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This would address the question of whether you have had a pulmonary embolus.

So, you agree this is the best test right now?
Or should I be going with a CAT or MRI scan? But of course.. they're gonna put up a big fight about that...

Can be baseline for some folks and higher than baseline for others. It is well within the normal range for most people.

i wasn't sure because i've been told different things about it.

i was talking to my dad after this, and he said he was diagnosed with this, too. he has extra and skipped beats... and also has an issue where he literally feels them every hour. he's been checked and no one seemed concerned.

he also has a thing where he seems to not be able to take enough deep breaths. he said he started feeling that way when he was about my age.. 25-27.

same as me. been like that for a while. i'm always taking deep breaths. i sometimes feel like my lungs are being squashed inside... when i'm sitting down or whatever.

what exactly are these VE's?

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Ventricular Ectopics are also known as Premature Ventricular Contractions (PVCs). It is not usual to use both VEs and PVCs or to make a distinction between them. Couplets are a pair of VEs.

what do you mean.. not usual?

so, out of all of this from the holter.. im in no danger?

A PAC is a Premature Atrial Contraction.

thats another thing that baffles me. the EKG shows a right atrial 'strain'.. (which also could mean a PE..), but the echo shows its of normal size, and normal in general.

just seems like.. a lot of things that should be addressed. sadly, though... its not like it can all be looked into all too soon. takes weeks/months sometimes just to get a cardio appointment around here, and all the other stuff...

just so many things. and i know i come across like a hypochondriac, or someone just thnking of everything and anything, but.. i know how i feel, i know my body and have seen how doctors have fucked over my family, and even me in the past. if it wastn for us raising hell with a bunch of docs, my mom would have died from a serious heart problem a while back. turned out our suspicions were right all along and they had refused to check for other stuff, previously. sad...

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