

# ECG101

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## OBJECTIVES OF THE TALK

Reviewing the basics of  
ECG

Systematic way of  
reading an ECG

STEMI mimics

# WHAT IS AN ECG

The electrocardiogram (ECG) is a representation of the electrical events of the cardiac cycle.

Each event has a distinctive waveform

the study of waveform can lead to greater insight into a patient's cardiac pathophysiology.




# DEPOLARIZATION

Contraction of muscle cell is associated with electrical activity called depolarization


These changes can be seen by electrodes attached to body surface

# PACE MAKER OF THE HEART

SA Node - Dominant pacemaker with an intrinsic rate of 60 - 100 beats/minute.



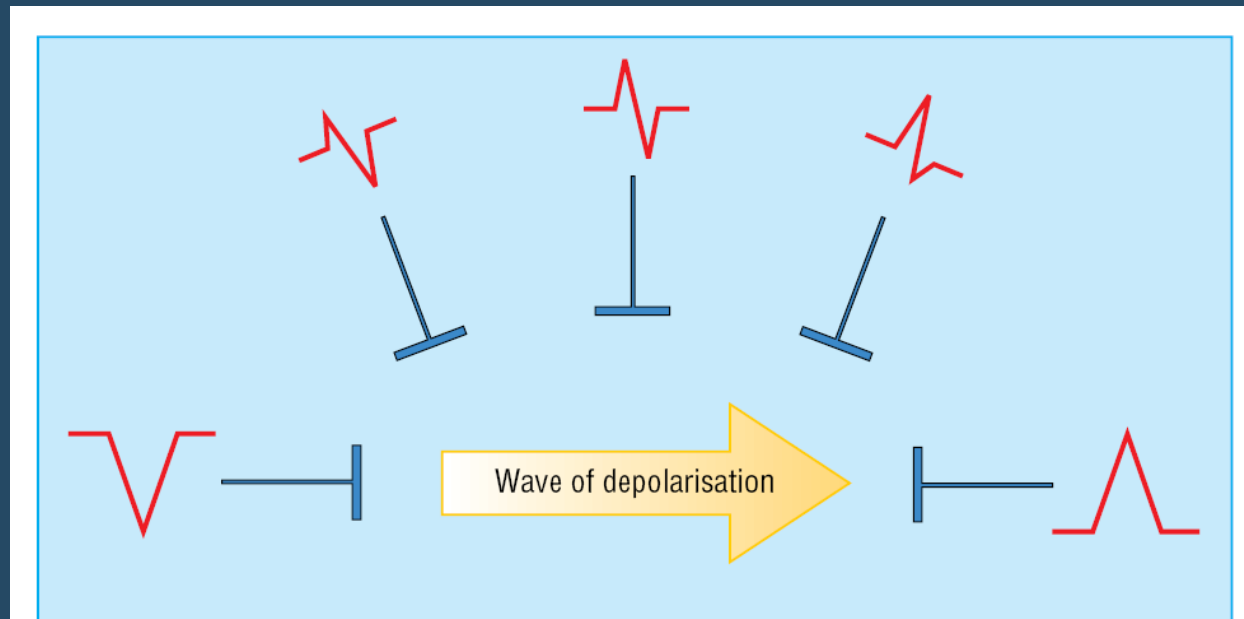
AV Node - Back-up pacemaker with an intrinsic rate of 40 - 60 beats/minute.



Ventricular cells - Back-up pacemaker with an intrinsic rate of 20 - 45 bpm.

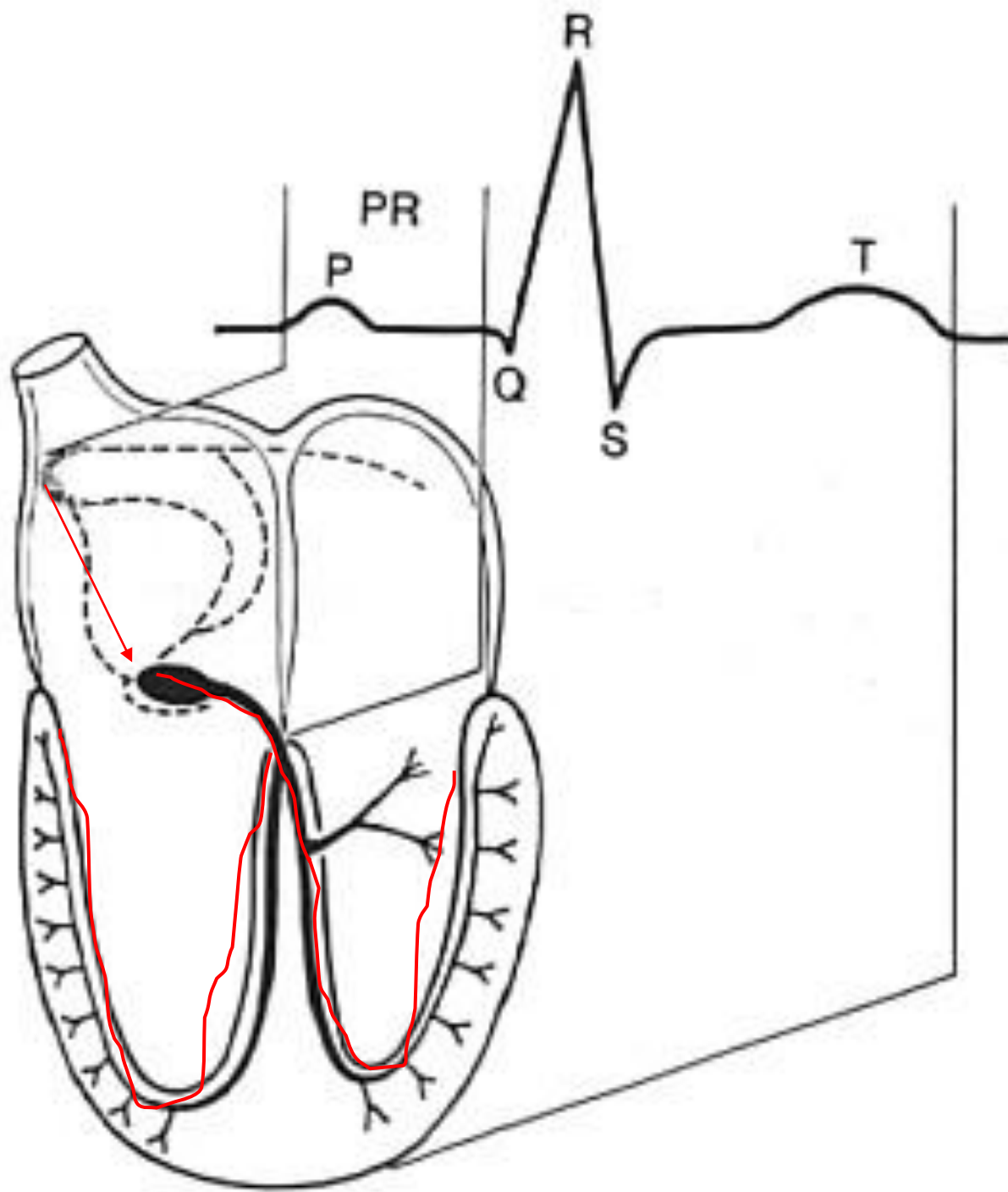
# CALIBRATION

- Standard calibration
  - 25 mm/s
  - 0.1 mV/mm
- Electrical impulse that travels towards the electrode produces an upright (“positive”) deflection

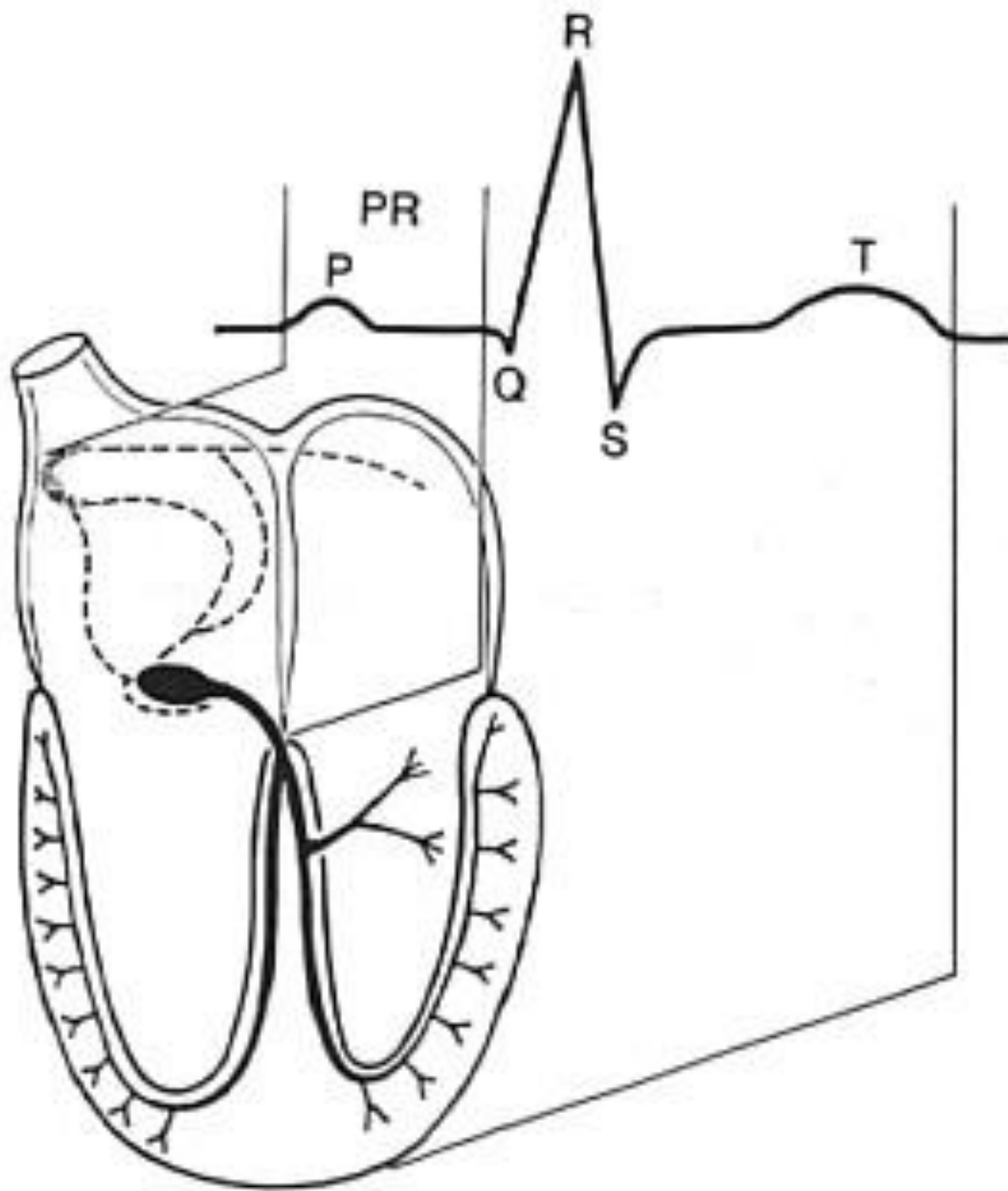


Wave of depolarisation. Shape of QRS complex in any lead depends on orientation of that lead to vector of depolarisation





# CONDUCTION



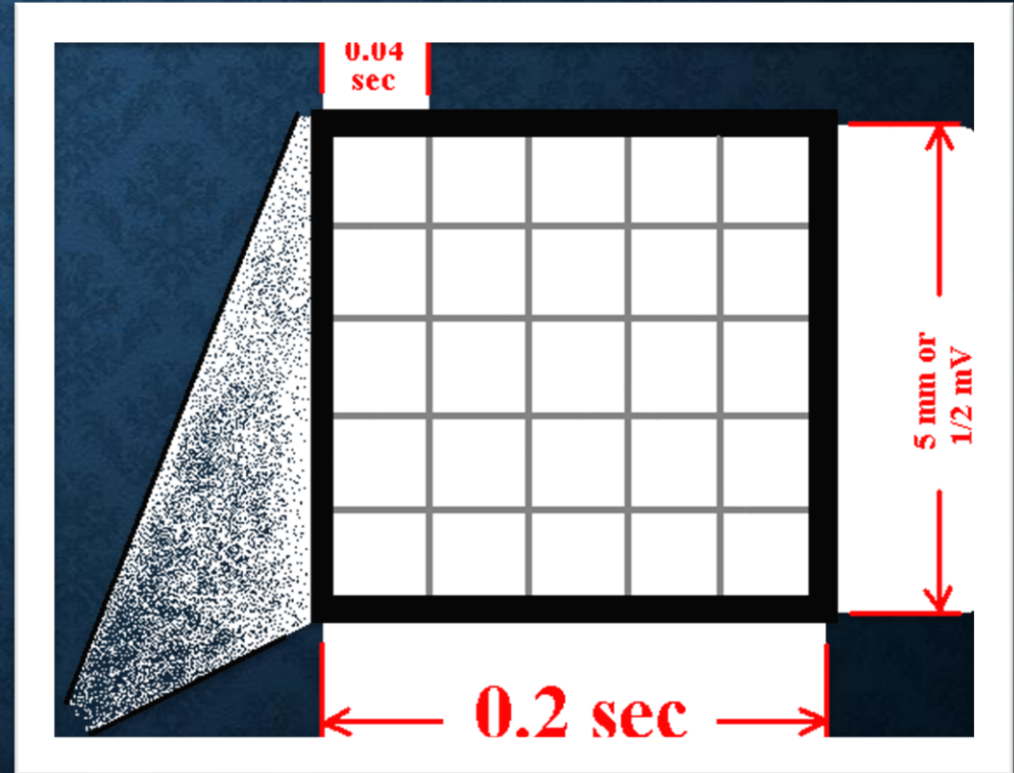
# THE PQRST

- P wave – Atrial depolarization
- QRS – Ventricular depolarization
- T wave – Ventricular repolarization



# THE ECG PAPER

- Horizontally
  - One small box - 0.04 s
  - One large box - 0.20 s
- Vertically
  - One large box - 0.5 mV



# THE ECG LEAD

The standard EKG has 12 leads:

- 3 Standard Limb Leads
- 3 Augmented Limb Leads
- 6 Precordial Leads

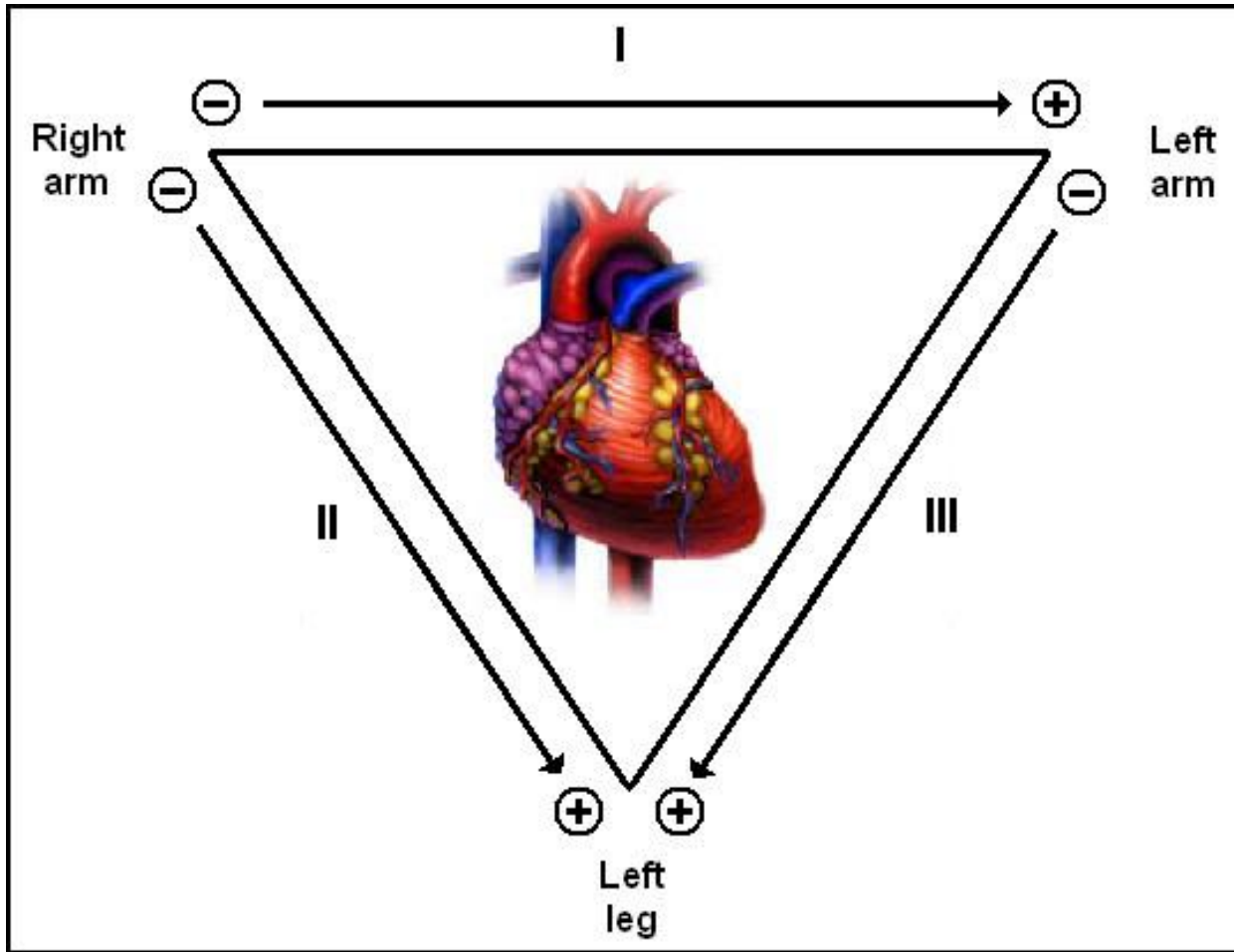




# ELECTRODES VS LEADS

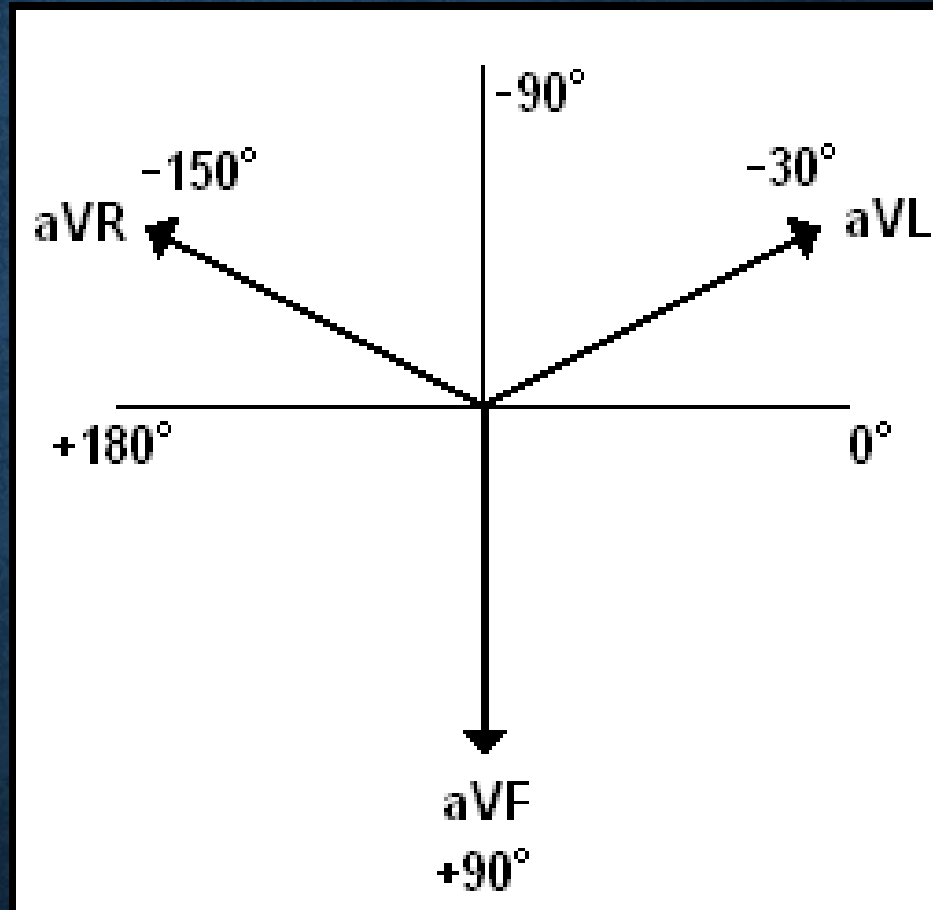






# LIMP LEADS

# AUGMENTED LIMP LEADS





Mid-clavicular Line

Mid-axillary Line

Angle of Louis

# PERCORDIAL LEADS

V1

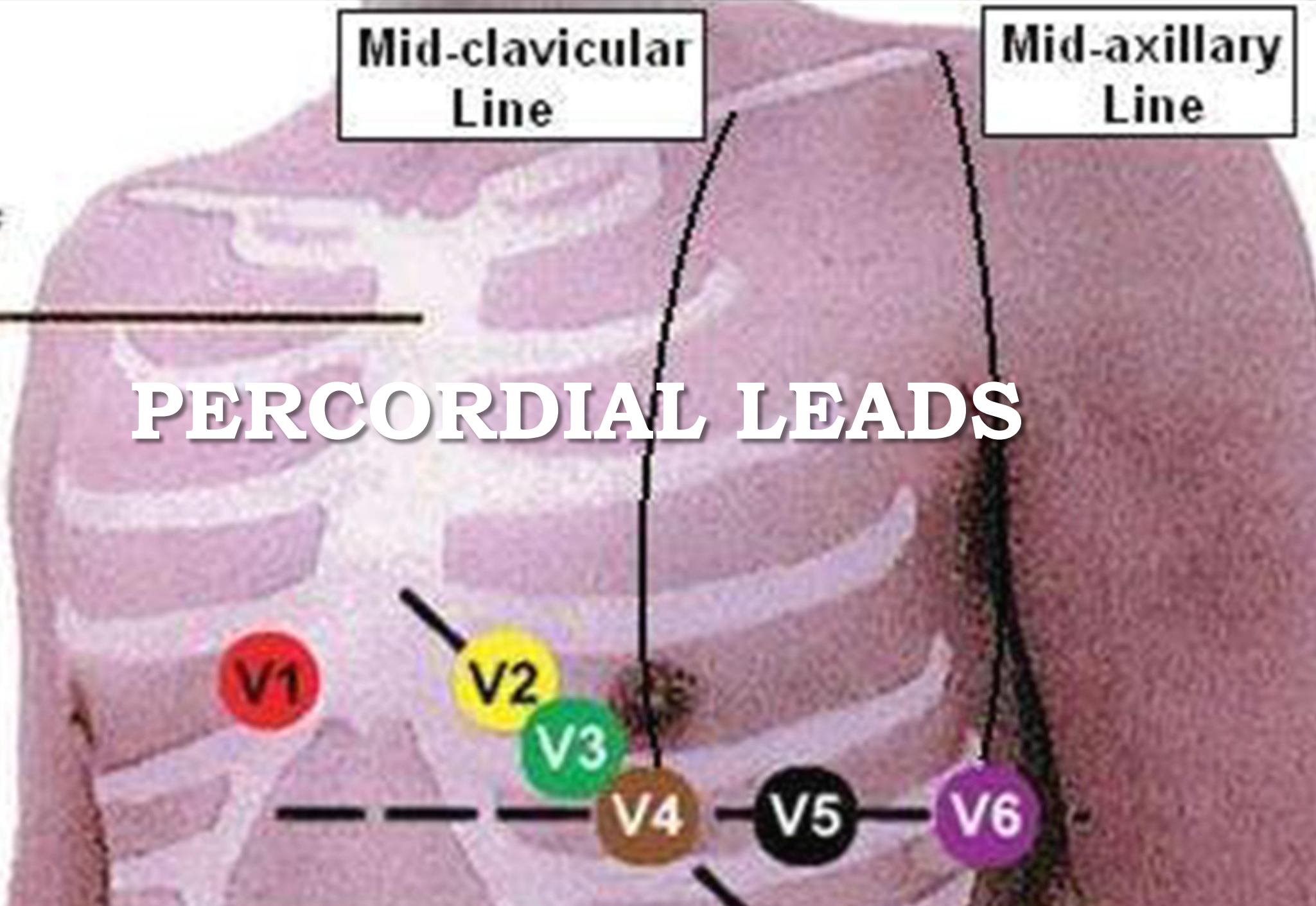
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V3

V4

V5

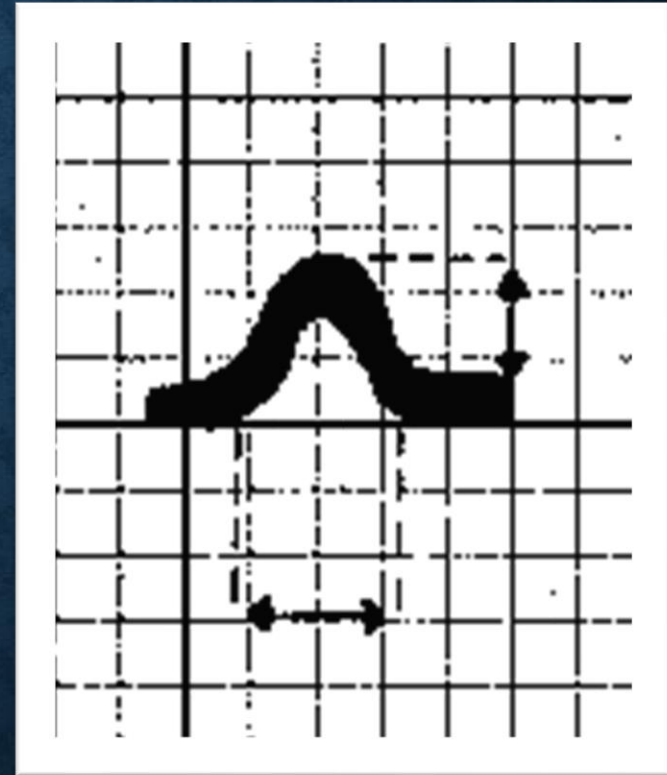
V6





# P WAVE

- Always positive in lead I and II
- Always negative in lead aVR
- < 3 small squares in duration
- < 2.5 small squares in amplitude
- Commonly biphasic in lead V1
- Best seen in leads II







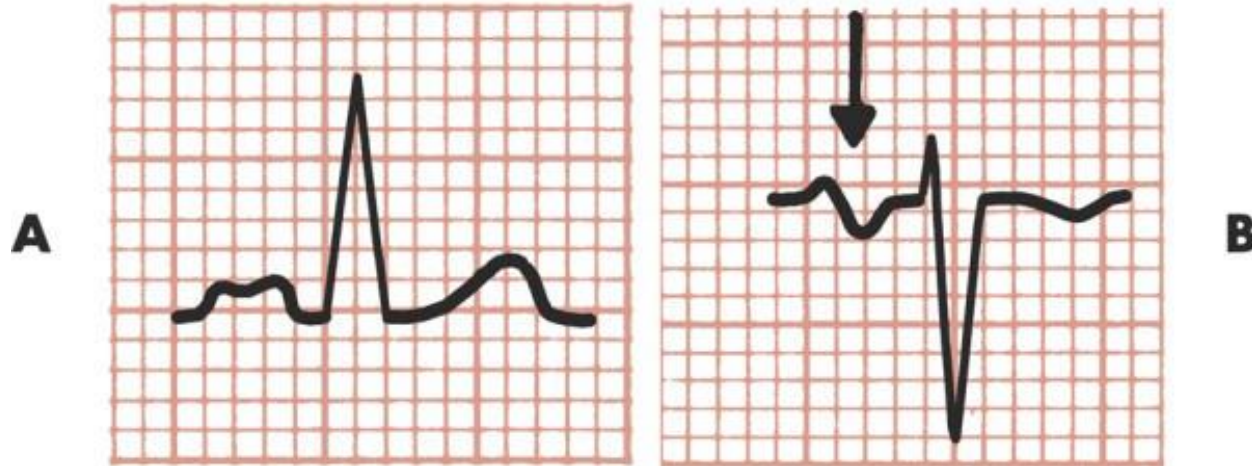
The image displays a 12-lead ECG tracing on a grid background. The leads shown are aVR, aVL, and aVF. The P wave in lead aVL is notably tall and pointed, which is a characteristic finding in right atrial enlargement. The QRS complex and T wave are also visible in the other leads.

# RIGHT ATRIAL ENLARGEMENT

P wave tall  $>2.5$

Pointed

### Left Atrial Abnormality

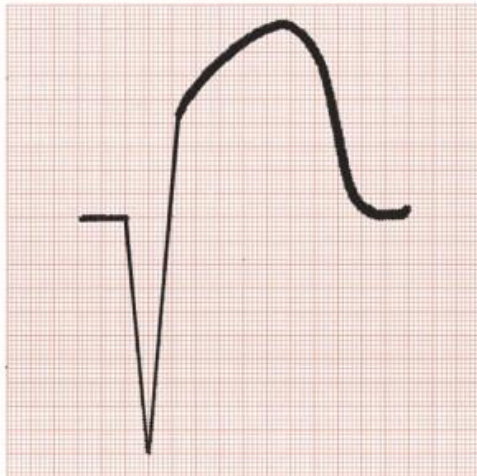
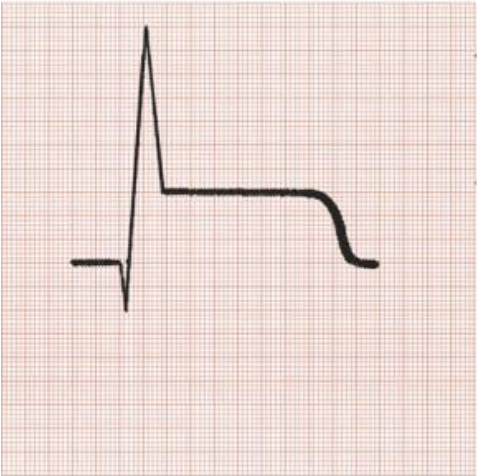
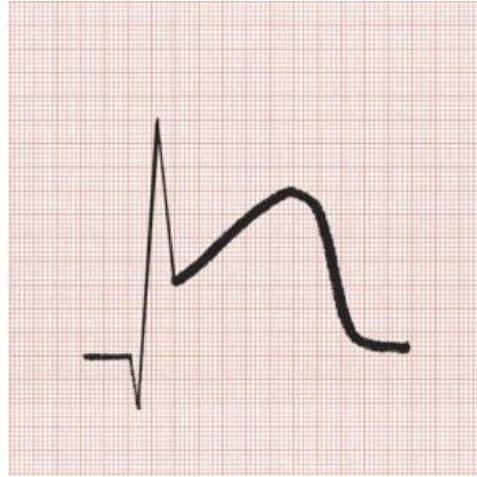
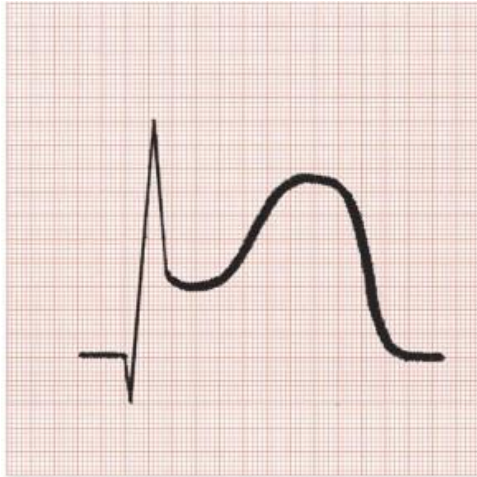


**LEFT ATRIAL  
ENLARGEMENT**



# ST SEGMENT

- ST Segment is flat (isoelectric)
- Elevation or depression of ST segment by 1 mm or more
- “J” (Junction) point is the point between QRS and ST segment



# ST SEGMENT IN AMI



# 9 STEPS TO FOLLOW

1. Rhythm
2. Rate
3. Axis
4. P wave
5. PR interval
6. QRS complex
7. Q wave
8. ST segment changes
9. T wave changes

# RHYTHM

Is every P wave followed by QRS complex?

Does P wave have normal morphology?



**RATE**

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**300-150-100-75-60-50  
rule!**

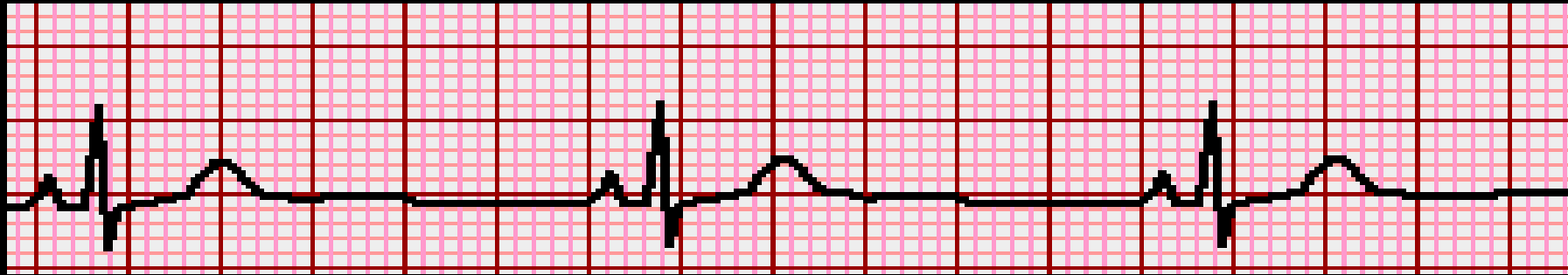
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**300/ R-R interval**

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**R wave # X 6**

# WHAT'S THE HEART RATE?





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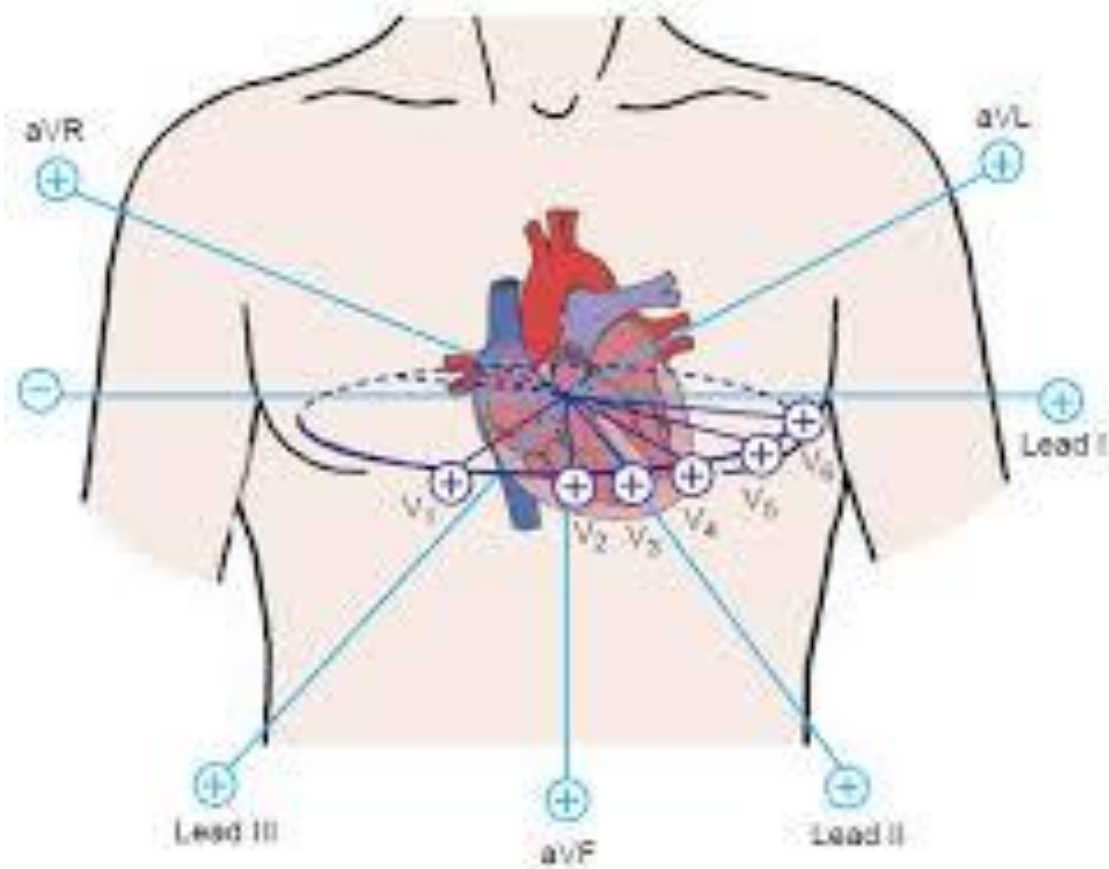
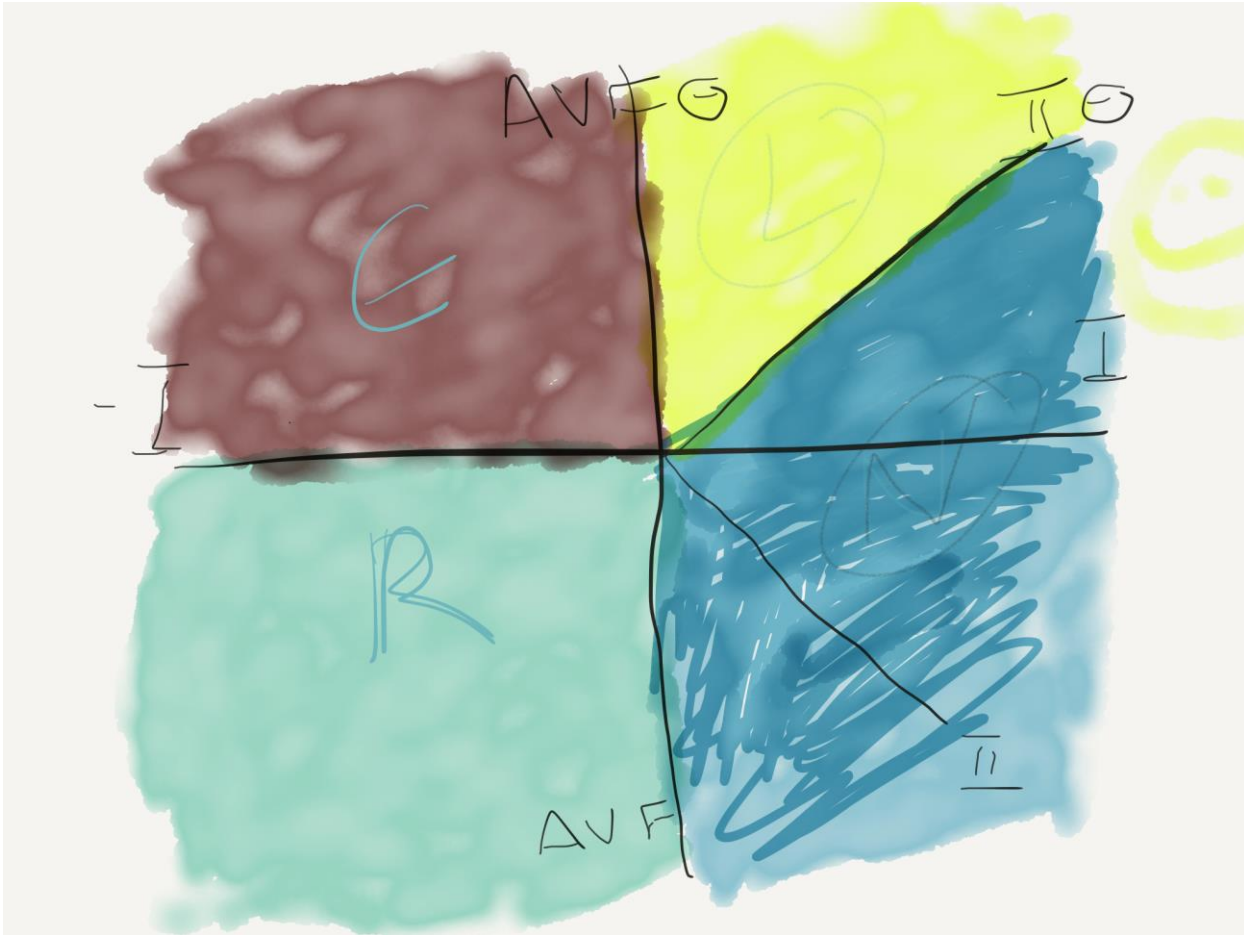


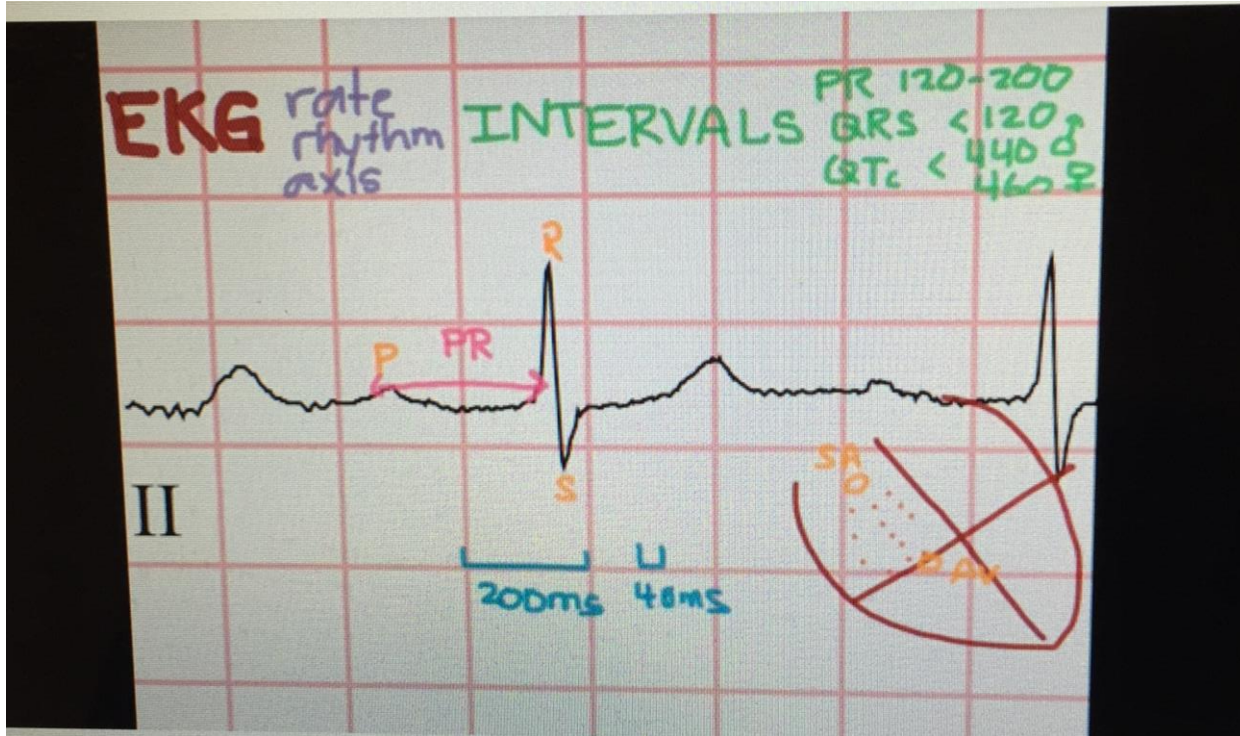
FIGURE 17-32 ▲ Electrocardiographic views of the heart.

**AXIS**



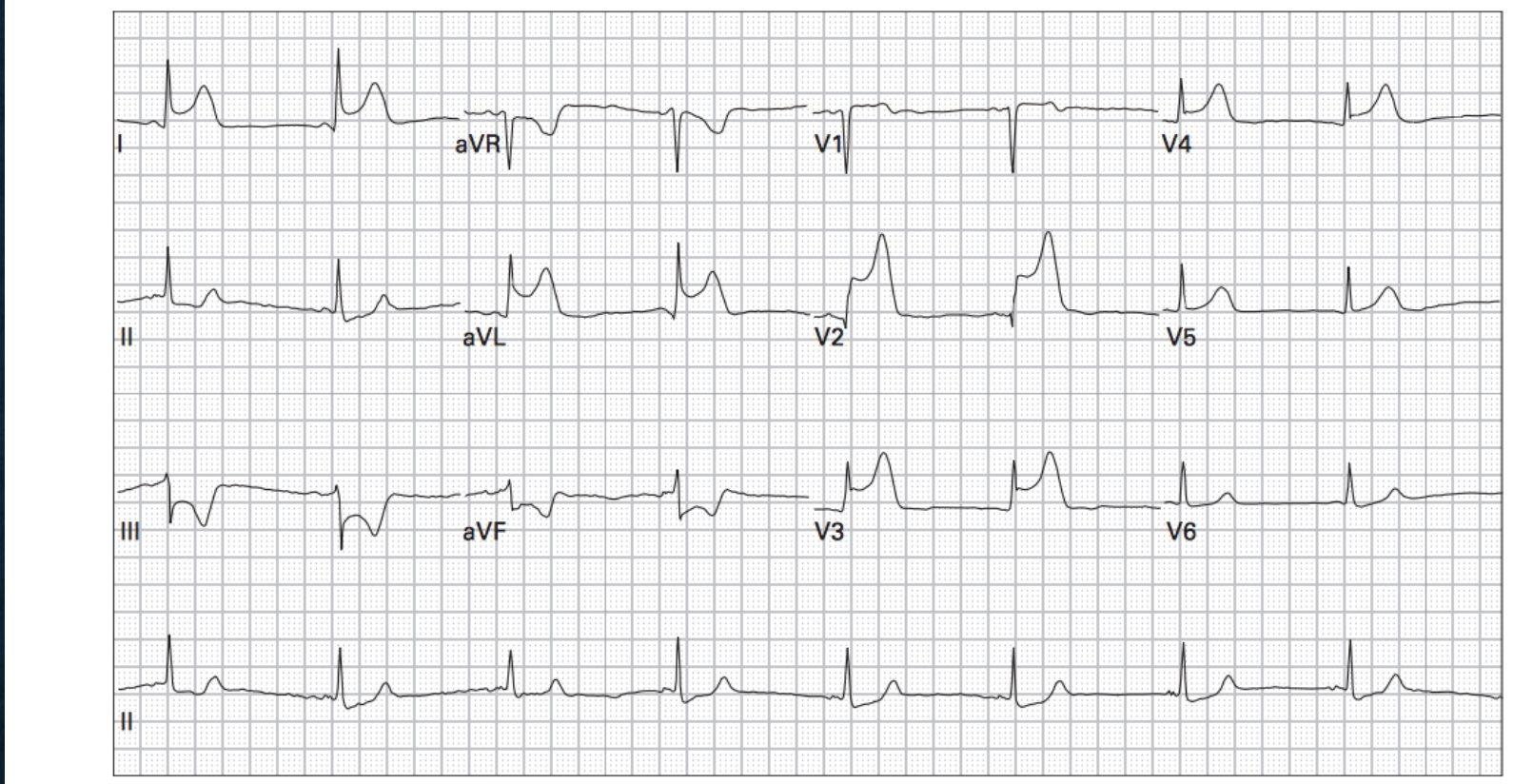


**AXIS**

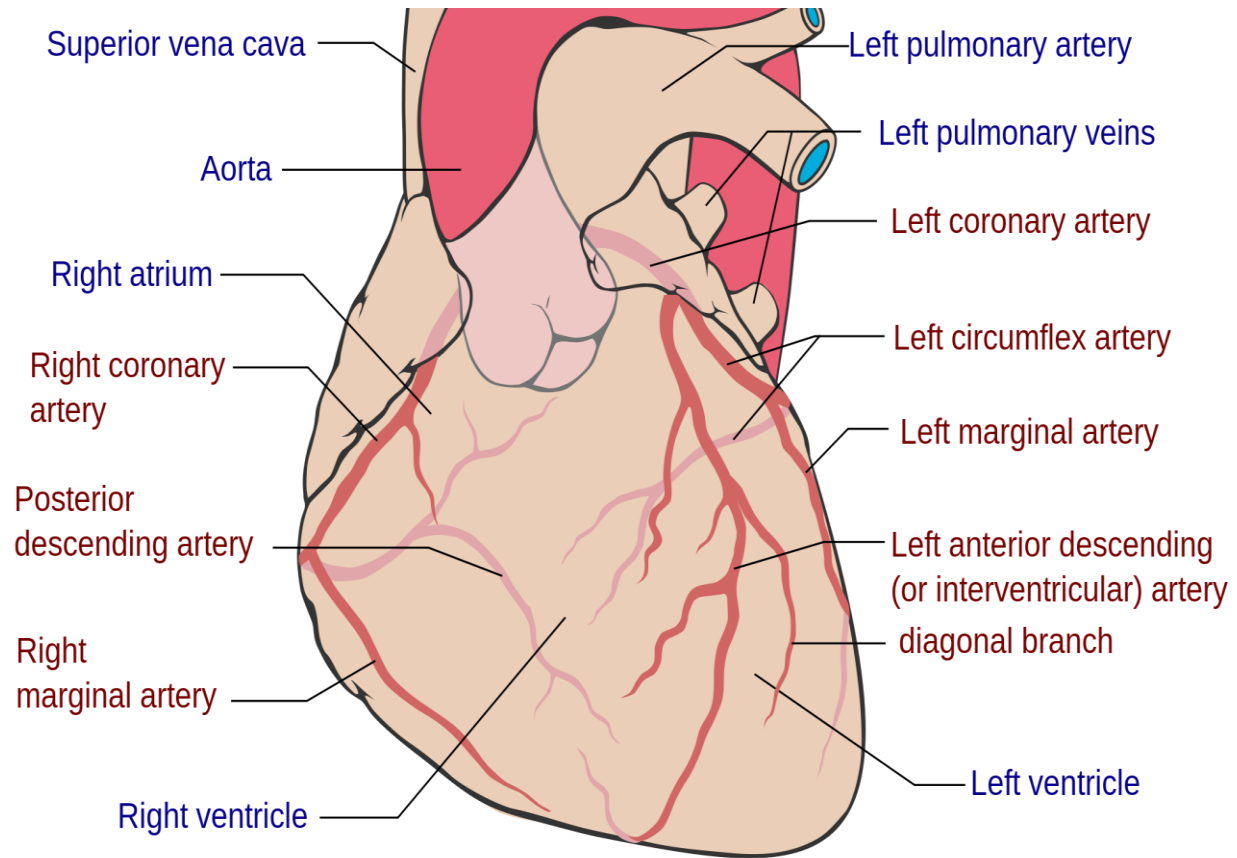


# INTERVALS



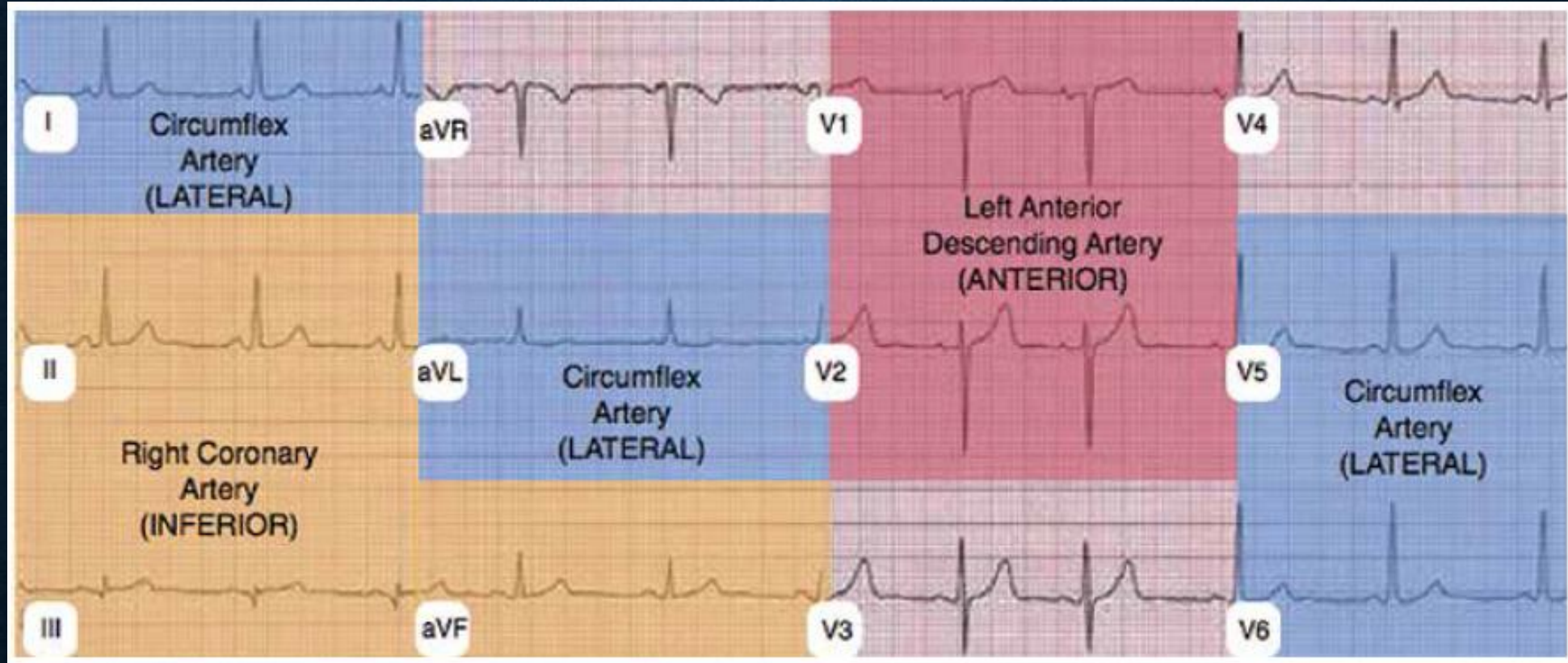


**LETS HAVE FUN WITH SOME CASES!**



# ANATOMY





# TERRITORIES





**Heart  
Rate**

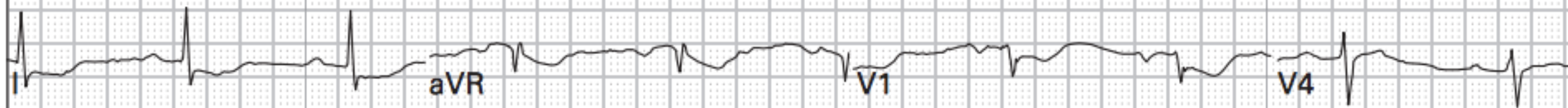
**Rhythm**

**P Wave**

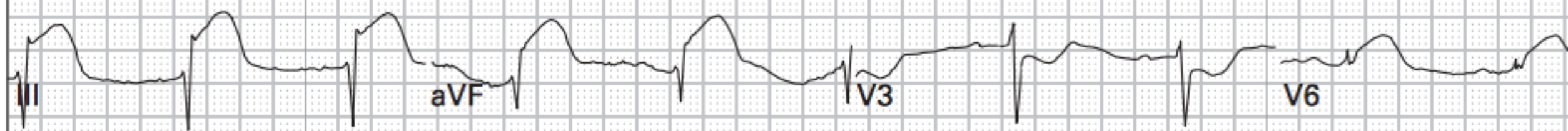
**PR interval  
(in seconds)**

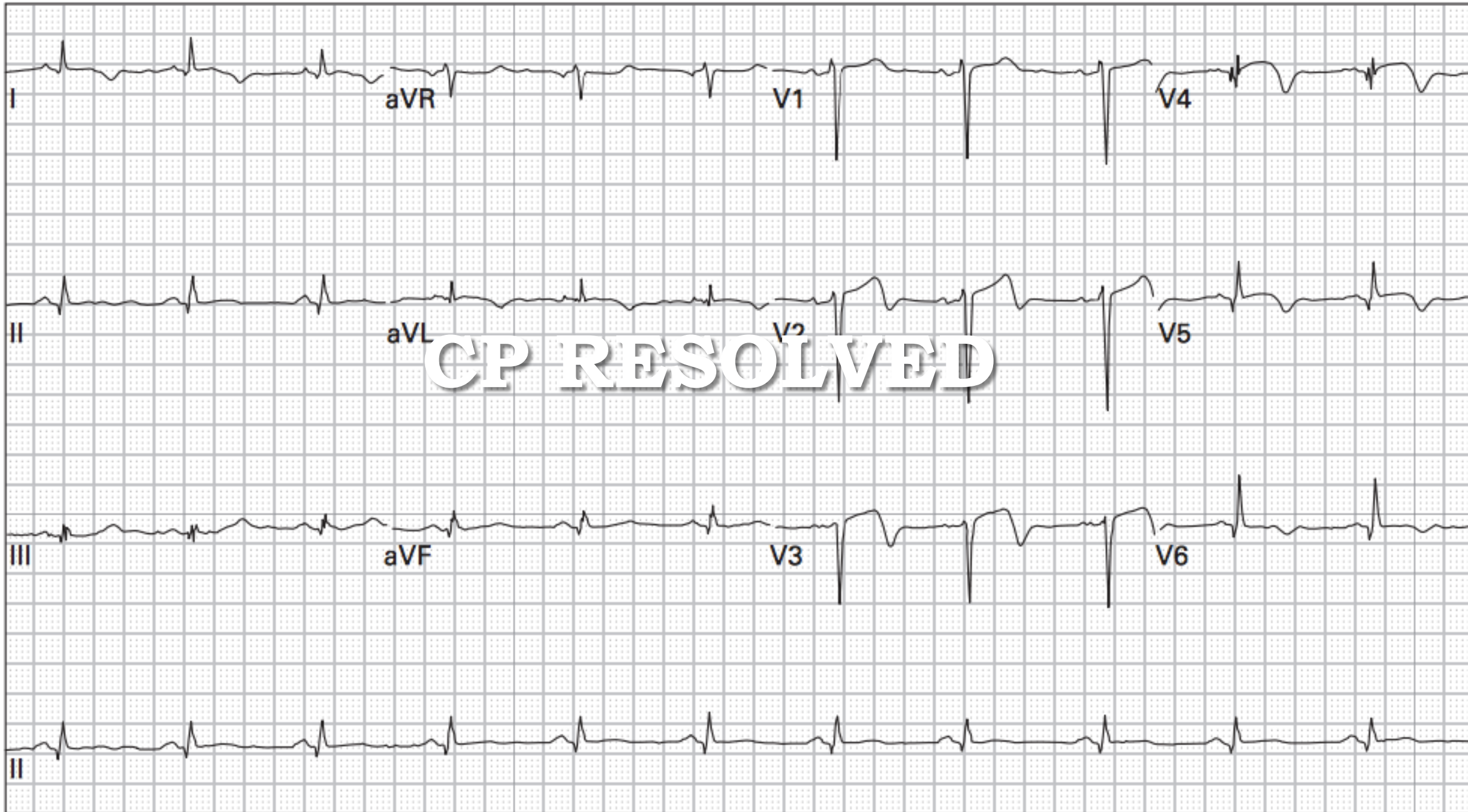
**QRS  
(in seconds)**





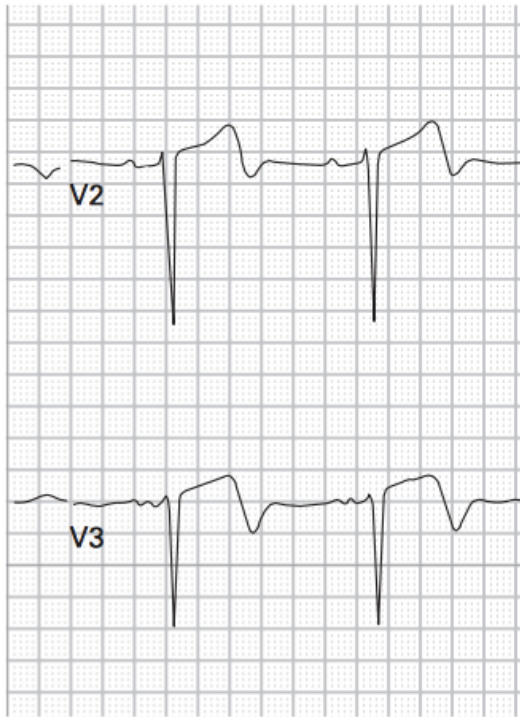
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(i)



Biphasic T-waves of Wellens' syndrome located in the right precordial leads

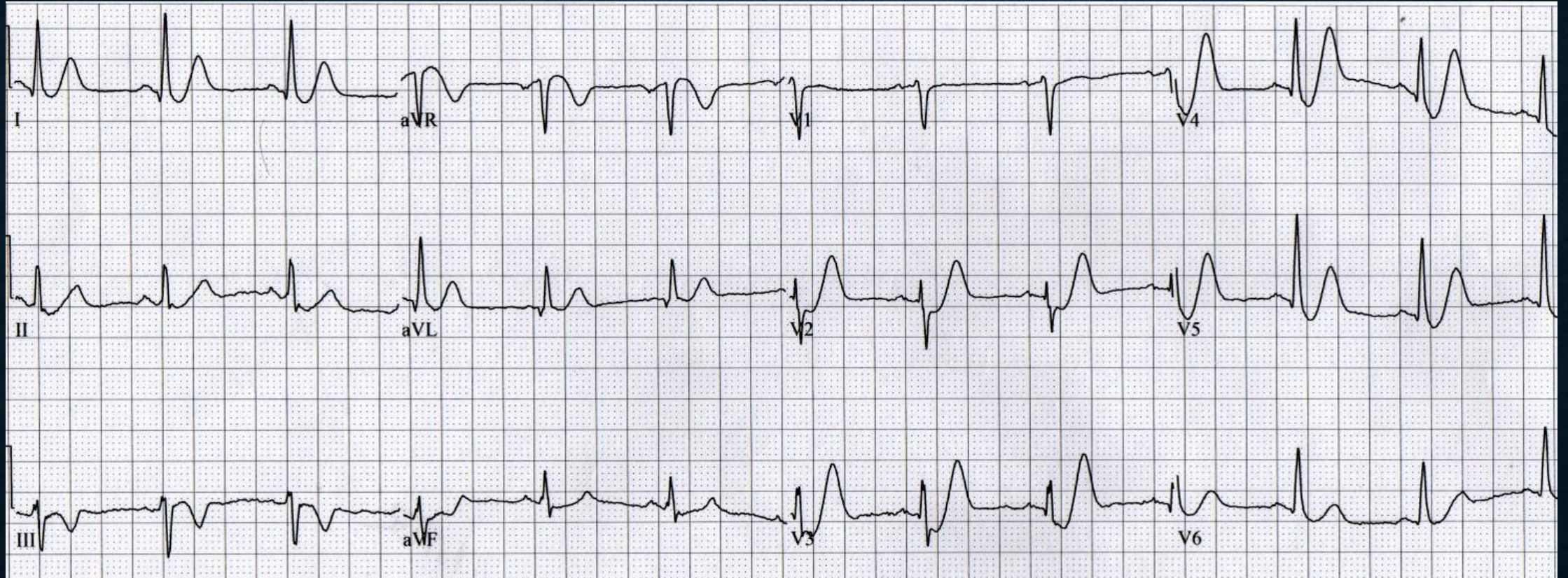
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The T-wave inversions of Wellens' syndrome, 1: the more common pattern of deeply inverted T-wave and 2: the less common biphasic T-wave

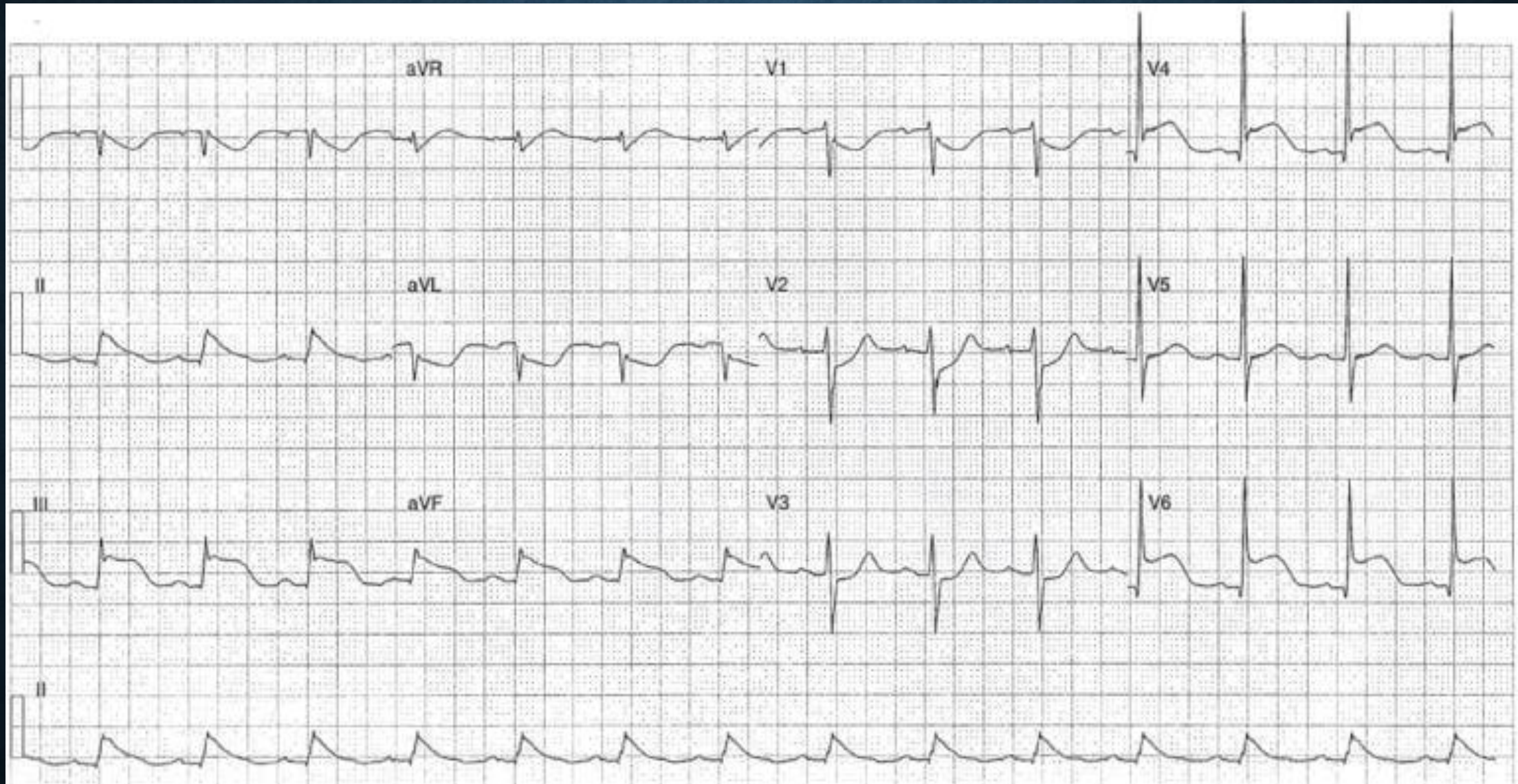
# WELLESNS' SYNDROME



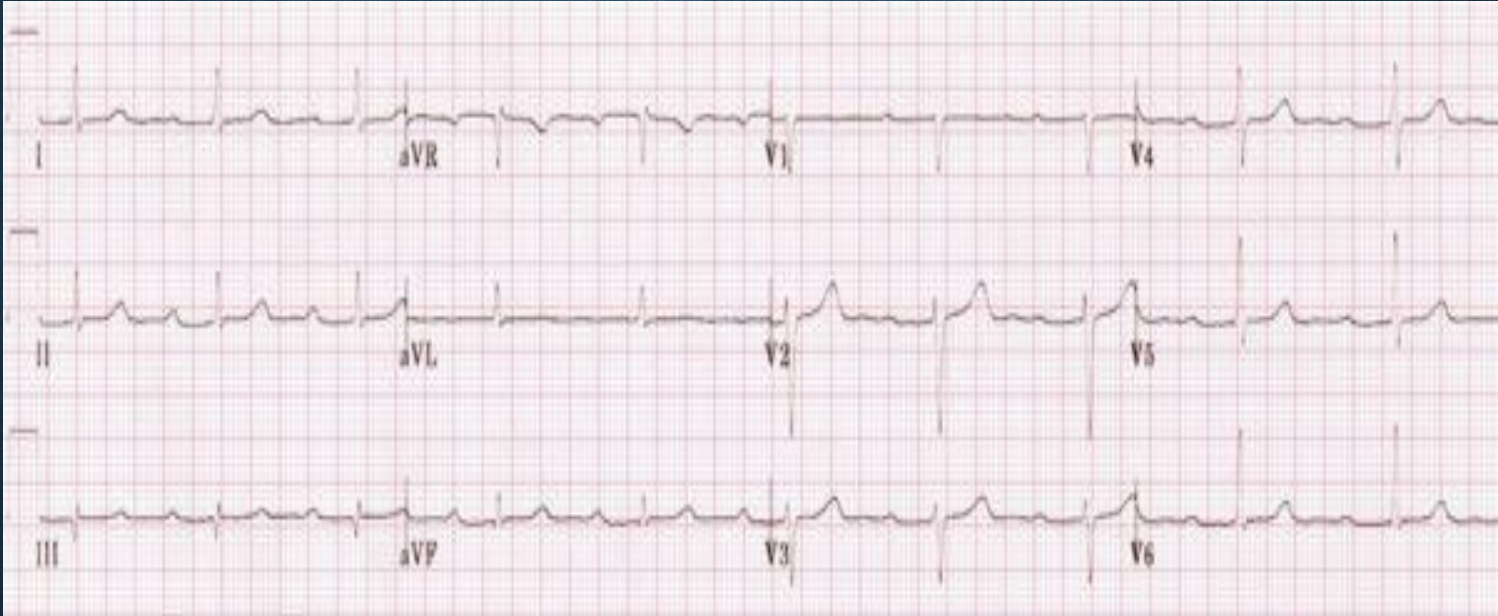


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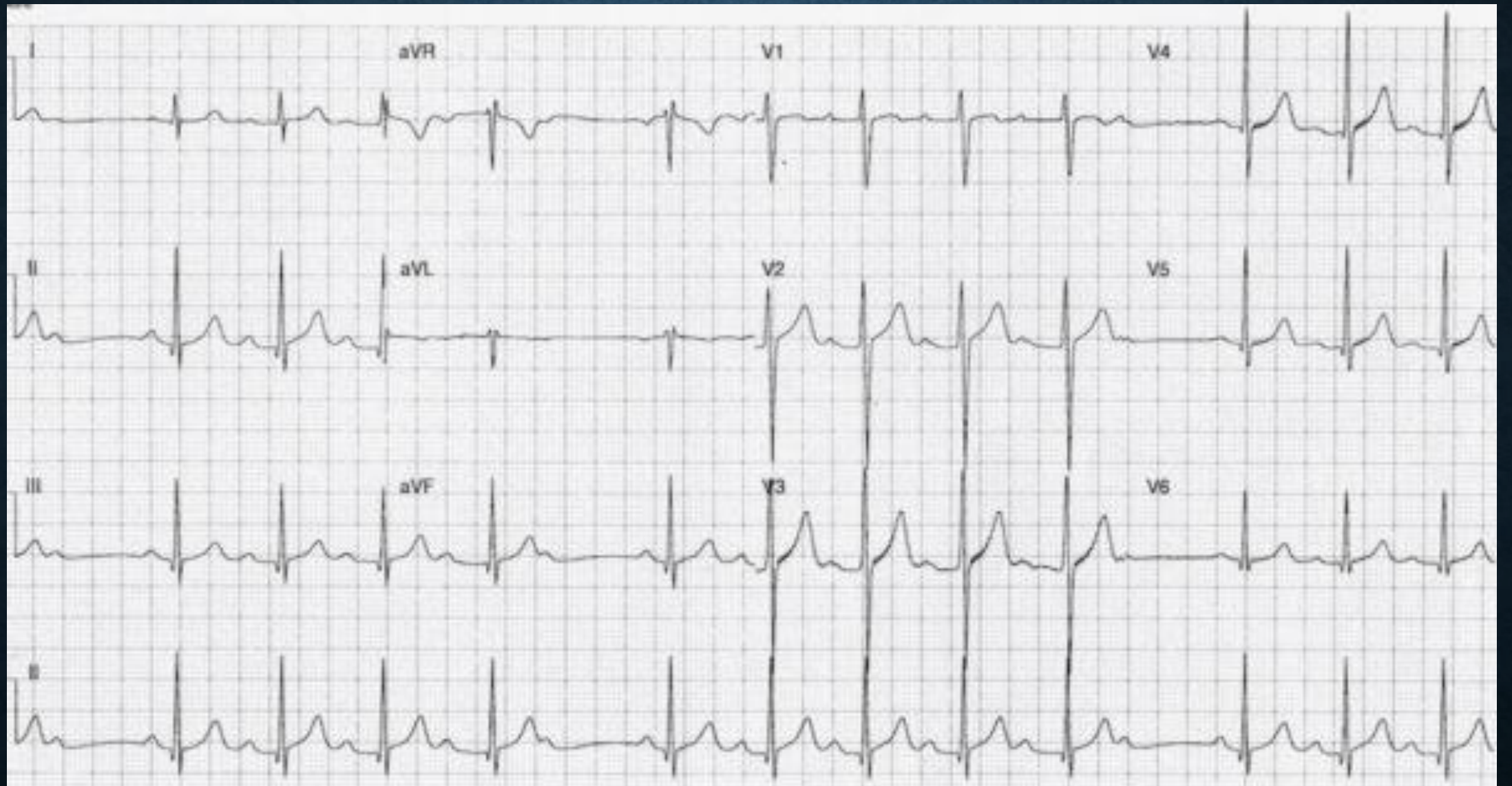


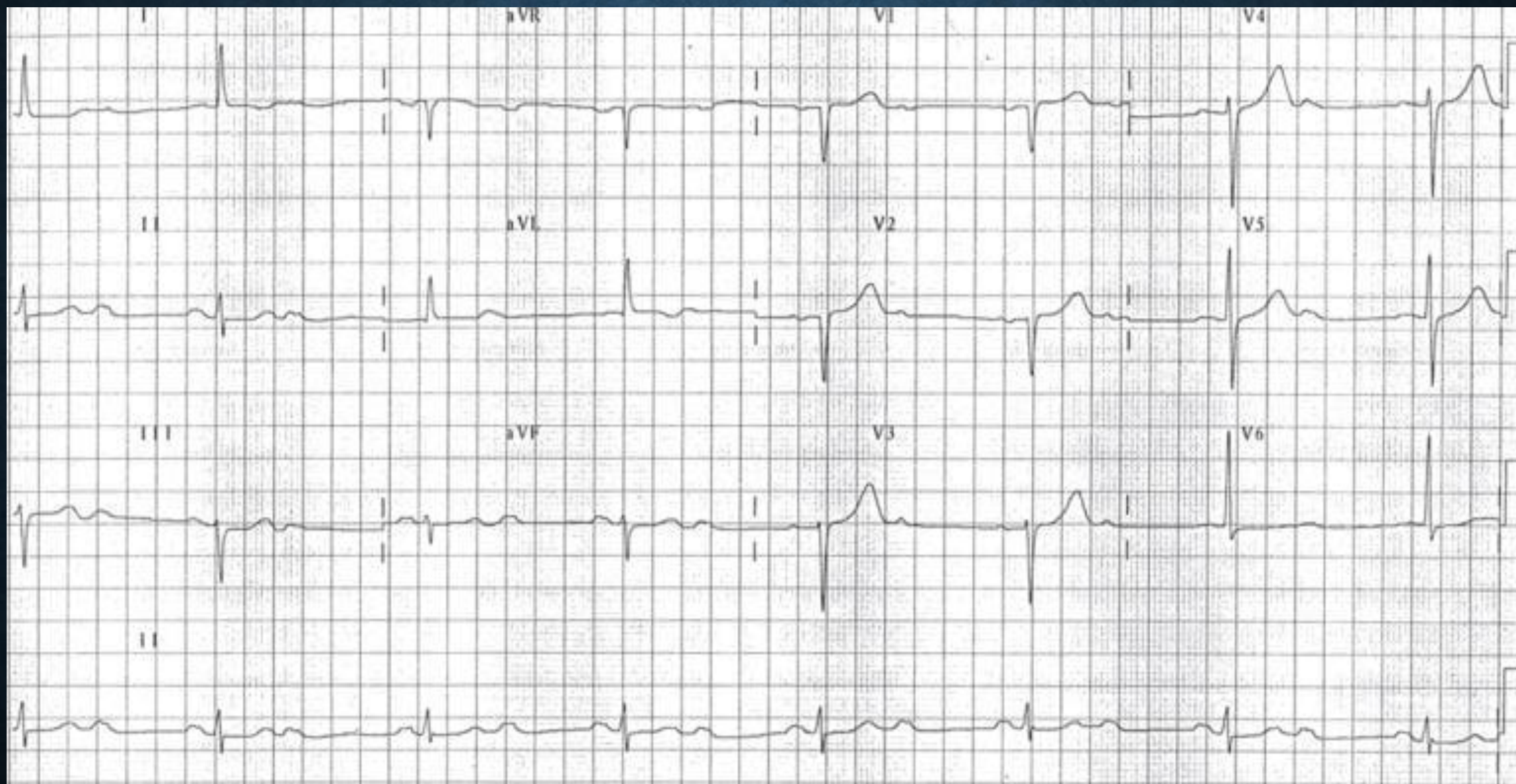














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# SOME EXTRA RESOURCES

- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCalrHCvCKSmX3749treueeg\>
- A 1<sup>st</sup> book on ECG 2014, Ken Grauer
- <https://litfl.com/>
- <http://hqmeded-ecg.blogspot.com/>





**THANK YOU HOPE YOU HAD FUN!**