

Post Cardiac Arrest Management

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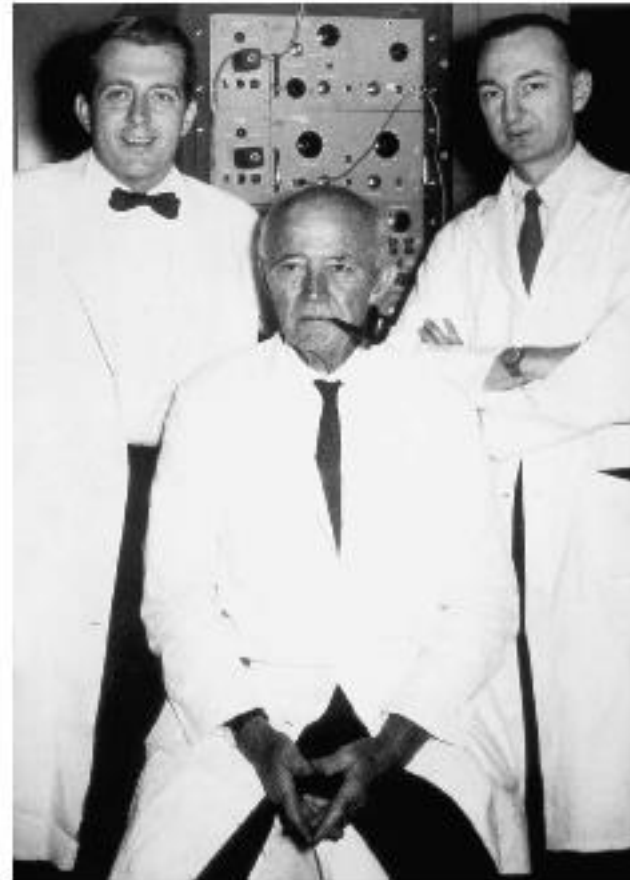
Objectives:

- Review Post Cardiac Arrest Syndrome: brain injury
- Impact of temperature on brain injury
- Clinical studies of temperature management after CPR
- Existing guidelines and upcoming considerations

Kouwenhoven WB, Jude J, Knickerbocker G.
Closed chest cardiac massage.
JAMA 1960;173:1064-7.

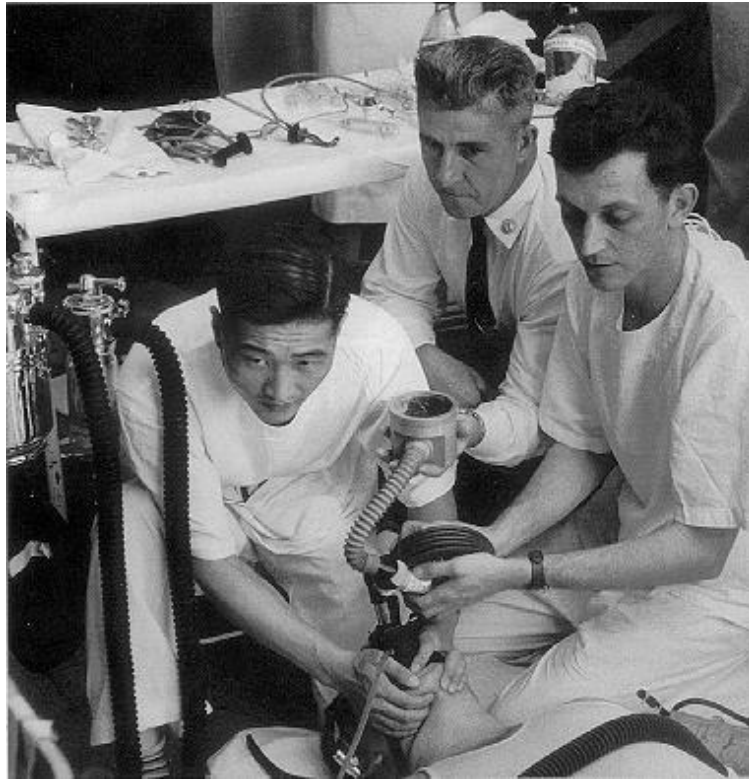


Fig. 2.



Johns Hopkins Hospital 1950-1960

SAFAR P, McMAHON. Mouth-to-airway emergency artificial respiration. M.J Am Med Assoc. 1958 Mar 22;166(12):1459-60.



Dr. C. Park, Anesthesia Resident, Baltimore City Hospital; Capt. Martin McMahon, Chief, Baltimore Fire Department Ambulance Service and Dr. Peter Safar, Chief, Department of Anesthesia, Baltimore City Hospital, performing one of the earliest resuscitation studies using CPR.

ABCs of resuscitation

Baltimore City Hospitals 1950s-1960
(now Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center)

Post-Cardiac Arrest Syndrome

Epidemiology, Pathophysiology, Treatment, and Prognostication

A Consensus Statement From the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (American Heart Association, Australian and New Zealand Council on Resuscitation, European Resuscitation Council, Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada, InterAmerican Heart Foundation, Resuscitation Council of Asia, and the Resuscitation Council of Southern Africa); the American Heart Association Emergency Cardiovascular Care Committee; the Council on Cardiovascular Surgery and Anesthesia; the Council on Cardiopulmonary, Perioperative, and Critical Care; the Council on Clinical Cardiology; and the Stroke Council

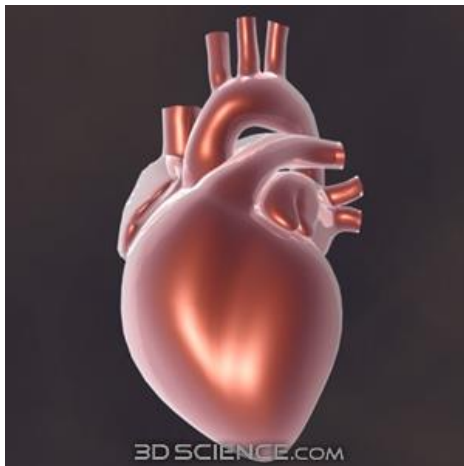
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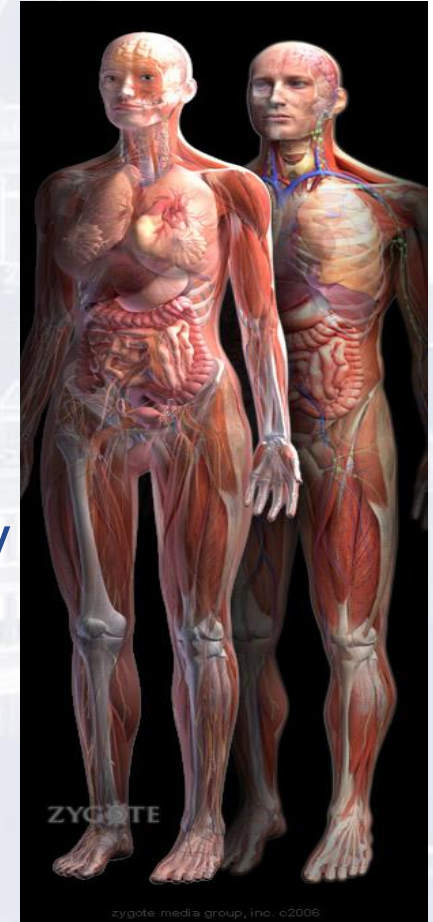
Post-Cardiac Arrest Syndrome



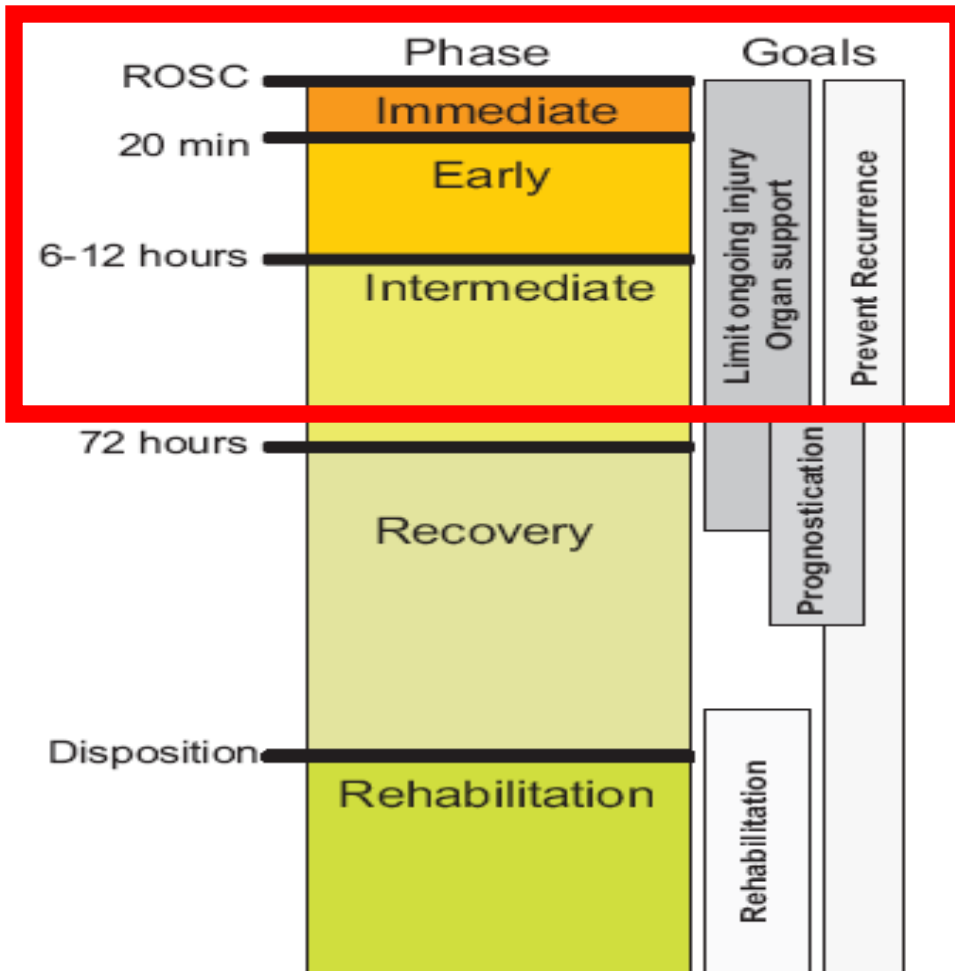
- Post- cardiac arrest brain injury
 - Systemic ischemia-reperfusion response
 - Persistent precipitating pathology



- Post-cardiac arrest myocardial dysfunction



Post Cardiac Arrest Syndrome Therapeutic Strategies



Goal Directed Therapy
 Early Hemodynamic Optimization
 Oxygenation
 Ventilation
 Circulatory Support
 Management of ACS

Therapeutic hypothermia

Cardiac Arrest and Death

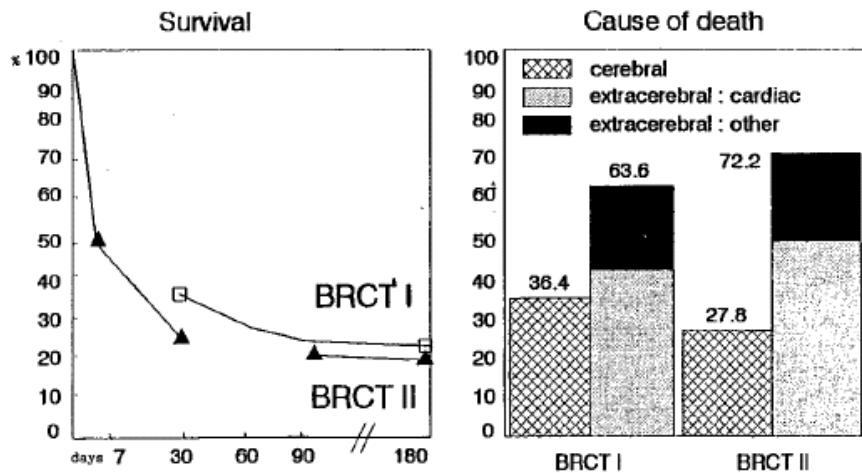
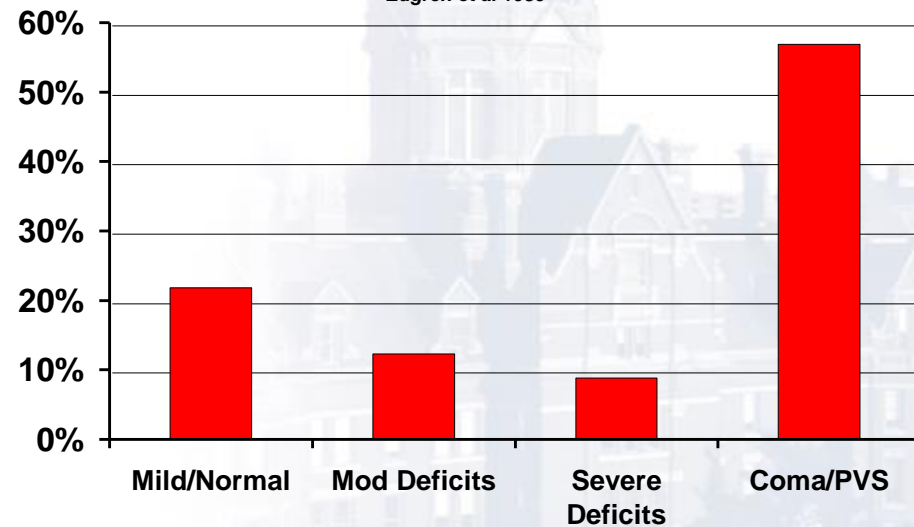


Figure 47.2. Mortality/survival and cause of death in comatose survivors of cardiac arrest (Brain Resuscitation Clinical Trial I [BRCT I], n = 262; Brain Resuscitation Clinical Trial II [BRCT II], n = 516).

Functional Outcome CPR - Survivors

Edgren et al 1989



Brain Injury after Global Ischemia

Brain Selective Vulnerability

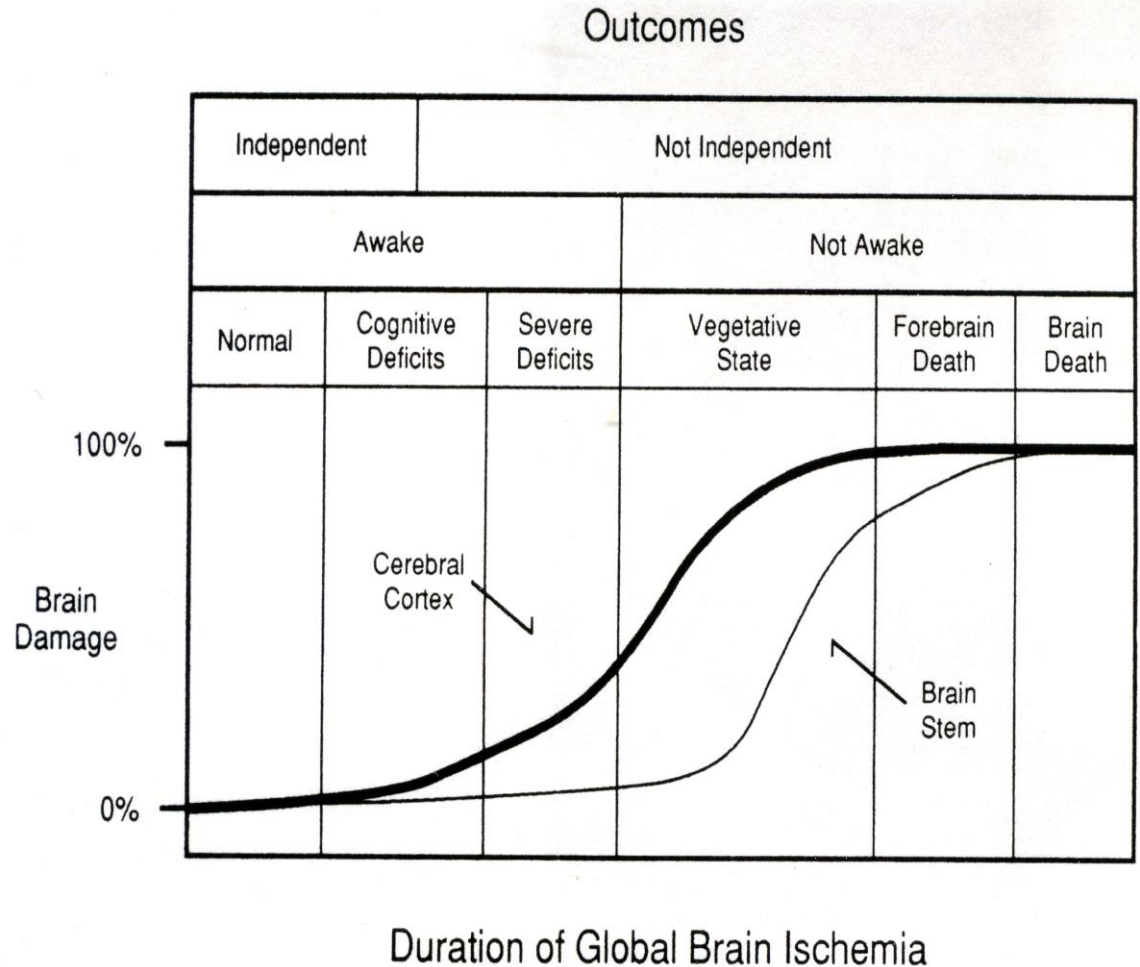
CA-1 hippocampus
Neocortex cell layers

Brain Relative Vulnerability

Thalamus
Cerebellum (Purkinje cells)
Putamen and Caudate

Relative Tolerance to Ischemia

Brainstem



Global Ischemia

Acute
Presentation

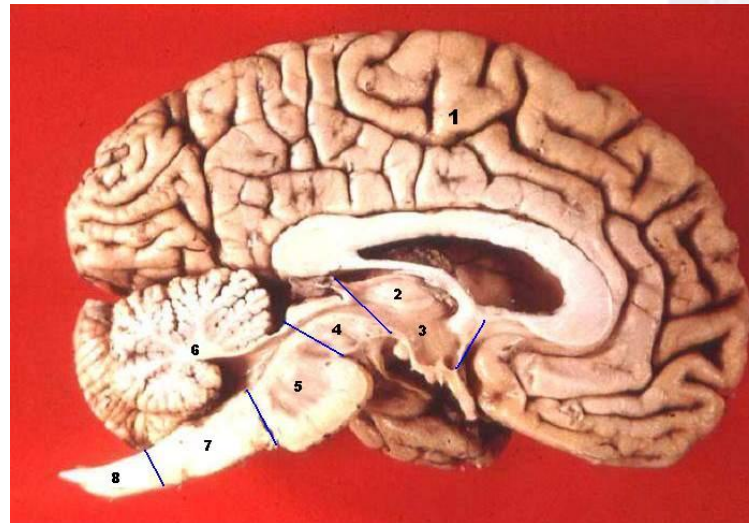
Brain Death

Coma/PVS

Stuporous/
Delirious

Cognitive
Deficit

Seizures
(cortex only)



Problem:
Multi-systems

Cortex

Subcortex

Thalamus

Upper Brainstem

Graveyard of Clinical Trials: Neuroprotection in Global Cerebral Ischemia

Thiopental LD - no benefit

BRCT1 (NEJM, 1986) n=262

Glucocorticoid - associated with complications

BRCT1 (JAMA, 1989) n=262

Nimodipine – no benefit

Roine, et al (JAMA, 1990) n=748

Lidoflazine - no benefit

BRCT 2 (NEJM, 1991) n=520

Non-Glucose IV Fluid – no benefit

Longstreth, et al (Neurology 1993) n=748

Magnesium/Diazepam – no benefit

Longstreth, et al (Neurology 2002) n=300

Vasopressin - no neuro benefit

Vasopressin–OHA V-Fib Arrest (Lancet, 2001) n=40

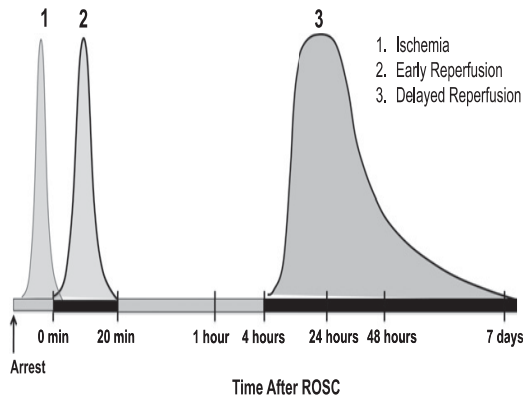
Canadian Vasopressin - Epi Study (Lancet, 2001) n=200

Except for IV-TPA no drug improves outcome in brain ischemia!!

And then there was ...THERAPEUTIC HYPOTHERMIA



Injury Mechanism TH Protective Mechanism



Box 1 Mechanisms of anoxic-ischemic brain injury

Immediate

1. Cellular energy depletion, with anaerobic metabolism
2. Collapse of transmembrane sodium and potassium gradients
3. Failure of synaptic transmission, axonal conduction, and action potential firing
4. Intracellular acidosis
5. Hypercalcemia
6. Glutamate release, with neuronal hyperexcitability
7. Activation of intracellular enzymatic systems (protein kinase C and B, calcium/calmodulin-dependent protein kinase II, mitogen-activated protein kinases, phospholipase A2, C and D).
8. Mitochondrial dysfunction
9. Reperfusion, with generation of reactive oxygen species and lipid peroxidation
10. Elevated production of nitric oxide and peroxynitrite
11. Blood-brain barrier dysfunction
12. Loss of cerebral autoregulation

Delayed

1. Release of proinflammatory mediators (eg, tumor necrosis factor- α and interleukin-1)
2. Inflammatory cells recruitment
3. Complement activation
4. Caspase activation with apoptosis
5. Coagulation activation

Data from Refs.^{27,133-135}

Box 2 Protective mechanism of therapeutic hypothermia

Early

1. Decrease of cerebral metabolism
2. Decrease in mitochondrial injury and dysfunction
3. Improve ion pump function, decrease intracellular influx of calcium
4. Improve cell membrane leakage, decrease intracellular acidosis
5. Decrease production of reactive oxygen species
6. Decrease formation of cytotoxic edema

Late

1. Decrease of local production of endothelin and thromboxane A2, increase generation of prostaglandins
2. Improve tolerance for ischemia
3. Decrease neuroinflammation
4. Decrease apoptosis
5. Decrease cerebral thermo-pooling
6. Decrease vascular permeability
7. Activation of protective genes
8. Suppression of cortical spreading depression
9. Suppression of seizure activity
10. Decrease coagulation activation and formation of microthrombi

Data from Refs.^{71,80}

Cardiac Rhythms/Place of Arrest:

Markers of Severity-Not effectiveness of TX

Place of Arrest:

OOHCA – Generally healthier

IHCA – Sicker pts in hospital

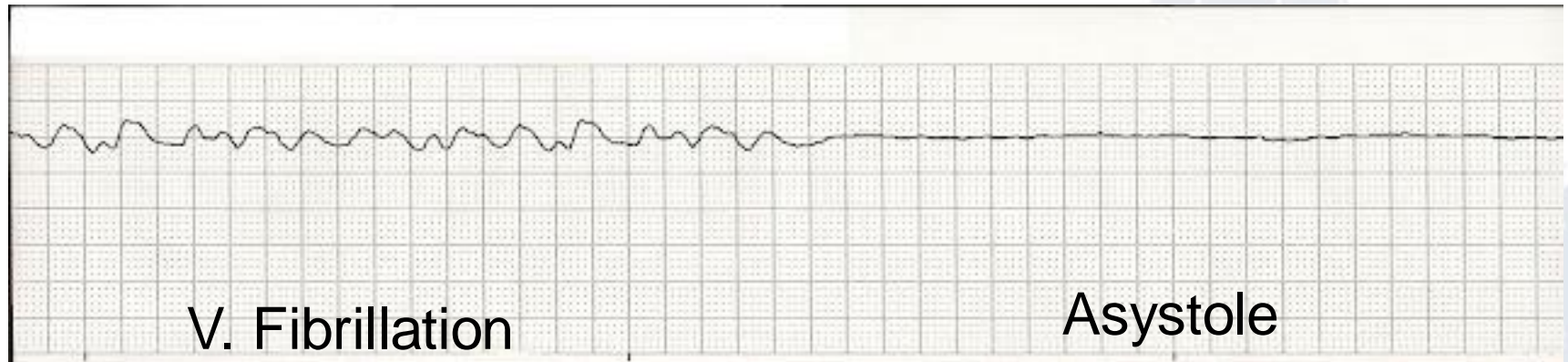
Cardiac Rhythms:

Shockable (pulseless VT/VF)

Non-Shockable Rhythms (PEA/Asystole)

Outcomes: Cardiac Rhythms & Cardiac Arrest

Ultimately all malignant arrhythmias will deteriorate to asystole



Better outcome
Shorter Arrest Duration
Less co-morbidity

Poor Outcome
Longer Arrest Duration
More co-morbidity

Which rhythm results in more brain injury?

HACA Study Group

NEJM 2002;346 (8) 549-56

N=275 of 3551
OHA - ROSC - VF/VT
CA 5-15m/CPR<60m
RCT-Consent Waived
Blinded Outcome
Assessment

Normothermia
N=137

Hypothermia
N=138

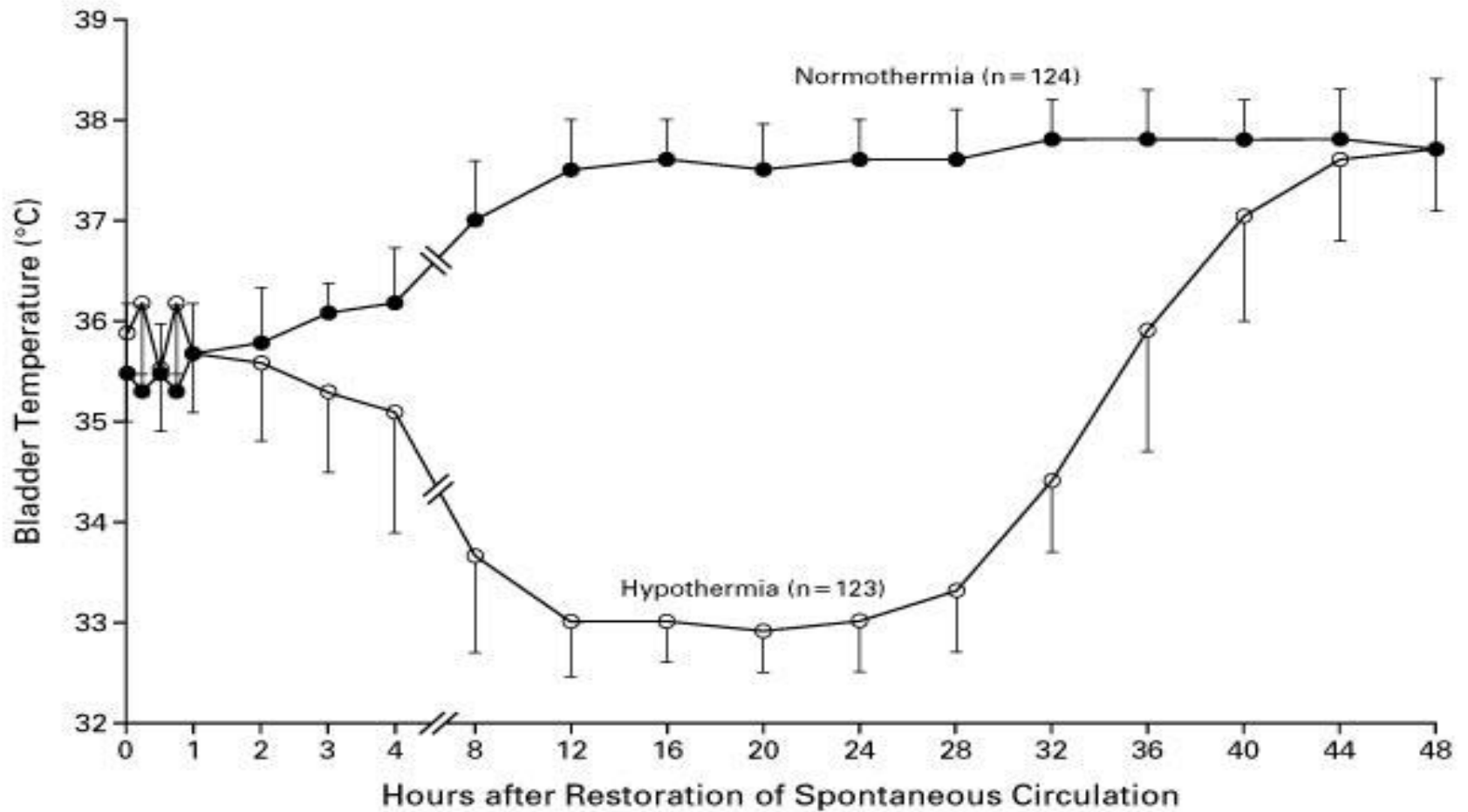
Treatment
Sedated/Paralyzed
Normothermia: 37°C

Treatment
External cooling (in 4 hours)
32-34°C for 24 hours
Sedated (fentanyl/midaz)
Paralyzed prn shivers
Start at ED to ICU
Passive rewarm (8h after)

1° Outcome
PCPC Categories
(1,2 - good & 3,4,5 - poor)
2° Outcome
6 month Mortality
Complication Rates

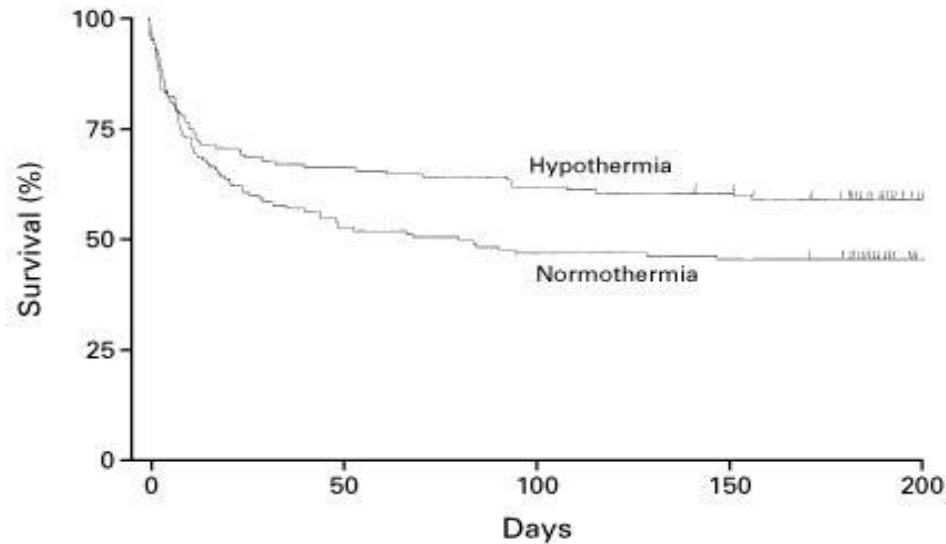
**Hypothermia
Discontinued
Early** (n=14)
Death
Complication
Protocol issues

1° Outcome
PCPC Categories
(1,2 - good & 3,4,5 - poor)
2° Outcome
6 month Mortality
Complication Rates



The Hypothermia after Cardiac Arrest Study Group. N Engl J Med 2002;346:549-556.





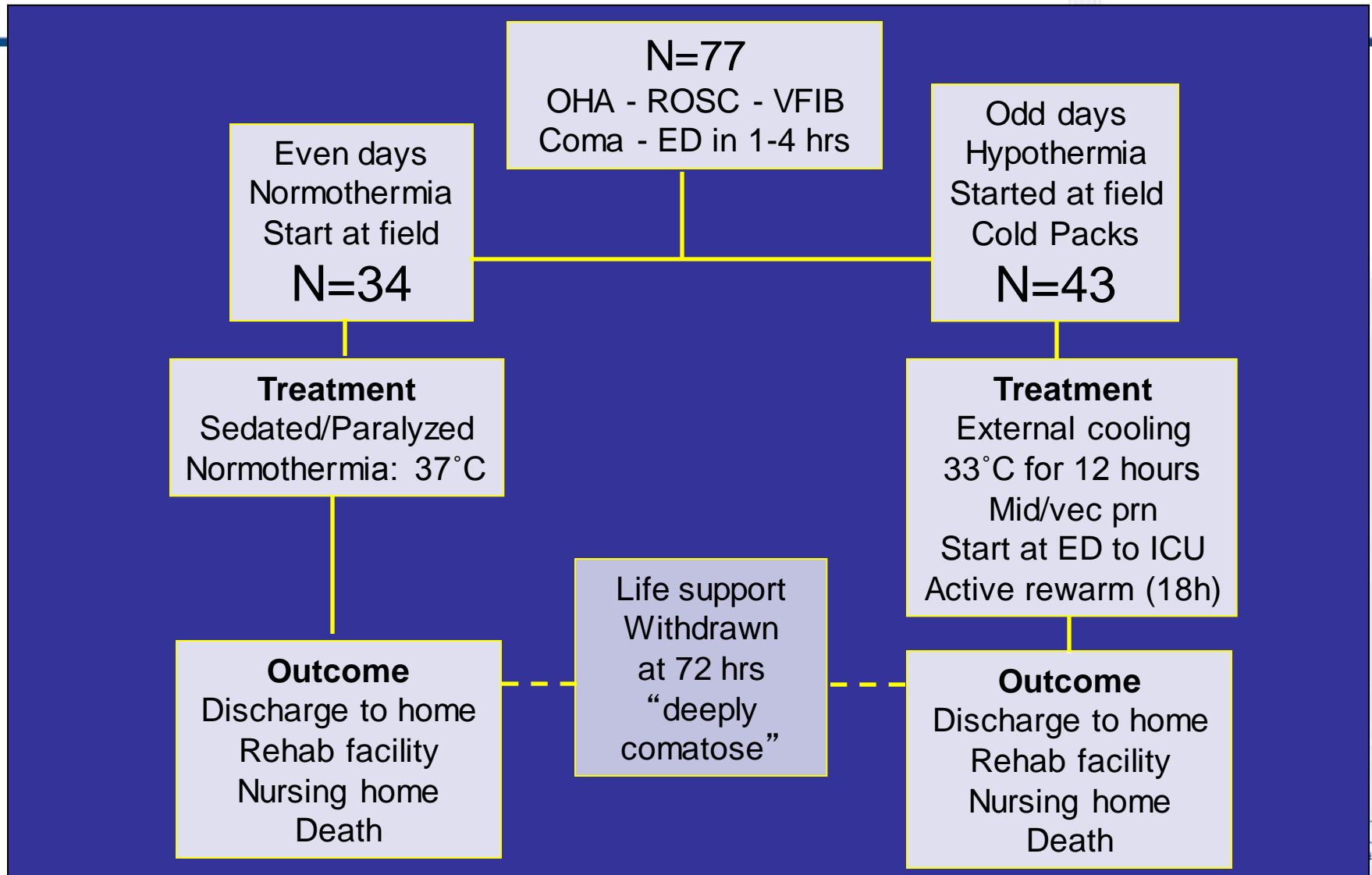
NO. AT RISK					
Hypothermia	137	92	86	83	11
Normothermia	138	74	66	64	9

TABLE 2. NEUROLOGIC OUTCOME AND MORTALITY AT SIX MONTHS.

OUTCOME	NORMOTHERMIA	HYPOTHERMIA	RISK RATIO (95% CI)*	P VALUE†
	no./total no. (%)			
Favorable neurologic outcome‡	54/ 137 (39)	75/ 136 (55)	1.40 (1.08–1.81)	0.009
Death	76/ 138 (55)	56/ 137 (41)	0.74 (0.58–0.95)	0.02

Induced Hypothermia

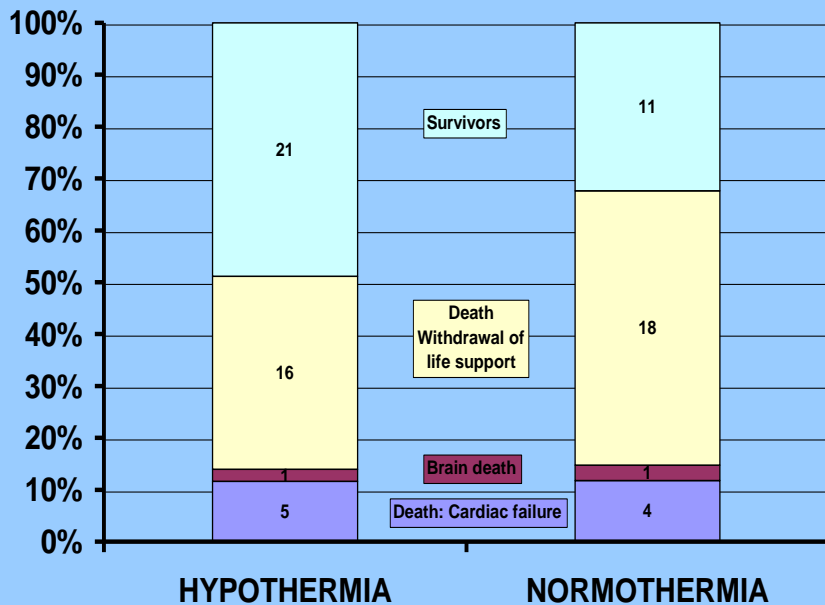
Bernard, et al *NEJM* 2002;346 (8) 557-63



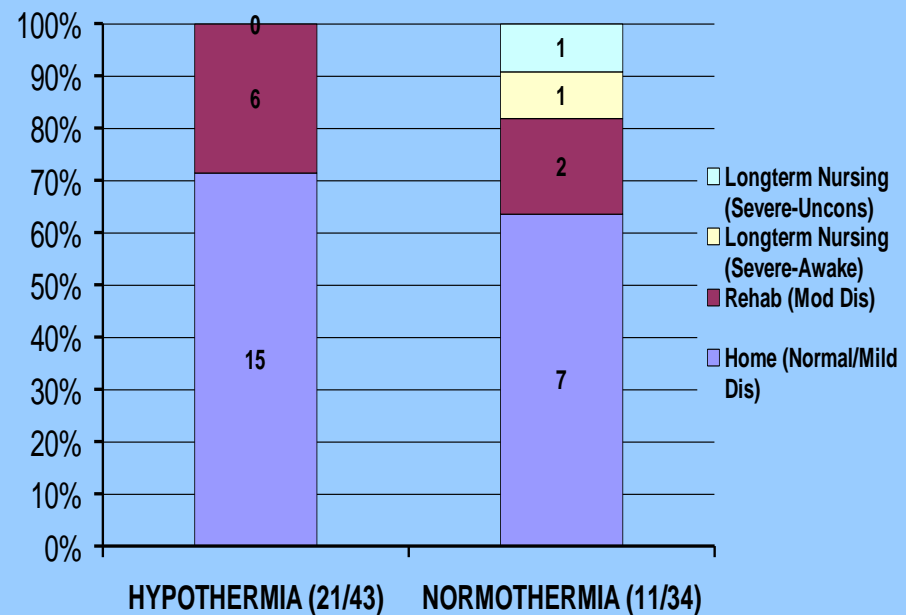
Induced Hypothermia

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Patient Outcome (Bernard, et al 2002)



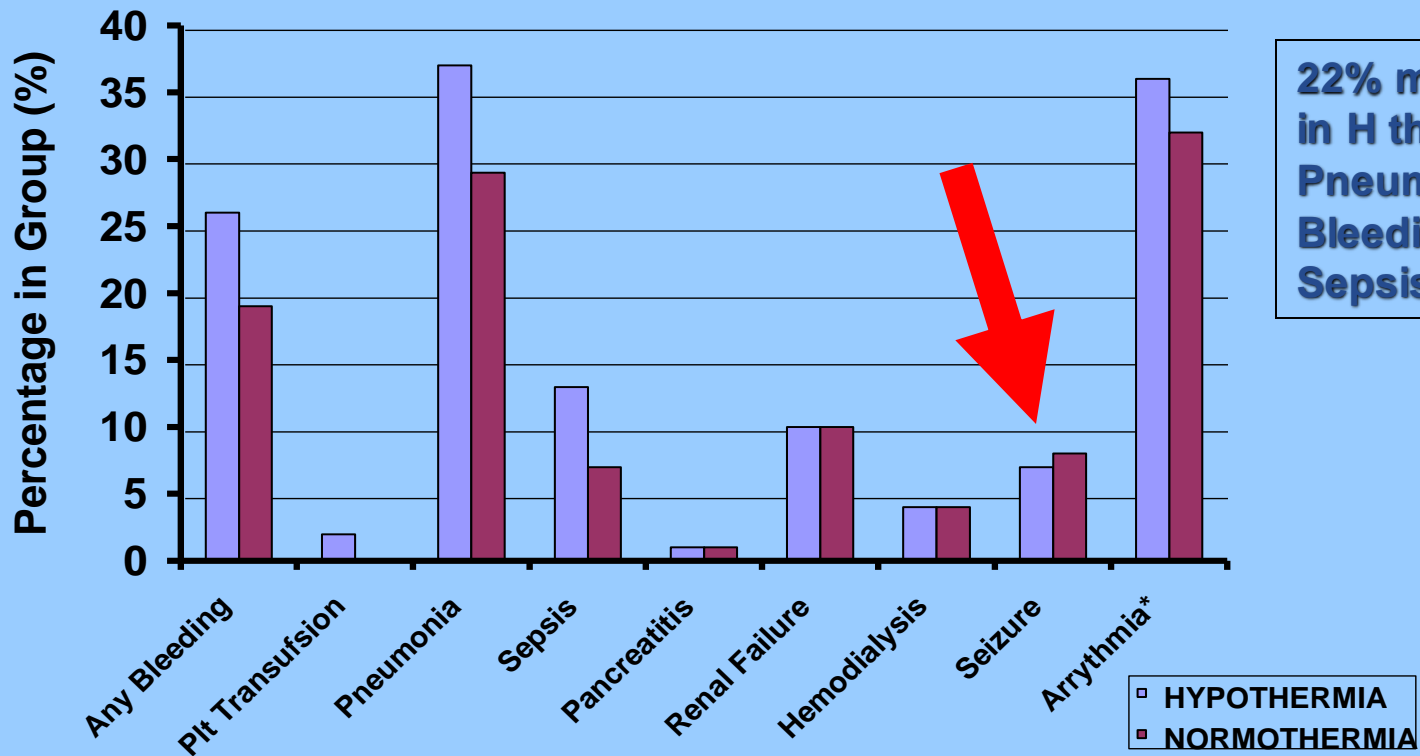
Survivor Outcome



Good Outcome Rates
Hypothermia: 49% Normothermia: 26%
(95%CI: 13-43, p=0.046)

Therapeutic Hypothermia Complications after CA (0-7 days)

Complication after CA (0-7 Days)
NEJM (European Hypothermia Study after CA) 2002



22% more complications
in H than N (NS)
Pneumonia (NNH=12)
Bleeding (NNH=14)
Sepsis (NNH=16)

Part 9: Post Cardiac Arrest Care: 2010 American Heart Association Guidelines for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care

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Circulation 2010;122;S768-S786

Chapter 9 S768

A comprehensive, structured, multidisciplinary system of care should be implemented in a consistent manner for the treatment of post–cardiac arrest patients (**Class I, LOE B**). Programs should include as part of structured interventions therapeutic hypothermia; optimization of hemodynamics and gas exchange; immediate coronary reperfusion when indicated for restoration of coronary blood flow with percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI); glycemic control; and neurological diagnosis, management, and prognostication.

Multidisciplinary Critical Care at its best!

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Circulation 2010;122:S768-S786

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In summary, we recommend that **comatose** (ie, lack of meaningful response to verbal commands) adult patients with ROSC after **out-of-hospital VF cardiac arrest** should be cooled to **32° C to 34° C (89.6° F to 93.2° F)** for 12 to 24 hours (**Class I, LOE B**).

Induced hypothermia also may be considered for comatose adult patients with ROSC after **in-hospital cardiac arrest of any initial rhythm or after out-of-hospital cardiac arrest with an initial rhythm of pulseless electric activity or asystole** (**Class IIb, LOE B**).

Non-shockable Rhythms: Mixed signal but not harmful

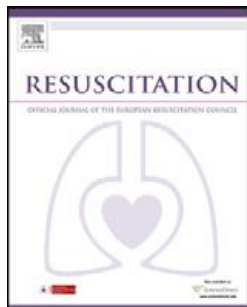
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Circulation 2011, 123:877-886:

Is Hypothermia After Cardiac Arrest Effective in Both Shockable and Nonshockable Patients? : Insights From a Large Registry
Florence Dumas, David Grimaldi, Benjamin Zuber, Jérôme Fichet, Julien Charpentier, Frédéric Pène, Benoît Vivien, Olivier Varenne, Pierre Carli, Xavier Jouven, Jean-Philippe Empana and Alain Cariou

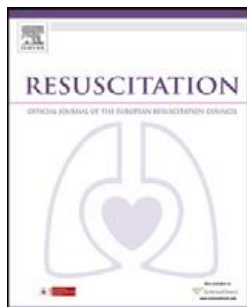


Clinical paper

Resuscitation 83 (2012) 202–207

Therapeutic hypothermia is associated with improved neurologic outcome and survival in cardiac arrest survivors of non-shockable rhythms[☆]

Justin B. Lundbye^{a,b,*}, Mridula Rai^{a,b}, Bhavadharini Ramu^{a,b}, Alireza Hosseini-Khalili^a, Dadong Li^a, Hanna B. Slim^a, Sanjeev P. Bhavnani^{a,b}, Sanjeev U. Nair^a, Jeffrey Kluger^{a,b}



Clinical paper

Resuscitation 82 (2011) 1162–1167

Mild therapeutic hypothermia is associated with favourable outcome in patients after cardiac arrest with non-shockable rhythms[☆]

Christoph Testori, Fritz Sterz*, Wilhelm Behringer, Moritz Haugk, Thomas Uray, Andrea Zeiner, Andreas Janata, Jasmin Arrich, Michael Holzer, Heidrun Losert

Many more papers....



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

Niklas Nielsen, M.D., Ph.D., et al - TTM Trial Investigators
N Engl J Med Volume 369(23):2197-2206 December 5, 2013

Study objective: To compare two target temperatures, both intended to prevent fever.

International RCT: 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: all-cause mortality to end of the trial.

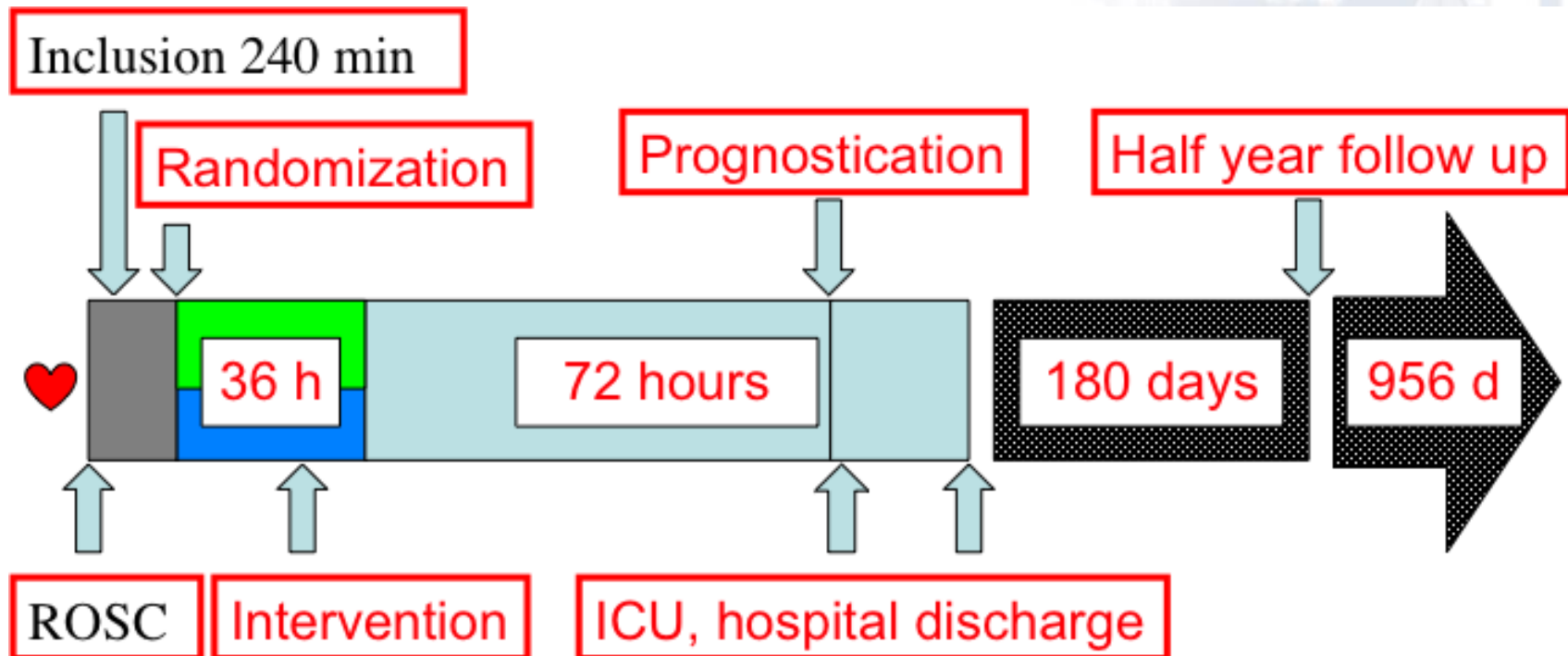
Secondary outcomes: composite of poor neurologic function (CPC and mRS) or death at 180 days

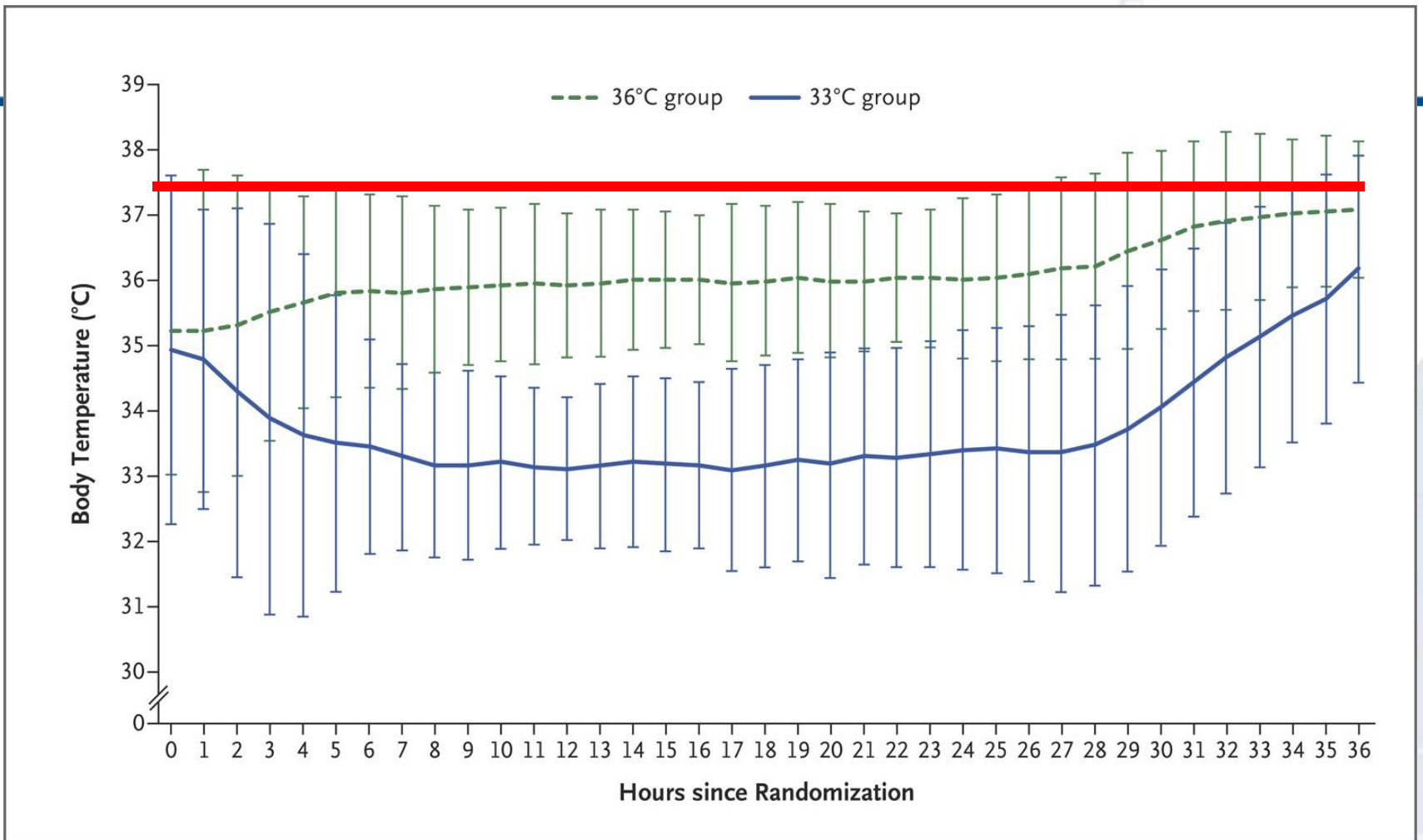
Design and timeline *(modified from N Nielsen)*

Inclusion Criteria

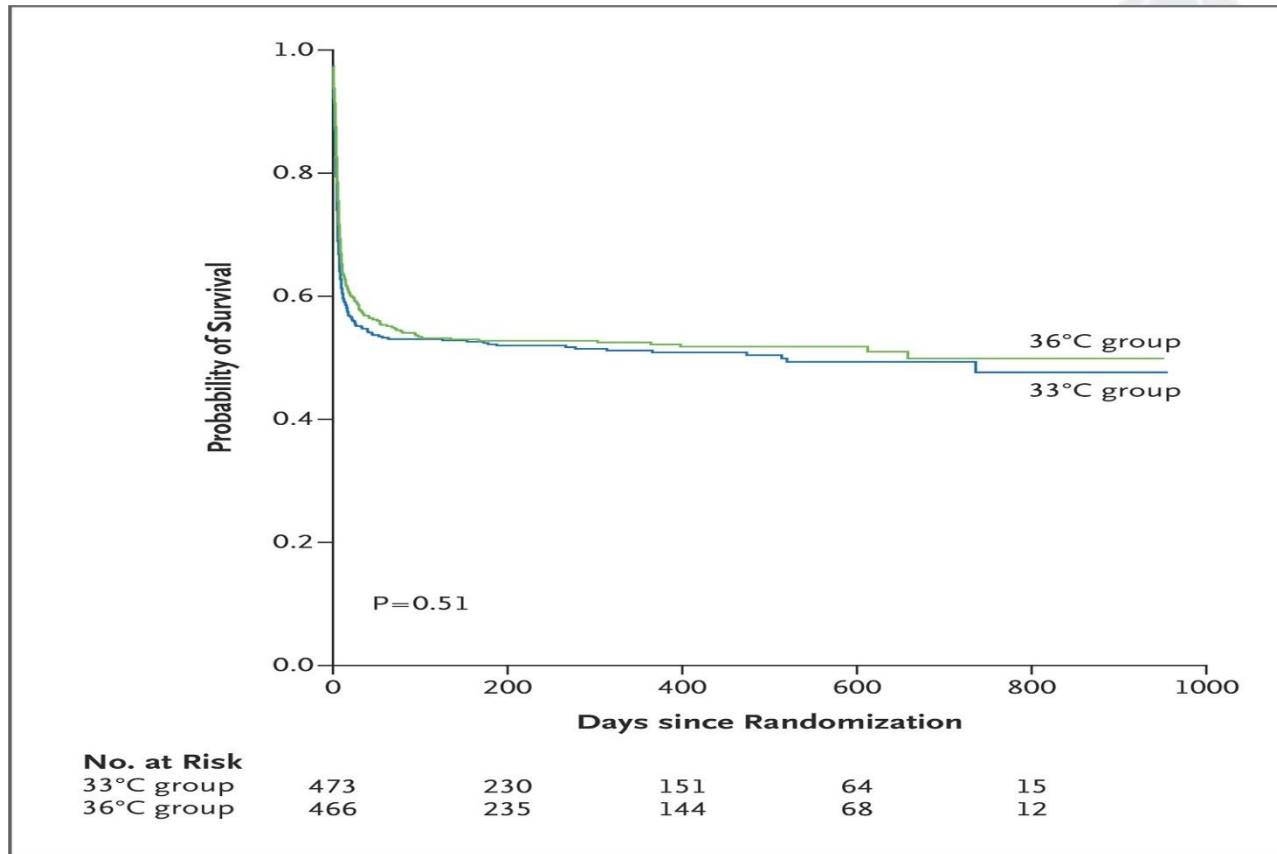
- Age \geq 18 years
- Out-of-hospital cardiac arrest of presumed cardiac cause
- Unconsciousness (Glasgow Coma Score $<$ 8) after sustained return of spontaneous circulation (ROSC) (20 minutes of circulation)

Cooling device with feedback control; surface and endovascular mixed





Nielsen N et al. N Engl J Med
2013;369:2197-2206



Nielsen N et al. N Engl J
Med 2013;369:2197-2206

Table 2. Outcomes.

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

* The hazard ratio is shown for the primary outcome, and risk ratios are shown for the secondary outcomes. CI denotes confidence interval.

† The neurologic follow-up was specified in the protocol to be performed at 180 days ±2 weeks, but the time to follow-up was in some cases several weeks longer for logistic reasons. The Cerebral Performance Category (CPC) scale ranges from 1 to 5, with 1 representing good cerebral performance or minor disability, 2 moderate cerebral disability (function is sufficient for independent activities of daily life), 3 severe cerebral disability, 4 coma or vegetative state, and 5 brain death. Scores on the modified Rankin scale range from 0 to 6, with 0 representing no symptoms, 1 no clinically significant disability despite some symptoms, 2 slight disability (patient is able to look after own affairs without assistance), 3 moderate disability (patient requires some help but is able to walk unassisted), 4 moderately severe disability (patient is unable to attend to own bodily needs), 5 severe disability (patient is bedridden), and 6 death.

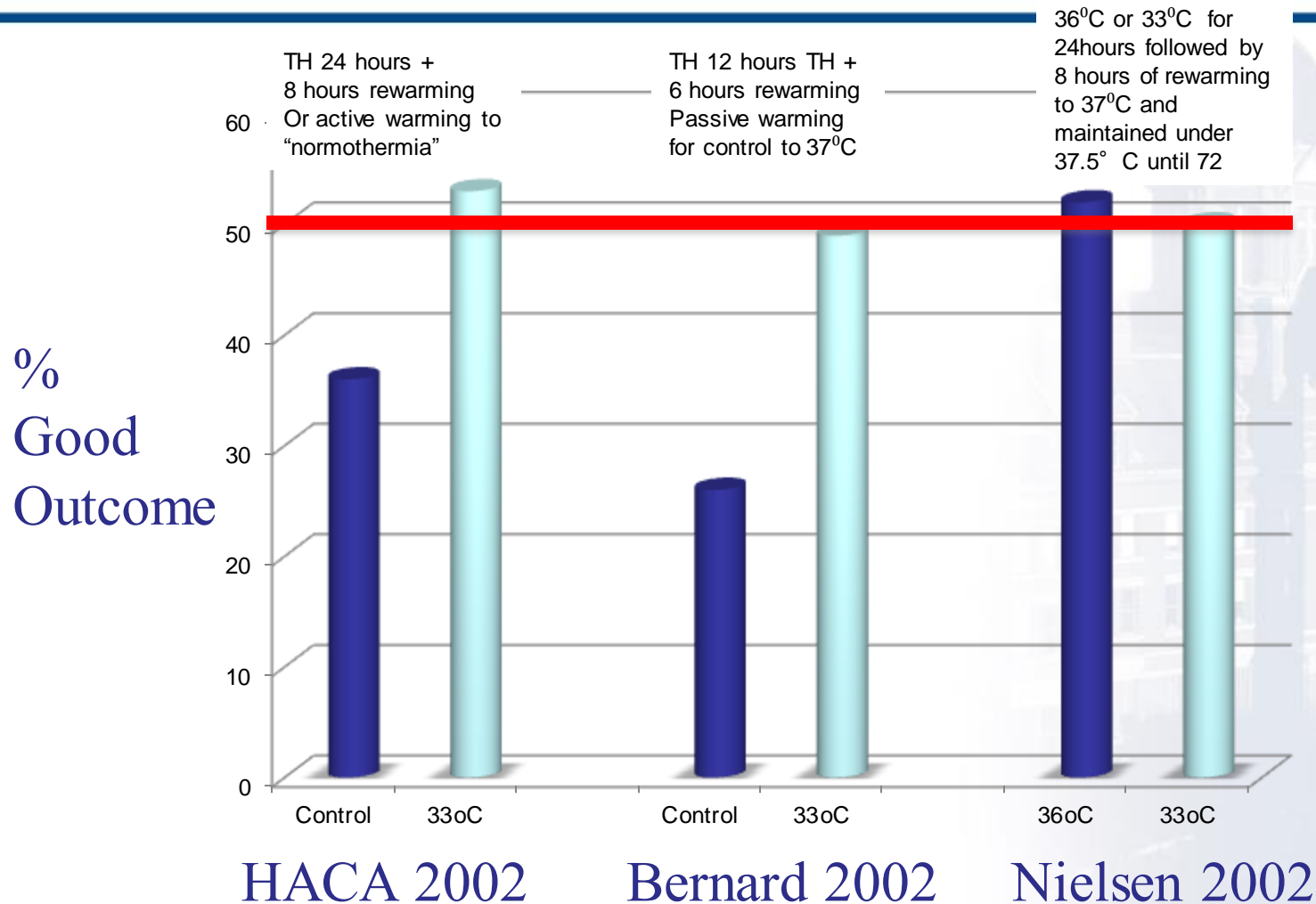
Table 3. Neurologic Scores.*

Variable	33°C Group	36°C Group
CPC at follow-up†		
Total no. of patients	469	464
Category — no. (%)		
1	195 (42)	183 (39)
2	23 (5)	39 (8)
3	17 (4)	20 (4)
4	6 (1)	2 (0.5)
5	228 (49)	220 (47)
P value for trend	0.85	
Best, or lowest numerical, CPC during trial		
Total no. of patients	472	466
Category — no. (%)		
1	209 (44)	205 (44)
2	25 (5)	41 (9)
3	37 (8)	37 (8)
4	201 (43)	183 (39)
5	NA	NA
P value for trend	0.89	
Modified Rankin scale score at follow-up†		
Total no. of patients	469	464
Score — no. (%)		
0	88 (19)	89 (19)
1	69 (15)	83 (18)
2	50 (11)	34 (7)
3	17 (4)	19 (4)
4	8 (2)	11 (2)
5	9 (2)	8 (2)
6	228 (49)	220 (47)
P value for trend	0.67	

* P values for trend were calculated with the use of the Cochran–Armitage test. NA denotes not applicable.

† The neurologic follow-up was specified in the protocol to be at 180±14 days, but the time to follow-up was in some cases several weeks longer for logistic reasons.

Good Outcomes Comparison: 3 Trials

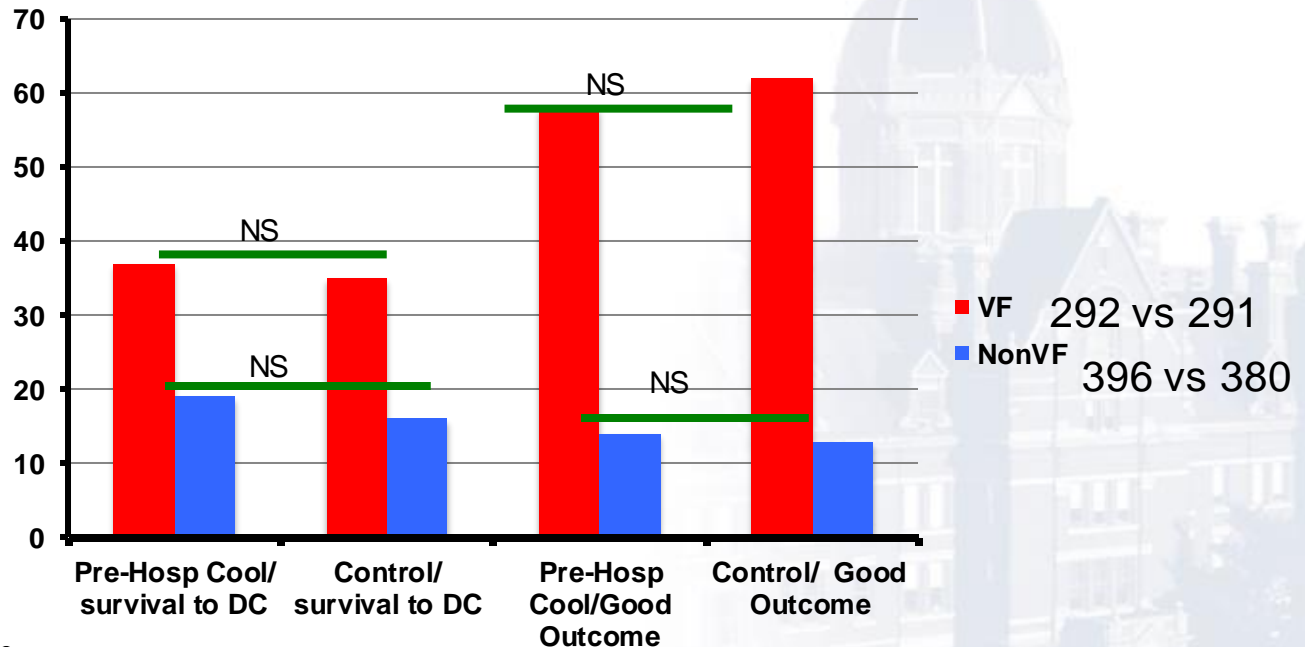


Effect of Prehospital Induction of Mild Hypothermia on Survival and Neurological Status Among Adults With Cardiac Arrest

A Randomized Clinical Trial

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2 liters of 4° C IV bolus followed by standard of care at hospital

**re-arrest in the treatment group (26% vs 21%, p=0.008)

lower O2 saturation (PaO2 189 vs 218, p<0.001),

pulmonary edema on CXR (41% vs 30%, p<0.001)



Targeted temperature management following cardiac arrest : An update December 2013

- “...Pending formal Consensus on the optimal temperature, we suggest that clinicians provide postresuscitation care based on the current treatment recommendations (ILCOR/AHA). We accept that some clinicians may make a local decision to use a target temperature of 36° C pending this further guidance.”

Part 8: Post-Cardiac Arrest Care

2015 American Heart Association Guidelines Update for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care

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2015 Recommendations—Updated

We recommend that comatose (ie, lack of meaningful response to verbal commands) adult patients with ROSC after cardiac arrest have TTM (Class I, LOE B-R for VF/pVT OHCA; Class I, LOE C-EO for non-VF/pVT (ie, “nonshockable”) and in-hospital cardiac arrest).

We recommend selecting and maintaining a constant temperature between 32°C and 36°C during TTM (Class I, LOE B-R).

Nuances of temperature range 32 to 36 degree Celsius

“essentially no patients for whom temperature control somewhere in the range between 32°C and 36°C is contraindicated”

Specific features of the patient may favor selection of one temperature over another for TTM. Higher temperatures (~36°C) might be preferred in patients for whom lower temperatures convey some risk (eg, bleeding),

Lower temperatures (~32°C) might be preferred when patients have clinical features that are worsened at higher temperatures (eg, seizures, cerebral edema).

caveat – lower temps (32°C) may be selected for worse neurologic injuries and result in the impression that it is less effective in practice

Hypothermia in the Prehospital Setting

2015 Recommendation—New

We recommend **against** the routine prehospital cooling of patients after ROSC with rapid infusion of cold intravenous fluids (Class III: No Benefit, LOE A).

Whether different methods or devices for temperature control outside of the hospital are beneficial is unknown.

Avoidance of Hyperthermia

2015 Recommendation—New

It may be reasonable to actively prevent fever in comatose patients after TTM (Class IIb, LOE C-LD).

Fever in the post–cardiac arrest patient who is not treated with TTM is associated with poor outcome.

After rewarming to normothermia from TTM, fever occurs in a significant proportion of patients. Occurrence of hyperthermia during the first few days after cardiac arrest was associated with worse outcome in some studies



Summary for TTM

I hope for now - 2014

OOHCA
VF/nonVF
Pre-hospital Cooling
No Benefit (?harmful)
Kim/Castren/Bernard

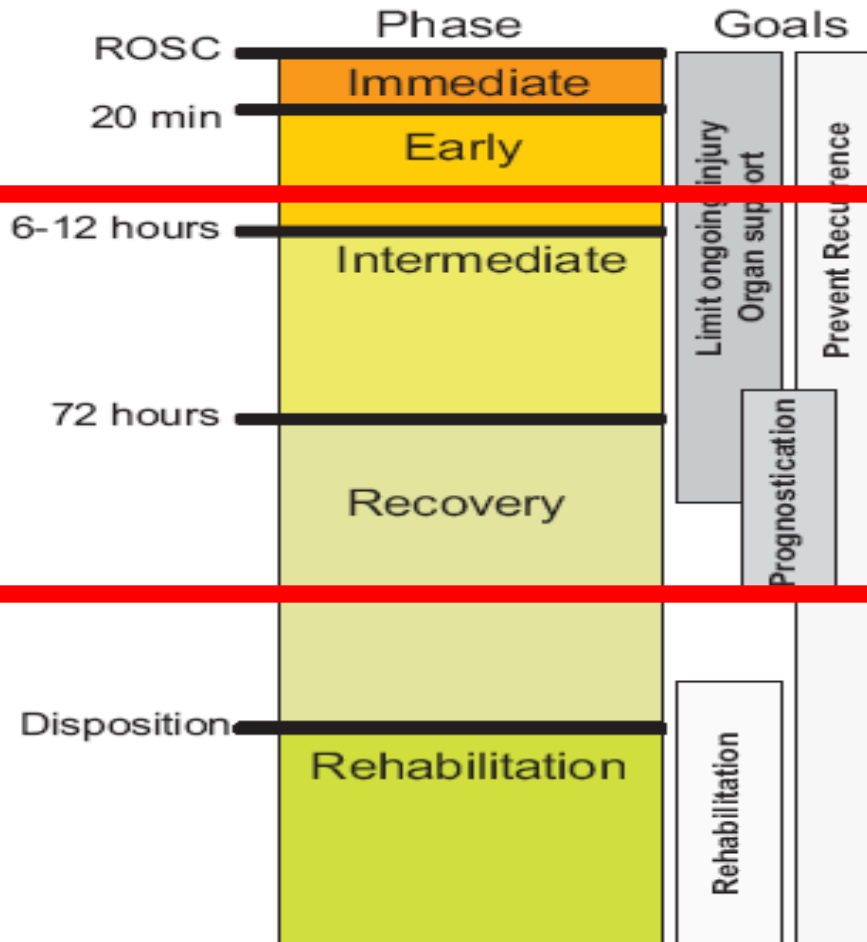
IHCA PEA/Asystole
TTM @ in-hospital
May be beneficial
Multiple studies
Class 2A-2B

IHA-CA (No RCT)
Multiple studies
Class 2B

OOHCA
Pulseless VT/VF
TTM @ in-hospital
Beneficial outcome/qol
HACA/Bernard/Neilsen
Class 1

OOHCA/ PEA/Asystole
Neilsen subgroup
Class 1(?)

Post Cardiac Arrest Syndrome Therapeutic Strategies



Therapeutic hypothermia

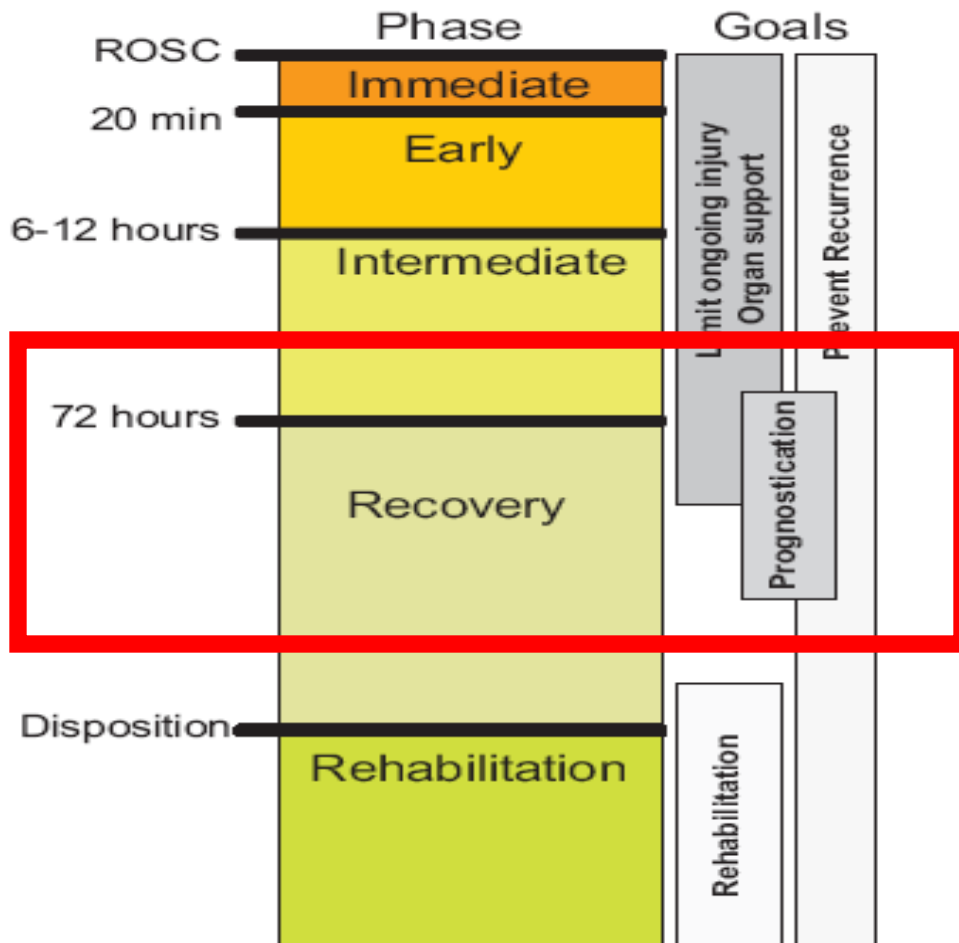
Sedation and
Neuromuscular Blockade

Seizure control

Glucose Control

Neuroprotection

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Prognostication

Continue Care

Withdrawal of life-supporting therapies

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2015 Recommendation—New
Avoiding and immediately correcting hypotension (systolic blood pressure less than 90 mm Hg, MAP less than 65 mm Hg) during postresuscitation care may be reasonable (Class IIb, LOE C-LD).

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2015 Recommendations—Updated

Coronary angiography should be performed emergently (rather than later in the hospital stay or not at all) for OHCA patients with suspected cardiac etiology of arrest and ST elevation on ECG (Class I, LOE B-NR).

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2015 Recommendation—Updated

The benefit of any specific target range of glucose management is uncertain in adults with ROSC after cardiac arrest (Class IIb, LOE B-R).

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2015 Recommendation—Updated

Maintaining the PaCO₂ within a normal physiological range, taking into account any temperature correction, may be reasonable (Class IIb, LOE B-NR).

To avoid hypoxia in adults with ROSC after cardiac arrest, it is reasonable to use the highest available oxygen concentration until the arterial oxyhemoglobin saturation or the partial pressure of arterial oxygen can be measured (Class IIa, LOE C-EO).

When resources are available to titrate the FIO₂ and to monitor oxyhemoglobin saturation, it is reasonable to decrease the FIO₂ when oxyhemoglobin saturation is 100%, provided the oxyhemoglobin saturation can be maintained at 94% or greater (Class IIa, LOE C-LD).

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2015 Recommendations—Updated

An EEG for the diagnosis of seizure should be promptly performed and interpreted, and then should be monitored frequently or continuously in comatose patients after ROSC (Class I, LOE C-LD).

The same anticonvulsant regimens for the treatment of status epilepticus caused by other etiologies may be considered after cardiac arrest (Class IIb, LOE C-LD).

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

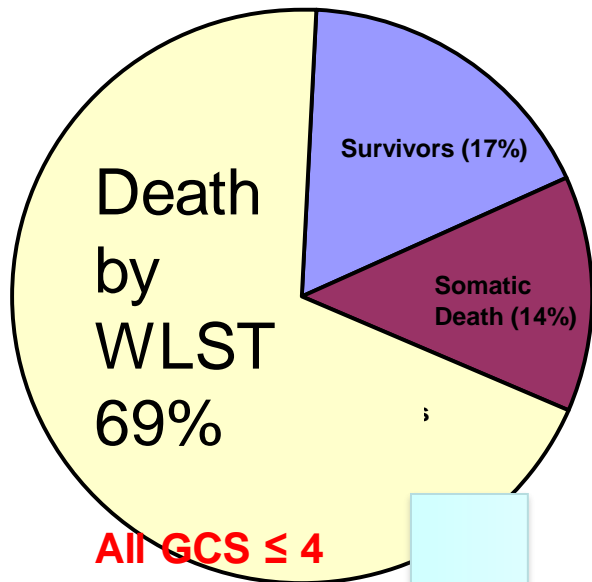
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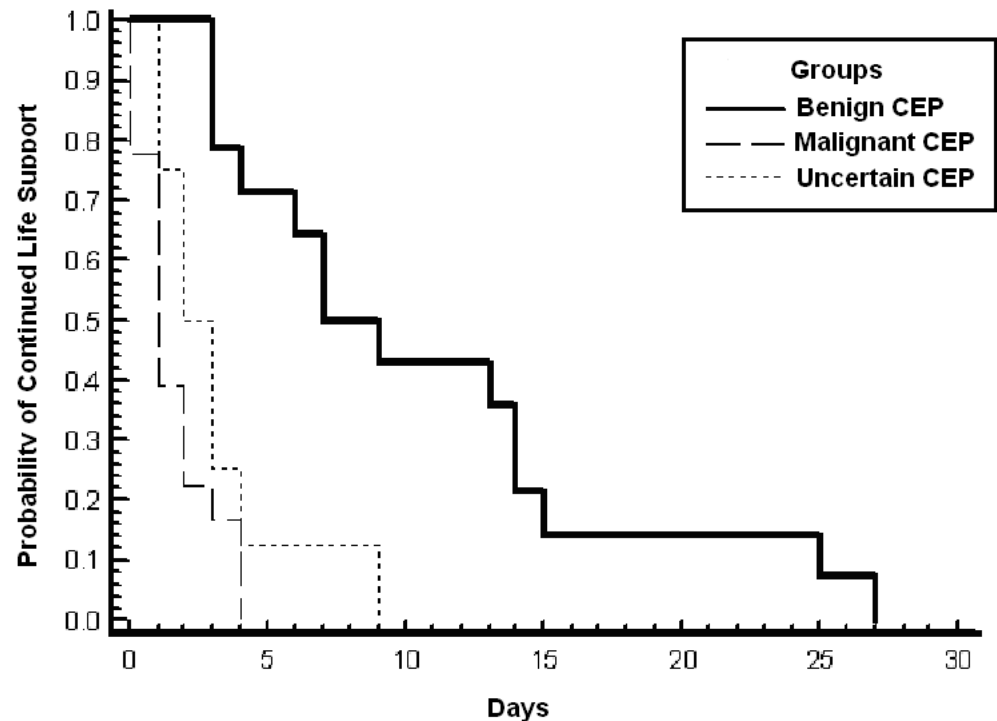
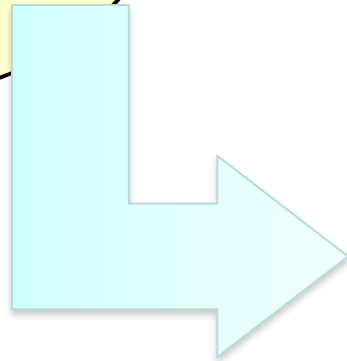
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**All studies focused on prognostication of poor outcome
Patients NOT treated with hypothermia**

Does neuro prognostication have an impact on patient care?

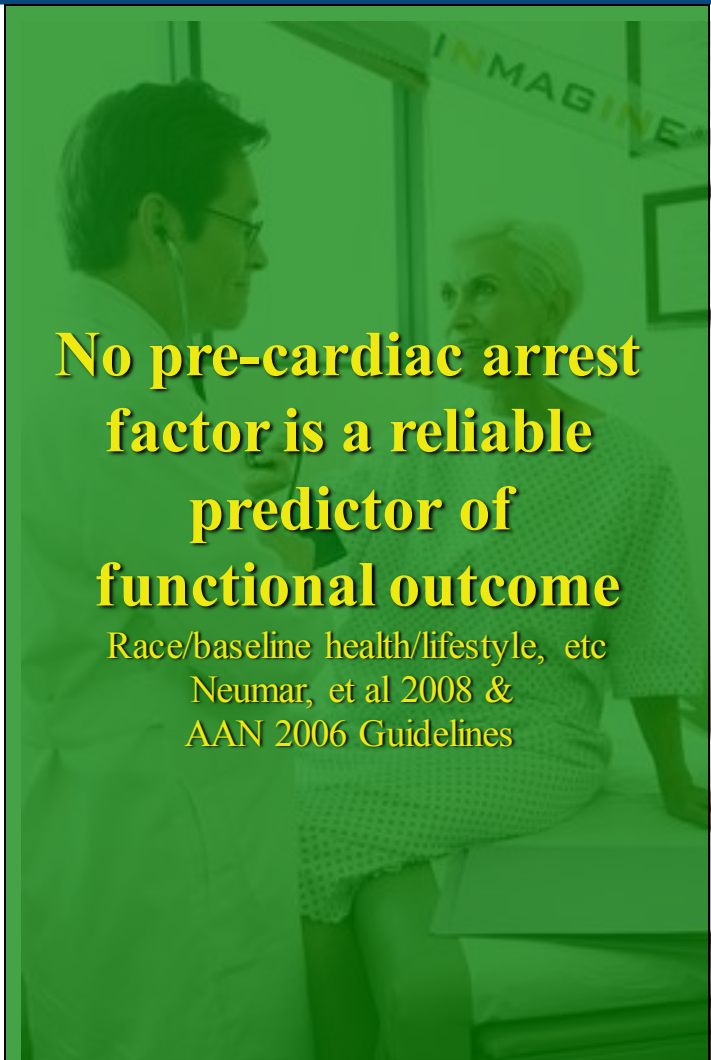


All GCS ≤ 4
at time of
decision
To
withdraw
life
sustaining
therapy



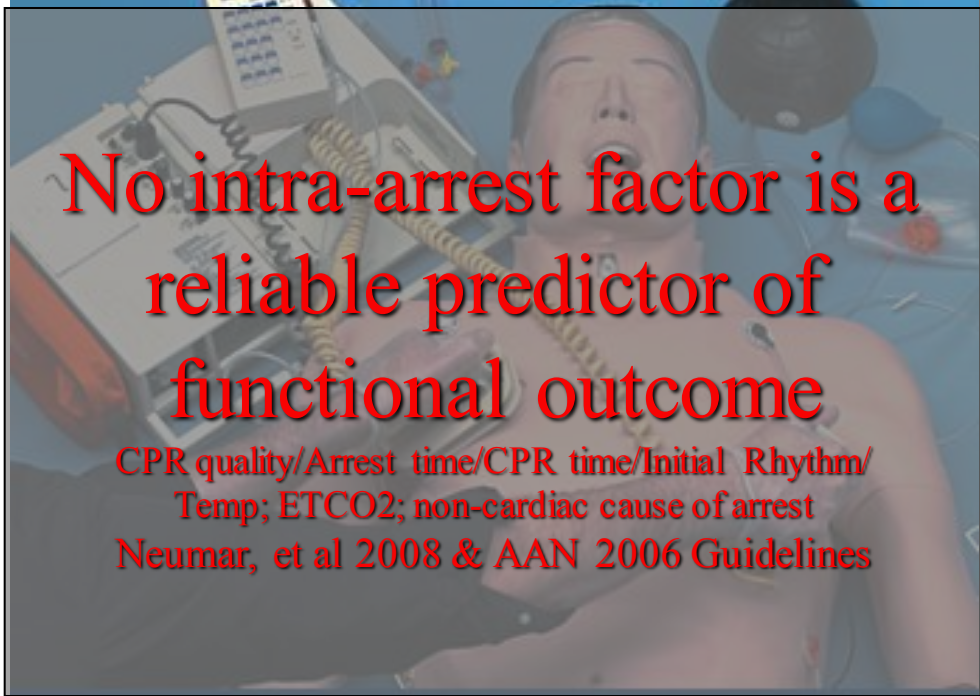
Geocadin, et al 2006

Can we predict the outcome?



No pre-cardiac arrest factor is a reliable predictor of functional outcome

Race/baseline health/lifestyle, etc
Neumar, et al 2008 &
AAN 2006 Guidelines

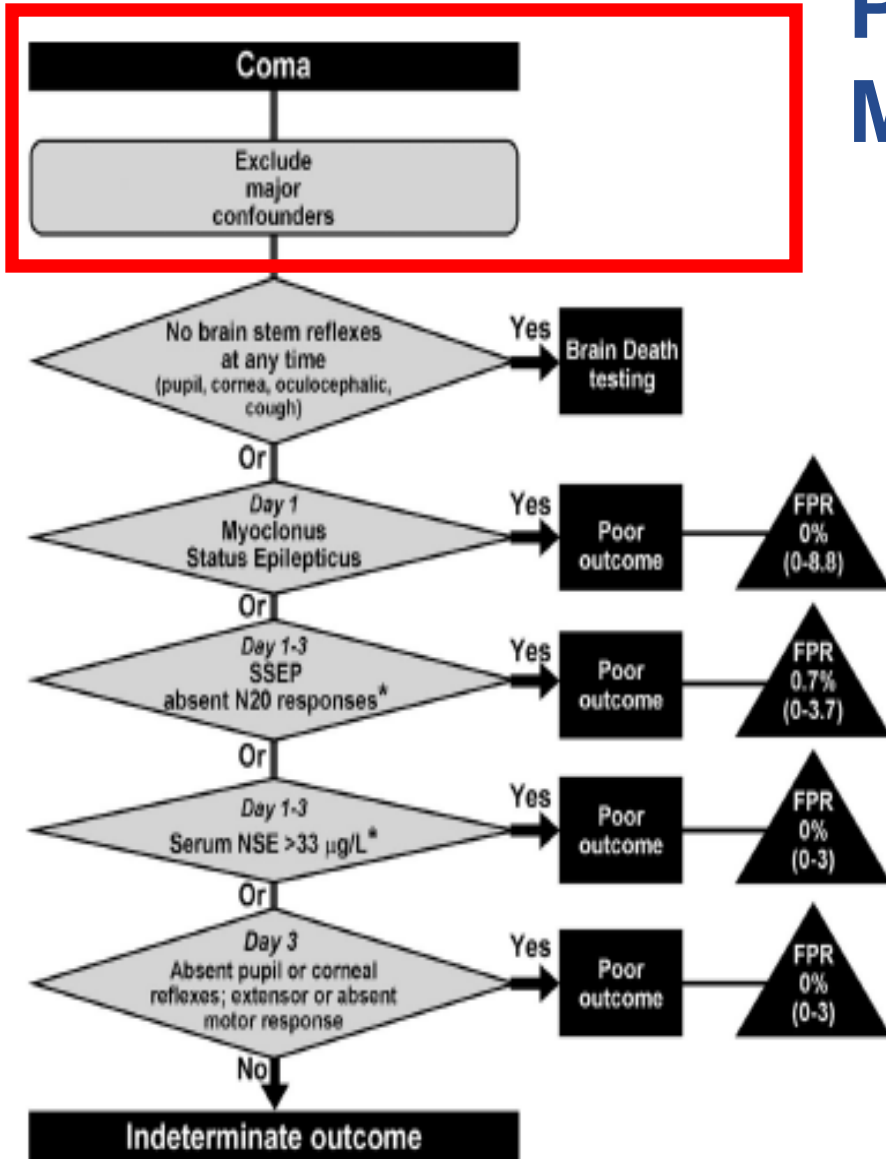


No intra-arrest factor is a reliable predictor of functional outcome

CPR quality/Arrest time/CPR time/Initial Rhythm/
Temp; ETCO₂; non-cardiac cause of arrest
Neumar, et al 2008 & AAN 2006 Guidelines

Only in post arrest: Neuro exam
But not earlier than 3 days,
With TH ~5-7 days

Post-Arrest Predictors Major Confounders



•Hemodynamic instability, severe metabolic derangement and drugs may mask neurologic evaluation – error in prognosis

•Hypothermia patients – have delayed clearance of sedative and paralytics

•Neurologic recovery may be delayed by hypothermia

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2015 Recommendations—New and Updated

In comatose patients who are not treated with TTM, the absence of pupillary reflex to light at 72 hours or more after cardiac arrest is a reasonable exam finding with which to predict poor neurologic outcome (FPR, 0%; 95% CI, 0%–8%; Class IIa, LOE B-NR).

In comatose patients who are treated with TTM, the absence of pupillary reflex to light at 72 hours or more after cardiac arrest is useful to predict poor neurologic outcome (FPR, 1%; 95% CI, 0%–3%; Class I, LOE B-NR).

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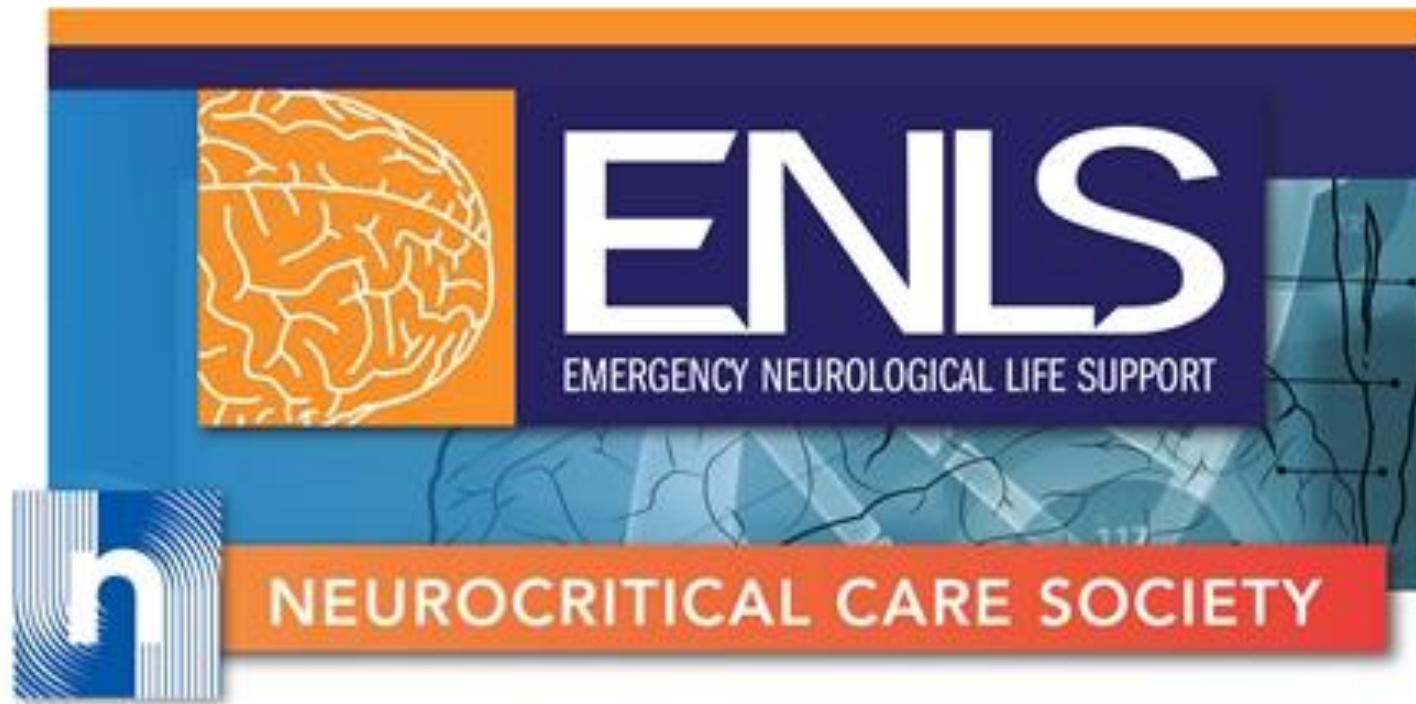
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2015 Recommendations—Updated

In comatose post–cardiac arrest patients who are treated with TTM, it may be reasonable to consider persistent absence of EEG reactivity to external stimuli at 72 hours after cardiac arrest, and persistent burst suppression on EEG after rewarming, to predict a poor outcome (FPR, 0%; 95% CI, 0%–3%; Class IIb, LOE B-NR).

Intractable and persistent (more than 72 hours) status epilepticus in the absence of EEG reactivity to external stimuli may be reasonable to predict poor outcome (Class IIb, LOE B-NR).



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