ECG DILEMMA

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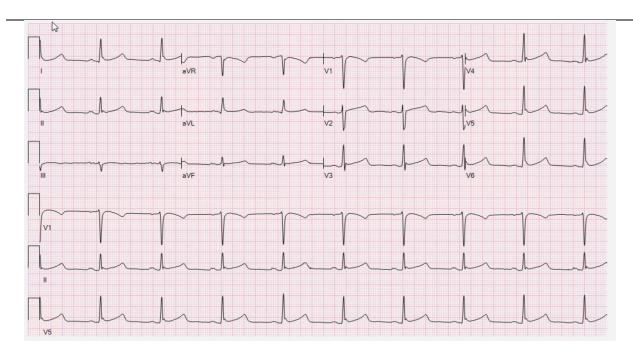
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A 45-year-old male was seen as a response to an EMS call. Patient's neighbor saw the patient collapsed in the backyard. Patient had a history of substance abuse and depression. Patient was intubated on field for airway protection. On arrival to the ER, a 12 lead ECG was obtained as shown below. Medication history was not available. Vitals on exam were: HR 60 bpm, BP 90/60 mm Hg. GCS was 8. Pupils were dilated but reactive. Head CT was obtained and was negative for any intracranial concerns. Urine drug screen was positive for cannabis, tricyclics and opiates.



What is the likely cause of the abnormalities noted on the ECG above?

- 1. Tricyclic antidepressant toxicity
- 2. Hypocalcemia
- 3. Early repolarization pattern
- 4. Hypothermia
- 5. ST elevation MI

See the answer in the next article, "ECG Dilemma-Answer".

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