

My Patient Needs a Stress Test

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Absolute and relative contraindications to exercise testing

Absolute

- Acute myocardial infarction (within two days)
- Unstable angina
- Uncontrolled cardiac arrhythmias causing symptoms or hemodynamic compromise
- Symptomatic severe aortic stenosis
- Uncontrolled symptomatic heart failure
- Acute pulmonary embolus or pulmonary infarction
- Acute myocarditis or pericarditis
- Active endocarditis
- Acute aortic dissection
- Acute noncardiac disorder that may affect exercise performance or be aggravated by exercise (eg, infection, renal failure, thyrotoxicosis)
- Inability to obtain consent

Relative*

- Left main coronary stenosis or its equivalent
- Moderate stenotic valvular heart disease
- Electrolyte abnormalities
- Severe hypertension (systolic 200 mmHg and/or diastolic 110 mmHg)
- Tachyarrhythmias or bradyarrhythmias, including atrial fibrillation with uncontrolled ventricular rate
- Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy and other forms of outflow tract obstruction
- Mental or physical impairment leading to inability to cooperate
- High-degree atrioventricular block

* Relative contraindications can be superseded if benefits outweigh risks of exercise.

Data from Fletcher, GF, Balady, GJ, Amsterdam, EA, et al. Exercise standards for testing and training: a statement for healthcare professionals from the American Heart Association. *Circulation* 2001; 104:1694; and Gibbons, RJ, Balady, GJ, Bricker, JT, et al. ACC/AHA 2002 guideline update for exercise testing: summary article: a report of the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association Task Force on Practice Guidelines (Committee to Update the 1997 Exercise Testing Guidelines). *Circulation* 2002; 106:1883.

What should the patient expect?

- NPO
- Medication Adjustments
 - Hold Beta Blockers, modify insulin therapy
- No Caffeine x 24hrs
- 1-2 hrs for stress ecg alone, immediate results
- 2 hrs for stress echo, immediate results
- 2-4 hrs for stress nuclear, preliminary results available later that day

What kind of Stress Test?

- Stress: Treadmill vs. Pharmacologic
- Stress ECG alone (no imaging)
- Stress ECG with ECHO imaging
- Stress ECG with nuclear imaging
- Pharmacologic ECG with imaging
 - Adenosine vs. Persantine vs. Dobutamine
 - Nuclear with all
 - ECHO with Dobutamine

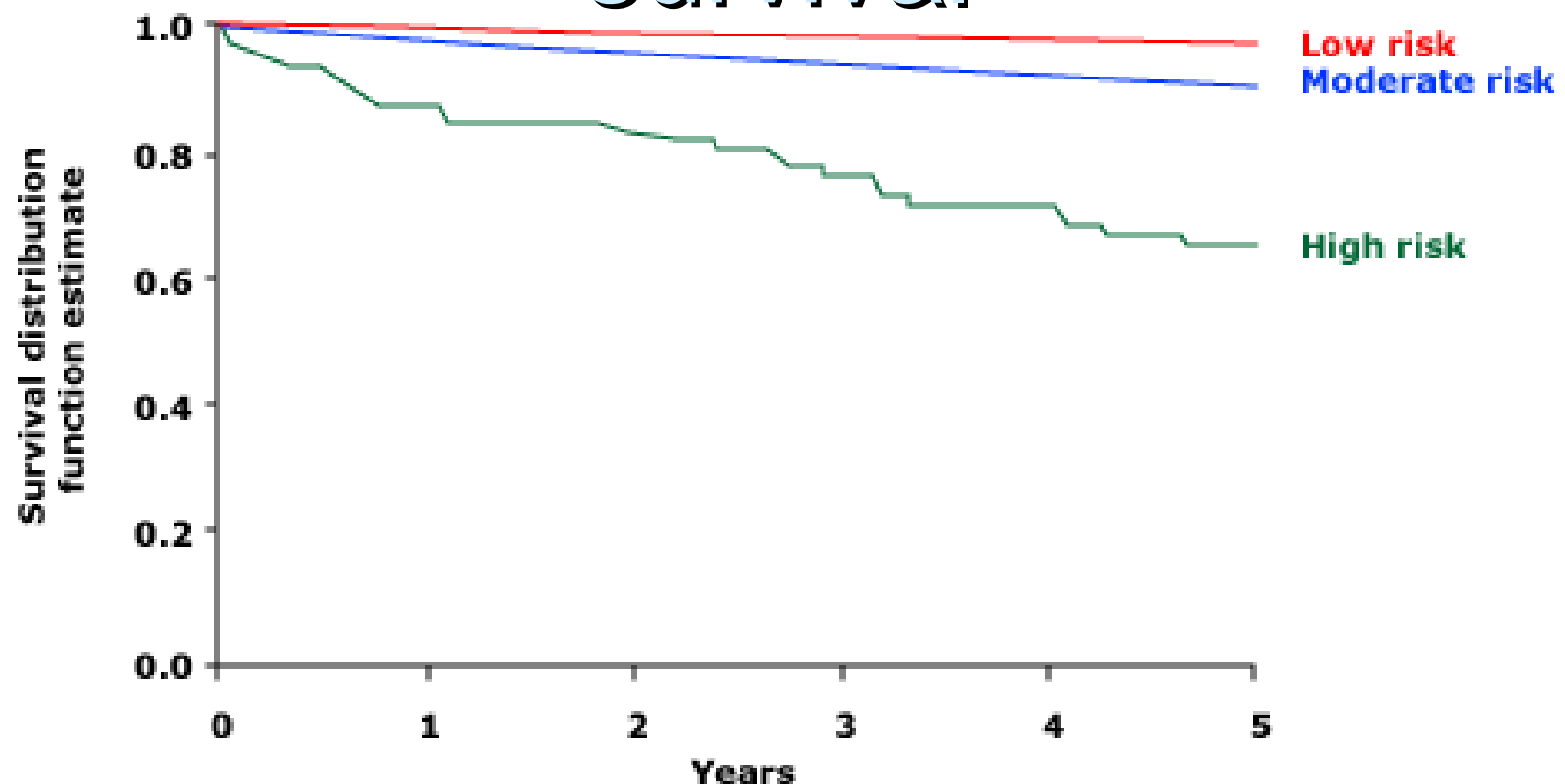
Stress ECG

- Well established, inexpensive, non-invasive, no radiation, simple
- Indirectly detects myocardial ischemia
- Limited sensitivity and specificity compared with coronary angiography
- Answers clinical questions regarding exercise tolerance and heart disease

Stress ECG

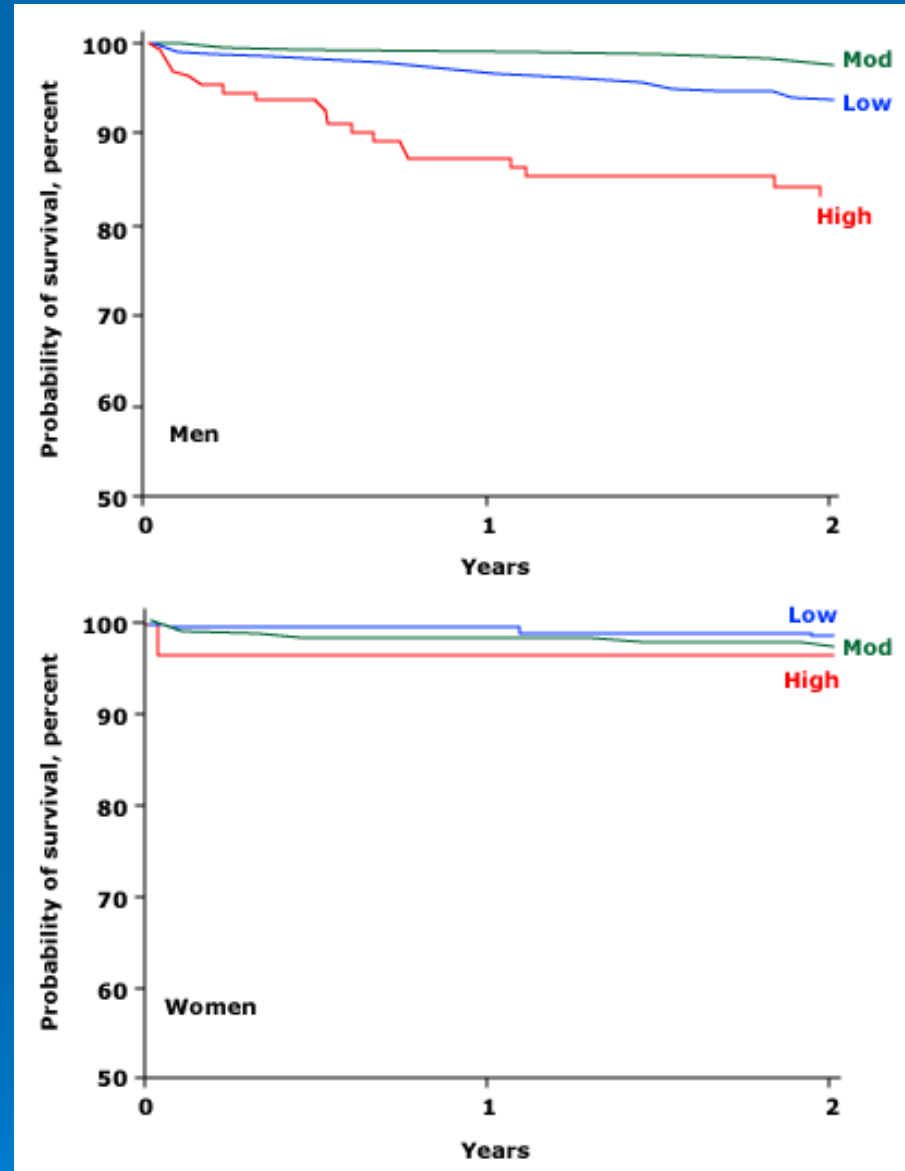
- Clinical questions...
 - Functional capacity
 - BP response to exercise
 - HR response to exercise
 - Assess arrhythmias, both atrial and ventricular
 - Assess effect of medications
 - Gives significant prognostic information in patients with known CAD

Duke Treadmill score predicts survival



In a group of 2758 consecutive patients undergoing ECG exercise testing (70 percent male), the prognosis was related to the risk category which was established by Duke treadmill score based upon exercise duration, the degree of ST segment depression, and the presence and severity of angina. The five year survival was 65 percent in high risk patients with a score of -11 compared with a survival of 90 percent in moderate risk patients with a score of -10 to $+4$ and over 97 percent in low risk patients with a score of $+5$ ($p < 0.00001$). Data from Shaw, LJ, Peterson, ED, Shaw, LK, et al. Circulation 1998; 98:1622.

Predictive value of Duke treadmill score



Kaplan-Meier curves for two-year survival in 2249 men (top panel) and 976 women (bottom panel) with chest pain and suspected coronary disease with low (+5), moderate (-10 to +4), and high risk (-11) Duke treadmill scores. The treadmill score effectively risk stratified men but not women. A possible explanation for the lack of predictive value in women is that the mean age was 51 years, an age at which there is a low frequency of clinically important CHD in women. Data from Alexander, KP, Shaw, LJ, DeLong, ER, et al, J Am Coll Cardiol 1998; 32:1657.

Patients excluded from Stress ECG

➤ Patient who fails to achieve 85% MPHR
 $(220 - \text{age in years}) * 0.85 = \text{MPHR}$

- Leg claudication
- Arthritis
- Deconditioning
- Pulmonary disease
- BETA BLOCKER therapy

Patients excluded from Stress ECG

- Abnormal baseline ECG
 - WPW, paced rhythm, LBBB
 - > 1mm ST depression at rest
 - Digoxin
 - LVH
 - Prior MI

Stress ECG Examples



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12-Lead Manual (sequential)

Protocol

Bruce

Stage

Spd/Grd

Rest 20:30

0.0 mph

0.0%

RPE

-

HR

56

METs(a)

1.0

Target HR

141

II

LVL

0.0

SLP

0

BP

122/80

Max HR

56

V2

LVL

0.7

SLP

6

Previous BP

-/-

HRxBP

6832

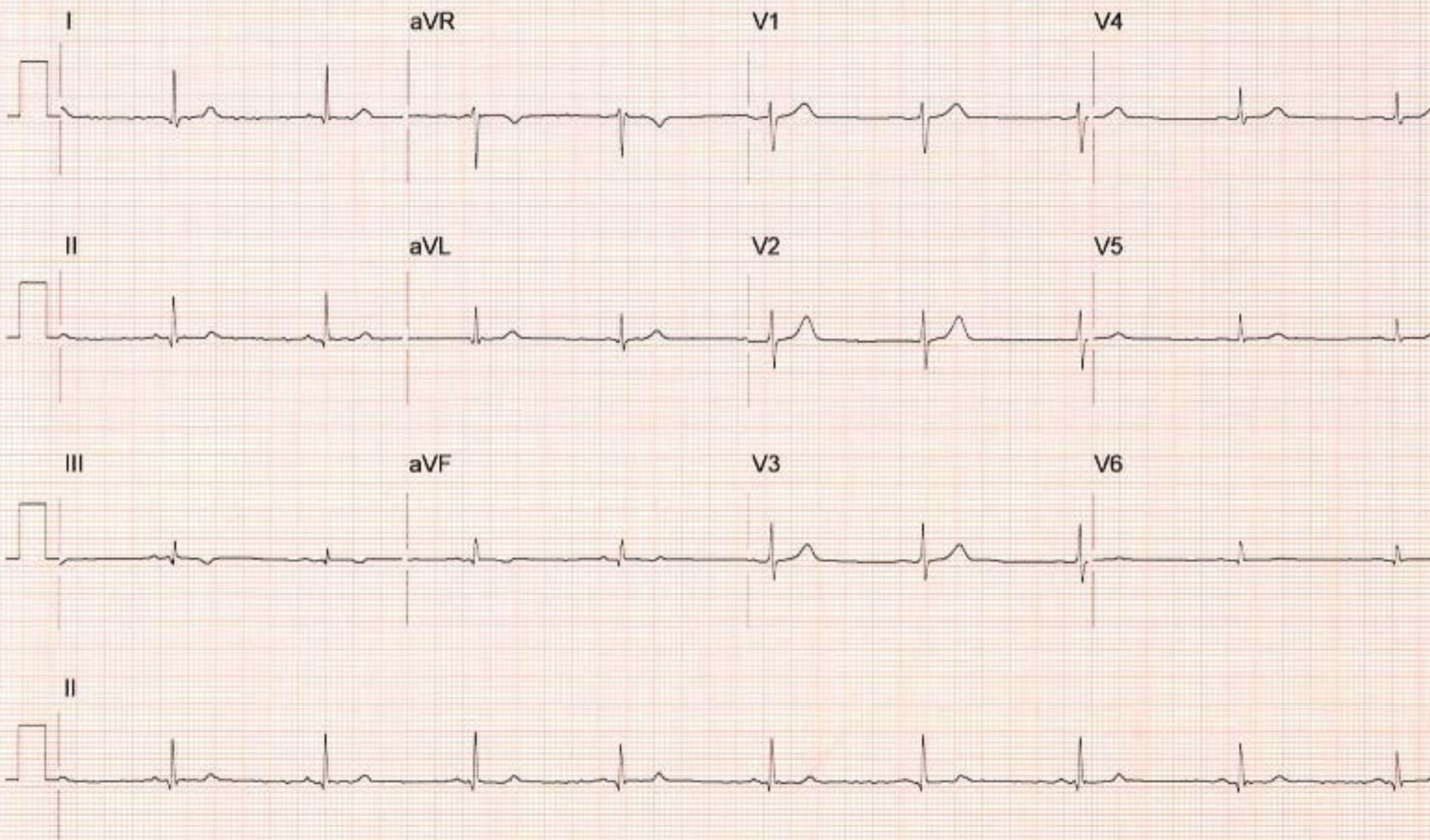
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LVL

0.1

SLP

0



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Protocol

Bruce

Stage

Spd/Grd

2 01:13 04:13

2.5 mph 12.0%

RPE

—

HR

121

METs(a)

7.0

Target HR

141

II

LVL

0.0

SLP

3

BP

—/—

Max HR

121

V2

LVL

0.6

SLP

10

Previous BP 138/64

HRxBP

—

V5

LVL

0.1

SLP

4

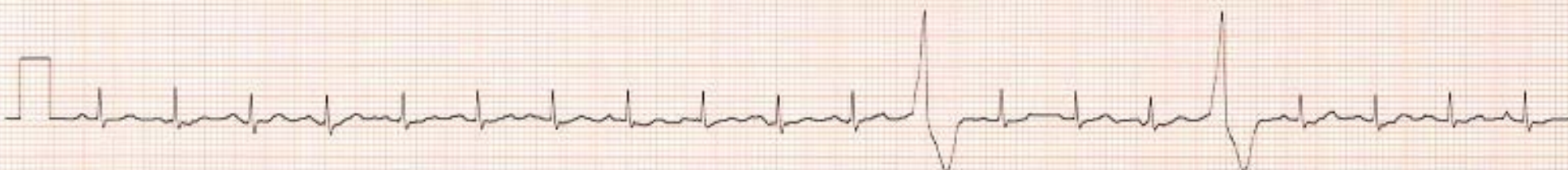
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II



V5



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12-Lead Manual (sequential)

Protocol

Bruce

Stage

Spd/Grd

3 00:41 06:41

3.4 mph 14.0%

RPE

—

HR

137

METs(a)

7.0

Target HR

141

II

LVL

-0.3 SLP

7

BP

—/—

Max HR

137

V2

LVL

0.3 SLP

10

Previous BP 146/70

HRxBP

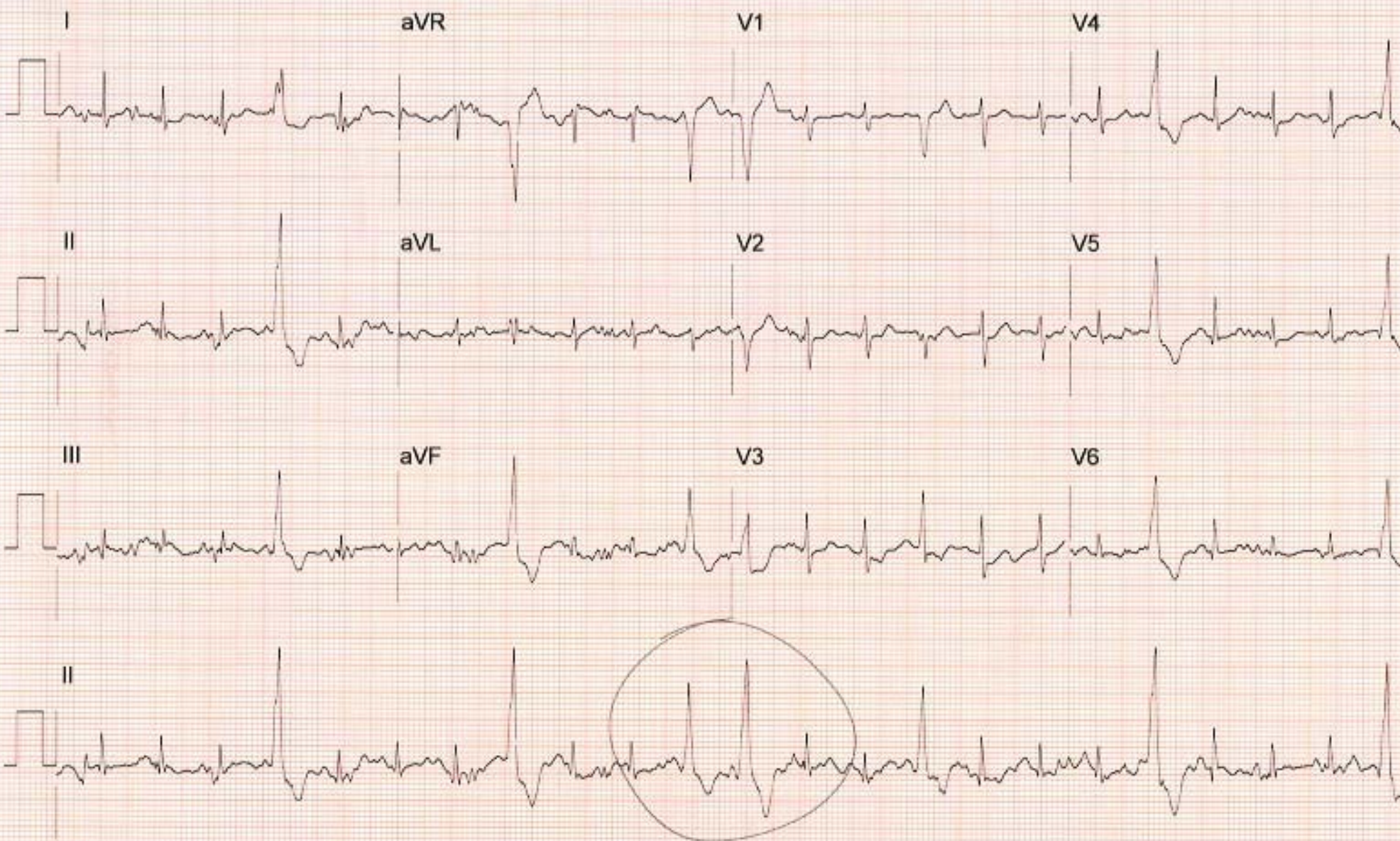
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V5

LVL

-0.3 SLP

6



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10-second Write Screen Manual

Protocol

Bruce

Stage

Spd/Grd

1 00:27 00:27

1.7 mph 10.0%

RPE

—

HR

83

METs(a)

1.0

Target HR

143

BP

—/—

Max HR

88

Previous BP

114/80

HRxBP

—

II

LVL

0.2

SLP

4

V2

LVL

1.7

SLP

12

V5

LVL

0.2

SLP

2

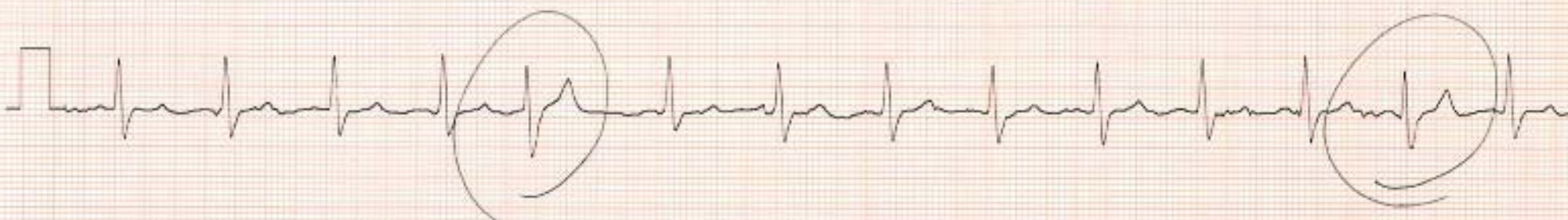
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II



V5



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12-Lead (sequential)

Protocol

Bruce

Stage

Spd/Grd

3 02:50 08:50

3.4 mph 14.0%

RPE

METs(a)

BP

Previous BP

-

10.1

138/82

144/80

HR

Target HR

Max HR

HRxBP

116

143

116

16008

II

V2

V5

LVL

LVL

LVL

0.6

2.0

0.0

SLP

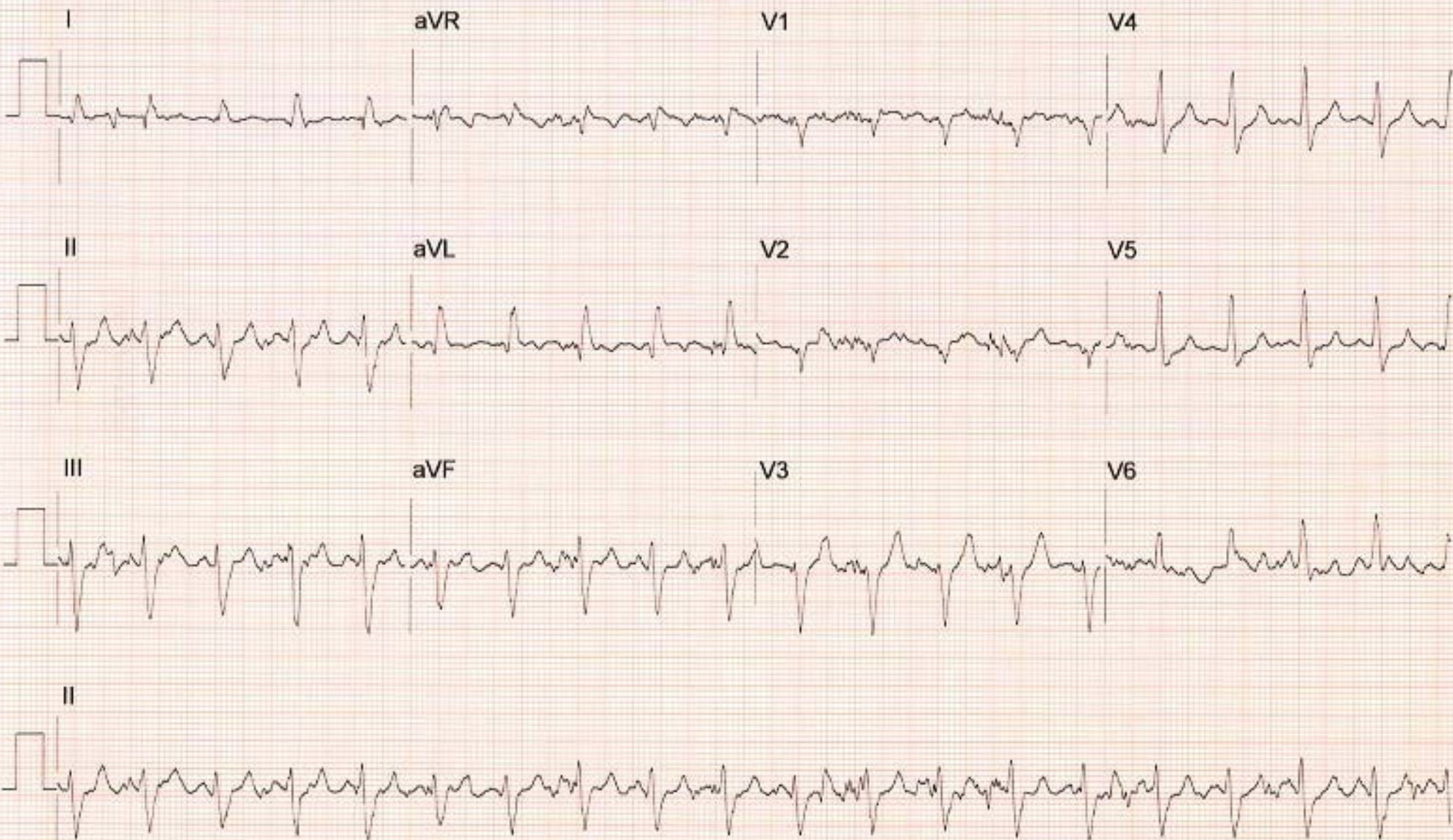
SLP

SLP

10

20

7



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Avg Beat

Protocol

Bruce

Stage

Spd/Grd

Recov 00:10

1.2 mph 0.0%

RPE

-

HR

135

METs(a)

12.8

Target HR

143

II

LVL 0.4

SLP 14

BP

-/-

Max HR

135

V2

LVL 2.2

SLP 23

Previous BP 138/82

HRxBP

-

V5

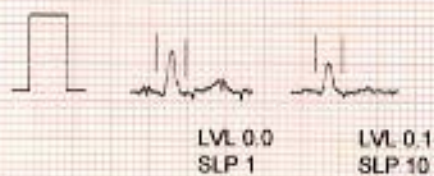
LVL -0.4

SLP 2

Rest

Current

I



Rest

Current

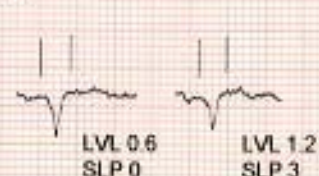
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Rest

Current

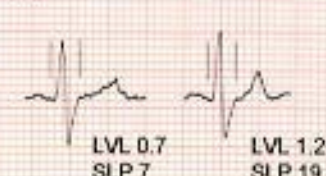
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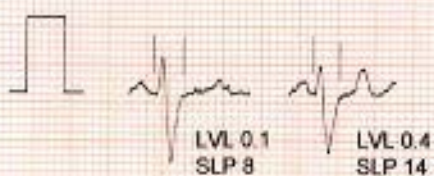
Rest

Current

V4



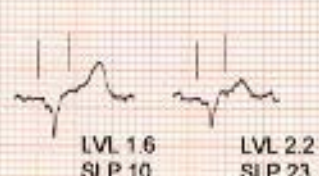
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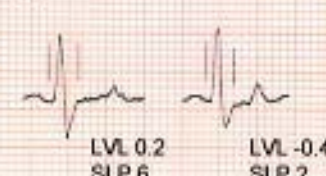
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V2



V5



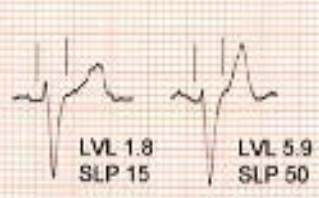
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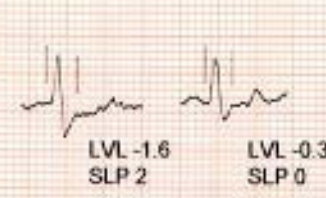
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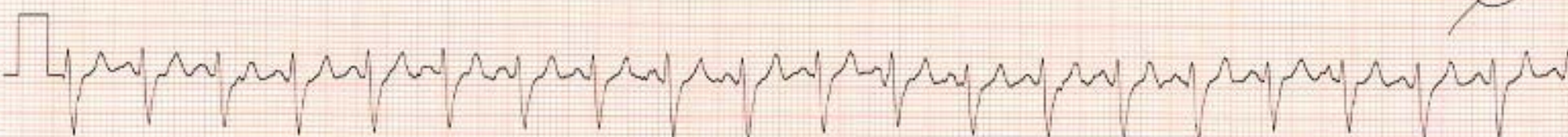
V3



V6



II



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10-second Write Screen Manual

Protocol

Bruce

Stage

Spd/Grd

Recov 01:03

0.0 mph 0.0%

RPE

-

HR

99

METs(a)

12.8

Target HR

143

II

LVL 1.5

SLP

17

BP

154/72

Max HR

135

V2

LVL 2.4

SLP

24

Previous BP

138/82

HRxBP

15246

V5

LVL 0.7

SLP

9

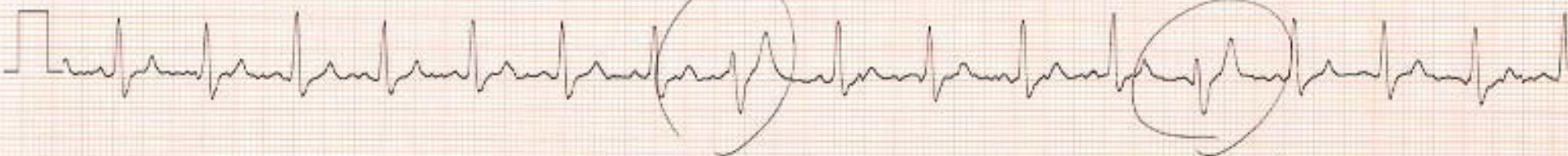
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II



V5



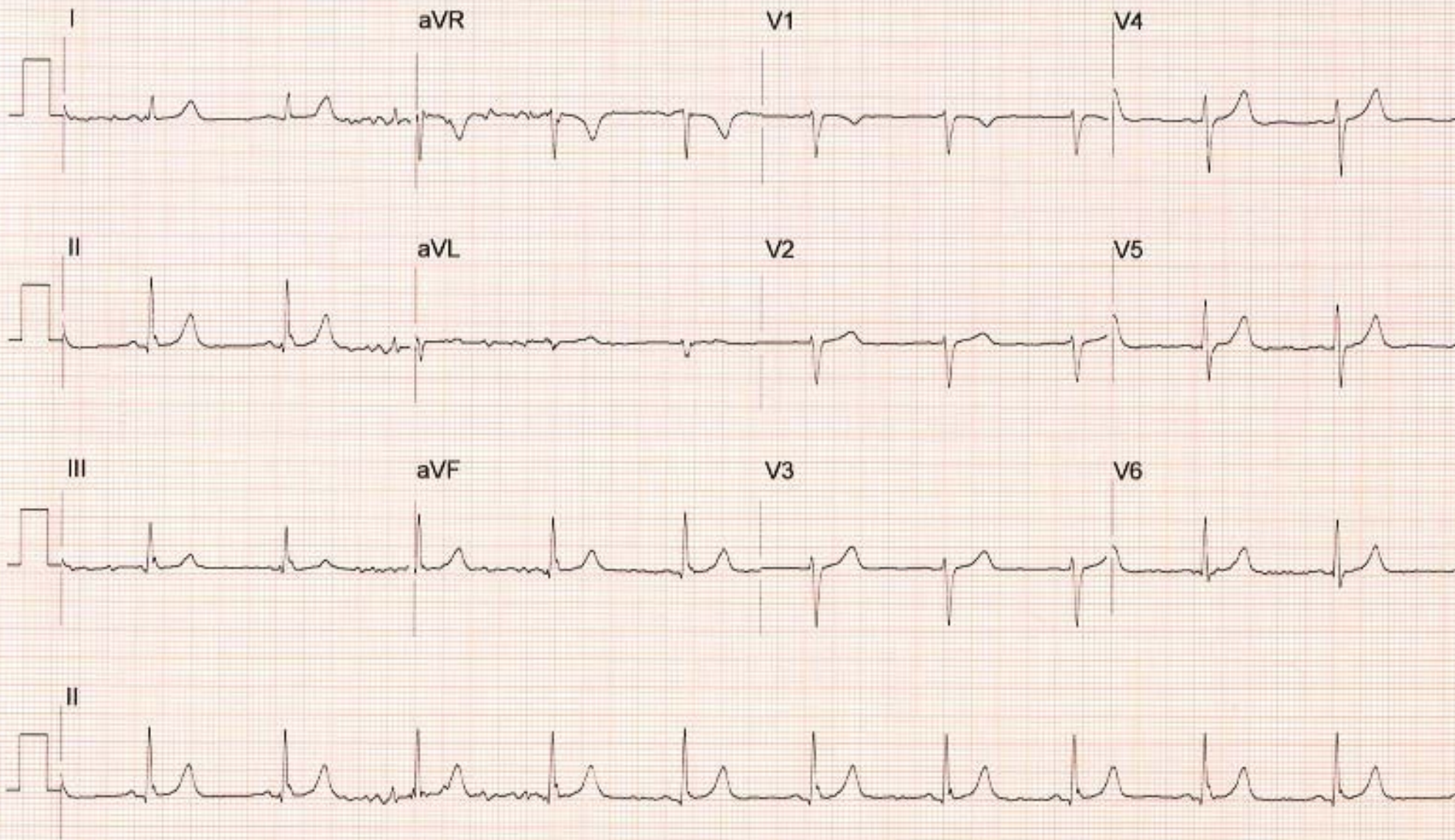
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12-Lead Manual (sequential)

Protocol Bruce
Stage Rest 01:06
Spd/Grd 0.0 mph 0.0%

RPE	-	HR	64			
METs(a)	1.0	Target HR	136	II	LVL 0.7	SLP 7
BP	150/80	Max HR	64	V2	LVL 0.8	SLP 4
Previous BP	-/-	HRxBP	9600	V5	LVL 1.0	SLP 8



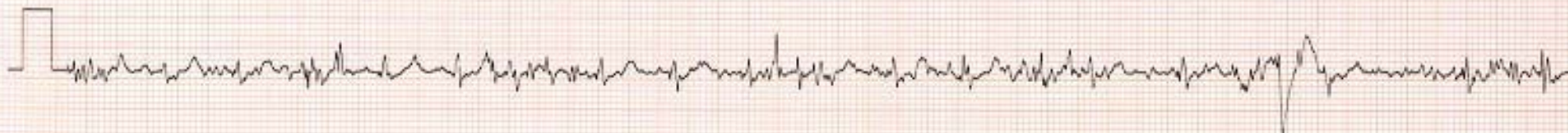
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Protocol
10-second Write Screen Manual

Manual Treadmill
Stage 1 02:56 02:56
Spd/Grd 1.4 mph 0.0%

RPE	-	HR	124
METs(a)	4.6	Target HR	136 II
BP	210/90	Max HR	127 V2
Previous BP	150/80	HRxBP	26040 V5

I



II



V5



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Protocol Manual Treadmill
 10-second Write Screen Manual Stage 1 03:15 03:15
 Spd/Grd 1.4 mph 0.0%

RPE	-	HR	128
METs(a)	4.6	Target HR	136 II
BP	210/90	Max HR	128 V2
Previous BP	150/80	HRxBP	26880 V5
		LVL	0.9 SLP 20
		LVL	0.8 SLP 6
		LVL	1.7 SLP 25

236/110



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Protocol
10-second Write Screen Manual

Manual Treadmill
Stage
Spd/Grd
Recov 01:48
0.0 mph 0.0%

RPE	-	HR	94
METs(a)	4.6	Target HR	136
BP	236/110	Max HR	129
Previous BP	210/90	HRxBP	22184

I



II



V5



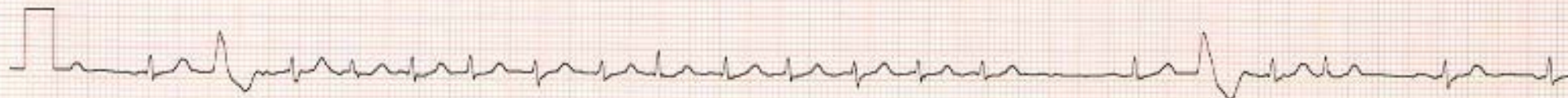
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Protocol
10-second Write Screen Manual

Manual Treadmill
Stage Recov 02:08
Spd/Grd 0.0 mph 0.0%

RPE	-	HR	128						
METs(a)	4.6	Target HR	136	II	LVL	1.1	SLP	19	
BP	208/100	Max HR	136	V2	LVL	0.7	SLP	5	
Previous BP	236/110	HRxBP	26624	V5	LVL	1.5	SLP	20	

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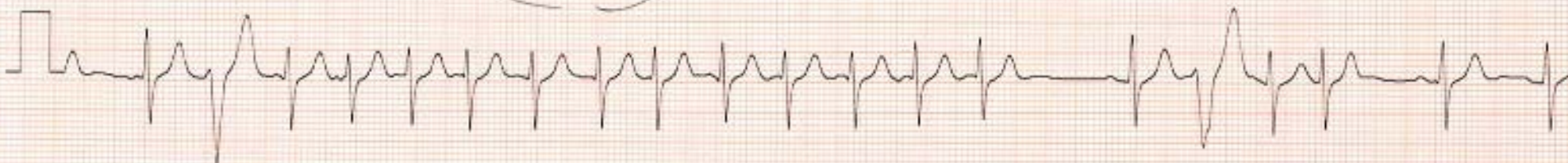


II



V5

SVT



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Avg Beat

Protocol

Manual Treadmill

Stage

Recov 00:10

Spd/Grd

0.8 mph 0.0%

RPE

-

HR

125

METs(a)

4.6

Target HR

136

BP

-/-

Max HR

129

Previous BP

210/90

HRxBP

—

II

LVL

0.5

SLP

14

V2

LVL

1.1

SLP

10

V5

LVL

1.4

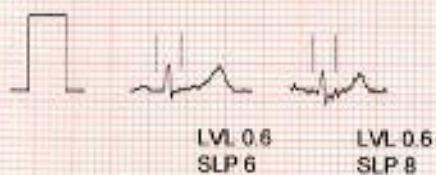
SLP

24

Rest

Current

I



Rest

Current

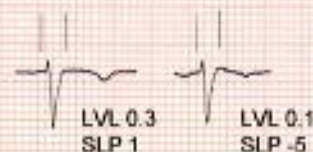
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Rest

Current

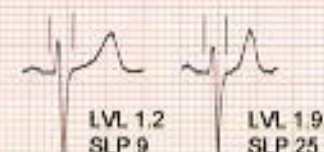
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Rest

Current

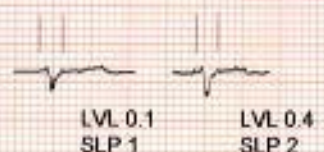
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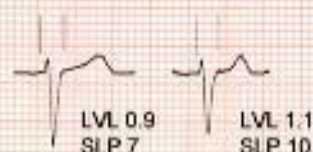
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aVL



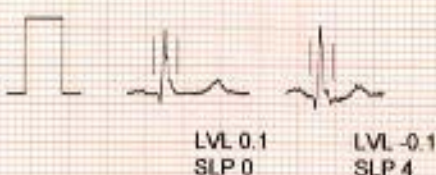
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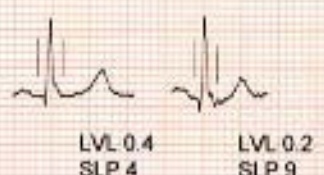
V5



III



aVF



V3



V6



II



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25 mm/sec 10 mm/mV BWF On MAF On Line On 40Hz On

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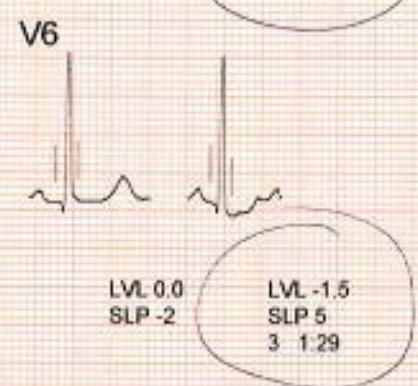
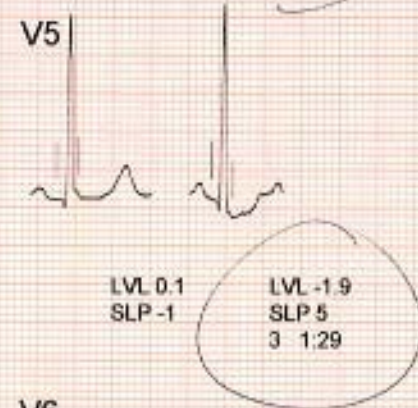
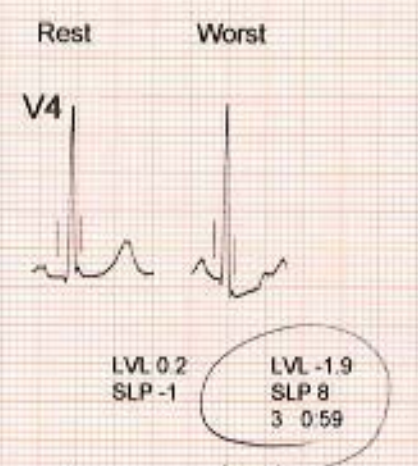
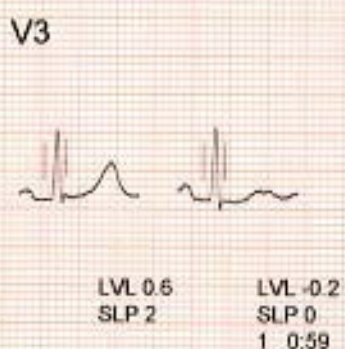
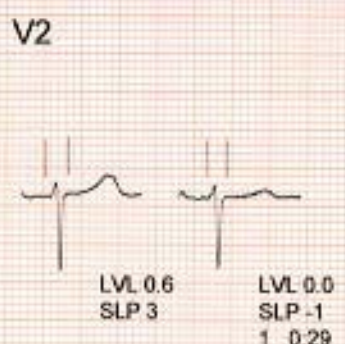
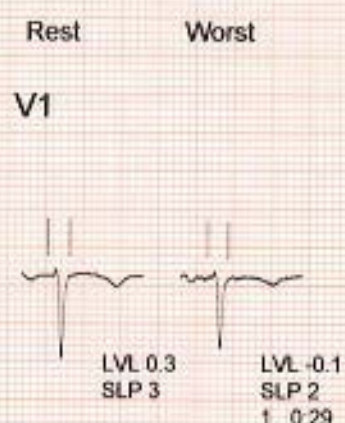
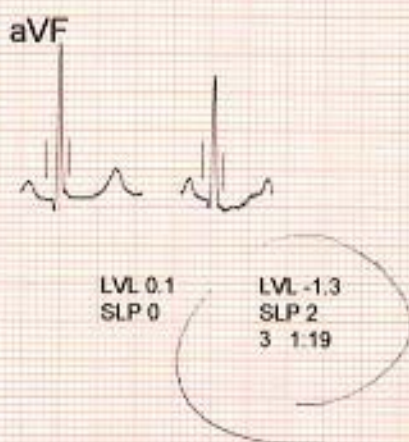
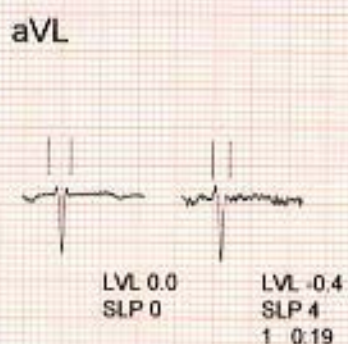
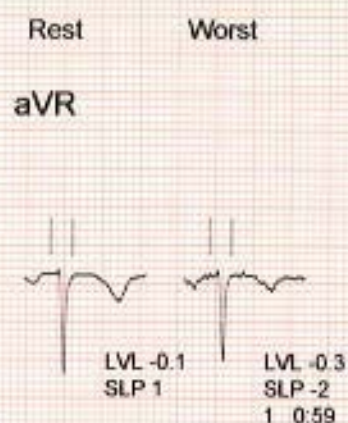
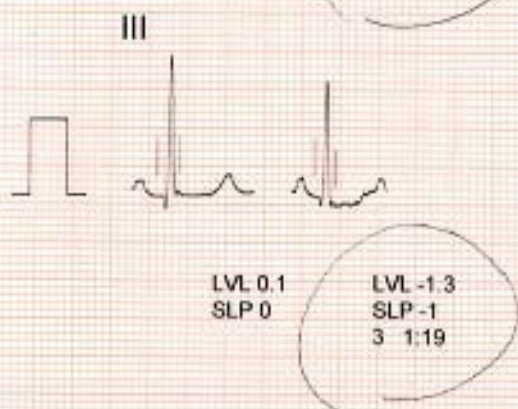
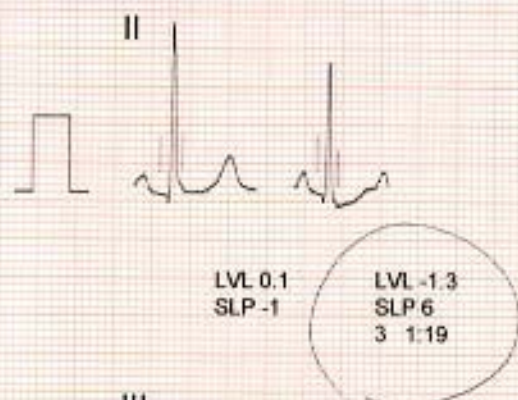
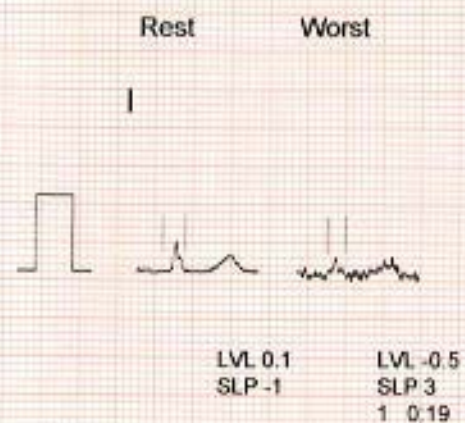
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Stage	Total Stage Time	HR	Current ER	BP	HRxBP	TM Speed mph	TM Grade %	LVL II	LVL V2	LVL V5
REST	12:45	78	0	150/80	11700	1.2	0.0	0.8	0.9	0.9
Stage 1	Protocol changed to Manual Treadmill									
	01:00	106	0	—/—	—	1.7	4.0	0.6	0.7	1.0
	02:00	119	1	210/90	24990	1.7	4.0	0.9	0.6	1.6
	03:00	126	1	210/90	26460	1.4	0.0	0.8	0.7	1.6
	Radionuclide Injected									
	04:00	124	18	210/90	26040	1.3	0.0	0.4	0.9	1.2
	04:26	122	13	210/90	25620	1.3	0.0	0.5	0.8	1.3
Stop exercise at 04:26										
RECOVERY	01:00	109	0	236/110	25724	0.0	0.0	1.2	1.1	1.8
	02:00	98	6	236/110	23128	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.7	1.7
	03:00	85	0	208/100	17680	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.6	1.2
	04:00	83	0	208/100	17264	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.5	1.0
	05:00	82	1	172/92	14104	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.8
	06:00	77	2	172/92	13244	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.8
	07:00	70	1	150/90	10500	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.6	0.7
	08:00	76	1	150/90	11400	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.6	0.6
	08:20	73	1	150/90	10950	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.6	0.5

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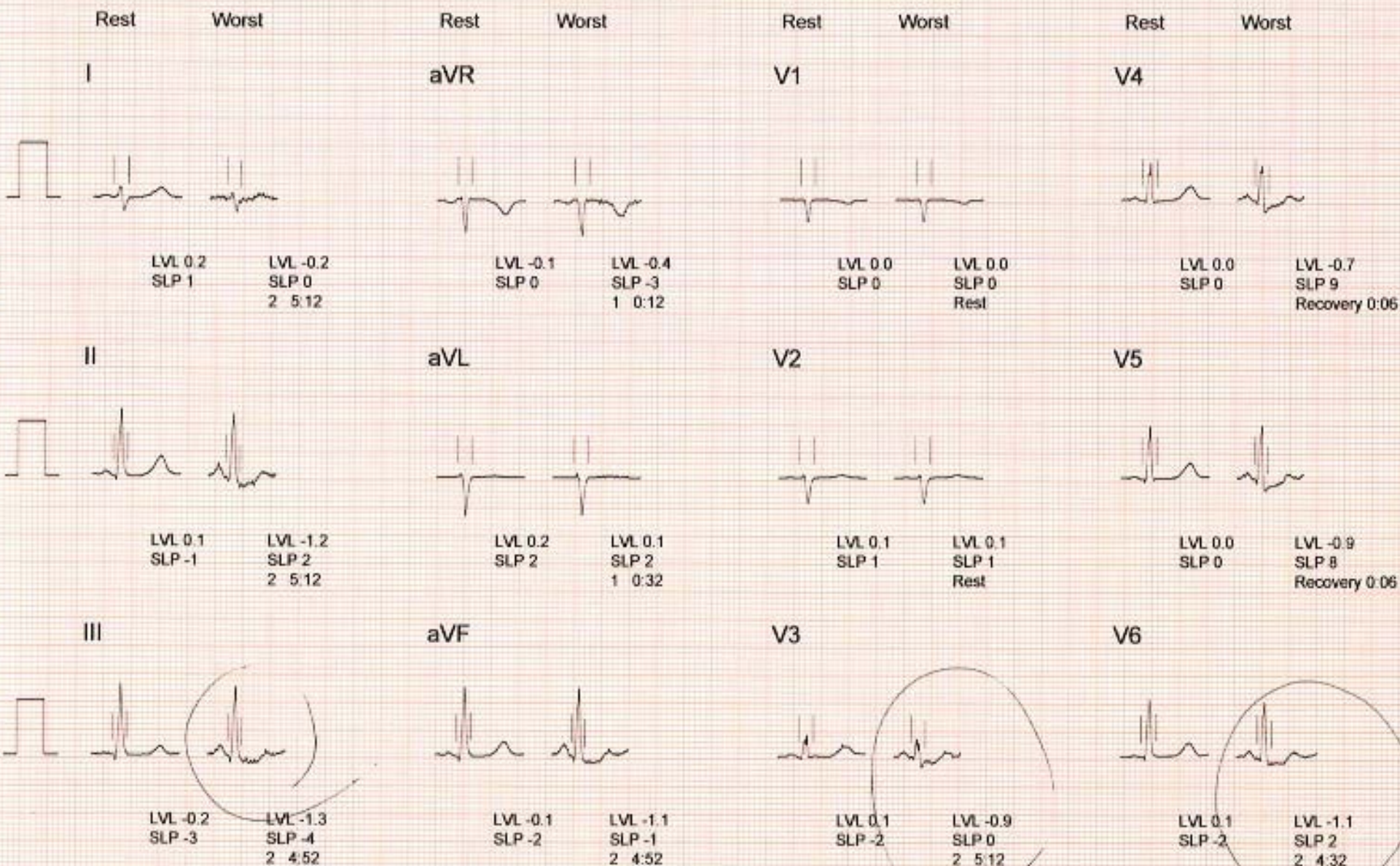
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Target
HR



Tabular Summary

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REST	Standing 14:44	57	0	160/82	9120	1.2	0.0	0.1	0.6	0.1
Stage 1	01:00	93	0	—/—	—	1.7	10.0	0.0	0.1	-0.5
	02:00	105	0	—/—	—	1.7	10.0	-0.3	0.4	-0.3
Stage 2	01:00	119	0	—/—	—	2.5	12.0	-0.5	0.3	-0.7
	02:00	123	0	180/100	22140	2.5	12.0	-0.7	0.4	-0.9
	03:00	127	0	180/100	22860	2.5	12.0	-1.0	0.4	-1.3
Stage 3	Stage held Protocol changed to Manual Treadmill 01:00	141	0	—/—	—	3.7	14.0	-1.0	0.6	-1.8
	Stage resumed 01:43	143	0	—/—	—	3.7	3.5	-1.0	0.7	-1.9
Stop exercise at 06:43										
RECOVERY	01:00	92	0	208/110	19136	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.0
	02:00	74	0	208/110	15392	0.0	0.0	-0.3	0.4	-0.4
	03:00	66	0	170/100	11220	0.0	0.0	-0.4	0.3	-0.4
	04:00	68	0	170/100	11560	0.0	0.0	-0.6	0.4	-0.5
	05:00	67	0	168/98	11256	0.0	0.0	-0.5	0.4	-0.3
	06:00	66	1	168/98	11088	0.0	0.0	-0.4	0.6	-0.5
	06:55	64	0	168/98	10752	0.0	0.0	-0.4	0.6	-0.5

Worst Case



Tabular Summary

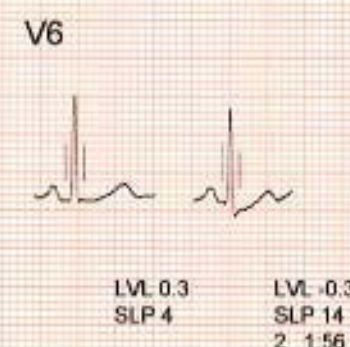
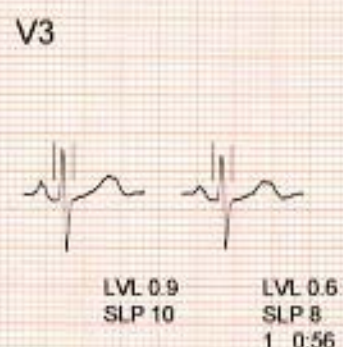
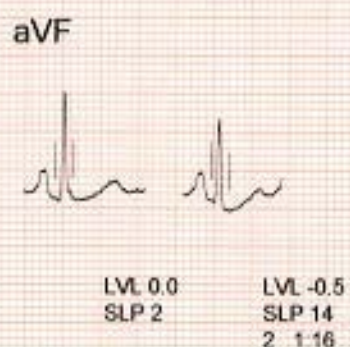
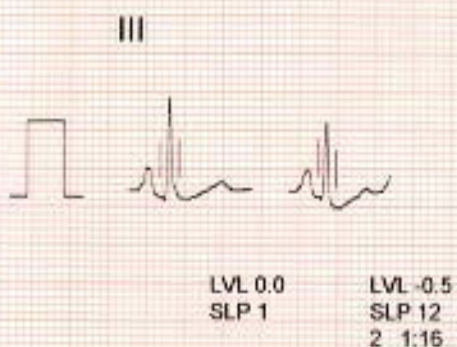
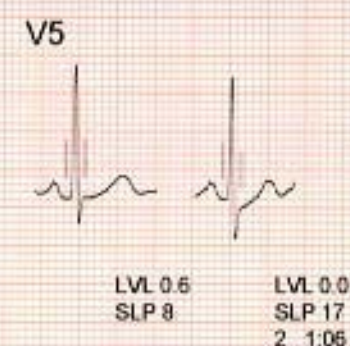
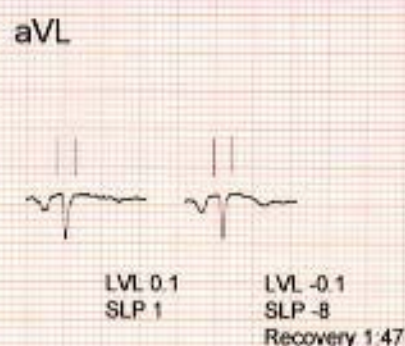
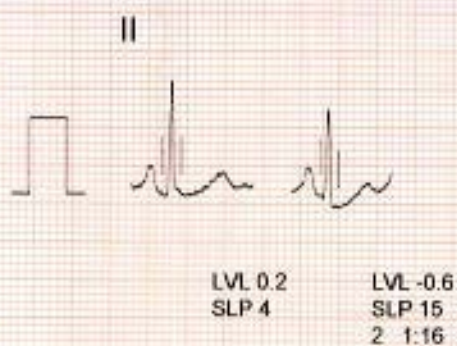
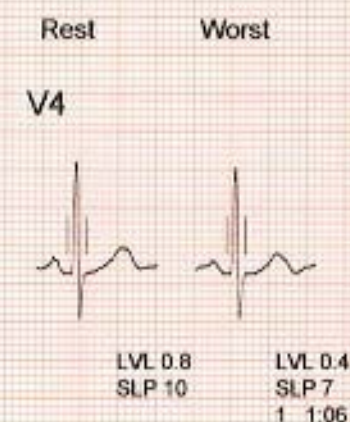
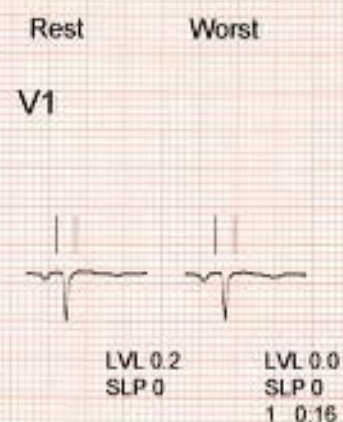
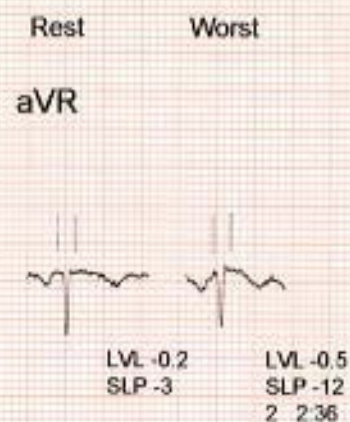
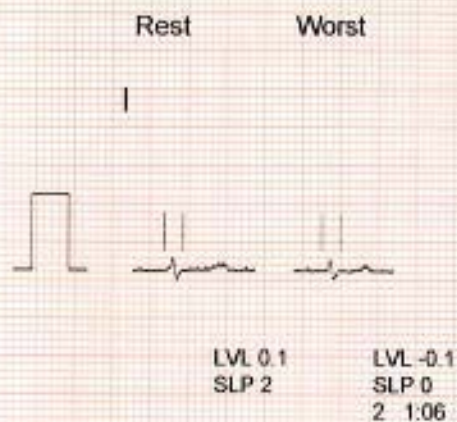
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Stage 1	01:00	107	0	--/--	--	1.7	10.0	0.0	0.5	0.3
	02:00	117	0	--/--	--	1.7	10.0	0.0	0.5	0.4
	03:00	124	0	168/ 90	20832	1.7	10.0	0.0	0.4	0.4
Stage 2	01:00	133	0	--/--	--	2.5	12.0	-0.1	0.3	0.1
	02:00	137	0	--/--	--	2.5	0.0	-0.4	0.4	0.0
	02:59	132	0	180/ 90	23760	2.5	0.0	-0.1	0.5	0.4
Stop exercise at 05:59										
RECOVERY	01:00	121	0	--/--	--	0.8	0.0	0.2	0.7	0.5
	02:00	108	0	--/--	--	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.4
	03:00	100	0	148/ 68	14800	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2
	04:00	96	0	148/ 68	14208	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.4	0.1
	04:32	95	0	148/ 68	14060	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.1

Abnl HR
recovery

lightheaded c nl BP RTE

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Worst Case



Stress with Imaging

➤ TM vs. Pharmacologic

- Similar accuracy
- Similar positive and negative predictive values

➤ Pharmacologic Stress

- Accurate assessment of CAD in patients unable to exercise
- Very useful in pre-op risk assessment
- Relatively safe
- ECG abnormalities more predictive
- More specific in patients with LBBB
- Contraindicated in hypotension, SSS, asthma

Stress echo vs Stress MPI

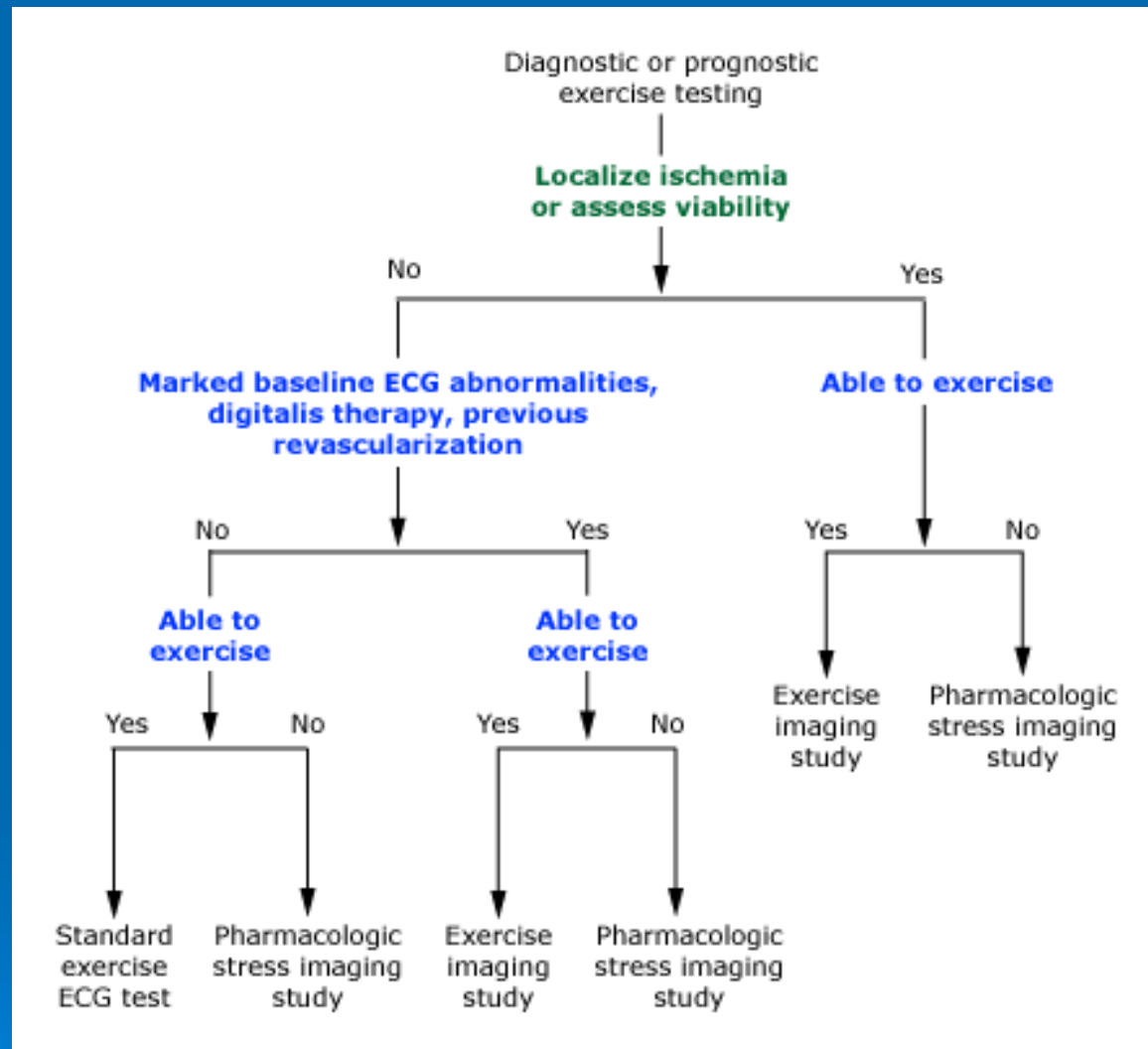
Advantages of stress echocardiography

1. Higher specificity
2. Versatility - more extensive evaluation of cardiac anatomy and function
3. Greater convenience, efficacy, availability
4. Lower cost

Advantages of stress perfusion imaging

1. Higher technical success rate
2. Higher sensitivity - especially for single vessel coronary disease involving the left circumflex
3. Better accuracy in evaluating possible ischemia when multiple resting left ventricular wall motion abnormalities are present
4. More extensive published data base - especially in evaluation of prognosis

Choice of exercise testing modality in different clinical settings



Marked baseline ECG abnormalities" include preexcitation (Wolff-Parkinson-White) syndrome, more than 1 mm of ST depression at rest, and patients taking digoxin or with ECG criteria for left ventricular hypertrophy, even if they have less than 1 mm of baseline ST depression. Evaluation of patients with left bundle branch block or paced ventricular rhythm is not included in this algorithm. UpToDate – Performance of exercise ECG Testing

Pearls for the referring practitioner

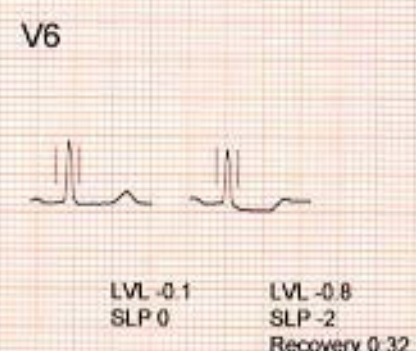
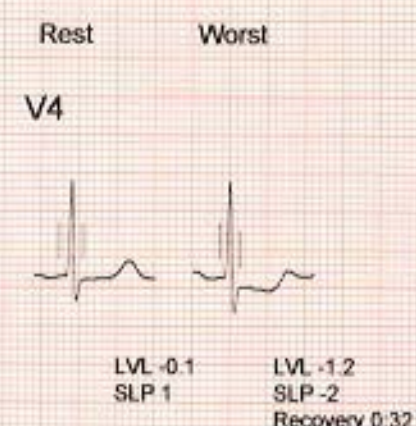
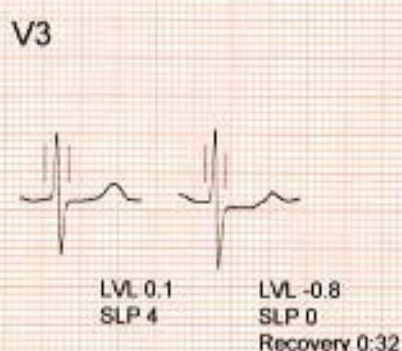
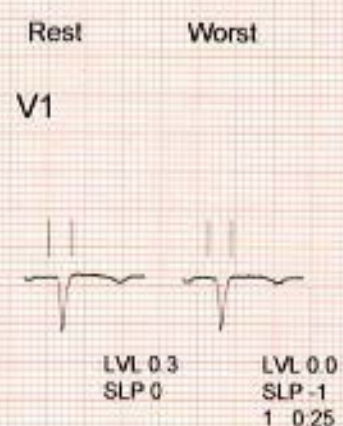
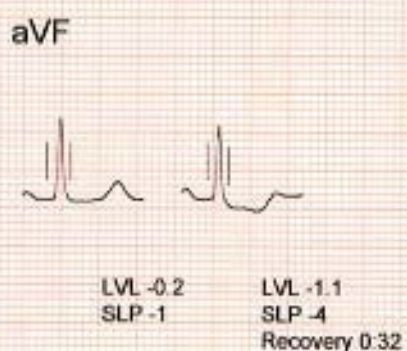
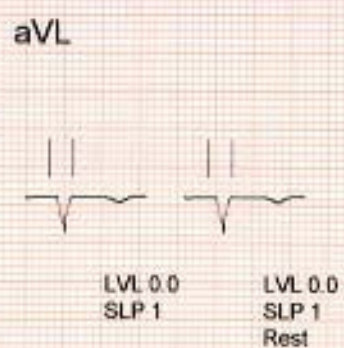
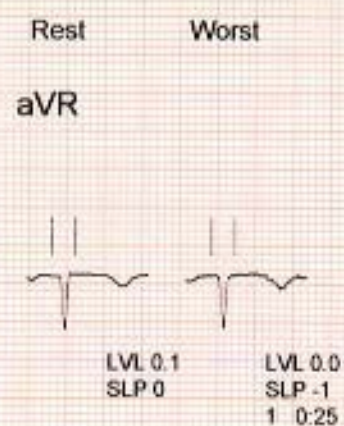
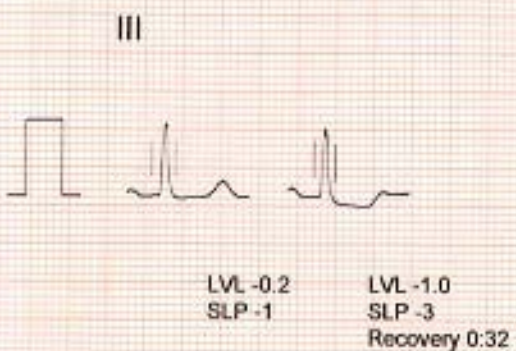
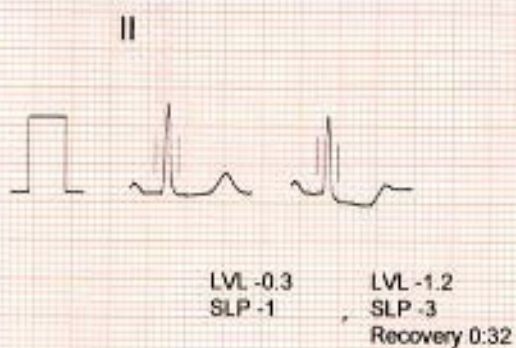
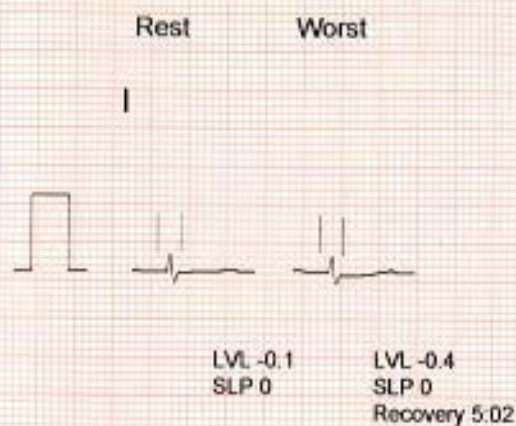
- Stage I Bruce protocol
 - 3 minutes @ 1.7mph on 10% grade
 - ≤ 4.6 METS = low workload
- Goal is 5 minutes on TM at any speed +/- grade
- Image patients
 - Can not exercise or exercise to 85% MPPHR
 - Abnormal baseline ECG
 - Prior revascularization
- The optimal strategy for diagnosing CAD in women is not yet defined per guidelines

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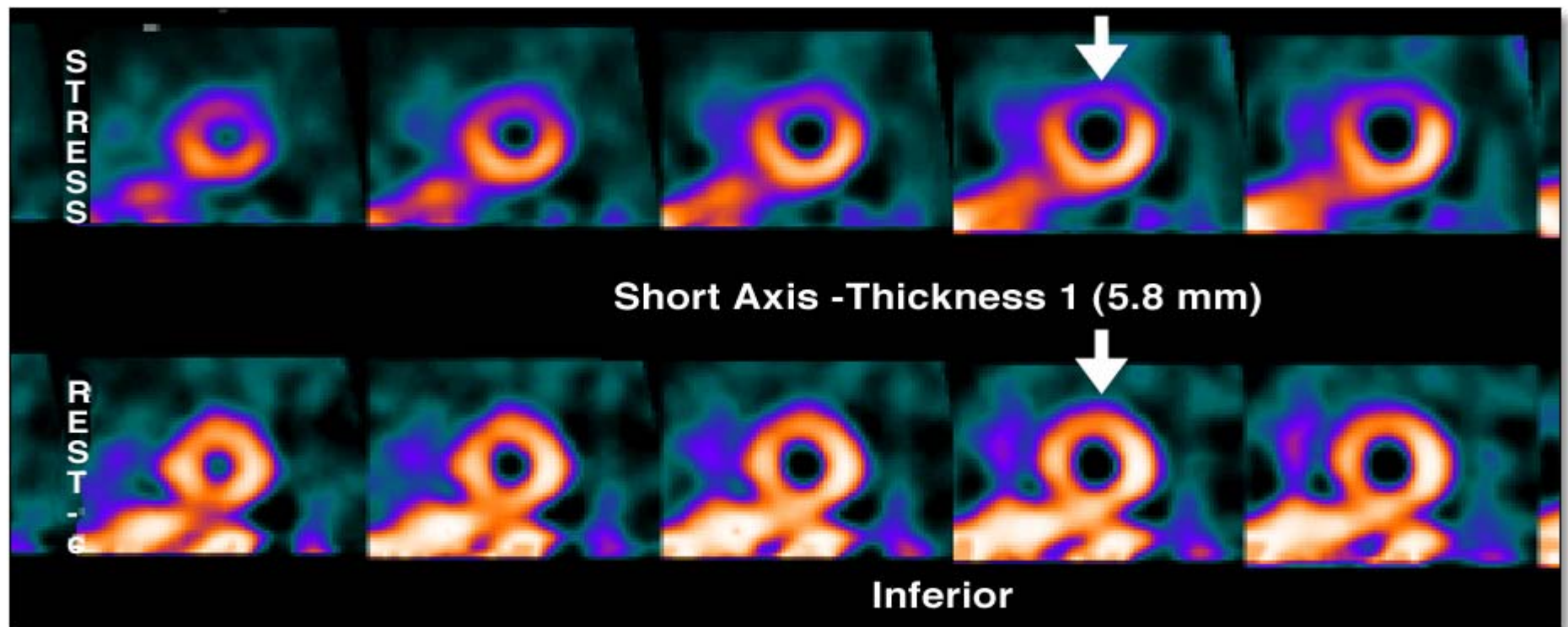
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	Protocol changed to Adenosine									
	15:05	69	0	142/ 90	9798	0.0	0.0	-0.3	0.2	-0.2
Stage 1										
	01:00	79	0	—/—	—	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.2	-0.2
	Radionuclide Injected									
	02:00	82	0	140/ 90	11480	0.0	0.0	-0.3	0.0	-0.2
	03:00	86	0	140/ 90	12040	0.0	0.0	-0.4	0.1	-0.4
Stage 2										
	THROAT BURNING LIKE ANGINA									
	01:00	85	0	—/—	—	0.0	0.0	-0.8	0.2	-0.7
	01:03	87	0	132/ 70	11484	0.0	0.0	-0.8	0.2	-0.7
Stop exercise at 04:03										
RECOVERY										
	01:00	88	0	—/—	—	0.0	0.0	-0.9	0.3	-0.8
	02:00	72	0	—/—	—	0.0	0.0	-0.3	0.3	-0.3
	03:00	72	0	—/—	—	0.0	0.0	-0.4	0.2	-0.4
	STILL WITH SOME THROAT TIGHTNESS									
	04:00	68	0	150/ 72	10200	0.0	0.0	-0.7	0.3	-0.4
	05:00	68	1	150/ 72	10200	0.0	0.0	-0.6	0.2	-0.5
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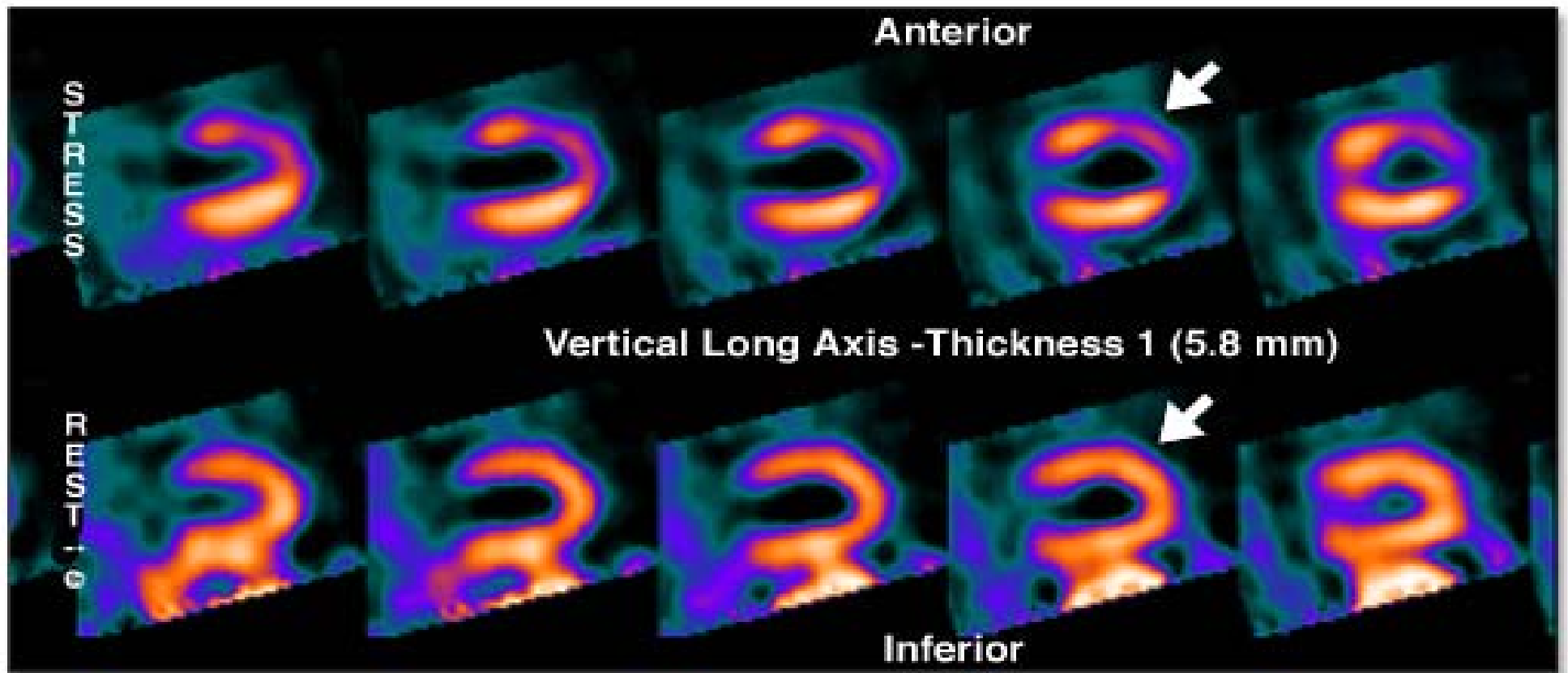
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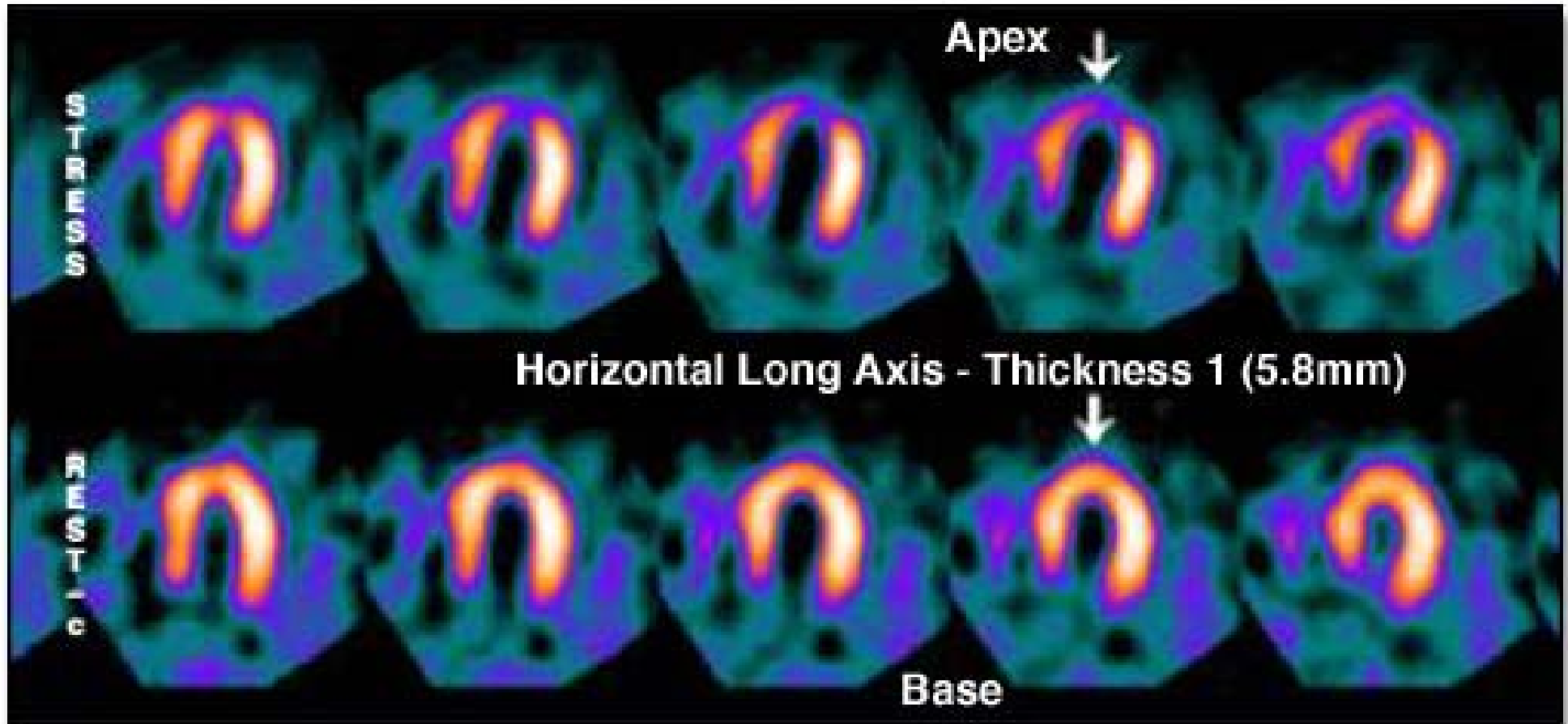
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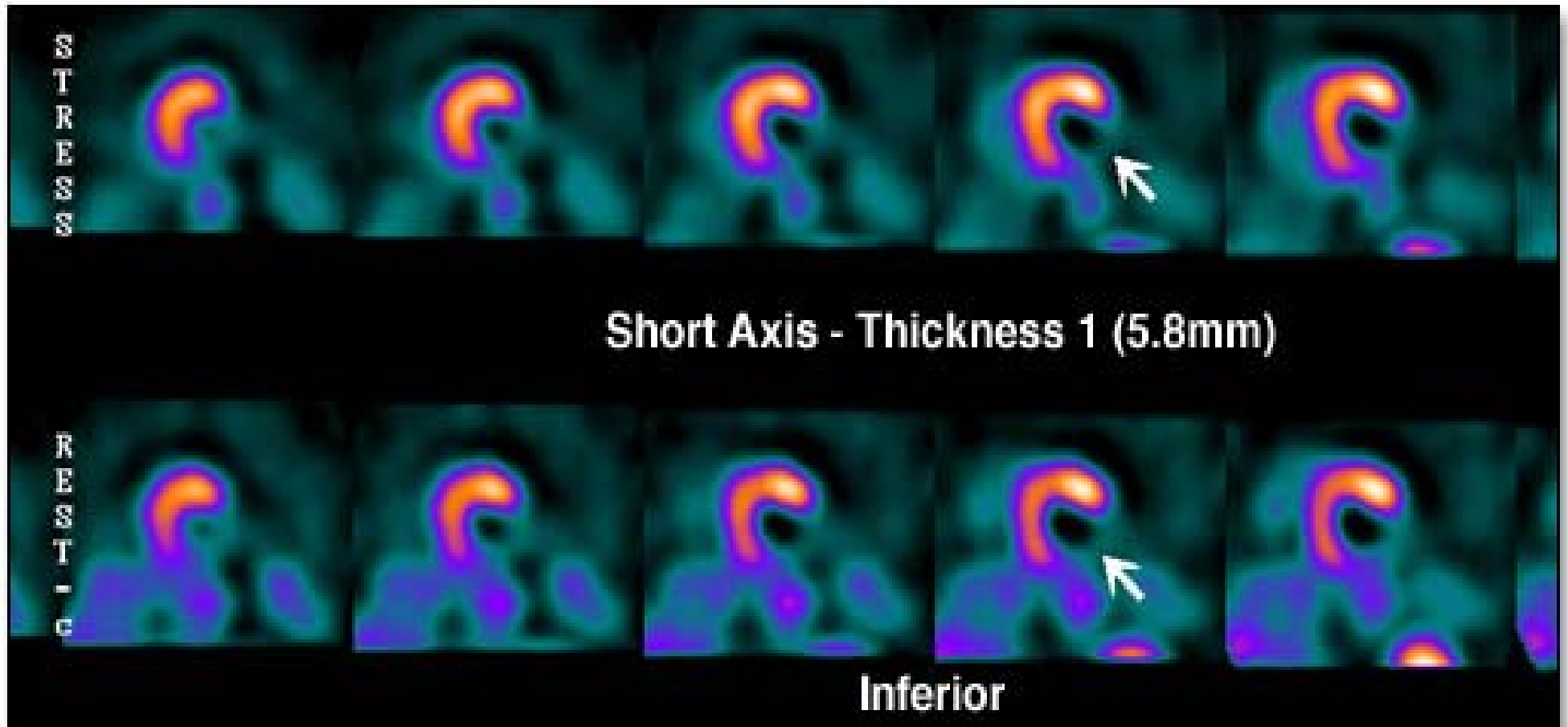
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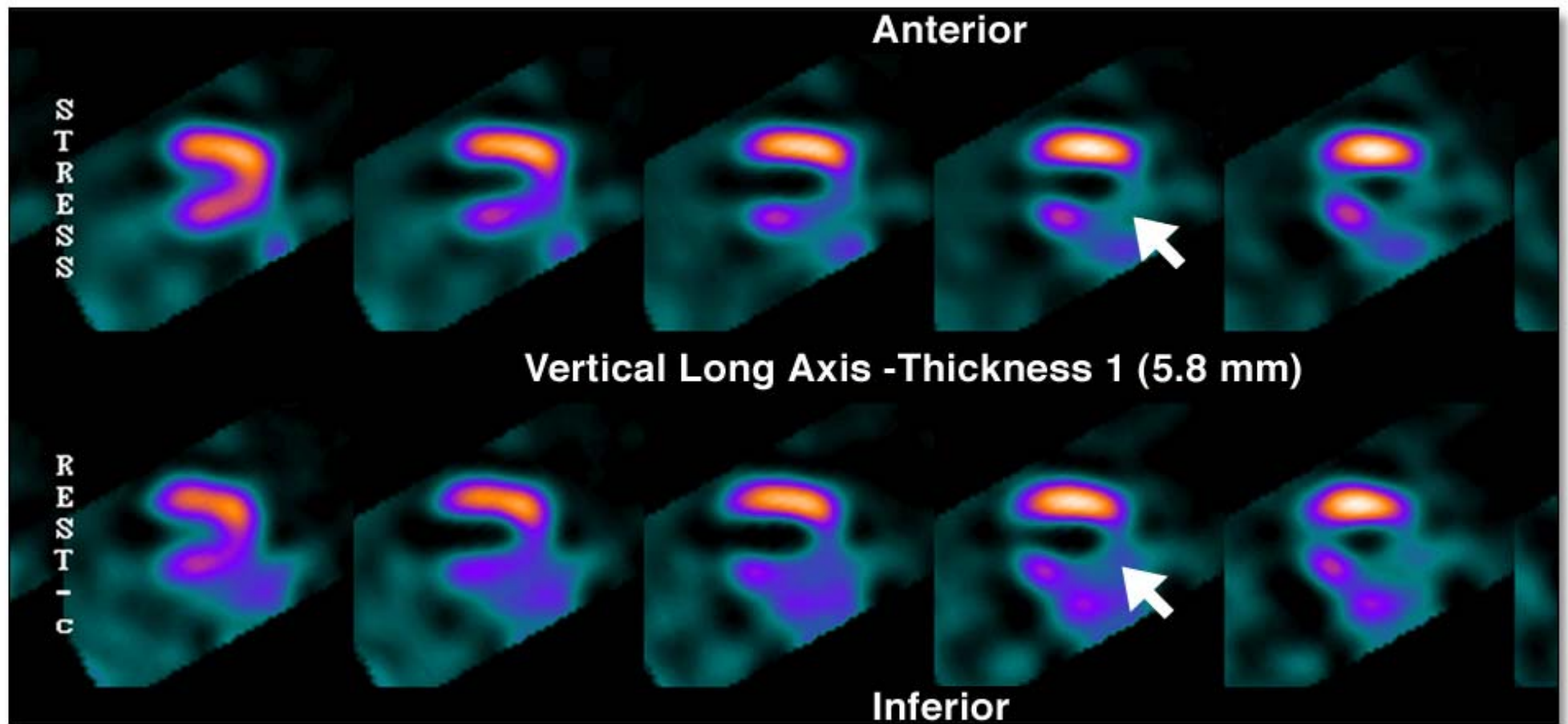
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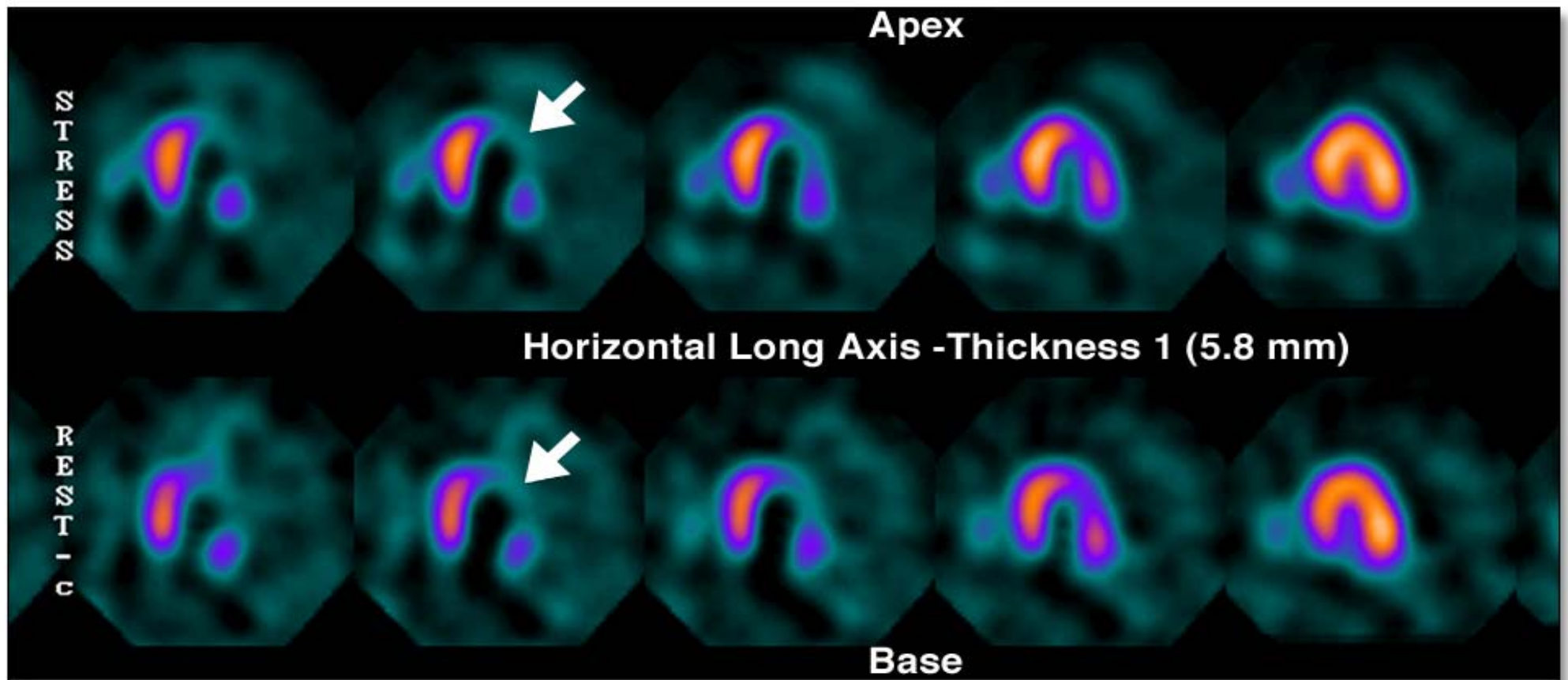
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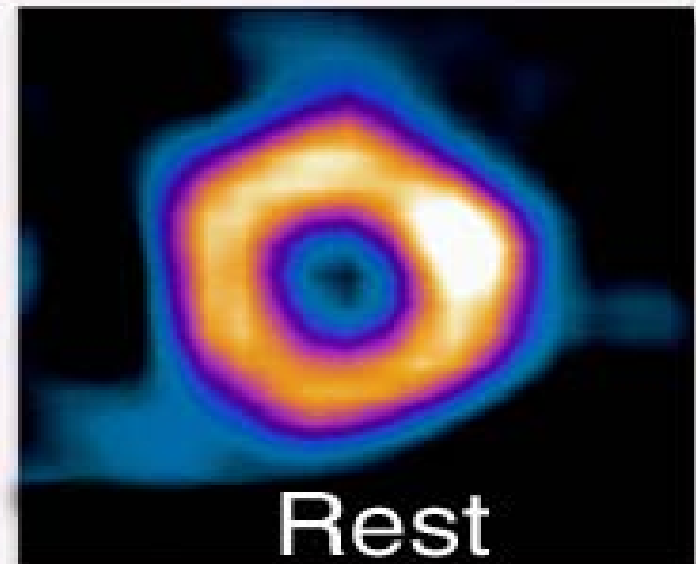
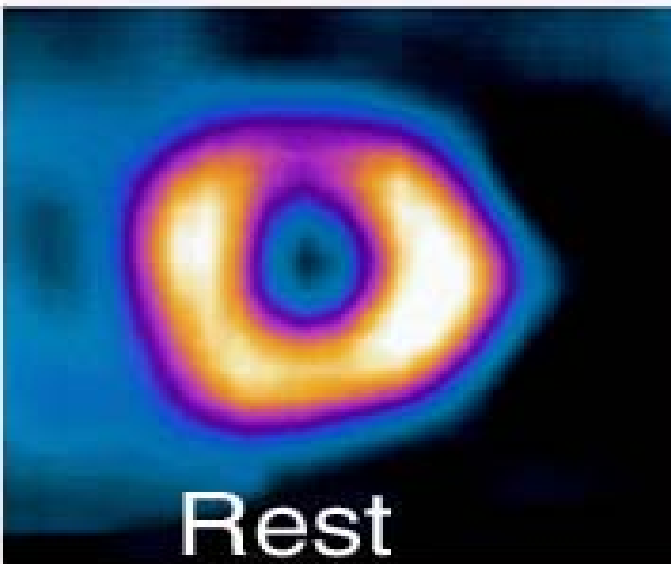
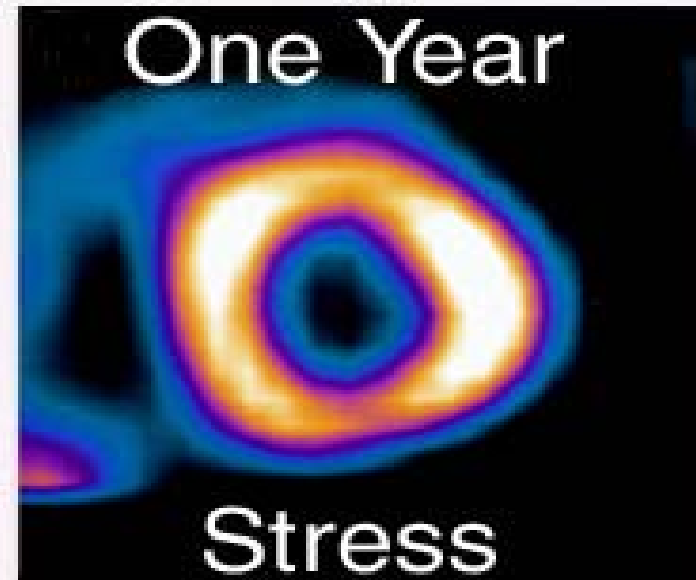
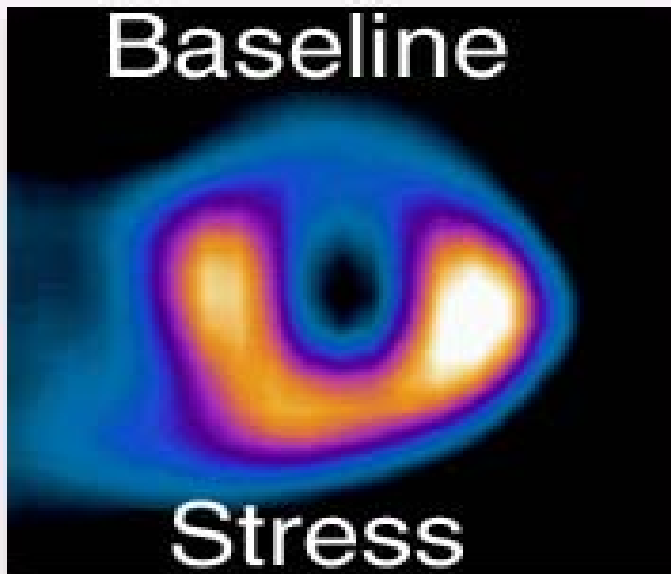
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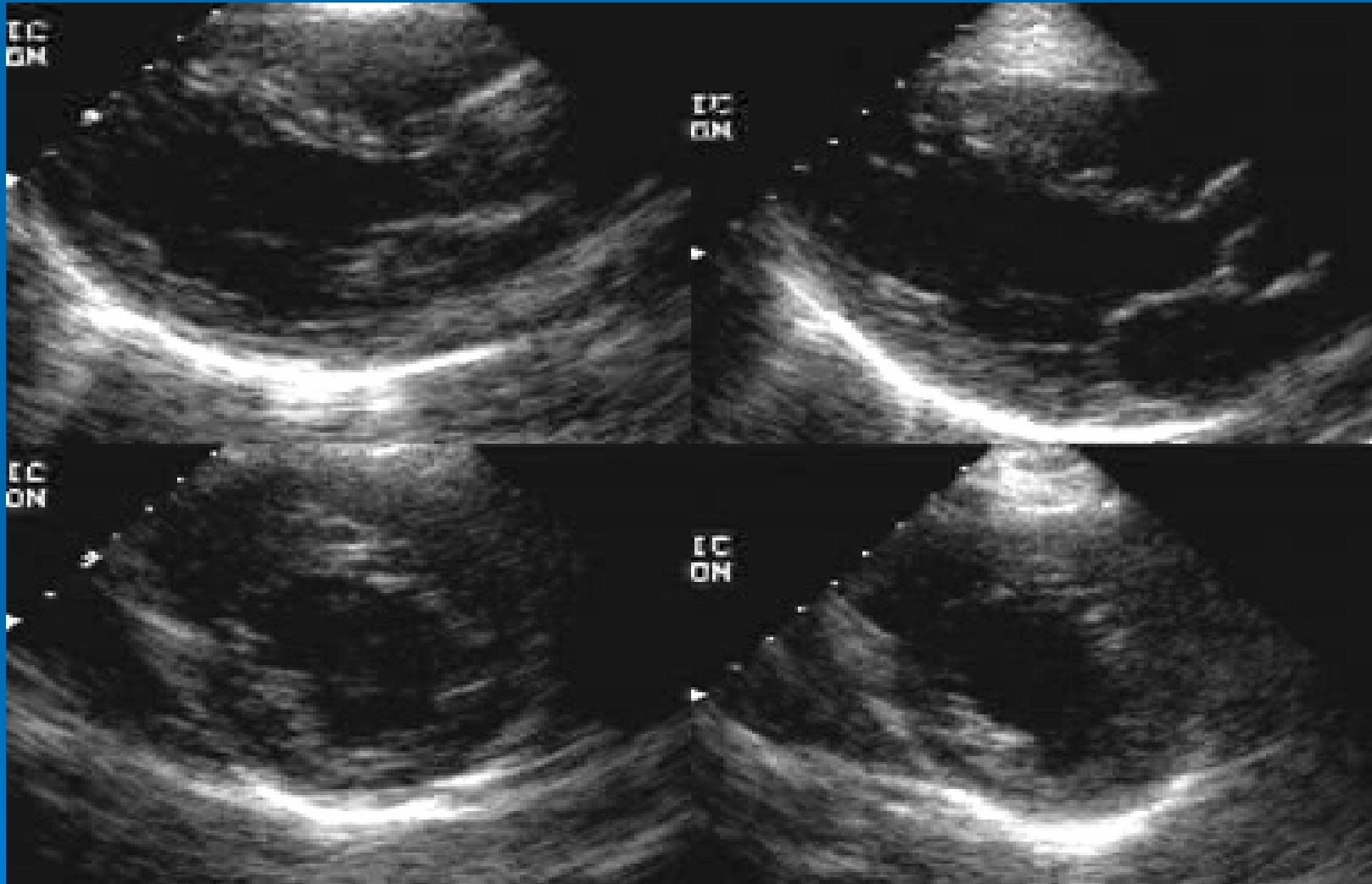
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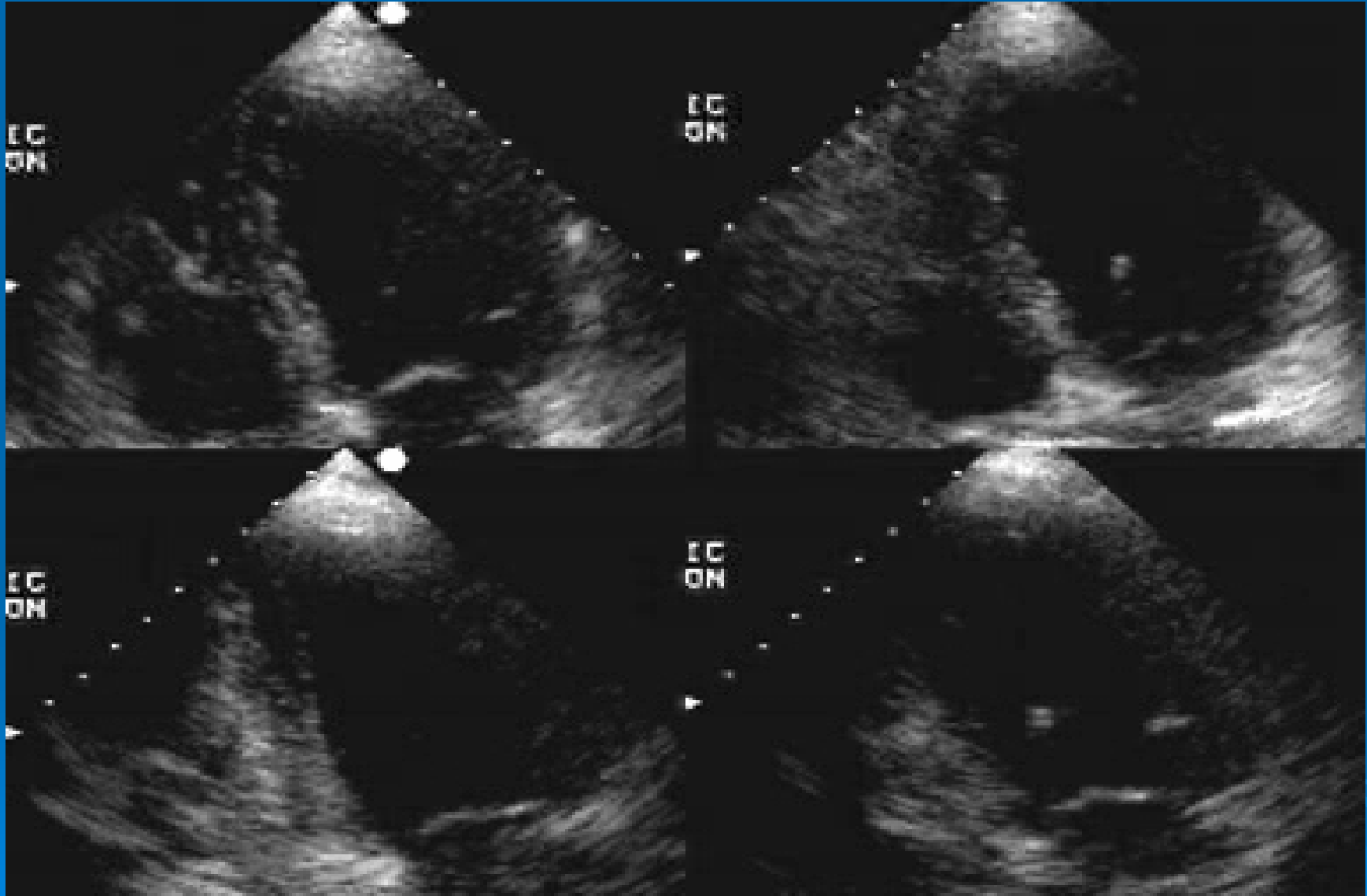
Optimal Medical Therapy - WOW!



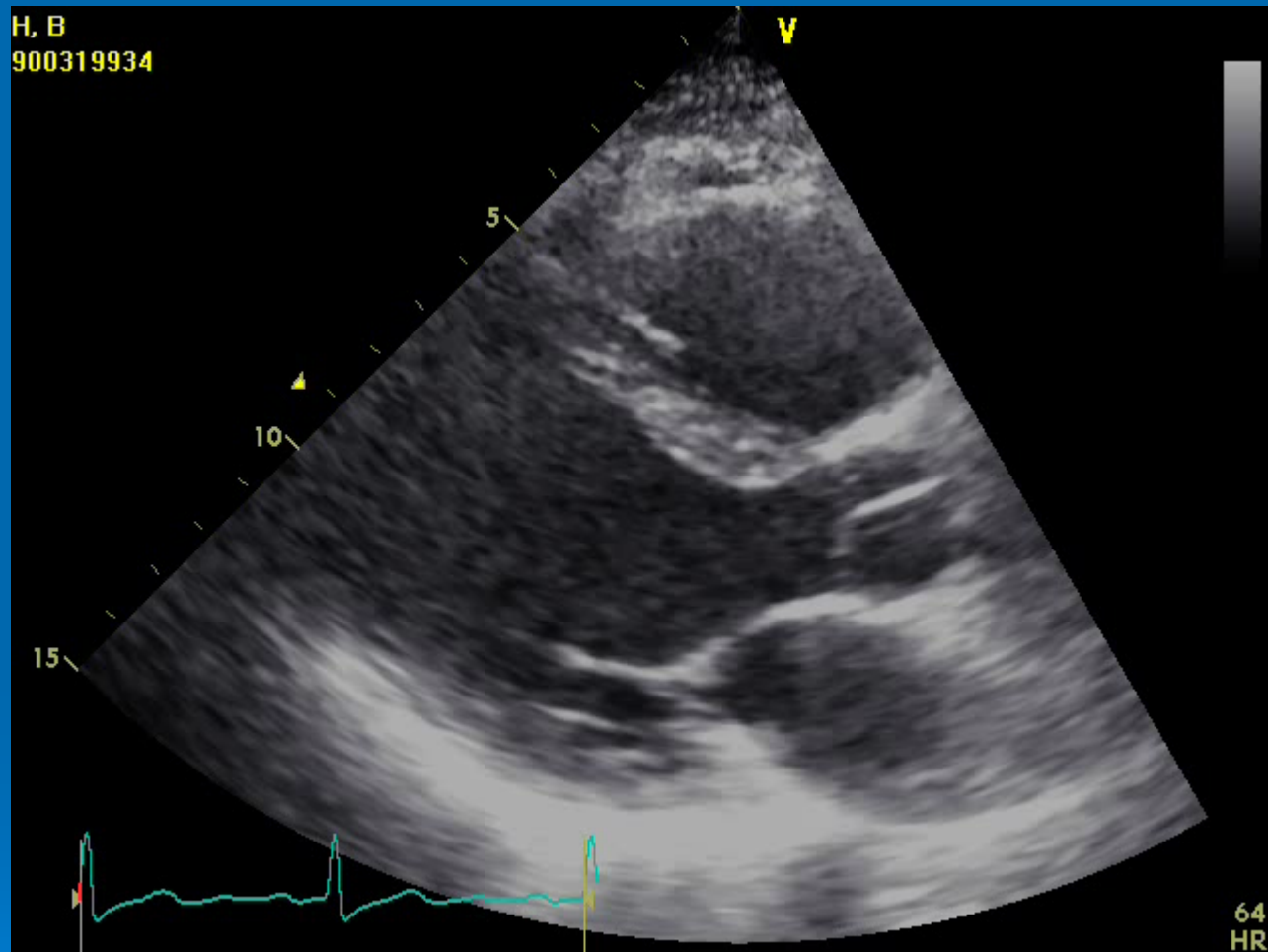
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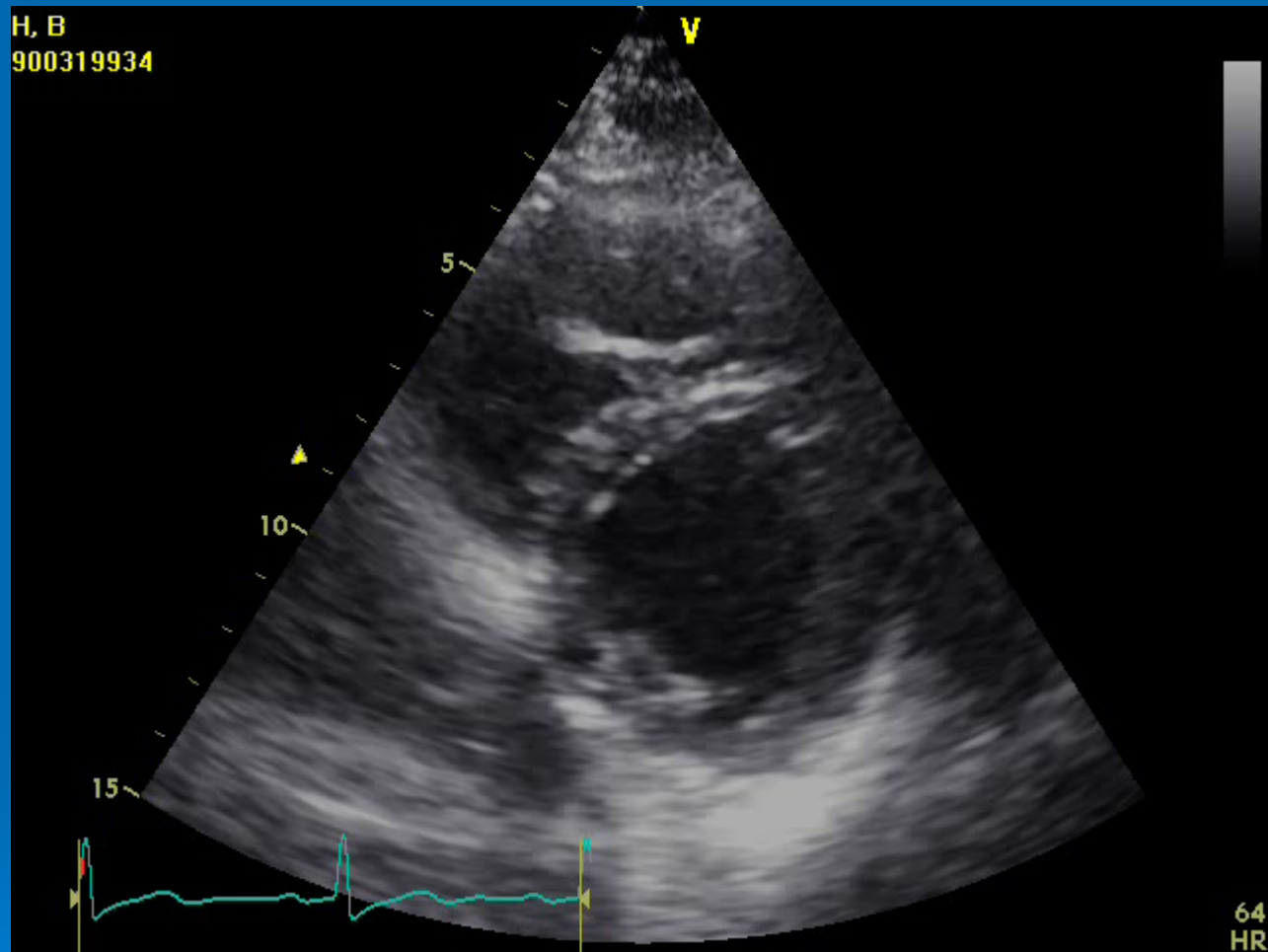
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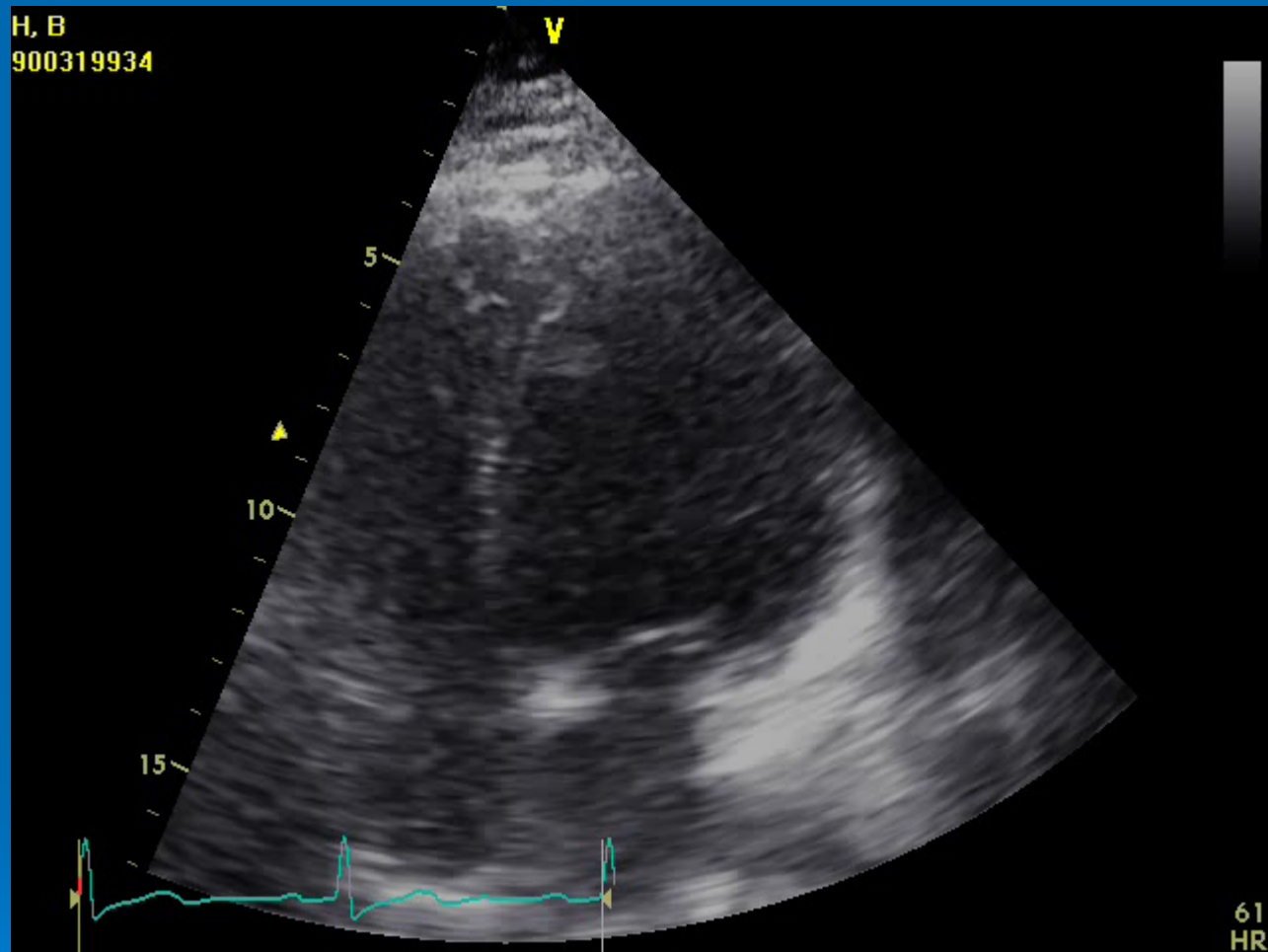
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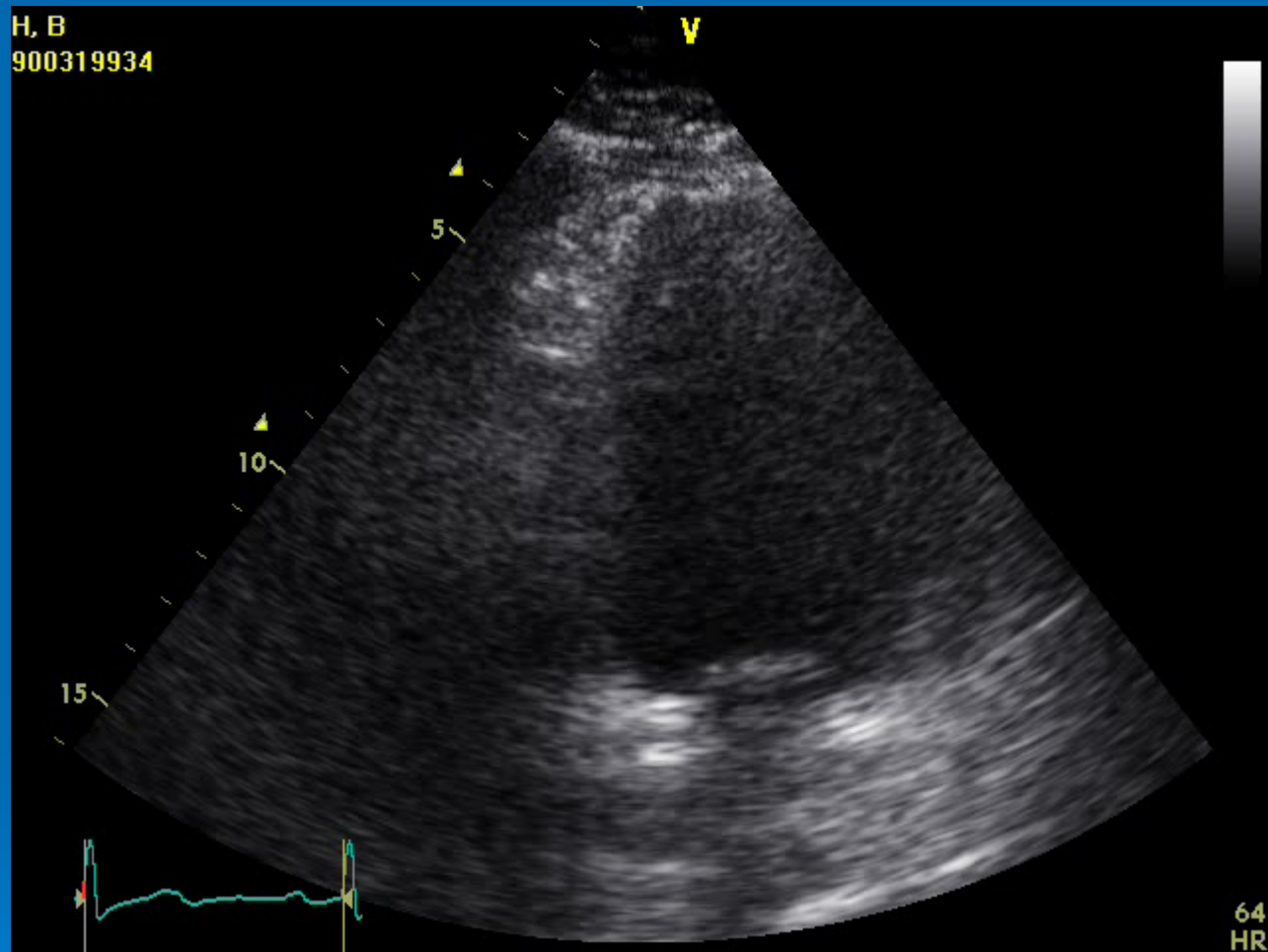
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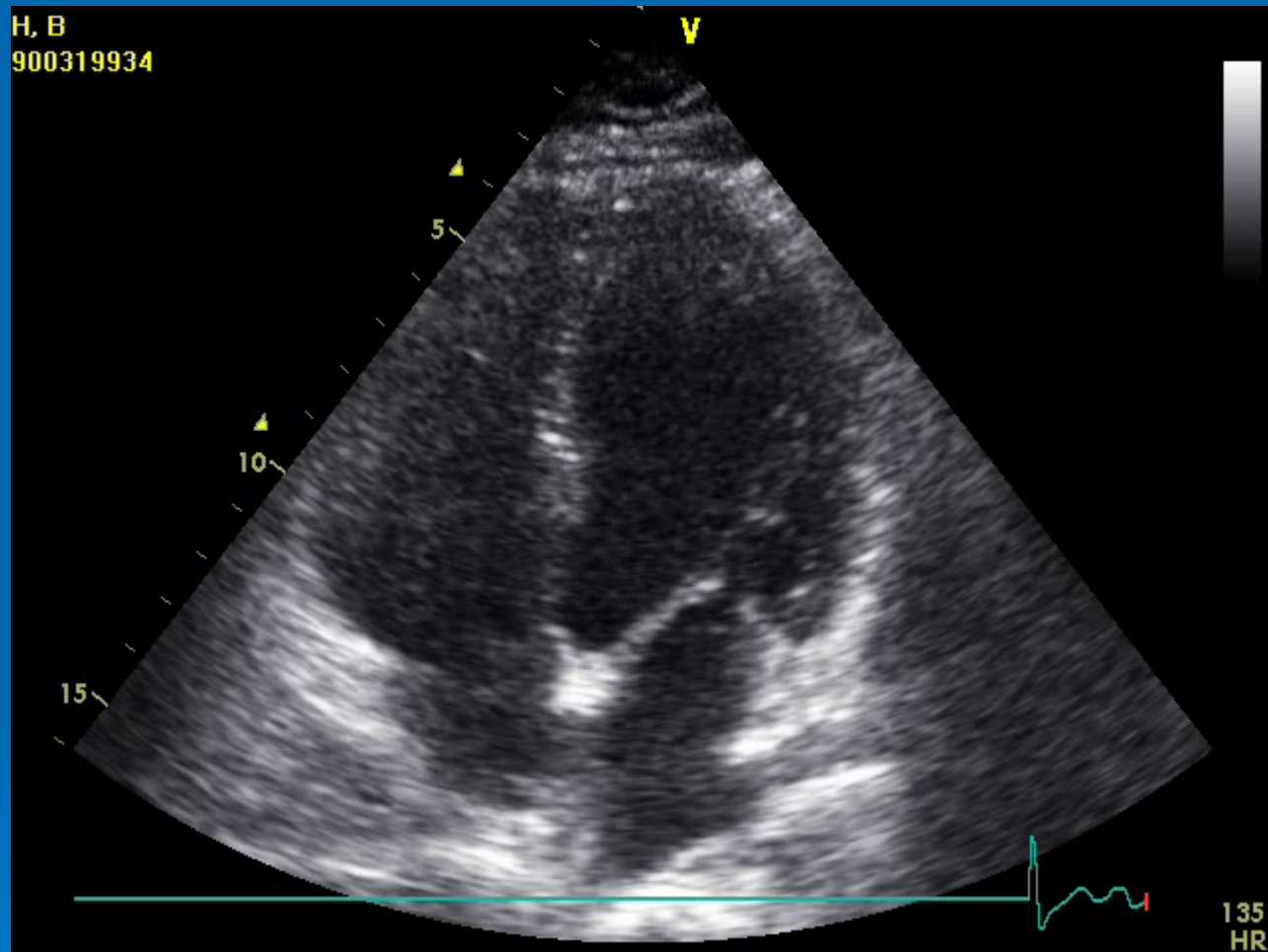
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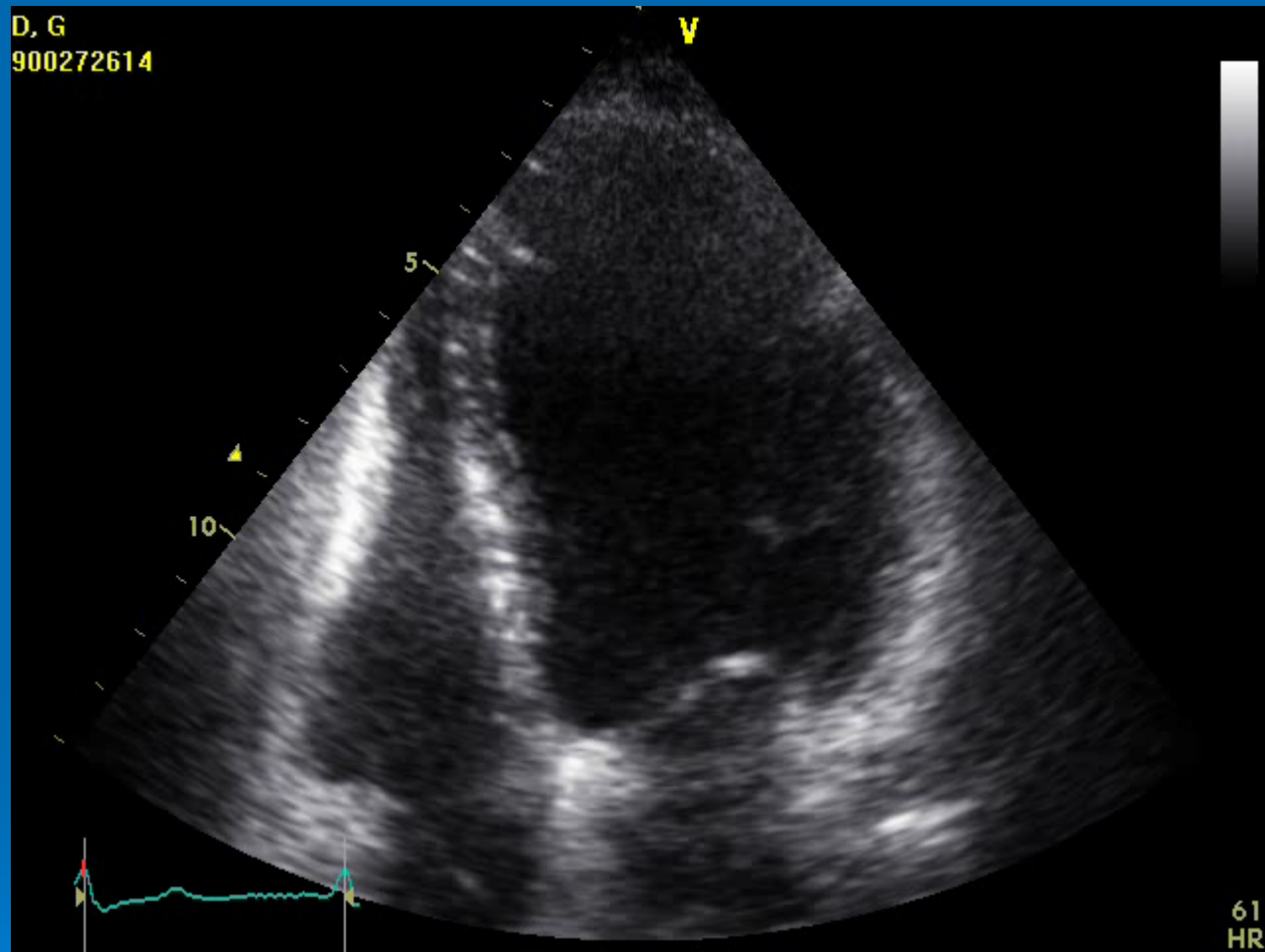
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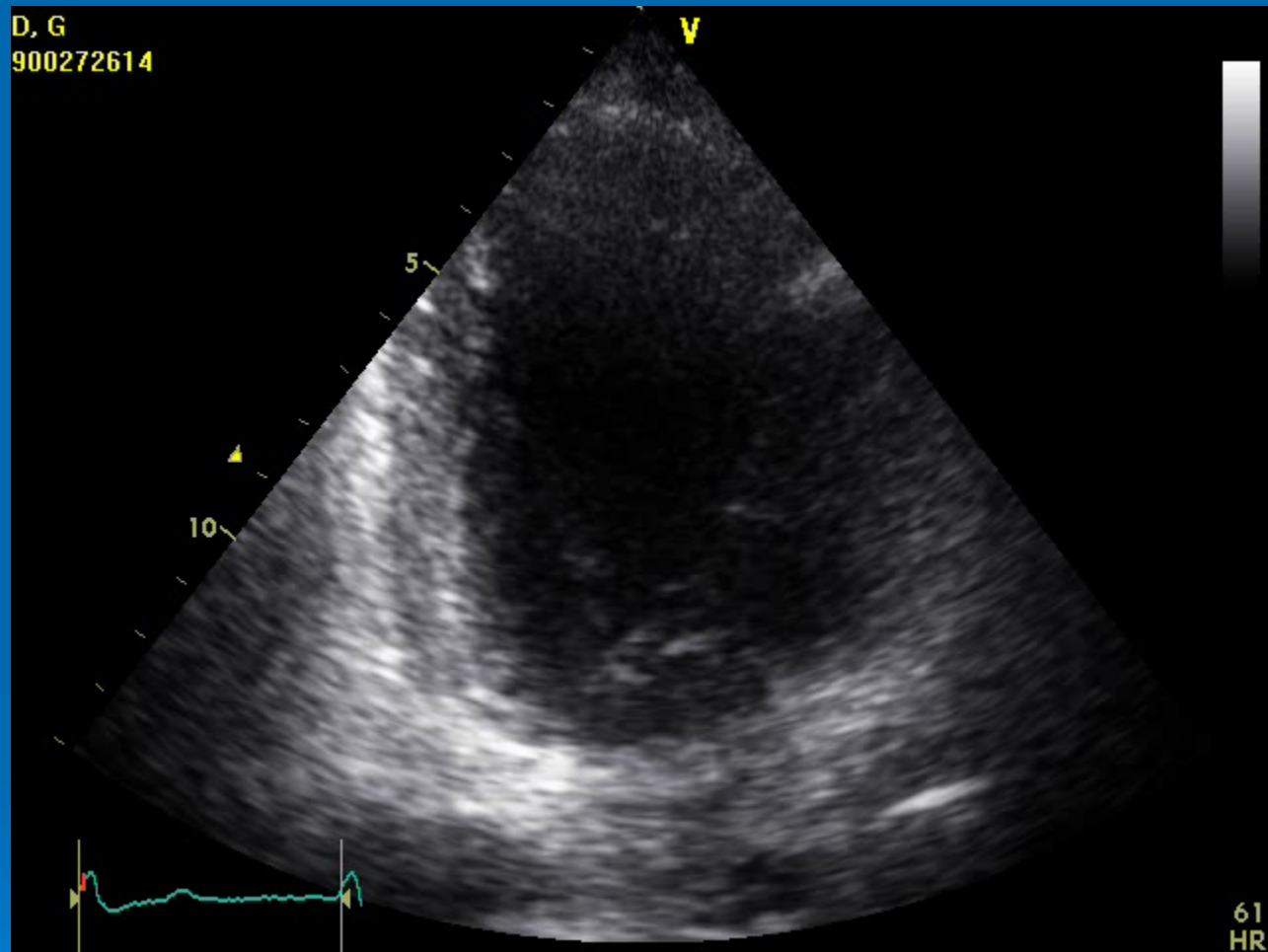
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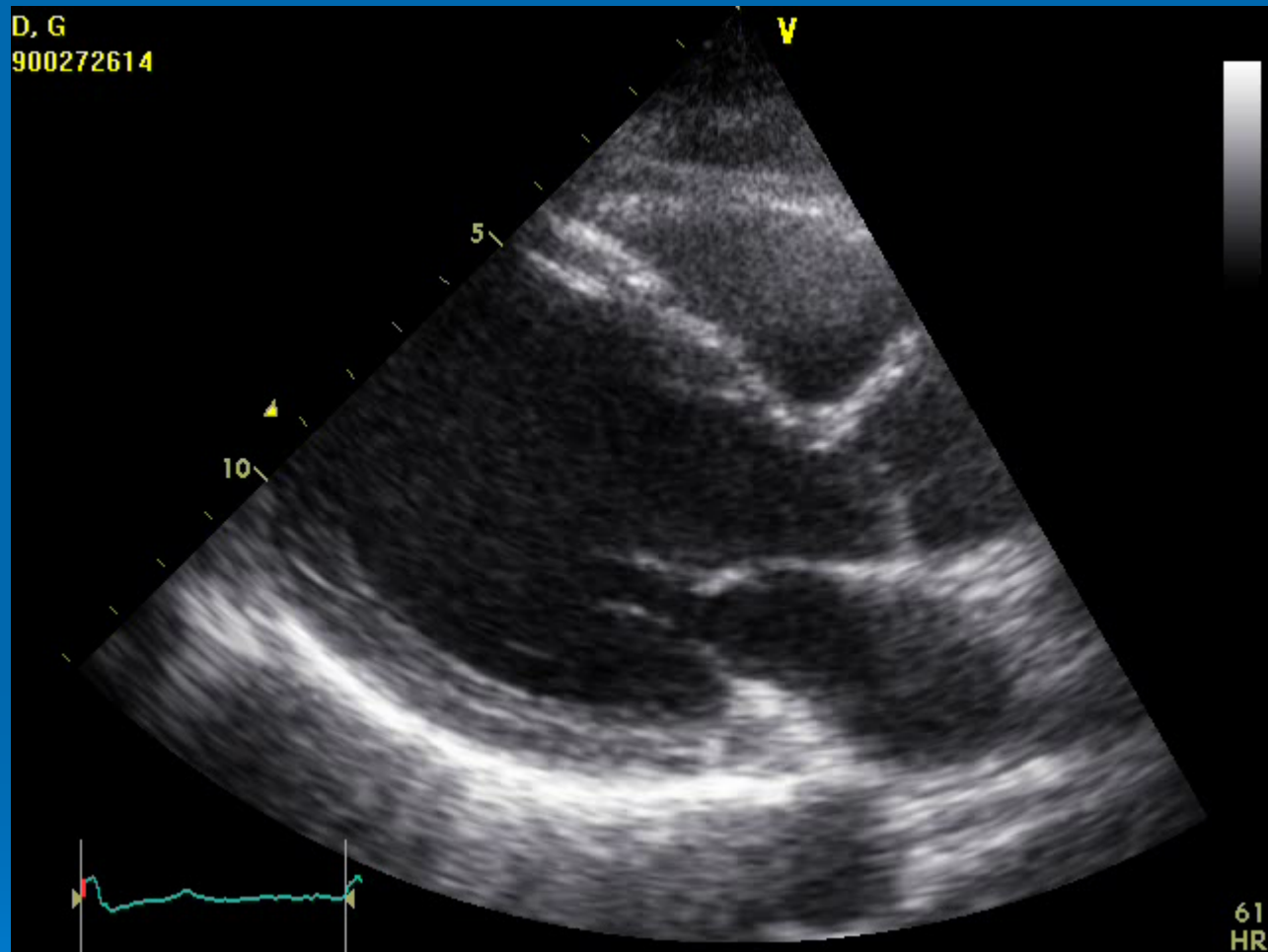
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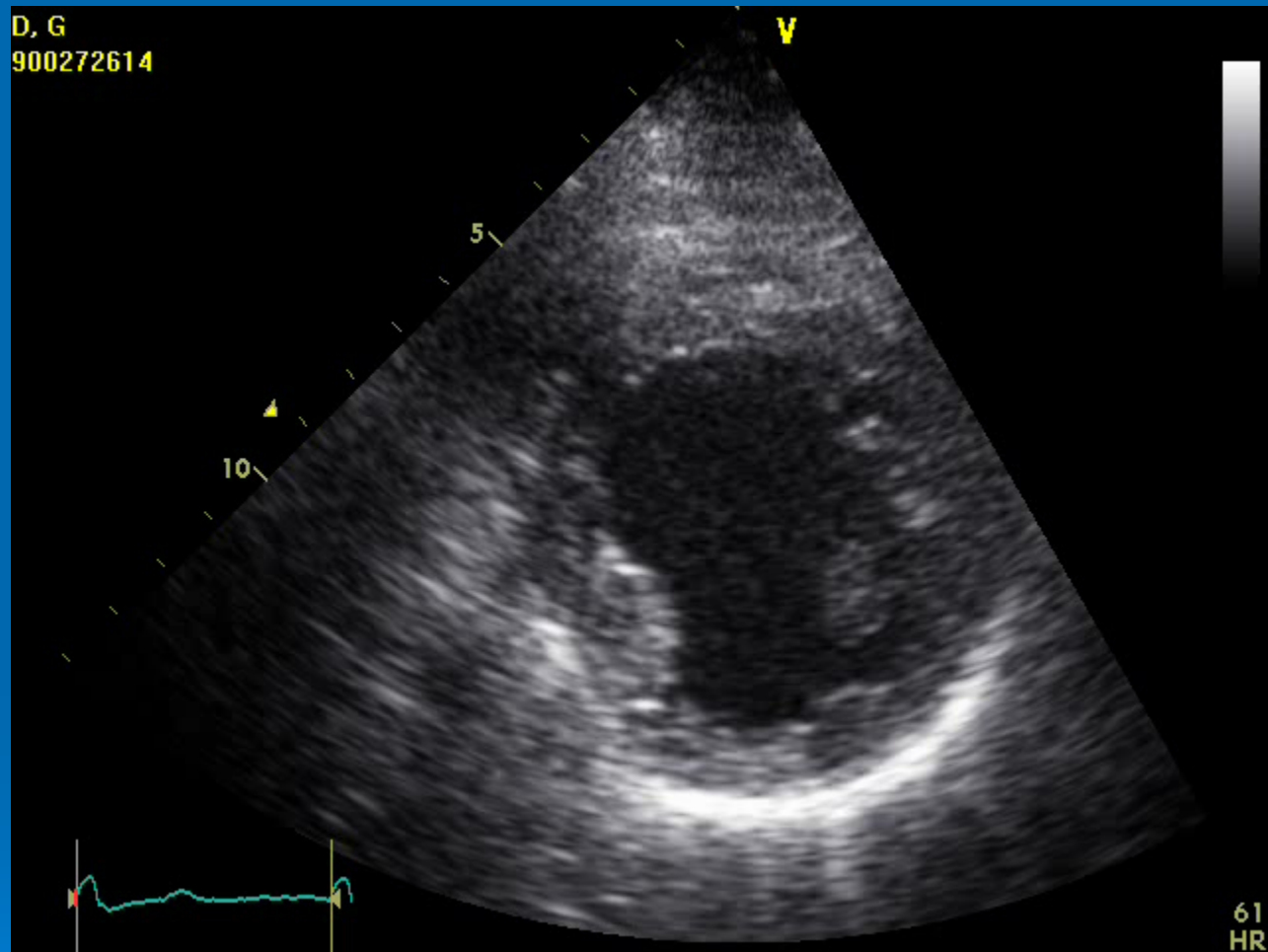
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Exercise Test Endpoints

Patient-determined endpoints

- Patient wants to stop
- Significant chest discomfort
- Marked fatigue or severe dyspnea
- Other limiting symptoms (dizziness, leg cramps, joint discomfort, etc)

Physician-determined endpoints

- Patient does not look well (eg, ataxia, confusion, pallor, cyanosis, etc)
- Exertional hypotension (systolic BP below standing at rest systolic BP)
- Systolic BP >250 mmHg
- Diastolic BP >120 mmHg
- Equipment failure

Exercise Test Endpoints (cont'd)

ECG endpoints

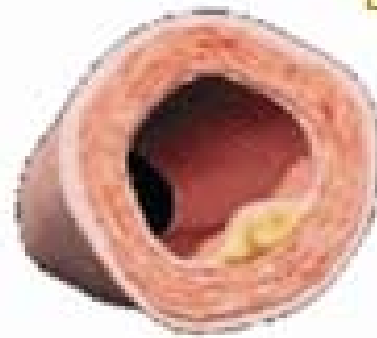
- Marked ST segment depression
- New bundle branch block or AV heart block
- Ventricular tachycardia or fibrillation
- Increasing frequency of ventricular arrhythmia (premature beats, couplets or nonsustained ventricular tachycardia), especially if ischemia present
- Onset of supraventricular tachyarrhythmias

Protocol-determined endpoints (submaximal tests)

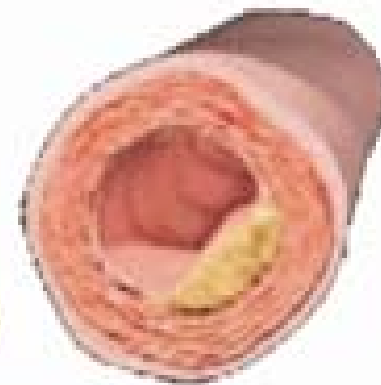
- Heart rate determined (eg, 120 to 140 bpm)
- Workload determined (eg, 5 METs)



Normal Artery



Early Deposition of cholesterol



Growth of Deposition (cholesterol)



Blockage requiring treatment

THANK YOU!

Questions?

