A 43-year-old man presents to a rural emergency department with “muscle spasm” and “extreme twitching” in the middle of his chest wall. The symptoms occurred twice the night before and then multiple times since he awoke that morning.

He has a history of bradycardia–tachycardia syndrome, consisting of episodes of fast atrial fibrillation with symptomatic asystole following the termination of tachycardia. He underwent placement of a permanent transvenous ventricular demand inhibited (VVI) pacemaker at a tertiary care hospital 9 days before his presentation. He reports no recent trauma to the chest, scratching over the site of the pacemaker or strenuous exercise.

The 12-lead electrocardiogram is shown in Figure 1. What is your diagnosis?

For the answer, see page 108.

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