Cardiac Action Potentials

In class Instruction Presentation

What happens to the heart during an action potential?

- What are action potentials based on?
- What cases a cardiac action potential?
- During an action potential, what happens to the cardiac cells?
- What happens to the heart during an action potential?

What are the Types of Cardiac Action Potentials?

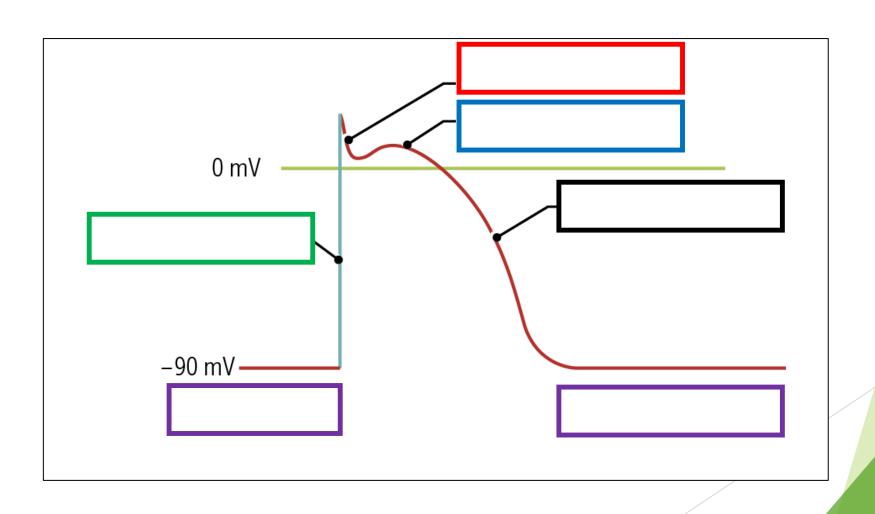
Group 1

- What Type?
- What cells each type arises from?
- ▶ What is the purpose?
- Fast or Slow?

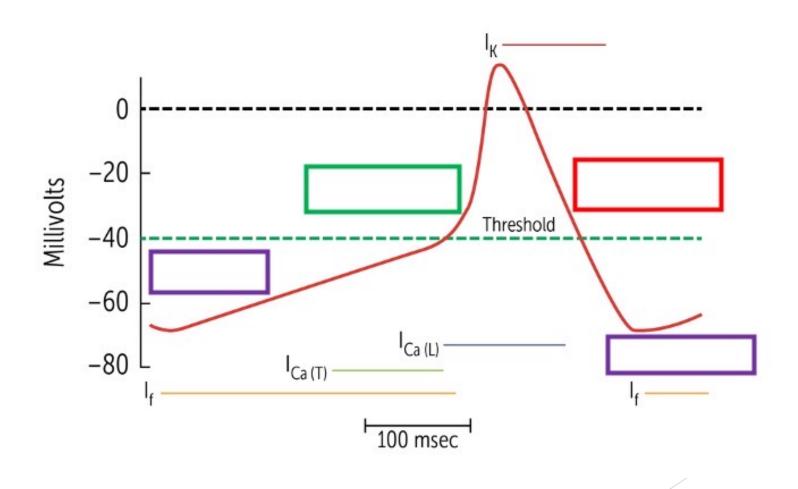
Group 2

- What Type?
- ▶ What cells they type arises from?
- ▶ What is the purpose?
- ► Fast or Slow?

Nonpacemaker Phases



Pacemaker Phases



Importance of Action Potential Refractory Periods

- What are refractory periods?
- What is one fast voltage-gated sodium state?
- What is a 2nd fast voltage-gated sodium state?
- What is the 3rd fast voltage-gated sodium state?
- On each card describe what occurs in each state.

Pacemaker Action Potential Patient Case

- > 64 year old woman
- > Relatively healthy, comes in on her own
- Complaining of palpitations & dizziness
- Normal blood pressure, temperature, oxygen saturation & respiratory rate
- Heart Rate between 130 & 170 bpm
- EKG shows irregular, narrow complex rhythm
- No identifiable P waves

