Mercy EMS Education

Clinical Operations Team



Fine Tuning Our Practice

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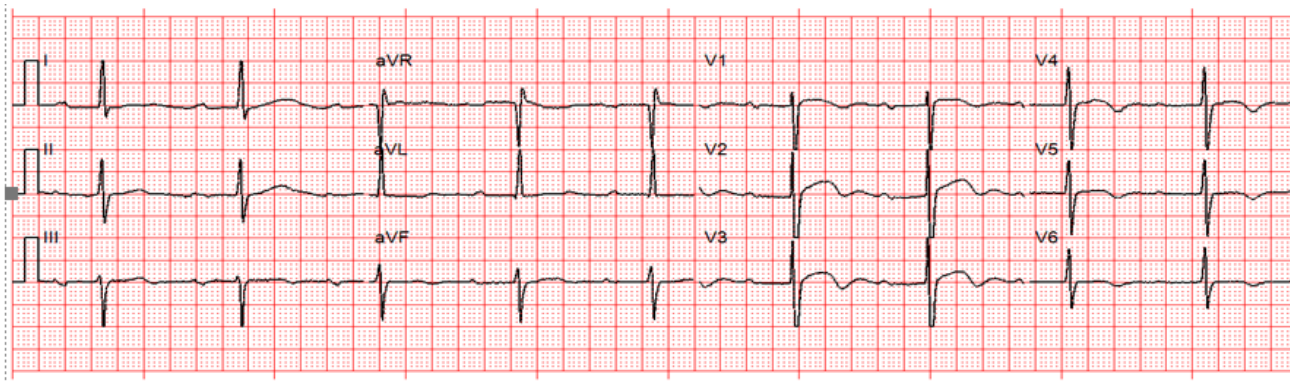
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Current Recommendations

- **Alcohol based hand sanitizer works! Please use before/after/even on your gloves when caring for patients.**
- **Known patients should have full contact precautions (gown, gloves, mask, eye pro)**
- **Bleach based cleaning solution or the Fuzion cleaning spray should be used on all equipment and ambulance.**

Patients with chest pain and the following EKG could represent Wellens suggestive of an acute cardiac emergency.

- **STEMI alert was called appropriately, and this case resulted in an acute thoracic aneurysm.**
- **Great work in finding the EKG abnormality and possibility of Wellens associated heart emergency.**



Patients that report sexual assault, we typically do not remove closing for the paper bag unless there is an emergent reason that the clothing needs removed to provide care:

- **Clothing could become evidence and is preferred that LE or a SANE nurse take custody and bag the clothing.**

Patients being transported with possible lab abnormalities – specifically those with electrolyte abnormalities (potassium, calcium, sodium, etc) should receive an EKG, placed on a monitor and attended by ALS when available:

- **Electrolyte abnormalities can cause conduction and electrical abnormalities.**

