

Introduction to Electrocardiography (ECG)

Outline, Objectives & Credit Information

- I. Cardiac Anatomy
 - a. The Heart
 - b. Arteries and Veins
 - c. Chambers of the Heart
 - i. Atria and Ventricles
 - ii. Syncytia
 - d. The Heart Valves
 - e. Papillary Muscles and Chordae Tendineae
 - f. Sinoatrial Node
 - g. AV Node and the His bundle
 - h. Bundle Branches
- II. Cardiac Electrophysiology
 - a. Depolarization and Repolarization
 - b. Conduction System
 - c. ECG Components
 - i. Electrocardiogram
 - 1. What is an ECG?
 - 2. ECG paper
 - ii. ECG Complexes
 - 1. Atrial Depolarization: the P wave
 - 2. PQ or PR Interval
 - 3. QRS Complex
 - 4. ST Segment
 - 5. T wave and STT Segment
 - iii. Determination of Heart Rate
 - iv. The Leads
 - 1. Electrodes and Leads
 - 2. Einthoven's Triangle
 - 3. The Augmented Limb Leads
 - 4. The Precordial Leads

- v. The Electrical Heart Axis
 - 1. What is the Electrical Heart Axis?
 - 2. Variations in Electrical Heart Axis
 - 3. Determination of the Electrical Heart Axis
- vi. Sinus Rhythm
- vii. Ectopic Pacemaker Structures

III. Pathophysiology (ECG Abnormalities)

- a. Premature Complexes
 - i. Premature Atrial Complexes (PAC's)
 - ii. Premature Junctional Complexes (PJC's)
 - iii. Premature Ventricular Complexes (PVC's)
 - 1. Multiform and Uniform PVC's
 - 2. Run of PVC's
 - 3. PVC Patterns (Ventricular Bigeminy, Trigeminy, and Quadrigeminy)
- b. Infarction and ischemia
 - i. Hyperacute T waves
 - ii. T wave Abnormalities
 - iii. ST Elevation
 - iv. ST Depression
 - v. Q waves
- c. Atrial Flutter
- d. Atrial Fibrillation
- e. AV Nodal Reentrant Tachycardia (AVNRT)
- f. Ventricular Tachycardia (VT)
 - i. Monomorphic VT
 - ii. Polymorphic VT
- g. Ventricular Fibrillation
- h. Bundle Branch Blocks
 - i. Right Bundle Branch Block (RBBB)
 - ii. Left Bundle Branch Block (LBBB)
 - iii. Summary of Criteria for RBBB and LBBB

IV. Exercises

- a. Anatomy
- b. Electrophysiology
- c. ECG Complexes

- d. Leads and Electrodes
- e. V. Electrical Heart Axis
- f. VI. Determination of Heart Rate
- g. VII. Bundle Branch Blocks
- h. VIII. Premature Complexes
- i. IX. Ventricular Complexes
- j. X. Rhythm Analysis
- k. XI. Ischemia and Infarction

Course Objectives

At the conclusion of **Introduction to Electrocardiography** the participant will be able to:

1. Discuss the cardiac anatomy essential for understanding the basic principles of ECG interpretation.
2. Discuss the difference between depolarization and repolarization.
3. List three ECG complexes.
4. List two common ECG abnormalities encountered in clinical practice using a standard 12-lead ECG tracing.

Course Credit

CEUs

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