Emergency and Critical Care



Basic ECG Interpretation Christine L. Sommers



ECG Interpretation



- Answer the following questions:
- Using information from
 - Rhythm packet document
 - This Basic ECG
 Interpretation
 PowerPoint

- What is a P wave?
- What is a QRS complex?
- What is a QT interval?
- What information does the T wave give us?
- How is atrial fibrillation different from ventricular fibrillation?
- How is sinus tachycardia different from ventricular tachycardia
- What information does a 12 lead ECG give us?

ECG Interpretation





Components of ECG





Figure 4.2

Components of the electrocardiogram. Copyright © 2000, General Electric.

Components of ECG





The duration of the QRS complex shows how long excitation takes to spread through the ventricles. The QRS duration is normally 0.12 s (three small squares)

12 lead





Figure 17-42 Electrocardiographic views of the heart.

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ECG Analysis



- 1. Rate
- 2. Rhythm
- 3. P waves
- 4. PR interval
- 5. QRS complex
- 6. QRS complex V1
- 7. ST segments
- 8. T wave
- 9. QTc

Sinus Rhythms













Note: One P wave per QRS complex. PR interval 0.36s.





Second Degree Block













Bundle Branch Block

- Right:
 - V_1 : rS·R'
 - V₆: qRS
- Left:
 - $-V_1$: rS or QS
 - V₆, AVL, · I ·: slurred ·- notched · R · wave

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Pulseless Electrical Activity

• What is it?

• How is it treated?

12 Lead ECG

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<u>ST segment</u> represents the end of ventricular conduction or depolarization and the beginning of ventricular recovery or repolarization. The point that marks the end of the QRS complex and the beginning of the ST segment is called the "J Point."

A normal ST segment has these characteristics:

Location: extends from the S wave to the beginning of the T wave. Deflection: usually isoelectric_

ST Changes in Our Constrained Leads

- Impaired Circulation: ischemia, injury or infarction?
- Ischemia: ST depression and T-wave inversion
- *Injury*: ST elevation
- Infarction: ST elevation
- Q-wave: Indicates a previous infarction

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ST Elevation in Septal Leads V1 & V2

ST elevation in Anterior Leads V3 & V4

ST elevation in Inferior Leads II, III & aVF

I Lateral	aVR	V1 Septal	V4 Anterior
Circumflex Artery		Left Anterior Descending Artery	Right Coronary Artery
II Inferior	aVL Lateral	V2 Septal	V5 Lateral
Right Coronary Artery	Circumflex Artery	Left Anterior Descending Artery	Circumflex Artery
III Inferior	AVF Inferior	V3 Anterior	V6 Lateral
Right Coronary Artery	Right Coronary Artery	Right Coronary Artery	Circumflex Artery