

Top Things To Know

The American Heart Association Response to the 2015 Institute of Medicine Report on Strategies to Improve Cardiac Arrest Survival

1. The American Heart Association has produced Guidelines for CPR & ECC for over 40 years and through promoting the principles of the chain of survival have contributed to saving hundreds of thousands of lives around the world over the past fifty years.
2. Despite this success, the full lifesaving potential of an optimized system of care remains elusive in most communities.
3. The AHA Special Report amplifies and highlights areas where the AHA is currently active, or plans to launch activities, that support the recommendations in the 2015 Institute of Medicine (IOM) cardiac arrest study.
4. The AHA announces a commitment to fund up to \$5 million over 5 years to catalyze a resuscitation learning health system.
5. The AHA announces commitment to actively pursue philanthropic support for local and regional implementation opportunities.
6. The AHA announces commitment to actively pursue philanthropic support to launch an AHA resuscitation research network.
7. The AHA commits to cosponsoring a “National Cardiac Arrest Summit” with other stakeholders to facilitate the creation of a national cardiac arrest collaborative that will unify the field and identify common goals to improve survival.
8. To truly save as many lives as possible it will take additional novel and innovative approaches to improve outcomes as well as an intense commitment, dedication and collaboration of countless stakeholders and partners at a national, state and local level.

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