# **Highlights from the 2015 Guidelines update**



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### The AHA guidelines: an overview

Resuscitation guidelines are updated every 5 years Collaboration of physicians, nurses and EMTs Science recommendations from ILCOR US guidelines (AHA) based on ILCOR science recs





### **Chest compression rate**

#### Chest Compression Rate\*

**2015 (Updated):** In adult victims of cardiac arrest, it is reasonable for rescuers to perform chest compressions at a rate of 100 to 120/min.

**2010 (0ld):** It is reasonable for lay rescuers and HCPs to perform chest compressions at a rate of at least 100/min.

New upper limit to chest compression rate

Based on large OHCA studies showing worse outcomes



### **Chest compression depth**

#### **Chest Compression Depth\***

**2015 (Updated):** During manual CPR, rescuers should perform chest compressions to a depth of at least 2 inches (5 cm) for an average adult, while avoiding excessive chest compression depths (greater than 2.4 inches [6 cm]).

2010 (01d): The adult sternum should be depressed at least 2 inches (5 cm).

# New upper limit to chest compression depth

Upper limit based on weak evidence; may be more academic than real-world



### **Mechanical CPR devices**

#### Mechanical Chest Compression Devices

**2015 (Updated):** The evidence does not demonstrate a benefit with the use of mechanical piston devices for chest compressions versus manual chest compressions in patients with cardiac arrest. Manual chest compressions remain the standard of care for the treatment of cardiac arrest. However, such a device may be a reasonable alternative to conventional CPR in specific settings where the delivery of high-quality manual compressions may be challenging or dangerous for the provider (eg, limited rescuers available, prolonged CPR, CPR during hypothermic cardiac arrest, CPR in a moving ambulance, CPR in the angiography suite, CPR during preparation for ECPR).

2010 (Old): Mechanical piston devices may be considered for use by properly trained personnel in specific settings for the treatment of adult cardiac arrest in circumstances (eg,

Mechanical CPR and manual CPR are equivalent – no advantage to mechanical CPR





# End-tidal carbon dioxide (ET-CO<sub>2</sub>)

#### ETCO<sub>2</sub> for Prediction of Failed Resuscitation

**2015 (New):** In intubated patients, failure to achieve an ETCO<sub>2</sub> of greater than 10 mm Hg by waveform capnography after 20 minutes of CPR may be considered as one component of a multimodal approach to decide when to end resuscitative efforts but should not be used in isolation.

Why: Failure to achieve an ETCO<sub>2</sub> of 10 mm Hg by waveform capnography after 20 minutes of resuscitation has been associated with an extremely poor chance of ROSC and survival. However, the studies to date are limited in that they have potential confounders and have included relatively small numbers of patients, so it is inadvisable to rely solely on ETCO<sub>2</sub> in determining when to terminate resuscitation.



A role for end-tidal CO<sub>2</sub> in prognostication – less clear of a role to assess CPR effectiveness

### **TTM: target temperature**

#### **Targeted Temperature Management**

2015 (Updated): All comatose (ie, lacking meaningful response to verbal commands) adult patients with ROSC after cardiac arrest should have TTM, with a target temperature between 32°C and 36°C selected and achieved, then maintained constantly for at least 24 hours.

**2010 (0Id):** Comatose (ie, lacking of meaningful response to verbal commands) adult patients with ROSC after outof-hospital VF cardiac arrest should be cooled to 32°C to 34°C for 12 to 24 hours. Induced hypothermia also may be considered for comatose adult patients with ROSC after IHCA of any initial rhythm or after OHCA with an initial rhythm of pulseless electrical activity or asystole.

Acceptable range of TTM target temp now expanded: 32°C-36°C

Goal should be specific within this range – selection tailored to patient

# **Newer trials evaluating TTM target**

The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

2013

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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

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### **Survival in the Nielsen et al trial**



No difference in outcomes at either 33°C or 36°C No differences in adverse effects between groups

### **Pre-hospital TTM via cold fluids**

#### 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).

# Cold fluids in the pre-hospital setting are not recommended – no RCT has shown benefit

#### **Original Investigation**

#### 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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### **Hope for prehospital TTM?**





# Newer technologies may change perspective

**Intra-arrest TTM as a possible approach?** 

# **TTM: post-rewarming management**

#### Continuing Temperature Management Beyond 24 Hours

**2015 (New):** Actively preventing fever in comatose patients after TTM is reasonable.

Why: In some observational studies, fever after rewarming from TTM is associated with worsened neurologic injury, although studies are conflicting. Because preventing fever after TTM is relatively benign and fever may be associated with harm, preventing fever is suggested.



Fever after rewarming may require aggressive prevention to minimize neurologic injuries

# **Post-TTM normothermia: the science**

2013

2013

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Pyrexia and neurologic outcomes after therapeutic hypothermia for cardiac arrest<sup>\*</sup>

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# **Biology of prolonged temp control**



Ongoing injury up to 72 hours supported by laboratory and clinical studies

Our TTM protocol specifies 24 hour period of "controlled normothermia" post-rewarming

Longer period of TTM?

Longer period of post-TTM normothermia?

### **Post-arrest hemodynamic goals**

#### **Hemodynamic Goals After Resuscitation**

2015 (New): It may be reasonable to avoid and immediately correct hypotension (systolic blood pressure less than 90 mm Hg, mean arterial pressure less than 65 mm Hg) during post–cardiac arrest care.

Avoiding hypotension during postarrest critical care is important

**Analogous to CVA hemodynamics** 

#### **Post-arrest brain swelling**



#### **Elevated ICP in days following Resuscitation from arrest**

#### **Hemodynamic management**

Marie E. Beylin Sarah M. Perman Benjamin S. Abella Marion Leary Frances S. Shofer Anne V. Grossestreuer David F. Gaieski Higher mean arterial pressurewith or without vasoactive agents is associatedwith increased survival and better neurologicaloutcomes in comatose survivors of cardiacarrest2013



Higher mean arterial pressure associated with improved outcome

Goal MAP unclear >65 mm Hg per AHA guidelines but this study suggests >80 mm Hg

## **Problem with MAP target post-arrest**





We don't measure ICP routinely following resuscitation from arrest

Hard to titrate blood pressure to ICP if the ICP isn't measured

### **Post-arrest neuroprognostication**

#### **Prognostication After Cardiac Arrest**

2015 (New): The earliest time to prognosticate a poor neurologic outcome using clinical examination in patients *not* treated with TTM is 72 hours after cardiac arrest, but this time can be even longer after cardiac arrest if the residual effect of sedation or paralysis is suspected to confound the clinical examination.



Clinical exam is unreliable for at least 72 hours following resuscitation

Cannot withdraw based on bedside exam

# **Timing of prognostication**

Time to awakening and neurologic outcome in therapeutic hypothermia-treated cardiac arrest patients<sup>A,AA</sup>

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2013



Reinforces notion that withdrawal decisions should be delayed >72 h post-rewarming; clinical neuro exam poorly predictive

# **Tools to assist neuroprognostication**



evoked potential (SSEP)

modality; no one approach sufficient for prognostication

#### **SSEP** is an underutilized modality





Somatosensory evoked potential (SSEP)

N20 response at 72 hours – Relatively strong predictor of outcome

### **BIS index as post-arrest monitor**

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*2010* 

BIS measurement is most reliable neuroprognosticator At <u>24 hours post-arrest</u>

Still relatively poor predictor: 24 hr BIS cutoff of 45 to predict good outcome: sensitivity of 63%, specificity of 86% (positive likelihood ratio of 4.7) BIS = 0 strongly predicted poor outcome



### **Options for neurologic assessment**

#### Box 2

#### Useful Clinical Findings That Are Associated With Poor Neurologic Outcome\*

- Absence of pupillary reflex to light at 72 hours or more after cardiac arrest
- Presence of status myoclonus (different from isolated myoclonic jerks) during the first 72 hours after cardiac arrest
- Absence of the N20 somatosensory evoked potential cortical wave 24 to 72 hours after cardiac arrest or after rewarming
- Presence of a marked reduction of the gray-white ratio on brain CT obtained within 2 hours after cardiac arrest
- Extensive restriction of diffusion on brain MRI at 2 to 6 days after cardiac arrest
- Persistent absence of EEG reactivity to external stimuli at 72 hours after cardiac arrest
- Persistent burst suppression or intractable status epilepticus on EEG after rewarming

Absent motor movements, extensor posturing, or myoclonus should not be used alone for predicting outcome.

\*Shock, temperature, metabolic derangement, prior sedatives or neuromuscular blockers, and other clinical factors should be considered carefully because they may affect results or interpretation of some tests.

Abbreviations: CT, computed tomography; EEG, electroencephalogram; MRI, magnetic resonance imaging. AHA offers "menu" of options to help assess neurologic outcomes

Note the fine print: sedatives, paralytics, shock and other conditions can confound findings

#### **Post-arrest cardiac catheterization**

#### 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).

Emergency coronary angiography is reasonable for select (eg, electrically or hemodynamically unstable) adult patients who are comatose after OHCA of suspected cardiac origin but without ST elevation on ECG (Class IIa, LOE B-NR).

Coronary angiography is reasonable in post-cardiac arrest patients for whom coronary angiography is indicated regardless of whether the patient is comatose or awake (Class IIa, LOE C-LD).

Cardiac catheterization should be considered after resuscitation and performed for select patients

PCI required for STEMI post-arrest





# **Difficult to predict coronary disease**

#### Initial Clinical Predictors of Significant Coronary 2012 Lesions After Resuscitation from Cardiac Arrest

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Characteristics	Univariate analysis OR (95% CI)	p-Value	Adjusted analysis OR (95% CI)	p-Value
Age >50 years	1.78 (0.7-4.4)	0.210	0.8 (0.3–2.3)	0.647
Past medical history				
Coronary disease	7.2 (2.0-25.9)	0.002	6.2 (1.6-24.4)	0.009
Hypertension	1.4 (0.6–3.0)	0.45	0.8 (0.3–2.0)	0.41
Tobacco use	2.1 (0.9-4.6)	0.079	2.4(0.9-6.3)	0.068
Initial rhythm (VF/VT)	3.0 (1.2–7.3)	0.018	2.9(1.1-7.7)	0.033
Abnormal initial troponin	1.1 (0.5–2.5)	0.82	1.0(0.4-2.5)	0.97
ST/T wave abnormalities on initial postarrest ECG	1.25 (0.5-2.8)	0.58	1.2(0.5-3.1)	0.64

Only prior coronary history and initial rhythm were associated with significant coronary lesions on post-arrest catheterization

Age, troponin, ECG findings were NOT associated with coronary dz

# **Benefit of prompt post-arrest PCI**

Early coronary angiography and induced hypothermia are associated with survival and functional recovery after out-of-hospital cardiac arrest<sup>☆</sup>

2014

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	Survival to hospital discharge ( $N = 1368$ )			
	N	Odds ratio	Adjusted odds ratio <sup>a</sup>	
Early coronary angiography (N = 765)	495(64.7%)	4.08 (3.65, 4.56)	1.69 [1.06,2.70]	
Reperfusion subjects (PCI or fibrinolytics) (N = 705)	377 (62.4%)	5.30 (4.74, 5.93	1.94 [1., 4, 2.82]	
Induced hypothermia (N = 1566)	637(40.7%)	1.60 (1.43, 1.78)	1.36 [1,01, 1.83]	

Post-arrest catheterization associated with improved outcomes – effect size greater than for TTM



Important secondary result: survival is greater if post-arrest volume is larger

### **Benefit of prompt post-arrest PCI**

Cardiac catheterization is associated with superior outcomes for 2014 survivors of out of hospital cardiac arrest: Review and meta-analysis<sup>\*</sup>

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	Acute angio	graphy	No acute Angio	graphy		Odds Ratio	Odds Ratio
Study or Subgroup	Events	Total	Events	Total	Weight	M-H, Random, 95% CI	M-H, Random, 95% Cl
Aurore 2011	31	133	30	312	8.2%	2.86 [1.65, 4.96]	
Bro-Jeppesen 2012	129	198	87	162	9.3%	1.61 [1.05, 2.47]	
Bulut 1999	4	10	10	27	2.9%	1.13 [0.26, 5.01]	
Cronier 2011	54	91	6	20	4.7%	3.41 [1.20, 9.67]	————————————————————————————————————
Grasner 2011	80	154	57	430	9.3%	7.07 [4.64, 10.78]	$  \longrightarrow$
Hollenbeck 2013	80	122	71	147	8.7%	2.04 [1.24, 3.34]	
Mooney 2011	63	101	15	39	6.5%	2.65 [1.24, 5.67]	
Nanjayya 2012	18	35	12	35	5.2%	2.03 [0.78, 5.31]	
Nielsen 2009	303	479	187	507	10.6%	2.95 [2.27, 3.82]	
Reynolds 2009	40	63	22	33	5.6%	0.87 [0.36, 2.11]	
Strote 2012	44	61	88	179	7.5%	2.68 [1.42, 5.03]	
Tomte 2011	76	145	9	29	5.9%	2.45 [1.04, 5.74]	
Waldo 2013	57	84	7	26	5.1%	5.73 [2.15, 15.27]	
Werling 2007	19	28	10	57	4.7%	9.92 [3.48, 28.25]	$  \longrightarrow$
Zanuttini 2012	33	48	21	45	5.9%	2.51 [1.18, 5.86]	
Total (95% CI)		1752		2048	100.0%	2.77 [2.06 3.72]	•
Total events	1031		632				
Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> =	= 0.20; Chi <sup>2</sup> =	43.27, df	= 14 (P < 0.000)	1); $l^2 = 68$	%		
Fest for overall effect	: Z = 6.79 (P <	0.00001	)				Envours conservative Envours acute angiograph

Angiography associated with improved survival Similar results for both survival and good neurologic outcome Most studies from 2010 onward (post-arrest TTM era)

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