Question 1
A 60-year-old man is to undergo elective cholecystectomy. He has no significant medical history, and has no symptoms on specific enquiry. Physical examination is normal.
His ECG is shown below.

Which one of the following is most appropriate before proceeding to surgery?
A. Exercise stress test.
B. Dobutamine stress echocardiography.
C. Dipyridamole thallium scan.
D. Coronary angiography.
E. No further cardiac investigation.

Answer: E

RBBB.

RBBB increases with age, and in a large prospective study, there was no association with nor was it a risk factor for, heart disease. It is likely part of the spectrum of normal ageing.

***Beware Brugada syndrome in the RBBB with incomplete or complete RBBB with ST elevation in leads V1 through V3.

These patients are at risk of VT (fast polymorphic). Patients who have spontaneous syncope should probably have an ICD inserted.