

## ECG Pearls: Reading & Interpreting Interesting ECGs

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One can take the view that all electrocardiograms (ECGs) are interesting, even the one, which does not display any specific diagnostic features, particularly in the presence of some symptoms or established pathology in the patient from whom the ECG has been recorded. What is interesting in such a case is the mechanism rendering the ECG nondiagnostic. Mechanisms in general, and “reasoning” the ECG curve, than memorizing patterns, are essential in the competent interpretation of the ECGs and in new advances in the field. To maximize the benefit that the audience and the speaker may derive from this scientific interaction the factor of surprise should be retained; thus no mention will be made herein as to what ECG cases will be analyzed at the meeting. At the conclusion of the presentation the participants are welcome to offer their comments, ask questions, or seek clarifications of what has been discussed; also the author looks forward to a feed-back from the audience (either at the meeting or afterwards) about the “method” or “system”, which he employs in the interpretation of ECGs [1].

### SUGGESTED READING

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