

# 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 inflamed?



# The heart is like a house.



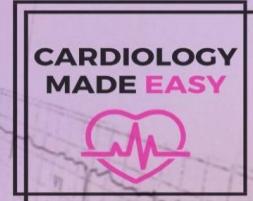
***Plumbing:*** Vessels

***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!**

# **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?**

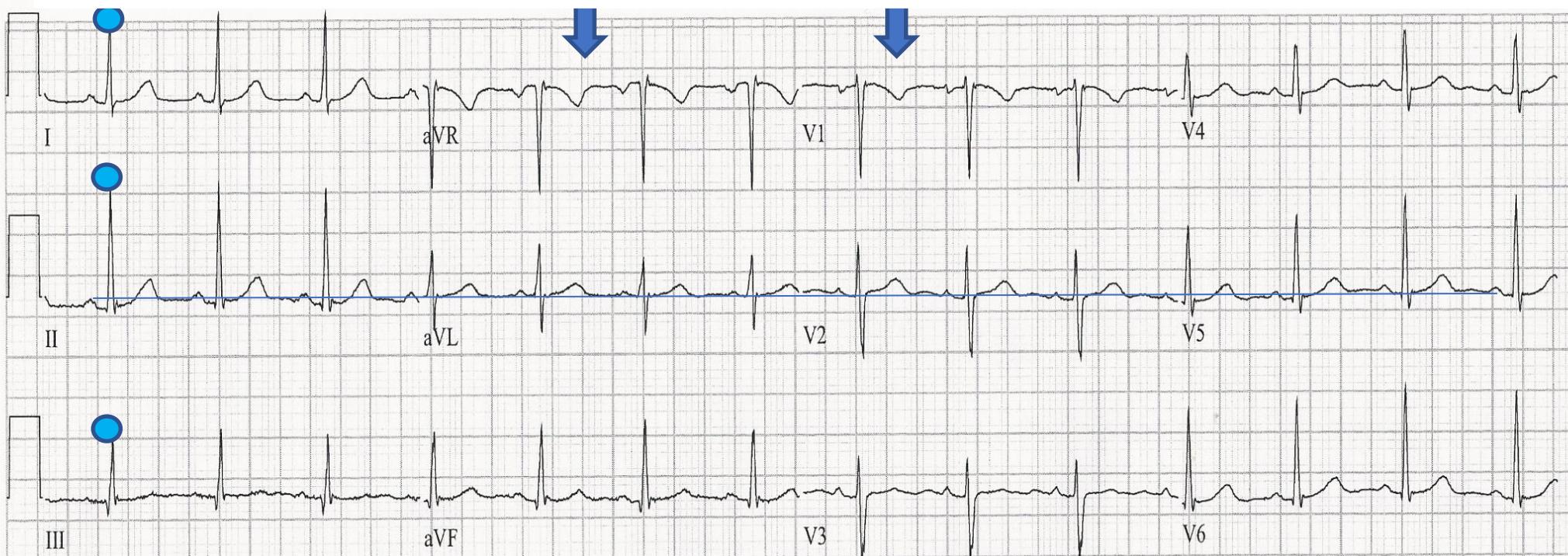
**T – T waves (shape, size, position)**

## 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	NORMAL SINUS RHYTHM
PR interval	150	ms	NORMAL ECG
QRS duration	76	ms	NO PREVIOUS ECGS AVAILABLE
QT/QTc	378/446	ms	
P-R-T axes	38 51	31	

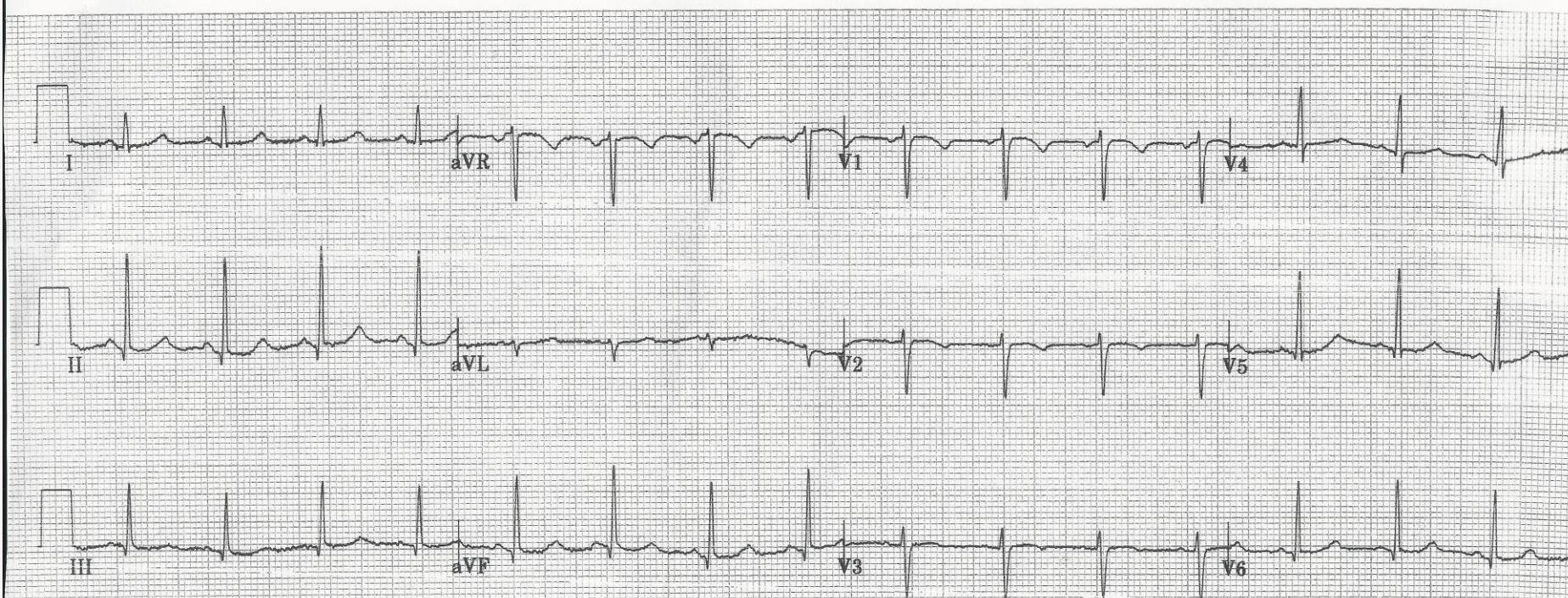


# Is it though?

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

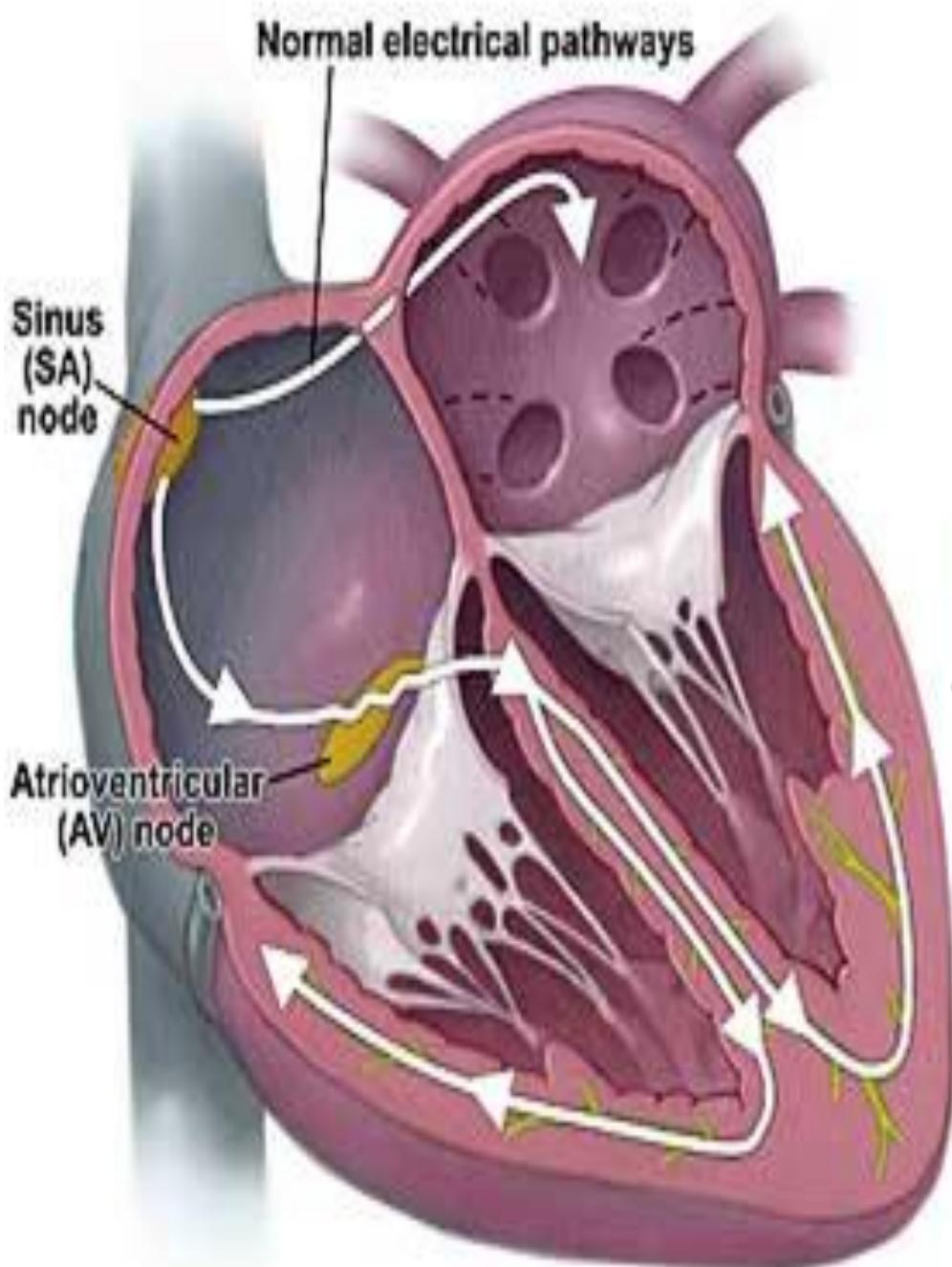
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# Back to Basics Rhythm Review





# Normal conduction

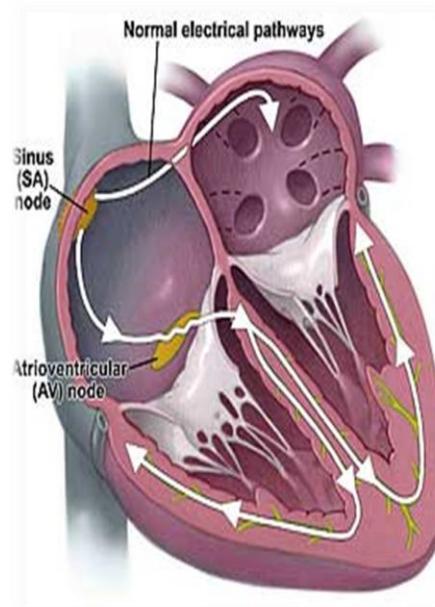
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You have to know what normal is to  
know what abnormal is. ....

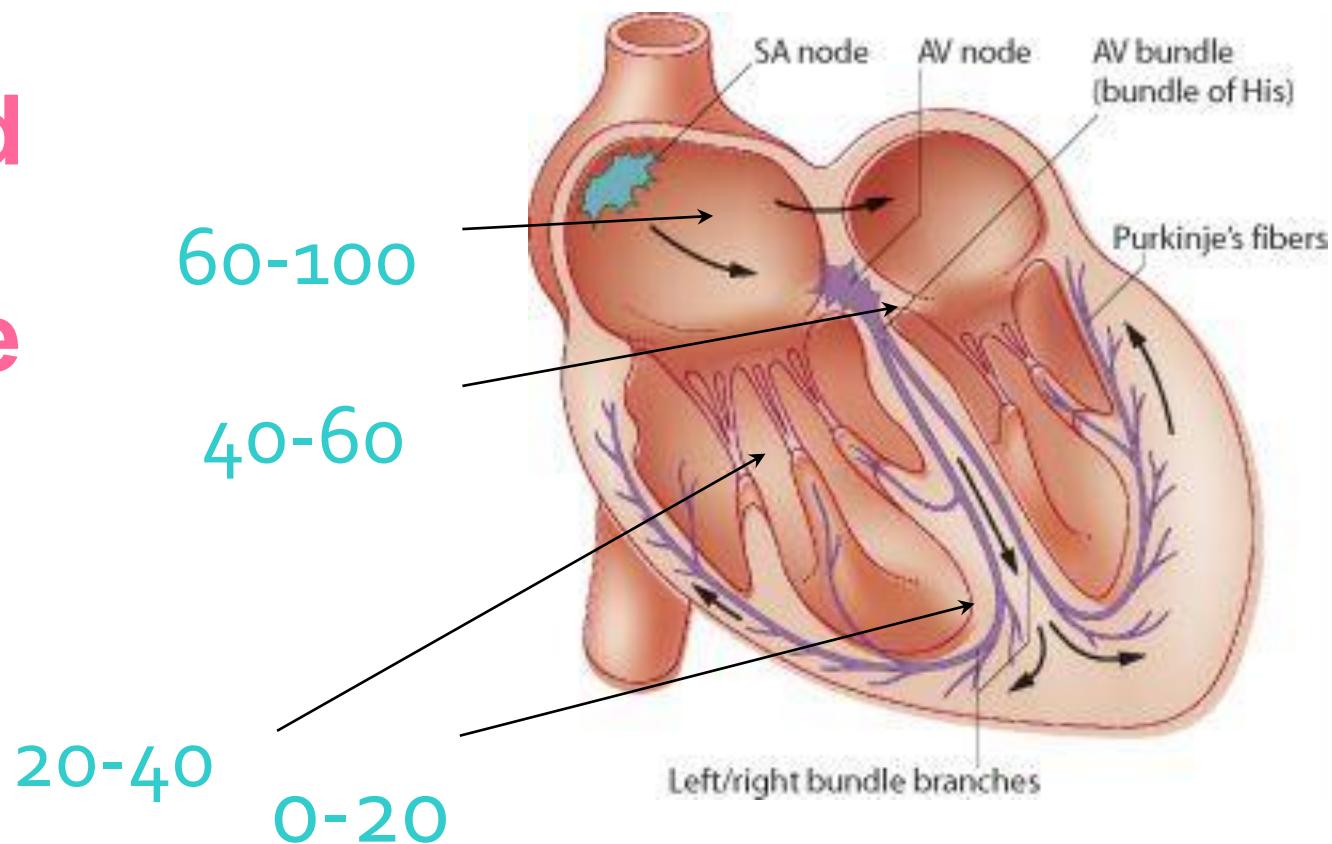
- Introducing.... NSR.
- When the president is in charge.



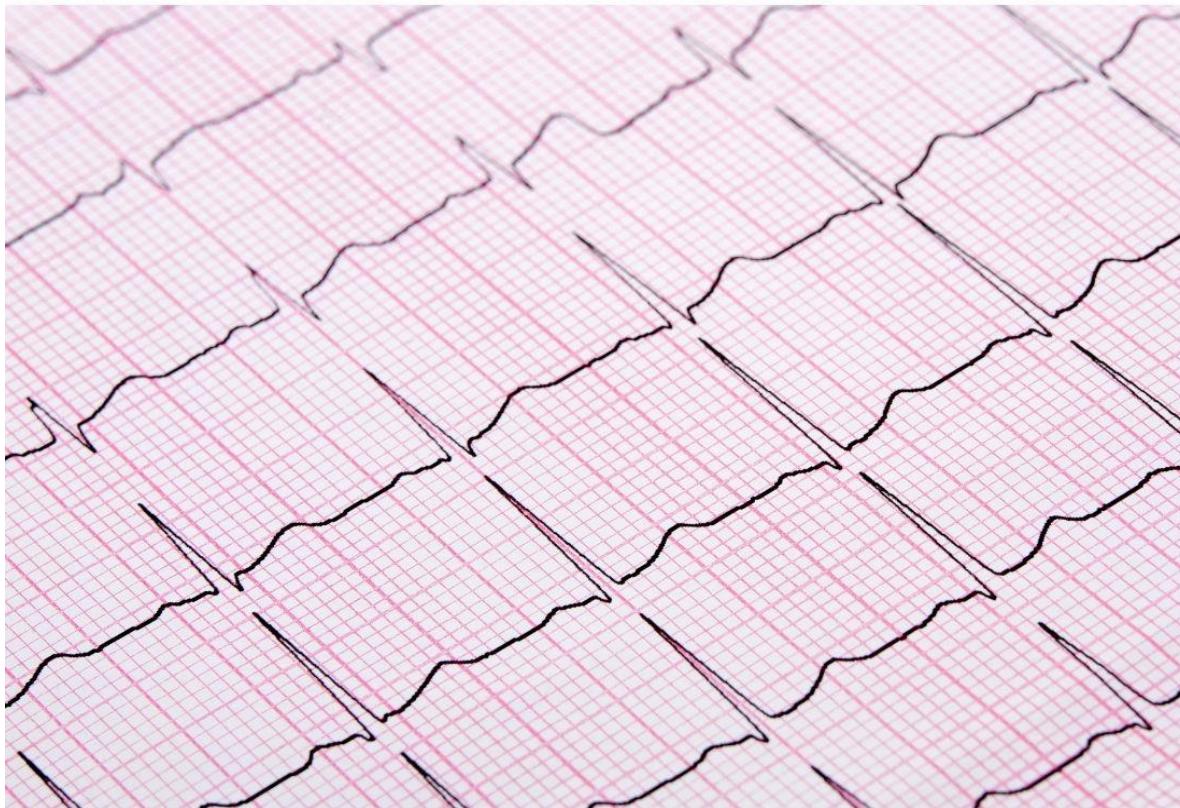
When the president goes on vacation...



You need  
1 “man”  
in charge



# 3 questions to answer...



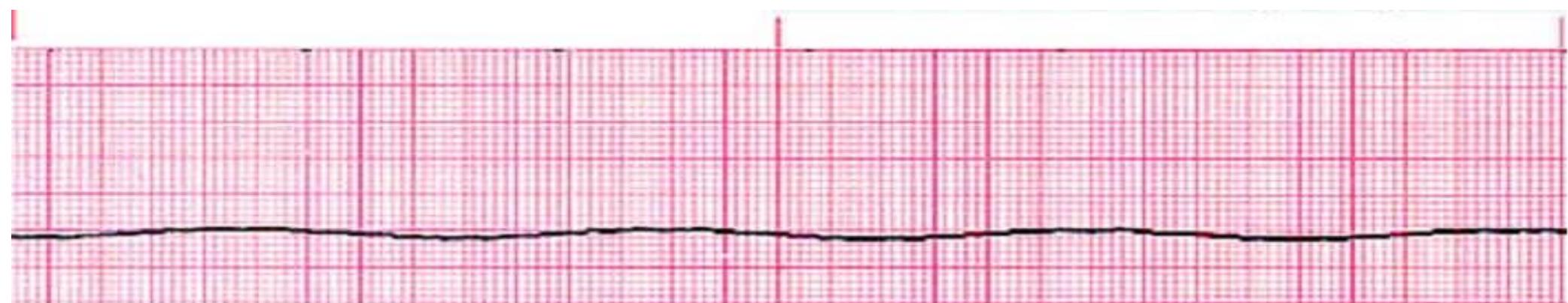
**NARROW VS WIDE**  
SVT vs VT

**FAST VS SLOW**  
DO we need to intervene RIGHT now?

**REGULAR VS IRREGULAR**  
Sinus vs afib

# Pop Quiz

Name that tune...



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**When everyone tries to *overthrow* the government**

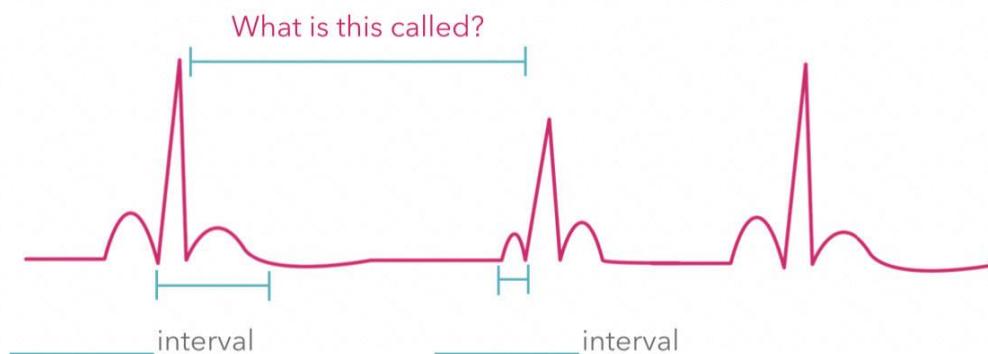
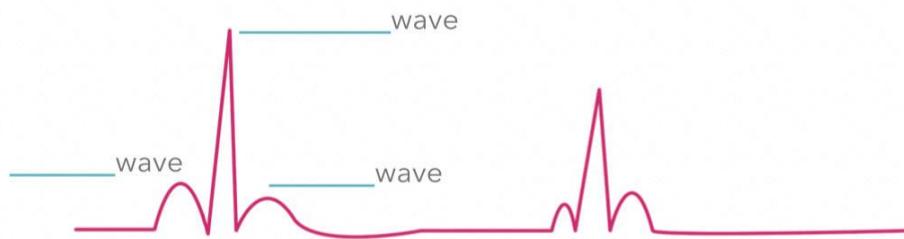




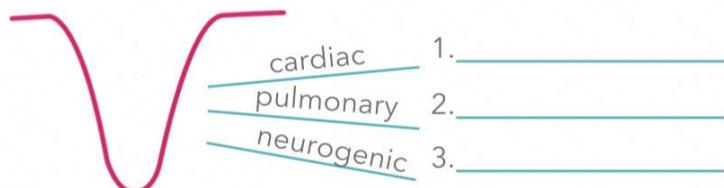
# The Waves



## 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**

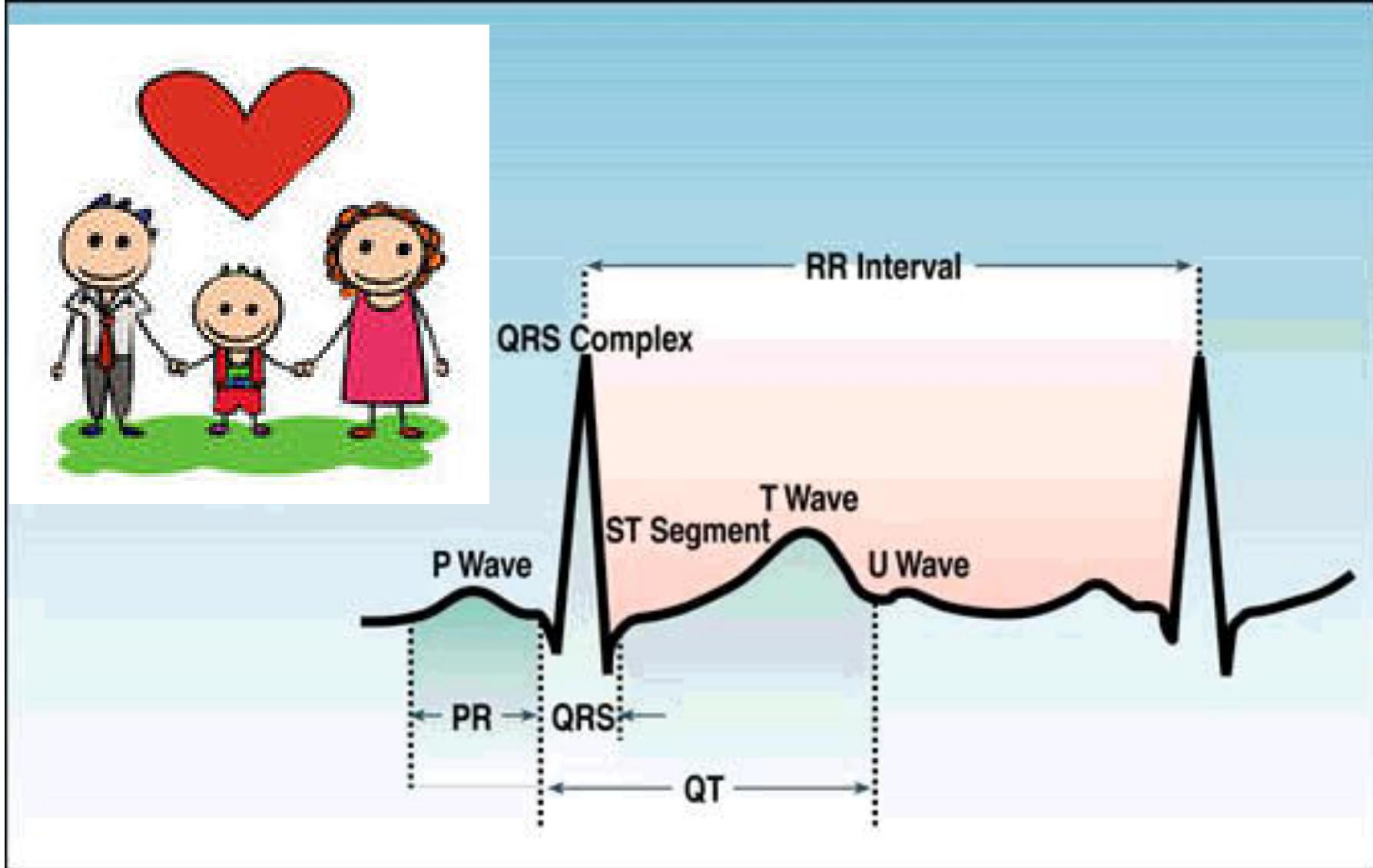
1. Smooth
2. Don't be  
needy!

**T WAVE**

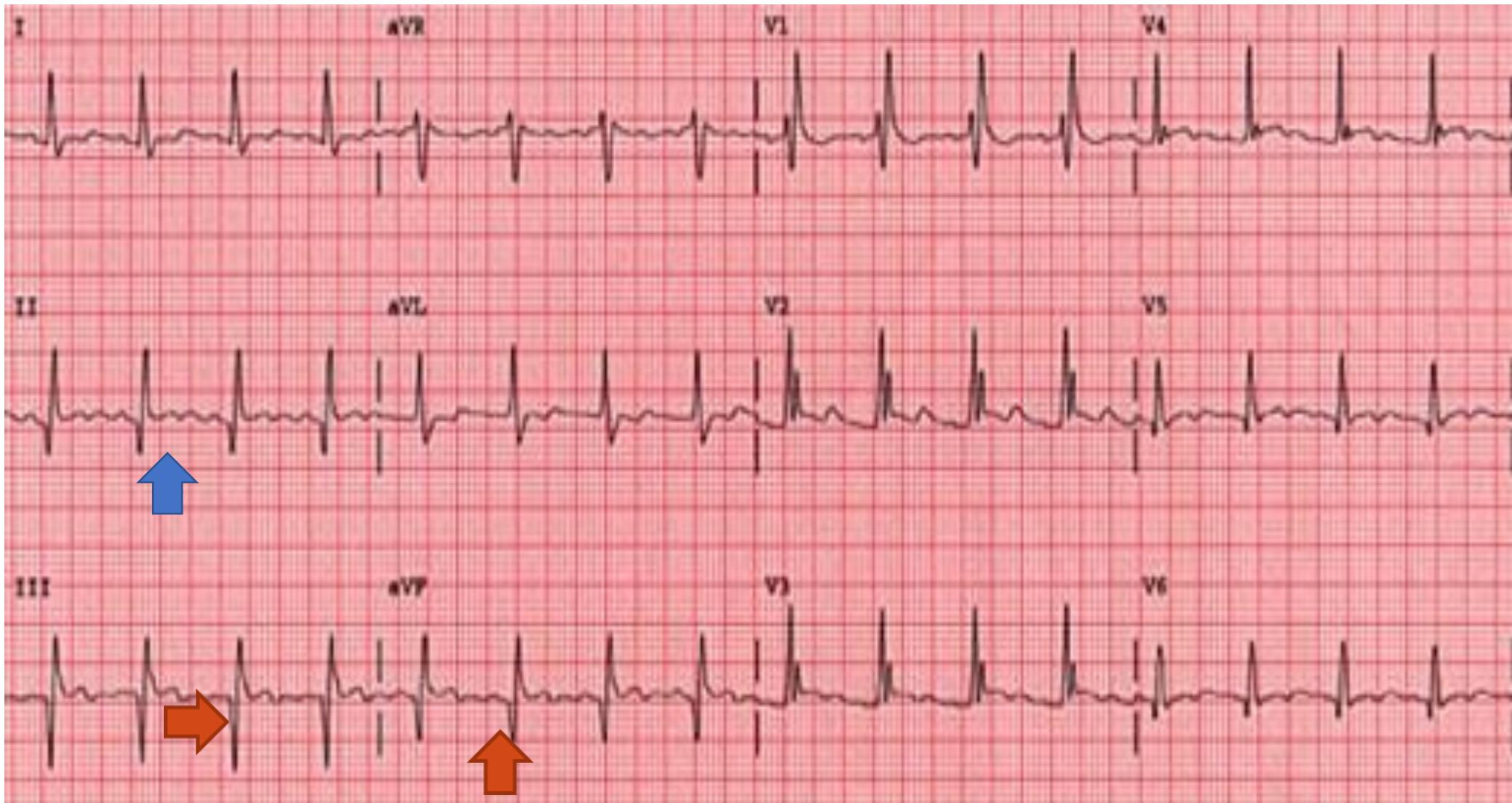
1. Upright
2. Don't be  
pointy!

Oh no you  
didn't!

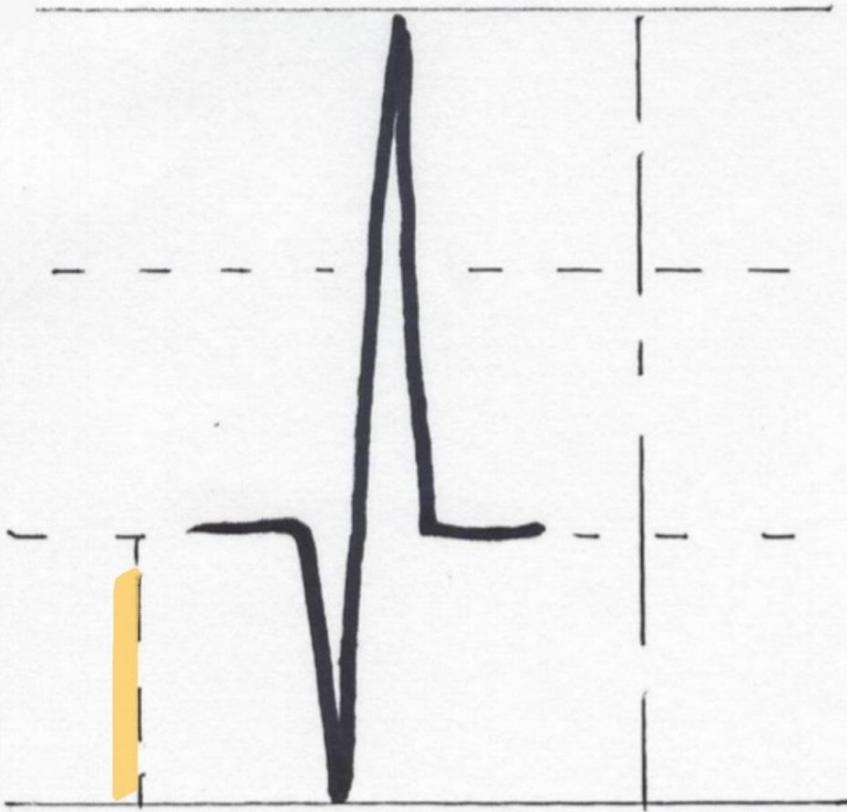
**P WAVE**



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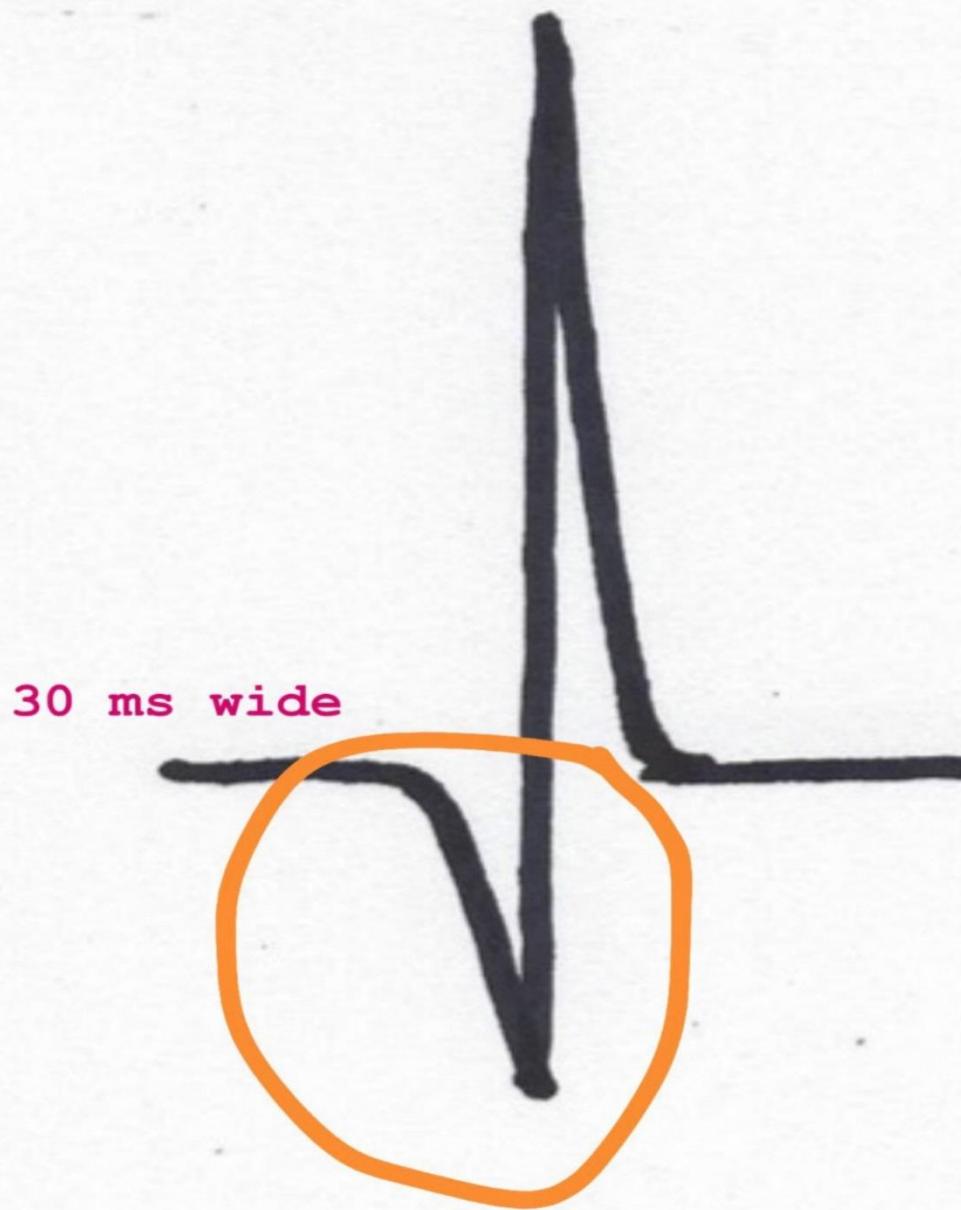


# Q WAVE

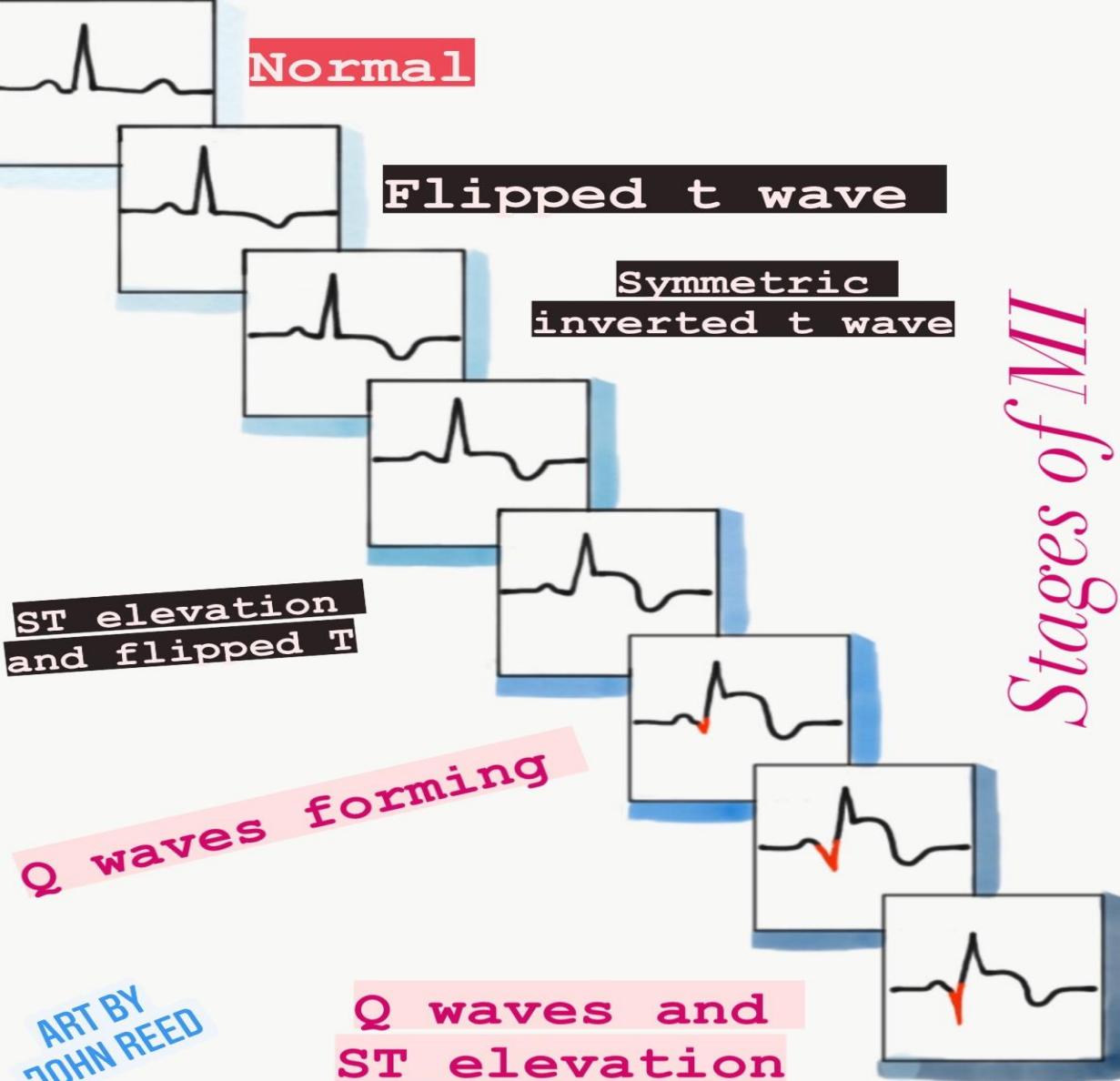


$\frac{1}{4}$  of the R wave

## Pathologic Q Waves



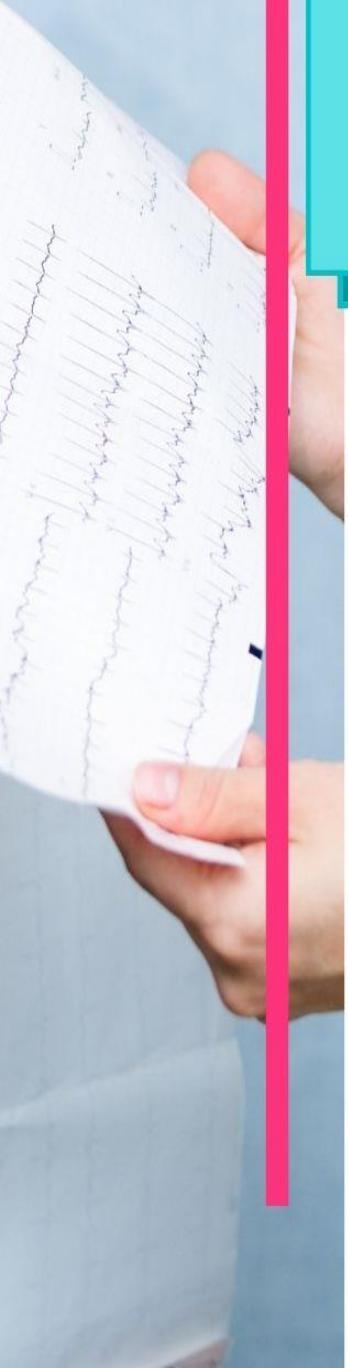
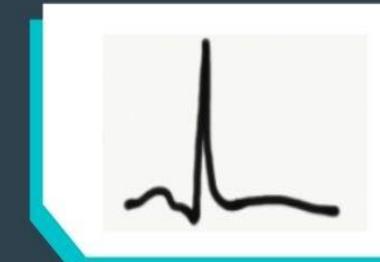
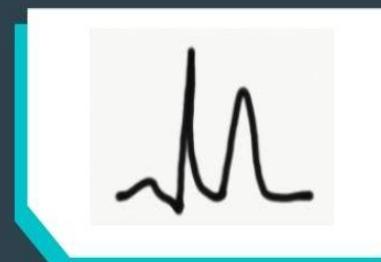
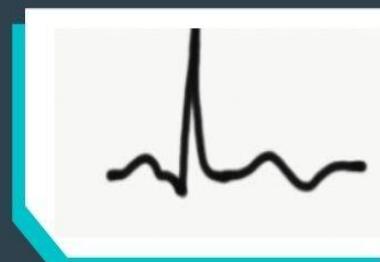
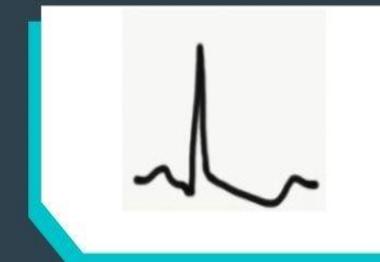
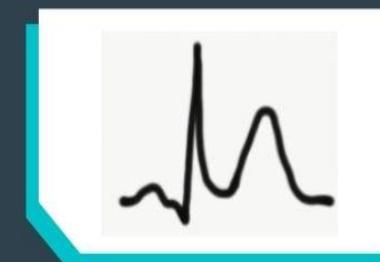
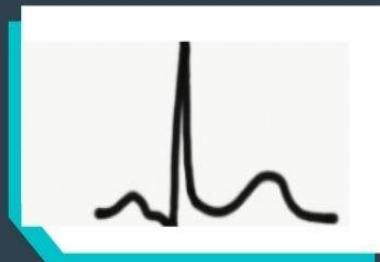
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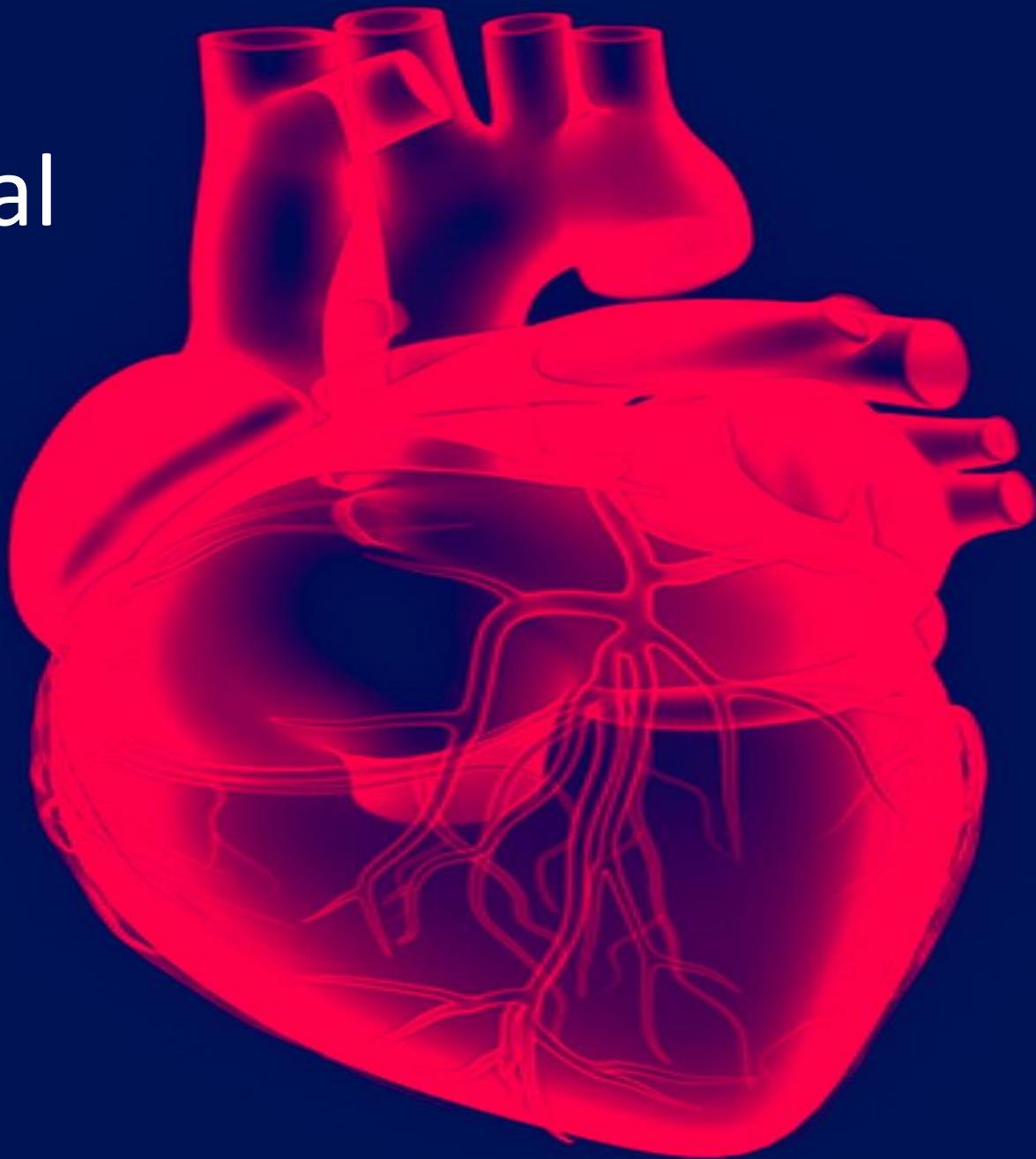
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Can you name them?

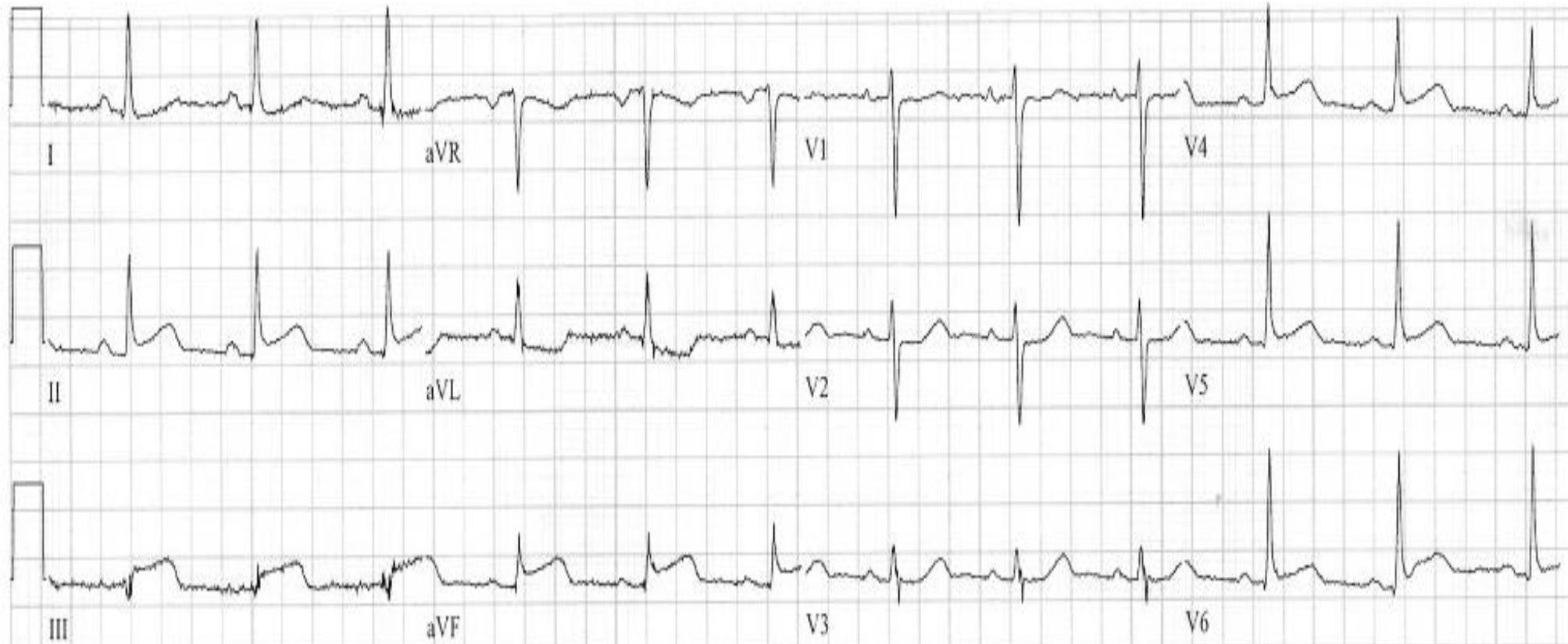


# The Normal EKG



Vent. rate	71	BPM	*** Critical Test Result: STEMI
PR interval	164	ms	NORMAL SINUS RHYTHM
QRS duration	88	ms	ST ELEVATION CONSIDER INFERIOR INJURY OR ACUTE INFARCT
QT/QTc	426/462	ms	*** ACUTE MI / STEMI ***
P-R-T axes	27 31	83	Consider right ventricular involvement in acute inferior infarct

# 1. Big sick or little sick?



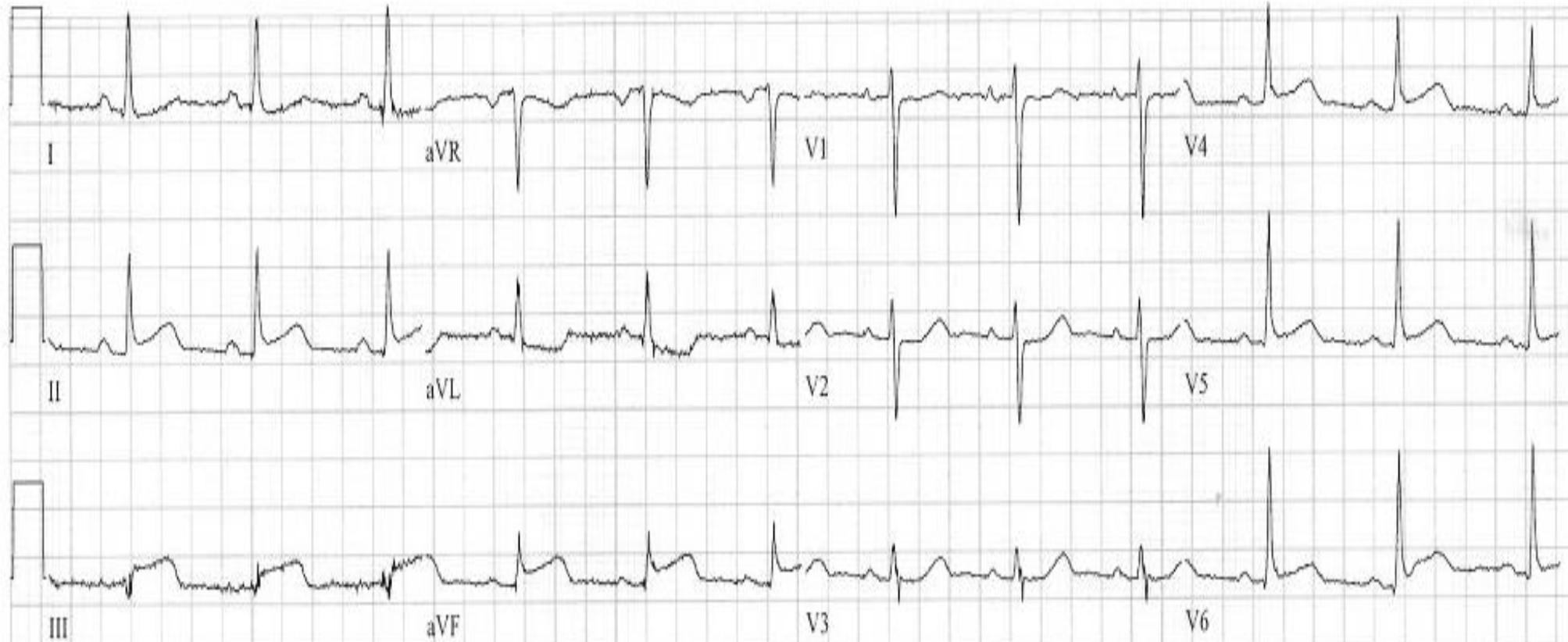
**STOP!!!!!!**

STEMI Accustion - YES OR NO

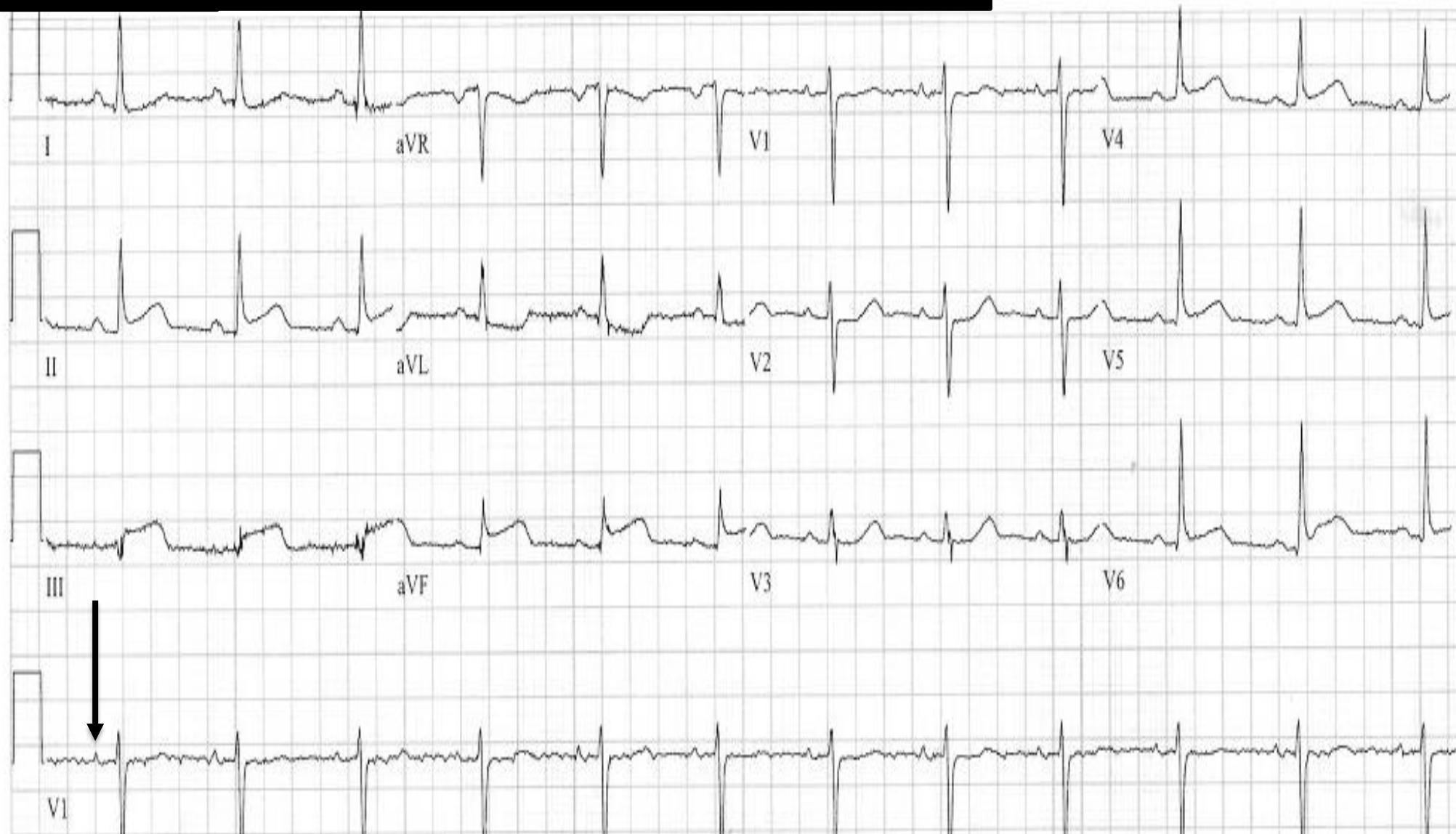


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## 2. Rate (60-100)



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





# These numbers.....MATTER

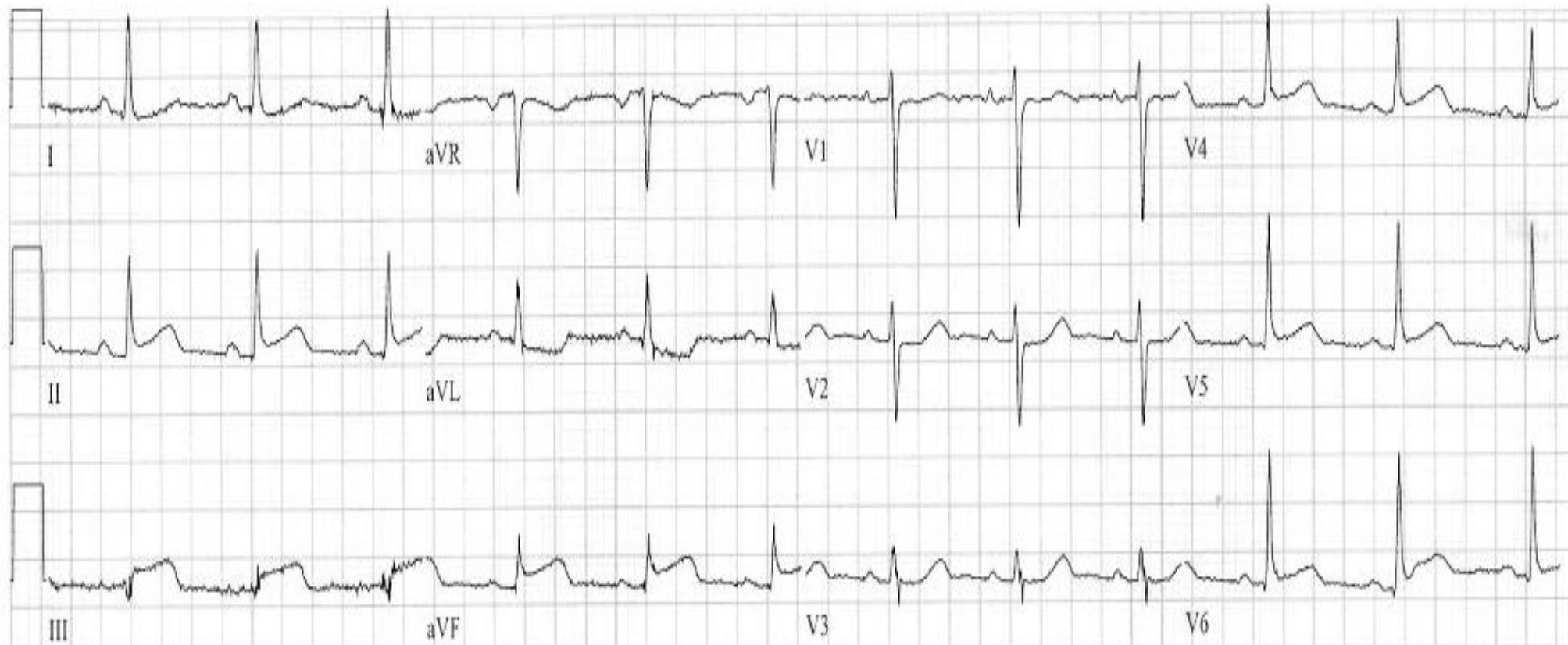
- **PR Interval - .12 - .20 (120 ms – 200 ms)**
- **QRS Complex - below .12 (120 ms)**
- **QT Interval – below 460 ms**

*A normal QRS should be no longer than \_\_\_ boxes*

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## 4. Intervals.



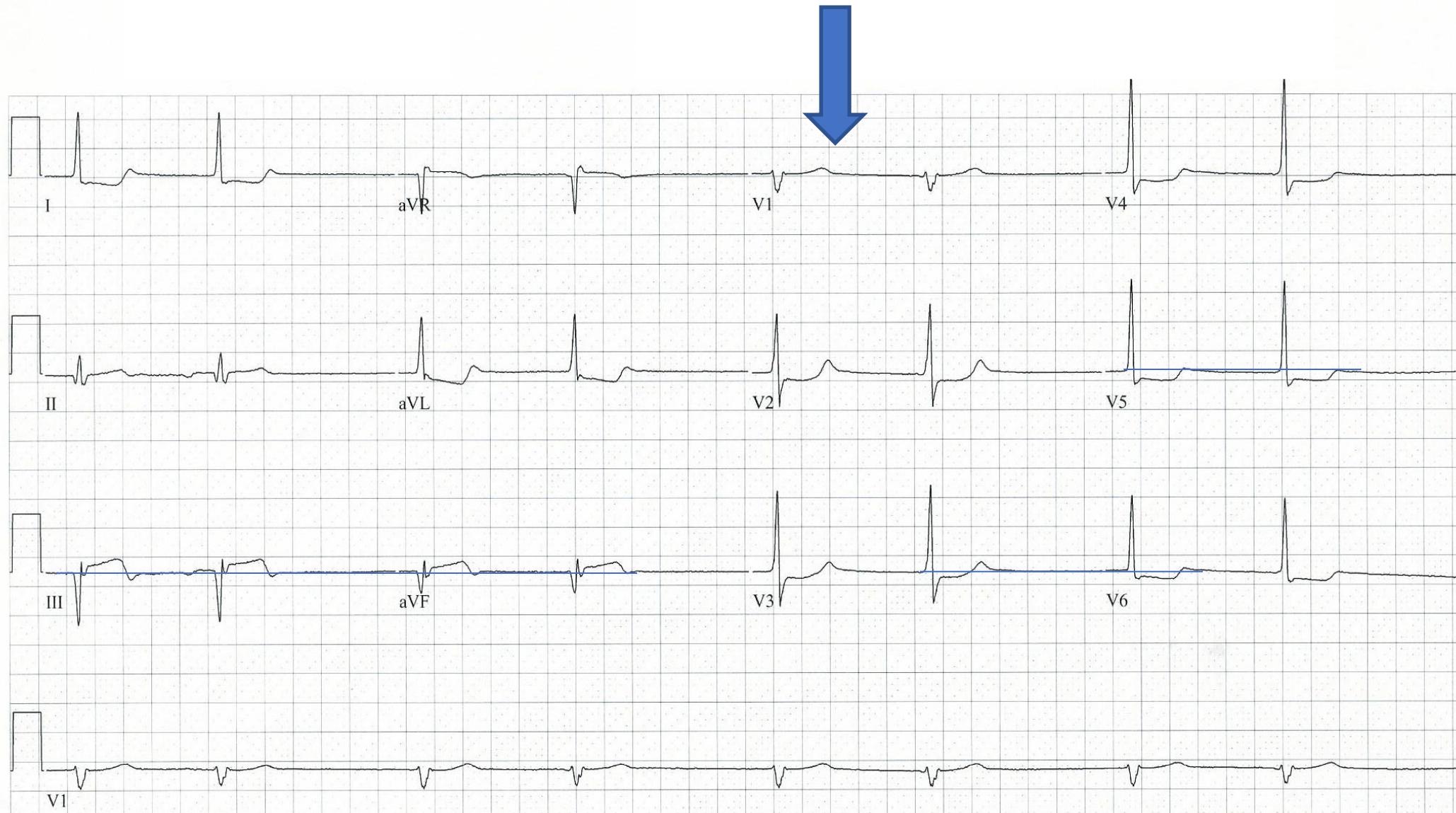
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## 5. ST Segments



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?



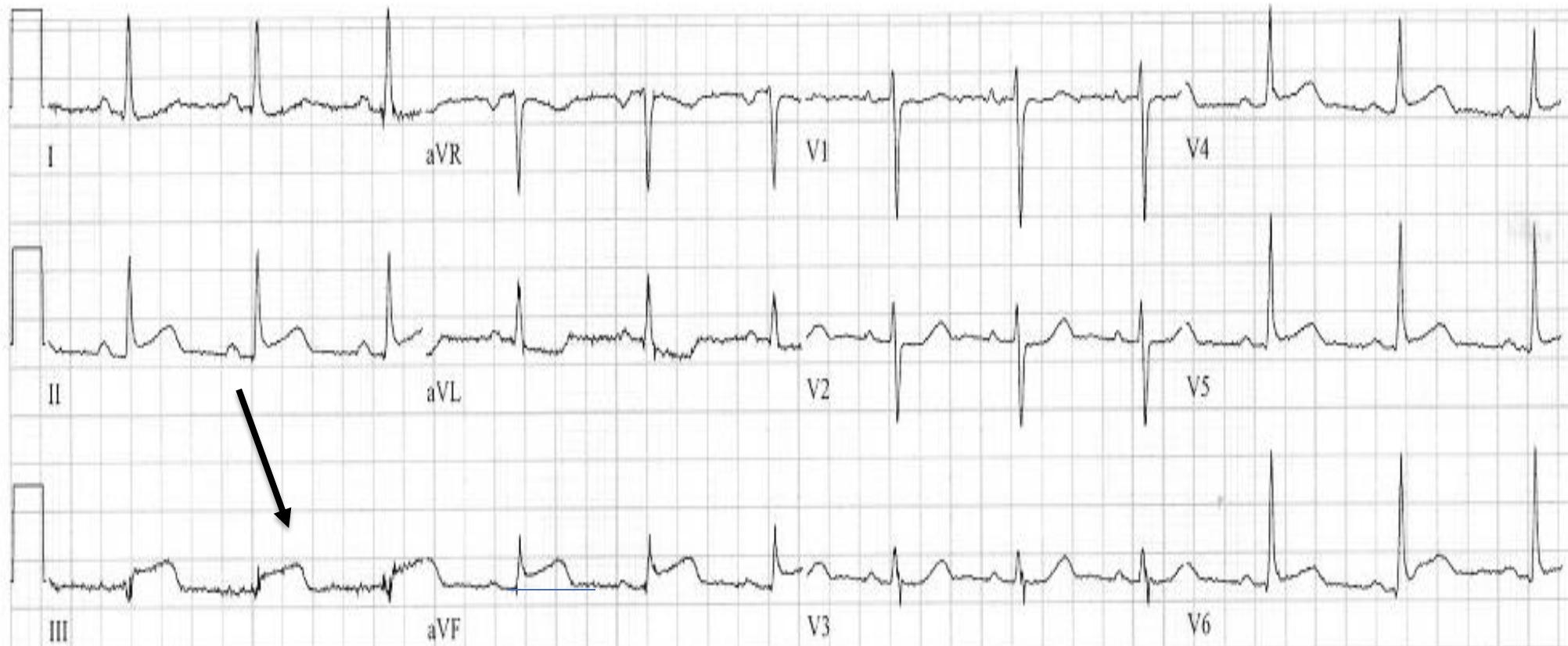
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## 7. Axis



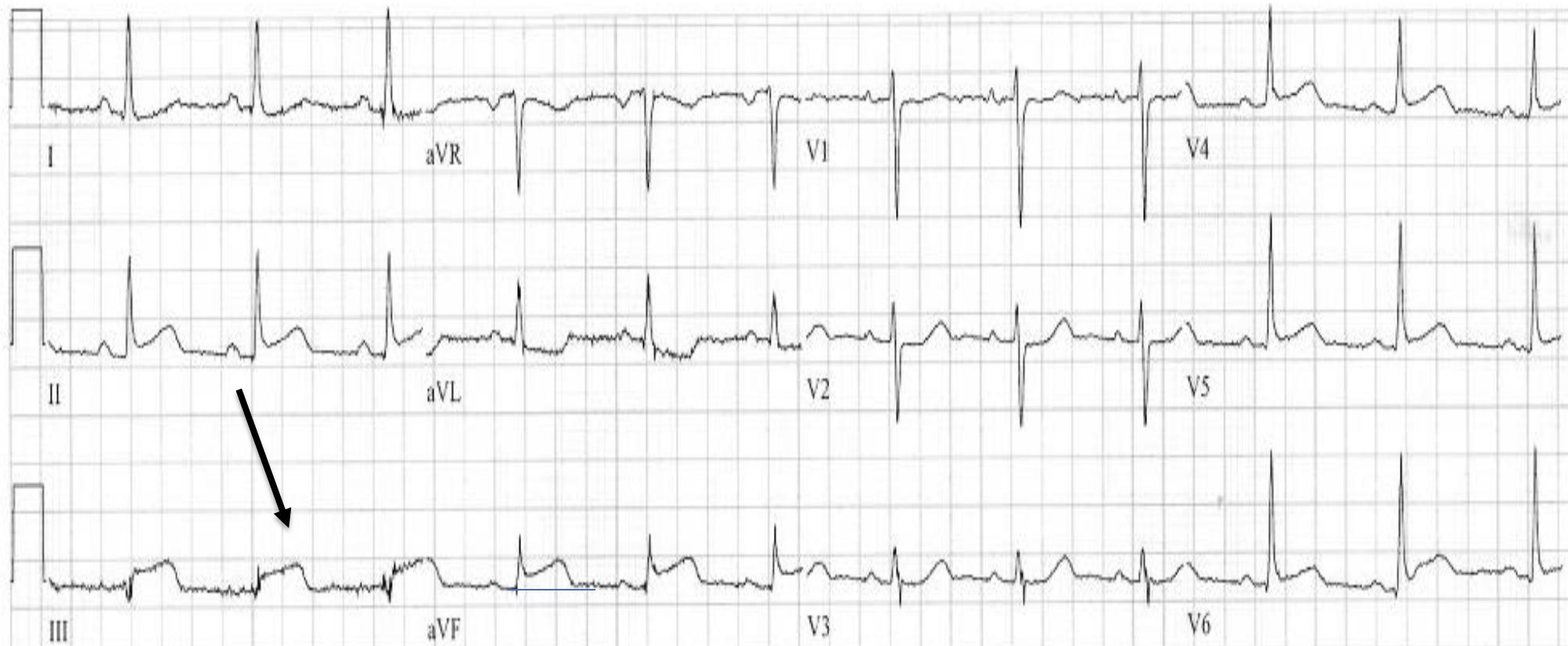
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## 8. Hypertrophy, voltage.



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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

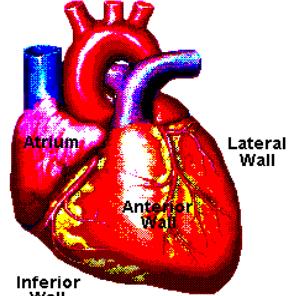
A stylized illustration of a person's torso and head. A large, jagged lightning bolt passes through the heart area. Inside the head, there are question marks (!?) and exclamation marks (!) floating around. The background is teal.

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

Inverted T waves = ischemia or reciprocal changes



Depressed ST segments = ischemia or reciprocal changes



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

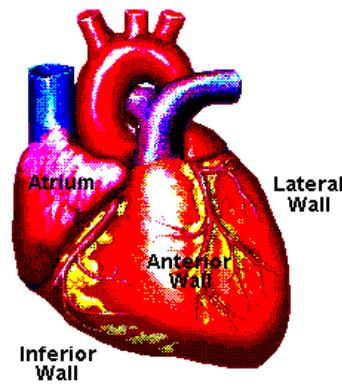
ST segment elevation = acute injury  
(Hyperacute T waves may occur early)



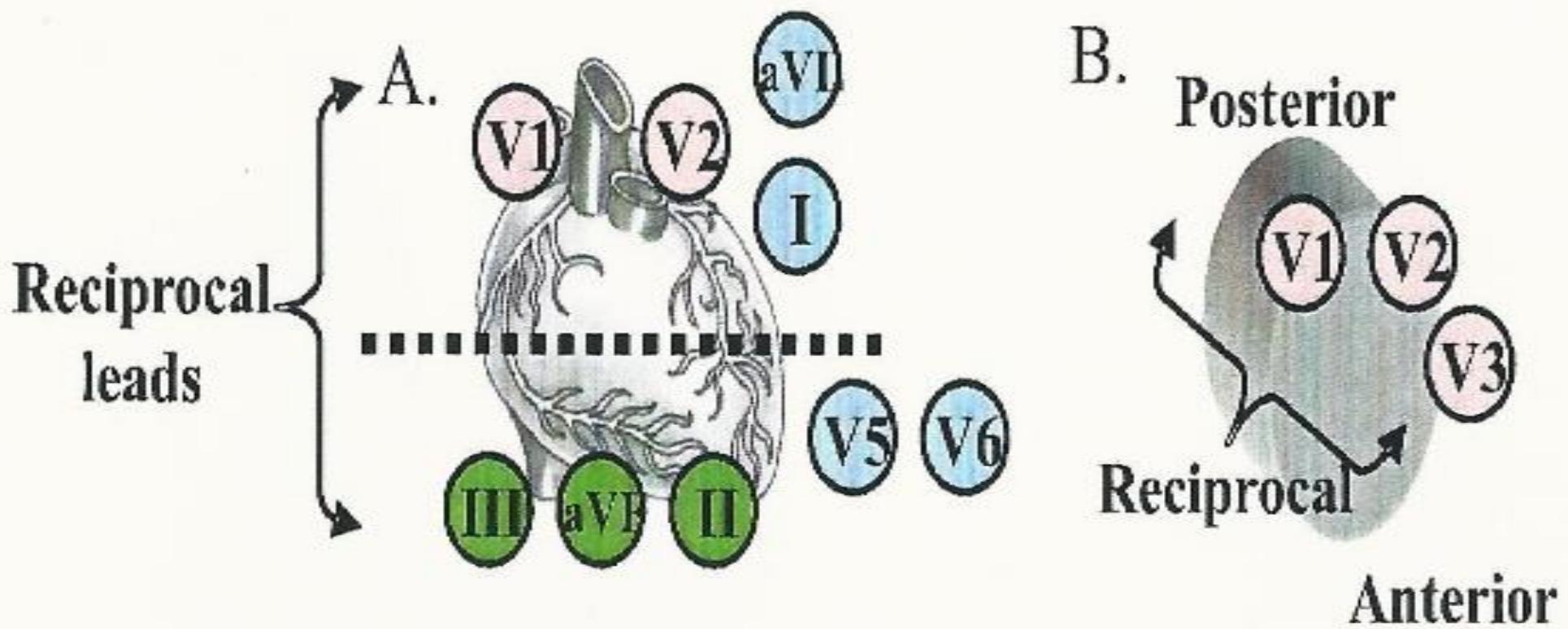
Pathological Q wave (one small box wide) = infarction

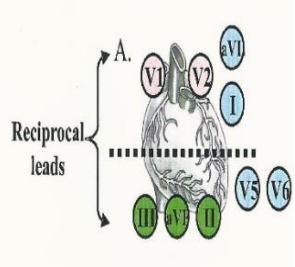


ST/T changes without ST elevation = Consider NSTEMI  
Tall R wave w/ ST depression in V1-V3 = ? Posterior MI



# “Reciprocal changes”

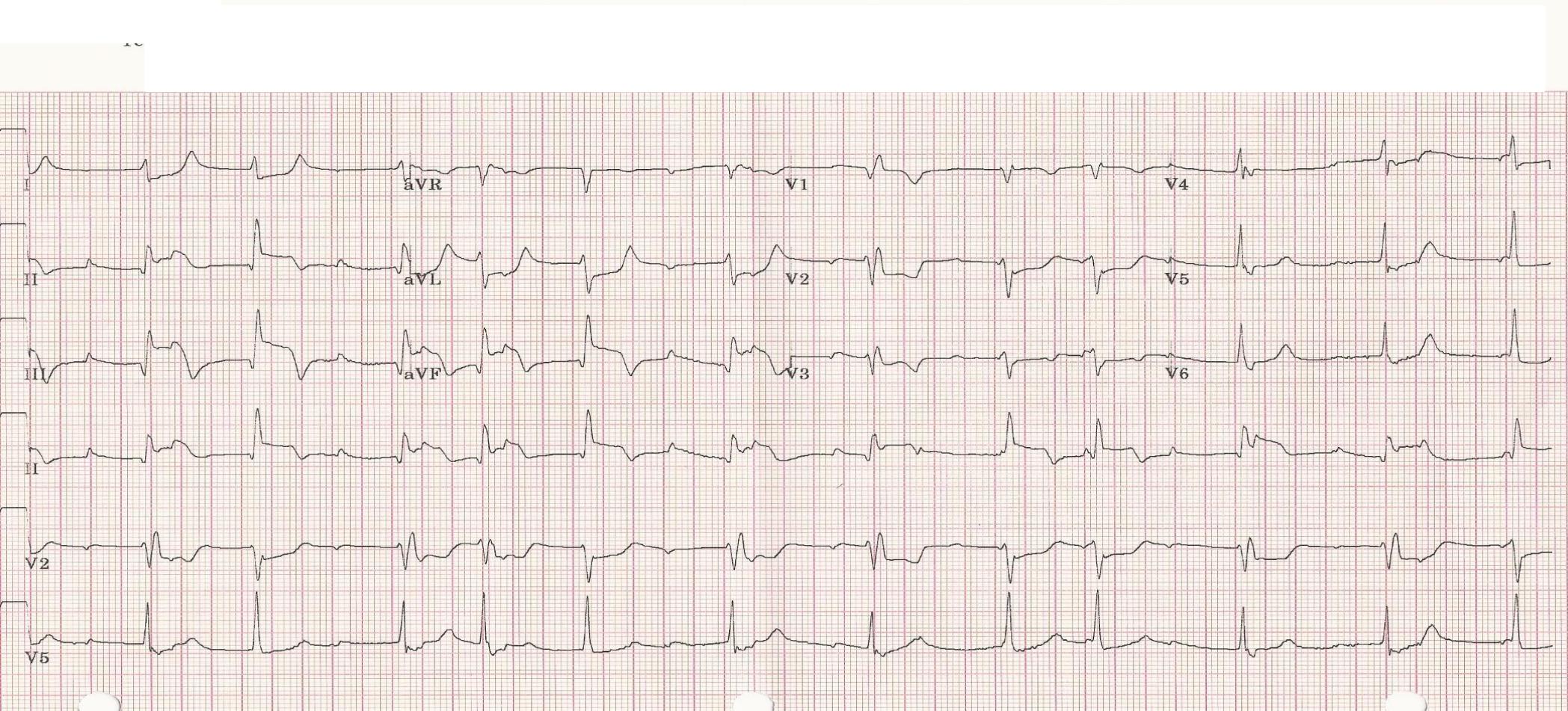


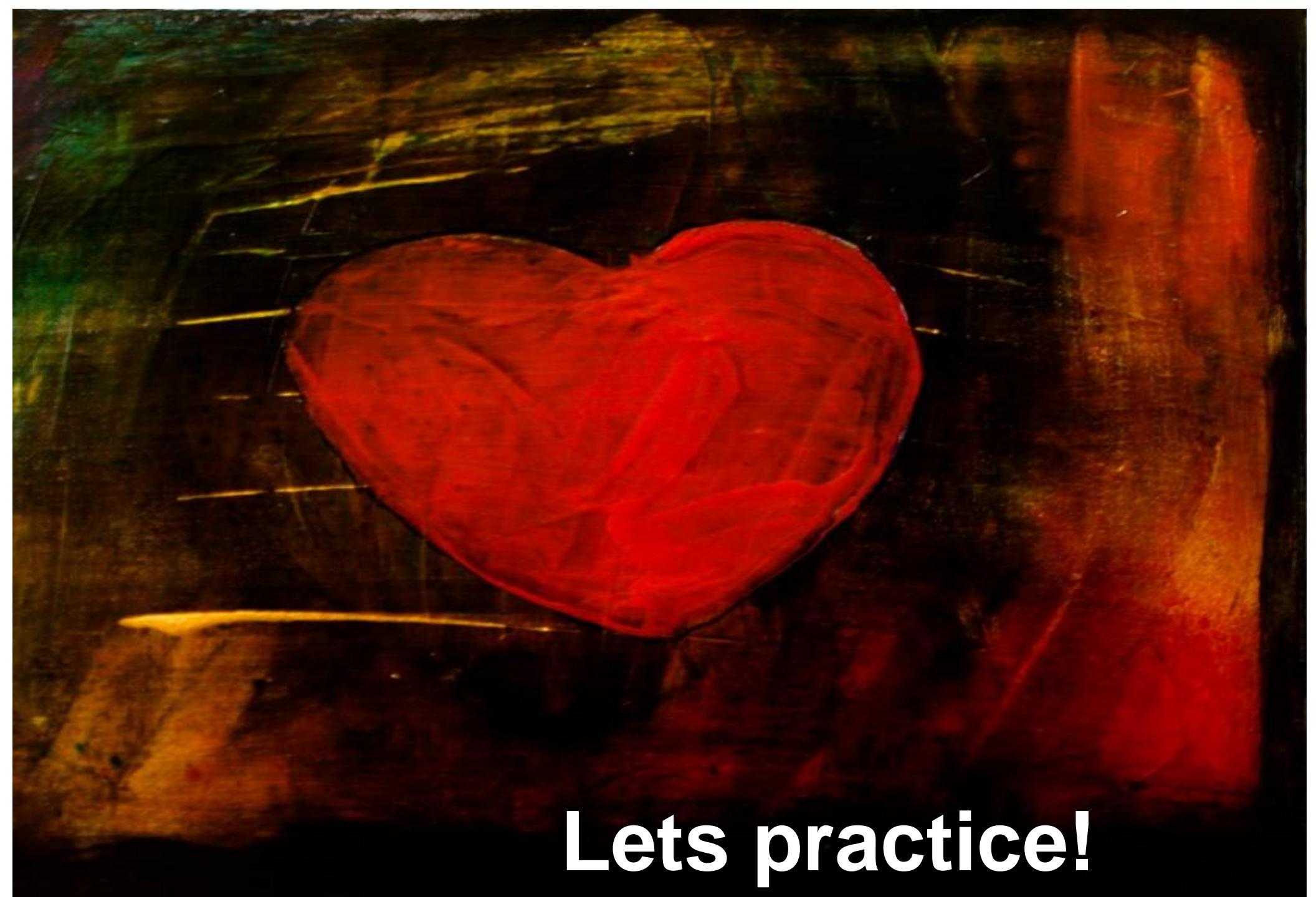


# Where's the STEMI MI

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

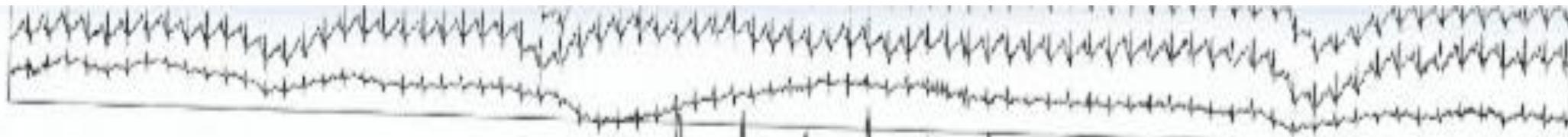
Atrial fibrillation with a competing junctional pacemaker with premature ventricular or aberrantly conducted complexes  
ST elevation, consider inferior injury or acute infarct  
\*\* \*\* ACUTE MI / STEMI \*\* \*\*  
Consider right ventricular involvement in acute inferior infarct  
Abnormal ECG



A close-up photograph of a red heart-shaped object, possibly a piece of fabric or a leaf, resting on a dark, textured surface. The background is dark and out of focus.

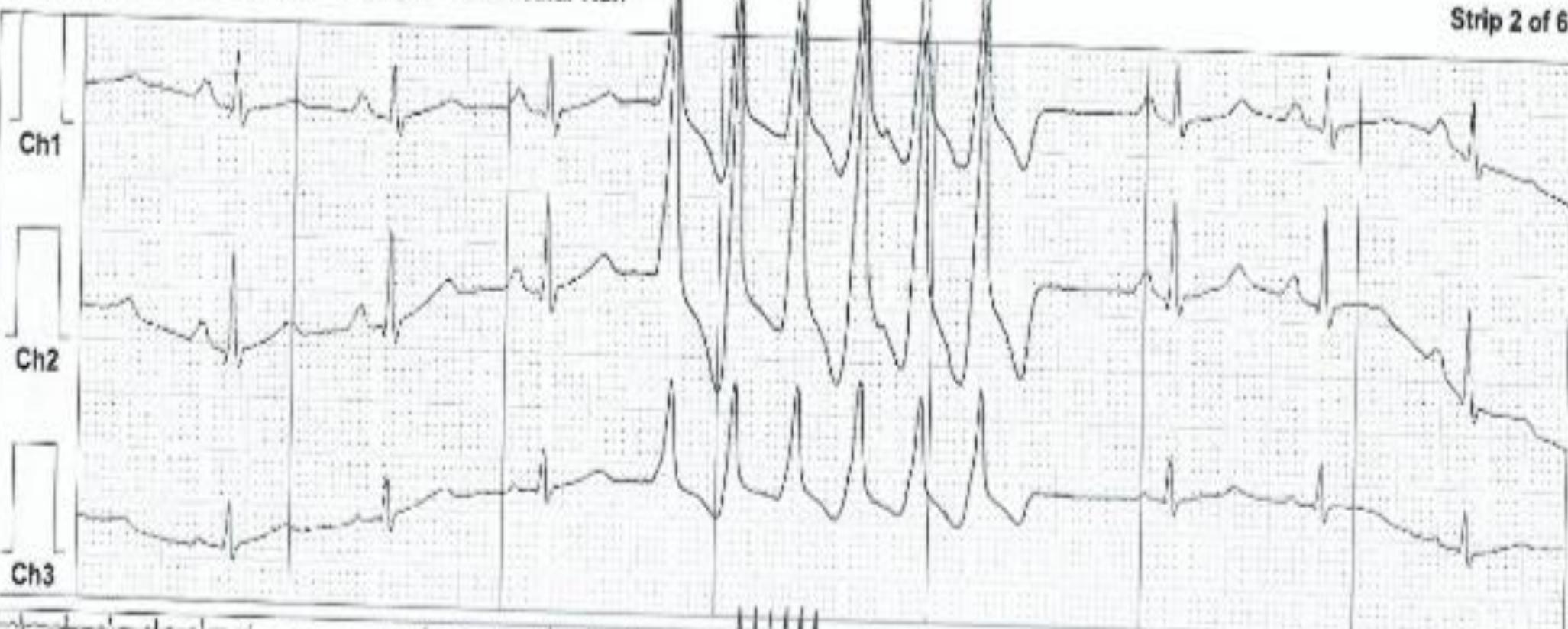
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# 36 y/o military wife with four kids



12:40:11 AM 203 BPM Size x1,x1,x1 Ventricular Run

Strip 2 of 6





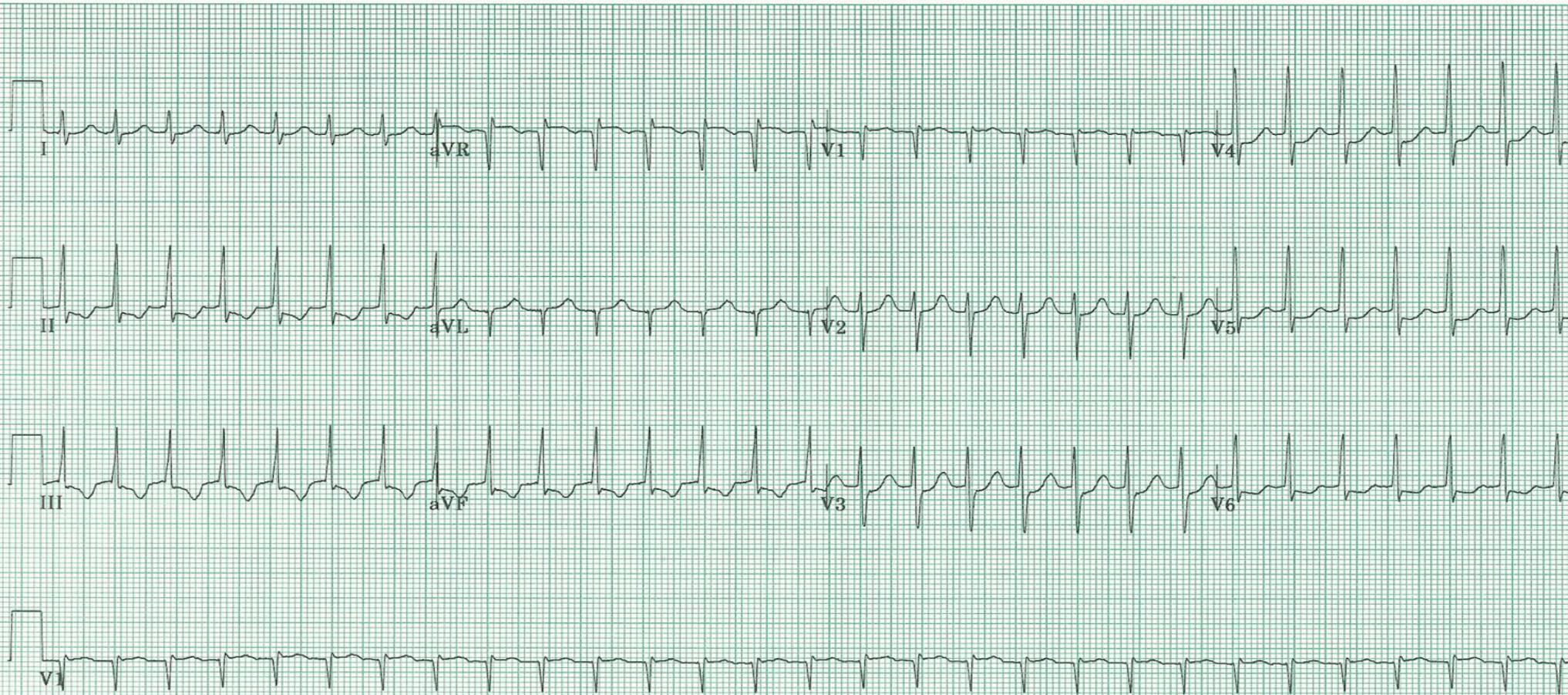
# Weakness in a 70 year old



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



Hz 25.0 mm/s 10.0 mm/mV

COVIDIEN Kendall

4 by 2.5s + 1 rhythm lead

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

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# 70 year old male with Palpitations

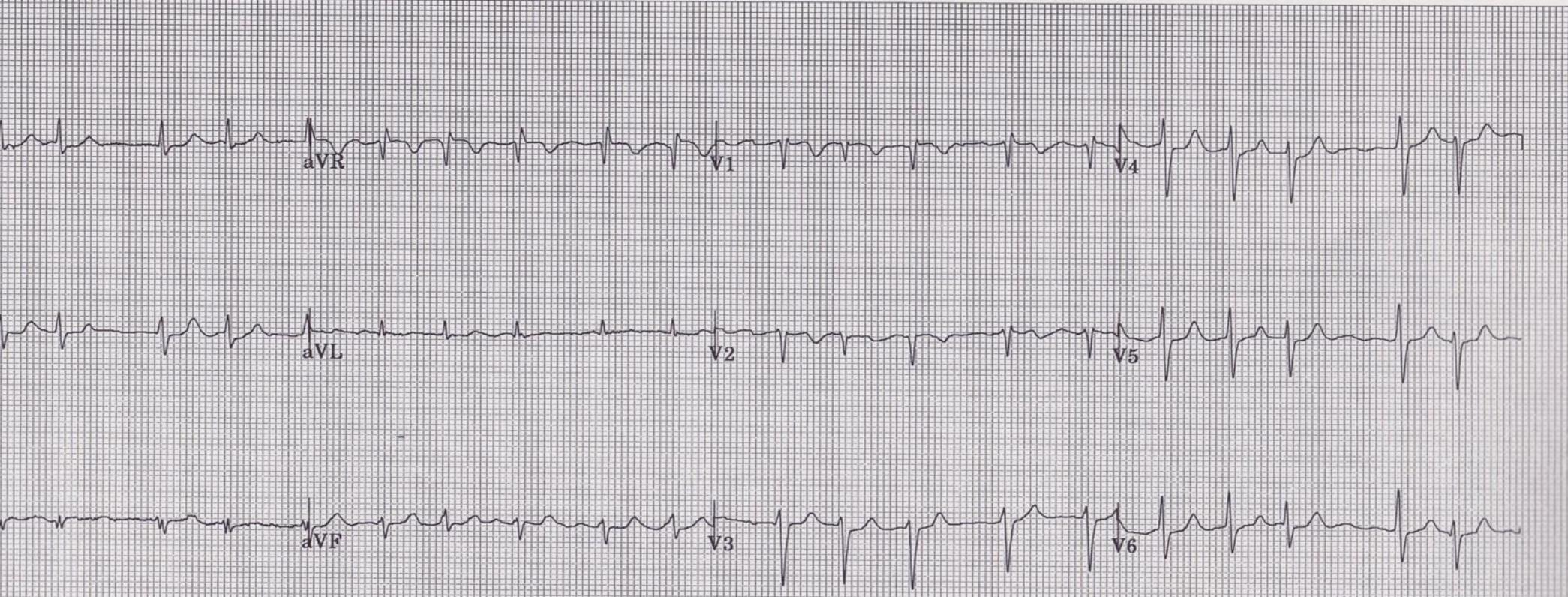
Vent. rate	127 bpm
PR interval	* ms
QRS duration	82 ms
QT/QTc	266/386 ms
P-R-T axes	* -24 52

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

Technician:  
Test ind:

Referred by:

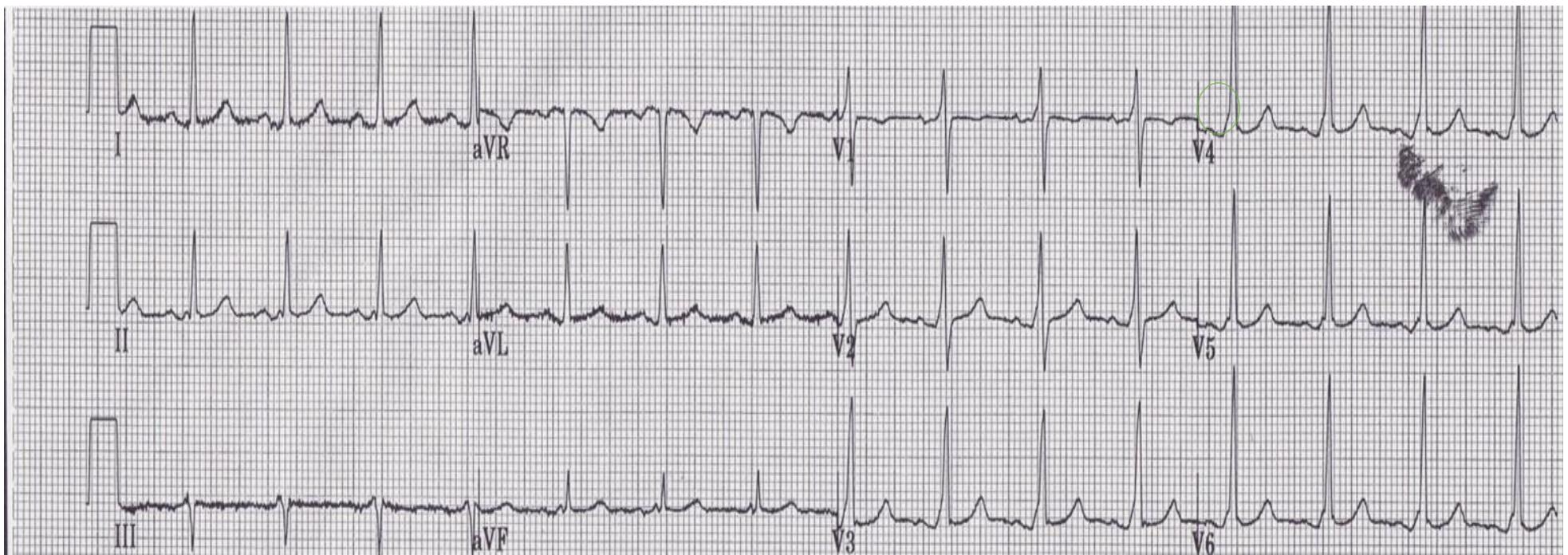
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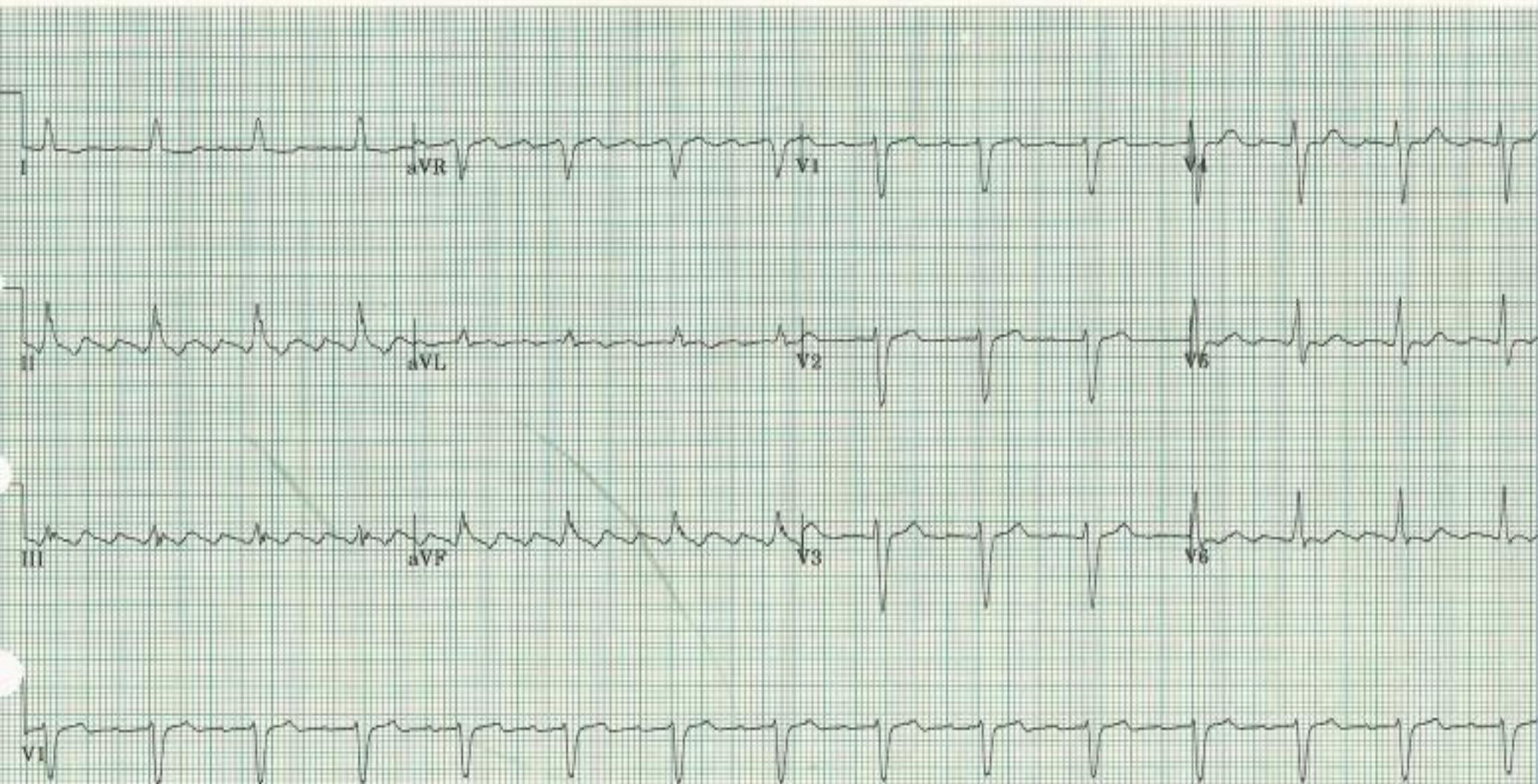
# 19 year old with Palpitations

- WAVE
- PR interval (<120 ms)
- Wide 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

A photograph of two hands held open, palms facing up, cradling a large, bright red heart. The heart is centered in the frame and has the words "Thank you!" written on it in a white, cursive, sans-serif font. The background is a clear, vibrant blue sky with wispy white clouds.

Thank  
you!