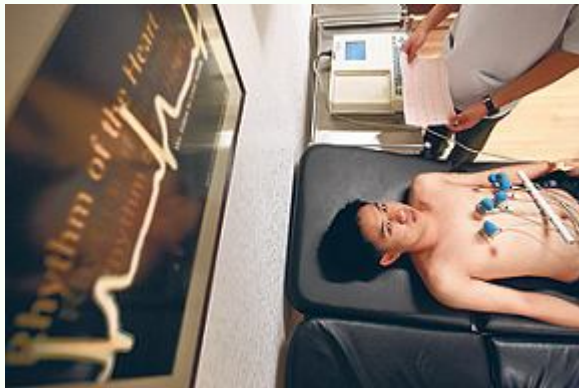


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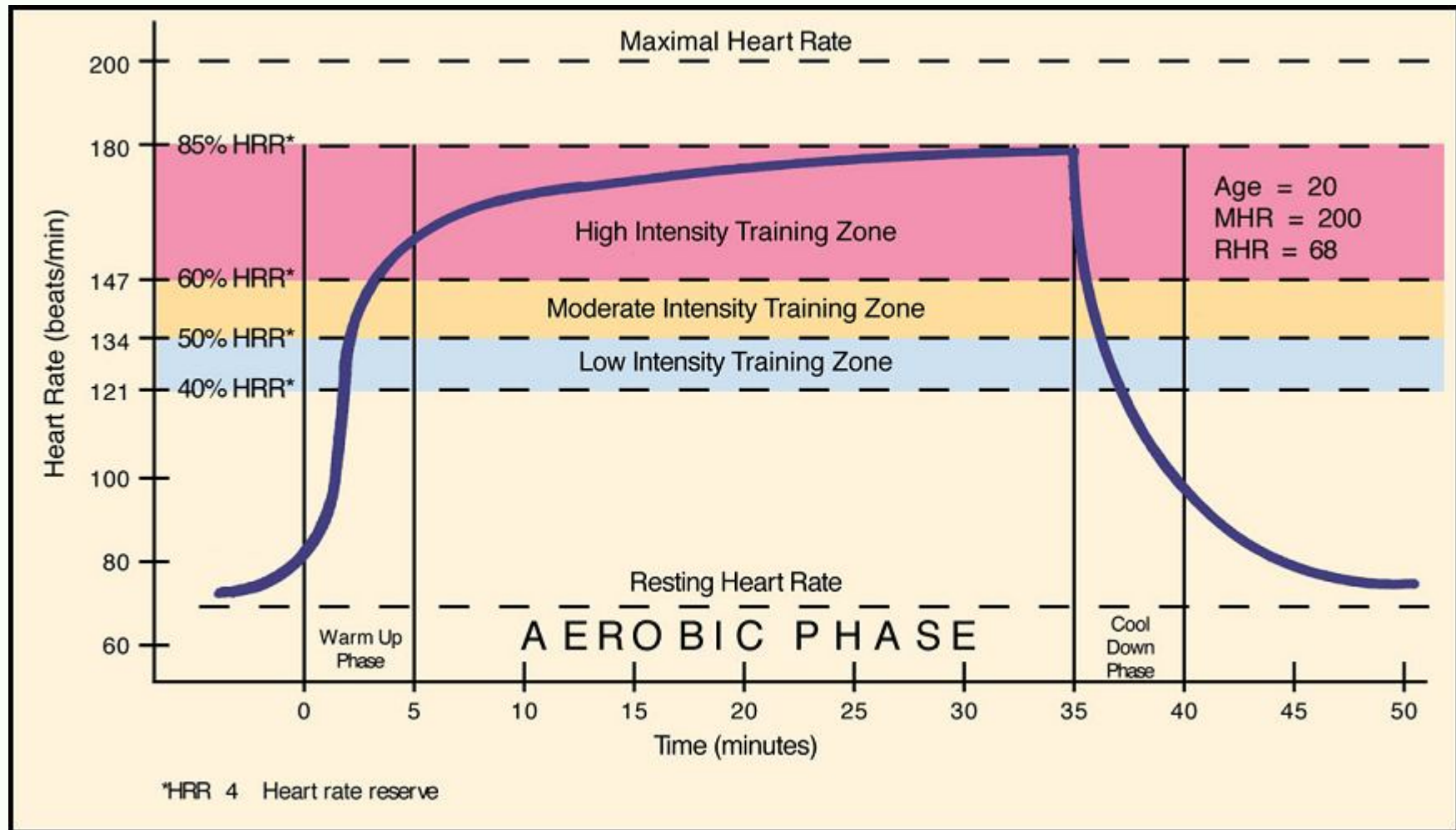
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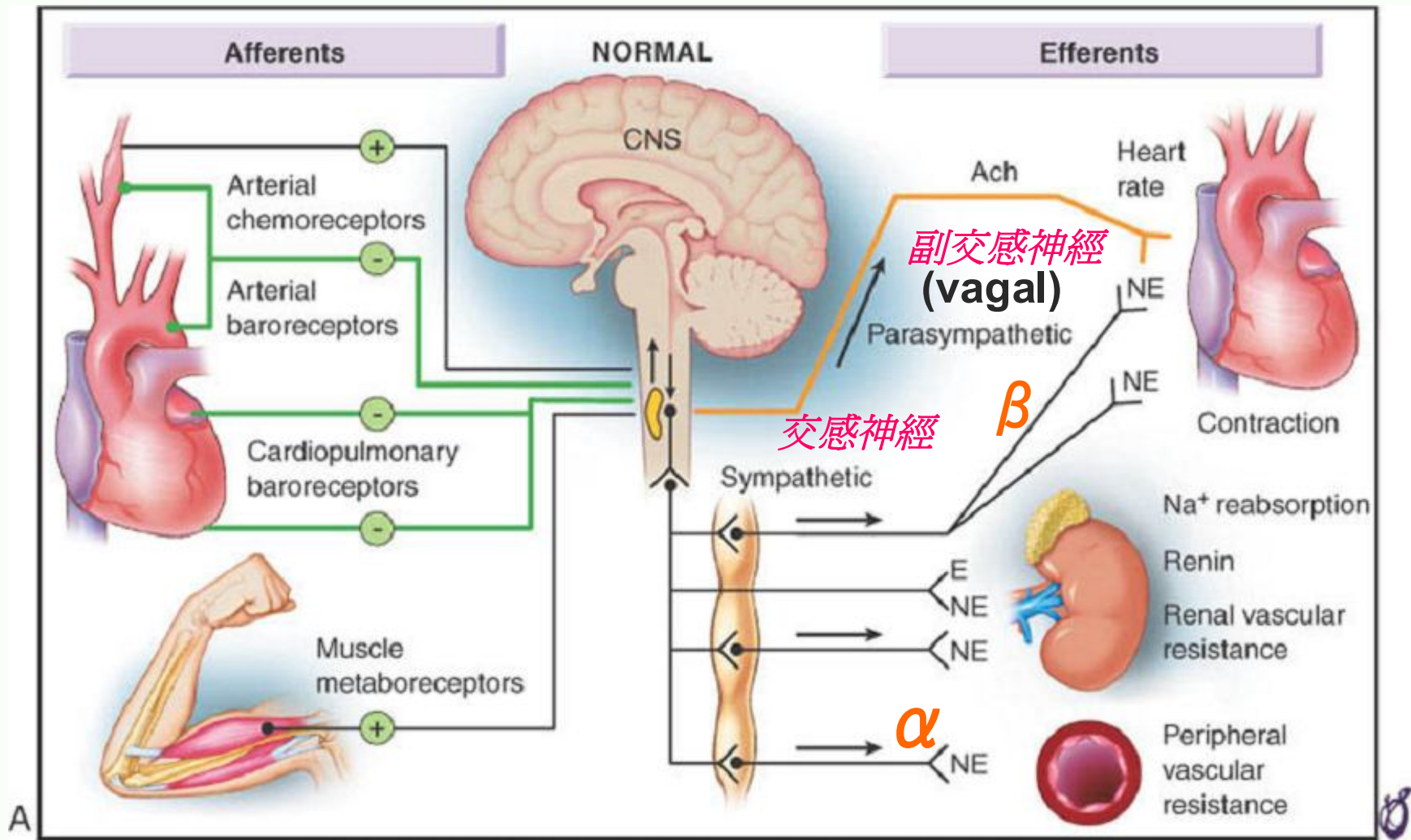




Usain Bolt, Jamaica

HR Responses During Exercise





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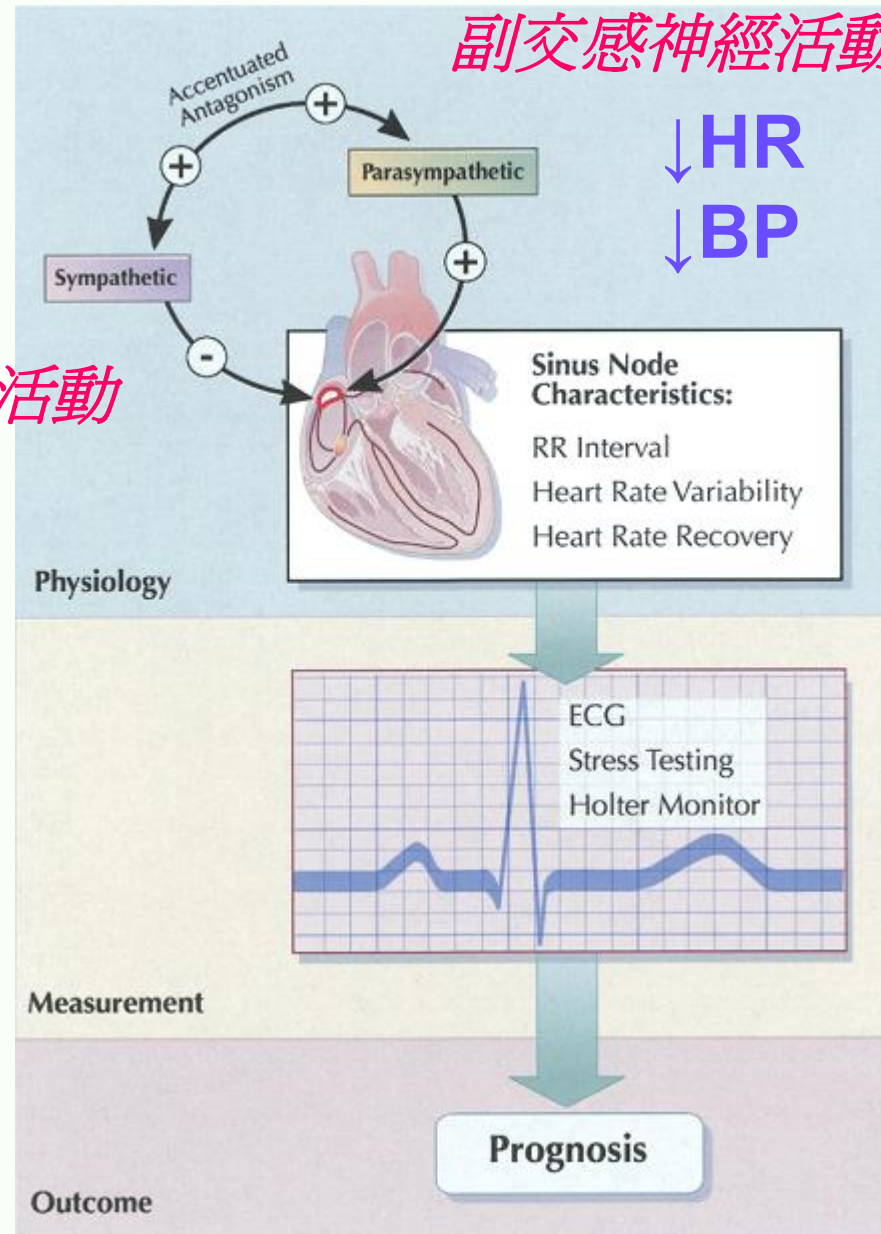
Autonomic Nervous System & Cardiovascular Response

↑HR
↑BP

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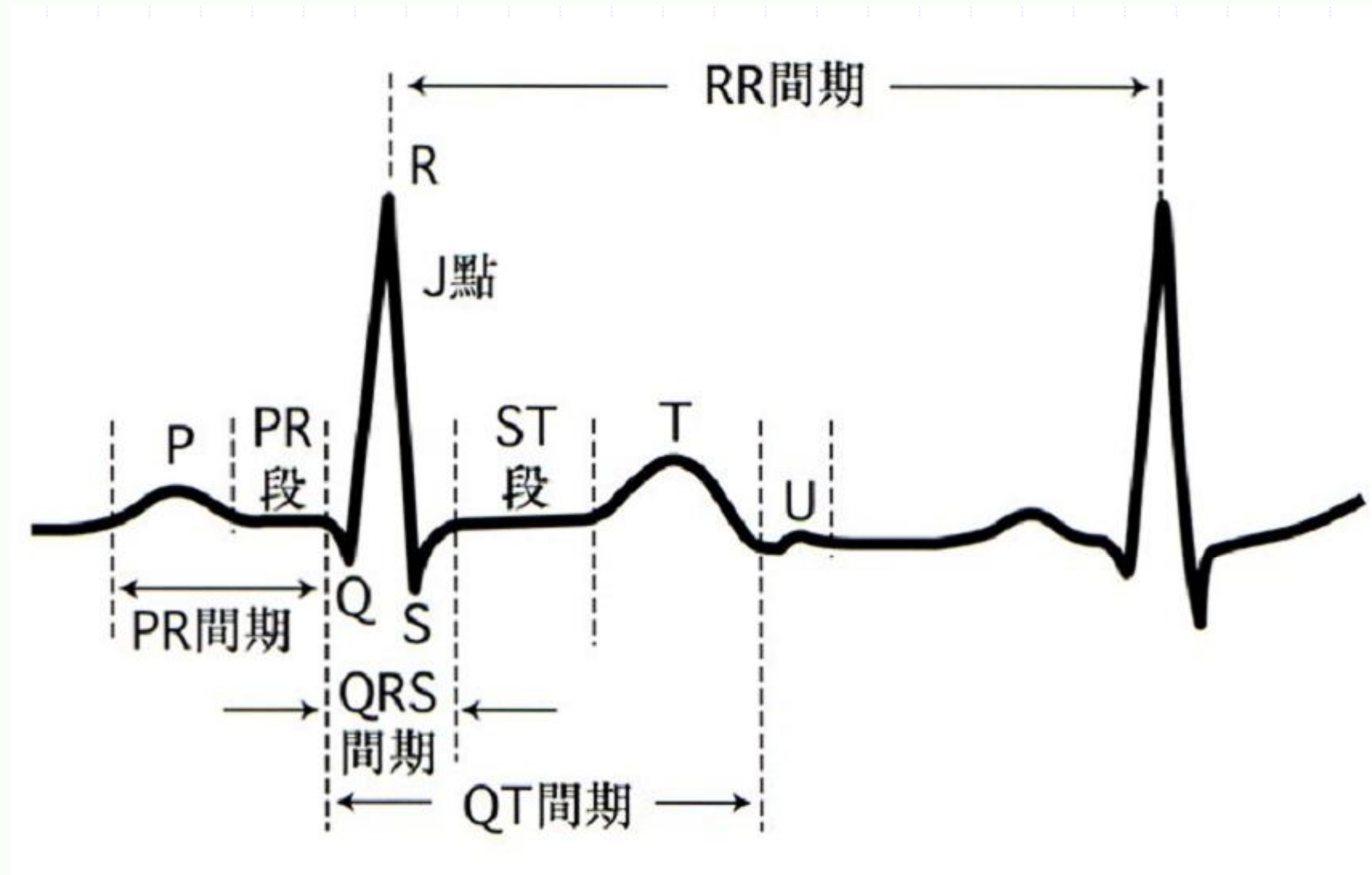
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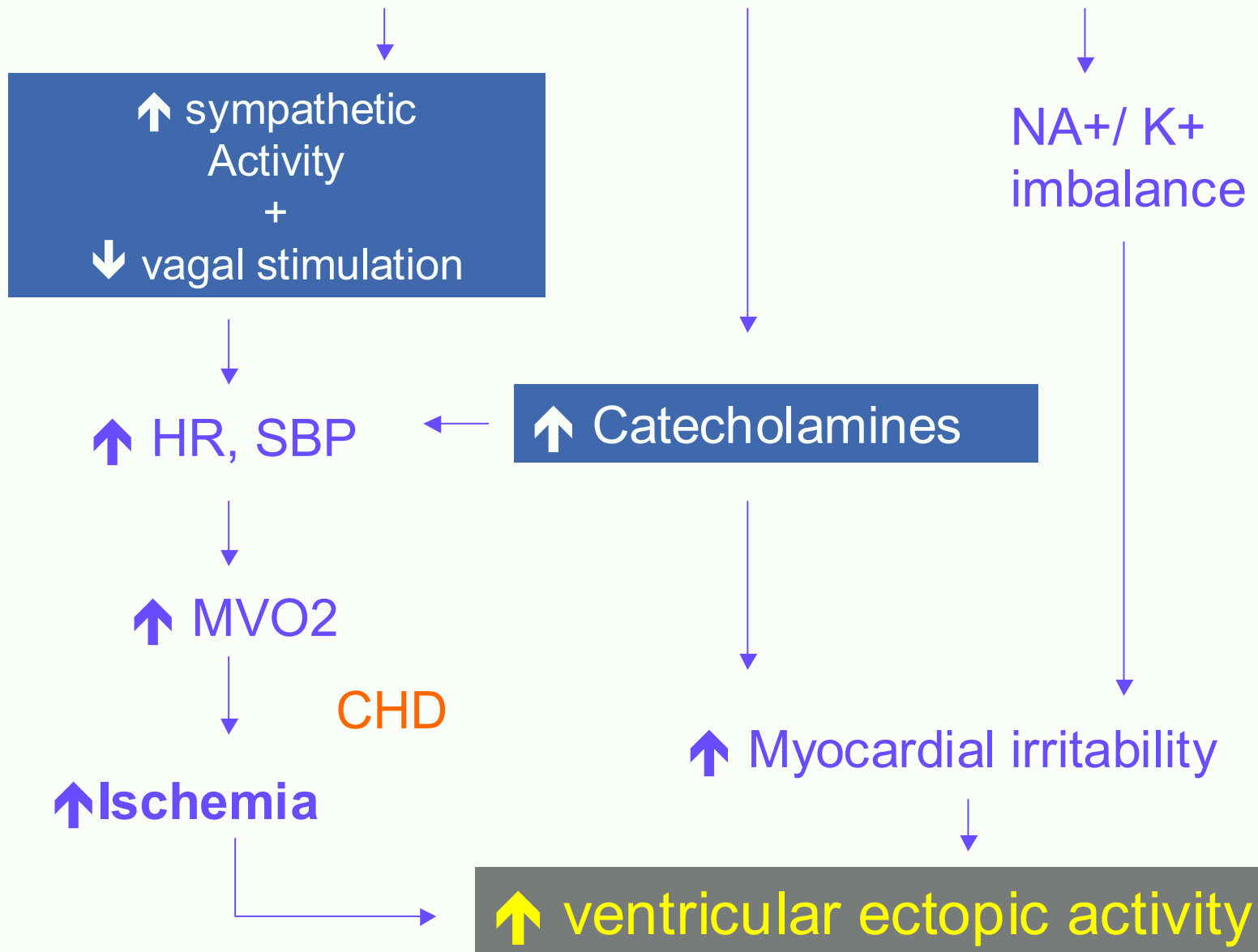


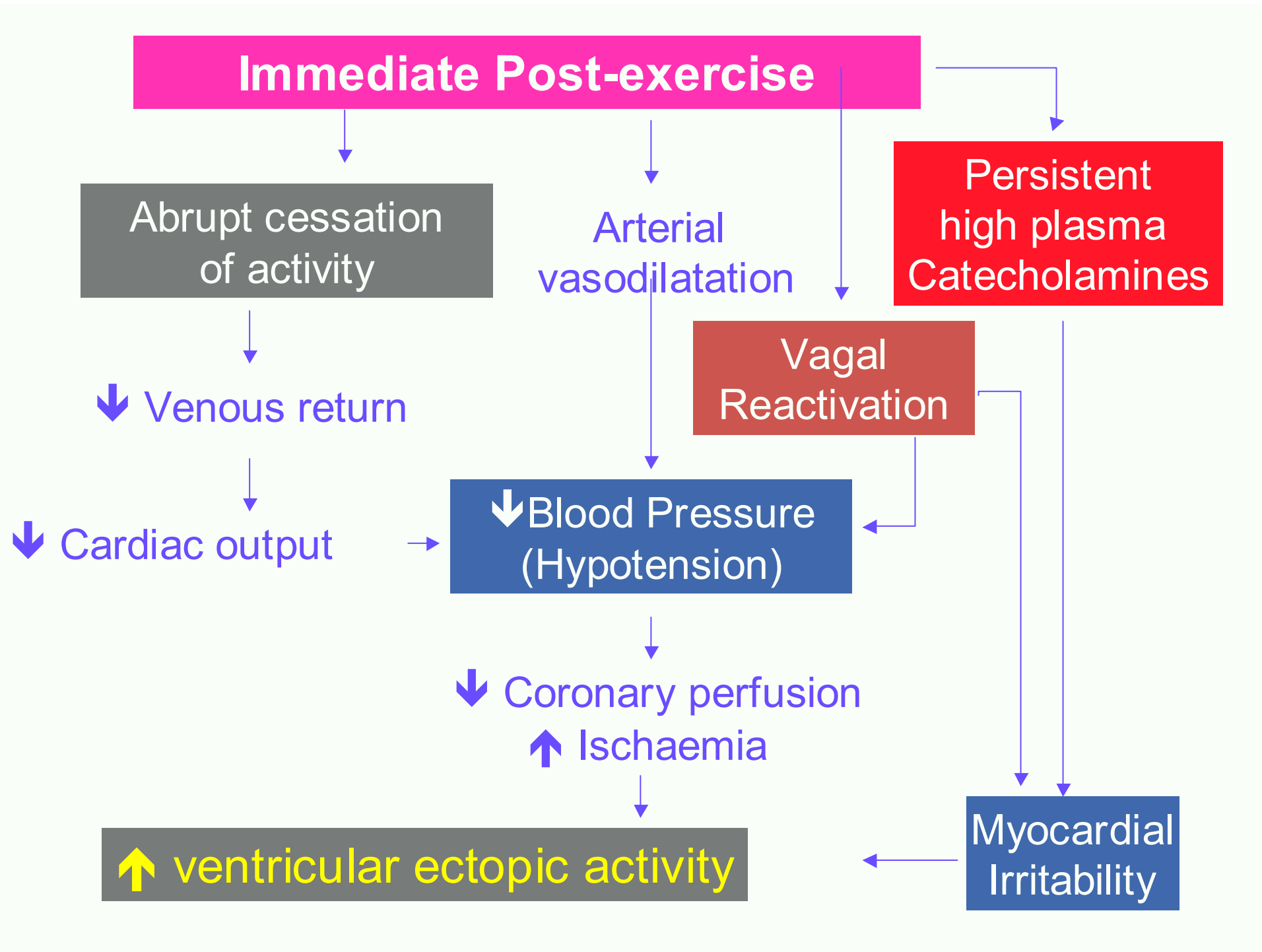
P-QRS-T Intervals in normal ECG:

Normally all would be shortened as HR increases

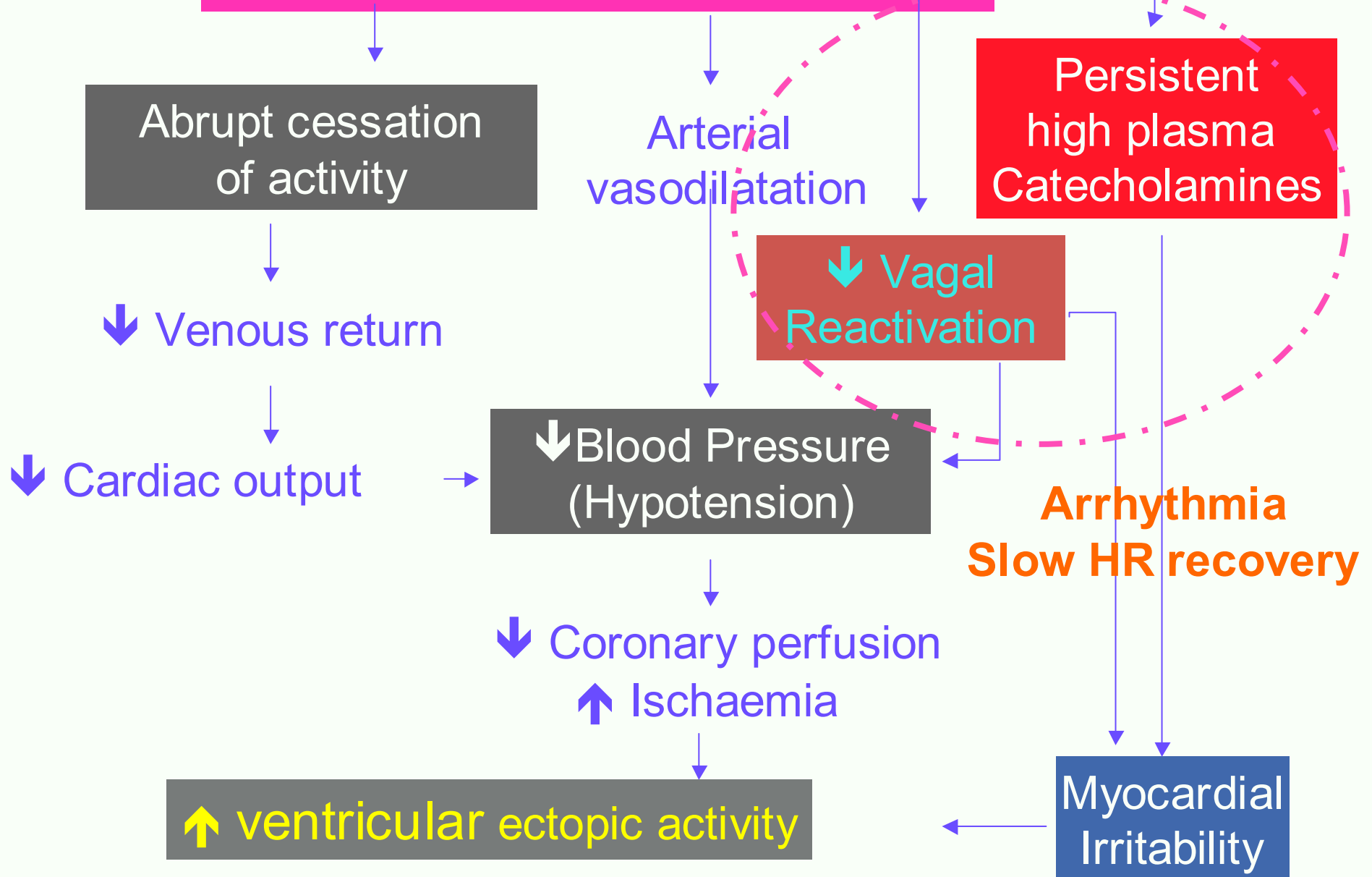


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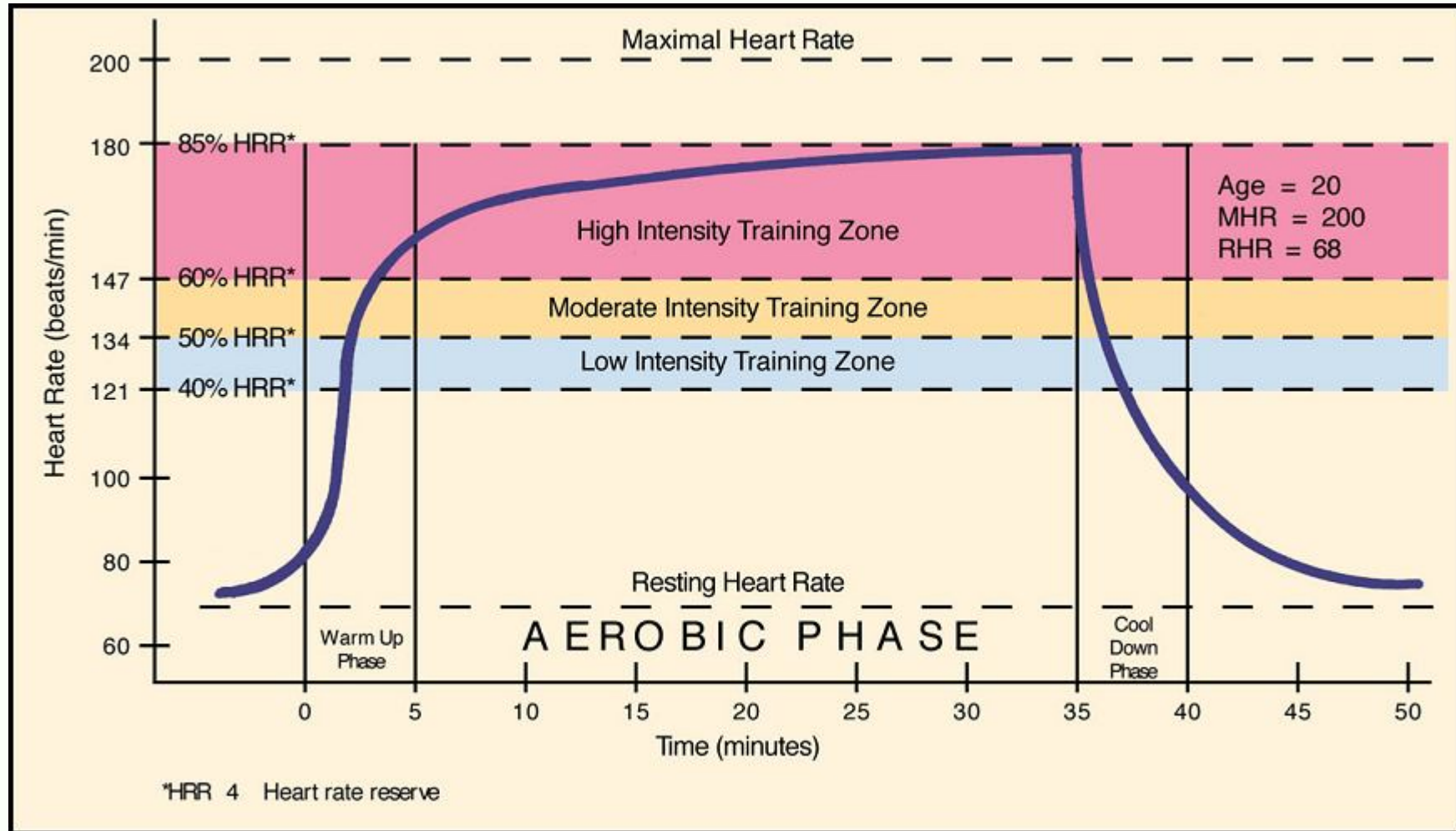




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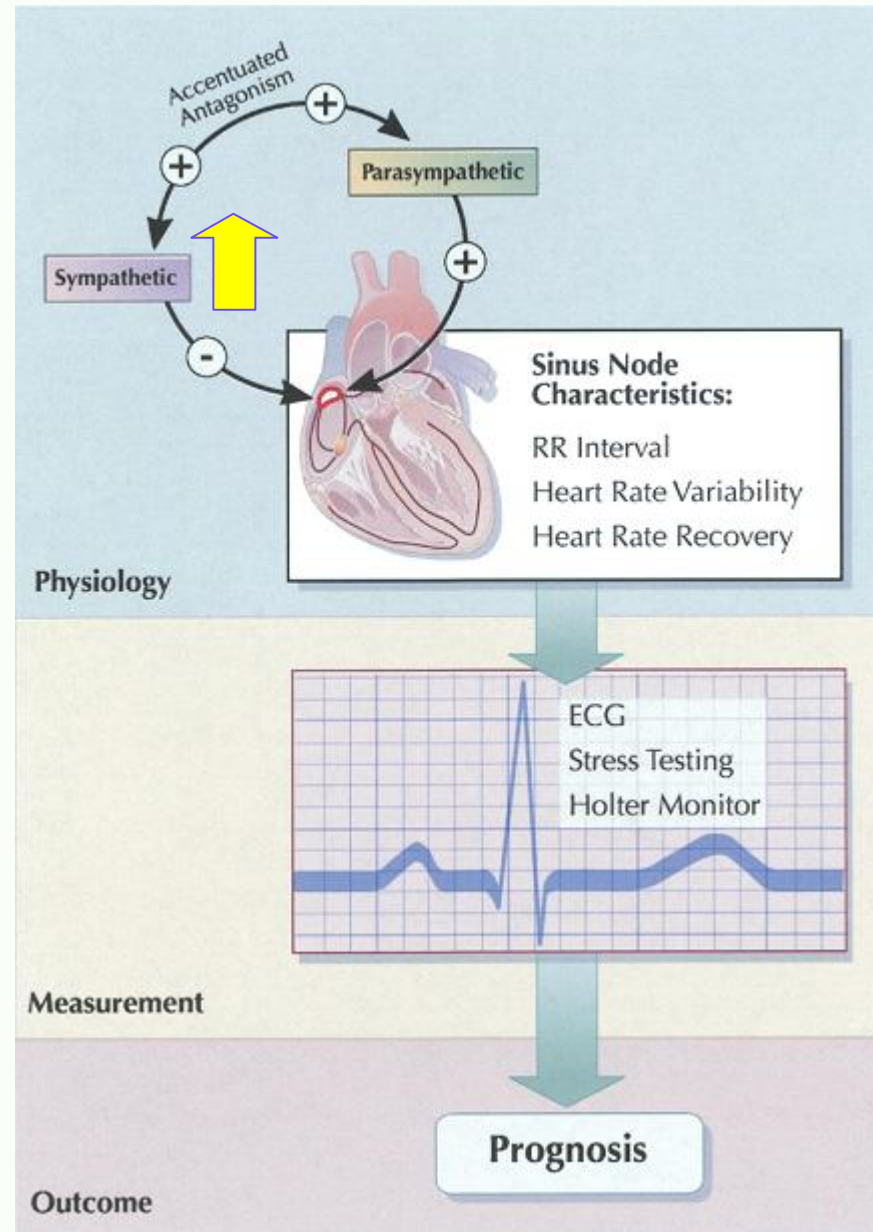
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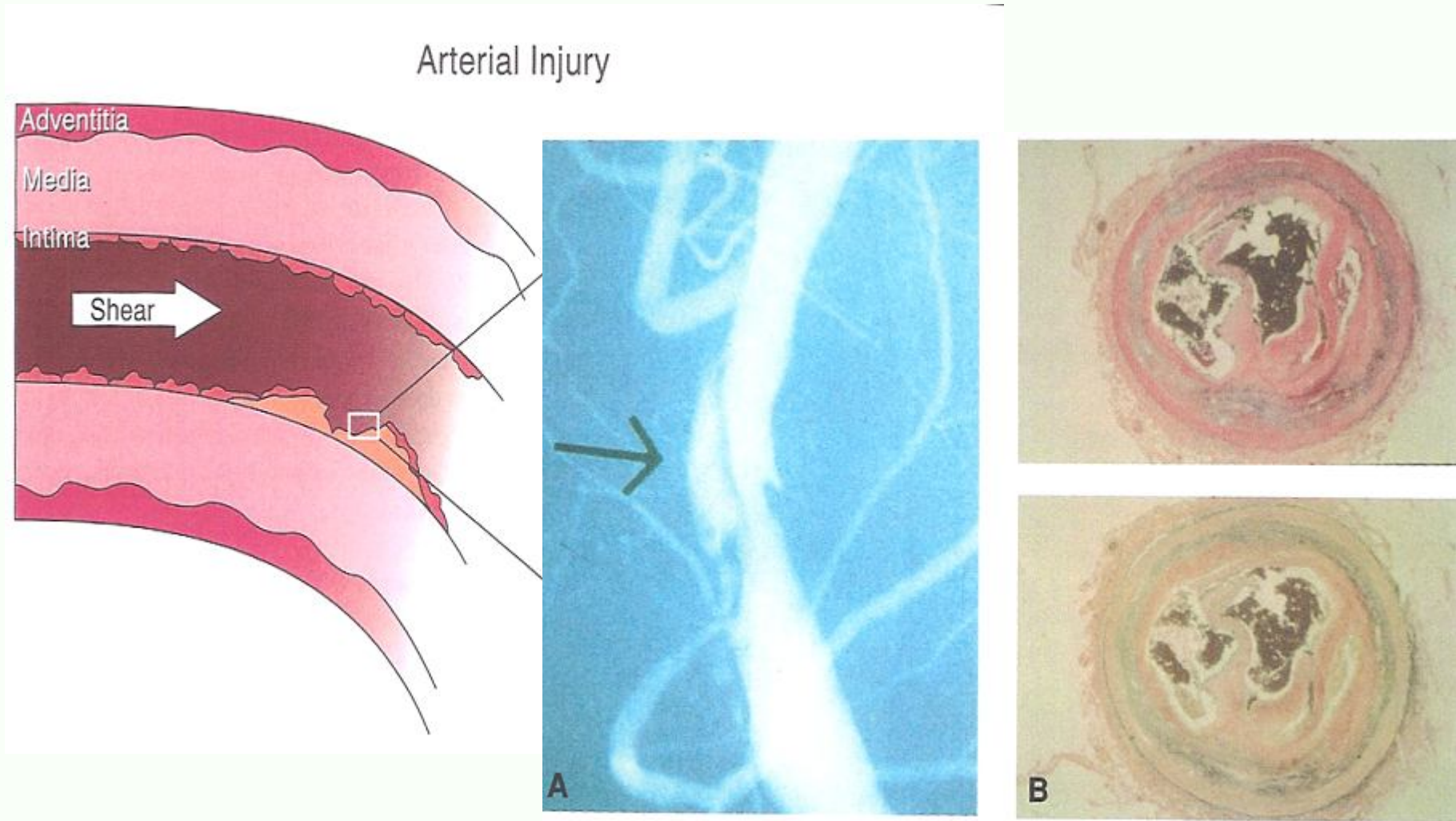
↑HR

Excessive intensive exercise
Or overtraining =>
Sympathetic predominance

交感神經活動作主導



Acute Coronary syndrome due to plaque Rupture



Plaque Ulceration & thrombosis

Coronary Atherosclerosis

Acute Triggers

↑ physical / mental stress / awakening

↑ Sympathetic Tone

↑ Mechanical forces
Sheer stress
Vasospasm

↑ Hemodynamic Factors

↑ Risk of Thrombosis
platelet aggregation
↓ fibrinolysis

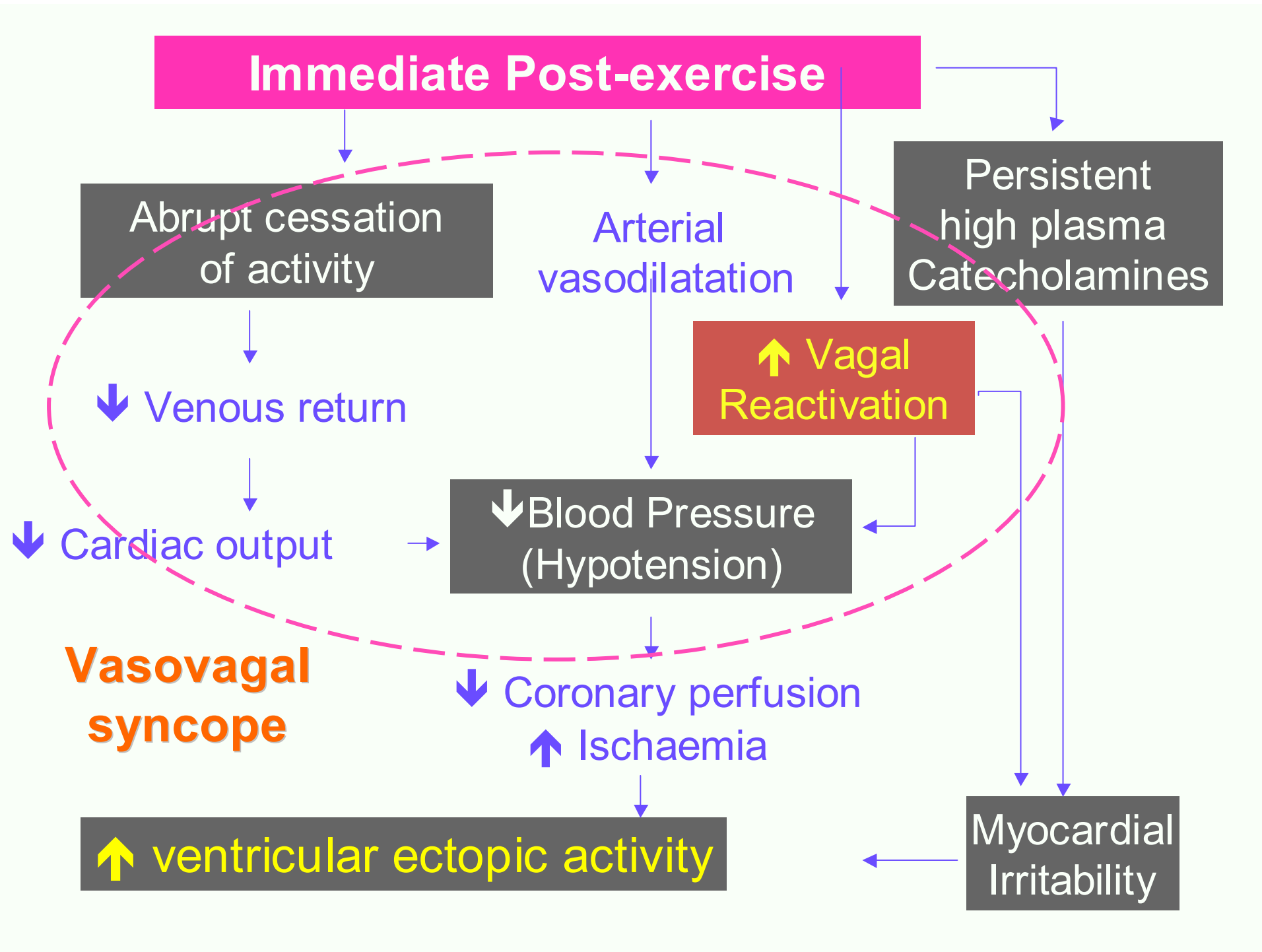
↑ Electrical Instability
Dispersion of Refractoriness

Vulnerable plaque

Plaque disruption

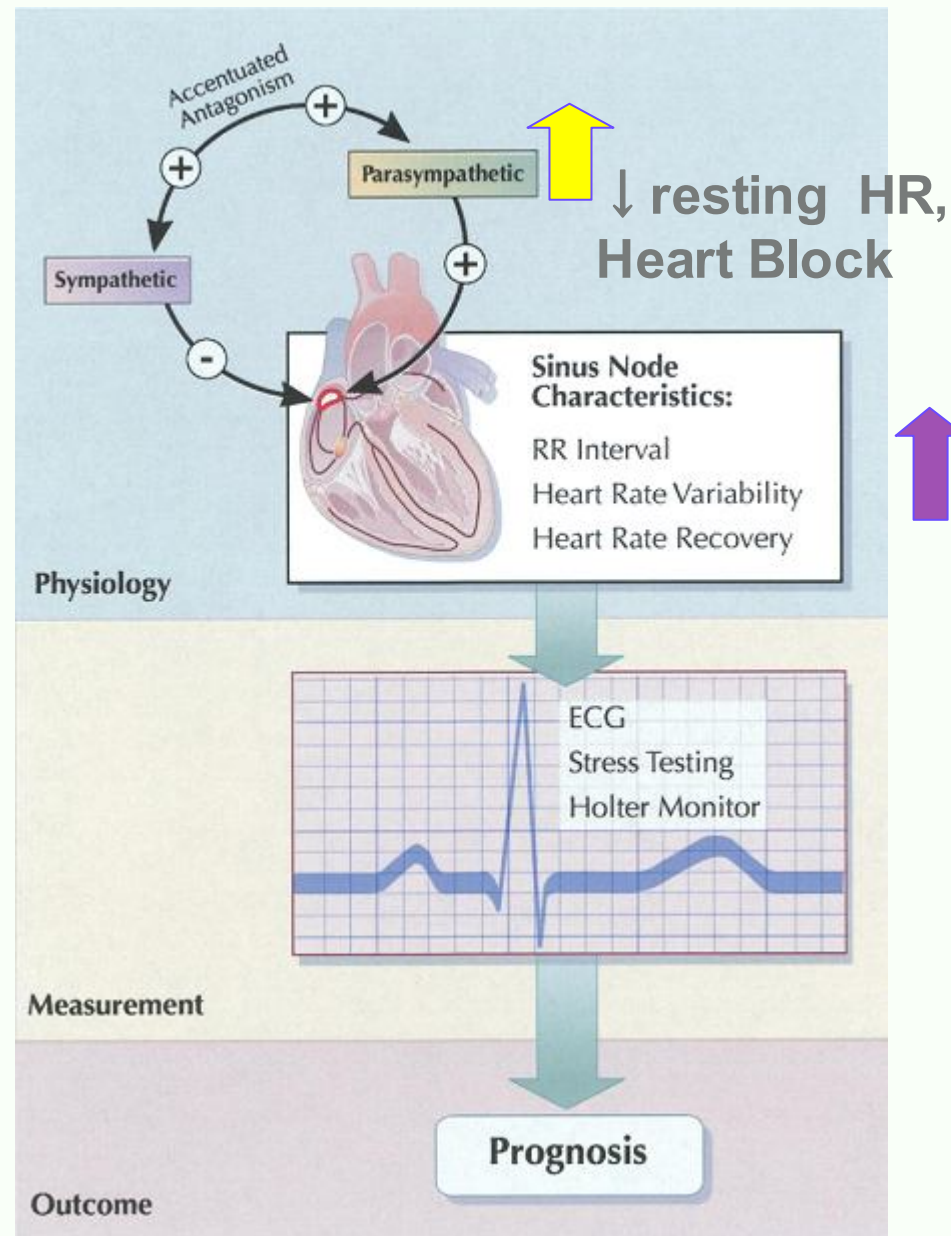
Acute MI / Ischemia

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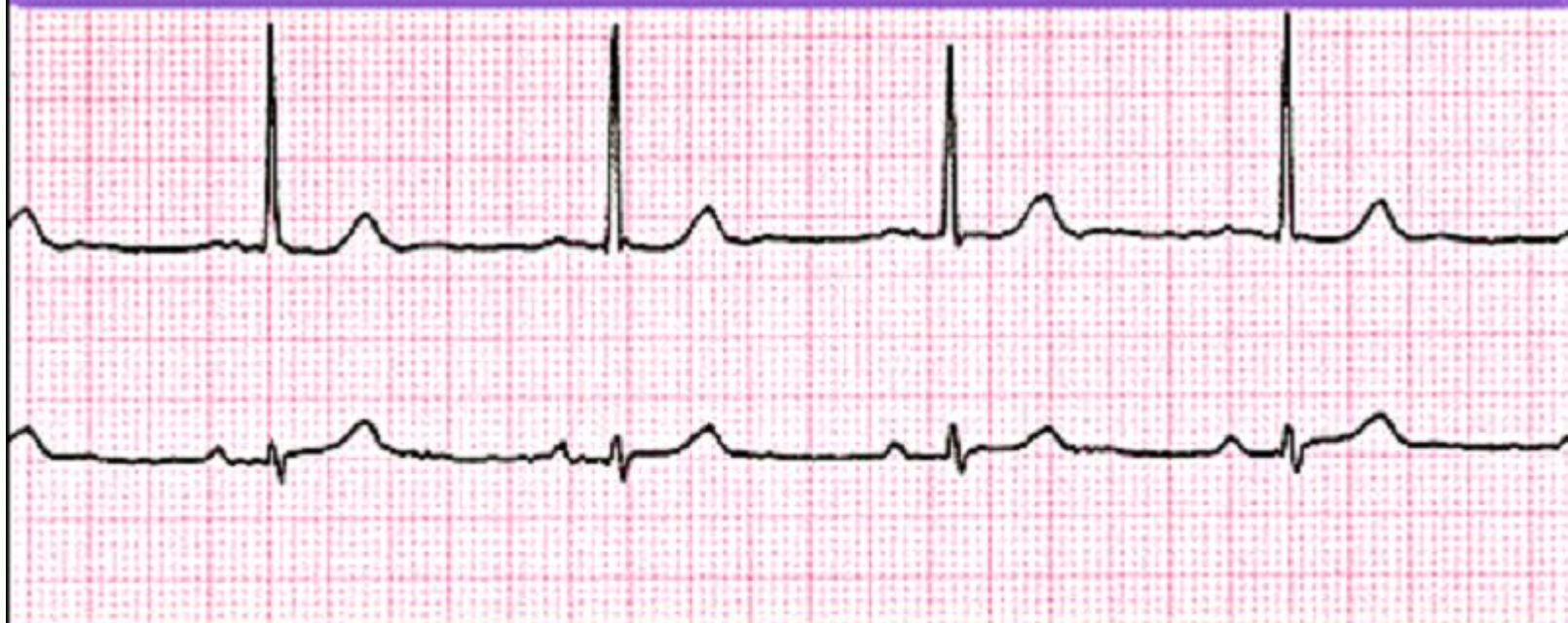


Regular Endurance training=>
Enhanced Vagal Modulation

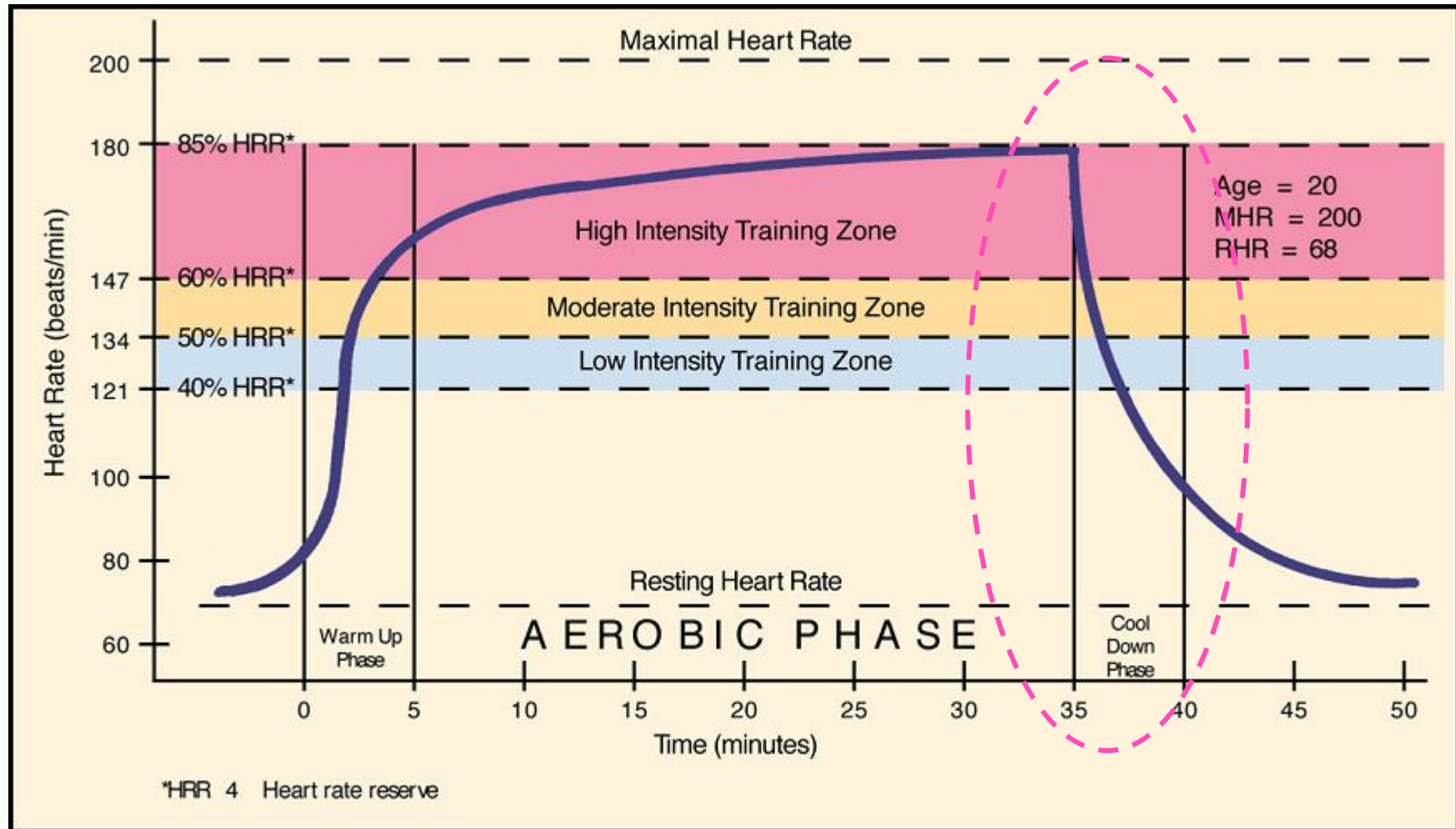
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Sinus Bradycardia



| Heart Rate | Rhythm | P Wave | PR interval (in seconds) | QRS (in seconds) |
|------------|---------|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| <60 bpm | Regular | Before each QRS, identical | .12 to .20 | <.12 |



HR recovery during cool down period:
An indicator of ANS balance

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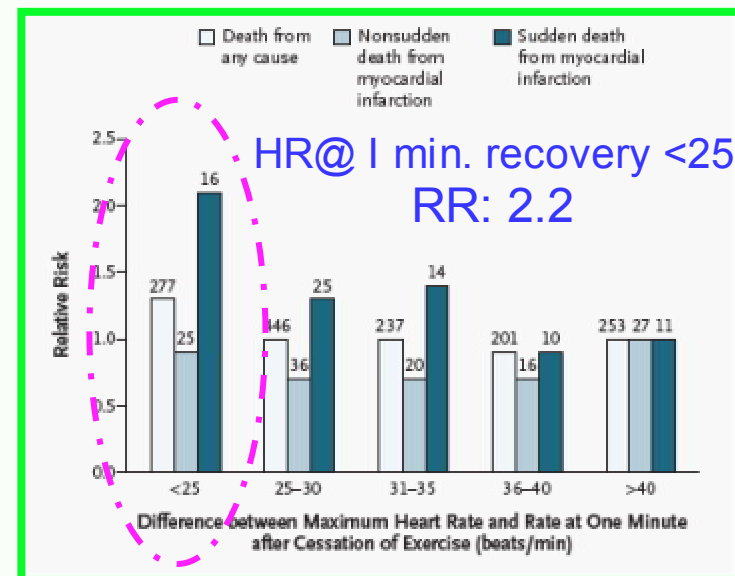
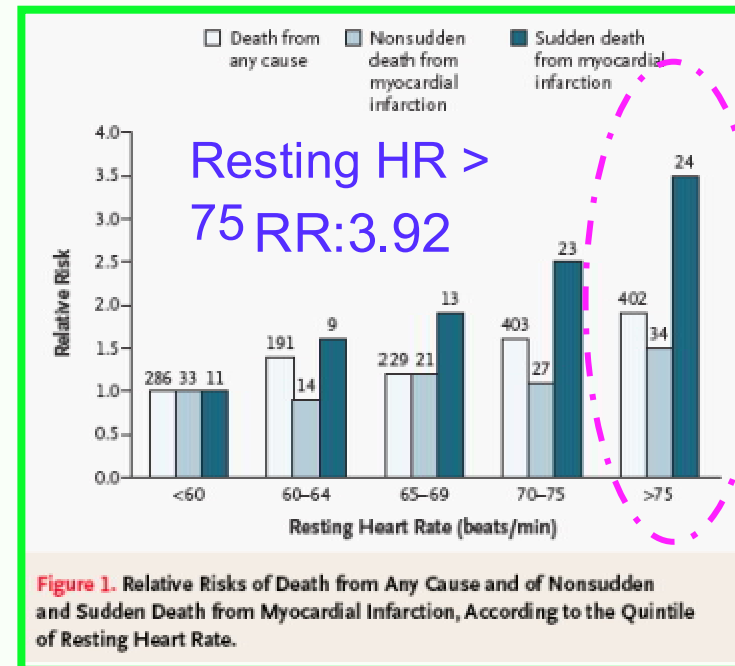
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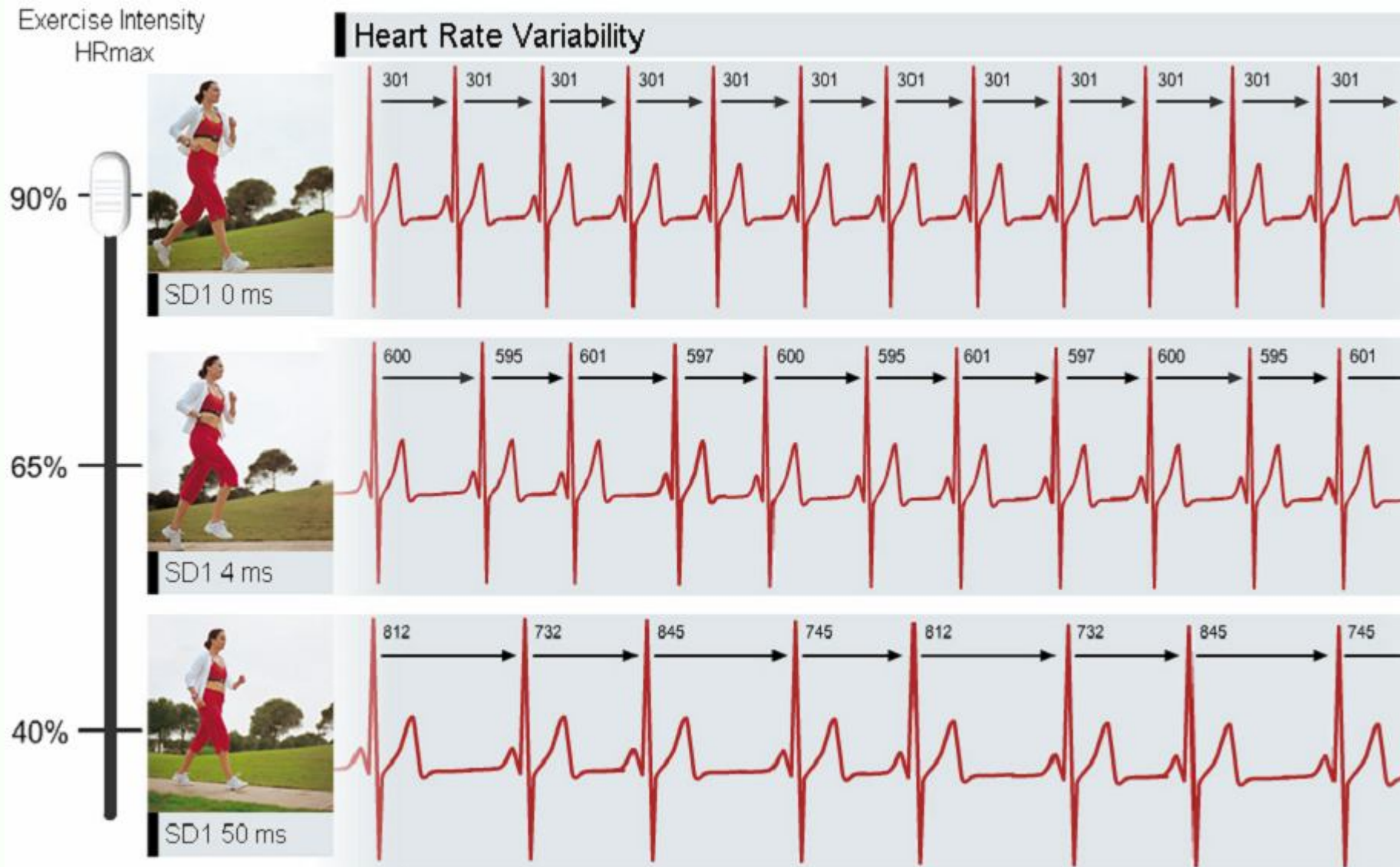
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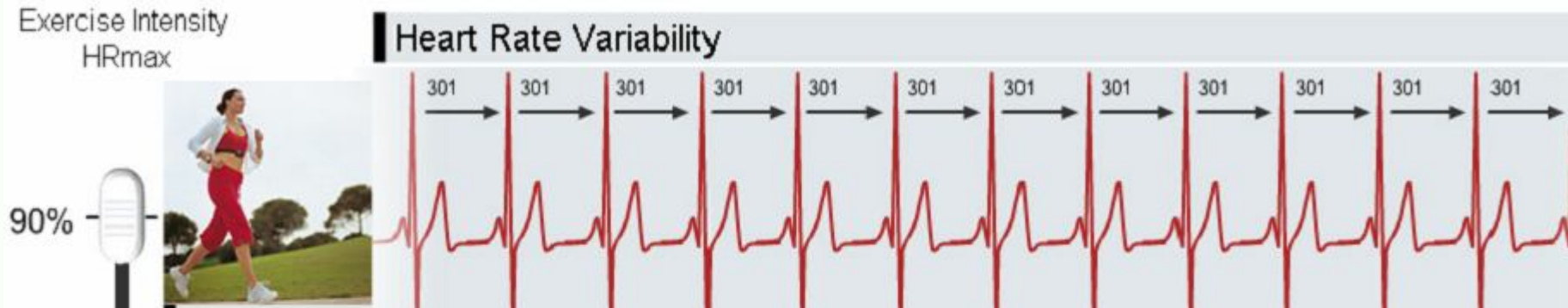


Heart Rate variability (HRV), 心率變異： beat-to-beat variations in HR



Courtesy from Raymond So

Heart Rate variability (HRV) : Beat-to-beat variations in HR



High HRV : vagal predominance
Low HRV : sympathetic predominance



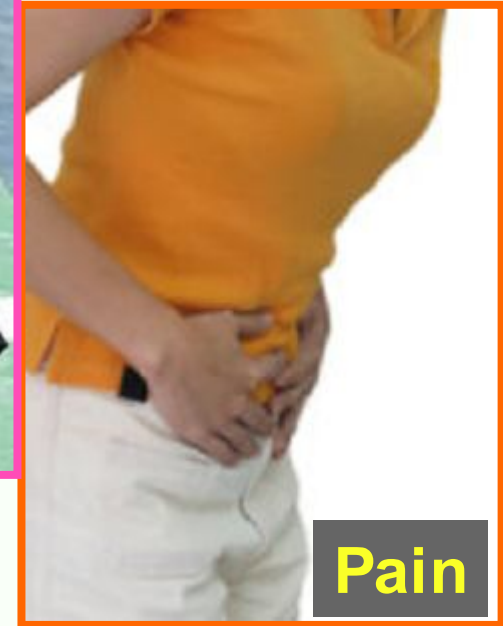
Vasovagal syncope: Triggers



Prolonged standing
Heat + Dehydration



Exercise induced



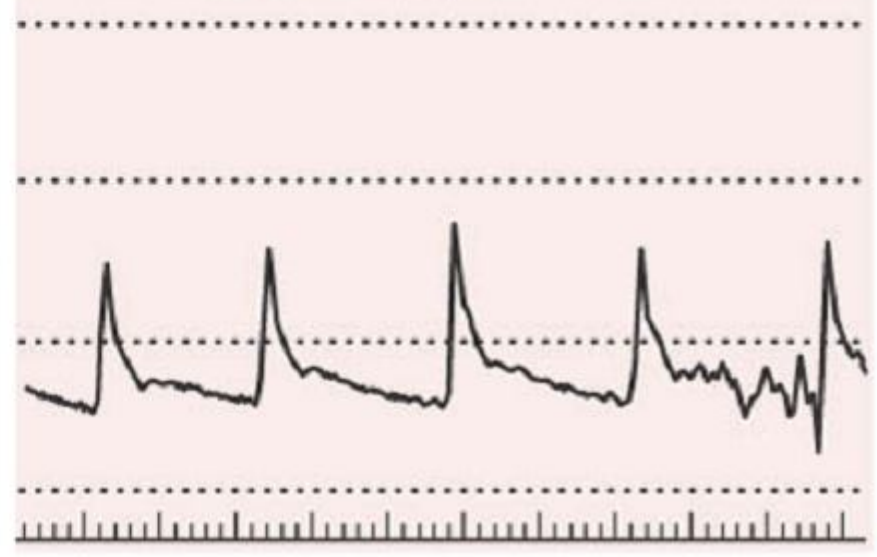
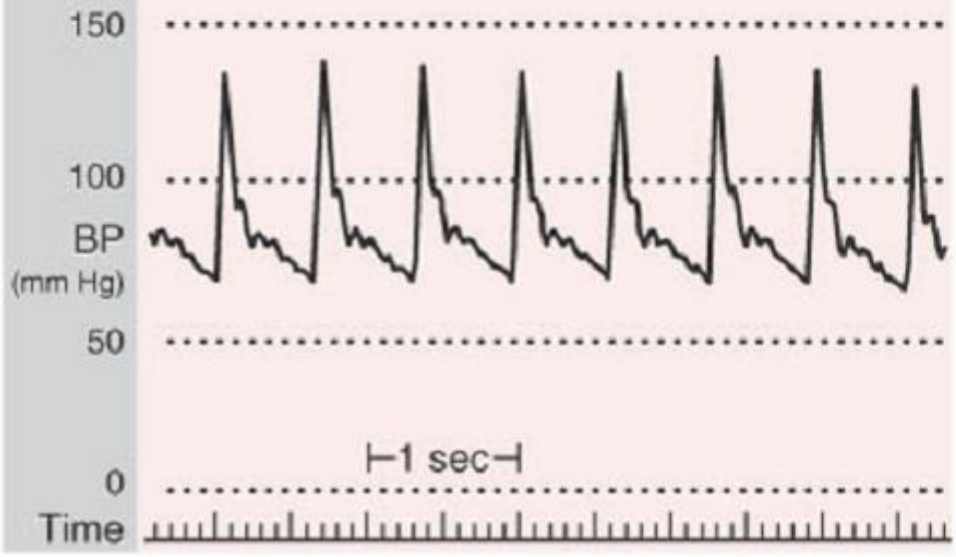
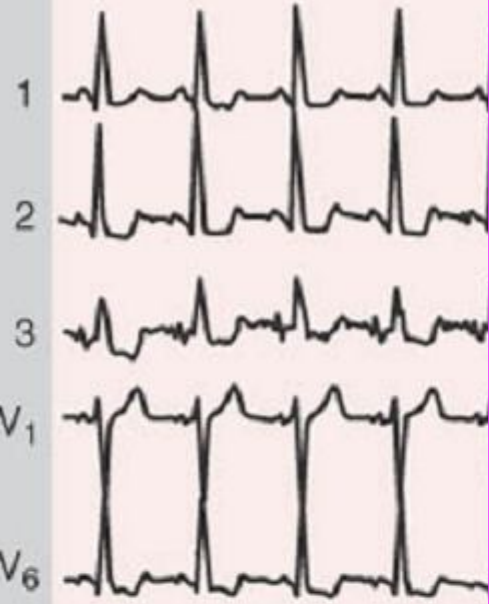
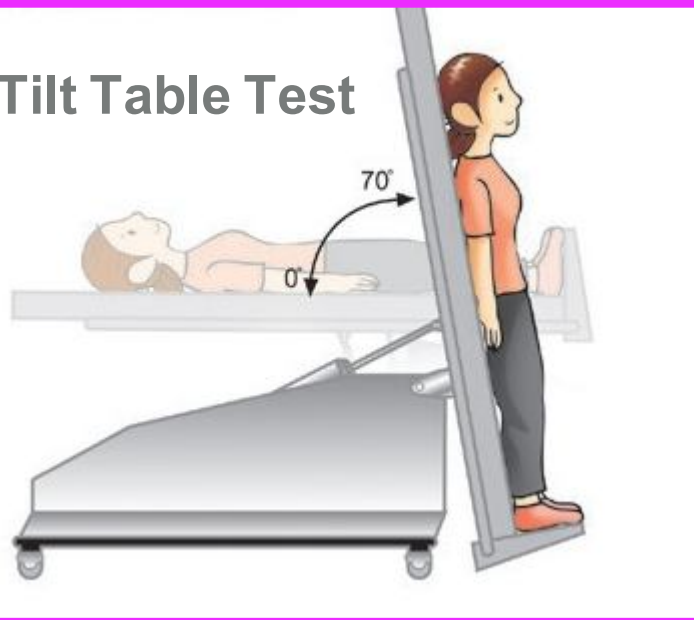
Pain



80° Head-Up Tilt-8 Min

80° Head-Up Tilt-12 Min

Tilt Table Test



Physical Counter-pressure Maneuvers



Leg-Crossing



Arm-Tensing

Lowering head
to knee level



Cool down

- Gradual HR & BP adjustments
- Enhance venous return
- Slow down vagal reactivation
 - Avoid Vasovagal syncope
 - Reduce arrhythmia
- Removal of lactic acid
- Dissipation of body heat

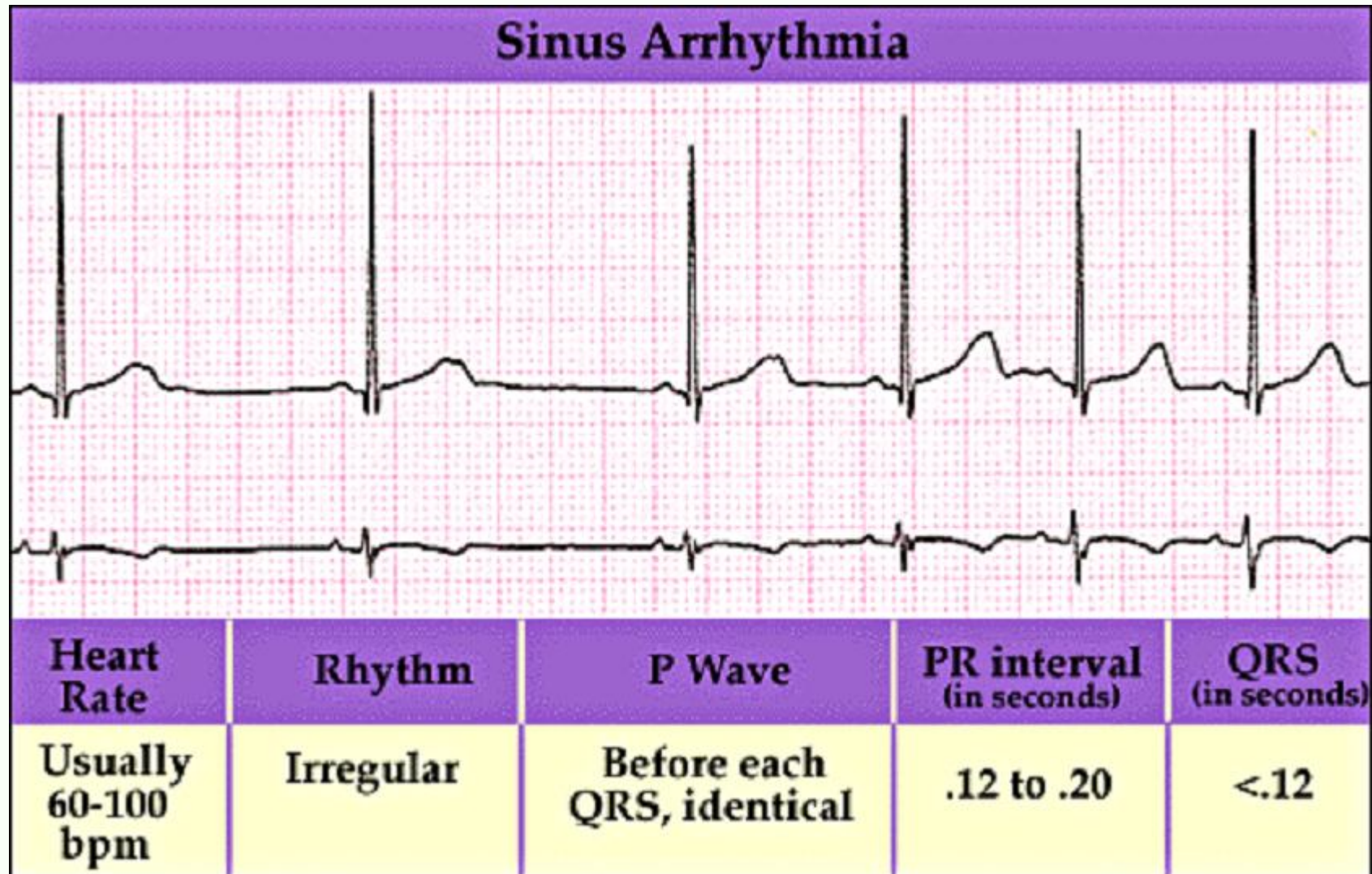
Athletes' Heart Syndrome



- **high vagal tone**
- **Increase in cardiac mass**

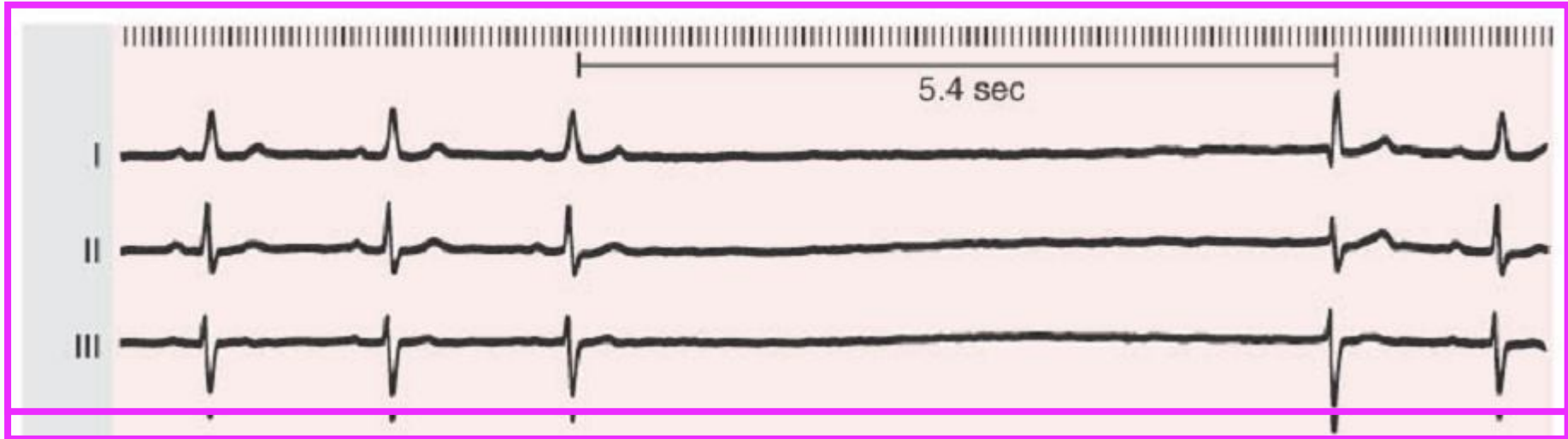
Decrease with detraining

Sinus Arrhythmia: variation of RR interval due to respiratory effect

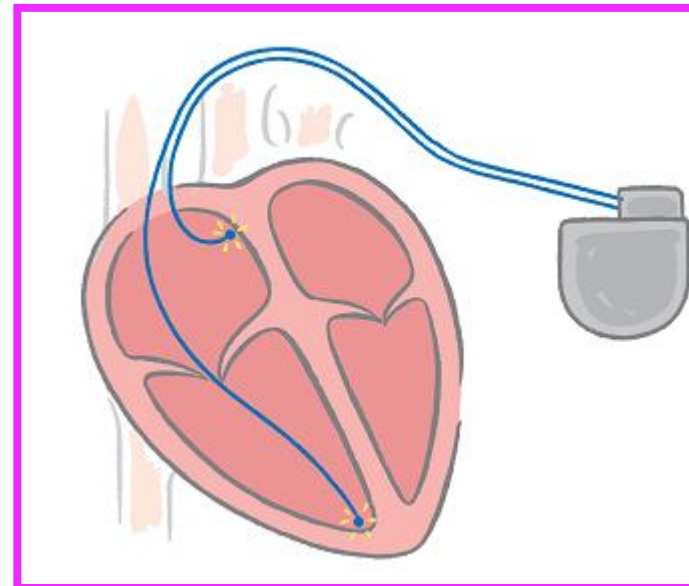


Sinus Pause

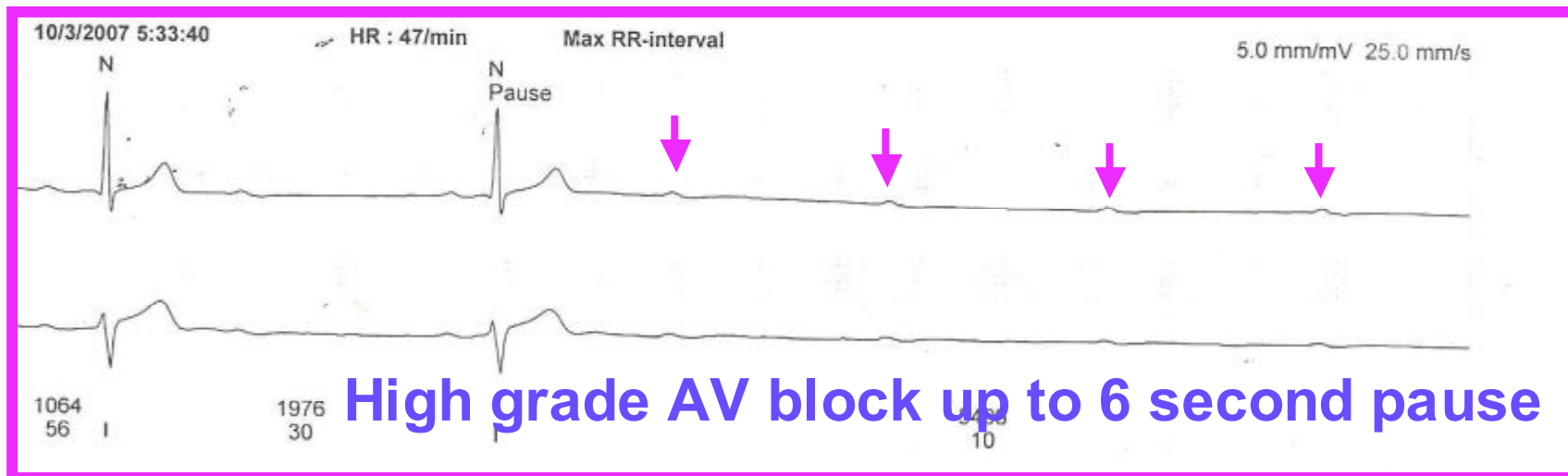
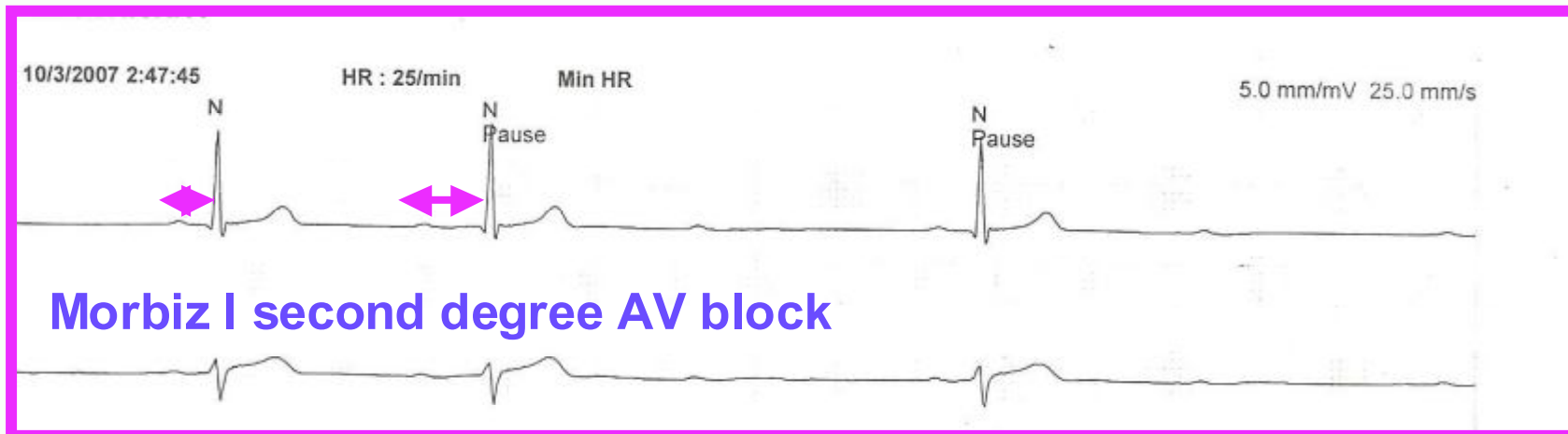
M/35, Marathon Runner, repeated syncope during early recovery phase.



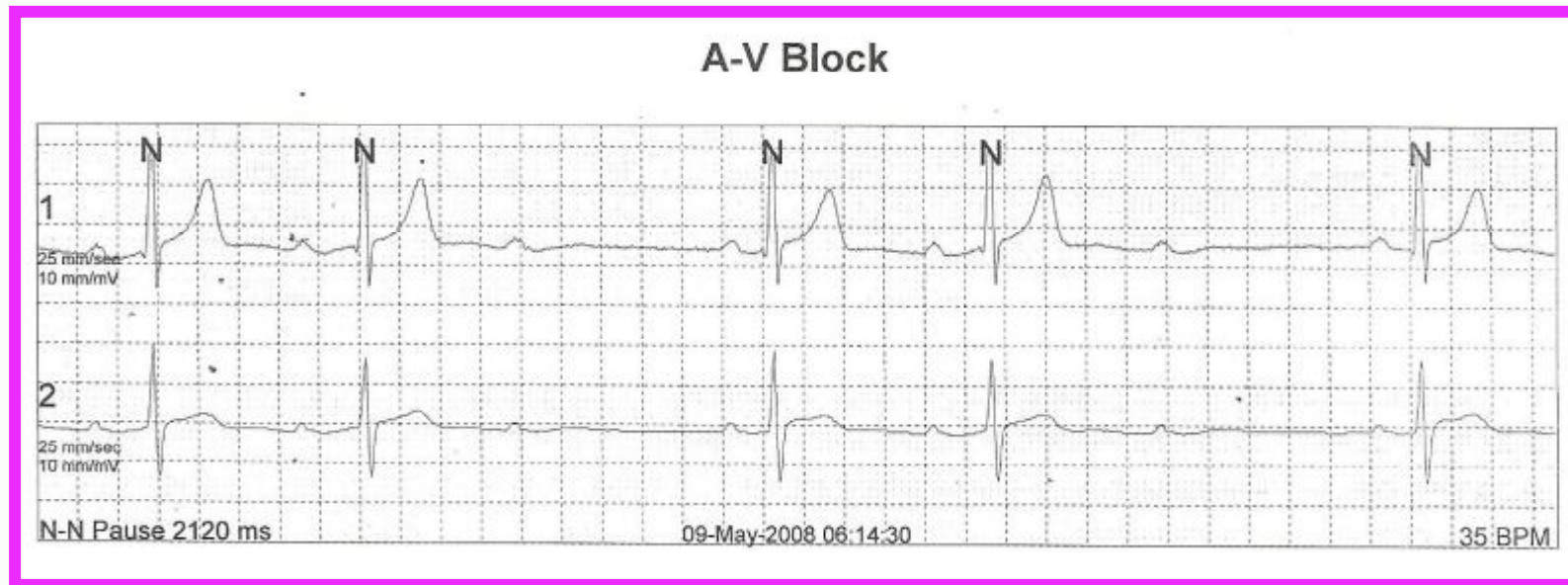
Permanent pacemaker was then implanted



M/25, Police SDU, Triathlon athlete, asymptomatic



On exercise



After 6 months de-training

VENTRICULAR BIGEMINY SUPPRESSED BY EXERCISE

5.5.6 圖示: 室早二、三聯律

1978/6/9, 男, 跨欄, 23 歲

A. 安靜時室早二、三聯律



B. 運動後消失, 無自覺症狀, 訓練狀態良好, 查體正常, 隨訪 5 年, 屬良性早搏。



Effect of deconditioning on arrhythmia

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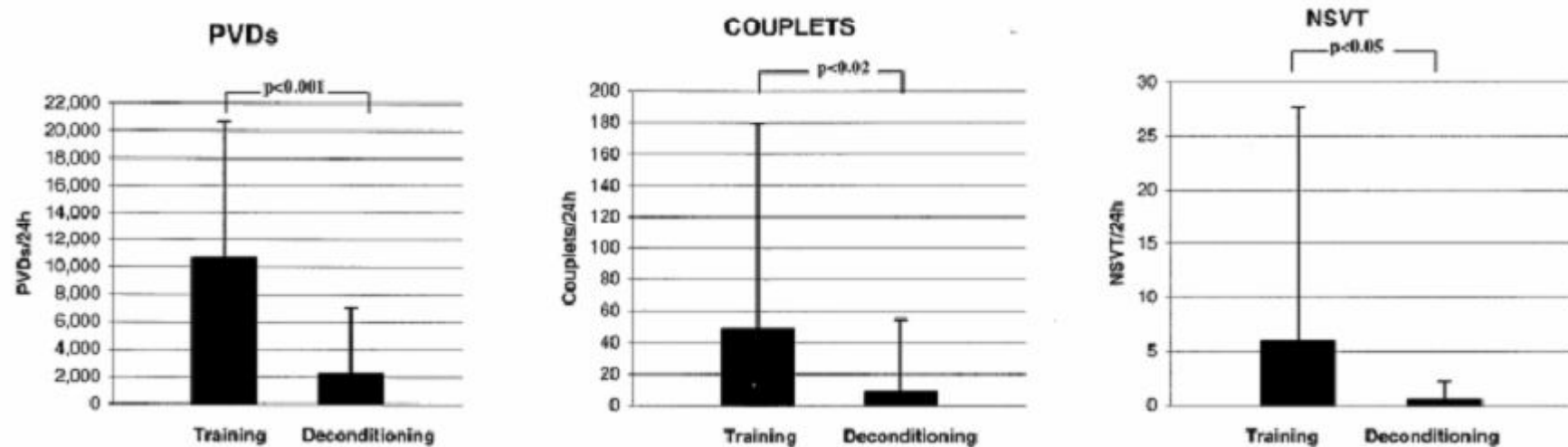
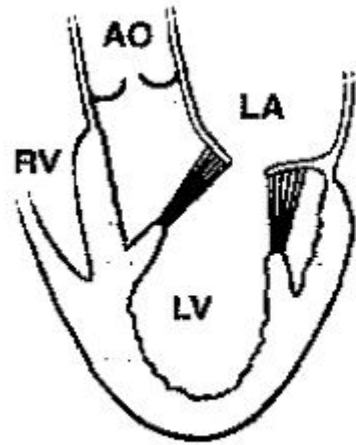
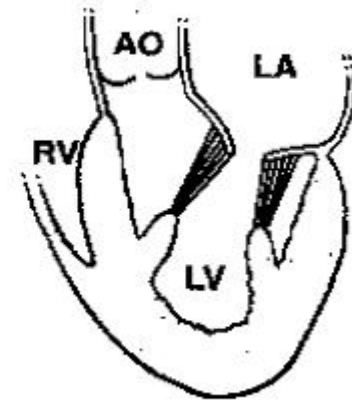


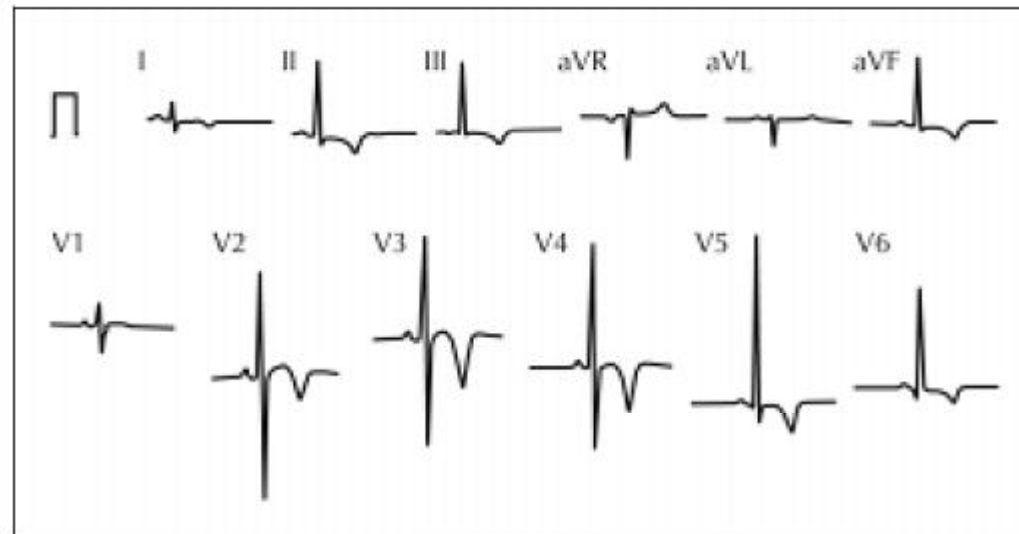
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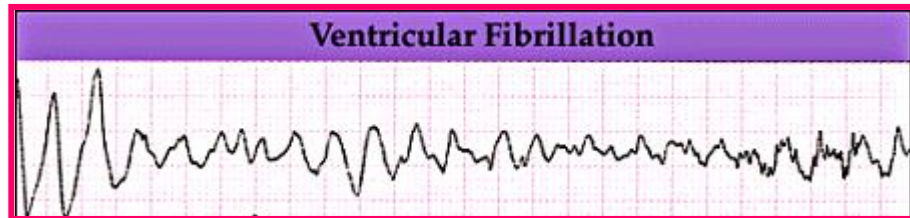
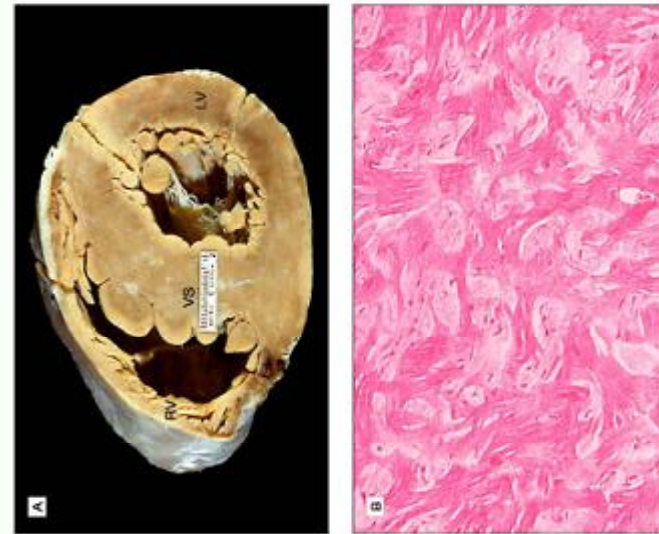
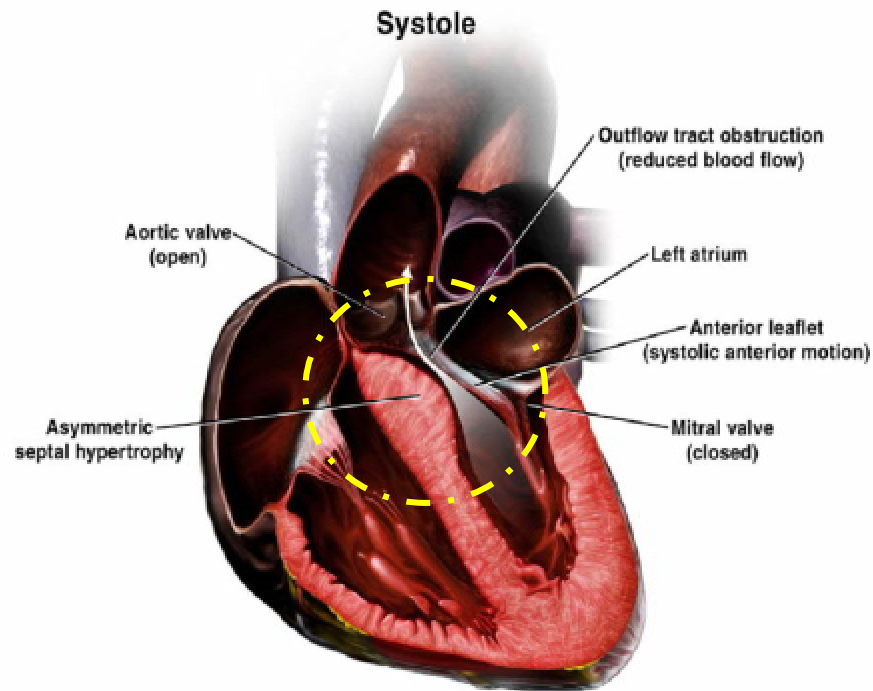
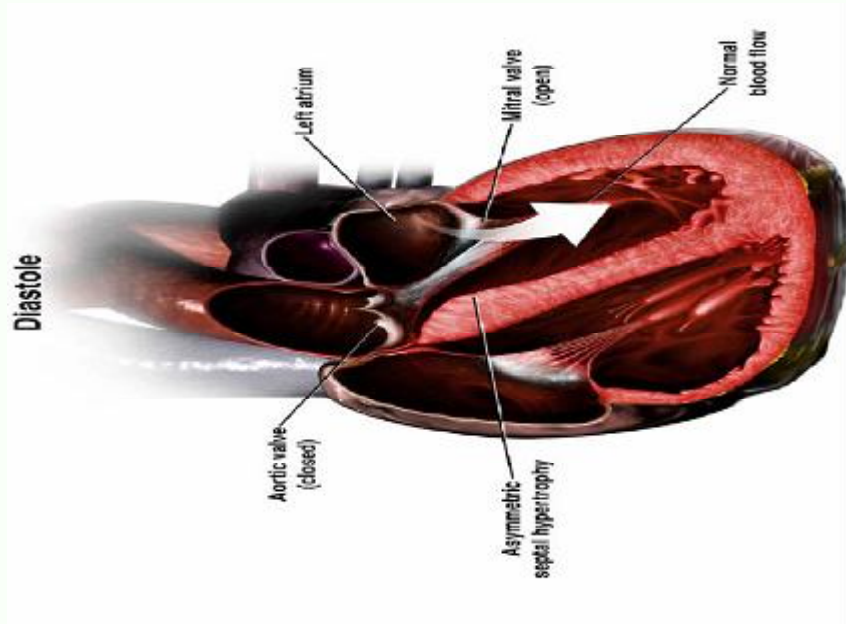


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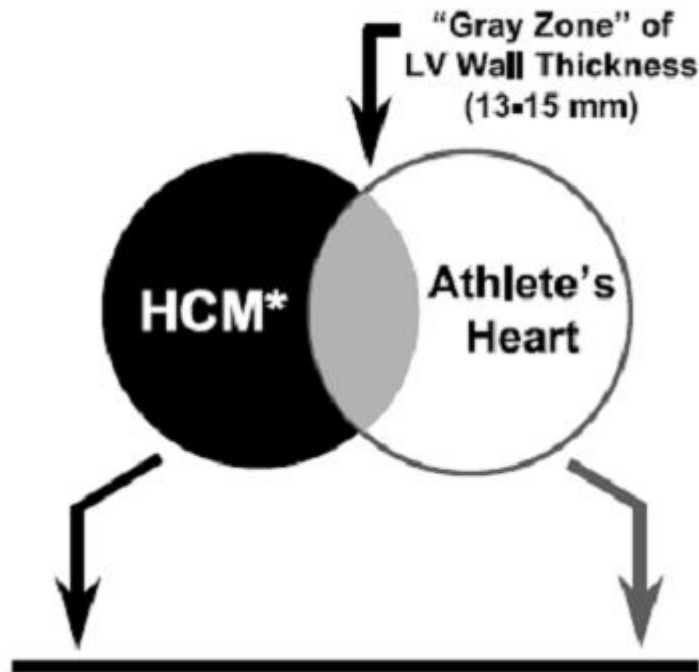


Increased cardiac mass

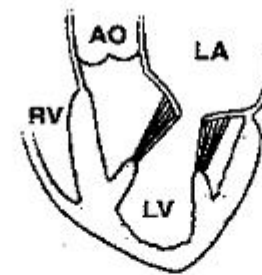
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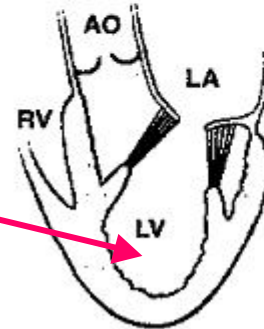
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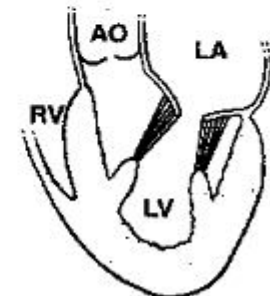
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| ⊖ | ↓ Thickness with Deconditioning | ⊕ * |
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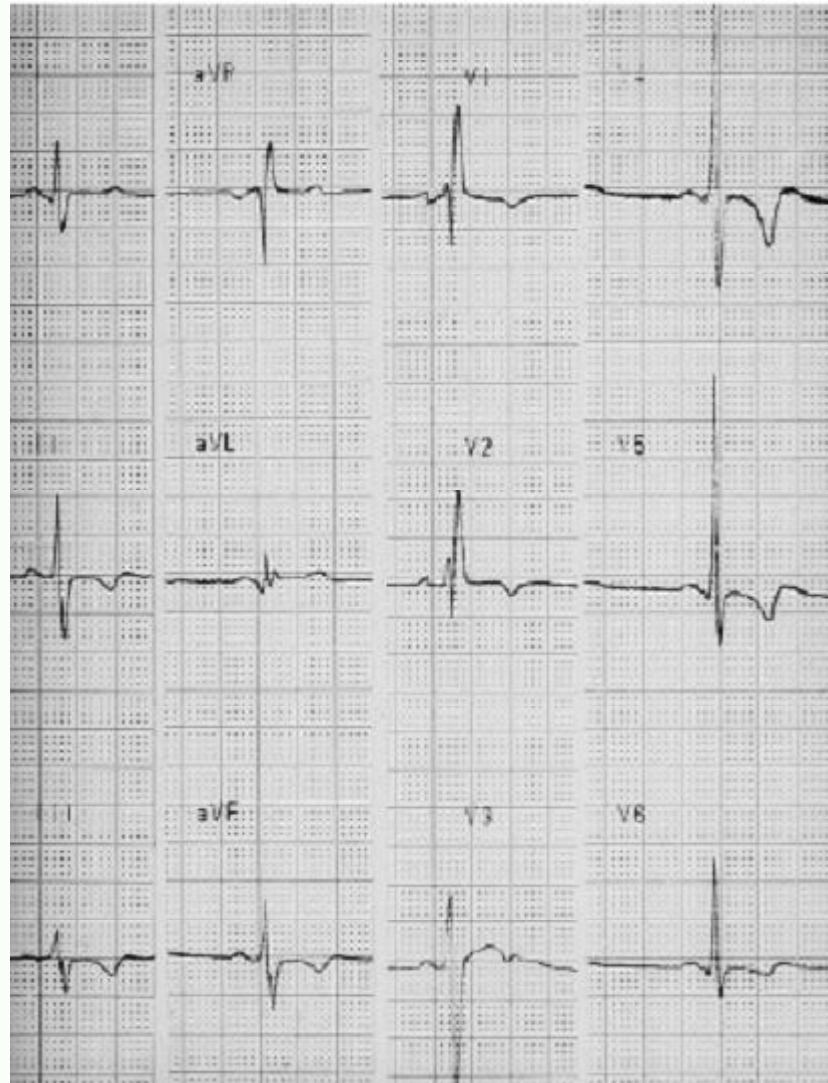
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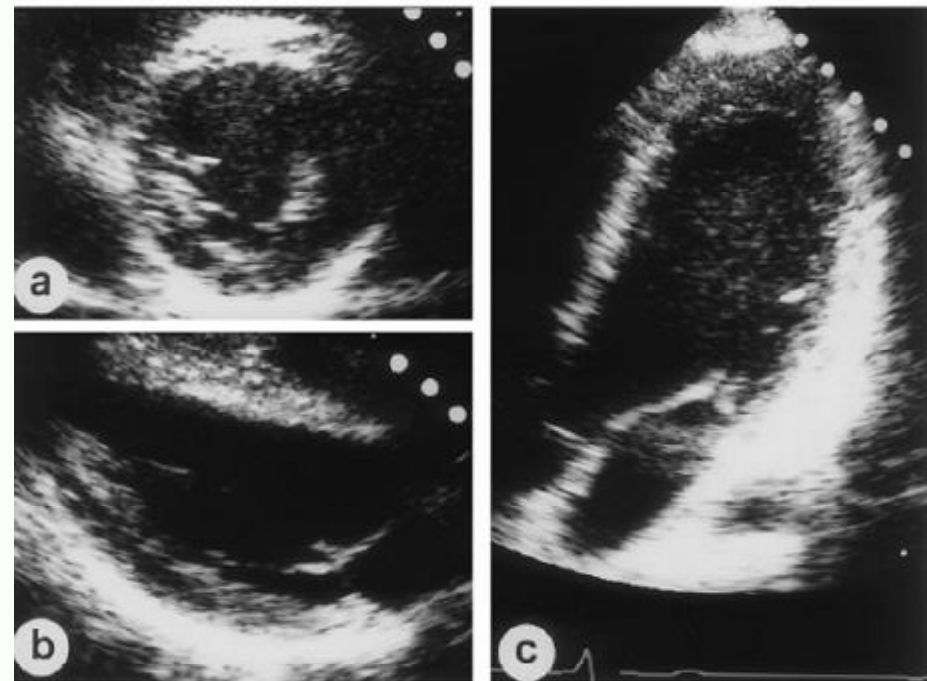
Eccentric hypertrophy



Concentric hypertrophy



M/19, soccer player
Markedly abnormal ECG
Echocardiogram: Normal



**RBBB, LVH, Diffuse &
Deep T inversion**

Partial resolution of ECG abnormalities on **Detraining** in patients with athletes' Heart syndrome

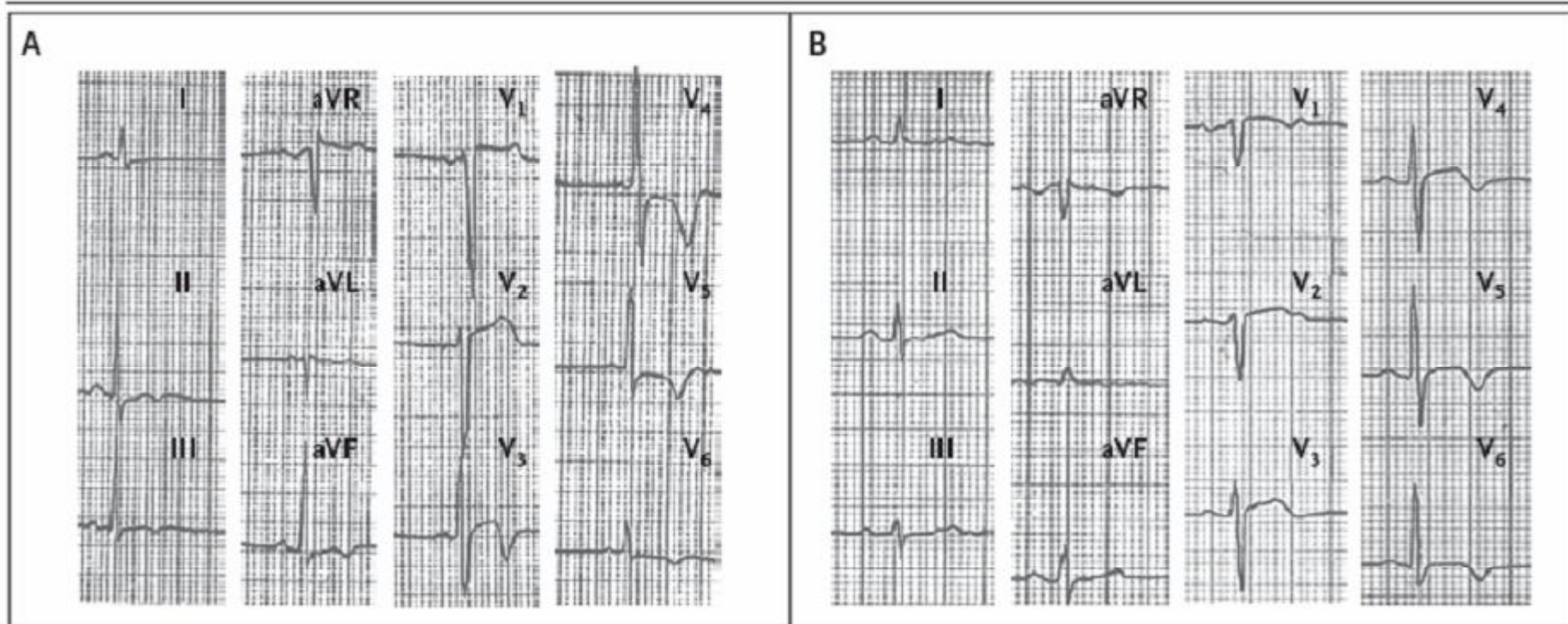


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Exercise Testing



TREADMILL

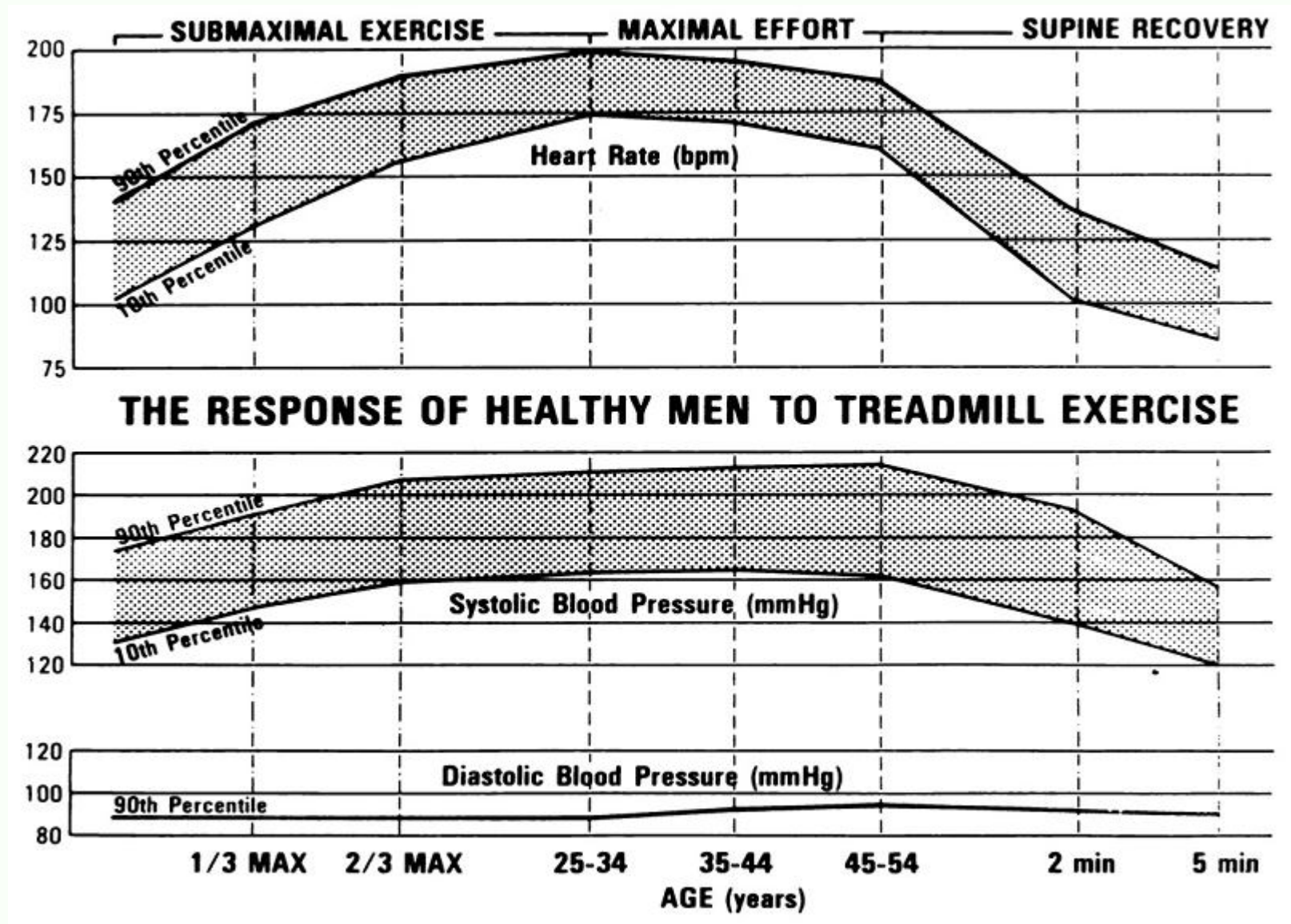
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HR & BP response



Normal response to progressive treadmill protocol in healthy subjects



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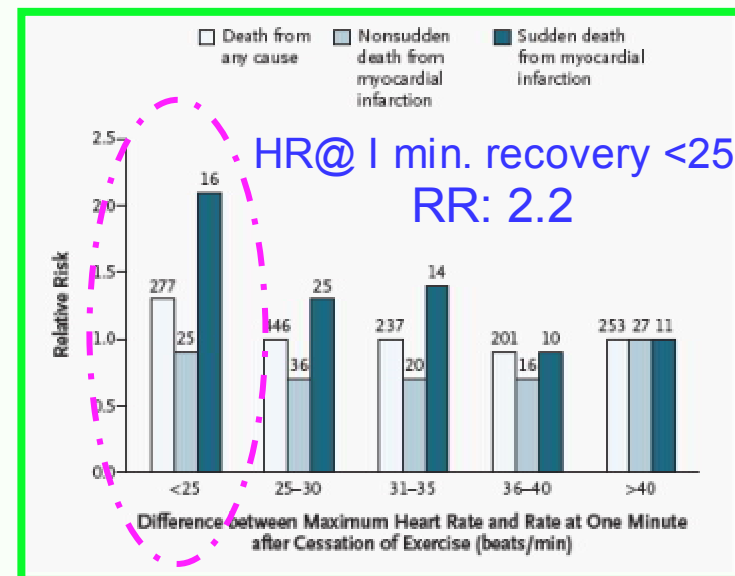
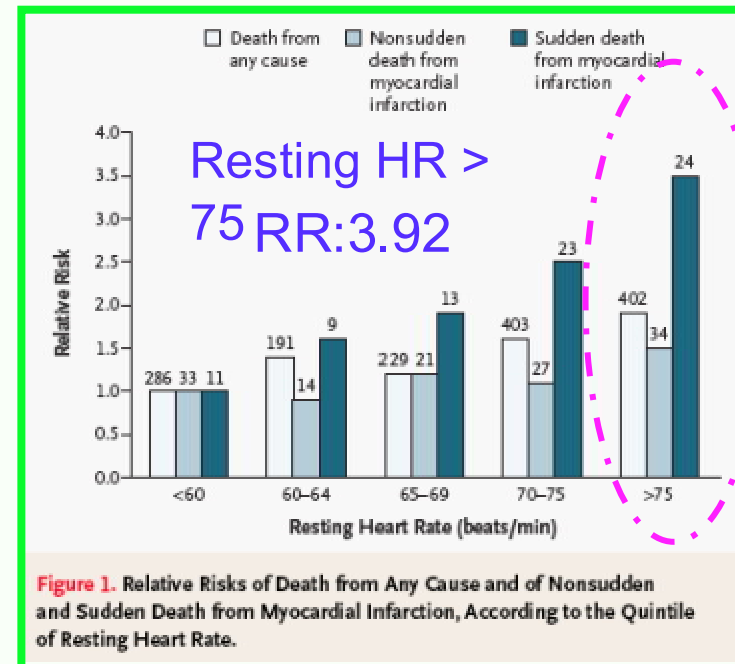
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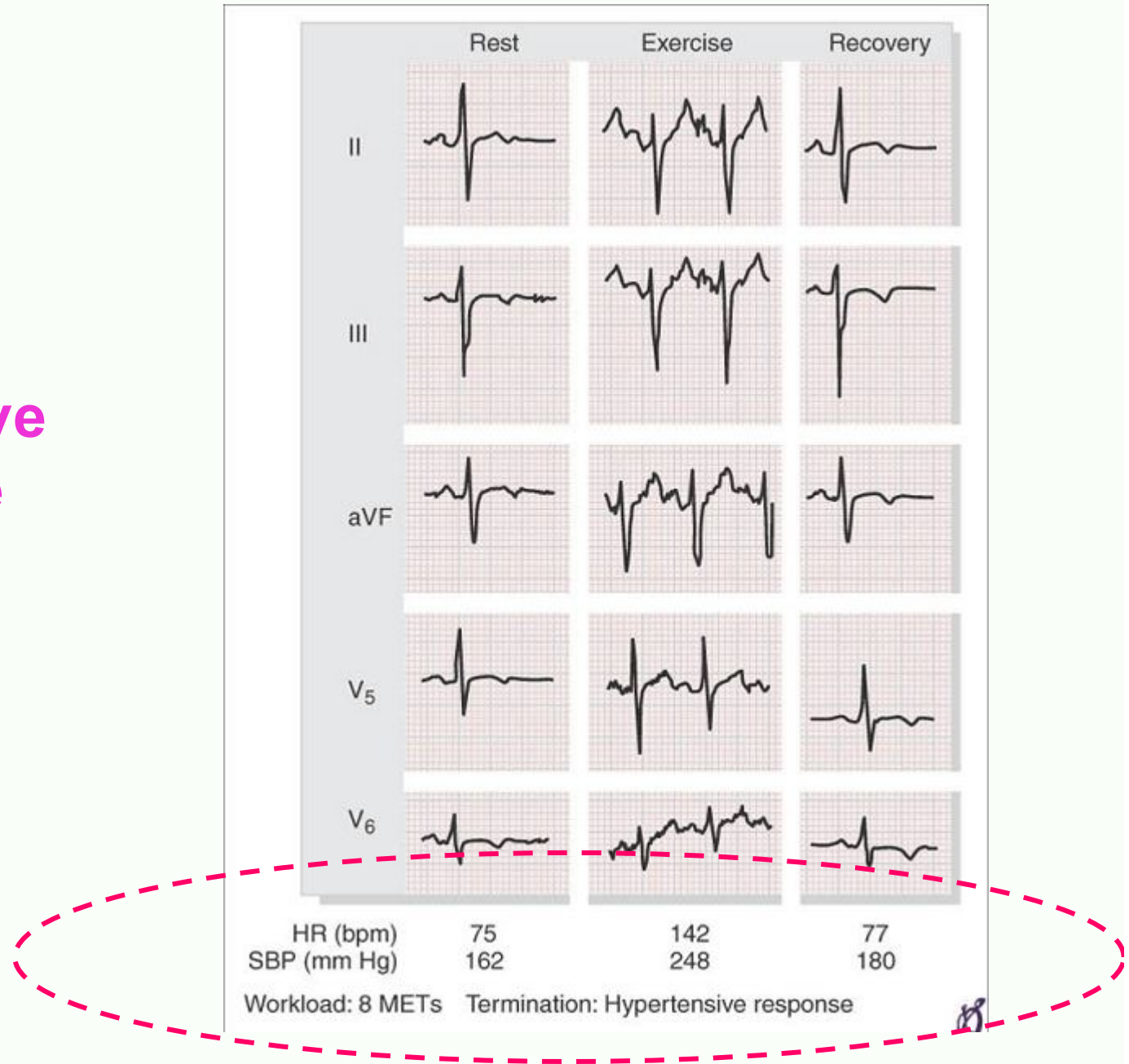
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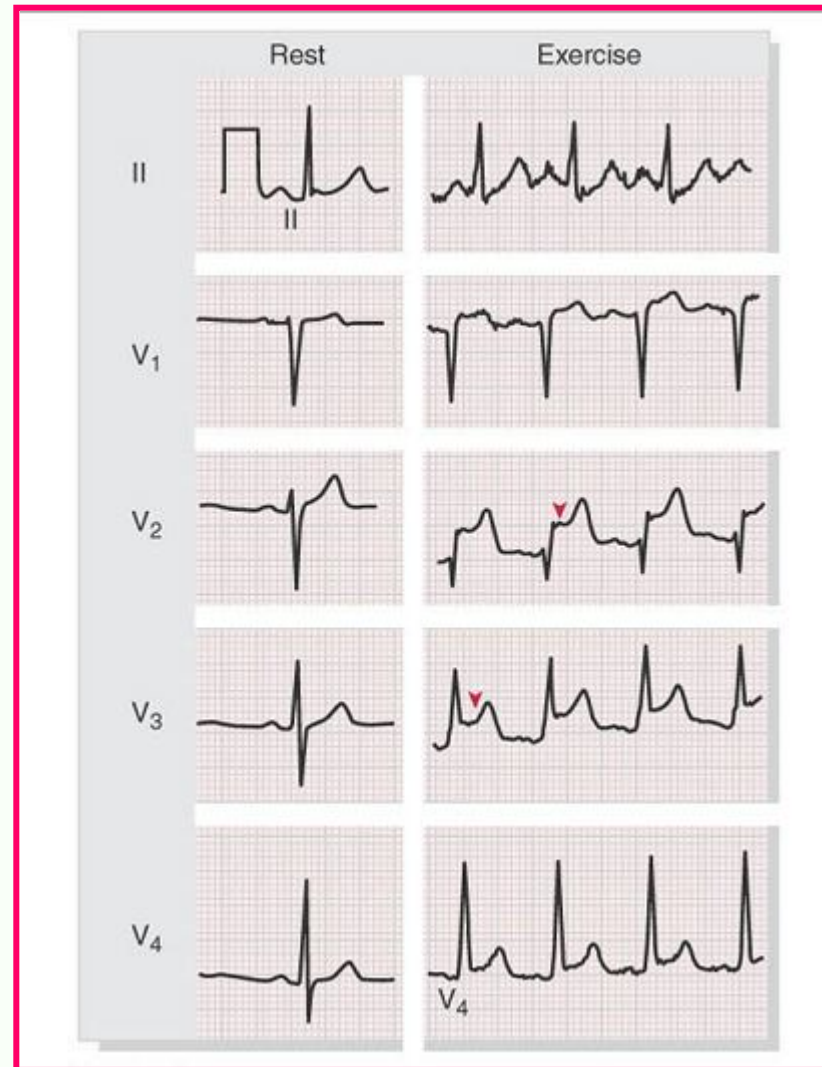


ST Elevation

Angina

↓ SBP on exercise

Strongly Positive



| | | |
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| HR: | 65 | 125mmHg |
| SBP: | 120 | 100mmHg |
| Workload: | | 4 METS |

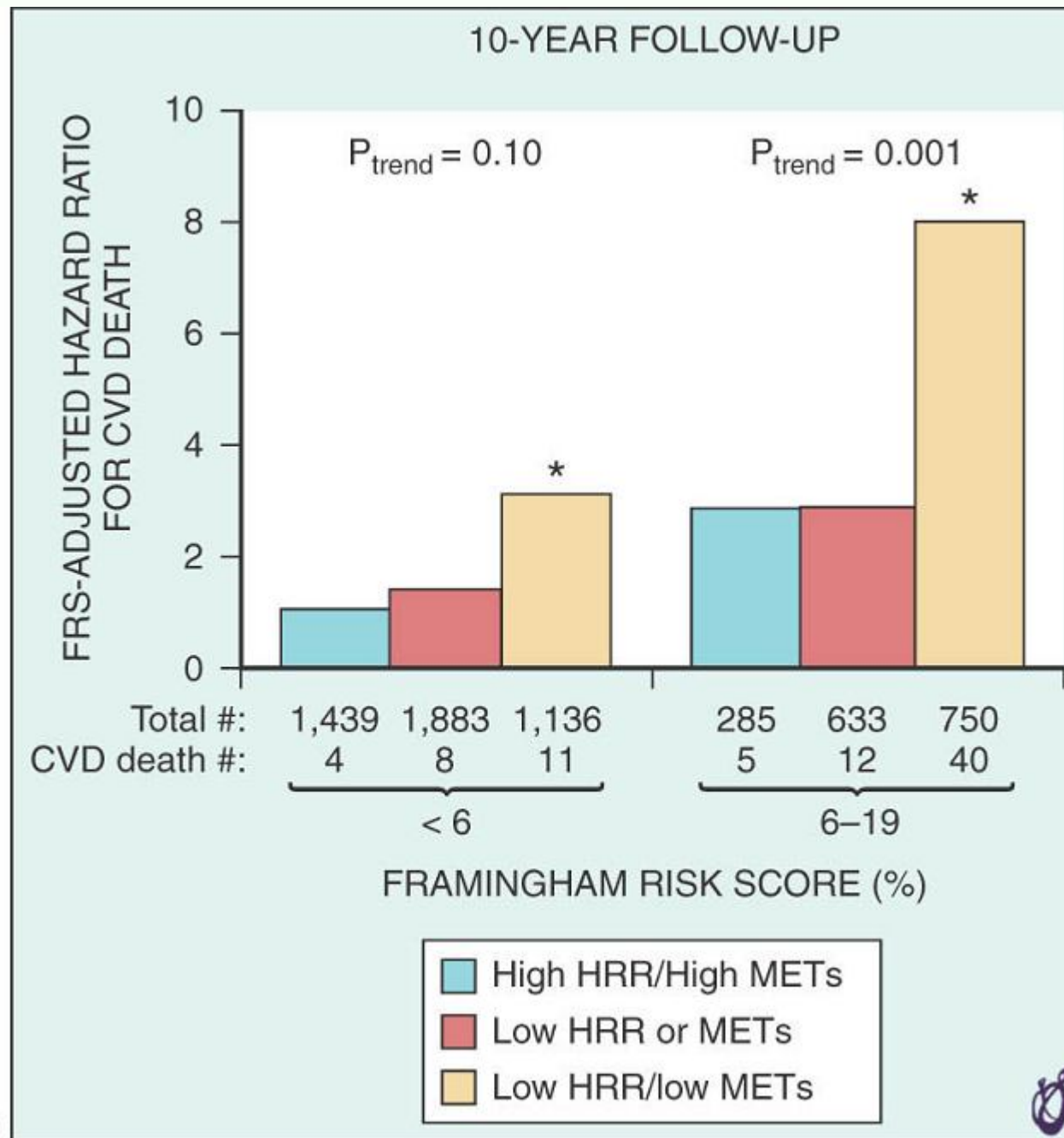
MET or Metabolic Equivalent

Unit of measurement describing the workload a patient achieves on an exercise test

- 1 MET = a VO_2 of 3.5 ml/kg/min

Examples.....

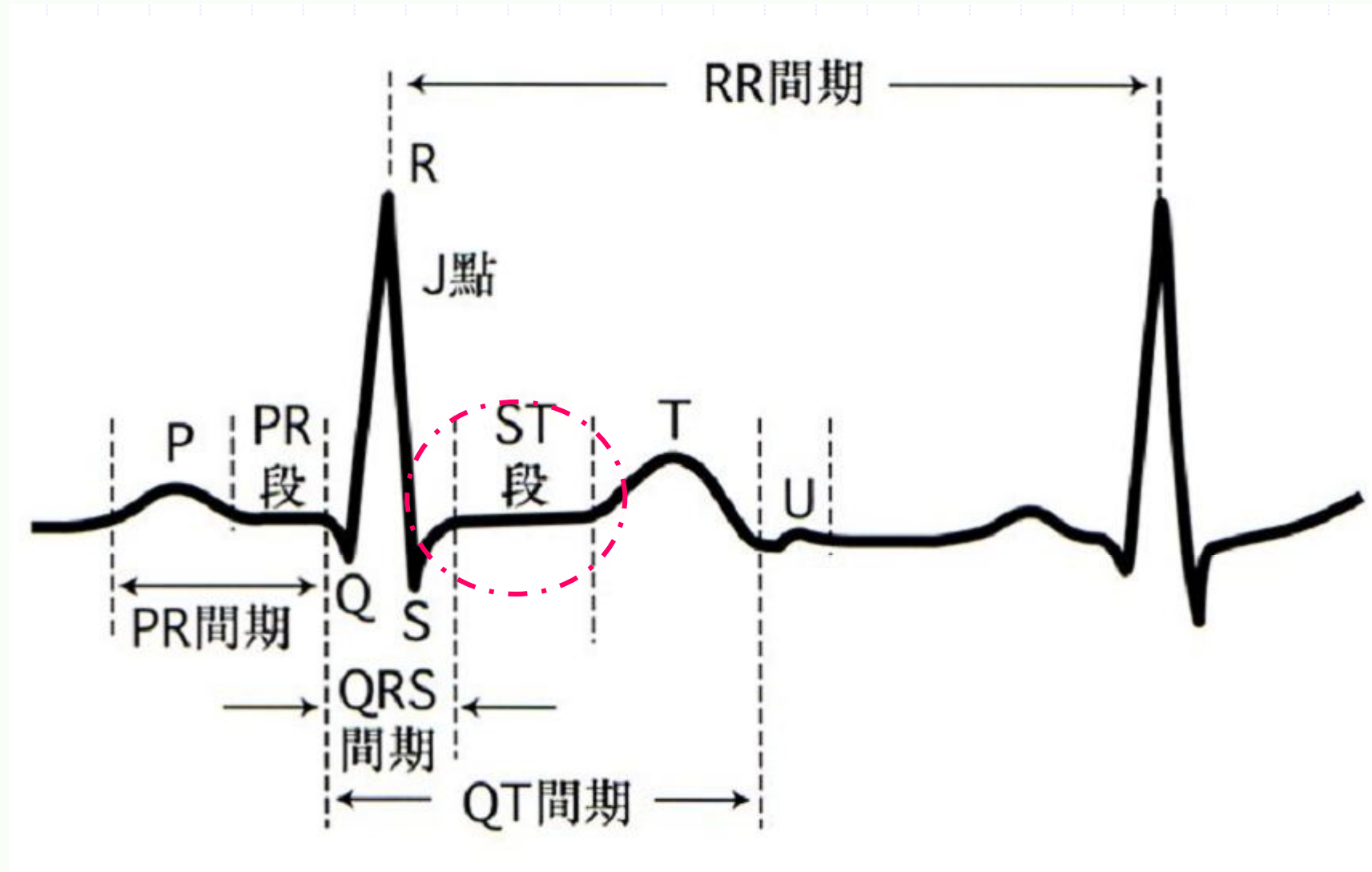
- **A MET is a measure of energy cost for a particular activity.**
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 - **Social Dancing = 6-9 METs**
 - **Scuba Diving = 10-12 METs**



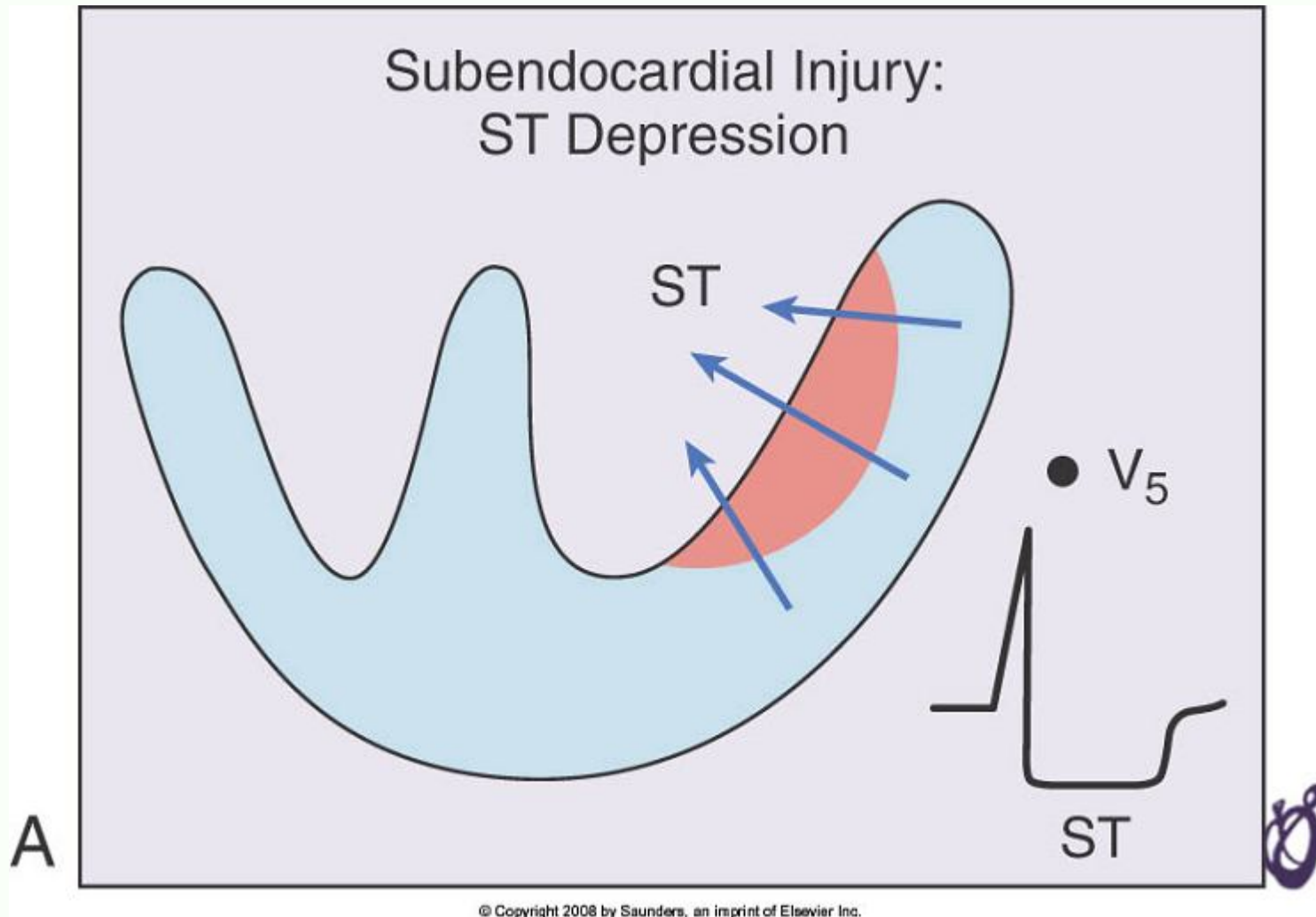
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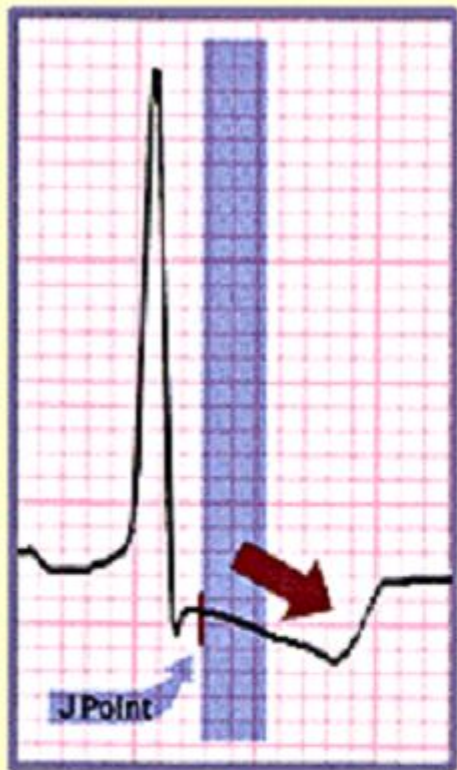
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ST Segment

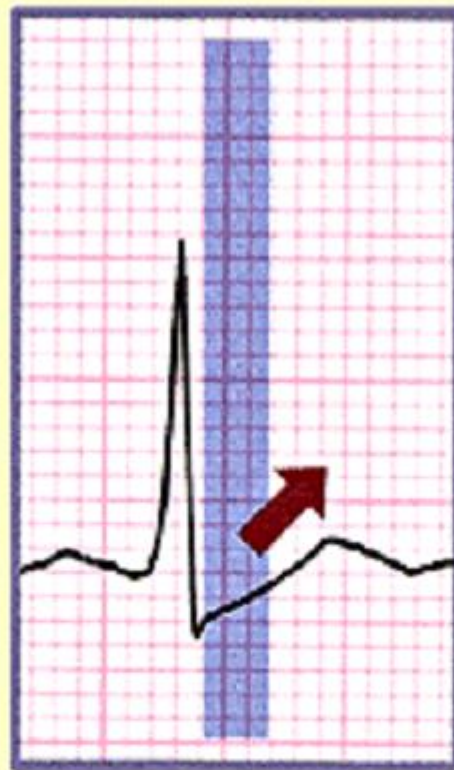


Depressed ST segment: Myocardial ischemia

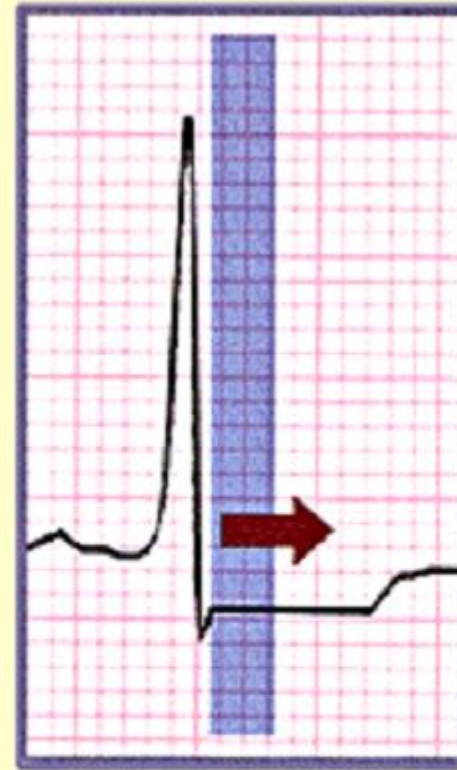




Downsloping ST



Upsloping ST

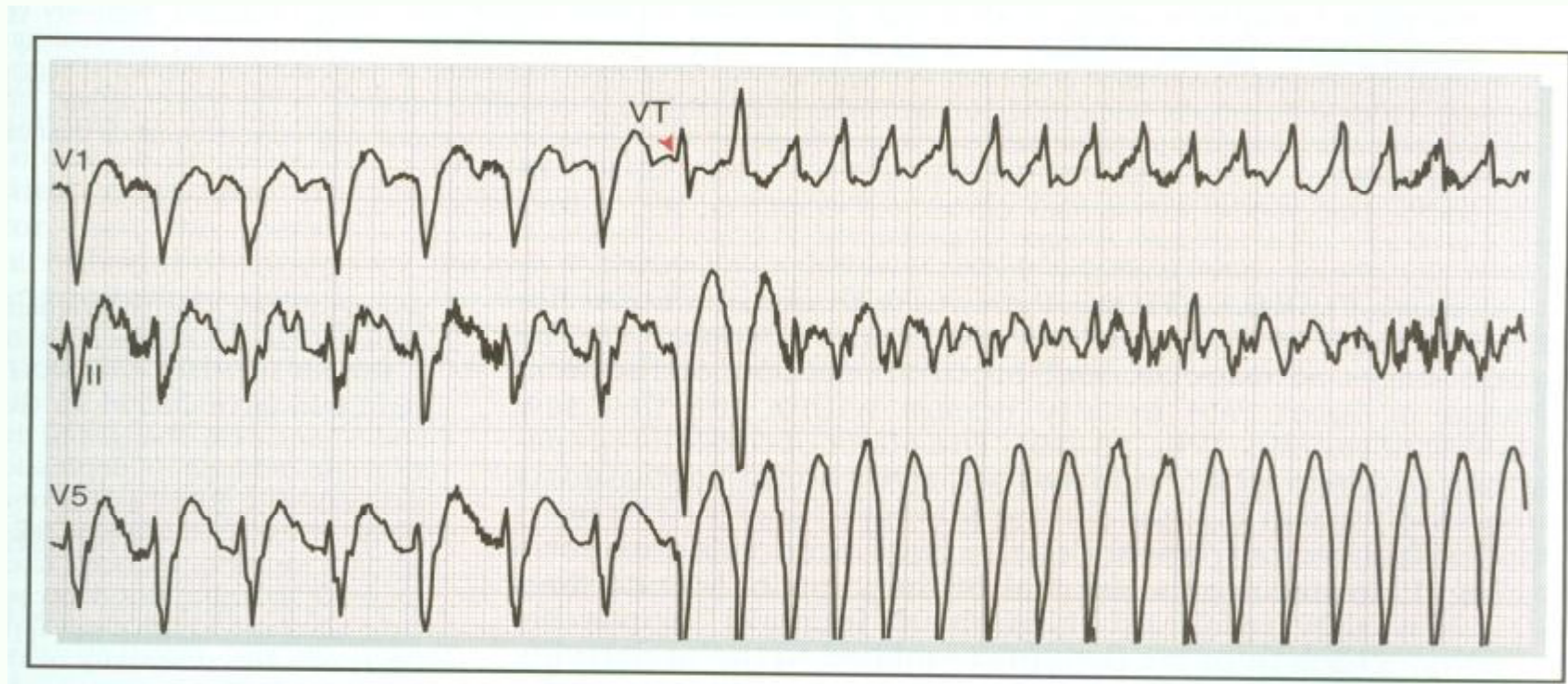


Horizontal ST

The J point occurs at the end of the QRS complex.
The ST segment begins at the J point and extends to a user defined interval

ST Segment Depression

Ventricular Tachycardia developed immediate after exercise



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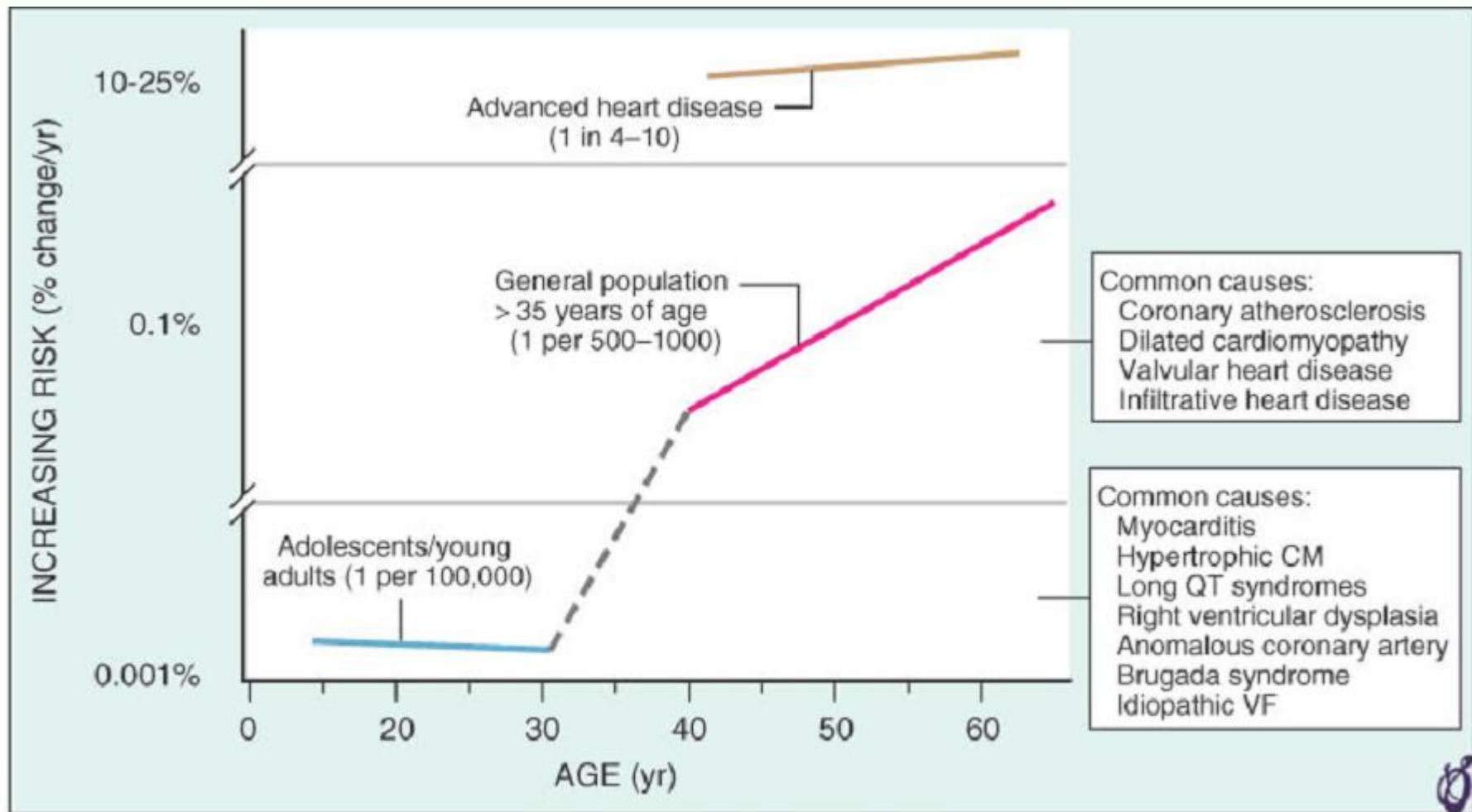
Limitations of Stress Test

- Highly dependent on pre-test likelihood of disease
- High false positive rate in physically active individual (>10%).
- Often follow by additional costly & Invasive studies.
- A Negative test does not guarantee protection against coronary events (**Plaque Vulnerability**).

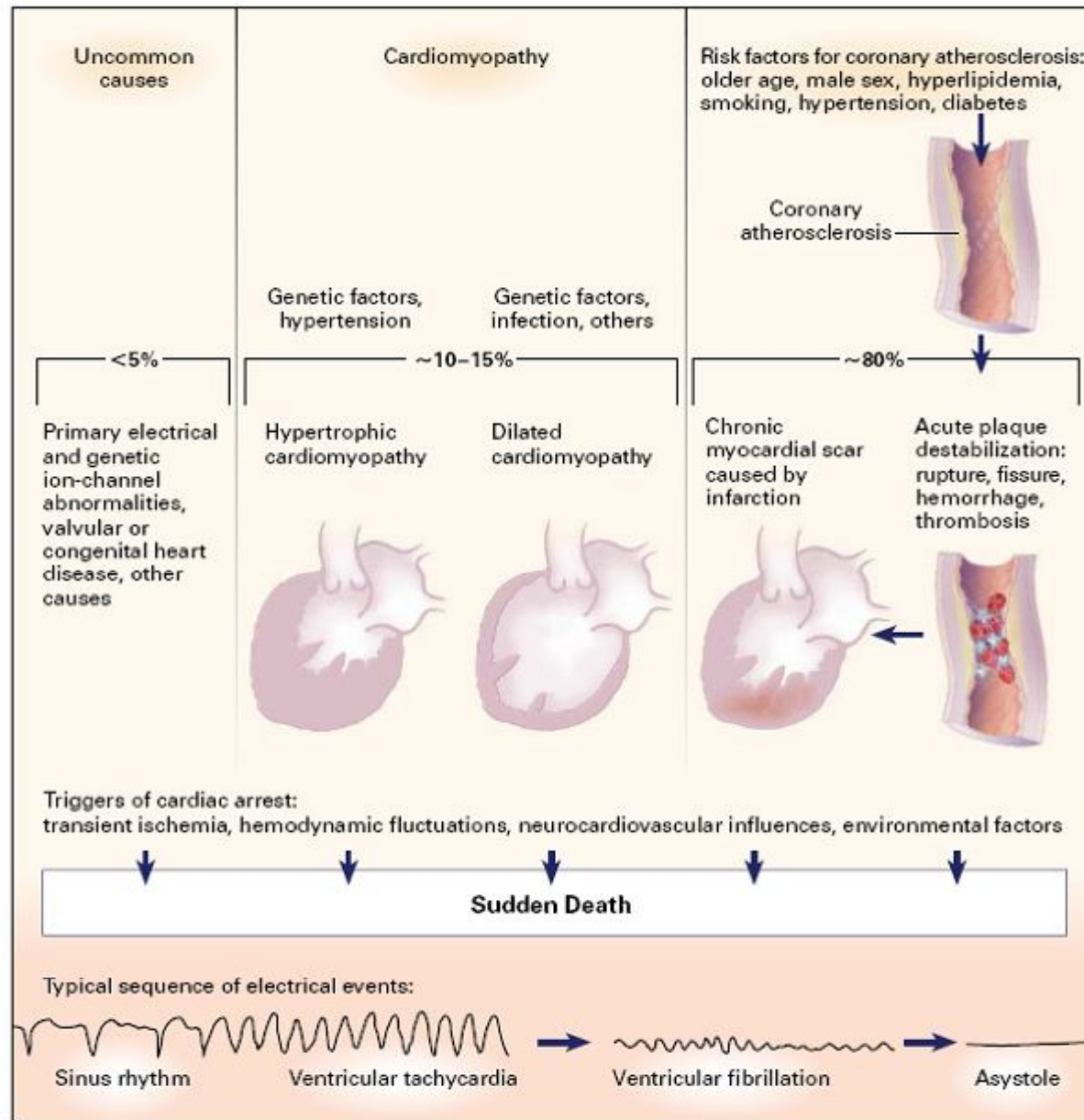


Exercise Sudden Cardiac Death

Common Causes of Sudden Cardiac Death



Pathophysiology & Epidemiology of SCD



Sudden Cardiac Death in young athletes: “Screening for the needle in a haystack”

**Minneapolis Heart foundation Registry:
SD in 1435 young competitive athletes (1980-2005)**

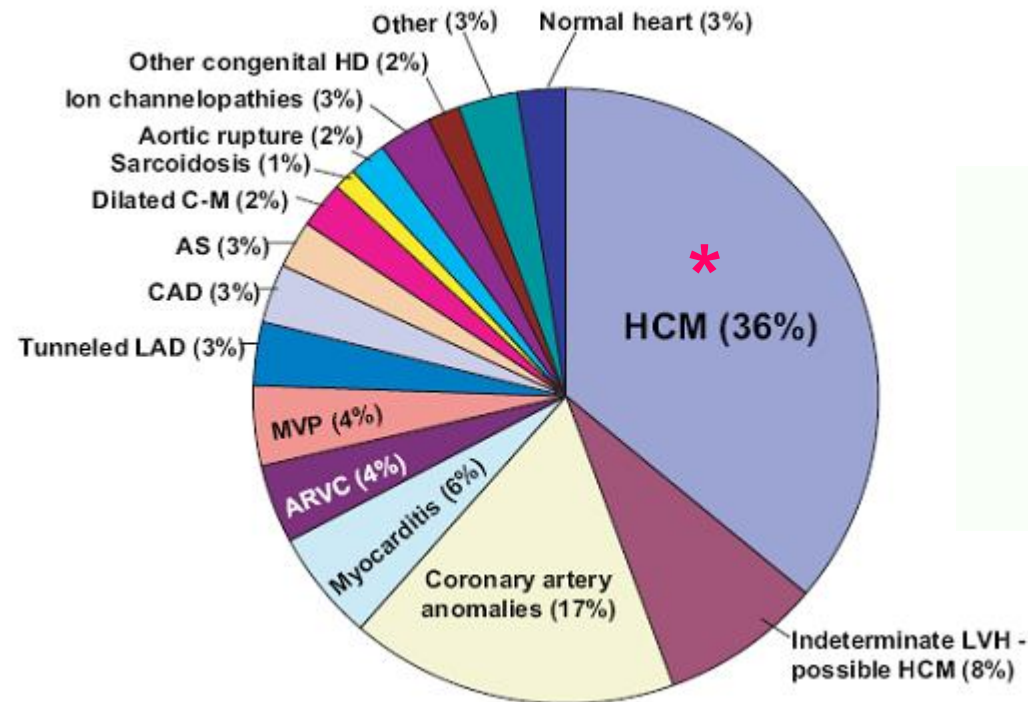
< 35 years of Age

A Rare event!!

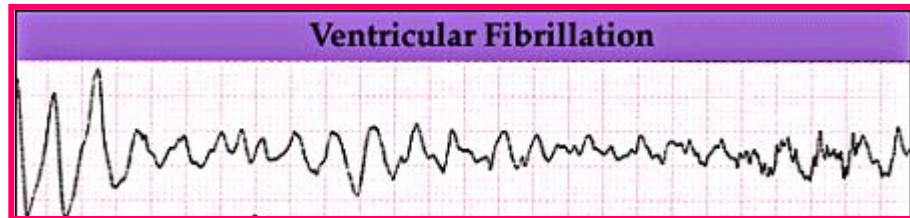
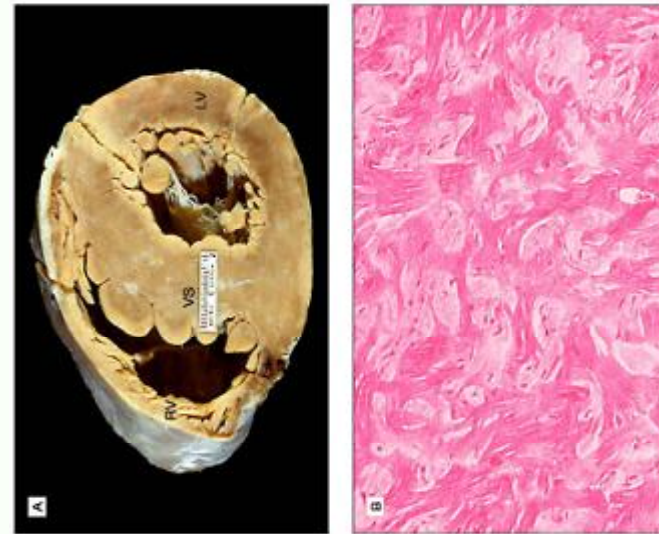
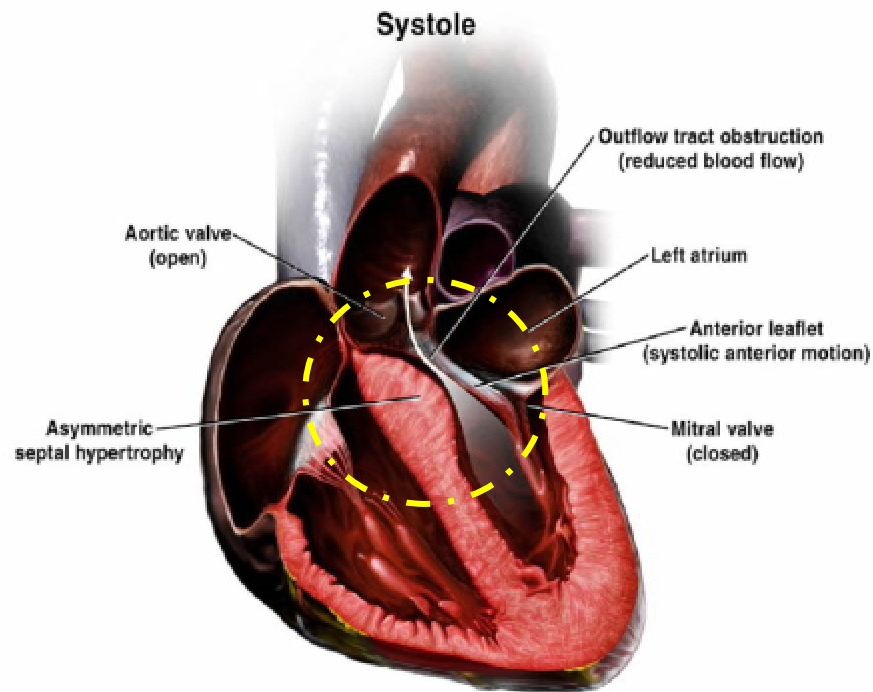
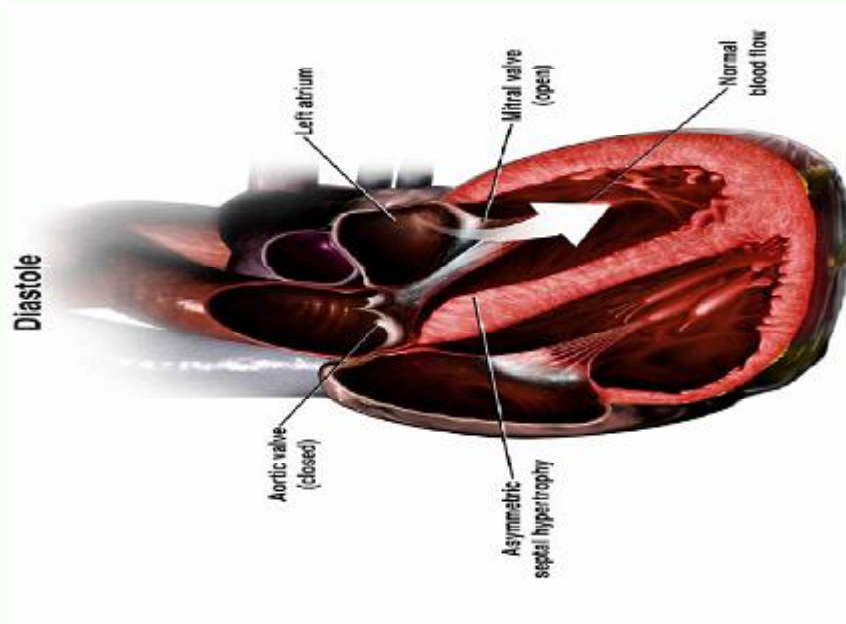
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to death & rather
unpreventable.**

**Mostly congenital / Structural
defects:**

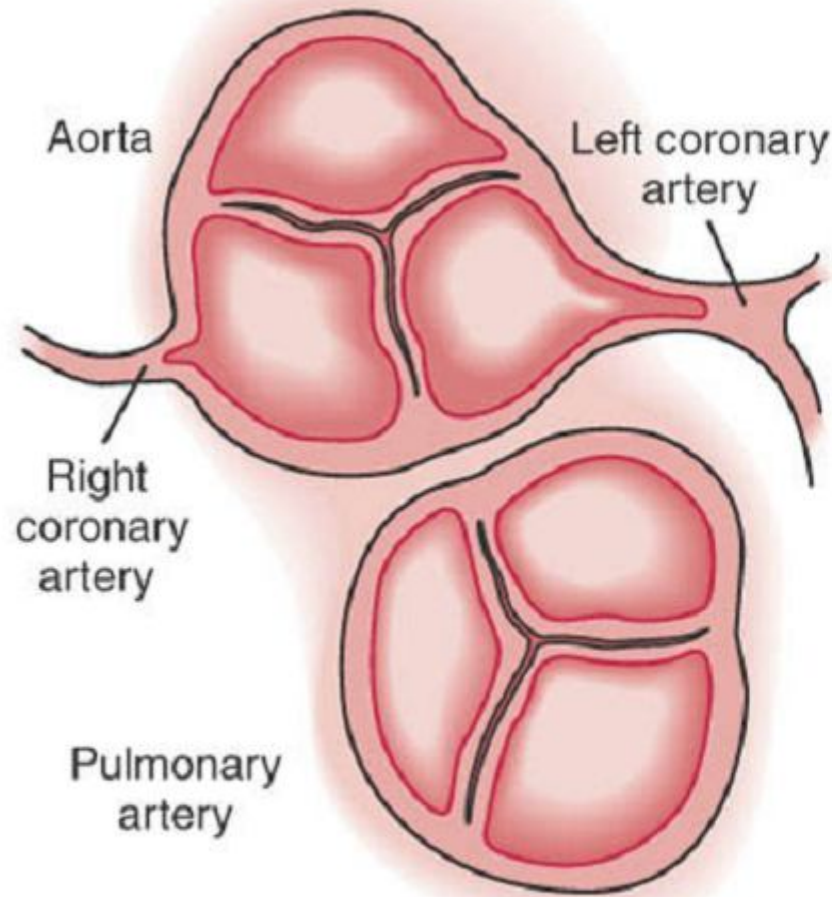
- **Cardiomyopathy:**
 - Hypertrophic
 - Arrhythmogenic RV
- **Coronary anomaly**
- **Ion channelopathy:**
 - Long QT syndrome
 - Brugada syndrome



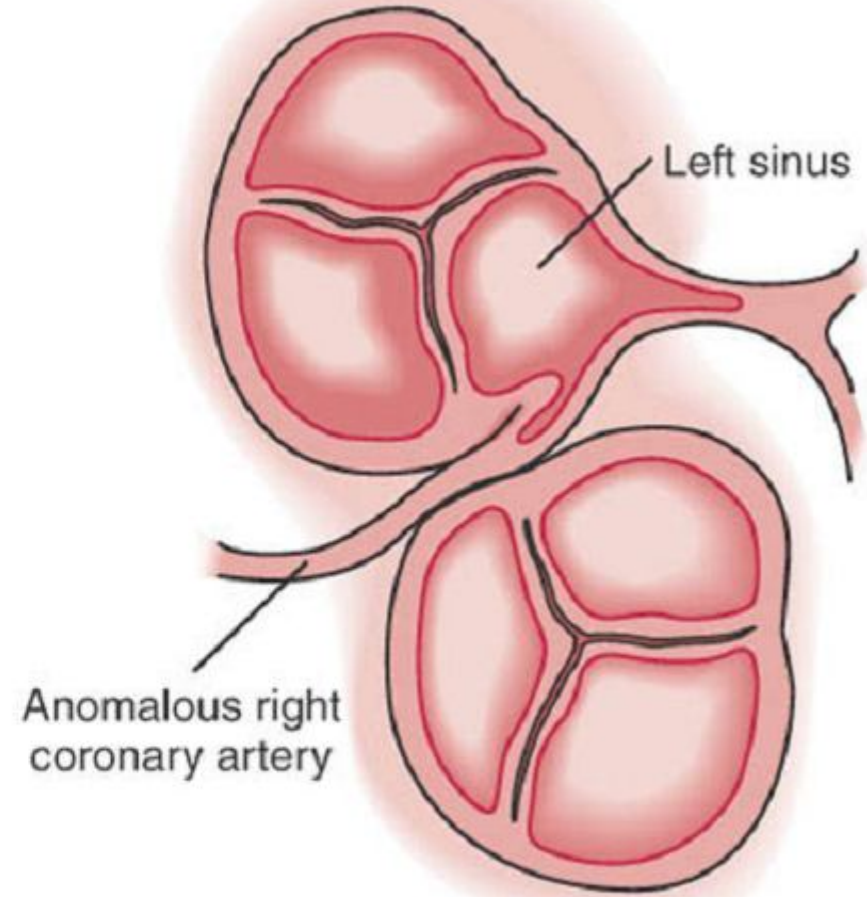
Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy 心肌肥厚症



Coronary Anomaly



Normal anatomy

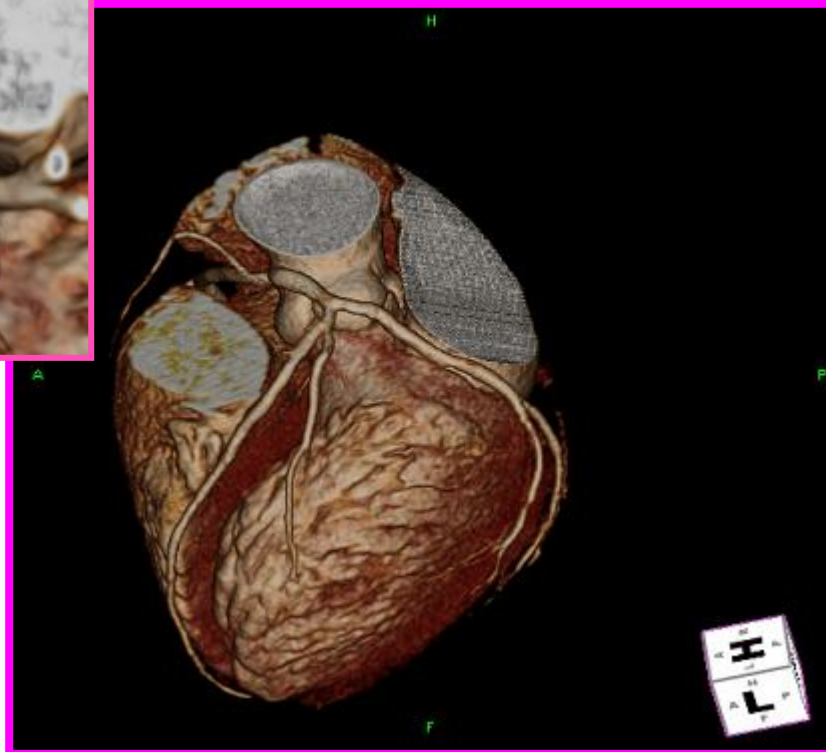
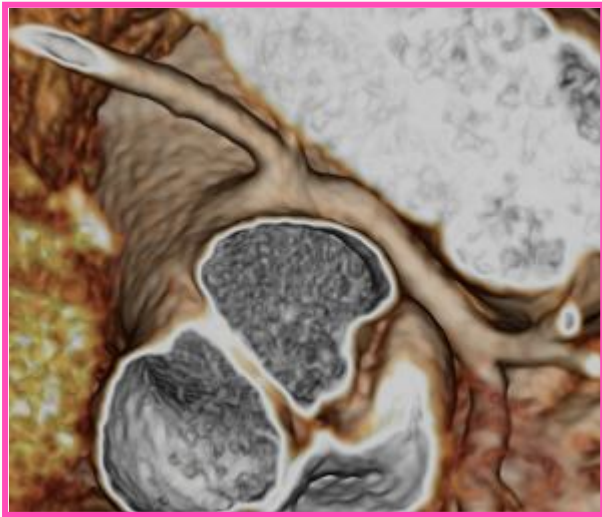


Anomalous right coronary artery arising from the left sinus Valsalva



Anomalous Left Main Stem from Right Coronary Sinus

High Risk Group



Cardiac CT

Arrhythmogenic RV Cardiomyopathy

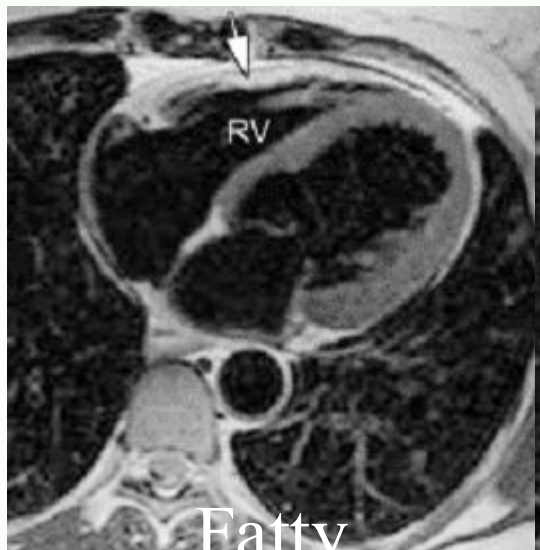
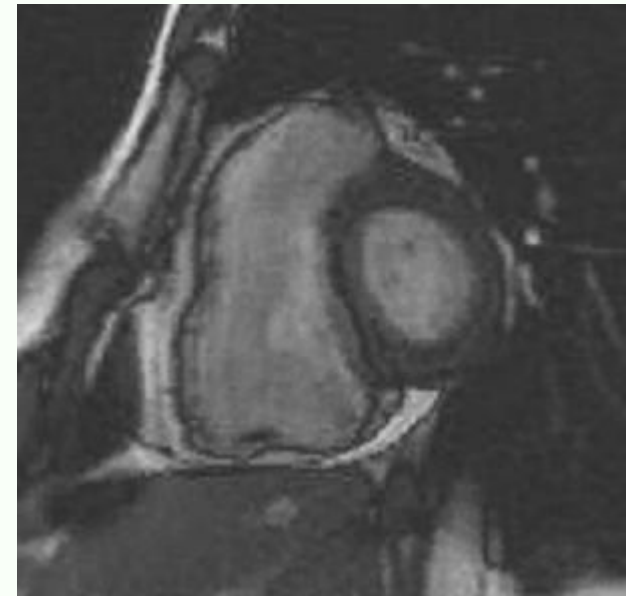
右心室發育異常

Fibro-fatty infiltration of RV
RV dilatation & dysfunction
lethal Ventricular arrhythmia

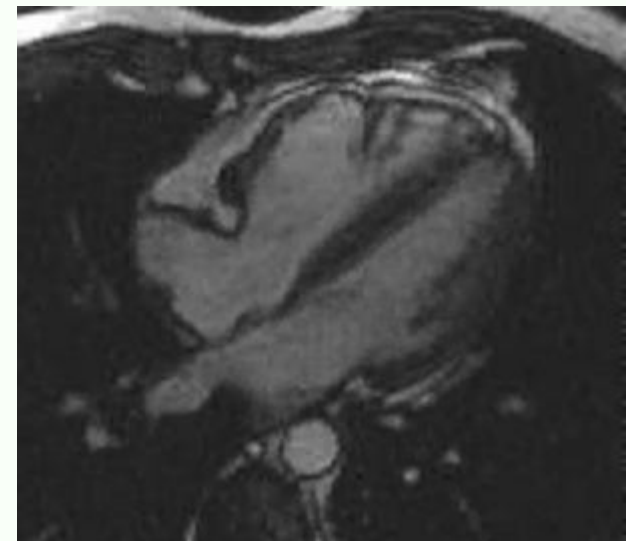
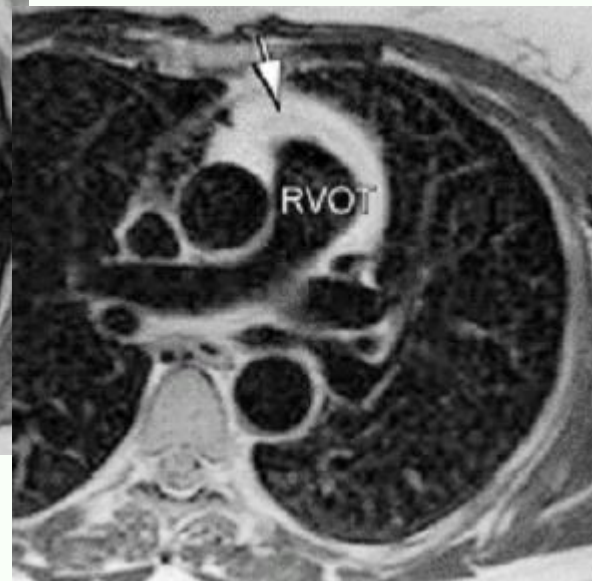
ECG : T inversion in V1-5, Epsilon wave in V1

Autosomal Dominant

Disqualify from Sports once identified



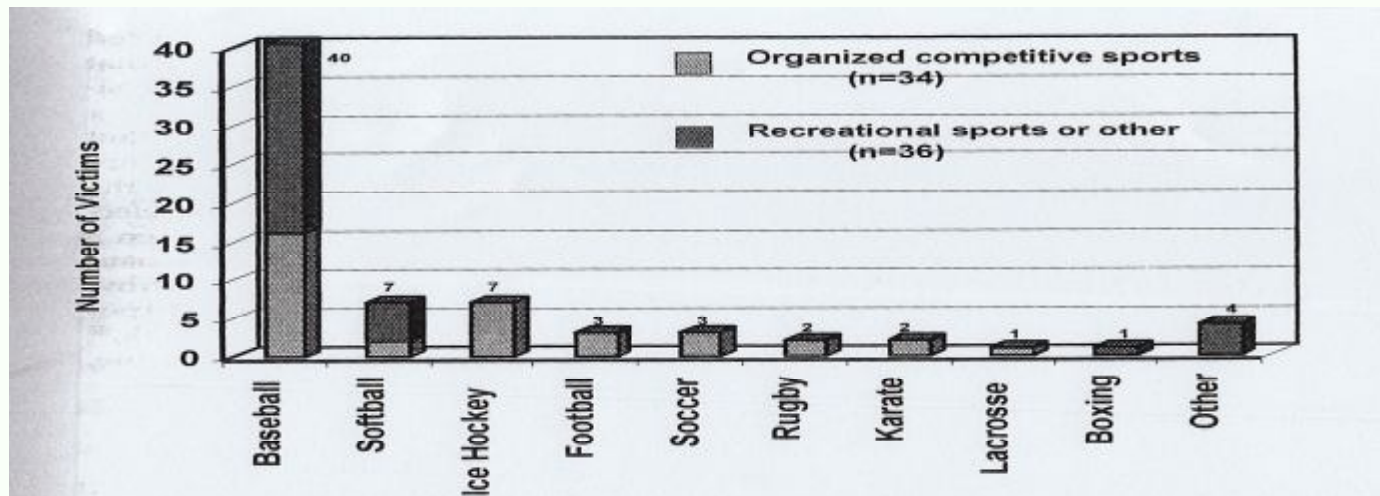
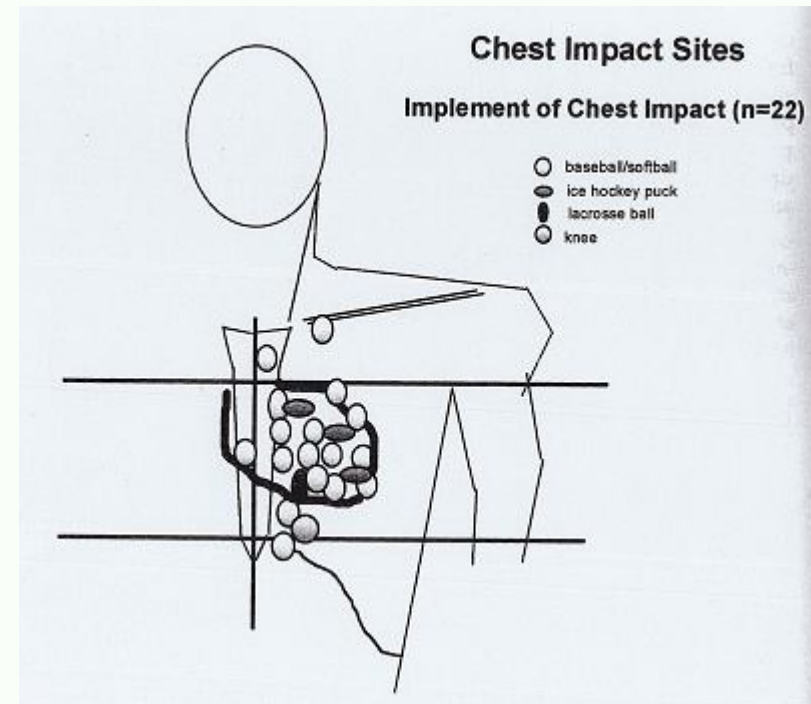
Fatty
Infiltrates



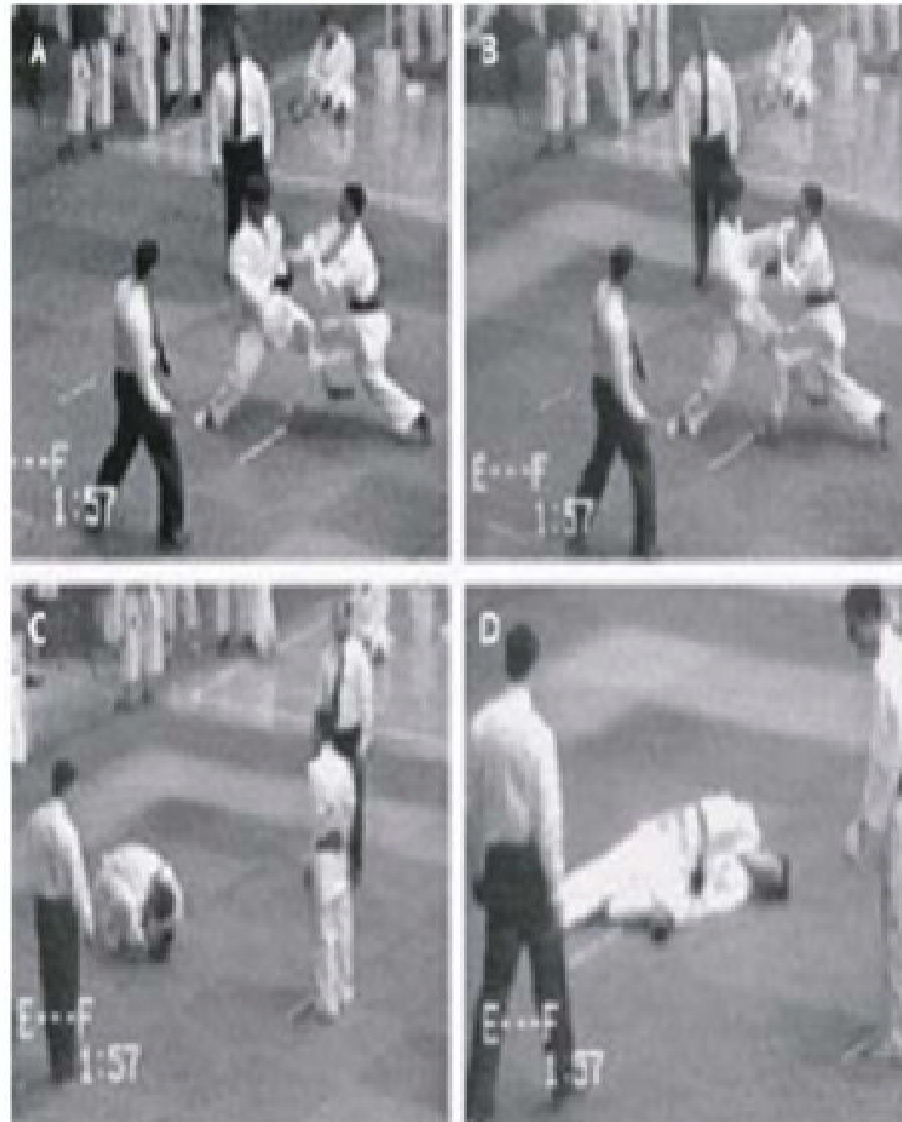
RV motion
abnormalities

Commotio Cordis

- Chest impact directly over heart
- Precise timing during vulnerable period of Cardiac Cycle (just prior to peak of T wave)
- Narrow compliant chest wall (typically small Children)



Commotio Cordis



Pre-participation Evaluation For Young Competitive Athletes



AHA Recommendations to pre-participation Screening For Cardiovascular Abnormalities in Competitive Athletes: 2007 update.

Medical history*

Personal history

1. Exertional chest pain / discomfort
2. Unexplained syncope/near-syncope†
3. Excessive exertional and unexplained dyspnea / fatigue, associated with exercise
4. Prior recognition of a heart murmur
5. Elevated systemic blood pressure

Family history

6. Premature death (sudden and unexpected, or otherwise) before age 50 years due to heart disease, in first degree relative
7. Disability from heart disease in a close relative 50 years of age
8. Specific knowledge of certain cardiac conditions in family members hypertrophic or dilated cardiomyopathy, long-QT syndrome or other ion channelopathies, Marfan syndrome, or clinically important arrhythmias

Physical examination

9. Heart murmur‡
10. Femoral pulses to exclude aortic coarctation
11. Physical stigmata of Marfan syndrome
12. Brachial artery blood pressure (sitting position)

Italian / ESC Protocol

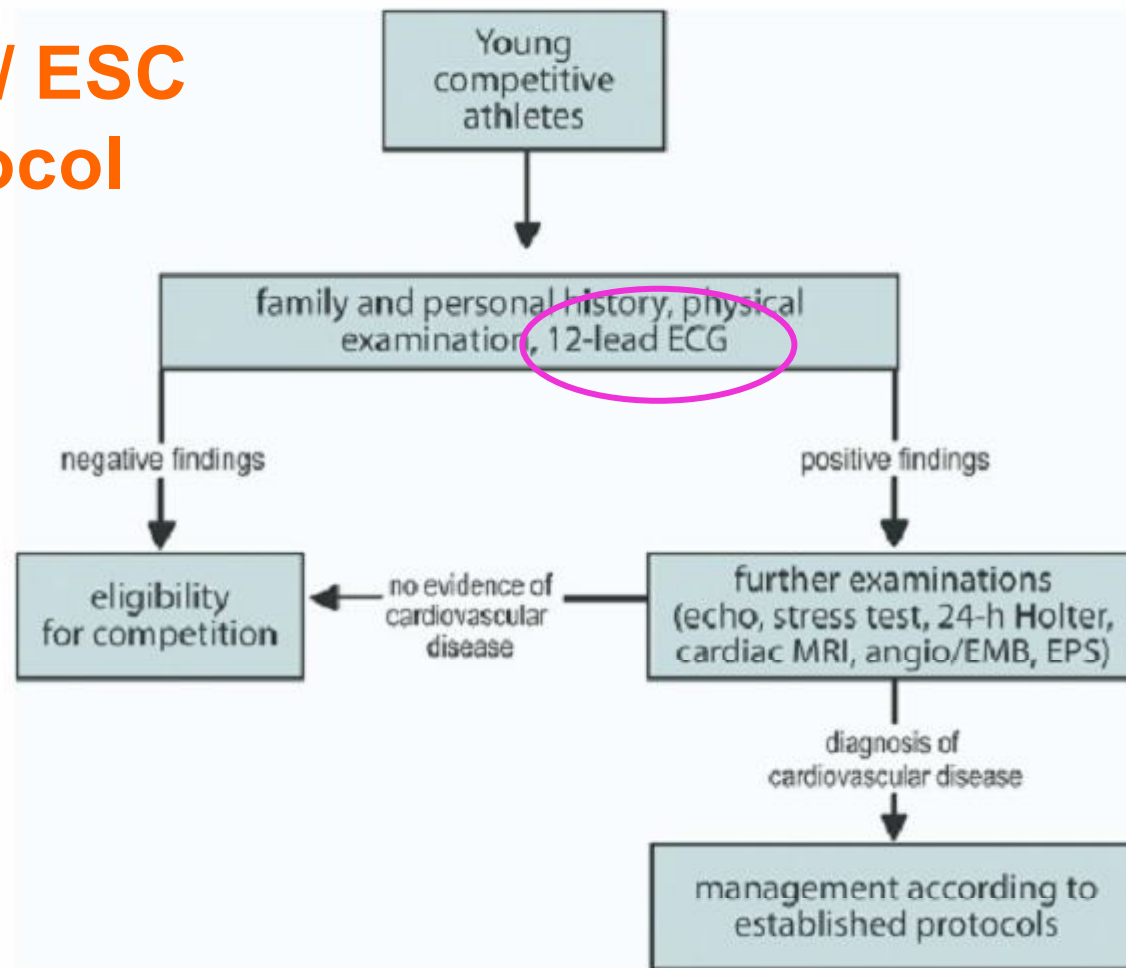


Figure 1 Flow Chart of the Italian Protocol of Cardiovascular Pre-Participation Screening

Young competitive athletes are defined as individuals 12 to 35 years of age who are engaged in a regular fashion in exercise training as well as participating in official athletic competitions. First-line examination includes family history, physical examination, and 12-lead electrocardiography (ECG); additional tests are requested only for subjects who have positive findings at the initial evaluation. Angio/EMB = contrast angiography/endomyocardial biopsy; EPS = electrophysiologic study with programmed ventricular stimulation; MRI = magnetic resonance imaging. Reprinted, with permission, from Corrado et al. (3).

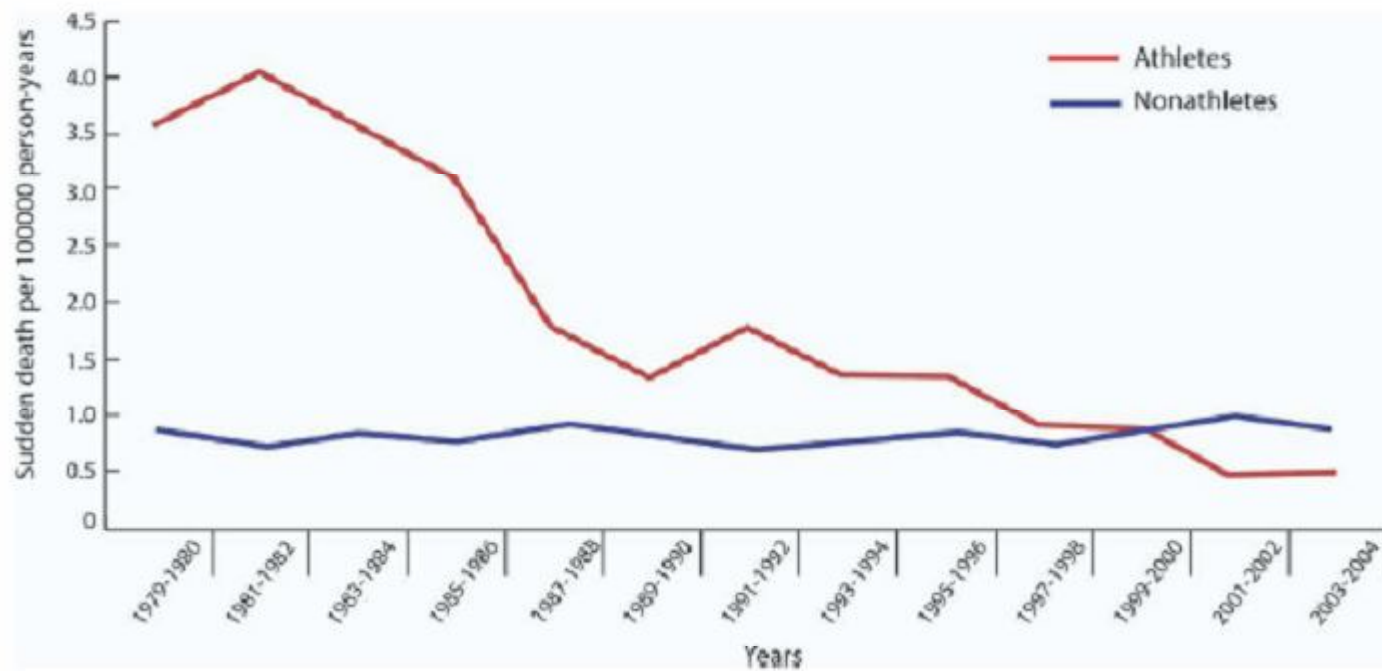


Figure 3

Annual Incidence Rates of Sudden Cardiac Death Among Screened Competitive Athletes and Unscreened Nonathletes in the Veneto Region of Italy From 1979 to 2004

Modified from Corrado et al. (23).

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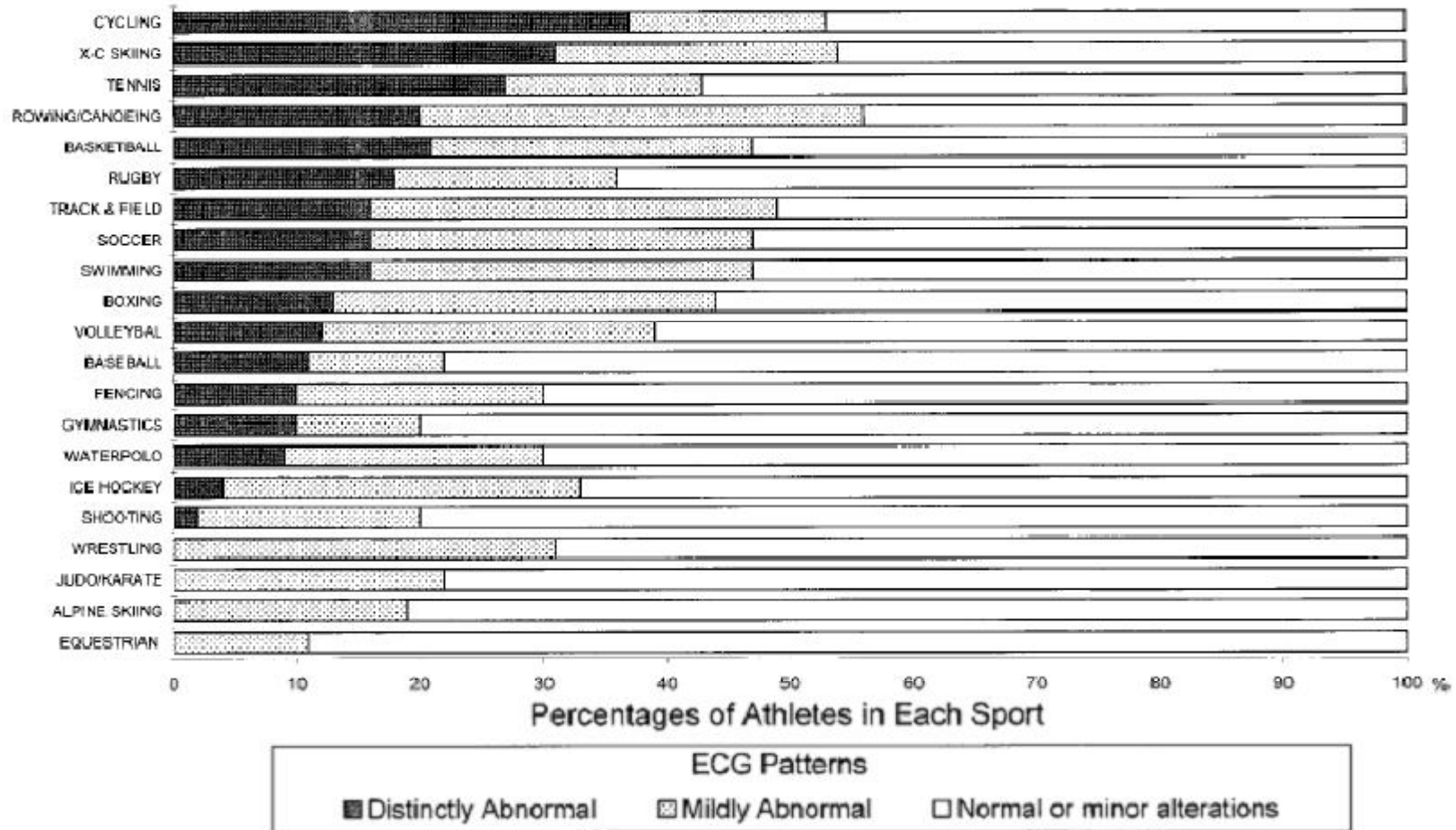


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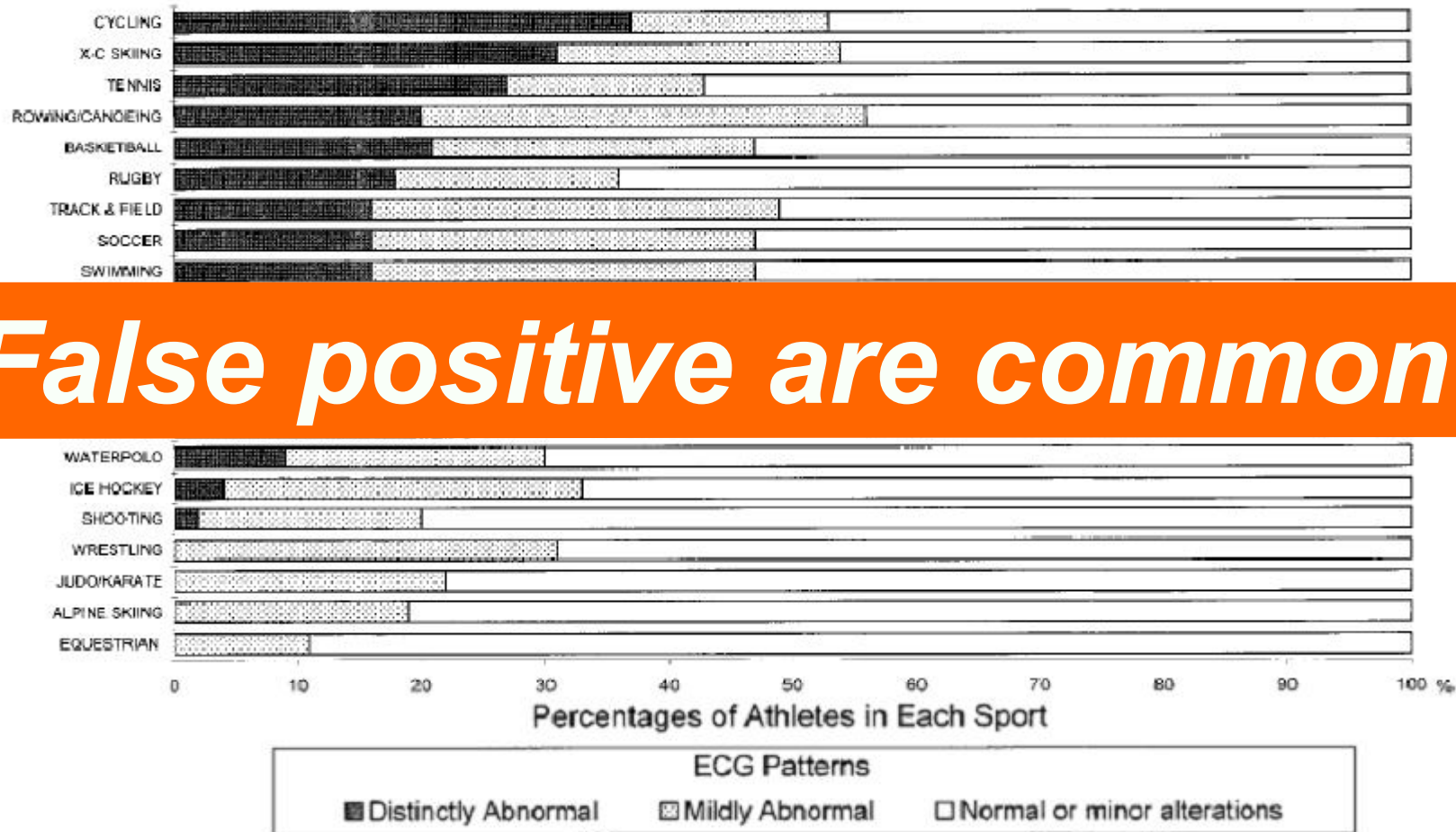
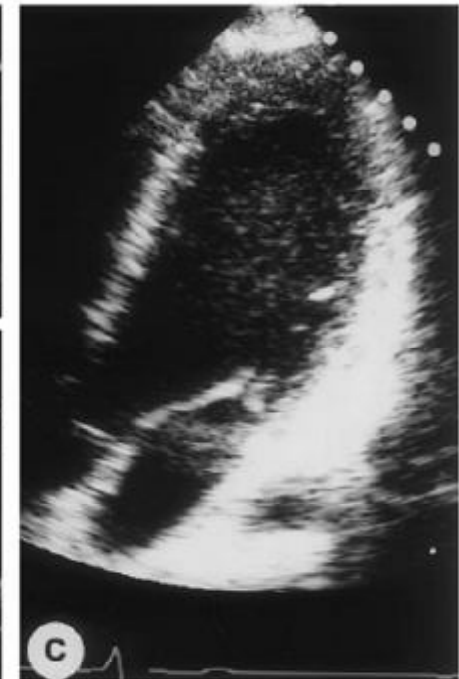
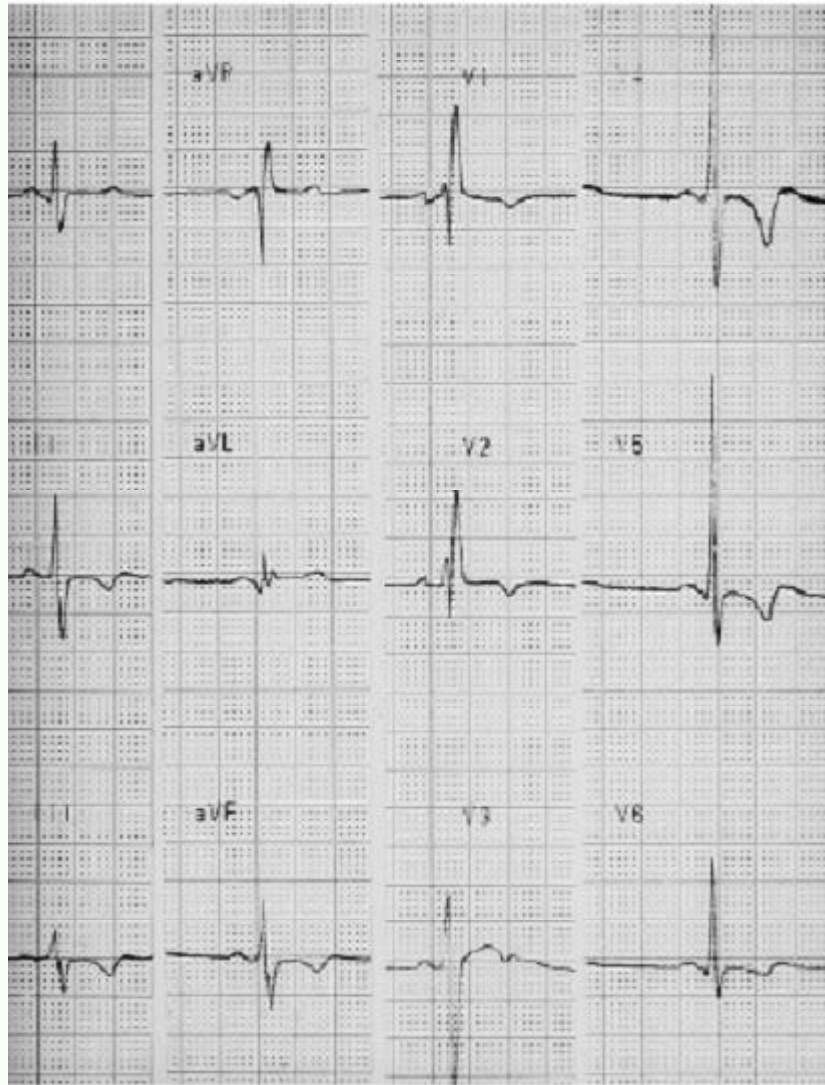


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M/19, soccer player
Markedly abnormal ECG
Normal Echo. finding



Recommendations for the Acceptability of Recreational (Noncompetitive) Sports Activities and Exercise in Patients With GCVDs*

| Intensity Level | HCM† | LQTS† | Marfan Syndrome‡ | ARVC | Brugada Syndrome |
|--------------------------------|------|-------|------------------|------|------------------|
| High | | | | | |
| Basketball | | | | | |
| Full court | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Half court | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Body building§ | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Ice hockey§ | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Racquetball/squash | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Rock climbing§ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Running (sprinting) | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Skiing (downhill)§ | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Skiing (cross-country) | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Soccer | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Tennis (singles) | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 |
| Touch (flag) football | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| Windsurfing | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Moderate | | | | | |
| Baseball/softball | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Biking | 4 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Modest hiking | 4 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 4 |
| Motorcycling§ | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Jogging | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Sailing | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Surfing | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Swimming (lap) | 5 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| Tennis (doubles) | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| Treadmill/stationary bicycle | 5 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 5 |
| Weightlifting (free weights)§¶ | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Hiking | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| Low | | | | | |
| Bowling | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 |
| Golf | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 |
| Horseback riding§ | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Scuba diving | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Skating# | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 |
| Snorkeling | 5 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 4 |
| Weights (non-free weights) | 4 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Brisk walking | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |

Eligibility:

Grade 0: not eligible

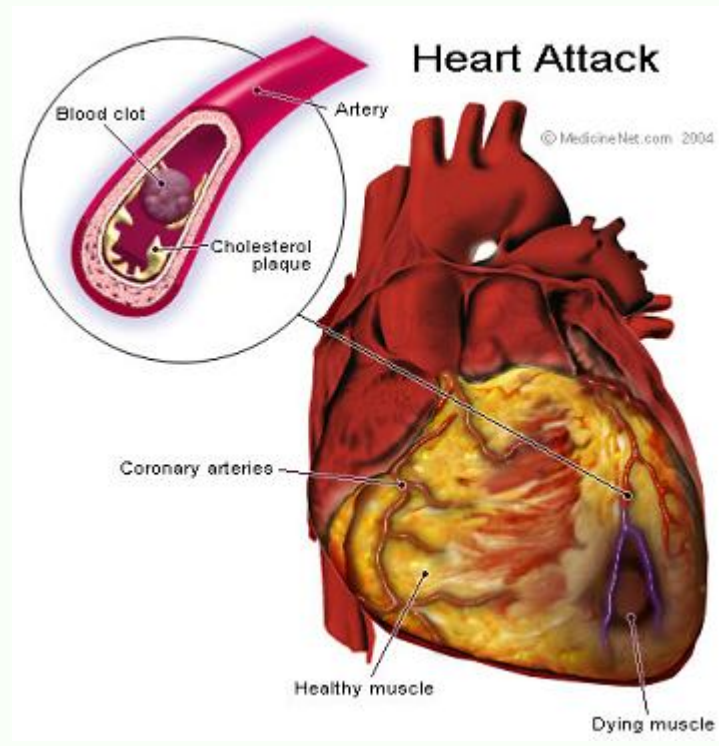
Grade 1: Strongly discouraged

Grade 2-3: intermediate, assess individually

Grade 4-5: probably permitted

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Pre-participation Evaluation For Older Individuals in General



When is diagnostic tests indicated?

American College of Sports Medicine(ACSM) recommendations for ETT

| | LOW RISK | MODERATE RISK | HIGH RISK |
|--|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| MODERATE EXERCISE (3-6 METS) | NOT NECESSARY | NOT NECESSARY | RECOMMENDED |
| VIGOROUS EXERCISE (> 6 METS) | NOT NECESSARY | RECOMMENDED | RECOMMENDED |

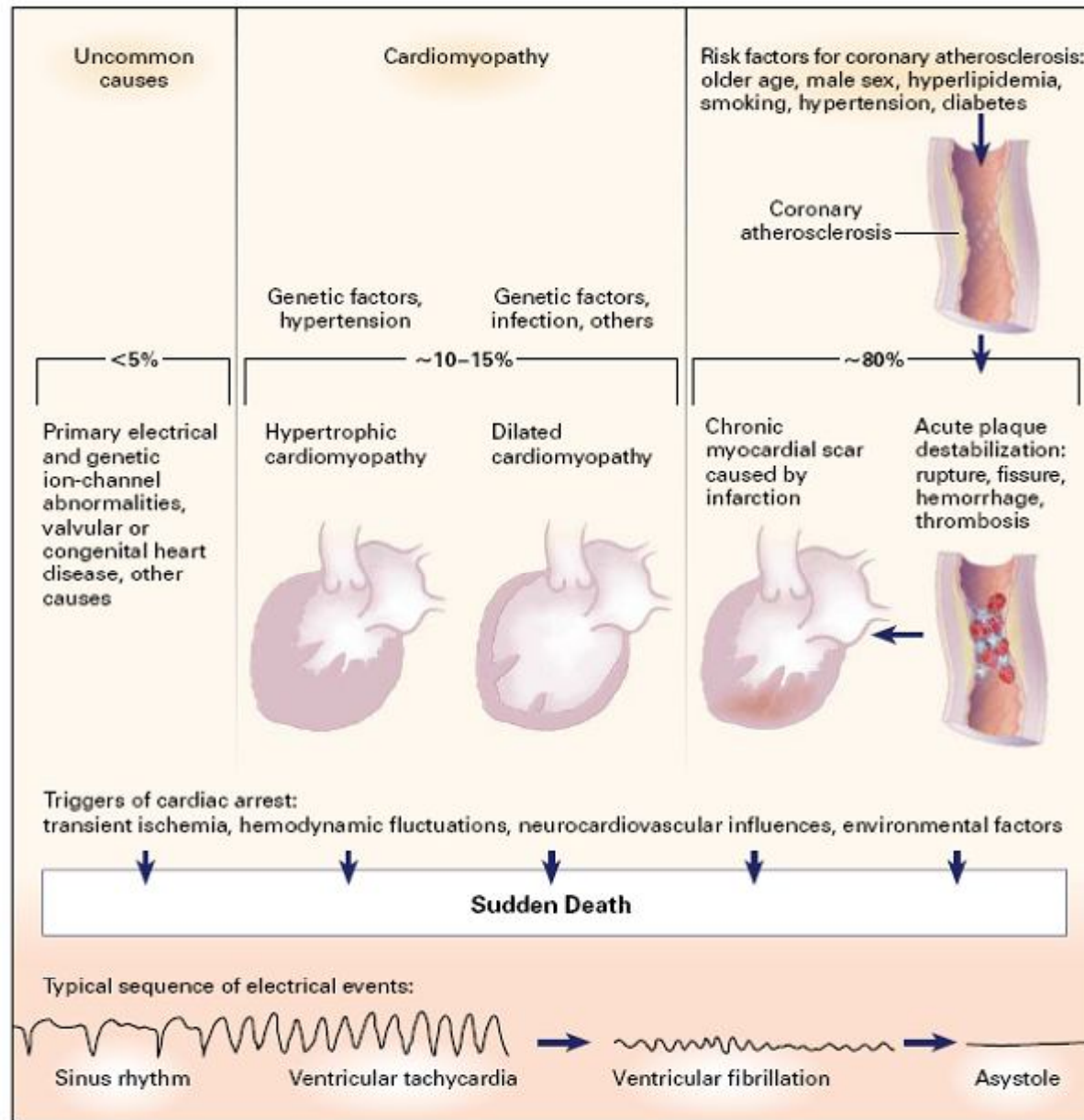
Personal Risk vs Exercise Intensity

Who should receive pre-participation cardiovascular evaluation?

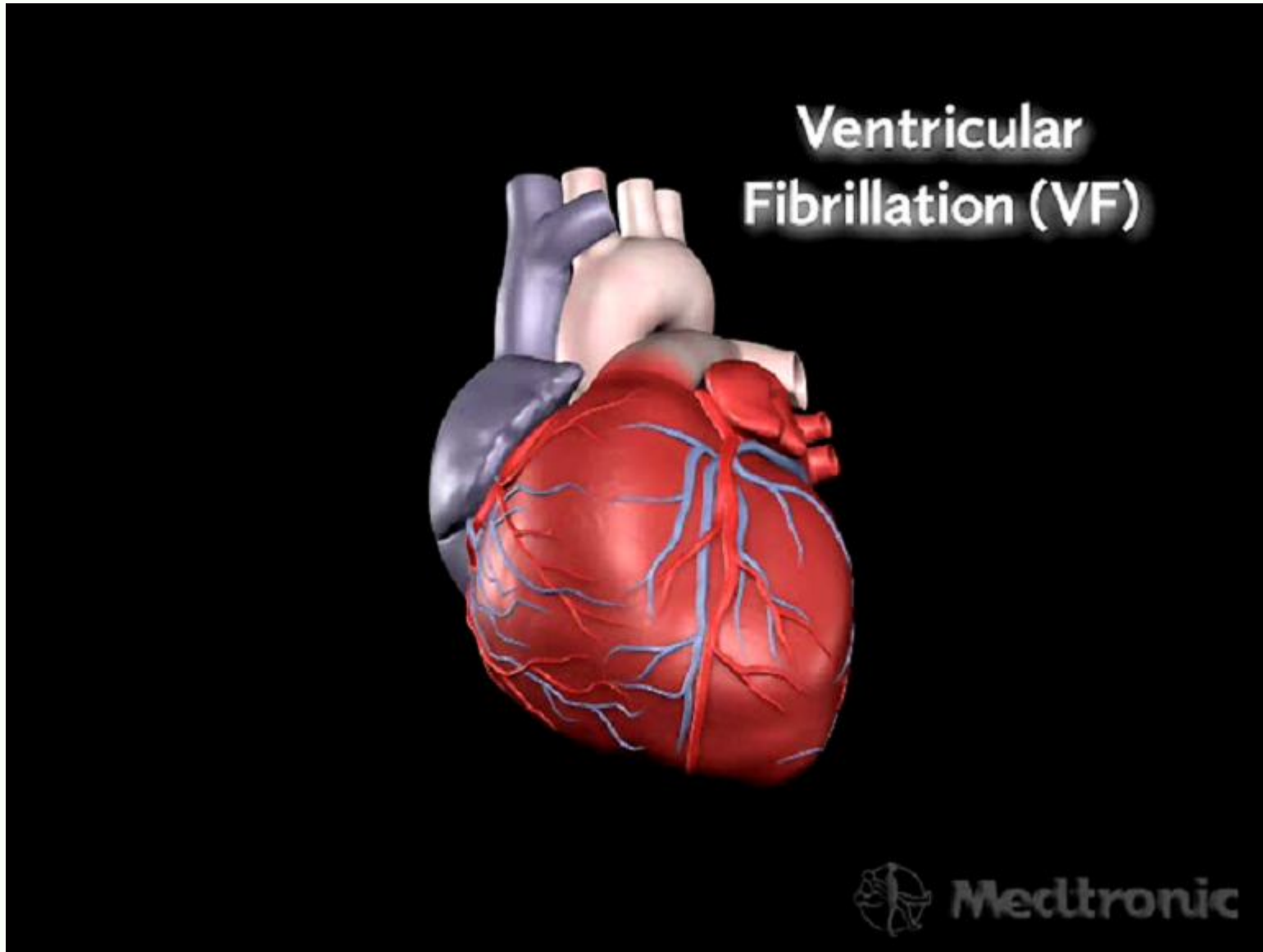
- **All older athletes:**
 - males > 45 ; females > 55 years
- **Athletes with symptoms:**
 - Syncope / near-syncope with exercise
 - Chest pain with exercise
 - Palpitation
 - Heart murmur
- **Major risk factors (≥ 2):**
 - Family history of sudden death / CAD
 - Smoker
 - Diabetes / Hypertension
 - \uparrow LDL / \downarrow HDL



Pathophysiology & Epidemiology of SCD



Most frequent terminating event



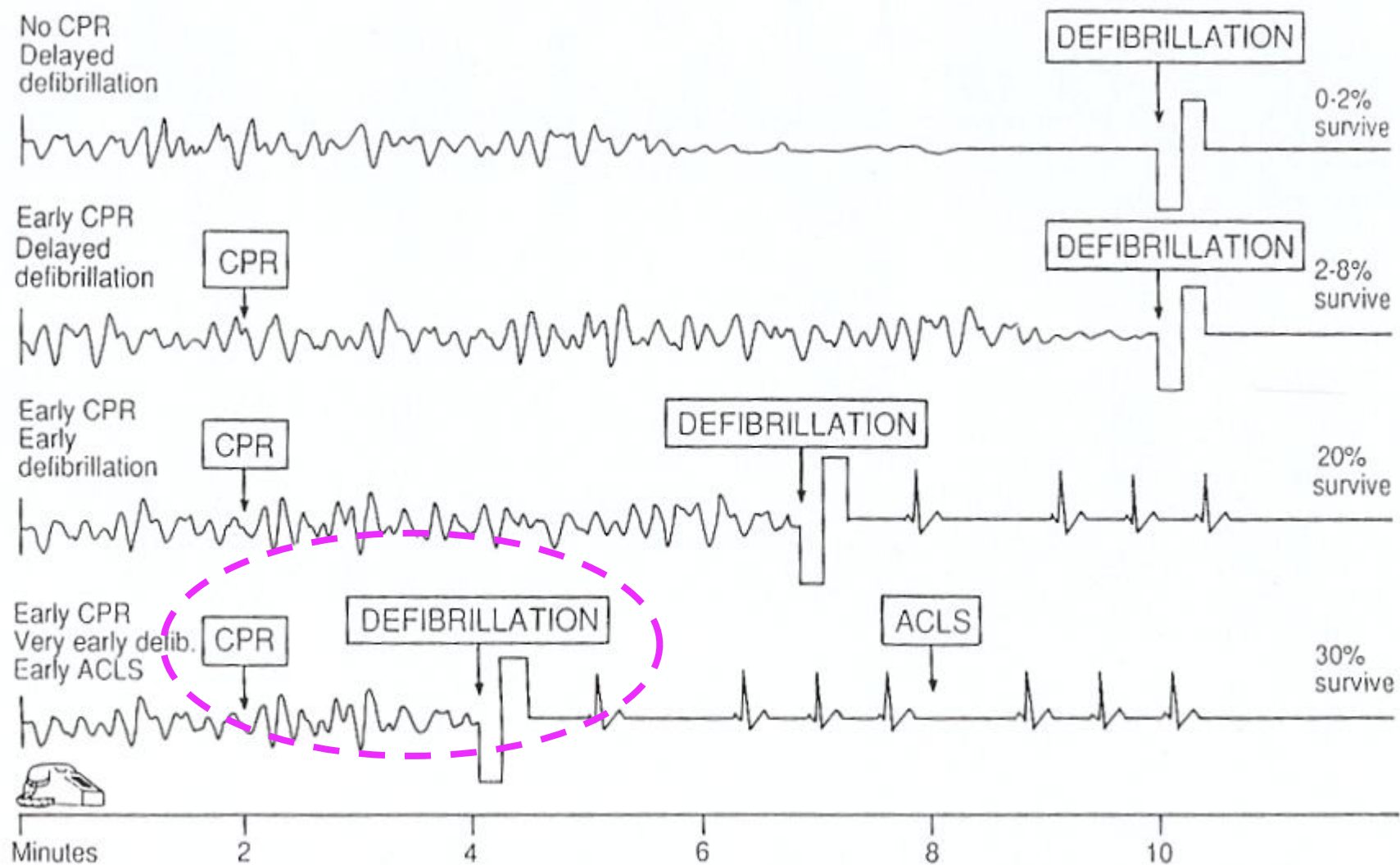
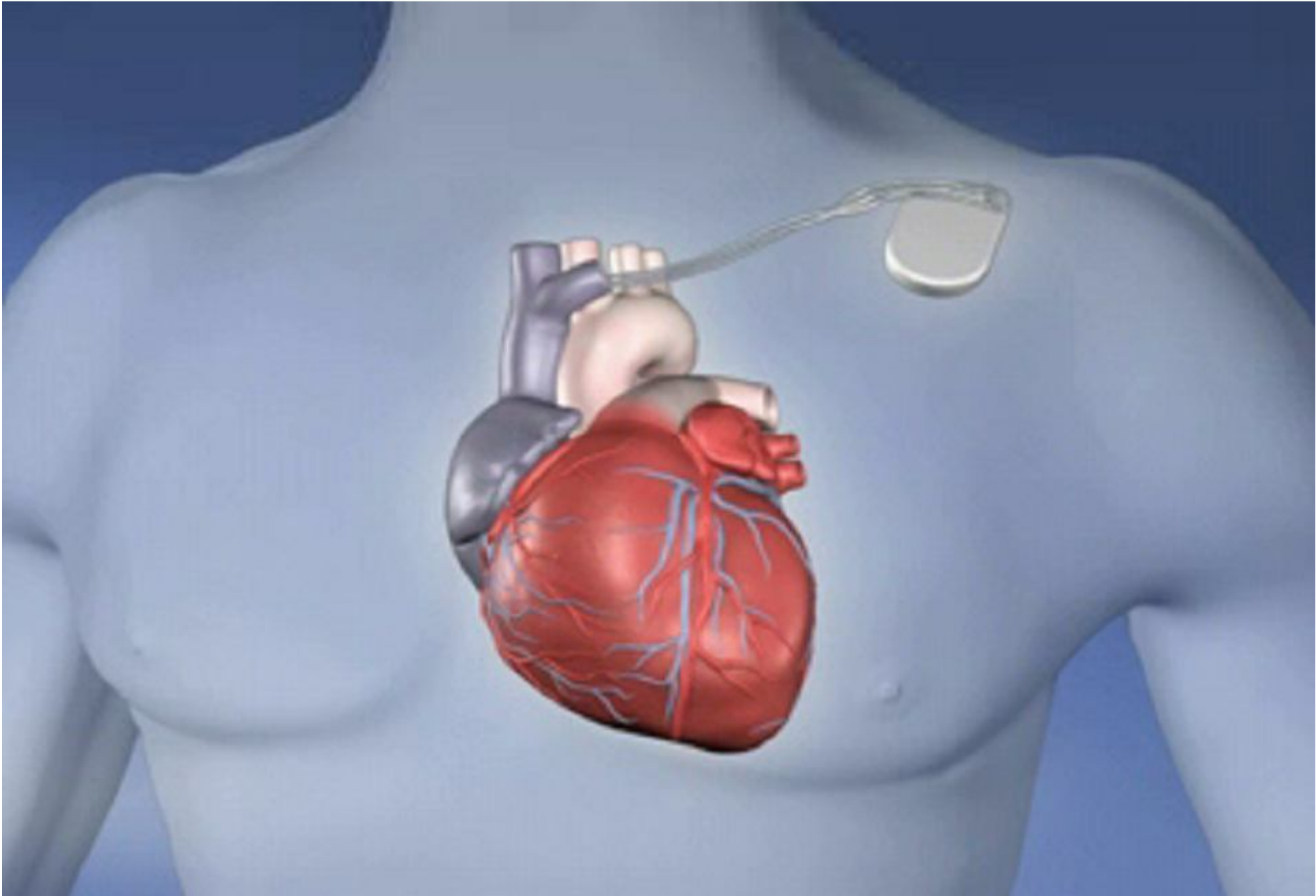
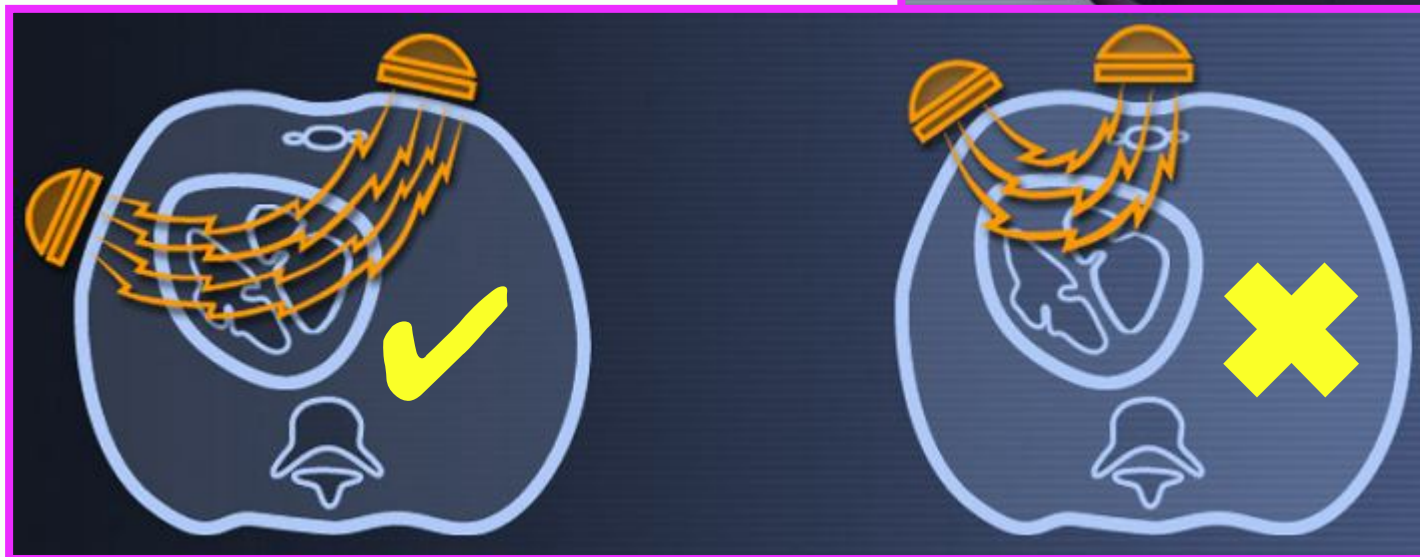
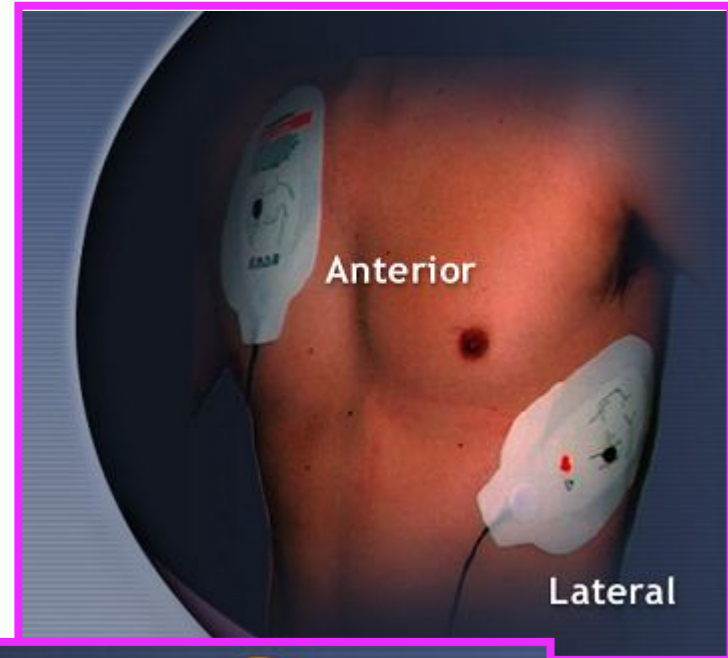
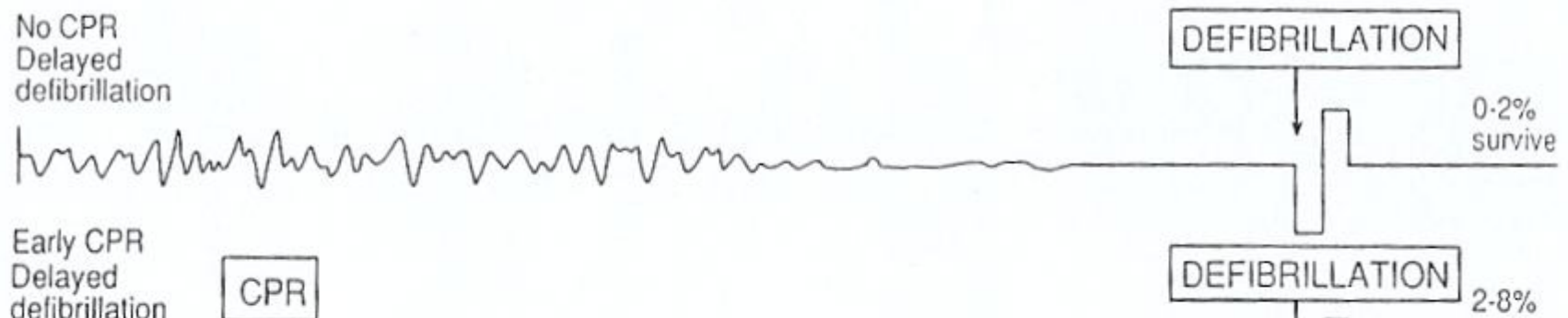


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Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)





Effective CPR & AEDs

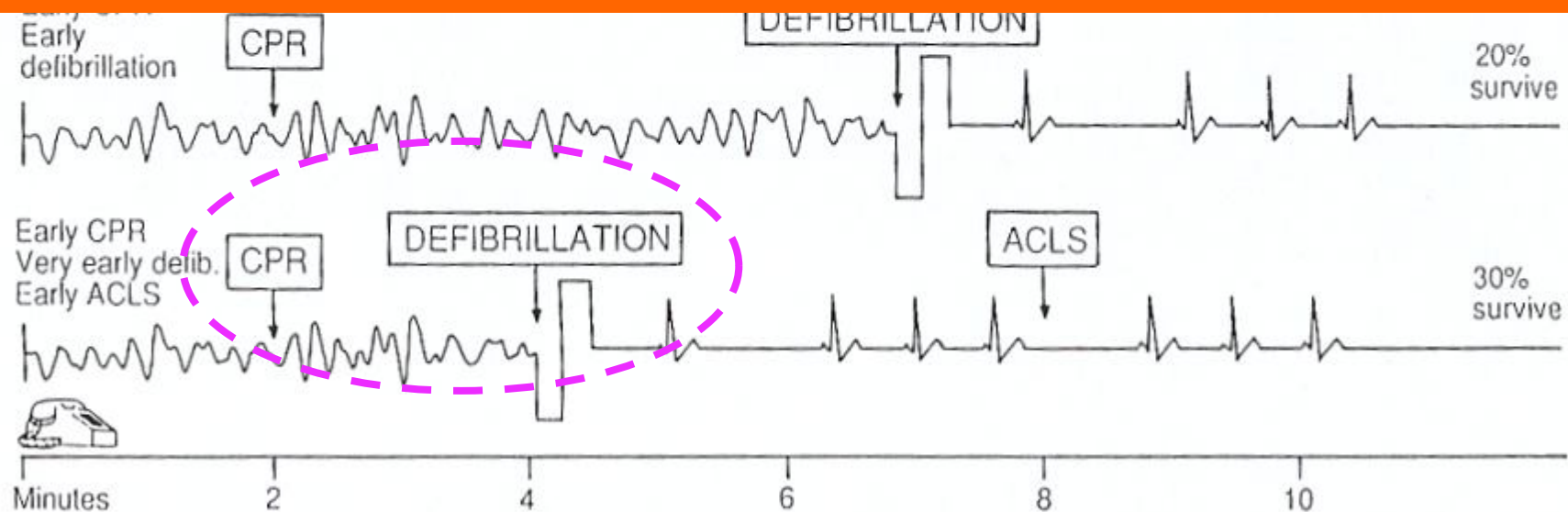
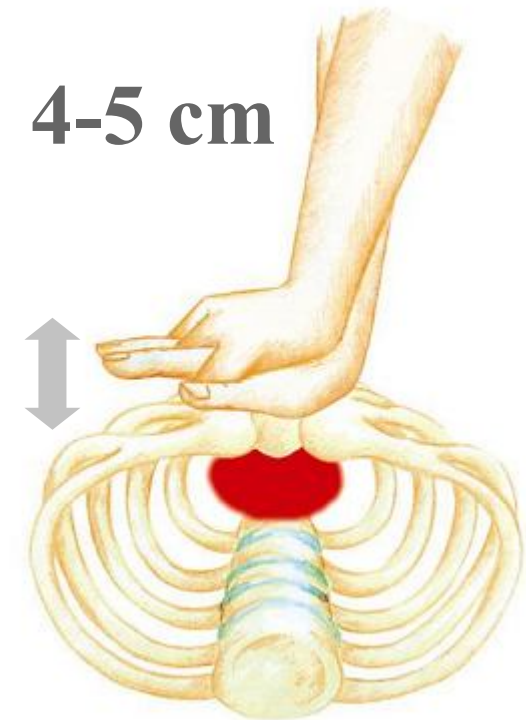


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- **Effective chest Compression**
Push Hard and Push Fast.
 - **100 compression/minute**
 - **Adequate depth**
- **1-second Rescue Breaths**
- **30:2 Universal compression to ventilation Ratio**



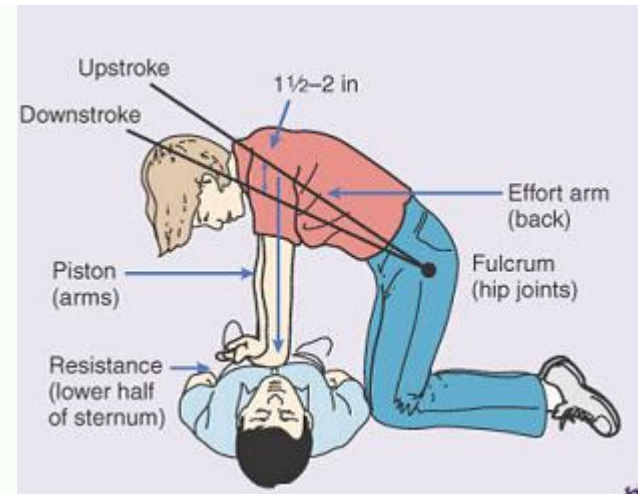
ACC 2008

Keeping the beat for CPR? Hum 'Stayin' Alive'

At 103 beats per minute, "Stayin' Alive" from Bee Gees has the almost perfect rhythm for performing CPR



New!!!
AHA 2008



“Hand-only” CPR

Bystander reluctance to perform CPR:

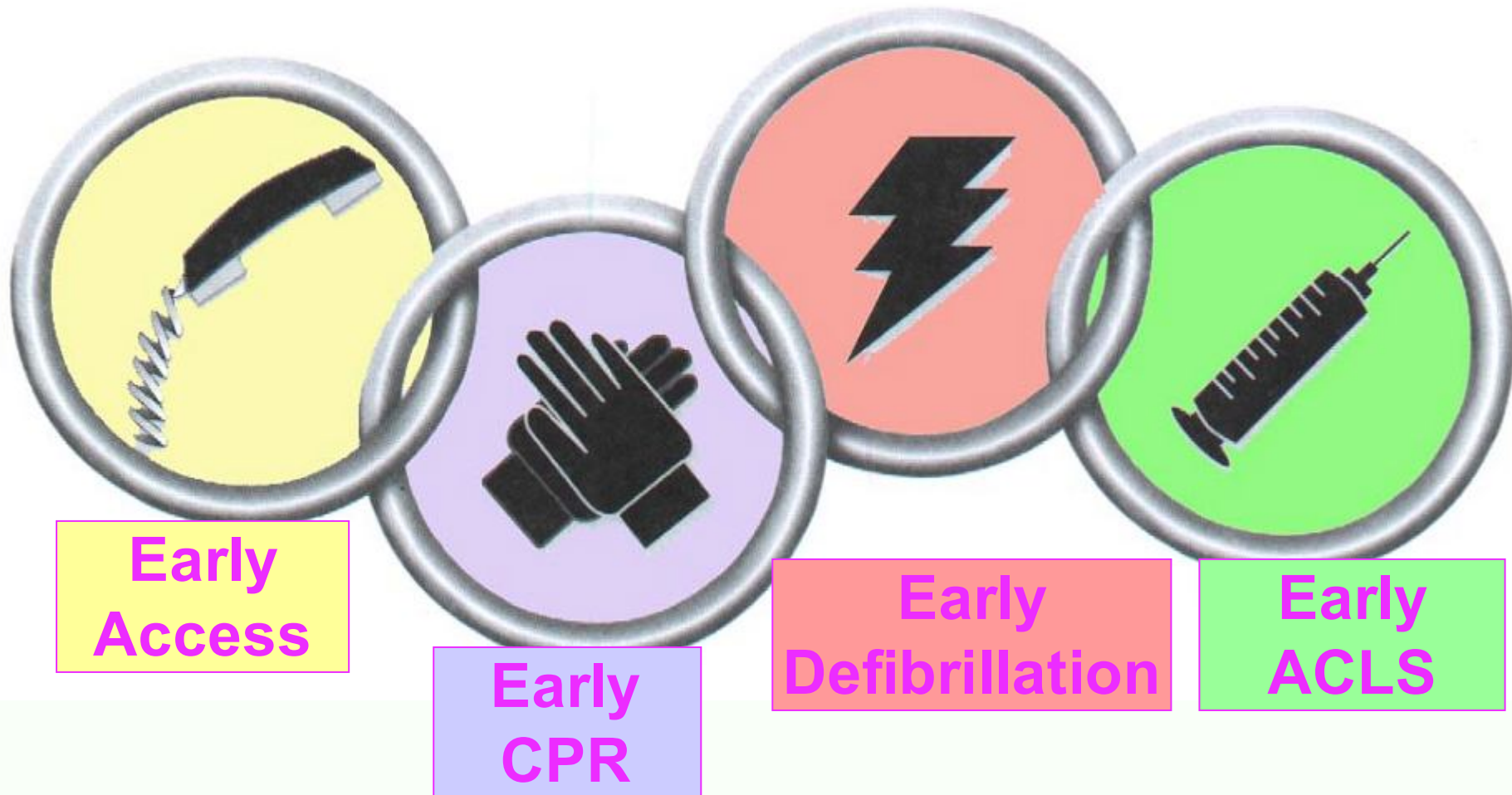
- disease transmission in mouth-to-mouth ventilation
 - panic and fear of causing harm
 - Medico-legal concern

Hands-only (Compression-only) CPR: AHA 2008

- Recommended for
 - adult
 - witnessed, out-of-hospital arrest
 - probable of cardiac origin
 - eg. sudden collapse or collapse after signs consistent with a myocardial infarction.
- **NOT** applicable to:
 - unwitnessed cardiac arrest,
 - cardiac arrest in children,
 - cardiac arrest presumed to be of noncardiac origin

Sayre MR, et al.
Circulation 2008; 117: 2162-2167.

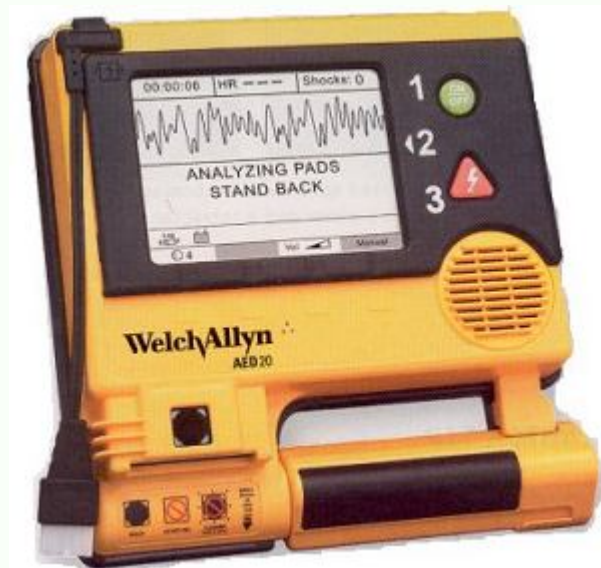
Prepare AED while CPR





One shock followed by immediate CPR

No “stacked” shocks
No circulation checks for 2 minutes (5 Cycles of CPR).





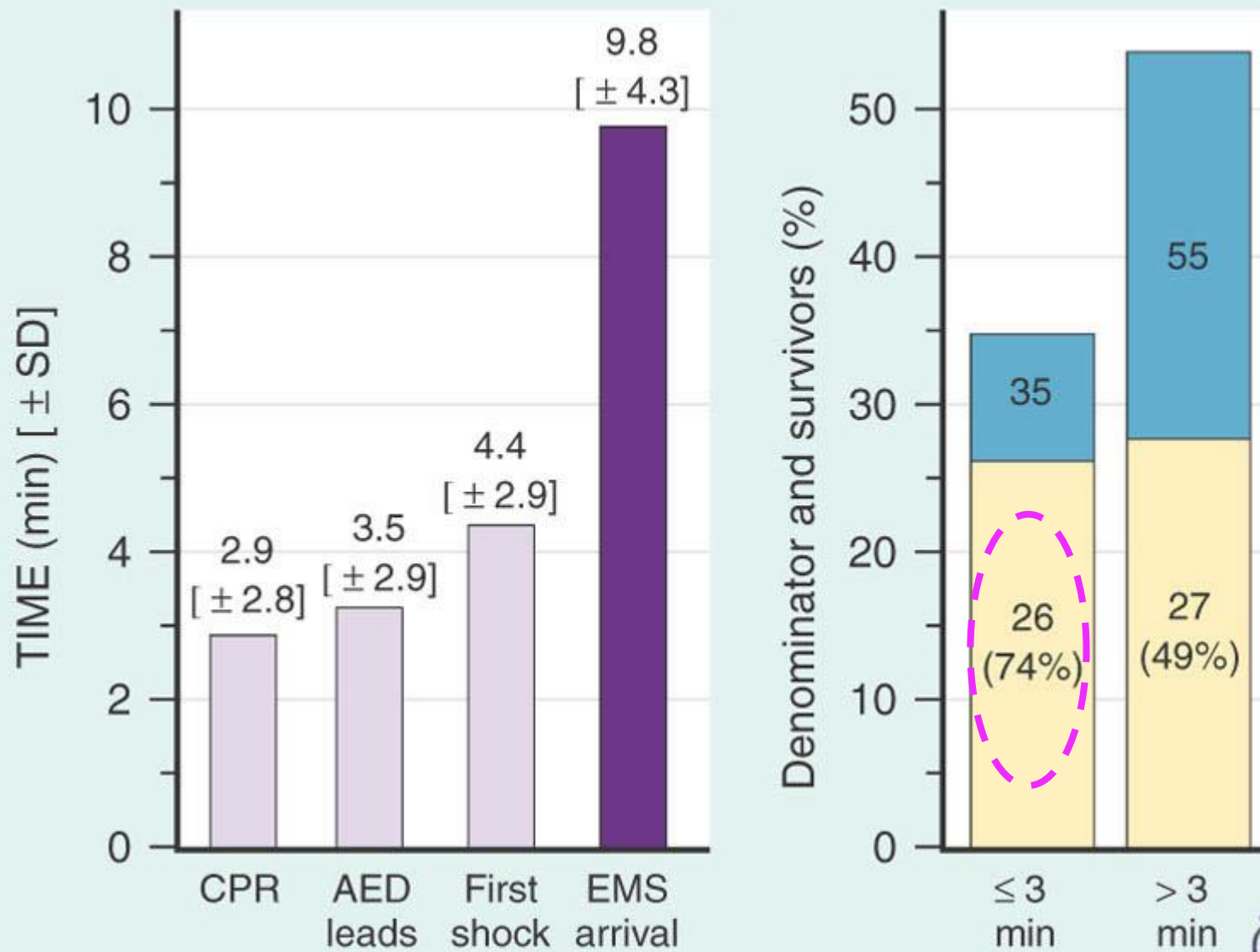
**Continue to encourage
widespread
AED availability**



Casino AED Project: Witnessed Response Times and Outcomes

Interval from collapse to:

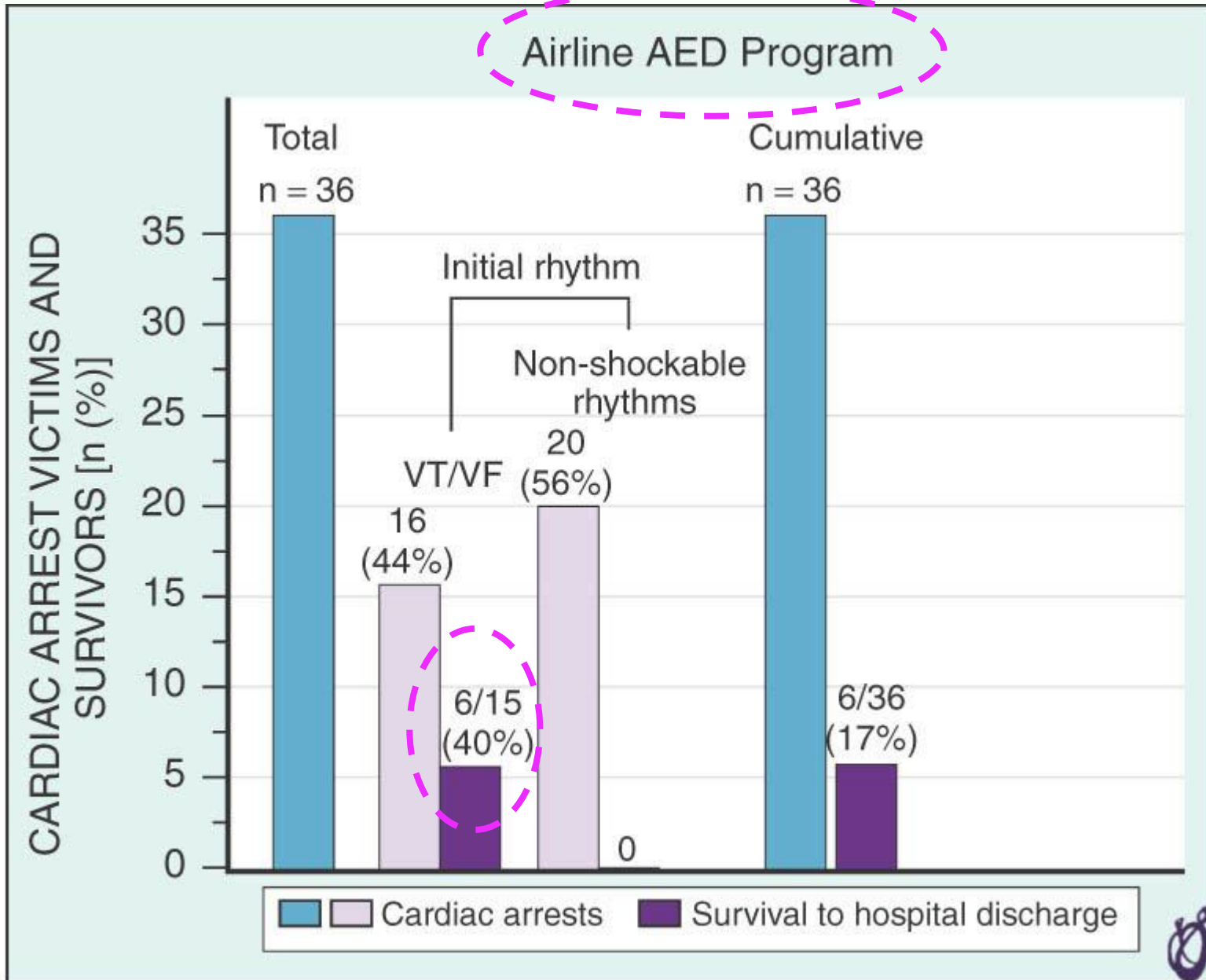
Collapse-to-shock



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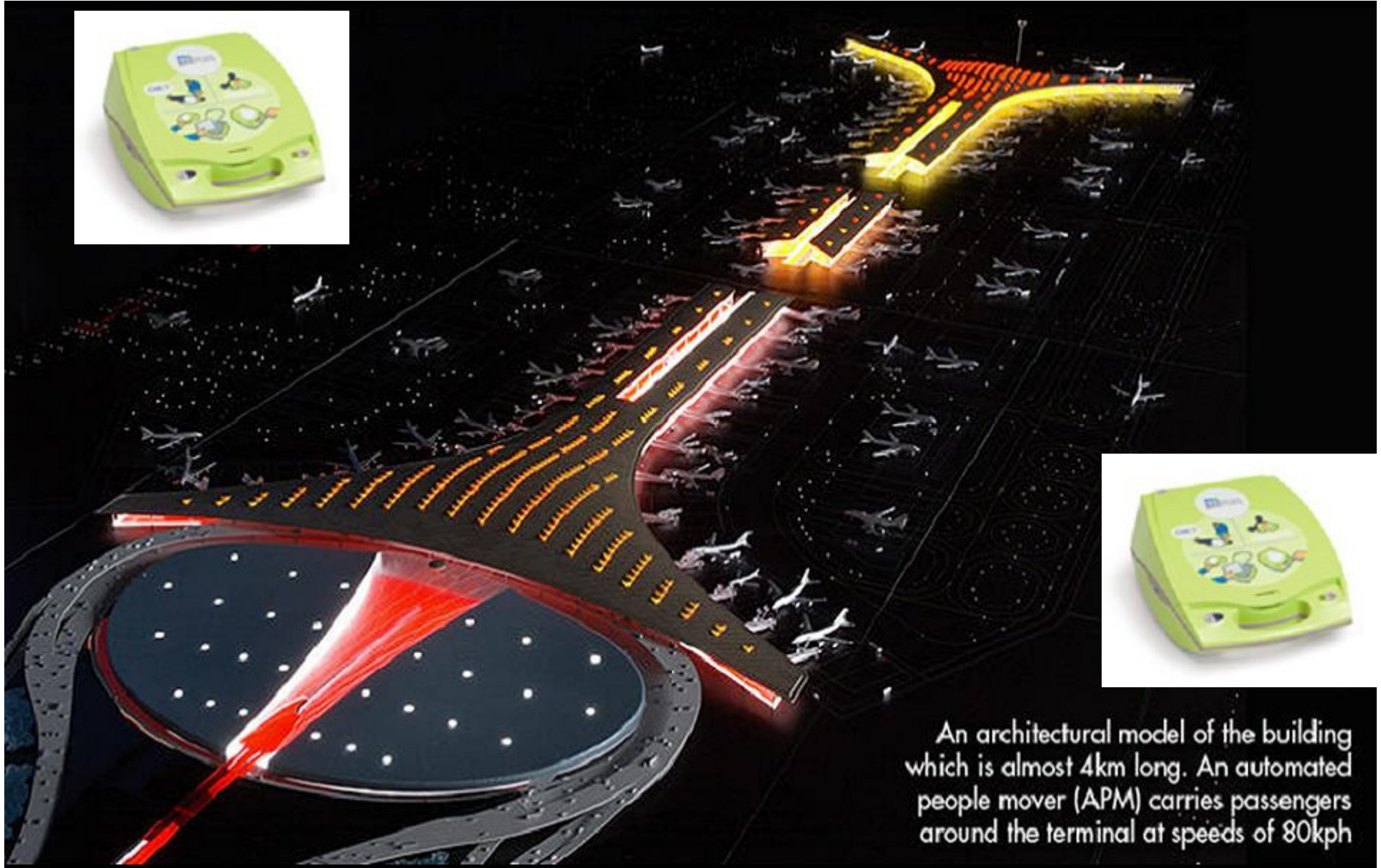
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Beijing International Airport 2008



An architectural model of the building which is almost 4km long. An automated people mover (APM) carries passengers around the terminal at speeds of 80kph

Conclusion

- Regular Endurance training leads to Cardiovascular adaptive changes in terms of **enhanced vagal modulation** and **chamber hypertrophy**. This is commonly referred as **Athlete's heart syndrome**. Clinical implications and their patho-physiological changes are explained with case illustrations.
- People participate in exercise are also exposed to increased risk of **sudden cardiac death**. The common causes cardiac death in the younger athletes are mostly related to congenital disorder while coronary heart disease are the major causes cardiac sudden death in those older than 35 years old.
- **Pre-participation screening** in the younger athletes should include detail personal and family history, detail heart examination and a resting ECG. **Exercise stress test** should be performed for the older athletes, those with symptoms and multiple risk factors if they intend to engaged to moderate or vigorous exercise.
- Cardiac emergency are infrequent. However, a rapid response with persons trained with **CPR and access to AED** are essential to save life.



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