THE NORMAL SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

1. Firing of the sinoatrial (SA) node
   - The fastest pacemaker

2. Firing of the sinoatrial (SA) node
   - The fastest pacemaker

3. A “silent” event on the ECG

4. Firing of the sinoatrial (SA) node
   - The fastest pacemaker
THE NORMAL SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Atrial depolarization
P wave

The Normal Sequence of Events

AV Nodal Conduction
PR Interval

The Normal Sequence of Events

Ventricular depolarization
QRS Complex

The Normal Sequence of Events

Ventricular repolarization
ST segment and T wave
THE FIRST 2 QUESTIONS TO ASK...

What is the heart rate?
What is the rhythm?
WHAT IS THE RHYTHM?

Who is controlling the rhythm?
Is it a sinus rhythm?

Are there p waves causing the QRS complexes?
If not sinus, then from where do the impulses originate?

REMEMBER THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Rapid ventricular depolarization

Is that non-sinus complex ventricular or supraventricular?

Is that premature complex a VPC or a SVPC?