Take Aways

- EKG changes are not a sensitive test for pulmonary embolism.
- Abnormal ECGs may suggest high clott burden and are generally found only in more severe forms of PE, and are associated with increased risk of circulatory shock and death.
- Many of these ECG changes can be seen in any condition that causes acute pulmonary hypertension.
- These findings may lead you to have increased concern for patient's with the right clinical picture for PE, but are unlikely to influence initial PE testing.

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