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Modern-day ECG machines can make accurate measurements and analysis. So why bother to learn how to read an electrocardiogram? The answer is simple: A robotic machine can follow algorithms but it takes a human mind to read beyond and between the waveforms to make interpretation and collate it with clinical findings.

Electrocardiography can be the topic of a lifelong study. This Primer is only meant to introduce the subject to medical students, interns, novice residents, and general physicians in community practice. It is hoped the liberal use of diagrams and pictures can help to improve understanding.

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