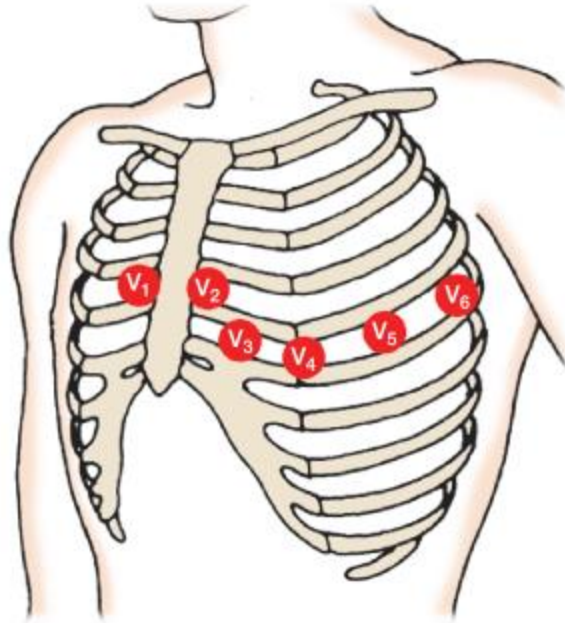


EKG Lead Placement



Limb Leads	Limb leads should be equal distance from heart and in about same place on each limb Clinical tip: Apply electrodes on legs with lead connections pointing towards the head to allow best connection to lead wire.
V ₁	Fourth intercostal space at the right border of the sternum
V ₂	Fourth intercostal space at the left border of the sternum
V ₃	Halfway between V ₂ and V ₄
V ₄	Fifth intercostal space at the left midclavicular line
V ₅	In the horizontal plane of V ₄ at the anterior axillary line (or halfway between V ₄ and V ₆ if the anterior axillary line is ambiguous)
V ₆	In the horizontal plane of V ₄ at the midaxillary line

To find the correct intercostal space:

Palpate point at which sternum attaches to clavicle (the suprasternal notch)

Then palpate down to identify sternal angle, which is the bony prominence at which the second rib attaches to the sternum

The space below second rib is second intercostal space

Continue to palpate down the patient's sternum, counting the ribs and intercostal spaces to find the appropriate location for chest electrodes.