

# EKG Rhythm Lecture

1. Rate
2. Wide or Narrow Rhythm?

### Reg

P-QRS relationship?  
PR interval constant?  
P waves upright II/III/F?

### Irreg-Irreg

P- waves seen?  
Are P waves same or different?

### Patterned

What is the pattern?  
Eval P waves & QRS  
What is the origin or the pattern?  
What is the underlying rhythm and what interrupts?

## 3. Morphology

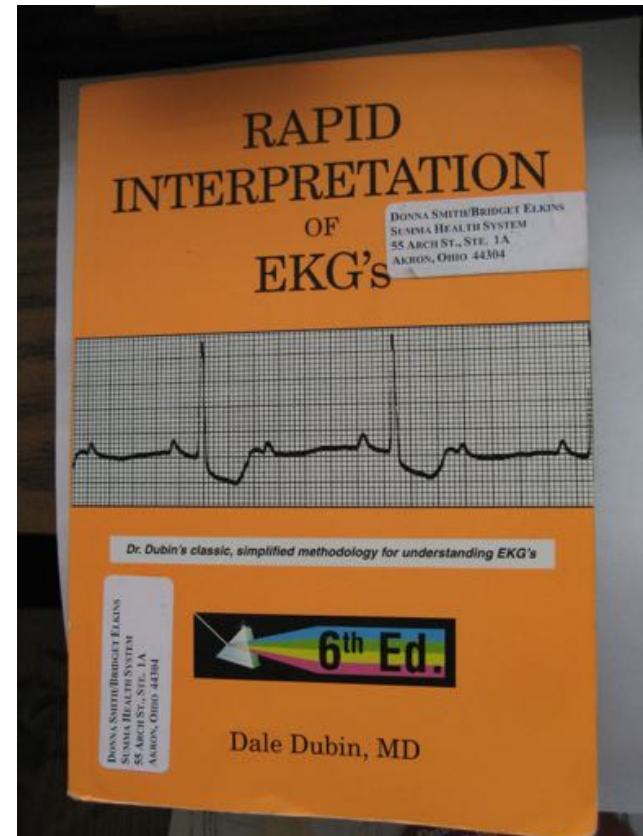
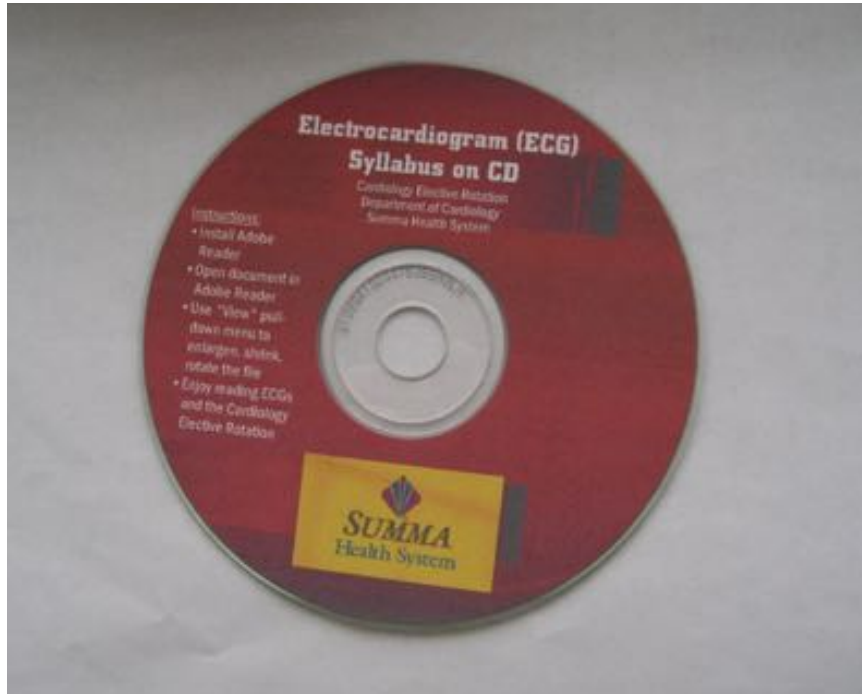
Axis

Pwave / PR

QRS (tall? / wide?)

ST- T – Q waves (Inf, Ant, Lat)

# AVAILABLE RESOURCES



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- **ECG Interpretation Template**

- **ECG#**

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- Rate:

- Rhythm:               ????

|                       |    |                             |    |                |
|-----------------------|----|-----------------------------|----|----------------|
| • <u>-REG</u>         | vs | <u>PATTERN</u>              | vs | <u>IRR-IRR</u> |
| • <u>-P-QRS</u>       |    | -what is pattern            |    | P-QRS          |
| •               -↑ P? |    | -origin of pattern          |    | origin of beat |
|                       |    | -Origin of the interruption |    |                |

- Pwave: Atrial Enlargement?

- PR Interval: >200msec

- QRS Complex

- -Axis:

- -Width:

- -Height: No Signs Consistent with LVH or RVH

- -QT interval (you may wish to add this)

- Q, ST/T Changes:

- -Inferior

- -Precordial

- -High Lateral

- SUMMARY STATEMENT-

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5:15:16PM

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22 yrs

Female

PR 140  
QRSD 66  
QT 354  
QTc 411

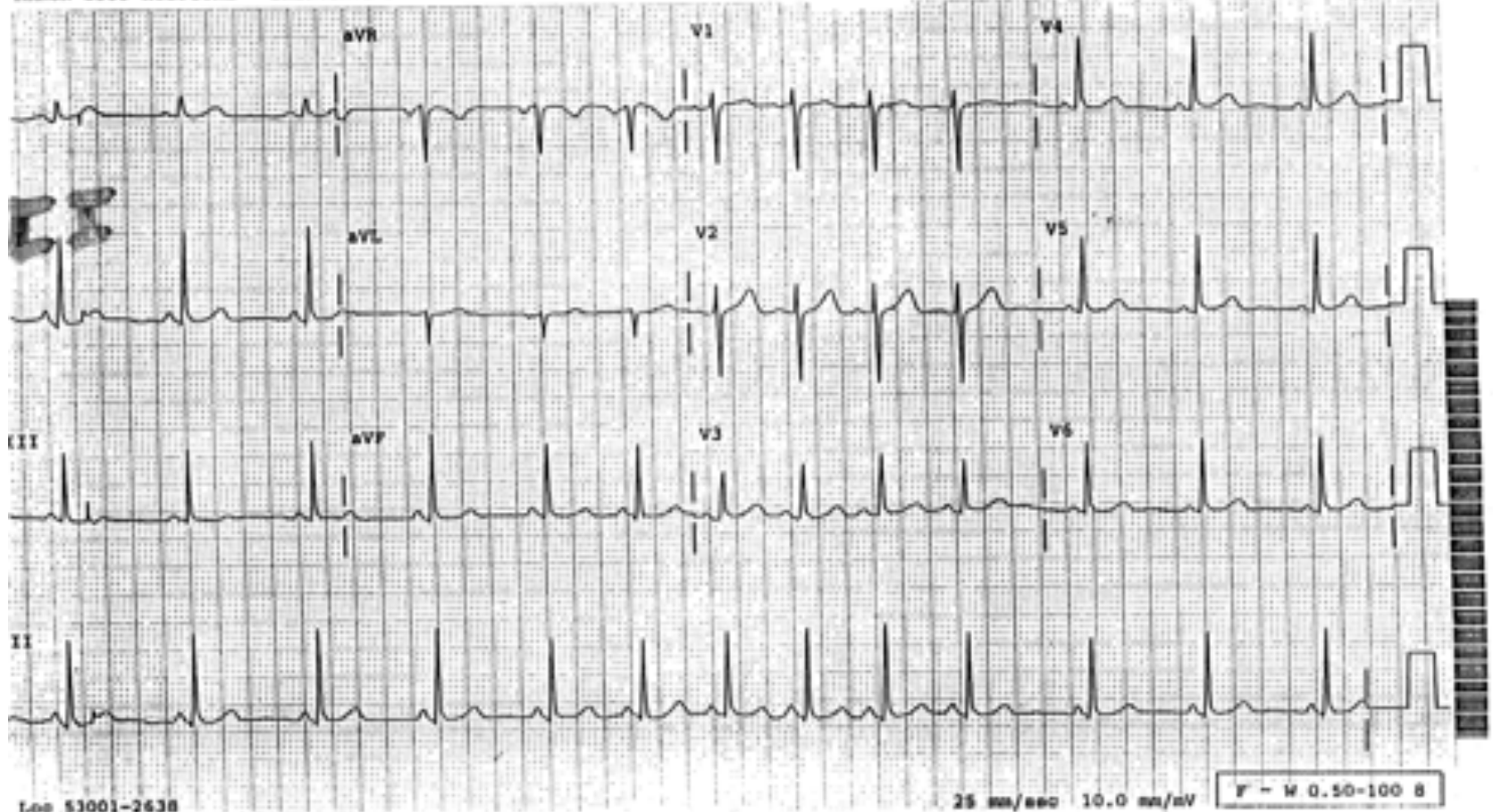
--AXES--  
P 64  
QRS 72  
T 36

Interpret EKG then check next slide

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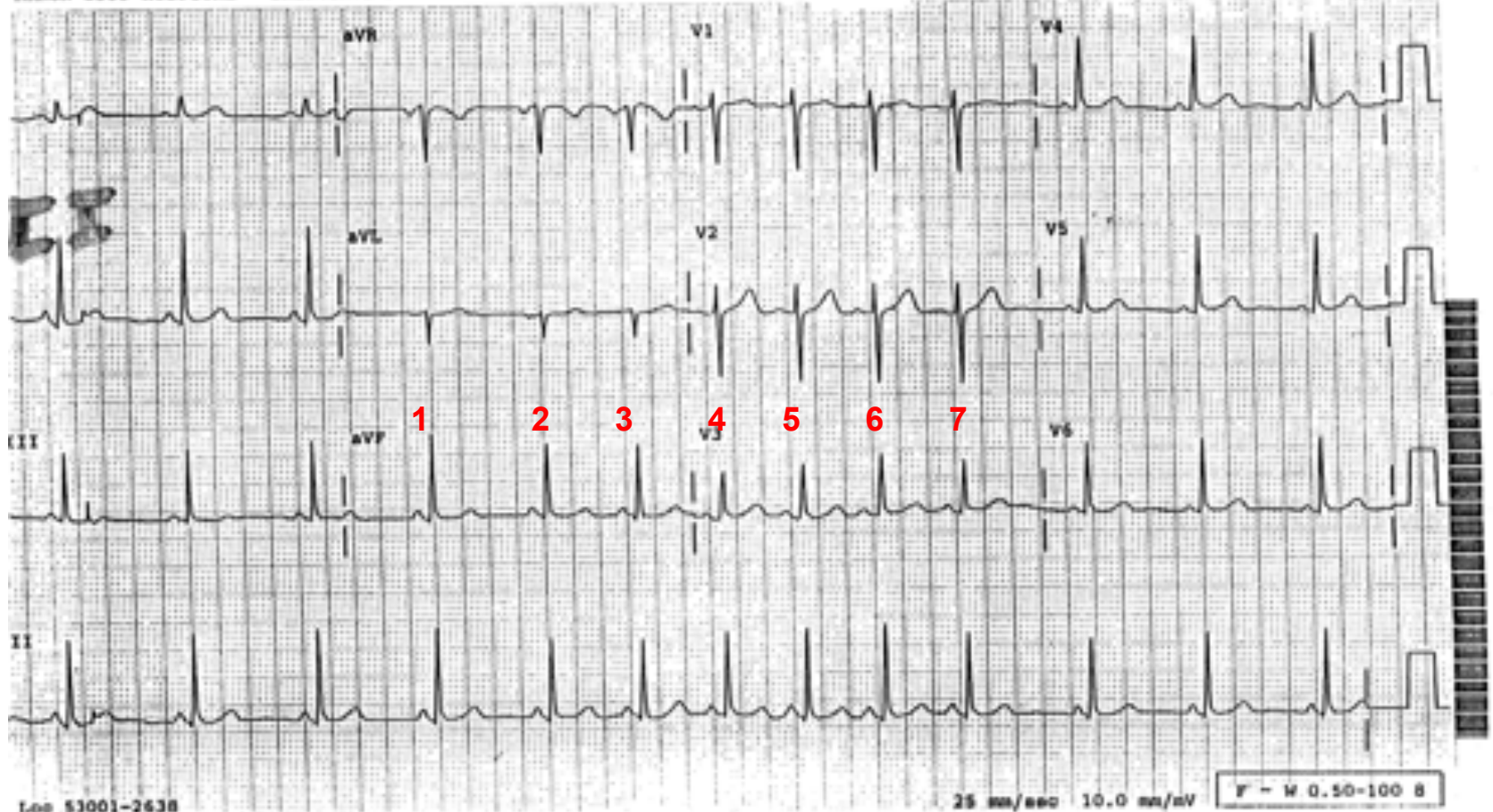
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**RATE – 7 1/2 beats in 6 secs x 10 = 75**

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RHYTHM:

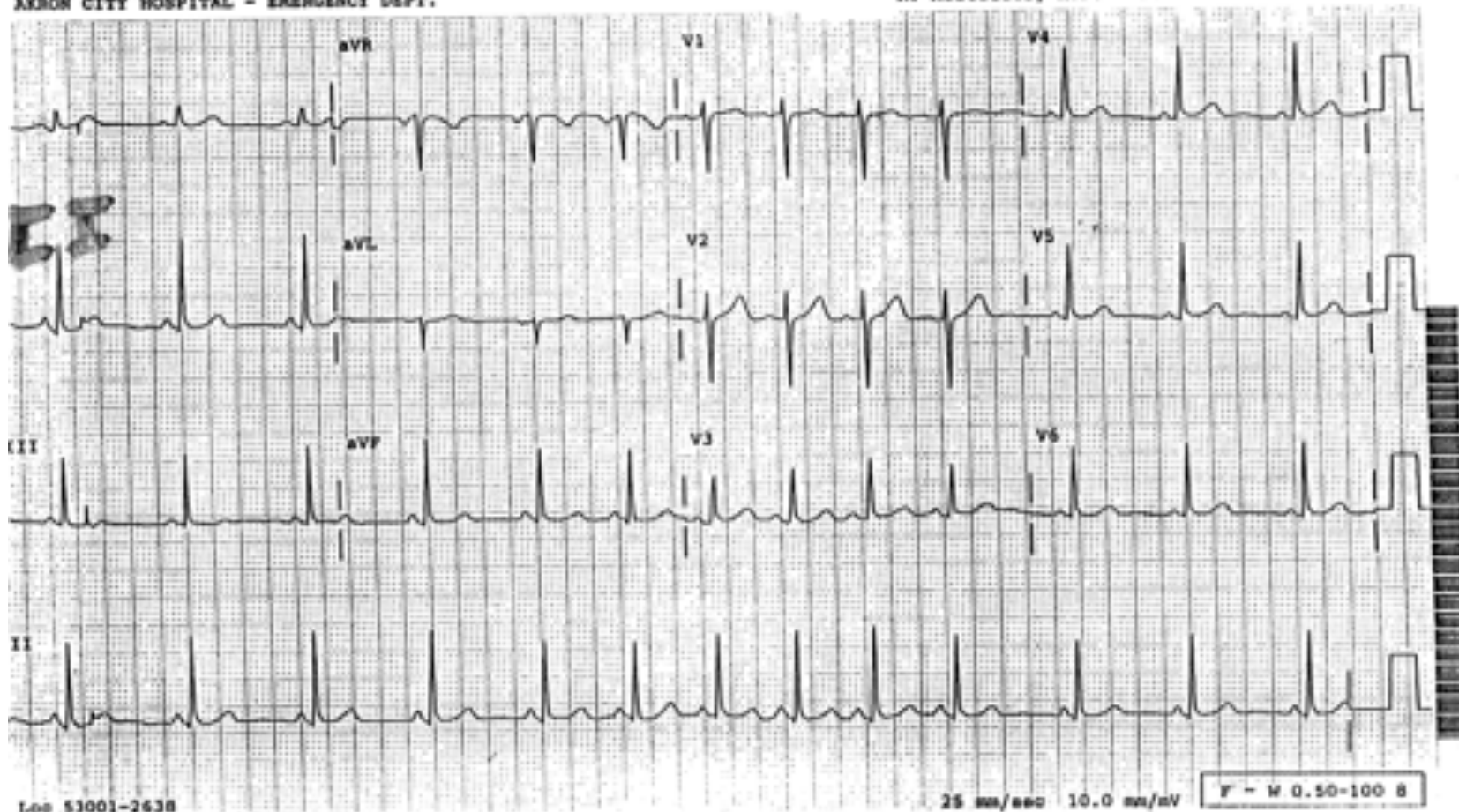
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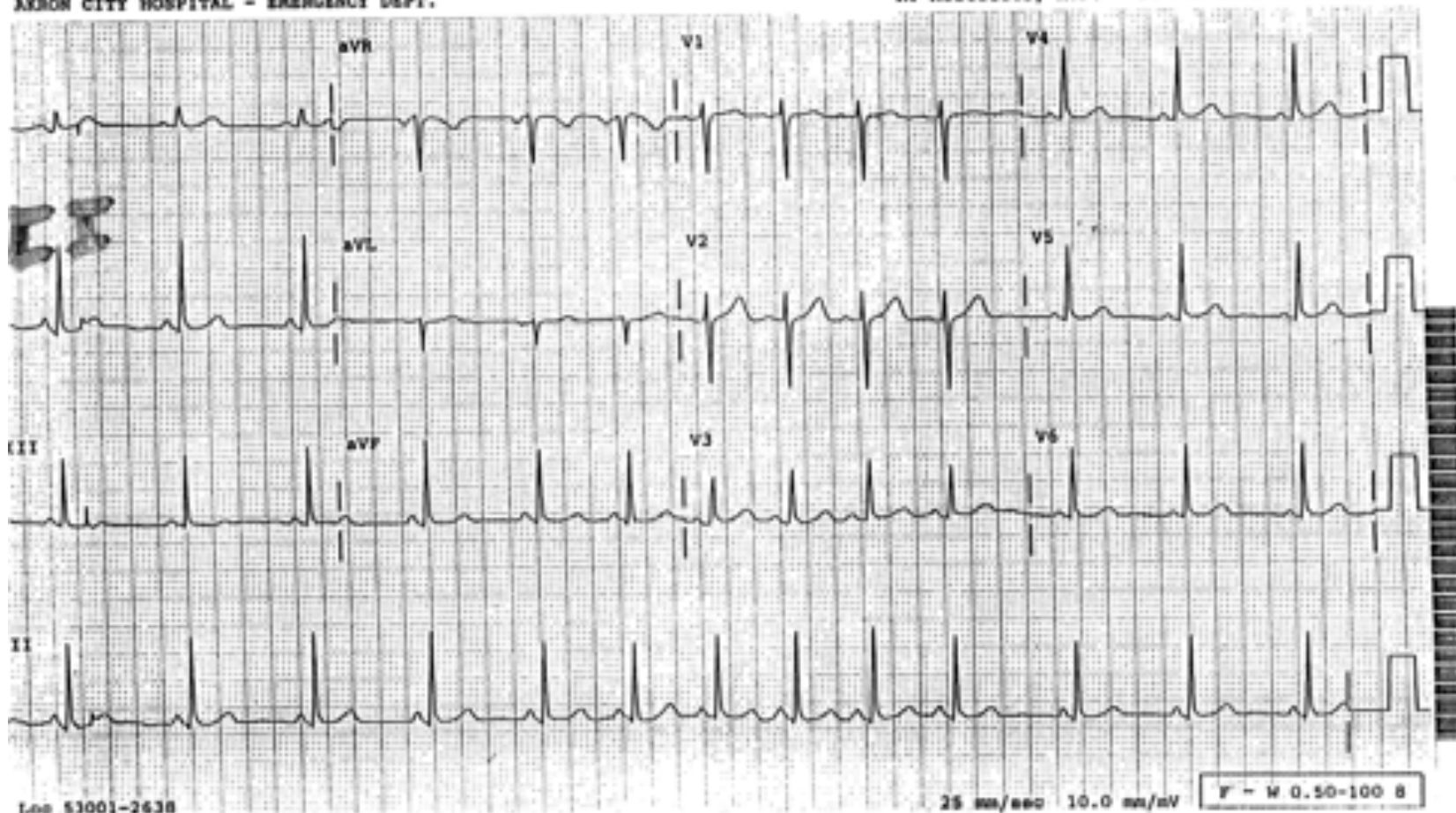
**RHYTHM: IRREG**

**P with every QRS? // Any hidden P's?**

**P waves upright in II/III/F?**

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**RHYTHM: IRREG**

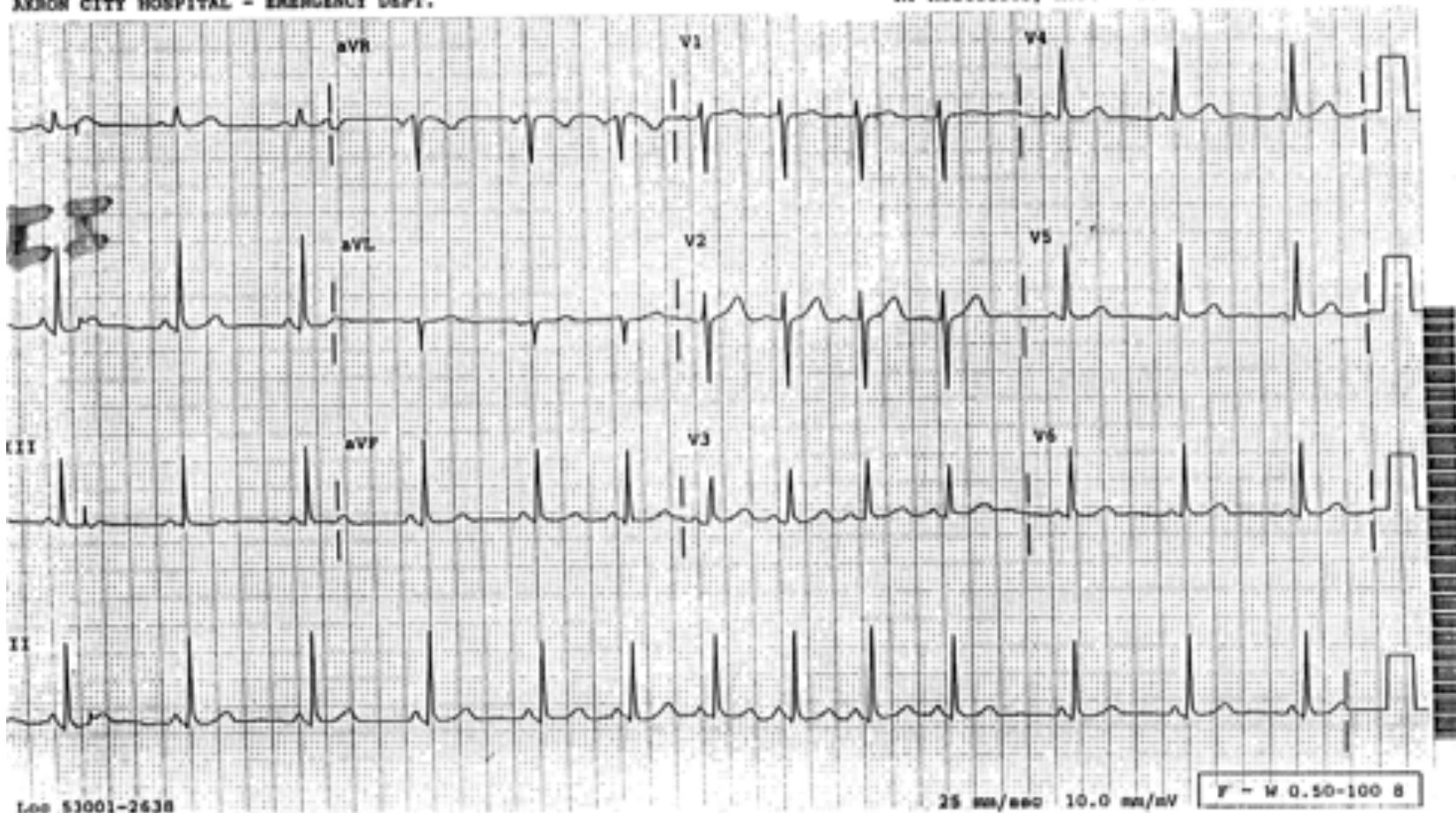
**P with every QRS? // Any hidden P's? Yes**

**P waves upright in II/III/F? Yes**

**Sinus Arrhythmia (these QRS can only be coming for SA origin)**

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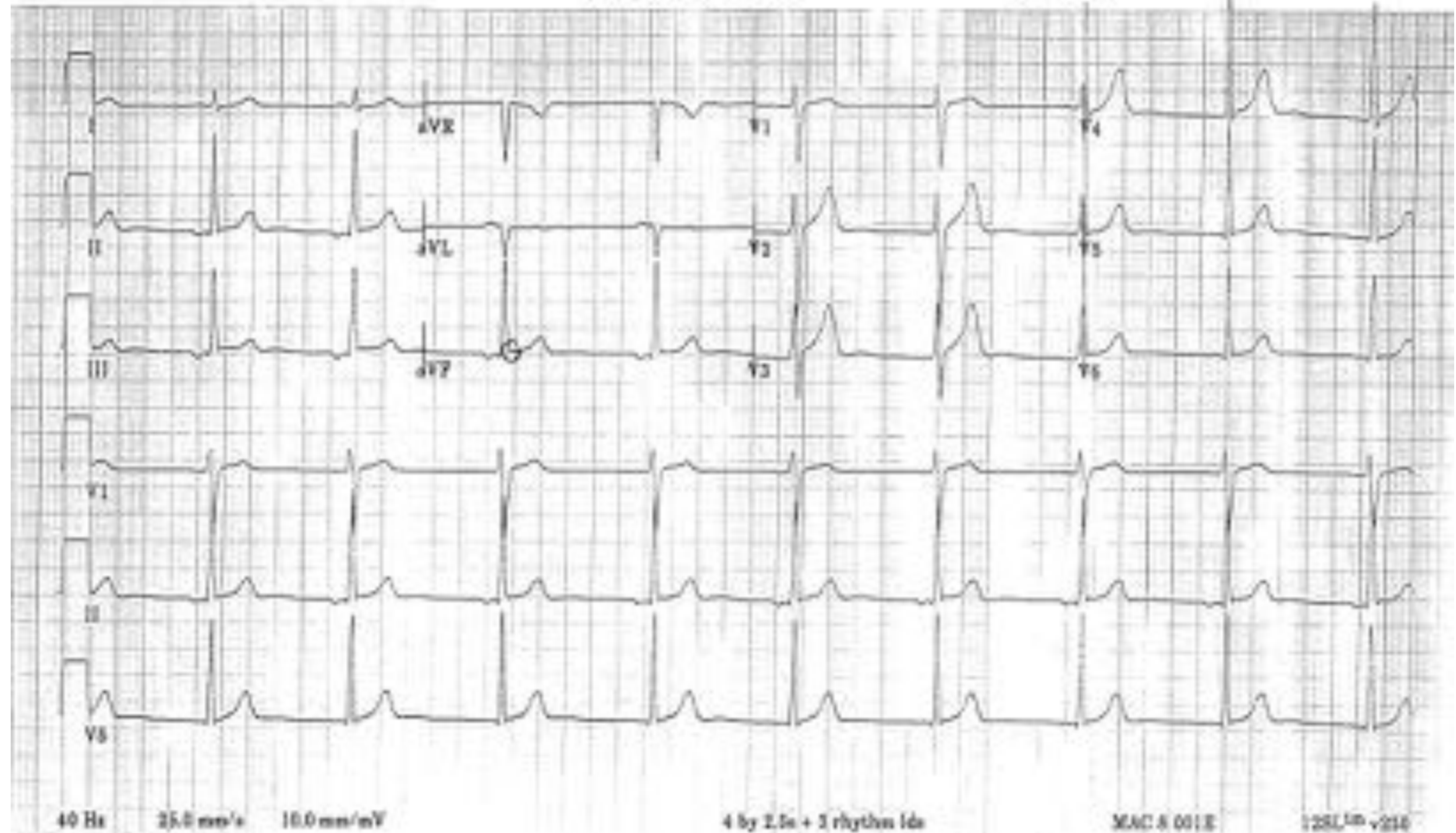
## Interpret EKG...

28 years  
Male  
69cm  
Conscious  
128/80  
Vent. rate 64 bpm  
PR interval 106 ms  
QRS duration 100 ms  
QT/QTc 406/387 ms  
P-R-T axes -59 81 66

Technician: KMM

Referred by: PES/IPC I

Unconfirmed



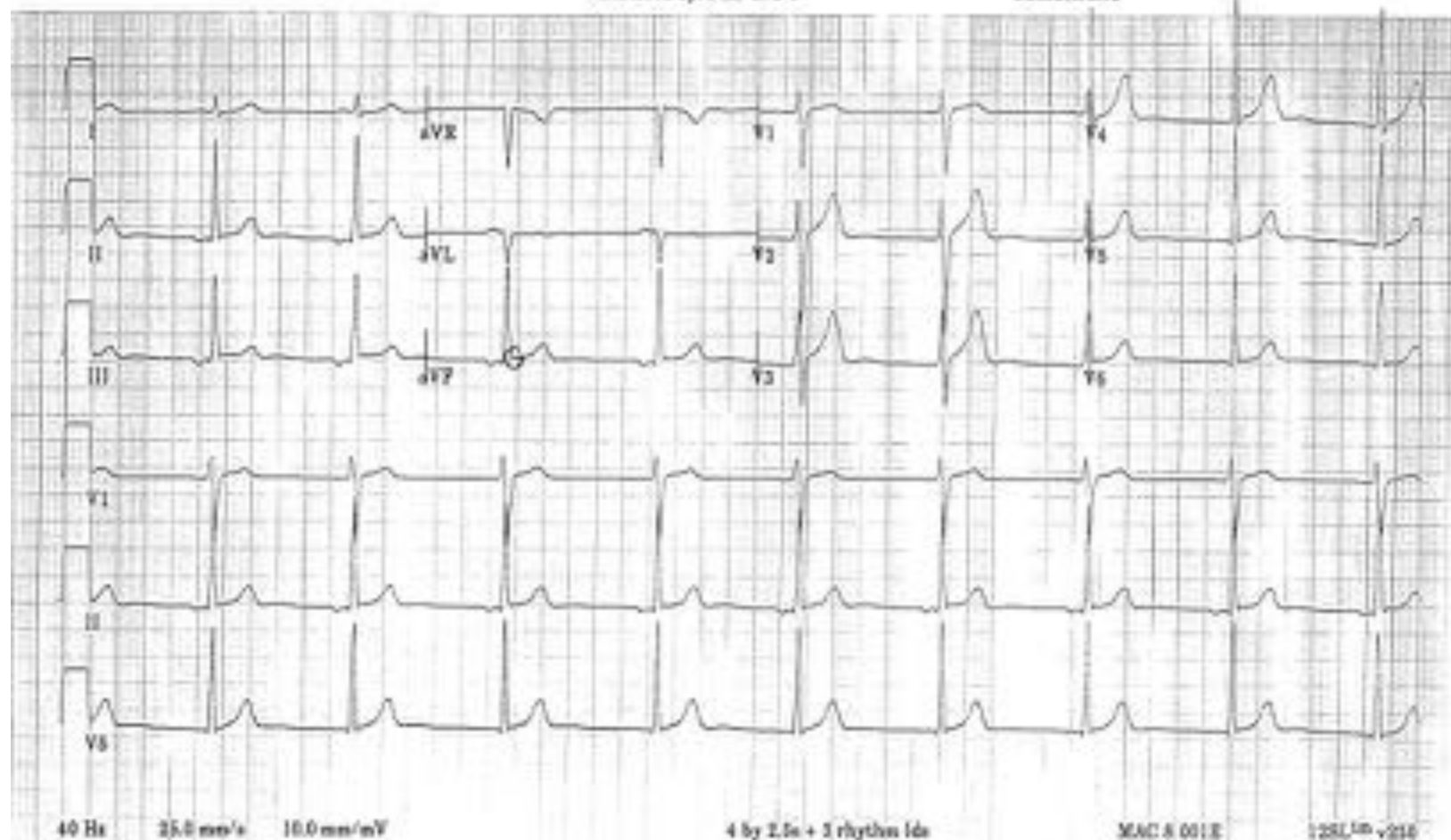
28 years  
Male  
69in  
Conscious  
126lbs  
Vent. rate 54 bpm  
PR interval 106 ms  
QRS duration 100 ms  
QT/QTc 406/387 ms  
P-R-T axes -59 81 66

Rate = 50 / Reg... did you see P's?

Technician: KMM

Referred by: PES/IPC I

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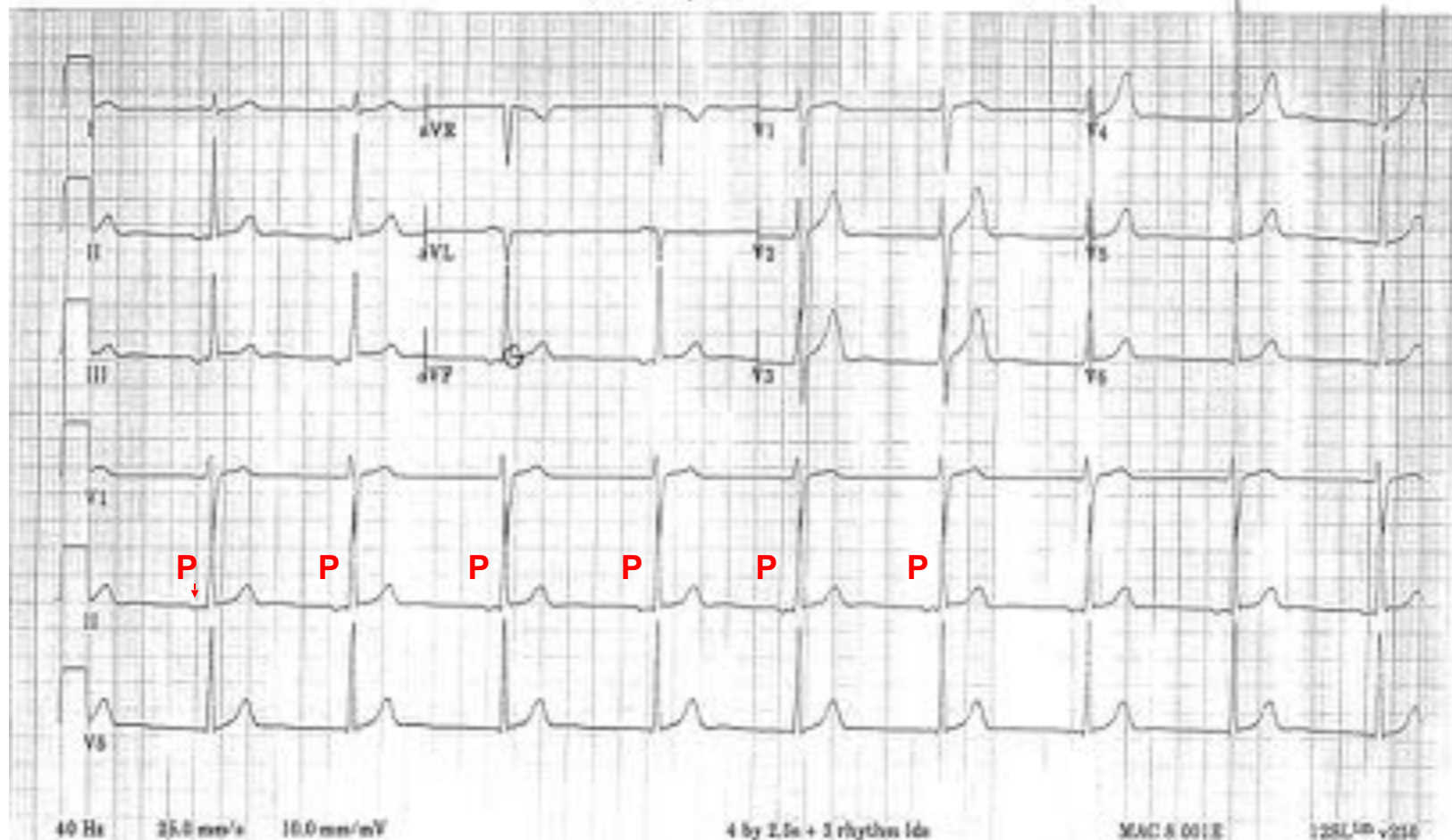
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**Inverted P's in lead II = Ectopic Atrial Pacemaker**

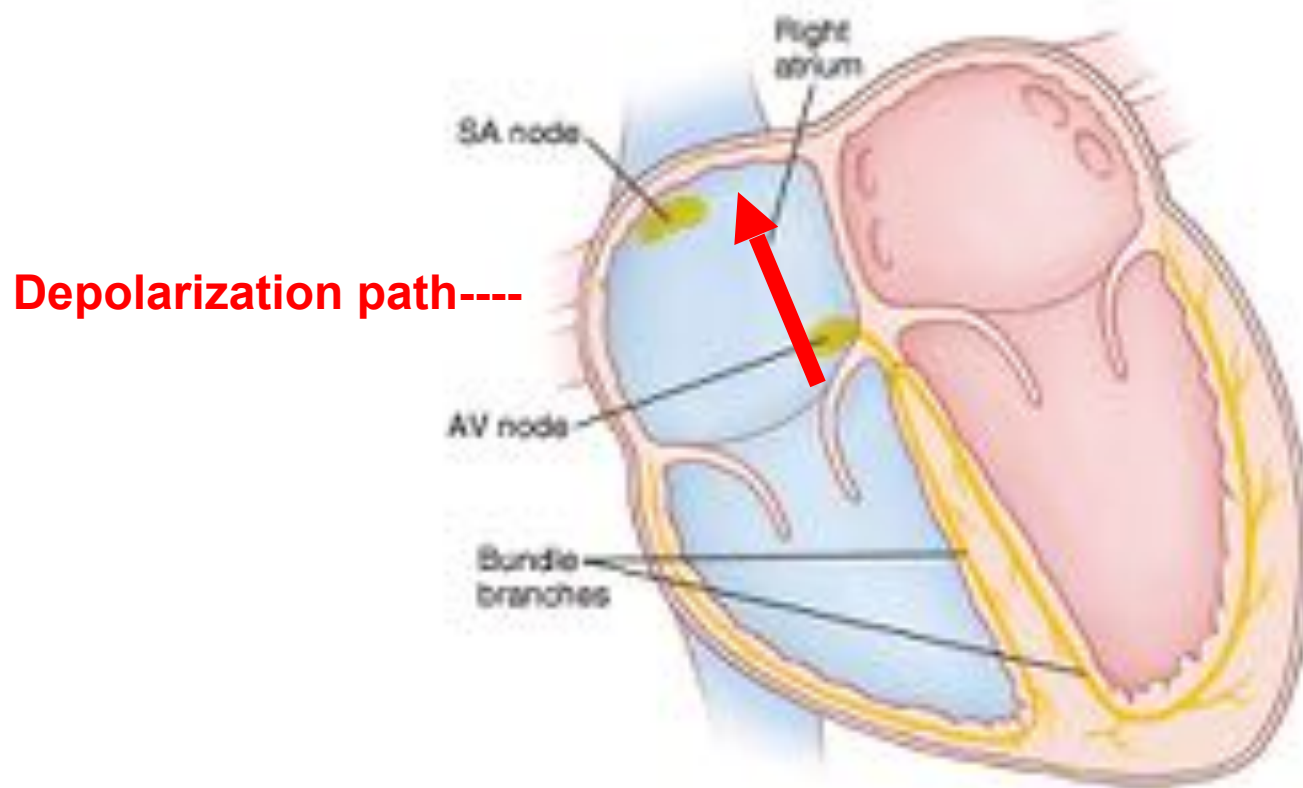
Technician: RMM

Referred by: PES/IPC I

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**Leads II / III / F**

Remember that a depolarization traveling away from the inferior leads will have an inverted P wave... thus it cannot be coming from the Sinus node



## Interpret EKG:

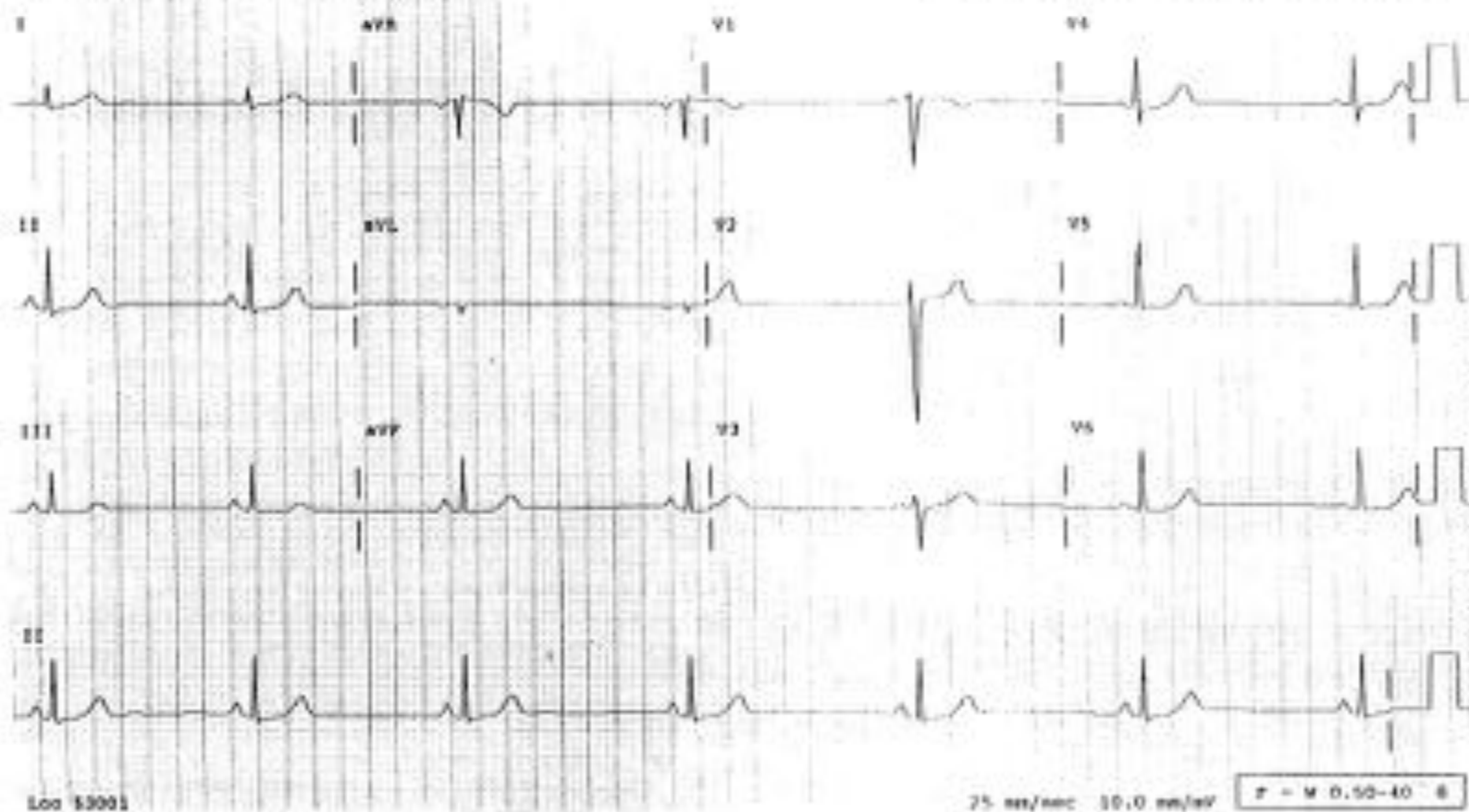
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PR 155  
QRS 80  
QT 455  
QTc 362

--XXXX--  
P 81  
QRS 72  
T 53

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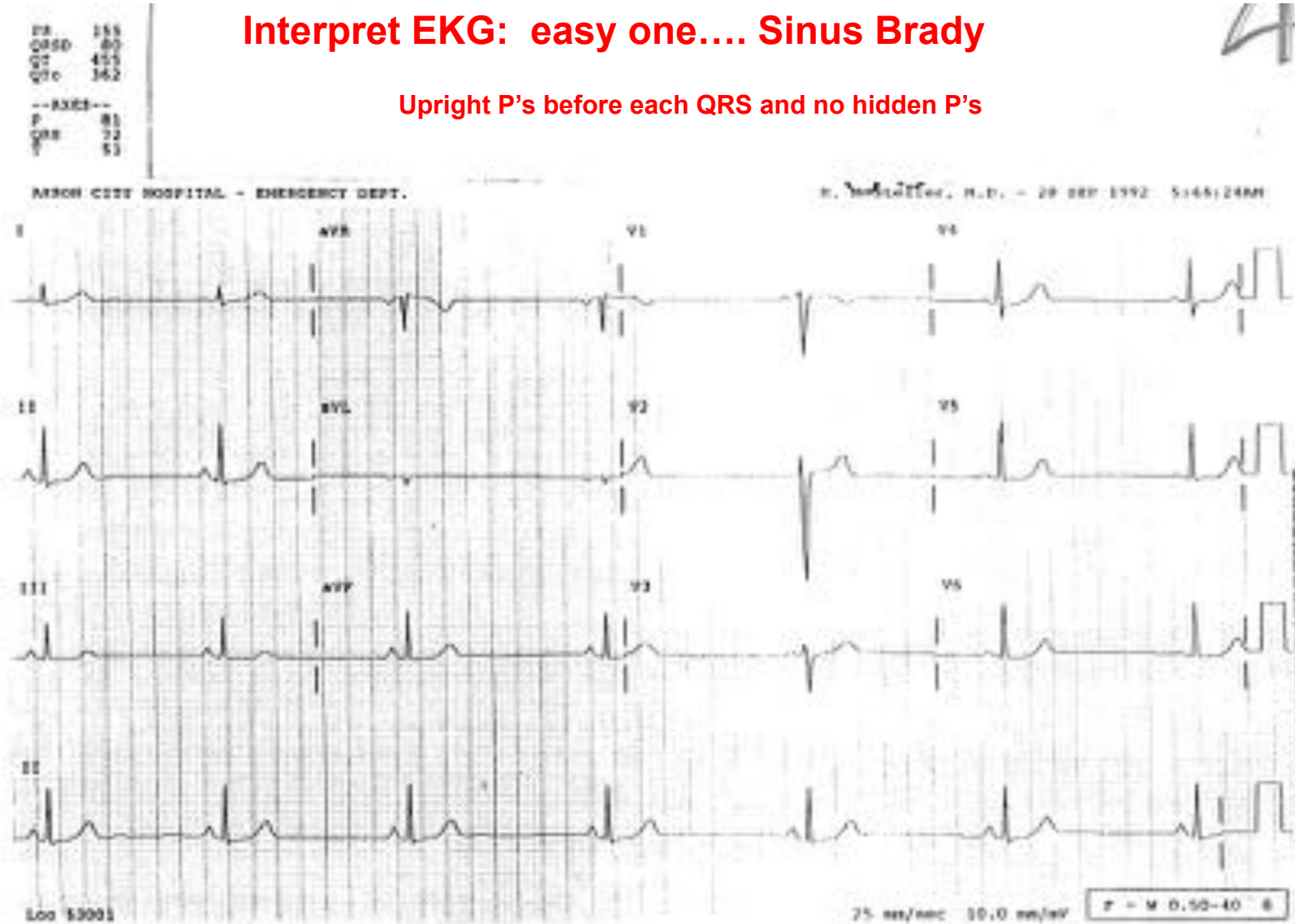
M. Yudofsky, M.D. - 28 SEP 1992 5:45:24AM



## Interpret EKG: easy one.... Sinus Brady

Upright P's before each QRS and no hidden P's

4



63 years  
Male      Unknown

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| Heart rate   | 78 bpm     |
| PR interval  | 140 ms     |
| QRS duration | 78 ms      |
| QT/QTc       | 368/439 ms |
| P-R-T axes   | 55 -8 27   |

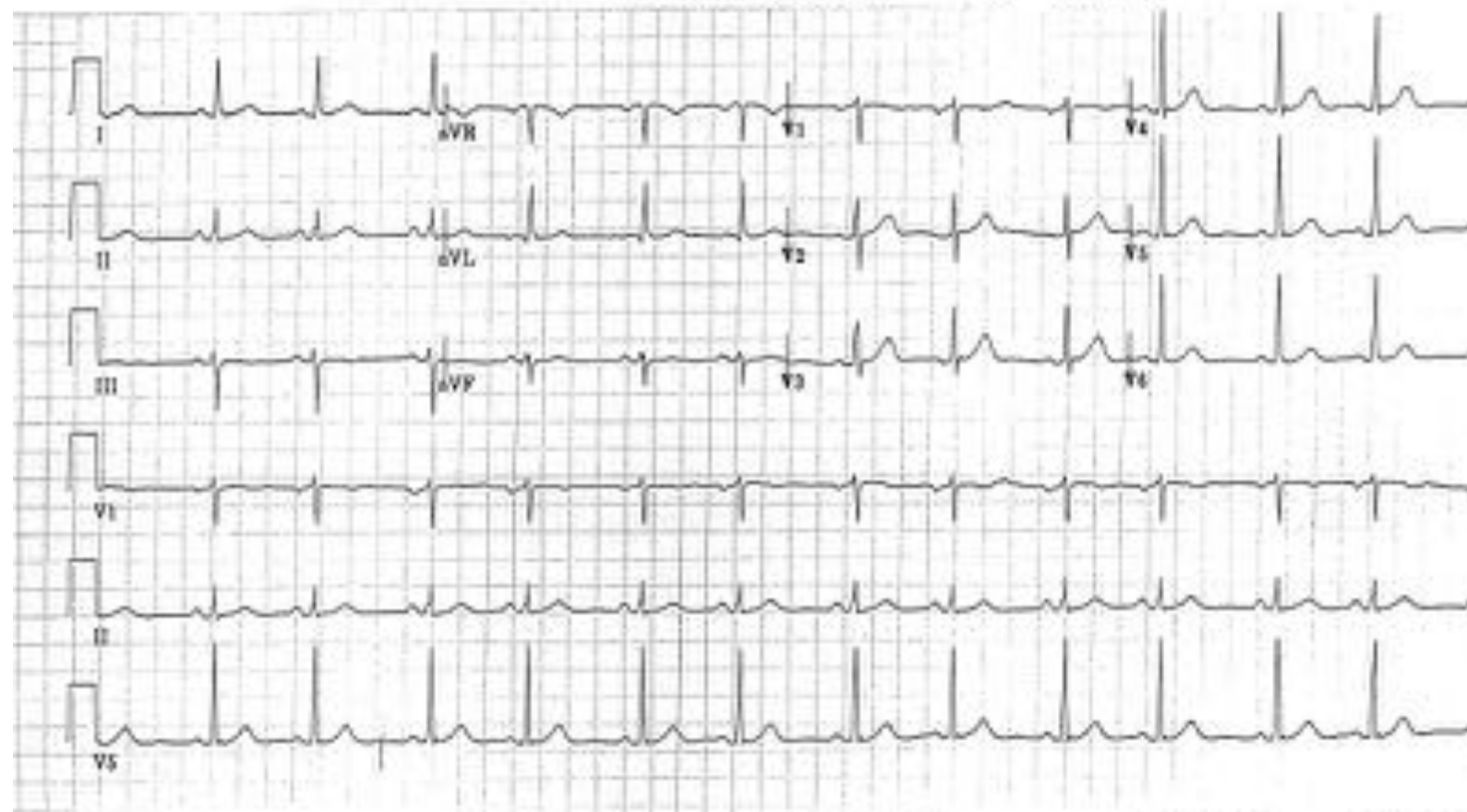
## Interpret EKG:

2

Technician: Magt Puffer GUT  
Test lead: Chest Pressure

Referred by: Dr Smiley, BGAA

Unconfirmed



150 Hz    25.0 mm/s    10.0 mm/mV

4 by 2.5s + 2 rhythm lead

MACVU 003A

12513th v250

63 years  
Male      Unknown  
Vent. rate      78 bpm  
PR interval      140 ms  
QRS duration      78 ms  
QT/QTc      368/419 ms  
P-R-T axes      55 -8 27

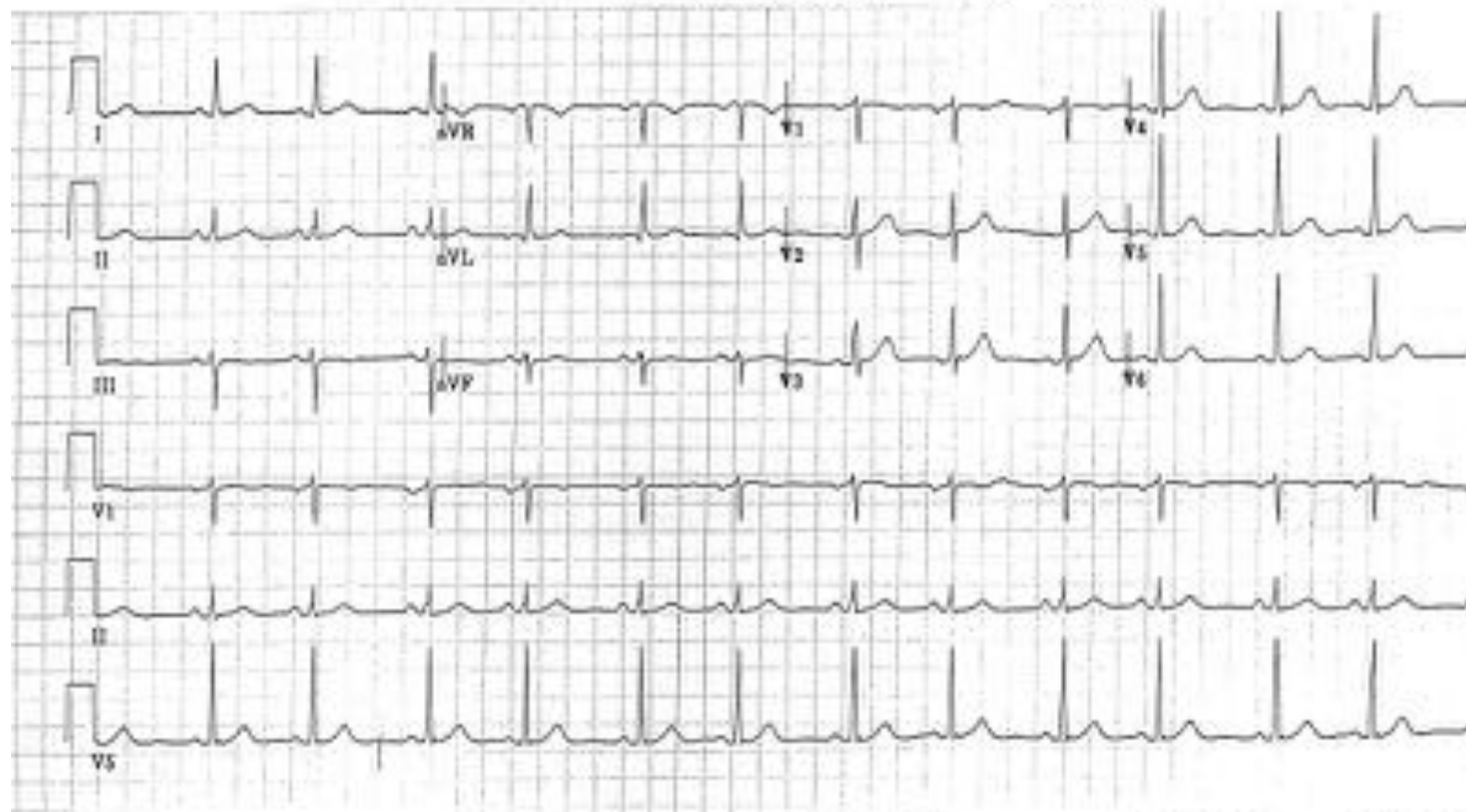
Rate = 65      Is it REG?

2

Technician: Magt Puffer GUT  
Test lead: Chest Pressure

Referred by: Dr Smiley, BGAA

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150 Hz      25.0 mm/s      10.0 mm/mV

4 by 2.5s + 2 rhythm 1s

MACVU 003A

12513<sup>th</sup> v250

63 years Male Unknown  
Vent. rate 78 bpm  
PR interval 140 ms  
QRS duration 78 ms  
QT/QTc 365/419 ms  
P-R-T axes 55 -8 27

Actually it is Patterned

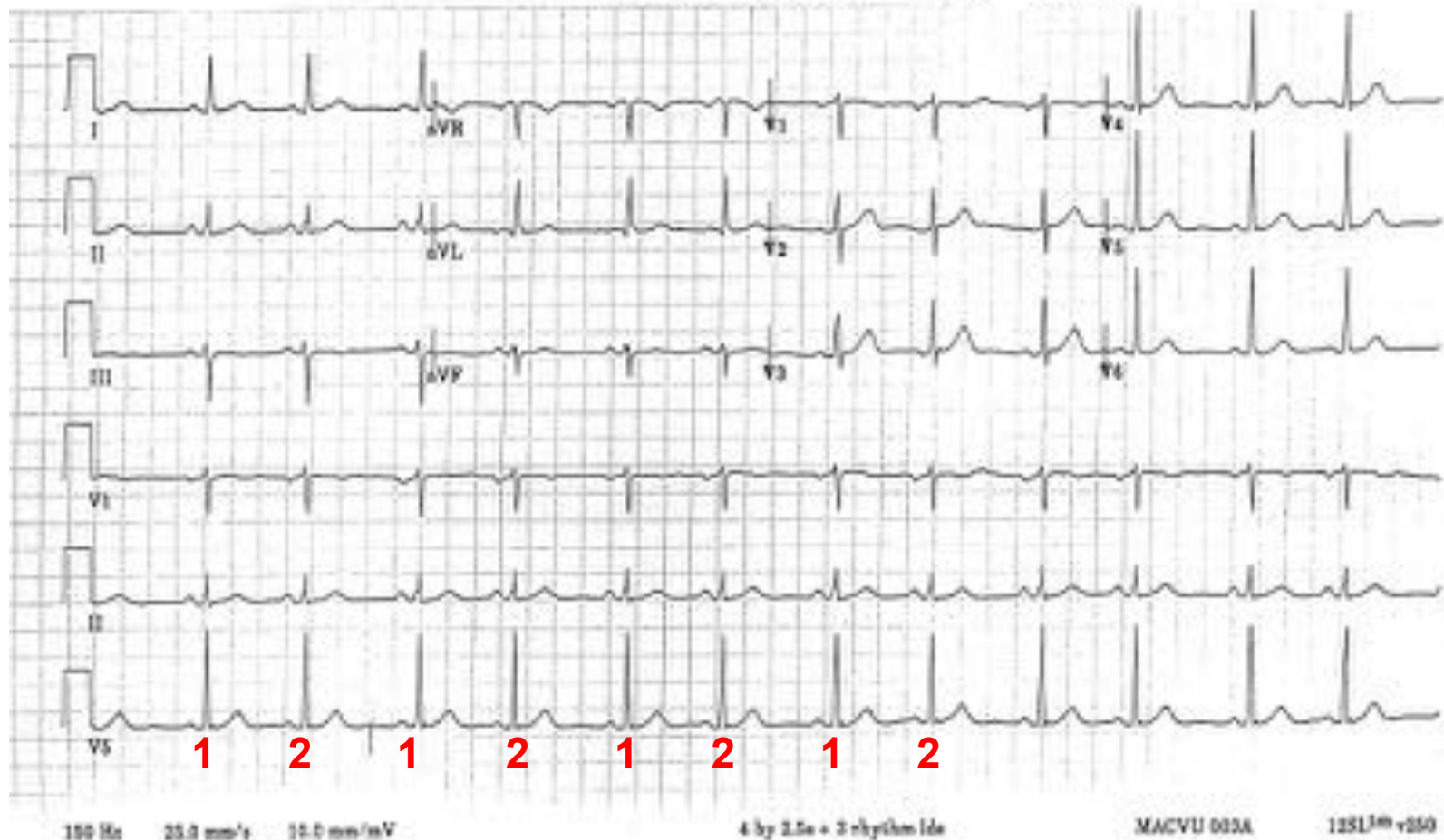
Grouped beats – normal beat then early beat

2

Technician: Magt Puffer GUT  
Test lead: Chest Pressure

Referred by: Dr Smiley, BGAA

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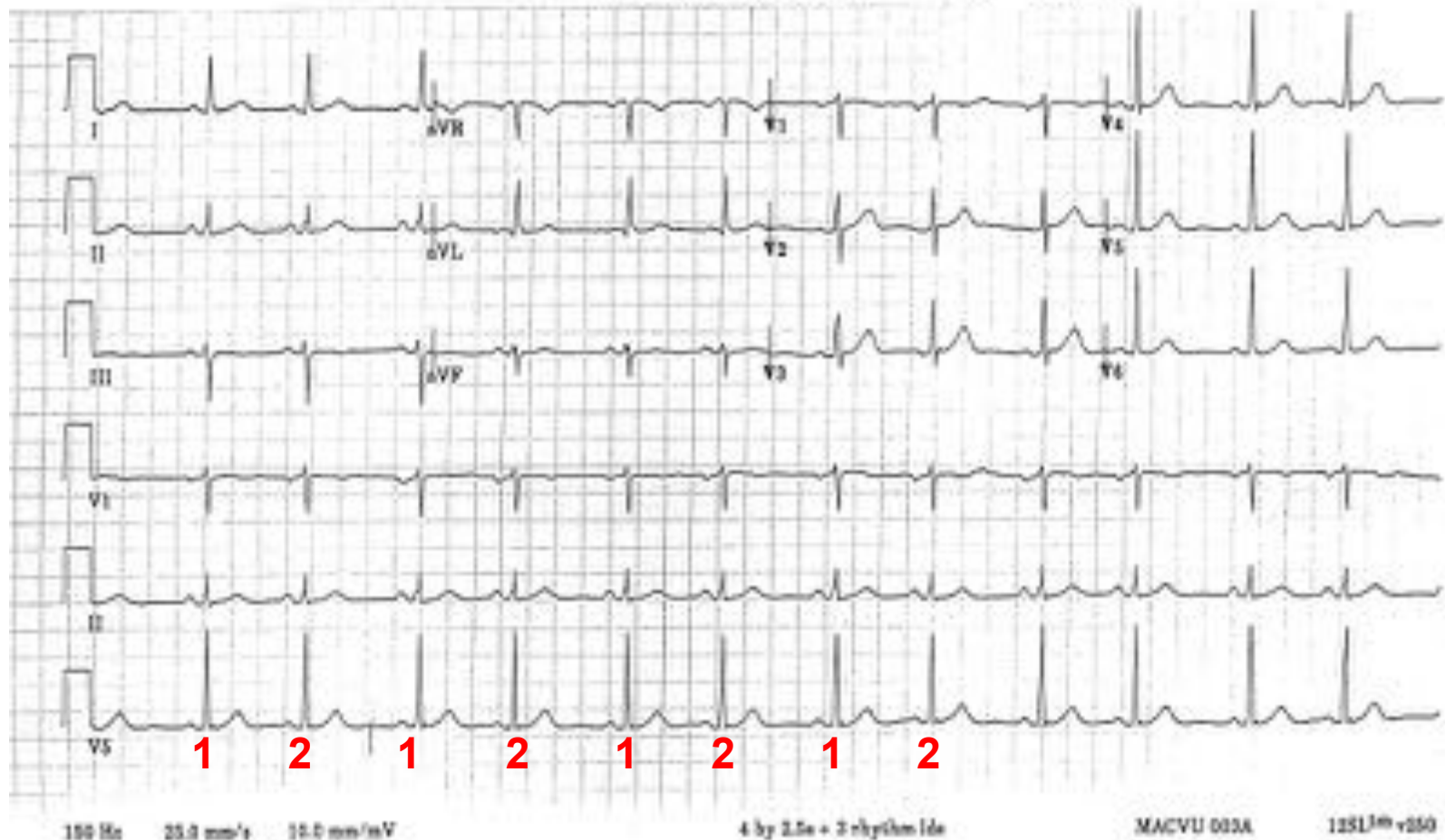
**Atrial Bigeminy...the sinus node won't usually beat early on itself. The early beat is likely a PAC**

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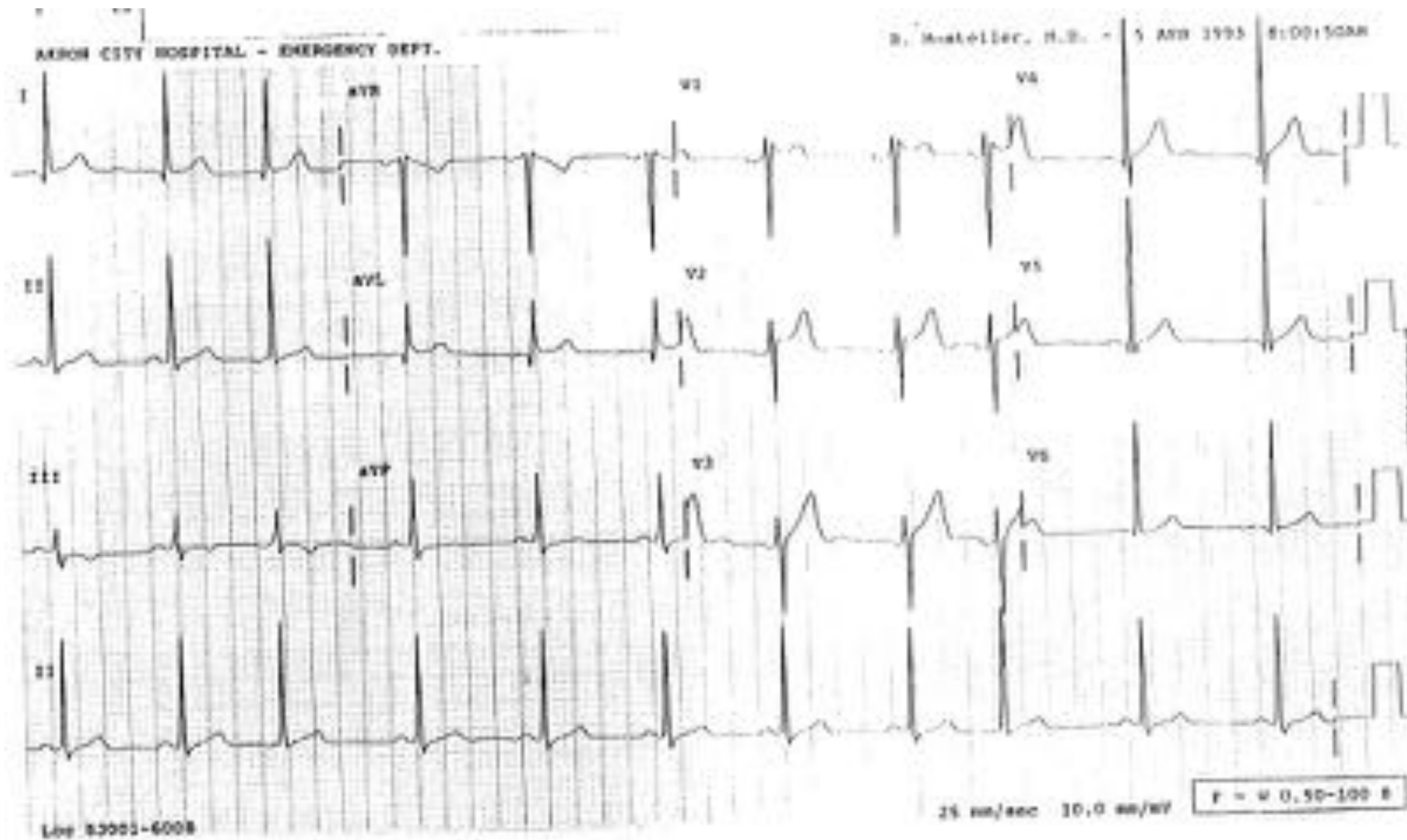
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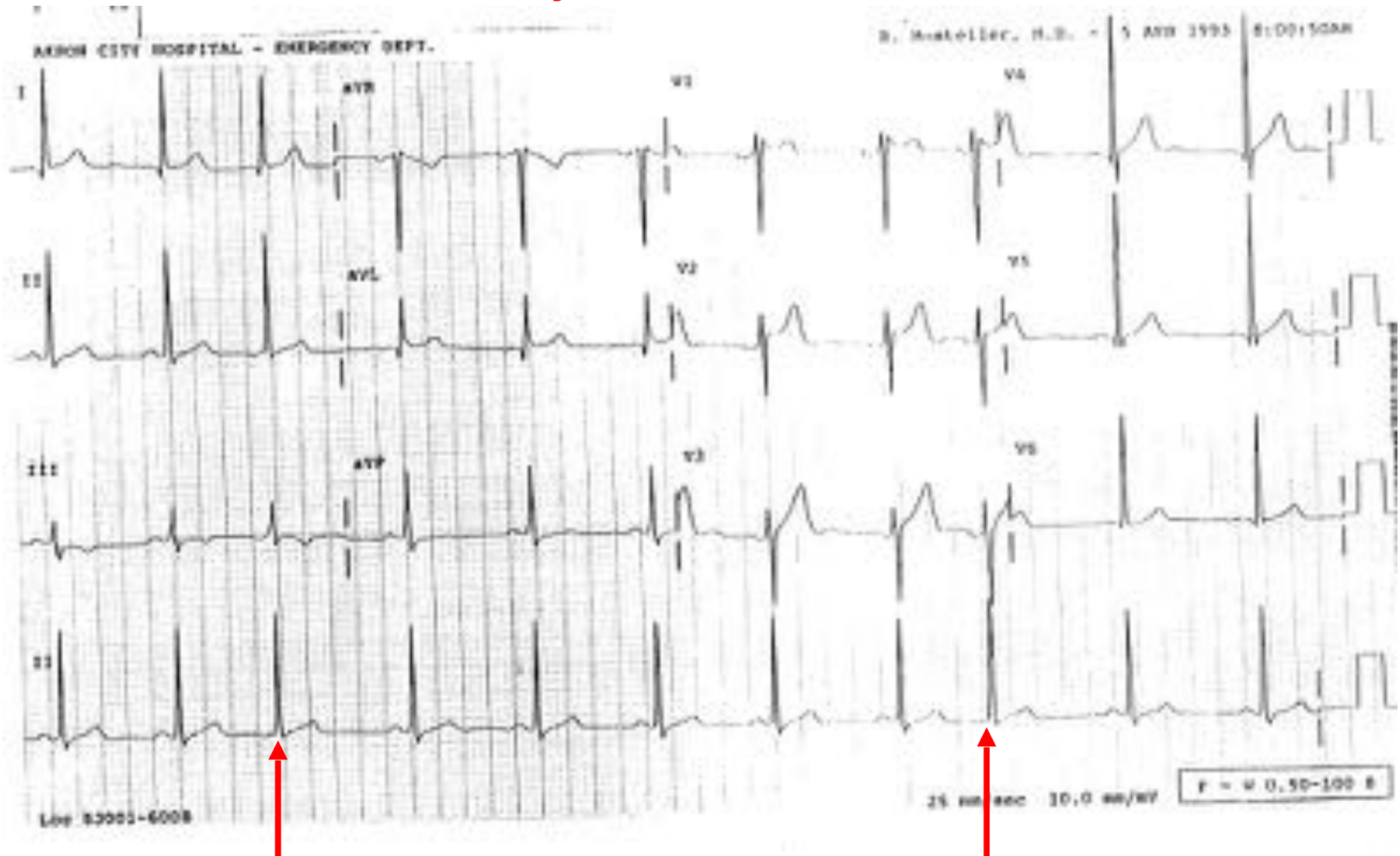


## Interpret EKG:



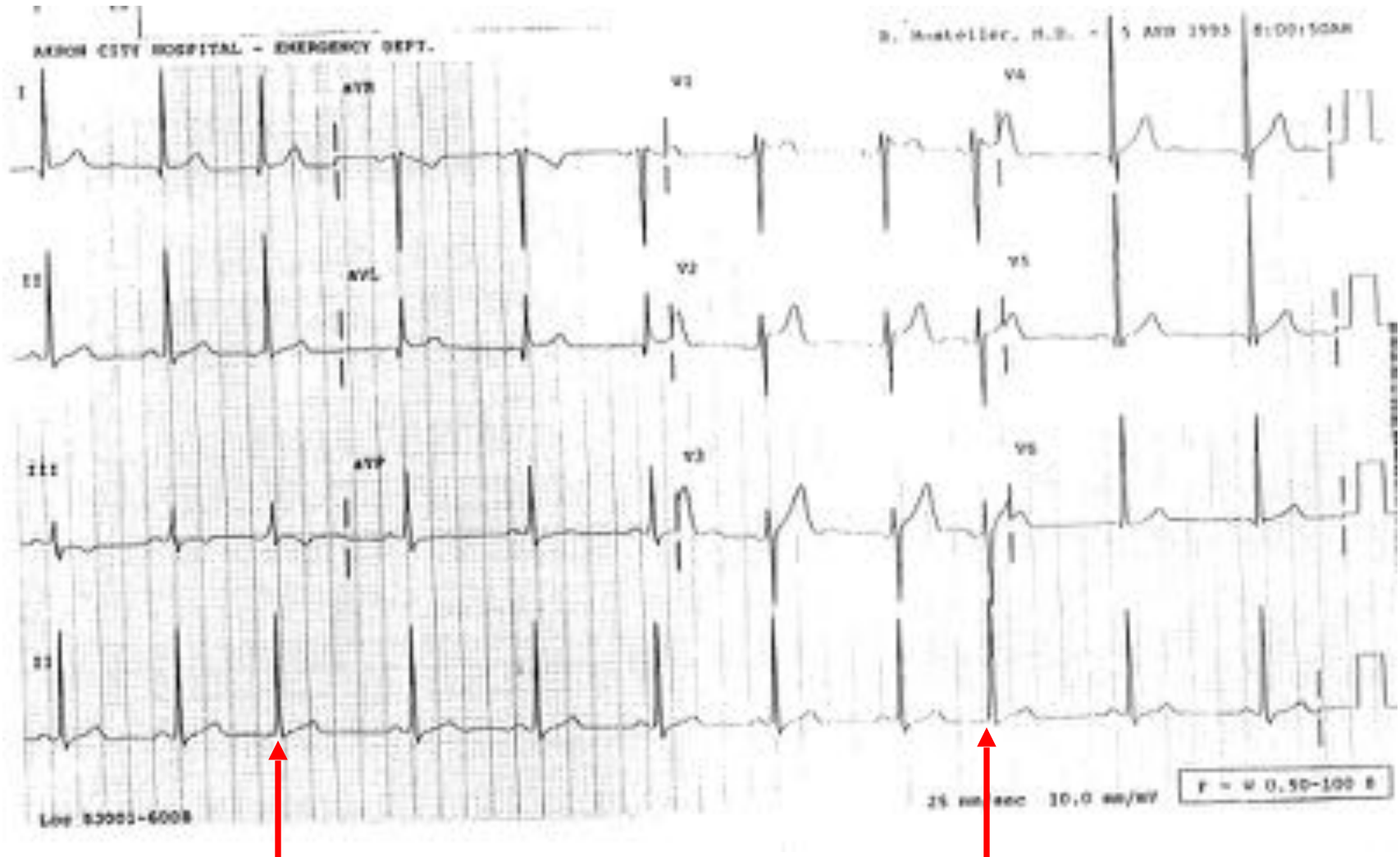
Rate = 60 This is actually reg (mostly)...There is a P with every QRS, the P are upright.  
NSR with two early beats

What are the early beats?

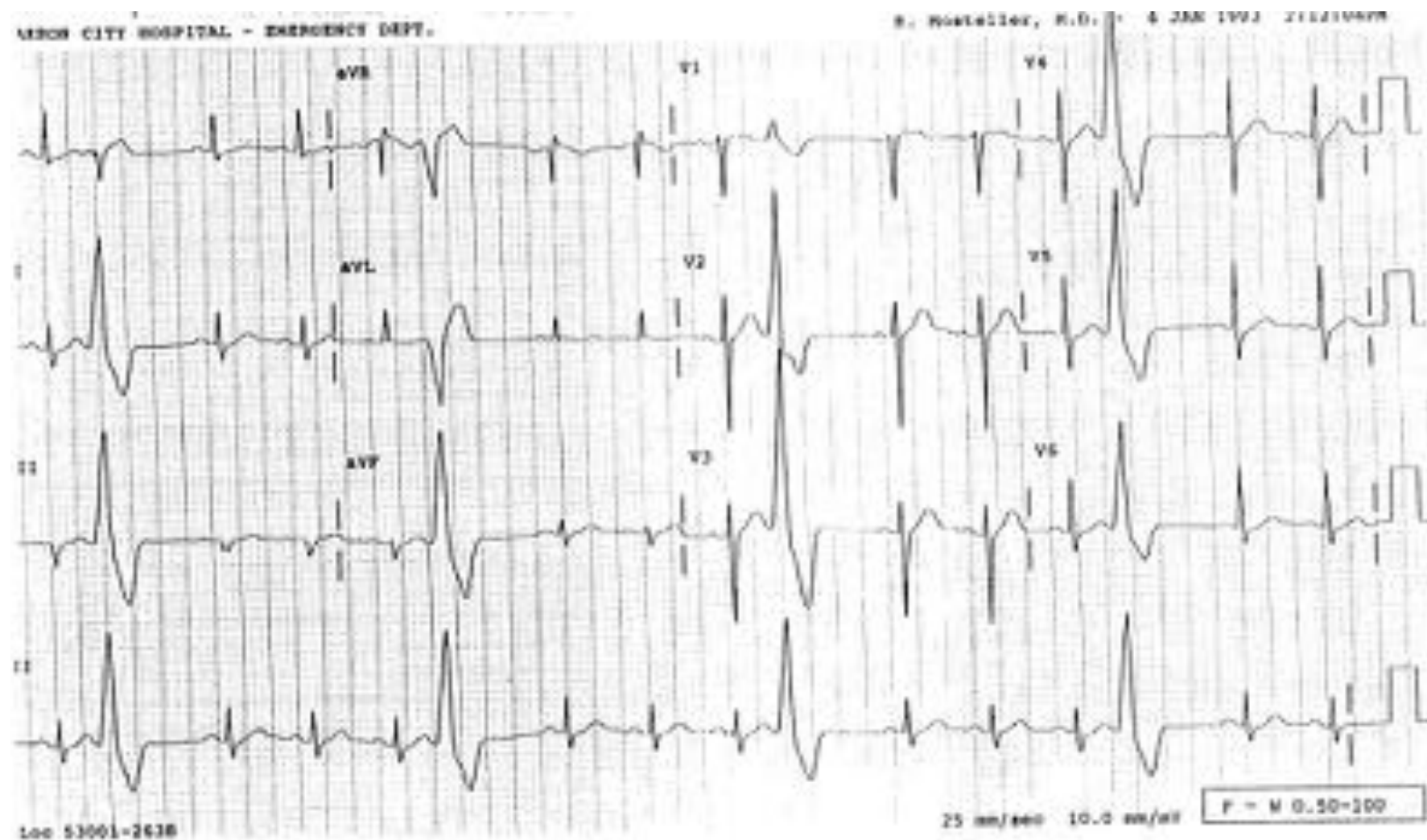


What are the early beats?

NSR with PAC's



## Interpret EKG #6:

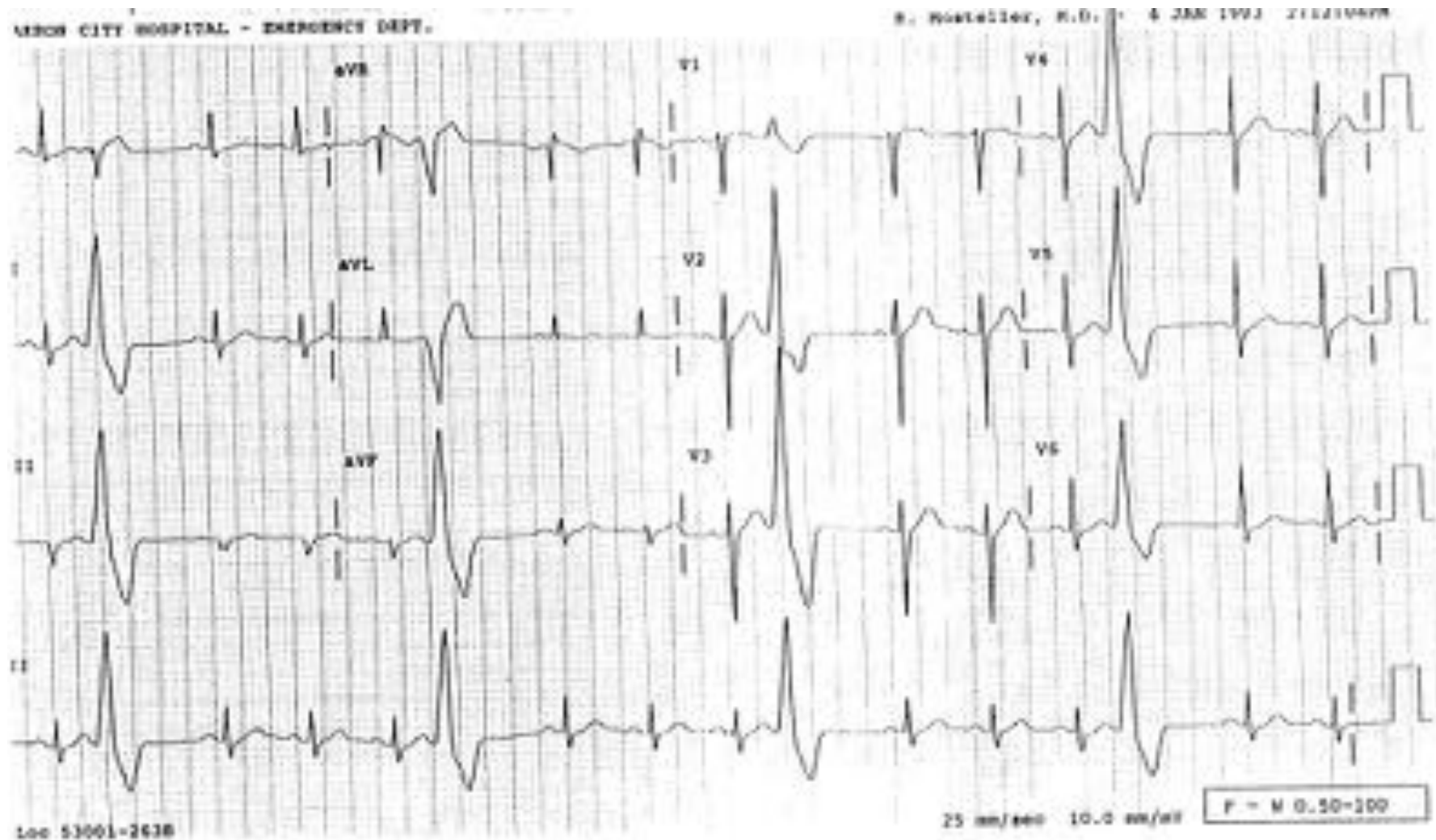




**Interpret EKG #6:**

**Rate = 80**

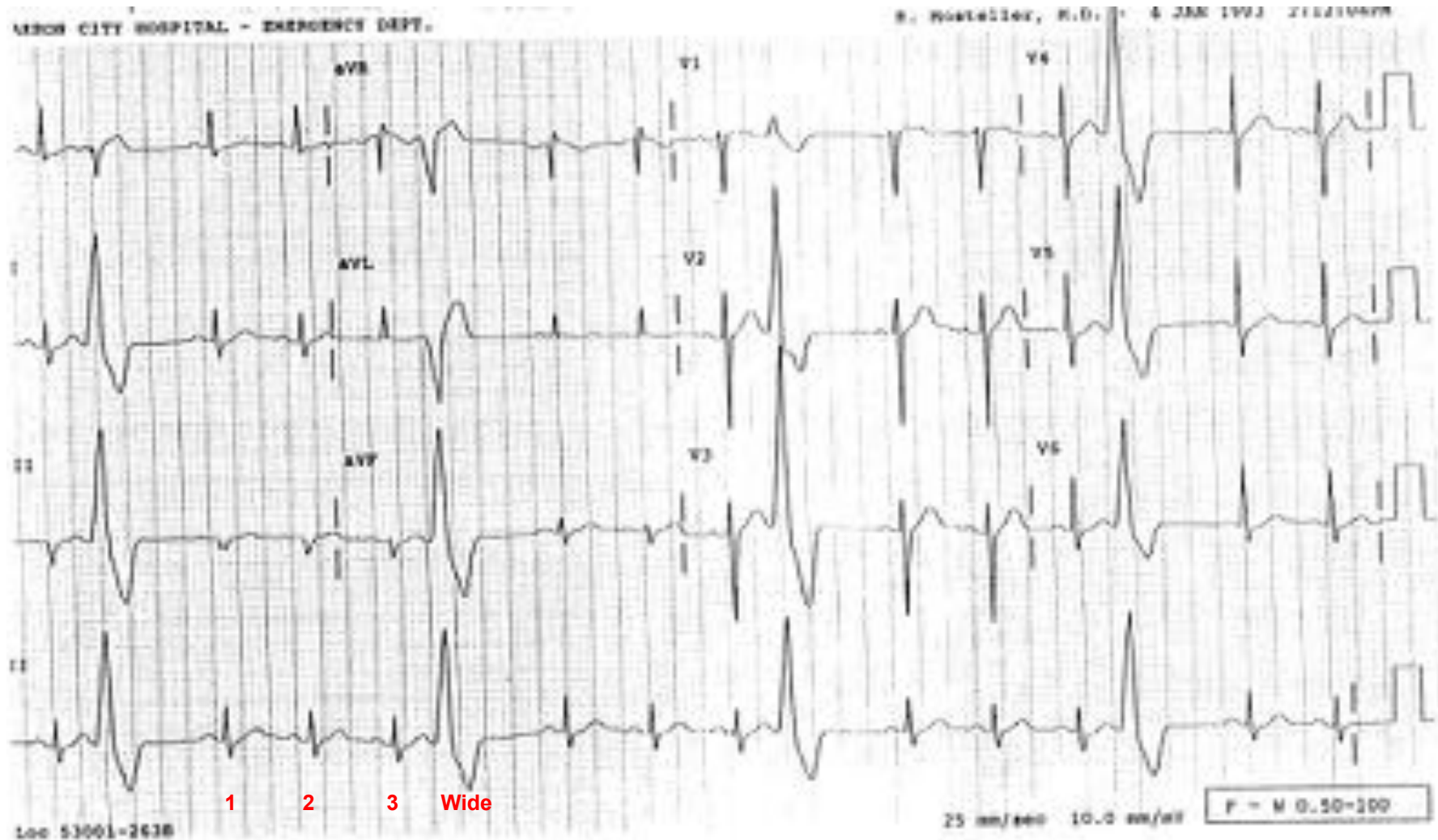
**Reg vs IRREG vs Pattern?**



## Pattern:

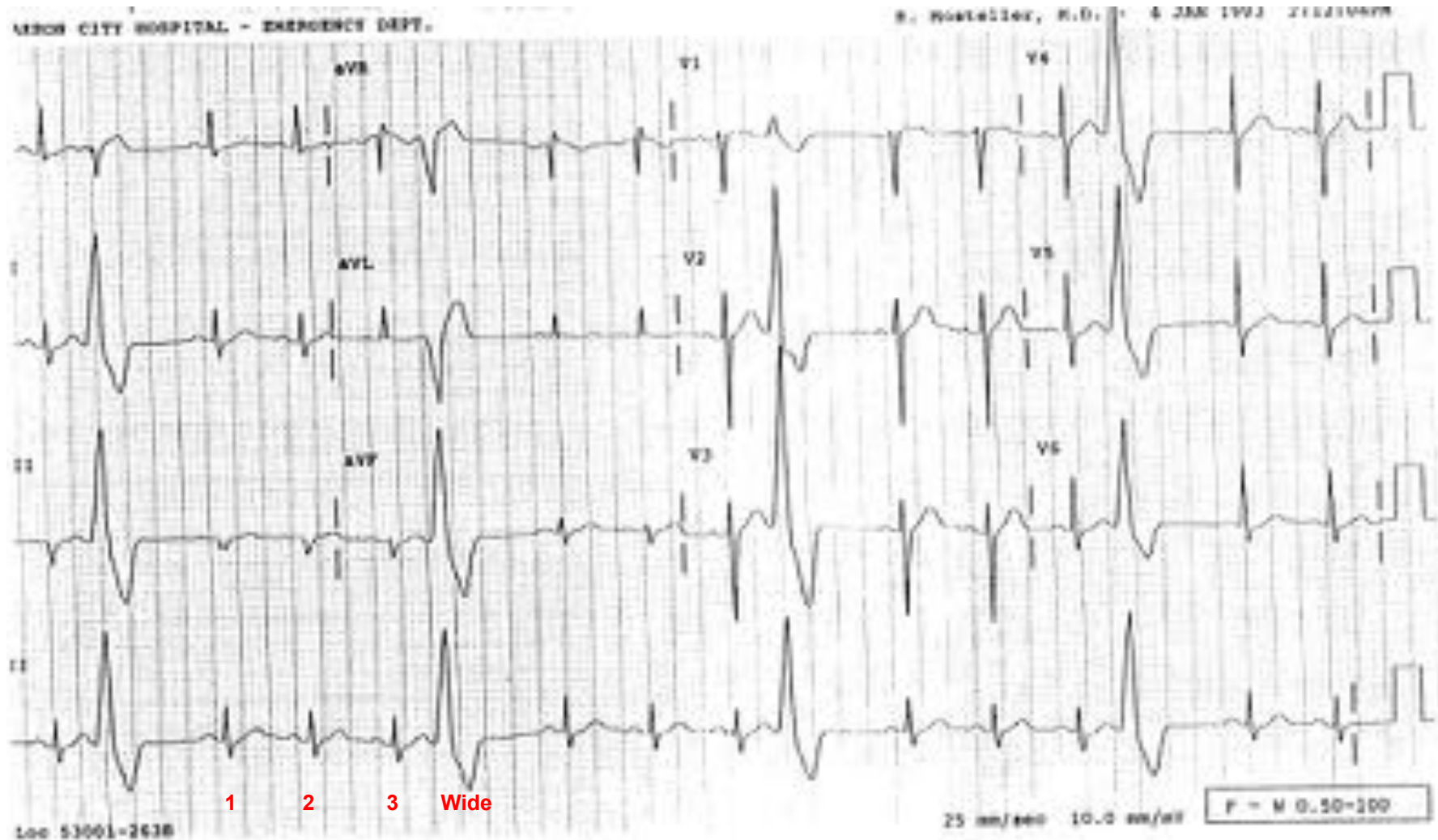
What is the pattern?

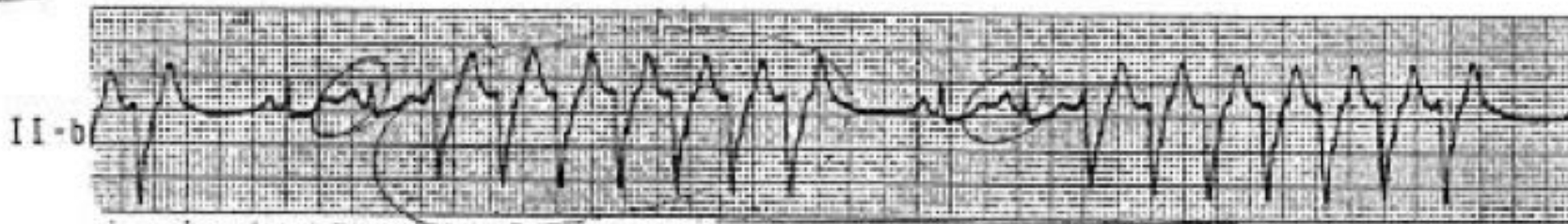
3 normal beats with a wide complex beat 4<sup>th</sup>. What is the origin of each beat?



## Final Answer:

**NSR with freq PVC's (Remember Trigeminy is every 3<sup>rd</sup> beat is a PVC)**





**7 Beat Run Non-Sustained Vtach**

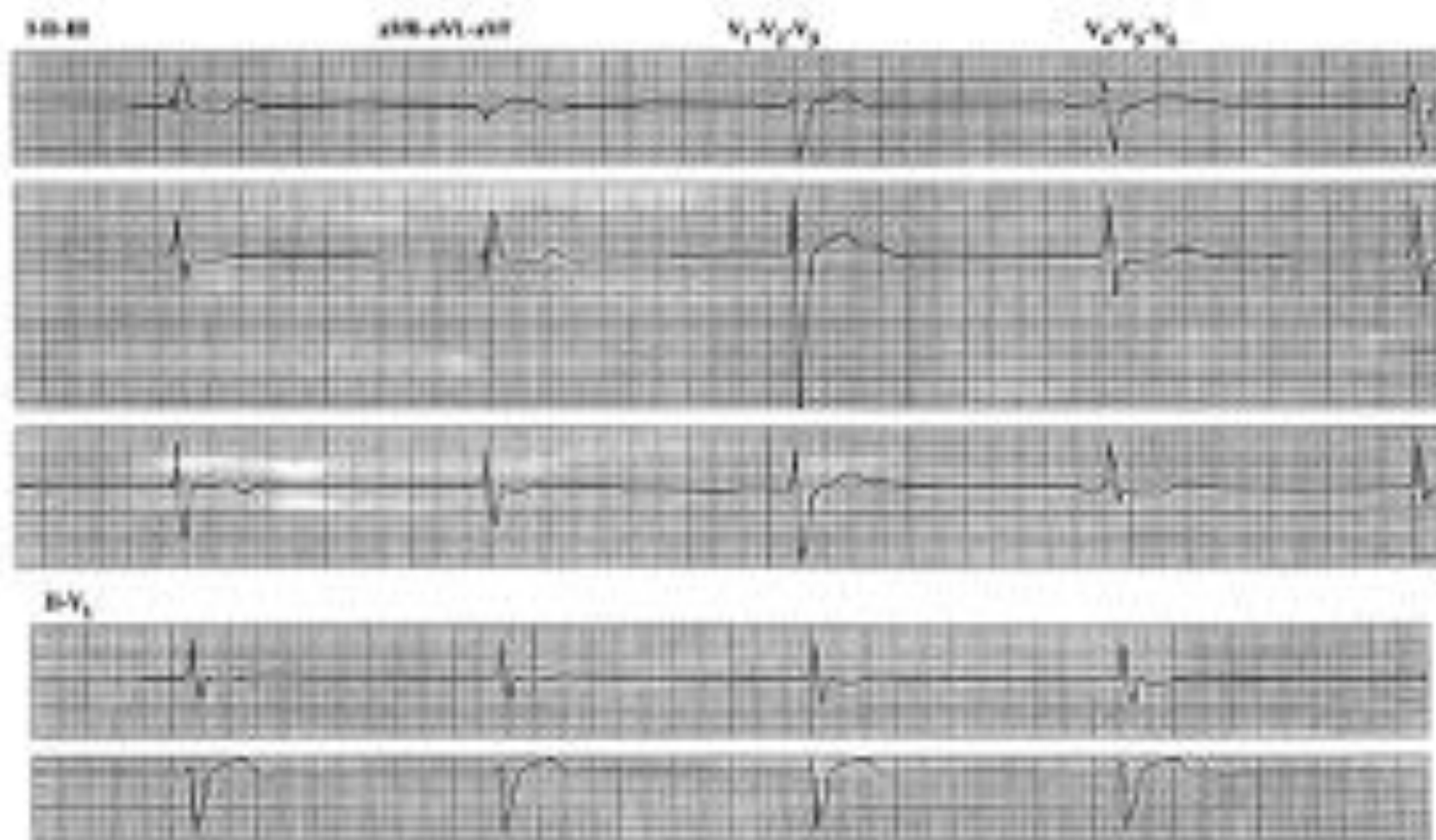


**Couplet**

**4 Beat Run NonSust Vtach**

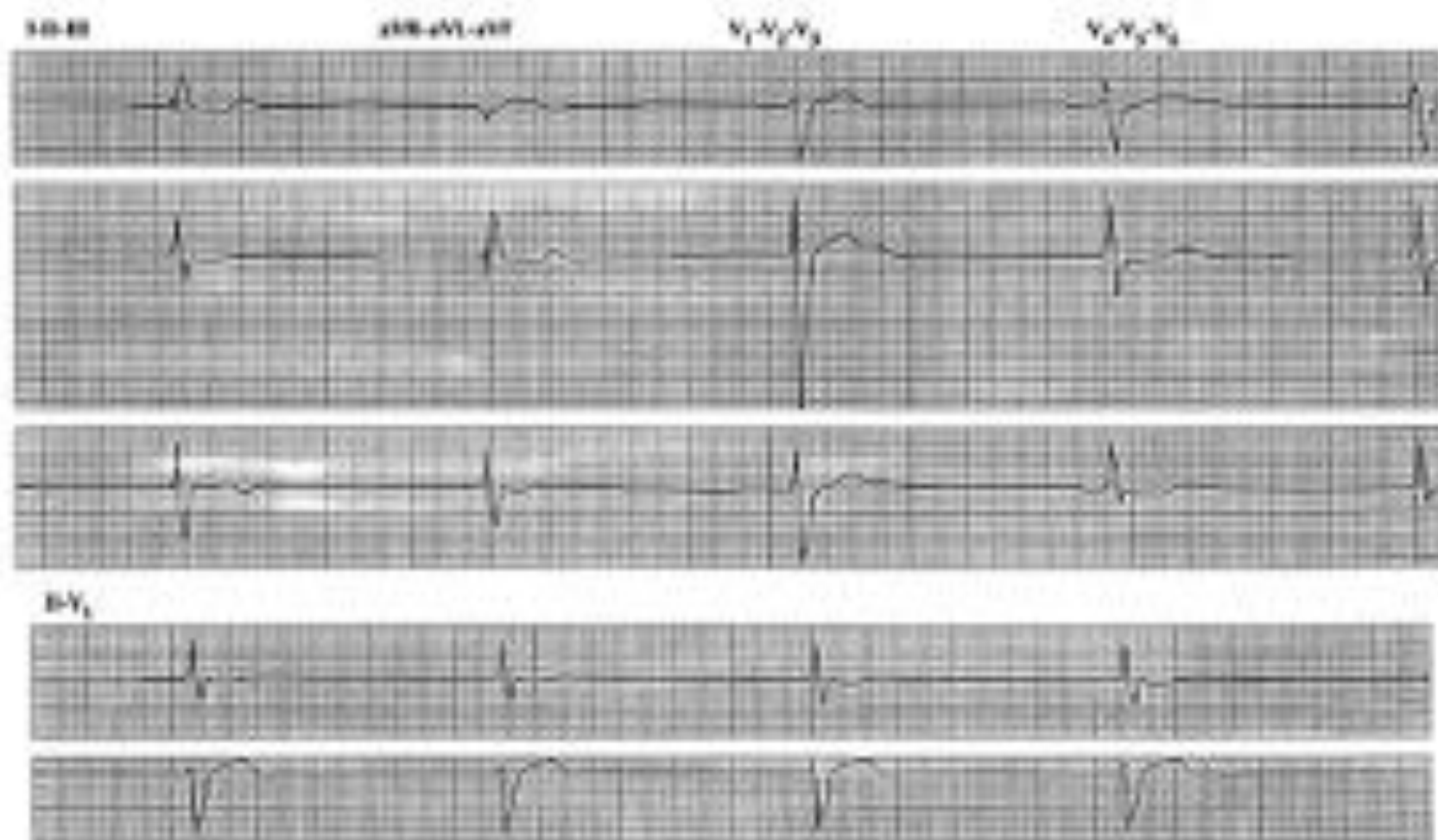


## Interpret EKG #7:



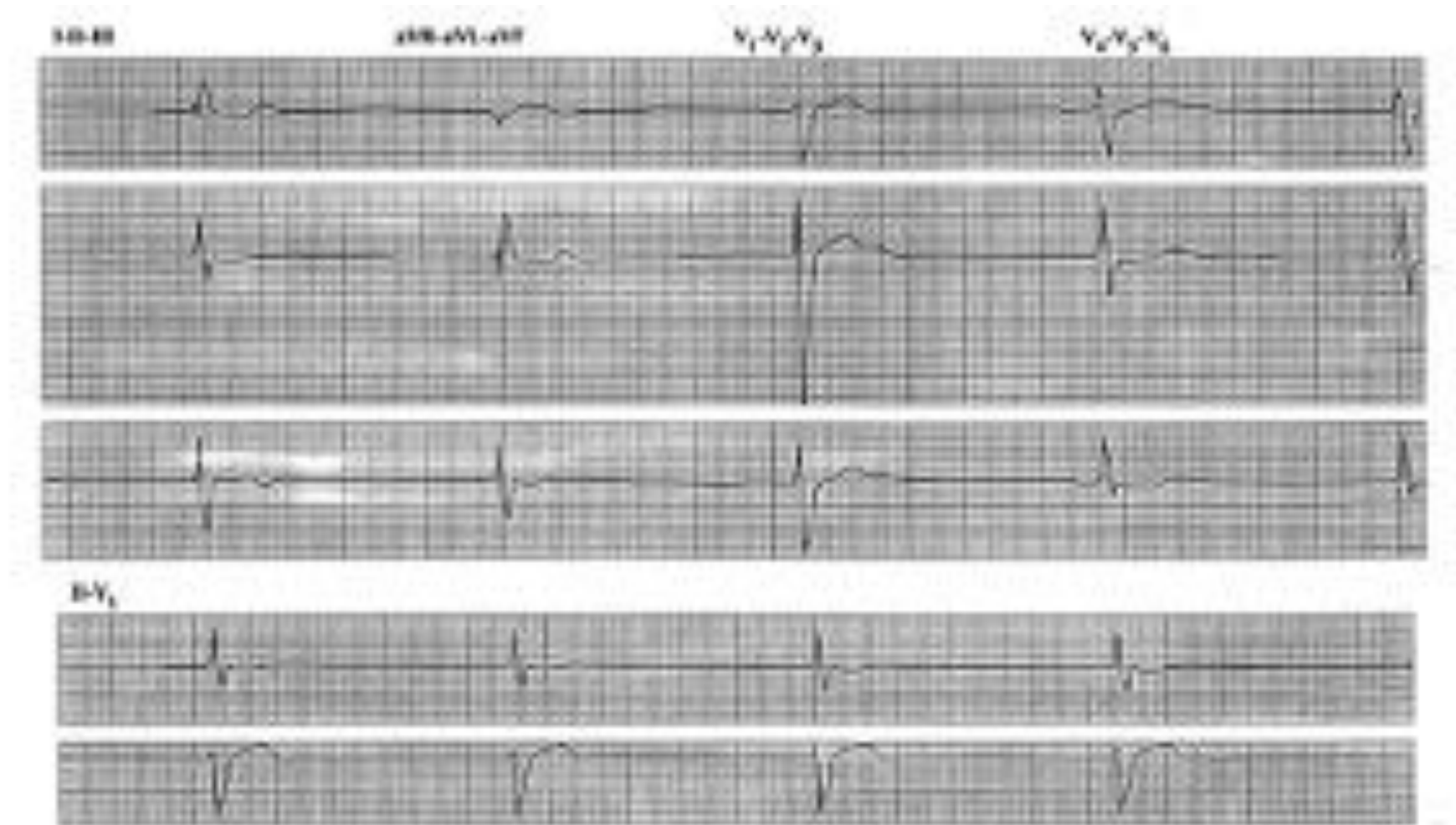


## Interpret EKG:

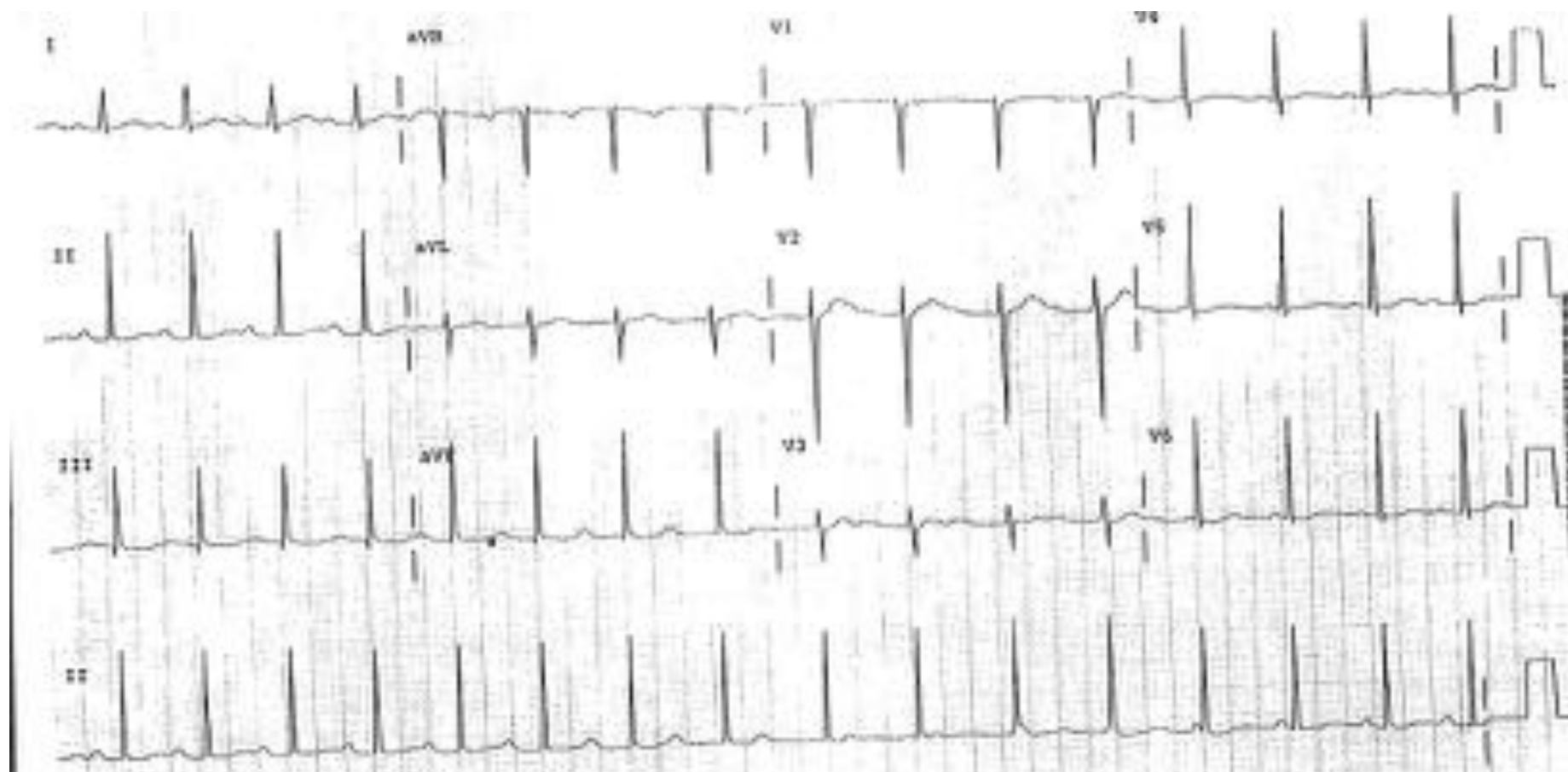


**Interpret EKG: Slow Rate....No P waves...QRS is wide...Origin of beat is from the Ventricle**

**Idioventricular Escape Rhythm with Sinus Arrest**



## Interpret EKG #8:



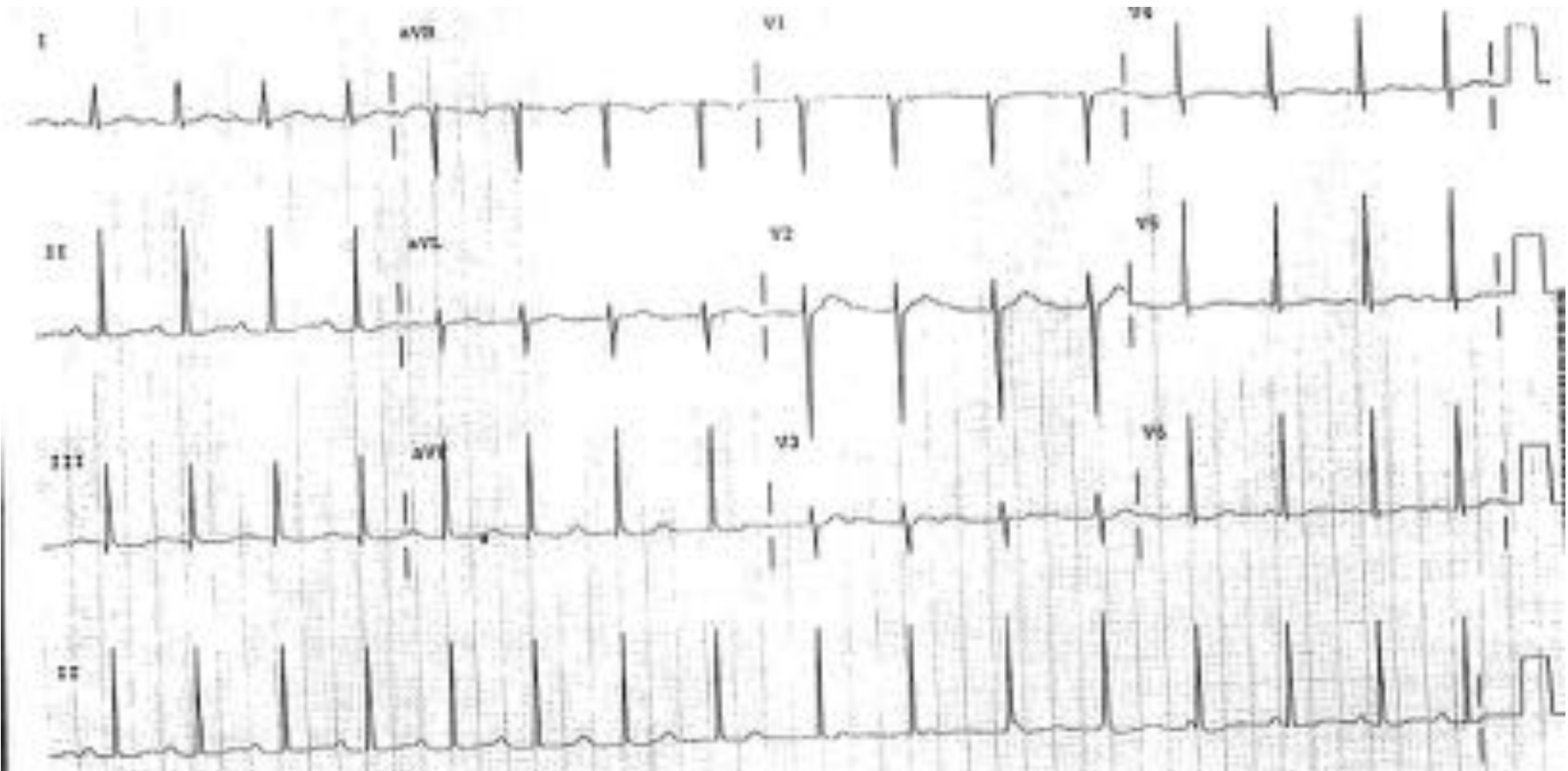
## Interpret the EKG:

-Rate = 80

-Reg

-Is there a P – QRS relationship?

-Are the Pwaves upright in the Inferior leads?

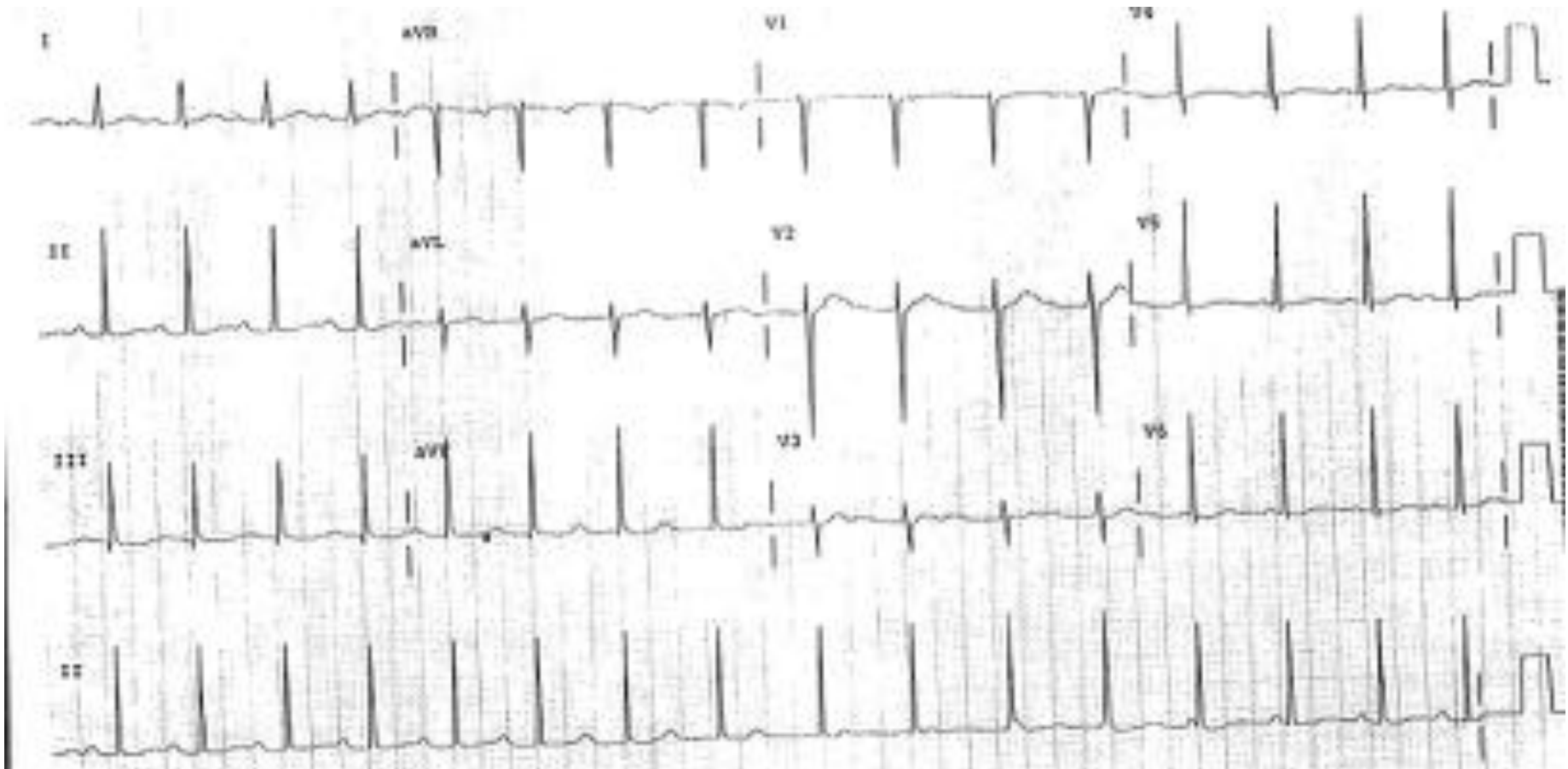


## Interpret the EKG:

-Is there a P – QRS relationship? March out the P's with the QRS to the end of the strip

-No association b/w P & QRS

3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Heart Block.... Now what is driving the ventricle to beat?





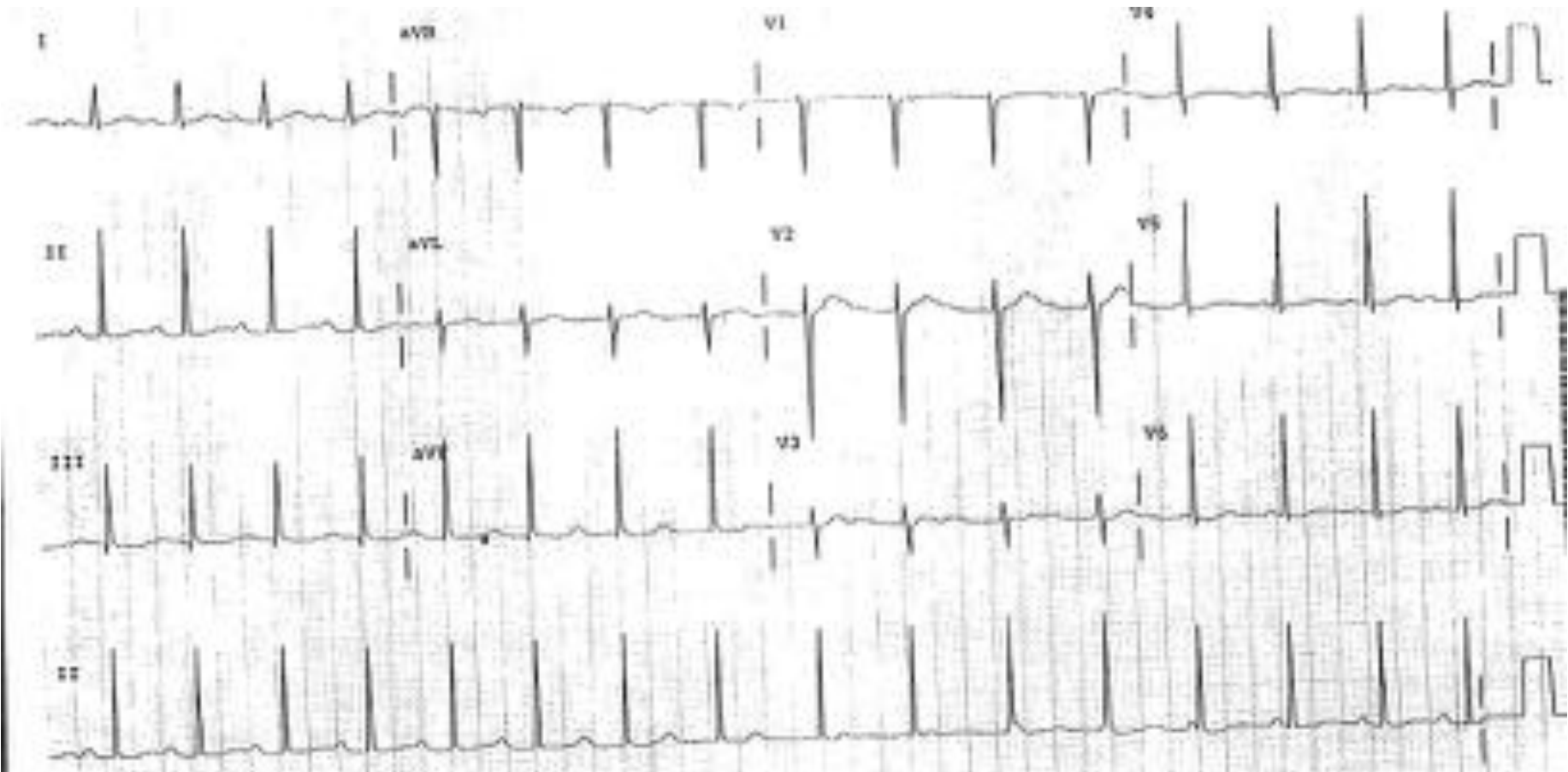
# Interpret the EKG:

-3rd Degree Heart Block....

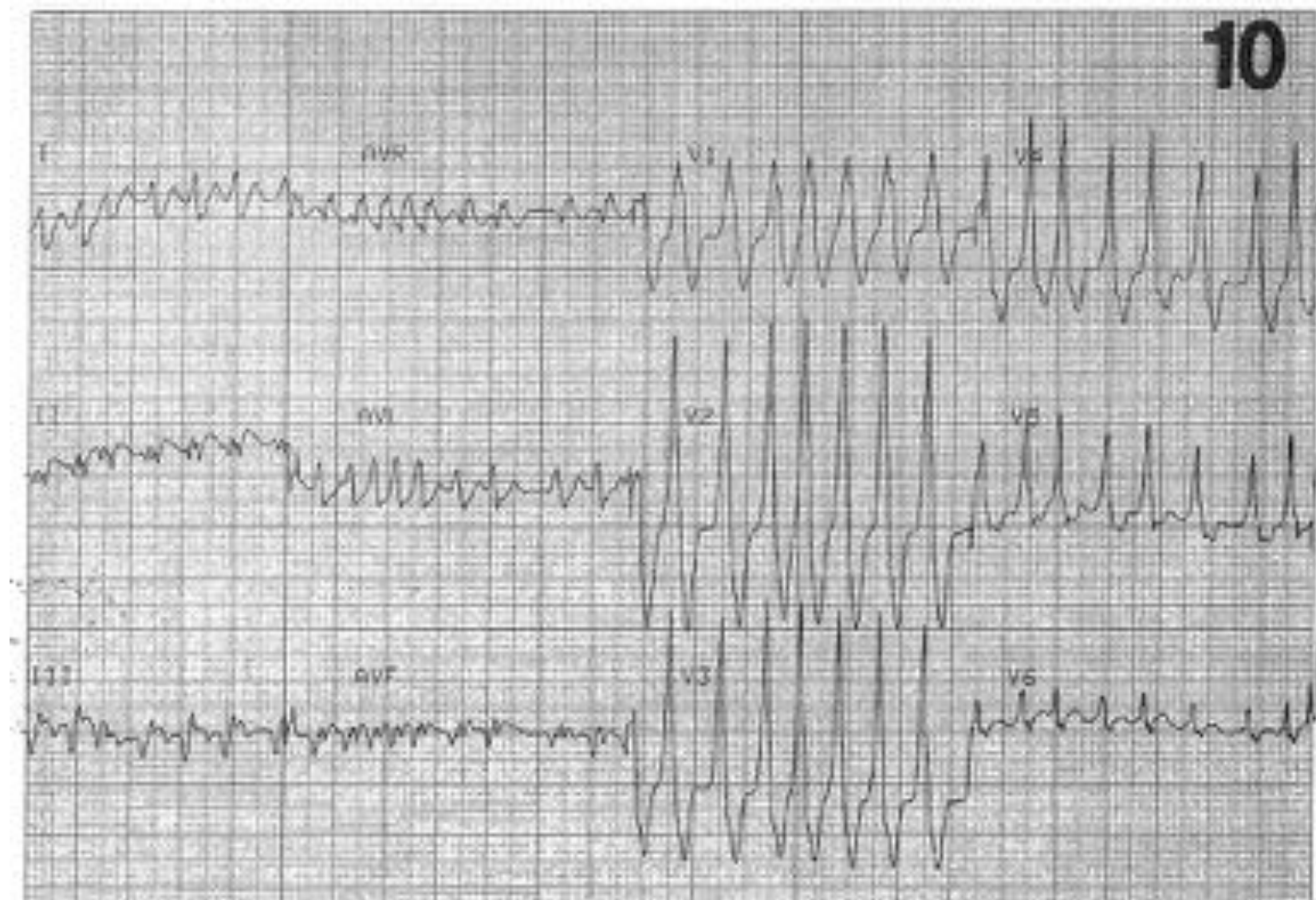
Now what is driving the ventricle to beat?

What is the “escape rhythm”?

Narrow complex... the p waves are not associated... this is junctional rhythm



## Interpret EKG #9:

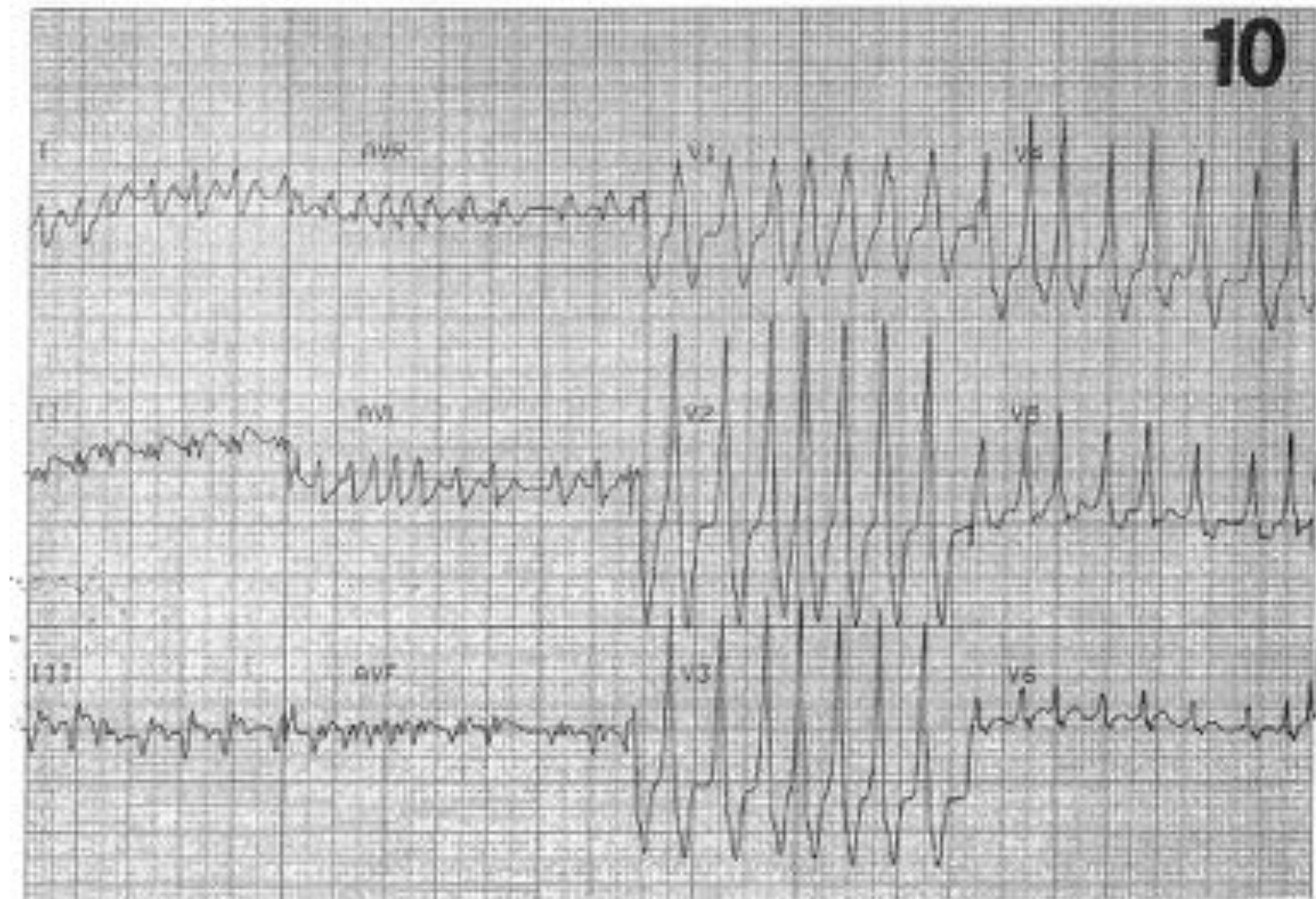


## Interpret EKG #10:

Now the rate is remarkable.... 300bpm at some points... Hmm

Reg vs IRREG vs Patterned →

IRREG

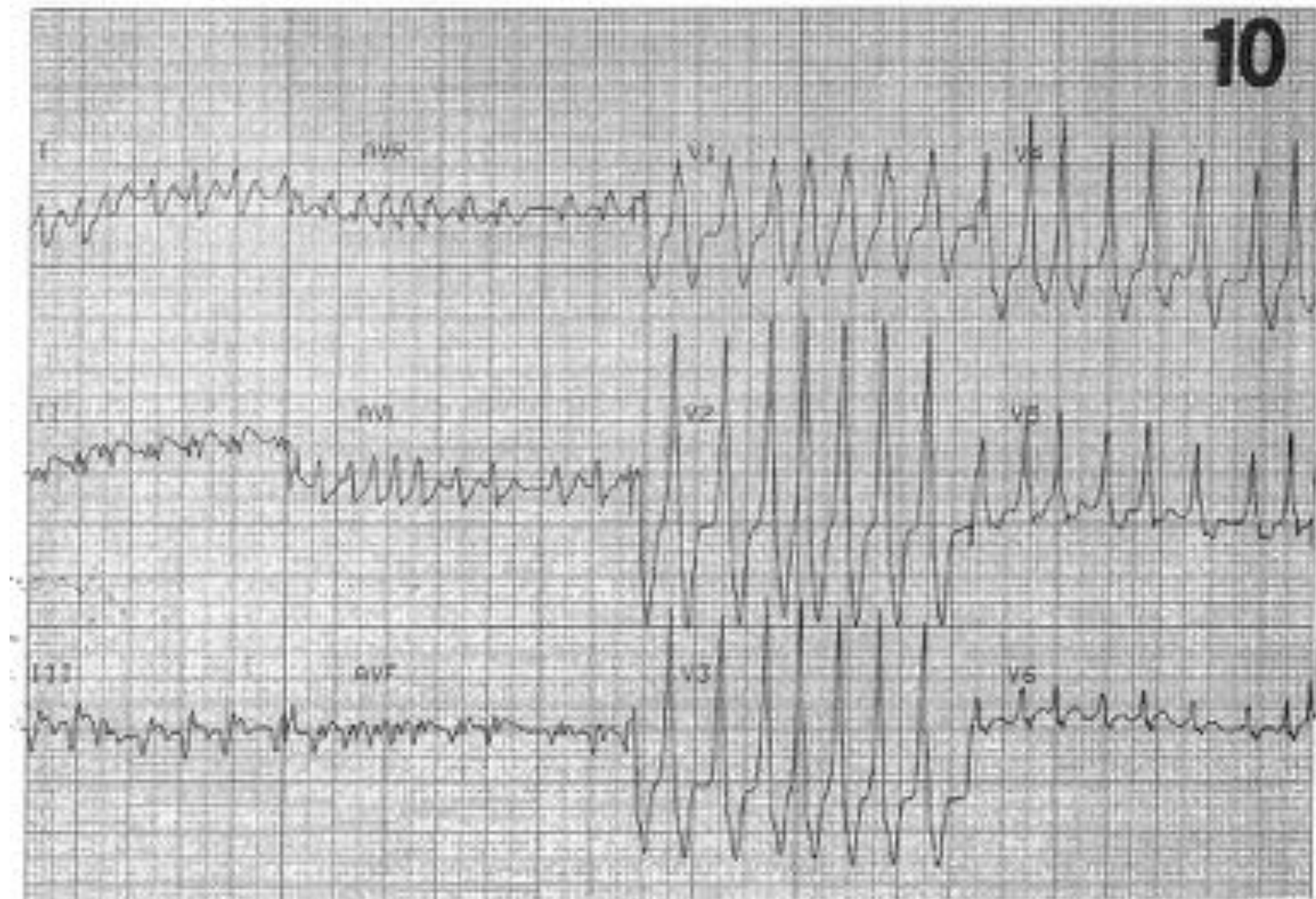




It is wide! Is it Vtach? No...it is IRREG

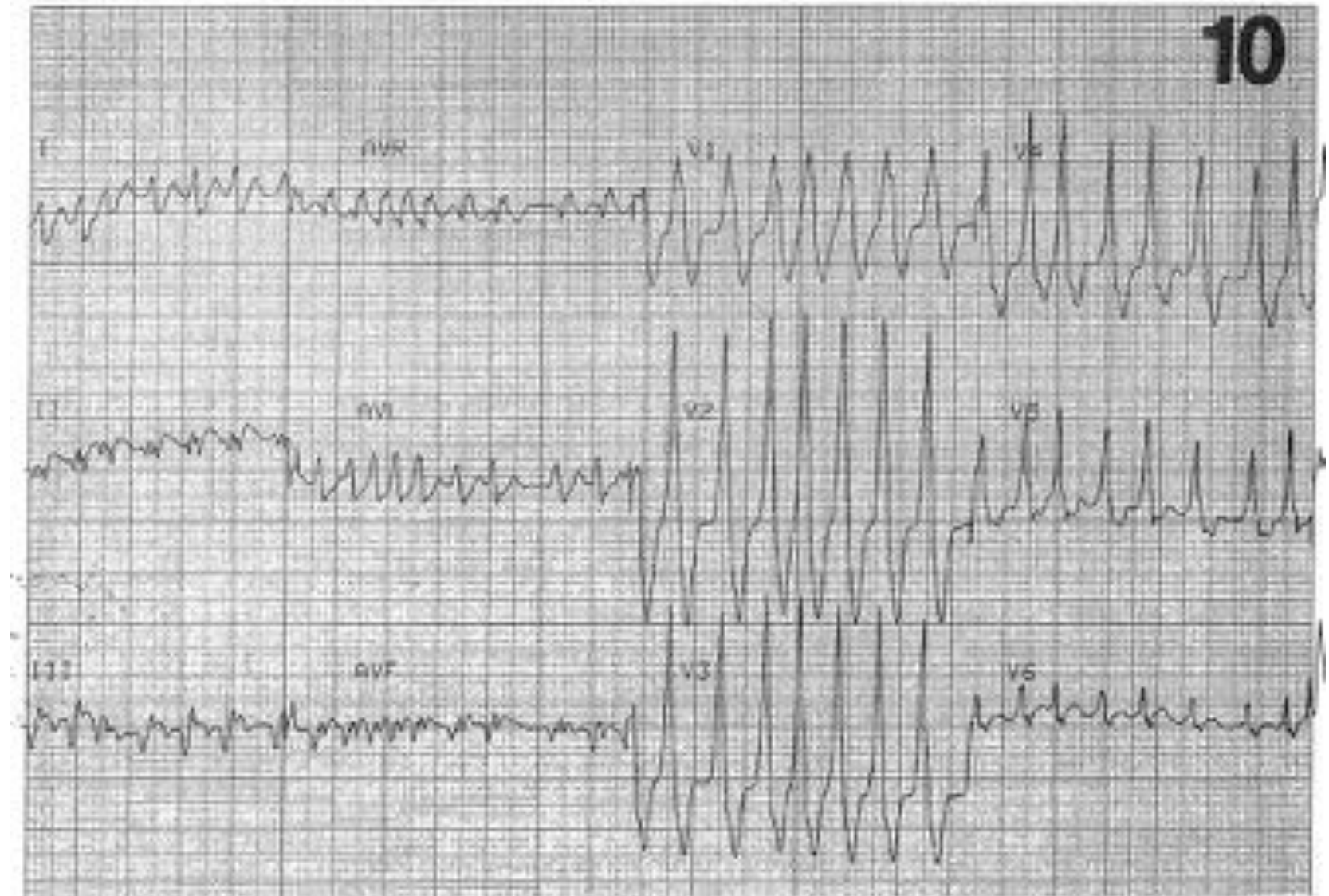
What else can make the QRS wide?

What origin of these contractions can go at 300bpm and be irreg?



**Answer.....AFIB with Right BBB**

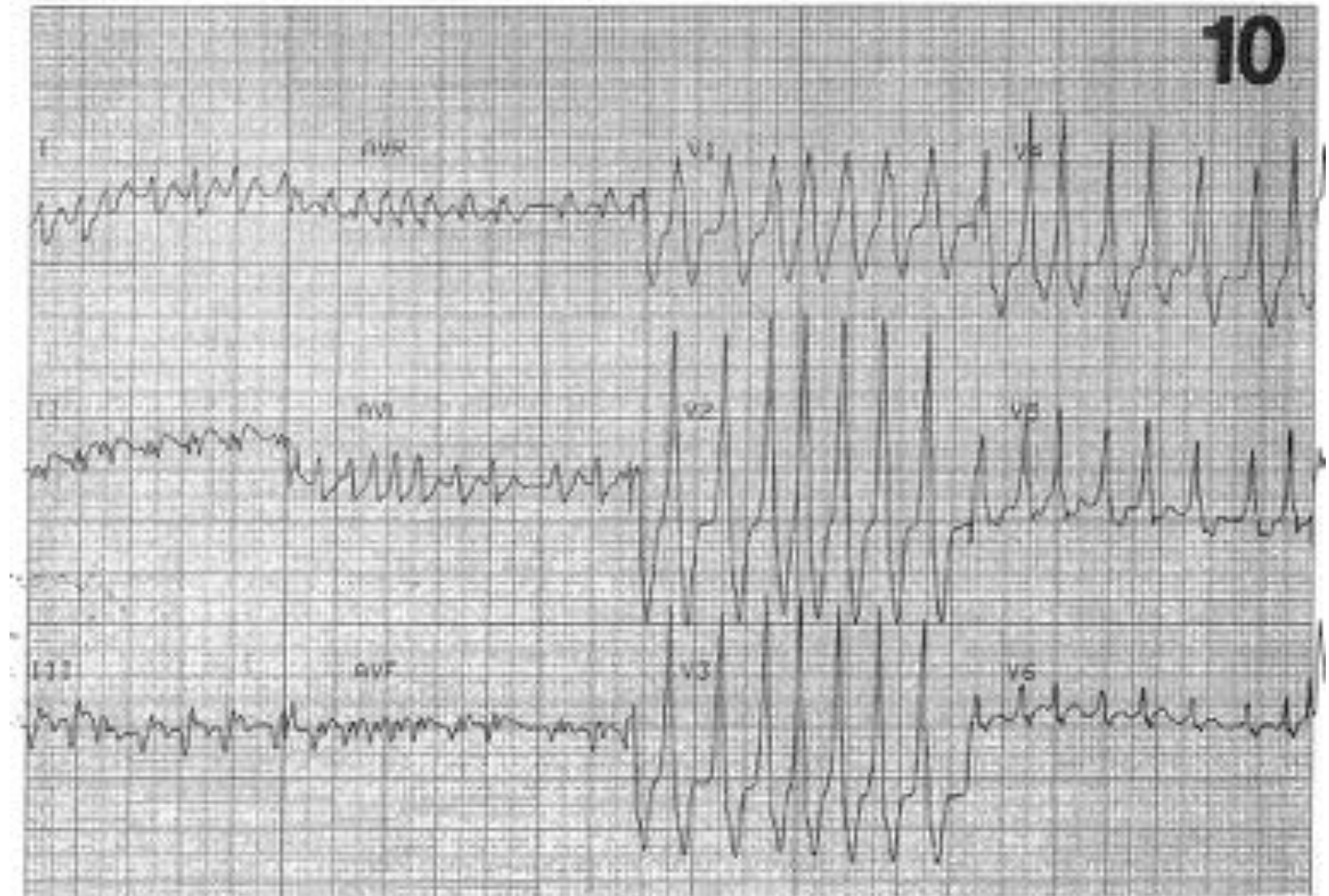
**Now how can the AV node be conducting at 300 BPM?**



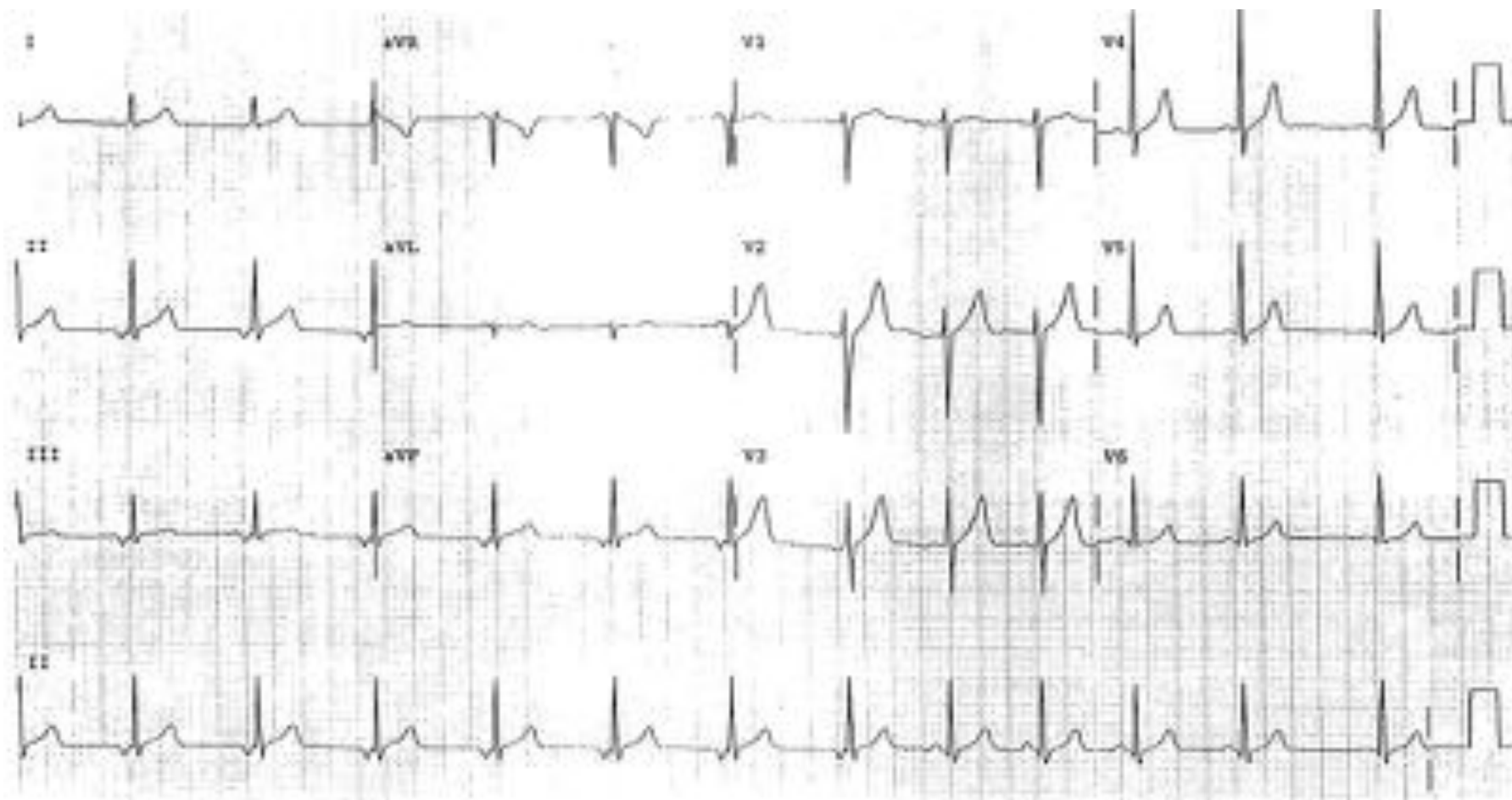


**AFIB with Right BBB with conduction down an accessory pathway**

**AFIB in pt with Wolff-Parkinson-White!**

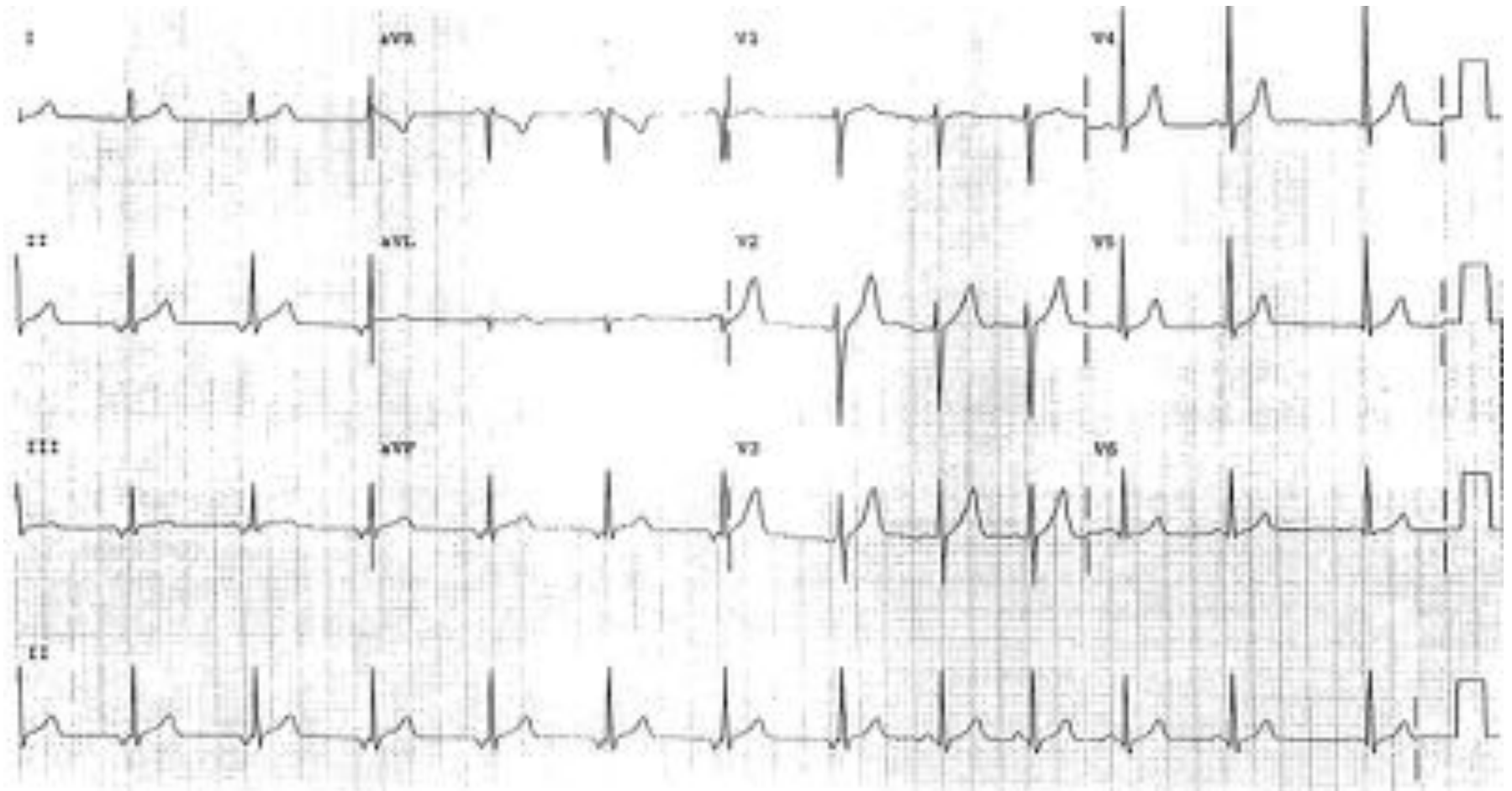


## Interpret EKG #10:



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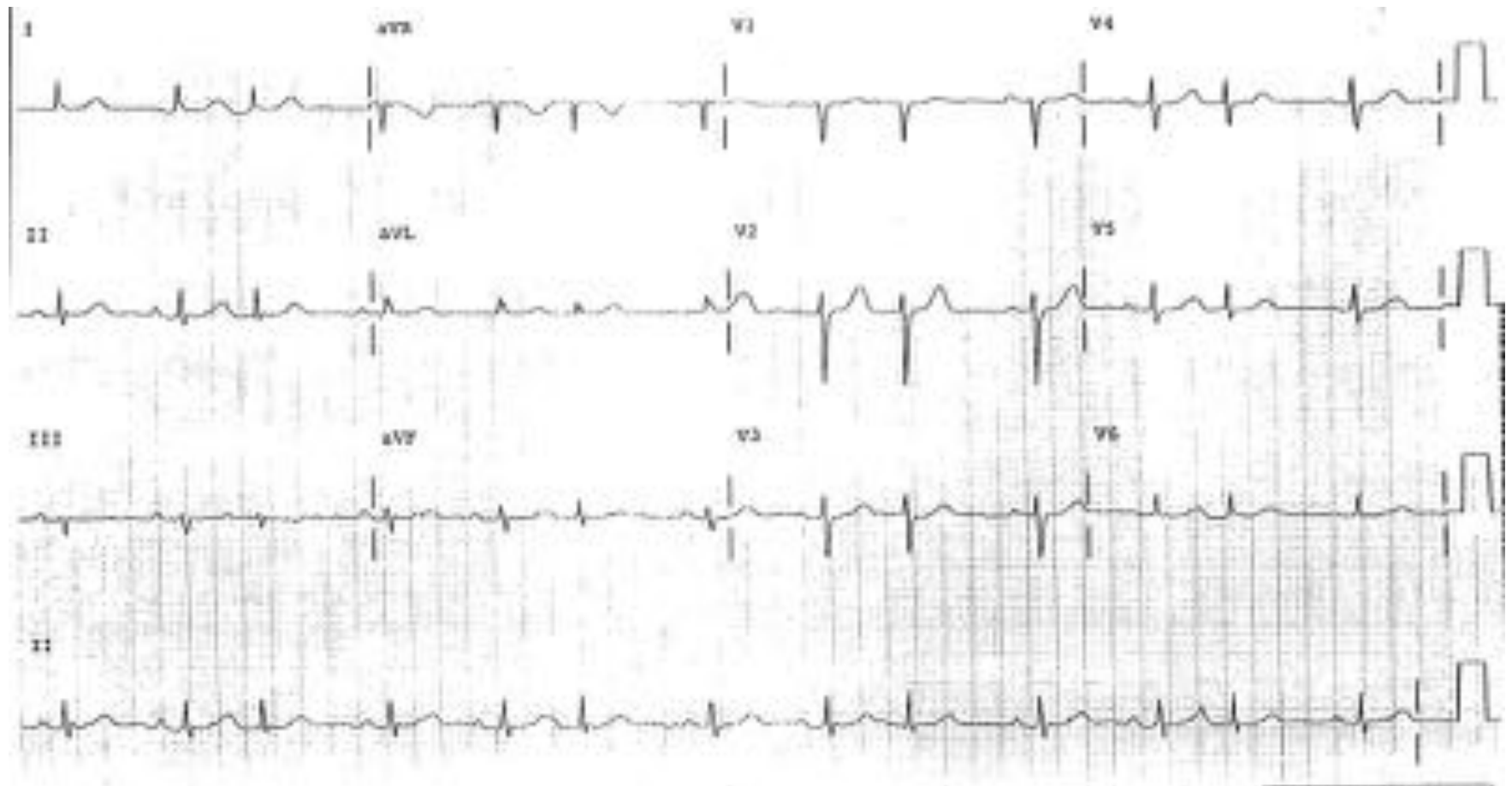
Ectopic Atrial rhythm that converts to sinus rhythm at end of strip



## Interpret EKG #11:

Rate-

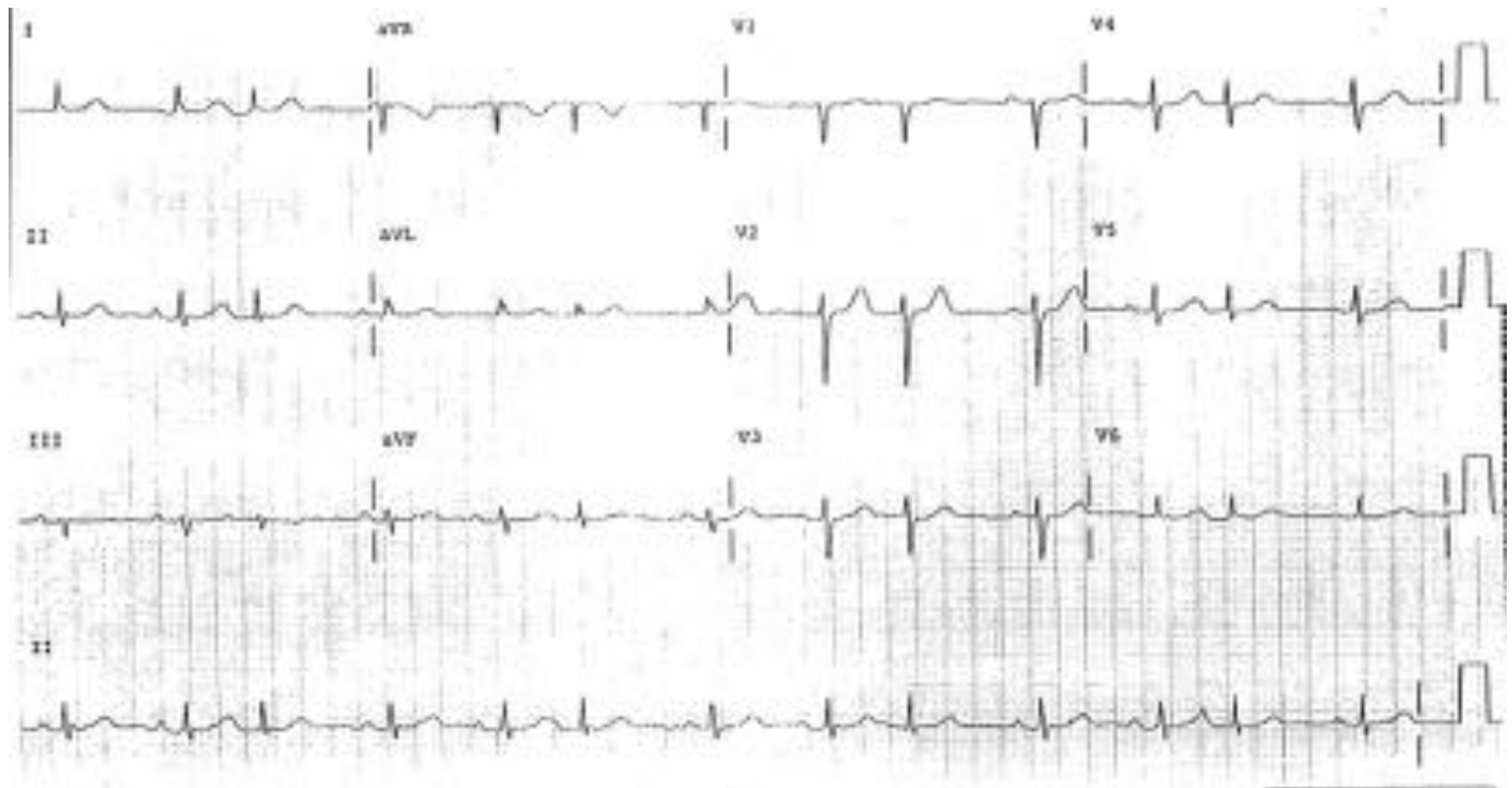
Reg vs Irreg vs Pattern



## Interpret EKG #11:

What is the pattern?

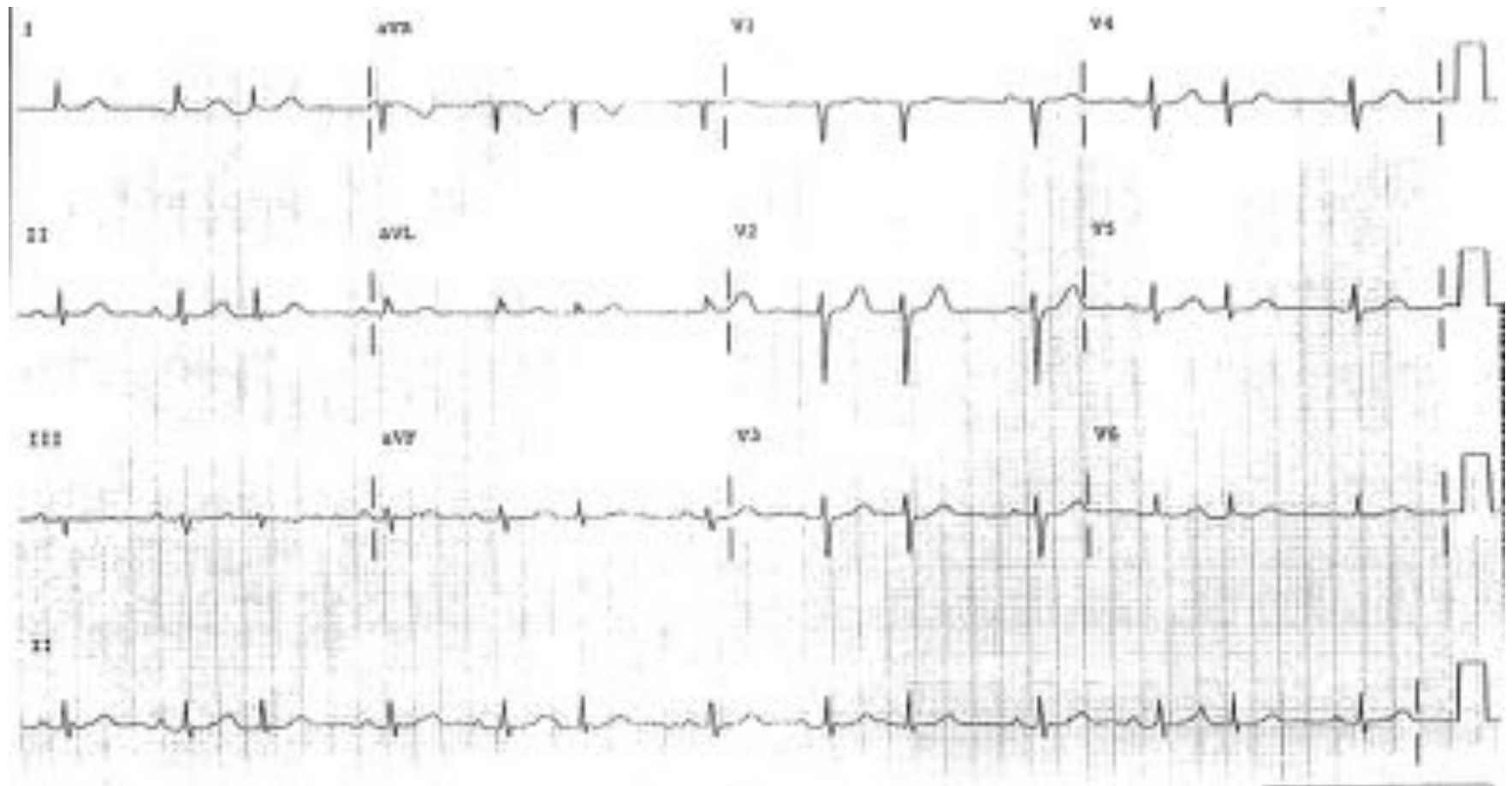
What is the origin of the rhythm & interruption?



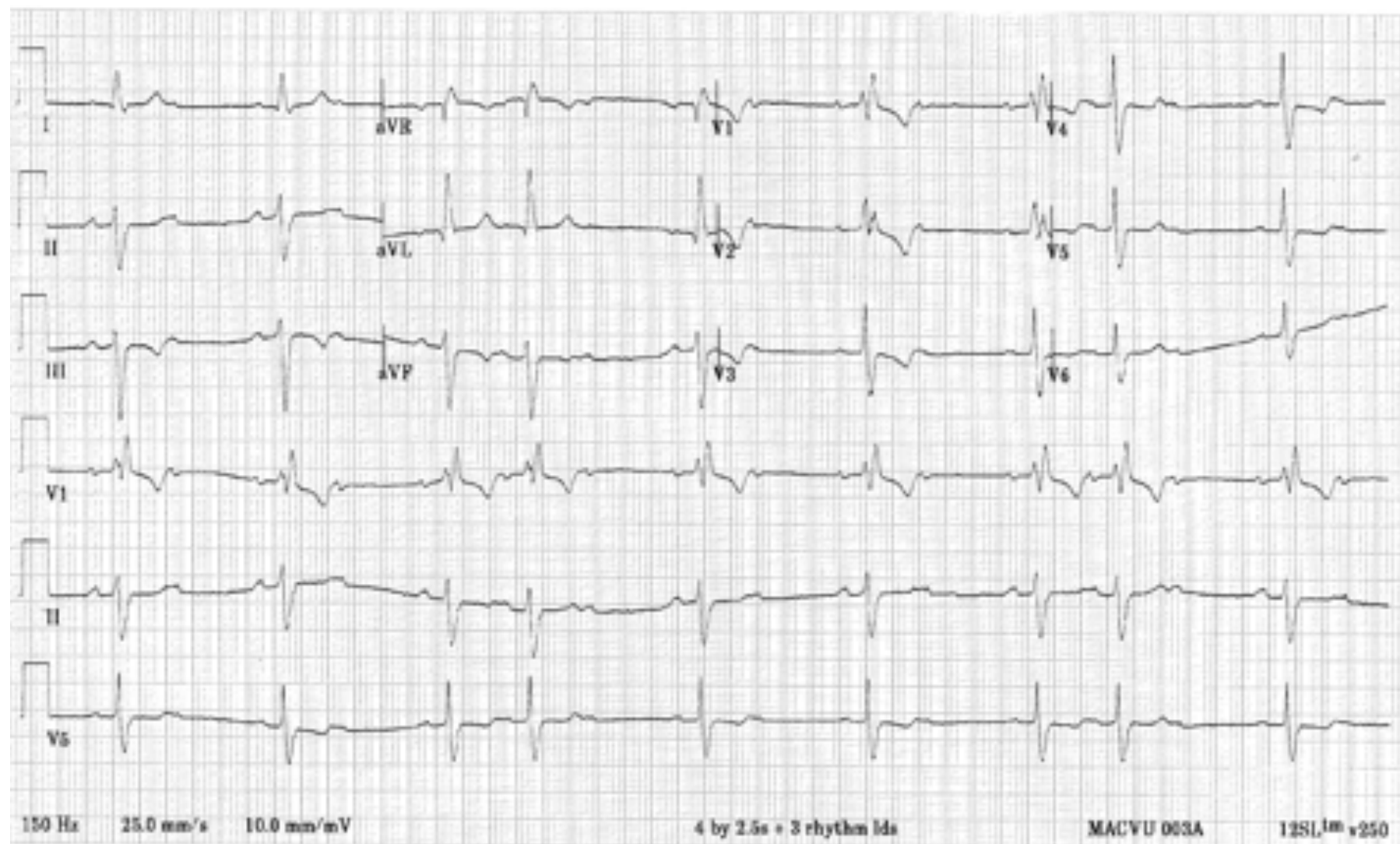


## Interpret EKG #11:

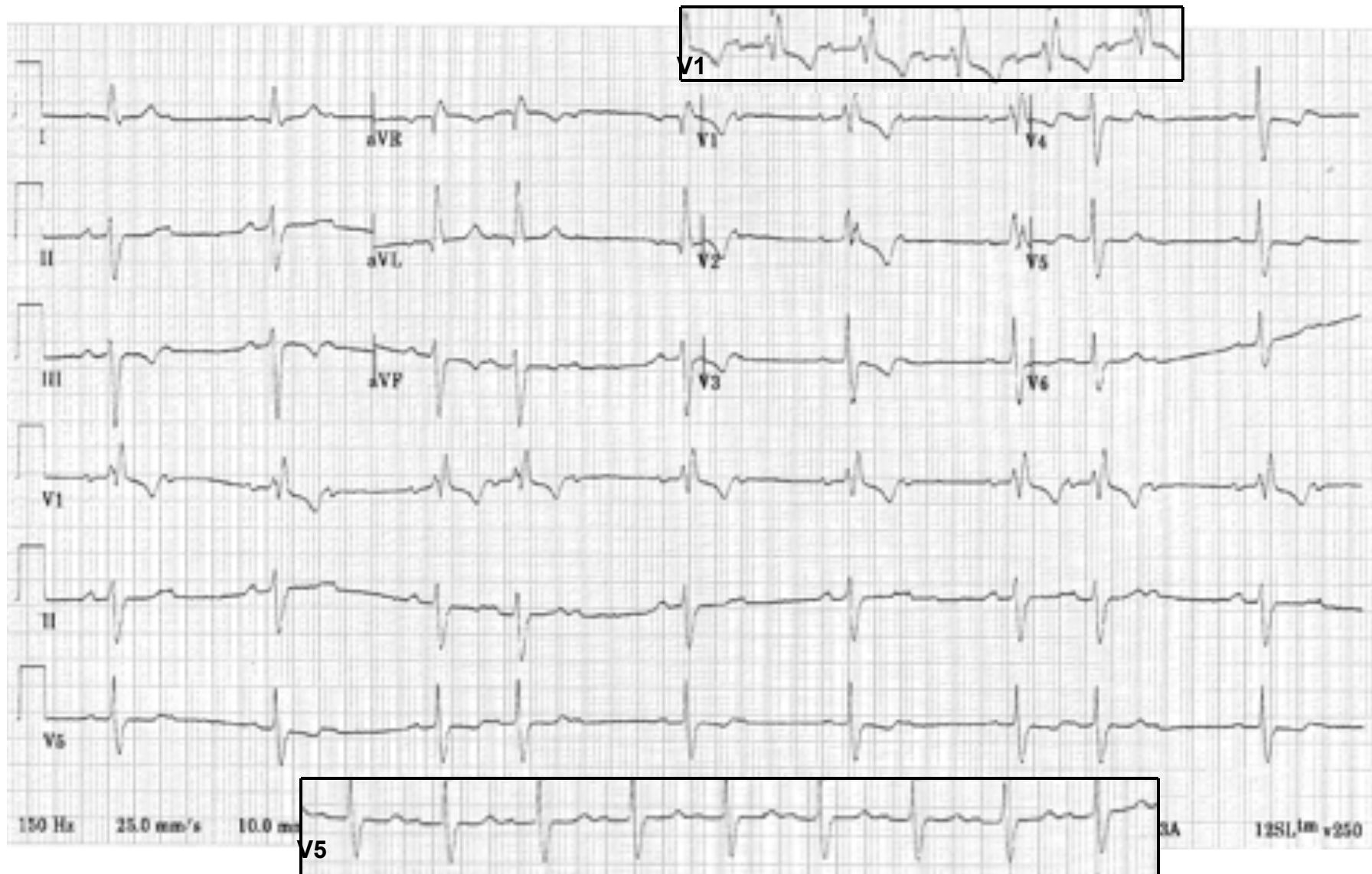
### Atrial Trigeminy



## Interpret EKG #12

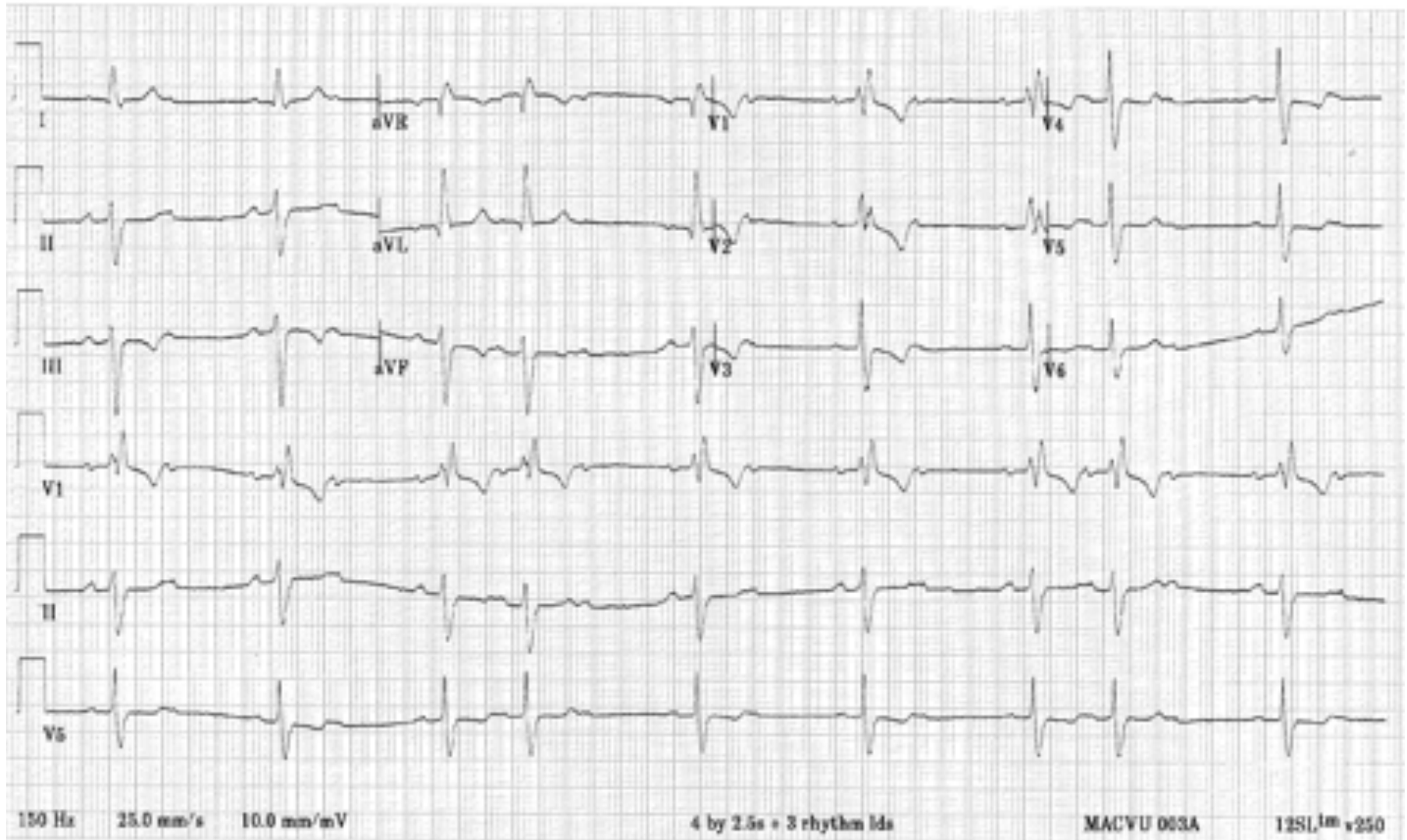


**Rhythm strip – same patient**



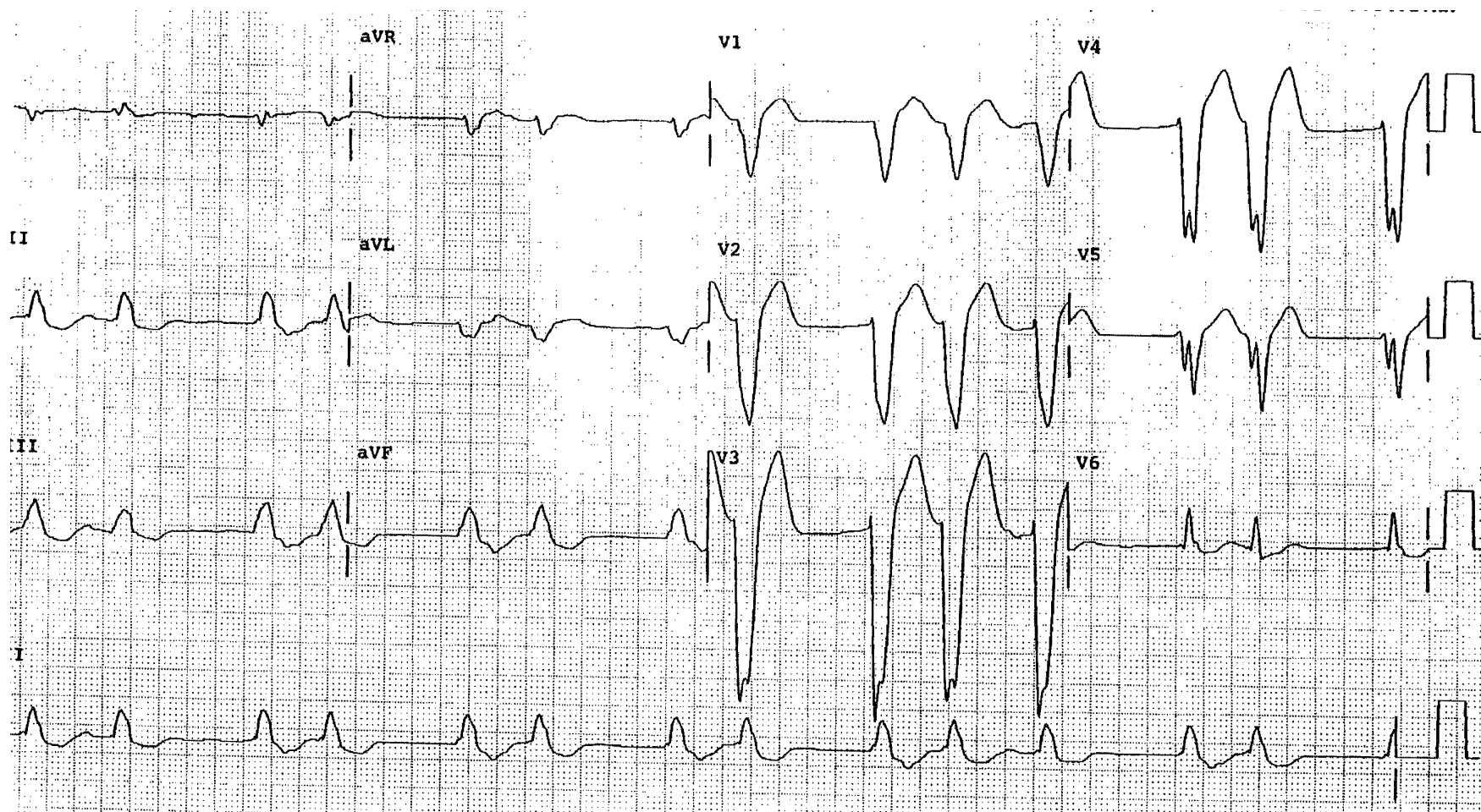
**Rhythm strip from the same patient earlier in same appt**

**Interpret EKG #12: NSR w/ 2° AVB Mobitz type 2, (pwaves conducted every other and every 4<sup>th</sup> beat each p wave gets conducted) Pt got immediate transfer and pacer**





# Interpret EKG #13





## ORIGIN

Sinus

Atrium

Jxn (AV)

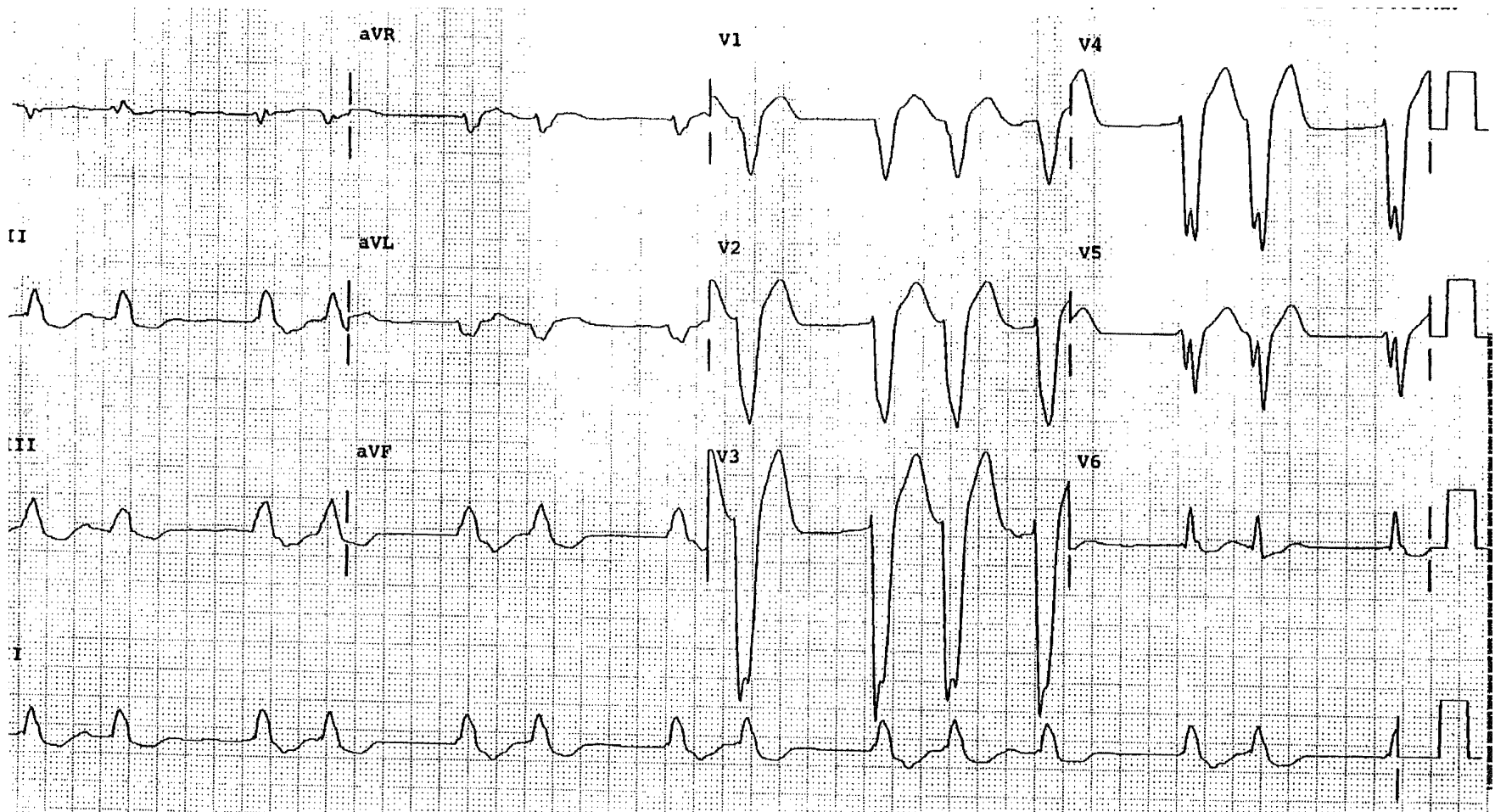
Vent

## BEAT-Type

contraction

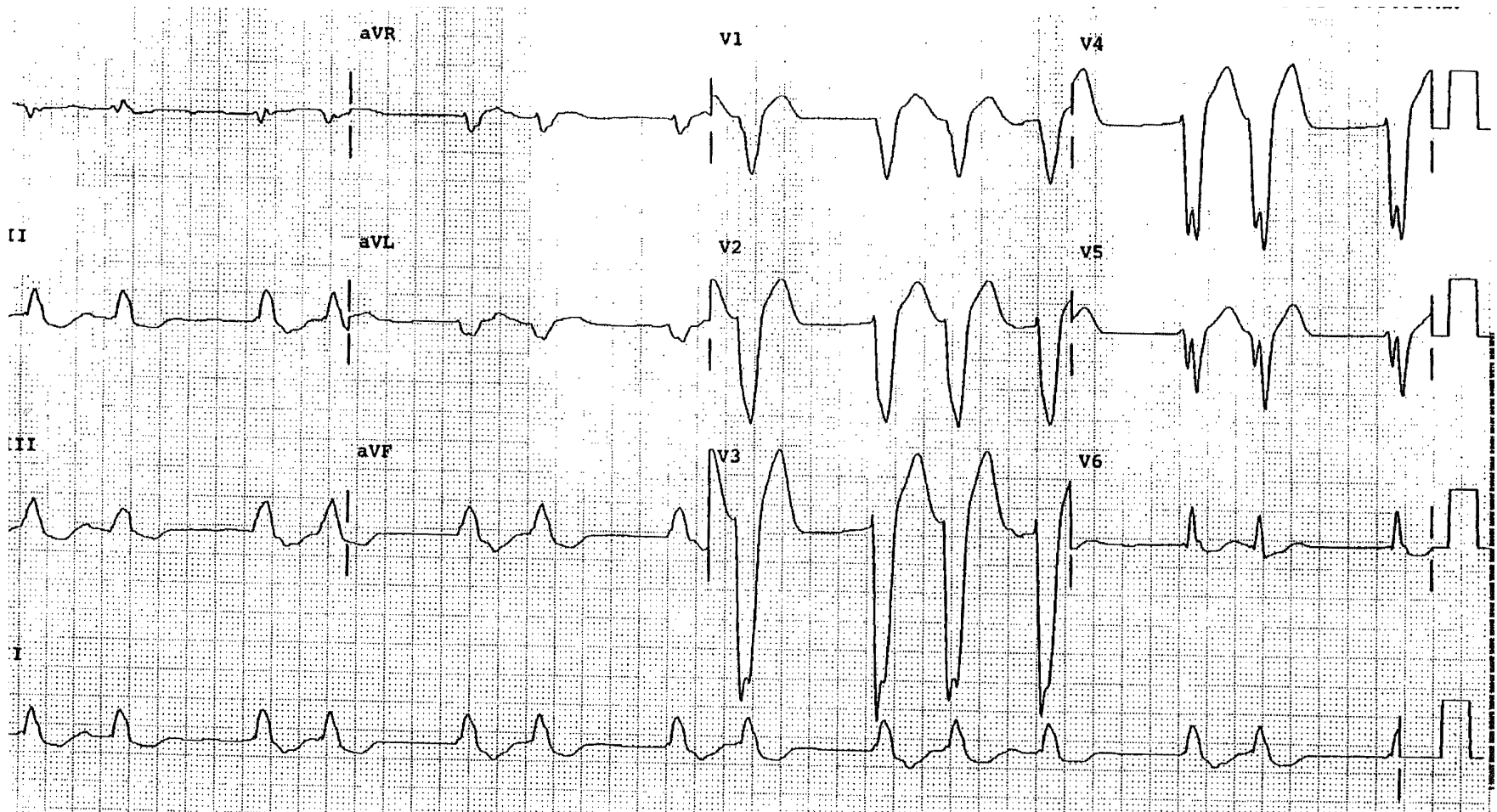
flutter

fib



## Afib // LBBB

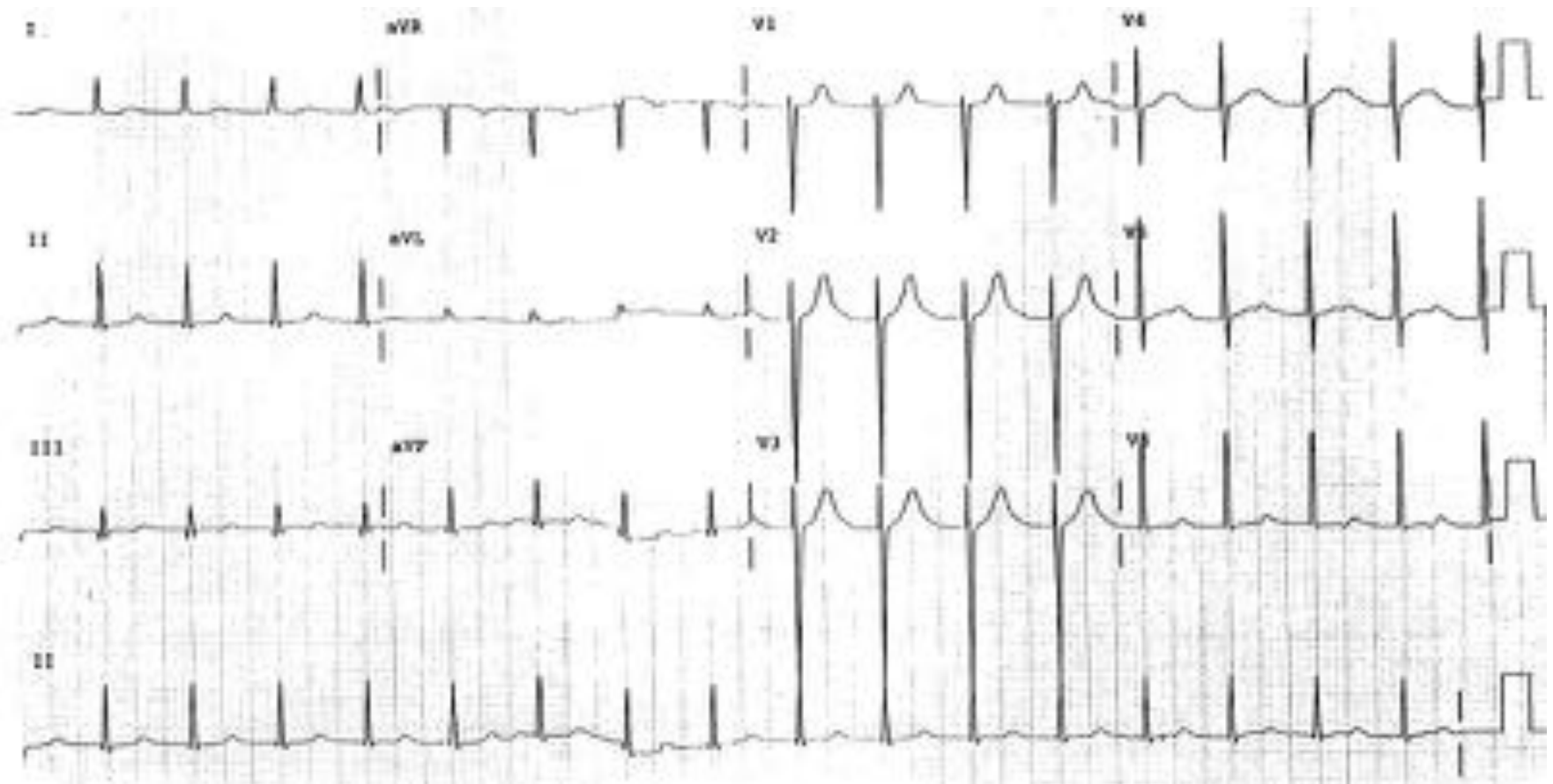
**You should still be using all the steps!**



## Interpret EKG #14

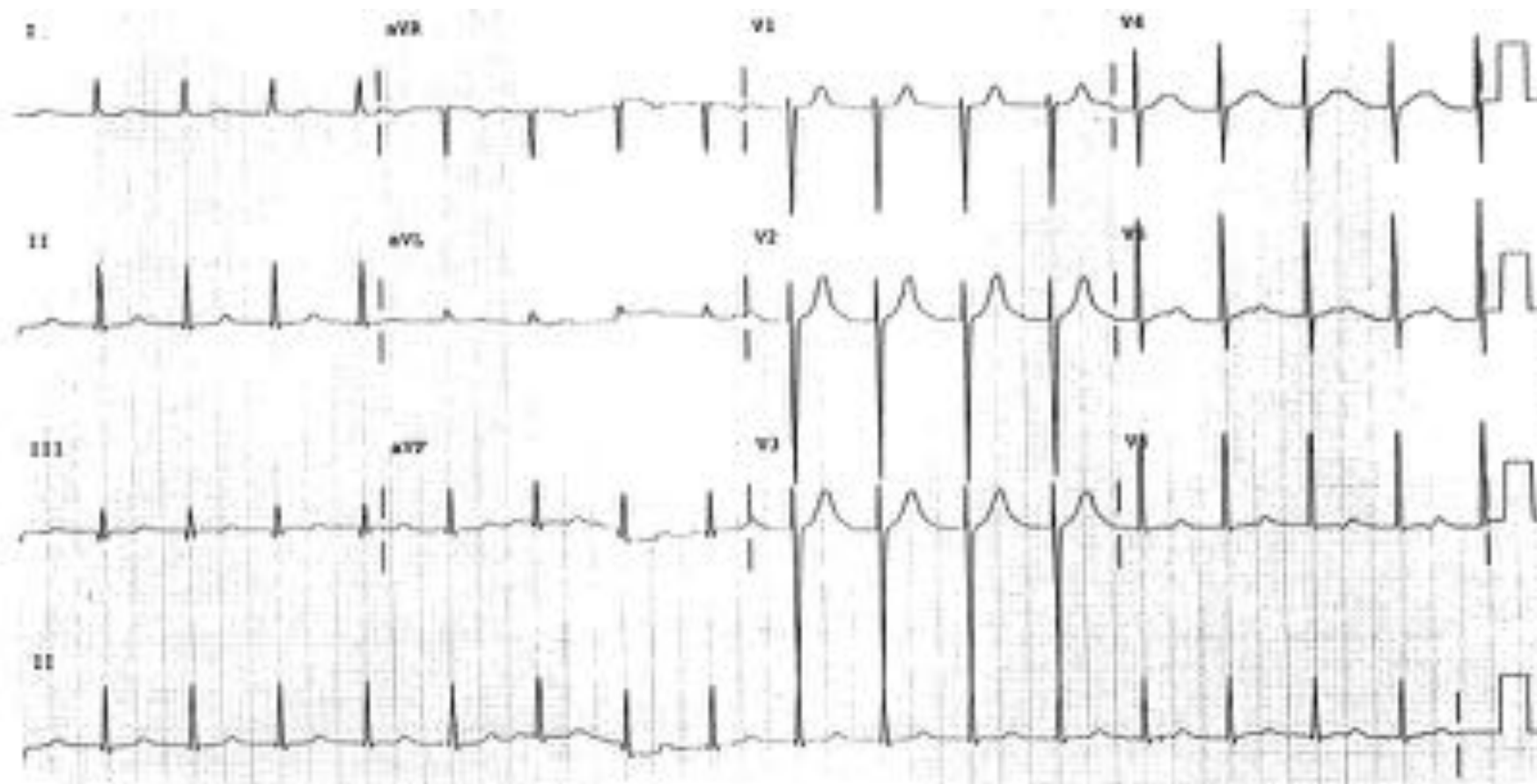
Rate

Reg vs Irreg vs Patterned



## Interpret EKG #14

Reg...narrow complex...what is the origin of these beats?

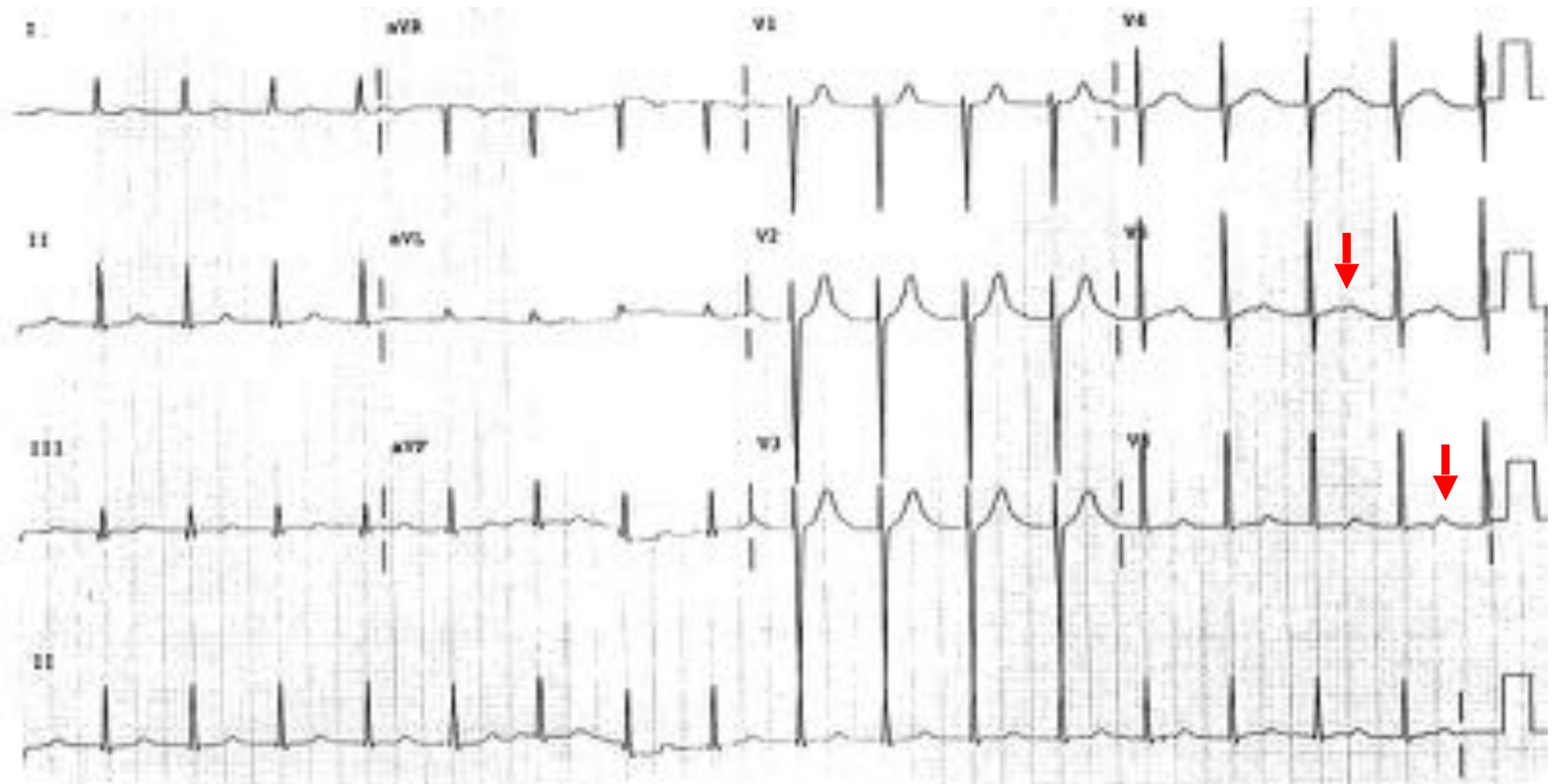




## Interpret EKG #14

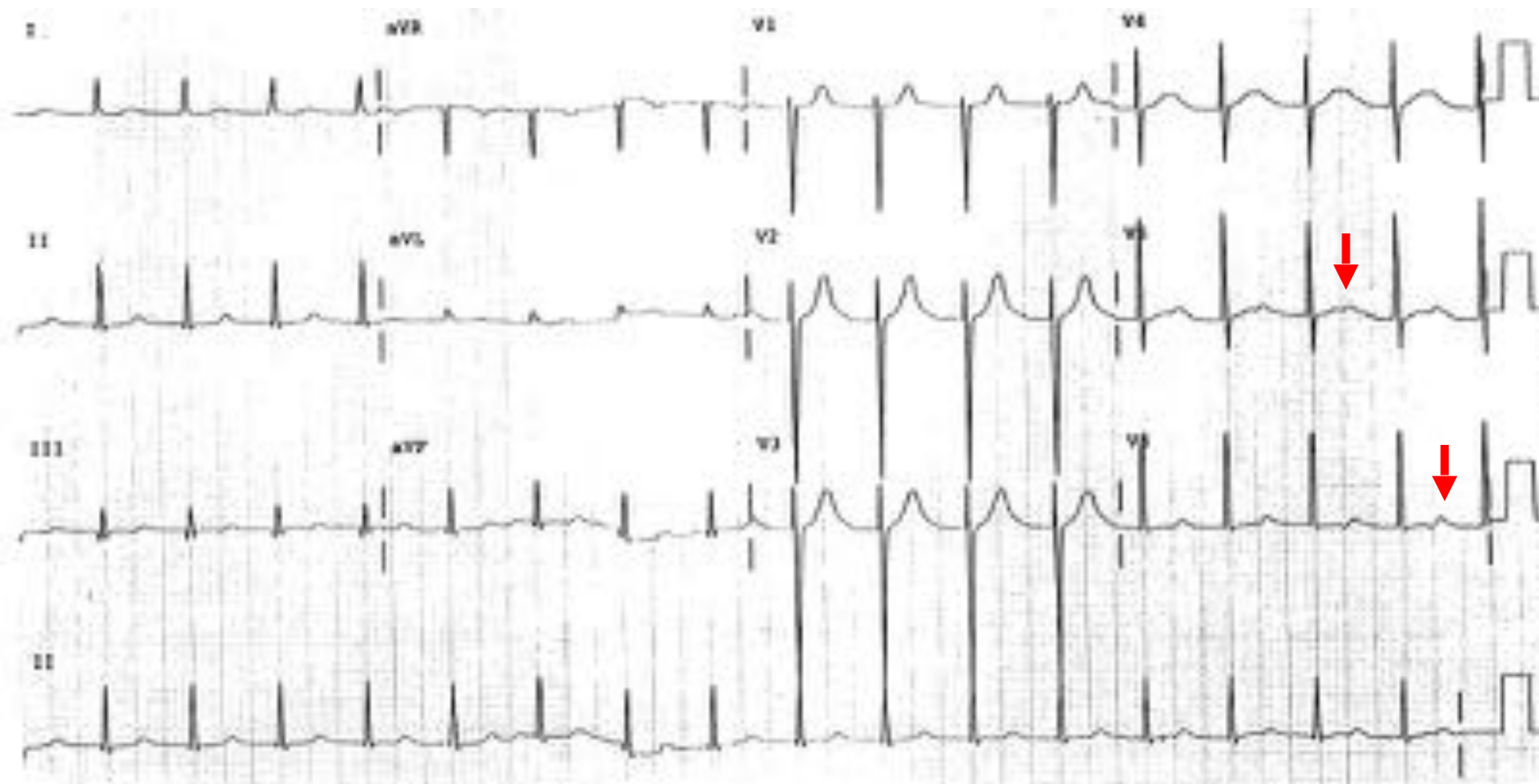
Junctional Tachycardia? Vs Sinus with 1° AVB (p wave in T?)

We could argue both choices. Which do you favor?



## Interpret EKG #14

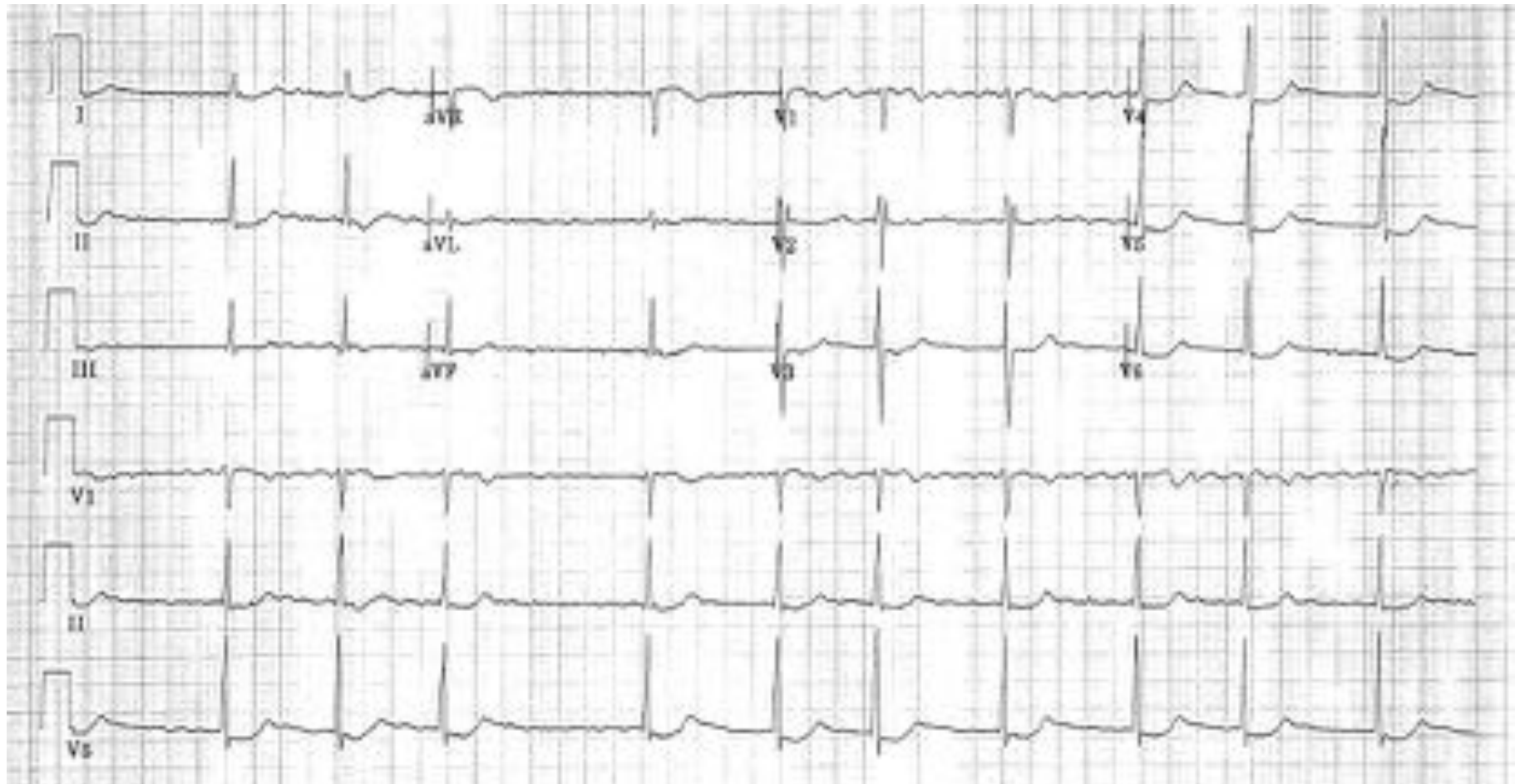
My opinion- Sinus with 1° AVB (p wave in T?)



## Interpret EKG #15:

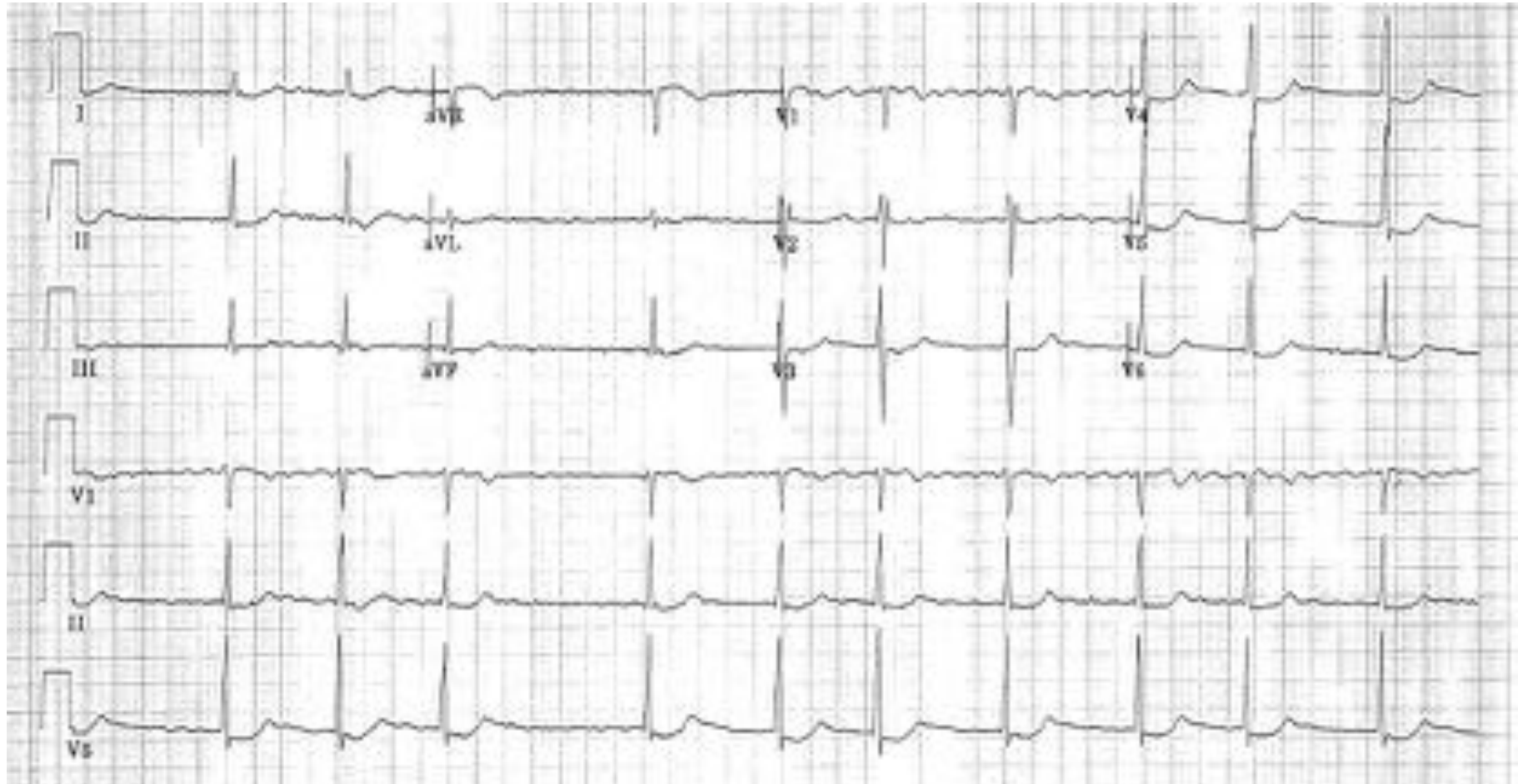
Rate

Reg vs Irreg vs Patterned



## Interpret EKG #15:

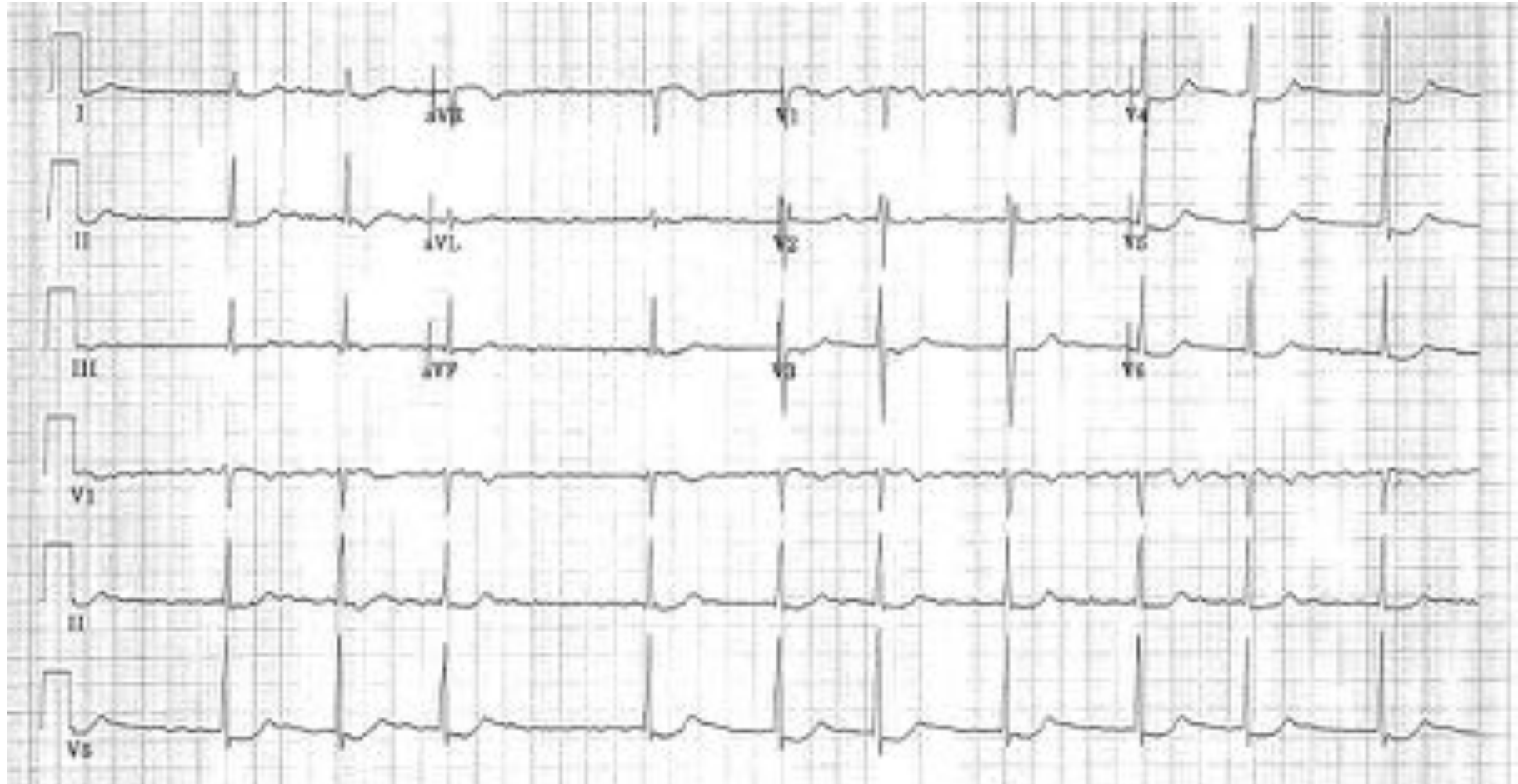
It looks like a pattern...but is it really?





## Interpret EKG #15:

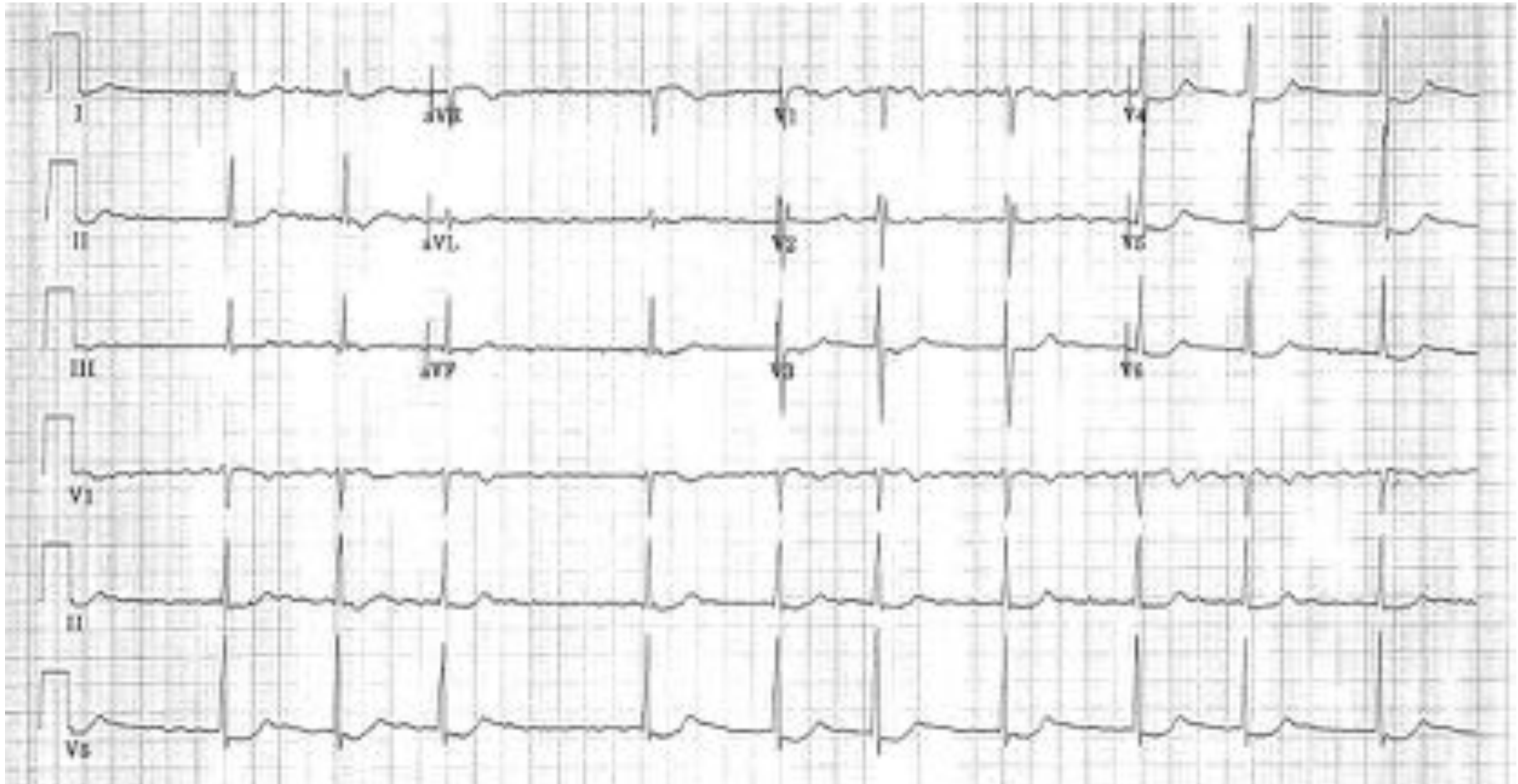
Irreg... now are there P waves?



## Interpret EKG #15:

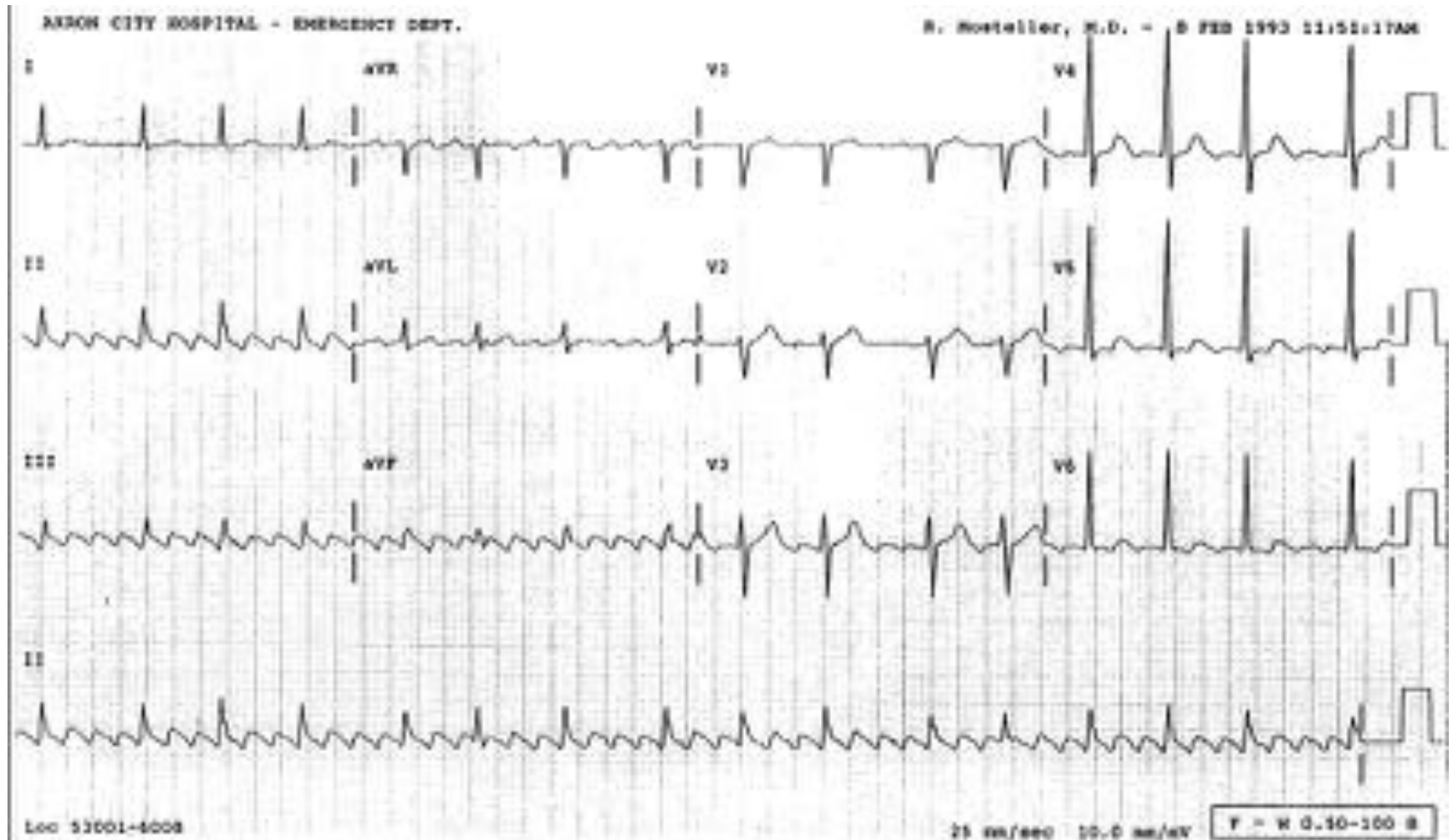
No p waves... that is course atrial fibrillation

**AFIB with ventricular rate of 55-60**



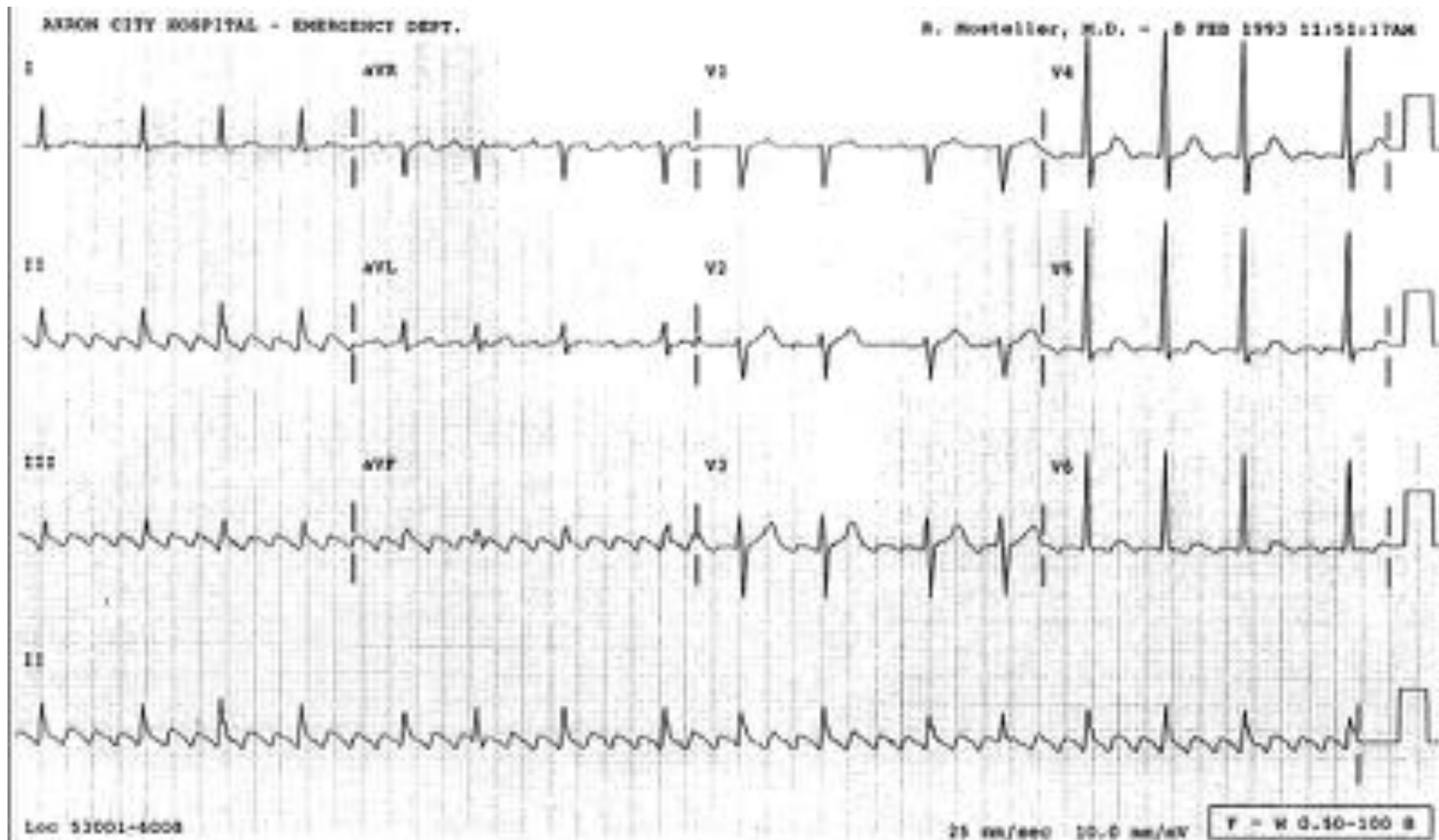
## Interpret EKG #16:

Really this is an easy one...



## Interpret EKG #16:

**Atrial Flutter with 3:1 conduction through AV node  
varying with 4:1 conduction**

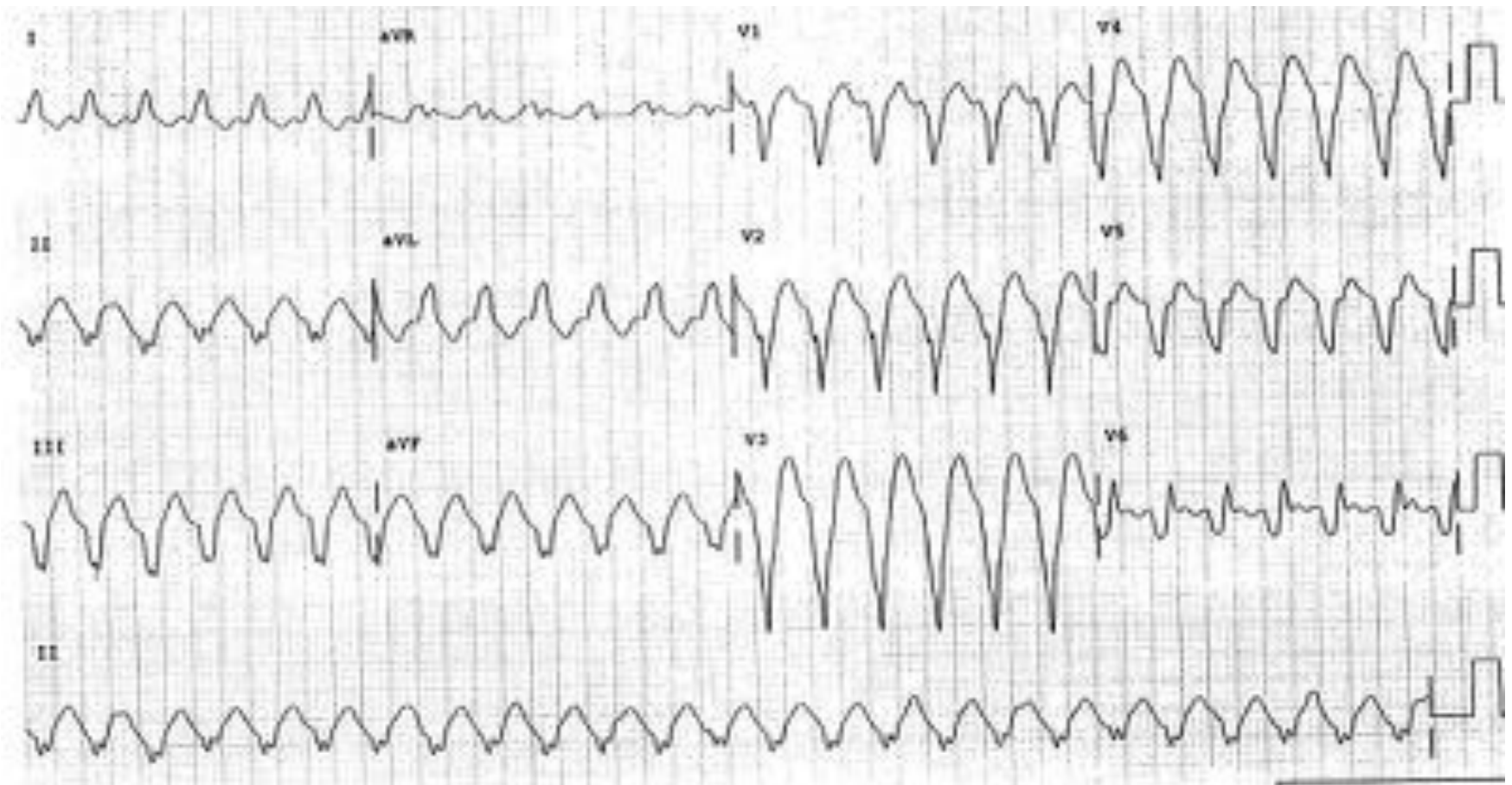




## Interpret #17:

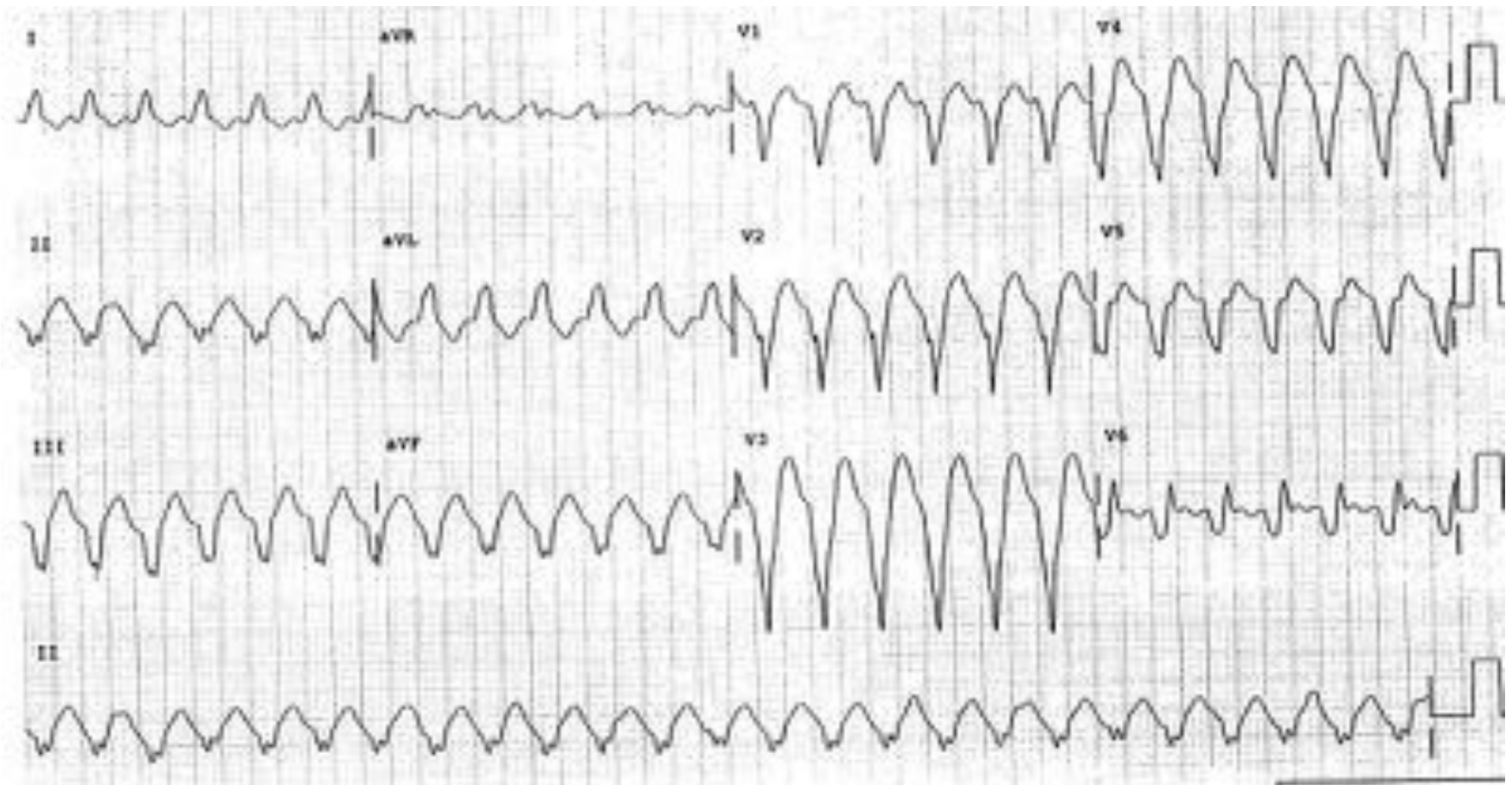
Rate... yes it is fast

Reg vs Irreg vs Patterned



## Interpret #17:

**V- tach... someone get the crash cart!**

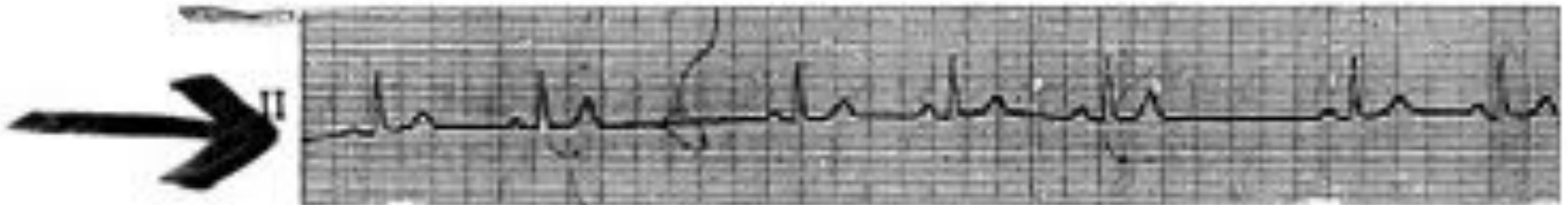


## Interpret this Rhythm Strip #18

You must presume the patterned is repeated  
on either edge of the strip

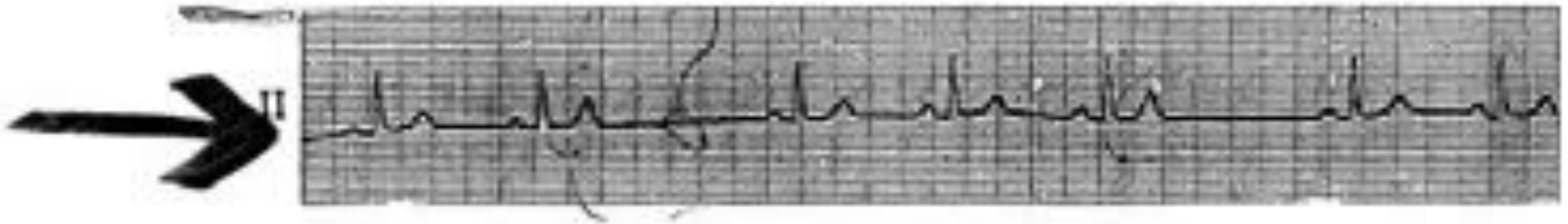
Three beats...then space

Why is this happening?



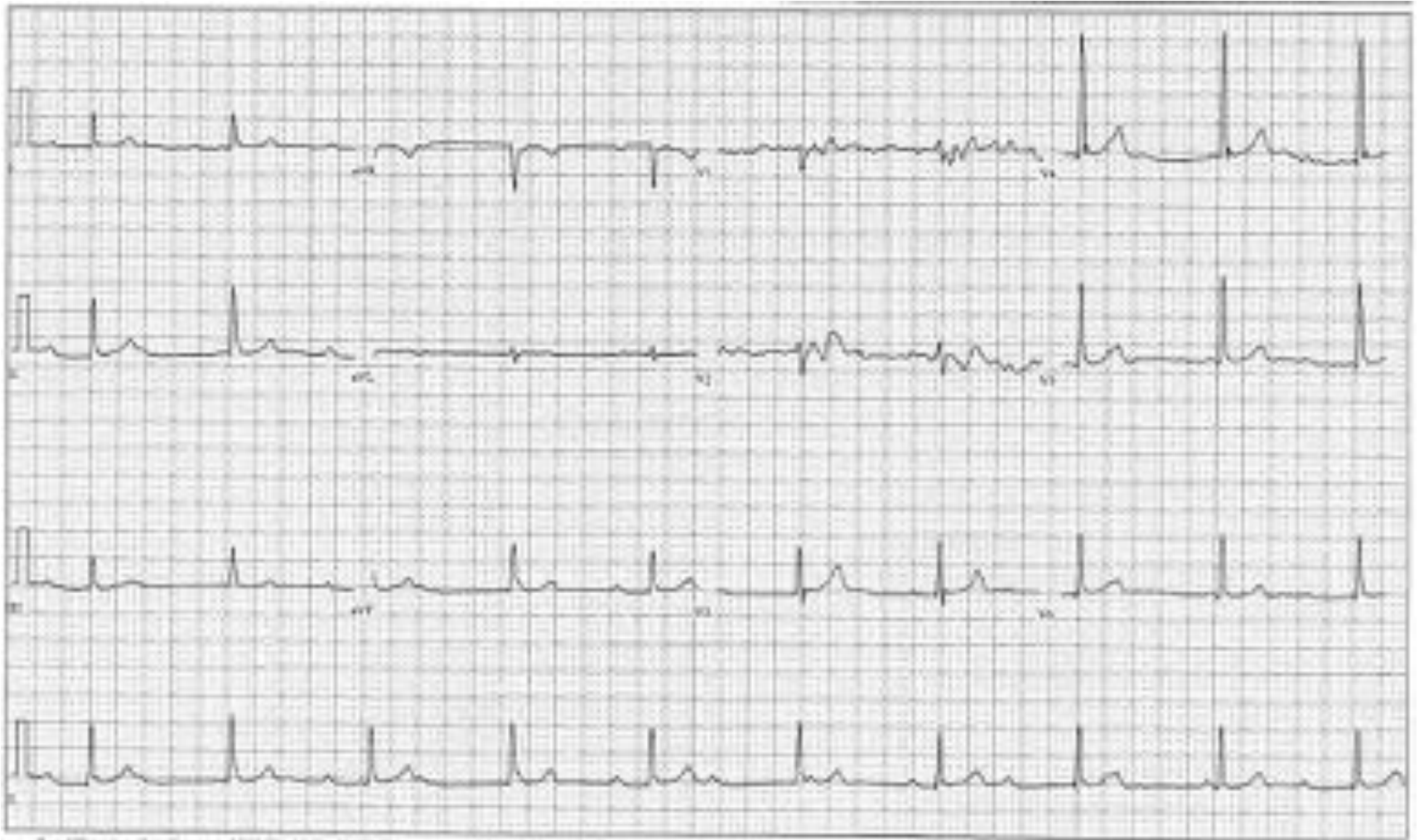
## Interpret this Rhythm Strip #18

This is NSR with every fourth beat being a PAC with the P wave being buried in the T wave and not being conducted through the refractory AV node





## Interpret EKG #19:



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**3<sup>rd</sup> Degree AV block with junctional escape**



**Great job...keep practicing.**