



# History of CPR: From When to Then





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#### Discussion

- Distinguish between cardiac arrest and heart attack (MI)
- Types of CPR attempts over the ages
- Current CPR practices
  - Certification
  - Bystander
- Chain of Survival
- Adjuncts to CPR pit crew / mechanical / ITD / Heads up
- ▶ Hands only CPR
- ▶ Telecommunicator CPR
- HeartSafe Community
- ▶ Six Minutes to Live



## Cardiac Arrest vs Heart Attack (MI)

- Cardiac Arrest (heart has stopped)
  - Usually occurs suddenly with little warning
    - Can result from a heart attack
  - Patient is unconscious / no pulse (heartbeat) / abnormal or no breathing
  - ► Fatal if not treated immediately
  - Requires CPR and defibrillation (shock)
- Heart attack (MI myocardial infarction)
  - ▶ Patient will have symptoms (chest pain, shortness of breath, nausea, arm discomfort
    - Men vs Women
  - Patient is conscious, has pulse and is breathing
  - ▶ Requires medical care soon recognize and call 9-1-1







Artificial circulation (cardiac compressions)

Defibrillation (electrical shock)

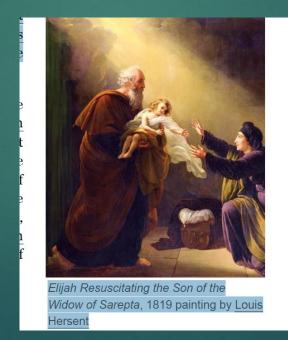






## Ancient attempts

- Ancient Egypt goddess Isis revived Osiris via the "breath of life"
- ▶ Elijah revived a boy with mouth mouth x 2
  - ► Kings 1 and Kings 2



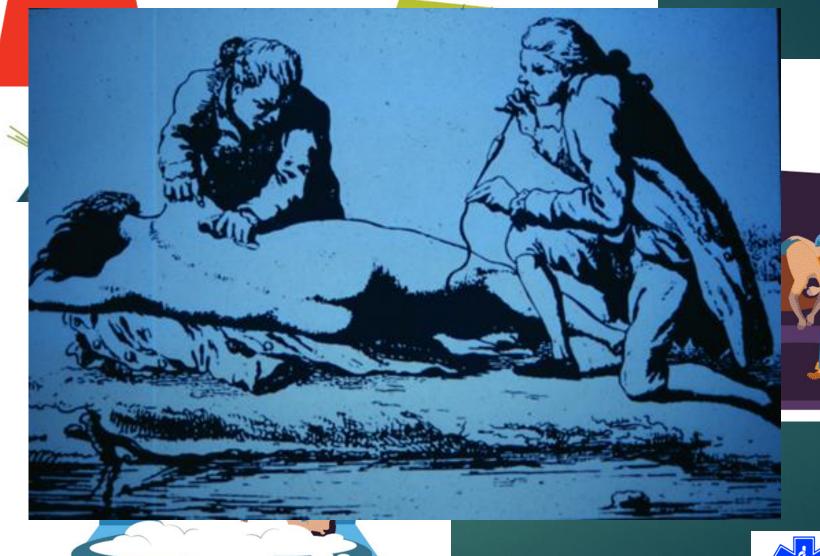




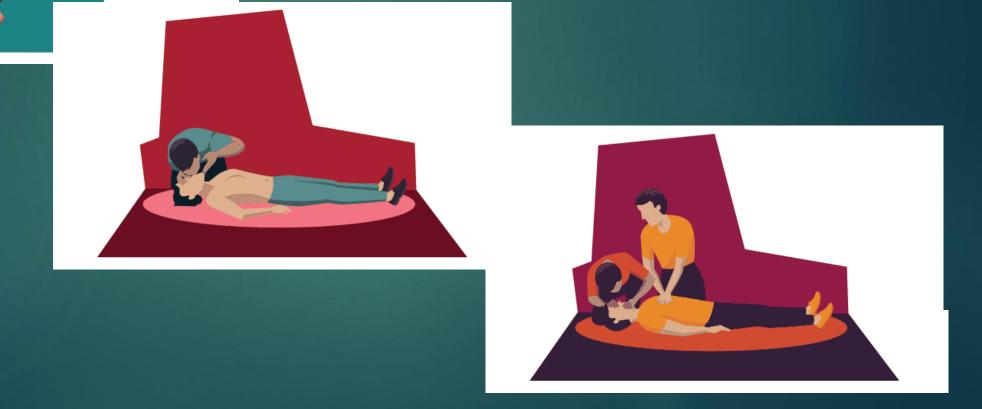
## Early Methods Before 1700's

- Inflation
  - ▶ Bellows to lungs
- Stimulation
  - ▶ Flagellation
  - Applying heat and cold
  - Vigorously shaking or rolling the body
- Inversion and Rolling
  - Hanging
  - Rolling over barrels
- ▶ Fumigation
  - ▶ Tobacco smoke via tube or bellows



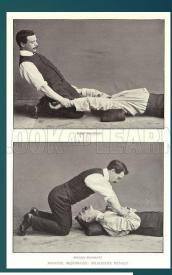






## 18<sup>th</sup> century

- Humane Societies
  - ▶ 1740: Paris Academy of Sciences
    - ▶ Recommended mouth to mouth for drowning victims
  - 1767: Society for the Recovery of Humans and the Apparently Drowned (Amsterdam)
    - ▶ Guidelines for reversing death w ventilation and circulation
  - Royal Humane Society (London)
- Mouth to Mouth
  - ▶ 1740 Paris Academy of Science
    - Mouth to mouth for drowning victims
- Manual methods
  - Silvester technique arm lift / chest pressure
  - ► Holger Nielsen technique arm lift / back pressure







## 20th Century – start of real CPR

- Chest compression and rescue breathing combined
- 1900's Dr. George Crile external chest compression on dogs and humans (internal cardiac compression still preferred)
- ▶ 1933: Johns Hopkins Univ effectiveness of external chest compressions in dogs
- ▶ 1947: Dr. Claude Beck first successful human internal cardiac defibrillation







#### Brith of Modern CPR

- Rediscovered breathing
  - ▶ Dr. James Elam and Dr. Peter Safar
    - Proved that expired air contained enough oxygen to keep blood oxygenated – enough for non-breathing patient
    - ▶ Safar: opened the airway with head-tilt / chin-lift maneuver
      - "airway / breathing / circulation"
- Circulation
  - Kouwenhoven / Knickerbocker / Jude Johns Hopkins Univ
    - Working on external defibrillators
    - Firm pressure with paddles on dogs compressed the heart enough
    - Confirmed external cardiac compression in humans
    - ▶ 1960 JAMA landmark article



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CLOSED-CHEST CARDIAC MASSAGE W. B. Kouwenhoven, Dr. Ing., James R. Jude, M.D.

G. Guy Knickerbocker, M.S.E., Baltimore

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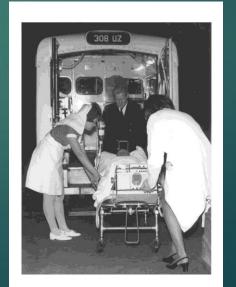
billimitation. They reported that this time limitation might be extended to as long as eight minutes by rhythmical application of pressure on the thorax in the region of the heart. In tests which



#### Modern CPR

- ▶ 1960 combined mouth mouth and external chest compressions
- American Heart Association started training physicians in CPR
- ▶ 1966 first National Conference on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiac Care
  - ► AHA and ARC started training civilians
- 1965 Dr. Frank Pantridge at Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast
  - Portable defibrillator Heartmobile



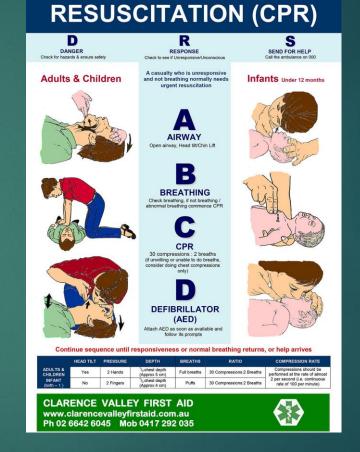






## CPR standards (certification)

- Compression to Ventilation Ratios
  - ▶ 5:1 / 15:2 multiple rescuers
  - ▶ 30:2 single rescuer
- Compression Rate
  - ▶ 100 120 compressions per minute
- Compression Depth
  - ≥ 2 2 ½ inches
- Quality Compressions
  - ▶ Full chest recoil
  - Minimizing interruptions
  - Chest compression fraction





#### Evolution of defibrillation

- Manual Defibrillation manual shock
  - Internal defibrillation
  - External defibrillation
- Automated Defibrillation
  - ► Heart-Aid late 1970's
  - Increased sophistication since then
  - Automated rhythm analysis / +/- manual shock
- Public Access Defibrillation (PAD)
  - ► Citizen training and public placement of AEDs
  - ▶ Early CPR and AED
  - Chain of survival













## Mechanical CPR Devices





## Heads up CPR







#### Impedance Threshold Device

## A Simple Solution for More Effective Resuscitation

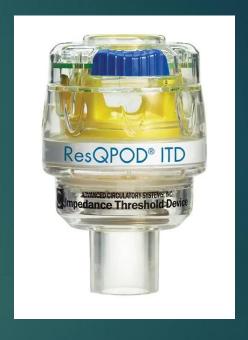


#### ResQPOD Features and Benefits

- Easy to integrate into resuscitation protocols
- Can be used during BLS and ALS care
- Compatible with all airway adjuncts and ventilation sources
- Timing lights guide ventilations at 10/minute
- Compatible with automated CPR devices
- Cost effective

Attached to a facemask or other airway adjunct, the ResQPOD ITD contains airway pressure-sensing valves to selectively prevent air from entering the chest during chest wall recoil. This enhances the vacuum that pulls blood back to the heart, increasing preload. Patient ventilation and exhalation are not restricted. Timing lights flash at 10 per minute and guide ventilations at the AHA-recommended rate to discourage hyperventilation.



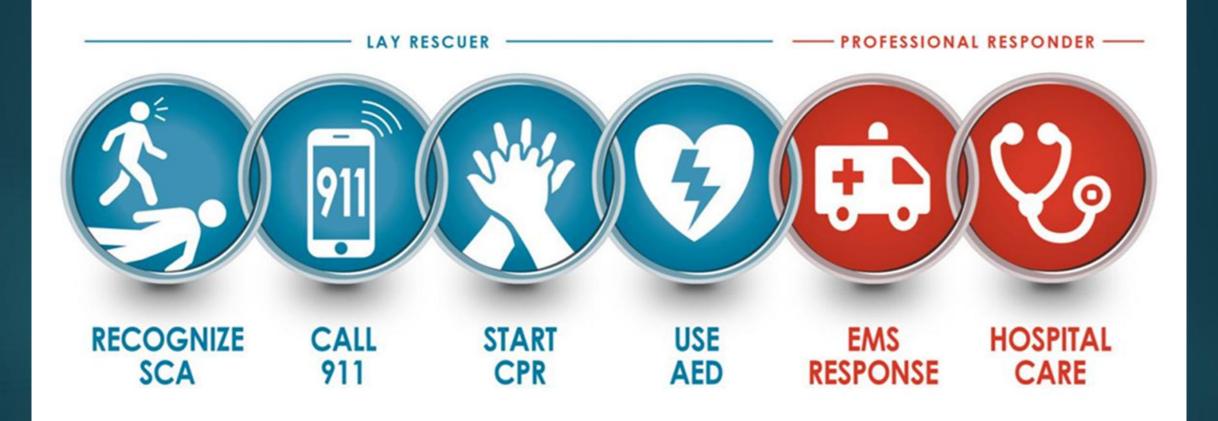








#### Chain of Survival





### Hands-Only CPR

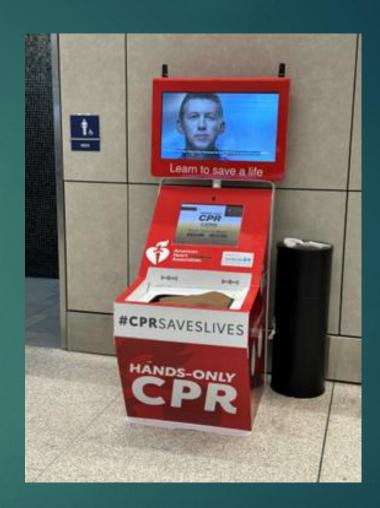
- Chest compressions alone are effective for first few minutes to circulate oxygenated blood
- Overcomes resistance to mouth to mouth ventilations
- Recognize that patient is not responsive and not breathing normally
  - ▶ Don't assess for pulse
  - Ignore agonal respirations
- ► Call 9-1-1 / push hard and fast in center of chest

#### Two steps to save a life:



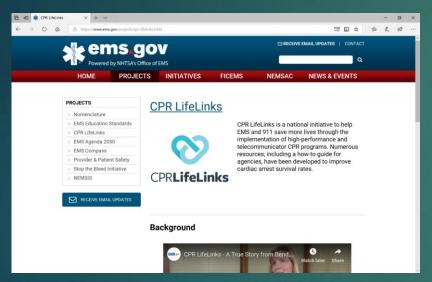


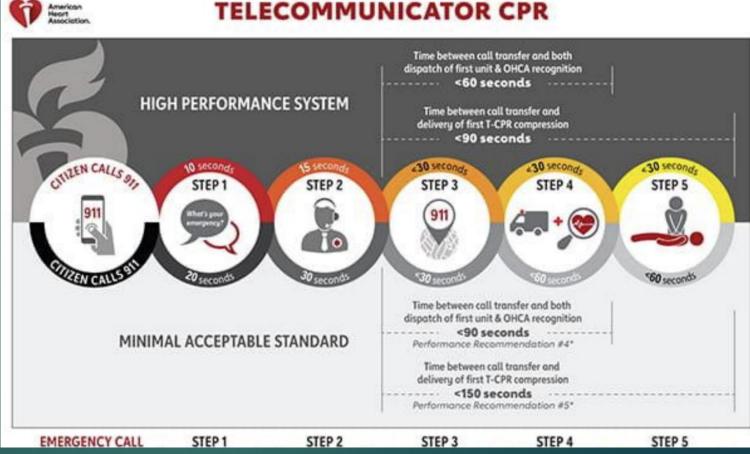






#### Telecommunicator CPR - 9-1-1

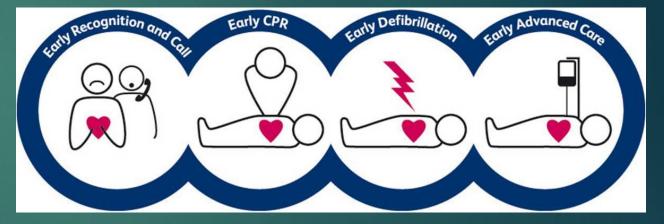






## Life Saving Process

- ► Confirm unconscious / unresponsive
- Confirm not breathing NORMALLY
- ► Activate 911 response
- Start CPR
- Determine if AED is available
- Continue CPR
- Apply AED when available
- Continue CPR until EMS arrives





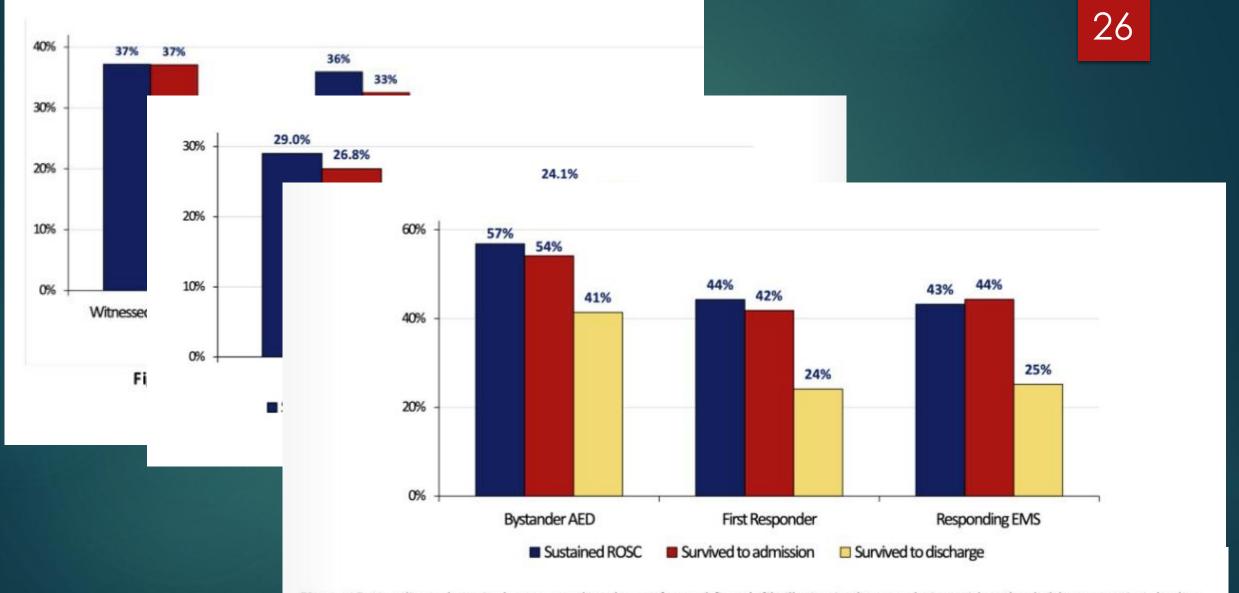


Figure 15. Unadjusted survival outcomes by who performed first defibrillation in the population with a shockable presenting rhythm.

## HeartSafe Community

- Recognition by the Citizen CPR Foundation
- Lead organization
- Plan for collection and analysis of cardiac arrest data
  - CARES participation encouraged
- ▶ 15% of population trained in CPR
- Recognition of citizen CPR
- Strategies for increasing citizen recognition of sudden cardiac arrest – encouraging bystander CPR
- ▶ T-CPR program
  - Engage, encourage and support state legislation re T-CPR

- Schools and public buildings develop emergency response plans
- AED placement around community
- AED registry
- ► First Responder AEDs
- High performance CPR
- Cardiac arrest QI program
  - Patient outcome data
- Secondary public health education programs





#### **PulsePoint connection**



SCA victim in need.



911 system sends PulsePoint alert.



Signal received by nearby PulsePoint users.

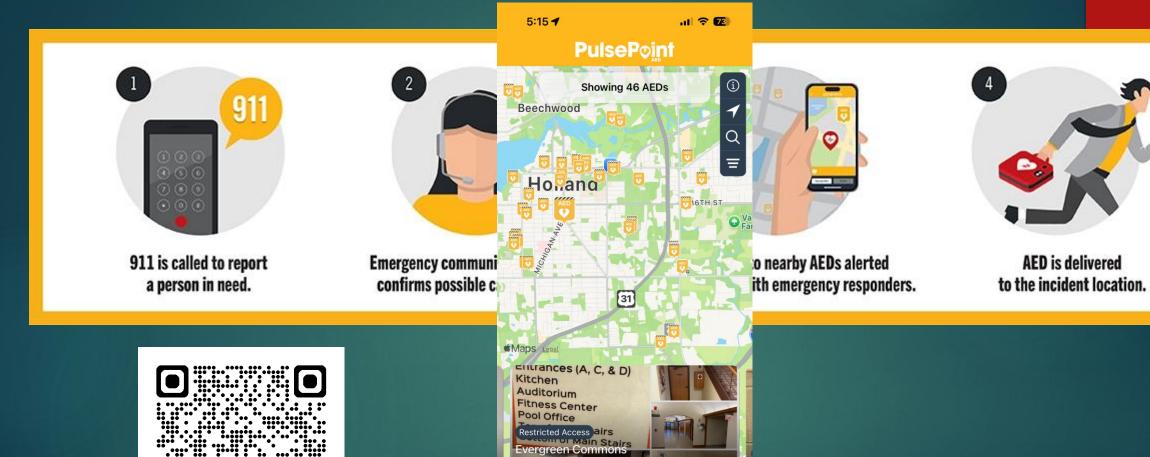


Users rush to help the victim before professional help arrives.





#### **PulsePoint AED registry**



9 AEDs on site: Entrances A C D, Kitchen, Auditorium, Fitness Center, Pool Office, top and

bottom of Main Stairs



#### Six Minutes to Live

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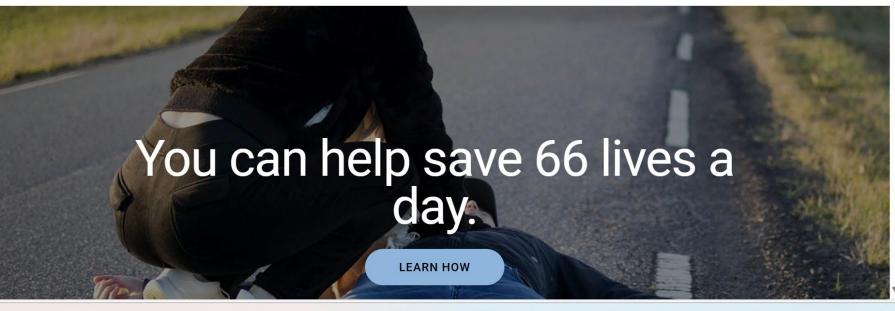










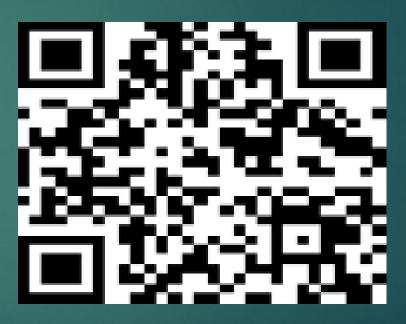




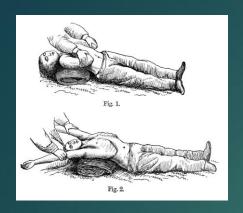


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LAY RESCUER

PROFESSIONAL RESPONDER



RECOGNIZE SCA CALL 911 START CPR USE AED EMS RESPONSE HOSPITAL CARE



## CPR – someone's life may be in your hands!

- ► HeartSafe Holland
  - ▶ heartsafeholland.org





