

# Davis Heart begins

## *One Stop Heart Palpitation Clinic*

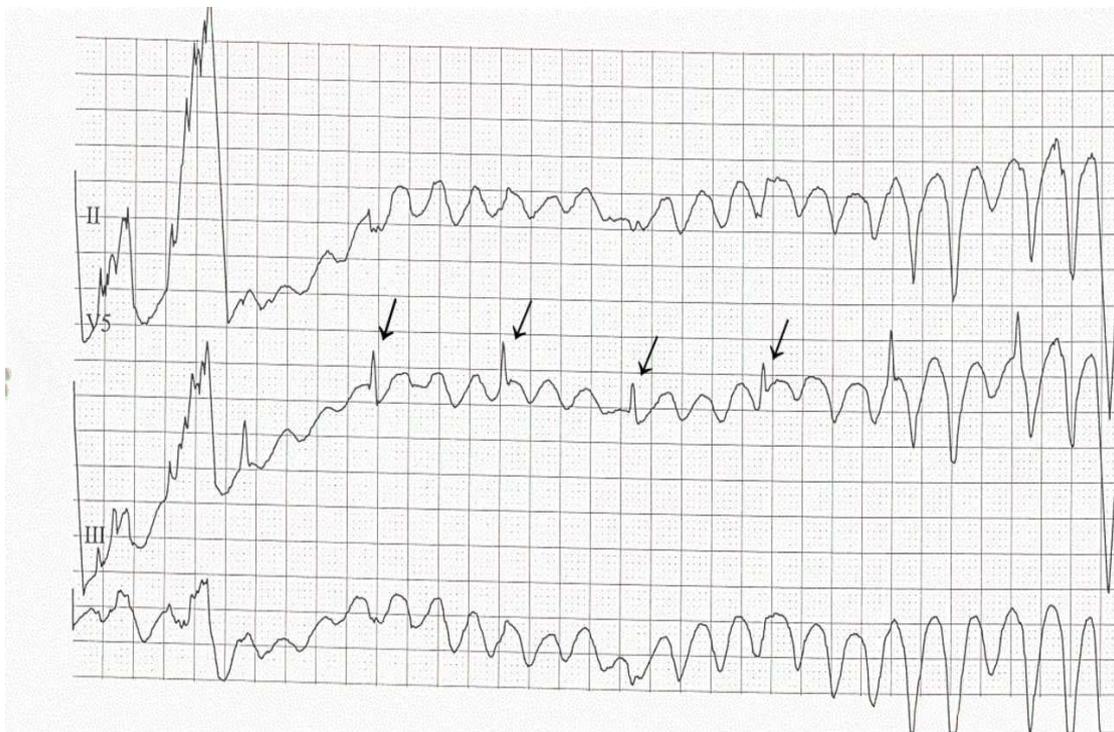
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***Try this Quiz: What is the rhythm?***



In this ECG, lead V5 shows normal narrow complex R waves seen at regular intervals, marching through the broad complexes, clinches the diagnosis of artefacts. This patient had intermittent coarse tremor of the upper limb resulting in artefacts

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A new clinic has been started that will give patients fast access to expert medical care if they are suffering from heart palpitations and/or blackouts.

A palpitation is when a person becomes aware of their own beating heart – be that too slow, too fast or irregular. It may be brought on by overexertion, anxiety, alcohol or drugs amongst other causes. While nearly everyone experiences an occasional palpitation at sometime, if it happens frequently it can indicate a problem. Attacks can last a few seconds or hours and vary in their frequency. Other symptoms include sweating, faintness, chest pain, dizziness and blackouts.

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Thousands of people die from cardiac arrhythmia every year and over a million people in the UK suffer from heart rhythm disorders.

Although patients may get a number of different symptoms there are some key ones that should not be ignored. If patients are having unexplained blackouts it is very important they see a cardiologist. Other symptoms include continuous fast heart beats or palpitation (in the absence of exercise) and shortness of breath on mild exertion.

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