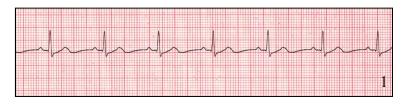


# **Telemetry: Ventricular Rhythms**

## Sinus Rhythm:

Just a baseline to compare to the other strips. Notice that every P wave has a prompt QRS and everything marches out uniformly.



# Ventricular Rhythm:

Notice the absent P waves and the wide QRS. Rate of 20-40 bpm. Rhythm is regular.



# Accelerated Idioventricular Rhythm (AIVR):

Characterized by wide QRS, absent P waves, with a ventricular rate of 41-100. T wave can be in the opposite direction of the QRS.



#### Ventricular Fibrillation:

V-fib has no discernible rate and no P wave. Two versions exist: fine V-fib (pic 4) and coarse V-fib (pic 5). Both will be pulseless.



### Ventricular Tachycardia:

Absent P waves. Only wide QRS noted. Heart rate will be >100 and can be upwards of 300 bpm. Pic 6 shows Monomorphic V-tach where the QRS are identical. Pic 7 is of Polymorphic V-tach; QRS are different. When the QRS change shape and seem to be twisting around the isoelectric line this is called "Torsades de Pointes" (Pic 8).



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