EP reading list

Atrial arrhythmias

Spontaneous initiation of atrial fibrillation by ectopic beats originating in the pulmonary veins

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Supraventricular tachycardias & EP fundamentals

Principles of entrainment: diagnostic utility for supraventricular tachycardia
Veenhuyzen GD, Quinn FR.


Development and validation of an ECG algorithm for identifying accessory pathway ablation site in Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome

Using the twelve-lead electrocardiogram to localize the site of origin of ventricular tachycardia.
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Intracardiac echocardiography in complex cardiac catheter ablation procedures.
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RF catheter ablation: Lessons on lesions.
Wittkampf FH, Nakagawa H.

EP suggested preparatory questions


Landmark papers in clinical cardiac electrophysiology

1967: Tachycardias can be induced, mapped and terminated by intracardiac stimulation.

1968: Arrhythmias can be cured by surgical ablation.

1969: The His bundle electrogram is first observed.

1978: Entrainment for mapping and interruption of tachyarrhythmias.
1980: The implantable cardiac defibrillator is used to terminate ventricular arrhythmias.

1982: Catheter ablation of arrhythmias through intracardiac shocks.

1987: Catheter ablation of arrhythmias through radiofrequency.

1989: Surgical lesions in the atria can be used to treat atrial fibrillation.

1989: Prophylactic antiarrhythmic drug therapy may kill more lives than it saves.


1998: Left ventricular pacing from within the coronary sinus.

2000: Pulmonary vein isolation for catheter ablation of atrial fibrillation.

2000: Epicardial ablation of ventricular arrhythmias