



EKG

1,2,3

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Disclosures



Objectives



- Review normal cardiac conduction
- Rhythm review
- How to assess heart rate
- 10 step program to assess an EKG
- Normal EKG review

What questions are we asking?

EKG:

Arteries blocked?

Conduction intact

How big are the walls?

Is there fluid surrounding the heart?

Is the heart lining inflammed?



The heart is like a house.



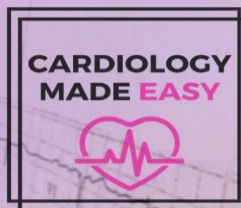
Plumbing: Vessels

Electricity: Conduction

Walls: Muscle

Doors: Valves

LEARNING EKG'S



- 1 What is an **EKG**?
- 2 What can it tell you?
- 3 What are the waves - normals?
- 4 Heart anatomy and how it corresponds to EKG
- 5 Four parts of ❤️ (we look at electricity)
- 6 Learn Rhythms
- 7 What is 12 Lead?
 - What are we looking at
 - Corresponding to ❤️
 - Terminology we use
 - Leads
 - Reciprocal / contiguous
- 8 What normal is
- 9 10 Step Approach
- 10 Carve It UP
- 11 Patterns
- 12 STEMI
- 13 STEMI MIMICS
- 14 Go deep on axis
- 15 Then **PRACTICE!**

CARDIOLOGY
MADE EASY

It is as easy as this...

- P** – P wave? PR interval?
- Q** – QRS – wide? QT interval? Q Wave?
- R** – Rate? Rhythm? RR interval?
- S** – ST elevation?
- T** – T waves (shape, size, position)

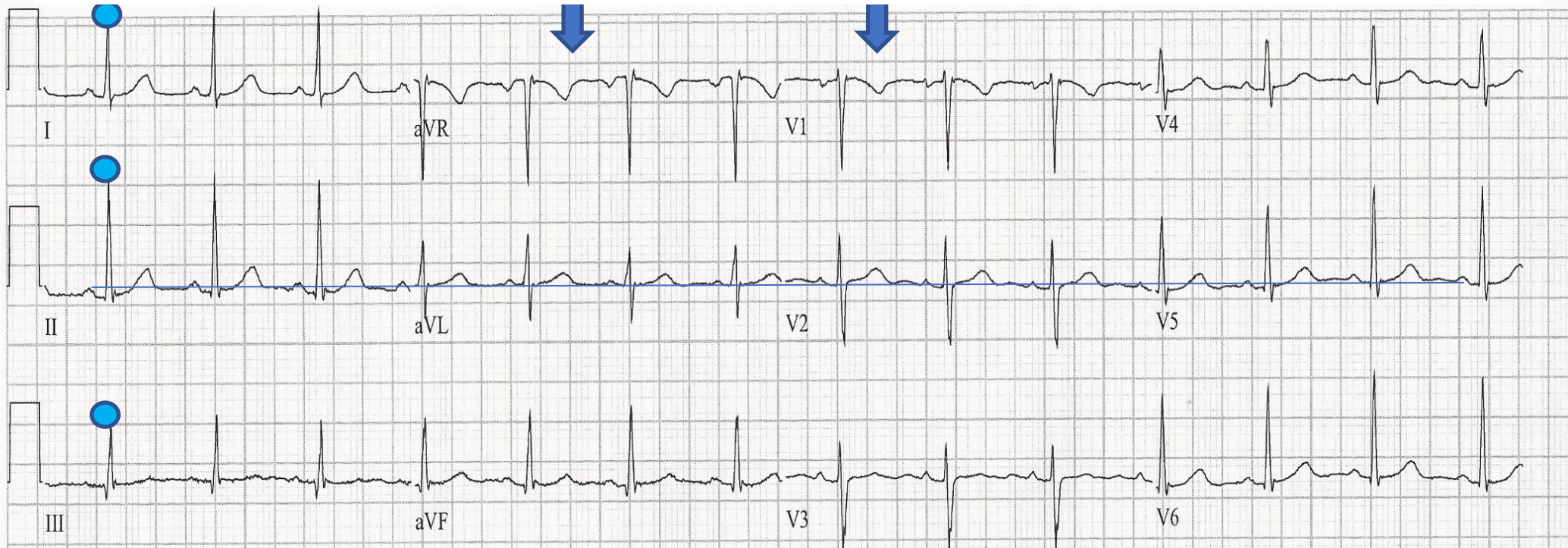
10 Step Approach to Reading EKG

1. Big Sick vs. Little Sick
2. Rate
3. Rhythm
4. Intervals
5. Axis
6. ST Segments
7. Hypertrophy/Voltage
8. T wave analysis- (all waves)
9. Q Waves? Married? Wide?
10. CC based approach

What makes this a normal EKG?

Vent. rate	84	BPM
PR interval	150	ms
QRS duration	76	ms
QT/QTc	378/446	ms
P-R-T axes	38 51 31	

NORMAL SINUS RHYTHM
NORMAL ECG
NO PREVIOUS ECGS AVAILABLE

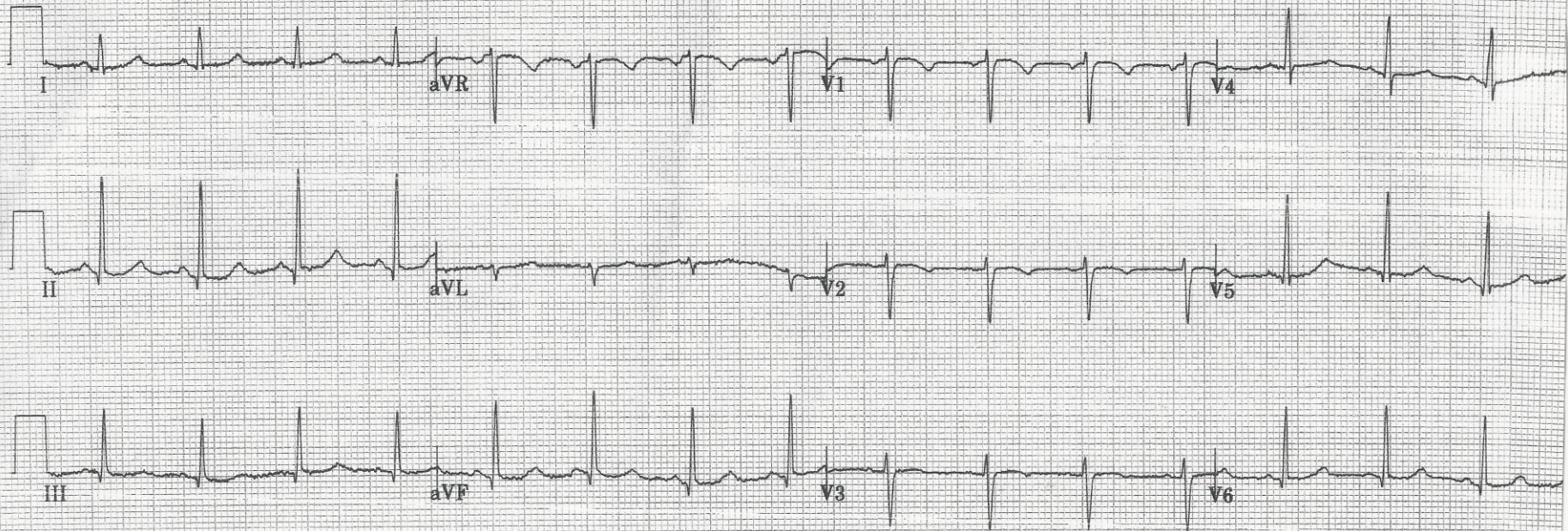


Is it though?

Vent. rate 94 bpm
PR interval 116 ms
QRS duration 78 ms
QT/QTc 366/457 ms
P-R-T axes 46 66 35

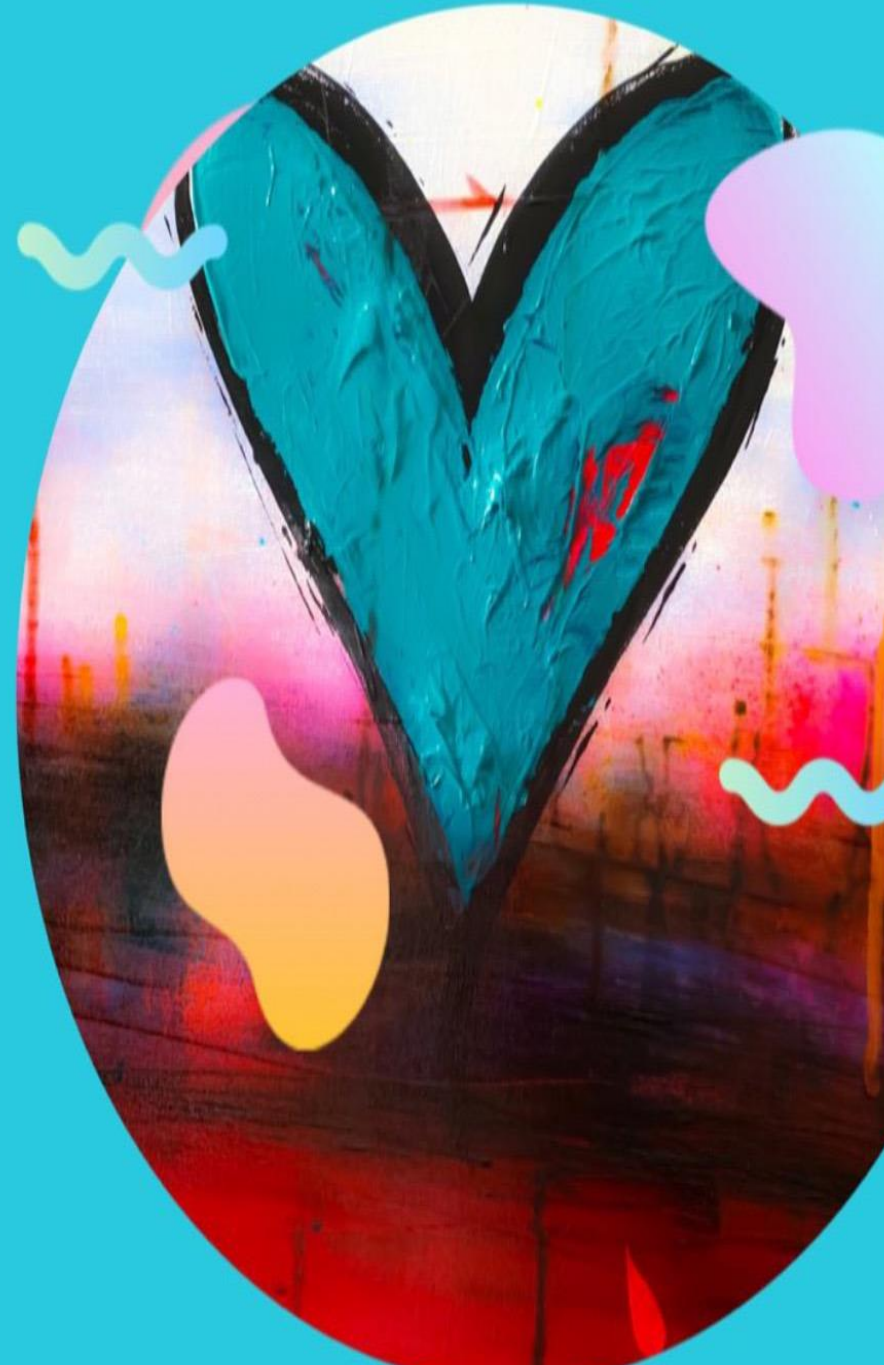
Normal sinus rhythm
Normal ECG

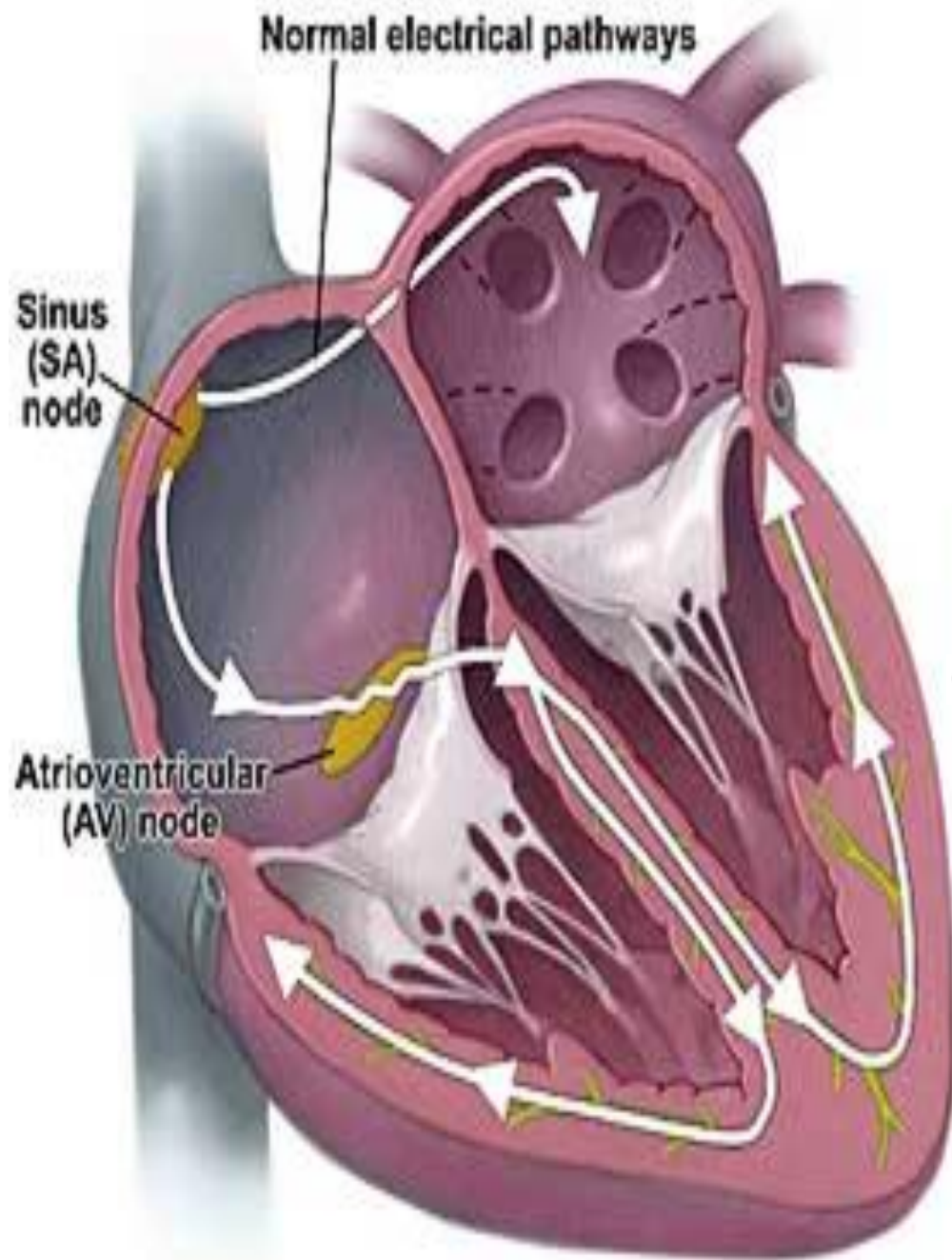
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Back to Basics Rhythm Review





Normal conduction

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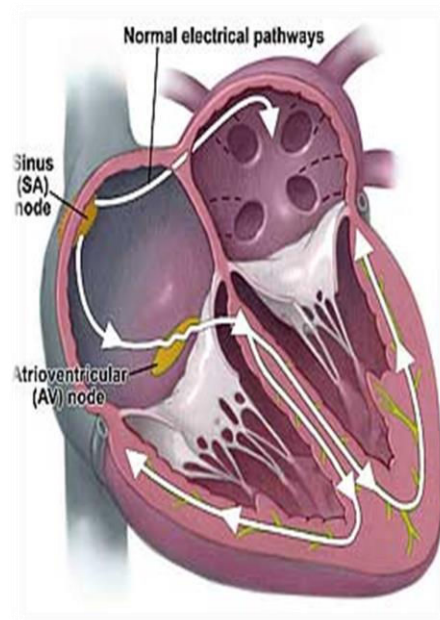
You have to know what normal is to know what abnormal is.

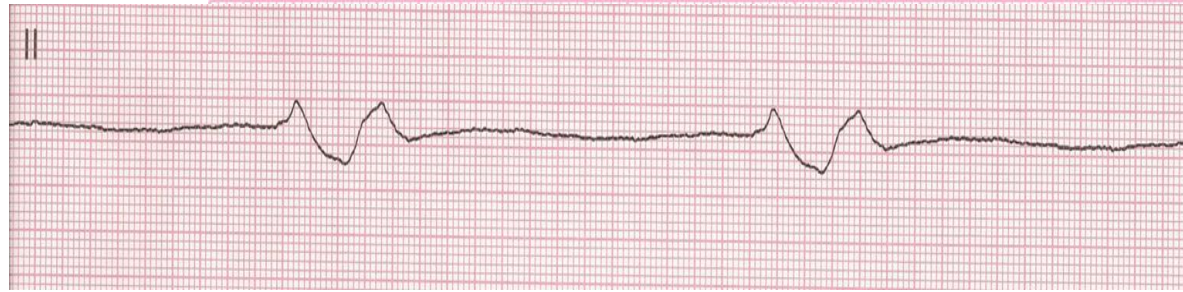
- Introducing.... NSR.
- When the president is in charge.



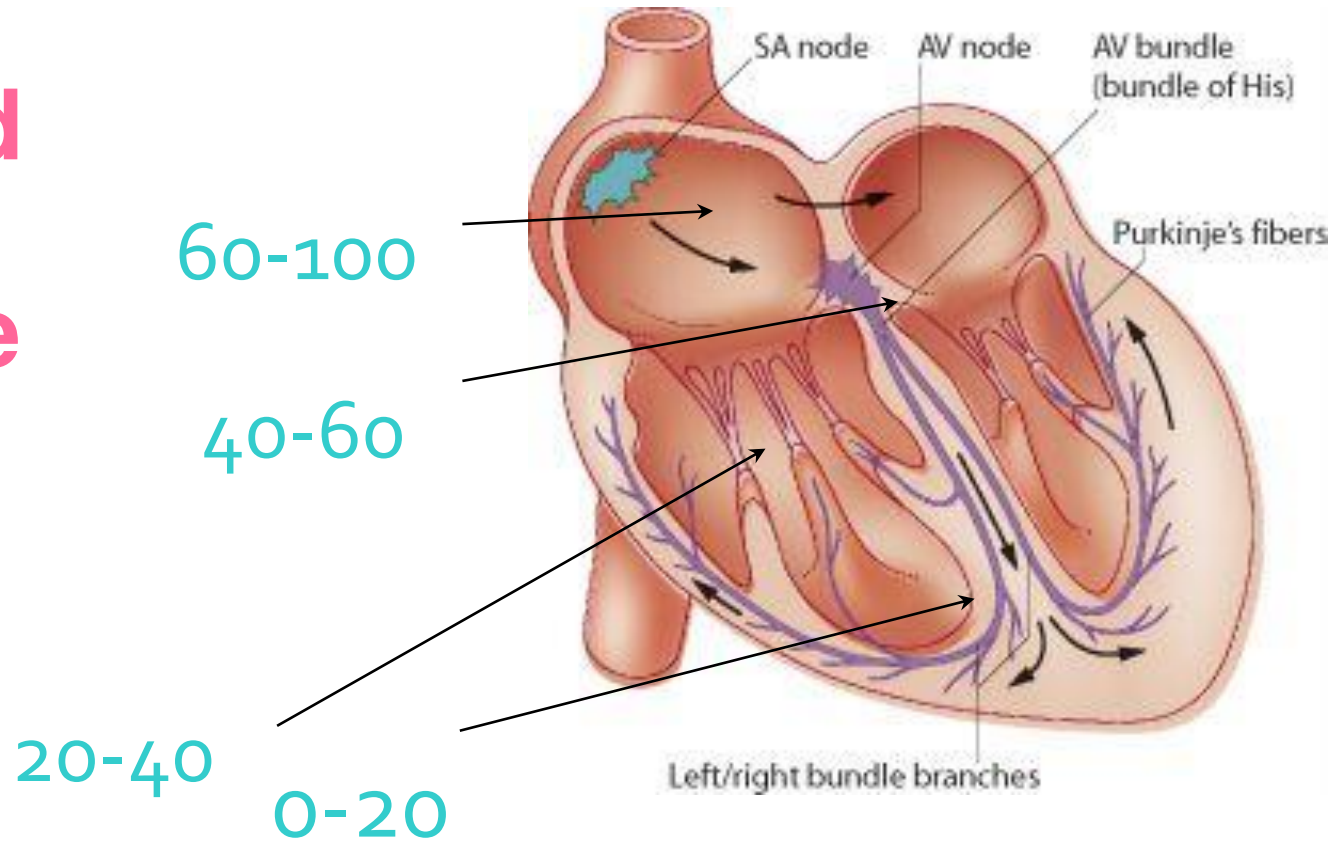
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When the president goes on vacation...

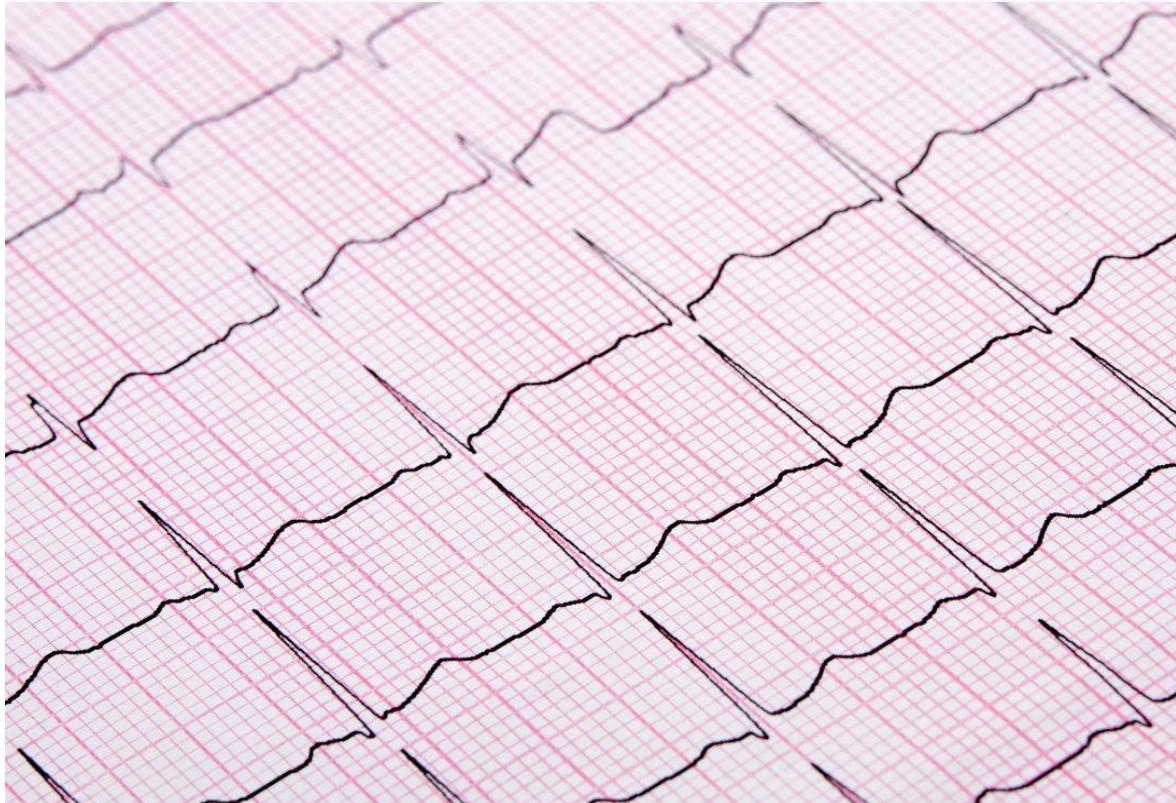




You need
1 “man”
in charge



3 questions to answer...



NARROW VS WIDE

SVT vs VT

FAST VS SLOW

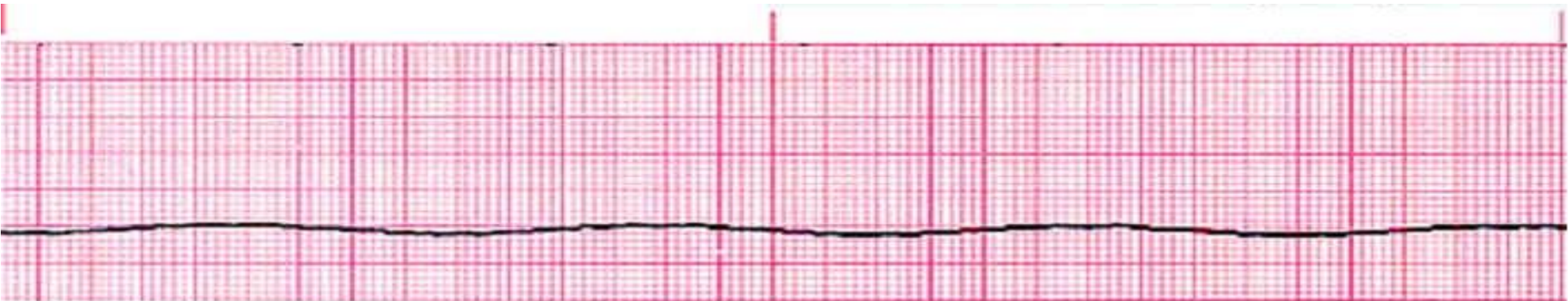
DO we need to intervene RIGHT now?

REGULAR VS IRREGULAR

Sinus vs afib

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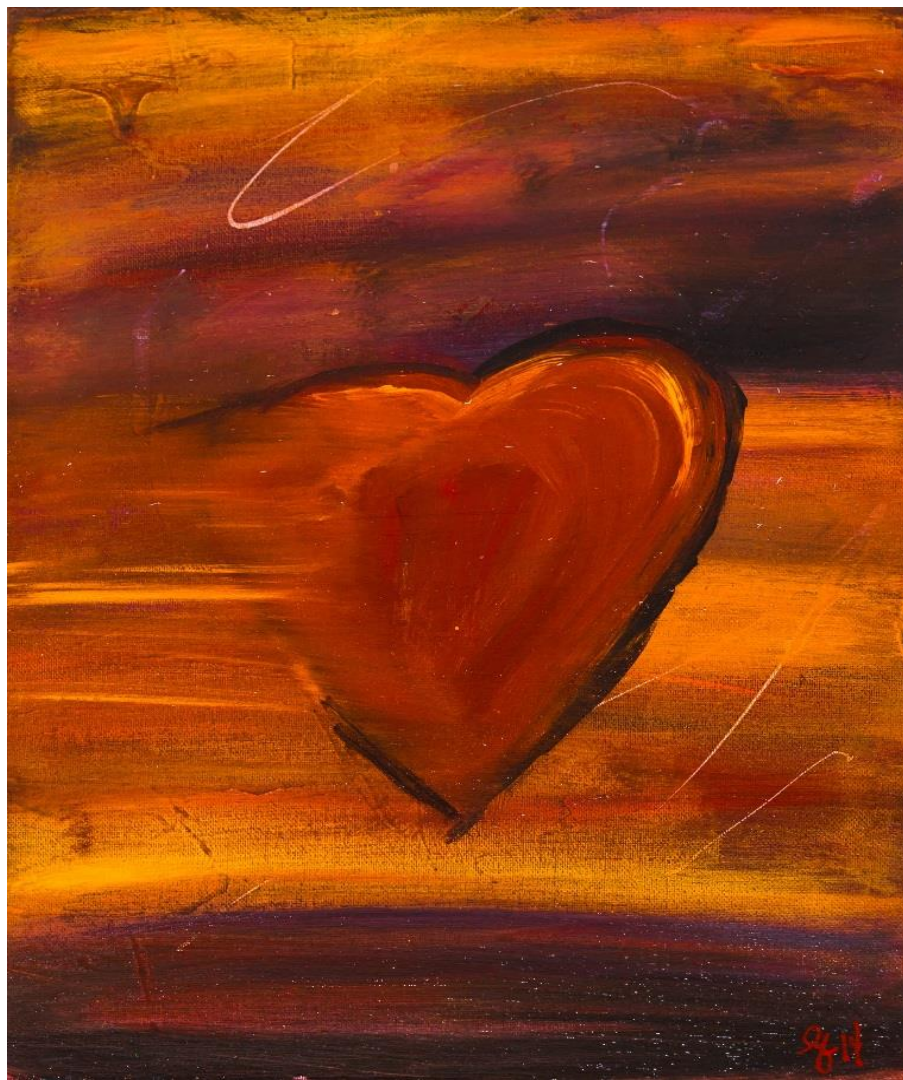
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When everyone tries to *overthrow* the government

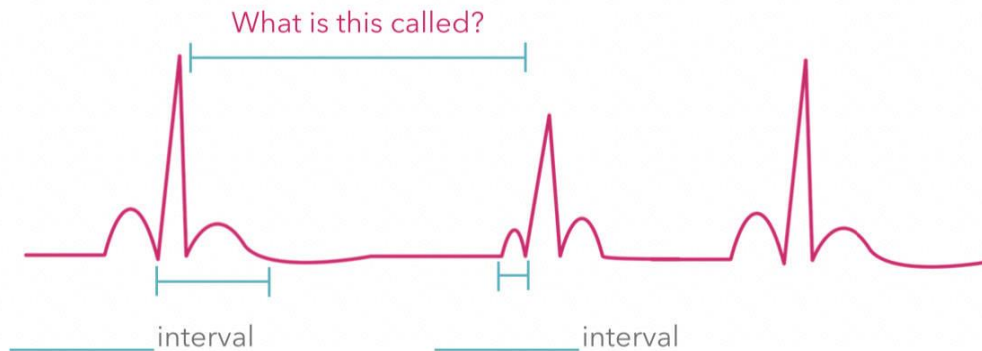
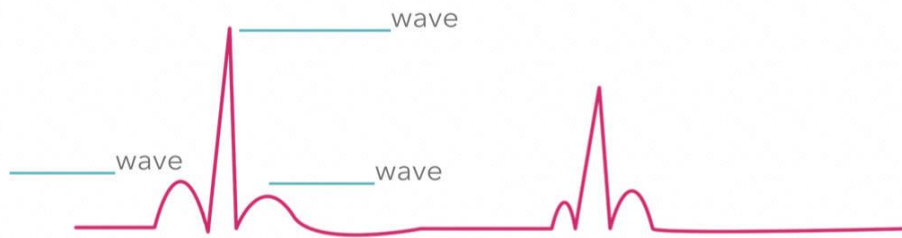




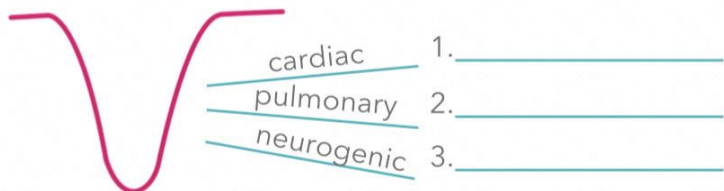
The Waves



Label the parts of EKG wave



3 Causes of inverted T waves!



Recap

- P
- QRS
- ST segment
- T
- Q waves

1. Not too tall
2. Not too wide

QRS

1. Smooth
2. Don't be needy!

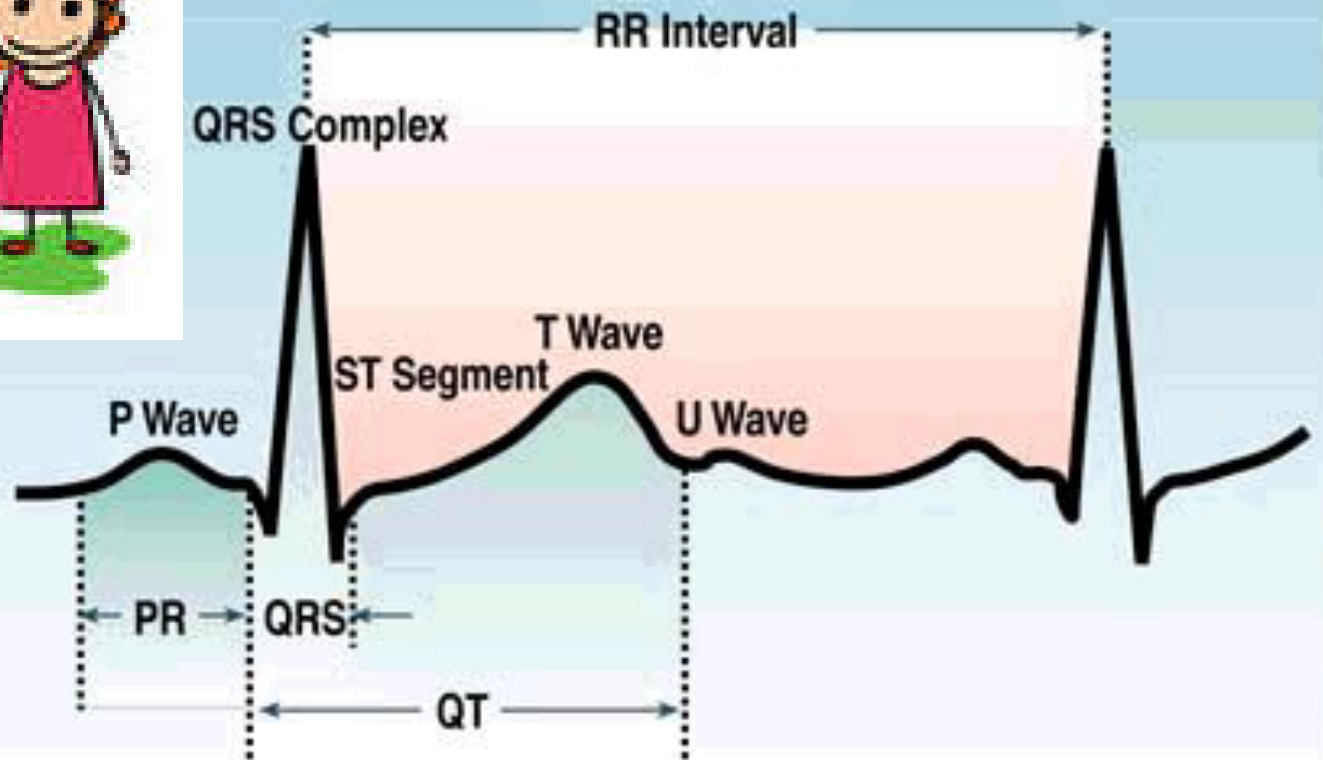
T WAVE

Oh no you didn't!

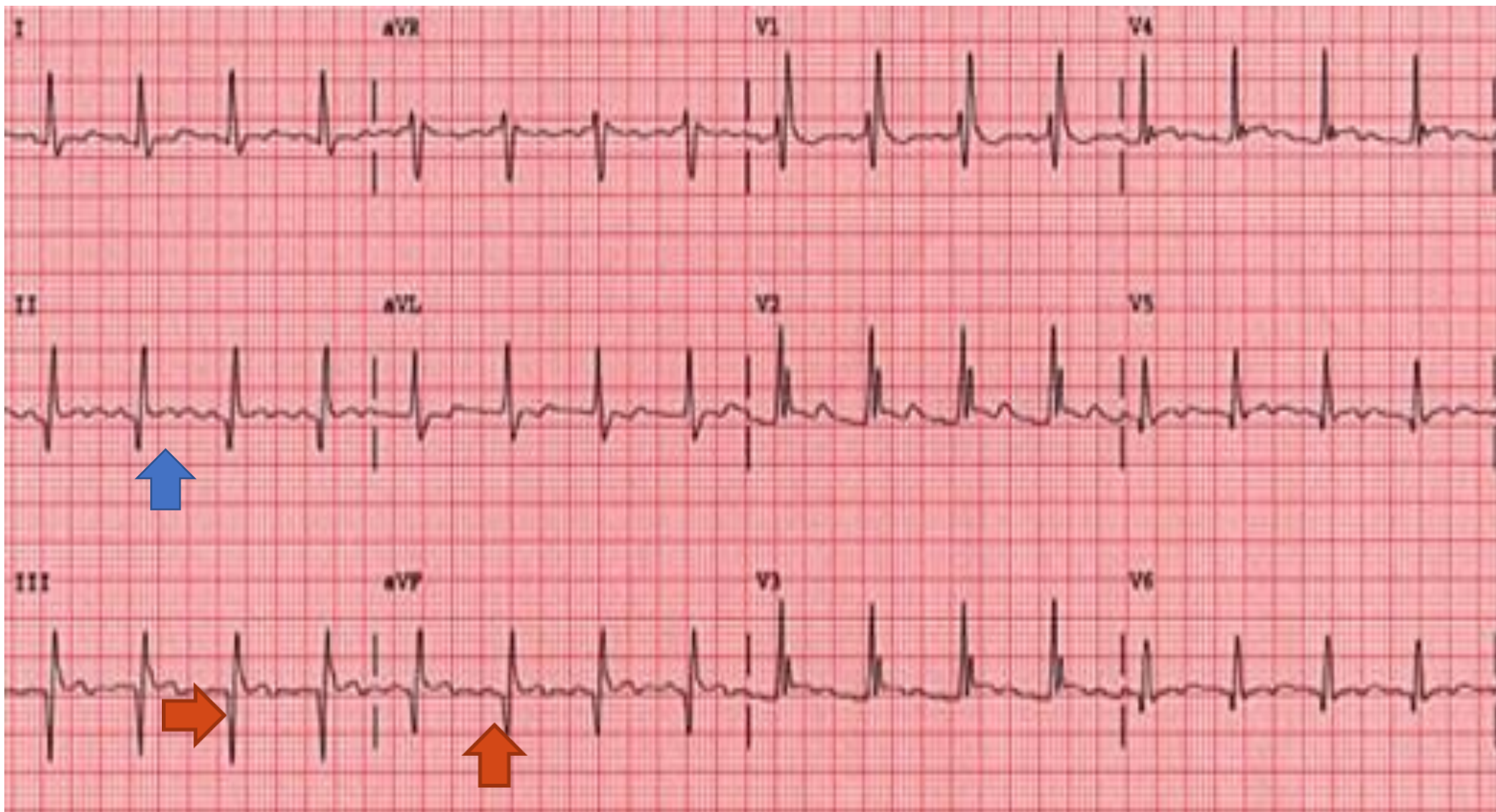
P WAVE

1. Upright
2. Don't be pointy!



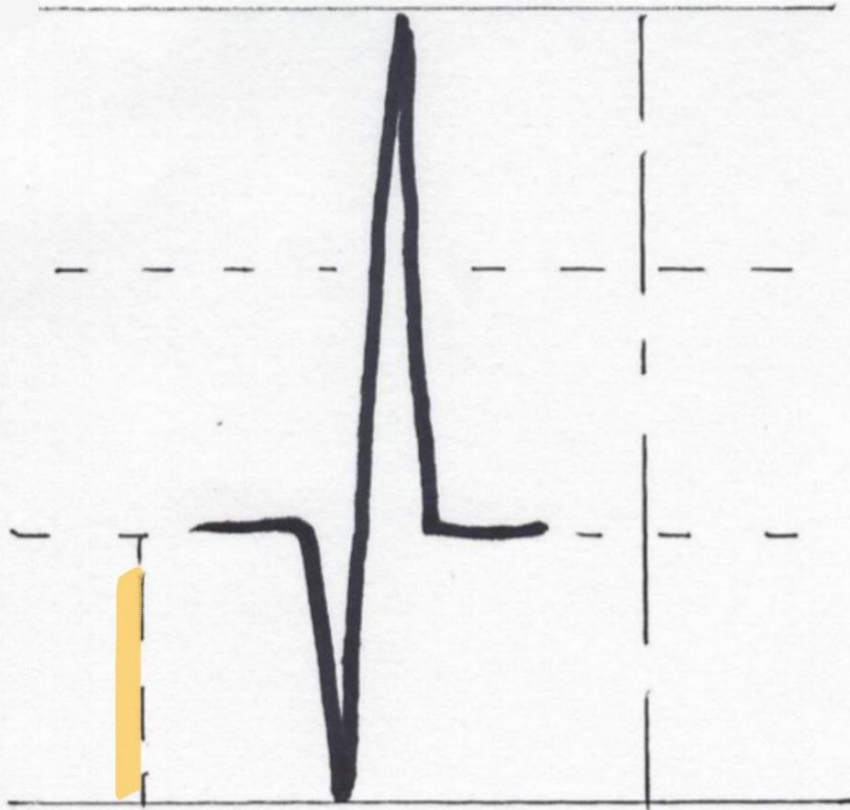


Pathologic Q waves



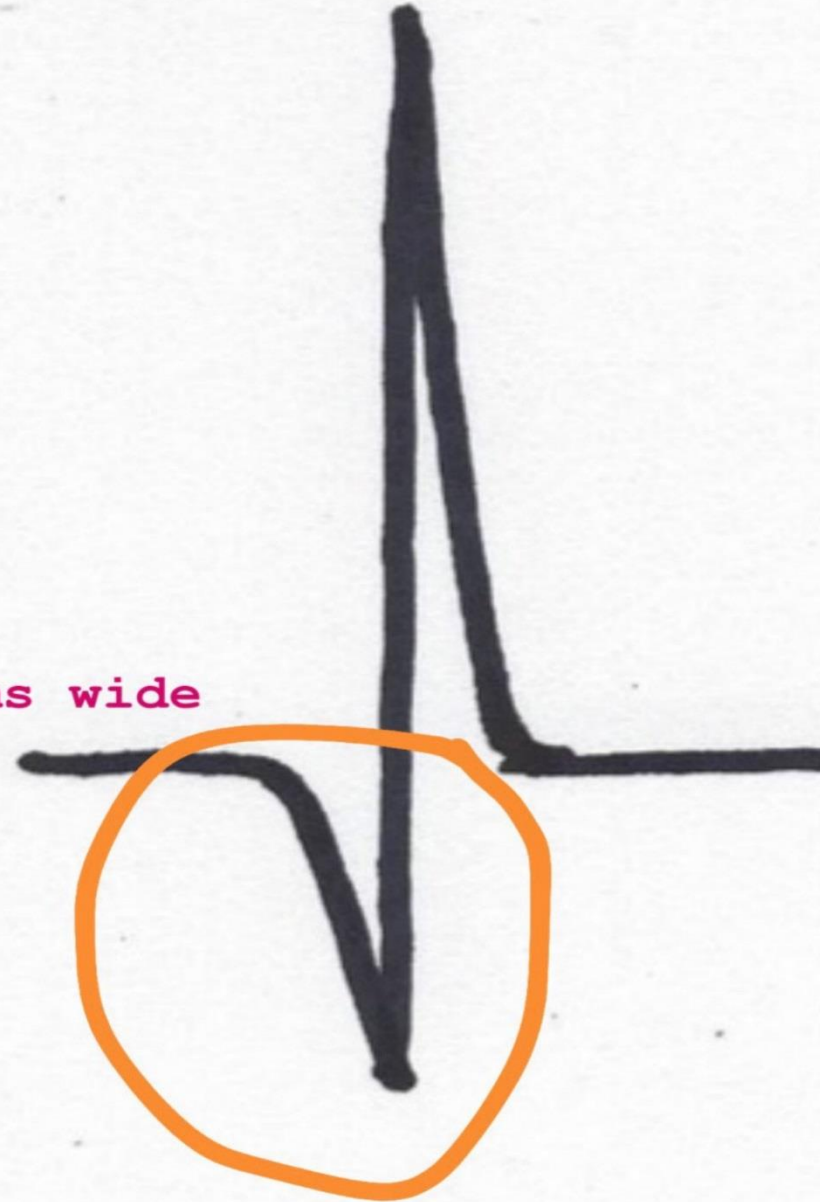
Q WAVE

Pathologic Q Waves



$\frac{1}{4}$ of the R wave

30 ms wide





Normal



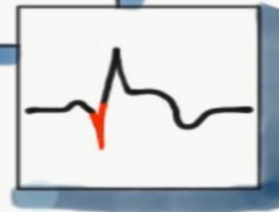
Flipped t wave



Symmetric
inverted t wave



ST elevation
and flipped T



Q waves forming

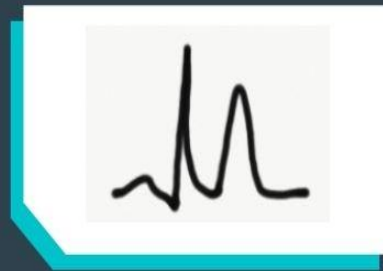
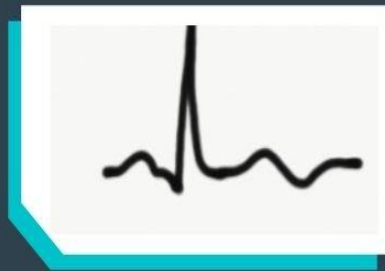
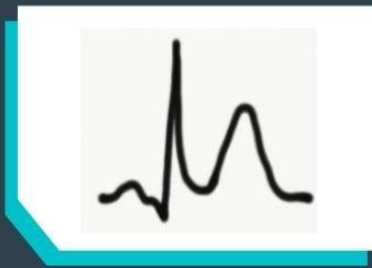
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Q waves and
ST elevation

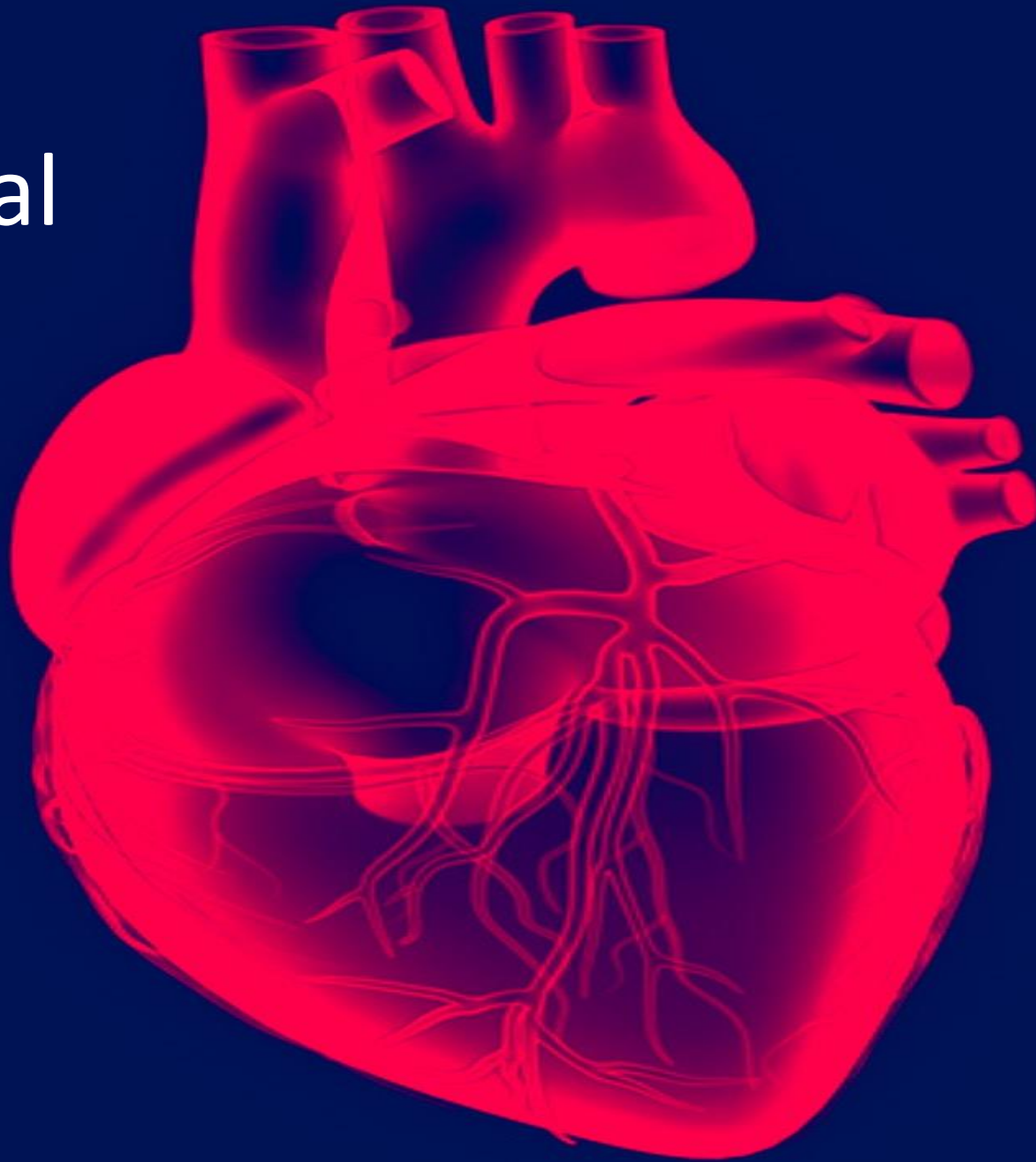
Stages of MI



Can you name them?



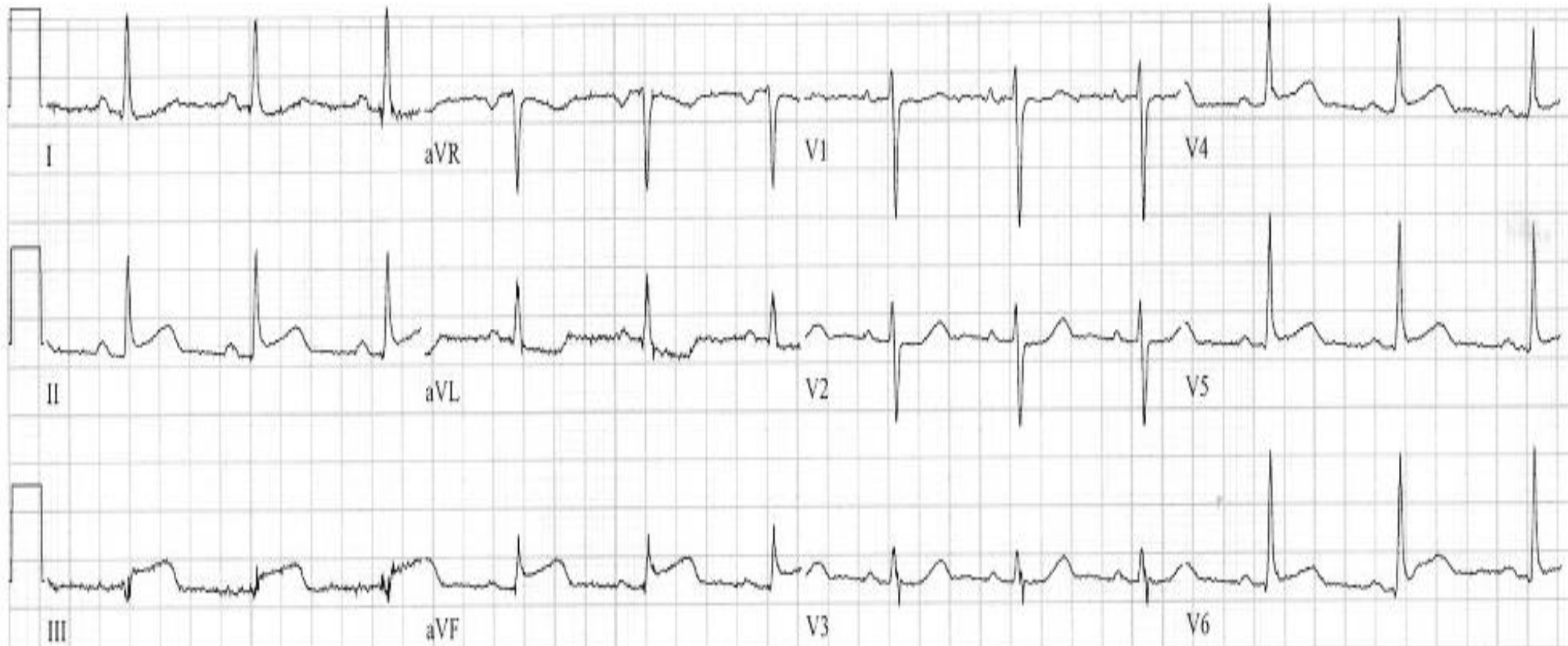
The Normal EKG



Vent. rate	71	BPM
PR interval	164	ms
QRS duration	88	ms
QT/QTc	426/462	ms
P-R-T axes	27 31	83

*** Critical Test Result: STEMI
NORMAL SINUS RHYTHM
ST ELEVATION CONSIDER INFERIOR INJURY OR ACUTE INFARCT
*** ACUTE MI / STEMI ***
Consider right ventricular involvement in acute inferior infarct

1. Big sick or little sick?



STOP!!!!!!

STEMI Accustion - YES OR NO



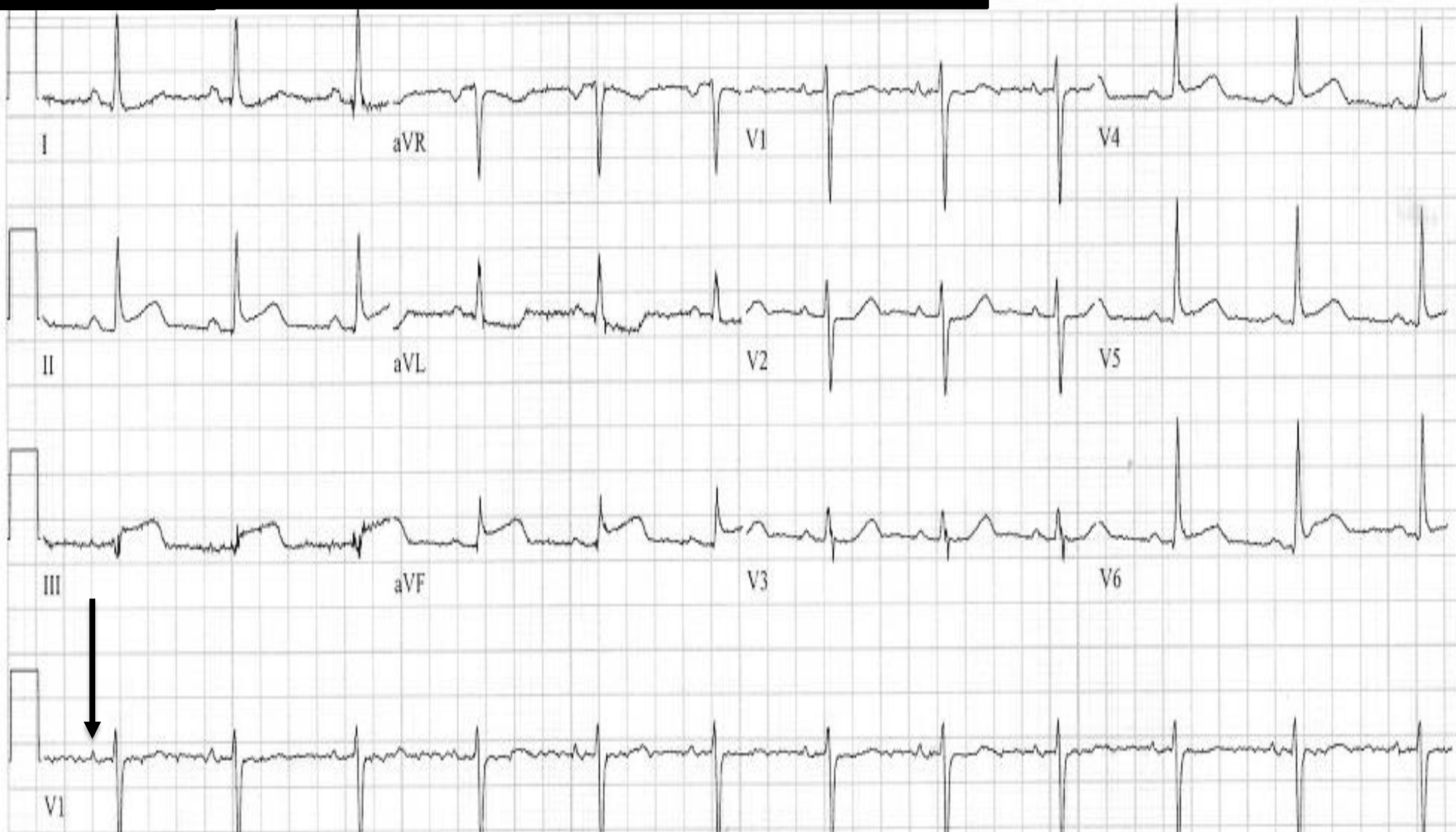
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2. Rate (60-100)



3. Rhythm (Reg v Irr? Fast v. slow, Narrow v. wide)





These numbers.....MATTER

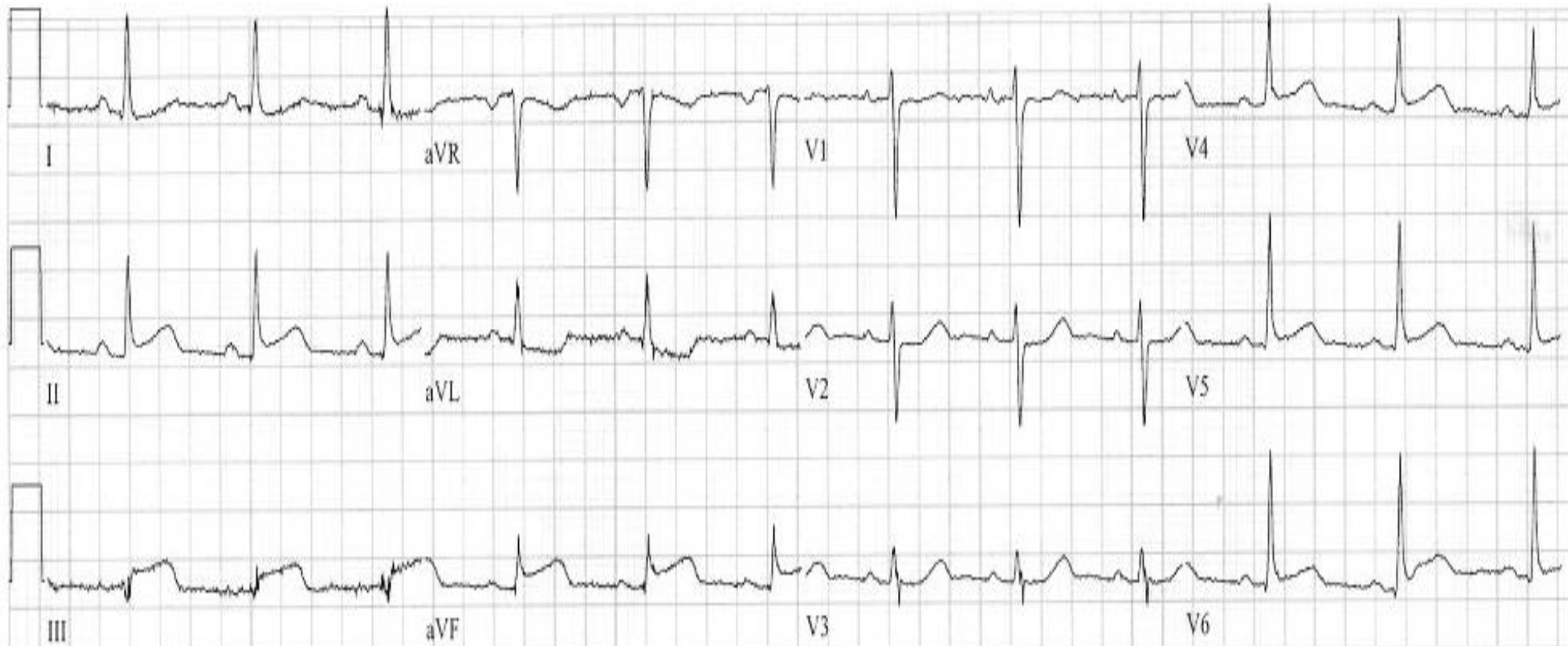
- **PR Interval** - .12 - .20 (120 ms – 200 ms)
- **QRS Complex** - below .12 (120 ms)
- **QT Interval** – below 460 ms

A normal QRS should be no longer than ____ boxes

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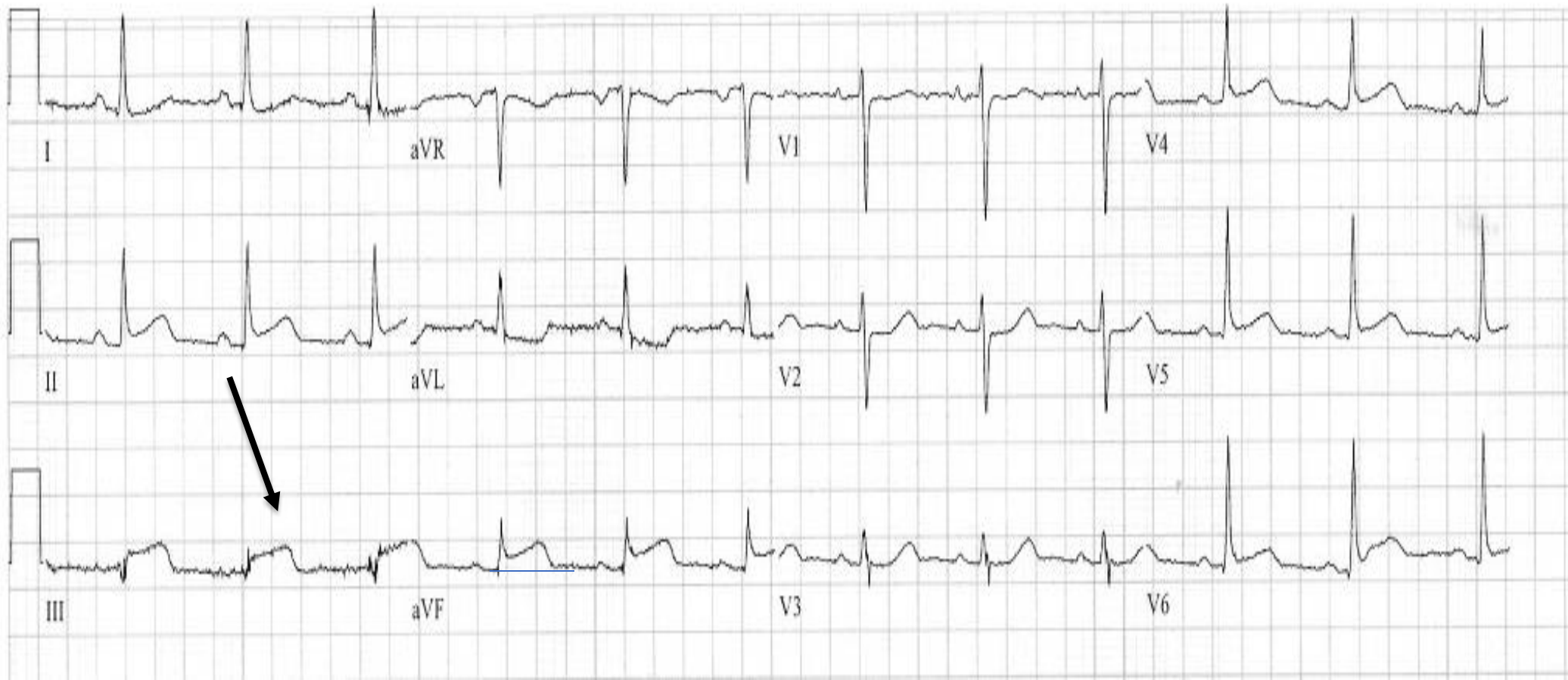
4. Intervals.



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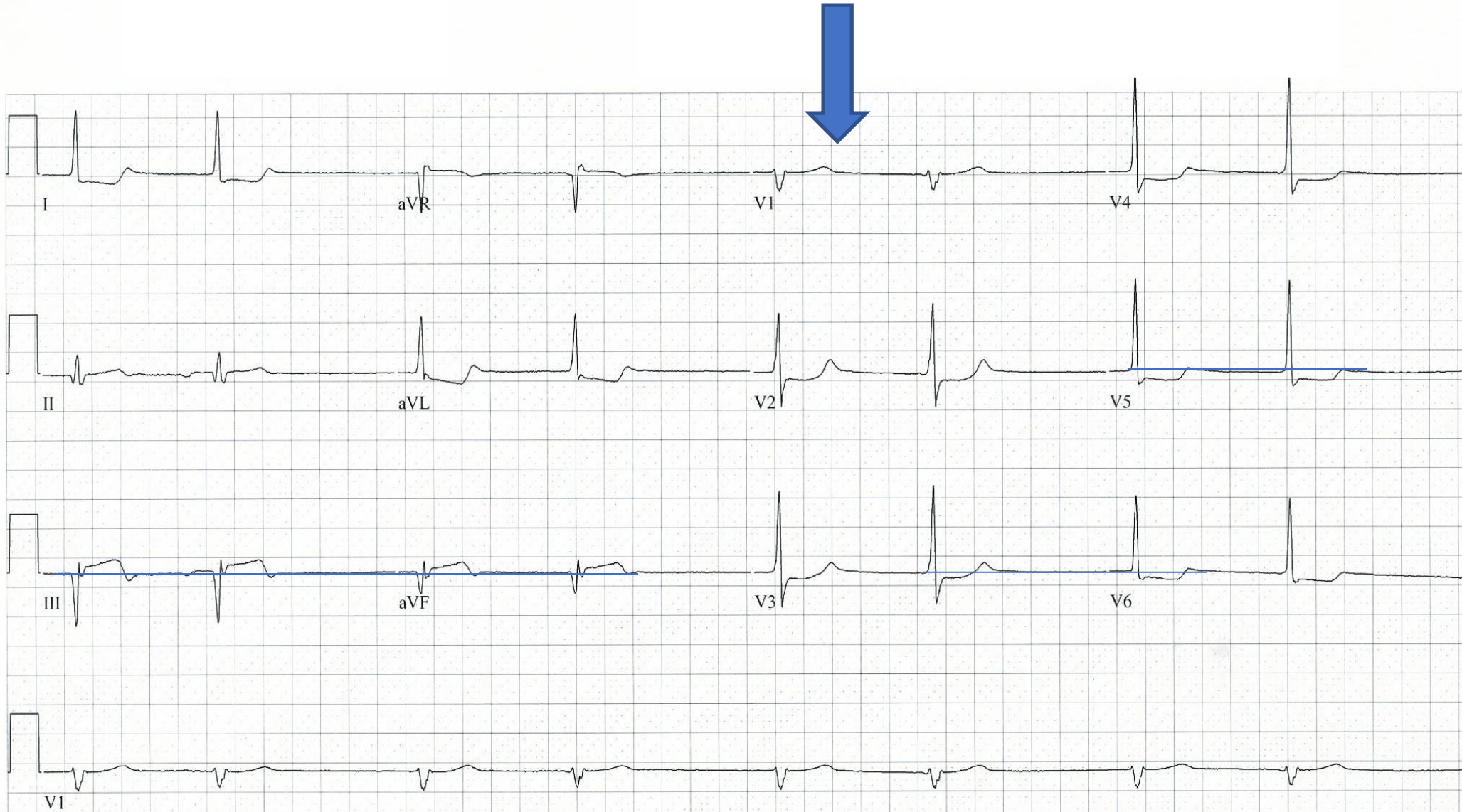
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5. ST Segments



Vent. rate	49	BPM
PR interval	*	ms
QRS duration	106	ms
QT/QTc	482/435	ms
P-R-T axes	* -16	122

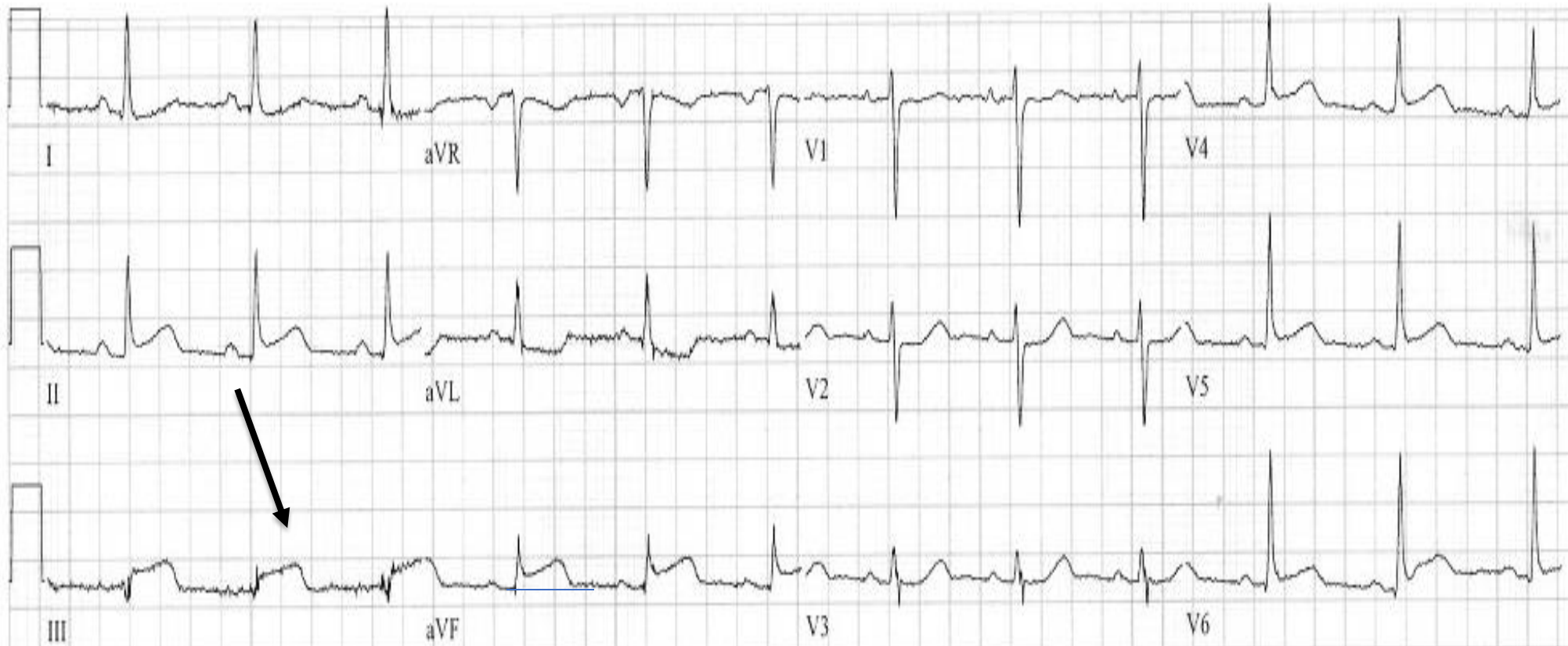
JUNCTIONAL RHYTHM
INFERIOR-POSTERIOR INFARCT (CITED ON OR BEFORE 10-OCT-2016)
MARKED ST ABNORMALITY, POSSIBLE LATERAL SUBENDOCARDIAL INJURY
ABNORMAL ECG



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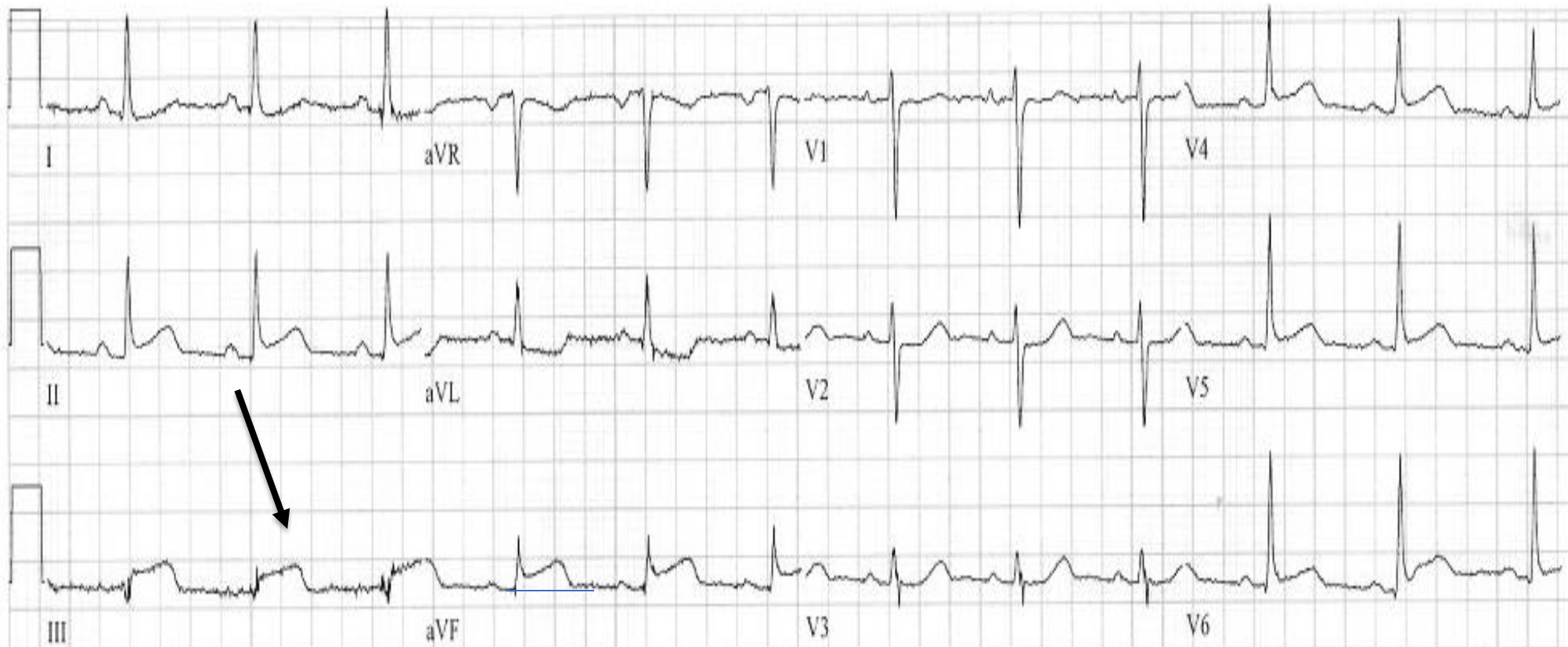
6. Q waves. P/QRS Married?



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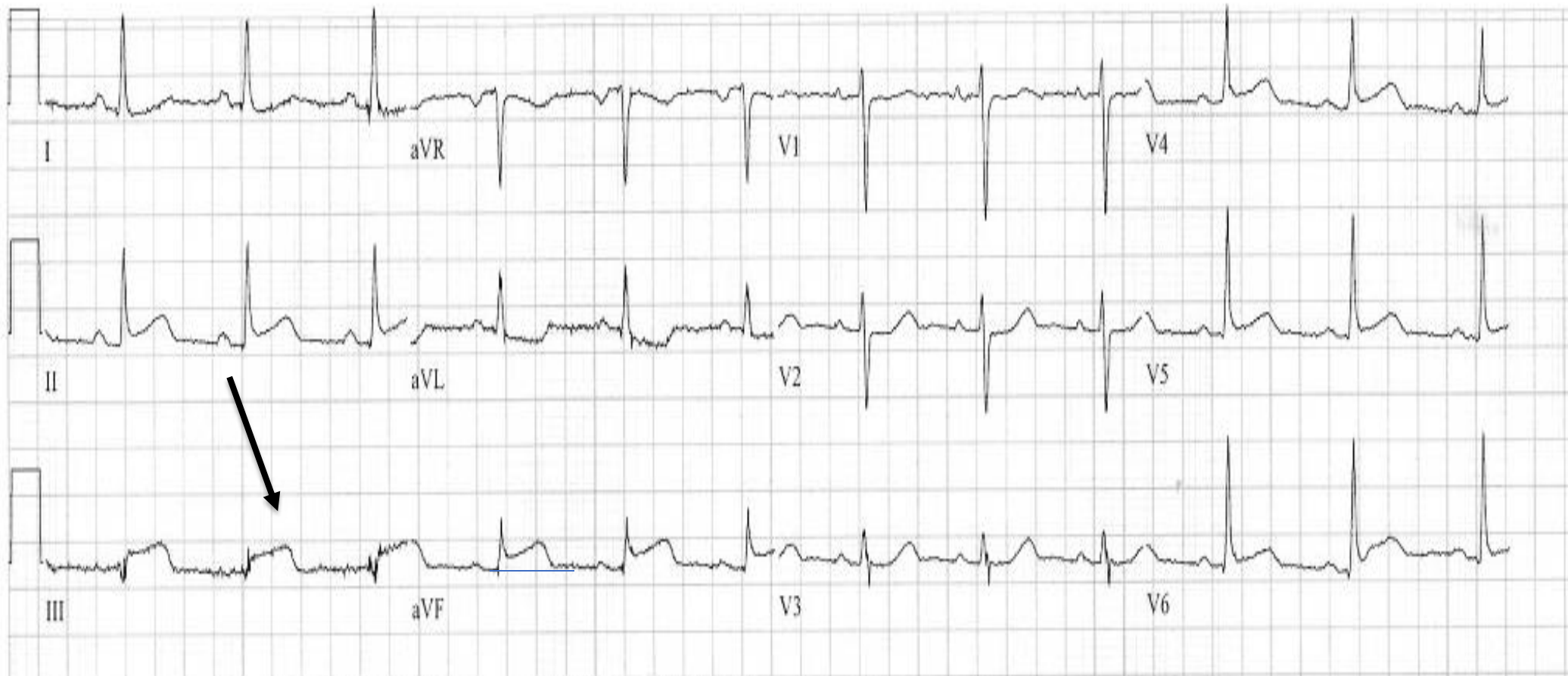
7. Axis



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8. Hypertrophy, voltage.



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9. T wave rules



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10. Chief complaint based approach



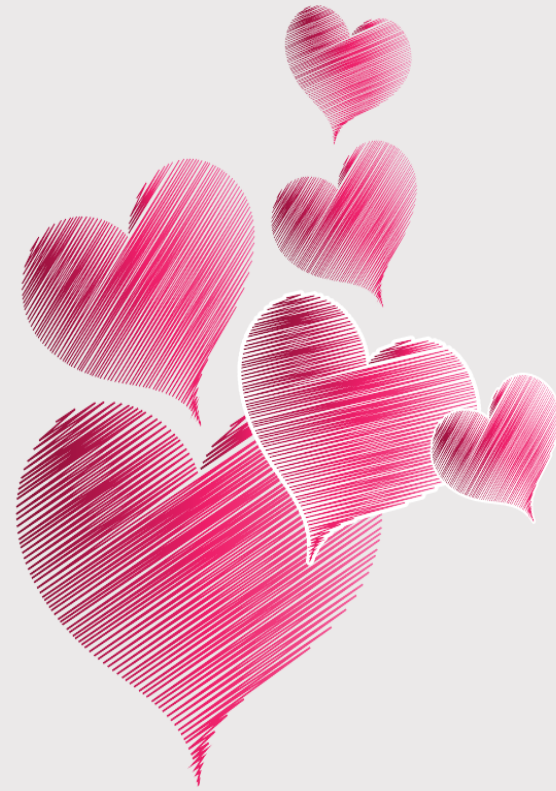


Priority Chief Complaints

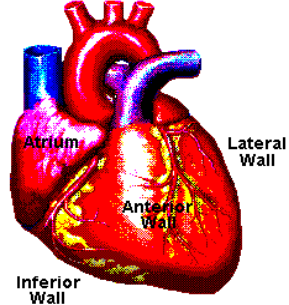
- **Palpitations** – WPW, SVT, AF, VT
- **Chest pain** – MI, S1, q3, T3
- **Dyspnea** – MI, s1, q3, t3, R axis, LVH
- **Dizzy light headed** – Arrhythmia, QT, WPW
- **Weakness** – EVERYTHING
- **Dialysis** – peaked T, slow rate

DEEP DIVE

*On the
heart*



What's going on inside?



Which ones are “contiguous”?

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Myocardial Infarction Window

Circle all relevant findings below

Lead I High Lateral	AVR 	VI Anteroseptal	v4 Anterior
II Inferior	AVL High Lateral	V2 Anteroseptal	v5 Anterolateral
III Inferior	AVF Inferior	V3 Anterior	V6 Anterolateral

Inverted T waves = ischemia or reciprocal changes



Ant/Sep
Lateral
Inferior

Depressed ST segments = ischemia or reciprocal changes



Ant/Sep
Lateral
Inferior

Poor R wave progression/new LBBB = ? infarction
ST elevation in Lead III = Do a right-sided EKG

ST segment elevation = acute injury (Hyperacute T waves may occur early)



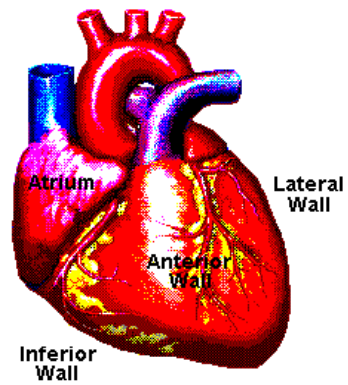
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Pathological Q wave (one small box wide) = infarction

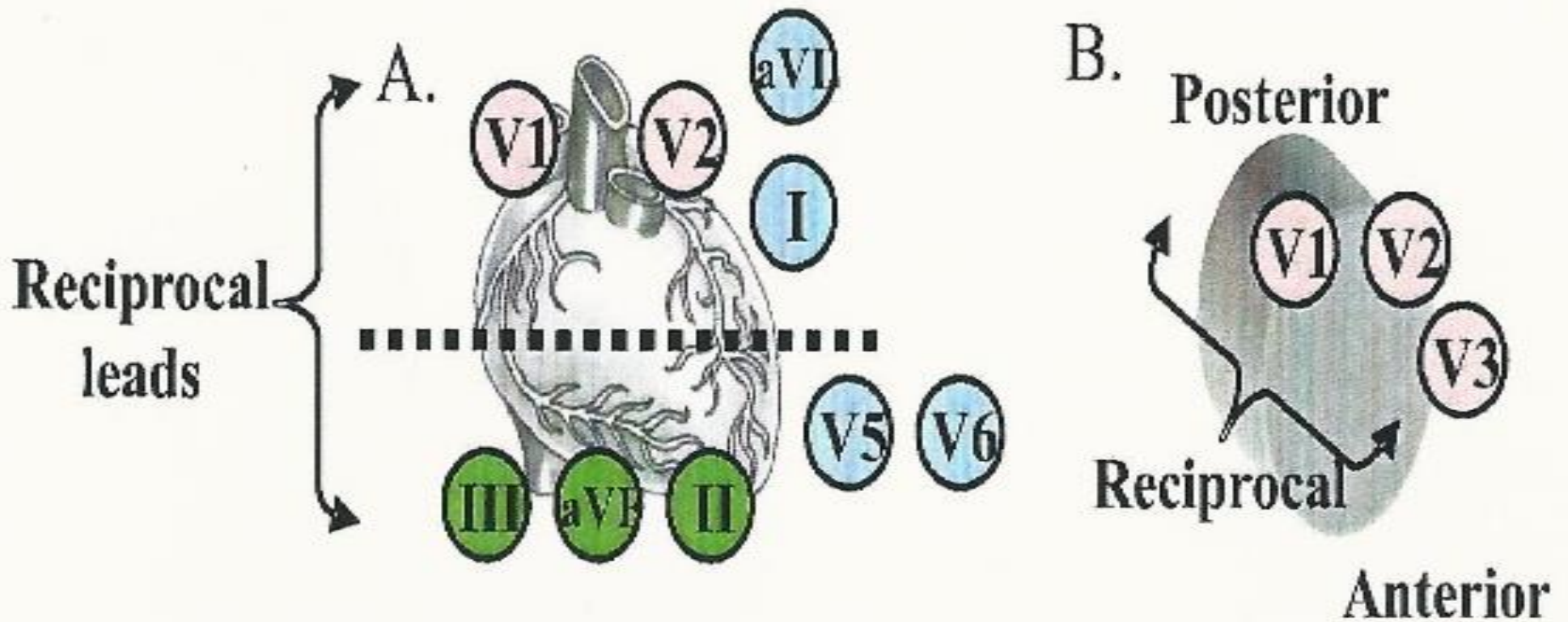


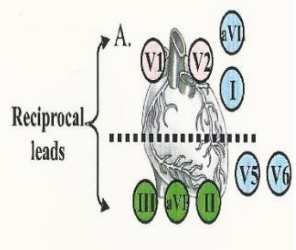
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ST/T changes without ST elevation = Consider NSTEMI
Tall R wave w/ ST depression in V1-V3 = ? Posterior MI



“Reciprocal changes”



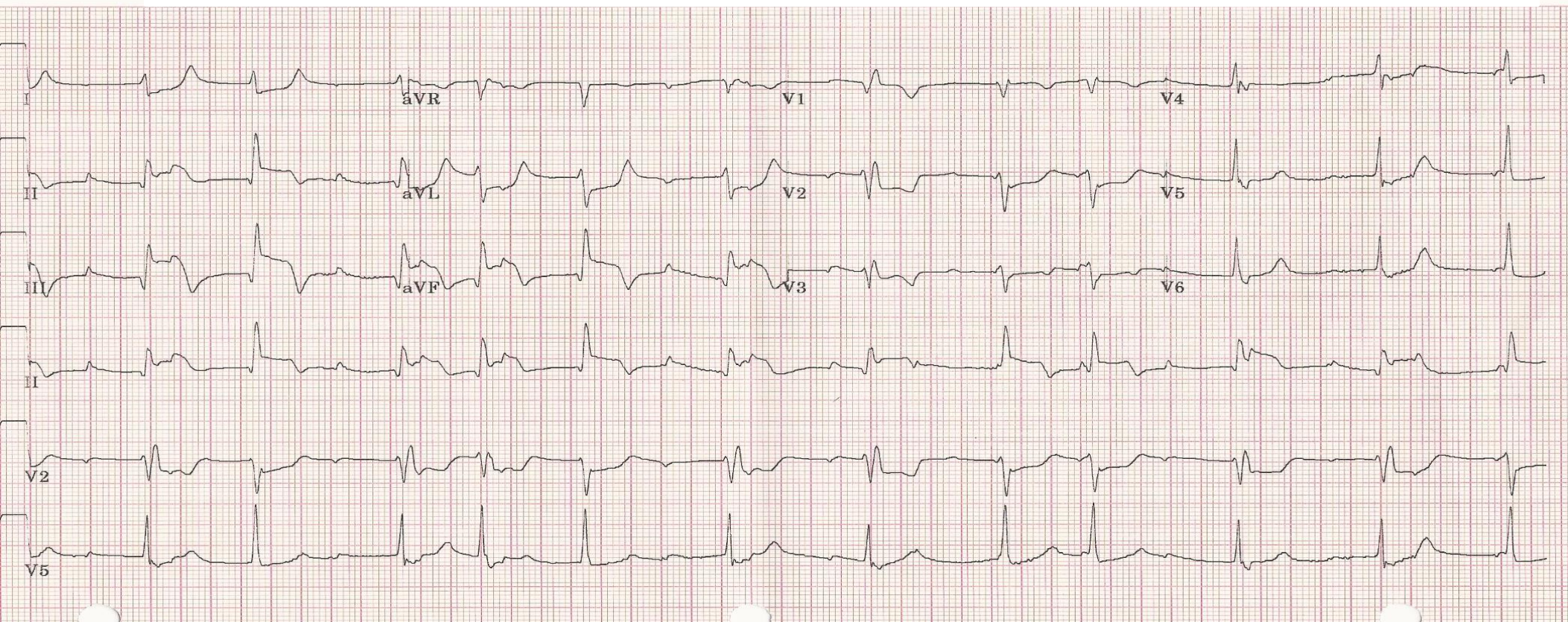


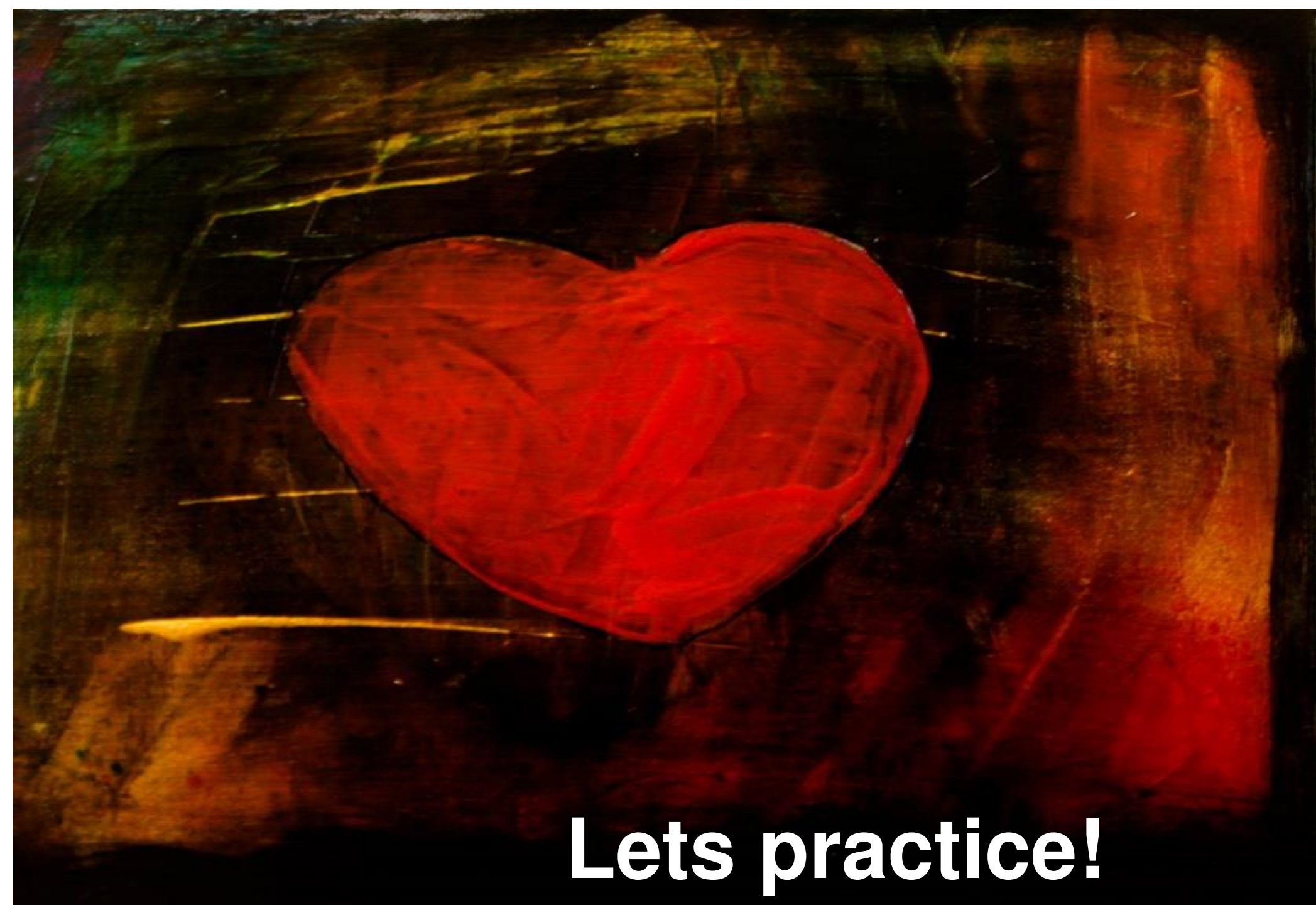
Where's the STEMI

MI

Vent. rate 73 bpm
PR interval * ms
QRS duration 104 ms
QT/QTc 432/475 ms
P-R-T axes * 87 -20

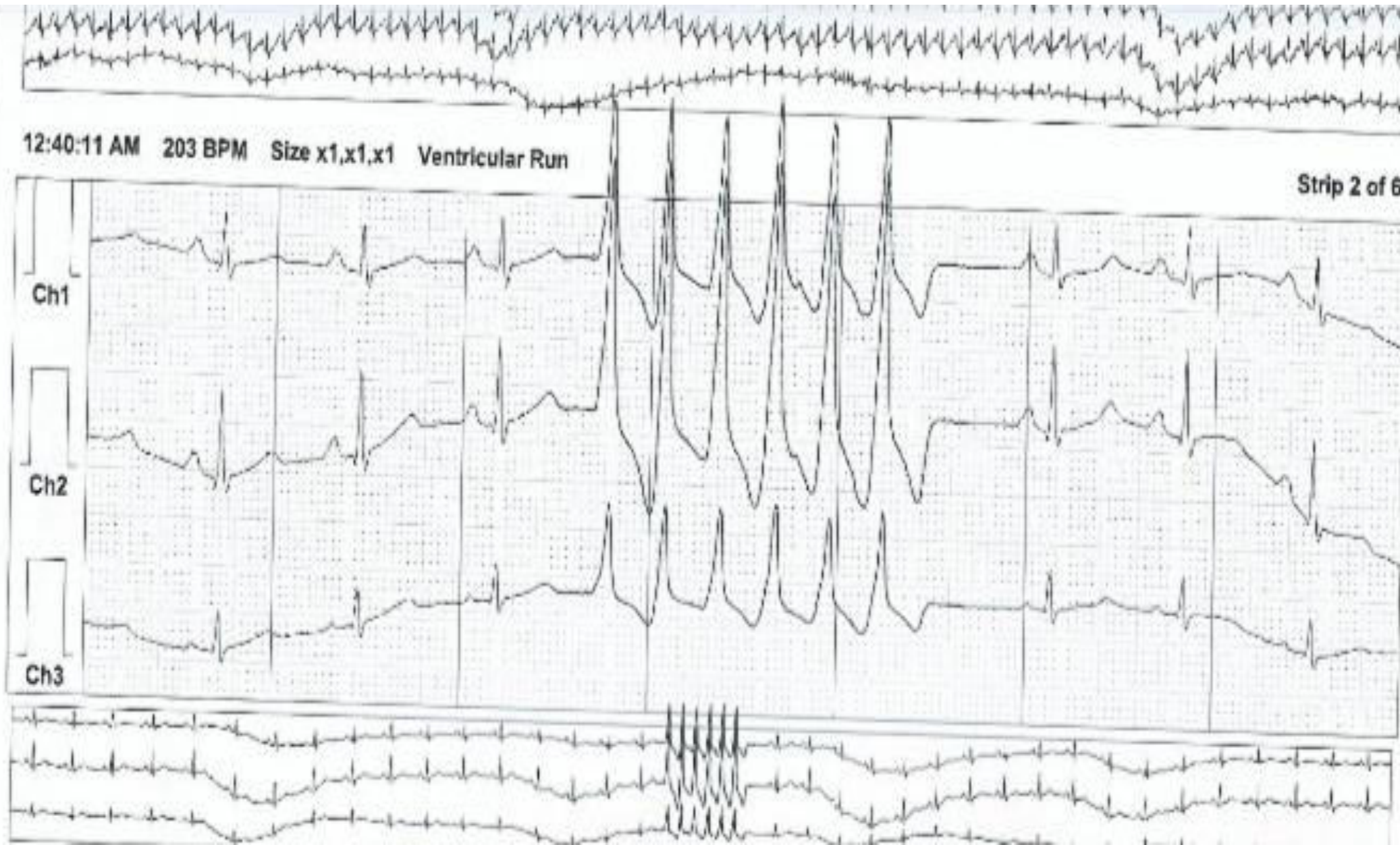
Atrial fibrillation with a competing junctional pacemaker with premature ventricular or aberrantly conducted complexes
ST elevation, consider inferior injury or acute infarct
** ** ACUTE MI / STEMI ** **
Consider right ventricular involvement in acute inferior infarct
Abnormal ECG

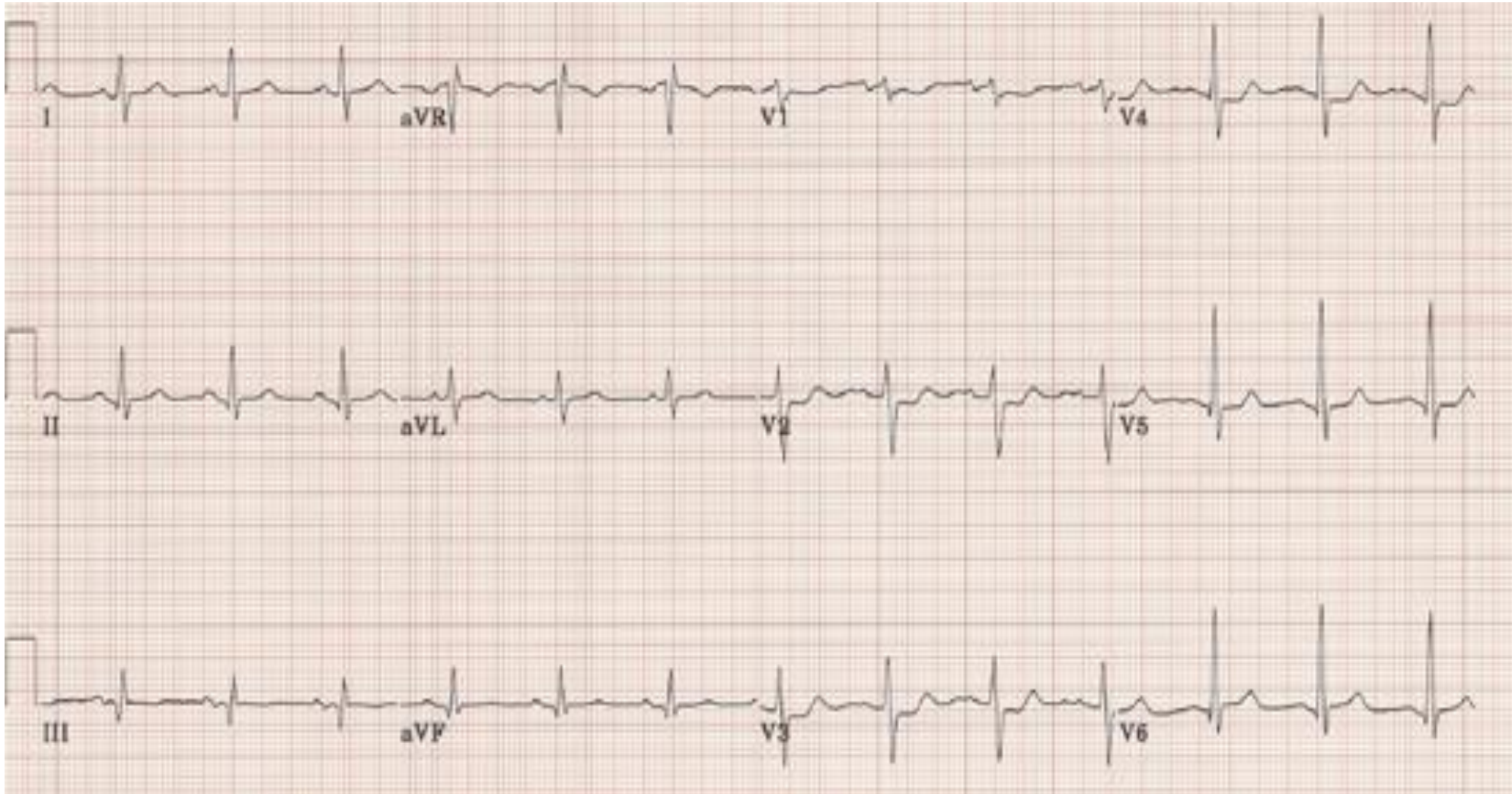




Lets practice!

36 y/o military wife with four kids

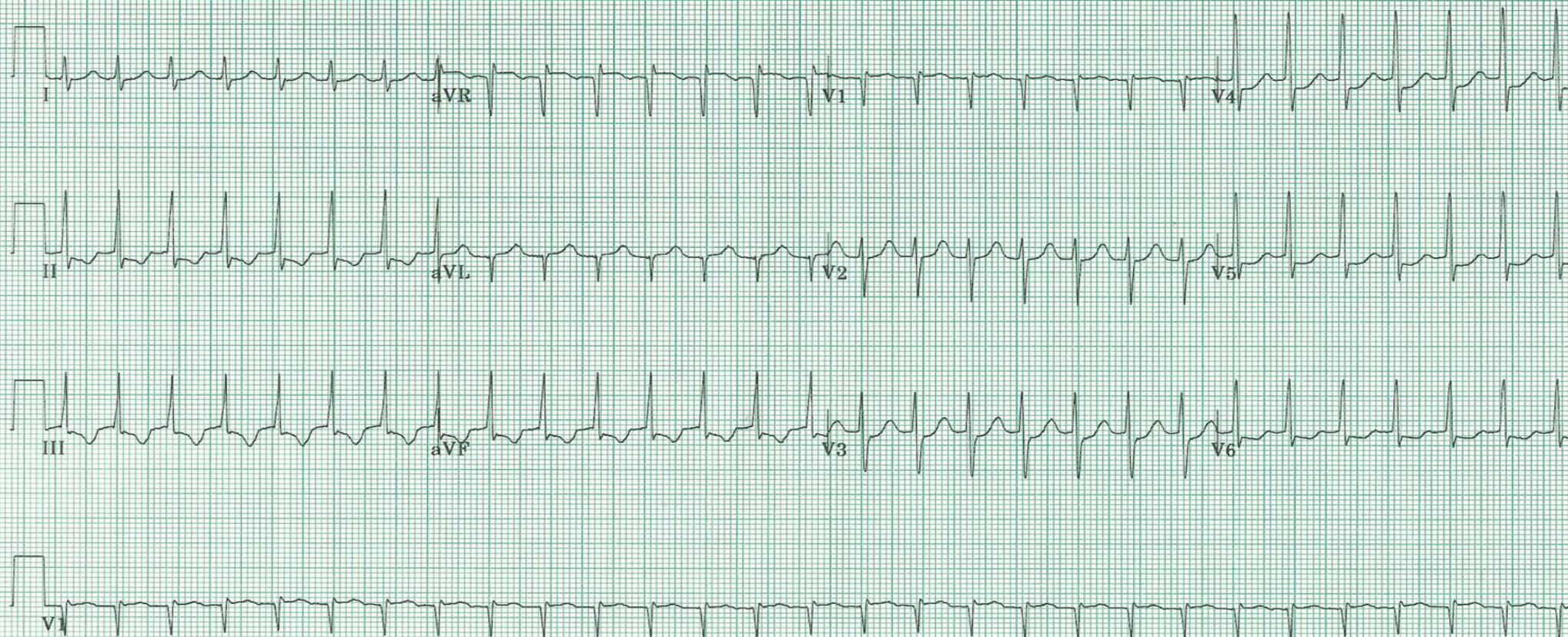


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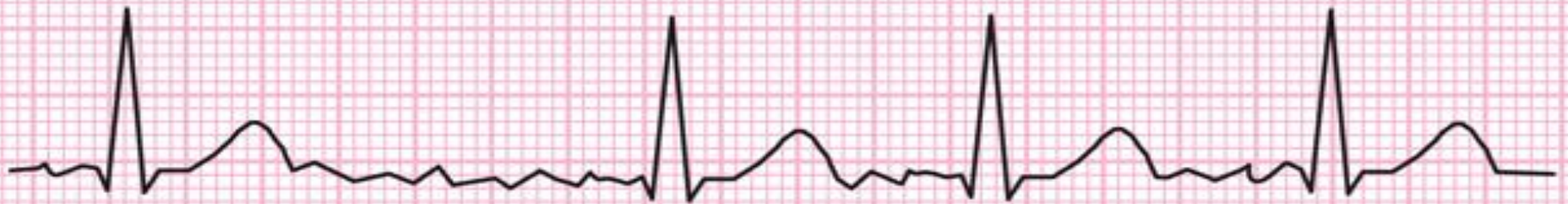
Vent. rate 175 bpm
PR interval * ms
QRS duration 70 ms
QT/QTc 262/447 ms
P-R-T axes * 83 -75

Supraventricular tachycardia
Marked ST abnormality, possible inferior subendocardial injury
Abnormal ECG

KEEP
IN
PERMANENT
RECORD



Patient dizzy.
PMD put her on Metoprolol 100 mg for HTN.



70 year old male with Palpitations

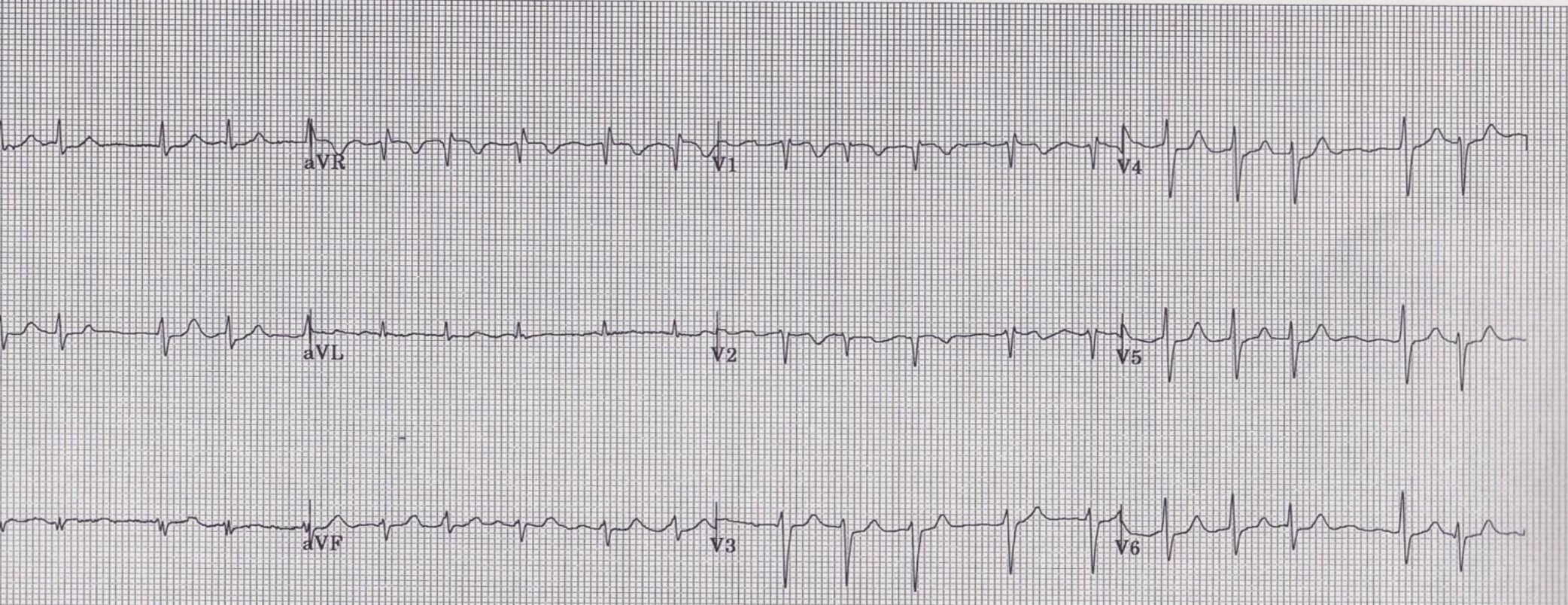
Vent. rate 127 bpm
PR interval * ms
QRS duration 82 ms
QT/QTc 266/386 ms
P-R-T axes * -24 52

Atrial fibrillation with rapid ventricular response with premature aberrantly conducted complexes
Nonspecific ST abnormality, probably digitalis effect
Abnormal ECG

Technician:
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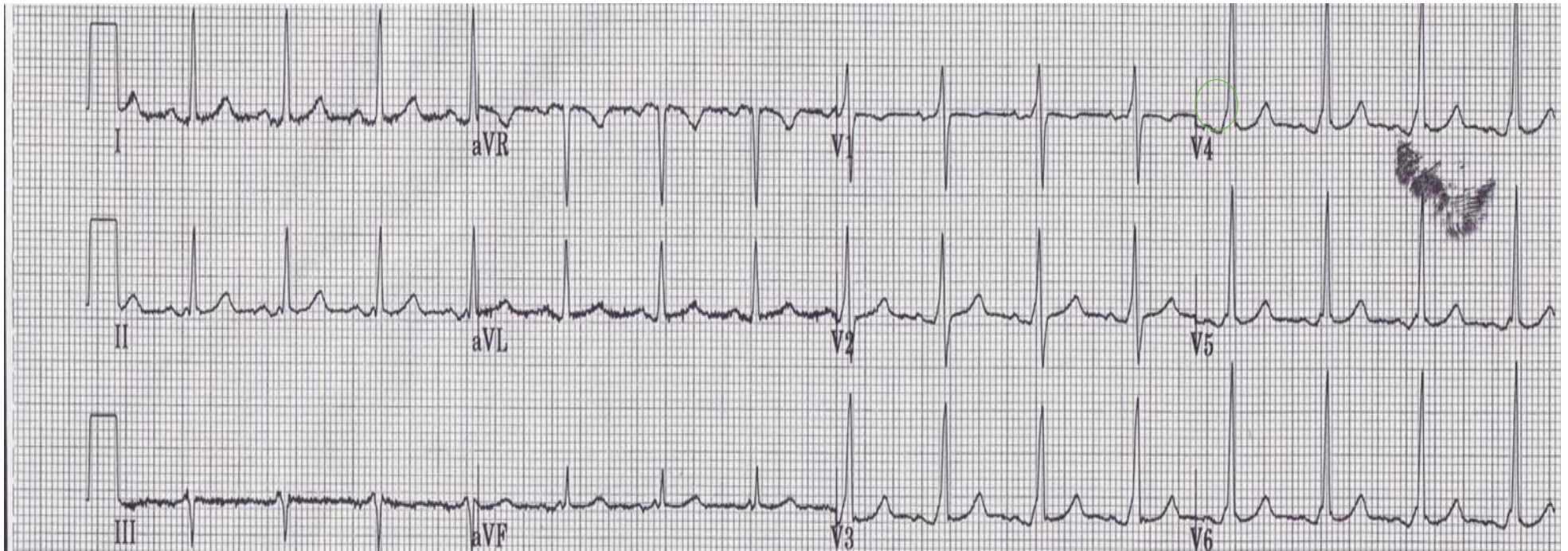
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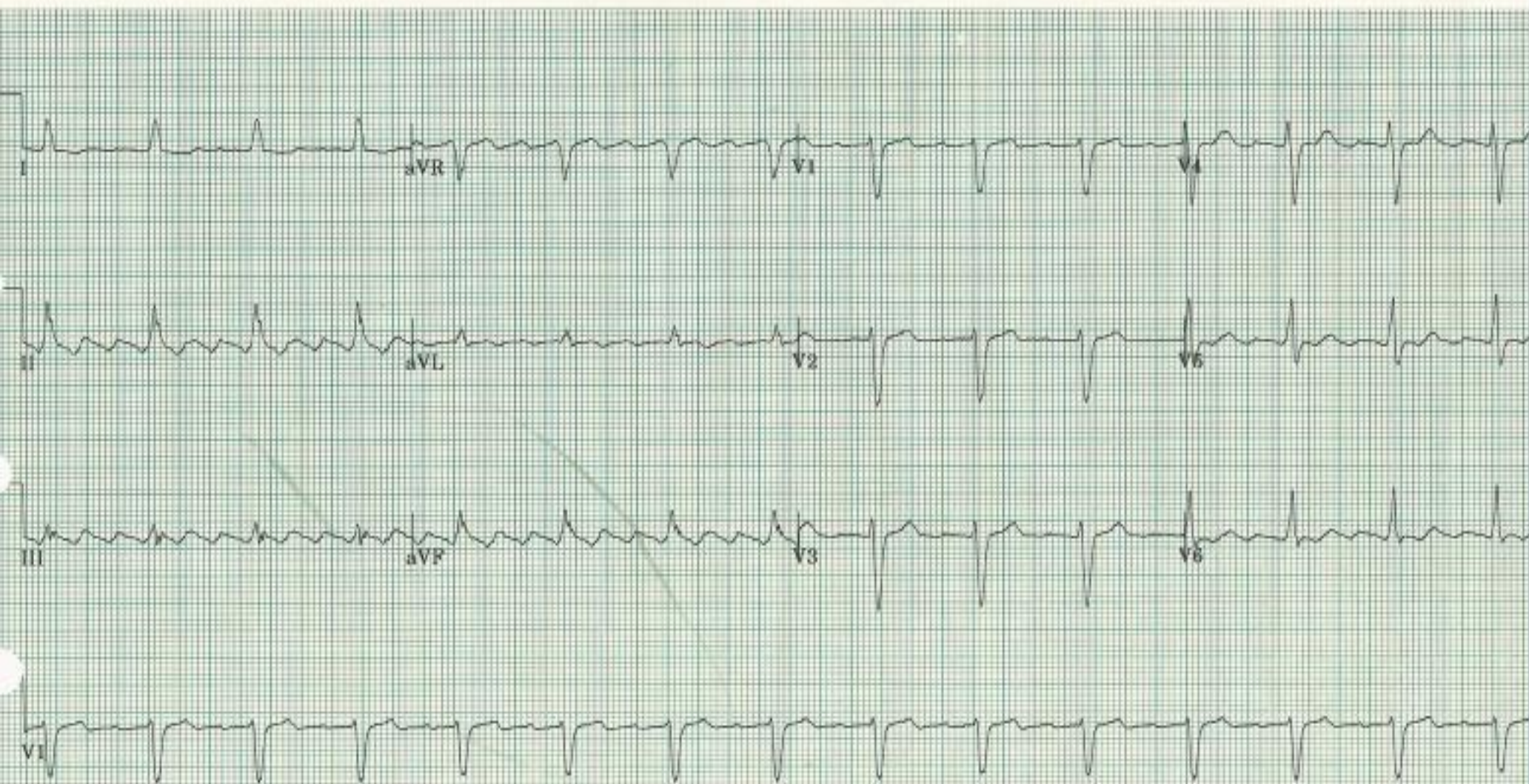
19 year old with Palpitations

- **W**AVE
- **P**R interval (<120 ms)
- **W**ide QRS



Vent. rate 89 bpm
PR interval * ms
QRS duration 124 ms
QT/QTc 390/474 ms
P-R-T axes 78 53 91

Atrial flutter with 3:1 AV conduction
Nonspecific intraventricular conduction delay
Nonspecific ST and T wave abnormality
Abnormal ECG





Take Home Points



- The president should always run the heart
- Don't trust the EKG interpretation
- PQRST
- The EKG family should always be holding hands
- Memorize your intervals

Thank
you!

