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## CCPR Delivers only 15% to 25% of normal cardiac output (cardiac index of ≈0.6 L/min per m<sup>2</sup>) Development of ischemic damage to vital organs *low-flow* state.

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## **Case Presentation**

- 21-years-old, 70 kg woman, presents in cardiopulmonary arrest following an ingestion of 3 grams of hydroxychloroquine that she was taking for extreme COVID prophylaxis. Upon the arrival to the ED, she was unconscious with a GCS of 6, bradypneic and with trismus. ECG showed ST-segment changes, with pulseless ventricular tachycardia immediately following. She was intubated. CPR was initiated but despite chest compressions, defibrillation and epinephrine for 4 rounds of ACLS, there was no ROSC.
- Resuscitation was continued with three additional doses of epi, correction of hypokalemia, administration of an amiodarone bolus and infusion, a bicarbonate bolus, fluid resuscitation and intravenous lipid emulsion infusion.
- Despite these measures, resuscitation was unsuccessful, and ROSC is not achieved.

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Extracorporeal cardiopulmonary resuscitation in patients with inhospital cardiac arrest: A comparison with conventional cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Shin et al.

- The survival of patients with IHCA could be extended by eCPR compared with CCPR
- Single-center, retrospective, observational study
- **Primary Outcome:** Survival to discharge with minimal neurologic impairment
- 406 total IHCA receiving CPR for >10 mins
  - 85 in eCPR cohort
  - 321 CCPR cohort

Inclusion	Exclusion
18-80 years of age	Do not resuscitate code status
IHCA suspected cardiac and non cardiac etiology	Severe irreversible brain injury, terminal malignancy, traumatic etiology of arrest
CPR > 10 min	CPR <10 min

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Refractory cardiac arrest treated with mechanical CPR, hypothermia, ECMO and early reperfusion. CHEER trial (mechanical C PR, H ypothermia, E CMO and E arly R eperfusion)

- Single center, prospective, observational study
- Implementation of CHEER protocol
- 26 patients with refractory IHCA and OHCA
  - IV administration of cold saline to induce intra-arrest therapeutic hypothermia
  - Cannulated for VA ECMO
  - Suspected coronary artery occlusion underwent cardiac catherization
  - Therapeutic hypothermia (33 °C) for 24 hours

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Inclusion	Exclusion
18-65 years of age	Significant pre-existing neurological disability
Refractory cardiac arrest >30 min due to suspected cardiac etiology	Co-morbidities that cause limitations in activities of daily living
Chest compressions within 10 minutes of arrest	
Initial cardiac arrest rhythm of ventricular fibrillation	

\*\*\*IHCA were eligible for E-CPR at the discretion of the physician when it was thought the etiology of cardiac arrest would be reversible

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- VA ECMO established in 24/26 patients
- Median time collapse until initiation of ECMO of 56 min
  - PCI was performed on 42%
  - Pulmonary embolectomy on 1 patient
  - ROSC was achieved in 96% patients
- Survival to hospital discharge with full neurological recovery occurred in 54% of patients

Advanced reperfusion strategies for patients with out-of-hospital cardiac arrest and refractory ventricular fibrillation (ARREST):

- Single center, phase 2, single center, openlabel RCT
- Comparing early ECMO + cardiac catherization to standard ACLS resuscitation in OHCA

30 total patients

- Primary Outcome: Survival to hospital discharge
- Secondary outcome: Survival and favorable neurological outcomes at 3 and 6 months post discharge

18-75 years of age	Do not resuscitate
Initial rhythm v fib or pulseless VT	Mechanism: Drowning, trauma, overdose
No ROSC after 3 shocks	Pregnancy, terminal cancer, bleeding
Transport time <30 min	Prisoner or nursing home resident
Body habitus supports mechanical CPR	Cath Lab unavailable

Advanced reperfusion strategies for patients with out-of-hospital cardiac arrest and refractory ventricular fibrillation (ARREST):

- Survival
  - ECMO group: 43% (6/14)
  - ACLS group: 7% (1/15)
- All survivors had good functional assessment scores at 6 months

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## Strengths

RCT with consecutive enrollment Simple exclusion/inclusion criteria-generalizable Focused on VF/VT arrest-likely better chance of survival Fast time from randomization to ECMO initiation Excellent safety reporting measure

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## Weakness

Small Number of Patients Single Center Need for highly trained and expert teams Rates of bystander CPR Compared standard ACLS vs ECMO plus angiography

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Studies	eCPR Survival to discharge (%)
Chen et al. 2008	41% IHCA
Shin et al. 2011	32% IHCA
CHEER 2015	54% IHCA and OHCA
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ARREST 2020	43% OHCA
Sudden Death Expertise Center investigators 2020	8% OHCA

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