



Pacemakers and external factors

Pacemakers and surgery



Nervous surgeons

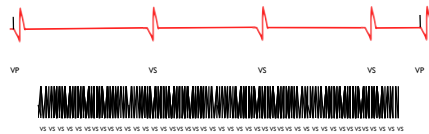
Considerations



- Proximity
- Underlying rhythm
- Type of diathermy

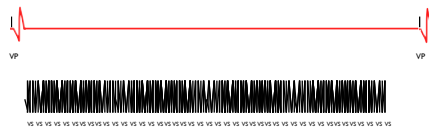


Proximity



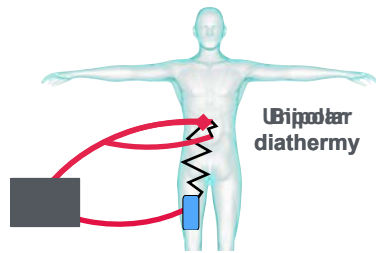
EMI from diathermy

Underlying rhythm



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No underlying rhythm



Type of diathermy

Takeaway message



If the patient has a **good underlying rhythm**, then surgery can normally be performed without adjusting the pacemaker settings.
