



# **11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL HEART FAILURE UPDATE 2024**

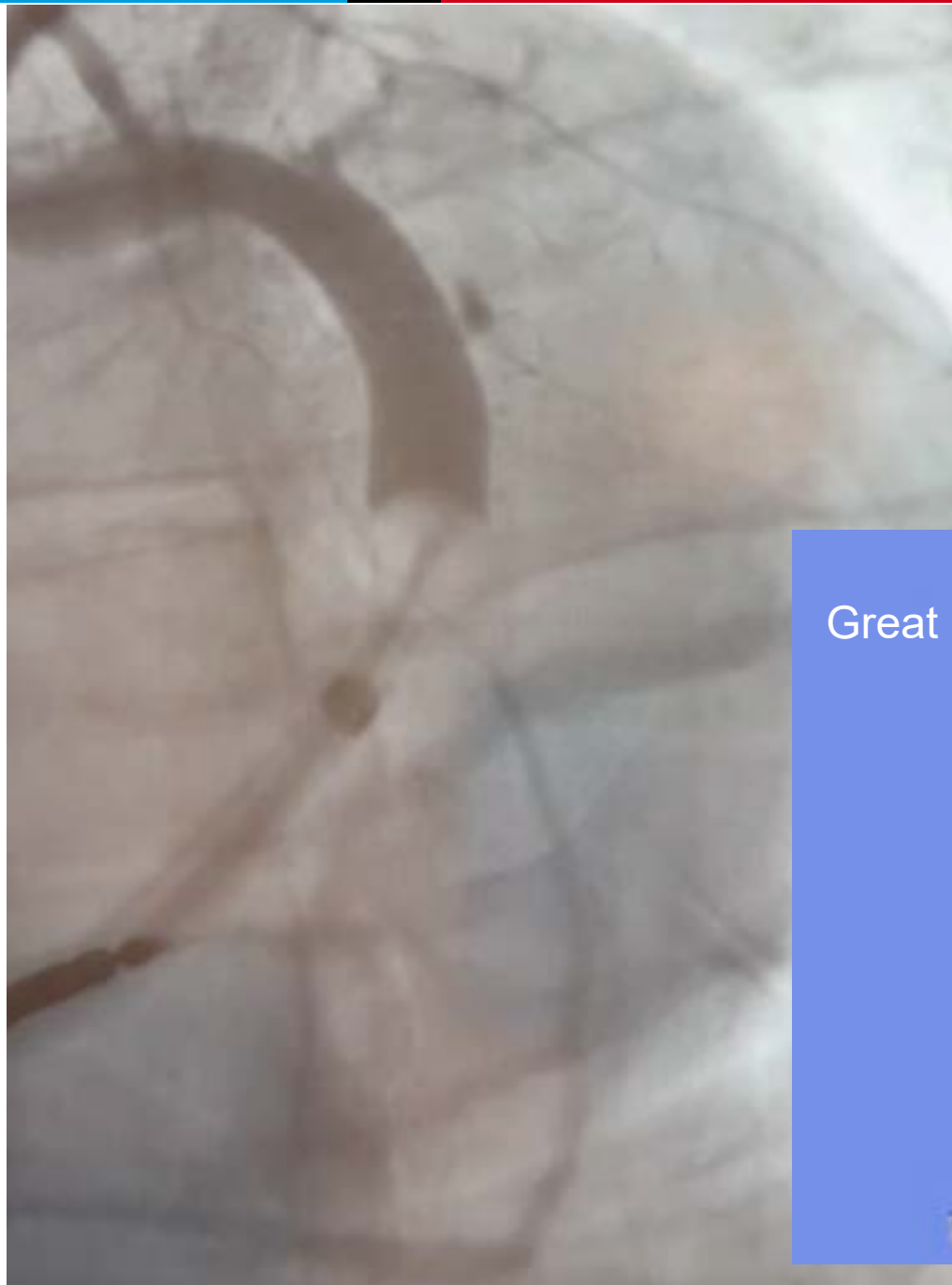
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# **Optimisation des appareils de resynchronisation cardiaque**

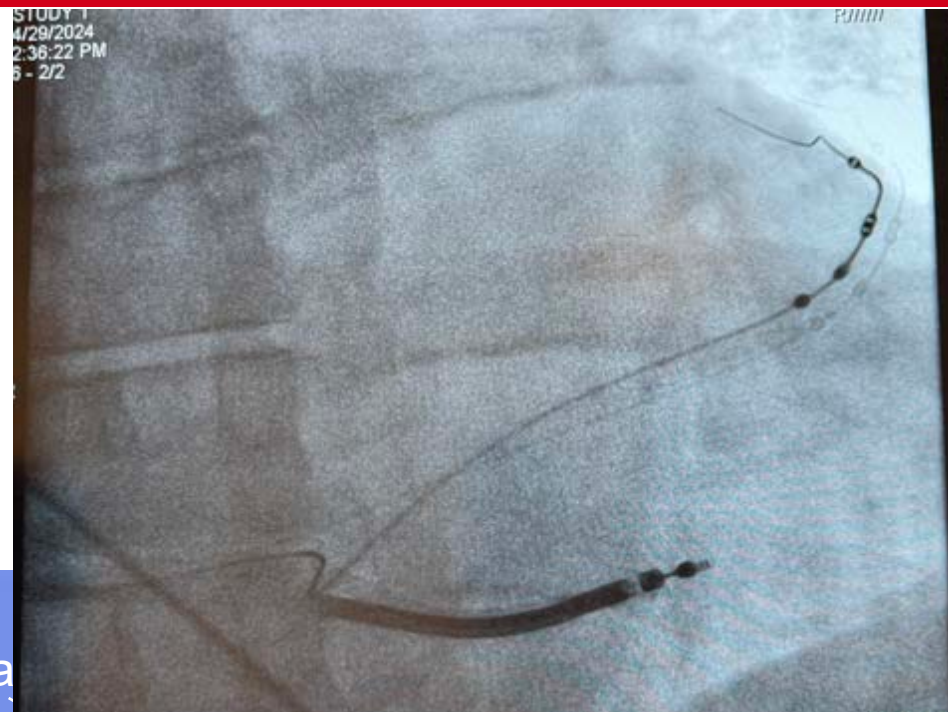
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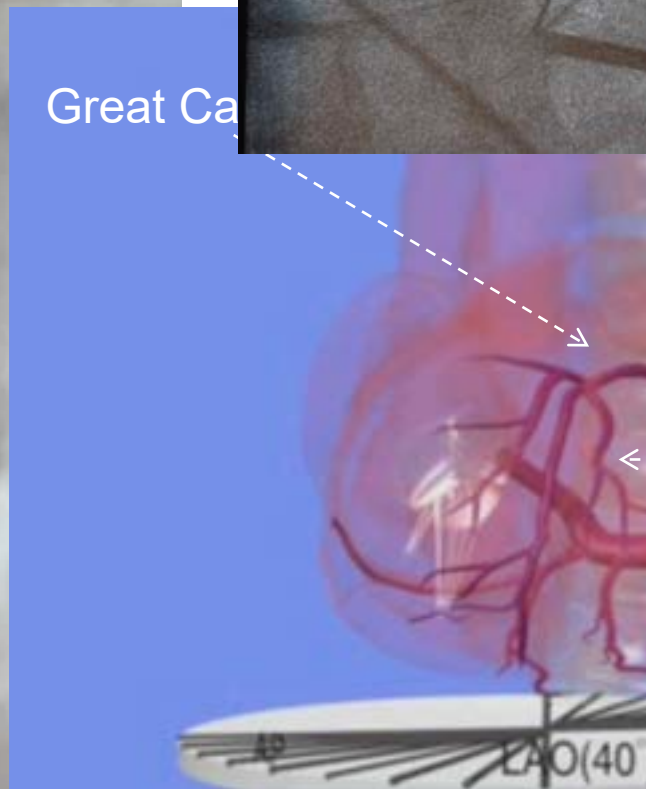
- External research grant, investigator-initiated (Medtronic)
- Advisor: Boston Scientific, Abbott



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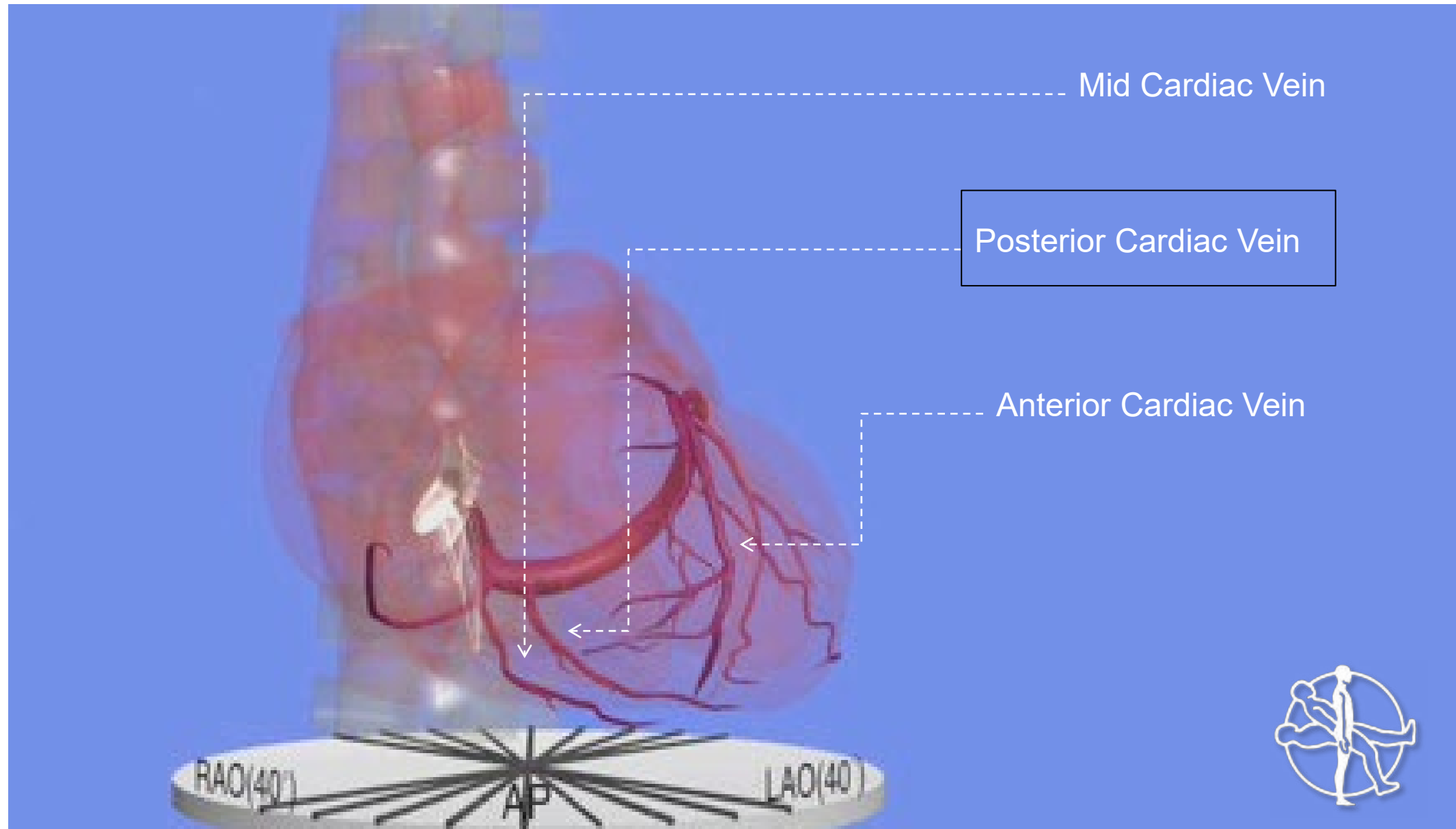


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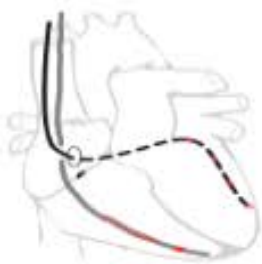
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# Advantages of MultiPole Pacing?

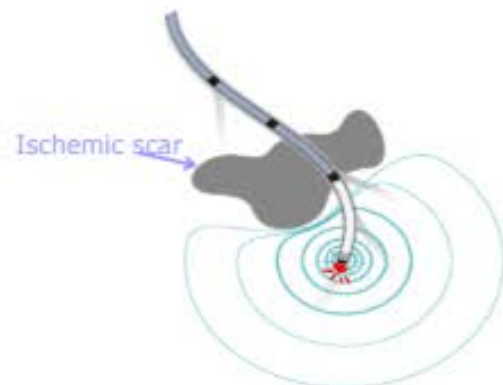
Enlarge the area of capture by pacing from two sites in the LV within the same CS vein



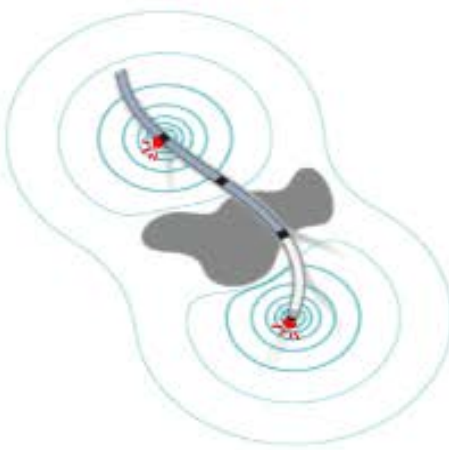
- Depolarize the left ventricle faster

## Ischemic CM

Without MPP



With MPP

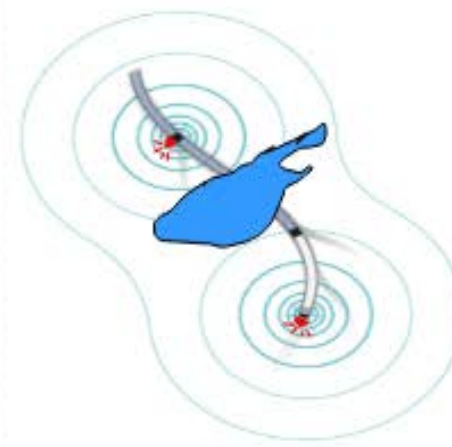


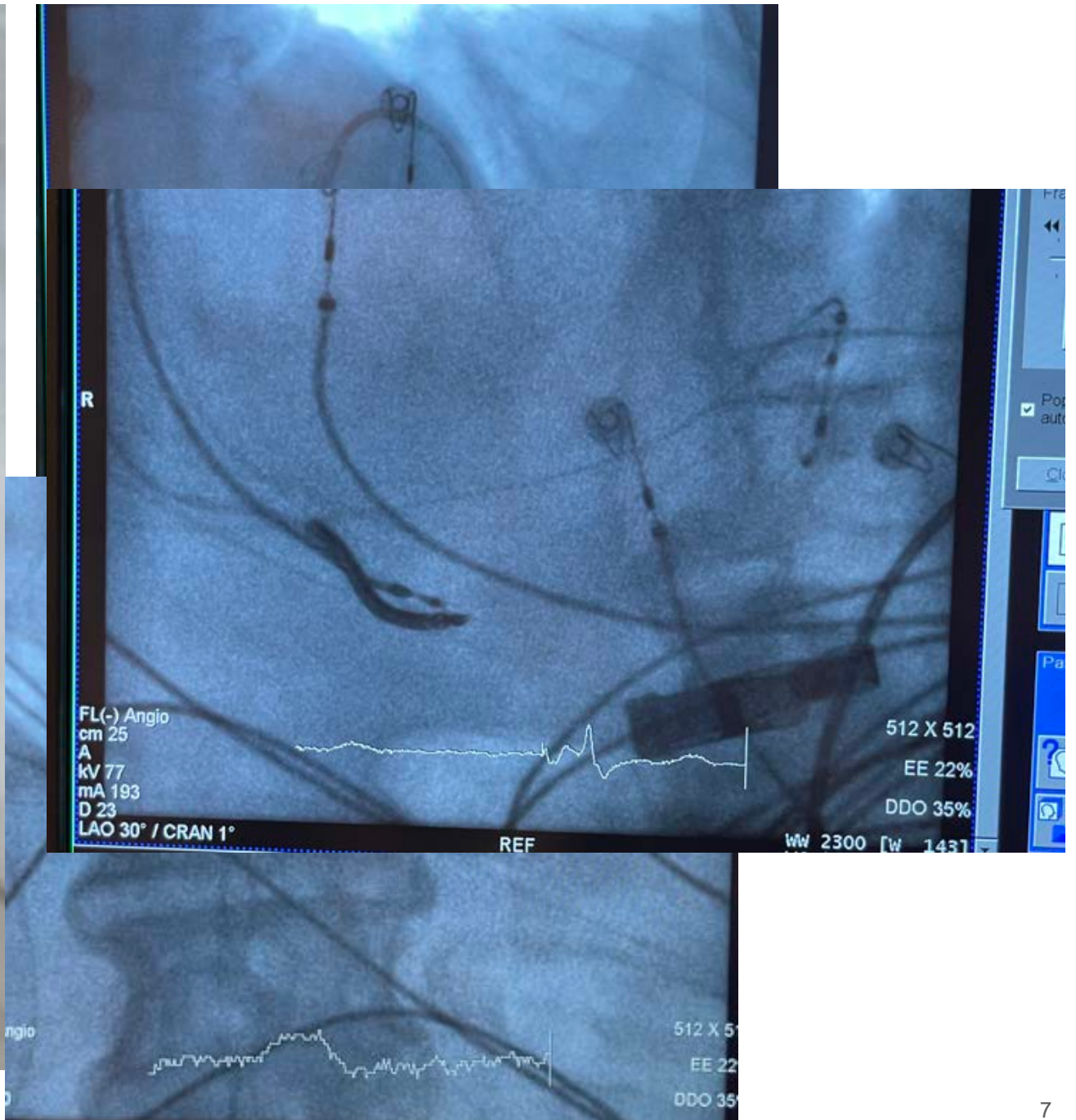
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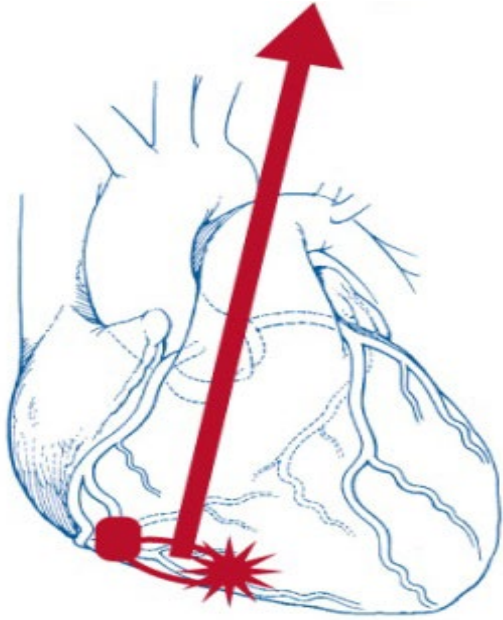


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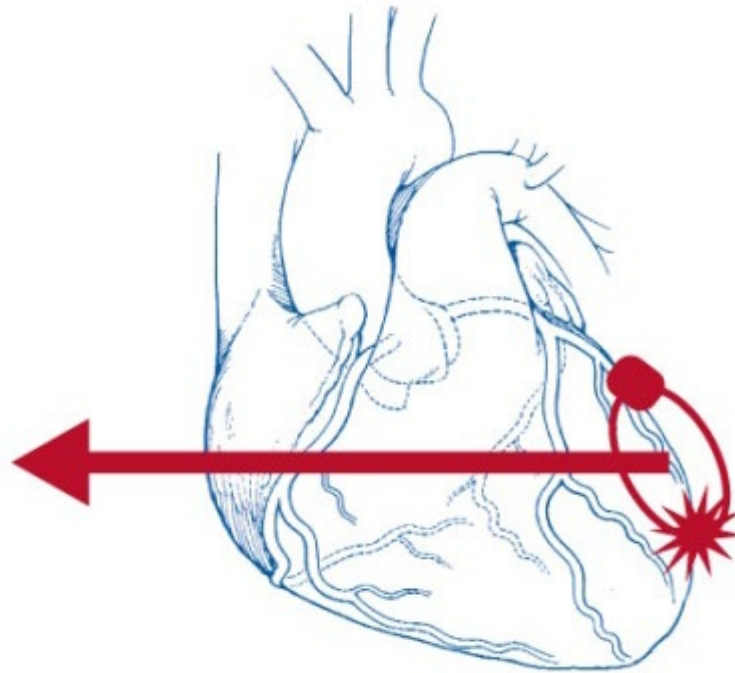




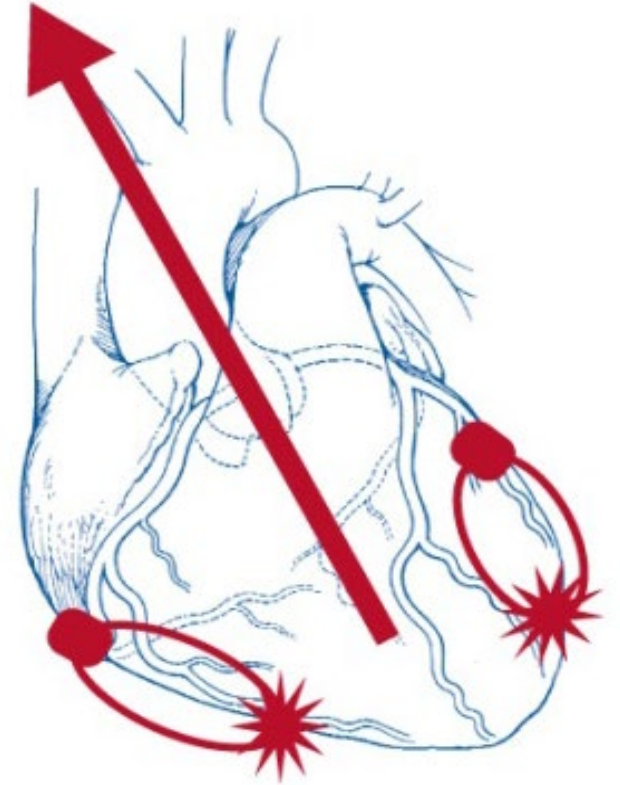
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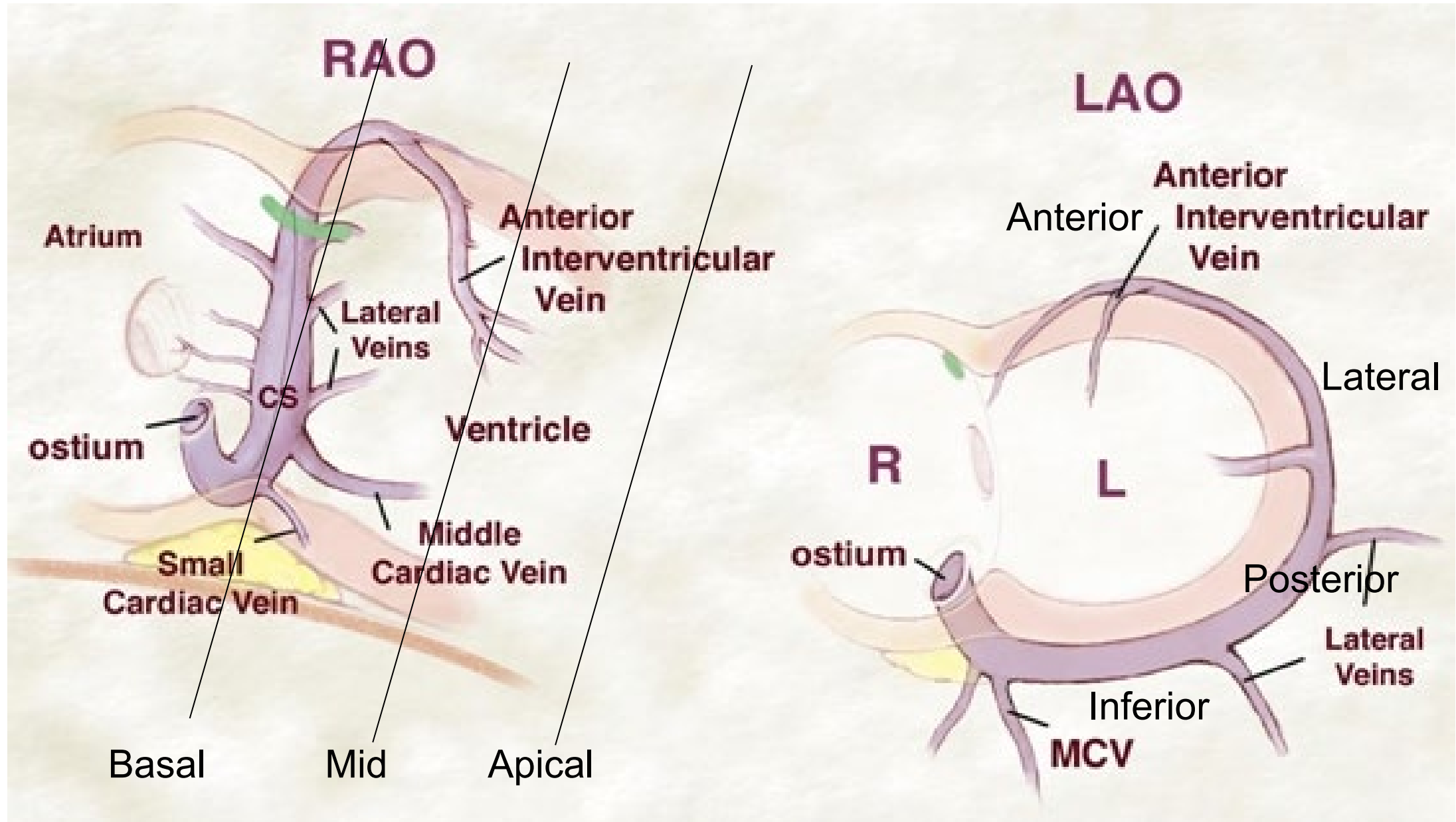


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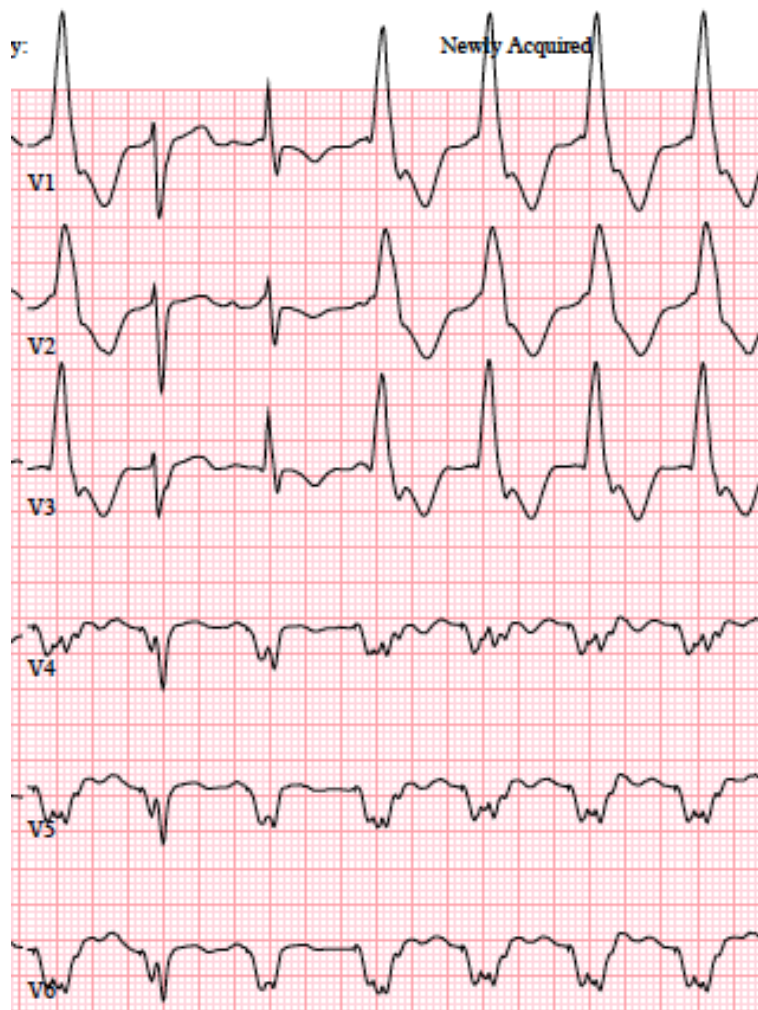


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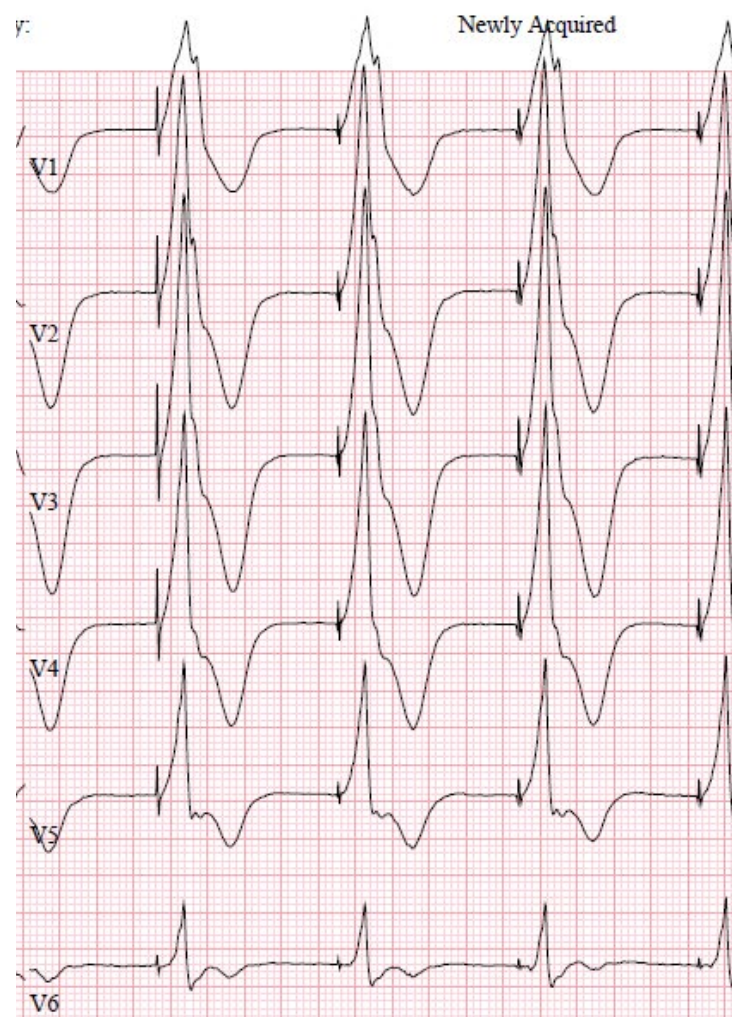


## Apical LV pacing



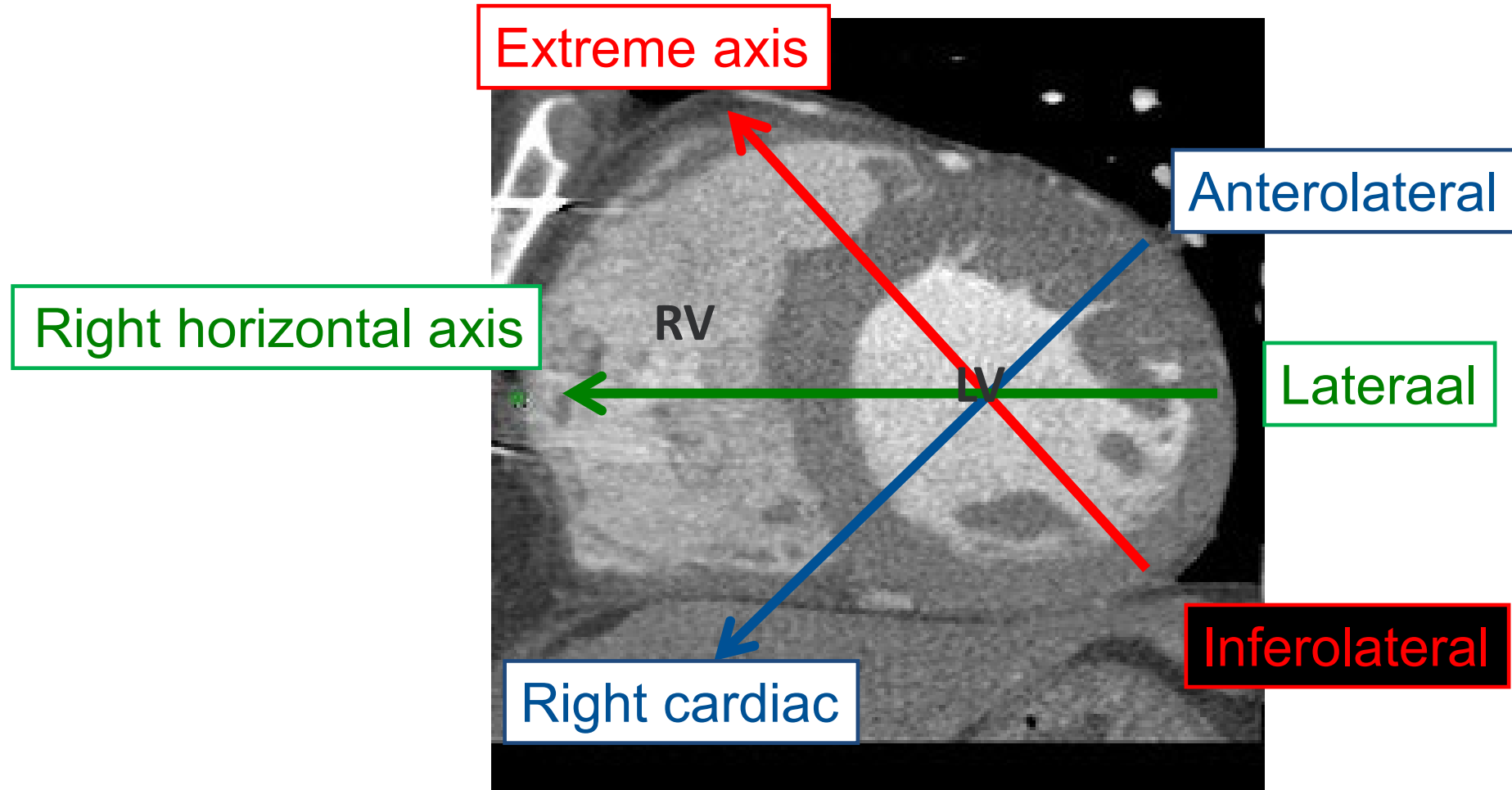
V4-6 negative: apical

## Basal LV pacing



V4-6 positive: basal

# Lead position relative to axis



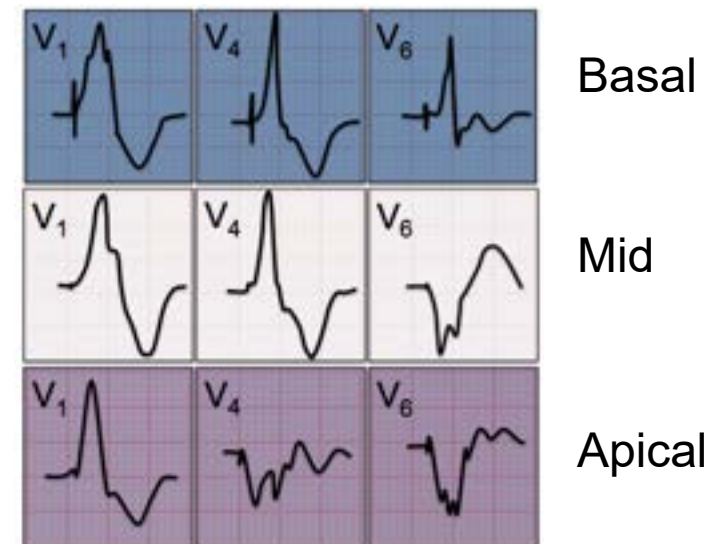
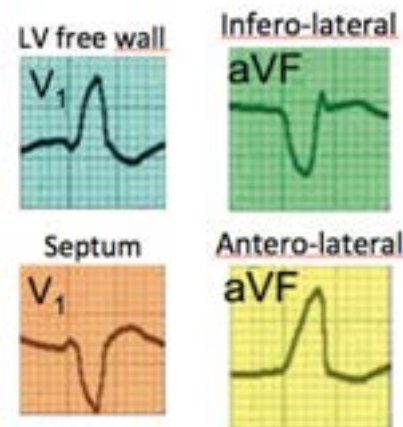
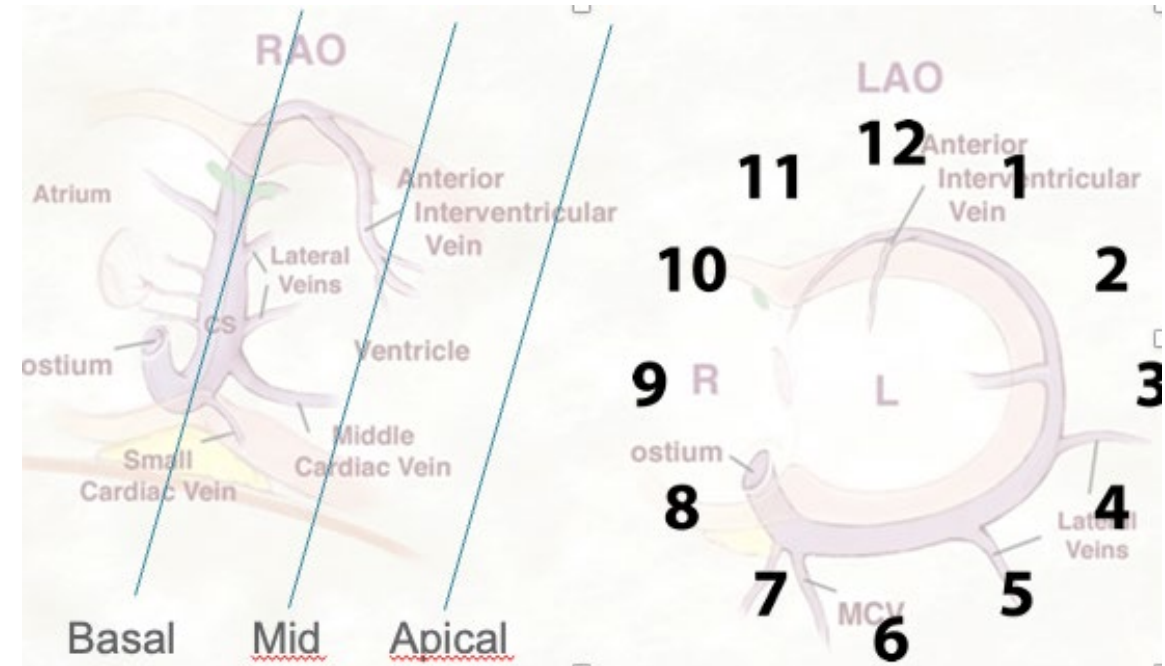
# LV Lead Location on ECG

## Precordial Leads

- Positive concordance: basal
- Negative concordance: apical
- Positive to negative: mid-level
- Negative to positive: septum or RV

## Limb Leads

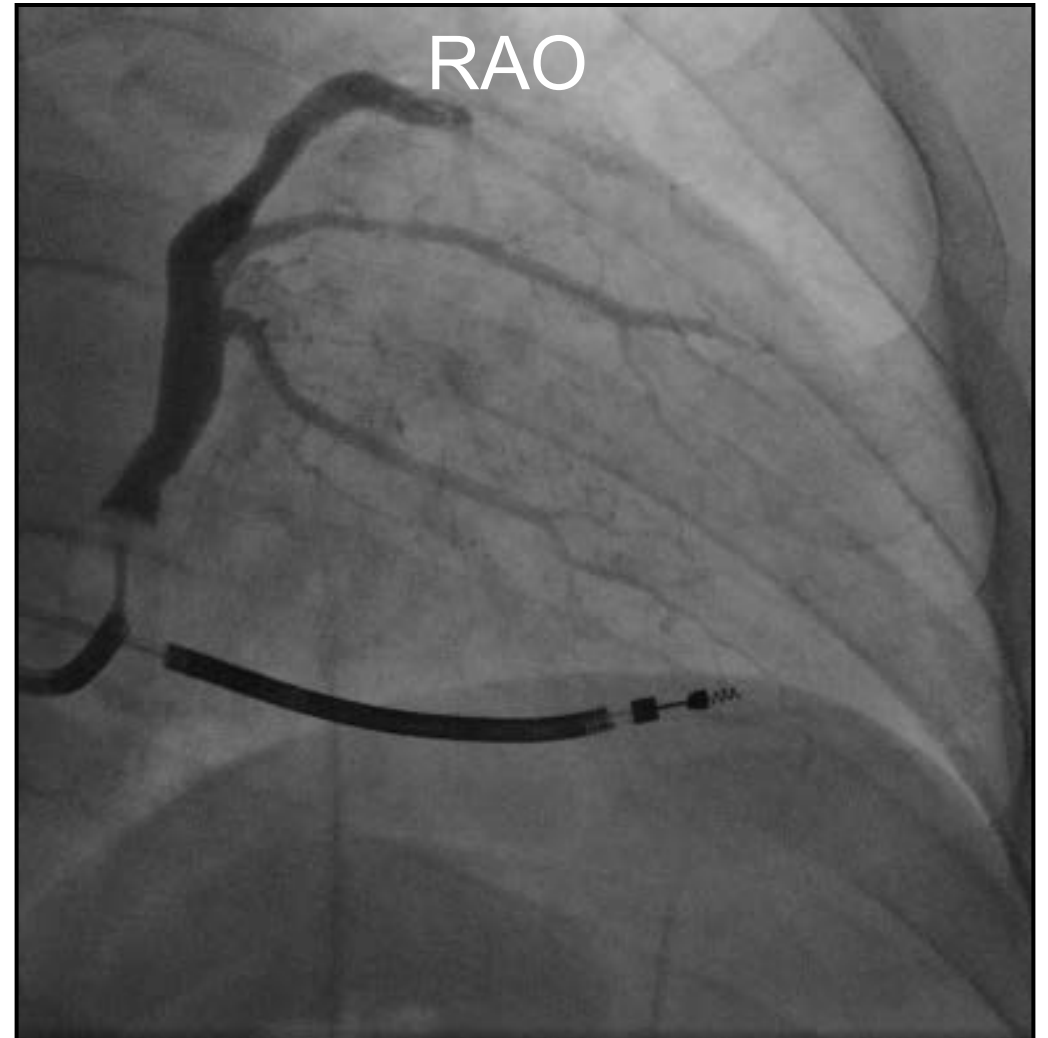
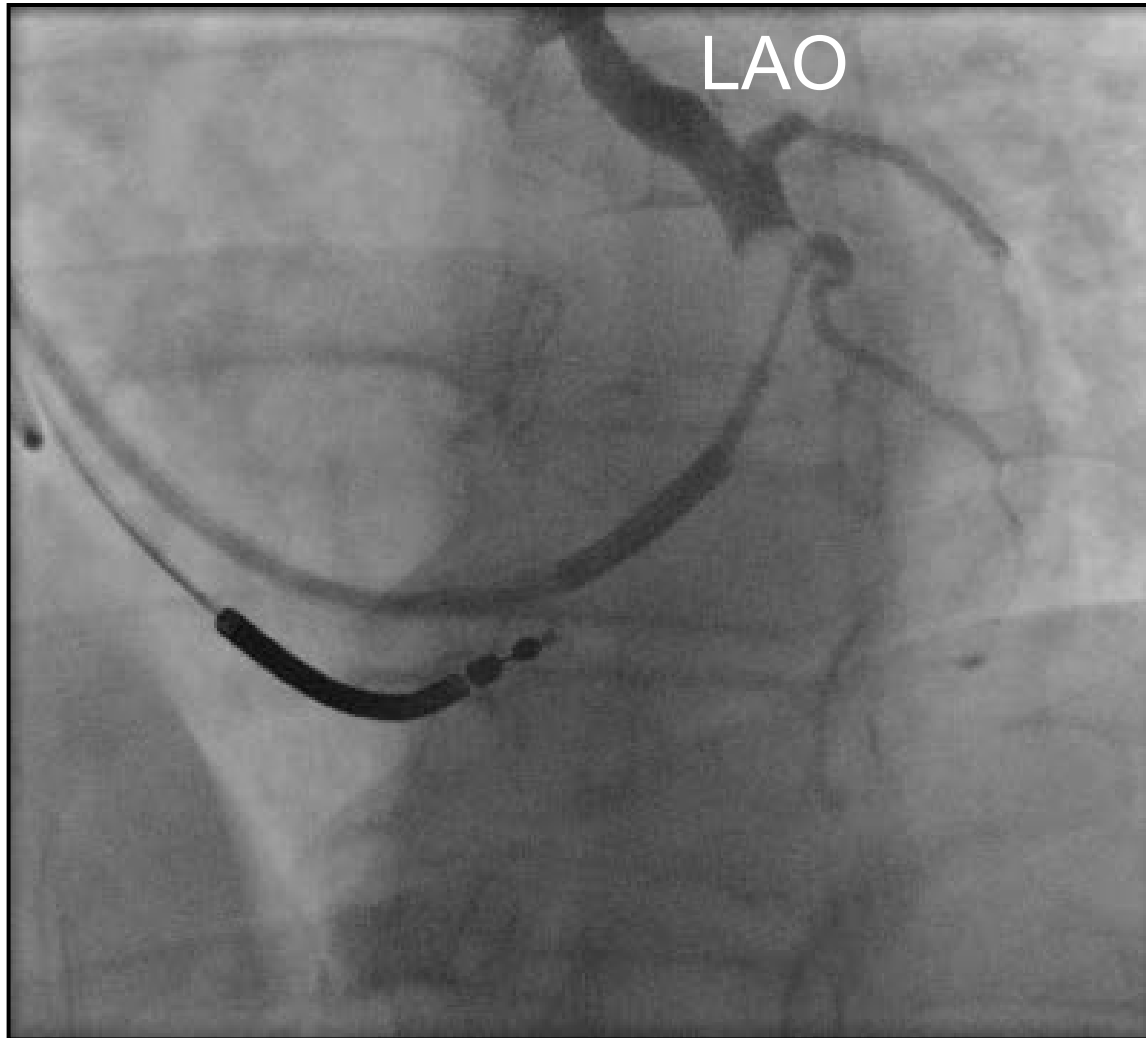
- Horizontal axis: postero-lateral (3h)
- Left or right superior axis: inferior to posterior (4-5h)
- Intermediate or right axis: antero-lateral to lateral (1-2h)
- Inferior axis: anterior (12h)
- Superior axis: inferior (6h)



# LV pacing: Where is the LV lead?



# Fluoroscopy



RAO



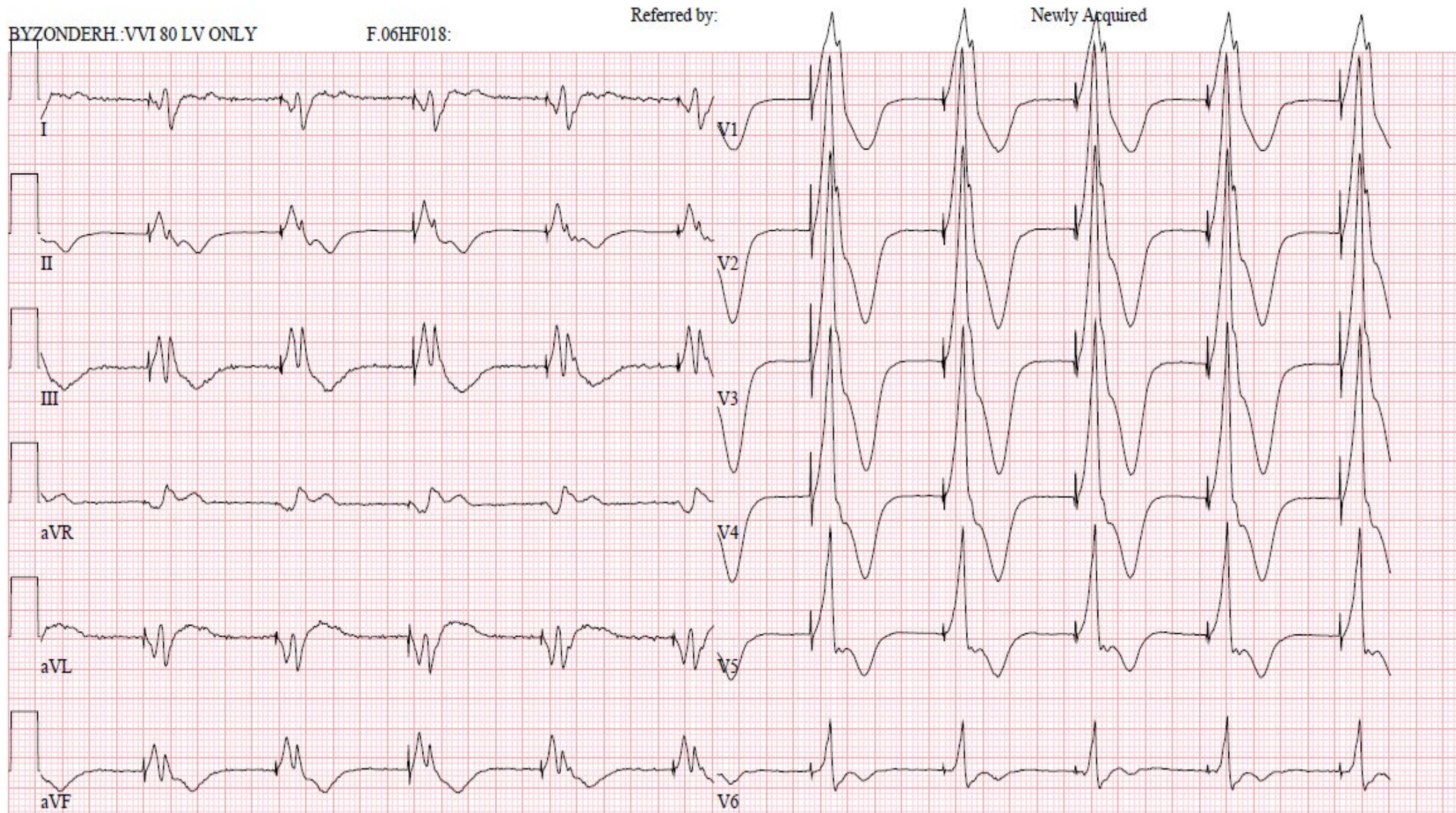
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Positive concordance: basal

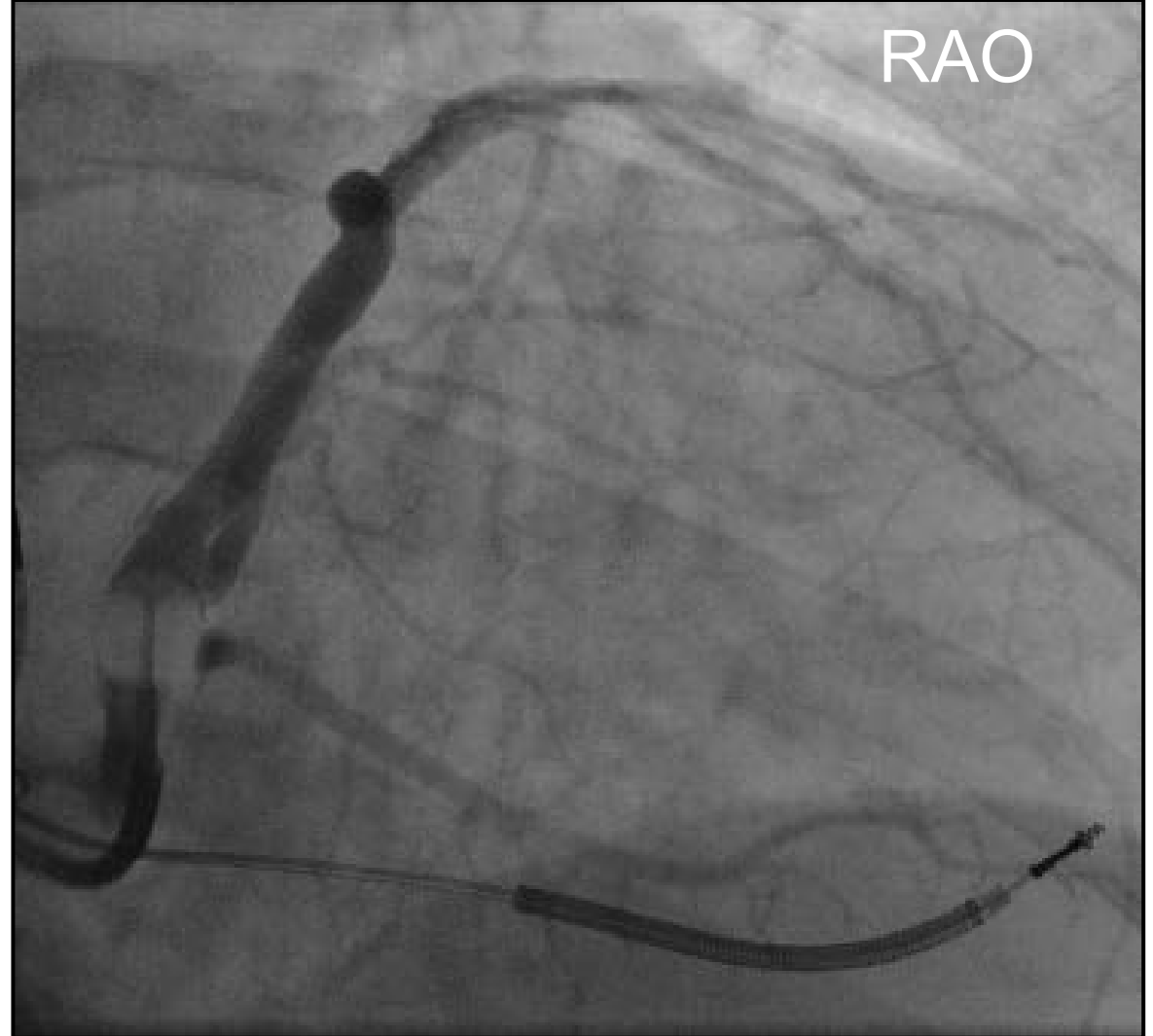
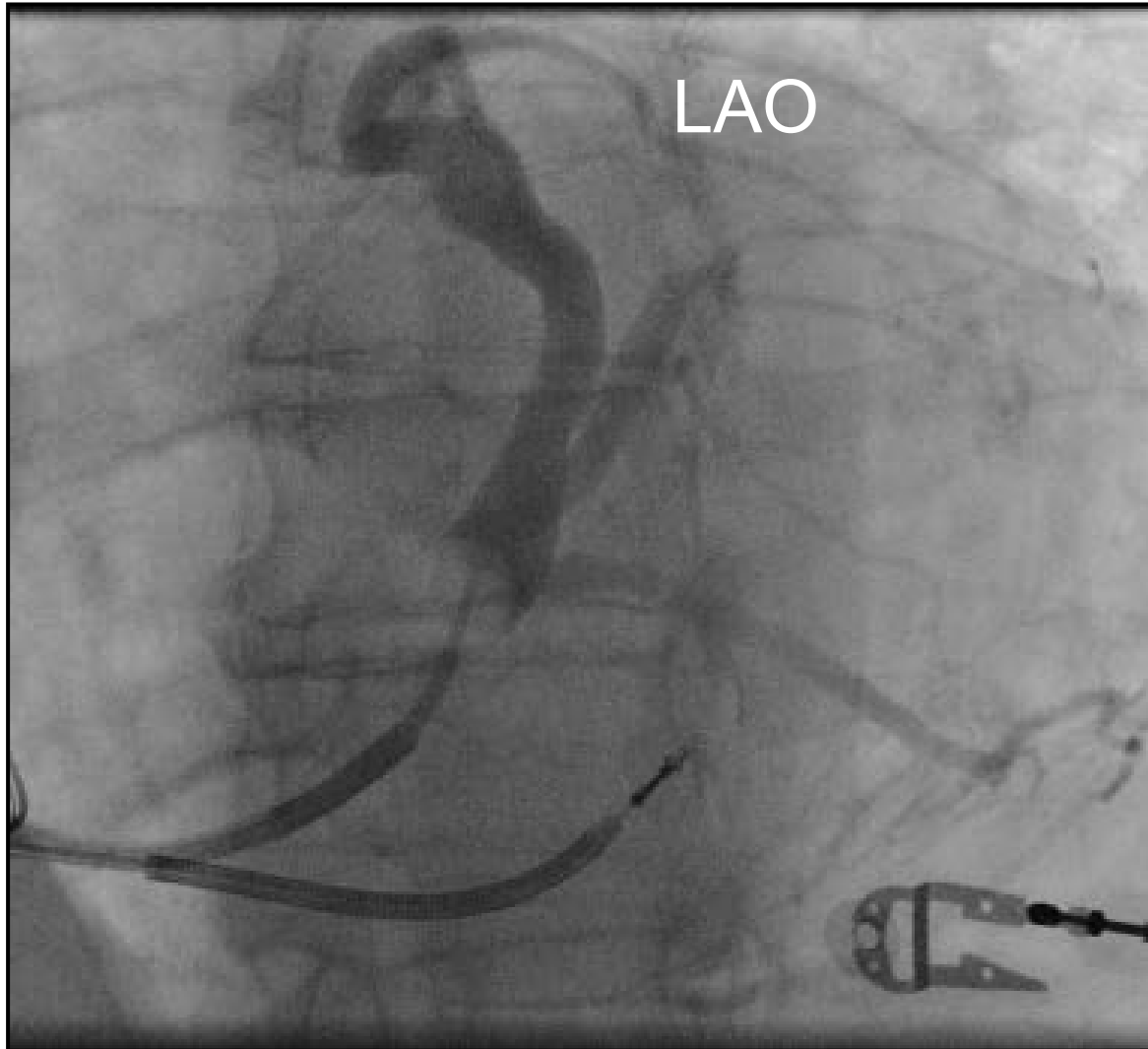
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Horizontal axis (lead I): postero-lateral (3h)  
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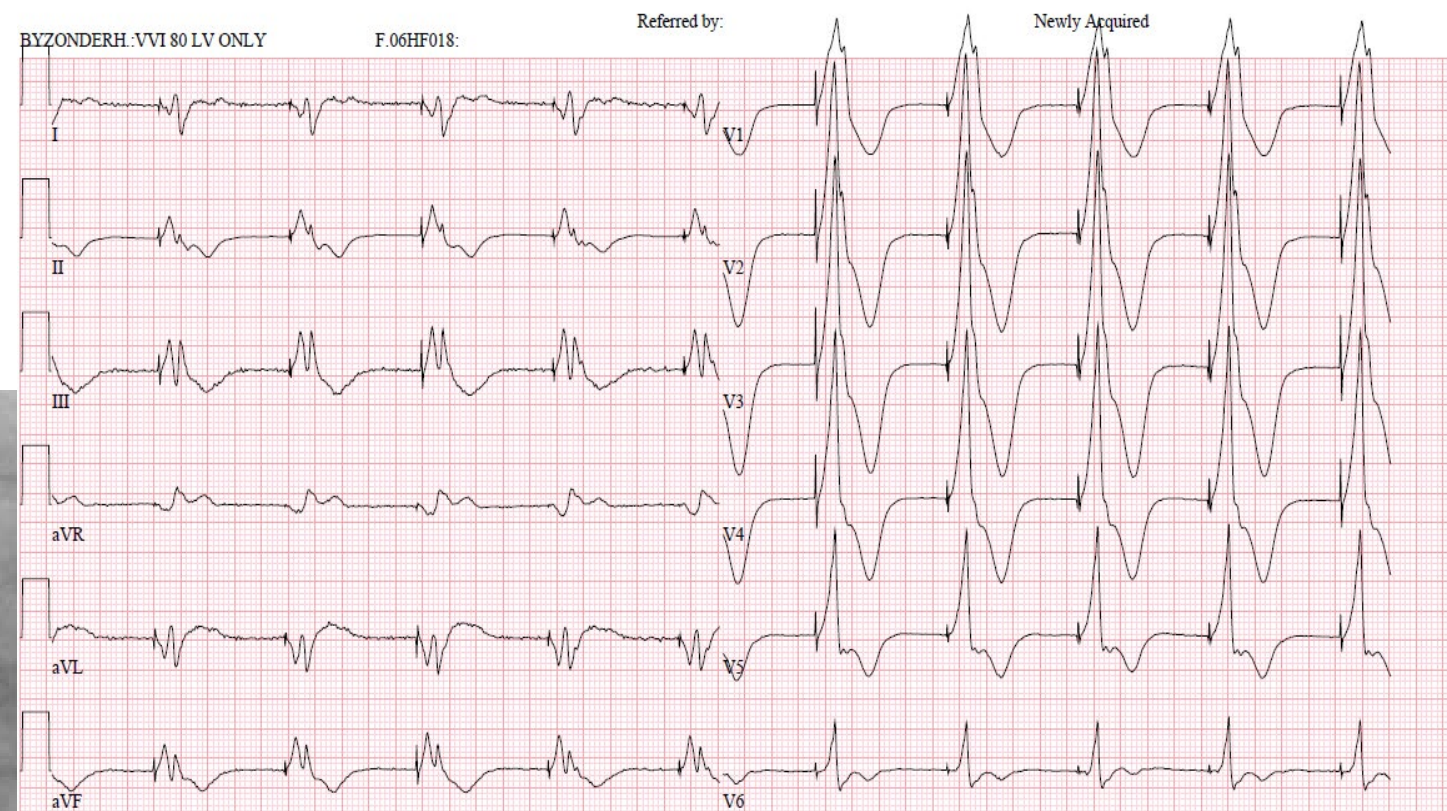
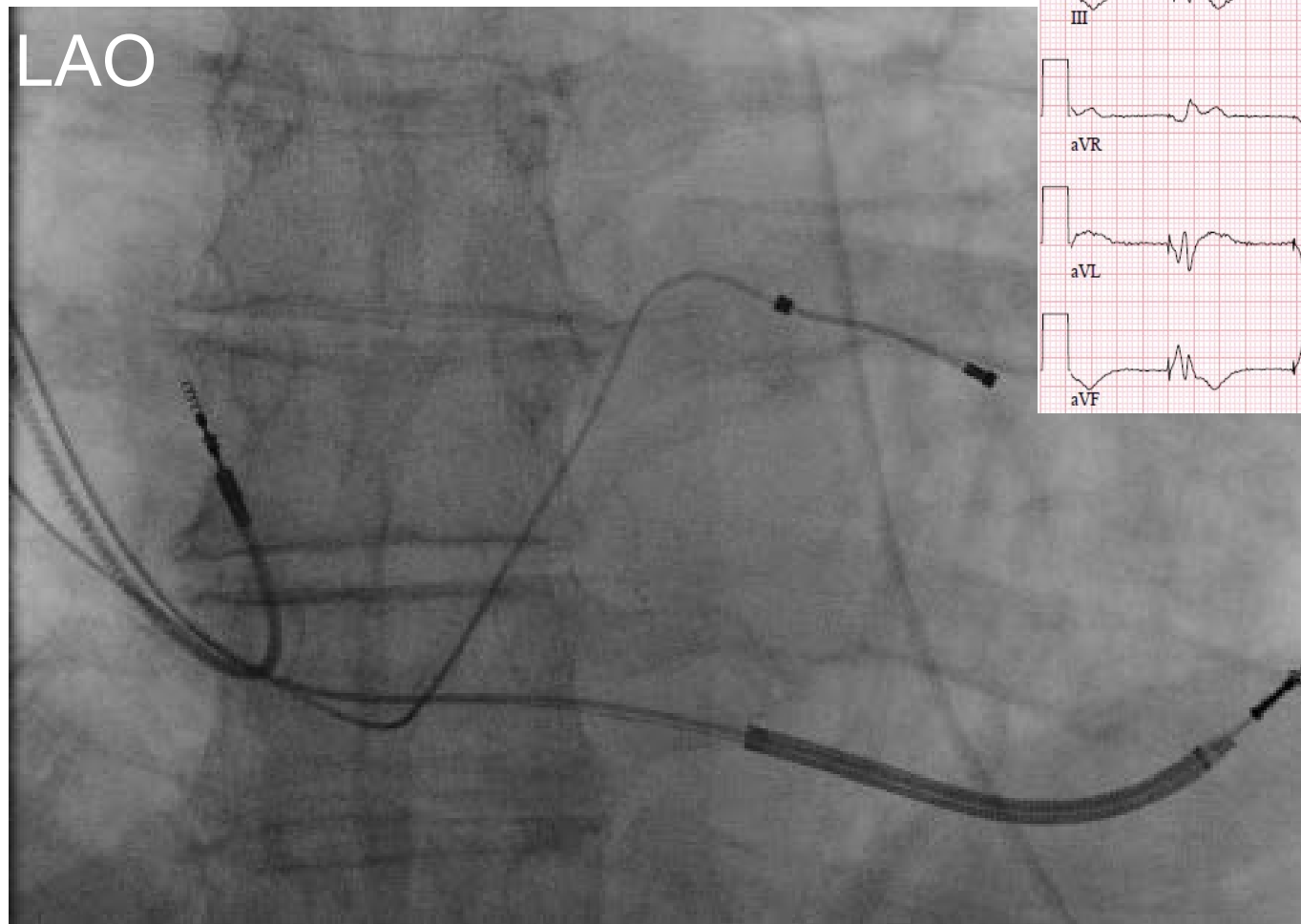
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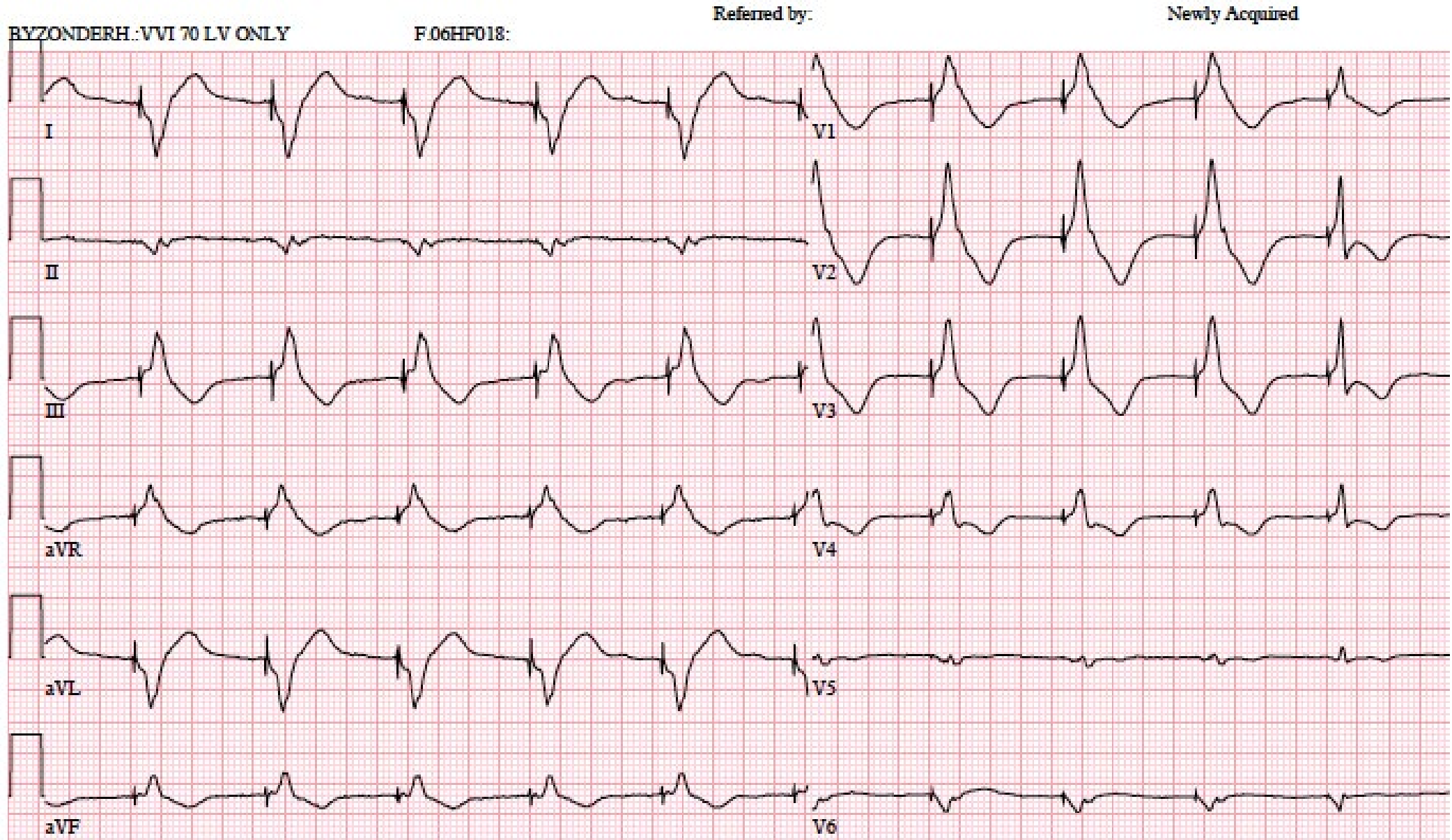
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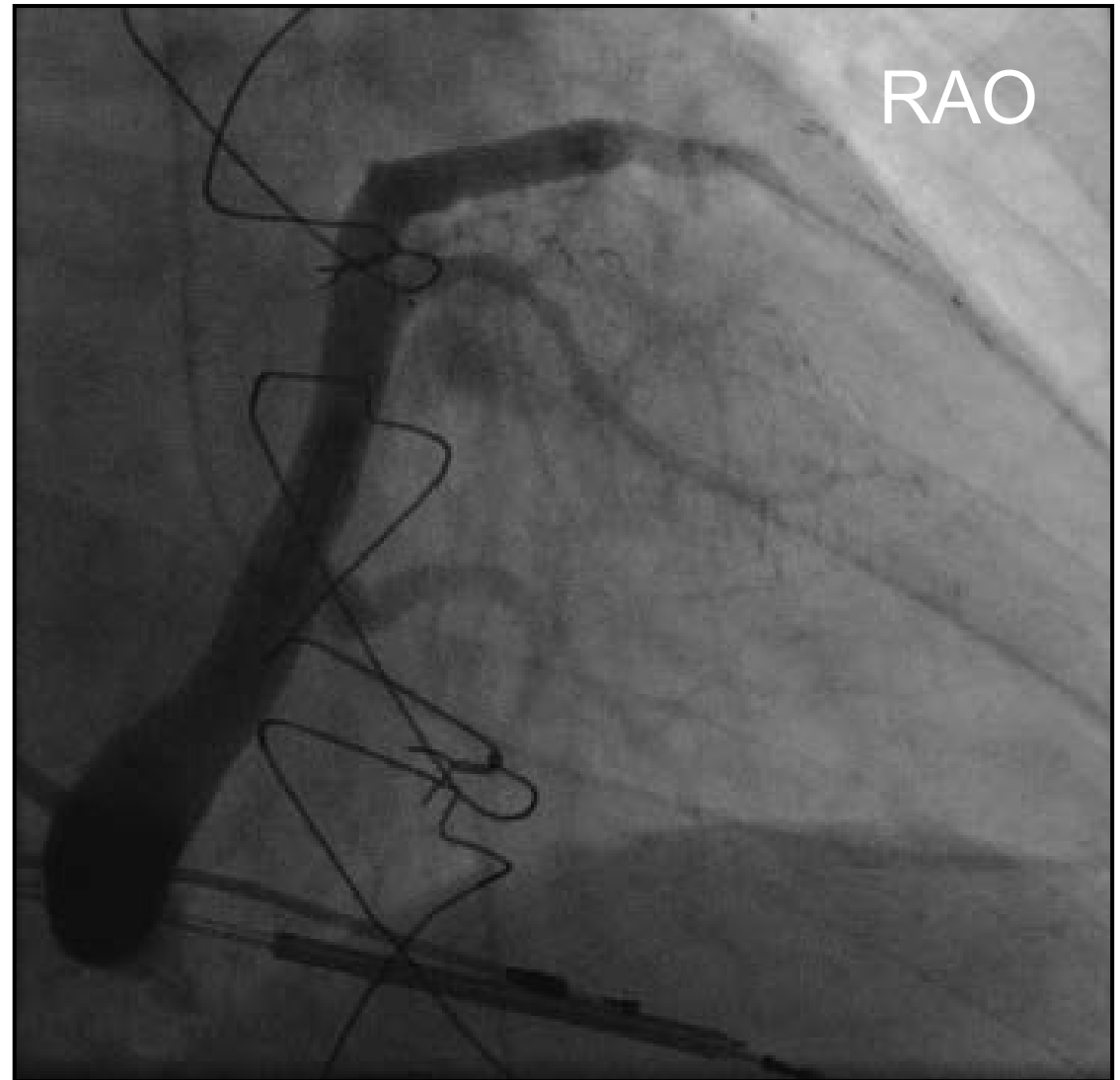
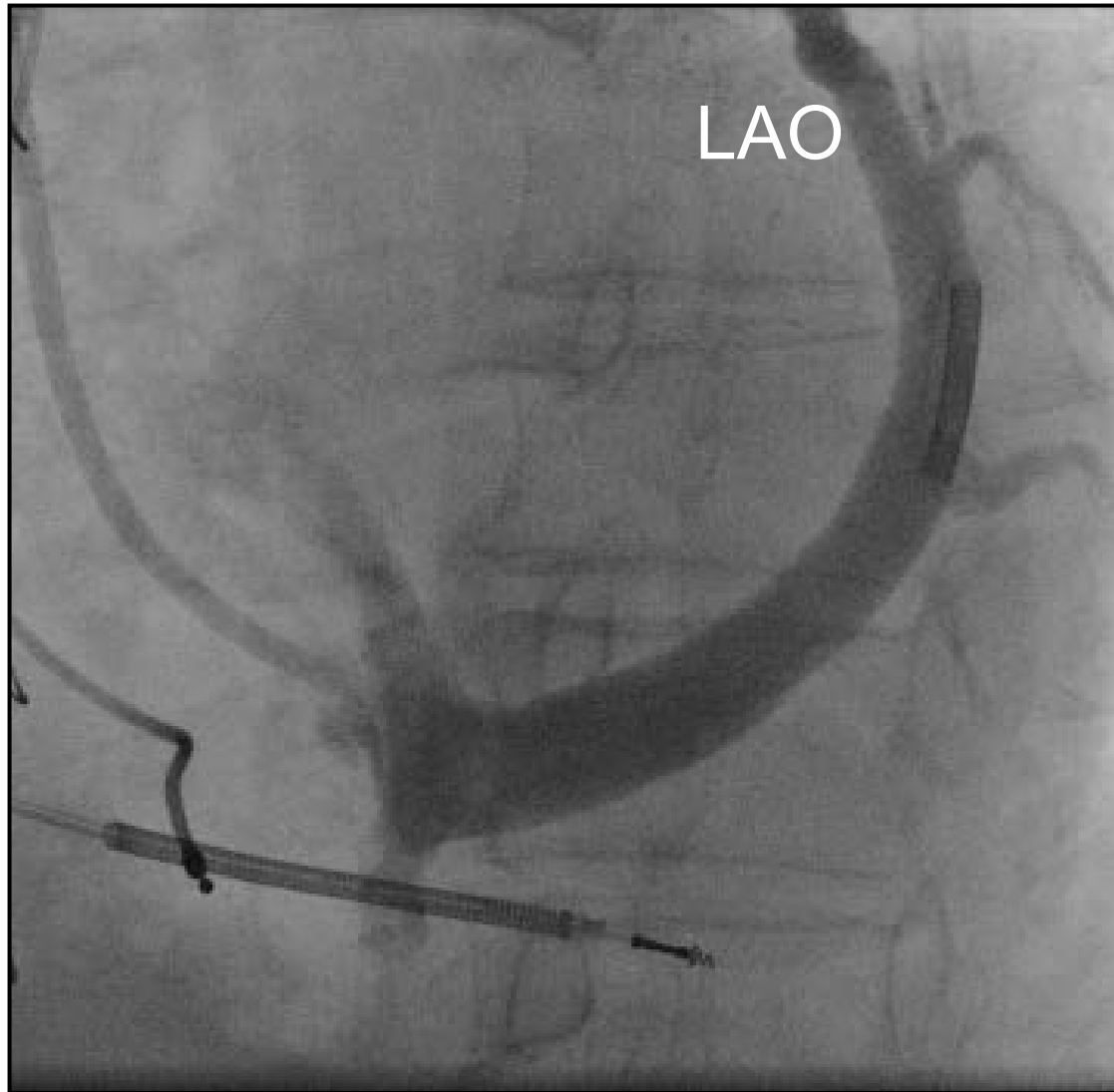


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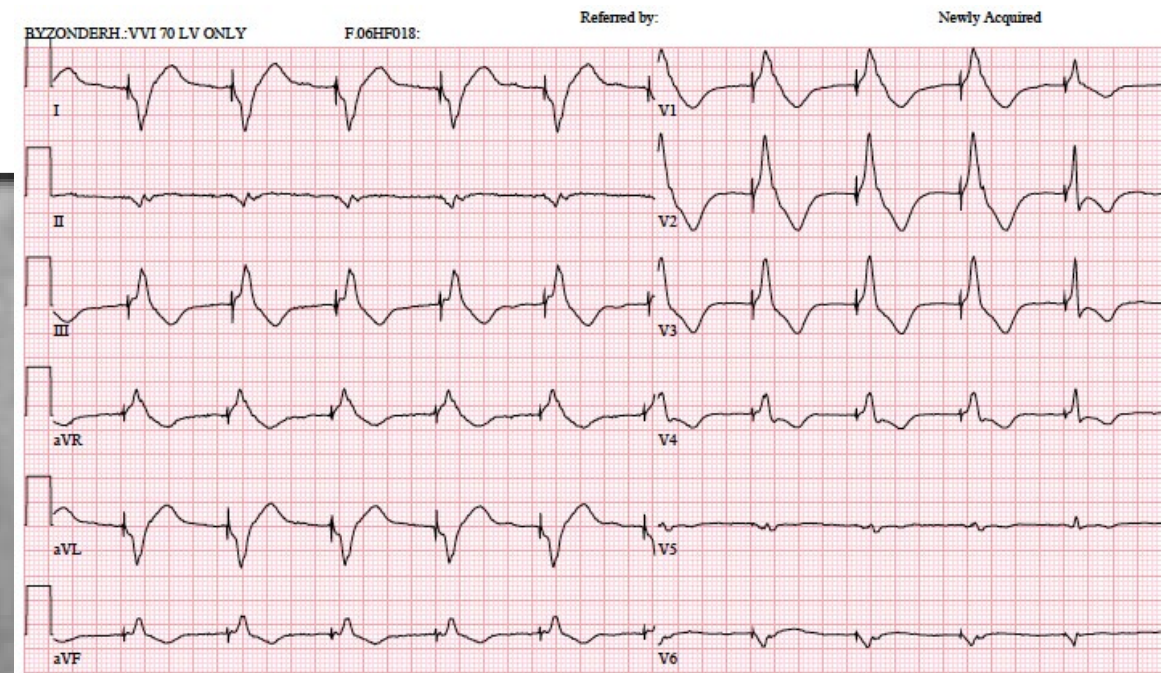


# Where is the LV lead (LV pacing)

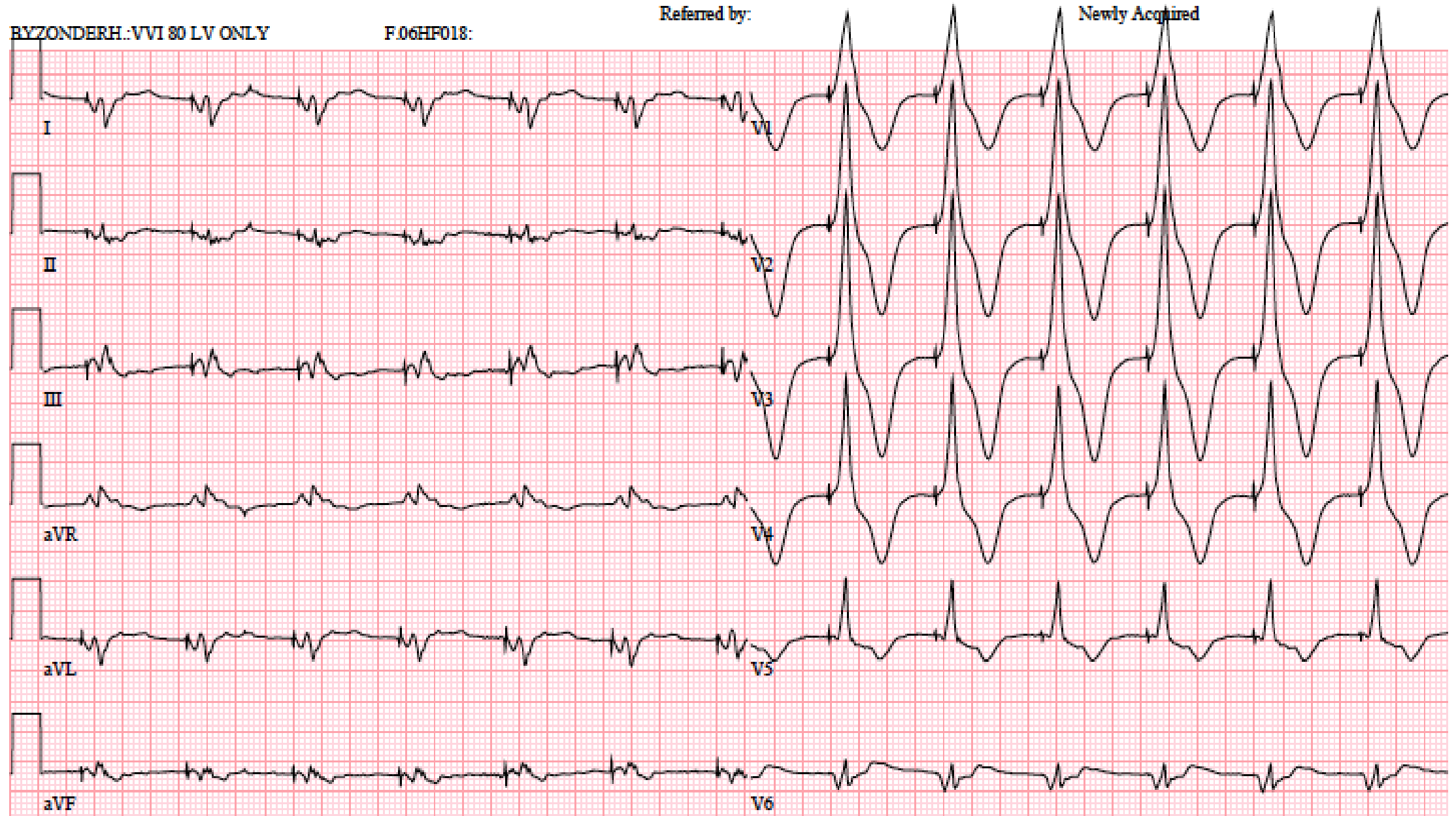


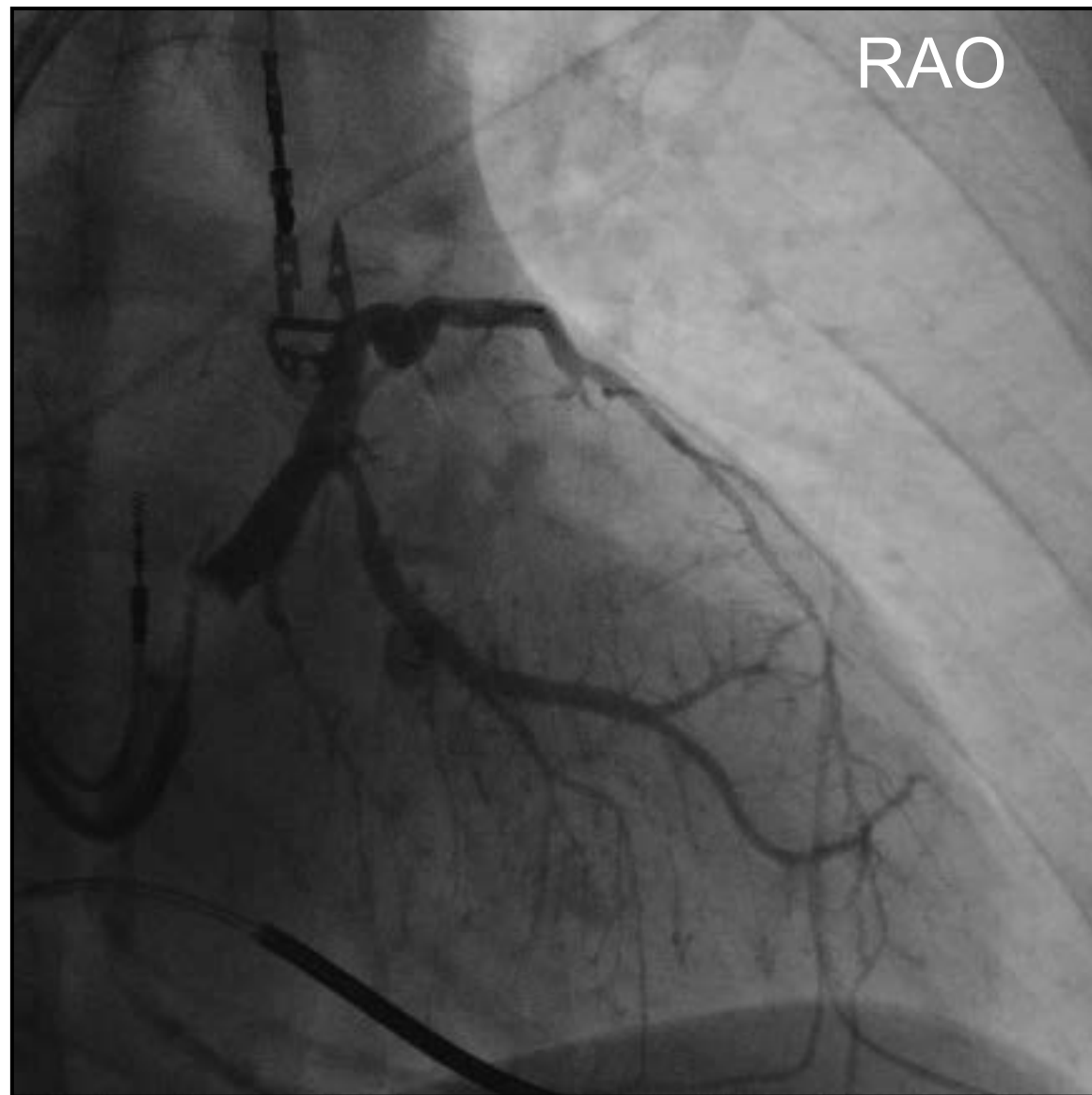
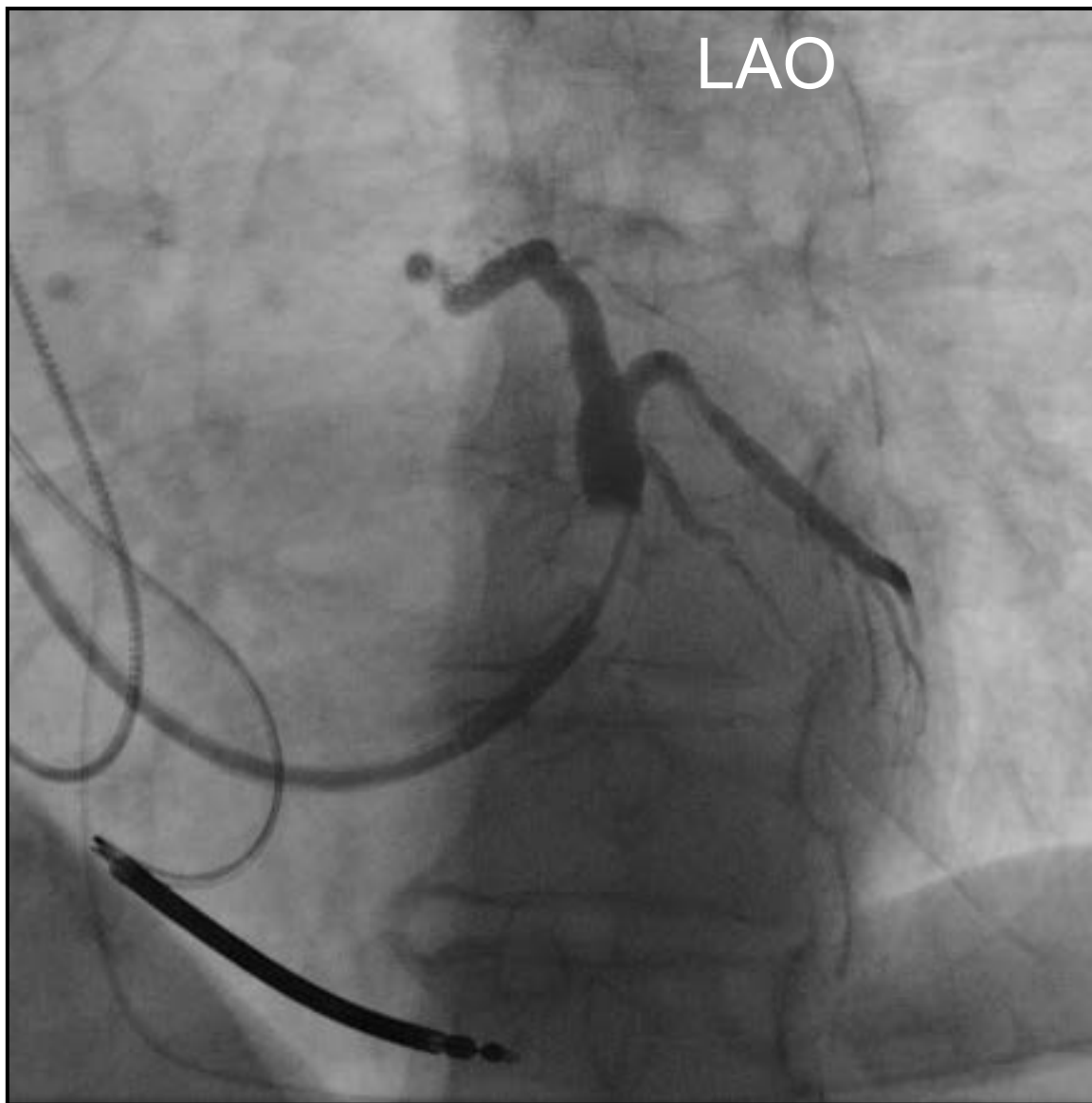


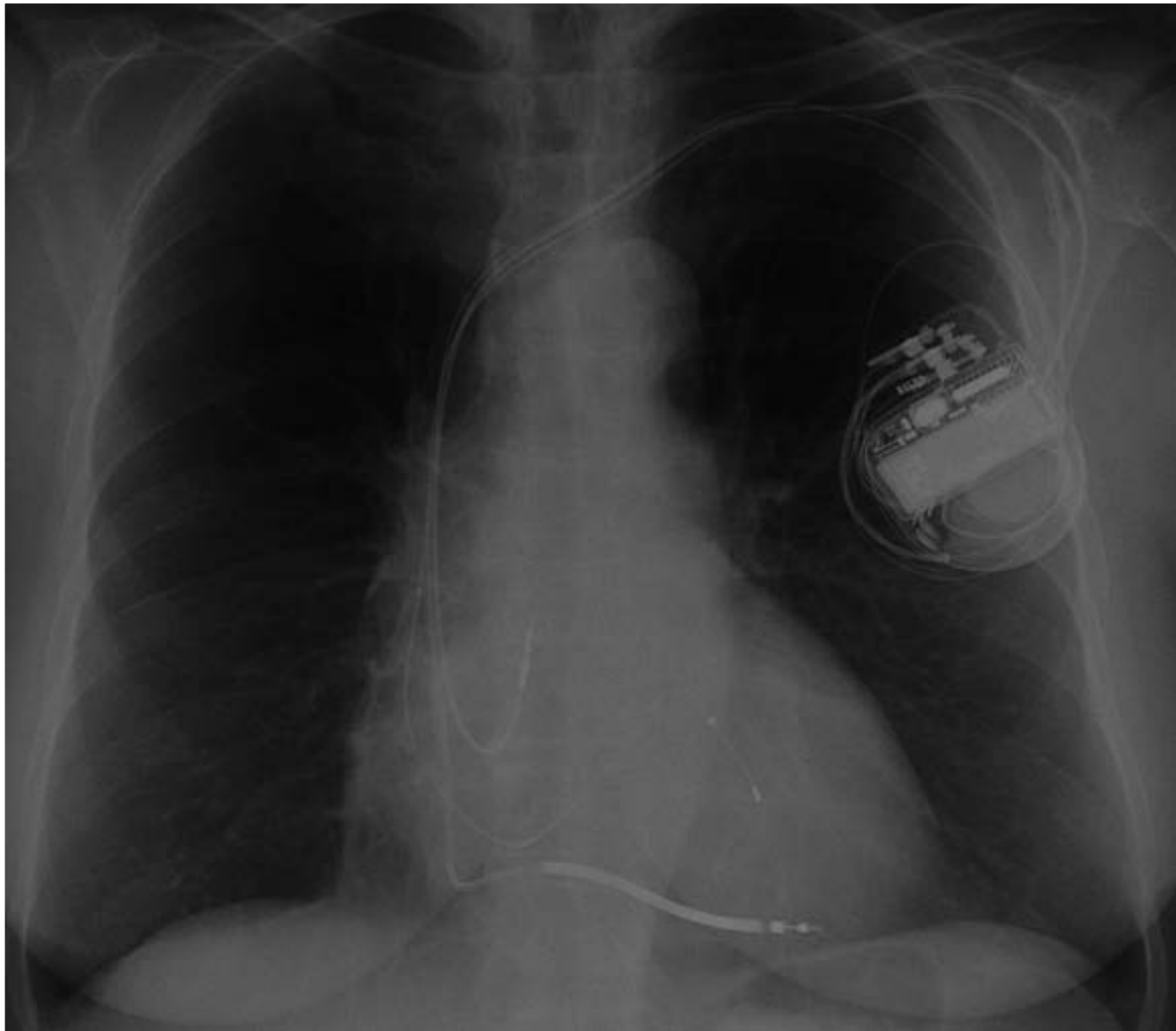
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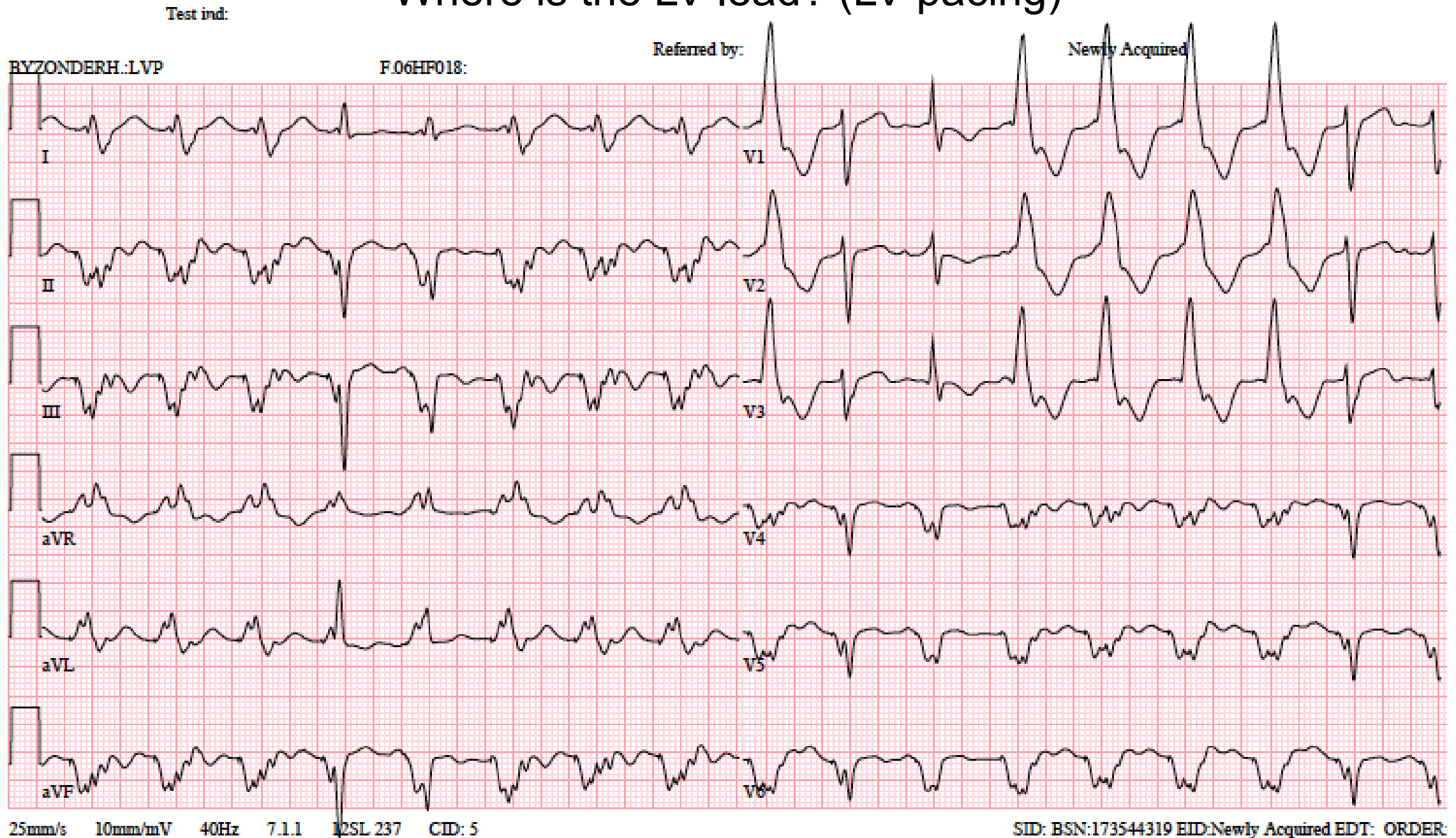
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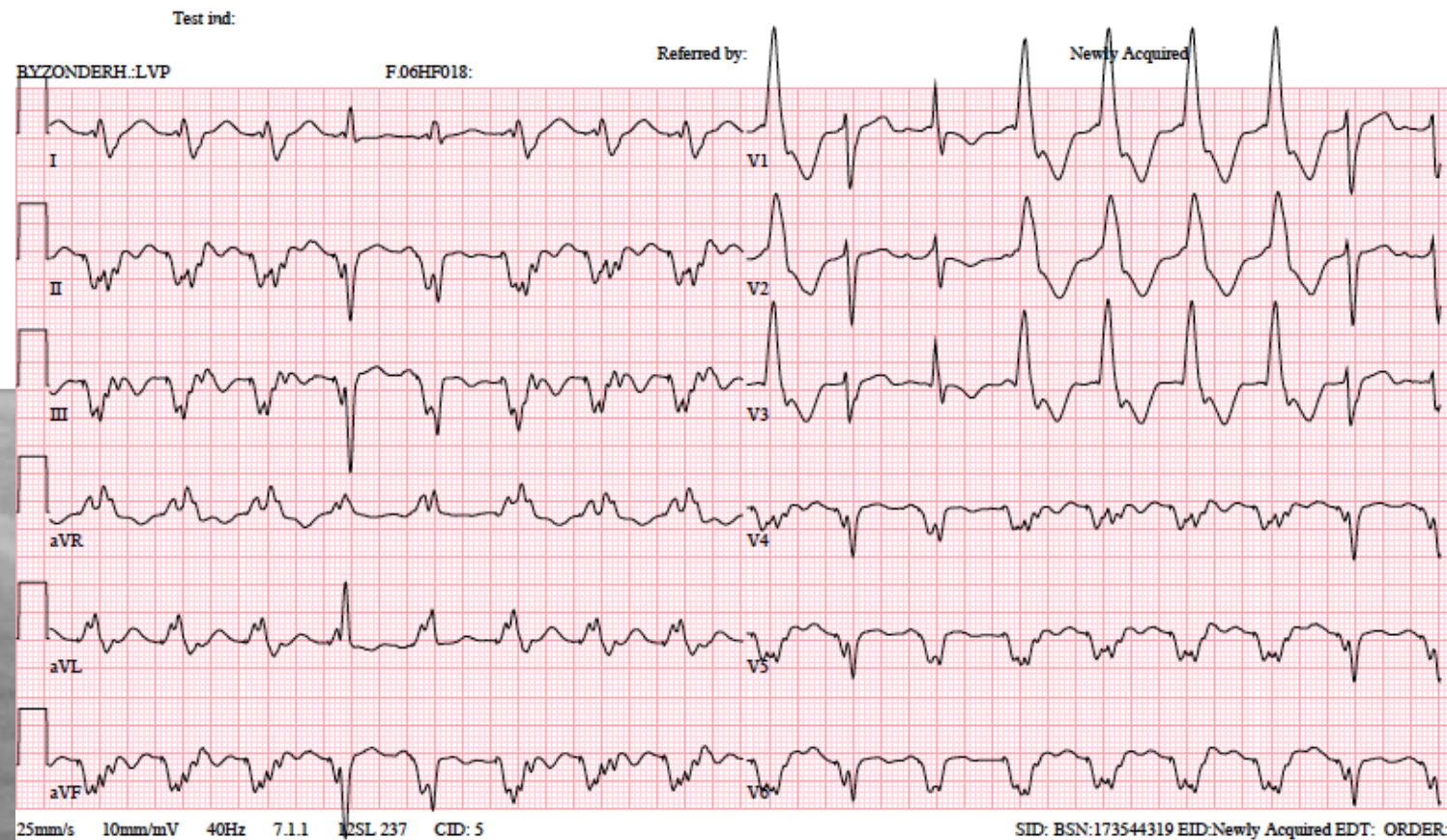
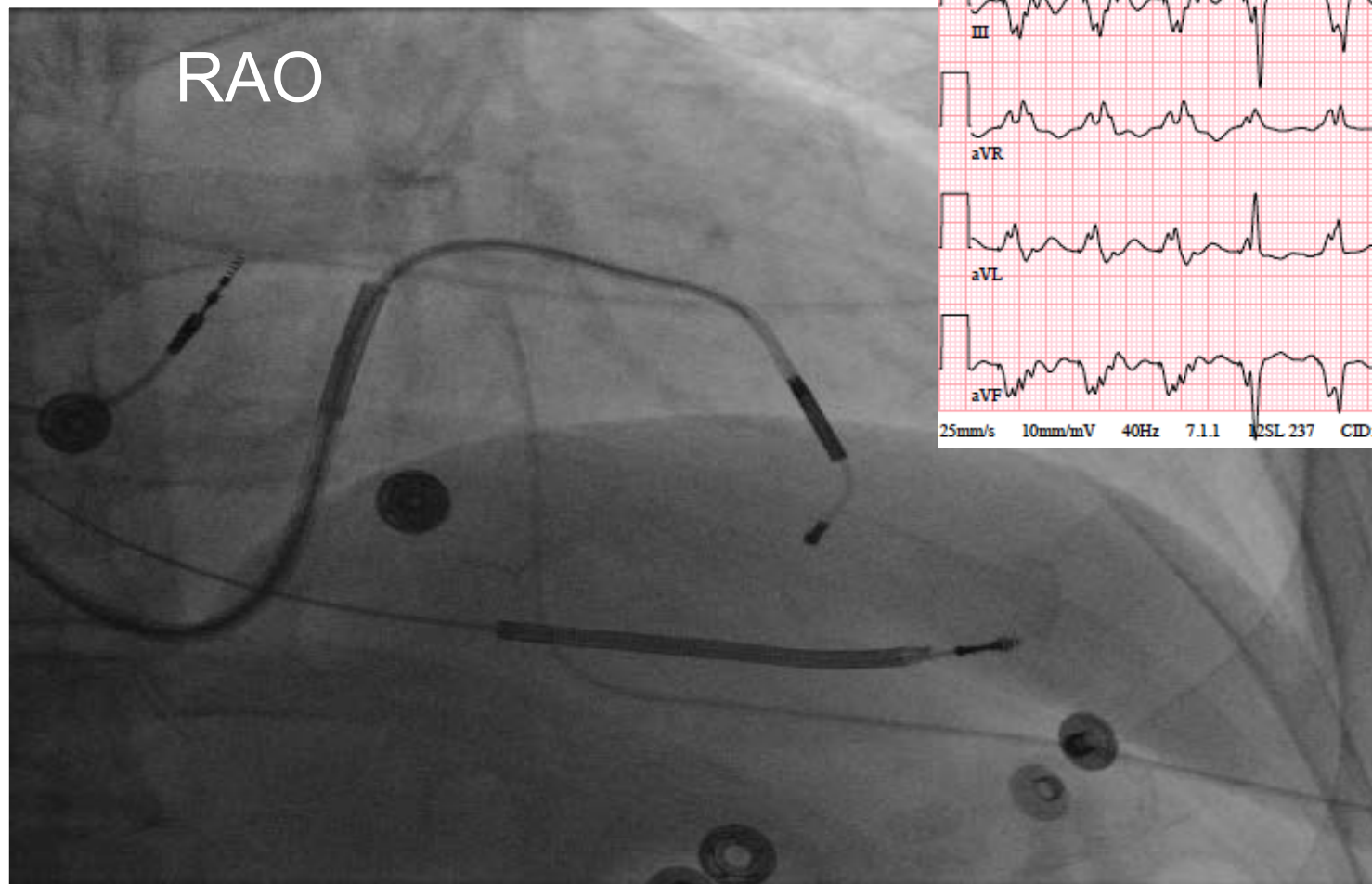
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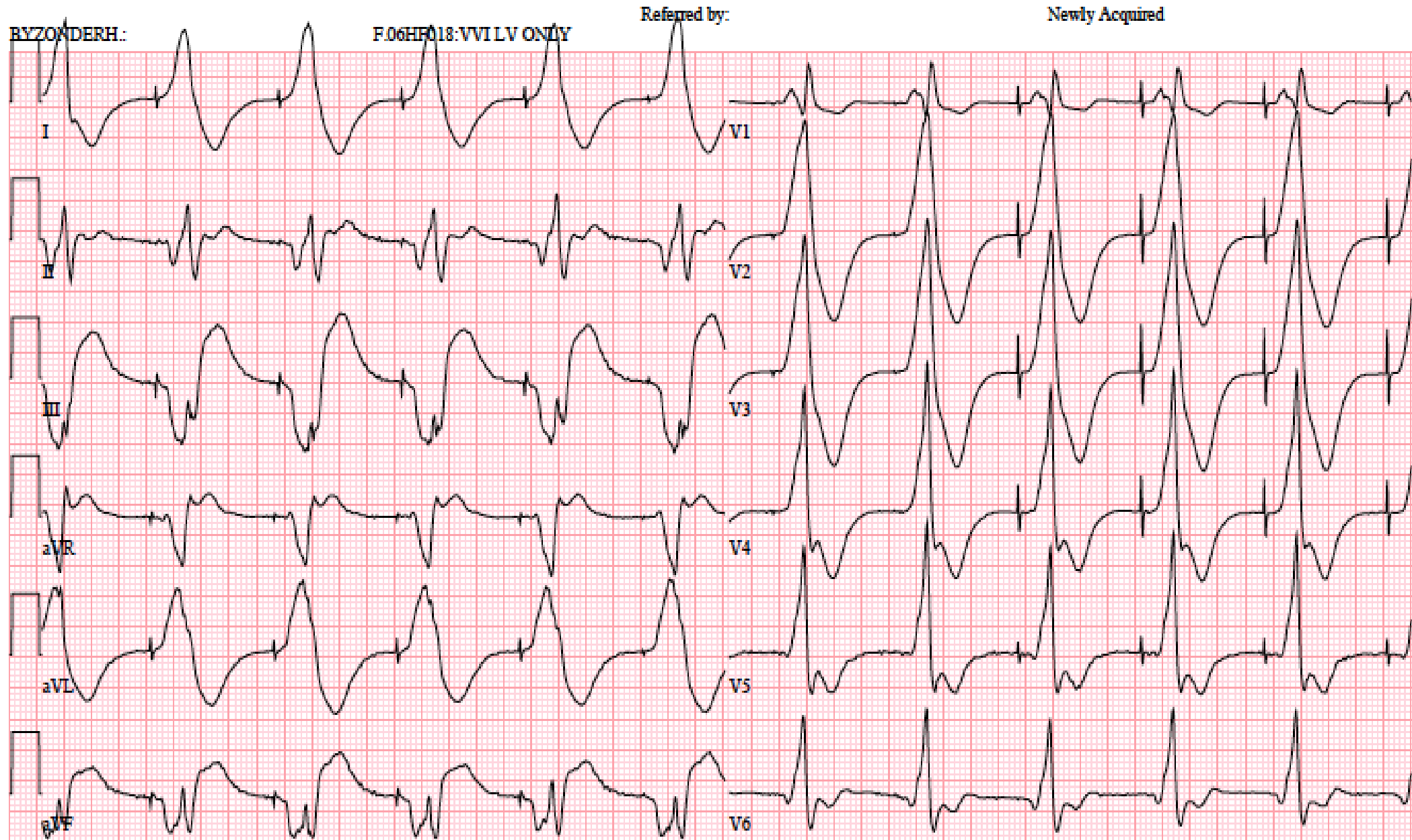
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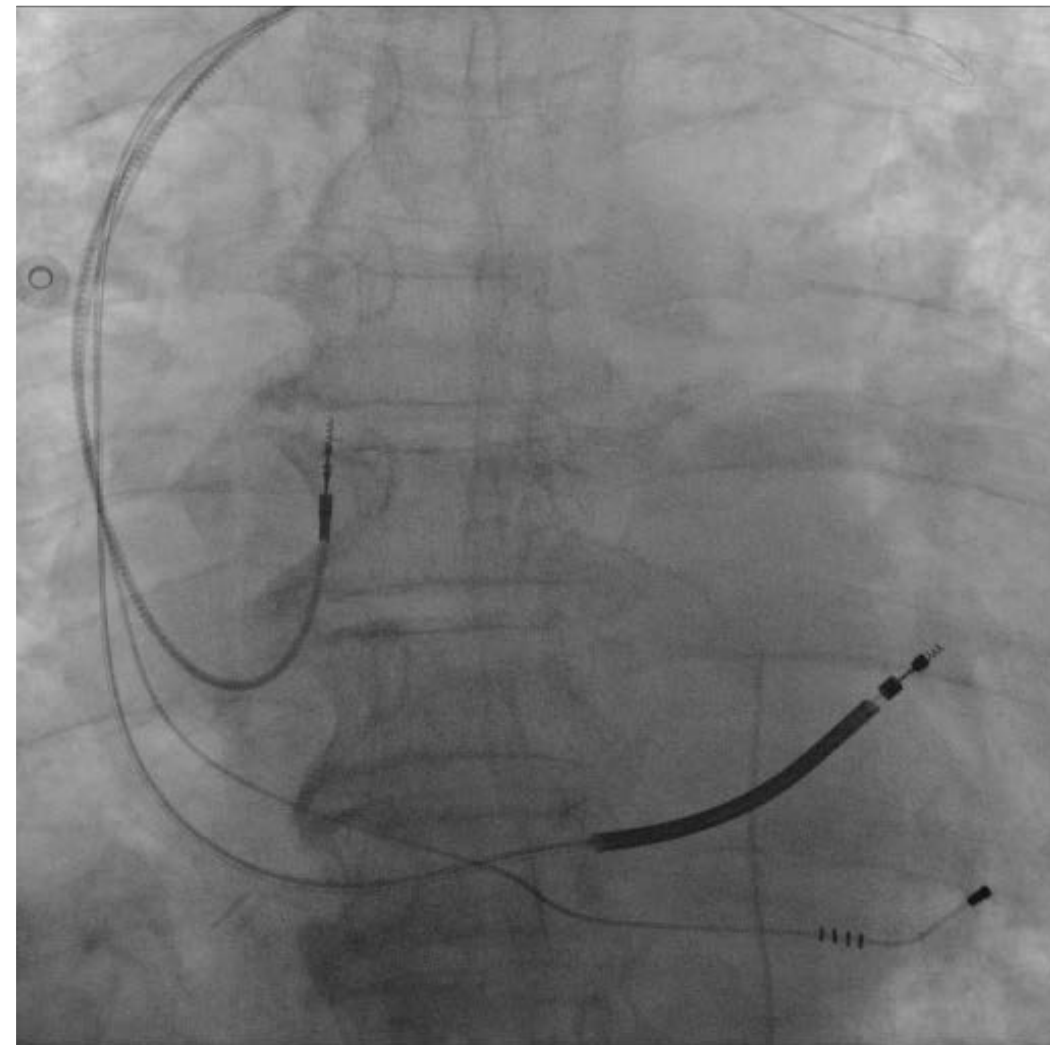
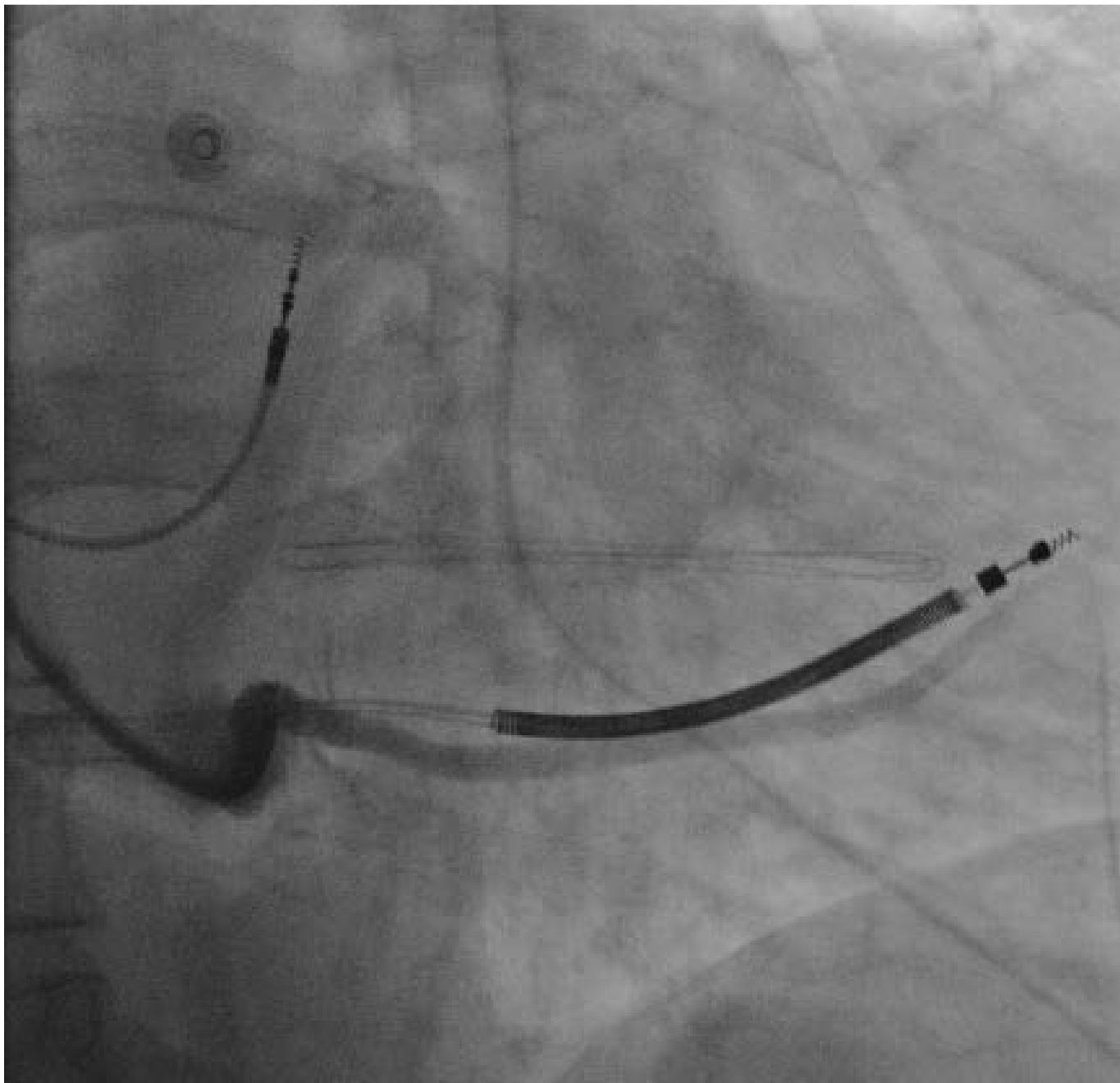
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# LV Pacing: Where is the LV Lead?



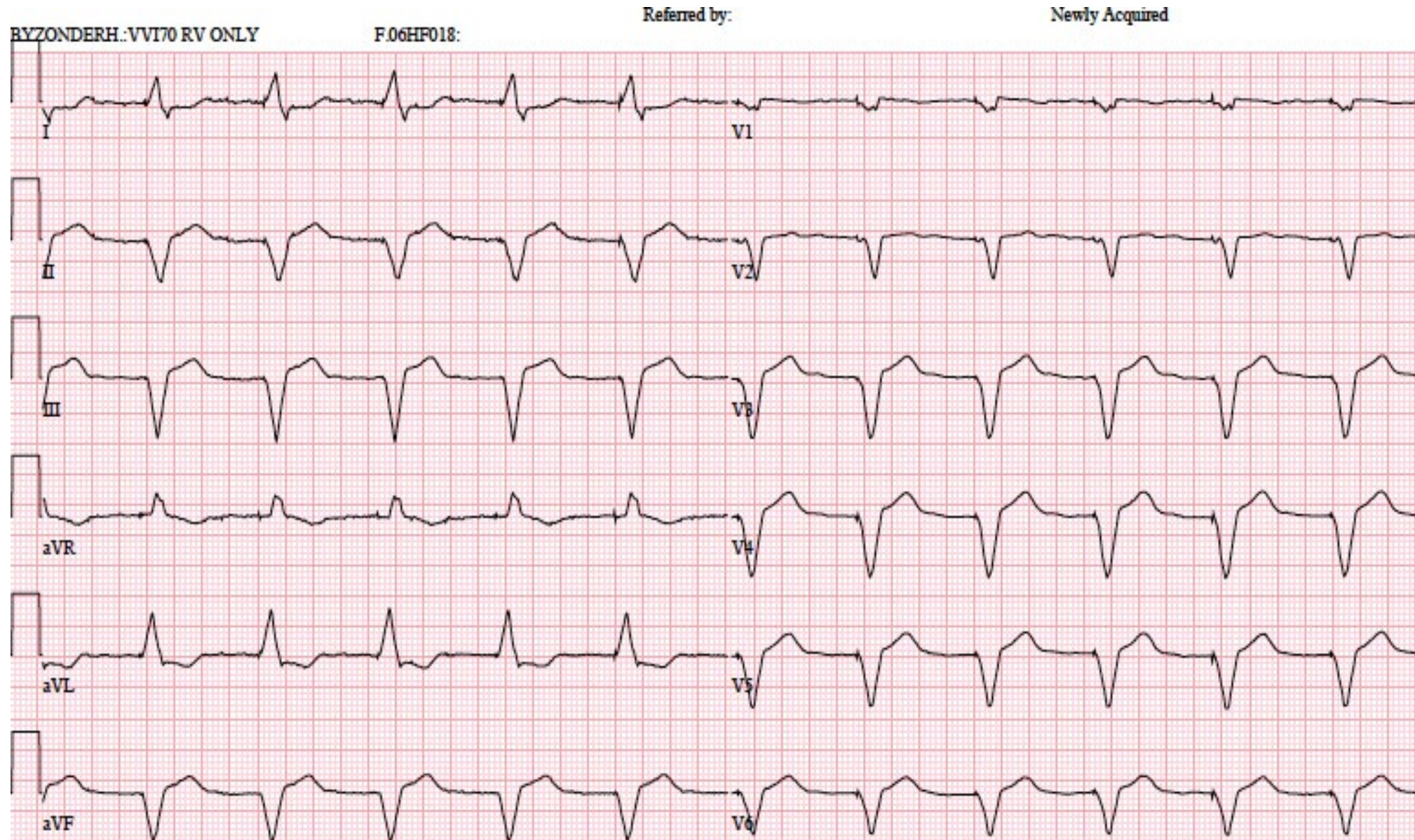
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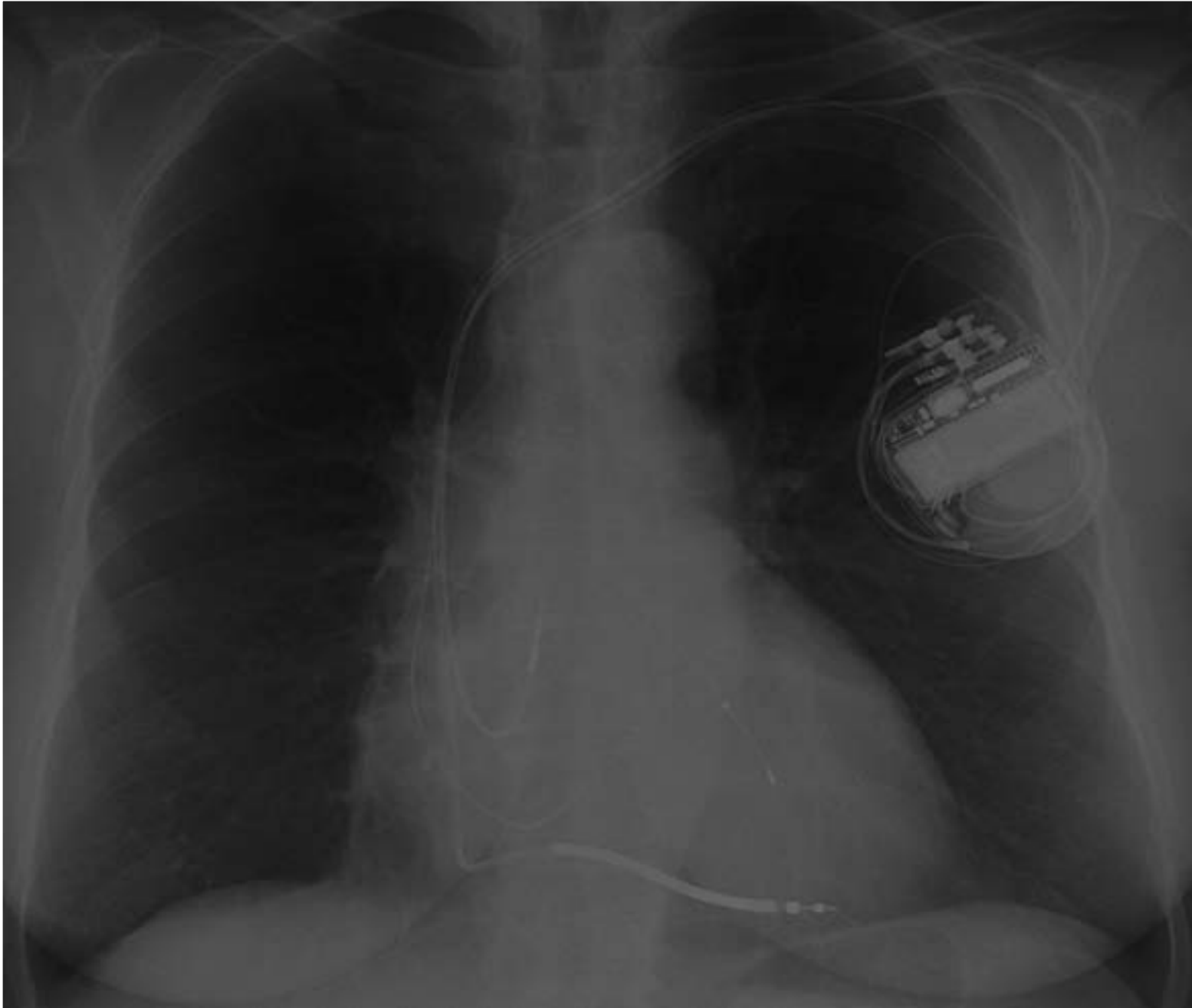
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Infero-posterior vene: Suitable?

# VVI LV Pacing: Where is the Lead?

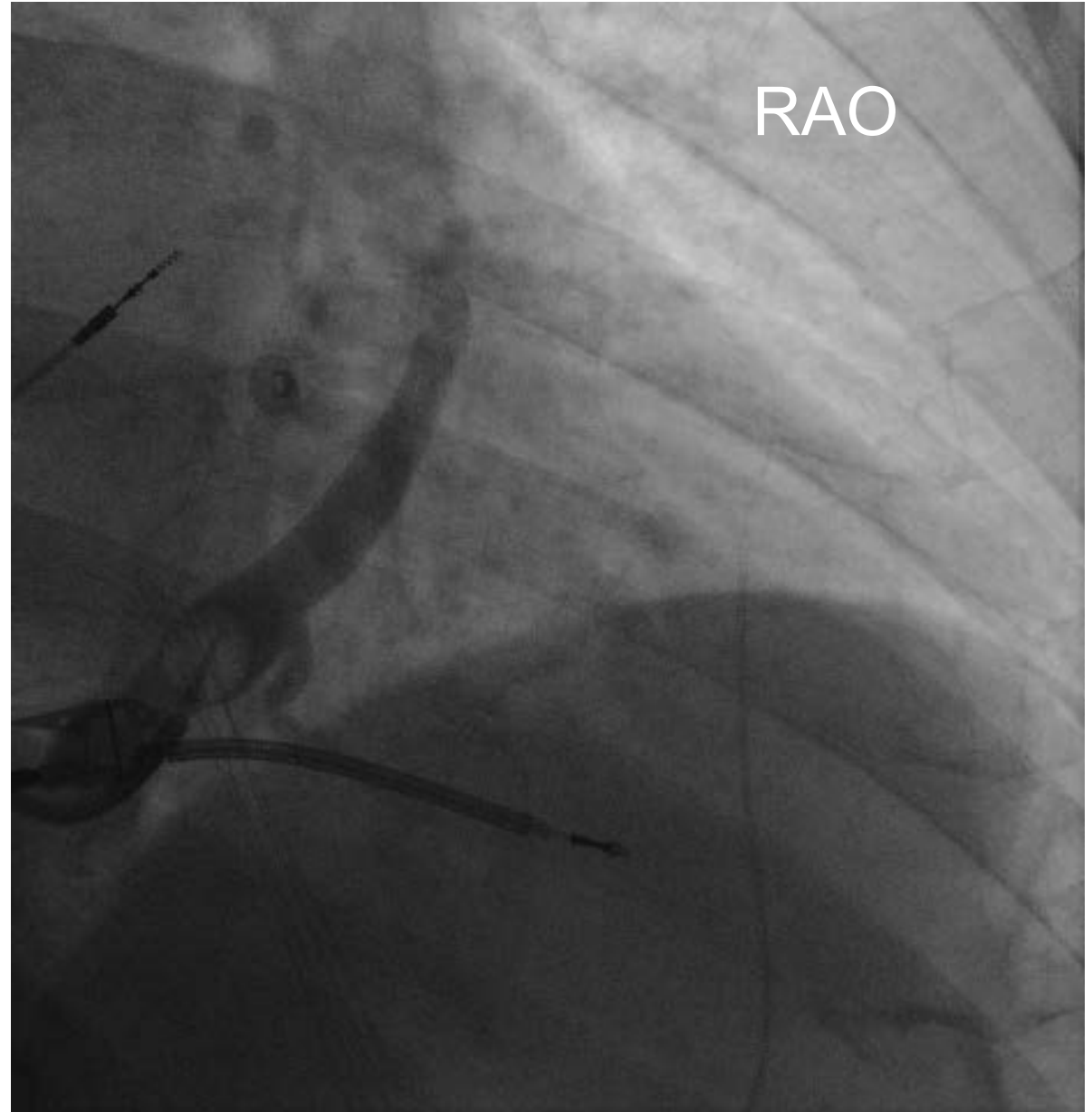
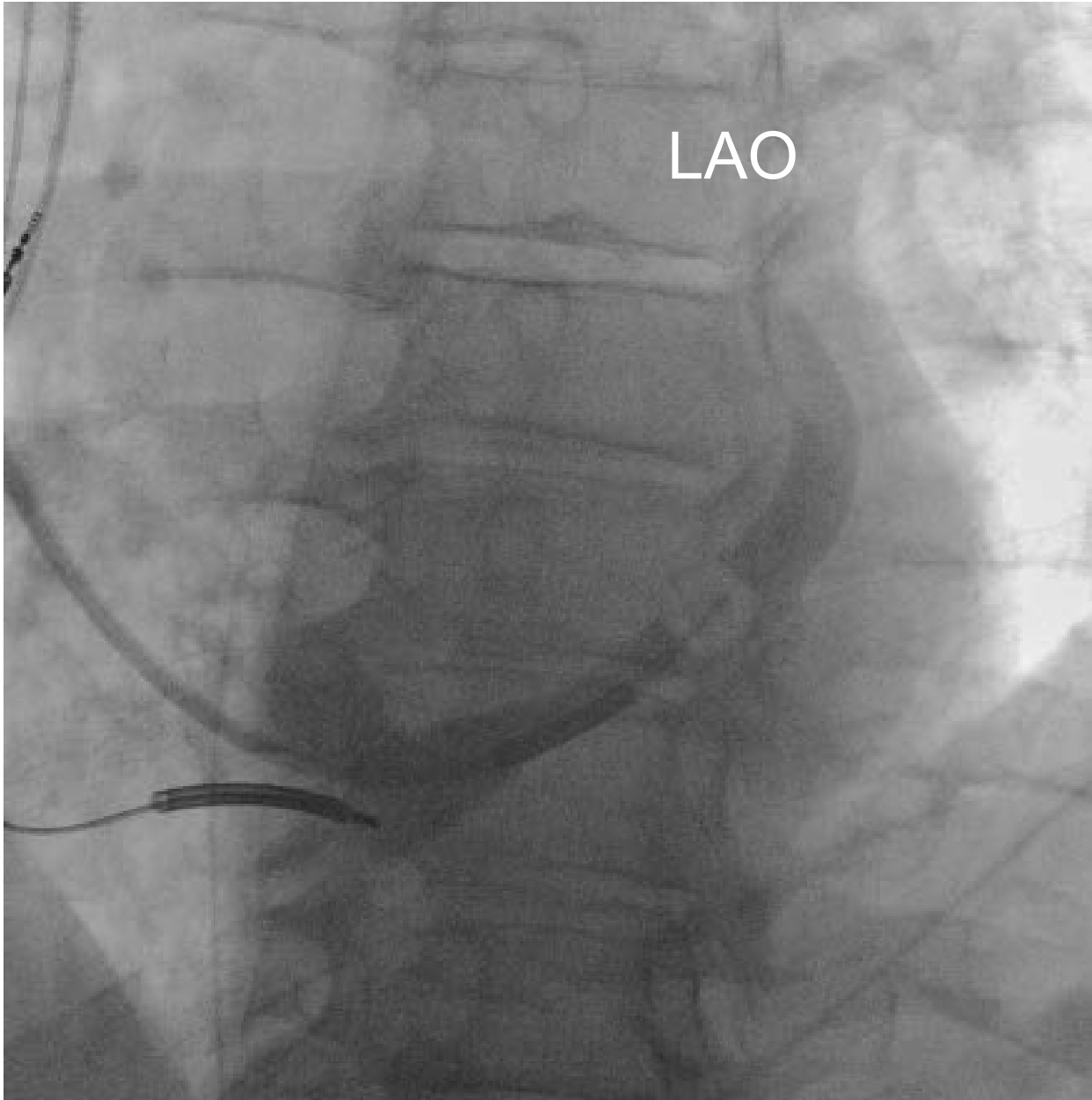


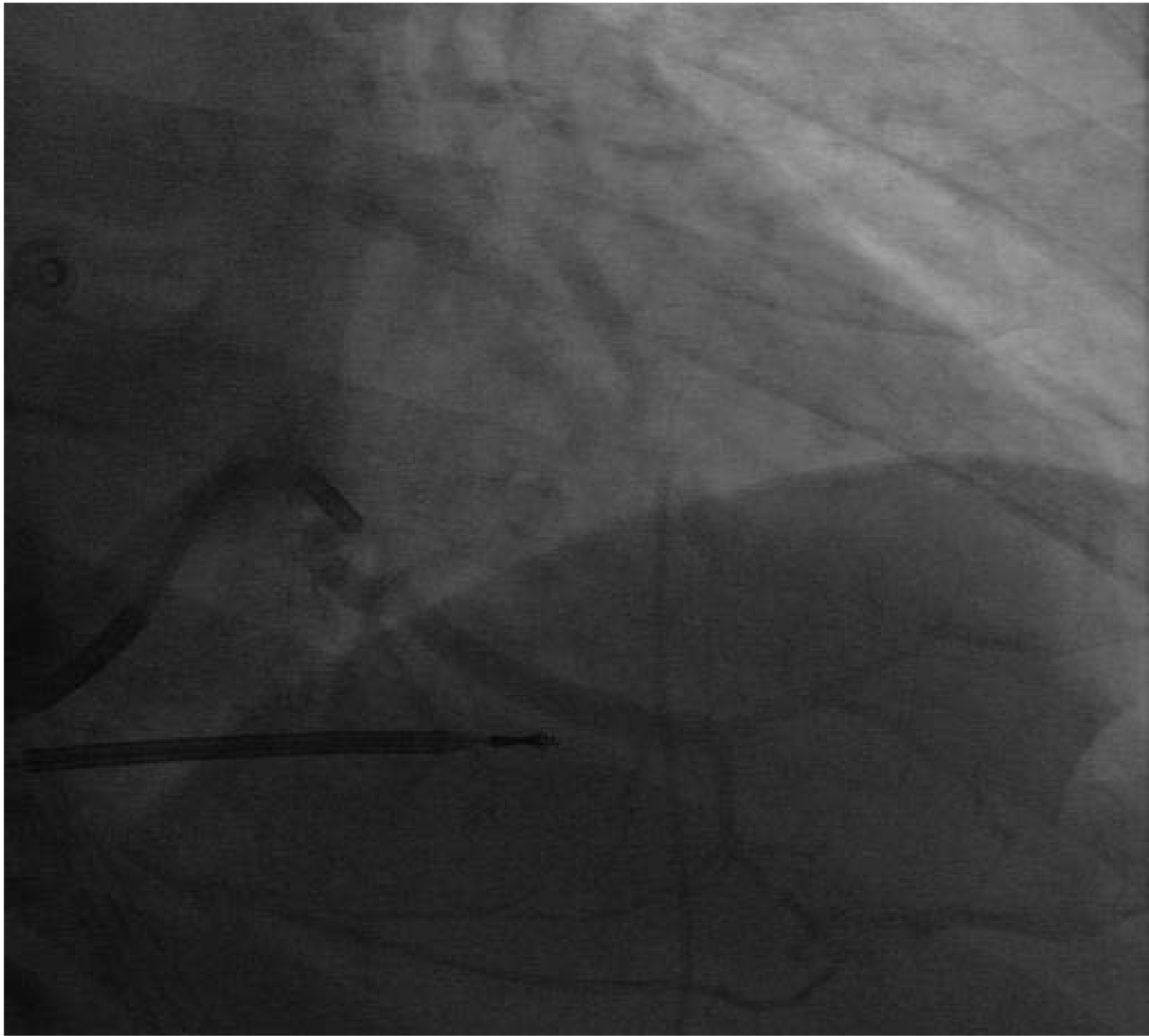


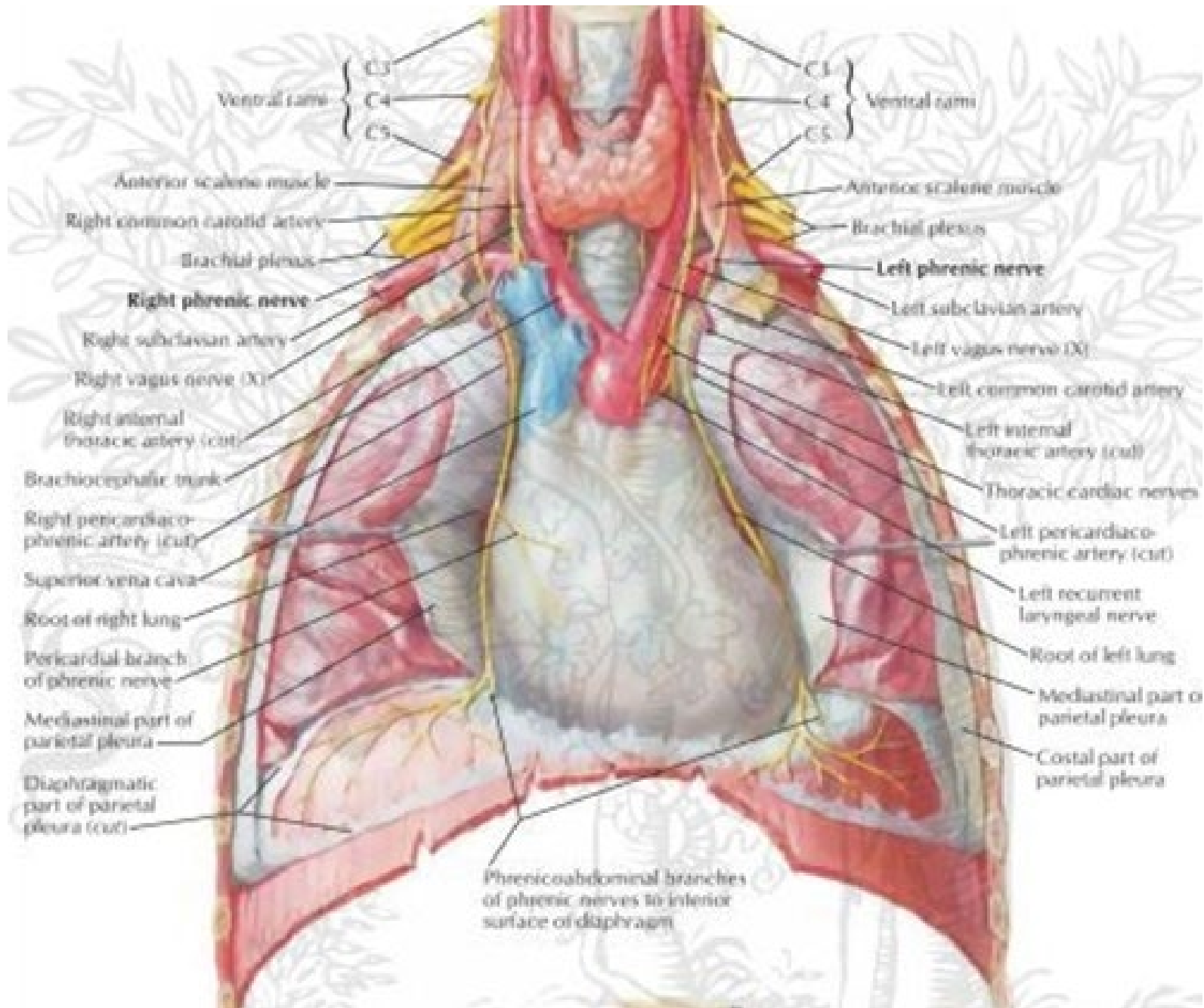
RV apex Pacing

# Where is the LV lead? (LV Pacing)









# Phrenic Nerve

# LANDMARK Trial: MADIT-CRT

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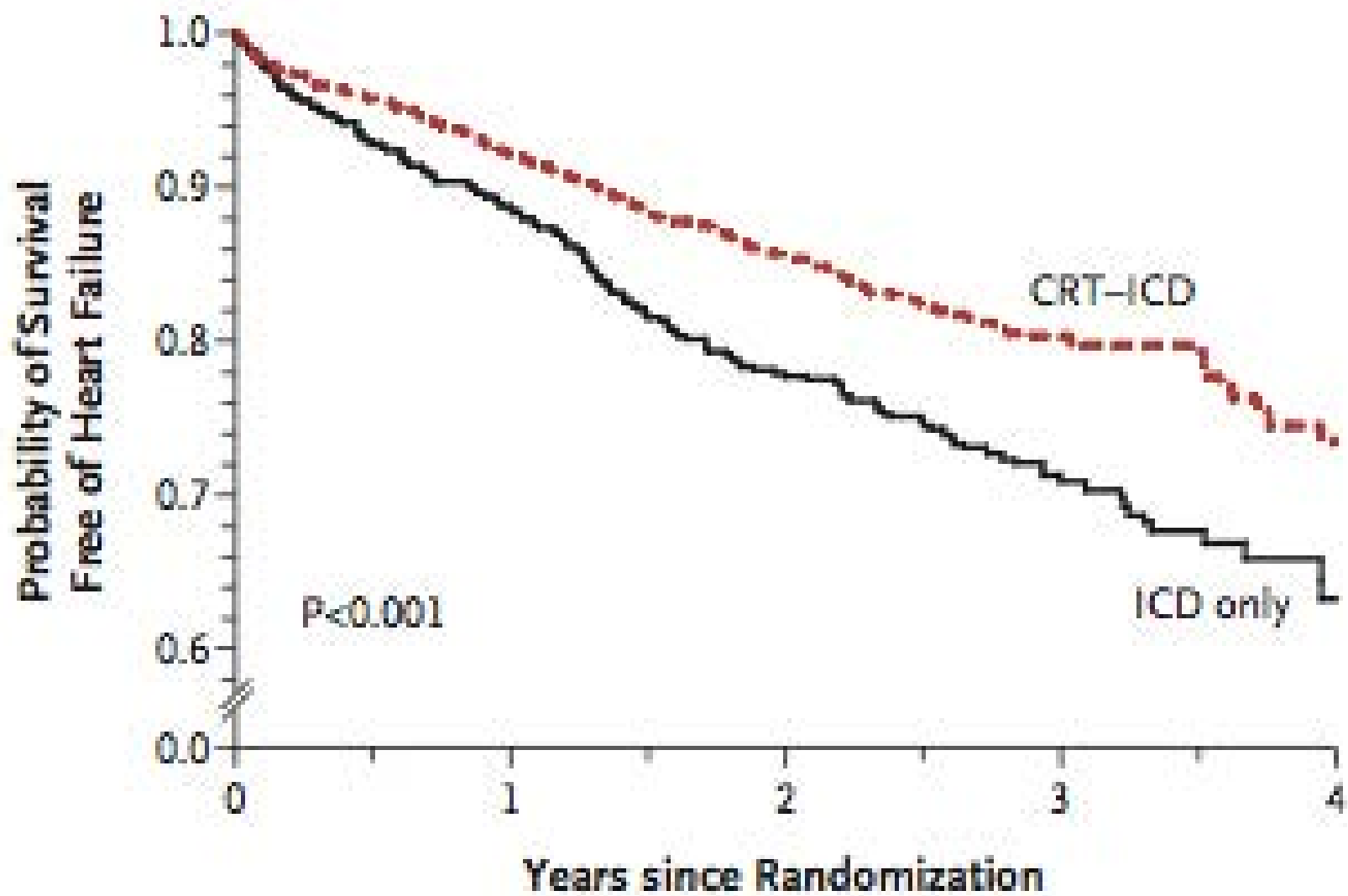
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## Cardiac-Resynchronization Therapy for the Prevention of Heart-Failure Events

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| Variable                                               | ICD-Only Group<br>(N = 731) | CRT-ICD Group<br>(N = 1089) |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Age — yr                                               | 64±11                       | 65±11                       |
| Male sex — no. (%)                                     | 553 (75.6)                  | 814 (74.7)                  |
| Race — no./total no. (%)†                              |                             |                             |
| White                                                  | 657/724 (90.7)              | 979/1083 (90.4)             |
| Black                                                  | 56/724 (7.7)                | 87/1083 (8.0)               |
| Other                                                  | 11/724 (1.5)                | 17/1083 (1.6)               |
| Cardiac history — no. (%)                              |                             |                             |
| Ischemic heart disease                                 |                             |                             |
| NYHA class I                                           | 113 (15.5)                  | 152 (14.0)                  |
| NYHA class II                                          | 288 (39.4)                  | 446 (41.0)                  |
| Nonischemic heart disease                              |                             |                             |
| NYHA class II                                          | 330 (45.1)                  | 491 (45.1)                  |
| NYHA class III or IV >3 mo before enrollment — no. (%) | 73 (10.0)                   | 109 (10.0)                  |
| Left bundle-branch block — no./total no. (%)           | 520/729 (71.3)              | 761/1088 (69.9)             |
| Right bundle-branch block — no./total no. (%)          | 92/729 (12.6)               | 136/1088 (12.5)             |
| QRS duration ≥150 msec — no. (%)                       | 476 (65.1)                  | 699 (64.2)                  |
| Left ventricular ejection fraction                     | 0.24±0.05                   | 0.24±0.05                   |



# Echocardiographic Dysynchrony Parameters

**Table 5. Ability of Dyssynchrony Parameters to Predict Volume Responders**

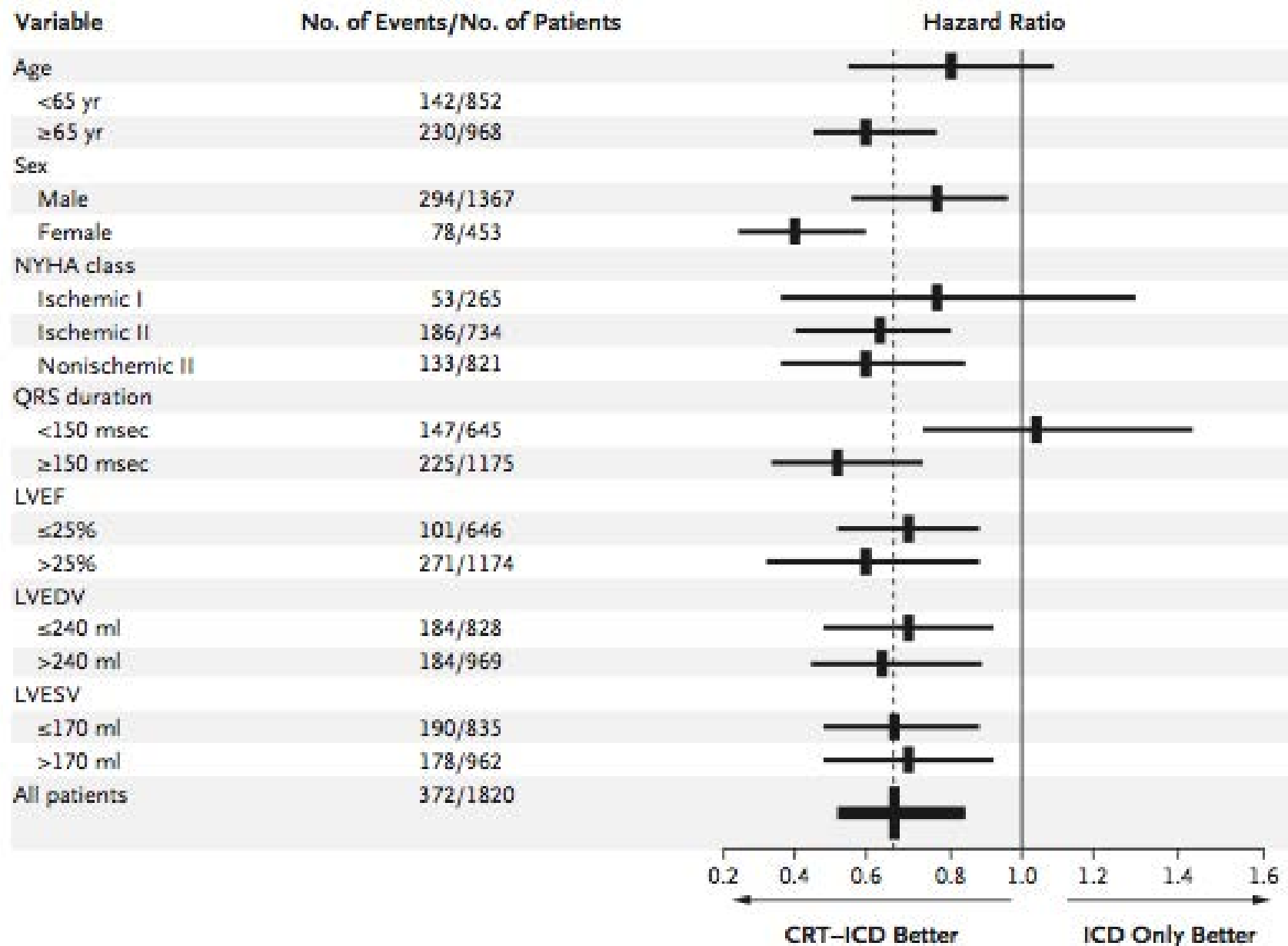
| Dyssynchrony parameters | Sensitivity | Specificity | Positive predictive value | AUC |
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**Table 7. Logistic Regression Analysis for Predefined Predictors of Volume Responders**

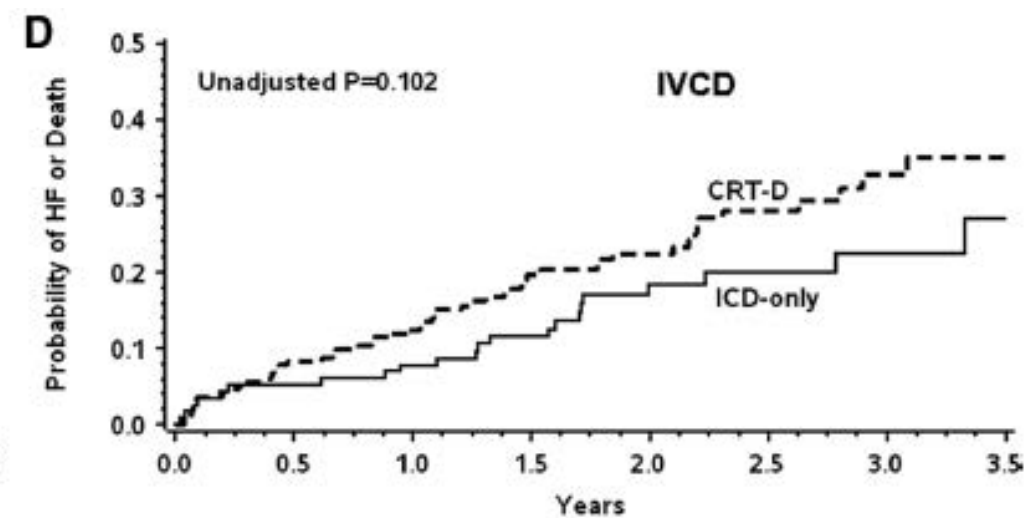
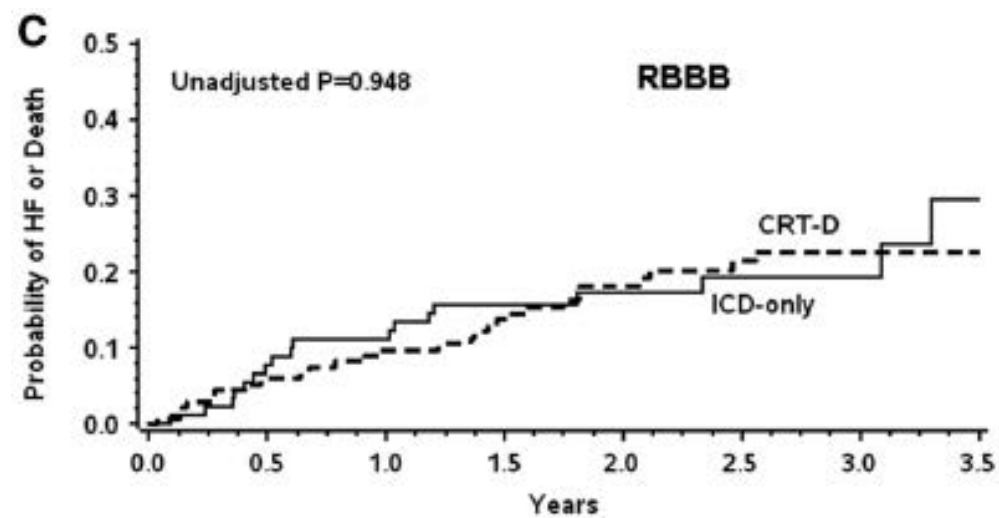
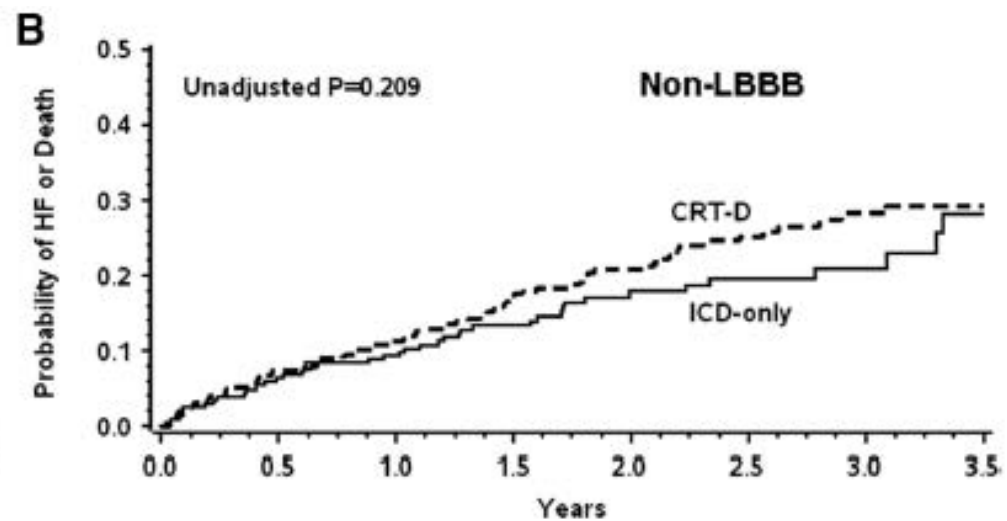
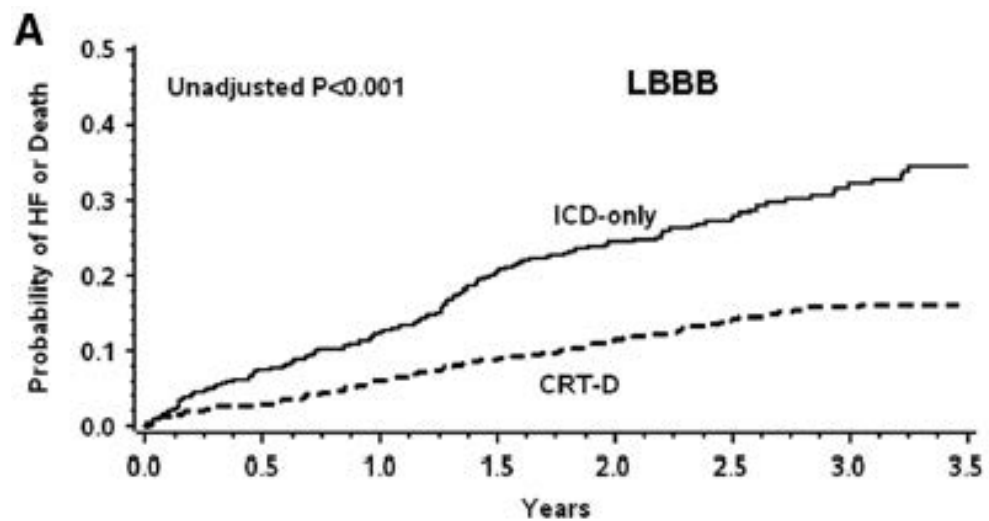
| Characteristic                         | Univariate       |         | Multivariate model 1 |         | Multivariate model 2 |         | AUC  |
|----------------------------------------|------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|------|
|                                        | HR (95%CI)       | P value | HR (95%CI)           | P value | HR (95%CI)           | P value |      |
| Age, years                             | 1.02 (0.99–1.04) | 0.05    | 1.01 (0.89–1.05)     | 0.26    | 1.02 (0.99–1.05)     | 0.16    | 0.65 |
| LBBB                                   | 2.72 (1.51–4.89) | <0.001  | 2.91 (1.47–5.79)     | 0.02    | 2.58 (1.34–4.98)     | 0.004   | 0.56 |
| Baseline BNP >350 pg/ml                | 1.34 (0.76–2.34) | 0.31    |                      |         |                      |         | 0.64 |
| Intravenous inotropes                  | 0.11 (0.03–0.38) | <0.001  | 0.07 (0.01–0.30)     | <0.001  | 0.11 (0.03–0.43)     | <0.001  | 0.53 |
| $\beta$ -blocker                       | 0.24 (0.10–0.53) | <0.001  | 0.21 (0.08–0.57)     | 0.002   | 0.20 (0.09–0.53)     | 0.001   | 0.55 |
| SP WMD >130 ms                         | 2.12 (1.16–3.83) | 0.01    | 1.71 (0.86–3.38)     | 0.12    |                      |         | 0.59 |
| Ts (lateral-septal) >65 ms             | 1.65 (0.93–2.90) | 0.08    |                      |         |                      |         | 0.50 |
| Sum of asynchrony >102 ms              | 0.91 (0.44–1.85) | 0.73    |                      |         |                      |         |      |
| Combined SPWMD and Ts (lateral-septal) | 2.53 (1.35–4.79) | 0.004   |                      |         | 2.19 (1.05–4.56)     | 0.03    |      |

|                            |      |      |      |      |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| SPWMD >130 ms              | 0.61 | 0.66 | 0.64 | 0.68 |
| LV-PEP >140 ms             | 0.58 | 0.64 | 0.62 | 0.59 |
| IMD >40 ms                 | 0.50 | 0.62 | 0.61 | 0.55 |
| DFT/RR <40%                | 0.70 | 0.46 | 0.56 | 0.60 |
| 12Ts-SD >34.4 ms           | 0.68 | 0.41 | 0.54 | 0.62 |
| Ts (lateral-septal) >65 ms | 0.49 | 0.66 | 0.59 | 0.60 |
| Sum of asynchrony >102 ms  | 0.54 | 0.62 | 0.59 | 0.60 |

Abbreviations as in Tables 1,2,5.



## Subanalyze MADIT-CRT Trial



# 2013 ESC Guidelines on cardiac pacing and cardiac resynchronization therapy

**The Task Force on cardiac pacing and resynchronization therapy of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC). Developed in collaboration with the European Heart Rhythm Association (EHRA).**

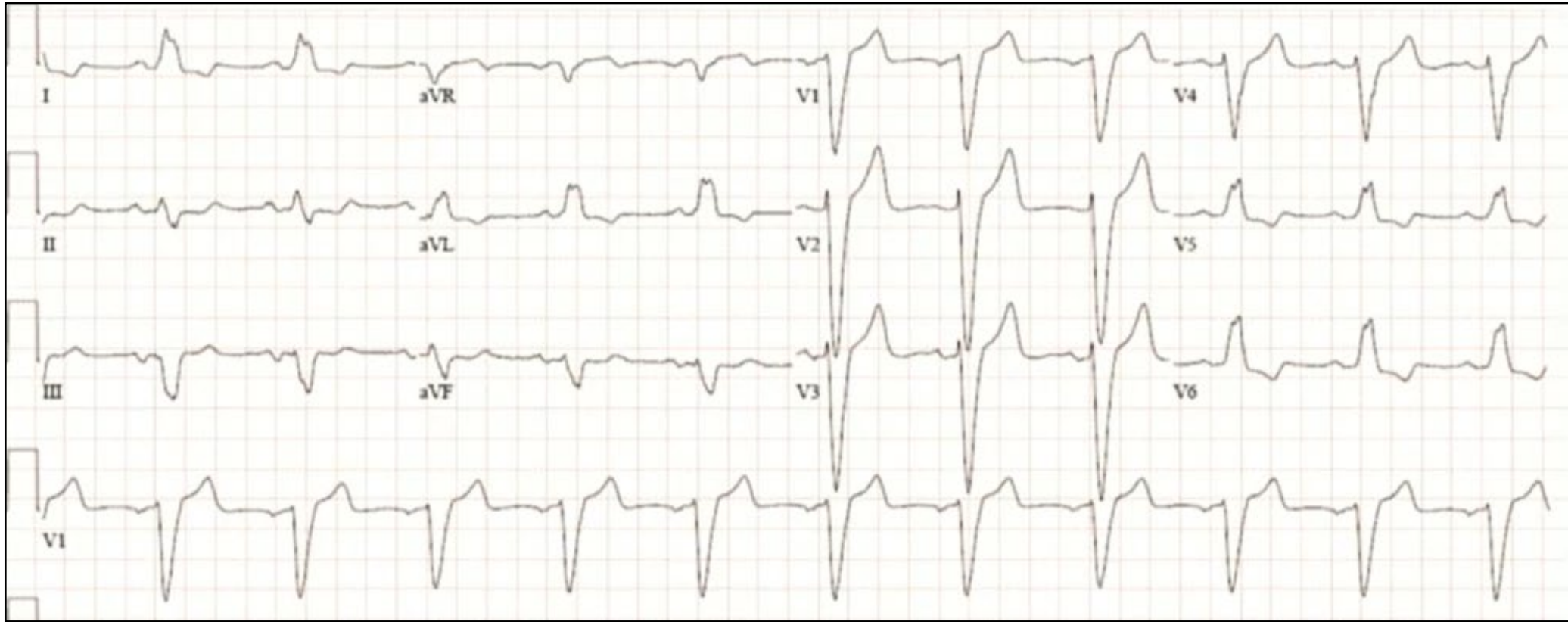
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| <p><b>1) LBBB with QRS duration &gt;150 ms.</b><br/>           CRT is recommended in chronic HF patients and LVEF ≤35% who remain in NYHA functional class II, III and ambulatory IV despite adequate medical treatment.<sup>d</sup></p>           | I   | A |
| <p><b>2) LBBB with QRS duration 120–150 ms.</b><br/>           CRT is recommended in chronic HF patients and LVEF ≤35% who remain in NYHA functional class II, III and ambulatory IV despite adequate medical treatment.<sup>d</sup></p>           | I   | B |
| <p><b>3) Non-LBBB with QRS duration &gt;150 ms.</b><br/>           CRT should be considered in chronic HF patients and LVEF ≤35% who remain in NYHA functional class II, III and ambulatory IV despite adequate medical treatment.<sup>d</sup></p> | IIa | B |
| <p><b>4) Non-LBBB with QRS duration 120–150 ms.</b><br/>           CRT may be considered in chronic HF patients and LVEF ≤35% who remain in NYHA functional class II, III and ambulatory IV despite adequate medical treatment.<sup>d</sup></p>    | IIb | B |
| <p><b>5) CRT in patients with chronic HF with QRS duration &lt;120 ms is not recommended.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                  | III | B |

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| 1) The goal of CRT should be to achieve BiV pacing as close to 100% as possible since the survival benefit and reduction in hospitalization are strongly associated with an increasing percentage of BiV pacing. | <b>IIa</b> | <b>B</b> |
| 2) Apical position of the LV lead should be avoided when possible.                                                                                                                                               | <b>IIa</b> | <b>B</b> |
| 3) LV lead placement may be targeted at the latest activated LV segment.                                                                                                                                         | <b>IIb</b> | <b>B</b> |

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| <b>1) Patients with HF, wide QRS and reduced LVEF:</b><br><br><b>IA)</b> CRT should be considered in chronic HF patients, intrinsic QRS $\geq 120$ ms and LVEF $\leq 35\%$ who remain in NYHA functional class III and ambulatory IV despite adequate medical treatment <sup>d</sup> , provided that a BiV pacing as close to 100% as possible can be achieved. | <b>IIa</b> | <b>B</b> |
| <b>IB)</b> AV junction ablation should be added in case of incomplete BiV pacing.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>IIa</b> | <b>B</b> |
| <b>2) Patients with uncontrolled heart rate who are candidates for AV junction ablation.</b> CRT should be considered in patients with reduced LVEF who are candidates for AV junction ablation for rate control.                                                                                                                                               | <b>IIa</b> | <b>B</b> |

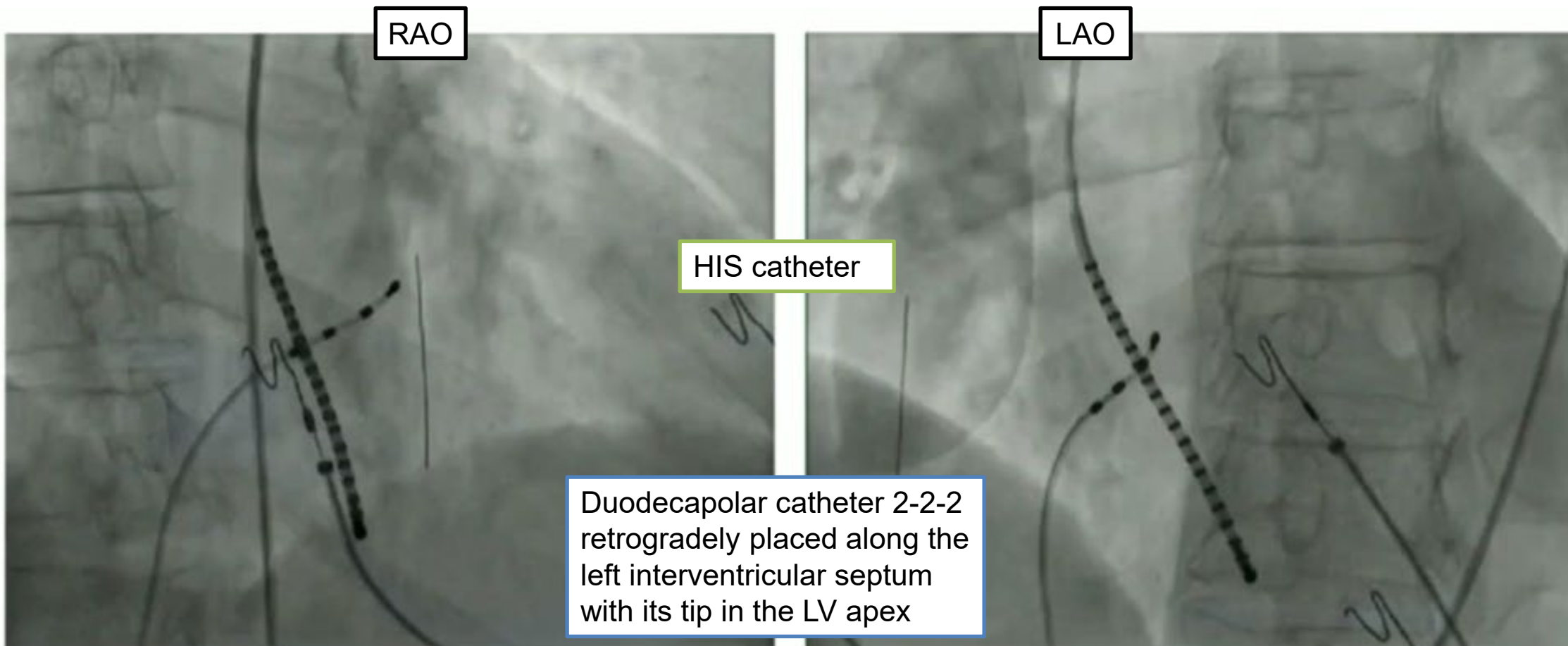
# 1. Sélection du patient pour la thérapie de resynchronisation cardiaque

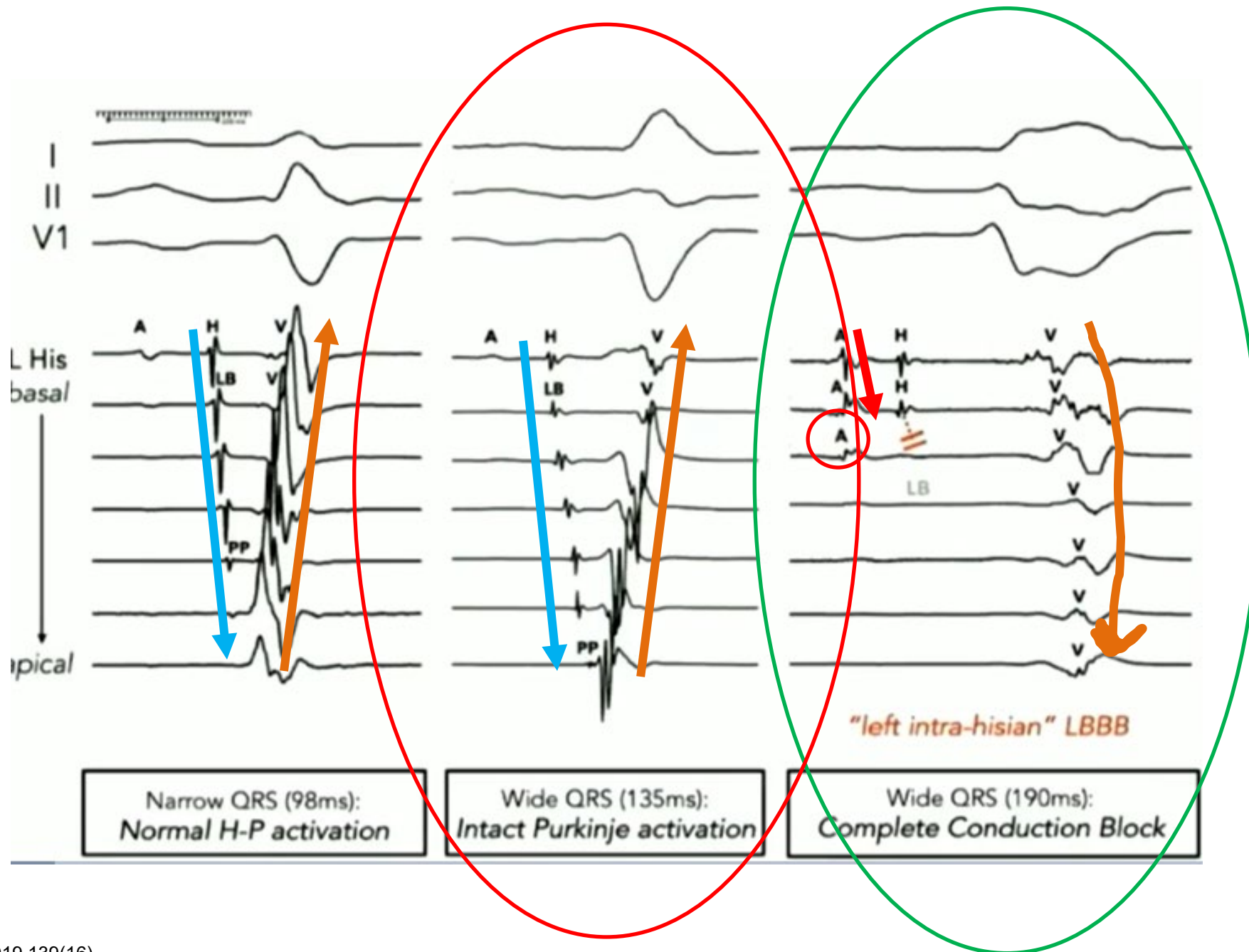
# Quelle est la définition d'un bloc de branche gauche?



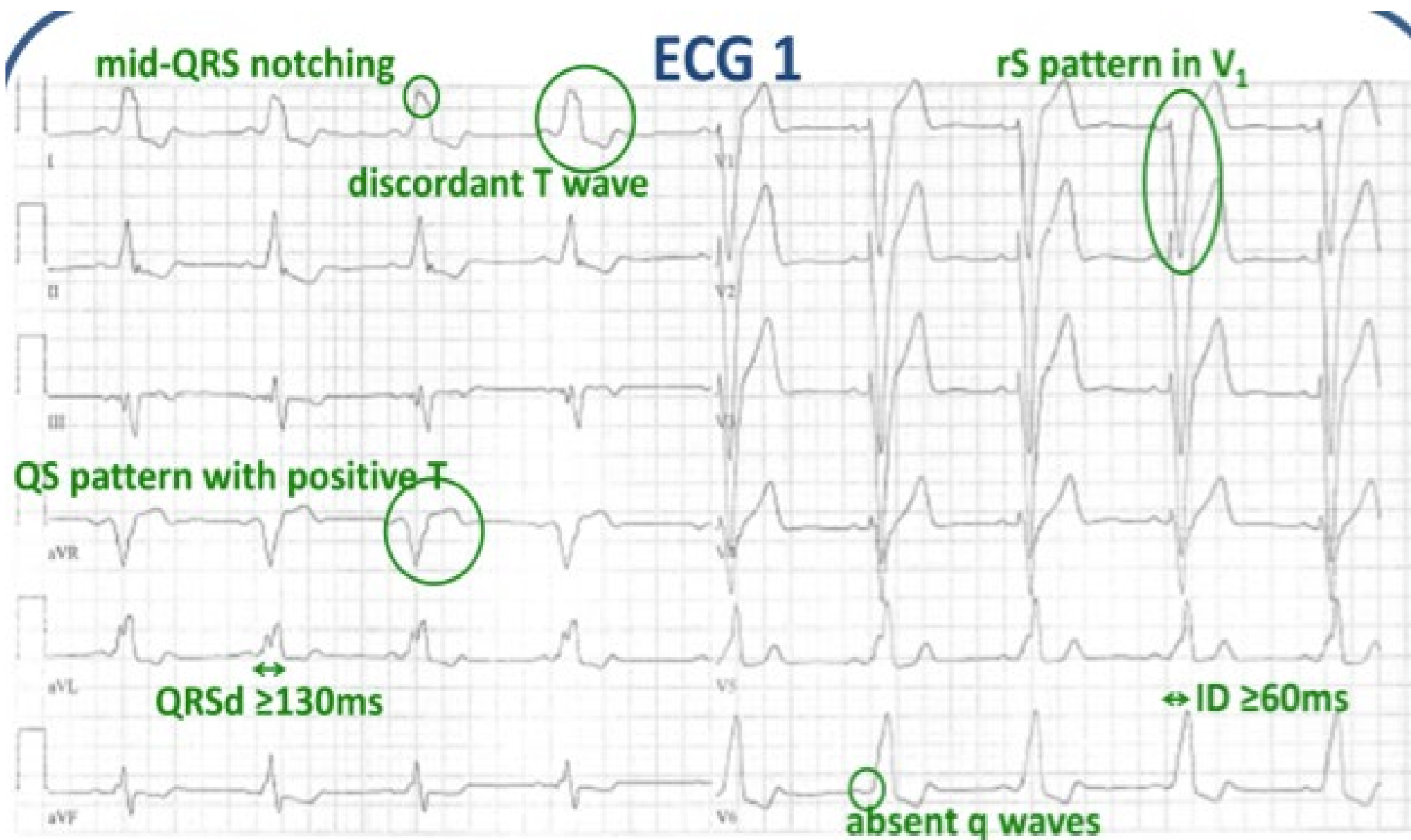
QRS  $\geq$  120ms, notched/slurred R wave in I aVL V5 V6  
Absent q wave in I V5 V6  
R peak time  $>60$ ms in V5 and V6  
ST and T wave usually opposite to the QRS

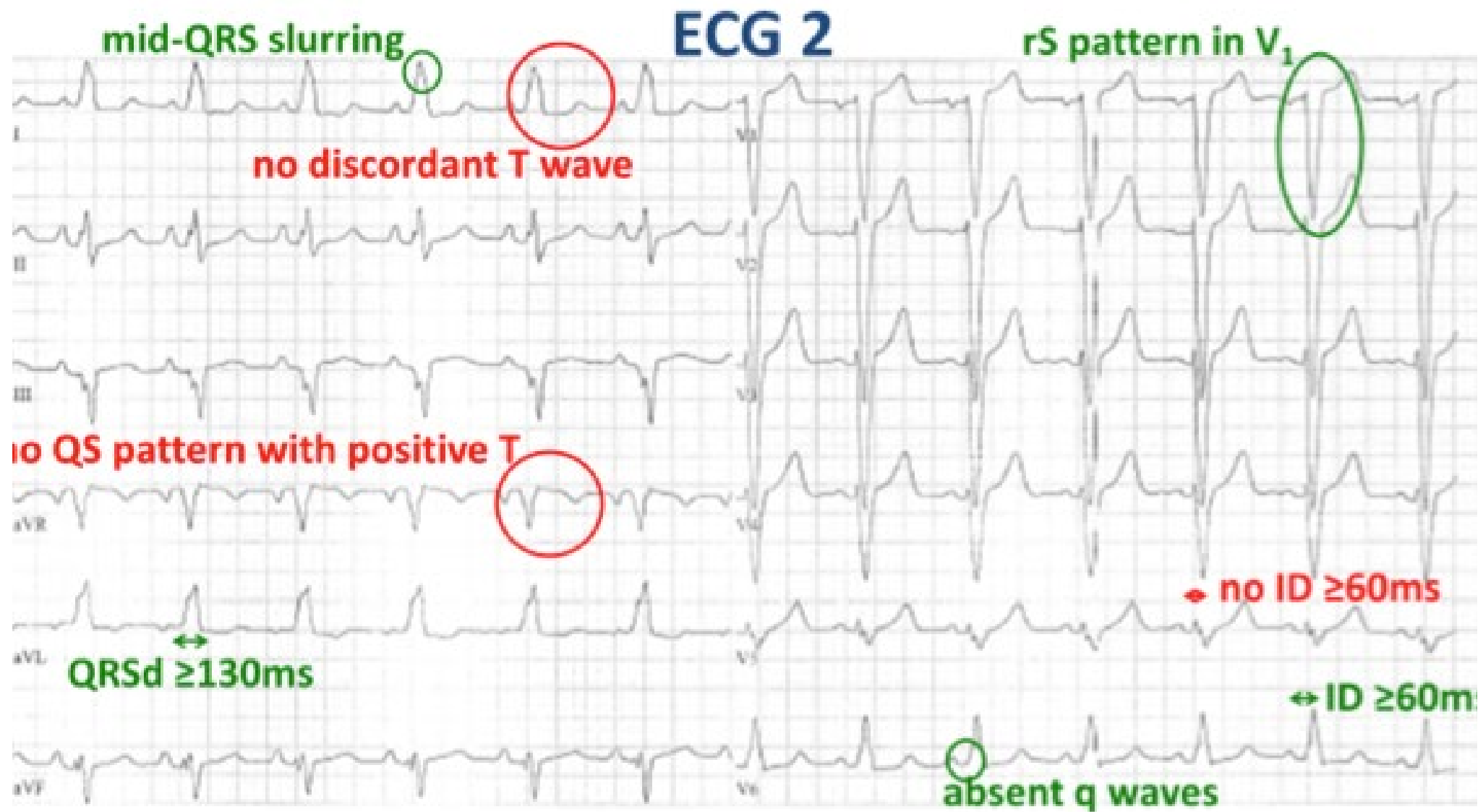
**LBBB pattern does not necessarily mean LBBB**





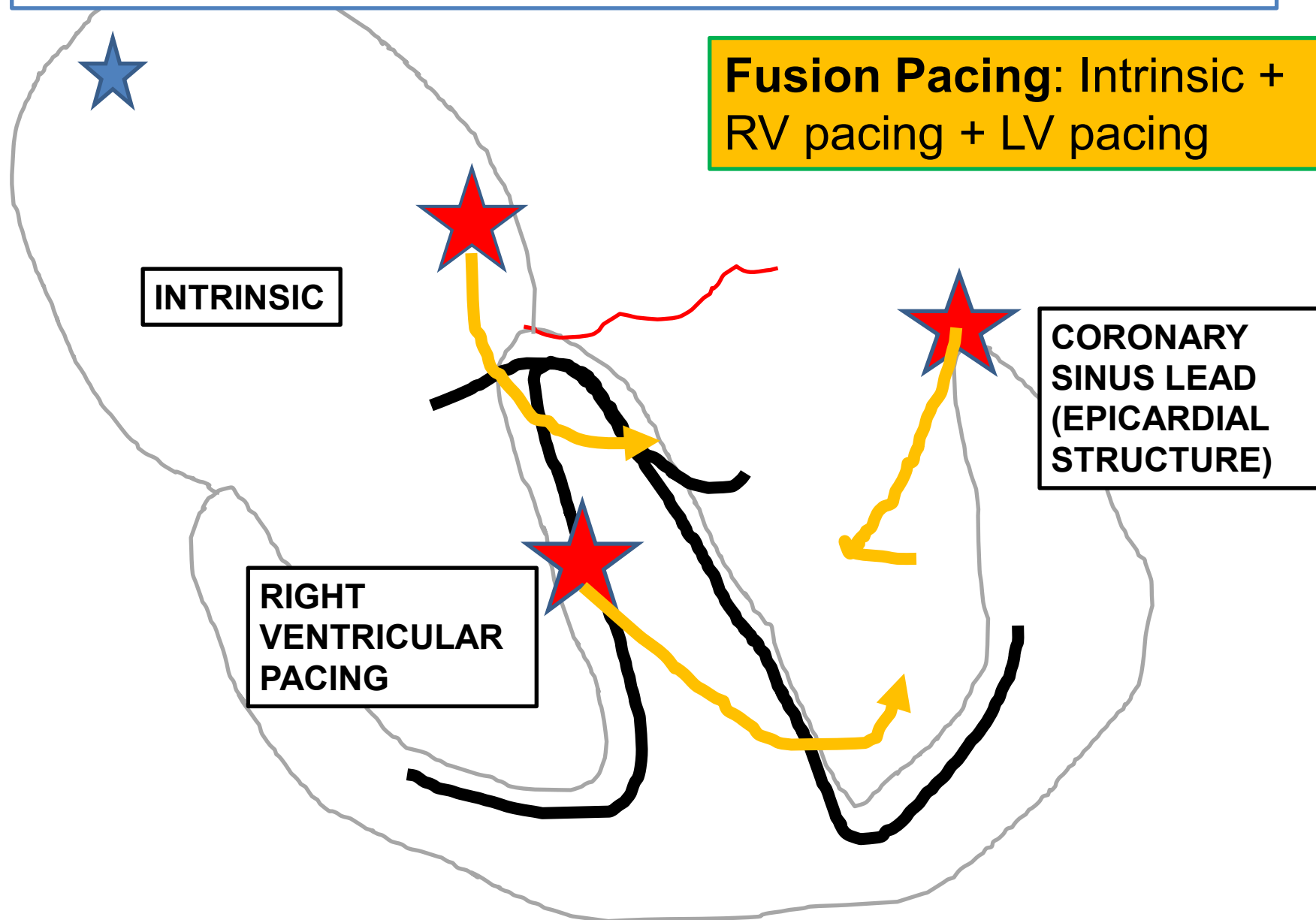
| ECG parameter for complete LBBB                                                            | ESC | AHA | Strauss                                                      | MADIT | REVERSE |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------|---------|
| QRS duration $\geq$                                                                        | 120 | 120 | <input type="checkbox"/> 130<br><input type="checkbox"/> 140 | 130   | 120     |
| QS or <u>rS</u> in $V_1$                                                                   | yes | yes | yes                                                          | yes   | yes     |
| Positive T in $V_1$                                                                        | yes | no  | no                                                           | no    | no      |
| Normal ID R in $V_1$ - $V_3$                                                               | no  | yes | no                                                           | no    | no      |
| ID R in $V_5 \geq 60$ ms                                                                   | no  | yes | no                                                           | no    | no      |
| ID R in $V_6 \geq 60$ ms                                                                   | yes | yes | no                                                           | no    | no      |
| ID R in I $\geq 60$ ms                                                                     | yes | no  | no                                                           | no    | no      |
| Notch-/slurred R in I, <u>aVL</u> and $V_5$ - $V_6$                                        | no  | yes | no                                                           | no    | no      |
| Mid-QRS notch-/slurring in $\geq 2$ leads of $V_1$ - $V_2$ , $V_5$ - $V_6$ , I, <u>aVL</u> | no  | no  | yes                                                          | no    | no      |
| RS pattern allowed in $V_5$ - $V_6$                                                        | no  | yes | yes                                                          | yes   | yes     |
| Absent q in $V_5$ - $V_6$                                                                  | no  | yes | no                                                           | yes   | yes     |
| Absent q in I                                                                              | no  | yes | no                                                           | no    | no      |
| QS with positive T in <u>aVR</u>                                                           | yes | no  | no                                                           | no    | no      |
| Usually discordant T                                                                       | yes | yes | no                                                           | no    | no      |



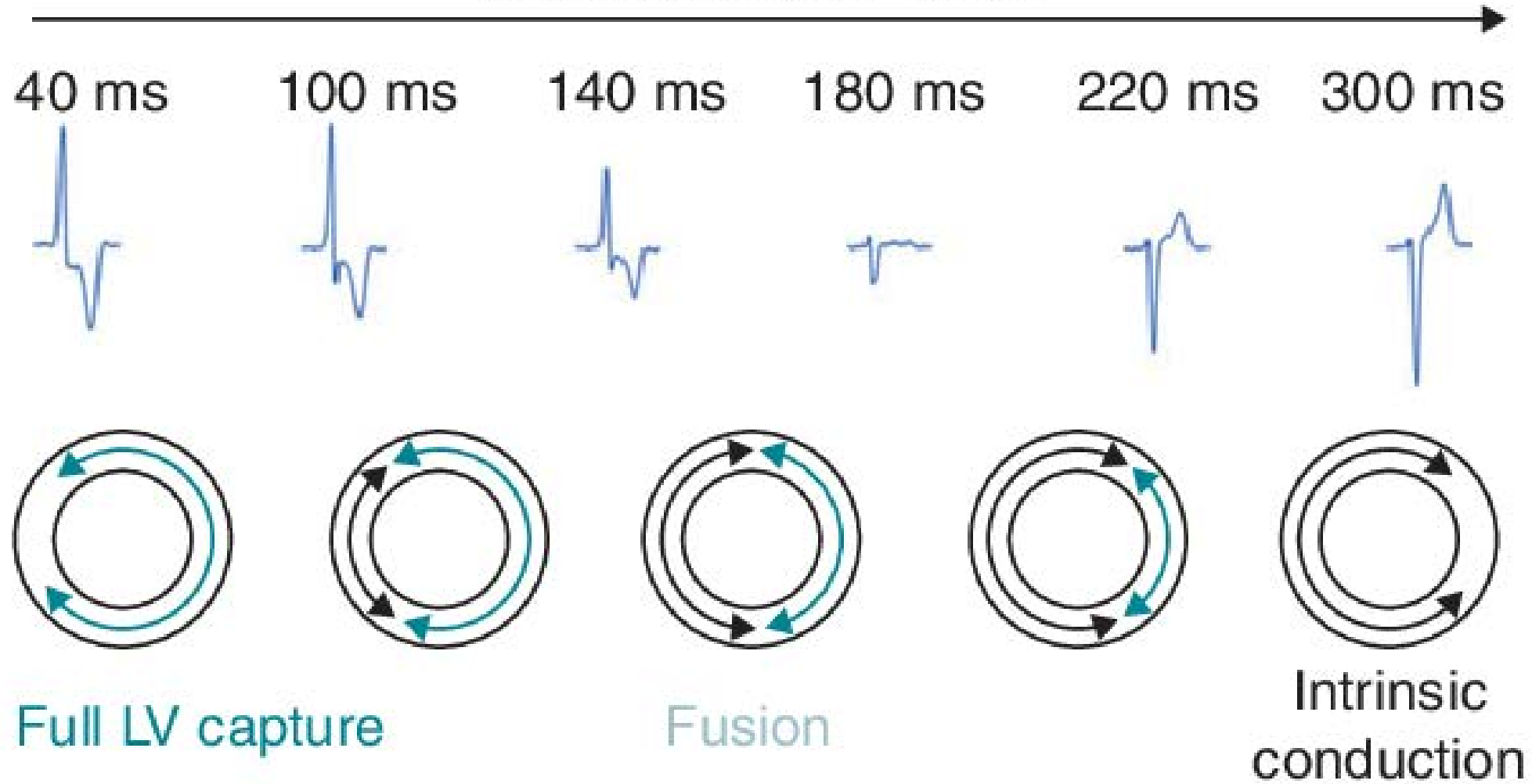


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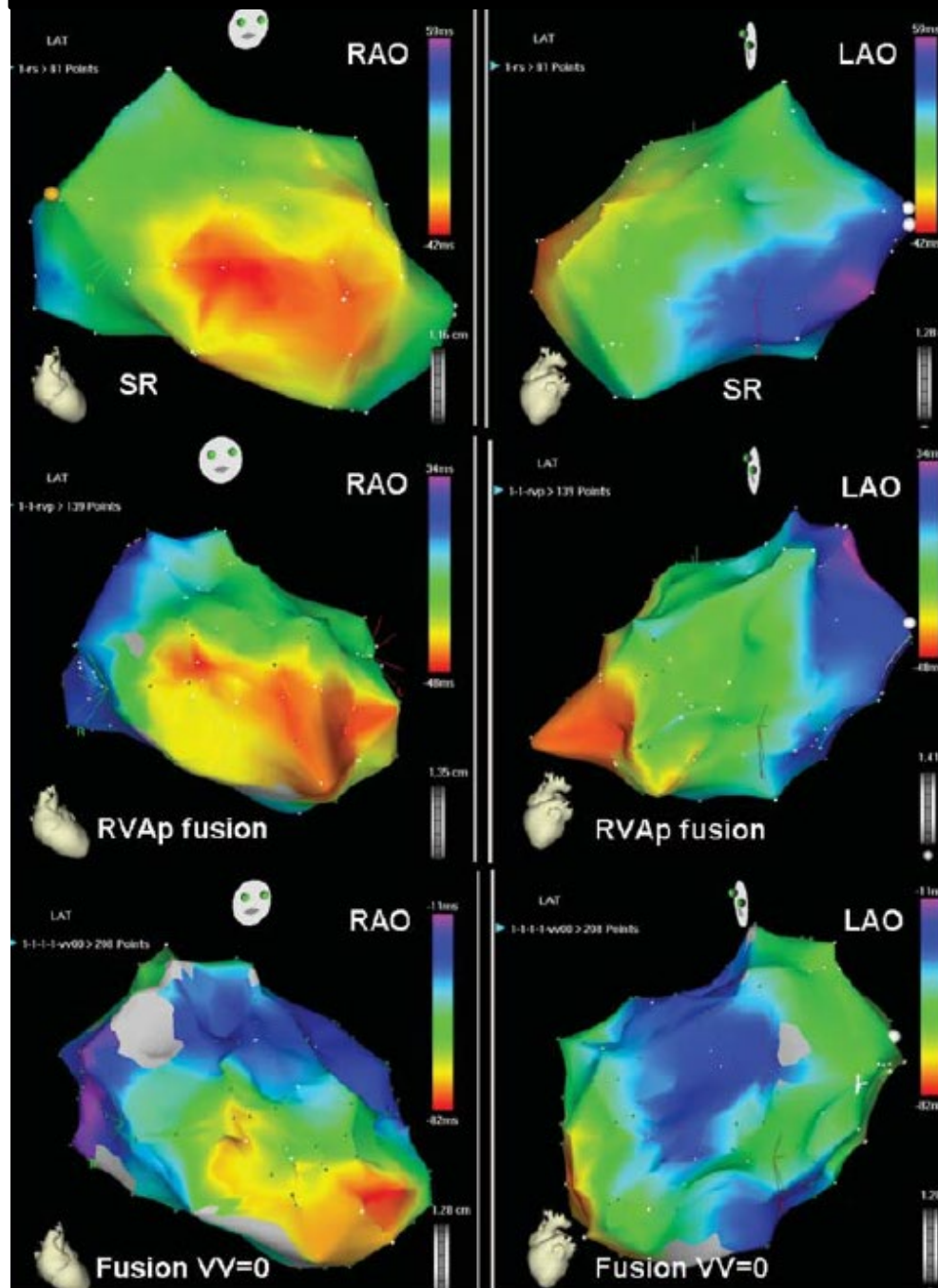
Situation 1. When there is an intrinsic ventricular rhythm



## Programmed AV delay



## AV optimization allowing CRT with fusion.

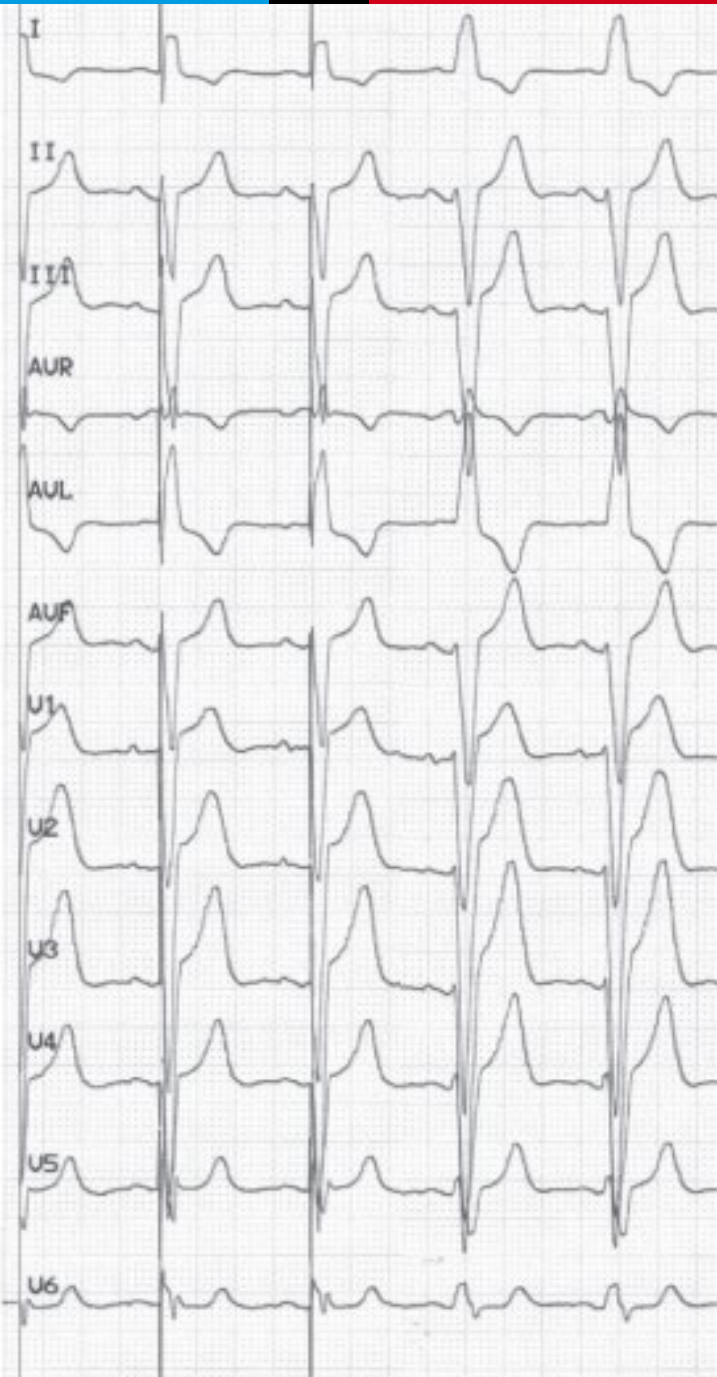


### LBBB

Sinus rhythm with mid-septal breakthrough creating a very delayed postero-lateral activation with a long left ventricular activation time >100ms.

Right ventricular apex pacing with fusion with intrinsic depolarization = 2 septal breakthroughs and the anterolateral wall the most delayed, and shortening of the LVAT to 82ms

3 wavefronts: Intrinsic + RV pacing + LV pacing (coronary sinus lead): 2 septal breakthroughs with most delayed activation at intermediate positions and LVAT 71ms



- Ventricular fusion pacing using the **VVT (trigger) pacing** mode
- The first two beats show triggered biventricular pacing, synchronized to right ventricular sensing
- Last two beats show intrinsic rhythm with LBBB during temporary inactivation of the algorithm

# How and why may an individual's AV delay change?

Minutes or hours



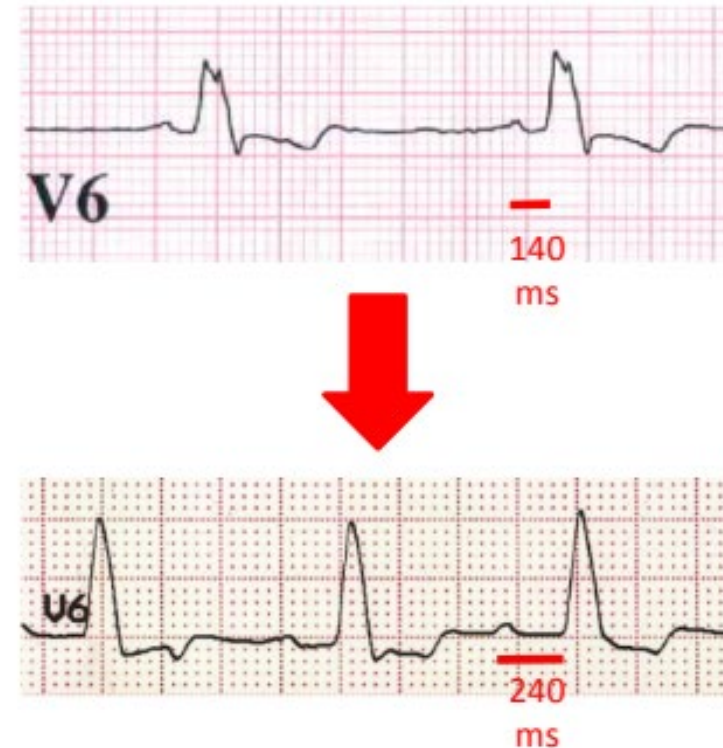
Variation in Activity

Days or weeks



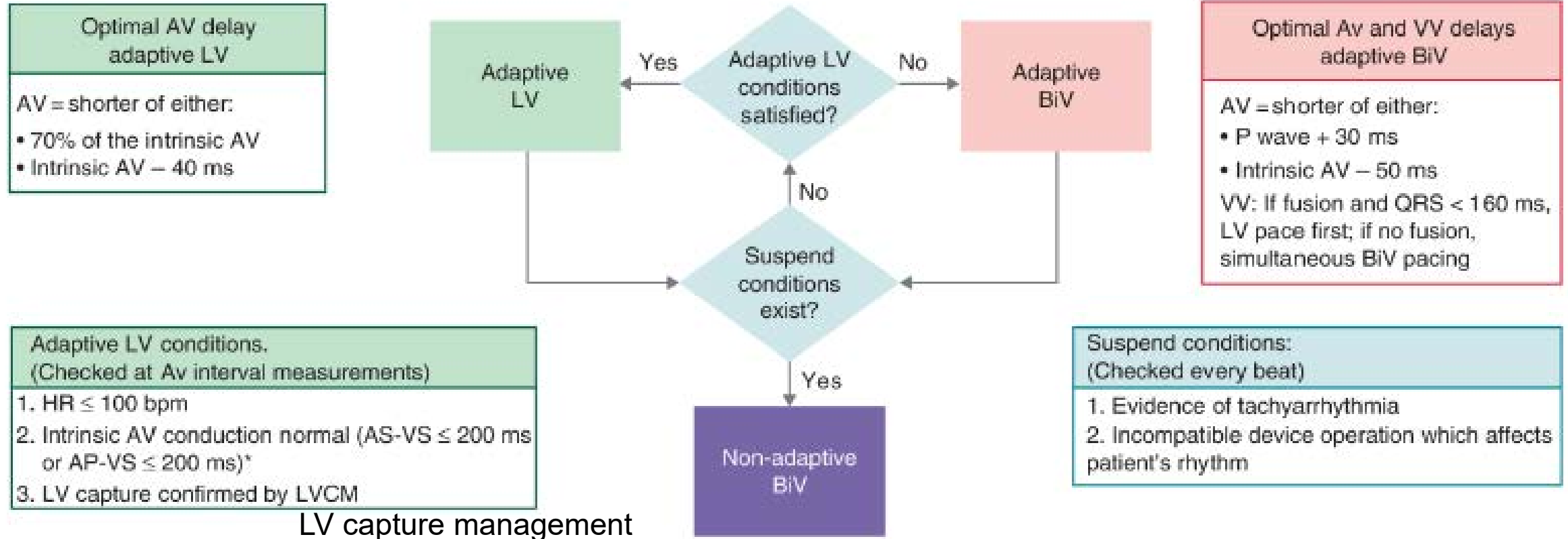
Change of Meds

Months or years



Disease Progression

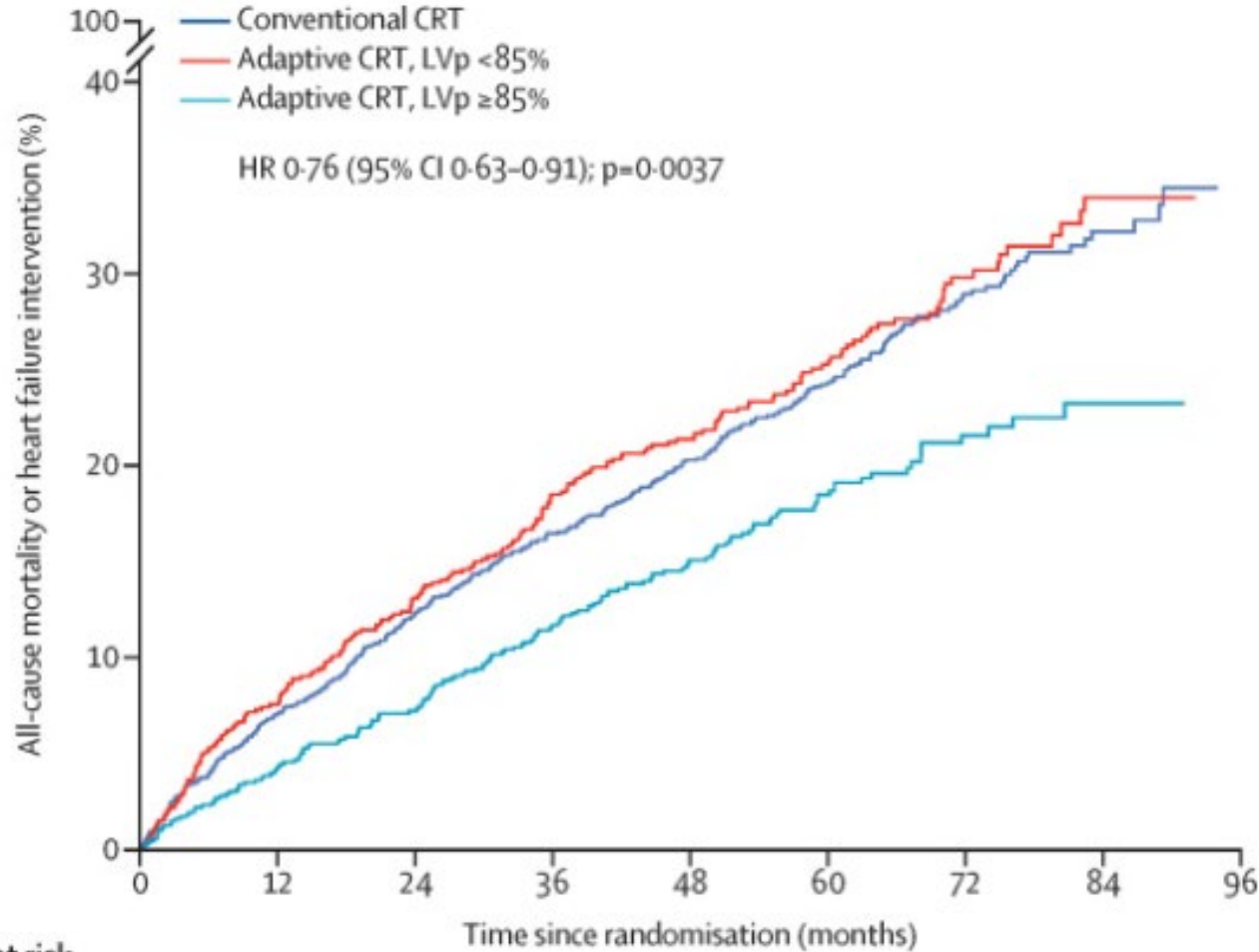
Adaptive BiV and LV



- Adaptive LV algorithm measures the intrinsic AV conduction delay + p wave + QRS duration (far-field EGM) every minute for 1 beat (the QRS is measured 1x per 16 hours where no trigger pacing is performed)
- If intrinsic AV interval is normal and  $HR < 100$  bpm, then optimized LV pacing with an AV delay of 70% of intrinsic is applied
- This results in fusion and is hemodynamically preferable. Otherwise BiV pacing is performed (pacing occurs 30ms after the end of the p wave, but at least 50ms before intrinsic QRS)

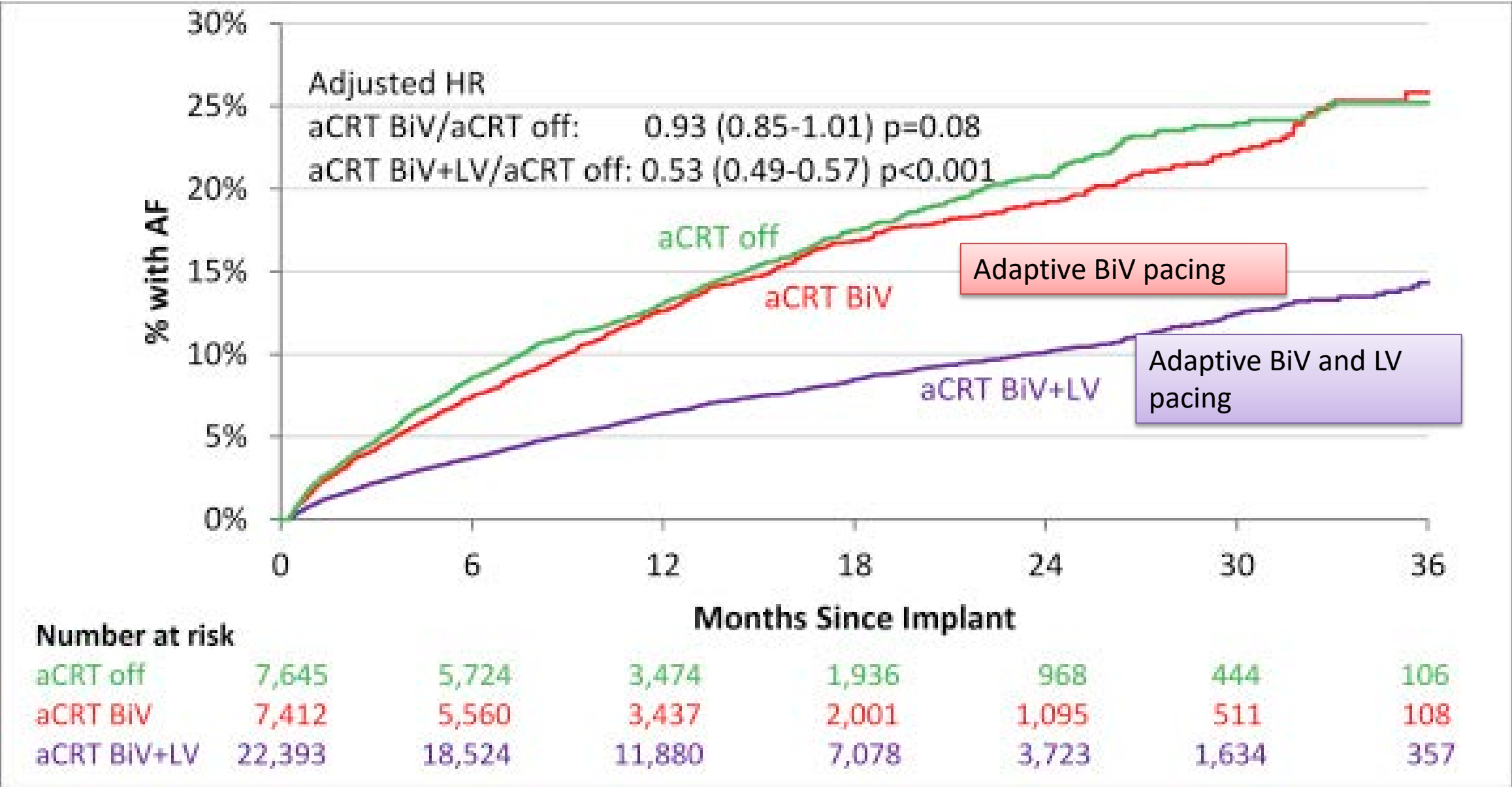
# Medtronic: Adaptive BiV

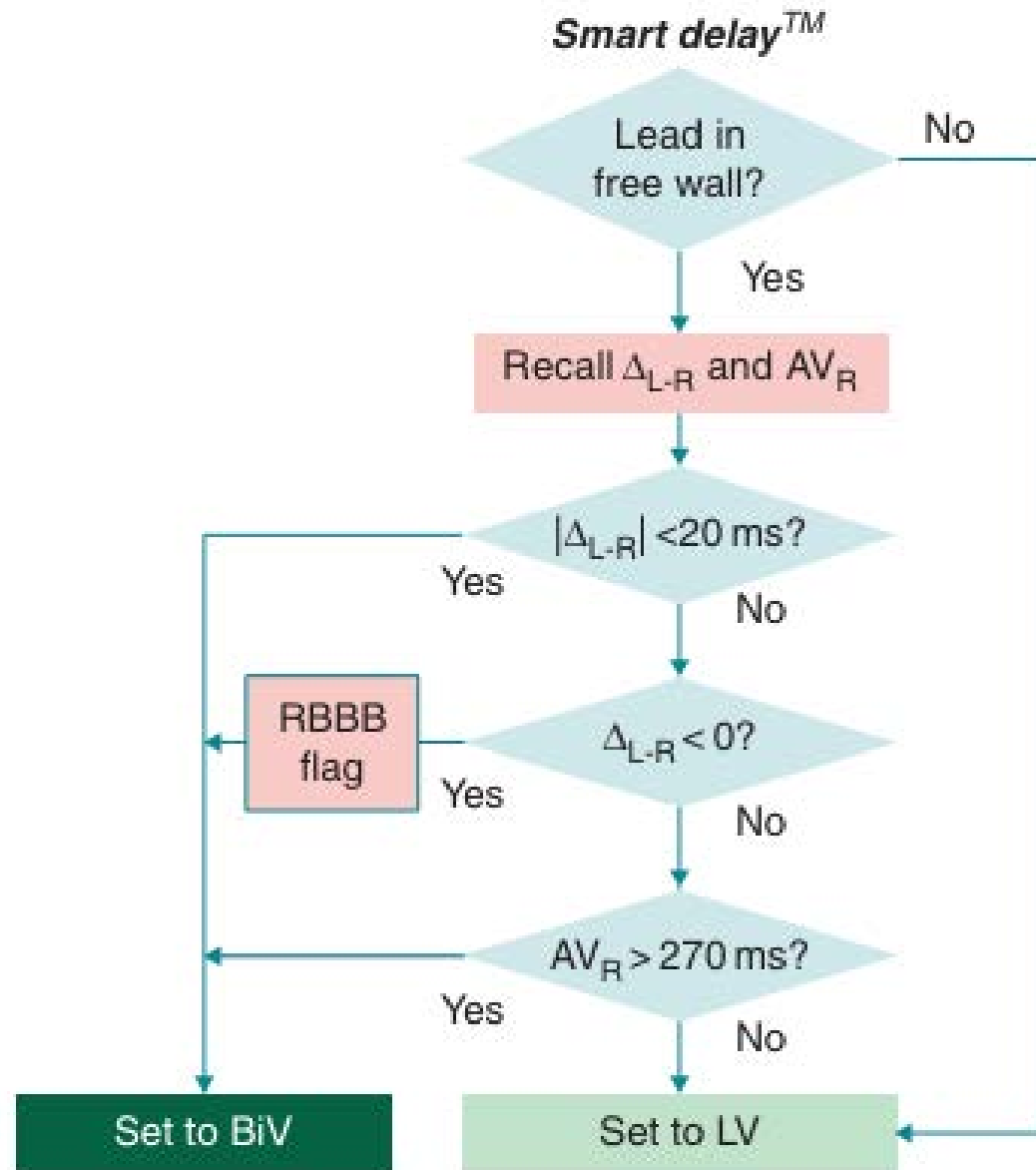
- Used primarily when the PR interval at baseline is <220ms



- AdaptResponse Trial 2023
- Adaptive CRT vs conventional CRT
- Patients with Strauss-LBBB (140ms male, 130ms female), EF≤35%, PR ≤200ms, and sinus rhythm.
- 3617 pts
- Follow-up 59 months
- Excellent response to CRT
- Improvement with LV pacing >85%

# Development of Atrial fibrillation less with Adaptive BiV and LV pacing



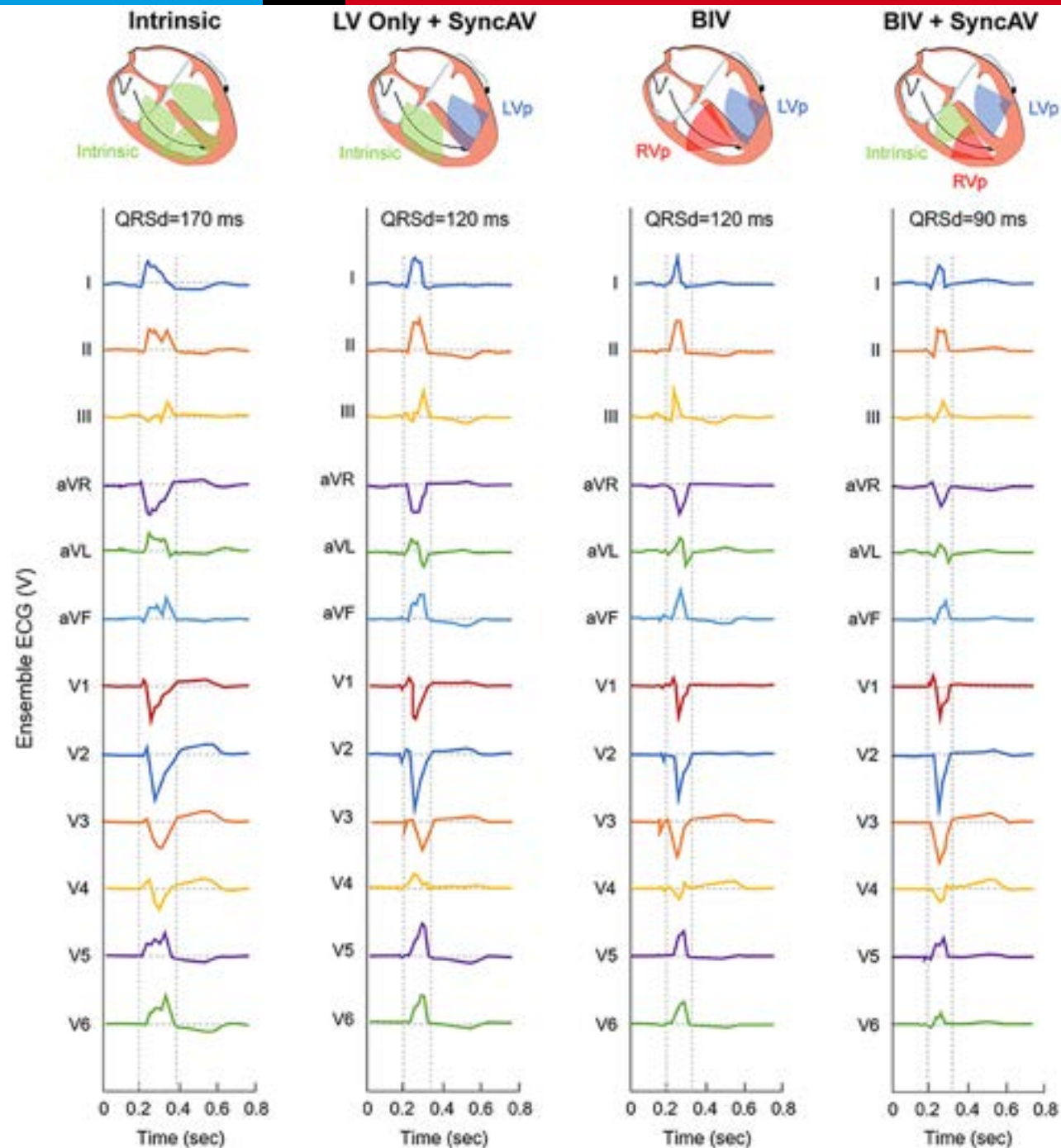


## Smart Delay

Boston Scientific

Based on hemodynamic data from  
PaTH CHF II studies

- In-office only, measures intrinsic AV conduction time of RV and LV during atrial sensing and atrial pacing
- Algorithm recommends simultaneous BiV or LV pacing



## Sync AV

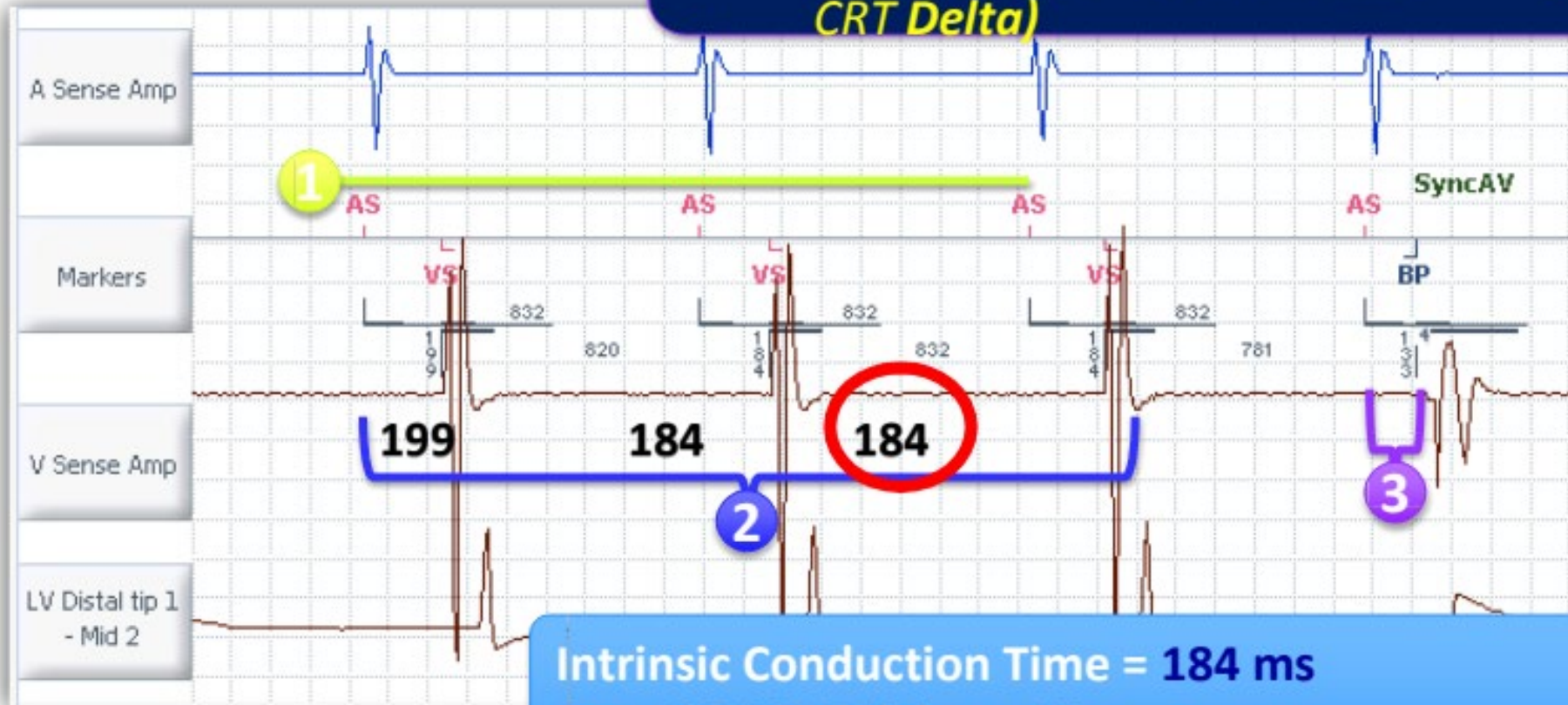
- Abbott
- Based on negative hysteresis algorithm that is already present in Abbott pacemakers

# SyncAV™ CRT in action

SyncAV CRT adjusts the AV delay for the next 256 cycles using the following equation:

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$$AV_{\text{Delay}} = (\text{Intrinsic Conduction Time}) - (\text{SyncAV CRT Delta})$$

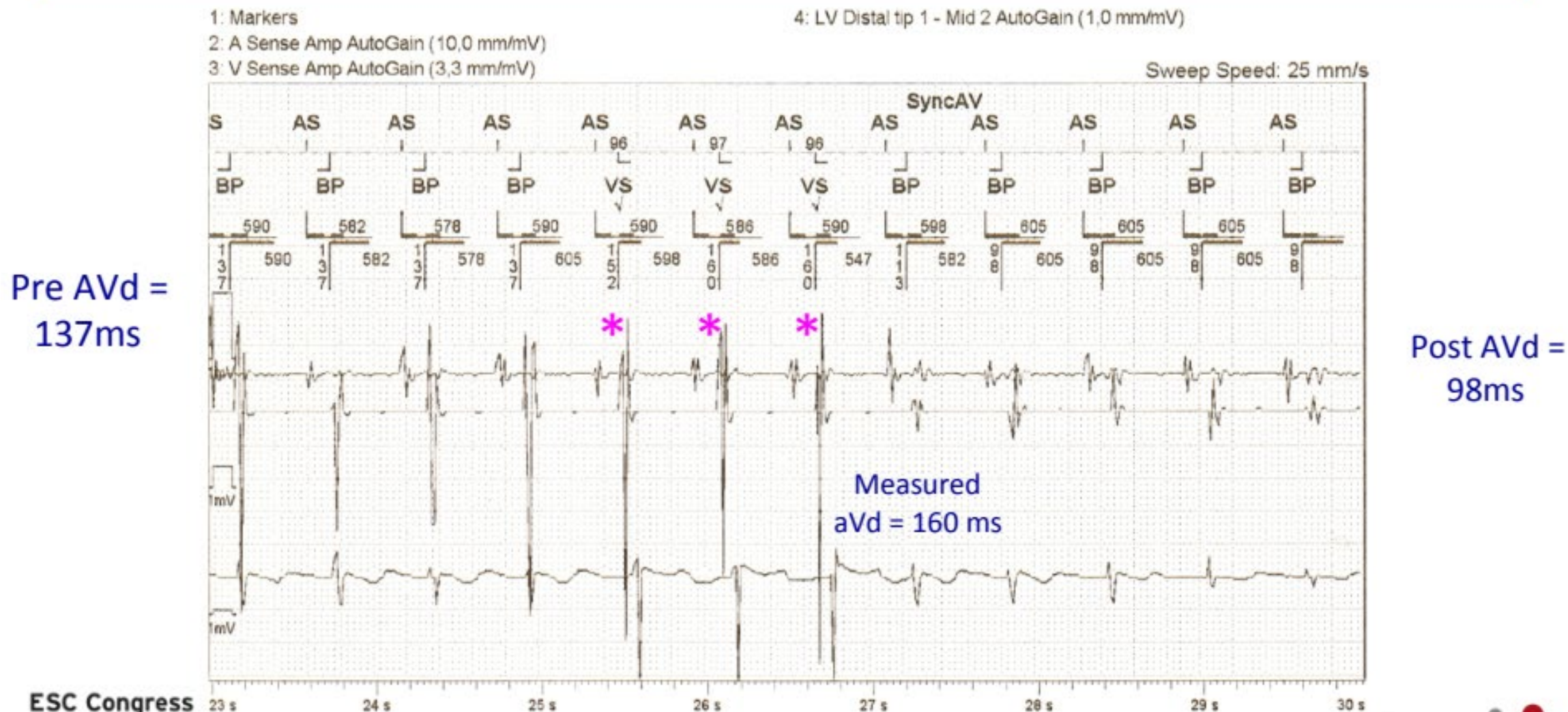


Intrinsic Conduction Time = 184 ms

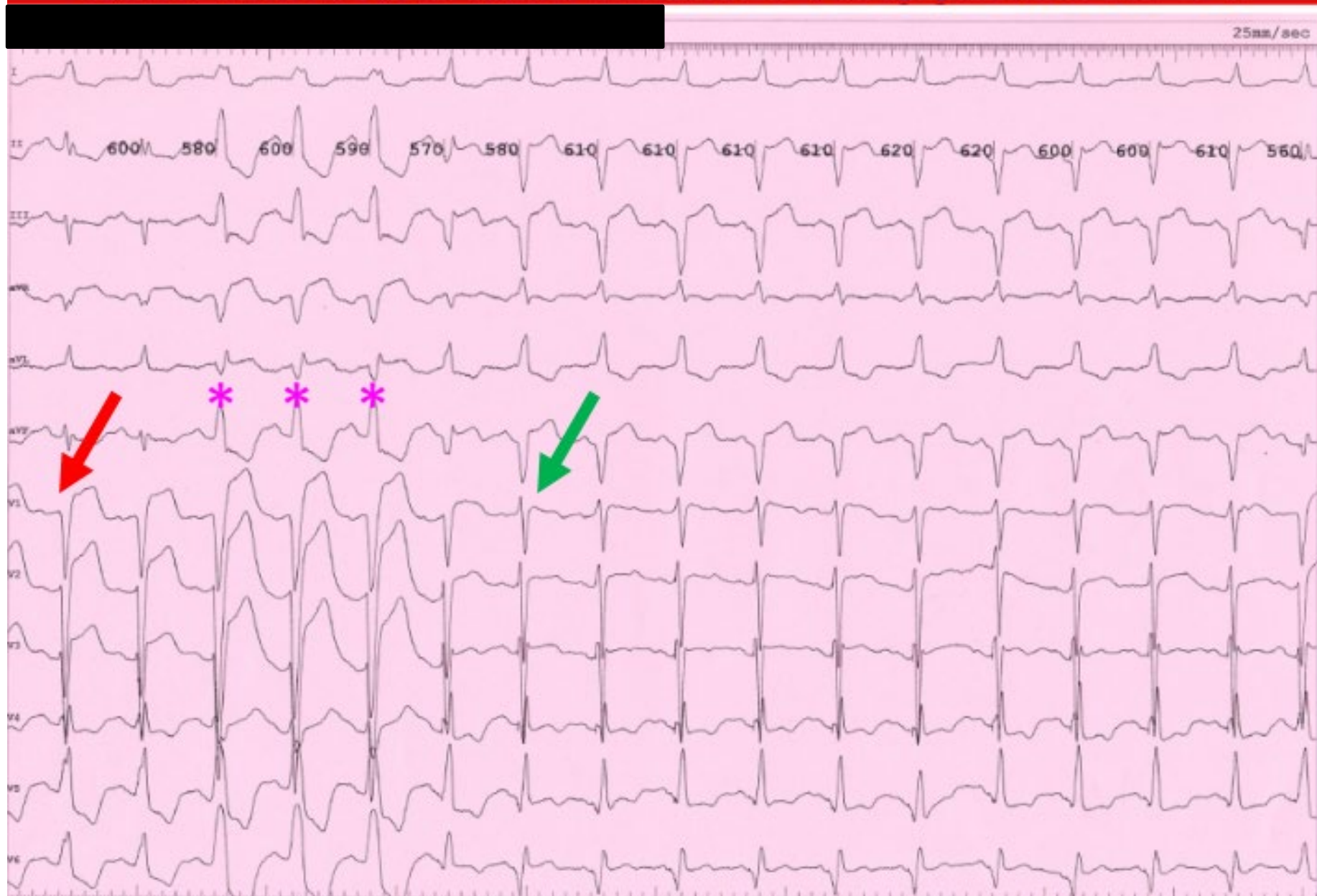
SyncAV™ CRT delta = -50 ms

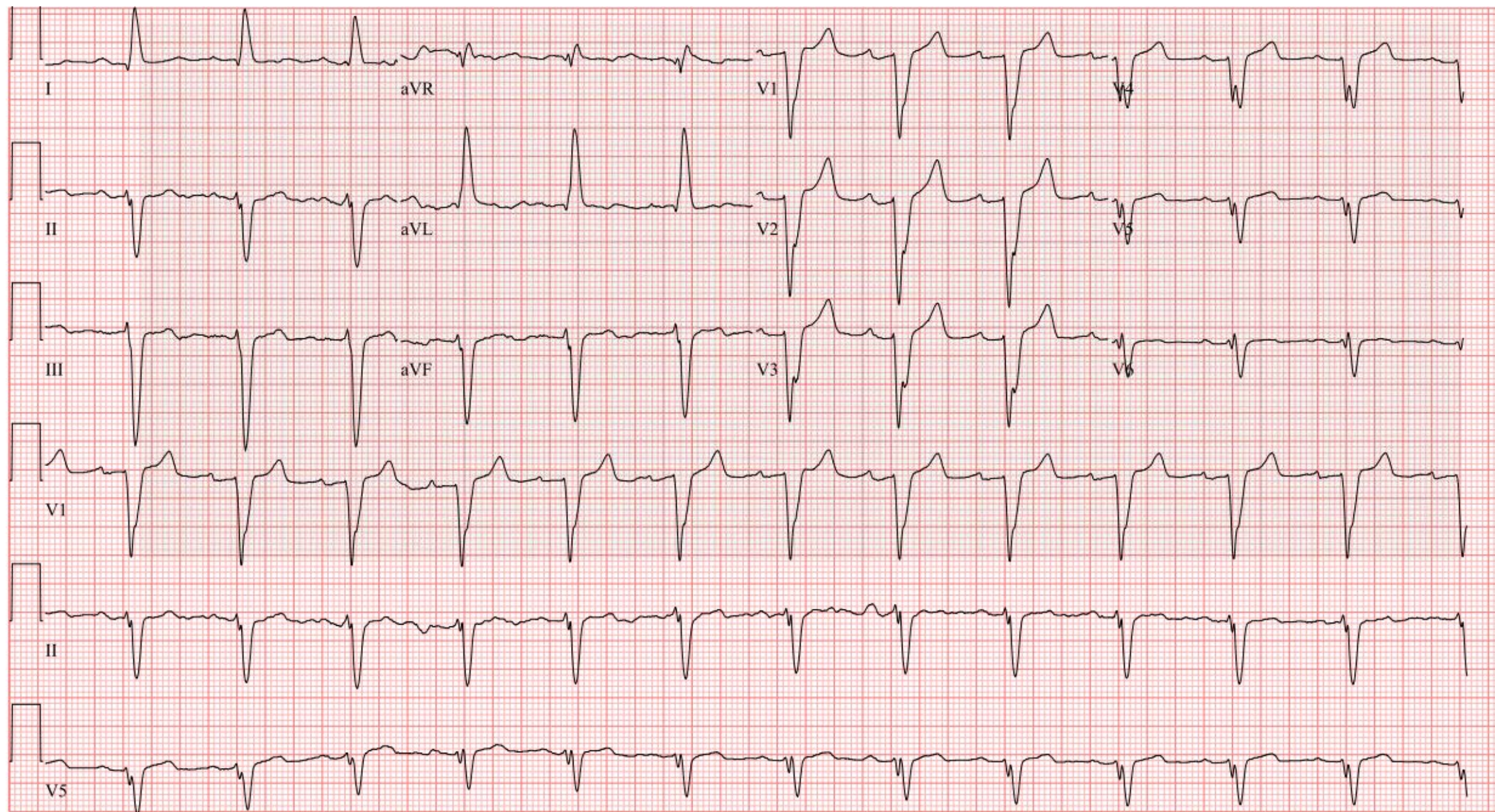
$AV_{\text{Delay}} \text{ w/SyncAV}^{\text{TM}} \text{ CRT} = (184 - 50) = 134 \text{ ms}$

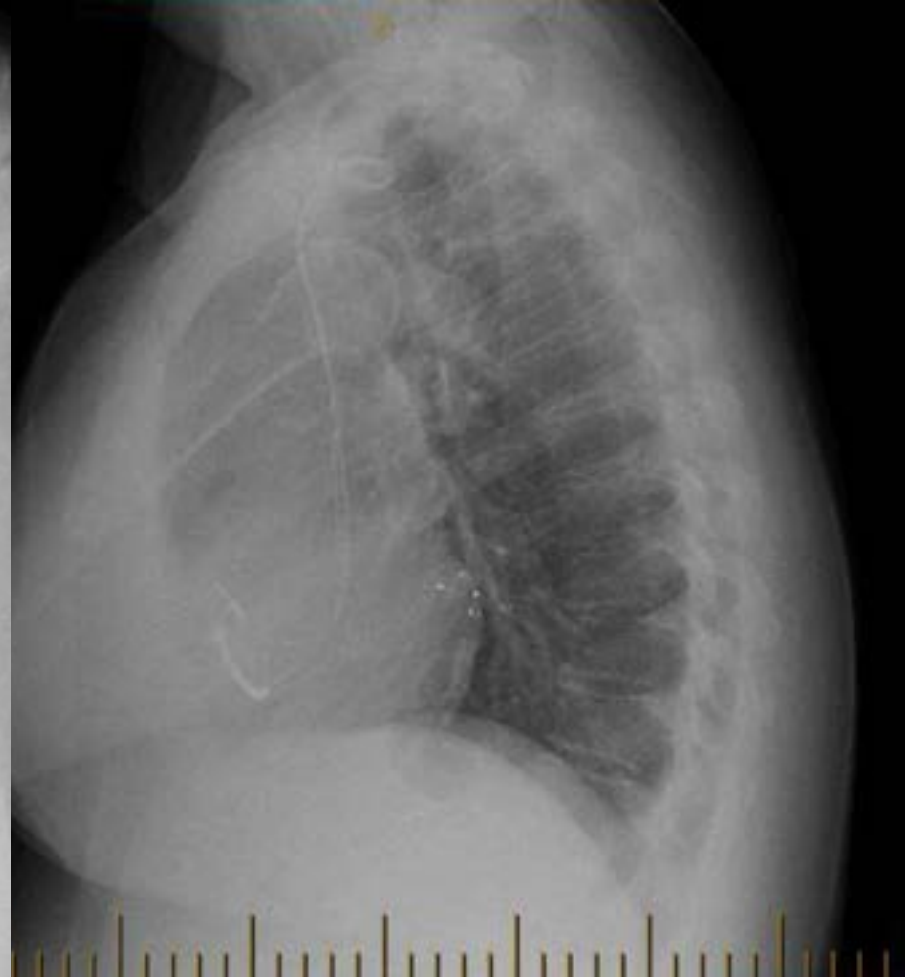
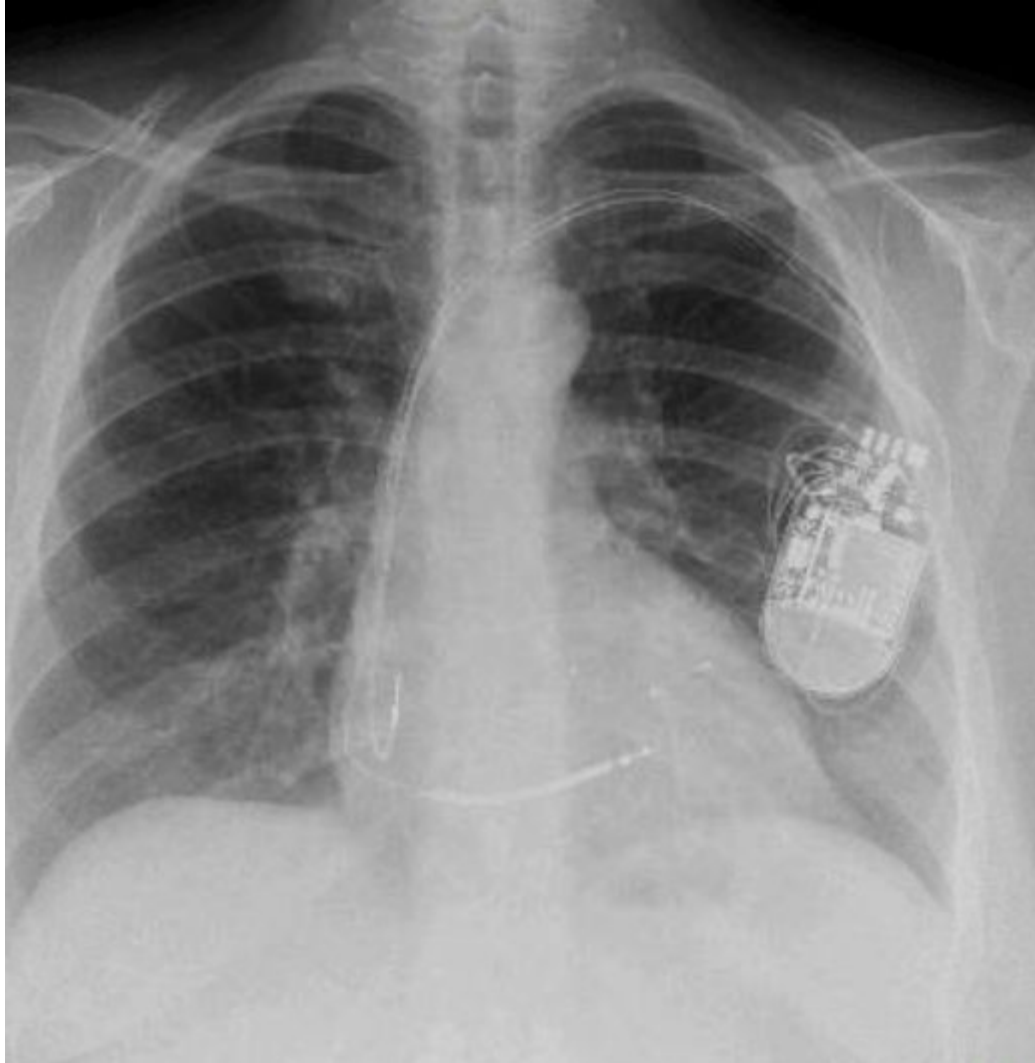
# Sync AV CRT adjusts AV delay



## ***QRS narrows and R wave reappears in V1***





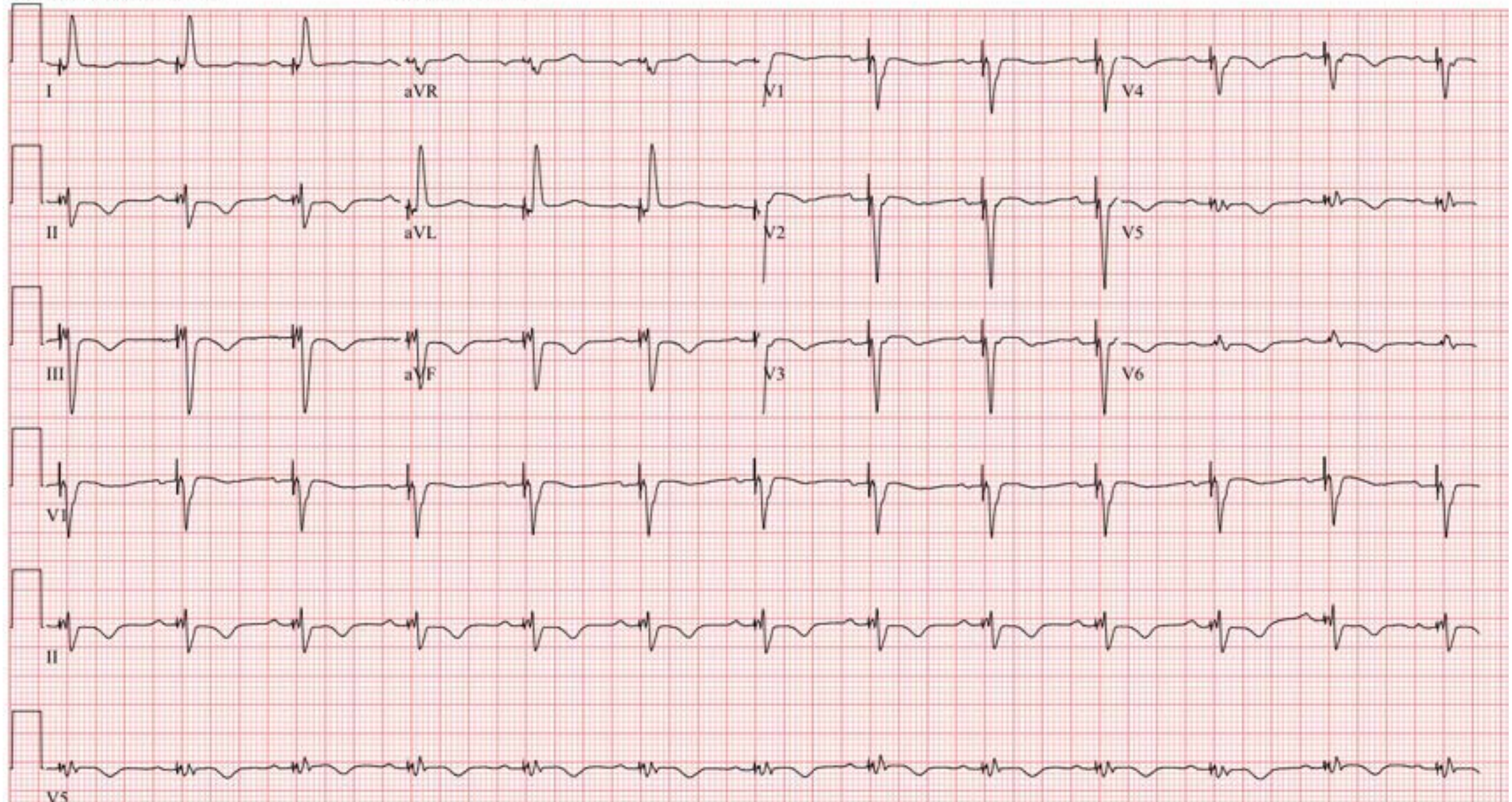


COMMENT:SYNC AV -30

COMMENT:LV -30

Referred by: DR JOZA

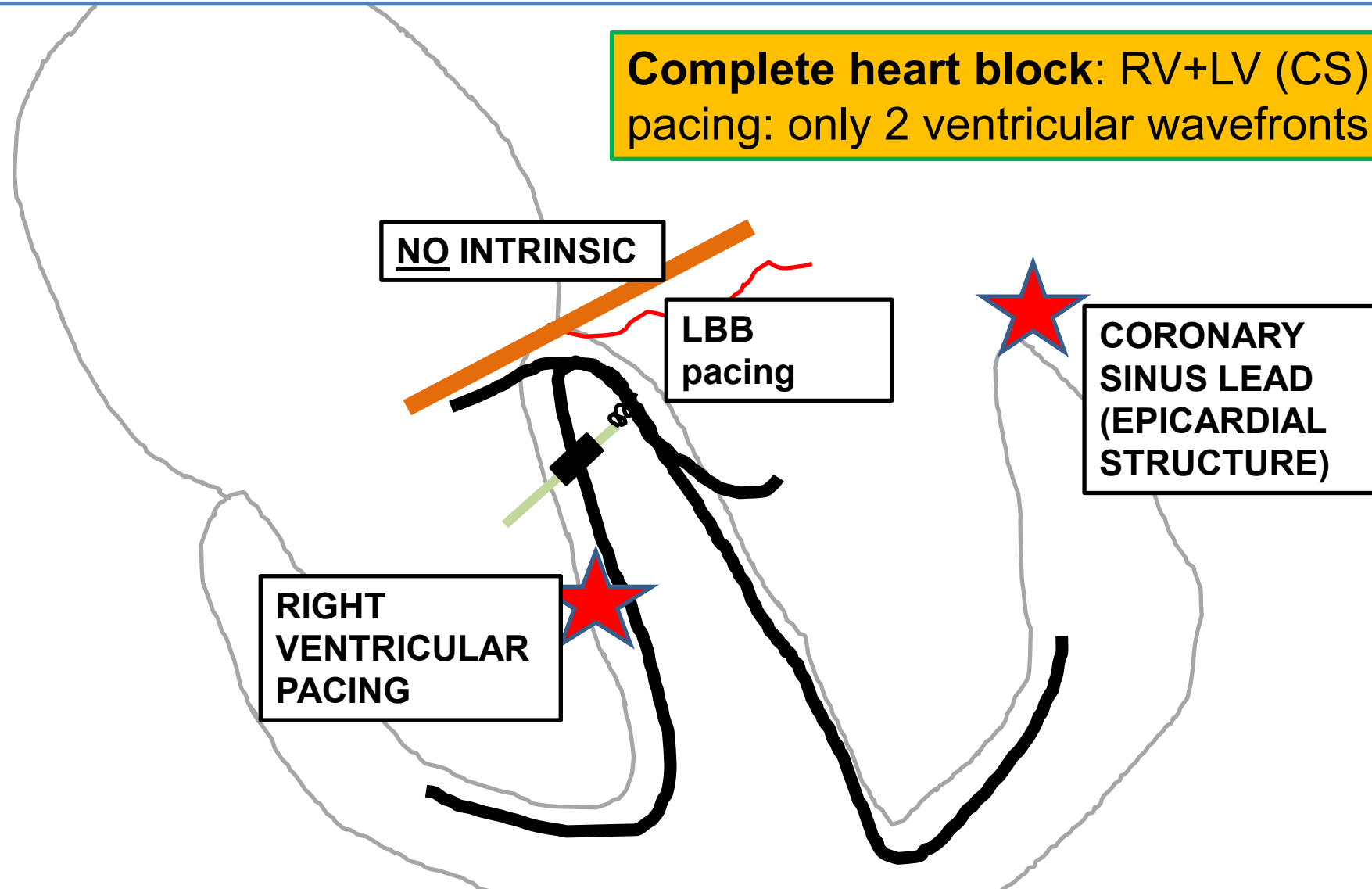
Confirmed by: DAVID KOSHIK MD



AV optimization, with LV occurring 30ms prior to RV: Abbott Device

Situation 2. When there is NO intrinsic ventricular rhythm. I.e. Heart Block

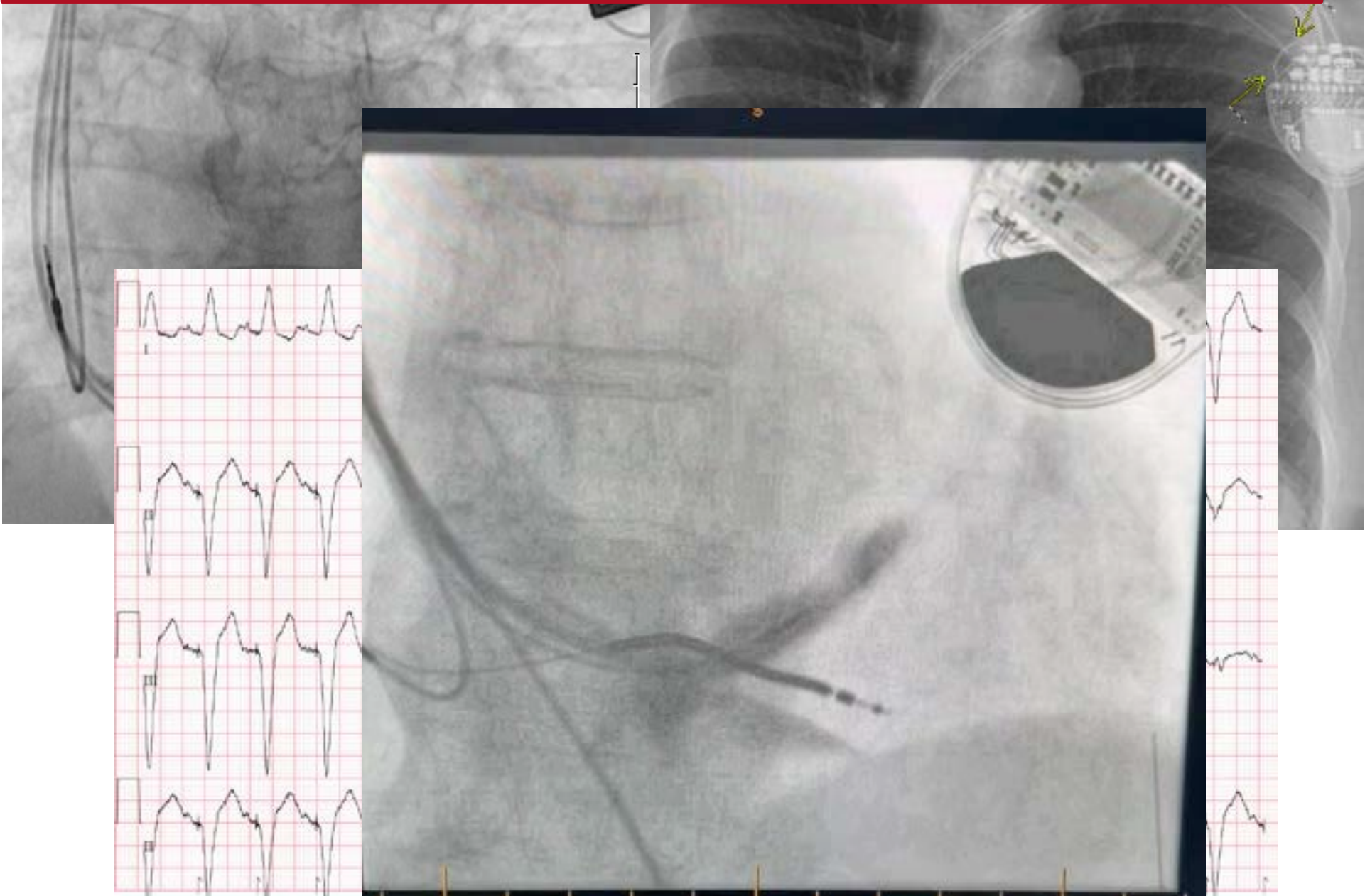
**Complete heart block: RV+LV (CS)  
pacing: only 2 ventricular wavefronts**



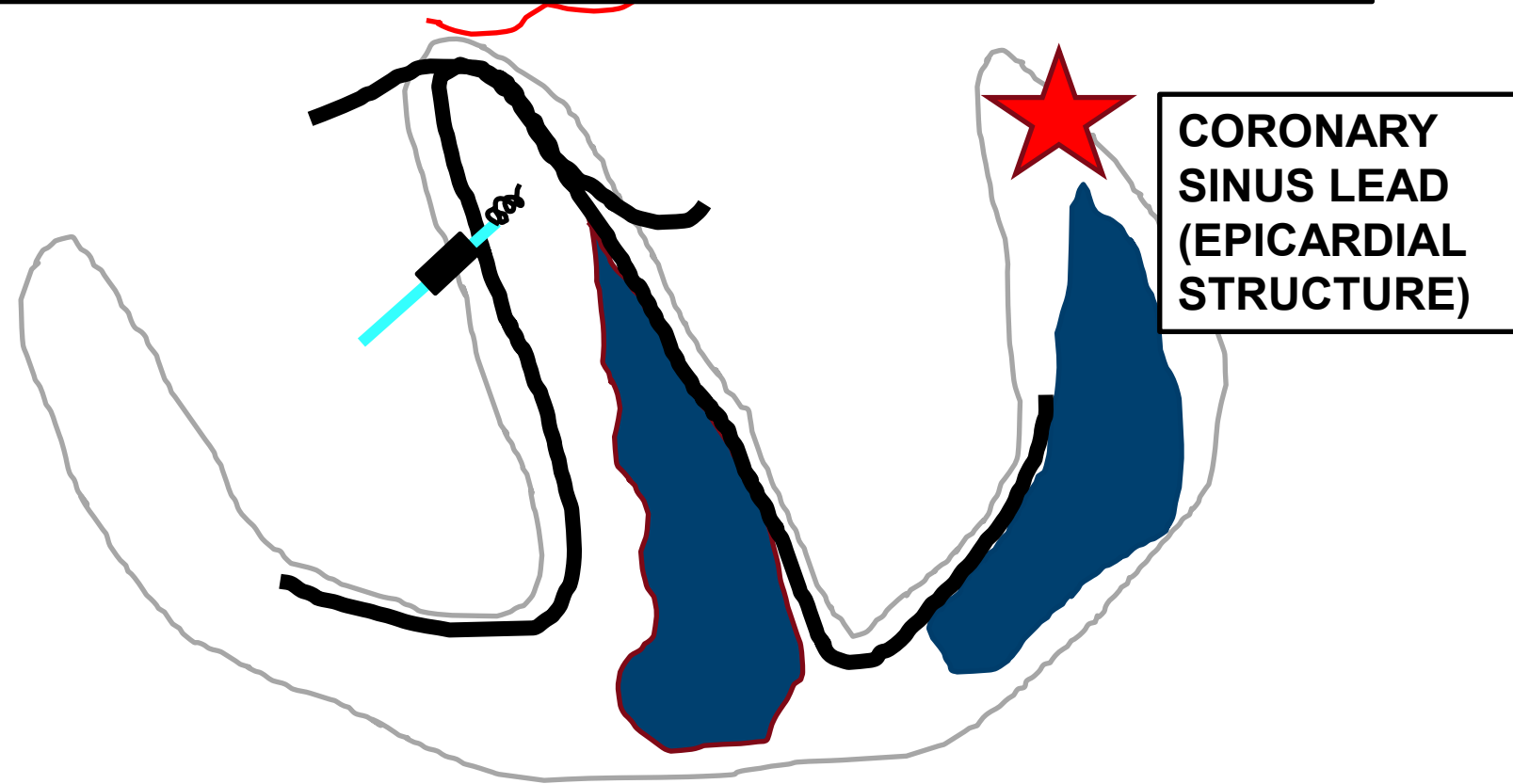
“Up to 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of CRTs do not improve after biventricular pacing”.

- Non-response is not necessarily a failure of CRT, but of appropriate patient selection

Other situations where coronary sinus lead may not be ideal:  
anatomical concerns (lack of appropriate branch), presence of scar..

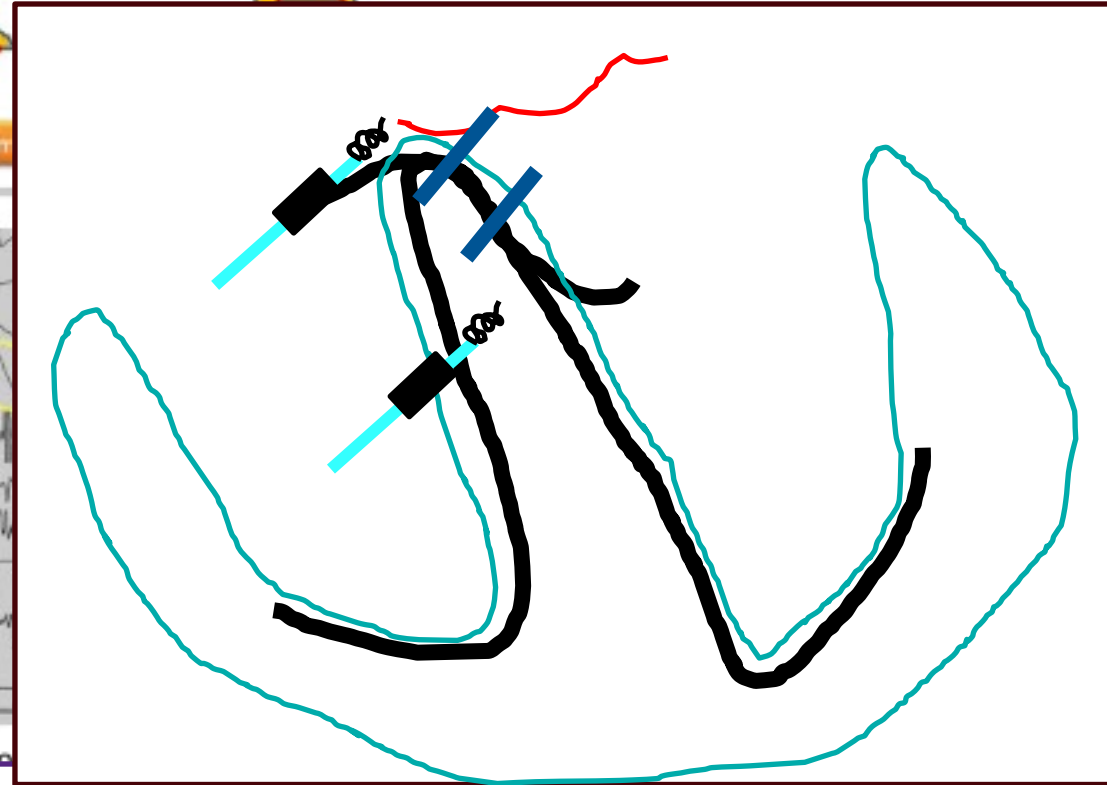
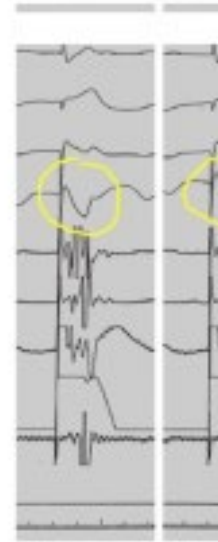
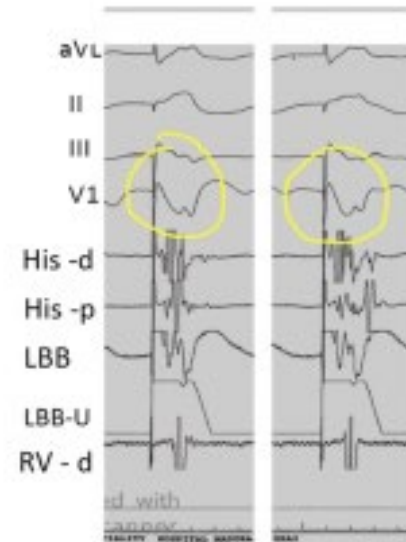
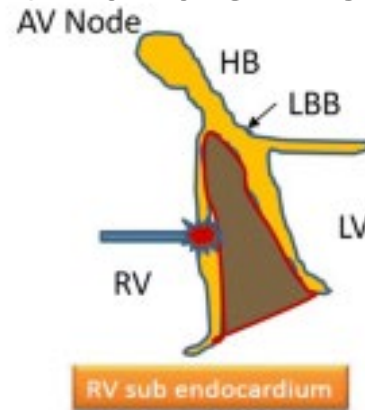
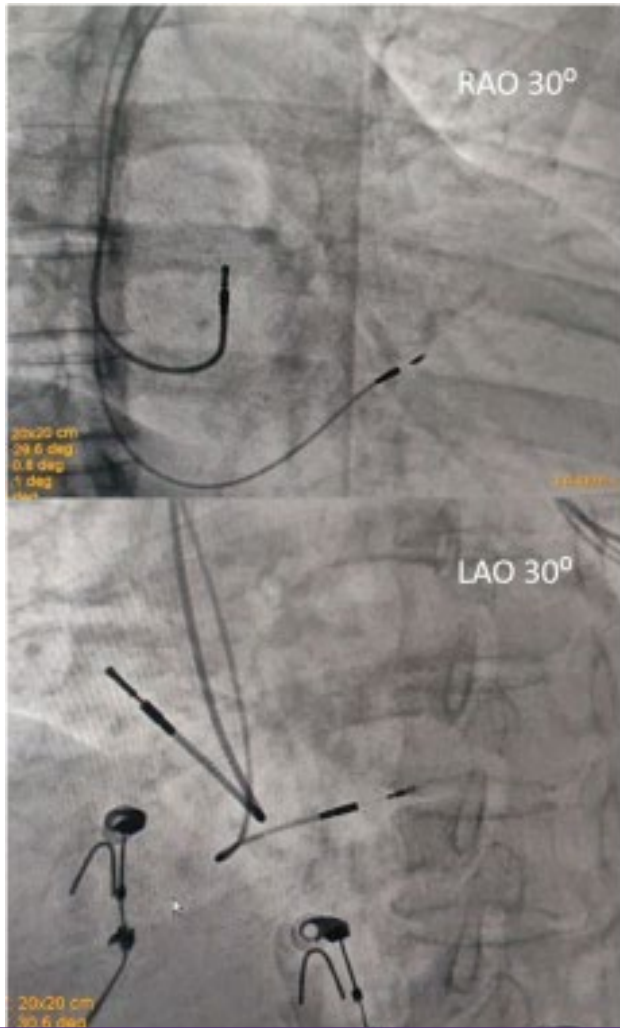


Inappropriate patient selection: IVCD – not an electrical disease, but distal pathology or myopathy leading to dysregulated ventricular activation



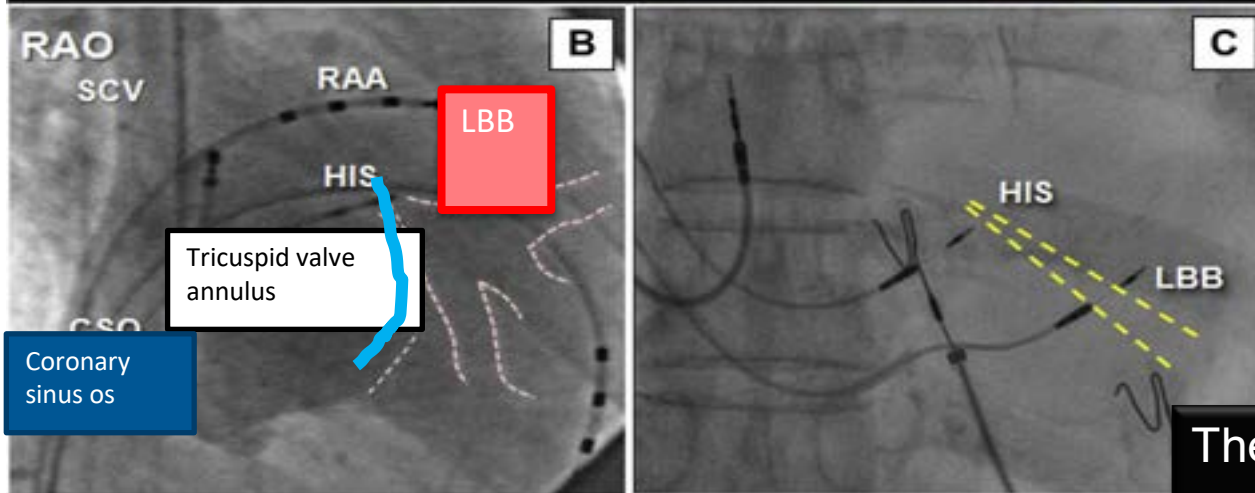
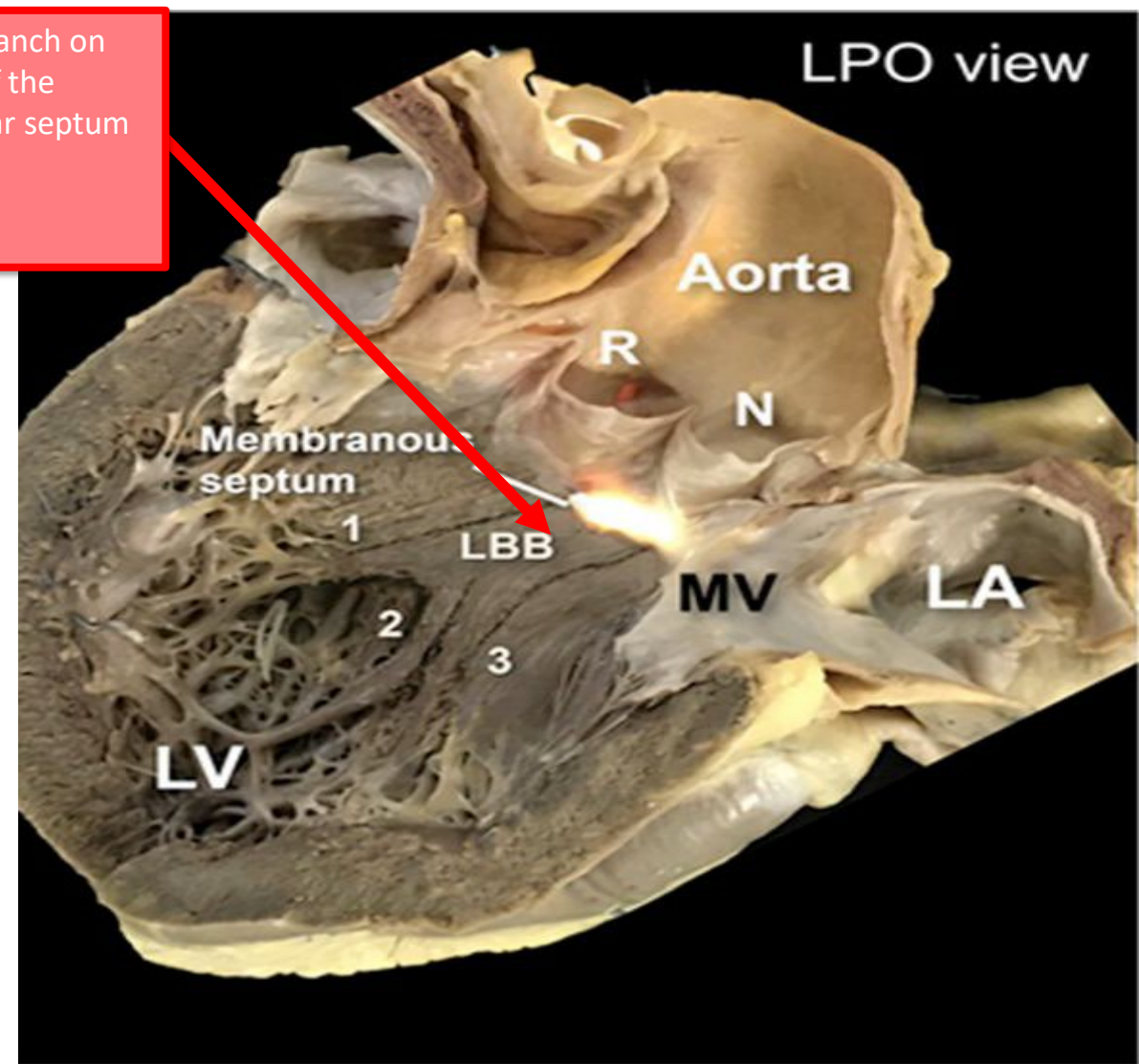
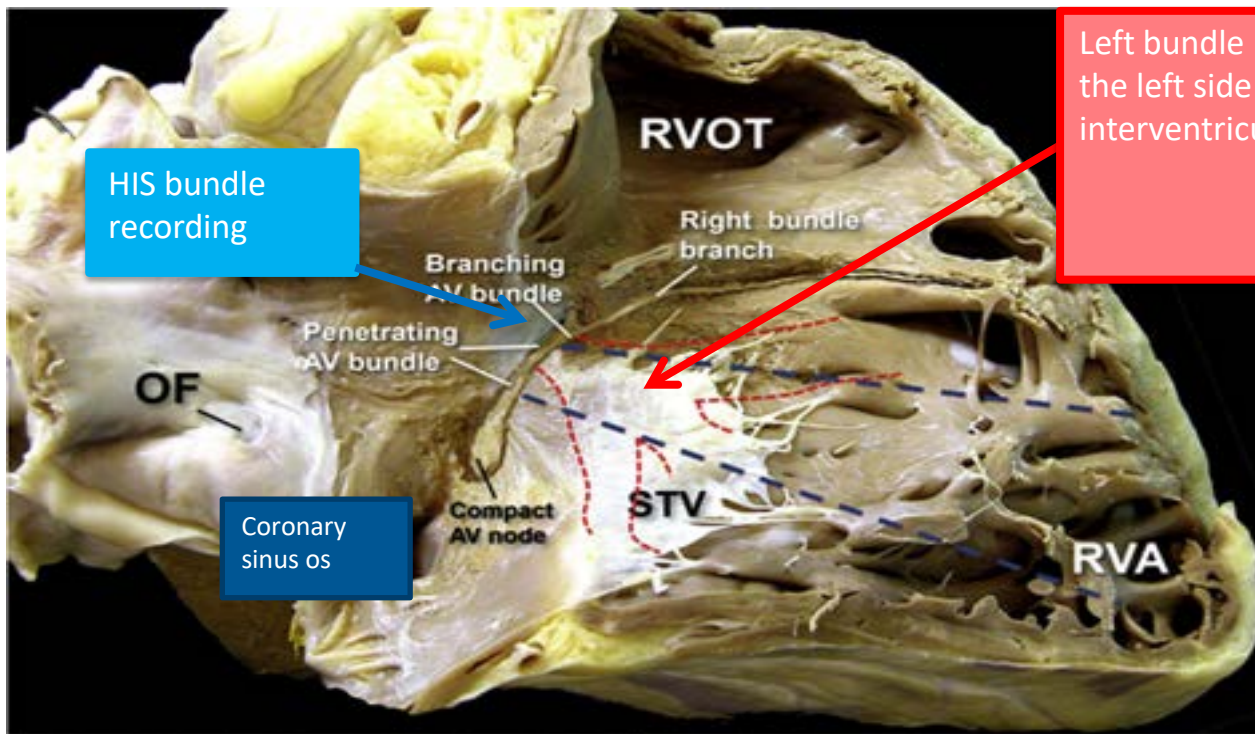
Patients may benefit from CRT  
No potential benefit from conduction system pacing

## Left Bundle Branch Pacing: 1<sup>st</sup> case report in 2017

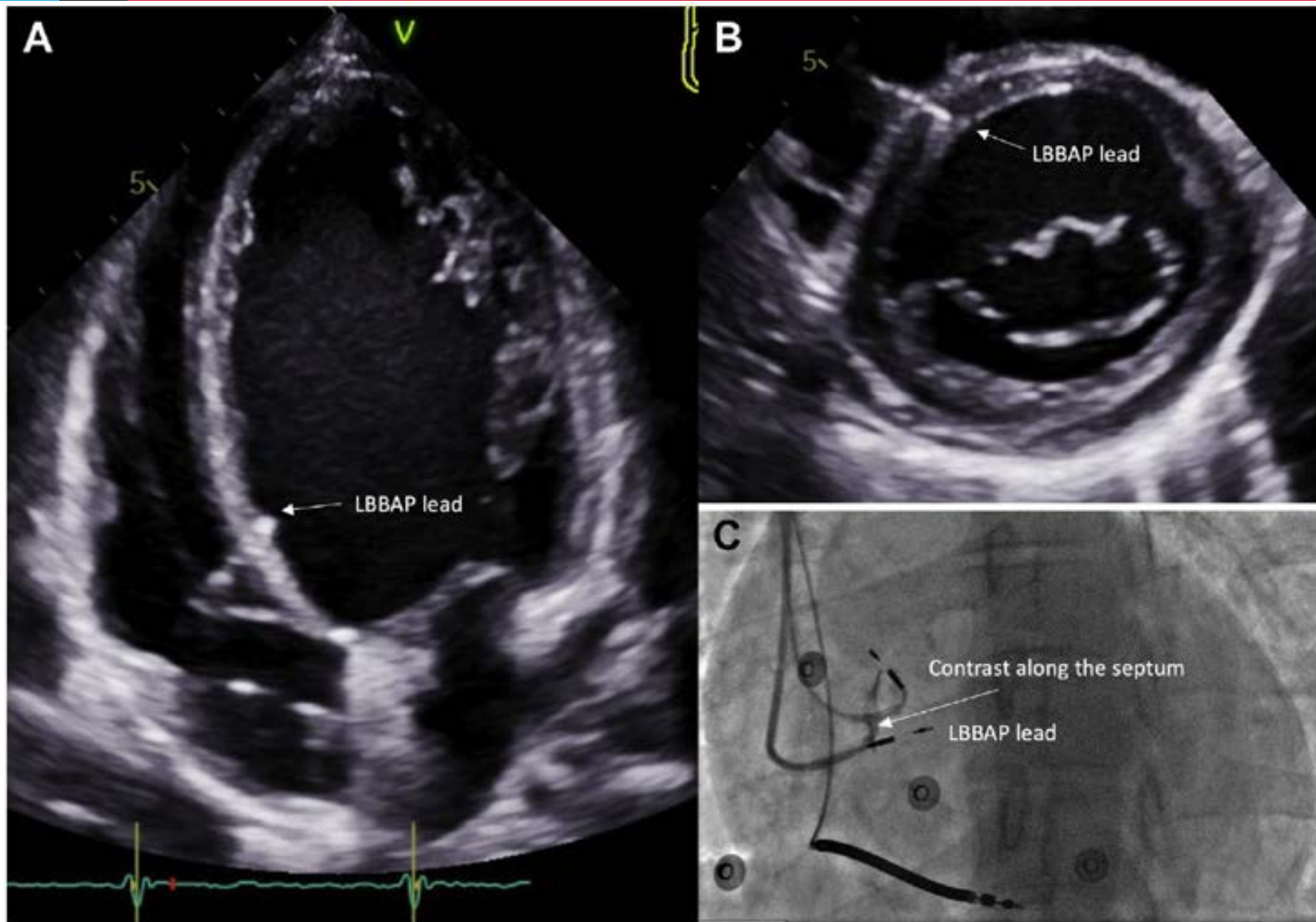


### What about HIS Bundle Pacing?

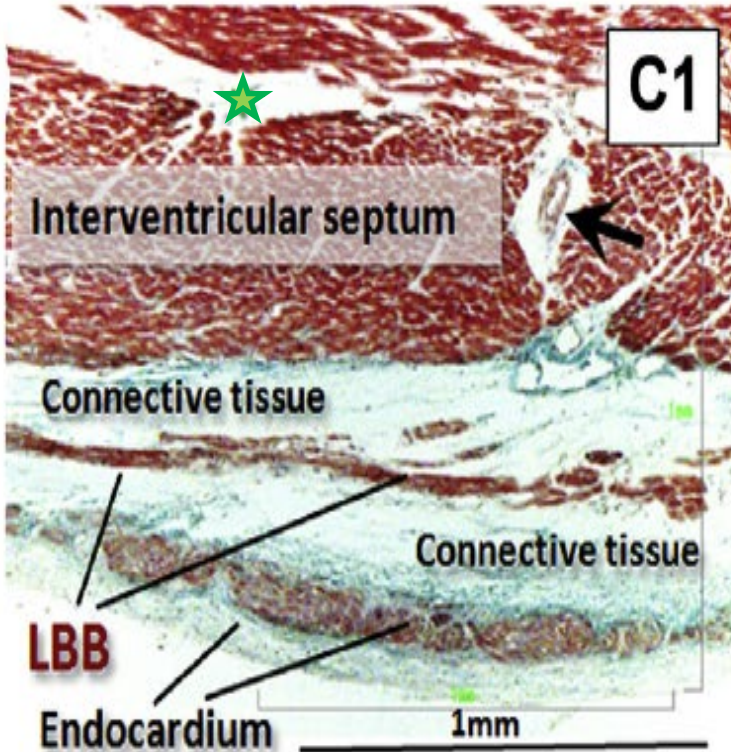
- Still being performed in highly experienced centers
- Concern for development of block distal to the HIS pacing lead, increasing thresholds over time, frequent need for back-up RV apical pacing



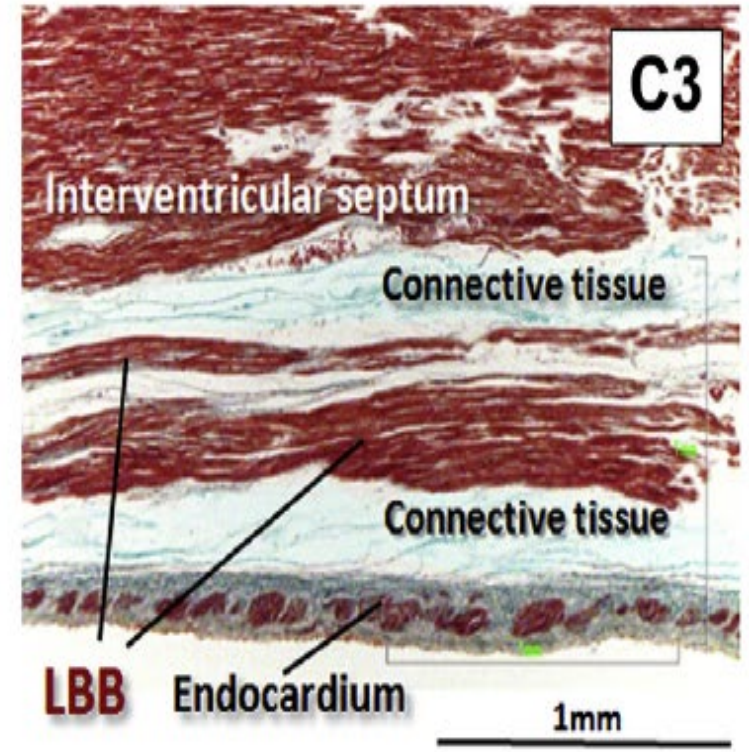
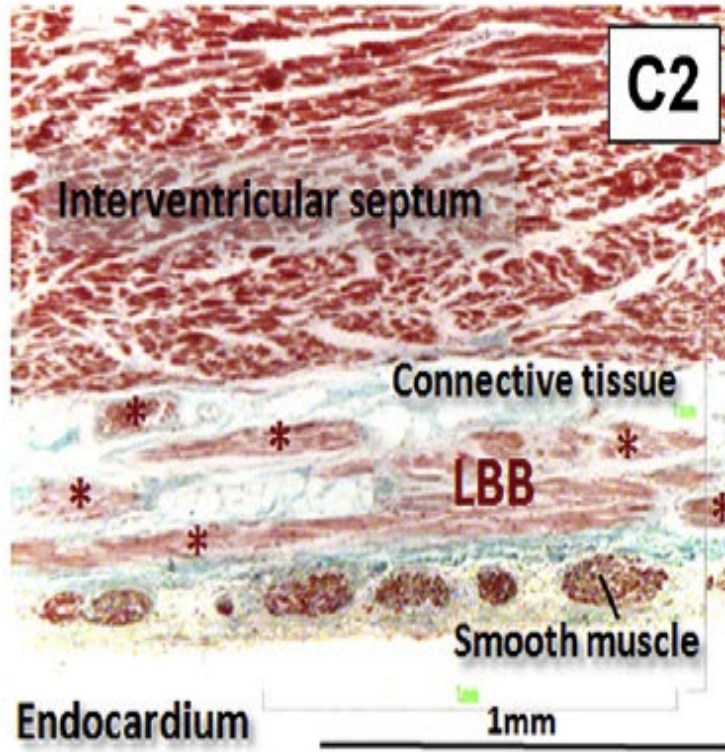
The relationship with a His pacing lead: Left bundle pacing lead is typically 1-1.5mm further distally along the septum



The thickness of the LBB is highly variable = variability in 'implant success'



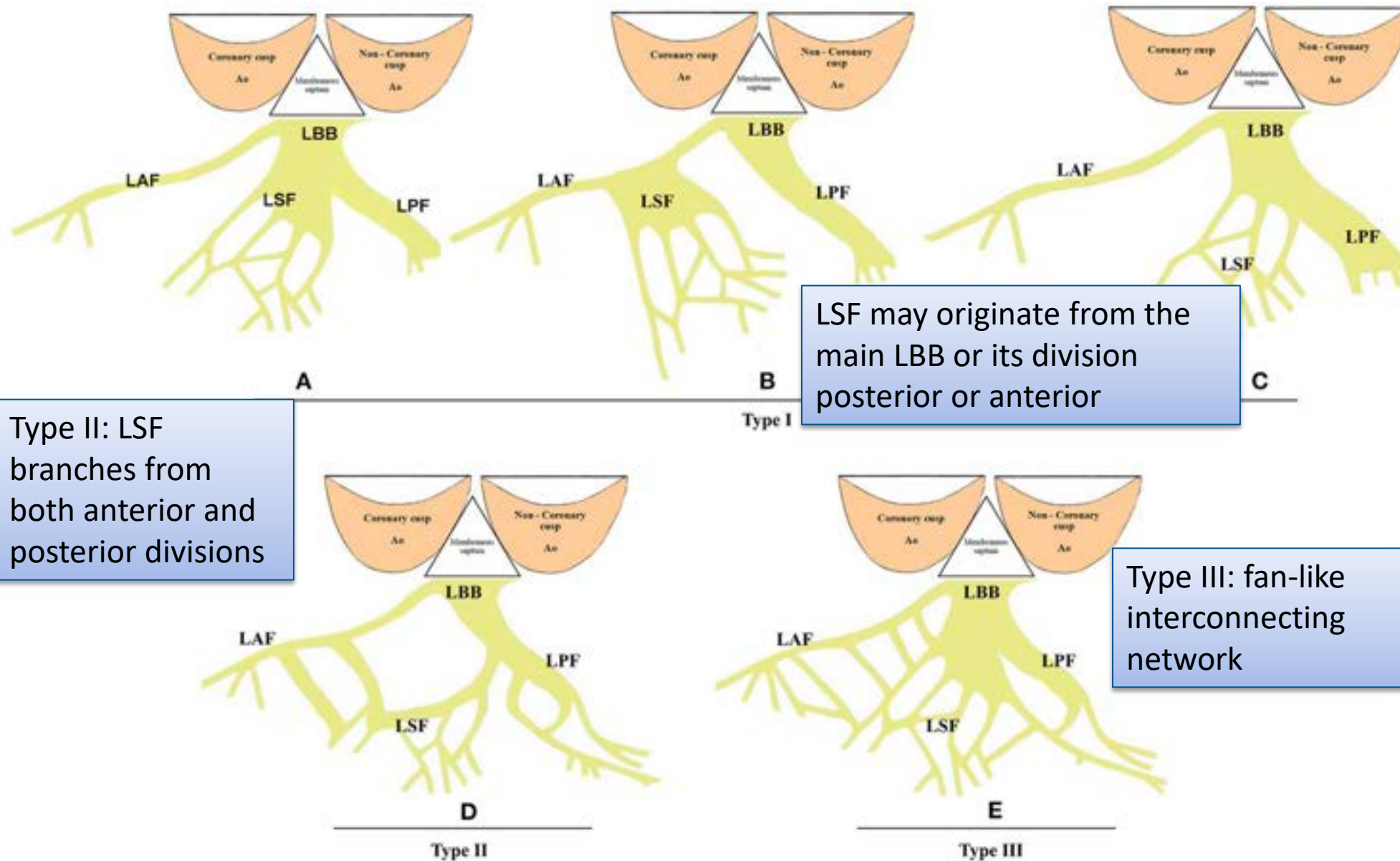
C1: very small LBB



C3: very large LBB

Endocardium has smooth muscle cells in its thickness and surrounding the LBB there is connective tissue of variable thickness.

Green star in C1= fibrous tissue; black arrow = septal artery



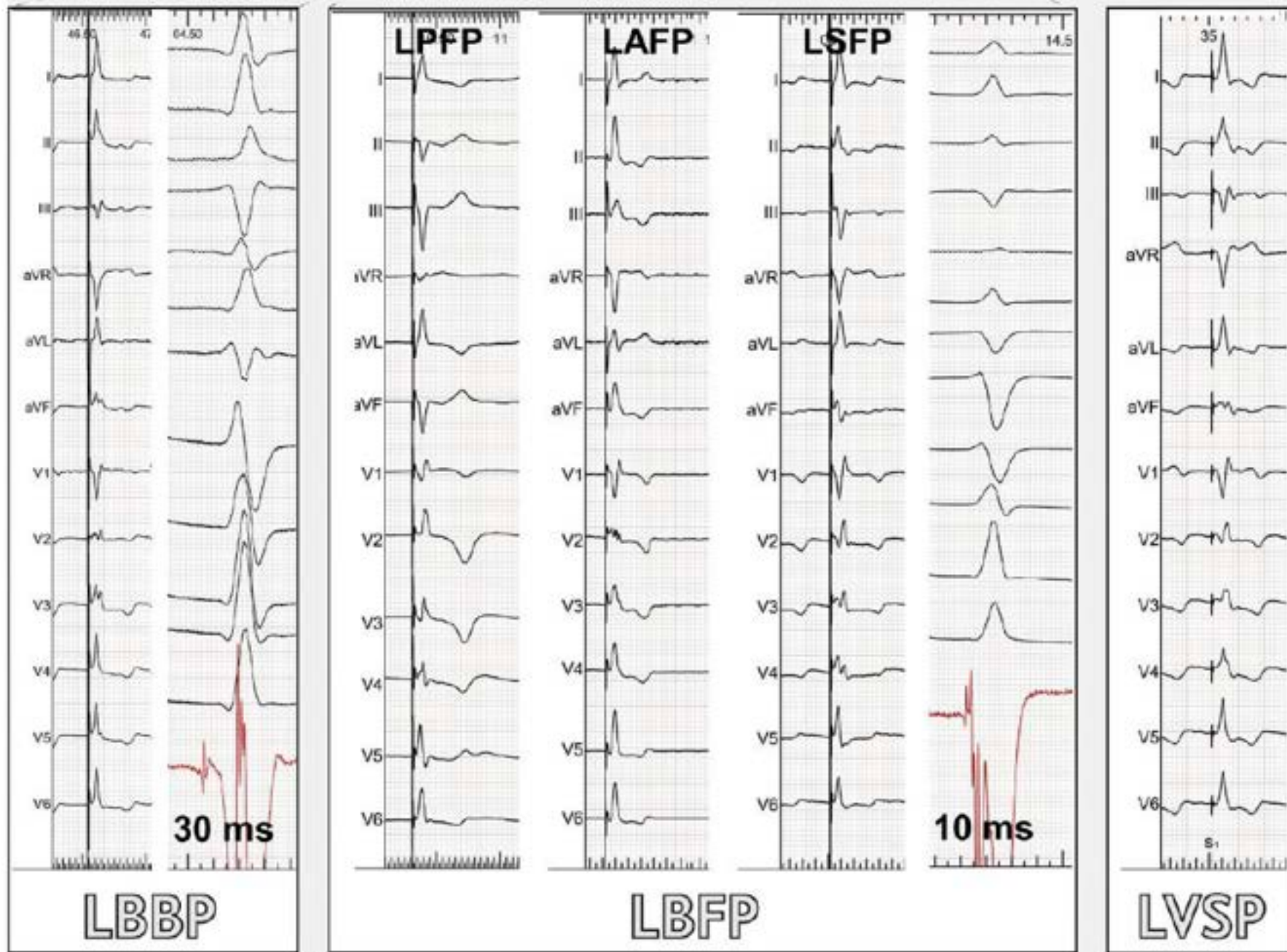
Description of the Left septal fascicle's anatomical variants in 20 normal human hearts

Type 1 = most common pattern showing definite septal division.

“The existence and importance of the Left septal fascicle cannot be ignored”

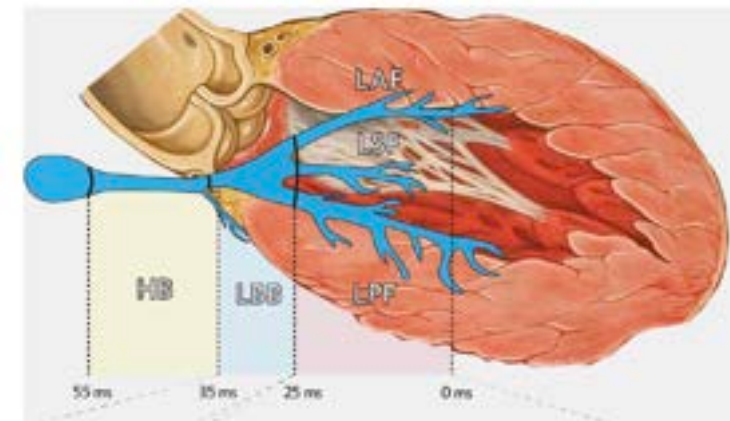
- Produce a network of interwoven strands covering the inferior third of the septum

**FIGURE 2 |** The anatomical variants of LSF. **(A–C)** The most common LSF pattern, known as type I. In this type, LSF may originate from the main LBB or any of its division (PD or AD). **(D)** Type II anatomical variants of LSF. The LSF branches concomitantly from the AD and PD. **(E)** In type III, LSF is a “fan-like interconnecting network.” LSF, left septal fascicle; LBB, left bundle branch; AD, anterior division; PD, posterior division.



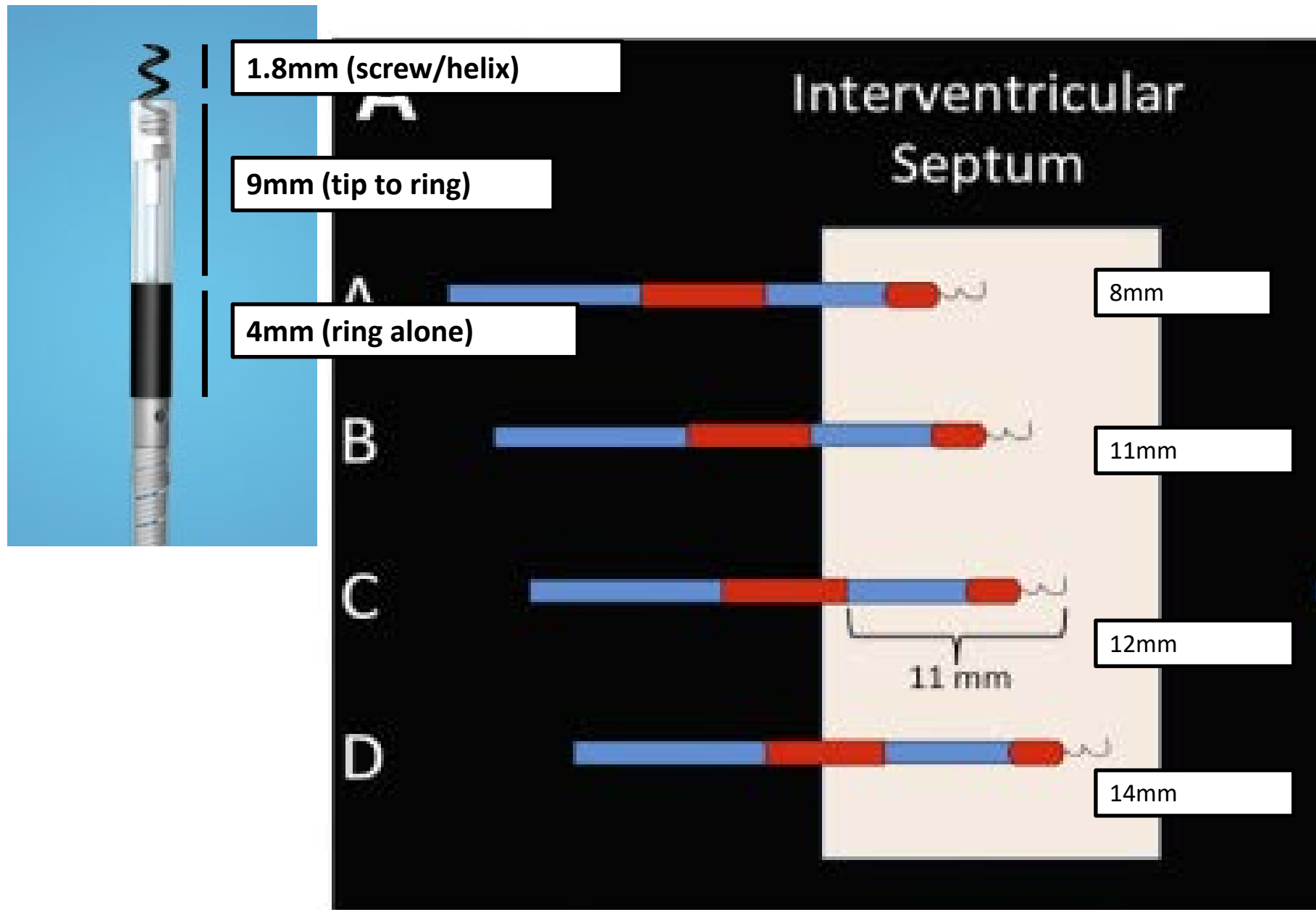
LB Fascicular pacing divides into:

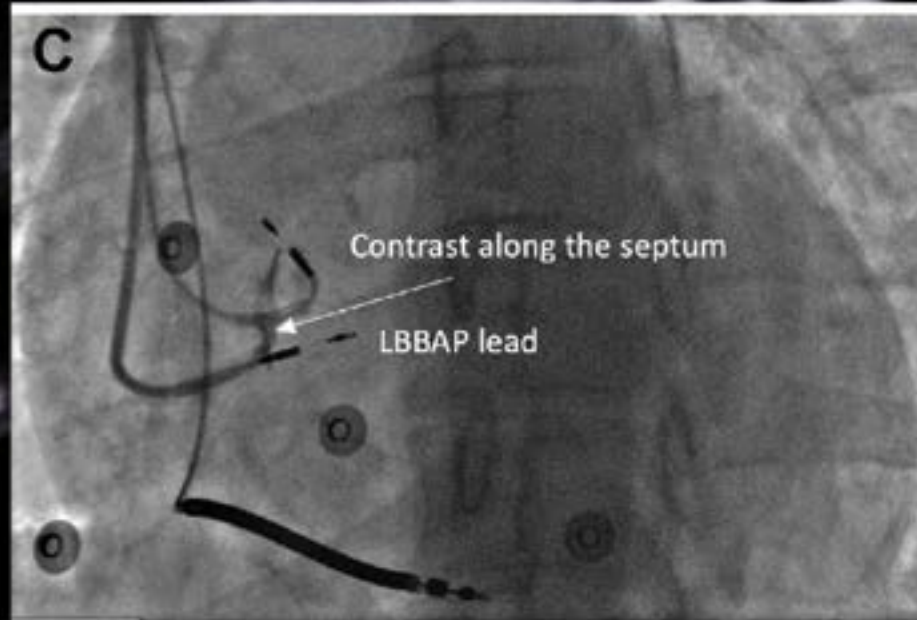
- I. **LPFP:** left posterior fascicle pacing: superior QRS axis (leads II and III mostly negative)
- II. **LAFP:** left anterior fascicle pacing: inferior QRS axis (leads II and III positive)
- III. **LSFP:** intermediate QRS axis (II mostly positive, III with negative component)

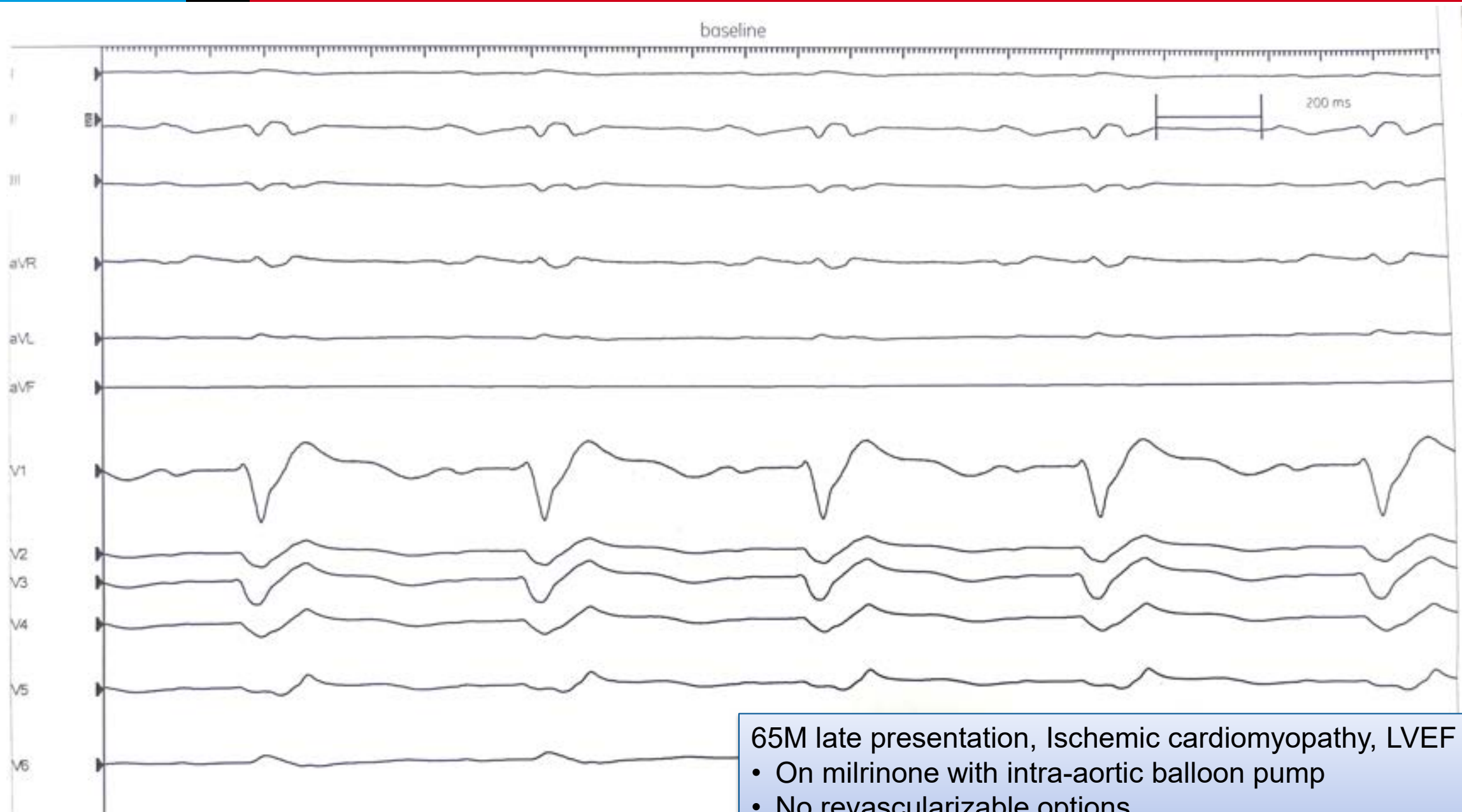


IMA 1/1 FRM 17

Veno 3  
cm 25  
A  
kV 87  
mA 588  
D 1186  
LAO 24° / 0°

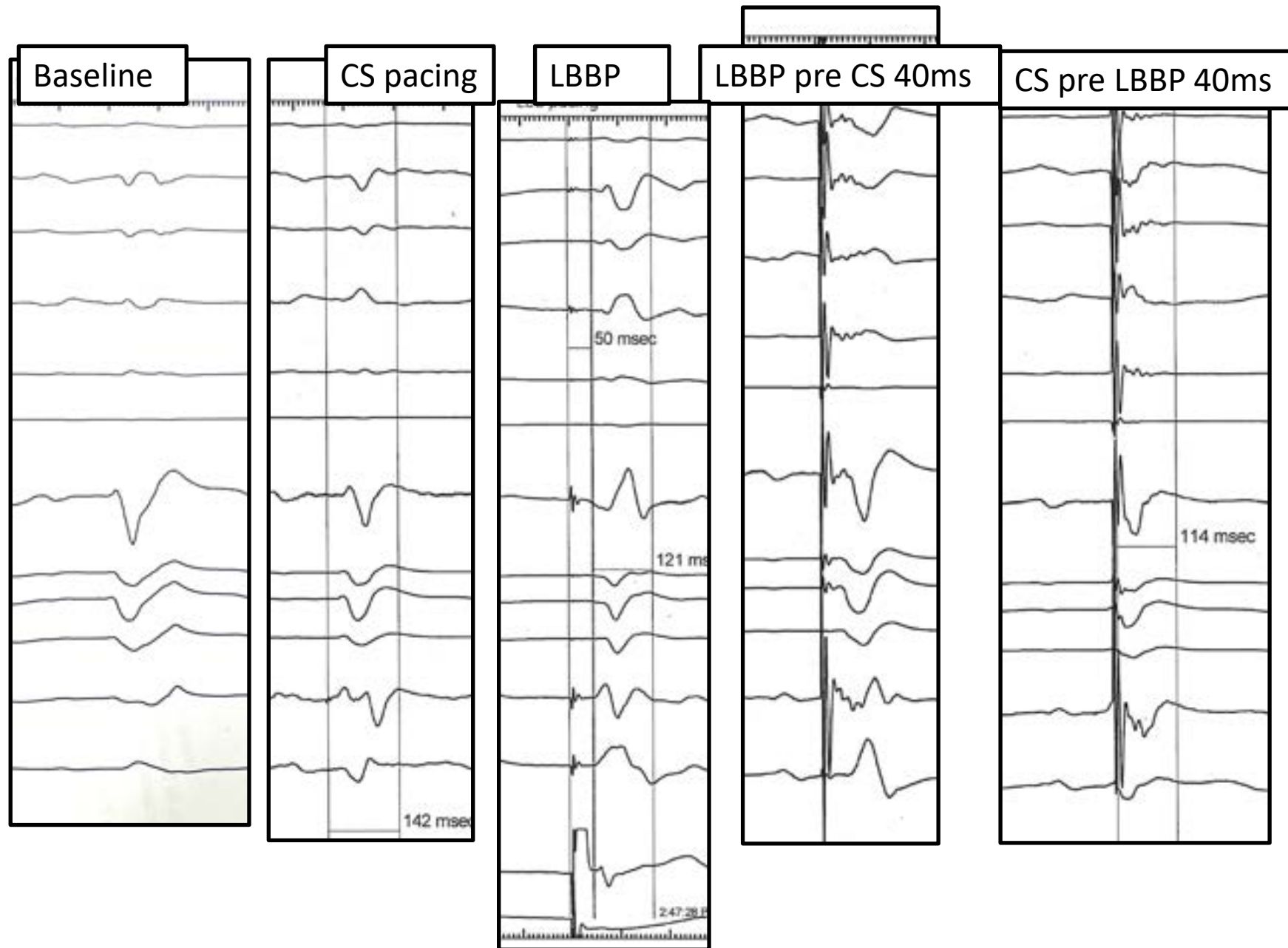


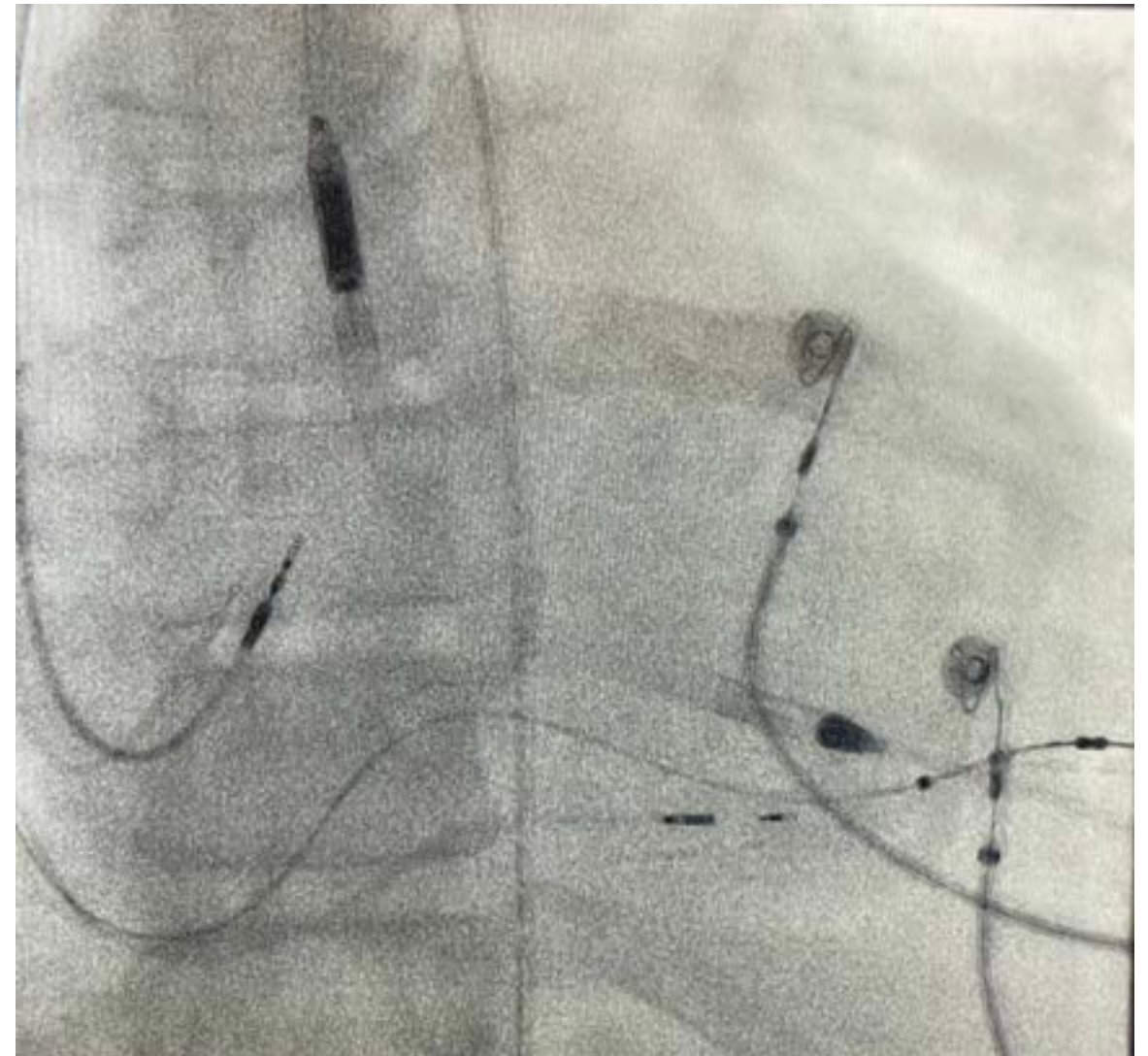
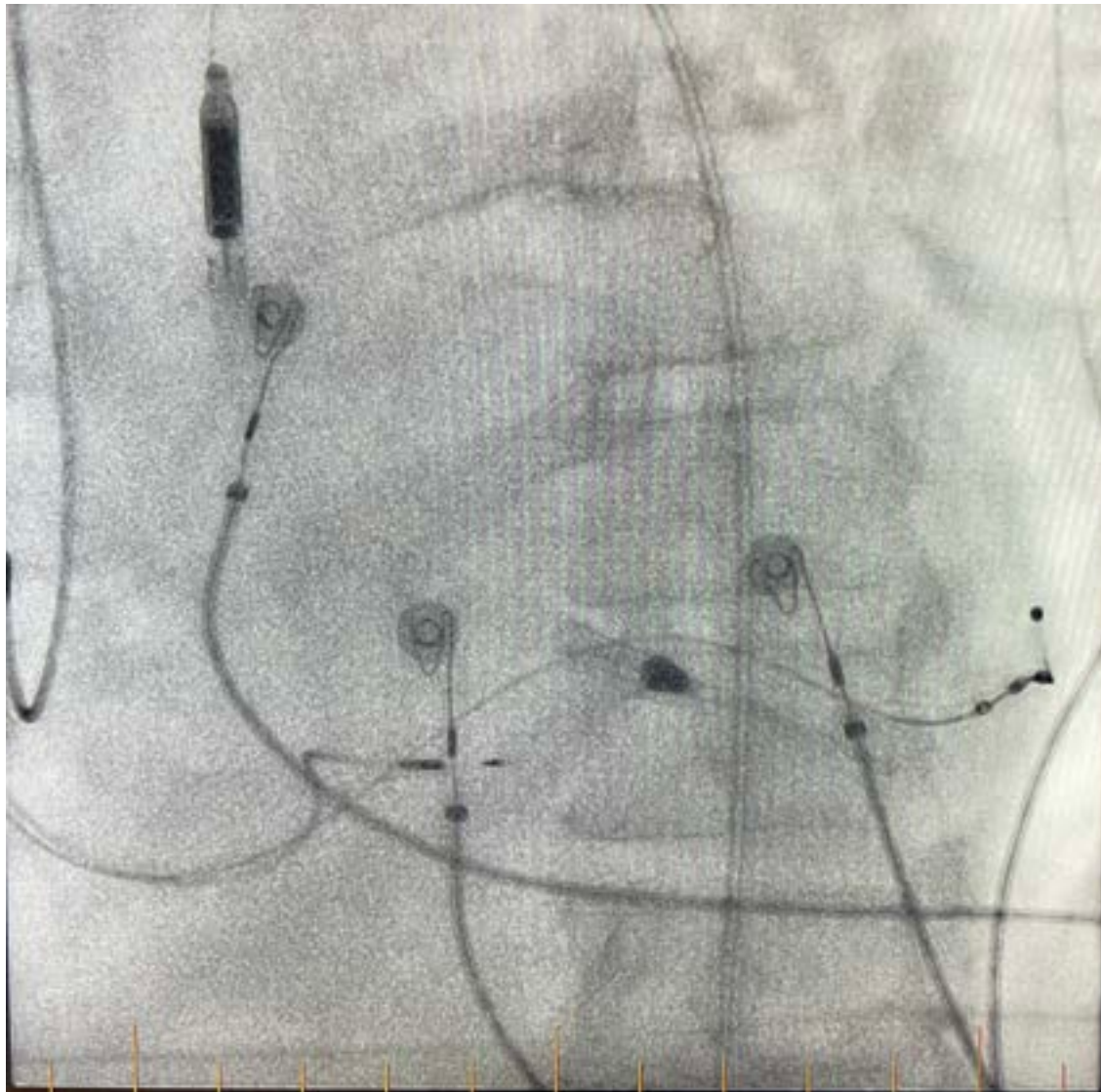




- 65M late presentation, Ischemic cardiomyopathy, LVEF 5%
- On milrinone with intra-aortic balloon pump
  - No revascularizable options
  - Refusing ventricular assist device/transplant







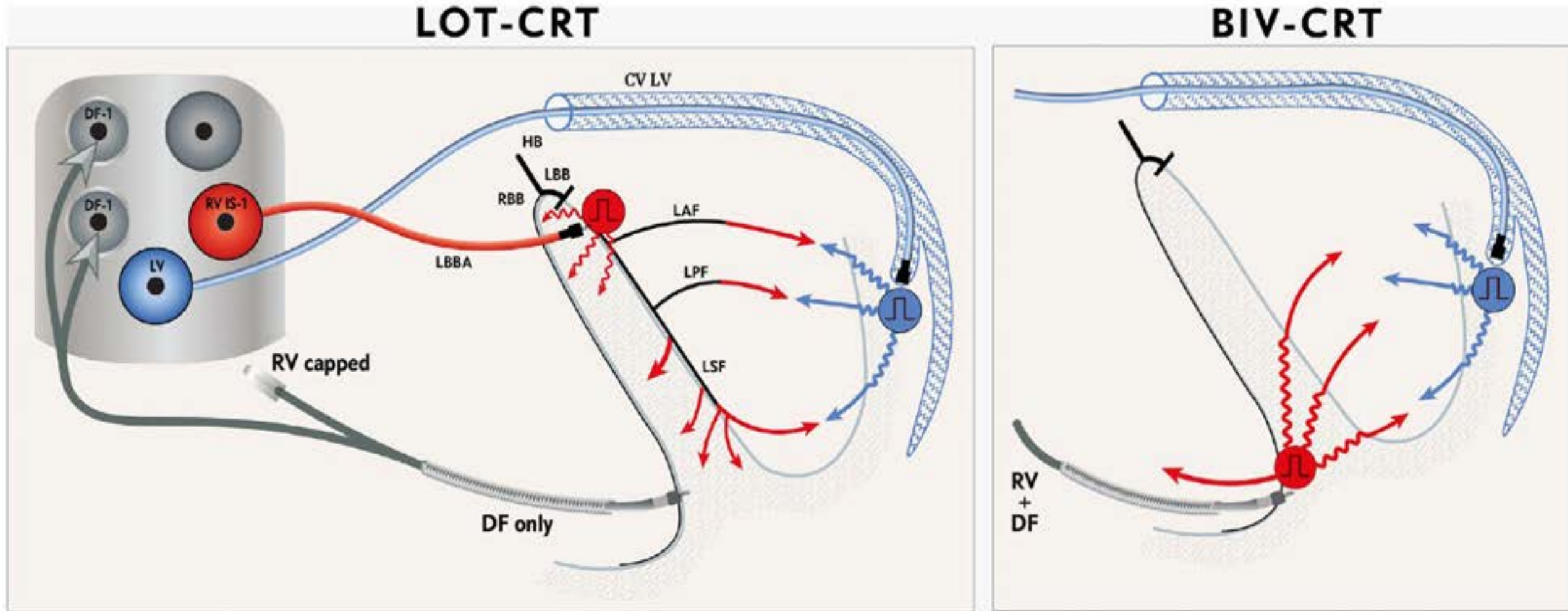


Final: CS pre RV (LBBP) 40ms

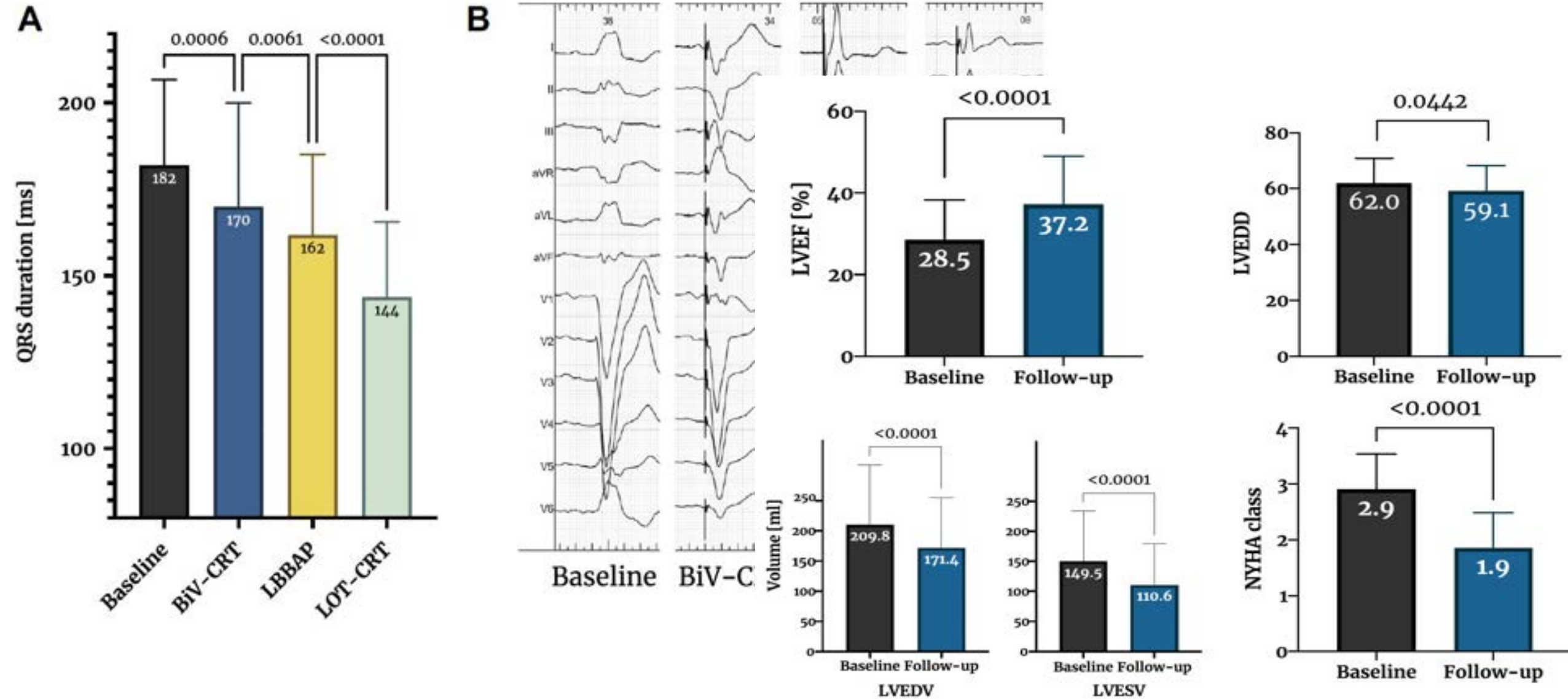
1000 ms

Intra-aortic balloon pump removed the following day, milrinone weaned off

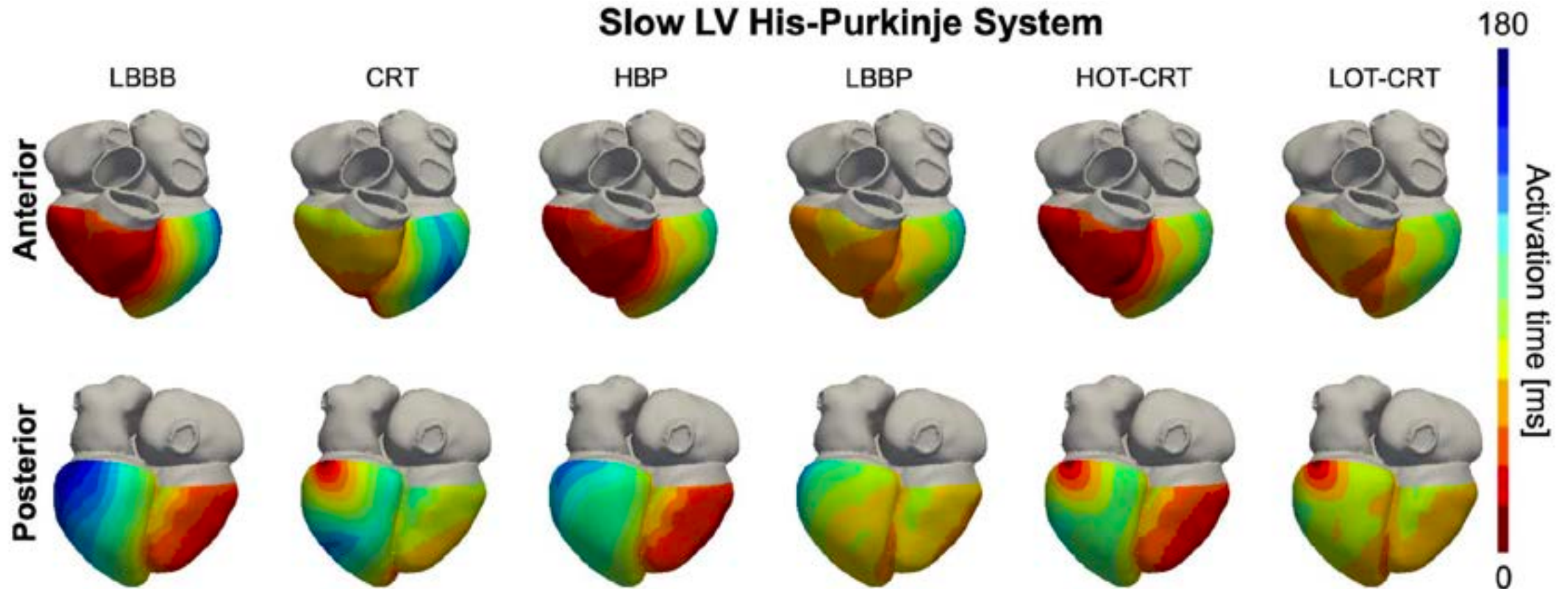
# Left bundle branch optimized CRT



# Left bundle branch pacing optimized CRT (LOT-CRT)



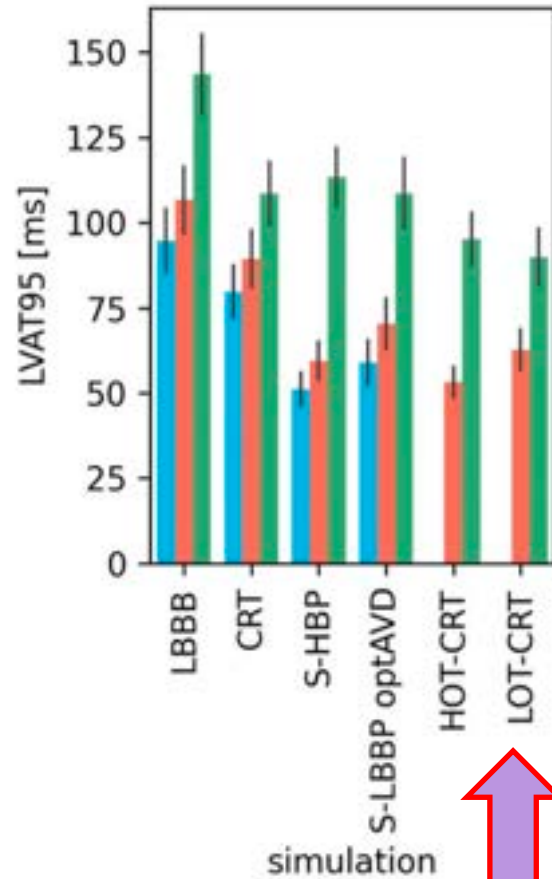
- Ventricular Electrical Activation Simulations generated from HF patients
- Diffuse conduction disease, septal scar, and lateral scar were simulated
  - Electrical synchrony was measured during pacing with varying modalities



# LVAT95

CRT or combination CRT + CSP able to achieve shortest activation time

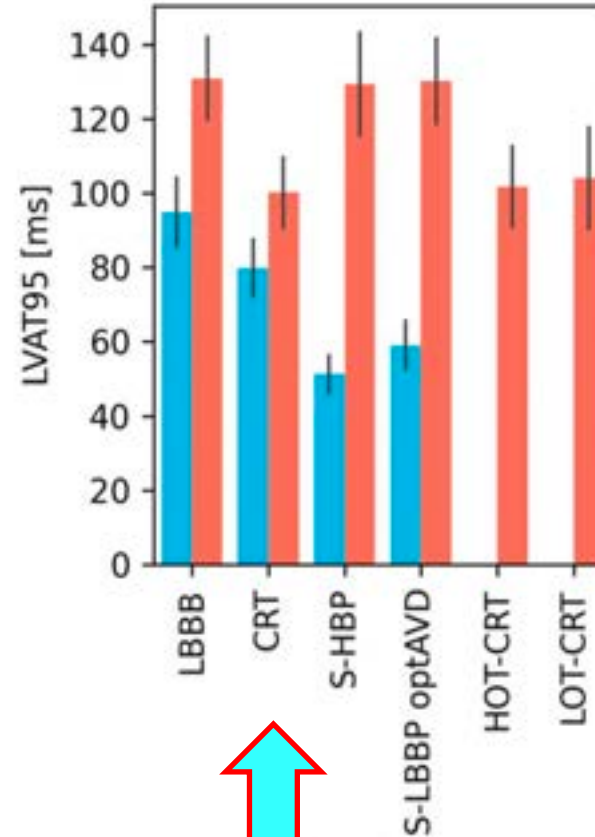
His Purkinje Disease



■ Normal His-Purkinje System  
■ Mild LV His-Purkinje Conduction Slowing  
■ Severe LV His-Purkinje Conduction Slowing

CRT achieves shortest LV activation

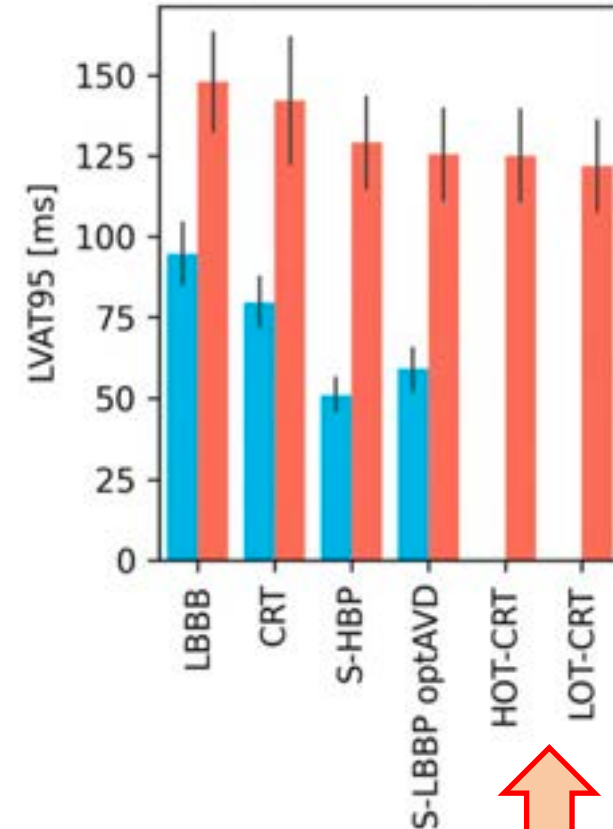
Septal Scar



■ Normal His-Purkinje System  
■ Septal scar

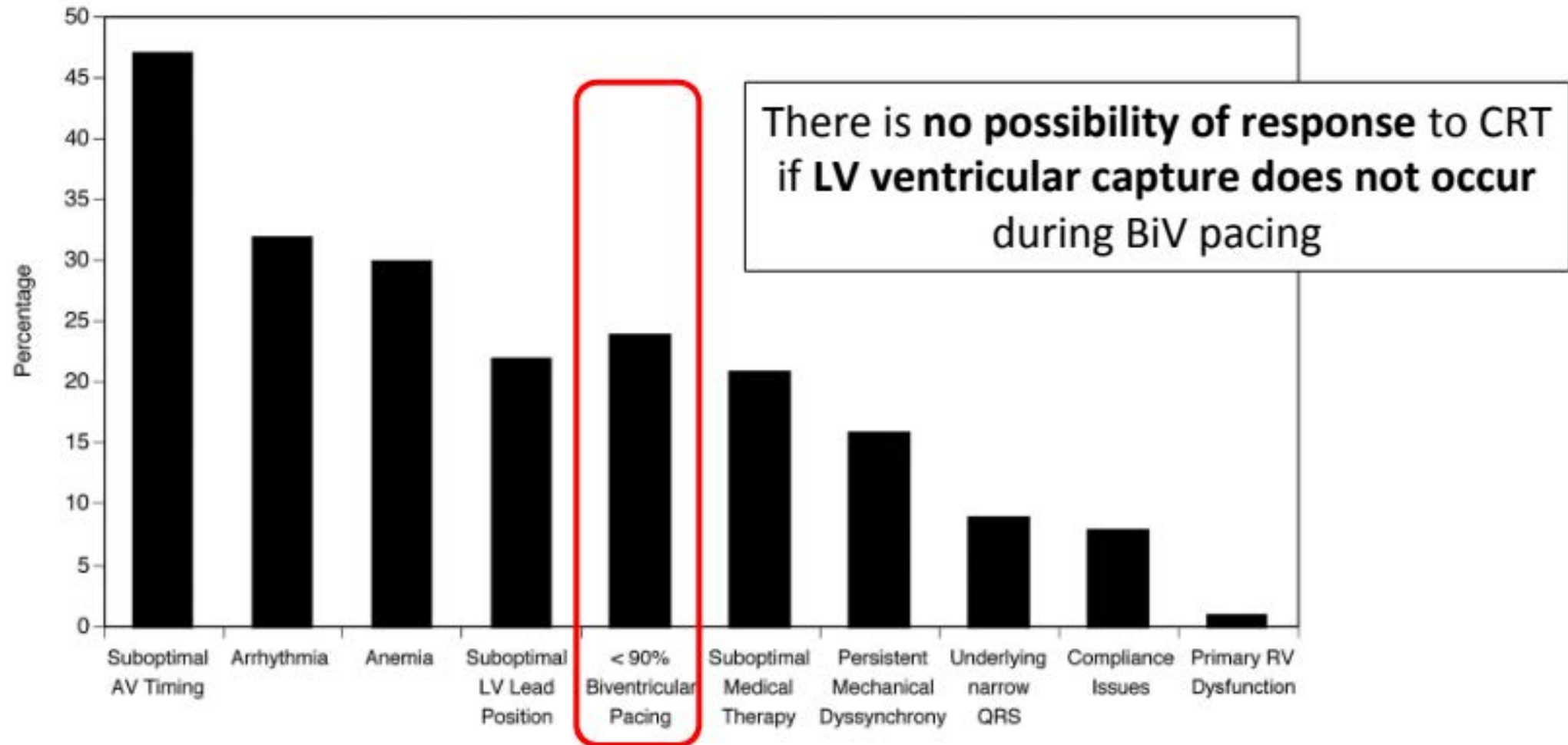
CSP achieves shortest LV activation

Lateral Scar



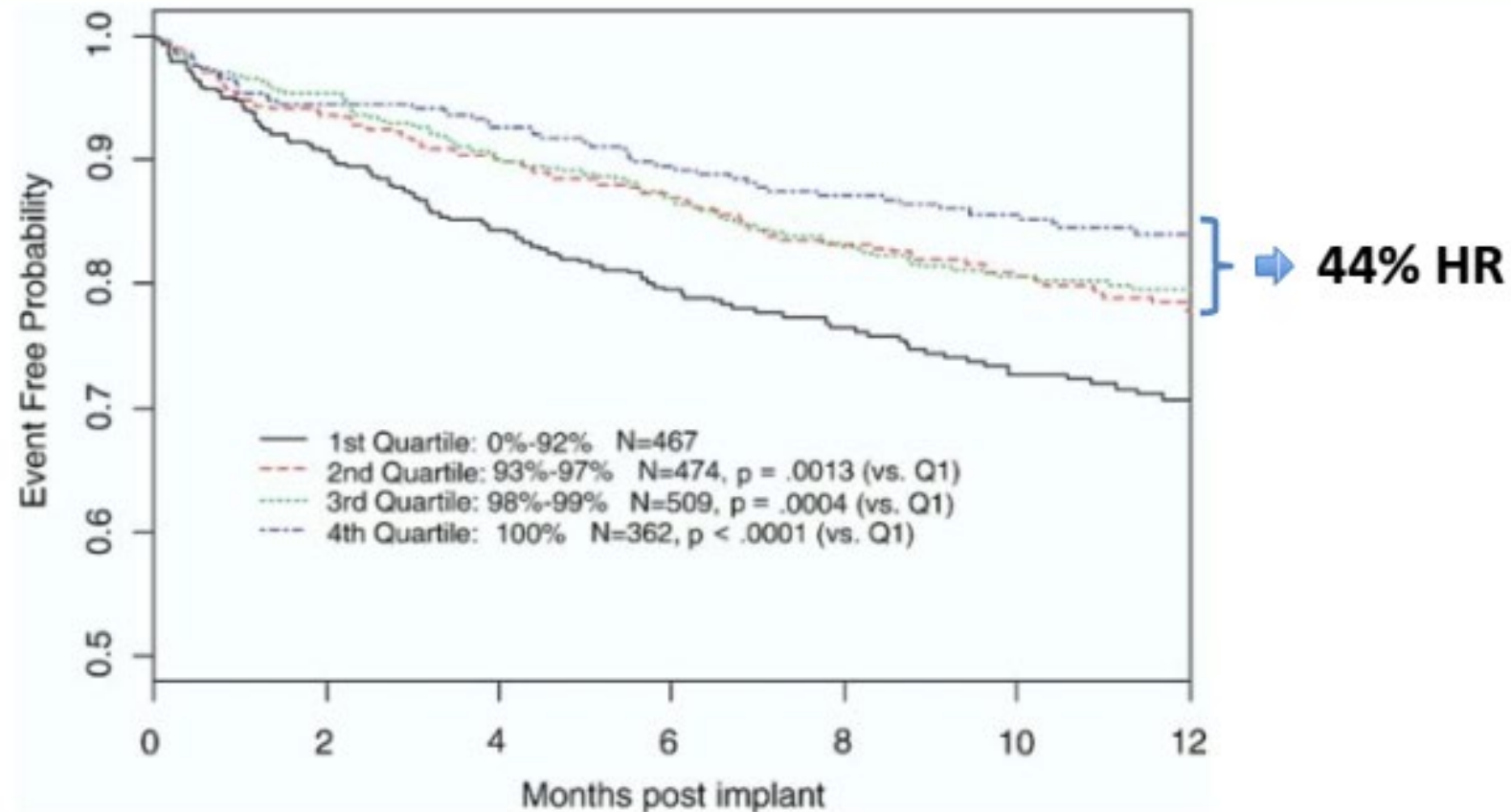
■ Normal His-Purkinje System  
■ LV lateral wall scar

## MAGNITUDE OF RESPONSE TO CRT



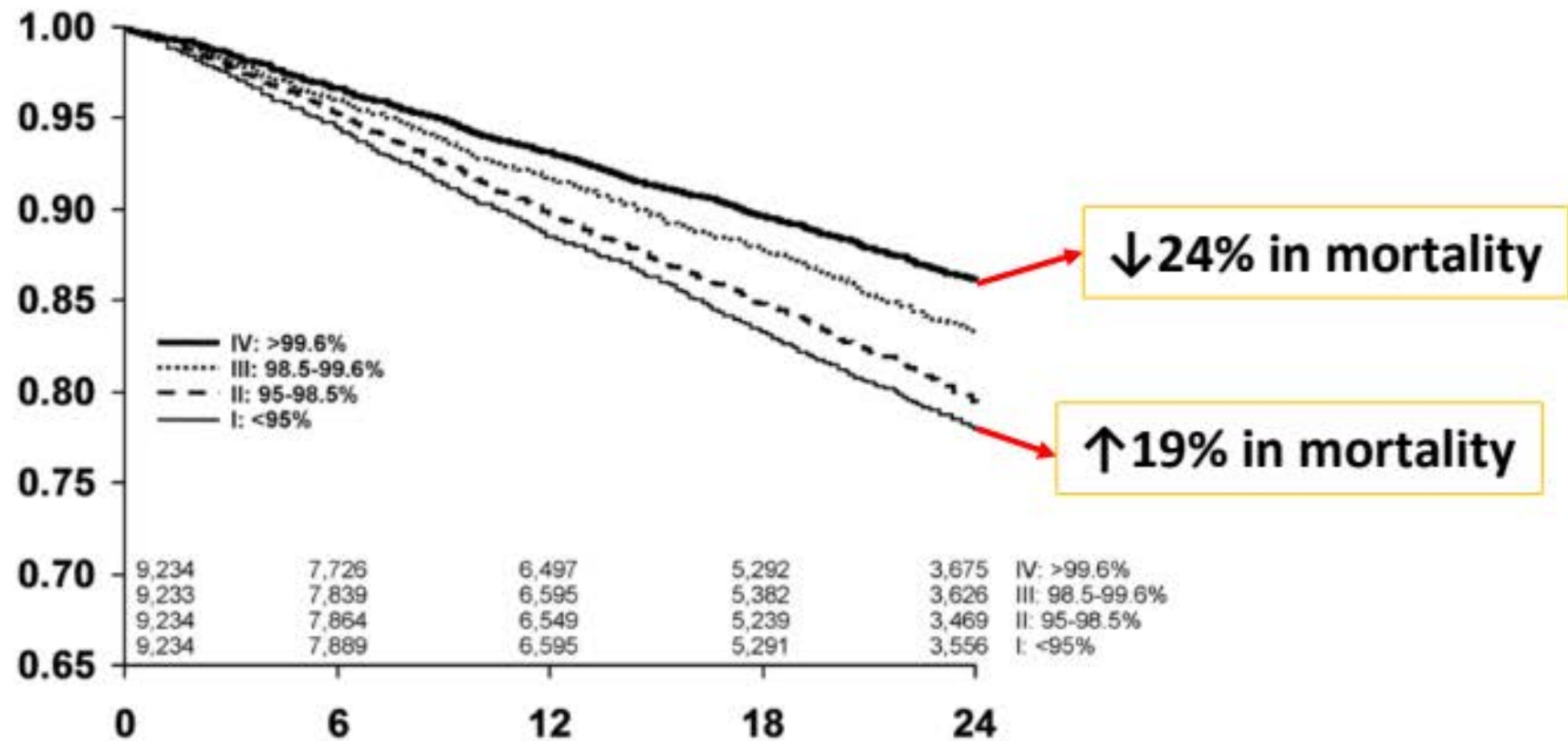
## IMPACT OF VENTRICULAR PACING

- Small **decreases in CRT pacing** have a significant impact on **long term outcomes**:



## IMPACT OF VENTRICULAR PACING

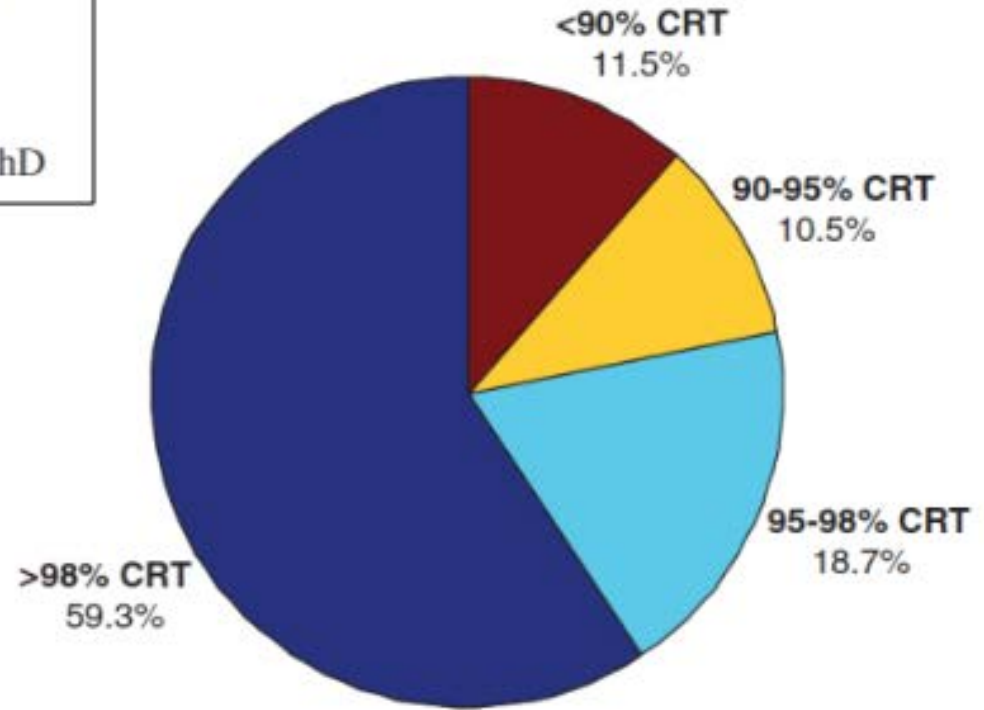
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## Reasons for Loss of Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy Pacing Insights From 32844 Patients

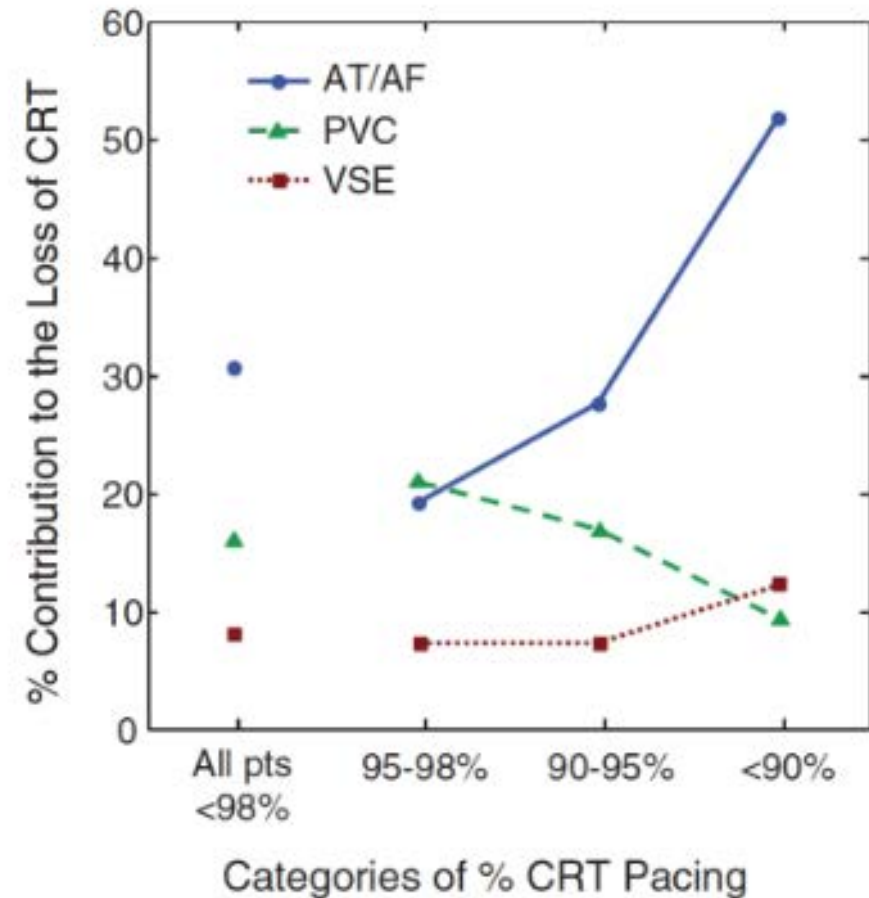
Alan Cheng, MD; Sean R. Landman, MS; Robert W. Stadler, PhD

- In 80.768 patients,
- 40.7% <98% CRT pacing.
- Evaluated **sensed events**.

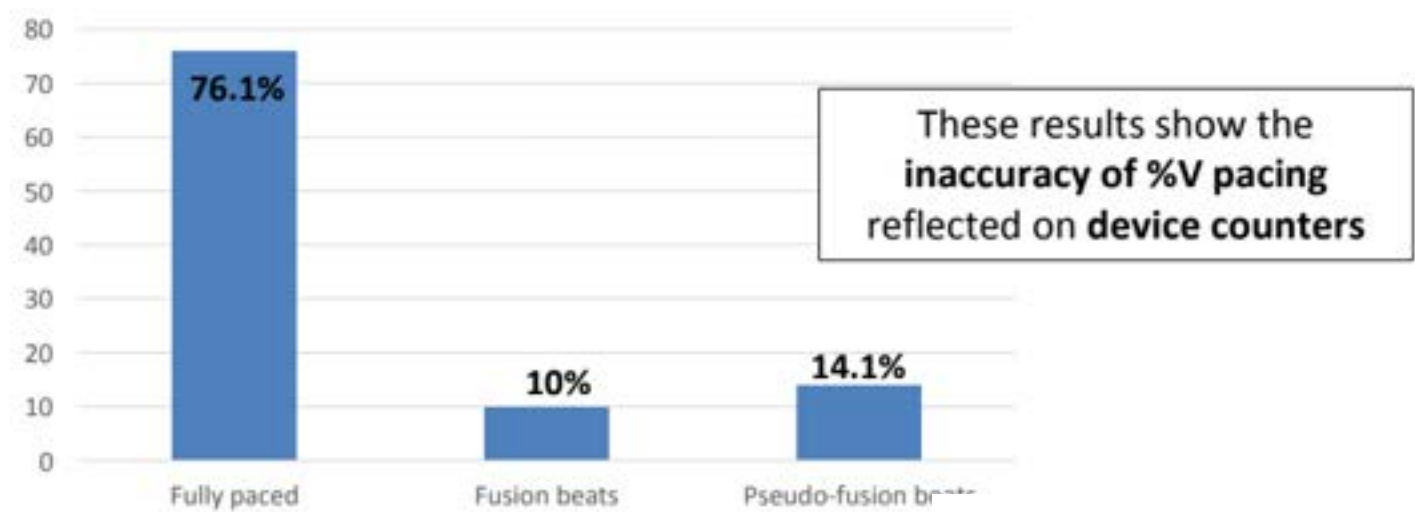


## - Reasons to loss CRT pacing:

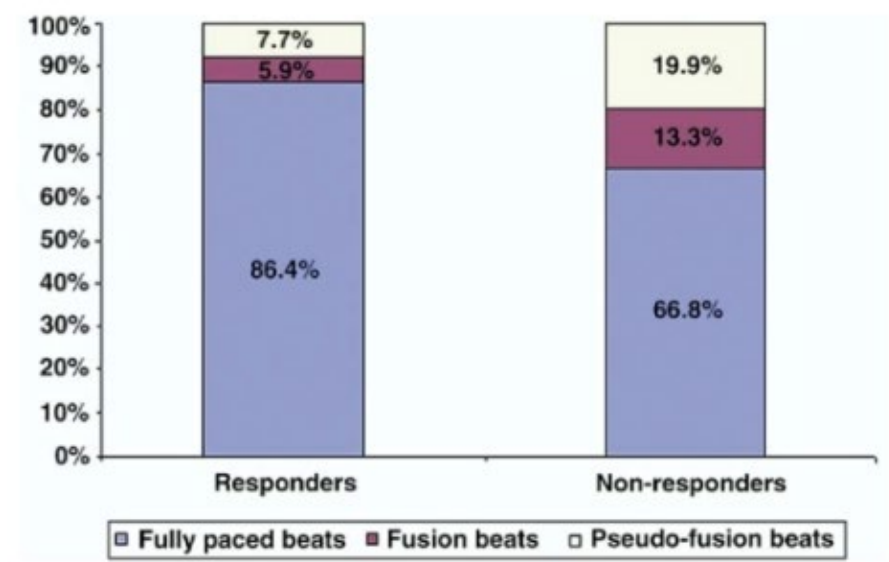
- AT/AF accounted for the largest % of lost CRT.
- An important reason was an inappropriate programming of SAV/PAV interval.
- Another important reason was PVC.



- Patients with a high degree of BiV pacing (device counters):  $95.4 \pm 3.2\%$ .



- Impact of ineffective capture on clinical response:



## -2013 ESC Guidelines:

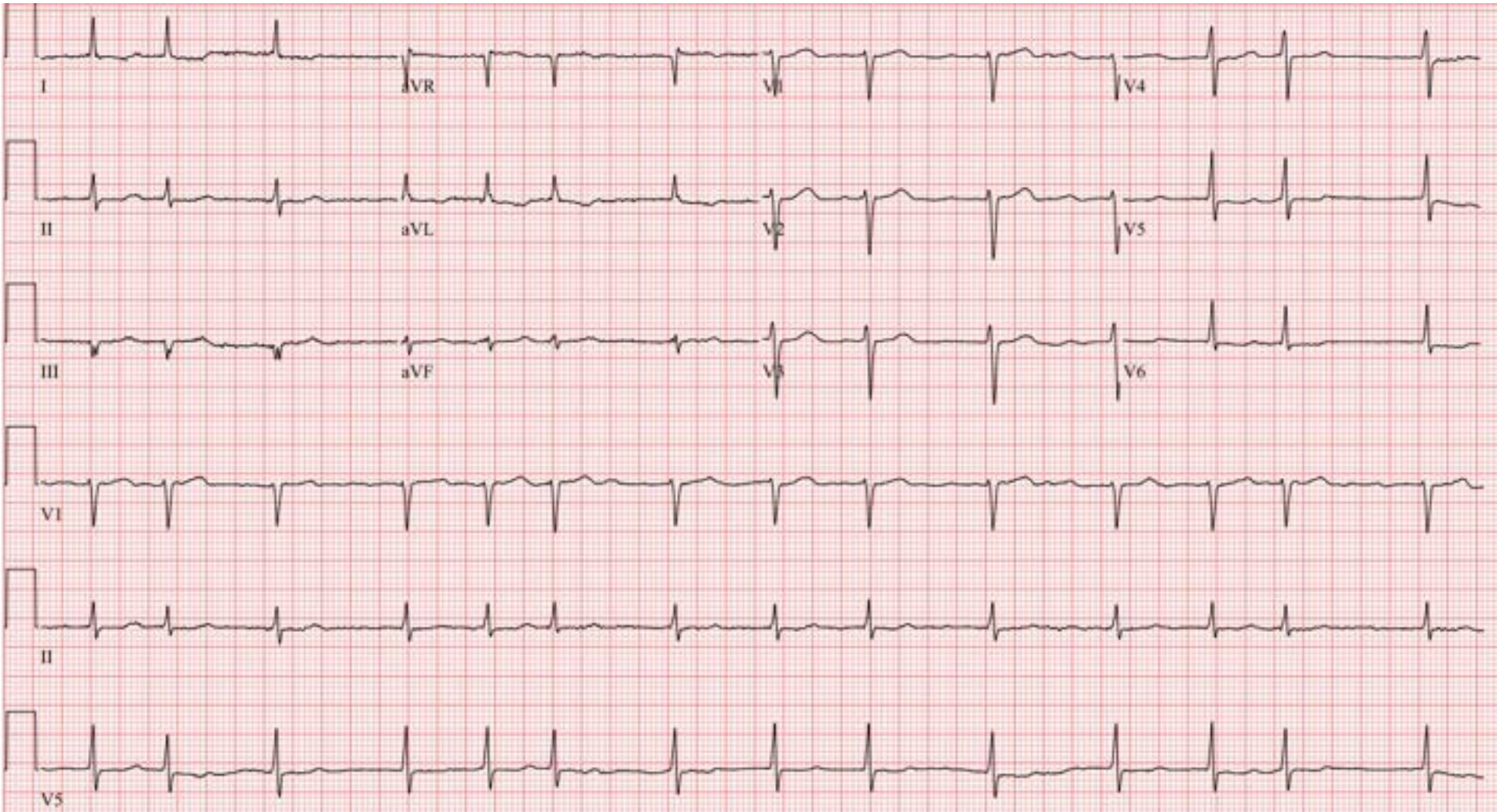
**1** A major determinant of the success of CRT is the effective delivery of biventricular pacing. Data from large registries showed that a high percentage of biventricular pacing ( $\geq 99\%$ ) was a prerequisite for successful CRT pacing and that AF was a major determinant of loss of biventricular pacing (see also section 3.2.2).<sup>67–69</sup>

Failure of CRT was associated with new-onset AF during follow-up.<sup>w151,w152</sup> A particular aspect of AF patients is that AF with fast ventricular rate and irregularity may interfere with adequate biventricular pacing delivery. Competing AF rhythm—by creating spontaneous, fusion or pseudo-fusion beats—may reduce the rate of real biventricular capture. A careful analysis of the surface ECG is mandatory and in some cases a Holter recording could be useful, to assess the completeness of biventricular capture and to exclude pseudo-fusion, which the device algorithms might register as paced beats.<sup>96</sup> In most AF patients with intact AV

## HOW TO ASSESS EFFECTIVE BiV PACING?

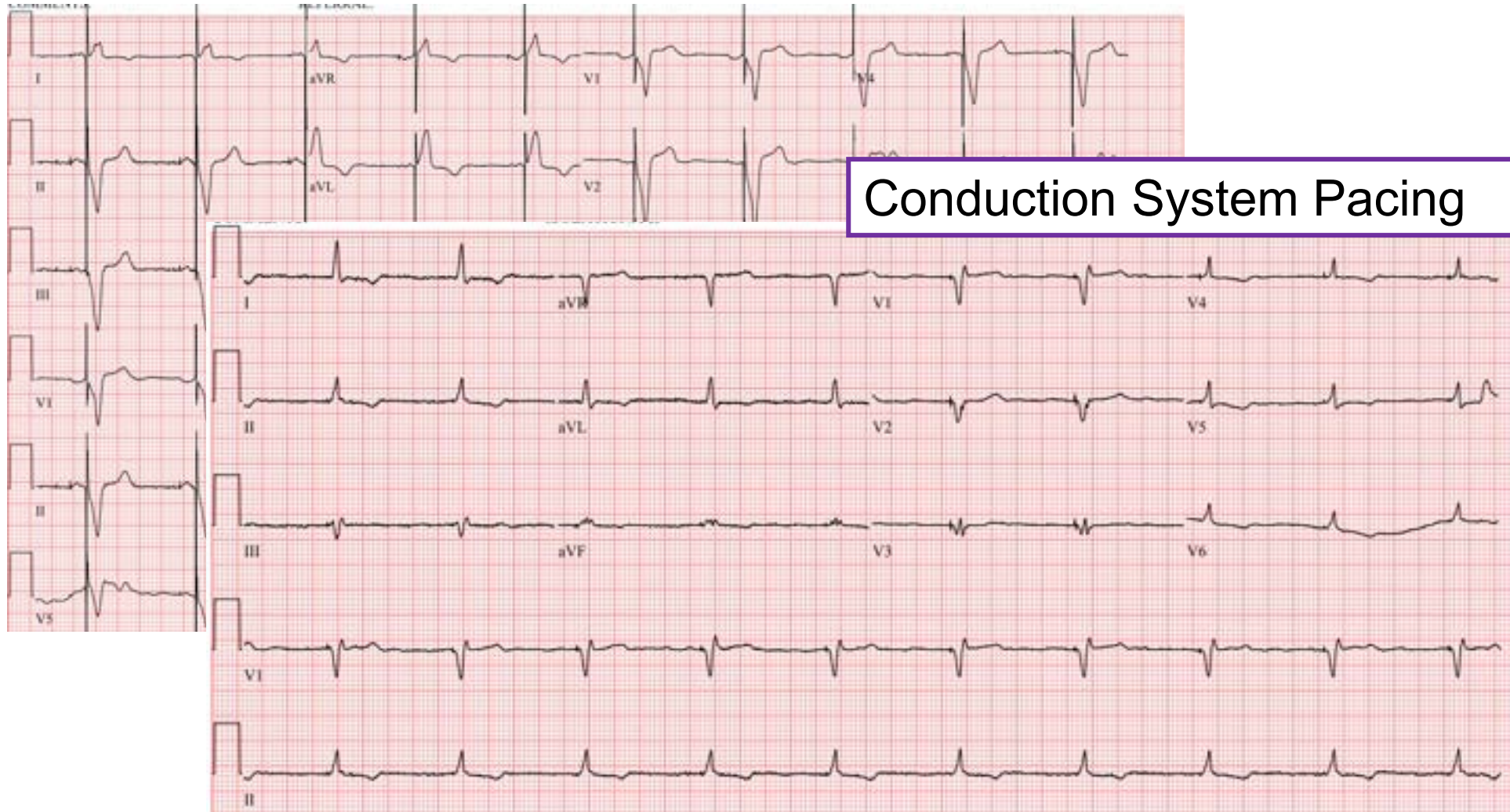
1. A high % of BiV pacing **does not confirm** effective LV pacing.
2. Reasons for **ineffective LV pacing** are:
  - i. **Loss of LV capture.**
  - ii. **Pseudo-Fusion:** AVI too long or effective pacing is prevented by intrinsic AV conduction (atrial fibrillation).
3. To confirm effective pacing: **surface ECG.**

80F Pre-op TAVI. Severely enlarged LA with chronic AF. Severe TR, EF 45%

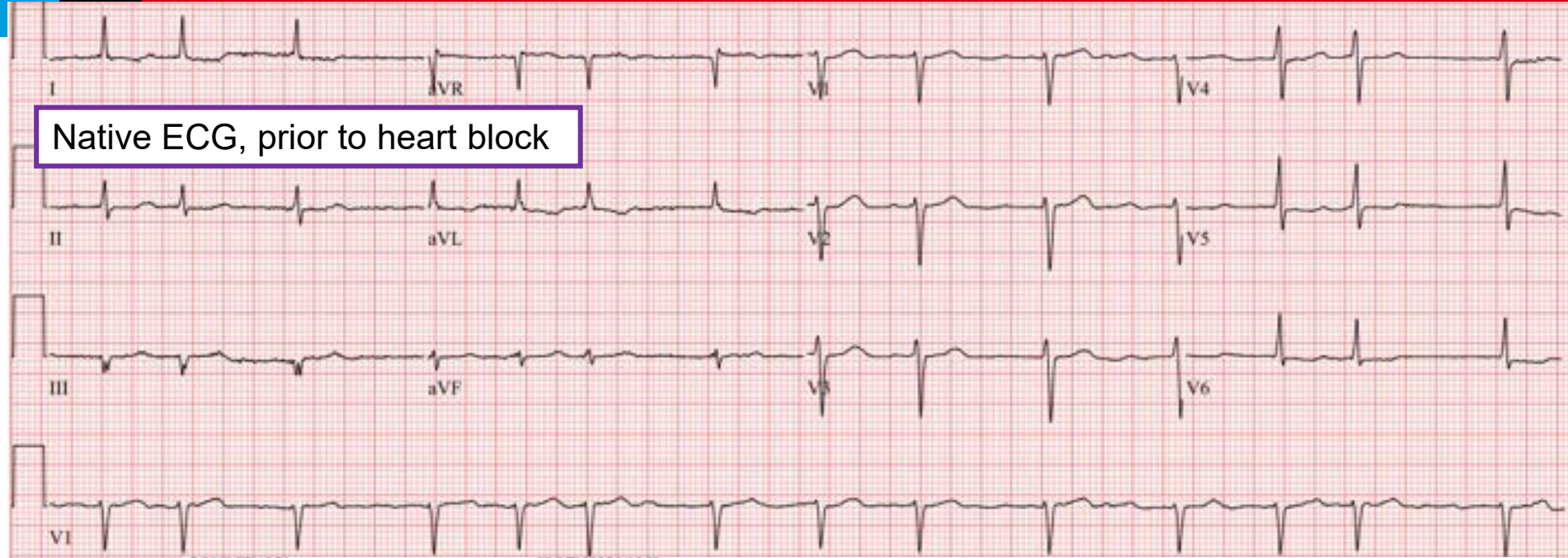


80F Post-op TAVI develops complete heart block, dependent on temporary pacing wire. What should we do now?

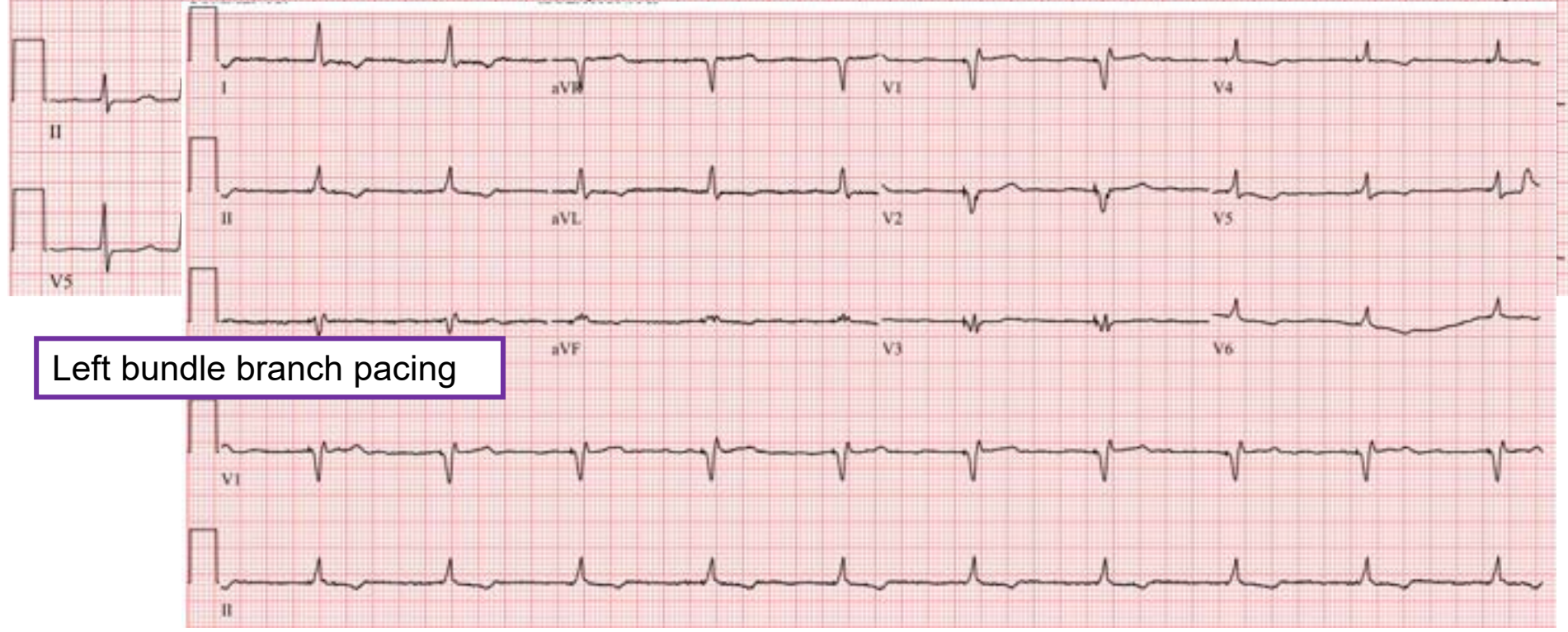
Standard RV pacing



Native ECG, prior to heart block

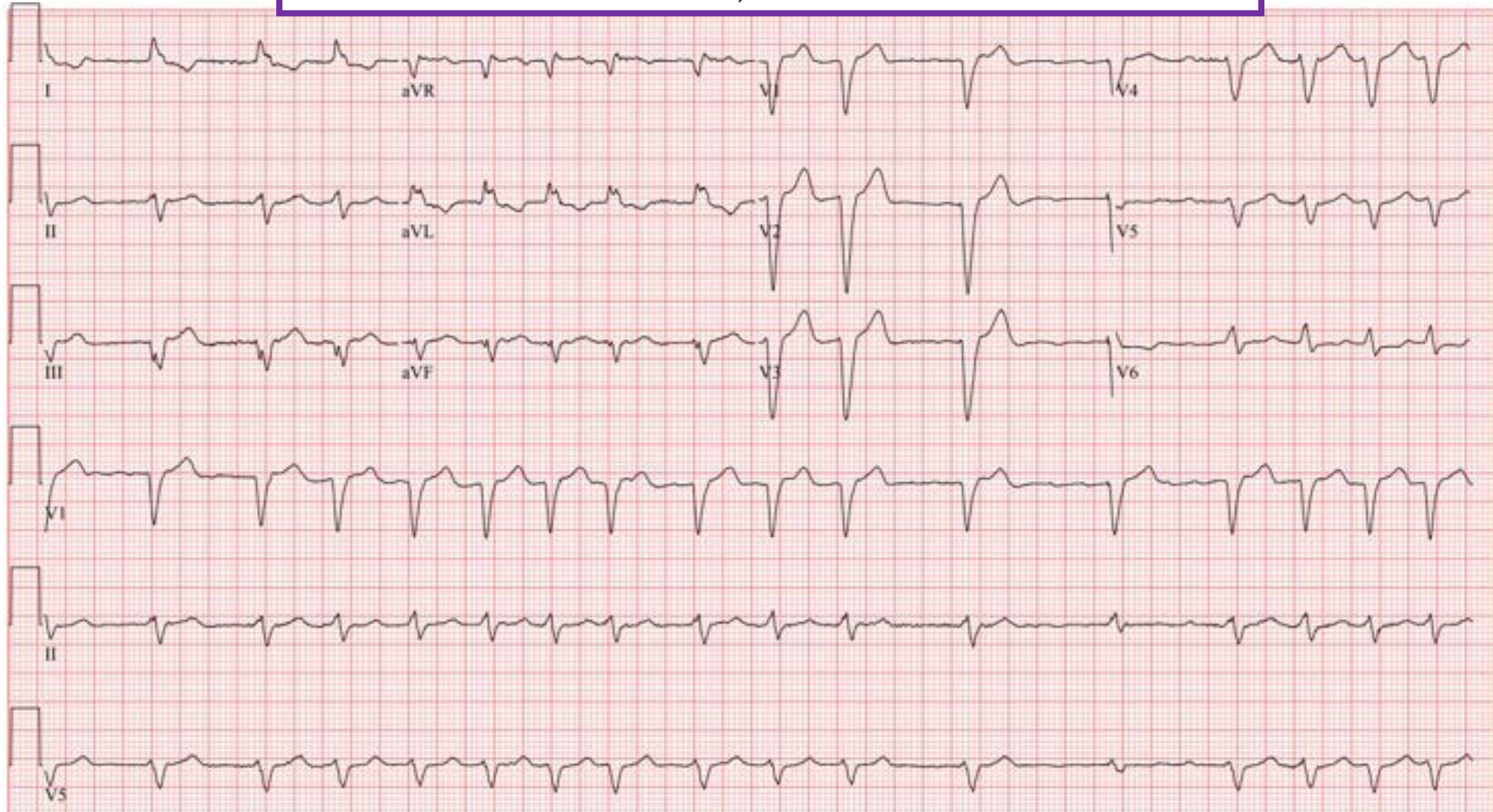


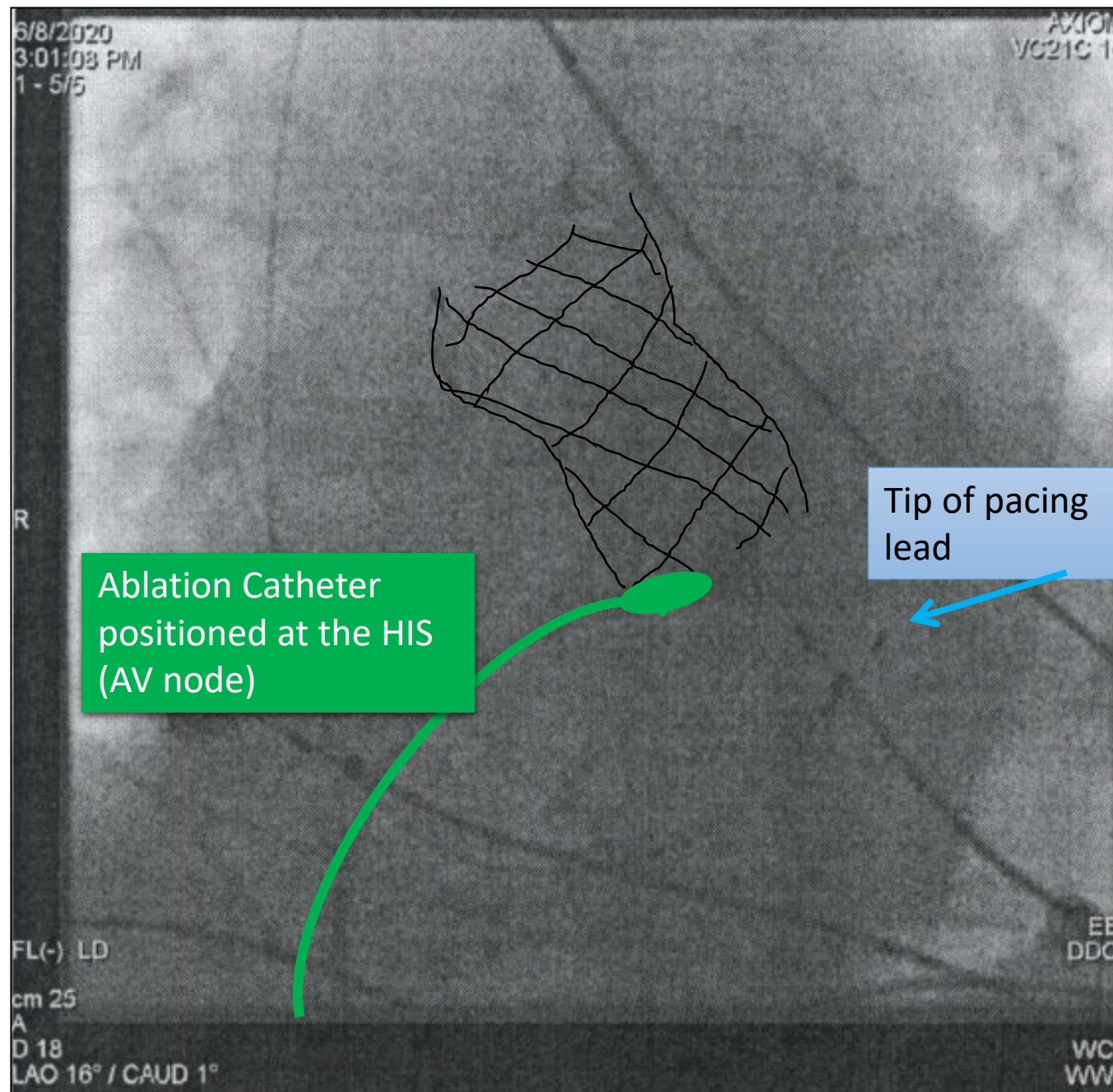
Left bundle branch pacing



1 week later, presents to ED with pulmonary edema.

AV node conduction recovers, but with new LBBB due to TAVR.





# 80F Post AV node ablation

28-OCT-1939 (80 yr)  
Female

Room:  
Loc: I

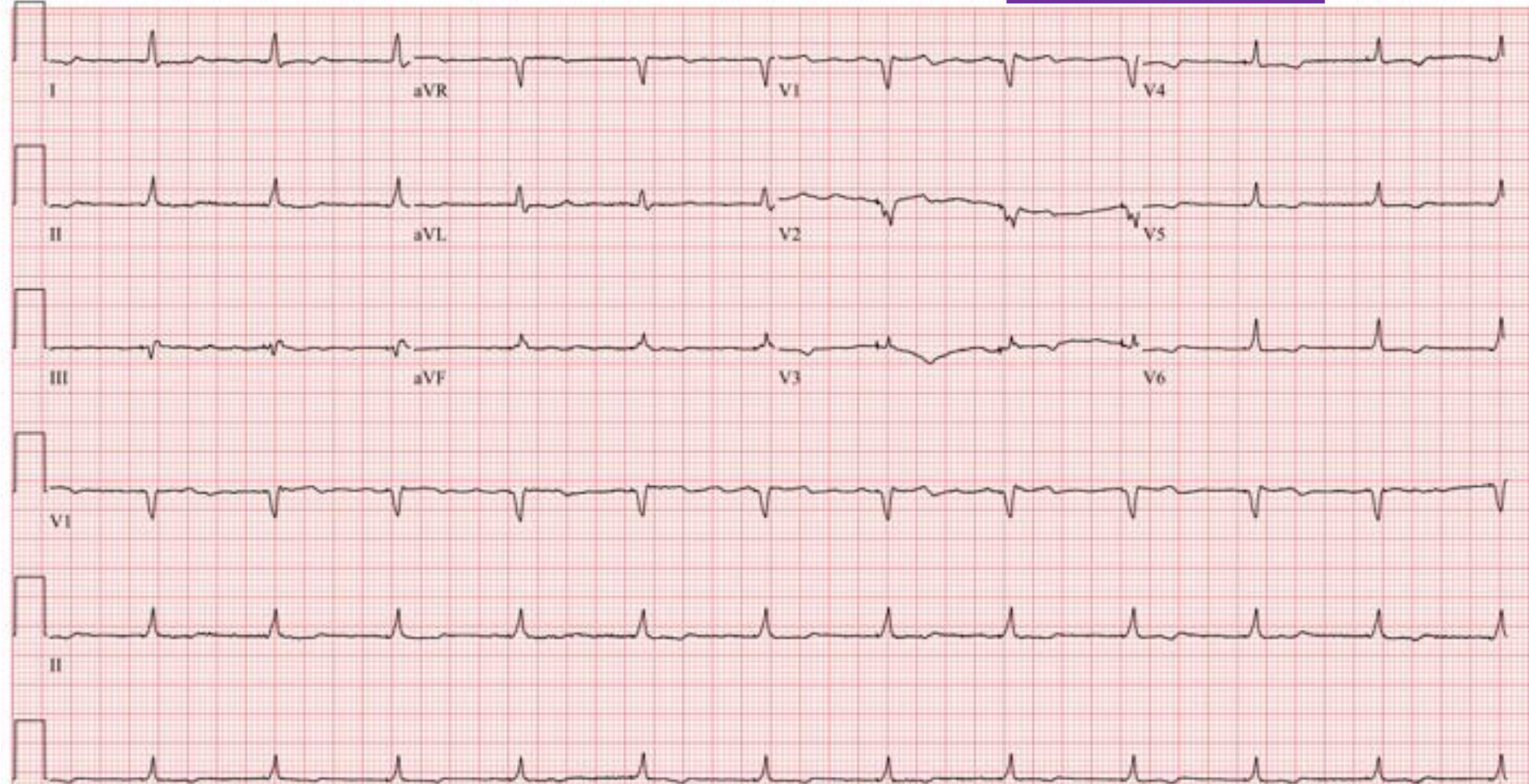
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|--------------|---------|-----|
| Vent. rate   | 71      | BPM |
| PR interval  | *       | ms  |
| QRS duration | 98      | ms  |
| QT/QTc       | 408/443 | ms  |
| P-R-T axes   | * 31    | 245 |

Electronic ventricular pacemaker

Post AV node  
ablation  
Threshold  
0.5V@0.4ms

Technician: \* Nurse  
Test ind:

COMMENTS:



# Séance Q&R

Tous les panélistes

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N'oubliez pas de compléter l'évaluation de la séance.



**Ce n'est pas terminé! Veuillez-vous rendre dans le hall d'exposition (Samuel ABC) pour une pause santé, puis à la salle de bal Champlain pour la séance plénière 2 intitulée *Clinical Pearls and Conundrums in HF Clinical Care* qui débutera à 15 h 00.**