

# PHYSIOLOGY

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Lab 2.

Subject

ECG reading.

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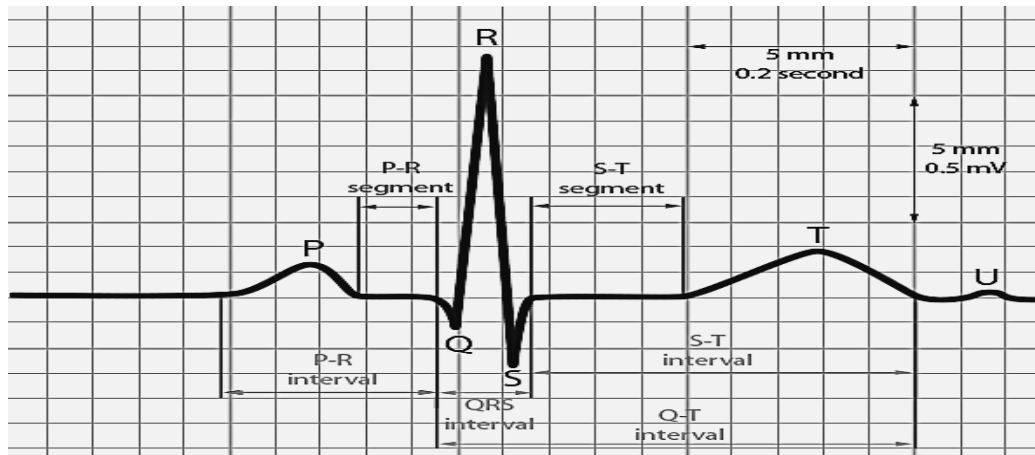
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- ✚ The first thing before reading ECG you should check for the following:
  - ID, date, time.
  - Rhythm (regular\irregular).
  - Rate.
  - Axis (deviation).
  - Waves, intervals, segments.



### ✚ Normal sinus rhythm:

- 1-Regular R-R intervals (card method) → the distance between each successive 2 Rs is equal.
- 2-Every QRS complex is preceded by a P wave.
- 3-Normal P-R intervals→ the most important one, start for the beginning of P to the beginning of QRS, normally equals (3-5) small squares, if the P-R interval was abnormal that will affect the R-R intervals.

### Note

The easiest lead to determine the rhythm and rate is bipolar limb lead #2.

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### ✚ Heart rate:

HR= beats \ min.

Normal HR 60 – 100 beat\min.

Remember: each large square = 5 small squares.

HOW to calculate ?

- If the heart rate was regular, take the distance between any two Rs→ the distance is taken either by # of large squares or # of small squares.

-If the distance including only large squares without any small square, then count the large squares, and use the following equation:

$$HR = 300 / \text{no. Of large squares within R-R interval}$$

If the distance including both large and small squares, then count the small squares, and use the following the equation:

$$HR = 1500 / \text{no. Of small squares within R-R interval}$$

ملاحظة: الرقم ٣٠٠ جاي من تحويل المربع الكبير لدقيقة، والرقم ١٥٠٠ جاي من تحويل المربع الصغير لدقيقة. (بس جملة معترضة يعني:).

### Examples:

1)) If the R-R interval was 3 large squares, then  $\rightarrow 300 \div 3 = 100 \text{ beat} \backslash \text{min.}$

2)) If the R-R interval was 3 large squares and 2 small squares, then count the small squares  $\rightarrow$

$$\rightarrow (3 \times 5 + 2) = 17 \text{ small sq.}$$

$$\rightarrow 1500 \div 17 = 88.2 \text{ beat} \backslash \text{min.}$$

3)) If the R-R interval was 4 large squares and a small square, then count the small squares  $\rightarrow$

$$\rightarrow (4 \times 5 + 1) = 21 \text{ small sq.}$$

$$\rightarrow 1500 \div 21 = 71.4.$$

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### ❖ **Axis:**

is the directional resultant of ventricular depolarization, either normal, left or right deviated, strongly affected by myocardium hypertrophy.

WE LOOK AT **LIMB** LEADS ONLY.

$\rightarrow$  the easiest is to take limb leads 1 + 2.

$\rightarrow$  rule of thumb, you note the deflection of QRS (+ deflection  $\rightarrow$  thumb up, - deflection  $\rightarrow$  thumb down).

- Normally:

The QRS deflection of both lead 1 + 2 are + , so, two thumb up.

\*\* imagine that the head of arrows represent the direction of the thumb, then:



- Right axis deviation:

QRS deflection of lead 1 is - , while + for lead 2.



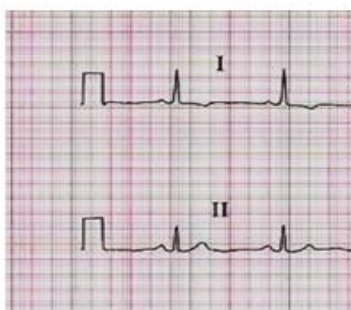
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Right

- Left axis deviation:

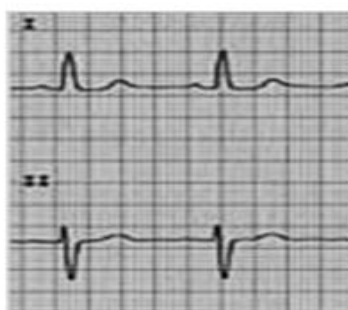
QRS deflection of lead 1 is + , while - for lead 2.



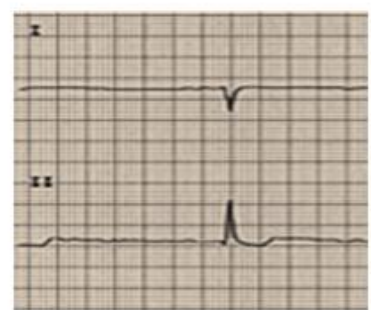
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A-Normal axis (I and II) +ve



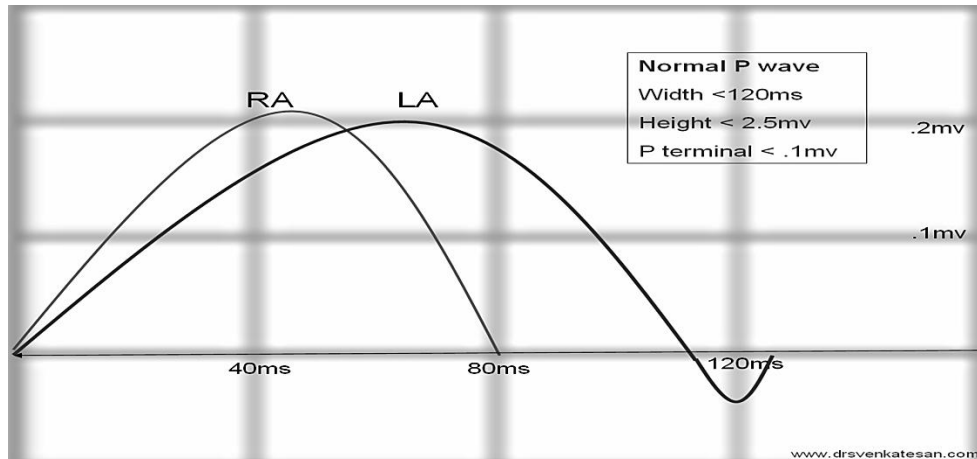
B- LAD (I +ve and II -ve)



C- RAD (I -ve and II +ve)

### **Normal P wave:**

P wave represents the atrial depolarization, the length and width **collectively** should not exceed 3 small squares, normal shape → dome, smooth.



### **Normal P-R interval:**

3 – 5 small squares لا أقل ولا أكثر

\*\*less than 3 small sq → no AV delay, AV is not functional, so the current will pass through fast accessory pathway.

\*\*more than 5 small sq → more AV delay, AV block.

### **Normal QRS complex:**

width < 3 small sq.

→ if the shape or width was abnormal → ventricular abnormality.

→ we don't care about the length of QRS complex; since it depends on the calibration.



### **Normal QT:**

ventricular depolarization and repolarization.

from the beginning of Q to the end of T.

→ **corrected QT interval** =  $QT / \sqrt{RR}$

$\leq 0.44$  s.

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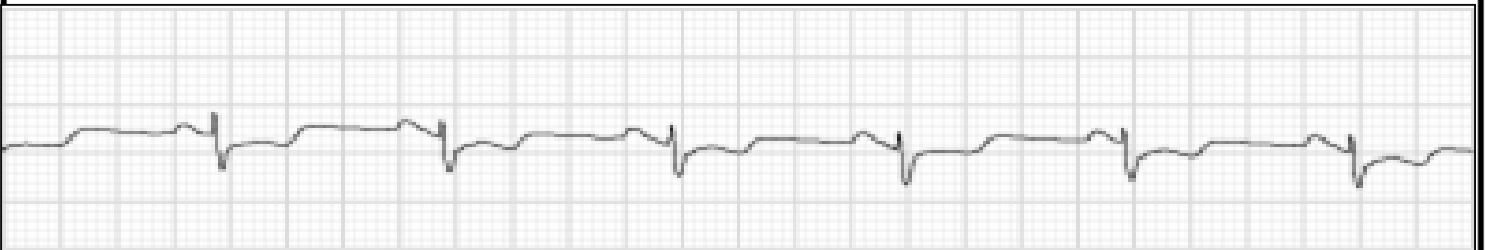
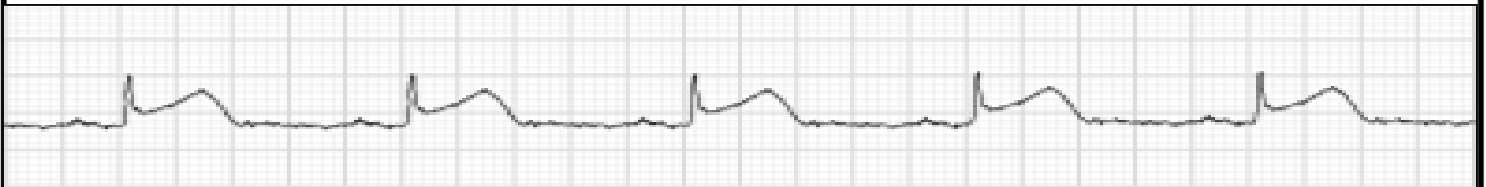
$< 50\%$  of R-R interval.

- **Normal ST segment:**

isoelectric ( in comparison to the next T –P segment).

→ If it is elevated → acute MI or pericarditis.

→ If it is depressed → ischemia (old ischemia).



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### **T wave:**

ventricular repolarization, its length should not exceed 10 small sq.

Normally inverted in aVR, V1, v2 +/- v3, III.

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### -How to calculate Heart Rate in irregular rhythm?

Count the Rs in 30 large squares then multiply by 10.

## Abnormal Rhythm

To determine if it is an atrial abnormal rhythm or a ventricular abnormal rhythm:

→ if there is normal QRS complexes → atrial.

→ if there is abnormal QRS complexes → ventricular.

### **Atrial rhythm:**

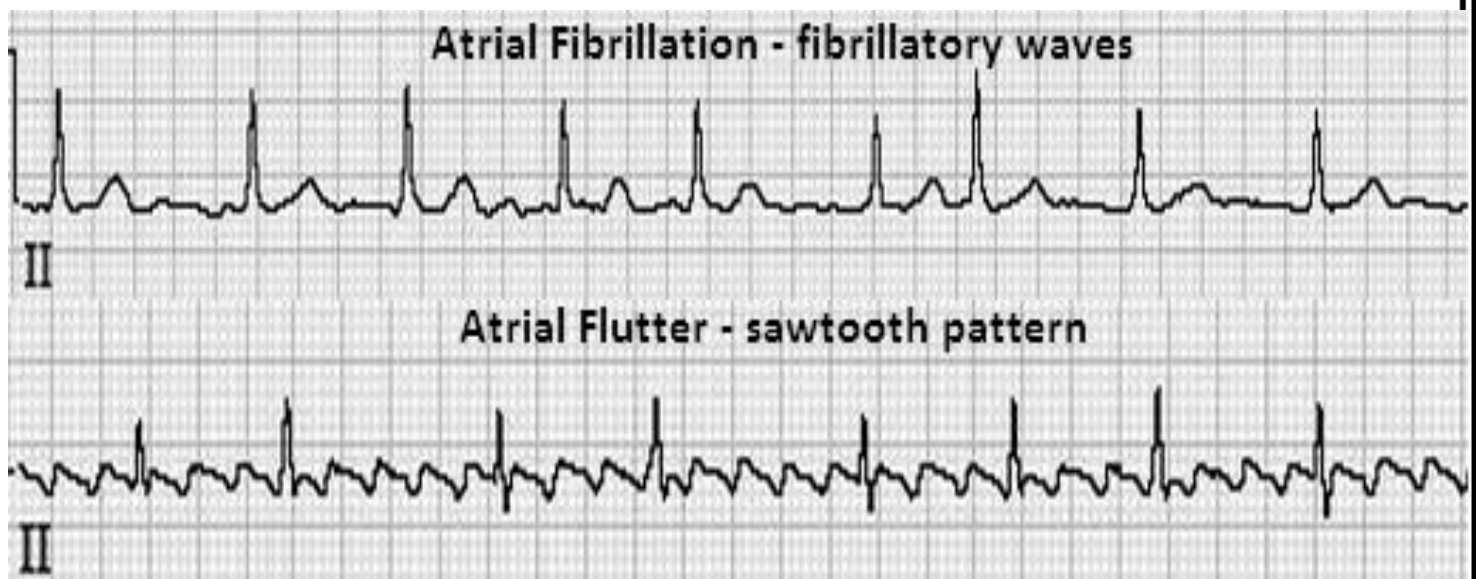
1)) Atrial fibrillation:

- irregular irregular rhythm (baseline).

2)) Atrial flutter:

- sawtooth pattern baseline زي سنان المنشار

- irregular regular baseline.



To calculate the heart rate:

Count the Rs in 30 large squares then multiply by 10.

$8 * 10 = 80 \text{ beat } \backslash \text{ min.}$



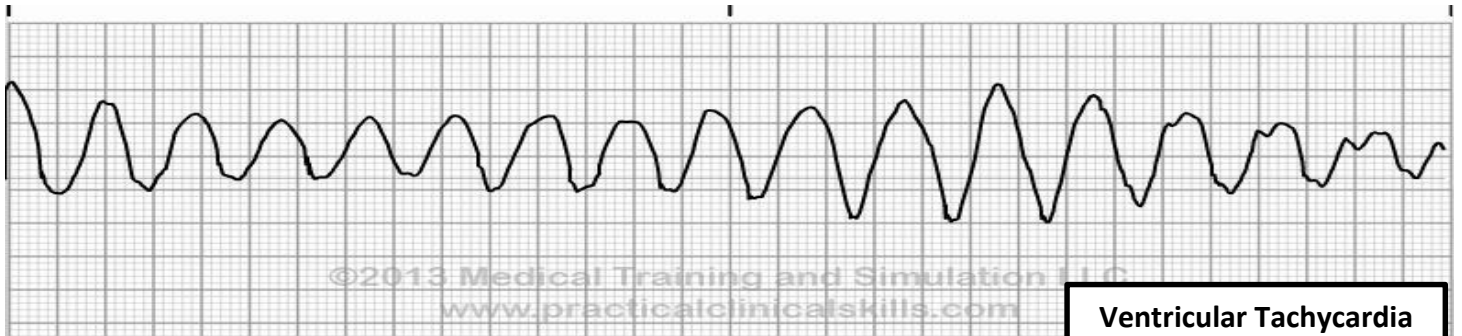
### **Ventricular rhythm:**

No QRS complexes.

1)) Ventricular tachycardia → regular shape.

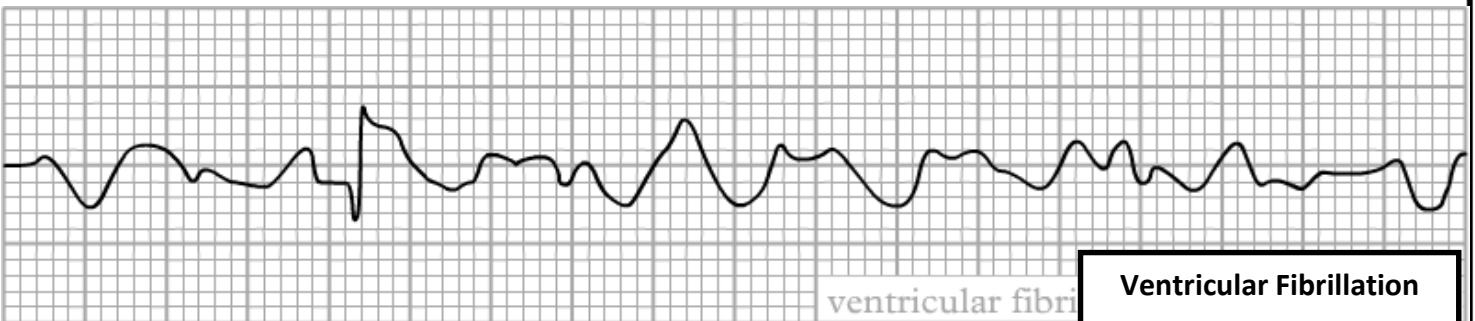
2)) Ventricular fibrillation → زي خاربيش الولاد الصغار

- no baseline \ no up \ no down.
- the patient is almost dying.
- we cannot calculate the HR.



**Ventricular Tachycardia**

HR= 15 \*10 = 150 beat \ min.



**Ventricular Fibrillation**

We cannot calculate the HR.

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### **P –wave / Abnormal Morphology**

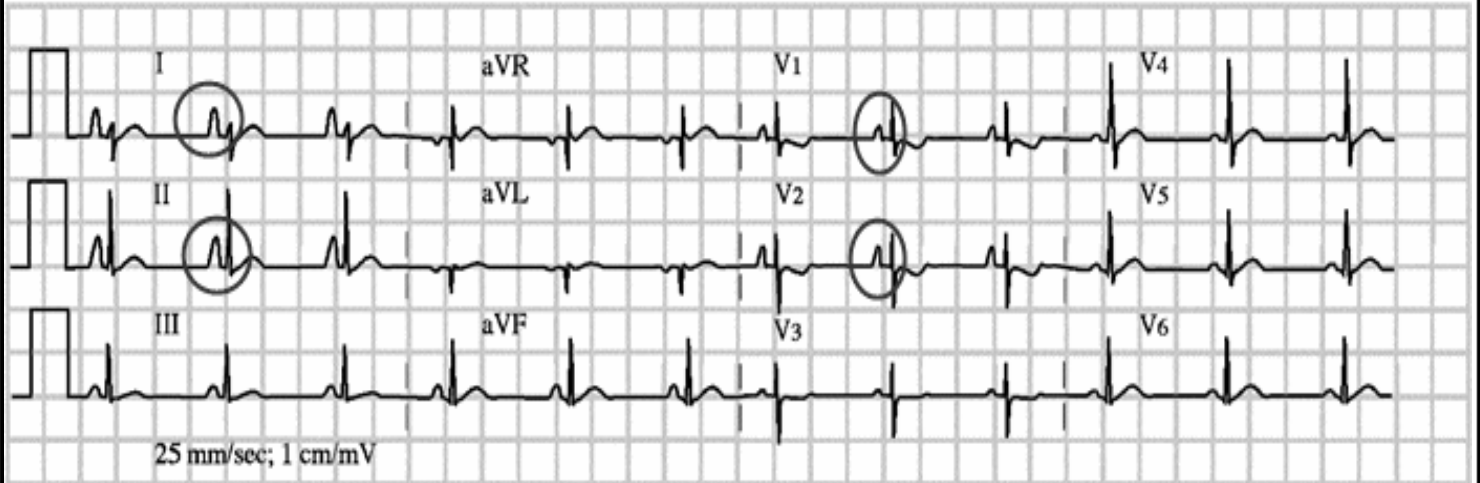
\*\*normal P wave is less than 3 small sq, if more than that:

→normal shape→RA hypertrophy→ P pulmonale.

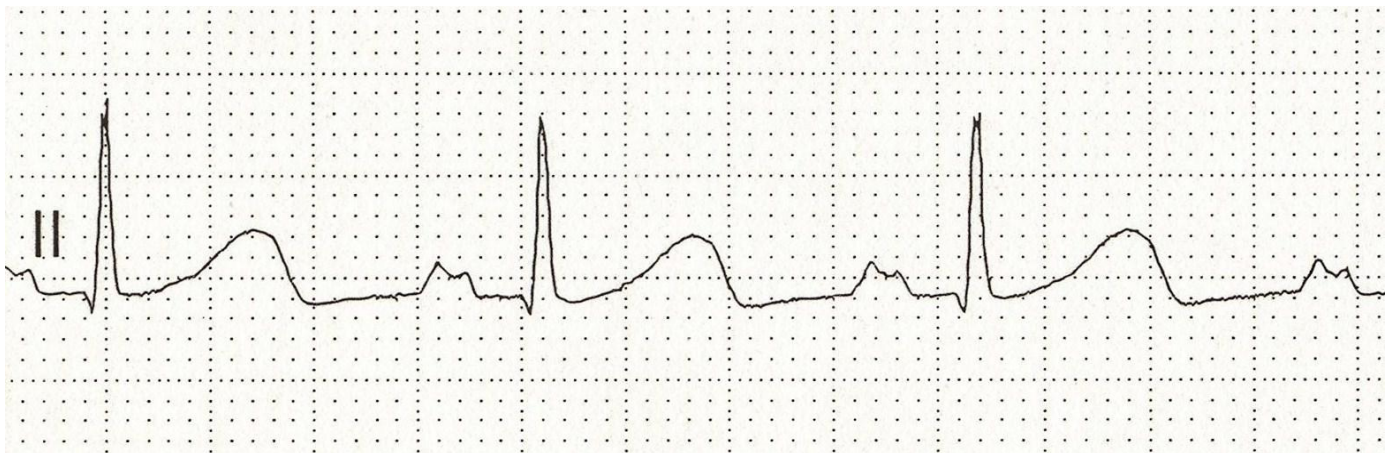
→M – like shape→LA hypertrophy→ P mitral.



1- P Pulmonale (Peaked P wave in RA hypertrophy).



2- P Mitrale (Bifid P wave in LA hypertrophy).



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**Normal P-R interval:**

3 – 5 small squares لا أقل ولا أكثر

\*\*less than 3 small sq → no AV delay, AV is not functional, so the current will pass through fast accessory pathway (WPW).

\* more than 5 small sq → more AV delay, AV block.

Prolonged P-R Interval



Shortened P-R interval



**T wave:**

ventricular repolarization, its length should not exceed 10 small sq.  
Normally inverted in aVR, V1, v2 +/- v3, III.

T wave conditions:

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1-Normal T wave

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2- Inverted

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3- Hyper acute  
(MI)

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4- Peaked  
(hyperkalemia)

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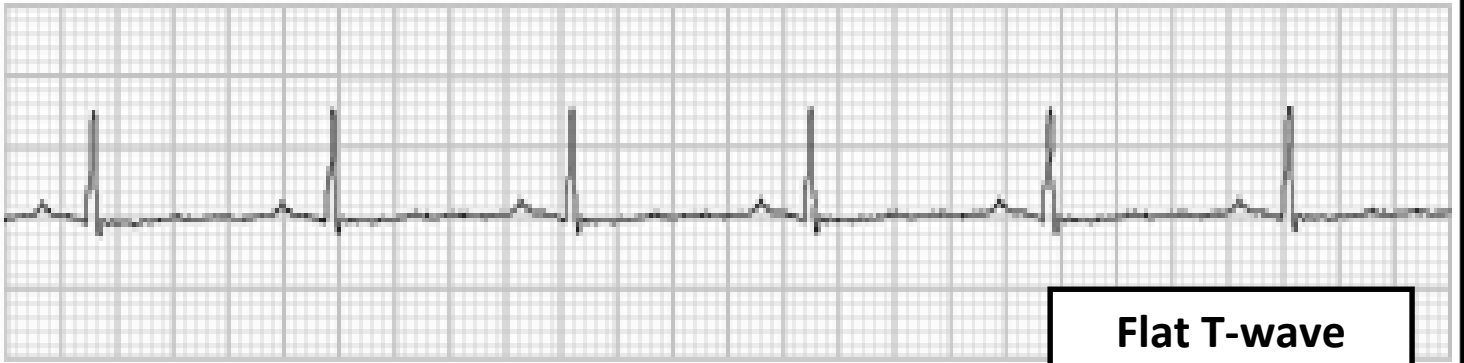
5- Flat  
(hypokalemia)



Normal T-wave



**Inverted T-wave**  
**V5 \ V6\ lead 2**  
**\*\*\*ischemia.**



**Flat T-wave**  
**\*\*\*hypokalemia.**

\*\*\*if T wave exceeds 10 small sq:

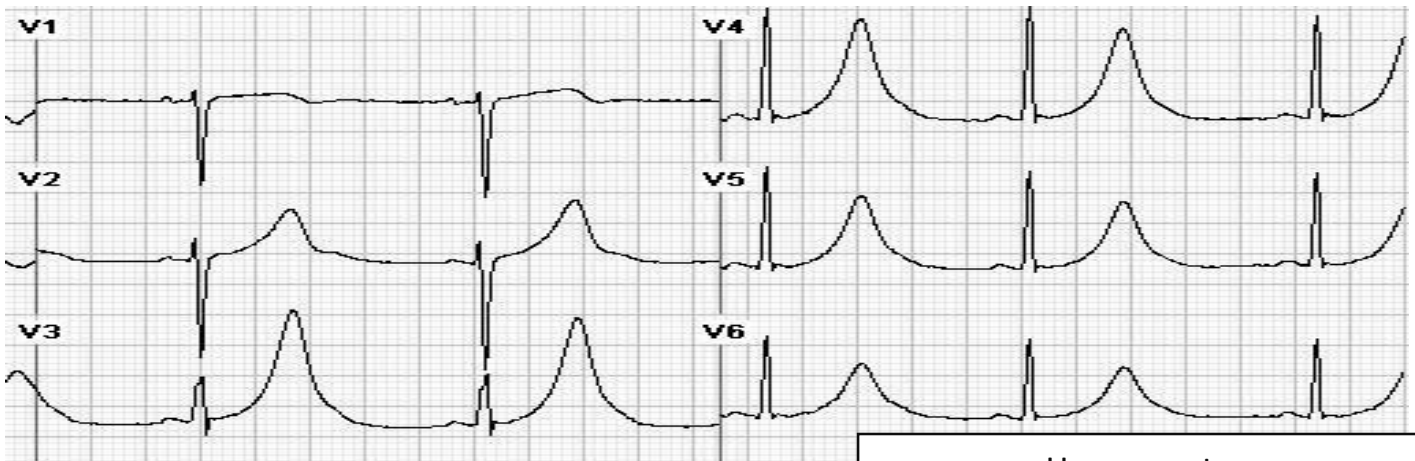
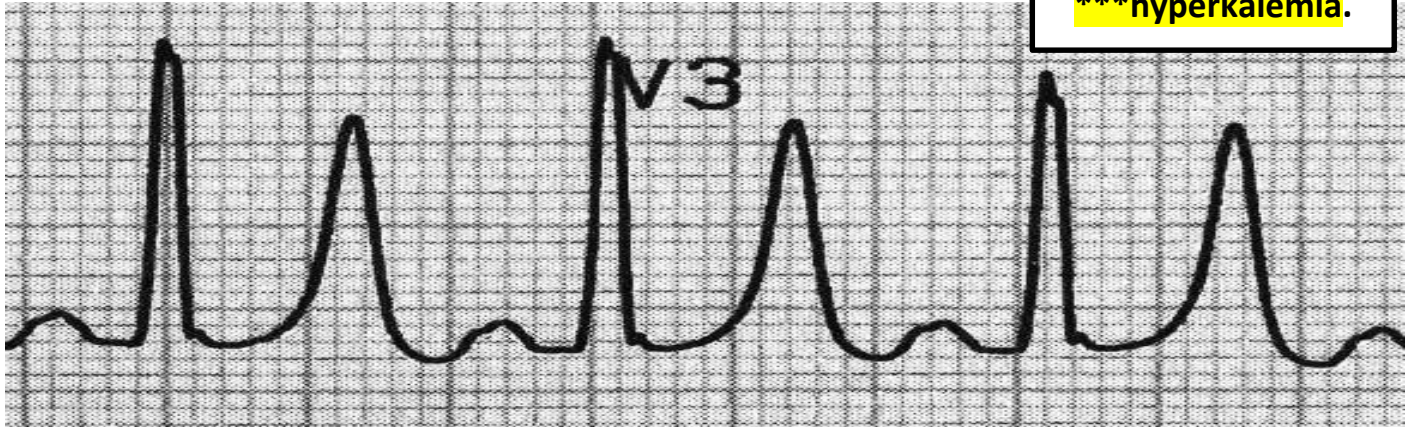
→peaked→narrow base.

→hyper- acute→wide base.



Peaked T-wave

\*\*\*hyperkalemia.



Hyper-acute

MI

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## **Atrioventricular rhythm:**

- (Conduction Blocks).
- Heart Block (3rd degrees).
- Bundle Branch Block

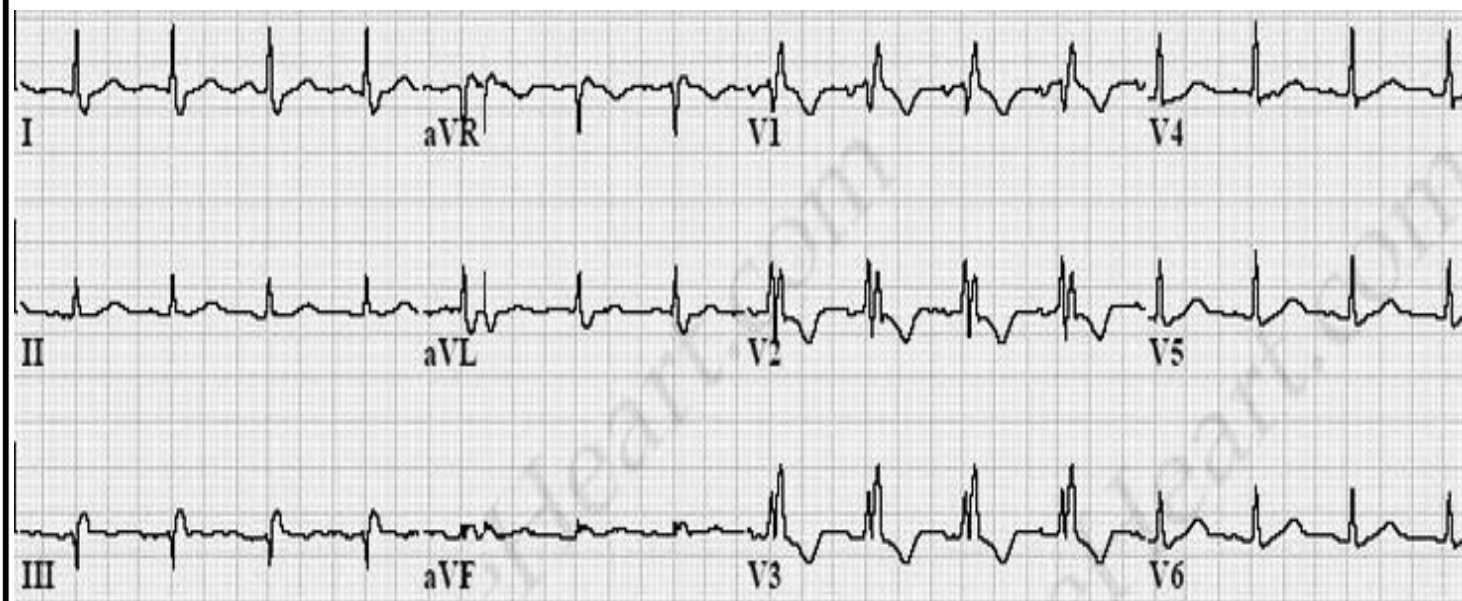
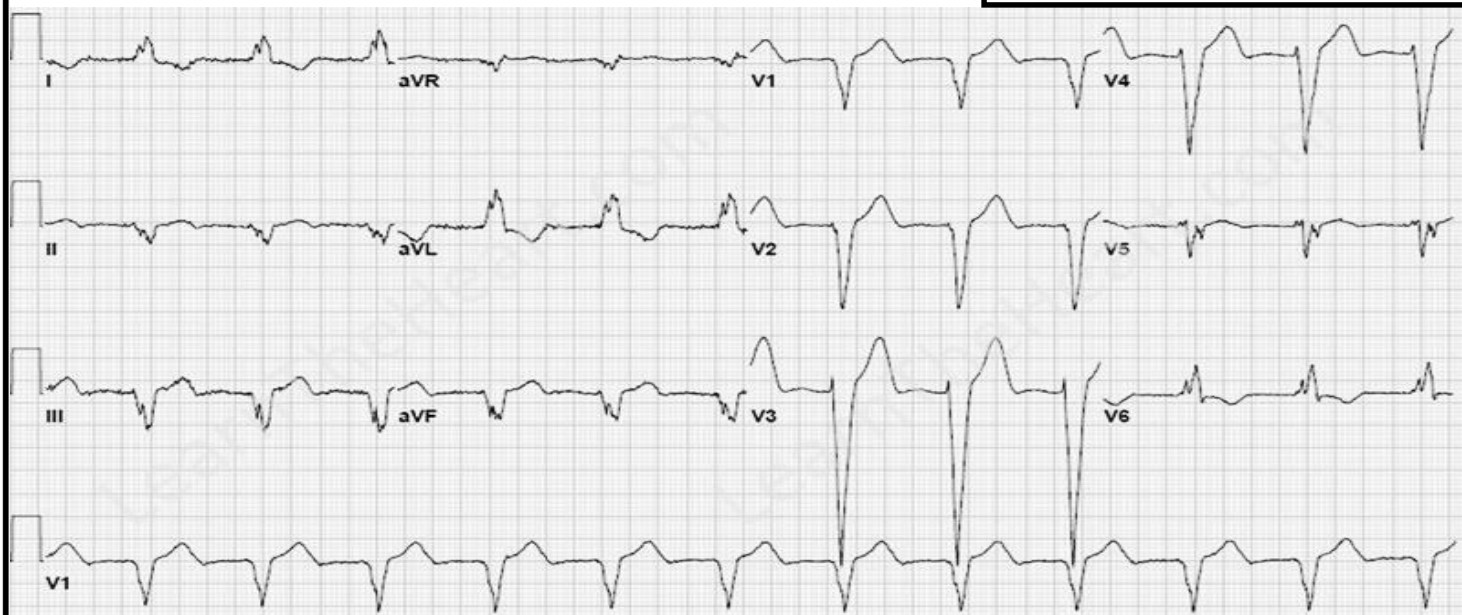
→looking for QRS complex→M – shaped.

\*\*\*if M – shaped QRS complexes were on the right side chest leads (V1\V2\V3) >>> right bundle branch block.

\*\*\* if M – shaped QRS complexes were on the left side chest leads (V4\V5\V6)>>> left bundle branch block.



**LBBB**



**RBBB**