

LE ARITMIE

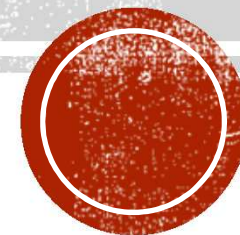
Un mondo da inquadrare

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CASO CLINICO 1

- ♀, 82 aa
- Viene ricoverata dal PS in reparto medico con diagnosi di “**Sincope**”
- In anamnesi: ipertensione arteriosa, declino cognitivo lieve.
- EO: Obiettività toracoaddominale nei limiti, non deficit neurologici.
- TD: ramipril, cardioaspirin, lansoprazolo

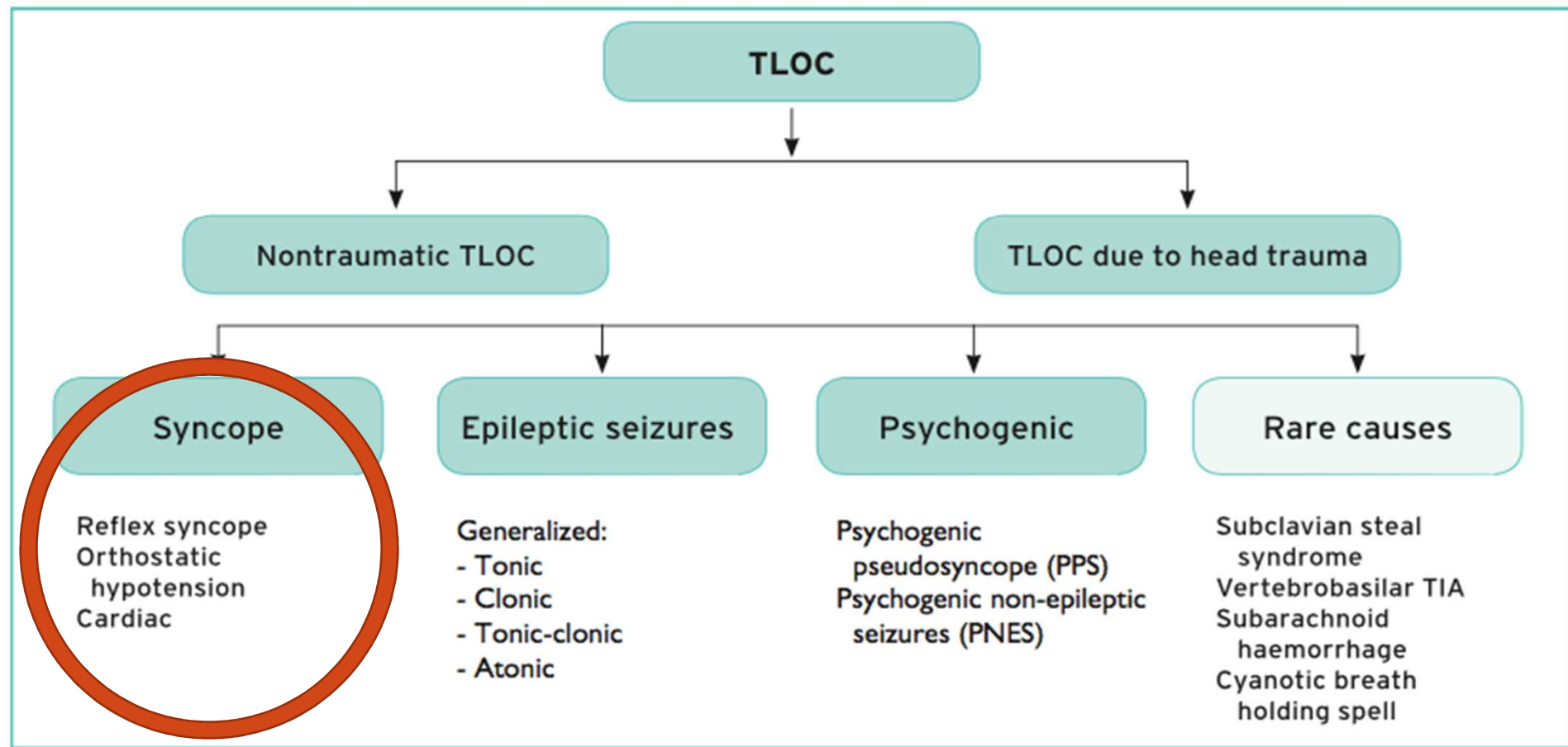
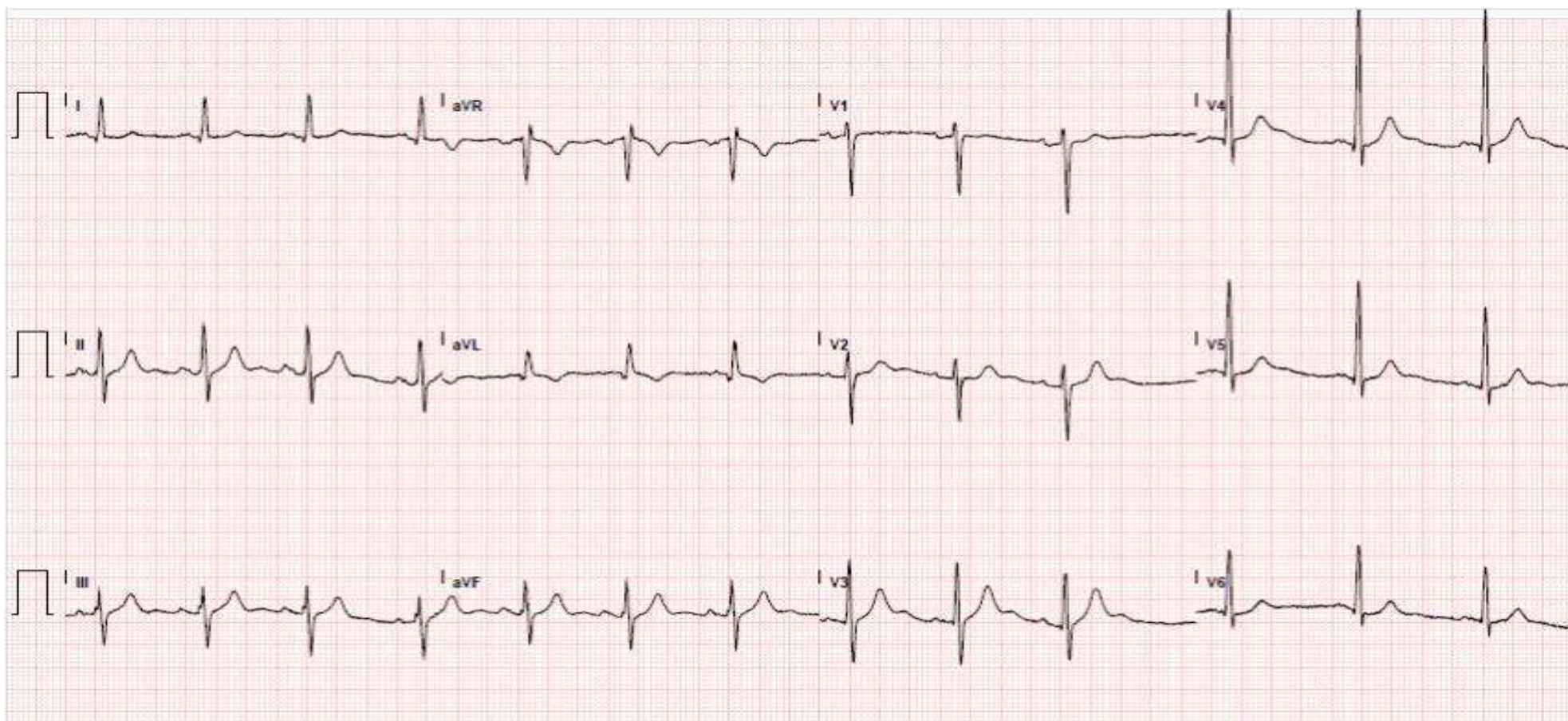


Figure 2 Syncope in the context of transient loss of consciousness. Non-traumatic transient loss of consciousness is classified into one of four groupings: syncope, epileptic seizures, psychogenic transient loss of consciousness, and a miscellaneous group of rare causes. This order represents their rate of occurrence. Combinations occur; e.g. non-traumatic transient loss of consciousness causes can cause falls with concussion, in which case transient loss of consciousness is both traumatic and non-traumatic. TIA = transient ischaemic attack; TLOC = transient loss of consciousness.

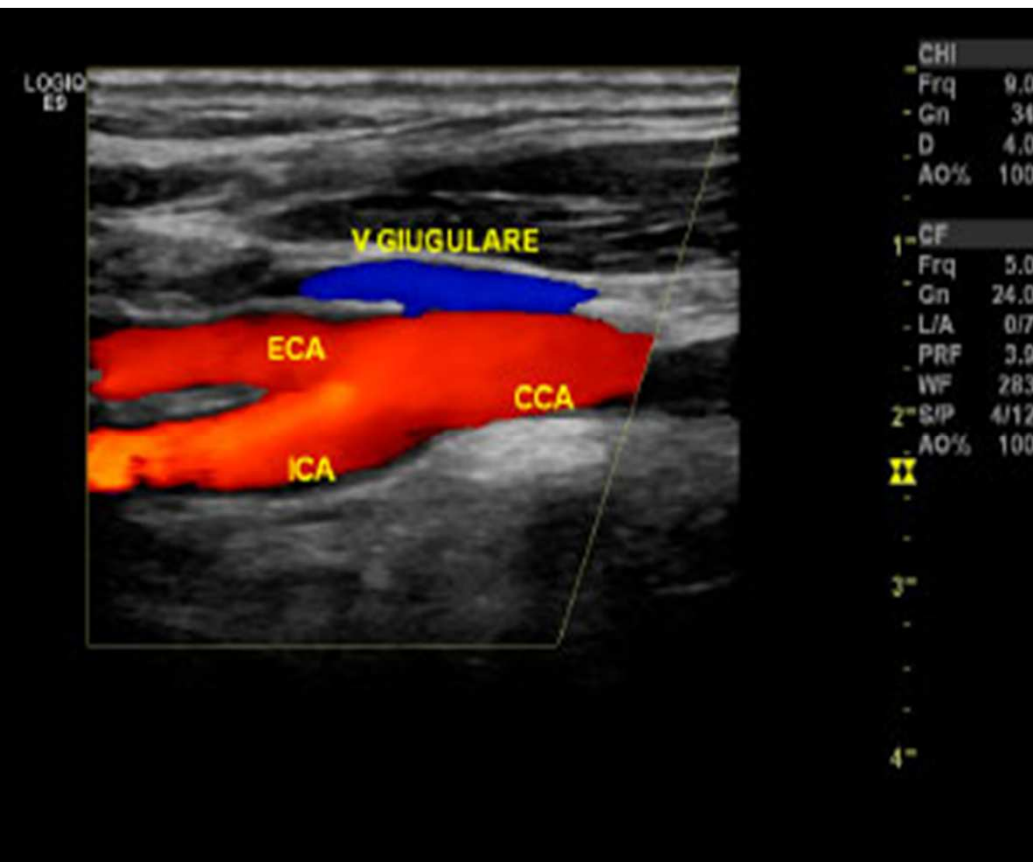
INDAGINI ESEGUITE (1)

- ECG: RS con FC 85 bpm, segni di IVS



INDAGINI ESEGUITE (2)

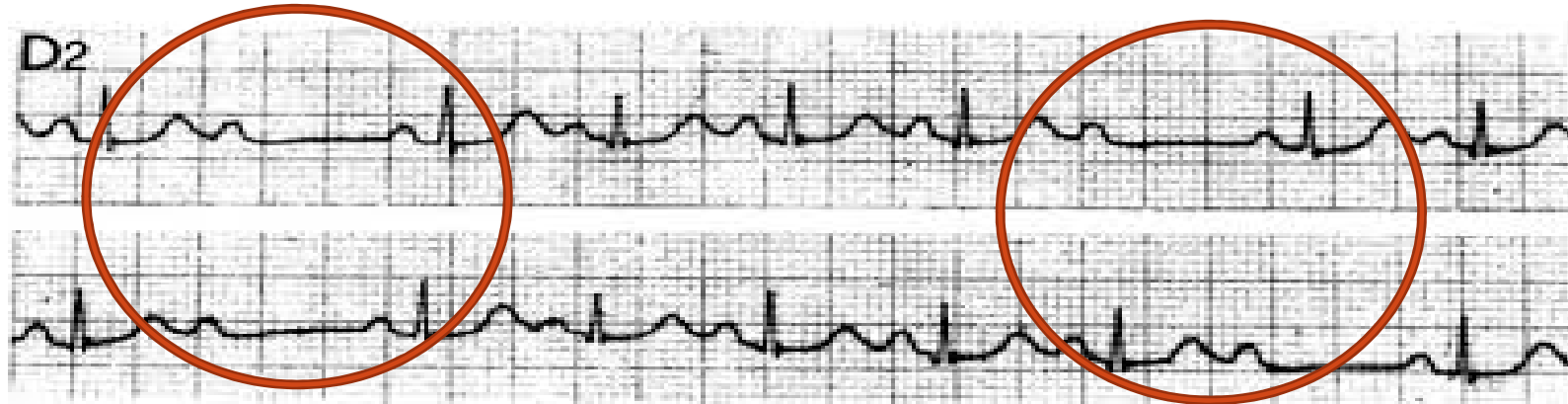
Ecocolordoppler TSA: Minimo ispessimento mio-intimale



- Prove clino-ortostatismo: negative

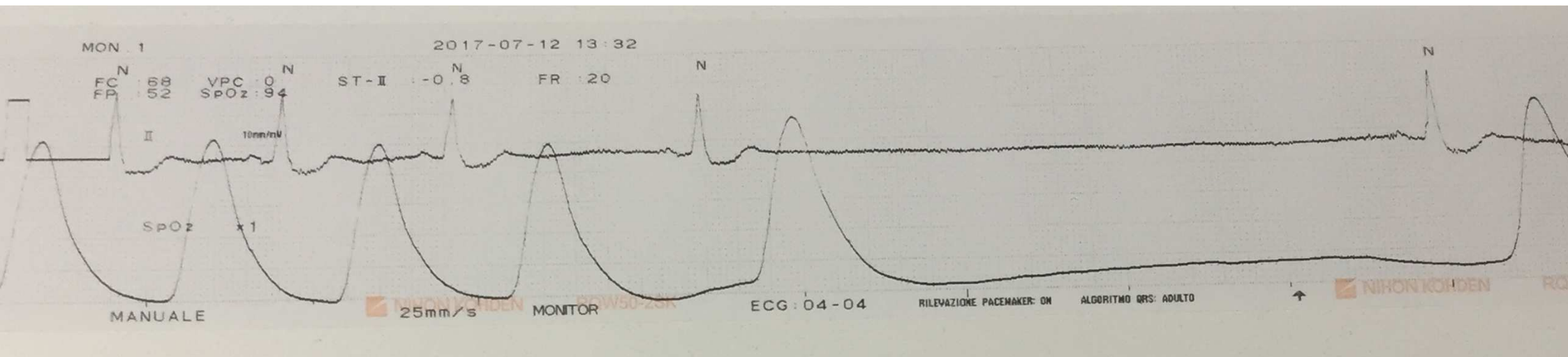
INDAGINI ESEGUITE (4)

- Holter-ECG: **riscontro di numerose P bloccate**



BAV II grado Mobitz 2? SSS?

MASSAGGIO DEL SENO CAROTIDEO



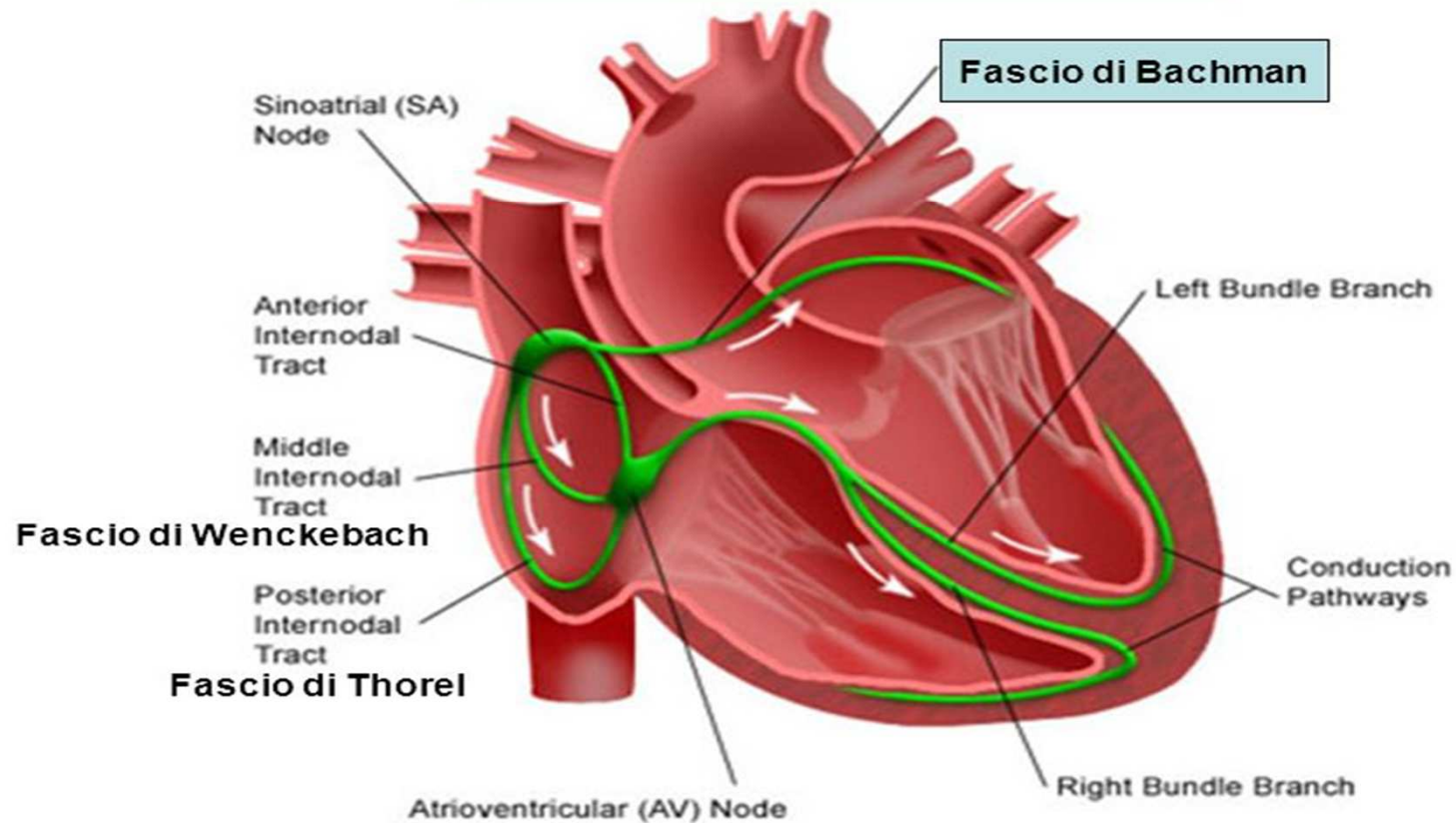
- Massaggio positivo per SSS. Paziente indirizzata ad impianto di PM

INQUADRAMENTO DELLE ARITMIE

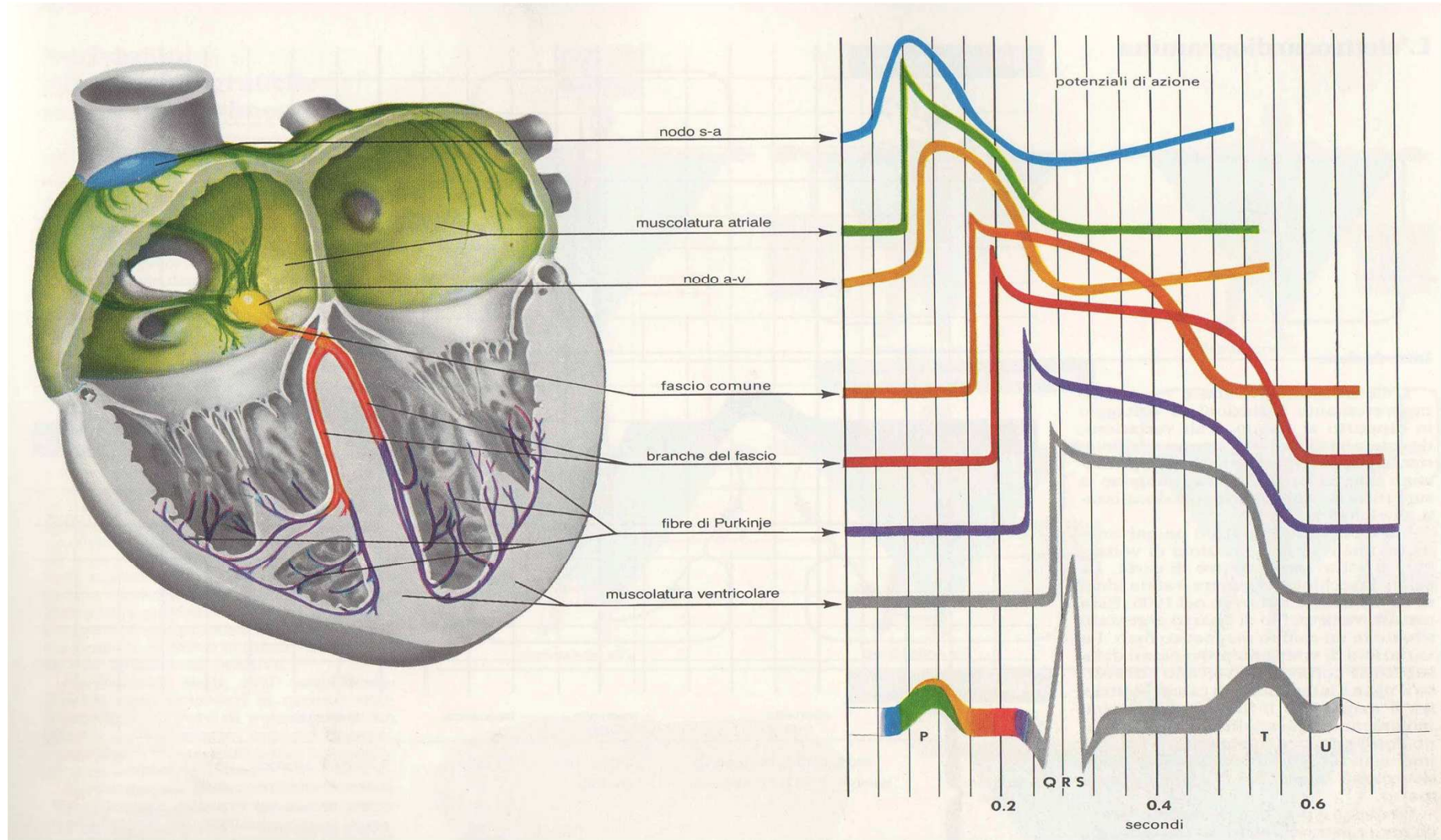


PARTIAMO DAL PRINCIPIO

Sistema di Conduzione Cardiaco

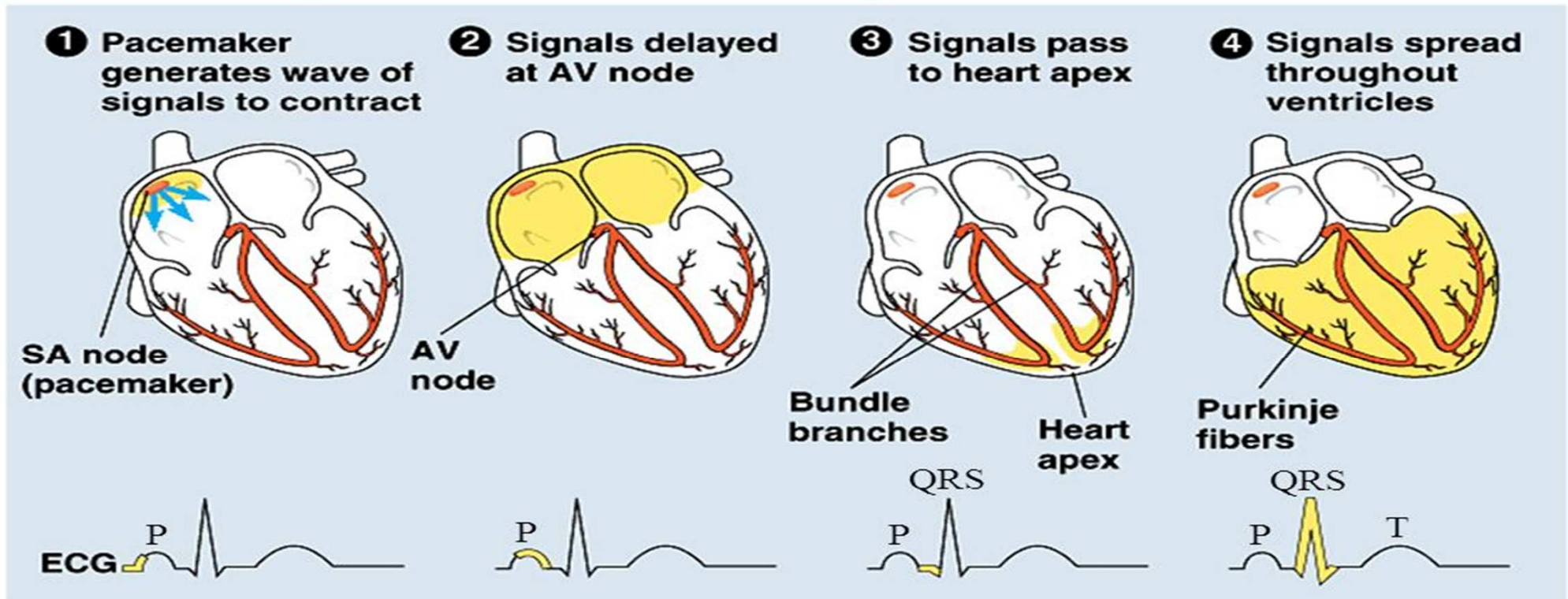


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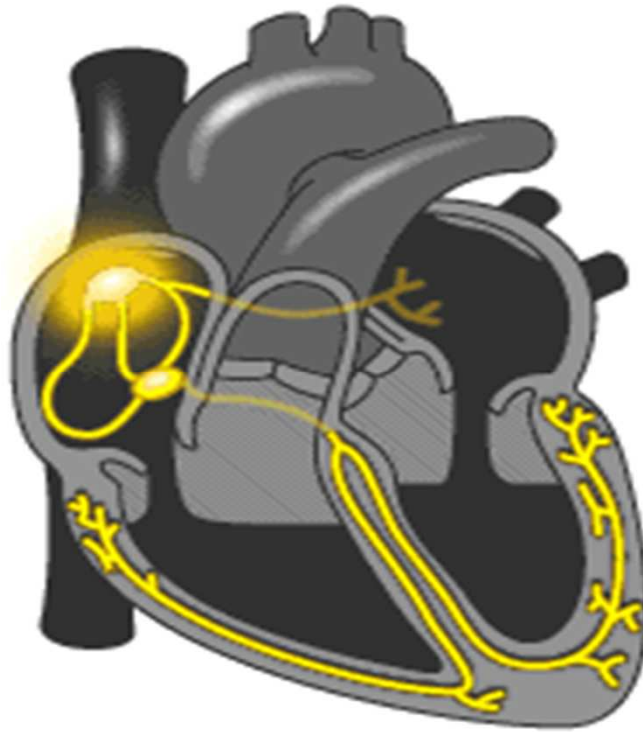


ATTIVAZIONE ELETTRICA DEL CUORE

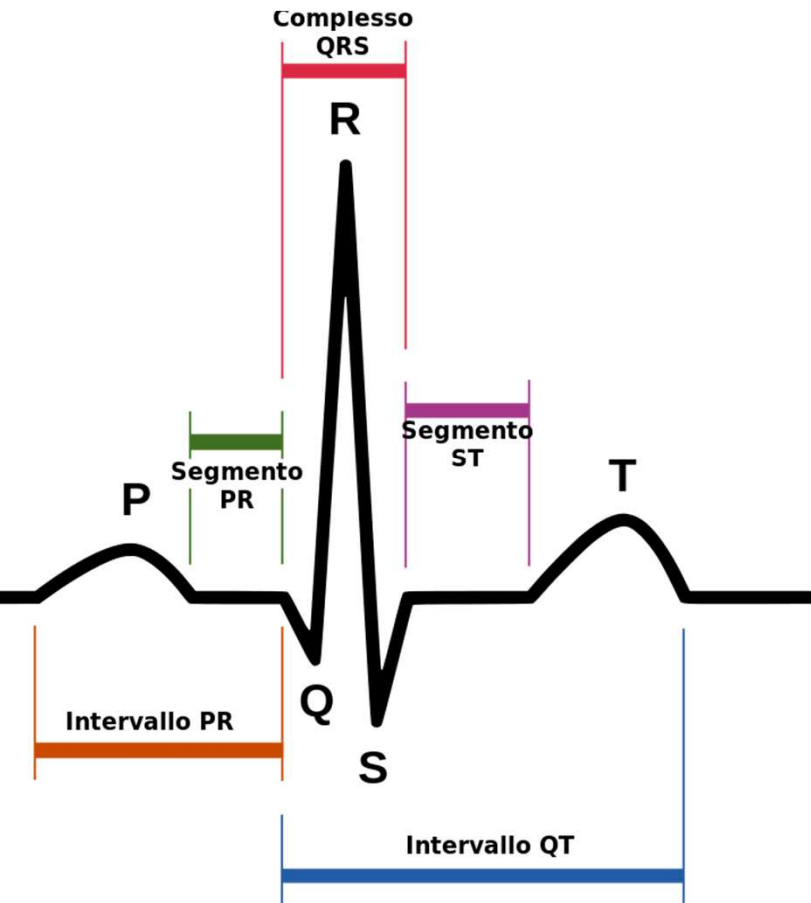
La sequenza spaziale e temporale dell'attivazione elettrica del cuore è determinata da proprietà elettrofisiologiche (differenze nella velocità di conduzione del PA nei diversi tipi cellulari del cuore) e morfologiche (distribuzione del sistema di conduzione; presenza dello scheletro fibroso; orientamento dei fasci miocardici).



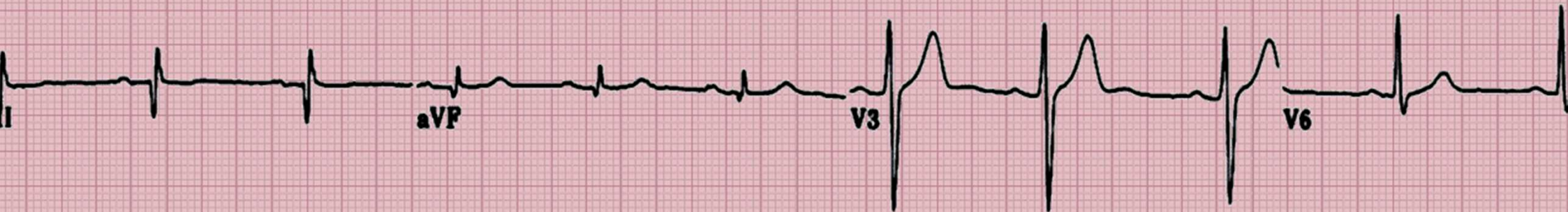
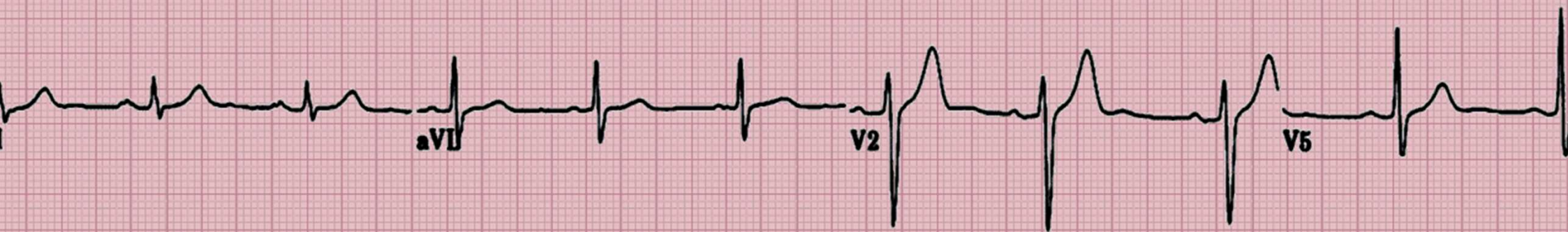
L'EFFETTO FINALE



MA SULL'ECG?

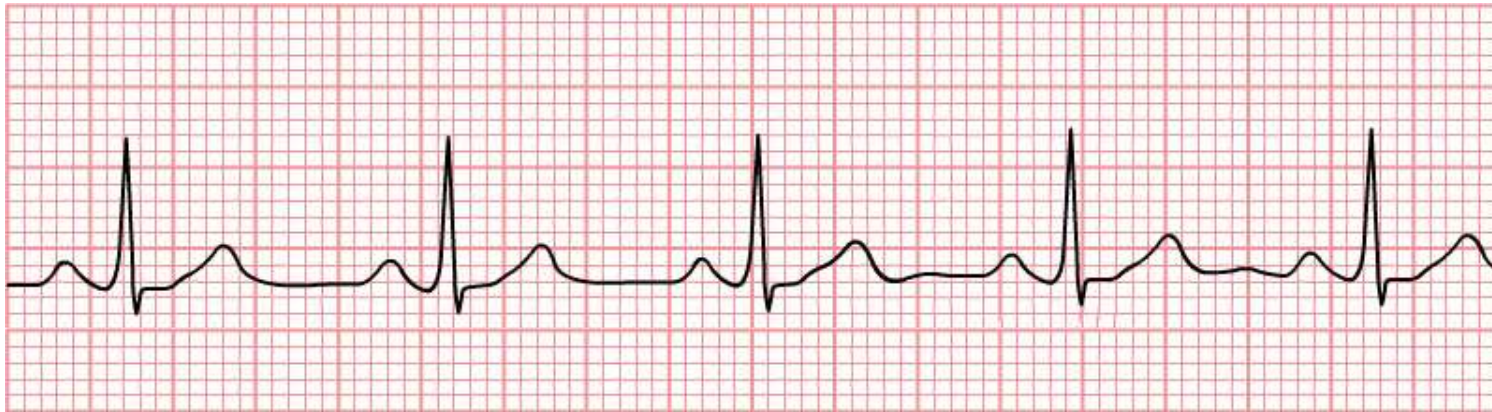


- Onda **P** → Depolarizzazione atriale
- Tratto **PR** → Passaggio impulso attraverso il NAV
- Complesso **QRS** → Depolarizzazione ventricolare
- Tratto **ST** → Periodo refrattario e inizio ripolarizzazione ventricolare
- Onda **T** → Ripolarizzazione ventricolare



COS'È IL RITMO SINUSALE?

- Ritmo fisiologico cardiaco
- Presenta alcune caratteristiche elettrocardiografiche:
 - P positiva in D1 e D2
 - P negativa in aVR
 - FC tra 60-100 bpm (BS se $FC < 60$ bpm, TS se > 100 bpm)



ARITMIE

Cos'è un'aritmia?

Ogni situazione non classificabile come ritmo cardiaco normale, inteso come ritmo ad origine nel nodo del seno, regolare e con normale frequenza e conduzione

CLASSIFICAZIONE DELLE ARITMIE

- Aritmie ipocinetiche (Bradiaritmie)
- Aritmie ipercinetiche (Tachiaritmie)

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ARITMIE IPOCINETICHE

nomalie di conduzione (o **blocchi cardiaci**) consistono nel parziale o totale impedimento alla duzione dell'impulso lungo le normali vie fisiologiche.

conda della sede del blocco distinguiamo:

alattia del nodo del seno (SSS)

occo AV di 1° grado

occo AV di 2° grado

- *di tipo I di Mobitz*
- *di tipo II di Mobitz*

occo AV di 3° grado

occhi fascicolari

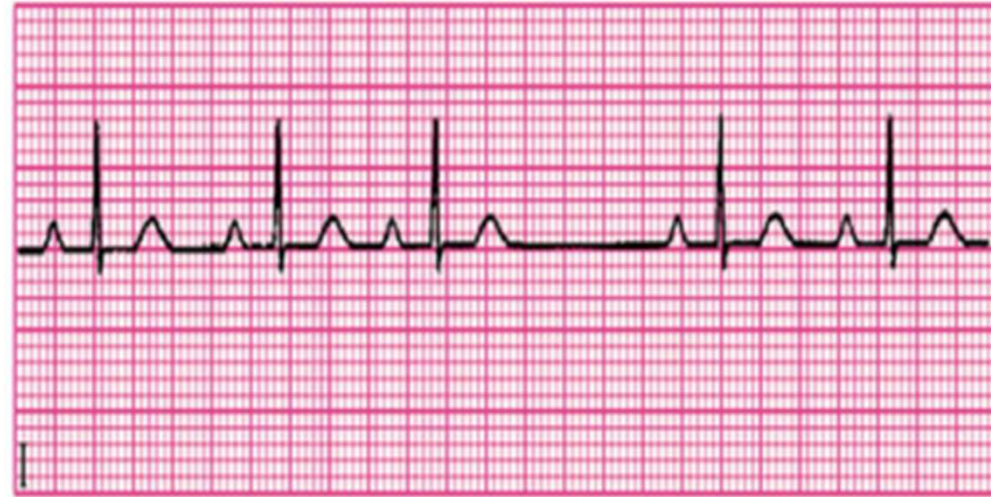
- *Emiblocco anteriore sinistro*
- *Emiblocco posteriore sinistro*

occo di branca destra/sinistra

SSS

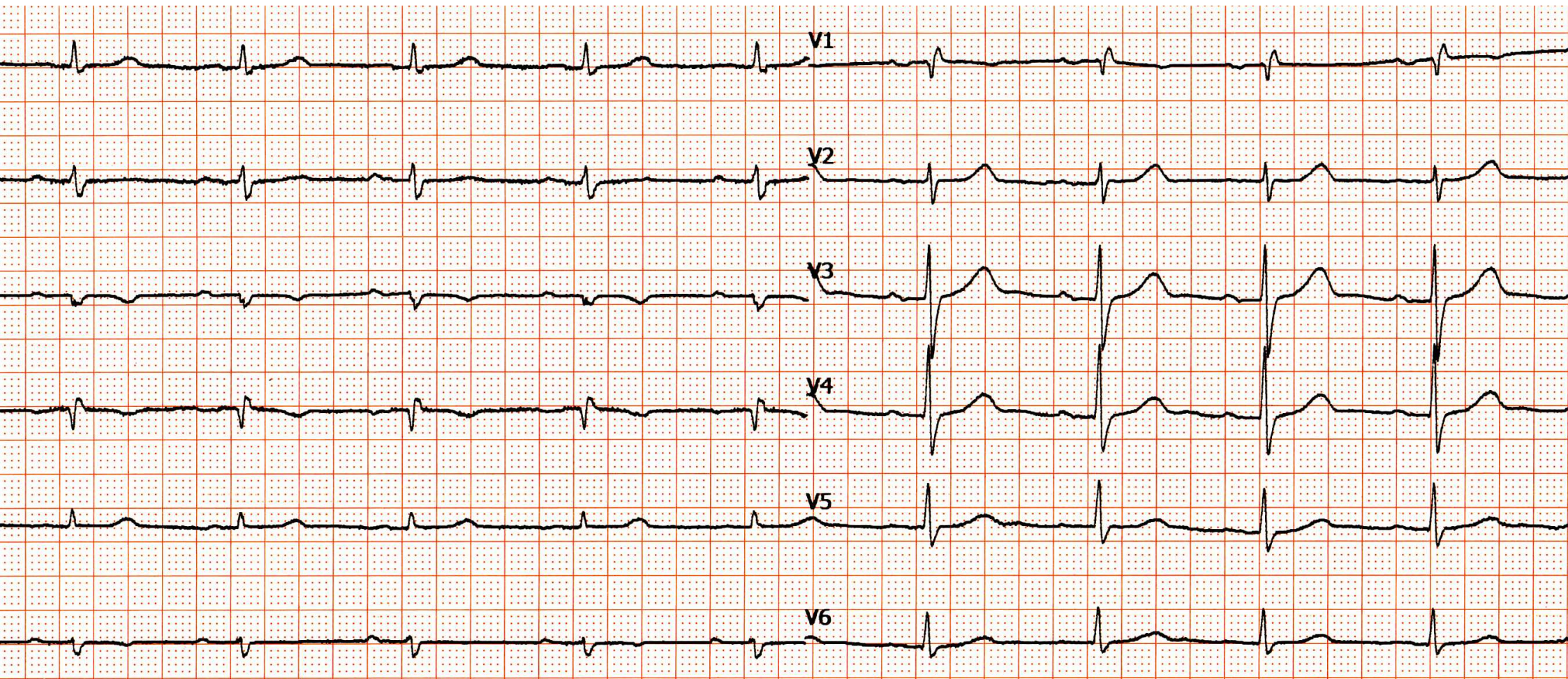
Caratterizzata dalla presenza di **bradicardia sinusale**, **arresto sinusale** (mancata formazione dell'impulso nel nodo del seno) o **blocchi seno-atriali** (disturbi di conduzione dell'impulso, regolarmente formatosi nel nodo del seno, agli atri) spesso a carattere intermittente; a volte vi è alternanza tra fasi bradicardiche ed aritmie ipercinetiche sopraventricolari (*s. braditachi*) poiché la bradicardia rende disomogenei i periodi refrattari e favorisce i fenomeni di rientro.

Talora la diagnosi differenziale tra le diverse forme può essere fatta solo con lo studio elettrofisiologico; si manifestano con la mancanza intermittente di una o più onde P (*pausa*).



BLOCCHI ATRIOVENTRICOLARI

BAV I Grado: Allungamento del tratto PR oltre i limiti di norma (v.n. 120-200 ms)



BLOCCHI ATRIOVENTRICOLARI

BAV II M1: Progressivo allungamento del PR finché una P non è seguita da QRS

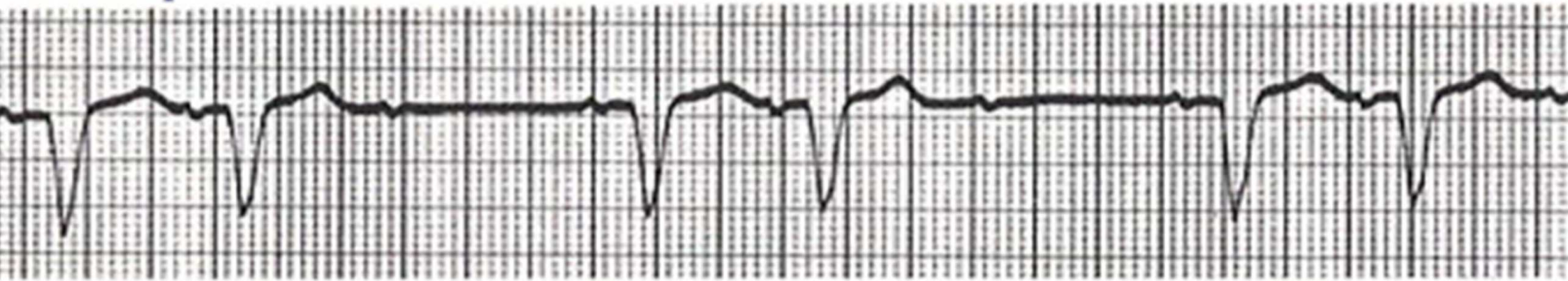
Lead V₁ "Classic Wenckebach"



BLOCCHI ATRIOVENTRICOLARI

II M2: Improvvisa mancata conduzione di un impulso sinusale con un'onda P non seguita da Q

Lead V₁



2nd degree AV block (type II) with LBBB

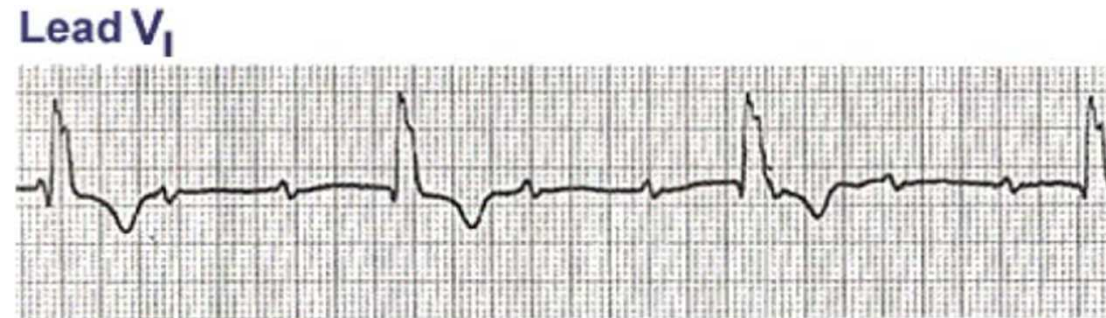
BLOCCHI ATRIOVENTRICOLARI

BAV III: Completa dissociazione AV



Scappamento giunzionale:

- QRS stretto (80-120 ms)
- FC 40-50 bpm



Scappamento ventricolare:

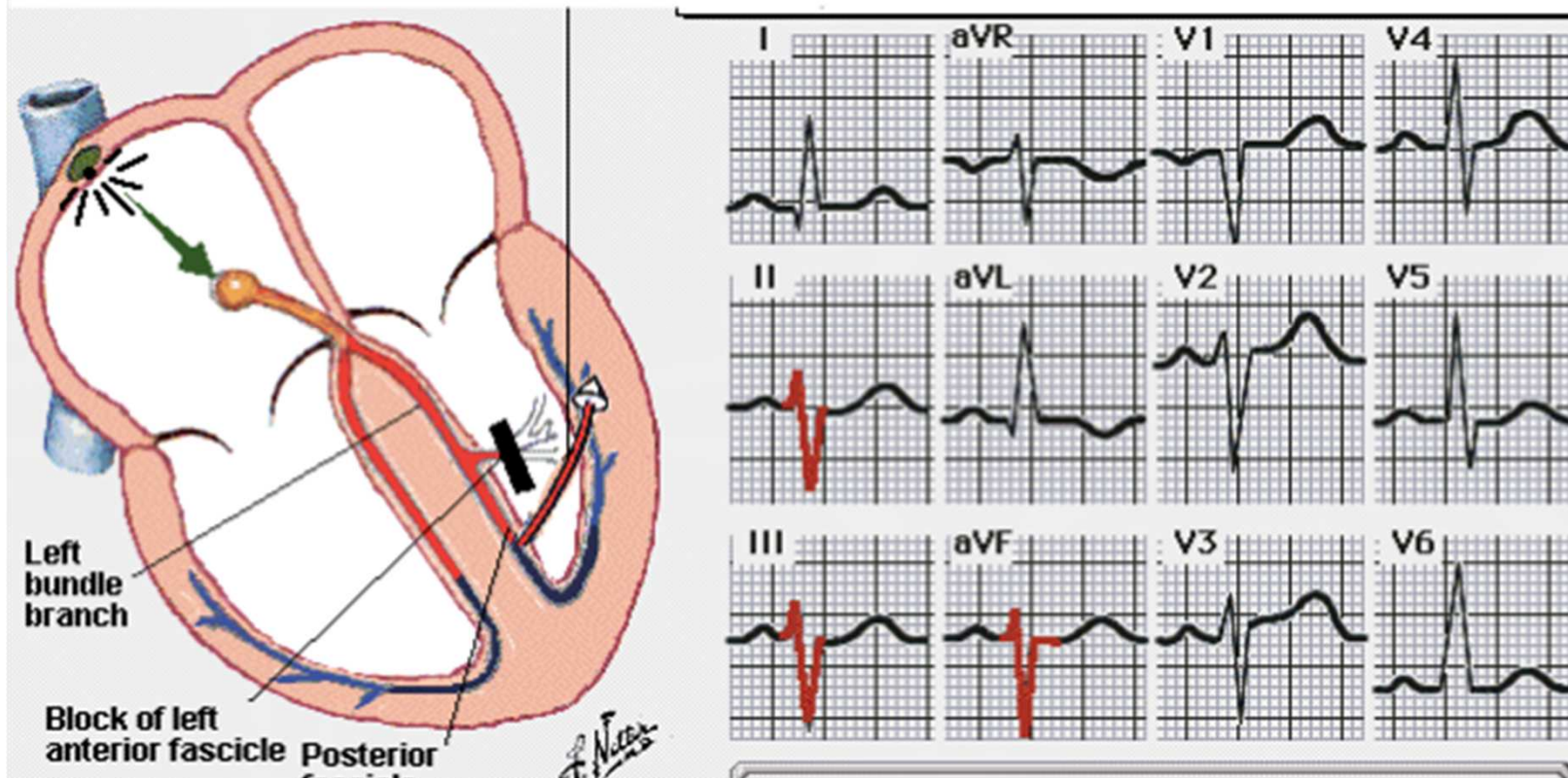
- QRS largo (>120 ms)
- FC 30-40 bpm

BLOCCHI FASCICOLARI

EAS

QRS allungato ma non prolungato, con deviazione assiale sinistra.

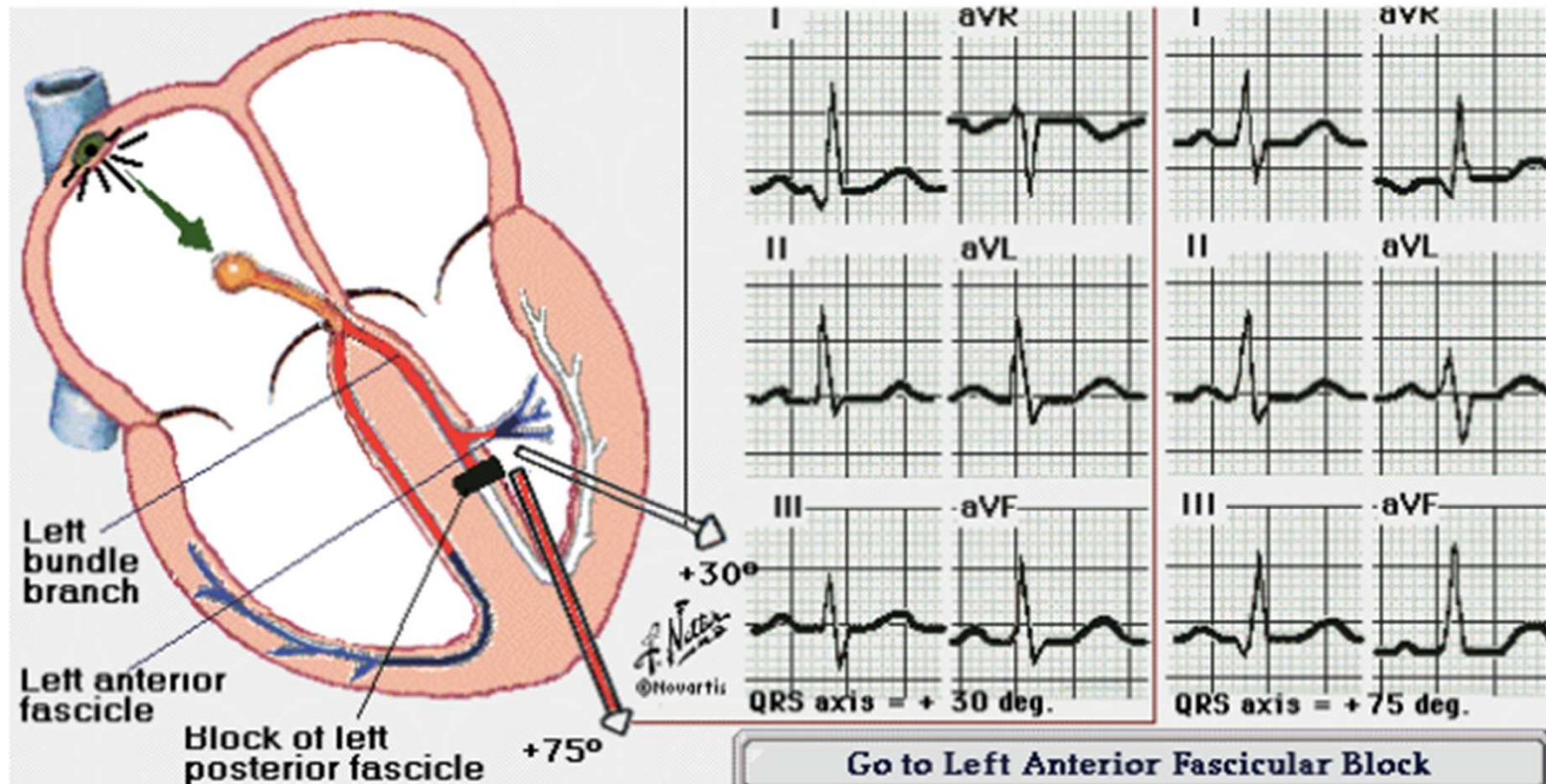
Dovuto a interruzione della branca anteriore



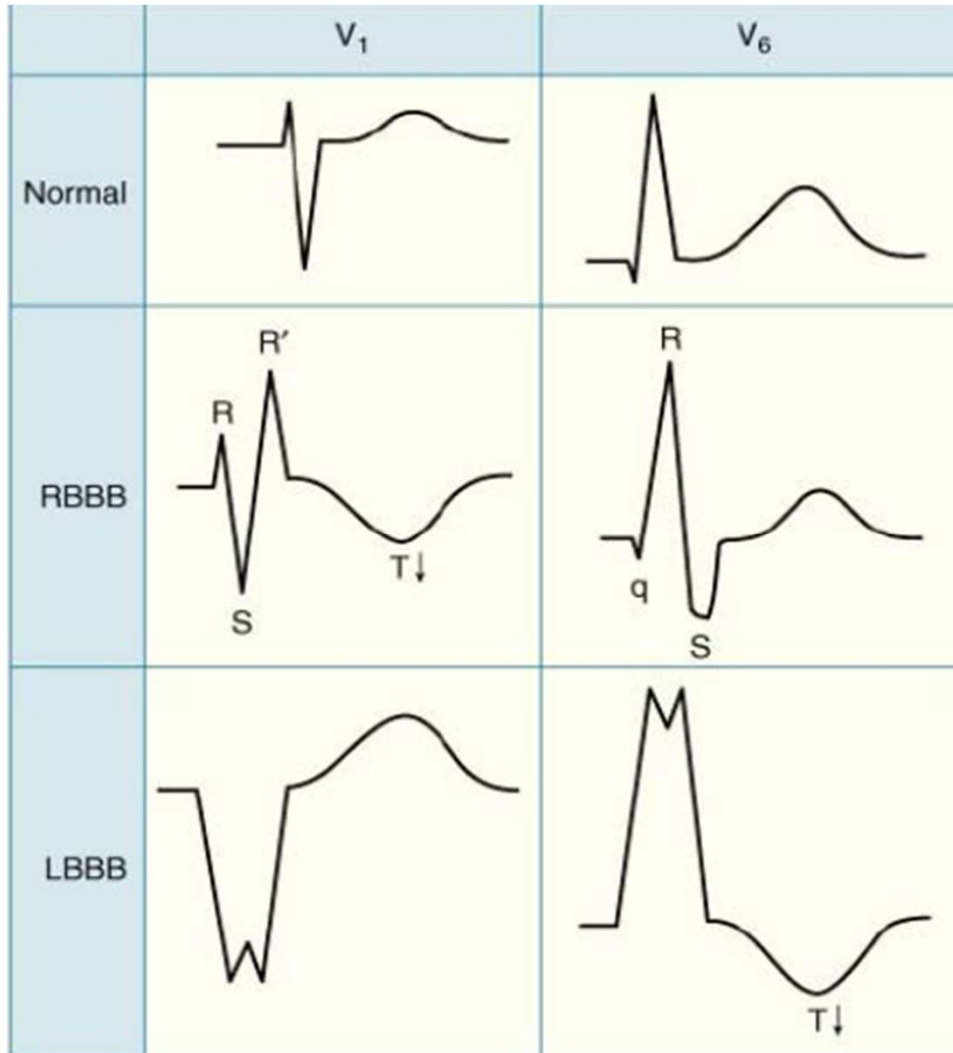
BLOCCHI FASCICOLARI

EPS

Difficile identificazione se non per allungamento del qrs con asse elettrico deviato in basso



BLOCCHI DI BRANCA



QRS > 0.12 secondi
rSr' in V1-V3

***onda S in V5-V6 alterazioni della
ripolarizzazione***

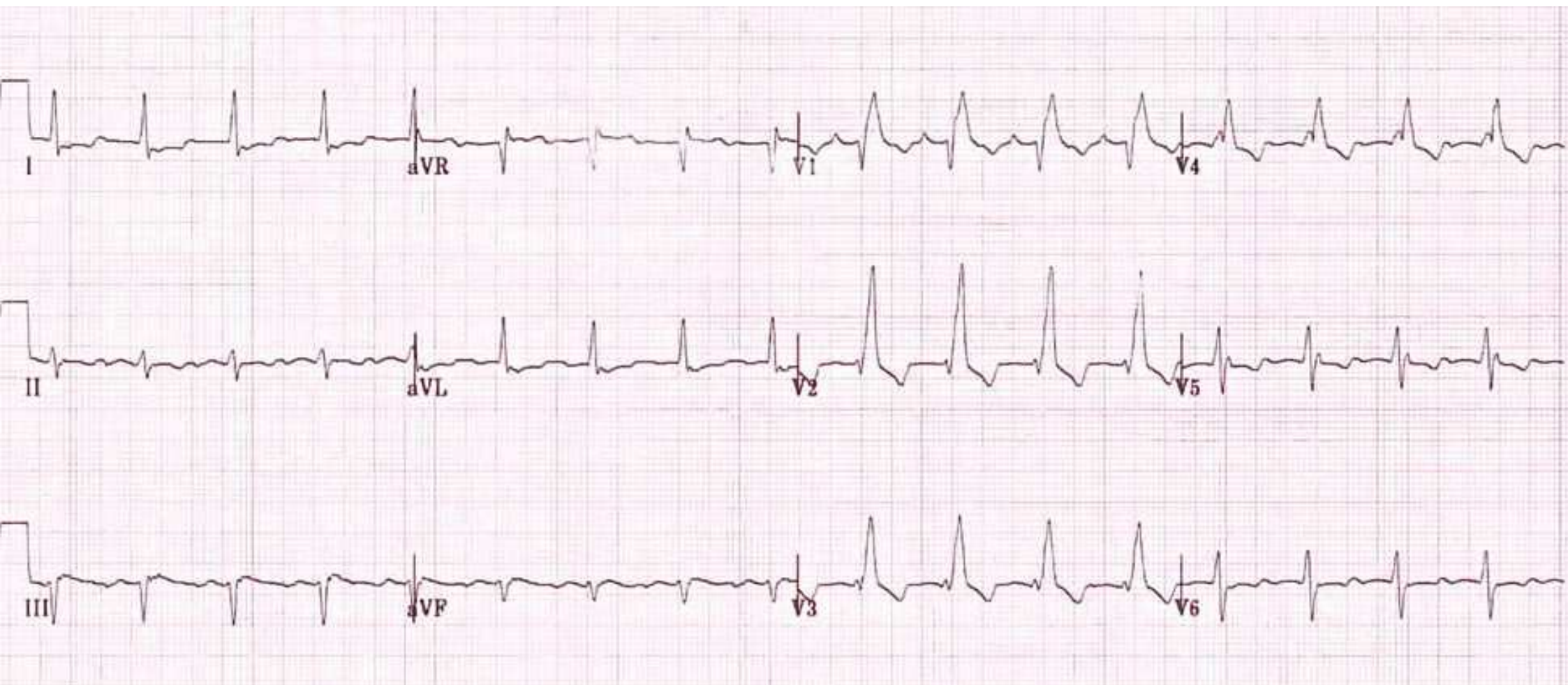
QRS > 0.12 secondi

QRS negativo in V1-V2

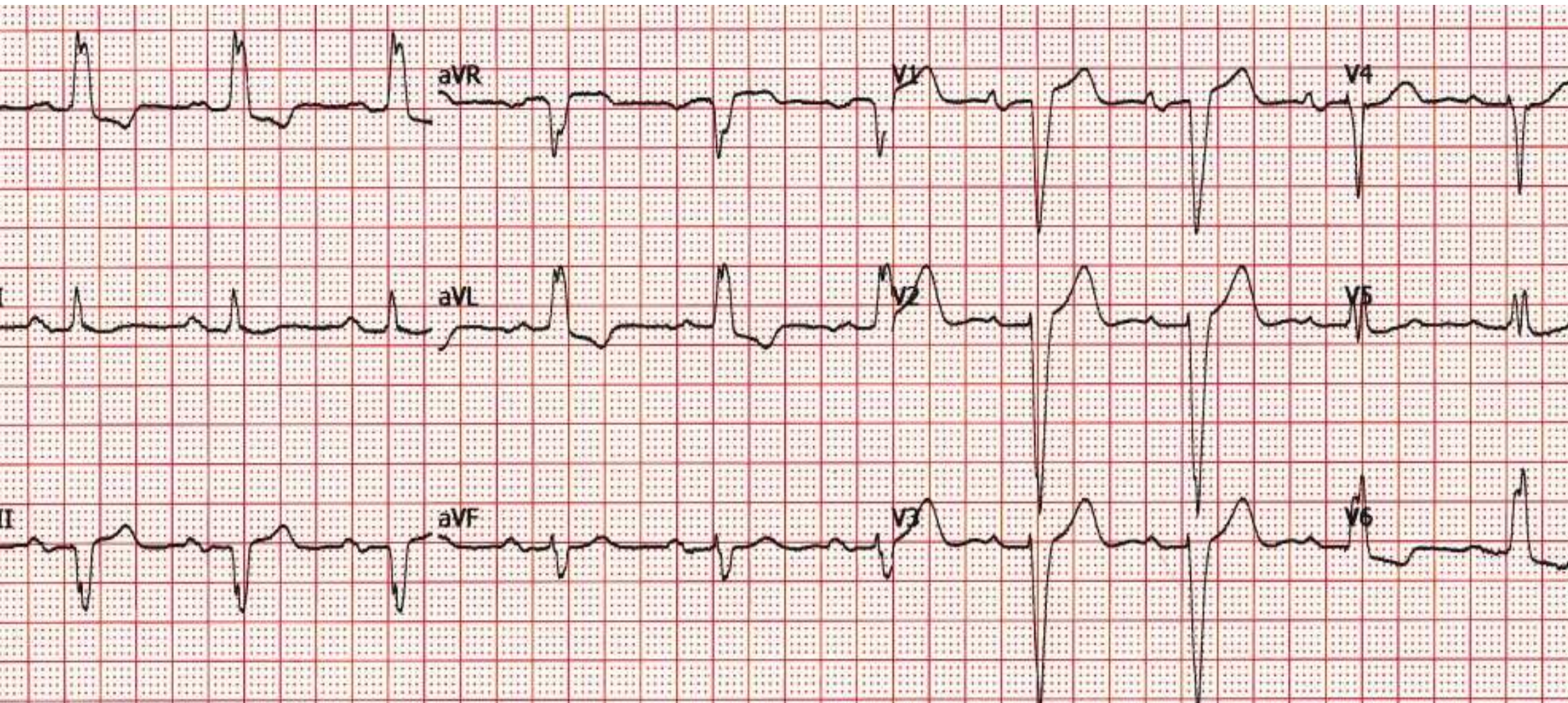
***QRS positivo in V5-V6 (bifido) assenza
onde R in V1-V2***

assenza onde Q in D1, aVL, V5, V6
alterazioni della ripolarizzazione

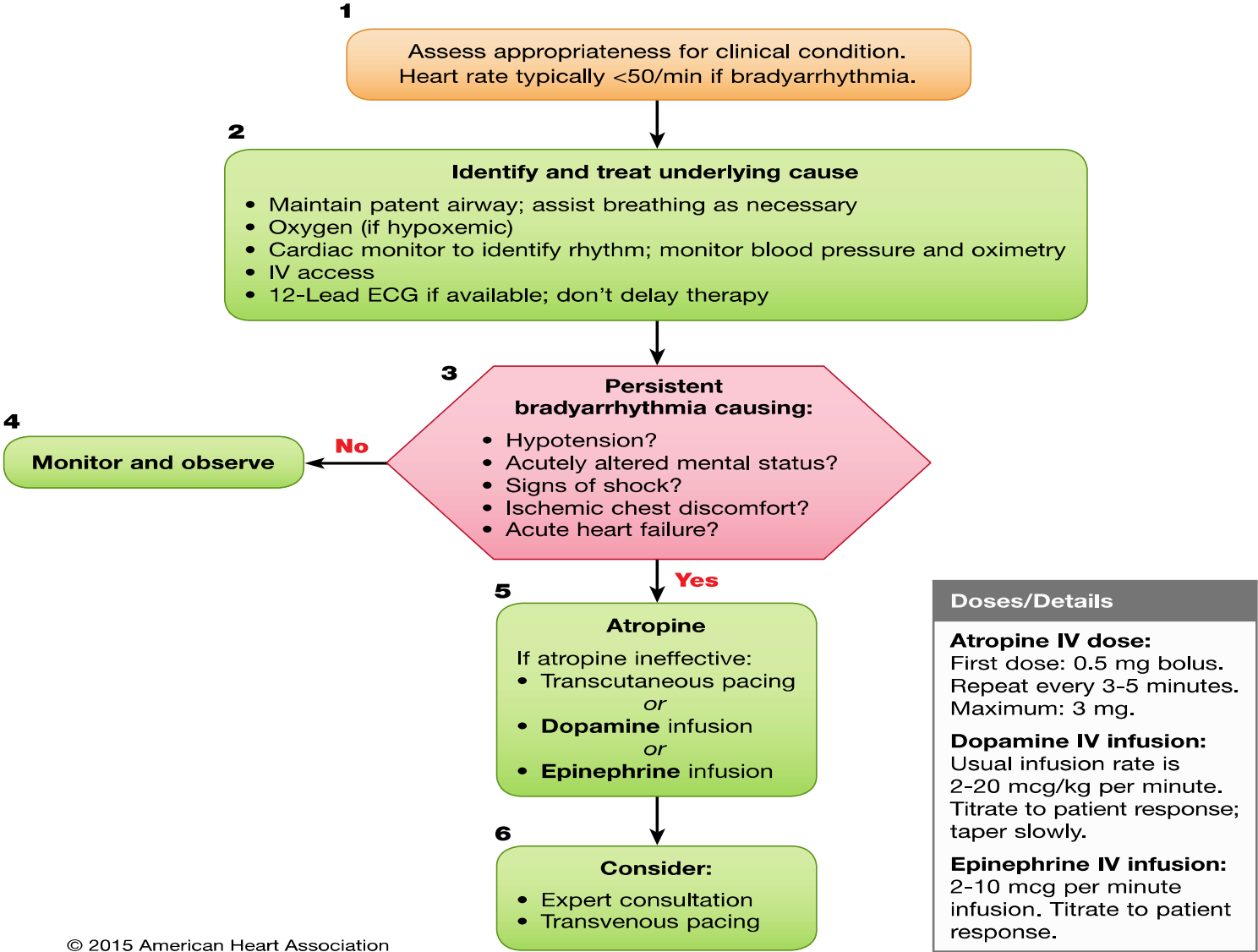
BBDX



BBSX



Adult Bradycardia With a Pulse Algorithm



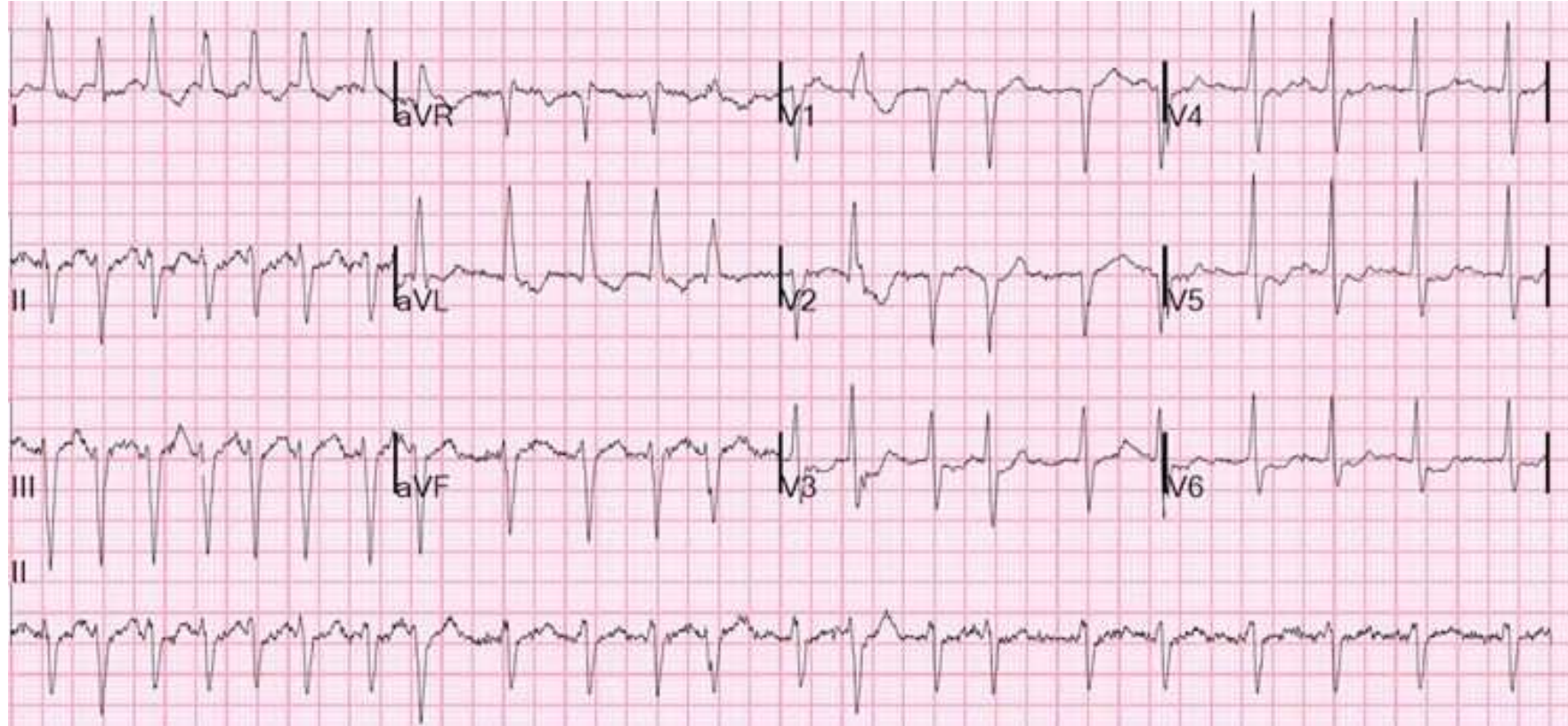
CASO CLINICO 2

- ♂, 56 aa
- Entra in PS per dispnea e cardiopalmo insorti da circa 30 minuti
- In anamnesi: cardiopatia ischemica post-infartuale, ipertensione arteriosa, ex fumatore
- All'arrivo: PA 95/55 mmHg, FC 139 bpm, SpO2 86% in aa

INDAGINI ESEGUITE

- Esami ematochimici: lieve incremento indici miocardiocitonecrosi e BNP
- Rx Torace: negativo
- ECG: Tachifibrillazione atriale con fcm 130 bpm

ECG



- Paziente rapidamente portato in shock room dove veniva eseguita CVE con beneficio

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ARITMIE IPERCINETICHE

Sono alterazioni del ritmo cardiaco caratterizzate o da un aumento della frequenza sinusale (***tachicardia sinusale***) o dalla presenza di battiti anticipati rispetto al ritmo cardiaco di base ed ectopici cioè originanti in sede diversa dal nodo del seno. Tali sedi possono essere:

- Il miocardio atriale ed il tessuto di conduzione atrio-ventricolare fino al fascio di His (***aritmie ipercinetiche sopraventricolari***)
- Il tessuto di conduzione a livello del sistema hisiano ed il miocardio ventricolare (***aritmie ipercinetiche ventricolari***)

ARITMIE IPERCINETICHE SOPRAVENTRICOLARI

- **A localizzazione atriale**

- Tachicardia sinusale
- Tachicardia atriale
- Flutter atriale
- Fibrillazione atriale

- **A localizzazione giunzionale**

- **A localizzazione atrio-ventricolare**

EXTRASISTOLI



BESV

Battito ectopico ad origine sopraventricolare.
Caratterizzato da QRS stretto e possibile P
retrocondotta

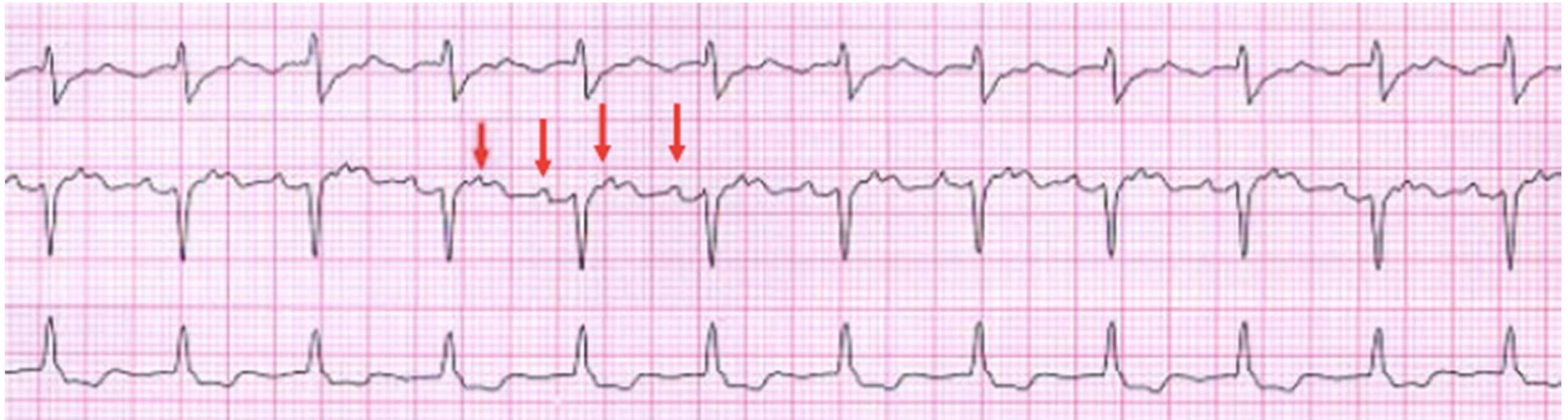


BEV

Battito ectopico ad origine ventricolare.
Caratterizzato da QRS largo con morfologia
totalmente differente dai normali QRS.

TACHICARDIA ATRIALE

- ***Serie di 3 o più onde P ectopiche di identica morfologia che si susseguono con una frequenza $>100/\text{min}$ (130-210/min) con intervalli P-P costanti***
- ***Rapporto di conduzione AV variabile in funzione del blocco nodale (1:1, 2:1, etc.)***
- ***QRS stretti (larghi in presenza di blocco di branca preesistente o conduzione aberrante)***



FLUTTER ATRIALE

'elettrogenesi del Flutter atriale riconosce un meccanismo di acrorientro localizzato nell'atrio destro

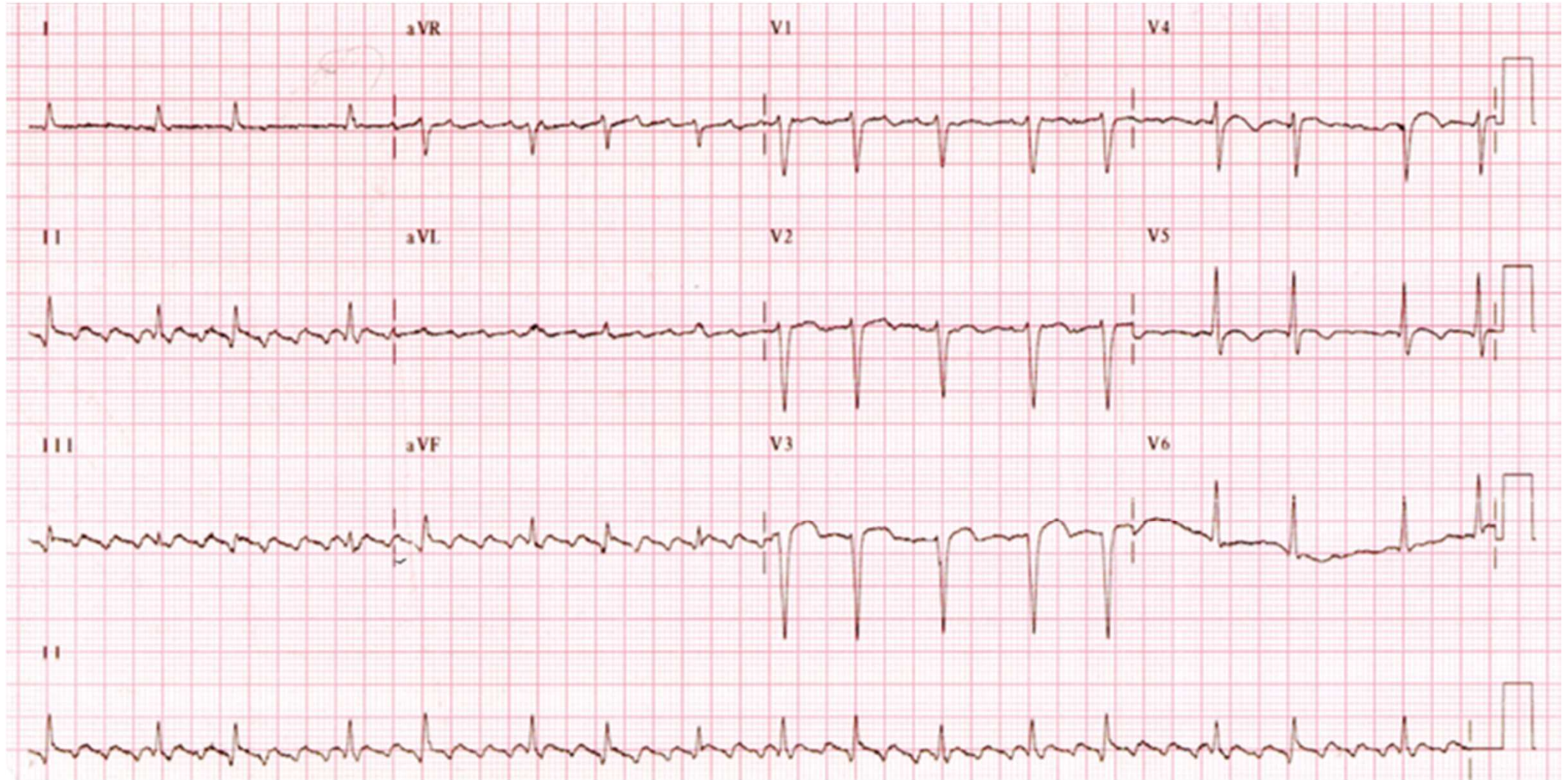
Comune: circola in senso antiorario attorno all'anello della tricuspide

→ All'ecg onde atriali (onde F) a denti di sega (negative/positive) nelle derivazioni D2,D3,aVF senza linea isoelettrica interposta e branche asimmetriche

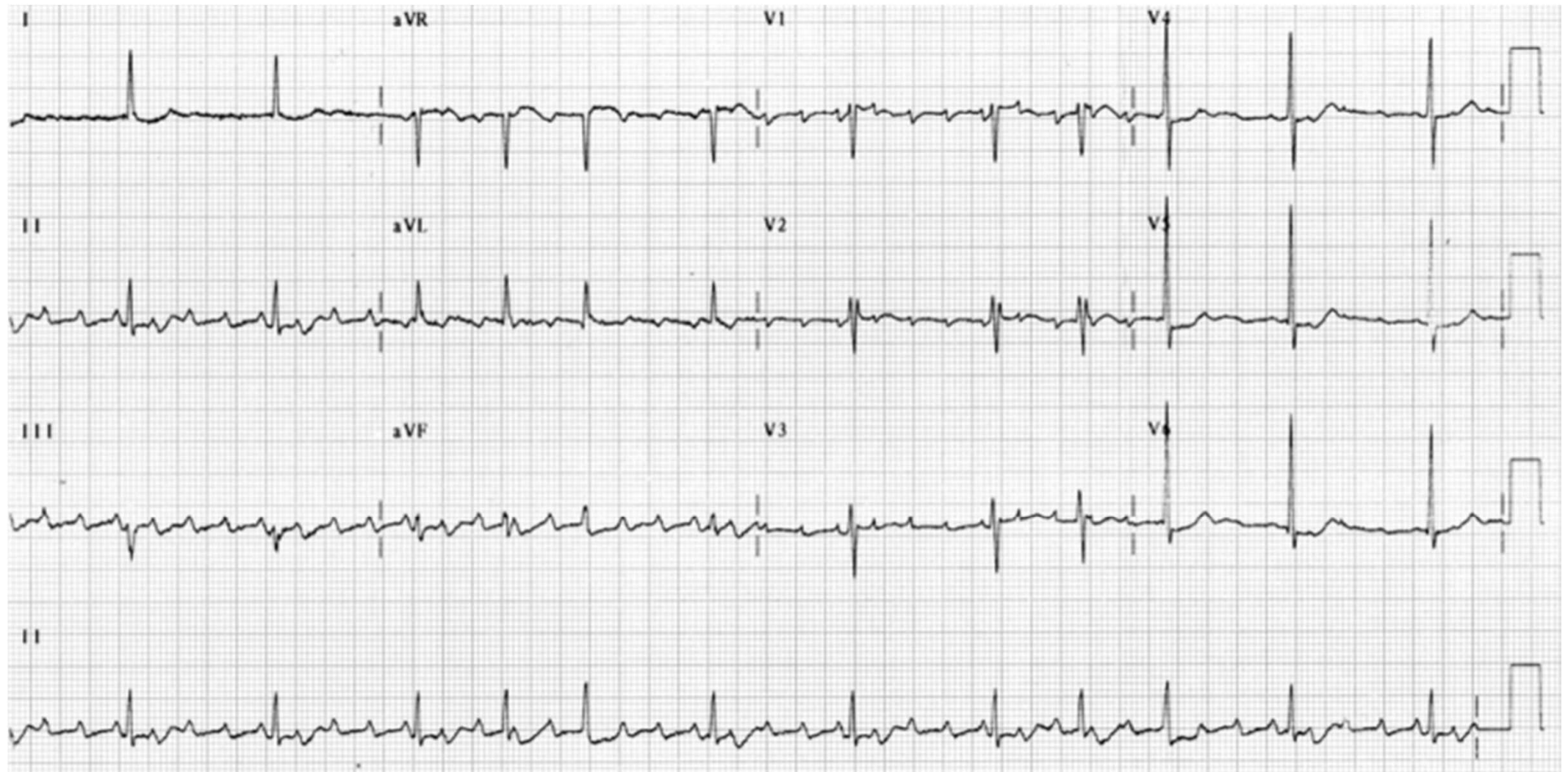
Non comune: circola in senso orario attorno all'anello della tricuspide

→ All'ecg onde atriali (onde F) a denti di sega ma hanno una prevalente positività nelle derivazioni D2,D3,aVF e branche simmetriche

FLUTTER ATRIALE COMUNE

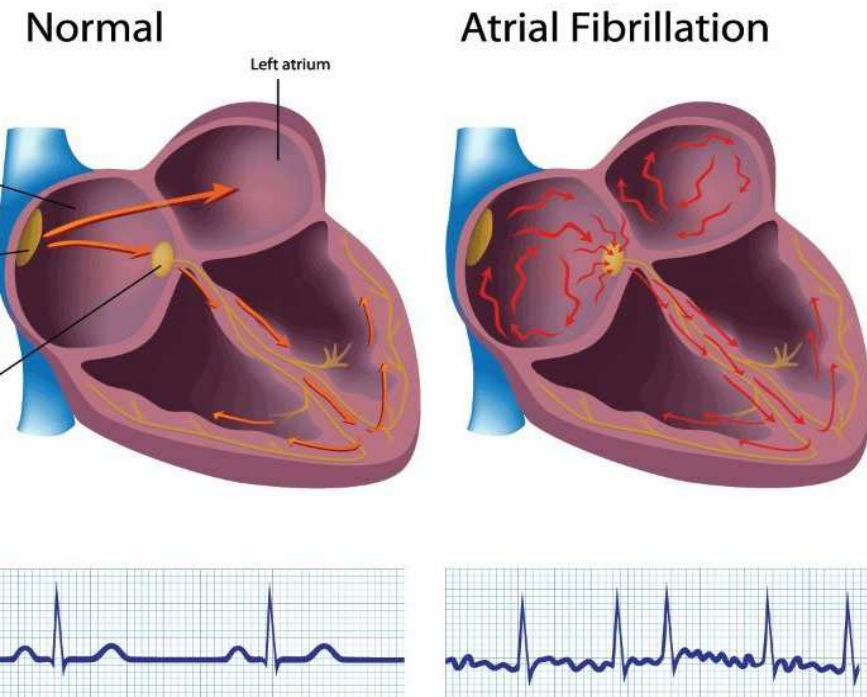


FLUTTER ATRIALE NON COMUNE



FIBRILLAZIONE ATRIALE

Tachiaritmia sopraventricolare caratterizzata da un'attivazione atriale scoordinata, irregolare e frammentaria, con la contemporanea presenza di più fronti d'onda che circolano in modo imprevedibile, così che la diffusione dell'impulso negli atri è continuamente variabile



Meccanismo di rientro multiplo e irregolare

Consequente deterioramento della funzione meccanica atriale

2016 ESC Guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of atrial fibrillation

2016 ESC Guidelines for the management of atrial fibrillation developed in collaboration with EACTS

The Task Force for the management of atrial fibrillation of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC)

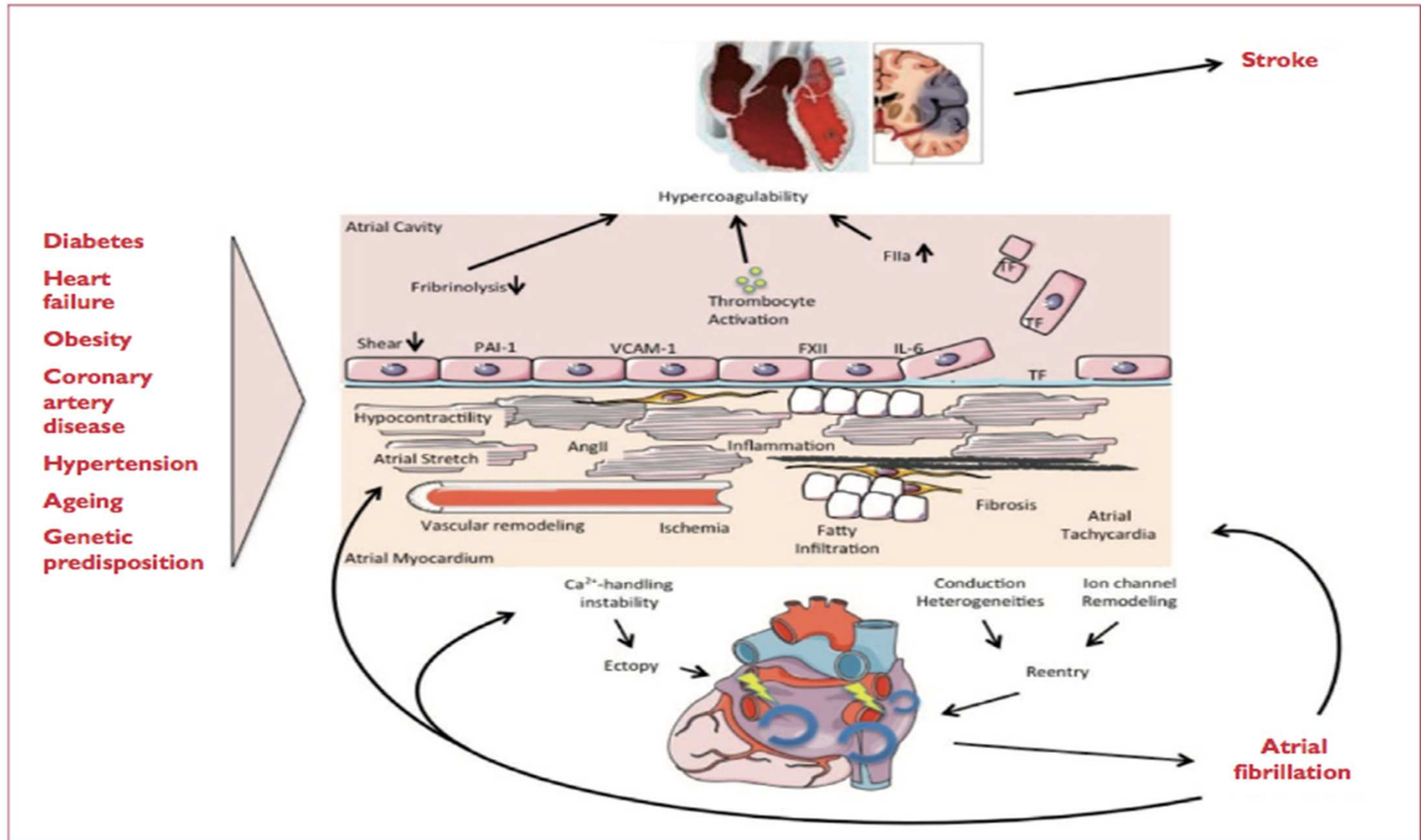
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FISIOPATOLOGIA



AngII = angiotensin II; TF = tissue factor; FXII = factor XII; IL-6 = interleukin 6; PAI-1 = plasminogen activator inhibitor 1; VCAM-1 = vascular cell adhesion molecule 1.

SCREENING E CLASSIFICAZIONE

Recommendations for screening for atrial fibrillation

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b	Ref ^c
Opportunistic screening for AF is recommended by pulse taking or ECG rhythm strip in patients >65 years of age.	I	B	130, 134, 155
In patients with TIA or ischaemic stroke, screening for AF is recommended by short-term ECG recording followed by continuous ECG monitoring for at least 72 hours.	I	B	27, 127
It is recommended to interrogate pacemakers and ICDs on a regular basis for atrial high rate episodes (AHRE). Patients with AHRE should undergo further ECG monitoring to document AF before initiating AF therapy.	I	B	141, 156
In stroke patients, additional ECG monitoring by long-term non-invasive ECG monitors or implanted loop recorders should be considered to document silent atrial fibrillation.	IIa	B	18, 128
Systematic ECG screening may be considered to detect AF in patients aged >75 years, or those at high stroke risk.	IIb	B	130, 135, 157

AF = atrial fibrillation; AHRE = atrial high rate episodes;

ECG = electrocardiogram; ICD = implantable cardioverter defibrillator; TIA = transient ischaemic attack.

^aClass of recommendation.

^bLevel of evidence.

^cReference(s) supporting recommendations.

Table 5 Patterns of atrial fibrillation

AF pattern	Definition
First diagnosed AF	AF that has not been diagnosed before, irrespective of the duration of the arrhythmia or the presence and severity of AF-related symptoms.
Paroxysmal AF	Self-terminating, in most cases within 48 hours. Some AF paroxysms may continue for up to 7 days. ^a AF episodes that are cardioverted within 7 days should be considered paroxysmal. ^a
Persistent AF	AF that lasts longer than 7 days, including episodes that are terminated by cardioversion, either with drugs or by direct current cardioversion, after 7 days or more.
Long-standing persistent AF	Continuous AF lasting for ≥1 year when it is decided to adopt a rhythm control strategy.
Permanent AF	AF that is accepted by the patient (and physician). Hence, rhythm control interventions are, by definition, not pursued in patients with permanent AF. Should a rhythm control strategy be adopted, the arrhythmia would be re-classified as 'long-standing persistent AF'.

AF = atrial fibrillation.

^aThe distinction between paroxysmal and persistent AF is often not made correctly without access to long-term monitoring.¹⁶³ Hence, this classification alone is often insufficient to select specific therapies. If both persistent and paroxysmal episodes are present, the predominant pattern should guide the classification.

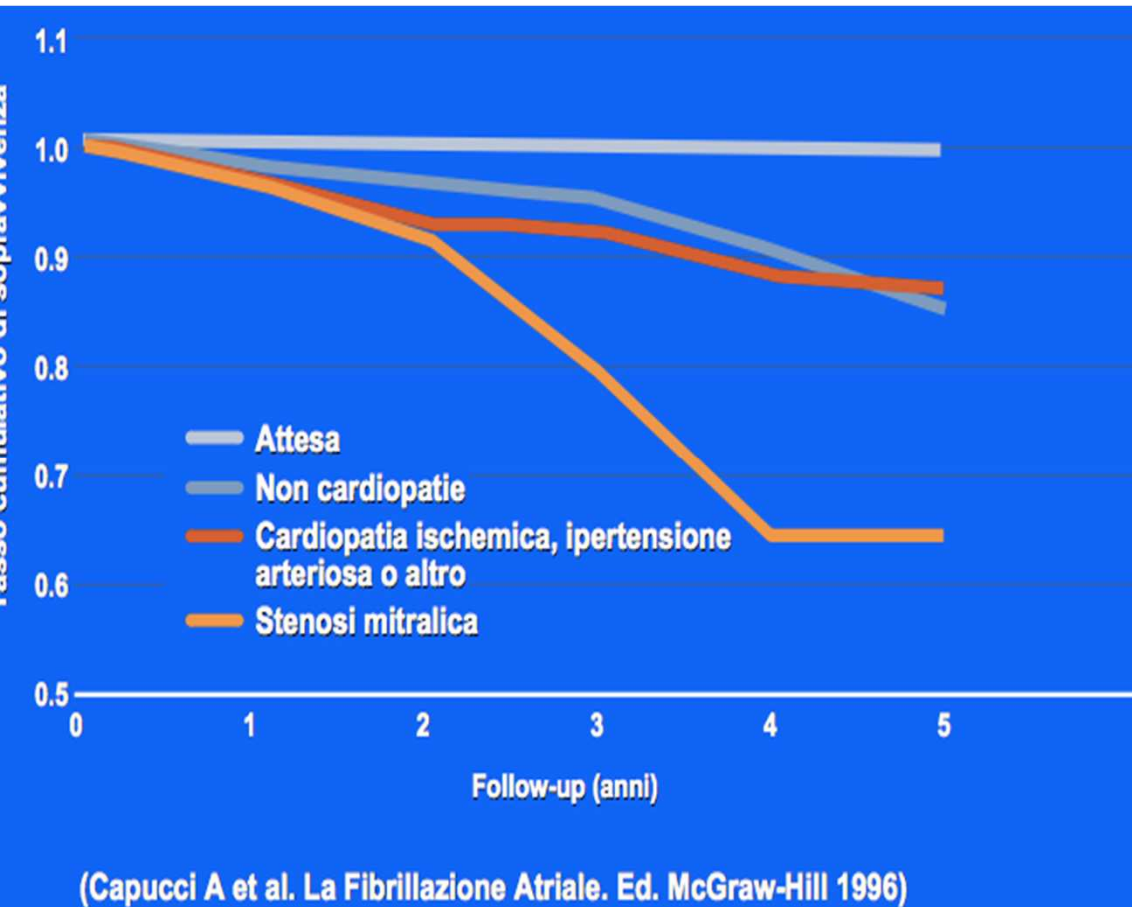
TIPOLOGIE CLINICHE

Table 6 Clinical types of atrial fibrillation^a

AF type	Clinical presentation	Possible pathophysiology
AF secondary to structural heart disease	AF in patients with LV systolic or diastolic dysfunction, long-standing hypertension with LVH, and/or other structural heart disease. The onset of AF in these patients is a common cause of hospitalization and a predictor of poor outcome.	Increased atrial pressure and atrial structural remodelling, together with activation of the sympathetic and renin-angiotensin system.
Focal AF	Patients with repetitive atrial runs and frequent, short episodes of paroxysmal atrial fibrillation. Often highly symptomatic, younger patients with distinguishable atrial waves (coarse AF), atrial ectopy, and/or atrial tachycardia deteriorating in AF.	Localized triggers, in most cases originating from the pulmonary veins, initiate AF. AF due to one or a few re-entrant drivers is also considered to be part of this type of AF.
Polygenic AF	AF in carriers of common gene variants that have been associated with early onset AF.	Currently under study. The presence of selected gene variants may also influence treatment outcomes.
Postoperative AF	New onset of AF (usually self-terminating) after major (typically cardiac) surgery in patients who were in sinus rhythm before surgery and had no prior history of AF.	Acute factors: inflammation, atrial oxidative stress, high sympathetic tone, electrolyte changes, and volume overload, possibly interacting with a pre-existing substrate.
AF in patients with mitral stenosis or prosthetic heart valves	AF in patients with mitral stenosis, after mitral valve surgery and in some cases other valvular disease.	Left atrial pressure (stenosis) and volume (regurgitation) load are the main drivers of atrial enlargement and structural atrial remodelling in these patients.
AF in athletes	Usually paroxysmal, related to duration and intensity of training.	Increased vagal tone and atrial volume.
Monogenic AF	AF in patients with inherited cardiomyopathies, including channelopathies.	The arrhythmogenic mechanisms responsible for sudden death are likely to contribute to the occurrence of AF in these patients.

Clinical types of AF are modified from the report on the 4th AFNET/EHRA consensus conference^{76,a}. AF = atrial fibrillation; AFNET = German Competence NETwork on Atrial Fibrillation; EHRA = European Heart Rhythm Association; LV = left ventricular; LVH = left ventricular hypertrophy. It is recognized that these types of AF will overlap in clinical practice, and that their impact for management needs to be evaluated systematically.

MORTALITÀ PER I PAZIENTI CON FA



(Capucci A et al. La Fibrillazione Atriale. Ed. McGraw-Hill 1996)

- **Soggetti con FA isolata:** nessun aumento di mortalità

- **Soggetti con cardiopatia e/o fattori di rischio:** mortalità +50% tra gli uomini e +90% nelle donne rispetto a quanto osservato nella popolazione generale

FA causa sostanzialmente morbidità. Non è ancora dimostrato se tale aumento di mortalità sia dovuto alla FA di per sé oppure ad una condizione clinica sottostante più grave o fattori di rischio associati.

GESTIONE CLINICA

Management of patients presenting acutely with AF and heart failure

Acute management

Chronic management

Cardiovert if unstable

Anticoagulate according to stroke risk

Normalise fluid balance with diuretics to improve symptoms

Control rate: Initial rate target <110 bpm; stricter if persistent HF/AF symptoms

Inhibit the renin–angiotensin–aldosterone system^a

Early consideration of rhythm control

Advanced HF therapies, including devices^a

Treatment of other cardiovascular disease, especially ischaemia and hypertension

ACE = angiotensin-converting enzyme; AF = atrial fibrillation; ARB = angiotensin receptor blocker; ARNI = angiotensin receptor neprilysin inhibition; bpm = beats per minute; HF = heart failure.

^aIn patients with heart failure and reduced ejection fraction. Also consider combined ARNI in patients able to tolerate an ACE inhibitor or ARB with ongoing symptoms.

^{*}Adapted from Kotecha and Piccini.²¹⁸

Figure 4 Initial management of newly diagnosed concomitant heart failure and AF. Adapted from Kotecha and Piccini.²¹⁸

SINTOMATOLOGIA

La FA può essere **asintomatica** o **sintomatica**:

- **Cardiopalmo**
- **Dolore toracico**
 - **Dispnea**
 - **Astenia**
- **Sincope** (soprattutto se associata a disfunzione del nodo del seno o a ostruzione emodinamica come nella stenosi valvolare aortica, nella cardiomiopatia ipertrofica o nella patologia cerebrovascolare)
- **Poliuria**

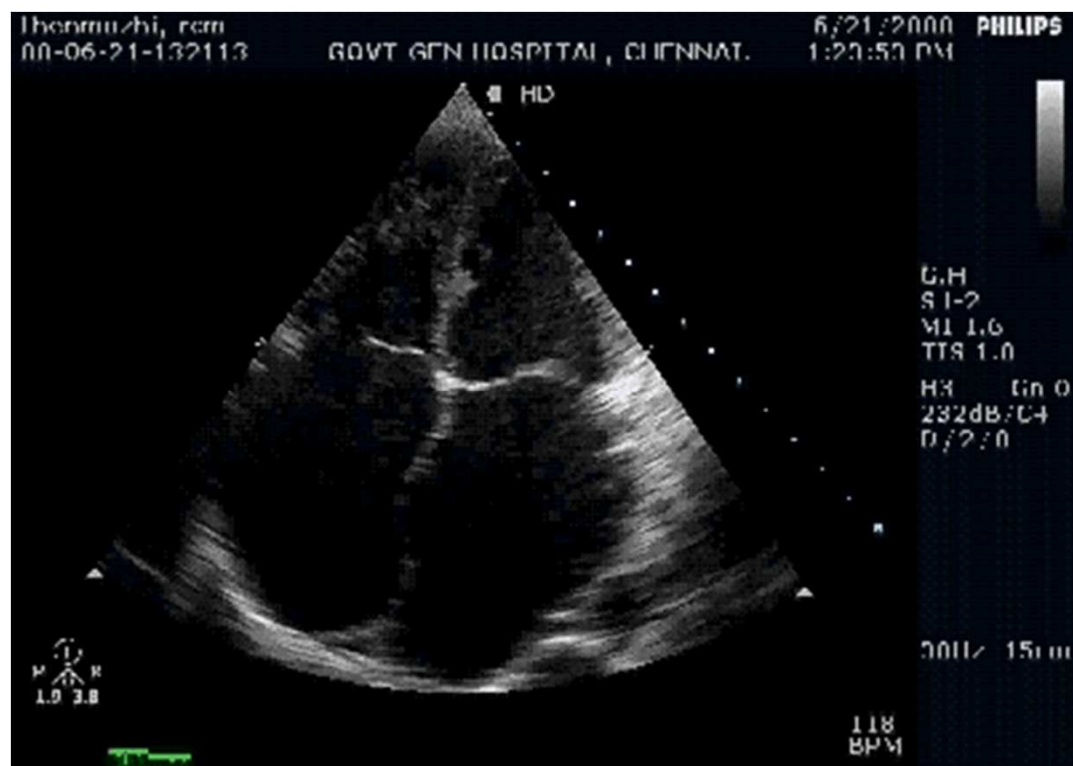
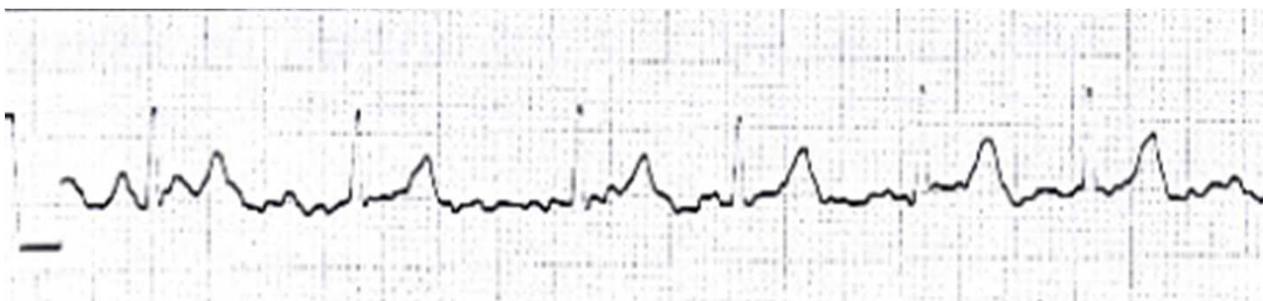
I sintomi variano con la frequenza cardiaca, con lo stato funzionale sottostante, con la durata della FA e con la percezione individuale del paziente

DIAGNOSI

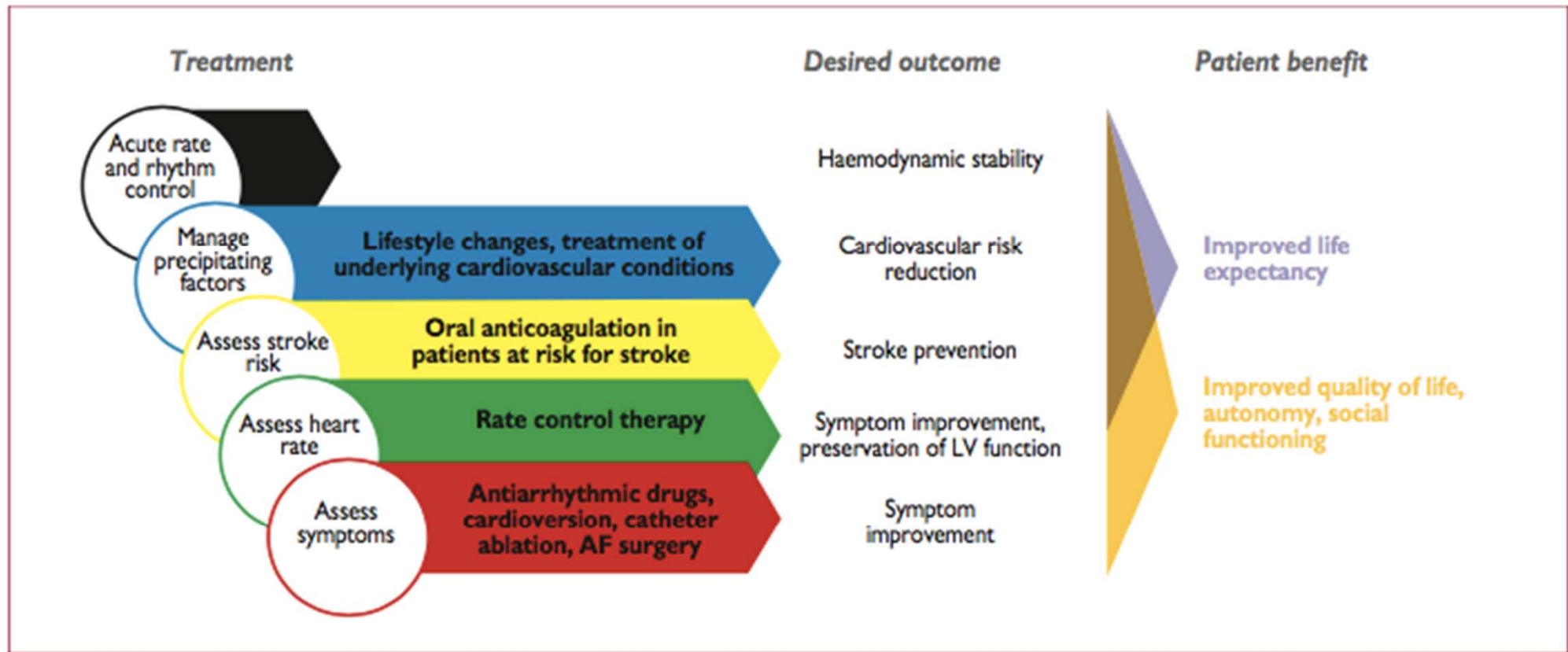
Recommendations for diagnostic workup of atrial fibrillation patients

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b	Ref ^c
ECG documentation is required to establish the diagnosis of AF.	I	B	349
A full cardiovascular evaluation, including an accurate history, careful clinical examination, and assessment of concomitant conditions, is recommended in all AF patients.	I	C	
Transthoracic echocardiography is recommended in all AF patients to guide management.	I	C	339
Long-term ECG monitoring should be considered in selected patients to assess the adequacy of rate control in symptomatic patients and to relate symptoms with AF episodes.	IIa	C	

AF = atrial fibrillation; ECG = electrocardiogram.
 Class = class of recommendation.
 Level = level of evidence.
 Ref = reference(s) supporting recommendations.



GESTIONE CLINICA



AF = atrial fibrillation; LV = left ventricular.

Figure 5 Acute and chronic management of atrial fibrillation patients, desired cardiovascular outcomes, and patient benefits. Adapted from the report on the 4th AFNET/EHRA consensus conference.⁷⁶

VALUTARE IL RISCHIO CARDIOEMBOLICO

CHA ₂ DS ₂ -VASc	Score	HAS-BLED	Score
<u>C</u> ongestive heart failure/LV dysfunction	1	Hypertension i.e. uncontrolled	1
<u>H</u> ypertension	1	Abnormal renal/liver function	1 or 2
<u>A</u> ged ≥75 years	2	Stroke	1
<u>D</u> iabetes mellitus	1	Bleeding tendency or predisposition	1
<u>S</u> troke/TIA/TE	2	Labile INR	1
<u>V</u> ascular disease [prior MI, PAD, or aortic plaque]	1	Age (e.g. >65)	1
<u>A</u> ged 65-74 years	1	Drugs (e.g. concomitant aspirin or NSAIDs) or alcohol	1
<u>S</u> ex category [i.e. female gender]	1		
Maximum score	9		9

I pazienti con **CHA₂DS₂-VASc score >2** sono ad alto rischio cardioembolico e vanno quindi trattati con **terapia anticoagulante** (livello di evidenza **I A**)

PREVENZIONE CARDIOEMBOLICA

Recommendations for stroke prevention in patients with atrial fibrillation

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b	Ref ^c
Oral anticoagulation therapy to prevent thromboembolism is recommended for all male AF patients with a CHA ₂ DS ₂ -VASc score of 2 or more.	I	A	38, 318–321, 354, 404
Oral anticoagulation therapy to prevent thromboembolism is recommended in all female AF patients with a CHA ₂ DS ₂ -VASc score of 3 or more.	I	A	38, 318–321, 354, 404
Oral anticoagulation therapy to prevent thromboembolism should be considered in male AF patients with a CHA ₂ DS ₂ -VASc score of 1, considering individual characteristics and patient preferences.	IIa	B	371, 375–377
Oral anticoagulation therapy to prevent thromboembolism should be considered in female AF patients with a CHA ₂ DS ₂ -VASc score of 2, considering individual characteristics and patient preferences.	IIa	B	371, 376, 377
Vitamin K antagonist therapy (INR 2.0–3.0 or higher) is recommended for stroke prevention in AF patients with moderate-to-severe mitral stenosis or mechanical heart valves.	I	B	274, 435–440
When oral anticoagulation is initiated in a patient with AF who is eligible for a NOAC (apixaban, dabigatran, edoxaban, or rivaroxaban), a NOAC is recommended in preference to a Vitamin K antagonist.	I	A	39, 318–321, 404
When patients are treated with a vitamin K antagonist, time in therapeutic range (TTR) should be kept as high as possible and closely monitored.	I	A	395, 432, 441–444
AF patients already on treatment with a vitamin K antagonist may be considered for NOAC treatment if TTR is not well controlled despite good adherence, or if patient preference without contra-indications to NOAC (e.g. prosthetic valve).	IIb	A	39, 318, 319, 404, 408
Combinations of oral anticoagulants and platelet inhibitors increase bleeding risk and should be avoided in AF patients without another indication for platelet inhibition.	III (harm)	B	429, 445
In male or female AF patients without additional stroke risk factors, anticoagulant or antiplatelet therapy is not recommended for stroke prevention.	III (harm)	B	368, 371, 376, 377
Antiplatelet monotherapy is not recommended for stroke prevention in AF patients, regardless of stroke risk.	III (harm)	A	38, 429, 430
NOACs (apixaban, dabigatran, edoxaban, and rivaroxaban) are not recommended in patients with mechanical heart valves (Level of evidence B) or moderate-to-severe mitral stenosis (Level of evidence C).	III (harm)	B C	318–321, 400, 404

STRATEGIE TERAPEUTICHE

Mantenere in pazienti in ritmo sinusale (**Rhythm control**)

Vantaggi

- Migliore funzione cardiaca
- Migliore qualità della vita
- Migliore prevenzione degli eventi tromboembolici

Lasciare i pazienti in fibrillazione atriale ma controllare la frequenza (**Rate control**)

Vantaggi

- Assenza di effetti secondari da terapia farmacologica
- Minore necessità di cardioversioni elettriche ripetute

- **Tachicardia da rientro nel nodo A-V (TR-NAV)**

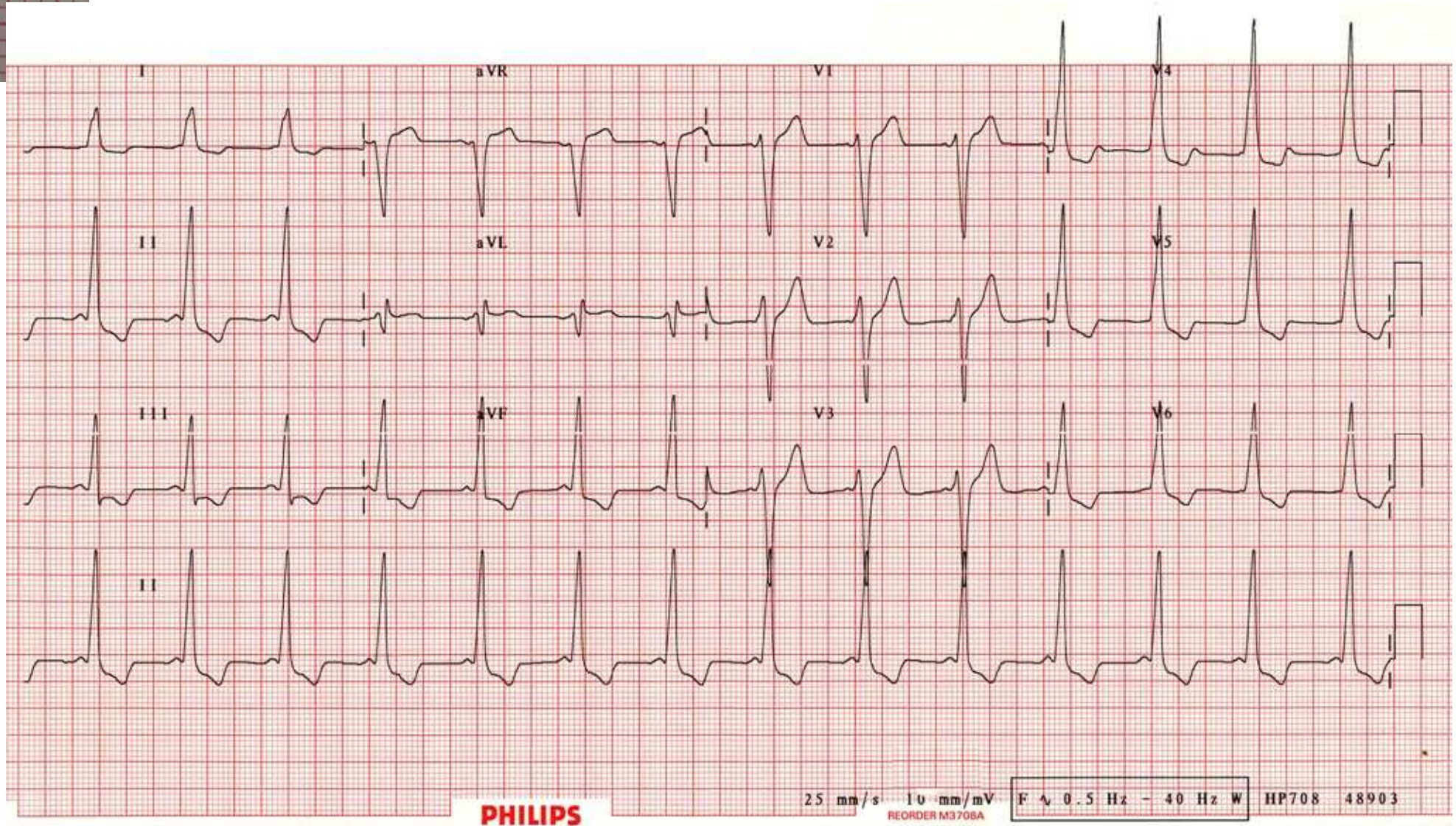
- “Slow-fast”
- “Fast-slow”
- “Slow-slow”

- **Tachicardia da rientro A-V (TRAV)**

- Da via accessoria manifesta (WPW) ortodromica
- Da via accessoria manifesta (WPW) antidromica
- Da via accessoria occulta
- Da via accessoria a conduzione lenta (tipo Coumel)
- Da fibre atrio-fascicolari o nodo-fascicolari (tipo Mahaim)

- **Tachicardia automatica giunzionale (TAG)**

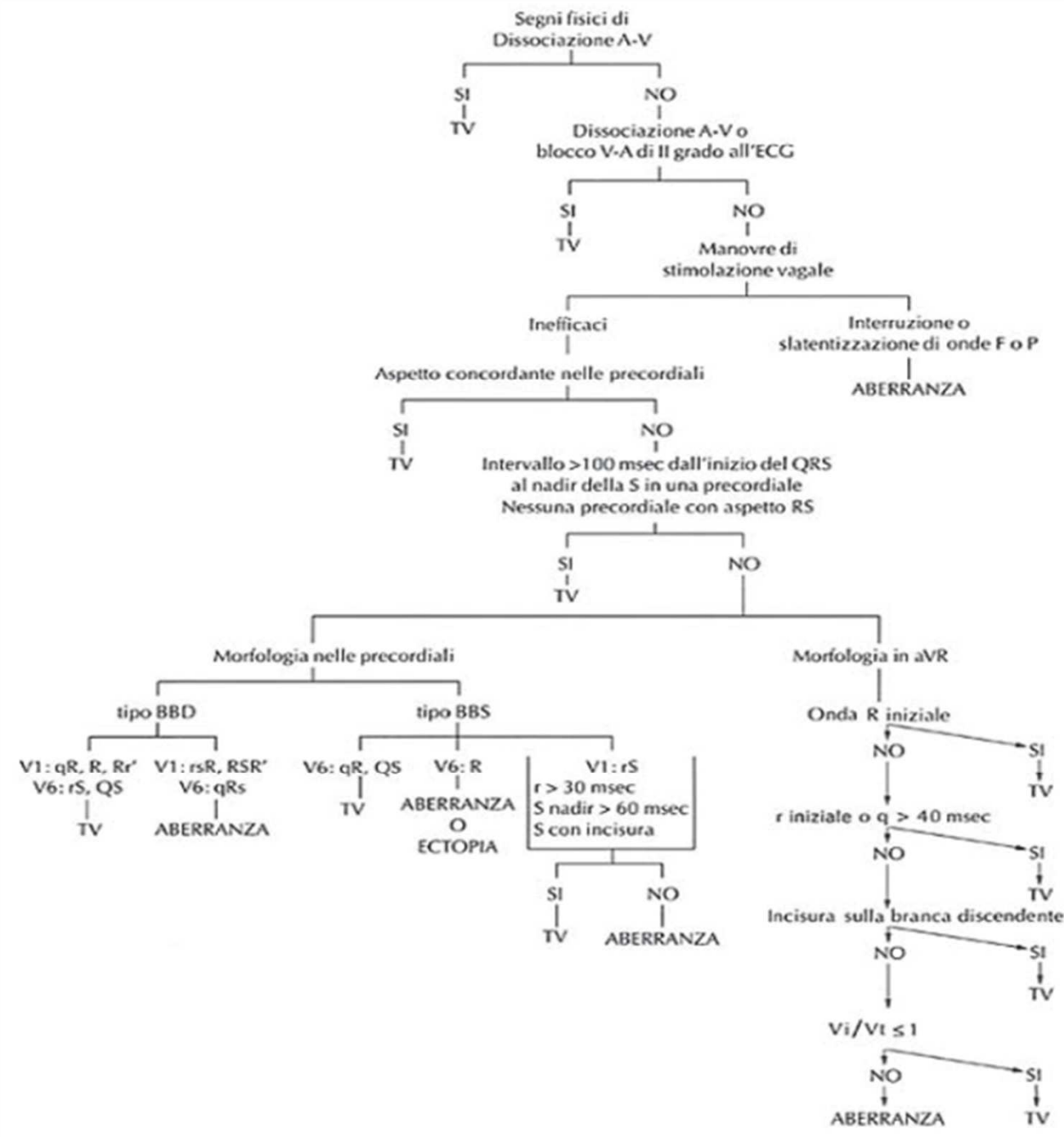
WPW



ARITMIE IPERCINETICHE VENTRICOLARI

- Ritmo idioventricolare accelerato (RIVA)
- Tachicardia ventricolare
- Torsioni di punta
- Fibrillazione ventricolare

ALGORITMO PER LA VALUTAZIONE DELLE TACHICARDIE A QRS LARGO



RITMO IDIOVENTRICOLARE ACCELERATO

E' un ritmo ventricolare a QRS largo a frequenza 60- 100/m' in cui le onde P possono essere assenti o presenti (per retroconduzione dai ventricoli oppure dissociate dai complessi QRS). Si può osservare durante ischemia coronarica, riperfusione o tossicità digitalica.



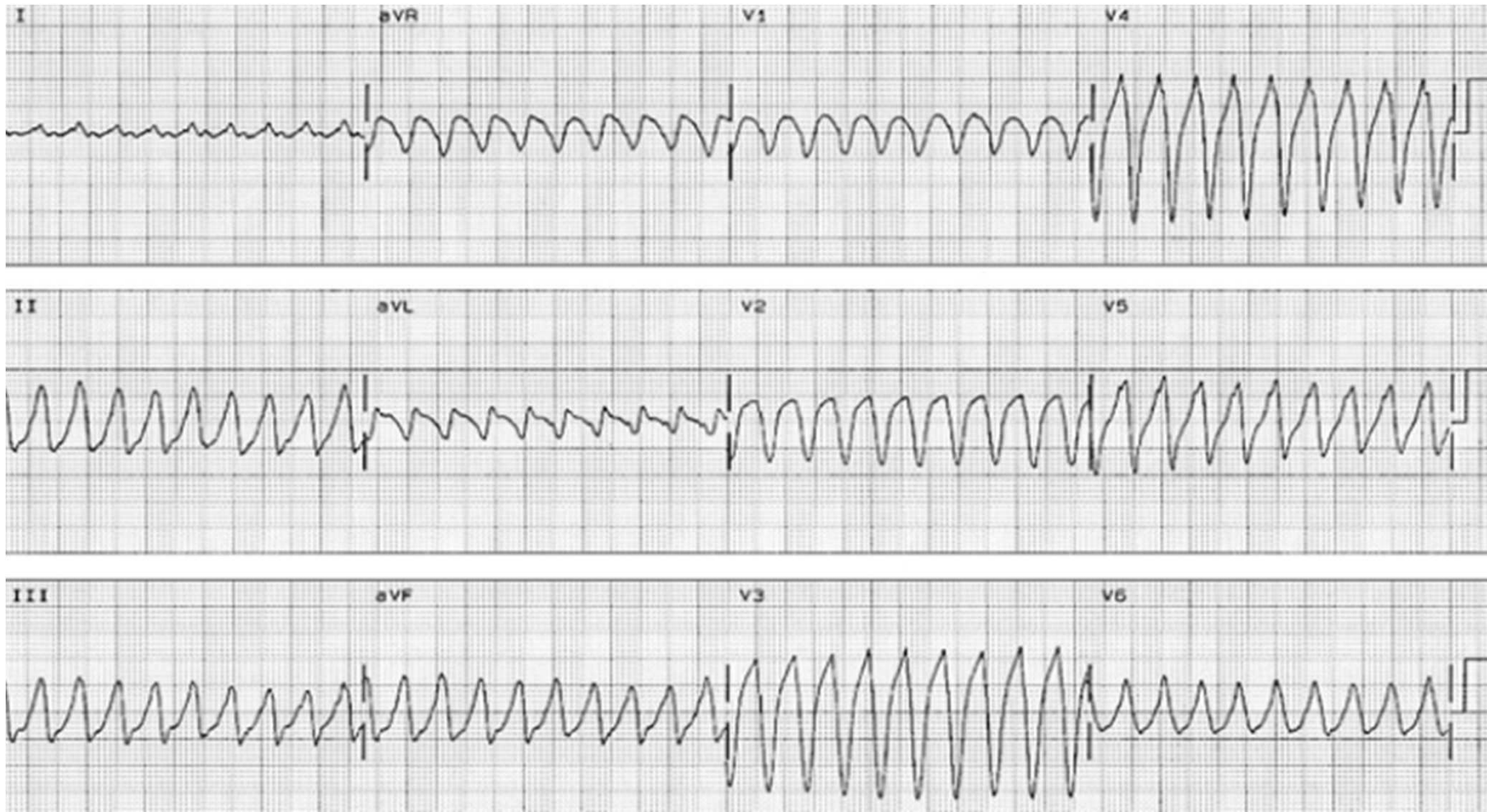
TACHICARDIA VENTRICOLARE

La **tachicardia ventricolare (TV)** è una successione di ***almeno 3 battiti ectopici ventricolari consecutivi a FC 100 - 250/min***; può essere:

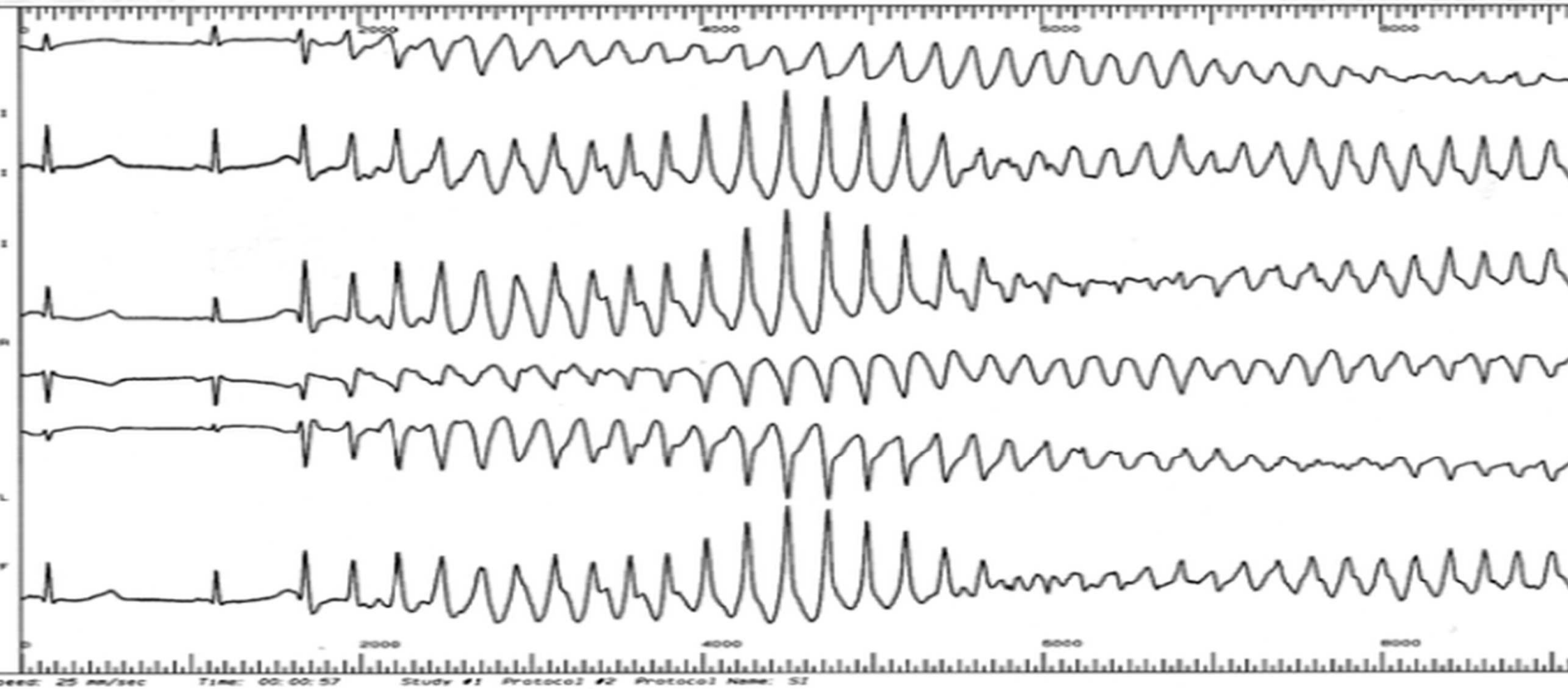
- **sostenuta** (durata > 30 sec e/o necessità di intervento terapeutico per compromissione emodinamica);
- **non sostenuta** (durata < 30 sec)
- **monomorfa** se la morfologia del QRS è costante.
- **polimorfa** se la morfologia del QRS è variabile;
- **con polso**;
- **senza polso**.

Può originare da meccanismi di ***rientro***, ma anche da un ***esaltato automatismo*** delle cellule del Purkinje o da “***triggered activity***” (post-potenziamenti precoci o tardivi).

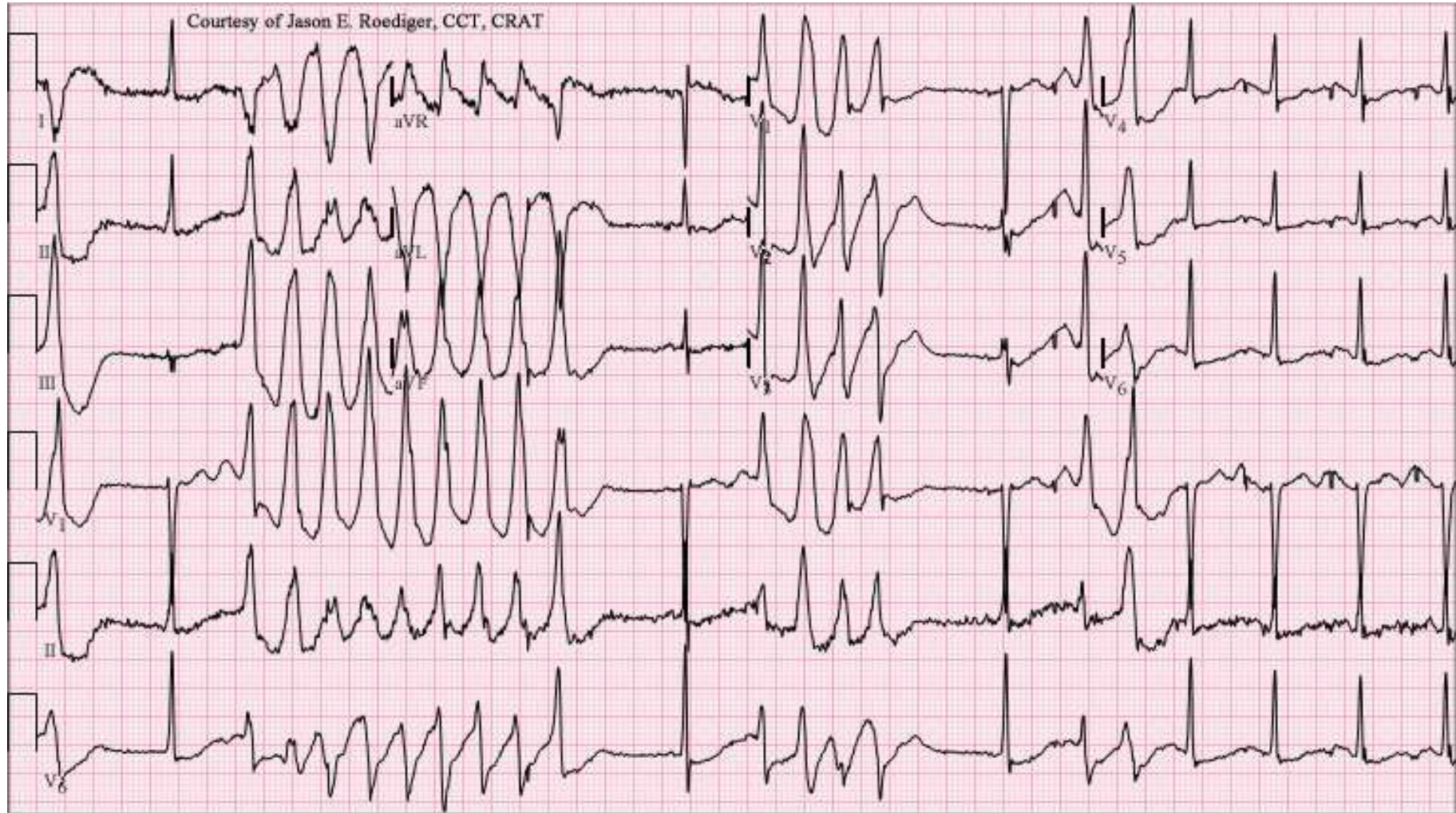
TV MONOMORFA



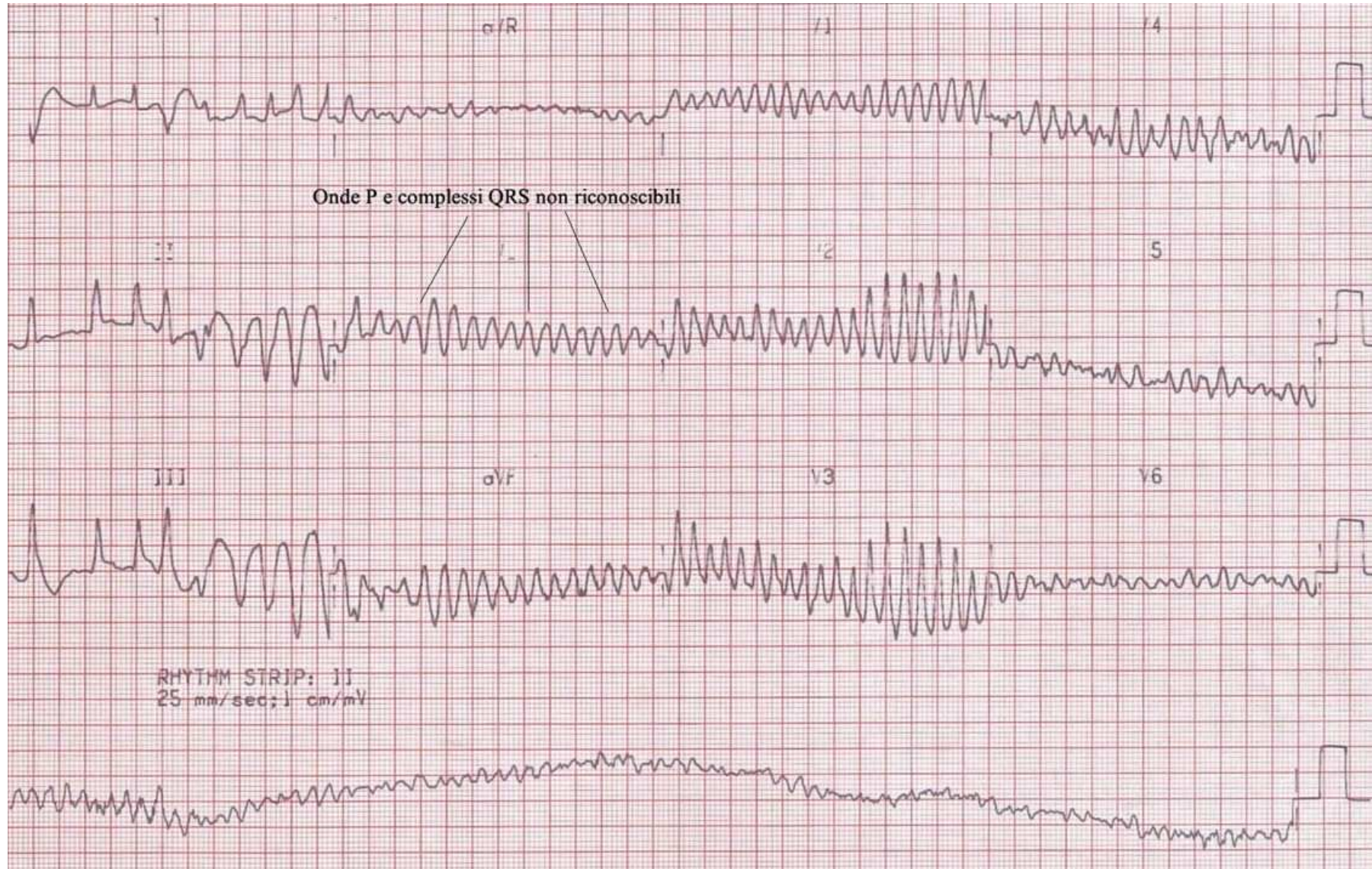
TV POLIMORFA



TORISIONE DI PUNTA



FIBRILLAZIONE VENTRICOLARE



Adult Tachycardia With a Pulse Algorithm

1

Assess appropriateness for clinical condition.
Heart rate typically $\geq 150/\text{min}$ if tachyarrhythmia.

2

Identify and treat underlying cause

- Maintain patent airway; assist breathing as necessary
- Oxygen (if hypoxemic)
- Cardiac monitor to identify rhythm; monitor blood pressure and oximetry

3

Persistent tachyarrhythmia causing:

- Hypotension?
- Acutely altered mental status?
- Signs of shock?
- Ischemic chest discomfort?
- Acute heart failure?

4

Yes

Synchronized cardioversion

- Consider sedation
- If regular narrow complex, consider adenosine

No

5

Wide QRS?
 ≥ 0.12 second

Yes

6

- IV access and 12-lead ECG if available
- Consider adenosine only if regular and monomorphic
- Consider antiarrhythmic infusion
- Consider expert consultation

No

7

- IV access and 12-lead ECG if available
- Vagal maneuvers
- Adenosine (if regular)
- β -Blocker or calcium channel blocker
- Consider expert consultation

Doses/Details

Synchronized cardioversion:

Initial recommended doses:

- Narrow regular: 50-100 J
- Narrow irregular: 120-200 J biphasic or 200 J monophasic
- Wide regular: 100 J
- Wide irregular: defibrillation dose (*not* synchronized)

Adenosine IV dose:

First dose: 6 mg rapid IV push; follow with NS flush.

Second dose: 12 mg if required.

Antiarrhythmic Infusions for Stable Wide-QRS Tachycardia

Procainamide IV dose:

20-50 mg/min until arrhythmia suppressed, hypotension ensues, QRS duration increases $>50\%$, or maximum dose 17 mg/kg given. Maintenance infusion: 1-4 mg/min. Avoid if prolonged QT or CHF.

Amiodarone IV dose:

First dose: 150 mg over 10 minutes. Repeat as needed if VT recurs. Follow by maintenance infusion of 1 mg/min for first 6 hours.

Sotalol IV dose:

100 mg (1.5 mg/kg) over 5 minutes. Avoid if prolonged QT.



GRAZIE PER L'ATTENZIONE!!