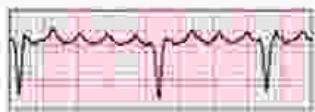
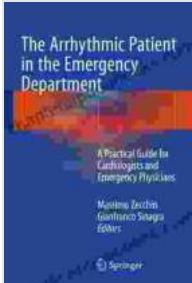


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EKG Interpretation Cheat Sheet			
Arrhythmia	Description	Causes	Treatment
Paroxysmal Supraventricular Tachycardia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regular tachycardia</li><li>• Heart rate 100-250 bpm</li><li>• P waves preceding each QRS complex</li><li>• No atrioventricular dissociation</li><li>• Normal PR interval</li><li>• Normal ST segment and T waves</li><li>• Normal blood pressure</li><li>• Commonly associated with digoxin, beta-blockers, and calcium channel blockers</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Atrial fibrillation</li><li>• Atrial flutter</li><li>• Atrial tachycardia</li><li>• AV nodal reentrant tachycardia</li><li>• Paroxysmal supraventricular tachycardia</li><li>• Sinus tachycardia</li><li>• Ventricular tachycardia</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Avoid precipitating agents</li><li>• Atenolol (50 mg IV bolus)</li><li>• Adenosine (6 mg IV bolus)</li><li>• Flecainide (100 mg IV bolus)</li><li>• Propafenone (150 mg IV bolus)</li><li>• Sotalol (10 mg IV bolus)</li><li>• Verapamil (120 mg IV bolus)</li></ul>
Atrial Flutter		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regular tachycardia (rate 250-350 bpm)</li><li>• Visible P waves</li><li>• Fixed atrioventricular ratio (2:1, 3:1, or 4:1)</li><li>• Normal PR interval</li><li>• Normal ST segment and T waves</li><li>• Normal blood pressure</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Atrial fibrillation</li><li>• Atrial flutter</li><li>• Atrial tachycardia</li><li>• AV nodal reentrant tachycardia</li><li>• Paroxysmal supraventricular tachycardia</li><li>• Sinus tachycardia</li><li>• Ventricular tachycardia</li></ul>
Atrial Fibrillation		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Irregular tachycardia</li><li>• No visible P waves</li><li>• Variable PR interval</li><li>• Normal ST segment and T waves</li><li>• Normal blood pressure</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Atrial fibrillation</li><li>• Atrial flutter</li><li>• Atrial tachycardia</li><li>• AV nodal reentrant tachycardia</li><li>• Paroxysmal supraventricular tachycardia</li><li>• Sinus tachycardia</li><li>• Ventricular tachycardia</li></ul>
Junctional Rhythm		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regular sinus rhythm</li><li>• No P waves</li><li>• PR interval is normal</li><li>• Normal ST segment and T waves</li><li>• Normal blood pressure</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Atrial fibrillation</li><li>• Atrial flutter</li><li>• Atrial tachycardia</li><li>• AV nodal reentrant tachycardia</li><li>• Paroxysmal supraventricular tachycardia</li><li>• Sinus bradycardia</li><li>• Sinus tachycardia</li><li>• Ventricular tachycardia</li></ul>
Premature Junctional Contractions		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Irregular sinus rhythm</li><li>• P waves preceding each QRS complex</li><li>• PR interval is normal</li><li>• Normal ST segment and T waves</li><li>• Normal blood pressure</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Atrial fibrillation</li><li>• Atrial flutter</li><li>• Atrial tachycardia</li><li>• AV nodal reentrant tachycardia</li><li>• Paroxysmal supraventricular tachycardia</li><li>• Sinus bradycardia</li><li>• Sinus tachycardia</li><li>• Ventricular tachycardia</li></ul>
First-degree AV block		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regular sinus rhythm</li><li>• P waves preceding each QRS complex</li><li>• PR interval is prolonged (0.21-0.40 seconds)</li><li>• Normal ST segment and T waves</li><li>• Normal blood pressure</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Atrial fibrillation</li><li>• Atrial flutter</li><li>• Atrial tachycardia</li><li>• AV nodal reentrant tachycardia</li><li>• Paroxysmal supraventricular tachycardia</li><li>• Sinus bradycardia</li><li>• Sinus tachycardia</li><li>• Ventricular tachycardia</li></ul>

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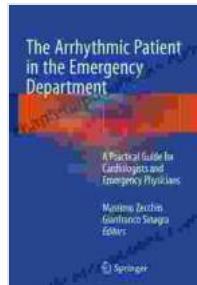
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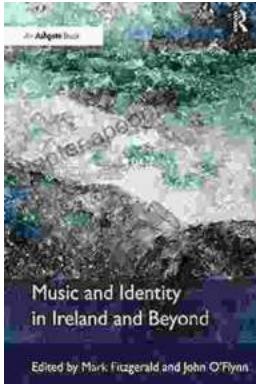
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