Mercy EMS Education

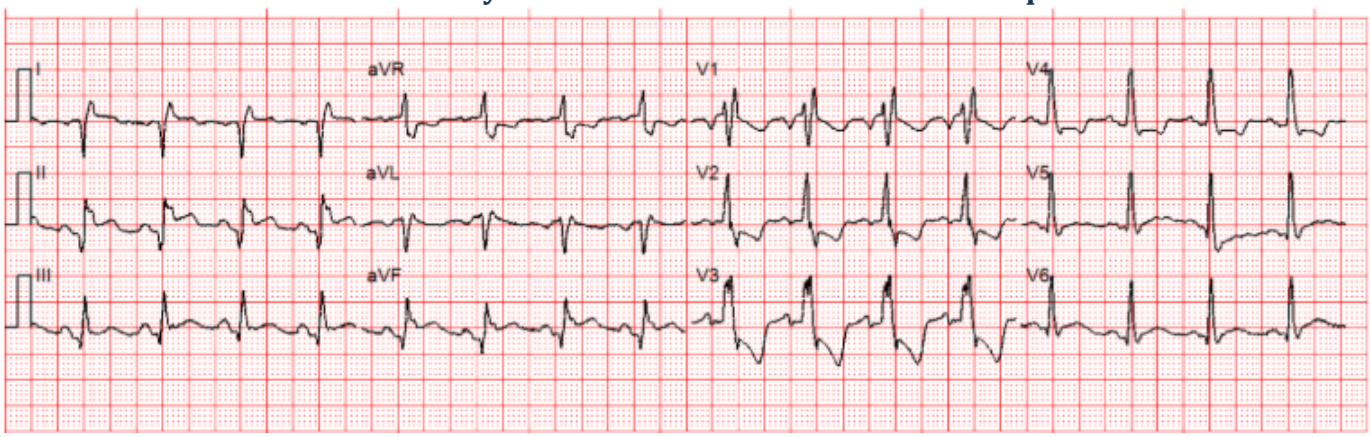
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Remember acute coronary events can present as back pain, neck pain, epigastric pain, nausea or even weakness. Pay close attention to the EKG or subsequent EKG's.



Out of hospital DNR papers must have a physician signature for EMS to follow those orders outside of the hospital. (You may always call for a direct medical control order for those patients that it would be appropriate to follow DNR requests.)

86 y/o with hypertension and back pain could represent cardiac etiology and should be treated with caution:

- **Including EKG, Cardiac monitor and transported by ALS**

Patient with diagnosis of testicular torsion, transferred for immediate surgery, pain of 6/10, given fentanyl prior to our arrival:

- **These patients should be transported by ALS for monitoring after narcotics and monitoring for further pain management.**

Patient with scrotal swelling, scrotal pain often needs ultrasound to diagnosis a difference between infection, torsion, simple trauma swelling, more complex scrotal bleeding. Simple external rash or sexually transmitted illness or lesions typically do not need ultrasound for diagnosis.



