



# Why are we treating bradycardia with CPR?

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# What was the problem?



Missed cardiac arrest in the prehospital setting during transcutaneous pacing (TCP) is relatively common



Several recent national articles addressed this trend as well



TCP is typically performed in patients who are quite ill, with high risk to progression to cardiac arrest



Some of our previously used options for pharmacologic management of the TCP increased the risk for hypotension

**IF IT WALKS  
LIKE A DUCK  
AND QUACKS  
LIKE A DUCK**



**IT'S PROBABLY  
A DUCK**

# How big of a problem was this?

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- One agency, another agency, multiple departments
- Looked at commonalities between patients
  - All were unconscious, unresponsive, and hemodynamically unstable with heart rates in the 30s
  - What was event precipitating bradycardia?
- Confirming a pulse in the back of a moving ambulance going code 3 is challenging
  - Even in a well-lit ED we often debate as to whether or not a patient has a pulse
- Then we asked, what does TCP actually address?

# Notice the VS when TCP starts



# Realized patient is in cardiac arrest



# **So, what do you do before making a change that crews will think is crazy?**

- **Phone a friend!**
- **Reached out to EMS colleagues in Southern AZ**
- **They too had noticed this trend**
- **Asked the question, what if we just start CPR on these patients??**
  
- **Look for national data on issues related to TCP in prehospital setting**

# “False Electrical Capture in Prehospital Transcutaneous Pacing by Paramedics: A Case Series.”

- Recent article published in Prehospital Emergency Care (PEC) journal
- Table demonstrates underlying etiologies that resulted in bradycardia along with false electrical capture

Joshua Kimbrell, Judah Kreinbrook, Dana Poke, Brittany Kalosza, Jacob Geldner, Aditya C. Shekhar, Andrew Miele, Tom Bouthillet & John Vega (15 Mar 2024): False Electrical Capture in Prehospital Transcutaneous Pacing by Paramedics: A Case Series, Prehospital Emergency Care, DOI: 10.1080/10903127.2024.2321287

Table A2. A complete listing of available discharge diagnoses for patients with follow-up information available.

<u>Electrical Capture Interpretation</u>	<u>Discharge Diagnosis</u>
• True Electrical Capture	Acute respiratory failure with hypoxia and hypercapnia
• True Electrical Capture	Syncope likely 2/2 junctional bradycardia
• False Electrical Capture	Cardiac Arrest, GI Bleed
• False Electrical Capture	Anoxic Brain Injury post-cardiac arrest
• False Electrical Capture	Cardiac Arrest
• False Electrical Capture	Large left ICH with IVH and midline shift
• False Electrical Capture	Cardiac Arrest
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• False Electrical Capture	Cardiac Arrest
• False Electrical Capture	AMS likely due to metabolic encephalopathy 2/2 UTI and bacteremia
• False Electrical Capture	Acute exacerbation of CHF, Symptomatic bradycardia, Altered mental status, unspecified
• False Electrical Capture	Hypothermia
• False Electrical Capture	Cardiac arrest
• False Electrical Capture	Hypothermia
• False Electrical Capture	Cardiac Arrest

# Prehospital Transcutaneous Cardiac Pacing in the United States: Treatment Epidemiology, Predictors of Treatment Failure, and Associated Outcomes

“A non-bradycardic (>50 bpm) pre-pacing heart rate was associated with increased odds of pacing failure, prehospital cardiac arrest, and mortality.”

Patients with initially normal or elevated heart rates that progress to bradycardia prior to pacing initiation may have underlying pathology that makes transcutaneous pacing ineffective.

Authors found that pre-pacing hypoxemia and an initial impression of respiratory distress/arrest were strongly associated with pacing failure and mortality.

“Patients with respiratory failure experienced bradycardia secondary to profound hypoxia and received pacing by prehospital clinicians instead of correction of this reversible cause of bradycardia, leading to cardiac arrest.”

“Bradycardia is part of the final common pathway to death for a number of pathologies – for example, if circulatory shock or respiratory failure is allowed to proceed unchecked, bradycardia will frequently occur prior to cardiac arrest.”

Training and education for prehospital clinicians should highlight the importance of considering reversible causes of bradycardia prior to pacing initiation.

# What does TCP actually treat?

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- **Electrical issue!**
- **Bradycardia is often the “oh bleep” rhythm before a patient codes**
  - **”they’re bradying down. . .“**
- **If bradycardia is caused by hypoxemia, hypotension, respiratory issues → TCP will not fix the patient!**

# So, What did we do??

- Updated Ja
- straight to C
- Hemod
- OHCA g
- Bradyc
- Bradyc
- Updated Ph
- (TCP)
- Removed B
- depression
- Added Fent
- appendix
- Change to the guidelines in both the Central region and Southern AZ



rsus going

a = go to

or Atropine  
Pacing

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# Bradycardia Treatment updates

- Unstable bradycardia (Symptoms of shock, impending cardiac arrest, hemodynamically unstable):
  - Patient is unconscious or unresponsive: refer to **Cardiac Arrest (VF/VT/Asystole/PEA): Adult & Pediatric**
  - Patient is conscious: initiate transcutaneous pacing AND Push dose Epi
- Stable, symptomatic bradycardia: Push dose Epi or Atropine



<u>Bradycardia: Adult &amp; Pediatric</u>	
<p><b>Includes:</b> Heart rate &lt; 60 with either symptoms (altered mental status, chest pain, congestive heart failure, seizure, syncope, shock, pallor, cyanosis, hypoxia, diaphoresis) or evidence of hemodynamic instability.</p>	
<b>EMT</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initiate <b>Universal Care</b>.</li> <li>• Manage airway as indicated.</li> <li>• Administer supplemental oxygen as indicated.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For age ≤ 6 months and heart rate &lt; 60 with signs of poor perfusion despite oxygenation and ventilation, initiate chest compressions and refer to <b>Cardiac Arrest (VF/VT/Asystole/PEA): Adult &amp; Pediatric</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>Paramedic</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place on cardiac monitor.</li> <li>• Perform 12-lead ECG.</li> <li>• <u>Unstable bradycardia</u> (Symptoms of shock, impending cardiac arrest, hemodynamically unstable):                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Patient is unconscious or unresponsive</u>: refer to <b>Cardiac Arrest (VF/VT/Asystole/PEA): Adult &amp; Pediatric</b></li> <li>• <u>Patient is conscious</u>: initiate transcutaneous pacing <b>AND</b> Push dose Epi</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Stable, symptomatic bradycardia</u>: Push dose Epi or Atropine</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Epinephrine (push dose)</b>: 1 mcg/kg bolus, max 20mcg per dose, IV/IO every 2 minutes.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Titrate to MAP &gt; 65 or SBP &gt; 90</li> </ul> </li> <li>- <b>Atropine Sulfate</b>: 1 mg IV/IO every 3-5 min, max total dose 3 mg.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Epinephrine 0.1 mg/mL</b>: 0.01 mg/kg (0.1 mL/kg) IV/IO every 3-5 minutes.</li> <li>- <b>Atropine Sulfate</b>: 0.02 mg/kg IV/IO (min dose 0.1 mg), max initial dose 0.5 mg, max total dose 3 mg.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Epinephrine (push dose) preparation:</b> mix 1 mL of 0.1mg/mL (CARDIAC) epinephrine with 9 mL of NS. This results in 10 mcg/mL concentration.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If bradycardia and symptoms of hemodynamic instability continue, consider transcutaneous pacing.</li> <li>• When pacing, consider <b>Pharmacologic Management</b> with <b>Fentanyl</b>: 1 mcg/kg/dose IN/IV/IO, max initial dose 100 mcg, max total dose 200 mcg.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If age &gt; 60 consider reducing dose by half</li> <li>• Reassess pain every 5 minutes, observe for adverse effects, and re-dose as indicated.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Initiate EtCO<sub>2</sub> for all patients receiving pharmacologic management for pain control.</li> </ul>	

# What happened after the change was made?



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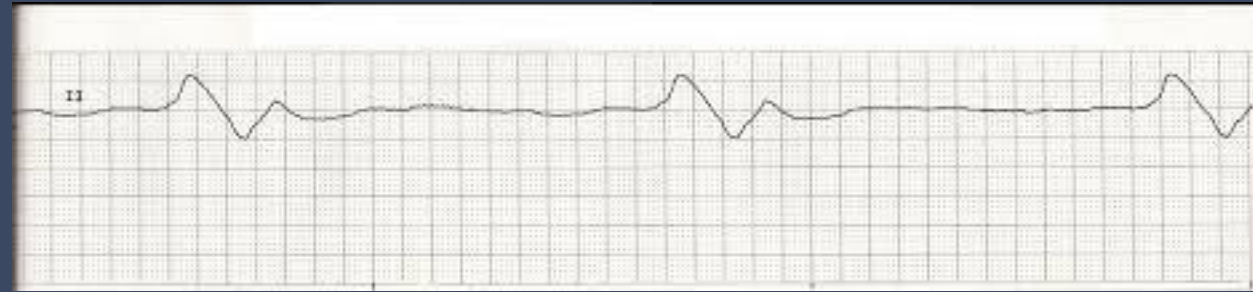


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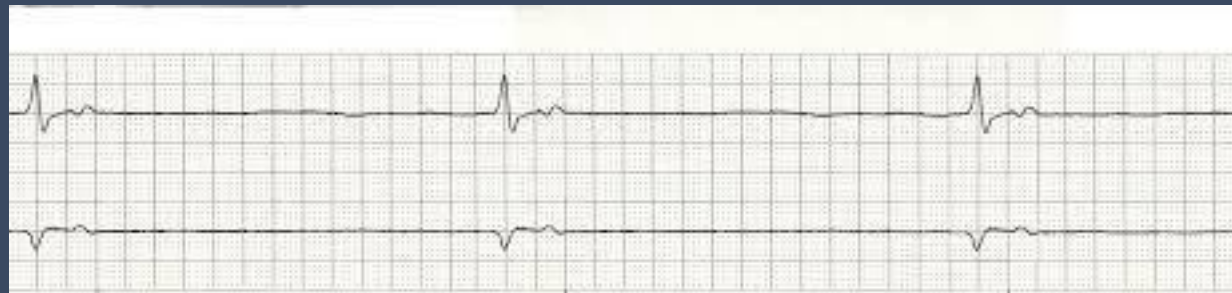


SALES PITCH MODE!

# To pace or not to pace?

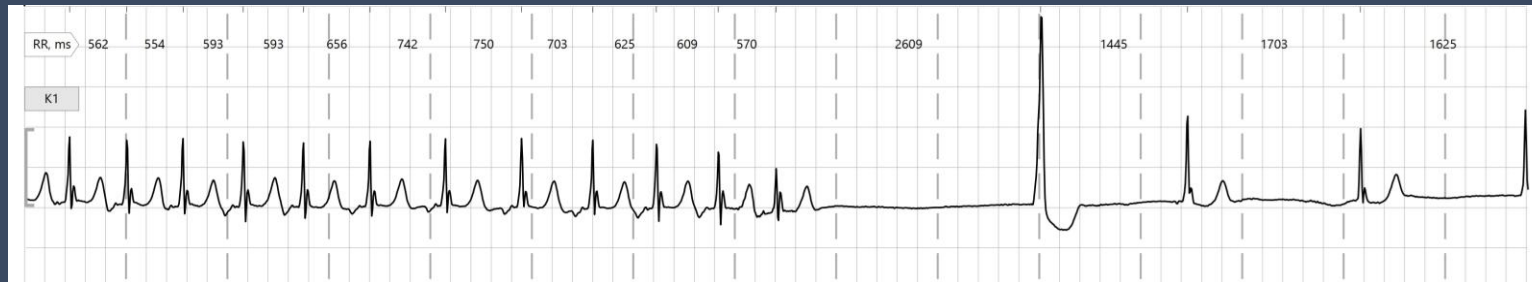


- Transcutaneous pacing in the prehospital setting is a low frequency, high risk intervention
- Maintaining (and tracking) mechanical capture during transport to the hospital can be difficult
- If a patient is becoming increasingly bradycardia, especially in the setting of respiratory distress/failure, think of bradycardia as impending cardiac arrest
- Pacing will only work on electrical issues, any other underlying cause of bradycardia will not be fixed by pacing



# 4 Key Points

- **Bottomline, if we miss cardiac arrest while pacing a patient, the patient has no chance of survival**
- **Have a very low threshold for initiating CPR**
- **Pacing will only fix electrical (eg. Conduction) issues**
- **For all other causes, the underlying cause of bradycardia needs to be addressed**



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	True Capture	False Capture
Number of patients	4 (17%)	19 (83%)
Change in SBP	40mmHG	-1mmHG
Median Current	95mA	70mA
Survival to admission	2 (50%)	10 (52%)
Neuro intact at discharge	1 (25%)	0

# Pacing Is Difficult and Mortality Is High



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Original paper

**The prevalence of sustained electrical capture during prehospital transcutaneous pacing: a multicenter observational study**

## Retrospective Study 2017-2024

- 299 Pacing cases
- 4 EMS agencies between 2017-2024

## <10% had electrical capture

- 33% of cases were post-ROSC

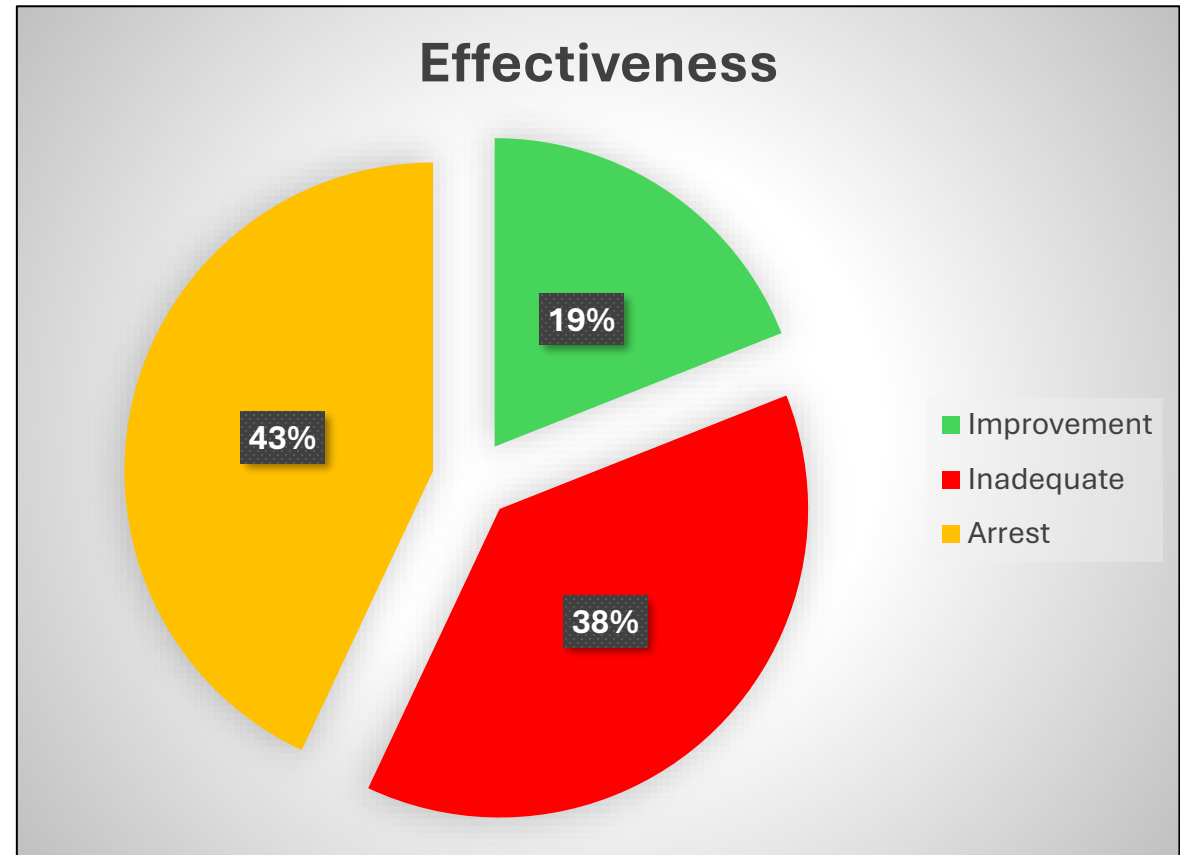
## Successful TCP variables

- Higher pacing current
- Higher heart rate prior to TCP



# AFR Pacing: July 2023- Present

- 102 total pacing cases
  - Detailed code-stat review of 58 cases
  - 51 transported to ED
  - 7 dead on scene
- Most Common Pacing Indications:
  - Bradycardia: 41/58 (71%)
  - Post Arrest ROSC: 15/58 (26%)



# Three Buckets Of Unstable Bradycardia

Ischemic  
conduction  
problem

Unconscious,  
unresponsive,  
apneic

Post ROSC  
Bradycardia

**Attempt Pacing**

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graph TD; A[Attempt Pacing] --> B[Ischemic conduction problem]; C[CPR] --> D[Unconscious, unresponsive, apneic]; C --> E[Post ROSC Bradycardia];
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The diagram illustrates three categories of unstable bradycardia. The first category, 'Ischemic conduction problem', is reached by 'Attempt Pacing'. The second category, 'Unconscious, unresponsive, apneic', and the third category, 'Post ROSC Bradycardia', are both reached by 'CPR'.

**CPR**

# Primary Conduction Issue

**Epi mini-bolus then pace**

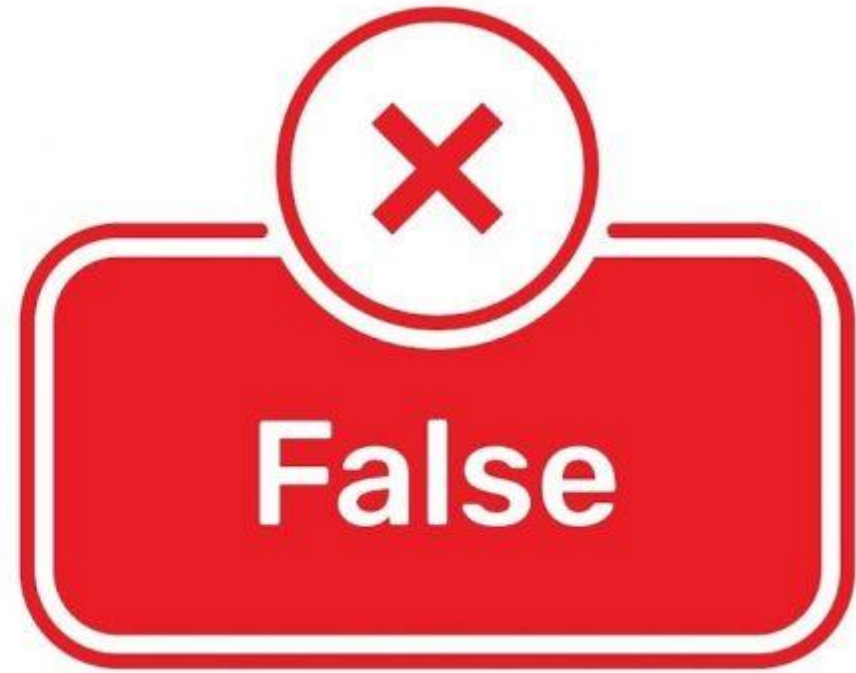
**Electrical Capture**

- Anterior/posterior pad placement
- Wide QRS
- Tall Broad T wave

**Mechanical Capture - Don't rely on pulse check**

- Increased BP
- Increased Capno
- Increased mentation

**Start epi drip if no improvement**



### True Electrical Capture:

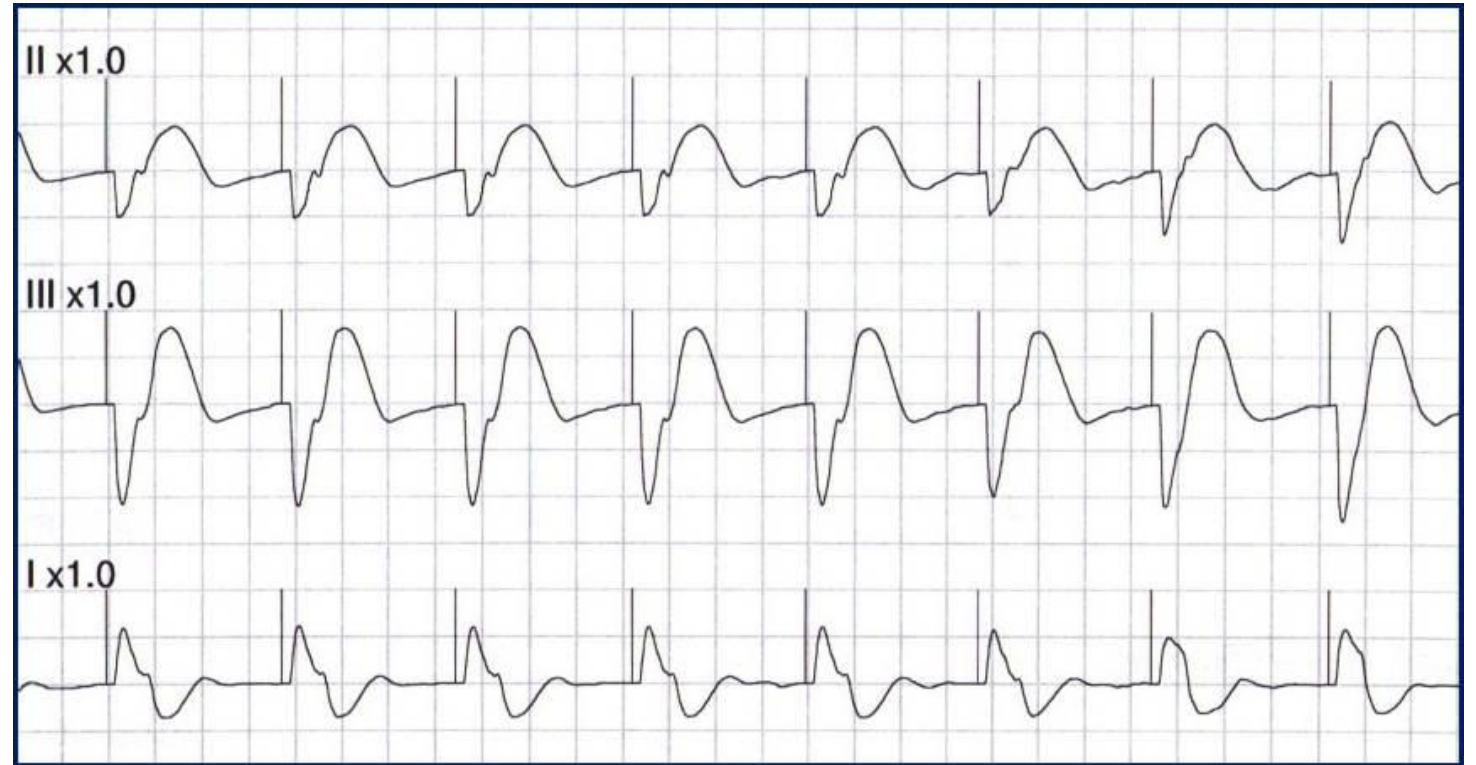
1. **Pacer spike**
2. **Tall, broad QRS complex**
3. **Followed by a broad, tall T-wave.**
4. **Matches O2 pleth**

### False Capture (Artifact):

- "QRS" appears narrow, sharp, or jagged,
- Flat T-wave
- May have phantom complexes

# True Capture

1. Pacer spike
2. Tall, broad QRS complex
3. Followed by a broad, tall T-wave.
4. Matches O2 pleth



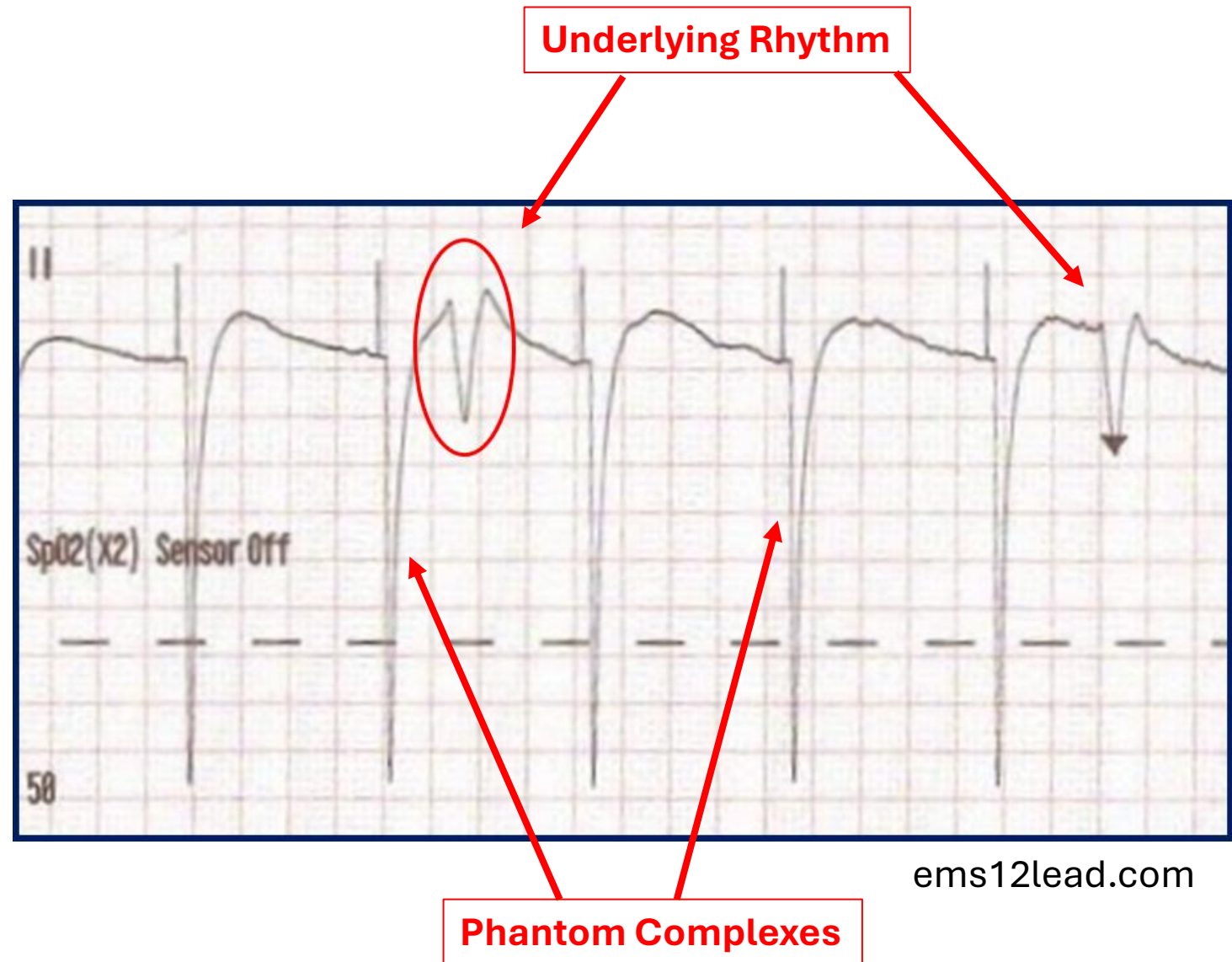
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**O2 Pleth should match pacing rate if electrically captured**



# False Capture

- Near-vertical down-stroke is a “phantom” QRS complex
  - Electrical current passing between pads
- Unimpressive T-waves.
- Visible underlying rhythm is not scientifically possible!



# Unconscious, Unresponsive or Post- ROSC

1. Cardiac dose epi

2. Start CPR

3. Follow PEA arrest algorithm

4. Start chemical pacing with epi drip

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# A New Direction in Pulse Detection: Multi-Modal Approaches to Confirm ROSC

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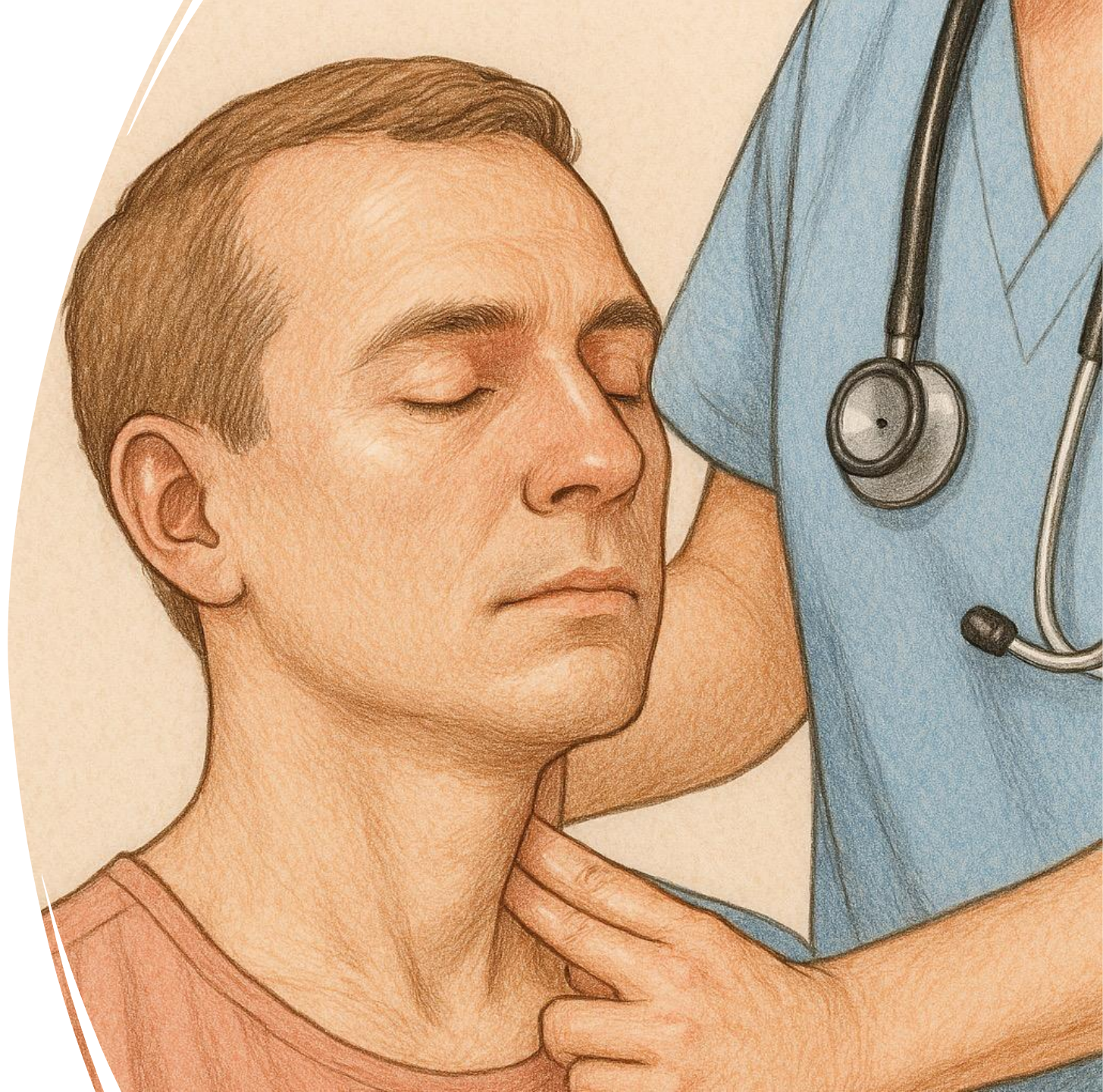
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# One of the Most Pressing Problems in Resuscitation

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Errors in determining pulse status lead to mortality through both poor sensitivity and poor specificity



# A Spectrum of Pulselessness

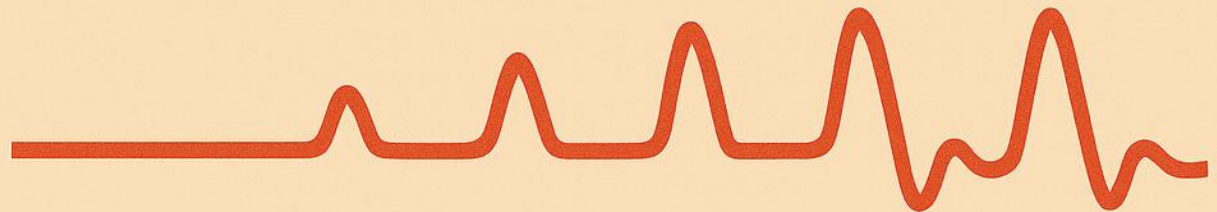
**FLATLINE  
(PULSELESS)**



**WEAK ARTERIAL PULSE**



**STRONG ARTERIAL PULSE**



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# Accuracy by Trained Providers ~55%

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Laypersons ~3%



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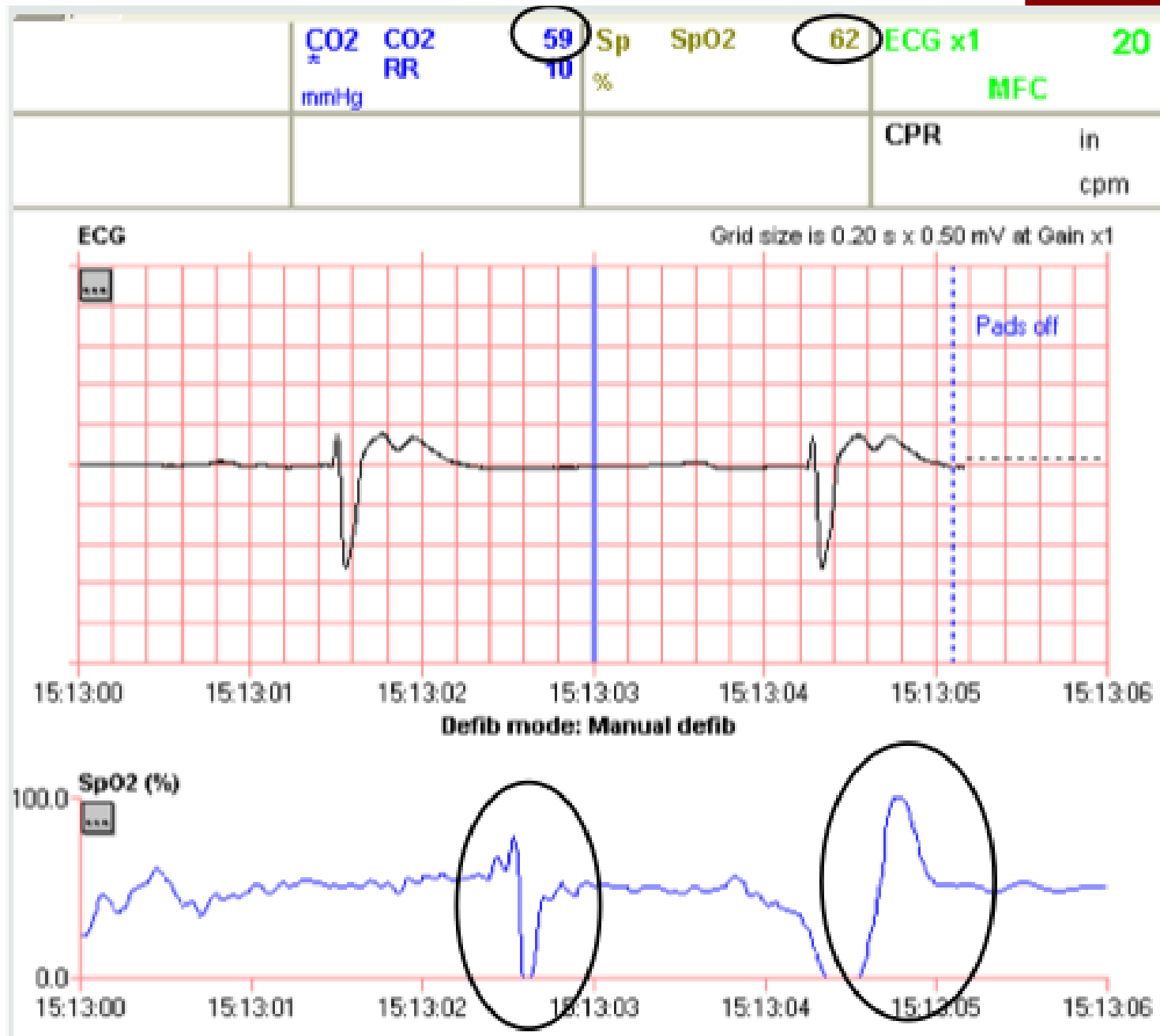
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# Call for Termination of Resuscitation



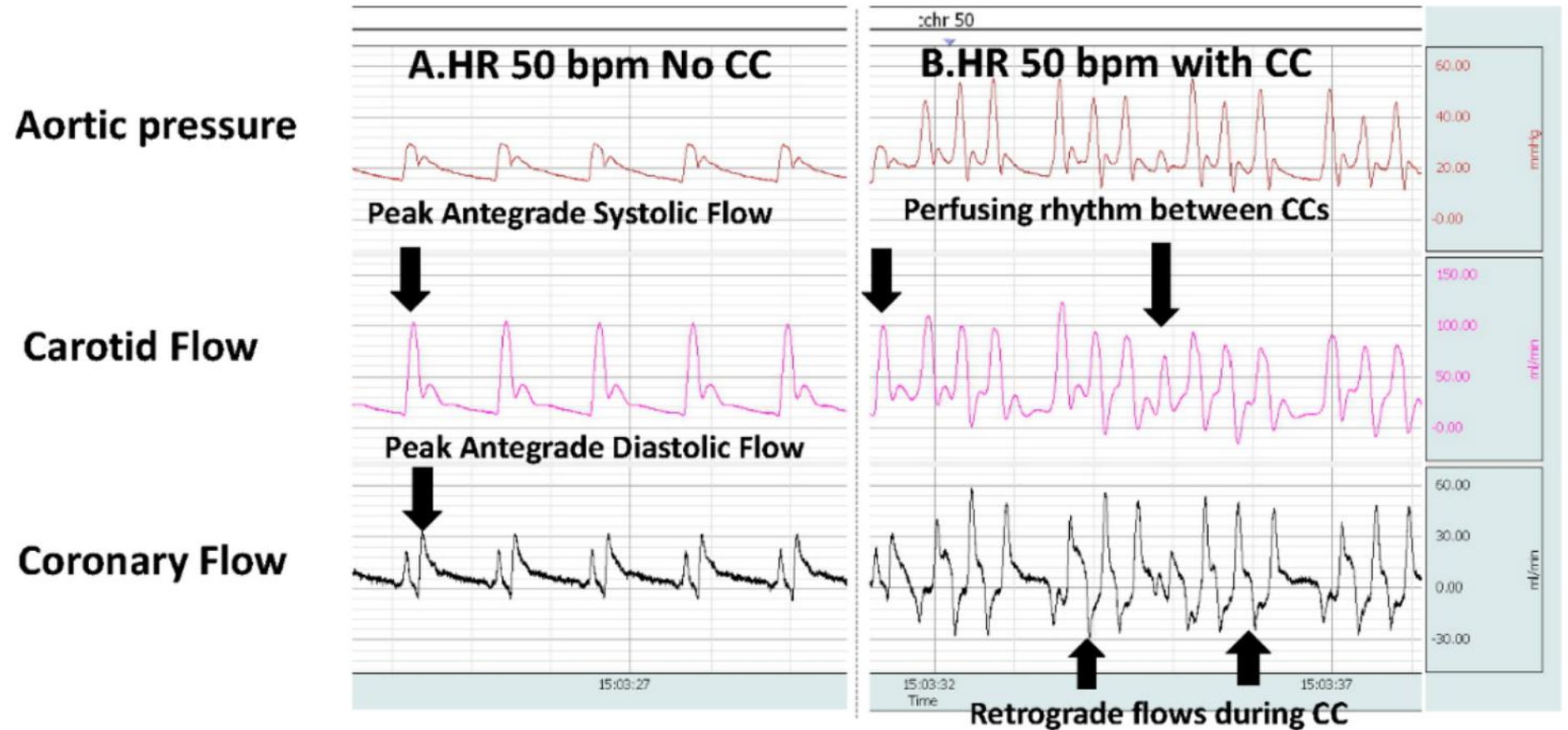
45-year-old male, bystander CPR, shocked into PEA at a Walmart. After 40 minutes of attempts and 9 doses of epinephrine, requesting permission to terminate attempt

25-year-old with seizure disorder and arrest. Initial rhythm VF. No ROSC after 30 minutes of efforts. End of defibrillator file before patches removed.



**At Least There's No Problem  
with Just Doing More CPR in  
a Patient with a Pulse, no?**

# CPR on a Beating Heart



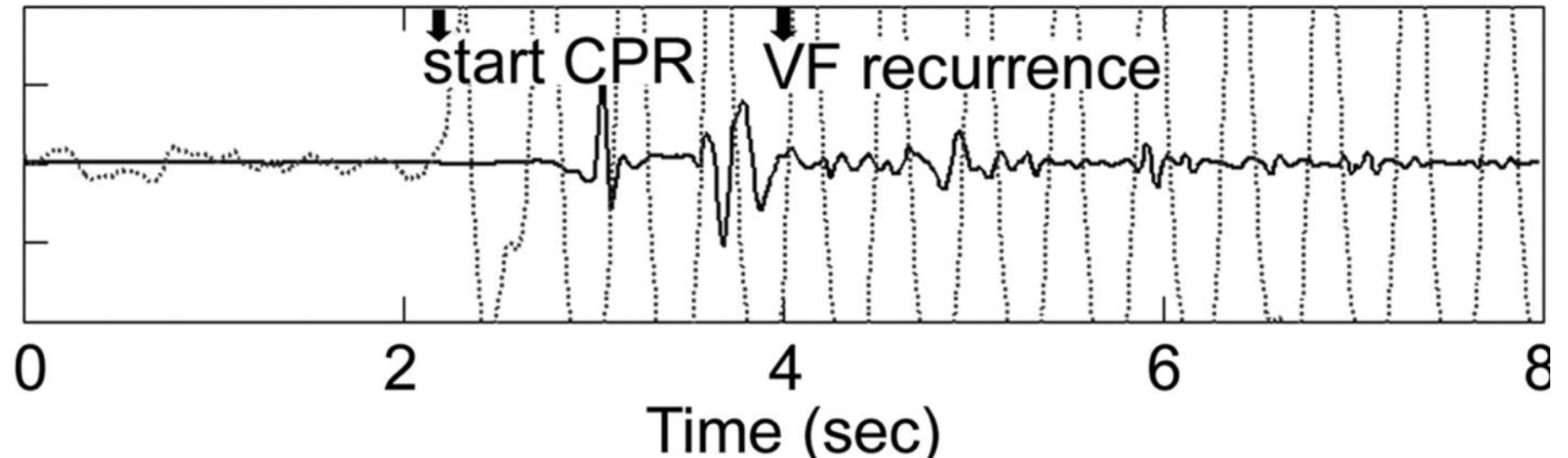
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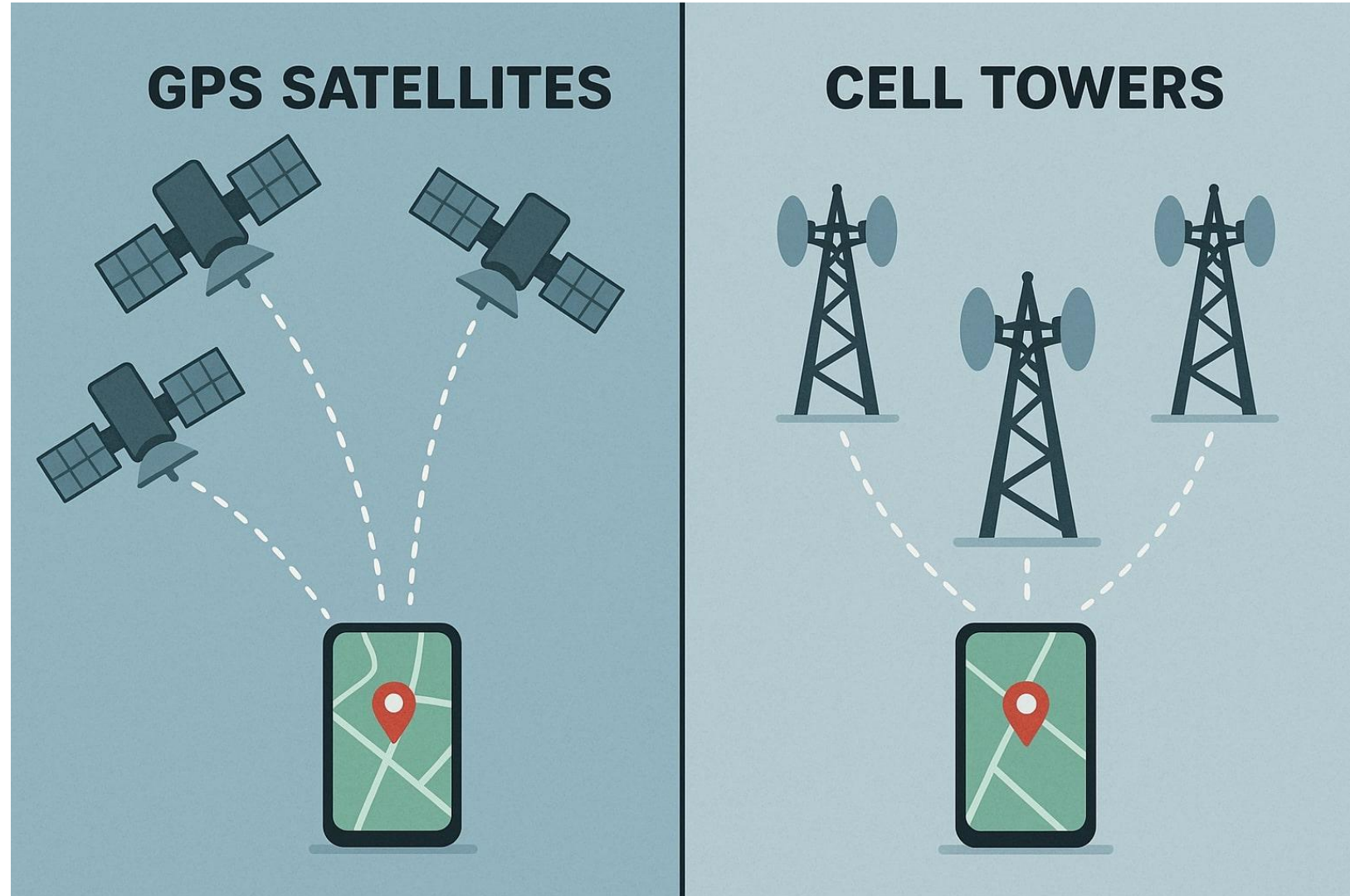
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## B Filtered signal



# Triangulating the ROSC signal



# SpO2

- No published sensitivity/specificity estimates
- Likely low sensitivity but high specificity
  - Often not placed during cardiac arrest
  - If it shows a pulsatile waveform, do not ignore it!

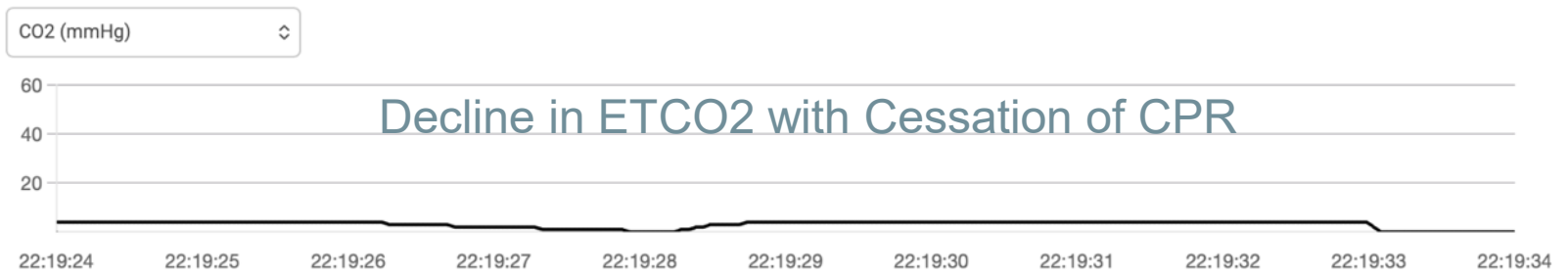
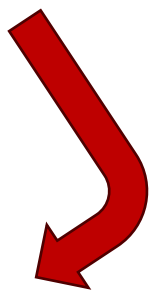
**Figure 4:** Normal vs. low perfusion pleth waveforms



<https://www.jems.com/patient-care/airway-respiratory/the-how-what-and-why-of-ems-pulse-oximetry/>

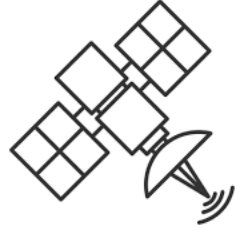
# End-Tidal CO<sub>2</sub>

- We all look for the rise
- What about the fall?
  - In PEA when CPR is stopped but you continue ventilating
    - ETCO<sub>2</sub> should drop if no significant circulation from ROSC

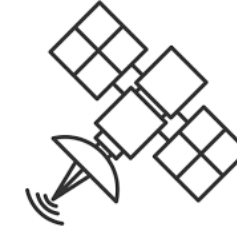
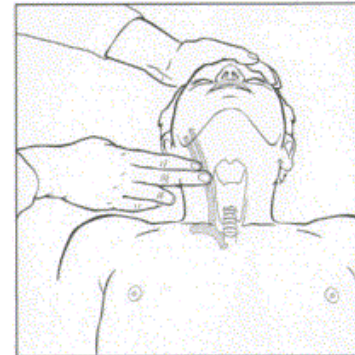


Decline in ETCO2 with Cessation of CPR

# Triangulated Pulse Check in PEA

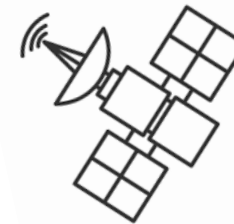


Pulse Check



ETCO<sub>2</sub>

Does ETCO<sub>2</sub> drop  
off?



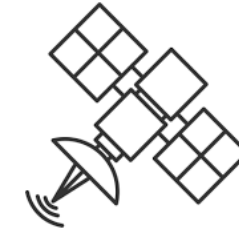
SpO<sub>2</sub>

Is a corresponding  
waveform seen?

# Triangulated Pulse Check at End of Resuscitation in PEA

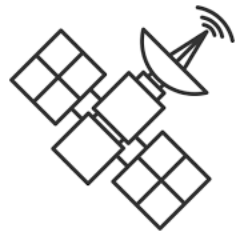
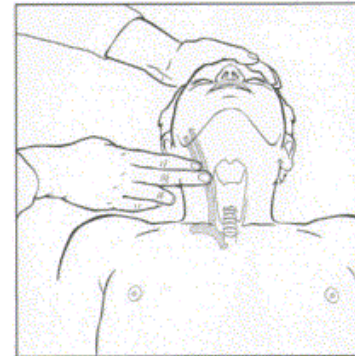


Pulse Check



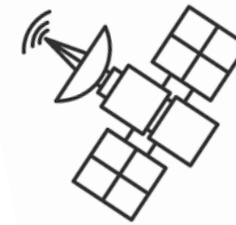
ETCO2

Does ETCO2 drop off?



NIBP

Is a BP Measurable?



SpO2

Is a corresponding waveform seen?

# Femoral Artery Doppler

- Very high accuracy for any arterial flow and for SBP  $\geq 60$  using Peak Systolic Velocity (PSV)  $\geq 20$  cm/s;
  - diagnostic accuracy for ROSC with SBP  $\geq 60$  around 89–91%.



Clinical paper

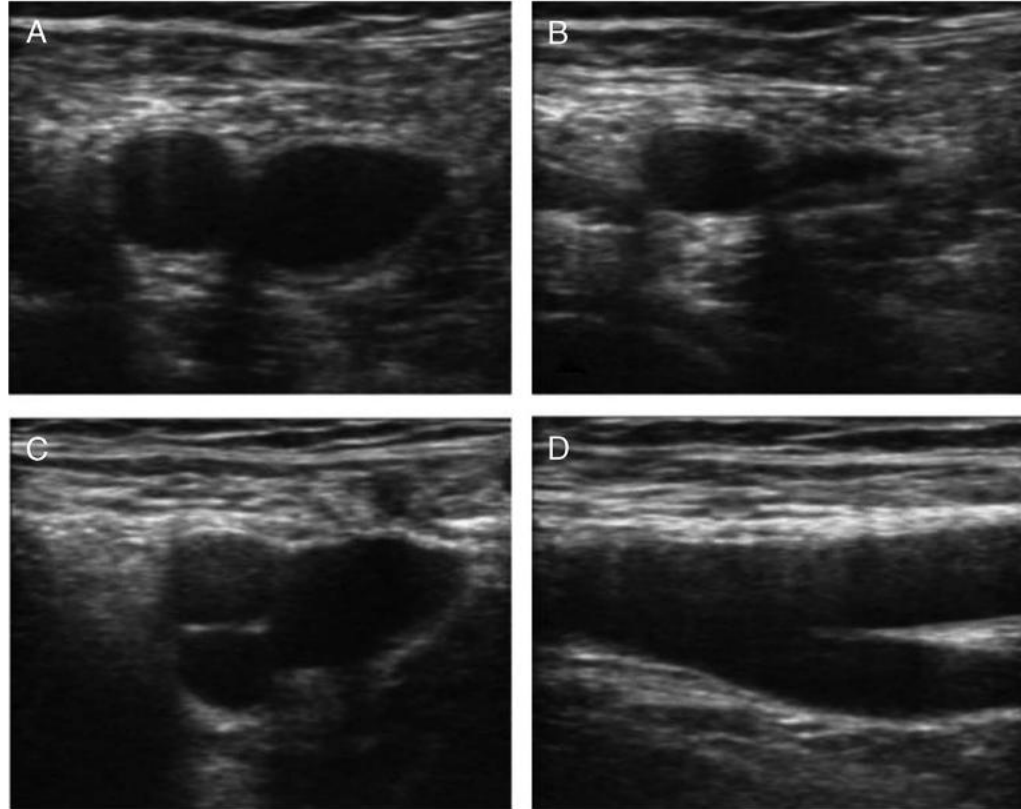
**Femoral artery Doppler ultrasound is more accurate than manual palpation for pulse detection in cardiac arrest**

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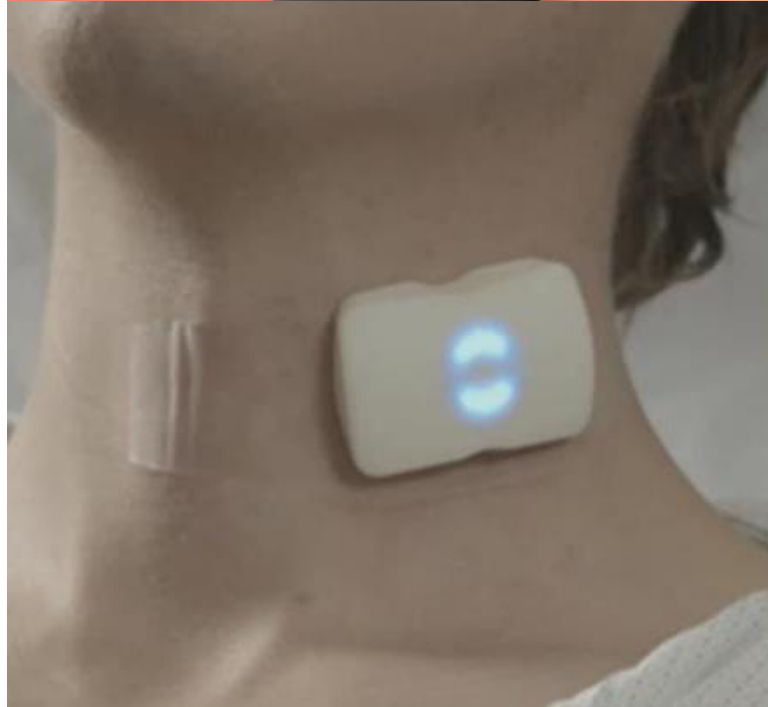
# Arterial line

- Gold Standard
  - Gives you instant pulse check
  - Gives you CPR feedback
- Hard to achieve with active CPR (manual harder than LUCAS)



# Future Solutions

- Smart watches
- BP interpolation of SpO2 plethysmograph
- Carotid doppler patches



# Take Homes

- Terminating resuscitation in PEA is a dangerous proposition
- In the field must triangulate the probability of a pulse in some cases: ETCO<sub>2</sub>, SpO<sub>2</sub>, BP
- In the Field use ultrasound – if available -- to check pulse and arterial line if enough hands



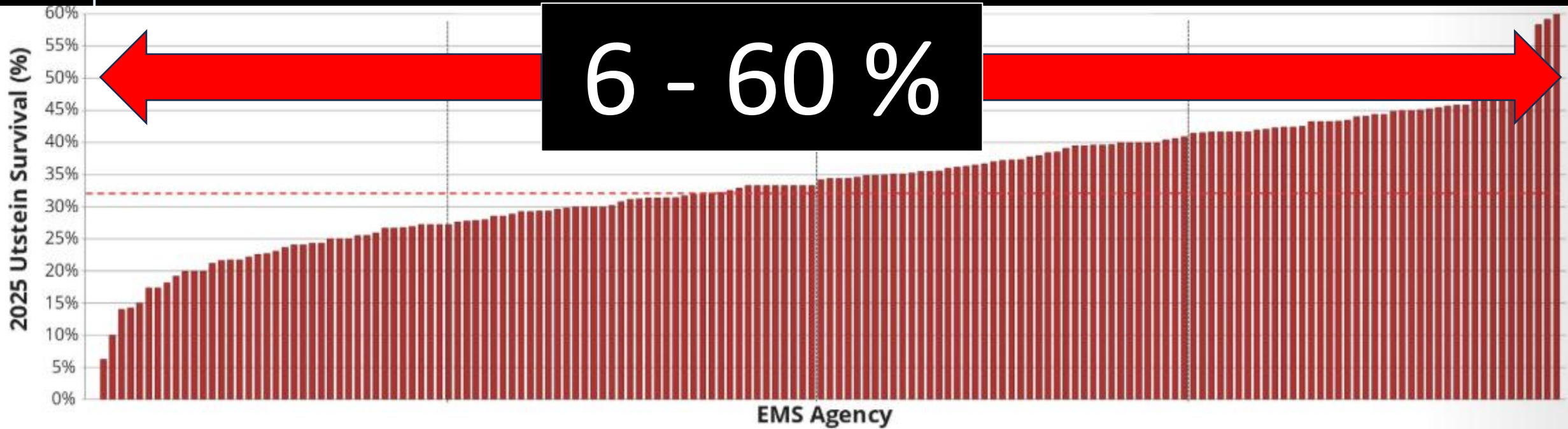
# *STAYIN' ALIVE, STAYIN ALIVE*



*What Are Suggested  
Approaches to Post-ROSC  
Management?*



# UTSTEIN Survival Agencies > 200 Arrests/year



**Figure 23.** Variability in Utstein survival rates, among EMS agencies with  $\geq 200$  CARES cases in 2025.



What is  
Going On?

# Lethbridge Fire & EMS

Pop. 140,000 | 190 Front-line Members | 21,974 EMS Calls



Mike Humphrey



Adam Perrett





Lethbridge is the 3rd  
Largest City in Alberta,  
Canada





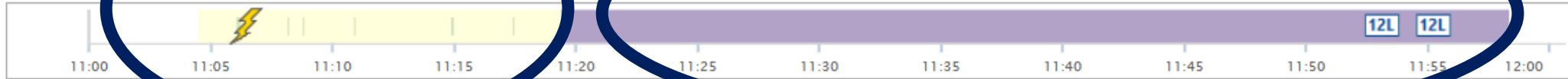
# CPR Performance

## CPR event summary

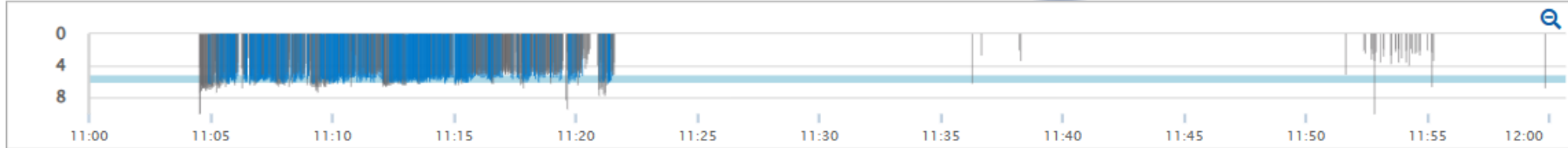
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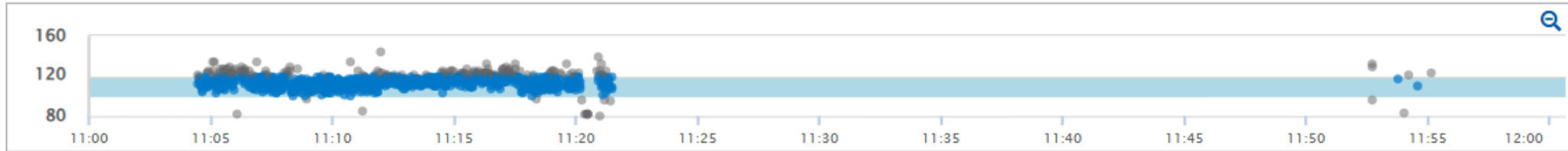
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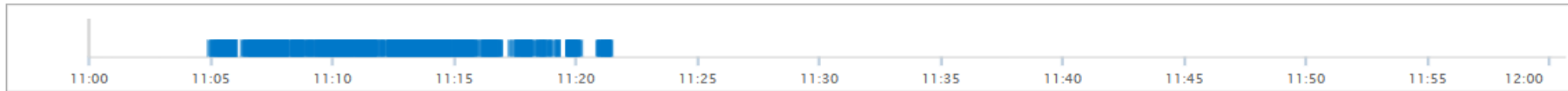
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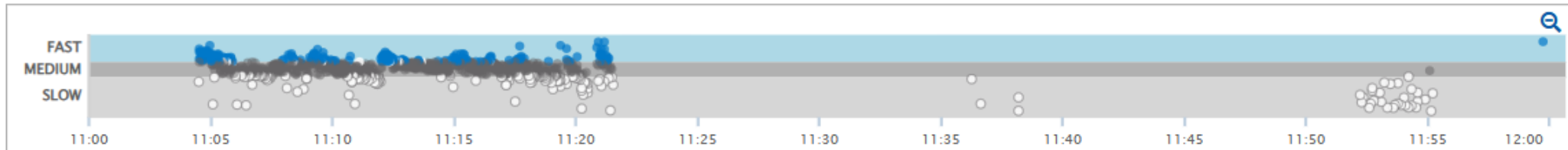
Rate: Target (100 - 120 cpm) 87% in target - manual rate Average manual rate: 114 cpm



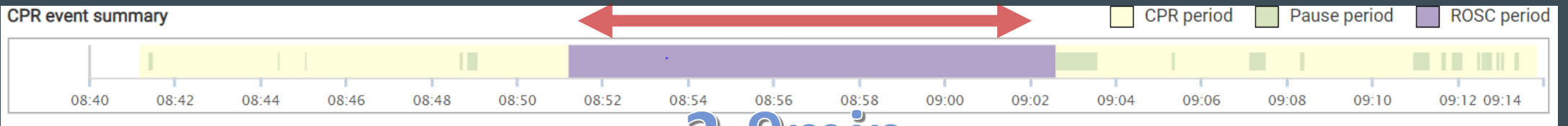
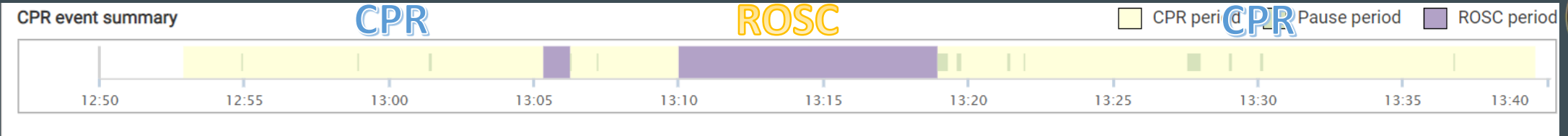
Compressions in target 53% in target - manual compressions



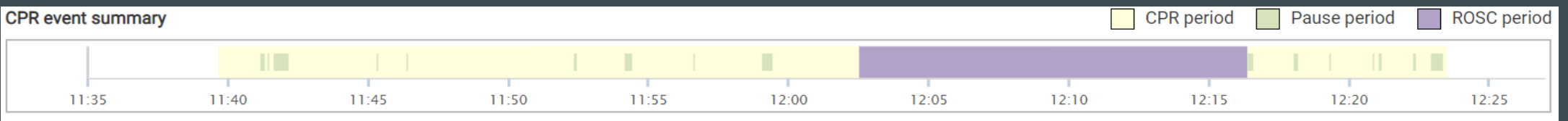
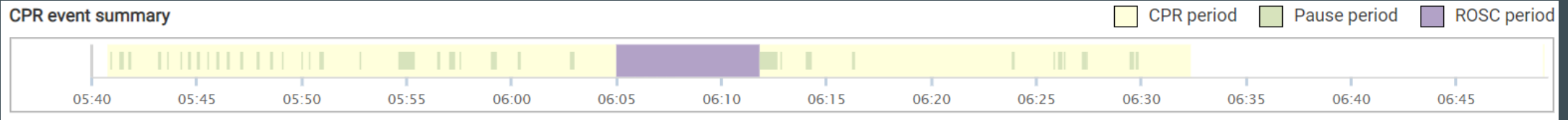
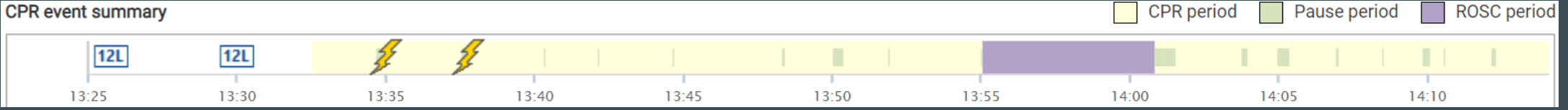
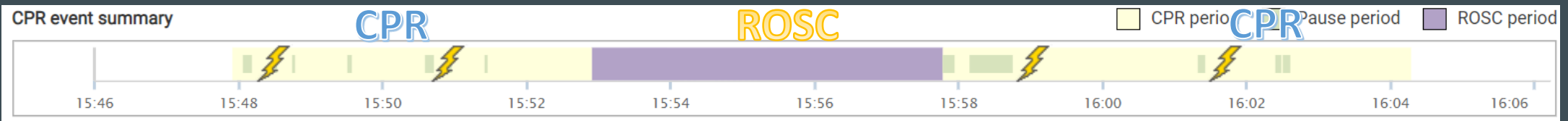
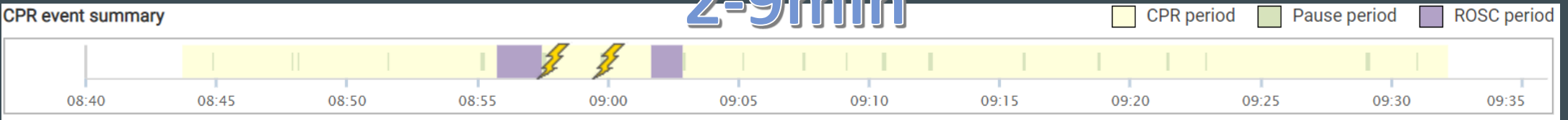
Release velocity trend: Target (400+ mm/s) Average manual release velocity: 360 mm/s



Chest Compression Fraction - 96.20% Comp / 3.80% No comp



2-9min



EMERGENCY  
MEDICATIONS

**PUSH-DOSE**

**EPINEPHRINE**

20 mcg Q2min

10 mL

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**EPINEPHRINE**  
Injection, USP  
1 mg/10 mL  
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with male luer lock  
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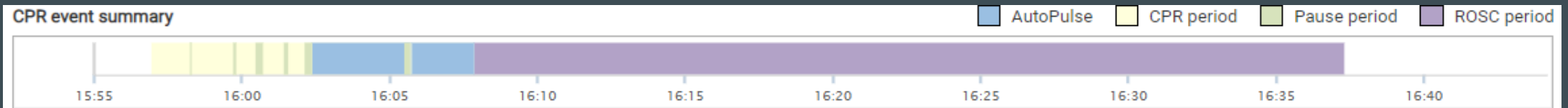
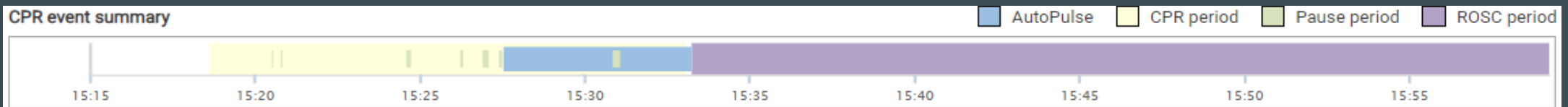
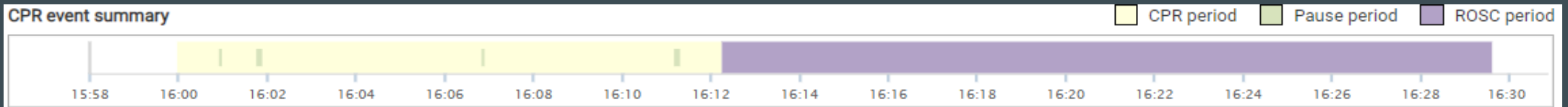
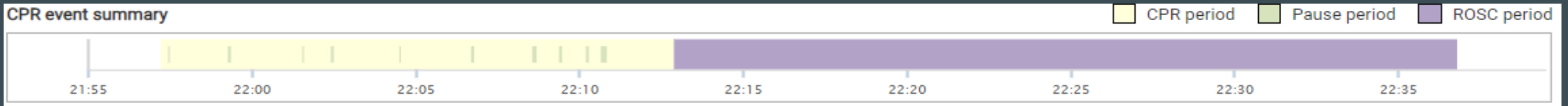
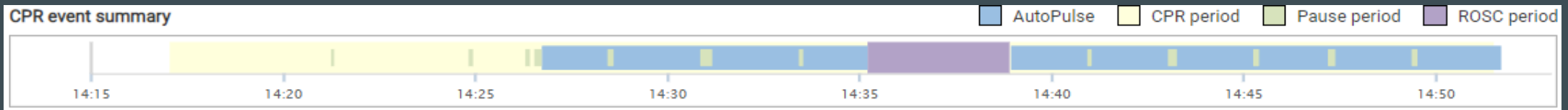
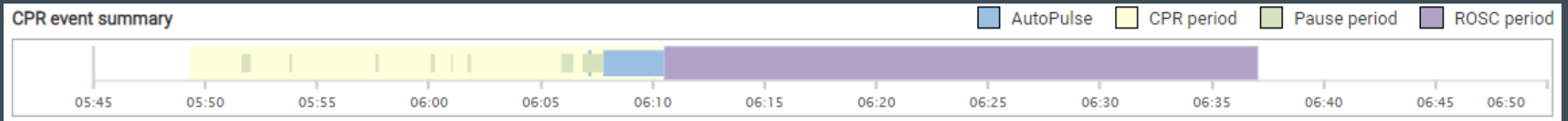
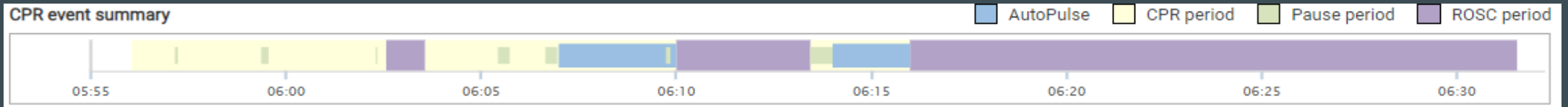
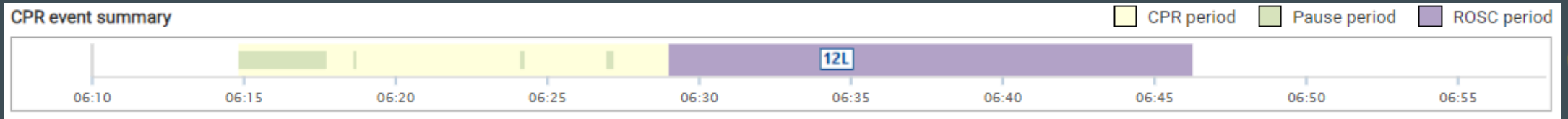
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- **Pre- /Post-Protocol analysis**
- **April 2022 as the implementation date**

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	<b>PRE</b>	<b>POST</b>
Rearrest	48%	32%
ED with ROSC	61%	81%

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**CLINICAL CONCEPTS**  
Emergency Medical Services

## Rationale and development of a prehospital goal-directed bundle of care to prevent rearrest after return of spontaneous circulation

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**Clinical paper**

### What is the optimal prehospital blood pressure level after cardiac arrest? A retrospective cohort study on the association of blood pressure and mortality among patients treated with vasoactive medication

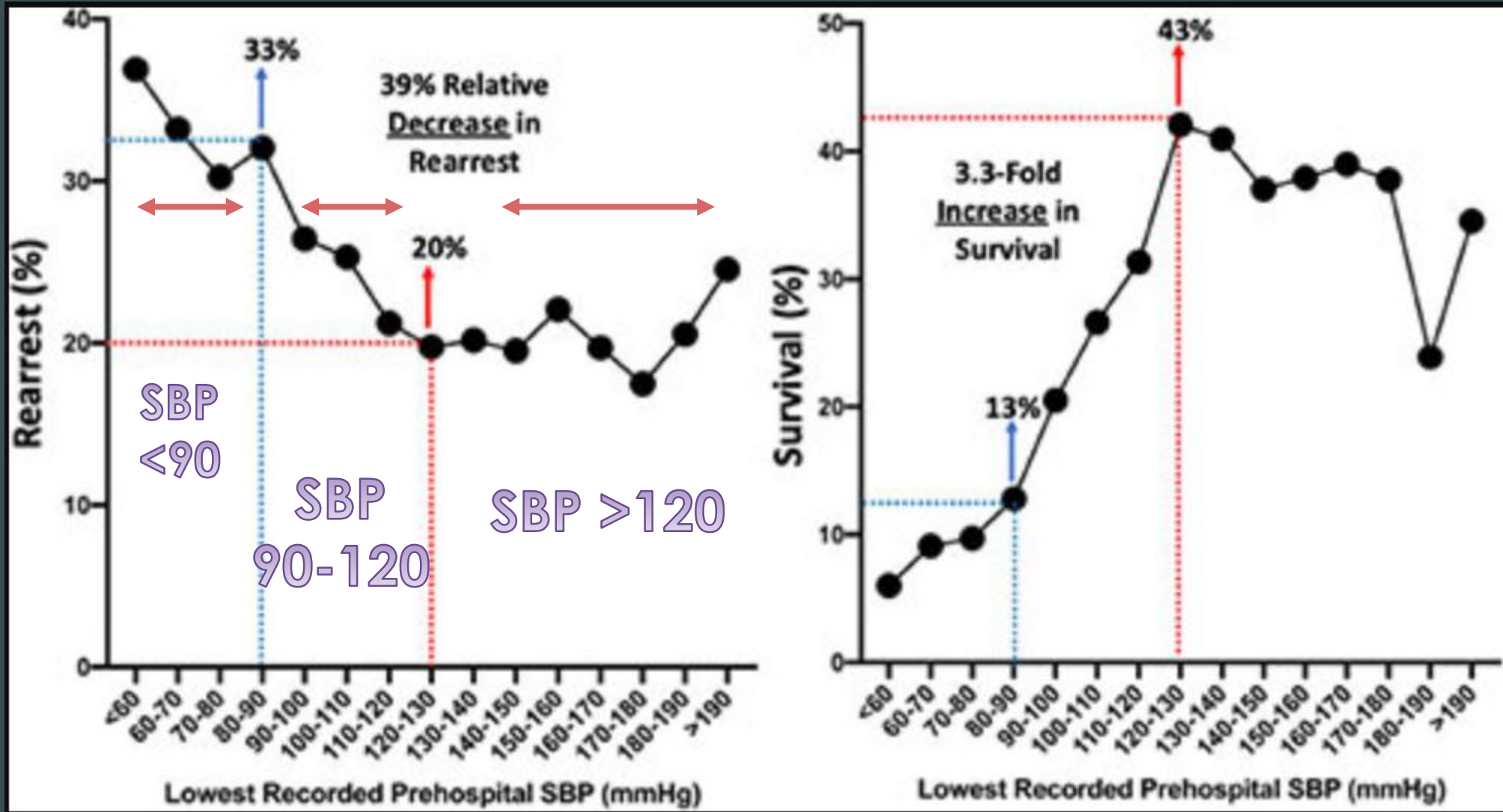
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**Abstract**  
**Objectives:** Vasoactive drugs are often initiated during prehospital post-resuscitation care by Helicopter Emergency Medical Services (HEMS). Evidence is limited regarding treatment targets to ensure optimised survival. Hence, guidelines remain vague. We aimed to compare 30-day and 1-day mortality based on systolic blood pressure (SBP) attained after the administration of vasoactive medication during prehospital post-resuscitation care.  
**Methods:** We conducted a retrospective registry-based cohort study including post-resuscitation care cases attended by a HEMS-physician in which vasoactive treatment was used between 1.1.2012 and 31.8.2019. Patients were categorised according to SBP at handover to hospital: <100, 100–119, 120–140, >140 mmHg. Multivariate logistic regression was used to assess 30- and 1-day mortality, while controlling for age, sex, time to return of spontaneous circulation, presumed cardiac aetiology for arrest, whether the arrest was witnessed, initial rhythm and presence of bystander cardiopulmonary resuscitation.  
**Results:** 3029 post-resuscitation cases were attended by HEMS. In these cases, a total of 1861 patients received vasoactive medication. All patients had necessary variables recorded and were included in our primary analysis. Compared to hypotensive (SBP < 100 mmHg)



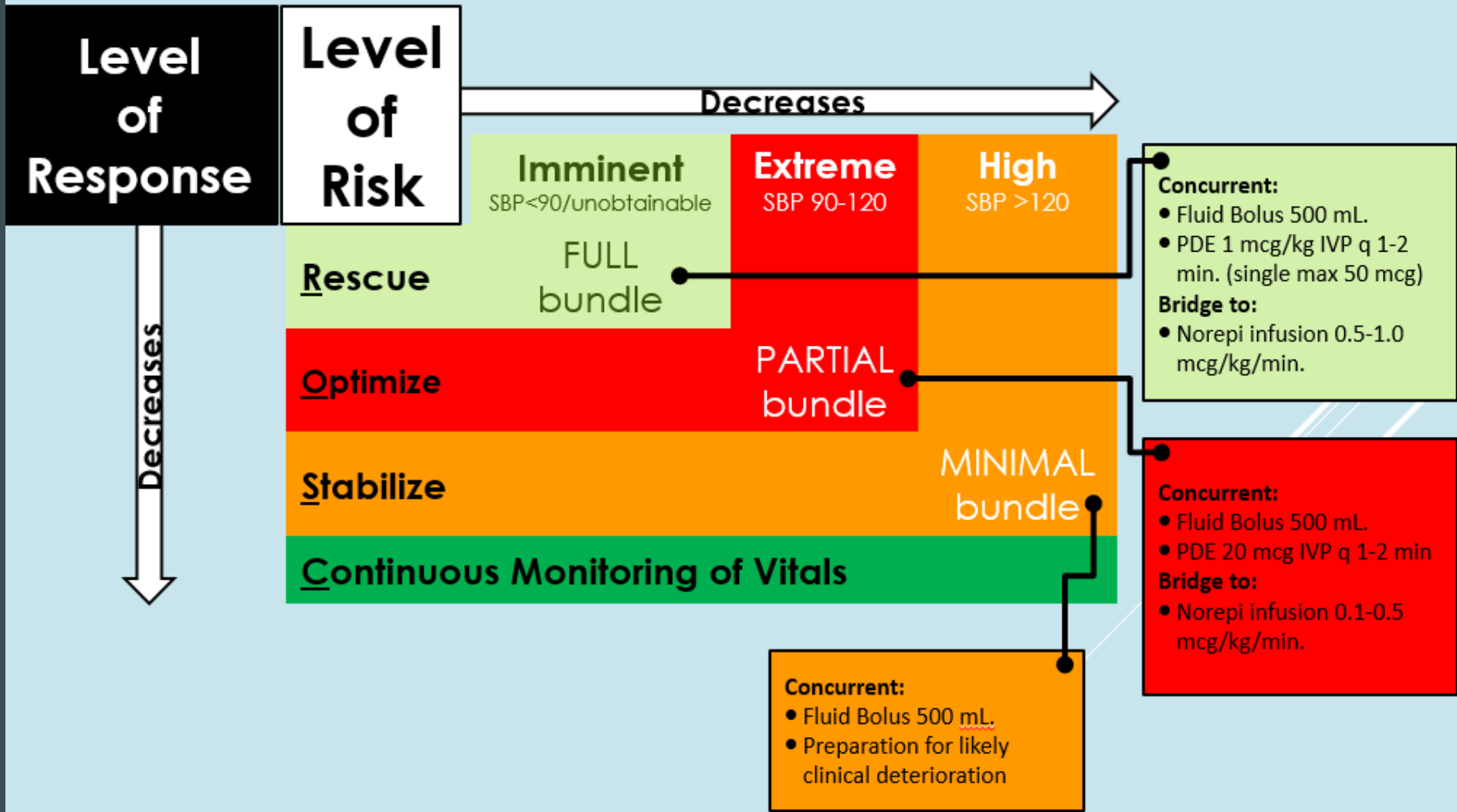
## CAL-ROC SOS BUNDLE

CIRCULATION		AIRWAY	
<b>HEMODYNAMIC OPTIMIZATION</b> GOAL = AVOID HYPOTENSION		<b>AIRWAY MANAGEMENT</b> GOAL = SECURE AIRWAY	
<u>Actions</u>	<u>Trigger</u>	<u>Actions</u>	<u>Trigger</u>
Assess BP q3min	All		If BVM ineffective or after
Administer NS Bolus 500mL	All	Place Advanced Airway*	HD optimized and prior to transport
Prepare push-dose epinephrine	All	Confirm airway with EtCO <sub>2</sub>	All
Administer push-dose epinephrine	SBP<120mmHg		
Repeat NS Bolus 500mL	Persistent SBP<120mmHg		
Repeat push-dose epinephrine	Persistent SBP<120mmHg		
<b>STEMI IDENTIFICATION</b> GOAL = IDENTIFY STEMI & DYSRHYTHMIAS		<b>BREATHING</b> <b>VENTILATION AND OXYGENATION</b> GOAL = AVOID HYPER/HYPOVENTILATION	
<u>Actions</u>	<u>Trigger</u>	<u>Actions</u>	<u>Trigger</u>
Continuous cardiac rhythm monitoring	Focused assessment q3mins or if clinical deterioration	Initiate ventilations at 10 BPM	All
Obtain and transmit 12-lead ECG	All	Continuous EtCO <sub>2</sub> and SpO <sub>2</sub> monitoring	Focused assessment q3mins or if clinical deterioration
		Target EtCO <sub>2</sub> 35-45mmHg	All
		Target SpO <sub>2</sub> 94-98%	All





# TARGETED INTERVENTION WITH R-O-S-C GOAL SBP >120



# Summary

- QA / QI is key in cardiac arrest
- SBP < 90 mmHg → Fluid bolus, Push Pressor Epinephrine 50 mcg Q2 min, bridge to NE Drip
- SBP 90 – 120 mmHg → Fluid bolus, Push Pressor Epinephrine 20 mcg Q2 min, bridge to NE Drip



*STAYIN' ALIVE,  
STAYIN ALIVE*



*What Are Suggested  
Approaches to Post-ROSC  
Management?*





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# **Stayin' Alive, Stayin' Alive:** **What Are Suggested Approaches to** **Post-ROSC Management? (Continued)**

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# Chain of Survival Committee

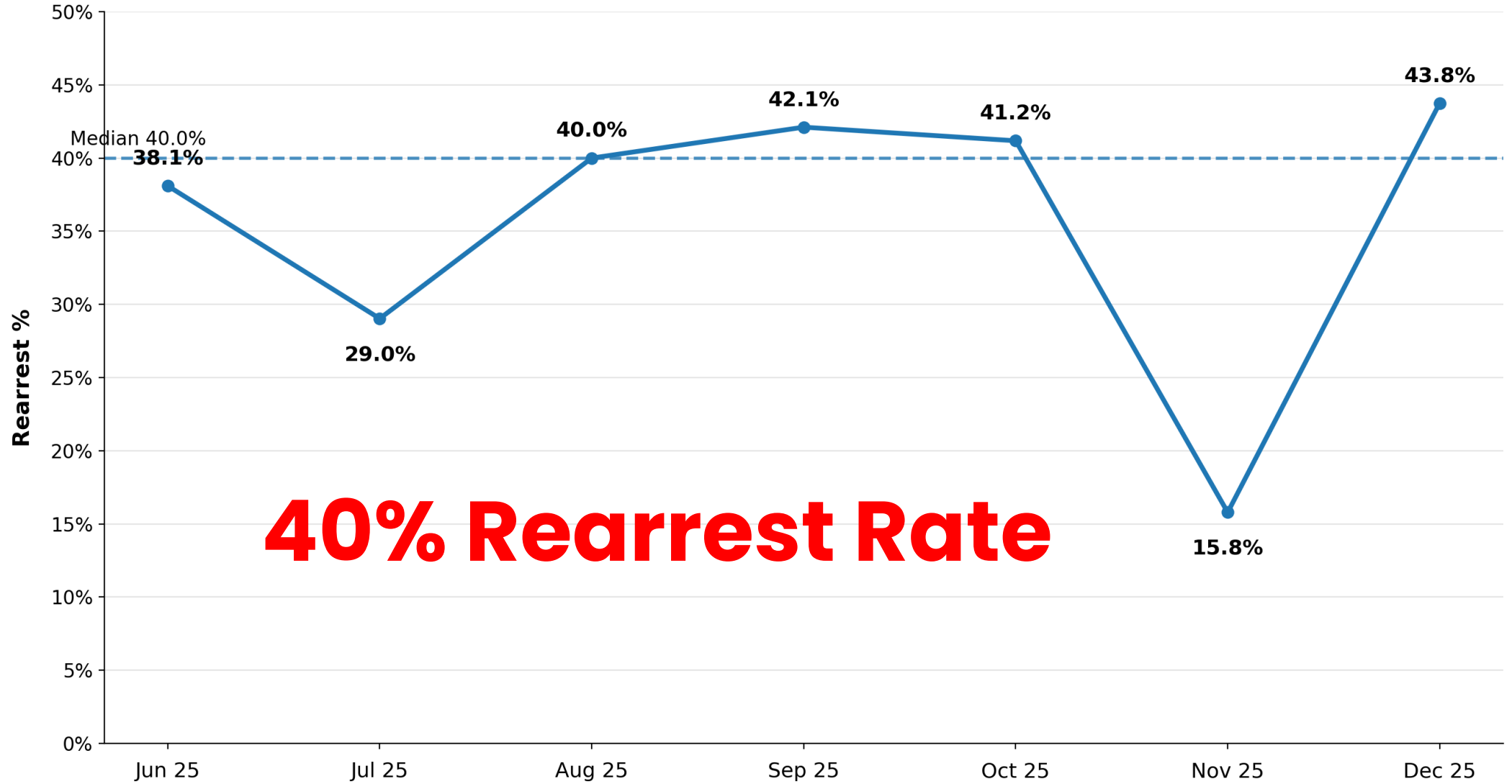
**Purpose: Improve OHCA Utstein survival in our system through a multidisciplinary chain of survival QI program**



## **Improvement Workgroups:**

- **Pre-Arrival**
- **Resuscitation**
- **Post-ROSC**

# Rearrest Percentage by Month



# Cardiac

## Post ROSC

*If ROSC occurs in-place,*

- Remain in-place for a minimum of 10 minutes, accomplishing the following:
  - Assess ventilation effectiveness and vital signs
  - BP q 2 minutes
  - Obtain 12-lead ECG ASAP following ROSC
  - Assess blood glucose
  - Notify receiving PCI center, activate STEMI alert as appropriate
  - Place MCD in ready mode for transport
  - Secure patient

Basic

- Reassess rhythm
- Assure  $\geq 2$  routes of IV/IO access
- Maintain MAP  $\geq 65$  or age appropriate goals

Paramedic

*If hypotensive,*

- Norepinephrine  
Adult - 5 mcg/min, titrate to MAP  $\geq 65$   
Pedi - 0.1 mcg/kg/min, titrate to age appropriate goals



# Post-ROSC Process Metrics

- Significant variation
- Delay and difficulty in obtaining BPs
- 64% - no regular or q2 BPs
- Conservative pressors
- Focus on less critical treatment priorities

10 min in place



BP obtained



BP set to q2



PDE given

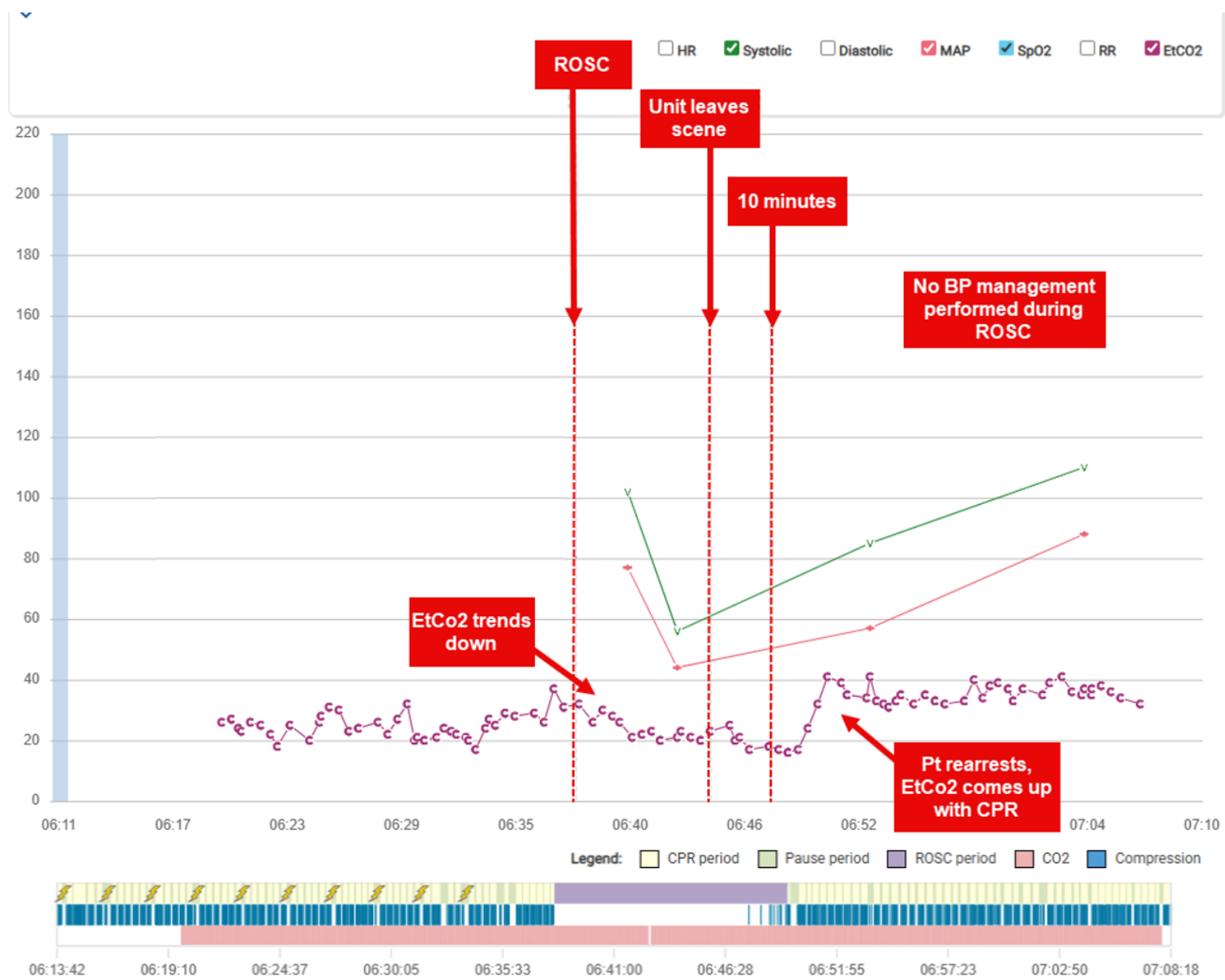


Norepi infusion



12-lead within 10 min

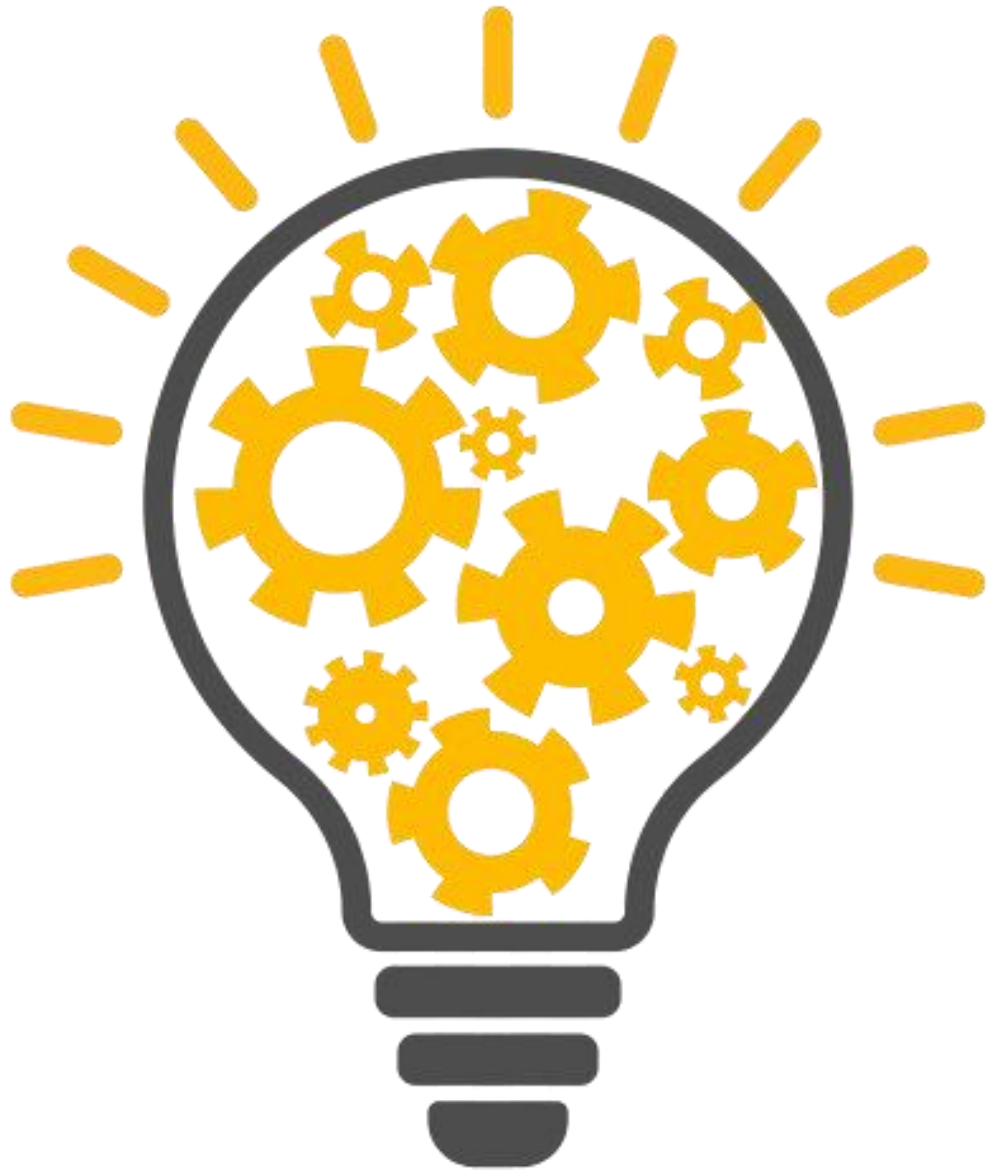




## AIM:

**Decrease our OHCA post ROSC rearrest rate from 42% to 20% within one year through a Post ROSC Improvement Process.**





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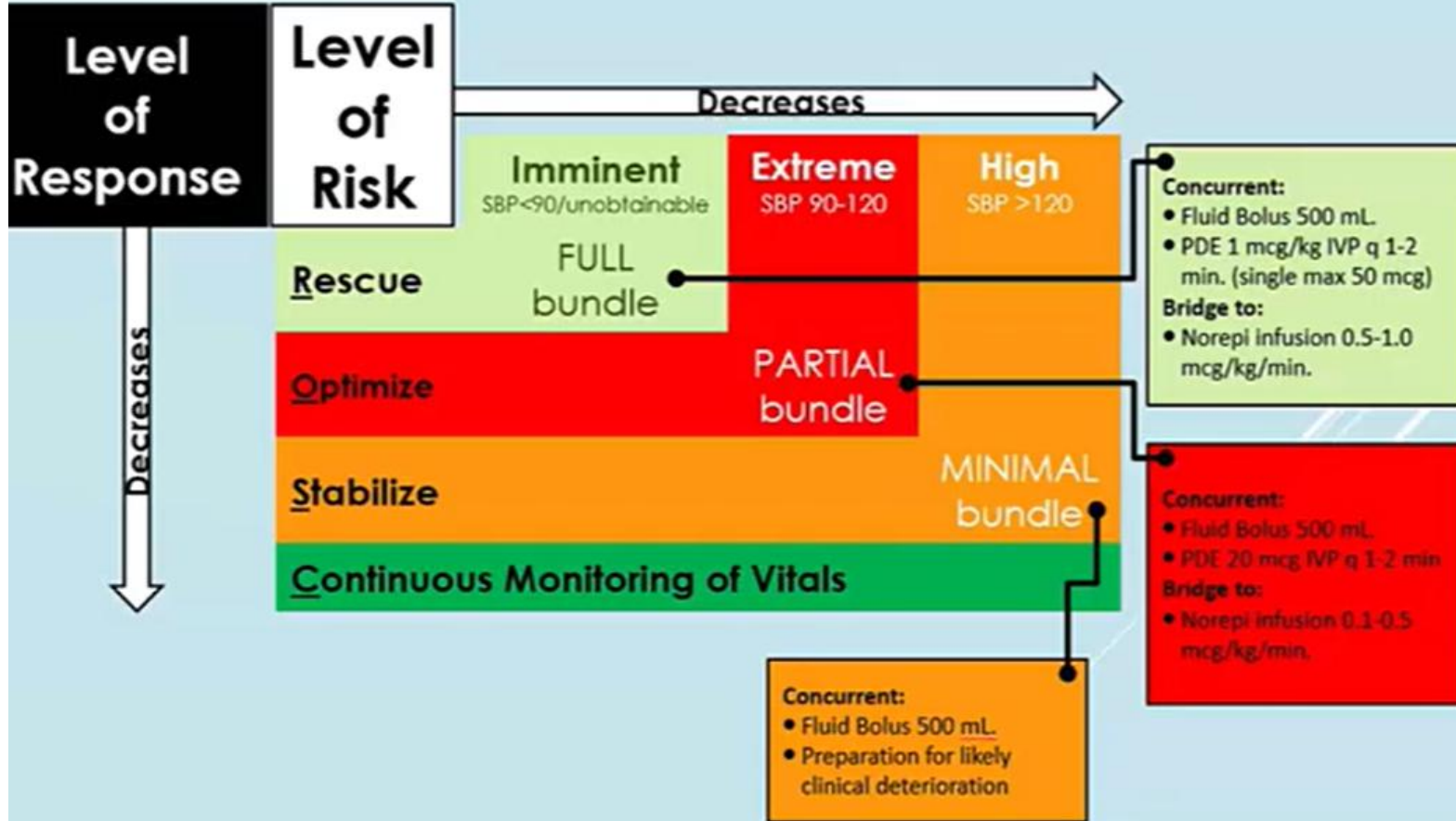


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# TARGETED INTERVENTION WITH R-O-S-C GOAL SBP >120



# FWOMD Post-ROSC Checklist Goals

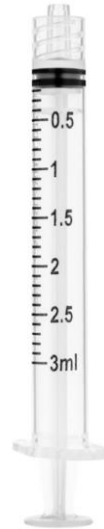
- **Early & aggressive hemodynamic support**
- Simplicity
- Fit on a badge buddy card
- Address identified post-ROSC “misses”
- Lead to norepi infusion (if needed)

# The Post-ROSC Checklist

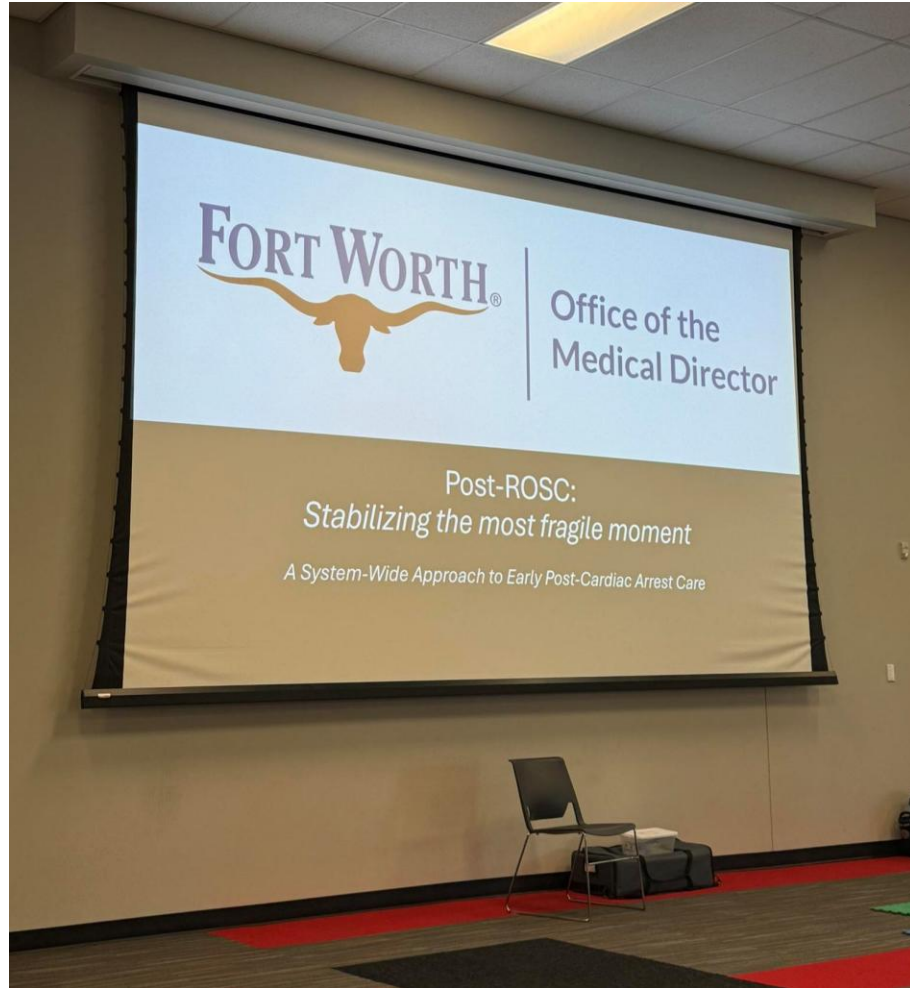
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<b>Paramedic</b>	<b>NorEpi</b>	SBP	Push Dose	Infusion
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	<u>P</u> ress	90 - 120	2 mL q 2 min	30 mcg/min
	<u>M</u> ix	>120	Prep PDL & Infusion	
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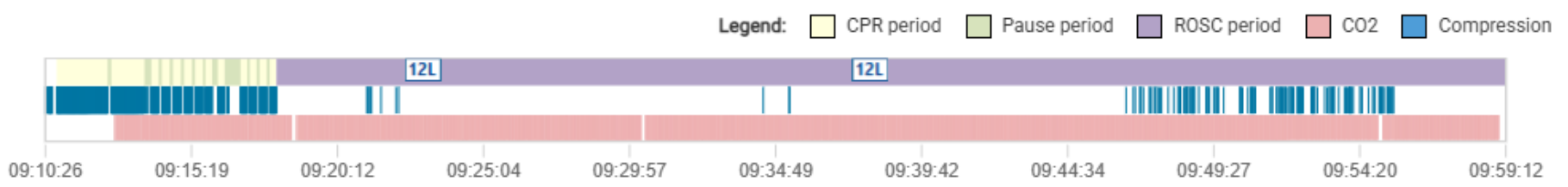
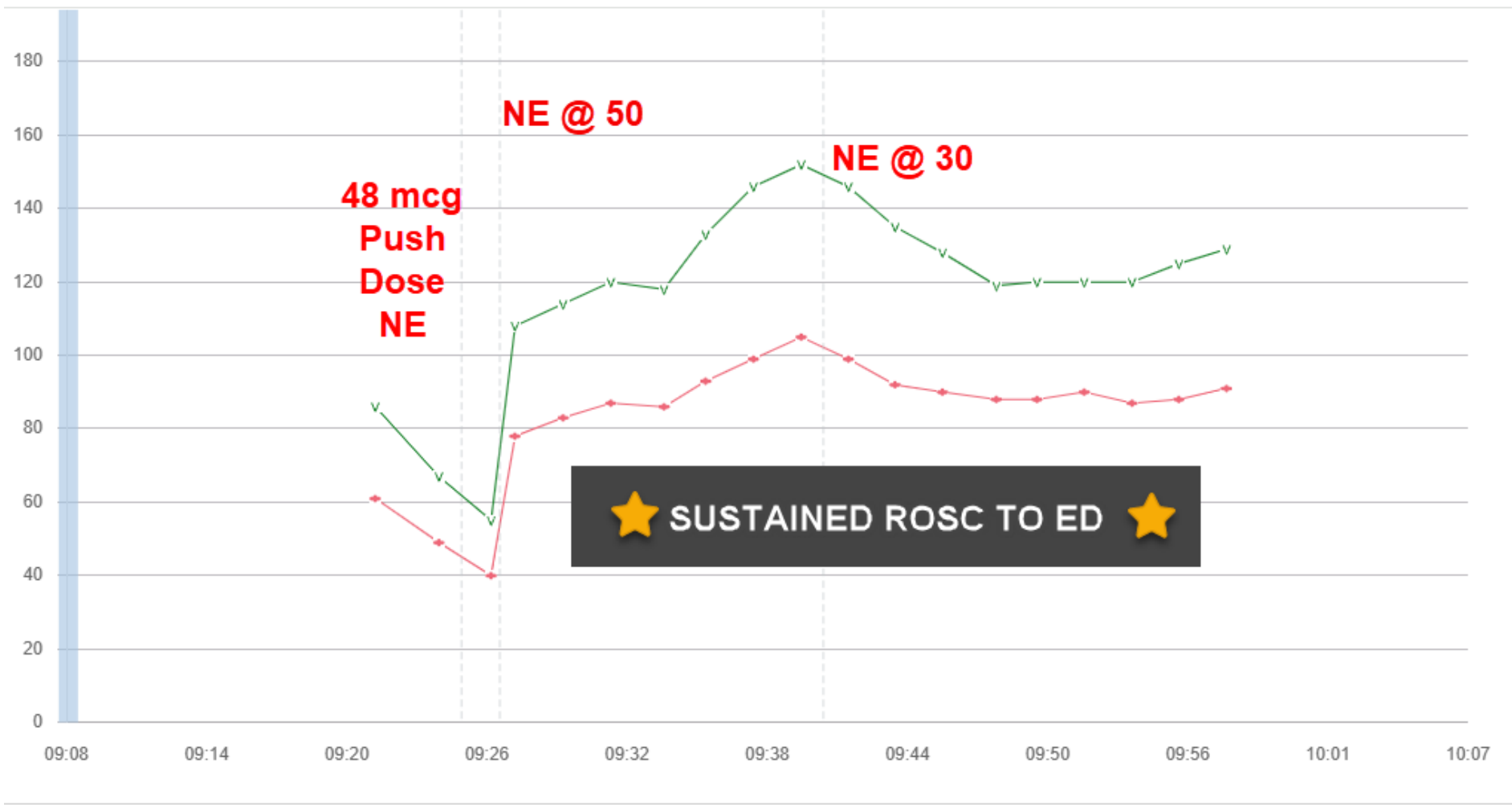
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# Systemwide CE May 2026





Category	Count	%
Rescue	22	63%
Press	10	29%
Mix/Monitor	3	8%

Performance	Pre-Testing	With Bundle
BP	69%	94%
BPQ2	36%	80%
Re-Arrest	42%	27%

# Conclusion

- Don't be fooled by early normal/high BPs
- Depth and duration of hypotension matters
- SBP < 90 might not be optimal early ROSC target
- Early aggressive hemodynamic support key
- Consider bundle of post-ROSC & pressor care



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# *A Shot of Adrenaline Will Do Ya : IM Epi*

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# Epinephrine

Cardiac arrest is a leading cause of death worldwide

US survival to discharge after (OHCA) < 10% for over 60 years

Improves ROSC and survival NOT neurological recovery

Higher neurologically survival if given < 10 min of arrest

# Epi...Many Routes Along the Way

## Intracardiac IC (1960s-1970s)

- Poss lacerated coronaries, tamponade, fell out of favor

## Endotracheal ET 1980s-1990s (ACLS 90s)

- IV access difficult or first dose until IV
- 2-2.5x dose, dilute
- Fell out of favor, delayed and lower peak concentrations vs. IV, may worsen VQ mismatch, no demonstrated benefit (removed in 2010)

## Intraosseus IO

- 1922 pioneered for resuscitation, diff access
- 1940s-1990s, transitioned to mostly pediatrics
- ADVENT OF THE DRILL: Early 2000s, speed, reliability
- 2004 EZ IO FDA approved, transition back to adults
- 2005 AHA Guidelines IO equivalent to IV

## Intramuscular IM

- Most recent research exploring this
- Showed improved survival 11% vs. 7%
- Potential new direction



# Many Epi Doses Along the Way...

YOUR GUESS



American  
Heart  
Association®

IS AS GOOD AS MINE

Staple of ACLS based  
on animal models

High-dose improved  
ROSC worsened  
neurological recovery  
and long-term survival

1960's

1980s

1990s

2026

AHA recommended  
escalating doses for  
cardiac arrest

Lower doses  
administered at  
specific intervals

# IM Epi...Something Novel...Will it Work?

IM  
Fast, Safe,  
Easy

Self  
administered  
for Allergic  
Rxns.

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## Early intramuscular adrenaline administration is associated with improved survival from out-of-hospital cardiac arrest

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### Abstract

#### Background

Early administration of adrenaline is associated with improved survival after out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA). Delays in vascular access may impact the timely delivery of adrenaline. Novel methods for administering adrenaline before vascular access may enhance survival. The objective of this study was to determine whether an initial intramuscular (IM) adrenaline dose followed by standard IV/IO adrenaline is associated with improved survival after OHCA.

#### Methods Study Design

We conducted a before-and-after study of the implementation of an early, first-dose IM adrenaline EMS protocol for adult OHCA. The pre-intervention period took place between January 2010 and October 2019. The post-intervention period was between November 2019 and May 2024.

#### Setting

Single-center urban, two-tiered EMS agency.

#### Participants

Adult, nontraumatic OHCA meeting criteria for adrenaline use.

#### Intervention

Single dose (5 mg) IM adrenaline. All other care, including subsequent IV or IO adrenaline, followed international guidelines.

# IM Epi

1405 adults w OHCA, IM Epi

Adult Non traumatic Cardiac  
arrest Jan 2010 – May 2024

Improved survival  
(11 vs 7% )

Neurologically survival  
(9.8 % vs 6.2 %;) vs. IV/IO



Salt Lake City  
FD, 2019,  
5 mg IM with  
IV/IO attempts

# R & D

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**RIPOFF**  
&  
**DUPLICATE**



# Polk County IM Epi

## December – March 2025-2026

### 350 patients so far...

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VF ROSC  
increased 22%  
36% to 58%

VF Survival  
increased 20%  
35% to 55%

PEA / Asystole  
ROSC  
increased 1%  
27% to 28%

PEA / Asystole  
survival  
dropped 2%  
22% to 20%

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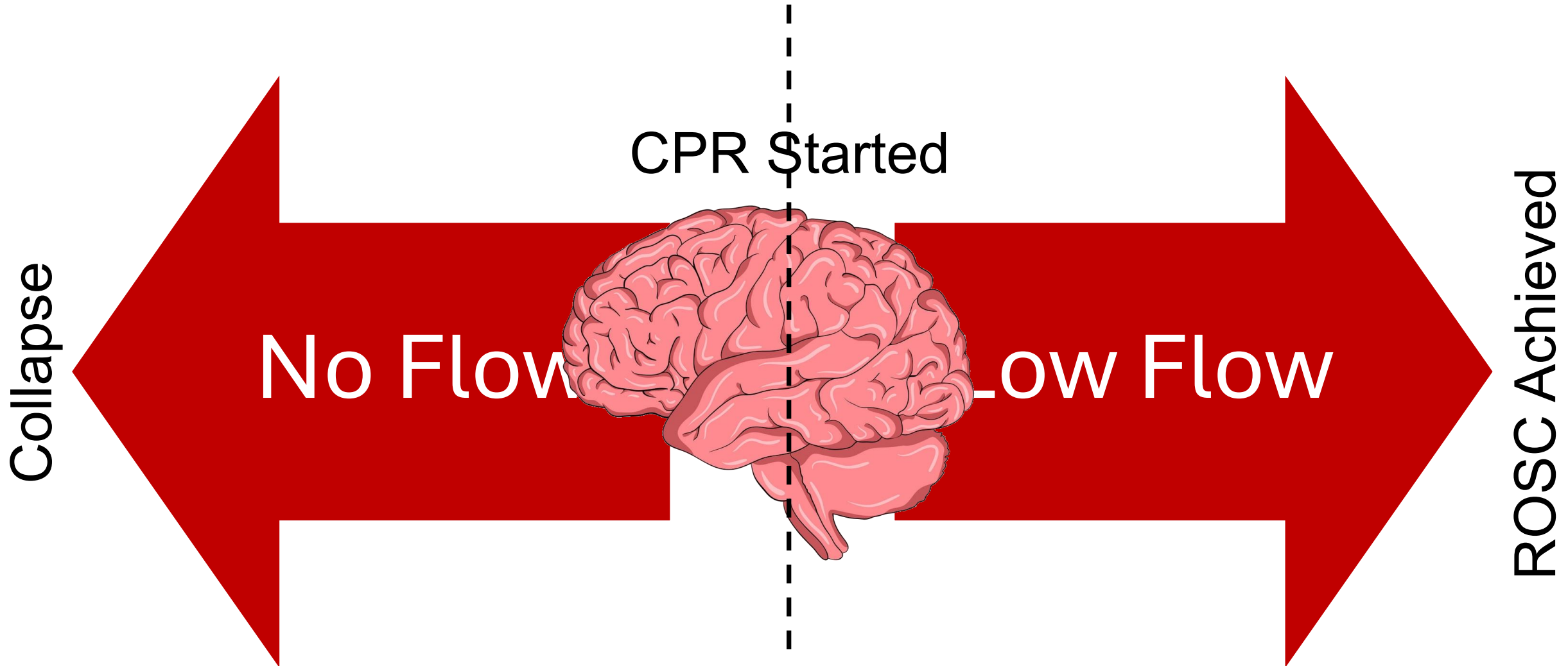
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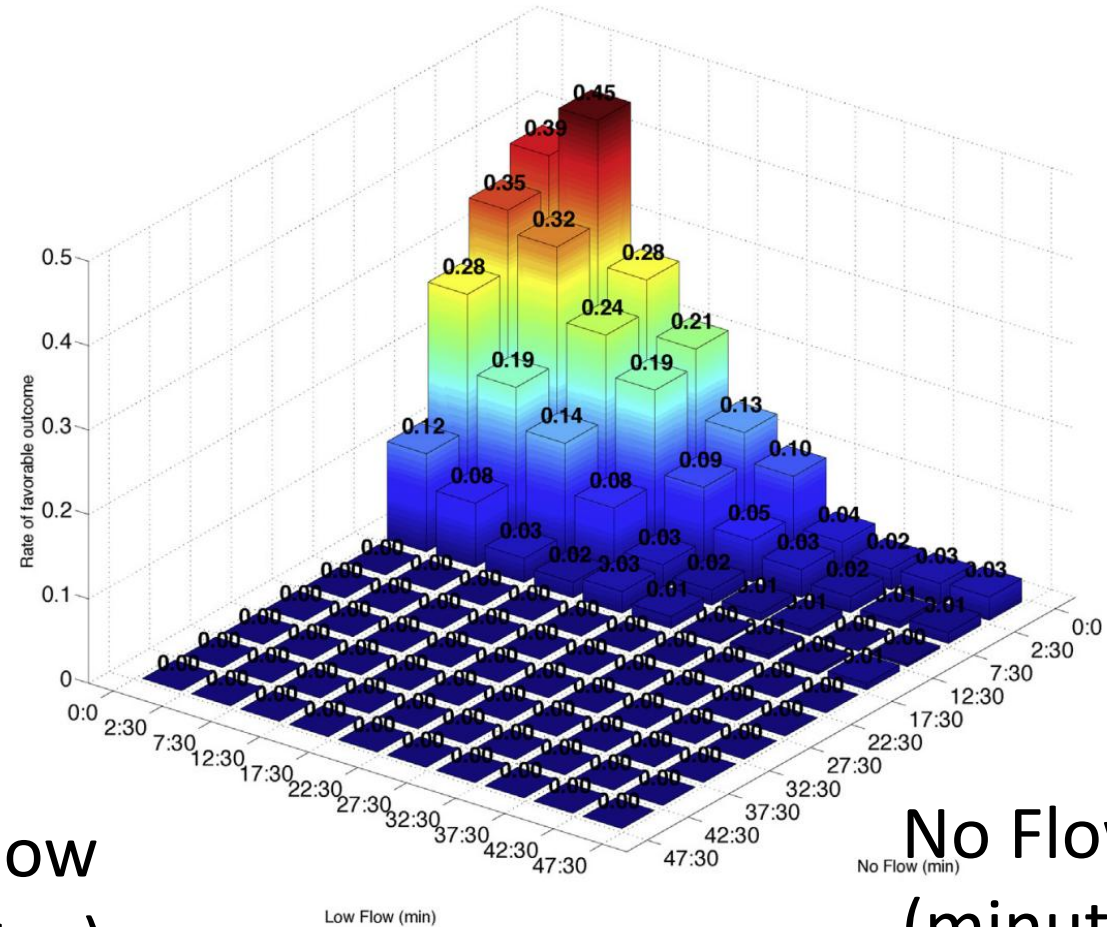
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Do Ya: *Why Are We  
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Intramuscular Epinephrine*  
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# Two periods of ischemia





Low Flow  
(minutes)

No Flow  
(minutes)

# No Flow and Low Flow Time

Early CPR and Early ROSC = Highest Survival



10 mL NDC 0409-4921-20

**EPINEPHRINE**  
**Injection, USP**  
**1 mg/10 mL**  
**(0.1 mg/mL)**

*Warning: Contains Sulfite.*  
**PROTECT FROM LIGHT**

LIFESHIELD

**Glass**  
**ABBOJEC**  
**Unit of Use S**

with male luer  
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# Time-to-epi is a lever in survival

SURVIVAL TO HOSPITAL DISCHARGE

**62% higher**

(95% CI 1.45–1.83)

FUNCTIONAL SURVIVAL

**2X Higher**

(95% CI 1.73–2.52)

*Patients who got epi  $\leq 10$  minutes from scene arrival had  $\sim 2\times$  the chance of neurologically intact survival.*

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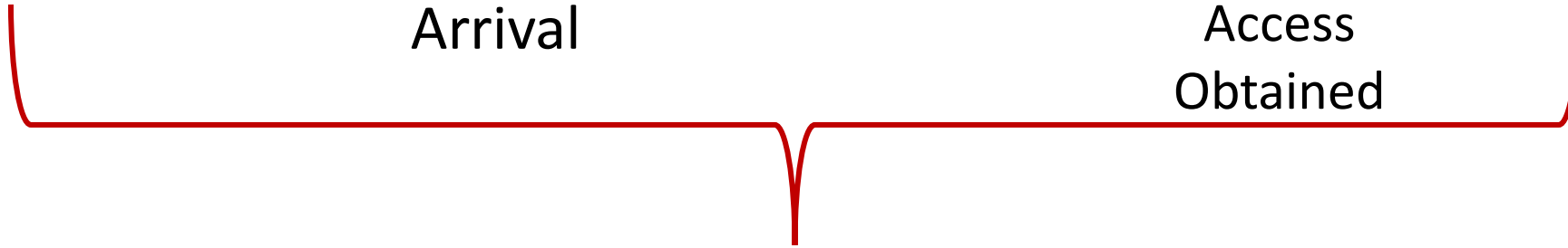
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Arrival



Vascular  
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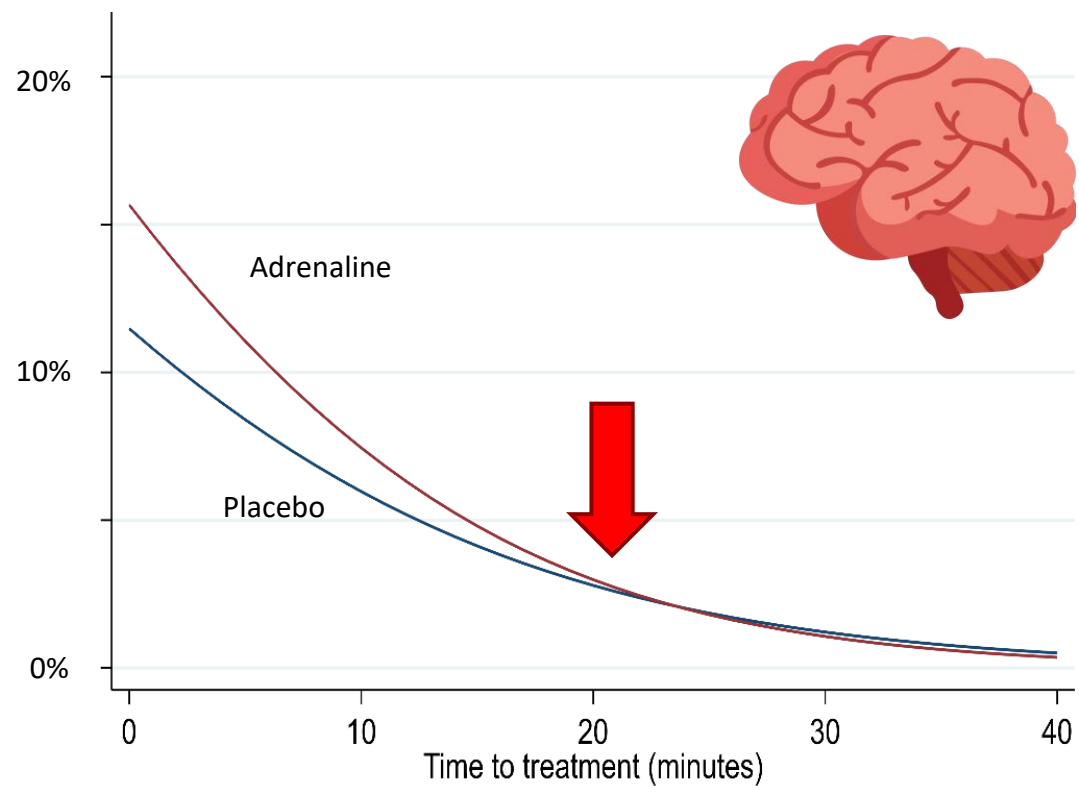
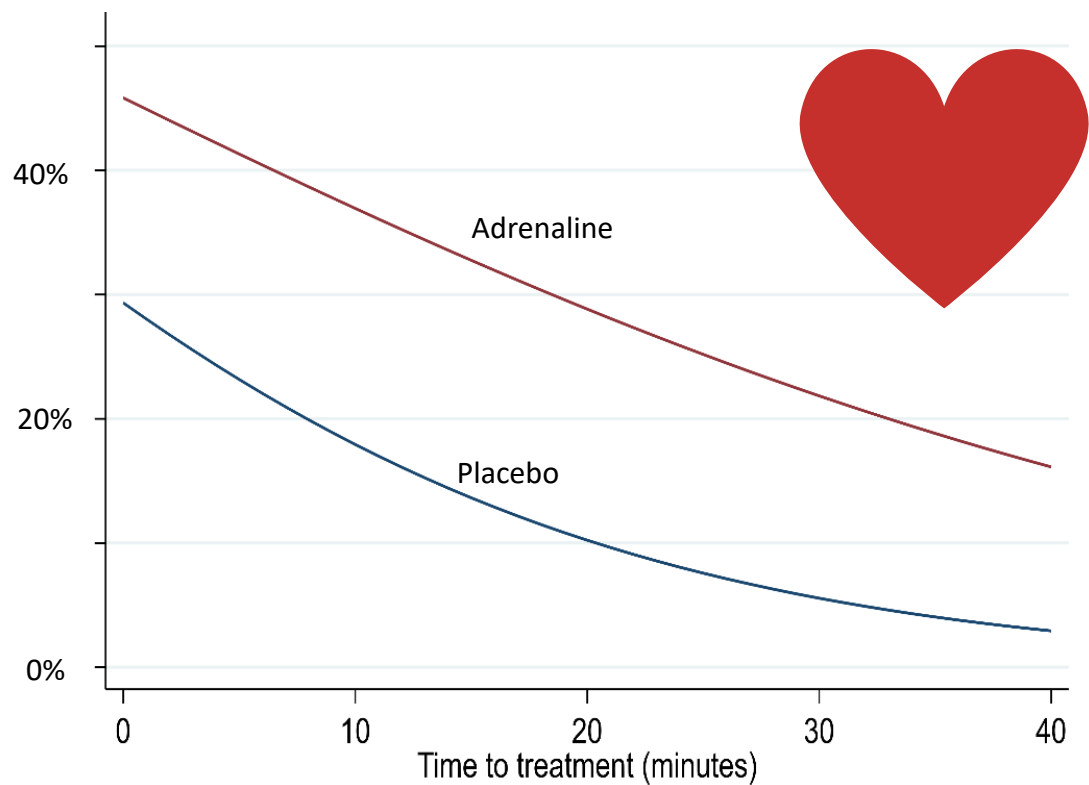
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PARAMEDIC-2 Trial

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**66% IV**

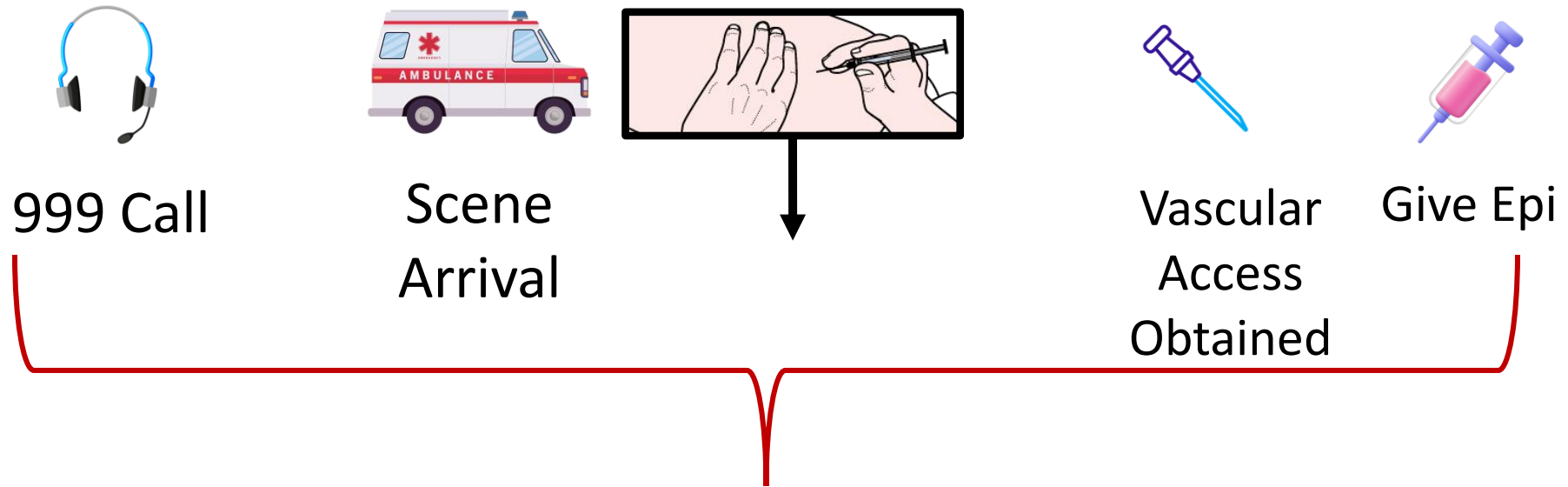
# PARAMEDIC2

## The Adrenaline Trial

Perkins ICM 2020



# PARAMEDIC-2



**Median 21.5 min**  
PARAMEDIC-2 Trial

# Animal models

- Generally favor higher IM doses producing similar rise in serum epinephrine levels
- Similar rates of ROSC to IV



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## Clinical paper

# Early intramuscular adrenaline administration is associated with improved survival from out-of-hospital cardiac arrest <sup>☆</sup>



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## Abstract

**Background:** Early administration of adrenaline is associated with improved survival after out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA). Delays in vascular

# Study design

Before-and-after study

Single-center EMS agency

Single dose (5 mg) IM epinephrine lateral thigh



# Eligibility criteria

Inclusion Criteria	Exclusion
<p>Age &gt; 18 years old</p> <p>Meets indications for epinephrine</p>	<p>Age &lt;18 years old</p> <p>Traumatic etiology</p> <p>Drowning</p> <p>Strangulation</p> <p>DNR</p> <p>Epinephrine given prior to EMS arrival</p> <p>Epinephrine given by ETT</p> <p>Missing outcome/epi data</p>

# Outcomes

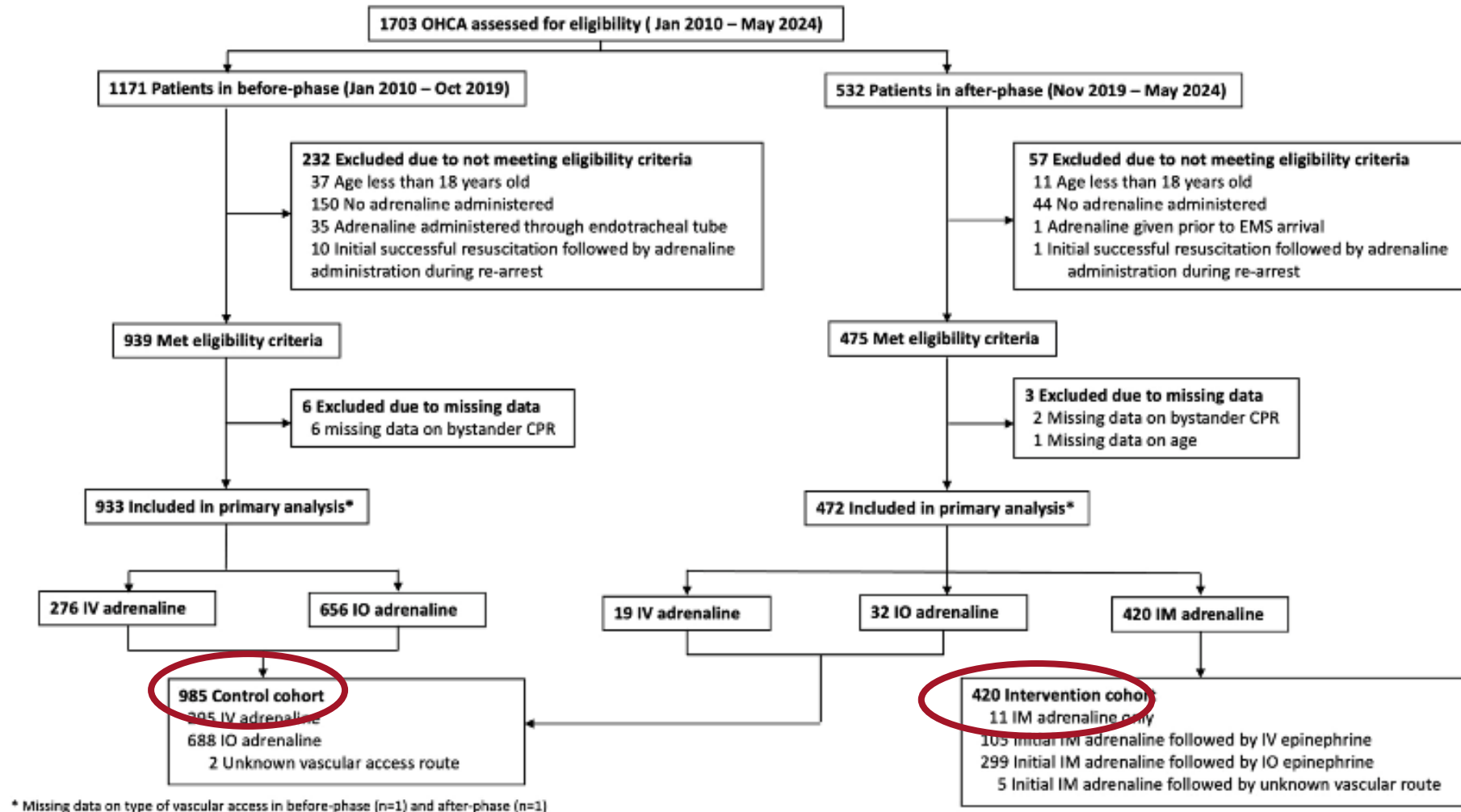
## Primary outcome

- Survival to hospital discharge

## Secondary outcomes

- EMS arrival to first epinephrine
- Survival to hospital admission
- Favorable neurologic outcome

# study population



**Fig. 1 – Selection of Study Population.**

RESULT #1

# Time-to-first-dose dropped by 3.4 minutes from scene arrival

IV / IO ROUTE



IQR 5.9–10.4

IM ROUTE



IQR 3.0–6.0

***3.4 minutes earlier — measured from EMS arrival to the first dose of epinephrine.***

# Association of im epinephrine with outcomes

**Table 2 – Outcomes of Patients Treated with an Initial Adrenaline Dose Administered through the IV/IO Route Compared to the IM Route.**

Outcome	IV/IO Cohort No. (%) (n = 985)	IM Cohort No. (%) (n = 420)	Absolute Difference (%)	Odds Ratio (95% CI) *	
				Unadjusted	Adjusted
Survival to Hospital Admission	311 (31.6)	156 (37.1)	5.6	1.28 (1.01–1.63)	1.37 (1.06–1.77)
Survival to Hospital Discharge	69 (7.0)	46 (11.0)	4.0	1.63 (1.10–2.42)	1.73 (1.10–2.71)
Favorable Neurologic Outcome	61 (6.2)	41 (9.8)	3.6	1.64 (1.08–2.48)	1.72 (1.07–2.76)

\* Multivariate logistic regression model adjusted for age, sex, witnessed arrest, bystander CPR, public location of arrest, initial cardiac rhythm, EMS response time.

# discussion

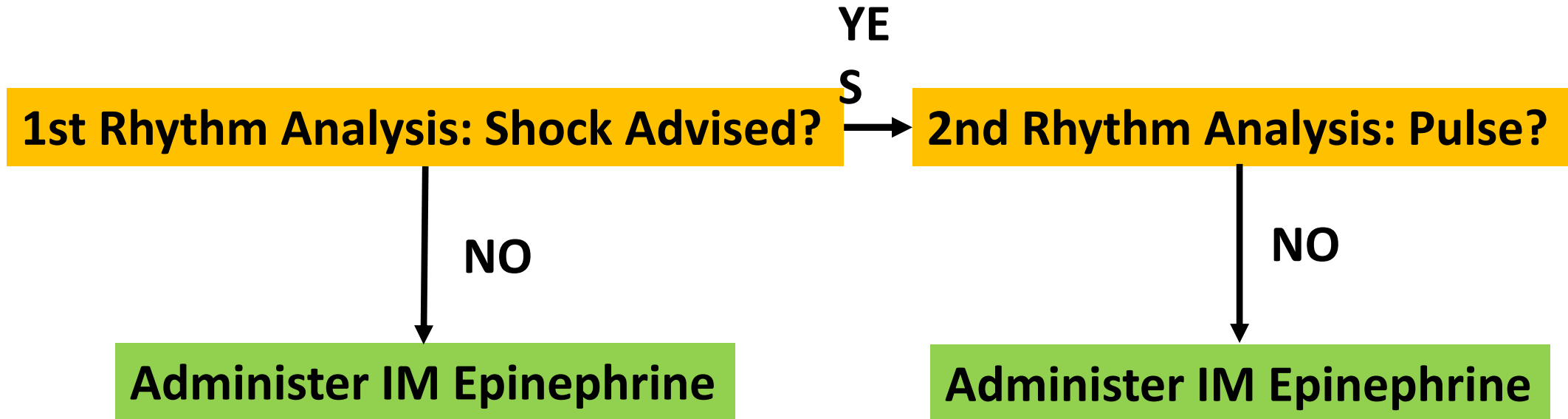
- First clinical study of IM epinephrine in OHCA
- Align with prior reports of early epinephrine and improved outcomes
- Potential implications for ALS/BLS care, pediatric resuscitation

# conclusion

An initial IM dose of epinephrine as an adjunct to standard ACLS was associated with **improved survival to hospital discharge** and **favorable neurologic status** at discharge.

Randomized, controlled trials are needed to fully assess the potential benefit of IM epinephrine delivery in OHCA.

# Algorithm for BLS IM epinephrine





## **Are We Through with CPC2?**

### **5 Year Review of Neuroprotective CPR & Improved Survival from Out-Of-Hospital Hospital Cardiac Arrest**

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## LATE BREAKER ARTICLES

# Survival for Nonshockable Cardiac Arrests Treated With Noninvasive Circulatory Adjuncts and Head/Thorax Elevation\*

**OBJECTIVES:** Cardiac arrests remain a leading cause of death worldwide. Most patients have nonshockable electrocardiographic presentations (asystole/pulseless electrical activity). Despite well-performed basic and advanced cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) interventions, patients with these presentations have always faced unlikely chances of survival. The primary objective was to determine if, in addition to conventional CPR (C-CPR), expeditious application of noninvasive circulation-enhancing adjuncts, and then gradual elevation of head and

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# But...

*We Were Also Seeing a  
New Clinical Signal ...*

>30min  
CPR.



**UAB**

# Edmond, Oklahoma **Survivors** 11/9/22



72 Minutes  
Continuous  
CPR!



***More on that in a  
minute...***

**5-year experience  
with Head Up CPR**

# Comparison of 5-Year Neurologically Intact Survival Between an Automated Head Up Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Registry and a National Cardiac Arrest Registry

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## Background

Pre-clinical animal studies have demonstrated improved cerebral blood flow and neurological survival with Automated Head Up Position (AHUP) cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) as compared to flat conventional (C) CPR. AHUP CPR consists of 1) Gradual automated head and thorax elevation 2) active compression decompression CPR and 3) an impedance threshold device. Subsequently, observational propensity-matched studies of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA) patients demonstrated a time-dependent association between survival with intact neurological function (SNF) and AHUP CPR implementation. However, comparison of AHUP CPR outcomes with

## Hypothesis

Use of AHUP CPR for OHCA by first responder agencies will demonstrate a higher incidence of SNF compared to C-CPR outcomes from a national registry in the United States.

## Methods

- Data from 5 years (2020-2024) from an AHUP-CPR Registry comprised of OHCA patients routinely treated by first responders with AHUP CPR were compared with data from the Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES).
- Patient demographics, arrest characteristics, ROSC, SHD, and SNF were recorded. SNF was defined as a Cerebral Performance Category 1 or 2 at

## Results

- Nine AHUP registry sites (MN, FL, TN, IL, OK, VA, AL, IA, MI) were included.
- Summary 5-year demographics (Table 1) and clinical outcomes (Table 2) are shown.
- For the AHUP sites, the average time (mm:ss, SD) from 9-1-1 call to start of CPR was 9:09 (4:37) and time to start of AHUP CPR was 12:46 (5:57). The AHUP registry had a higher 5-yr incidence of SNF versus the CARES registry (difference 2.7%, 95% CI 1.8-3.7,  $p < 0.0001$ ). This difference was consistent over years (Figure 1)
- Secondary outcomes of return of spontaneous circulation and survival to

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Date Range	AHUP REGISTRY		CARES	
	2020-2024		2020-2024	
# of Cases	3700		679494	
Avg. Age (STD)	67.0	16.8	62.3	
Male % (#)	61.5%	2275	64.5%	438282
VF % (#)	20.0%	739	17.3%	117766
All Non-Shockable % (#)	75.9%	2810	82.7%	561616
Witnessed % (#)	47.6%	1760	49.7%	337916
Bystander Witnessed % (#)	35.9%	1330	37.5%	254594
EMS Witnessed % (#)	11.6%	430	12.3%	83322
Bystander CPR % (#)	42.1%	1557	38.8%	263364

Table 1 (above): Patient demographic and arrest characteristics

Date Range	AHUP REGISTRY		CARES		Difference (95% CI)	p value
	2020-2024		2020-2024			
# of Cases	3700		679494			
Sustained ROSC% (#)	29.2%	1081	26.8%	181777	2.4% (1.0-3.9)	P = 0.0007
Survival to D/C% (#)	12.9%	478	9.6%	65095	3.3% (2.3-4.4)	P < 0.0001
Survival with Good Outcome% (#)	10.3%	382	7.6%	51519	2.7% (1.8-3.7)	P < 0.0001

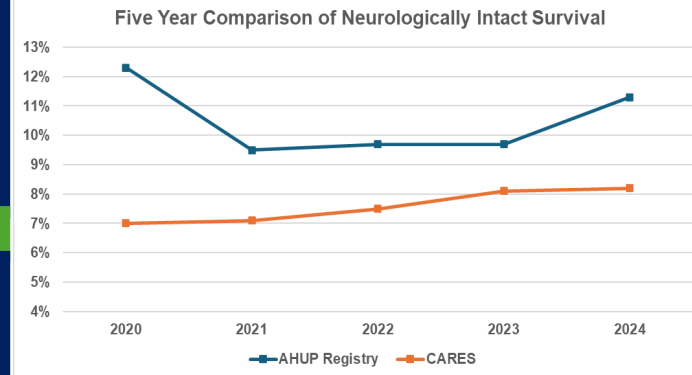


Table 2 (above): Patient clinical outcomes and comparisons

Figure 1 (left): Year by year comparison of survival with intact neurological survival between two OHCA registries

## Limitations

- Data comparisons are in aggregate and unadjusted
- Data from both registries are observational and non-randomized

## Conclusions

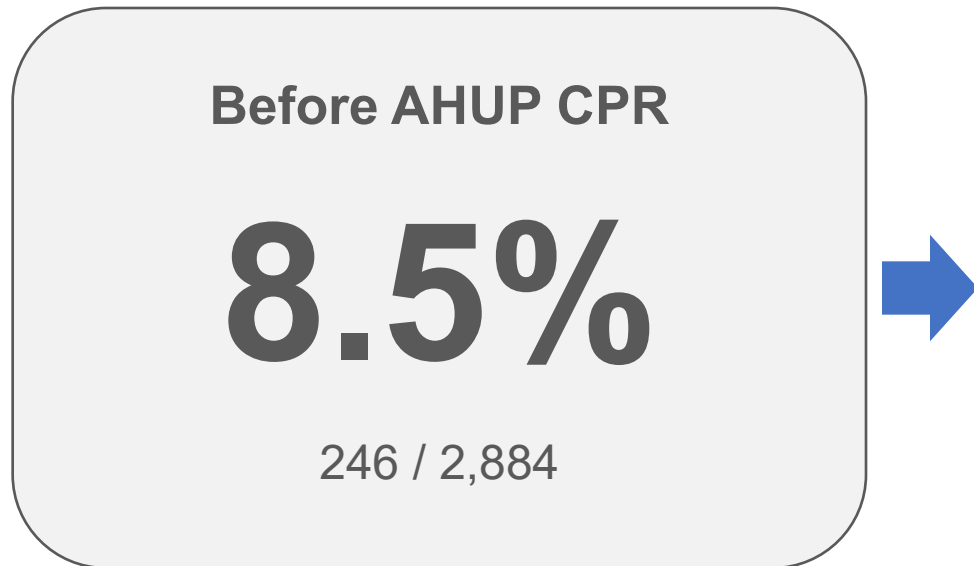
Over a 5-year period, an unadjusted analysis of aggregate data from two OHCA patient registries demonstrated that the incidence of survival with intact neurological function was higher in patients treated with AHUP CPR as part of first responder care versus patients treated with conventional CPR methods.

# **5-YEAR REGISTRY (Yet to be Published) RESULTS**

- **Jan 1, 2020 (COVID Era) and December 31, 2024:**
- **>3700 Pts from 10 EMS agencies across 9 states**  
(MN, FL, TN, IL, OK, VA, AL, IA, MI )
- **Avg age 64 yrs, 64% Men, 911 Call to CPR=9.99 min**
- **391 (10.5%) Survived with CPC 1-2 (91% = CPC 1)**
- **Avg age of Intact Survivors was 56 yrs**
- **For Non-Shockables: 12% (PEA) & 2% (Asystole) survived CPC 1-2.**

How were these places doing before?

## Overall Neurologically-Favorable Survival



**p = 0.01**

Statistically significant improvement in pooled results across all sites

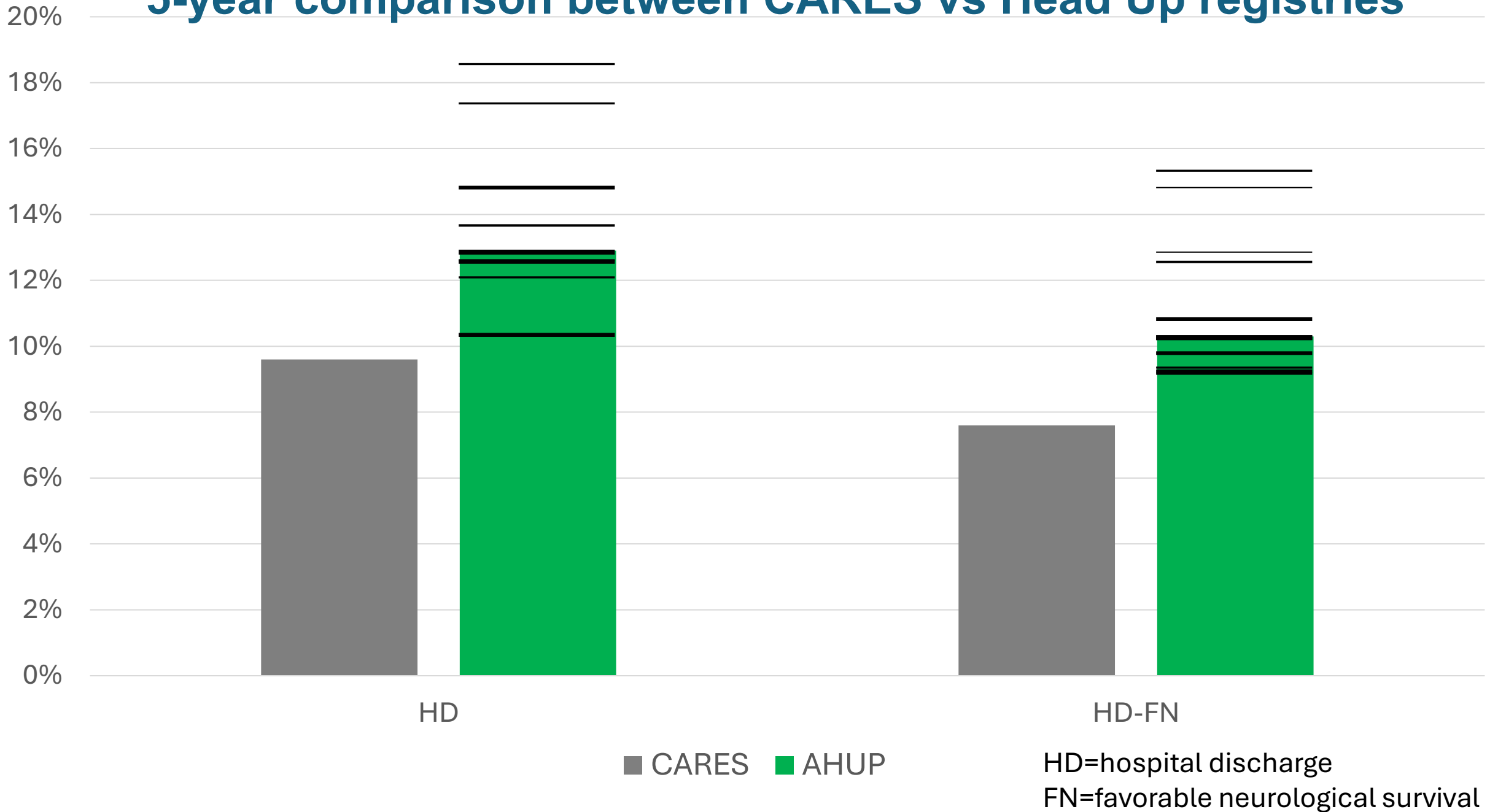
Compared to other metrics?

## 5-Year AHUP Registry vs CARES

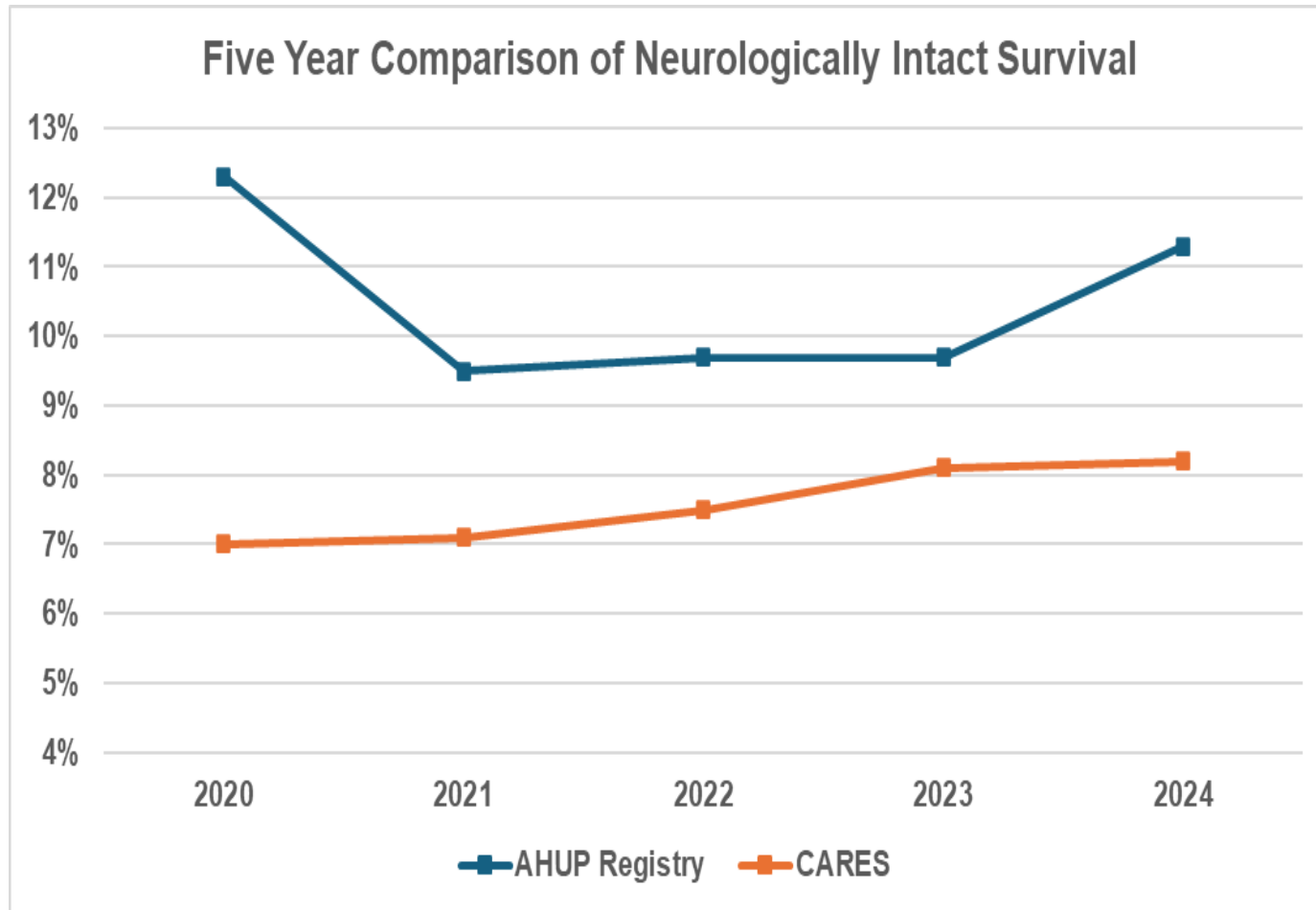
	2020-2024		
	AHUP Registry	CARES	p-value
% Sustained ROSC	29.3% (1091/3721)	26.8% (181,777/679,474)	0.0004
% Hospital D/C	13.0% (483/3721)	9.6% (65,095/679,474)	<0.00001
% Neuro Intact Survival	10.5% (379/3721)	7.6% (51,519/679,474)	<0.00001

Participating Sites: Edina, MN, St Johns County, FL, Germantown, TN, Edmond, OK, Tuscaloosa, AL, Peoria, IL, Chesapeake, VA, Des Moines, IA, Canton, MI

# 5-year comparison between CARES vs Head Up registries



# Trends?



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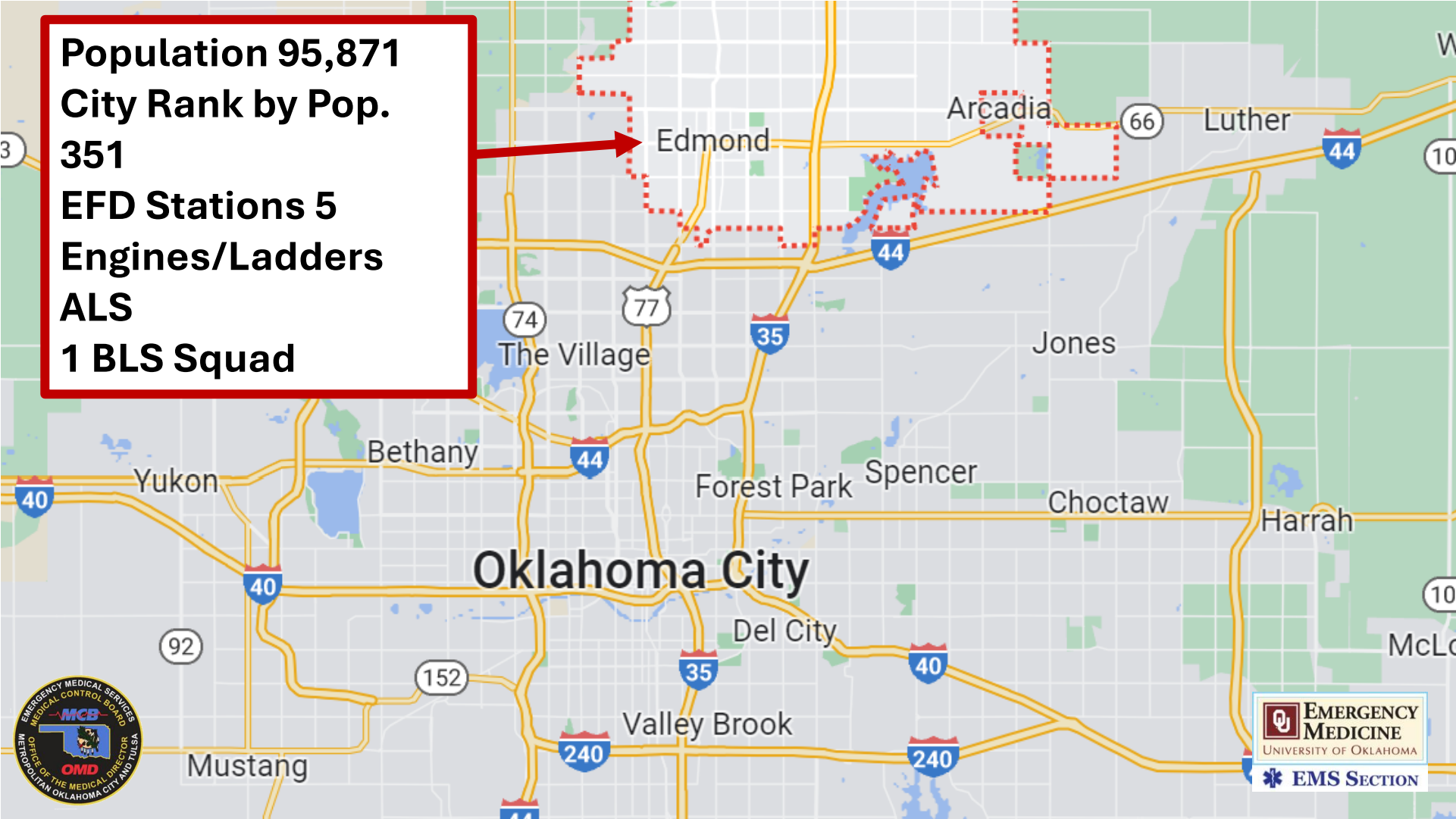
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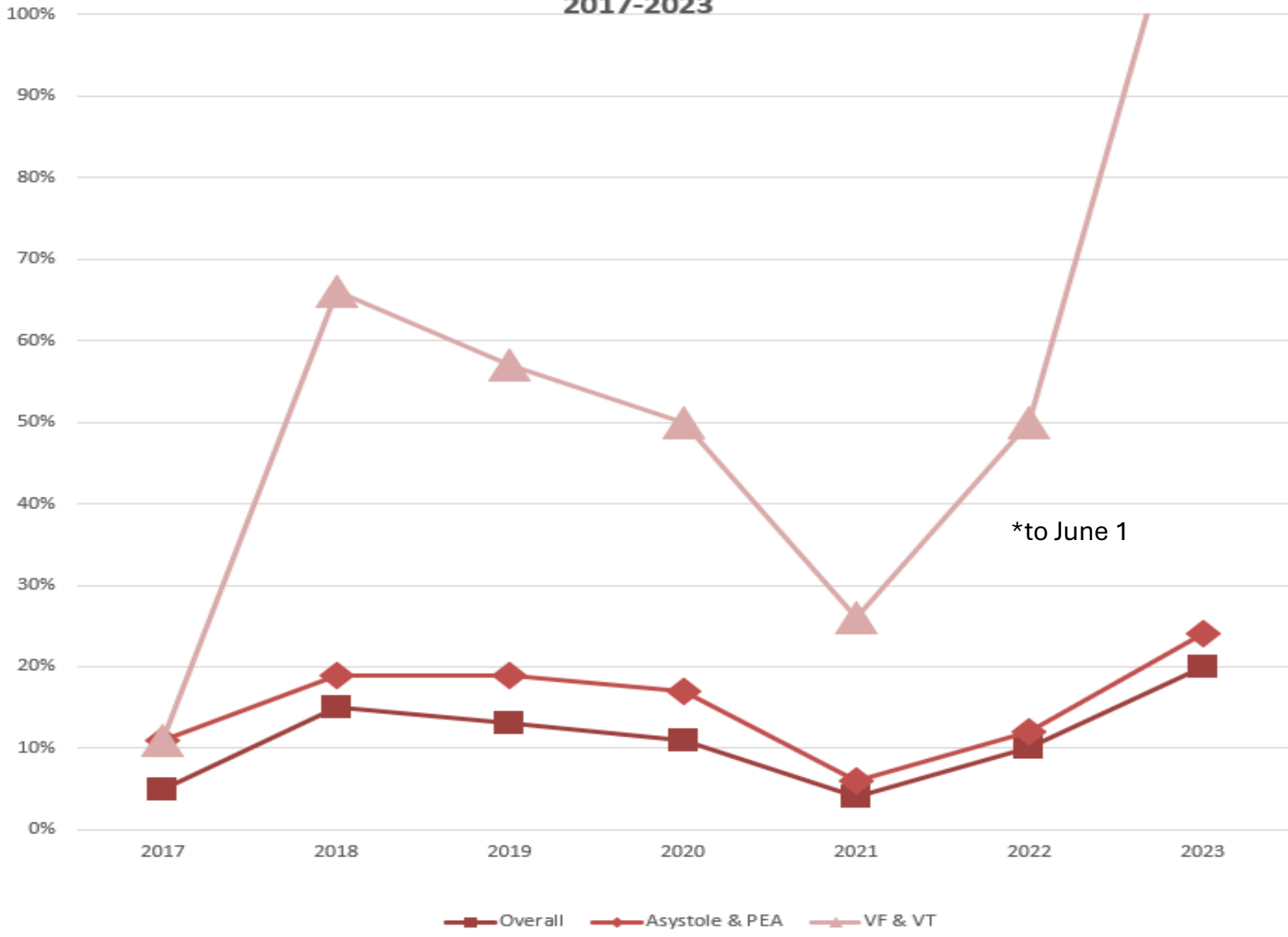
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**City Rank by Pop. 351**  
**EFD Stations 5**  
**Engines/Ladders**  
**ALS**  
**1 BLS Squad**



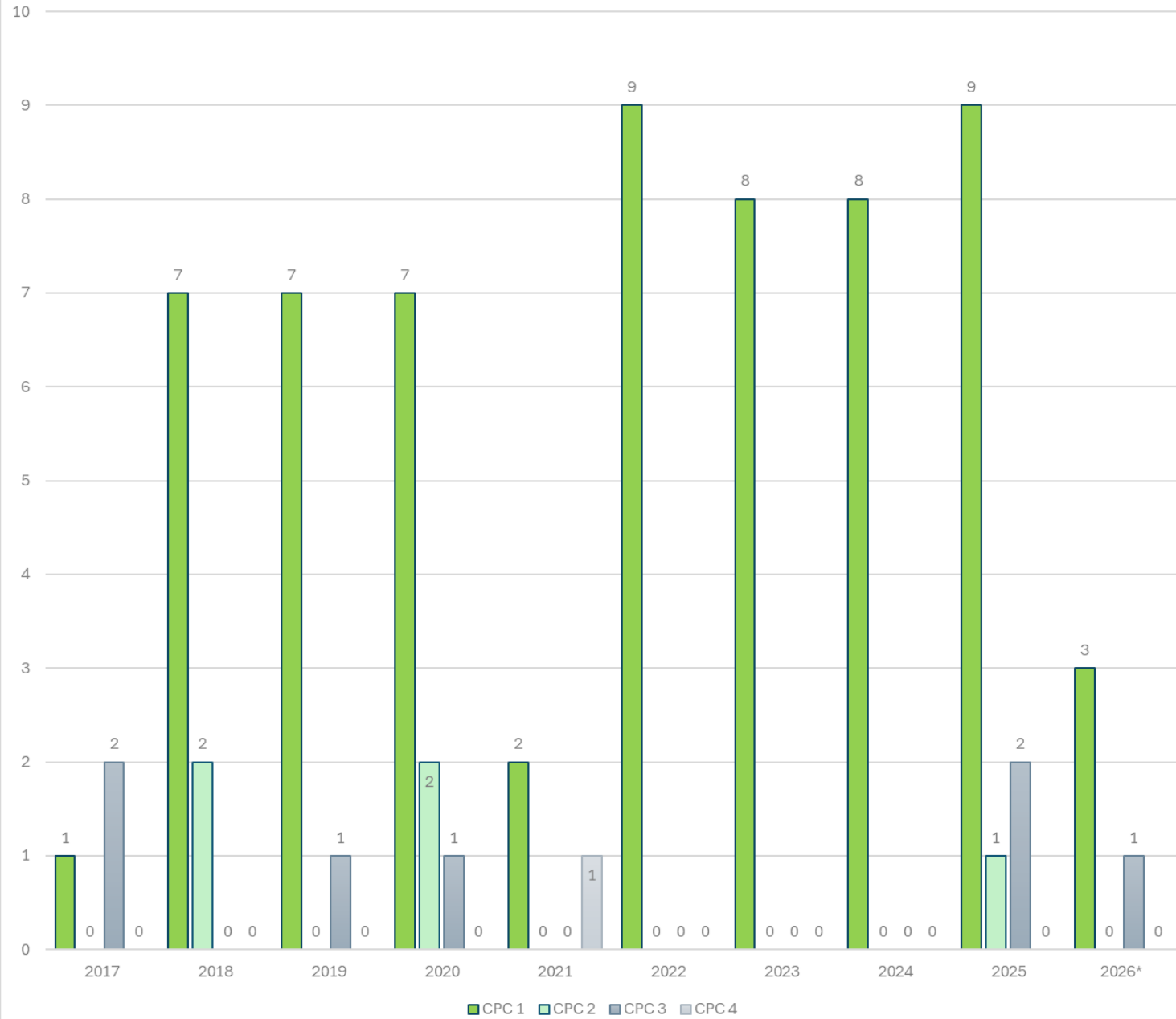
# Edmond Fire Department Sustained ROSC (%) 2017-2023



### Edmond Fire Department Annual Survival to Discharge (%) 2017-2023



Edmond Fire Department  
Annual CPC Breakdown, All Survivors  
2017-2026\*



# CY2025 Metro OKC & Tulsa

Witnessed, bystander CPR, VF on arrival = “Utstein”

42%

N=21

CPC1 = 100%



# What about all the others?

- 1559 OOHCA resuscitations in 2025
- Survival from all variables:

**N=102**

**CPC1 or CPC2 = 88%**





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