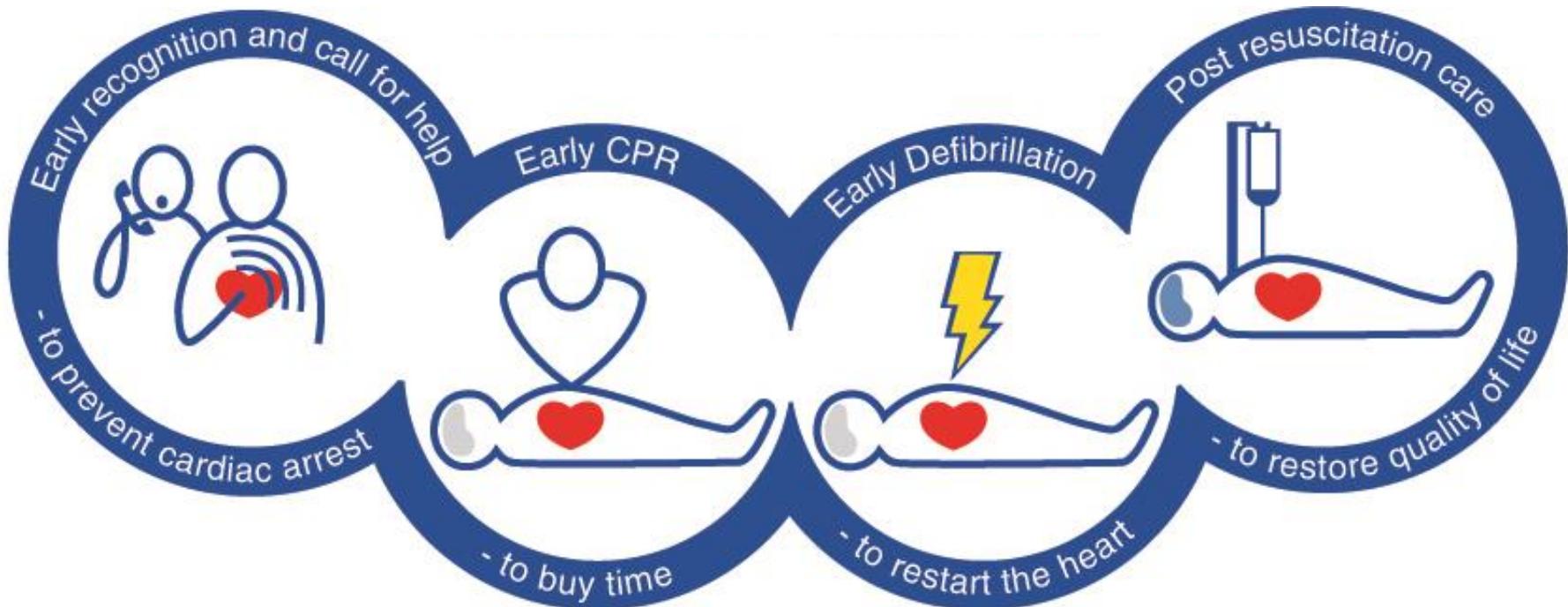


# Post Cardiac Arrest Patient in the ICU



Jerry Nolan  
Royal United Hospital  
Bath

North East Intensive Care Society  
Spring Meeting  
23 March 2010



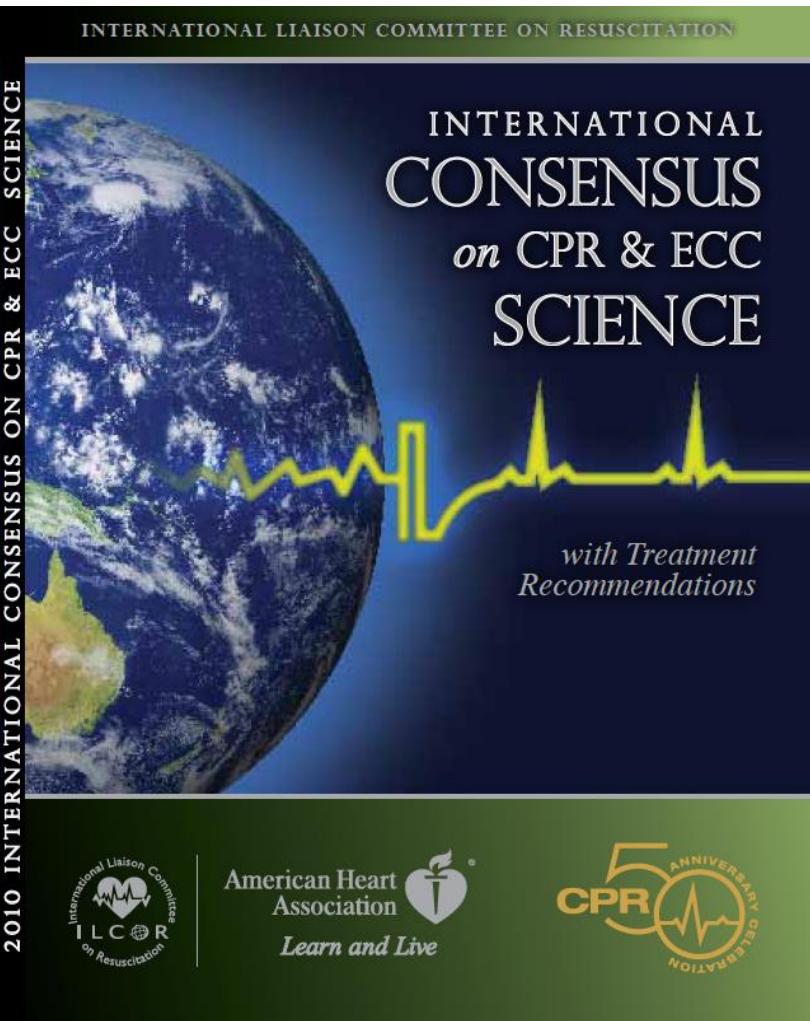


# Post cardiac arrest patient in ICU

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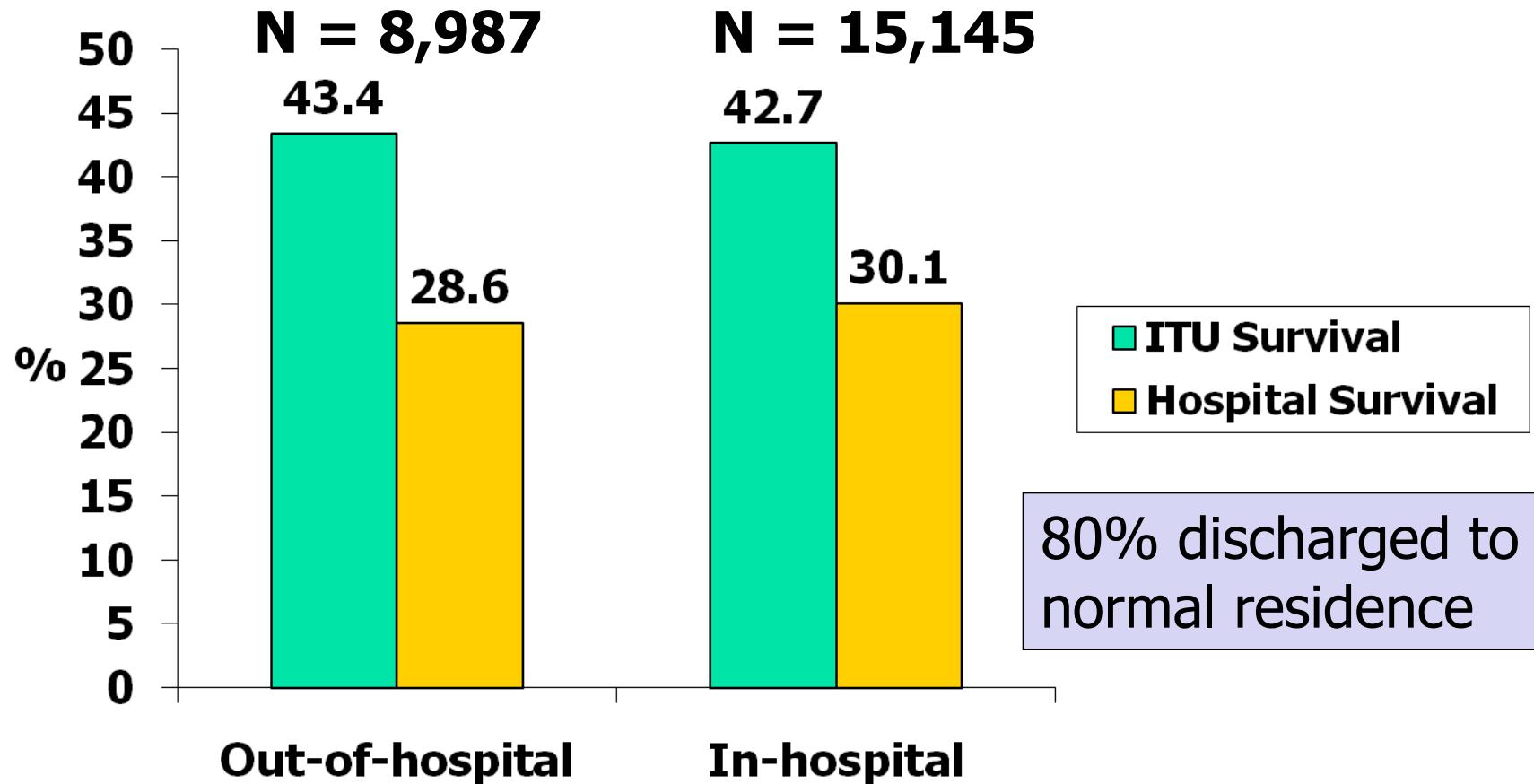
- Outcome after admission to ITU
- The post cardiac arrest syndrome
- Cardiovascular support
- Neurological support
- Prognostication

# 2010 International Consensus Conference on CPR Science

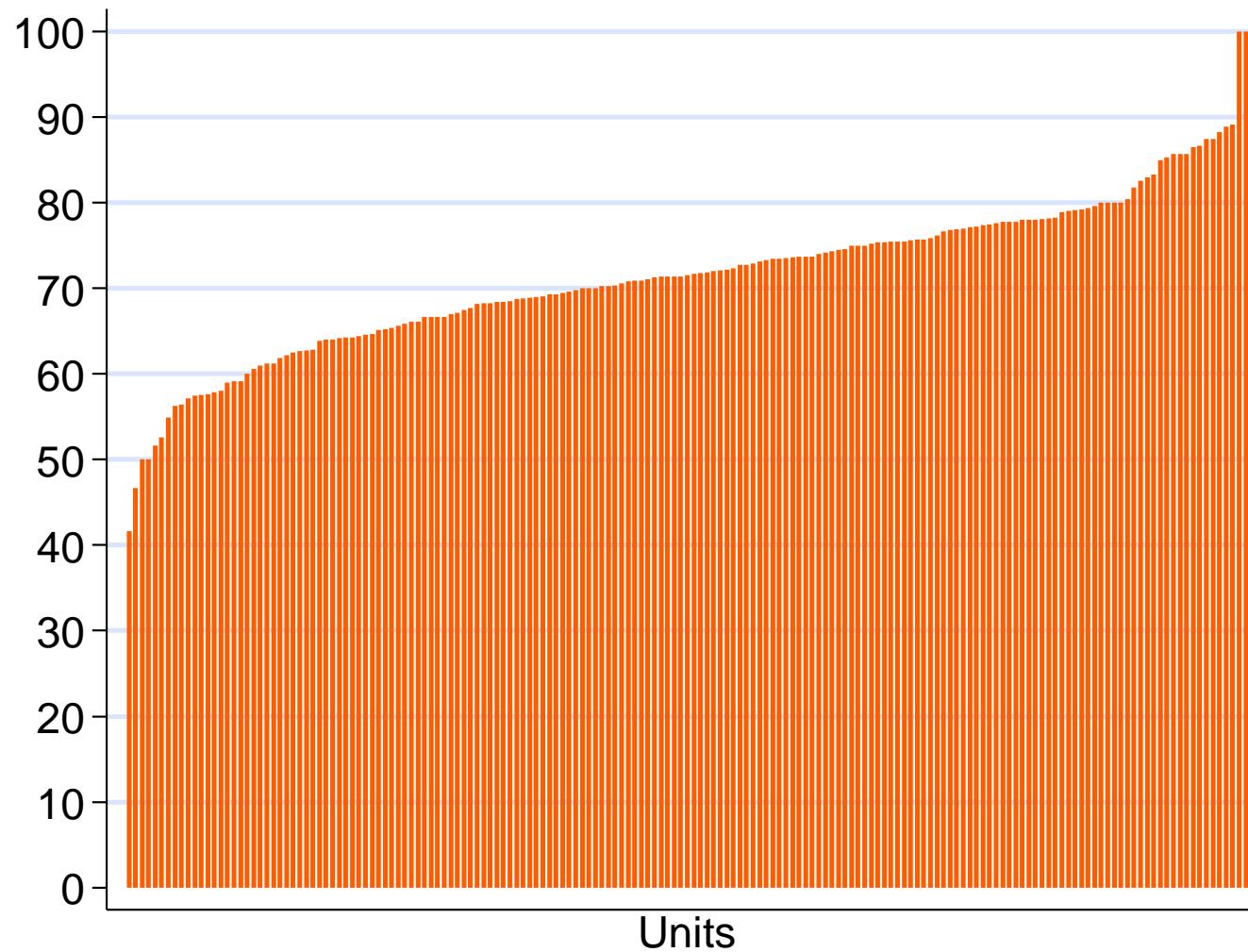


- ILCOR Consensus Conference 1-4 Feb 2010
- 450 evidence-based reviews
- Treatment recommendations based on science
- New AHA, ERC and RC (UK) guidelines online 18/10/10

# Outcome for cardiac arrest survivors admitted to ITU in UK



# Variation in acute hospital mortality – out-of-hospital arrest



Data from ICNARC



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## Standards for the Management of Patients After Cardiac Arrest

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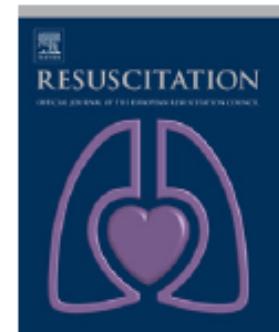
**STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES**



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ILCOR CONSENSUS STATEMENT

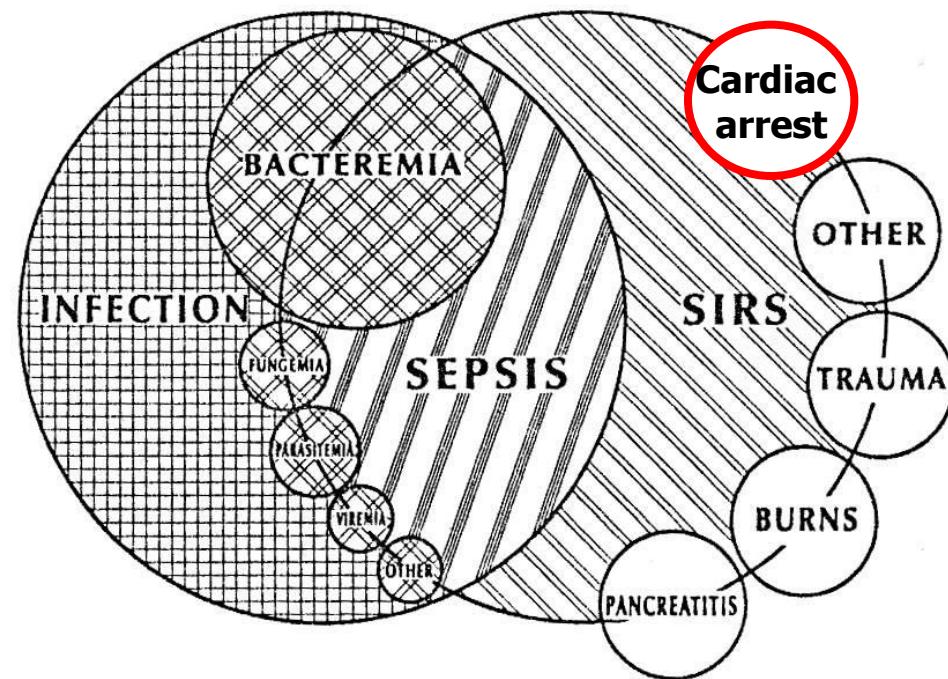
# **Post-cardiac arrest syndrome: Epidemiology, pathophysiology, treatment, and prognostication A Scientific Statement from the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation;**

**Nolan JP, Neumar RW et al. Resuscitation 2008;79:350-79**

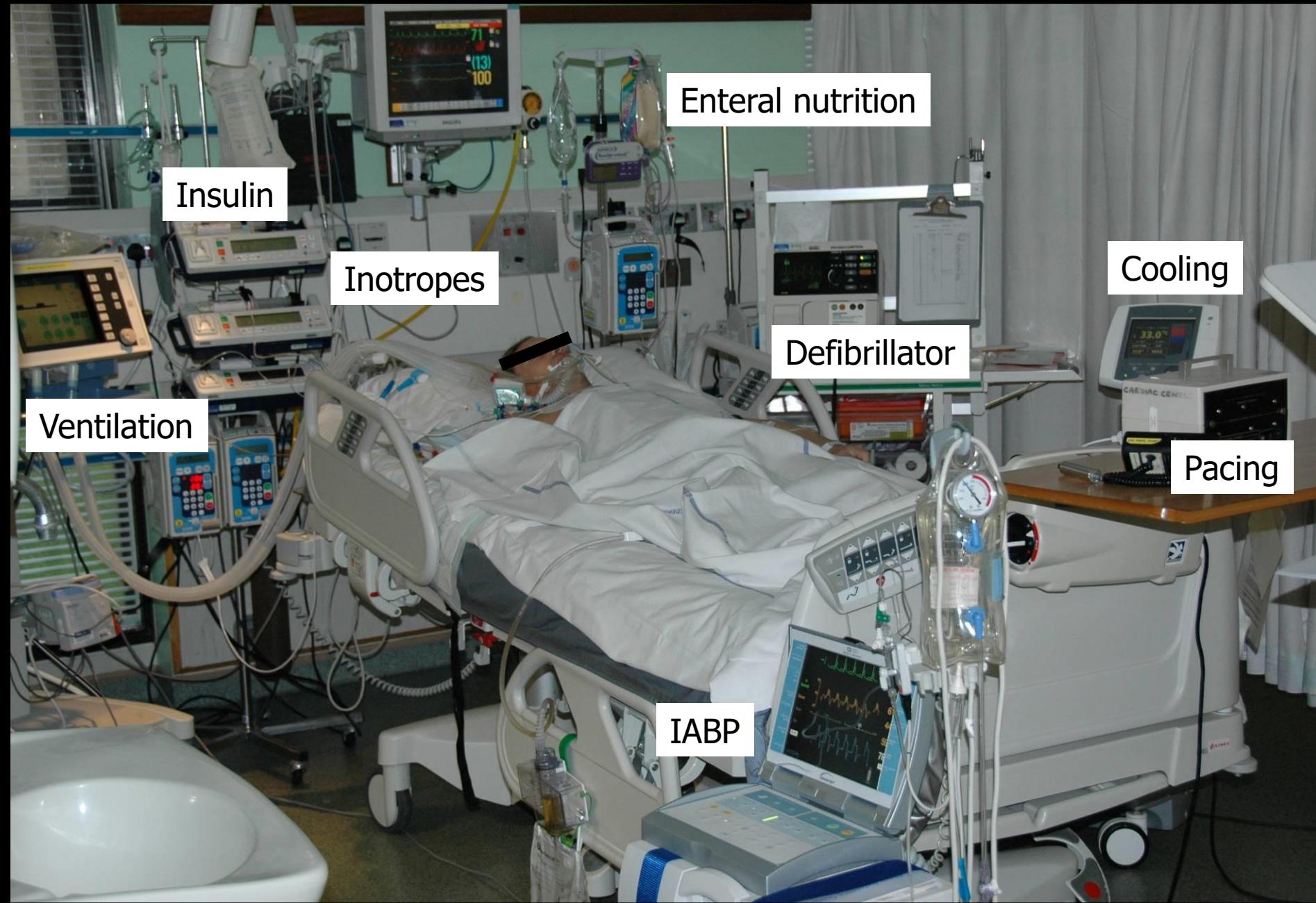
# Post-cardiac arrest syndrome

- 1.** Systemic ischaemia/reperfusion response
- 2.** Persistent precipitating pathology
- 3.** Post-cardiac myocardial dysfunction
- 4.** Post-cardiac arrest brain injury

# Inflammatory response after cardiac arrest



- High levels of IL-6, IL-8, IL-10, TNF
  - Adrie C. Circulation 2002;106:562-8
- Coagulation and fibrinolysis activated
  - Adrie C. JACC 2005;46:21-8.



Insulin

Inotropes

Ventilation

IABP

Enteral nutrition

Defibrillator

Cooling

Pacing

# Early coronary reperfusion: PCI versus thrombolysis



# Outcome of PCI after out-of-hospital cardiac arrest & STEMI

STEMI  
Emergency angio and PCI  
N = 186



Successful PCI  
N = 161 (86.5%)



Alive at 6 months  
N = 100 (53.8%)

Data from 5 centres with high-volume PCI in France

Shock	96 (52%)
Intra-aortic balloon pump	80 (43%)
Mechanical ventilation	171 (92%)

# Acute angiography after resuscitation from cardiac arrest

	<b>STEMI</b>	<b>Not STEMI</b>
Urgent angiography	192/192 (100%)	50/200 (25%)
Coronary disease		99% 78%
Culprit lesion		94% 36%
Urgent PCI		91% 32%
TIMI 3 Flow		81% 88%

Jan 2003 – Dec 2007  
Ljubljana, Slovenia

Radsel P. Presented at ReSS 2008

# Reversible myocardial dysfunction in survivors of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest

(n = 73)	8h	12 h	24 h	67 h
Adrenaline (mg h <sup>-1</sup> )	1.0	1.3	1.5	0.4
CI (l min <sup>-1</sup> m <sup>-2</sup> )	2.05	2.61	3.19	3.69
SVRI	2,908	1,936	1,672	1,518
Temp (°C)	36.6	37.3	37.6	37.8

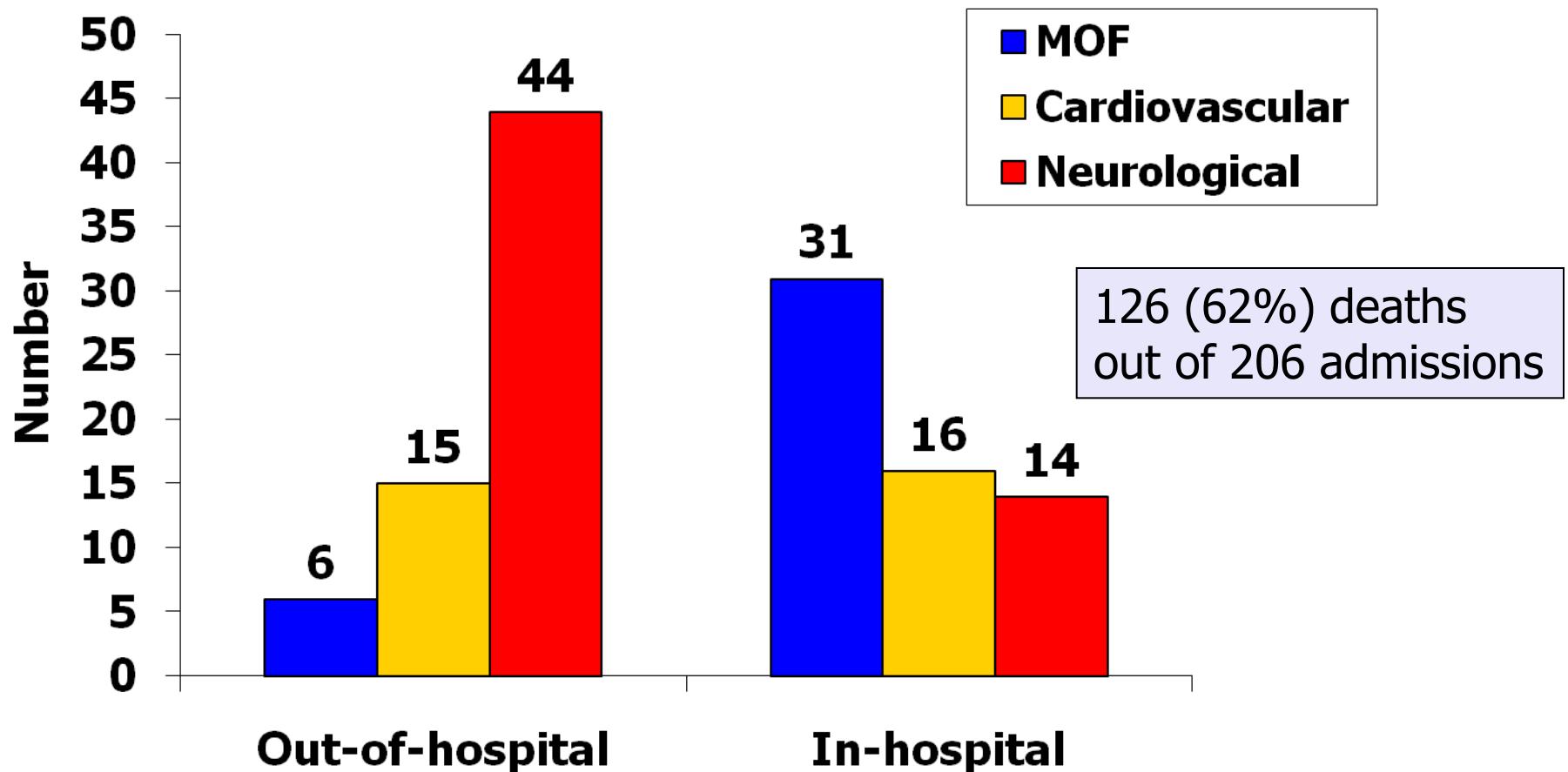
# Cardiovascular support

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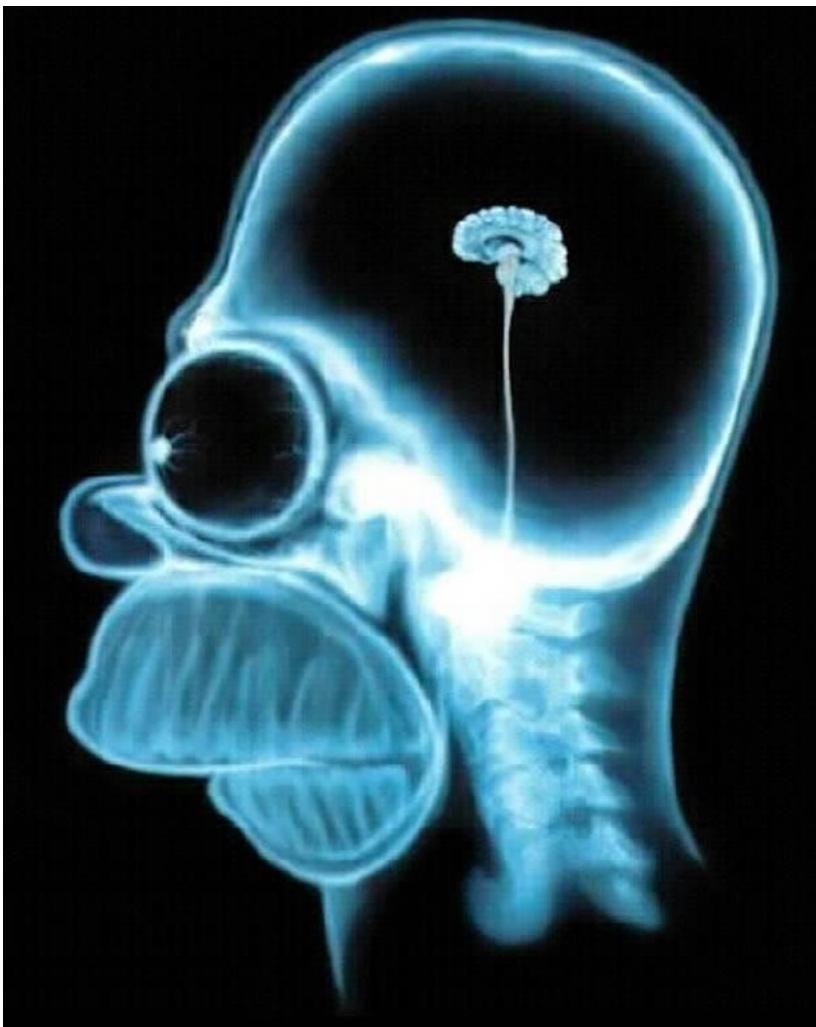
- Intra-aortic balloon pump
- Inotropes
  - Noradrenaline
  - Dobutamine
- Anti-arrhythmic therapy
- Pacing

# Mode of death after admission to ITU following cardiac arrest



# Improving neurological outcome after cardiac arrest

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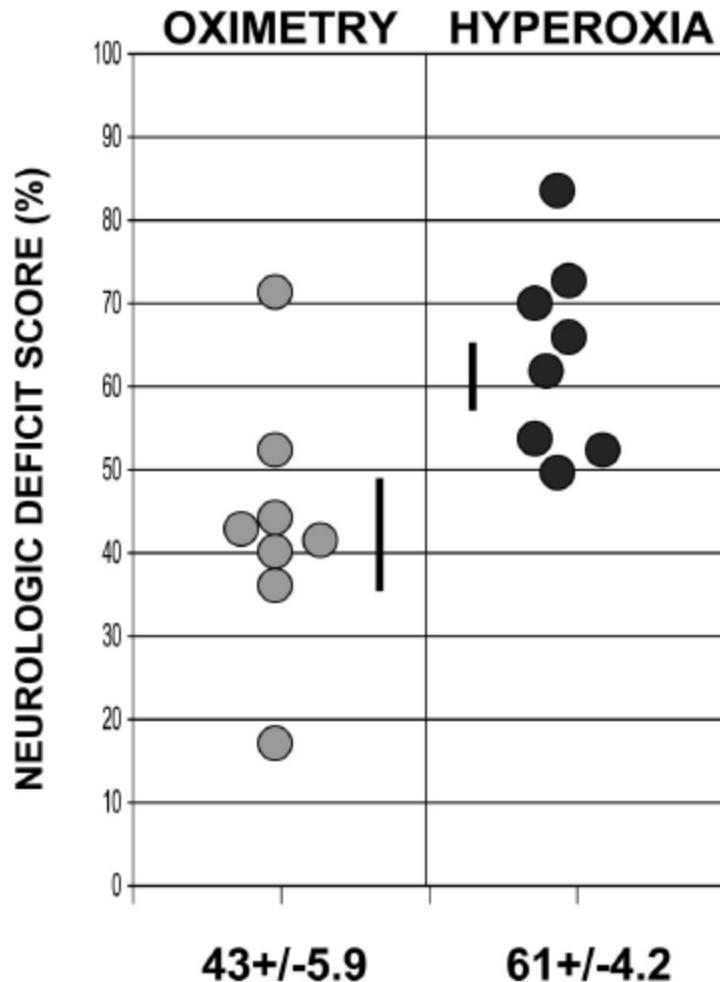


- Controlled re-oxygenation
- Cerebral perfusion
- Sedation
- Control of seizures
- Glucose control
- Temperature control

# Hyperoxia after return of spontaneous circulation

- Hyperoxia during early reperfusion may harm postischaemic neurones
  - Vereczki V. J Cerebral Blood Flow Metab 2006;26:821-5
  - Richards EM. Stroke 2007; 38: 1578-84
  - Zwemer CF. Resuscitation 1994; 27: 159-70.
  - Liu Y. Stroke 1998;2 9: 1679-86.

# Oximetry-guided re-oxygenation improves outcome after cardiac arrest



- 8 dogs per group
- 10 min cardiac arrest
- 1 hour ventilation:
  - 100% O<sub>2</sub> versus
  - SpO<sub>2</sub> 94 – 96%

Balan IS. Stroke 2006; 37: 3008-13

# Brain – cerebral perfusion

- Cerebral hyperaemia (initially), but rarely high ICP except asphyxial arrest
- Impaired autoregulation
  - Nishizawa H. *Acta Anaesthesiol Scand* 1996;40:1149-53.
- Maintain adequate cerebral perfusion pressure
- MAP 80-100 mmHg??
  - Bell DD. *Can J Anaesth* 2005;52:309-322

# Brain – control of seizures

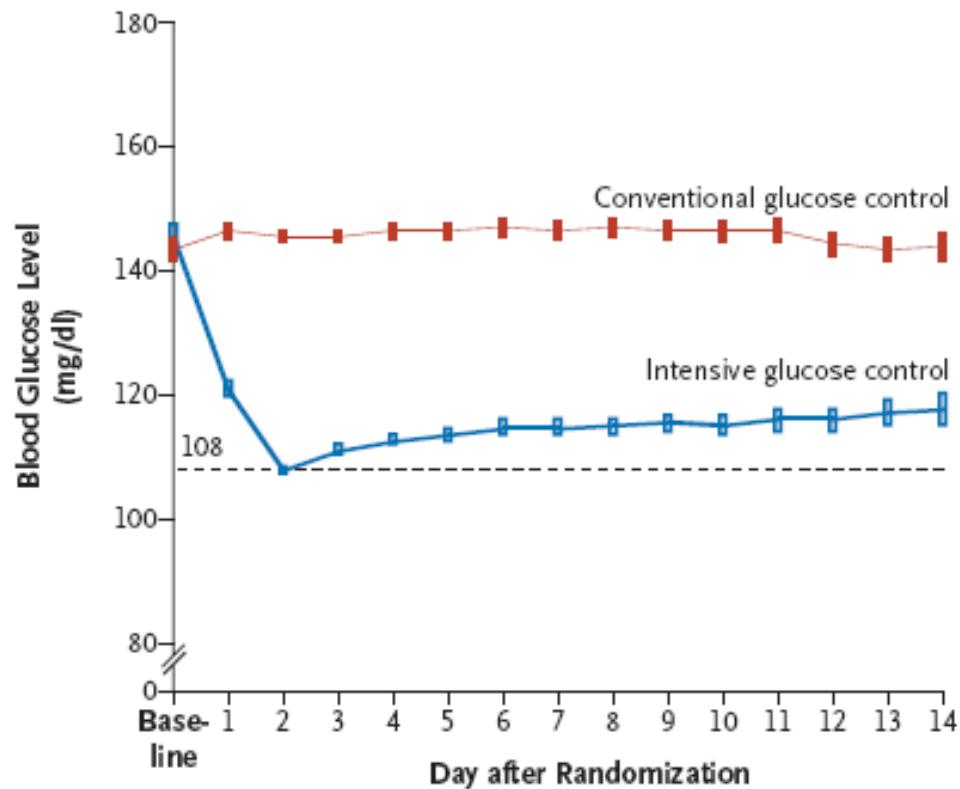
- Occur in 5-15% of those who achieve ROSC and in 40% of those remaining comatose
- Increase cerebral oxygen consumption
- Drugs
  - No data on the use of prophylactic anti-convulsants
- Monitoring; especially with NMBs?

# Strict versus moderate glucose control after VF cardiac arrest

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- Out-of-hospital VF cardiac arrest
- 90 patients – all cooled (intravascular)
- Insulin for 48 h; randomised:
  - Glucose 4 – 6 mmol l<sup>-1</sup> (SGC)
  - Glucose 6 – 8 mmol l<sup>-1</sup> (MGC)
- 30-day mortality and **hypos (<3 mmol)**
  - SGC 13/39 (**33%**) **18%**
  - MGC 18/51 (**35%**) **2%**

# NICE-SUGAR Study

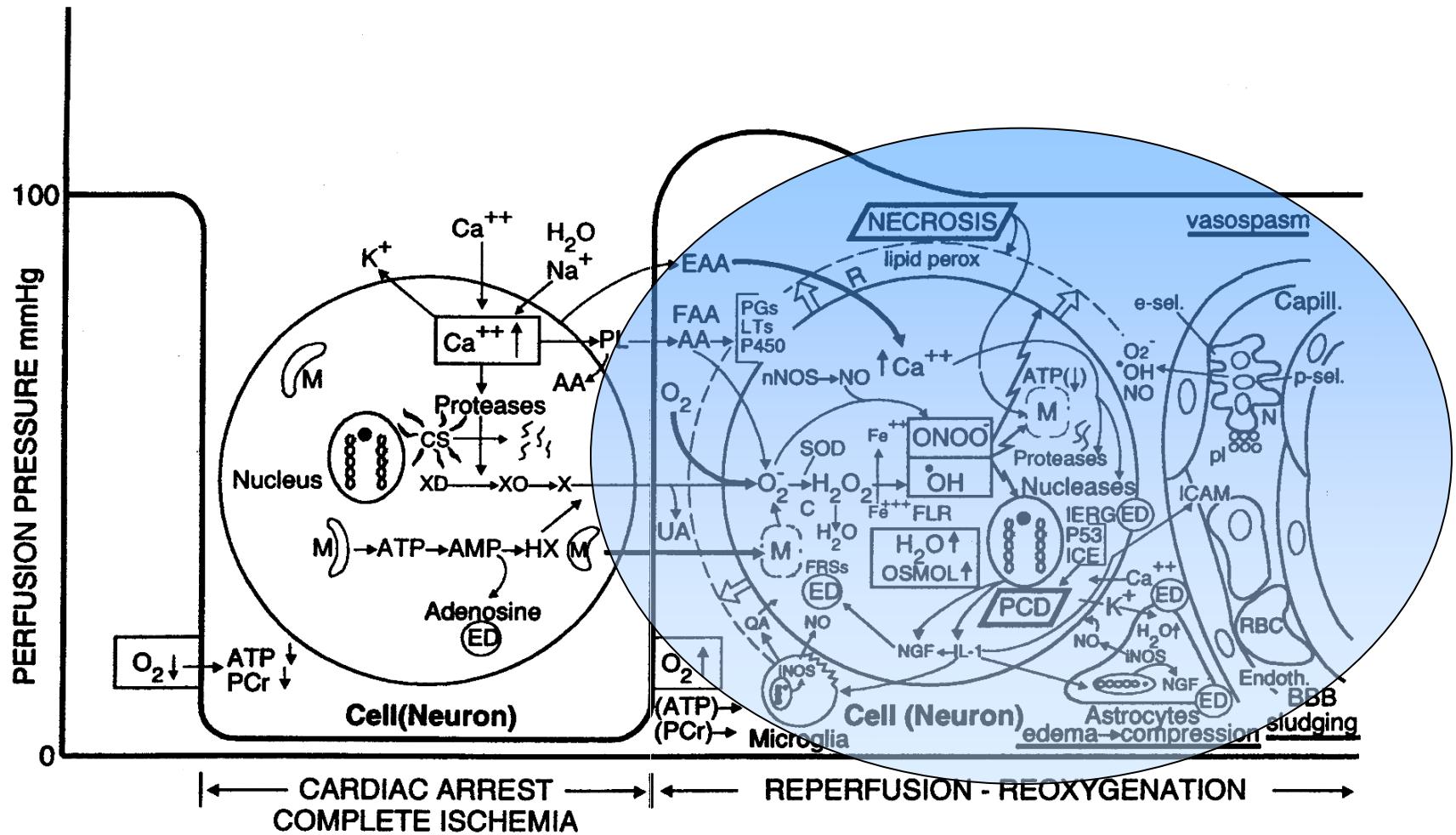


- 6104 patients predicted ICU stay > 3 days:
  - 4.5 – 6.0 mmol L<sup>-1</sup>
  - < 10.0 mmol L<sup>-1</sup>
- 90-day mortality
  - Intensive 27.5%
  - Conventional 24.9%
  - P = 0.02

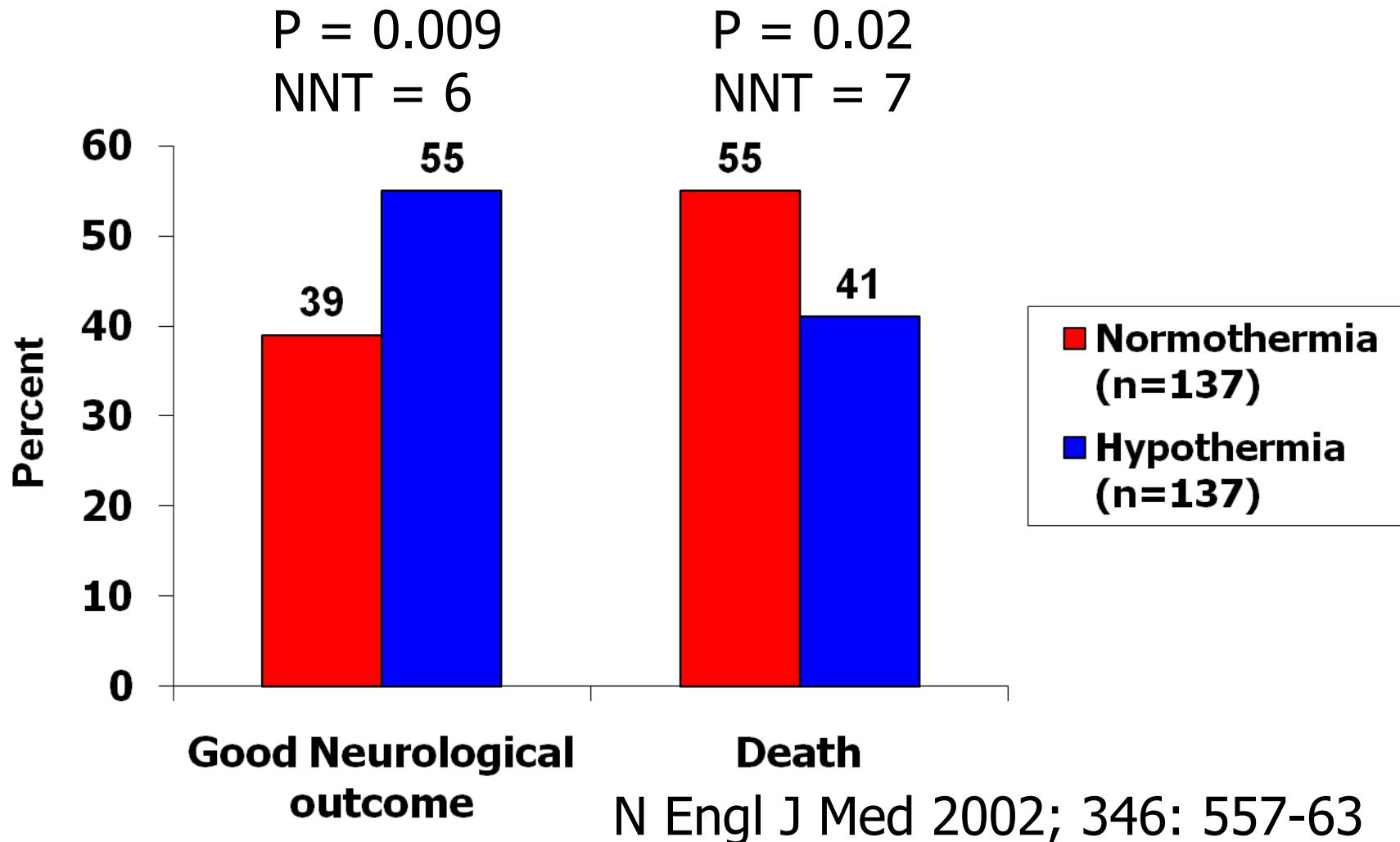
# Brain – temperature control

- Prevention of hyperthermia
  - Hyperthermia common for 2-3 days
    - Takino M. Intensive Care Med 1991;17:419-20
  - Hyperthermia associated with poor outcome
    - Zeiner A. Arch Intern Med 2001;161:2007-12
    - Hickey RW. Crit Care Med 2003;31:531-5
- Therapeutic hypothermia

# Hypothermia: Mechanism of action?



# The Hypothermia After Cardiac Arrest (HACA) Study Group



# Therapeutic hypothermia after cardiac arrest

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An Advisory Statement by the ALS Task Force of the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR)

- Unconscious adult patients with spontaneous circulation after out of hospital cardiac arrest should be cooled to 32-34°C for 12-24 hours when the initial rhythm was VF
- For any other rhythm, or cardiac arrest in hospital, such cooling may also be beneficial

# Cooling techniques

## **External**

- Ice packs, wet linen, fans
- Cooling blankets
  - Air, e.g. Polar Air
  - Water, e.g. Blanketrol
- Pre-refridgerated cooling pads
- Hydrogel-coated pads
- Cold water immersion

## **Internal**

- Cold i.v. saline
- Intravascular catheters
  - Intravascular balloons
  - Metal catheter
  - Helix system



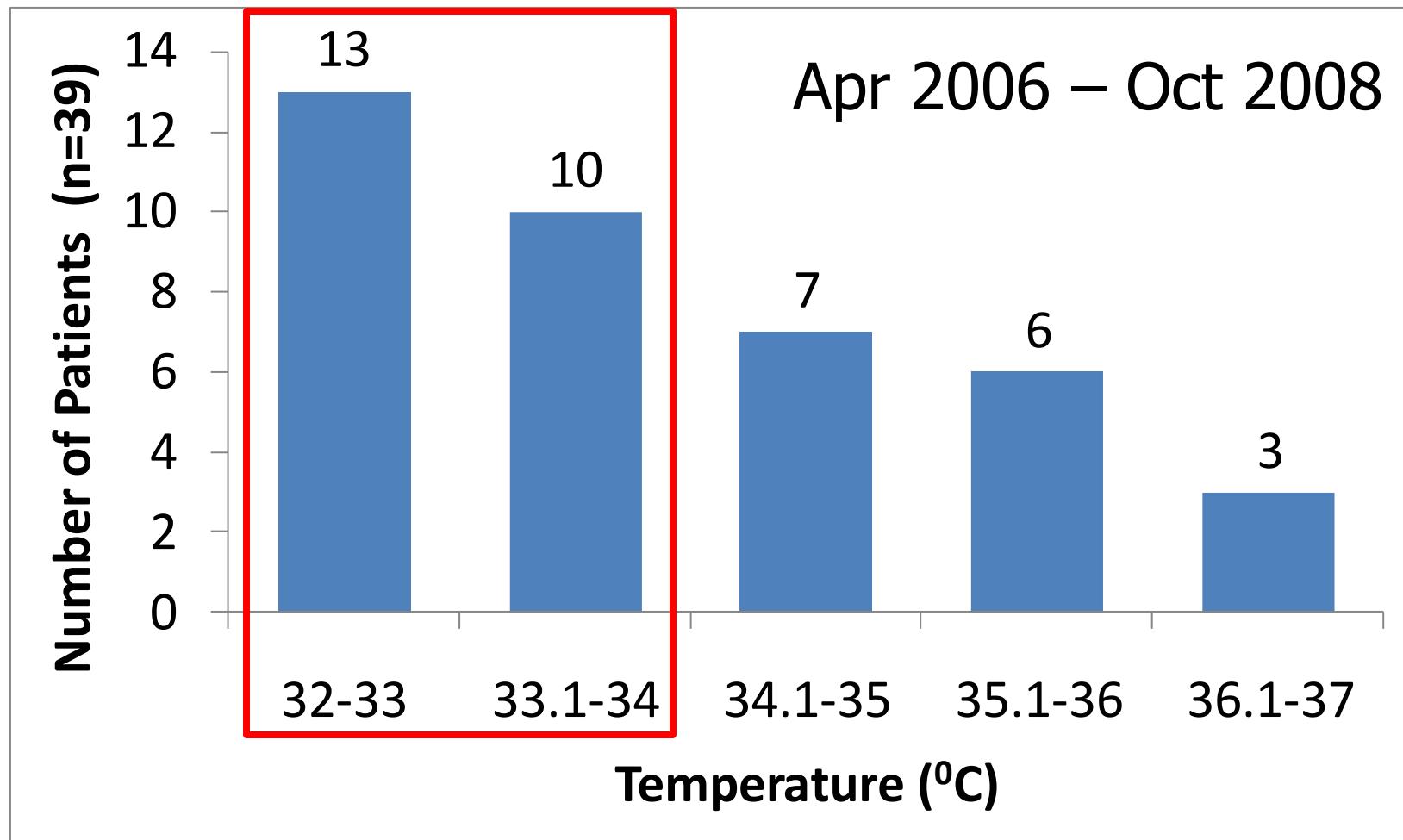
Start cooling  
with cold i.v.  
fluid

# Cooling with ice-cold i.v. fluid

Study	N	T °C	Comments
Bernard S. Resuscitation 2003;56:9-13	22	1.7	30 ml kg <sup>-1</sup> Hartmann's at 4°C. No pulmonary oedema
Kliegel A. Resuscitation 2005;64:347	26	1.8	2 pts mild pulmonary oedema
Virkkunen I. Resuscitation 2004;62:299	13	1.8	Prehospital – 2 more trials underway
Kim F. Circulation 2007;115:3064-70	125	1.2	RCT prehospital – half given cold fluid. Pilot study
Bruel C. Crit Care 2008;12:R31	33	2.1	1 pt pulmonary oedema

RCT of prehospital cooling (n=1200) due to complete Nov 2011  
ClinicalTrial.gov NCT00391469

# Out-of-hospital cardiac arrests: temp on admission to ITU



# Does more rapid cooling improve outcome?

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- 49 patients intravascularly cooled (78% OHCA; 84% VF/VT) **Wolff B. Int J Cardiol 2009;133:223-8**
  - Multivariate analysis: time to target temperature = OR 0.69 (0.51 – 0.98) for good outcome per hour
- Hypothermia network study of 986 cooled patients **Nielsen N. Acta Anaesthesiol Scand 2009;53:926-34**
  - Time to target, duration of cooling, target temp = no association with outcome

# Prehospital cooling



# Prehospital cooling versus emergency department cooling

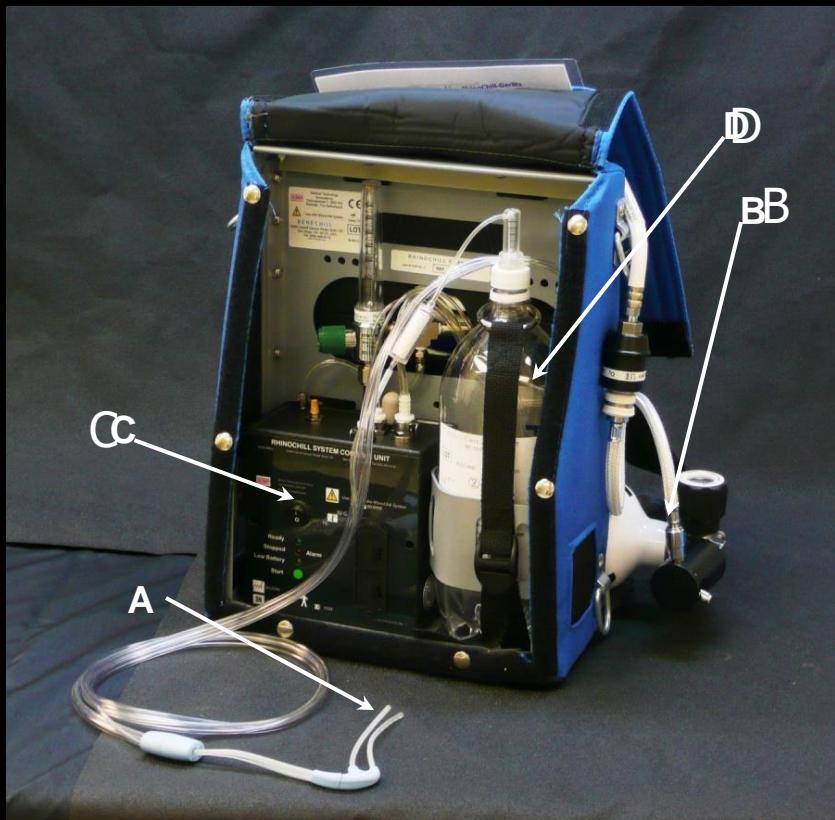
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- VF cardiac arrest (n = 234)
- 2 litres cold saline prehospital vs. ED
- Temperature on ED arrival
  - Prehospital cooled      34.4°C
  - Control                    35.9°C
- Survival to discharge
  - Prehospital cooled      48%
  - Control                    51%

# Cooling during CPR?

- Animal data indicate better outcomes
  - Kuboyama K. Crit Care Med 1991 & 1993
  - Nordmark J. Resuscitation 2005;66:357-65.
- Clinical 'pilot study' (n = 5)
  - Kamarainen A. Resuscitation 2008;76:360-3.
- Impact of fluid infusion during CPR??
- Cooling with cardiopulmonary bypass
  - Nagao K. Circ J 2010; 74: 77-85

# RhinoChill™ intra-nasal cooling system



- A: Nasal Catheter
- B: Oxygen Tank
- C: Control Unit
- D: Coolant Bottle



# External cooling

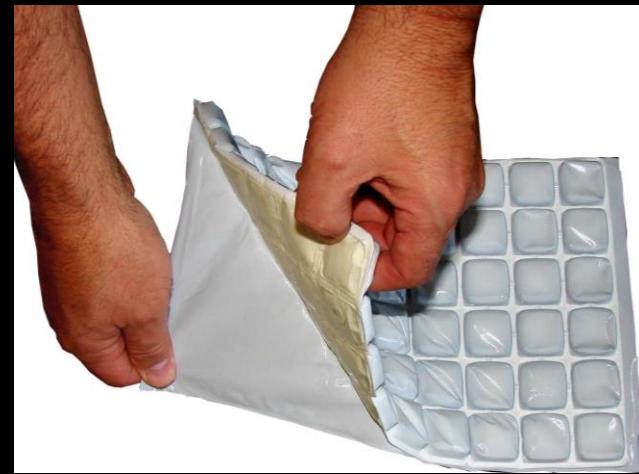


Larsson I-M. Resuscitation 2010;81:15-9

# Laerdal MediCool



# EMCOOLS



Uray T. Resuscitation 2008;77:331-8

# Circulating cold water blankets



# Water-circulating cooling device (Artic Sun®)



Heard KJ. Resuscitation 2010; 81: 9-14

# Convective-immersion surface cooling: ThermoSuit®

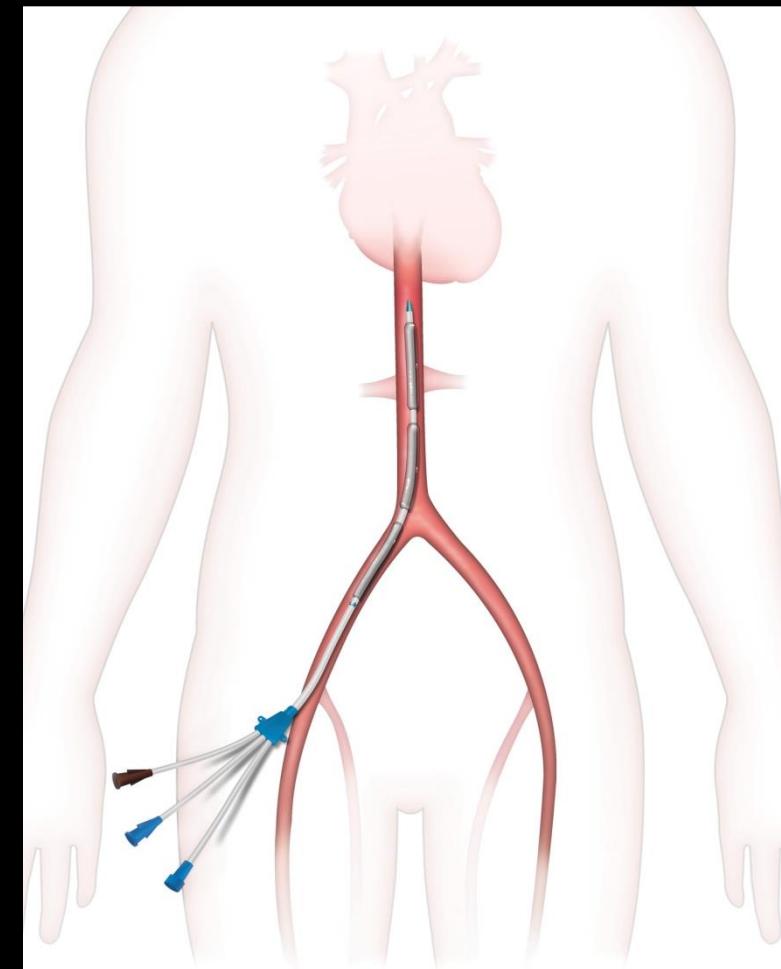


- 24 patients
- Median cooling rate  
 $= 3.0^{\circ}\text{C h}^{-1}$
- Faster with propofol
- Median time to <  
 $34^{\circ}\text{C} = 37 \text{ min}$

Photograph courtesy  
of Dr M. Foedisch

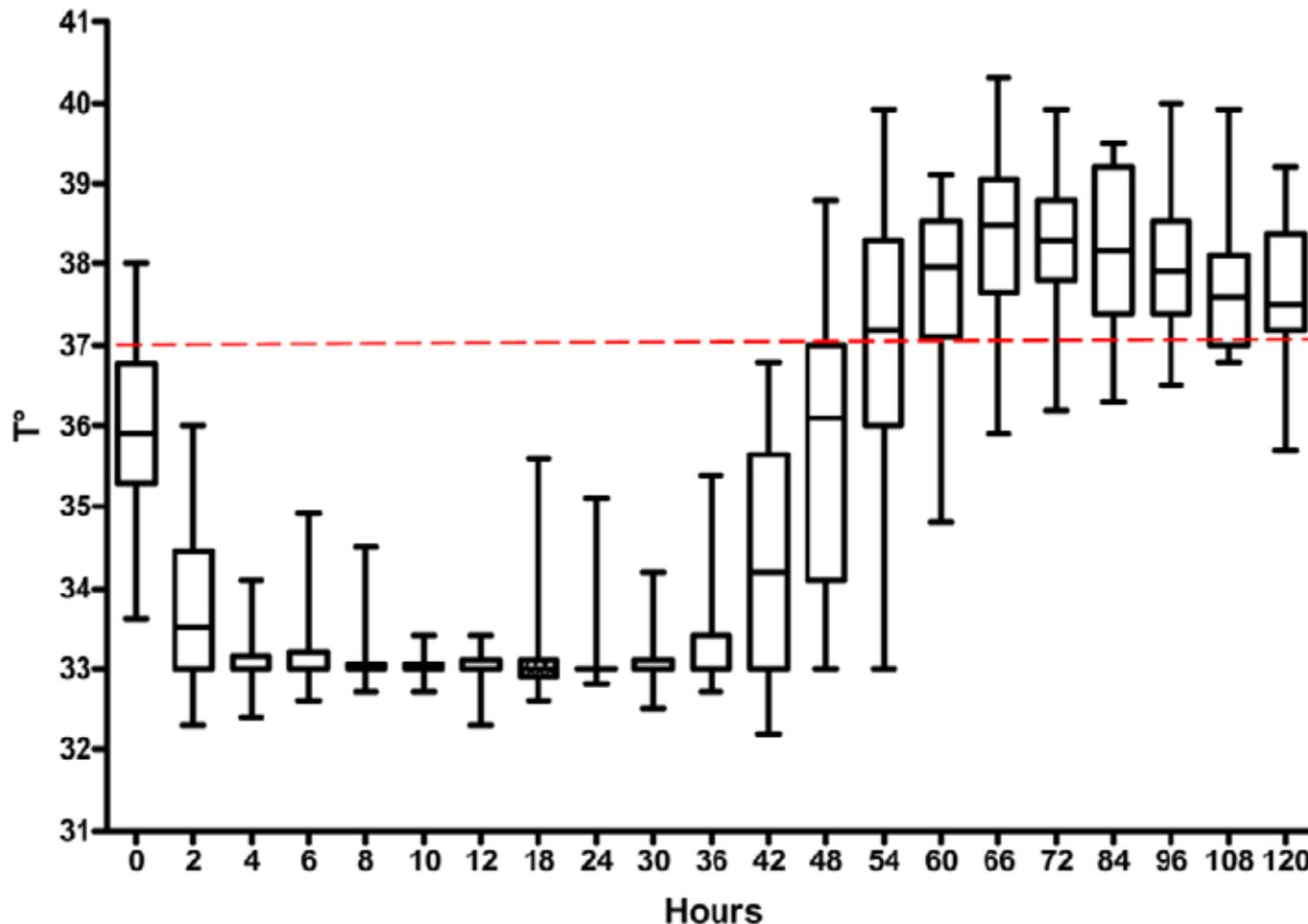


# Endovascular cooling

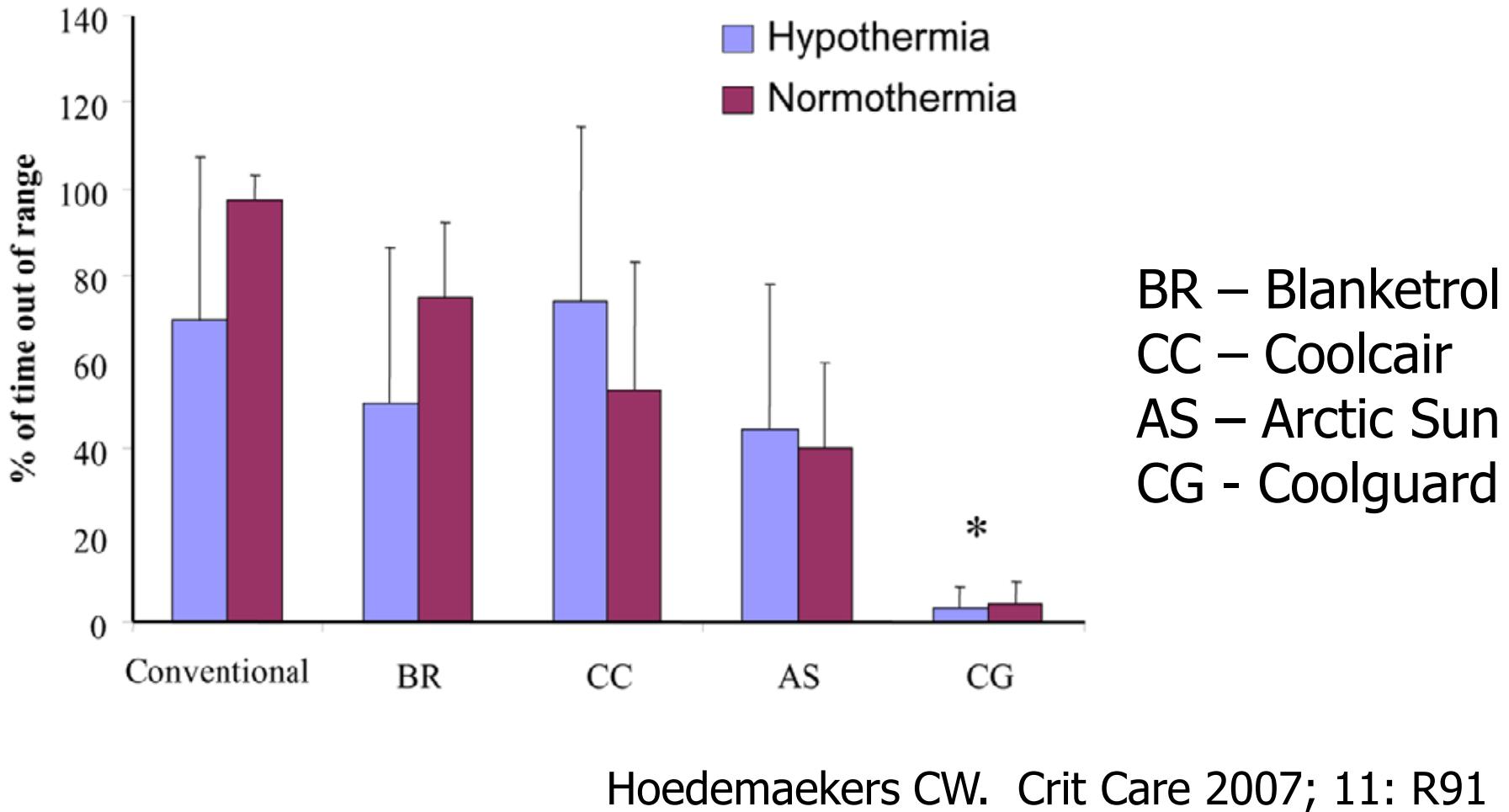


# Intravascular cooling after OHCA

## France, n = 40



# Comparison of cooling methods: time out of range (n = 50)



# Endovascular versus external cooling for OHCA

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- ICEREA Study - Paris
  - 1<sup>o</sup> outcome: CPC 1 or 2 at 28 days
  - Coolgard versus 'conventional cooling'
  - Finished recruiting Nov 2009 (400)
  - ClinicalTrials.gov NCT00392639

# Duration of cooling?

- Optimal duration not defined
- Most centres using 24 h
- Optimal duration probably depends on:
  - time to ROSC
  - delay to target temperature
- Up to 72 h in some cases

# Shivering

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- More common during cooling and rewarming phases
- Sedation: e.g., propofol/opioid
- Neuromuscular blocker (NMB) bolus
- Occasionally, NMB infusion (Bath -12%)
  - Need for continuous EEG monitoring?

# Magnesium (e.g., 5 g infused over 5 h)

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- Increases rate of surface cooling
  - Zweifler RM. Stroke 2004; 35: 2331-4
- Reduces shivering threshold
  - Wadhwa A. BJA 2005; 94: 756-62.
- Neuroprotective when combined with hypothermia
  - Zhu H. Brain Research 2004; 1014: 53-60.
- Anti-arrhythmic

# Clinical practice protocols

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## Scandinavian Clinical practice guidelines for therapeutic hypothermia and post-resuscitation care after cardiac arrest

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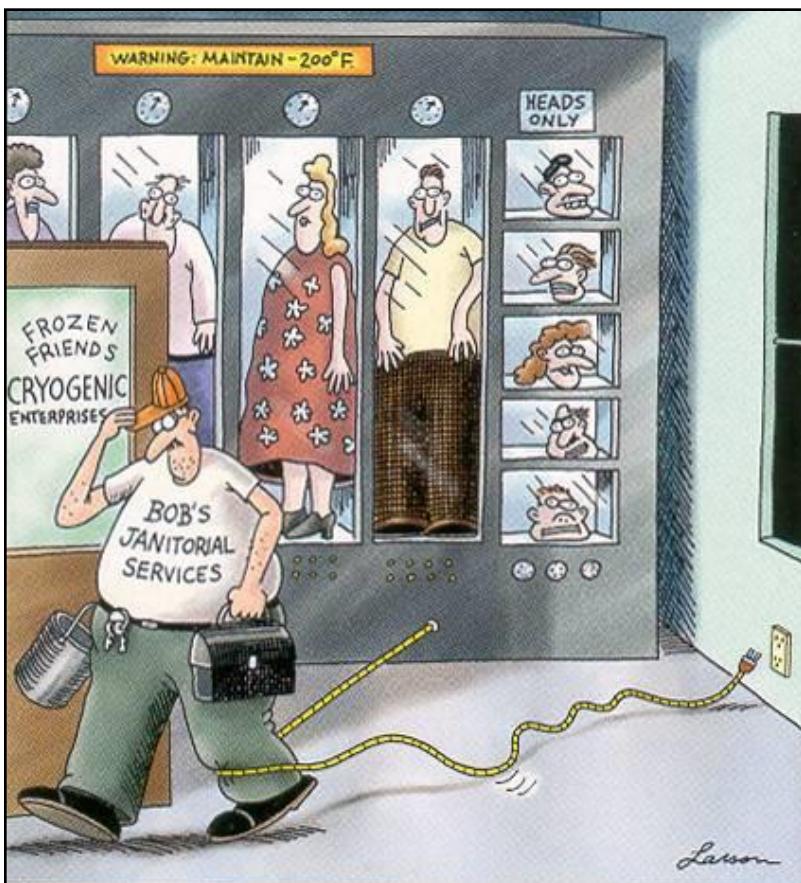
[www.med.upenn.edu/resuscitation/hypothermia](http://www.med.upenn.edu/resuscitation/hypothermia)

# Current practice in Bath

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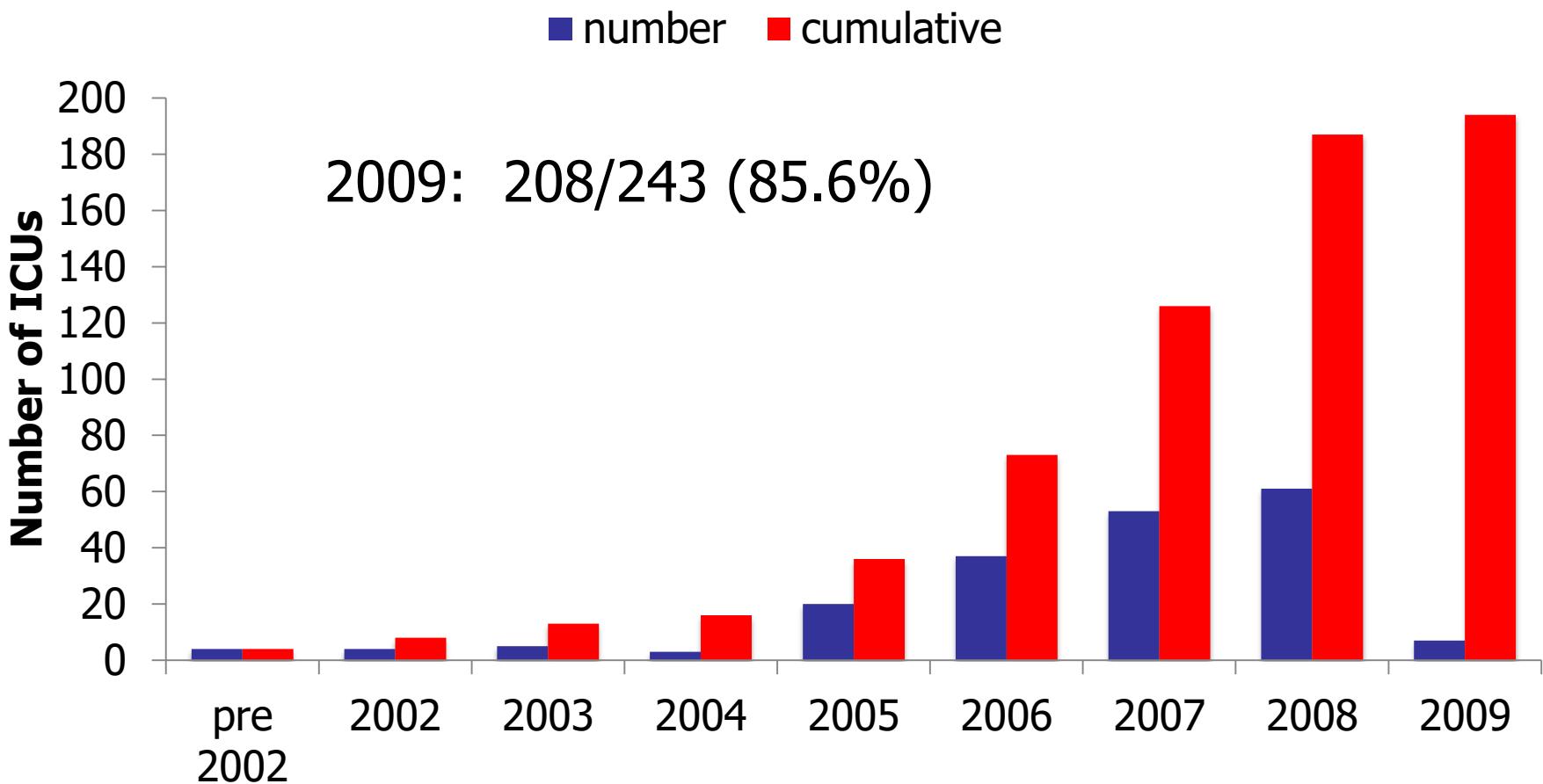
- Patients remaining comatose after cardiac arrest are cooled to 32-34°C once decision made to admit to ITU
- 2 l ice-cold crystalloid over 30 min
- Maintain hypothermia with intravascular cooling for 24 h
- Rewarm at  $0.25^{\circ}\text{C h}^{-1}$
- Leave cooling catheter for 72 h ( $36.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ )

# Therapeutic Hypothermia: Physiological effects / complications

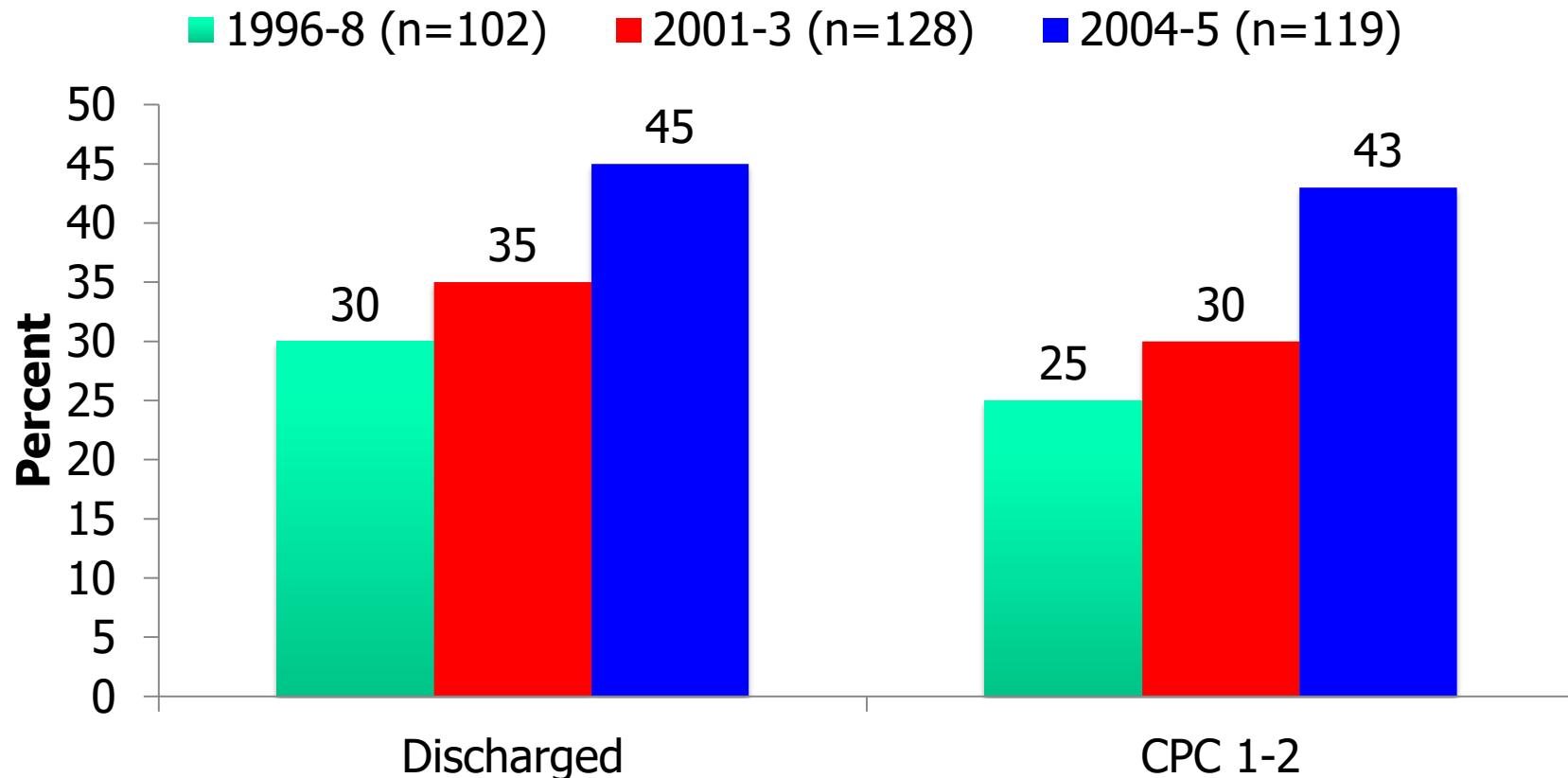


- Shivering
- Vasoconstriction
- Bradycardia
- Infection, coagulopathy
- Diuresis - hypovolaemia
- ↓ K<sup>+</sup>, ↓ Mg<sup>+</sup>, ↓ Ca<sup>2+</sup>
- ↓ Insulin sensitivity
- Impaired GI absorption

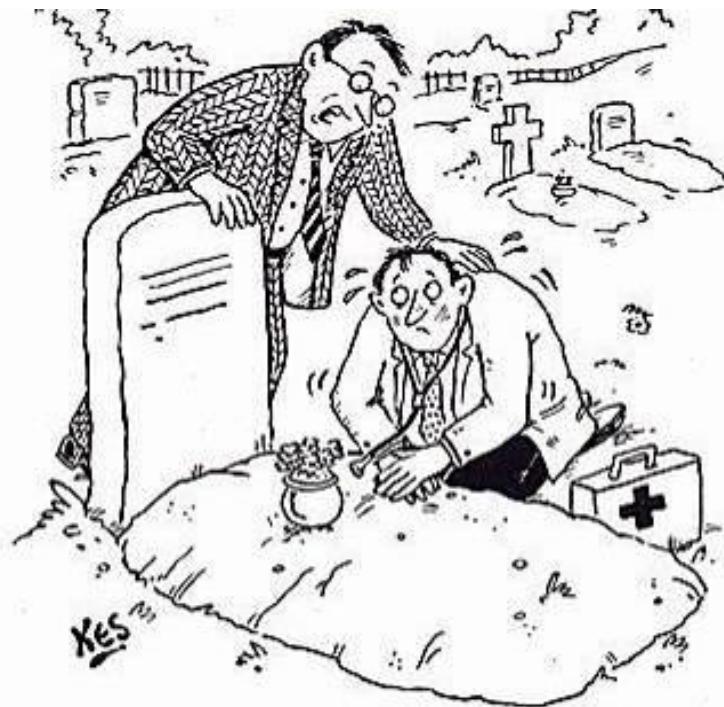
# Implementation of hypothermia in UK ICUs (by year)



# Survival after admission to ICU for OHCA – Oslo, Norway (All rhythms)



# Reliable clinical indicators of bad neurological outcome



"I admire your persistence doctor.  
But face it. You've lost this patient."

- Absent pupil **and** corneal reflexes at 3 days after cardiac arrest
- Absent or extensor motor reflexes at 3 days
- Myoclonic status epilepticus at any time
- **Influence of hypothermia**

# Prognostication after cardiac arrest and hypothermia

Outcome at 3-6 months (n = 109)	CPC 1-2	CPC 3-5
Patients n (%)	25 (23)	84 (77)
ROSC > 25 min	6 (24)	46 (55)
≥ 1 brainstem reflex absent*	2 (8)	45 (54)
Motor response worse than flexion	4 (16)	64 (76)
Early myoclonus	1 (4)	35 (42)
Epileptiform activity on first EEG	3 (12)	36 (43)
Unreactive EEG background	0	56 (67)
Bilaterally absent N20 on SSEP	0	33 (46)

\*pupillary, oculocephalic, corneal

Rossetti AO. Ann Neurol, in press

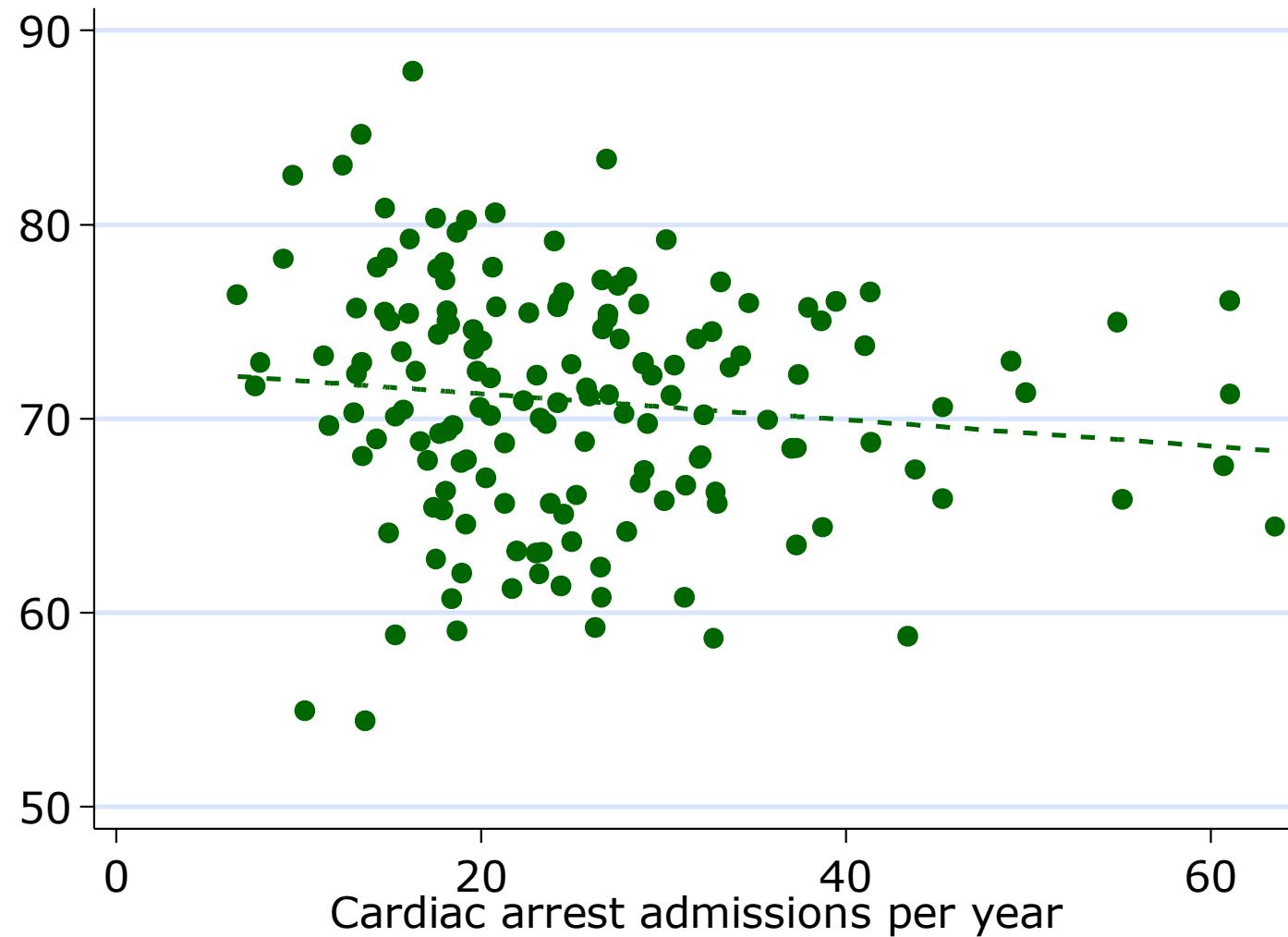
# **Regional Systems of Care for Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest**

## **A Policy Statement From the American Heart Association**

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- PCI 24 h, hypothermia, IABP, EEG and prognostication
  - Bobrow BJ. Curr Opin Crit Care 2009;15:221-7
- Transport interval after ROSC does not influence survival
  - Spaite DW. Ann Emerg Med 2009
- Outcome better with > 50 ICU cases/yr
  - Carr BG. Resuscitation 2009;80:30-4

# Volume – outcome relationship? ICNARC data





CUT THE CRAP  
AND SHOW US  
the summary

# Post cardiac arrest patient in ICU

## Summary

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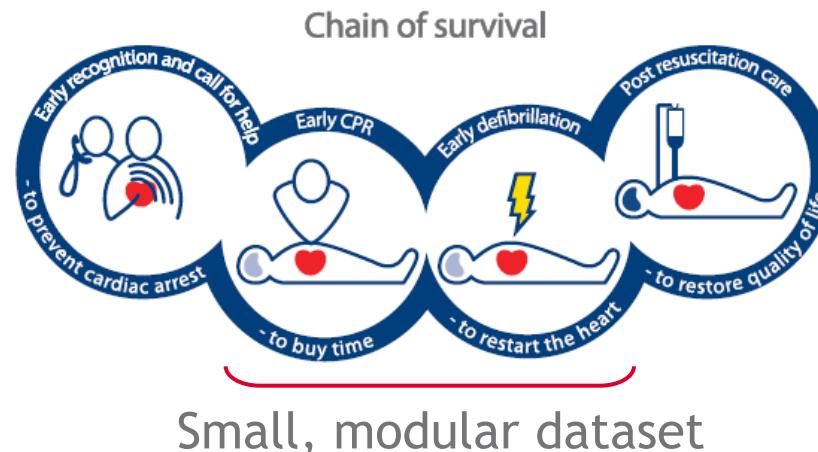
- 30% survive to discharge in UK ITUs
- Post cardiac arrest syndrome
- Heart – early revascularisation, circulatory support
- Brain – hypothermia, glucose control?
- Prognostication - problematic

A photograph of a man sitting on a bench on a city sidewalk. He is wearing a blue jacket and dark pants. He is holding a cardboard sign that reads "NEED CASH FOR ALCOHOL RESEARCH". A small black container with a red lid sits on the ground next to him. In the background, there are other people walking on the sidewalk and a car parked on the street.

NEED CASH  
FOR ALCOHOL  
RESEARCH

# National Cardiac Arrest Audit (NCAA)

- Secure, web-based data entry
- Validation, on data entry and centrally
- Online comparative reporting
- Initial scope- Individual receiving chest compressions and/or defibrillation from the hospital based resuscitation team (or equivalent)



To take part, or to find out more about this audit, contact the NCAA team on [ncaa@icnarc.org](mailto:ncaa@icnarc.org)

Supported by: Resuscitation Council (UK) and ICNARC



-  Guidelines (11 >)
-  Settings >
-  Manage Topics Of Interest >



The Bradycardia Algorithm for adults is as follows:

- Risk of asystole?**
  - Recent asystole
  - Möbius II AV block
  - Complete heart block with broad QRS
  - Ventricular pause > 3s
- If **Yes**: Proceed to **Advanced Life Support**.
- If **No**: Proceed to **Observe**.

**Bradycardia Algorithm**

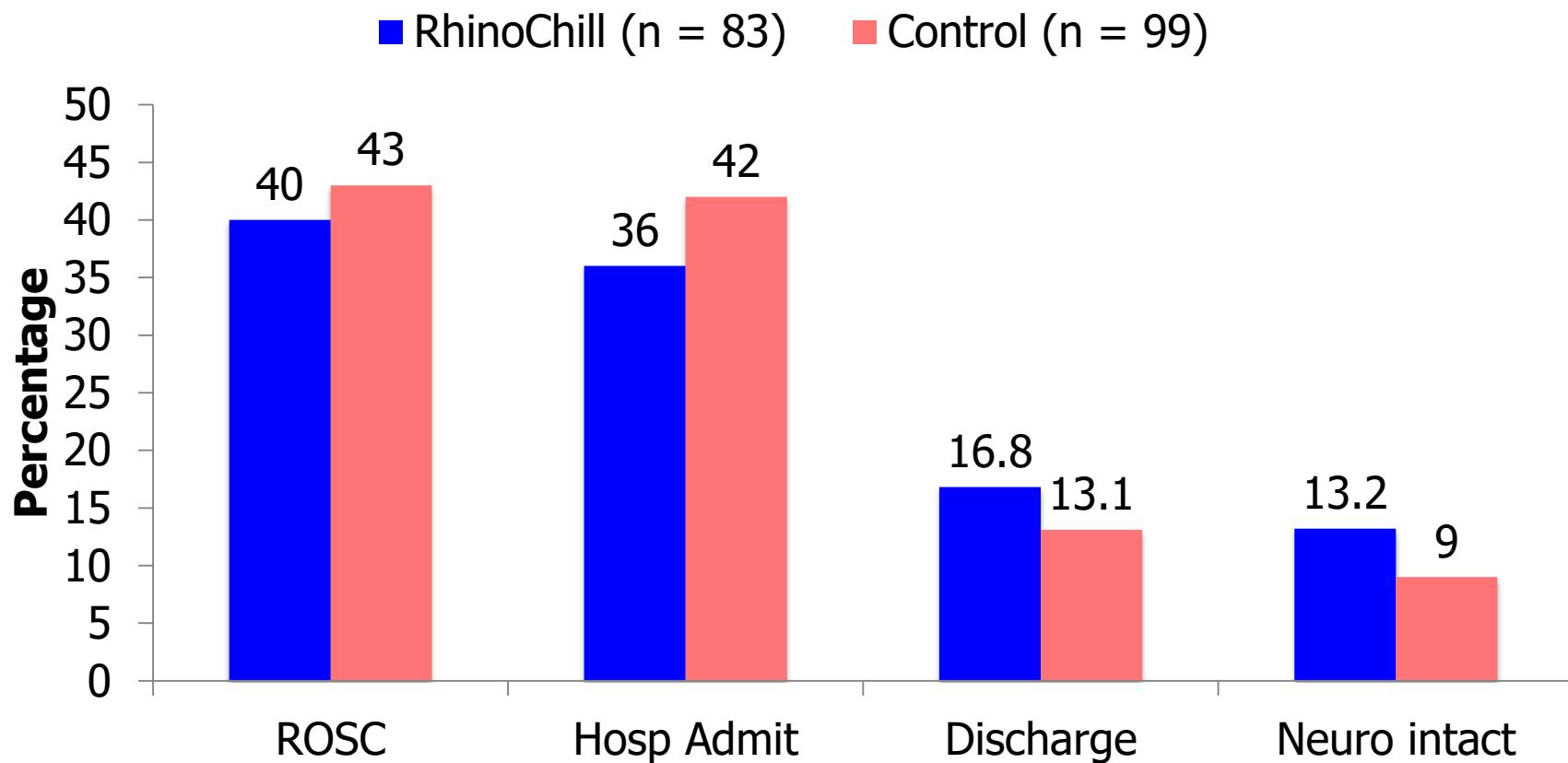
- Aminophylline**
- Isoprenaline**
- Dopamine**
- Glucagon**  
(if beta-blocker or calcium channel blocker overdose)
- Glycopyrrolate**  
(can be used instead of atropine)

# The PRINCE Trial (Pre-ROSC Intra-Nasal Cooling Effectiveness)

- Intra-arrest cooling
  - RhinoChill (n = 83)
  - Control (n = 99)
- Tympanic temp of 34°C reached 3 h sooner with RhinoChill

# The PRINCE Trial

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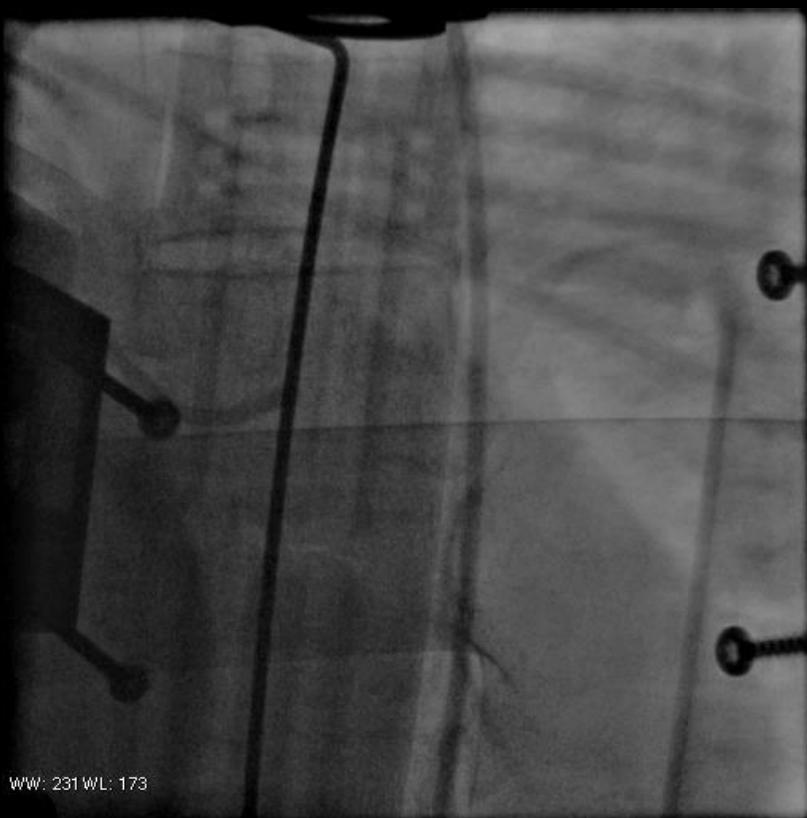
# Mechanical CPR to facilitate PCI during cardiac arrest



- LUCAS in 43 patients over 5-year period
- 17 (40%) survived the procedure
- 11 (26%) discharged neurologically good

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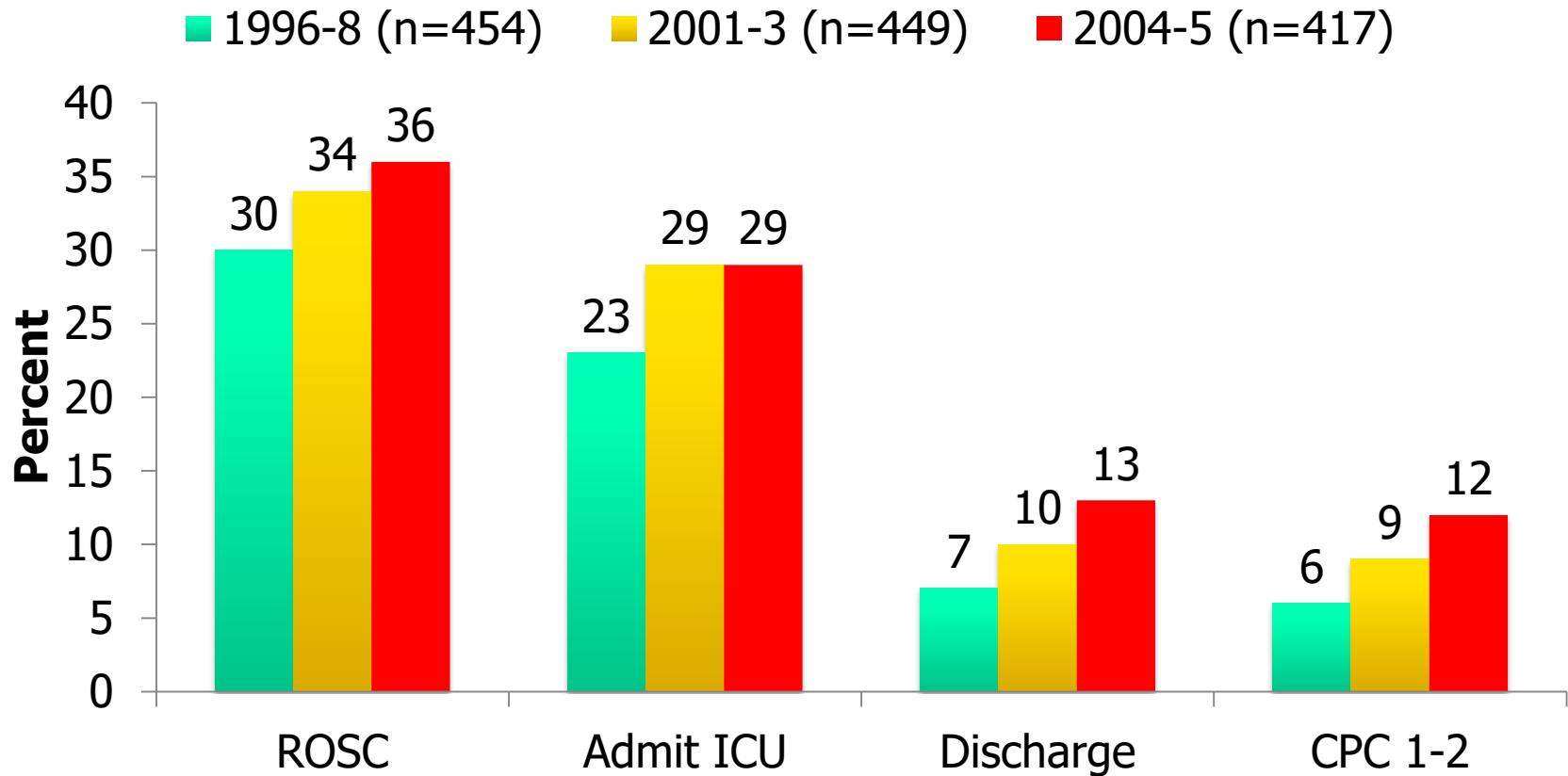
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Courtesy of Sunde K, Oslo



# Survival after out-of-hospital cardiac arrest – Oslo, Norway



# Hypothermia: Mechanism of action?

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- Suppression of free radicals
- Blocking pathological protease cascades
- Suppression of apoptosis (48 h)
- Suppression of pro-inflammatory cytokines (5 days)
  - No? Callaway CW. Crit Care Med 2008;36:2607-12

# External techniques: overcooling

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- Retrospective review of 32 cases
- Surface cooled to target of 32-34°C
  - 20/32 (63%) < 32°C
  - 9/32 (28%) < 31°C
  - 4/32 (13%) < 30°C
- Rebound hyperthermia (>38°C) at 12-18 h after rewarm in 7/32 (22%)

# Implementation of standardised post-resuscitation care after OHCA

Sunde K. Resuscitation 2007;73:29-39	Control (n=58) 1996 - 8
Reperfusion n (%)	2 (3)
Hypothermia	0
Inotropes	29 (50)
Balloon Pump	0
Insulin	4 (7)
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Balloon Pump	0	8 (15)
Insulin	4 (7)	27 (44)
Survival (CPC 1-2)	15 (26)	34 (56)

# ICU Volume and outcome

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<b>ICU cases/year</b>	<b>OR survival</b>	<b>95% CI</b>	<b>p value</b>
<20	1.00	-	-
20-34	0.78	0.55 – 1.11	0.16
35-50	0.71	0.45 – 1.11	0.13
> 50	0.62	0.45 – 0.86	0.01

Carr BG. Resuscitation 2009; 80: 30-34.

# Oxygenation: Treatment recommendation



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Standards for the  
Management of Patients  
After Cardiac Arrest

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**STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES**

Adjust the  $\text{FiO}_2$  to  
achieve an arterial  
oxygenation 94-98%