

Cardiac arrhythmia in emergency setting of acute coronary syndrome

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Cardiac arrhythmia in ACS

1. *Ventricular arrhythmia*

- Ventricular tachycardia (VT) and ventricular fibrillation (VF)

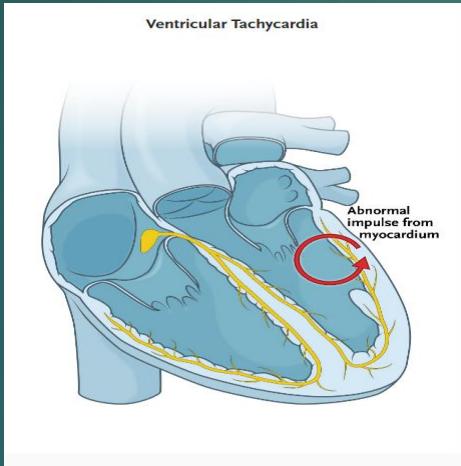
2. *Supraventricular tachycardia*

- Atrial fibrillation ; AF

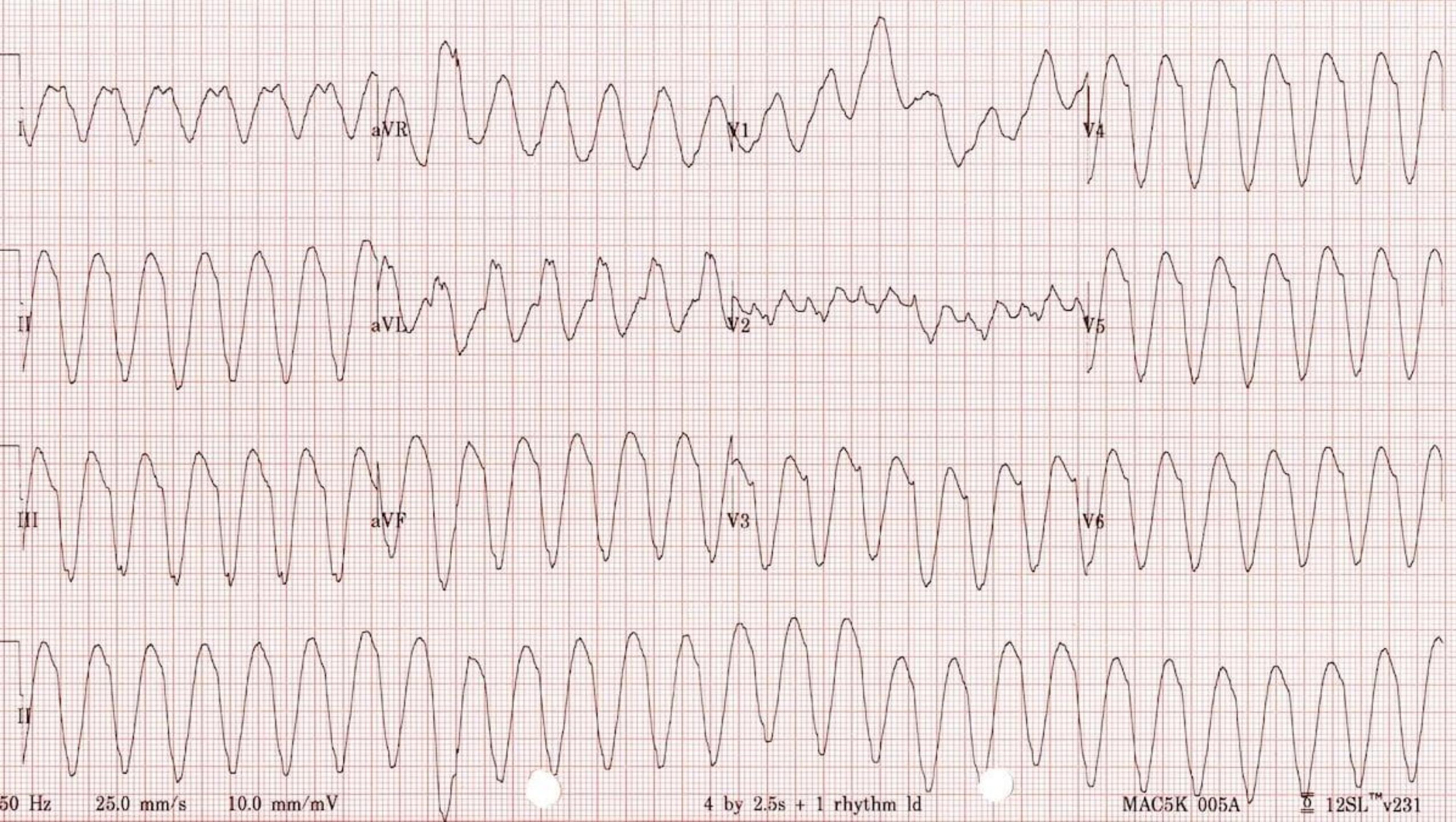
Cardiac arrhythmia

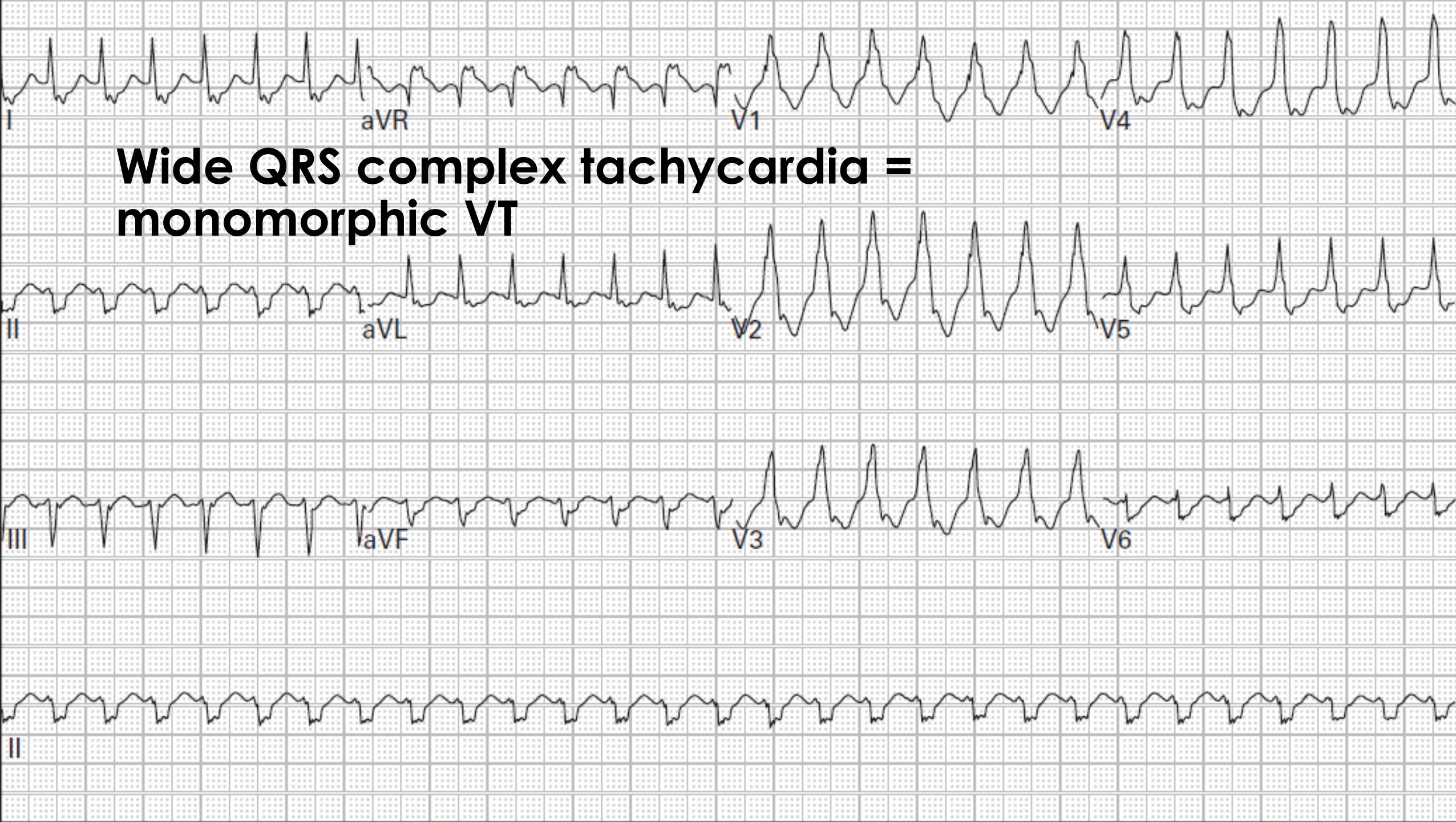
Ventricular arrhythmia ; ventricular tachycardia (VT) and ventricular fibrillation (VF)

Impulse
from
ventricle



- ▶ May occur any time of MI , from early of acute MI until remote post - MI period (pre – hospital to long – term onset)
- ▶ Remains increased after MI and to be highest in first 30 days after MI
- ▶ Predictor of worse in – hospital outcome in setting of ACS





**Wide QRS complex tachycardia =
monomorphic VT**

ECG
HR 170/min

III
II
V5
I
aVL
ST

II
—

Waveforms frozen

Pleth 2 Press Take Snapshot to create a snapshot

SPO2 No pulse

Imped. Resp

26/min

Measurement time

— / 74

Mean

(95)

Tc-T2

°C T2:

X

T1

T2

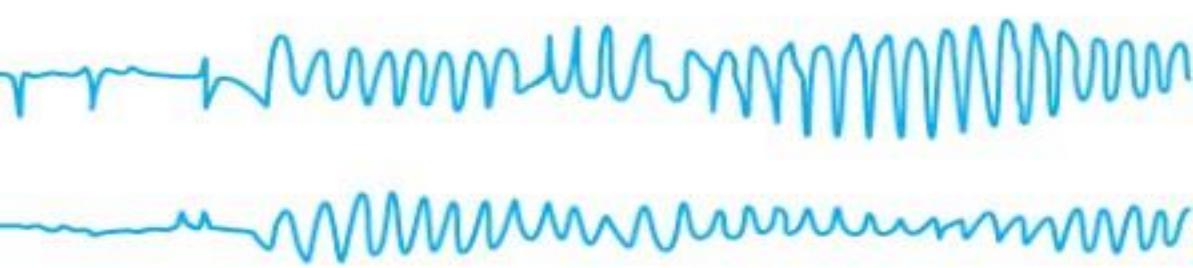
T2-T1

22.6

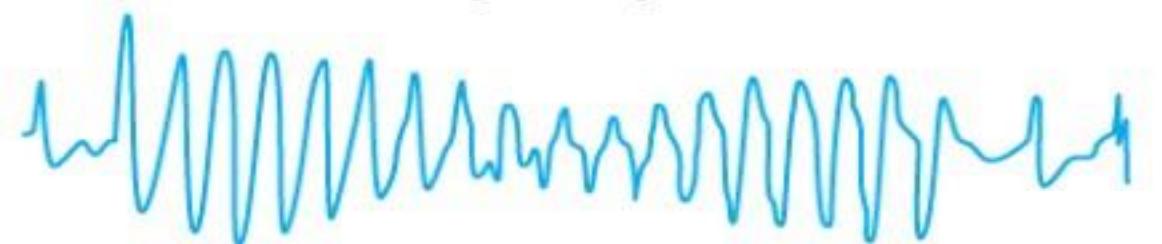
Monomorphic VT



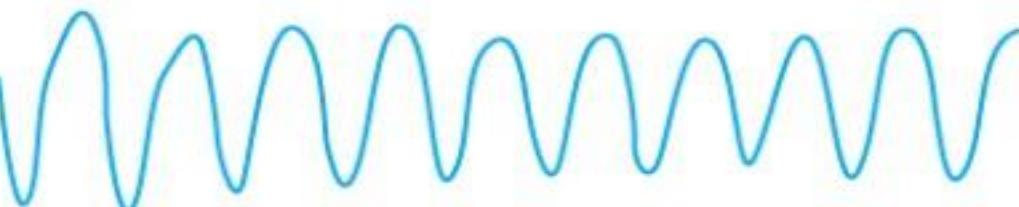
Torsades de pointes



Polymorphic VT



Ventricular flutter



Pleomorphic VT



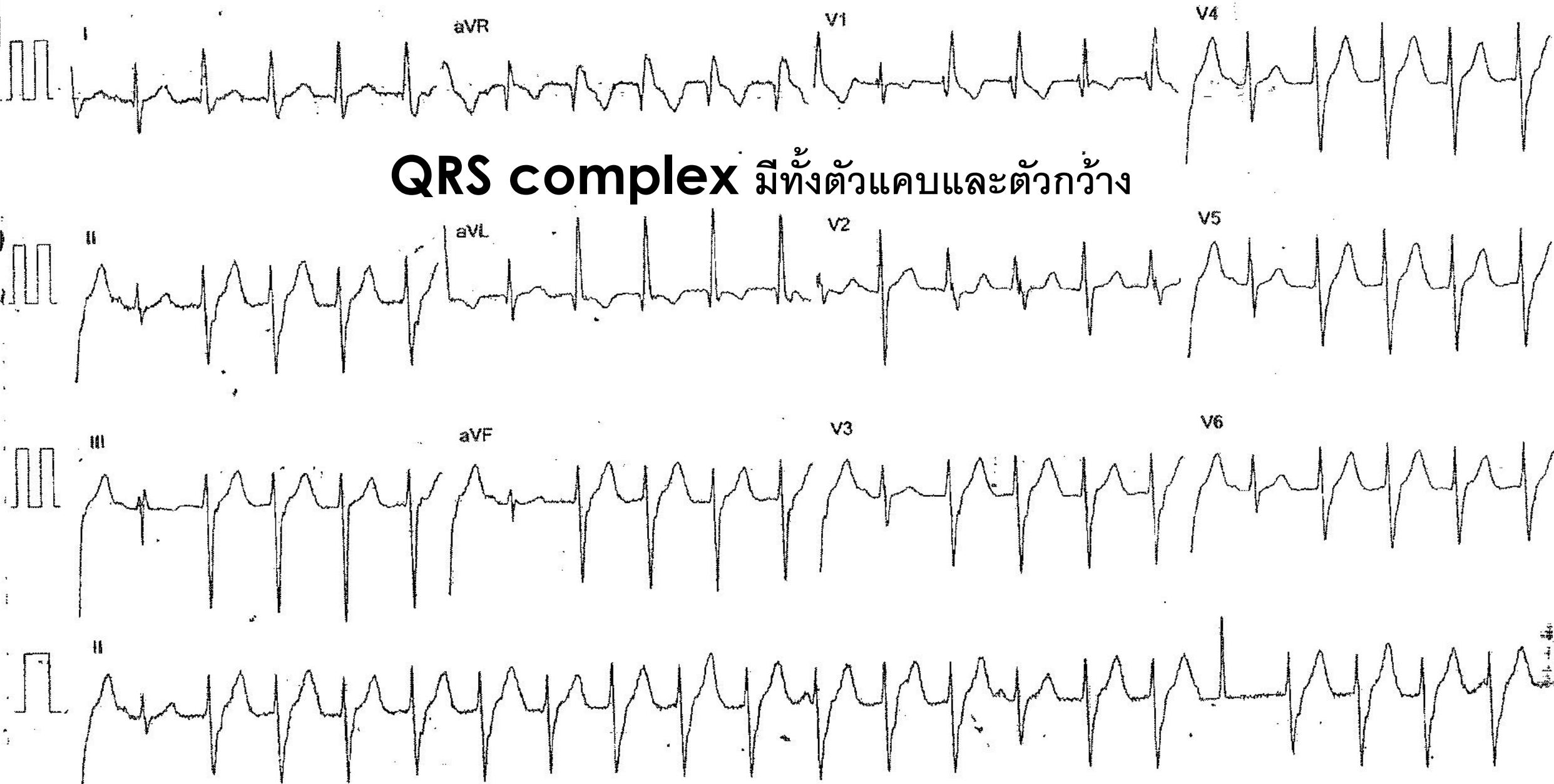
Bidirectional VT



Ventricular fibrillation

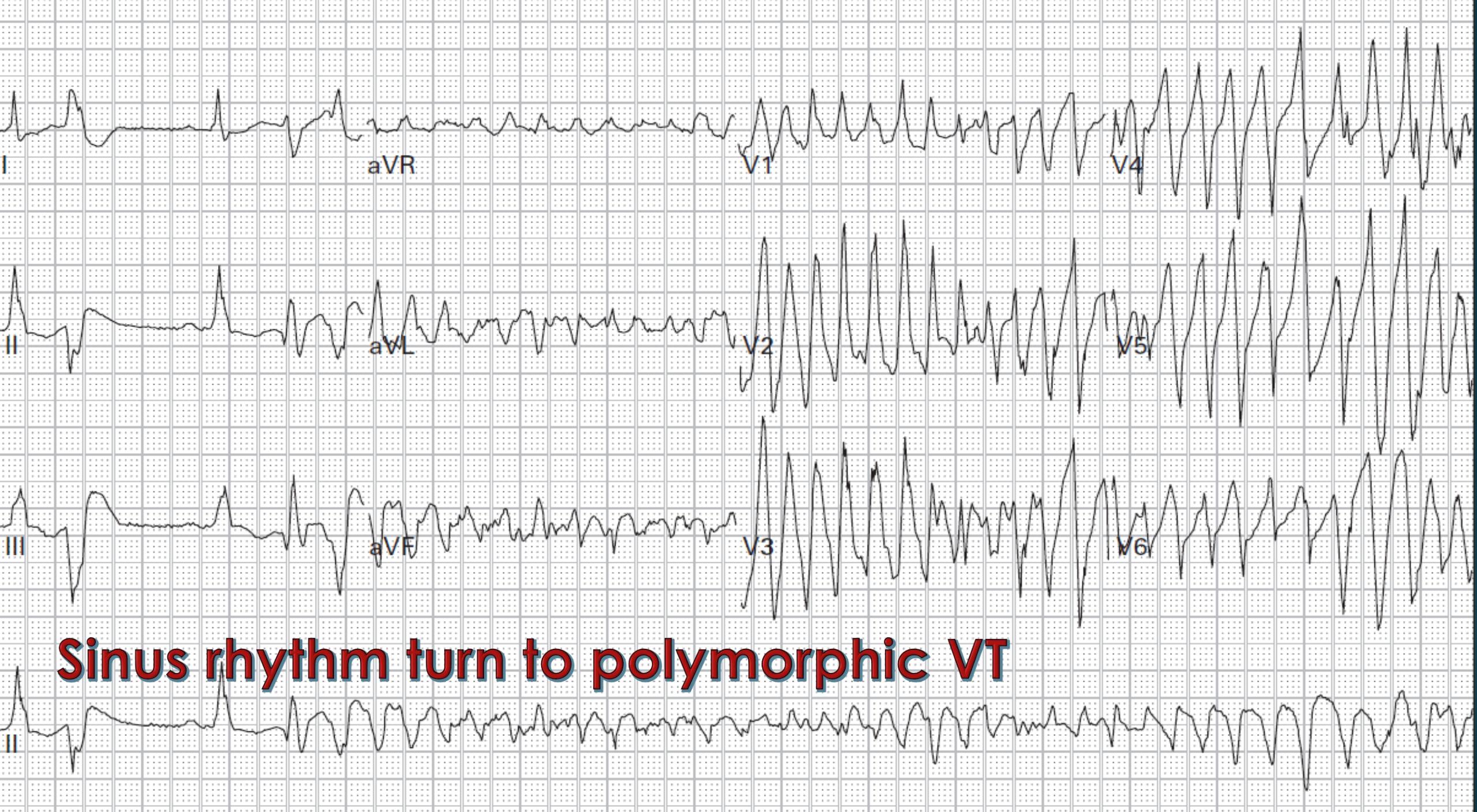


QRS complex มีหงตัวแคบและตัวกว้าง



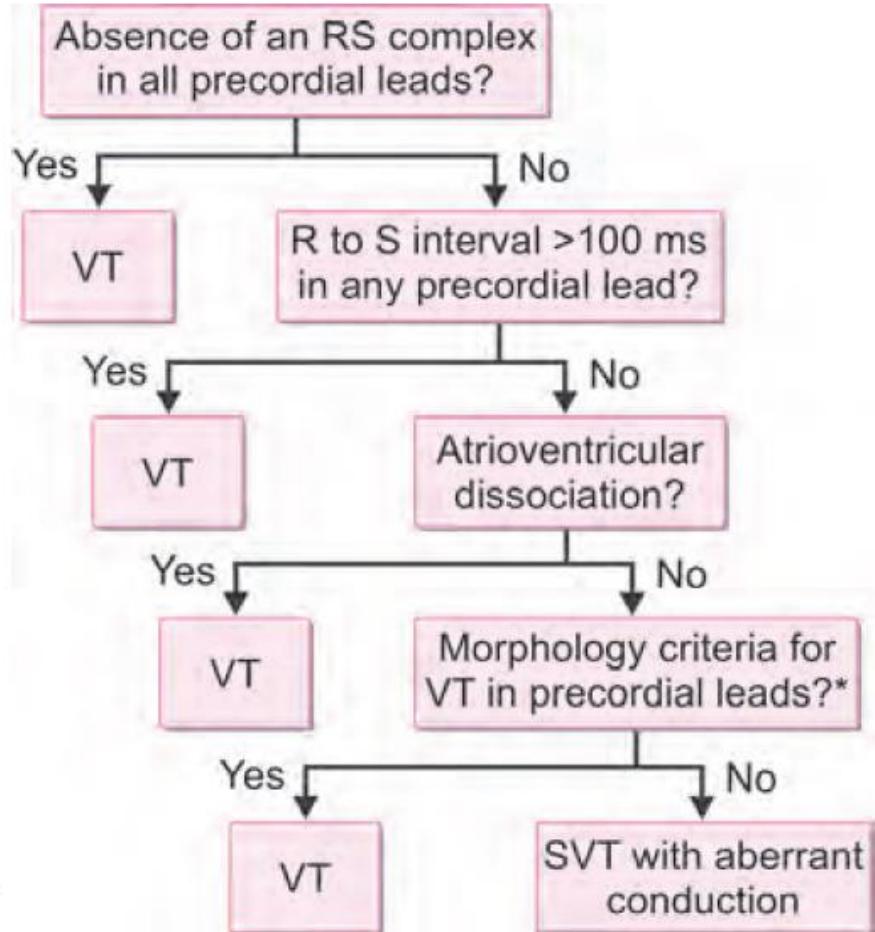
Fascicular VT

Limb 10.00 mm/mV 25.0 mm/s , Chest 10.00 mm/mV 25.0 mm/s , Rhythm 10.00 mm/mV 25.0 mm/s 100 Hz 2017/01/06 14:11:36



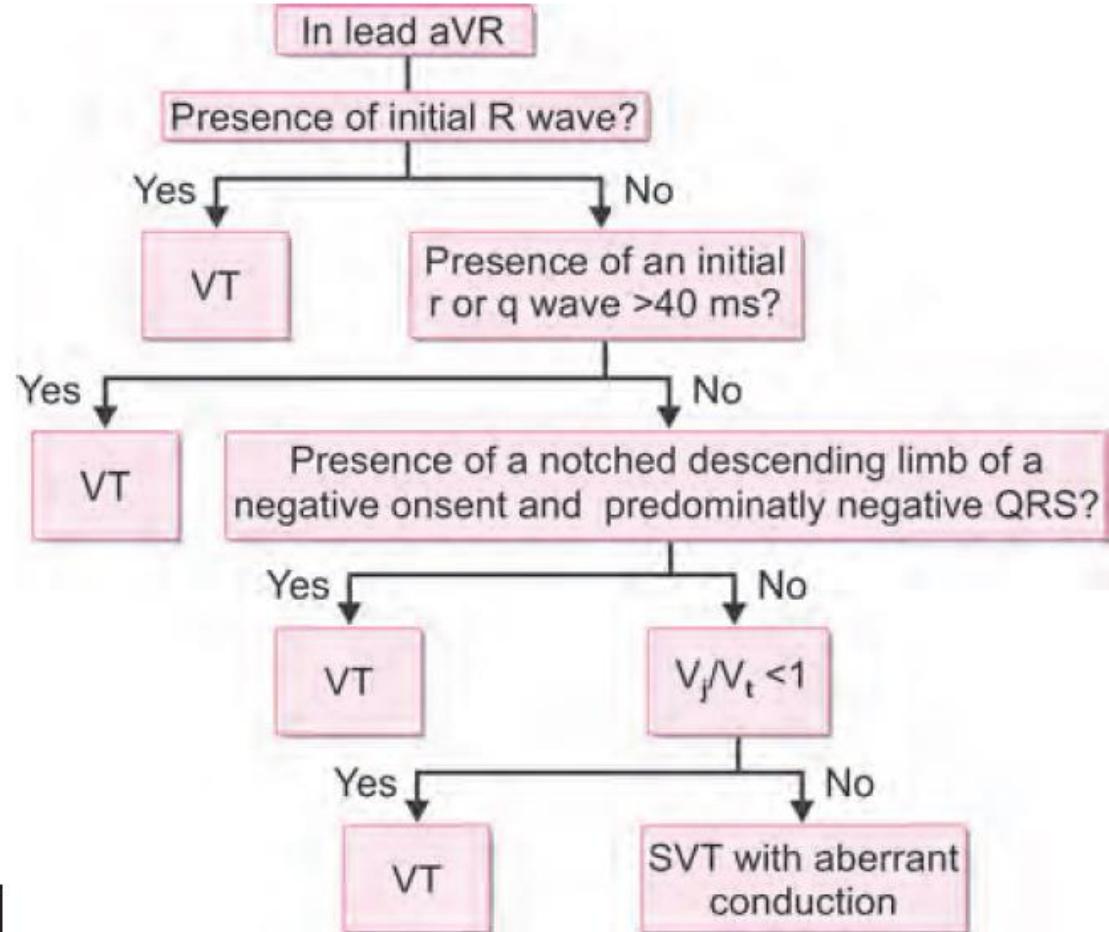
Sinus rhythm turn to polymorphic VT

Criteria for ECG diagnosis of VT



A

Brugada criteria



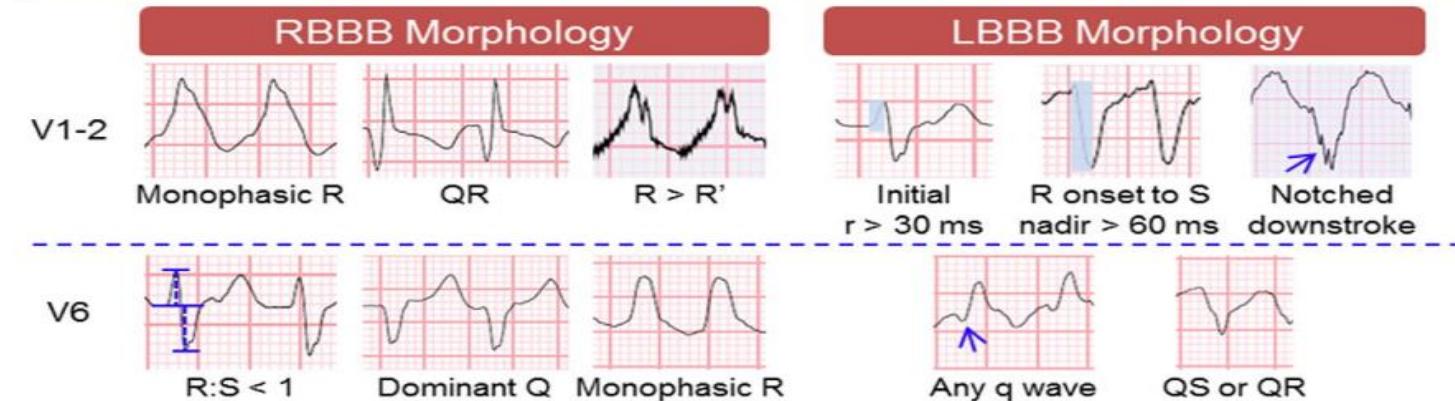
B

aVR criteria

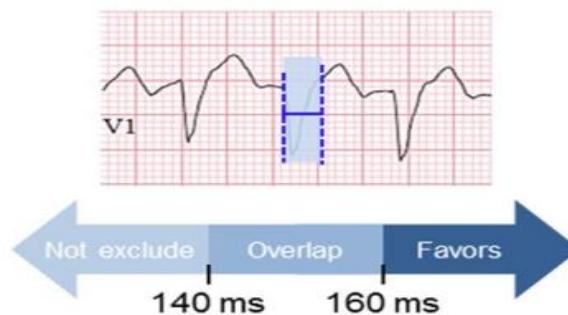
AV Dissociation



Morphological Criteria

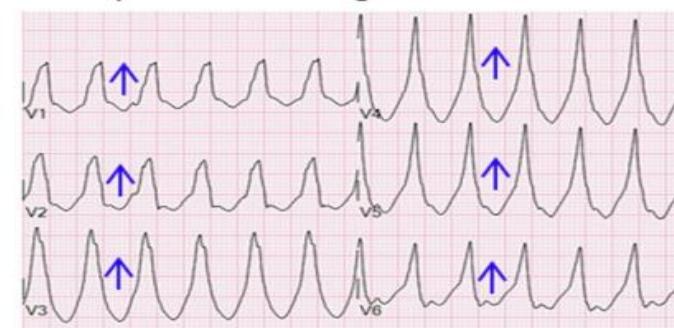


QRS Duration

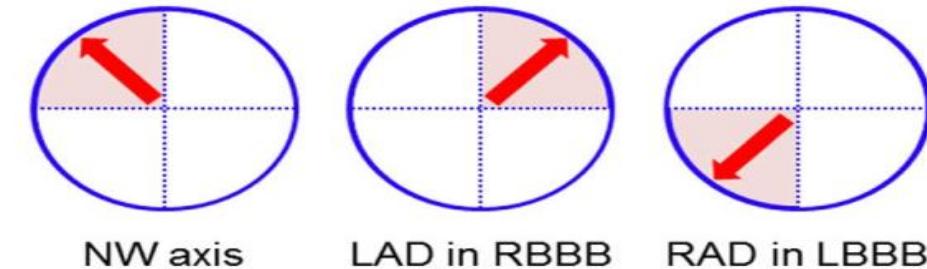


Chest Lead Concordance

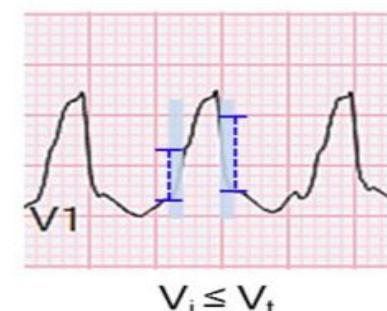
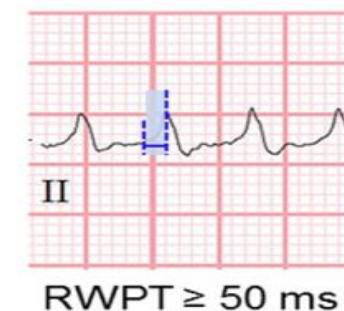
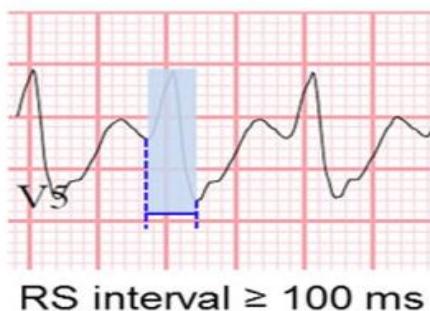
V1-6: positive or negative concordance



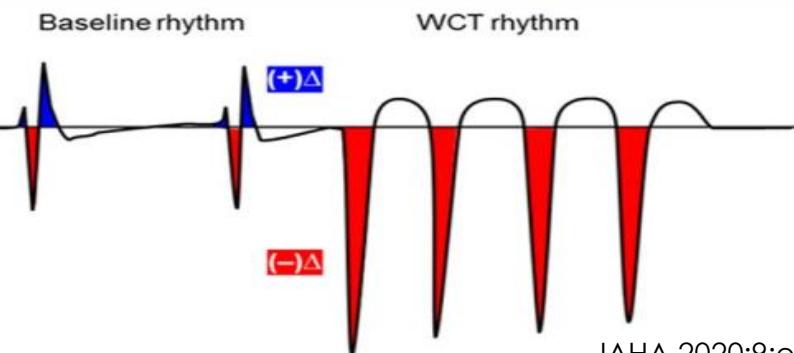
QRS Axis



Ventricular Activation Velocity



Baseline ECG Comparison

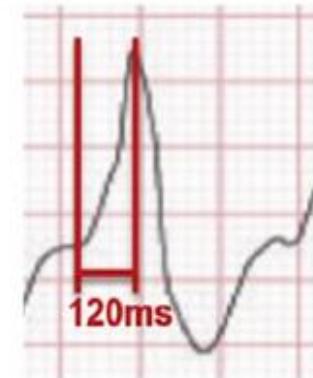


Novel criteria for diagnosis VT ; Basel criteria



Structural Heart Disease:

- Myocardial Infarction (history)
- CHF (LVEF <35%)
- Device (ICD, CRT)



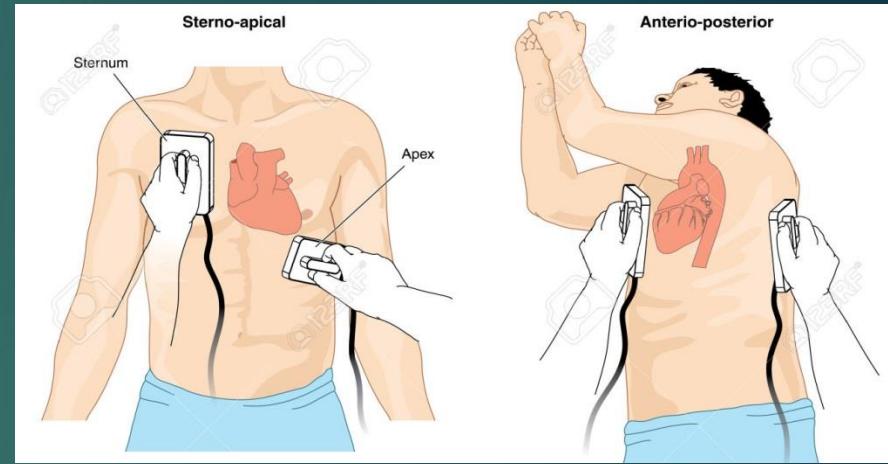
≥2 criteria fulfilled -> VT

0 or 1 criteria fulfilled -> SVT

Acute management of VT/VF in setting of ACS

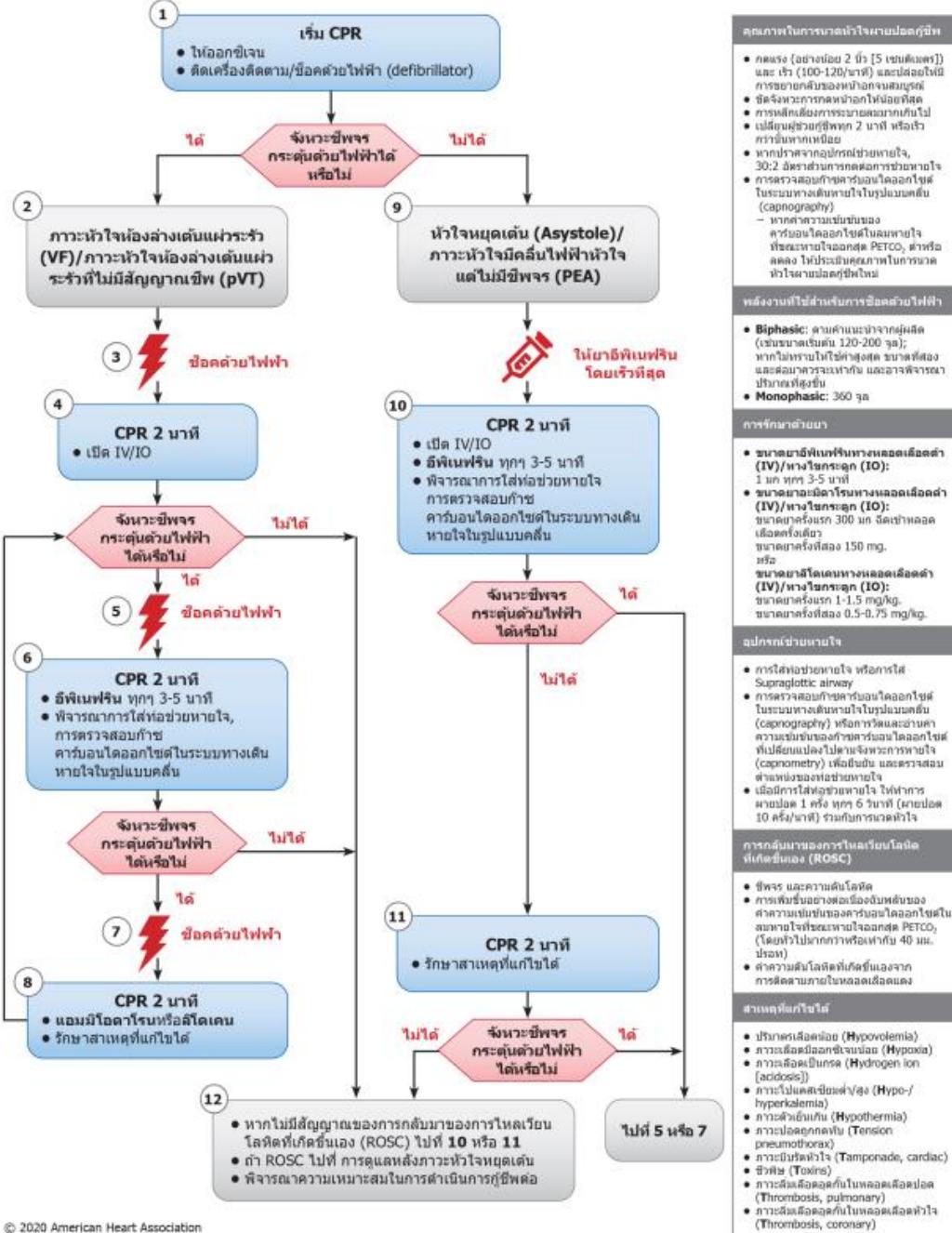
- ▶ Assessment of hemodynamic status

Cardioversion or Defibrillation if hemodynamic unstable



Waveform	Defibrillation energy level (Joules)
Biphasic	120–200 J for initial shock, escalate energy level for subsequent shocks (maximum dose of 360 J)
Monophasic	360 J for initial and subsequent shocks

ขั้นตอนวิธีการข้ามช่วงภาวะหน้าใจนบุคเด็นในผู้ไข้ใหญ่



ภาวะหัวใจนหยุดทำงานที่เกิดขึ้นในโรงพยาบาล (IHCA)



VT/VF pulseless

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graph TD
    A[Shock ด้วยไฟฟ้า] --> B[CPR 2 นาที † เปิดเส้น IV & IO]
    B --> C[Shock ด้วยไฟฟ้า]
    C --> D[CPR 2 นาที † on ETT † medi
        nephrine / amiodarone /]

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The diagram illustrates a sequence of advanced resuscitation steps. It begins with a red lightning bolt icon followed by the text "Shock ด้วยไฟฟ้า". This leads to a large red downward arrow pointing to the next step, which is another red lightning bolt icon followed by the text "CPR 2 นาที † เปิดเส้น IV & IO". A second large red downward arrow points to the third step, which is another red lightning bolt icon followed by the text "Shock ด้วยไฟฟ้า". A third large red downward arrow points to the final step, which is partially visible as "CPR 2 นาที † on ETT † medi". The text "nephrine / amiodarone /" is written below the first part of the final step.

Drug Therapy

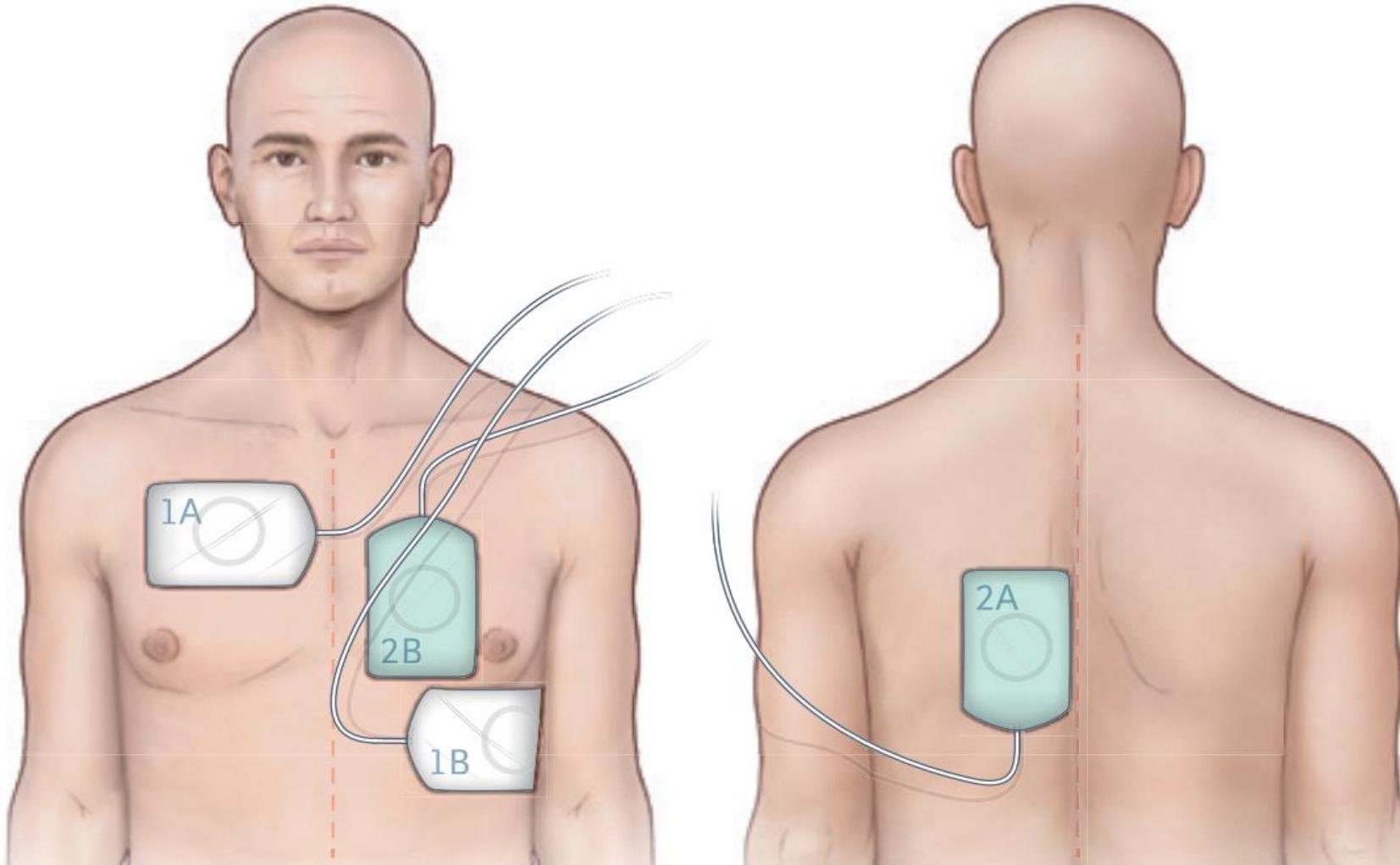
- **Epinephrine IV/IO dose:**
1 mg every 3-5 minutes
 - **Amiodarone IV/IO dose:**
First dose: 300 mg bolus.
Second dose: 150 mg.
or
 - Lidocaine IV/IO dose:**
First dose: 1-1.5 mg/kg.
Second dose: 0.5-0.75 mg/kg.

CPR 2 นาที † on ETT † medication
(epinephrine / amiodarone / lidocaine)

Correctable causes 6H , 6T

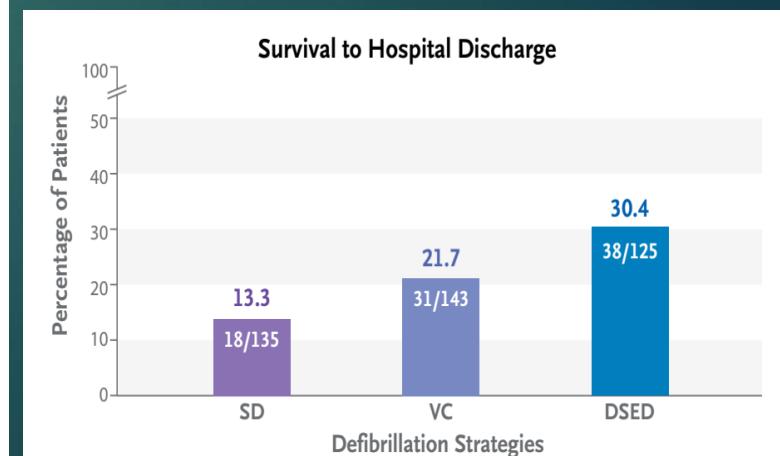
Defibrillation in vector change (VC) and DSED

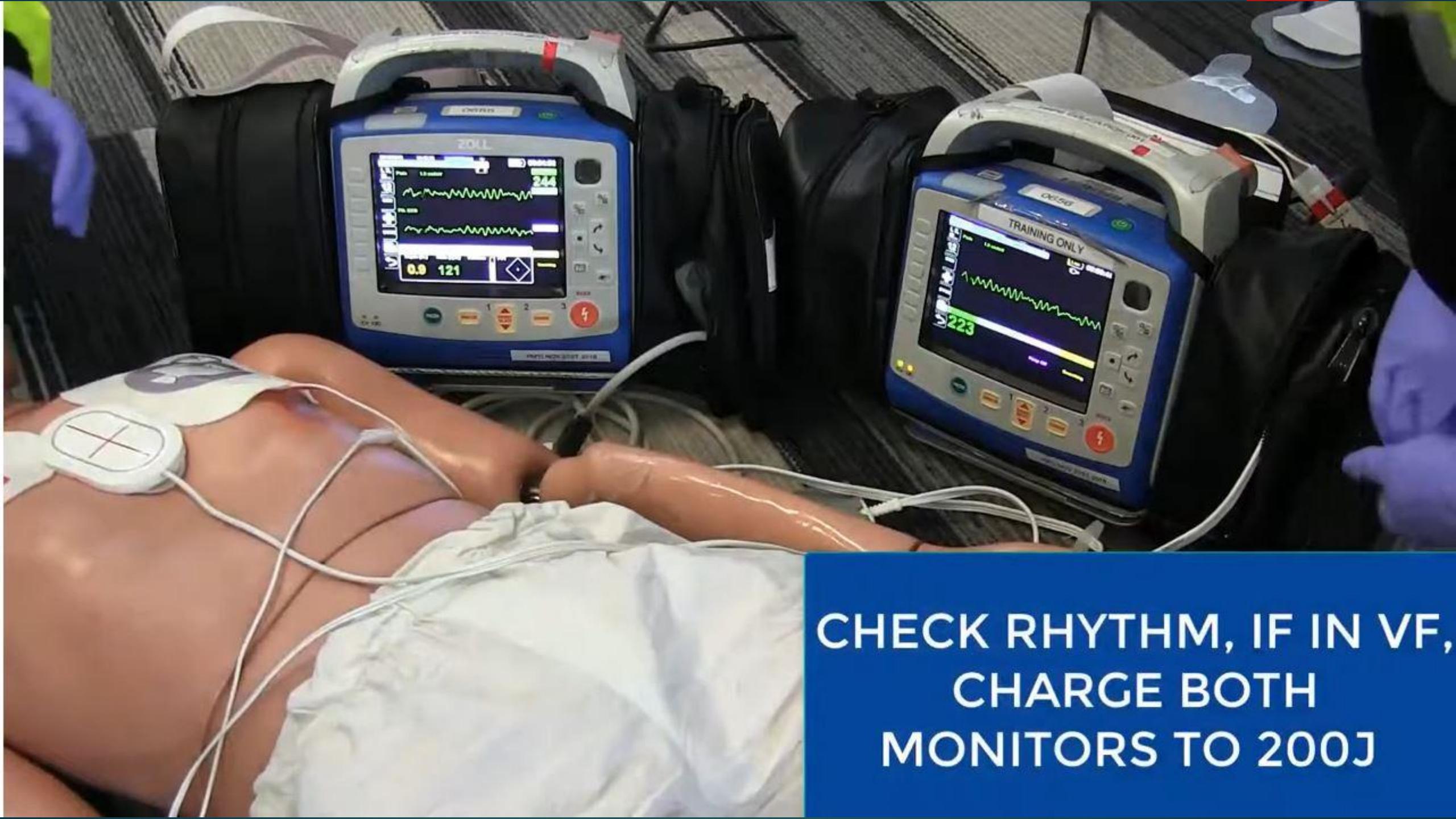
double sequential external defibrillation (DSED)



The technique for rapid sequential shocks from two defibrillators with pads in two different planes

- ✓ Anterior – lateral
- ✓ Anterior – posterior





CHECK RHYTHM, IF IN VF,
CHARGE BOTH
MONITORS TO 200J

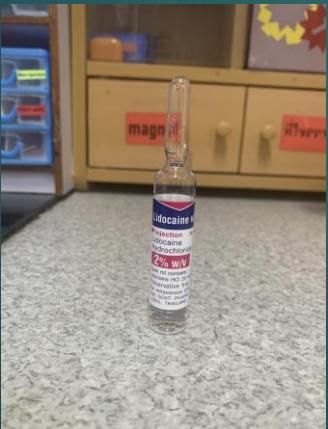
สาเหตุที่พบได้บ่อยของ Cardiac arrest ที่ควรค้นหา และรักษา (6H 6T)

สาเหตุที่พบได้บ่อยใน Cardiac Arrest ที่ควรค้นหาและให้การรักษา

- Hypovolemia
- Hypoxia
- Hydrogen ion (acidosis)
- Hypo-/Hyperkalemia
- Hypoglycemia
- Hypothermia
- Thrombosis, cardiac
- Thrombosis, pulmonary
- Tamponade, cardiac
- Tension pneumothorax
- Toxins
- Trauma

Medication for VT/VF arrest

- ▶ **Epinephrine IV / IO** ; 1 mg IV q 3-5 minute (**ET** : 2-2.5 mg dilute in 5 – 10 ml NSS)
- ▶ **Amiodarone IV/ IO dose** ; 300 mg (dilute in D5W) bolus then 150 mg
- ▶ **Lidocaine IV / IO dose** ; 1-1.5 mg / kg then 0.5 – 0.75 mg / kg IV
- ▶ **Magnesium sulfate IV/IO dose** ; 1 – 2 g dilute in 10 ml of D5W

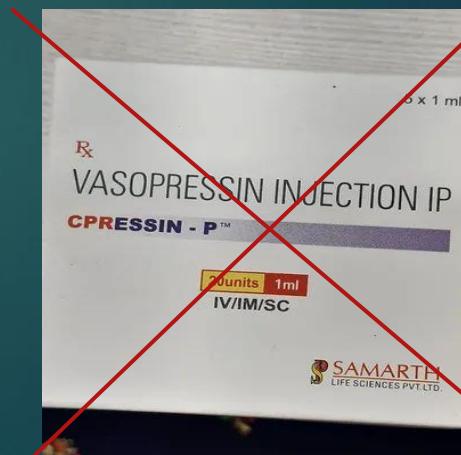


Recommendations for Vasopressor Management in Cardiac Arrest

COR	LOE	Recommendations
1	B-R	1. We recommend that epinephrine be administered for patients in cardiac arrest.
2a	B-R	2. Based on the protocols used in clinical trials, it is reasonable to administer epinephrine 1 mg every 3 to 5 min for cardiac arrest.
2a	C-LD	3. With respect to timing, for cardiac arrest with a nonshockable rhythm, it is reasonable to administer epinephrine as soon as feasible.
2b	C-LD	4. With respect to timing, for cardiac arrest with a shockable rhythm, it may be reasonable to administer epinephrine after initial defibrillation attempts have failed.
2b	C-LD	5. Vasopressin alone or vasopressin in combination with epinephrine may be considered in cardiac arrest but offers no advantage as a substitute for epinephrine in cardiac arrest.
3: No Benefit	B-R	6. High-dose epinephrine is not recommended for routine use in cardiac arrest.



Epinephrine 1 mg IV
every 3 to 5 min for
cardiac arrest



Recommendations for Nonvasopressor Medications

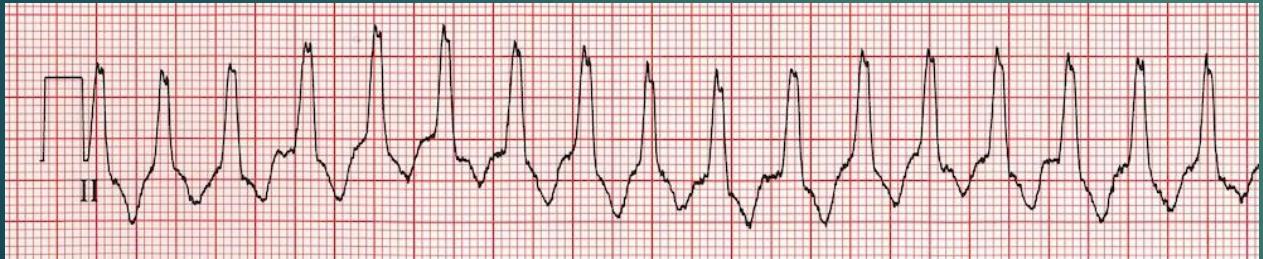
COR	LOE	Recommendations
2b	B-R	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Amiodarone or lidocaine may be considered for VF/pVT that is unresponsive to defibrillation.
2b	C-LD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. For patients with OHCA, use of steroids during CPR is of uncertain benefit.
3: No Benefit	B-NR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Routine administration of calcium for treatment of cardiac arrest is not recommended.
3: No Benefit	B-R	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Routine use of sodium bicarbonate is not recommended for patients in cardiac arrest.
3: No Benefit	B-R	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5. The routine use of magnesium for cardiac arrest is not recommended.

OHCA = out of hospital cardiac arrest



Out of hospital cardiac arrest

- ▶ The incidence of SCD is estimated 4.2 per 1,000 person-years and declined over time
- ▶ ¼ of OHCA victims experience cardiac arrest in setting of STEMI

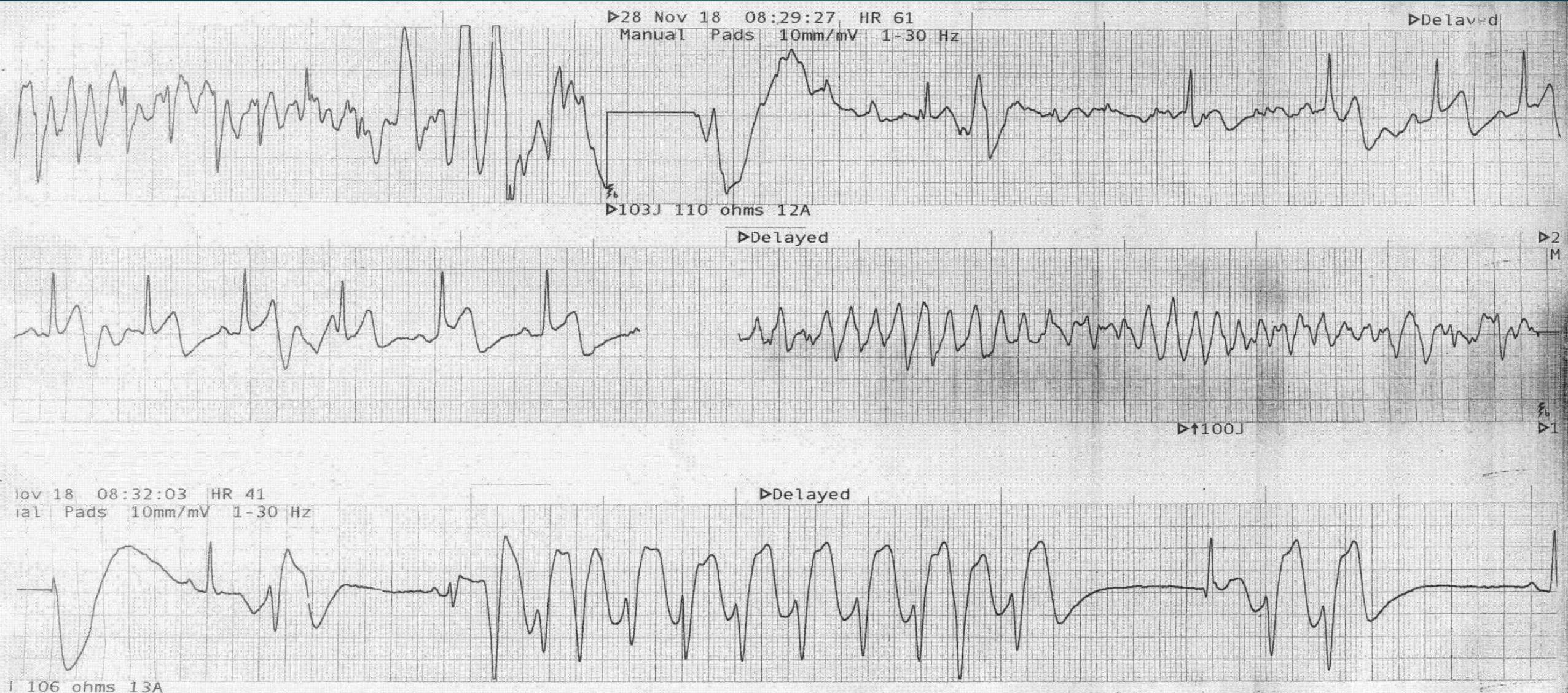


Ventricular tachy-arrhythmia ; VT and VF is most common cause

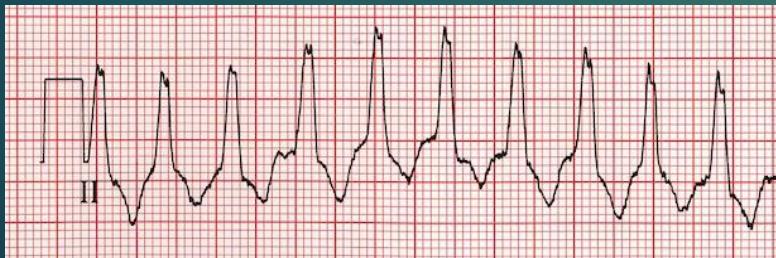


- ▶ **Life – threatening arrhythmia**

Ventricular fibrillation – complication of STEMI



Consider refer to CAG with PCI in all VT/VF patient ?



- ✓ History of chest pain before cardiac arrest
- ✓ ECG feature of STEMI
- ✓ Cardiac Enzyme level



- ✓ Facility of hospital care
- ✓ Other causes of VT/VF for correctable (Electrolyte imbalance , drug induced , toxin , hypoxia etc.)



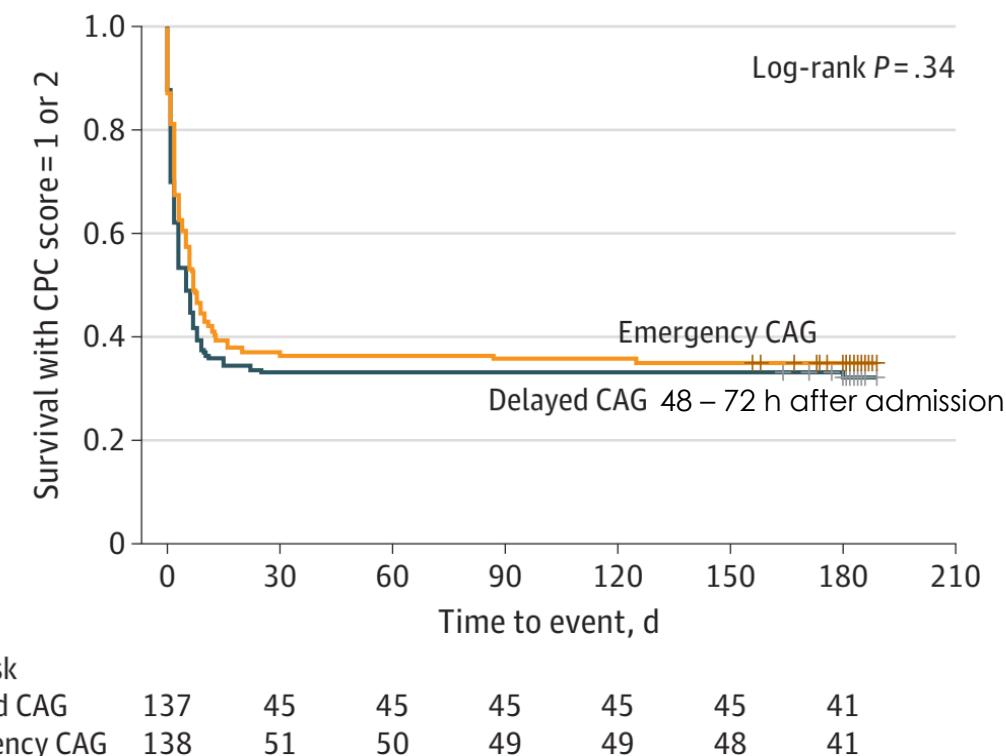
Out of hospital
cardiac arrest Hub

Emergency CAG in “non – STEMI patient” : no benefit

EMERGE Trial

Figure 2. Patient Survival With a Cerebral Performance Category (CPC)

Score of 1 or 2



CAG indicates coronary angiogram.

TOMAHAWK

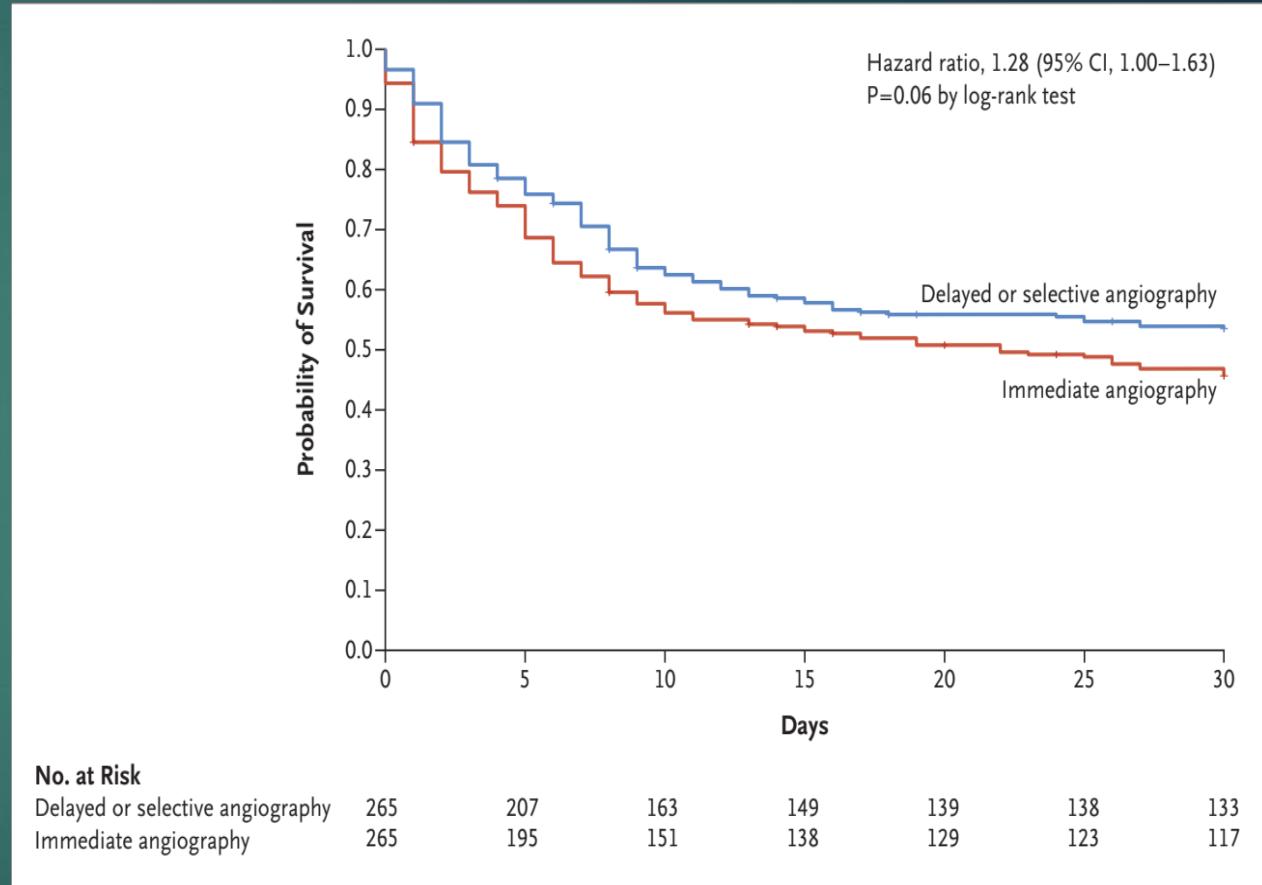


Figure 1. Kaplan-Meier Estimates of Death from Any Cause at 30 Days.

Shown is the risk of death at 30 days (the primary end point) among patients who underwent either immediate angiography or delayed or selective angiography after out-of-hospital cardiac arrest without ST-segment elevation.

Reperfusion therapy

Recommendations for evaluation of sudden cardiac arrest survivors

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b
Diagnostic evaluation		
The investigation of a SCA survivor without obvious extra-cardiac cause is recommended to be overseen by a multidisciplinary team. ^{177,251–256}	I	B
In electrically unstable patients after SCA, with suspicion of ongoing myocardial ischaemia, a coronary angiogram is indicated.	I	C

- ▶ Suspicion of ongoing myocardial ischemia , a coronary angiogram is indicated

ication
mark

Ref. phys.
Att. phys.

normal QRS
regular

SCAN เข้าระบบ EMR แล้ว

Abnormal

aVR

V1

V4

aVL

V2

V5

aVF

V3

V6

25 mm/s, 10 mm/mV

Sequential

LP 40Hz, AC 50Hz

I
aVR

V1

V4

After electrical cardioversion

II
aVL

V2

V5

III
aVF

V3

V6

25 mm/s, 10 mm/mV

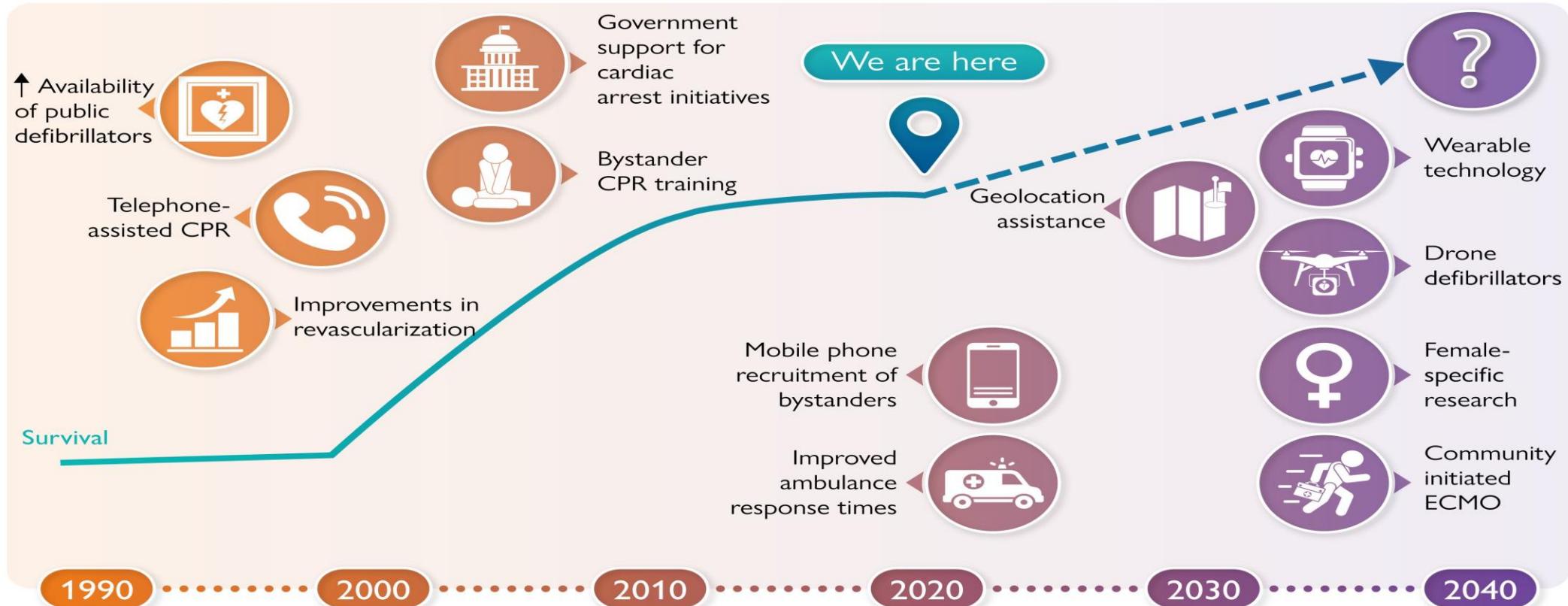
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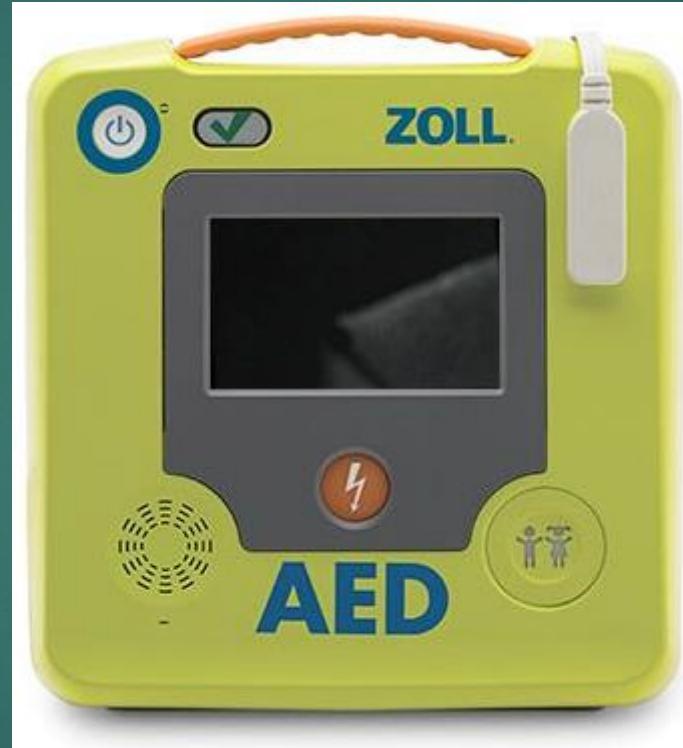
ST elevation in antero - lateral leads then activate Cath lab for emergency CAG / PCI

Graphical Abstract A range of public health and education strategies resulted in a marked improvement in survival in the decade ...

Cardiac arrest interventions: how do we rise from the plateau?



Public – assess defibrillation and out – of – hospital arrest management



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In-hospital interventions

Novel aspects of AMI care



Pre-hospital interventions

Digital health technology-facilitated earlier EMS contact
with AMI patients, rapid initiation of medical therapy and reperfusion



Community-based VF prevention

Reduce cardiac/extracardiac VF risk factors:

MI, diabetes, atrial fibrillation, stroke, heart failure, COPD, seizure disorder, syncope, LVH



Management of ventricular arrhythmias in acute phase in AMI

1. Electrical cardioversion / defibrillation
2. Correction of electrolyte imbalances (hypokalemia and hypomagnesemia) is recommended in patients with VT / VF
3. Intravenous beta – blockers and/or amiodarone treatment
4. Intravenous lidocaine can be considered (as second choice) for recurrent VAs
5. Prompt and complete revascularization is recommended to treat AMI with recurrent VT/VF
6. In patients with recurrent VAs , sedation (preferably with benzodiazepines) or general anesthesia to reduce sympathetic drive should be considered

Management of ventricular arrhythmias in acute phase in AMI

7. Temporary pacing with overdrive pacing should be considered
8. In hemodynamically unstable patients with refractory VAs , a percutaneous LVAD (ECMO) may be considered
9. Neuraxial modulation (cardiac sympathetic denervation)

Management of ventricular arrhythmias in the acute phase of MI

Correction of electrolyte imbalances (hypokalaemia and hypomagnesaemia) is recommended in patients with VT and/or VF.



Intravenous beta-blockers and/or amiodarone treatment is indicated for patients with recurrent polymorphic VT and/or VF unless contraindicated.

Electrical cardioversion/defibrillation is the intervention of choice to promptly terminate life-threatening VAs.

Prompt and complete (even staged) revascularization is recommended to treat myocardial ischaemia presenting with recurrent VT/VF.

Intravenous lidocaine can be considered (as second choice) for recurrent VAs with haemodynamic intolerance not controlled by amiodarone, beta-blockers, or repetitive electrical cardioversion.



Overdrive pacing should be considered if VT is frequently recurrent despite anti-arrhythmic therapy and cannot be controlled by repetitive electrical cardioversion.

In hemodynamically unstable patients with refractory VAs a percutaneous LVAD (Impella, TandemHeart, or extracorporeal life support) may be considered.

In patients with recurrent life-threatening VAs sedation (preferably with benzodiazepines) or general anaesthesia to reduce sympathetic drive should be considered.

Early administration of iv beta-blockers at the time of presentation should be considered in haemodynamically stable patients.^a



Asymptomatic, non-sustained and hemodynamically well tolerated VAs should not be treated with anti-arrhythmic drugs before reperfusion ('wait and see').

Prophylactic treatment with anti-arrhythmic drugs, with the exception of beta-blockers, is not recommended.

VT storm (incessant VT)

- ▶ Definition :
- ▶ *Occurrence of two or more ventricular tachycardia/ventricular fibrillation(VT/VF) episodes within 24 h*
- ▶ *Or AICD therapy at least 2 or 3 episodes in 24 hours*
- ▶ High mortality risk and increase rate of hospitalization



Management of VT/VF storm

Intensive care unit admission

Device reprogramming (in AICD patient)

Correct underlying problems (ischaemia, electrolyte disturbances, pro-arrhythmic drugs)

Beta-blockade

Temporary pacing for bradycardia – induced VT

Antiarrhythmic therapy

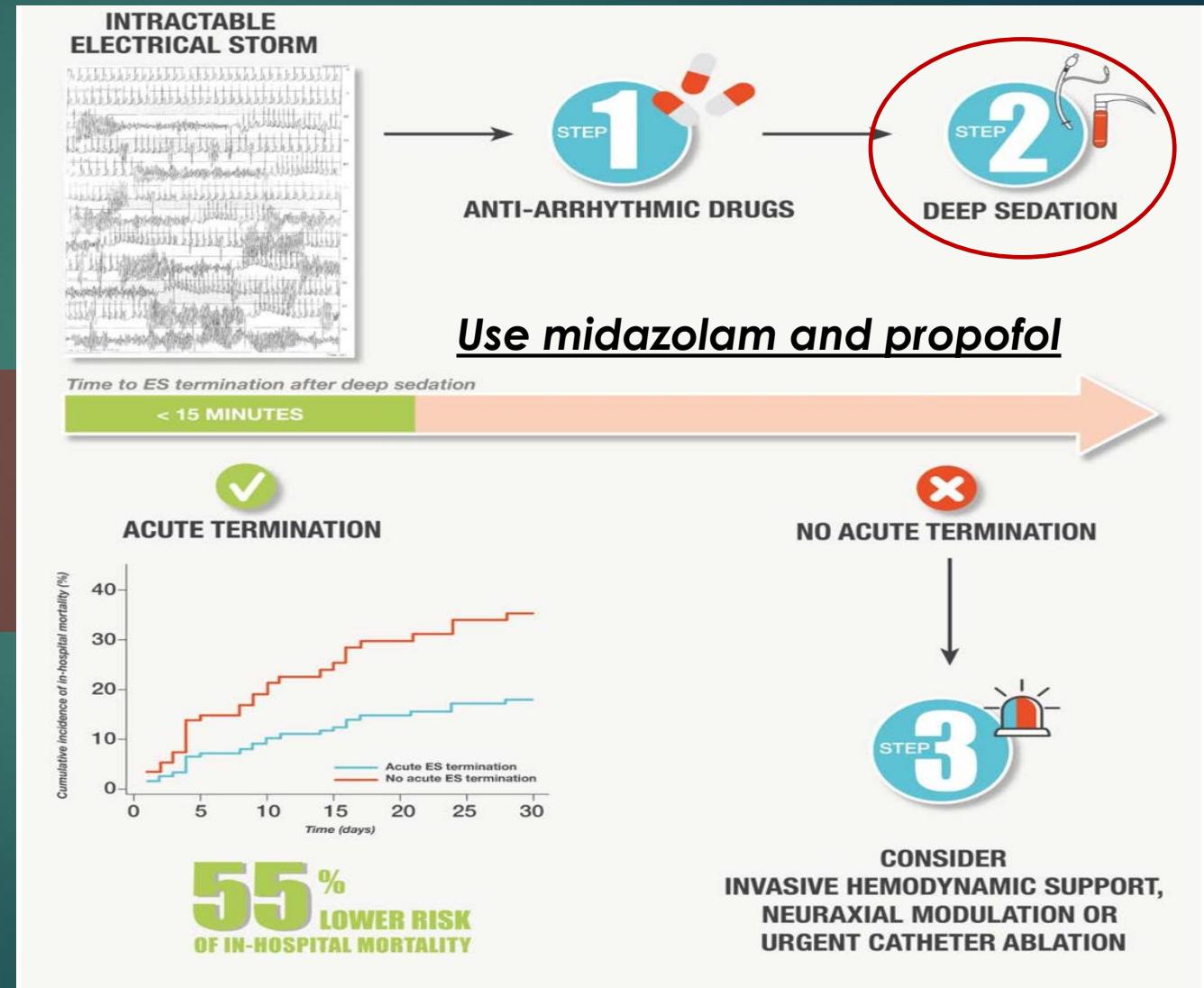
Sedation, intubation/deep sedation

Mechanical haemodynamic support (intra-aortic balloon pump)

Neuraxial modulation (thoracic epidural anesthesia, cardiac sympathetic denervation)

Catheter ablation (any time it is feasible)

Sedation / Intubation / deep sedation



Admit CCU / ICU

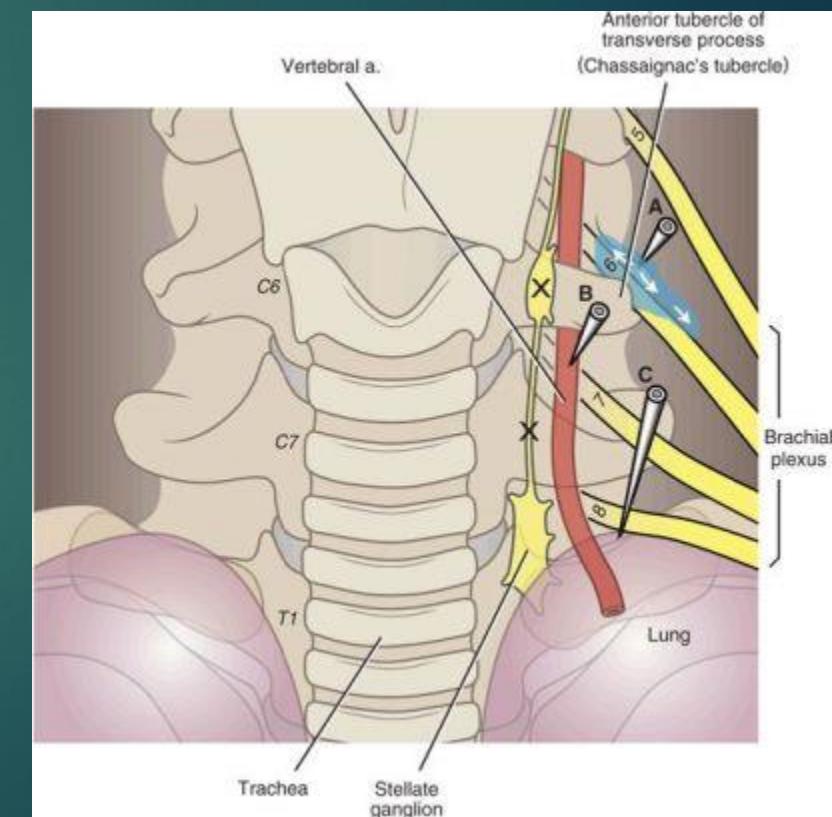
Cardiac sympathetic denervation

► Percutaneous stellate ganglion blockade

Efficacy of various drugs used for stellate ganglion block				
Drug	n, patients	Concentration	Volume	Duration of effect
Bupivacaine	16	0.25-0.5%	9 +/- 5 ml	6 hrs – 1 week
Ropivacaine	11	0.2%	6 +/- 6 ml	6 - 24 hours
Lidocaine	9	1-4%	8 +/- 4 ml	8 - 18 hours

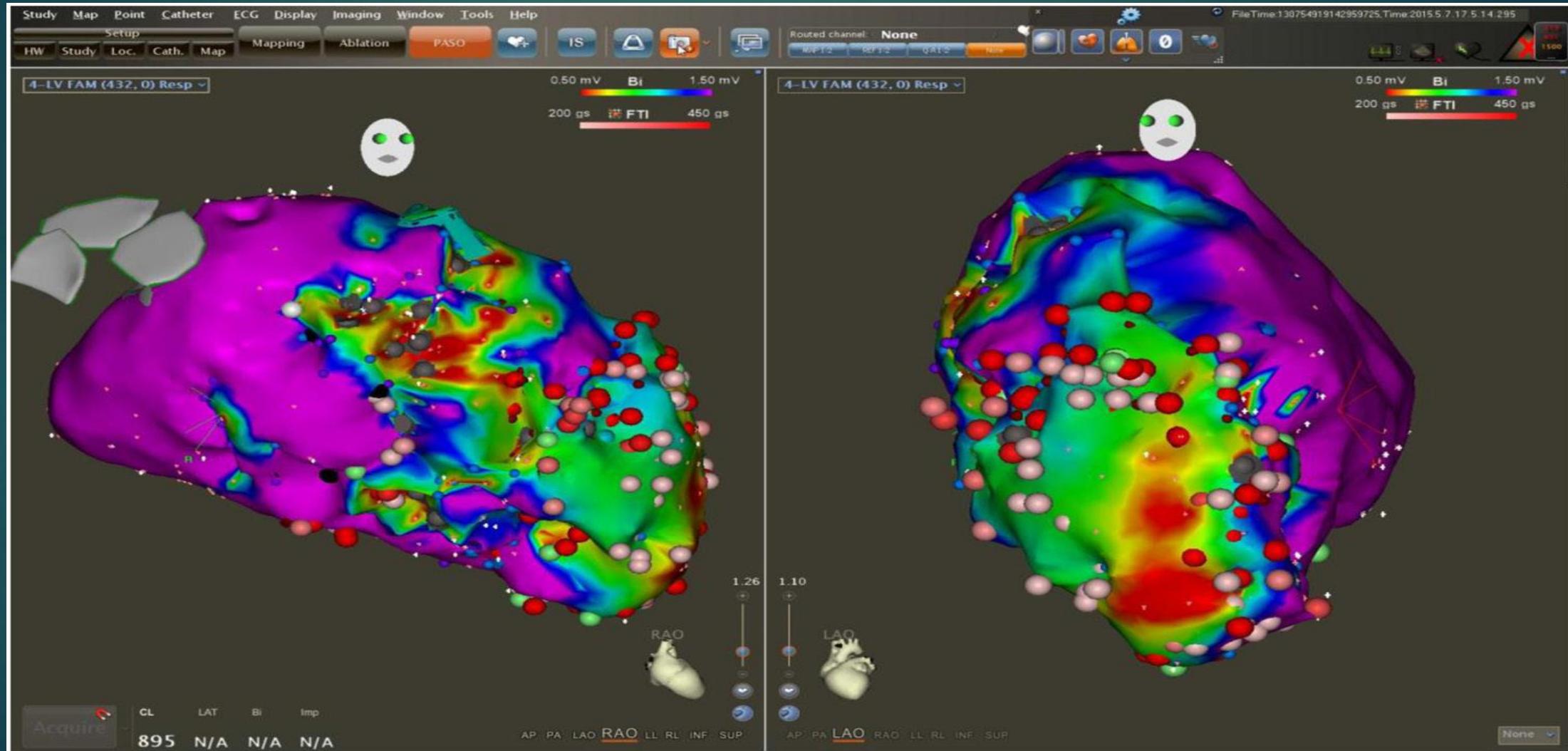
Data from a systematic review of case reports by Meng et al 2017 (PMID 29270467). Long duration of effect might be explained by ability to lyse an episode of storm. However, publication bias is also possible and could exaggerate the benefit of this intervention.

The Internet Book of Critical Care



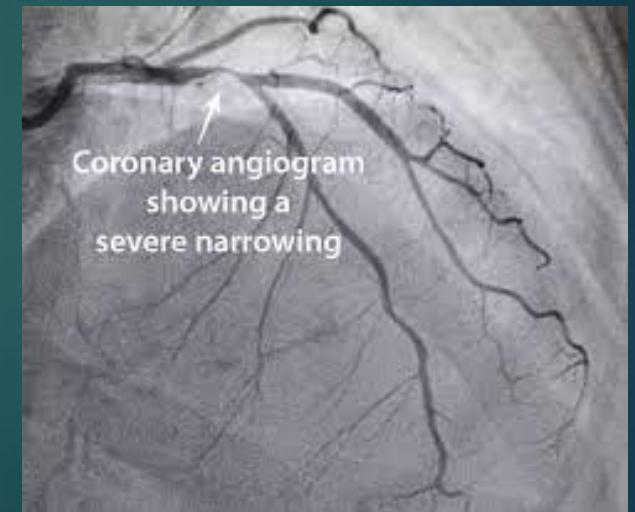
► Thoracic epidural anesthesia

Electroanatomic mapping of endocardial scar in a patient with ischemic cardiomyopathy due to a large anteroseptal infarction



Case study

- ▶ Patient 55 year old
- ▶ Presented of STEMI of anterior wall
- ▶ Emergency PCI to LAD as culprit lesion within 6 hour after transfer to CCIT
- ▶ 1 day after PCI , he developed VT storm in CCU
- ▶ Fellow notification for treatment





1. Sedate patient with anesthetic drugs ; Dormicum and Fentanyl IV , on ETT tube with ventilator support
2. Amiodarone and lidocaine continuous drip
3. Temporary pacing insertion for overdrive pacing



ECMO placed by CVT team

ECMO
=Extracorporeal
membrane
oxygenation



On IABP right
femoral artery





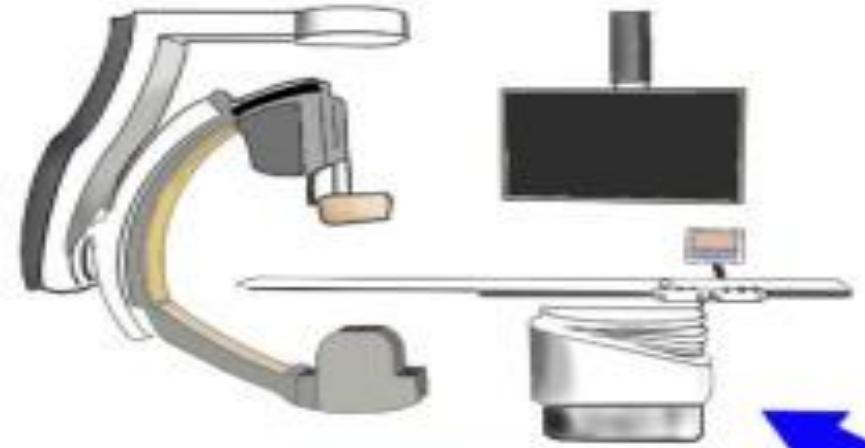


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Progress note

- ▶ After 4 days of ECMO , VT was disappeared , then the ECMO was removed
- ▶ Patient sent to re – CAG and PCI to another coronary vessel for complete revascularization
- ▶ Continue amiodarone and additional carvedilol
- ▶ Consider AICD implantation



Ablation



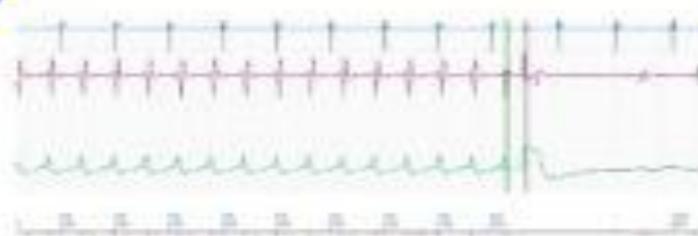
ECMO



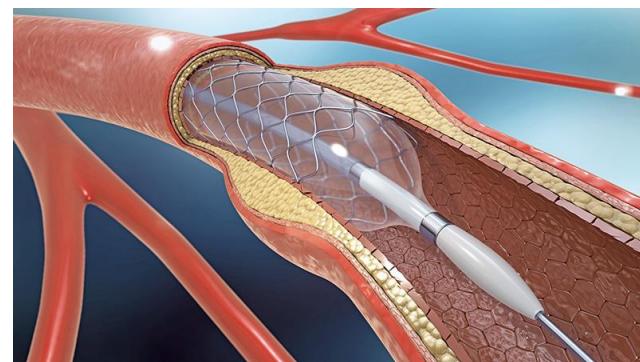
ICD Reprogramming



*Sedation,
Autonomic
Modulation*



VT Storm



CAG / PCI if indicated



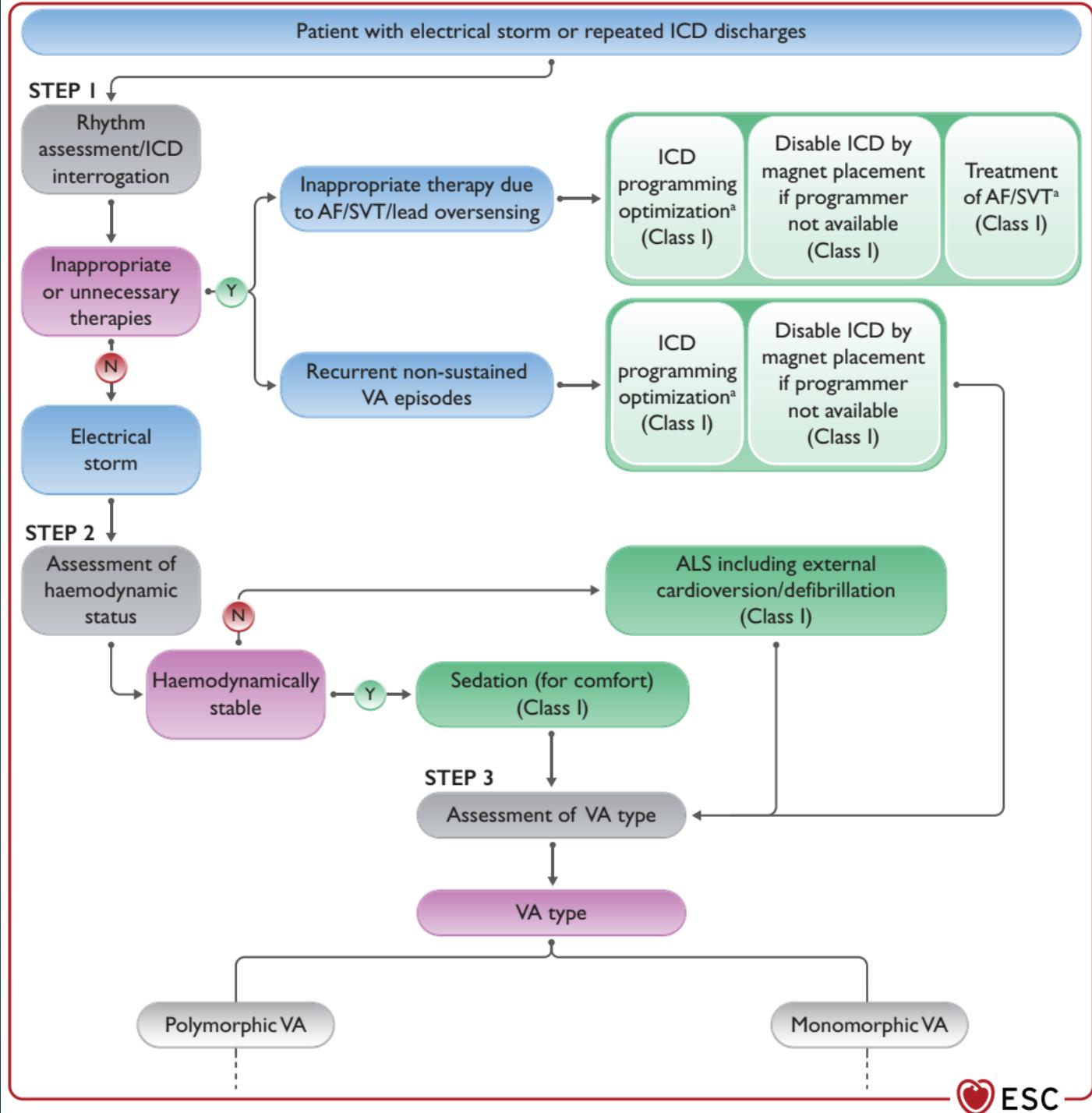
*Antiarrhythmic
Drugs*

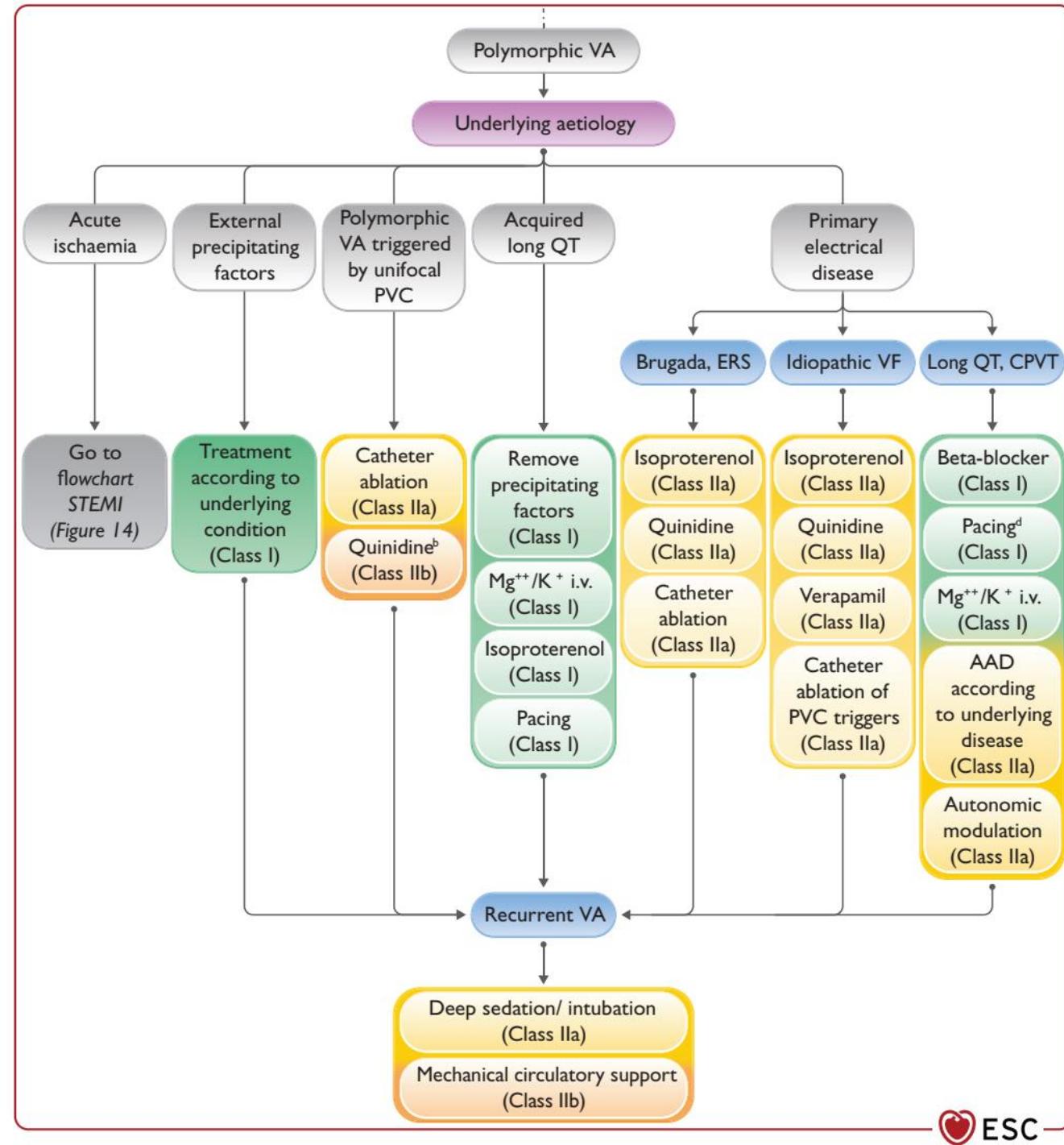


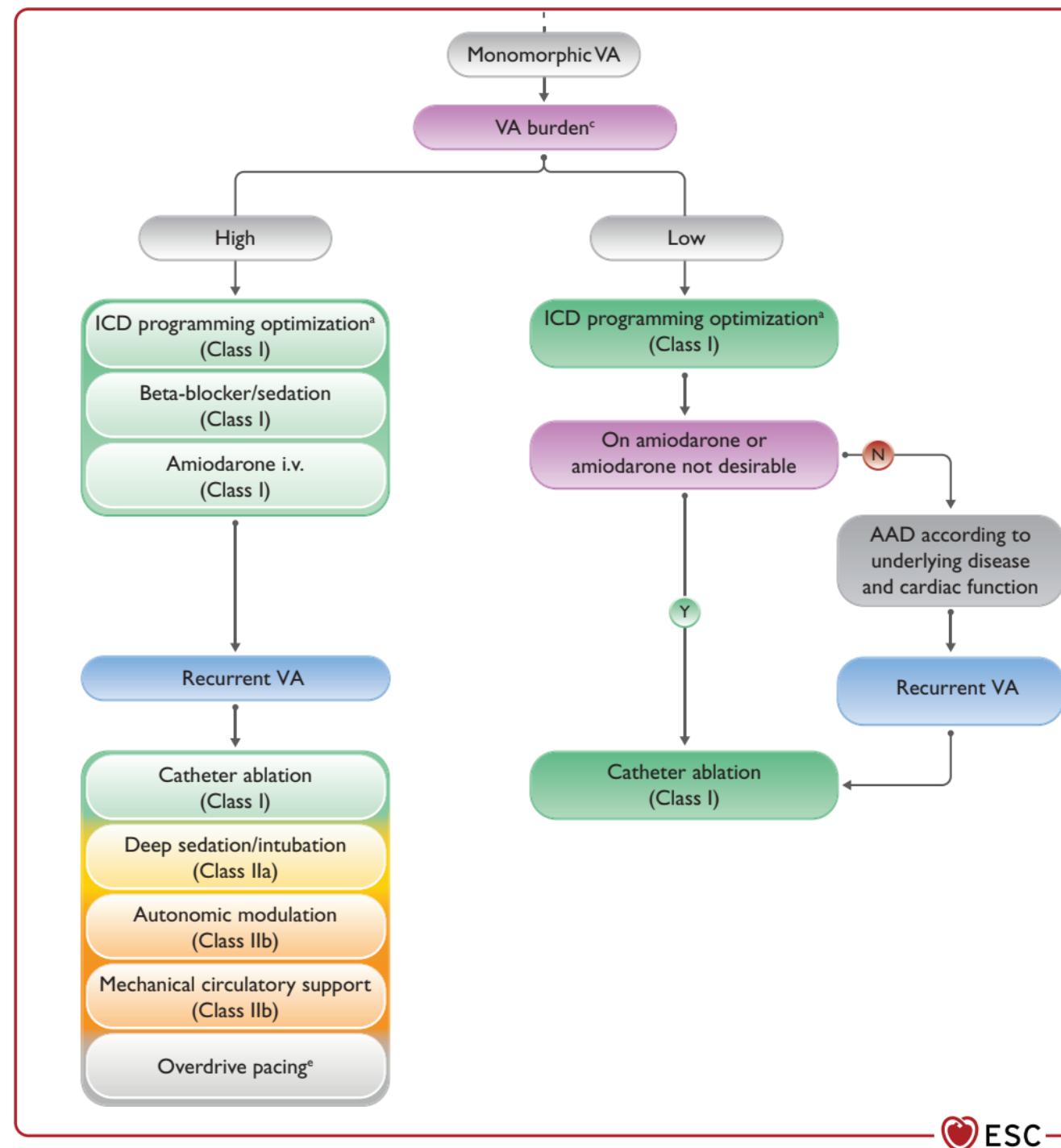
Thank you for your Attention

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Patient with electrical storm or repeated ICD discharges







Anti-arrhythmic medications for acute and long-term treatment of electrical storm

		Acute management	Long-term treatment	Desired plasma concentration
B - blocker	Propranolol	Bolus: 0.15 mg/kg IV over 10 min	10-40 mg by mouth three-four times a day	NA
	Metoprolol	Bolus: 2-5 mg IV every 5 min up to 3 doses in 15 min	25 mg by mouth twice a day up to 200 mg a day	NA
	Esmolol	Bolus: 300 to 500 mg/kg IV for 1 min Infusion: 25-50 mg/kg per minute up to a maximum dose of 250 mg/kg per minute (titration every 5-10 min)	Not recommended	NA
Class III agents	Amiodarone	Bolus: 150 mg IV over 10 min, up to total 2.2 g in 24 h Infusion: 1 mg/min for 6 h, then 0.5 mg/min for 18 h	Oral load: 800 mg by mouth twice a day until 10 g total Maintenance dose: 200-400 mg by mouth daily 80 mg by mouth twice a day, up to 160 mg twice a day (serious side effects > 320 mg/d)	1.0-2.5 µg/mL No efficacy proven for plasma concentrations < 0.5 µg/mL Serious toxicity risk for plasma concentrations > 2.5 µg/mL
	Sotalol	Not recommended		1-3 µg/mL (not of great value, usually monitored by QT prolongation with indication to reduction/discontinuation if prolongation > 15%-20%)
Amiodarone	Procainamide	Bolus: 10 mg/kg IV over 20 min Infusion: up to 2-3 g/24 h	3-6 g by mouth daily fractionated in ≥ 3 administrations	4-12 µg/mL
	Lidocaine	Bolus: 1.0 to 1.5 mg/kg IV, repeat dose of 0.5-0.75 mg/kg IV up to a total dose of 3 mg/kg Infusion: 20 µcg/kg per minute IV	Not recommended	2-6 µg/mL
	Mexiletine	Not recommended	200 mg by mouth three times a day, up to 400 mg by mouth three times a day	0.6-1.7 µg/mL

