### CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION ELECTROCARDIOGRAMS AND IMAGING STUDIES SAMPLE CASES

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This Sample Cases document contains three examples of cases you will see on the Electrocardiogram (ECG) and Imaging Studies component of the Cardiovascular Disease Certification Examination. The first is an ECG case, the second is an echocardiogram case, and the third is a coronary angiogram case. Correct answers for these sample cases are discussed on page 15 - 18.

An answer option list is provided for each case, representing a comprehensive list of findings that may be obtained on an ECG, an echocardiogram, or an angiogram. Each case has a patient description at the top of the answer option list and a "Figure/Media" button to access the image(s).

You should interpret the cases as you would in everyday practice. It is suggested that you first read the patient description and interpret the image(s), identifying any abnormalities. You should then find and select the appropriate answer option(s) that correspond to your findings.

As in real life, a clinical diagnosis frequently is not possible without additional clinical data. You should identify only those findings that are definite and that you consider important. The examination is not an exercise in identifying minutiae or clinically unimportant details; rather, it is an exercise in identifying those findings that are clearly apparent and significant to patient management.

Correct answers for some cases will include options from several sections; within a section, it may be appropriate to select more than one option. However, a selection of options from all sections is not required for each case. Your score for each case depends on selection of the option(s) that correctly describe(s) the findings. A correct selection may be invalidated by 1) selecting options that could lead to an incorrect interpretation, or 2) selecting mutually exclusive options that could not coexist with the correct findings.

Note: This document contains only still-frame images; however, the actual Imaging Studies component of the exam and the Exam Tutorial contain moving images. In addition, the answer options in this document are not selectable. The tutorial available will have full functionality that will be similar to what you will see on the actual exam.

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#### CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION

#### ELECTROCARDIOGRAMS

The Electrocardiogram (ECG) section of the Cardiovascular Disease Certification examination is designed to test your ability to interpret electrocardiograms.

Pages 3 - 4 show a patient description and the Figure/Media which appear at the top of the comprehensive list of answer options you will see with each ECG case. The answer options are grouped in the following sections: General Features and P Wave Abnormalities; Rhythms; AV Conduction; Voltage or Axis/Hypertrophy; Intraventricular Conduction; Myocardial Infarction; ST, T, U Wave Abnormalities; Clinical Disorders; and Pacemaker Function.

Read the patient description and review the Figure/Media to interpret the image, identifying any abnormalities. Select the appropriate answer option(s) that correspond to your findings.

Correct answers for some cases may include choices from several sections; within a section, it may be appropriate to select more than one option. However, a selection of answer options from all sections is not required for each case.

The goal is not to identify every normal finding, nor is this an exercise in identifying minutiae or clinically unimportant details. If you believe there is insufficient data or evidence for a feature or an abnormality, make no selection(s) in that section.



Figure/Media				
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RHYTHMS       Q         Atrial Rhythms       Sinus rhythm         Sinus arrhythmia       Sinus bradycardia (<60)	Abnormal QRS Voltage or Axis Low voltage, limb leads Low voltage, precordial leads Left axis deviation (> -30°) Right axis deviation (> +100°) Electrical alternans Ventricular Hypertrophy	MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION       Age recent, or probably acute       Age indeterminate, or probably old         Anterolateral       Image: Anterolateral       Image: Anterolateral         Anterior or anteroseptal       Image: Anterolateral       Image: Anterolateral         Inferior       Image: Anterolateral       Image: Anterolateral         Posterior       Image: Anterolateral       Image: Anterolateral		
<ul> <li>Atrial premature complexes</li> <li>Atrial tachycardia</li> <li>Atrial tachycardia, multifocal</li> <li>Supraventricular tachycardia</li> <li>Atrial flutter</li> <li>Atrial fibrillation</li> </ul> AV Junctional Rhythms <ul> <li>AV junctional premature complexes</li> <li>AV junctional escape complexes</li> </ul>	Left ventricular hypertrophy Right ventricular hypertrophy Combined ventricular hypertrophy CLINICAL DISORDERS Brugada syndrome Digitalis toxicity Torsades de pointes Hyperkalemia Hyperkalemia Hypercalcemia	ST, T, U WAVE ABNORMALITIES          Normal variant, early repolarization          Normal variant, juvenile T waves          Nonspecific ST and/or T wave abnormalities          ST and/or T wave abnormalities suggesting myocardial ischemia          ST and/or T wave abnormalities suggesting myocardial injury          ST and/or T wave abnormalities suggesting electrolyte disturbances          ST and/or T wave abnormalities secondary to hypertrophy          Prolonged Q-T interval          Prominent U waves		
<ul> <li>AV junctional rhythm/tachycardia</li> <li>Ventricular Rhythms</li> <li>Ventricular premature complex(es)</li> <li>Ventricular parasystole</li> <li>Ventricular tachycardia (3 or more consecutive complexes)</li> <li>Accelerated idioventricular rhythm</li> <li>Ventricular escape complexes or rhythm</li> <li>Ventricular fibrillation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Hypocalcemia</li> <li>Dextrocardia, mirror image</li> <li>Acute cor pulmonale including pulmonary embolus</li> <li>Pericardial effusion</li> <li>Acute pericarditis</li> <li>Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy</li> <li>Central nervous system disorder</li> <li>Hypothermia</li> </ul>	PACEMAKER FUNCTION     Atrial or coronary sinus pacing     Ventricular demand pacemaker (VVI), normally functioning     Dual-chamber pacemaker (DDD), normally functioning     Pacemaker malfunction, not constantly capturing (atrium or ventricle)     Pacemaker malfunction, not constantly sensing (atrium or ventricle)     Paced morphology consistent with biventricular pacing or cardiac resynchronization therapy		

#### CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION

#### **ECHOCARDIOGRAMS**

The Echocardiogram portion of the Imaging Studies section of the examination is designed to test your ability to interpret echocardiograms.

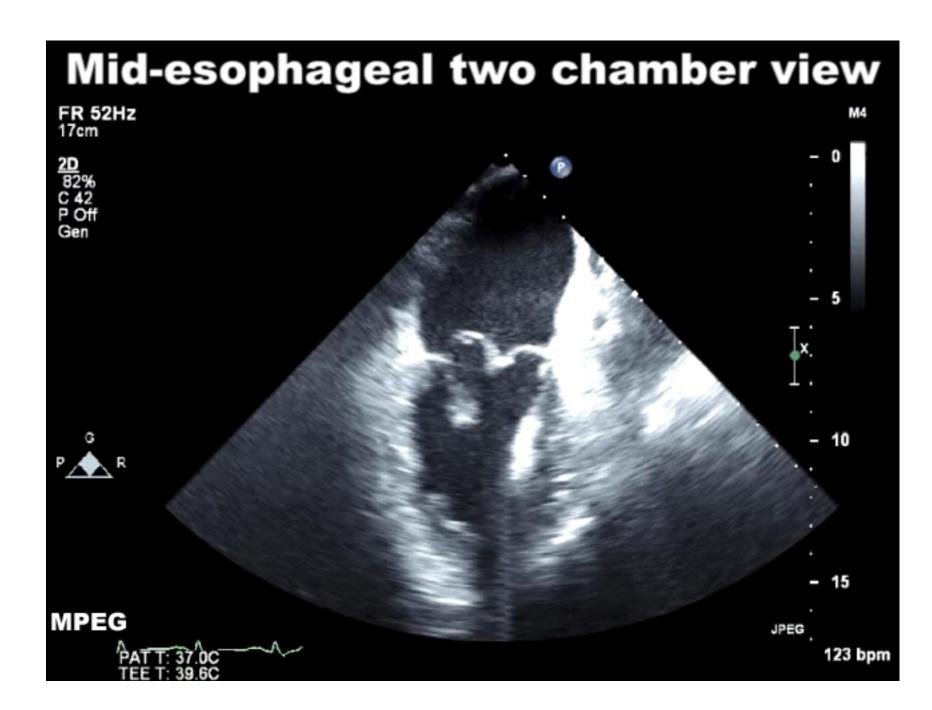
Pages 6 - 9 show a patient description and the Figure/Media which appear at the top of a comprehensive list of answer options with each echocardiogram case. The answer options are grouped in the following sections: Left Ventricle; Right Ventricle; Atria; Valvular Heart Disease; Cardiomyopathy and Systemic Disease; Pulmonary/Aorta; Pericardial/Pleural Diseases; and Congenital Heart Disease.

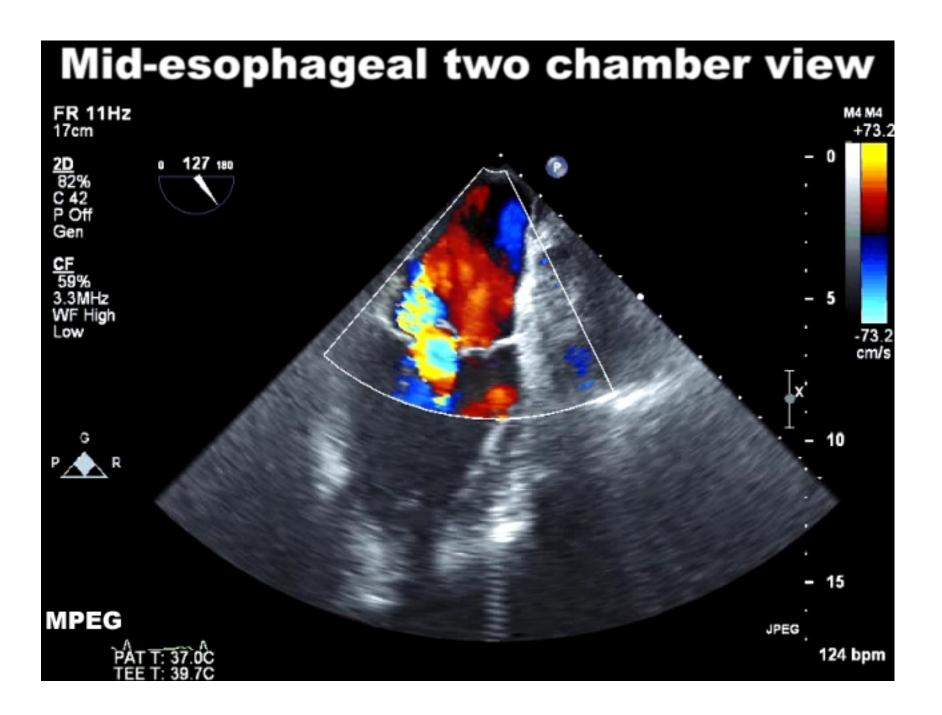
Read the patient description and review the Figure/Media to interpret the images, identifying any abnormalities. Select the appropriate answer option(s) that correspond to your findings.

Correct answers for some cases may include choices from several sections; within a section, it may be appropriate to select more than one option. However, a selection of answer options from all sections is not required for each case.

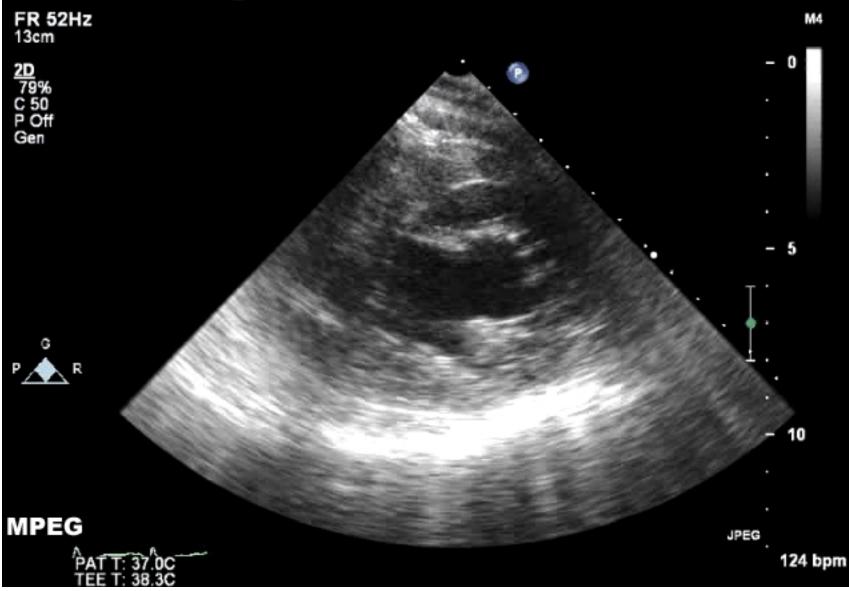
The goal is not to identify every normal finding, nor is this an exercise in identifying minutiae or clinically unimportant details. If you believe there is insufficient data or evidence for a feature or an abnormality, make no selection(s) in that section.

All modalities of transthoracic and transesophageal echocardiograms may be presented, and all views will be appropriately labeled. On occasion, off-axis or unusual views may be used to highlight a relevant pathology or finding. Vertical markings on M-mode frames represent 1-cm increments; however, precise measurements are not required.





# **Transgastric short axis view**



### Echocardiogram Sample Case: A 63-year-old man with pulmonary edema and chest pain

Figure/Media						
Enlarged Free wall r	mplications I r septal rupture	STRUCTURE LV Wall Thickness Normal Concentric increase Asymmetric septal hyp	Meta	ses lass or thrombus static tumor	RIGHT VENTRICULAR SIZE, FUNCTION, AND STRUCTURE Enlarged RV RV infarct	DISEASES OF THE ATRIA Q Enlarged left atrium Enlarged right atrium Atrial myxoma Atrial thrombus
LV Diastolic Function Normal Grade 1 (abnormal relaxation) Grade 2 (pseudonormal) Grade 3 (restrictive)	LV Ejection Fract Normal to hyper Mild to moderat Severely reduce	dynamic (>=50%) ely reduced (35-49%)	Regional Wall Motion Abnormal wall motion Global hypokinesis		Global hypokinesis RV volume overload RV pressure overload Catheter or pacemaker wire RV mass or thrombus	Metastatic tumor Atrial septal lipomatous hypertrophy  PERICARDIAL AND PLEURAL DISEASES
Hypokinesis Akinesis Thinning and/or scar Aneurysm Pseudoaneurysm Ischemia (with stress testing) Viability (with stress testing)			Inferior/Posterior	Apical	TYPES OF       Image: Constraint of the second	Pericardial effusion without tamponade     Tamponade     Pericardial mass or hemopericardium     Pericardial constriction     Pericardial cyst     Pleural effusion  CONGENITAL HEART Q
VALVULAR HEART DISEA Structure Mitral Valve Calcified Rheumatic Cleft Vegetation Prolapse Flail Fibroelastoma Systolic anterior motion (SAM) Pulmonic Valve	Aortic Valve Calcified Rheumatic Bicuspid Vegetation Flail Fibroelastoma Abscess	Pathologic regur Perivalvular regu Elevated gradien	(includes normal gradients rgitation rgitation	م s and closing jets)	SYSTEMIC DISEASE Amyloid Hypereosinophilia PULMONARY DISEASE Findings consistent with acute pulmonary embolism Findings consistent with pulmonary hypertension DISEASES OF THE AORTA	<ul> <li>Patent foramen ovale</li> <li>Primum ASD</li> <li>Secundum ASD</li> <li>Sinus venosus ASD</li> <li>Muscular VSD</li> <li>Membranous VSD</li> <li>Supracristal VSD</li> <li>Patent ductus arteriosus</li> <li>Subaortic stenosis</li> <li>Anomalous coronary artery</li> <li>Coronary fistula</li> </ul>
Valve Valve	Fails to coapt Carcinoid Vegetation Prolapse Flail Tricuspid Valve Stenosis	Aortic Valve Regurgitation Regurg	Valve Tricuspid Valve	Pulmonic Valve Regurgitation	Marfan syndrome     Type A dissection     Type B dissection     Intramural hematoma     Aortic ulcer     Aortic enlargement or aneurysm     Aortic rupture     Sinus of Valsalva aneurysm     Sinus of Valsalva rupture     Coarctation	Tetralogy of Fallot Ebstein's anomaly Complete transposition (D-TGA) Corrected transposition (L-TGA)

#### CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION

#### ANGIOGRAMS

The Angiogram portion of the Imaging Studies section of the examination is designed to test your ability to interpret coronary angiograms.

Pages 11– 14 show a patient description and the Figure/Media which appear at the top of a comprehensive list of answer options with each angiogram case. The option list is divided into five (5) columns corresponding to the coronary arteries and to bypass grafts: Left main, Left anterior descending, Left circumflex, Right, and Bypass graft. The option list also includes selections for stents (both patent and occluded).

For each diseased vessel shown in a case, you must indicate the degree of the most severe stenosis. If an intracoronary thrombus is present, include the thrombus in your assessment of the degree of stenosis. Correct answers also may include options for other findings.

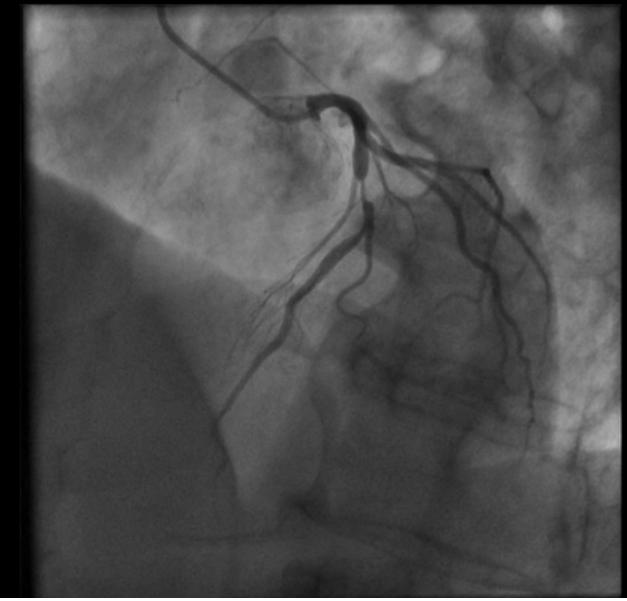
Read the patient description and review the Figure/Media to interpret the image(s), identifying any abnormalities. Select the appropriate answer option(s) that correspond to your findings.

Correct answers for some cases may include options from several columns; however, a selection of answer options from all columns is not required for each case.

**NOTE:** If you select the answer option labeled "Normal" for a case, select no other options.

## MPEG

# **Cranial LAO**



## MPEG

# RAO



## MPEG

# RAO



Normal

NOTE: You must select a description for the degree of the most severe stenosis in each diseased vessel shown.

Bypass graft Left Left anterior Left circumflex Right main descending Fixed stenosis: Insignificant stenosis (<50% diameter reduction) Moderate stenosis (50 to 75% diameter reduction) Severe stenosis (>75% diameter reduction) Total occlusion Filled by collaterals Spasm Thrombus present Myocardial bridge Anomalous origin Coronary fistula Aneurysm/Severe ectasia Bypass graft to (indicate observed anatomical connection) Dissection Stent: patent Stent: occluded 

### SCORING OF SAMPLE CASES

**Electrocardiogram:** The correct answer for this case is Sinus rhythm (found in the Rhythms section) **AND** Wolff-Parkinson-White pattern (found in the AV Conduction section). You must select both answer choices in order to receive a correct score for this case. Selecting Lateral myocardial infarction, recent or acute, **OR** Lateral myocardial infarction, indeterminate or old, would invalidate your answer. Page 16 shows the appearance of the option list with the correct answers selected.

**Echocardiogram:** The correct answer for this case is ruptured papillary muscle [found in the Left Ventricle section]. Selecting mitral valve vegetation [found in the Valvular Heart Disease section] would invalidate your answer. You would receive a second point for selecting inferior/posterior hypokinesis **OR** inferior/posterior akinesis [found in the Left Ventricle section]. You would receive a third point for selecting enlarged left atrium [found in the Atria section] **AND** severe mitral valve regurgitation [found in the Valvular Heart Disease section]. Page 17 shows the appearance of the option list with the correct answers selected.

**Angiogram:** The correct answers for this case are insignificant stenosis of the left circumflex coronary artery **AND** insignificant stenosis of the right coronary artery **AND** severe stenosis of the left anterior descending coronary artery. You must select all three answer choices in order to receive a correct score for this case. Page 18 shows the appearance of the answer option list with the correct answers selected.

Figure/Media			
GENERAL FEATURES & Q P WAVE ABNORMALITIES General Features Normal ECG Normal variant Incorrect electrode placement Artifact P Wave Abnormalities	ATRIOVENTRICULAR CONDUCTION AV block, 1° AV block, 2° - Mobitz type I (Wenckebach) AV block, 2° - Mobitz type II AV block, 2° - Mobitz type II AV block, 2° - Mobitz type II AV block, 3° Wolff-Parkinson-White pattern	INTRAVENTRICULAR CONDUCTION  RBBB, complete  RBBB, incomplete  Left anterior fascicular block  Left posterior fascicular block  LBBB, complete  LBBB, incomplete  Aberrant conduction (including rate-related)	
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Left atrial abnormality/enlargement	VOLTAGE OR AXIS/HYPERTROPHY Abnormal QRS Voltage or Axis Low voltage, limb leads	MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION Age recent, or probably acute Age indeterminate, or probably old	
Sinus rhythm	Low voltage, precordial leads	Anterolateral	
Sinus arrhythmia Sinus bradycardia (<60)	Left axis deviation (> -30°) Right axis deviation (> +100°)	Anterior or anteroseptal	
Sinus tachycardia (<00)	Electrical alternans	Lateral	
Sinus pause or arrest	Ventricular Hypertrophy	Inferior	
Sinoatrial exit block	Left ventricular hypertrophy	Posterior	
Atrial premature complexes	Right ventricular hypertrophy	ST, T, U WAVE ABNORMALITIES	5
Atrial tachycardia	Combined ventricular hypertrophy	Normal variant, early repolarization	<b>۱</b>
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Ventricular fibrillation	Hypothermia	resynchronization therapy	

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