

Connecting EMS, Hospitals, and Community

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Community, Hospital, EMS in Cardiac Arrest

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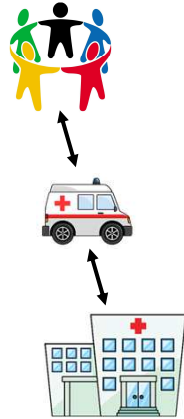
Goal

Interconnect:

Community

EMS

Hospital



“Cardiac Resuscitation Center?”

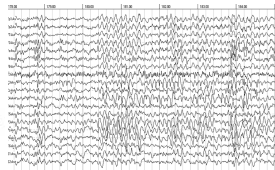
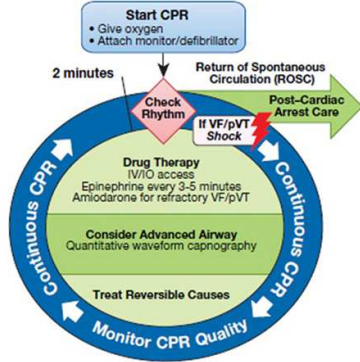
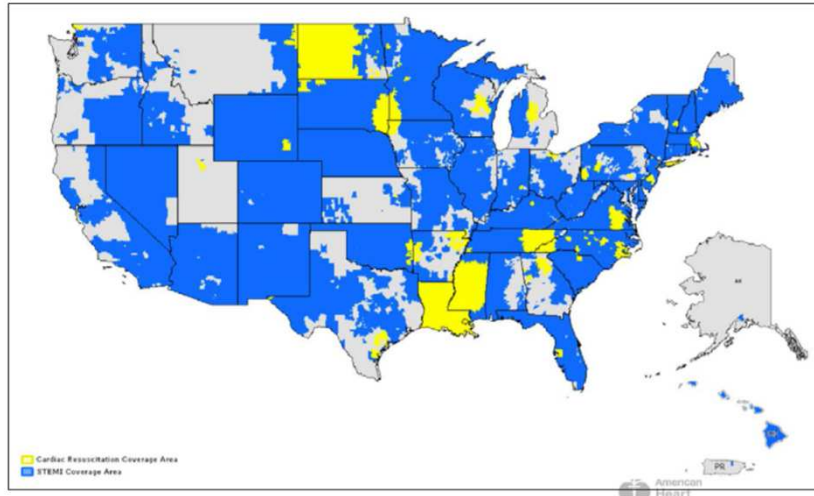
Insufficient resources for acute cardiac care

No true way to define a “center”

Experts aligned OHCA care with STEMI care

OHCA → transport to 25/7 PCI Facility





So, what to do after ROSC?

Think about:

- Transport to Resuscitation Center
- Components of Specialized Care

Resuscitation Centers

LEVEL 1 (RECEIVING)

Ideal STEMI receiving center (24/7 PCI)
Work with EMS/Referral centers to develop plan
Initiate hypothermia asap when indicated
Universal 24 h/d, 7d/w acceptance w/o diversion
Cardiology + OTHERS involvement asap
Defer neuro prognostication for 72 hrs
Assess ICD need, placement, follow-up
Treat simultaneous patients
Treat re-arrest

LEVEL 2 (REFERRING)

Ideal STEMI referring center (no 24/7 PPCI)
Maintain plans with EMS to ensure priority transfer
Initiate hypothermia asap when indicated
Transfer ROSC within 120 minutes door-to-device
Treat re-arrest

Local Implementation

LA County

- Already had Regionalized STEMI System
- → transport OHCA with shockable rhythm to STEMI Center
- → therapeutic hypothermia

- This in addition to bystander CPR, early defibrillation access, prolonged field resus efforts

- Improved CPC 1 or 2 from 6% to 40%

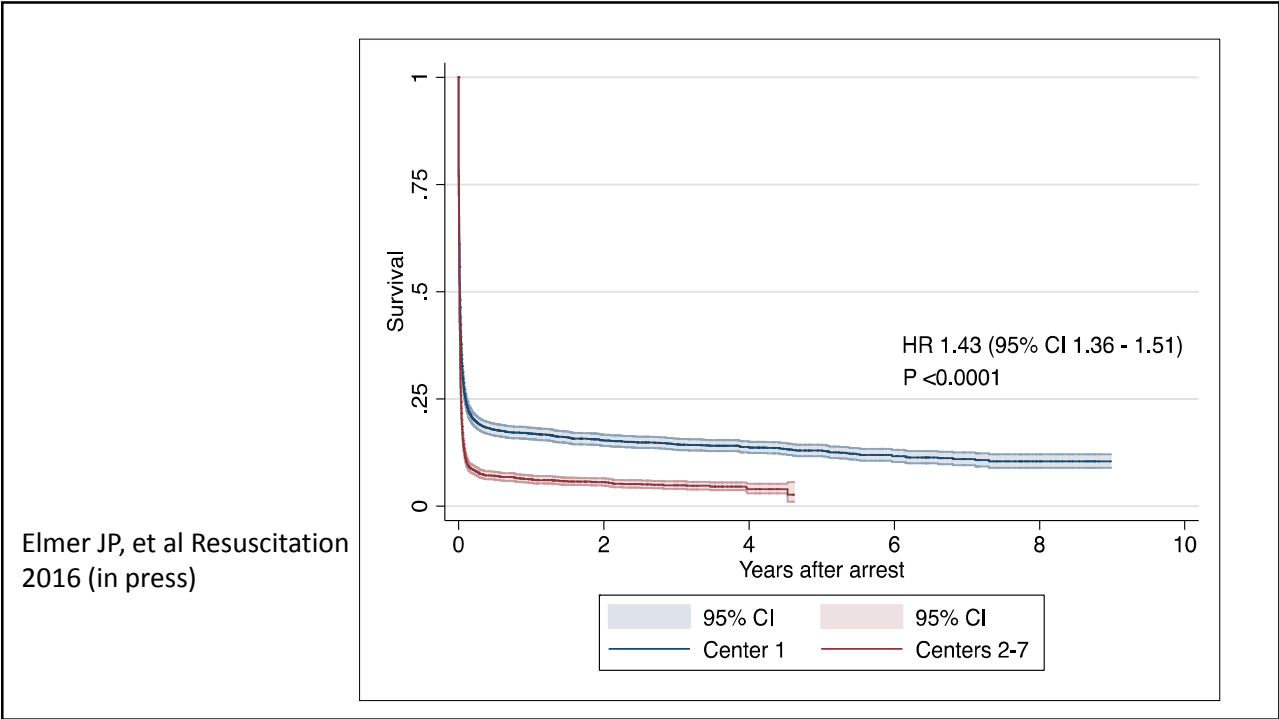
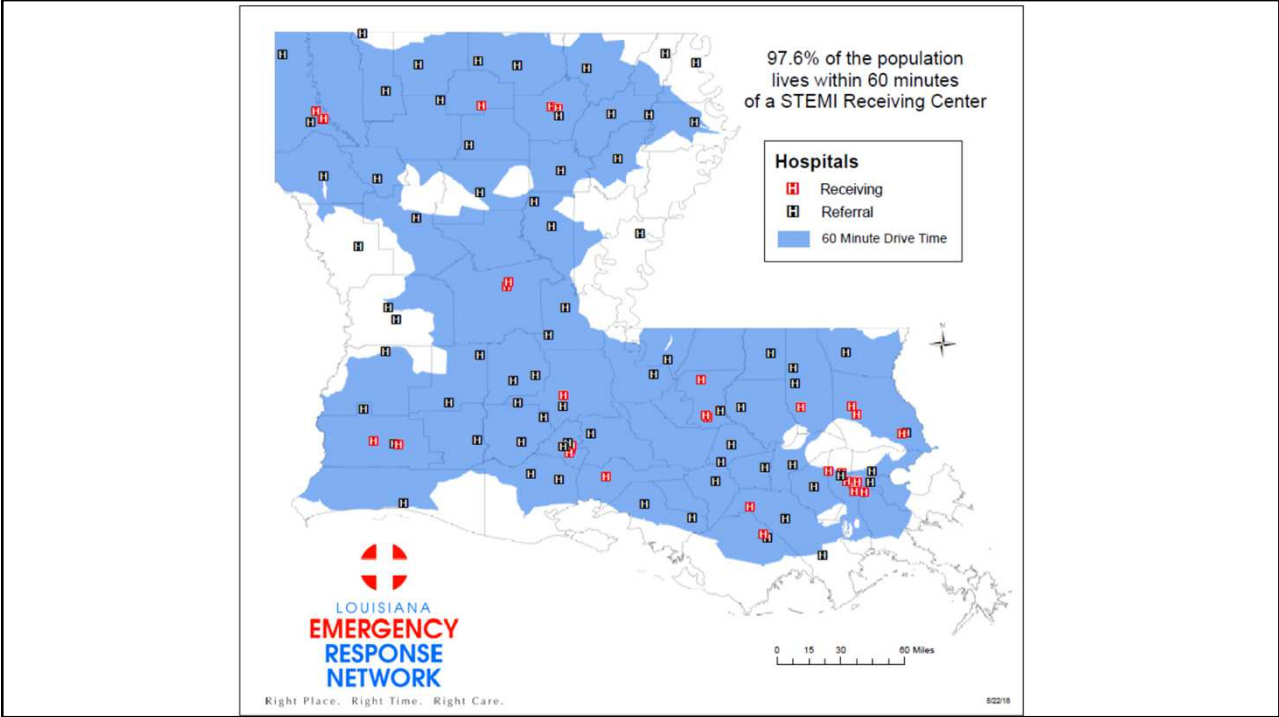
Statewide Implementation

Arizona, 2007

- State Recognized Cardiac Arrest Receiving Centers
- Focus on therapeutic hypothermia, emergency PCI, delayed prognostication of neuro status
- EMS bypass protocol for OHCA + ROSC → nearest center

Overall Survival= 21.4% → 39.2%

CPC 1 or 2= 19.4% → 29.8%



Components of Specialized Care

Targeted Temperature Management

- Goal has been between 32 °C and 36 °C
- No superiority between 33 °C and 36 °C
- < 32 °C is bad
- Hyperthermia is bad

- Now:
 - 36 °C for 24 hours in uncomplicated/moderate coma (with some motor response), no malignant EEG patterns, cerebral edema on CT scan
 - 32 °C for 24 hours with deep coma (no motor or brainstem response), malignant EEG patterns, CT suggestive of edema

Components of Specialized Care

Access to PCI

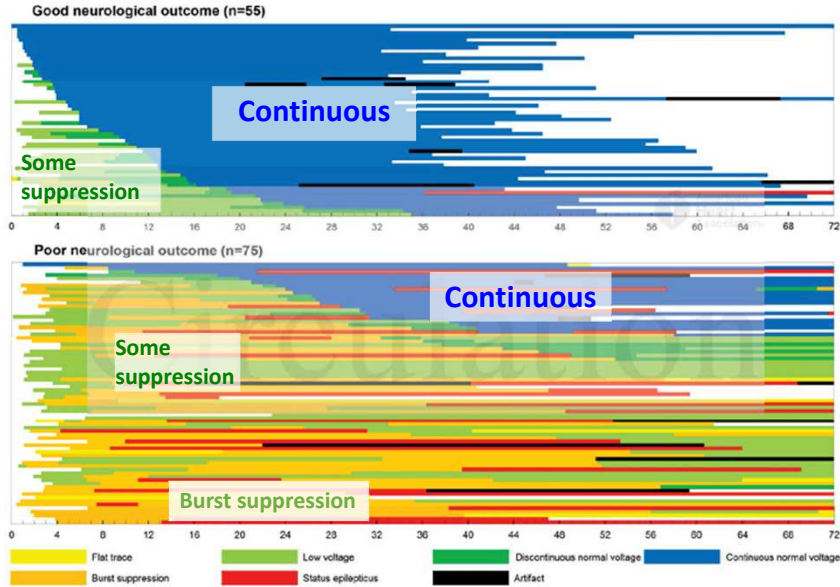
- 70% OHCA patients have CAD
 - Up to 50% have coronary occlusion
 - Even though many without ST-elevations on EKG

 - Challenge:
 - STEMI metrics, doctors, hospitals want good outcomes
 - OHCA-ROSC patient is already a challenge and may need PCI, but less guarantee for good outcome
- Need to secure recommendations for appropriate use and outcomes reporting of PCI in the OHCA-ROSC patient

Components of Specialized Care

Prognostication and Neuro Critical Care

- Wait
 - 72 hours after return to normothermia if TTM
 - 72 hours after ROSC if no TTM
 - Avoid premature conclusions or withdrawal of care
- Continuous EEG monitoring
 - Prognosis
 - Treat seizures
 - Monitor and help the Brain
- Sedation
 - Propofol + Fentanyl
 - Midazolam
 - Dexmedetomidine



Oh, et al. *Circ.* (2015)

In the Field

Target End-tidal CO₂ around 35-45

- Avoid hyperventilation
- Decreases CO₂ → cerebral vasoconstriction → damage

Ensure adequate oxygenation

- SpO₂ greater than 94%
- Hypoxia → damage
- Avoid 100% or hyperoxia → damage

In the Field

Hypotension or Hypoperfusion = BAD → damage

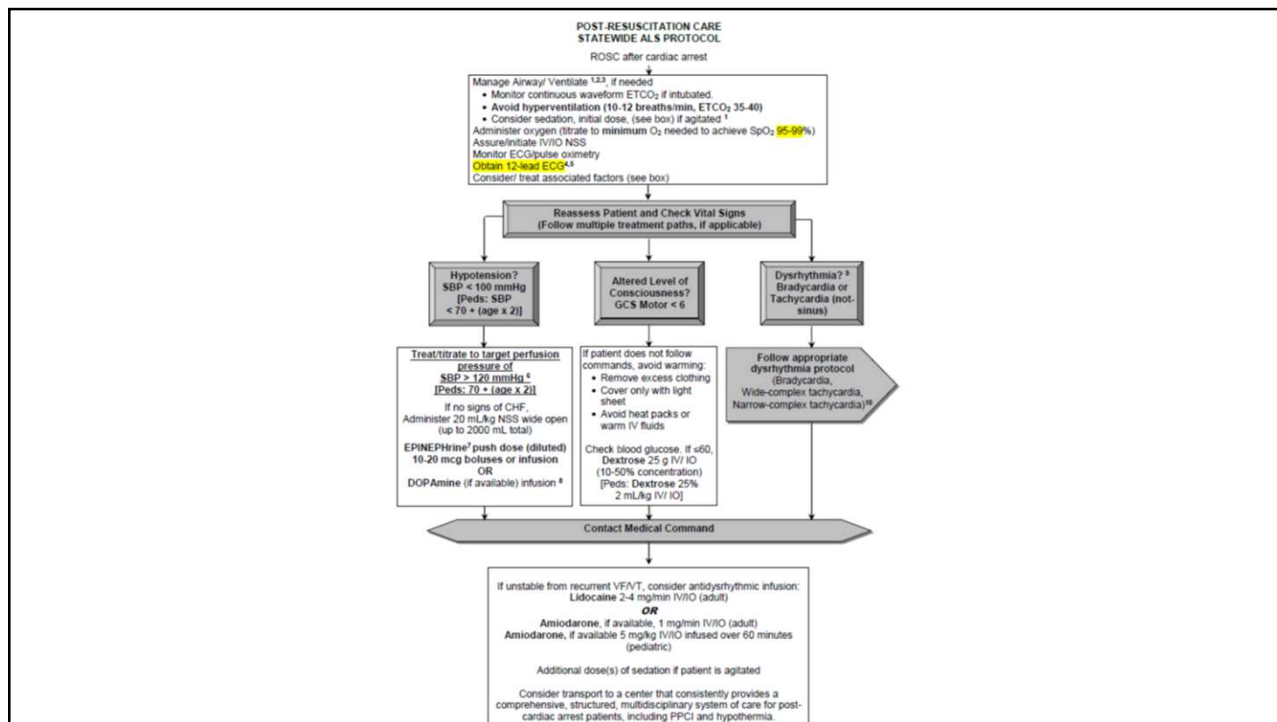
Goal Mean Arterial Pressure (MAP) above 65 mmHg

Prefer 80-100 mmHg to maximize cerebral perfusion

IV Fluids as needed

Vasopressors as needed (Norepinephrine and Epinephrine)

- Dopamine



Key Post Arrest Interventions:

Intervention	Performed	Comment
Airway Secured	N/A	No advanced airway – pt combative
2 EtCO ₂ readings documented	N/A	
2 Blood Pressures documented	YES	90 & 90/SYS
Fluid Bolus	NO	
Epinephrine Drip	NO	
12 Lead EKG	YES	STEMI
Glucose	NO	

Future Concepts...

...SYSTEMS AND TECHNOLOGY

The future of EMS and Acute Care...

...It will entail more **integrated** or **regionalized** systems of care in a variety of ways



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Meets standards for

Primary Stroke Center

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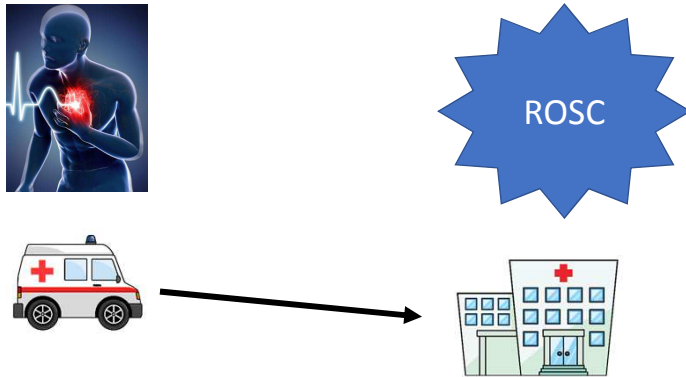


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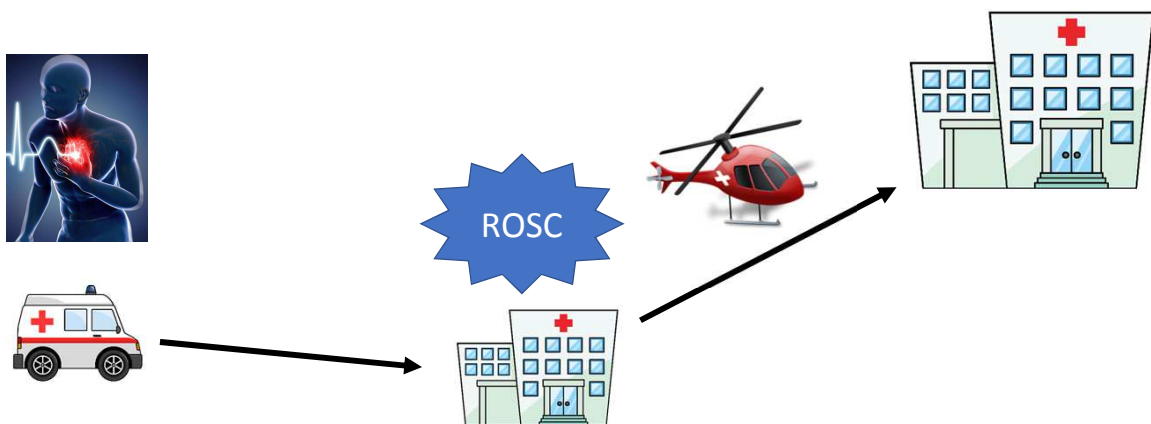
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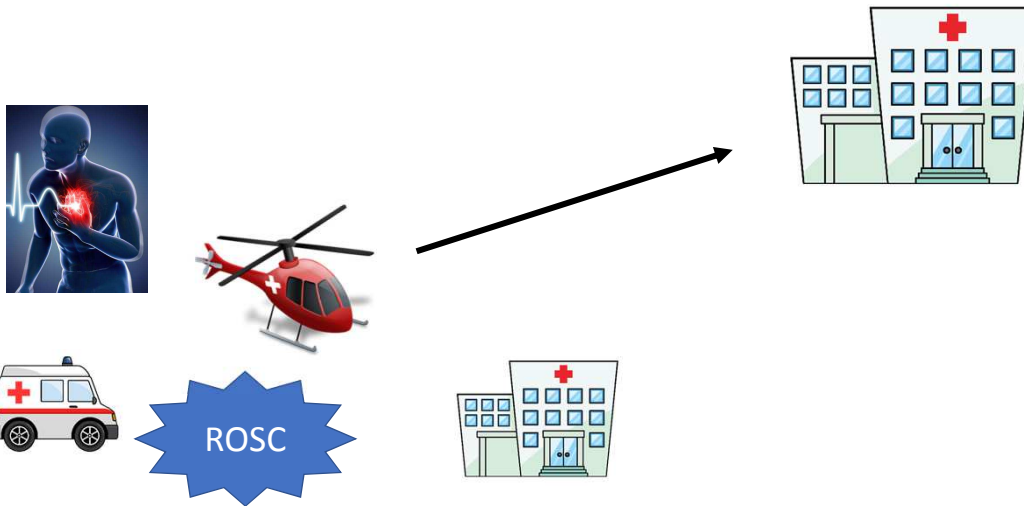
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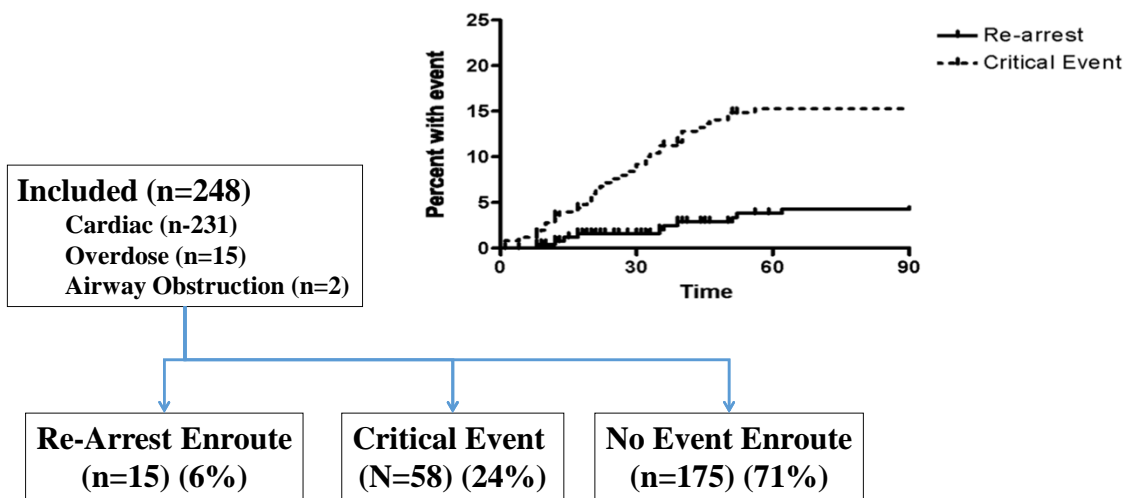
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Safe to transport?



Included (n=248)
 Cardiac (n=231)
 Overdose (n=15)
 Airway Obstruction (n=2)

Re-Arrest Enroute
 (n=15) (6%)

Critical Event
 (N=58) (24%)

No Event Enroute
 (n=175) (71%)

Hartke 2010; Resuscitation 81(8):938-42



ECPR for Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest

Emergency Cardio-Pulmonary Bypass (ECPB)

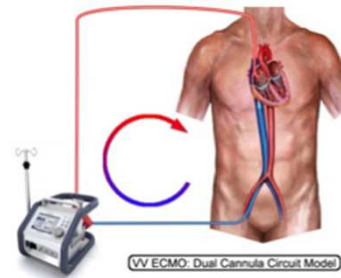
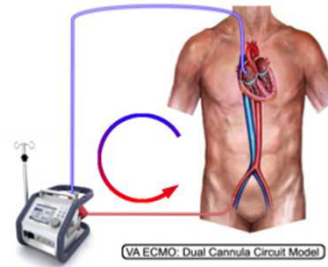
- Extra-Corporeal Life Support (ECLS)
 - Veno-Arterial Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (VA-ECMO)
- **Extra-Corporeal CPR (ECPR or eCPR)**
= CPR + ECLS until ROSC or circuit on

NOT:

- Veno-Venous Extra-Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation (VV-ECMO)

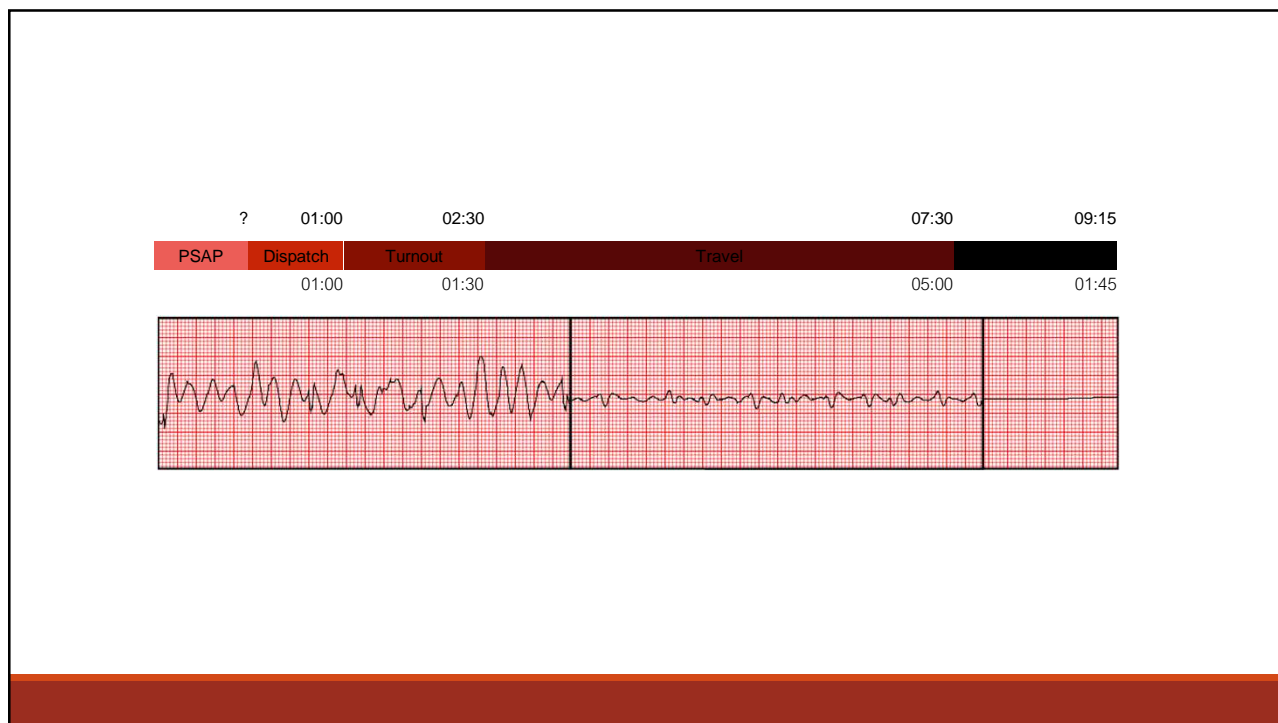
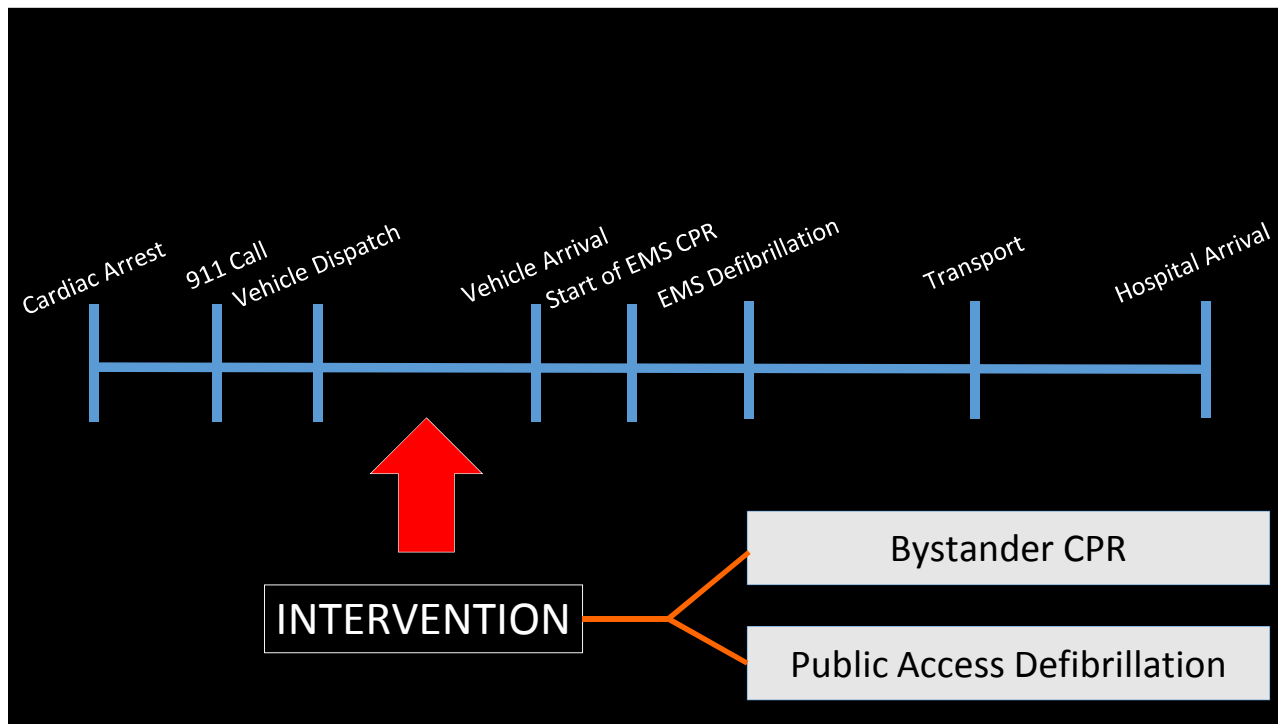
Basic Concept

- **Veno-Arterial (VA)**
 - blood drawn from venous system
 - returned to arterial system
 - CARDIAC & PULMONARY support
 - central or peripheral cannulation
- **Veno-Venous (VV)**
 - blood drawn from venous system
 - returned to venous system
 - PULMONARY support only

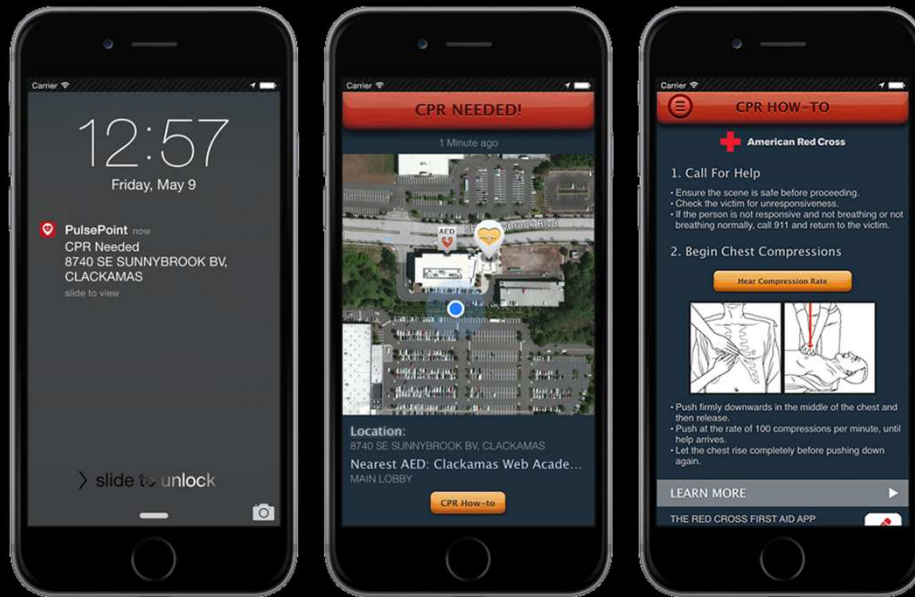


University of Pittsburgh & Pittsburgh EMS Prehospital ECPR Checklist:

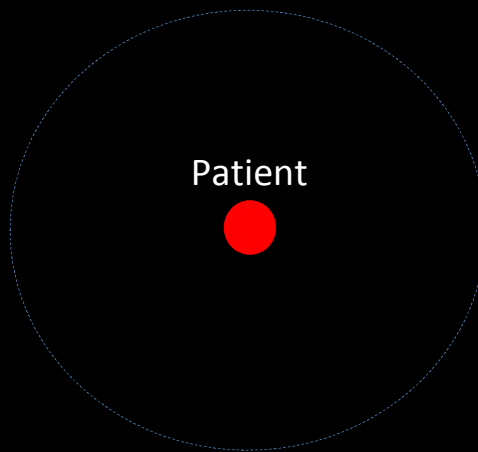
- Witnessed arrest
- Bystander CPR
- Age ≥ 18 and ≤ 60
- Initial shockable rhythm or PEA rate > 20 bpm
- Good functional status prior to arrest (patient living independently and not from a skilled nursing facility/ LTAC and no prior neurocognitive dysfunction)
- No signs of irreversible organ dysfunction (such as COPD on home O₂, stigmata of liver cirrhosis or ESRD such as AV fistula or terminal cancer)
- No morbid obesity (Morbid obesity defined as inability to fit into LUCAS device and/or abdominal pannus overhanging inguinal crease)
- End tidal CO₂ > 10 mmHg with CPR
- Expected time from collapse to ED arrival ≤ 30 mins



PulsePoint

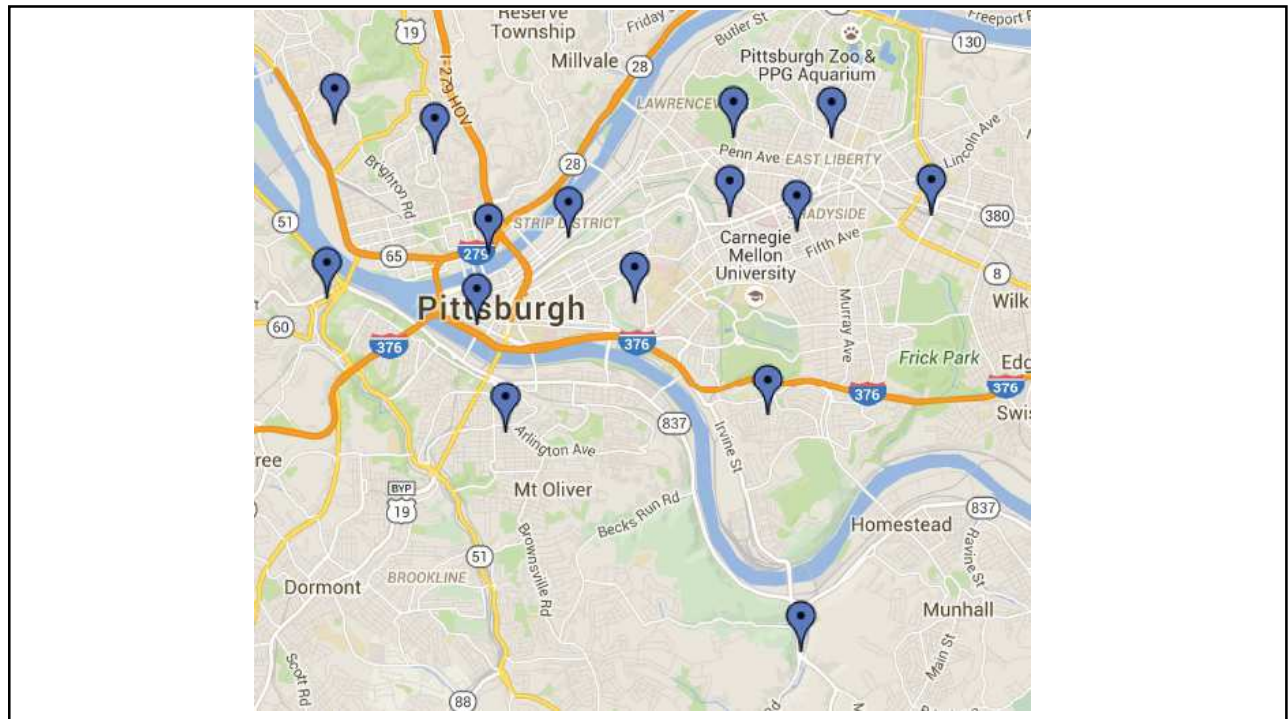
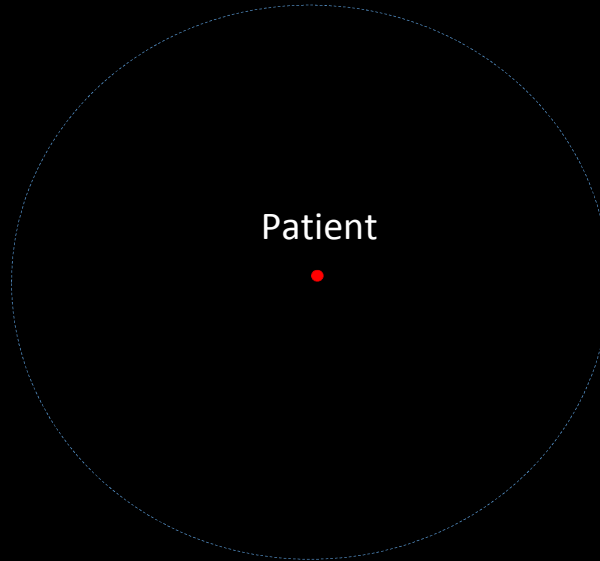


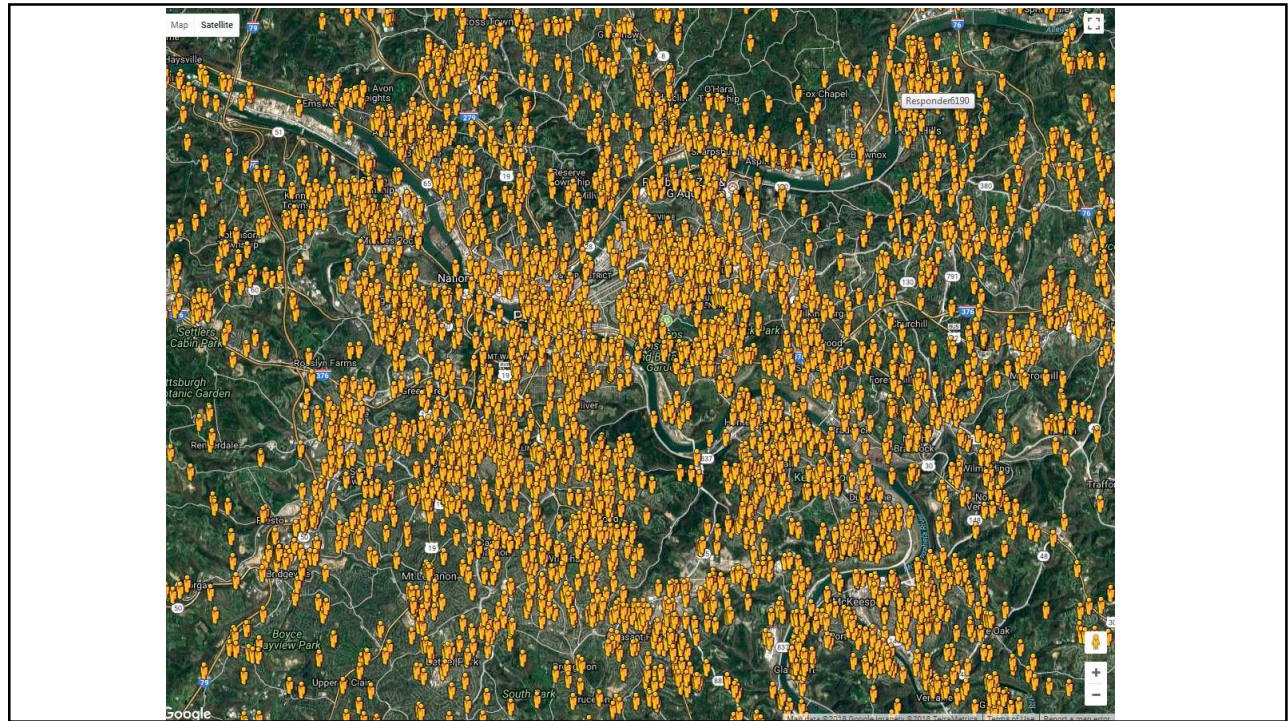
Standard Bystander CPR

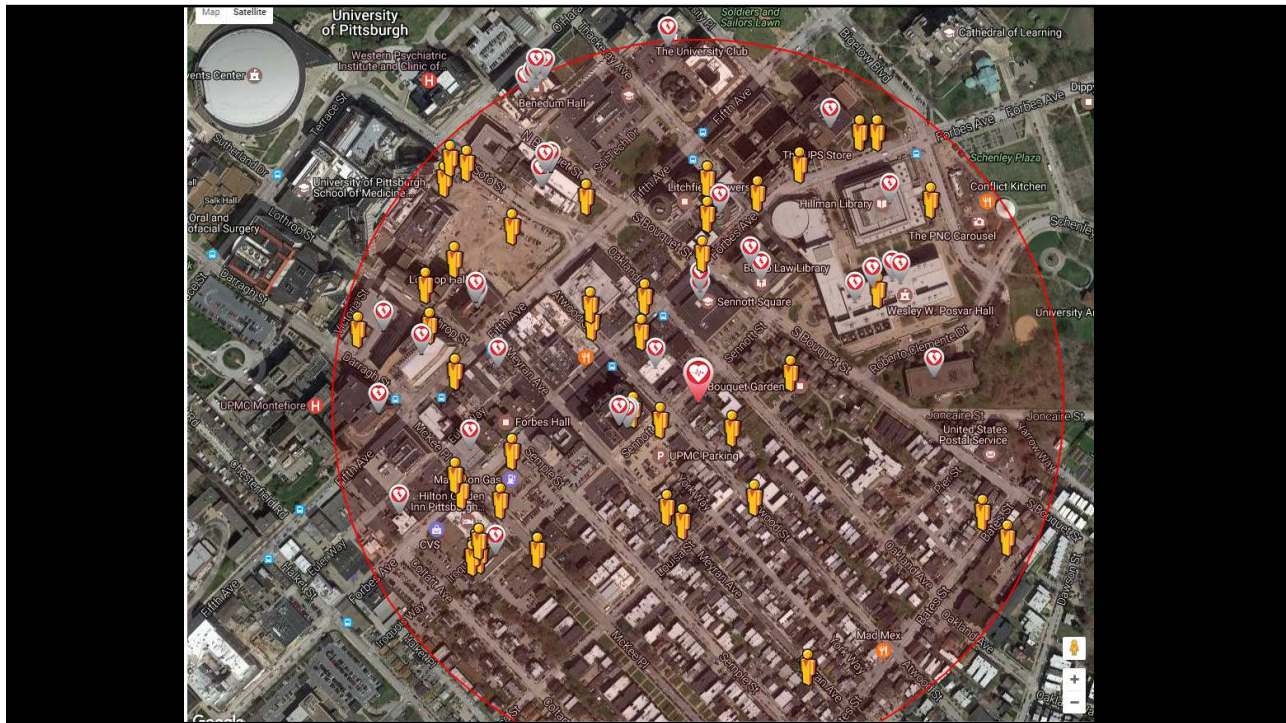


Effective Radius:
Shouting Distance

Dispatch-Connected Bystander CPR







Let's Connect

EMS, Hospitals, Community

Layperson CPR + AED → legislation → CPR in Schools →
 911 instructions → real-time location data →
 EMS response → high-quality care →
 destination protocols → network of appropriate
 referral and receiving hospitals →
 specialization, QI, data and outcomes measurement

= SYSTEM

