PTCA of the Left Anterior Descending artery (figure B).



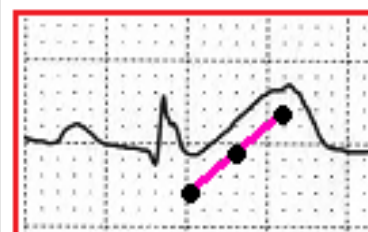
During a 20 second **BALLOON OCCLUSION** of the patient's LAD during routine PTCA, the ST segment assumes a **CONVEX** shape. When measured 40 ms beyond the **J POINT**, the ST segment is elevated **> 1 mm**. This phenomenon is seen routinely in the cath lab prior to the occurrence of **ST ELEVATION**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



ABNORMAL J-T APEX SEGMENT



LEAD II

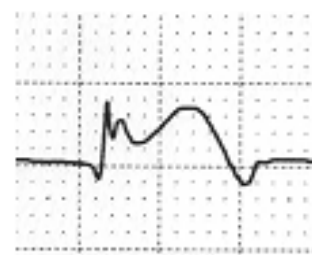


1839 hrs

41 y/o FEMALE

In ER C/O CHEST PAIN
x 30 minutes.

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



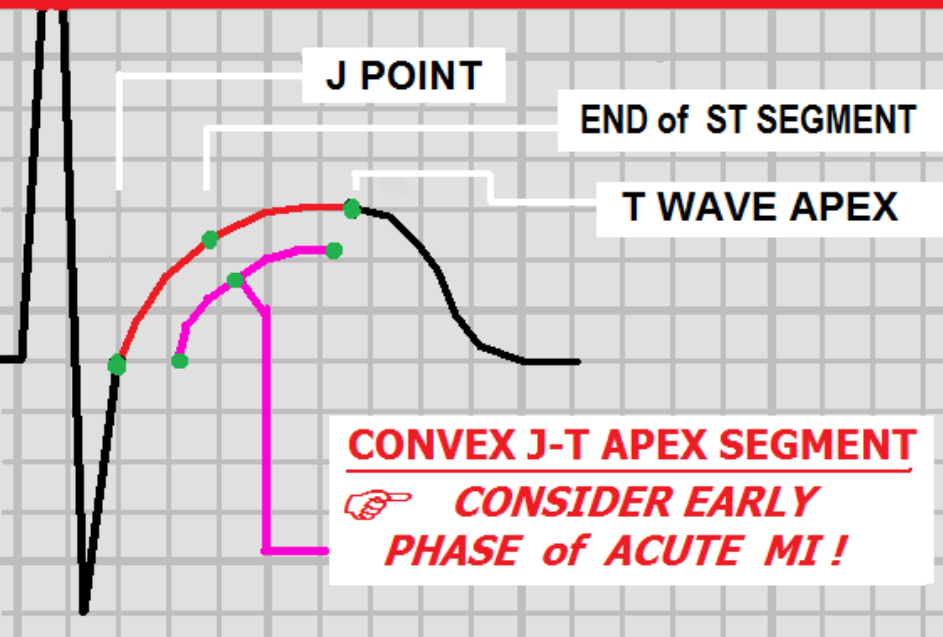
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STEMI - INFERIOR WALL

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

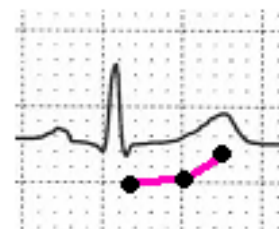
- **CATH LAB FINDINGS:**
TOTAL OCCLUSION of the
RIGHT CORONARY ARTERY

ABNORMAL J-T APEX SEGMENT



LEAD I

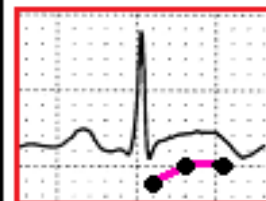
53 y/o MALE



1 yr. PRIOR TO MI

NORMAL EKG

CONCAVE J - T APEX SEGMENT



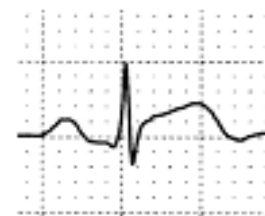
STEMI LATERAL WALL

▪ CONVEX J-T APEX SEGMENT

▪ MINIMAL ST ELEVATION

at J POINT

0732 hrs



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

▪ CATH LAB FINDINGS:
TOTAL OCCLUSION OF
CIRCUMFLEX ARTERY


0747 hrs

CASE STUDY: ABNORMAL J-T APEX SEGMENTS

CHIEF COMPLAINT and SIGNIFICANT HISTORY:

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

RISK FACTOR PROFILE:

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

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

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

LABS: JUST OBTAINED, RESULTS NOT AVAILABLE YET.

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

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

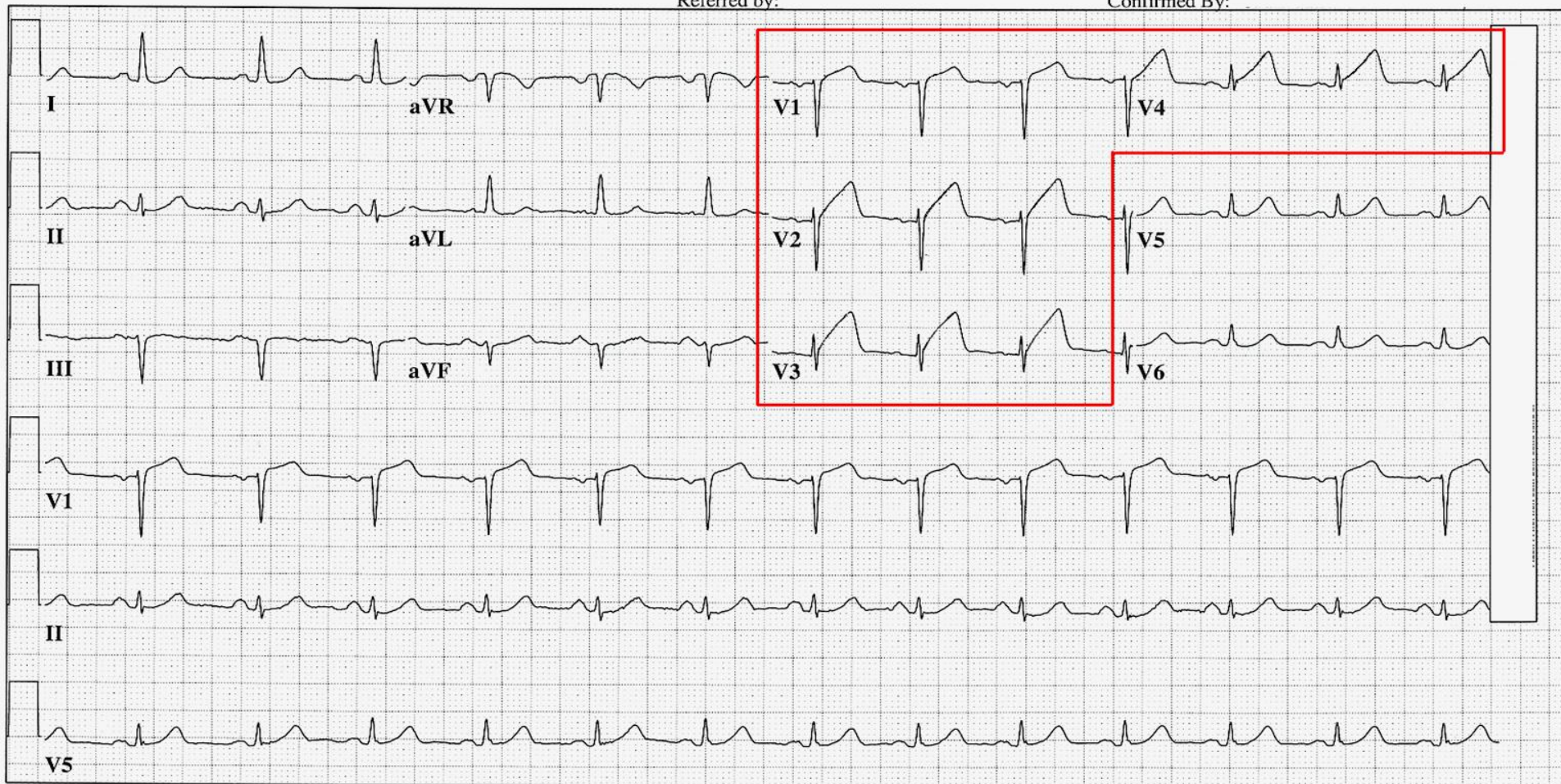
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PHYSICIAN INTERPRETATION**

Normal sinus rhythm
Normal ECG
No previous ECGs available

Technician: W Ruppert

Referred by:

Confirmed By:



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

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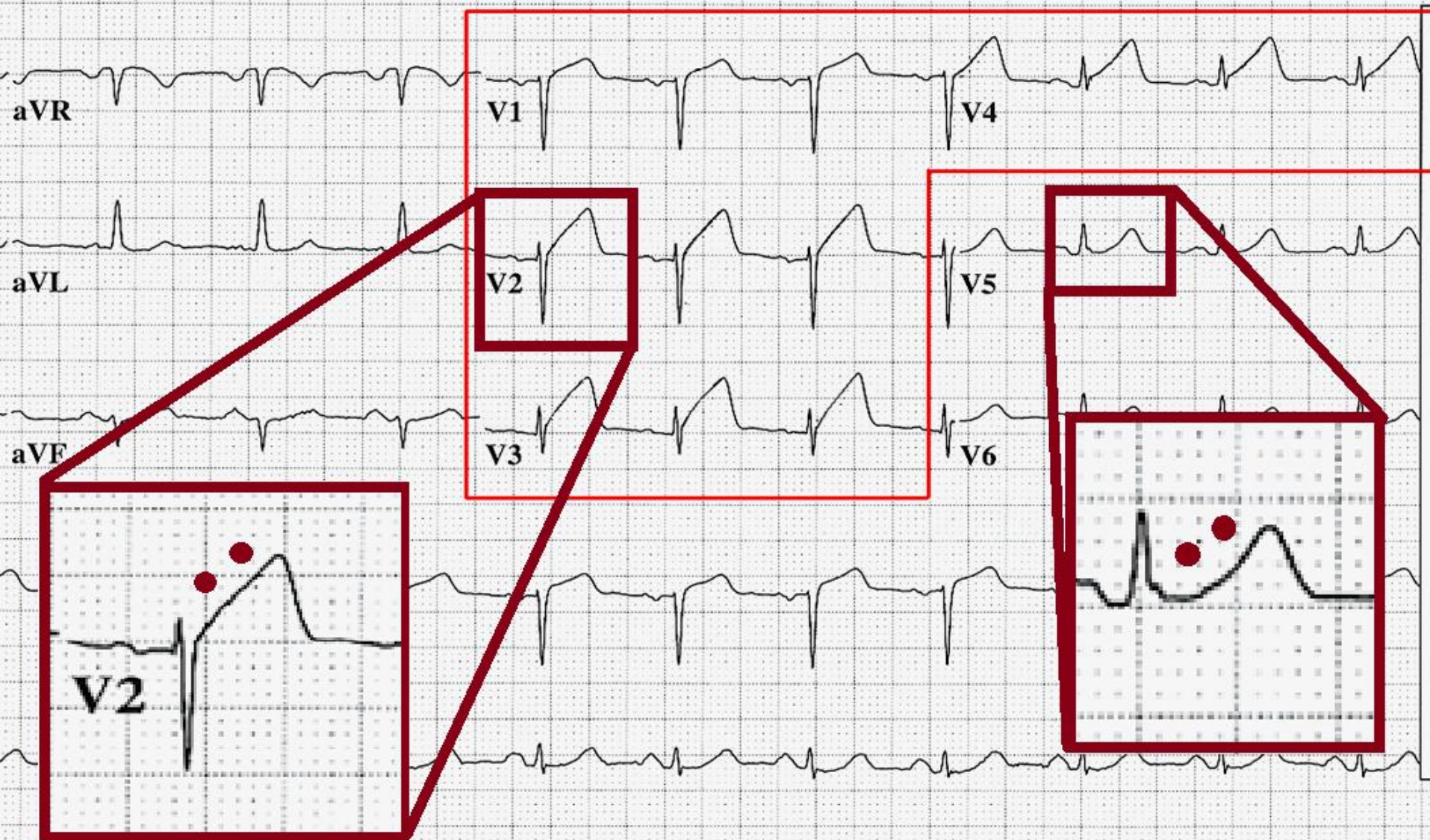
ECG COMPUTER DOES NOT NOTICE THE CONVEX J-T APEX SEGMENTS !

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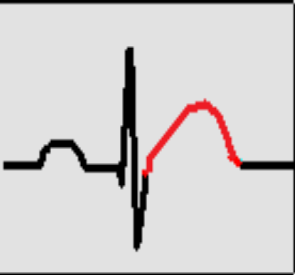
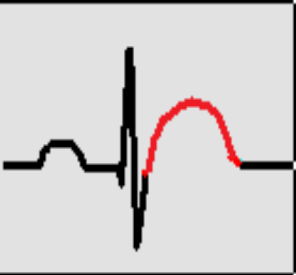
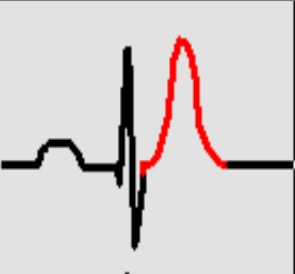
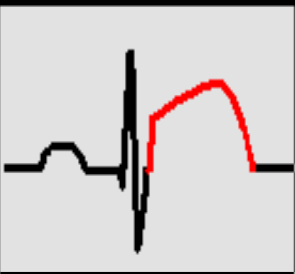
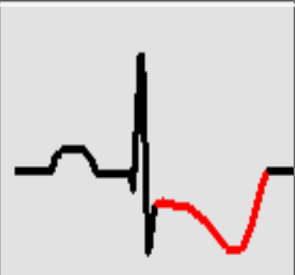
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PATTERNS of ACS & ISCHEMIA

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HYPER-ACUTE T WAVES - COMMON ETIOLOGIES:



CONDITION:

SEE PAGE(S):



HYPERKALEMIA — XX - XX



ACUTE MI — XX - XX

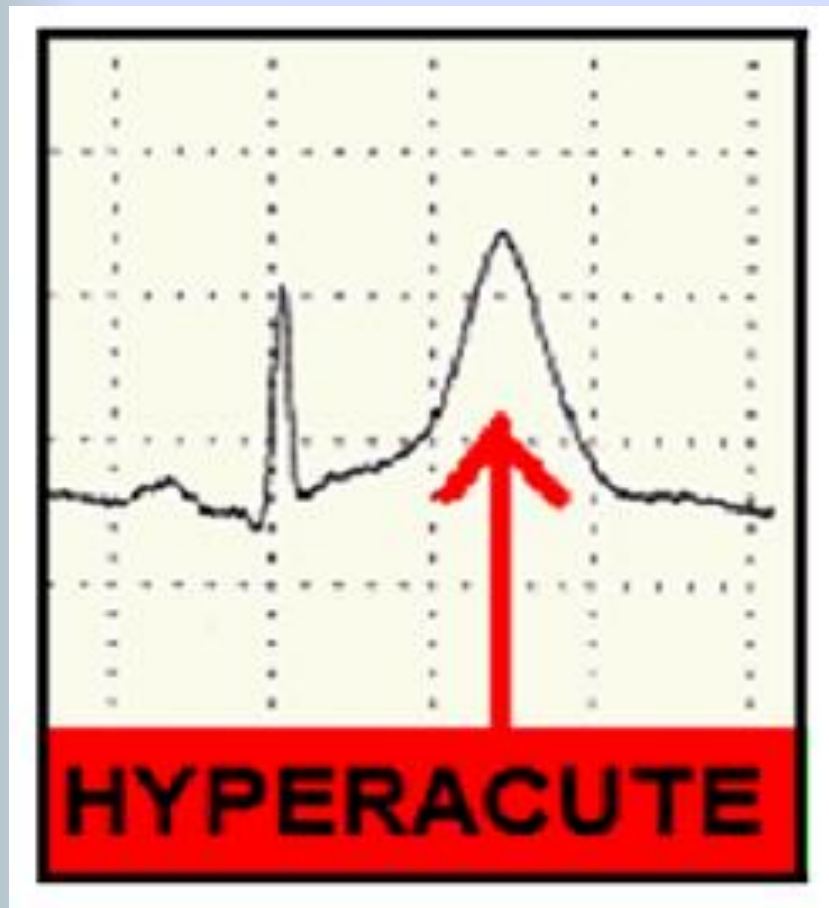


**TRANS-MURAL
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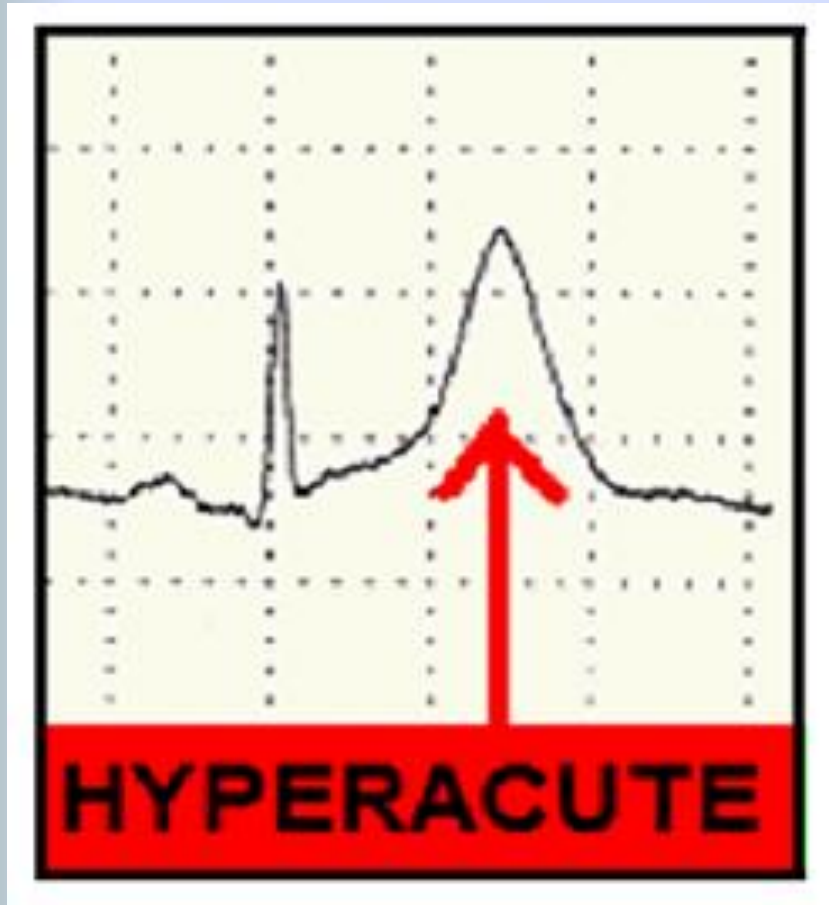


HYPERTROPHY — XX - XX

T waves should not be HYPERACUTE



HYPERACUTE T Waves may indicate:



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

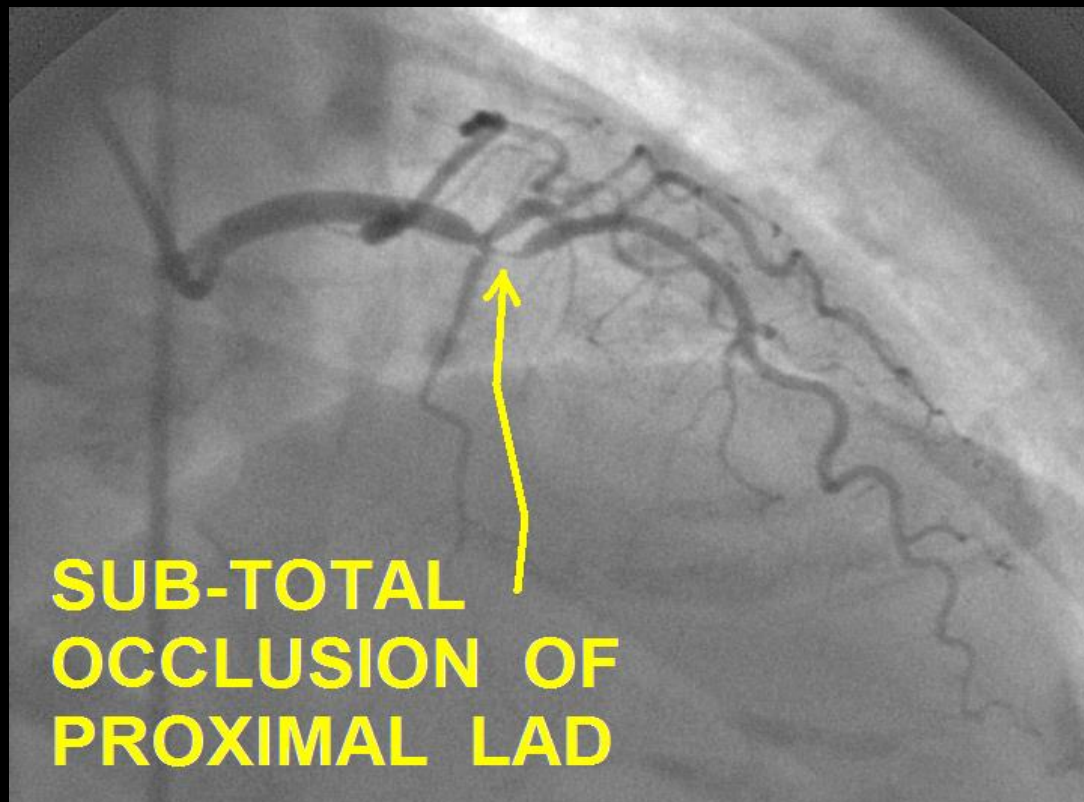
HYPERACUTE T WAVES



HYPERACUTE



NORMAL



Helpful Clue: Hyper-Acute T Waves

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

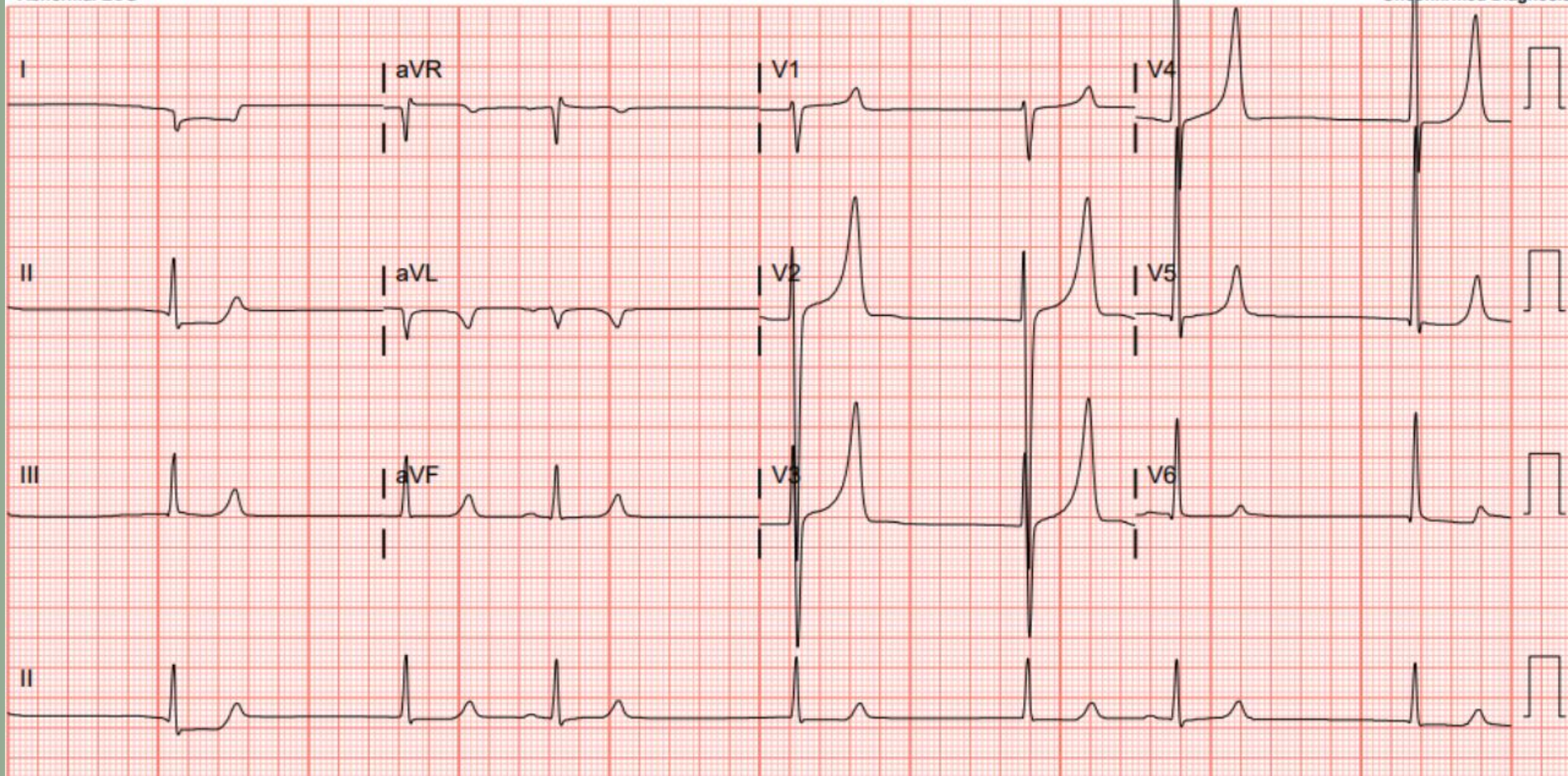
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PR	500	Sinus bradycardia
QRSd	117	Atrial premature complexes
QT	549	LVH with IVCD and secondary repol abnrm
QTc	443	Anterior ST elevation, probably due to LVH
--Axis--		COMPARED TO ECG 02/24/2020 21:46:48
P	0	SINUS BRADYCARDIA NOW PRESENT
QRS	96	INTRAVENTRICULAR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

Req Provider: ONIER VILLARREA

K+ = 7.9

- Abnormal ECG -

Unconfirmed Diagnosis



55years
Female Caucasian

Room:

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

ID:

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REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Sinus bradyc a
Possible Left atrial enlargement
Borderline ECG

ER ATTENDING REVIEW
NO STEMI
TIME 1:51

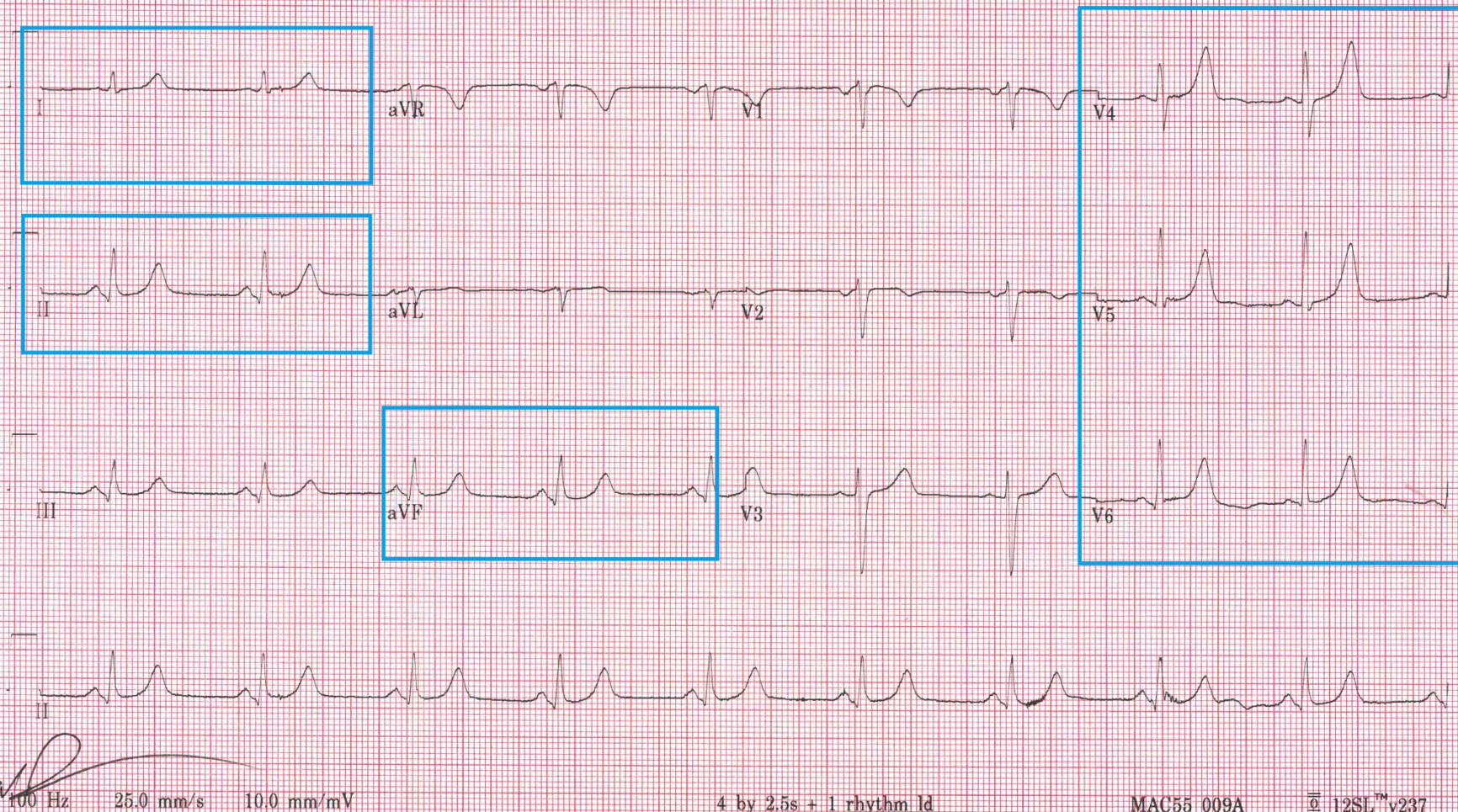
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LOCATION:



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

CASE STUDY: HYPERACUTE T WAVES

CHIEF COMPLAINT and SIGNIFICANT HISTORY:

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

RISK FACTOR PROFILE: NONE. CHOLESTEROL UNKNOWN.

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

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

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

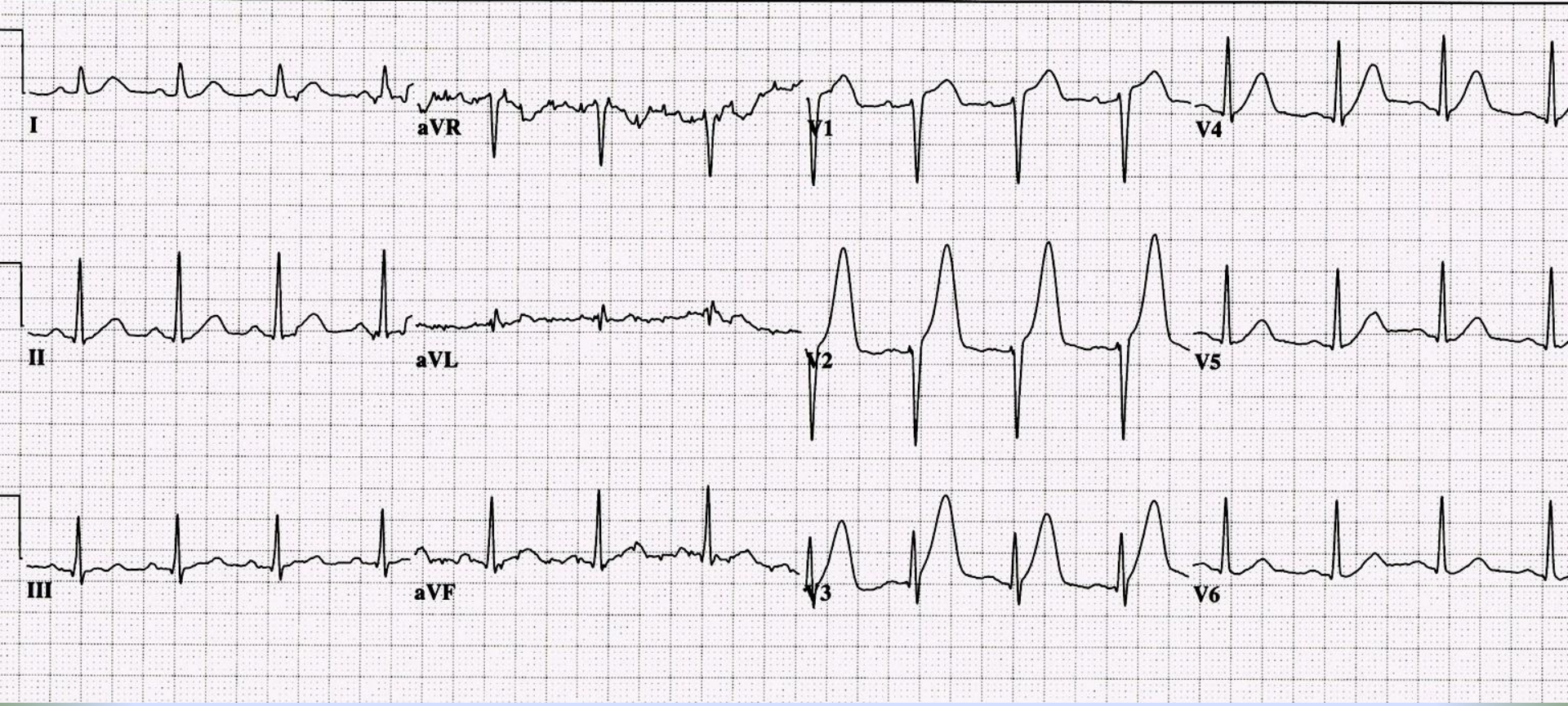
30 yr
Male Black

Room: ER
Loc: Option:

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

Normal sinus rhythm
Normal ECG
No previous ECGs available

← NOTE COMPUTER INTERPRETATION



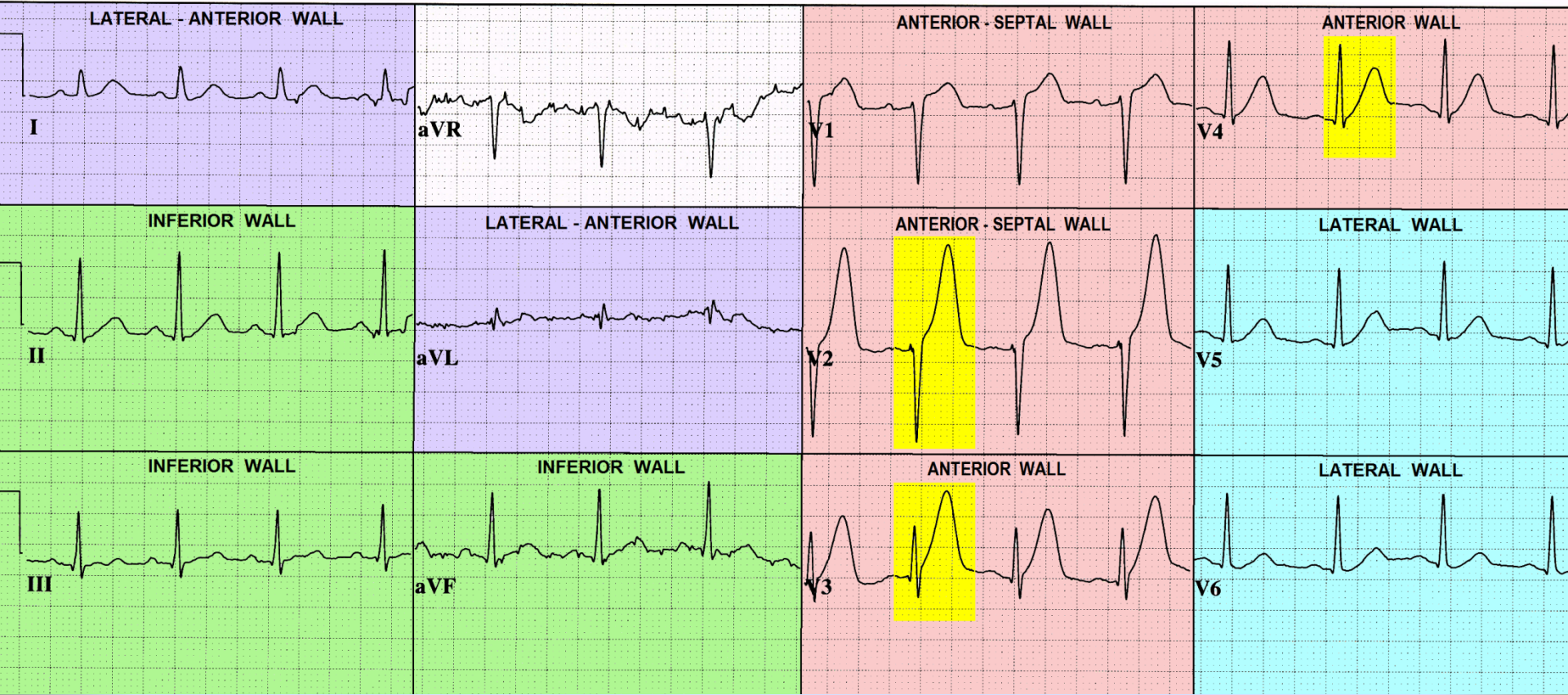
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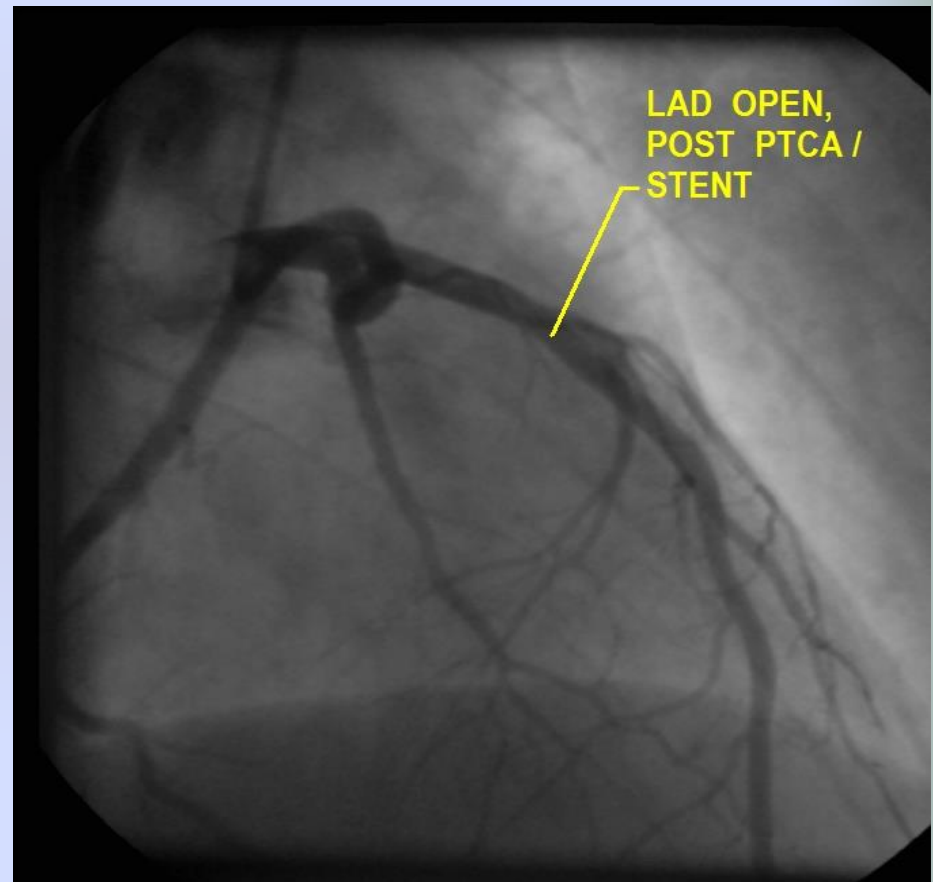
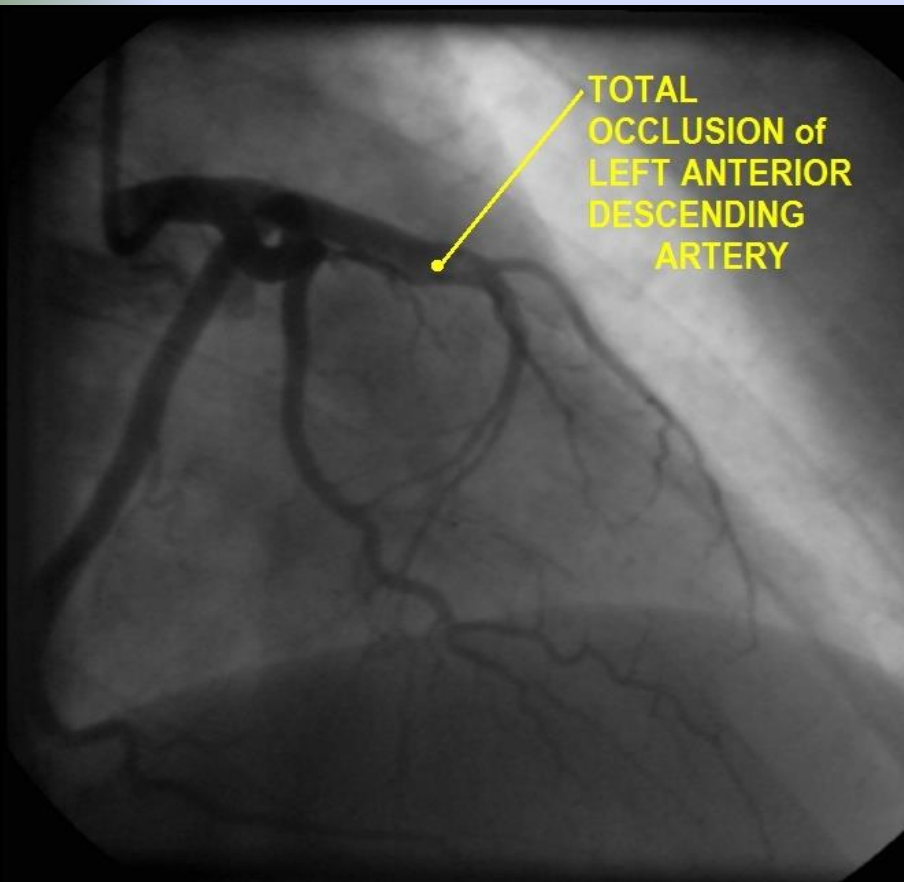
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**HIGHLIGHTED AREAS =
HYPERACUTE T WAVES**

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



Cath Lab findings:



Dynamic ST-T Wave Changes:

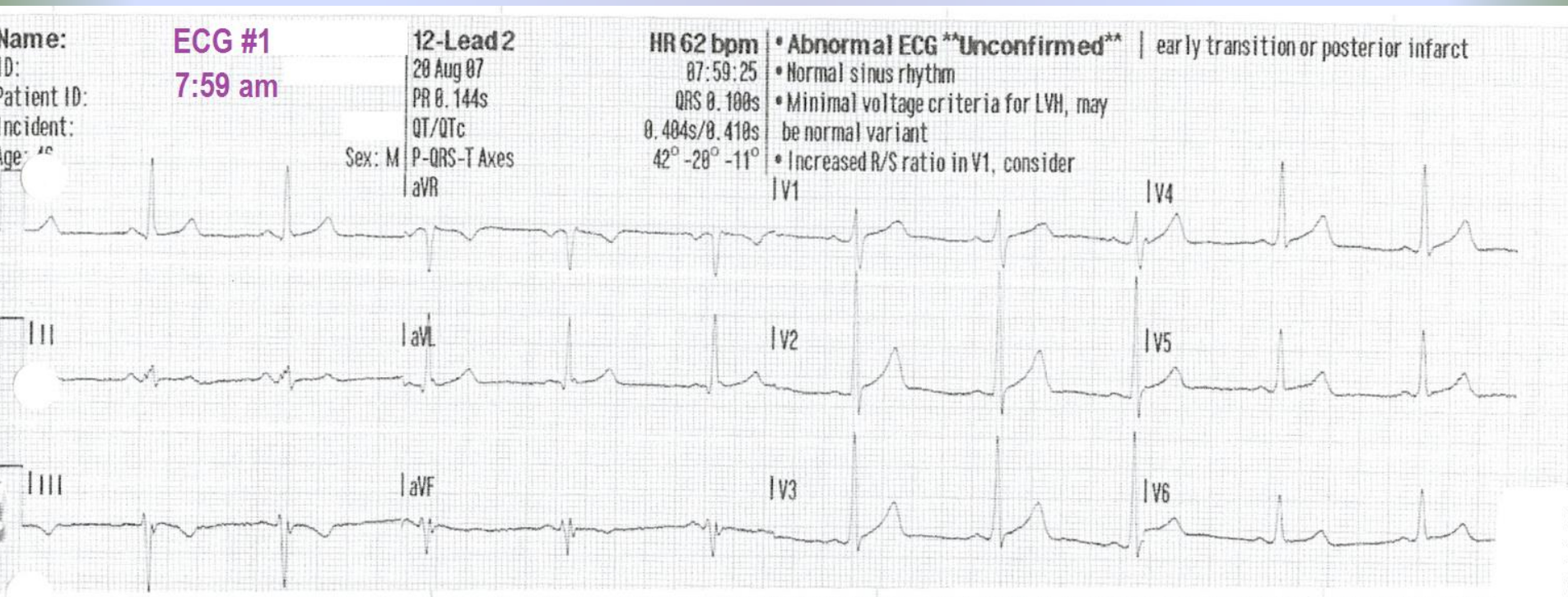
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Dynamic ST-T Wave Changes:

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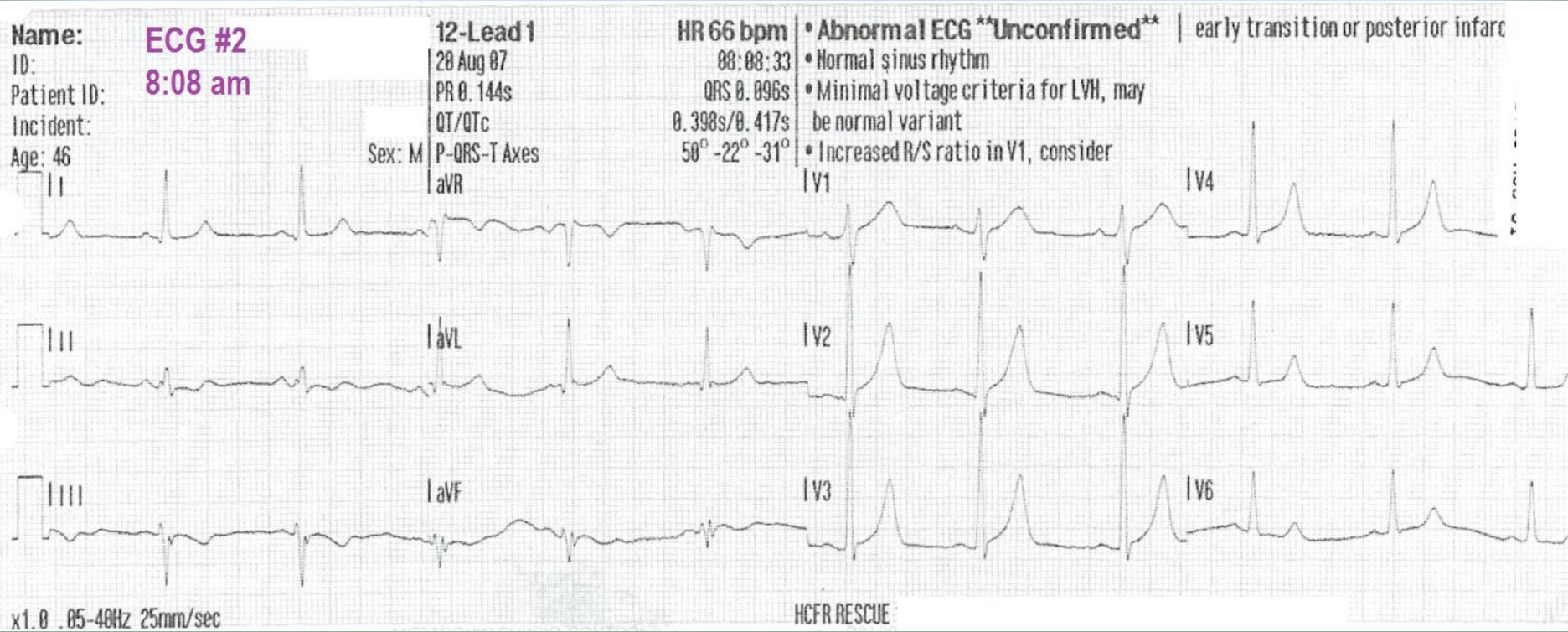
46 year old male

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



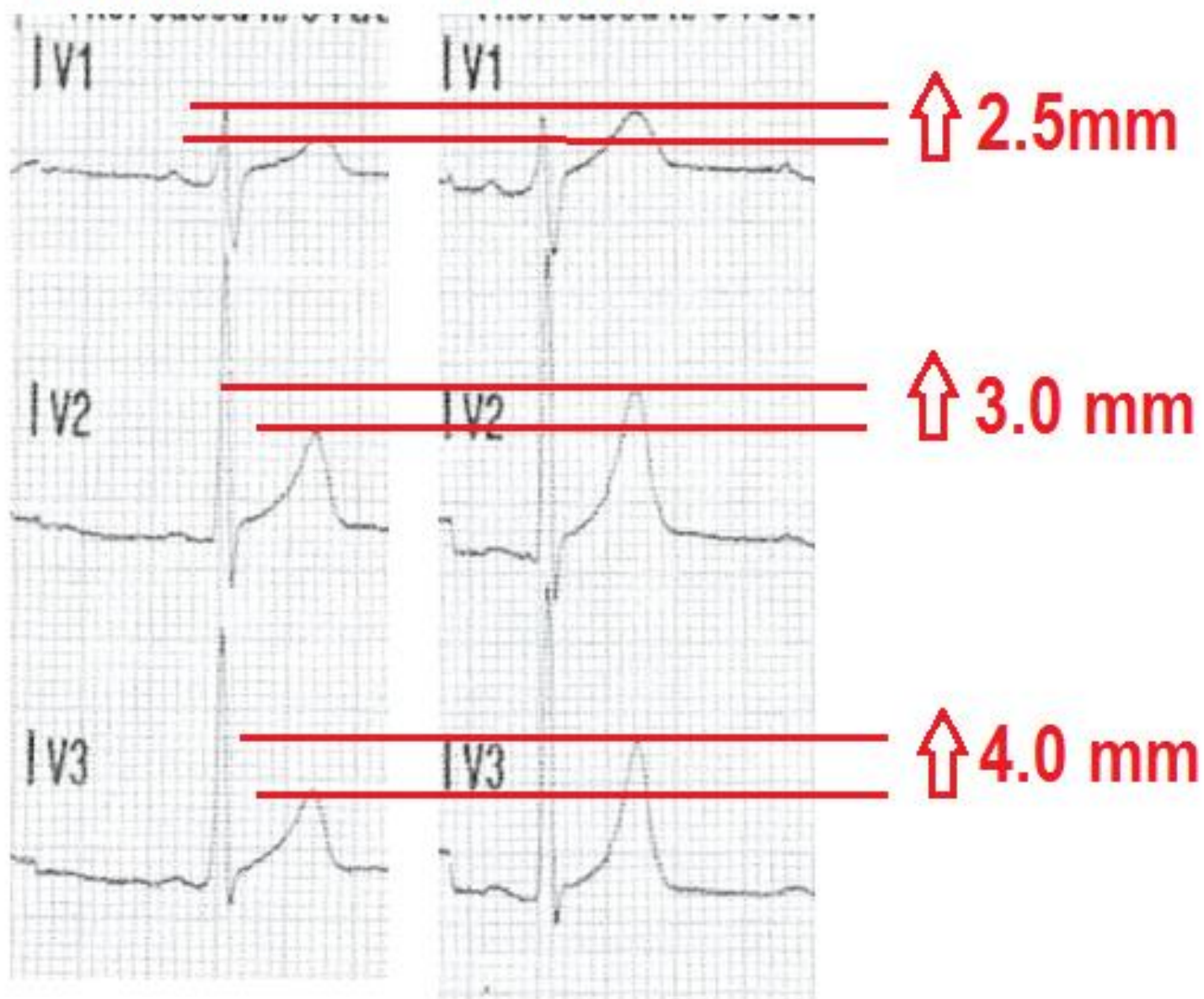
46 year old male: ECG 1

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



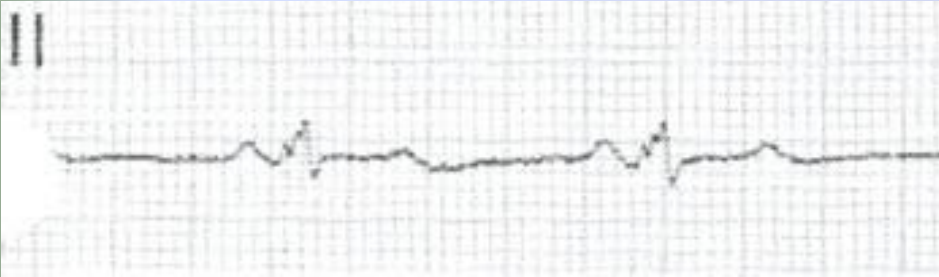
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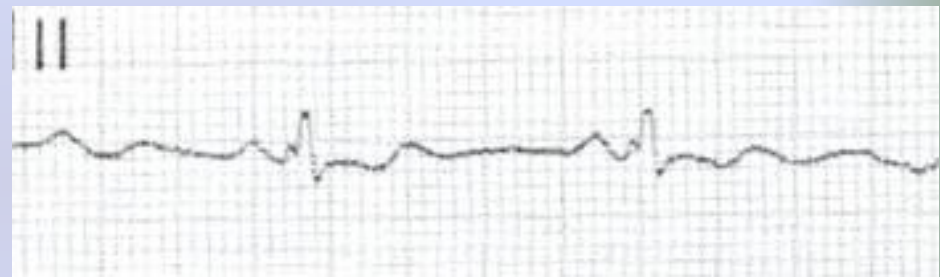


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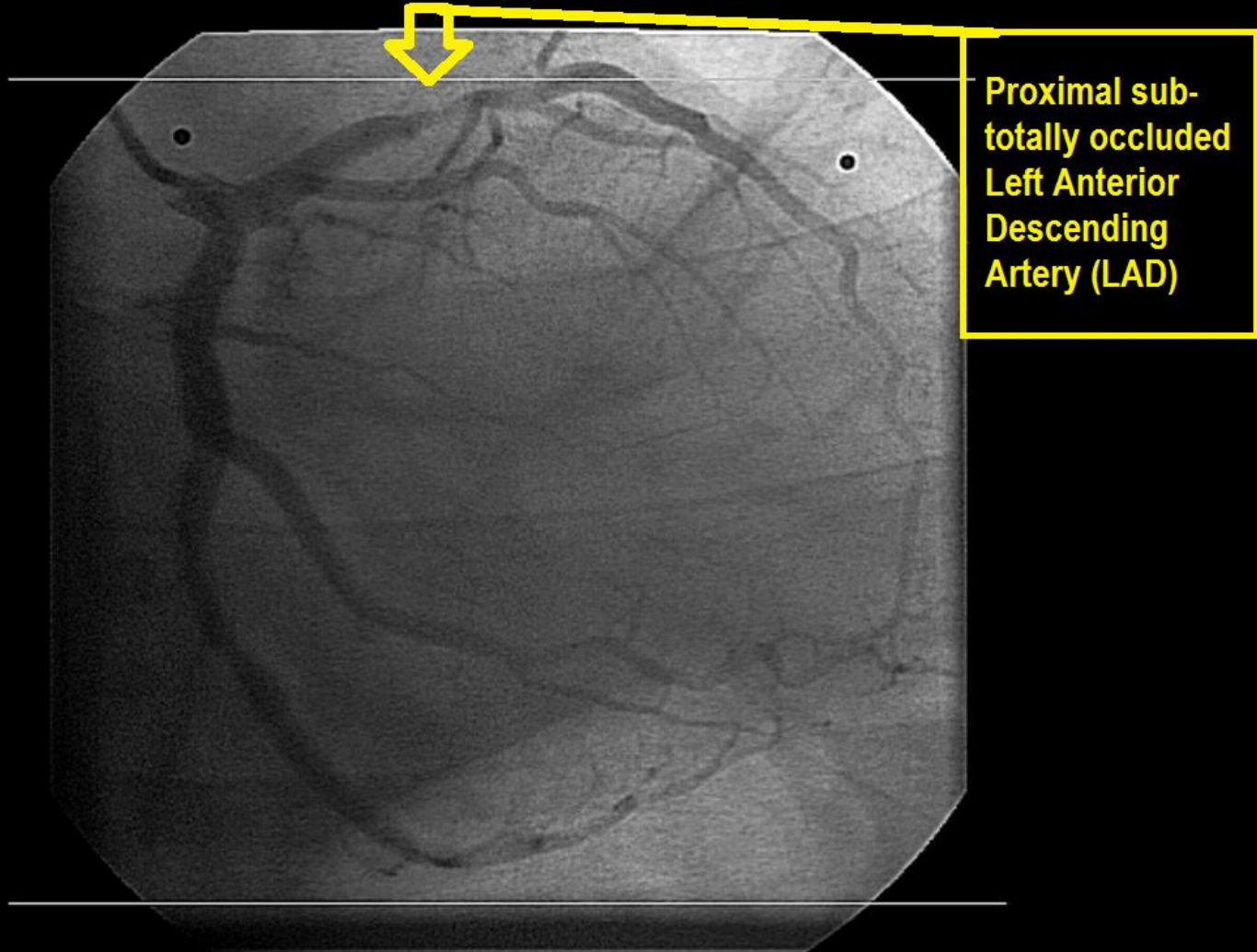
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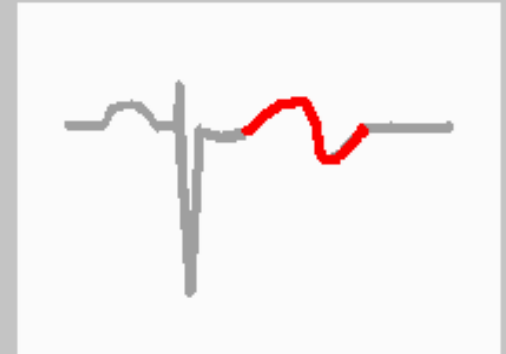
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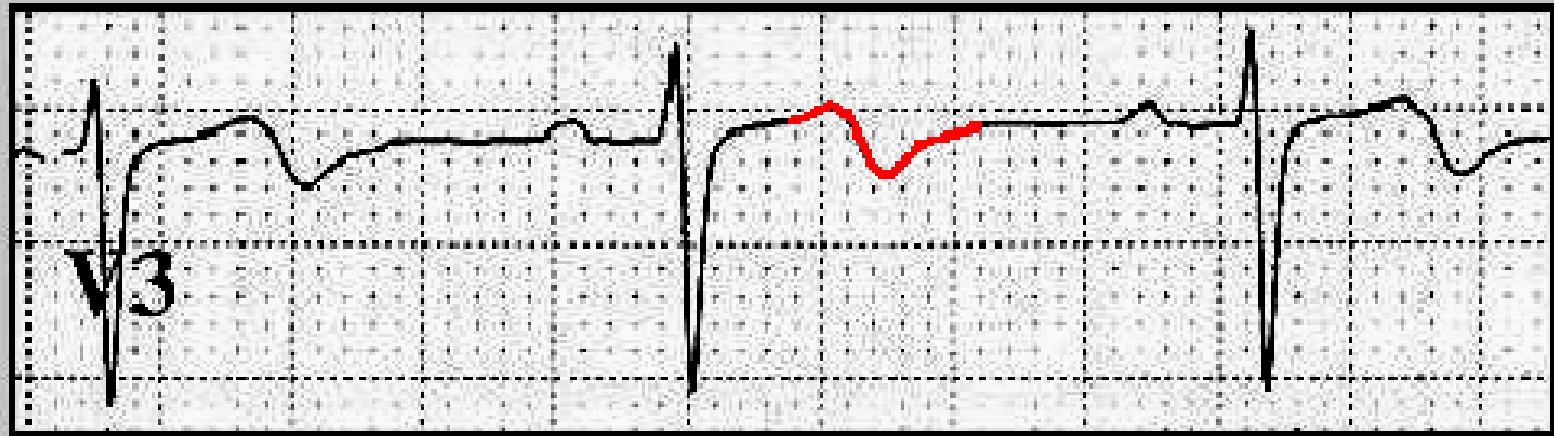
ISCHEMIA



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 X2**

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](#)

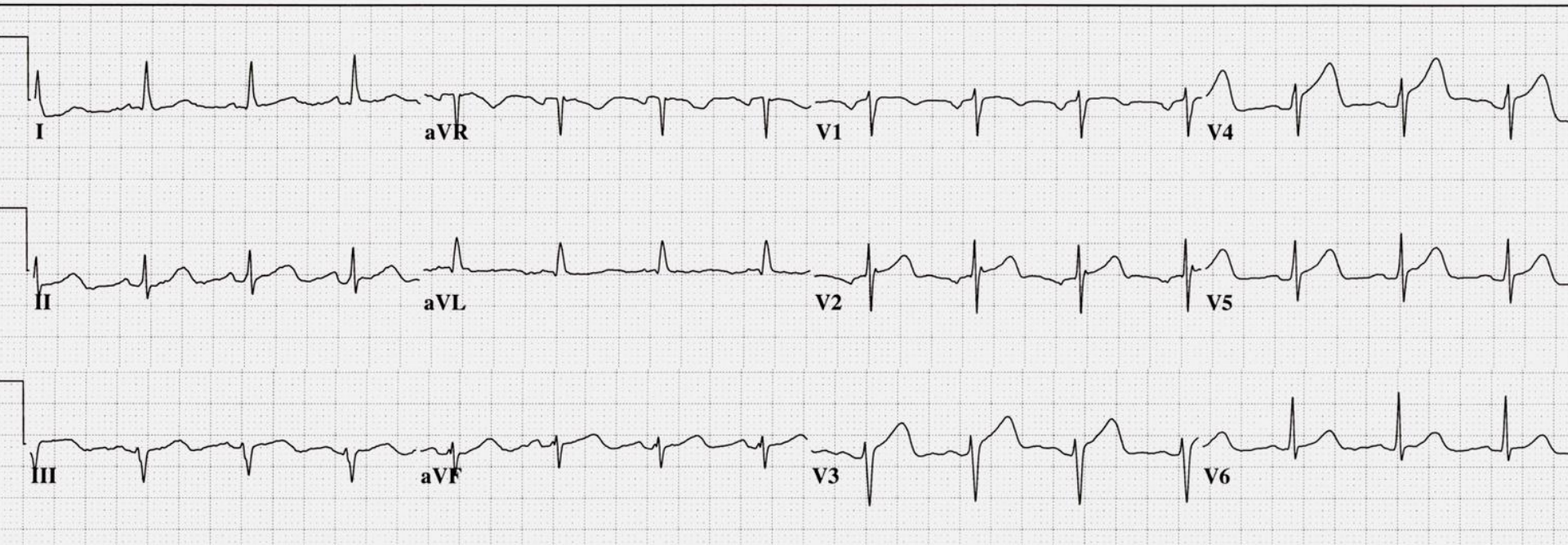
Wellen's Syndrome Case Study

- 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	

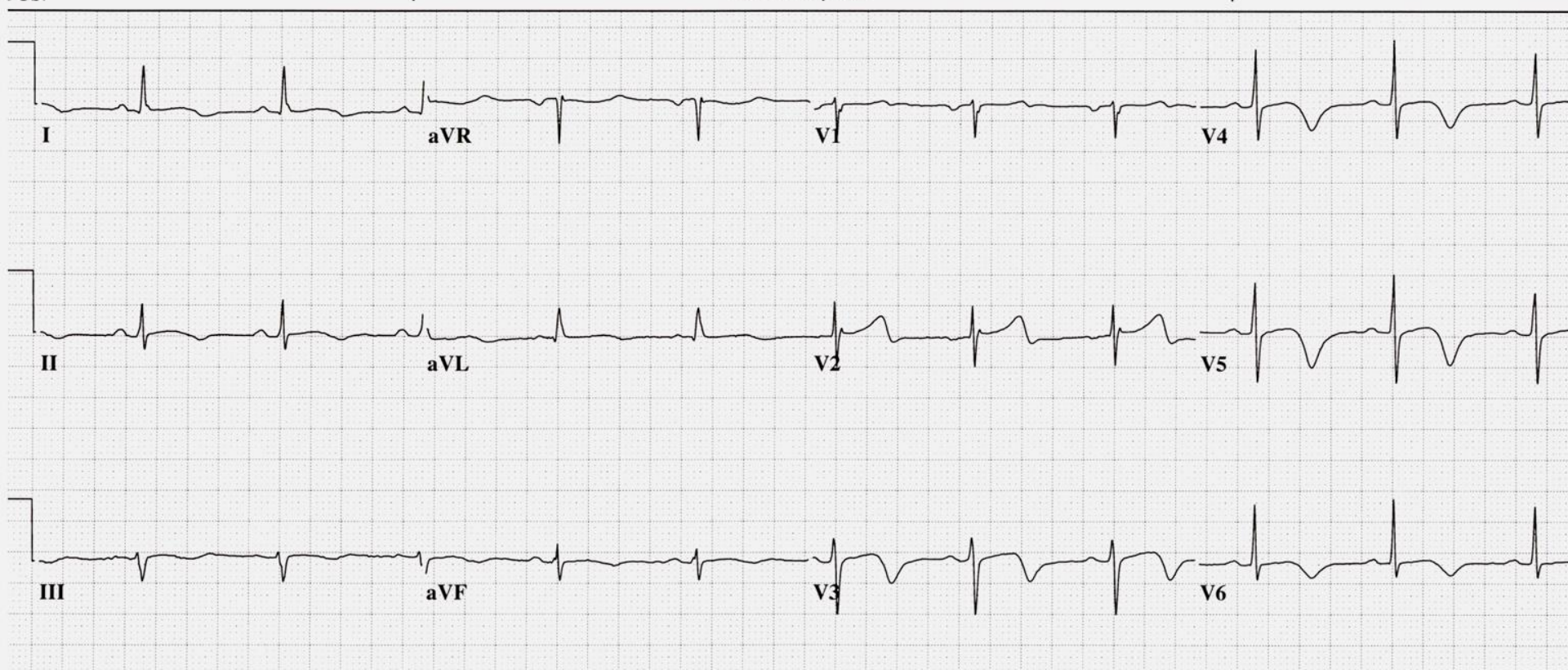


Wellen's Syndrome Case Study

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



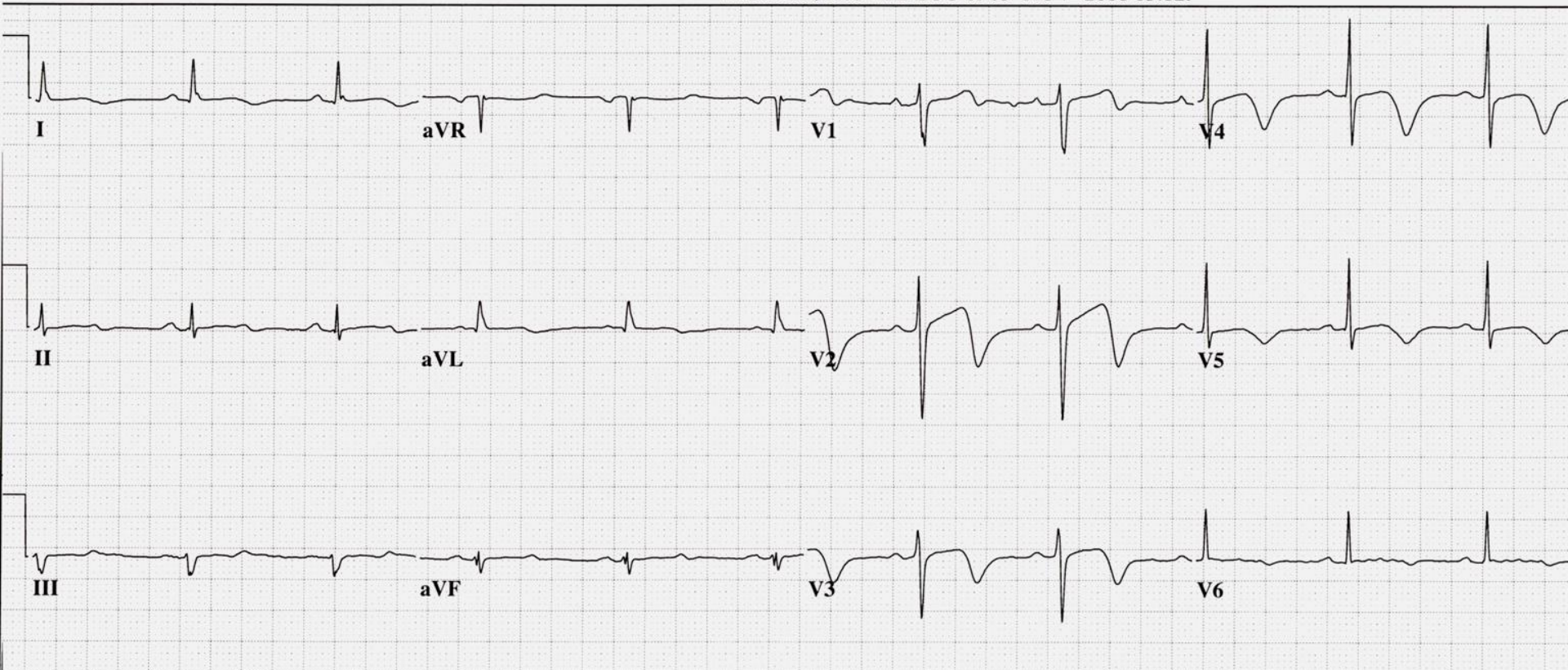
***DYNAMIC ST-T Wave Changes
ARE PRESENT !!***

***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

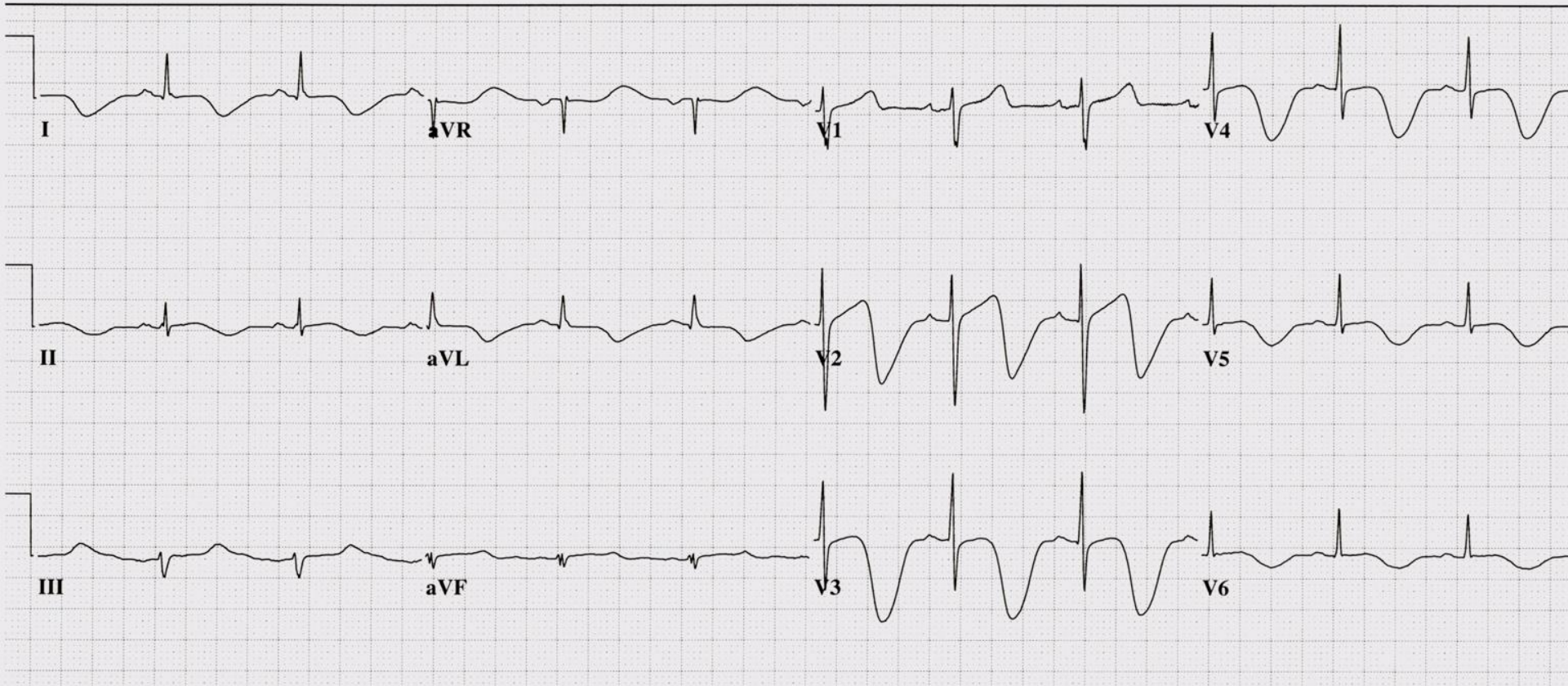
33 yr		Vent. rate	64	BPM	Normal sinus rhythm
Male	Black	PR interval	160	ms	Marked T wave abnormality, consider anterolateral ischemia
		QRS duration	84	ms	Prolonged QT
		QT/QTc	514/530	ms	Abnormal ECG
Loc:7	Option:35	P-R-T axes	45 3	91	When compared with ECG of 05-NOV-2008 05:12.



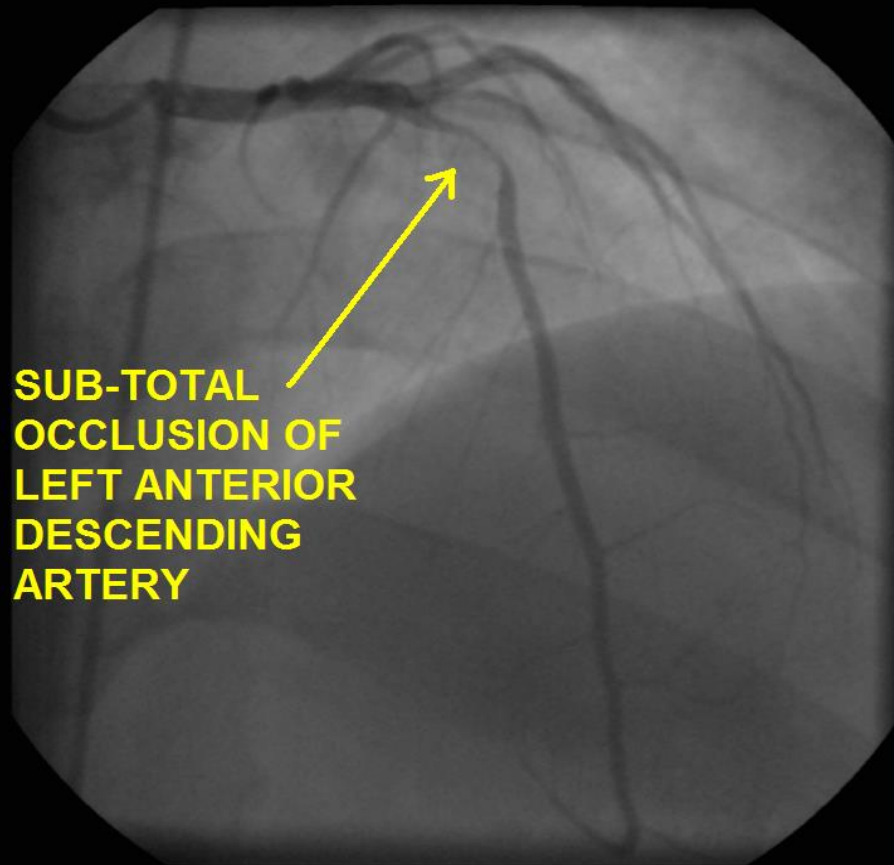
Wellen's Syndrome Case Study

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

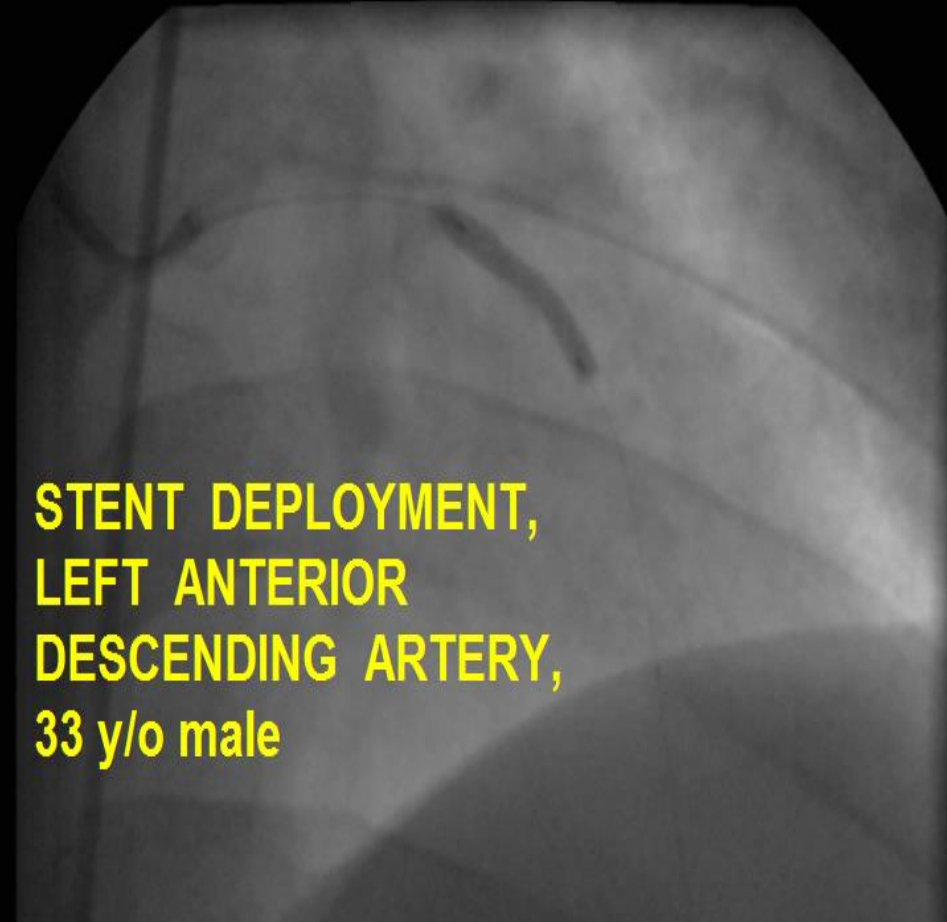
33 yr		Vent. rate	71	BPM	Normal sinus rhythm
Male	Black	PR interval	144	ms	Marked T wave abnormality, consider anterolateral ischemia
		QRS duration	74	ms	Prolonged QT
Room:405A		QT/QTc	600/652	ms	Abnormal ECG
Loc:5	Option:39	P-R-T axes	20 1	160	



Wellen's Syndrome Case Study

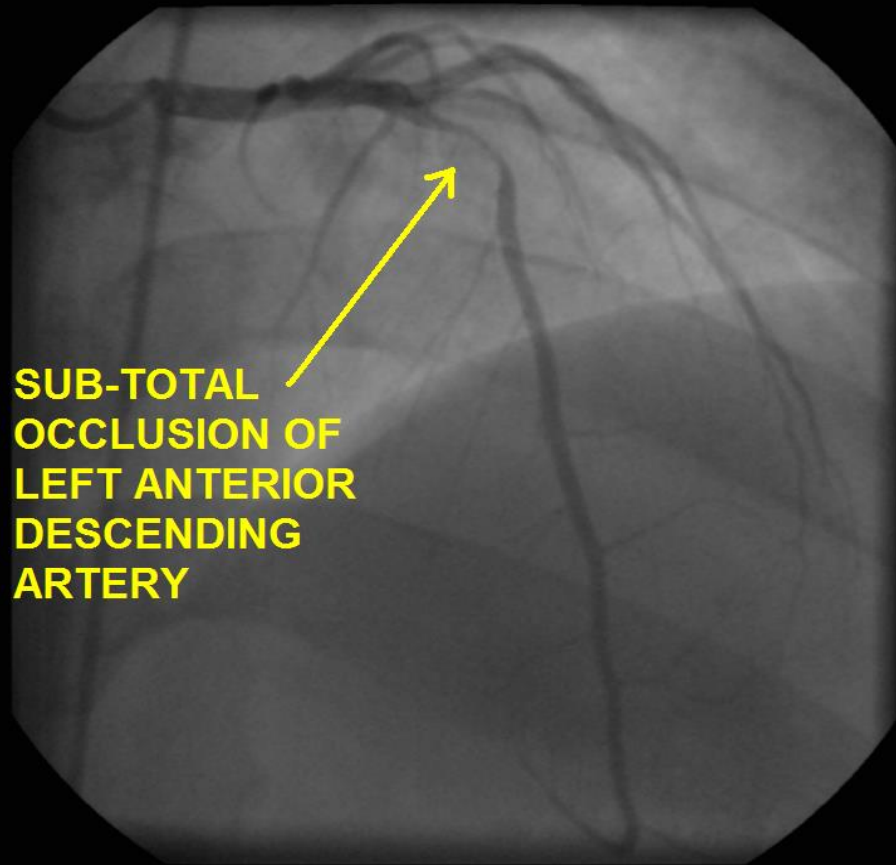


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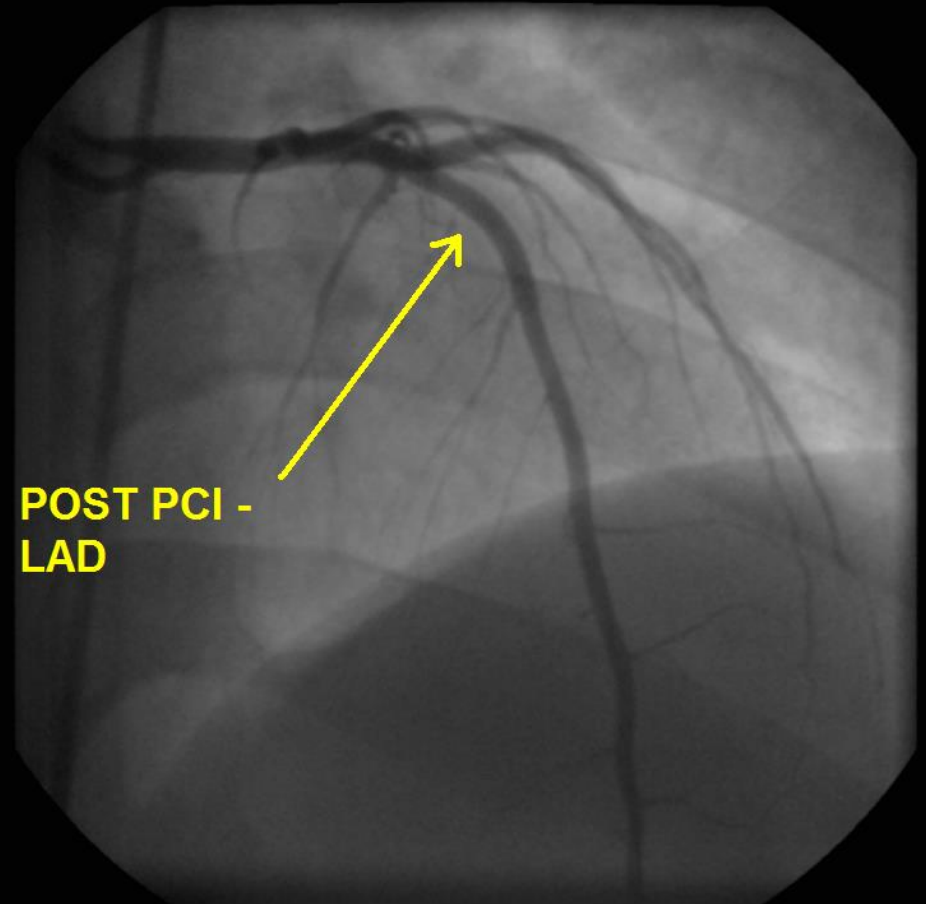


STENT DEPLOYMENT,
LEFT ANTERIOR
DESCENDING ARTERY,
33 y/o male

Wellen's Syndrome Case Study



SUB-TOTAL
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POST PCI -
LAD

Additional Resources:

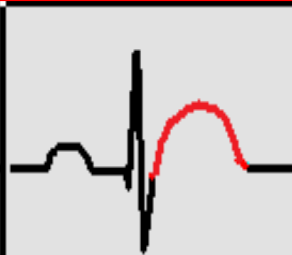
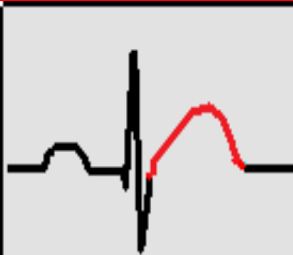
- [Wellen's Syndrome, NEJM case study](#)

PATTERNS of ACS & ISCHEMIA

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



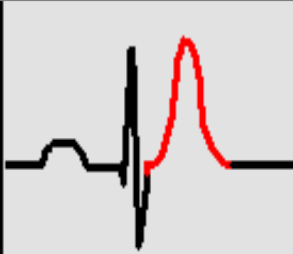
FLAT or CONVEX
J-T APEX
SEGMENT



ACUTE MI
EARLY PHASE



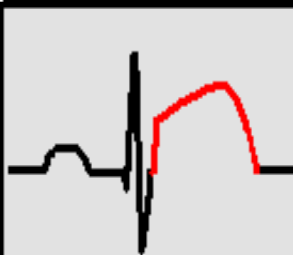
HYPER-ACUTE
T WAVE



ACUTE MI
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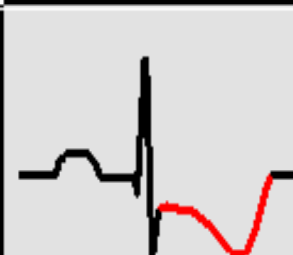
S-T SEGMENT
ELEVATION at
J POINT



ACUTE MI



DEPRESSED J pt.
DOWNSLOPING ST
and INVERTED T



- ***ACUTE (NON-Q WAVE) MI***
- ***ACUTE MI - (RECIPROCAL CHANGES)***
- ***ISCHEMIA***



ECG CRITERIA for DIAGNOSIS of STEMI:

(ST ELEVATION @ J POINT)

***LEADS V2 and V3:**

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

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

FEMALES ----- 1.5 mm

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

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

STEMI Criteria for 18 Lead ECGs:

Right-Sided Chest Leads

(V3R – V6R): 0.5 mm

Posterior Chest Leads

(V7 – V9): 0.5 mm

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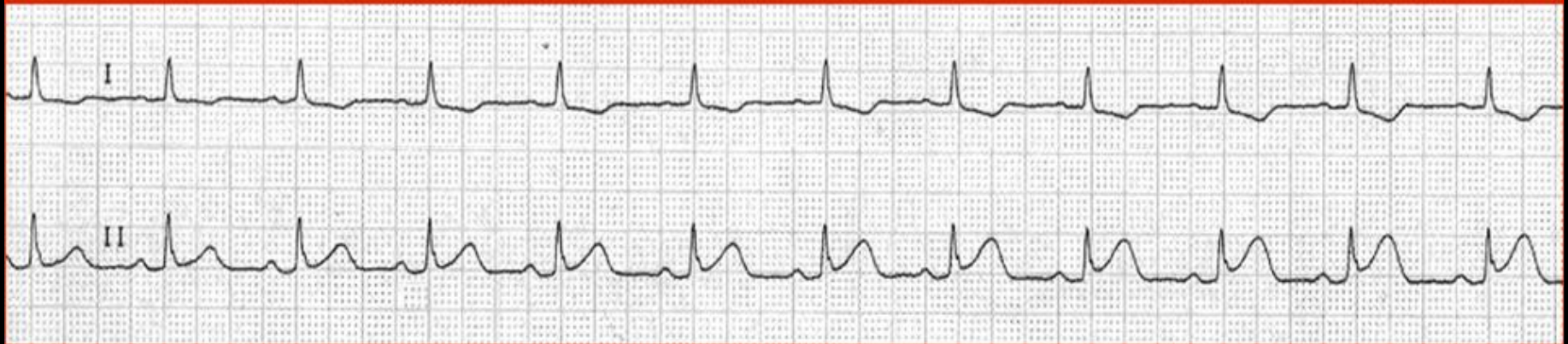
Abnormal ST Elevation Criteria: ACC/AHA 2009 “Standardization and Interpretation of the ECG, Part VI Acute Ischemia and Infarction,” Galen Wagner, et al

Recommendations

1. For men 40 years of age and older, the threshold value for abnormal J-point elevation should be 0.2 mV (2 mm) in leads V_2 and V_3 and 0.1 mV (1 mm) in all other leads.
2. For men less than 40 years of age, the threshold values for abnormal J-point elevation in leads V_2 and V_3 should be 0.25 mV (2.5 mm).
3. For women, the threshold value for abnormal J-point elevation should be 0.15 mV (1.5 mm) in leads V_2 and V_3 and greater than 0.1 mV (1 mm) in all other leads.
4. For men and women, the threshold for abnormal J-point elevation in V_3R and V_4R should be 0.05 mV (0.5 mm), except for males less than 30 years of age, for whom 0.1 mV (1 mm) is more appropriate.
5. For men and women, the threshold value for abnormal J-point elevation in V_7 through V_9 should be 0.05 mV (0.5 mm).
6. For men and women of all ages, the threshold value for abnormal J-point depression should be -0.05 mV (-0.5 mm) in leads V_2 and V_3 and -0.1 mV (-1 mm) in all other leads.

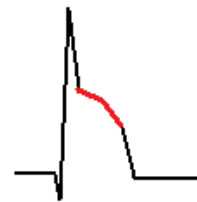
ST SEGMENT ELEVATION:

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



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

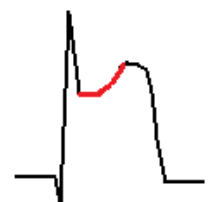
**3 COMMON PATTERNS of
ST SEGMENT ELEVATION
From ACUTE MI:**



**DOWNSLOPING
S-T SEGMENT**



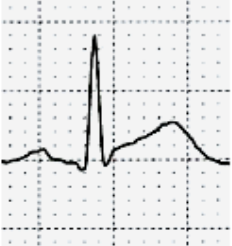
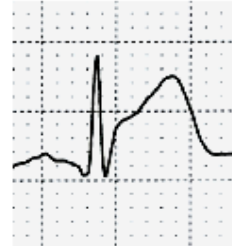
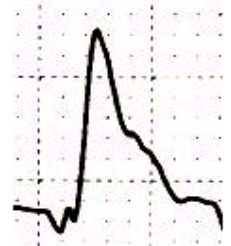
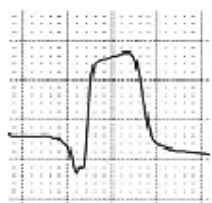
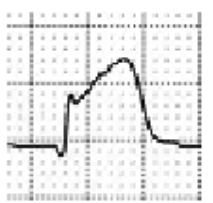
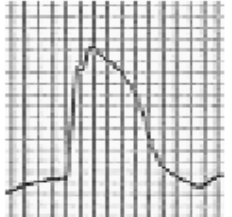
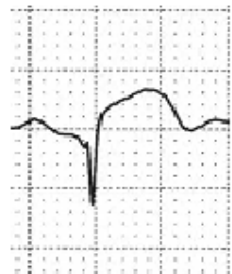

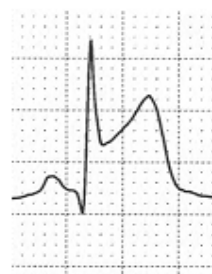
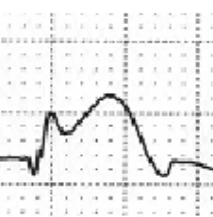
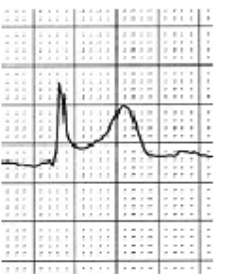
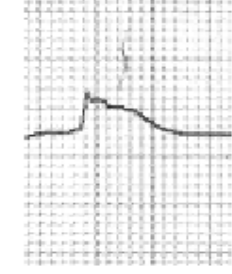
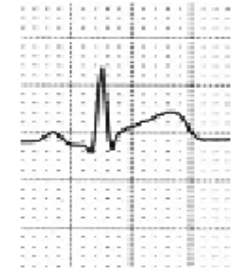
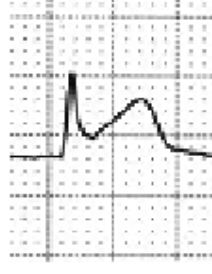
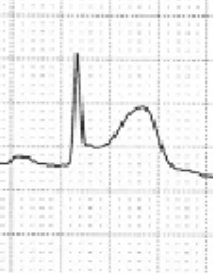
**FLAT
S-T SEGMENT**



**UPSLOPING
S-T SEGMENT**

ST SEGMENT ELEVATION in ACUTE MI:

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

 <p>V5 - ANTERIOR LATERAL MI</p>	 <p>V4 - ANTERIOR LATERAL MI</p>	 <p>aVL - ANTERIOR LATERAL MI</p>	<p>"TOOMBSTONE" PATTERN</p>  <p>V2 - ANTERIOR LATERAL MI</p>	<p>"FIREMAN'S HAT" PATTERN</p>  <p>V3 - ANTERIOR LATERAL MI</p>
<p>"TOOMBSTONE" PATTERN</p>  <p>V4 - ANTERIOR LATERAL MI</p>	 <p>V5 - ANTERIOR LATERAL MI</p>	 <p>V5-ANTERIOR LATERAL MI</p>	 <p>II - INFERIOR POSTERIOR MI</p>	<p>"FIREMAN'S HAT" PATTERN</p>  <p>aVF- INFERIOR POSTERIOR MI</p>
 <p>III-INFERIOR MI</p>	 <p>III-INFERIOR POSTERIOR MI</p>	 <p>III-INFERIOR MI</p>	 <p>III-INFERIOR MI</p>	 <p>II- INFERIOR POSTERIOR MI</p>

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

ACUTE MI

COMPLICATIONS TO ANTICIPATE FOR ALL MI PATIENTS :



LETHAL DYSRHYTHMIAS



CARDIAC ARREST



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

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania
Winter, 2002





"NOWHERE", NEW MEXICO, 1994

STEMI

- **Correlation of ECG Leads with Coronary Arterial Anatomy and the STRUCTURES SERVED by the OCCLUDED ARTERY**

STEMI

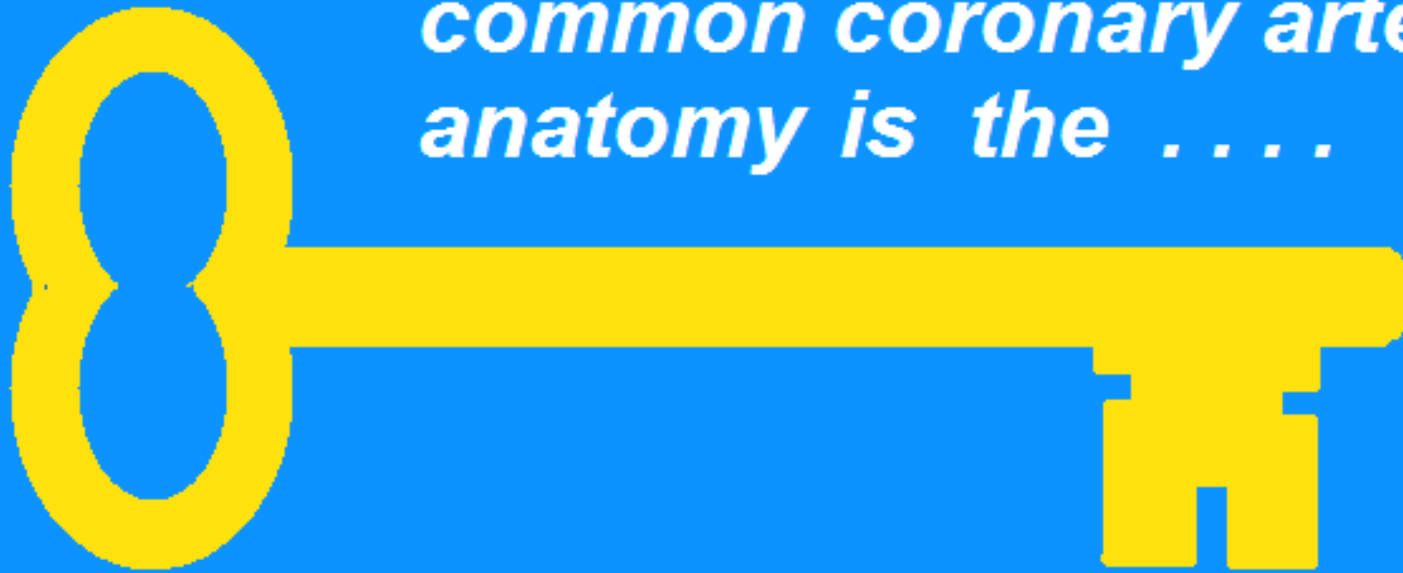
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- **Correlation of ECG Leads with Coronary Arterial Anatomy and the STRUCTURES SERVED by the OCCLUDED ARTERY**
 Will serve as a “crystal ball,” allowing you to ANTICIPATE complications of STEMI
 BEFORE they occur !!

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



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

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

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



INTERPRET THE EKG, THEN:

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

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

CASE STUDY 1 - STEMI

CHIEF COMPLAINT and SIGNIFICANT HISTORY:

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

RISK FACTOR PROFILE:

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

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

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

LABS: FIRST TROPONIN: 6.4

72 yr
Male Caucasian

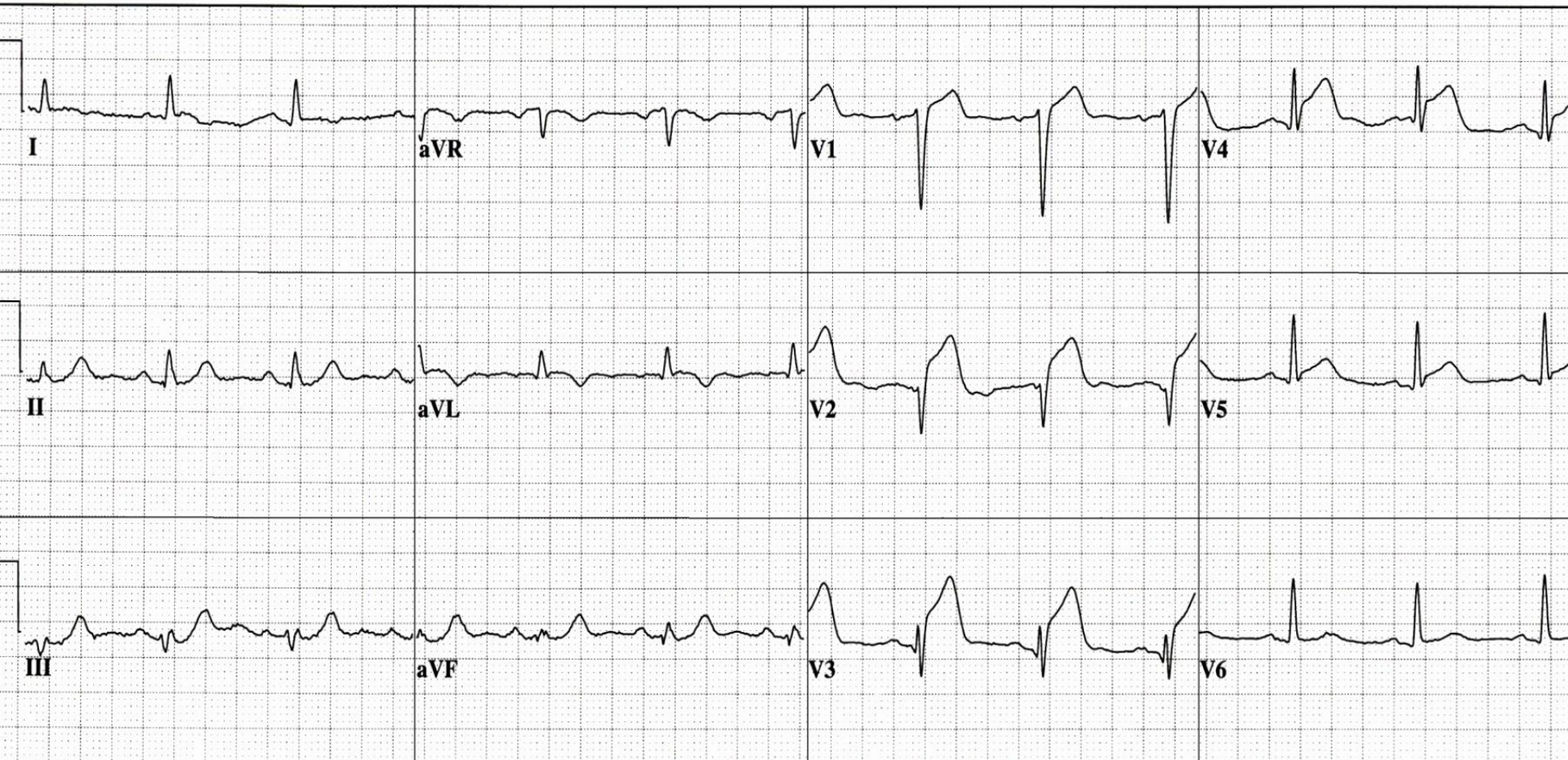
Loc:3 Option:23

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



EVALUATE EKG for indicators of ACS:

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



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

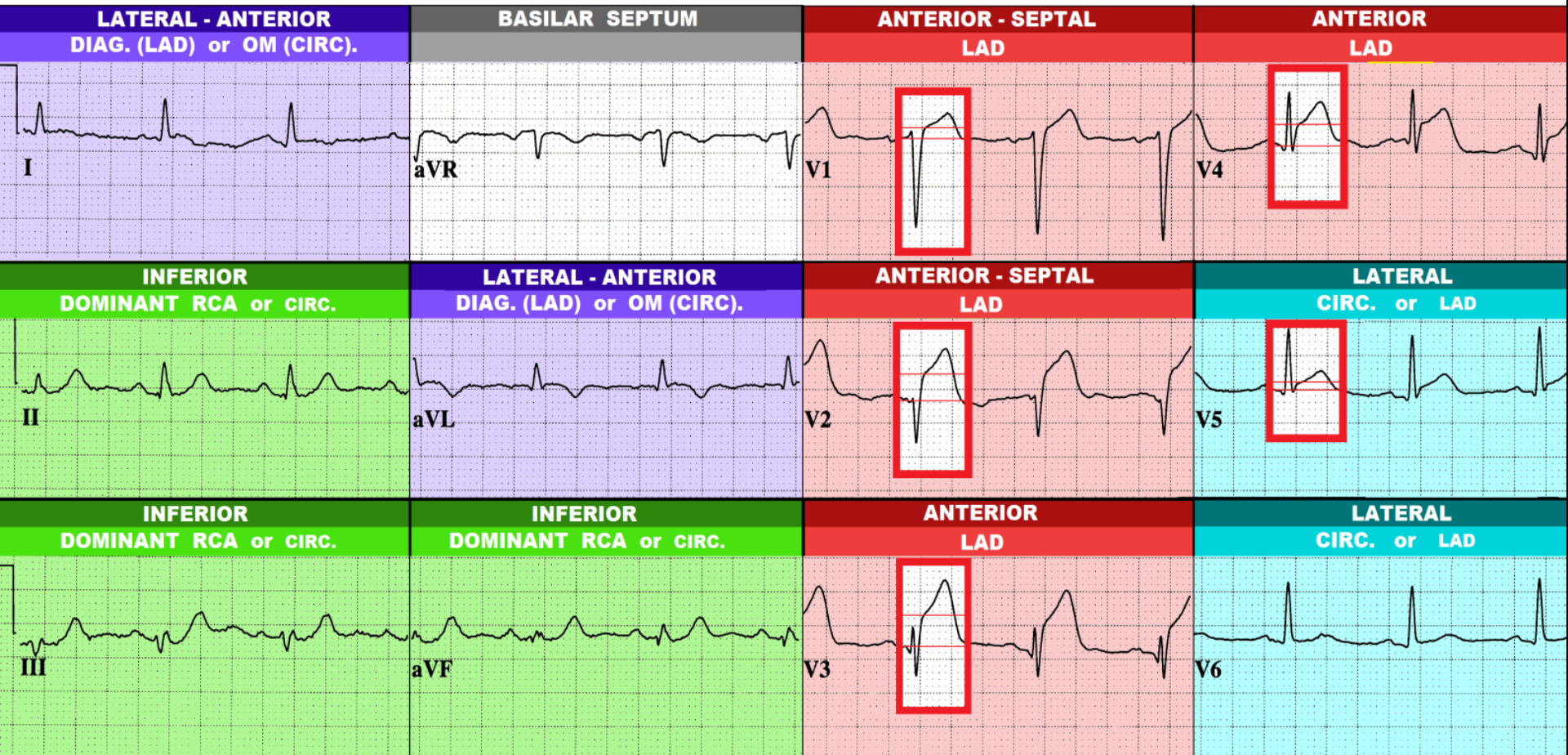
Normal sinus rhythm

Anteroseptal infarct, possibly acute

***** ACUTE MI *****

Abnormal ECG

ST SEGMENT ELEVATION



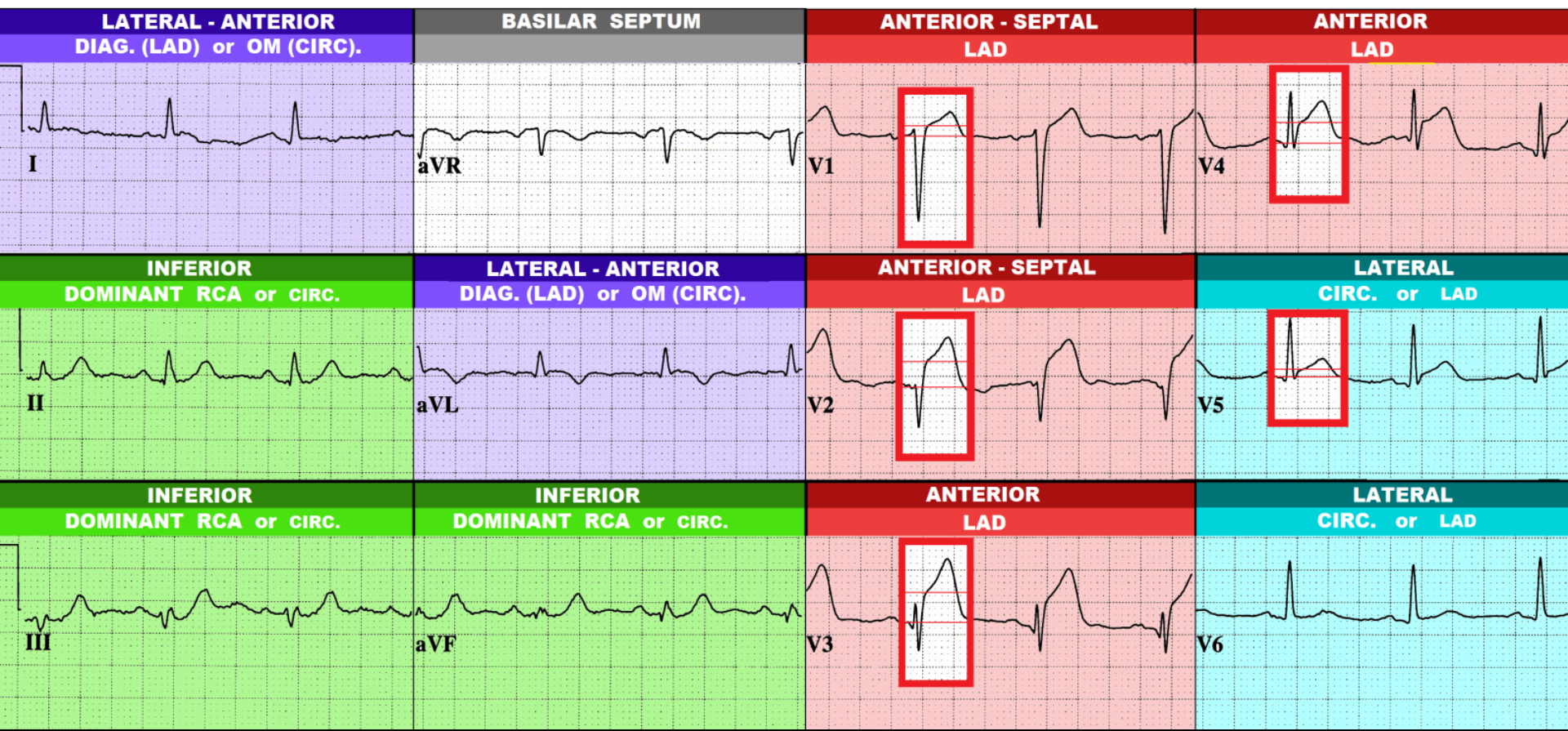
Note: There is NO Reciprocal ST Depression on this STEMI ECG !

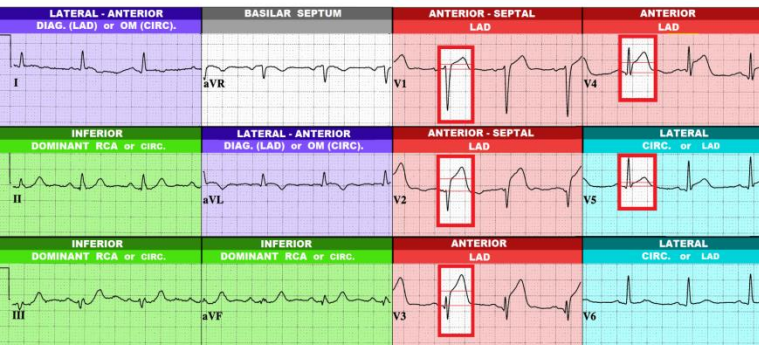
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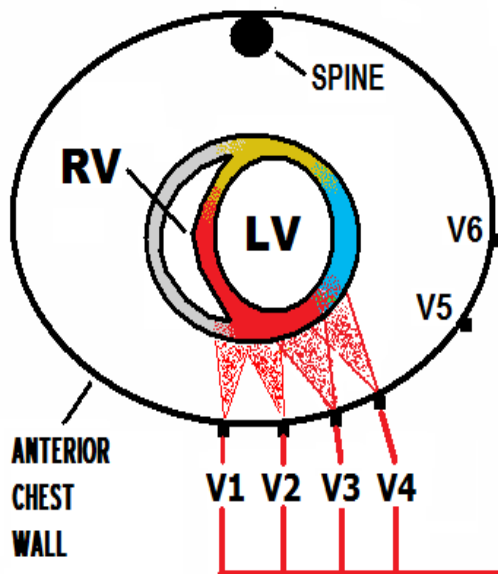
ST SEGMENT ELEVATION





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

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



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

OCCLUSION of MID - LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY

LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY

AV NODE

LBB

LV

CIRUMFLEX ARTERY

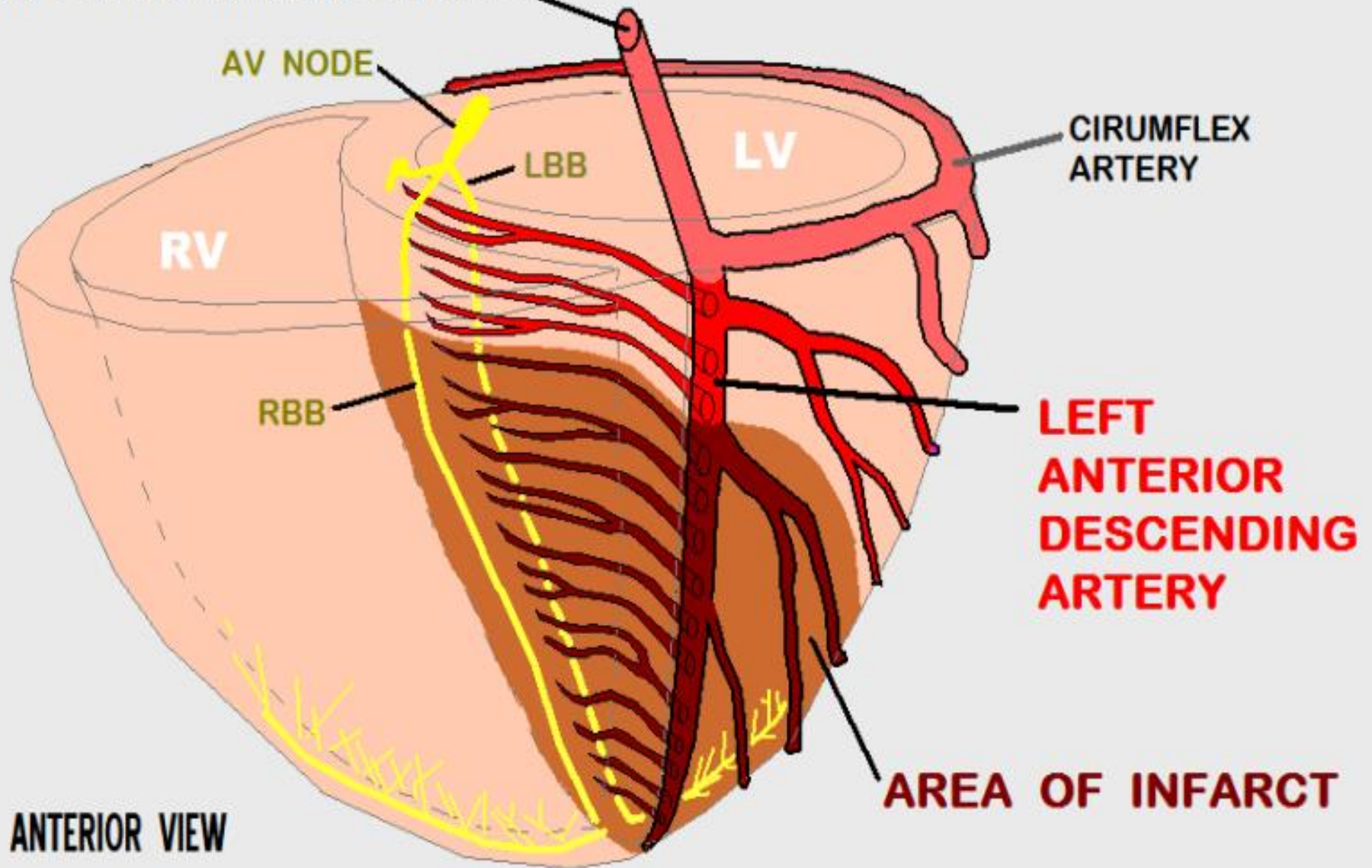
RV

RBB

LEFT
ANTERIOR
DESCENDING
ARTERY

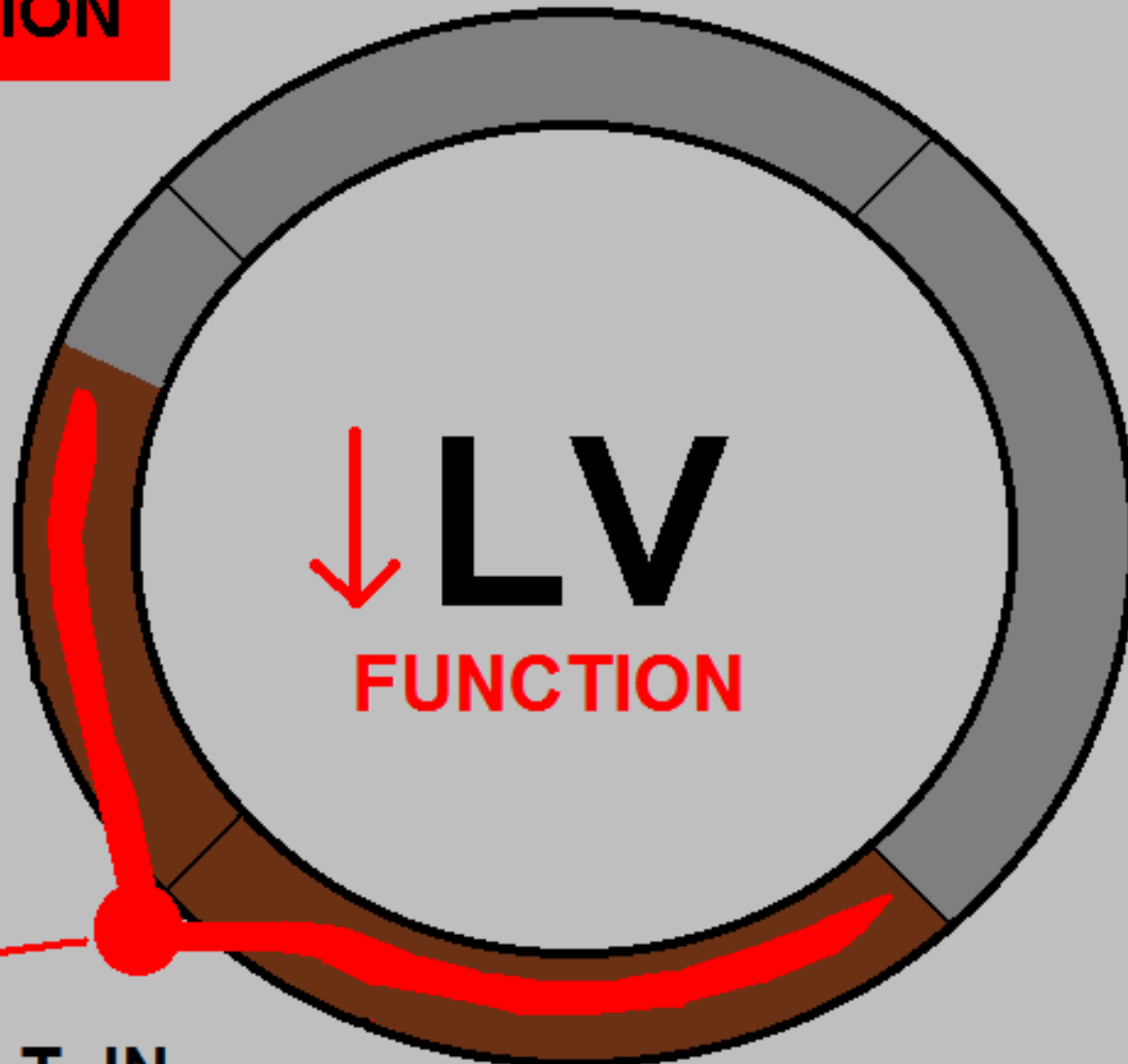
AREA OF INFARCT

ANTERIOR VIEW



LAD DISTRIBUTION

35 - 45 % of LV MUSCLE MASS



A
BLOCKAGE
OF THE
LAD

CAN RESULT IN
LV PUMP FAILURE --



CARDIOGENIC SHOCK



PULMONARY EDEMA



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

400 mg Dopamine

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

250 mL

Each 100 mL contains 160 mg Dopamine Hydrochloride
USP, 5 g Dextrose Hydrated, USP, 5 mEq/L, sodium chloride
added as a stabilizer. pH adjusted with hydrochloric acid.
pH 3.5 (2.5 to 4.5). Osmolality 269 mOsm/L. Contains
Sterile, nonpyrogenic, single dose container. Drug substance
should not be made to this solution. Dosage: Intravenously
as directed by a physician. See directions. Caution: Check
for minute leaks by squeezing the inner bag firmly. If leaks
are found, discard solution. If minute leaks are found, use
may be impaired. Do not
in series connections. Do not
administer simultaneously with blood.
Do not use unless solution is clear
and is not darker than slightly yellow.
Rx Only. Recommended storage:
Room temperature (25°C). Avoid
excessive heat. Protect from
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500 mg Total DOBUtamine

Hydrochloride in
5% Dextrose Injection
(2000 mcg/mL)



250 mL

Each 100 mL contains 200 mg Dobutamine Hydrochloride USP
equivalent to 500 mg Dobutamine base, 5 g Dextrose Hydrated,
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LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY (LAD)

- ANTERIOR WALL OF LEFT VENTRICLE

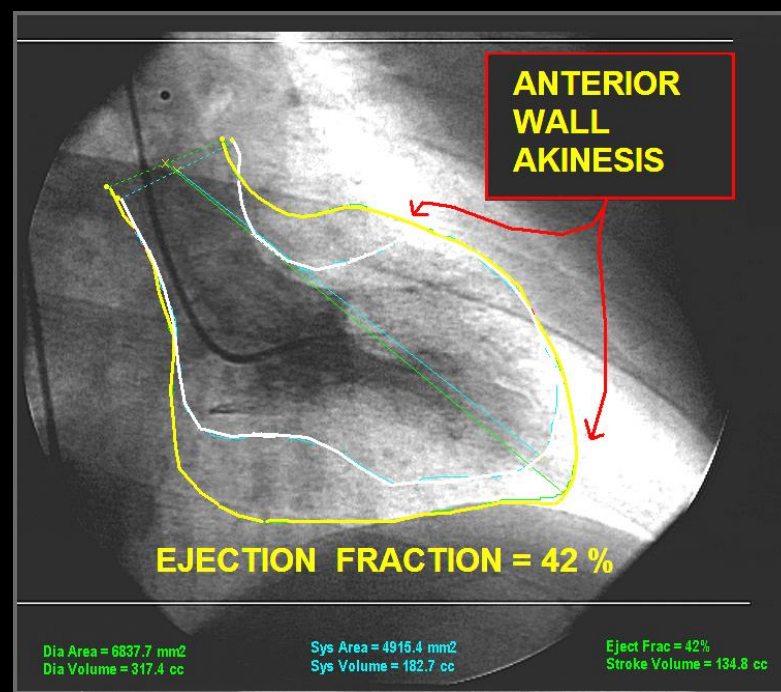
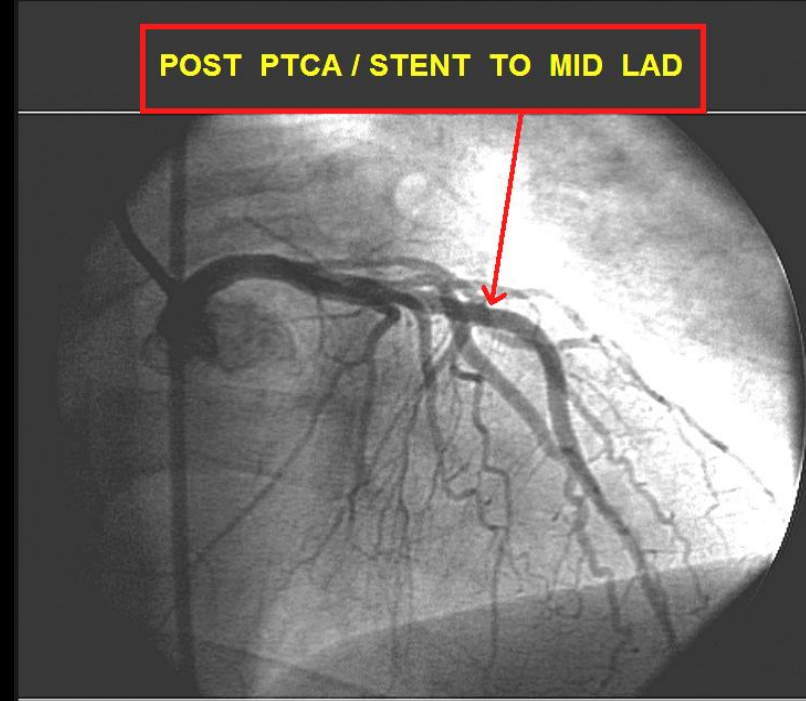
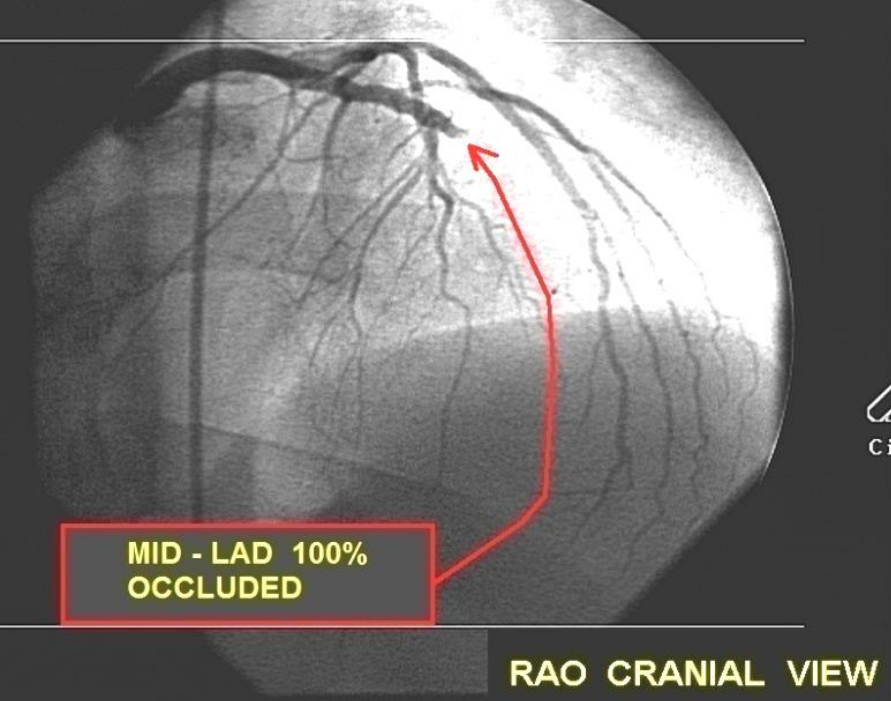
 **35 - 45 % OF LEFT VENTRICLE MUSCLE MASS**

- SEPTUM, ANTERIOR 2/3

 **BUNDLE BRANCHES**

- ANTERIOR-MEDIAL PAPILLARY MUSCLE

ANTICIPATED COMPLICATIONS of ANTERIOR-SEPTAL WALL STEMI & POSSIBLE INDICATED INTERVENTIONS:	
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- PULMONARY EDEMA	- CPAP - ET INTUBATION (use caution with diuretics due to pump failure and hypotension)



CASE STUDY 2: STEMI

CHIEF COMPLAINT and SIGNIFICANT HISTORY:

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

RISK FACTOR PROFILE:


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

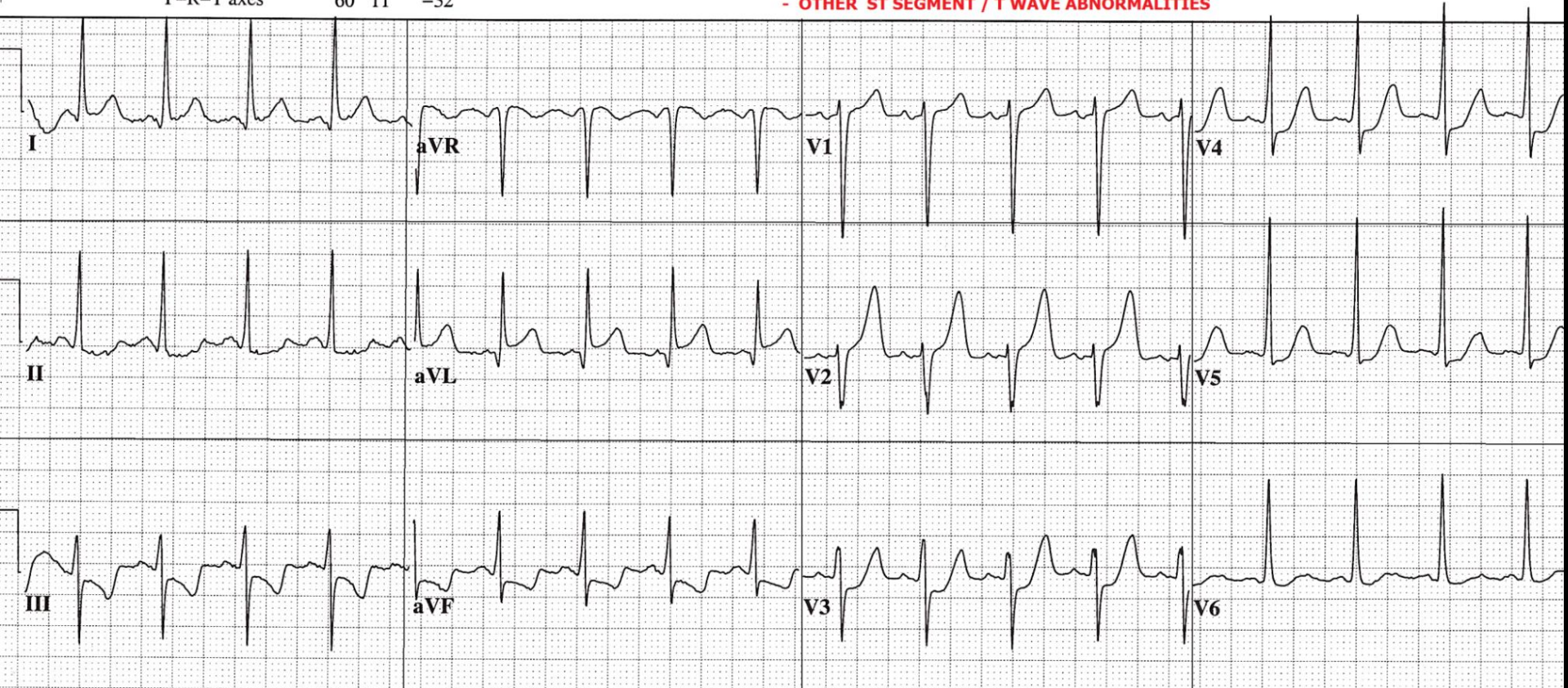
PHYSICAL EXAM: Pt. CAOx4, anxious, SKIN cold, clammy, diaphoretic. No JVD.
Lungs: clear, bilaterally. Heart Sounds: Normal S1, S2.

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

LABS: TROPONIN ultra = 2.8

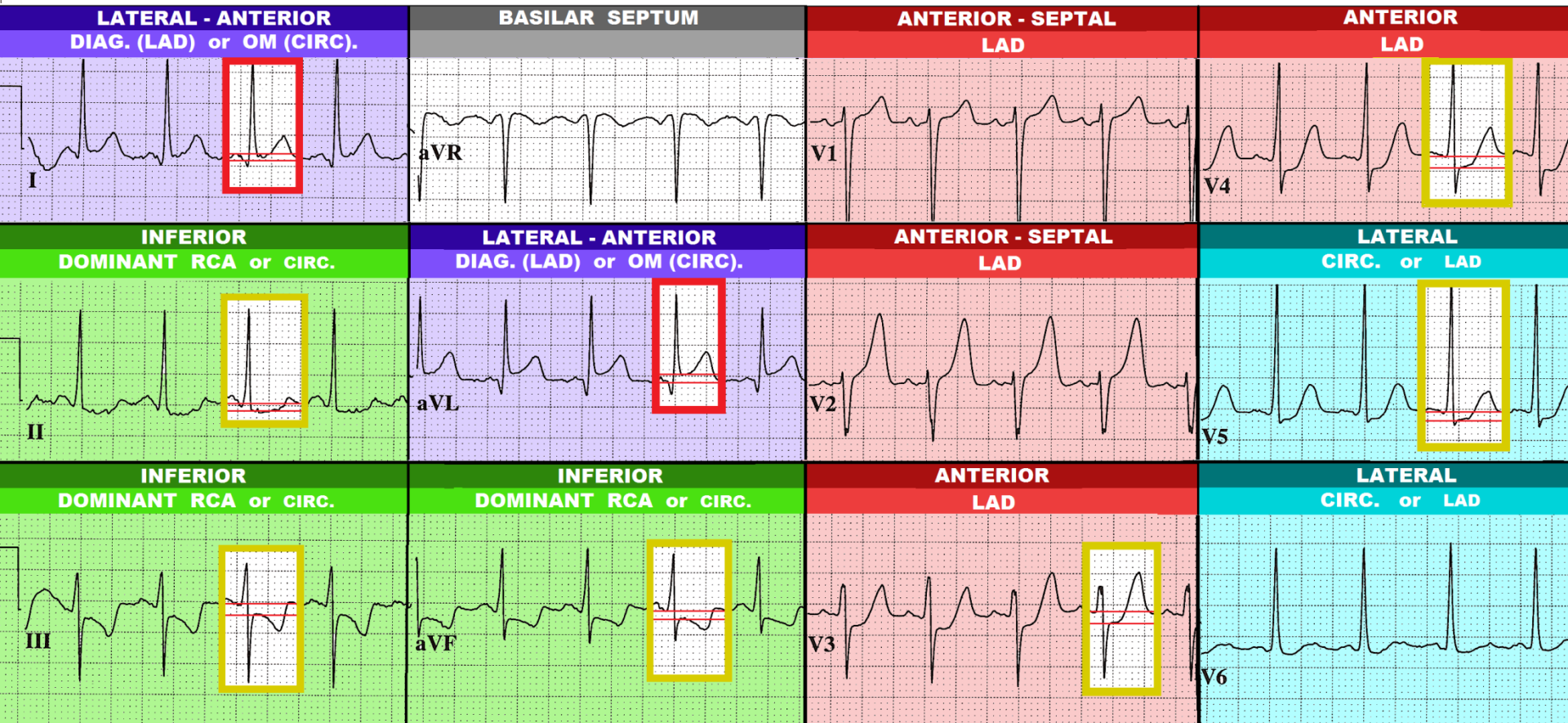
46 yr Vent. rate 109 BPM
Female PR interval 132 ms
Room:ER QRS duration 82 ms
 QT/QTc 346/465 ms
 P-R-T axes 60 11 -32

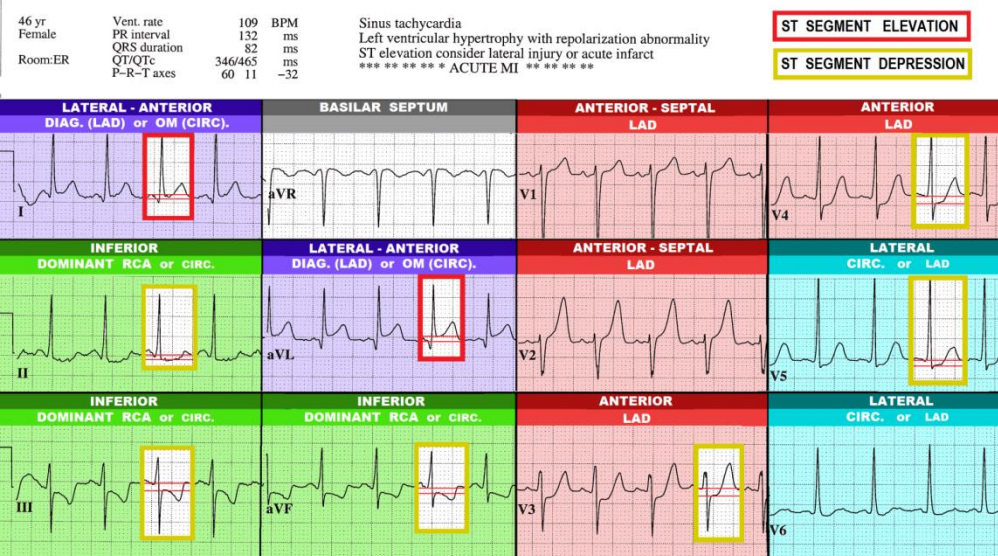
 **EVALUATE EKG for indicators of ACS:**
- ST SEGMENT ELEVATION / DEPRESSION
- HYPERACUTE T WAVES
- CONVEX ST SEGMENTS
- OTHER ST SEGMENT / T WAVE ABNORMALITIES



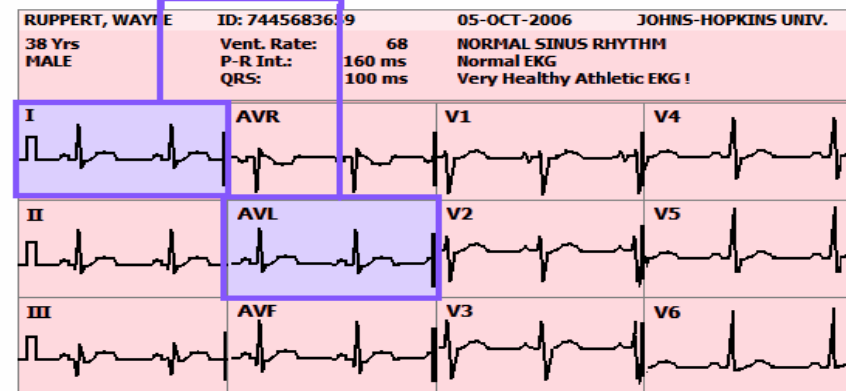
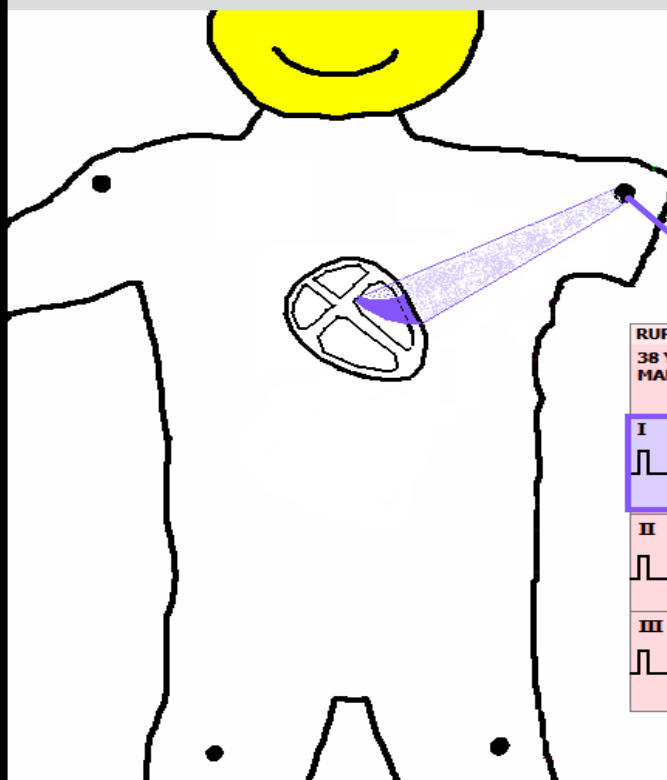
46 yr	Vent. rate	109	BPM	Sinus tachycardia
Female	PR interval	132	ms	Left ventricular hypertrophy with repolarization abnormality
	QRS duration	82	ms	ST elevation consider lateral injury or acute infarct
Room:ER	QT/QTc	346/465	ms	*** ** * ACUTE MI ** * ** *
	P-R-T axes	60 11	-32	

ST SEGMENT ELEVATION
ST SEGMENT DEPRESSION

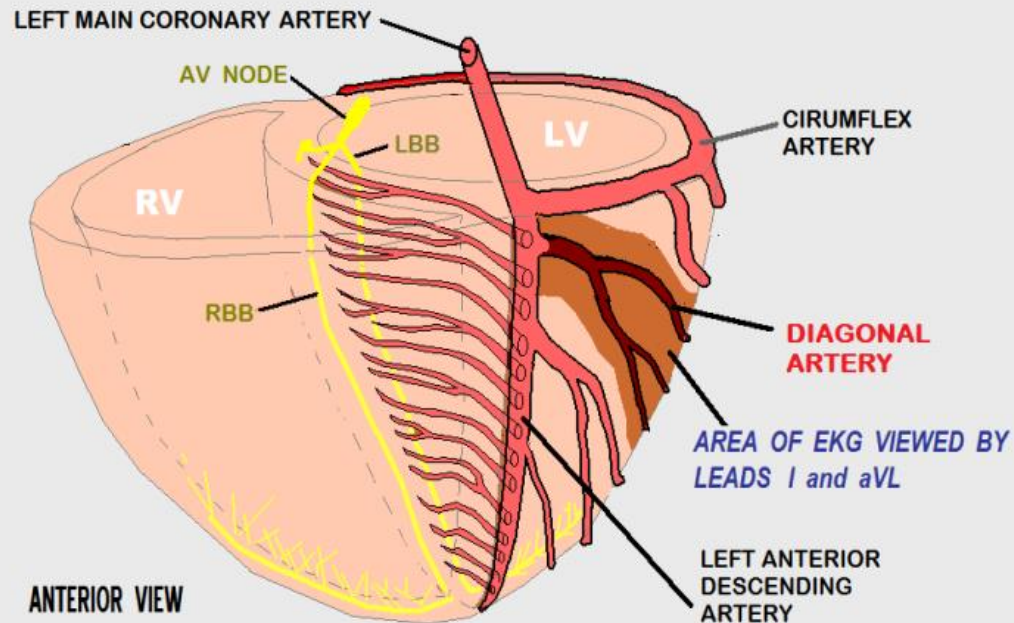




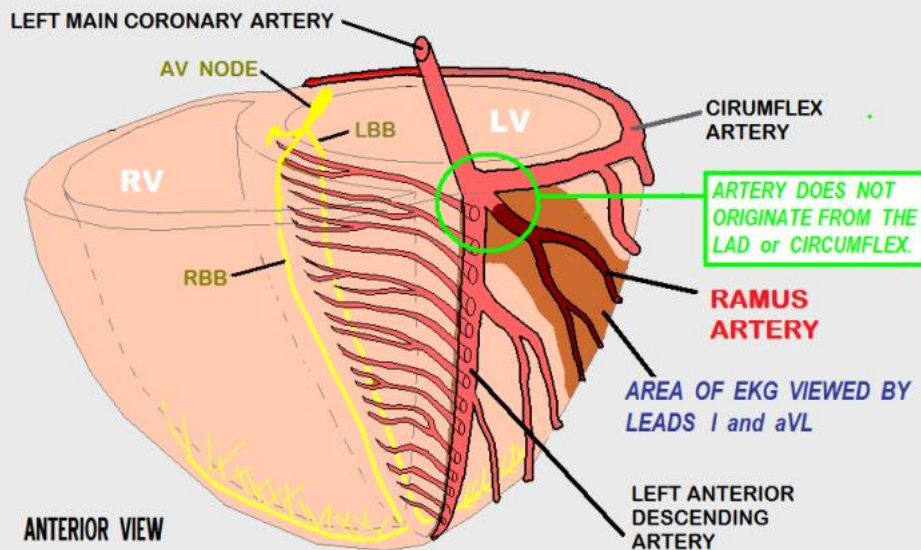
LEADS I and aVL view the ANTERIOR-LATERAL JUNCTION



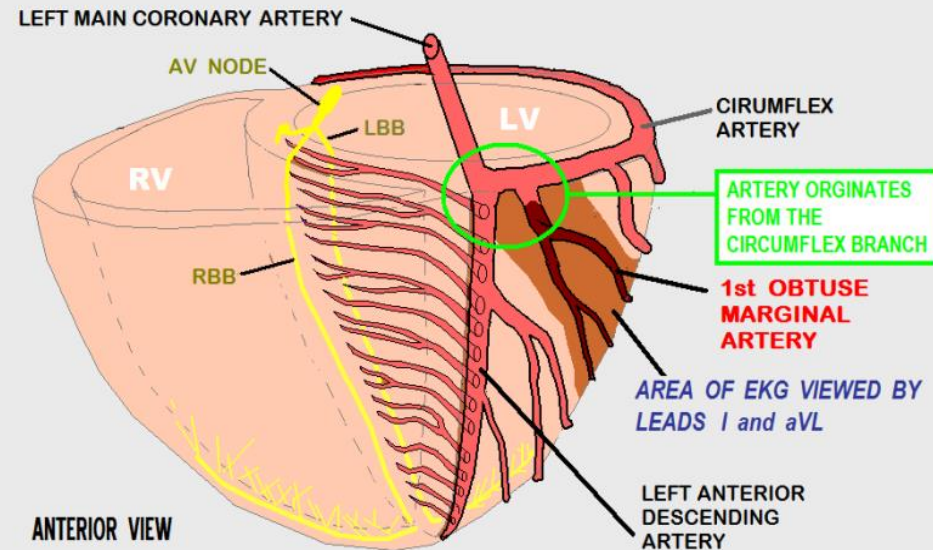
OCCLUSION of DIAGONAL ARTERY



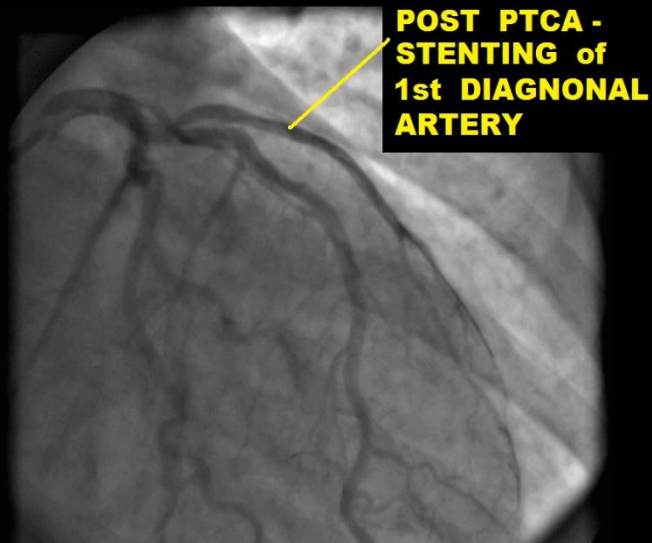
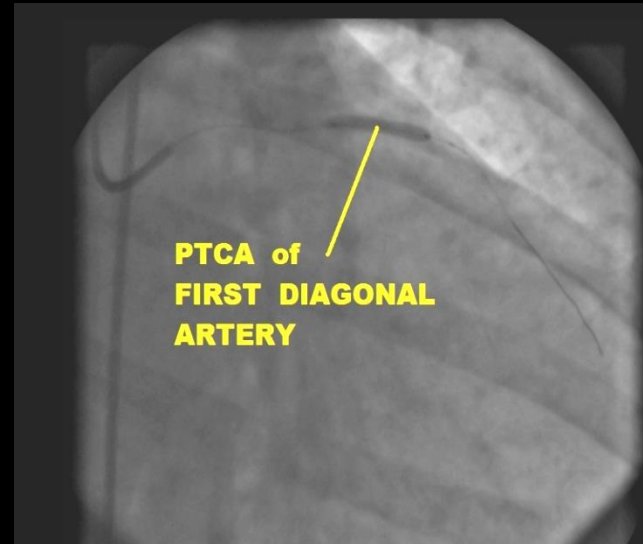
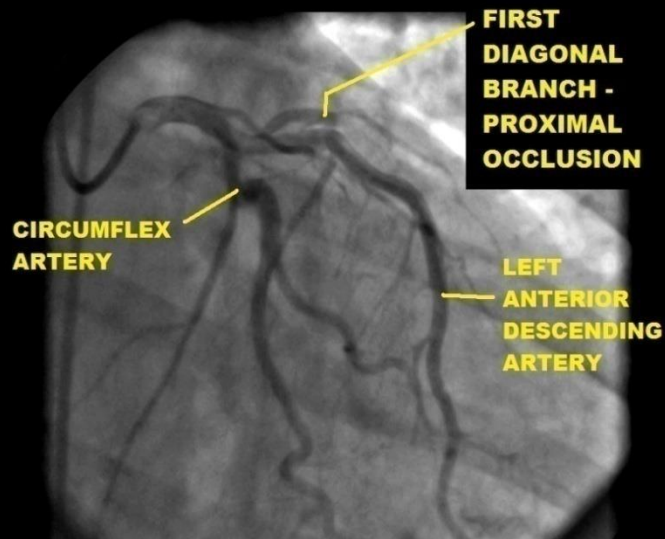
OCCLUSION of RAMUS ARTERY



OCCLUSION of OBTUSE MARGINAL ARTERY



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



11111111
Born 1/ 1941 77 Years

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

3/16/2018 1:31:57 PM

Seven Rivers Reg al

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

--AXIS--

P 56

QRS -51

T -7

12 Lead; Standard Placement

- ABNORMAL ECG -

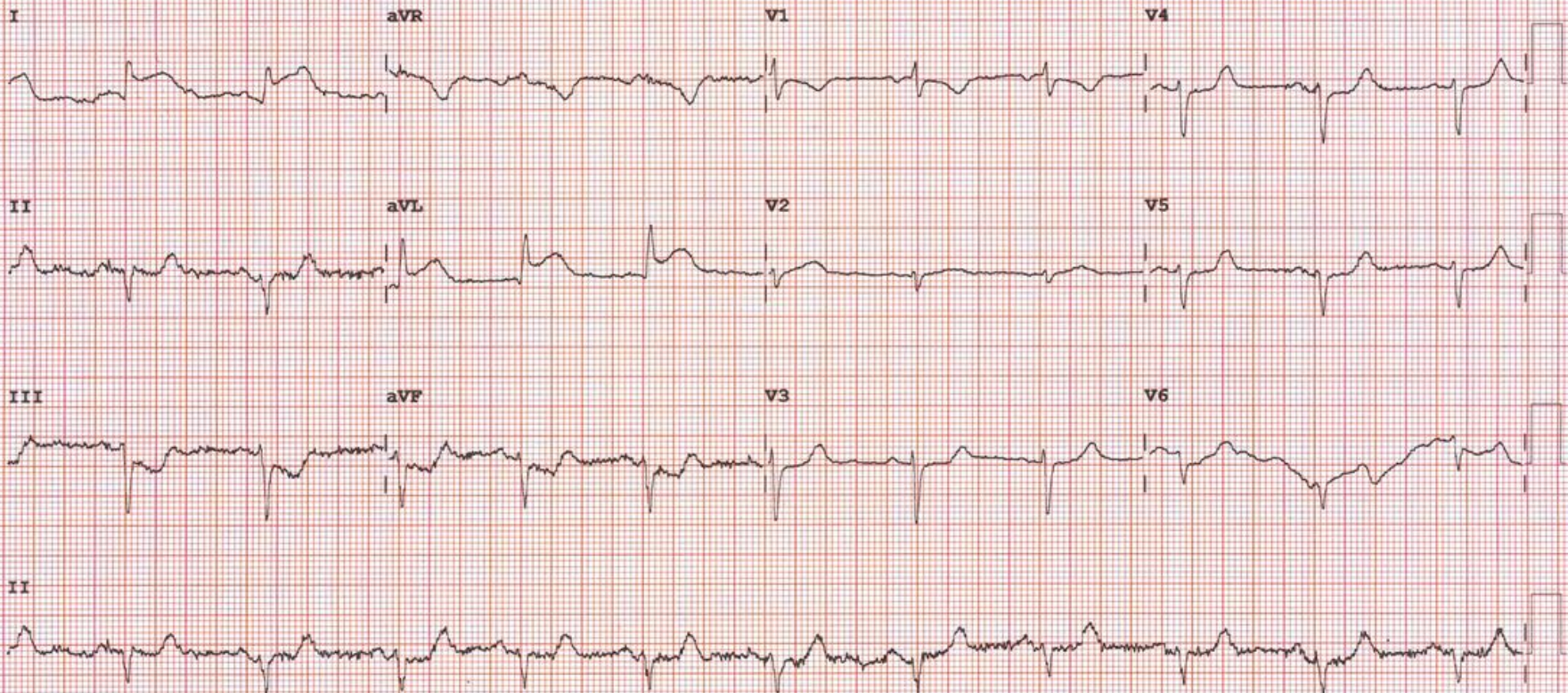
Unconfirmed Diagnosis

Physician
Date
Time
STEMI

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YES

NO



Device:

Speed: 25 mm/sec

Limb: 10 mm/mV

Chest: 10.0 mm/mV

F 60~ 0.15-100 Hz

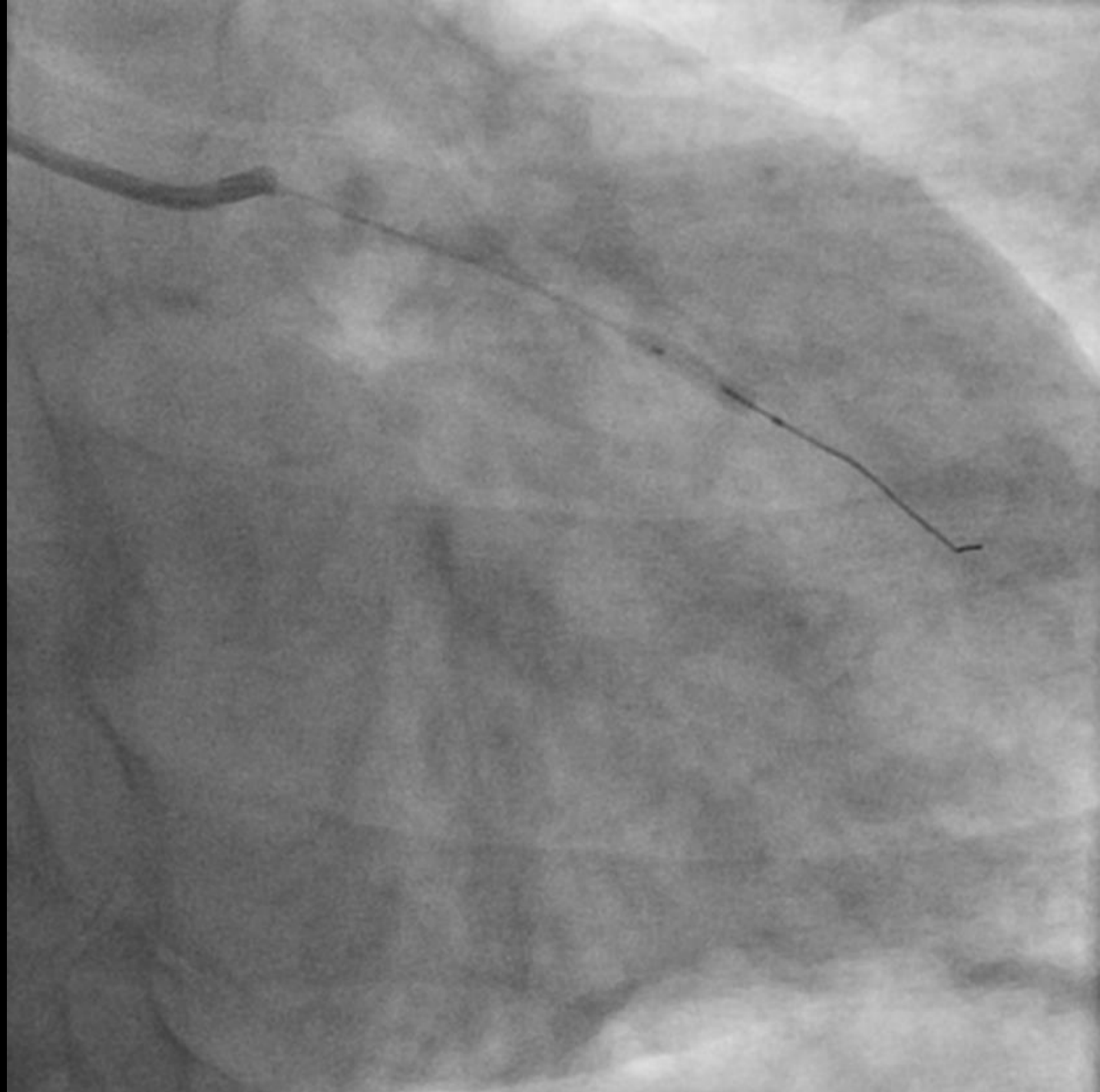
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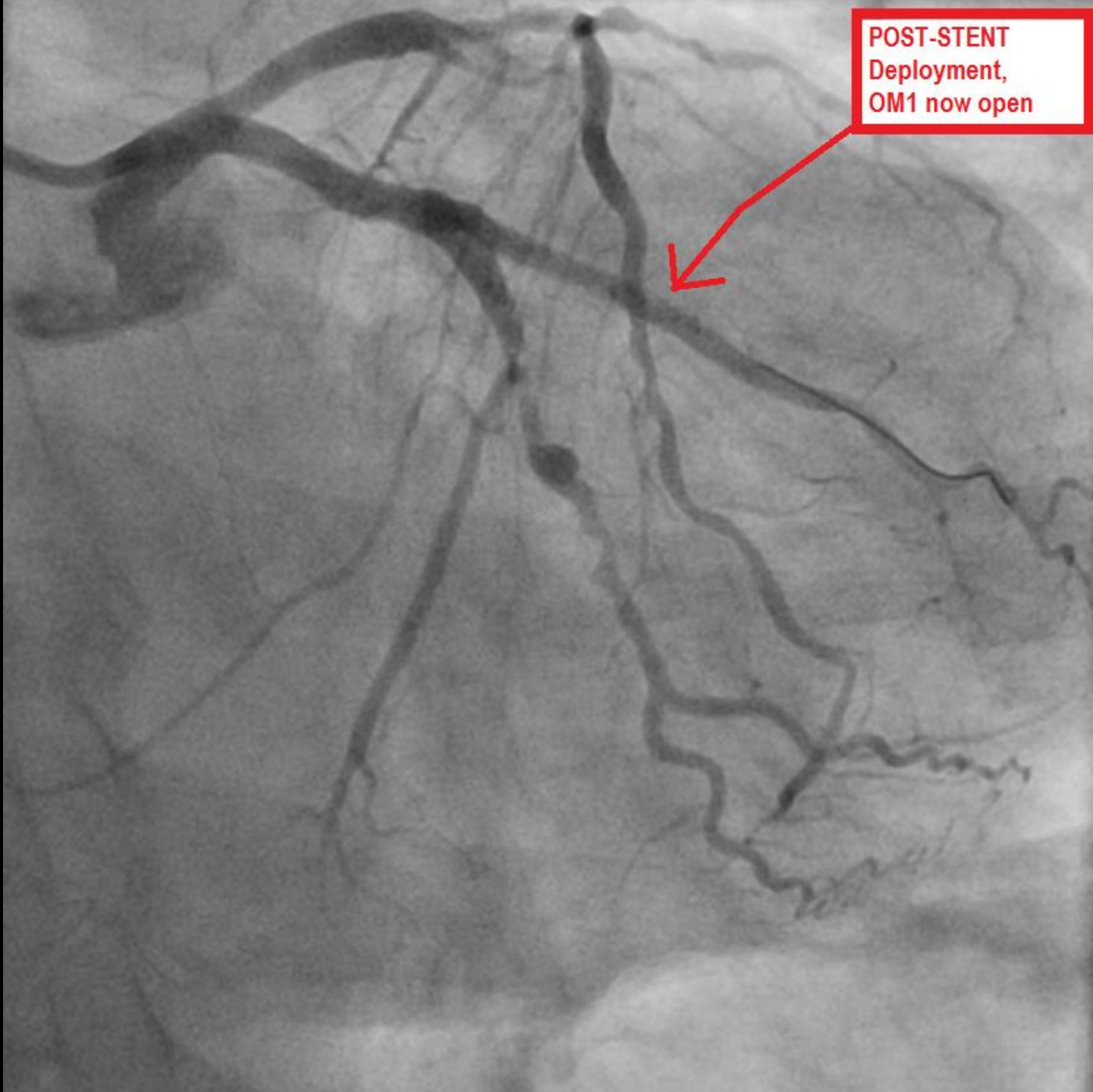
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OM 1 100%
occluded proximally





POST-STENT
Deployment,
OM1 now open






CASE STUDY 3: **STEMI**

CHIEF COMPLAINT and SIGNIFICANT HISTORY:

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

RISK FACTOR PROFILE:


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

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

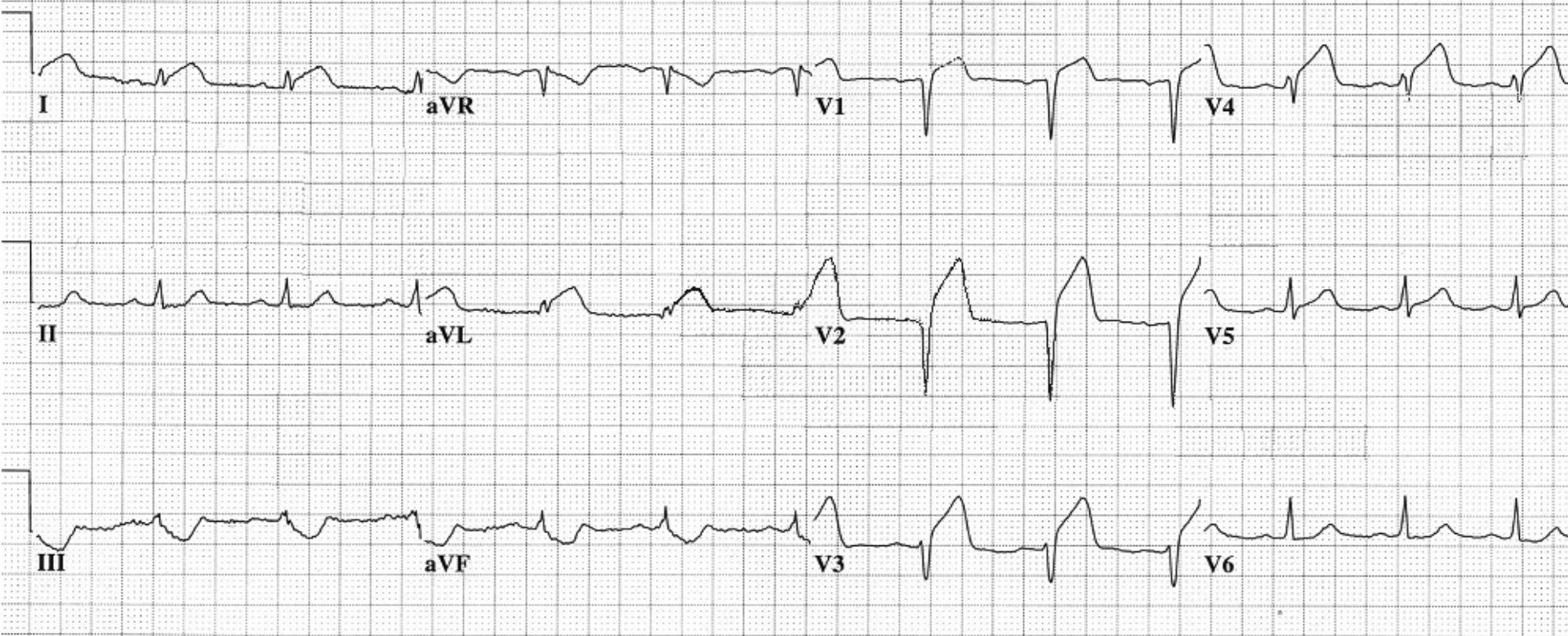
VITAL SIGNS: BP: 104/78, P: 76, R: 20, SAO2: 96%

LABS: INITIAL CARDIAC MARKERS - NEGATIVE

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

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

DOS::



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Caucasian

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

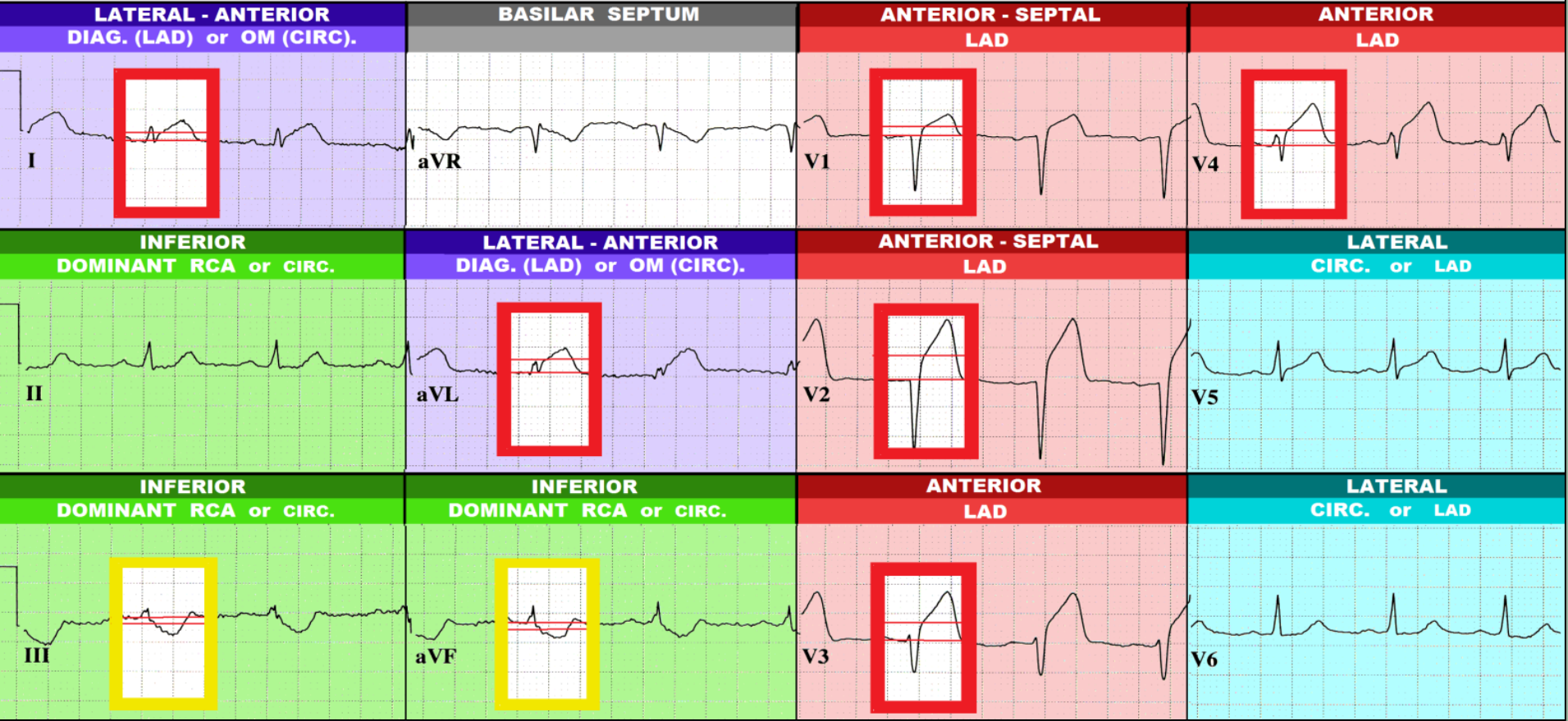
75
176
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70 50

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

ST SEGMENT ELEVATION

ST SEGMENT DEPRESSION



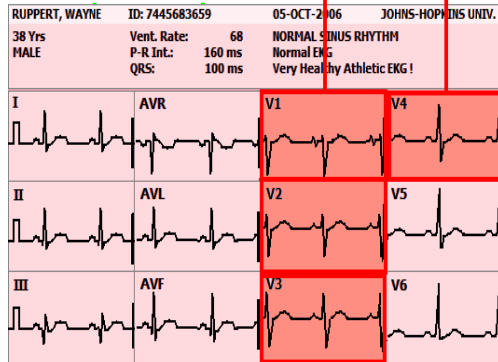
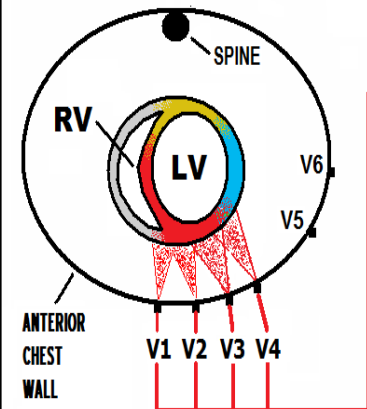
- **Reciprocal ST Depression is NOW PRESENT**
- **Additional ST Elevation is present in Leads I, AVL**

V1 - V4 VIEW THE ANTERIOR-SEPTAL WALL

of the LEFT VENTRICLE

V1, V2 - ANTERIOR / SEPTAL

V3, V4 - ANTERIOR



OCCCLUSION of MID - LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY

LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY

AV NODE

LBB

LV

CIRUMFLEX ARTERY

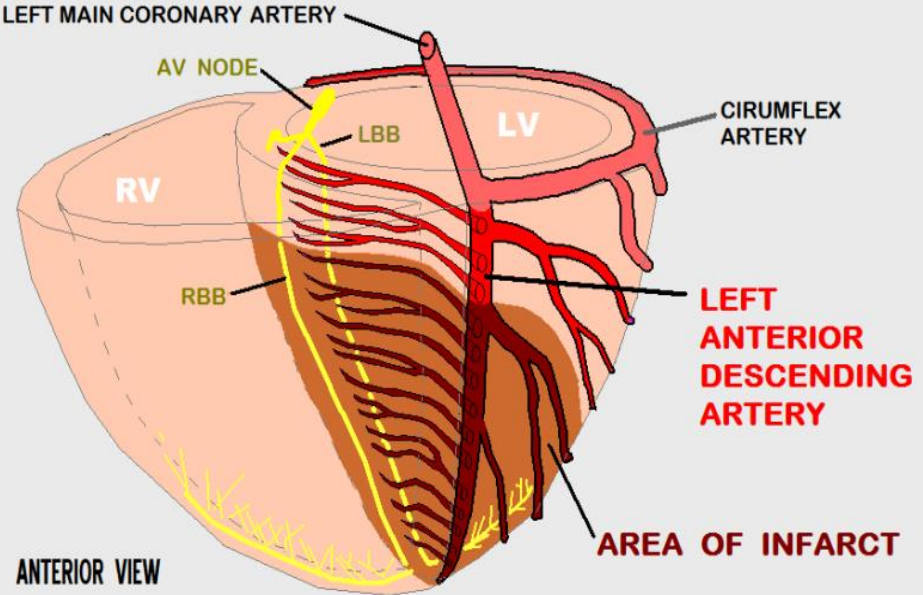
RV

RBB

LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY

ANTERIOR VIEW

AREA OF INFARCT

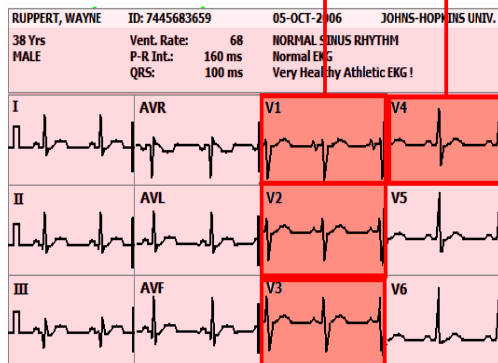
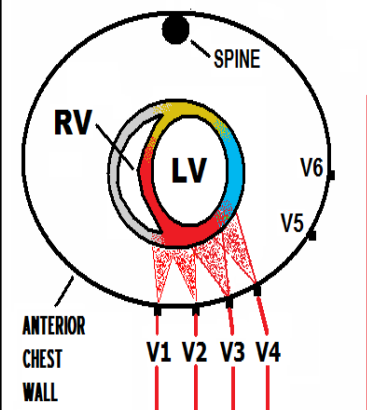


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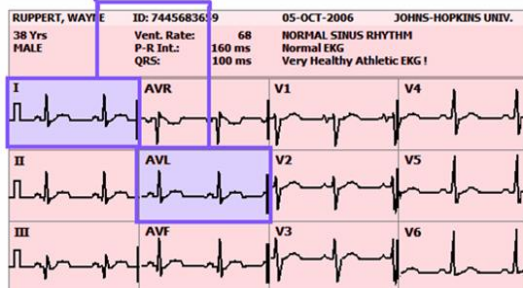
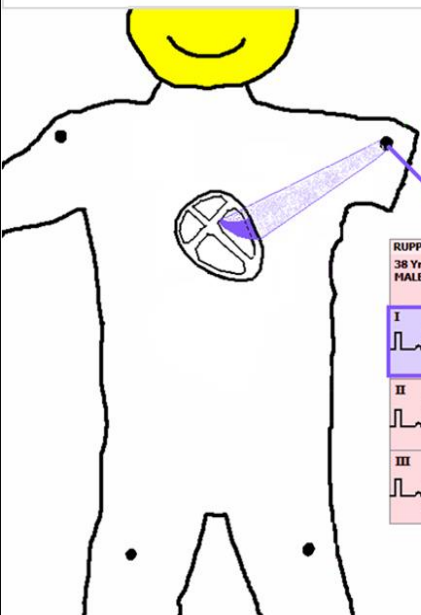
CIRUMFLEX ARTERY

LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY

AREA OF INFARCT

ANTERIOR VIEW

Leads I & AVL view the ANTERIOR-LATERAL JUNCTION



OCCCLUSION of DIAGONAL ARTERY

LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY

AV NODE

LBB

RV

CIRUMFLEX ARTERY

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

AREA OF EKG VIEWED BY LEADS I and aVL

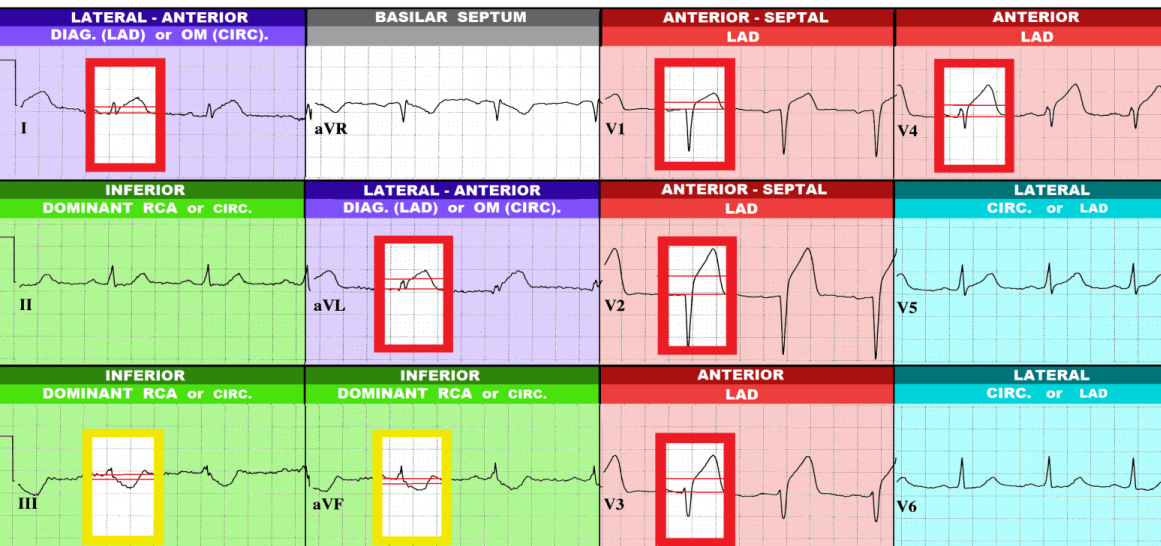
LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY

ANTERIOR VIEW

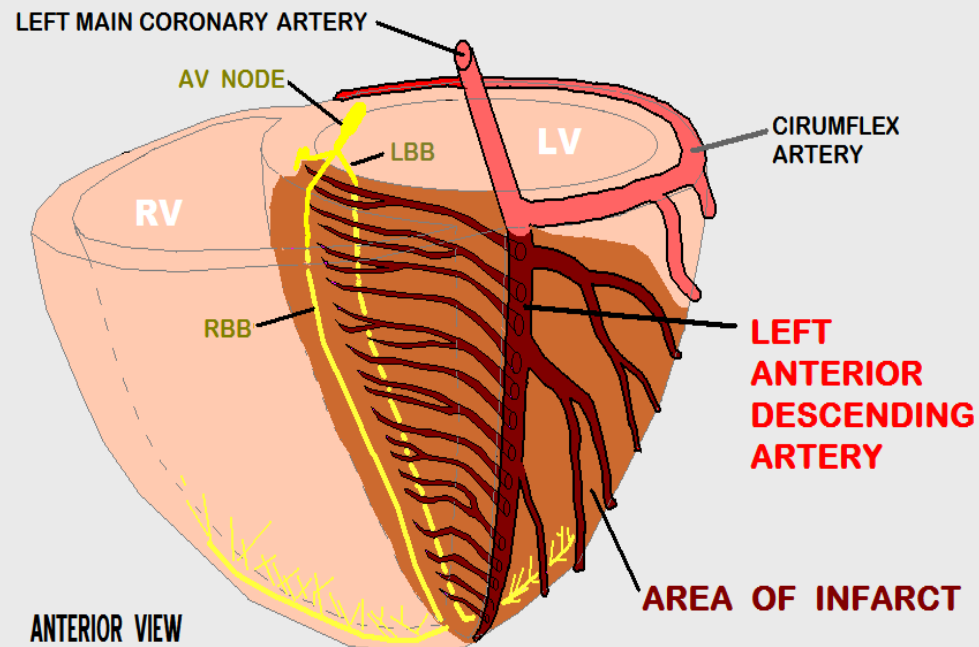
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ST SEGMENT ELEVATION

ST SEGMENT DEPRESSION



OCCCLUSION of PROXIMAL LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY



OCCLUSION of PROXIMAL LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY

LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY

AV NODE

LBB

LV

CIRUMFLEX ARTERY

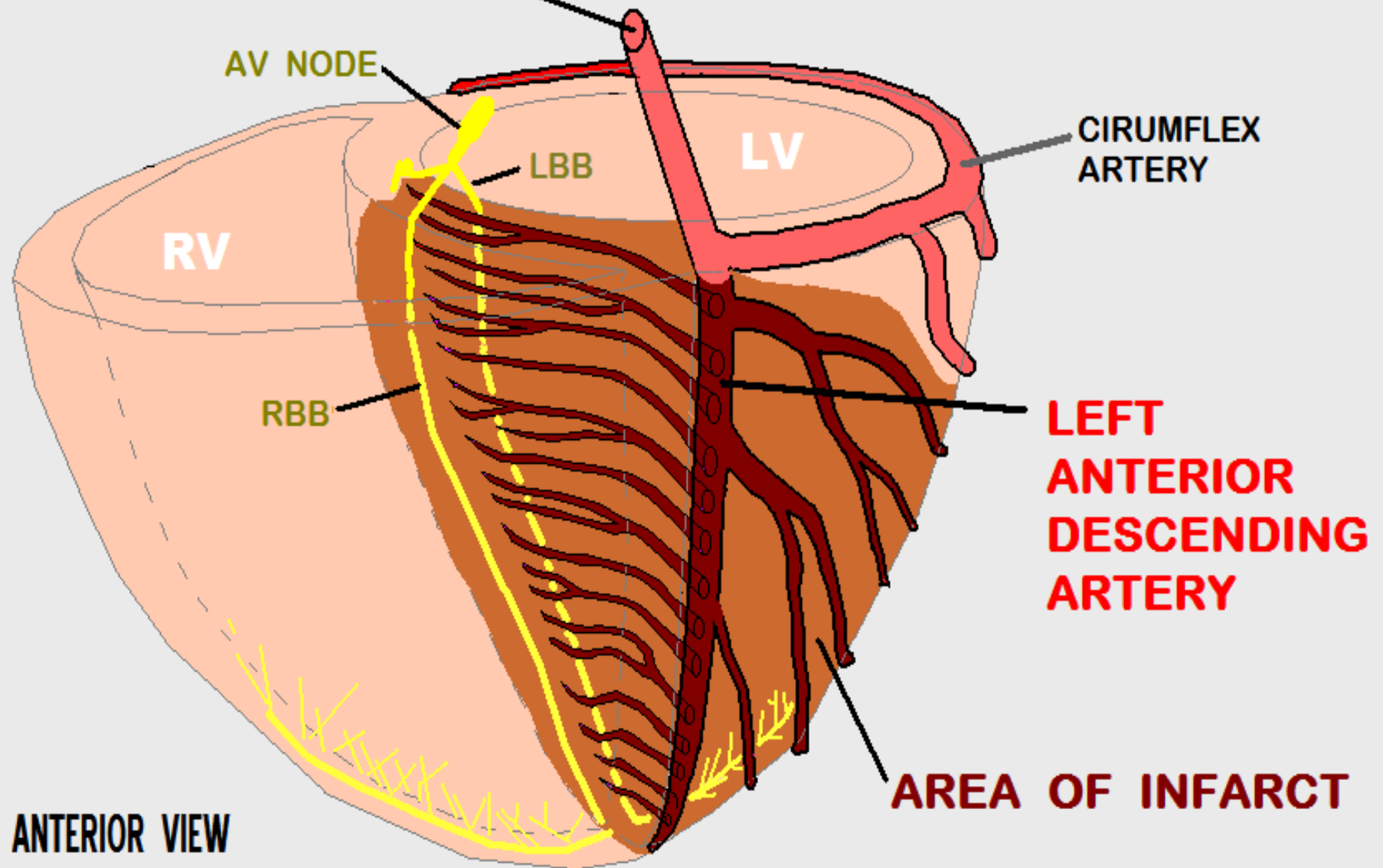
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AREA OF INFARCT

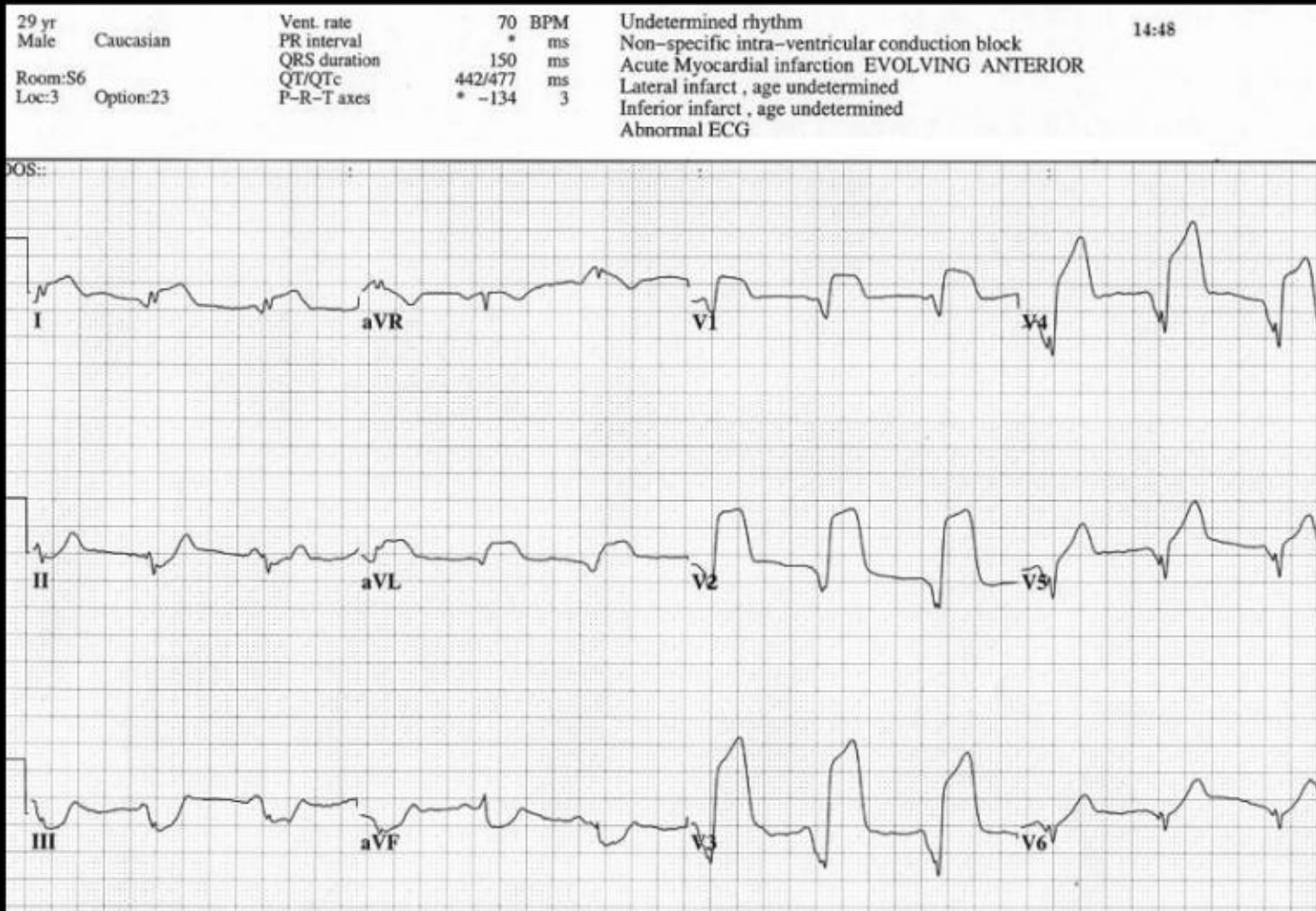
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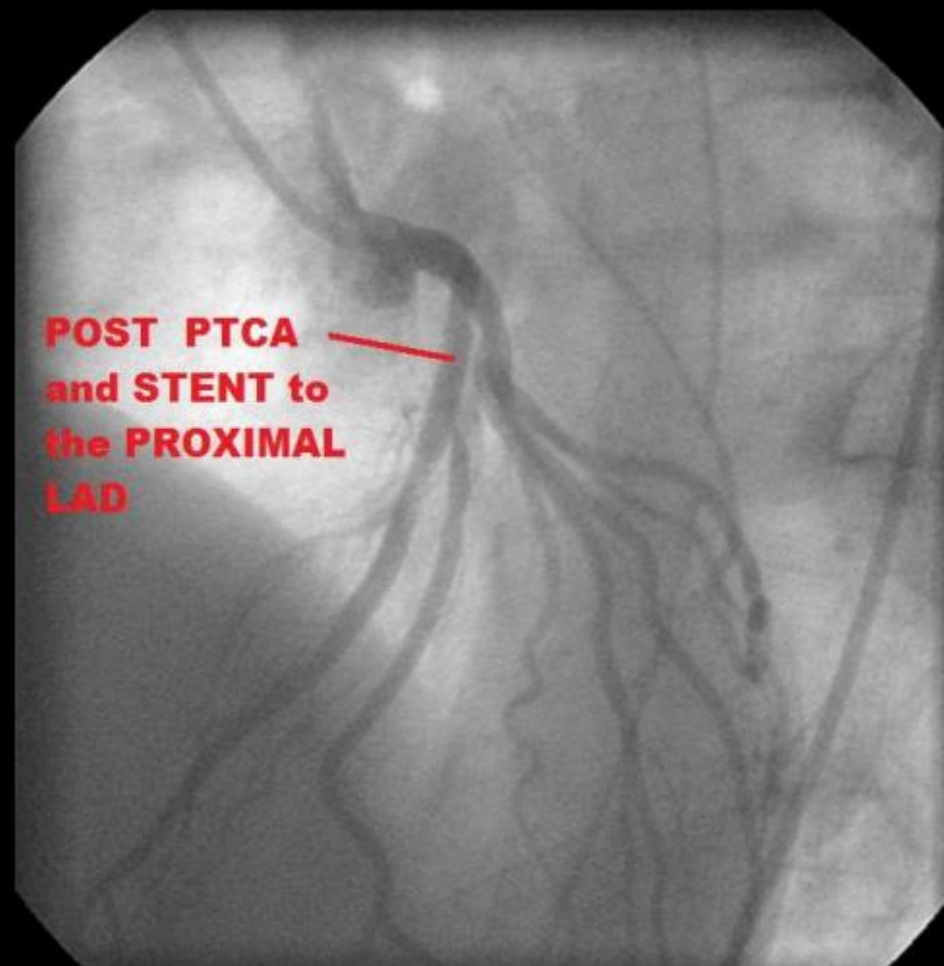
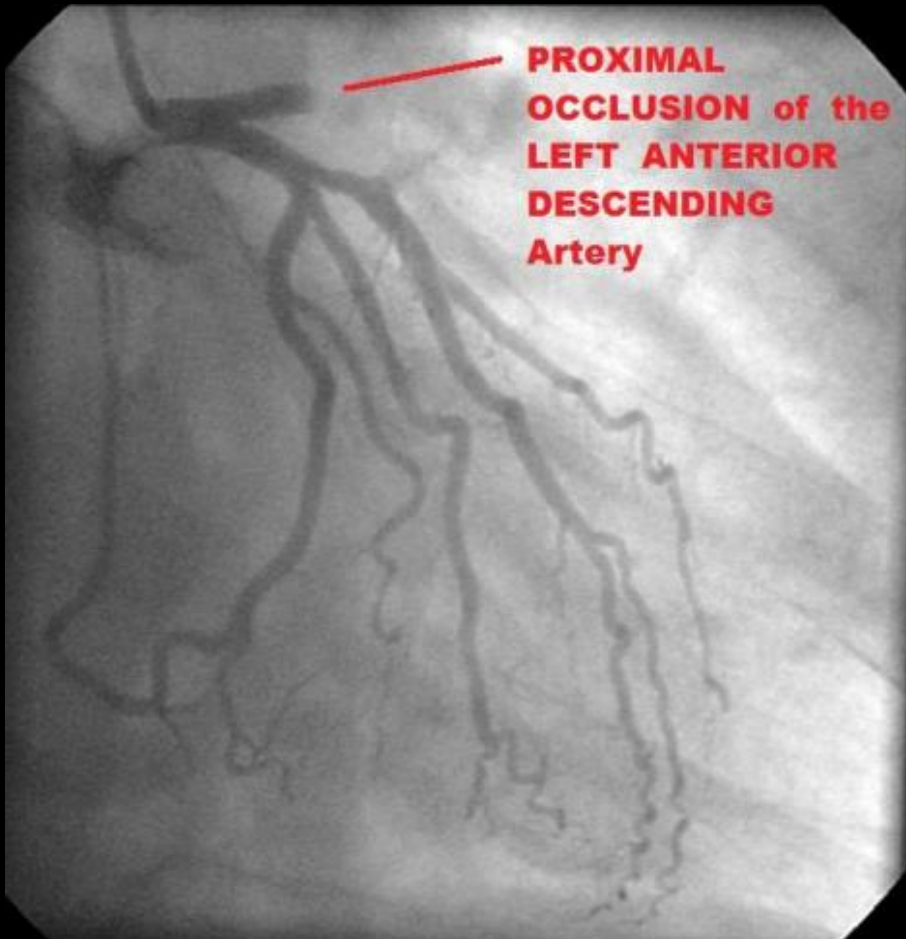


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- CARDIAC DYSRHYTHMIAS (VT / VF)	ACLS (antiarrhythmics)
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- PULMONARY EDEMA	- CPAP - ET INTUBATION (use caution with diuretics due to pump failure and hypotension)

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

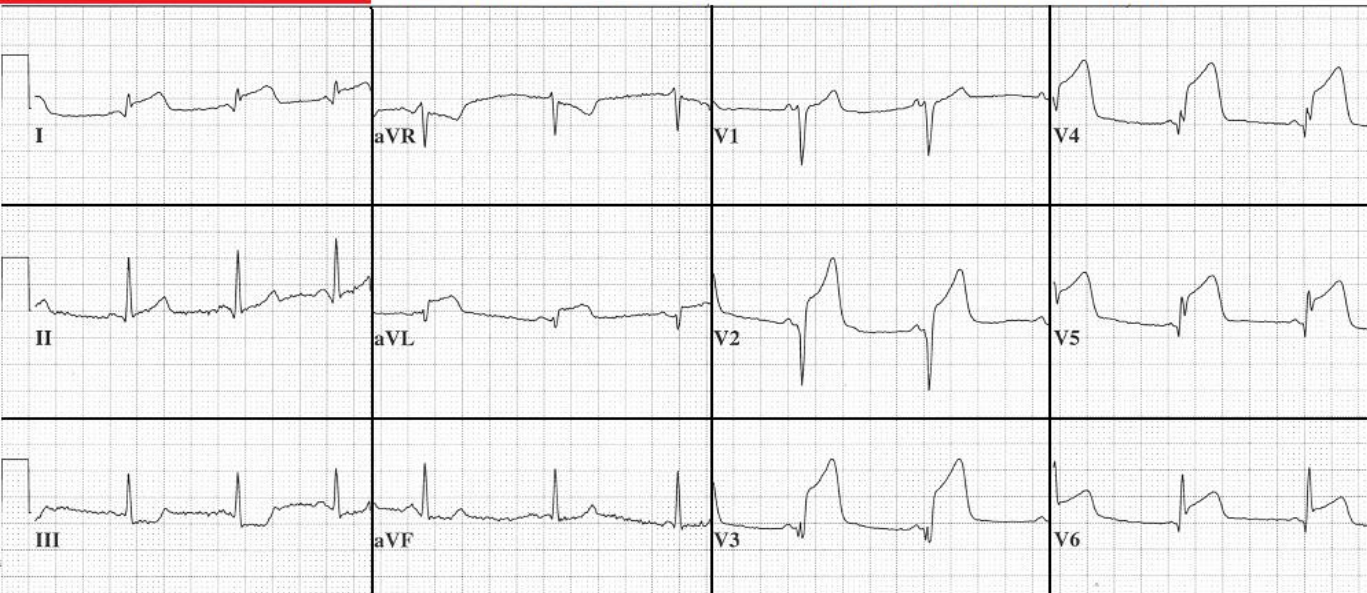
-WHAT THERAPEUTIC INTERVENTIONS SHOULD BE IMPLMENTED AT THIS POINT ?





PATIENT A:

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

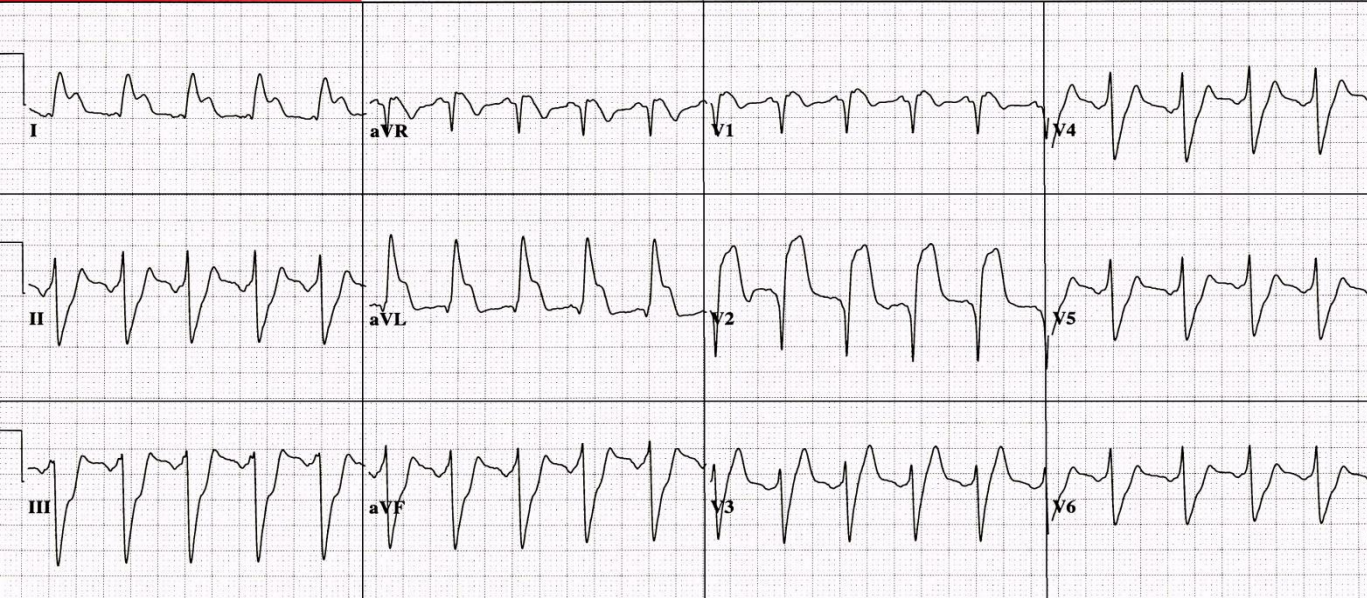


WHO SHOULD
GO TO THE
CATH LAB
FIRST ?

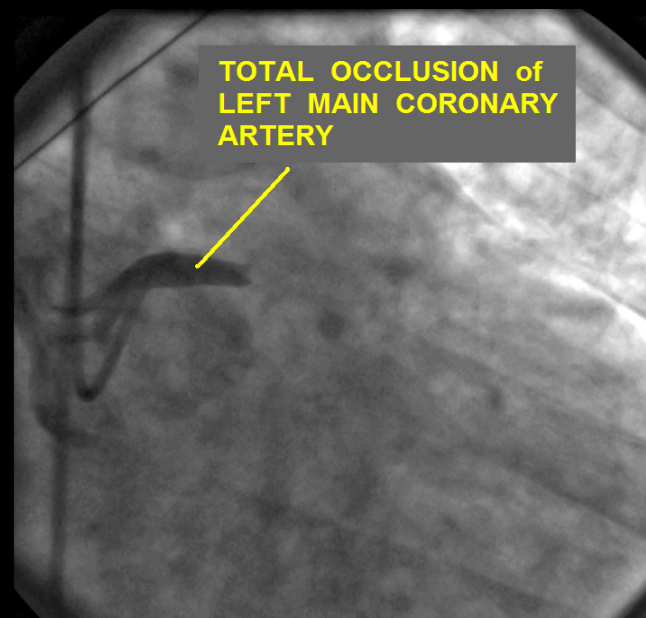
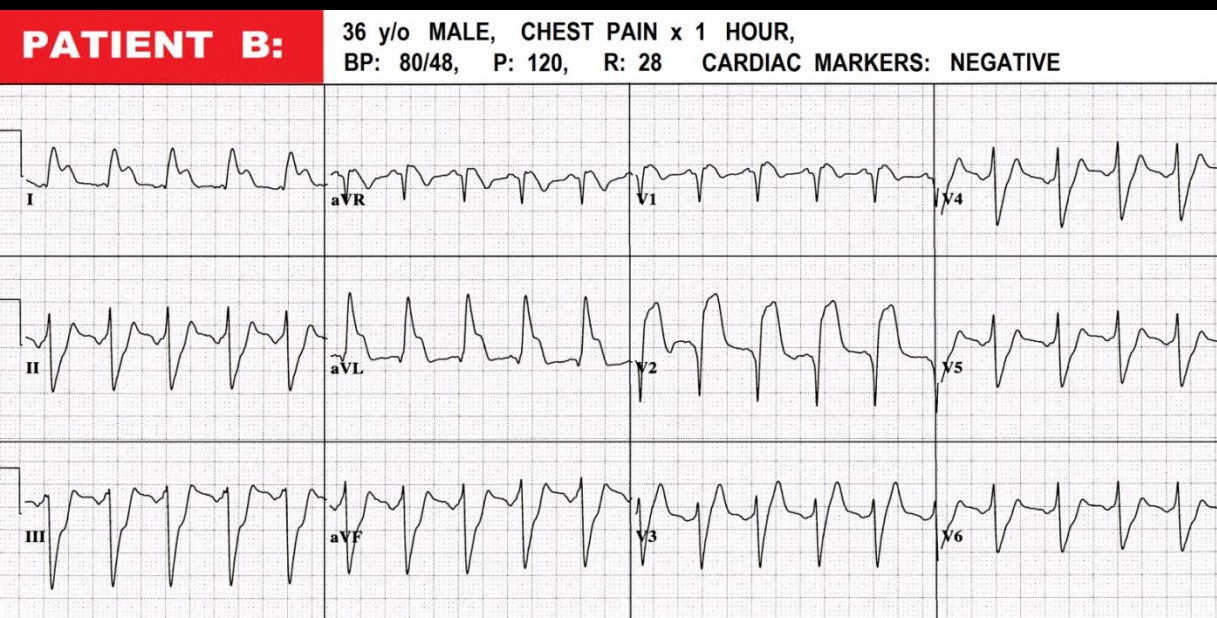
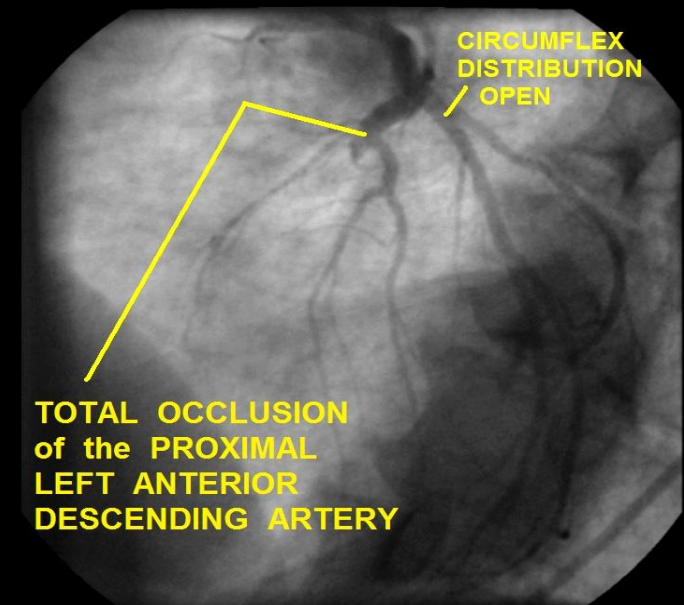
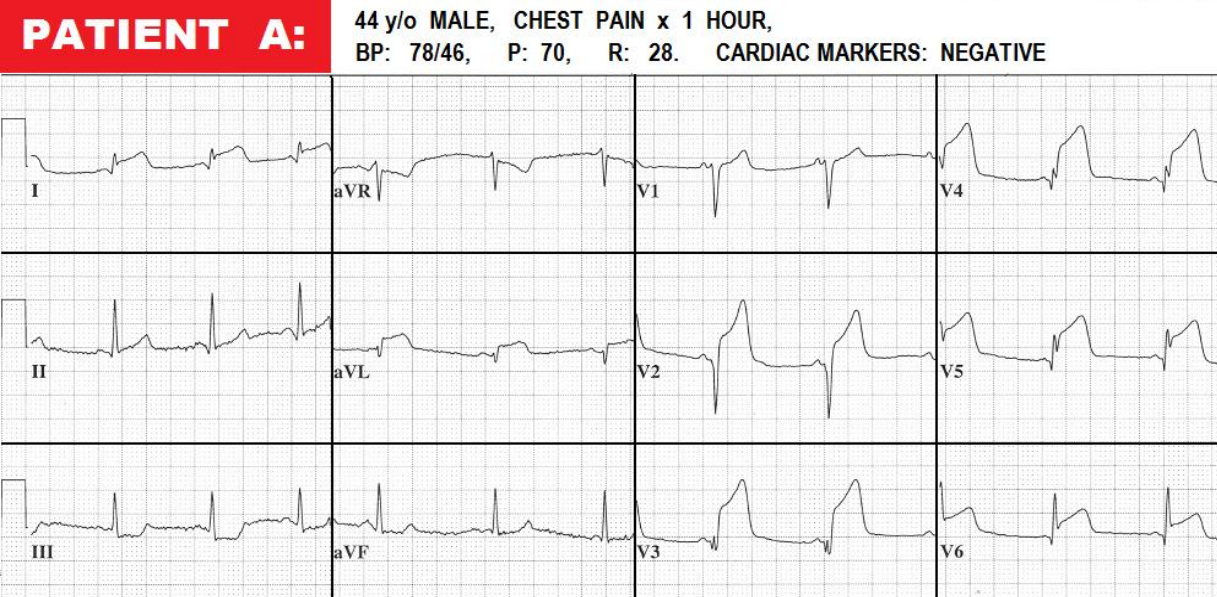
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PATIENT B:

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

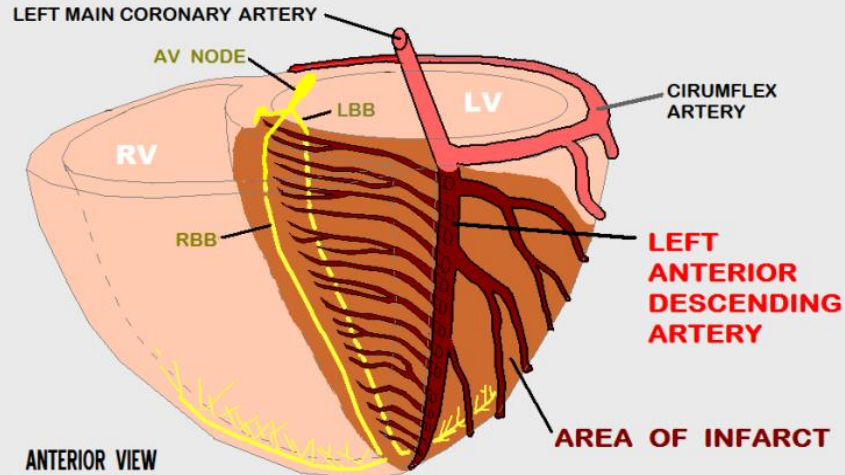


WHAT WOULD
YOU DO WITH
THE PATIENT
WHO DID NOT
GO TO THE
CATH LAB ?



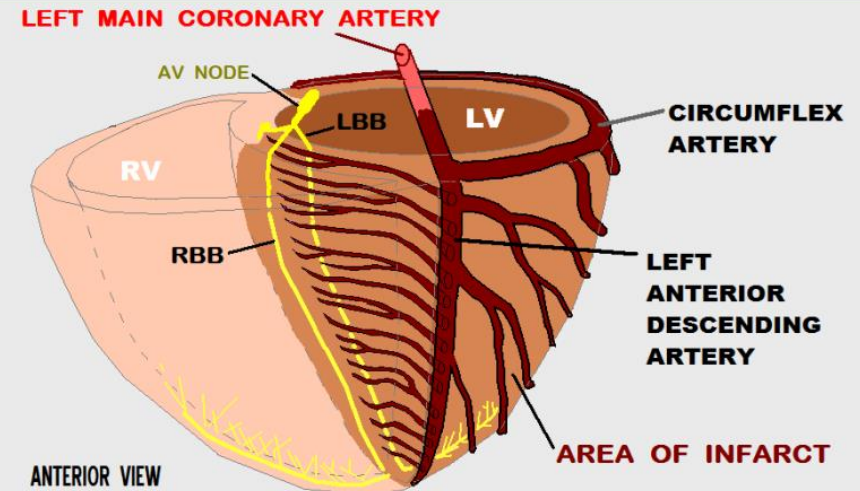
PATIENT A:

OCCCLUSION of PROXIMAL LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY



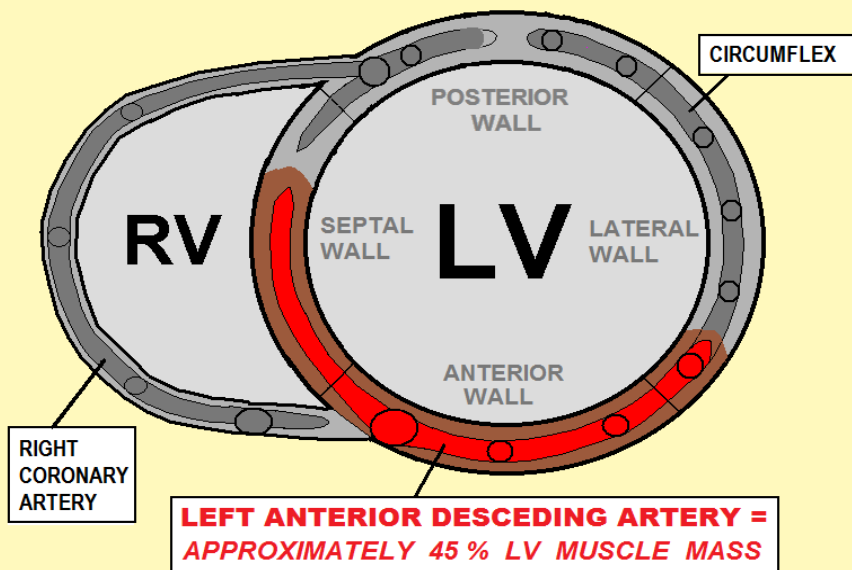
PATIENT B:

OCCCLUSION of the LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY



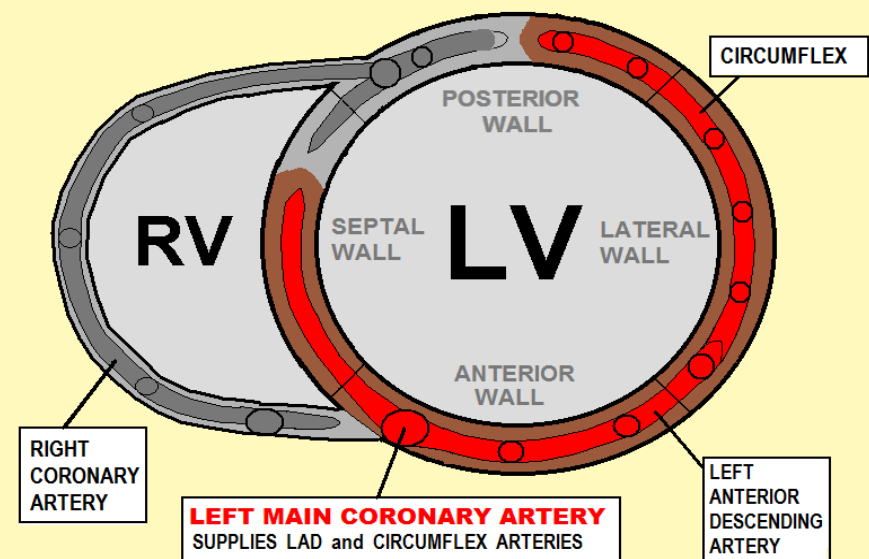
The LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY

SUPPLIES 40-50 % OF THE LEFT VENTRICULAR MUSCLE MASS



The LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY

SUPPLIES 75-100 % of the LEFT VENTRICULAR MUSCLE MASS

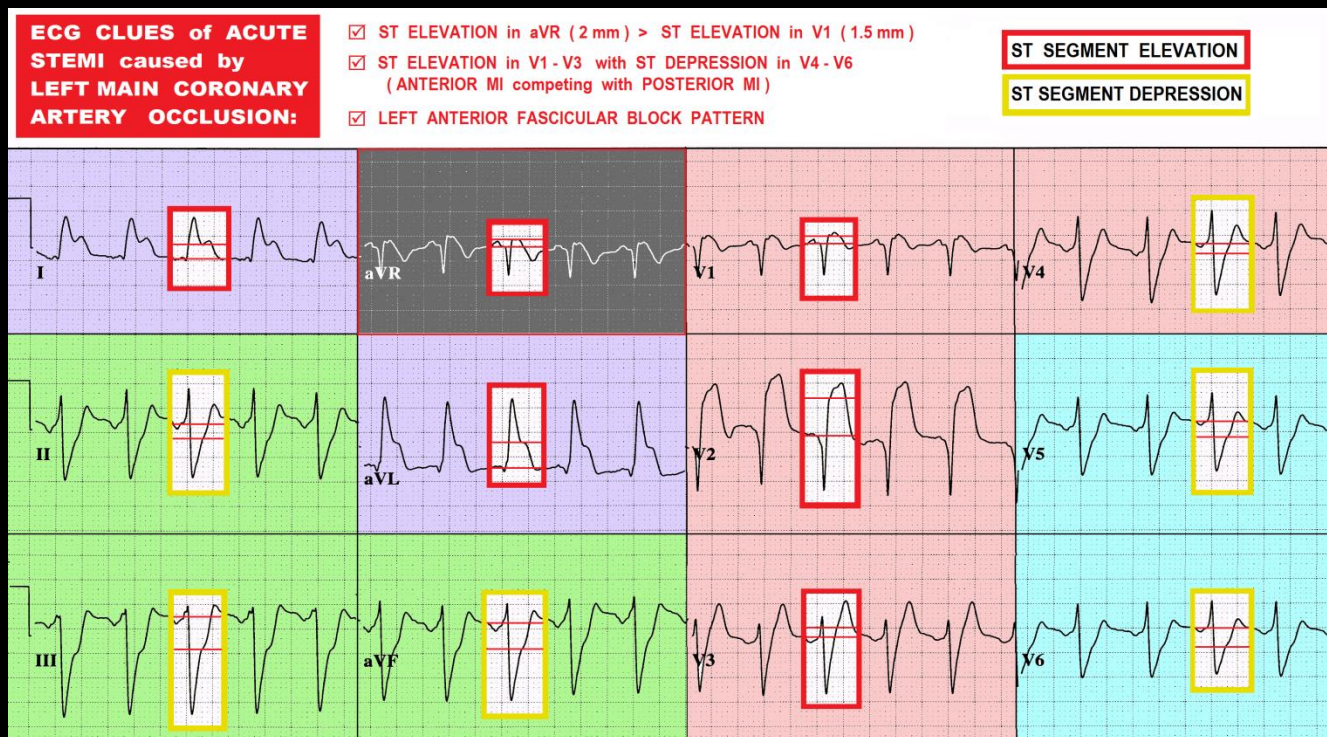


ECG Clues... for IDENTIFYING STEMI CAUSED BY LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY occlusion:

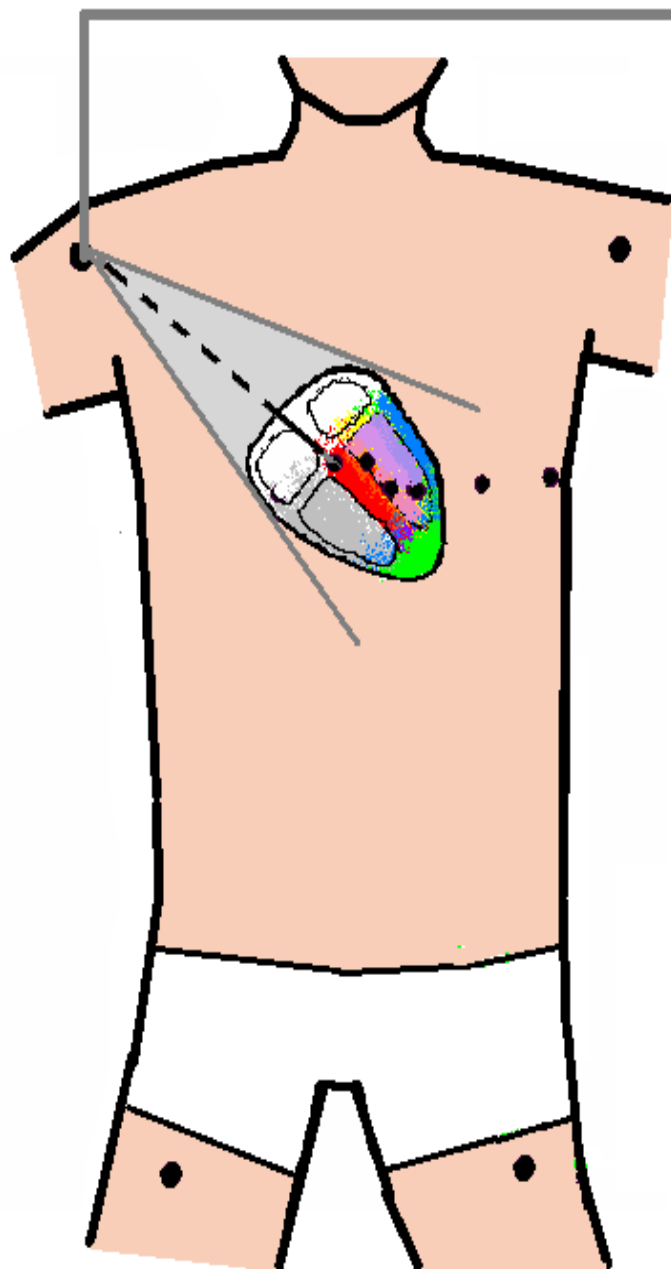
- ☑ ST ELEVATION in ANTERIOR LEADS (V1 - V4) and LATERAL LEADS (V5 & V6)
- ☑ ST DEPRESSION or ISOELECTRIC J POINTS may be seen in VLEADS.... mainly V2 and/or V3 caused by *COMPETING FORCES* of ANTERIOR vs. POSTERIOR WALL MI.*⁺
 - NOTE: it is very unusual to see ST DEPRESSION in V LEADS with isolated 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



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

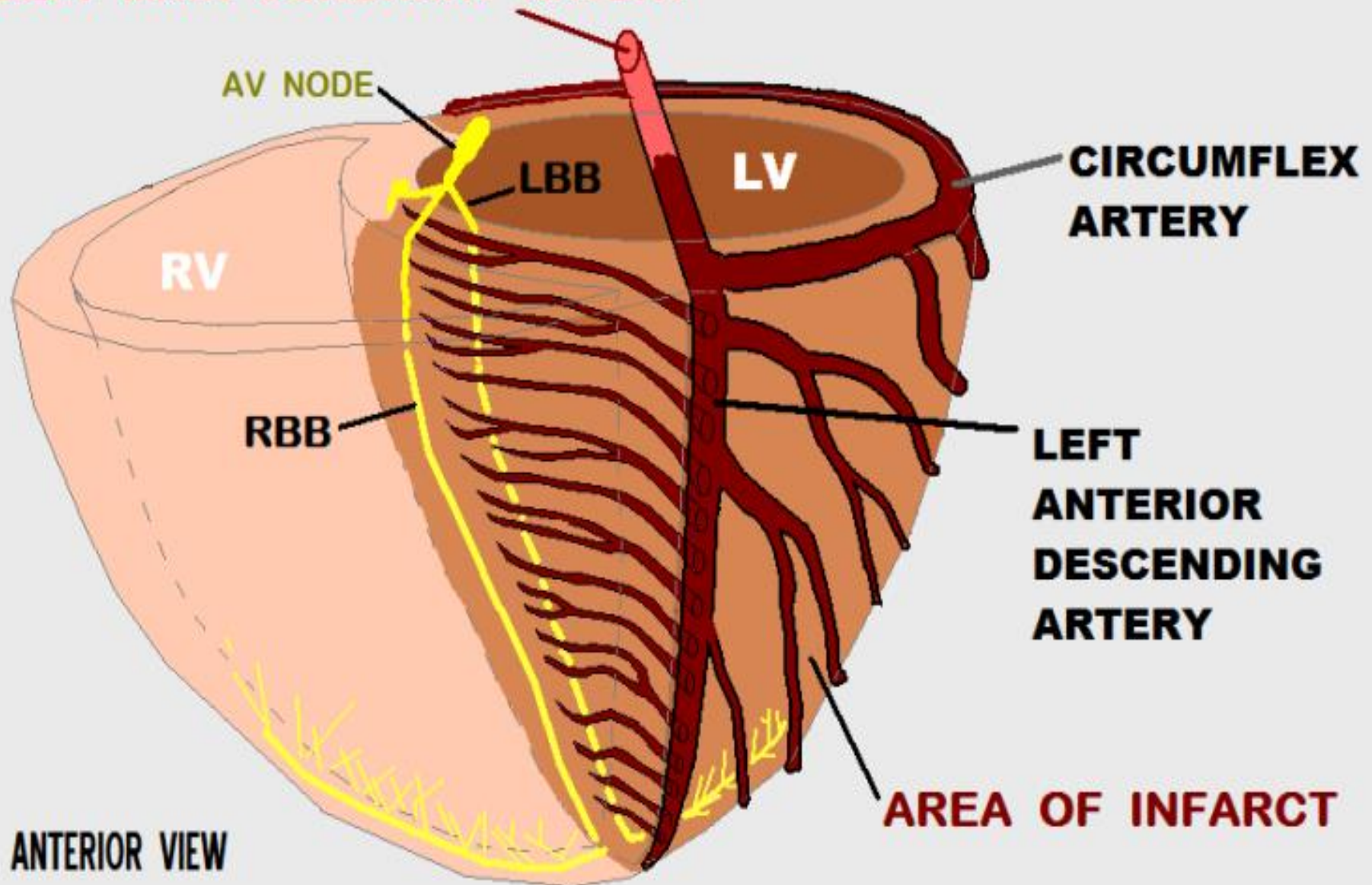


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38 Yrs	Vent. Rate:	68	NORMAL SINUS RHYTHM			
MALE	P-R Int.:	160 ms	Normal EKG			
	QRS:	100 ms	Very Healthy Athletic EKG !			
I	AVR	V1	V4			
II	AVL	V2	V5			
III	AVF	V3	V6			

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

OCCLUSION of the LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY

LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY



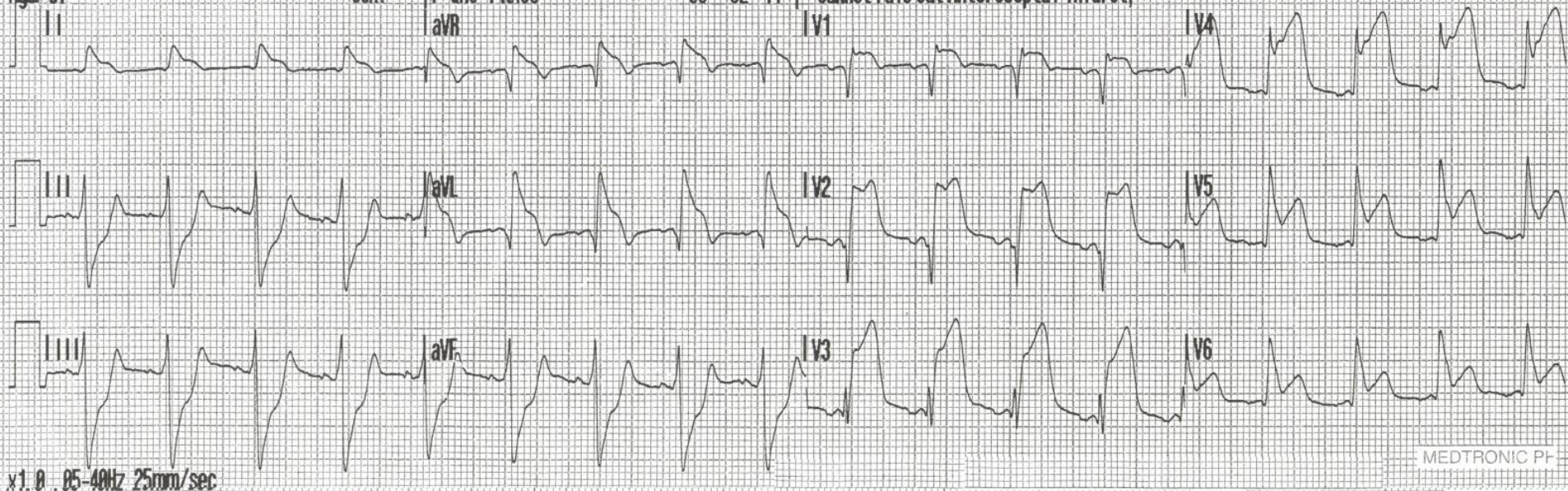
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Incident:
Age 37

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

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

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

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



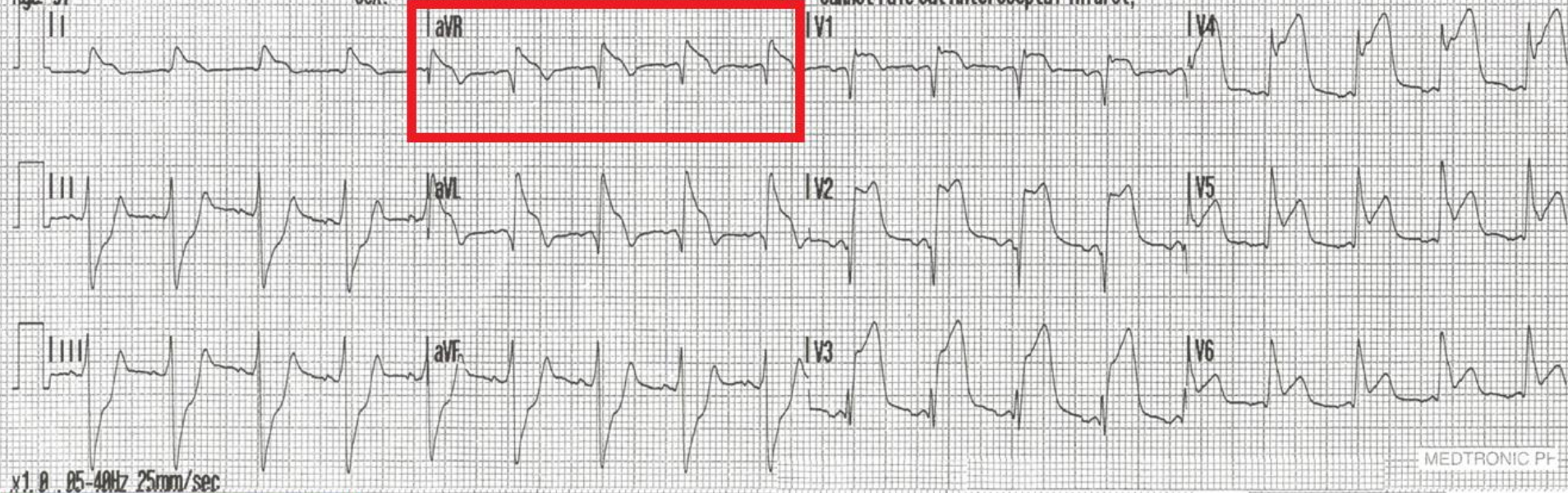
**ECG CLUES of ACUTE
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Name: 12-Lead 4 HR 107 bpm
 ID: 06 Oct 07 12:44:13
 Patient ID: PR 0.154s
 Incident: QT/QTc 0.332s/0.443s
 Age 37 Sex: P-QRS-T Axes 80° -62° 44°

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

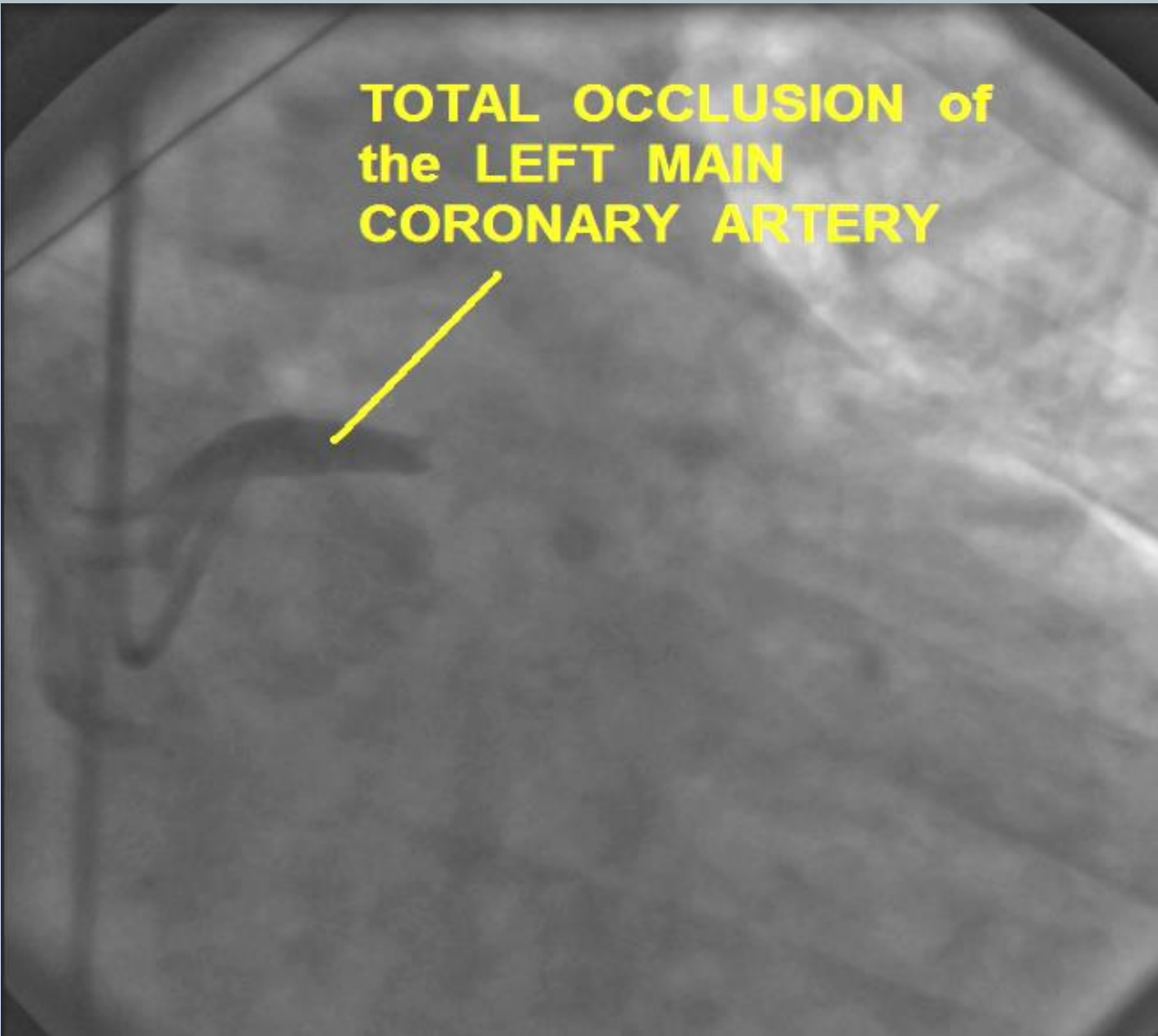
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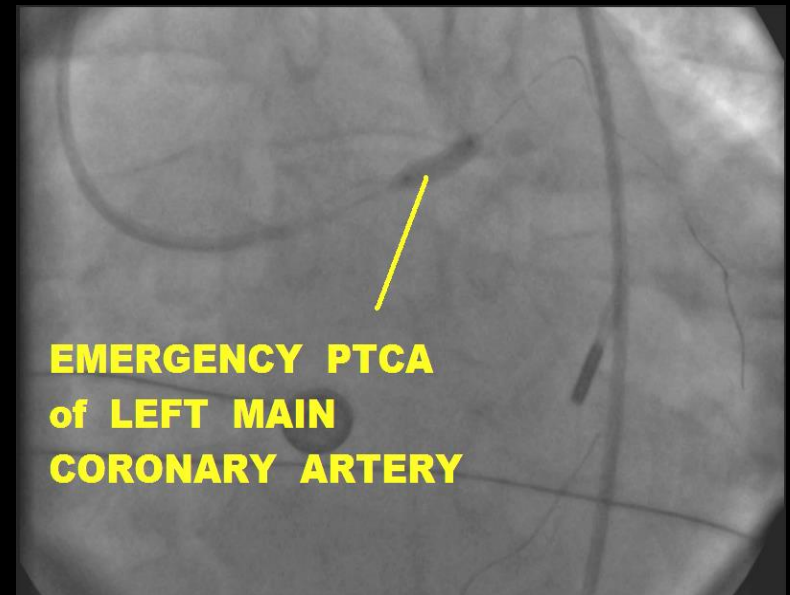
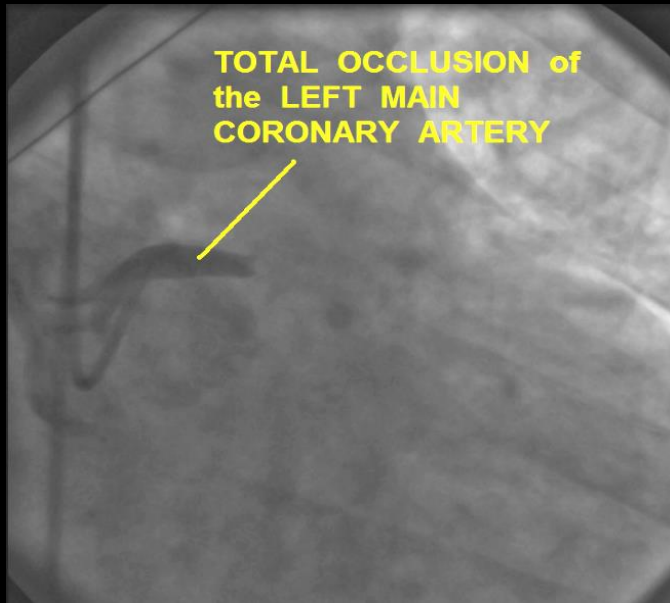


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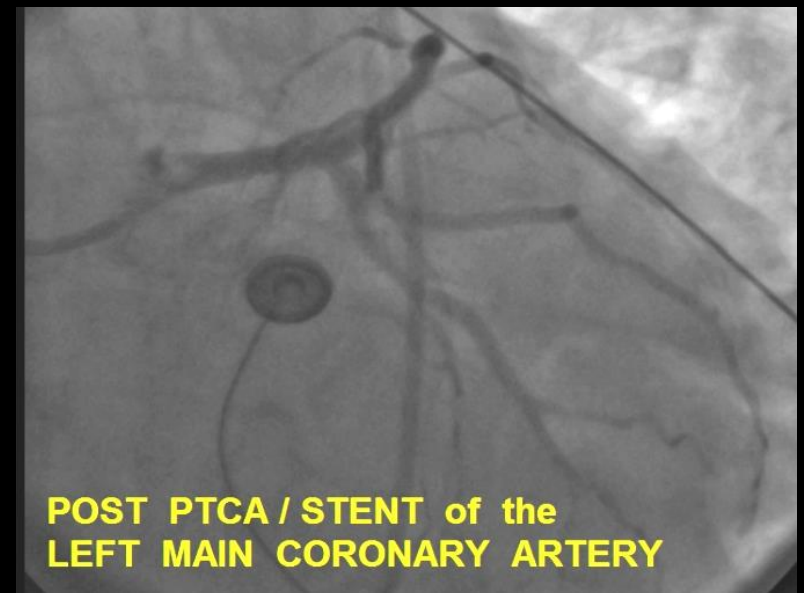
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**TOTAL OCCLUSION of
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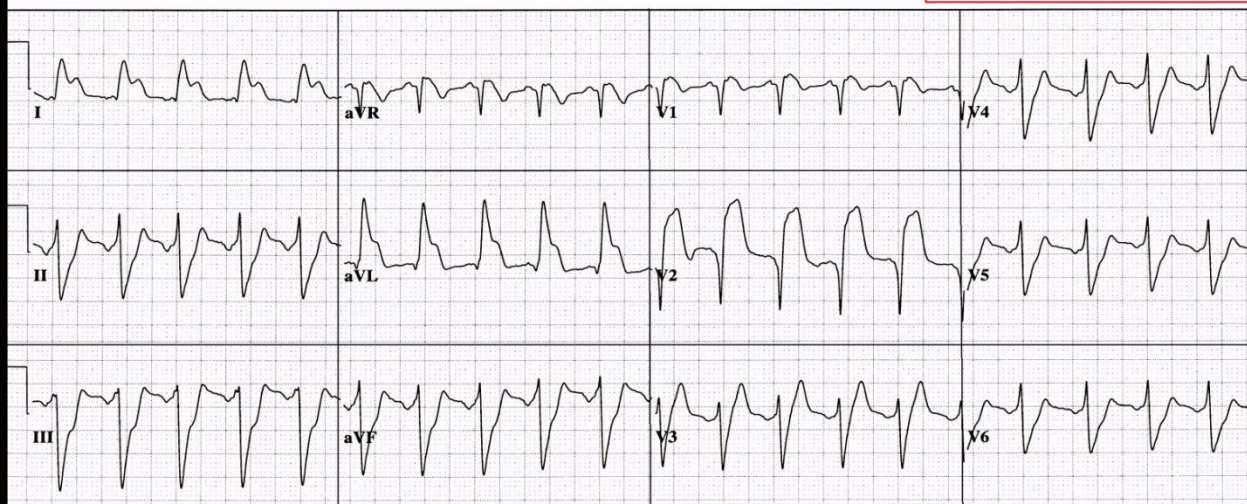


Despite the dismal mortality rate associated with STEMI from total LMCA occlusion, this patient survived and was later discharged. His EF is estimated at approximately 30%. He received an ICD, and is currently stable.



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

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LEFT MAIN CORONARY
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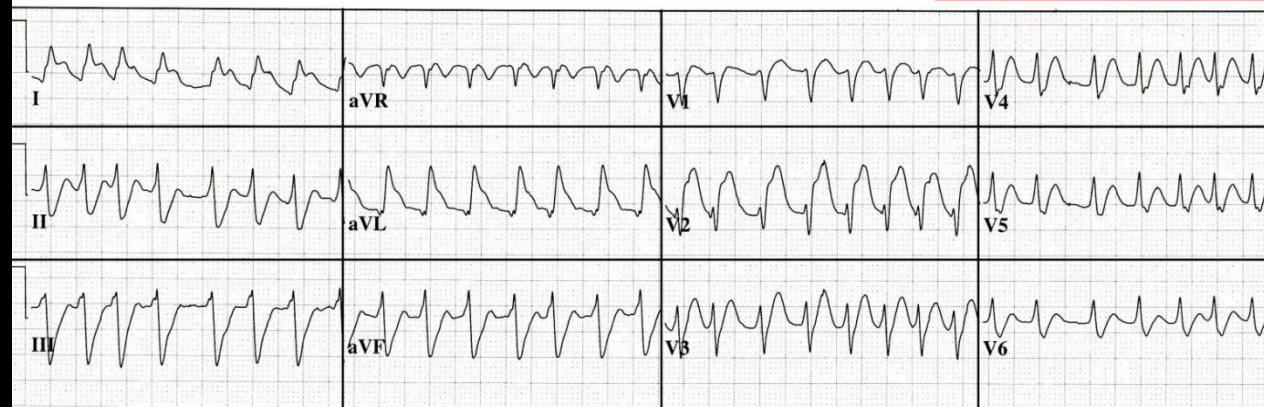


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- ☒ PATTERN of LEFT ANTERIOR FASCICULAR BLOCK (POS. QRS lead I; NEG rS leads II, III)
- ☒ ST ELEVATION in lead aVR > 0.5 mm

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

**ACUTE STEMI caused by
LEFT MAIN CORONARY
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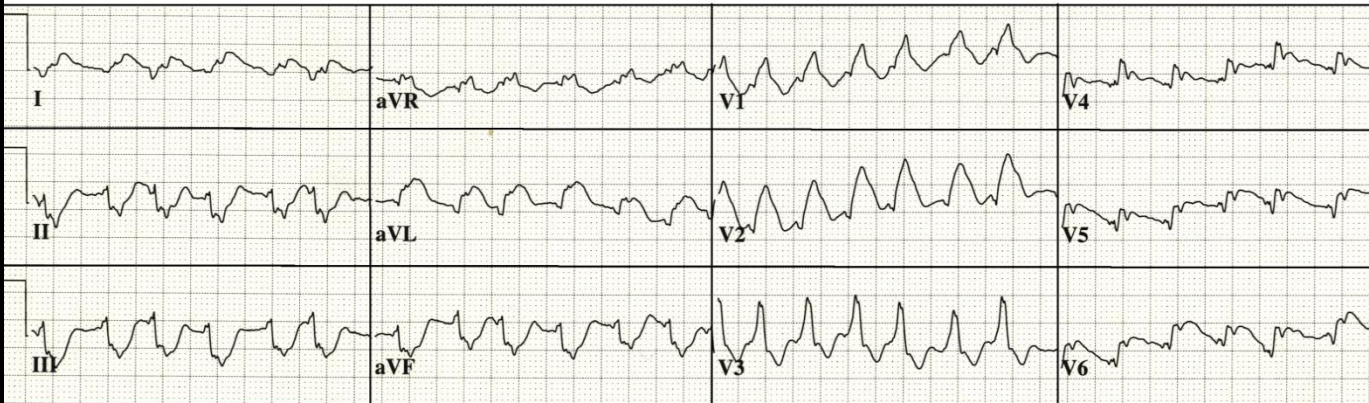


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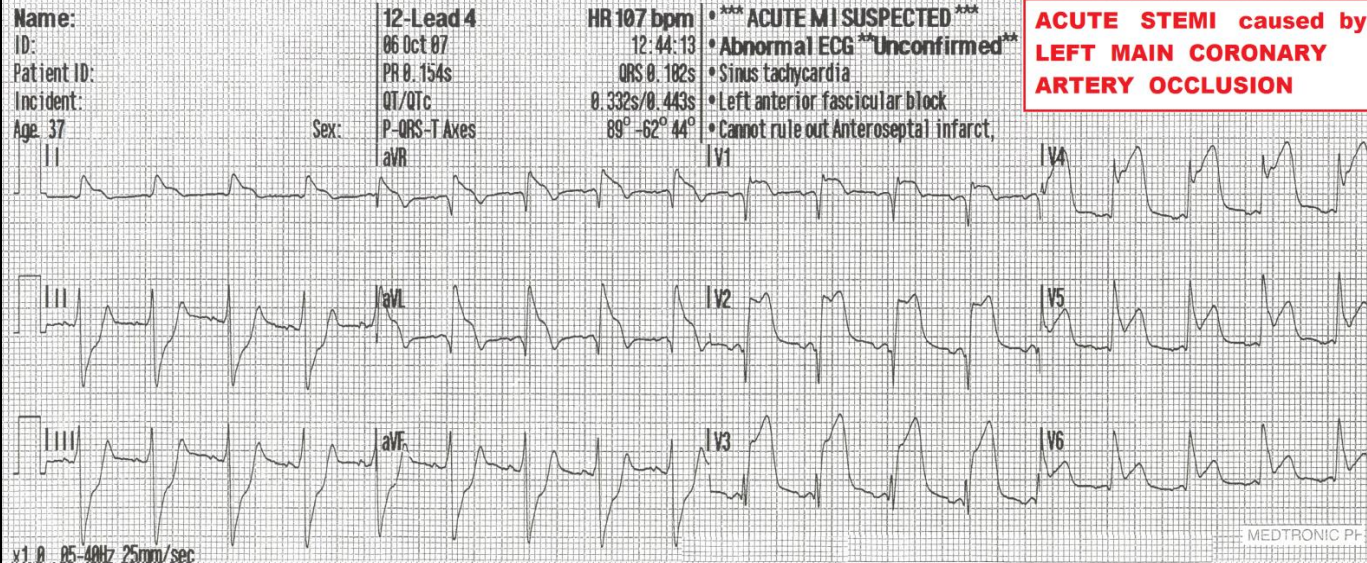
48 yr Male Caucasian Vent. rate 155 BPM
PR interval * ms
QRS duration 110 ms
QT/QTc 300/482 ms
P-R-T axes * -83 -34

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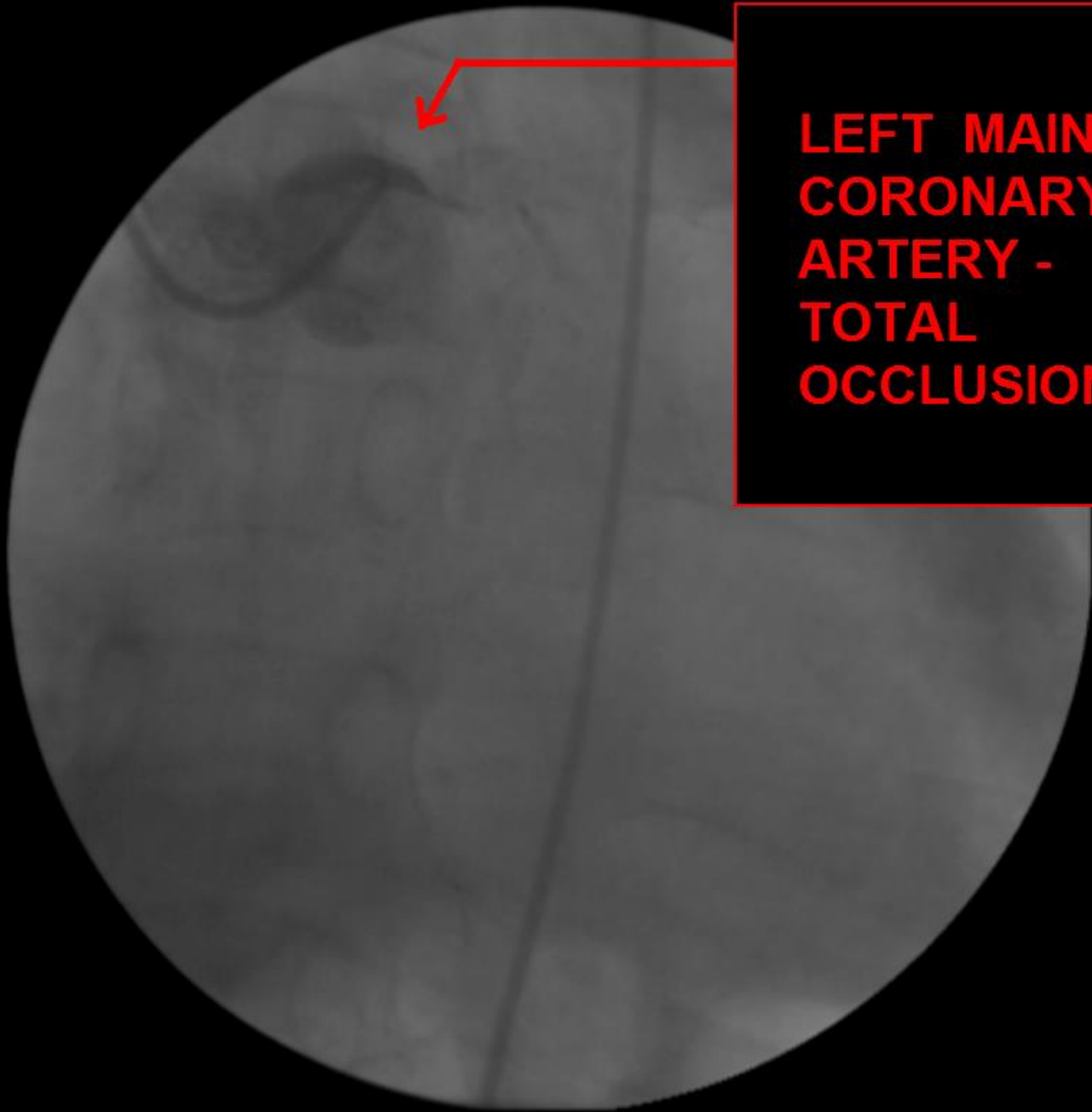
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- ☒ ST ELEVATION in LEADS I, aVL, V1 - V2, V4 - V6 with ST DEPRESSION in V3:
(COMPETING FORCES of ANTERIOR vs. POSTERIOR M.I.)
- ☒ RIGHT BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK PATTERN, with
- ☒ LEFT ANTERIOR FASCICULAR BLOCK PATTERN



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**LEFT MAIN
CORONARY
ARTERY -
TOTAL
OCCLUSION**

CASE STUDY 4: CRITICAL DECISIONS SCENARIO

CONCLUSIONS:

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

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

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

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



ECG Clues...

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 ISOELCTRIC 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 FASICULAR 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

[Yamaji et al, JACC vol 38, No 5, 2001: 1348-54](#)

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

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

“In patients with:

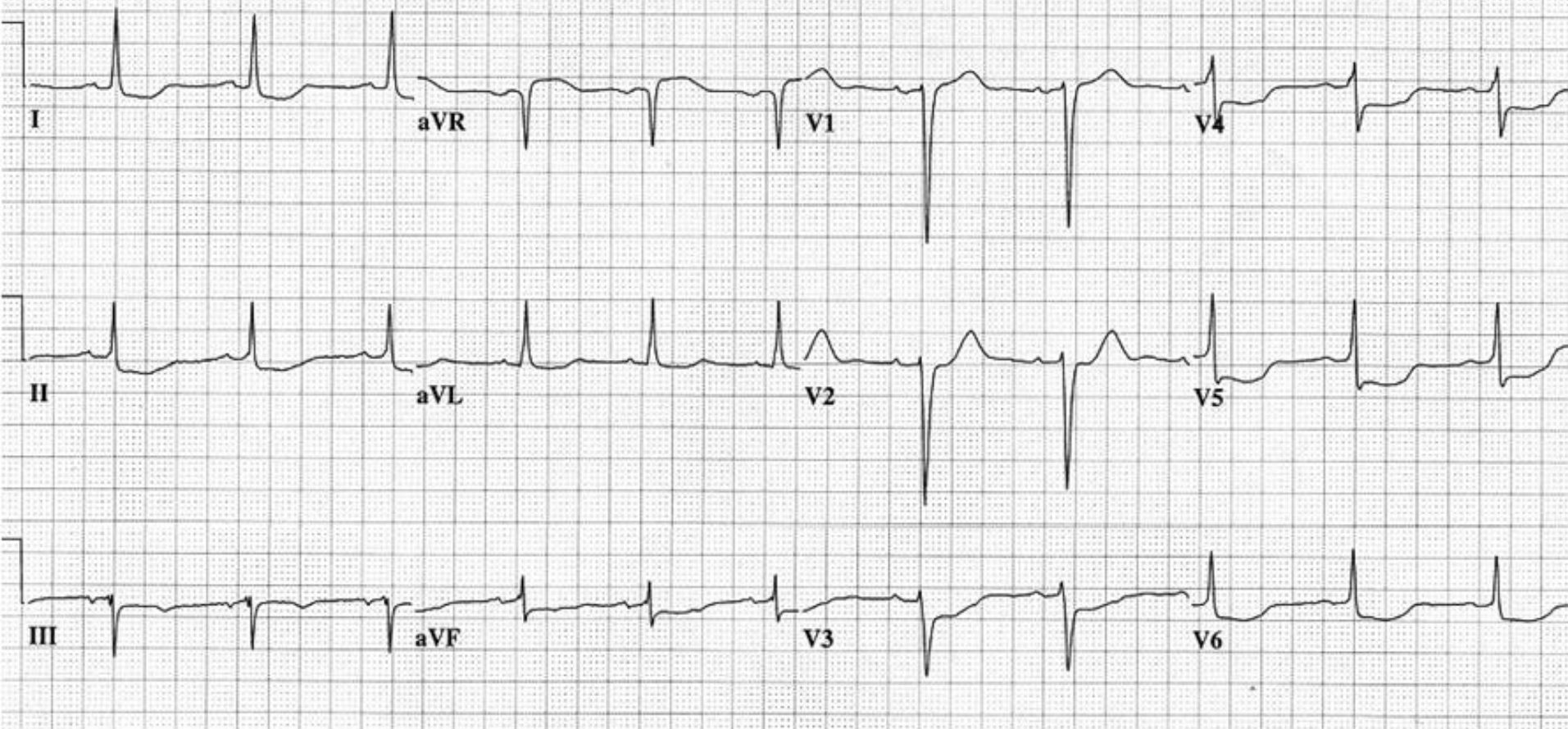
- Angina at rest**
- ST Elevation in AVR and ST Depression in 8 or more ECG leads (global ischemia), it is reported with a *75% predictive accuracy* of 3-vessel or left main coronary artery stenosis” . . .**

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

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

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

OS:



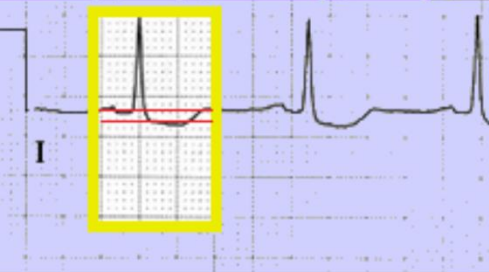
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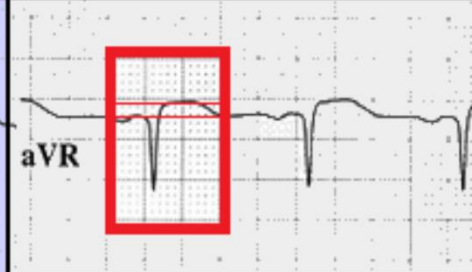
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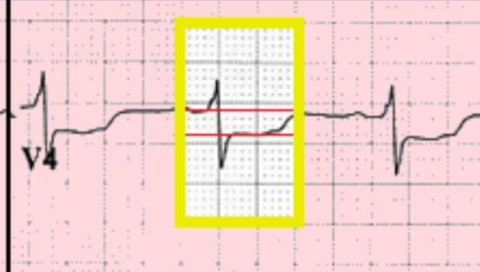
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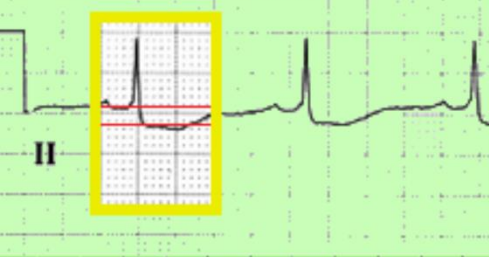
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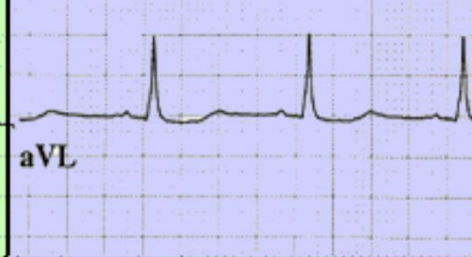
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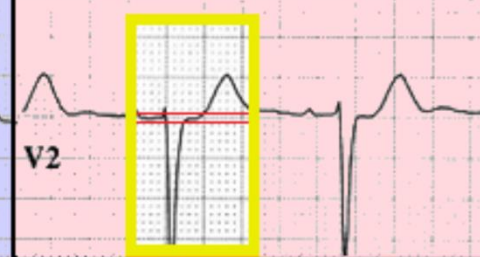
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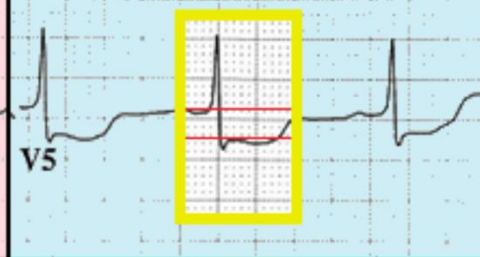
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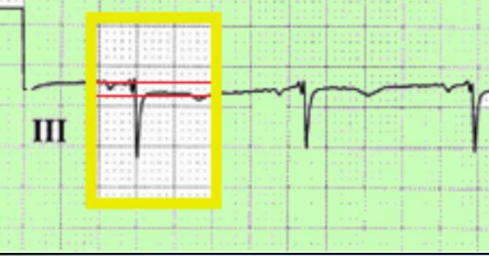
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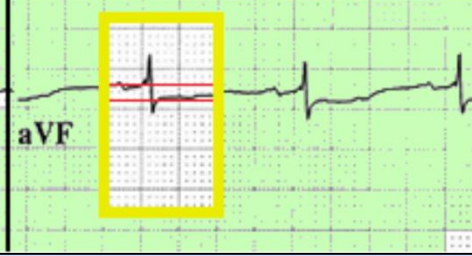
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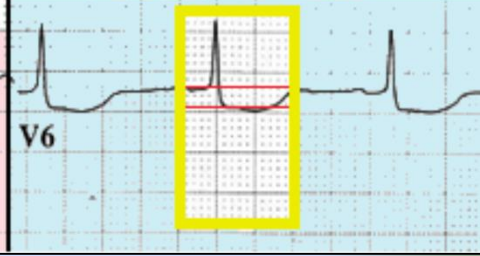
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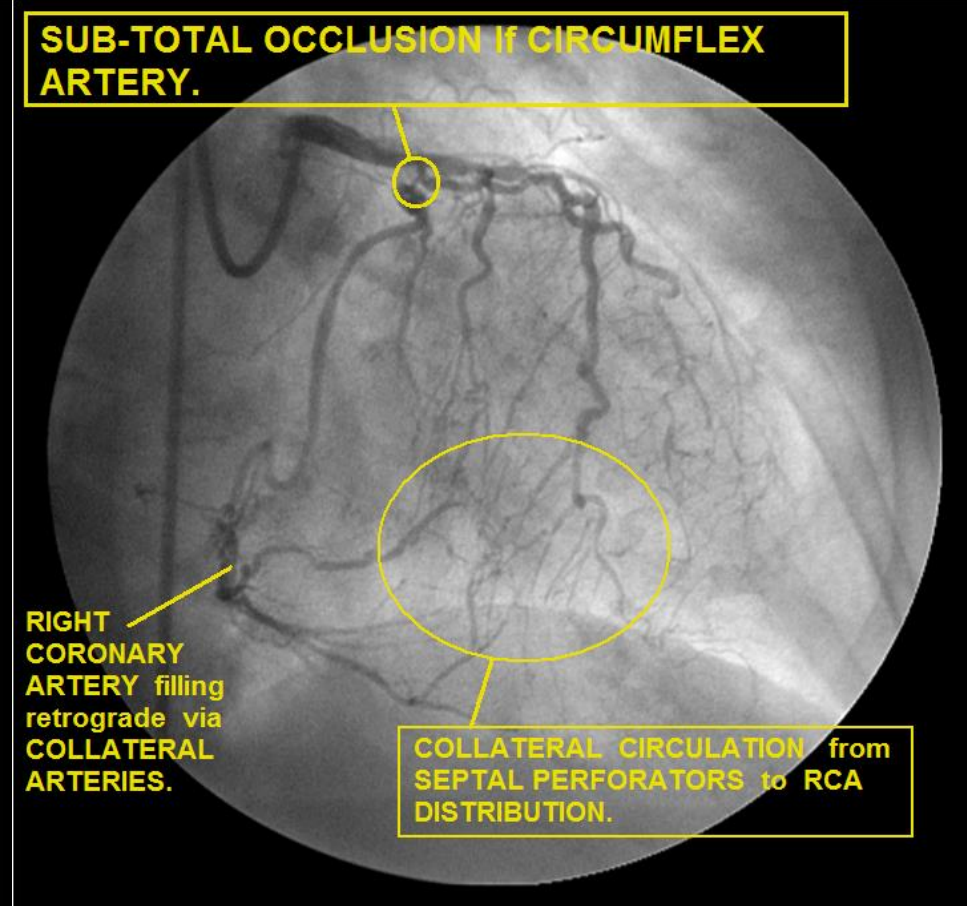
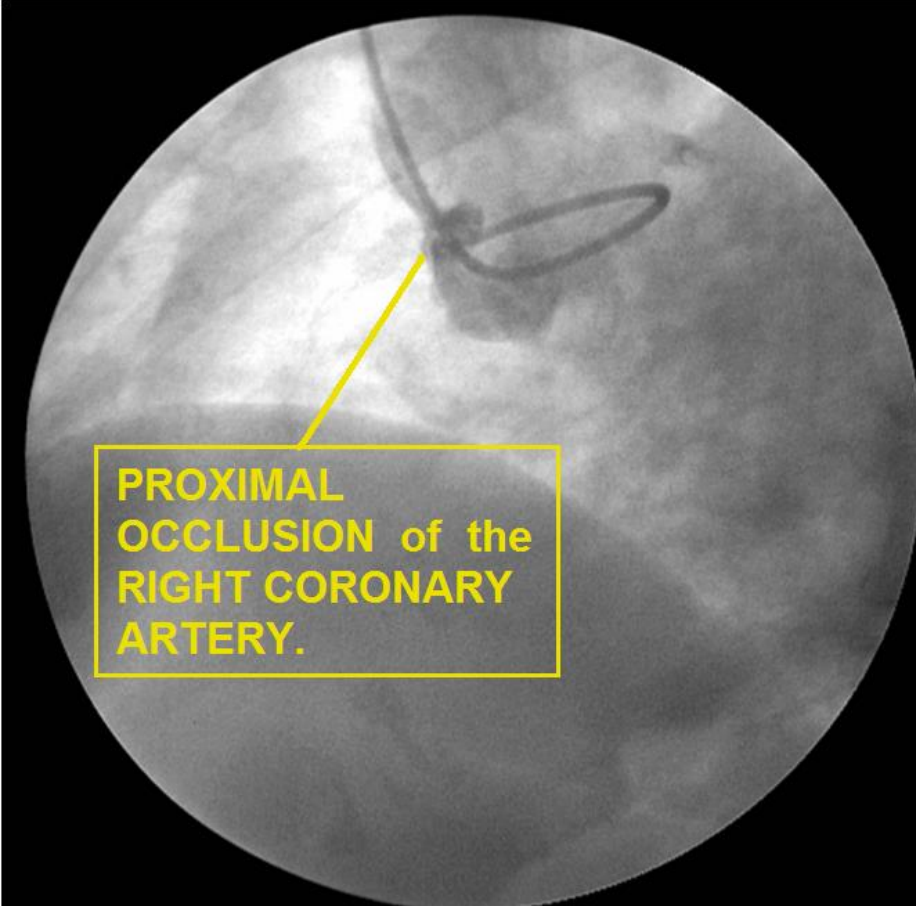
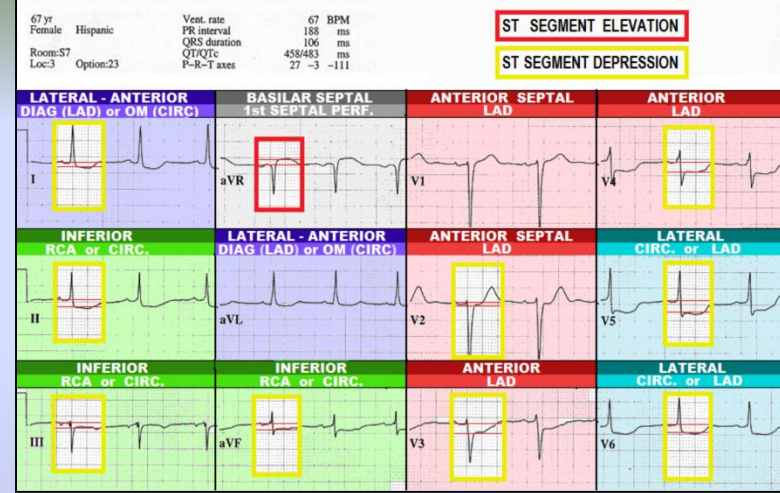
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Critical Triple Vessel Disease = *STAT Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery*



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

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

STEMI Assistant

CHIEF COMPLAINT and SIGNIFICANT HISTORY:

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

RISK FACTOR PROFILE:

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

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


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

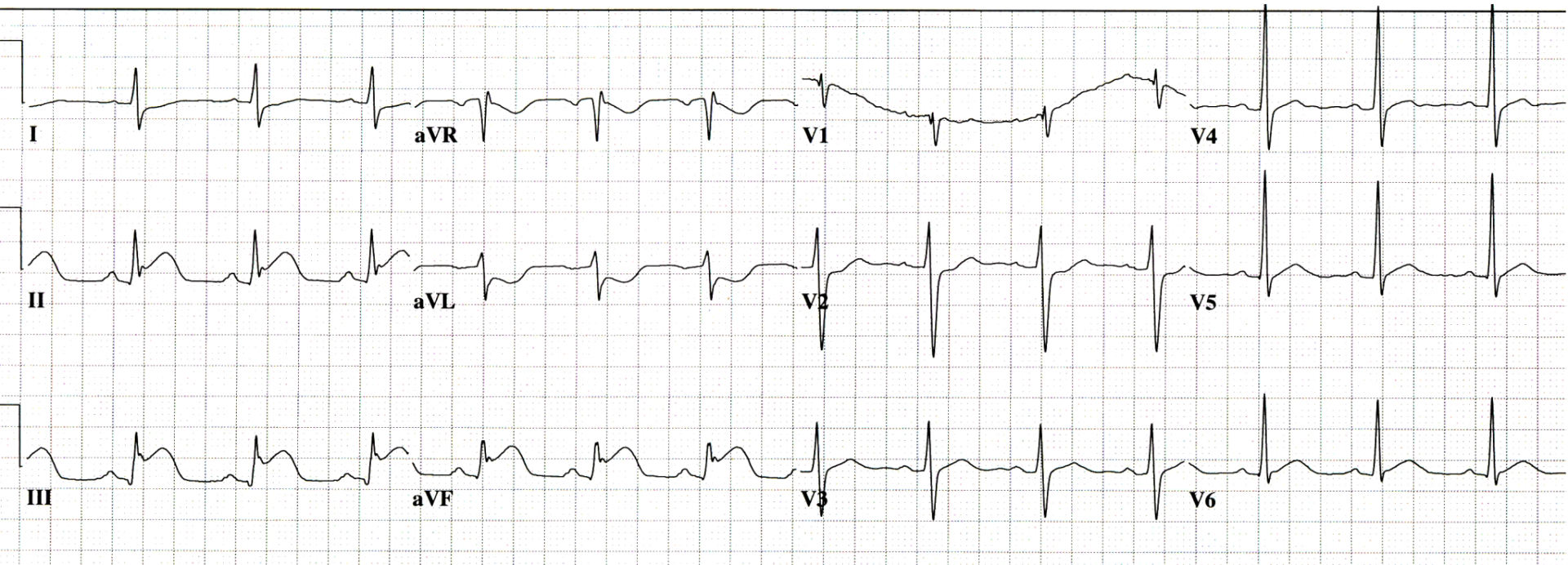
LABS: TROPONIN: < .04

46 yr
Male Caucasian

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

Loc:3 Option:23

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



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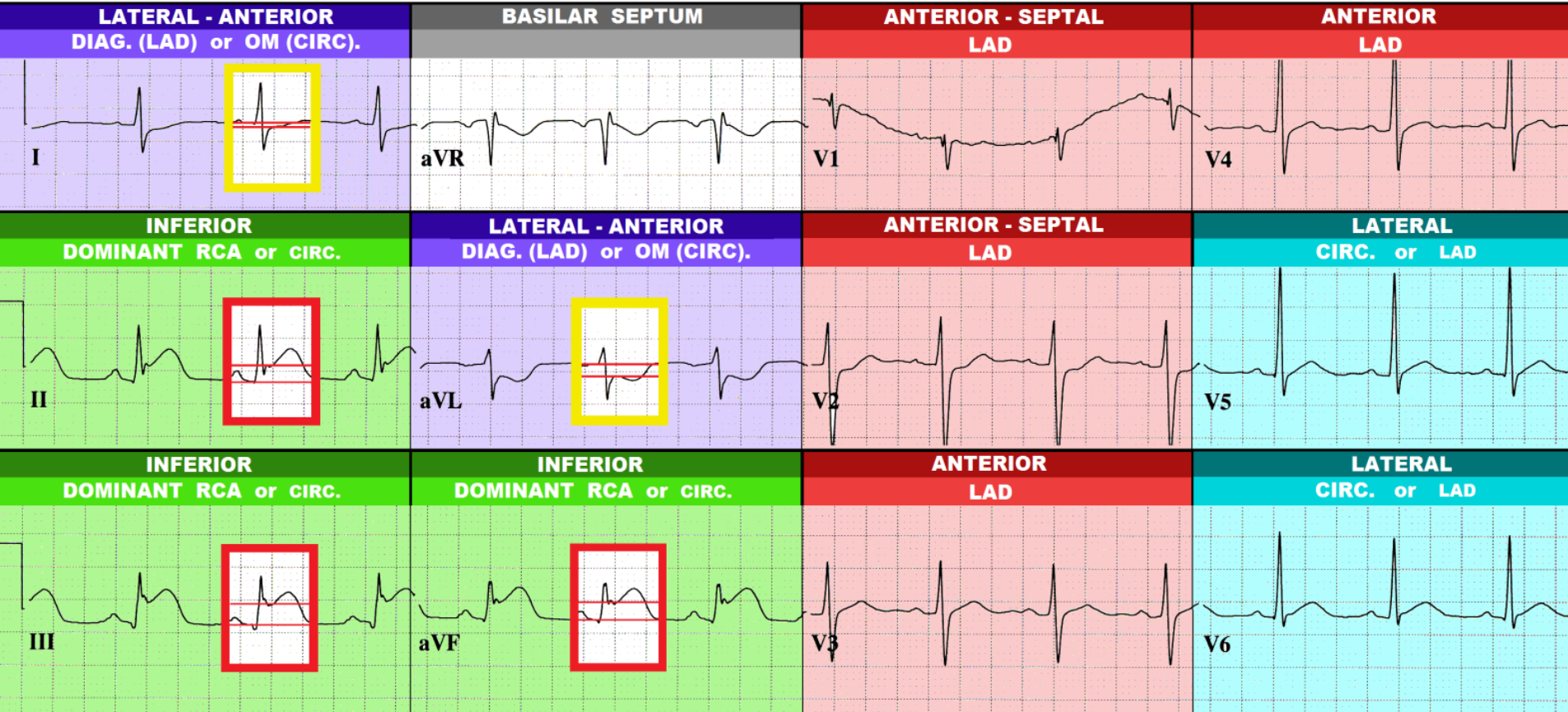
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Normal sinus rhythm
ST elevation consider inferior injury or acute infarct
***** ACUTE MI *****
Abnormal ECG

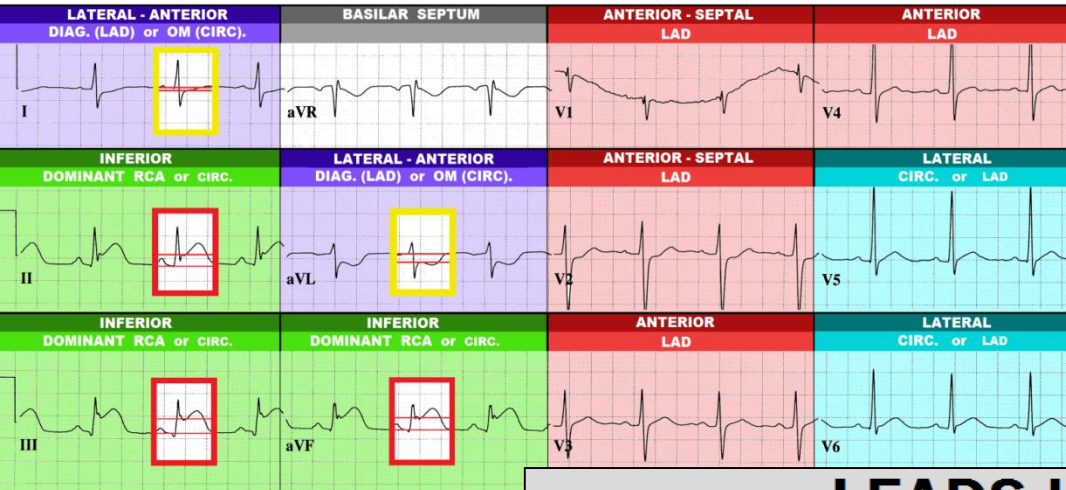
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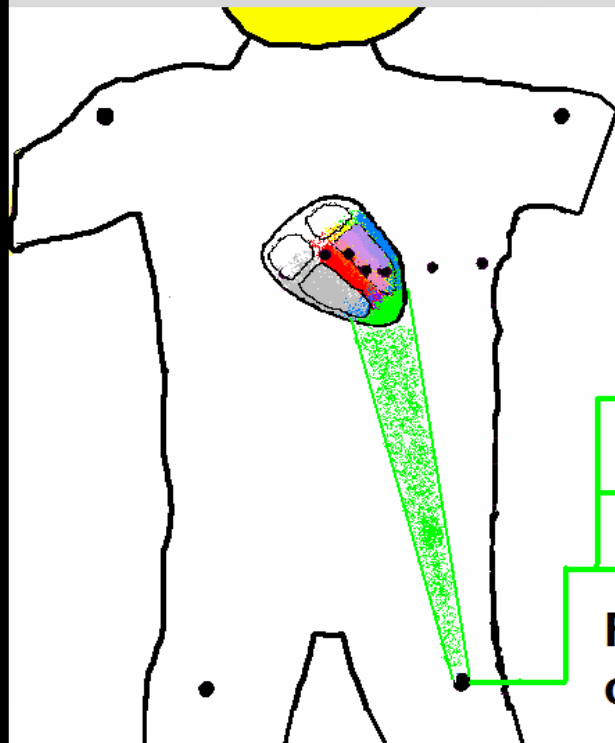


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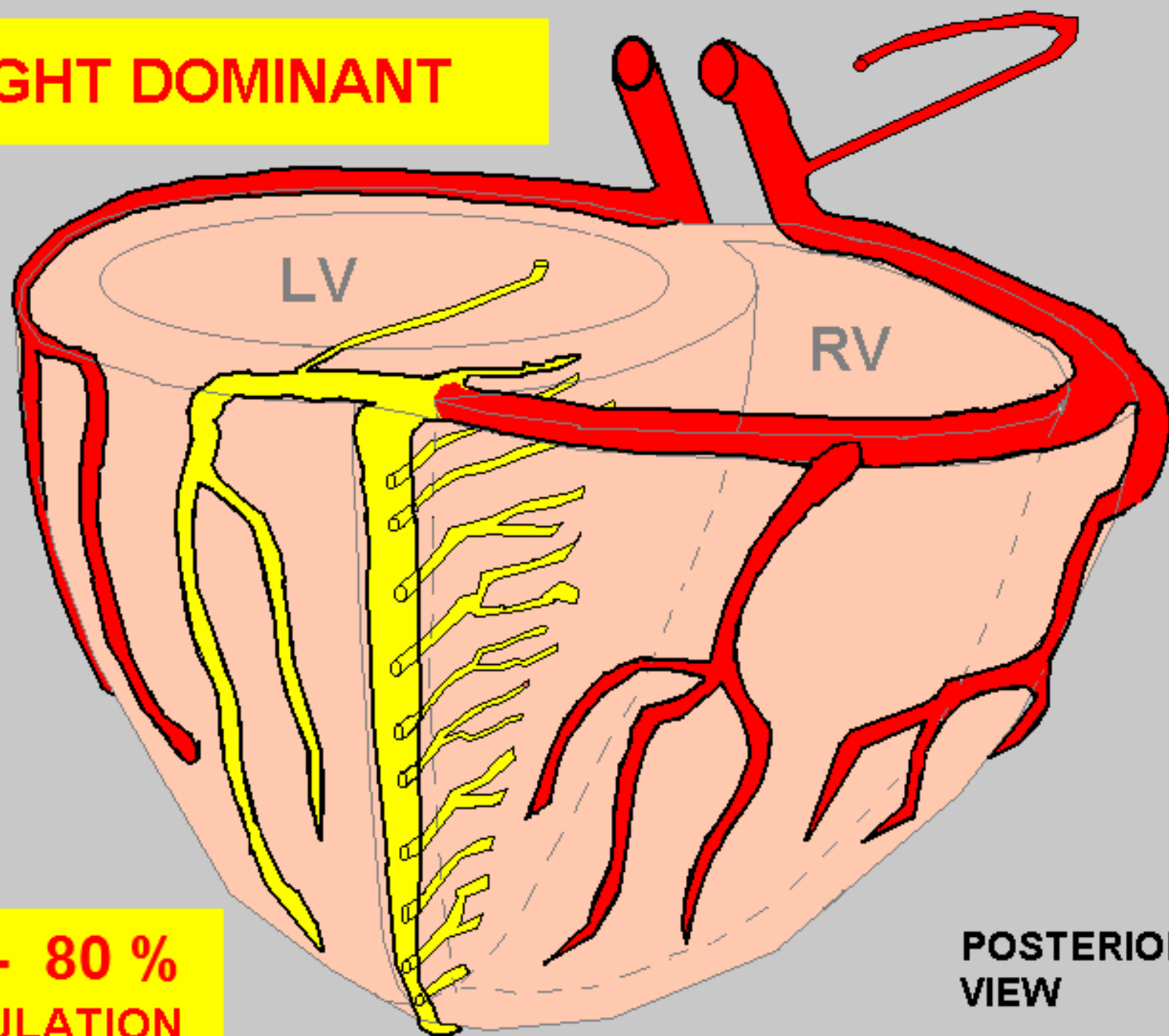
LEADS II, III, and aVF VIEW INFERIOR WALL of the LEFT VENTRICLE



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

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

RIGHT DOMINANT



**75 - 80 %
POPULATION**

**POSTERIOR
VIEW**



HELPFUL HINT... *MEMORIZE THIS !*

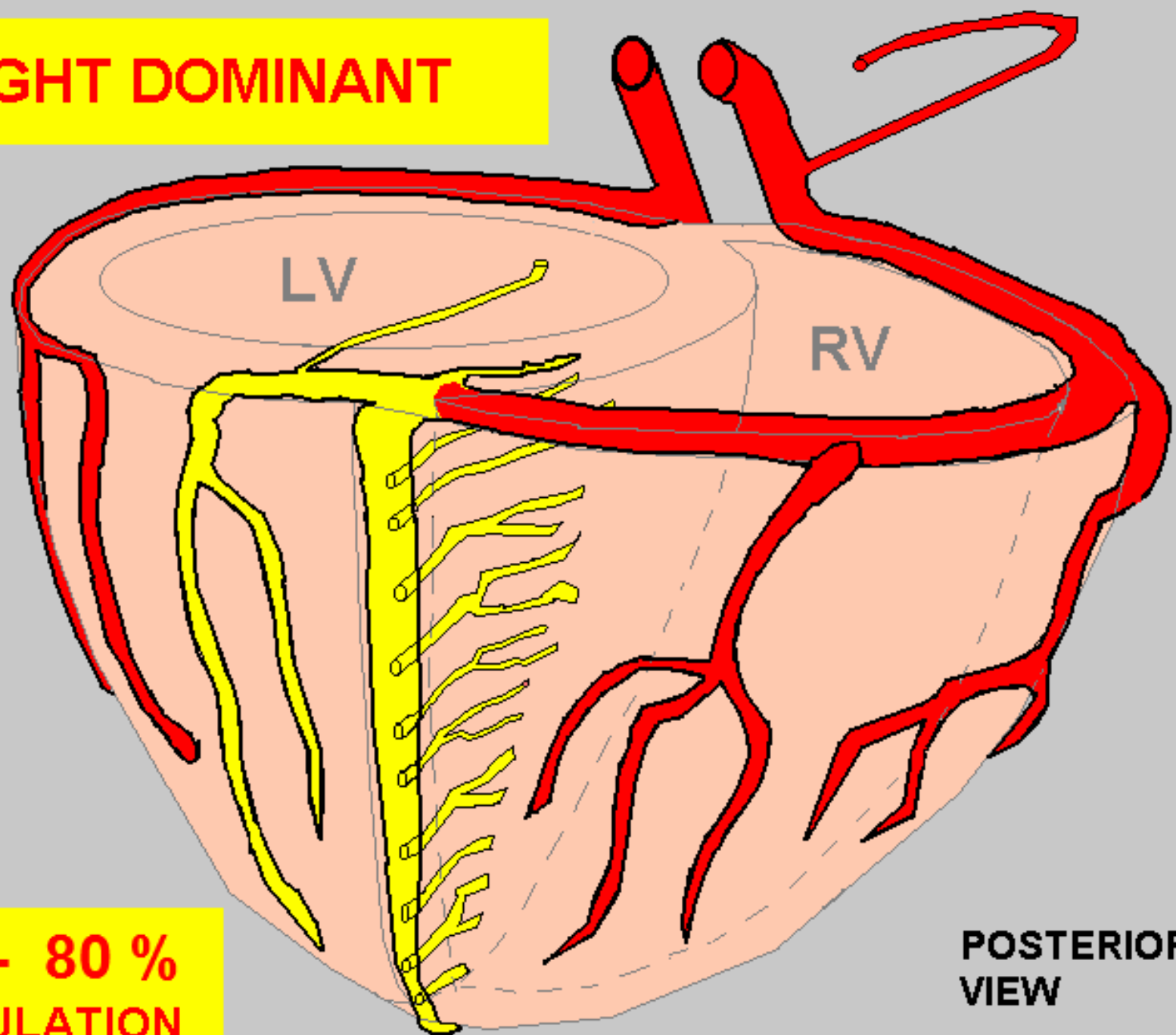


RIGHT CORONARY ARTERY (RCA)

RIGHT DOMINANT
SYSTEMS

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

RIGHT DOMINANT



**75 - 80 %
POPULATION**

**POSTERIOR
VIEW**

A standard

12 LEAD EKG

Does NOT show the

RIGHT VENTRICLE

To see the
RIGHT VENTRICLE . . .

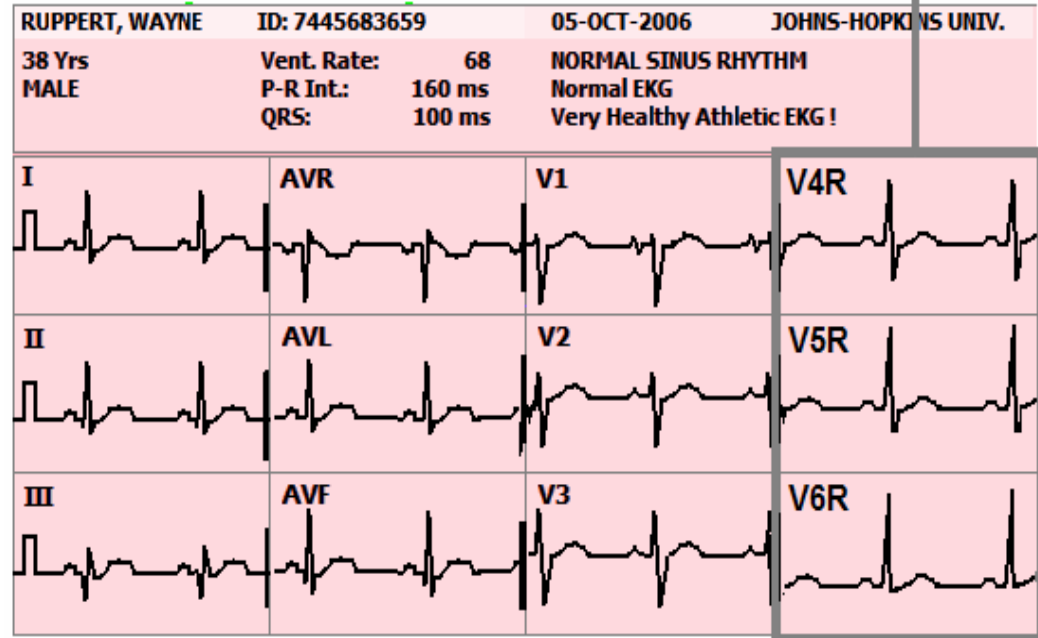
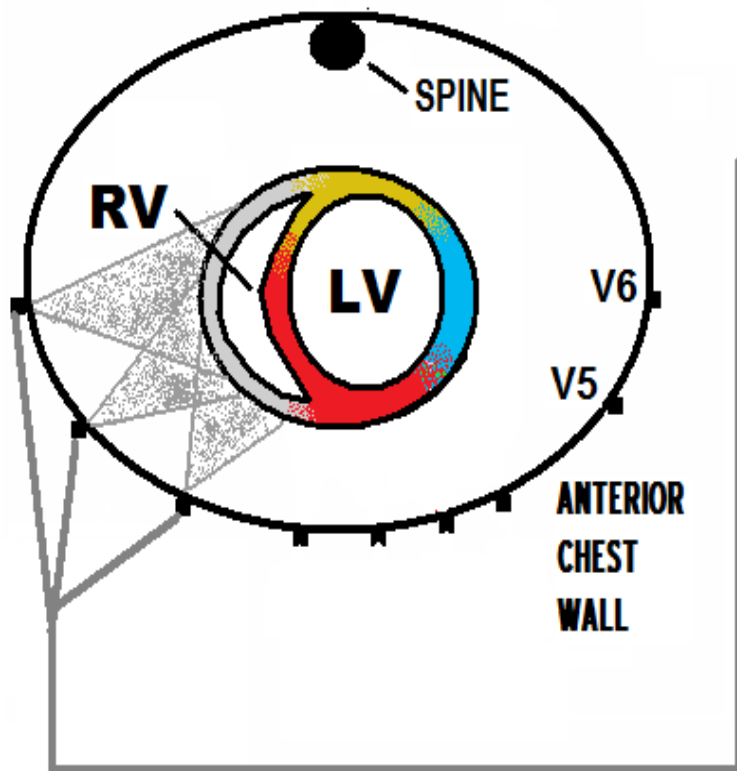
. . . such as in cases of
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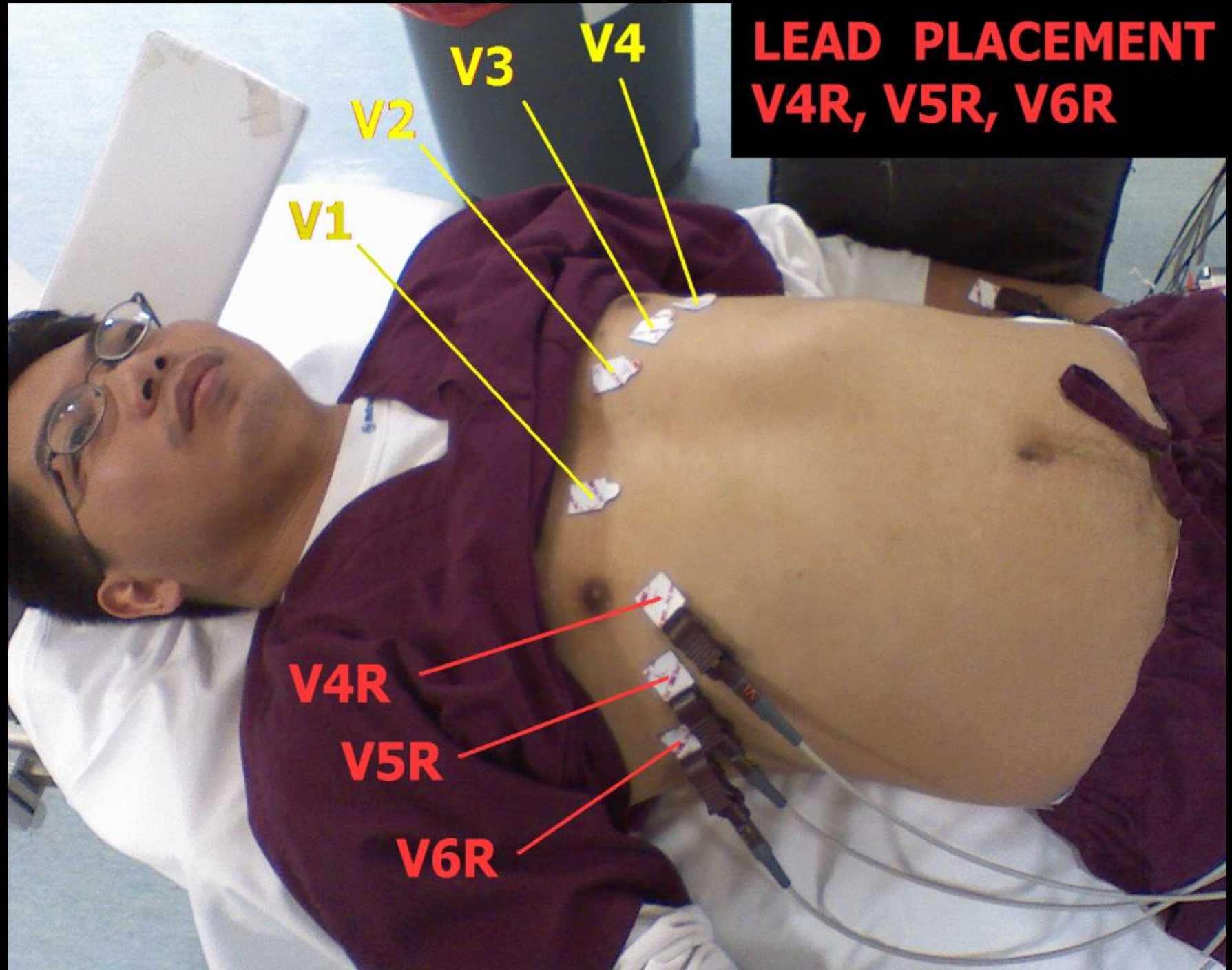
You must do a

RIGHT - SIDED EKG !!

V4R - V6R VIEW THE RIGHT VENTRICLE



LEAD PLACEMENT V4R, V5R, V6R



ID:

46 yo

Male Caucasian

Room:

Opt:

Technician:

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

Normal sinus rhythm

~~Anterolateral infarct, possibly acute~~

Inferior injury pattern

***** Acute MI *****

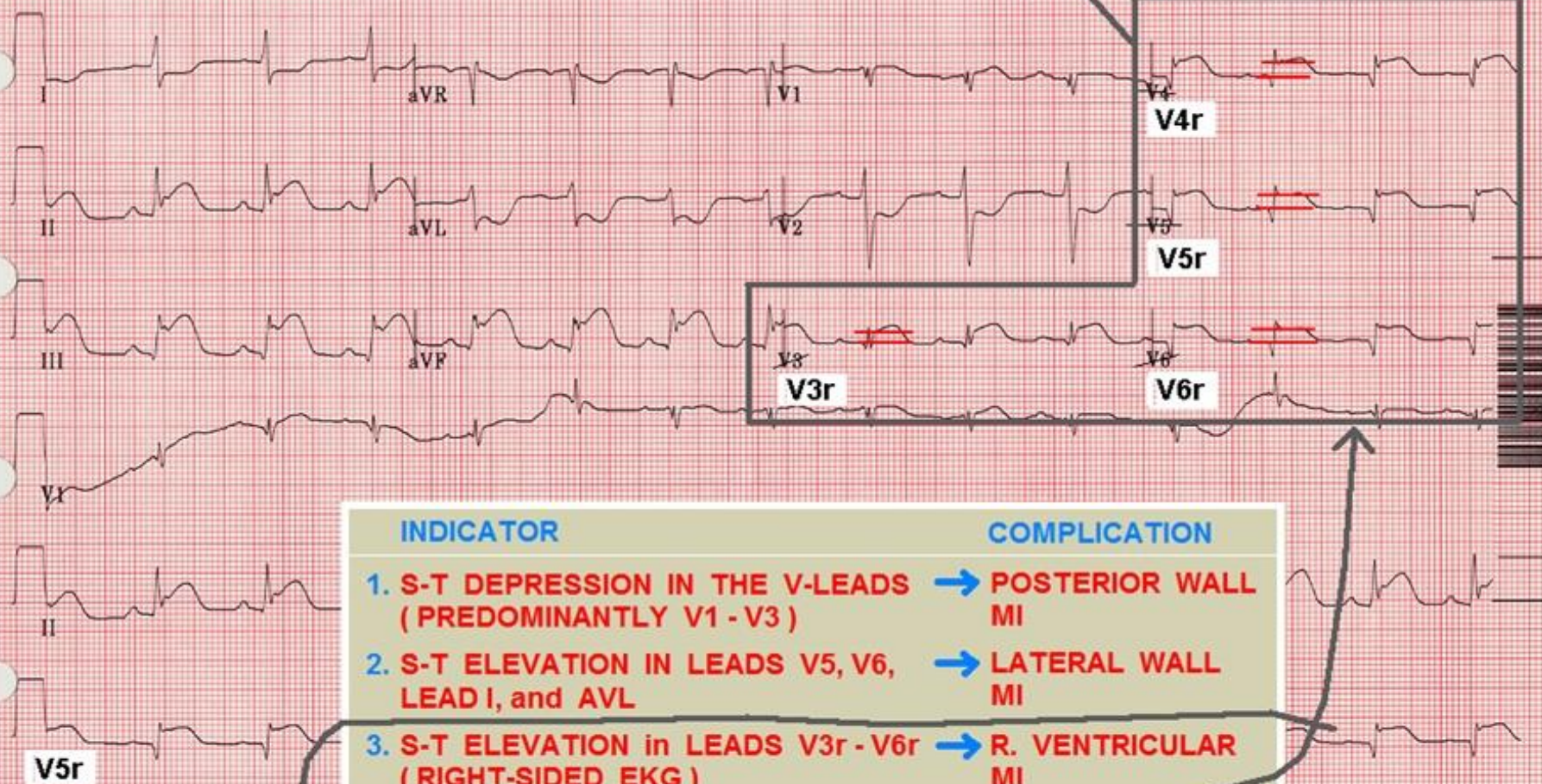
Abnormal ECG

Right Ventricular Infarct

V LEADS
 R SIDE

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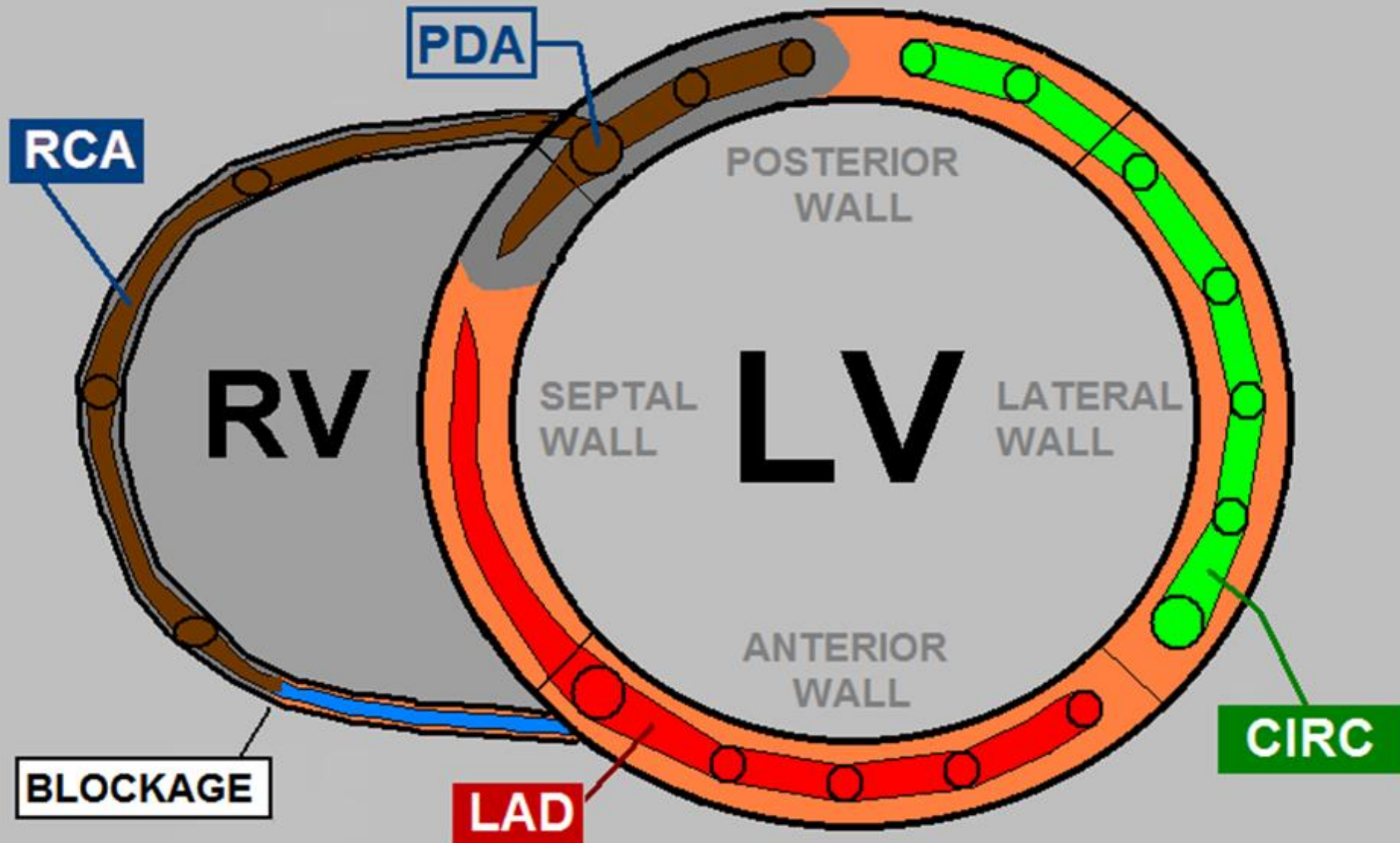
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INFERIOR - RIGHT VENTRICULAR MI

DOMINANT RCA

75-80 % of POPULATION



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

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

If this patient becomes
HYPOTENSIVE

MI with HYPOTENSION ??

WET LUNG
SOUNDS ??

NO

YES

RIGHT VENTRICULAR MI ?

YES

NO

POSTERIOR / LATERAL
INVOLVEMENT ?

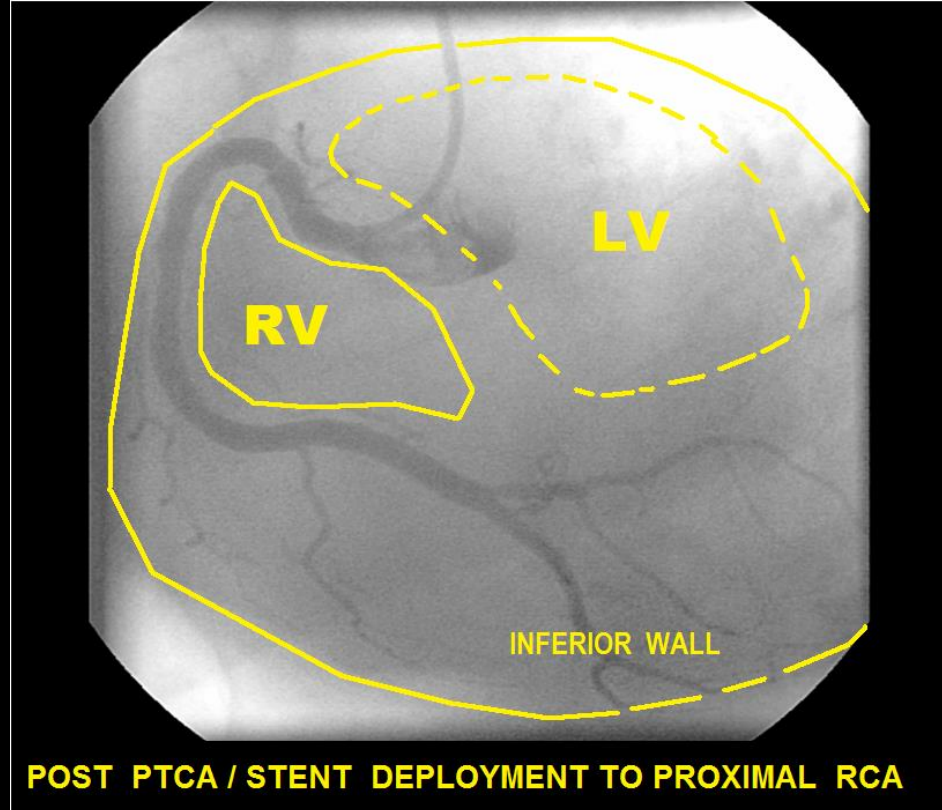
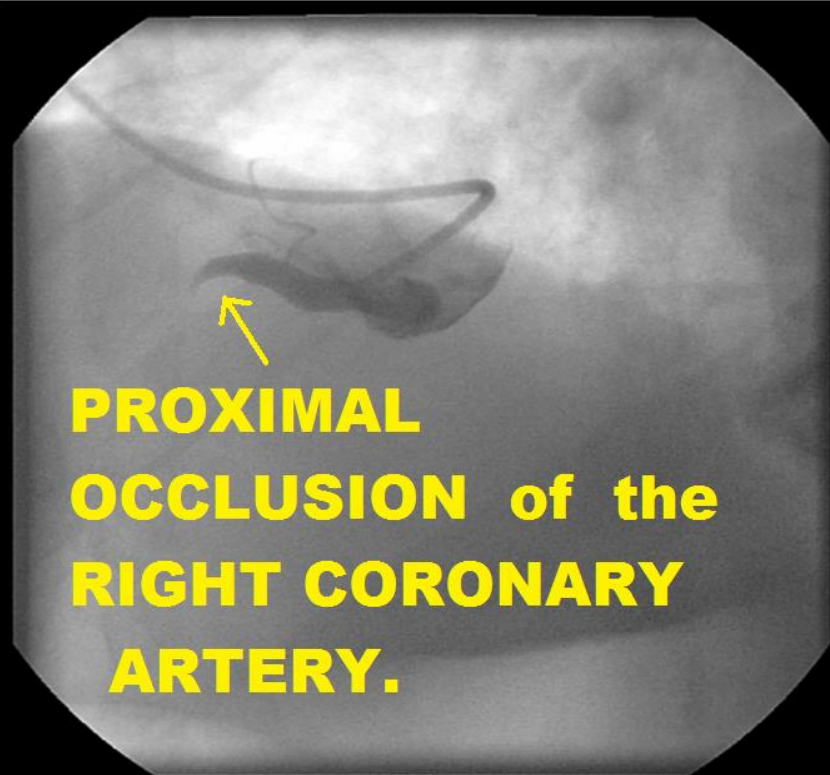
NO

YES

IV
FLUIDS !

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

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



IN *EVERY* CASE of

INFERIOR WALL STEMI

You must first *RULE OUT*

RIGHT VENTRICULAR MI

BEFORE giving any:

- NITROGLYCERIN
- Diuretics

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

**They precipitate SEVERE
HYPOTENSION**

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

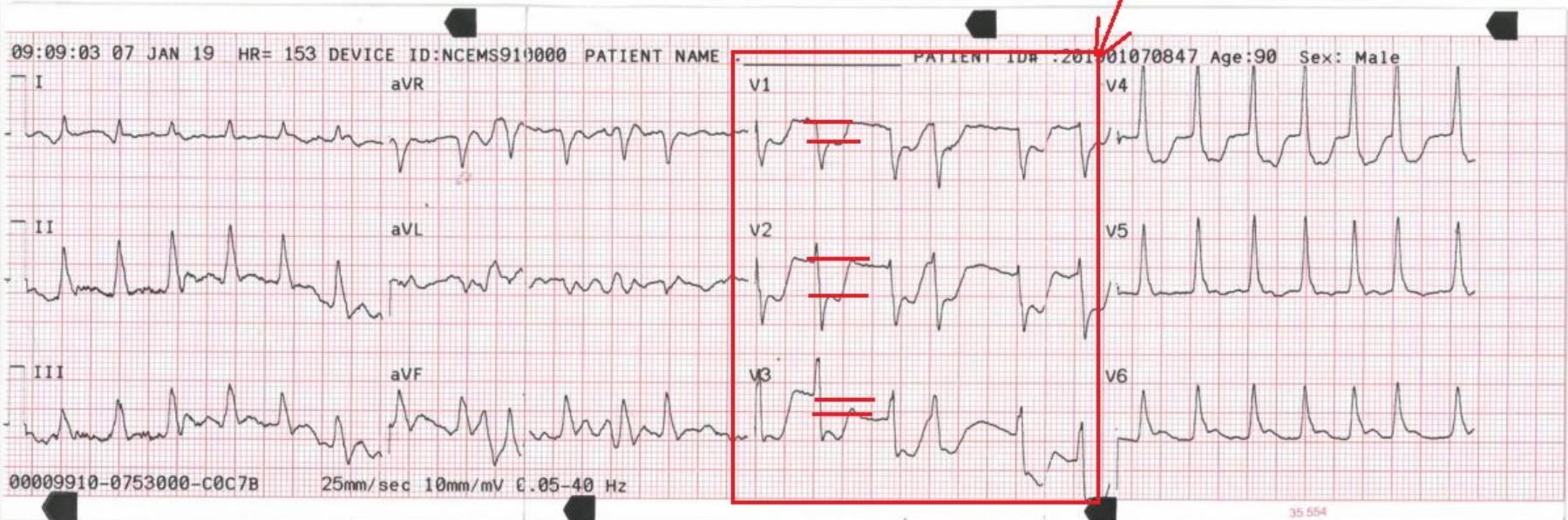
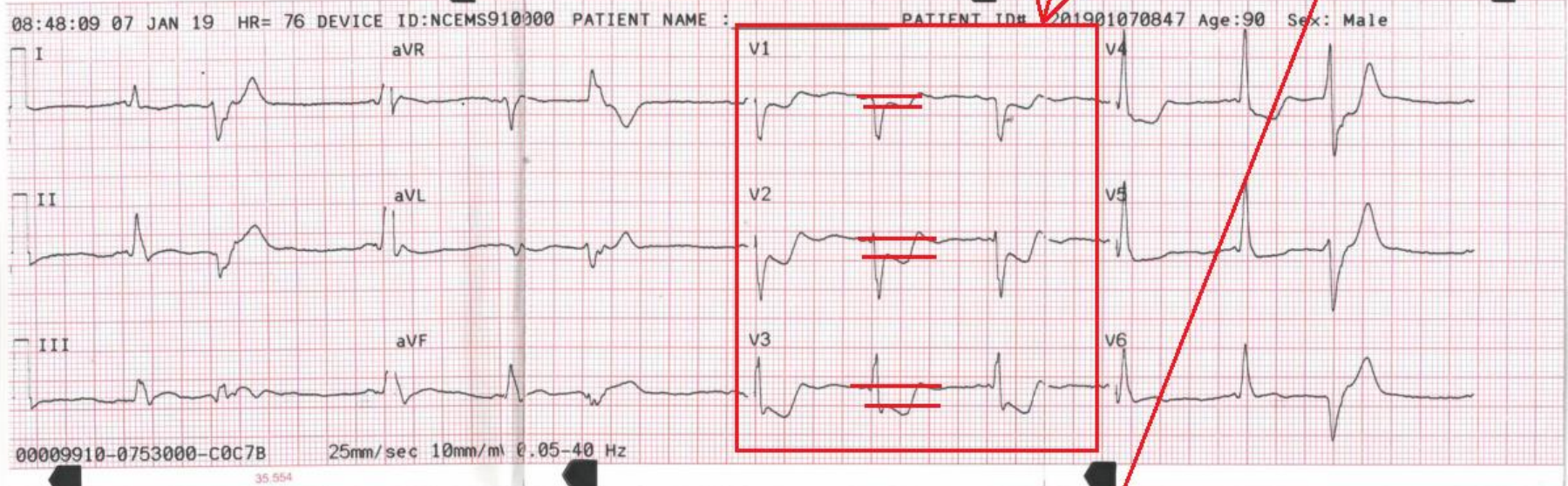
Correlation of Leads with ST Elevation and Cardiac Structures at Risk, based on STEMI in patients with Common Coronary Arterial Anatomy

	ECG Leads:	Associated Region:	Coronary Artery:	Structures at Risk:
All Patients	V1 - V4	Anterior and Septal walls of LV	Left Anterior Descending (LAD) Atery	- 35 - 45% of LV muscle mass - Bundle of HIS - Bundle Branches
RCA Dominant	V5 - V6	Lateral wall LV, approx. 50% Posterior wall	Circumflex (Cx) (non - dominant)	- 20 - 30% LV muscle mass - Sinus Node (rare)
	II, III, AVF	Inferior Wall, approx. 50% Posterior wall	Right Coronary Artery (RCA)	- SA Node - Right Ventricle - AV Node
Cx Dominant	V5 - V6 + II, III, AVF	Lateral wall of LV Posterior Wall (all) Inferior Wall	Circumflex (Dominant)	- 45-55% LV muscle mass - SA Node (rare) - AV Node

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

79 yrs

Caucasian Female

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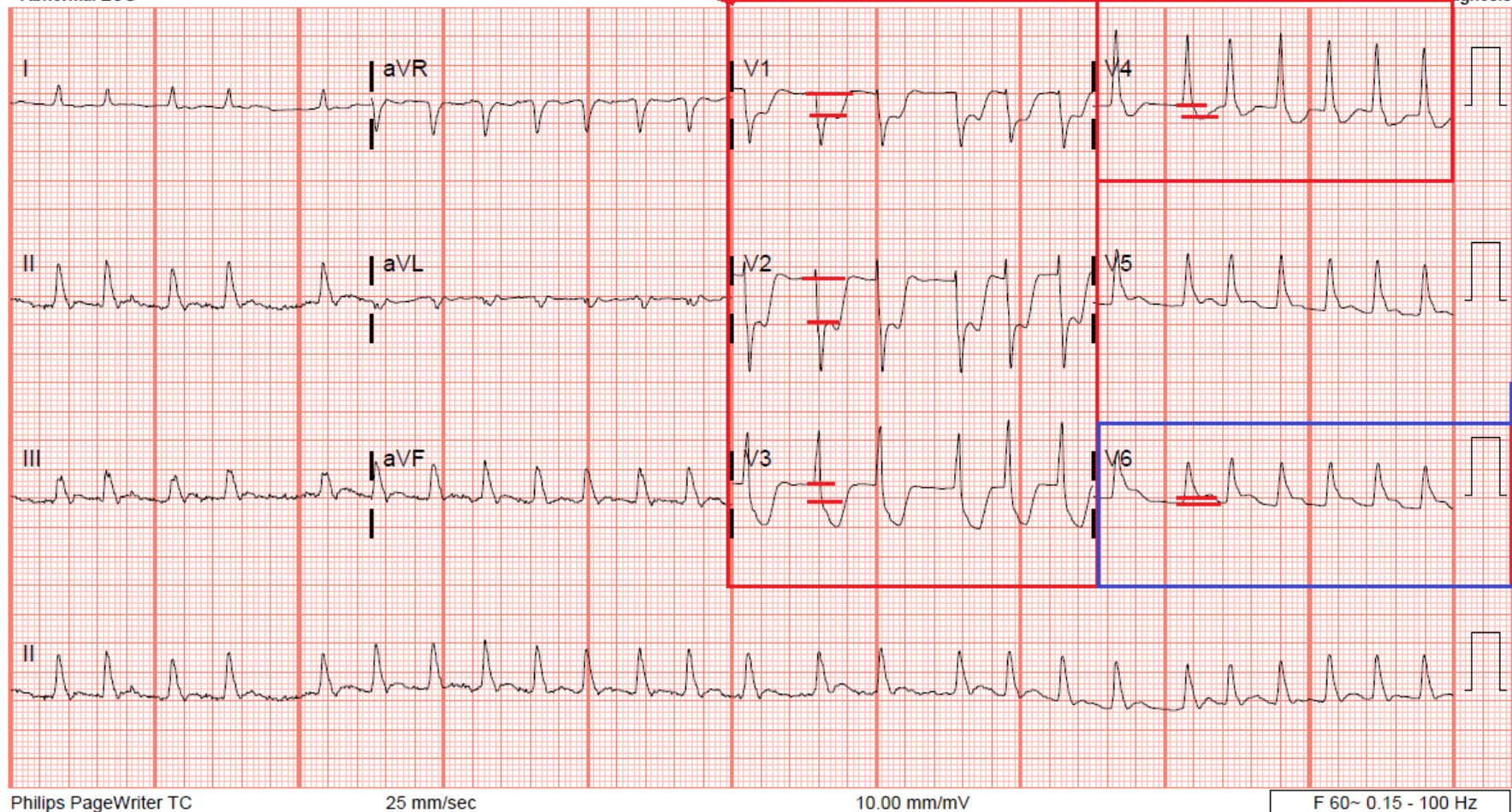
Rate 153 Atrial fibrillation with rapid V-rate
PR Nonspecific intraventricular conduction delay
QRSd 117
QT 260
QTc 415 NO PREVIOUS ECG AVAILABLE FOR COMPARISON

Req Provider:

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QRS 73
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ST Depression Leads V1 - V4**Minimal ST Elevation in Lead V6.
(Does not meet STEMI Criteria)**

- Abnormal ECG -

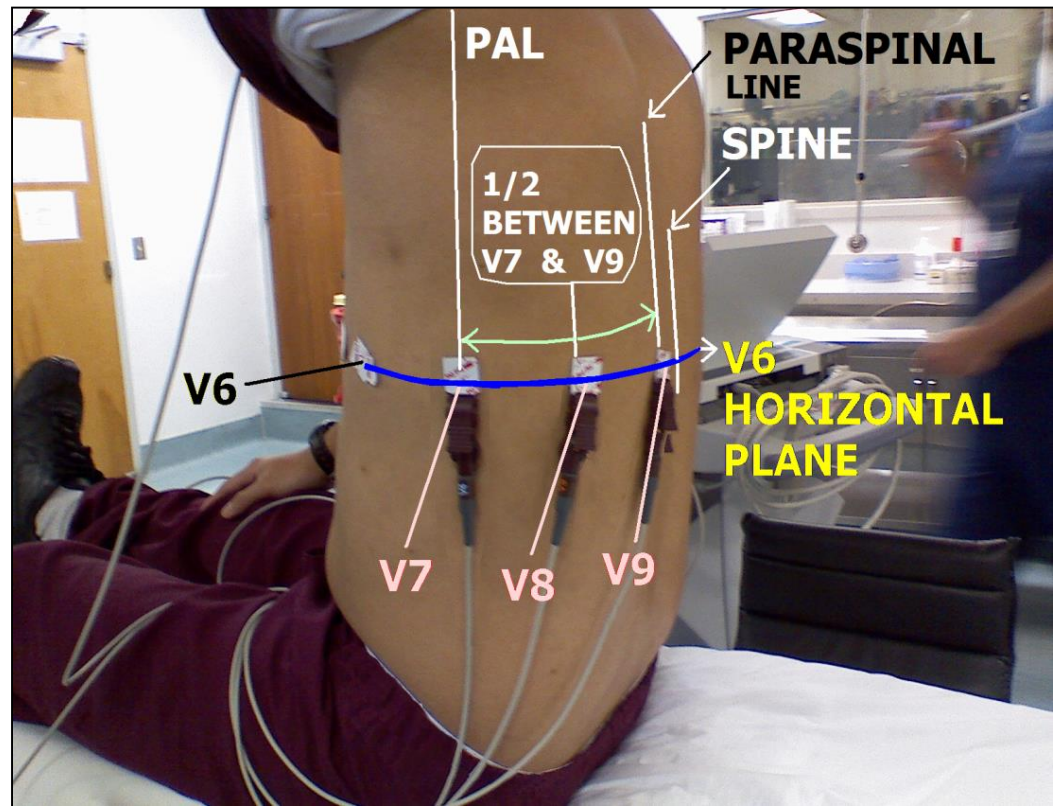


Causes of ST Depression V1-V4

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

Continued Exam in the ED....

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



Pat ID [REDACTED]

01/07/2019 09:23:29

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79 yrs

Caucasian Female

Account [REDACTED]

Bayfront Health Seven Rivers ED

Dept EDHD

Room EDH

Tech gp

Req Provider: ONIER VILLARREAL

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

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

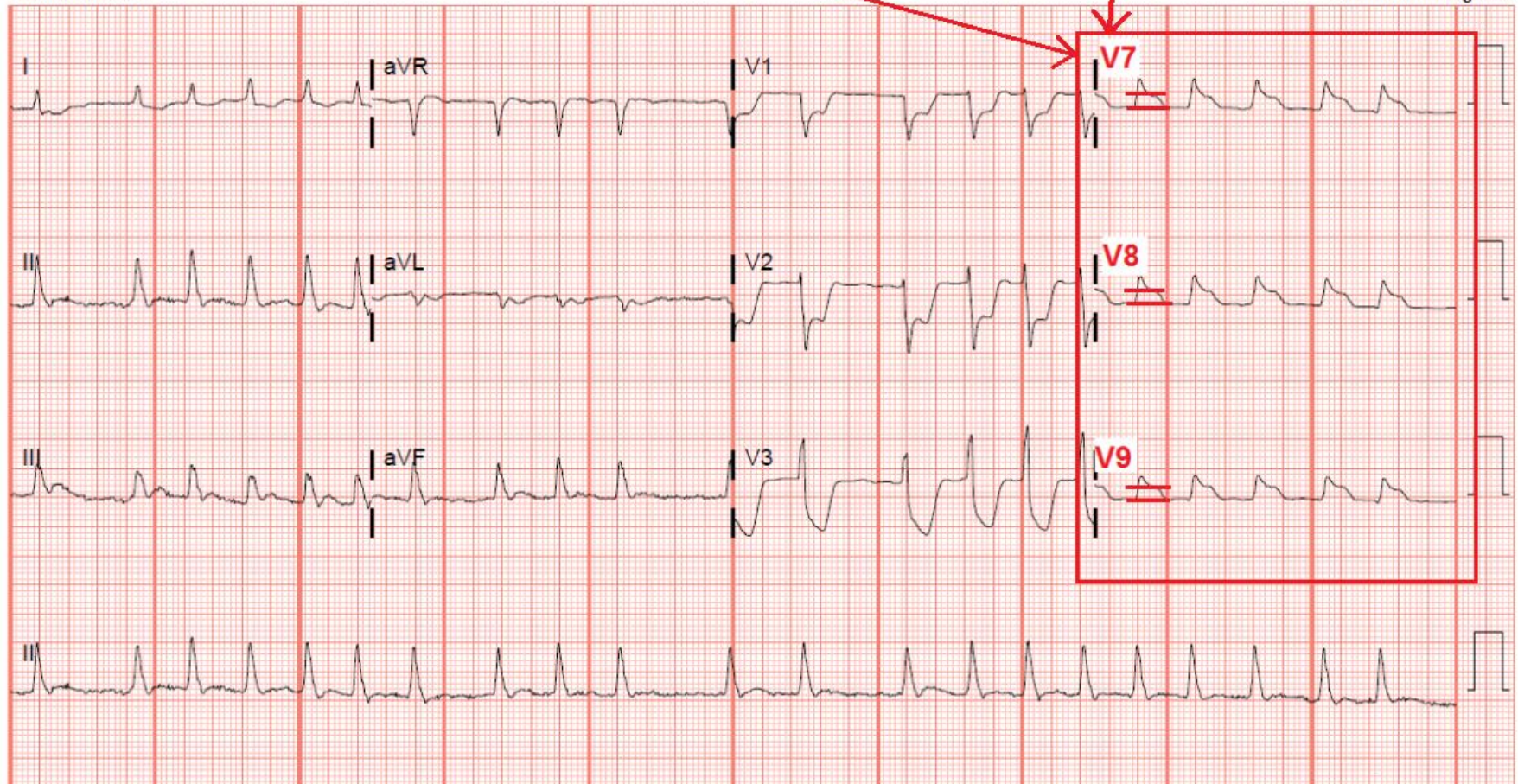
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ACUTE POSTERIOR WALL STEMI

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

- Abnormal ECG -

Unconfirmed Diagnosis



STEMI Alert !

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



Sub-totally
occluded
Circumflex
Artery

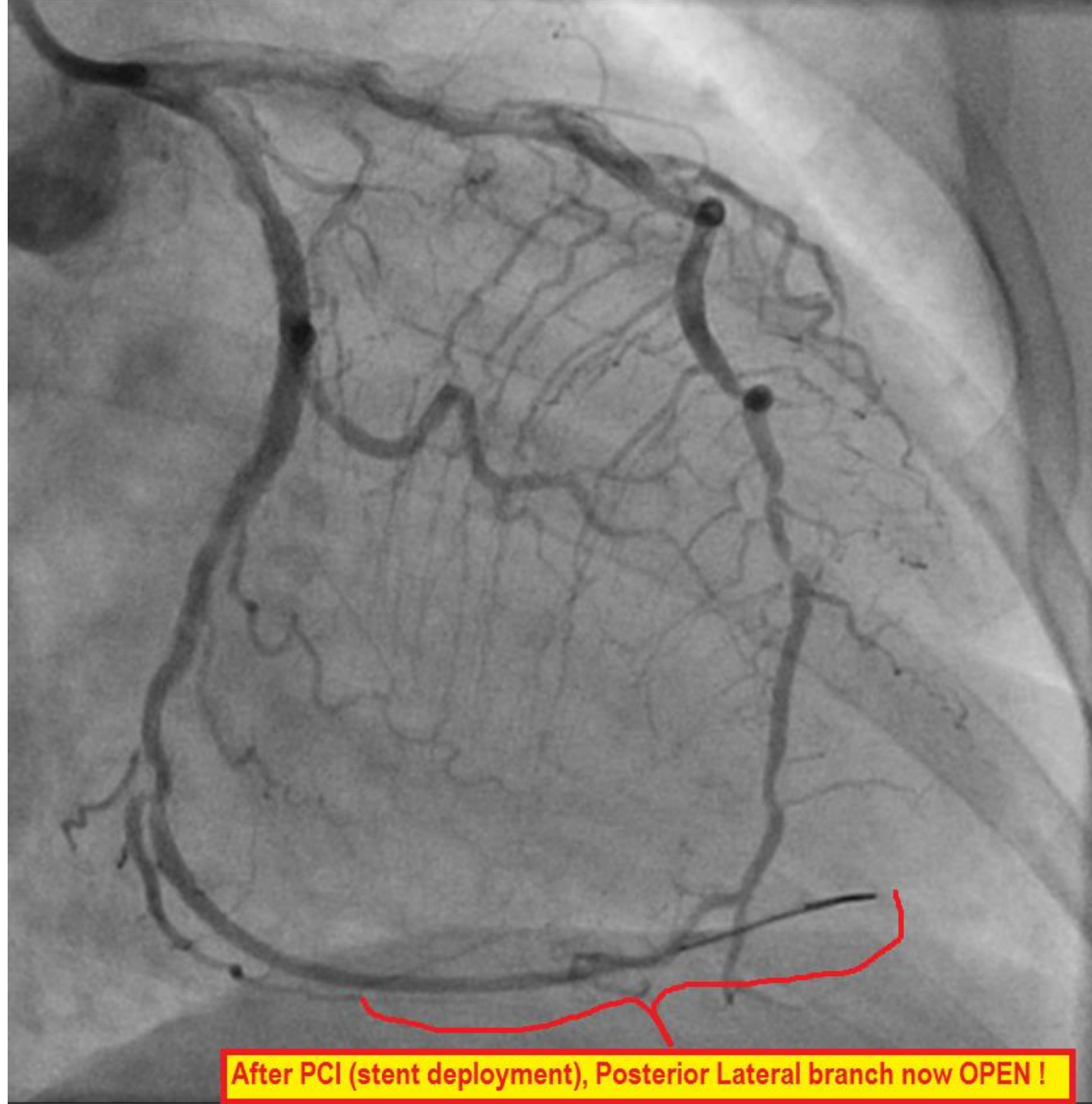
This is a grayscale coronary angiogram showing the left coronary artery system. A red circle highlights a stenotic area in the circumflex artery. A yellow arrow points to a branch at the bottom of the image. The background shows the complex branching of the coronary arteries against the cardiac silhouette.

Blood flow stops here, in the Posterior Lateral branch

PCI balloon inflated
here.....



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

SUMMARY

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

YOU MADE IT !!!

Any

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