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Cardiac

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**Opening Scenario:**

73 year old male booked for elective THR  
 Past Hx of syncope and presyncope  
 Px normal EKG shows couplets - Lab otherwise normal

**Major points of additional information to be provided to the candidate, e.g., hx, px, labs, x-ray, consults:**

Family doctor has done holter - shows multiple episodes V tach

**Major decision points (major decision points or options which must be recognized by the candidate)**

Must defer surgery and recognized significance of Hx and lab findings.  
 Patient put on amiodarone - still not well controlled after 4 weeks of therapy - booked for internal defibrillator

**Any followup information required to lead to the end of the question**

On induction develops V tach -> V Fib

**Critical features to be included i.e. the *must* have to pass the question or to be considered *completely unacceptable***

Significance of syncope and holter findings  
 Considerations re: amiodarone  
 Considerations, re: placement internal defibrillator

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