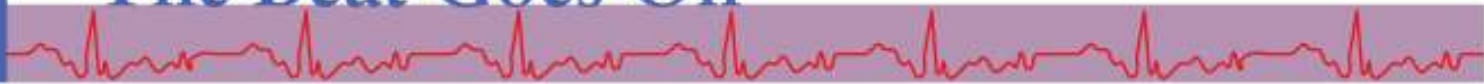




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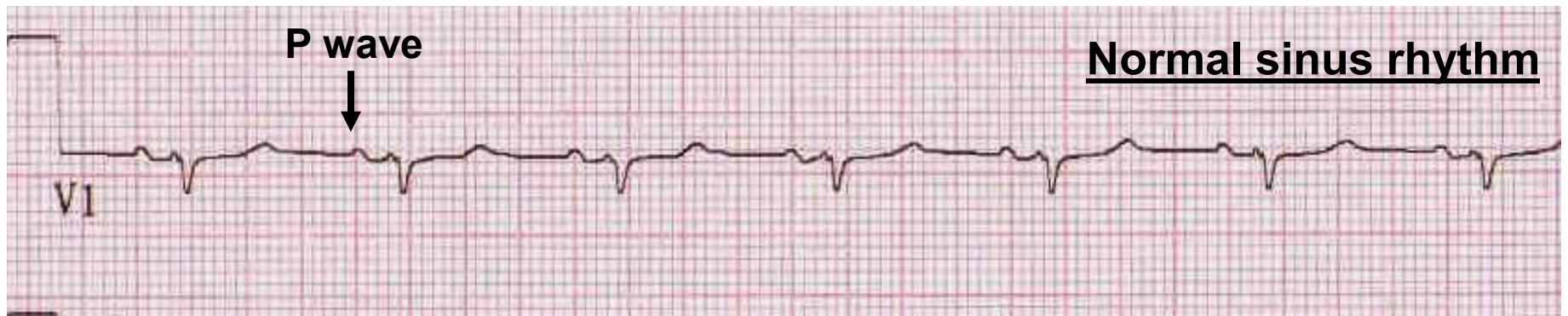
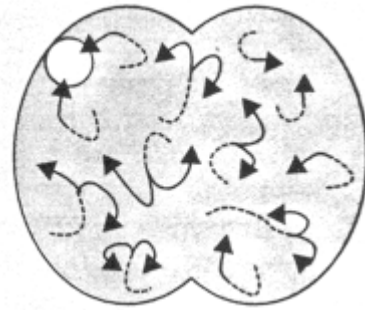
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What is Atrial Fibrillation?



CLASSIFICATION OF ATRIAL FIBRILLATION

Three P's Classification of AF

Paroxysmal	Persistent	Permanent/ Chronic
Terminates spontaneously, usually within 48 hours	Will not terminate spontaneously, but can be electrically cardioverted or converted with drugs	Will not terminate spontaneously, and is refractory to cardioversion >6 mos

Costs of AF Management In 2004 dollars

6.42 billion dollars

