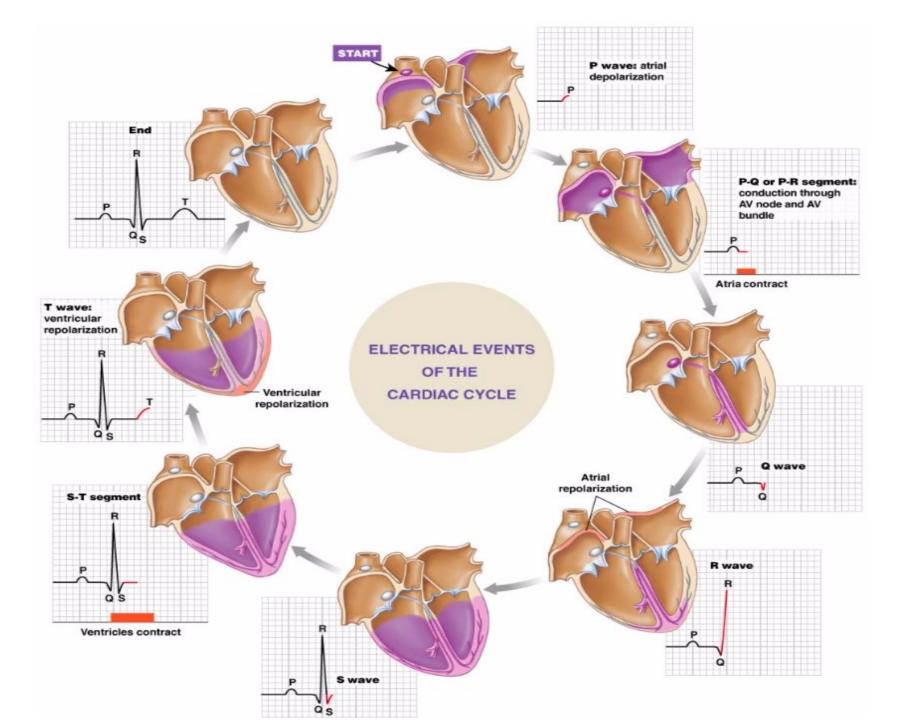


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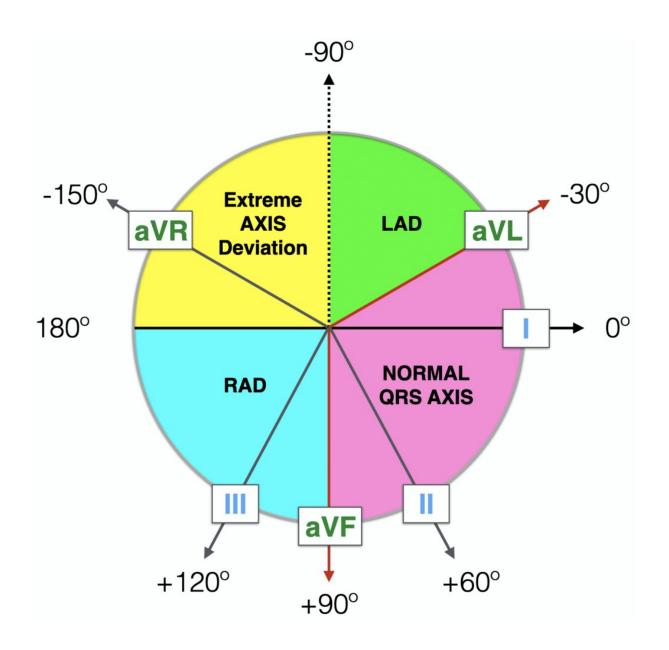
Anatomic Orientation (Summary)

l	aVR	V ₁	V ₄
Lateral	None	Septal	Anterior
II	a∨L	V ₂	V ₅
Inferior	Lateral	Septal	Lateral
III	a∀F	V ₃	V ₆
Inferior	Inferior	Anterior	Lateral

Axis

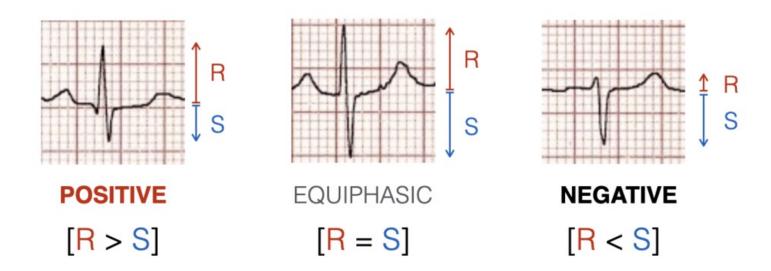
- **QRS complex axis:** is the general direction of the ventricular depolarization
- three types:
- normal
- left deviated
- right deviated.

Population data shows that normal QRS axis is from -30° to 105° with 0° being along lead I and positive being inferior and negative being superior



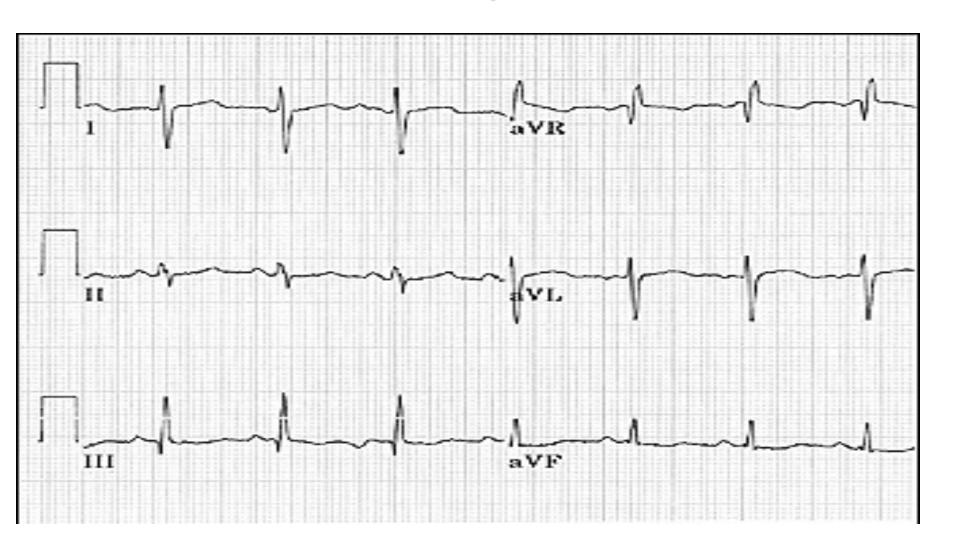
Axis estimation

- look at LEAD I and LEAD aVF.
- Examine the QRS complex in each lead and determine if it is Positive, Isoelectric or Negative:



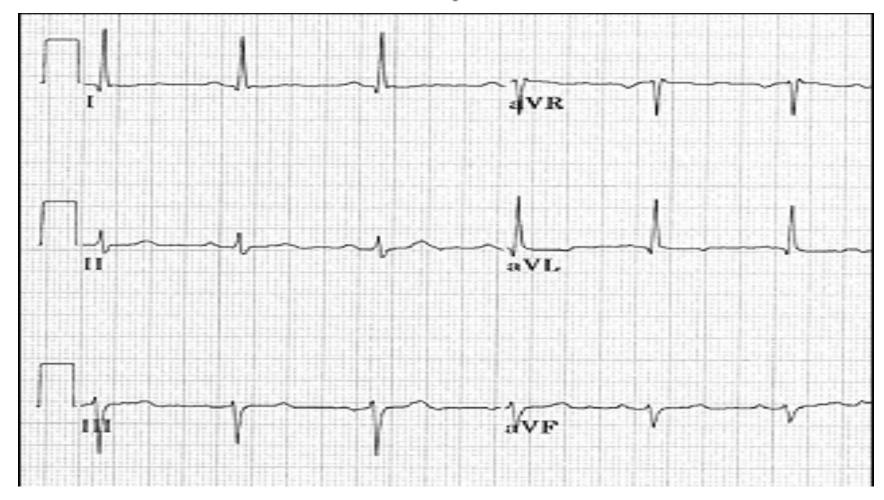
Lead 1	Lead aVF	Quadrant	Axis
POSITIVE	POSITIVE	-90° 0° +90°	Normal Axis (0 to +90°)
POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	-90° 0° +90°	**Possible LAD (0 to -90°)
NEGATIVE	POSITIVE	-90° 180° -90°	RAD (+90° to 180°)
NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	-90° +90°	Extreme Axis (-90° to 180°)

Example 1



Negative in I, positive in aVF → RAD

Example 2



Positive in I, negative in aVF → LAD

WHAT YOU NEED TO LOOK FOR in ECG?

- Are the limb leads set up correctly?
- Are the chest leads set up correctly?
- Is the ECG free of artifact.

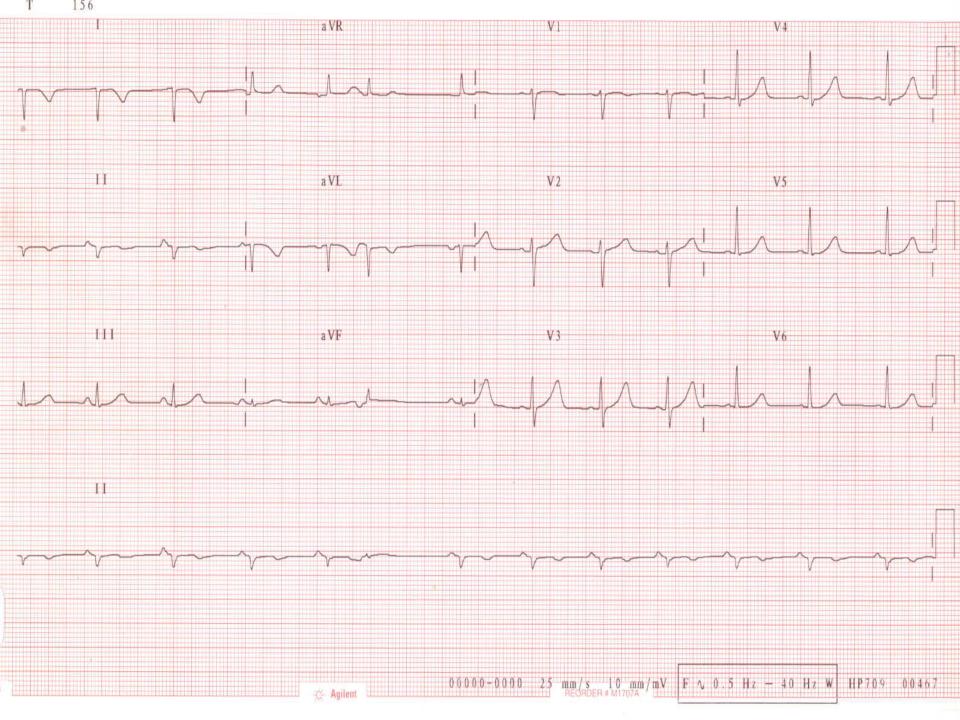
IS the ECG SET UP CORRECTLY?

LIMB LEADS

- aVR always negative
- Lead I always positive

CHEST LEADS

- R wave progression
- Small to Tall



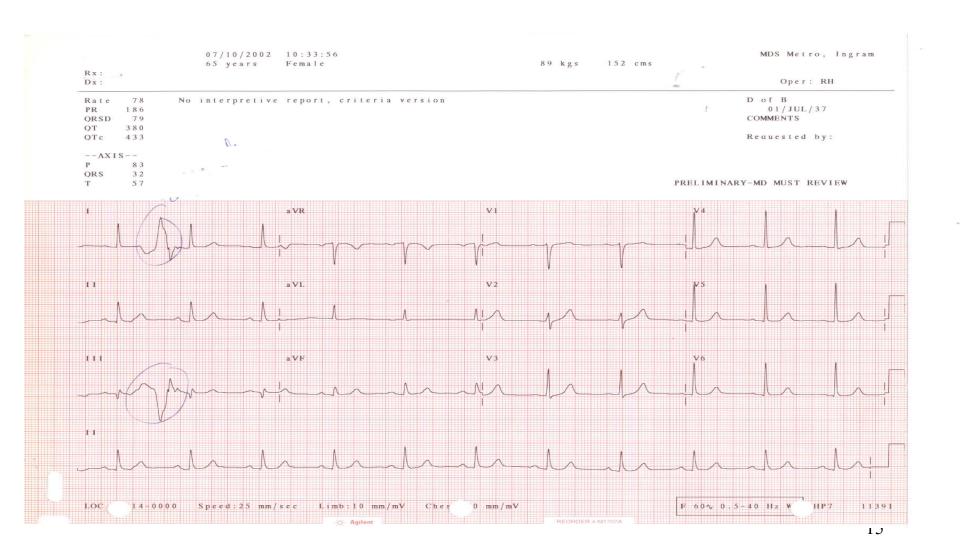
PROBLEMS WITH THE ECG

- Artifact
- Electrical interference
- Muscle tremor
- Wandering baseline

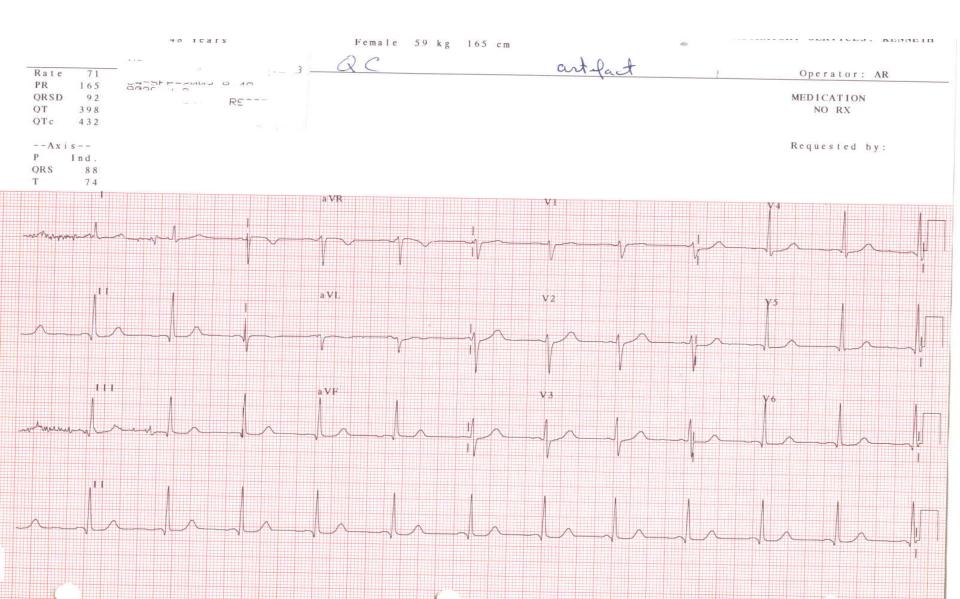
artifacts

- ECG alterations, not related to cardiac electrical activity.
- the components of the (ECG) such as the baseline and waves can be distorted.
- Motion artifacts are due to movement.

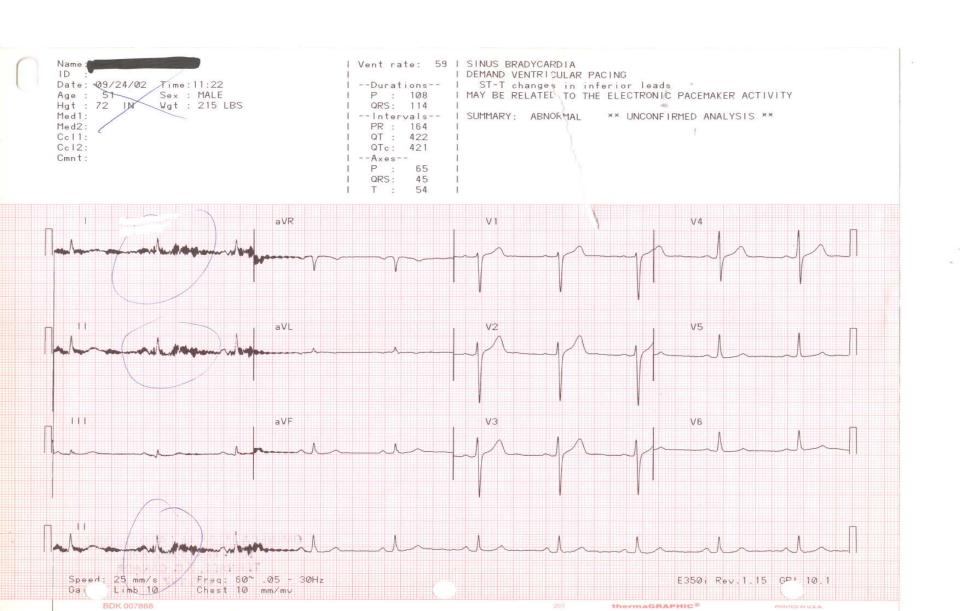
FIND THE ARTEFACT



MUSCLE TREMOR



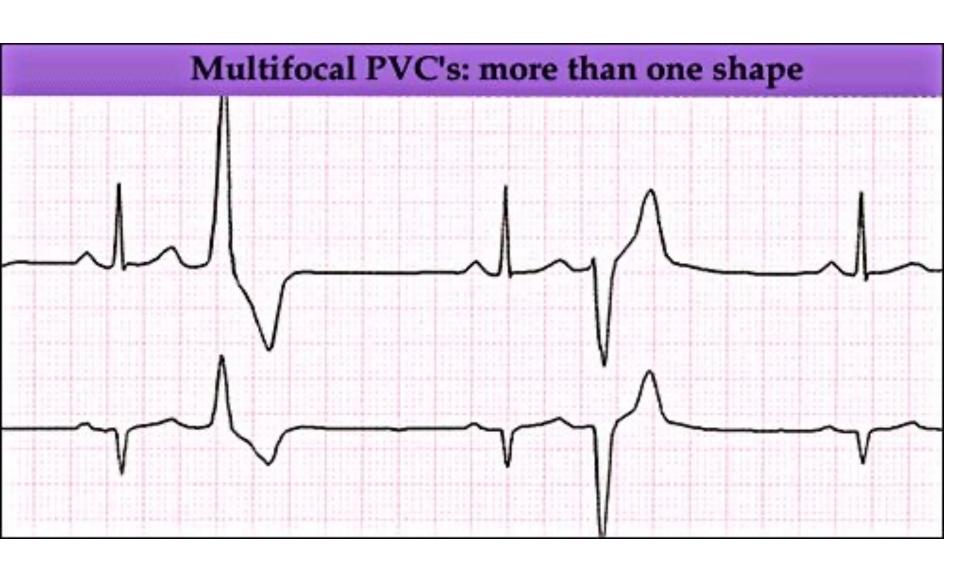
ELECTRICAL INTERFERANCE



Ectopic beat

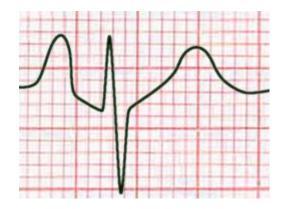
- "Ectopic" means something that is in an odd place or position
- Types of Ectopic Beats
- Premature atrial contractions (PACs)
- Premature ventricular contractions

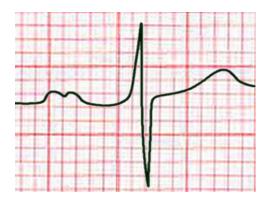
ECTOPIC BEATS



P Wave

- Represents
 - Atrial Depolarization
 Should be upright in all leads except aVR
 Best studied in Standard lead II
 - Duration .08 to .10 sec (2 small sq)
 - Right atrial enlargement
 - peaked p waves
 - best seen in leads II, III, and aVF
 - Left atrial enlargement
 - double hump or "m" shaped P





The PR interval

The PR interval is measured between the start of the P wave to the start of the QRS complex

(therefore if there is a Q wave before the R wave the PR interval is measured from the start of the P wave to the start of the Q wave, not the start of the R wave)

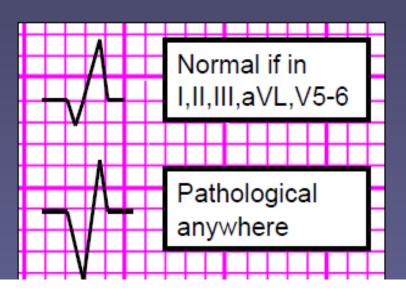
The Q wave

Are there any pathological Q waves?

- A Q wave can be pathological if it is:
 - Deeper than 2 small squares (0.2mV)

and/or

 Wider than 1 small square (0.04s)



The QRS height

If the complexes in the chest leads look very tall, consider left ventricular hypertrophy (LVH)

If the depth of the S wave in V₁ added to the height of the R wave in V₆ comes to more than 35mm, LVH is present

QRS width

 The width of the QRS complex should be less than 0.12 seconds (3 small squares)

Some texts say less than 0.10 seconds (2.5 small squares)

 If the QRS is wider than this, it suggests a ventricular conduction problem – <u>usually</u> right or left bundle branch block (RBBB or LBBB)