12 Lead EKG – Lead Placement

Precordial Leads:

- **V1**: fourth intercostal space to the right of the sternum.
- **V2**: fourth intercostal space to the left of the sternum.
- **V3**: directly between leads V2 and V4.
- **V4**: fifth intercostal space in the midclavicular line (even if the apex beat is displaced).
- **V5**: directly between leads V4 and V6.
- **V6**: horizontal with V4 in the midaxillary line.

Limb Leads:

- **Right Arm**, **Right Leg**, **Left arm**, **Left Leg** can be placed anywhere on the limbs and even on the outer edges of torso in areas closest to the limb as in the case of amputation or injury.

There will also be a **Ground Lead**
- Usually green if colored and this can be placed anywhere on the body.

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