



Conoscere e Curare il Cuore 2015



**RIVOLUZIONE IN ARITMOLOGIA:  
IL PACEMAKER SENZA FILI ED IL  
DEFIBRILLATORE SOTTOCUTANEO**

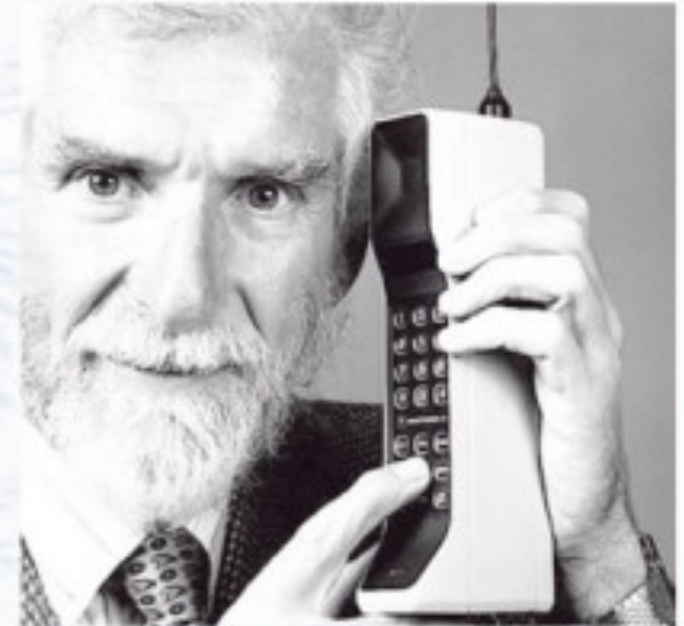
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# Wireless Revolution



**In 1865 Innocenzo Manzetti invented the first wired telephone**



**108 years later Martin Cooper made the first call with a mobile phone**

## Smallest is better ?

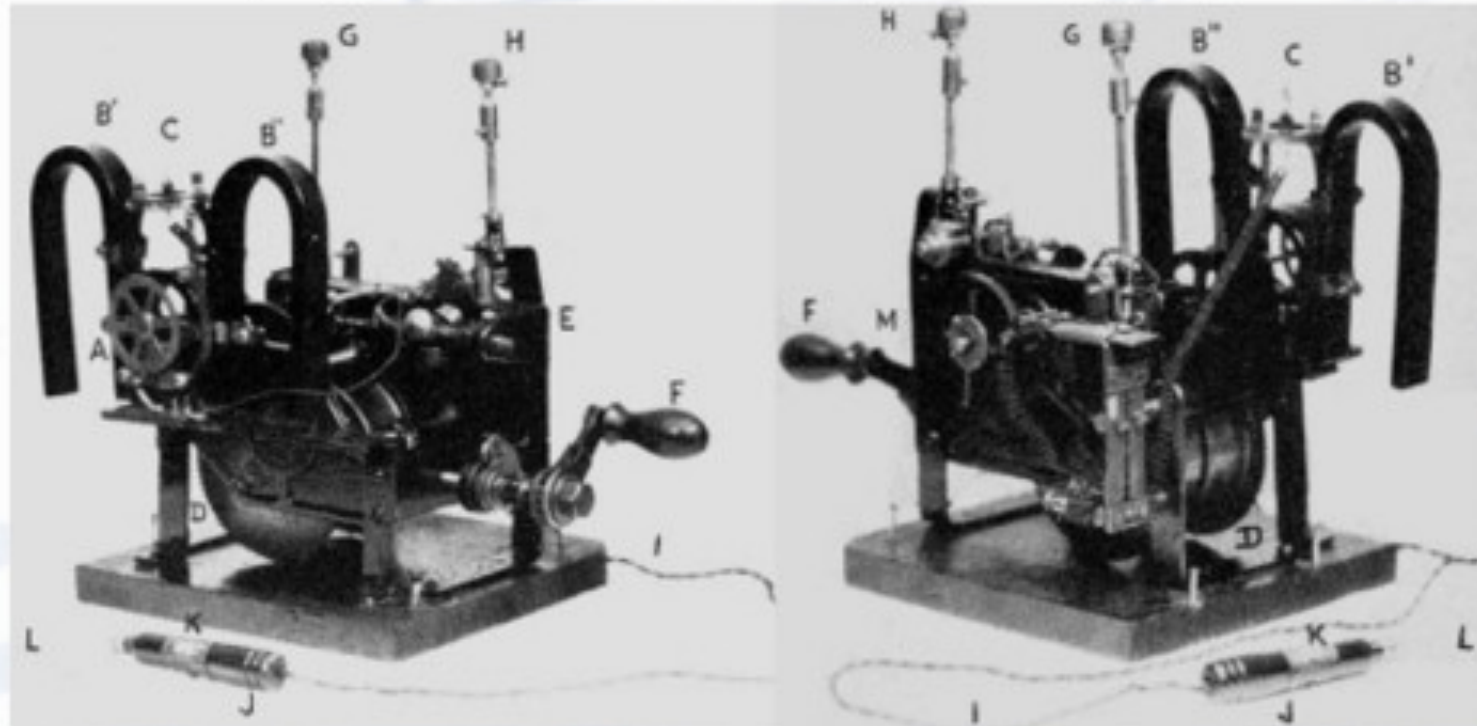


1983 - Motorola DynaTAC 8000X  
Length: 25 cm  
Weight: 790 gr

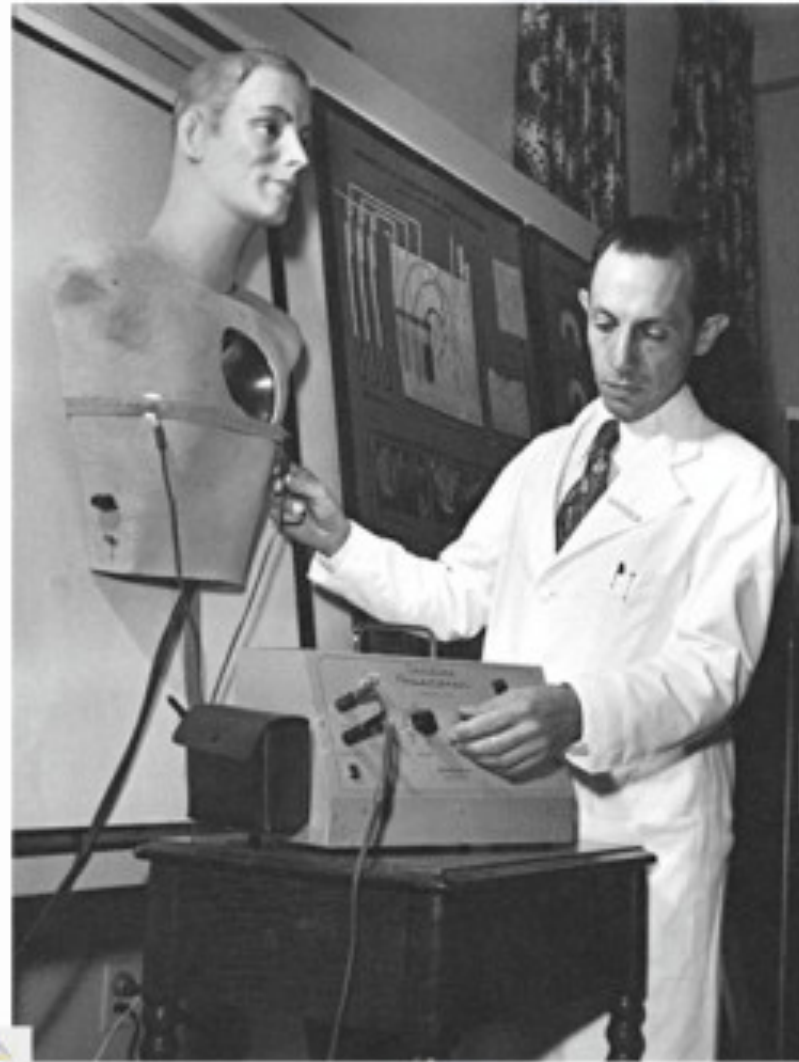


2003 - Samsung Watch phone  
Length: 5 cm  
Weight: 60 gr

## First attempts...



**In 1932**, American physiologist **Albert Hyman**, working independently, described an electro-mechanical instrument of his own, powered by a spring-wound hand-cranked motor. Hyman himself referred to his invention as an "**artificial pacemaker**", the term continuing in use to this day.....



In **1950** an external pacemaker was designed and built by the Canadian electrical engineer **John Hopps** based upon observations by cardio-thoracic surgeon **Wilfred Gordon Bigelow** at Toronto General Hospital. A substantial external device using vacuum tube technology to provide transcutaneous pacing, it was somewhat crude and painful to the patient in use and, being powered from an AC wall socket, carried a potential hazard of electrocution of the patient by inducing ventricular fibrillation.



**In 1958** Colombian doctor **Alberto Vejarano Laverde** and Colombian electrical engineer **Jorge Reynolds Pombo** constructed an external pacemaker, similar to those of Hopps and Zoll, weighing 45 kg and powered by a 12 volt car lead acid battery, but connected to electrodes attached to the heart. This apparatus was successfully used to sustain a 70-year-old priest, Gerardo Florez.



**In 1958**, engineer **Earl Bakken** of Minneapolis, Minnesota, produced the first wearable external pacemaker. This transistorized pacemaker, housed in a small plastic box, had controls to permit adjustment of pacing heart rate and output voltage and was connected to electrode leads which passed through the skin of the patient to terminate in electrodes attached to the surface of the myocardium of the heart.

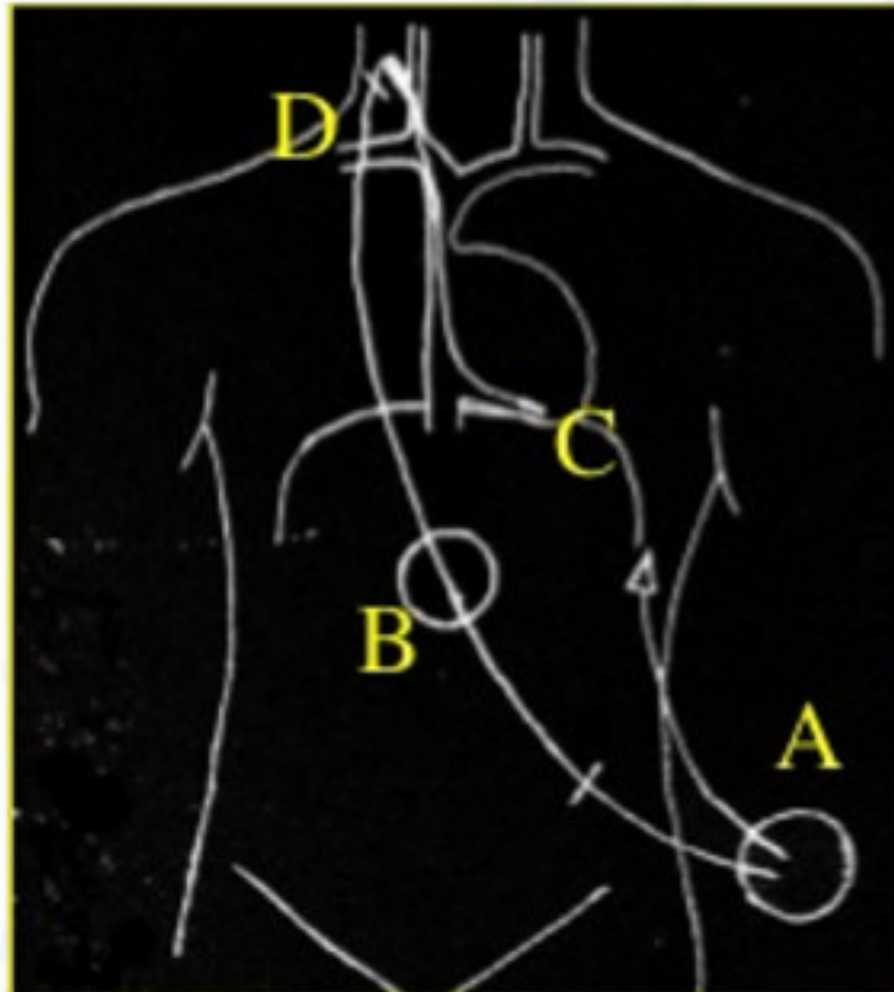




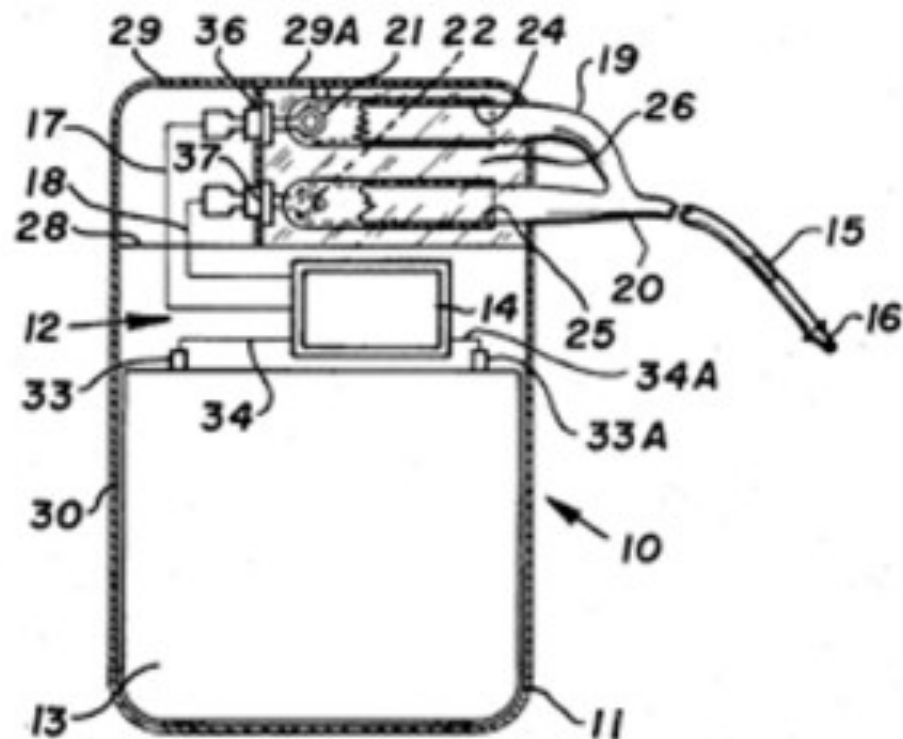
**In 1958** The first clinical implantation into a human of a fully implantable pacemaker was at the **Karolinska Institute** in Solna, Sweden, using a pacemaker designed by **Rune Elmqvist**, connected to electrodes attached to the myocardium of the heart by thoracotomy. The device failed after three hours. A second device was then implanted which lasted for two days. The world's first implantable pacemaker patient, **Arne Larsson**, went on to receive 26 different pacemakers during his lifetime. He died in 2001, at the age of 86, outliving the inventor as well as the surgeon







In 1962–63 The first use of transvenous pacing in conjunction with an implanted pacemaker was by Parsonnet in the USA, Lagergren in Sweden and Jean-Jaques Welti in France . The transvenous, or pervenous, procedure involved incision of a vein into which was inserted the catheter electrode lead under fluoroscopic guidance, until it was lodged within the trabeculae of the right ventricle. This method was to become the method of choice by the mid-1960s.



**In July 9 of 1974**, Manuel A. Villafaña and **Anthony Adducci** founders of **Cardiac Pacemakers, Inc. (Guidant)** in St. Paul Minnesota, manufactured the worlds first pacemaker with a lithium anode and a lithium-iodide electrolyte solid-state battery





ST. JUDE MEDICAL



**In 1995 SJM present Microny II SR+ Diagnostics**  
The Microny II SR+ pacemaker is among the world's smallest, single-chamber rate-responsive pulse generator.

**Weight: 14 gr**  
**Size: 6 cc**



# The history of Leadless Pacemaker : An old Story

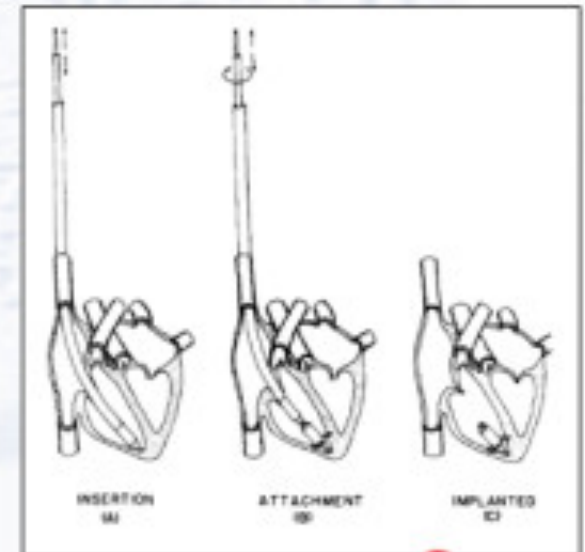
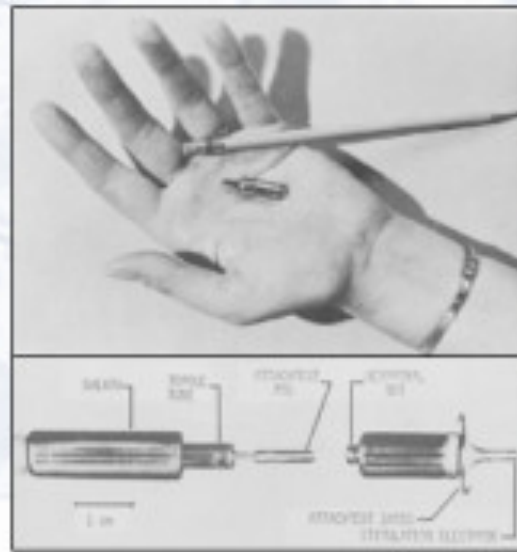
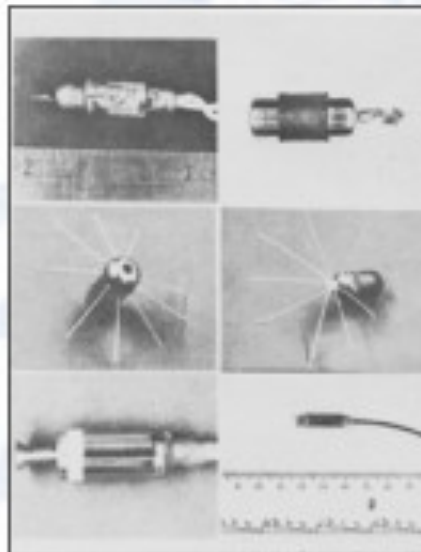
J. ELECTROCARDIOLOGY, 3 (3-4) 325-331, 1970

The first totally self-contained leadless pacemaker system was proposed by **Spickler in 1970** using a device powered by mercury-zinc and nuclear power that was successfully tested in animals.

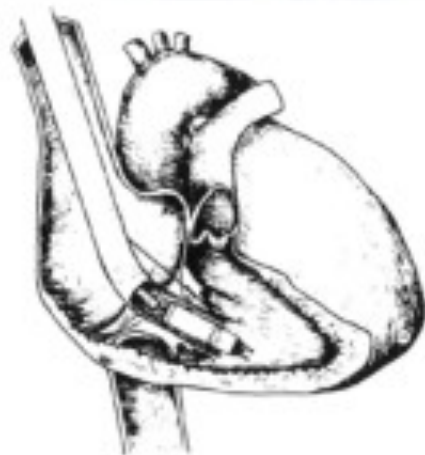
## Special Article

### Totally Self-Contained Intracardiac Pacemaker®

J. WILLIAM SPICKLER, F.I.D., NED S. RASOR, F.I.D., PAUL KEEDE, M.D.,  
S. N. MISHRA, M.D., K. E. ROBINSON, F.R., AND CHARLES L. BOEY, F.R.



# The history of Leadless Pacemaker : in 1991 leadless PM was tested in animals



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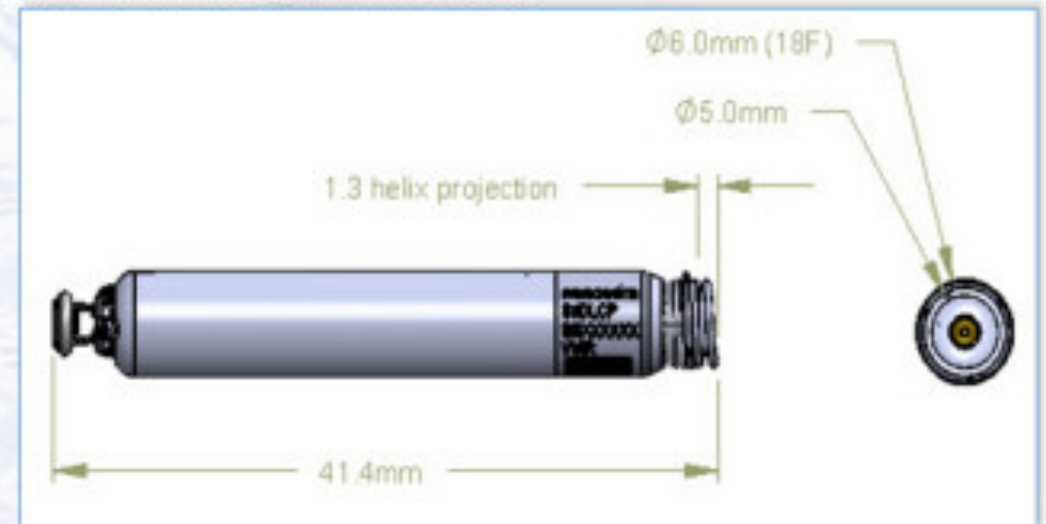
## A Miniature Pacemaker Introduced Intravenously and Implanted Endocardially. Preliminary Findings from an Experimental Study

P.E. VARDAS, C. POLITOPOULOS, E. MANIOS, F. PARTHENAKIS, and C. TSAGARAKIS

**In 1991, Vardas** et al created a cylindrical VOO pacing device specifically for an animal study. The device measured 5.8mm in diameter and 23 mm in length, and it consisted of three batteries and a CMOS timer. The authors stated that "if [a miniature pacing device] can be made programmable without an unreasonable increase in size, if the battery can be made sufficiently long lasting or externally rechargeable, if technology can rise to meet these challenges, then such a miniature device might one day take its place among regularly used pacemakers and, eventually, even supercede them."

# In 2013 Nanostim™ was ready....

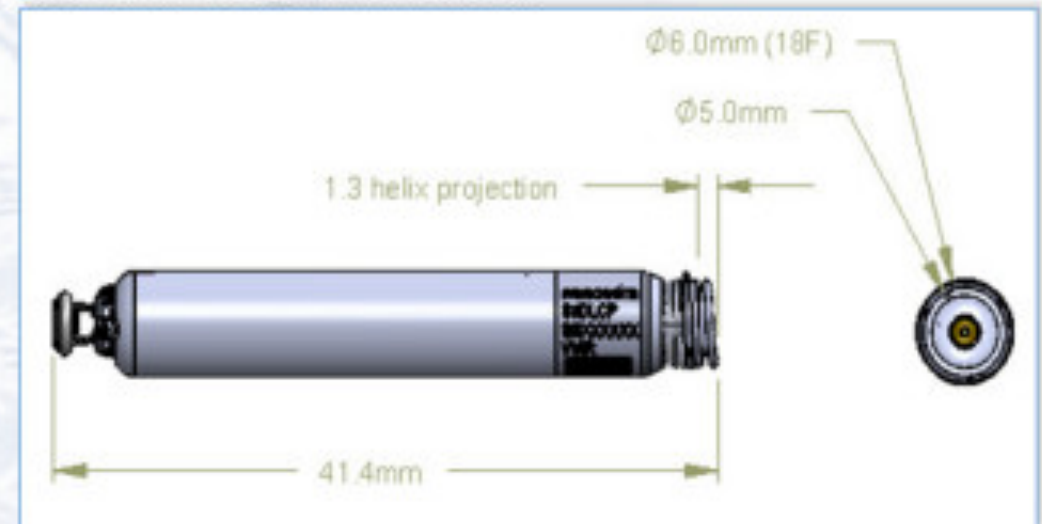
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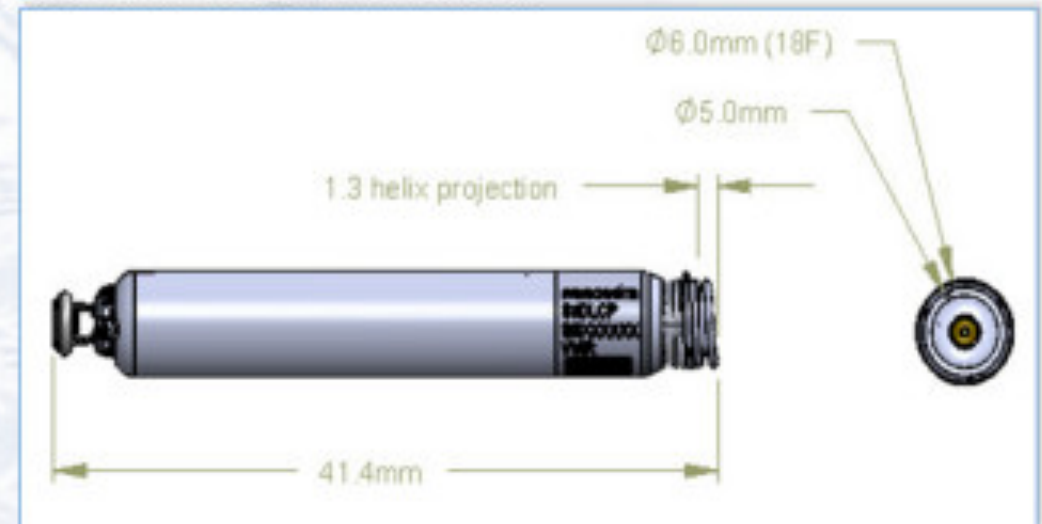
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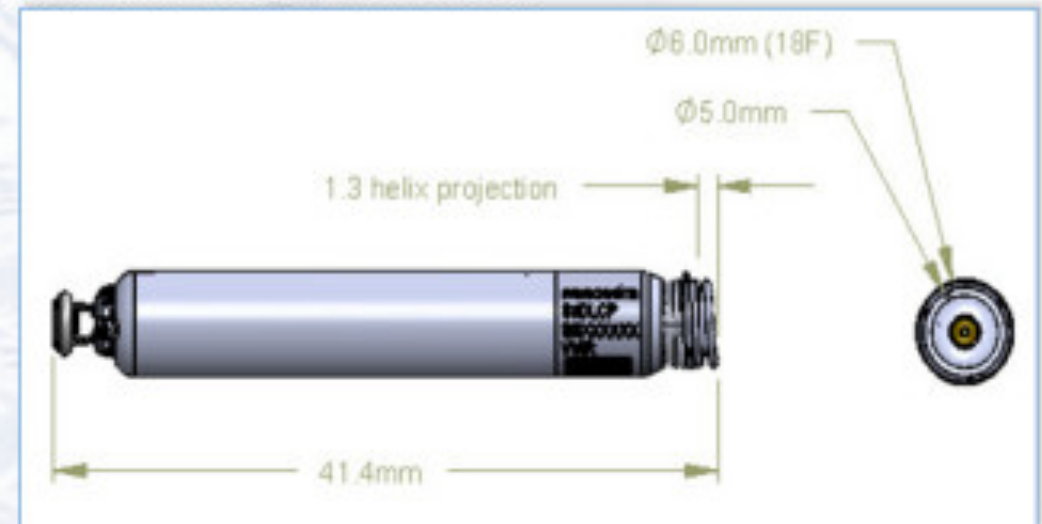




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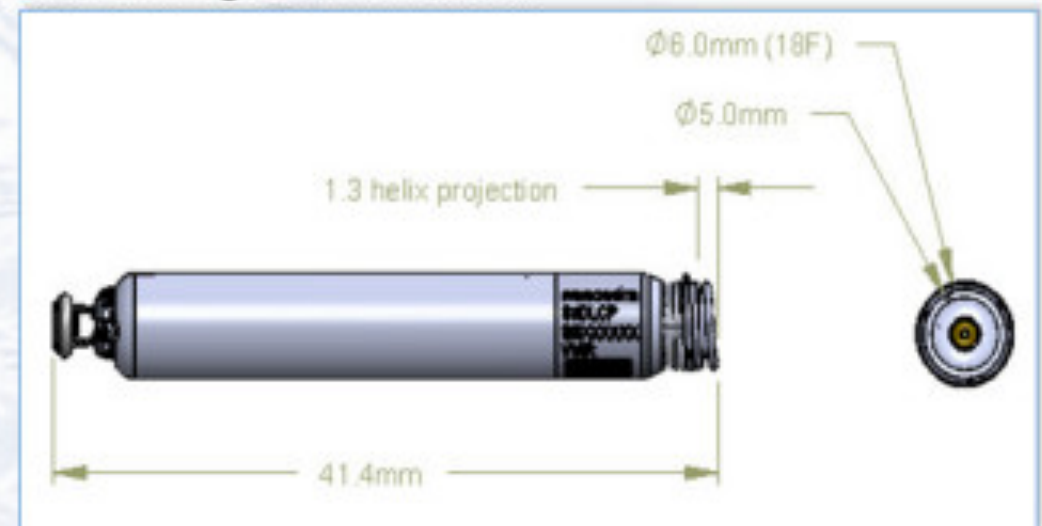
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- **Dedicated rescue system**

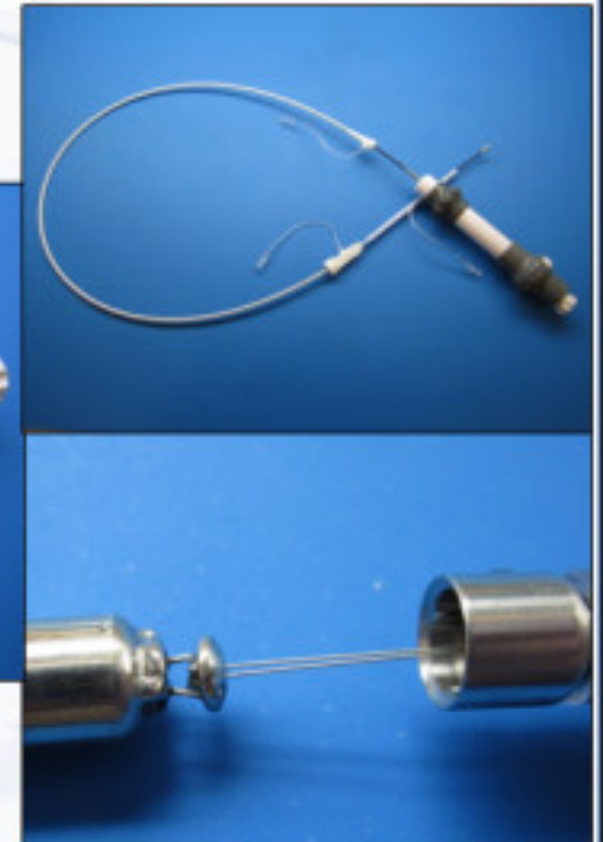


# Nanostim™ : Delivery System

- Catheter delivery system
- Soft and flexible catheter with complete steerable tip

Shaft with main 4 functions:

- Catheter bending
  - Securing/releasing LCT
  - LCP rotation
  - Releasing modality with
- 18 F femoral vein sheath





## Arrhythmia/Electrophysiology

### Permanent Leadless Cardiac Pacing Results of the LEADLESS Trial

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Fleur V.Y. Tjong, MD; Peter Jacobson, BS; Alan Ostrosff, MS; Srinivas R. Dukkipati, MD;  
Jacob S. Koruth, MD; Arthur A.M. Wilde, MD, PhD; Josef Kautzner, MD, PhD;  
Petr Neuzil, MD, PhD

- **Goals: Feasibility and safety of LCP**
- **Perspective, not-randomized, multicenter study**
- **33 patients enrolled**

**Median age 77 y.o. (53-91 anni); 67% male**

**67% with chronic AF and advanced AV block**

**18% Sinus rhythm and reduced life expectancy**

**15% with infrequent pauses and unexplained syncope**



# LEADLESS study

- LCP was successfully implanted in 32/33 patients (97%)
  - 1 minor femoral hematoma
  - 1 cardiac perforation → cardiac surgery → during degeny patient dead for major stroke
- Procedural Time:
  - Skin to skin : 28 minutes (range 11 – 74 min)
- Hospitalization time: 1 day (Range 1 – 4)
- Intraprocedure LCP replacement : 0.5/paziente (Range 0 – 3)

Riposizionamento dell'LCP	N° pazienti	% pazienti
0	23	70%
1	4	12%
2	4	12%
3	2	6%



## LEADLESS Study: Performance 12 months after implantation

	Implant	Pre-discharge	2-weeks	6-months	12-months
Threshold (V)	0.80 ± 0.20	0.41 ± 0.31	0.48 ± 0.30	0.40 ± 0.26	0.43 ± 0.30
R wave sensing (mV)	8.26 ± 3.14	9.67 ± 2.74	10.37 ± 2.52	10.64 ± 2.64	10.32 ± 2.23
Impedance (Ohms)	773 ± 243	719 ± 196	657 ± 175	625 ± 205	627 ± 209
Battery voltage (V)	3.17 ± 0.03	3.26 ± 0.04	3.26 ± 0.03	3.23 ± 0.06	3.29 ± 0.02



## LEADLESS OBSERVATIONAL STUDY (Europe)

<i>Leadless PMCF</i>	
Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Single arm, perspective, not randomized study</li><li>▪ Target of 1.000 patients in 100 European centre</li></ul>
Primary Endpoint	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Primary endpoint is to evaluate 90 days complications free rate Identified as an Serious Adverse Device Effect (SADE).</li></ul>
Secondary Endpoint	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Evaluate 6 month incidence of SADE</li></ul>
Supplementary Endpoints	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Pacing and sensing performance</li><li>▪ Implant success rate</li><li>▪ Procedure time</li><li>▪ Time to discharge</li></ul>

**ONGOING..... But.....**





# WARNING!

The European study in May 2014 was stopped after reports of **six perforations**, including **two** that resulted in **death** (among 200 patients were enrolled). Patient enrollment up until that point was in the "mid-100s," according to [Mark Carlson, MD](#), vice president of global clinical affairs and chief medical officer for device maker St. Jude Medical, headquartered in St. Paul, Minn.

*"St. Jude's analysis determined that the adverse events **were due in part to inappropriate patient selection and in part to operator inexperience**, according to Antalffy's note," Sarvestani continues. She further says that Antalffy wrote, "The company determined that five of the six perforations 'would not have occurred if the European registry aligned with the US pivotal [trial] inclusion/exclusion criteria.'"*



# European observational study: Severe Adverse Events, preliminary data

Tabella 1: Riassunto dettagliato degli eventi avversi seri correlati al dispositivo (SADEs) a partire dal 5 Gennaio 2015

Eventi Avversi Seri correlati al Dispositivo	Nanostim™ EU Post Market – Pre Pausa (23 Dicembre 2013 – 17 Aprile 2014) N = 147 pazienti	Nanostim™ EU Post Market- Post Pausa (2 Giugno 2014 – 5 Gennaio 2015) N = 93 pazienti	Nanostim™ IDE (4 Febbraio 2014 – 5 Gennaio 2015) N = 322 pazienti	Nanostim™ EU Post Market (Post Pausa) + IDE N = 415 pazienti
Versamento Pericardico o perforazione (totale)	4,1% (6)	2,2% (2)	1,6% (5)	1,7% (7)
- Osservazioni <sup>3</sup>	0% (0)	1,1% (1)	0,3% (1)	0,5% (2)
- Complicazioni <sup>4</sup>	4,1% (6)	1,1% (1)	1,2% (4)	1,2% (5)
Spostamento	1,4% (2)	0,0% (0)	1,9% (6)	1,4% (6)
Cattura Intermittente o Mancata Cattura o Soglia Elevata	0,0% (0)	1,1% (1)	1,2% (4)	1,2% (5)
Rilascio accidentale del dispositivo durante l'impianto con conseguente recupero e impianto di pacemaker convenzionale	0,7% (1)	0,0% (0)	0,0% (0)	0,0% (0)
Sanguinamento del Sito di Accesso o Ematoma	0,7% (1)	0,0% (0)	1,2% (4) <sup>1</sup>	1,0% (4)
Embolia Polmonare	0,0% (0)	0,0% (0)	0,3% (1) <sup>2</sup>	0,2% (1)
Infezione	0,0% (0)	0,0% (0)	0,0% (0)	0,0% (0)

<sup>1</sup> Due di questi eventi erano osservazioni.

<sup>2</sup> Questo evento era una osservazione.

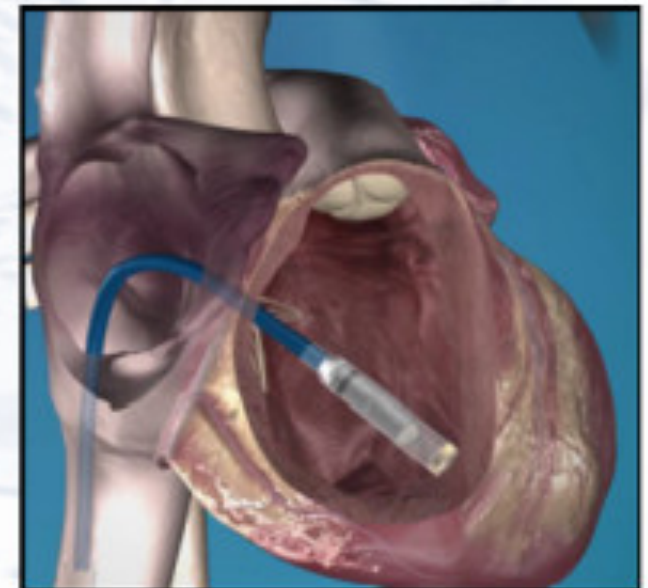
<sup>3</sup> Le osservazioni sono definite come SADE che non richiedono interventi invasivi.

<sup>4</sup> Le complicazioni sono definite come SADE che richiedono interventi invasivi (comprende anche l'abbandono della procedura e l'impianto di un pacemaker convenzionale).

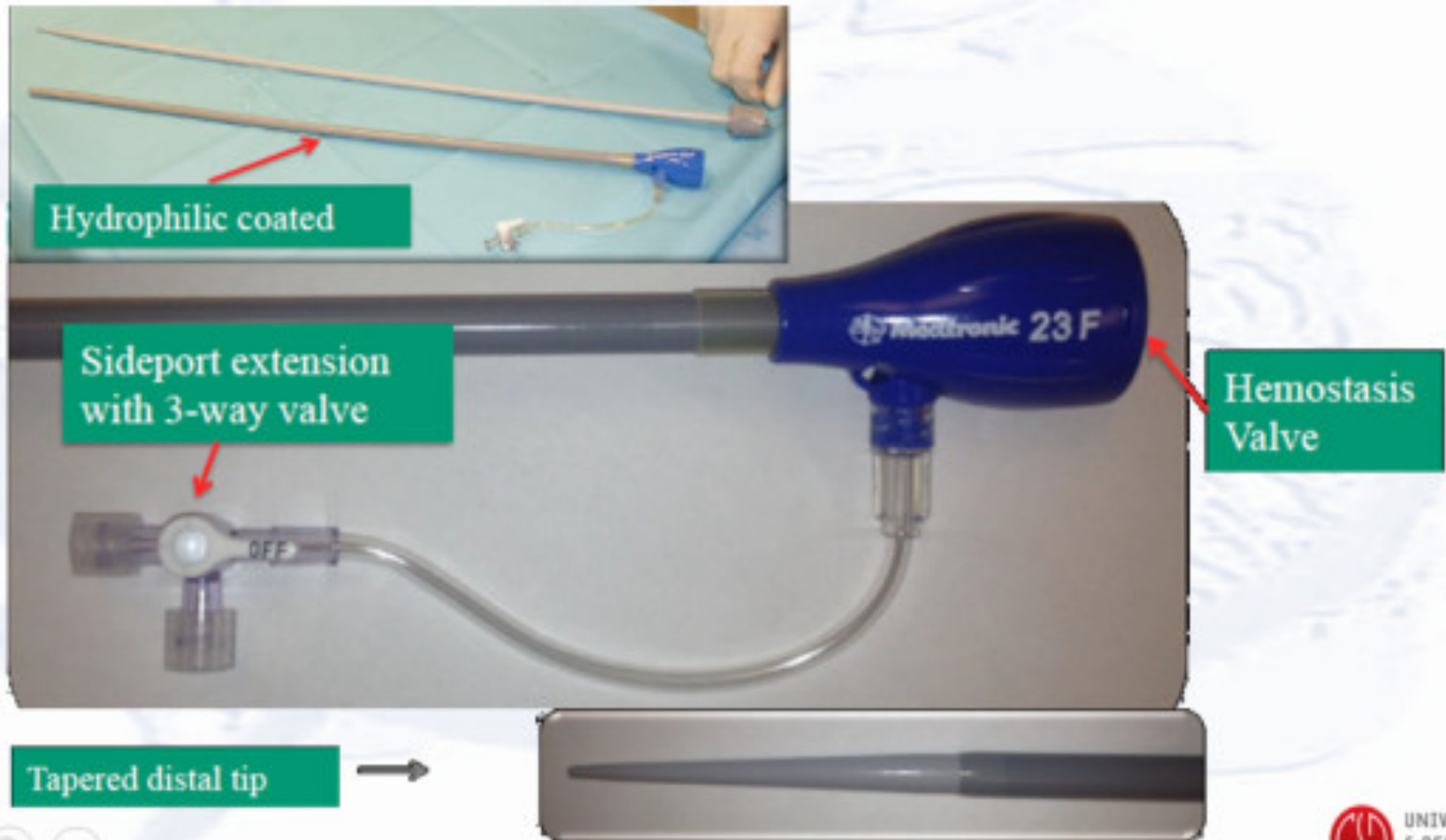


## Micra tm Transcatheter Pacing System (TPS) By Medtronic

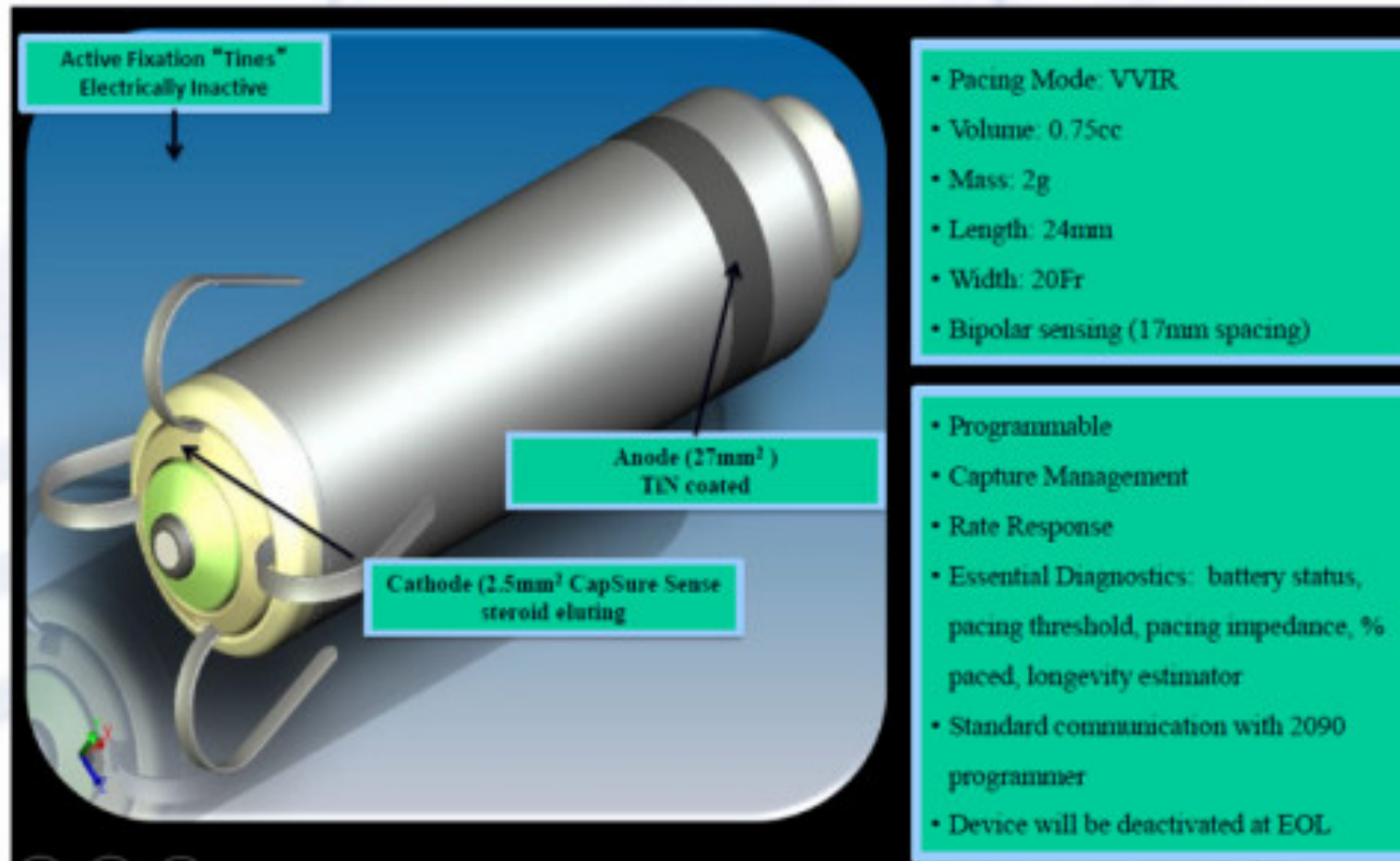
- 25.9mm, < 1cc miniaturized PM
- 10 years longevity
- Percutaneous access to RV apex via femoral vein
- Active fixation via 4 self-expanding tines



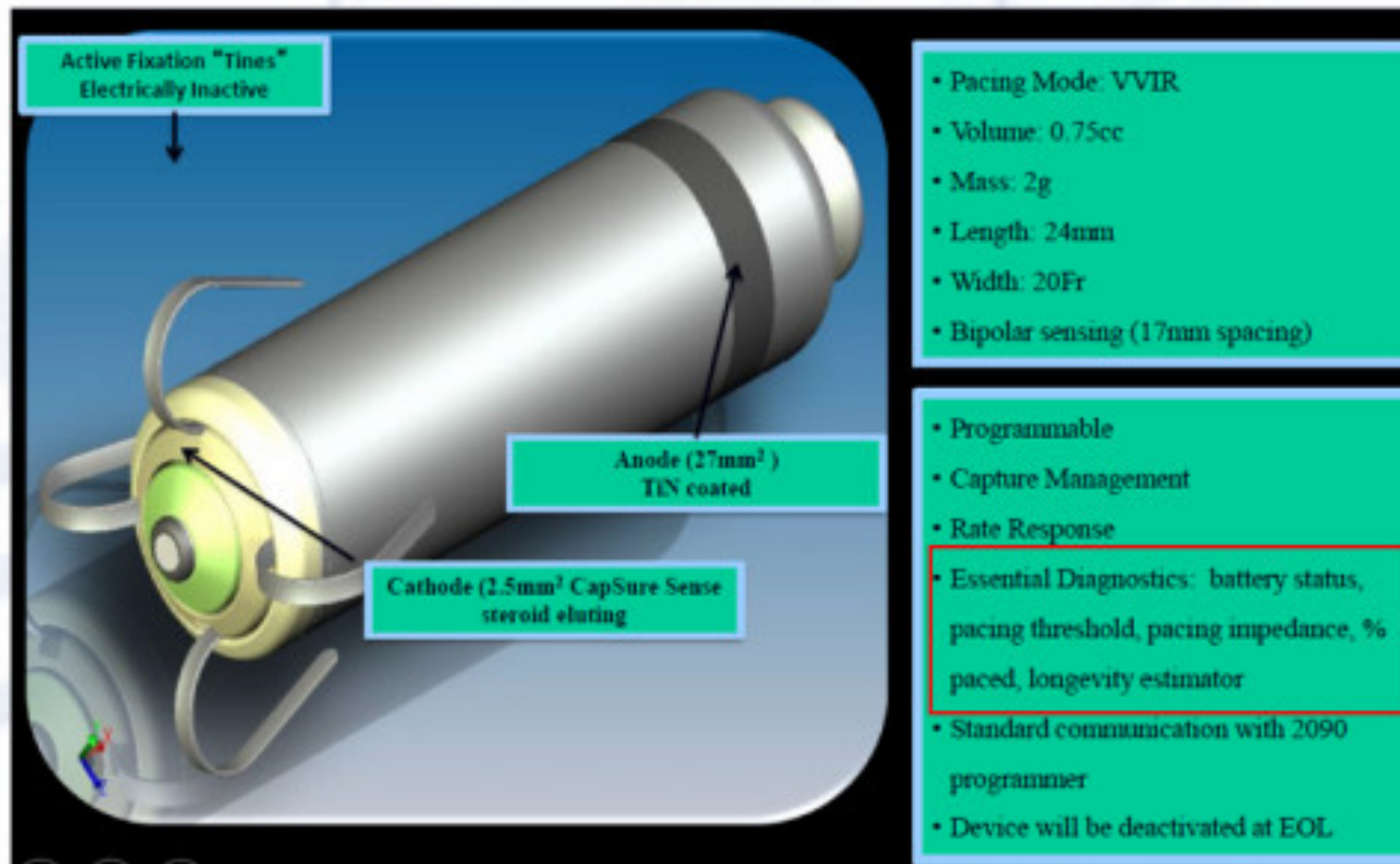
# Micra Delivery System



# Micra Device



# Micra Device



## Complications related to conventional PM implantation

Complications	Incidence
Catheter displacement	2.2% - 3.7%
Pneumothorax	1.6% - 2.6%
Perforations	< 1%
Venous thrombosis	1%-3%
Pacing/sensing failure	2%-4% (5 y. FUP)
Pocket Hematoma	<0.5%
Pocket Erosion (device replacement)	0.8-0.9% <sup>2</sup>
Infections	< 1% for VVI 1% - 2% for DDD

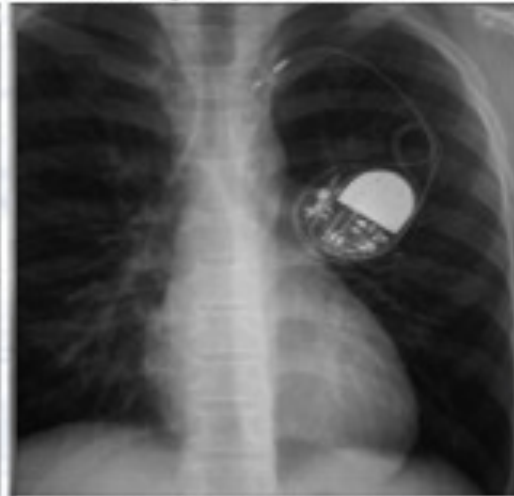
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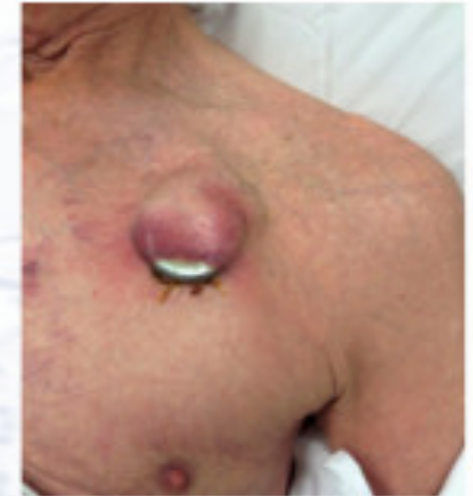
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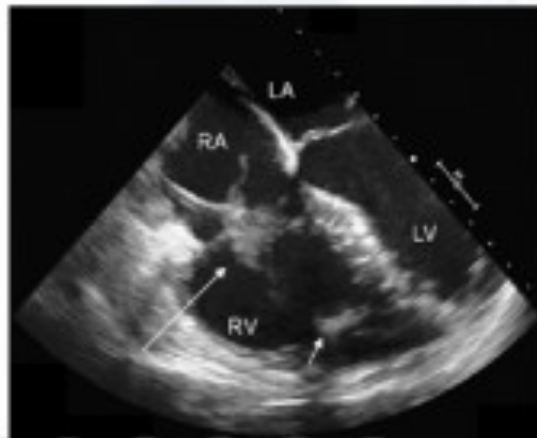
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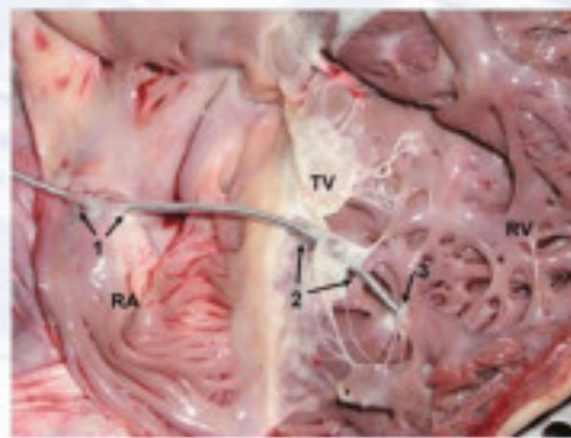
Lead dislodgement



Pocket infections



Endocarditis



TV damage



Haematoma



# LCP Vs traditional PM

From st. Jude Medical

Characteristics	Conventional Pacemaker	Leadless PM
<b>Implant Procedure</b>	Surgical pocket + catheter (7F)	Percutaneous femoral access (18F)
<b>Procedure Time</b>	30 – 40 minutes	15 – 20 minutes
<b>X-Ray exposure</b>	For the physicians: Next to x-ray source	For the physicians: Faraway from x-ray source
<b>Connection</b>	Case-Catheter connection	None
<b>Device inside Vascular System</b>	yes: catheter	No (leadless)
<b>Device crossing tricuspid valve</b>	Yes: catheter	No (leadless)
<b>Longevity (2.5V, 500 <math>\Omega</math>, 60 bpm)</b>	100% pacing – 11.2 years 75% pacing – 11.8 years 50% pacing – 12.5 years 25% pacing – 13.3 years	100% pacing – 9.8 years 75% pacing – 11.7 years 50% pacing – 14.5 years 25% pacing – 18.9 years
<b>Battery Replacement</b>	Surgical	Femoral access: removal + reimplant (possibility to implante a new one next to old one)
<b>Compatibilità MRI</b>	Conditional – artefatti di imaging	MRI certification ongoing

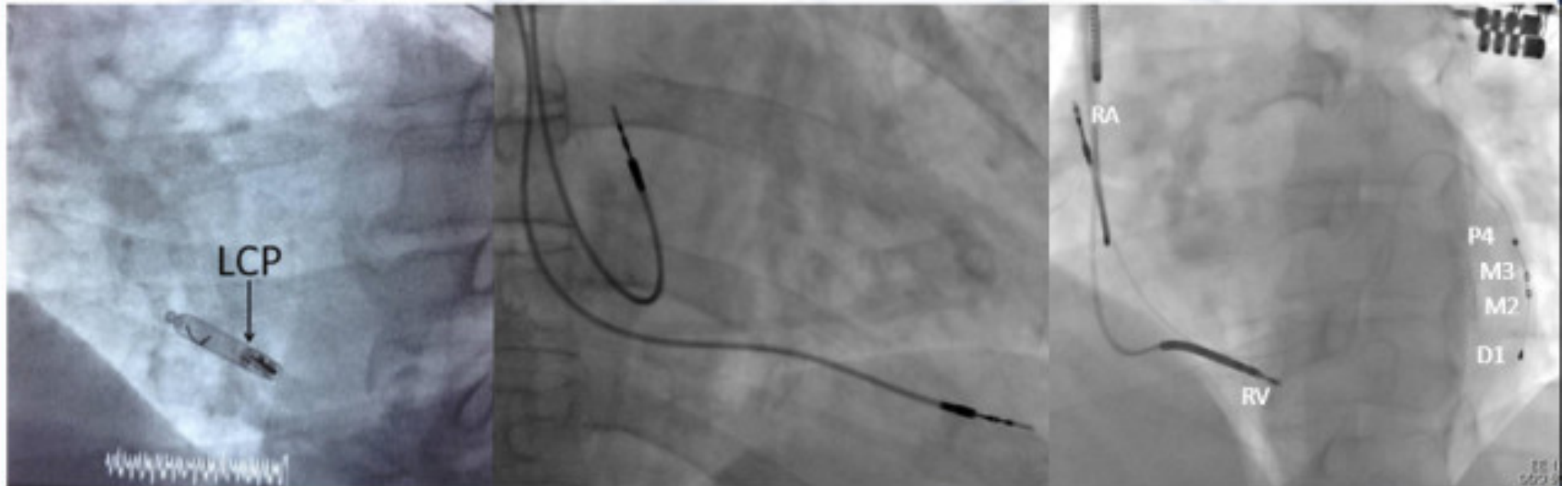


# Look at the difference:

Leadless pacemaker

DDD conventional pacemaker

Conventional CRT-D



# So why we prefer Iphone 6.....

4.7 inches  
IPHONE 6



5.5 inches  
IPHONE 6 PLUS





Remind that LCP.....

# It is only a single chamber...



Tabella 31. Distribuzione degli impianti in base al tipo di generatore. Dati mancanti: primi impianti 23, sostituzioni 12.

	Primi impianti (n=9138)		Sostituzioni (n=4709)		Combinati (n=13 847)	
Monocamerale	2688	29.4%	598	12.7%	3286	23.7%
Bicamerale	3440	37.6%	1121	23.8%	4561	32.9%
Biventricolare	3010	32.9%	2990	63.5%	6000	43.3%



**Remind that LCP.....**





## Remind that LCP.....



- It has only a thermal sensor
- It cannot record arrhythmic episodes
- It has not home monitoring
- It has not autocapture or autosensing
- It has not antitachicardia pacing
- It has not advanced pacing SW





78 bpm

Diagnosis

Tests

Parameter

Basic Operation	
Mode	F-VIB
Magnet Mode	OFF
Sensor Gain	8

Sens/Func and Rates	
Basic Rate	75 bpm
Max Sensor Rate	220 bpm
Pulse Amplitude	2.5 V
Pulse Width	0.5 ms
R Sensitivity	2.0 mV
Rate Hysteresis	5 bpm
Search Hysteresis	OFF cycles
Reflexing period	200 ms

Program

End Session

70 bpm

Diagnosis

Tests

Parameter

Pacer/Defibrillator	
Mode	DD
Threshold V	5.0V
Trigger V	0.8

Sensors & Sensing	
Cap Combo	ON
Impedance Monitor	ON
Diastolic Impedance	ON
Triaxial	ON

Rhythm	
Max Rate	220 bpm
Max. Pacing Sensitivity	2.00 mV
Max. Pacing Frequency	180 bpm

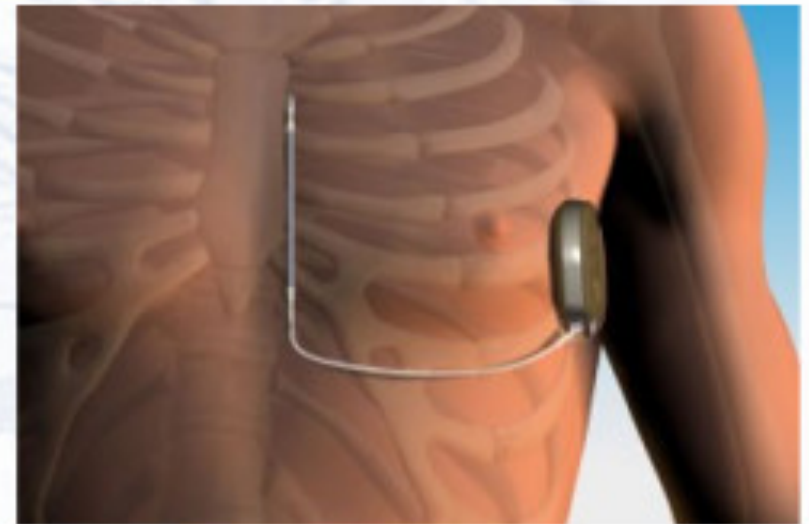
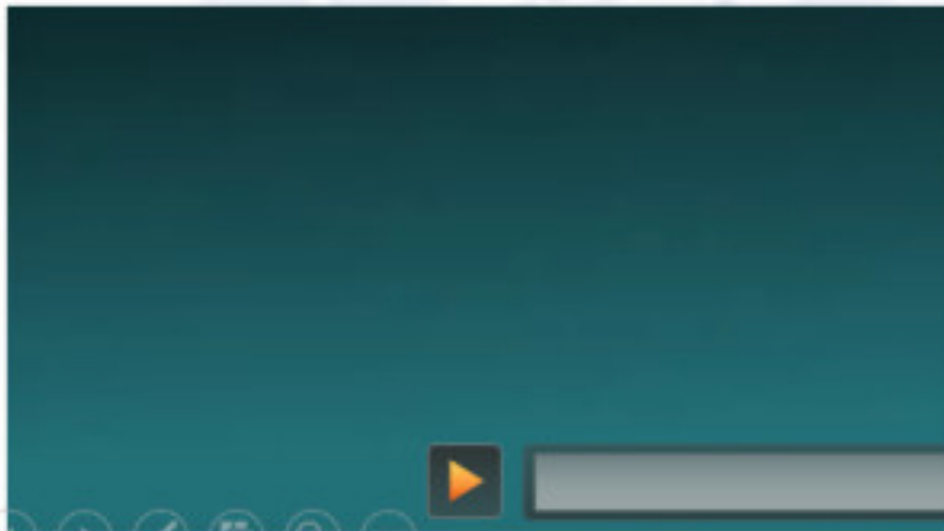
Substrate & Sensing	
PRP	275 ms
Max. Pacing Sensitivity	2.00 mV
Max. Pacing Frequency	180 bpm

Miscellaneous & Signals	
AF Detection	ON



And what about totally subcutaneous ICD ?

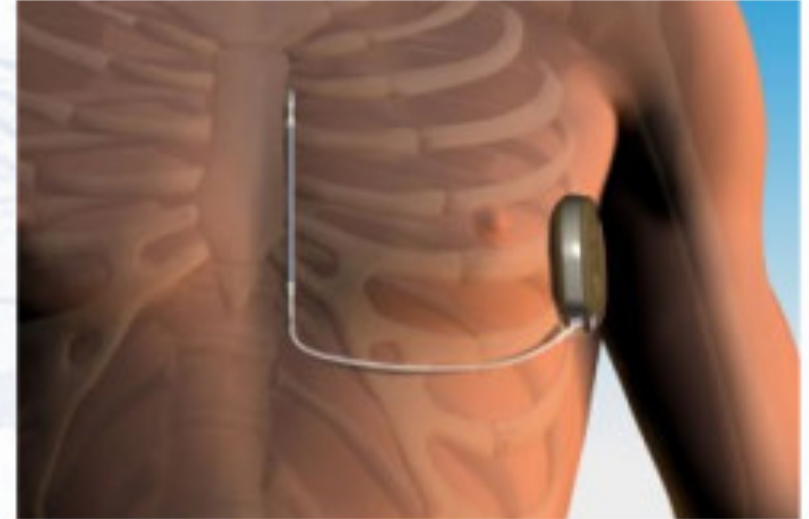
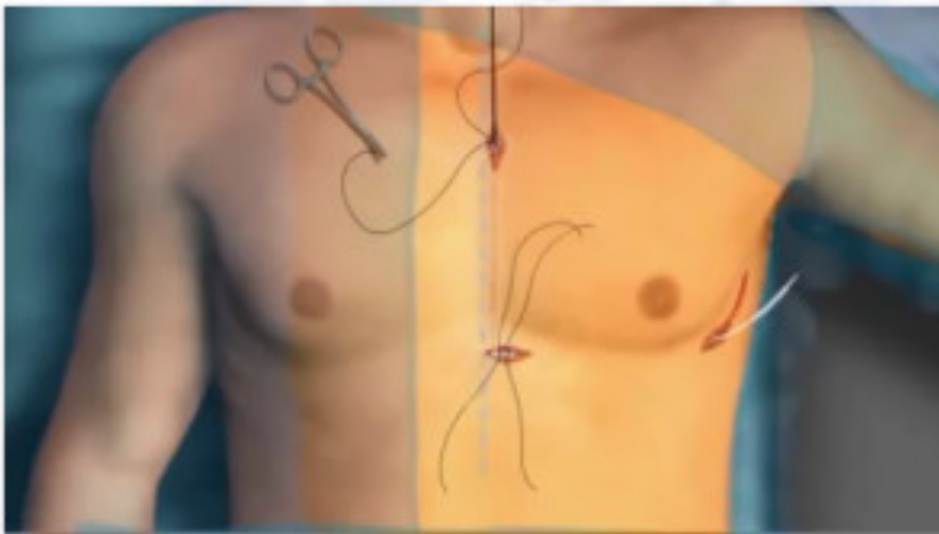
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Health





And what about totally subcutaneous ICD ?

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# SUBCUTANEOUS ICD vs TV- ICD

## ADVANTAGE

- *Extravascular*

## EQUIVALENT

- *Pocket infection*
- *Generator complications*
- *Inappropriate shock*

## DISADVANTAGE

- *No pacing capabilities*
- *No advanced diagnostic*
- *Time to Defibrillation*





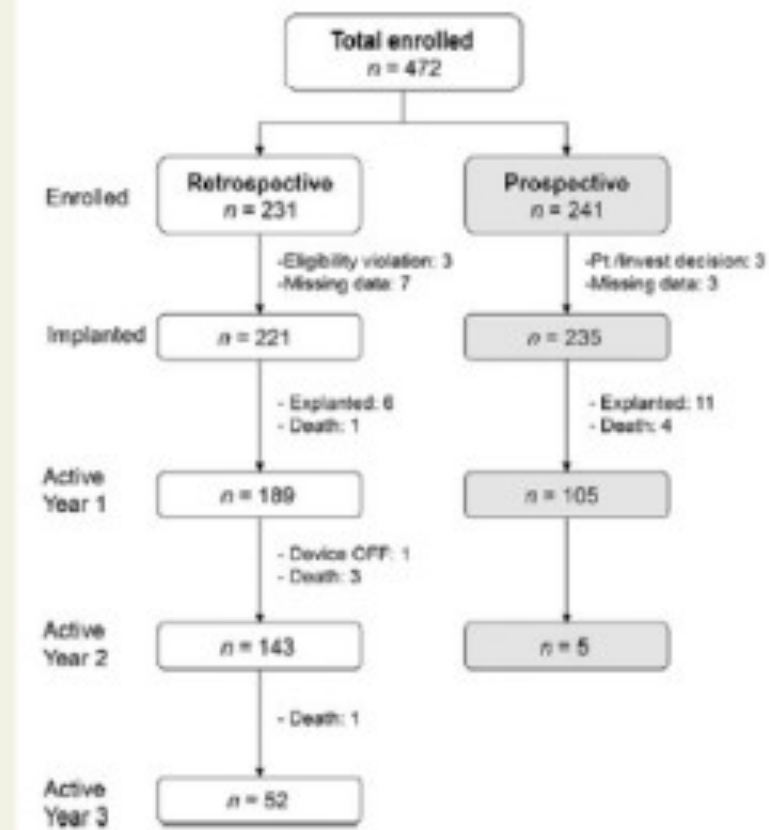
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**CLINICAL RESEARCH**  
*Arrhythmia/electrophysiology*

## **Worldwide experience with a totally subcutaneous implantable defibrillator: early results from the EFFORTLESS S-ICD Registry**

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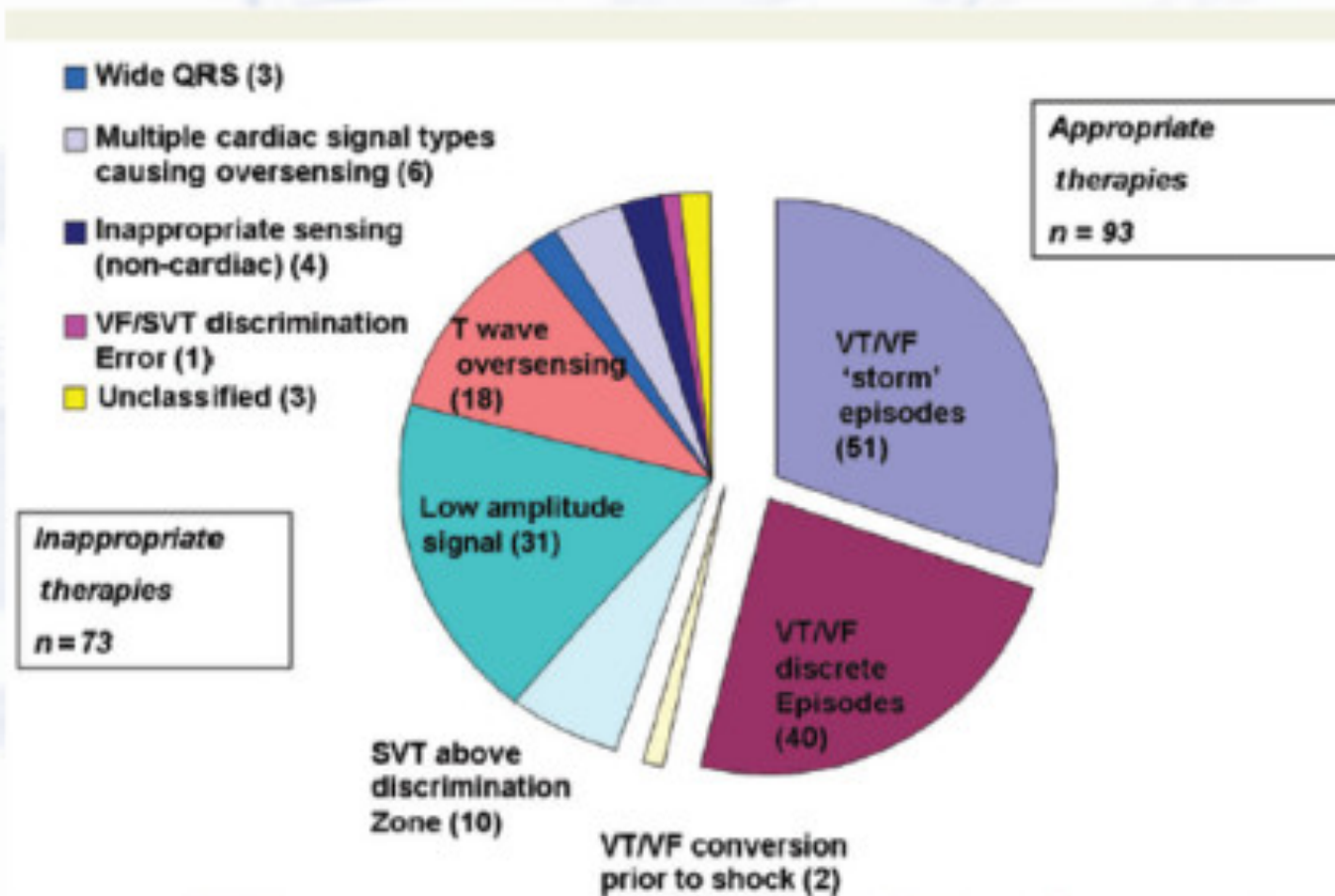


**Figure 2** Patient flow chart for EFFORTLESS Subcutaneous Implantable Defibrillator Registry.

**Table 2** Spontaneous episodes recorded and classified by the subcutaneous implantable defibrillator system

S-ICD system performance	Number of episodes	Number of patients (% of 456)
Therapy delivered	169	59 (13)
Appropriate therapy	93	33 (7.2)
VT/VF discrete episodes	51	29
VT/VF 'storm' episodes	40	4
VT/VF conversion prior to shock	2	2
Inappropriate therapy <sup>a</sup>	73	32 (7.0)
SVT above discrimination zone	10	6
Inappropriate sensing (cardiac) <sup>b</sup>	58	24
Inappropriate sensing (non-cardiac)	4	4
VF/SVT discrimination error	1	1
Rhythm unclassified <sup>c</sup>	3	1
Therapy withheld <sup>d</sup>	145	61 (13)
Episode unclassified <sup>e</sup>	3	3
Total	317	85 (19)

## EFFORTLESS STUDY: Appropriate and inappropriate therapies distribution



## EFFORTLESS STUDY: Procedure-related complications

Complication	Number of events	Patients n (%)
Erosion or extrusion of implanted electrode or pulse generator	4	4 (0.9)
Haematoma	1	1 (0.2)
Failure to convert spontaneous VF episode	1	1 (0.2)
Inability to communicate with device	1	1 (0.2)
Inappropriate shock: oversensing	2	2 (0.4)
Incision/superficial infection	2	2 (0.4)
Near syncope/dizziness/shortness of breath/confusion	1	1 (0.2)
Pleural effusion	1	1 (0.2)
Pneumothorax	1	1 (0.2)
Premature battery depletion	1	1 (0.2)
Shock delivered for non-VT/VF	1	1 (0.2)
System infection	12	11 (2.4)
Suboptimal electrode position/electrode movement	5	5 (1.1)
Suboptimal pulse generator position	1	1 (0.2)
Suture discomfort	1	1 (0.2)
Total complications (% of 456)	35	29 (6.4)



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Trial	Year	Successful Implants, n	All Events, n (%)	Duration, months
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MADIT*	1996	94	1 (1.1)	27
CABG Patch†	1997	434	22 (4.9)	0.5†
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Total		622	29 (4.7)	
<b>Nonthoracotomy ICD systems</b>				
AVID‡	1997	539	8 (1.5)	27 ± 13
CAT‡	2002	50	2 (4.0)	25
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Total		1,301	28 (2.2)	
<b>Nonthoracotomy CRT systems</b>				
RethinQ‡	2007	172	2 (1.2)	6
REVERSE‡	2008	621	5 (0.8)	12
MADIT-CRT (CRT arm)‡	2009	1,007	36 (3.3)	29
Total		1,800	43 (2.4)	

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Trial	Year	Successful Implants, n	All Events, n (%)	Duration, months
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CAT†	2002	50	2 (4.0)	0.5†
DEFINITE*	2004	227	6 (2.6)‡	29 ± 14
Total		870	16 (1.8)	
<b>Nonthoracotomy CRT systems</b>				
MIRACLE*	2002	526	31 (5.9)	6
MIRACLE ICD§	2003	379	11 (2.9)	6
CARE-HF†	2005	390	11 (2.8)	0.5†
RethinQ	2007	172	13 (7.6)¶	6
REVERSE	2008	621	66 (10.6)	12
MADIT-CRT (CRT arm)†	2009	1,007	44 (4.4)#	0.5†
Total		3,095	176 (5.7)	

Data not reported in the MADIT, CABG-Patch, MADIT II, DINAMIT, SCD-HeFT, MADIT-CRT (ICD-treated arm), IRIS, and COMPANION studies. \*Complications occurred during follow-up. †Complications occurred within 30 days following implantation. ‡Also included lead fracture. §Complications occurred during hospitalization. ||No time frame indicated. ¶Five cases (2.9%) involved the left lead. #Included left ventricular lead only.

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**Table 4** Complications Related to Coronary Sinus in Recipients of a Nonthoracotomy CRT Device With or Without Defibrillator

Trial	Year	Patients Undergoing Implantation	Coronary Vein Dissection, Perforation or Tamponade	Coronary Vein Dissection	Coronary Vein Perforation	Coronary Vein Tamponade*
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COMPANION†	2004	1,212	22 (1.8)	5 (0.4)	12 (1.0)	5 (0.4)
CARE-HF†	2005	404	6 (1.5)	5 (1.2)	NR	2 (0.5)
RethinQ§	2007	176	1 (0.6)	1 (0.6)	NR	NR
REVERSE†	2008	642	3 (0.5)	3 (0.5)	NR	NR
MADIT-CRT (CRT arm)†	2009	1,089	5 (0.5)	5 (0.5)	NR	NR
Total		4,512	91 (2.0)	57 (1.3)	28 (1.3)	7 (0.4)

Values are n or n (%). \*Also included pericardial effusion. †Complications occurred during the procedure. ‡Complications occurred during hospitalization. §No time frame indicated.

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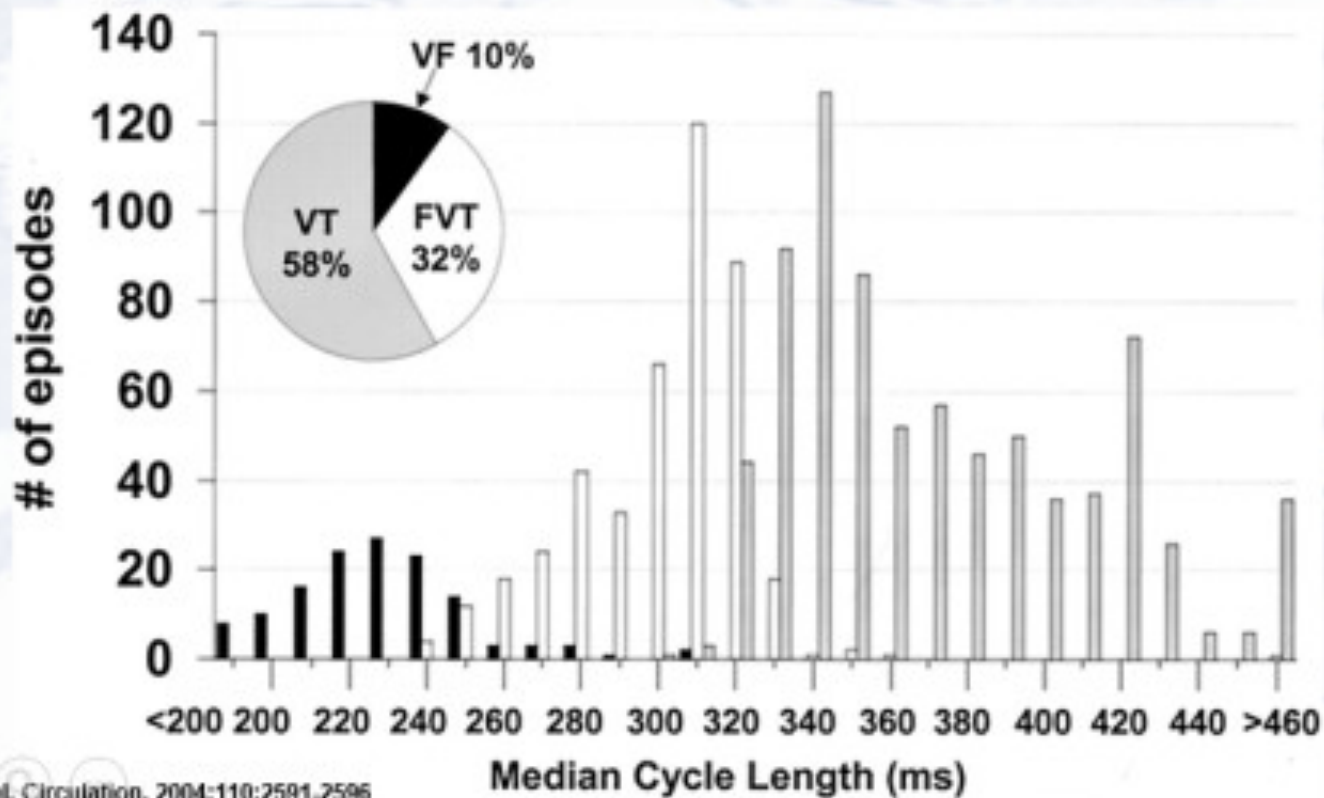
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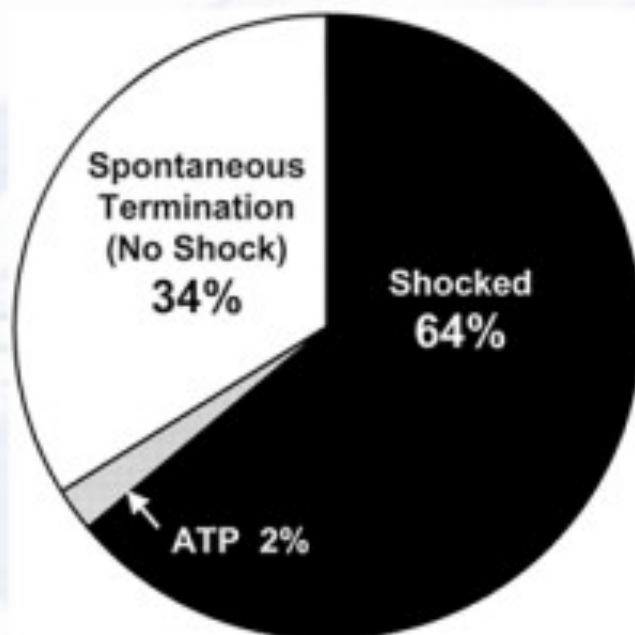
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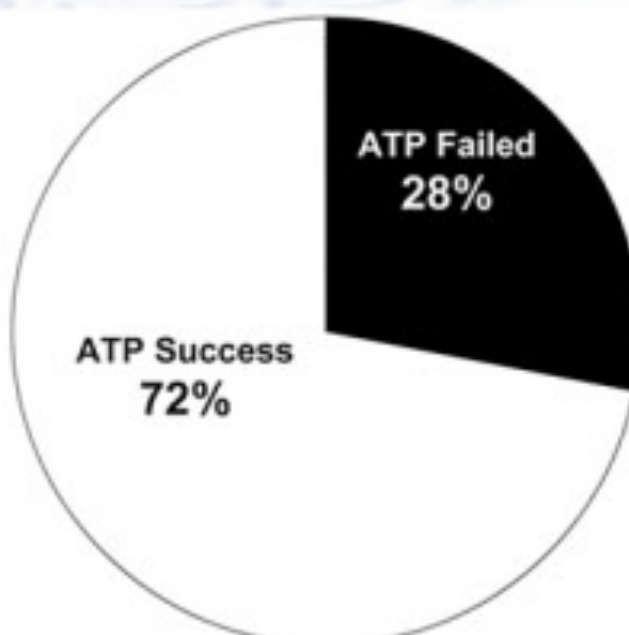
Distribution of ventricular arrhythmias by detection zone and median CL. In conventional ICD programming, all episodes <320 ms (VF and FVT in pie chart) would be detected as VF and shocked without ever attempting ATP. Note that FVT episodes represent 76% of these rhythms.



## Terminating therapy for FVT episodes in each arm.



**Shock Arm**  
(n=147 episodes)



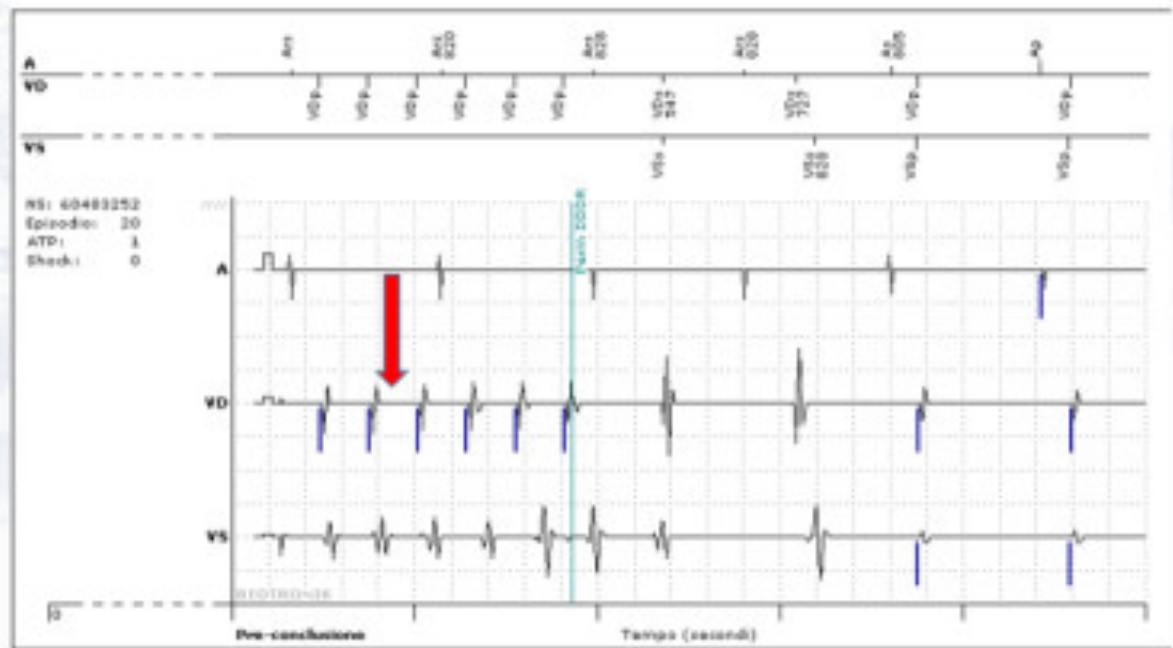
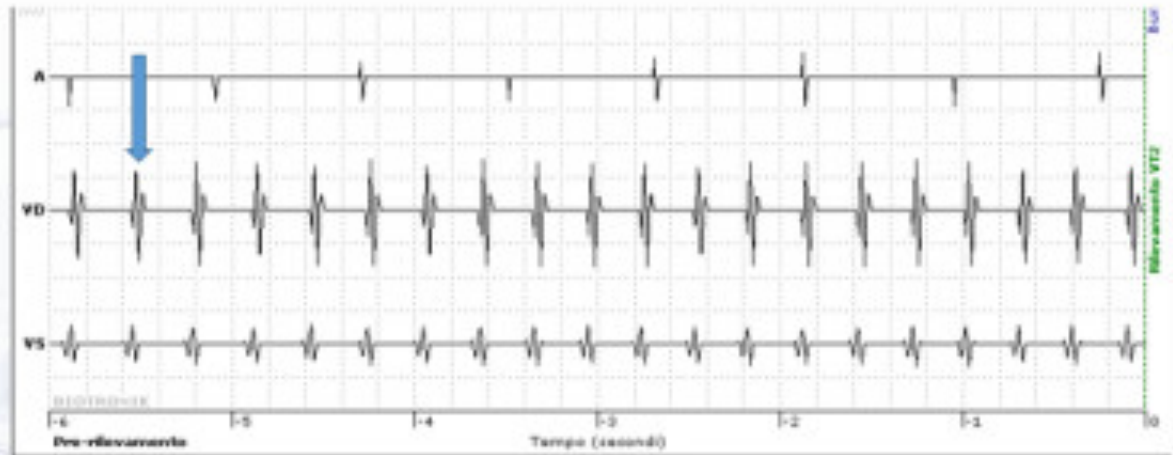
**ATP Arm**  
(n=284 episodes)

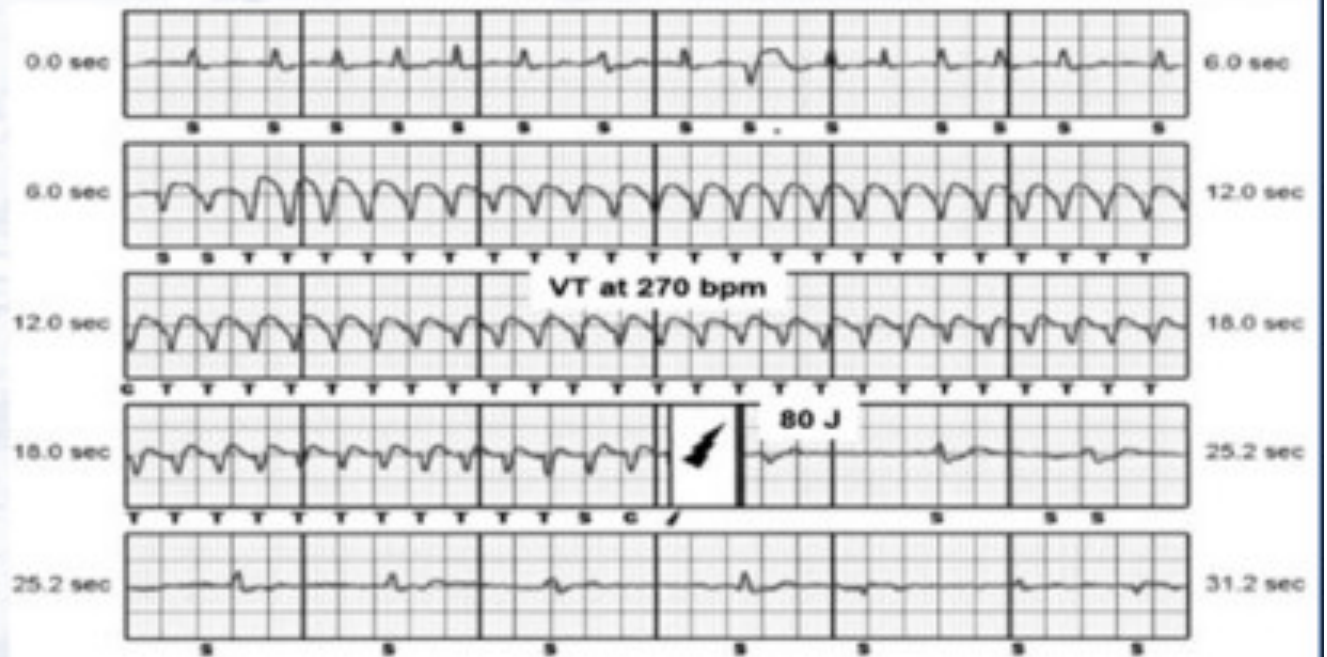
Mark S. Wathen et al. *Circulation*. 2004;110:2591-2596





E.g.: FVT treated with ATP (EGM from Biotronik home monitoring)





**FVT interrupted by high voltage Shock by a Subcutaneous ICD**



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And don't forget that the most of patients that **require an ICD**.....



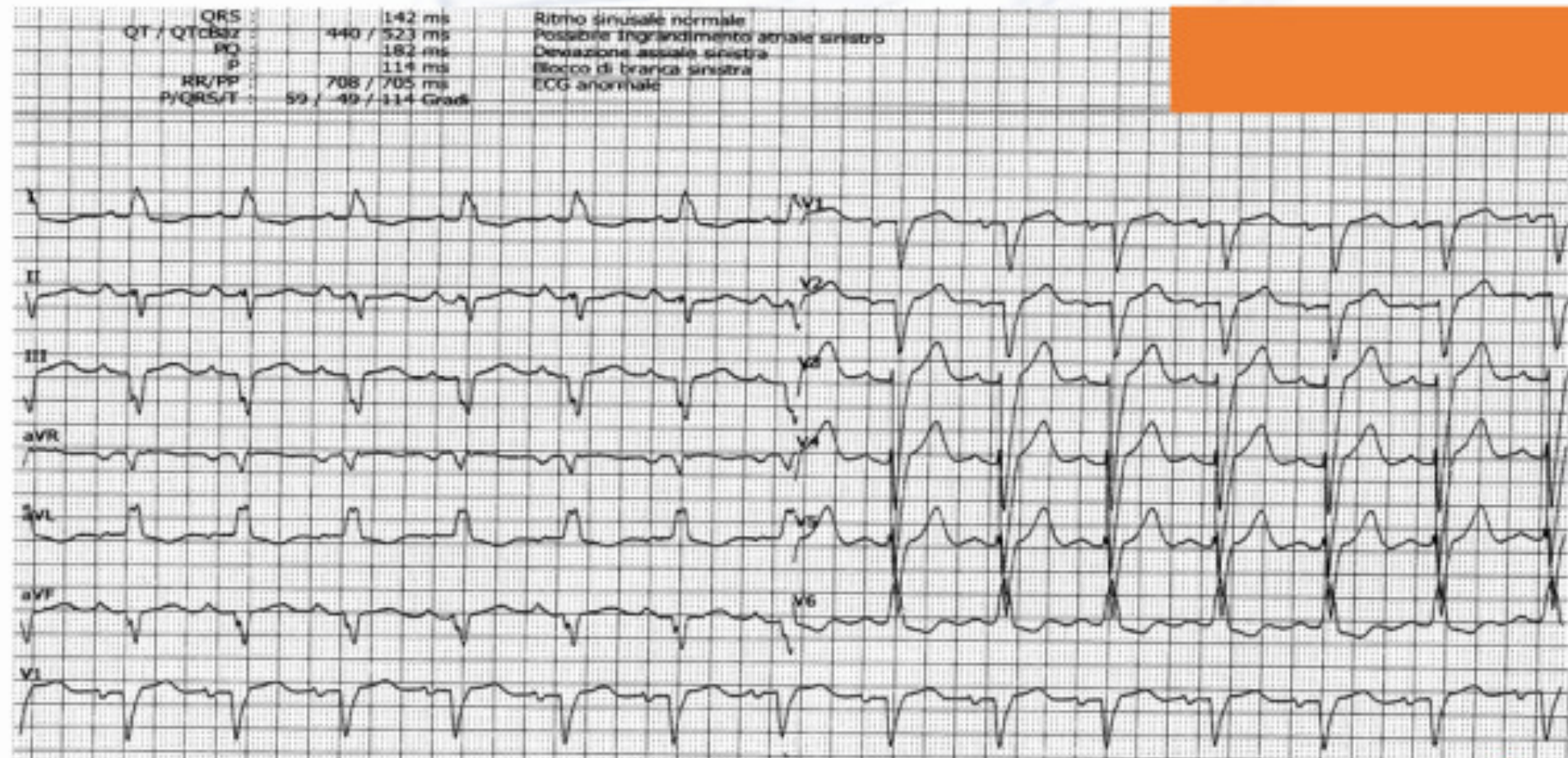
- CRT resynchronization therapy is increasing
- Underlying pathologies often involves also conduction system
- The most of patients are under pharmacological therapy potentially affecting Conduction system ( B-blockers, Ca-antagonist, AAD...)

**Require also Pacing**.....





# LEFT BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK



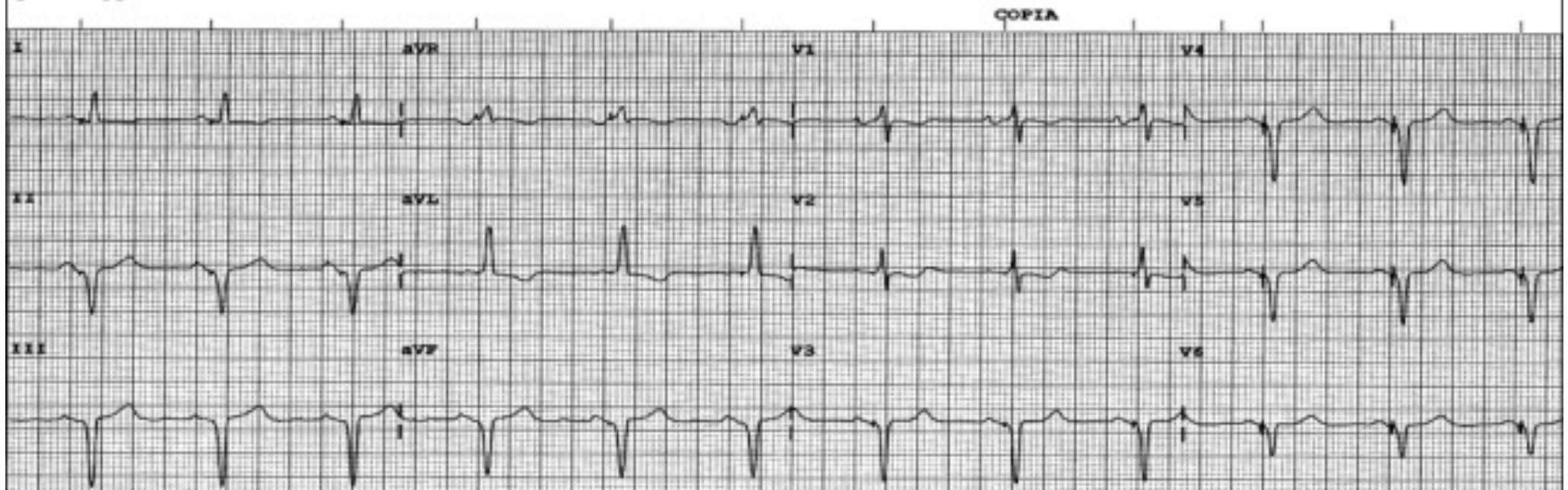
Post-Myocarditis LBBB

# LEFT BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK

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QTc 460

After resynchronization

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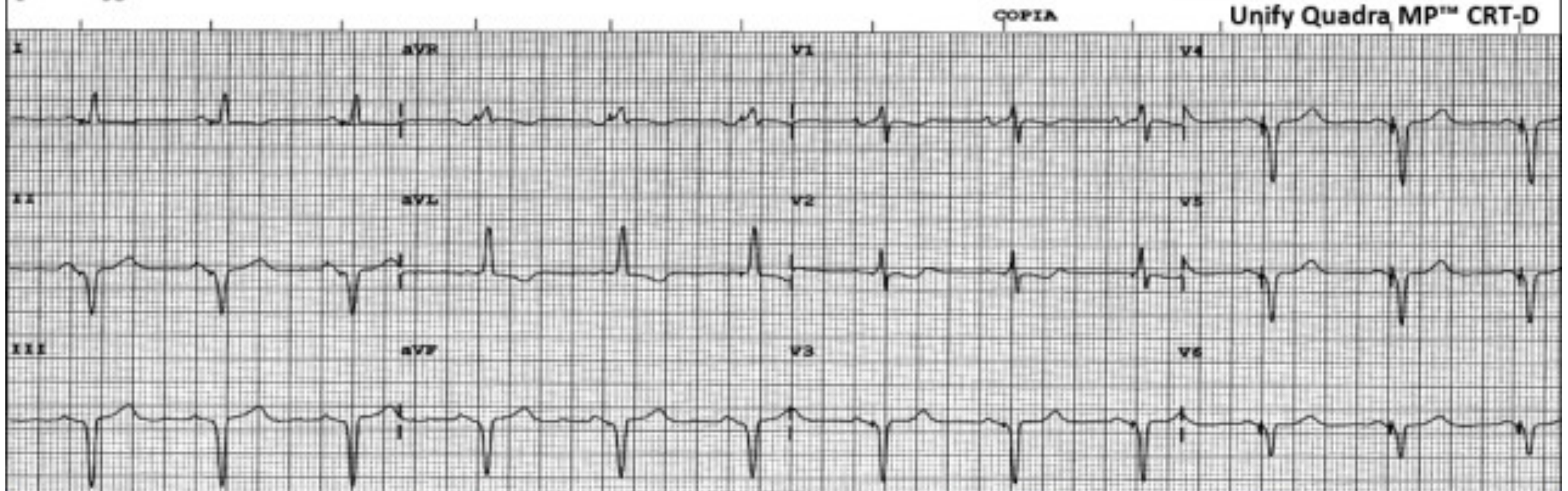


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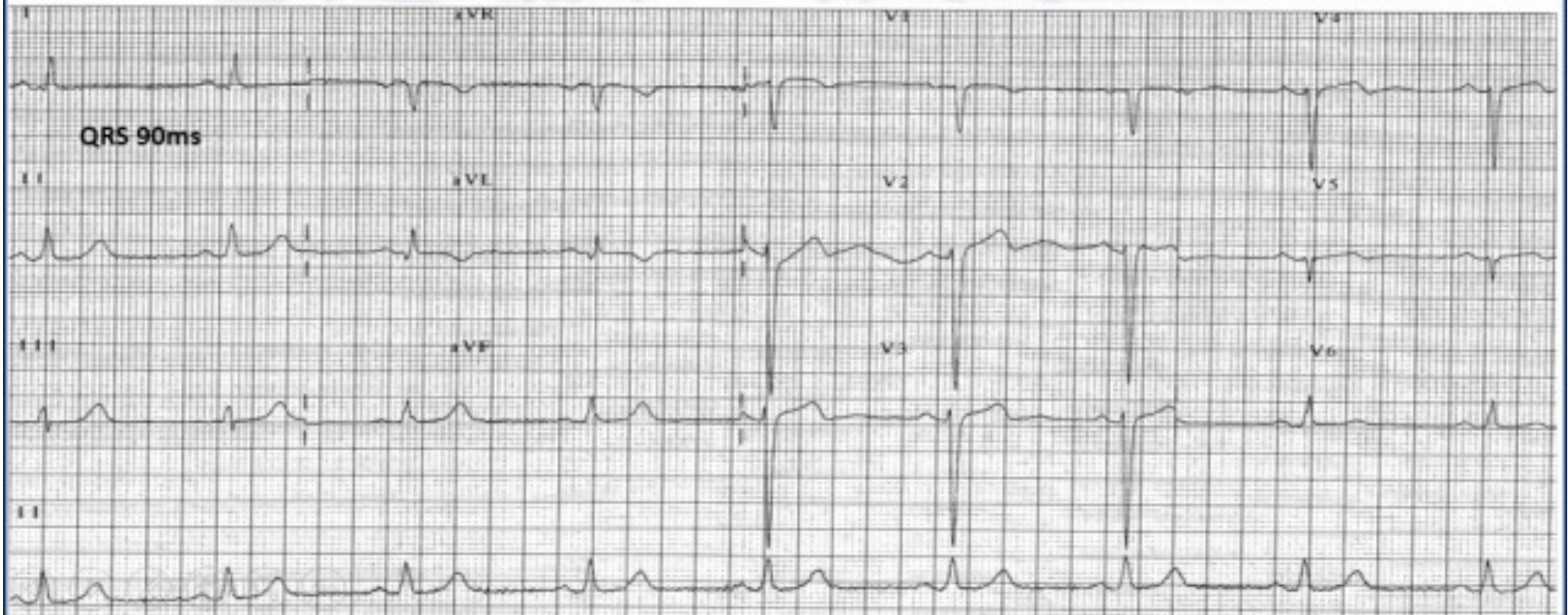
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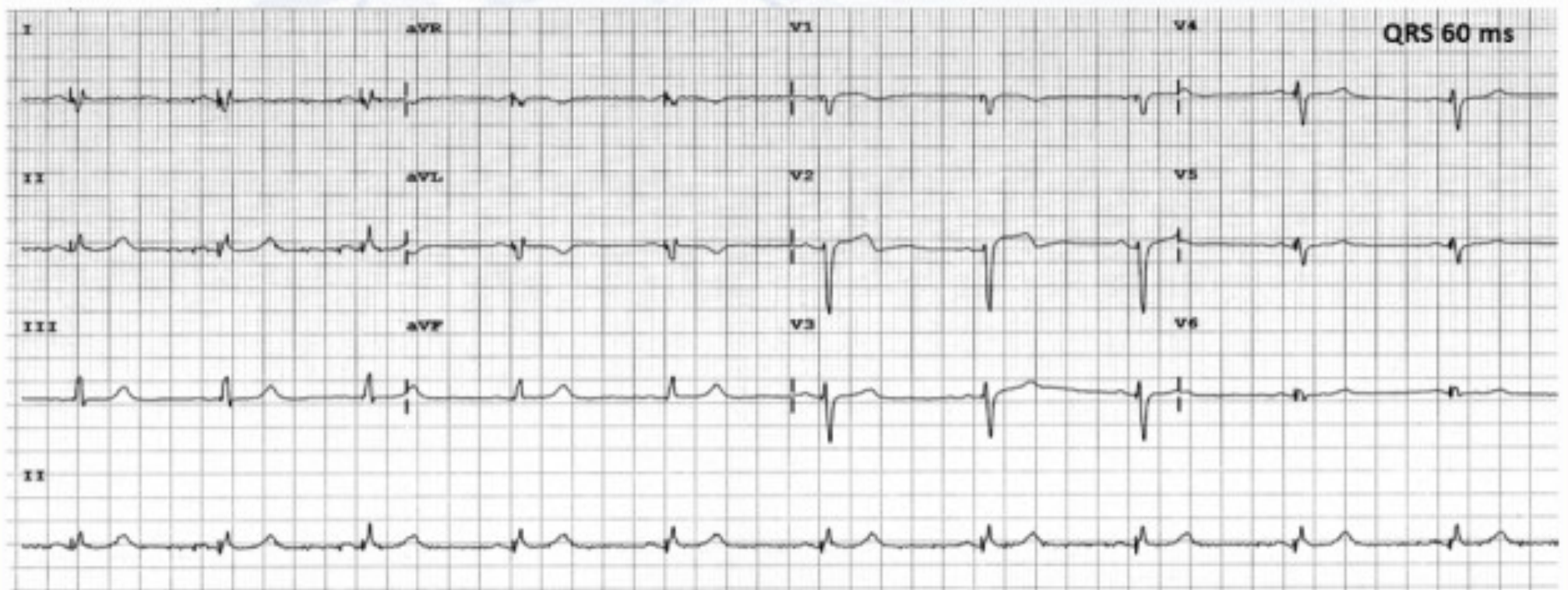
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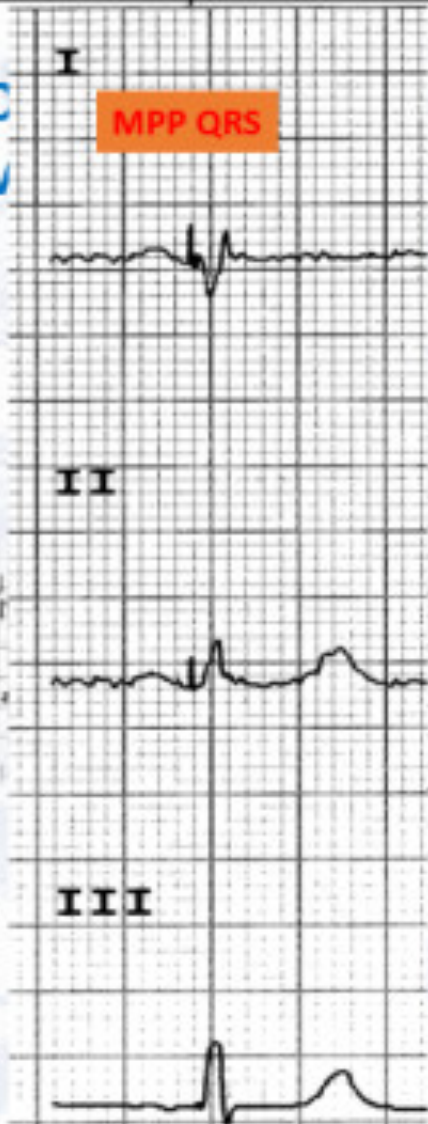


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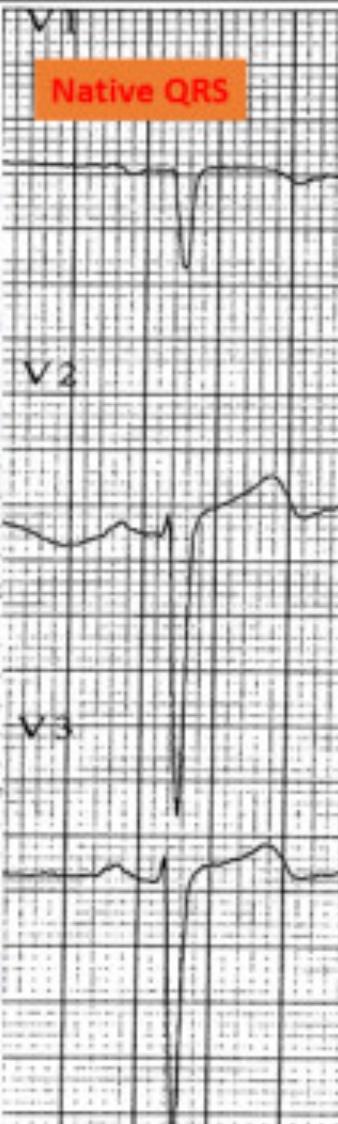
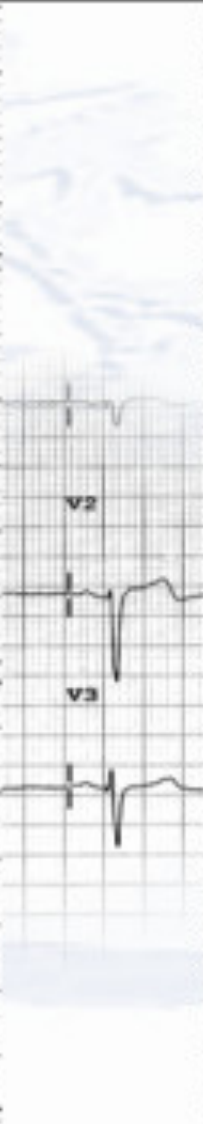


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MPP QRS



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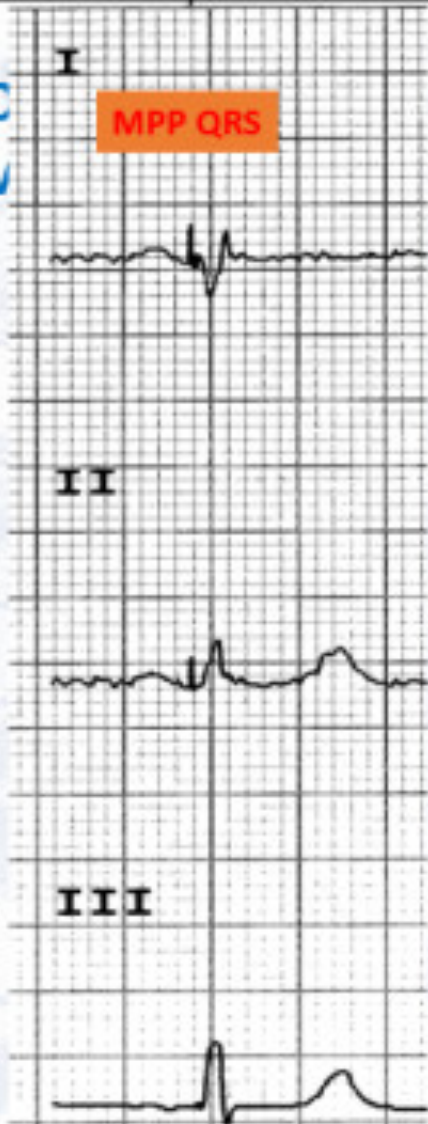


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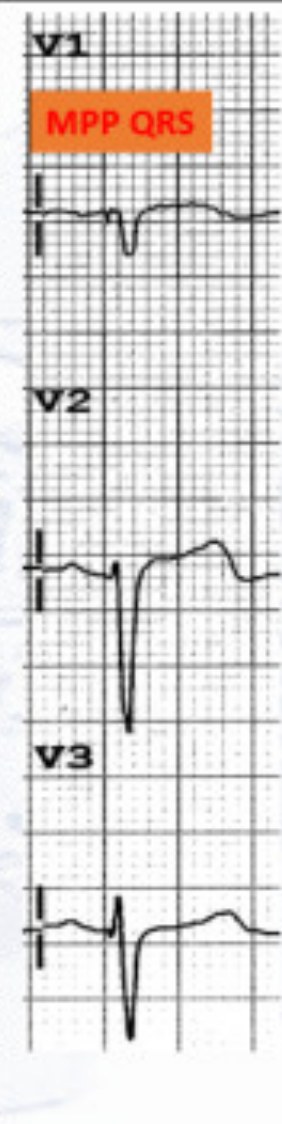
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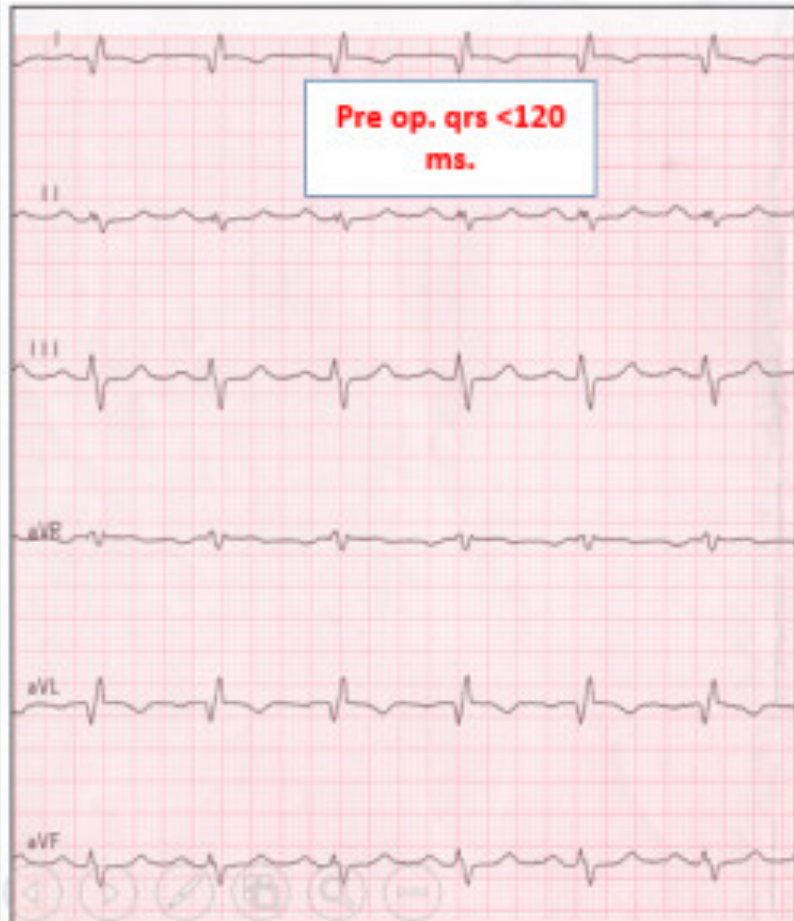


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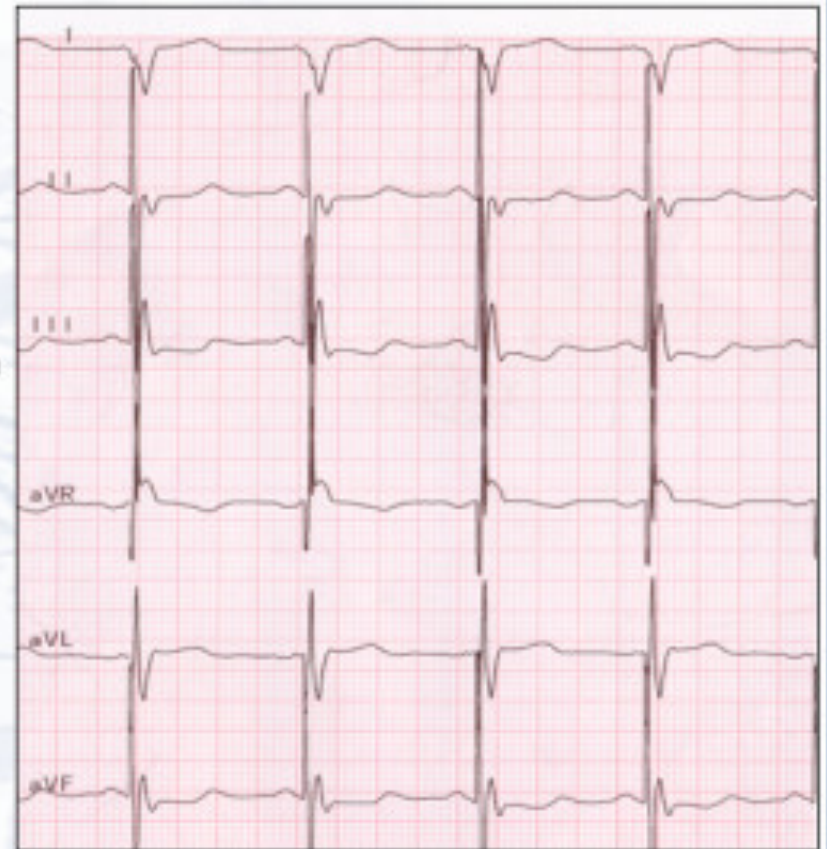


# NARROW QRS

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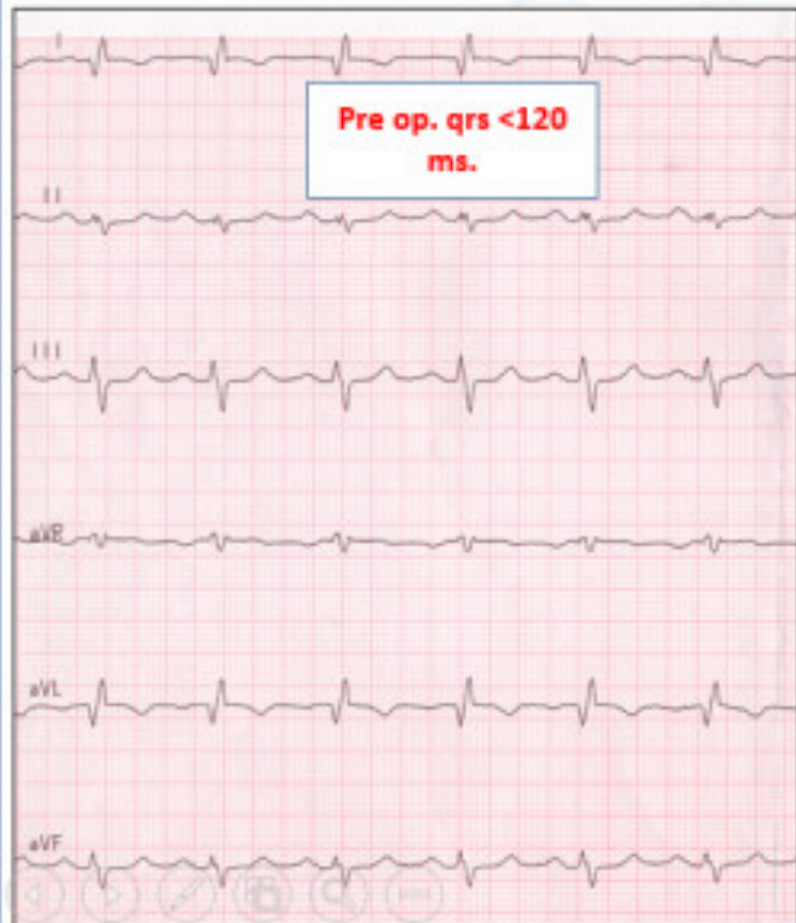
Conventional CRT worsen QRS duration in narrow QRS patients



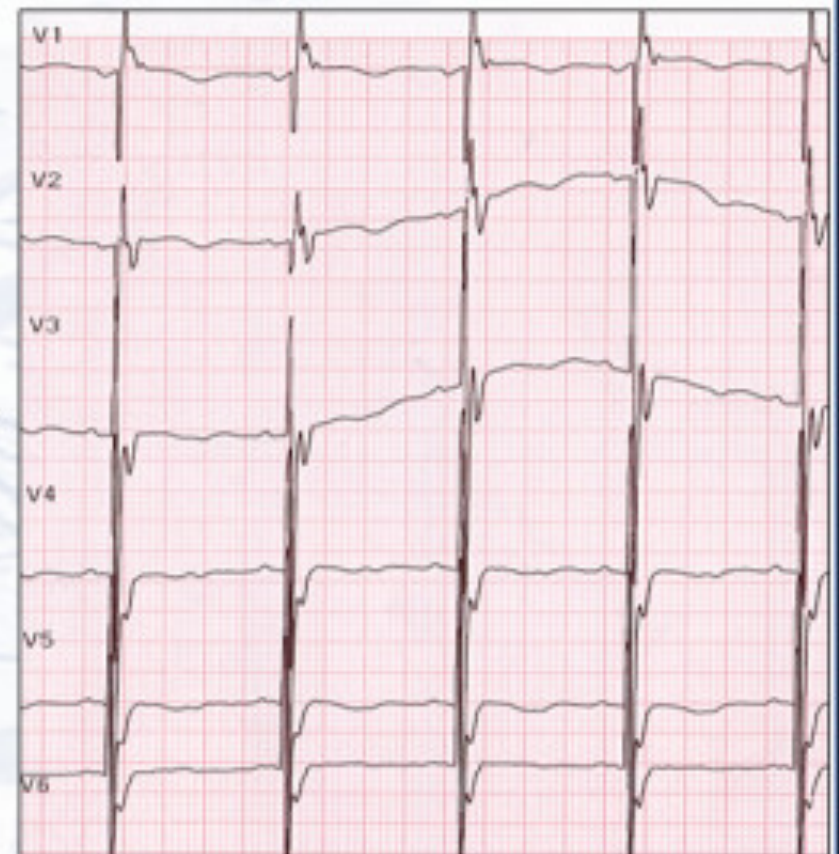


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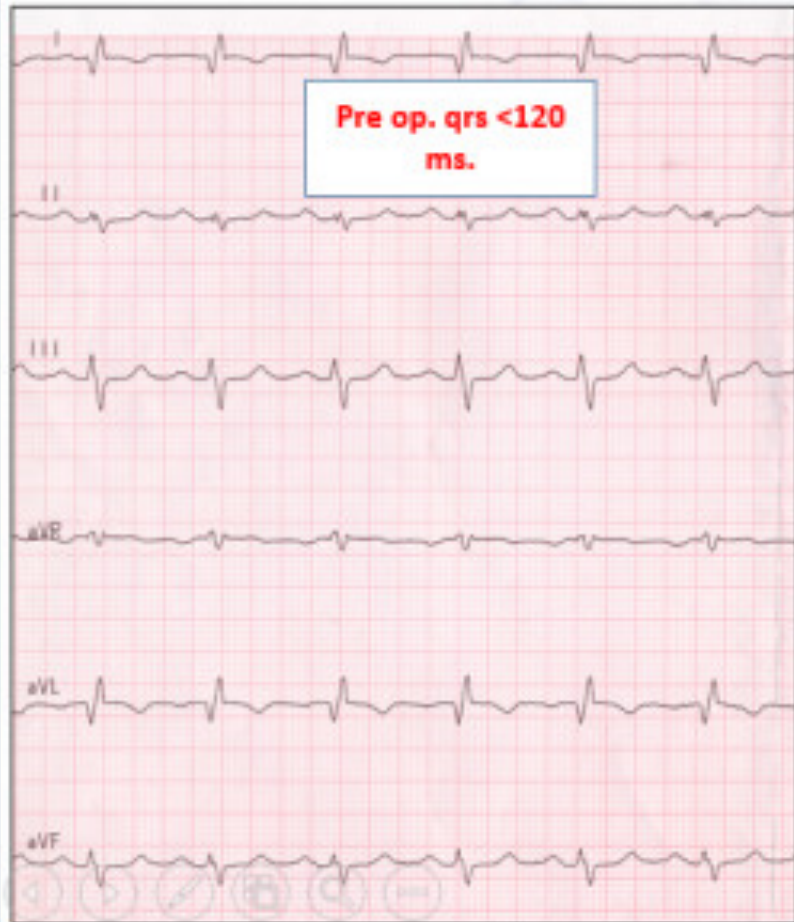


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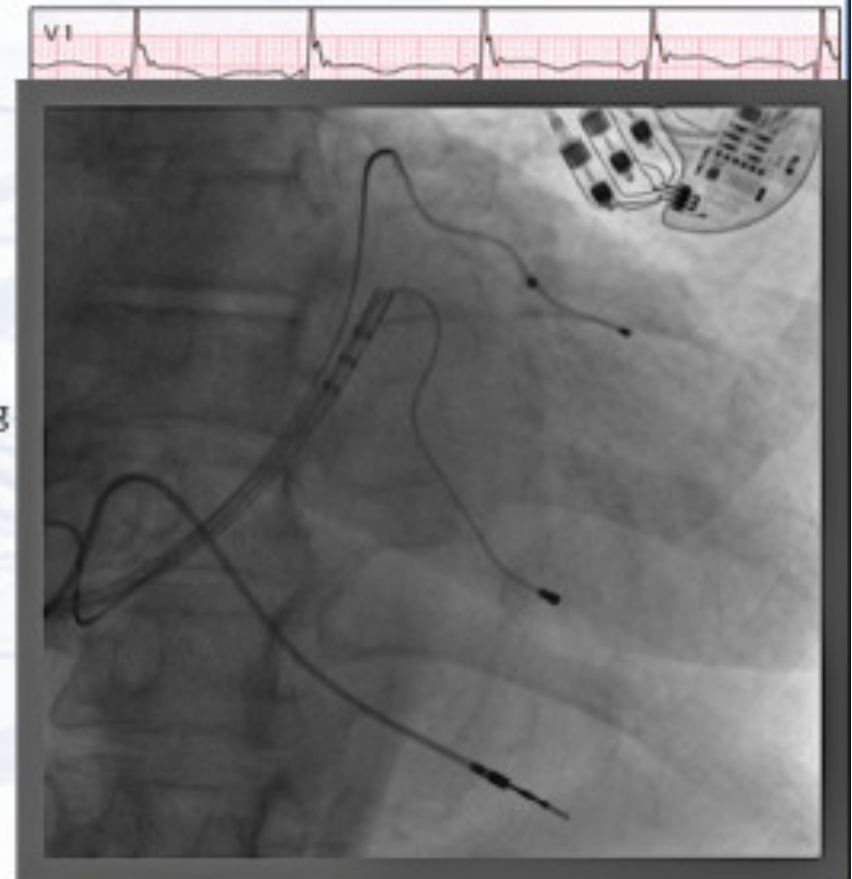


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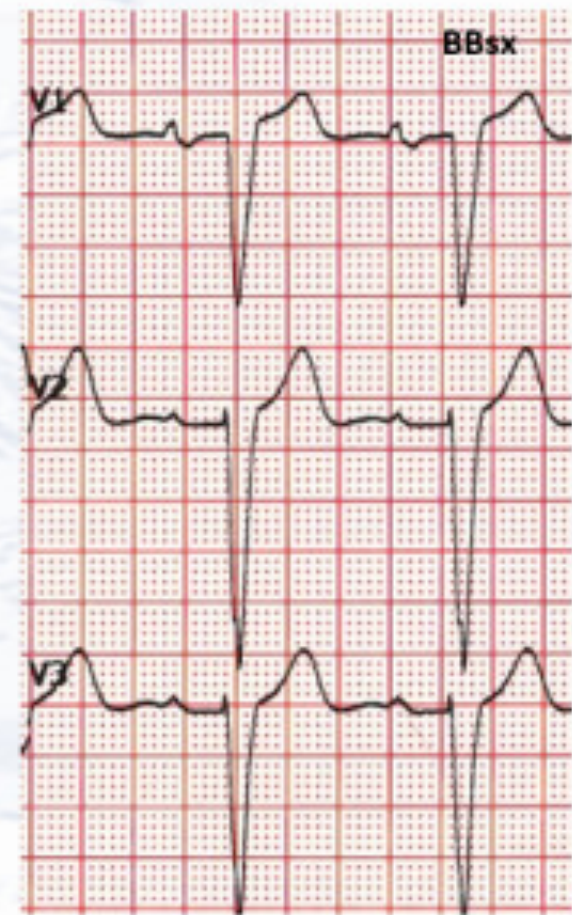
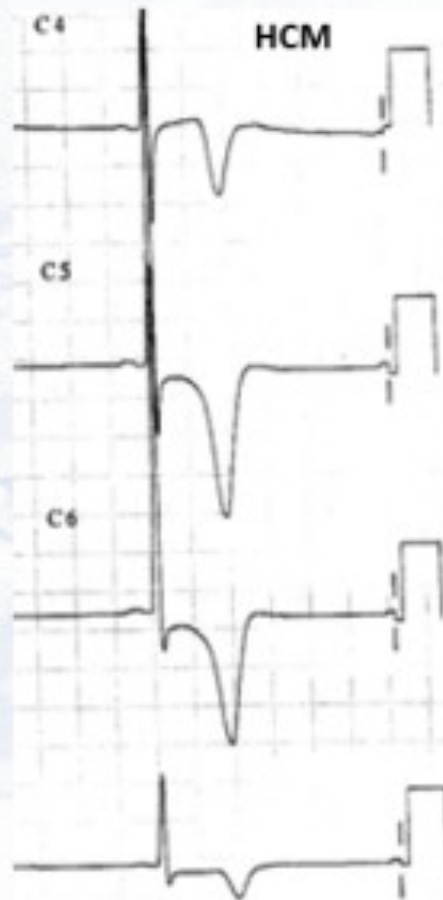
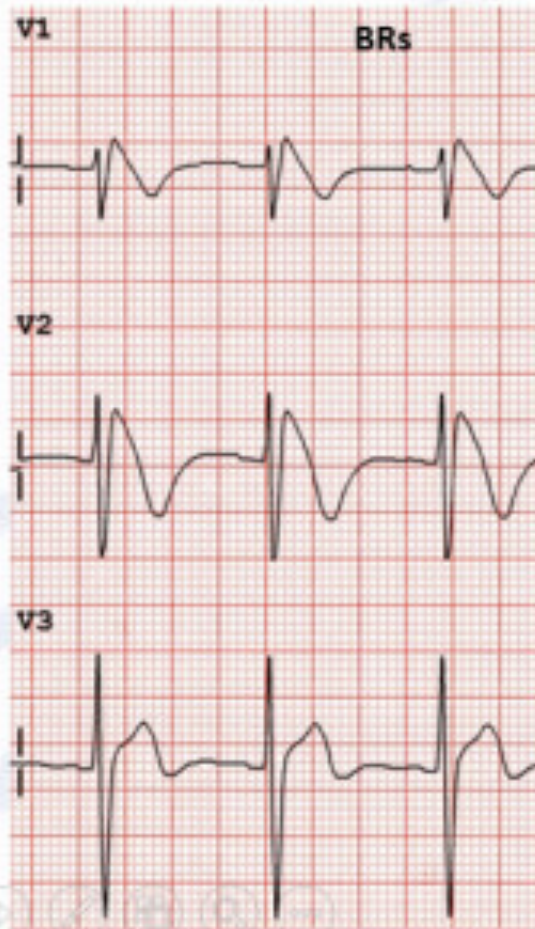


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- Complex cardiomyopathies
- Trouble in gaining a venous access
- Recurrent endocarditis

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