

# ECG Rhythm



# Interpretation

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## Key to Abbreviations:

**AR** = atrial rate by counting P-waves in a 6 second strip. Some will show a second, calculated rate in parenthesis (see VR for more information on calculated rate).\*

**AVB**= atrioventricular block

**BBB**= bundle branch block

**f**= fibrillation waves

**F**= flutter waves

**I** = interpretation of rhythm\*

**NA** = not applicable

**NSR**= normal sinus rhythm

**PAC**= premature atrial contraction

**PJC**= premature junctional contraction

**P:QRS** = number of P's per QRS complex. 1:1 indicates that there is one P wave for each QRS. P>1 means there are more P waves than QRS complexes. P<1 means there are more QRS complexes than P waves.

**PRI** = PR interval

**QRS** = width of QRS

**R** = regularity of rhythm

**RVR**= rapid ventricular response

**SA**= sinus arrhythmia

**SB**= sinus bradycardia

**SR**= sinus rhythm

**VR\*** = V rate determined by counting R waves in a 6 second strip.

\*Alternatively, the V-rate can be calculated by counting the small boxes between R waves and consulting the HR calculation grid (see reference at end of book). In some of the strips this may result in a slightly different interpretation for the rhythm strip. This method can only be used if the rhythm is regular.

Please note: interval measurements are shown in this book to the tenths place value and so may have a trailing zero (shown as 0.10 rather than as 0.1). Your institution may have a policy about this when it comes to your charting on the job. At HCMC, it is policy to not chart trailing zeros.