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An Approach to the Cardiac Implantable Electronic Device Nearing End of Its Life

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Disclosures

- Inexperience
- Lack of confidence
- Inability to match clothes well
- Laugh at my own jokes



Case 1

- 97F admitted with *Corynebacterium* sepsis
- VVI PPM followed at a different centre
- In lieu of her regular appointment, while an inpatient, she is interrogated



System Summary			
Last Program Date:		31-JUL-2007	
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MTR/MSR	-- / --	--	min-1
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Output	2.5 V @	0.40	ms
Sensor	Off		
Clinical Events			
Battery at EOL			
Threshold Test Results			
06-SEP-2016	0.8 V @	0.40	ms
Counters			
Since	06-SEP-2016		
	S = 3 %	P = 97 %	
Battery Status			
Current Status	EOL		
Magnet Rate		85	min-1
Longevity Remaining		<0.5	years
● Current Pacing Percentage(s)			



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- What do you recommend for this patient?
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Battery Status			
Current Status	Good		
Magnet Rate	100 min-1		
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AP 0%
VP 1%



Case 2

- What would you recommend for this patient?
 - A. Go ahead with a DDD PPM pack change
 - B. Tell her she obviously does not need her pacemaker and take the current device out (and cap the leads)
 - C. Tell her she obviously does not need her pacemaker and leave the device in situ
 - D. You need more information

Case 3



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- 85F with poor functional status is seen in routine pacemaker clinic follow-up
- She has a VVI PPM implanted 6yrs earlier
- Her other past medical history includes stroke, dementia (fully dependent)



Underlying Heart Rhythm: Complete Heart Block

Rate: < 40 bpm

Dependancy: 4

Ventricular Capture Threshold: 0.70 V @ 0.40 ms

Ventricular Sensing Threshold: No R waves detected

Final Settings: 1.2 V (Auto) @ 0.40 ms @ 2.50 mV

Minimum Pacing Rate: 60 ppm Maximum Sensor Rate: 130 ppm

Nurse's Comments: Device has reached Elective Replacement Indicator (ERI). Magnet noted at 90 min-1, longevity recorded at 1.0 year.

Pre-op and OR date will be arranged by resource nurse.

Magnet rate, lead impedance and battery voltage were appropriate.

No R-waves sensed, stable thresholds on testing.

Diagnostics indicated pacing at 100% with limited rate distribution noted on the Histogram.

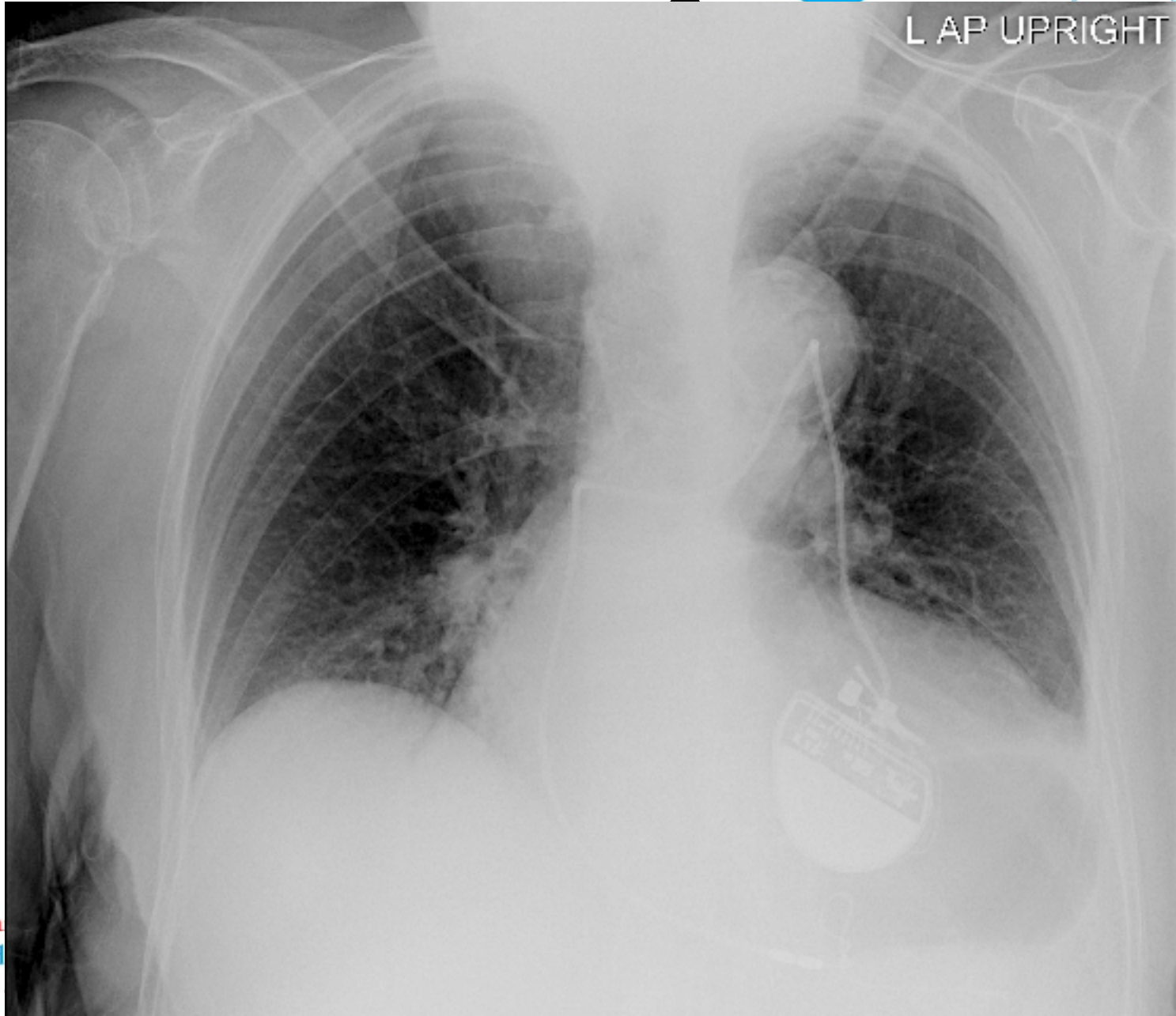
Arrhythmia logbook recorded 2 episodes, EGM's appear to have recorded noise on the lead,

Pacemaker incision site is satisfactory.

Device is visible and prominent beneath the skin, no erosion noted.



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Case 3

- What would you recommend?
 - A. Proceed with pack change and attempt a new RV lead
 - B. Proceed with pack change only
 - C. Recommend against any procedures in this woman
 - D. You need more information

Case 4



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- 84F with DDD PPM comes for routine visit
- Her medications include apixaban, HCTZ, candesartan, acetaminophen

Brady Parameters

Mode	Initial Value VVIR	Present Value VVIR
Lower Rate Limit	60	60 min-1
Max Tracking Rate	--	-- min-1
Max Sensor Rate	130	130 min-1
AV Delay (paced)	--	-- ms
Atrial		
Pulse Width	--	-- ms
Amplitude	--	-- V
Sensitivity	--	-- mV
Refractory (PVARP)	--	-- ms
Ventricular		
Pulse Width	0.60	0.60 ms
Amplitude	3.0	3.0 V
Sensitivity	1.0	1.0 mV
Refractory	250	250 ms

AV Delay

	Initial Value	Present Value
Dynamic AV Delay	--	--
Maximum Delay	--	-- ms
Minimum Delay	--	-- ms
Sensed AV Offset	--	-- ms

Sensor(s)

	Initial Value	Present Value
Accelerometer	On	On
Activity Threshold	Medium	Medium
Reaction Time	20	20 sec
Response Factor	8	8
Recovery Time	5	5 min



Measured Data- Lead Impedance				
Date of last test	Atrial		Ventricular	
	Previous	Present	Previous	Present
	11-JAN-2017		11-JAN-2017	
Impedance	680		820	
Amplitude	3.5		3.0	
Pulse Width	0.60		0.60	
Current	5		4	
Lead Config. (paced)	Bipolar		Bipolar	
Energy	10.8		6.6	

Measured Data- Intrinsic Amplitude		
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Chamber Tested	Atrium	
Measured Amplitude	2.4	mV
Lead Configuration (sensed)	Bipolar	

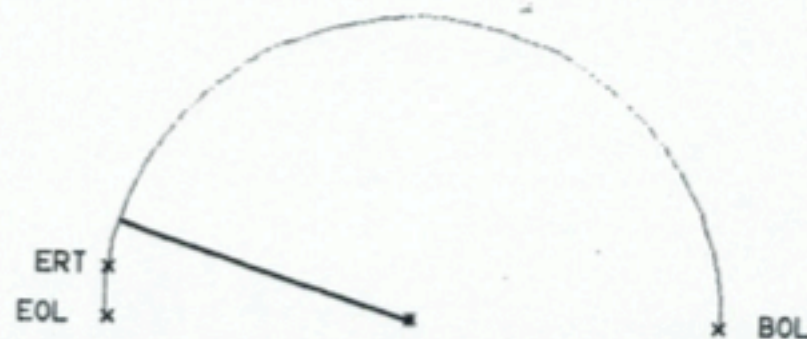
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	11-JAN-2017	
Chamber Tested	Ventricle	
Measured Amplitude	4.4	mV
Lead Configuration (sensed)	Bipolar	



Counters		
Date of Last Reset	11-JAN-2017	
		Since Last Reset
Paced and Sensed		
A-sensed / V-sensed	50 %	1.3M
A-sensed / V-paced	50 %	1.4M
A-paced / V-sensed	0 %	0
A-paced / V-paced	0 %	0
Atrial		
Paced	0 %	0
Sensed	0 %	0
Ventricular		
Paced	50 %	1.4M
Sensed	50 %	1.3M
A-Tachy Response	x	0
Mode Switches		
Total Time	0 %	0.0 min
Maximum Time		0.0 min
Average Time		0.0 min
Ectopic Beats		
PACs		0
Single or Double PVCs		0
Three or More PVCs		0
Atrial Tachy Detections		0
Ventricular Tachy Detections		0
Rate Hysteresis		
Searches		0
Successful Searches		0
Pacemaker Wenckebach Counters		0

Battery Status

	Previous	Present	
Date of last test	11-JAN-2017		
Battery Status	Good	Good	
Magnet Rate	90	90	
Longevity Remaining		<0.5	min- year
⊗ Current Pacing Percentage(s)			



BOL- Beginning of life
ERT- Elective Replacement Time
EOL- End of Life

Case 4



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- What would you recommend?
 - A. Proceed with DDD PPM pack change
 - B. Other

Case 5

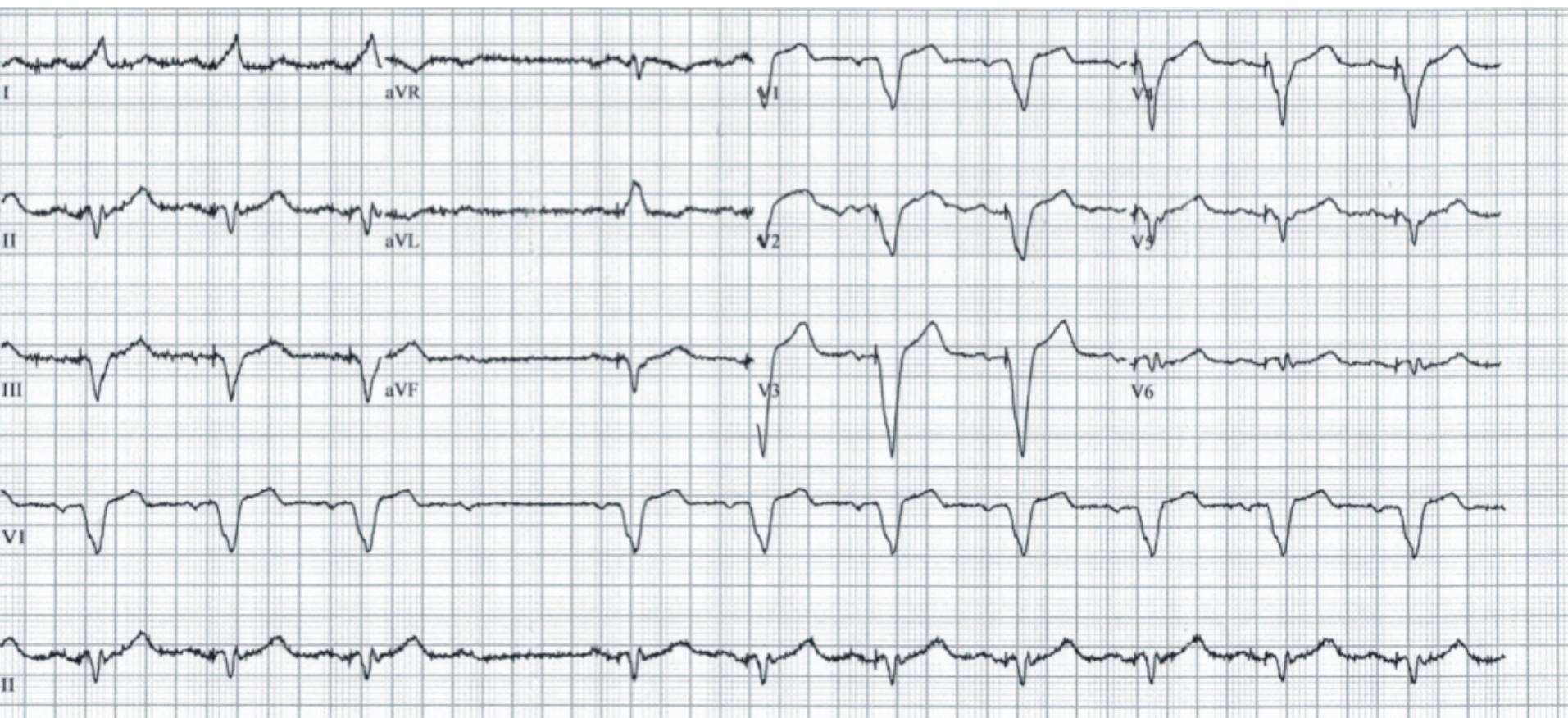


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- 66M with DDD PPM for complete AV block approaching ERI
- Dependent on RV
- Has been getting recent syncopal episodes



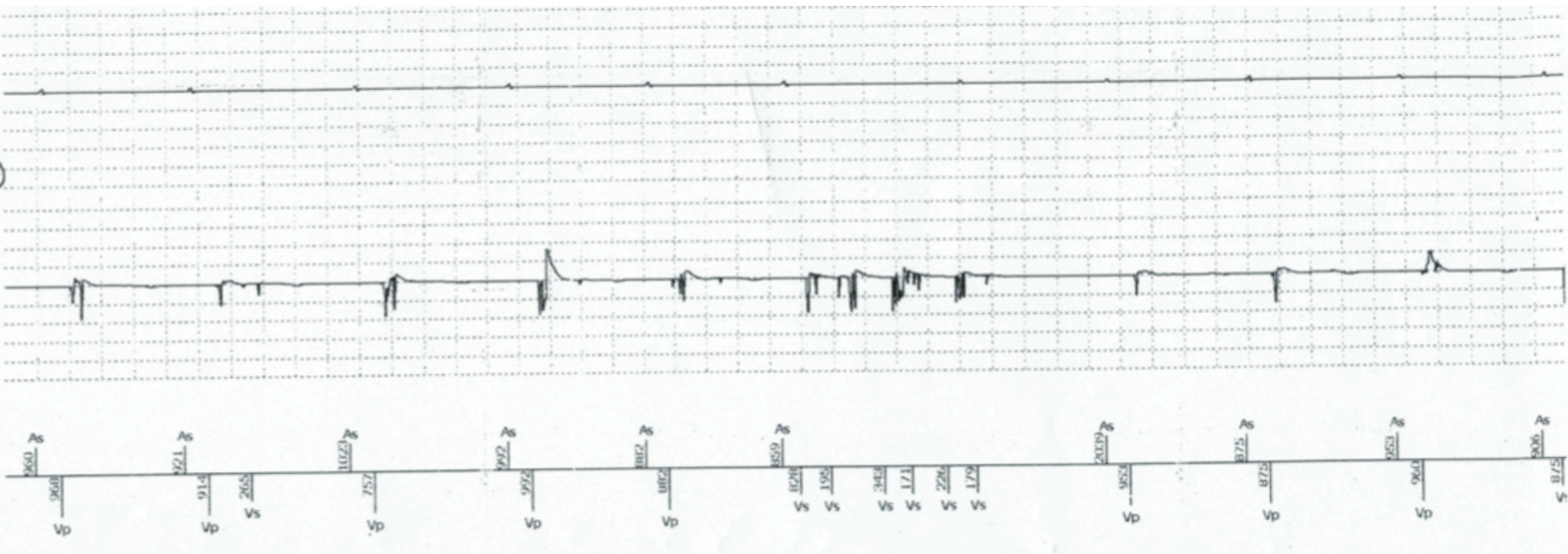
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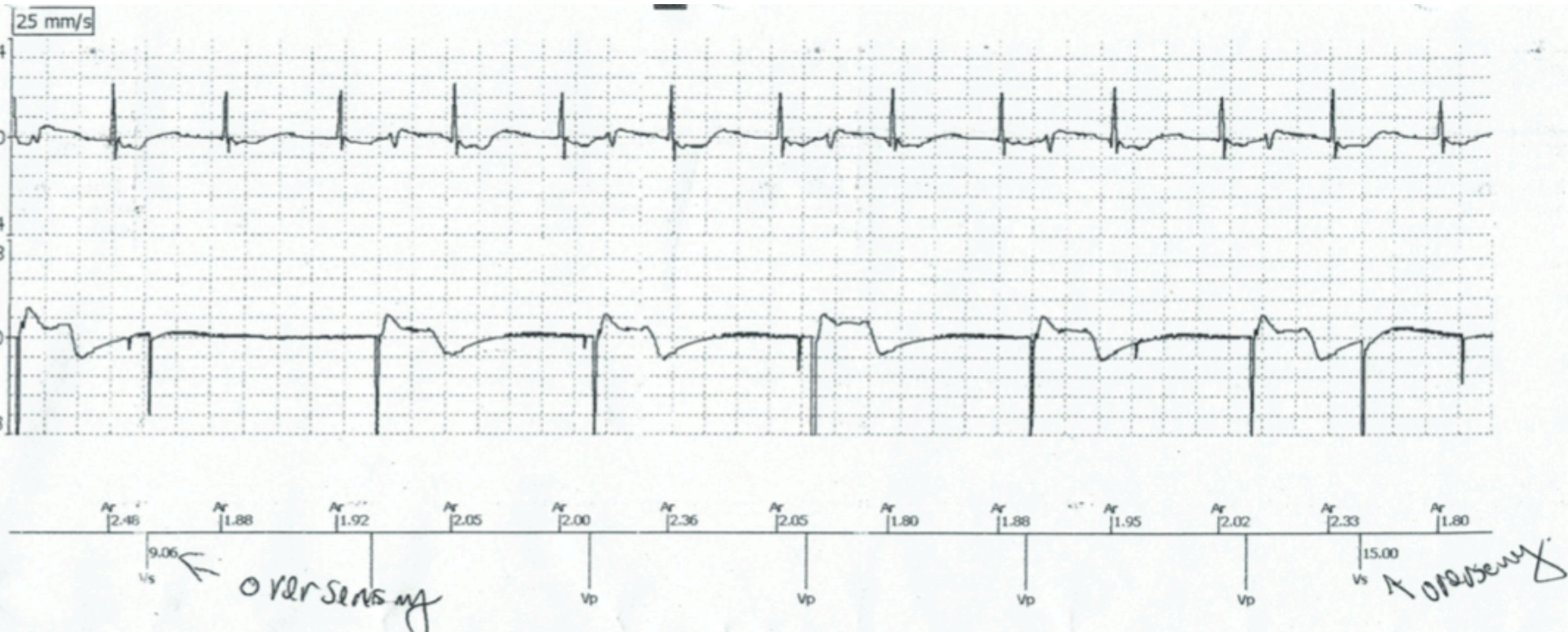
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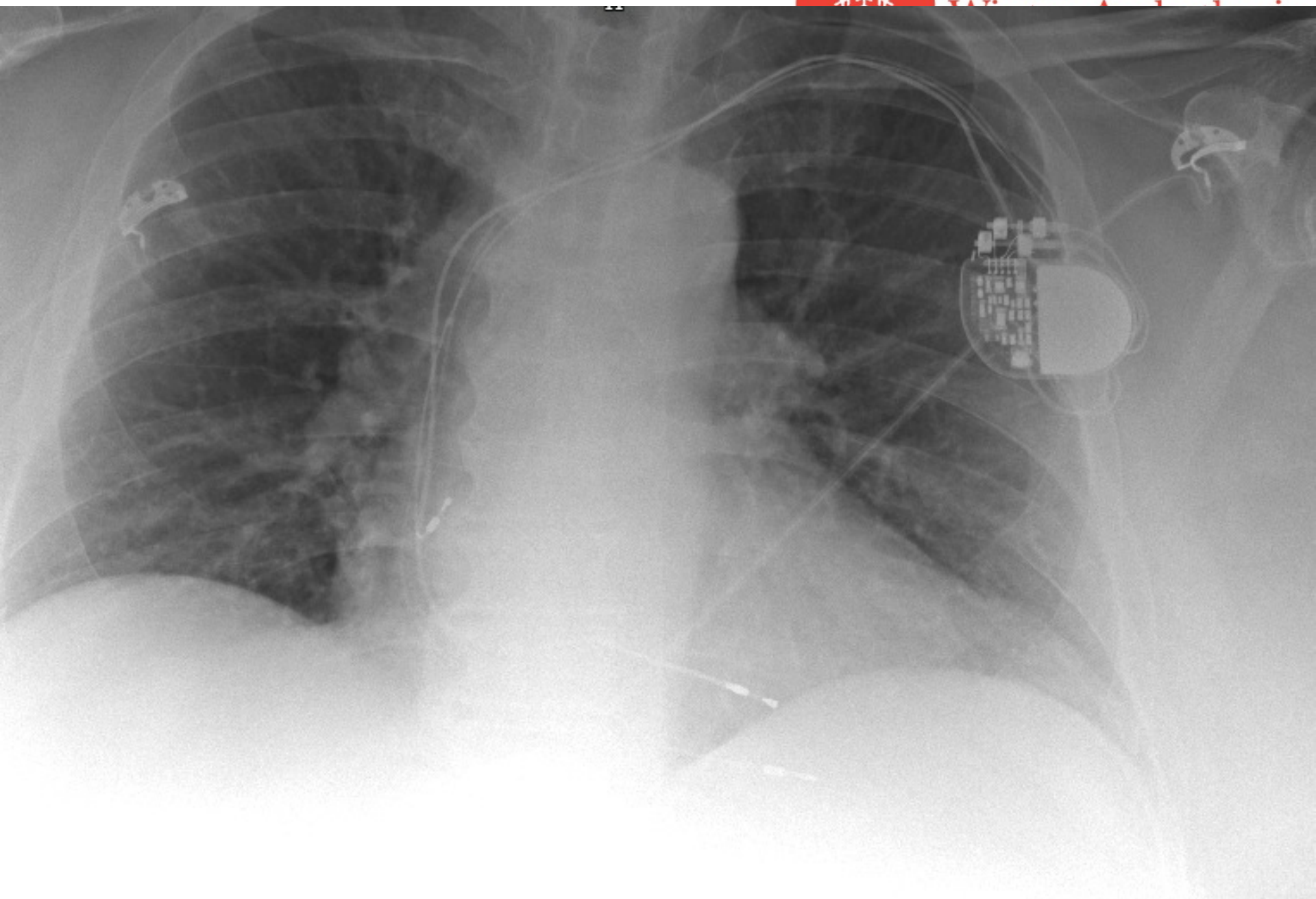


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- What would you recommend?
 - A. Proceed with DDD PPM pack change and new RV lead and cap the old RV lead
 - B. Proceed with lead extraction, new device and RV lead
 - C. Proceed with new DDD PPM on the right side



Case 6

- 65M with DDD PPM for complete AV block tripped ERI last month
- Dependent on the RV
- At implant, had normal LV function
- 2 years ago had angiogram because of LV dysfunction (LVEF 40%), no HF

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- What would you recommend?
 - A. Proceed with DDD PPM pack change
 - B. Proceed with CRT-D upgrade by adding RV and LV leads
 - C. Proceed with CRT-P upgrade by adding LV lead
 - D. You need more information



Terminology

- ERI = elective replacement indicator
- ERN = elective replacement near
- ERT = estimated replacement time
- RRT = recommended replacement time
- EOL = end of life

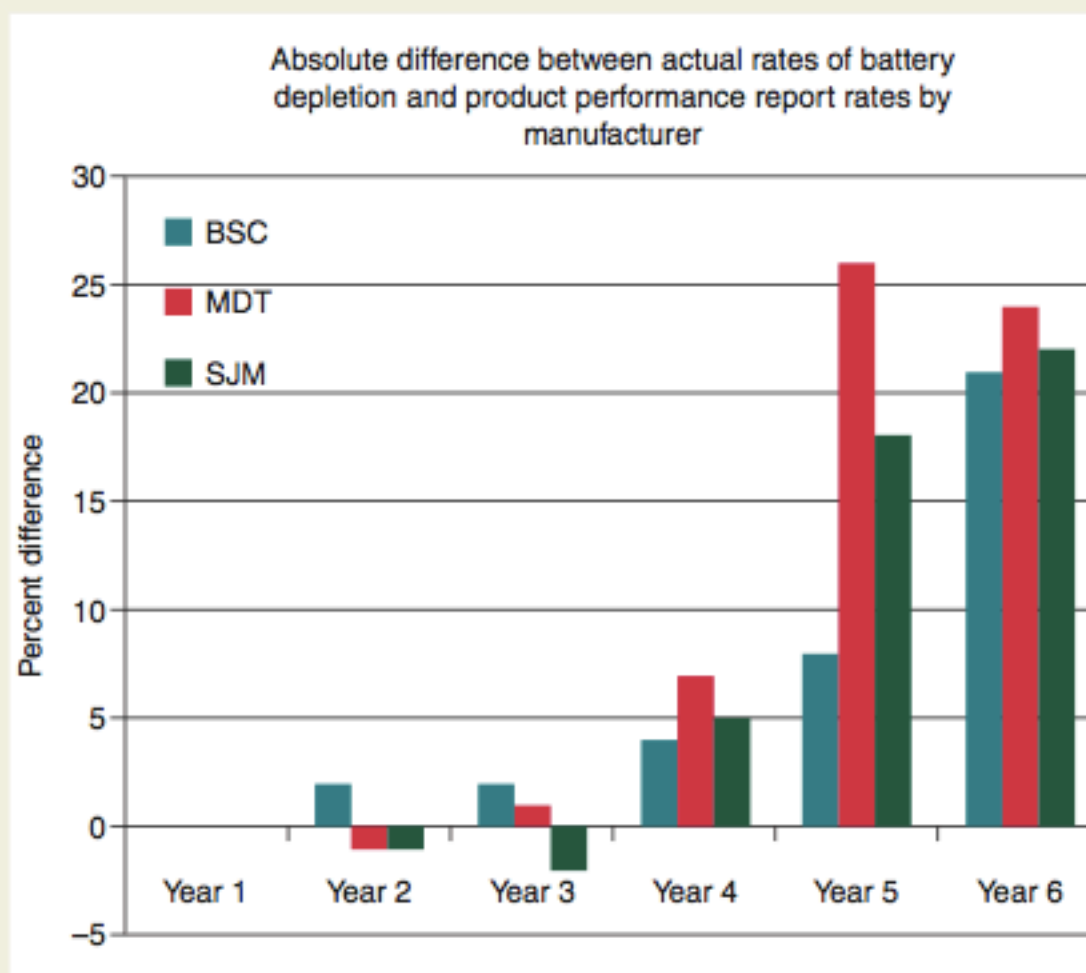


Figure 2 Bar graph showing the absolute difference in battery longevity between the measured longevity according to our data and the product performance report estimated longevity as published by each device manufacturer for each year after device implantation. Note the an increase in absolute overestimation by the product performance report particularly past 4 years from implantation.

Economic impact of longer battery life of cardiac resynchronization therapy defibrillators in Sweden

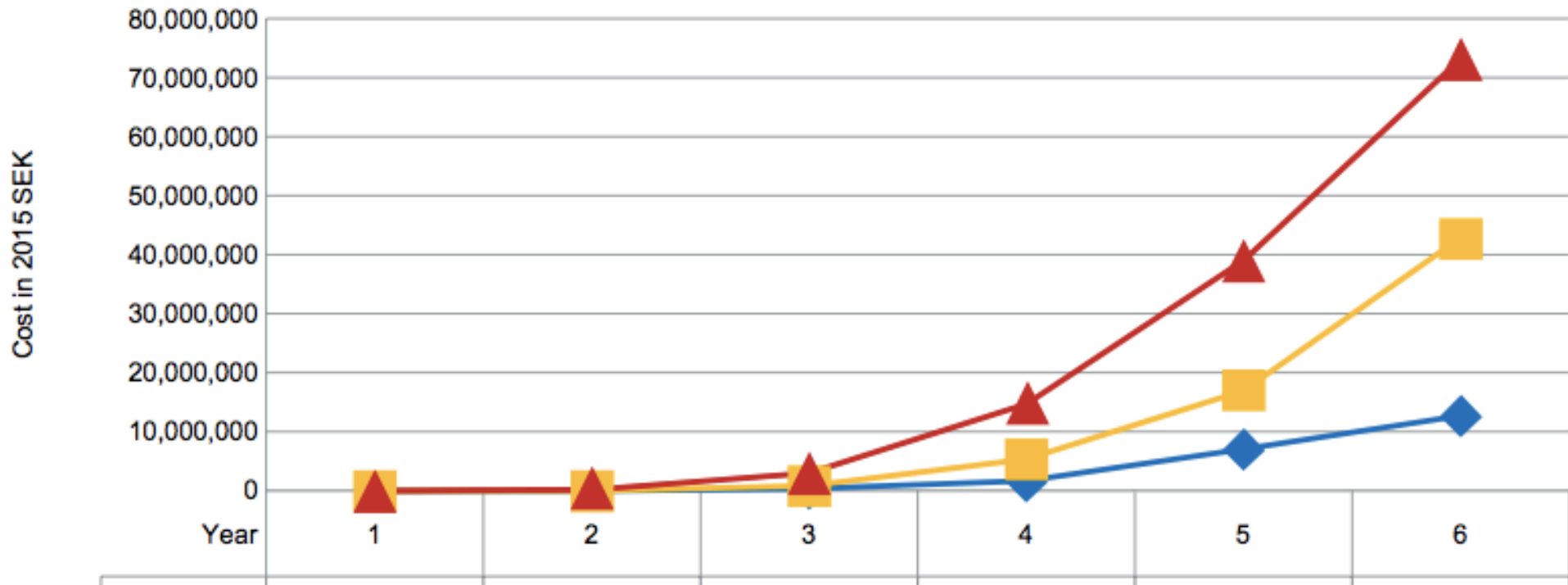
Event-free battery survival
(ie, percentage of devices with
functional batteries and not
requiring replacement)²²

Year 1	100.000	100.000	100.000
Year 2	100.000	100.000	99.727
Year 3	99.180	98.361	94.812
Year 4	97.246	90.687	77.596
Year 5	88.048	75.410	51.639
Year 6	87.978	40.816	31.694



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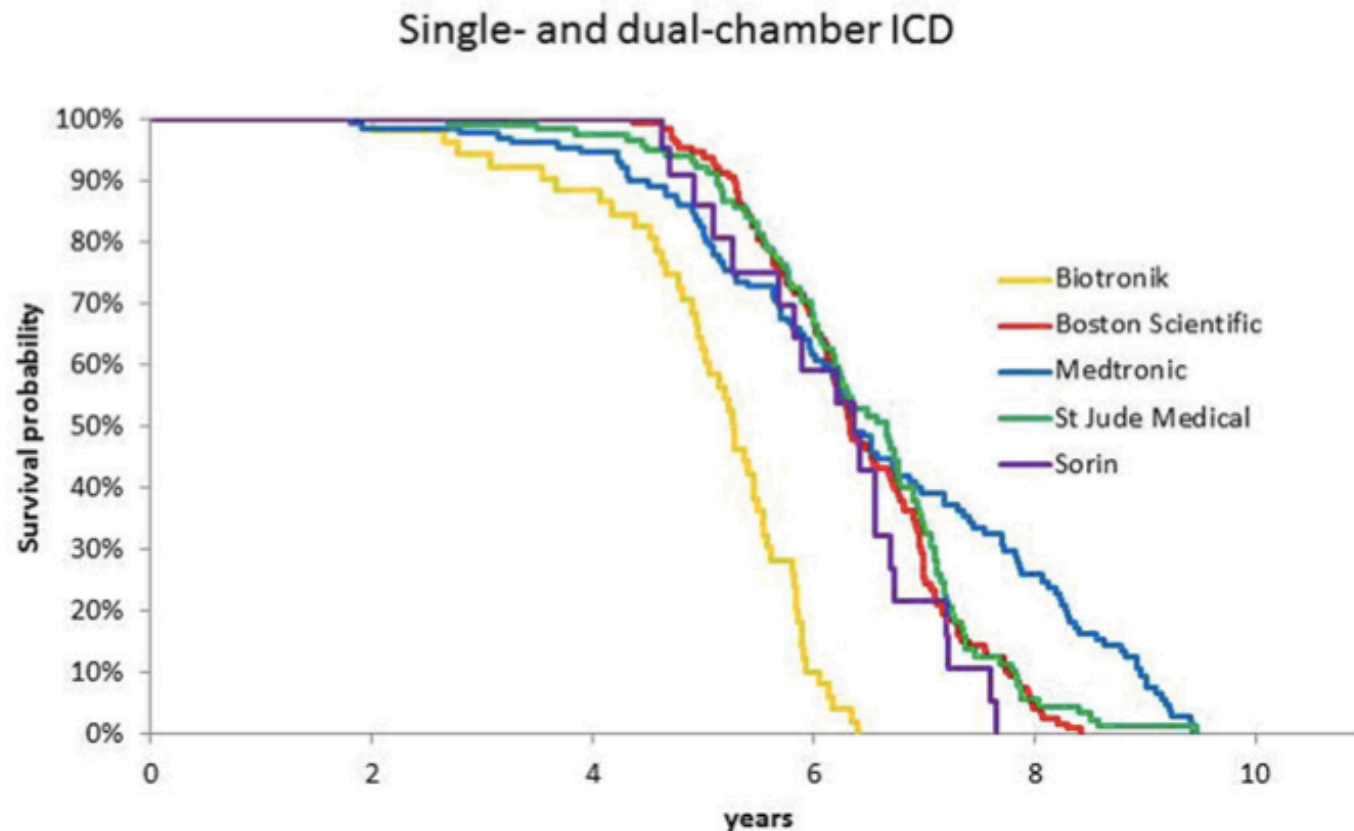
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Device Longevity in a Contemporary Cohort of ICD/CRT-D Patients Undergoing Device Replacement

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BOL Beginning of Life	GOOD	100 ppm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expected battery status at implant. All device features are available. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Normal implant and pre-discharge monitoring.
Gauge points between BOL and ERT	GOOD	100 ppm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corresponds to a battery status gauge that is greater than ERT. All device features are available. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Normal follow-up schedule per individual clinic guidelines.
	GOOD	90 ppm ERN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elective Replacement Near ERN is not a permanent/latching indicator, and will not appear on the battery status line (GOOD will appear). A Magnet Rate of 90ppm may revert to 100ppm with decreased pacing demands or programming changes. All device features remain available. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approximately one year or less remaining to ERT. Intensified follow-up is recommended.
ERT Elective Replacement Time	ERT	85 ppm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mode will change to a non-adaptive-rate mode (i.e., DDDR to DDD, VVIR to VVI). The following features will be disabled: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sensors Trending Event Markers EP Test Stored and Real-time EGMs Beat-to-beat Autocapture Activity Log Commanded Autothreshold The ERT indicator is a permanent state. Even with decreased pacing demands or programming changes, the device will not revert to ERN or GOOD. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schedule replacement. <p>NOTE: Unlike Boston Scientific defibrillators, Boston Scientific pacemakers do not include a beeper to indicate replacement time.</p>
EOL End of Life	EOL	≤ 85 ppm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three months after ERT, as the battery continues to deplete, the device will reach EOL. EOL is a permanent state. Even with decreased pacing demands or programming changes, the device will not revert back to ERT, ERN or GOOD. Dual-chamber pacemakers will change modes to single-chamber operation (DDD and VDD to VVI). The lower rate limit will be lowered to 50 ppm and as the battery continues to deplete, the pacing amplitude will decrease. Telemetry is not guaranteed. The following additional features will be disabled: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dual-chamber Rate Smoothing Threshold Test Histograms Lead impedance measurements P & R wave measurements Arrhythmia logbook Event Counters Temporary parameters Quick Check 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three months after ERT, the device will reach EOL. Schedule replacement immediately, as pacing capture and telemetry are no longer guaranteed.



20mos, <8 - 32mos

50% up to 20mos

vast majority more at least 8mos

minority more than 32mos



ended interval nths)	Battery impedance displayed at last follow-up (kOhms)												
	1.0 kΩ	1.5 kΩ	2.0 kΩ	2.5 kΩ	3.0 kΩ	3.5 kΩ	4.0 kΩ	4.5 kΩ	5.0 kΩ	5.5 kΩ	6.0 kΩ	6.5 kΩ	7.0 kΩ
34 M	12 M	12 M	12 M	12 M	12 M	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
33 M	12 M	12 M	12 M	12 M	12 M	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
32 M	12 M	12 M	12 M	12 M	12 M	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
31 M	12 M	12 M	12 M	12 M	12 M	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
30 M	12 M	12 M	12 M	12 M	12 M	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
29 M	12 M	12 M	12 M	12 M	12 M	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
28 M	12 M	12 M	12 M	12 M	12 M	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
27 M	12 M	12 M	12 M	9 M	9 M	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
26 M	12 M	12 M	9 M	9 M	9 M	12 M	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
25 M	12 M	12 M	9 M	9 M	9 M	9 M	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
24 M	12 M	12 M	9 M	9 M	9 M	9 M	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
23 M	12 M	9 M	9 M	9 M	9 M	9 M	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
22 M	12 M	9 M	9 M	9 M	9 M	9 M	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
21 M	12 M	9 M	9 M	6 M	9 M	9 M	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
20 M	9 M	9 M	6 M	6 M	6 M	9 M	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
19 M	9 M	9 M	6 M	6 M	6 M	6 M	9 M	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
18 M	9 M	9 M	6 M	6 M	6 M	6 M	6 M	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
17 M	9 M	6 M	6 M	6 M	6 M	6 M	6 M	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
16 M	9 M	6 M	6 M	6 M	6 M	6 M	6 M	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
15 M	6 M	6 M	6 M	6 M	6 M	6 M	6 M	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
14 M	6 M	6 M	6 M	3 M	3 M	6 M	6 M	6 M	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
13 M	6 M	6 M	3 M	3 M	3 M	3 M	6 M	6 M	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
12 M	6 M	3 M	3 M	3 M	3 M	3 M	6 M	6 M	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
11 M	6 M	3 M	3 M	3 M	3 M	3 M	3 M	3 M	6 M	NA	NA	NA	NA
10 M	3 M	3 M	3 M	3 M	3 M	3 M	3 M	3 M	3 M	NA	NA	NA	NA
9 M	3 M	3 M	3 M	3 M	3 M	3 M	3 M	3 M	3 M	NA	NA	NA	NA
8 M	3 M	3 M	3 M	3 M	3 M	3 M	3 M	3 M	3 M	3 M	NA	NA	NA
7 M	3 M	3 M	ASAP	ASAP	ASAP	ASAP	3 M	3 M	3 M	3 M	NA	NA	NA
6 M	3 M	ASAP	ASAP	ASAP	ASAP	ASAP	ASAP	3 M	3 M	3 M	ASAP	NA	NA
5 M	ASAP	ASAP	ASAP	ASAP	ASAP	ASAP	ASAP	ASAP	ASAP	ASAP	ASAP	ASAP	NA
4 M	ASAP	ASAP	ASAP	ASAP	ASAP	ASAP	ASAP	ASAP	ASAP	ASAP	ASAP	ASAP	ASAP



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- Patient usage (dependency, shocks)
- Programming features
- Lead characteristics (threshold and impedance)
- Probability



Approach

- PPM vs ICD



- History
- Examination
- Device
- Investigations



History

- Symptoms
 - symptoms of too slow
 - symptoms of too fast
 - symptoms of heart failure
 - symptoms of the device
- Allergies
- Past Medical History
- Medications
 - oral anticoagulation
 - dual antiplatelet agents

Examination



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- Site
- Signs of heart failure

Device



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1. Prior Implant (access, submuscular, complic)
2. Battery Longevity
3. Do the leads work?
 - threshold, sensing, impedance
 - ***bipolar vs unipolar configuration***
4. Does the patient work?
 - %pacing and dependency (-> is a spectrum)
 - histogram
 - new important episodes



Investigations

- ECG -> always a good idea
- Preprocedure bloodwork
 - creatinine is often the new INR



Major Decisions

1. Does the patient still need a device?
2. Does the patient need the same device?
 - consider upgrade to CRT if
 - LV dysfunction
 - high degree of pacing or underlying LBBB
 - NYHA ≥ 2
 - consider upgrade to ICD if
 - LVEF $\leq 35\%$
 - sustained VT



Decision Aides

- ECHO
- MUGA
- 6 Minute Walk Test



Major Decisions

3. Does the patient need new leads?

ALWAYS A BALANCE

BENEFITS

- old lead drains battery?
- requires AV synchrony?
- lower inf risk concurrently?
- are the old leads on advisory?

RISKS

- new lead same/worse?
- PNX/perf/dislodg?
- slightly higher inf risk?



Risk of infection

- No Device
- New Device
- Pack Change
- Upgrade or Revision

**HIGHER
RISK**





Major Decisions

4. Does the patient need fewer leads?
 - capping an RA lead
 - capping an LV lead
 - downgrading from ICD to PPM
 - end of life, LV recovery, changing evidence

5. Does the patient need a new site?
 - ie: pocket revision, submuscular implant



Major Decisions

6. Timing?

- longevity
- dependency
- travel
- recent/upcoming medical issues



Perioperative Issues

- Anticoagulation management
- Needs a temporary pacemaker?
- Follow-up afterwards (especially if upgraded)



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Final Settings: 1.2 V (Auto) @ 0.40 ms @ 2.50 mV

Minimum Pacing Rate: 60 ppm Maximum Sensor Rate: 130 ppm

Nurse's Comments: Device has reached Elective Replacement Indicator (ERI). Magnet noted at 90 min-1, longevity recorded at 1.0 year.

Pre-op and OR date will be arranged by resource nurse.

Magnet rate, lead impedance and battery voltage were appropriate.

No R-waves sensed, stable thresholds on testing.

Diagnostics indicated pacing at 100% with limited rate distribution noted on the Histogram.

Arrhythmia logbook recorded 2 episodes, EGM's appear to have recorded noise on the lead,

Pacemaker incision site is satisfactory.

Device is visible and prominent beneath the skin, no erosion noted.

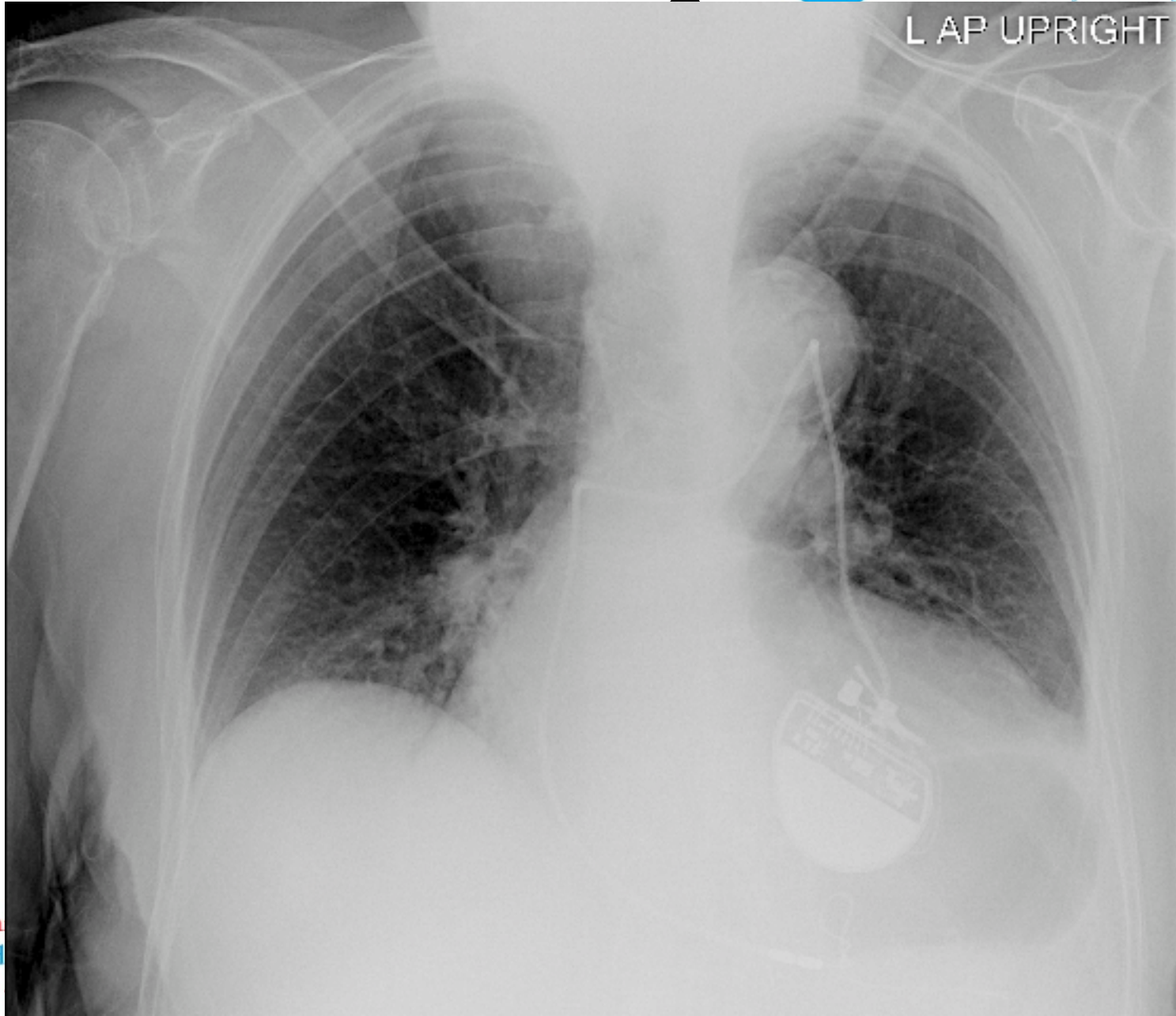
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Case 3

- What would you recommend?
 - A. Proceed with pack change and attempt a new RV lead
 - B. Proceed with pack change only
 - C. Recommend against any procedures in this woman
 - D. You need more information

Case 4



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- 84F with DDD PPM comes for routine visit
- Her medications include apixaban, HCTZ, candesartan, acetaminophen

Brady Parameters		
Mode	Initial Value VVIR	Present Value VVIR
Lower Rate Limit	60	60 min-1
Max Tracking Rate	--	-- min-1
Max Sensor Rate	130	130 min-1
AV Delay (paced)	--	-- ms
Atrial		
Pulse Width	--	-- ms
Amplitude	--	-- V
Sensitivity	--	-- mV
Refractory (PVARP)	--	-- ms
Ventricular		
Pulse Width	0.60	0.60 ms
Amplitude	3.0	3.0 V
Sensitivity	1.0	1.0 mV
Refractory	250	250 ms

AV Delay		
	Initial Value	Present Value
Dynamic AV Delay	--	--
Maximum Delay	--	-- ms
Minimum Delay	--	-- ms
Sensed AV Offset	--	-- ms

Sensor(s)		
	Initial Value	Present Value
Accelerometer	On	On
Activity Threshold	Medium	Medium
Reaction Time	20	20 sec
Response Factor	8	8
Recovery Time	5	5 min



Measured Data- Lead Impedance				
Date of last test	Atrial		Ventricular	
	Previous	Present	Previous	Present
	11-JAN-2017		11-JAN-2017	
Impedance	680		820	
Amplitude	3.5		3.0	
Pulse Width	0.60		0.60	
Current	5		4	
Lead Config. (paced)	Bipolar		Bipolar	
Energy	10.8		6.6	

Measured Data- Intrinsic Amplitude		
Date of last test	Previous	Present
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Chamber Tested	Atrium	
Measured Amplitude	2.4	mV
Lead Configuration (sensed)	Bipolar	

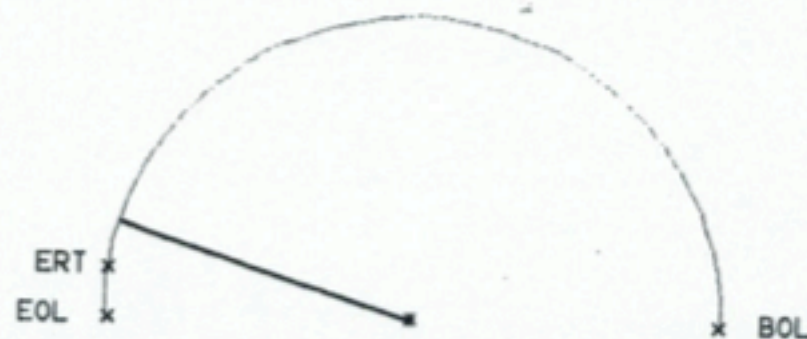
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Date of last test	Previous	Present
	11-JAN-2017	
Chamber Tested	Ventricle	
Measured Amplitude	4.4	mV
Lead Configuration (sensed)	Bipolar	



Counters		
Date of Last Reset	11-JAN-2017	
		Since Last Reset
Paced and Sensed		
A-sensed / V-sensed	50 %	1.3M
A-sensed / V-paced	50 %	1.4M
A-paced / V-sensed	0 %	0
A-paced / V-paced	0 %	0
Atrial		
Paced	0 %	0
Sensed	0 %	0
Ventricular		
Paced	50 %	1.4M
Sensed	50 %	1.3M
A-Tachy Response	x	0
Mode Switches		
Total Time	0 %	0.0 min
Maximum Time		0.0 min
Average Time		0.0 min
Ectopic Beats		
PACs		0
Single or Double PVCs		0
Three or More PVCs		0
Atrial Tachy Detections		0
Ventricular Tachy Detections		0
Rate Hysteresis		
Searches		0
Successful Searches		0
Pacemaker Wenckebach Counters		0

Battery Status

	Previous	Present	
Date of last test	11-JAN-2017		
Battery Status	Good	Good	
Magnet Rate	90	90	
Longevity Remaining		<0.5	min- year
⊗ Current Pacing Percentage(s)			



BOL- Beginning of life
ERT- Elective Replacement Time
EOL- End of Life

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- What would you recommend?
 - A. Proceed with DDD PPM pack change
 - B. Other

Case 5

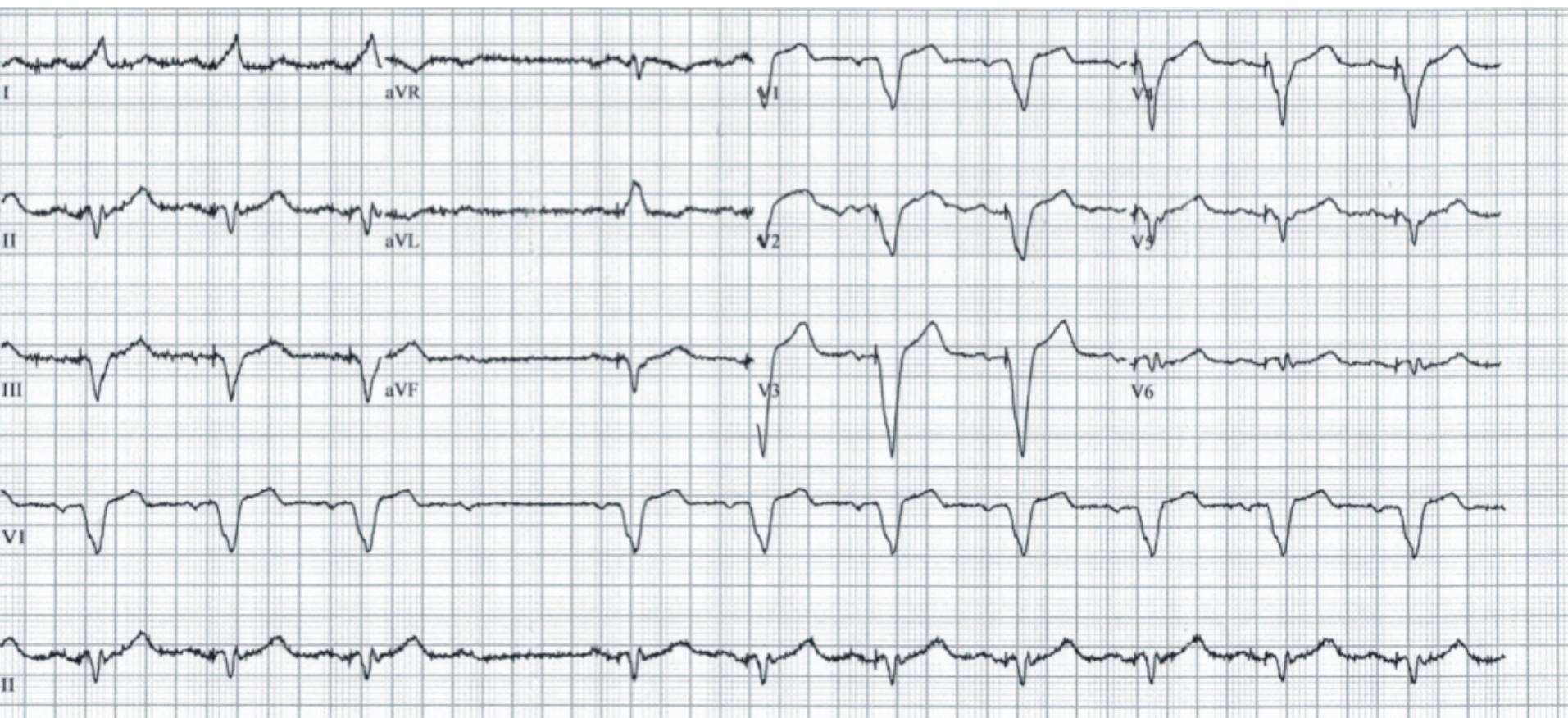


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- 66M with DDD PPM for complete AV block approaching ERI
- Dependent on RV
- Has been getting recent syncopal episodes



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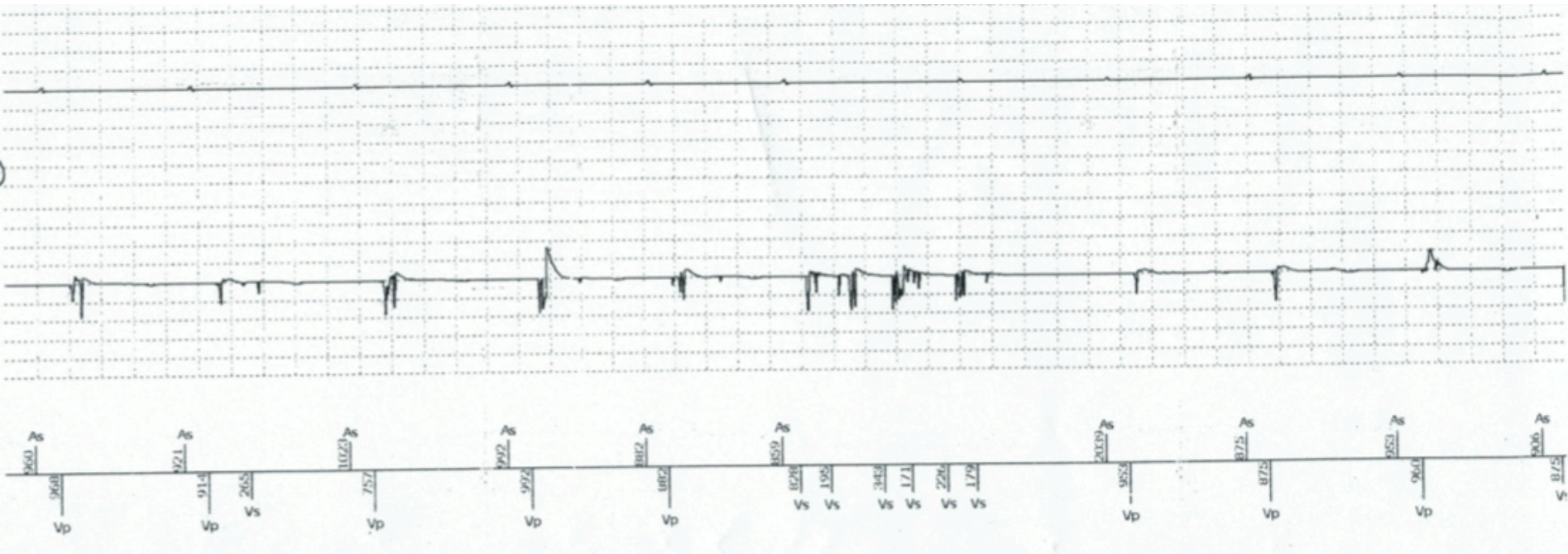


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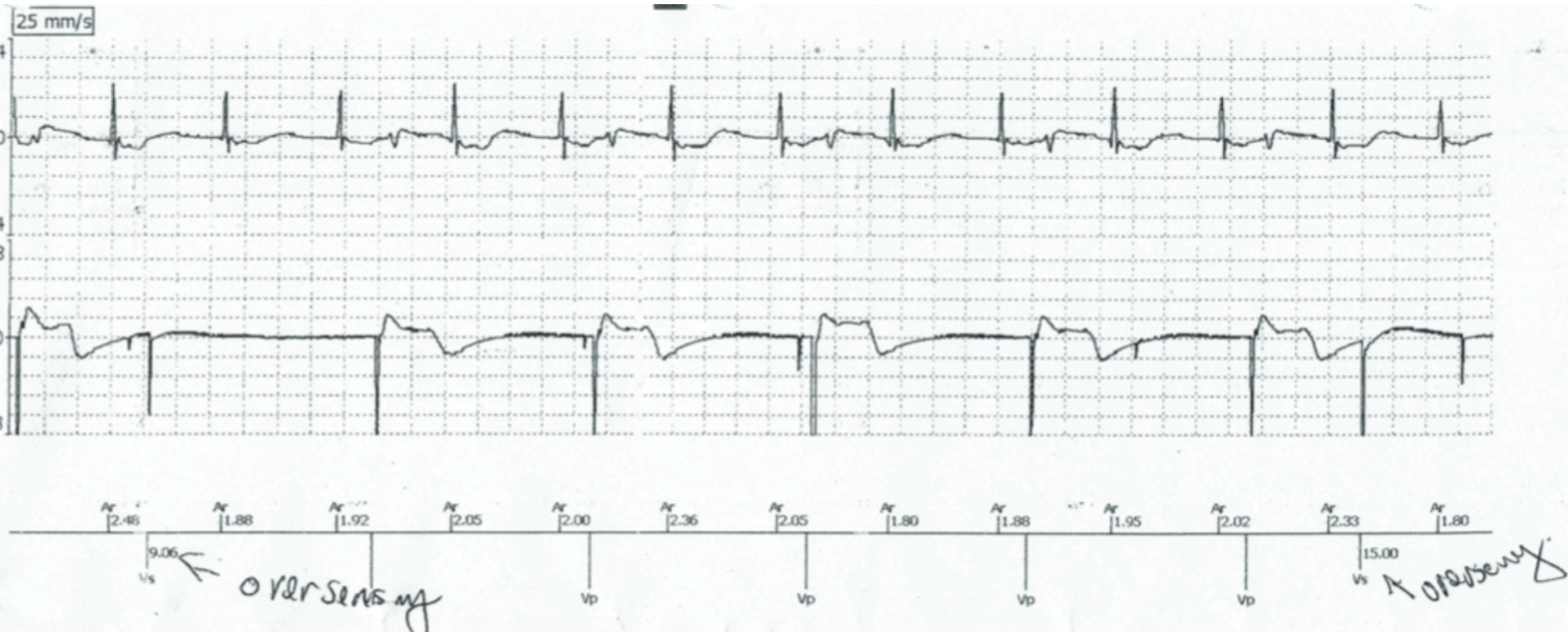
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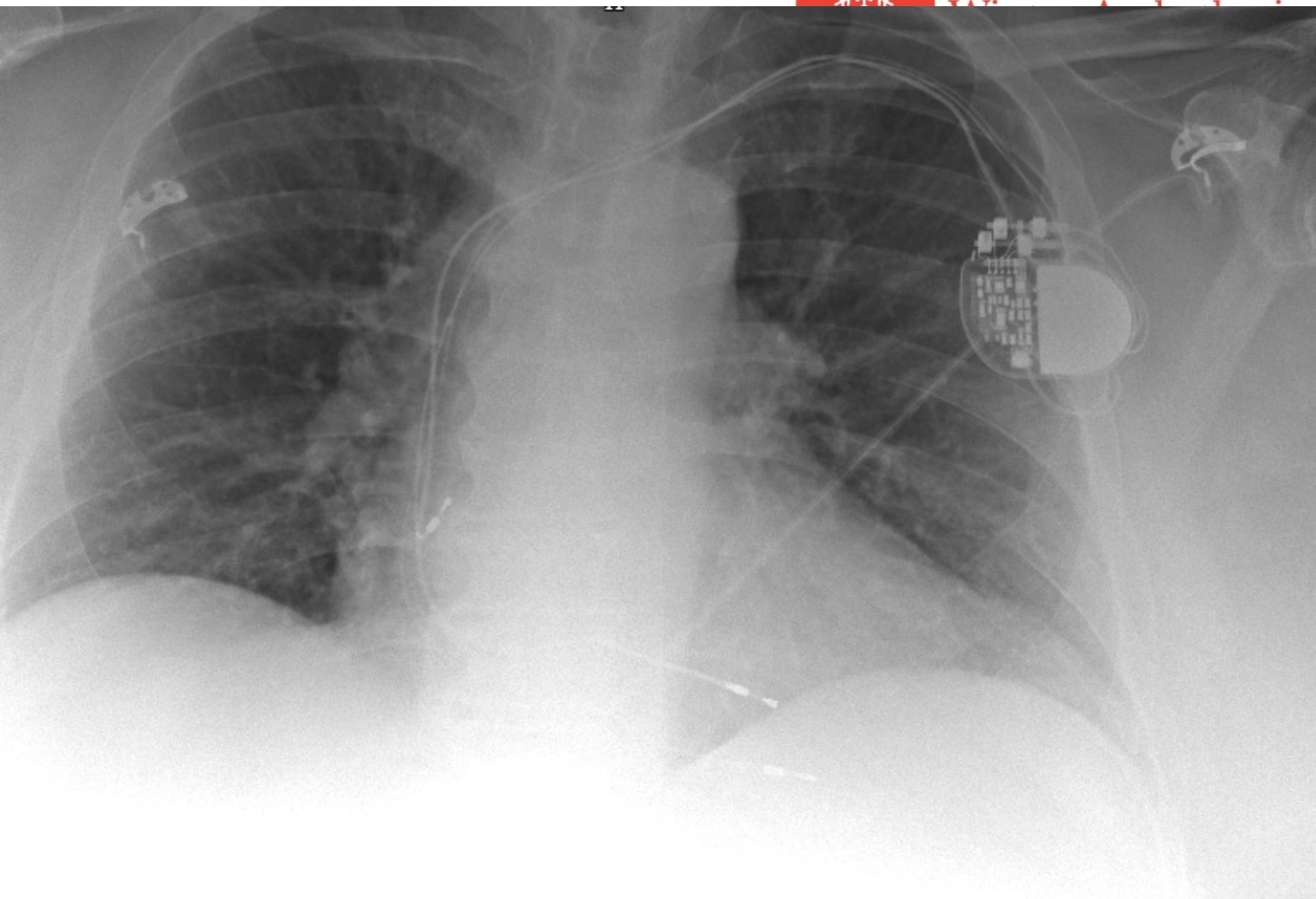


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Case 5



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- What would you recommend?
 - A. Proceed with DDD PPM pack change and new RV lead and cap the old RV lead
 - B. Proceed with lead extraction, new device and RV lead
 - C. Proceed with new DDD PPM on the right side

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Class IIa

1. Lead removal is reasonable in patients with leads that due to their design or their failure pose a threat to the patient, that is not immediate or imminent if left in place. (e.g. Telectronics ACCUFIX without protrusion) *(Level of evidence C)*
2. Lead removal is reasonable in patients if a CIED implantation would require more than 4 leads on one side or more than 5 leads through the SVC. *(Level of evidence C)*
3. Lead removal is reasonable in patients that require specific imaging techniques (e.g. MRI) and can not be imaged due to the presence of the CIED system for which there is no other available imaging alternative for the diagnosis. *(Level of evidence: C)*

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Case 6

- 65M with DDD PPM for complete AV block tripped ERI last month
- Dependent on the RV
- At implant, had normal LV function
- 2 years ago had angiogram because of LV dysfunction (LVEF 40%), no HF

Case 6



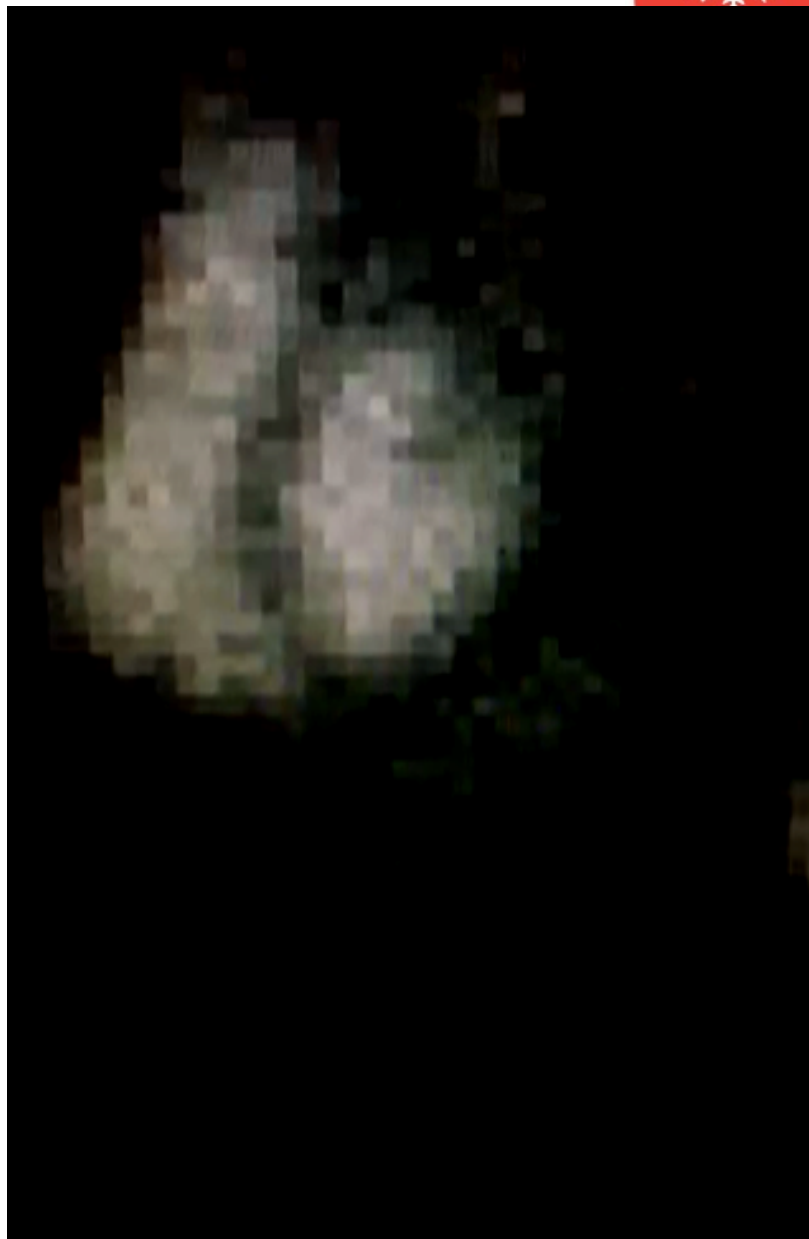
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- What would you recommend?
 - A. Proceed with DDD PPM pack change
 - B. Proceed with CRT-D upgrade by adding RV and LV leads
 - C. Proceed with CRT-P upgrade by adding LV lead
 - D. You need more information



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Conclusions

- Device longevity is an estimate only
- Battery replacement is an opportunity to reevaluate the patient, the device, and anticipate problems
- No decision is without uncertainty and risk