

**PATTERN DI BRUGADA**  
***È possibile una diagnosi***  
***certa solo attraverso***  
***L'ECG?***



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## Right Bundle Branch Block, Persistent ST Segment Elevation and Sudden Cardiac Death: A Distinct Clinical and Electrocardiographic Syndrome

### A Multicenter Report

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**Objectives.** The objectives of this study were to present data on eight patients with recurrent episodes of aborted sudden death unexplainable by currently known diseases whose common clinical and electrocardiographic (ECG) features define them as having a distinct syndrome different from idiopathic ventricular fibrillation.

**Background.** Among patients with ventricular arrhythmias who have no structural heart disease, several subgroups have been defined. The present patients constitute an additional subgroup with these findings.

**Methods.** The study group consisted of eight patients, six male and two female, with recurrent episodes of aborted sudden death. Clinical and laboratory data and results of electrocardiography, electrophysiology, echocardiography, angiography, histologic study and exercise testing were available in most cases.

**Results.** The ECG during sinus rhythm showed right bundle branch block, normal QT interval and persistent ST segment elevation in precordial leads  $V_1$  to  $V_2$ - $V_3$  not explainable by electrolyte disturbances, ischemia or structural heart disease. No histologic abnormalities were found in the four patients in

whom ventricular biopsies were performed. The arrhythmia leading to (aborted) sudden death was a rapid polymorphic ventricular tachycardia initiating after a short coupled ventricular extrasystole. A similar arrhythmia was initiated by two to three ventricular extrastimuli in four of the seven patients studied by programmed electrical stimulation. Four patients had a prolonged HV interval during sinus rhythm. One patient receiving amiodarone died suddenly during implantation of a demand ventricular pacemaker. The arrhythmia of two patients was controlled with a beta-adrenergic blocking agent. Four patients received an implantable defibrillator that was subsequently used by one of them, and all four are alive. The remaining patient received a demand ventricular pacemaker and his arrhythmia is controlled with amiodarone and diphenylhydantoin.

**Conclusions.** Common clinical and ECG features define a distinct syndrome in this group of patients. Its causes remain unknown.

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# ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHIC PATTERN SIMULATING ACUTE MYOCARDIAL INJURY

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ABNORMAL displacement of the S-T segment may be associated with a variety of clinical states. In myocardial injury the typical configuration consists of elevation and upward bowing of the S-T segment with symmetrical in-

blood cell counts and erythrocyte sedimentation rates remained normal. Initial electrocardiograms showed right bundle branch block (RBBB) with elevation of S-T segments and inversion of T waves in the right pre-

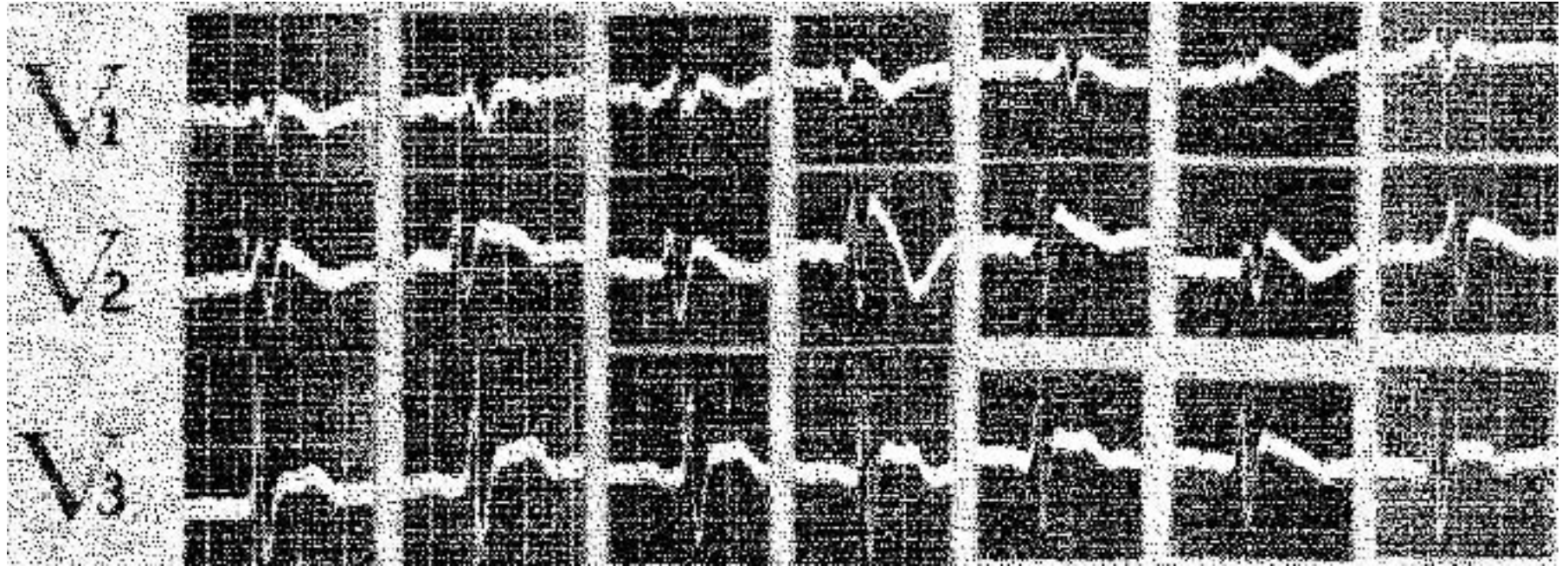


Fig. 1. – Electrocardiogram of a 39-year-old white male with mild atypical chest pain but no clinical evidence of heart disease. Note the wide QRS interval (0.12-0.13 sec) with features of RBBB, and ST segment elevation and T wave inversion in the right precordial leads, simulating the pattern of anteroseptal injury. The serial tracings show minor variations in the ST-T configuration, but not the typical evolution seen with myocardial injury.

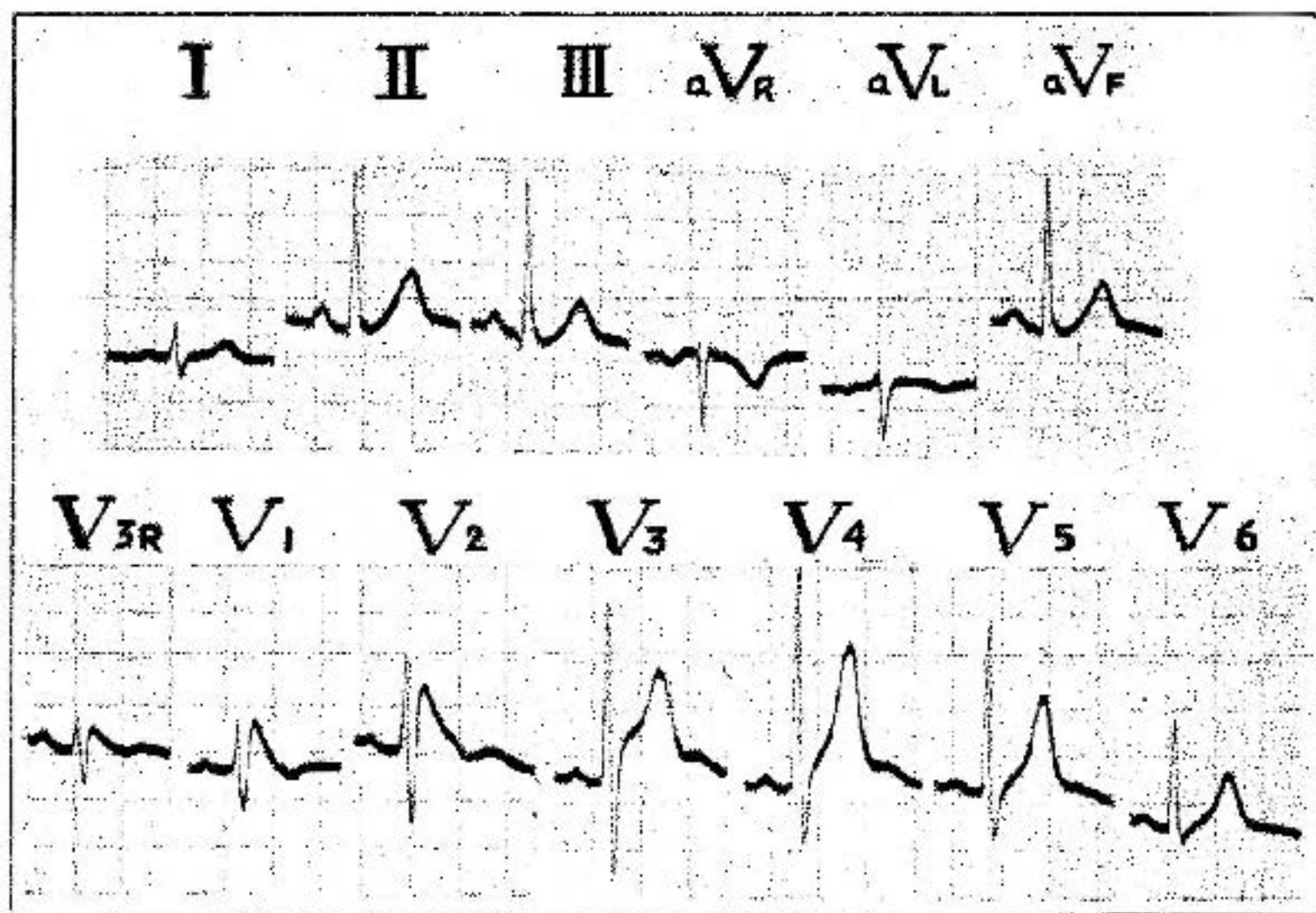


Fig. 3.—Electrocardiogram of a healthy 37-year-old white male with no clinical evidence of heart disease.



# Dubbi del cardiologo davanti ad un elettrocardiogramma che presenta in V1-V3 complessi QRS con onda positiva terminale e soprasslivellamento del segmento ST

## Consensus Conference promossa dalla Società Italiana di Cardiologia

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When an ECG shows (or is suspicious for) a Brugada pattern, i.e. the association of a positive terminal deflection and ST segment elevation in the right precordial leads, the cardiologist often faces several problems. Three important questions are raised by this ECG pattern: 1) is this really a Brugada ECG pattern? 2) How can be determined whether this patient is at risk for sudden death? and 3) Should this patient receive an implantable cardioverter-defibrillator (ICD)? The term "Brugada syndrome" should be restricted to patients who have diagnostic ECG changes,

## Current electrocardiographic criteria for diagnosis of Brugada pattern: a consensus report <sup>☆</sup>

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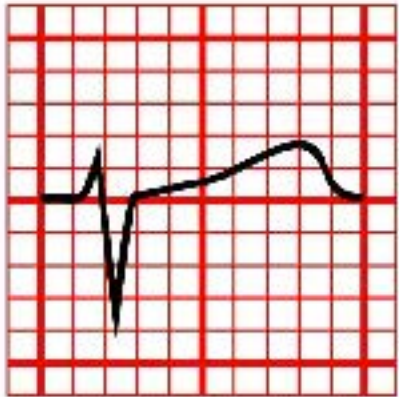
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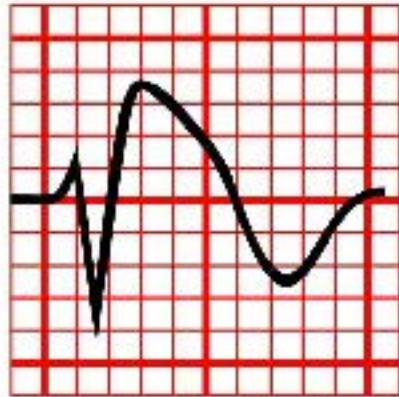
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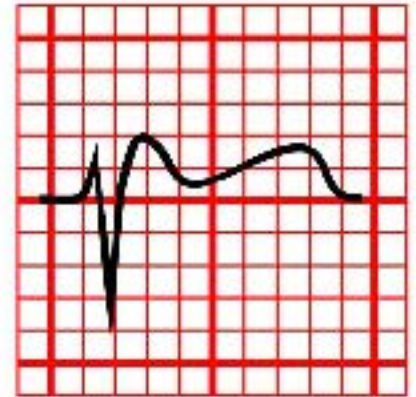
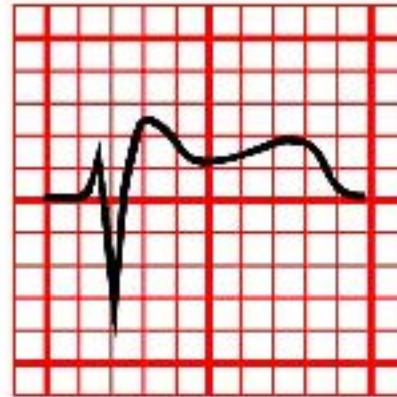
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Normale



tipo 1  
(ST convesso)



tipo 2  
(ST concavo)



# PROBLEMI CON IL PATTERN DI BRUGADA

- ✓ Solo il tipo 1 è diagnostico
- ✓ Il tipo 2 è "innocente"?
- ✓ Il quadro ECG è ampiamente variabile, da un tracciato normale al più ovvio pattern tipo 1
- ✓ ECG simili a quello dal pattern di Brugada si osservano in diverse condizioni
- ✓ Il rischio di sovrastimare o sottovalutare il quadro è elevato

# **SINDROME DI BRUGADA O PATTERN DI BRUGADA?**

In presenza di un ECG che mostra i criteri del **Pattern di Brugada**, si può diagnosticare la **Sindrome di Brugada** in presenza di:

- a) Anamnesi di arresto cardiaco
- b) Tachicardia ventricolare polimorfa
- c) Storia di sincope non vagale
- d) Anamnesi familiare di morte improvvisa in soggetti con età minore di 45 anni in assenza di Sindrome coronarica acuta
- e) Pattern di Brugada tipo 1 in familiari. **(???)**

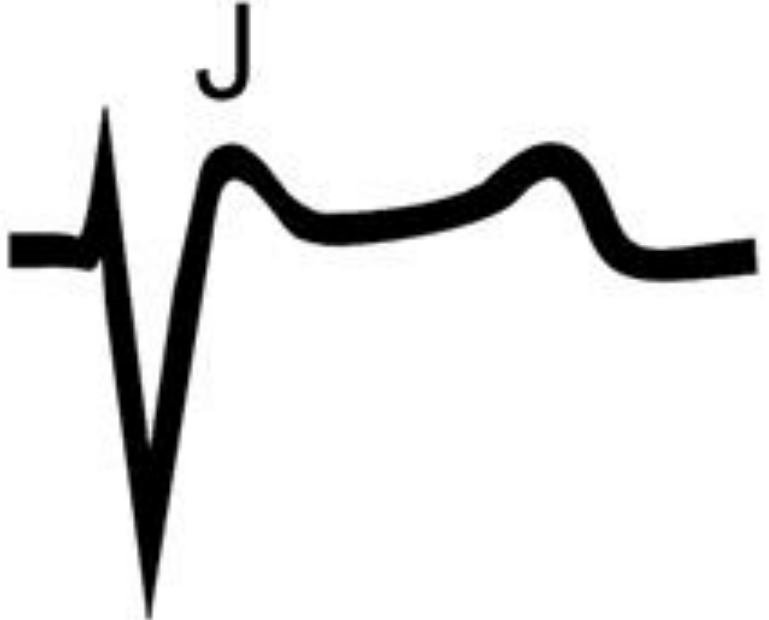
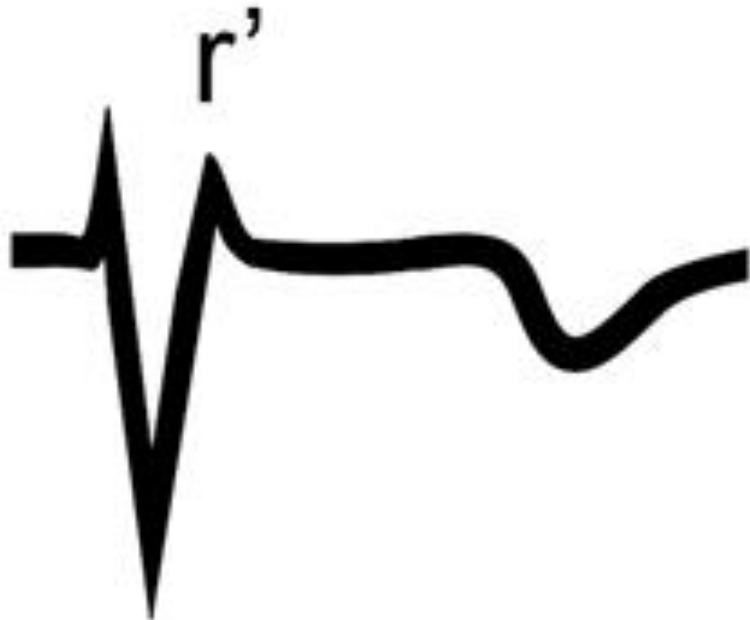
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4° spazio

3° spazio

2° spazio

5° spazio

I

aVR

V1



II

aVL

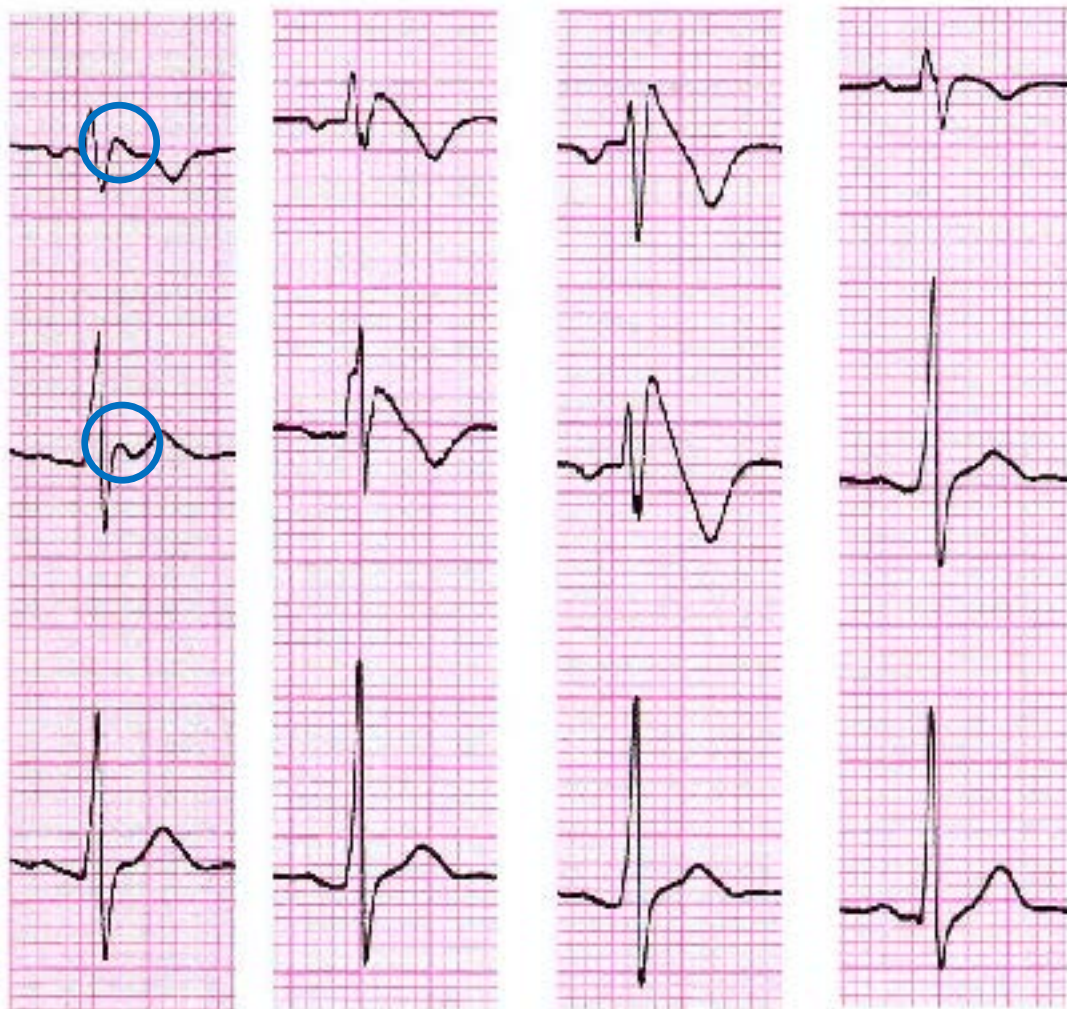
V2



III

aVF

V3







I

II

III

aVR

aVL

aVF



V1

V2

V3

V4

V5

V6



**I**



**II**



**III**



**aVR**



**aVL**



**aVF**



**V1**

3rd i.s.



**V2**

3rd i.s.



**V3**

3rd i.s.



**V4**



**V5**



**V6**





**I**

**II**

**III**

**aVR**

**aVL**

**aVF**



**V1**

2nd i.s.

**V2**

2nd i.s.

**V3**

2nd i.s.

**V4**

**V5**

**V6**





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V1

5th i.s.

V2

5th i.s.

V3

5th i.s.

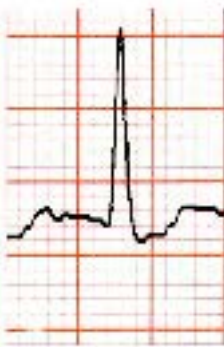
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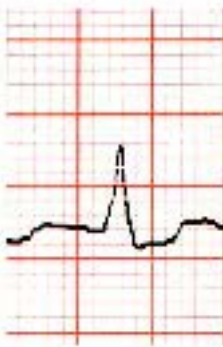
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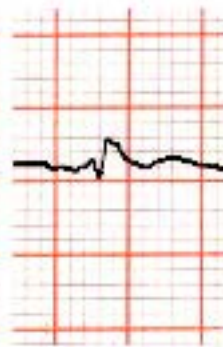
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**V1**



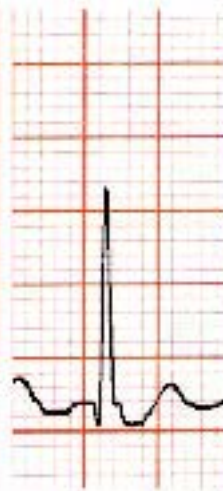
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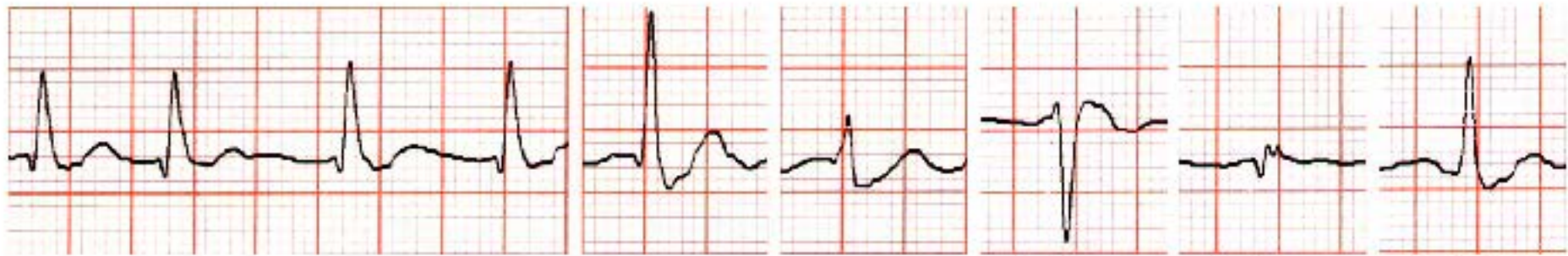


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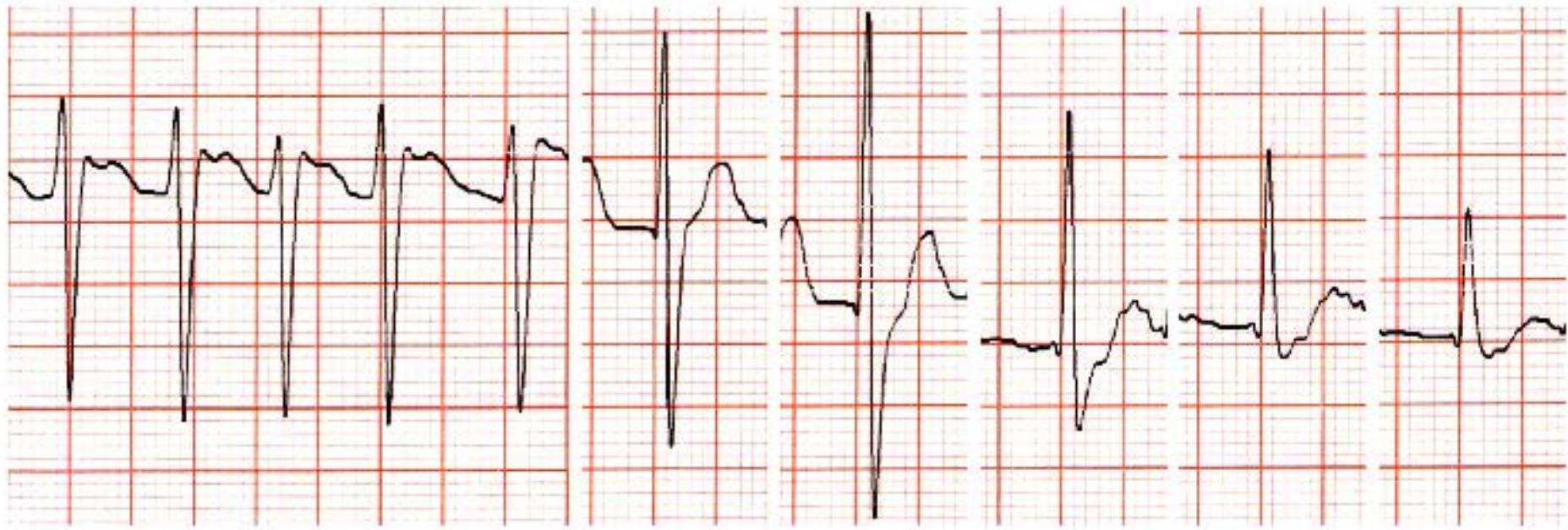


**V6**





**I**                      **II**      **III**      **aVR**      **aVL**      **aVF**



**V1**                      **V2**      **V3**      **V4**      **V5**      **V6**

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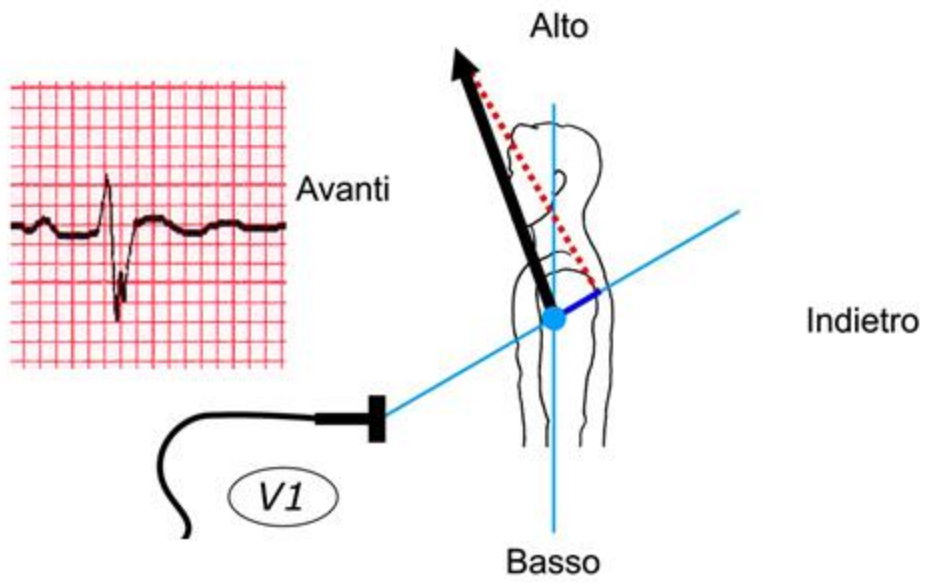
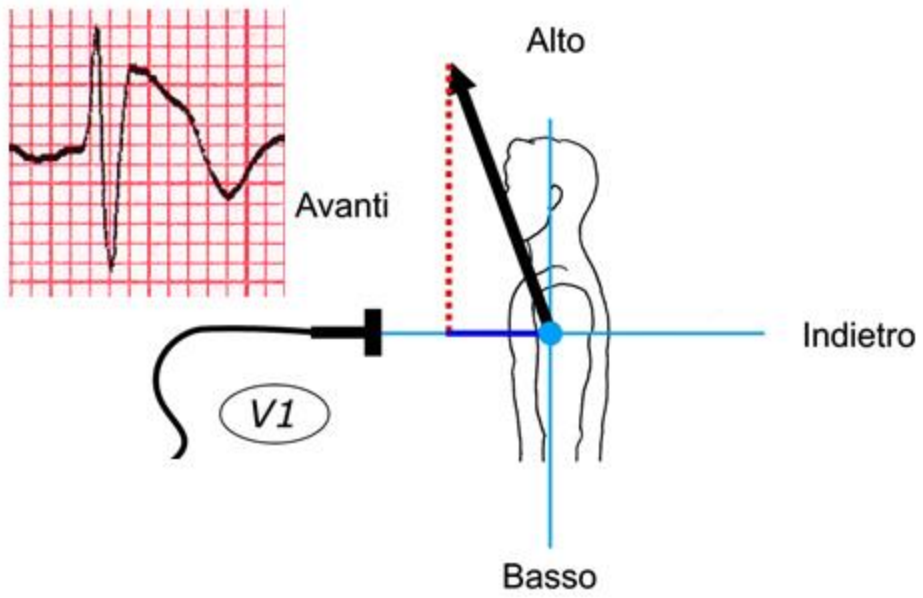
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**Ma perché bisogna spostare  
più in alto gli elettrodi  
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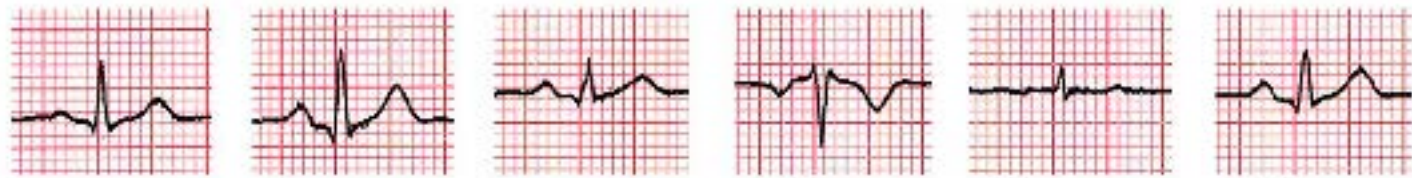


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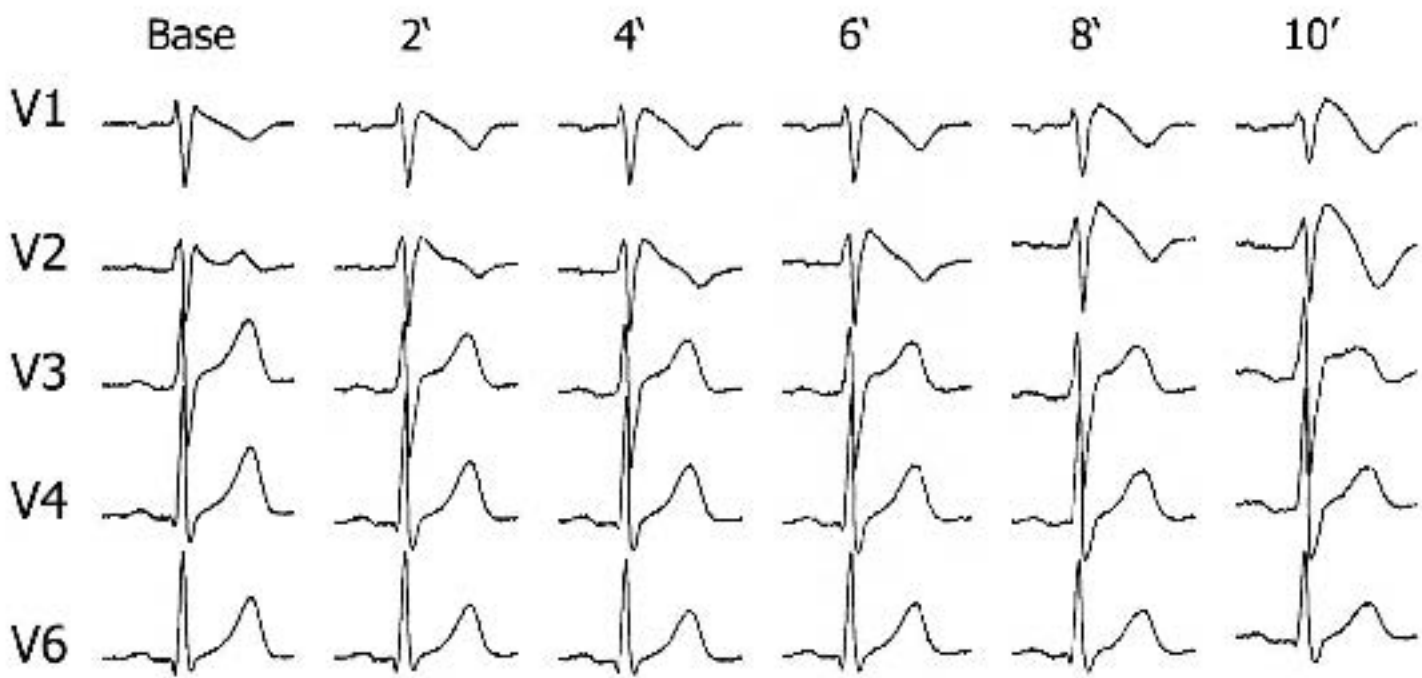




I      II      III      aVR      aVL      aVF



V1      V2      V3      V4      V5      V6



Base      2'      4'      6'      8'      10'

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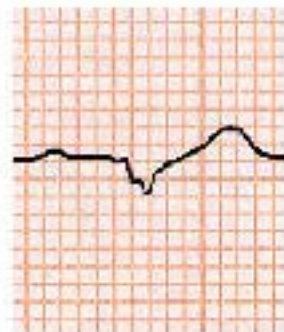
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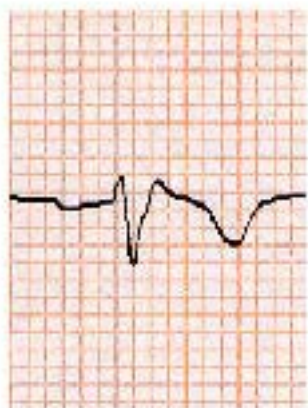
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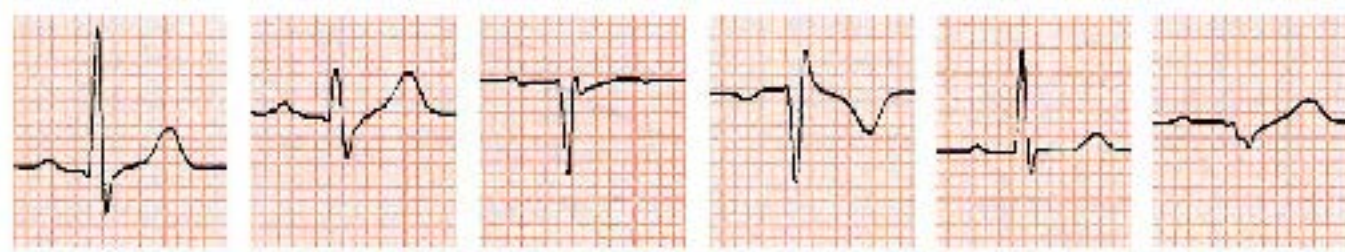
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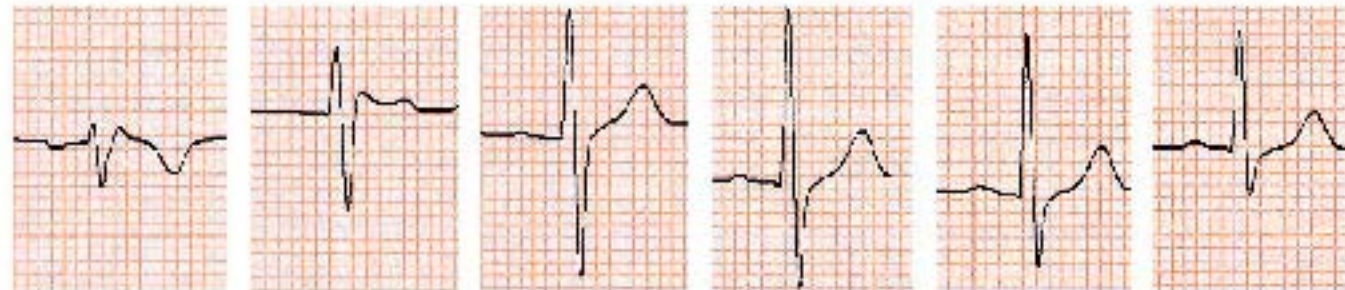
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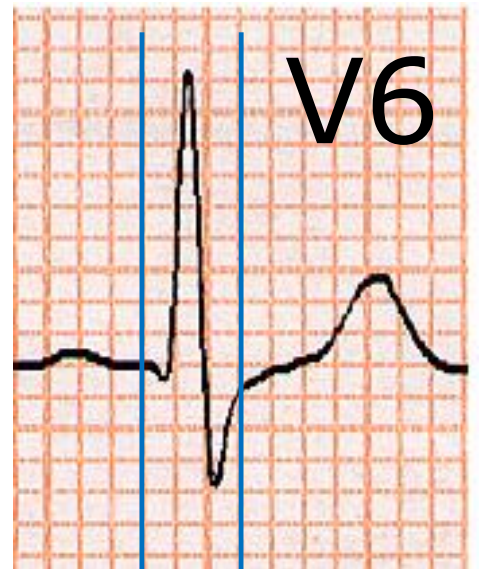




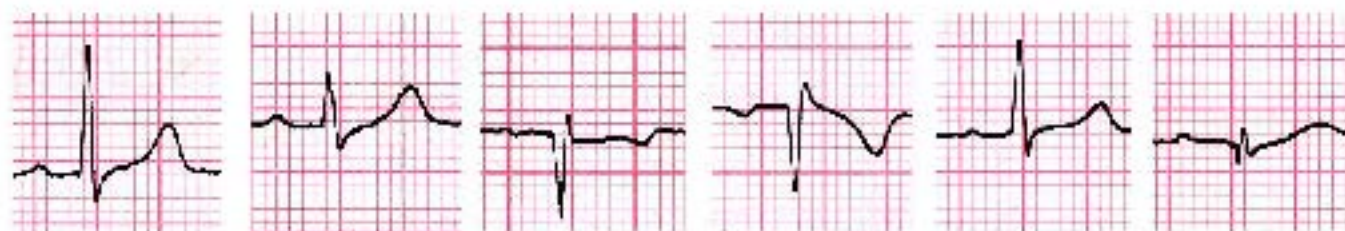
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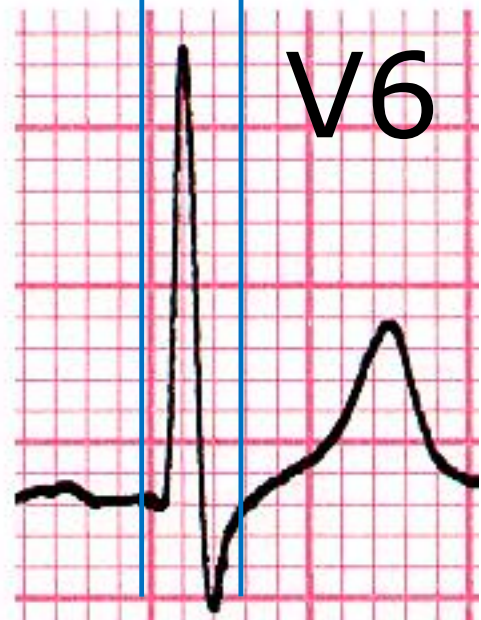
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# Pattern di Brugada



***L'analisi del tratto ST  
nelle derivazioni inferiori***

## ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# ST Segment Depression in the Inferior Leads in Brugada Pattern: A New Sign

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**Background:** Brugada pattern (BP) is characterized by J wave and elevated ST segment in the right precordial leads. At times the ECG signs are present only with the electrodes displaced 1 or 2 intercostal spaces above.

**Methods:** We analyzed the electrocardiograms of 87 subjects with type 1 BP looking for ST segment depression ( $\geq 0.1$  mV with duration  $\geq 0.08$  s) in the inferior leads. In 21 subjects, BP pattern was evident only with  $V_1$ – $V_2$  electrodes at the 3rd or 2nd space.

**Results:** ST segment depression was present in 41 cases (47%). In the 21 patients with BP recognizable only at the 2nd or 3rd intercostal space, 10 (48%) presented a significant ST depression in the inferior leads.

**Conclusions:** ST segment analysis in the inferior leads has never been considered for BP diagnosis. When accurately searched for, however, ST segment depression can be observed in those leads in BP, suggesting the need for further investigation.

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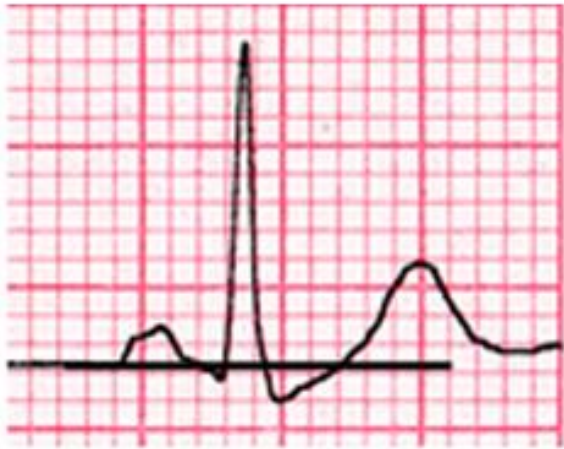
Brugada pattern; ST segment

# CASISTICA

- **87** pazienti con Pattern di Brugada tipo 1
- In **66** casi la diagnosi era evidente con gli elettrodi di V1-V2 al 4° spazio
- In **21** soggetti il pattern di Brugada era riconoscibile solo con gli elettrodi di V1-V2 al 3° o 2° spazio.



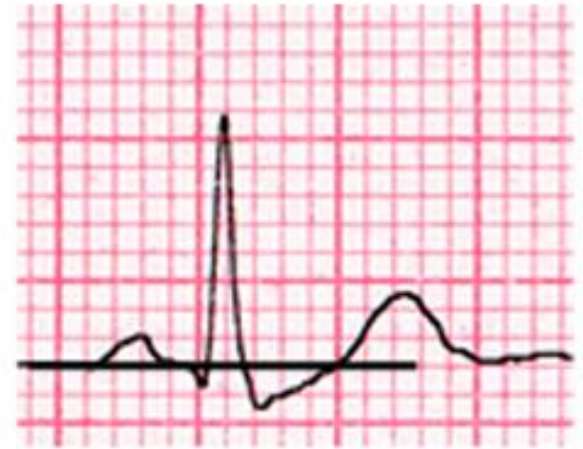
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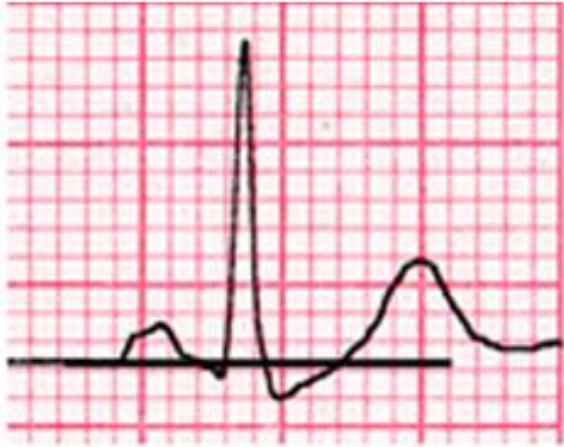
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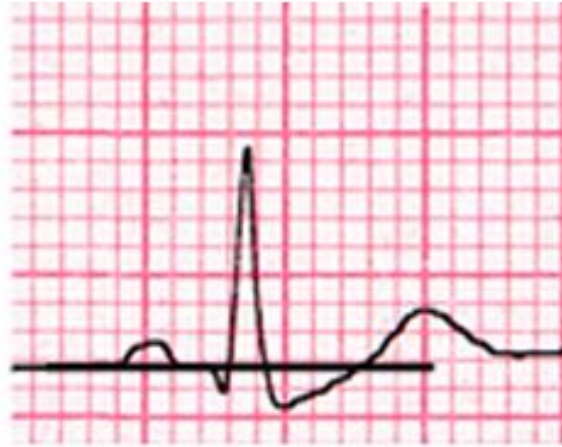
aVF

Tracciata una linea orizzontale in corrispondenza dell'ultima parte del tratto T-P, si identificava il momento in cui l'ST raggiungeva la linea isoelettrica. Il punto segnava la fine del tratto ST e l'inizio dell'onda T.

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II



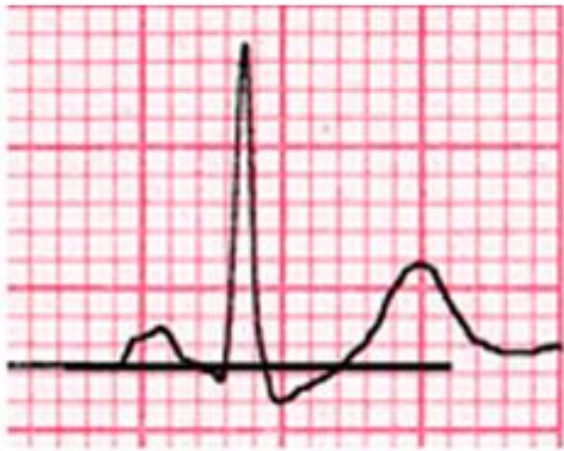
III



aVF

Se era presente un sottoslivellamento di  $ST \geq 0.1$  mV (1 mm), si misurava la durata del sottoslivellamento. Un ECG era classificato come positivo (suggestivo di Pattern di Brugada) se almeno 2 derivazioni inferiori mostravano un sottoslivellamento di  $ST \geq 0.1$  mV con durata  $\geq 0.08$  sec.

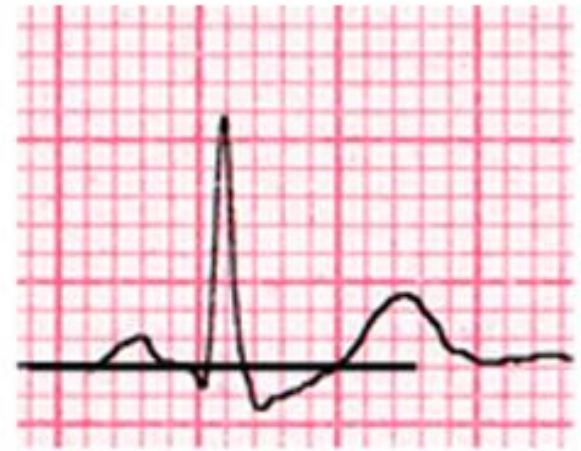
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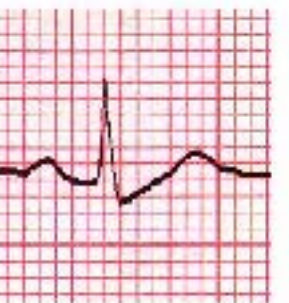
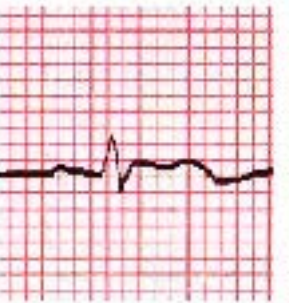
III



aVF

Sottoslivellamento di ST ( $\geq 0.1$  mV,  $\geq 0.08$  sec) era presente in **41** casi (47%). Si osservava in 31 pz (36%) in **II**, in 29 pz (33%) in **III** in 41 pz (**47%**) in **aVF**. 10 dei 21 pz (**48%**) con diagnosi possibile solo al 2° o 3° spazio intercostale presentavano un significativo sottoslivellamento di ST nelle derivazioni inferiori.





I

II

III

aVR

aVL

aVF



V1

V2

V3

V4

V5

V6





II



III



aVF



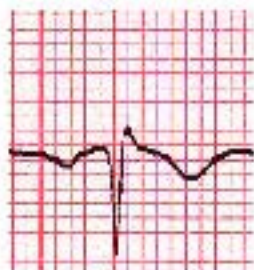
I



II



III



aVR



aVL



aVF



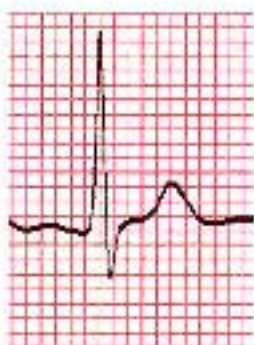
V1



V2



V3



V4



V5



V6



V1 3rd is



V2 3rd is



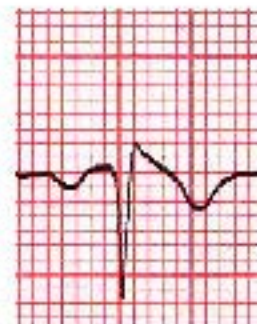
V1 2nd is



V2 2nd is



II



II inverted mirror image



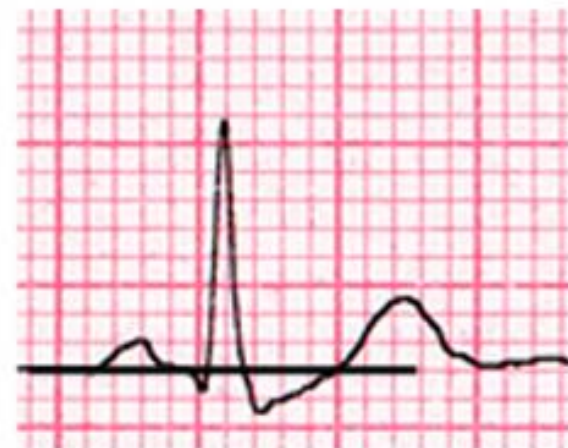
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II



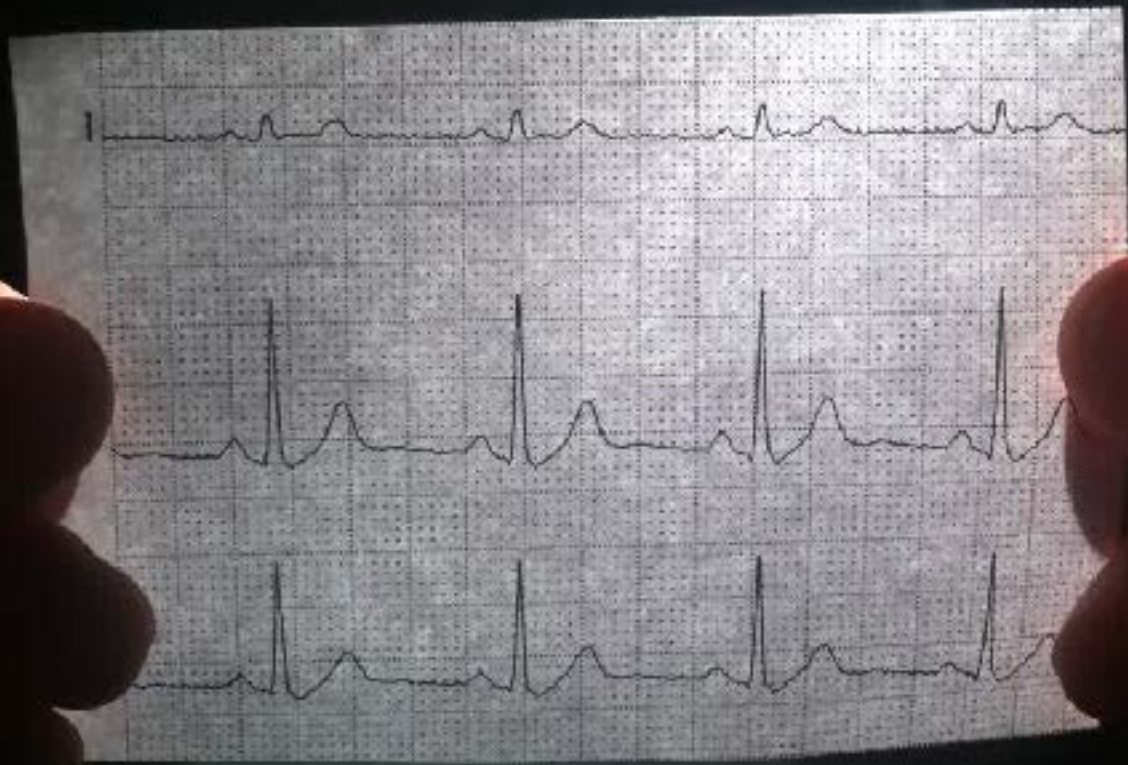
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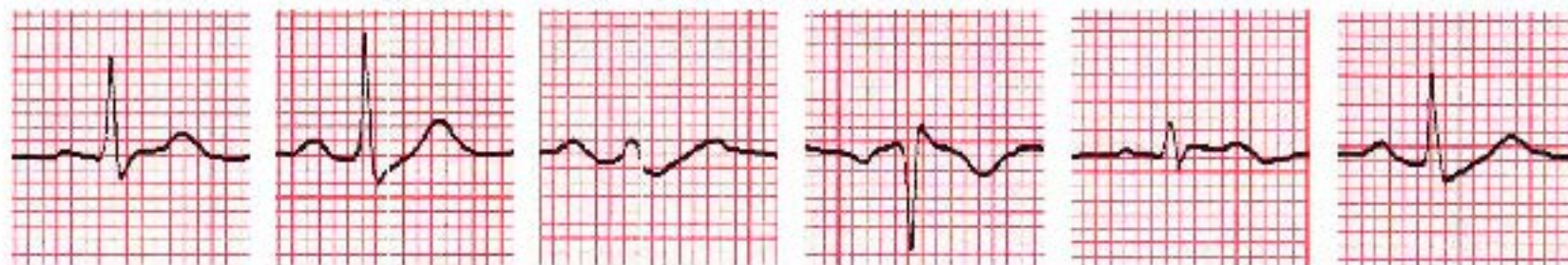


aVF

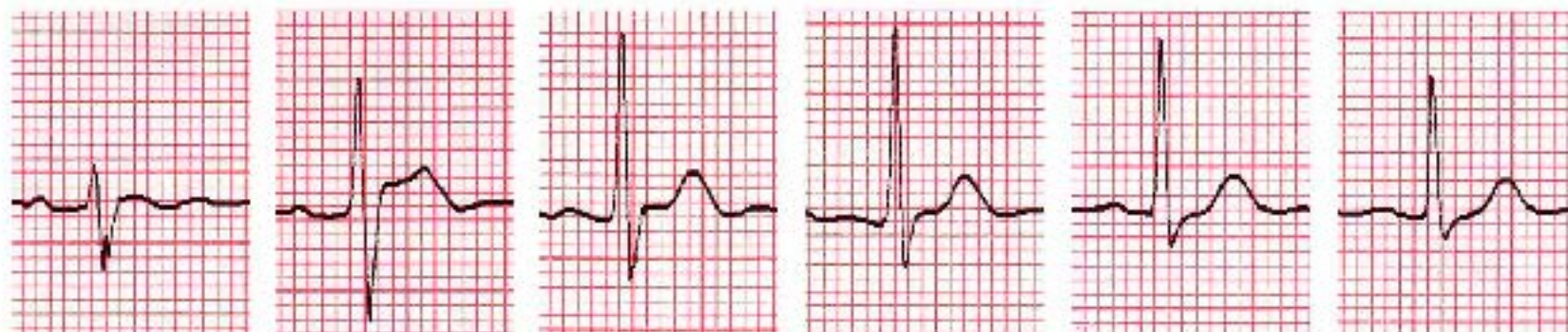
Analizzando le immagini **speculari invertite** delle derivazioni inferiori!



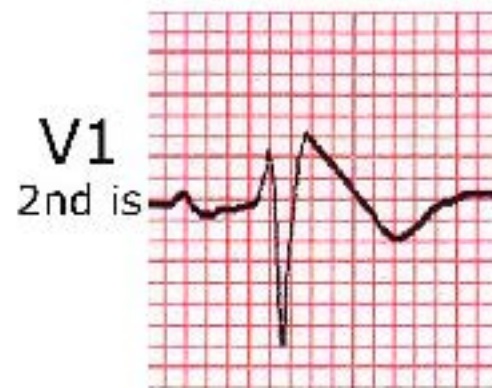
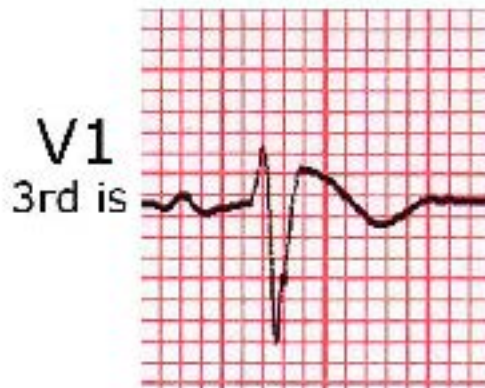




I      II      III      aVR      aVL      aVF



V1      V2      V3      V4      V5      V6





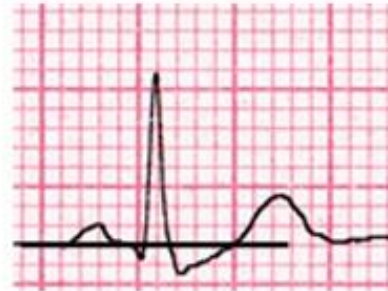
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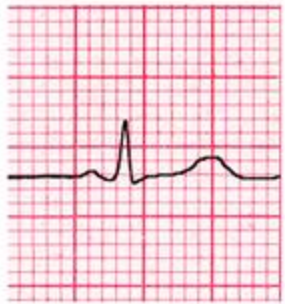


III



aVF





I



II



III



aVR



aVL



aVF



V1



V2



V3



V4



V5

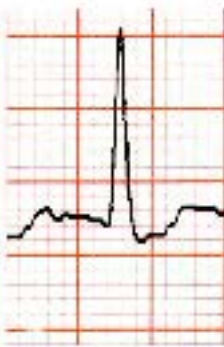


V6

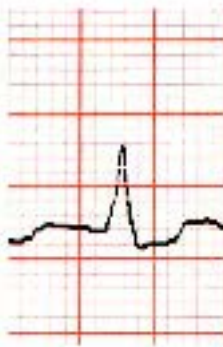




**I**



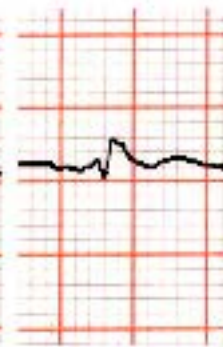
**II**



**III**



**aVR**



**aVL**



**aVF**



**V1**



**V2**



**V3**



**V4**



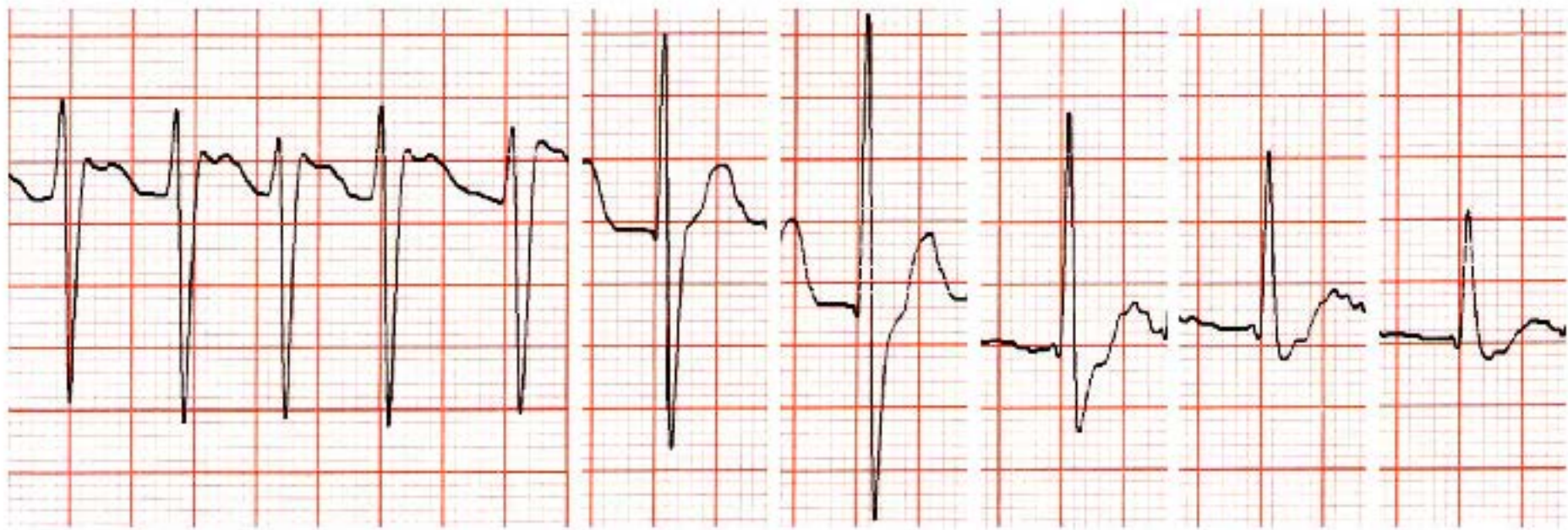
**V5**



**V6**



**I**                      **II**                      **III**                      **aVR**                      **aVL**                      **aVF**



**V1**                      **V2**                      **V3**                      **V4**                      **V5**                      **V6**

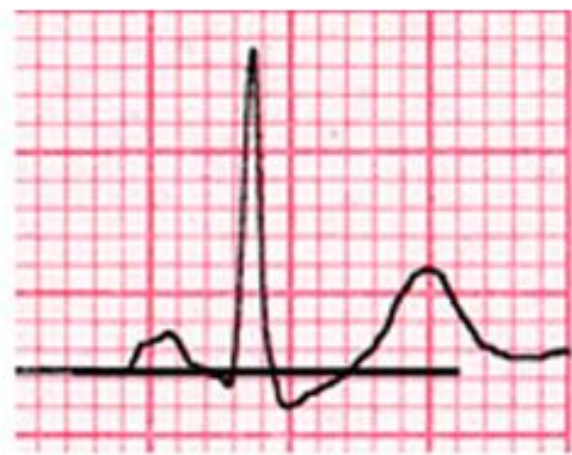




**I**                      **II**      **III**      **aVR**      **aVL**      **aVF**



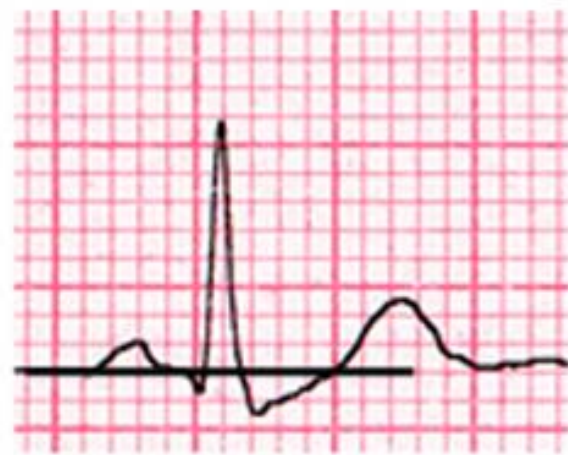
**V1**                      **V2**      **V3**      **V4**      **V5**      **V6**



II



III



aVF





I



II



III



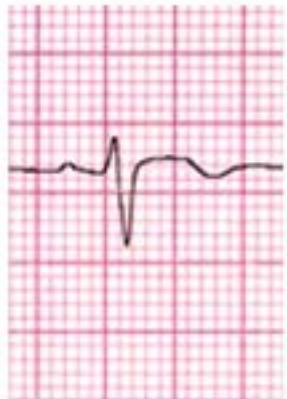
aVR



aVL



aVF



V1



V2



V3



V4



V5



V6



V1 3<sup>rd</sup> i.s.



V2 3<sup>rd</sup> i.s.



V1 2<sup>nd</sup> i.s.



V2 2<sup>nd</sup> i.s.

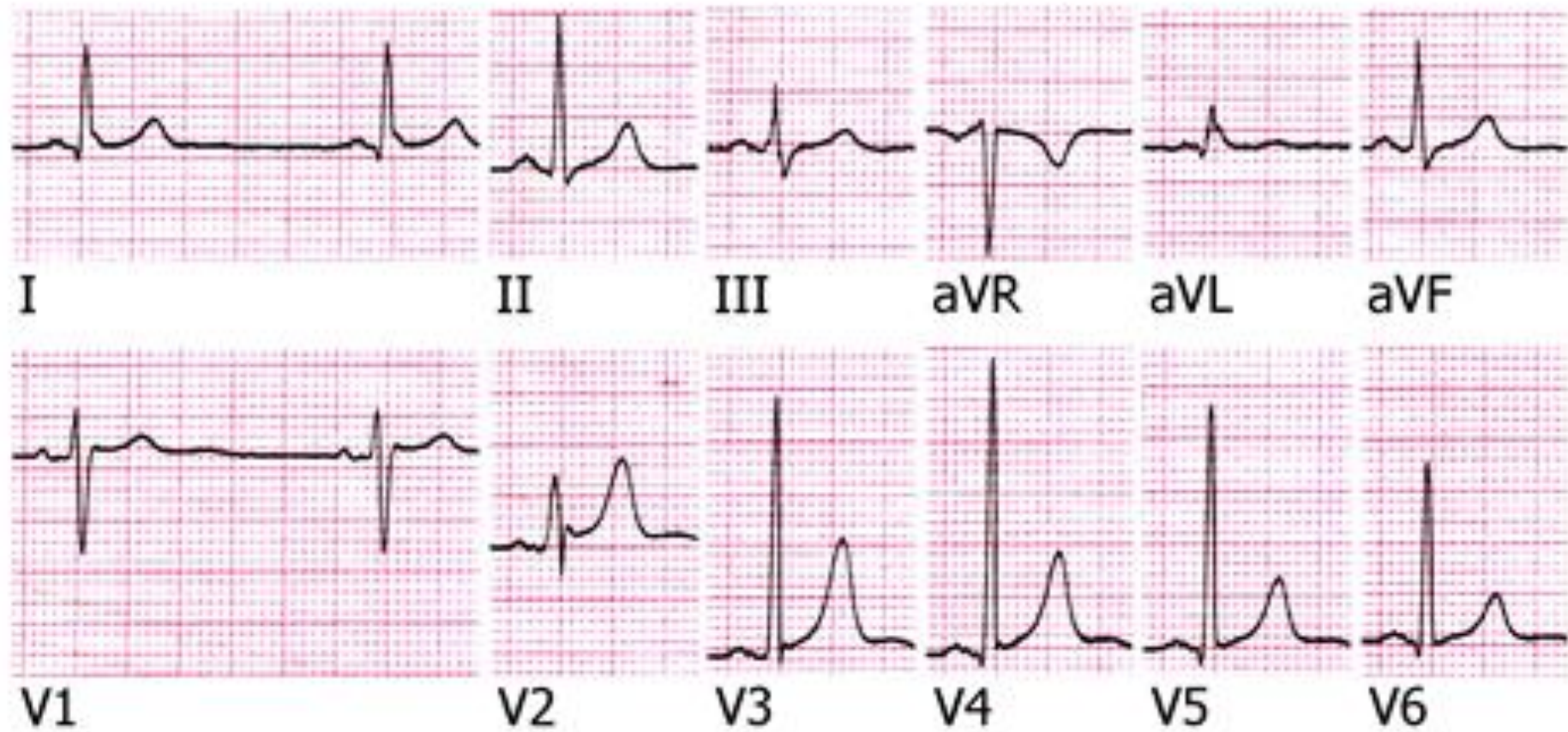


II inverted  
mirror image



aVF inverted  
mirror image

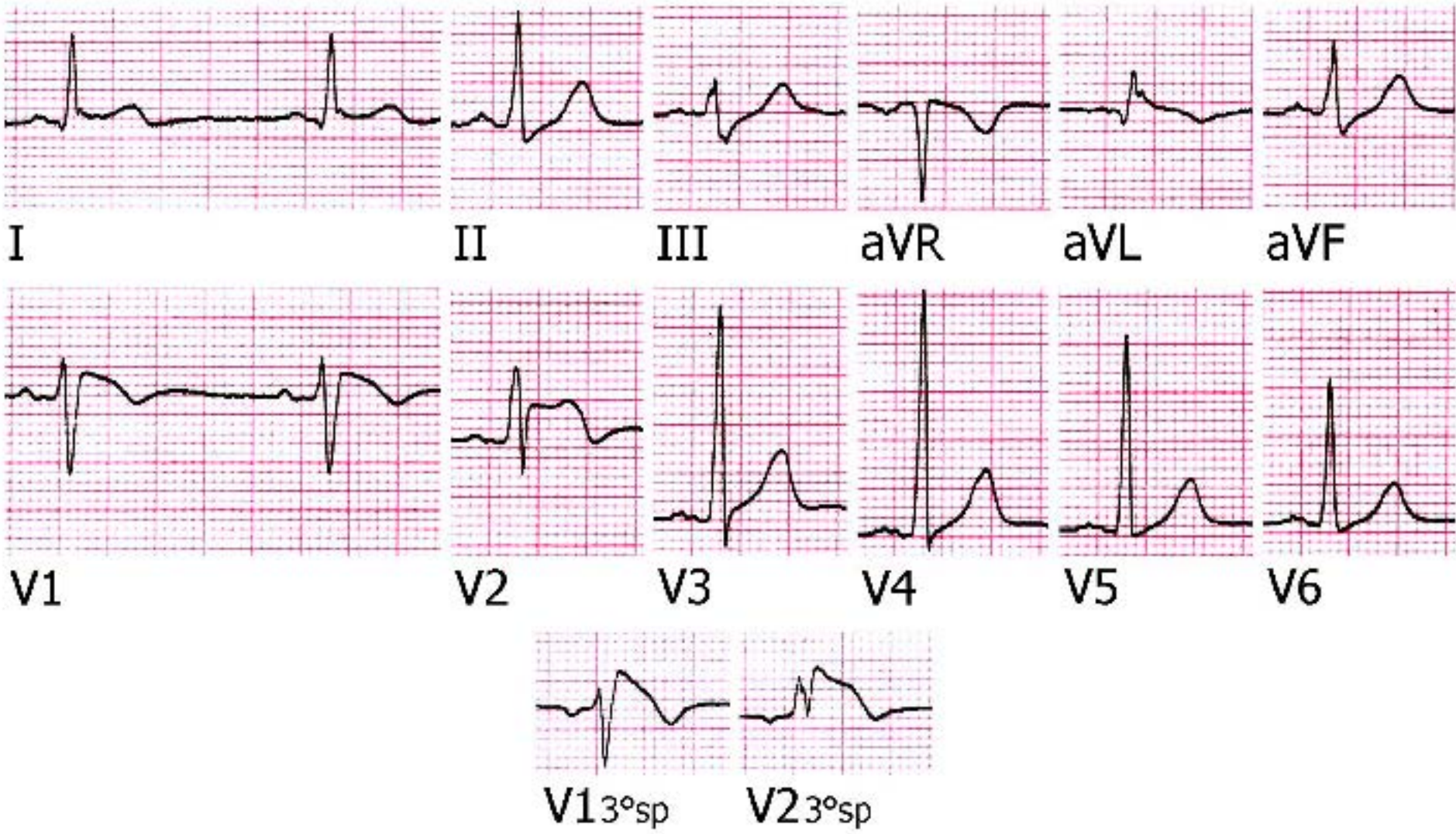
**Concealed Brugada Pattern  
revealed by minimal  
ST segment elevation  
In lead V1**





V1





Dopo Ajmalina

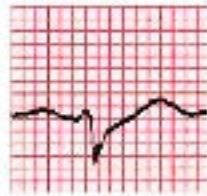




I



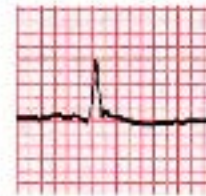
II



III



aVR



aVL



aVF



V1



V2



V3



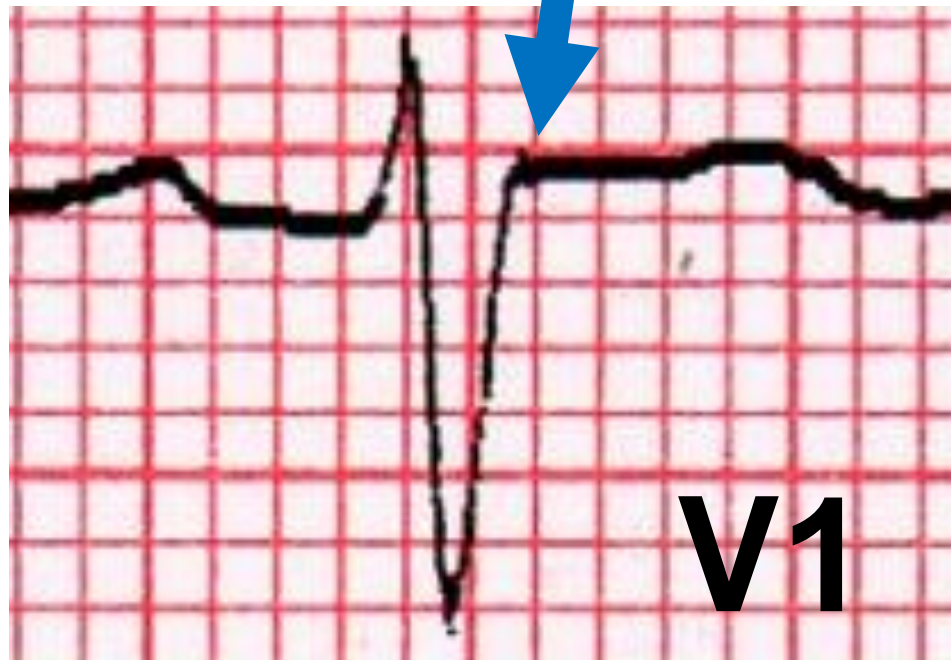
V4



V5



V6





2nd  
i.s.



V1



V2



V3

3rd  
i.s.



5th  
i.s.

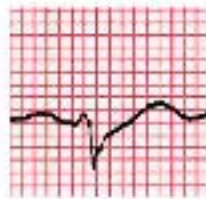




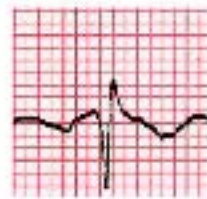
I



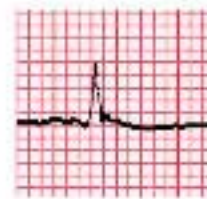
II



III



aVR



aVL



aVF



V1



V2



V3



V4



V5



V6

3rd  
i.s.



V1



V2



V3

2nd  
i.s.



V1



V2



V3

5th  
i.s.



V1



V2

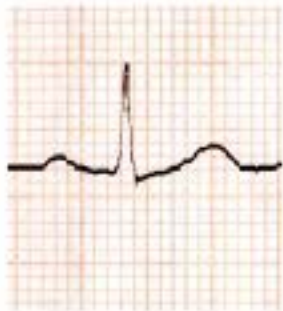


V3





I



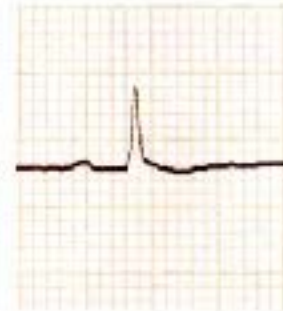
II



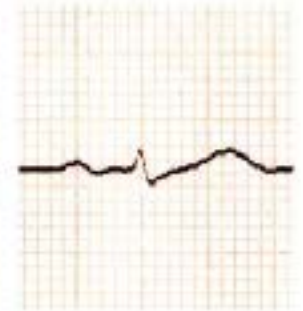
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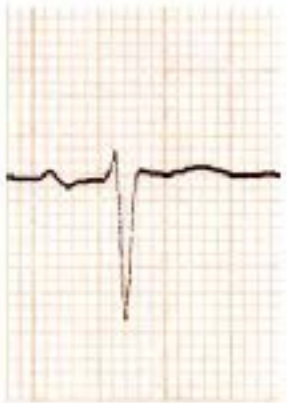
aVR



aVL



aVF



V1



V2



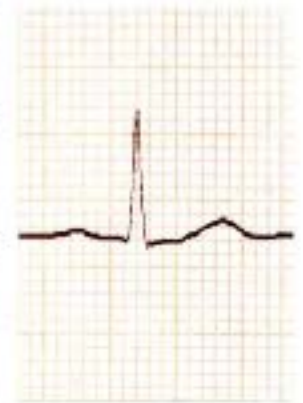
V3



V4

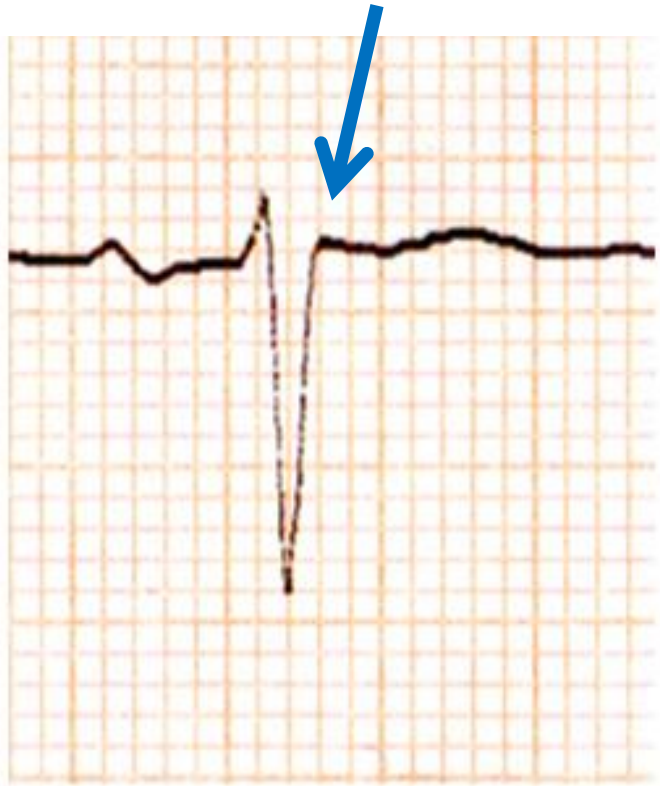


V5



V6

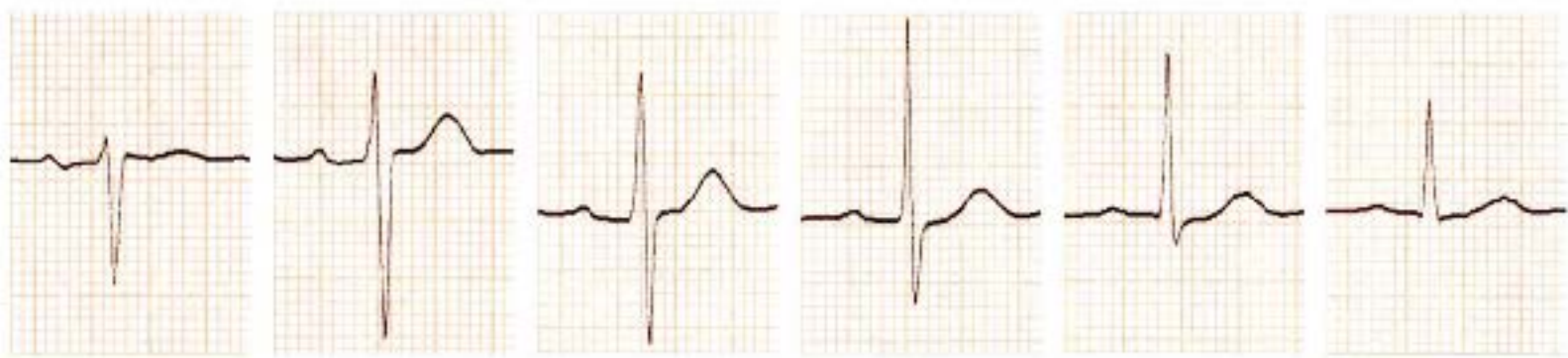




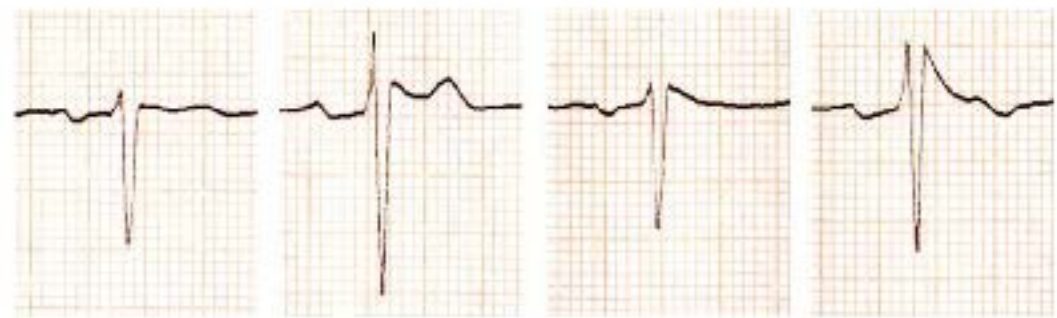
**V1**



I                      II                      III                      aVR                      aVL                      aVF

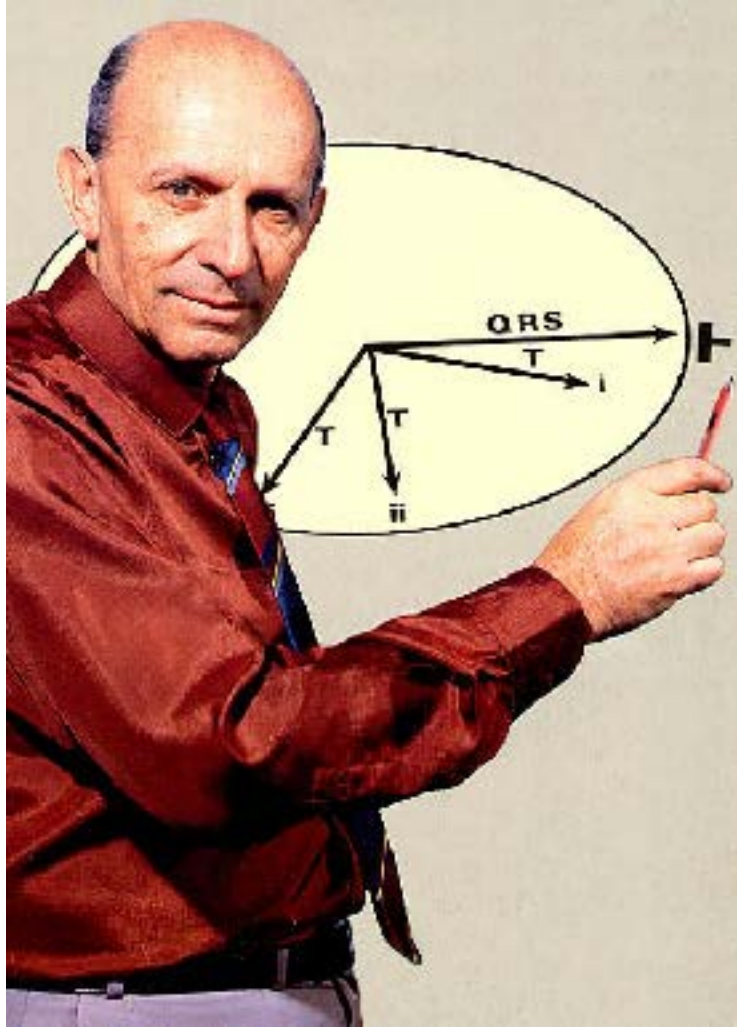


V1                      V2                      V3                      V4                      V5                      V6



3rd I.S.                      3rd I.S.                      2nd I.S.                      2nd I.S.  
V1                      V2                      V1                      V2

**You see only what you look for.  
You recognize only what you know.**



***GRAZIE!***

***Giuseppe Oreto***

***Leo Schamroth***