Management of In-hospital Cardiac Arrests



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Cardiac Arrest of Inpatients

Diagnosis	Number	ROSC
Acute myocardial infarction	5	1
COAD	18	4
Congestive heart failure	9	2
CVA	1	0
Intestinal obstruction	2	0
Pneumonia	11	3
Renal failure	2	0
Septic shock	8	3
Unknown	18	5
Total	74	18

The study population of both the study by Bernard et al. and the HACA study Group are patients suffering from out-of-hospital ventricular fibrillations.... There is **little published evidence** to support the use of therapeutic hypothermia following **in-hospital cardiac arrest**.



MANAGEMENT OF RESUSCITATION SERVICES



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Governance Policy/team Training Improvement

Hospital Authority, GIA Audit in Management of Resuscitation Services. Aug 2013.

Management of IHCA

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Effective



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For **every minute** that passes between collapse and defibrillation, survival rates from witnessed VF sudden cardiac arrest **decrease 7% to 10%**.

American Heart Association. . *Circulation* supplement 2005;112:IV-1-IV-211.

Early Defibrillation

ILCOR strongly encourages the development of early defibrillation programs for nonphysician in-hospital responders

- Basic life support (BLS).
- AED training as a basic skill for healthcare
- Conventional defibrillators or AEDs to all appropriate nonphysician staff
- Making conventional defibrillators or AEDs readily available in strategic areas
- Document all resuscitation efforts accurately
- Collect and review the patient variables, event variables, and outcome variables
- Establish an interdisciplinary committee

There were more survivors to hospital discharge in the units assigned to have volunteers trained in CPR plus the use of AEDs (30 survivors among 128 arrests) than there were in the units assigned to have volunteers trained only in CPR (15 among 107; P=0.03; relative risk, 2.0; 95 percent confidence interval 1.07 to 3.77)

Use of AED NOT associated with increased survival for IHCA

	No. of Survivors/Total No. (%)		Adjusted RR	p Value
	AED Used	AED Not Used	(95% CI)	
All Units				
All arrests	734/4515 (16.3)	1383/7180 (19.3)	0.85 (0.78-0.92)	<0.01
VF/pulseless VT	364/947 (38.4)	450/1132 (39.8)	1.00 (0.88-1.13)	.99
Asystole/PEA	370/3568 (10.4)	933/6048 (15.4)	0.74 (0.65-0.83)	<0.01
Monitored Units				
All arrests	488/2104 (23.2)	992/4156 (23.9)	0.87 (0.79-0.97)	.01
VF/pulseless VT	286/593 (48.2)	368/804 (45.8)	1.03 (0.89-1.18)	.71
Asystole/PEA	202/1511 (13.4)	624/3352 (18.6)	0.72 (0.62-0.85)	<0.01
Nonmonitored Units	5			
All arrests	246/2411 (10.2)	391/3024 (12.9)	0.82 (0.70-0.98)	.03
VF/pulseless VT	78/354 (22.0)	82/328 (25.0)	0.93 (0.63-1.36)	.71
Asystole/PEA	168/2057 (8.2)	309/2696 (11.5)	0.79 (0.65-0.96)	.02

Chan PS, et.al. JAMA 2010; 304:2129-36

We identified 11 695 patients with cardiac arrests at 204 hospitals after the introduction of AEDs. Of these, 2079 (17.8%) had shockable rhythms (VF/pulseless VT) and 9616 (82.2%) had nonshockable rhythms (asystole or pulseless electrical activity).

"Hands-off" Interruption for AED

Device	Minimum Interruption, secs (Mean <u>+</u> SD)	Maximum Interruptions, secs (Mean <u>+</u> SD)
А	5.2 <u>+</u> 0.1	8.1 <u>+</u> 0.1
В	12.3 <u>+</u> 0.2	15.7 <u>+</u> 0.3
С	15.6 <u>+</u> 0.1	16.9 <u>+</u> 0.1
D	16.9 <u>+</u> 0.1	18.1 <u>+</u> 0.2
E	17.1 <u>+</u> 0.2	18.3 <u>+</u> 0.1
F	19.7 <u>+</u> 0.1	22.1 <u>+</u> 0.3
G	26.3 <u>+</u> 0.1	28.4 <u>+</u> 0.1

Snyder D, Morgan C. Crit Care Med 2004; 32(9 Suppl):S431-4

Push Hard, Push Fast

97 OHCA, 813 minutes of CPR

36.9% compression rate <80

21.7% compression rate <70

Higher compression rate associated with better outcome

Effective compression was not improved by any CPR feedback device compared to standard BLS. All feedback devices caused substantial delay in starting CPR, which may worsen outcome.



Zapletal B, et.al. Resuscitation, 2013, Epub Nov 8, 2013.





Autopulse Non-invasive Cardiac Support Pump



LUCAS 2 Chest Compression System



Mechanical Chest Compression

Only 4 out of 1561 articles useful

Included 868 patients

There is **not enough data** from good quality trials to answer our question and provide a recommendation on whether or not these machines should be used.

Chest Compressions During Cardiac Arrest Magnitude of Perfusion Resulting from Chest Compressions



40-45 seconds elapse during continuous CPR before the development of the "best possible" level of perfusion

Minimally Interrupted Cardiac Resuscitation (MICR)

A	No/Total No (%) of Patients		Odds Ratio		
Outcomes	Before MICR	After MICR	(95% CI) Adjusted	Significant Covariates	
Primary outcomes					
Survival-to-hospital discharge	4/218 (1.8)	36/668 (5.4)	3.0 (1.1-8.9)	Witnessed arrest & VF	
Survival with witnessed VF	2/43 (4.7)	23/131 (17.6)	8.6 (1.8-42.0)	Intubation	
Secondary outcomes					
ROSC	34/218 (15.6)	154/668 (23.1)	1.3 (0.8-2.0)	Witnessed arrest, VF, ETT, site	
Survival-to-hospital admission	35/218 (16.1)	113/668 (16.9)	0.8 (1.5-1.2)	Bystander CPR, witnessed arrest, VF, ETT, dispatch-to-arrival time	

Avoiding Interruptions

Interruption Cause	Time Impact	Potential Solution
Pulse determinations	Small	Observe for signs of life Use ET-CO2 monitoring to detect ROSC
Cardiac rhythm analysis	Small	Rapid determination of rhythm with compression discontinuation Use of artifact-reduction ECG analysis
Electrical defibrillation	Small- intermediate	Charge defibrillator before discontinue CC Hands-on approach
Airway management	Intermediate- large	"Passive" airway management Defer intubation to later phase Place ETT during active CC Avoid excessive ventilation rates and VT
Parenteral access	Small-large	Defer vascular access to later phase Place vascular access during active CC Use IO device Defer placement of CVC

Cunningham LM, et.al. Am J Emerg Med 2012; 30:1630-8

	Success	Failure	p-Value
Pre-shock pause (s), median (IQR) [n=53]	11.9 (6.8-19.4)	22.7 (15.6-37.7)	0.002
Compression depth (mm), mean (SD) [n=47]	39 (11)	29 (10)	0.004



Edelson DP, et.al. Resuscitation 2006; 71:137-45

	Pause to Charge (n=217)	Charging during compression (n=345)	p-Value
Compression depth before shock	47.1 <u>+</u> 10.6 mm	47.3 <u>+</u> 10.0 mm	0.81
Compression rate before shock	106 <u>+</u> 12 min ⁻¹	109 <u>+</u> 11 min ⁻¹	0.002
Pre-shock pause	13.3 (8.6-19.5) s	2.6 (1.3-2.7) s	<0.001
Post-shock pause	2.3 (1.7-3.9) s	1.9 (1.3-2.7) s	0.01
Hands-off time 30s before shock	14.8 (11-19.6) s	10.3 (6.4-13.8) s	<0.001
Inappropriate shocks	20.0%	20.1%	0.97
Shocks to rescuers	0/217	1/345	0.43

Charging during compressions is associated with decreased hands-off time preceding defibrillation, with minimal risk to patients or rescuers.

Rationale for limited PPV in Witnessed CA

- Bystanders reluctant to provide mouth-to-mouth ventilation
- Prolonged interruptions in chest compression
- Increased intrathoracic pressure reduce venous return
- Risk of regurgitation
- Blood in arterial system remained oxygenated at onset of VF
- Gasping of subjects provide ventilation



Benefits of uninterrupted chest compressions outweigh the benefits of rescue breathing—at this early stage of resuscitation—because the physiology of cardiac arrest differs from that of asphyxial arrest, where breathing is initially more important.

Systematic review of 63 articles:

Team coordination – planning, leadership and communication – are well studied and highly relevant factors predicting CPR performance quality.

Non-technical Skills

- Leadership
- Communication
- Mutual performance monitoring
- Maintenance of standards and guidelines
- Task management

Leadership

Recommended Behavior

- Clearly identifiable
- Clinically experienced
- Communicate efficiently
- Delegate tasks to other team members
- Gather information

Barriers

- Gradient in team authority makes other person team leader
- Clinical inexperience makes team insecure
- Team leaders with lack of authority ignored by members
- Inexperienced leaders expected to lead and learn at same time

Closed-loop Communication

1 - Call-out





15 (31%) patients with

one-year survival

34 (56%) patients with

one-year survival

Sunde K, et.al. Resuscitation 2007; 73:29-39

Neurologic Outcome

Study or subgroup	Experimental	Control	Risk Ratio	Weight	Risk Ratio
	n/N	n/N	M-H,Fixed,95% CI		M-H,Fixed,95% Cl
I Conventional cooling witho	ut extracorporal metho	ds (IPD, best ever read	ched CPC of I or 2 during hospital	stay)	
Bernard 2002	21/43	9/34	-	12.9 %	1.84 [0.97, 3.49]
HACA 2002	75/136	54/137	*	69.1 %	1.40 [1.08, 1.81]
Hachimi-Idrissi 2001	8/16	2/17		2.5 %	4.25 [1.06, 17.08]
Subtotal (95% CI)	195	188	•	84.5 %	1.55 [1.22, 1.96]
Total events: 104 (Experimen	tal), 65 (Control)				
Heterogeneity: Chi ² = 2.92, o	f = 2 (P = 0.23); I ² = 32	%			
Test for overall effect: $Z = 3.6$	54 (P = 0.00027)				
2 Cooling with haemofiltratio	n (no IPD, CPC of I or	2 at six months)			
Laurent 2005	7/22	9/20		12.1 %	0.71 [0.32, 1.54]
Subtotal (95% CI)	22	20	-	12.1 %	0.71 [0.32, 1.54]
Total events: 7 (Experimental)), 9 (Control)				
Heterogeneity: not applicable					
Test for overall effect: Z = 0,8	37 (P = 0.38)				
3 Unknown method (no IPD,	Glasgow Outcome scale	e of I-3 at one month))		
Mori 2000	18/36	2/18		3.4 %	4.50 [1.17, 17.30]
Subtotal (95% CI)	36	18	-	3.4 %	4.50 [1.17, 17.30]
Total events: 18 (Experiment:	al), 2 (Control)				
Heterogeneity: not applicable					
Test for overall effect: Z = 2.1	9 (P = 0.029)				
Total (95% CI)	253	226	•	100.0 %	1.55 [1.24, 1.94]
Total events: 129 (Experimen	tal), 76 (Control)				
Heterogeneity: $Chi^2 = 9.21$, o	tf = 4 (P = 0.06); I ² =57	%			
Test for overall effect: Z = 3,8	34 (P = 0.00012)				
			0.01 0.1 1 10 100		
		Faw	ours no cooling Favours cooling		

Arrich J, et.al. Cochrane Database Syst Rev 2009 Oct 7; (4):CD004128

Several studies have reported the **use of TH for IHCA with variable results** likely due to small sample size, varying patient severity, and poor TH implementation. 67, 498 patients in 538 hospital in Get With the Guidelines Resuscitation database 2003-9

TH used in 2% 0.7% in 2003, 3.3% in 2009

Target temperature (32-34°C) NOT achieved in 44.4%

Overcooled in 17.6%

Mikkelsen ME, et.al. Crit Care Med 2013; 41:1385-95

Management of IHCA

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At present, such committees tend to focus on the procedural aspects of CPR, such as time to first defibrillation, and whether the selection of medications and their sequential administration were appropriate for the corresponding rhythm disturbances.

Committees do not regularly scrutinize CPR attempts for appropriate clinical indications.

This approach differs from continuous quality improvement activities for other invasive procedures, such as bronchoscopy and coronary angiography. This difference in approaches is particularly striking, given the high morbidity and mortality associated with CPR.

Why is CPR assessed with less rigor?

A decision about whether resuscitation should or should not be attempted was documented on admission in only 10% of cases.

Our Advisors thought DNACPR should have been documented in a further 20%. In short, resuscitation was wrongly attempted in many of these cases because nobody had recognised that they were in danger of a cardiac arrest.

...today we stand at a crossroads. To the left lies a destiny familiar from America where 60% of us will die in an ICU and we will spend 50% of NHS expenditure in the last six months of life, much of it seeking to postpone the inevitable. This will happen, not because the patient has asked for it or because someone has taken a calculated decision that it is in the patient's interest to make the attempt, but because the doctors think that they have a duty to do everything that they can to prolong the process of dying.

"The success of intensive care is not to be measured only by the statistics of survival, as though each death were a medical failure. It is to be measured by the quality of lives preserved or restored, the quality of the dying of those in whose interest it is to die and by the quality of relationships involved in each death."

31 198 of 64 339 (48.5%) patients with IHCA achieved ROSC and 9912 (15.4%) survived to discharge.

Goldberger ZD, et.al. Lancet 2012; 380:1473-81

The GMC recognises that CPR should be administered in an emergency, but it is not good medical practice to fail to anticipate the needs of the patient before an emergency arises. If the failure is deliberate or reckless then I suggest that it is arguably criminal.

Year	Hospital 1	Hospital 2
1998	524	?
1999	425	?
2000	330	2063
2001	282	1572

According to the GIA Audit in 2013, there are ~4,000 resuscitations per year in HA hospitals.

Was CPR an appropriate medical therapeutic option?

If CPR is not medically appropriate then why was it used?

Berger JT. JAMA Internal Medicine 2013; 173: 1859-60

Did the attending physician overestimate the potential benefit of CPR?

Is there inadequate knowledge about the natural history of progressive diseases, such as CHF and dementia?

The standard of care and the boundaries of normative practice should be continually refined.

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Barriers to Excluding CPR

- Physician
- Patient or surrogate
- Hospital/Health system

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Barriers to Excluding CPR

Physician

- Unclear about their ethical responsibility and professional license to make medical assessments about CPR?
- Limited communication skills?
- Uncomfortable with discussions of prognosis and mortality?
- Personal moral, religious or cultural influences make EOL discussions particularly uncomfortable?

Review Online

Frontline Talk: ine Do Not Resuscitate

NTEC Patient Relations & Engagement Service

Part I



Dr Catherine CHUI (M&G,TPH) <u>Powerpoint</u> <u>Video</u>

Attendance and Evaluation

Part 2



Dr YK KO (MED,NDH)

Powerpoint Video: episode 1, 2, 3, 4



Dr CY CHAN (A&E,AHNH)

<u>Powerpoint</u> Video: <u>episode 1</u>, <u>2</u>, <u>3</u>, <u>4</u>



<u>Powerpoint</u> Video: <u>episode 1</u>, <u>2</u>, <u>3</u>, <u>4</u>, <u>5</u>



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Universal Form of	Addressograph
Treatment Options	

Relevant information about patient's situation:

Details of discussion (and/or reasons for not having one, if none has taken place):

Please continue overleaf

This patient is for the following treatment plan:(please sign one of the below boxes, add documentation where appropriate, complete the resuscitation box, and sign and date)



Instructions for Review: Signature of Doctor overleaf indicates that this form is valid as at the time of signing.

If any alterations are made to original decisions, then please sign changes. If review boxes are full below, a new form must be started.

Note: This form may be temporarily revoked in the context of a procedure which may induce cardiac arrest eg pacing, angiogram, other (please specify):

REVIEW has taken place on				
Date and time	Name	Signature	Designation	



Barriers to Excluding CPR

• Patient or surrogate

- Cognitive, emotional and social concerns
- Health literacy
- Coping capabilities
- Preparation for consequences of illness
- Nonmedical goal for CPR (e.g. to protect family from distress)

Attitude towards life-sustaining treatment

Sta	tements*	Mean [†] (SD)	P value	Attitude [‡]
1.	If life-prolonging technology exists, it should always be used. (-)	2.98 (1.30)	0.172	Agrees
۷.	as possible, no matter how uncomfortable the machines are, (-)	2.81 (1.11)	0.027	Agrees
3.	If a patient is expected to die, it is best not to prolong their lives by any means. (+)	2.61 (1.26)	0.011	Disagrees
4.	Under no circumstance should life-sustaining machines be stopped. (-)	2.90 (1.22)	0.115	Agrees
5.	It is a doctor's duty to stop life-prolonging treatments of patients if a patient does	3.27 (1.13)	0.024	Agrees
	not want them anymore. (+)			
6.	When a person is in a vegetative state, medical treatments should not be used to	2.80 (1.23)	0.089	Disagrees
	keep them alive. (+)			
7.	If a patient is unable to breathe without a breathing machine, it would be wrong to	2.77 (1.19)	0.054	Agrees
	take them off the machines (even if the condition is hopeless) because that would			
_	be killing the patient. (-)			
8.	Even if my condition is hopeless, I would want my life prolonged as much as	2.57 (1.23)	0.0002	Agrees
~	possible, even if it requires life-sustaining machines to keep me alive. (-)			
9.	Every patient should make an advance decision for himself/herself whether to	3.62 (1.09)	0.0001	Agrees
	continue life-support treatment (life-sustaining machines) when treatment is futile			
	and he/she is expected to die. (+)			
10.	Someone (doctors, patients, or relatives) should make the decision whether to	3.34 (1.22)	0.0003	Agrees
	continue the life-support treatment for the patient when all the medical therapy is			
	no longer effective. (+)			

Barriers to Excluding CPR

- Hospital/Health system (Institutional)
 - Failure to retrieve advance directive documents archived in hospital records
 - Fidelity in which the patient's code status is communicated to all clinicians caring for patient
 - Availability of clinical ethics consultation and palliative care services
 - Assistance for manage emotionally overwhelmed patients/families

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Adverse Signs Before Cardiac Arrest

Adverse Sign	%	Adverse Sign	%
RR>30/min	48.6%	Heart rate <40/min	4.1%
SpO ₂ <90%	45.9%	RR <10/min	2.7%
HR >140/min	23.0%	GCS <11	1.4%
SBP <90mmHg	21.6%	Coma	1.4%
Arterial pH<7.25	10.8%	Serum pH >7.55	Nil
Serum Na <140mmol/L	8.1%	Serum K <2.5	Nil
Serum K >5.5mmol/L	6.8%	Serum Na >150mmol/L	Nil
Oliguria	5.4%	Convulsion	Nil

ACADEMIA

638 Primary Events											
308 Deaths				141 Cardiac Arrests				189 ICU admissions			
168 With140 Withoutantecedentsantecedents			vithout edents	112 With antecedents29 Without antecedents			103 With antecedents86 Without antecedents			ithout edents	
148 With DNAR	20 Without DNAR	12 With DNAR	16 Without DNAR	16 With DNAR	96 Without DNAR	7 With DNAR	22 Without DNAR	10 With DNAR	93 Without DNAR	3 With DNAR	83 Without DNAR

Causes of Suboptimal Care

- Failure of organization
- Lack of knowledge
- Failure to appreciate urgency
- Lack of experience
- Failure to seek advice
- Lack of supervision
- Medical staff not available
- Failure of equipment
- Fatigue
- Non-medical staff not available

Medical Emergency Team (MET)

The concept of Cardiac Arrest Team is changed to a Medical Emergency Team in our institution.

Instead of waiting until the patient all but dies, the MET is called according to physiological abnormalities such as hypotension and tachypnoea...

	Before MET	After MET	Difference (95% CI)	Relative risk ratio (95% Cl)
No. of cardiac arrests	63	22	41 (23–59)	0.35 (0.22–0.57)
Deaths from cardiac arrest	37	16	21 (7–35)	0.43 (0.26–0.70)
No. of days in ICU after cardiac arrest	163	33	130 (110–150)	0.20 (0.13–0.33)
No. of days in hospital after cardiac arrest	1353	159	1194 (1119–1269)	0.11 (0.09–0.13)
Inpatient deaths	302	222	80 (37–123)	0.74 (0.70–0.79)

MERIT

	Control	MET	р	Difference (95% CI)*	Adjusted p	Adjusted odds ratio (95% CI)	ICC (95% CI)	DEFT
Primary outcome	5.86	5.31	0.804	-0·264 (-2·449 to 1·921)	0.640	0·98 (0·83 to 1·16)	0·0666 (0·0525 to 0·0841)	4·018
Cardiac arrest†	1.64	1.31	0.306	-0.208 (-0.620 to 0.204)	0.736	0.94 (0.79 to 1.13)	0.0196 (0.0065 to 0.0707)	1.511
Unplanned ICU admission	4.68	4·19	0.899	-0·135 (-2·330 to 2·060)	0.599	1.04 (0.89 to 1.21)	0·0951 (0·0757 to 0·1191)	4·258
Unexpected death†	1.18	1.06	0.564	-0.093 (-0.423 to 0.237)	0.752	1.03 (0.84 to 1.28)	0.0205 (0.0061 to 0.0663)	1.457

Outcome data are crude rate per 1000 admissions. ICC= intraclass correlation coefficient. *Difference weighted by number of hospital admissions during study period. †Excludes events with pre-existing NFR orders.

Table 3: Primary and secondary outcomes during study period

The MET system greatly increased the frequency of emergency team calling but did not decrease cardiac arrests, unplanned ICU admissions or unexpected death.

MERIT?

...a cluster randomized design leads to a loss of statistical power when compared with a patient-randomized study.

Even though over 70 000 patients and 15 000 adverse events were recorded in the 23 hospitals, Hillman (2006) suggests the study was underpowered and would have needed the participation of over 100 hospitals to show any difference.

MERIT?

Implementation of any acute resuscitation team is complex, and arguably requires a change in culture and communication patterns. Culture change rarely occurs rapidly and needs more than just didactic education.

As such, 4 months may be an insufficient preparatory time, and 6 months an insufficient study period.

Chain of Prevention



Smith GB. Resuscitation 2010; 81:1209-11



REVIEW PAPER

Review and performance evaluation of aggregate weighted 'track and trigger' systems $^{\bigstar}$

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CLINICAL PAPER

A review, and performance evaluation, of single-parameter ''track and trigger'' systems^{*}

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Modified Early Warning Signs (MEWS)

Score	3	2	1	0	1	2	3
RR		≤8		9-14	15-20	21-29	>29
HR		≤40	41-50	51-100	101-110	111-129	>129
SBP	≤70	71-80	81-100	101-199		≥200	
UO	Nil	<0.5					
Тетр		≤35	35.1-36	36.1-38	38.1- 38.5	≥38.6	
Neurol				Alert	Voice	Pain	Unresp

Gardner-Thorpe J, et.al. Ann R Coll Surg Engl 2006; 88:571-75



Effect of Implementation of Modified Early Warning Score (MEWS) in PYNEH on Outcome of Adult Septic Patients Compared with Regional Hospitals Not Implementing MEWS

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PHYSIOLOGICAL PARAMETERS	3	2	1	0	1	2	3
Respiration Rate	≤8		9 - 11	12 - 20		21 - 24	≥25
Oxygen Saturations	≤91	92 - 93	94 - 95	≥96			
Any Supplemental Oxygen		Yes		No			
Temperature	≤35.0		35.1 - 36.0	36.1 - 38.0	38.1 - 39.0	≥39.1	
Systolic BP	≤90	91 - 100	101 - 110	111 - 219			≥220
Heart Rate	≤40		41 - 50	51 - 90	91 - 110	111 - 130	≥131
Level of Consciousness				А			V, P, or U

*The NEWS initiative flowed from the Royal College of Physicians' NEWSDIG, and was jointly developed and funded in collaboration with the Royal College of Physicians, Royal College of Nursing, National Outreach Forum and NHS Training for Innovation.



Training for Innovation

Royal College of Physicians. National Early Warning Score: Standardising the assessment of acute illness severity in the NHS. RCP 2012



% of observations which were followed by cardiac arrest, unanticipated intensive care unit admission or death within 24 hours at, or above, a given EWS value

Cardiac Arrest Risk Triage (CART)

Vital Sign	Score
Respiratory rate, breaths/min	
<21	0
21-23	8
24-25	12
26-29	15
>29	22
Heart rate, beats/min	
<110	0
110-139	4
>139	13
Diastolic BP, mm Hg	
>49	0
40-49	4
35-39	6
< 35	13
Age, y	
$<\!55$	0
55-69	4
>69	9

Best for predicting cardiac arrest (AUC 0.83), ICU transfer (0.77) and composite outcome (0.78)

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the effectiveness of a rapid response system (RRS) programme ". . .is dependent not only on the existence of an MET but mainly on the **periodic and** continued education and training of the entire hospital staff . . .".

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