



Is the rhythm normal and if not, what's the basic rhythm?

Is the rhythm replaced?

Is the rhythm disturbed?

	initial question	answer	additional question	rhythm diagnosis
FIRST QUICK VIEW	1	Is this sinus rhythm AND is the heart rate < 100 bpm?	N Y	Sinus rhythm
	2	Can you recognize a "rhythm at a glance"?	N Y	Ventricular fibrillation Ventricular flutter Atrial flutter Pacemaker
RAPID AND REGULAR	3	Is the rhythm rapid & regular?	N Y	QRS duration > 0.1 s Ventricular tachycardia Atrial tachycardia with BBB
			N Y	QRS duration ≤ 0.1 s Sinus tachycardia Atrial tachycardia Atrio-ventricular reentry tachycardia (AVRT) AV nodal reentry tachycardia (AVNRT)
ZOOM IN TO P WAVE	4	Are the P waves neg. in II, III and aVF?	N Y	P preceding QRS? "Upper" junctional rhythm
			N Y	P following QRS? "Lower" junctional rhythm
	5	Are the P waves absent or doubtful?	N Y	QRS totally irregular? Atrial fibrillation (AF)
			N Y	QRS regular? Mid junctional rhythm AF + 3rd deg. AV block (AVB)
	6	Are there too many P waves?	N Y	PR constant? 2nd deg. AVB Mobitz type II
			N Y	PR varying, QRS regular 3rd deg. AV block
N Y	PR varying, QRS irregular 2nd deg. AVB Mobitz type I			
BASIC RHYTHM INTERRUPTED	7	Do you see a rhythm switch?	N Y	Which ones?
	8	Do you see premature beats?	N Y	preceding premature P? Supraventricular premature beat (SPB)
			N Y	no preceding premature P? Ventricular premature beat (VPB)
	9	Do you see a remarkable pause?	N Y	following ventricular premature beat? Compensatory pause
			N Y	after termination of TC? Preautomatic pause
			N Y	"empty" pause SA (sinoauricular) block
N Y			containing premature P? Supraventricular premature beat + AV block	
N Y	terminated by a QRS with a different shape than the rest of the QRS complexes Escape beat			

In case of rhythm switch go back and evaluate the second rhythm