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Cardiac Arrest Team Resuscitation

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So, when we know that we can **save 4 to 6 additional people** every year from cardiac arrest-**are we as an agency going to step up** and put the same energy into saving these CPR patients?

> To the family—**dead is dead**, and equally tragic, so why would we spend any less effort saving these patients?"



Objectives

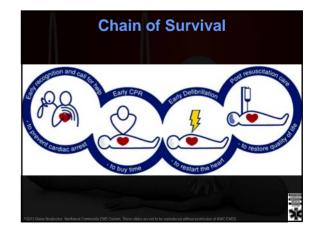
Note: Cardiac Arrest abbreviated CA

- 1. Discuss new knowledge related to CA resuscitation.
- 2. Review selected key elements of CA resuscitation.
- 3. Practice team resuscitation skills.
- 4. Improve documentation of CA resuscitation.



Key Elements

- What is "known" to improve outcome?
 - Quality compressions
 - Defibrillation
 - Post-ROSC care: TH & PCI
- What "might" improve outcome?
 - Medications
- What NOT shown to improve outcome?
 Advanced airway





Key Elements

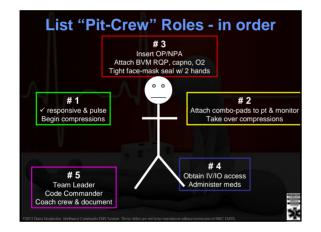
Discussion:

Should we delay doing something "known" to improve outcome,

to do something that has NOT been shown to improve outcome?

When is it important to remember this?













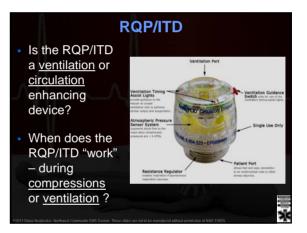


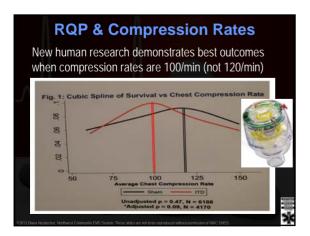
RELEASE Completely

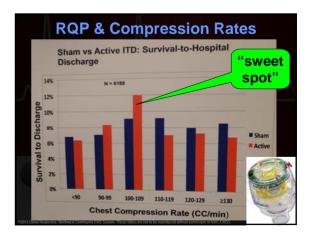
- Do NOT lean on chest
- · Assure chest recoils completely after compressions
- Pressure between compressions creates positive intrathoracic pressure - which decreases heart & coronary artery refilling w/ blood



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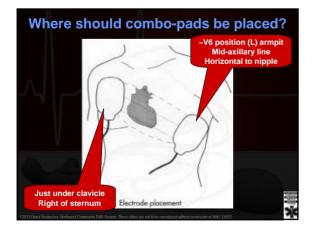


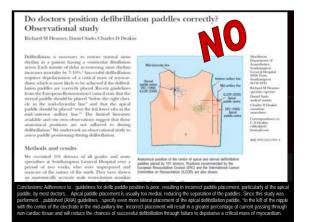




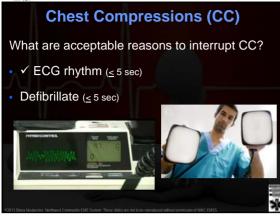












Chest Compressions (CC) Why not pre-charge defib, so PM can check ECG rhythm and shock in the same pause? Minimize time from last CC to shock delivery Checking ECG rhythm delays time from last compression to shock delivery. Ideally shock as heart recoiling from last CC Every second matters!

Chest Compressions (CC)

- How often should compressors be changed?
 Why?
- Should a compressor stop CC if another compressor is NOT in place/ready to take over compressions?
- What should be done if it's time to switch compressors and relief is NOT in place?
- How much time is allowed to both ✓ ECG rhythm & switch compressors?

ECG Rhythm ✓ What if ECG can't be determined that fast? Rhythm ✓ objective 1. Should it be shocked? 2. Is it organized? (requiring pulse ✓)

Team Work

What can be done to minimize the time delay from the last compression to shock delivery?







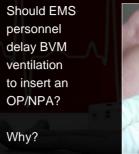
Ventilation

Do not ventilate (squeeze bag) right before:

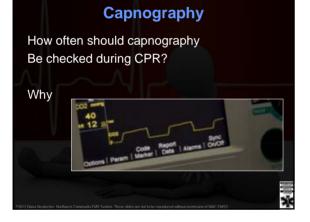
- ECG rhythm check (interferes w/ recognition)
- Defibrillation (decreases effectiveness)



OPA/NPA & BVM







Capnography

How can it be used in CA resuscitation?

- 1. Prevent hyperventilation by showing ventilation rate
- 2. Monitor quality of chest compressions
- 3. Predict ROSC before pulse can be detected
- 4. Identify when ROSC unlikely

Ventilation

- Avoid hyperventilation
- Watch both RATE and VOLUME



BVM ventilation

Why should 2-handed BVM ventilation be used prior to placement of advanced airway?





Advanced Airways

How soon should adv airway be placed?

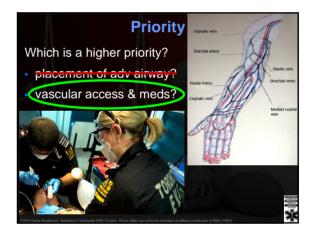
- No evidence to support early placement
- Should preoxygenate for <u>></u>3 min prior
- May attempt after 2nd or 3rd rhythm ✓/defib
- Sooner if unable to BVM ventilate pt

Advanced Airways

- Which is more important –
 defibrillation or advanced airway placement?
- Placement of adv airways has been shown to cause delays in rhythm ✓ and defibrillation.
- What can be done to prevent this delay?







Medications

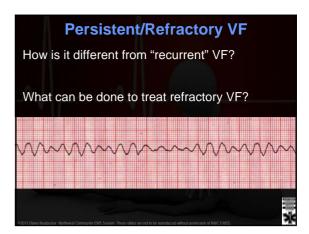
- 1st med all pulseless = vasopressor Can prepare before ECG √'d
- Prepare in advance, so it's ready when time to give
- Give based on last ECG do NOT delay until next ECG ✓
- Follow w/ 20-50 mL IVF bolus If extremity IV: elevate x 20 sec











Persistent/Refractory VF

Apply fresh/new set defib pads in alternate position

- Minimize compression interruption placing posterior pad

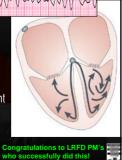
Defib using - new pads- in alternate position





Persistent/Refractory VF

- Defib goal stop electrical activity, to allow normal pacemakers to function
- · VF has different vectors
- While anterior-lateral placement works for most VF....
- If it does not, changing pad placement may be effective



What is the difference between true and pseudo PEA? Can the difference be determined in the field?

PEA



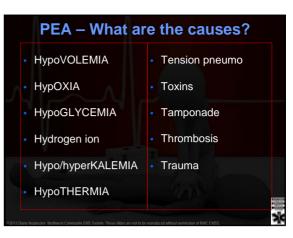


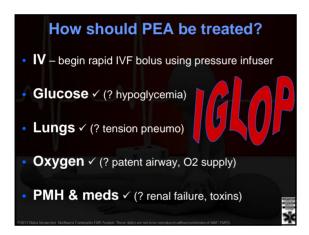
Is PEA a rhythm?

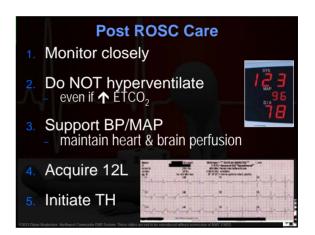
• What document in ECG section for pt in PEA?

PEA

- Can PEA rhythms be fast? slow?
- Can the QRS in PEA be narrow? wide?
- Which is associated w/ best/worst outcome?





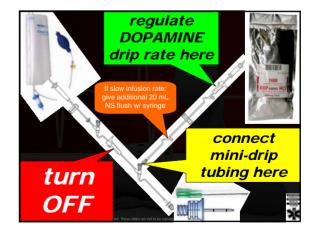


Post ROSC Care

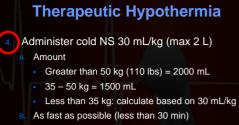
BP support HIGHER priority than therapeutic hypothermia

- If hypotensive, begin DOPAMINE
- After dopamine started, then start 2nd line for cold IVF









Use pressure infuser maintained @ 300 mmHg

c. While enroute to hospital



Rearrest

- After ROSC, how common is re-arrest?
 38%, most often in first 10 minutes
- What is the most common type of re-arrest?
 _ PEA
- What are the risks associated w/ re-arrest?
 Not detected quickly
 Not treated aggressively
 - Not treated aggressively
- If detected quickly & treated aggressively, does not worsen overall outcome!
- What can minimize risks of re-arrest?

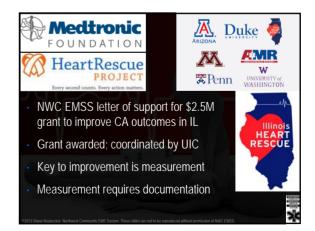


Improving Outcomes

- Does EMS make a difference?
- Should it be funded by tax \$\$?
- Healthcare resources are limited
 Funding will be based on outcomes

 (not procedures that don't make a difference)
- Evidence based practice
- Need to do what works and stop doing what does not
 MAST, hyperventilation, bicarb, massive IVF for trauma
- How do we determine what works?











Data - Information				
Medical History	• Witnessed: seen or heard by another person.			
Cancer	Etiology: Drowning, Electrocution, Resp dz,			
 Diabetes 	AED applied (by whom) or used prior to EMS			
Heart Dz	CPR initiated by: lay person, family member, lay medical, non-EMS first responder, police			
HyperlipidemiaHypertension	 Bystander CPR: compressions only, ventilations only, compressions & ventilations 			
Renal Dz	Dispatch CPR instr provided?			
 Respiratory Dz 	CPR feedback device used?			
 Stroke 	12L results: AWMI, IWMI			



