A New Electrode Placement Method for 12-lead Electrocardiography.

The supplement gives standard (STD) and new electrode placement (NEP) ECGs that were verified by a blinded interpreter. They focus on the four errors known to occur with torso (modified) leads.

Marked changes in R wave amplitude causing:

- disappearance of inferior infarcts;
- appearance of QS in leads 1, aVL – probable false lateral infarcts;
- right axis deviation.

eAppendix 1. 30 ECGs from patients in group A, all with proven inferior MI. The abdominal electrode was placed 3 inches below the umbilical level and 8 inches apart: Standard and new electrode placement ECGs show identical wave forms, and similar interpretations.

eAppendix 2. 16 ECGs from patients in group A: these ECGs were chosen from 786 group A patient’s ECGs because of the presence of very low R waves in leads 1 and aVL; that may reveal a QS on the NEP ECG simulating a false lateral MI; test cases to fault the new electrode placement method.

eAppendix 3. 13 ECGs from patients in group C: 10 with inferior MI, 1 with low R waves lead 1, AVL; 1 patient with severe right ventricular hypertrophy and marked right axis deviation; 1 patient with standard ECG showing artifacts that clear on NEP ECG, a better quality ECG.

All group C patients 1 to 264 and all ECGs provided in appendix 1 to 3 have been validated by a blinded interpreter unknown to the author.

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