# Emergency Application of Electrocardiography



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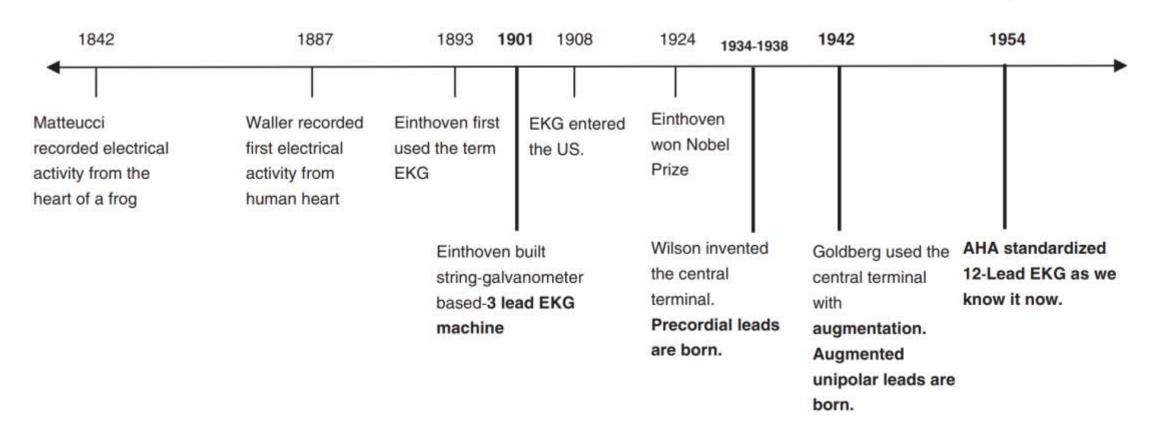
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# ECG: Always Know The History









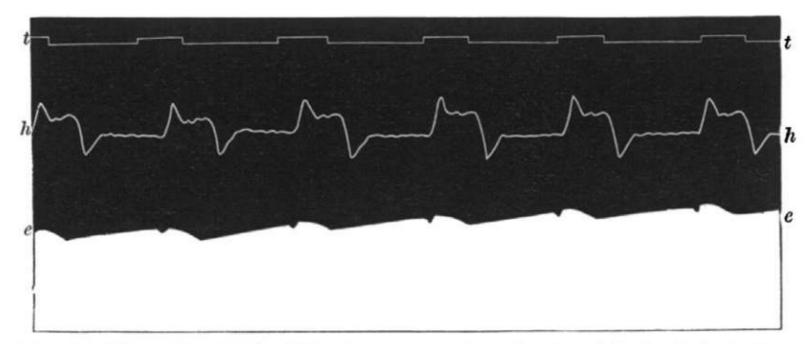


Fig. 1. Man. Heart led off to electrometer from front and back of chest (front to Hg; back to  $H_9SO_4$ ).

e.e. electrometer. h.h. cardiograph. t.t. time in seconds.

Fig. 2. First human electrocardiogram recorded by Augustus D. Waller of St Mary's Medical School showing simultaneous electrometer and cardiograph tracings showing an electrical activity preceding every heart beat. From







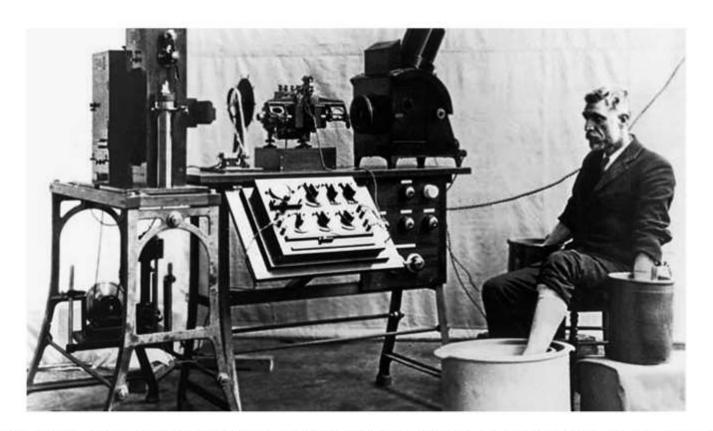
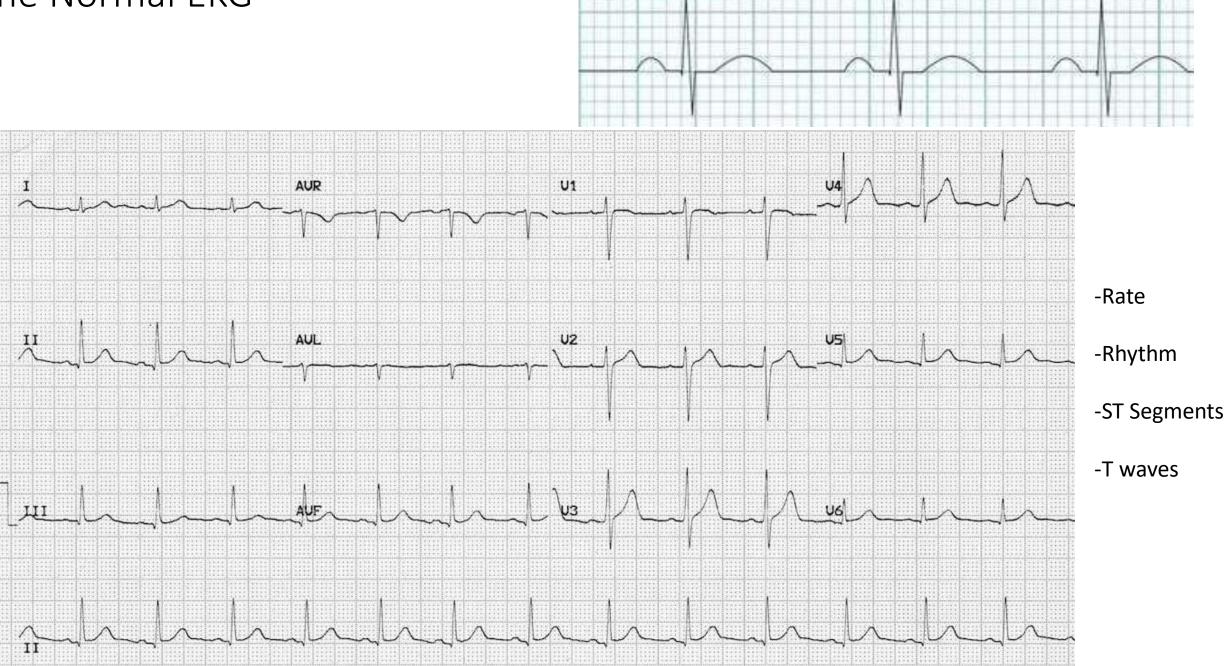


Fig. 4. Old string galvanometer electrocardiograph showing the big machine with the patient rinsing his extremities in the cylindrical electrodes filled with electrolyte solution.

### The Normal EKG





The average emergency physician:
The average emergency 100 tasks per hour
Performs approx. 100 tasks per hour
Reforms approx.

Gets interrupted every 6 minutes

Gets interrupted.

Get a Grasp of Killer ECG Patterns! Deadly Diagnoses Not To Miss: Non-Ischaemic Version...

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Deadly Diagnoses Not To Miss: Occlusion Version....











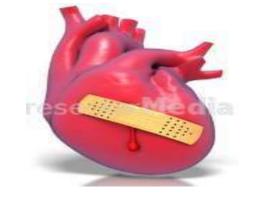
# Common Problems......

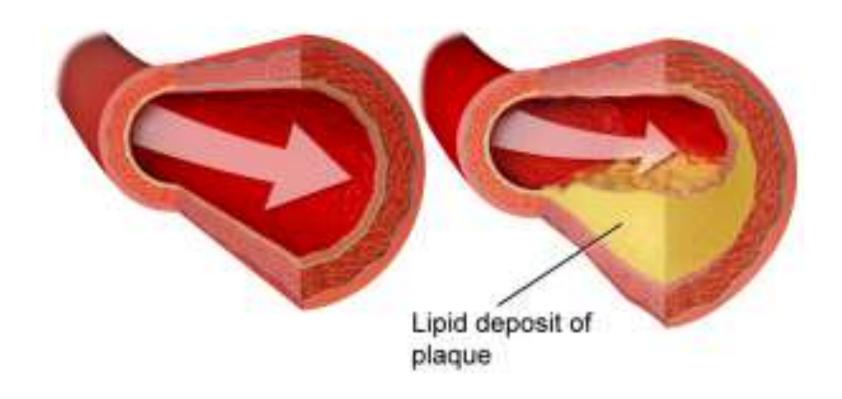
- Chest Pain Syndromes: Myocardial Infarction, Acute PE, AD
- Arrhythmias
- Electrolyte Abnormalities
- Trauma
- Toxicities

Ischaemic: Coronary Occlusion

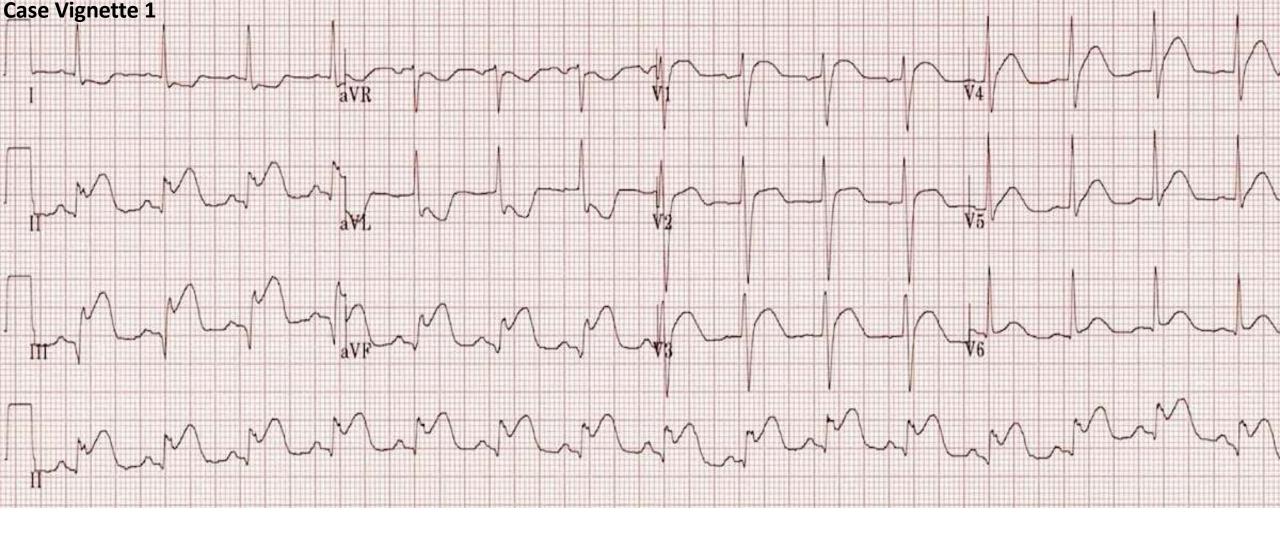
Normal Artery

Narrowing of Artery





**Coronary Artery Disease** 

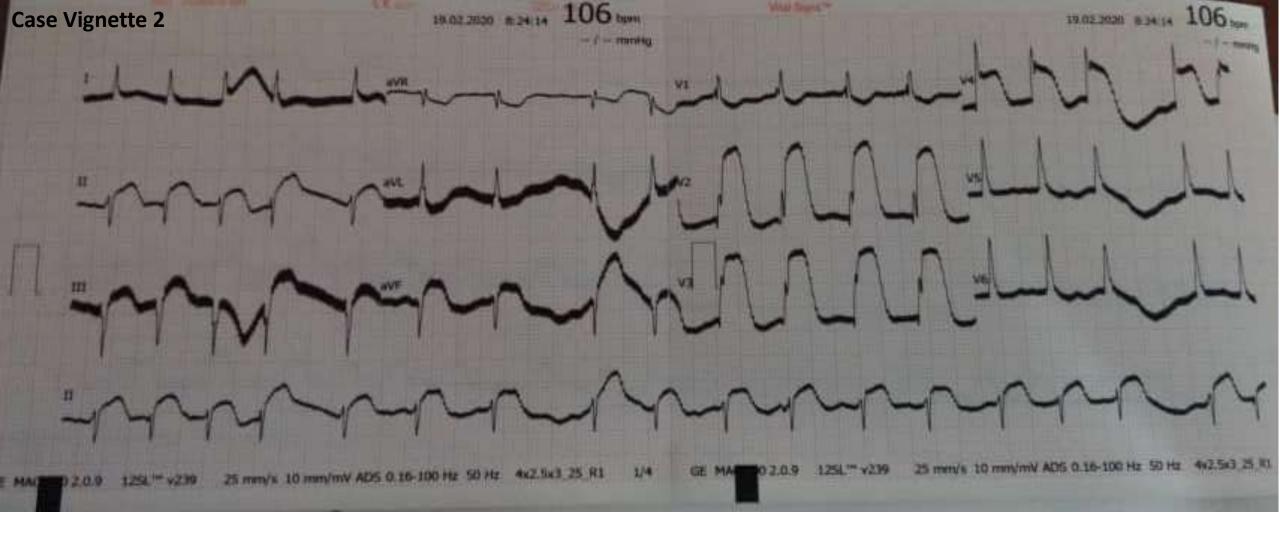


- 51 y/o female
- Obese, HTN
- 3 hrs epigastric pain
- Got IV PPI in clinic

- Pain persisted with vomiting
- Developed radiation to left arm
- Referral
- ECG: 4hrs from onset of pain

#### **Emergency Response:**

- Thrombolytic Therapy
  - Primary PCI



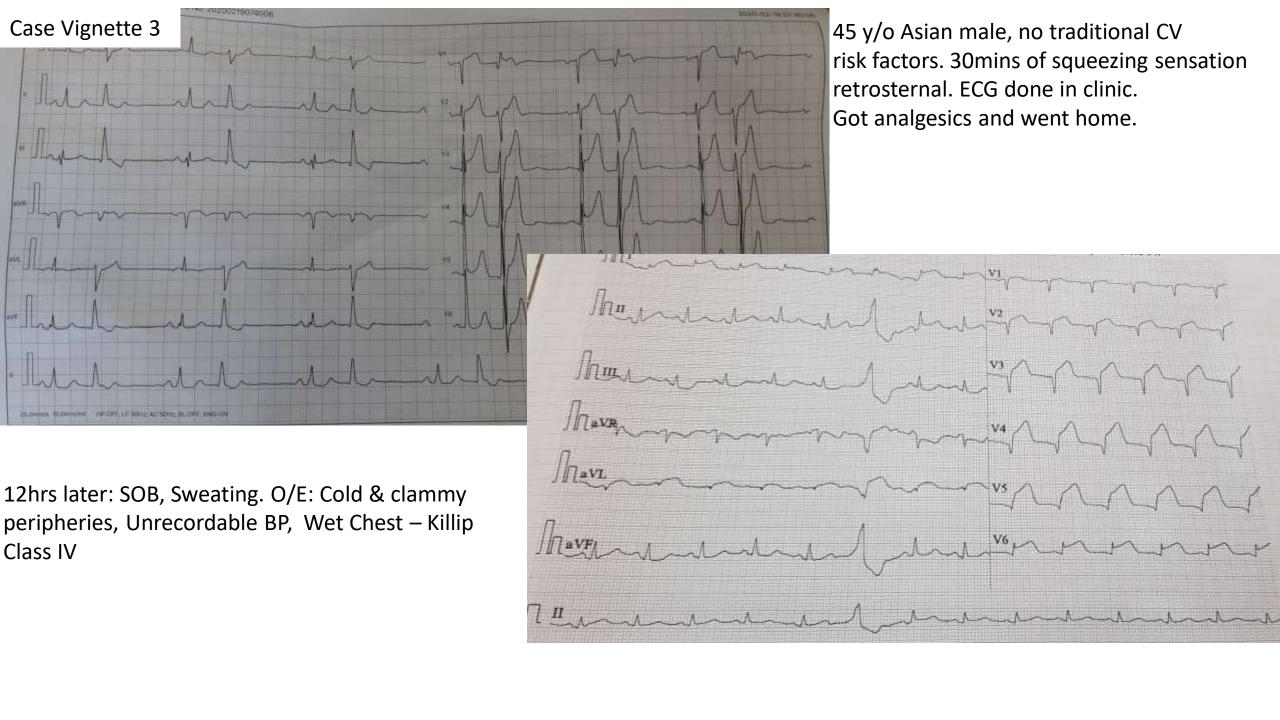
42 y/o Male, no overt CV Risk factors

- -'Throat Tightness'
- -Sweating

EKG 6 hrs from onset of symptoms

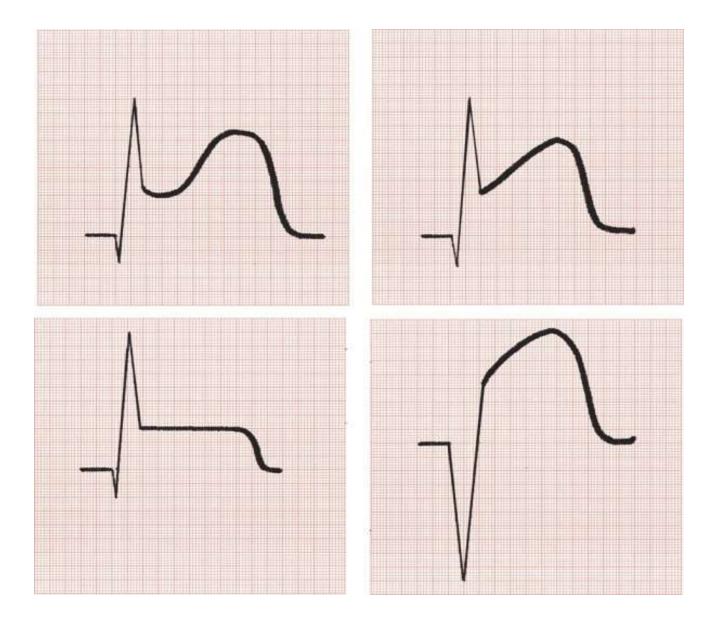
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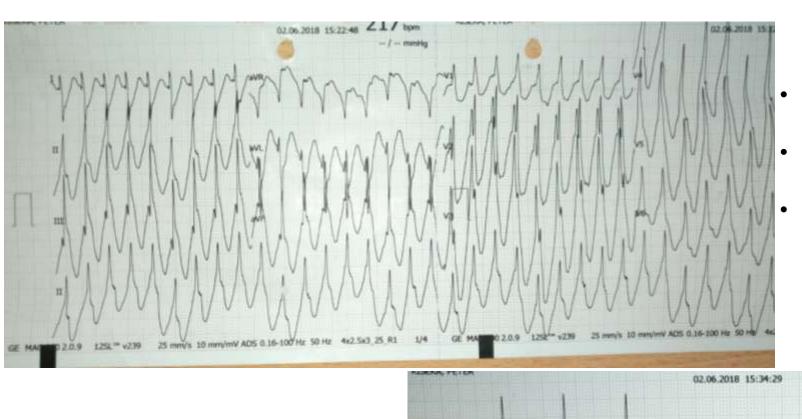
## Variable Shapes Of ST Segment Elevations in AMI



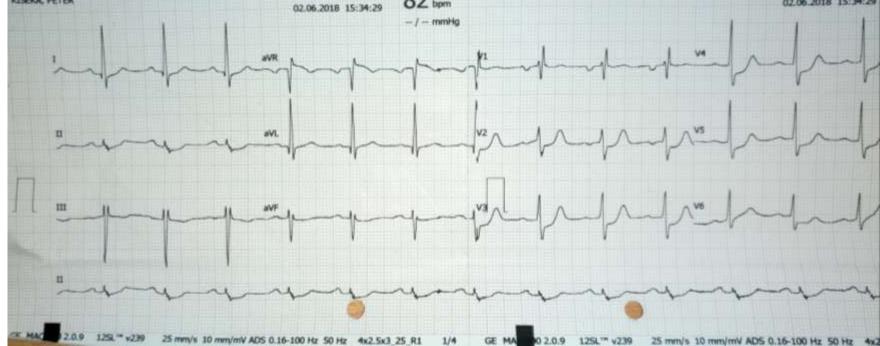




Cardiac Arrhythmias: Tachys & Bradys



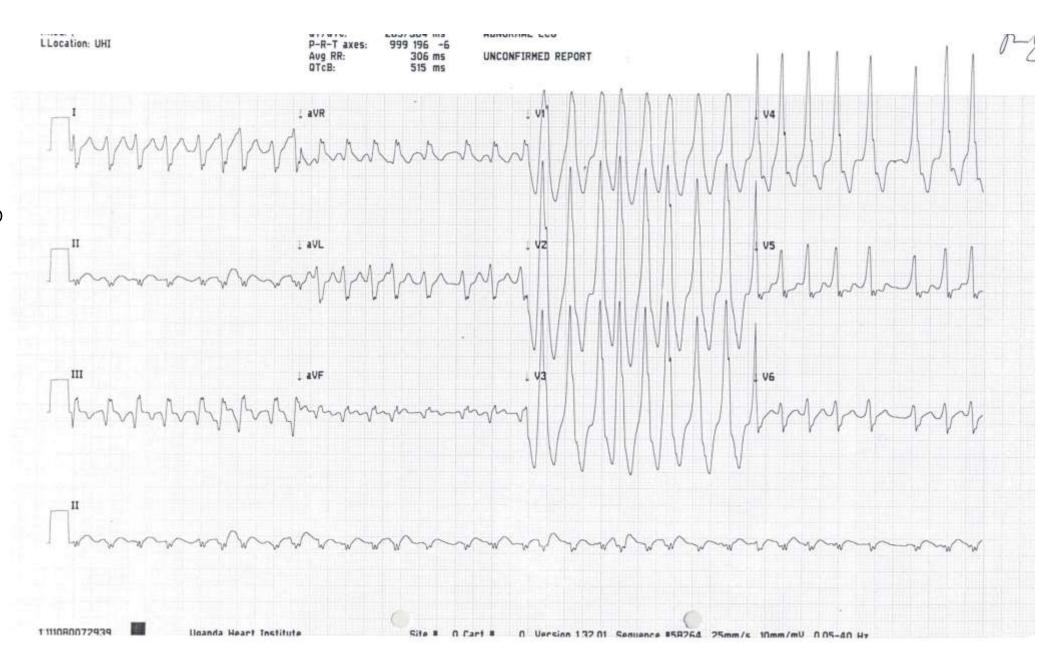
- 62y/o Male, known dyslipidemia & HTN On Rx.
- C/O Palpitations while in office, shortly followed by collapse.
- On Arrival: Cold & clammy, HR >200bpm, BP 70/40mmHg



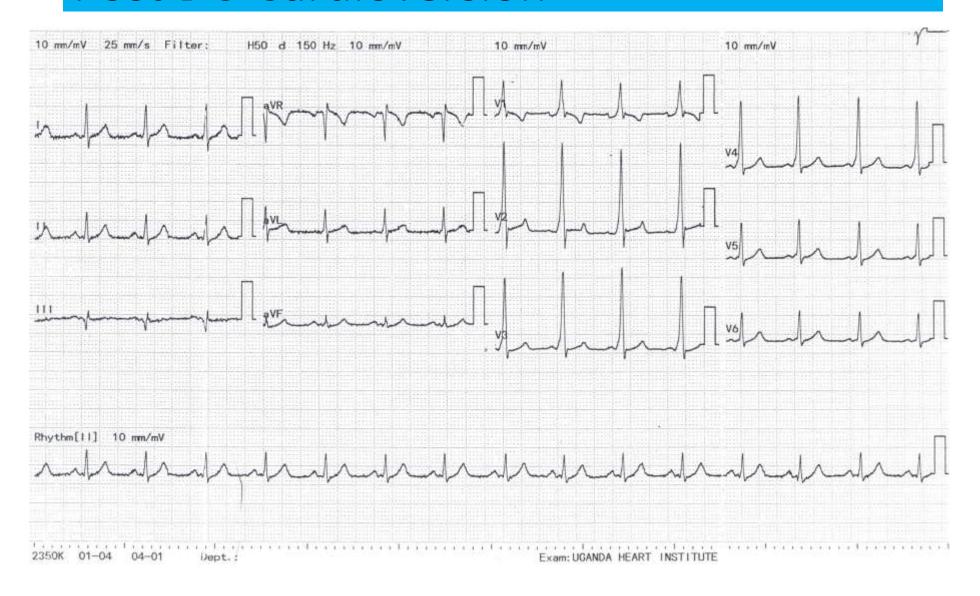
42 y/o Male, 12hrs of palpitations. Known to have "an ECG abnormality".

Sweaty, BP 90/45mmHg

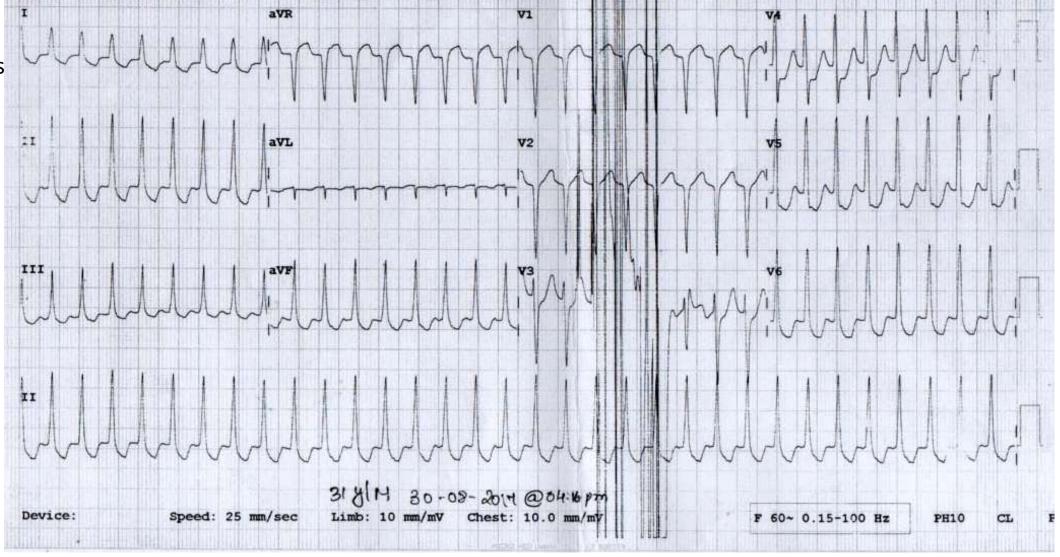
E/M DC-version



# Post DC-Cardioversion



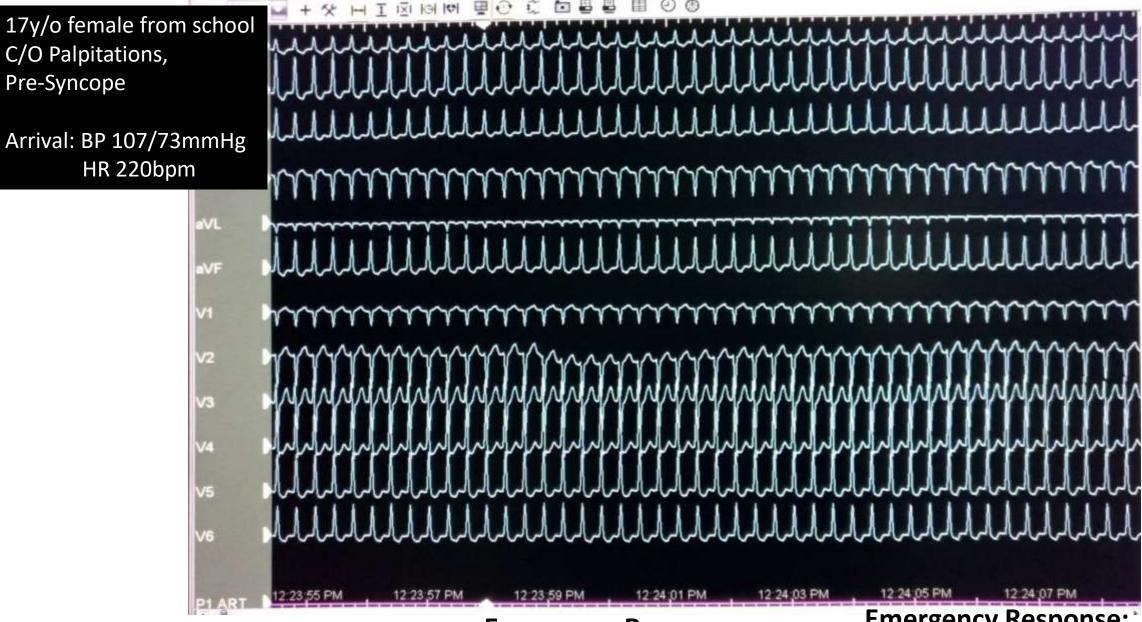
31y/o Male, Index episode of palpitations during a job interview



Regular Narrow Complex Tachycardia

#### **Emergency Response:**

-Vagal Maneuver: Terminated



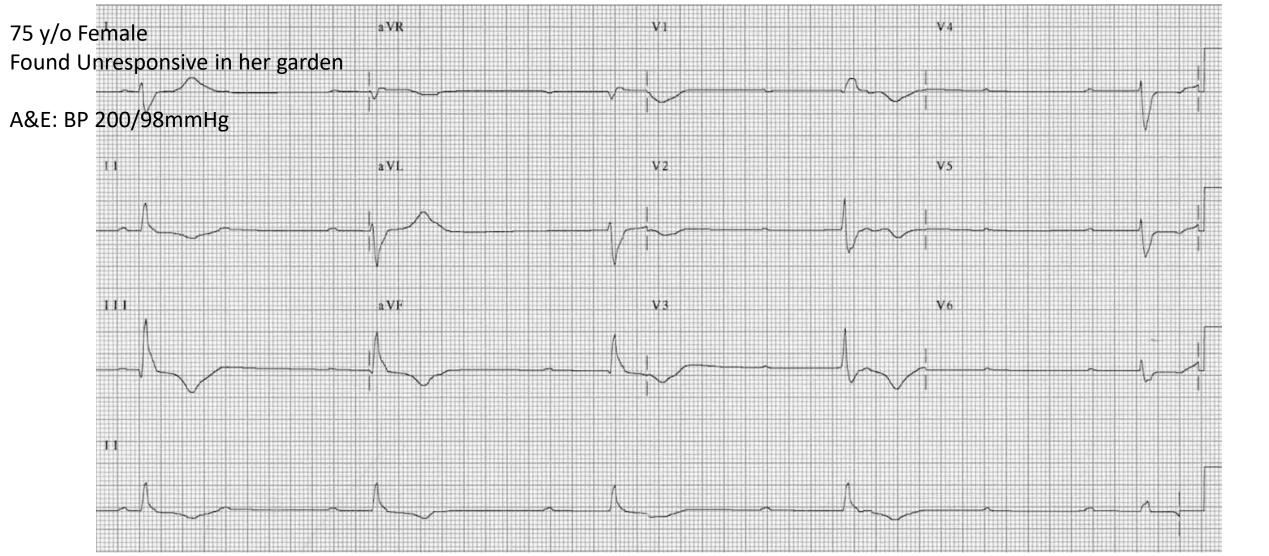
Regular Narrow Complex Tachycardia

#### **Emergency Response:**

- -Vagal Maneuver: Unsuccessful
- -IV Adenosine: Unsuccessful

#### **Emergency Response:**

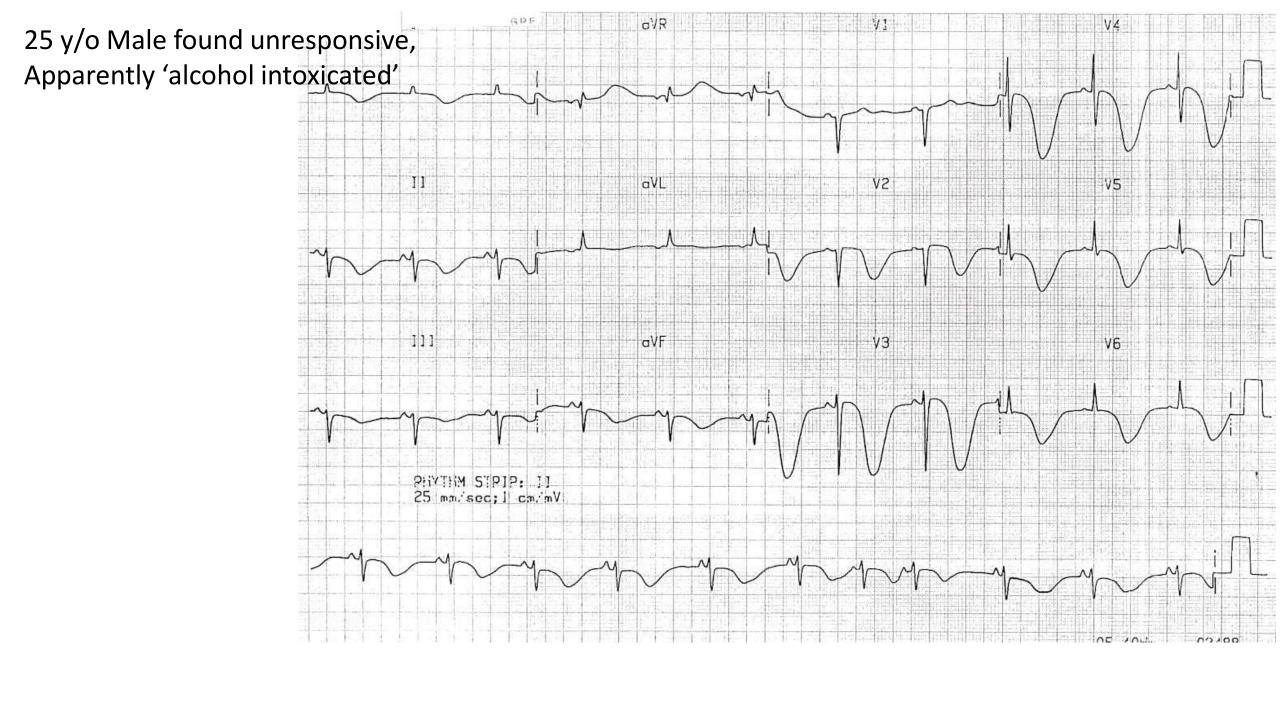
- -BP dropped to 70/50mmHg
- -DC Cardioversion

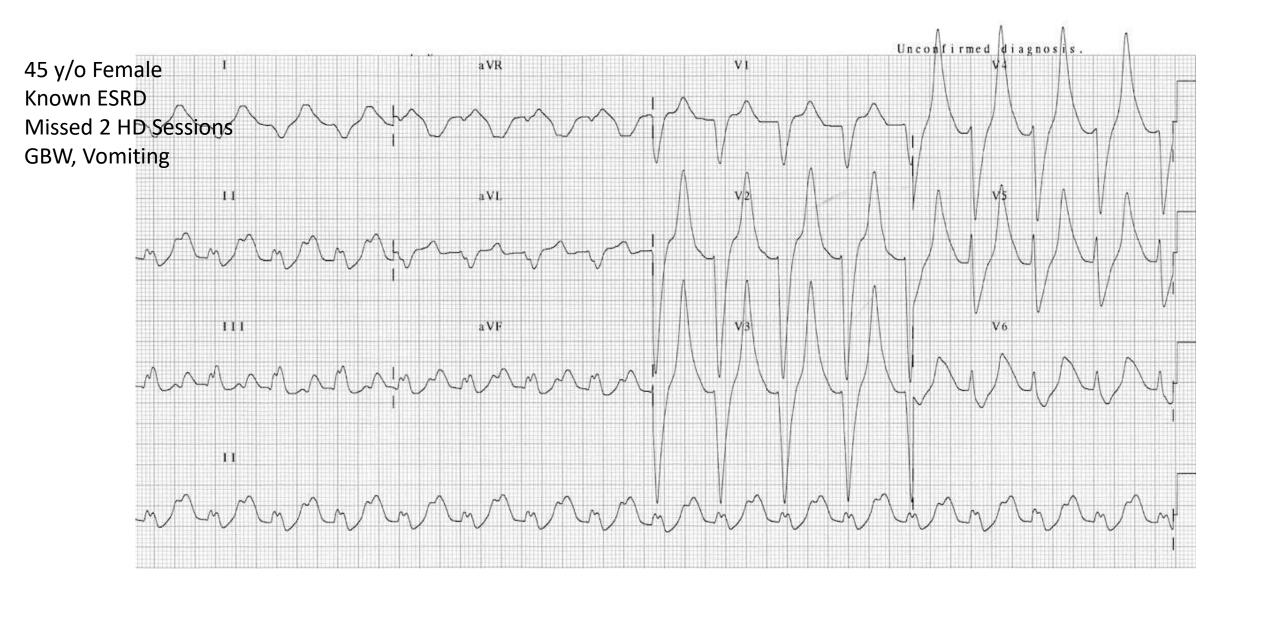


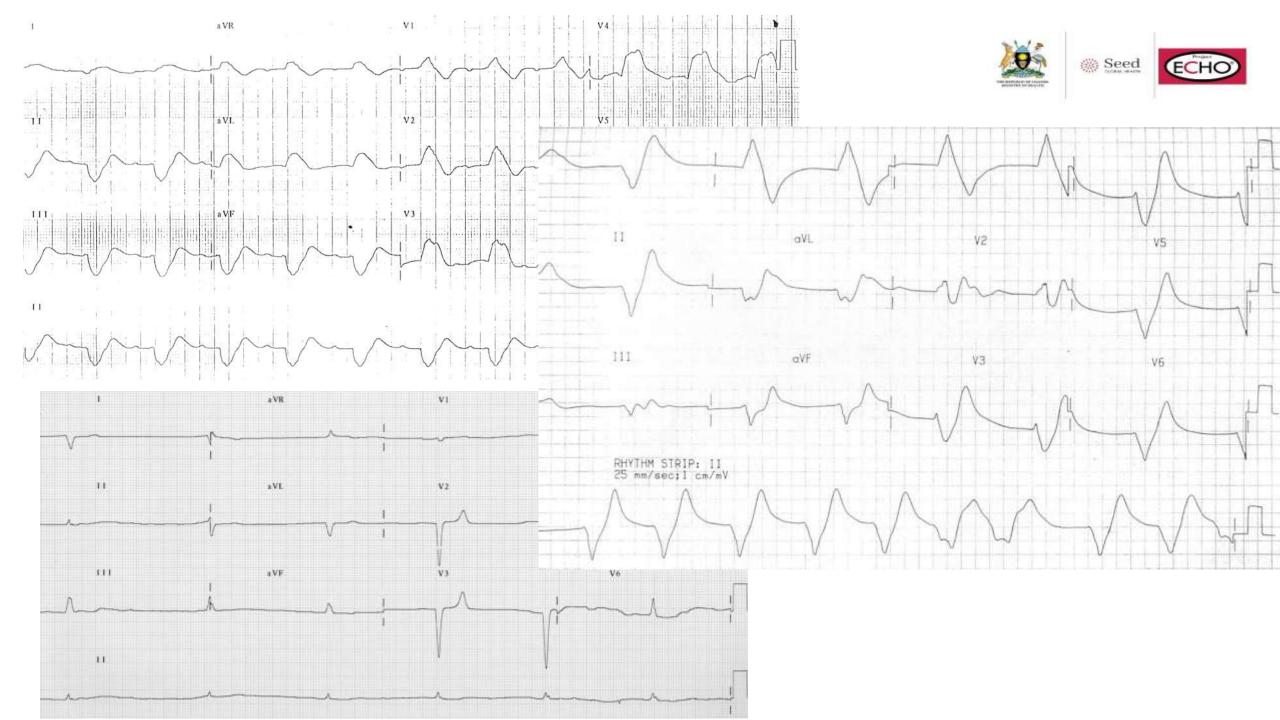
- Severe Bradycardia
- Complete AV Dissociation
- ?Reversible Causes

#### **Emergency Response:**

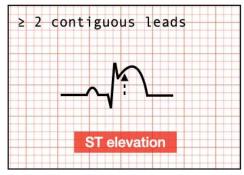
Temporary Cardiac Pacing Address (any) reversible cause







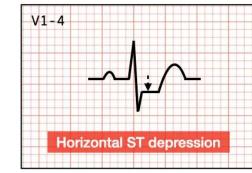
#### Patterns – Summary Sheet - Ischaemic



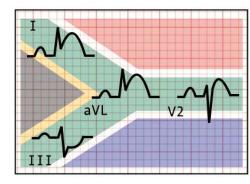
**V2-3:** ≥ 2.5 mm ST elevation in males under 40, ≥ 2 mm in males over 40, ≥ 1.5 mm in females **Other leads:** ≥ 1 mm ST elevation

# Any lead Wide, "bulky" T-waves

Measure in proportion to preceding QRS complex. **Area under curve** is more useful than height

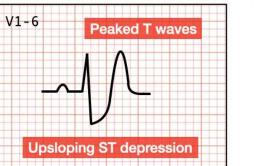


ST depression maximal in V1-4 without progression to V5-6



"South Africa Flag" Sign: ST elevation in I, aVL +/- V2, with reciprocal change inferiorly

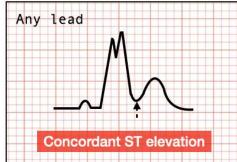
#### **Traditional STEMI**



Anterior STEMI equivalent seen in 2% of acute LAD occlusions

**De Winter T-wave** 

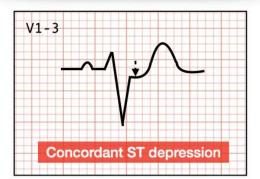
#### **Hyperacute T-waves**



≥ 1 mm in any lead in LBBB or ventricular paced rhythm

#### Sgarbossa 1

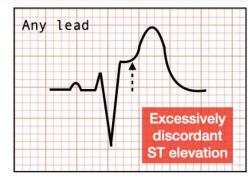
#### **Posterior OMI**



≥ 1 mm in ≥1 lead of V1-3 in LBBB or ventricular paced rhythm

#### Sgarbossa 2

#### **High Lateral OMI**



≥ 25% of depth of preceding S-wave in any lead in LBBB or ventricular paced rhythm

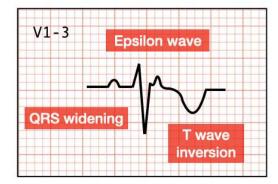
Sgarbossa 3

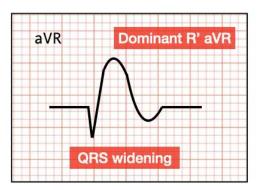


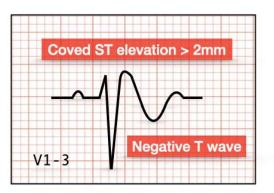


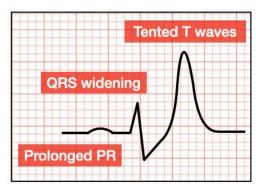


#### Summary Sheet – Non-Ischaemic







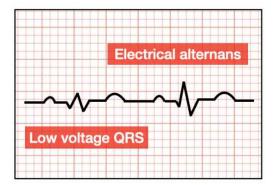


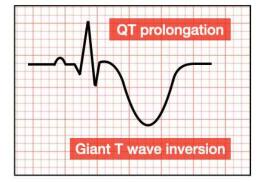
Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Dysplasia

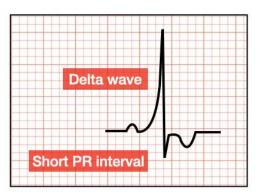
Sodium channel blockade

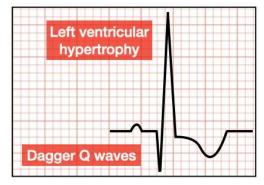
Brugada Syndrome

Hyperkalaemia









Massive pericardial effusion

Intracranial haemorrhage

Wolff-Parkinson-White Syndrome

Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy









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