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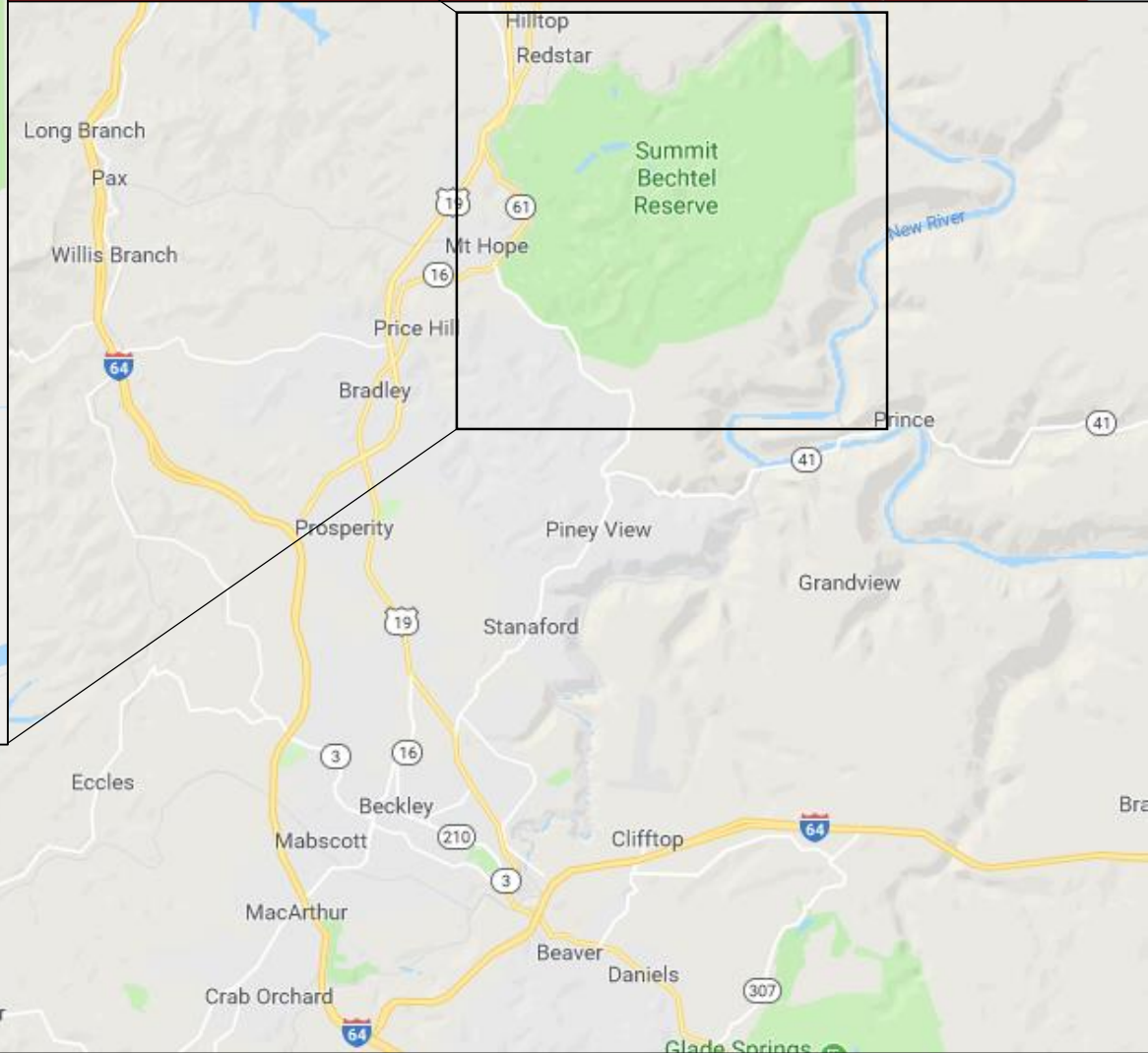
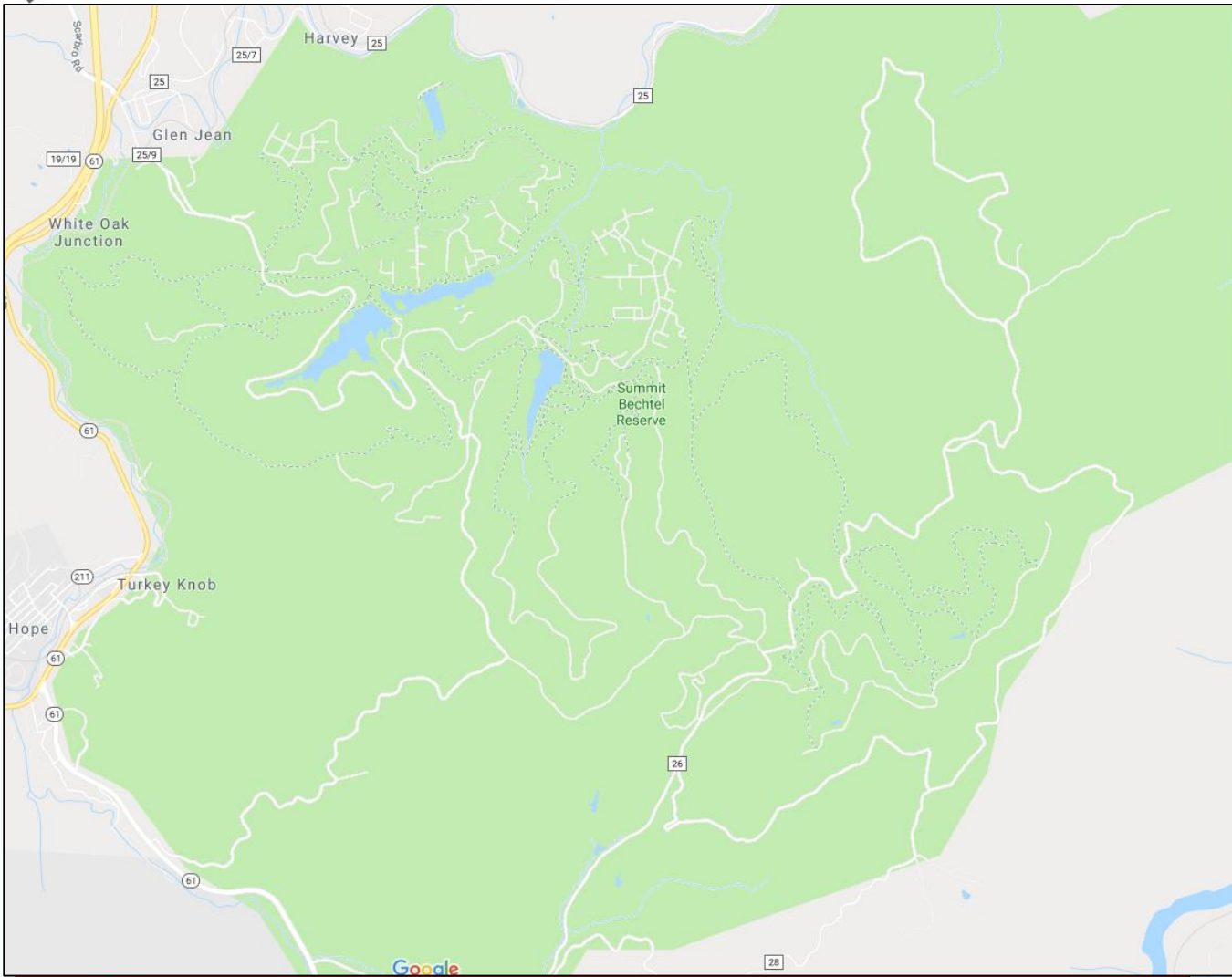
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# WHEN RESUSCITATION HITS HOME

Keith Ozenberger

NATIONAL BOY SCOUT JAMBOREE  
JULY 2017  
NEAR GLEN JEAN AND MT HOPE, WV





# West Virginia





FIRST FOUR DAYS OF JAMBOREE WERE  
UNEVENTFUL  
WHILE WALKING AROUND THE  
JAMBOREE ON SATURDAY, JULY 22  
I SAW ...







SUNDAY, JULY 23, ALL STARTED OUT  
OKAY, BUT IN THE AFTERNOON ...













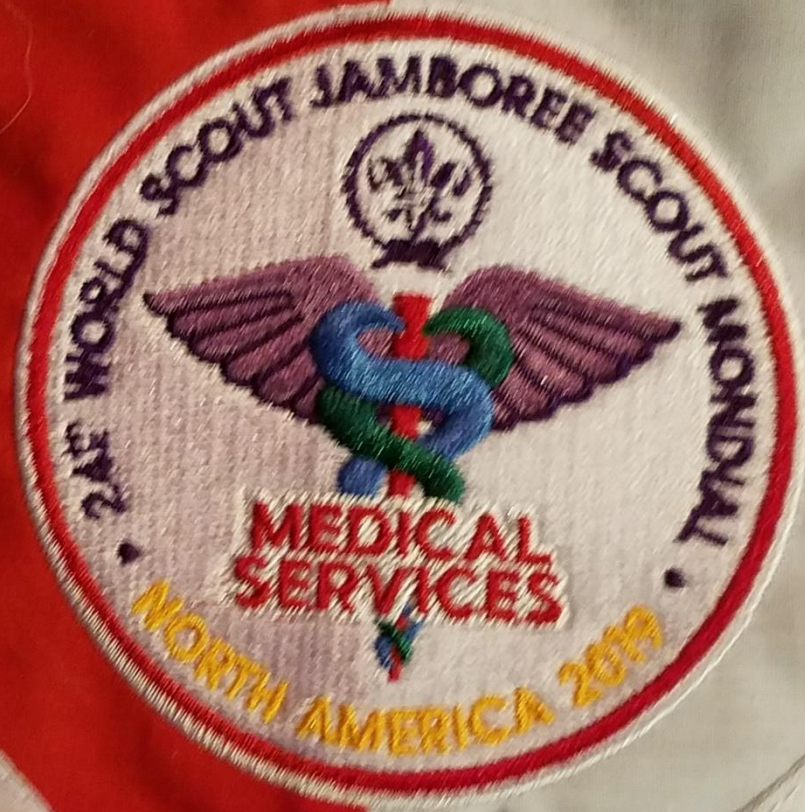














# RESUSCITATION 2019: *STATE OF THE UNION*

Strive to Revive Conference  
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# OUTLINE AND OBJECTIVES

## OUTLINE

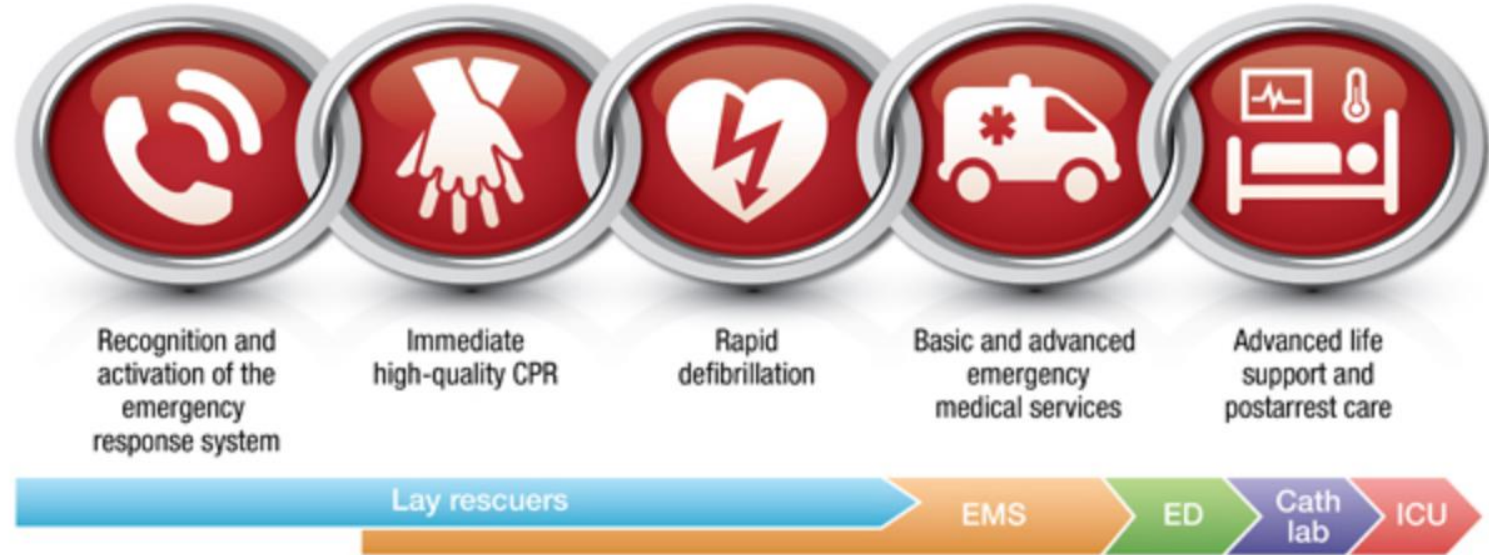
- Current landscape of resuscitation in the United States
- Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest: USA and the World
- In-Hospital Cardiac Arrest: Why Get With the Guidelines—Resuscitation?
- Summary

## OBJECTIVES

1. Describe current approach to resuscitation research for both IN and OUT of Hospital Cardiac Arrest (IHCA/OHCA)
2. Demonstrate direct association between quality of care captured in retrospective databases and improved survival and neurologic outcomes after IHCA/OHCA.

# Systems of Care

## Out-of-Hospital



## In-Hospital



# FIRST STEPS – GATHERING DATA ON RESUSCITATION

- ANIMAL RESEARCH (INCLUDING RANDOMIZED TRIALS)
- HUMAN STUDIES

→ RETROSPECTIVE DATABASES





## Resuscitation Outcomes Consortium

ROC is a clinical trial network focusing on research in the area of prehospital cardiopulmonary arrest and severe traumatic injury



# OUT-OF- HOSPITAL CARDIAC ARREST

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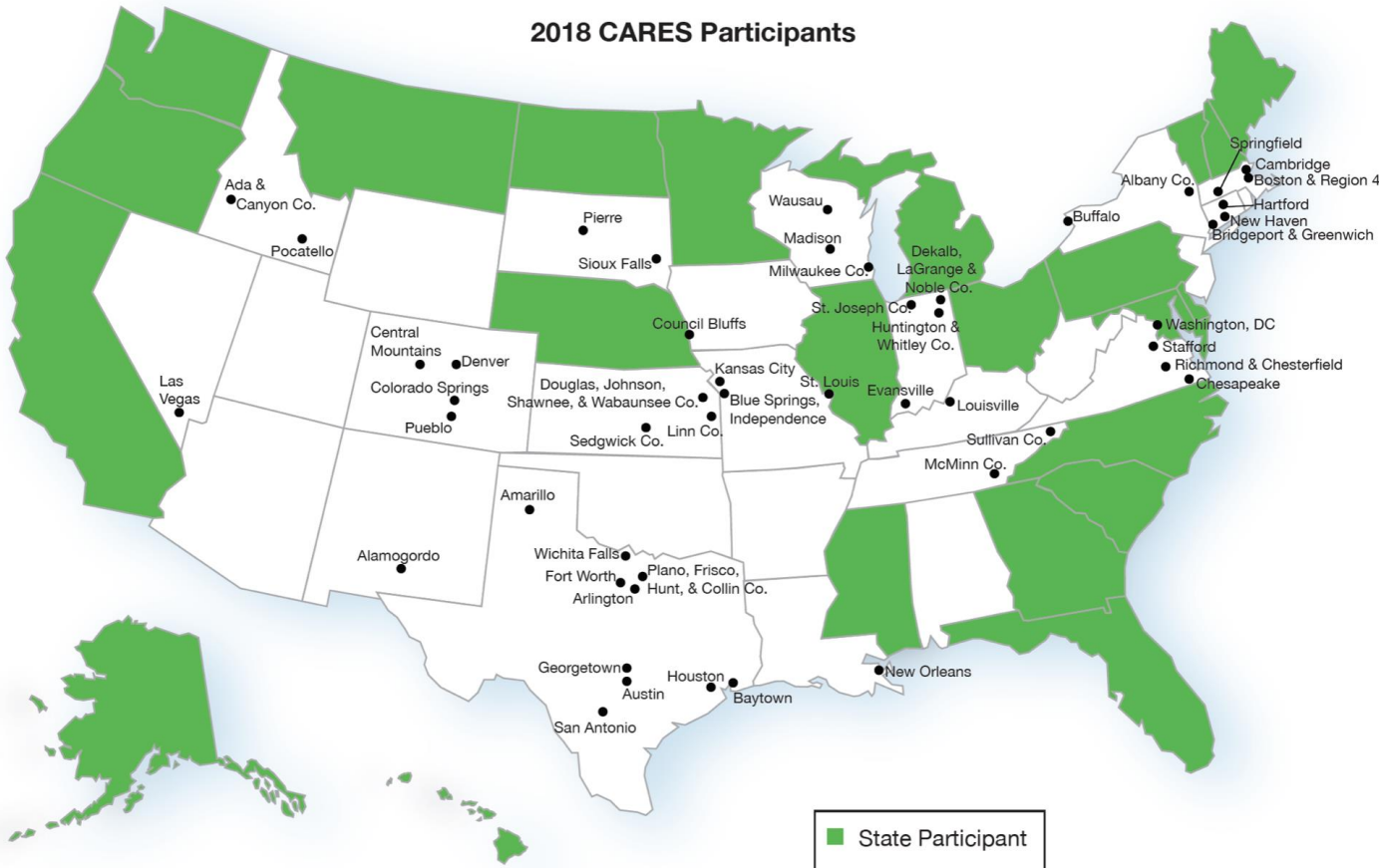
# CARES

Cardiac Arrest Registry  
to Enhance Survival

## OUT-OF-HOSPITAL CARDIAC ARREST (OHCA)

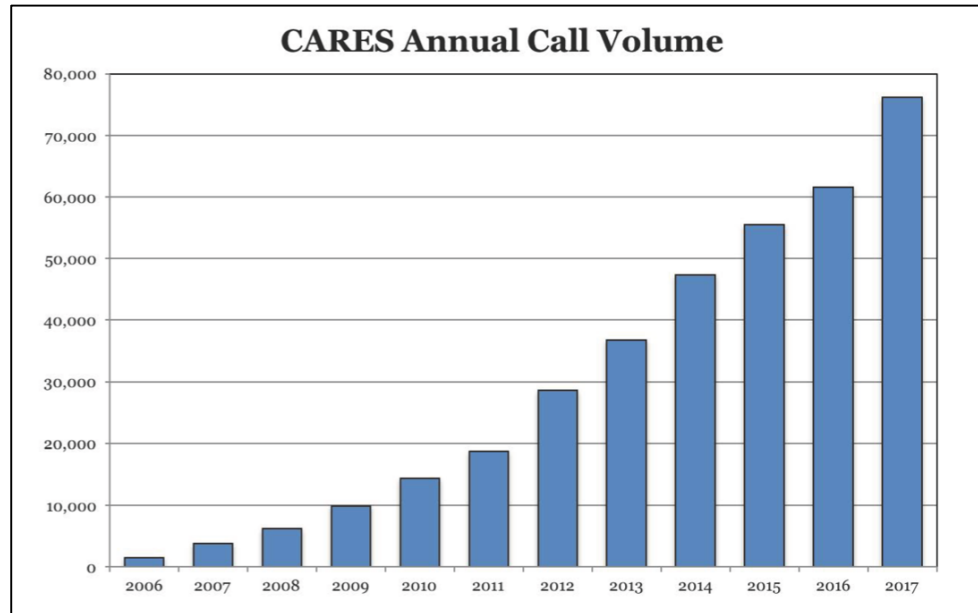
- SETS STANDARD MEASURES
- FACILITATES QUALITY IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS AND BENCHMARKING CAPABILITY TO IMPROVE CARE AND INCREASE SURVIVAL.

2018 CARES Participants

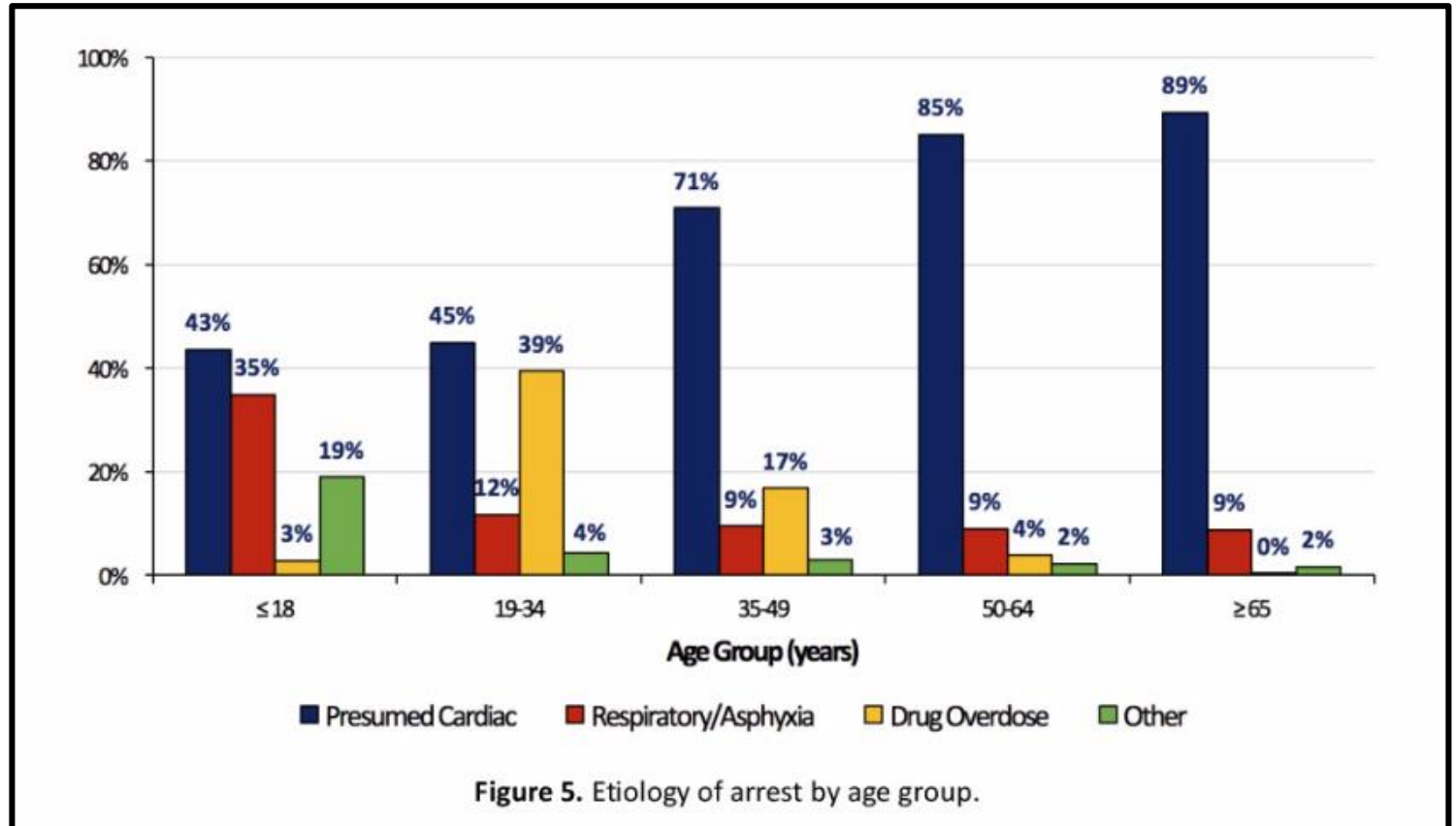


- **23** statewide registries
- **63** additional communities in **18** states
- Covers a catchment area of **115 million**
- More than **1,400** EMS agencies
- More than **1,900** hospitals

CARES Annual Call Volume



- Uses a secure Web database with restricted access for authorized users.
- Has software that collects and links data sources to create a single de-identified record for each OHCA event.
- Uses a simple, HIPAA-compliant methodology to protect confidentiality.
- Accepts a variety of input methods, such as uploaded data files or online data entry.
- Collects 9-1-1 computer-aided dispatch data for EMS response times.
- Allows longitudinal, internal benchmarking of key performance indicators.
- Provides multiple reporting features, including charts, graphs, and maps.



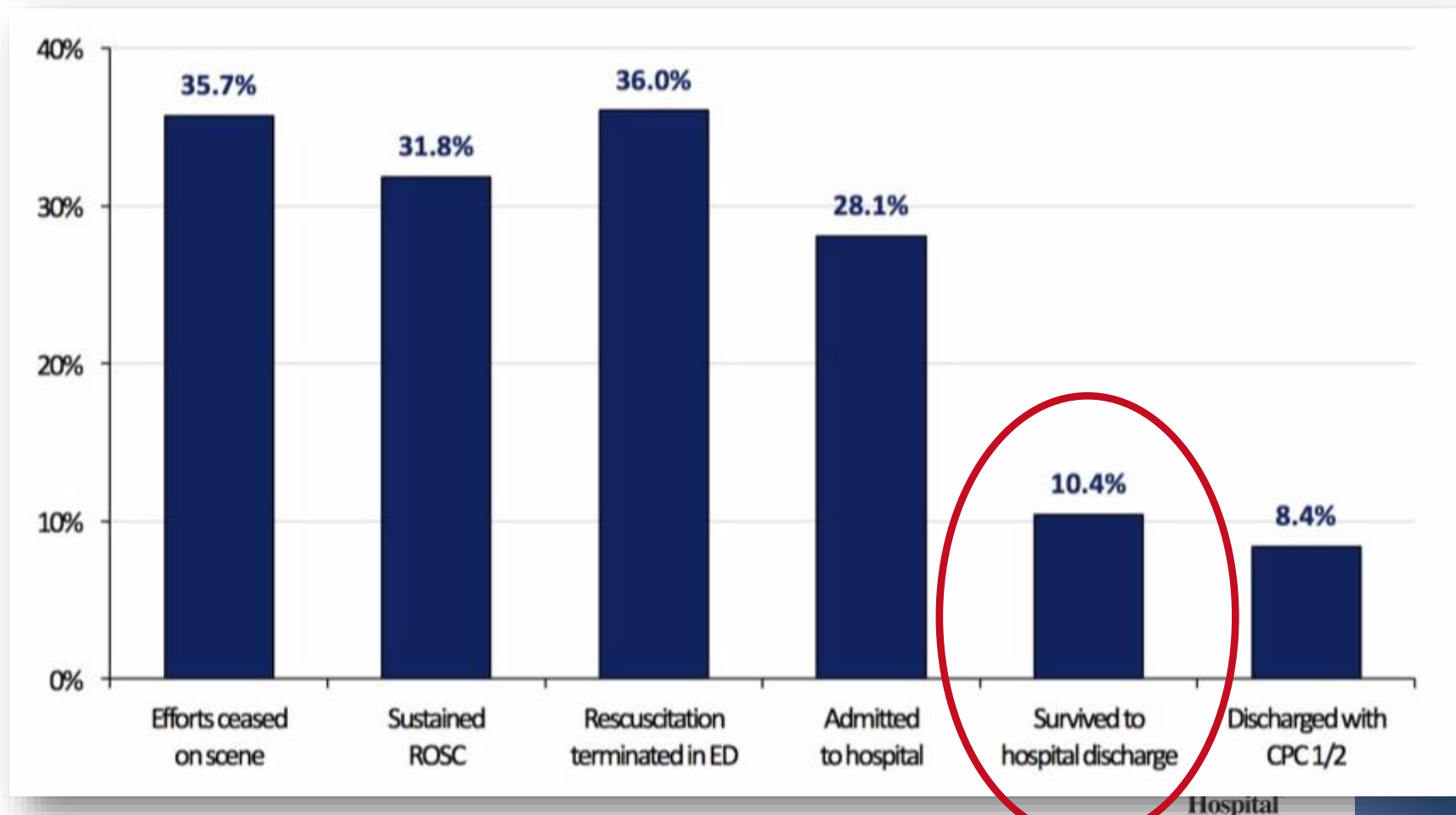
## 2017 Report – Cause of Arrest by Age Group can





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Cardiac Arrest Registry  
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## 2017 Report -- Survival Outcomes



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# 2017 Report -- Survival Outcomes

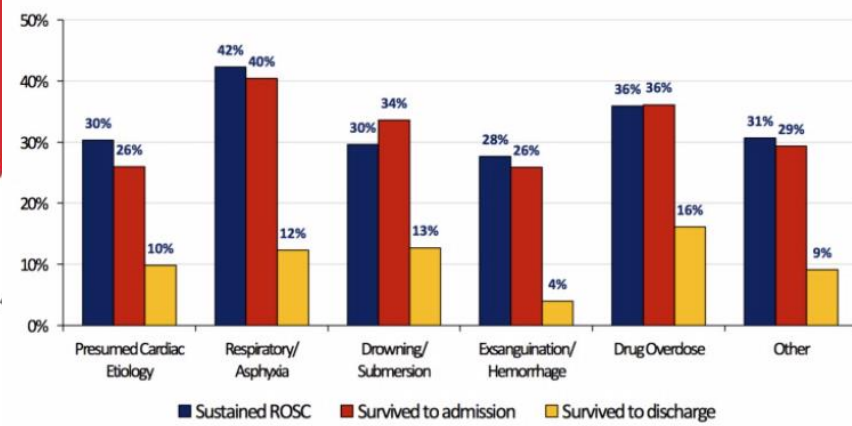


Figure 17. Unadjusted survival outcomes by arrest etiology.

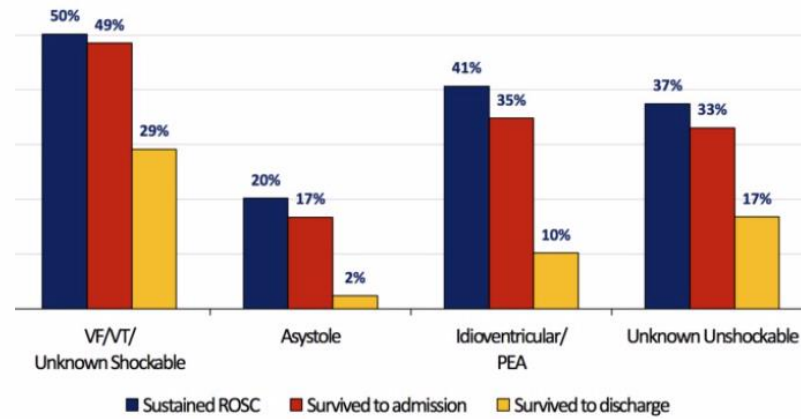


Figure 18. Unadjusted survival outcomes by presenting arrest rhythm.

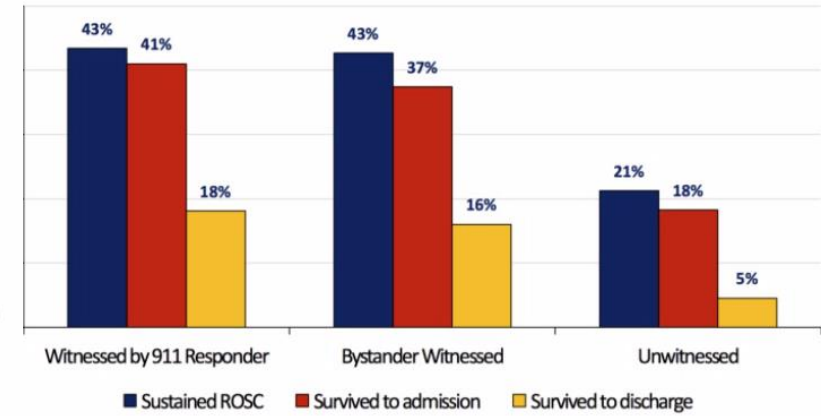


Figure 19. Unadjusted survival outcomes by arrest witness status.

**Arrest Etiology**

**Presenting Rhythm**

**Witness Status**

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# Additional OHCA Research

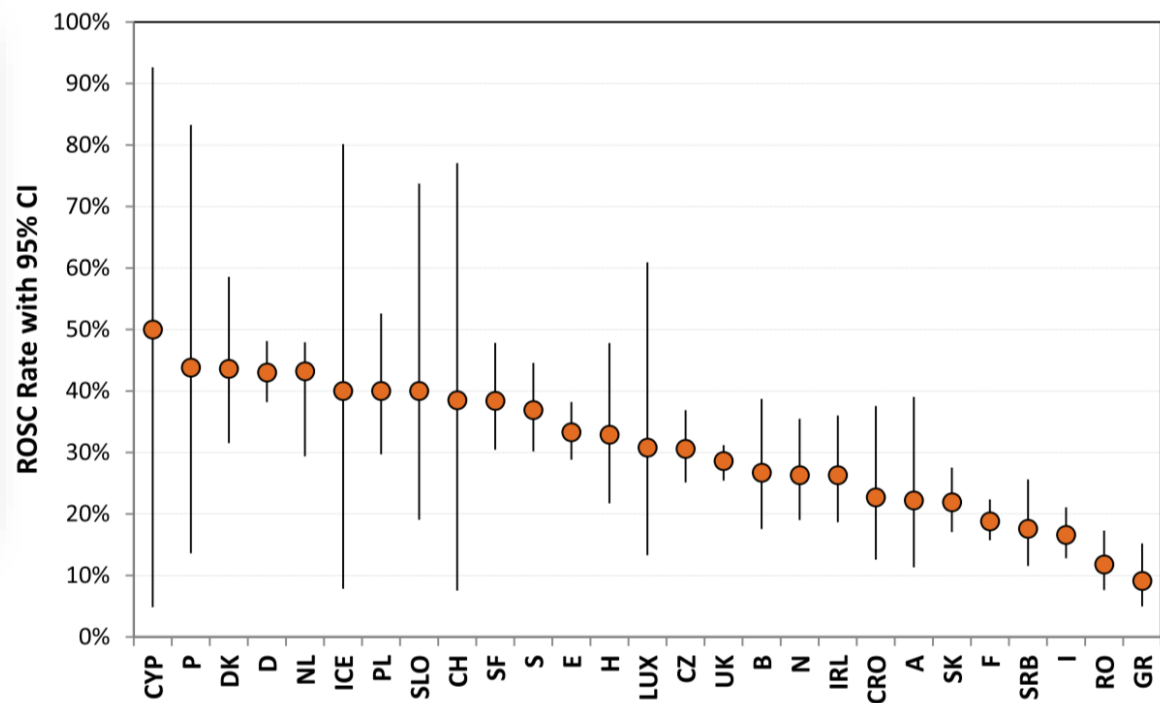
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  - Multicenter 3-month survey of Epidemiology, Treatment, Outcome of OHCA patients across Europe
  - Data collection completed
- **Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest Outcomes project (OHCAO)**
  - UK based initiative to link EMS data with NHS identifiers
  - Ongoing projects

# EuReCa ONE – VALUE IN COLLABORATION

EuReCa ONE—27 Nations, ONE Europe, ONE Registry  
 A prospective one month analysis of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest  
 outcomes in 27 countries in Europe<sup>☆</sup>

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Abbreviations: ROSC= Return of spontaneous circulation. Abbreviations for Countries names are explained in Table 1.

**Fig. 2.** ROSC rate in patients with CPR attempted. The vertical lines represent the 95% confidence intervals (CI). The graph includes 6963 patients from 27 countries (range per country 4 – 1475). The overall result is 28.6%. *Abbreviations:* ROSC = return of spontaneous circulation. Abbreviations for Countries names are explained in [Table 1](#).

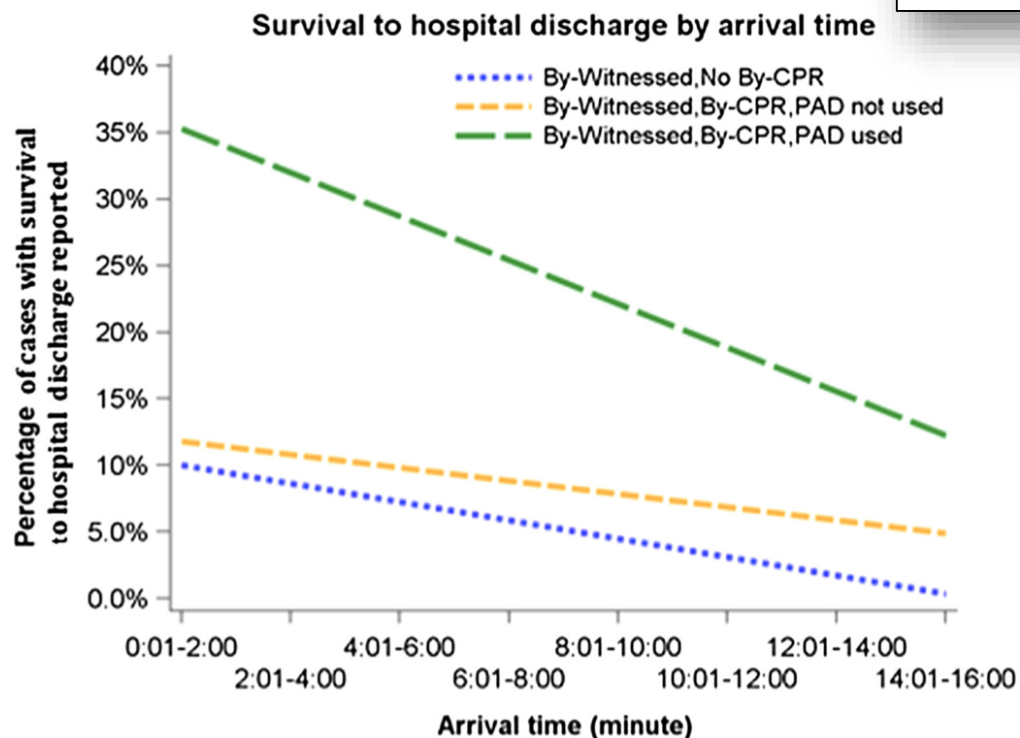
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# OHCAO – UNIFYING NATIONAL EFFORTS IN UK

## Epidemiology and outcomes from out-of-hospital cardiac arrests in England<sup>☆</sup>

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- **Survival to Hospital Discharge = 7.9%**
- **Bystander CPR = 55%**

**“Potential for doubling the survival rate in England remains.”**



Fig. 5. Shockable rhythm in Utstein groups by EMS arrival time and survival to hospital discharge in Utstein groups by EMS arrival time.

# IN-HOSPITAL CARDIAC ARREST

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# CHARACTERISTICS OF IN-HOSPITAL CARDIAC ARREST

IN 2015, THE INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE (IOM) RELEASED A REPORT TITLED ~~STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE CARDIAC ARREST SURVIVAL: A TIME TO ACT~~. THE REPORT LOOKED AT THE MANY OBSTACLES AND CHALLENGES IN TREATING SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST (SCA).

- SCA STRIKES MORE THAN ½ MILLION PEOPLE EACH YEAR
- 3<sup>RD</sup> LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH FOLLOWING CANCER AND HEART DISEASE
- IN-HOSPITAL CARDIAC ARREST (IHCA) ACCOUNTS FOR APPROXIMATELY 209,000 CASES<sup>2</sup>
- THE IOM COMMISSIONED PAUL CHAN, MD, TO AUTHOR A REVIEW OF AHA'S GET WITH THE GUIDELINES<sup>®</sup> - RESUSCITATION (GWTG-R) REGISTRY TITLED:

# SURVIVABILITY OF IHCA

## UTILIZING GWTG-RESUSCITATION DATA, DR. CHAN LOOKED AT SURVIVABILITY AFTER IHCA

- NEARLY 80% OF IHCA OCCUR IN MEDICINE WARDS AND ICU'S
- 1 IN 5 IHCA OCCUR IN "SURGICAL" PATIENTS
- CARDIAC ETIOLOGIES COMPRISE > 50% IHCA
- PATIENTS WHO ARREST WITH A MEDICAL, NON-CARDIAC ETIOLOGY WERE LESS LIKELY TO SURVIVE TO HOSPITAL DISCHARGE
- OVERALL SURVIVABILITY FOR IHCA = 24.4%

Etiology	Survived to Discharge: Yes n=4016	Survived to Discharge: No n=12,420	Total N=16,436
Medical: Cardiac	40.2%	36.2%	37.2%
Medical: Non-cardiac	36.6%	48.9%	45.9%
Surgical: Cardiac	11.3%	5.1%	6.6%
Surgical: Non-cardiac	11.9%	9.8%	10.4%

Chan, *Public Health Burden in In-hospital Cardiac Arrest 2015*



# Common Assumption Made without Data:

Outcomes after in-hospital cardiac arrest (IHCA) are acceptable because the hospital environment contains large numbers of highly qualified health-care providers with the necessary training and equipment to respond promptly to the event.



# Focus on Quality



[heart.org/quality](http://heart.org/quality)





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RESUSCITATION

## RETROSPECTIVE IHCA REGISTRY

**MISSION:** TO SAVE MORE LIVES BY PREVENTING IHCA AND OPTIMIZING OUTCOMES THROUGH BENCHMARKING, QUALITY IMPROVEMENT, KNOWLEDGE TRANSLATION, AND RESEARCH

**VISION:** SAVING MORE LIVES IN EVERY HOSPITAL THROUGH **DATA-DRIVEN RESUSCITATION CARE**

**APPROACH:** GWTG-R FACILITATES EFFICIENT CAPTURE, ANALYSIS, AND REPORTING OF DATA → SUPPORTING IMPLEMENTATION OF GUIDELINES, DISSEMINATION OF NEW KNOWLEDGE, DEVELOPMENT OF EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE IN RESUSCITATION SCIENCE

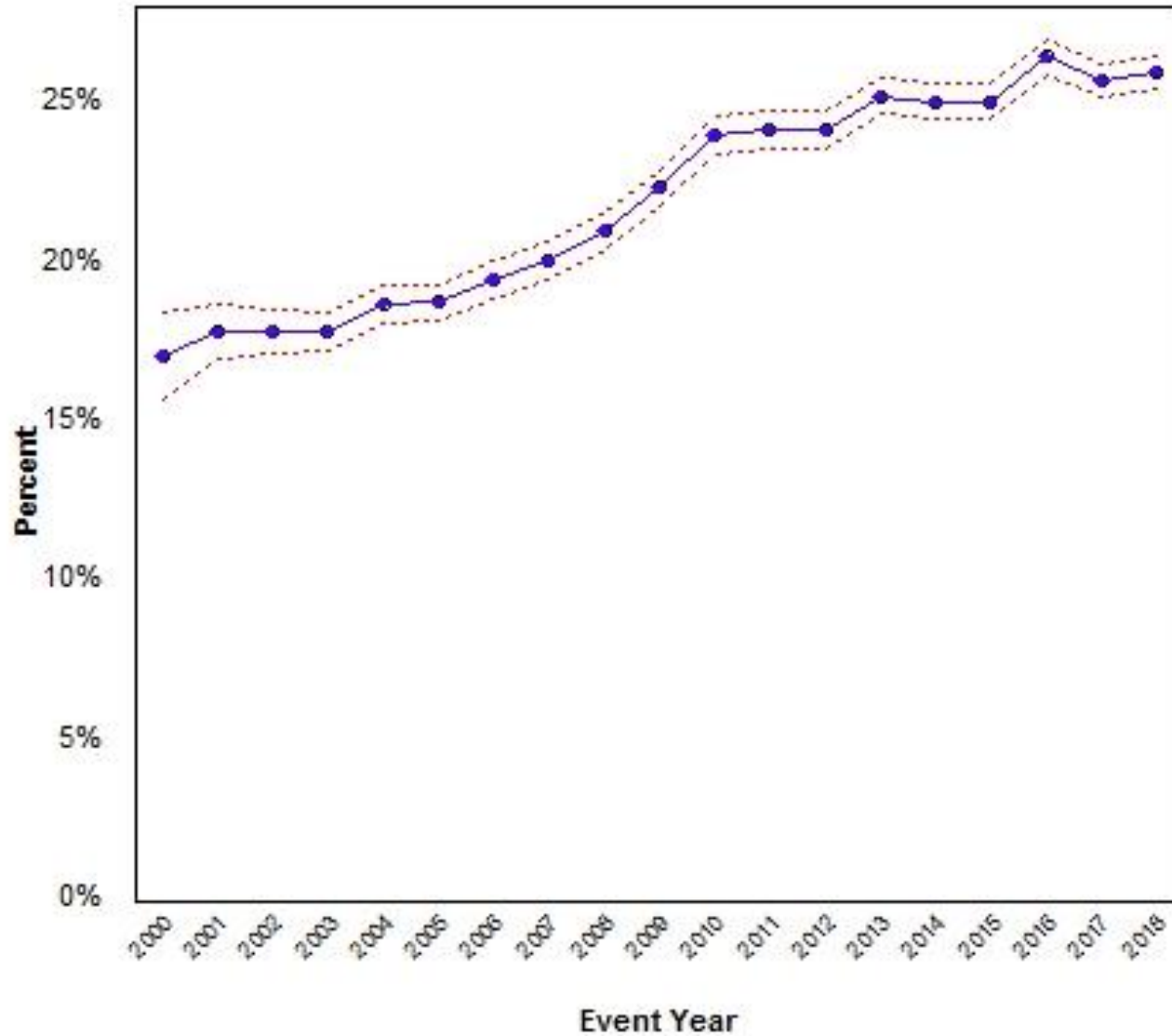
# GWTG-R Participation:

## *Adult/Pediatric/Neonate*

(as of 2/28/2019)

Report Type	Total Patient Records
ARC	65,588
CPA	461,501
MET	722,004
PCAC	2,353
ARC + CPA + MET+ PCAC	<b>1,251,446</b>

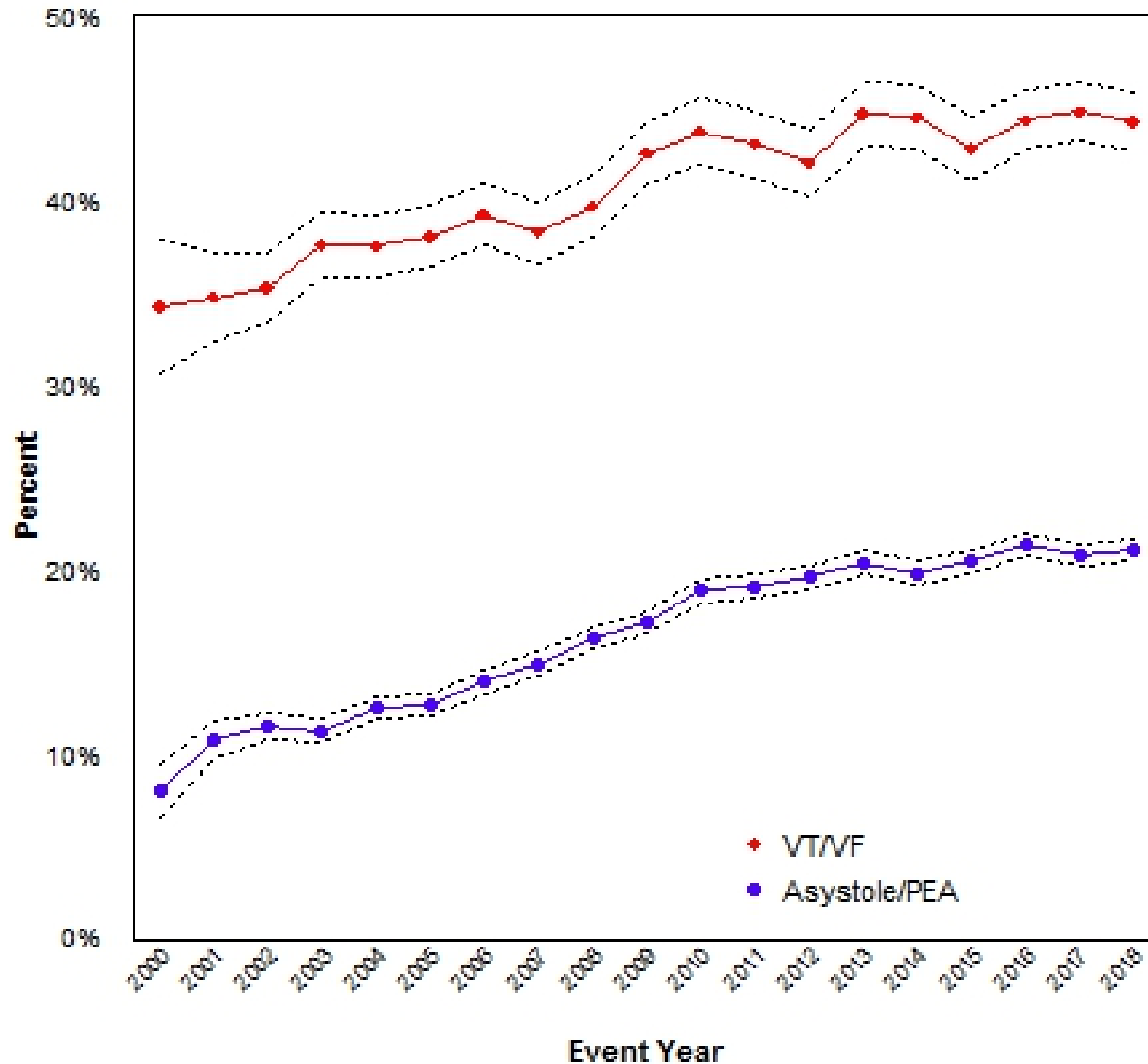
Survival to Discharge by Event Year  
All Adult Pulseless IHCA Events From 2000 Through 2018



## ***GWTG-R Data Adult***

- **50% improvement in survival to DC since 2000**
- **Improved survival to DC of ~ 0.5% per year since 2000**
- **Overall Survival to DC = 25.8%**

Survival to Discharge by Event Year and Rhythm  
All Adult Pulseless IHCA Events From 2000 Through 2018

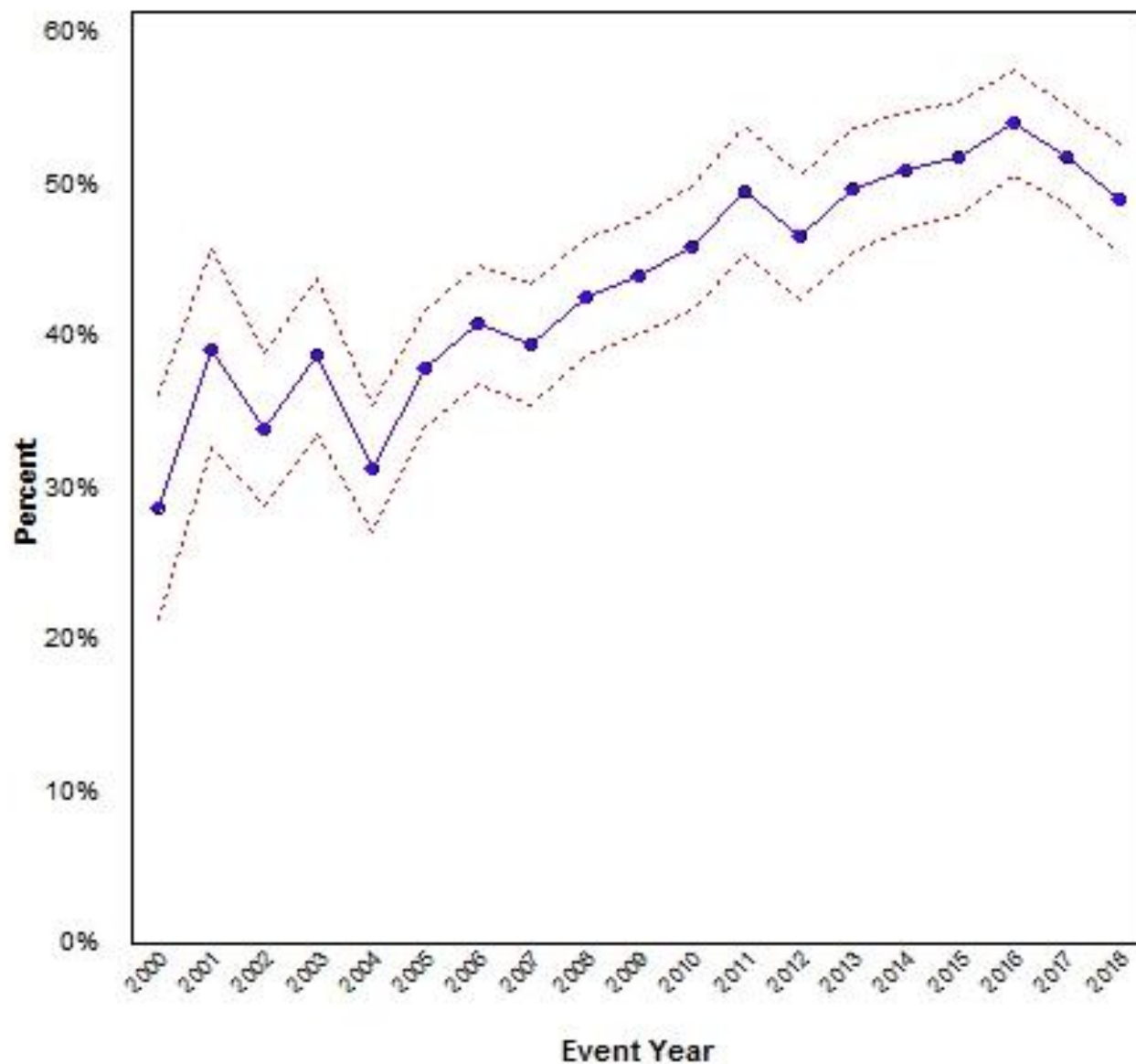


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Survival to Discharge by Event Year  
All Pediatric IHCA Events From 2000 Through 2018



## ***GWTG-R Data Pediatric***

- **50% improvement in survival to DC since 2000**
- **Overall Survival to DC = 41.1%**



# Why Get With The Guidelines<sup>®</sup>- Resuscitation?

- In 2018, >200,000 Americans suffered in-hospital cardiac arrest and....
- **Less** than 25% of adults and 41% of children **survived**.
- GWTG<sup>®</sup>-R is the American Heart Association's collaborative quality improvement program demonstrated to improve adherence to evidence-based care of adult, pediatric and neonatal/newborn patients who experience an in-hospital resuscitation event.

**The goal of Get With The Guidelines-Resuscitation is to help hospital teams save more lives threatened by cardiopulmonary emergencies by consistently applying the most up-to-date scientific guidelines for in-hospital resuscitation and post-cardiac resuscitation care.**



## Original Investigation

# Association Between Hospital Process Composite Performance and Patient Outcomes After In-Hospital Cardiac Arrest Care

Monique L. Anderson, MD, MHS; Graham Nichol, MD, MPH; David Dai, PhD; Paul S. Chan, MD, MSc; Laine Thomas, PhD; Sana M. Al-Khatib, MD, MHS; Robert A. Berg, MD; Steven M. Bradley, MD, MPH; Eric D. Peterson, MD, MPH; for the American Heart Association's Get With the Guidelines-Resuscitation Investigators

- Is IHCA survival variation due to differences in quality of care?
- GWTG-R 35,282 adults at 261 hospitals 2010-2012
- Calculated hospital composite performance score using 5 AHA guideline-recommended process measures and divided scores into quartiles
  - Monitored, witnessed
  - Time to CPR
  - Time to epi
  - Time to defib
  - ETT confirmation
- Scores by quartile were associated with risk standardized survival rates and neurological status



Figure 1. Hospital Process Composite Performance Scores

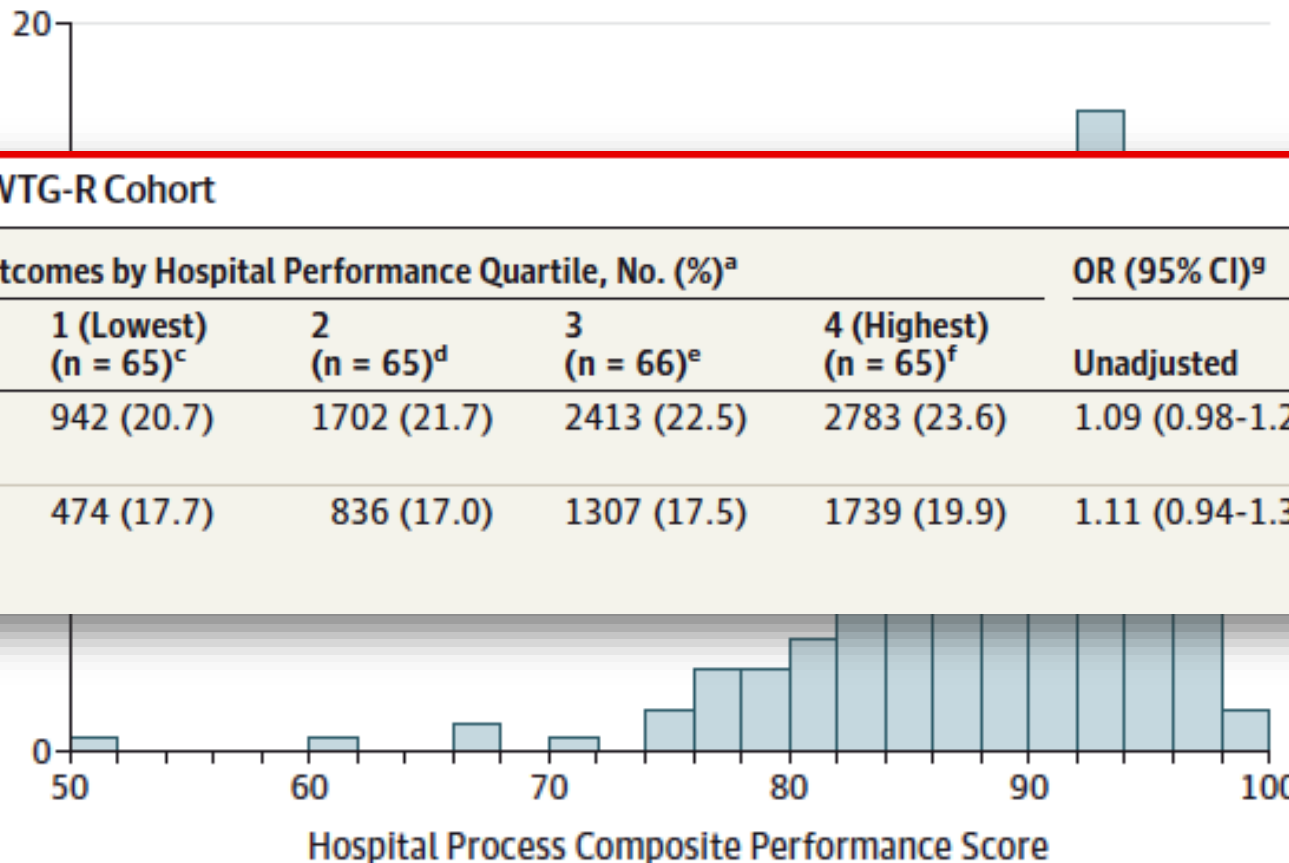


Table 4. Outcomes of IHCA for GWTG-R Cohort

Outcome	Unadjusted Outcomes by Hospital Performance Quartile, No. (%) <sup>a</sup>					OR (95% CI) <sup>g</sup>		P Value
	Overall (n = 261) <sup>b</sup>	1 (Lowest) (n = 65) <sup>c</sup>	2 (n = 65) <sup>d</sup>	3 (n = 66) <sup>e</sup>	4 (Highest) (n = 65) <sup>f</sup>	Unadjusted	Adjusted	
Survival to discharge	7840 (22.4)	942 (20.7)	1702 (21.7)	2413 (22.5)	2783 (23.6)	1.09 (0.98-1.22)	1.22 (1.08-1.37)	.001
Favorable neurologic status (CPC 1 or 2) <sup>h</sup>	4356 (18.3)	474 (17.7)	836 (17.0)	1307 (17.5)	1739 (19.9)	1.11 (0.94-1.31)	1.32 (1.11-1.58)	.003



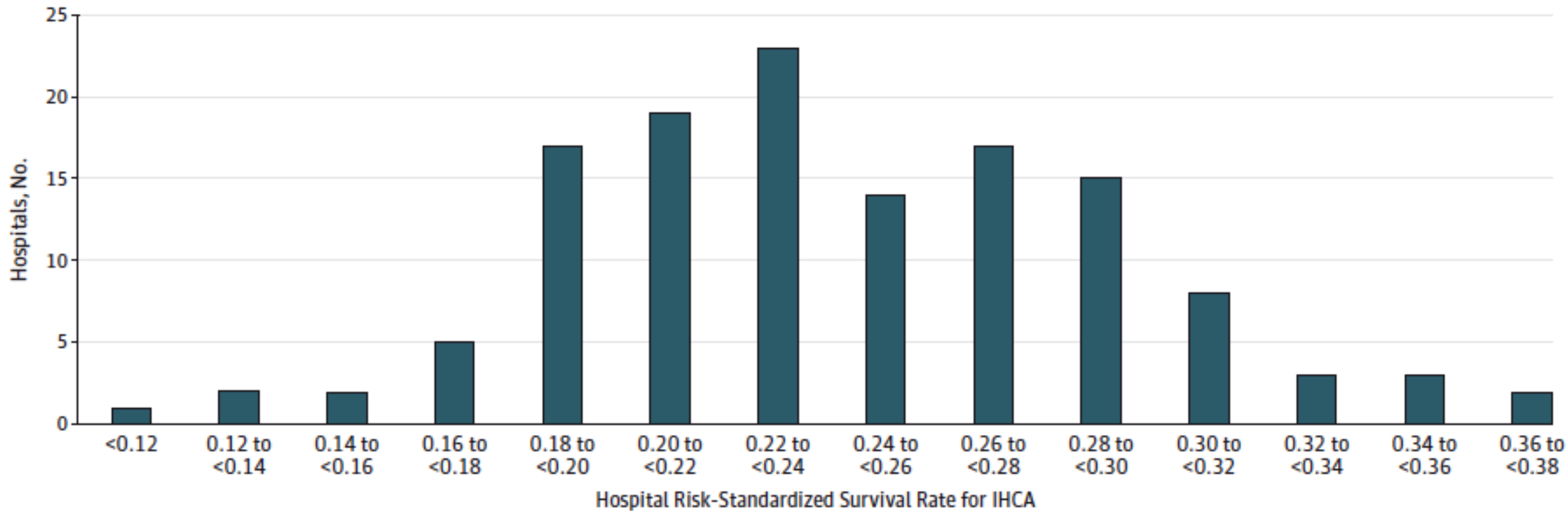
## Original Investigation

# Resuscitation Practices Associated With Survival After In-Hospital Cardiac Arrest A Nationwide Survey

- Survey of resuscitation practices at GWTG-R hospitals with >20 IHCA events from 2012-2013 to try and identify what *resuscitation practices* are associated with improved rates of IHCA survival
- 150 (78%) of 190 eligible hospitals completed survey
- Risk standardized survival rates calculated and used to categorize hospitals into quintiles based on performance



Figure 1. Distribution of Risk-Standardized Survival Rates for In-Hospital Cardiac Arrest (IHCA) Among Study Hospitals



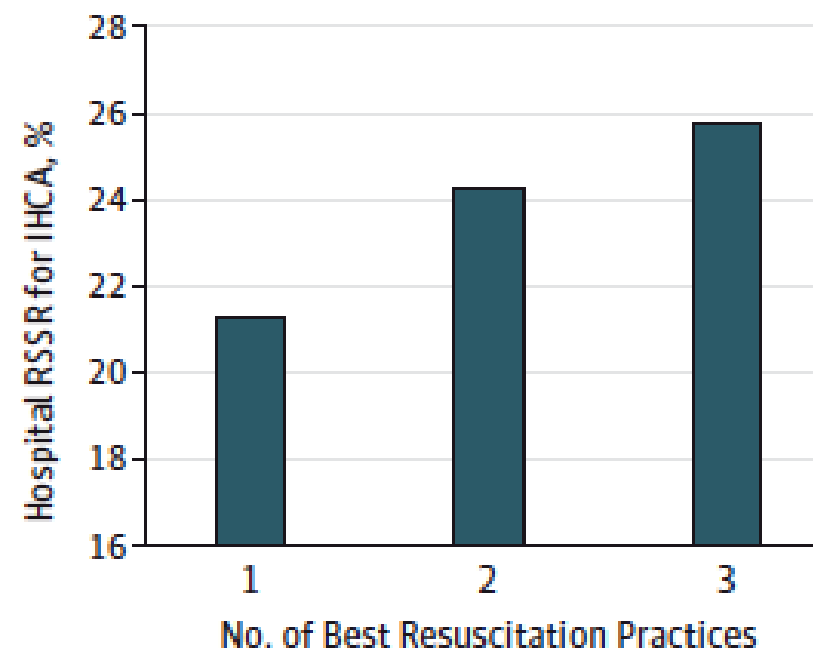
- RSSRs varied *widely* across hospitals: median 23.7% and range 9.2%- 37.5%



**Table 3. Adjusted Associations Between Hospital Factors and Risk-Standardized Survival Rates for In-Hospital Cardiac Arrest**

Hospital Resuscitation Strategy or Factor	Adjusted Odds Ratio (95% CI)	P Value
Frequency of review of in-hospital cardiac arrest cases		
Less than once quarterly	1 [Reference]	.03
At least once monthly	8.55 (1.79-40.00)	
At least once quarterly	6.85 (1.49-31.30)	
Monitoring for interruptions of chest compressions	2.71 (1.24-5.93)	.01
Adequate resuscitation training at one's hospital (not a barrier or only mild barrier)	3.23 (1.21-8.33)	.02
Monitoring of times to defibrillation	1.89 (0.74-4.83)	.18
Frequency of immediate code debriefing		
Not at all or <10% of all resuscitations	1 [Reference]	.65
10%-49% of all resuscitations	1.19 (0.44-3.23)	
50%-100% of all resuscitations	1.56 (0.61-4.00)	
Presence of intensive care specialist in hospital ICUs at all times	1.84 (0.84-4.00)	.13
Lack of resuscitation champion is a moderate to severe barrier at one's hospital	0.56 (0.21-1.49)	.25

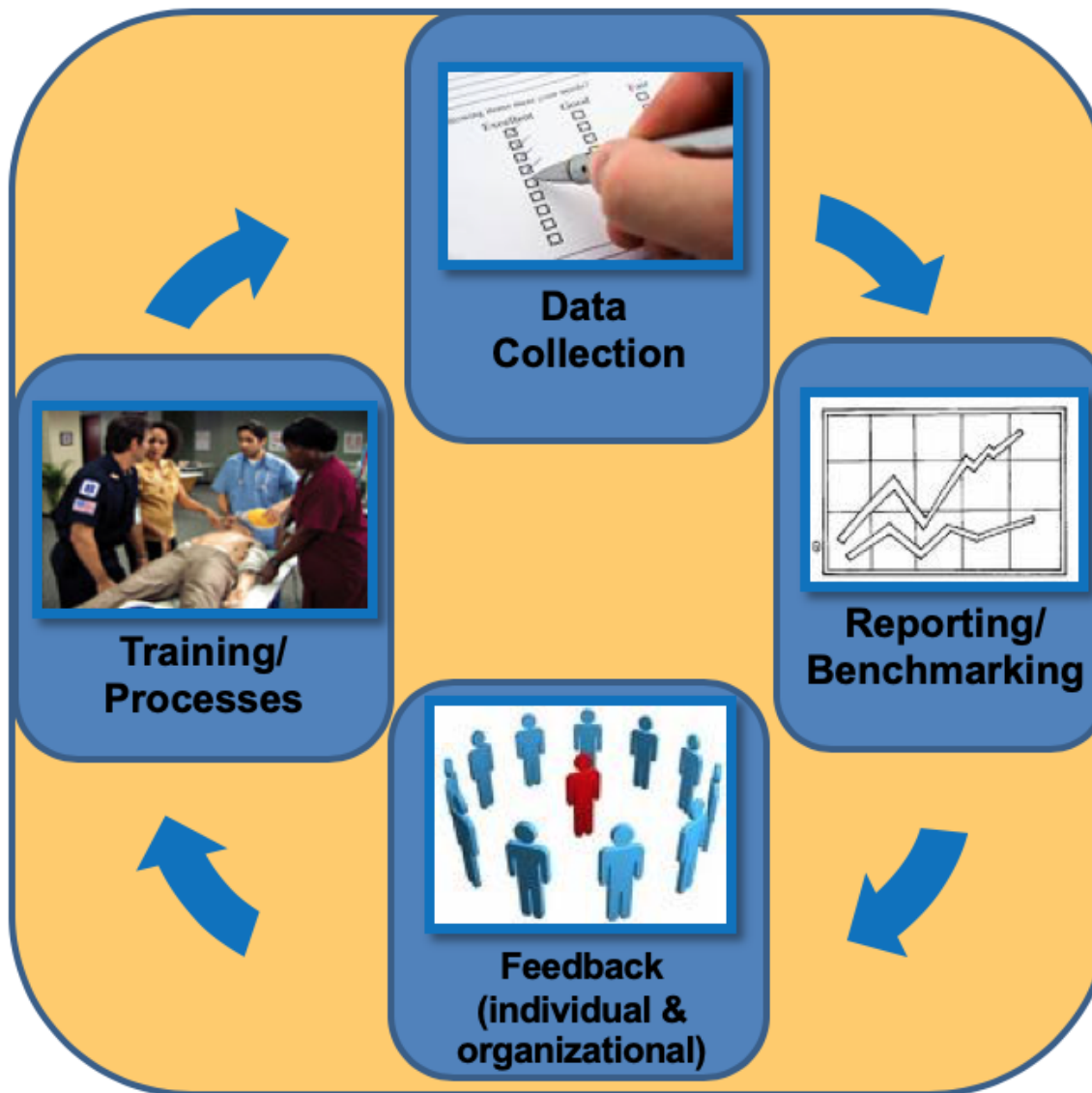
**Figure 2. Risk-Standardized Survival Rates (RSSRs) for In-Hospital Cardiac Arrest (IHCA) for Hospitals Using 1, 2, or All 3 Resuscitation Practices**



Chan, JAMA Cards 2016



# Developing A Culture Of High-Quality Resuscitation







# EVENTS CAPTURED BY GWTG<sup>®</sup> - RESUSCITATION

## Pre-Event Care Medical Emergency Teams



### Medical Emergency Team Activation (MET)

Patient condition is deteriorating – team response needed to intervene for the crisis

## Pre- Cardiac Arrest Care Acute Respiratory Compromise



### Acute Respiratory Compromise (ARC)

Patient requires emergency assisted ventilation

## Managing the Cardiac Arrest



### Cardio-Pulmonary Arrest (CPA)

Patient requires chest compressions or shock by a defibrillator.

## Post Cardiac Arrest Care



### Post Cardiac Arrest Care (PCAC)

Care of patient with in-hospital or out of hospital event



# Focus on CPR Quality

CPA 7.1 CPR Quality	CPR Quality Tab
Was performance of CPR monitored or guided using any of the following? (Check all that apply)	
<input type="checkbox"/> None	
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# HOW GWTG<sup>®</sup>-R CAN BE USED TO IMPROVE PERFORMANCE

## Data to Consider:

- Identify specific problem areas within the facility by reviewing the Events by Time/Location Report.
- Compare median times with your comparison group.
- Compare event locations with comparison group: ICU vs. Telemetry vs. General Floor
- Evaluate first pulseless rhythm and compare with comparison group: shockable vs. non-shockable
- Compare percent of witnessed vs. un-witnessed CPA with your comparison group.

## Example of positive organizational changes within member facilities as a result of related data:

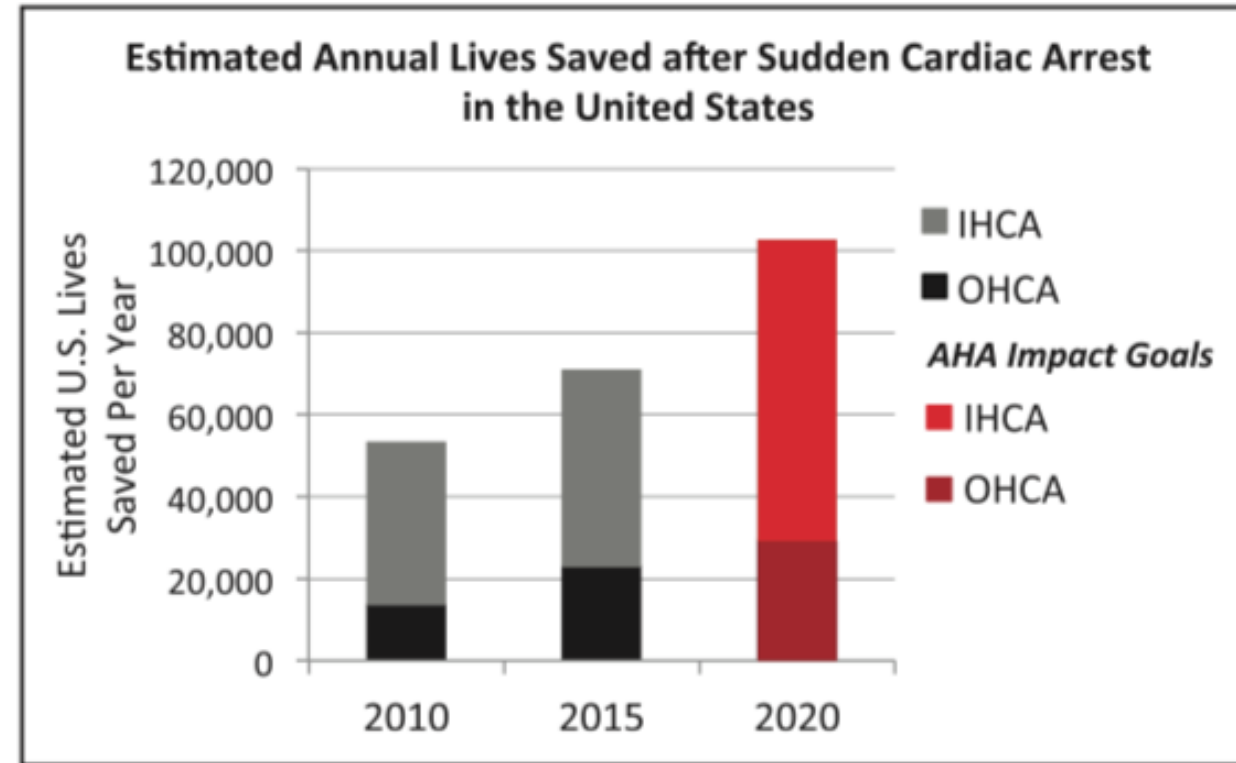
- Purchased AEDs for certain areas.
- Trained personnel in use of AEDs
- Established “First Responder” Protocols
- Include use of hands-free pads (which decrease preshock pause)
- Increased monitored bed capacity

# Doubling Cardiac Arrest Survival by 2020

Achieving the American Heart Association Impact Goal

## Survival 2020 Goals

- Adults: From 19% → **38%**
- Children: From 35% → **50%**



Neumar RW. *Circulation* 2016





# SUMMARY

- RESUSCITATION PRACTICES AND OUTCOMES FOR OHCA ARE HIGHLY VARIABLE.
- IHCA SURVIVAL RATES HAVE INCREASED OVER LAST 15 YEARS BUT LEAVE ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT
- PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL CARDIAC ARREST REGISTRIES FUELS RESEARCH AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES
- COLLABORATIVE LEARNING BEYOND HOSPITAL WALLS IS THE KEY TO...

## SAVING LIVES



GET WITH THE  
**GUIDELINES**<sup>®</sup>  
RESUSCITATION

WHEN YOU'RE WORKING TO  
SAVE A PATIENT'S LIFE,  
**SO ARE WE.**



THANK YOU

**YOUR EFFORTS ARE SAVING LIVES**

# OUT OF HOSPITAL CARDIAC ARREST: UNIQUE CHALLENGES AND WHAT'S TO COME



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Strive to Revive Conference

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# PRESENTER DISCLOSURE INFORMATION

- David Persse, MD
- Out of hospital cardiac arrest:  
Unique Challenges and What's to Come
- Financial Disclosure: NONE
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# OOH CPA: UNIQUE CHALLENGES

- Time is the Enemy
  - ▶ Chances of Survival Drop 10%/minute
- Callers can be.....Clueless
- Callers can be.....Afraid
- Callers can be.....Fantastic
- Responders can be.....Busy doing something else
- Responders can be.....Afraid
- Responders can be.....Fantastic.

# ANATOMY OF A CALL TO 9-1-1

- 9-1-1 Neutral
- Call Location
- What is the Emergency?
- Is the Patient Conscious?
- Is the Patient Breathing Normally?
- Pre-Arrival Instructions
  - ▶ Chest Compression Only CPR
  - ▶ Obtain/Use AED.

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Clinical Paper

**Challenges in out-of-hospital cardiac arrest – A study combining closed-circuit television (CCTV) and medical emergency calls<sup>2</sup>**

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**ABSTRACT**

The aim of this study was to explore challenges in recognition and initial treatment of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA) by using closed-circuit television (CCTV) recordings combined with audio recordings from emergency medical calls.

**Method:** All OHCA captured by CCTV in the Capital Region of Denmark, 15 June 2013–14 June 2014, were included. Using a qualitative approach based on thematic analysis, we focused on the interval from the victim's collapse to the arrival of the ambulance.

**Results:** Based on the 21 CCTV recordings collected, the main challenges in OHCA seemed to be situation awareness, communication and attitude/approach. Situation awareness among bystanders and the emergency medical dispatchers (dispatcher) differed. CCTV showed that bystanders other than the caller, were often physically closer to the victim and initiated cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Hence, information from the dispatcher had to pass through the caller to the other bystanders. Many bystanders passed by or left, leaving the resuscitation to only a few. In addition, we observed that the callers did not delegate tasks that could have been performed more effectively by other bystanders, for example, receiving the ambulance or retrieving an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

**Conclusion:** CCTV combined with audio recordings from emergency calls can provide unique insights into the challenges of recognition and initial treatment of OHCA and can improve understanding of the situation. The main barriers to effective intervention were situation awareness, communication and attitude/approach. Potentially, some of these challenges could be minimized if the dispatcher was able to see the victim and the bystanders at the scene.

A team approach, with the dispatcher responsible for the role as team leader of a remote resuscitation team of a caller and bystanders, may potentially improve treatment of OHCA.

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**1. Introduction**

Only 5 to 10 per cent of patients survive out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA).<sup>1,2</sup> However, survival rates can reach 20 to 40 per cent in witnessed OHCA with ventricular fibrillation in communities where the chain of survival is strong.<sup>3,4</sup> Substantial interventions have been made to increase bystanders' ability to intervene with cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). These efforts have focused on how best to educate laypersons and to use dispatcher-assisted telephone-guided cardiopulmonary resuscitation (T-CPR) to assist them perform CPR during the emergency call.<sup>5–10</sup> Bystanders' interactions with Emergency Medical Dispatchers (dispatcher) during the emergency calls can improve the rate of recognition of cardiac arrest and of bystanders' CPR.<sup>11–13</sup> In addition, the dispatcher can refer the caller to the nearest Automated External Defibrillator (AED).<sup>14</sup> However, we have little knowledge of bystander behaviour and challenges at the scene before the arrival of an ambulance.

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# EMS TRAINING

## ■ Emergency Medical Technician

- ▶ 120 - 150 hours
  - 3 – 4 weeks of classroom/skills training
  - Advanced first aid/CPR

## ■ Paramedic

- ▶ 1,200 – 1,800 hours
  - 7.5 – 11.25 months of classroom/skills training
  - Anatomy & Physiology, Medical/Legal, Ethics, Patient Assessment, Airway Management, Trauma, Pathophysiology, Pharmacology, Cardiology, Pulmonology, Pediatrics, Obstetrics, Psychiatry, Patients with Special Needs
  - HFD: Additional 220 hours Field Internship and Oral Board-Style Physician Testing

# “GET THE PARAMEDICS!”

- Skill Proficiency
- Skill Dilution
- Skill...or Expertise?!



# AMIODARONE, LIDOCAINE, OR PLACEBO IN OUT-OF-HOSPITAL CARDIAC ARREST

- Kudenchuk P, Brown S, Daya M, et al. NEJM May, 2016
- Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo Controlled Trial, 10 US Urban EMS Systems, 3,026 Shockable Rhythm Patients
- Survival to Hospital Discharge:
  - ▶ Amiodarone 24.4%
  - ▶ Lidocaine 23.7%
  - ▶ Placebo 21.0%
- Non-Statistically Different Survival Rates:  $p=0.70$
- No Difference in  $mRS \leq 3$ :  $p=0.44$ .

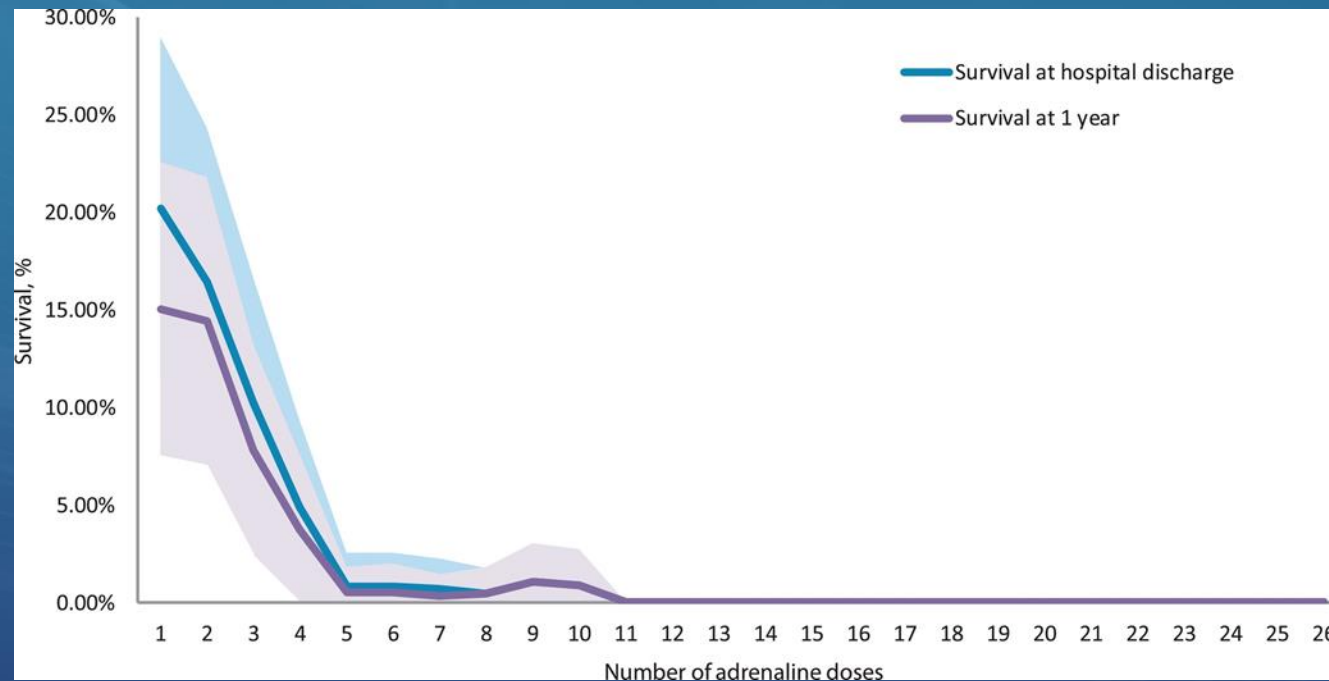
# EPINEPHRINE DOSING INTERVAL AND SURVIVAL OUTCOMES DURING PEDIATRIC IN-HOSPITAL CARDIAC ARREST

- Resuscitation, Aug 2017
- Retrospective Review\*
- Epi Dosing Intervals: 1-5, >5-<8, 8-<10 minutes
- OR Survival to Hosp Discharge:
  - ▶ 1-5 minutes: ref.
  - ▶ >5-<8: 1.81 (1.26-2.59)
  - ▶ 8-<10: 2.67 (1.14-5.04)
- Did not

# REPEATED ADRENALINE DOSES AND SURVIVAL FROM AN OUT-OF-HOSPITAL CARDIAC ARREST

FOTHERGILL R, EMMERSON A, IYER R, LAZARUS J, WHITBREAD M, NOLAN JP, DEAKIN CD, PERKINS GD. RESUSCITATION JAN. 2019

- 3151 OOHCA
- Significant Inverse Relationship Was Found Between Increasing Cumulative Doses of Adrenaline and Survival



# LOWER-DOSE EPINEPHRINE ADMINISTRATION AND OUT-OF-HOSPITAL CARDIAC ARREST OUTCOMES

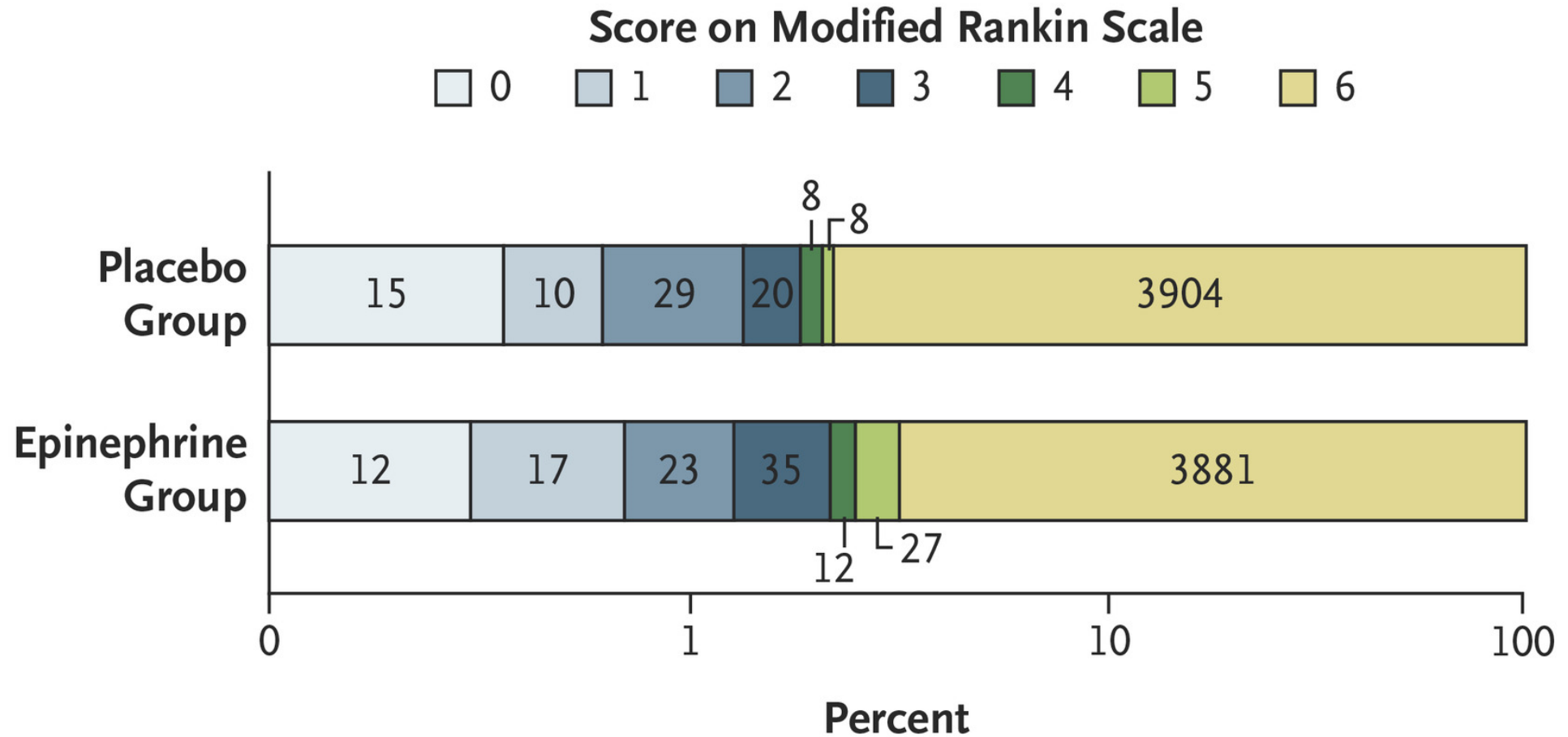
- Fisk CA, Olsufka M, Yin L, et al. Resuscitation Jan. 2018
- 2255 OOHCA
- Jan 1, 2008 – Sept 30, 2012: 1 mg. epi @ 4min, q 8min if shockable; q 2min if non-shockable
- Oct 1, 2012 – June 30, 2016: .5 mg. epi @ 4min, q 8min if shockable; q 2min if non-shockable
- No difference in survival to hospital discharge
- No difference in favorable neurological status at discharge.



# A RANDOMIZED TRIAL OF EPINEPHRINE IN OUT-OF-HOSPITAL CARDIAC ARREST (AKA PARAMEDIC-2)

- NEJM August 23, 2018
- Randomized, Double-Blind Trial; 8014 OOHCA in UK
- Epinephrine v. Placebo
- 3.2% Survival in Epi Group; 2.4% Survival in Placebo Group:  $p=0.02$ , OR 1.06 to 1.82
- NO Difference in Survival to Discharge with Favorable Neurologic Outcome (2.2% epi v. 1.9% placebo)
- Severe Neurologic Impairment in 31% of Epi v. 17.8% of Placebo Group.

# PARAMEDIC-2



# IS EPINEPHRINE DURING CARDIAC ARREST ASSOCIATED WITH WORSE OUTCOMES IN RESUSCITATED PATIENTS?

- Dumas F, Bougouin W, Geri G, et al. J Am C Card Dec. 2014
- Observational Study, 2000 – 2012, 1,556 patients
- Dose of Epi/Corrected for Duration of Resuscitation
- 73% Received Epi
- Adjusted Odds Ratio for Survival:
  - ▶ No Epi: ref.
  - ▶ 1 mg. epi: 0.48
  - ▶ 2-5 mg: 0.30
  - ▶ >5mg: 0.23
- Good Neurologic Outcome:
  - ▶ 17% Epi Group
  - ▶ 63% No Epi Group.

# ECPR

- Population-Based Study – Japan
- 10,971 OHCA pts., 518 Refractory VF/VT
- Favorable Neurological Outcome:
  - ▶ 22.9% ECPR Facilities 8.5% CCPR Facilities

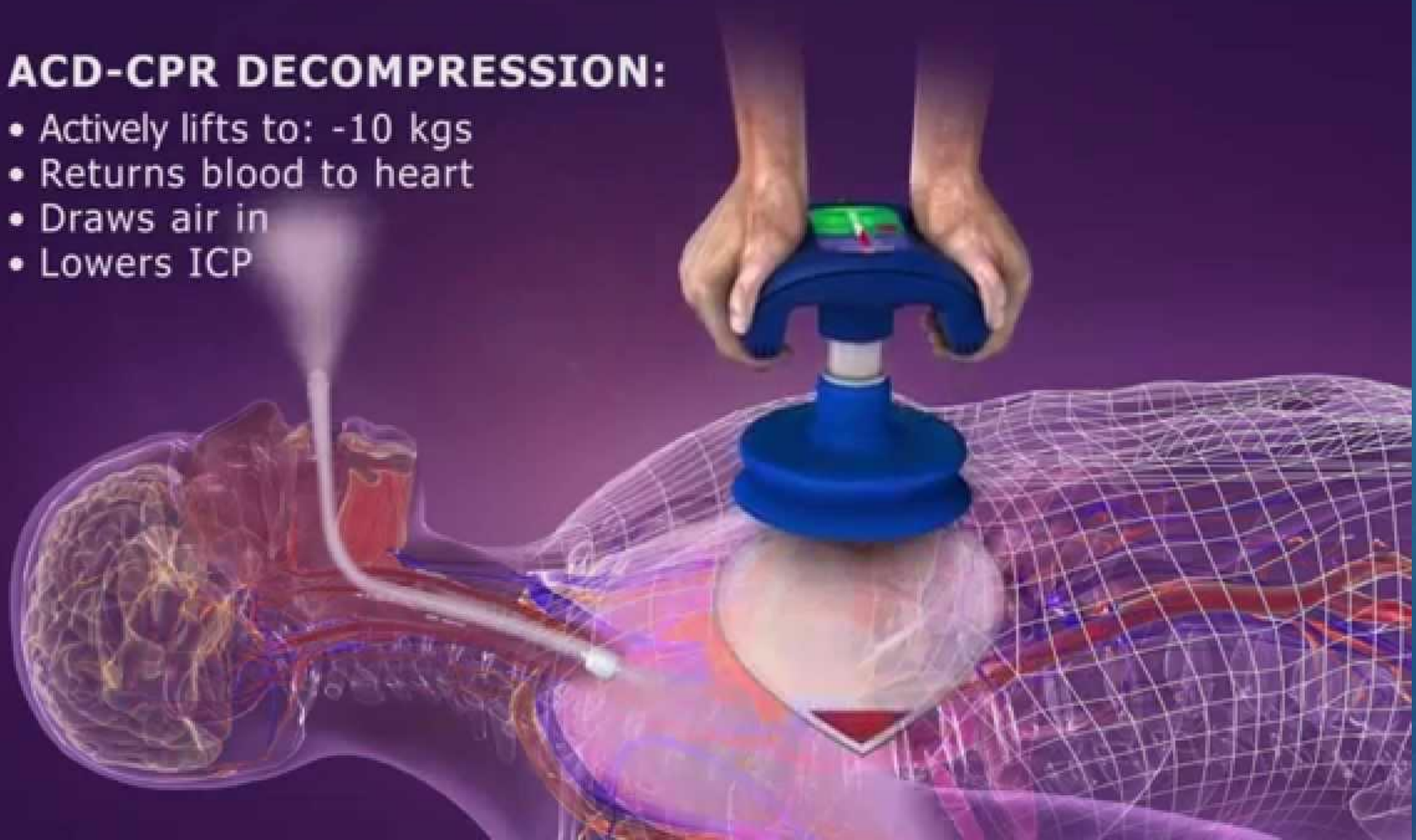
Hospitals' extracorporeal cardiopulmonary resuscitation capabilities and outcomes in out-of-hospital cardiac arrest: A population-based study

- ▶ Matsuoka Y, Ikenoue T, Hata N, et al. Resuscitation March 2019

# ACD-CPR

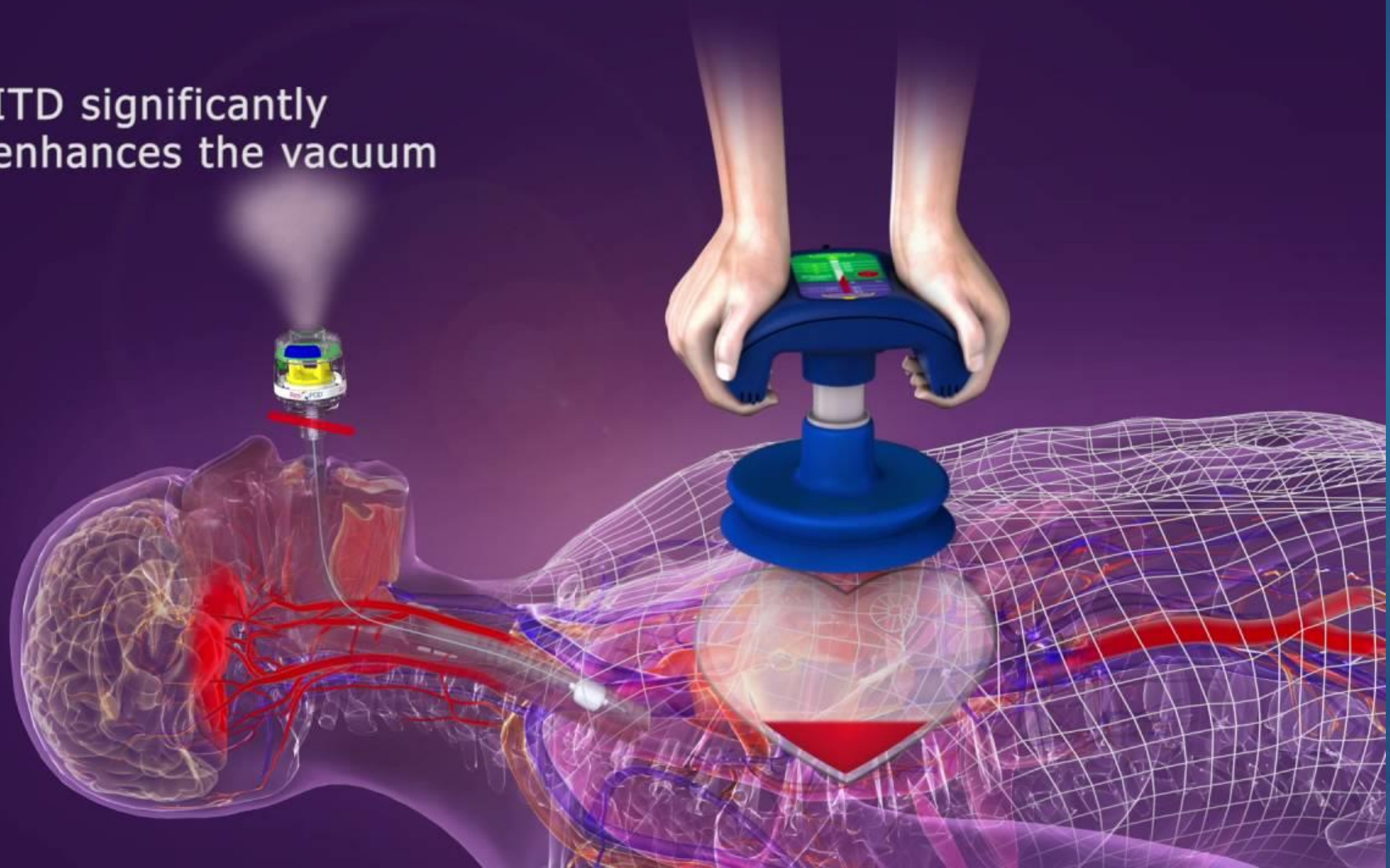
## ACD-CPR DECOMPRESSION:

- Actively lifts to: -10 kgs
- Returns blood to heart
- Draws air in
- Lowers ICP

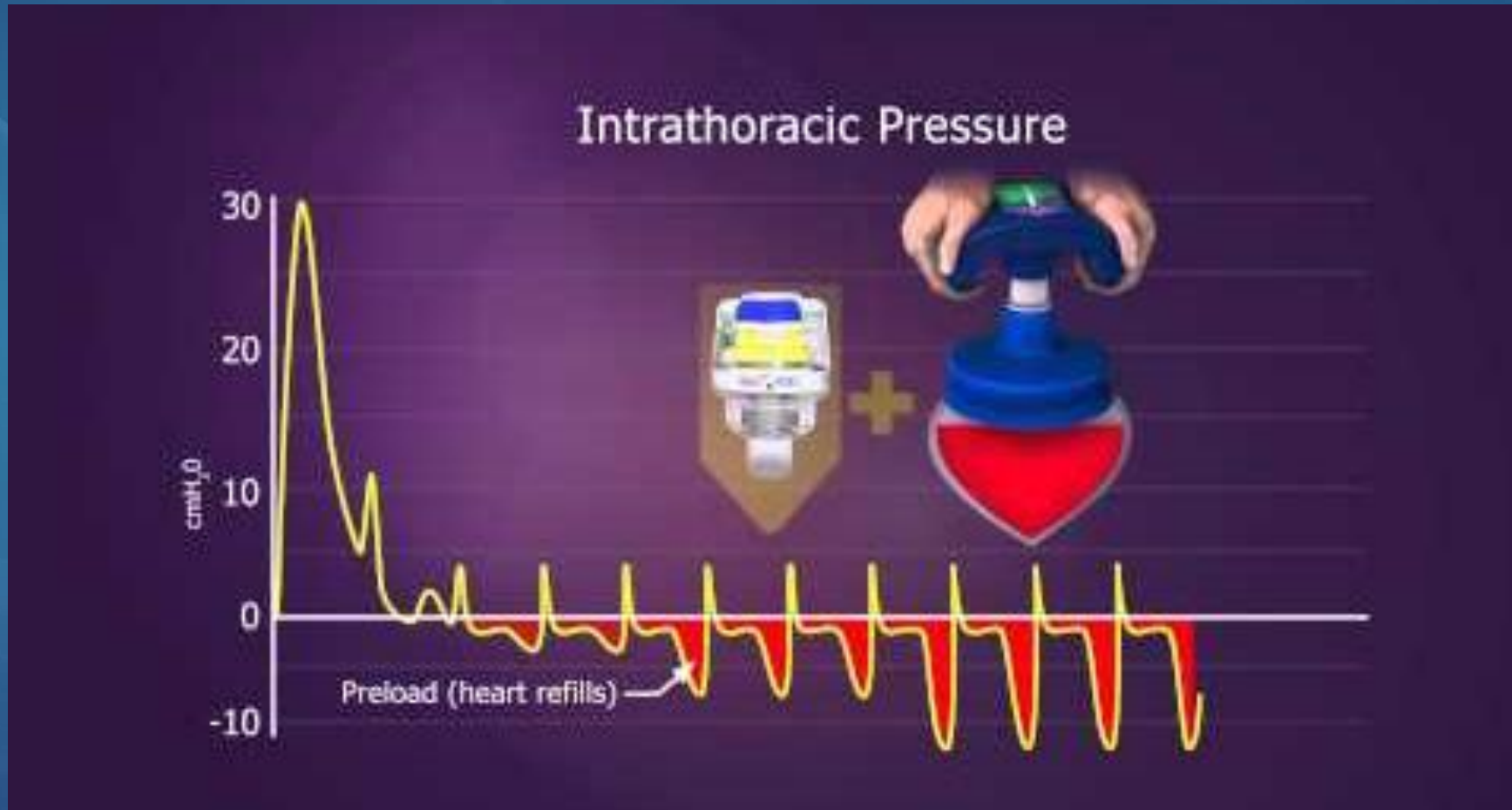


# ACD WITH ITD CPR

ITD significantly  
enhances the vacuum



# NEGATIVE INTRATHORACIC PRESSURE?!

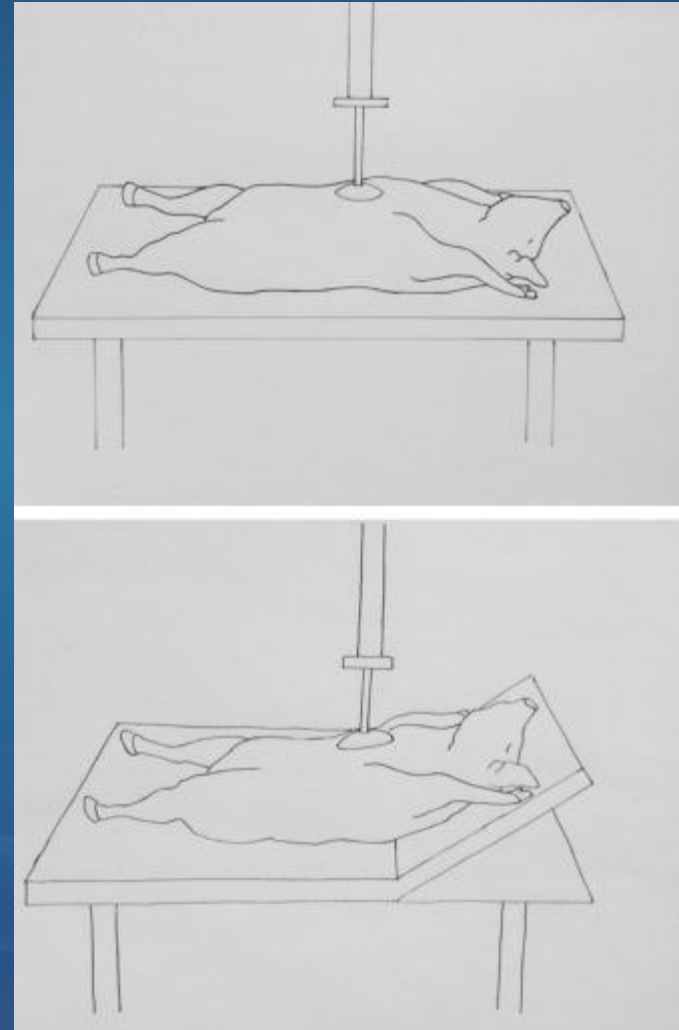




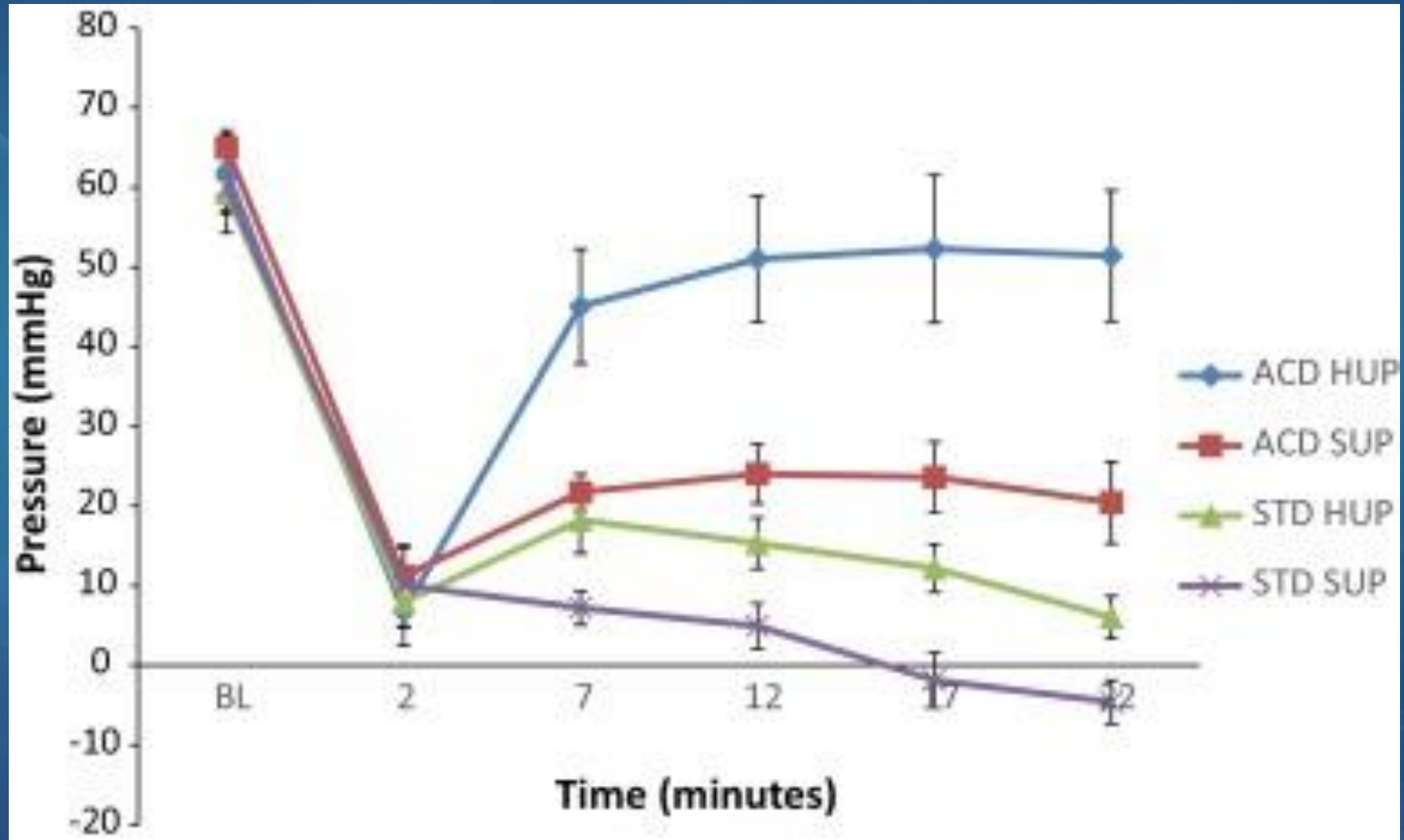


# CPR IN A SMALL ELEVATOR?

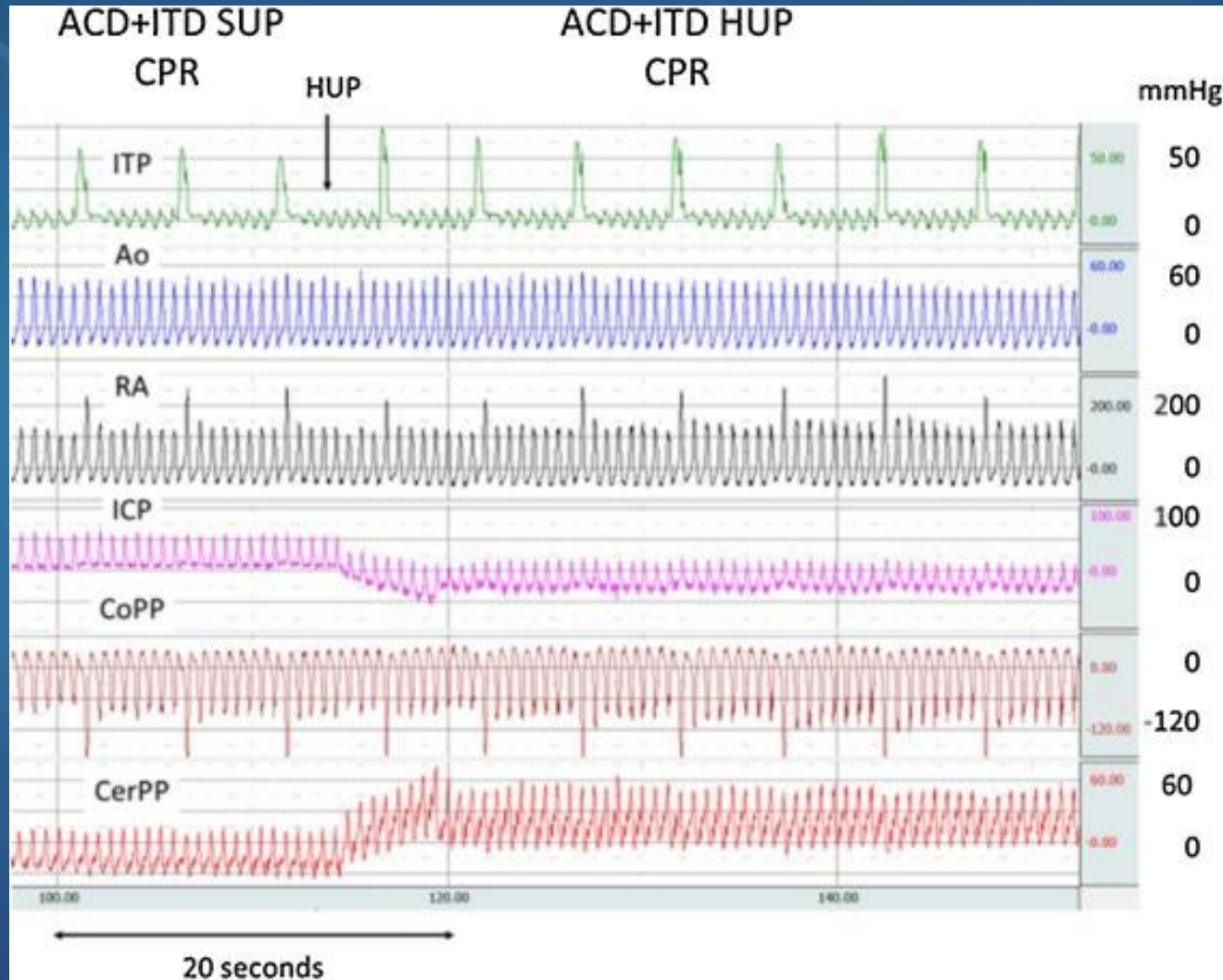
- Head Up?
- Head Down?
- Let's go to the lab....



# CEREBRAL PERFUSION PRESSURES PORCINE MODEL



# MULTIPLE MEASURES HUMAN CADAVER MODEL



## ■ Normal

- ▶ ICP: 4-13 mmHg
- ▶ CerPP: 50-70 mmHg

# THE FUTURE??



# QUESTIONS?



# **MORNING BREAK (15 MINUTES)**



# Measuring and Communicating Resuscitation Quality Improvement

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# Presenter Disclosure Information

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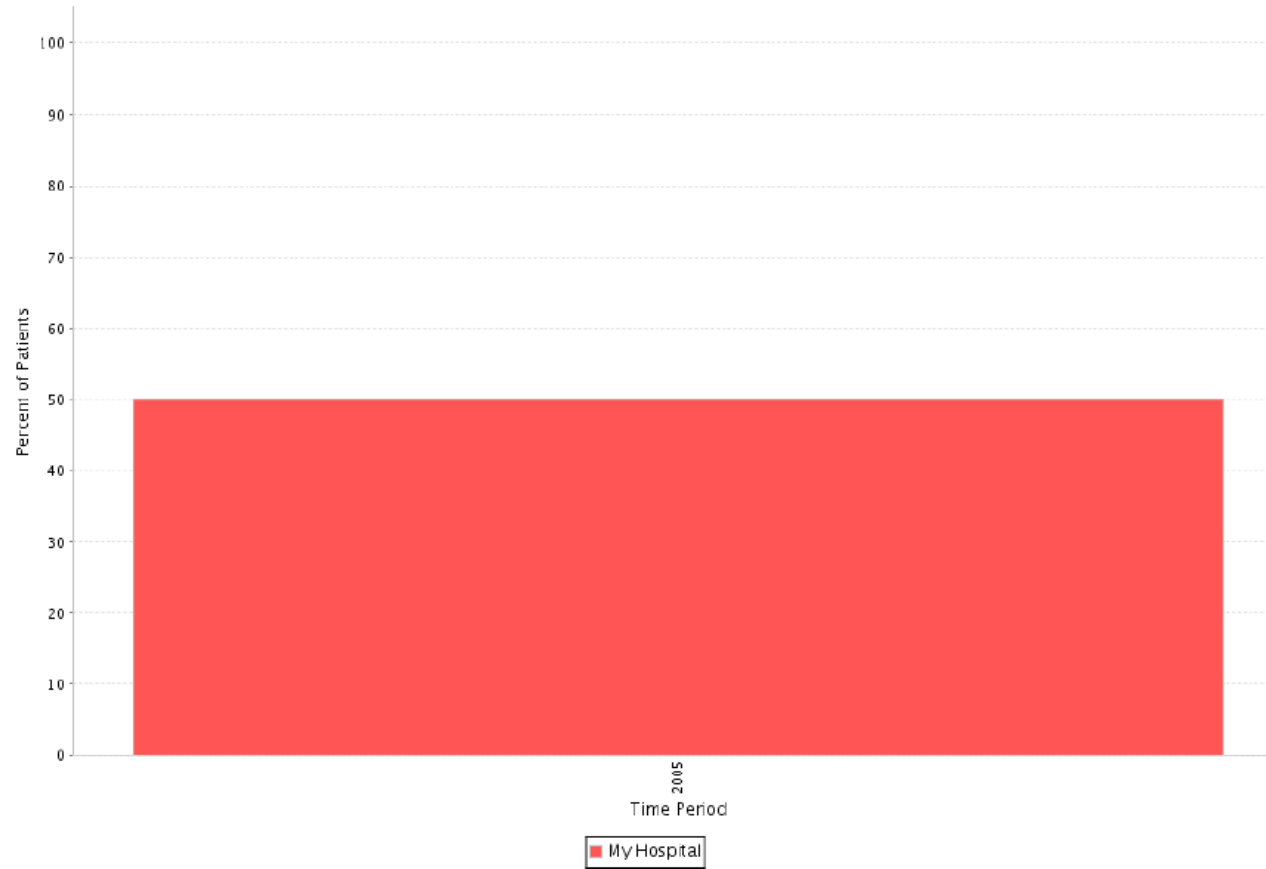
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# Get With The Guidelines – Resuscitation at UTMB: History

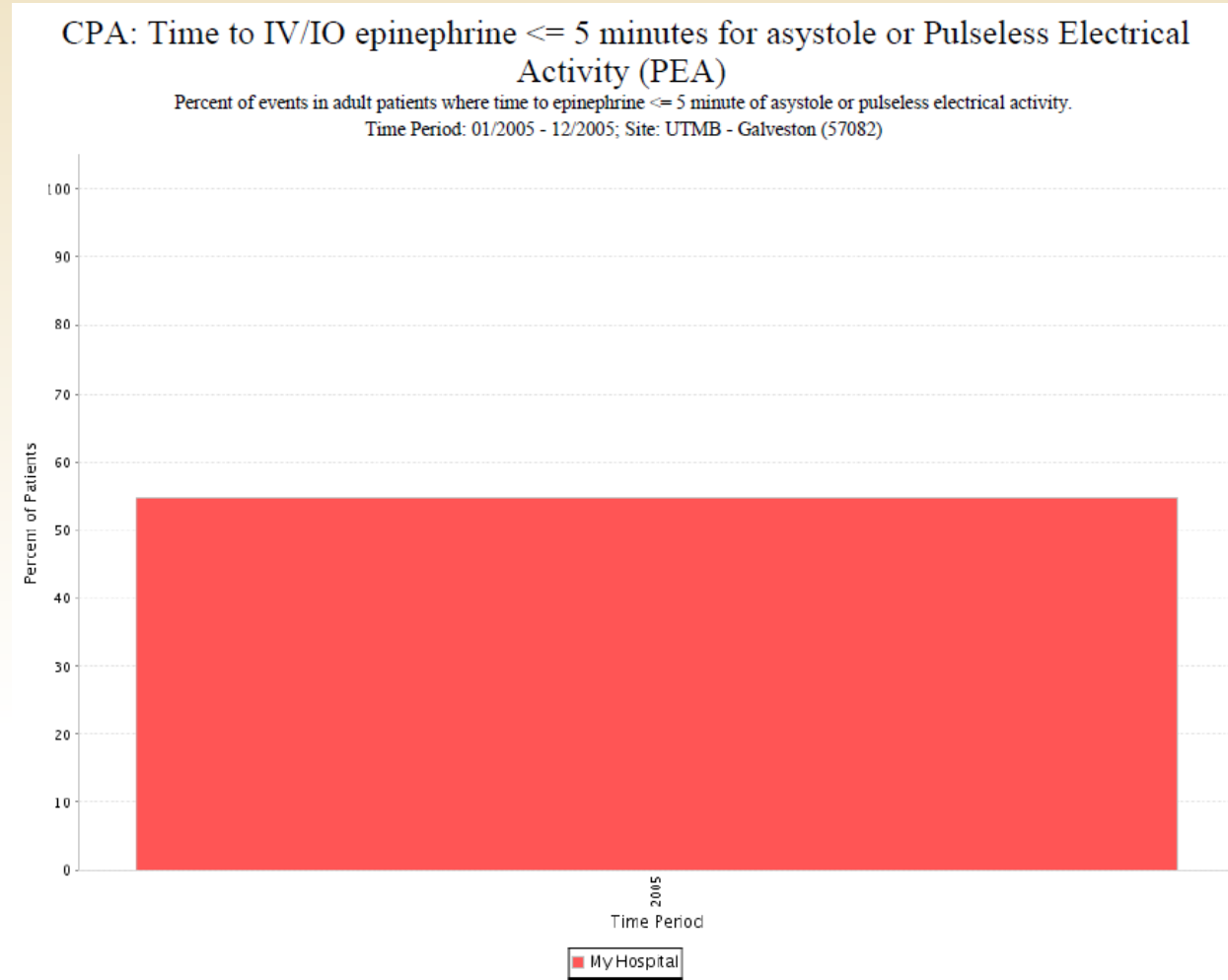
- Started with NRCPR in 2005
- Had representation on National Education Committee with NRCPR
- With initial reports, saw some “unknown” weaknesses in our resuscitation program
- First achieved Gold Award status with GWTG-R in 2013
- Maintained Gold Award status every year since 2013

# Reports from 2005

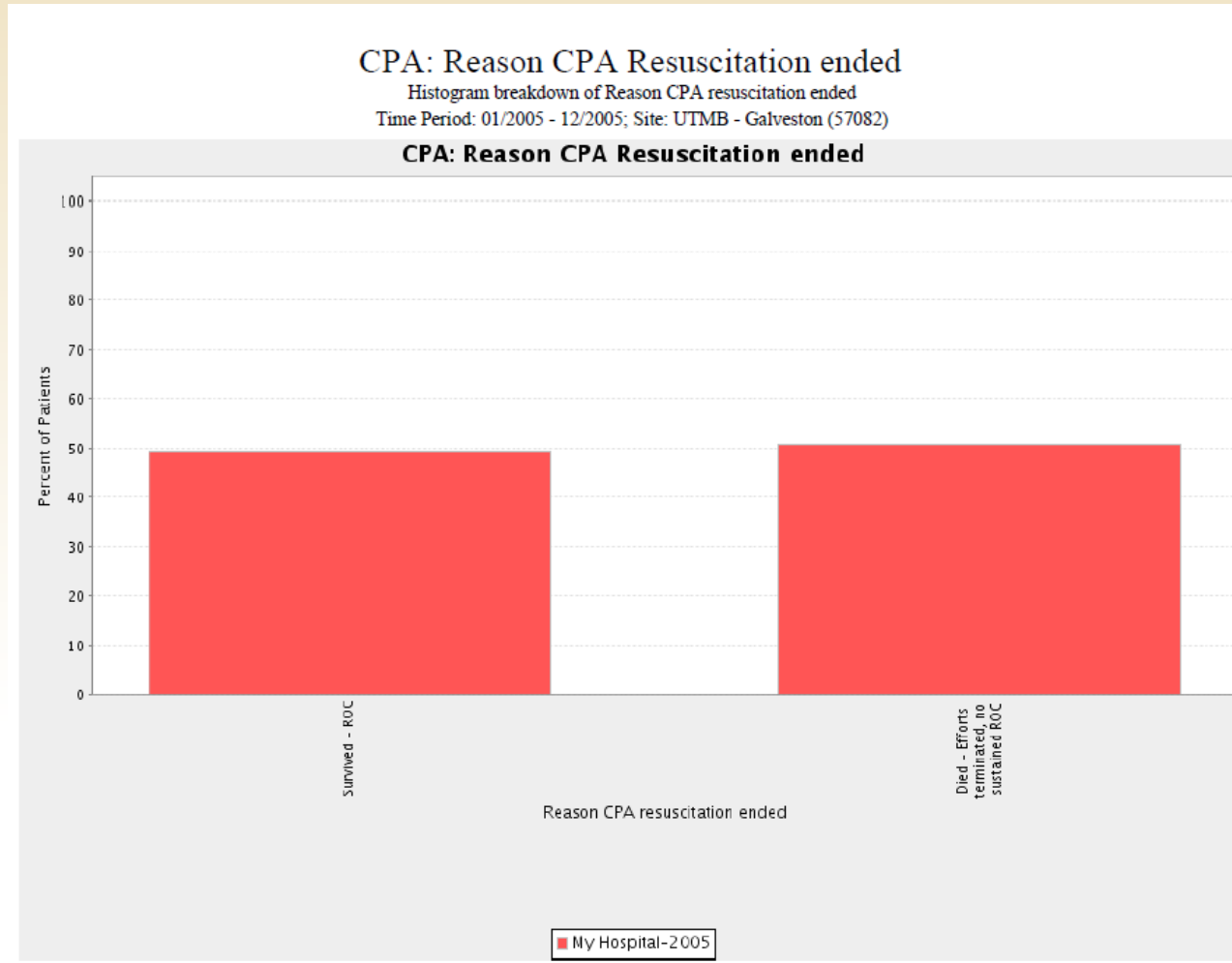
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Percent of events in adult patients with VF/pulseless VT first documented rhythm in whom time to first shock  $\leq 2$  minutes of event recognition.  
Time Period: 01/2005 - 12/2005; Site: UTMB - Galveston (57082)



# Reports from 2005



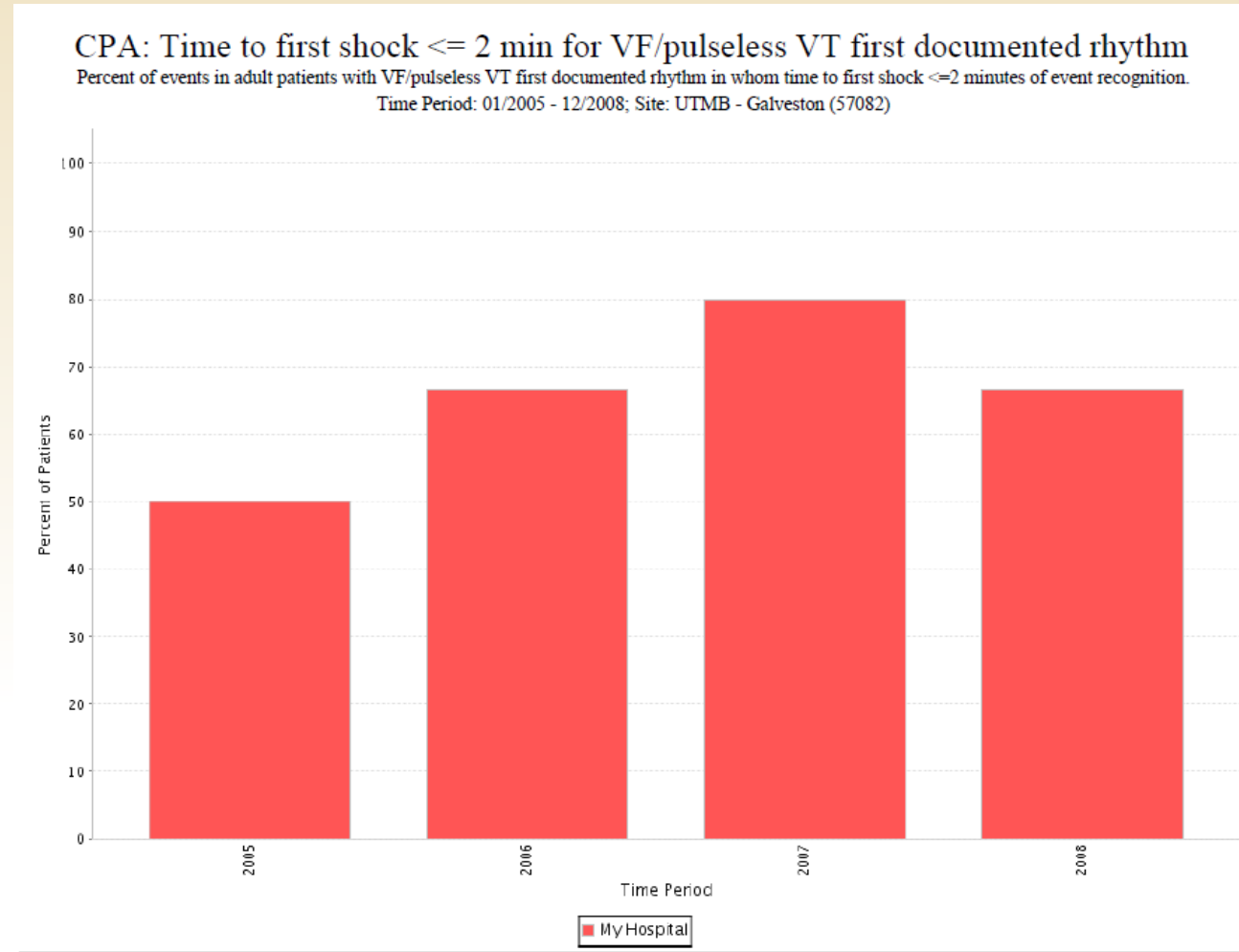
# Reports from 2005



# Changes to be Made

- Brought reports to Resuscitation Committee
- Started including the report Gold Standards in Life Support Education Classes
- Realized some of the causes were documentation, made changes to Code Flow Sheet

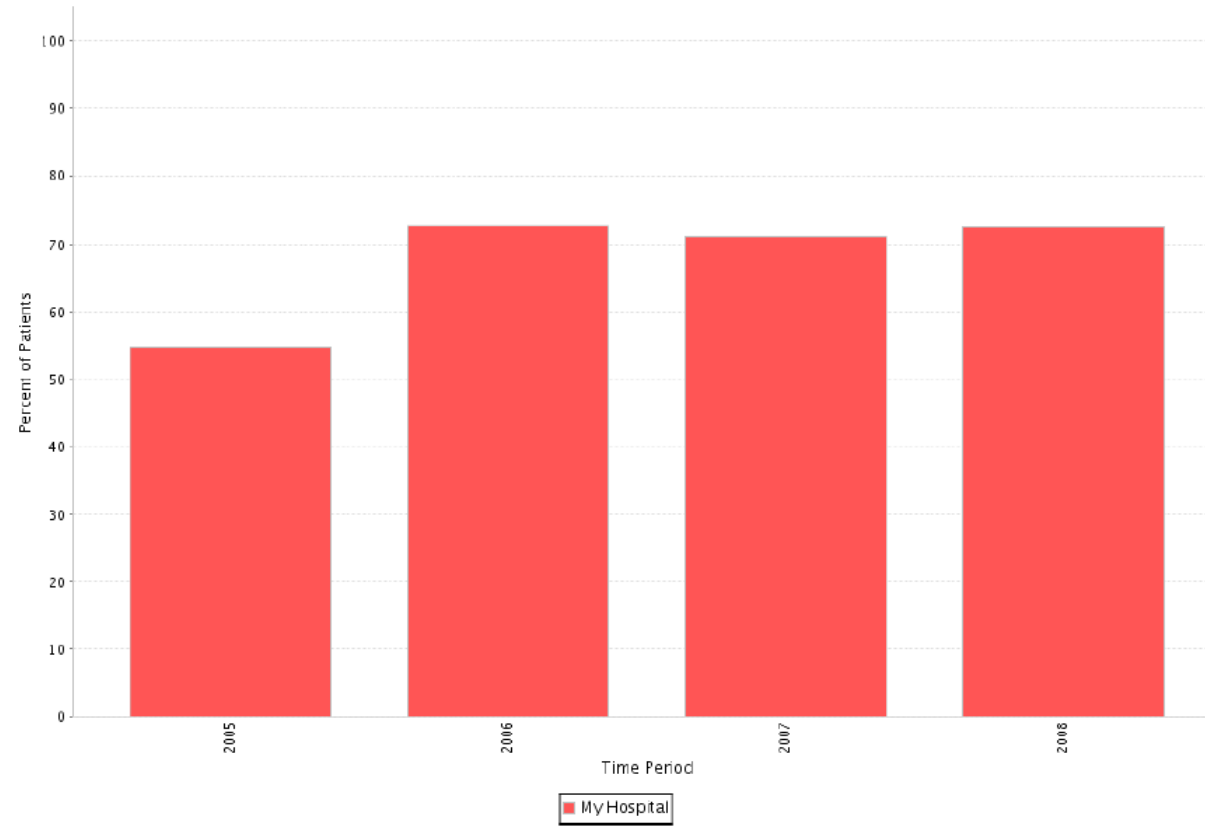
# 2005 - 2008



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## CPA: Time to IV/IO epinephrine $\leq$ 5 minutes for asystole or Pulseless Electrical Activity (PEA)

Percent of events in adult patients where time to epinephrine  $\leq$  5 minute of asystole or pulseless electrical activity.  
Time Period: 01/2005 - 12/2008; Site: UTMB - Galveston (57082)





# Then along came IKE

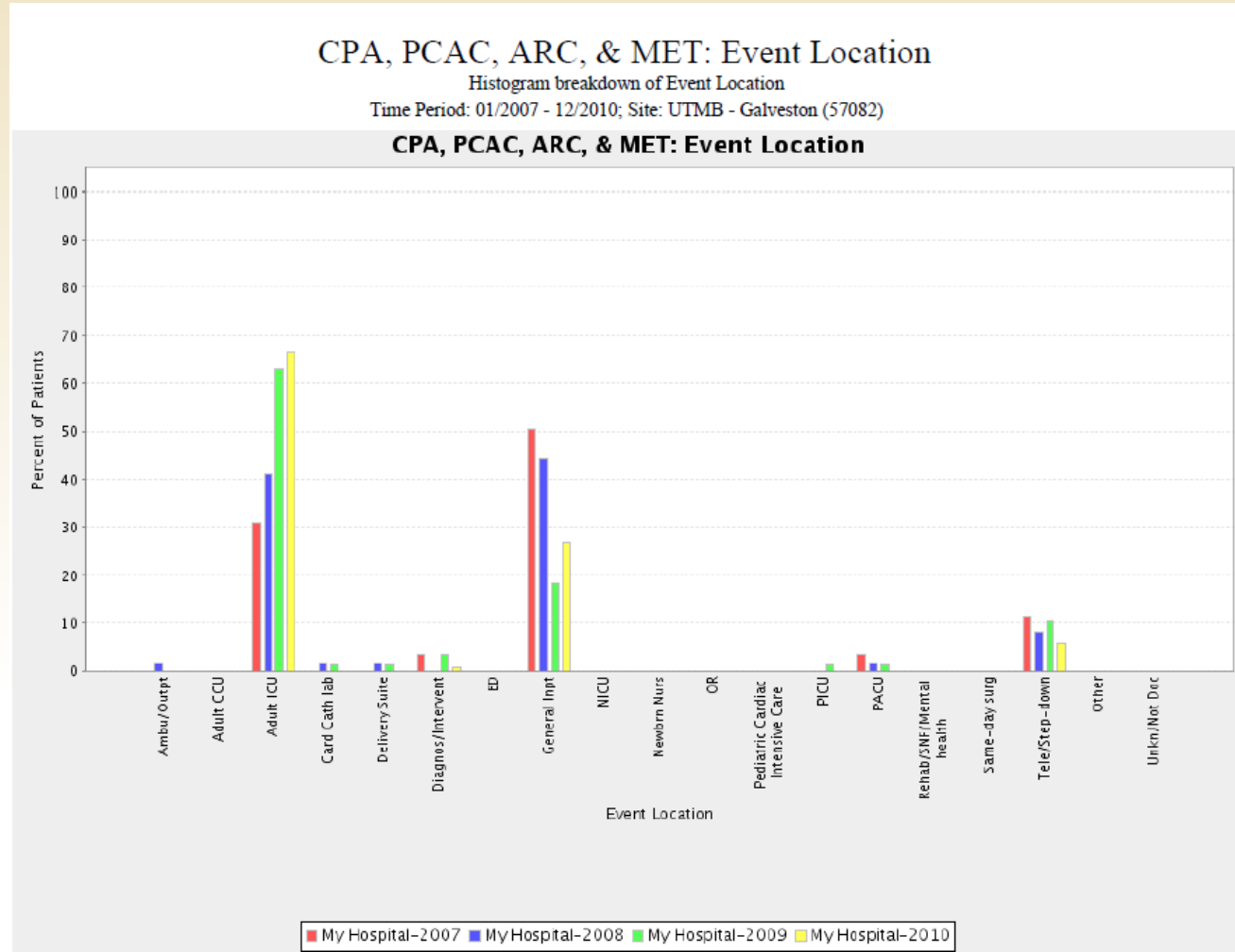


# Life after IKE

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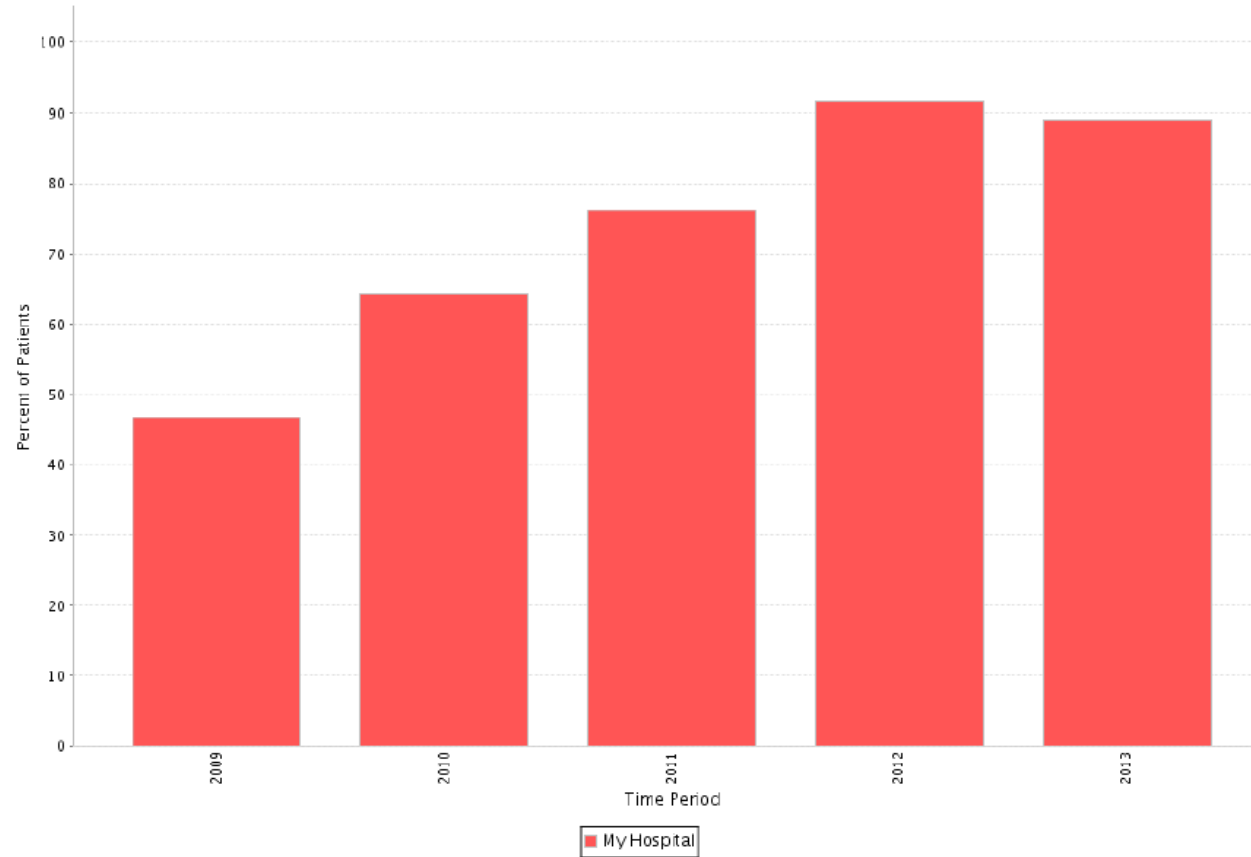
- Hospital full capacity closed down for rest of 2008
- Started back up slowly in late 2008 into 2009
- As staff returned, used time to educate on better resuscitation team operations

# Code Location



# Reports 2009 - 2013

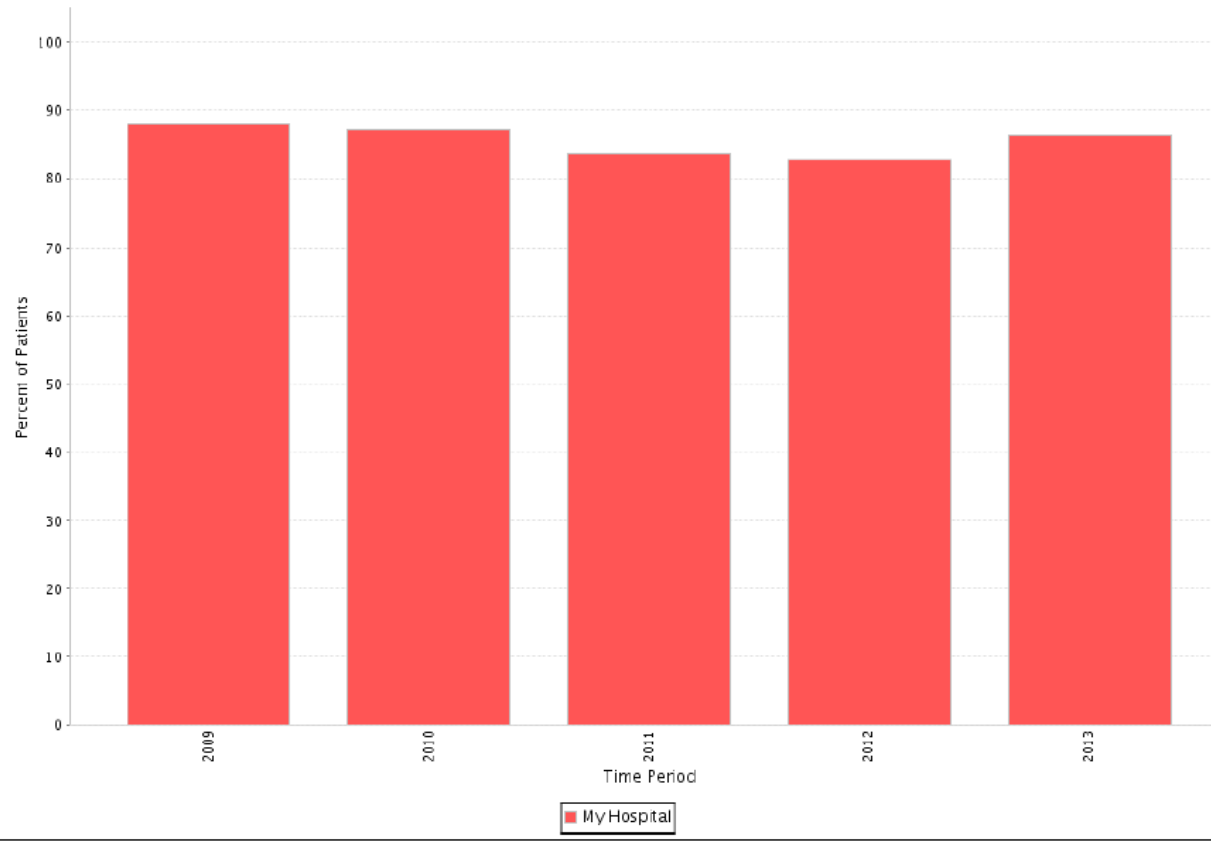
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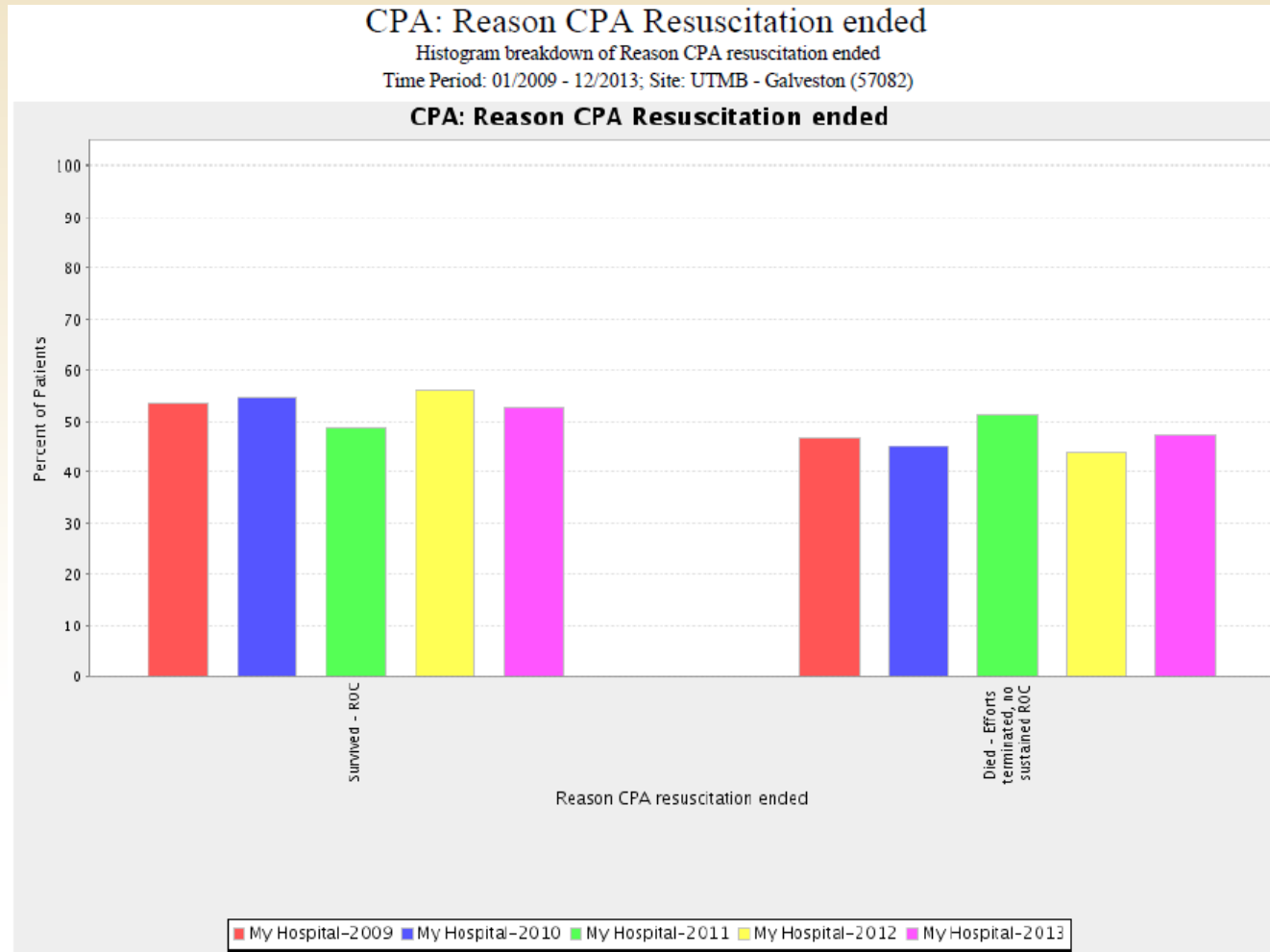
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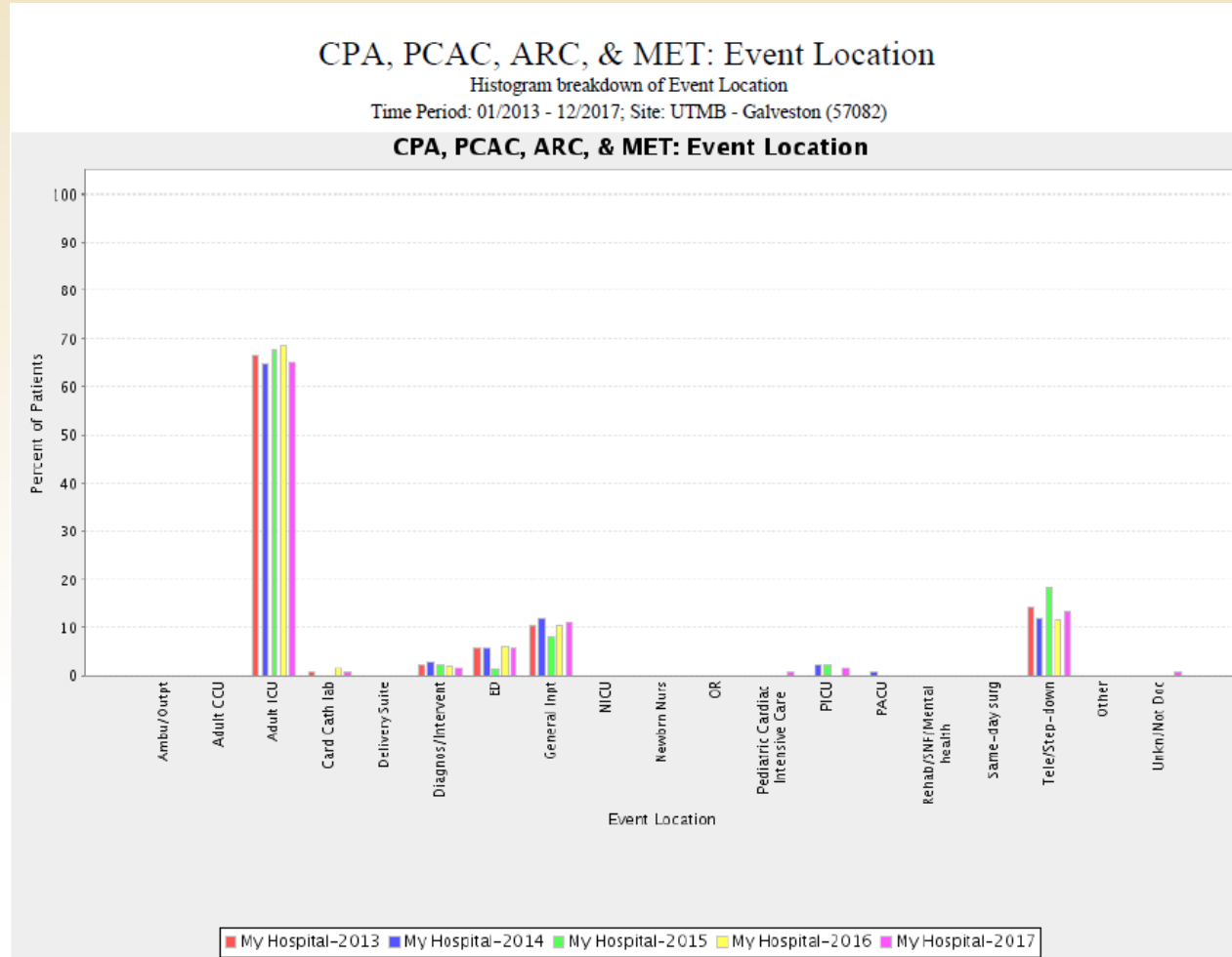
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# Reports 2009 - 2013



# Golden Times



# Get With The Guidelines-Resuscitation on a Daily Basis

- Use the Gold Standards as the measure criteria when reviewing a code at all campuses
- Development of a “Hot” Debriefing Form for staff to use after code is complete.
- Monthly Code Report to Resuscitation Committee is based off of GWTG-R





# Monthly Code Review

UTMB Resuscitation Committee-Code Review: \_\_\_\_\_ (Month, Year)

Location:	UH #	Code Within 24 hours of admission to Hospital: YES NO
Admit Dx:		Initial Rhythm:
Age:		AED Use: YES NO
Code DATE & START time:		Time of first defib:
Code END time:		Time of first compressions:
Time of Responder arrival:		Summary of Medications:
ECG/Telemetry Monitoring prior to code: YES NO		
Final Disposition of Code:		IV access:
Cause of Arrest:		Survived to Discharge: YES NO
Prior Vital Signs- Time and Data		Strengths:
Prior Rapid Response Activation (Date/Time/Reason)		Opportunities:

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# Code Flow Sheet

The University of Texas Medical Branch Hospitals-Galveston, Texas  
Medical Record Form 7105-08/16

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Area \_\_\_\_\_

MD Team Leader Name \_\_\_\_\_

RN Code Recorder Name \_\_\_\_\_

Patient Survived/Transferred to \_\_\_\_\_

Patient Expired/Pronounced time \_\_\_\_\_

CODE TIMES	
Time Code Called _____	
CPR Started _____	
BVM Started _____	
Code Team Arrival _____	

IF PATIENT ID CARD OR LABEL IS UNAVAILABLE, WRITE DATE, PT NAME AND LHM IN SPACE ABOVE

### Adult Resuscitation Flow Sheet

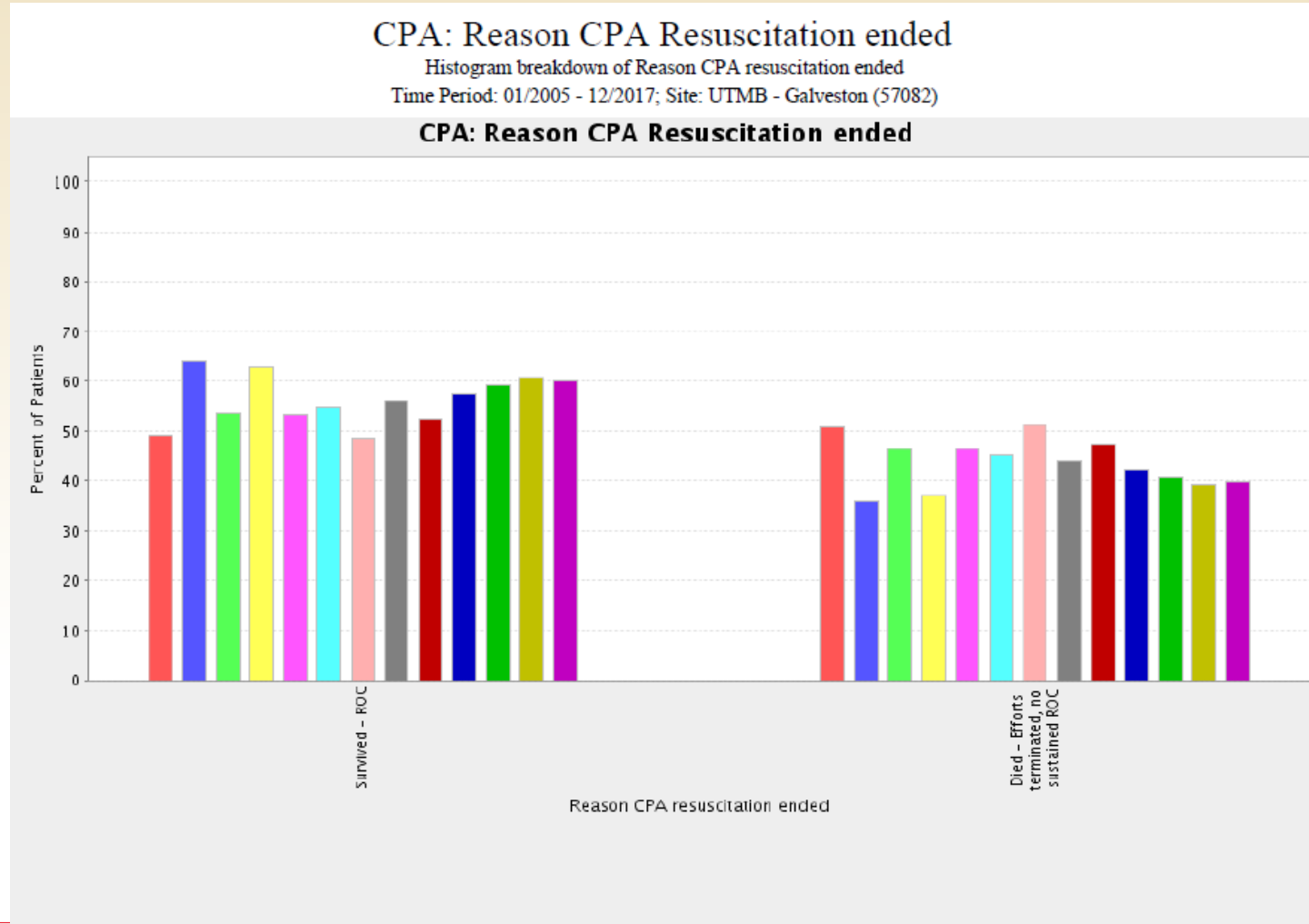
Please respond to all boxes

Prior to Code or Code Team Arrival	ECG/Telemetry Monitor Prior to Code Y/N	Was Code witnessed Y/N	AED used Y/N
<b>Airway- Adjuncts &amp; Intubation</b>	Nasal Airway/Oral Airway _____	O2 % _____	Intubation Time: _____
<b>TIME</b>			
<b>Breathing- Resp/BVM Rate</b>			
O2 Saturation %			
ETCO2			
Blood Gases: pH			
PaCo2			
PaO2			
HCO3			
Glucose			
Potassium			
<b>Circulation-Pulse / Heart Rate</b>			
CPR/Compressions (Please Circle)	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N
Blood Pressure			
Cardiac Rhythm			
<b>Defib/ Sync Cardioversion</b>	D/S	D/S	D/S
(Please Write in Joules delivered)			
Cardioversion 50-200 per ACLS guidelines			
Zoll (defib 120 - 150 - 200)			
Lifepak (defib 200 - 300 - 360)			
EKG Rhythm after shock			
<b>Drugs- Administration Route</b>	IV/IO	IV/IO	IV/IO
Epinephrine 1mg (Q 3-5 min)			
Lidocaine 1-1.5mg/kg (max 3mg/kg)			
Amiodarone 300mg OR 150mg (dilute)			
Magnesium Sulfate 1-2 Gms/50cc			
Atropine 0.5-1mg (max 3.0mg)			
Sodium Bicarbonate 1meq/kg (Q 10 min)			
Fluid Bolus			
Other:			
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<b>Additional Procedures/Documentation</b>			

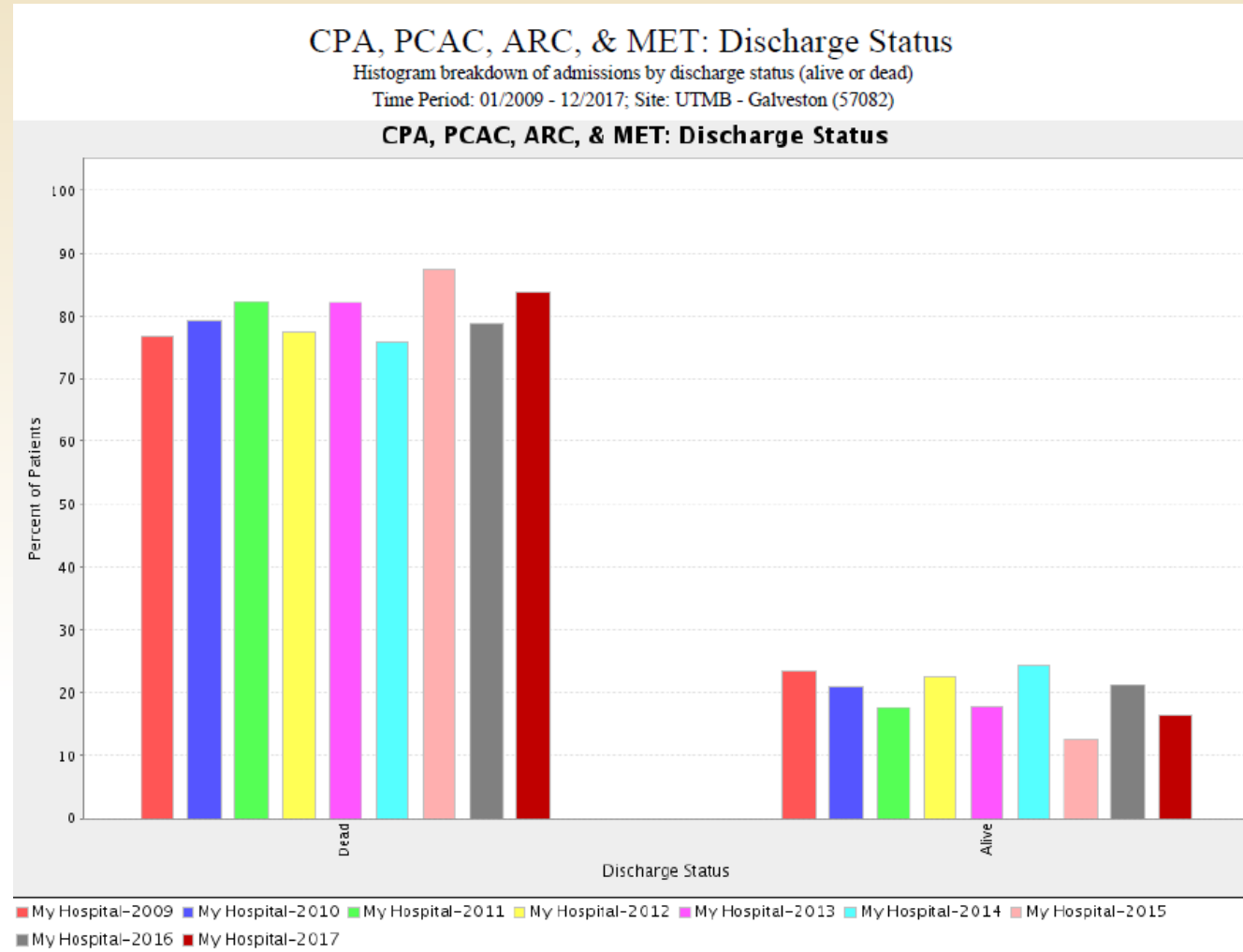
Original- Medical Record    Part 2- Respiratory Care Service/Education Lab    Team Leader Signature \_\_\_\_\_    Date \_\_\_\_\_    Time \_\_\_\_\_

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# Code Results



# Discharge Status

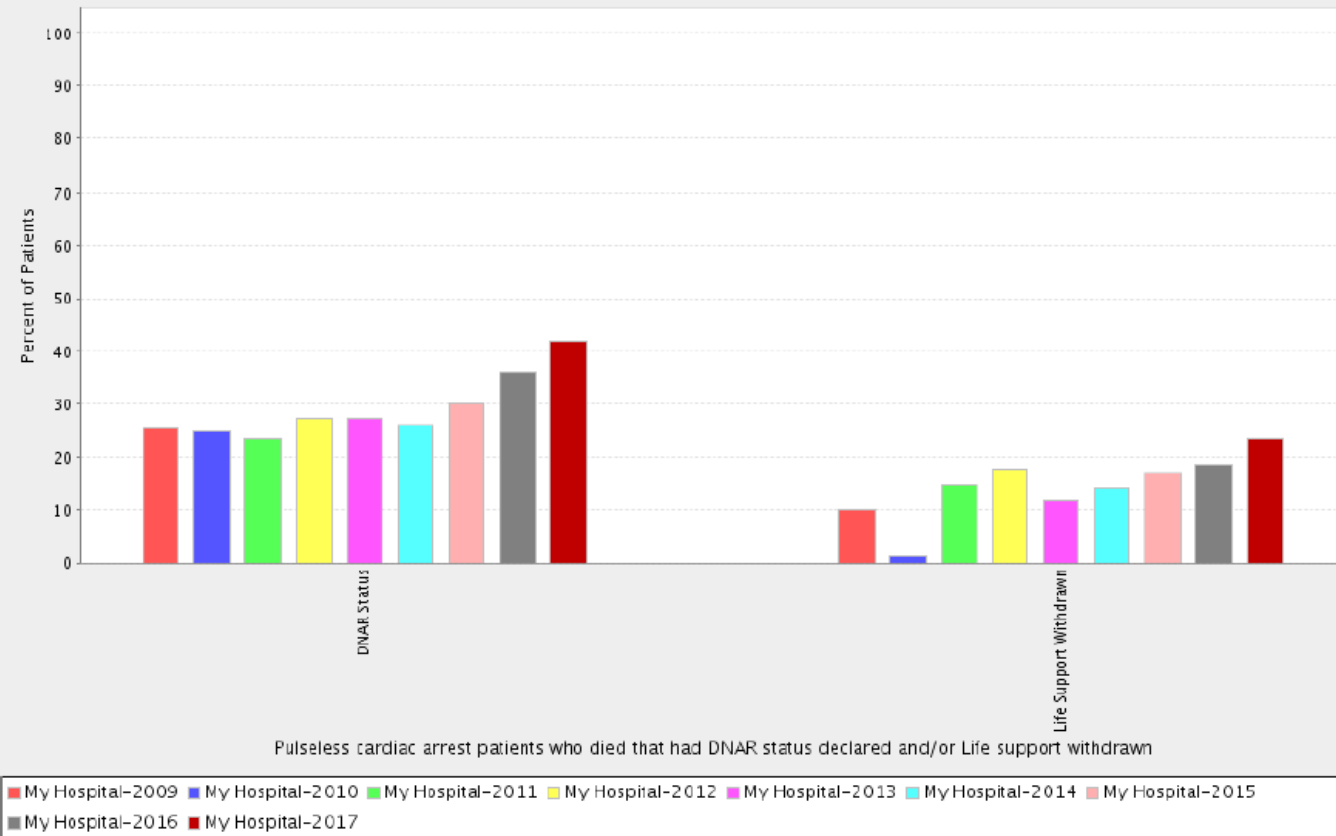


# DNR Status

## CPA: Adult and pediatric patients with pulseless cardiac events who died and had DNAR status declared and/or Life support withdrawn

Histogram breakdown of adult and pediatric patients with pulseless cardiac events who died and had DNAR status declared and/or Life support withdrawn.  
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### CPA: Adult and pediatric patients with pulseless cardiac events who died and had DNAR status declared and/or Life support withdrawn



# In Conclusion

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- GWTG-R has given us a standard to gauge our performance in resuscitation
- A guide to augment our training classes
- A support for Instructors to be more open to share feedback to help our students do better every time they are involved in resuscitation
- Support for higher participation in mock code drills

# **THIS VS. THAT: FINDING YOUR CODE BLUE GURU**

**DRS. BABITH MANKIDY AND KEVIN ROY**





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# Code Process

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Baylor College of Medicine



# Finding the Code Blue Guru

Rethinking the Code process

Challenges for the new CPR Chair

Baylor St. Luke's Experience



# Disclosures

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Disclosures: None

# Code Committee Restructuring

Executive Sponsor : Chief Nursing officer

Members:

- Cardiology MD
- Emergency Dept MD
- Anesthesia MD
- Pharmacy
- Respiratory therapy
- Informatics
- Nursing Education
- IM residency
- Rapid response
- Quality Improvement



# Code Committee Mission

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Monitoring CPR quality

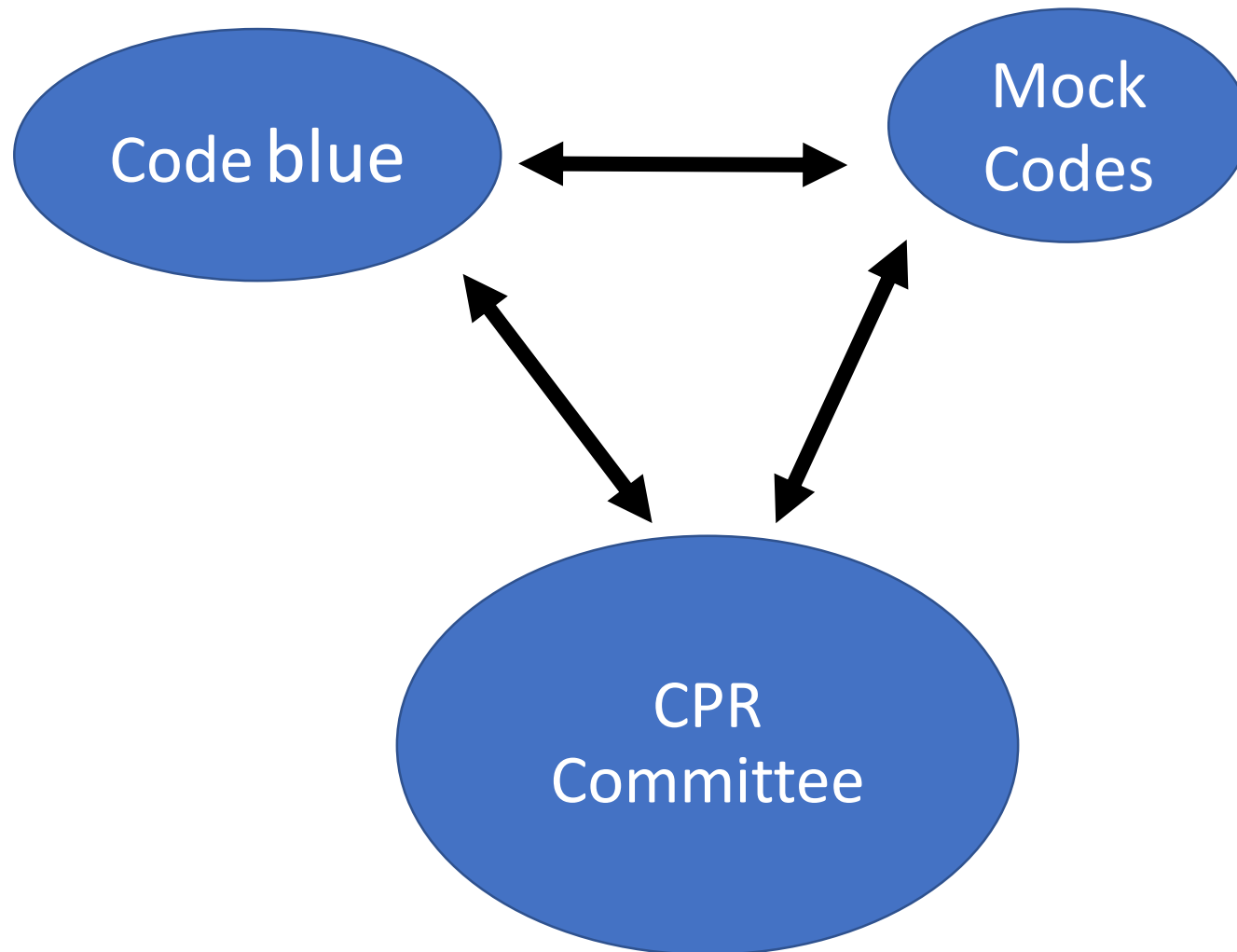
Performance benchmarking GWTG –R

Catalyst for code process education

Policy creation and maintenance

QI projects

## Integration of Code Process with CPR Committee



# Code Committee Restructuring

Going beyond business as usual...

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Monthly meeting from quarterly

Chair :

Deep dive: Code case review now evolved into a subcommittee –  
Precode review

Monthly Dash-board

# Reliable Data Collection and reporting

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Reconciling overhead pages with code sheets

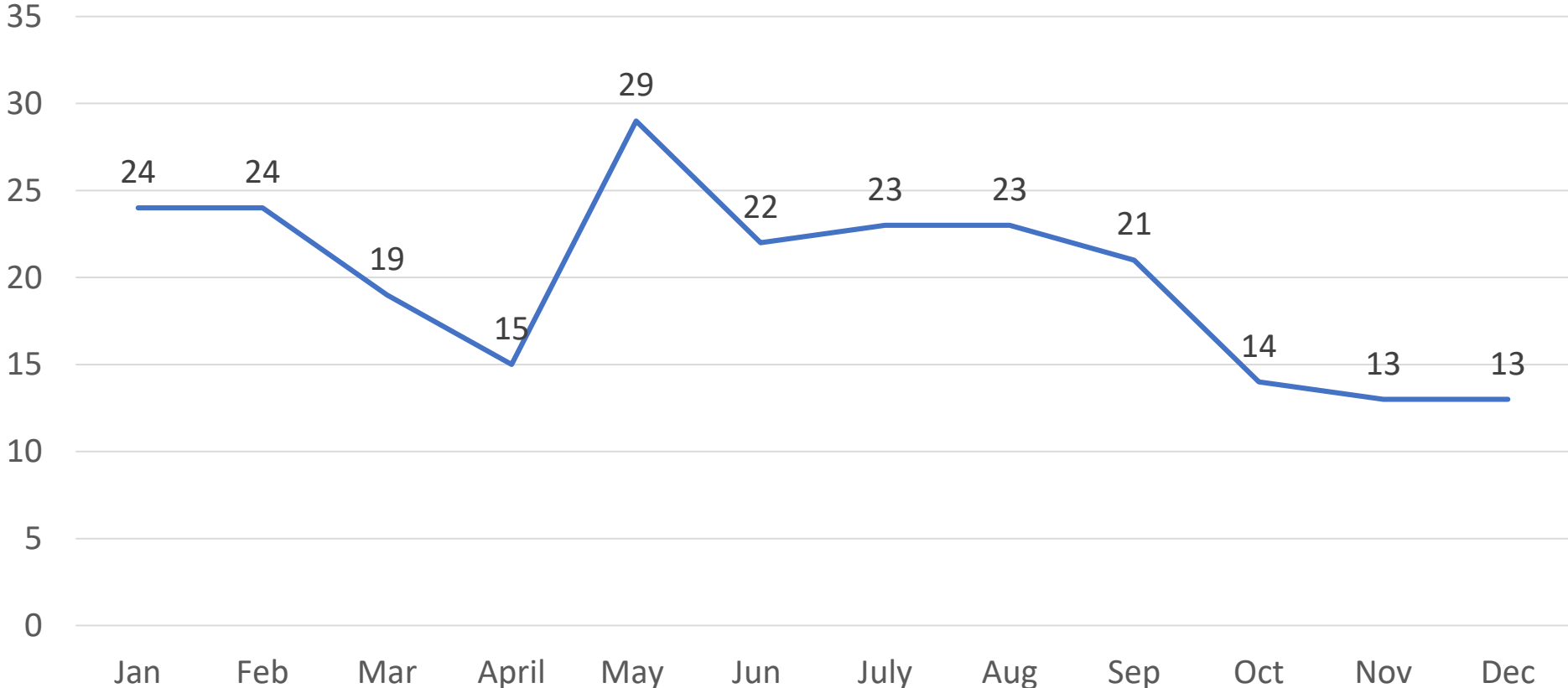
Developed a process with rapid response to call units every morning after review of Overhead calls





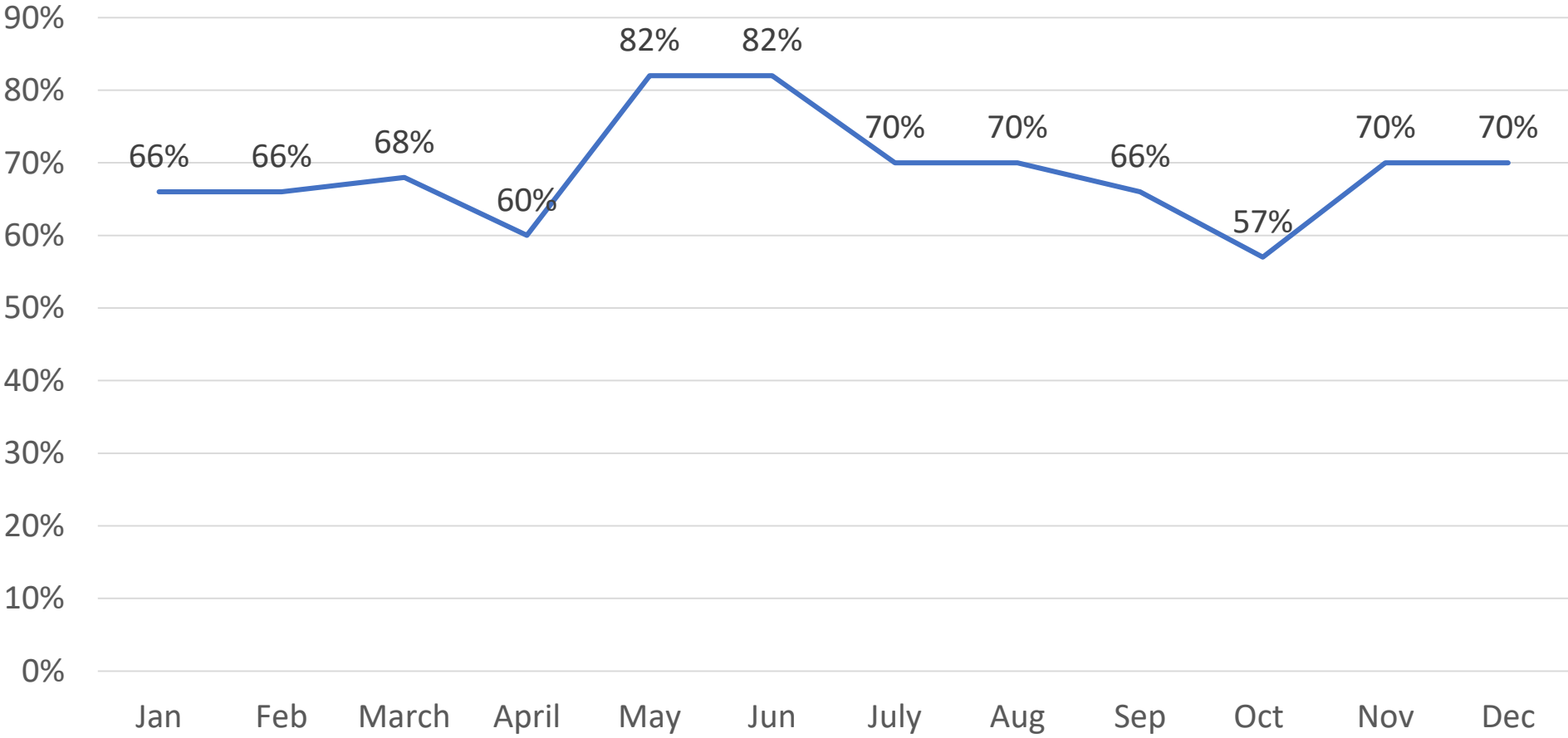
# Dashboard

Total Codes



# Dashboard

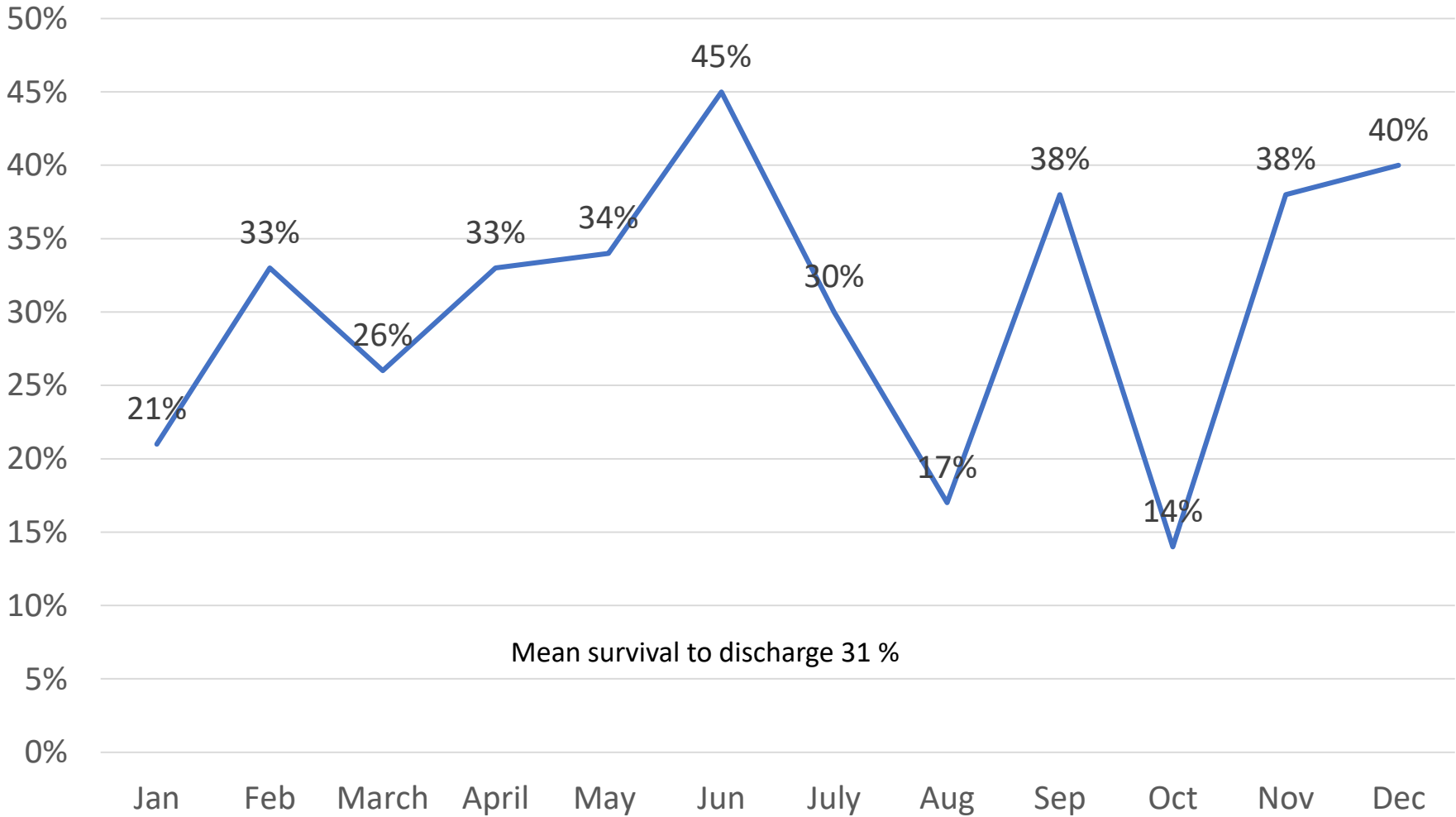
## Code Survival



Mean survival 69%

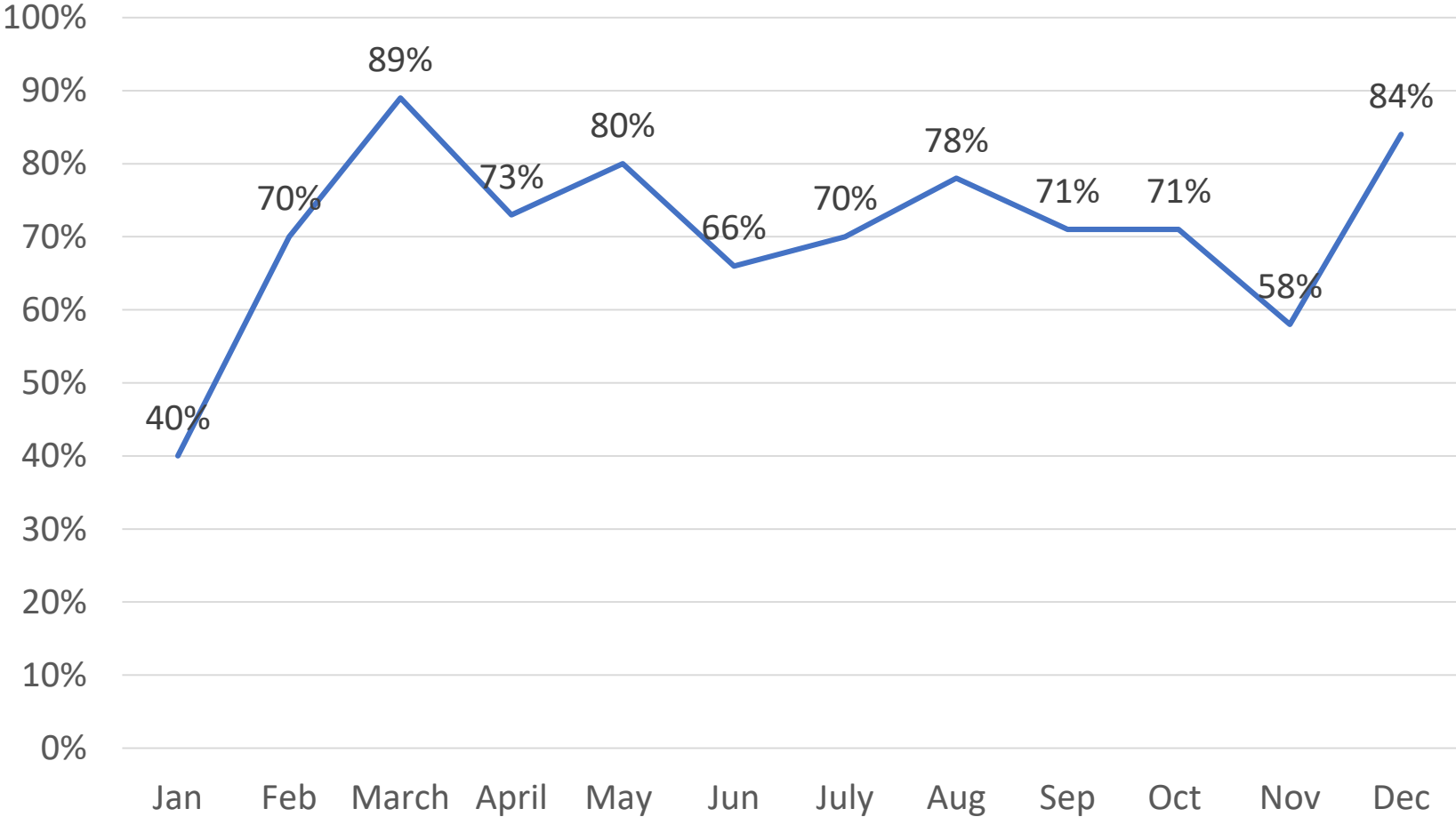
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## Survival to discharge



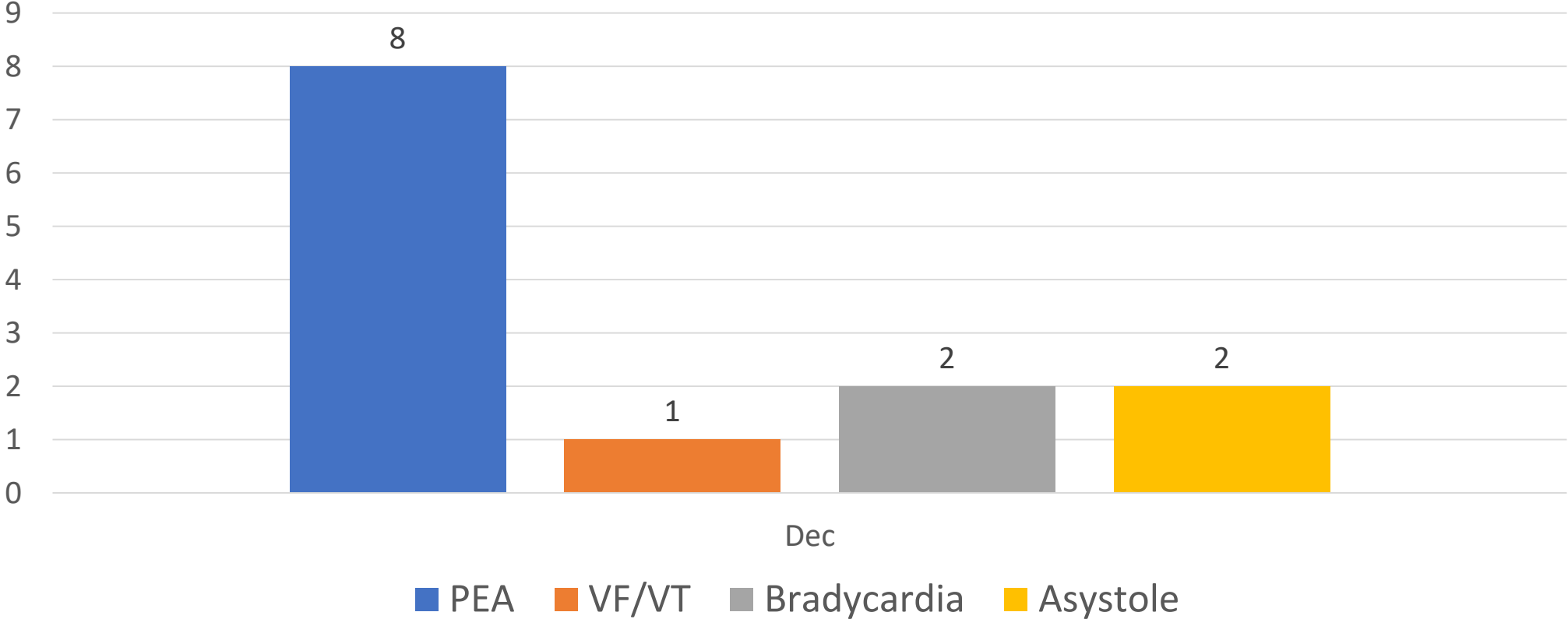
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Percentage codes in ICU



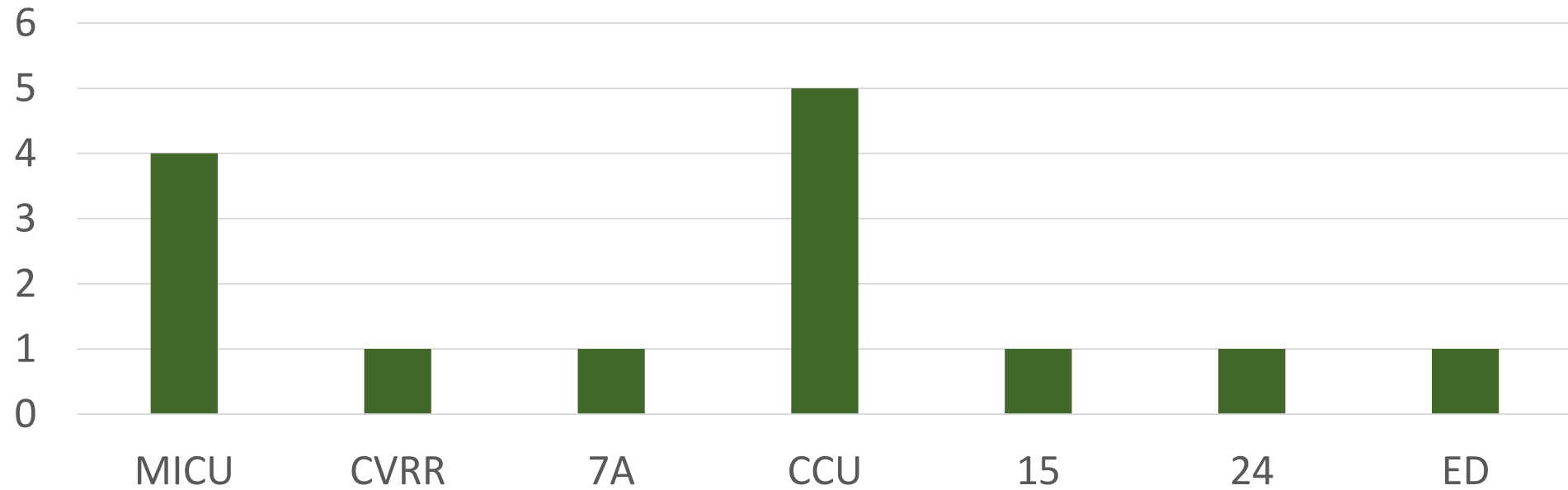
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## Codes by Rhythm



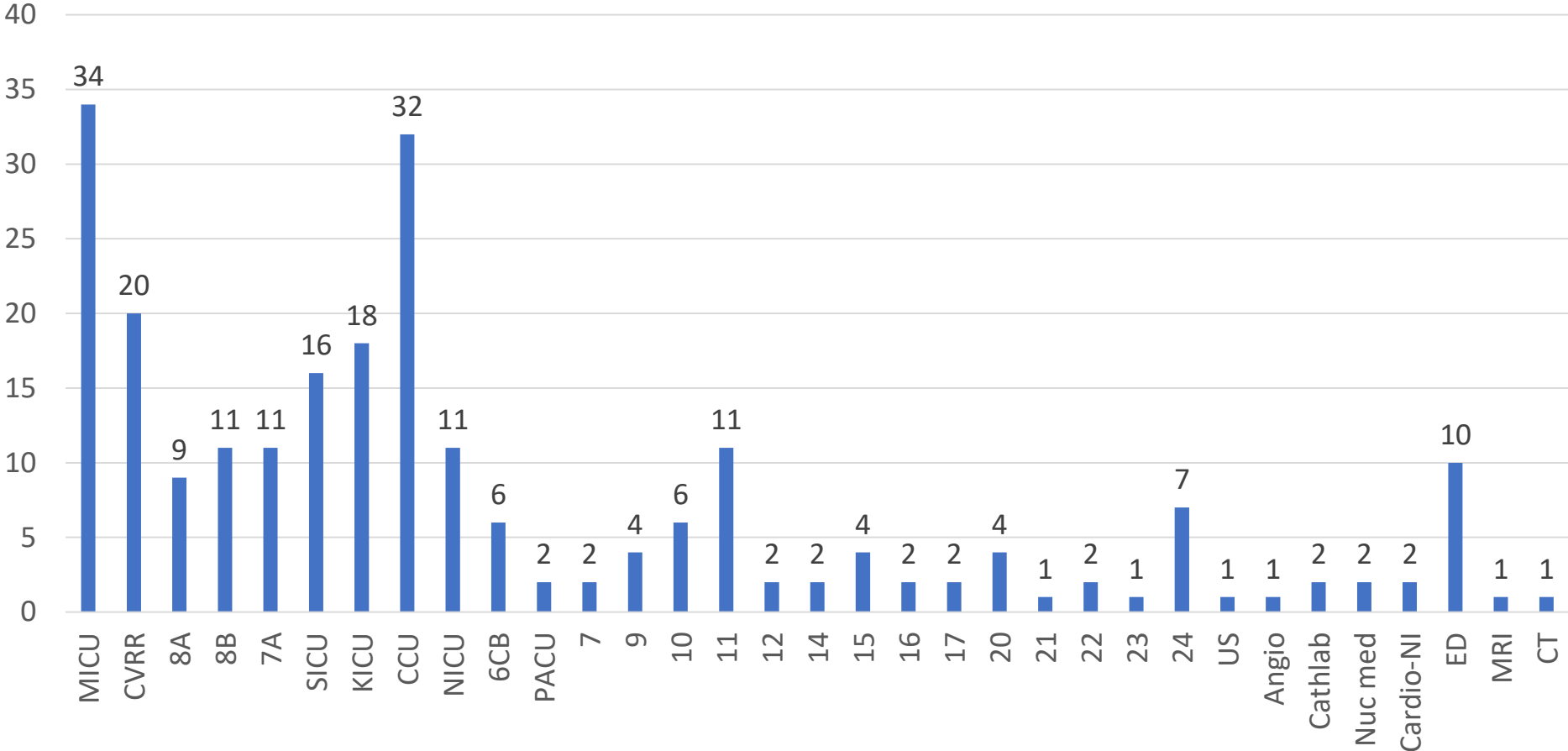
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## Code Location



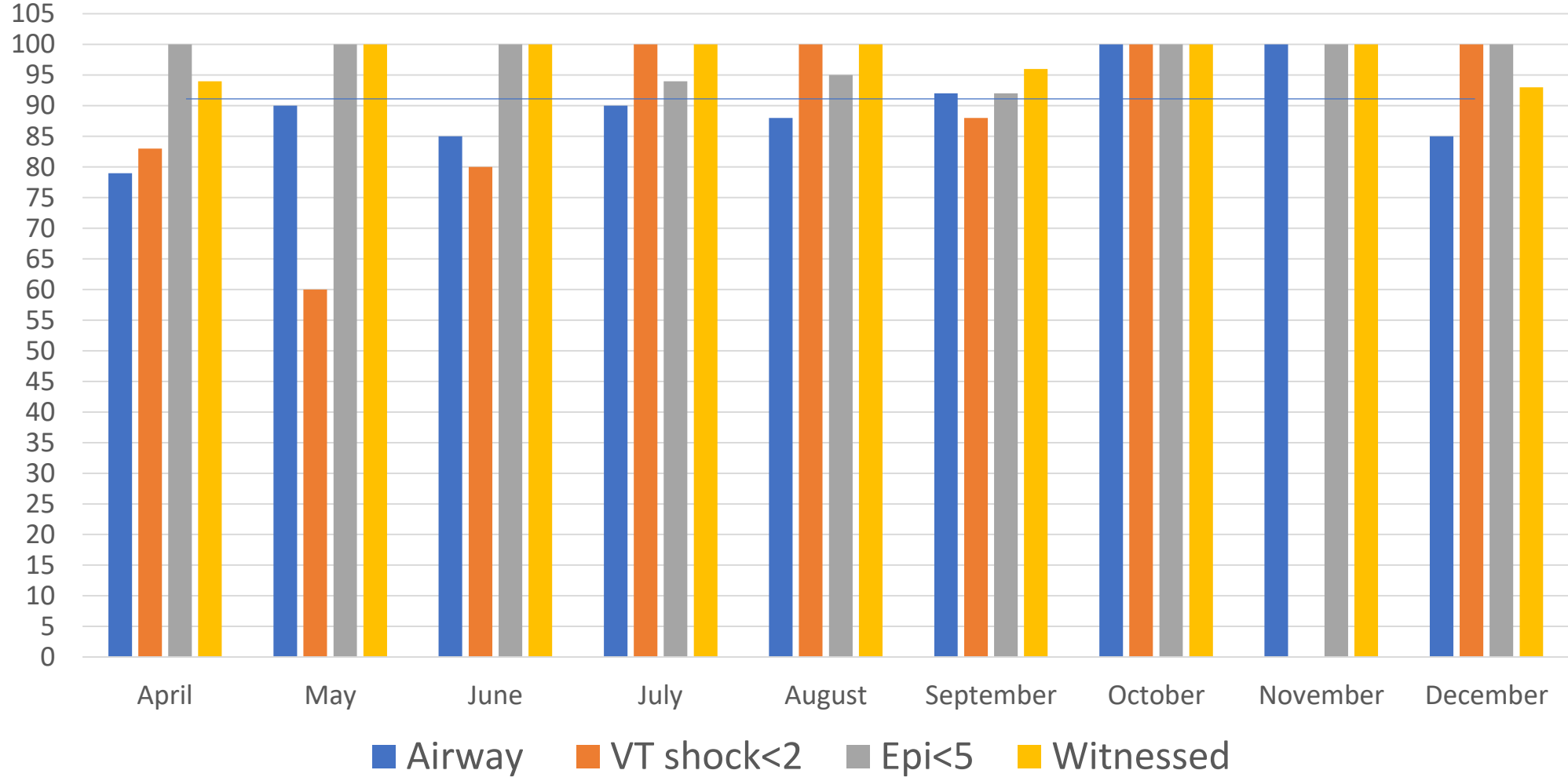
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2018 codes by unit



# Dashboard

GWTG metrics







Date: \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT: \_\_\_\_\_

		YES	NO
1.	Team Leader _____	Arrived Without delay	
	CCU fellow _____		
	Anesthesia _____		
	Code Manager _____		
2.	Chest compressions started in less than 1 min		
3.	Defibrillation < 2mins for VT/VFIB		
4.	Confirmation of Airway		
5.	Was PEA witnessed		
6.	Adequate depth and rate of chest compressions (high quality chest compressions)		
7.	a) Was the code orderly		
	b) Orders came from team leader		
8.	<p><b>DEBRIEFING</b></p> <p>1. What went wrong?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Process</li> <li>• Equipment/Drugs</li> <li>• Personnel</li> </ul> <p>2. What went right?</p> <p>3. What lessons were learned?</p> <p>4. ICU team handoff given? Yes/No</p>		
<p>Comments:</p>          			

# Quality Gaps

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Code Chaos and insufficient team dynamic

Performance measures –GWTG metrics

# Quality Gaps Solutions

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Code Chaos and insufficient team dynamic

1. Role assignment
2. Code Process manager

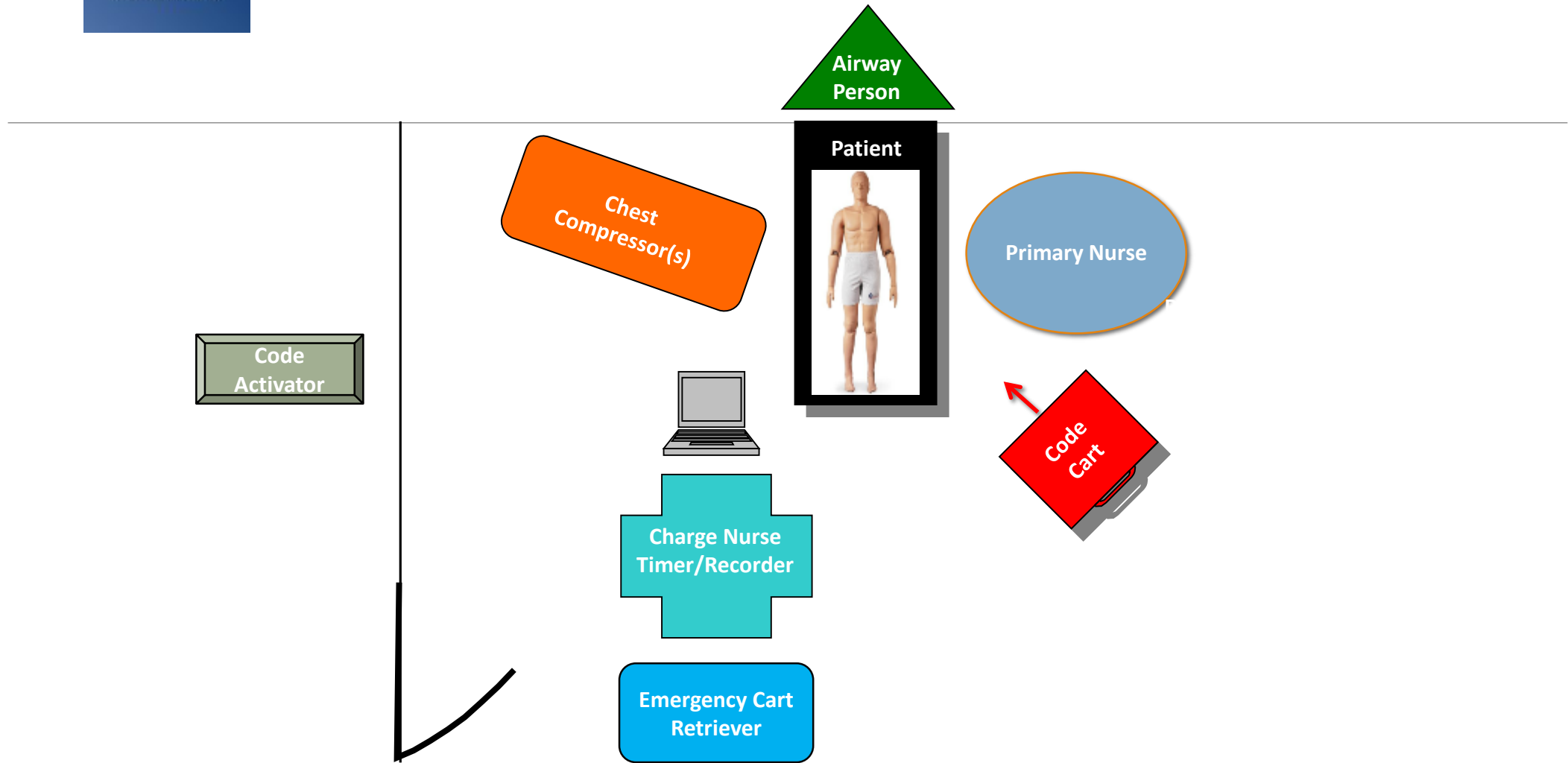
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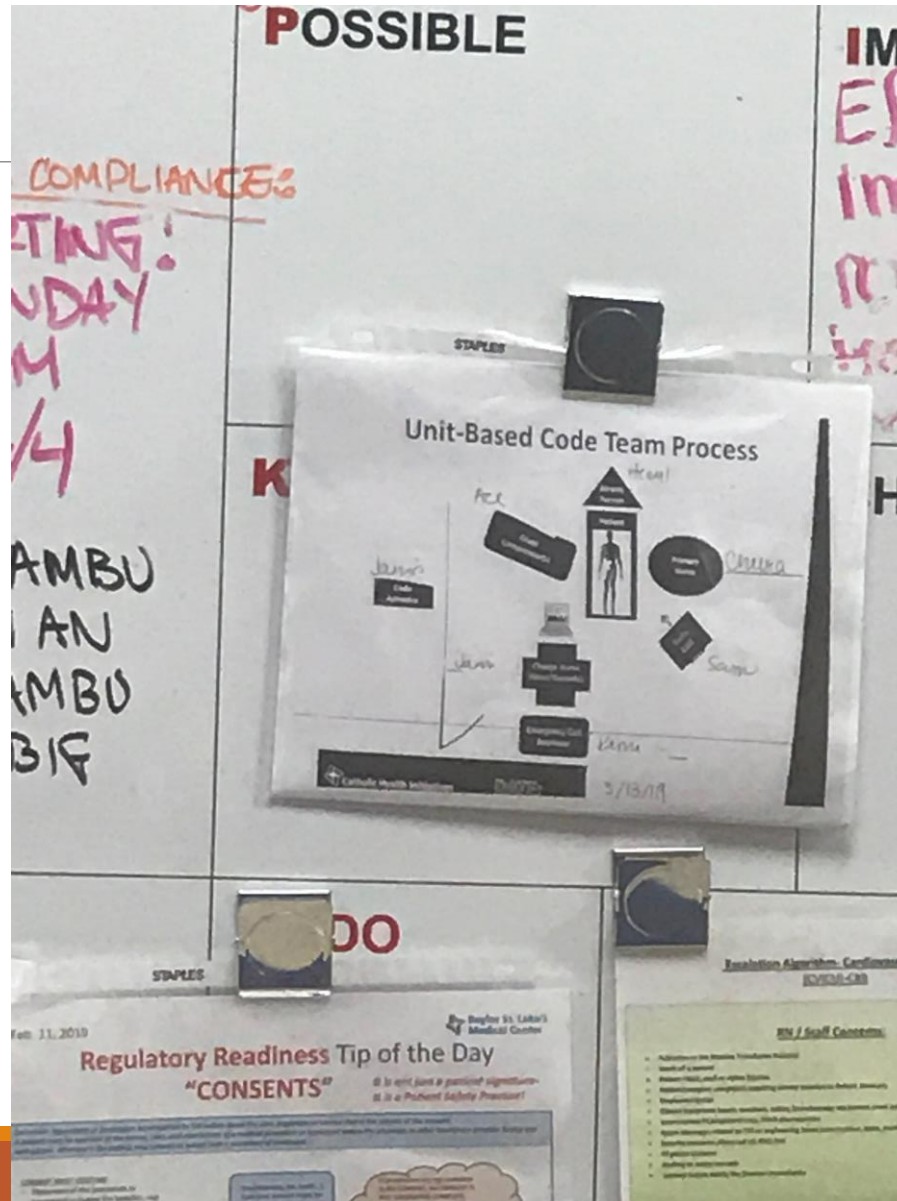
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# Role Assignment



# Role Assignment in Action



Regular Role  
assignment  
Audits



# Quality Gaps Solutions

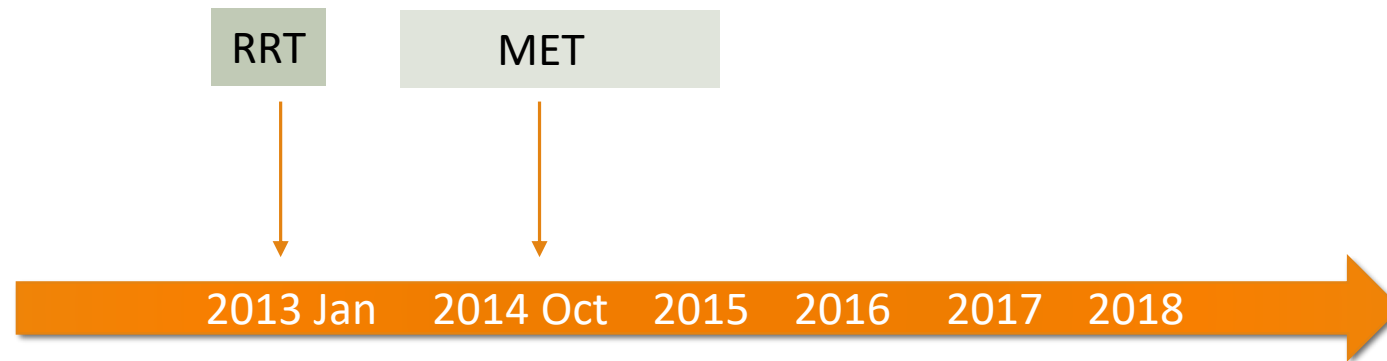
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Code Chaos and insufficient team dynamic

1. Role assignment
2. Code Process manager-Rapid response team



## Evolution of Rapid Response System at BSLMC

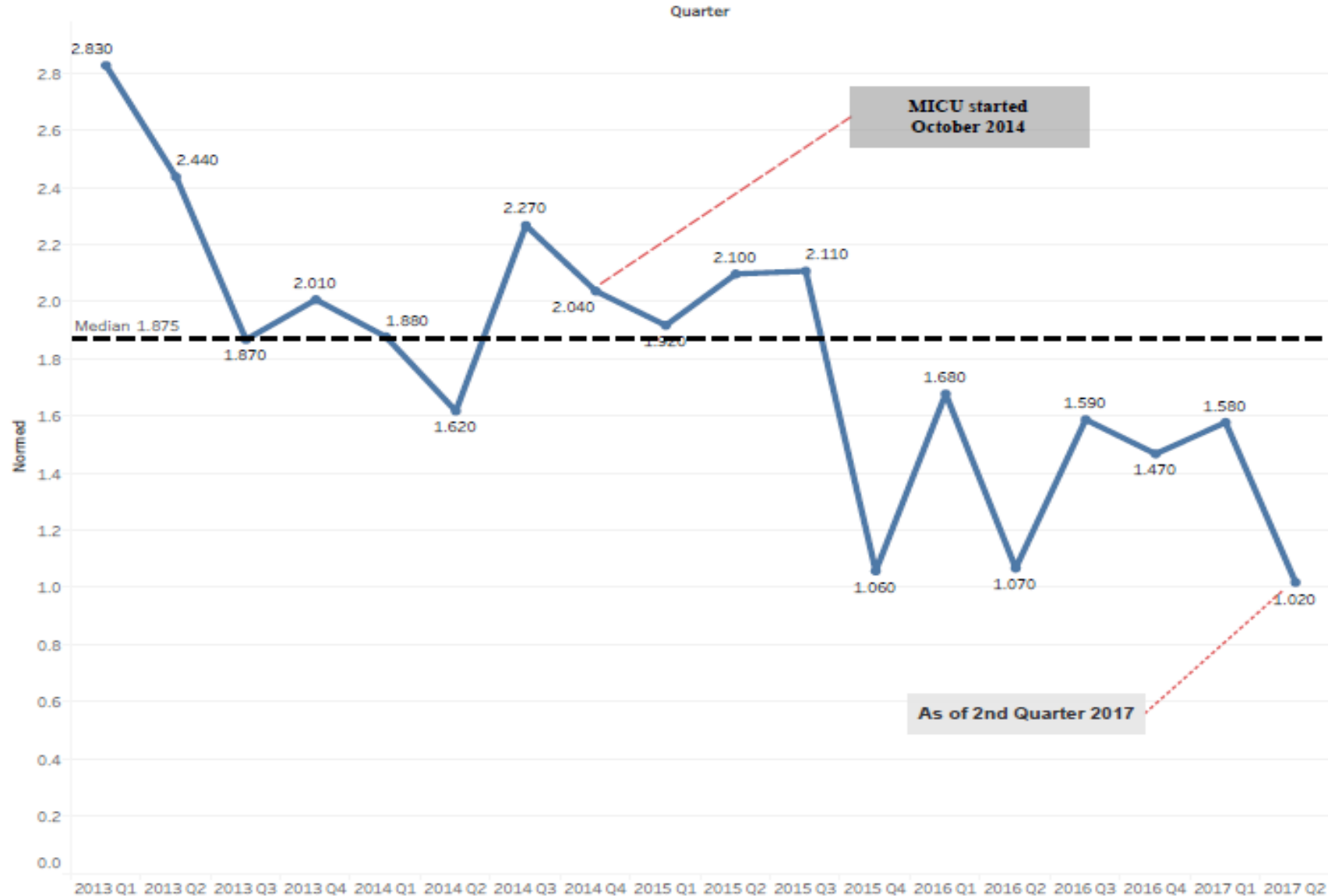


Time line of RRT and MET at BSLMC



# Codes Per 1,000 Patient Days

CODES from 2013-2017  
Normed to per Thousand Patient Days



# Role of Code Process Manger

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**Ensure role assignment**

**Identify team leader**

**Back board, ETCO<sub>2</sub>**

**Vascular Access (EzIO)**

**Point of care labs (Glu, ABG, CMP, Lactate)**

**Bring POC Echo to codes**

**Facilitate communication, Chaos control**

**Debrief**

# Quality Gaps

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Code Chaos and insufficient team dynamic

## Performance measures

- Defib time <2 min
- Etco2 measurement

# GWTG Metrics

## Defib < 2min

AED Mode

Manual Mode



# GWTG metrics

## Monitoring End tidal CO<sub>2</sub>

All respiratory therapist  
equipped with EtCo<sub>2</sub>  
monitors



# Get With The Guidelines Metrics

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## Resident Code note

1. Standardization
2. Helps with abstraction
3. GWTG metrics



Type:  Service: Surgical ICU Date of Service: 3/30/2019 09:45 PM

Cosign Required

**Code Blue Note**

Briefly [redacted] y.o. female with \*\*\* admitted on 3/28/2019 for \*\*\*.

Hospital course notable for \*\*\*.

**Situation:** Code Blue called at \*\*\* {Time; am/pm:31393}.  
- Was cardiac arrest witnessed or captured on the monitor? {YES/NO:23497}

**Background:** \*\*\*

**Assessment**

- On arrival, CPR was {CODE Initial CPR:25924}
- Initial airway/ventilation: {CODE Airway:25923}
- Initial pulse check: {CODE Pulse:25925}
- Initial rhythm: {CODE rhythm:25915}
- Time to first chest compressions: {CODE time to compressions:25929}
- Was there high quality, uninterrupted, CPR? {yes no:315493::"Yes"}

**Recommendations:** ACLS protocol was initiated with the details below.

**Details of Code**

- Access established: {CODE access:25926}
- Method of airway confirmation: {CODE airway confirmation:25928}
- Procedures: \*\*\*
- Medications administered: {CODEMEDS:25111}
  - Time to IV/IO epinephrine <= 5 minutes for asystole or PEA? {YES:23483}
- IVF administered:\*\*\*
- Shocks delivered:{yes/no:310449}
  - If initial rhythm VT/VF, time to first shock <= 2 minutes (i.e. time from the placement of pads)? {yes/no:310449}
  - If yes, number of shocks\*\*\*
- Pertinent code labs: \*\*\*

**Additional narrative** of events and clinical reasoning (5H/Ts considered): \*\*\*

After \*\*\* minutes, {CODEBLUEEND:25120} at \*\*\* {Time; am/pm:31393}.

**Plan of further care** (if applicable) \*\*\*

Targeted temperature management considered {YES/NO:23497}, if not, contraindicated because of \*\*\*.

Patient handed off to ICU Attending \*\*\*.

Family notified at \*\*\* {Time; am/pm:31393}.  
Primary attending notified at \*\*\* {Time; am/pm:31393}

# Abstract to the AHA Quality of Care and Outcomes Research Scientific Sessions to be held in Arlington, VA on April 5-6, 2019.



## Improving Compliance with Get with the Guidelines-Resuscitation Metrics by Standardizing Code Note Documentation

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### OBJECTIVE

To increase adherence to Get with the Guidelines-Resuscitation (GWTG-R) measures by improving the quality of documentation of cardiac arrests by resident code leaders through the implementation of a standardized code note template.

### BACKGROUND

- The American Heart Association created GWTG-R to facilitate reporting and analysis of cardiac arrest data.
- GWTG-R criteria include witnessed events, confirmation of airway, two minute time-to-shock for ventricular tachycardia or fibrillation, and five minute time-to-first dose of epinephrine for pulseless electrical activity.

### METHODS

A retrospective chart review was performed on resident-authored code notes before and after implementation of a standardized code note. An electronic medical record template was developed which highlighted GWTG-R metrics. This note was made available to all resident physician code leaders. Reviewed notes were assessed for documentation of GWTG-R metrics and clinical reasoning.

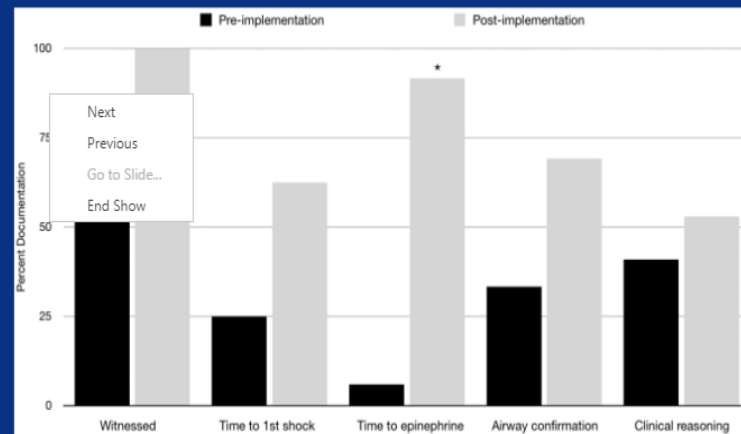


Figure 1: Percent of notes documenting GWTG-R criteria and clinical reasoning before and after implementation of the standard code blue note.

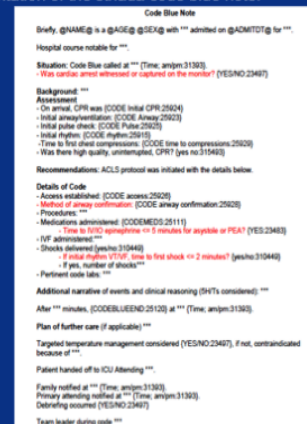


Figure 2: Template code blue note with GWTG-R criteria highlighted in red.

### RESULTS

- 22 notes reviewed prior to and 17 notes after implementation of a standardized code note template (Figure 2).
- 14/17 (82%) of post-implementation code notes used the standardized template.
- All GWTG-R categories and clinical reasoning documentation trended toward improvement (Figure 1)
- Documentation of time-to-epinephrine significantly increased from 5.9% to 91.7% (Figure 1).

### CONCLUSIONS

- Development of a standardized code note template improved documentation of GWTG-R quality measures for in-hospital cardiac arrest.
- Hospital compliance with guidelines improved following this intervention, now qualifying it for GWTG-R Bronze for three consecutive months of compliance.
- Expansion of the standardized code note for widespread use by providers throughout the hospital is expected to continue to improve code documentation and hospital compliance with GWTG-R.



# Lessons Learned:

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“Find the code blue guru”

Proper collection of code data - keep a good grip on the data

Get leadership buy in as “high priority”

Set achievable goals

Audit your PDSA interventions until things are “hard-wired”

Give feed back to your team as well as rest of the hospital

Utilize your Rapid response services: Include RRS /MET leaders in code committee



# Simplifying CPR Committees in a Complex System

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# Introduction

- What does a CPR Committee do within a system?
- How does a Committee evolve over time?
- What are common guiding principles?

# COMPLEX SYSTEMS – SIMPLIFIED RESPONSES

- 3 Campuses
- 941 Licensed Beds
- Neonatal, Pediatric, Adult
- Inpatient, Outpatient, Satellite Offices
- Main Campus: 5 Separate Buildings
- 1 Code Activation System
- 2 Code Carts (1 Defibrillator)
- One Code Navigator
- Common Internal Reporting
- External Reporting

# Designing Structure to Match Complexity

- Main CPR Committee: Every other month
- Sub Committees: RRT, CPR Quality
- Sub Committee Structure: Event Review vs. Summary Reporting

# Diverse Perspectives

- Membership CPR Committee
- Membership in Subcommittee
- Workgroups
- System wide implications pilot projects
- Assess, recruit, re-recruit

# Defining Leadership

- Requires Multiple Leaders
- Committee Chair, Co-Chairs, Administrative Leader
  - Term Limits?
- Other Leaders:
  - Sub Committees
  - Project based
  - Specific Areas
  - Former Chairs



# Evolving Goals: Is there a Hierarchy of Needs

1. Understand
2. Standardize
3. Assess Standardization
4. Disseminate – Internal/External
5. Improve

## Final Thoughts

- Chance favors a prepared system
- Thoughts on mistakes
- Learning from others
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# **Risk-Standardized Survival Rates for In-Hospital Cardiac Arrest:**

**How were they created, What the rates mean,  
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- Cardiac Arrest Treatment Device used to Blow Smoke up One's Rectum
- Hung along major waterways (e.g., River Thames)



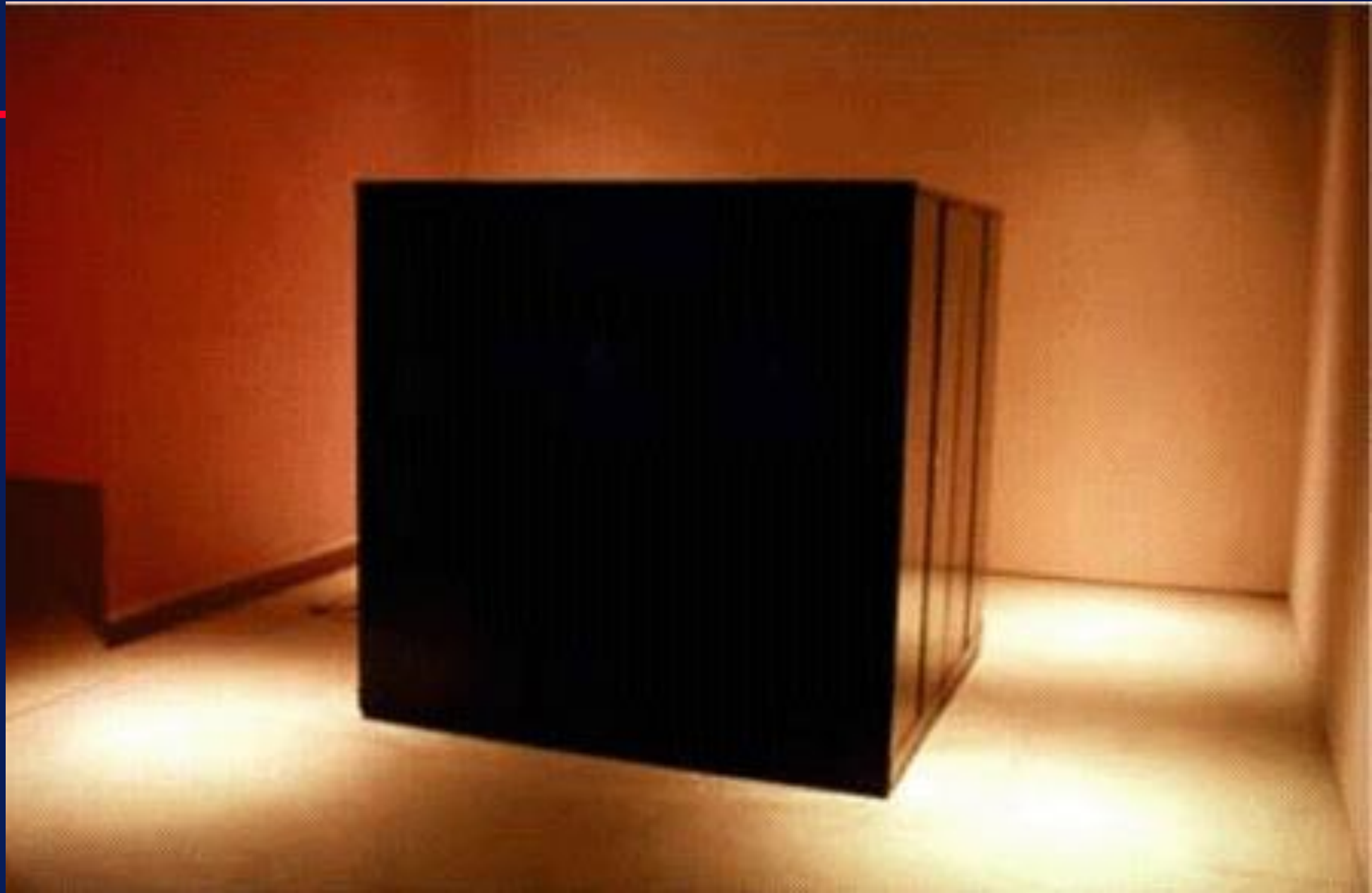








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- Formerly the National Registry for CPR (NRCPR)
- Launched in 2000; over 250,000 IHCA cases to date from >700 sites





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**Context** Racial differences in survival have not been previously studied after in-hospital cardiac arrest, an event for which access to care is not likely to influence treatment.

**Objectives** To estimate racial differences in survival for patients with in-hospital cardiac arrests and examine the association of sociodemographic and clinical factors and the admitting hospital with racial differences in survival.

**Design, Setting, and Patients** Cohort study of 10 011 patients with cardiac arrests due to ventricular fibrillation or pulseless ventricular tachycardia enrolled between January 1, 2000, and February 29, 2008, at 274 hospitals within the National Registry of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation.

**Main Outcome Measures** Survival to hospital discharge; successful resuscitation from initial arrest and postresuscitation survival (secondary outcome measures).

**Results** Included were 1883 black patients (18.8%) and 8128 white patients (81.2%). Rates of survival to discharge were lower for black patients (25.2%) than for white patients (37.4%) (unadjusted relative rate [RR], 0.73; 95% confidence interval [CI], 0.67-0.79). Unadjusted racial differences narrowed after adjusting for patient characteristics (adjusted RR, 0.81 [95% CI, 0.75-0.88];  $P < .001$ ) and diminished further after additional adjustment for hospital site (adjusted RR, 0.89 [95% CI, 0.82-0.96];  $P = .002$ ).

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### Summary

**Background** During in-hospital cardiac arrests, how long resuscitation attempts should be continued before termination of efforts is unknown. We investigated whether duration of resuscitation attempts varies between hospitals and whether patients at hospitals that attempt resuscitation for longer have higher survival rates than do those at hospitals with shorter durations of resuscitation efforts.

**Methods** Between 2000 and 2008, we identified 64 339 patients with cardiac arrests at 435 US hospitals within the Get With The Guidelines—Resuscitation registry. For each hospital, we calculated the median duration of resuscitation before termination of efforts in non-survivors as a measure of the hospital's overall tendency for longer attempts. We used multilevel regression models to assess the association between the length of resuscitation attempts and risk-adjusted survival. Our primary endpoints were immediate survival with return of spontaneous circulation during cardiac arrest and survival to hospital discharge.

**Findings** 31 198 of 64 339 (48.5%) patients achieved return of spontaneous circulation and 9912 (15.4%) survived to discharge. For patients achieving return of spontaneous circulation, the median duration of resuscitation was 12 min (IQR 6–21) compared with 20 min (14–30) for non-survivors. Compared with patients at hospitals in the quartile with the shortest median resuscitation attempts in non-survivors (16 min [IQR 15–17]), those at hospitals in the quartile with the longest attempts (25 min [25–28]) had a higher likelihood of return of spontaneous circulation (adjusted risk ratio 1.12, 95% CI 1.06–1.18;  $p < 0.0001$ ) and survival to discharge (1.12, 1.02–1.23;  $p = 0.021$ ).

Survival have not been previously studied after in-hospital cardiac arrest. Access to care is not likely to influence treatment.

Differences in survival for patients with in-hospital cardiac arrest after adjustment for sociodemographic and clinical factors and differences in survival.

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Survival to hospital discharge; successful resuscitation during cardiac arrest; survival (secondary outcome measures).

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**BACKGROUND**  
Despite advances in resuscitation care in recent years, it is not clear whether survival and neurologic function after in-hospital cardiac arrest have improved over time.

**METHODS**  
We identified all adults who had an in-hospital cardiac arrest at 374 hospitals in the



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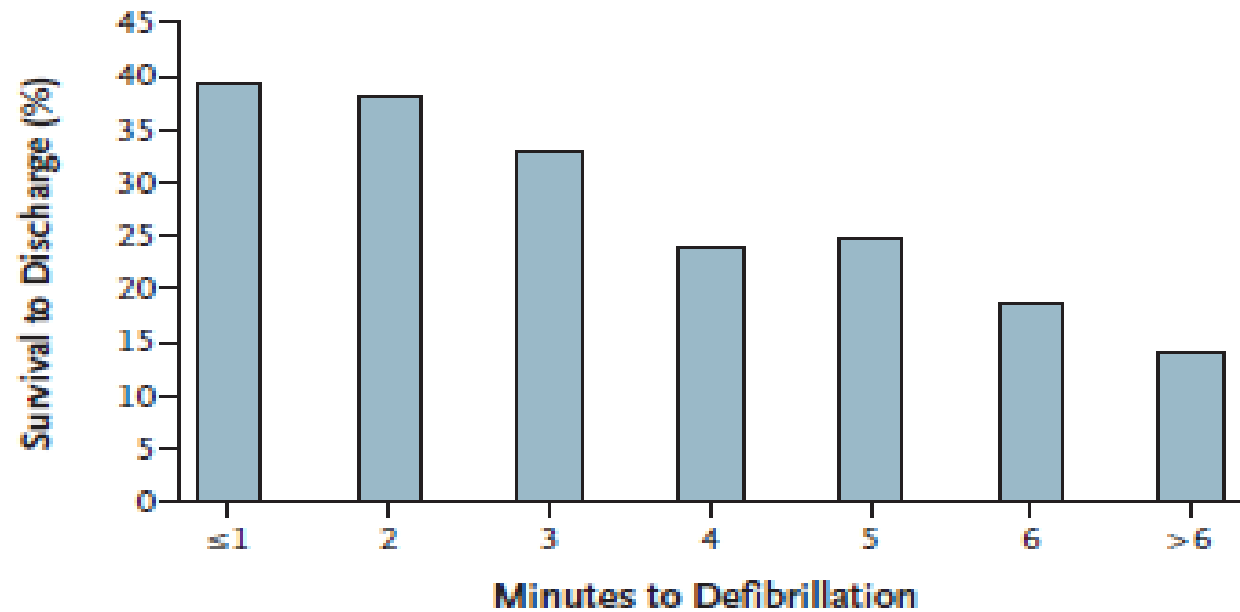
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# Survival

	≤ 2 minutes (n=4,744)	> 2 minutes (n=2,045)
<b>SURVIVAL OUTCOMES</b>		
<i>ROSC, n (%)</i>	3,165 (66.7%)	1,003 (49.0%)
<i>Alive at 24 Hours, n (%)</i>	2,607 (55.0%)	765 (37.4%)
<i>Survival to Discharge, n (%)</i>	1,863 (39.3%)	455 (22.2%)

	Unadjusted OR (95% CI)	Adjusted OR* (95% CI)	p-value
<b>SURVIVAL OUTCOMES</b>			
<i>ROSC, n (%)</i>	0.48 (0.43, 0.53)	0.55 (0.49, 0.62)	<.001
<i>Alive at 24 Hours, n (%)</i>	0.48 (0.43, 0.54)	0.52 (0.46, 0.58)	<.001
<i>Survival to Discharge, n (%)</i>	0.44 (0.39, 0.50)	0.48 (0.42, 0.54)	<.001
<b>NEUROLOGICAL OUTCOMES</b>	0.71 (0.57, 0.89)	0.74 (0.57, 0.95)	0.02
<b>FUNCTIONAL OUTCOMES</b>	0.67 (0.52, 0.87)	0.74 (0.56, 0.96)	0.02

## Effect of Each Incremental Minute of Delay in Defibrillation Time



Minutes to Defibrillation	No. of Patients	Survived to Discharge	Unadjusted Odds Ratio (95% CI)	Adjusted Odds Ratio (95% CI)	P Value
≤1	3994	1577	Reference	Reference	—
2	750	286	0.94 (0.81–1.10)	1.02 (0.85–1.21)	0.85
3	472	160	0.78 (0.64–0.96)	0.84 (0.67–1.05)	0.12
4	291	67	0.46 (0.35–0.61)	0.50 (0.37–0.67)	<0.001
5	394	98	0.51 (0.40–0.64)	0.54 (0.42–0.70)	<0.001
6	145	27	0.35 (0.23–0.54)	0.39 (0.25–0.61)	<0.001
>6	743	103	0.25 (0.20–0.31)	0.27 (0.21–0.34)	<0.001

**Figure 2.** Unadjusted and Adjusted Rates of Survival to Hospital Discharge According to Time to Defibrillation.

A graded inverse association was seen between time to defibrillation and survival rate (P for trend <0.001). CI denotes confidence interval.

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**U**SE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL defibrillators (AEDs) has been proposed as a strategy to reduce times to defibrillation and improve survival from cardiac arrests that occur in the hospital setting.<sup>1,2</sup> However, current evidence to

**Context** Automated external defibrillators (AEDs) improve survival from out-of-hospital cardiac arrests, but data on their effectiveness in hospitalized patients are limited.

**Objective** To evaluate the association between AED use and survival for in-hospital cardiac arrest.

**Design, Setting, and Patients** Cohort study of 11 695 hospitalized patients with cardiac arrests between January 1, 2000, and August 26, 2008, at 204 US hospitals following the introduction of AEDs on general hospital wards.

**Main Outcome Measure** Survival to hospital discharge by AED use, using multivariable hierarchical regression analyses to adjust for patient factors and hospital site.

**Results** Of 11 695 patients, 9616 (82.2%) had nonshockable rhythms (asystole and pulseless electrical activity) and 2079 (17.8%) had shockable rhythms (ventricular fibrillation and pulseless ventricular tachycardia). AEDs were used in 4515 patients (38.6%). Overall, 2117 patients (18.1%) survived to hospital discharge. Within the entire study population, AED use was associated with a lower rate of survival after in-hospital cardiac arrest compared with no AED use (16.3% vs 19.3%; adjusted rate ratio [RR], 0.85; 95% confidence interval [CI], 0.78-0.92;  $P < .001$ ). Among cardiac arrests due to nonshockable rhythms, AED use was associated with lower survival (10.4% vs 15.4%; adjusted RR, 0.74; 95% CI, 0.65-0.83;  $P < .001$ ). In contrast, for cardiac arrests due to shockable rhythms, AED use was not associated with survival (38.4% vs 39.8%; adjusted RR, 1.00; 95% CI, 0.88-1.13;  $P = .99$ ). These patterns were consistently observed in both monitored and nonmonitored hospital units where AEDs were used, after matching patients to the individual units in each hospital where the cardiac arrest occurred, and with a propensity score analysis.

# Survival to Discharge

	AED Used	AED Not Used	Adjusted Rate Ratio (95% CI)	P Value
<b>All Units, no. / total no. (%)</b>				
All arrests	16.3%	19.3%	0.85 (0.78, 0.92)	<.001
VF and pulseless VT	38.4%	39.8%	1.00 (0.88, 1.13)	0.99
Asystole and PEA	10.4%	15.4%	0.74 (0.65, 0.83)	<.001
<b>Monitored Units, no. / total no. (%)</b>				
All arrests	23.2%	23.9%	0.87 (0.79-0.97)	0.01
VF and pulseless VT	48.2%	45.8%	1.03 (0.89-1.18)	0.71
Asystole and PEA	13.4%	18.6%	0.72 (0.62-0.85)	<.001
<b>Non-Monitored Units, no. / total no. (%)</b>				
All arrests	10.2%	12.9%	0.82 (0.70-0.98)	0.03
VF and pulseless VT	22.0%	25.0%	0.93 (0.63-1.36)	0.71
Asystole and PEA	8.2%	11.5%	0.79 (0.65, 0.96)	0.02



# Survival to Discharge

	AED Used	AED Not Used	Adjusted Rate Ratio (95% CI)	P Value
<b>All Units, no. / total no. (%)</b>				
All arrests	16.3%	19.3%	0.85 (0.78, 0.92)	<.001
VF and pulseless VT	38.4%	39.8%	1.00 (0.88, 1.13)	0.99
Asystole and PEA	10.4%	15.4%	0.74 (0.65, 0.83)	<.001
<b>Monitored Units, no. / total no. (%)</b>				
All arrests	23.2%	23.9%	0.87 (0.79-0.97)	0.01
VF and pulseless VT	48.2%	45.8%	1.03 (0.89-1.18)	0.71
Asystole and PEA	13.4%	18.6%	0.72 (0.62-0.85)	<.001
<b>Non-Monitored Units, no. / total no. (%)</b>				
All arrests	10.2%	12.9%	0.82 (0.70-0.98)	0.03
VF and pulseless VT	22.0%	25.0%	0.93 (0.63-1.36)	0.71
Asystole and PEA	8.2%	11.5%	0.79 (0.65, 0.96)	0.02

# Other Outcomes

	<u>AED Used</u> Value	<u>AED Not Used</u> Value	P Value
<b>Time to Defibrillation, min.</b>			
Monitored Unit			
Median (IQR)	2 (0, 4)	1 (0, 4)	0.04
Delayed (>2 minutes), %	38.9%	35.2%	0.19
Non-Monitored Unit			
Median (IQR)	2 (0, 5)	2 (0, 5)	0.75
Delayed (>2 minutes), %	47.6%	42.4%	0.20
<b>Number of Defibrillation Attempts among patients</b>			
All Units	1 (1, 3)	1 (1, 2)	0.53
Monitored unit	1 (1, 2)	1 (1, 2)	0.30
Non-monitored unit	2 (1, 3)	2 (1, 3)	0.91
<b>Duration of resuscitation prior to restoration of pulse in patients with ROSC, min.</b>			
VF or Pulesless VT, median (IQR)	11 (5, 20)	10 (5, 20)	0.28
Asystole or PEA, median (IQR)	15 (9, 24)	14 (7, 22)	<.001

# Trends in Survival after In-Hospital Cardiac Arrest

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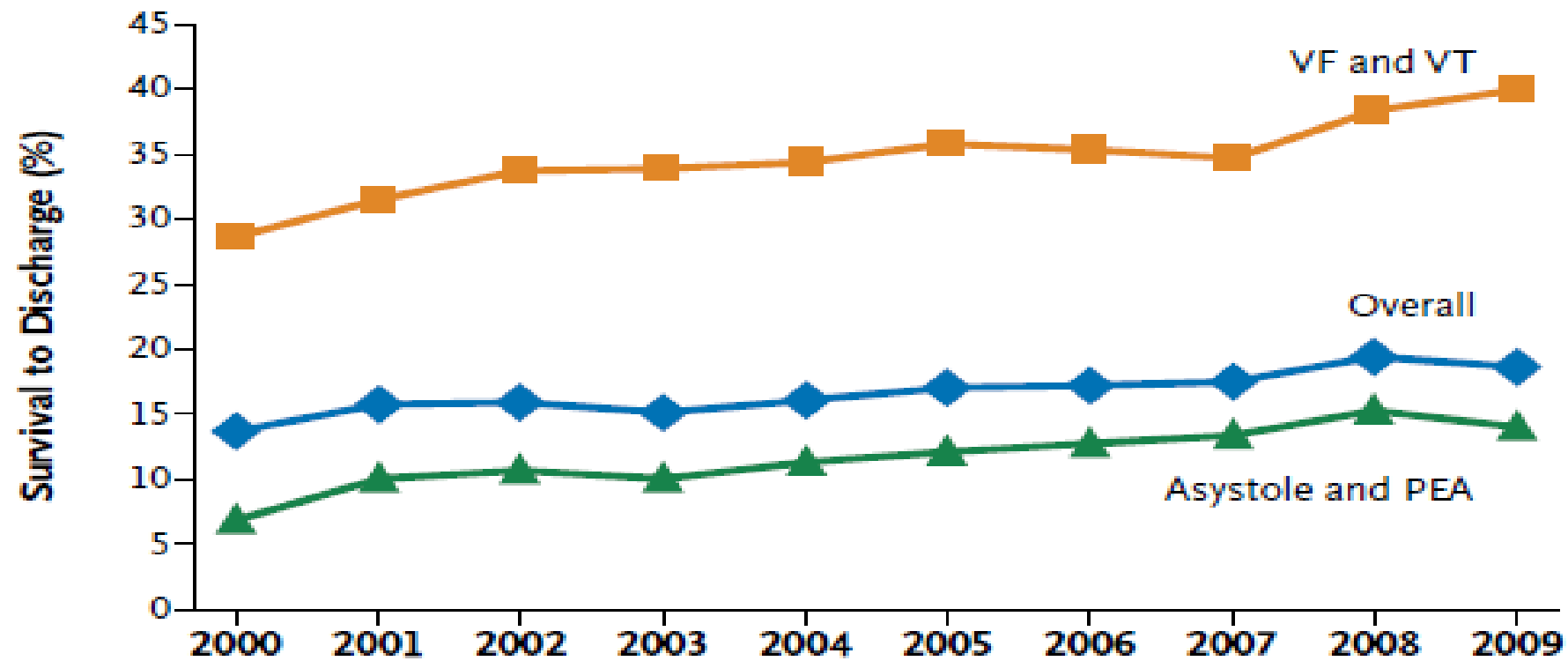
## ABSTRACT

### **BACKGROUND**

Despite advances in resuscitation care in recent years, it is not clear whether survival and neurologic function after in-hospital cardiac arrest have improved over time.

### **METHODS**

We identified all adults who had an in-hospital cardiac arrest at 374 hospitals in the Get with the Guidelines–Resuscitation registry between 2000 and 2009. Using multi-

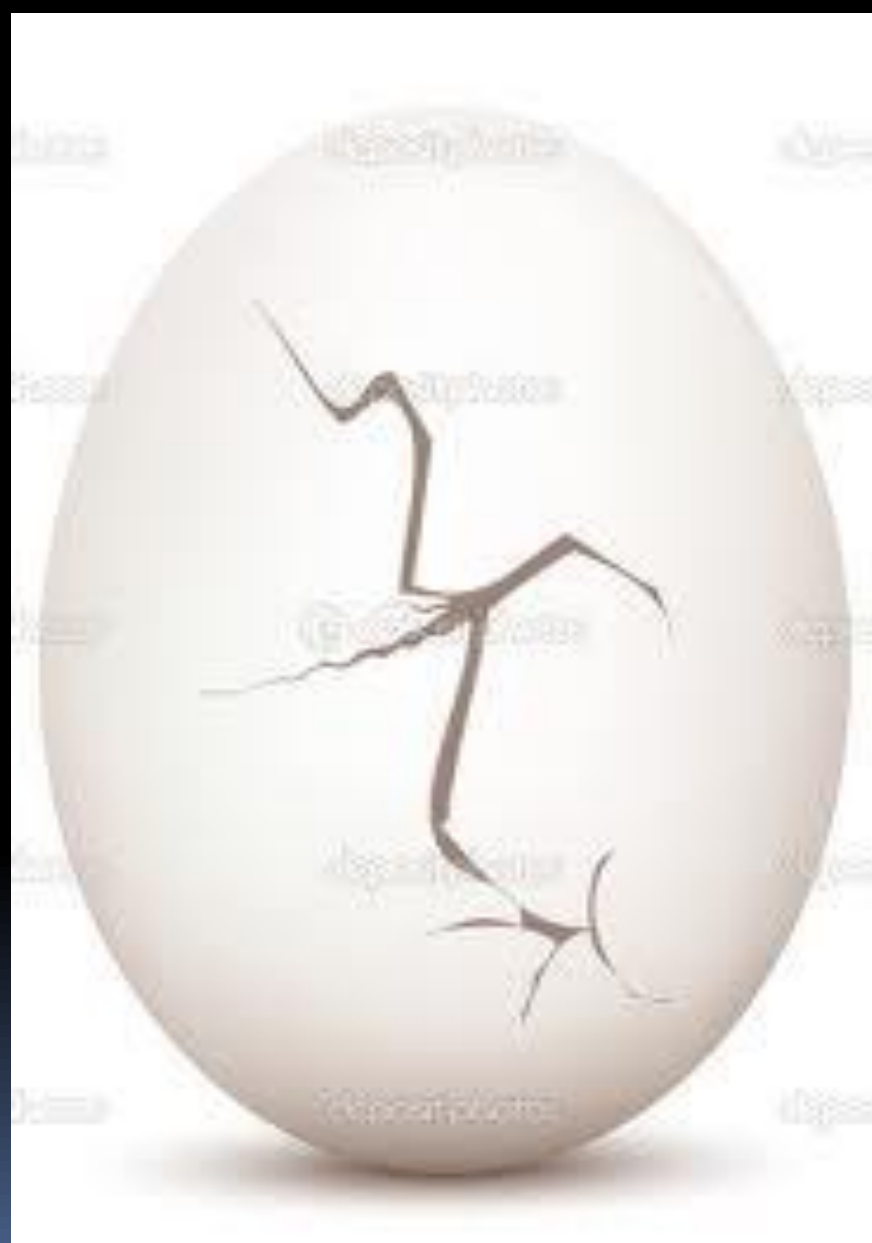


**Figure 2. Unadjusted Rates of Survival to Hospital Discharge by Calendar Year.** Observed (crude) rates for survival to discharge are shown for the overall cohort and separately for shockable cardiac-arrest rhythms (ventricular fibrillation [VF] and pulseless ventricular tachycardia [VT]) and nonshockable cardiac-arrest rhythms (asystole and pulseless electrical activity [PEA]).  $P < 0.001$  for trend for each survival curve.

# Model Results

**Table 2. Trends in Survival and Neurologic Outcomes.\***

Outcome	Risk-Adjusted Rates <sup>†</sup>										Adjusted Rate Ratio per Year (95% CI) <sup>‡</sup>	P Value for Trend <sup>§</sup>
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009		
	<i>percent</i>											
Survival to discharge	13.7	17.1	18.2	17.8	18.9	20.0	20.5	21.2	23.3	22.3	1.04 (1.03–1.06)	<0.001
Acute resuscitation survival <sup>  </sup>	42.7	45.1	45.4	46.0	47.0	48.6	49.7	52.5	55.2	54.1	1.03 (1.02–1.04)	<0.001
Postresuscitation survival <sup>¶</sup>	32.0	38.3	40.0	39.0	40.8	42.1	42.4	41.5	43.6	42.9	1.02 (1.01–1.03)	0.001
Neurologic outcome in survivors												
Clinically significant disability <sup>  </sup>	32.9	35.7	31.9	34.3	34.0	33.1	33.0	32.7	31.8	28.1	0.98 (0.97–1.00)	0.02
Severe disability <sup>**</sup>	10.1	10.5	9.8	10.5	11.5	11.5	9.7	12.2	11.7	10.7	1.01 (0.98–1.04)	0.37



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# BEFORE: GWTG-R Survival Rates

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- Previously, results were “unadjusted”



# BEFORE: GWTG-R Reports on Survival

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## Which Hospital Has Better Outcomes?

**Hospital A:** 30 survivors in 100 IHCA (30%)

» 20 VT or VF

» 80 asystole or PEA

**Hospital B:** 40 survivors in 100 IHCA (40%)

» 80 VT or VF

» 20 asystole or PEA

# BEFORE: GWTG-R Reports on Survival

## Hospital A

	Alive	Total	% Survival
Overall	30	100	30.0%
VF / VT	14	20	70.0%
Asystole / PEA	16	80	20.0%

## Hospital B

	Alive	Total	% Survival
Overall	40	100	40.0%
VF / VT	38	80	47.5%
Asystole / PEA	2	20	10.0%

# Risk-Standardizing Survival

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- Provides a fair “Apples to Apples” comparison
- Accounts for cardiac arrest rhythm, hospital location of patient’s arrest, and other important patient factors

# Creating Adult Model

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- Multivariable Model created

$$\begin{aligned} Y_{ij} &\sim \text{Bern}(p_{ij}), \\ \text{logit}(p_{ij}) &= \beta_{0i} + \beta_{1i} \mathbf{x}_{ij}, \\ \beta_{0i} &\sim N(\mu, \tau^2), \end{aligned}$$

- Apply model coefficients to each patient

$$RASR_i = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n_i} E(Y_{ij} | \beta_{0i}, \mathbf{x}_{ij}, \beta_{1i}, \mu, \tau^2)}{\sum_{j=1}^{n_i} E(Y_{ij} | \mathbf{x}_{ij}, \beta_{1i}, \mu, \tau^2)} \times \bar{Y}.$$

# 9 Key Variables (Adults)

Predictor	Beta-Weight		
	Estimate	Odds Ratio	95% CI
<b>Age</b>			
<50	0	Reference	Reference
50-59	0.0031	1.00	0.91-1.11
60-69	-0.0096	0.99	0.90-1.09
70-79	-0.2560	0.77	0.70-0.85
≥ 80	-0.6562	0.52	0.47-0.57
<b>Initial cardiac arrest rhythm</b>			
Asystole	0	Reference	Reference
Pulseless electrical activity	0.0478	1.05	0.98-1.13
Ventricular fibrillation	1.2631	3.54	3.24-3.86
Pulseless ventricular tachycardia	1.1289	3.09	2.79-3.43
<b>Hospital location</b>			
Non-monitored unit	0	Reference	Reference
Intensive care unit	0.5643	1.76	1.60-1.93
Monitored unit	0.4816	1.62	1.46-1.79
Emergency room	0.5618	1.75	1.56-1.97
Procedural or surgical area	1.1550	3.17	2.80-3.60
Other	0.6210	1.86	1.54-2.25
<b>Hypotension</b>	-0.4749	0.62	0.57-0.67
<b>Sepsis</b>	-0.4879	0.61	0.56-0.68
<b>Metastatic or hematologic malignancy</b>			
	-0.7345	0.48	0.43-0.53
<b>Hepatic insufficiency</b>	-0.7240	0.48	0.42-0.56
<b>Mechanical ventilation</b>	-0.5662	0.57	0.53-0.61
<b>IV Vasopressor</b>	-0.7329	0.48	0.44-0.52

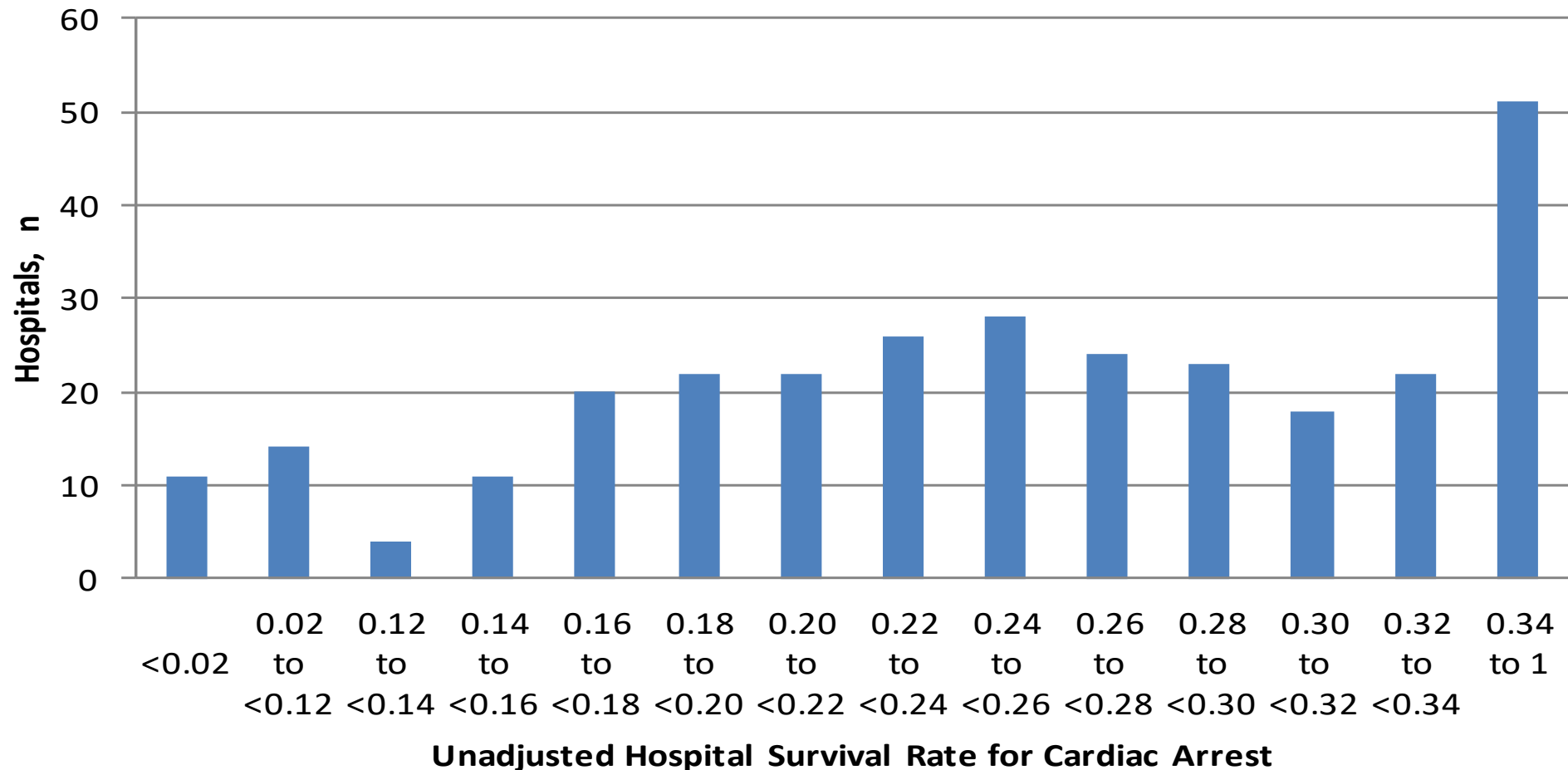
**Table 3. Model Predictors for Survival to Discharge**

Predictor	Odds Ratio (95% CI)
<b>Age</b>	
Older children (8–18 y)	Reference
Neonates (0–1 mo)	0.95 (0.65, 1.39)
Infants (1 mo to <1 y)	1.67 (1.17, 2.40)
Young children (1–8 y)	1.21 (0.84, 1.73)
<b>Male sex</b>	0.86 (0.69, 1.08)
<b>Illness category</b>	
Medical-Cardiac	Reference
Medical-Noncardiac	0.88 (0.61, 1.27)
Surgical-Cardiac	1.86 (1.23, 2.81)
Surgical-Noncardiac	1.23 (0.74, 2.03)
Other	0.93 (0.57, 1.50)
<b>Hypotension</b>	0.85 (0.64, 1.13)
<b>Renal insufficiency</b>	0.50 (0.32, 0.79)
<b>Metabolic or electrolyte abnormality</b>	0.79 (0.57, 1.09)
<b>Acute nonstroke CNS event</b>	0.61 (0.37, 1.02)
<b>Septicemia</b>	0.65 (0.46, 0.94)
<b>Major trauma</b>	0.39 (0.21, 0.71)
<b>Mechanical ventilation</b>	0.79 (0.59, 1.06)
<b>Intravenous vasoactive agents</b>	0.49 (0.36, 0.65)
<b>Location of arrest</b>	
Unmonitored unit	Reference
ICU	1.23 (0.74, 2.06)
Procedure areas	2.10 (1.12, 3.96)
ED	0.49 (0.27, 0.86)
Monitored unit	0.42 (0.18, 0.99)
Other	1.14 (0.53, 2.47)
<b>Cardiac arrest rhythm</b>	
Asystole	Reference
PEA	1.18 (0.90, 1.54)
VF	1.23 (0.75, 2.00)
PVT	1.95 (1.18, 3.22)

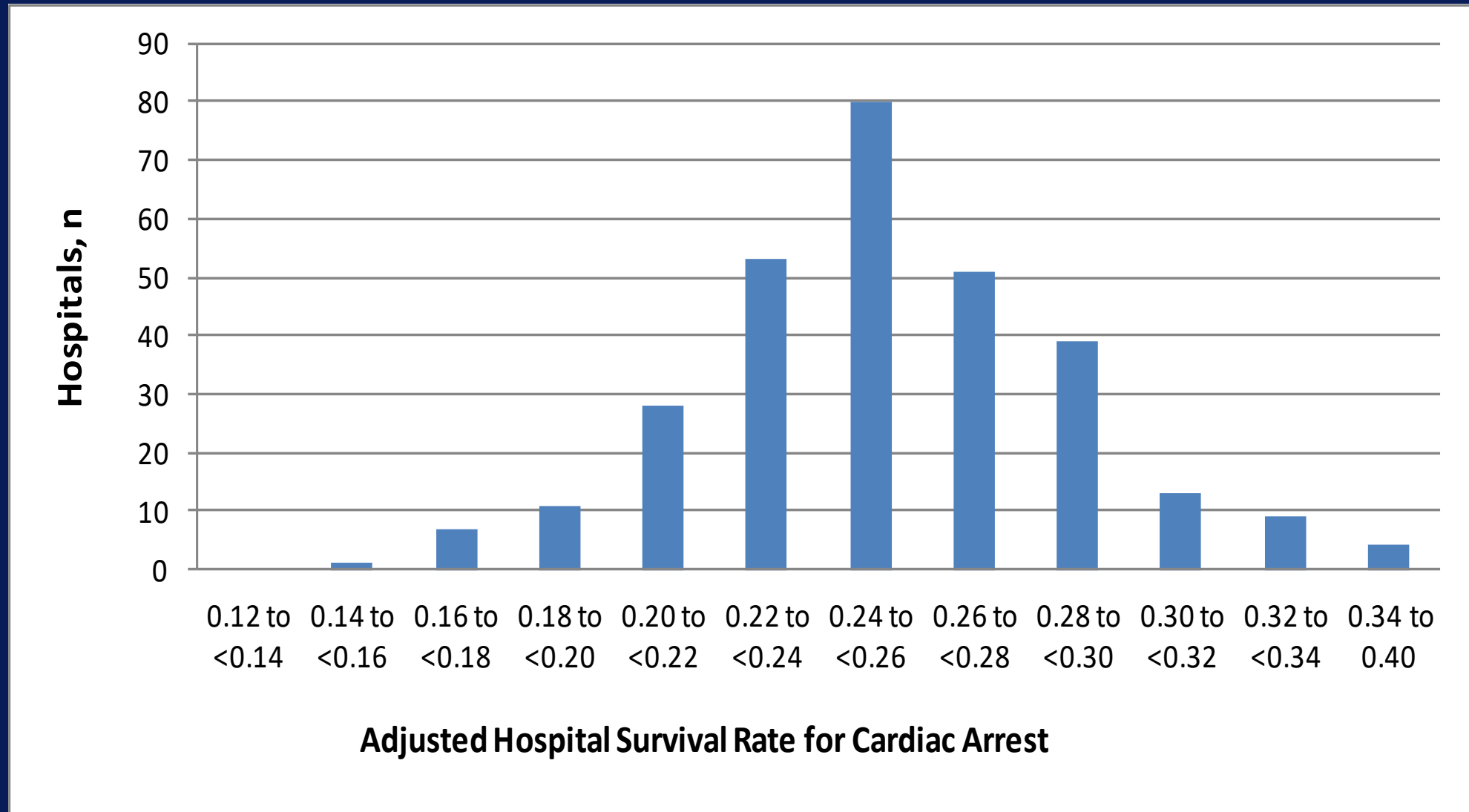
# 13 Key Variables (Pediatrics)



# Before Risk-Standardization - Unadjusted



# After Risk-Standardization - Adjusted



**Get Started!**

AtrialFib	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Carotid Artery Stenting	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Children's Asthma Care	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Core Measures	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Heart Failure	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Inpatient Diabetes PMT	N/A	N/A	N/A	
NCDR	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Resuscitation	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Stroke	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Total Quality	N/A	N/A	N/A	

**Trainings**

**Advanced Reporting:** Learn more about using measures interface features such as filters, display options, and exporting your reports to PDF and Excel.

**Downloading:** Learn how to quickly access your data in a spreadsheet format.

**HF:** An introduction to the HF tool, including navigating the system, entering data, and running reports.

**Report Writer:** Create customized reports on your data.

**Stroke:** An introduction to the Stroke tool, including navigating the system, entering data, and running reports.

**Uploader 2.0:** Step-by-step instructions on the file creation and upload processes.

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**LEGEND:**

-  New Patient
-  All Patients
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-  Resources

**Midas GWTG Quick Start Guide**

**Reminder!**  
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For more information please click the FAQ link under Resources.

If you are a CAD user please contact the Help Desk before the end of this year to transition.

**My Hospital**

		<u>Start Date</u>	<u>AHA Baseline Date</u>
AtrialFib	0		N/A
Heart Failure	495	03/02/2011	02/11/2011
NCDR	0		N/A
Resuscitation	523	11/13/2010	03/22/2001
Stroke	402	03/17/2009	03/04/2009
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1420</b>		

**Snapshot**

	<u># of Hospitals:</u>	<u># of Records:</u>
AtrialFib	28	3153
Heart Failure	958	1077407
NCDR	91	40197
Resuscitation - Patients	775	622039
Resuscitation - CPA		310115
Resuscitation - ARC		43977
Resuscitation - MET		392515
Resuscitation - PCAC		711
Stroke	2116	2208044

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### Get with the Guidelines Resuscitation In-Hospital Cardiac Arrest Survival Report Interpretation Guide

**HOW CAN THIS REPORT BE HELPFUL TO MY SITE?**

To facilitate more meaningful hospital comparisons of survival for cardiac arrests occurring in hospitals, GWTG-Resuscitation has developed models to risk-standardize rates of survival to hospital discharge for patients with in-hospital cardiac arrest (IHCA). The survival rate is risk-adjusted, so that we can compare similarly ill patients across hospitals. The risk-adjustment is based on a previously validated and published model and accounts for 9 key factors:

- Age (<50, 50-59 60-69, 70-79, >80)
- Initial cardiac arrest rhythm (VF, pulseless VT, asystole, PEA)
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- Hepatic Insufficiency
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- On intravenous vasopressors at time of cardiac arrest

**REPORT PRESENTATION**

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This report will be emailed to you. You will see your hospital's risk-standardized survival rate and your hospital's survival quintile. For instance, hospitals in quintile 5 have risk-standardized survival rates that are better than  $\geq 80\%$  of GWTG-Resuscitation hospitals, as quintile 5 includes



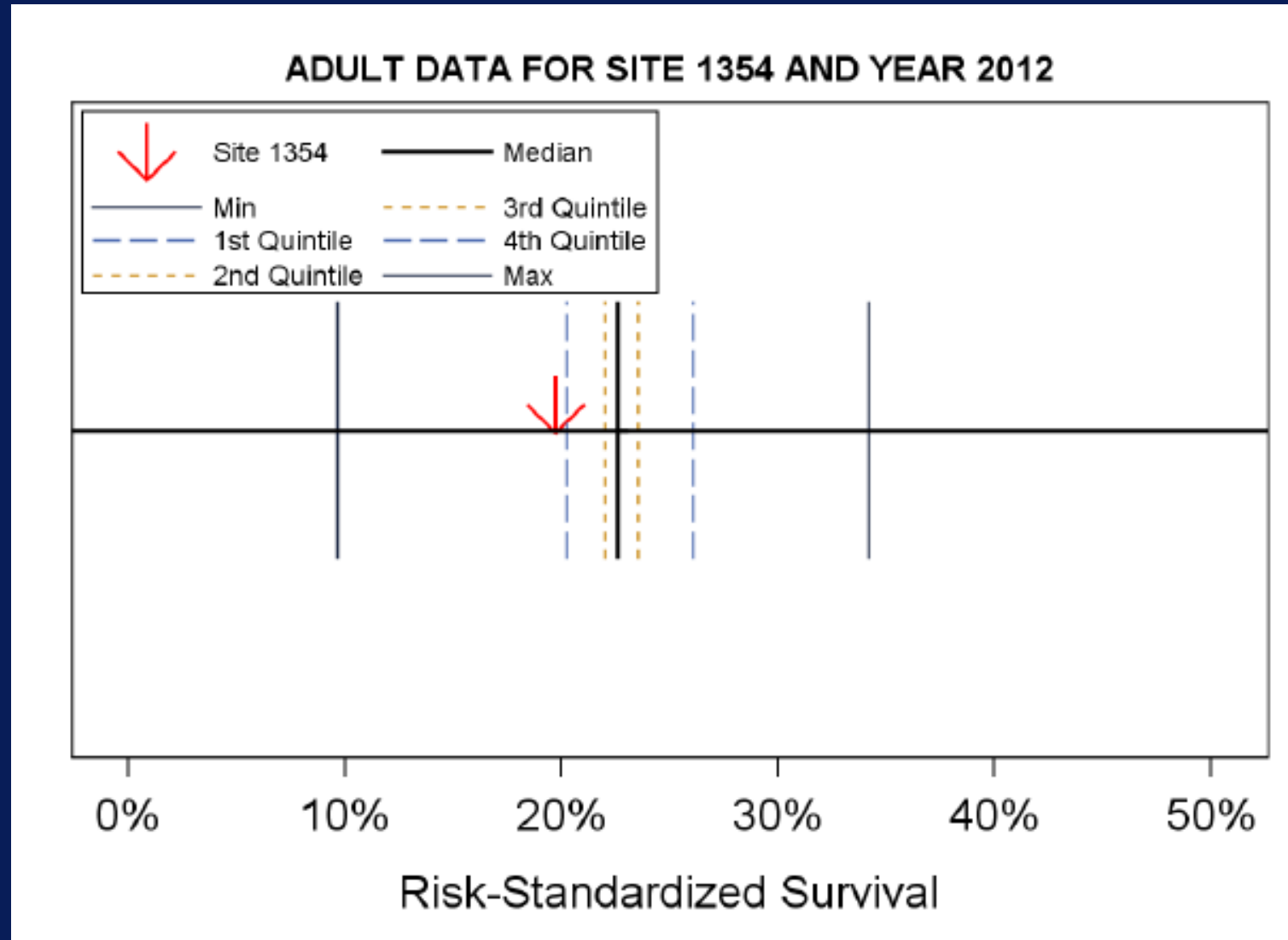
# Hospital Report – By Number

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## *CPA Events Occurring in Year: 2012*

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	<i>Year 2012</i>
Risk-Standardized Survival	19.7%
Risk-Standardized Survival Quintile	1

# Hospital Report – By Pictorial



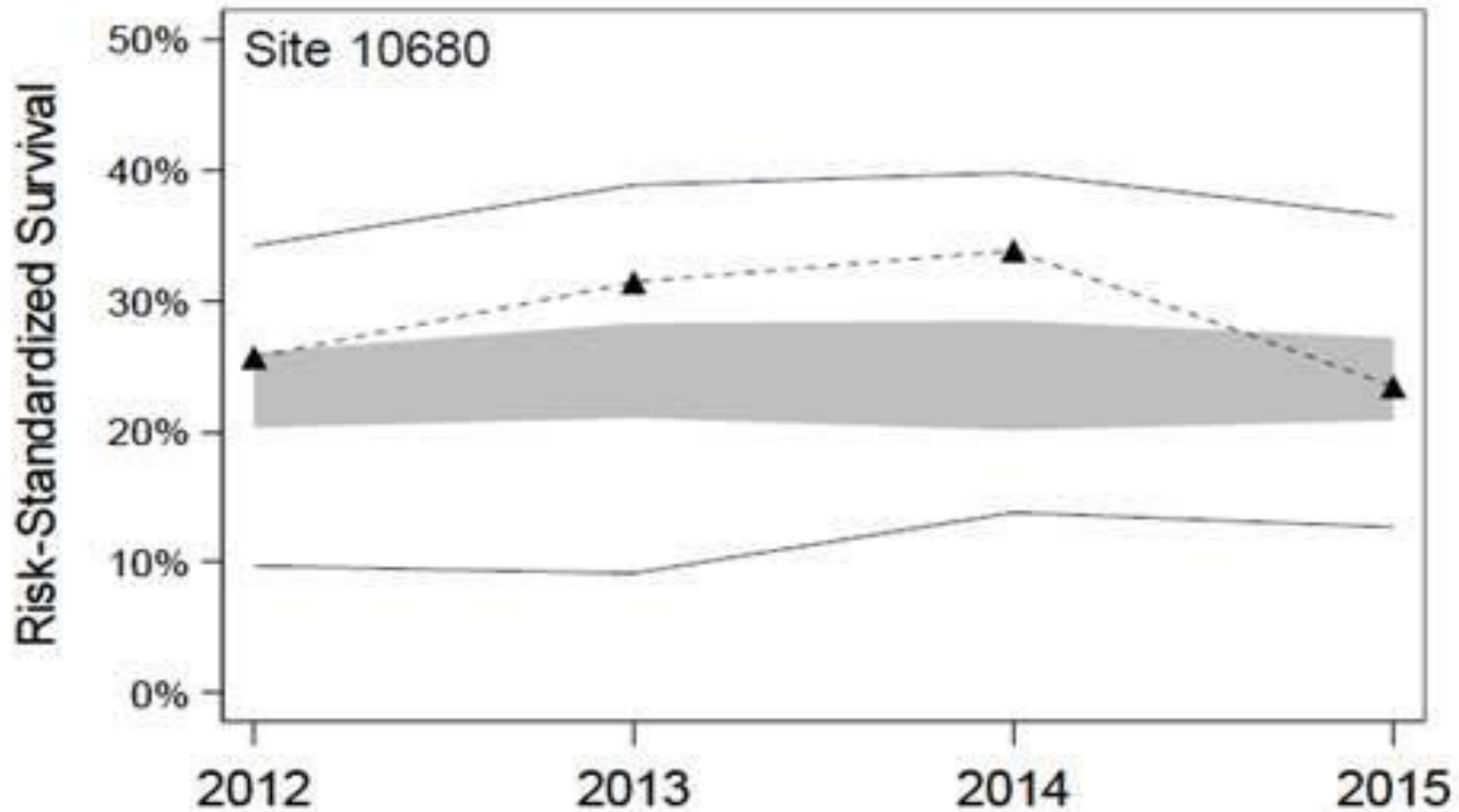
# Meaning of Each Quintile

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## Your Hospital's Survival Rate is

<b>Quintile</b>	<b>In this Percentile Range</b>	<b>And is Better than at least</b>
<b>5</b>	81-99	80% of hospitals
<b>4</b>	61-80	60% of hospitals
<b>3</b>	41-60	40% of hospitals
<b>2</b>	21-40	20% of hospitals
<b>1</b>	1-20	N/A

# Can Also Examine Annual Trends



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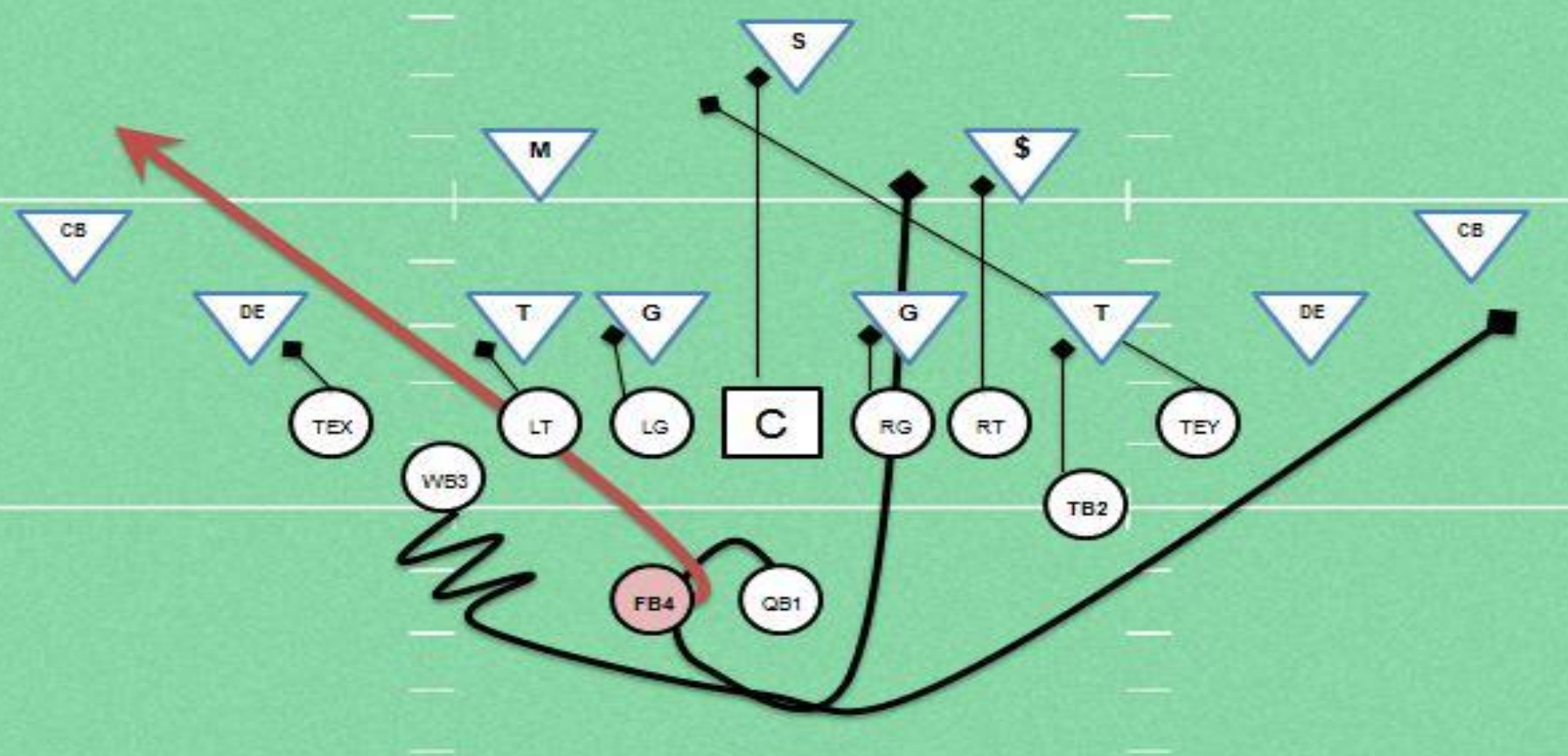
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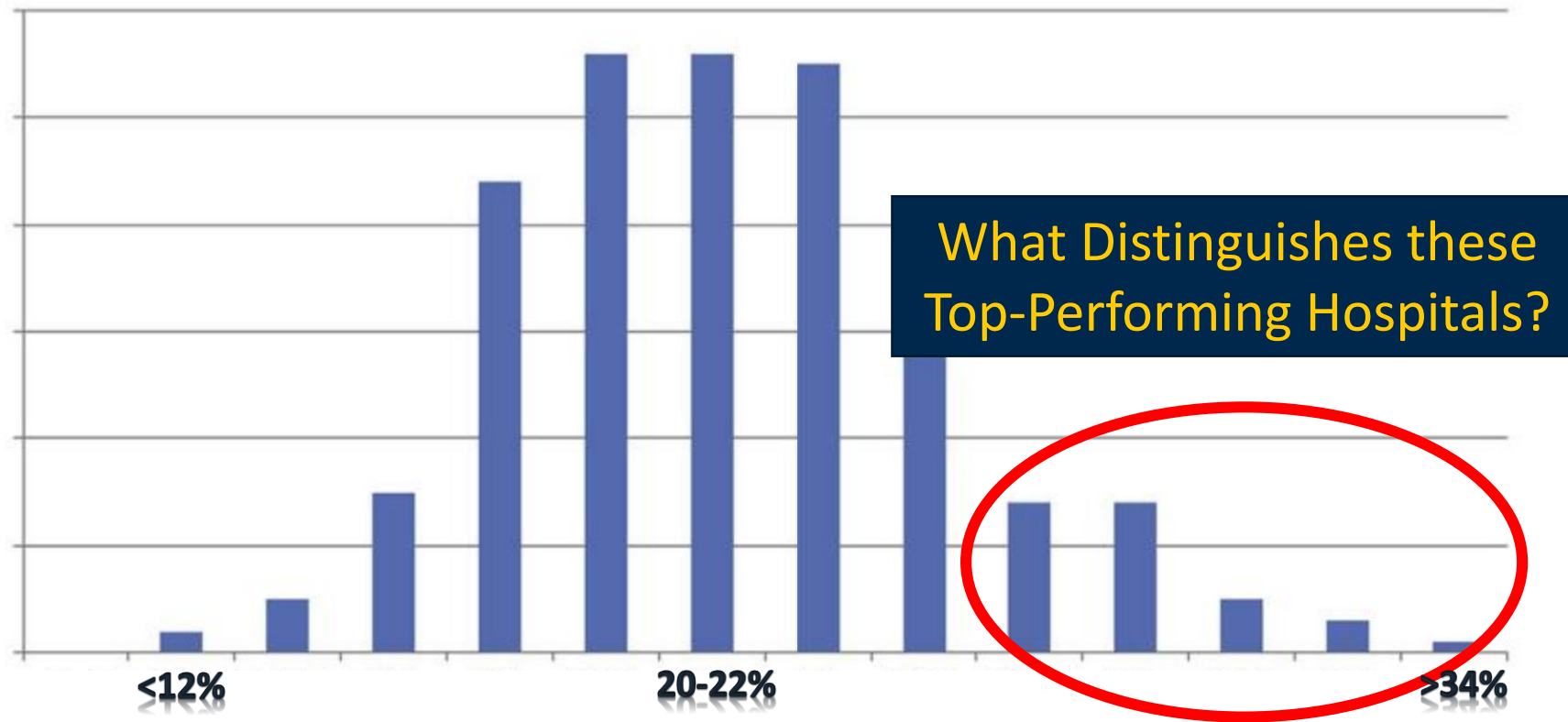
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  - Efforts and innovations for QI (mock codes, debriefing, checklists, CPR quality monitoring)

# Help Us Understand Your Performance

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# IHCA SURVIVAL VARIES ACROSS HOSPITALS





# HOSPITALS BETTER BECAUSE?

- Prior studies found structural factors differ between top-performing hospitals and others
  - Size
  - Geography
  - Teaching status
- Surveys find resuscitation practices differ but these factors are not modifiable

# SEQUENTIAL MIXED-METHODS STUDY

Survey of 150 U.S. hospitals followed by a qualitative phase consisting of semi-structured, in-person interviews and site visits at 9 hospitals

*Quantitative phase*

*Qualitative phase*

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Part 1



- Surveyed IHCA personnel at 150 hospitals

Part 2



- Interviews with key informants at 9 hospitals across the U.S.

Part 3

- Re-design of survey and its administration

# Resuscitation Practices Associated With Survival After In-Hospital Cardiac Arrest

## A Nationwide Survey

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**IMPORTANCE** Although survival of patients with in-hospital cardiac arrest varies markedly among hospitals, specific resuscitation practices that distinguish sites with higher cardiac arrest survival rates remain unknown.

**OBJECTIVE** To identify resuscitation practices associated with higher rates of in-hospital cardiac arrest survival.

**DESIGN, SETTING, AND PARTICIPANTS** Nationwide survey of resuscitation practices at hospitals participating in the Get With the Guidelines–Resuscitation registry and with 20 or more adult in-hospital cardiac arrest cases from January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2013. Data analysis was performed from June 10 to December 22, 2015.

**MAIN OUTCOMES AND MEASURES** Risk-standardized survival rates for cardiac arrest were

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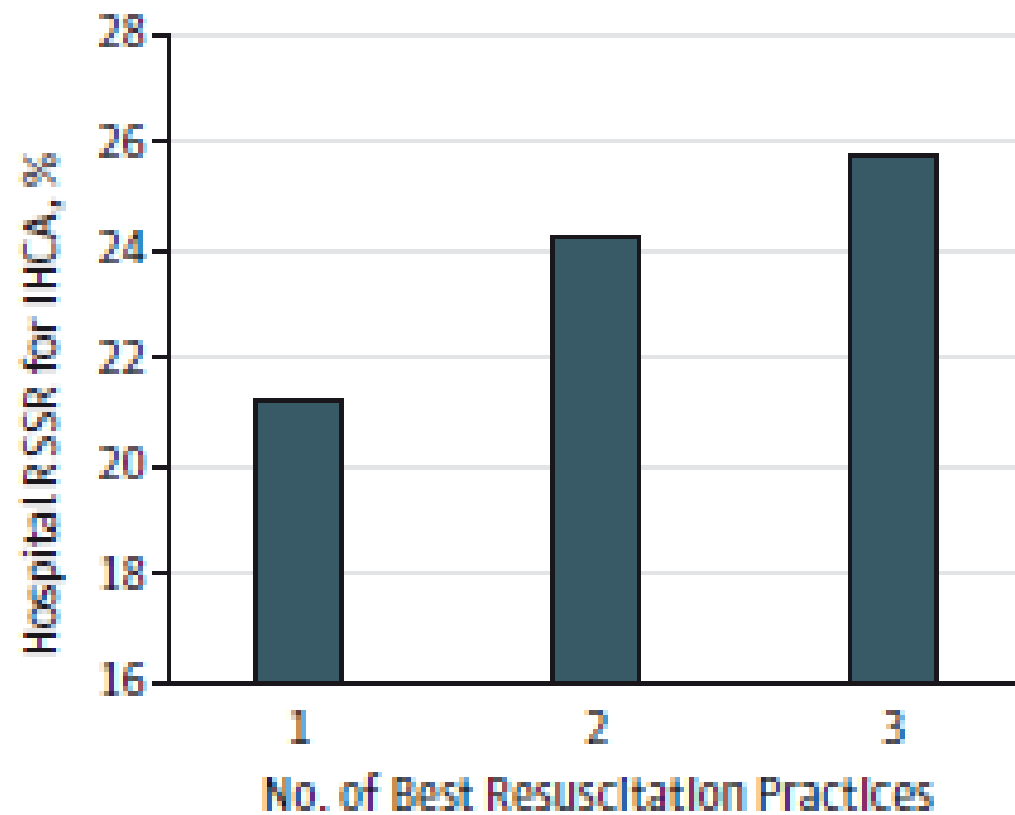
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Less than once quarterly	1 [Reference]	.03
At least once monthly	8.55 (1.79-40.00)	
At least once quarterly	6.85 (1.49-31.30)	
Monitoring for interruptions of chest compressions	2.71 (1.24-5.93)	.01
Adequate resuscitation training at one's hospital (not a barrier or only mild barrier)	3.23 (1.21-8.33)	.02
Monitoring of times to defibrillation	1.89 (0.74-4.83)	.18
Frequency of immediate code debriefing		
Not at all or <10% of all resuscitations	1 [Reference]	.65
10%-49% of all resuscitations	1.19 (0.44-3.23)	
50%-100% of all resuscitations	1.56 (0.61-4.00)	
Presence of intensive care specialist in hospital ICUs at all times	1.84 (0.84-4.00)	.13
Lack of resuscitation champion is a moderate to severe barrier at one's hospital	0.56 (0.21-1.49)	.25

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Monitoring for interruptions of chest compressions	2.71 (1.24-5.93)	.01
Adequate resuscitation training at one's hospital (not a barrier or only mild barrier)	3.23 (1.21-8.33)	.02
Monitoring of times to defibrillation	1.89 (0.74-4.83)	.18
Frequency of immediate code debriefing		
Not at all or <10% of all resuscitations	1 [Reference]	.65
10%-49% of all resuscitations	1.19 (0.44-3.23)	
50%-100% of all resuscitations	1.56 (0.61-4.00)	
Presence of intensive care specialist in hospital ICUs at all times	1.84 (0.84-4.00)	.13
Lack of resuscitation champion is a moderate to severe barrier at one's hospital	0.56 (0.21-1.49)	.25

Figure 2. Risk-Standardized Survival Rates (RSSRs) for In-Hospital Cardiac Arrest (IHCA) for Hospitals Using 1, 2, or All 3 Resuscitation Practices



# SEQUENTIAL MIXED-METHODS STUDY

Survey of 150 U.S. hospitals followed by a qualitative phase consisting of semi-structured, in-person interviews and site visits at 9 hospitals

*Quantitative phase*

*Qualitative phase*

*Quantitative phase*

Part 1



- Surveyed IHCA personnel at 150 hospitals

Part 2



- Interviews with key informants at 9 hospitals across the U.S.

Part 3

- Re-design of survey and its administration

# HOSPITAL SELECTION

- GWTC B hospitals between 2012-2014

**Table 2. Hospital Characteristics**

Hospital	Region	Staffed Beds	RSSR, percentile, 2014	Teaching Status
1	Midwest	>800	92.7	Major
2	Midwest	200 to 400	87.9	Minor
3	South	>400 to 800	97.8	Non-Teaching
4	Midwest	200 to 400	93.9	Major
5	West	200 to 400	2.5	Minor
6	South	>800	2.1	Minor
7	West	200 to 400	17.2	Non-Teaching
8	Northeast	>800	100	Major
9	Northeast	>400 to 800	10.3	Minor

RSSR = risk-standardized survival rate

- At least

- Selected approach

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- Also

- 12 hospitals approached; 9 accepted

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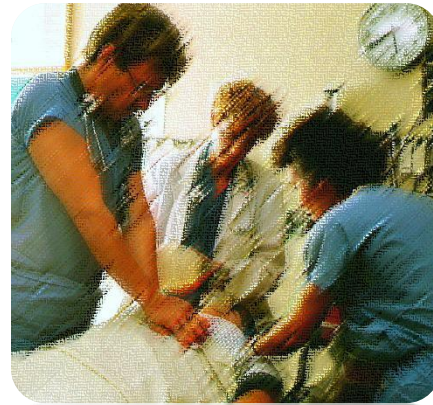
- 158 interviews performed between 2016-2017
  - CEOs, Chiefs of Staff, VPs, Directors, QI Staff
  - Hospitalists, Critical Care & Emergency Medicine Docs, Anesthesiologists, & Residents
  - Nurses (NPs, ICU nurses, floor nurses), RT, PAs, Pharmacy, IV Team, ACLS Staff, Security, Spiritual Services, & Biomed Engineering
- 78 hours 29 mins; 778,482 transcribed words

# METHODS: INTERVIEWS

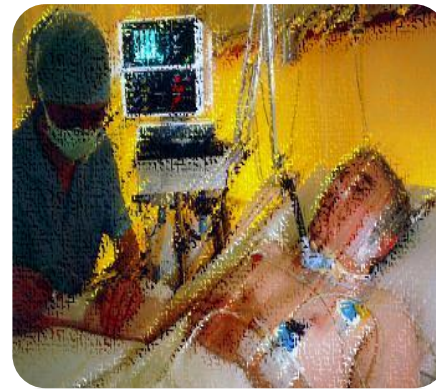
- Interviewees used semi-structured interview guide



Pre-IHCA



During IHCA



Post-IHCA

- 1 Clinician:1 Methods Expert paired in interviews;  
only 2 PIs “unblinded” to hospital performance

# METHODS: ANALYSIS

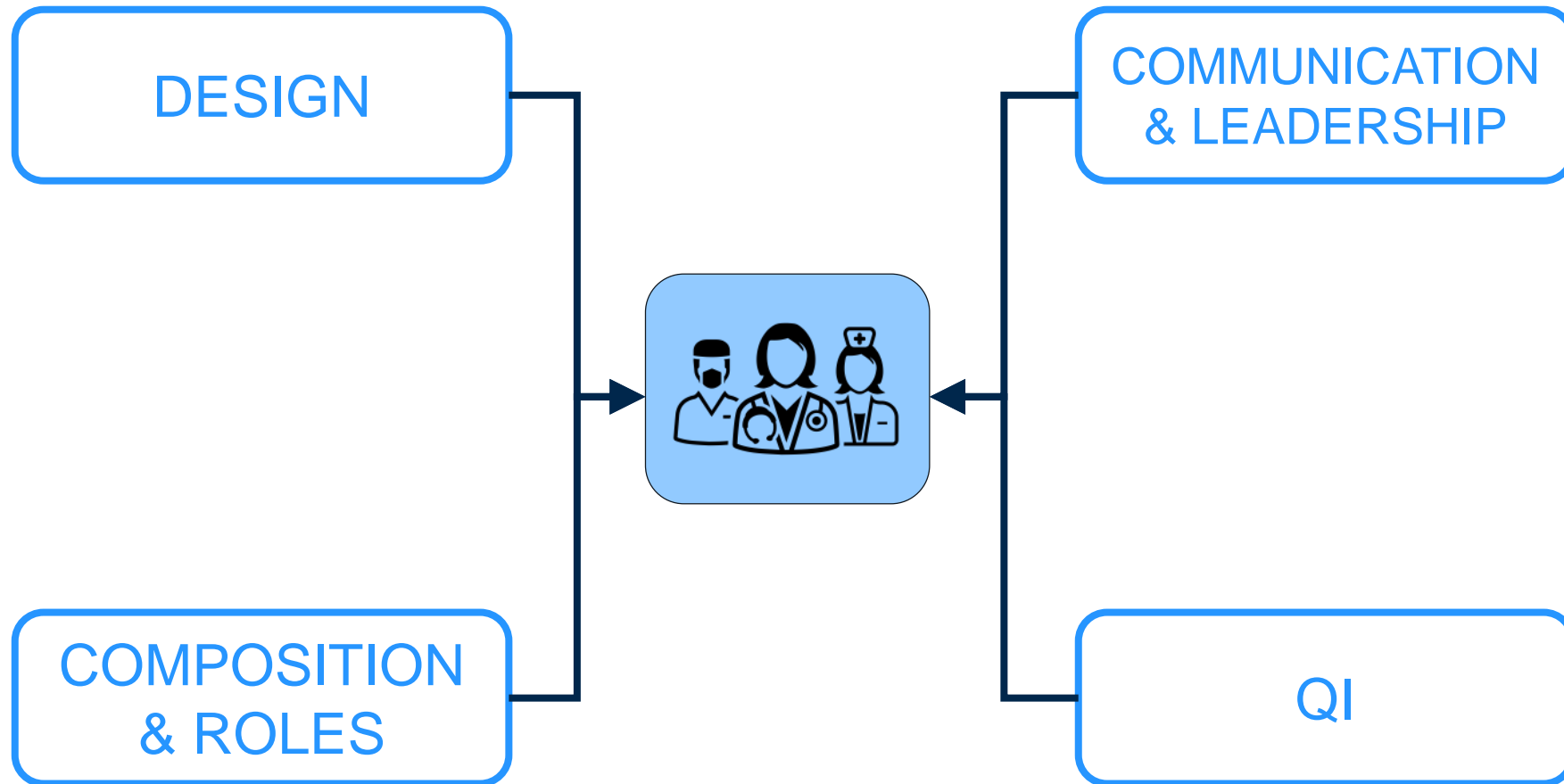
- Transcripts coded by 4 team members
- Analyzed using MAXQDA software
- Summary reports generated for each site and reviewed together
- Team members met regularly to question, discuss, and document interpretations and findings
- Key themes identified through rigorous analytic process and based on our conceptual framework

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# RESULTS

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# FOUR THEMES DISTINGUISHED RESUSCITATION TEAMS



# THEME #1: TEAM DESIGN

- Two axes (for Nursing)
  - **Dedicated Teams:** Were members specifically tasked to teams?
  - **Designated Teams:** Were members assigned to teams prior to IHCA?
- Top hospitals: Dedicated or Designated teams
- Middle & bottom hospitals did not

# DEDICATED TEAM

- *"You have the 'team'...a dedicated team... That's this is all they're doing, waiting, like having a fire service..."*
  - Critical Care Doc, Hospital A

# DESIGNATED TEAM

- *“They come up with a plan beforehand, on who’s going to assume that role so they’re not doing it in the moment, during the crisis.”*
  - Nurse Supervisor, Hospital B



# DIFFERENT AT BOTTOM HOSPITALS

- *“We’ve tried to say, ‘okay, at the beginning of the shift, you’re the code nurse,’ but it never...very rarely happened...so usually, we don’t assign code nurses anymore. As soon as we hear it called, you will see if there’s people in the hallway, or a head sticking out doors”*
  - Critical Care Nurse Hospital G

# THEME #2:

## TEAM COMPOSITION & ROLES

- Composition did not differ across hospitals for key staff: docs, nurses, RT, anesthesia
- More variable around pharmacy, IV, EKG, spiritual services, security but this was not consistent across hospitals

# ROLES DID DIFFER...

- Top hospitals had roles & responsibilities for team members delineated prior to an IHCA
- Often trained to perform specific functions (including empowerment of frontline nursing)
- Bottom hospitals assigned roles after arrival leading to possible delays and confusion

# TOP HOSPITALS

- *“15 years ago when I started it was a free for all.... So when (Medical Director) took over and, and kind of structured everything... You just show up and you know what you’re supposed to do, and there’s no screaming and there’s no yelling.”*
  - Critical Care Nurse; Hospital B

# OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO ROLES

- Universal complaint of “crowd control”
- Major differences in residents at hospitals with teaching programs
  - Top Hospitals appeared to support residents with senior staff also available
  - Bottom hospitals less support for residents

# BOTTOM HOSPITALS

- *“I don't mean they [residents] suck, but look at what we give 'em. They come in as first years, they don't know anything. They come in as second years, they sort of know what's going on. By the third year, their starting their stride. They start to get good at what they do, and then they graduate and leave, and then we're back to the people that are being fed through the PEZ container...”*
  - ACLS Instructor, Hospital I

# THEME #3:

## COMMUNICATION & LEADERSHIP

- Top hospitals emphasized communication & mutual interdisciplinary respect with corrective mechanisms for dealing with problems
- Bottom hospitals struggled with communication and frequently described codes as “chaos”

# Closing the Communication Loop

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*“Communication just needs to get better. There are some residents who are really good at giving direct orders or finding roles, closing the loop, all that stuff. But, there are some who aren’t trained on that and they don’t know how to do it and so, will talk softly or they won’t give a complete order and things kind of get lost.”*



# THEME #4:

## QI EFFORTS

- Mock Codes (i.e., “practice runs”) universally praised but treated differently at top hospitals
    - Multidisciplinary
    - “Unplanned”
    - Focused with debriefs (“less than 20 mins”)
- “Imagine an orchestra that never practices...”

# WHAT DIDN'T DISTINGUISH TOP HOSPITALS?

- ACLS Certification Requirements
- Technology
  - Ultrasound
  - Mechanical Chest Compression
  - Bedside Laboratory Tests

# WHAT DOES THIS ALL MEAN?

- Key themes do distinguish top hospitals' resuscitation teams from middle- & bottom hospitals
- Adopting approaches that address these themes may help hospitals to improve IHCA outcomes







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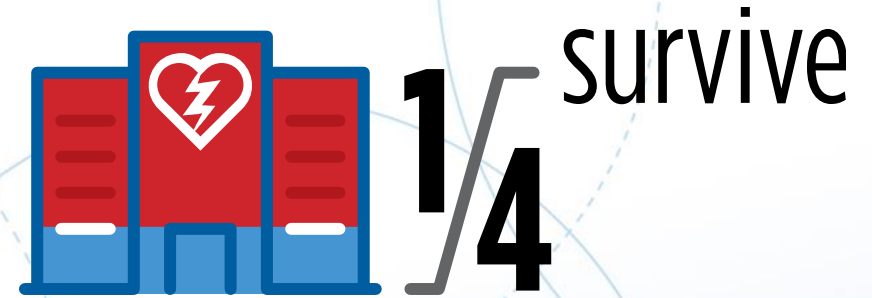
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# In-Hospital Cardiac Arrests

200,000 cardiac arrests occur in US hospitals yearly



Rapid delivery of **high-quality CPR** is the greatest determinant of survival from cardiac arrest



There is an **unacceptable disparity** in the quality of resuscitation

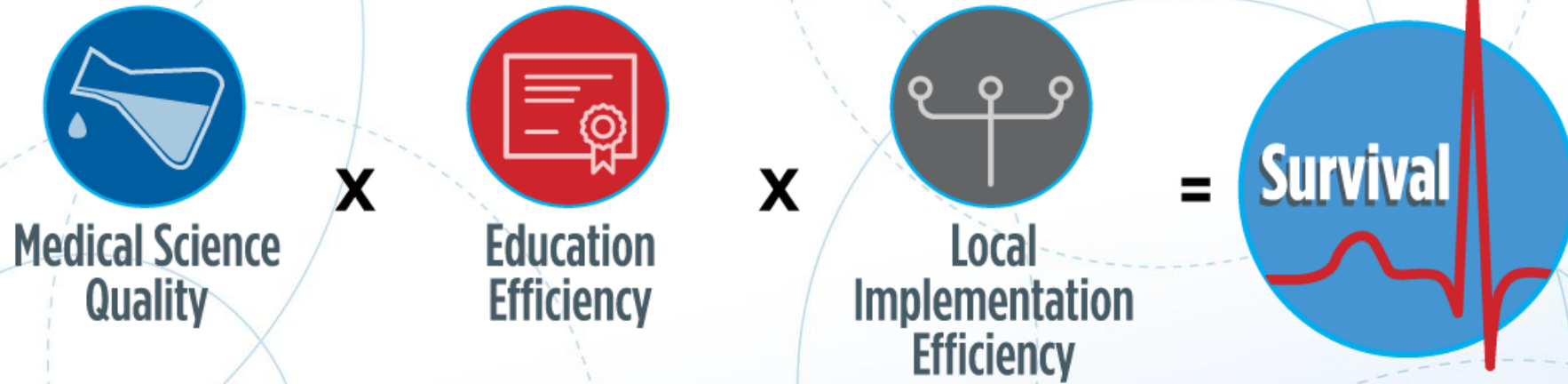
- 42% difference in the odds of survival for patients at similar hospitals, with a similar case-mix

\*Data gathered from AHA GWTG Resuscitation Hospitals across the country

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# There is an *UNACCEPTABLE DISPARITY* in the odds for survival



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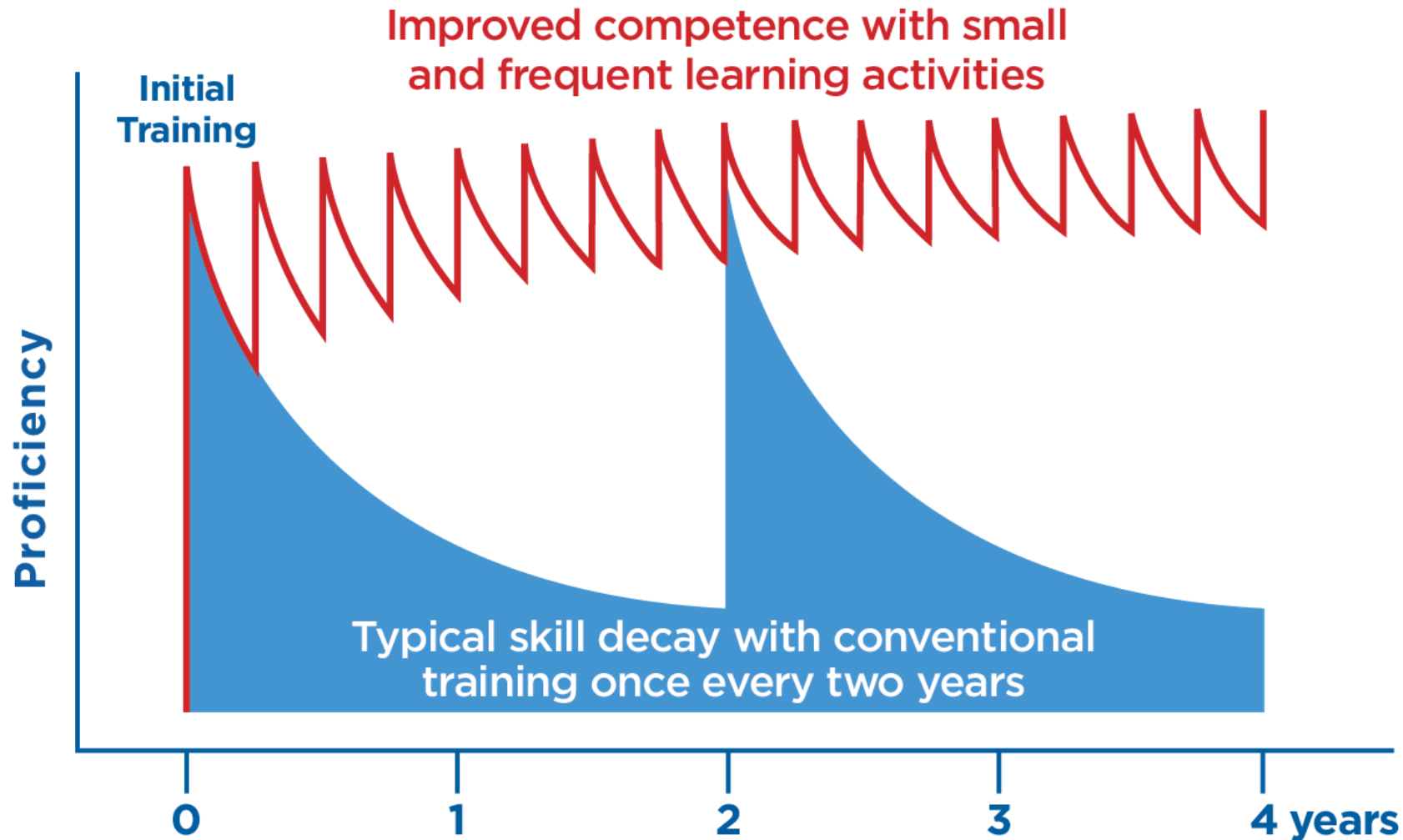
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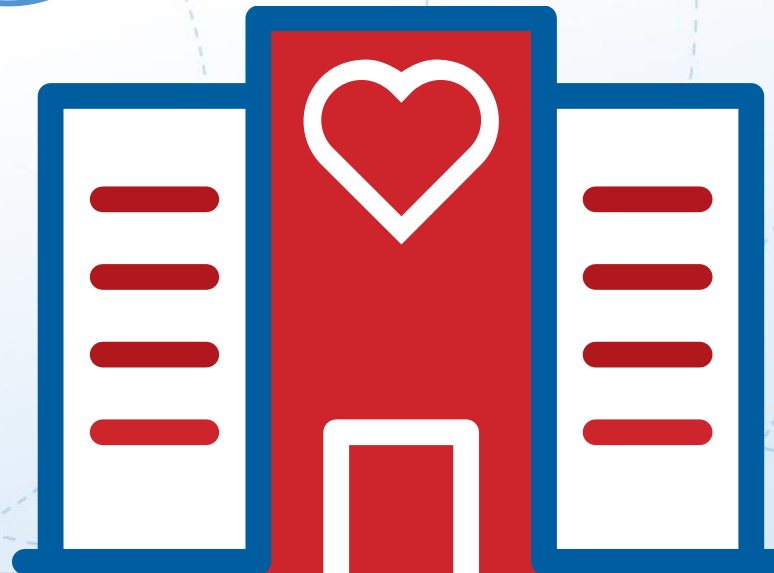
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# Target Temperature Management & Post-Cardiac Arrest Prognostication

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APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2019

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# Disclosures

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# Aims

- History of TTM and its evolution from TH
- ILCOR 2015 Guidelines for TH/TTM post cardiac arrest
- Pathophysiology of Hypoxic Ischemic Brain Injury
- Neurocritical Care Society Guidelines for TTM
- TTM Protocols & Issues
- Post-cardiac arrest prognostication variables
- Outcome Scales
- AAN Prognostication & Multimodality Approach

# In-hospital Cardiac Arrest (IHCA)

- 200,000 individuals suffer in-hospital cardiac arrest annually in US-1
- Survival to hospital discharge is approximately 26%, those with good functional status 16%
- Lots of variability observed from survival to hospital discharge -2
- Therapeutic Hypothermia (TH) for IHCA compared with usual care has been associated with lower likelihood of survival to hospital discharge and lower likelihood of favorable neurological outcomes -3
- RCTs for benefit of TH/TTM in IHCA are warranted

1 Merchant, et al. CCM 2011

2 Girotra et al. NEJM 2012

3 Chan et al. JAMA 2016

# Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest (OHCA)

## ROC Data:

- 356,000 individuals (any age) suffer OHCA in US annually -1 and survival to hospital discharge is 11%, good functional status is 9%
- 60,000 individuals (age > 18 and nontraumatic etiology) suffer OHCA in US annually, survival to hospital admission 29%, survival to hospital discharge 11% and survival with good functional status 9%-2

1 Circulation. 2018;137:e67–e492. DOI: 10.1161/CIR.0000000000000558

2 Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival website. Data reported by ROC and CARES. <https://mycares.net>.



## Aristotle in 4<sup>th</sup> Century BC

“ man’s superior intelligence depends on the fact that his larger brain is capable of keeping the heart cool enough for optimal mental capacity”



# Before 1900s

- In ancient Egyptian treatise 5000 years ago - 1
- Hippocrates used to pack wounds with cold packs - 2
- 1650, Anne Greene was hung on a cold day, 30 min after she showed signs of life - 3
- 1700s, Dr Currie performed first systemic experiments
- 1812, Baron de Larrey, Napoleon's chief surgeon made an observation on soldiers lying close to fire died faster than those that were hypothermic - 4

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# 1900s

- TH post ROSC in Cardiac arrest started in last 1950s, later discontinued due to uncertain benefits & many difficulties 1-4
- Animal studies suggest benefit of Hypothermia post ROSC 5-8
- Majority of +ve Animal studies did not translate +ve results in Human Clinical Trials

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2000s

2000 Guidelines for CPR & Emergency Cardiovascular care had insufficient evidence for benefit of TH - 1

INDUCED HYPOTHERMIA AFTER OUT-OF-HOSPITAL CARDIAC ARREST

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**TREATMENT OF COMATOSE SURVIVORS OF OUT-OF-HOSPITAL CARDIAC ARREST WITH INDUCED HYPOTHERMIA**

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**ABSTRACT**  
*Background* Cardiac arrest outside the hospital is common and has a poor outcome. Studies in laboratory animals suggest that hypothermia induced shortly after the restoration of spontaneous circulation may improve neurologic outcome, but there have been no conclusive studies in humans. In a randomized, controlled trial, we compared the effects of moderate hypothermia and normothermia in patients who remained unconscious after resuscitation from out-of-hospital cardiac arrest.  
*Methods* The study subjects were 77 patients who were randomly assigned to treatment with hypothermia (with the core body temperature reduced to 33°C within 2 hours after the return of spontaneous circulation and maintained at that temperature for 12 hours) or normothermia. The primary outcome measure was survival to hospital discharge with sufficiently good neurologic function to be discharged to home or to a rehabilitation facility.

Currently, the treatment of patients with coma after resuscitation from out-of-hospital cardiac arrest is largely supportive. Because cerebral ischemia may persist for some hours after resuscitation,<sup>5</sup> the use of induced hypothermia to decrease cerebral oxygen demand has been proposed as a treatment option.<sup>6</sup> Although this suggestion has been supported by studies in animal models,<sup>7-12</sup> the studies in humans that have been reported to date have been uncontrolled or retrospective.<sup>13-18</sup>

After a pilot study that suggested the feasibility, safety, and possible efficacy of this treatment,<sup>16</sup> we conducted a prospective, controlled trial comparing moderate induced hypothermia with normothermia in comatose survivors of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest.

**METHODS**

**Study Design**  
 The study was performed in Melbourne, Australia, between

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**MILD THERAPEUTIC HYPOTHERMIA TO IMPROVE THE NEUROLOGIC OUTCOME AFTER CARDIAC ARREST**

THE HYPOTHERMIA AFTER CARDIAC ARREST STUDY GROUP\*

**ABSTRACT**  
*Background* Cardiac arrest with widespread cerebral ischemia frequently leads to severe neurologic impairment. We studied whether mild systemic hypothermia increases the rate of neurologic recovery after resuscitation from cardiac arrest due to ventricular fibrillation.  
*Methods* In this multicenter trial with blinded assessment of the outcome, patients who had been resuscitated after cardiac arrest due to ventricular fibrillation were randomly assigned to undergo therapeutic hypothermia (target temperature, 32°C to 34°C, measured in the bladder) over a period of 24 hours or to receive standard treatment with normothermia. The primary end point was a favorable neurologic outcome within six months after cardiac arrest; secondary end points were mortality within six months and the rate of complications within seven days.

**A**N estimated 375,000 people in Europe undergo sudden cardiac arrest yearly.<sup>1</sup> Recovery without residual neurologic damage after cardiac arrest with global cerebral ischemia is rare. After cardiac arrest with no blood flow for more than five minutes, the generation of free radicals, together with other mediators, during reperfusion creates chemical cascades that result in cerebral injury.<sup>2</sup> Until recently, there was no therapy with documented efficacy in preventing brain damage after cardiac arrest.

Several studies have shown that moderate systemic hypothermia (30°C)<sup>3</sup> or mild hypothermia (34°C)<sup>4-8</sup> markedly mitigates brain damage after cardiac arrest in dogs. The exact mechanism for this cerebral resuscitative effect is not clear. A reduction in cerebral oxygen consumption<sup>9,10</sup> and other multifactorial chemical and

49% survival vs 26% in normothermia grp

Functional recovery after discharge 55% vs 39% & 6 month mortality 41% vs 55% in normothermia<sup>268</sup> grp

# 2002 ILCOR ALS Task Force - 2

- Unconscious adult patients with spontaneous circulation after out-of-hospital cardiac arrest should be cooled to 32 to 34 degree celcius for 12-24 hours when initial rhythm was ventricular fibrillation
- Such cooling may also be beneficial for other rhythms or in-hospital cardiac arrest

1 The American Heart Association in Collaboration with the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR). Guidelines 2000 for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care – An International Consensus on Science. Resuscitation. 2000;46:1–447.

2 Circulation. 2003;108:118-121

# 2010 Guidelines for CPR & Emergency Cardiovascular Care

- Sufficient evidence to suggest the benefit of TH in improving outcomes in adult witnessed OHCA caused by Vfib
- Benefit in OCHA due to other cardiac rhythms is unclear

# Landmark Trial – 2013, Nielsen et al

The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Targeted Temperature Management at 33°C versus 36°C after Cardiac Arrest

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ABSTRACT

**BACKGROUND**

Unconscious survivors of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest have a high risk of death or poor neurologic function. Therapeutic hypothermia is recommended by international guidelines, but the supporting evidence is limited, and the target temperature associated with the best outcome is unknown. Our objective was to compare two target temperatures, both intended to prevent fever.

**METHODS**

In an international trial, we randomly assigned 950 unconscious adults after out-of-hospital cardiac arrest of presumed cardiac cause to targeted temperature management at either 33°C or 36°C. The primary outcome was all-cause mortality through the end of the trial. Secondary outcomes included a composite of poor neurologic function or death at 180 days, as evaluated with the Cerebral Performance Category (CPC) scale and the modified Rankin scale.

**RESULTS**

In total, 939 patients were included in the primary analysis. At the end of the trial,

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Outcome	33°C Group	36°C Group	Hazard Ratio or Risk Ratio (95% CI)*	P Value
	<i>no./total no. (%)</i>			
Primary outcome: deaths at end of trial	235/473 (50)	225/466 (48)	1.06 (0.89–1.28)	0.51
Secondary outcomes				
Neurologic function at follow-up†				
CPC of 3–5	251/469 (54)	242/464 (52)	1.02 (0.88–1.16)	0.78
Modified Rankin scale score of 4–6	245/469 (52)	239/464 (52)	1.01 (0.89–1.14)	0.87
Deaths at 180 days	226/473 (48)	220/466 (47)	1.01 (0.87–1.15)	0.92

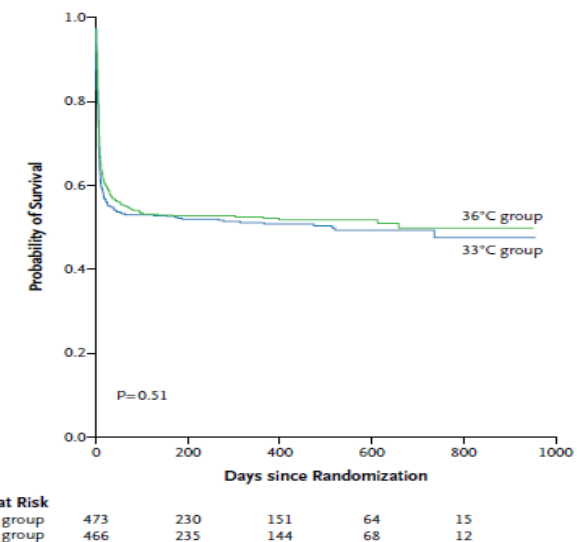


Figure 2. Probability of Survival through the End of the Trial.

Shown are Kaplan–Meier estimates of the probability of survival for patients assigned to a target temperature of either 33°C or 36°C and the number of patients at risk at each time point. The P value was calculated by means of Cox regression, with the effect of the intervention adjusted for the stratification variable of study site.

# 2002 vs 2013, Which one is it??

HACA & Bernard	Nielsen
Selective patients	Included all shockable and non-shockable rhythms
Normothermic group had more hyperthermia	
	ICU care improved in general from 2002 to 2013
	TH was standard of care at the time of Nielsen trial, hence selection bias while enrolling in 33 degree grp
	WLST protocol in place versus older trials were based of self-fulfilling prophecy as no proper methodology used for prognostication
	Rapid rewarming from 33 to 36 degree could have negated the beneficial effects of TH at 33 degrees

# 2015 Guidelines for CPR & Emergency Cardiovascular Care

- Comatose patients with ROSC post arrest, should have TTM (VF/pVT OHCA, Non- VF/pVT and IHCA)
- Selection and maintenance of a constant temp between 32 and 36 degree celcius during TTM
- Reasonable to maintain TTM for 24 hours after achieving target temp
- Routine prehospital cooling of patients with large amounts of ice-cold fluids after ROSC is not recommended
- It may be reasonable to actively prevent fever in comatose patients after TTM



# 32 vs 33 vs 34 degree celcius ??

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## ORIGINAL



### A multicentre randomized pilot trial on the effectiveness of different levels of cooling in comatose survivors of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest: the FROST-I trial

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#### Abstract

**Purpose:** To obtain initial data on the effect of different levels of targeted temperature management (TTM) in out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA).

**Methods:** We designed a multicentre pilot trial with 1:1:1 randomization to either 32 °C ( $n = 52$ ), 33 °C ( $n = 49$ ) or 34 °C ( $n = 49$ ), via endovascular cooling devices during a 24-h period in comatose survivors of witnessed OHCA and initial shockable rhythm. The primary endpoint was the percentage of subjects surviving with good neurologic outcome defined by a modified Rankin Scale (mRS) score of  $\leq 3$ , blindly assessed at 90 days.

**Results:** At baseline, different proportions of patients who had received defibrillation administered by a bystander were assigned to groups of 32 °C (13.5%), 33 °C (34.7%) and 34 °C (28.6%;  $p = 0.03$ ). The percentage of patients with an mRS  $\leq 3$  at 90 days (primary endpoint) was 65.3, 65.9 and 65.9% in patients assigned to 32, 33 and 34 °C, respectively, non-significant (NS). The multivariate Cox proportional hazards model identified two variables significantly related to the primary outcome: male gender and defibrillation by a bystander. Among the 43 patients who died before 90 days, 28 died following withdrawal of life-sustaining therapy, as follows: 7/16 (43.8%), 10/13 (76.9%) and 11/14 (78.6%) of patients assigned to 32, 33 and 34 °C, respectively (trend test  $p = 0.04$ ). All levels of cooling were well tolerated.

**Conclusions:** There were no statistically significant differences in neurological outcomes among the different levels of TTM. However, future research should explore the efficacy of TTM at 32 °C.

**Clinical trial registration:** ClinicalTrials.gov unique identifier: NCT02035839 (<http://clinicaltrials.gov>).

**Keywords:** Brain injury, Cardiac arrest, Post-cardiac arrest syndrome, Resuscitation, Sudden death, Targeted temperature management

- No difference in good neurologic outcomes at 3 months for MRS < 3
- Lower WLST for patients in 32 degree group with severe brain damage
- Animal studies suggest

**Cooling to 34 degree** – Improves cerebral recovery without any cardiovascular damage

**Cooling to 30 degree** – No additional cerebral recovery benefit, hazardous to cardiovascular system

**Cooling to 28 degree and below** : No benefit, more harm

Weinrauch V et al. Beneficial effect of mild hypothermia and detrimental effect of deep hypothermia after cardiac arrest in dogs. *Stroke* 23:1454–1462

# 24 vs 48 hours of TTM at 33 degree celcius

## Targeted Temperature Management for 48 vs 24 Hours and Neurologic Outcome After Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest A Randomized Clinical Trial

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**IMPORTANCE** International resuscitation guidelines recommend targeted temperature management (TTM) at 33°C to 36°C in unconscious patients with out-of-hospital cardiac arrest for at least 24 hours, but the optimal duration of TTM is uncertain.

**OBJECTIVE** To determine whether TTM at 33°C for 48 hours results in better neurologic outcomes compared with currently recommended, standard, 24-hour TTM.

**DESIGN, SETTING, AND PARTICIPANTS** This was an international, investigator-initiated, blinded-outcome-assessor, parallel, pragmatic, multicenter, randomized clinical superiority trial in 10 intensive care units (ICUs) at 10 university hospitals in 6 European countries. Three hundred fifty-five adult, unconscious patients with out-of-hospital cardiac arrest were enrolled from February 16, 2013, to June 1, 2016, with final follow-up on December 27, 2016.

**INTERVENTIONS** Patients were randomized to TTM (33 ± 1°C) for 48 hours (n = 176) or 24 hours (n = 179), followed by gradual rewarming of 0.5°C per hour until reaching 37°C.

**MAIN OUTCOMES AND MEASURES** The primary outcome was 6-month neurologic outcome, with a Cerebral Performance Categories (CPC) score of 1 or 2 used to define favorable outcome. Secondary outcomes included 6-month mortality, including time to death, the occurrence of adverse events, and intensive care unit resource use.

**RESULTS** In 355 patients who were randomized (mean age, 60 years; 295 [83%] men), 351 (99%) completed the trial. More patients in the 48-hour group had a favorable outcome, but this was not statistically significant. Six-month mortality was not different between the groups. Adverse events were more common in the 48-hour group than in the 24-hour group. There was no significant difference in the time to mortality (hazard ratio, 0.79; 95% CI, 0.54-1.15; *P* = .22). The median length of ICU stay (151 vs 117 hours; *P* < .001), but not hospital stay (11 vs 12 days; *P* = .50), was longer in the 48-hour group than in the 24-hour group.

	No. (%) of Patients		Difference, % (95% CI)	RR (95% CI)	P Value
	48-Hour Group (n = 175)	24-Hour Group (n = 176)			
Primary outcome: CPC score of 1 or 2 at 6 mo	120 (69)	112 (64)	4.9 (-5 to 14.8)	1.08 (0.93 to 1.25)	.33
Secondary outcomes					
Mortality at 6 mo	48 (27)	60 (34)	-6.5 (-16.1 to 3.1)	0.81 (0.59 to 1.11)	.19
Any adverse event	169 (97)	161 (91)	5.6 (0.6 to 10.6)	1.06 (1.01 to 1.12)	.03

**CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE** In unconscious survivors from out-of-hospital cardiac arrest admitted to the ICU, targeted temperature management at 33°C for 48 hours did not significantly improve 6-month neurologic outcome compared with targeted temperature management at 33°C for 24 hours. However, the study may have had limited power to detect clinically important differences, and further research may be warranted.

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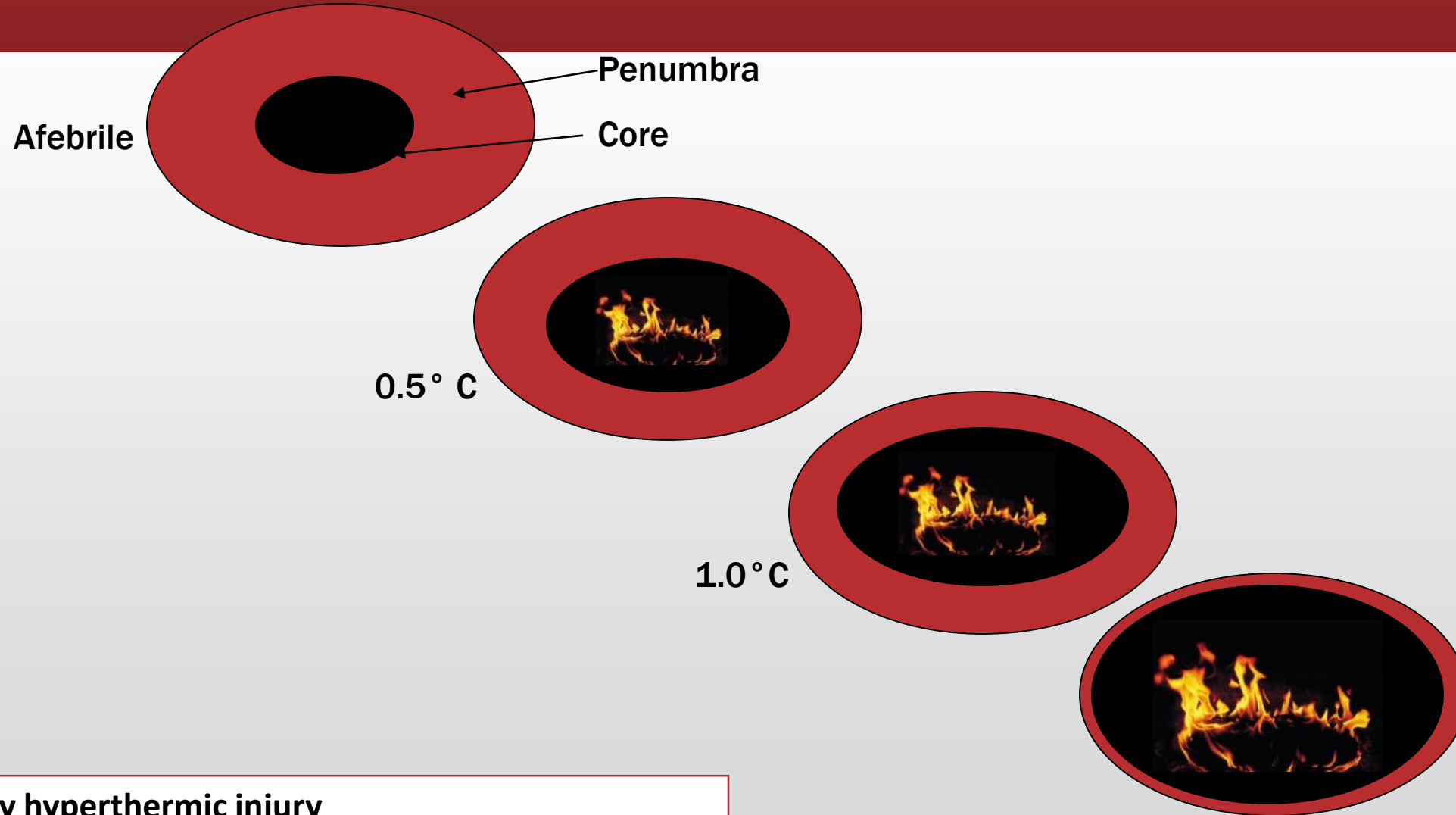
- 48 hour TTM grp had favorable 6 month outcome (CPC 1 or 2), not statistically significant
- No different in mortality
- Longer ICU stay, not hospital stay and more infections in 48 hour grp
- Biggest drawback of this study was limited power

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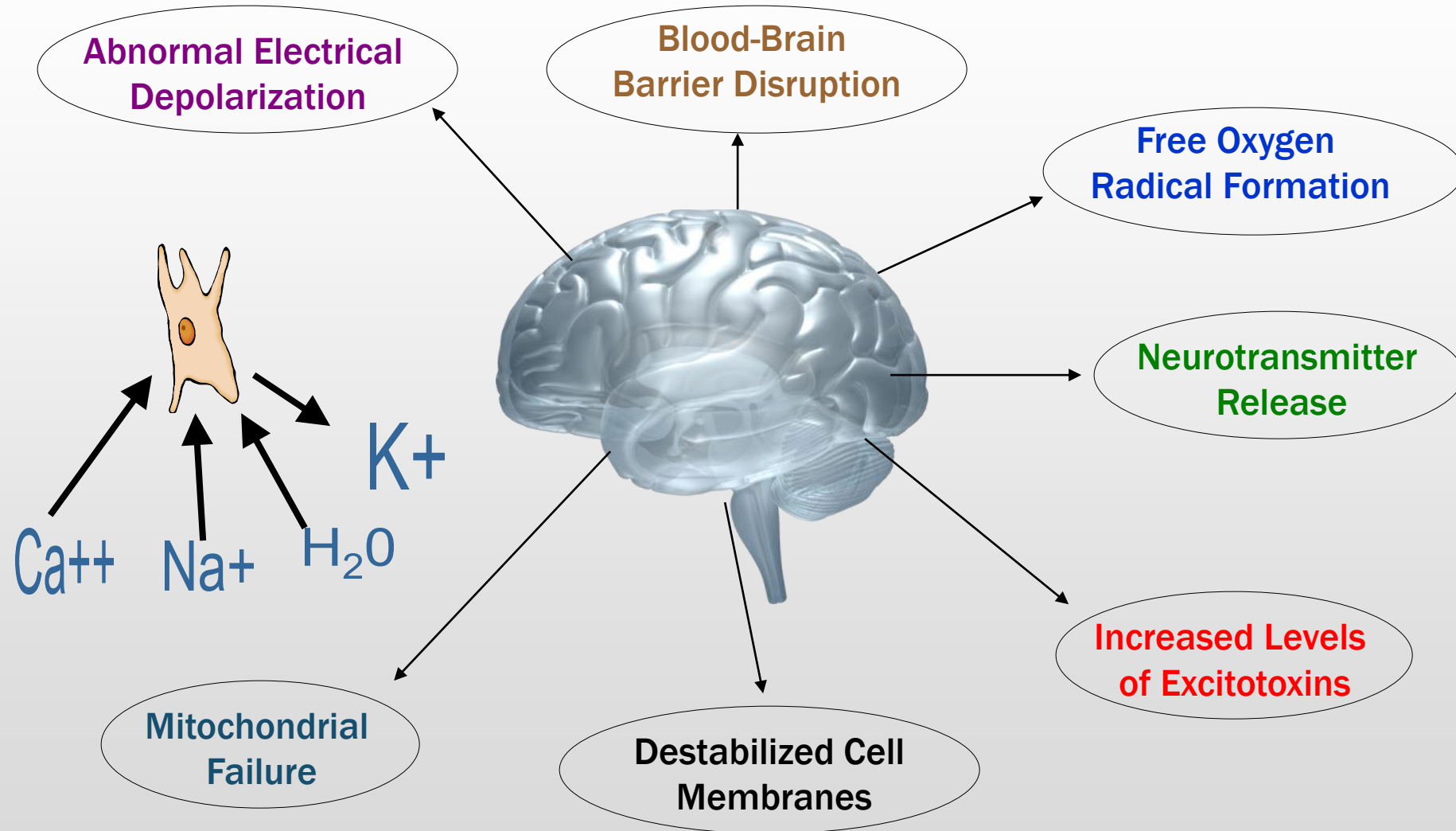
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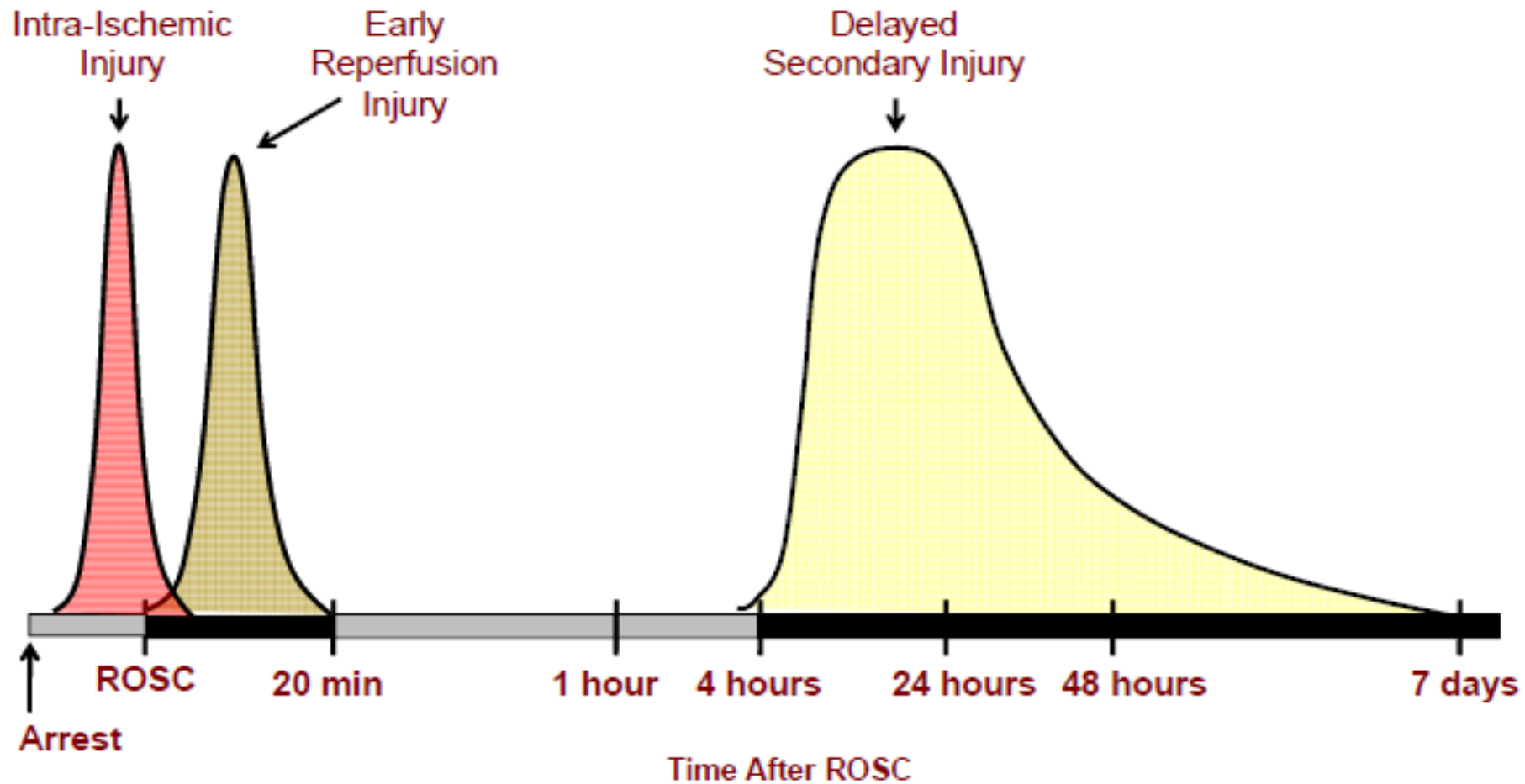
# Fever & Cerebral Ischemia + Cerebral Edema



**Secondary hyperthermic injury**  
Adapted from Ginsberg, 2002



# Time Course of Neuronal Injury Mechanisms During and After Cardiac Arrest



# Benefits of Hypothermia

- CMRO2 decreases by 6% with each 1 degree drop in Temp > 28 degree celcius-1
- ↓ ATP demand which slows neuronal damage
- ↓ Glutamate excitotoxicity, free radical injury and mitochondrial damage
- ↓ ICP, which is often high post Cardiac Arrest-2
- ↓ Seizure occurrence ( directly via its effect on hypothalamus which is also the ictal generator)

1 Metz et al. Moderate hypothermia in patients with severe head injury: cerebral and extracerebral effects. J Neurosurg. 1996 Oct; 85(4):533-41.

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# TTM Guidelines from Neurocritical Care Society (NCS)

- 2015, 16 Questions chosen based on PICO
- Literature reviewed back-dated from March 2017
- GRADE Methodology
- Strength graded as Strong or Conditional
- Quality graded as High, Moderate, Low or Very-Low

# NCS Recs for TTM

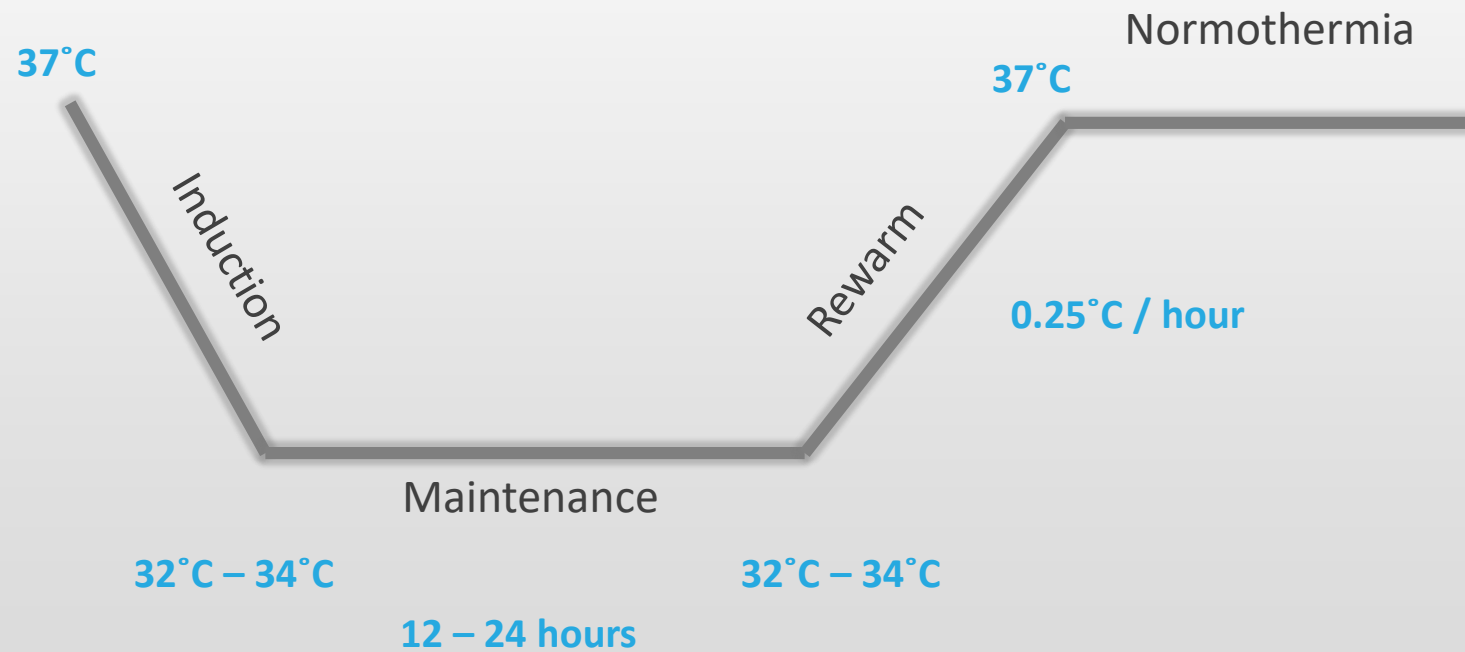
- Minimum 24 hours of cooling in OHCA (Conditional, Moderate)
- No recs on specific timing of TTM initiation (Strong, Moderate)
- Controlled normothermia to reduce fever in patients refractory to conventional therapy (Strong, Moderate)
- Use of intranasal, surface or intravascular cooling devices, and/or cold infusions over air cooling blankets, cooling fans or packs to get quick times to target temp, achieve target temp and decrease likelihood of overshoot (Strong, High)
- Use of intravascular catheter or gel pads to maintain constant patient temp (Strong, High)
- Esophageal temp probe is ideal for all phases of TTM, if not available use Bladder temp probe (Conditional, Low)



# NCS Recs for TTM

- Continuously monitor temp during TTM (Good Practice)
- BSAS is recommended as a tool to monitor shivering (Strong, Moderate)
- Shivering should be addressed promptly. Stepwise approach should be used if possible (Good Practice)
- Maintain K 3 to 3.5 during induction and maintenance phase to avoid rebound hyperK and arrhythmias during rewarming (Strong, High)
- ABG should be temperature corrected
- Rest of the labs should be monitored during cooling similar to managing any critically ill patient

# Four Phases



Duration to follow institutional and society guidelines

## Induced Hypothermia After Cardiac Arrest

Guidelines for patient selection:

### Exclusion Criteria:

- Active bleeding
- Cardiogenic shock
- Known or suspected sepsis
- Pregnancy; if not already confirmed, send urine HCG
- Continued arrhythmias
- Not to be initiated after 12 hours of return of spontaneous circulation (ROSC)
- Not to be initiated if ROSC was greater than 50 minutes
- Not a primary cardiac arrest (e.g. ventricular tachycardia/fibrillation, asystole, or PEA)
- Glasgow Coma Scale > 8
- Does not require mechanical ventilation

### Inclusion Criteria:

- Start ASAP after return of spontaneous circulation (ROSC) \*Not to be initiated after 12 hours of ROSC
- Primary cardiac arrest (e.g. ventricular tachycardia/fibrillation, asystole, or PEA)
- ROSC within 50 minutes
- Glasgow Coma Scale  $\leq$  8 (see next page for GCS calculation)
- Requires mechanical ventilation

### Sedation

Midazolam 0.125 mg/kg IV x1, then continuous infusion of 50 mg in 250 mL normal saline at 0.1 mg/kg/hr.  
If the patient's creatinine clearance (cr cl) is less than 30 mL/min, adjust dose to 0.0625 mg/kg IV x1, then continuous infusion of 50mg in 250mL of normal saline at 0.05 mg/kg/hr.

### Paralysis (Start sedation prior to initiation.)

Cisatracurium 0.15 mg/kg IVP then start 200 mg/100 mL IV infusion at 0.5 mcg/kg/min; titrate to abolish and prevent shivering.

- If shivering or overbreathing the ventilator once infusion has started, bolus Cisatracurium 0.15 mg/kg and double infusion dose (maximum dose not to exceed 8 mcg/kg/min). May repeat bolus x1. If patient continues to over breathe the ventilator or shiver after increased rate, please notify ordering physician.
- Keep HOB at 30 degrees
- Ocular lubricant ointment to both eyes q 8 hours while receiving paralytic

### Magnesium sulfate:

- $\leq$  60 kg 2 grams/50 mL D5W IVPB over 15 minutes x 2
- > 60 kg 2 grams/50 mL D5W IVPB over 15 minutes x 3

Cooling device and cool patient to 36 degrees C

Stat continuous EEG, indication: rule out non-convulsive status epilepticus. (Page EEG tech at night.)

Respiratory therapy to turn heater off until patient reaches 33.0° C. Turn heater back on once patient reaches target temperature

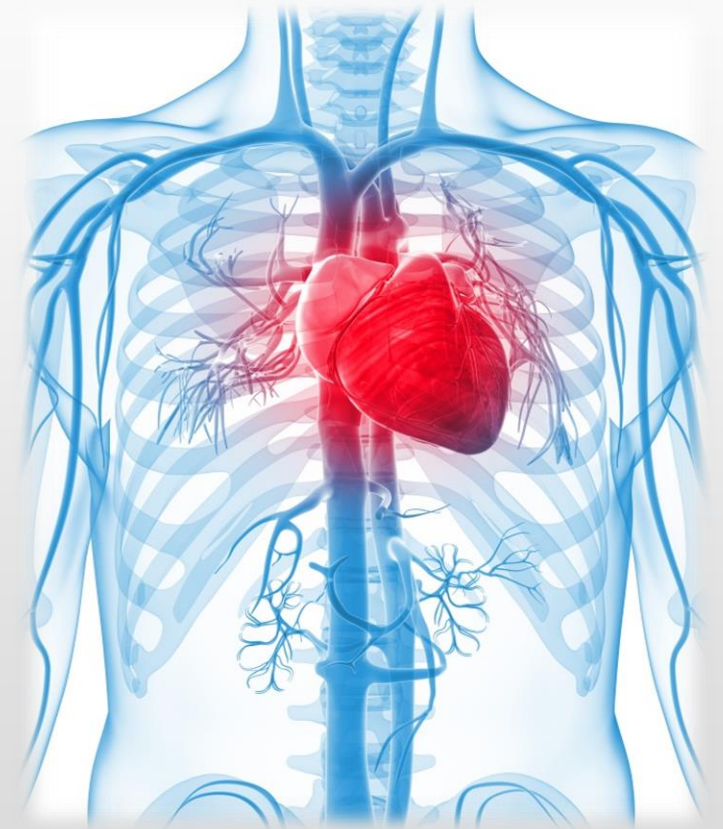
### Monitor

- Vital signs every 15 minutes. Assess pupillary function every hour while paralyzed and document on the neurological vital sign sheet. Once patient has completed rewarming, complete neuro vital signs every 2 hours x 24 hours.
- Baseline ABG, CBC, Chem 6, glucose; magnesium post ROSC, then 1 hour after initiation of hypothermia therapy.
- Daily lactic acid level.
- Daily chest x-ray while on protocol.
- Baseline lipase amylase, LFTs, blood culture x2, UA with sensitivity and culture and sputum culture. Please send cultures before administration of first antibiotic.
- Repeat ABG after paralysis/sedation achieved.
- Chem 6, magnesium, glucose, and ABG every 4 hours and call MD with lab results.
- Assess skin integrity under pads every shift and document in nurses notes.

# Physiology of Therapeutic Hypothermia & Issues

- ↓ BP, HR, CO<sup>1-3</sup>
- EKG Changes
  - Prolonged PR interval<sup>1,2</sup>
  - Widening QRS complex<sup>1,2</sup>
  - Increased QT wave<sup>1,2</sup>
  - J or Osborn wave<sup>1</sup>

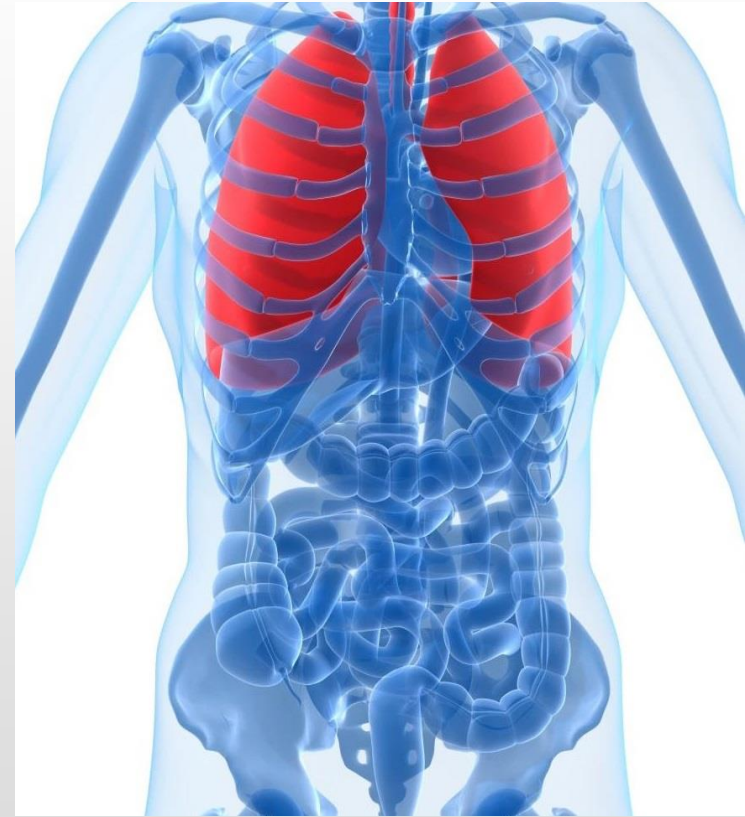
\*Representative of target temperatures 32 - 35°C



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# Physiological Effects of Therapeutic Hypothermia

- Hematological<sup>1</sup>
  - Impaired clotting cascade
  - Impaired platelet function: potential increase in bleeding risk
  - Decreased WBC count
- Renal
  - ↑ Diuresis<sup>2,4</sup>
  - Electrolyte loss<sup>3</sup>
- Gastrointestinal<sup>1</sup>
  - Impaired bowel function / motility



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# Physiological Effects of Therapeutic Hypothermia

- Systemic
  - ↓ O<sub>2</sub> consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> production<sup>1,3</sup>
  - Left shift on oxyhemoglobin curve: O<sub>2</sub> is not readily released to the tissues<sup>4</sup>
  - Lactic acidosis<sup>4</sup>
- Endocrine<sup>1,3</sup>
  - ↓ Insulin secretion
- Immune suppression<sup>1</sup>
  - ↑ Infection: wound infections and pneumonia
- Other<sup>1</sup>
  - Shivering
  - Drug metabolism prolonged



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# Physiological Changes with Rewarming

- Hemodynamic instability from Peripheral Vasodilation (Increasing Pressor requirements)
- Intracranial Pressure elevations
- Mild Coagulopathic changes
- Infections
- Electrolyte Dysfunction

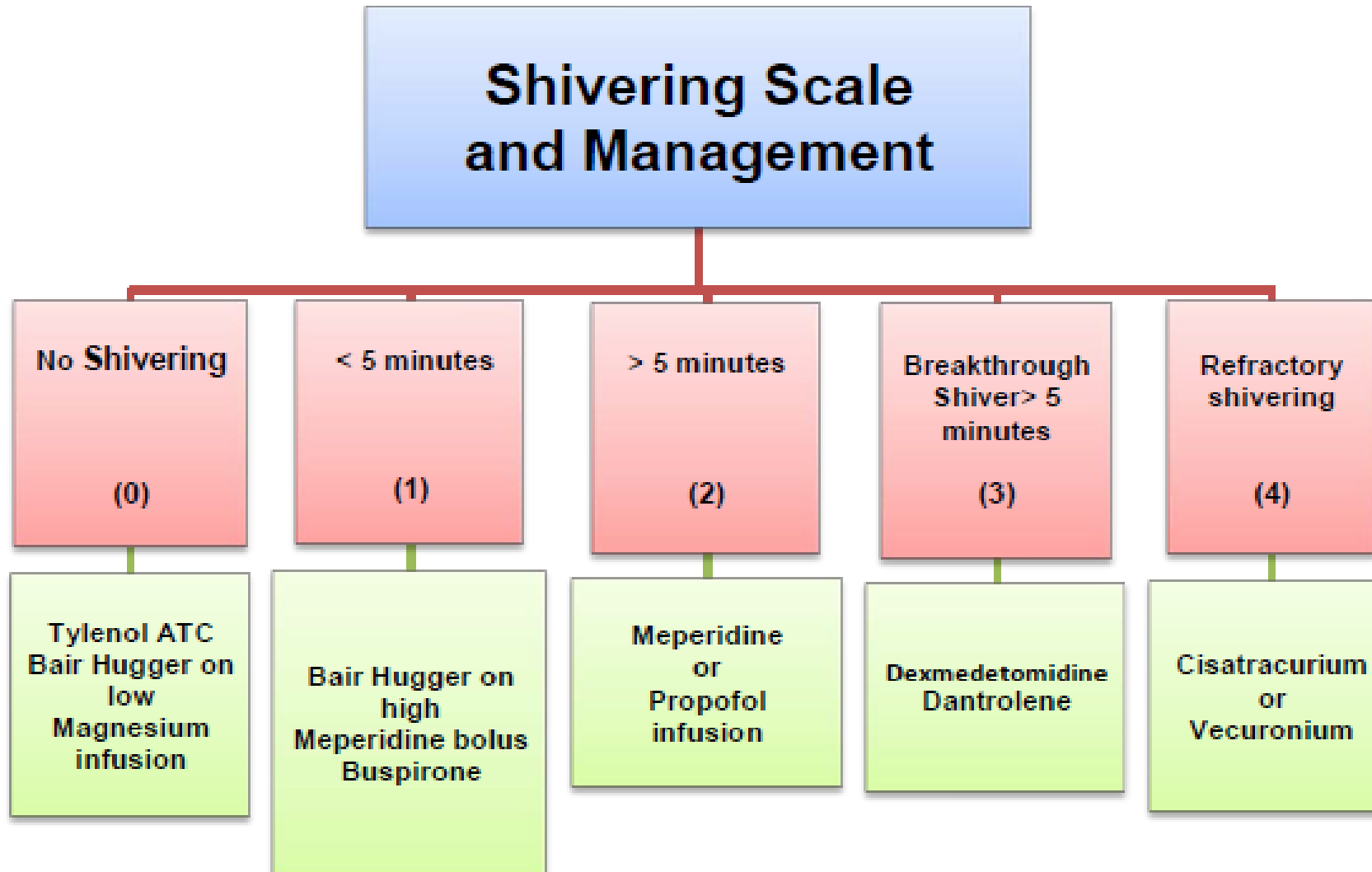
# Shivering

- Physiological reflex to counteract hypothermia by Vasoconstriction to generate or maintain heat
- Posterior Hypothalamus
- Increases Metabolic demand, O<sub>2</sub> consumption and Co<sub>2</sub> Production
- Goal to have BSAS < 1



# Bedside Shivering Assessment Scale

Adopted from TTM: Normothermia after Cardiac Arrest MGH Protocol



# Younger age, Men & Lower BSA are associated with utilization of more anti-shivering measures

Step		Intervention	Dose
0	Baseline	Acetaminophen	650–1000 mg Q 4–6 h
		Buspirone	30 mg Q 8 h
		Magnesium sulfate	0.5–1 mg/h IV Goal (3–4 mg/dl)
		Skin counterwarming	43°C/MAX Temp
1	Mild sedation	Dexmedetomidine	0.2–1.5 mcg/kg/h
		or	Fentanyl starting dose 25 mcg/h
		Opioid	Meperidine 50–100 mg IM or IV
2	Moderate sedation	Dexmedetomidine and Opioid	Doses as above
3	Deep sedation	Propofol	50–75 mcg/kg/min
4	Neuromuscular blockade	Vecuronium	0.1 mg/kg IV

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# Post Cardiac Arrest Prognostication

- 80% patients in ICU after ROSC from OHCA are comatose and 2/3rd of these die from Hypoxic-Ischemic Brain Injury - 1,2
- Despite delayed neuronal death and diffuse cerebral edema, only few deaths occur from direct consequence of neuronal injury - 3
- Majority of deaths are related to Withdrawal of Life-sustaining treatment (WLST) - 4
- WLST without use of a multi-modal approach results in self-fulfilling prophecy & risks a falsely pessimistic prediction

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# Scales

- CPC – at discharge or after
- MRS
- GOS
- HRQOL assessment at 3 months

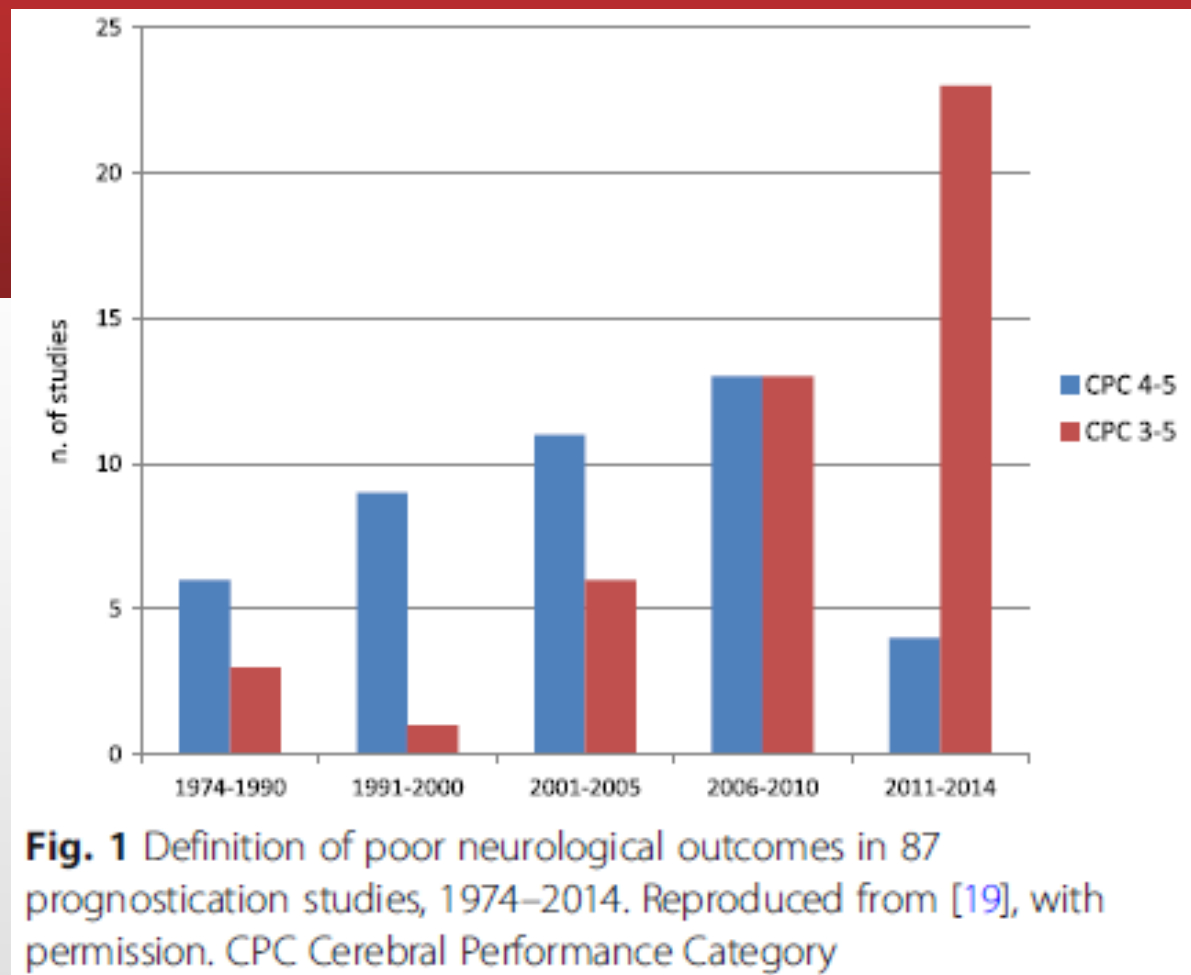
# CPC & GOS

CPC	GOS	Disability	Conscious	Independent	Features
1	5	No, or minor	Yes	Yes	Able to work and lead a normal life. May have mild dysphasia, non-incapacitating hemiparesis, or minor cranial nerve abnormalities
2	4	Moderate	Yes	Yes	Able to travel by public transport and work in sheltered environment Independent in activities of daily life. May have hemiplegia, seizures, ataxia, dysarthria, or memory changes
3	3	Severe	Yes	No	Limited cognition, dementia, locked-in, minimally conscious. Usually in institution, but it may be looked after at home with exceptional family effort
4	2	Unconscious	No	No	Persistent vegetative state
5	1	Dead	-	-	Certified brain dead or dead by traditional criteria

<b>CPC 1</b>	<b>75%</b>
<b>CPC 2</b>	<b>55%</b>
<b>CPC 3</b>	<b>44%</b>
<b>CPC 4</b>	<b>22%</b>

Assessment of outcome after severe brain damage: a practical scale B Jennett, M Bond - The Lancet, 1975

Phelps R, Dumas F, Maynard C, Silver J, Rea T. Cerebral performance category and long-term prognosis following out-of-hospital cardiac arrest. Crit Care Med 2013;41:1252-7



**From 2006, CPC 3 included as poor outcome due to difference in priority given to recovery of physical and neurological ability and societal participation versus recovery of consciousness only**

# Timing

- Earliest time for prognostication with or without TTM is at 72 hours post ROSC
- Reasonable to wait beyond 72 hours for prognosis if residual effects of sedation or paralytics

# Prediction Variables

- Clinical Exam (Pupil Response, Brainstem reflexes, Motor Exam, Myoclonus)
- EEG
- SSEP
- Serum Biomarkers
- Neuroimaging





# Neurological Exam

- Repetition is the key, given effects of TTM, sedation, NMB etc.
- Bilateral absence of pupil response at 72 hours - 0.5% FPR
- Presence of Bilateral pupil response at 72 hours does not predict good response
- Corneal reflexes have similar predictions as pupil response (they are however affected by NMBs)

# Neurological Exam

- Based on ILCOR, absent motor movements or posturing should not be used to predict outcomes
- Myoclonus is not a good predictor of poor outcomes due to its high FPR 5%, 9% patients with myoclonus do survive
- Important to differentiate Lance-Adams attacks
- Myoclonic Status Epilepticus during 72 -120 hours post arrest is a reasonable predictor of poor neurological outcomes (FPR 0% - ILCOR)

1-2015 Guidelines ILCOR (Circulation. 2015 November 3; 132(18 Suppl 2): S465–S482)  
2-Rossetti AO, Rabinstein AA, Oddo M; Neurological prognostication of outcome in patients in coma after cardiac arrest. Lancet Neurol 2016;15:597-609

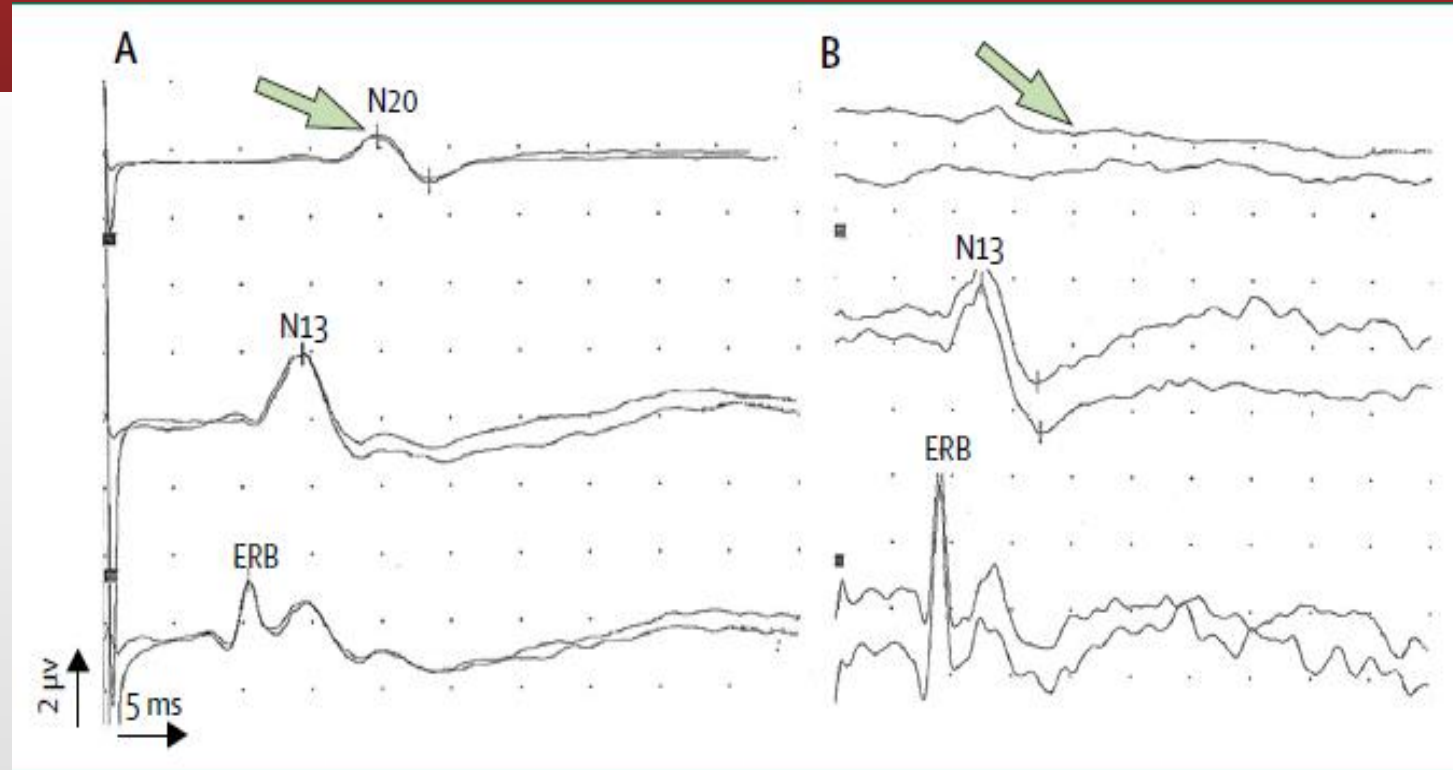


- American Clinical Neurophysiology Society has published standardized guidelines for EEG interpretation
- EEG interpretation holds more value at 24 hours vs 48-72 hours, especially if none to mild sedation, with or without TTM

# EEG

- Background activity, Reactivity & Epileptiform features
- With TTM, absent EEG reactivity to external stimuli (pain or auditory) at 72 hours and burst suppression pattern after rewarming predict poor outcome (ILCOR)
- Intractable and persistent Status Epilepticus at 72 hours or beyond in absence of EEG reactivity to external stimuli predicts poor outcome (ILCOR)
- For patients with Status Epilepticus at 72 hours with favorable other factors should continue to be treated upto 2 weeks

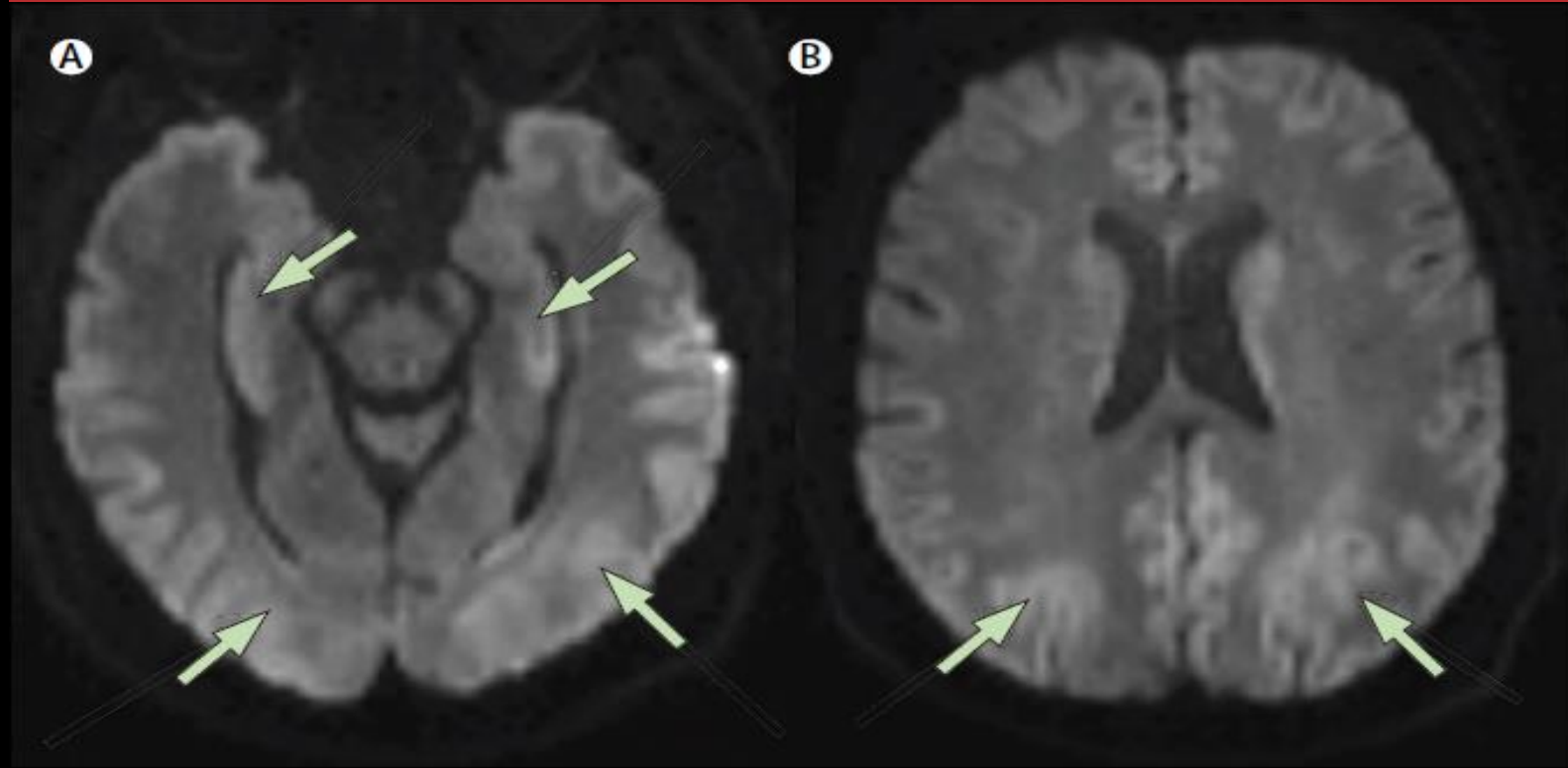
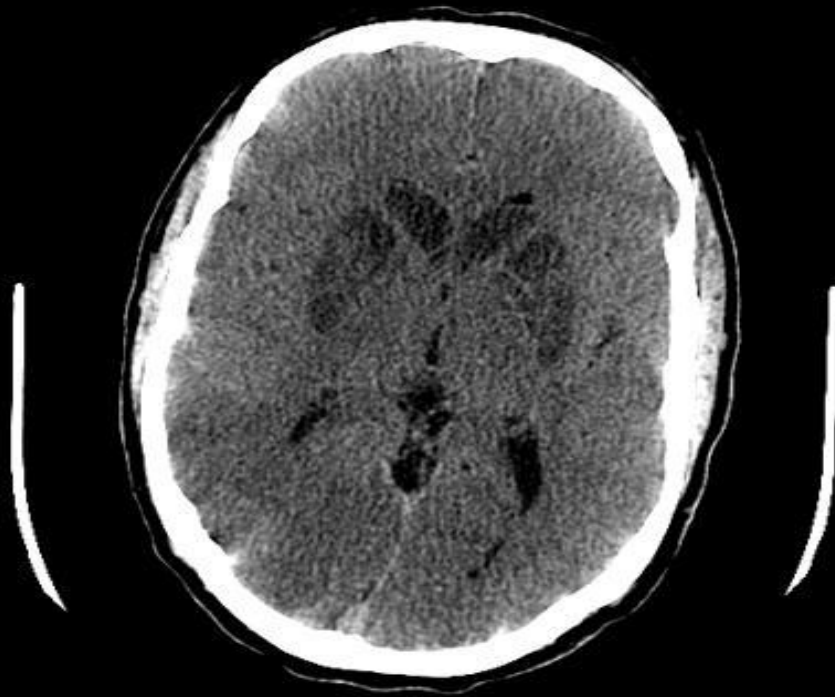
# Somatosensory Evoked Potential (SSEP)



- Early latency vs Middle latency vs Long latency
- Bilateral absence of N20 potentials at 24-72 hours post cardiac arrest or after rewarming suggests poor outcome

# Serum Biomarkers

- Neuron Specific Enolase (NSE) - released by dying neurons, trends more important than individual levels, sampling issues, hemolysis, ECMO, presence also in neuroectodermal cells **(33, 88, 150 ng/ml)**
- S-100B - released by glial cells post injury, also found in other extracerebral sources
- Blood levels of NSE and S-100B should not be used alone to predict outcomes
- Higher serum values of NSE at 48-72 hours after cardiac arrest can be used to predict poor outcomes in conjunction with other tests



- CT is used primarily for its utility to detect ICH early as an etiology of Arrest
- For comatose patients after cardiac arrest without TTM, marked reduction in GWR on CT obtained at 2 hours post arrest predicts poor outcome
- MRI changes can be seen in Neocortex (layer 5), Deep grey nuclei (basal ganglia/Putamen) & Temporal lobe (hippocampus)
- It may be reasonable to use extensive restriction diffusion (DWI/ADC) on MRI brain at 2-6 days after arrest in combination with other factors to predict poor neurological outcome

# Poor Outcomes

- Absent pupillary reflex at 72 hours
- Presence of Status Myoclonus during first 72 hours post arrest
- Absent N20 SSEP, 24 to 72 hours post arrest or after rewarming
- Markedly reduced gray-white ratio on CT within 2 hours of arrest
- Extensive Diffusion restriction on MRI at 2-6 days post arrest
- Persistent absence of EEG reactivity to external stimuli at 72 hours post arrest
- Persistent BURST Suppression pattern or intractable Status Epilepticus on EEG after rewarming



# AAN Cardiac Arrest Prognostication



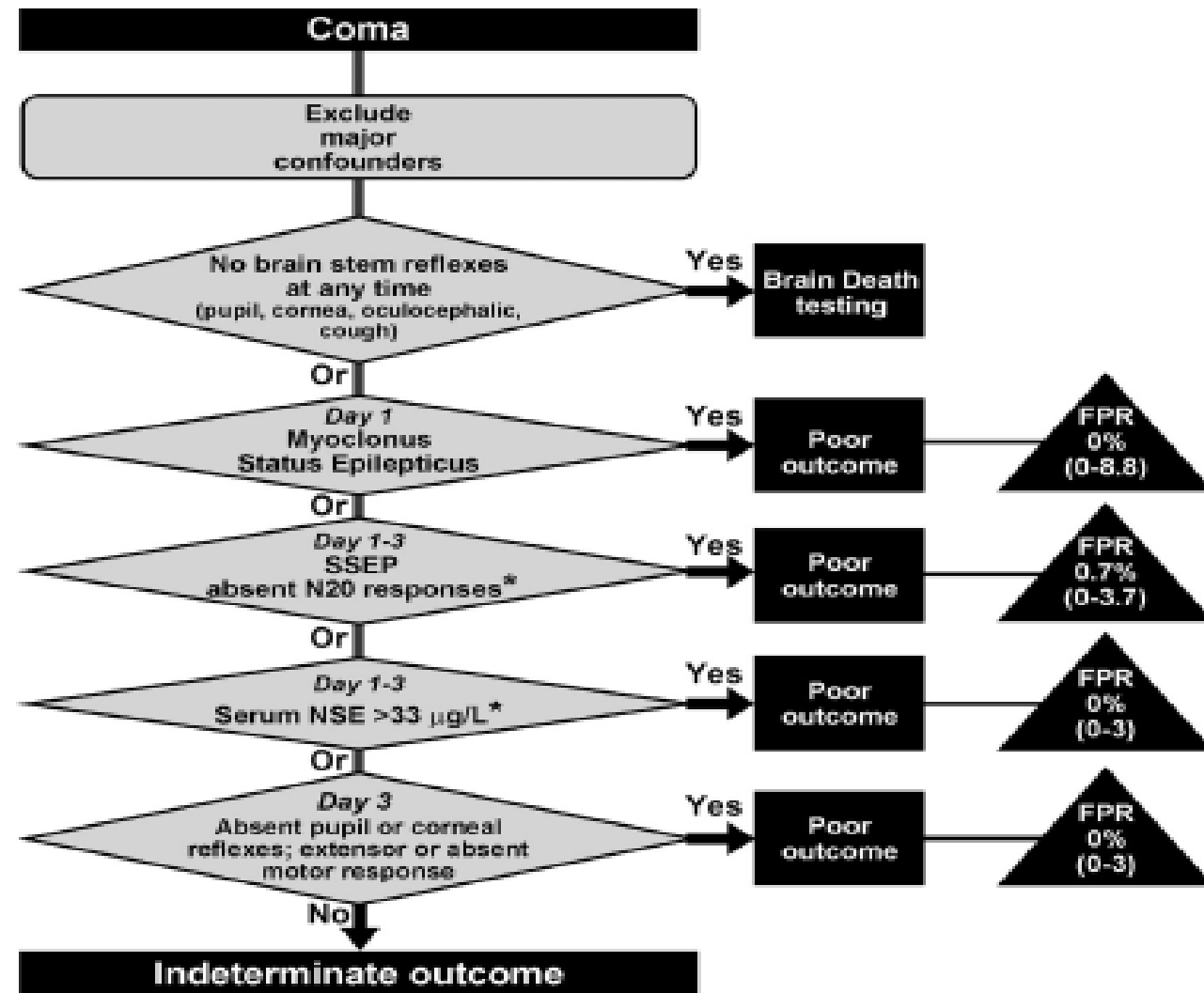
Special Article

## Practice Parameter: Prediction of outcome in comatose survivors after cardiopulmonary resuscitation (an evidence-based review)

Report of the Quality Standards Subcommittee of the American Academy of Neurology

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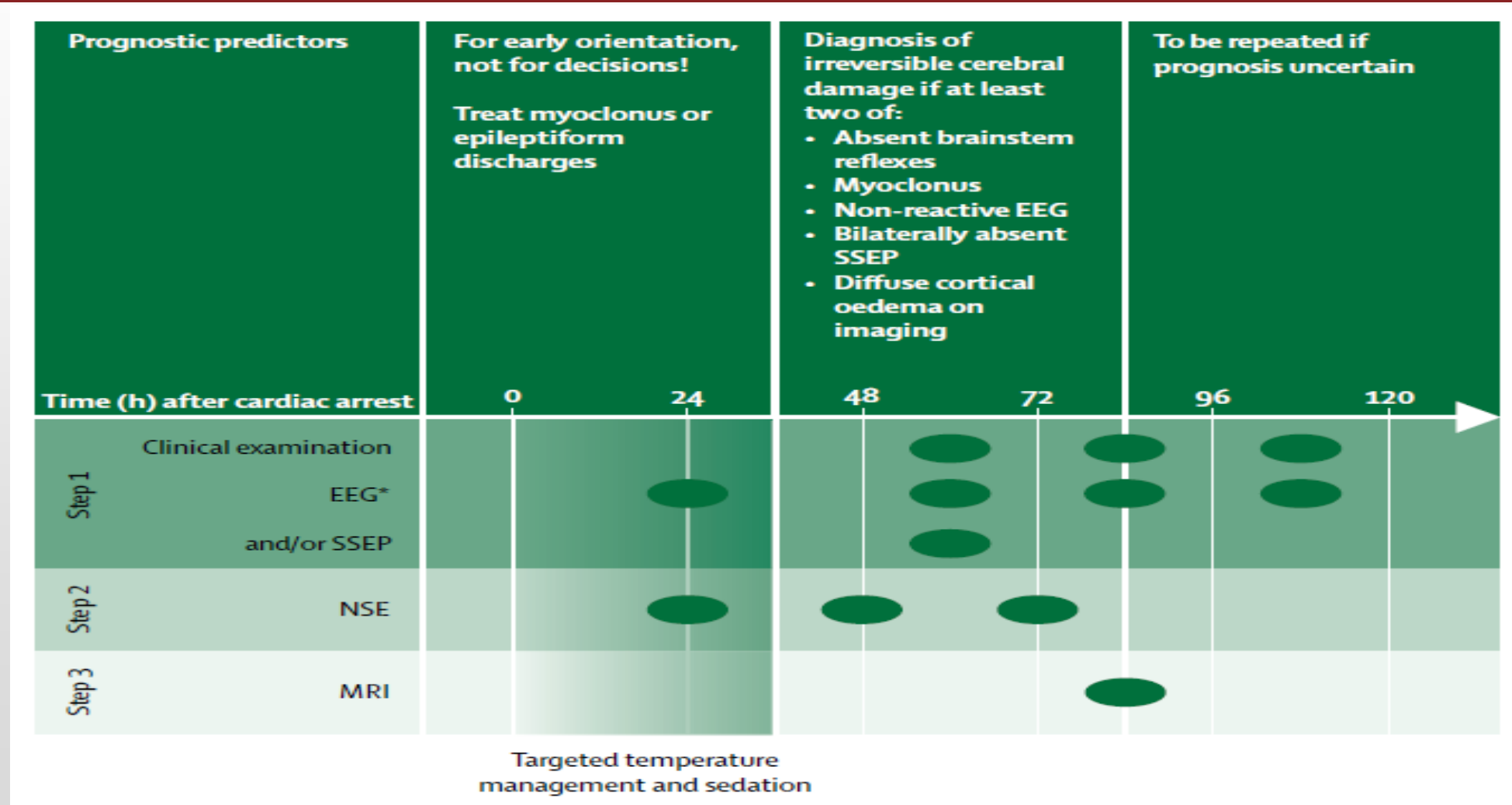
**Abstract—Objective:** To systematically review outcomes in comatose survivors after cardiac arrest and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). **Methods:** The authors analyzed studies (1966 to 2006) that explored predictors of death or unconsciousness after 1 month or unconsciousness or severe disability after 6 months. **Results:** The authors identified four class I studies, three class II studies, and five class III studies on clinical findings and circumstances. The indicators of poor outcome after CPR are absent pupillary light response or corneal reflexes, and extensor or no motor response to pain after 3 days of observation (level A), and myoclonus status epilepticus (level B). Prognosis cannot be based on circumstances of CPR (level B) or elevated body temperature (level C). The authors identified one class I, one class II, and nine class III studies on electrophysiology. Bilateral absent cortical responses on somatosensory evoked potential studies recorded 3 days after CPR predicted poor outcome (level B). Burst suppression or generalized epileptiform discharges on EEG predicted poor outcomes but with insufficient prognostic accuracy (level C). The authors identified one class I, 11 class III, and three class IV studies on biochemical markers. Serum neuron-specific enolase higher than 33  $\mu\text{g/L}$  predicted poor outcome (level B). Ten class IV studies on brain monitoring and neuroimaging did not provide data to support or refute usefulness in prognostication (level U). **Conclusion:** Pupillary light response, corneal reflexes, motor responses to pain, myoclonus status epilepticus, serum neuron-specific enolase, and somatosensory evoked potential studies can reliably assist in accurately predicting poor outcome in comatose patients after cardiopulmonary resuscitation for cardiac arrest.



# AAN vs Multimodal Approach to Prognostication

- Relying on motor exam, when neuromuscular blockade, sedatives, other comorbidities can severely affect the assessments
- Not relying on specifics in EEG, which has the highest sensitivity, specificity and lowest false positive rate
- Not utilizing Neuroimaging studies at appropriate time stamps
- Serum biomarkers with higher cut-offs for poor outcomes

# Multimodal Approach to Prognostication



# Early Multimodal Outcome Prediction After Cardiac Arrest in Patients Treated With Hypothermia\*

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**Objectives:** Therapeutic hypothermia and pharmacological sedation may influence outcome prediction after cardiac arrest. The use of a multimodal approach, including clinical examination, electroencephalography, somatosensory-evoked potentials, and serum neuron-specific enolase, is recommended; however, no study examined the comparative performance of these predictors or addressed their optimal combination.

**Design:** Prospective cohort study.

**Setting:** Adult ICU of an academic hospital.

**Patients:** One hundred thirty-four consecutive adults treated with therapeutic hypothermia after cardiac arrest.

**Measurements and Main Results:** Variables related to the cardiac arrest (cardiac rhythm, time to return of spontaneous circulation), clinical examination (brainstem reflexes and myoclonus), electroencephalography reactivity during therapeutic hypothermia, somatosensory-evoked potentials, and serum neuron-specific enolase. Models to predict clinical outcome at 3 months (assessed using the Cerebral Performance Categories: 5 = death; 3–5 = poor recovery) were evaluated using ordinal logistic regressions and receiving operator characteristic curves. Seventy-two patients (54%) had a poor outcome (of whom, 62 died), and 62 had a good outcome. Multivariable ordinal logistic regression identified absence of electroencephalography reactivity ( $p < 0.001$ ), incomplete recovery of brainstem reflexes in normothermia ( $p = 0.013$ ), and neuron-specific enolase higher than  $33 \mu\text{g/L}$  ( $p = 0.029$ ), but

not somatosensory-evoked potentials, as independent predictors of poor outcome. The combination of clinical examination, electroencephalography reactivity, and neuron-specific enolase yielded the best predictive performance (receiving operator characteristic areas: 0.89 for mortality and 0.88 for poor outcome), with 100% positive predictive value. Addition of somatosensory-evoked potentials to this model did not improve prognostic accuracy.

**Conclusions:** Combination of clinical examination, electroencephalography reactivity, and serum neuron-specific enolase offers the best outcome predictive performance for prognostication of early postanoxic coma, whereas somatosensory-evoked potentials do not add any complementary information. Although prognostication of poor outcome seems excellent, future studies are needed to further improve prediction of good prognosis, which still remains inaccurate. (*Crit Care Med* 2014; 42:1340–1347)

**Key Words:** coma; electroencephalography; neuron-specific enolase; prognosis; somatosensory-evoked potentials

Coma after cardiac arrest (CA) is a leading cause of admission in ICUs and has a high rate of mortality and morbidity. Therapeutic hypothermia (TH) is increasingly used for neuroprotection in this context (1–3). Several recent studies have shown that TH and the related pharmacological sedation may influence some prognosticators commonly

Variable	Mortality (CPC 5)		Poor Outcome (CPC 3–5)	
	ROC Area	95% CI	ROC Area	95% CI
Clinical examination <sup>a</sup> + EEG	0.87	0.81–0.93	0.84	0.78–0.90
Clinical examination <sup>a</sup> + NSE	0.83	0.76–0.89	0.83	0.77–0.90
EEG + NSE	0.87	0.81–0.93	0.84	0.78–0.90
Clinical examination <sup>a</sup> + EEG + NSE	0.89	0.83–0.94	0.88	0.82–0.93
Clinical examination <sup>a</sup> + EEG + SSEP	0.87	0.81–0.93	0.84	0.78–0.90
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CPC = Clinical Performance Category, ROC = receiving operator characteristic, EEG = background reactivity on hypothermic electroencephalography, NSE = neuron-specific enolase  $> 33 \mu\text{g/L}$ , SSEP = somatosensory-evoked potentials.

<sup>a</sup>Incomplete brainstem reflexes (including pupillary, oculocephalic, corneal) and myoclonus.

# On the Horizon

- GFAP
- Tau Protein
- Serum Neurofilament Light Chain
- miRNAs
- Long Latency Evoked Potential
- Pupillometer (Quantitative measurement of pupil size, PLR & constriction velocity)
- NIRS



# Bright Side !!!

- Need More Studies to determine variables that actually predict good prognosis
- The Variables need to have high sensitivity, specificity with Low False Positive Rates
- The predictors should have same prognosticating ability as CPC for 3-6 month outcomes

# Take Home

- Do not sugarcoat information while prognosticating
- Include families early on in discussions with identification of the MPOA
- Evidence based approach (utilizing Multimodal Outcome predictors)
- Be Firm, but empathetic
- Respect all Cultural Beliefs & Values

# Questions

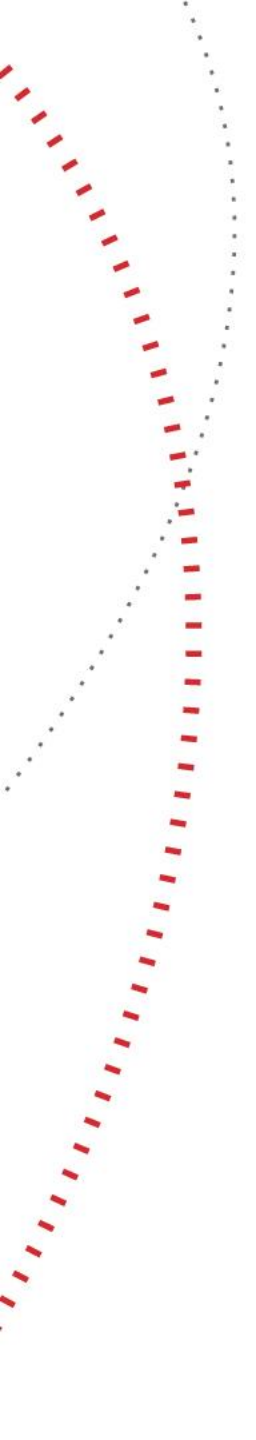
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# IN-HOSPITAL RESUSCITATION: PERFORMANCE MEASURES PEDIATRIC/NEONATE-INFANT

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# OUTLINE

- **GET WITH THE GUIDELINES-RESUSCITATION AND ME**
- **ADULTS VS KIDS: DIFFERENCES BEYOND SIZE**
- **AHA IMPACT 2020 GOALS**
- **PERFORMANCE MEASURES BY AGE GROUP**
- **SUMMARY POINTS**

# ADULT VS. PEDIATRIC CPR METRICS

## *DIFFERENCES BEYOND SIZE*

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# Trends in Survival after In-Hospital Cardiac Arrest

Saket Girotra, M.D., Brahmajee K. Nallamothu, M.D., M.P.H., John A. Spertus, M.D., M.P.H., Yan Li, Ph.D., Harlan M. Krumholz, M.D., and Paul S. Chan, M.D., for the American Heart Association Get with the Guidelines–Resuscitation Investigators

Table 2. Trends in Survival and Neurologic Outcomes.\*

Outcome	Risk-Adjusted Rates†										Adjusted Rate Ratio per Year (95% CI)‡	P Value for Trend§
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009		
	percent											
Survival to discharge	13.7	17.1	18.2	17.8	18.9	20.0	20.5	21.2	25.3	22.3	1.04 (1.03–1.06)	<0.001
Acute resuscitation survival¶	42.7	45.1	45.4	46.0	47.0	48.6	49.7	52.5	55.2	54.1	1.03 (1.02–1.04)	<0.001
Postresuscitation survival¶¶	32.0	38.3	40.0	39.0	40.8	42.1	42.4	41.5	43.6	42.9	1.02 (1.01–1.03)	0.001
Neurologic outcome in survivors												
Clinically significant disability	32.9	35.7	31.9	34.3	34.0	33.1	33.0	32.7	31.8	28.1	0.98 (0.97–1.00)	0.02
Severe disability**	10.1	10.5	9.8	10.5	11.5	11.5	9.7	12.2	11.7	10.7	1.01 (0.98–1.04)	0.37

40% of adult CPR occurs on ward (Brady, WJ. Resuscitation 2011)

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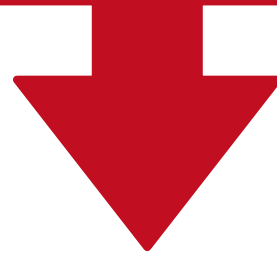
# HOW CAN WE HELP???

**Increase Survival  
from Cardiac Arrest:**

*In Hospital:*

Adults: From 19% → **38%**

Children: From 35% → **50%**



***AHA'S EMERGENCY CARDIOVASCULAR CARE***

***IMPACT 2020 GOALS***

# LET'S IMPROVE CPR PERFORMANCE!

## GWTG-R PROGRAM GOAL:

- *INCREASE SURVIVAL TO DISCHARGE*

## HOW?

- *DEFINE **ELEMENTS** OF A COMPREHENSIVE RESUSCITATION SYSTEM OF CARE*
- *ENCOURAGE IMPLEMENTATION AND PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE THROUGH A **RECOGNITION PROGRAM***



# LET'S IMPROVE CPR PERFORMANCE!

## GWTG-R PROGRAM GOAL:

- *INCREASE SURVIVAL TO DISCHARGE*

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES—OVERVIEW:

- *DECREASE UNMONITORED/UNWITNESSED ARRESTS*
- *DECREASE TIME TO CHEST COMPRESSIONS*
- *DECREASE TIME TO DEFIBRILLATION*
- *CONFIRMATION OF ENDOTRACHEAL TUBE PLACEMENT*

# POP QUIZ

**DESCRIBE THE ELEMENTS OF HIGH-QUALITY CPR DEMONSTRATED IN THIS PHOTOGRAPH?**



# CASE

# A 4 yo boy had a fall onto monkey bars.

- Brought by EMS to a pediatric ER.
- ER: CXR showed bilateral lung contusions and R sided pneumothorax which was evacuated with a chest tube.
- Admitted to ward with 3L NC
- Next day increased respiratory distress despite increased respiratory support and functional chest tube
- **RRT/MET** was activated

# A 4 yo boy falls onto monkey bars.

RRT assessment: HR 160, RR 70s, BP 100/82, significant respiratory distress, tired appearing and sleepy

- Decision made to intubate
- ETT placed and confirmed with CO<sub>2</sub> colorimetric detector, 20ml/kg NS bolus given
- Transport to Pediatric ICU

# A 4 yo boy falls onto monkey bars.

On arrival to ICU → HR 170s, RR 24 on ventilator, BP 90/50

→ 5 minutes later: pulses thready, Capnometry tracing lost, BP not recordable → **PEA**

→ Resuscitation per PALS guidelines: High quality CPR, Epinephrine, ??H's/T's??: 2 more fluid boluses (hypovolemia), pull back of ETT (hypoxemia and acidosis)

→ Return of spontaneous circulation in 4 minutes

→ Extubated after 5 days

→ Discharged home day 12 with no respiratory support

# A 4 yo boy falls onto monkey bars.

→ Review: Potential cause of arrest: Worsened lung contusions, ETT R main stem



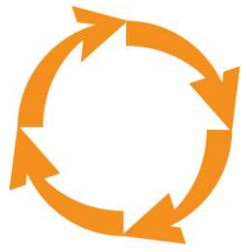
**CARDIOPULMONARY ARREST**

**?PREVENT IN FUTURE?**

**RETURN OF SPONTANEOUS  
CIRCULATION**

**SURVIVAL TO DISCHARGE**

**NO LONG TERM DISABILITY**



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## **AHA collaborative QI program**

**Improve adherence to evidence based care:**

- In-hospital cardiopulmonary arrest
- Post cardiac arrest care after out of hospital cardiac arrest

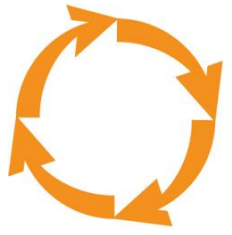


# IN-HOSPITAL CARDIAC ARRESTS (IHCA)

- Per year >200 000 adults and ~6000 children experience IHCA<sup>1</sup>
- IHCAs are secondary to respiratory compromise, shock, predictable progressive deterioration<sup>2</sup>
- Outcomes (survival to discharge and neurologic functionality) for IHCAs have improved
- Risk adjusted outcomes vary between hospitals

<sup>1</sup>AHA 2015 report

<sup>2</sup>Nadkarni JAMA 2006



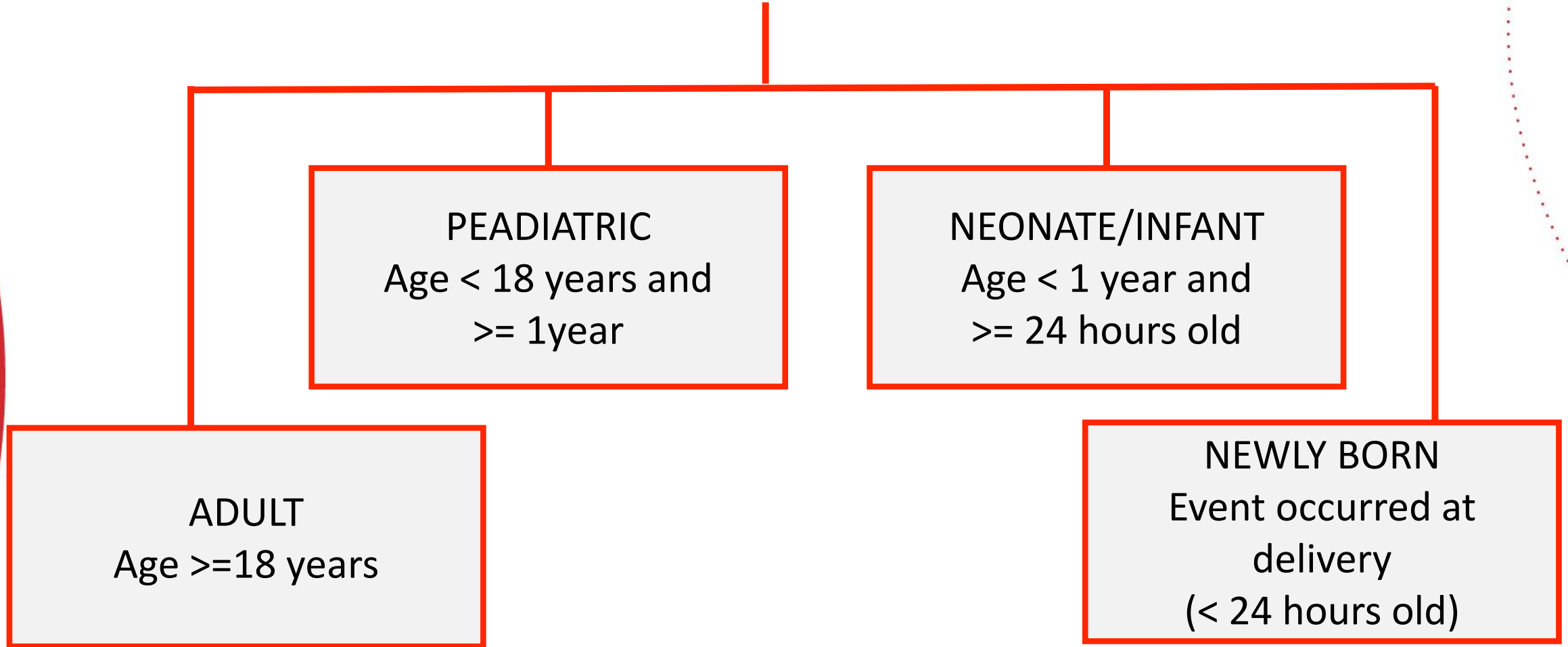
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## Goal of GWTG-R → Save more lives

- Prevent in-hospital cardiac arrest
- Optimize outcomes
  - Benchmarking
  - QI
  - Knowledge translation
  - Research

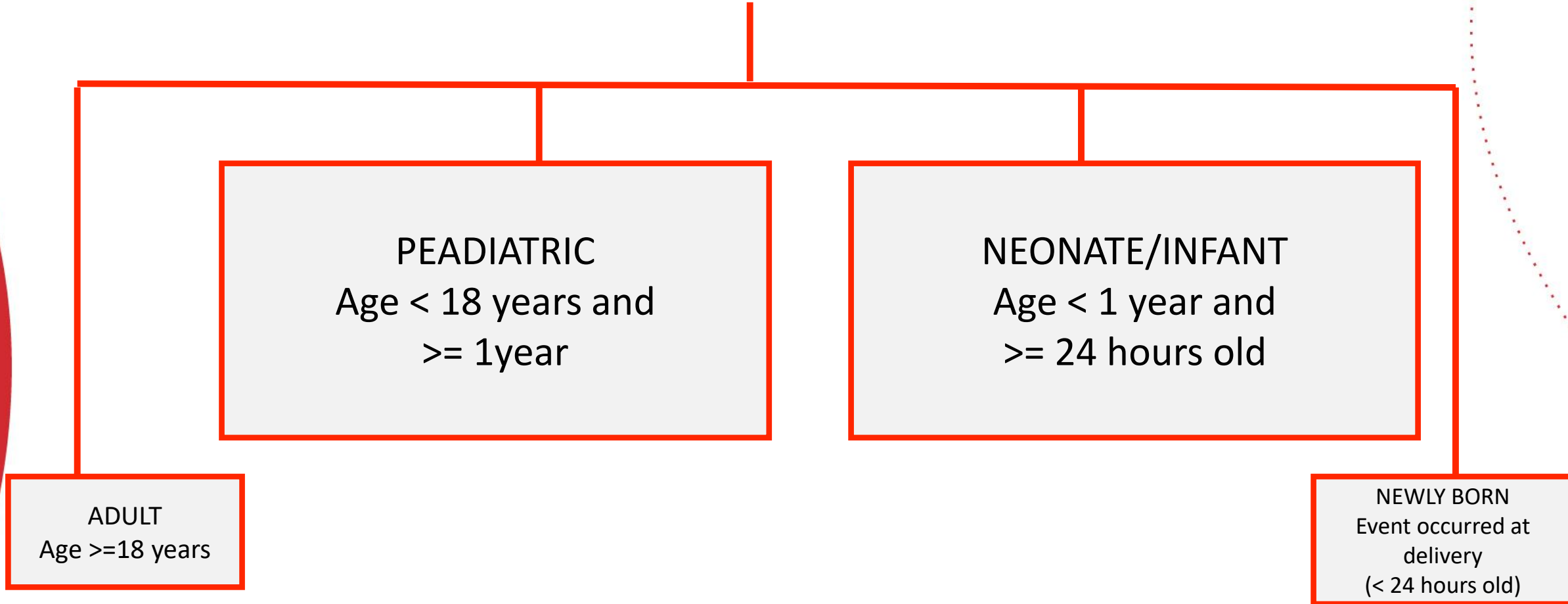


# PERFORMANCE MEASURES





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## PEDIATRIC AND NEONATE/INFANT [24 HOURS OLD- 18 YEARS]

1. Confirmation of airway device placement in trachea
2. Time to first chest compressions  $\leq 1$  min
3. Time to IV/IO epinephrine  $\leq 5$  mins of asystole or PEA
4. Percent pulseless cardiac events occurring in ICU

# MEASURE 1

## PERCENT OF EVENTS WITH CONFIRMATION OF AIRWAY DEVICE PLACEMENT IN TRACHEA

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## RATIONALE

Risk for ETT misplacement/ displacement with movement

## RECOMMENDATION

Clinical assessment + confirmatory devices to verify ETT placement after intubation, securement and any transport (*Class I, LOE B*)

# MEASURE 1 PERCENT OF EVENTS WITH CONFIRMATION OF AIRWAY DEVICE PLACEMENT IN TRACHEA

## RECOMMENDATION: Exhaled or End-Tidal CO<sub>2</sub> monitoring

When available ETCO<sub>2</sub> capnography recommended in all settings and during transport for children with perfusing cardiac rhythm (*Class IIb, LOE C*)

**During cardiac arrest:** if ETCO<sub>2</sub> not detected → confirm ETT by direct laryngoscopy (*Class IIa, LOE C*)



# MEASURE 2

PERCENT OF EVENTS WHERE TIME  
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## RATIONALE

- Chest compressions generate blood flow to vital organs and increase likelihood of ROSC
- Early CPR  $\rightarrow$  improved survival and neurologic outcomes for out of hospital cardiac arrest

## RECOMMENDATION

When a child/infant is unresponsive or not breathing:

BLS- Start CPR within 10 seconds if no pulse or unsure of pulse (*Class IIa, LOE C*)

PALS- Start chest compressions immediately while 2<sup>nd</sup> rescuer prepares for ventilation (*Class I, LOE C*)

# MEASURE 2 PERCENT OF EVENTS WHERE TIME TO FIRST CHEST COMPRESSIONS IS $\leq$ 1 MINUTE

## RECOMMENDATION

- C-A-B sequence (1 rescuer: 30:2, 2 rescuers 15:2) (*Class IIb, LOE C*)
- Infant: 1 rescuer- 2 finger chest compressions  
2 rescuer- 2 thumb encircling hands technique
- CPR: chest compressions with rescue breaths
- Ventilation with minimal interruption of compressions (*Class IIa, LOE C*)

# MEASURE 2 PERCENT OF EVENTS WHERE TIME TO FIRST CHEST COMPRESSIONS IS $\leq$ 1 MINUTE

## RECOMMENDATION: High Quality CPR

1. Rate: 100-120/min (*Class IIa, LOE C*)
2. Depth: depress chest  $\frac{1}{3}$ <sup>rd</sup> of AP diameter- 1.5" infants, 2" children, not more than 2.5" for adolescents (*Class IIa, LOE C*)
3. Full recoil (*Class IIb, LOE B*)
4. Minimize interruptions
5. Avoid excessive ventilation

# MEASURE 3

PERCENT OF EVENTS WHERE TIME  
TO EPINEPHRINE  $\leq$  5 MINUTES OF  
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ELECTRICAL ACTIVITY

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PERCENT OF EVENTS WHERE TIME TO EPINEPHRINE  $\leq 5$  MINUTES OF ASYSTOLE OR PULSELESS ELECTRICAL ACTIVITY

## RATIONALE

Epinephrine is strong inotrope and vasoconstrictor → augments heart function and coronary perfusion

## RECOMMENDATION

While continuing CPR, obtain vascular access →  
Epinephrine 0.01mg/kg (0.1 ml/kg of 1:10,000 solution)  
iv/io

# MEASURE 3

PERCENT OF EVENTS WHERE TIME TO EPINEPHRINE  $\leq 5$  MINUTES OF ASYSTOLE OR PULSELESS ELECTRICAL ACTIVITY

## RECOMMENDATION

- Same dose of Epinephrine repeated every 3-5 minutes (*Class I, LOE B*)
- High dose Epinephrine has no survival benefit and can be harmful particularly in asphyxia (*Class III, LOE B*)

# MEASURE 4

PERCENT OF PULSELESS CARDIAC  
EVENTS OCCURRING IN AN ICU  
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# MEASURE 4

## PERCENT OF PULSELESS CARDIAC EVENTS OCCURRING IN AN ICU SETTING VERSUS GENERAL INPATIENT AREA

### RATIONALE

- Rates of return of spontaneous circulation are higher for arrests within ICU than for cardiac arrests outside ICU (*Class IIa, LOE B*)
- More resources: personnel, technology → improved monitoring

### RECOMMENDATION

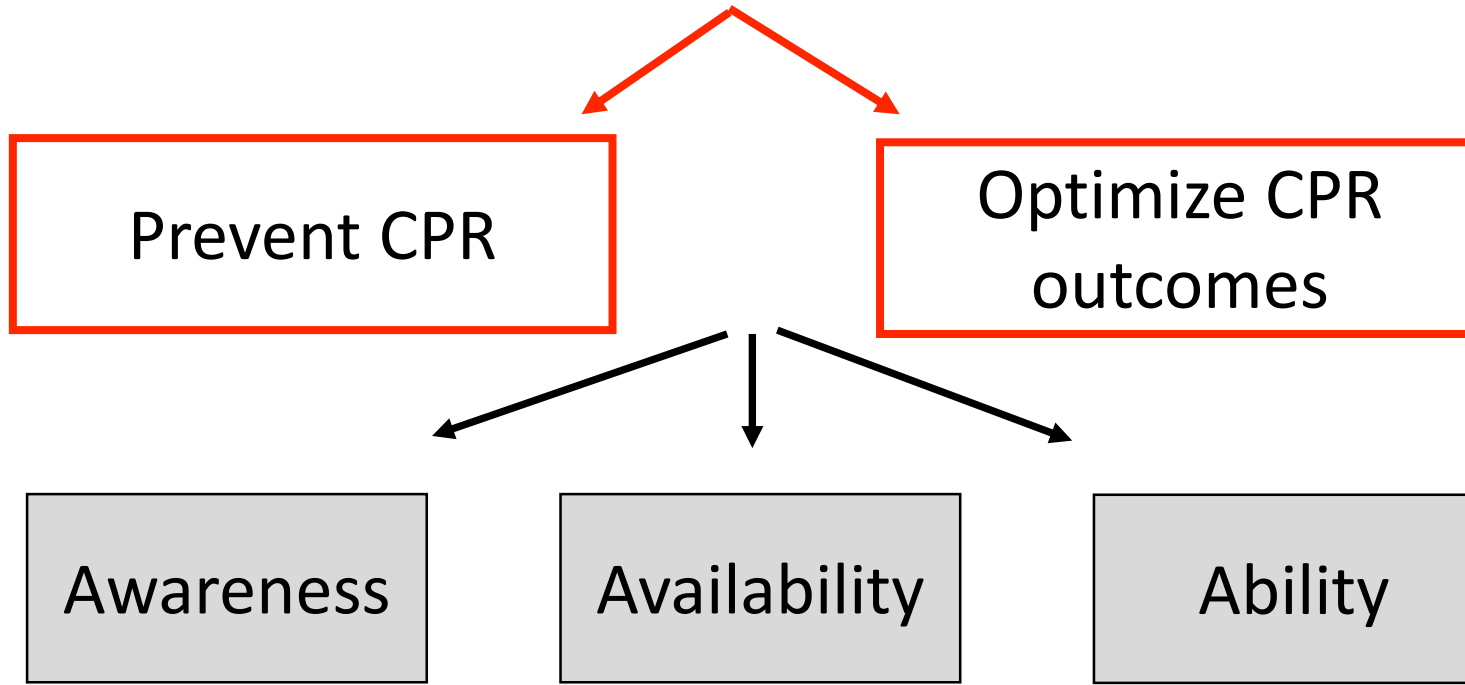
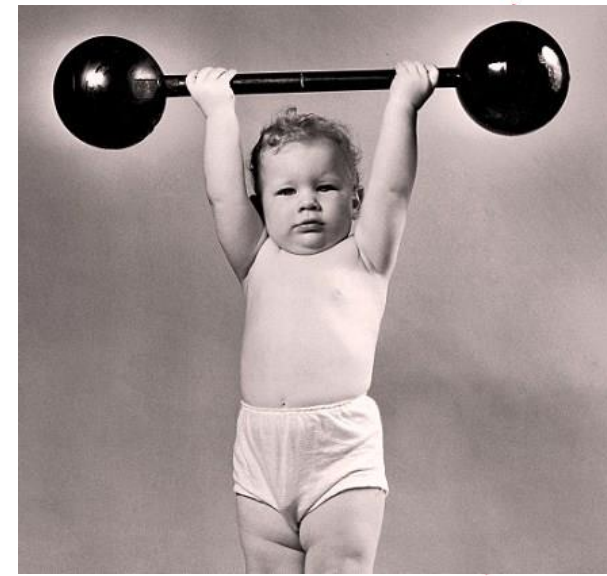
Establishment of RRT/MET systems (*Class IIb, LOE C*)

# MEASURE 4

PERCENT OF PULSELESS CARDIAC EVENTS OCCURRING  
IN AN ICU SETTING VERSUS GENERAL INPATIENT AREA

## RECOMMENDATION

- Use of Early Warning Sign Systems (EWSS) to recognize deterioration early (*Class IIb, LOE C*)
- High-risk patients to be transferred to ICU settings



- Multidisciplinary education
- Information dissemination

- Code cart stocking:
  - Medications
  - Equipment

- Training
- Crisis resource management
- Debriefing

# PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN CURE: RRT/METS



## Circulation

*Peberdy et al Circulation 2007*

### ILCOR CONSENSUS STATEMENTS

Recommended Guidelines for Monitoring, Reporting, and Conducting Research on Medical Emergency Team, Outreach, and Rapid Response Systems: An Utstein-Style Scientific Statement

# IMPACT OF RRTS/METS

*Maharaj et al. Critical Care 2015; 19:254*



## Rapid response systems: a systematic review and meta-analysis

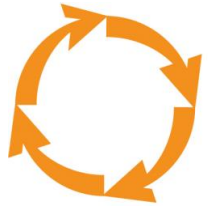
**Post RRT Risk Ratio:**  
**Cardiac Arrests- 0.65 [0.61-0.7]**  
**Mortality- 0.8 [0.76-0.89]**

## Effectiveness of rapid response teams on rates of in-hospital cardiopulmonary arrest and mortality: A systematic review and meta-analysis

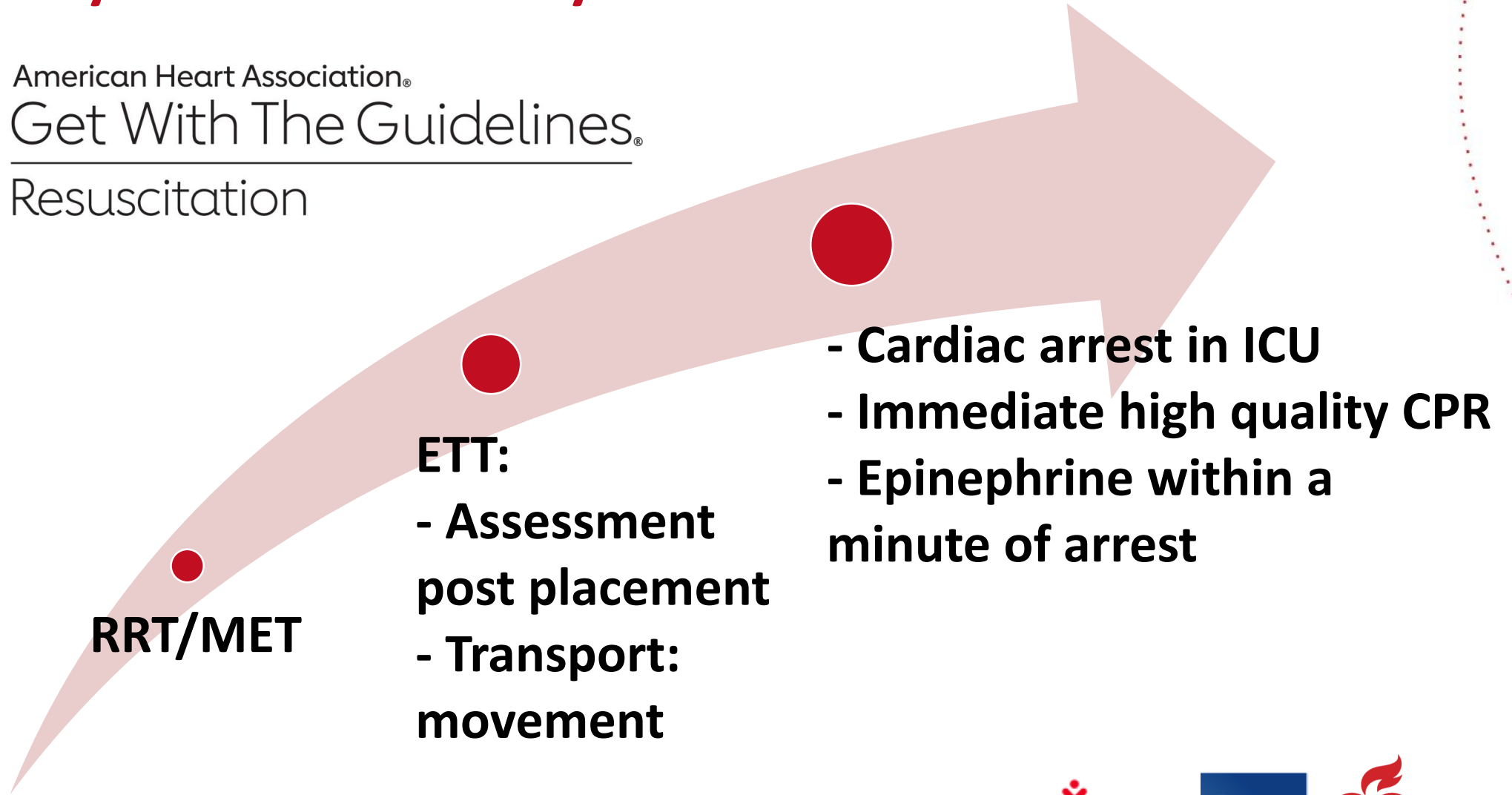
*Solomon et al J. Hosp. Med. 2016 June;11(6):438-445*

**Post RRT Relative Risk :**  
**Cardiac Arrests- 0.62 [0.55-0.69]**  
**Mortality- 0.88 [0.83-0.93]**

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## SUMMARY

### Encourage – Educate – Empower:

- Prevention is better than cure
- But when arrest ensues: prompt recognition and intervention saves lives
- Start compressions early
- Assess ETT position at placement and with any movement
- Epinephrine ASAP



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# THE ROLE OF CPR QUALITY IN IMPROVED CARDIAC ARREST SURVIVAL

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# 475,000

People who die from cardiac arrest in one year in the United States

**Focus** All You Do

**Focus** All We Do

Saving

Every

Single

One

- Create Systems
- Mobilize army of trained responders
- Ensure public access to AEDs
- TRY standards
- Eliminate preventable cardiac death in hospitals
- HIGH-Quality CPR

**ZERO**

You do great work

We do great work

BELIEVE in the vision

Arrive gloriously at ZERO

Because of you

No one dies from cardiac arrest

LET'S GET STARTED





# High Quality CPR

“High-quality CPR should be recognized as the foundation on which all resuscitative efforts are built”

*Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Quality: Improving Cardiac Resuscitation Outcomes Both Inside and Outside the Hospital – A Consensus Statement From the American Heart Association, July 23, 2013*

# What Makes It High Quality?



# Components of High Quality CPR

## Early Recognition

## Activating Emergency Response System

## Chest Compression Fraction

- Compression – Ventilation Ratio
- Compression Rate
- Minimizing Time Off Chest

## Compression Depth

## Hand Placement

## Chest Recoil

## Avoid Hyperventilation

# Chest Compression Fraction

- Compression – Ventilation Ratio
- Compression Rate
- Minimizing Time Off Chest

## Fundamentals

- Adult 30:2 - Child/Infant 15:2
- Compression Rate 100-120
- CCF >60%

## Findings:

- Compression ***Rates of 100-119*** have ***“the greatest likelihood for survival”***
- Higher chest compression rates (100-120) were “significantly correlated ***with initial return of spontaneous circulation”***
- Compressions <100 ***reduced ROSC to 42%***

### **Chest compression rates and survival following out-of-hospital cardiac arrest.**

[Idris AH<sup>1</sup>](#), [Guffey D](#), [Pepe PE](#), [Brown SP](#), [Brooks SC](#), [Callaway CW](#), [Christenson J](#), [Davis DP](#), [Daya MR](#), [Gray R](#), [Kudenchuk PJ](#), [Larsen J](#), [Lin S](#), [Menegazzi JJ](#), [Sheehan K](#), [Sopko G](#), [Stiell I](#), [Nichol G](#), [Aufderheide TP](#); [Resuscitation Outcomes Consortium Investigators](#).

### **Chest compression rates during cardiopulmonary resuscitation are suboptimal: a prospective study during in-hospital cardiac arrest.**

[Abella BS<sup>1</sup>](#), [Sandbo N](#), [Vassilatos P](#), [Alvarado JP](#), [O'Hearn N](#), [Wigder HN](#), [Hoffman P](#), [Tynus K](#), [Vanden Hoek TL](#), [Becker LB](#).

# Compression Depth

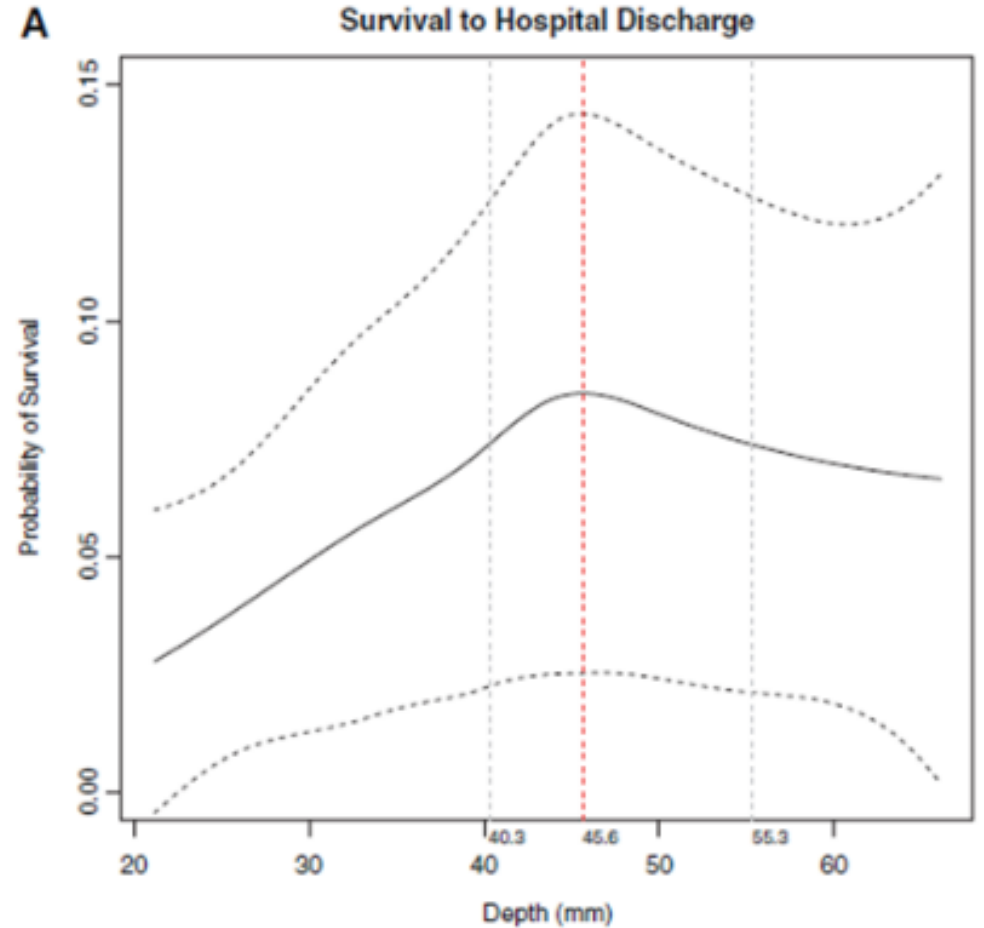
## Components

- $\geq 50$  mm in adults with no residual leaning
- At least one third the anterior-posterior dimension of the chest in infants and children
- **2014 Study:** Stiell et al

## Resuscitation Science

### What Is the Optimal Chest Compression Depth During Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest Resuscitation of Adult Patients?

Ian G. Stiell, MD; Siobhan P. Brown, PhD; Graham Nichol, MD; Sheldon Cheskes, MD;  
Christian Vaillancourt, MD; Clifton W. Callaway, MD; Laurie J. Morrison, MD;  
James Christenson, MD; Tom P. Aufderheide, MD; Daniel P. Davis, MD; Cliff Free, EMT-P;  
Dave Hostler, PhD; John A. Stouffer, EMT-P; Ahamed H. Idris, MD;  
and the Resuscitation Outcomes Consortium Investigators



# Avoid Hyperventilation

## Findings

- Cardiac arrest patient is more at risk for hyperventilation due to reduced blood flow from the pulmonary vascular bed
- Give one breath every 6 seconds (approx. 10 breaths/minute). Avoid giving breaths too fast or too forceful
- In 2004 study, survival decreased to only 15% when ventilation rates above 12 were used vs 85% with rate of 12



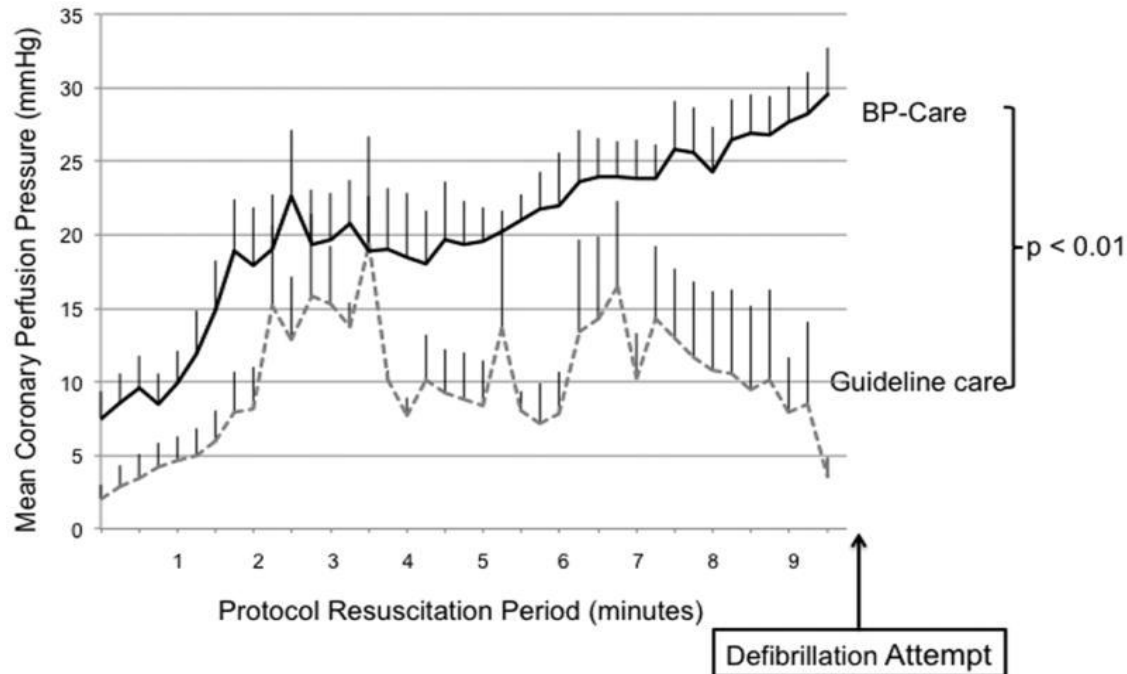
## **Death by hyperventilation: A common and life-threatening problem during cardiopulmonary resuscitation**

Tom Aufderheide;Keith Lurie;

## **Ventilation strategies during out-of-hospital cardiac arrest: a problem that should not be neglected**

Wei Gu<sup>1,2</sup>, Chun-Sheng Li<sup>1,2</sup>

# Role of Coronary Perfusion Pressure & Blood Pressure Monitoring



- Growing volume of research evaluating benefits of using intra-arterial blood pressure monitoring during CPR
- As yet inconclusive research regarding CPP as a predictor of outcomes
- 2016 study: 24-hour survival was more likely with BP care versus Guideline care

Blood Pressure and Coronary Perfusion Pressure Targeted Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Improves 24-Hour Survival from Ventricular Fibrillation Cardiac Arrest

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# How Do We Achieve High Quality?



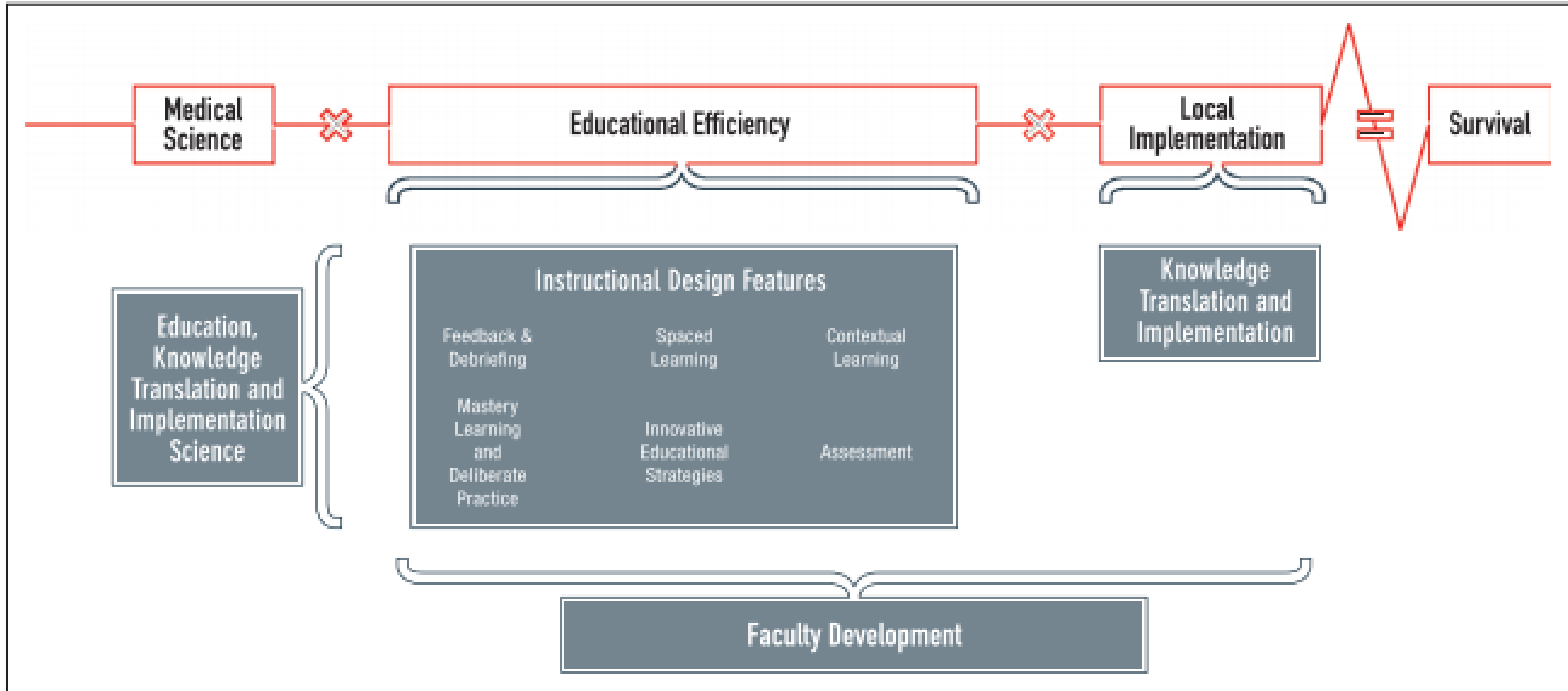




# **Educational Efficiency & Local Implementation**



# Modified Formula for Survival





# Mastery Learning & Deliberate Practice

## Mastery

Implies that a learner can consistently demonstrate a predefined level of competence for a specific skill or task



## Deliberate Practice

- “Includes activities that have been specially designed to improve the current level of performance”
- Identifies weaknesses, addresses them, moves on to next level
- Repetition AND feedback



# Spaced Practice



The separation of training into several discrete sessions over a prolonged period with measurable intervals between training sessions.

## Summary of Evidence

- Nurses and residents who completed 120-second booster training in 1,3, 6 month intervals improved their skills
- Nurses practicing CPR for as little as 2 minutes at repeated intervals improved retention
- Fewer errors made by participants of neonatal resuscitation booster training every 3 months as compared to standard training group

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# Contextual Learning



Aligning the needs of specific learners with learning objectives and content delivery when possible.

## Learner Context

- Team Training
- Stress & Cognitive Load



## Environmental Context

- Manikin Fidelity
  - Align features with relevant learning objectives
- Limited-Resource Settings





# Feedback & Debriefing



Fundamental element of resuscitation education. Performance data (feedback) and conversations about performance (debriefing) drive performance improvement

## Opportunities

- Supportive learning environments
- Adapt for simulation and clinical contexts
- Integrate key performance data
- Align with important elements of instructional design



# Innovative Educational Strategies





# Assessment



Assessment should focus on domains of clinical knowledge, technical skills, and teamwork

## Validity of Data

## Assessment Tool Creation vs Modification





# Knowledge Translation & Implementation

## Knowledge Translation:

Requires the integration of not only practitioners but also policy makers, educators, healthcare administrators, and healthcare organizations as knowledge users.

## Effective implementation:

- Focuses on individuals, organizations, systems, and communities
- Requires dedicated effort and a commitment to pursue these activities with the goal of improving patient care and outcomes



# Putting It All Together

High Quality CPR Components

+

Evidence-Based Educational Best Practices

=

Getting To **ZERO**



Imagine a  
world where  
**no one dies**  
from cardiac arrest...



# Getting to Zero





*Gracias!*

*Terima Kasih*

*Gelato*

*Kanpai*



**AFTERNOON BREAK  
15 MINUTES**







# **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

## **RESUSCITATION CHALLENGES IN A RURAL SETTING**

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Recognition and activation of the emergency response system

Immediate high-quality CPR

Rapid defibrillation

Basic and advanced emergency medical services

Advanced life support and postarrest care



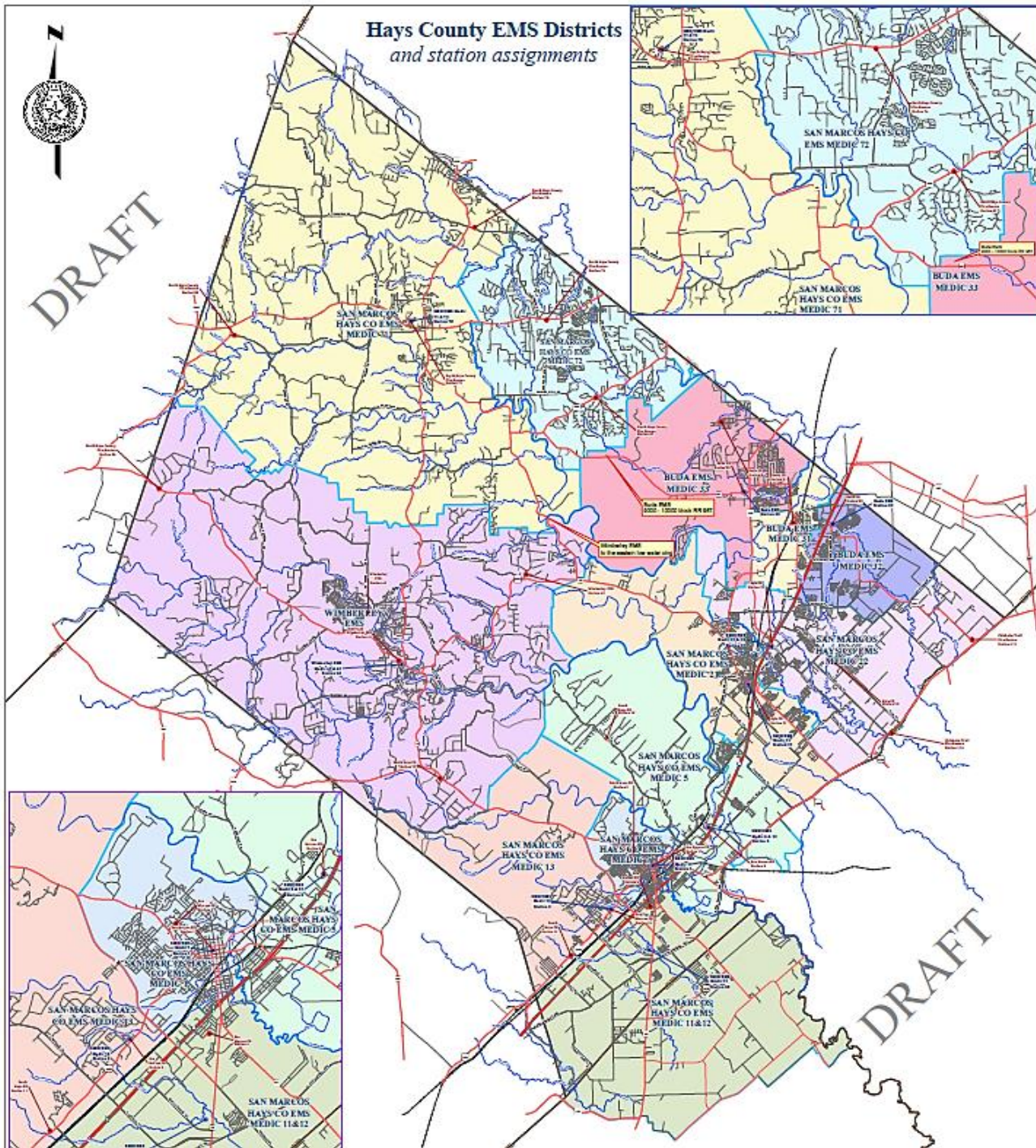
# A FEW THINGS TO THINK ABOUT



# Hays County EMS Districts and station assignments



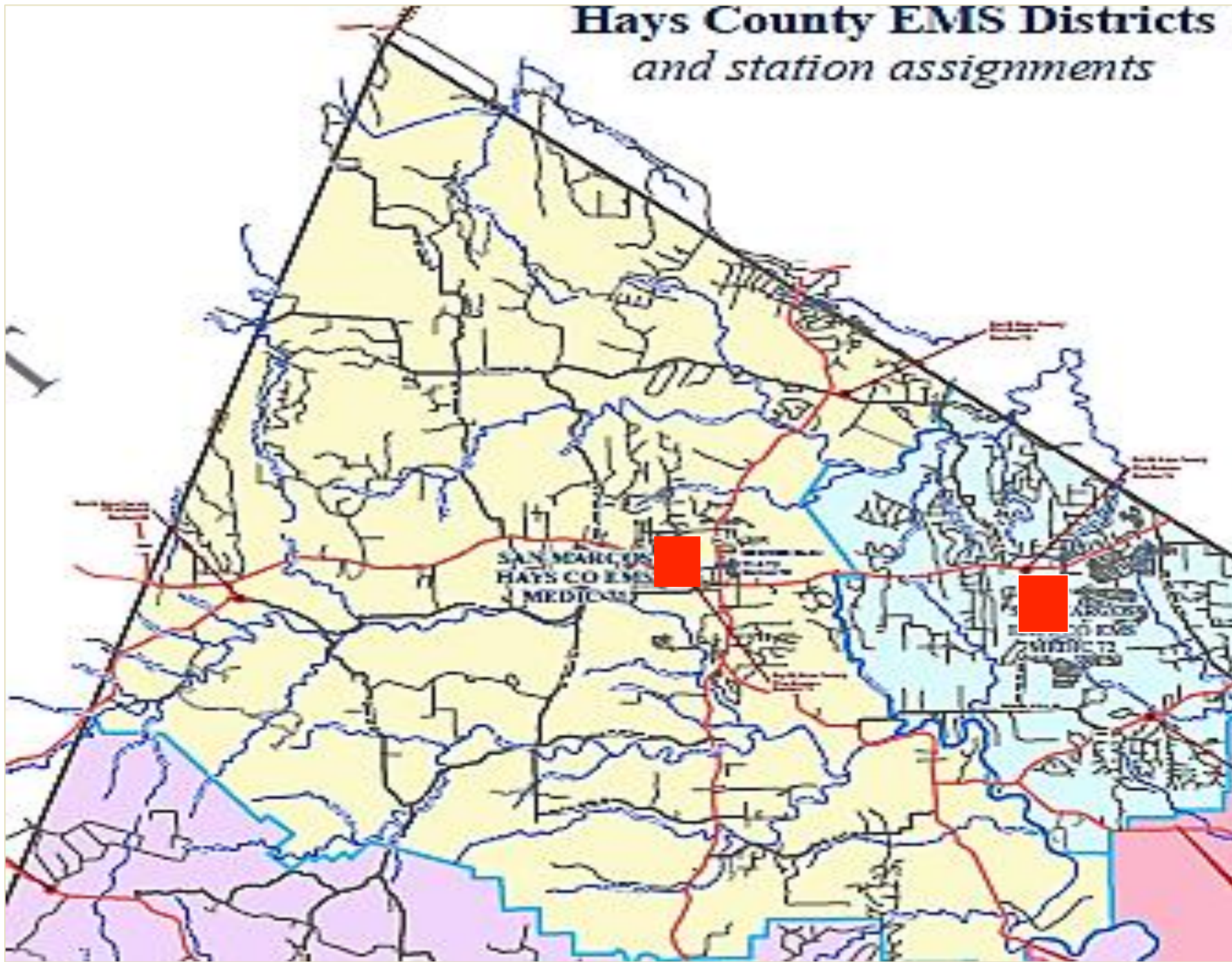
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# Hays County EMS Districts and station assignments







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# HIGH QUALITY CPR

- Rural training can be hit and miss?
- Once trained always trained?
- AED's are few and far between and may not be useable
- How long can you do high quality CPR..... by your self
- When do you stop?
- Can you do High Quality CPR safely in the back of an ambulance?
- Do your 911 dispatchers give self help instructions?



# WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES

AGE OLD ISSUES

DISTANCE WILL ALWAYS BE AN ISSUE

VOLUNTEERISM IS DECREASING

LACK OF FUNDING FOR RESPONSE READINESS

MEDICS GET TRAINING AND HEAD TO TOWN FOR \$\$

LACK OF CONTINUE AND UPDATED TRAINING

MEDICS REQUIRED TO TRANSPORT OBVIOUS DECEASED

HOSPITALS ARE FEW, FAR BETWEEN

MENTAL STRESS OF PROVIDERS TAKING CARE OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

# GOOD NEWS IS

- CELL PHONE COVERAGE MAPS ARE GETTING BETTER
- CPR VOLUNTEER APPS ARE AVAILABLE AND ATTACHED TO SOME DISPATCH CENTERS
- AHA IS ALIVE AND WELL WITH A LOT OF TRAINING AVAILABLE
- THE STATE HAS SOME GRANTS FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION FOR EMT AND PARAMEDICS
- PEDIATRIC HOSPITALS ARE DOING CPR TRAINING FOR PARENTS OF HIGH RISK KIDS
- COMMUNITIES ARE FINDING NEW RESPONSE READY FUNDING SOURCES
- SAFER EQUIPMENT FOR TRANSPORTING OF CPR PATIENTS
- ACCEPTANCE OF “WORK ON SCENE” PROTOCOLS BY ADVANCED EMS AGENCIES
- SMALL COMMUNITIES STILL BAND TOGETHER AND TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER
- THE STATES SCHOOL AGE CPR MANDATE WAS HUGE BUT COULD BE EXPANDED

# State of Texas requires CPR for High School Graduation



by Paul - last updated on December 18, 2014

In what is another win, **Texas has signed into law a requirement for all students** to learn CPR. The bill amends the Texas Education Code to require school districts and open-enrollment charter schools to provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) instruction to students in grades 7 through 12 at least once before graduation.

However, the bill also removes the use of an automated external defibrillator as part of the essential knowledge and skills of the health curriculum. The bill was renamed the Edmund Kuempel Act, named after a state representative that had died two days after being re-elected to the Texas House of Representatives.

The law was made effective immediately upon signing.



# WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON AT SMHC EMS

TEACH COMMUNITIES HOW TO RECOGNIZE THE PRE CPR SIGNS/SYMPTOMS

SHARED TRAINING AND MEDICAL DIRECTION WITH ALL FIRST RESPONDERS

PIT CREW CPR MODEL IF ENOUGH PEOPLE ARE AVAILABLE

WORK PEDIATRIC PATIENTS ON SCENE, NOT PLAY FOOTBALL

LET ROSC STABILIZE BEFORE MOVING

C-1 TRANSPORT OF CPR AND ROSC PATIENTS

STOP TRANSPORT AND STABILIZE IF A ROSC PT GO'S BACK INTO ARREST

STRAIGHT TO CATH LAB WITH CPR OR STEMI



# **KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM STRIVE TO REVIVE**

**ALLISON CAPETILLO**





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