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PAPER-III

SUBJECT CODE & NAME- 801510-MEDICAL ELECTRONICS, BIOPHYSICS AND COMPUTER USAGE RELEVANT TO CARDIAC TECHNOLOGY AND BASIC ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHY UNIT – 1-Puzzle 4:

Case-Based Puzzle Adaptation - Electrode Swapping

This is a direct application of the source's Case-Based Puzzle - Patient Diagnosis format to electrode systems.

Case: A 40-year-old patient is having an ECG performed. The machine displays strange readings in the Electrocardiographic lead systems. Reviewing the chart shows:

- Lead I (normally) is inverted (negative QRS).
- Lead II (normally) appears to look exactly like a normal Lead III.
- Lead III (normally) appears to look exactly like a normal Lead II.

Questions:

- 1. Based on the rules governing the Standard Limb Leads, which two electrodes are most likely swapped?
- 2. If the patient had only their Left Leg (LL) electrode removed (but the machine still registered some noise), which fundamental principle of the standard ECG system would be violated?
- 3. Why are Leads II and III swapped, but Lead I is merely inverted?

