Abstract

Sick sinus syndrome (SSS) is the dysfunction of the Sino atrial node that leads to

inability to generate a heart rate that meets the physiologic need of the patient

secondarily due to senescence of the Sino atrial node and surrounding atrial

myocardium. Patients with SSS are typically presents with symptoms of fatigue

and lethargy. There are also several of electrocardiogram abnormalities can result

from sick sinus syndrome.

Fifty two year old patient from Maharagama presented with giddiness and

generalized body weakness for 1week duration. His ECG showed sick sinus

syndrome with severe bradycardia. He was immediately inserted a temporary

pacemaker. On further questioning he said Seven years back he was diagnosed to

have hyperthyroidism and started on carbimazole 15mg mane. Then he was given

radioactive iodine tablet after six months of treatment with carbimazole. His

thyroid function test revealed severe hypothyroidism.

He was started on thyroxin. He improved symptomatically but his heart rate did

not show a significant improvement in the absence of pacemaker. Hence he had

undergone a permanent pacemaker insertion which regularized his heart rate

permanently.

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Pacemaker, Thyroxine