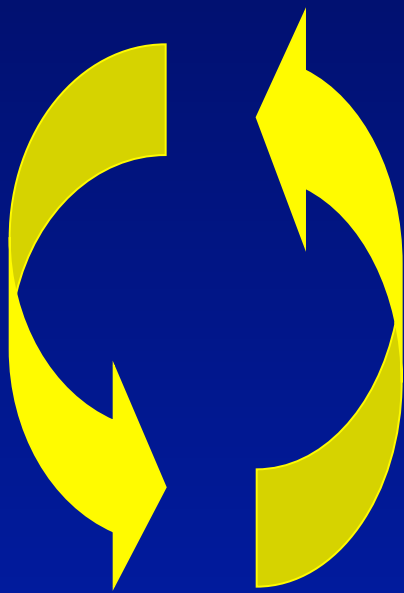
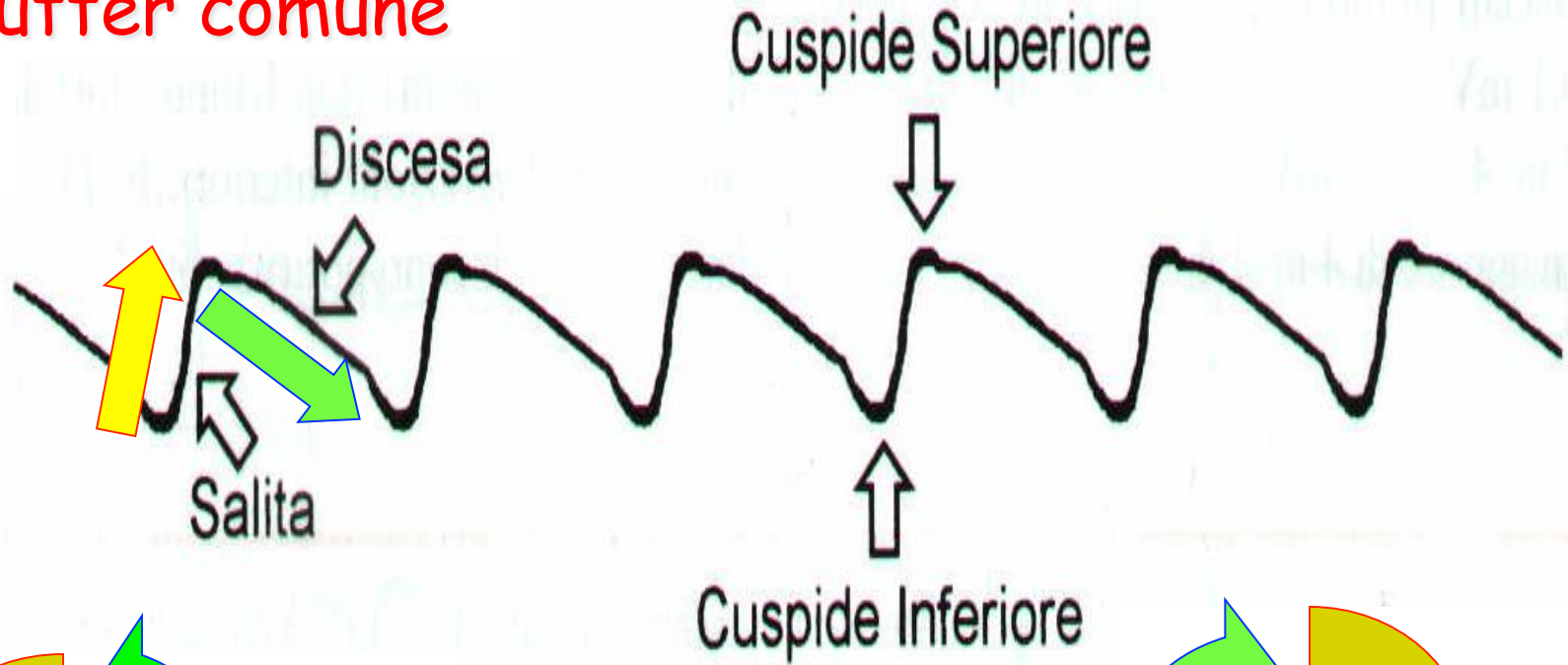


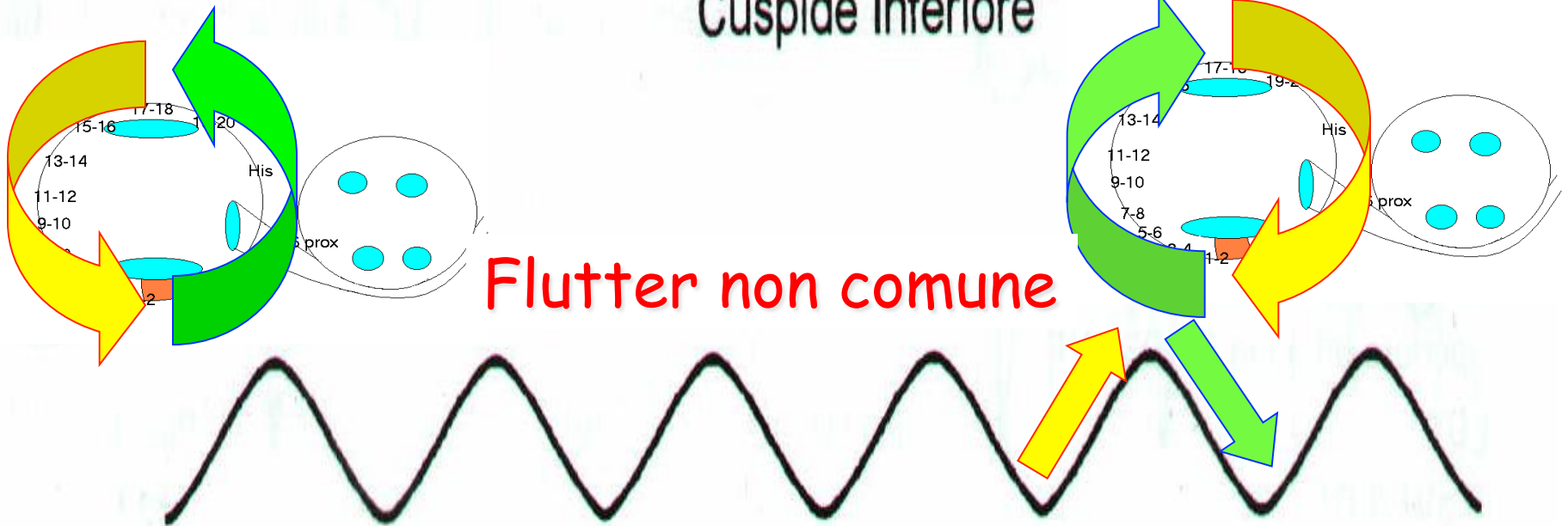
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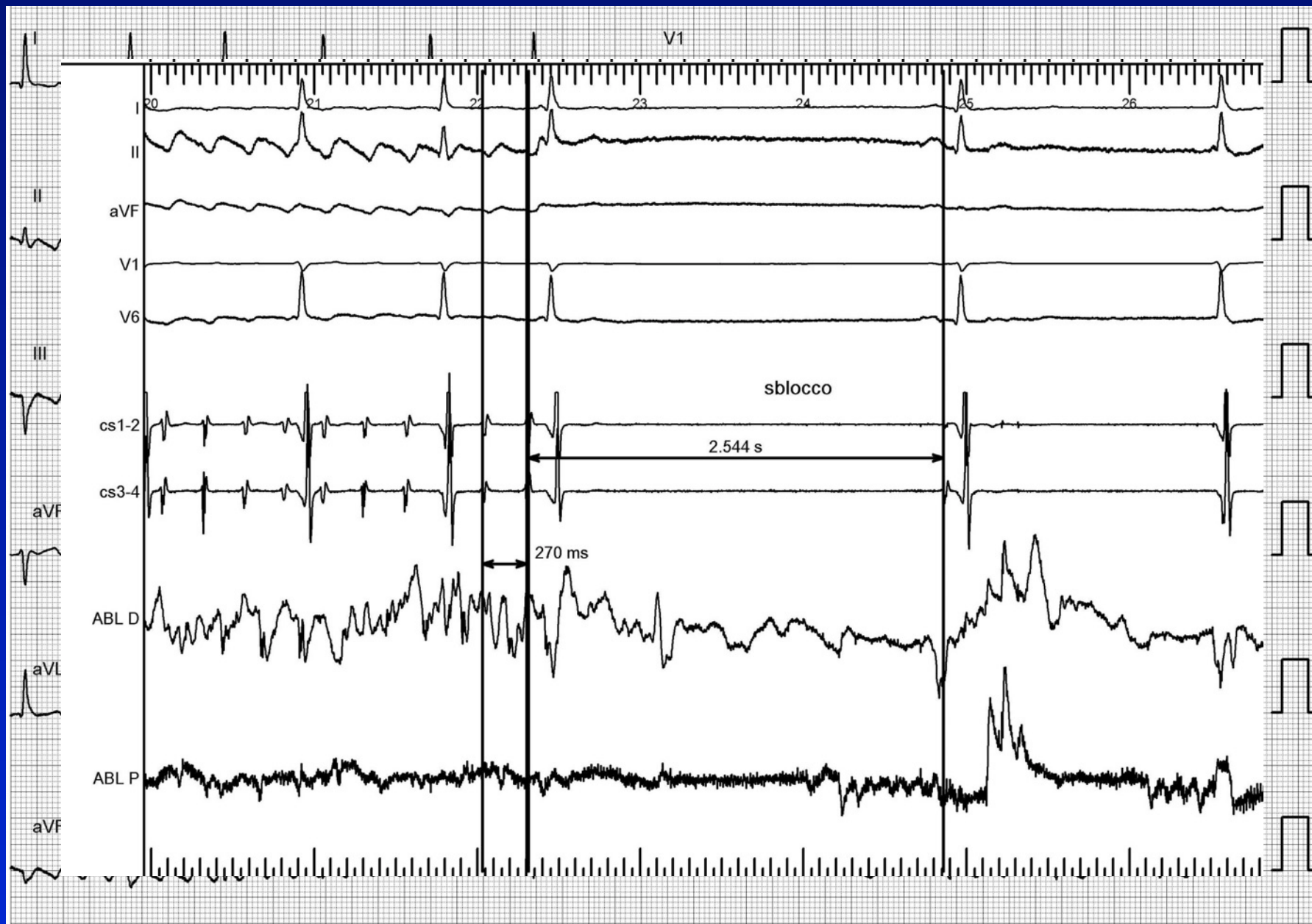


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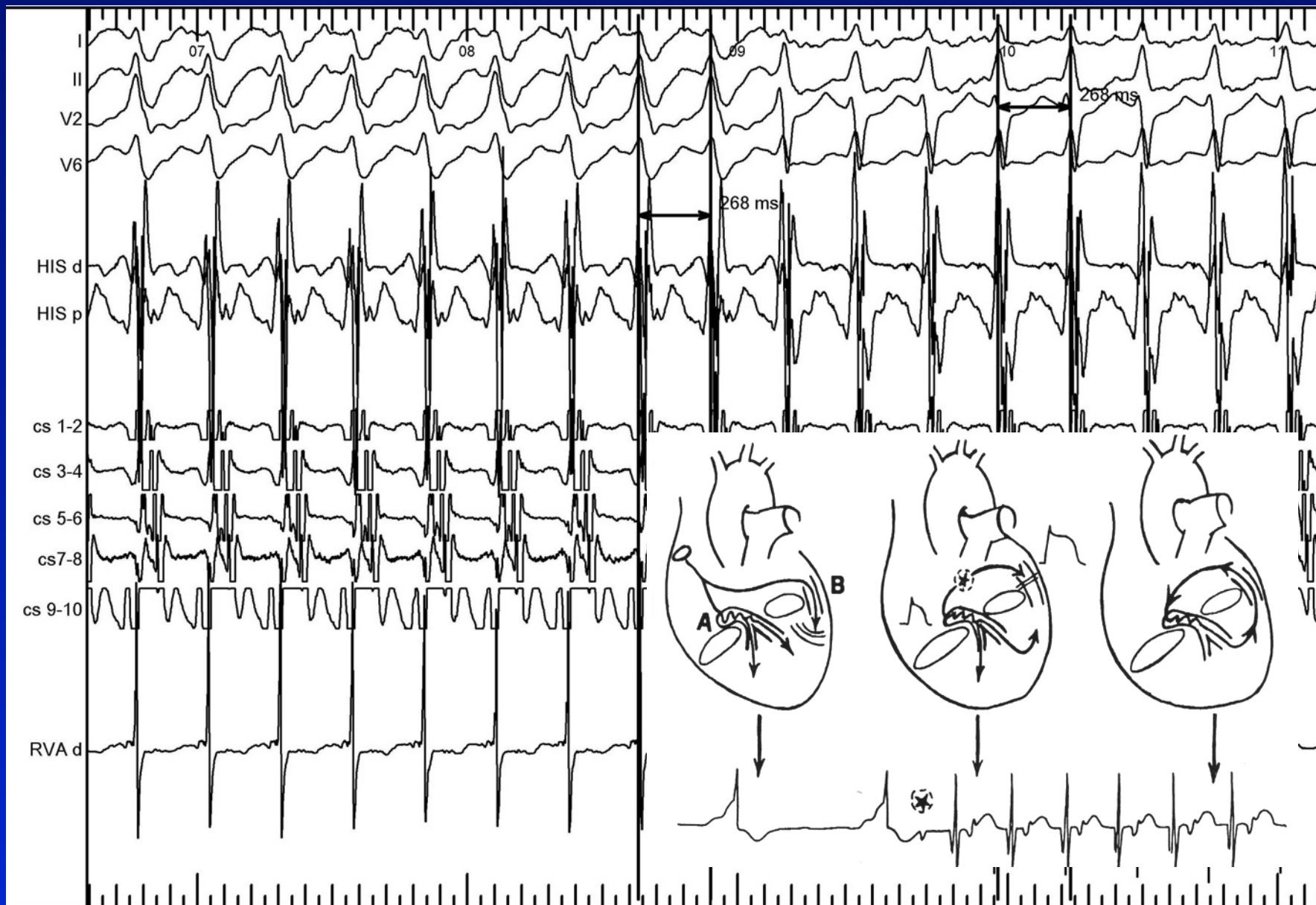
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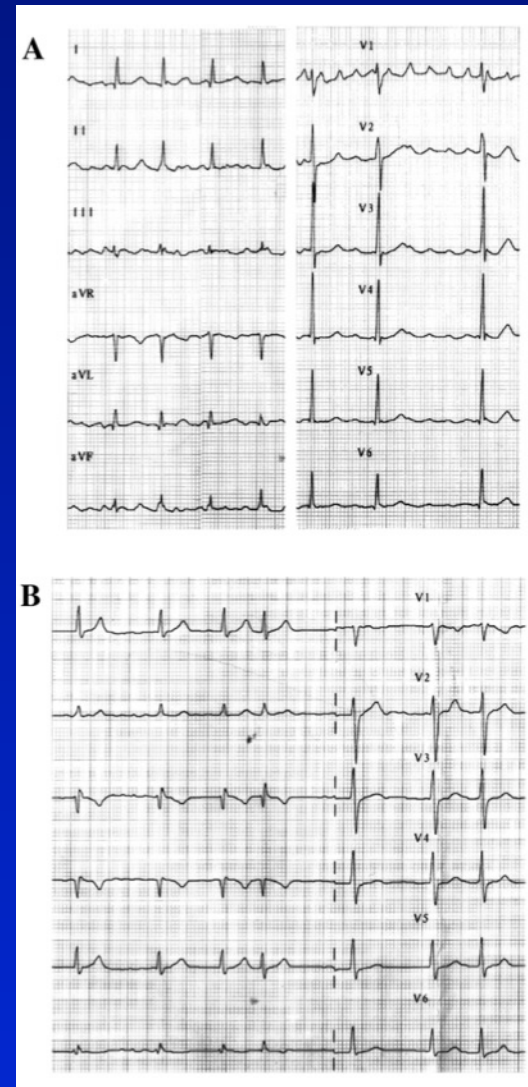
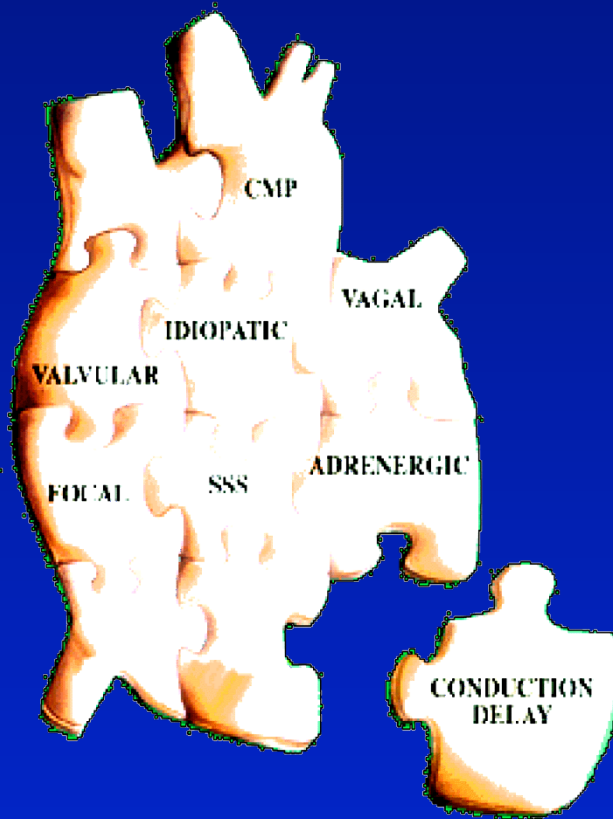




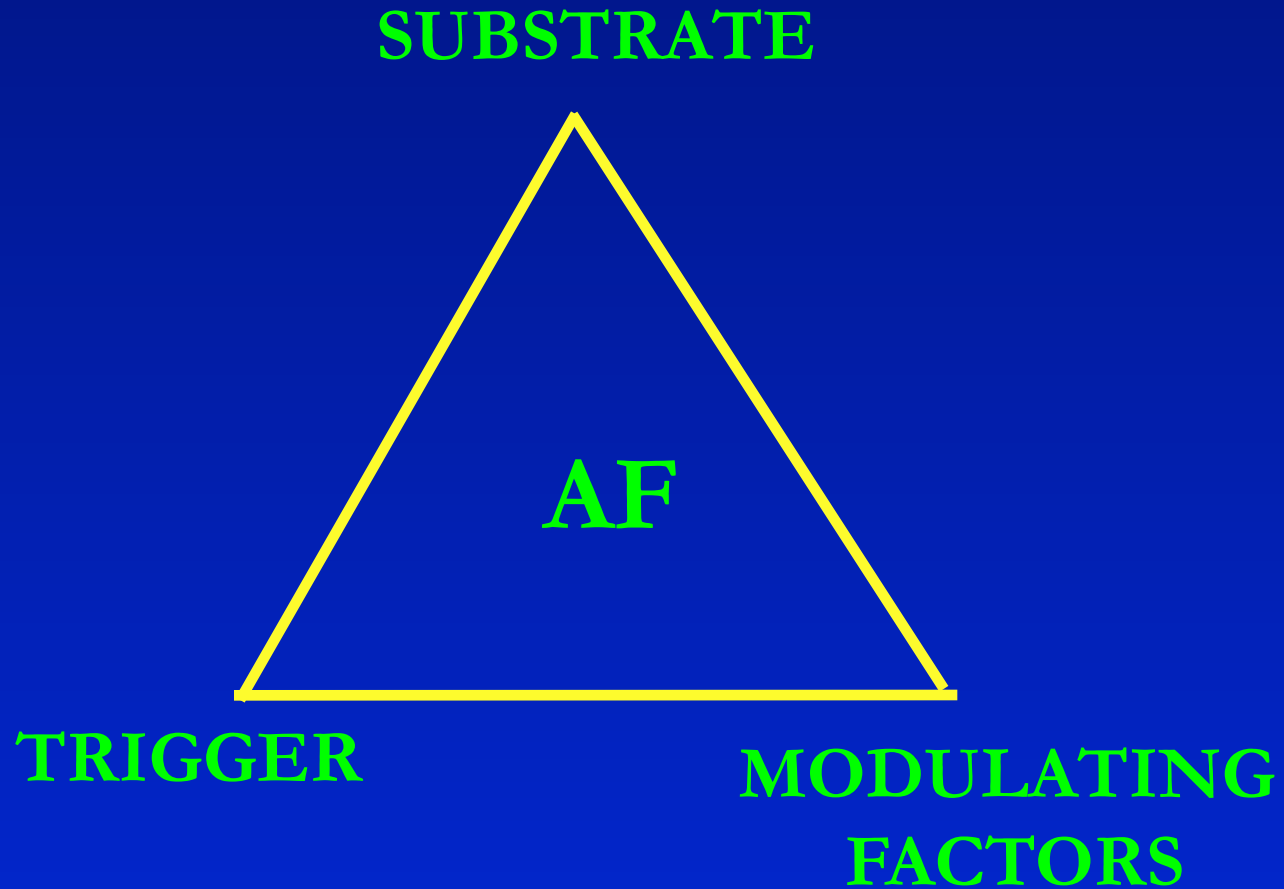




FA = Eterogeneità



FA: il triangolo di Coumel

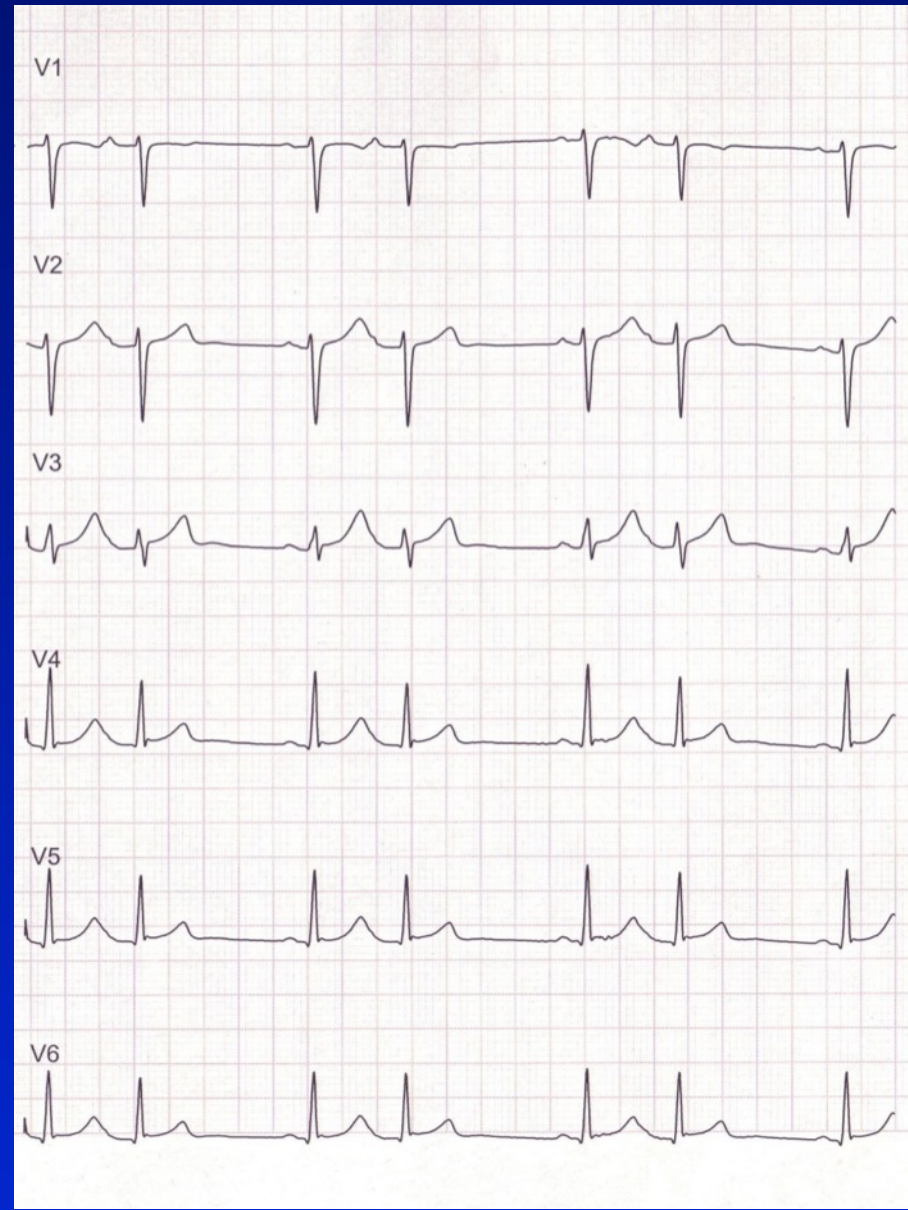
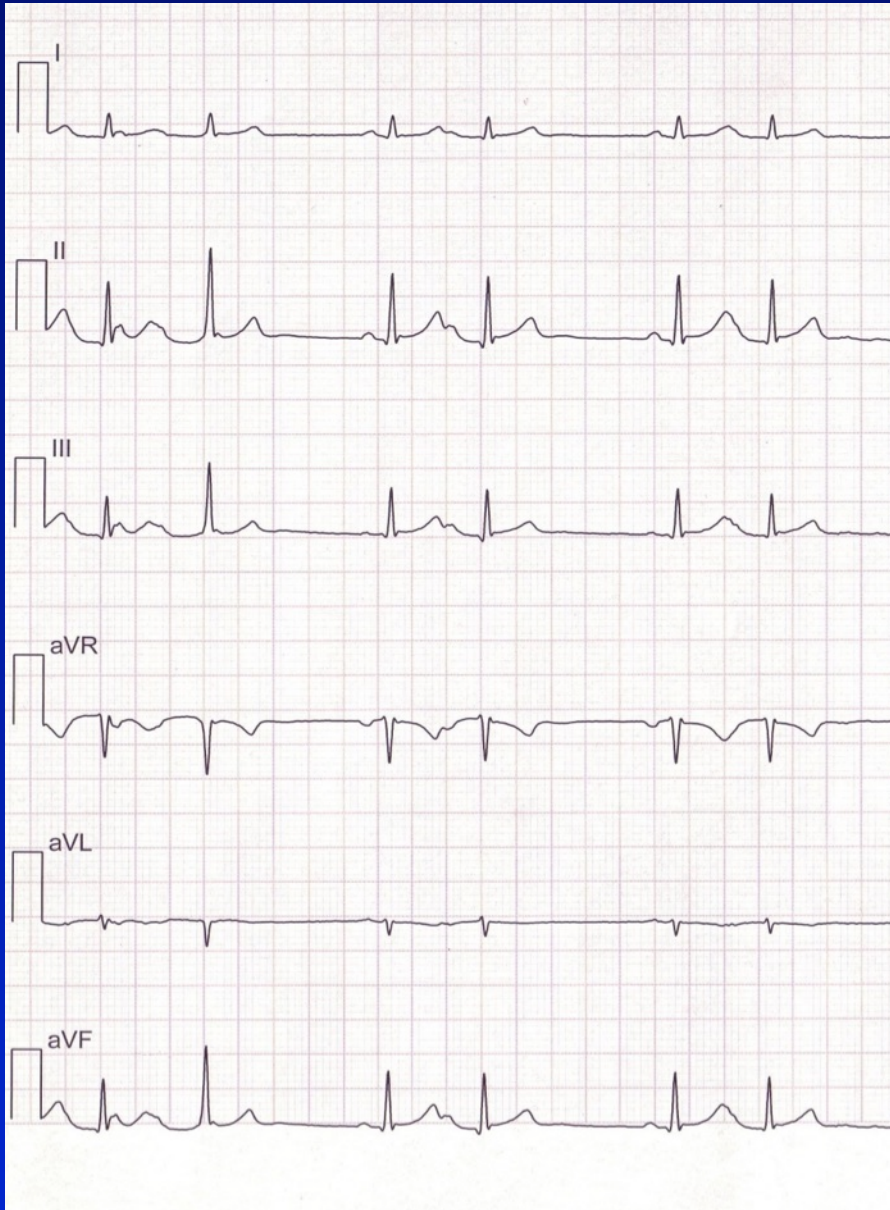




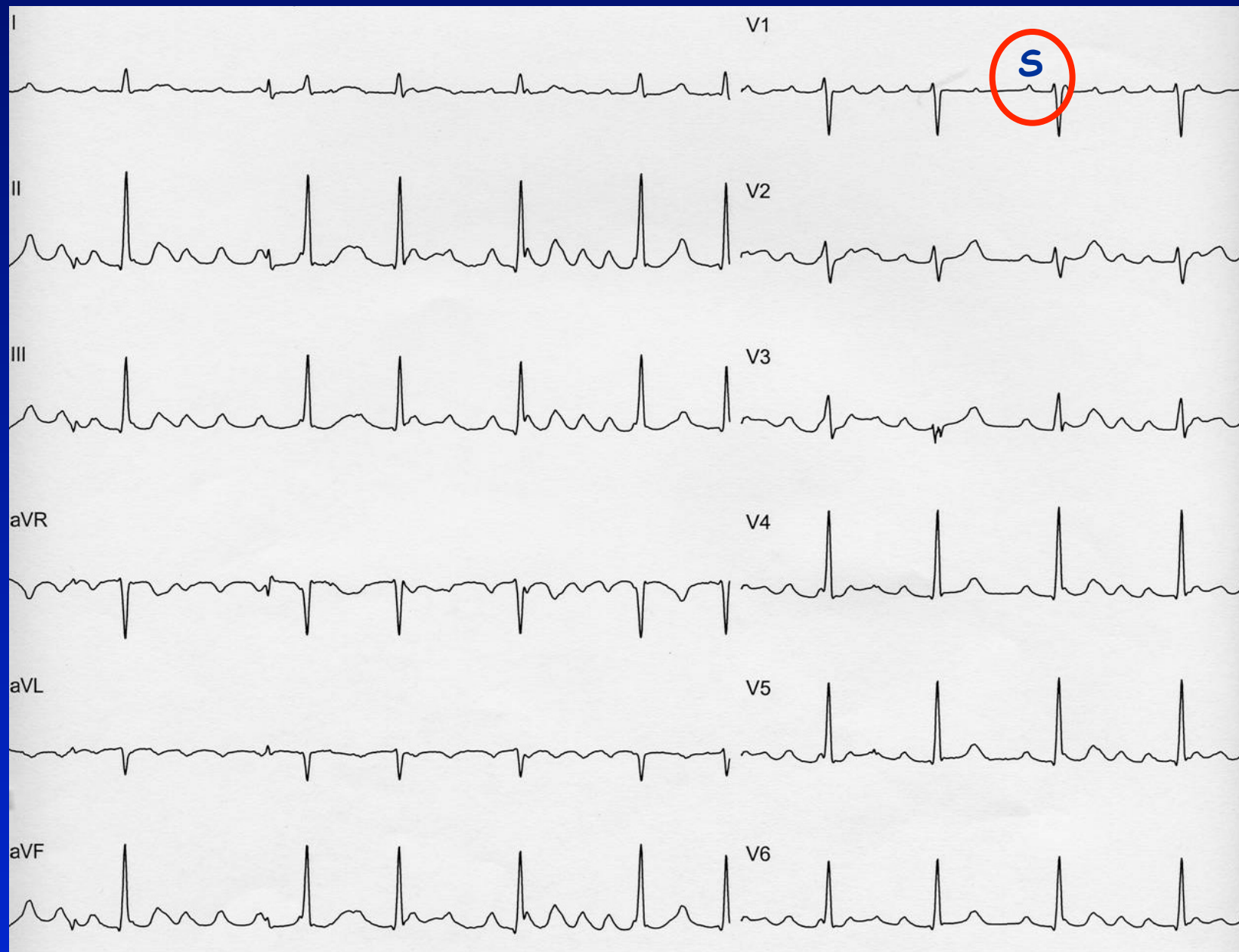
Prima la diagnosi (studio dell'avversario), poi la strategia (tattica) e poi la vittoria sul campo!

Fa: possibili triggers

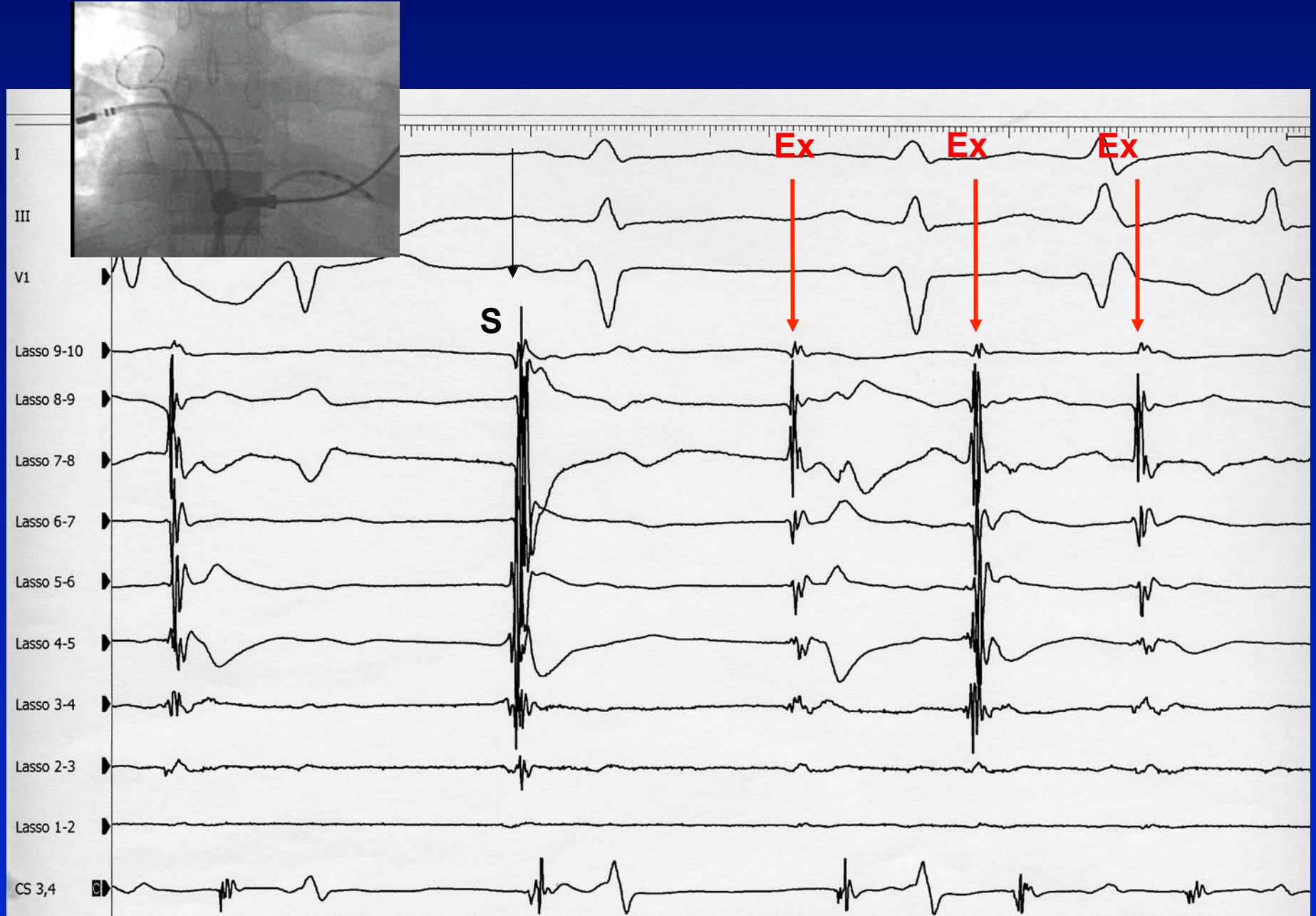
- ✓ Focalità nelle vene polmonari
- ✓ Flutter atriale
- ✓ WPW
- ✓ Kent occulto
- ✓ Tachicardie da rientro nodale
- ✓ Tachicardie atriali



M.M. aa 26. Non cardiopatica
Focalità all'ECG

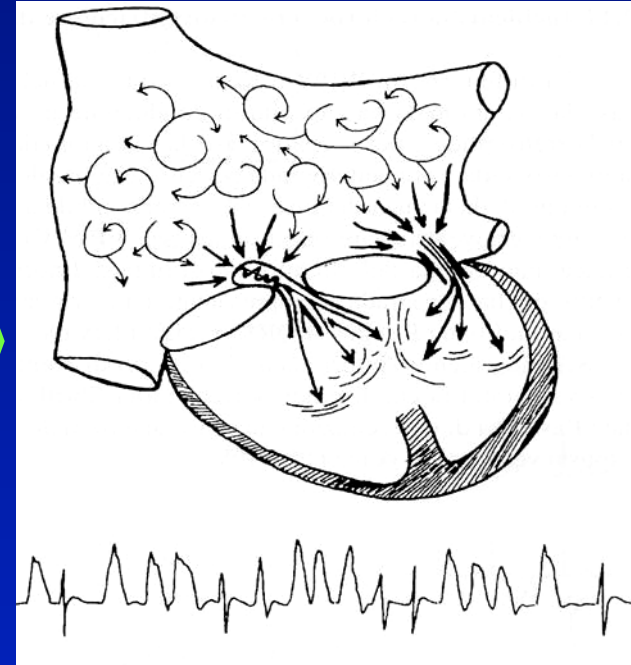
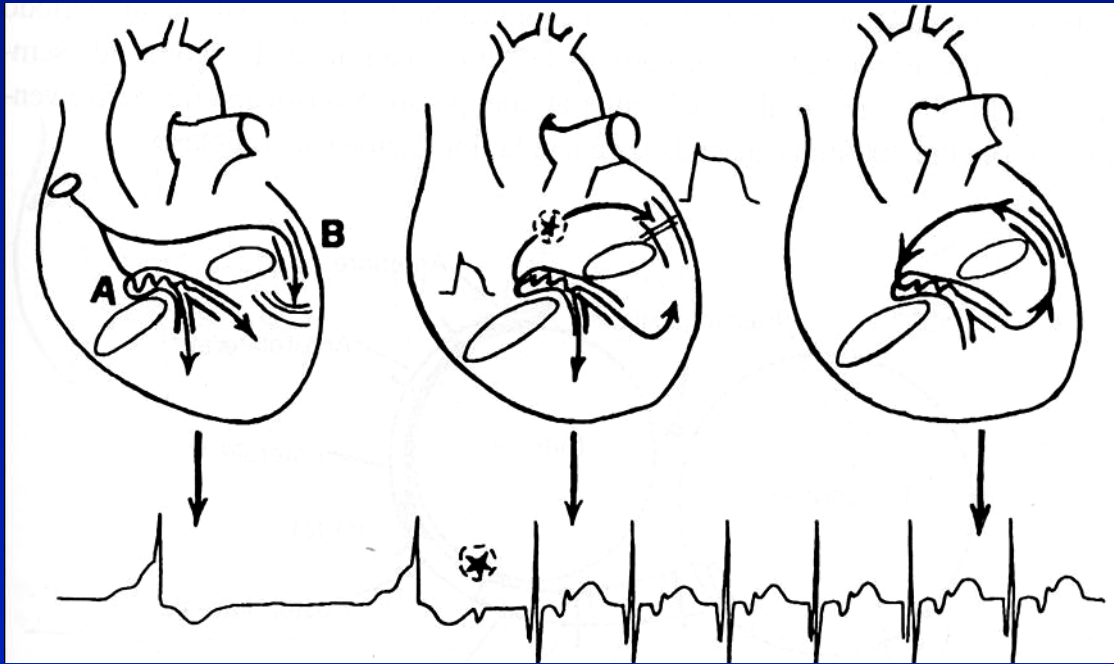


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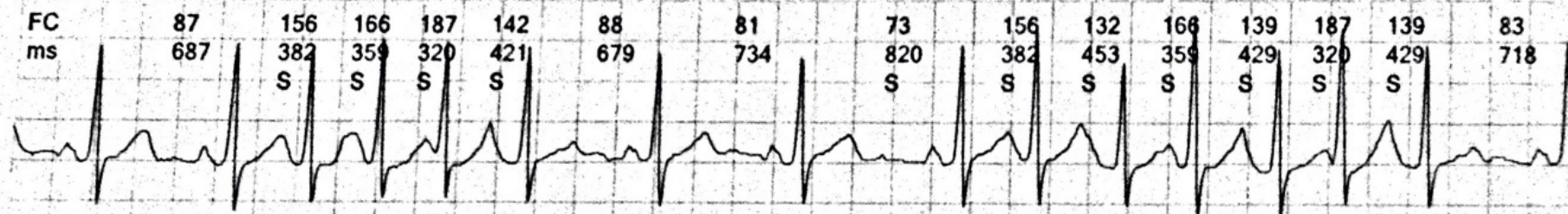


M.M. aa 26. F.atriale focale (vena polmonare superiore destra)

Sindrome di WPW



TRAV —————→ F.A.



Updated Worldwide Survey on the Methods, Efficacy, and Safety of Catheter Ablation for Human Atrial Fibrillation

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Background—The purpose of this study was to provide an updated worldwide report on the methods, efficacy, and safety of catheter ablation of atrial fibrillation (AF).

Methods and Results—A questionnaire with 46 questions was sent to 521 centers from 24 countries in 4 continents. Complete interviews were collected from 182 centers, of which 85 reported to have performed 20 825 catheter ablation procedures on 16 309 patients with AF between 2003 and 2006. The median number of procedures per center was 245 (range, 2 to 2715). All centers included paroxysmal AF, 85.9% also included persistent and 47.1% also included long-lasting AF. Carto-guided left atrial circumferential ablation (48.2% of patients) and Lasso-guided ostial electric disconnection (27.4%) were the most commonly used techniques. Efficacy data were analyzed with centers representing the unit of analysis. Of 16 309 patients with full disclosure of outcome data, 10 488 (median, 70.0%; interquartile range, 57.7% to 75.4%) became asymptomatic without antiarrhythmic drugs and another 2047 (10.0%; 0.5% to 17.1%) became asymptomatic in the presence of previously ineffective antiarrhythmic drugs over 18 (range, 3 to 24) months of follow-up. Success rates free of antiarrhythmic drugs and overall success rates were significantly larger in 9590 patients with paroxysmal AF (74.9% and 83.2%) than in 2800 patients with persistent AF (64.8% and 75.0%) and 1108 patients with long-lasting AF (63.1% and 72.3%) ($P < 0.0001$). Major complications were reported in 741 patients (4.5%).

Conclusions—When analyzed in a large number of electrophysiology laboratories worldwide, catheter ablation of AF shows to be effective in $\approx 80\%$ of patients after 1.3 procedures per patient, with $\approx 70\%$ of them not requiring further antiarrhythmic drugs during intermediate follow-up. (*Circ Arrhythm Electrophysiol.* 2010;3:32-38.)

Fattori che influenzano Il rate di complicanze

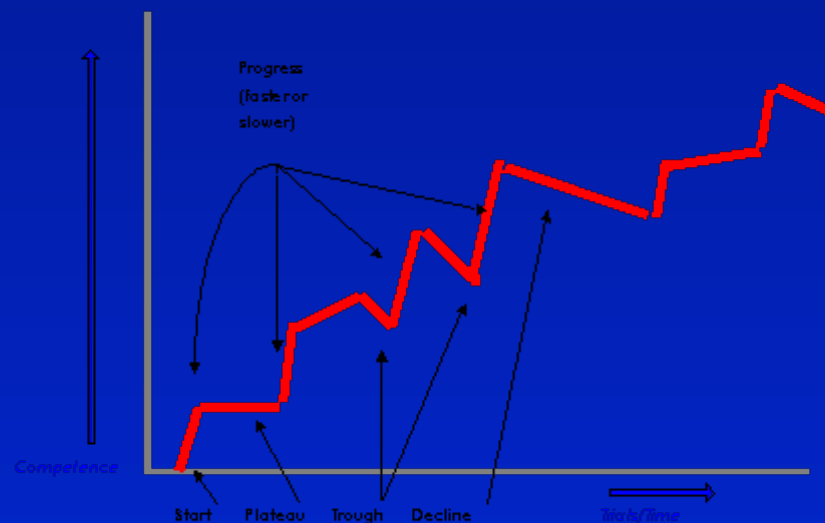
Operatore dipendente

Esperienza

Conoscenza materiali

Conoscenza procedura

Preparazione del paziente



A Learning "Curve" is far from a straight progression

Fattori che influenzano Il rate di complicanze

Paziente dipendente

Scompenso
Anatomia
Tipo di procedura
Collaborazione



Fattori che influenzano Il rate di complicanze

Struttura dipendente

Centro basso volume
Gare regionali
Quality vs quantity

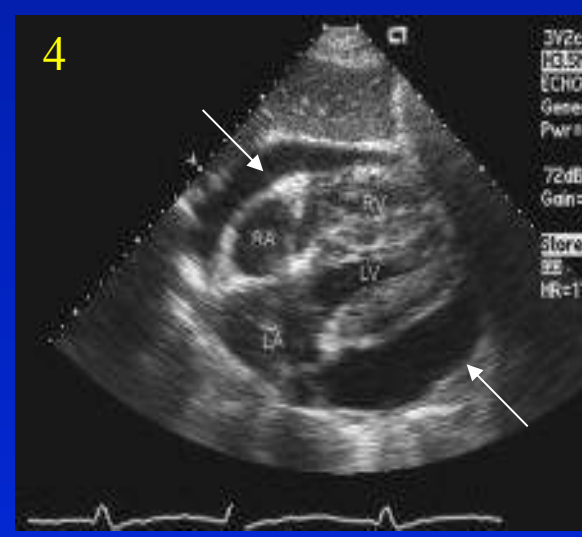
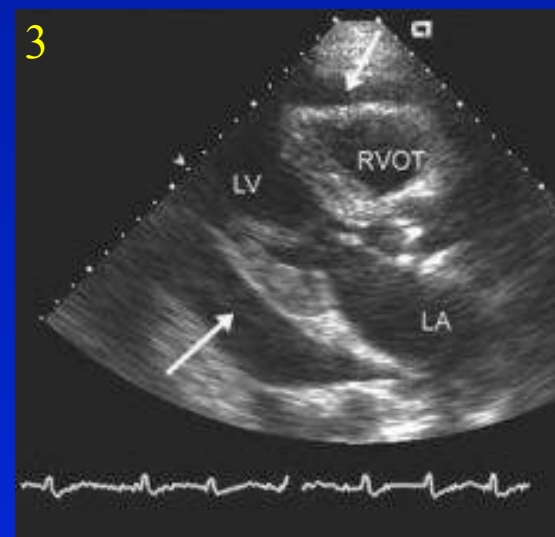
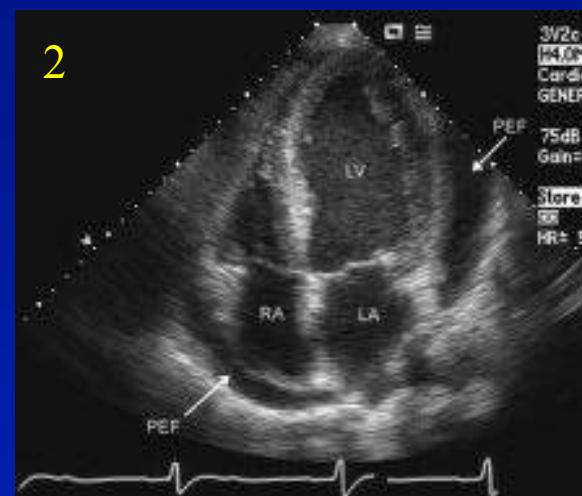
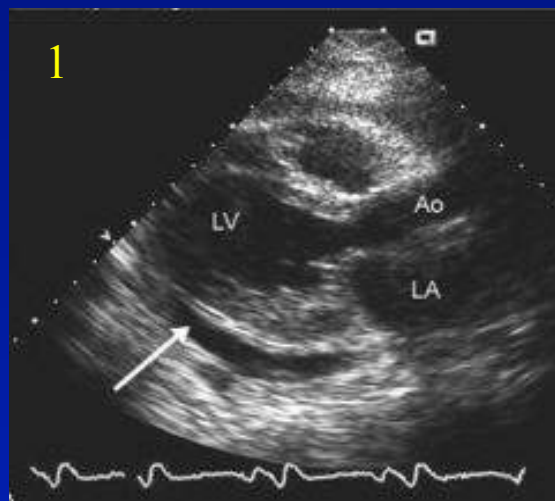


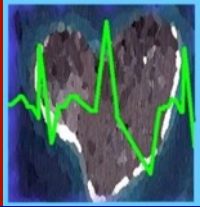
Complicanze nelle procedure interventistiche: Il tamponamento cardiaco

Effusioni

Versamento pericardico

Tamponamento cardiaco



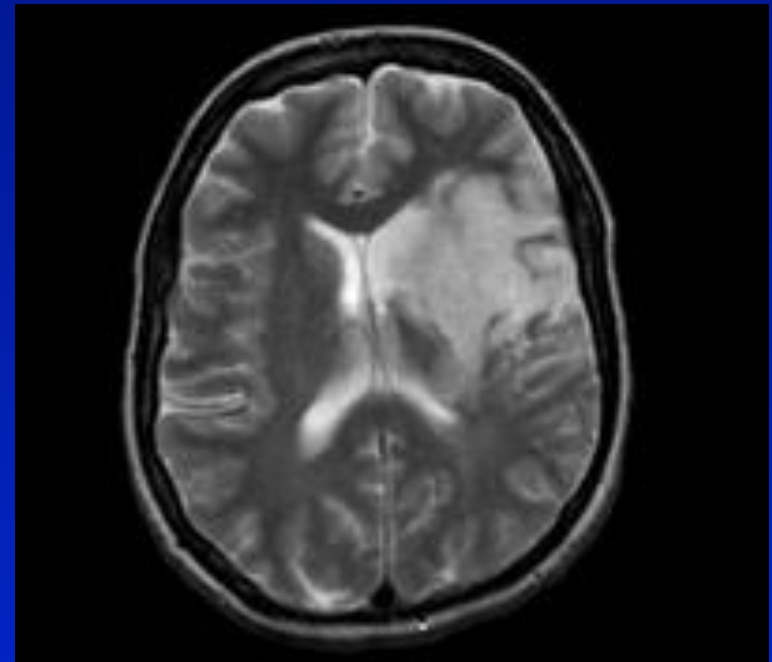


Complica circa 1 % delle procedure a sinistra, in particolare per via transettale
0.25% c.a. Stroke
0.71 % TIA

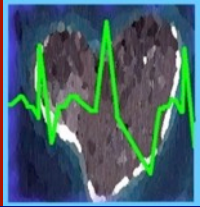
Prevalentemente origine ischemica – embolia gassosa o tromboembolia

Raramente sottoforma massiva emorragica

Fattori predisponenti età > 70 aa
Pregressi eventi ischemici cerebrali
Disordini della coagulazione



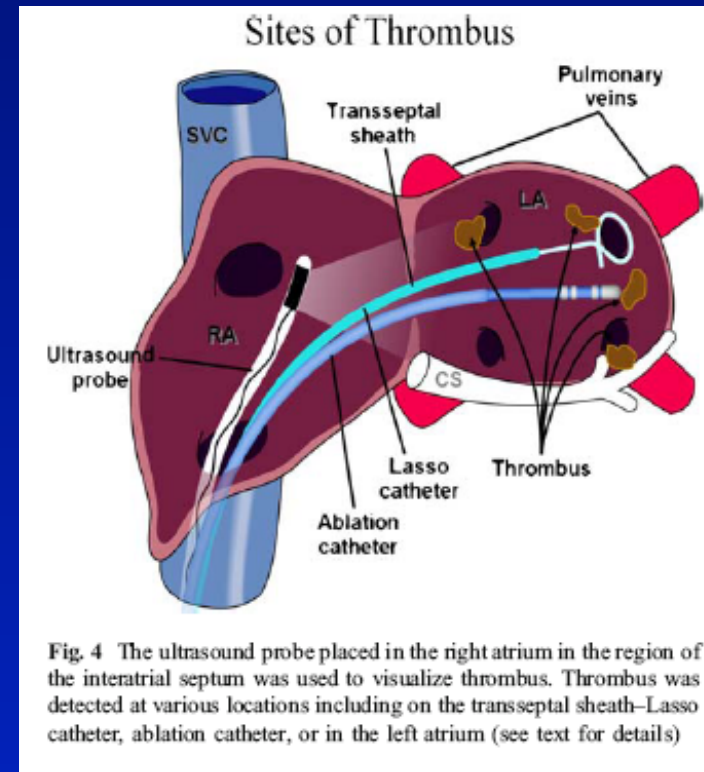
Early heparinization decreases the incidence of left atrial thrombi



When patients received heparin therapy either preTS1 or TS1–TS2, there was a significant decrease in the occurrence of ICE-detected left atrial thrombus compared with those who received heparin postTS2

Conclusions

Early administration of intravenous heparin, specifically before transseptal puncture, decreases the incidence of left atrial thrombi.



Bruce et al. J Interv Card Electrophysiol (2008) 22:211–219

Precoce esecuzione di TAC encefalo con mezzo di contrasto,
Eventualmente non praticare rimozione di almeno una linea di accesso
venoso o di una linea di monitoraggio arterioso
Monitorizzare la respirazione ed in caso di interessamento bulbare o
mesopontino valutare intubazione per prevenire ab-ingestis.
In caso di stroke emorragico rivalutare costantemente il paziente per disturbi
della deglutizione

Somministrare protamina solo dopo TAC – se vi è certezza dell'origine
embolica praticare aspirina e valutare ACT.

Esophagus-Related Complications

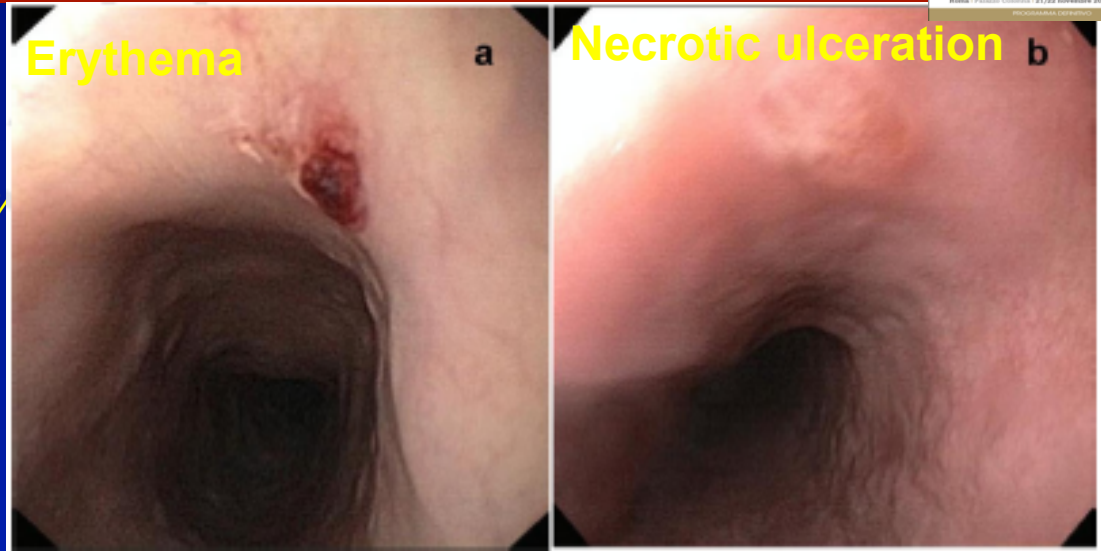
Atrio-Esophageal Fistula



Incidence: 0.03%-1%

Peri-Esophageal Nerve Injury: 1.1%

Mortalità 75%



Due principali meccanismi
Danno termico
Necrosi tissutale

TRISTRAM D. et al. PACE 2009; 32:248-260)

*La presenza di Ulcere esofagee (ritenuto il precursore della fistola) è riportato fino al **48%** dei pazienti trattati con ATC*

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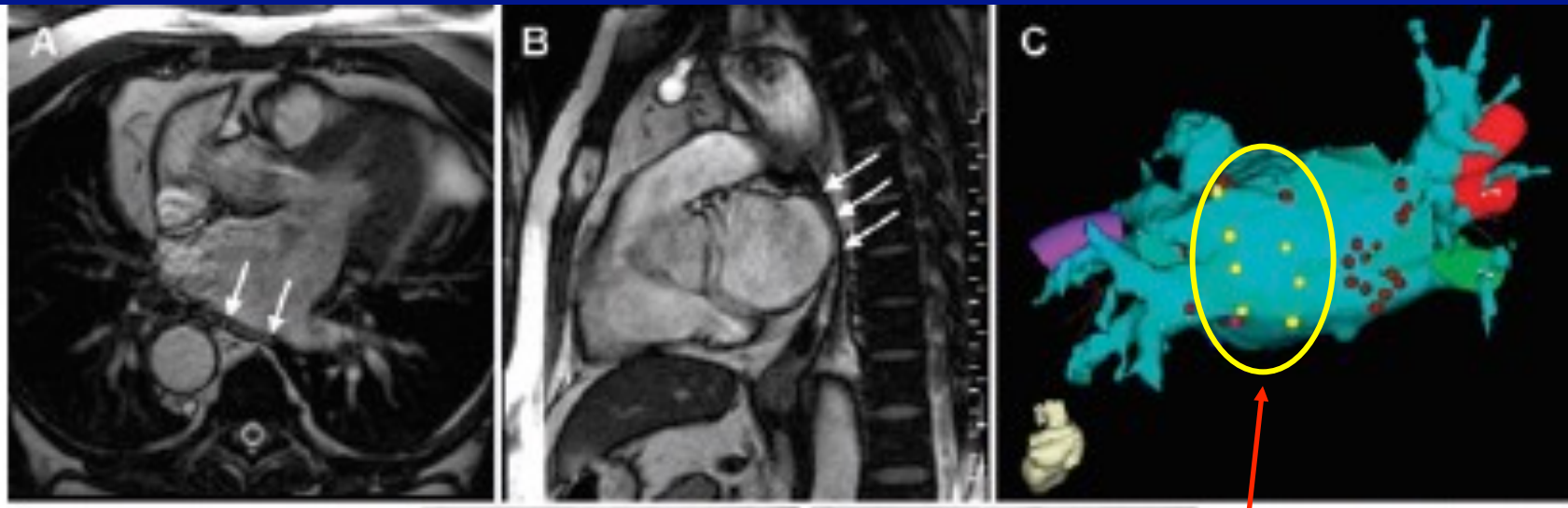
Atrio-Esophageal Fistula

Metodi per visualizzare l'esofago

extra	intraprocedural
CT	Barium
MRI	ICE
Barium	TEE sonda
	3 D mapping
	termistore

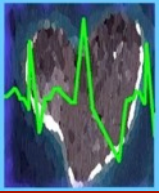
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Methods to identify anatomical relationship
between esophagus and atrium (MRI, CARTO Merge)



The left and rightward margins of the
esophagus are tagged in yellow

Coronary occlusion during Afib ablation

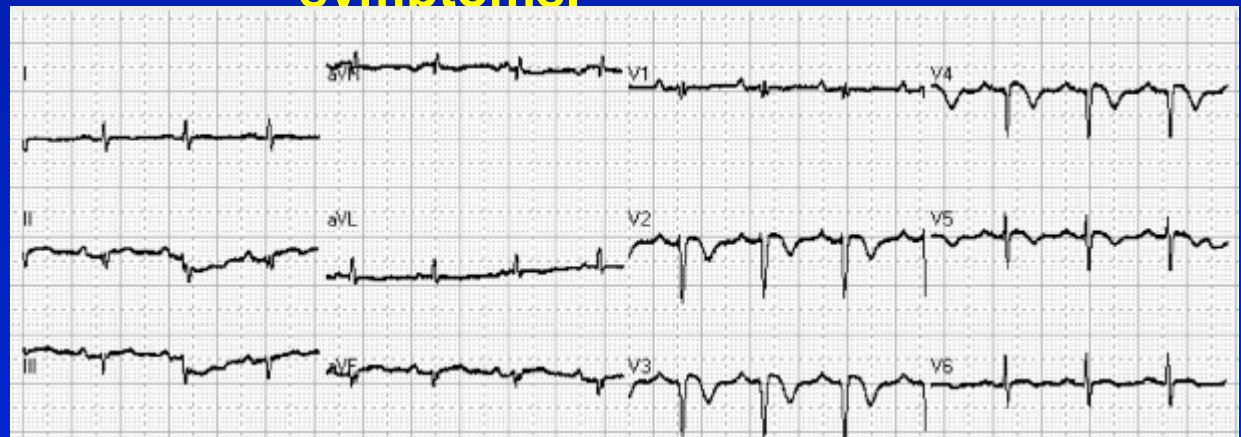
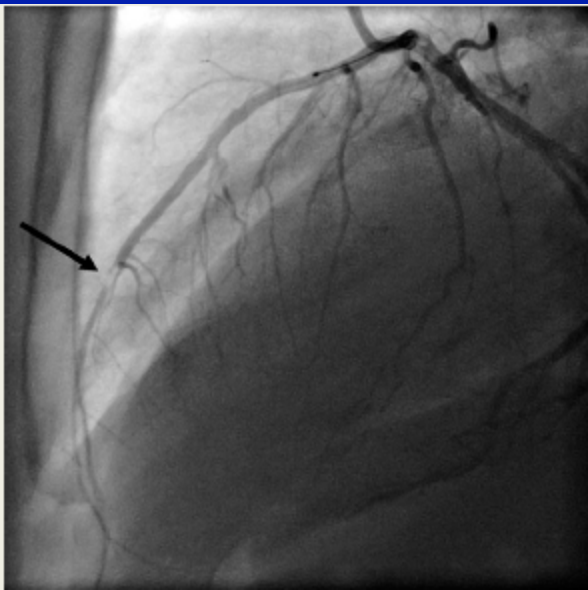


Causes

**Trombus formed at level of RF application on left atrium
thrombi either formed in the long sheaths or were shed
from the catheters, when they were removed.**

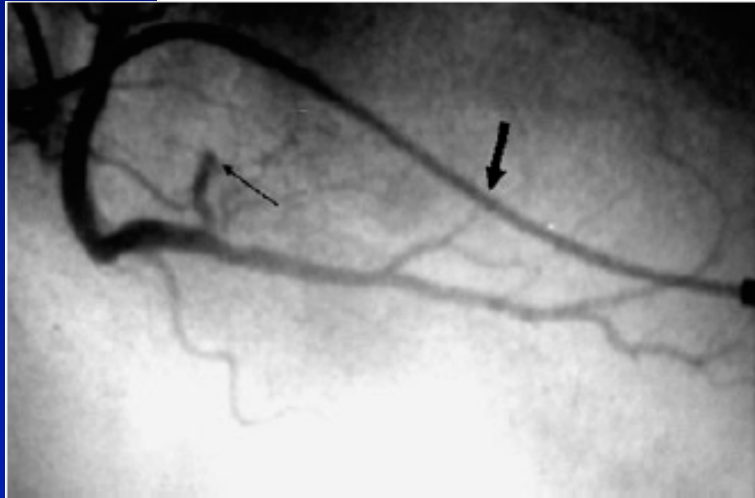
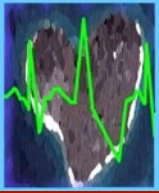
Irrigated catheter flow too low.

**In several cases coronary occlusion is characterized by
ECG modification in absence of angina or other
symptoms.**



Right Coronary Artery Occlusion During RF Ablation of Typical Atrial Flutter

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- Septal or lateral RF delivery may increase the risk.
- A 6.00 o clock approach between the IVC and the TA seems most prudent.