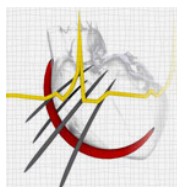




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*Dal punto di vista aritmologico*  
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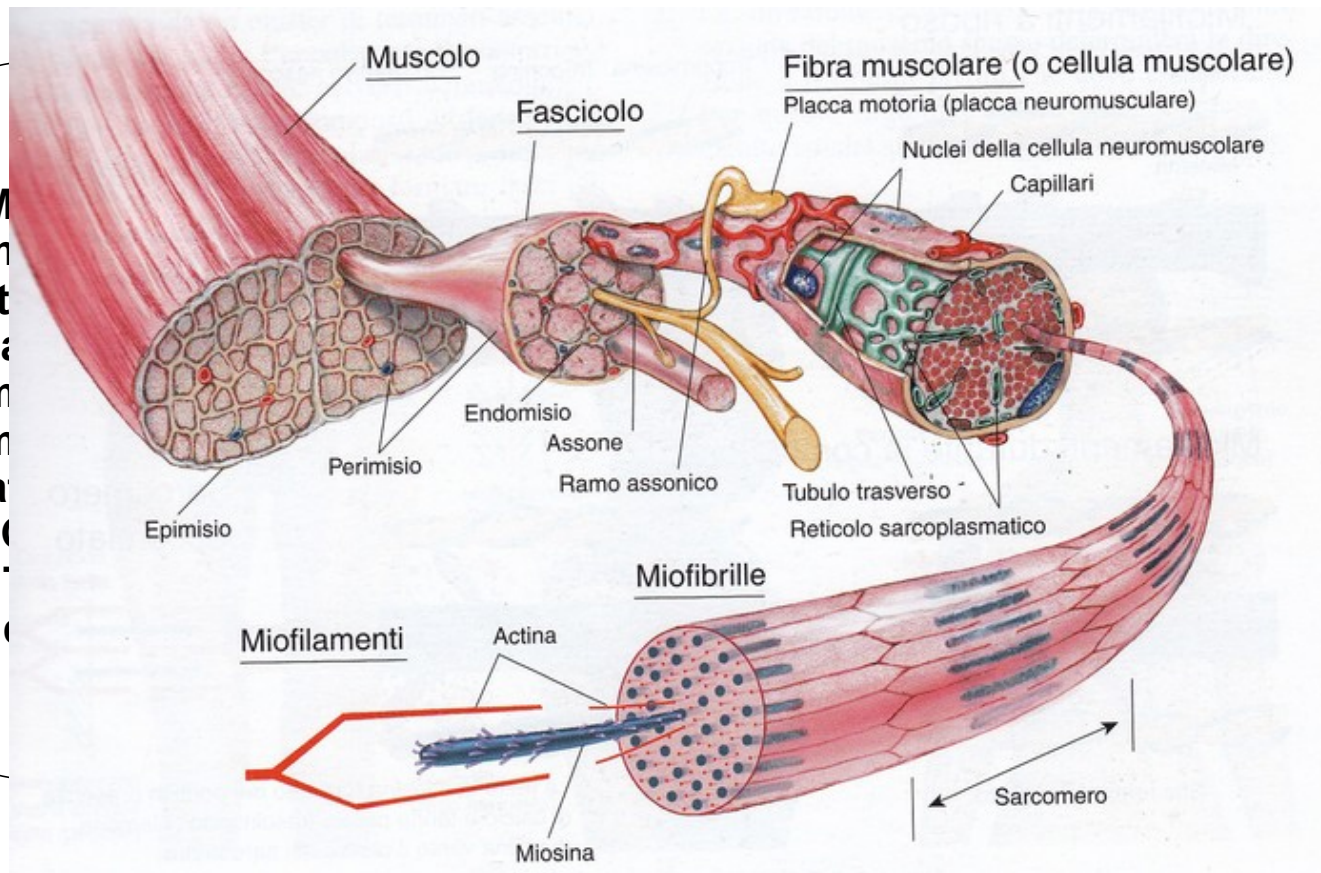


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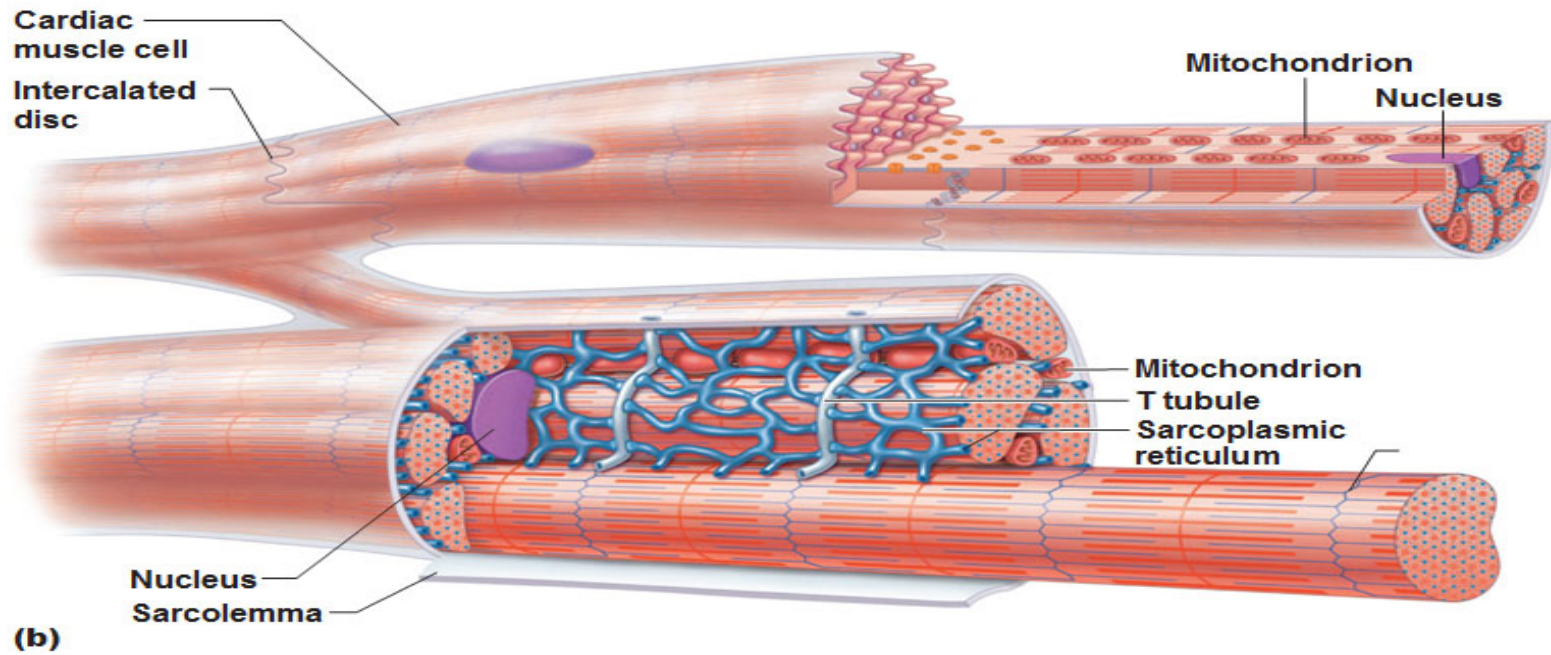
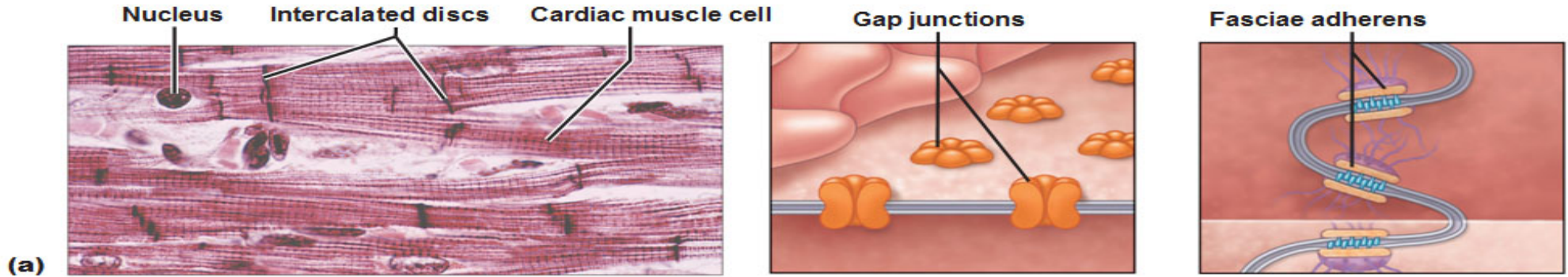


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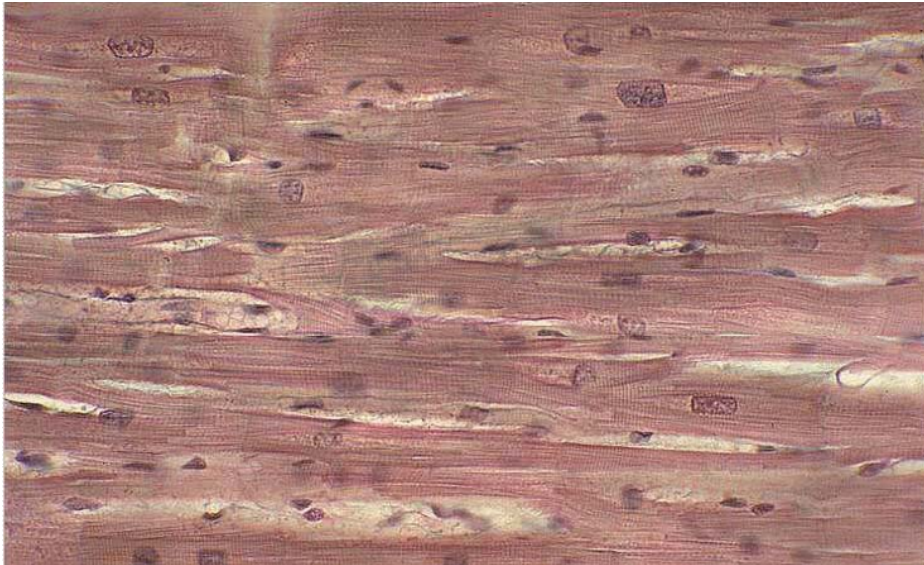
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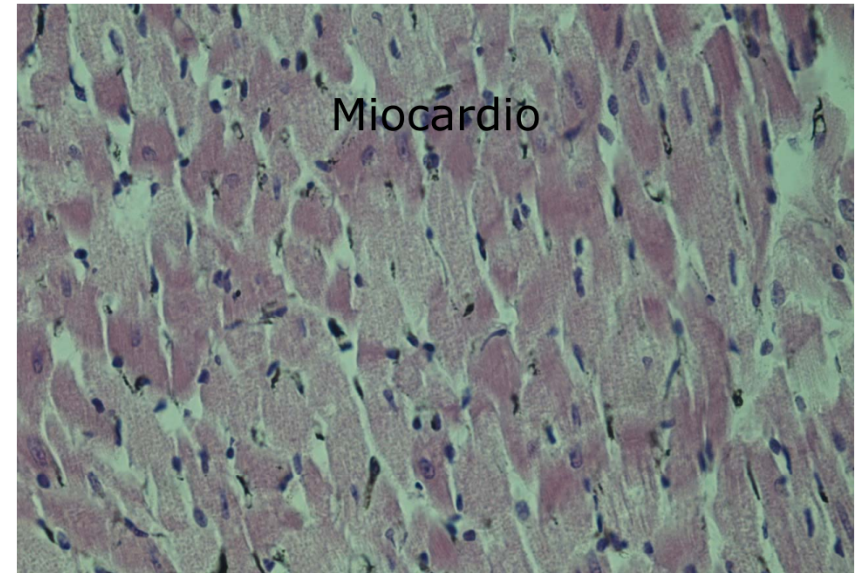




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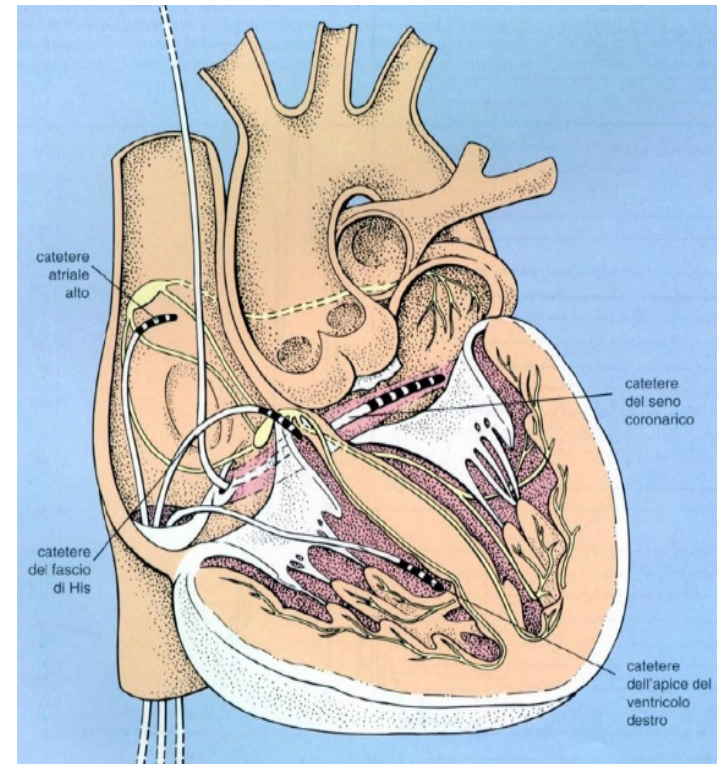
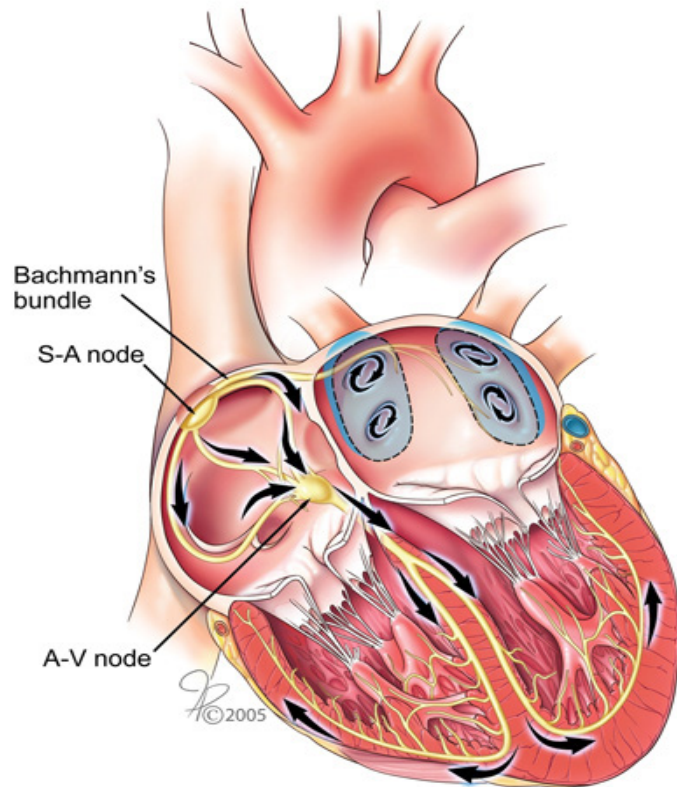
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# The Heart “Electrical” System

The normal electrical activity of the heart is physiologically made by:

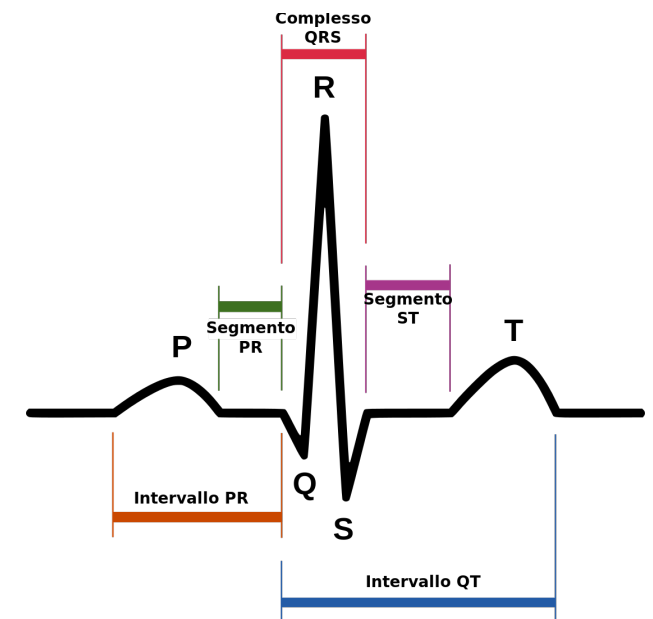
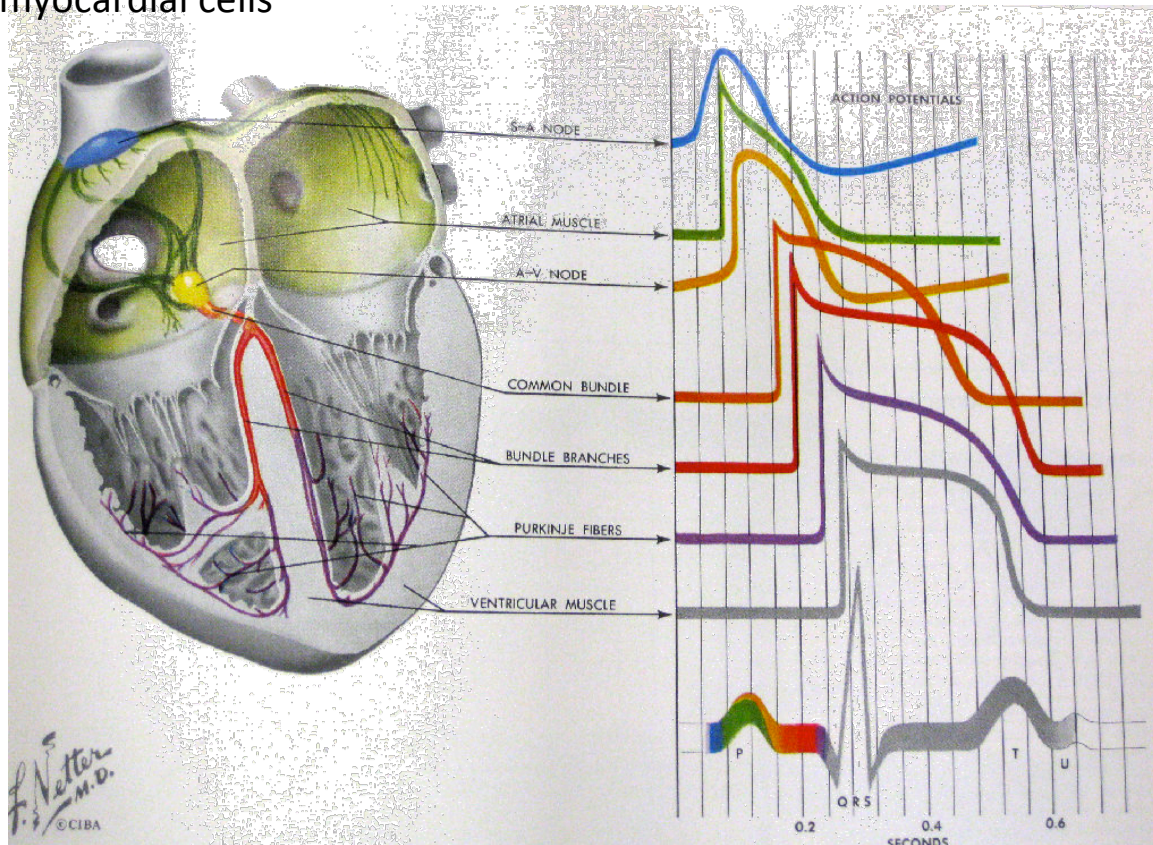
- Sino-Atrial Node (SAN)
- Atrio-Ventricular Node (AVN)
- His bundle
- Right Bundle
- Left Bundle
- Purkinje Network

Trough electro-mechanical coupling these structures coordinate the cardiac pump



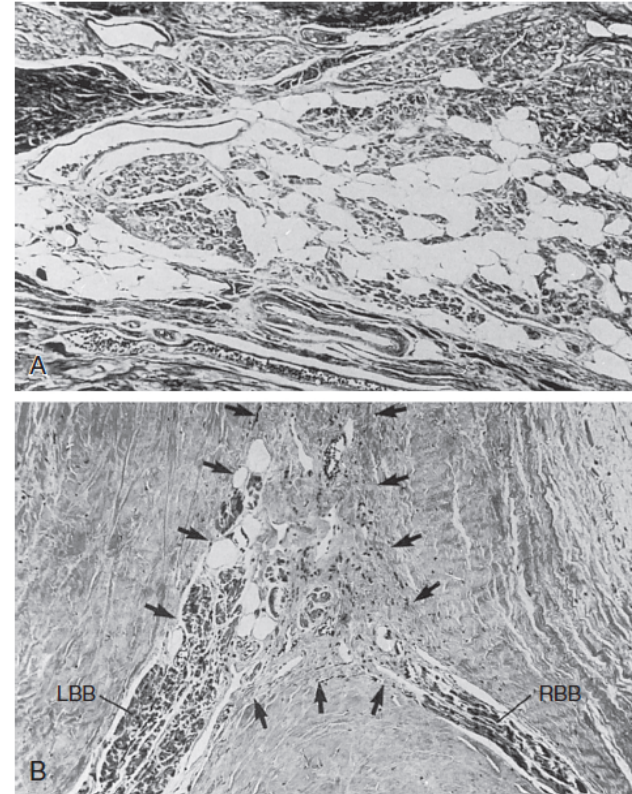
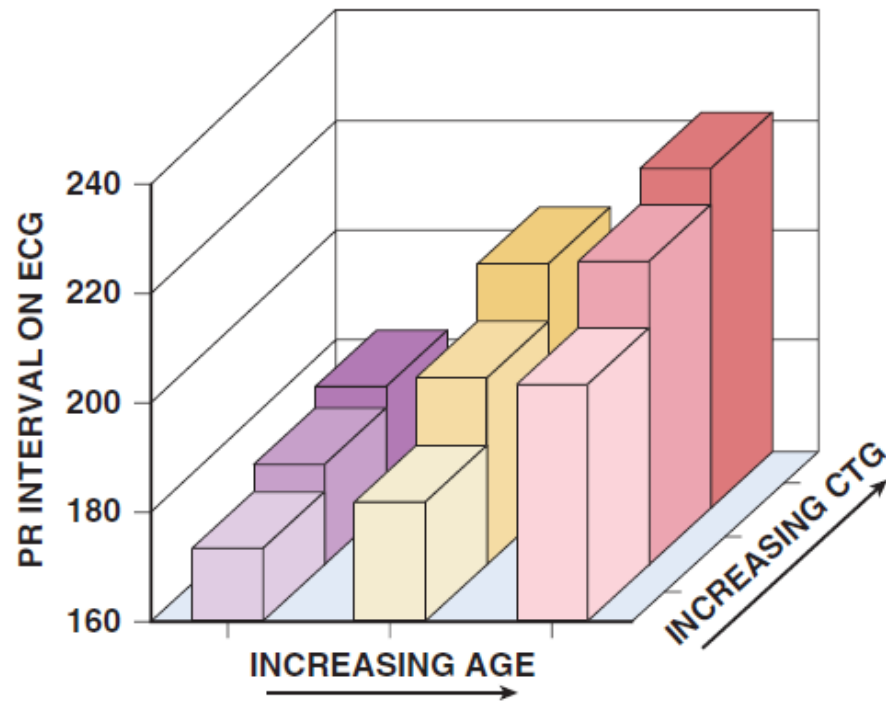
# Electrophysiological Properties of Myocardial Cells

- Every cell type of the heart has a specific ion channel expression and electrical pattern
- Different Ion Currents lead to a specific electrophysiological behavior of the myocardial cells





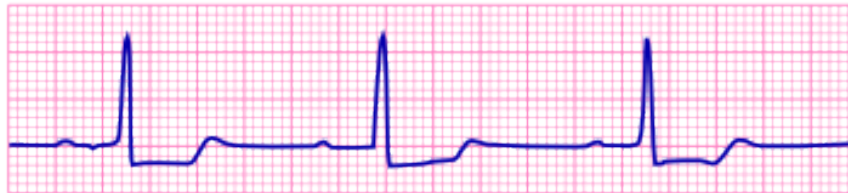
Myopathy	Gene	Heart involvement	Frequency of heart involvement	Ventricular arrhythmia	Atrial arrhythmia	Sudden death reported
Duchenne	Dystrophin	DCM	>90%	PVC	Only at late stage	Yes
Becker	Dystrophin	DCM	60–75%	VT associated with DCM	Associated with DCM	Yes
Myotonic, type 1	CGT repeat expansion	Conduction disease and DCM	60–80%	VT, ICD indicated	Age dependent	Yes, 30% of death
Myotonic, type 2	CGT repeat expansion	Conduction disease	10–25%	Uncommon	Uncommon	Yes
Emery-Dreifuss	Emerin, lamin A and C	Conduction disease and DCM	>90%	VT, ICD indicated	Common, atrial standstill	Yes, 30% of death
Limb-girdle type 1B	Lamin A and C	Conduction disease and DCM	>90%	VT, ICD indicated	Common	Yes, 30% of death
Limb-girdle type 2C–2F	Sarcoglycans	DCM	<25%	Uncommon	Limited data	Unknown
Limb-girdle type 2I	Fukutin-related protein	DCM	20–80%	Uncommon	Not reported	Unknown
Facioscapulohumeral	D4Z4 repeat contraction	Conduction disease	5–15%	Rare VTs	Rare	No



From Groh WJ, Lowe MR, Zipes DP: Severity of cardiac conduction involvement and arrhythmias in myotonic dystrophy type 1 correlates with age and CTG repeat length. *J Cardiovasc Electrophysiol* 13:444,2002

# Quando è interessato il sistema di conduzione

1st degree AV Block



2nd degree AV Block  
Wenkebach/Mobitz I



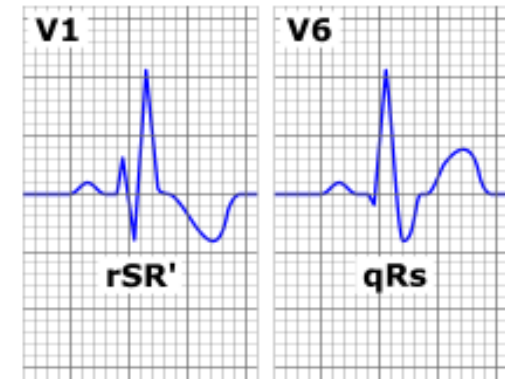
2nd degree AV Block  
Mobitz II



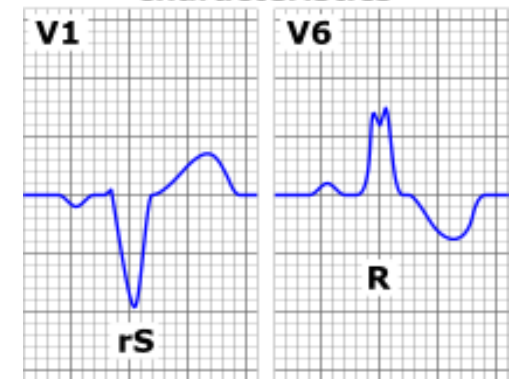
3rd degree AV Block



Right bundle branch block characteristics



Left bundle branch block characteristics

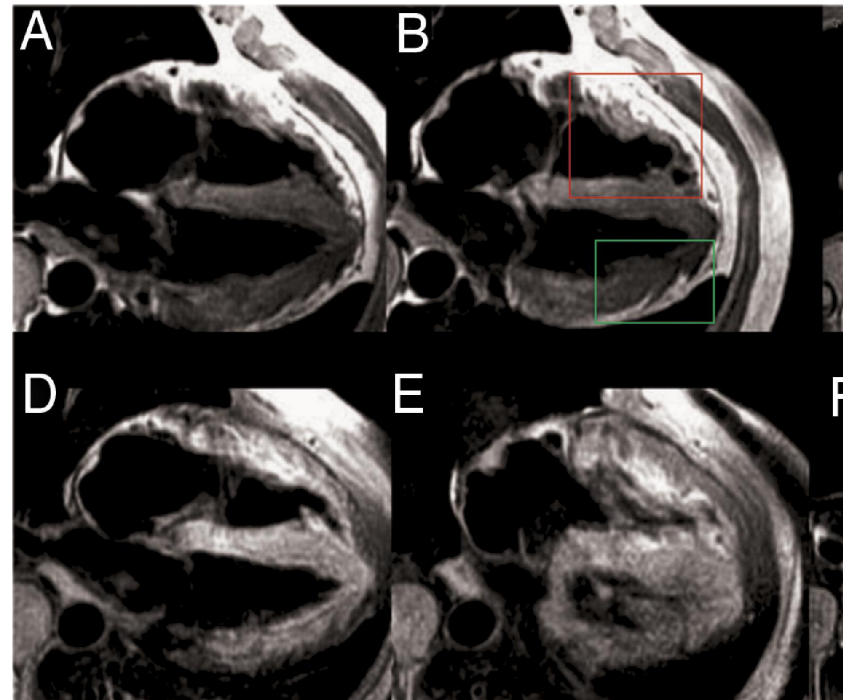




## Distrofia miotónica



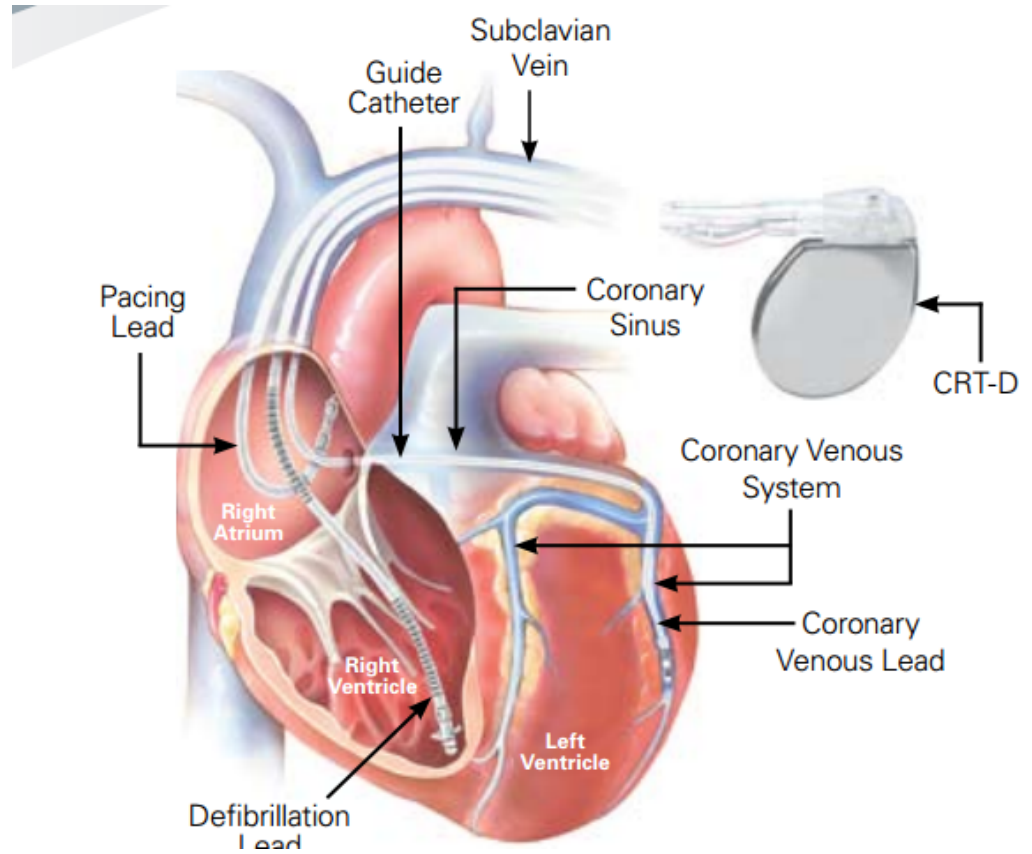
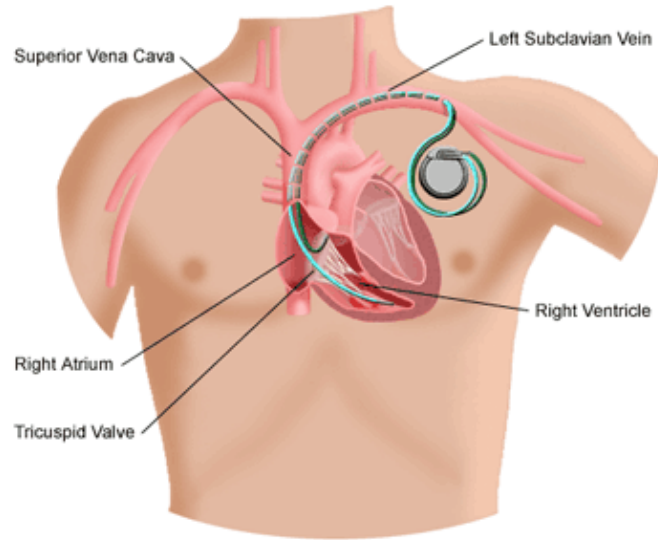
## Displasia aritmogena



# Ventricular Tachycardia Associated with Structural Heart Disease: Scar Based



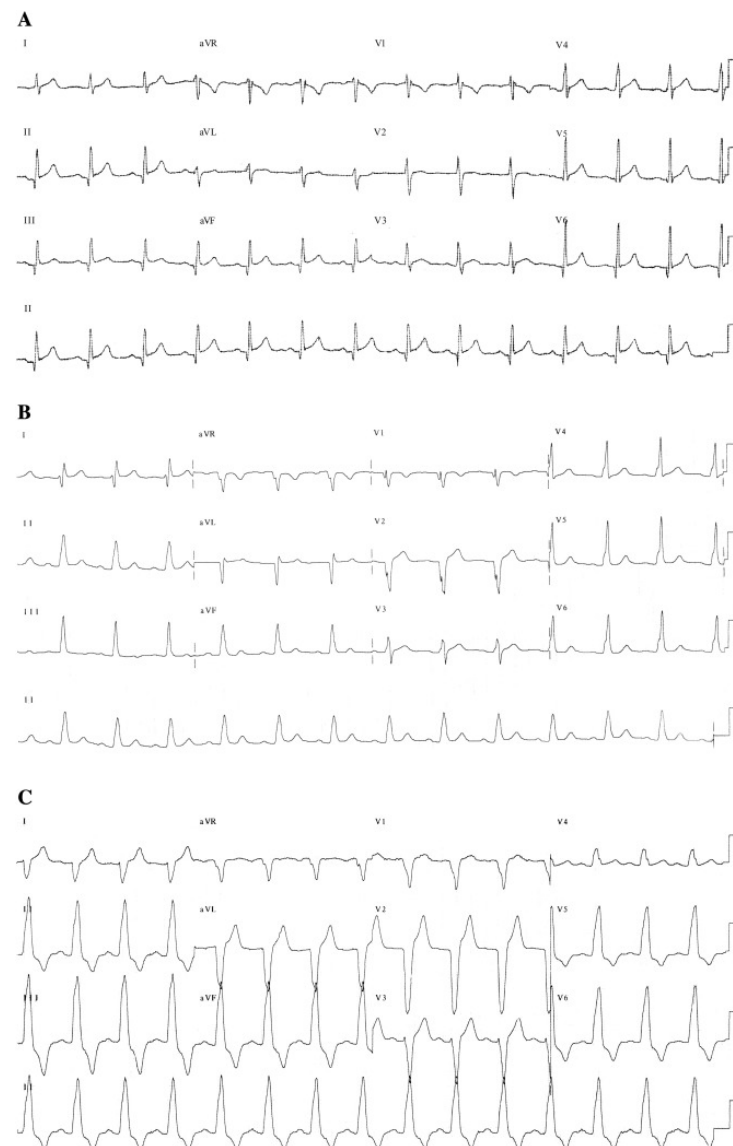
### Dual-Chamber Pacemaker



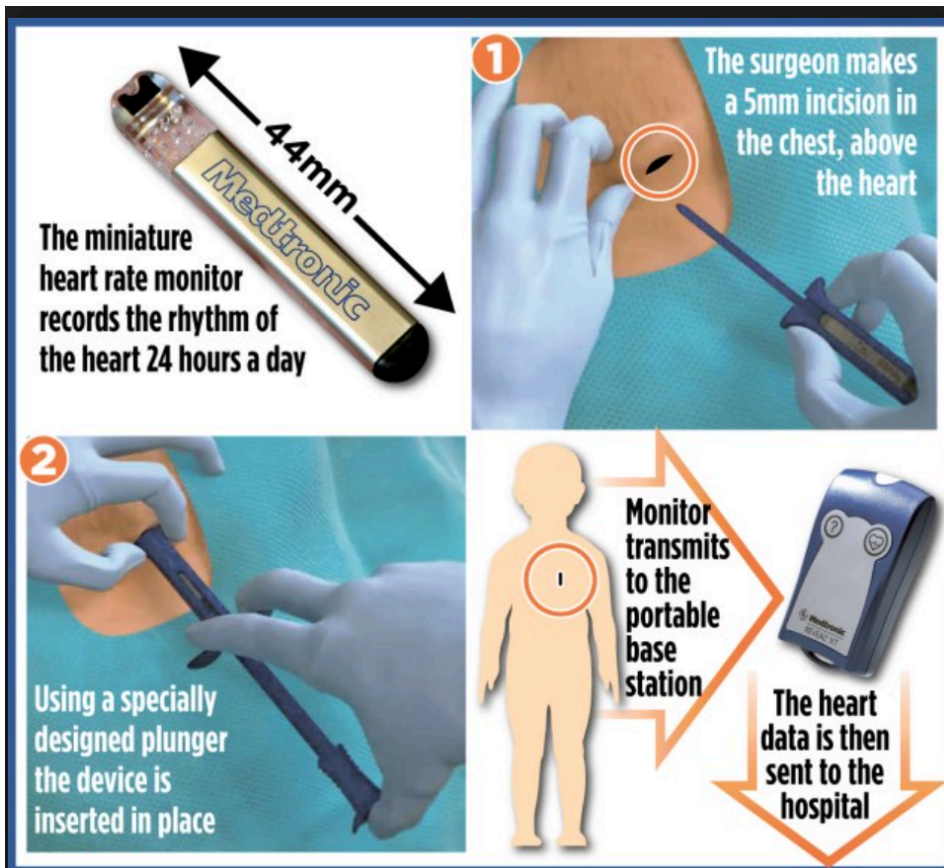


**Table 1**  
Electrocardiogram.

Parameter	Findings in MD	Reference
Conduction intervals and atrial arrhythmias	PR >240 ms, QRS >120 ms, second or third degree heart block ("Groh criteria") or a history of atrial tachyarrhythmias:	[20,26,28,83,84]
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associated with increased risk of mortality (cardiac and all cause)</li> <li>• Conduction abnormalities are associated with LV impairment, heart failure and family history of sudden death</li> <li>• Conduction abnormalities predict pacemaker implantation and atrial tachyarrhythmias</li> </ul>	
PR and QRS combined	PR and QRS combined duration >320 ms predicted long-term (17 years) mortality	[85]
QTc	QTc interval >450 ms associated >3-fold increased risk of sudden death or need for pacemaker implantation on long-term follow-up	[8]



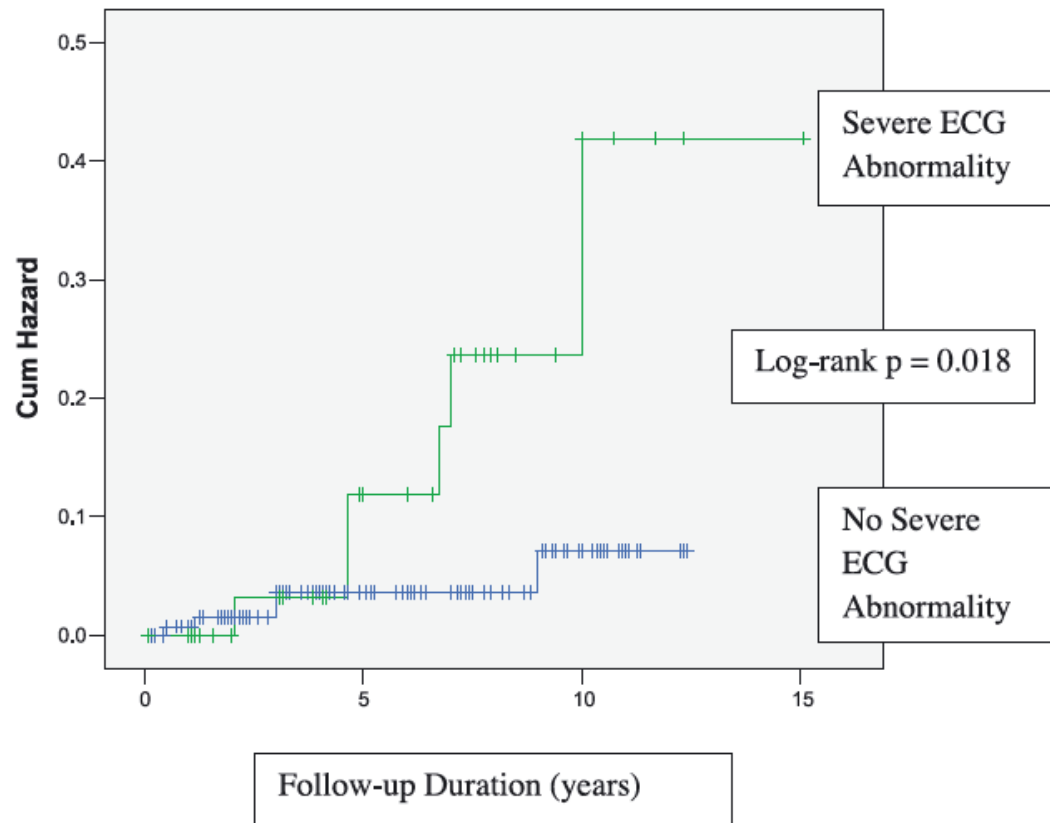
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Baseline Characteristics of Patients with Myotonic Dystrophy Type-1 with and without a Severe ECG Abnormality

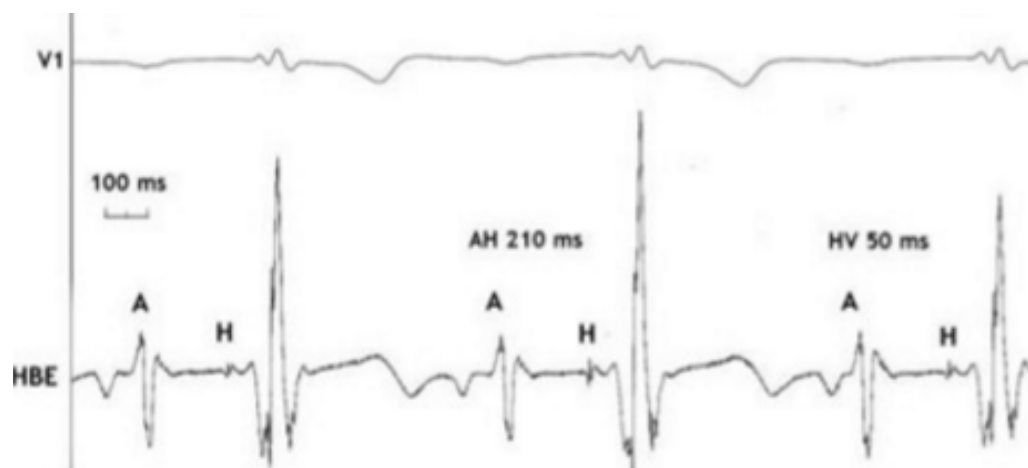
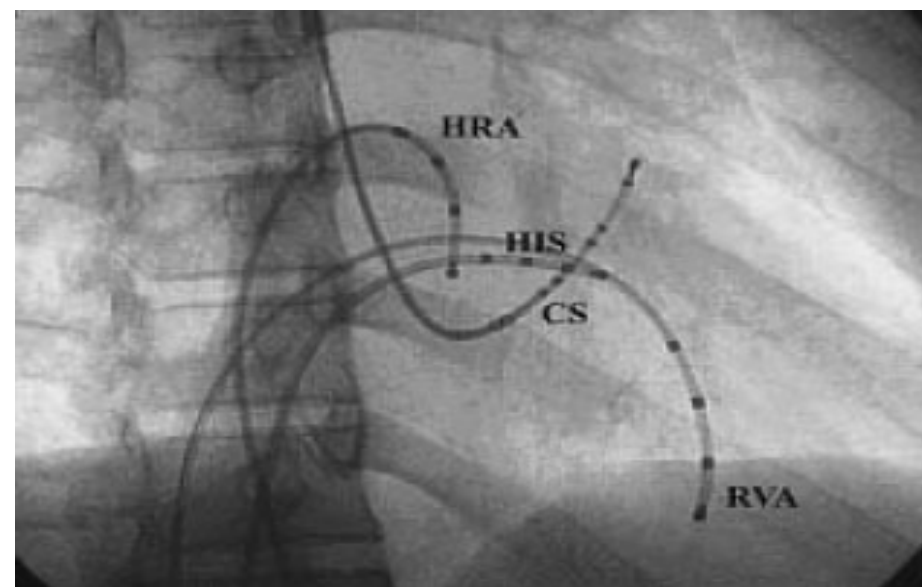
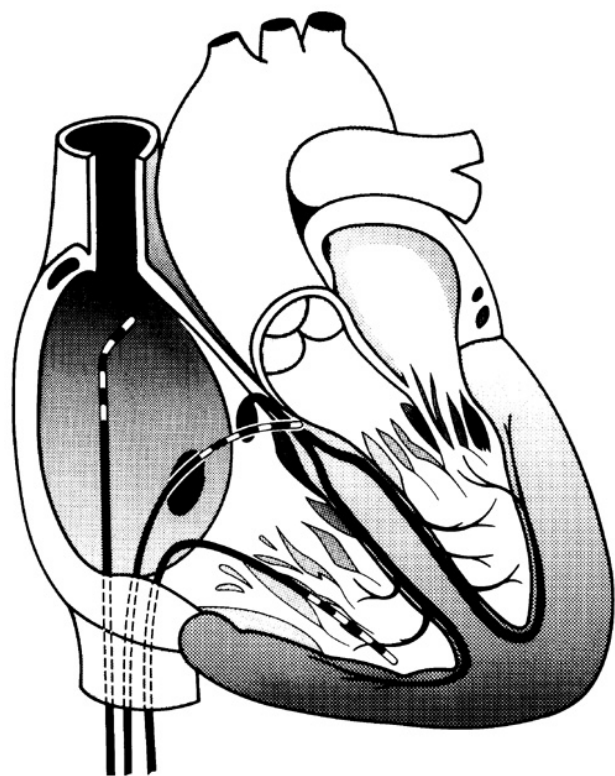
	Characteristic	Patients with a Severe ECG Abnormality (n = 45)	Patients without a Severe ECG Abnormality (n = 144)	Univariate P-value
Age	Age	41.6 ± 14.6	35.4 ± 12.6	0.006
	Female	48.9%	54.9%	0.48
Hypertension	Hypertension	13.3%	4.2%	0.038
	Diabetes mellitus	11.1%	5.6%	0.20
	Coronary artery disease	6.7%	1.4%	0.09
	History of heart failure	4.4%	0.0%	0.056
History of atrial tachycardia or atrial fibrillation	History of atrial tachycardia or atrial fibrillation	6.6%	0.7%	< 0.001
	Cataracts	80.0%	72.9%	0.34
	Modafinil	28.9%	34.0%	0.52
	Beta-blocker or calcium channel blocker	8.9%	3.5%	0.29
Family history of pacemaker	Family history of pacemaker	20.0%	0.7%	< 0.001
Family history of sudden cardiac death	Family history of sudden cardiac death	26.7%	5.6%	< 0.001
	Syncope or presyncope	6.7%	2.1%	0.27
	Palpitations	6.7%	1.4%	0.01
	Leg extension (kg)	116.2 ± 65.6	113.4 ± 63.5	0.83
	Right grip strength (kg)	16.7 ± 11.7	17.0 ± 11.9	0.89
	Left grip strength (kg)	15.7 ± 11.4	16.6 ± 11.7	0.70
	PR interval (ms)	219 ± 64	174 ± 23	< 0.001
	QRS width (ms)	127 ± 26	96 ± 10	< 0.001
	QTc* (ms)	437 ± 34	411 ± 24	< 0.001
	RBBB	20.0%	2.1%	< 0.001
	LBBB	6.7%	0.0%	0.004
	LAFB	13.3%	6.3%	0.13
	Average HR—Holter (bpm)	69 ± 9	69 ± 8	0.95
	HV Interval	71 ± 17	49 ± 6	0.04
	Left ventricular ejection fraction (%)	56.6 ± 5.1	60.1 ± 4.9	0.01
	CTG repeat length	689 ± 451	474 ± 322	0.01





*All-cause mortality in patients with myotonic dystrophy type 1, classified by the presence or absence of severe electrocardiographic abnormality.*

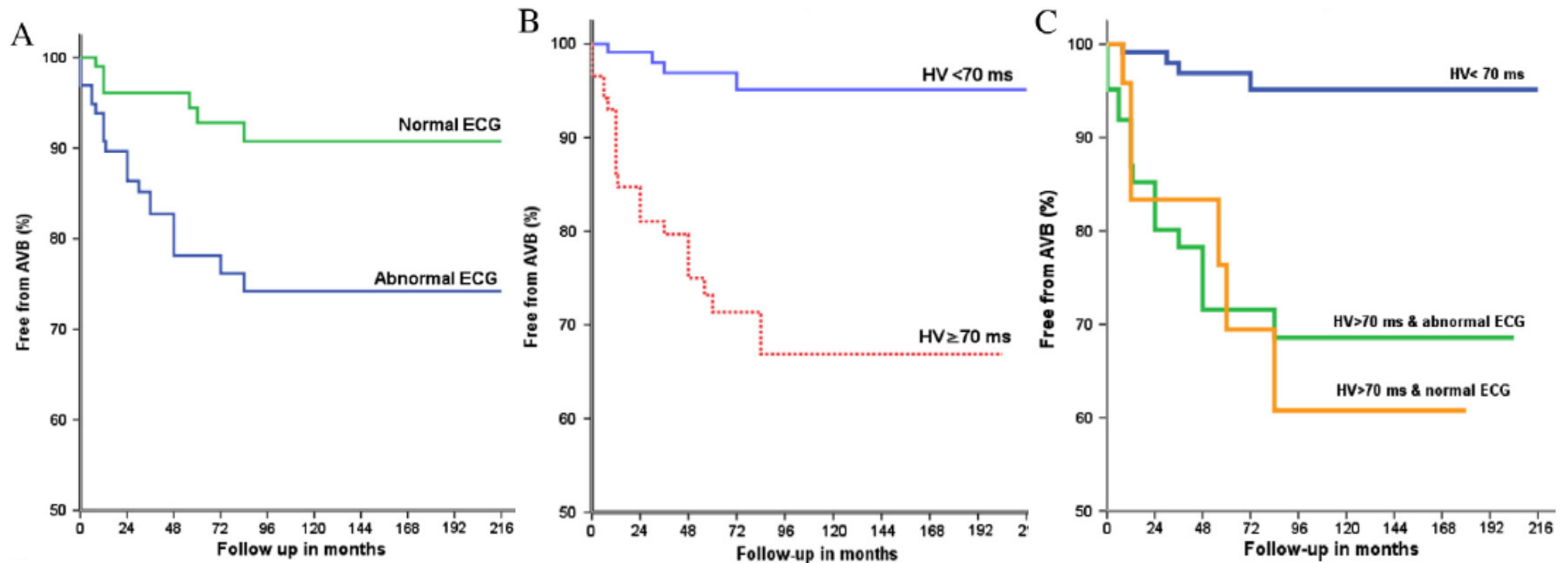
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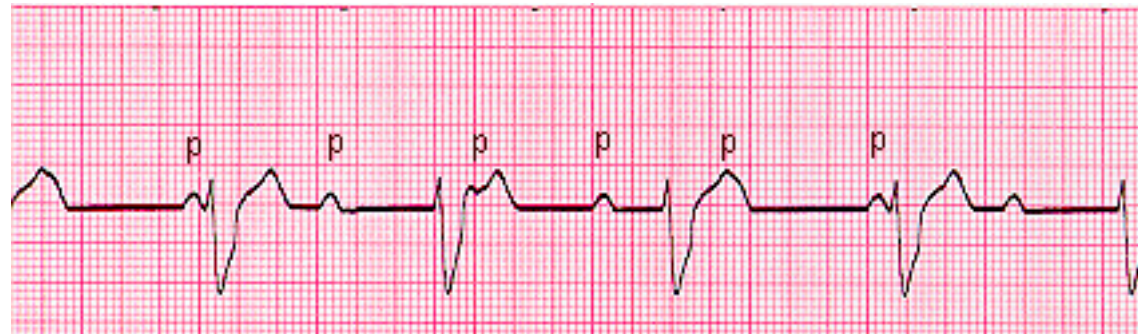
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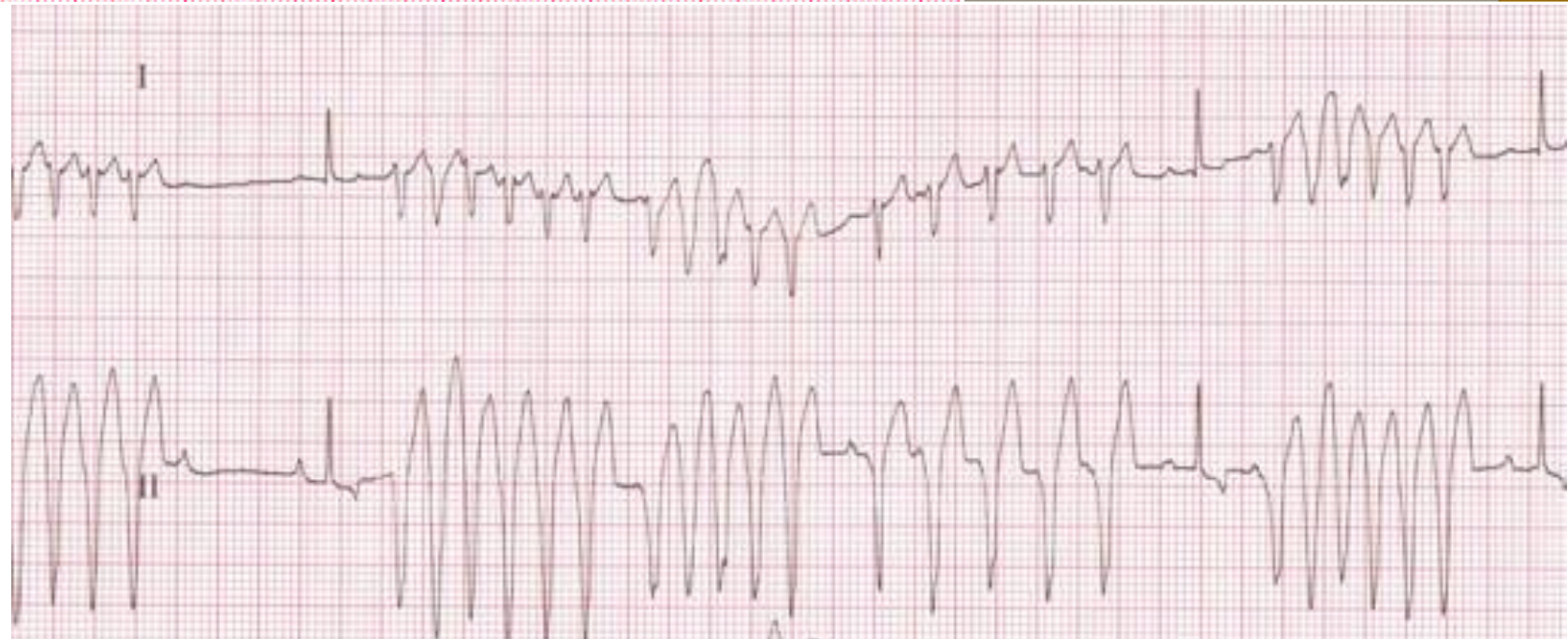
Permanent pacemaker implantation is recommended in patients with neuromuscular diseases and third-degree or advanced second-degree AV block at any anatomical level.	<b>I</b>	<b>B</b>	669
Permanent pacemaker implantation may be considered in patients with myotonic dystrophy type 1 (Steinert disease), Kearns–Sayre syndrome or limb-girdle muscular dystrophy with any degree of AV block (including first-degree) in consideration of the risk of rapid progression.	<b>IIb</b>	<b>B</b>	666, 669–672



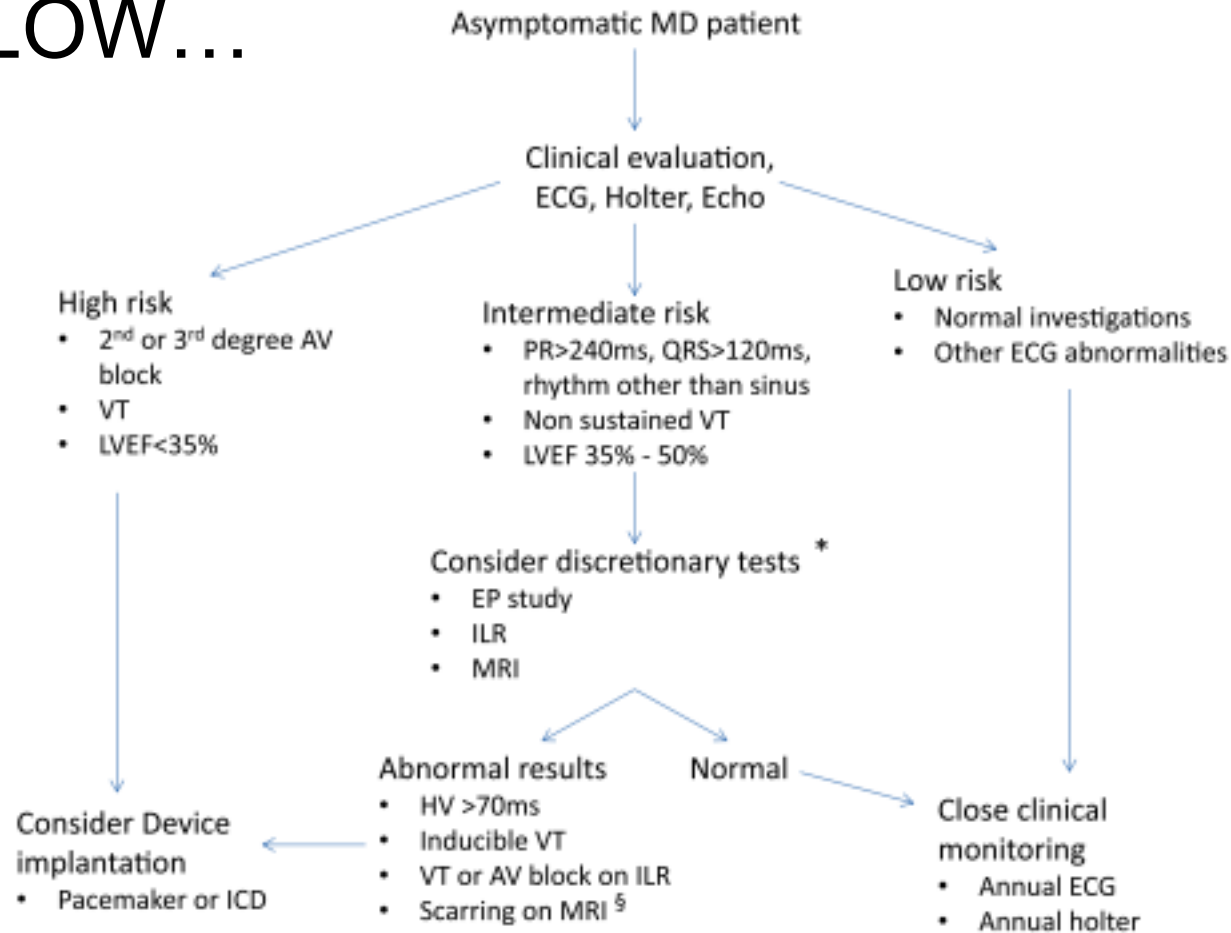
The use of an ICD may be considered in myotonic dystrophy type 1 (Steinert disease), Emery–Dreifuss and limb-girdle type 1B muscular dystrophies when there is an indication for pacing and evidence of ventricular arrhythmias.

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# WORKFLOW...



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### Conclusioni:

- L' ECG rappresenta lo strumento essenziale di valutazione iniziale del paziente
- Il confronto di ECG seriati consente una valutazione semplice e non invasiva di un eventuale coinvolgimento del sistema di conduzione
- In casi selezionati può essere necessario effettuare una valutazione invasiva o richiedere l' utilizzo di sistemi di monitoraggio impiantabili
- Il ruolo dell' imaging ed in particolare della RMN dovrebbe essere maggiormente ampliato
- Raccolta dei dati e la pubblicazione di registri ci aiuterà in futuro a meglio identificare i pazienti che richiedono un intervento e a scegliere il tipo di terapia o dispositivo che meglio si adatta a loro