

Comment faut-il envisager et organiser le bilan d'une perte de connaissance dans mon expérience?

Le rôle respectif du cardiologue et du rythmologue

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PERTE DE CONNAISSANCE

➤ Complète

- Brutale
- Brève (\neq coma)
- Spontanément résolutive (\neq coma, \neq épilepsie, \neq mort subite)
- Reprise rapide d'une conscience normale (\neq épilepsie)

SYNCOPE

➤ Incomplète

LIPOTHYMIE

Devant une perte de connaissance, DISTINGUER :

CAUSES SYNCOPALES

CAUSES NON SYNCOPALES

CAUSES
CARDIAQUES

35% des cas

HYPO TA
ORTHOSTATIQUE

10% des cas

SYNCOPE
REFLEXE

25% des cas

vaso-vagale

sinus carotidien

CRISE
COMITIALE

HYPOGLYCEMIE

TRAUMATISME
CRANIEN

BAISSE BRUTALE GLOBALE
ET TRANSITOIRE DE LA
PERFUSION CEREBRALE

PERFUSION CEREBRALE
NORMALE

Physiopathologie différente

Syncopes cardiaques

1. Bradycardies
 - Dysfonction sinusale
 - BAV de haut grade
2. Tachycardies
 - Tachycardie ventriculaire / FV
Cardiopathie ischémique / non ischémique
Syndrome de Brugada
DAVD
Syndrome du QT long / QT court
 - Torsade de pointe
Hypokaliémie / QT long
 - FA + WPW
3. Obstruction
 - Rétrécissement aortique
 - Embolie pulmonaire
 - Cardiomyopathie obstructive
 - HTAP

Syncopes reflexes

1. Vaso-vagale
2. Situationnelles (déglutition, post effort...)
3. Syndrome du sinus carotidien

Syncopes sur hypotension orthostatique

1. Avec tachycardie reflexe
 - Hypovolémie
 - Surdosage en hypotenseurs
2. Sans tachycardie reflexe (dysautonomie)
 - Neuropathie diabétique, alcoolique
 - Parkinson
 - Amylose

Objectifs du bilan

- Identifier la cause : réflexe, cardiaque, neurologique, métabolique.
- Évaluer le risque immédiat.
- Déterminer le parcours le plus pertinent selon la clinique.

Première Evaluation

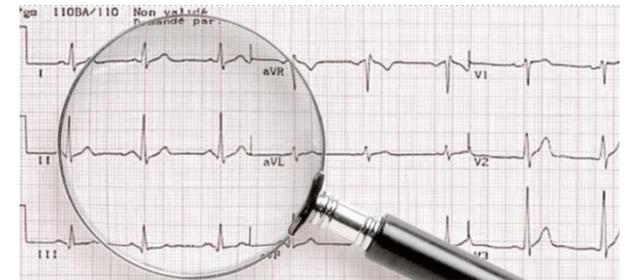
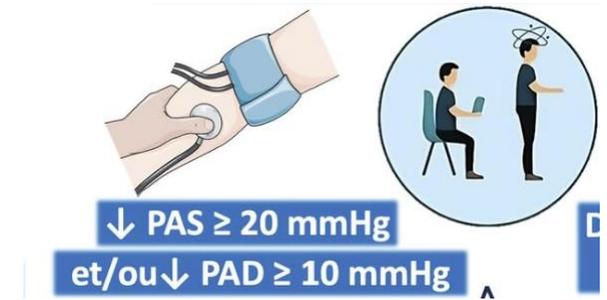


STRATIFICATION DU RISQUE

- Interrogatoire précis : circonstances, prodromes, position, contexte.
- Examen clinique complet :
 - Auscultation, TA couchée/debout,
 - ECG de base, MSC.



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Le CARDIOLOGUE

- Réalisation systématique : ECG, échocardiographie si suspicion structurelle.
- Évaluation du risque cardiaque : QT long, BAV, cardiomyopathies.
- Choix des examens : Holter, test d'effort, bilan imagerie.

INTERROGATOIRE ++++++

Low-risk	High-risk (red flag)
Syncopal event	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Associated with prodrome typical of reflex syncope (e.g. light-headedness, feeling of warmth, sweating, nausea, vomiting) 2. After sudden unexpected unpleasant sight, sound, smell, or pain 3. After prolonged standing or crowded, hot places 4. During a meal or postprandial 5. Triggered by cough, defaecation, or micturition 6. With head rotation or pressure on carotid sinus (e.g. tumour, shaving, tight collars) 7. Standing from supine/sitting position 	<p>Major</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New onset of chest discomfort, breathlessness, abdominal pain, or headache 2. Syncope during exertion or when supine. 3. Sudden onset palpitation immediately followed by syncope <p>Minor (high risk only if associated with structural heart disease or abnormal ECG):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No warning symptoms or short (<10 s) prodrome 2. Family history of SCD at young age 3. Syncope in the sitting position

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Low-risk	High-risk (red flag)
Past medical history	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Long history (years) of recurrent syncope with low-risk features with the same characteristics of the current episode 2. Absence of structural heart disease 	Major <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Severe structural or coronary artery disease (heart failure, low LVEF or previous myocardial infarction)
Physical examination	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Normal examination 	Major <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unexplained systolic BP in the ED <90 mmHg 2. Suggestion of gastrointestinal bleed on rectal examination 3. Persistent bradycardia (<40 b.p.m.) in awake state and in absence of physical training 4. Undiagnosed systolic murmur

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ECG

Low-risk	High-risk (red flag)
ECG	
1. Normal ECG	Major <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. ECG changes consistent with acute ischaemia2. Mobitz II second- and third-degree AV block3. Slow AF (<40 b.p.m.)4. Persistent sinus bradycardia (<40 b.p.m.)5. Bundle branch block or IVCD6. Q waves consistent with CAD or cardiomyopathy7. Sustained and non-sustained VT8. Dysfunction of a pacemaker or ICD9. Type 1 Brugada pattern10. Long QT

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Echographie cardiaque

Recommendations	Class	Level
Indications		
1. Echocardiography is indicated for diagnosis and risk stratification in patients with <u>suspected structural heart disease</u>	I	B
2. Two-dimensional and Doppler echocardiography during exercise in the standing, sitting, or semi-supine position to detect provokable left ventricular outflow <u>tract obstruction</u> is indicated in patients with HCM, a history of syncope, and a resting or provoked peak instantaneous left ventricular outflow tract gradient <50 mmHg	I	B
Diagnostic criteria		
3. Aortic stenosis, obstructive cardiac tumours or thrombi, pericardial tamponade, and aortic dissection are the most probable causes of syncope when the echocardiography shows the typical features of these conditions	I	C

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MONITORING-TELEMETRIE

In-hospital monitoring

1. *Immediate in-hospital monitoring* (in bed or by telemetry) is indicated in high-risk patients.



Favour initial management in ED observation unit and/or fast-track to syncope unit

High-risk features AND:

- Stable, known structural heart disease.
- Severe chronic disease.
- Syncope during exertion. —————→ **EE**
- Syncope while supine or sitting.
- Syncope without prodrome.
- Palpitations at the time of syncope.
- Inadequate sinus bradycardia or sinoatrial block.
- Suspected device malfunction or inappropriate intervention.
- Pre-excited QRS complex.
- SVT or paroxysmal atrial fibrillation.
- ECG suggesting an inheritable arrhythmogenic disorders.
- ECG suggesting ARVC.

Favour admission to hospital

High-risk features AND:

- Any potentially severe coexisting disease that requires admission.
- Injury caused by syncope.
- Need of further urgent evaluation and treatment if it cannot be achieved in another way (i.e. observation unit), e.g. ECG monitoring, echocardiography, stress test, electrophysiological study, angiography, device malfunction, etc.
- Need for treatment of syncope.

2018 ESC Guidelines on Syncope – Michele Brignole & Angel Moya
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Le RYTHMOLOGUE

- Analyse avancée des troubles du rythme.
- Indication d'enregistrements prolongés : Holter 7 j, ILR.
- Interprétation fine des syncopes inexpliquées.
- Indication potentielle de stimulation ou ablation selon le mécanisme identifié.

HOLTER ECG

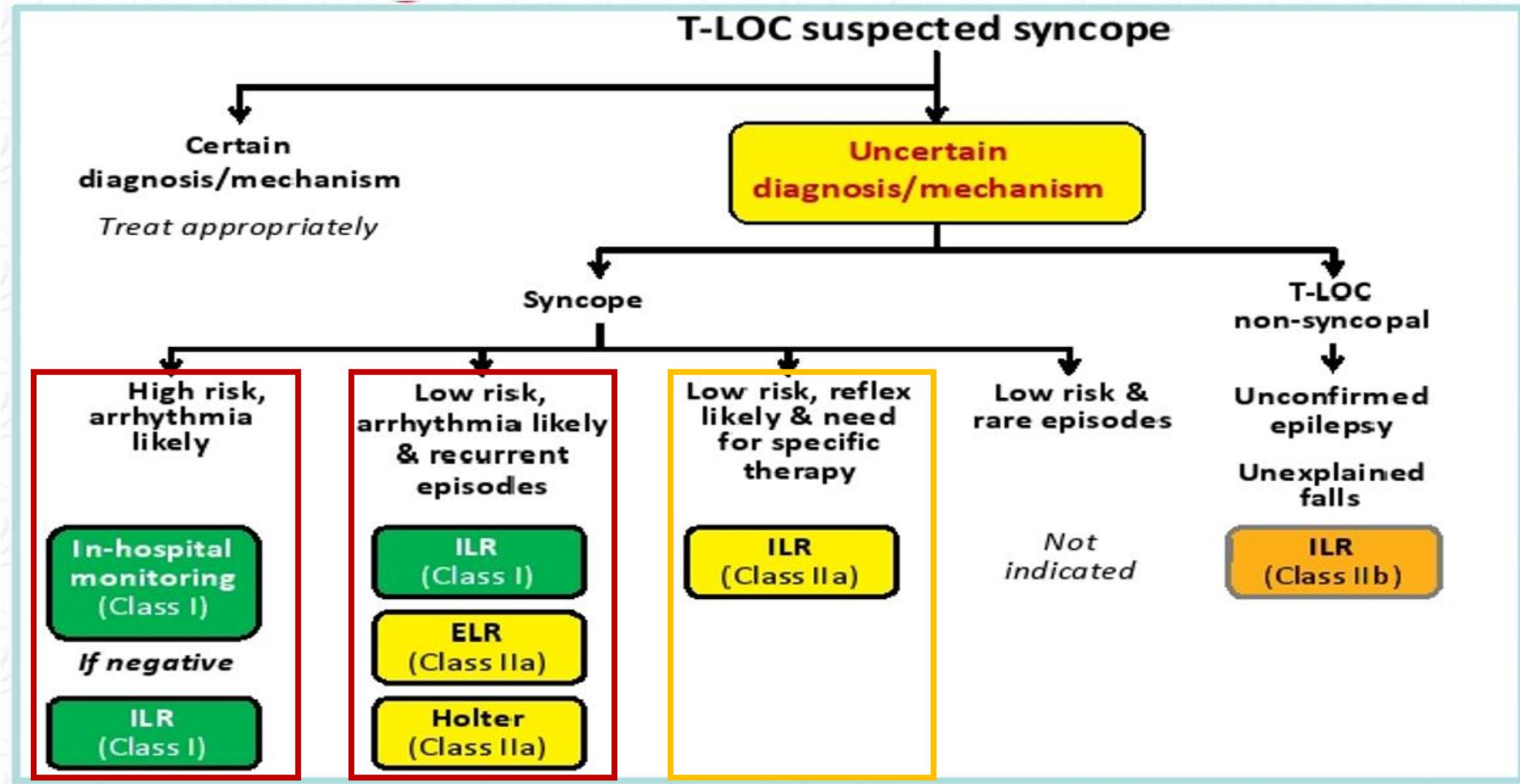
Holter monitoring		
2. <i>Holter monitoring</i> should be considered in patients who <u>have frequent syncope or presyncope (≥ 1 episode per week)</u> .	Ila	B
External loop recorder		
3. External loop recorders should be considered, early after the index event, in patients who have an inter-symptom interval ≤ 4 weeks	Ila	B

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HOLTER IMPLANTABLE

Implantable loop recorder		
4. ILR is indicated in an early phase of evaluation in patients with recurrent syncope of uncertain origin, absence of high-risk criteria (listed in <i>Table 6</i>), and a high likelihood of recurrence within the battery life of the device.	I	A
5. ILR should be considered in patients with suspected or certain reflex syncope presenting with frequent or severe syncopal episodes.	IIa	B
6. ILR may be considered in patients in whom epilepsy was suspected but the treatment has proven ineffective.	IIa	B

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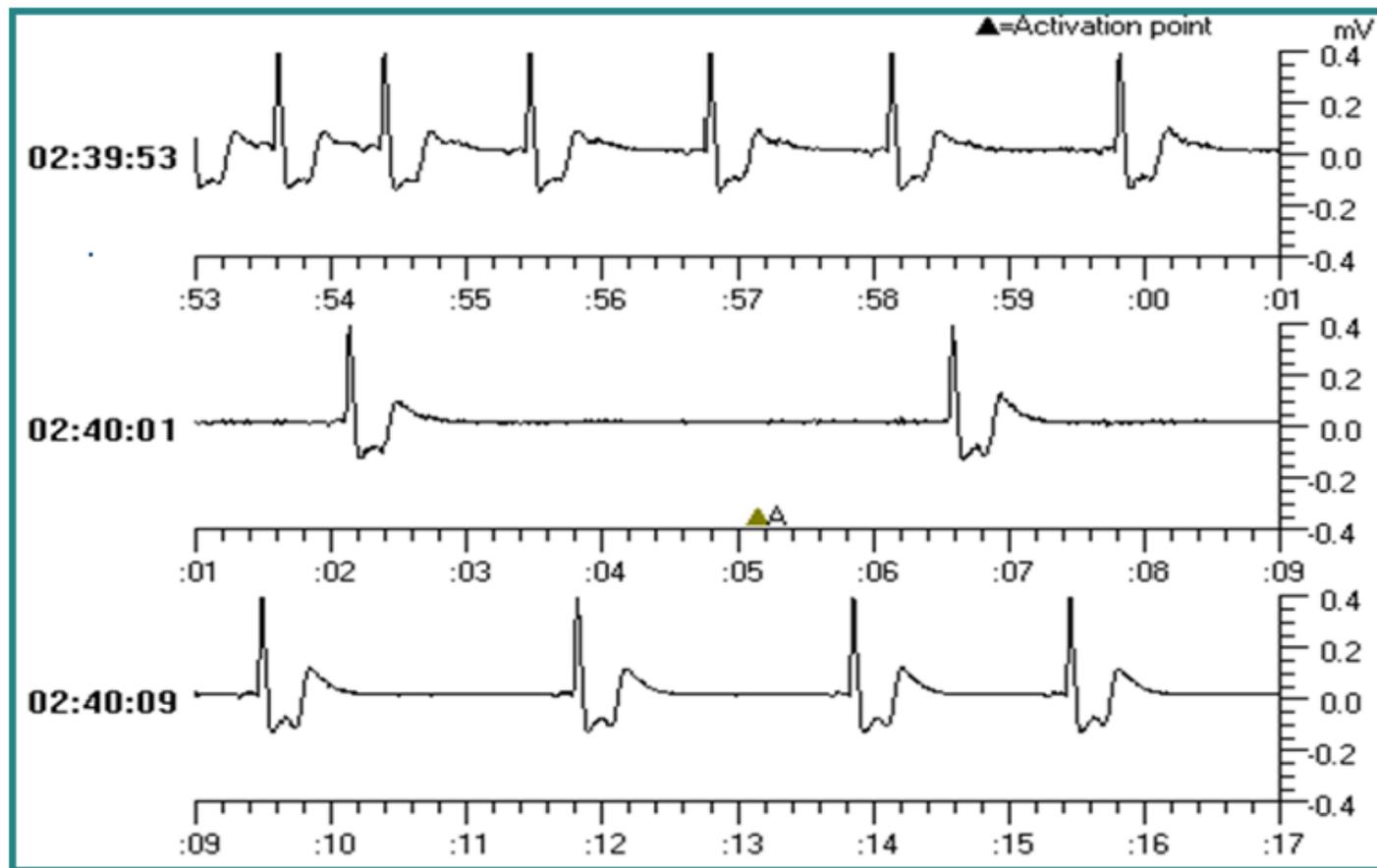


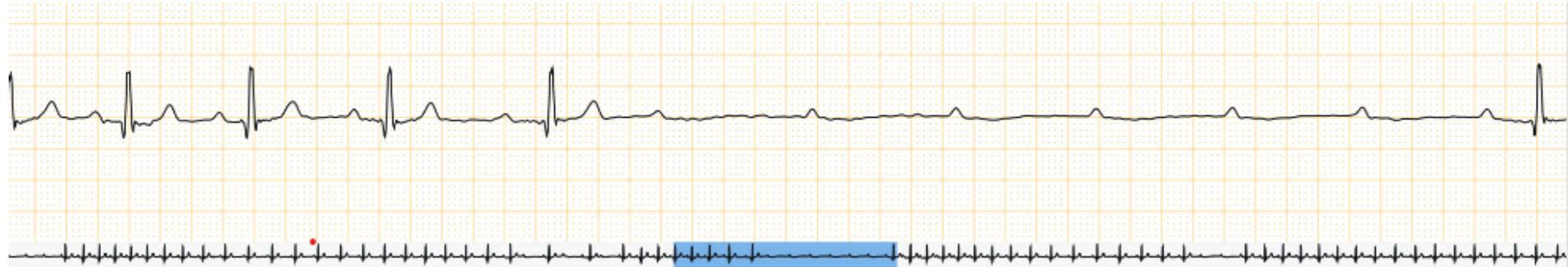
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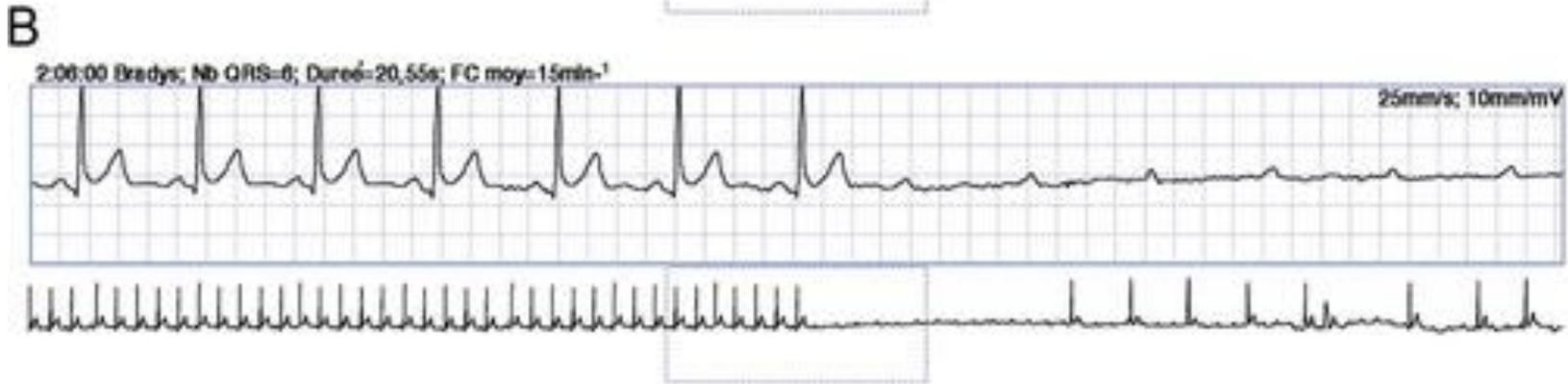
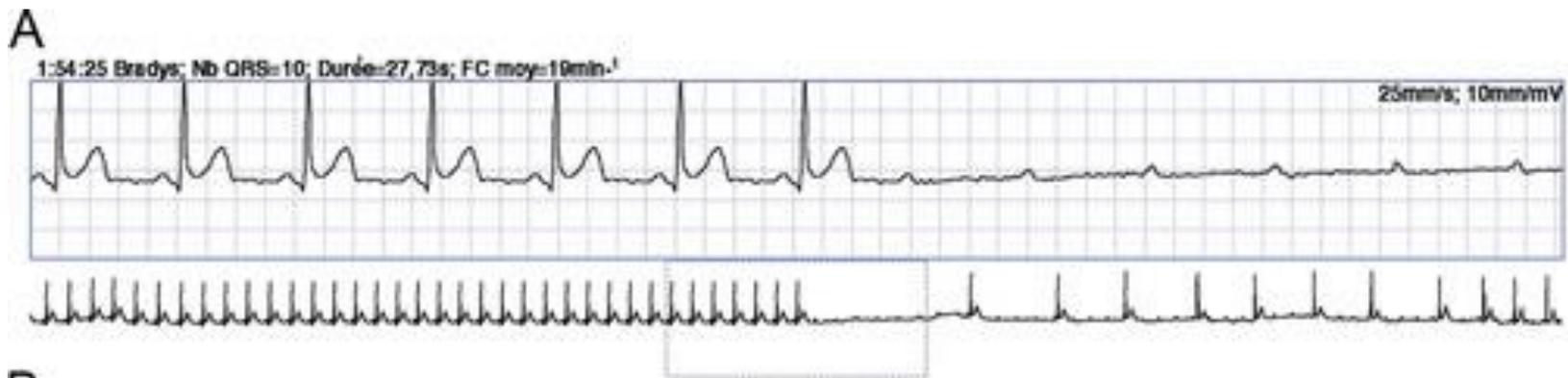
Exploration Electrophysiologique

Recommendations	Class	Level
1. In patients with syncope and <u>previous myocardial infarction</u> or other <u>scar-related conditions</u> , EPS is indicated when syncope remains <u>unexplained after non-invasive evaluation</u>	I	B
2. In patients with syncope and bifascicular BBB, EPS should be considered when syncope remains unexplained after non- invasive evaluation.	IIa	B
3. In patients with syncope and asymptomatic sinus bradycardia, EPS may be considered in a few instances when non-invasive tests (e.g. ECG monitoring) have failed to show a correlation between syncope and bradycardia.	IIb	B
4. In patients with syncope preceded by sudden and brief palpitations, EPS may be considered when syncope remains unexplained after non-invasive evaluation.	IIb	C

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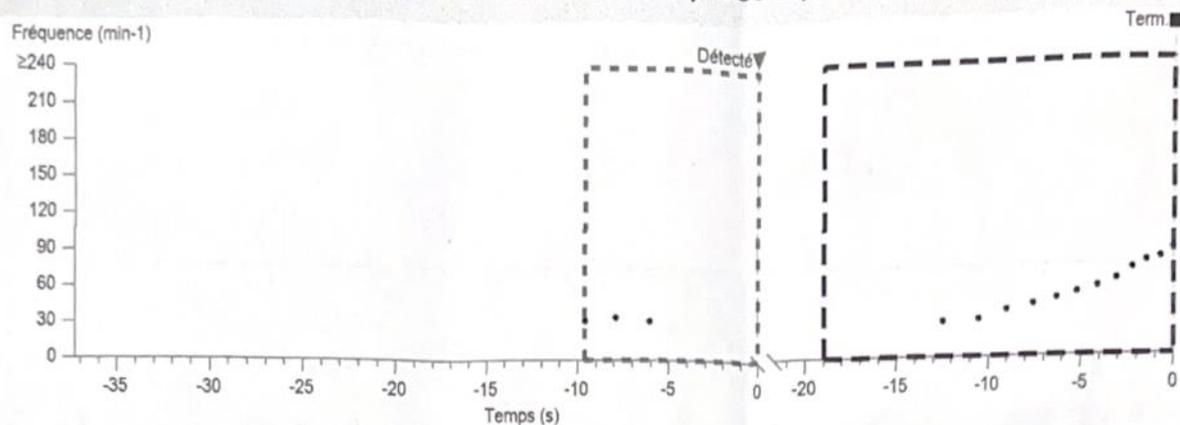








Résumé d'événements : Pause épisode (ID n° 1)



Pause épisode

- Détecté : 10-Nov-2025
- Durée : 00:00:19
- Fréq. V médiane : 63 min-1

Résumé de l'ECG : Pause (ID n° 1)

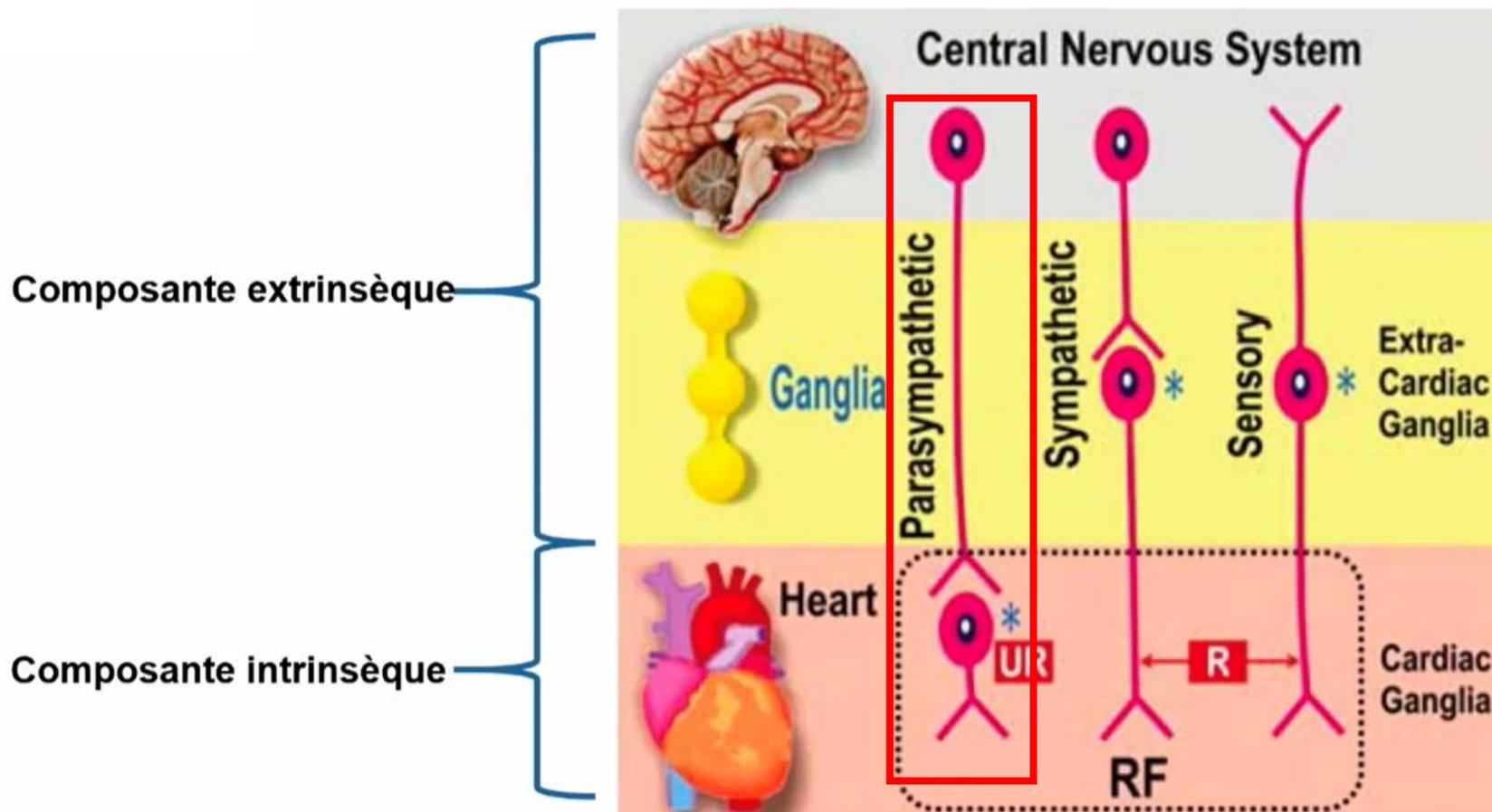


PACEMAKER

Recommendations	Class	Level
Cardiac pacing		
1. Cardiac pacing should be considered to reduce syncopal recurrences in patients aged >40 years, with spontaneous documented symptomatic asystolic pause/s >3 seconds or asymptomatic pause/s >6 seconds due to sinus arrest or AV block or the combination of the two.	IIa	B
2. Cardiac pacing should be considered to reduce syncope recurrence in patients with cardioinhibitory carotid sinus syndrome who are >40 years with recurrent frequent unpredictable syncope.	IIa	B
3. Cardiac pacing may be considered to reduce syncope recurrences in patients with tilt-induced asystolic response who are >40 years with recurrent frequent unpredictable syncope.	IIb	B
4. Cardiac pacing may be considered to reduce syncope recurrences in patients with the clinical features of adenosine-sensitive syncope.	IIb	B
5. Cardiac pacing is not indicated in the absence of a documented cardioinhibitory reflex.	III	B

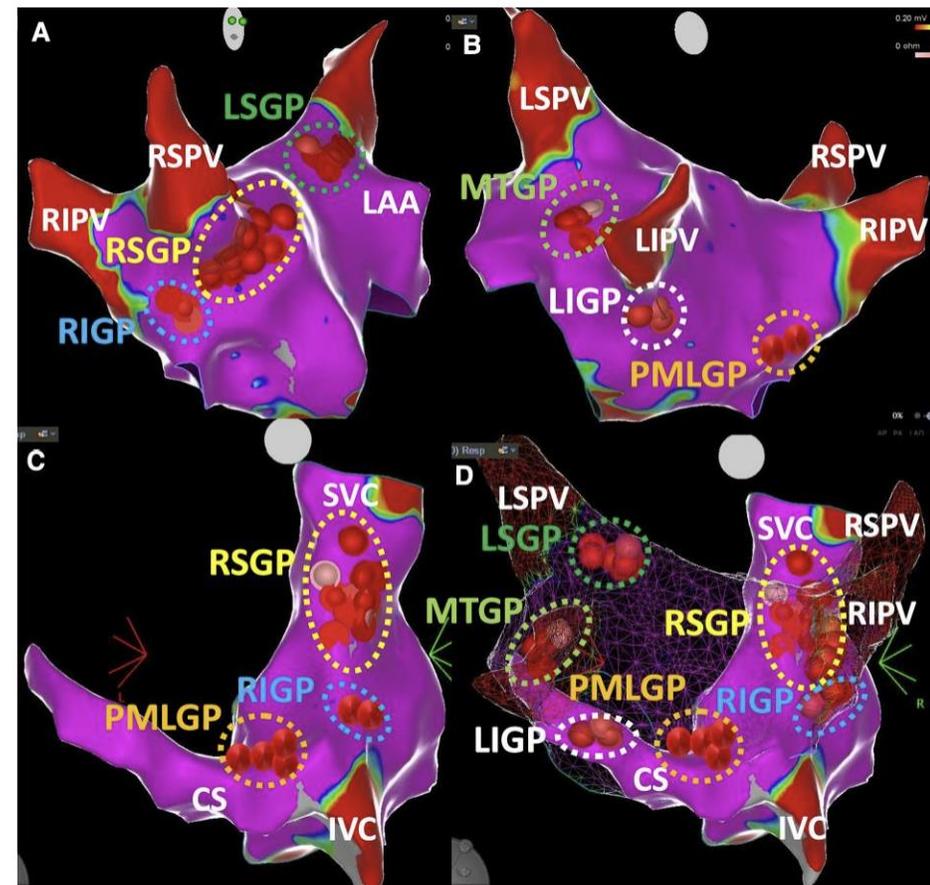
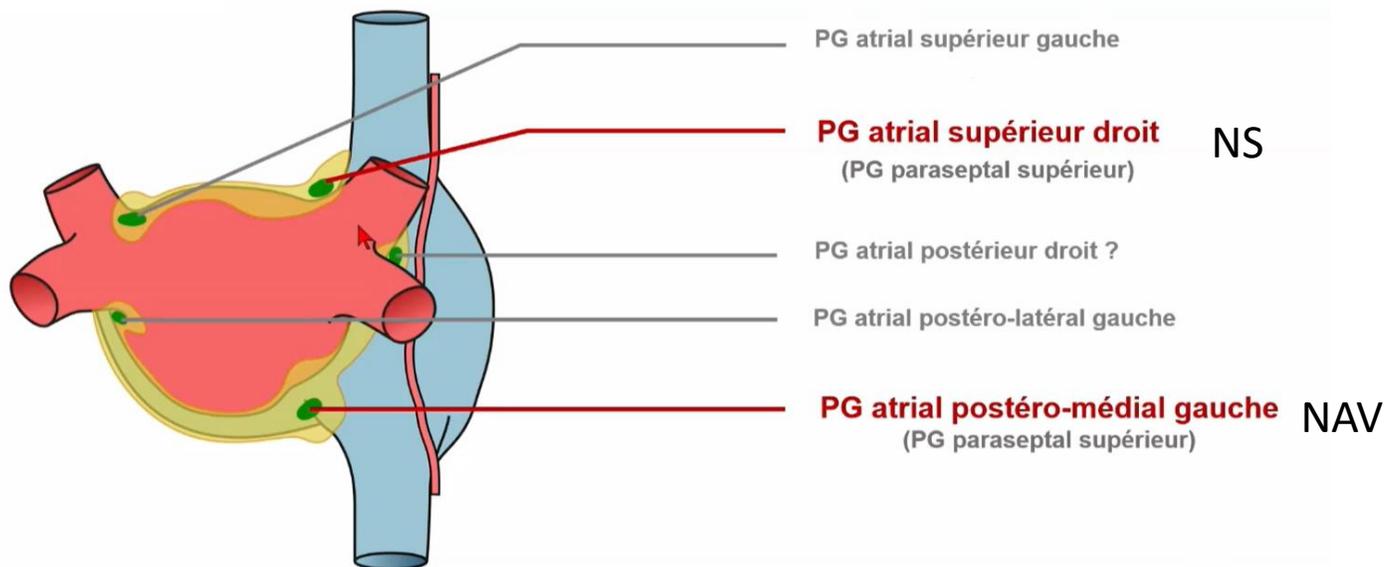
CARDIO NEURO ABLATION

Organisation à 2 neurones



CARDIO NEURO ABLATION

Cibles principales de la CNA



Patients jeunes (< 60 ans) présentant une syncope réflexe présumée
(facteurs déclenchants typiques de syncope, absence d'anomalies ECG de l'onde P ou de la jonction atrio-ventriculaire, absence de cardiopathie structurale, échec des thérapies conventionnelles non interventionnelles pour prévenir la récurrence de la syncope)

Épisodes sévères, imprévisibles, récurrents ou traumatiques

Évaluation du système nerveux autonome :

- test d'inclinaison
- massage du sinus carotidien (> 40 ans)
- test d'hypotension orthostatique
- mesure ambulatoire de la pression artérielle sur 24 heures

Critères en faveur d'une syncope réflexe :

- syncope avec asystole > 3 secondes : les données favorisent l'efficacité de la CNA.
- en cas de susceptibilité hypotensive associée : les données sur les résultats de la CNA sont discutables.

Moniteur cardiaque implantable

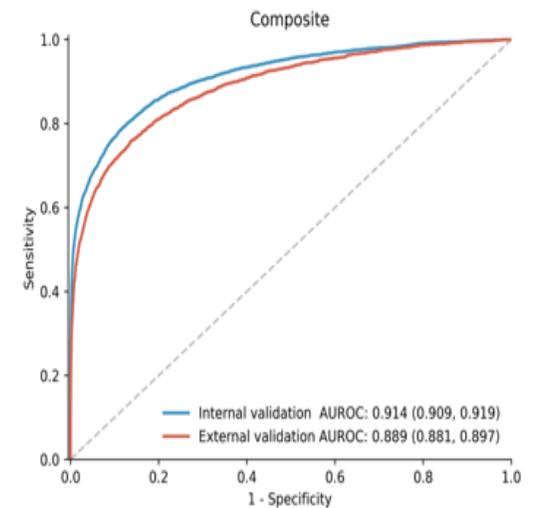
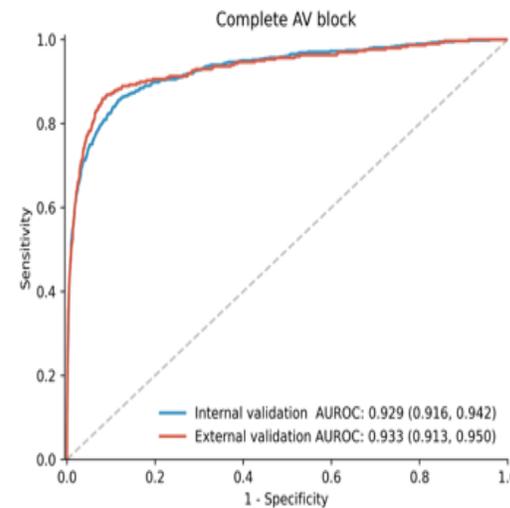
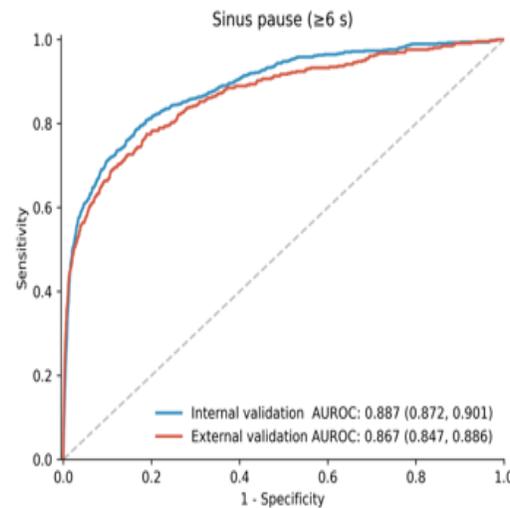
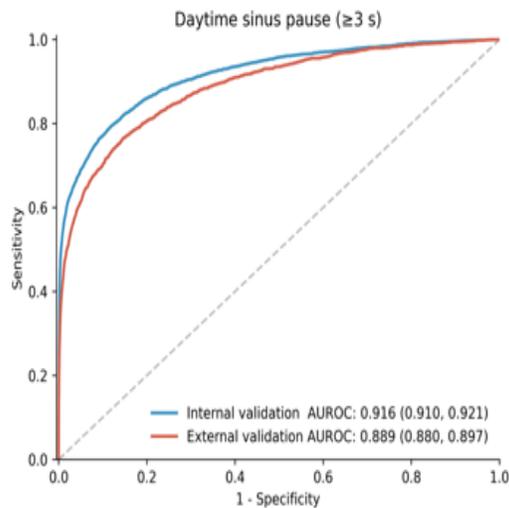
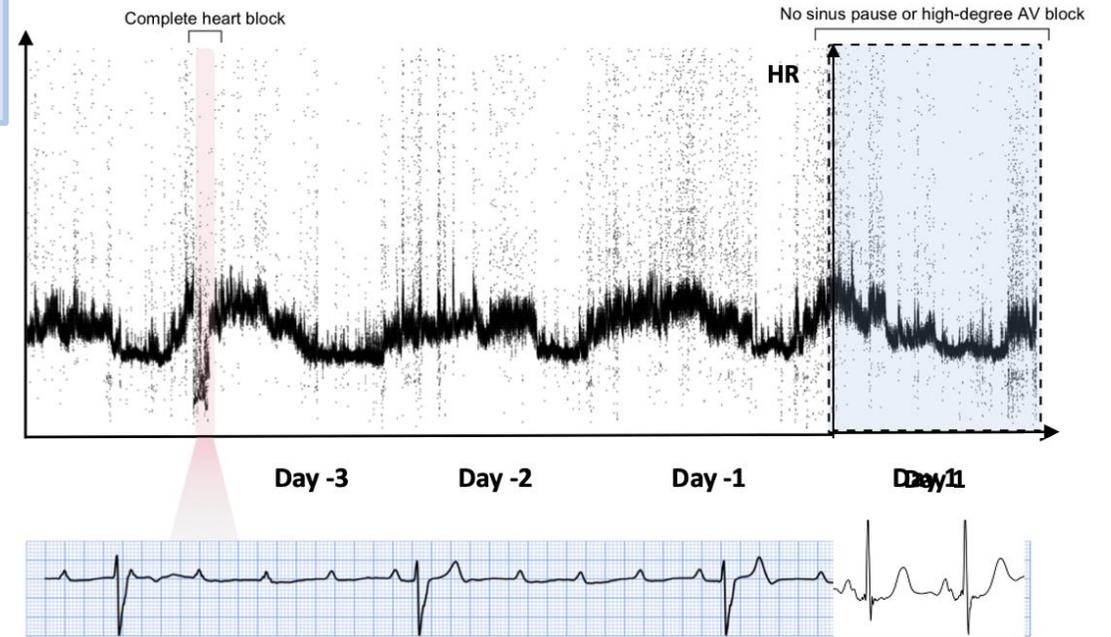
- Asystolie paroxystique > 3 secondes lors de la syncope ou pause asymptomatique > 6 secondes
→ Les données favorisent l'efficacité de la CNA
- Bradycardie < 40 bpm pendant > 10 secondes lors de la syncope
→ Données limitées sur l'efficacité de la CNA
- Rythme sinusal normal, tachycardie sinusale et tachyarythmies pendant la syncope
→ Aucune donnée sur l'efficacité de la CNA

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Deep Learning Can Unmask Conduction Tissue Disease From an Ambulatory ECG

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MESSAGES

- Tri initial par le cardiologue (urgence vs différé).
- ECG + imagerie cardiaque selon les signes.
- Orientation vers rythmologue si suspicion rythmique ou bilan initial négatif.
- Coordination pour ILR / EP study / prise en charge spécifique.
- Cardioneuroablation
- Utilisation de l'IA dans le futur proche