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**Cardiac arrest at a construction site.**

**EMS on scene  
5min away**

**CPR**

**Intubated**

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## Updates in Post-Cardiac Arrest Care

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**Objectives**

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1. Review the recent literature and guidelines regarding out-of-hospital cardiac arrest management and **post-cardiac arrest care**.

2. Discuss the **optimal hemodynamic targets** in the management of post cardiac arrest patients in the emergency department.

3. Discuss the optimal **management of post-resuscitation shock**.

4. Examine the recent evidence for non-traditional advanced therapies for cardiac arrest including **double sequential external defibrillation and ECMO/ECPR**.

5. Examine the evidence regarding the utility of **therapeutic hypothermia versus targeted temperature management**.

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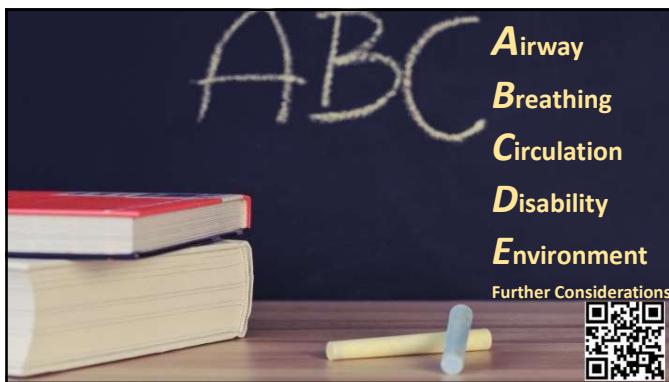


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**Airway**

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**Resuscitation**  
journal homepage: [www.elsevier.com/locate/resuscitation](http://www.elsevier.com/locate/resuscitation)

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Clinical paper  
First attempt success with continued versus paused chest compressions during cardiac arrest in the emergency department

- Q: First attempt intubation success with continuous vs paused CPR?
- Hennepin ED
- Intubations mostly by senior EM residents ~ 85%.
- >90% intubations with C-Mac + standard blade + bougie.
- Successful placement confirmed by waveform capnography.

✓ **First attempt success -- higher in continued CPR group (87%) vs interrupted CPR group (65%), + 22%.**

Robinson AE, et al. First attempt success with continued versus paused chest compressions during cardiac arrest in the emergency department. Resuscitation. 2023 Feb.

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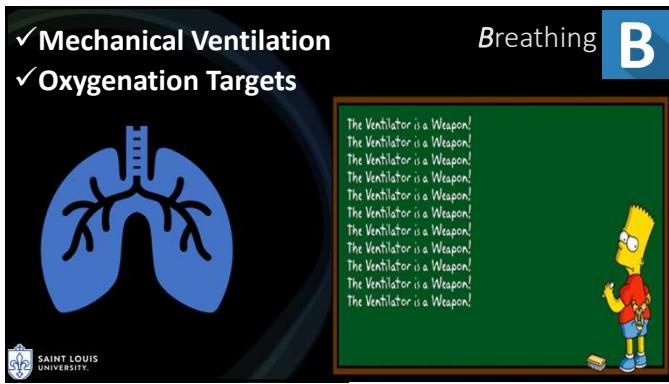
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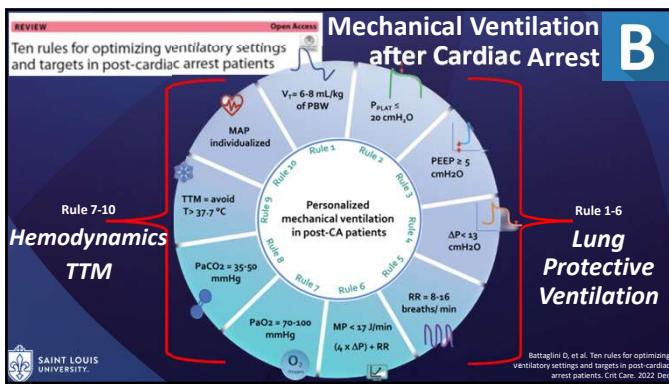
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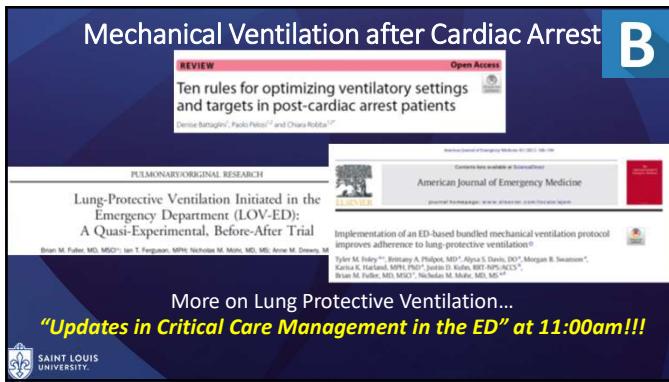
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**Oxygenation Targets**

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**ORIGINAL ARTICLE**

Oxygen Targets in Comatose Survivors of Cardiac Arrest  
H. Schmidt, J. Kjærsgaard, C. Hassager, S. Mølstrøm, J. Grand, B. Borregaard

- Open-label, Randomized trial
- 2x2 factorial design
- Restrictive vs Liberal oxygen target**
- 789 patients – comatose + OHCA
- TTM at 36C + on vent for 24hrs

**Restrictive Oxygen Target**  
 $\text{PaO}_2$  9–10 kPa (68–75 mm Hg) (N=394)

**Liberal Oxygen Target**  
 $\text{PaO}_2$  13–14 kPa (98–105 mm Hg) (N=395)

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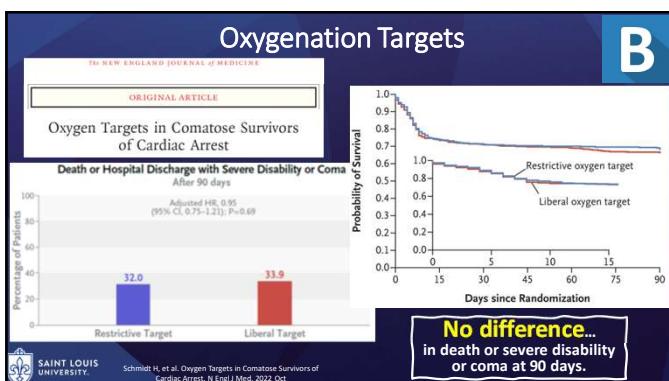
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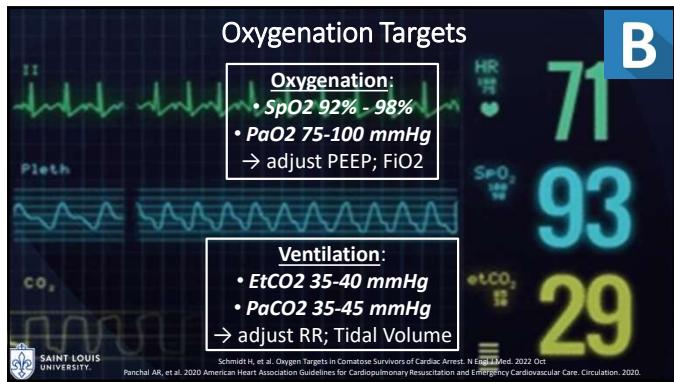
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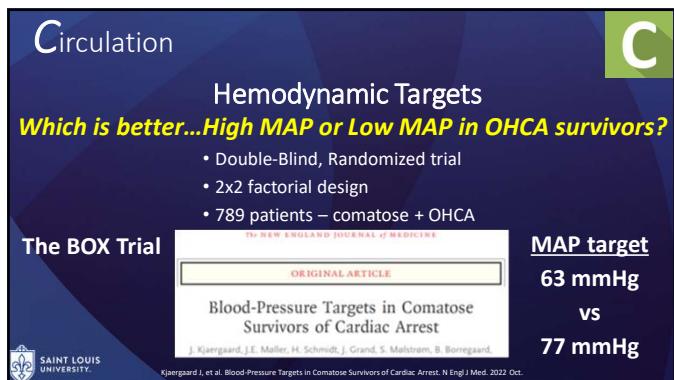
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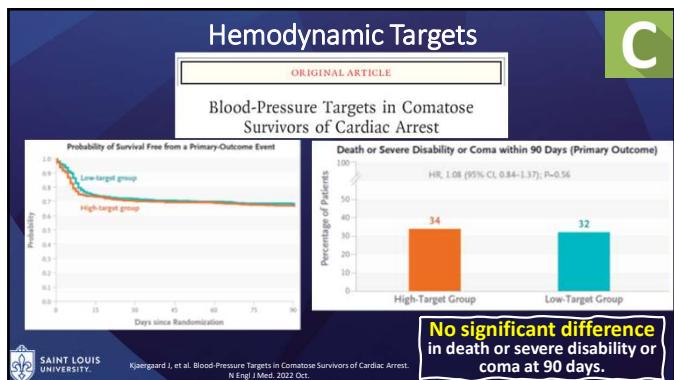
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**Refractory V Fib/V Tach after ACLS?**

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- ✓ ACLS
- ✓ Magnesium, Amiodarone
- ✓ Lidocaine
- ✓ Esmolol/Beta-Blockers
- ...**Double Simultaneous/Dual Sequence Defibrillation??**



**DOUBLE SIMULTANEOUS DEFIBRILLATORS FOR REFRACTORY VENTRICULAR FIBRILLATION**

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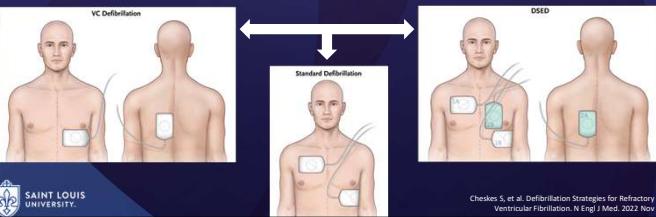


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**The DOSE-VF Trial**  
Defibrillation Strategies for Refractory Ventricular Fibrillation

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- 3-group, cluster-randomized, controlled trial with crossover
  - 405 adults in OHCA; 6 Canadian paramedic services
  - Primary outcome: *Survival to Hospital discharge*



VC Defibrillation      Standard Defibrillation      DSED

Cheskes S, et al. Defibrillation Strategies for Refractory Ventricular Fibrillation. N Engl J Med. 2022 Nov

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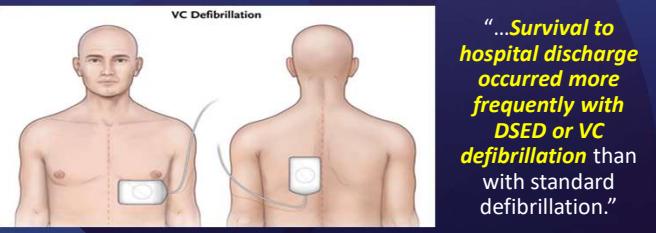
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**The DOSE-VF Trial**  
Defibrillation Strategies for Refractory Ventricular Fibrillation

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VC Defibrillation      Standard Defibrillation

“...**Survival to hospital discharge occurred more frequently with DSED or VC defibrillation than with standard defibrillation.**”

Major limitation - Trial Stopped due to COVID-19.

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**The DOSE-VF Trial**  
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**VECTOR CHANGE**  
**Anterior-Posterior > Anterolateral**

- Major limitation - Trial Stopped due to COVID-19.

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**Pacer Pad Position**

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**Anteroposterior Pacer Pad Position Is More Likely to Capture Than Anterolateral for Transcutaneous Cardiac Pacing**

Moayedi S, et al. Circulation. 2022 Oct.

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**Post-Resuscitation Shock**

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**What is the best vasoactive agent to institute post-ROSC for shock?**

Agent	Survival to hospital discharge (%)	In-hospital death (%)
Norepinephrine	39%	61%
Epinephrine	17%	83%

**Epinephrine infusion associated with higher mortality (vs. norepinephrine).**

Bougouin W, et al. Sudden Death Expertise Center Investigators. Epinephrine versus norepinephrine in cardiac arrest patients with post-resuscitation shock. Intensive Care Med. 2022 Mar.

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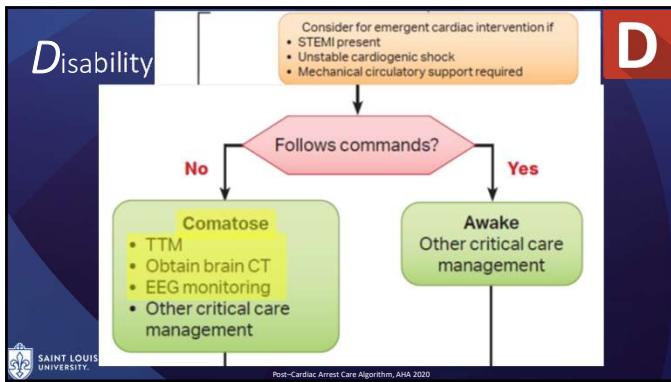
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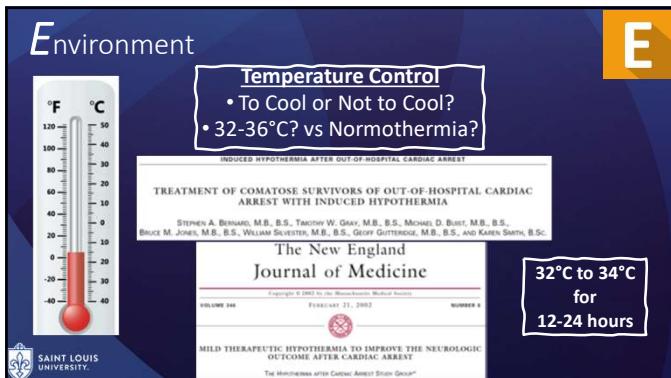
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**Targeted Temperature Management... Post TTM-1**

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**HYPERION Trial October 2019**

**March 2020**

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**Targeted Temperature Management at 33 Versus 36 Degrees: A Retrospective Cohort Study**

**ORIGINAL ARTICLE**

**Targeted Temperature Management for Cardiac Arrest with Nonshockable Rhythm**

J.-B. Lascarrou, H. Merdji, A. Le Gouge, G. Colin, G. Grillot, P. Girarde, E. Coupez, P.-F. Dequin, A. Cariou, T. Boulaïn, N. Brûlé, J.-P. Frat, P. Auffar, N. Pernod, M. Sibille, J. Lévy, J. P. Lachapelle, J. P. Lachapelle, S. Legriel, J. Lethemville, D. Thevenin, A. Deshayes, V. Botoc, S. Vireux, F. Martino, B. Giraudieu, and J. Reignier, for the CRICS-TRIGGERSEP Group\*

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Johnson NJ, et al. Targeted Temperature Management at 33 Versus 36 Degrees: A Retrospective Cohort Study. *Crit Care Med.* 2020;48(1):101-108.

**>10% alive with good neuro outcome at 90 days at 33C (vs 5.7% at 37C).**

**Trend toward increased survival (and favorable neuro outcomes) with TTM 33C.**

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**Should we cool them after cardiac arrest?**

**E**

**2021**

**ORIGINAL ARTICLE**

**Hypothermia versus Normothermia after Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest**

**TTM-2**

“...targeted hypothermia (33°C) **did not lead to a lower incidence** of death by 6 months than targeted normothermia (37.5°C).”

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Dankiewicz J, for the TTM2 Trial Investigators. NEJM June 2021.

**Rebound Hyperthermia**

Figure 1. Body Temperature during the Intervention Period.

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**TTM 36 ≠ Normothermia**

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**BUT MY FRIEND HERE HAS HYPOThERMIA. HYPOThERMIA.**

**ROSC + Comatose**

**Fever Control for ALL**

**TTM ≤ 36-37°C**

**Deeper TTM (33-35°C)**

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**F**Further Considerations

**ECMO for Cardiac Arrest?**

**CPR + ECMO = E-CPR aka ECLS**



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**Where should ECMO occur?**

- OR/Cath Lab
- ICU
- **Emergency Department**
- ...Prehospital/EMS?



Hughes, Alice A., MD, et al. "How Physicians Perform Prehospital ECMO on the Streets of Paris." Journal of Emergency Medical Services (online). December 1, 2017.

**UNM debuts new response to cardiac arrest**  
By STEPHEN HAMWAY / JOURNAL STAFF WRITER  
  
Folks it has happened: University of New Mexico has performed the first prehospital ECMO in the US! [@ZachBlaude @recordalihump @LoneLamhaut @DarrenBlaude @recordalihump @LoneLamhaut @Alice\\_Hutin @OAMemo](#) Full interview on next month's podcast!

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ECMO care at UNM Hospital requires how a private entrepreneurial genius works. It replaces the function of heart and lungs. (Photo by Z. Hamway, Albuquerque Journal)

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**Key Scenarios for ED-ECMO**

Hypoxic Respiratory Failure/COVID-19	Massive Pulmonary Embolism
Toxicologic Overdoses	Severe Cardiogenic Shock
Cardiac Arrest/ Refractory Ventricular Tachyarrhythmias	



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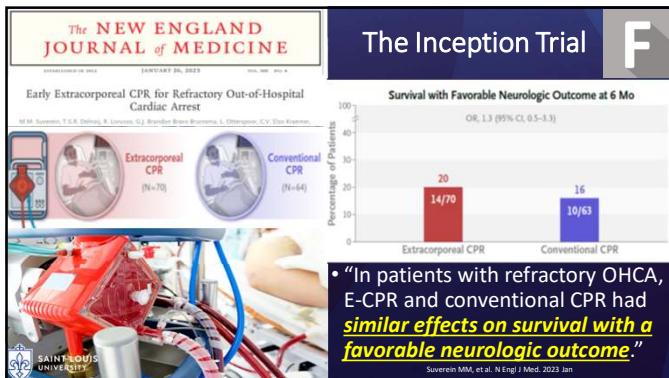


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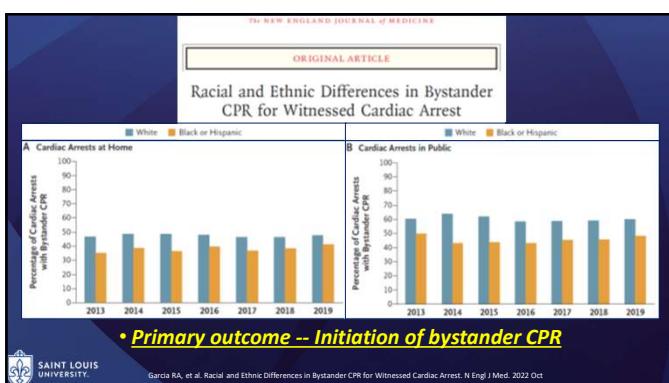
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**SUMMARY**

- **A** – Video Intubation, No/limit CPR pauses.
- **B** – Lung Protective Ventilation is essential!
  - *Goal SpO<sub>2</sub> 92% - 98% and PaO<sub>2</sub> 75-100 mmHg*
- **C** – Anterior-Posterior Pads = better capture.
  - *Goal MAP = 65-70 (SBP>90).*
  - *After ROSC > Norepi 1<sup>st</sup> for shock.*
- **D** – Comatose? > CT head +/- EEG > TTM
- **E** – Prevent & Control Fevers. **TTM 36-37.**
  - *TTM ≠ Normothermia*
- **F** – ECMO/ECLS is a Bridge...



**Good CPR is most important.**





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**QUESTIONS?**

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