

Wave	Duration	Cause	Clinical Significance
P wave	0.1	atrial depolarization	guide to functional activity of atria
QRS complex	0.08 Q → 0.02, R → 0.04 S → 0.02	Ventricular depolarization Q → depolarization of interventricular septum R → , , ventricular apex and wall S → , , of , base	Prolongation of QRS complex + m shaped R wave → ventricular hypertrophy, extrasystole Deep Q wave → myocardial infarction
T wave	0.25	Ventricular repolarization 1/2 R (Tve wave)	inverted T wave ↳ myocardial ischemia ↳ myocardial infarction
U wave	0.05	repolarization of papillary muscle in obese	Usually absent + has no pathological significance
PR interval Start P wave → start R wave	0.12 - 0.21	AVN conduction	Prolonged PR interval → β-blockers, vagal stimulation, 1st degree heart block Shortened PR interval → sympathetic, accelerated AV conduction If prolonged → delay conductivity and vice versa
ST Segment end of S → start of T	0.1	complete depolarization of ventricle	Normally isoelectric, if displaced above or under the line → ischemia
QT interval start of Q → end of T	0.4	Ventricular depolarization and repolarization	Shortened → tachycardia, hypercalcemia Prolonged → hypertension, hypocalcemia