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**What Happens In VEGAS, Stays In VEGAS**

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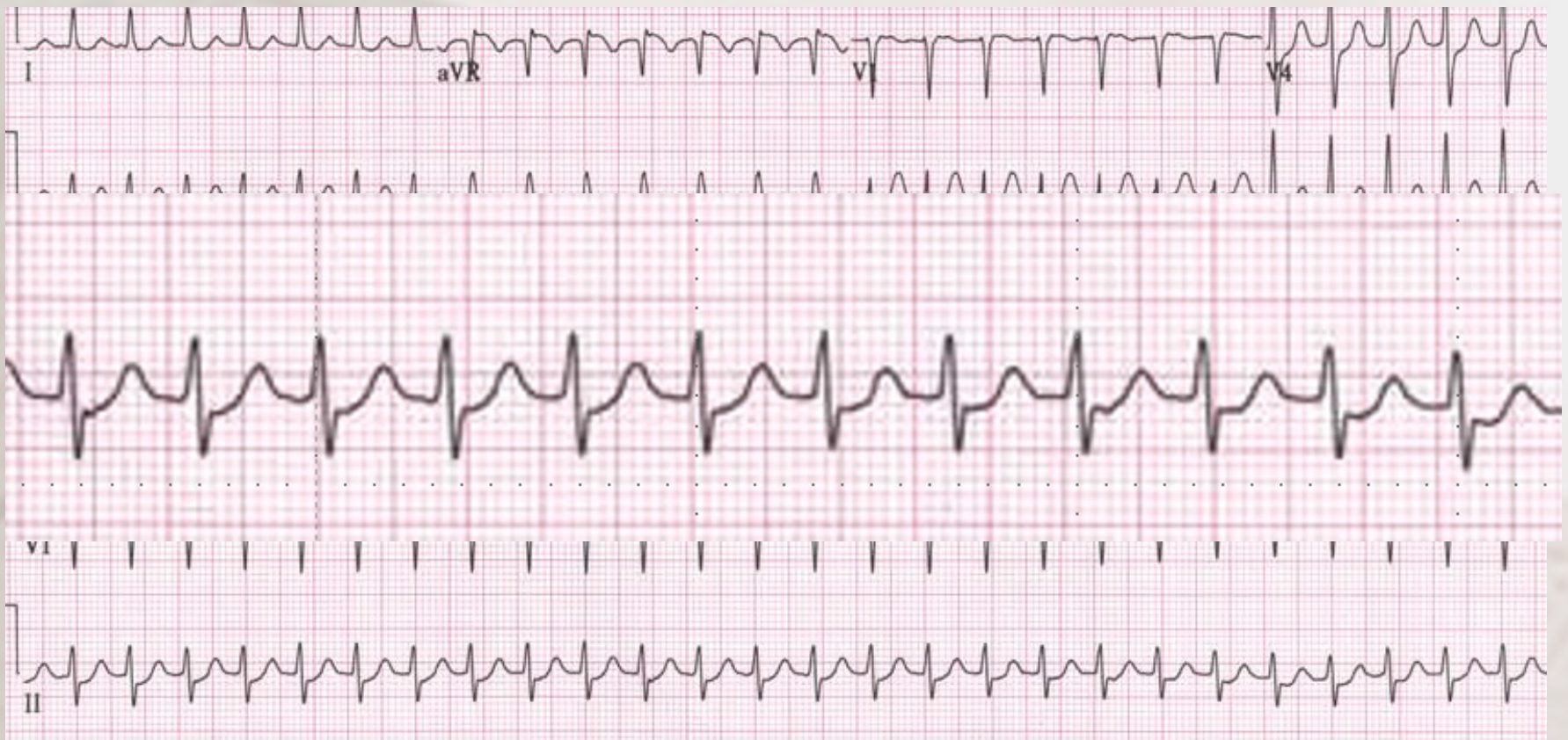
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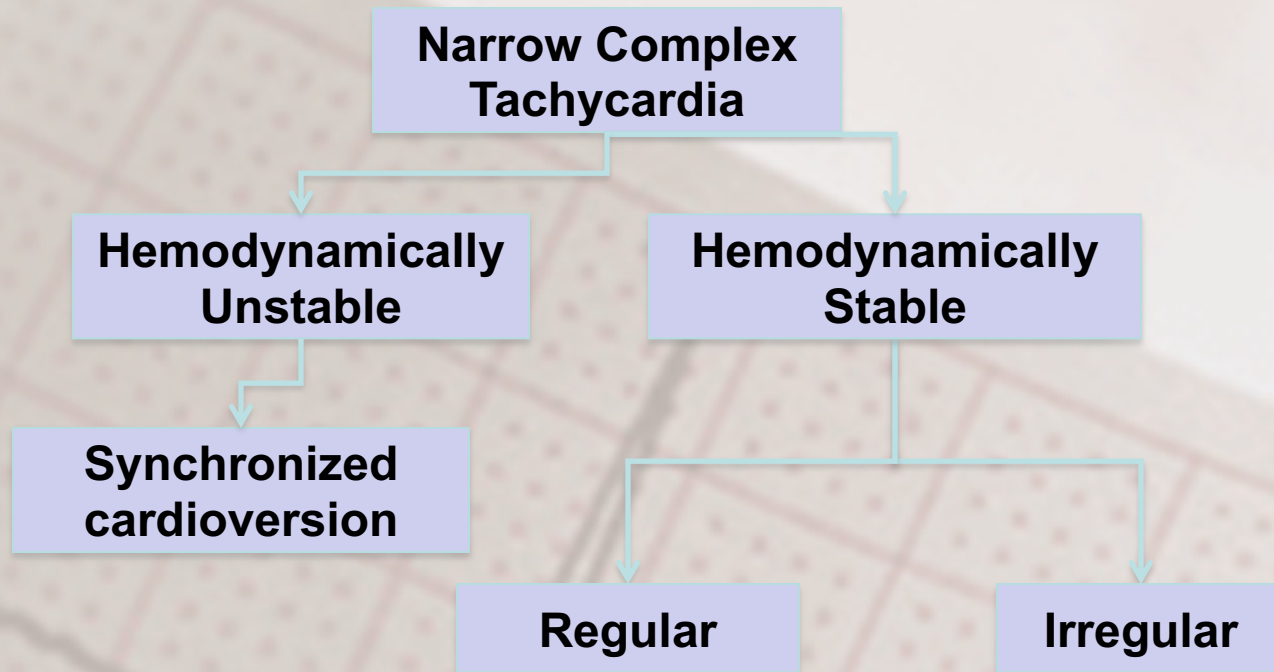


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# Approach to narrow complex tachycardias



# Narrow complex tachycardias

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# Narrow complex tachycardias

## REGULAR

- Sinus Tachycardia
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# Regular narrow complex tachycardia

## Vagal Maneuvers

Valsalva

Carotid artery massage

## Adenosine

IV 6mg push then repeat 12mg (2 times if unsuccessful)

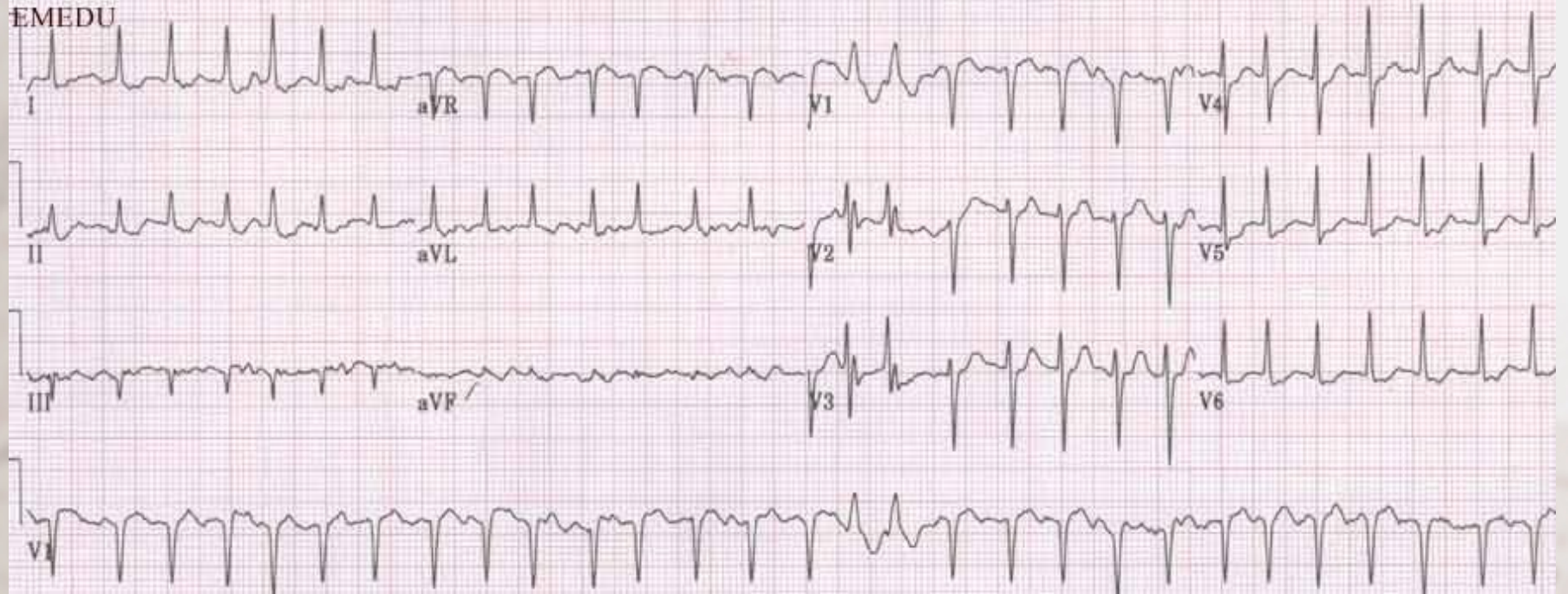
## Calcium Channel Blockers

IV 0.25mg/kg diltiazem over 2 min (15-20mg)

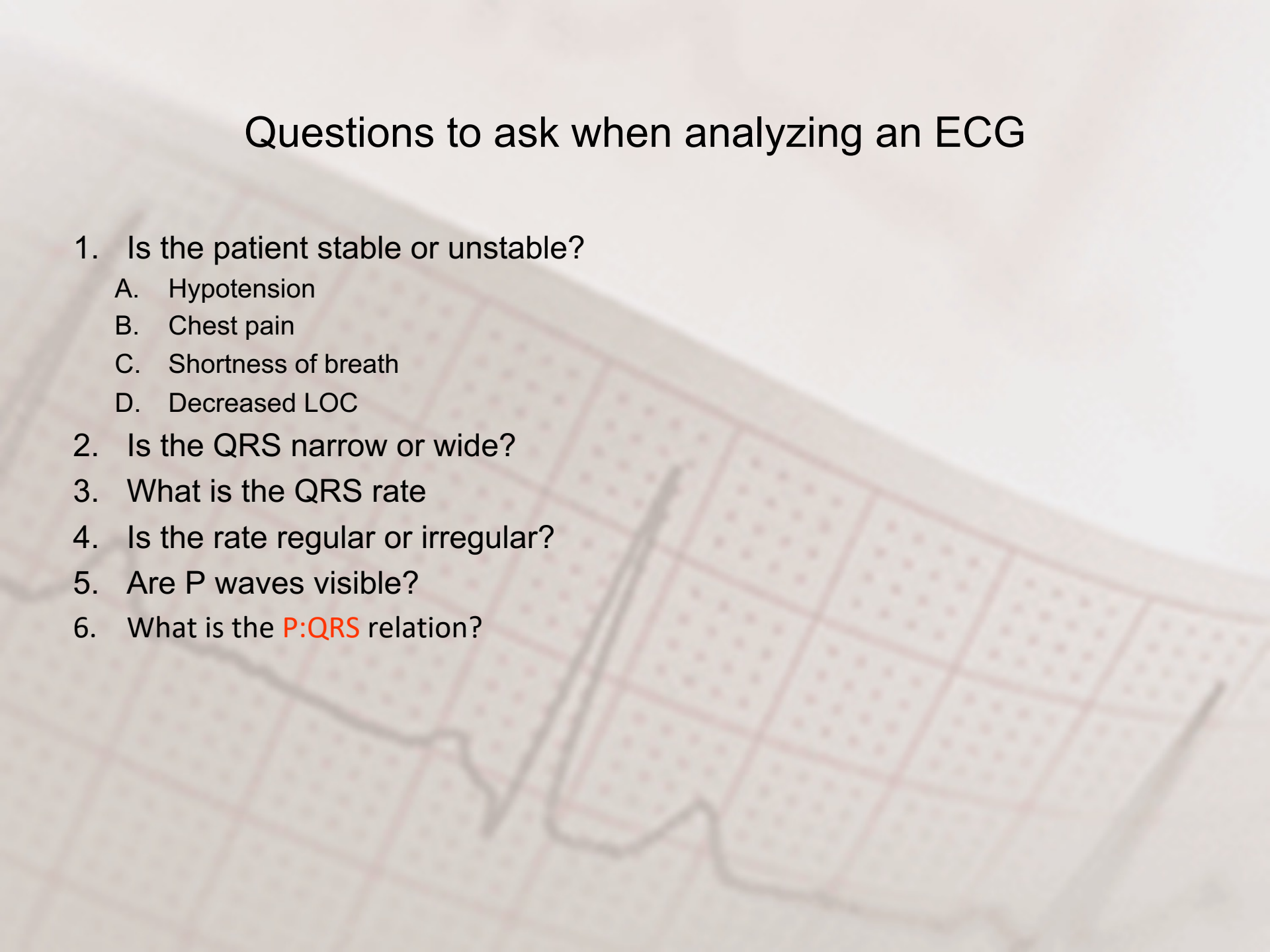
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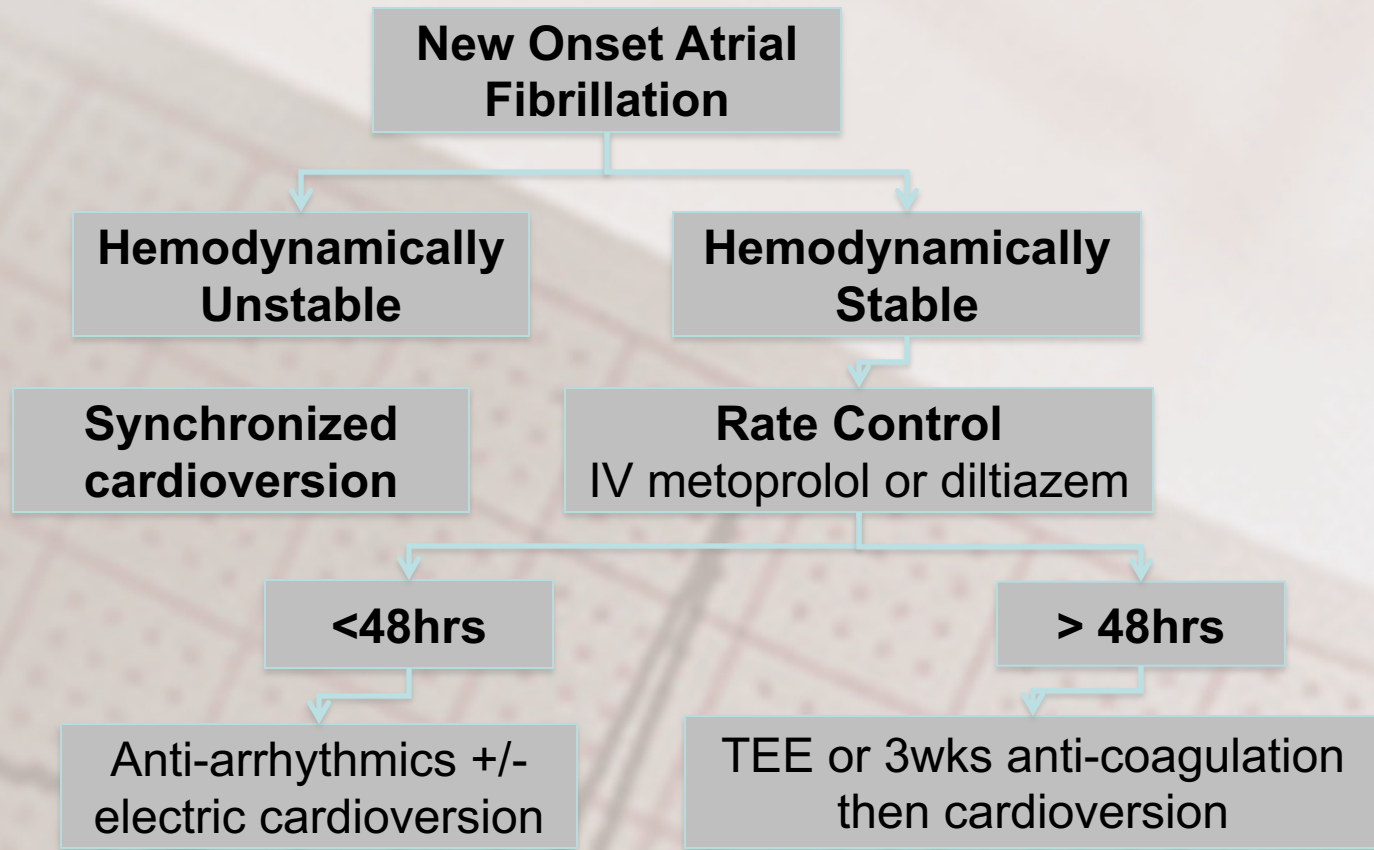
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# Narrow complex tachycardias

## IRREGULAR

- Atrial fibrillation
- Atrial flutter with variable block
- Multi focal atrial tachycardia



# Rate control

## **No accessory pathway**

- Diltiazem IV 0.25mg/kg over 2min (Class I)
- Verapamil IV 0.075-0.15mg/kg over 2min (Class I)

## **Accessory Pathway**

- Amiodarone IV 150mg over 10min (Class IIa)

## **Heart Failure without accessory pathway**

- Digoxin IV 0.25mg q2h (Class I)
- Amiodarone IV 150mg over 10min (Class IIa)

ACC/AHA/ESC 2006 Atrial Fibrillation guidelines

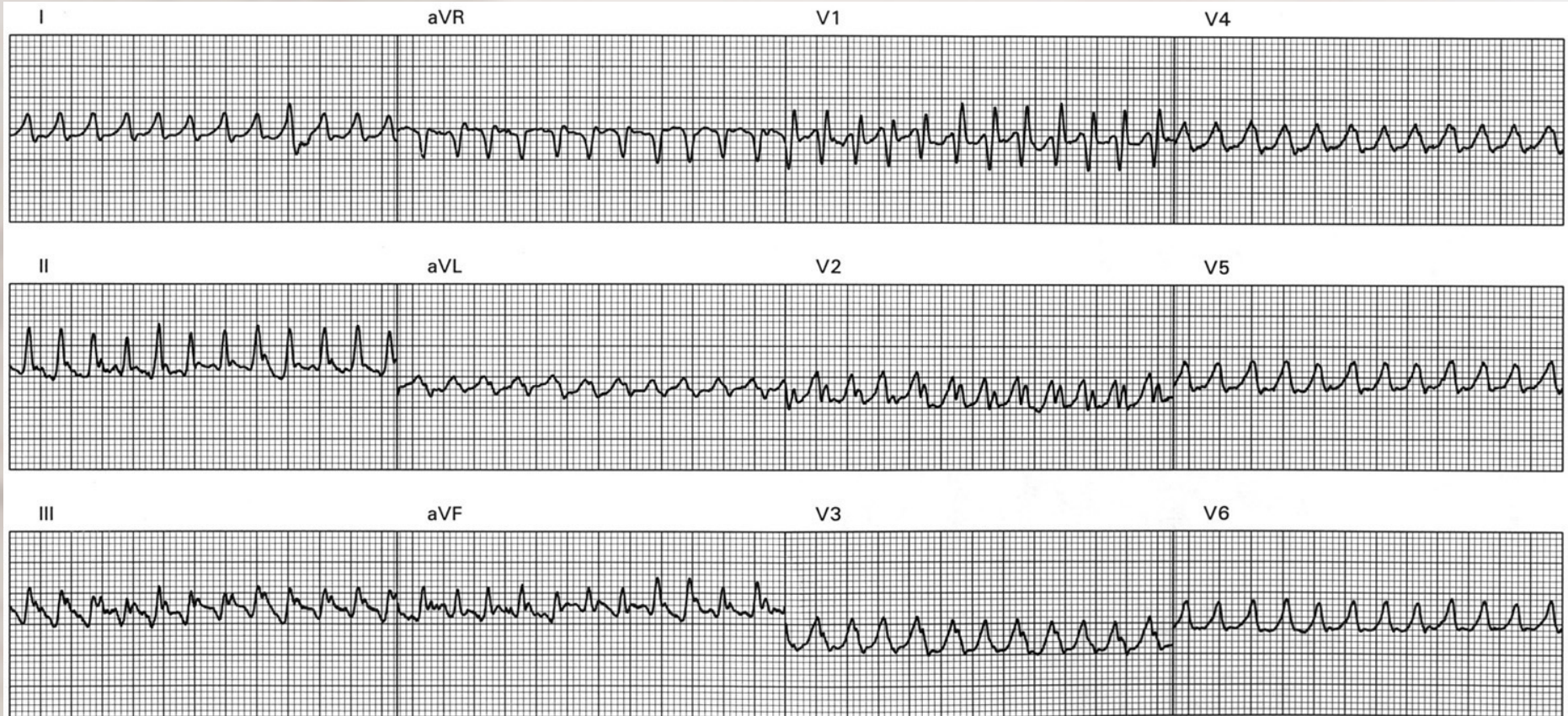


## Rhythm control: Stable patients

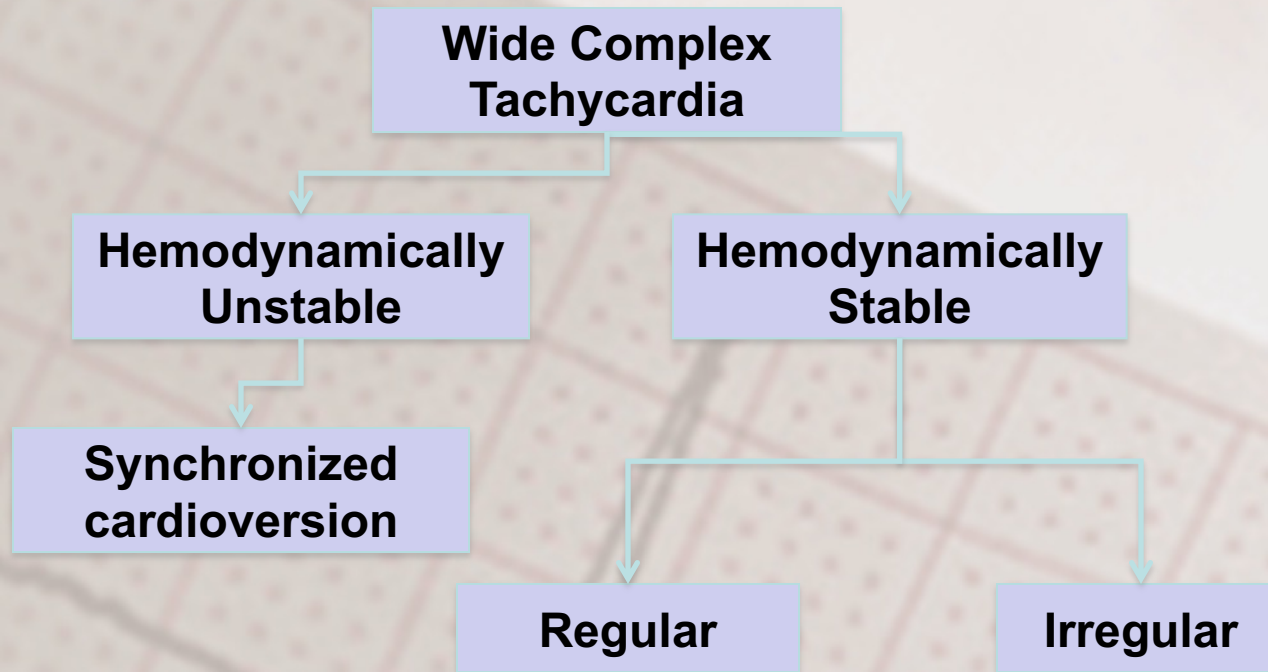
- Consider cardioversion especially if younger, without hypertension or heart disease ACC/AHA/ESC Atrial Fibrillation guidelines 2006
- Ottawa protocol: IV 1g procainamide (in 250ml D5W) over 1hr; 58% conversion rate CJEM 2010 12(3):181-91
- Amiodarone 3-5mg/kg IV over 15-20min
- Ibutilide 0.015-0.02mg/kg IV over 10-15min
- Electrical cardioversion: 80-90% conversion rates
- Admit AF patients if:
  - Unstable, MI, worse heart failure



# Wide complex tachycardias



# Approach to wide complex tachycardias



# Wide Complex Tachycardias

## Differential Diagnosis

Regular	Irregular
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monomorphic VT</li><li>• SVT with aberrancy (BBB)</li><li>• Antidromic Wolf Parkinson White syndrome</li><li>• Electrolyte abnormalities or overdoses</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Polymorphic VT (including Torsades)</li><li>• A. Fib with aberrancy (BBB)</li><li>• A. Fib + accessory pathway</li></ul>

## Wide Complex Tachycardias

# Ventricular Tachycardia vs. SVT

### Ventricular Tachycardia

- Age > 50yrs
- Hx MI, CHF, CABG
- Previous VT
- ECG: fusion beats or AV dissociation

### SVT with aberrancy

- Age <35yrs
- No cardiac history
- Previous SVT

# Wide Complex Tachycardias

**Regular wide complex tachycardia is ventricular tachycardia until proven otherwise**



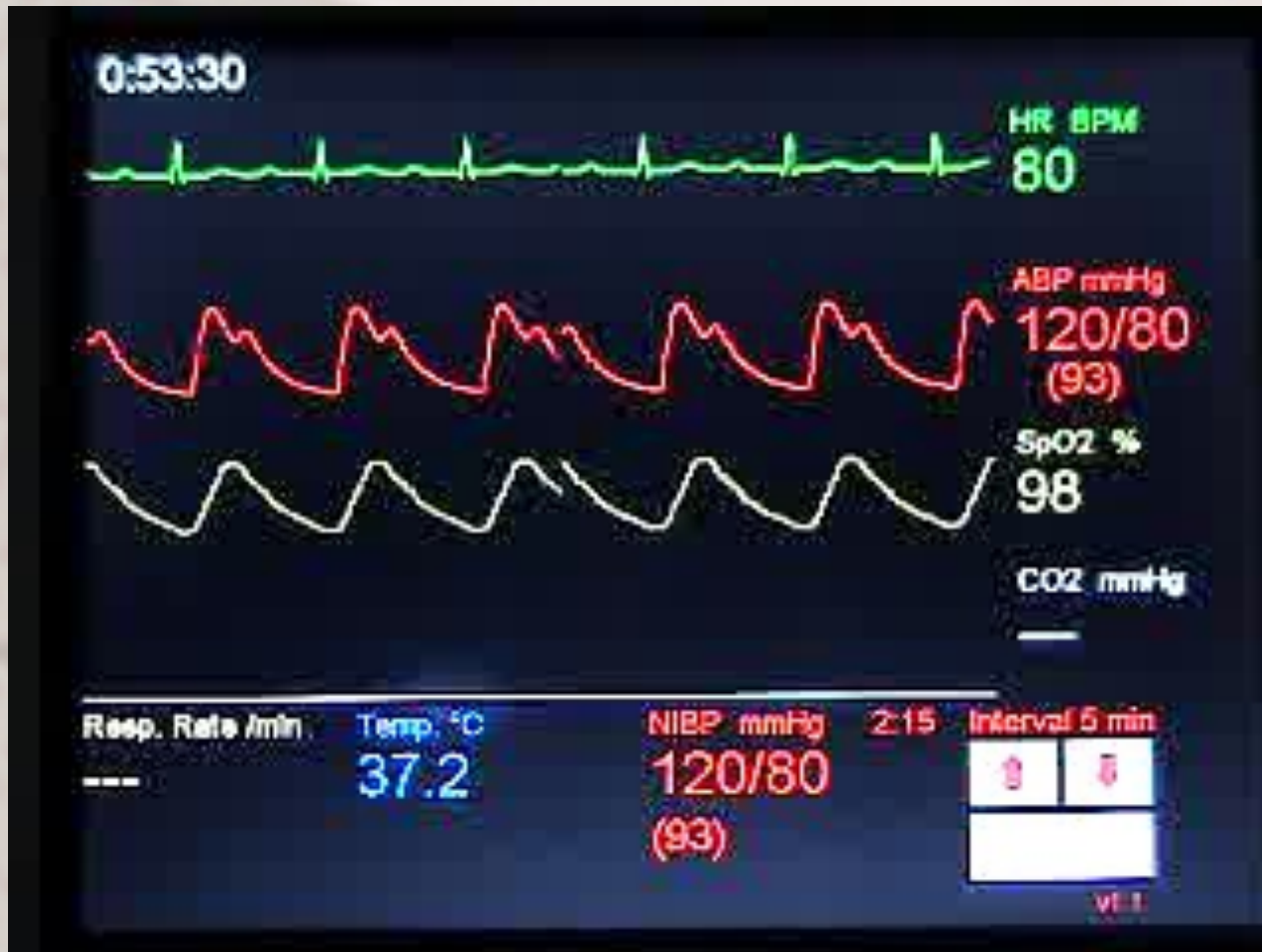




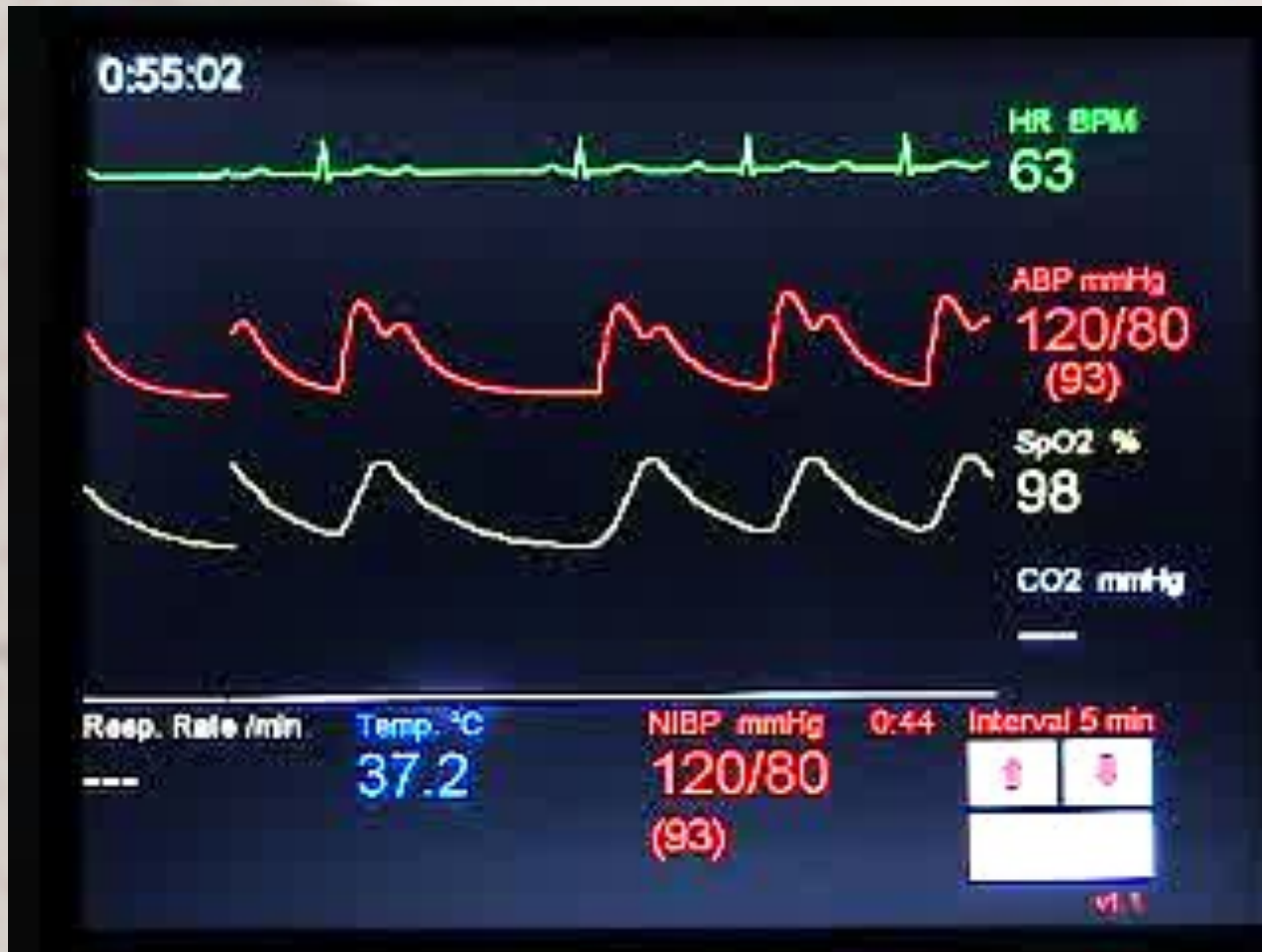
# The Bradycardia Algorithm

- The bradycardia algorithm outlines the steps for assessment and management of a patient presenting with symptomatic bradycardia
- The primary point in the bradycardia algorithm is determination of adequate perfusion.

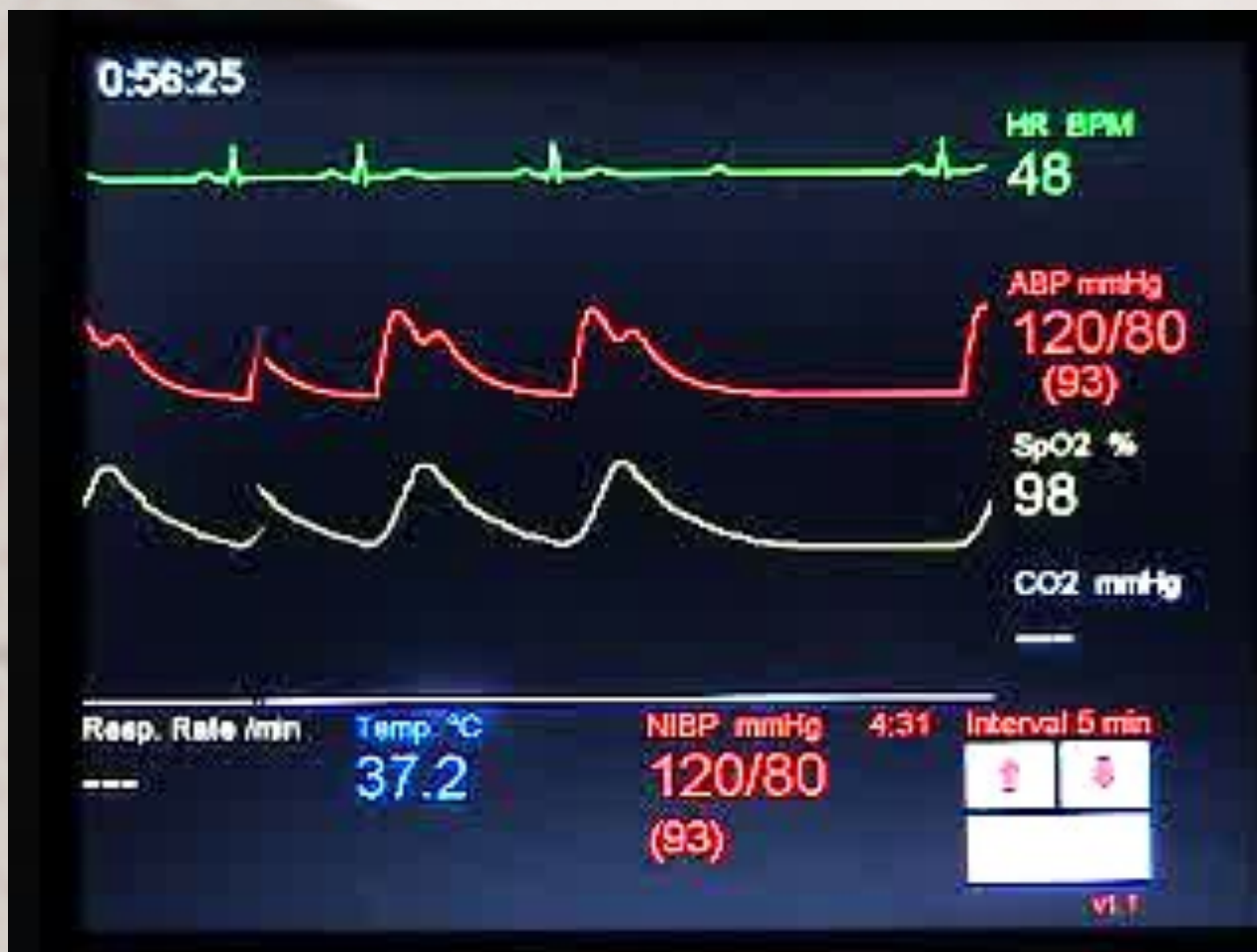
# *First degree AV Block*



# Second-degree AV block Mobitz I



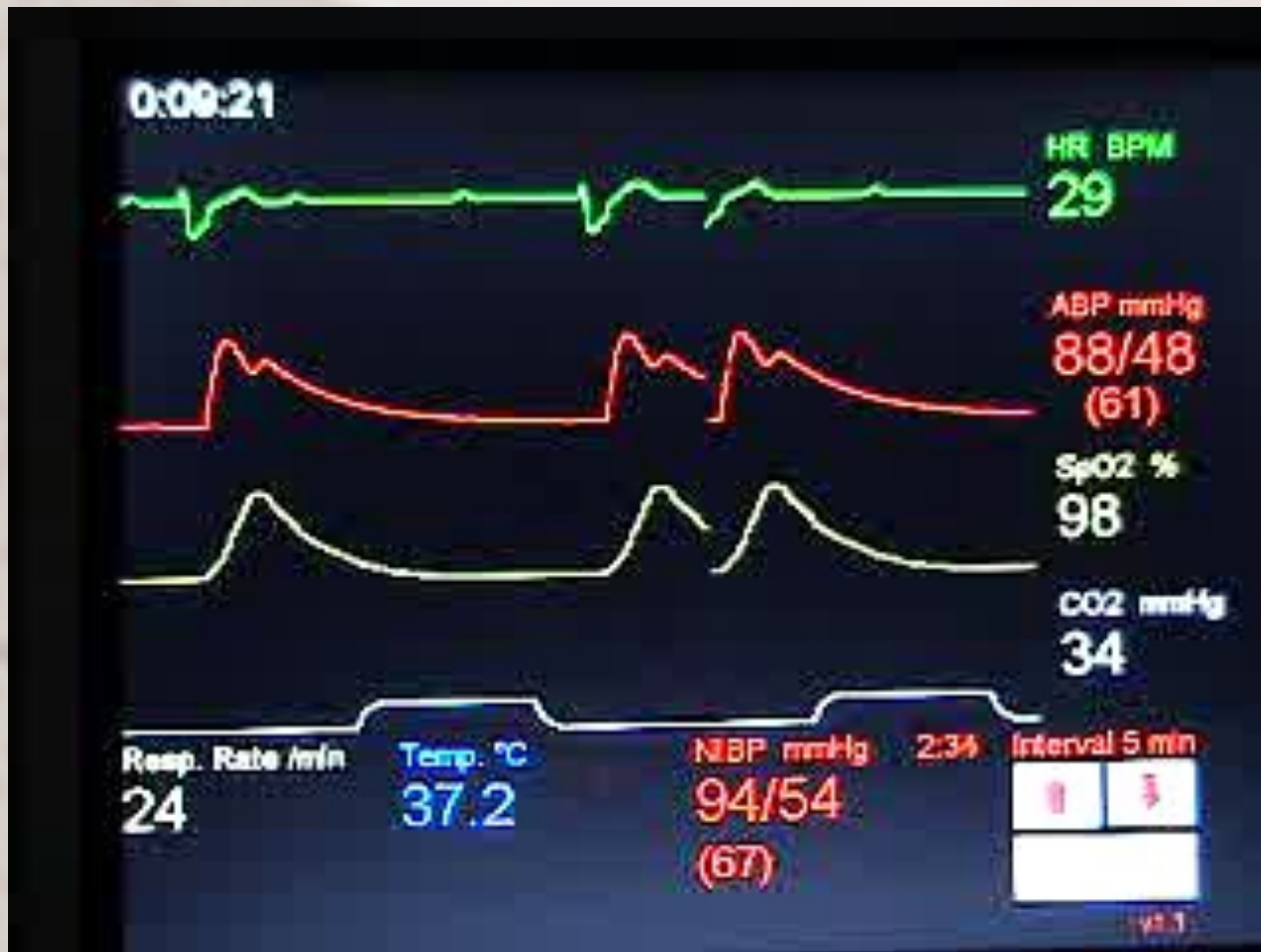
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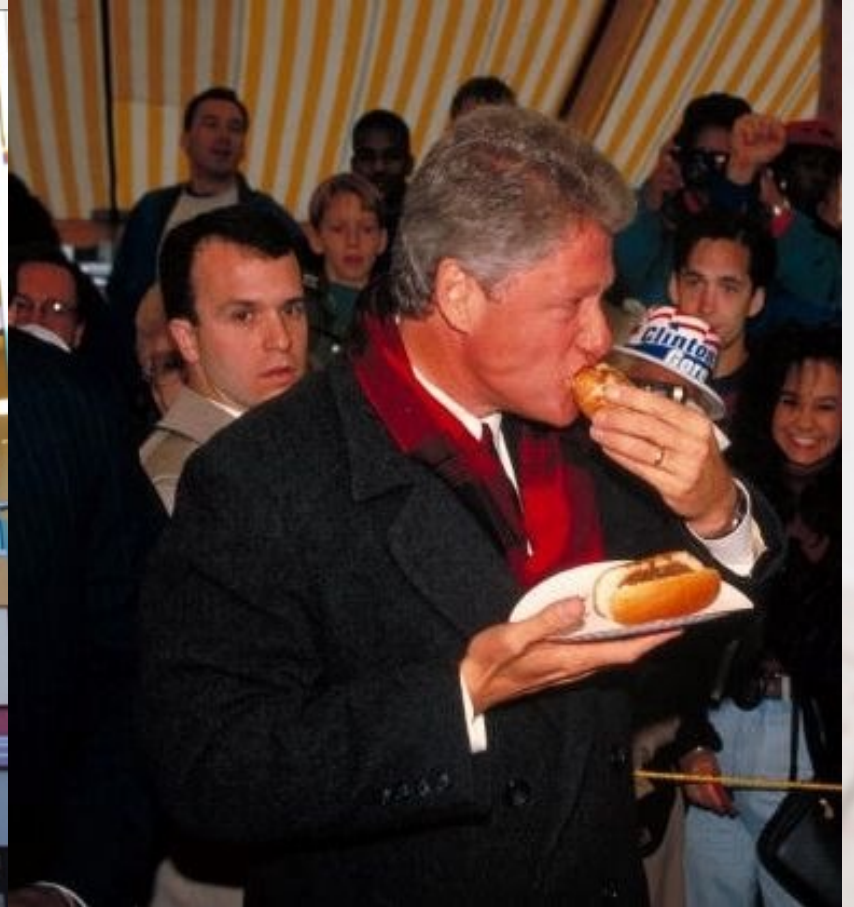


# *Unstable Bradycardia*

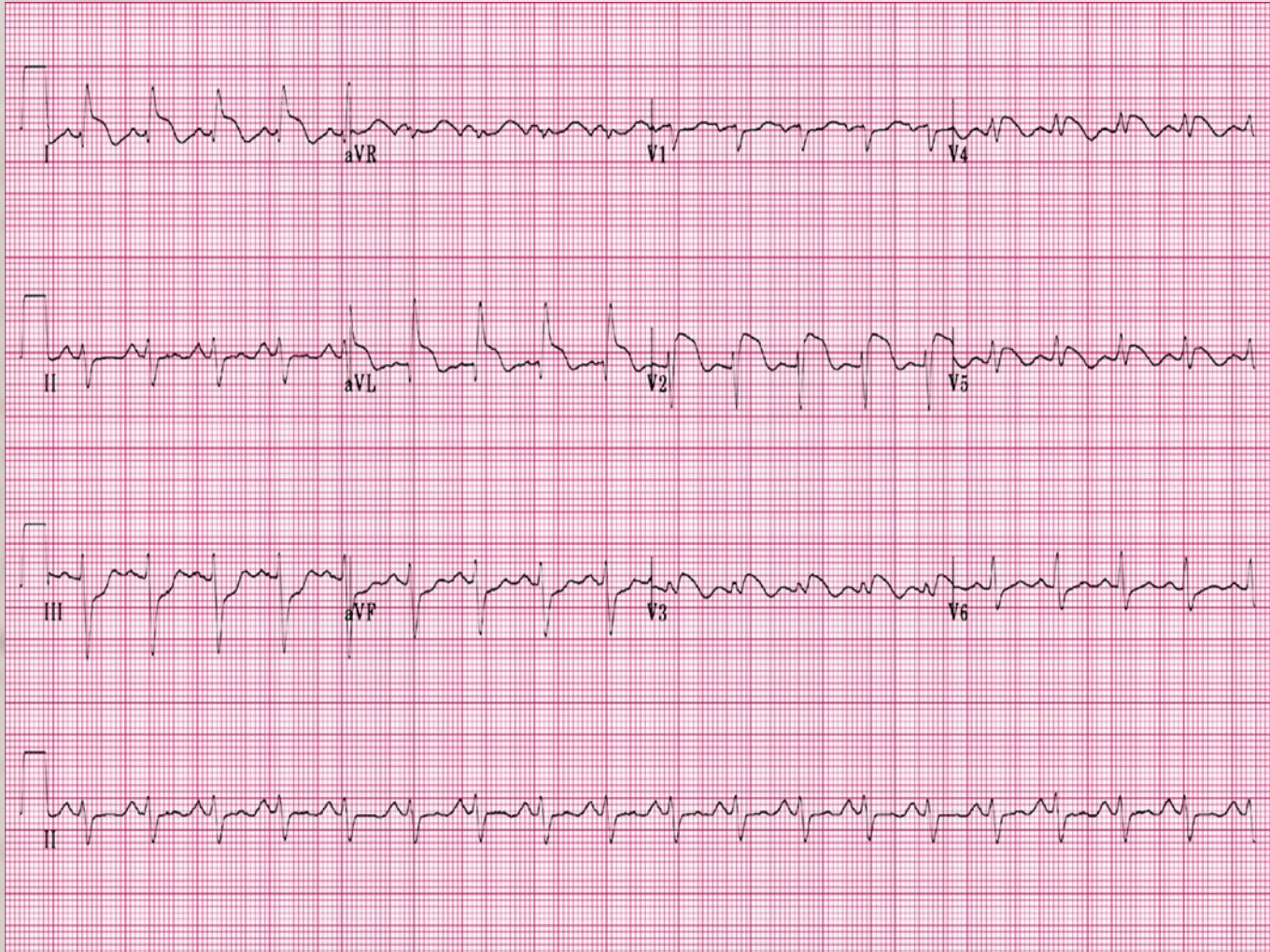


# Third-degree AV block





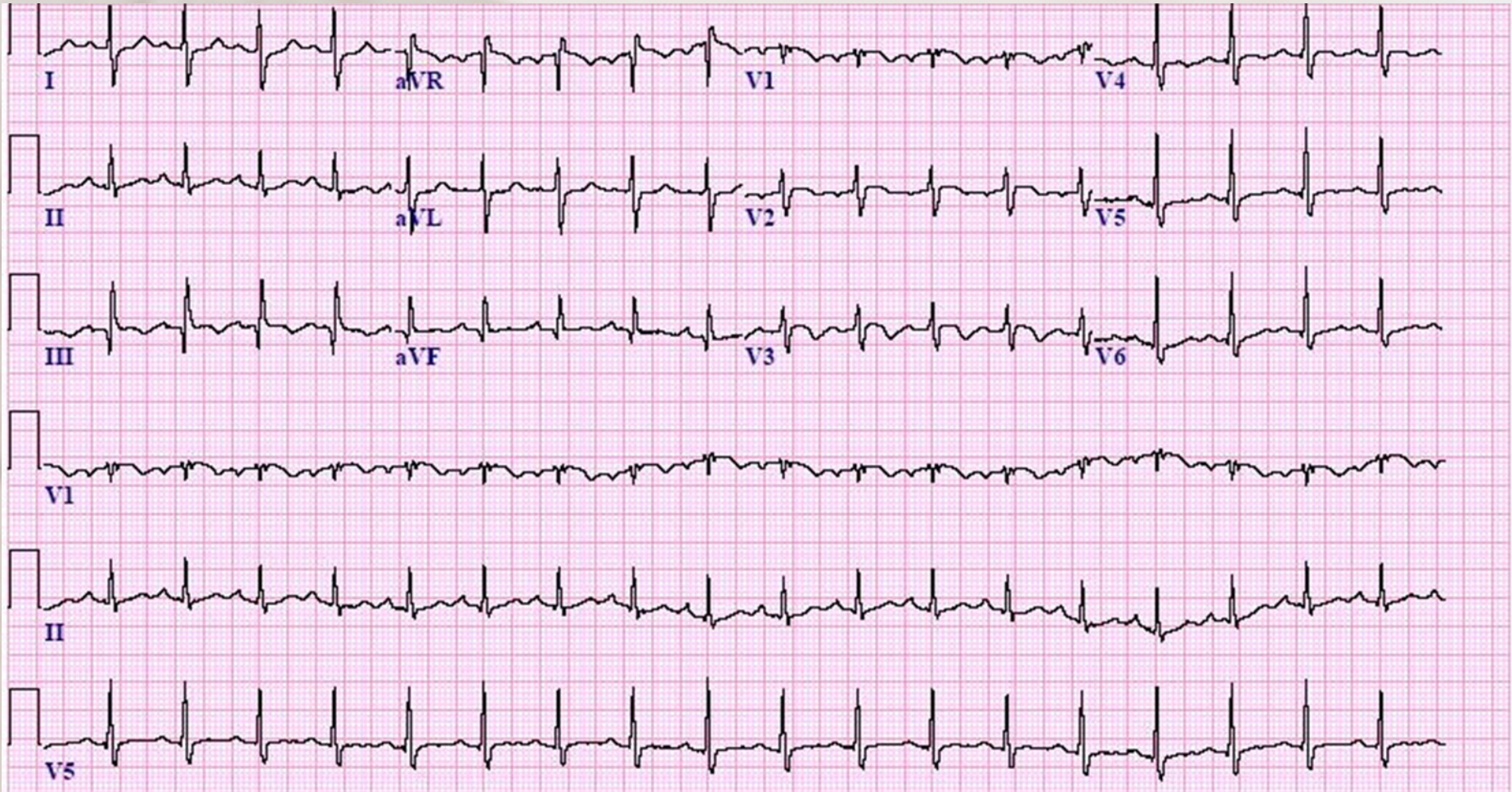
# Acute Anterior MI





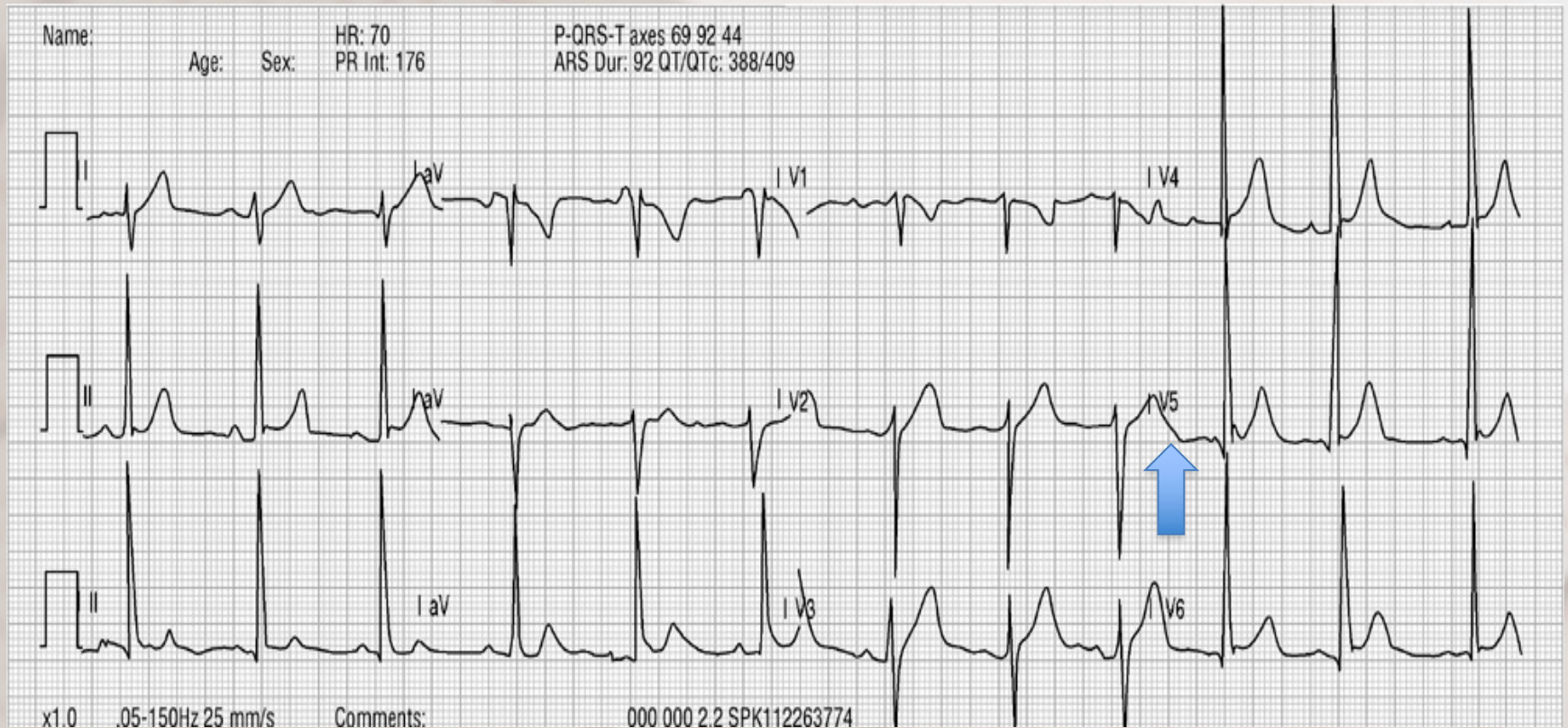


# Acute Pulmonary Embolus



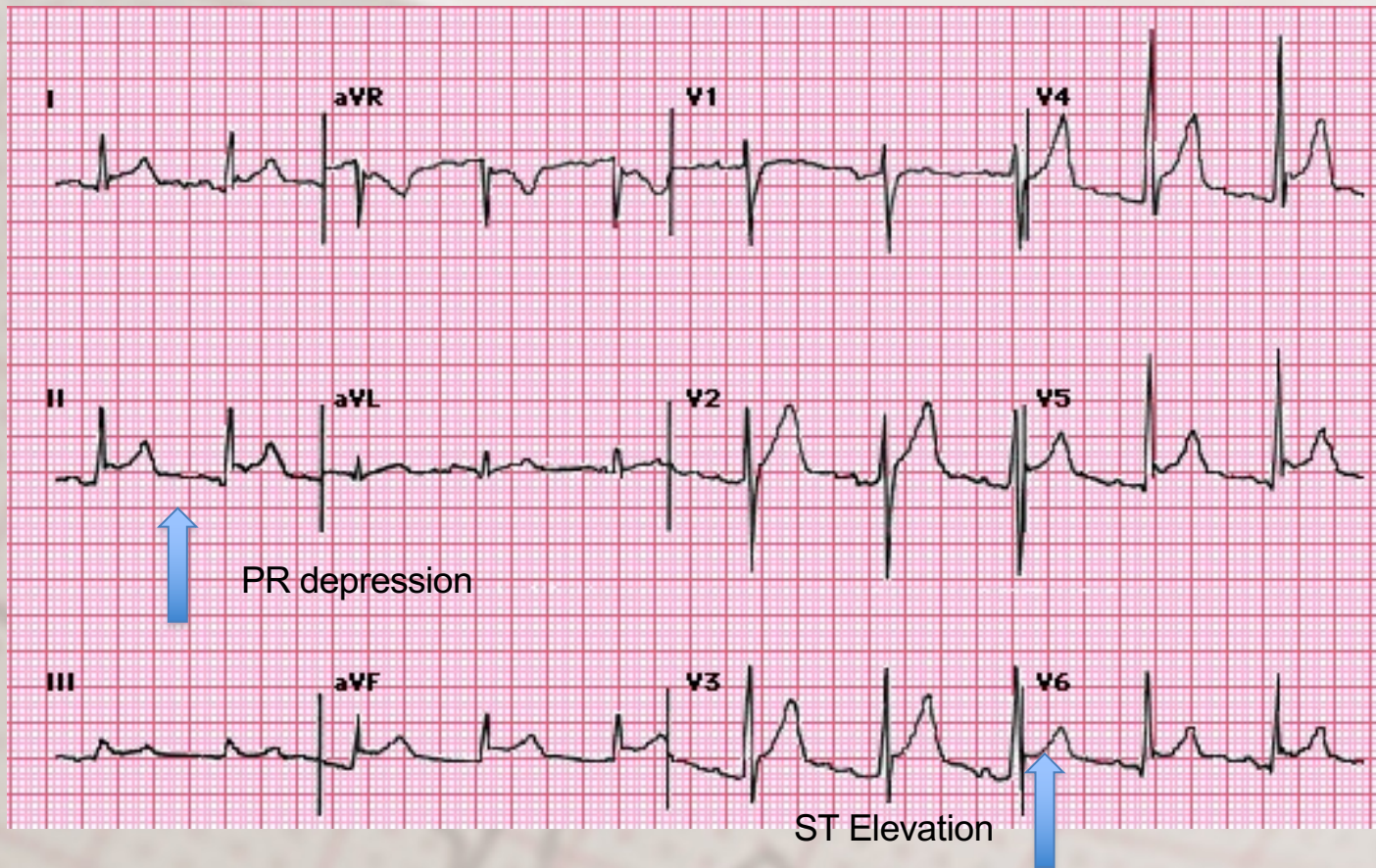


# Early Repolarization





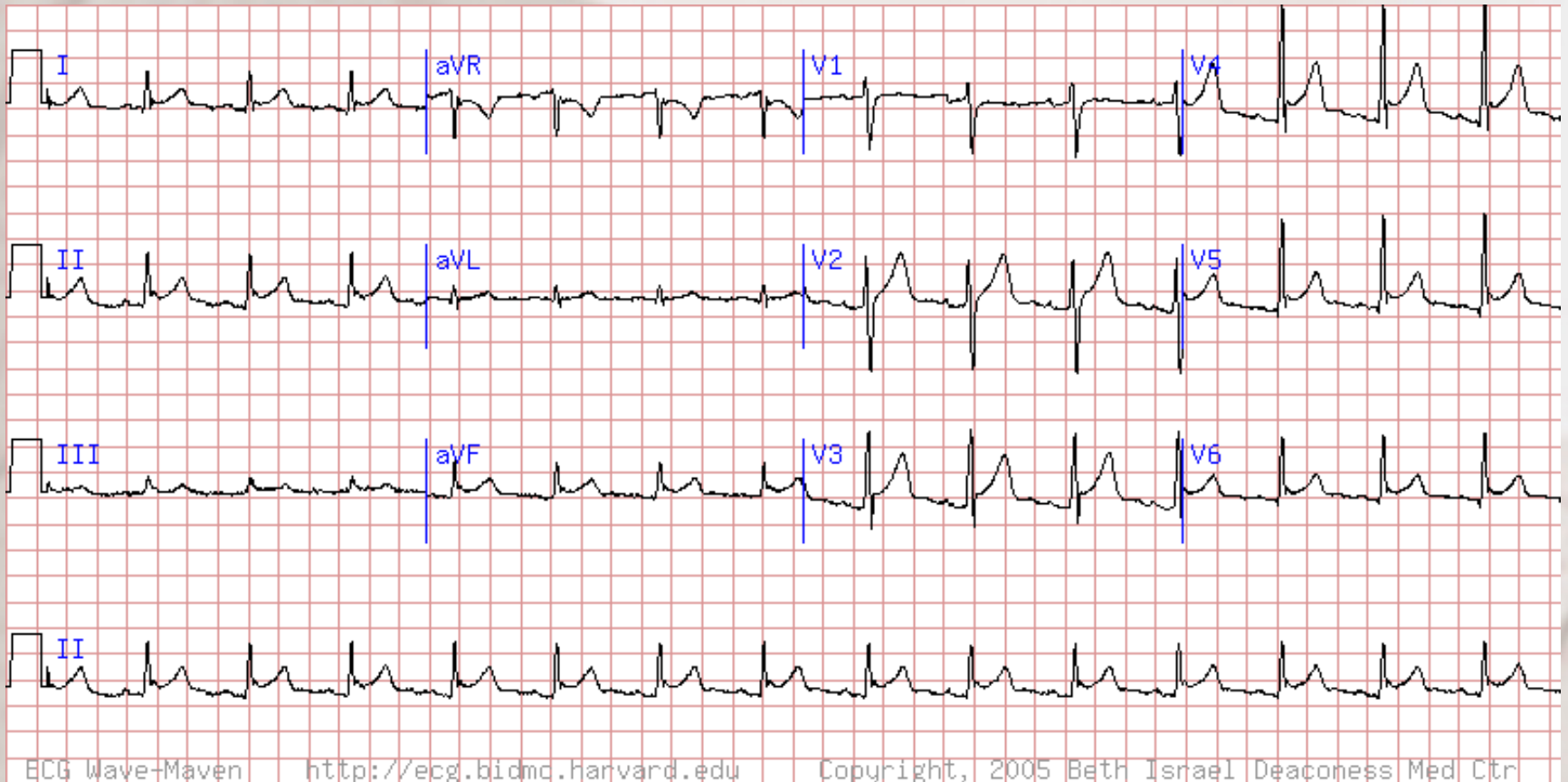
# Acute Pericarditis



# ECG Findings

- Stage I: ST segment elevation (concave upward not convex) in all leads except avR and V1 without reciprocal ST segment depression (which occurs in MI) (Several hours later).
- Stage II: ST segments return to baseline, the initially upright T waves flatten (several days later)
- Stage III: T waves invert (weeks later)
- Stage IV: T waves revert to normal (weeks or months later)
- Other changes: Large effusion can cause both reduced voltage and electrical alternans.

# EKG of Acute pericarditis (Stage I)





# Other Findings

