

Glossary

B.7.5. Ventricular Arrhythmias

Atrioventricular block	As the name implies, there is a problem (a block) with the conduction of an action potential from the atrium, through the AV node, to the ventricles.
Ventricular Extrasystole	Due to an underlying disease, an action potential spontaneously arises somewhere in the chambers (= ventricles) that causes the heart to contract.
Ventricular Tachycardia	A (too) fast rhythm of the ventricles, usually caused by an ectopic focus somewhere in the ventricles.
Ventricular fibrillation	Presence of multiple circuits (= re-entry) in the chambers, as a result of which the chambers can no longer contract synchronously.
Wolf-Parkinson-White syndrome (=WPW)	WPW is a disease caused by the presence of an extra muscle bundle running from the atria to the ventricles, in addition to the normal AV node.