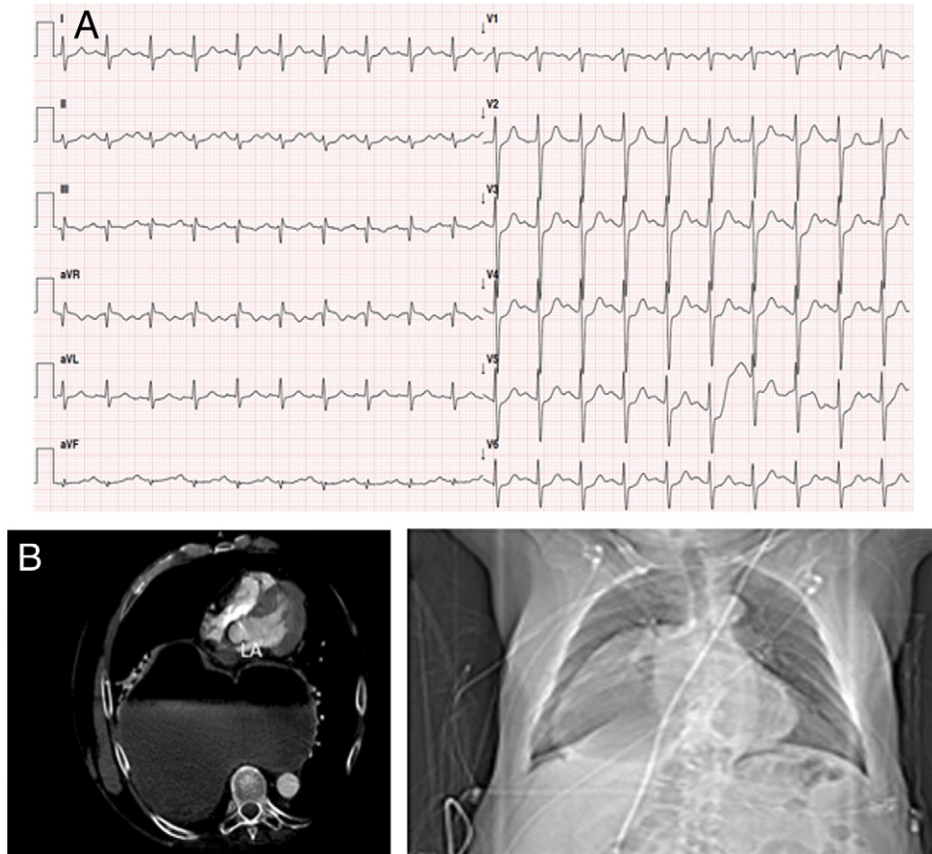


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# Syncope Due to a Massive Upside-Down Stomach

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**A** 53-year-old man was admitted to our emergency unit because of syncope after having lunch with chest discomfort radiating in his shoulders, left arm, and back. Initial examination showed the patient cold sweating with tachycardia (130 beats/min) and tachypnea (22 breaths/min) with low blood pressure (90/60 mm Hg). Electrocardiogram showed sinus tachycardia and  $S_1Q_{III}$  type with ascending ST-segment depression in precordial leads (A). Ten minutes after initial examination the patient lost consciousness again with no measurable blood pressure. A short course of cardiac massage revealed the symptoms. Emergent chest computed tomography revealed a massive upside-down stomach externally compressing the left atrium (LA) (B, Online Video 1). Computed tomography excluded relevant obstructive coronary artery disease and pulmonary embolism. Gastroscopy showed multiple erosions and a large mass of mucus of which 2 liters were aspirated. Minimal invasive laparoscopic surgery was performed with successful reposition of the stomach followed by hiatoplasty and fundopexy.