

Wellens Syndrome

Definition

Pre-infarction stage of coronary artery disease suggesting 80-90% LAD occlusion that often progresses to a devastating anterior wall MI.

History/Physical Exam

Following an ischemic event suggestive of unstable angina. ECG findings are generally only visible once patient is pain free.

Key 12-Lead Features

TYPE A: Biphasic T waves, most commonly in leads V2 and V3. Presents with upstroke/down-stroke. Approximately 25% of the time.

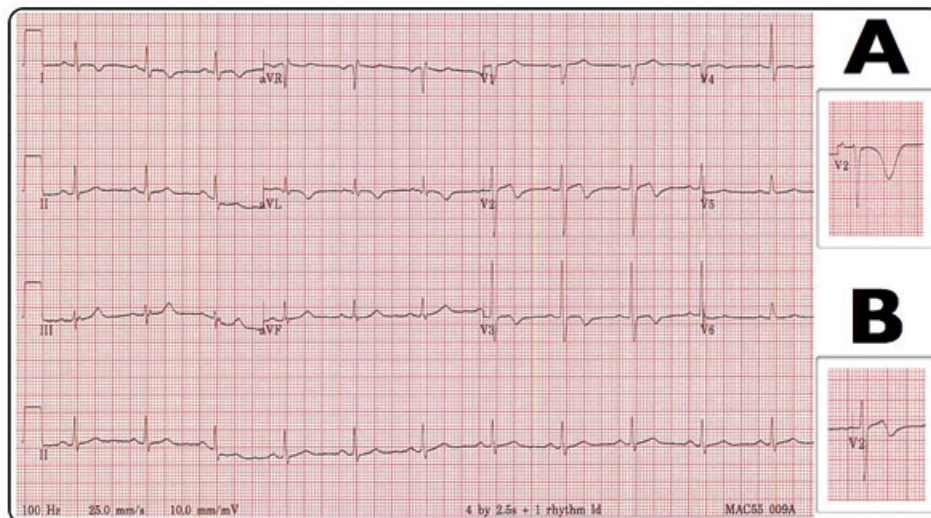
TYPE B: Deep inversion of the T-wave segment in the precordial leads, V1-V4. Approximately 75% of the time.

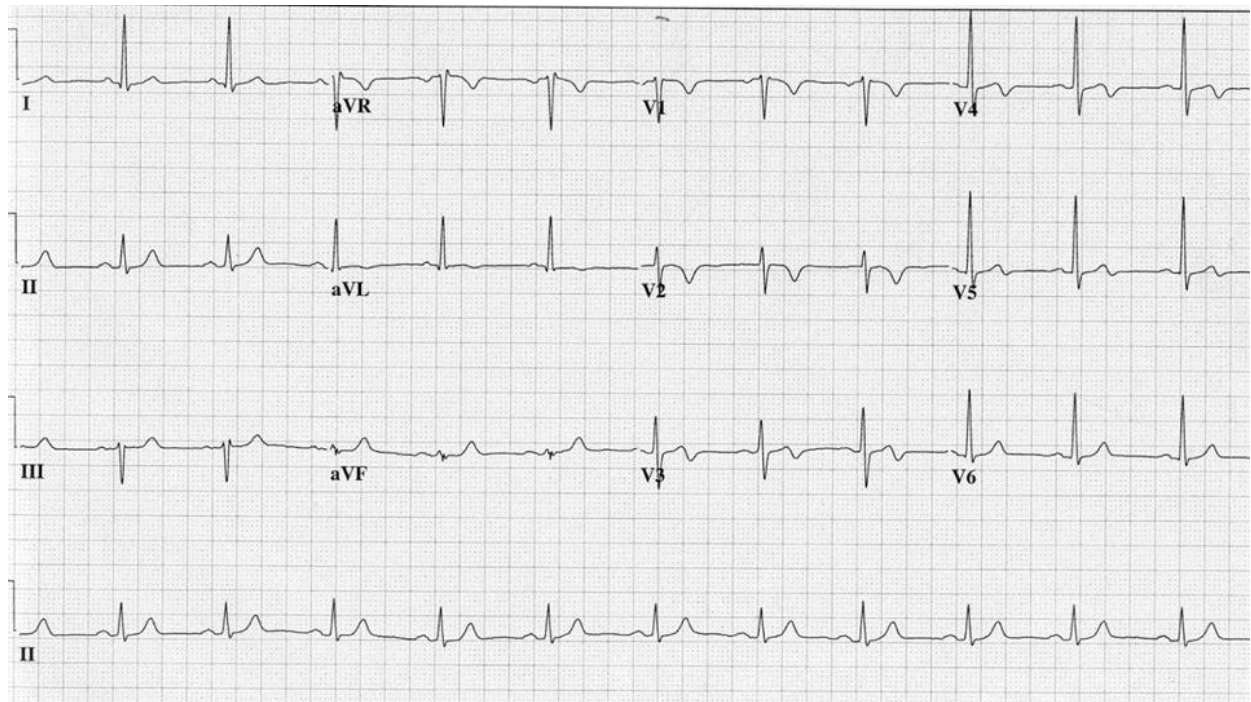
Key Treatment Points

Patient advocacy for a cardiology consult

Monitor for potential emerging STEMI

12 Lead ECG Samples





[Further Reading](#)

References

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