



# Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation in Cardiac Arrest

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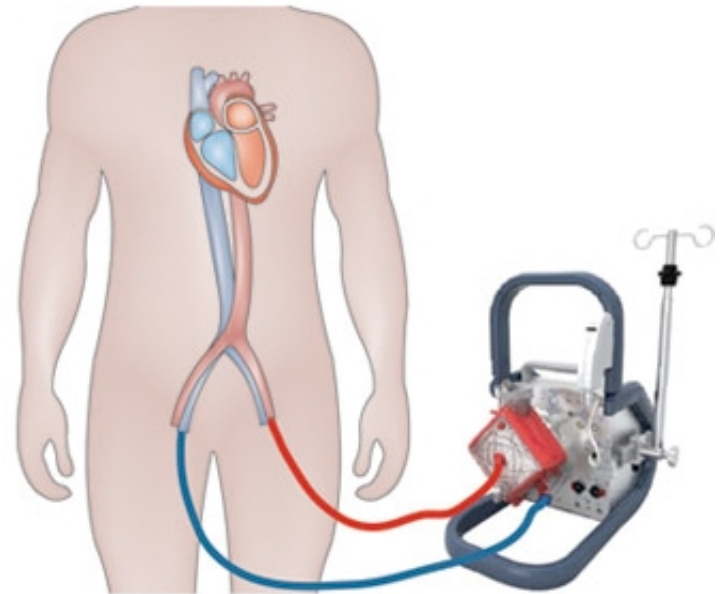
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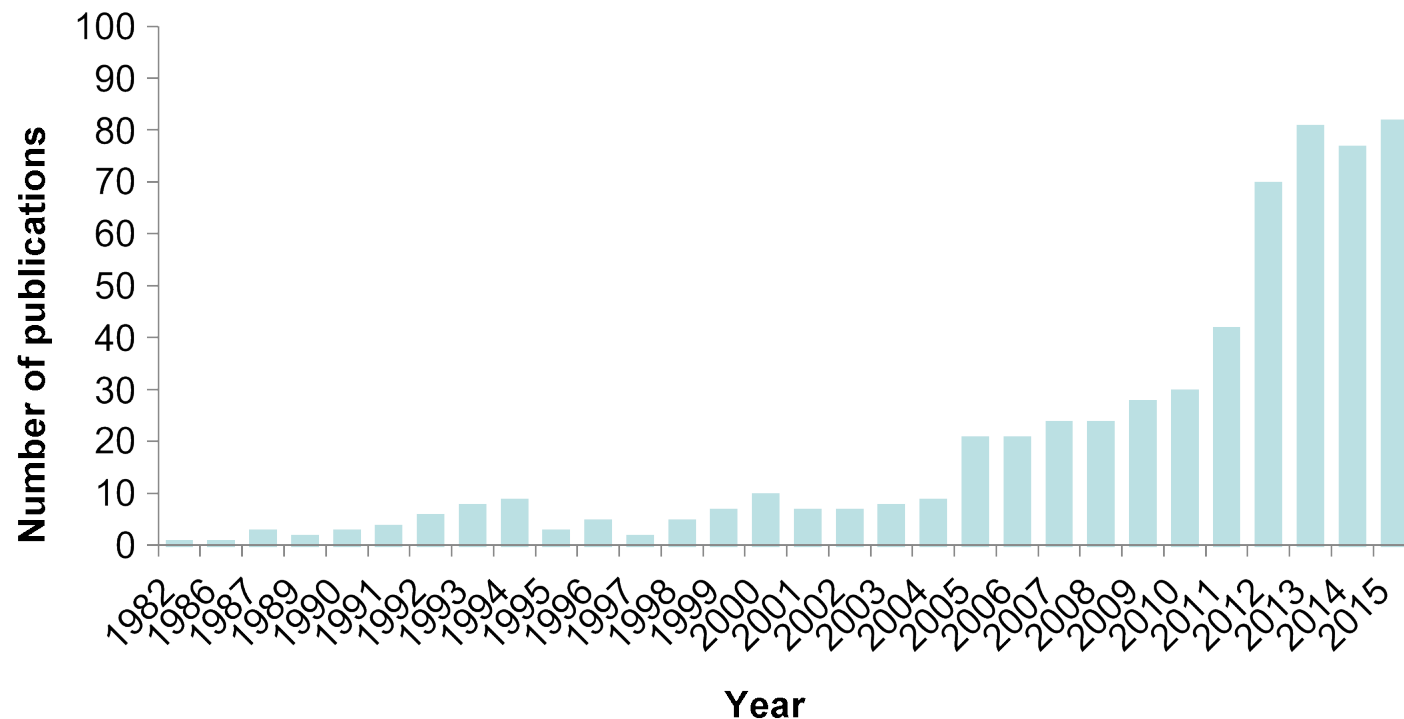
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# Overview

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- Cannulation
- Post-resuscitation care
- Complications



## Pubmed: extracorporeal and CPR



# Definition

**ECPR: Extracorporeal cardiopulmonary resuscitation**

**ECLS: Extracorporeal live support**

The rapid deployment of extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) to provide immediate cardiovascular support for patients who have cardiac arrest unresponsive to conventional CPR measures.

Morris MC, Crit Care Med. 2004 Apr;32(4):1061-9.

# Veno-Arterial ECMO

## V-A ECMO

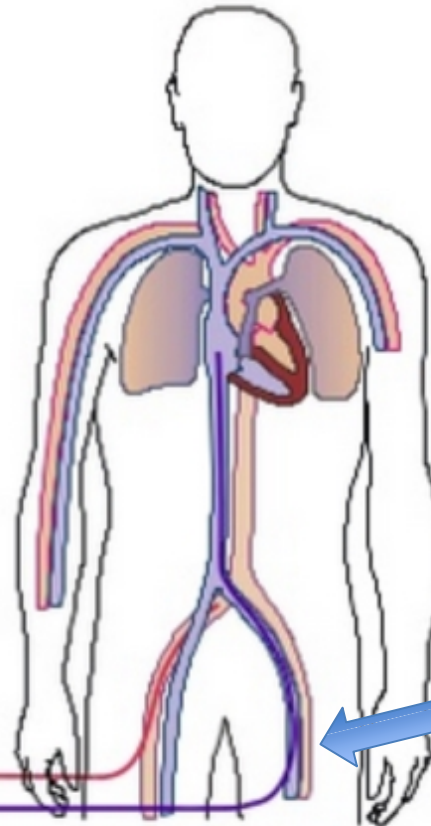
Oxygenator

$\text{FiO}_2$  40–60%

Pump

flow 3–4 l/min

Femoral access  
cannulas 15–21F



# ECLS

## in-hospital and out-of-hospital



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### European Resuscitation Section 1. Executive Summary


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### *Extracorporeal Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (eCPR)*

Extracorporeal CPR (eCPR) should be considered as a rescue therapy for those patients in whom initial ALS measures are unsuccessful and, or to facilitate specific interventions (e.g. coronary angiography and percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) or pulmonary thrombectomy for massive pulmonary embolism).<sup>233,234</sup> There is an urgent need for randomised studies of eCPR and large eCPR registries to identify the circumstances in which it works best, establish guidelines for its use and identify the benefits, costs and risks of eCPR.<sup>235,236</sup>

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*2015 Recommendation—New*

There is insufficient evidence to recommend the routine use of ECPR for patients with cardiac arrest. In settings where it can be rapidly implemented, ECPR may be considered for select patients for whom the suspected etiology of the cardiac arrest is potentially reversible during a limited period of mechanical cardiorespiratory support (Class IIb, LOE C-LD). Published series have used rigorous inclusion and exclusion criteria to select patients for ECPR. Although these inclusion criteria are highly variable, most included only patients aged 18 to 75 years, with arrest of cardiac origin, after conventional CPR for more than 10 minutes without ROSC. Such inclusion criteria should be considered in a provider's selection of potential candidates for ECPR.



Brooks SC, Circulation. 2015 Nov 3;132(18 Suppl 2):S436-43

# Outcomes Meta-analysis

## Venoarterial Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation for Cardiogenic Shock and Cardiac Arrest: A Meta-Analysis

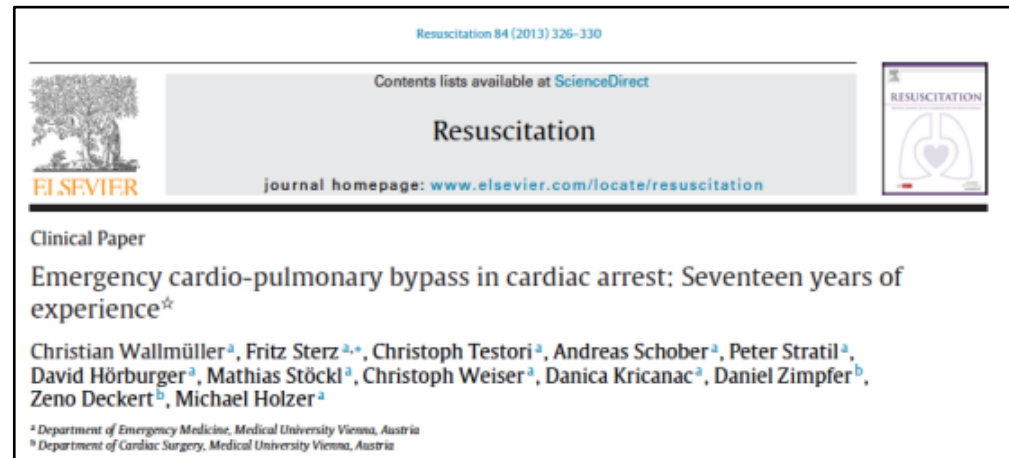
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- 8 observational studies after 2000
- 343 patients with cardiac arrest
- Survival to discharge 35.9%

Xie A, J Cardiothorac Vasc Anesth. 2015 Jun;29(3) 637-45

# Outcomes

Vienna 1993–2010



- 3621 patients with cardiac arrest at the ED
- 55 patients treated with ECPR (2%)
- 60 % out-of-hospital cardiac arrest
- Time till start of cannulation 52 min
- Cannulation time 33 min

# Outcomes

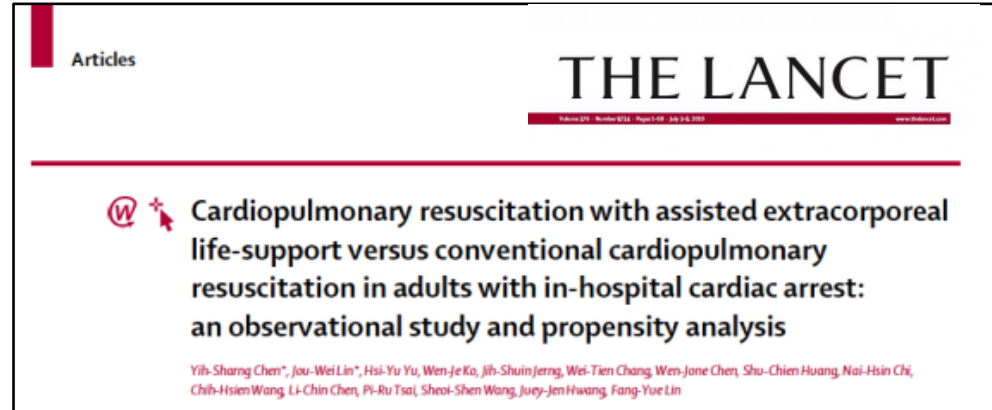
Vienna 1993–2010

• Cardiac	19 (35%)
• Hypothermic	14 (25%)
• Pulmonary	11 (20%)
• Intoxication	8 (15%)
• Diabetic coma	3 (5%)
• Total	55
• Weaning from ECMO	14 (25%)
• 6 month survival	8 (15%)
• CPC–Score 1 or 2	8 (15%)

# Outcomes

## In-hospital cardiac arrest

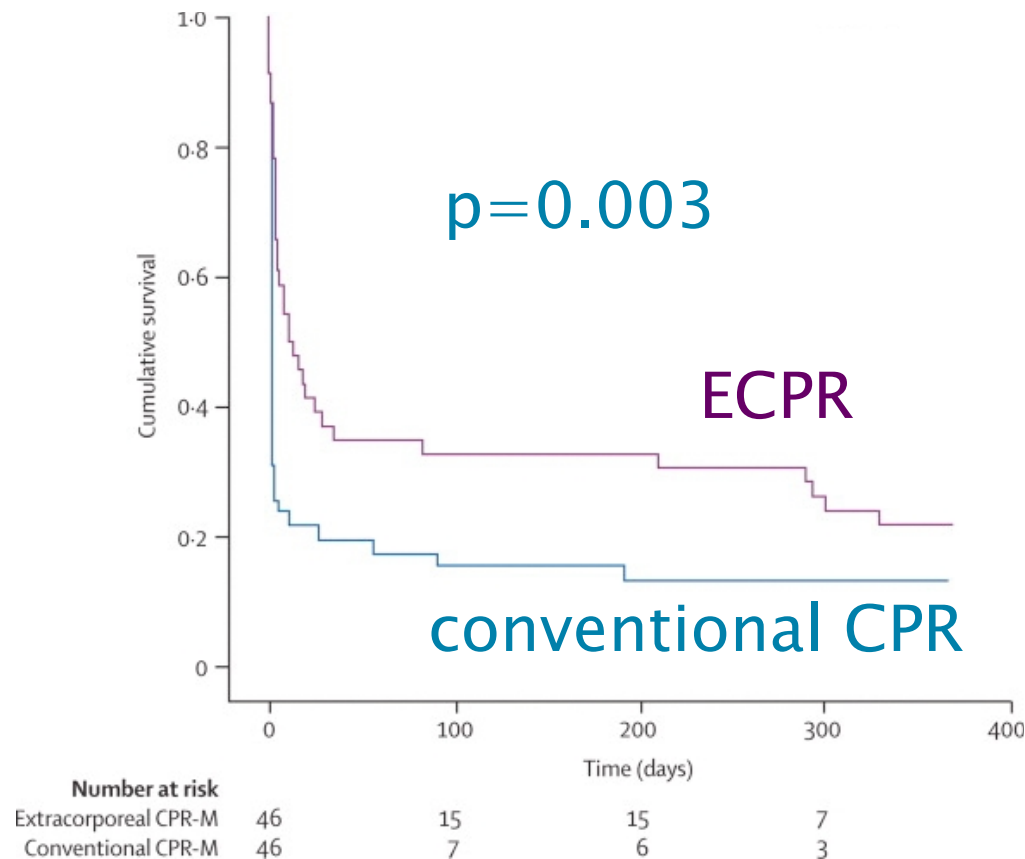
- 3-year prospective observational study
- ECMO for 59 patients
- Age 18–75 years
- Witnessed in-hospital cardiac arrest of cardiac origin
- Undergoing CPR for >10 minutes
- Propensity-score matched with conventional CPR



Chen YS, Lancet. 2008 Aug 16;372(9638):554-61

# Outcomes

## In-hospital cardiac arrest



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# Outcomes

## In-hospital cardiac arrest

	ECPR	CCPR
• Weaning from ECMO	49%	
• Survival to discharge	29%	12%
• CPC 1 or 2 at discharge		24%
11%		
• CPC 1 or 2 at one year		15%
9%		

Chen YS, Lancet. 2008 Aug 16;372(9638):554-61



# Outcomes

## Cardiac origin

- 7-year retrospective study
- ECMO for 86 patients
- Age 18–74 years
- Cardiac arrest of cardiac origin, 49% out-of-hospital
- VF on ECG during CPR
- Undergoing ALS for >20 minutes

### Circulation

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#### Should We Emergently Revascularize Occluded Coronaries for Cardiac Arrest?

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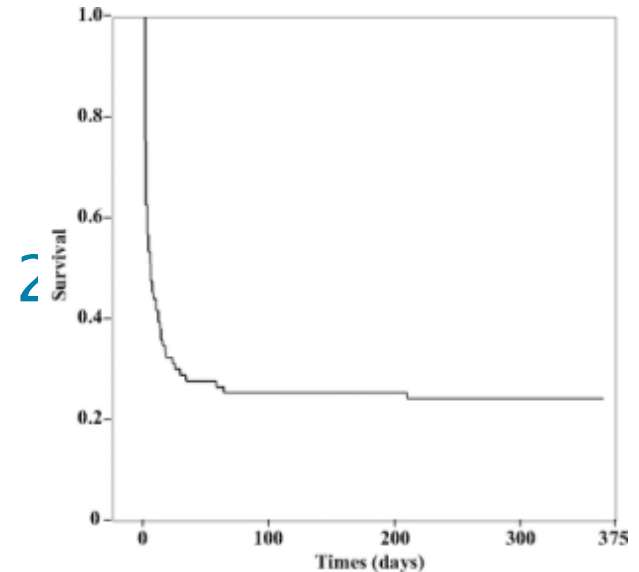
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Masaharu Ishihara, MD, PhD; Yuji Shimatani, MD; Satoshi Kurisu, MD, PhD

Kagawa E, Circulation. 2012 Sep 25;126(13):1605-13

# Outcomes

## Cardiac origin

- Weaning from ECMO 50%
- 30-days survival
- CPC 1 or 2 at discharge 24%



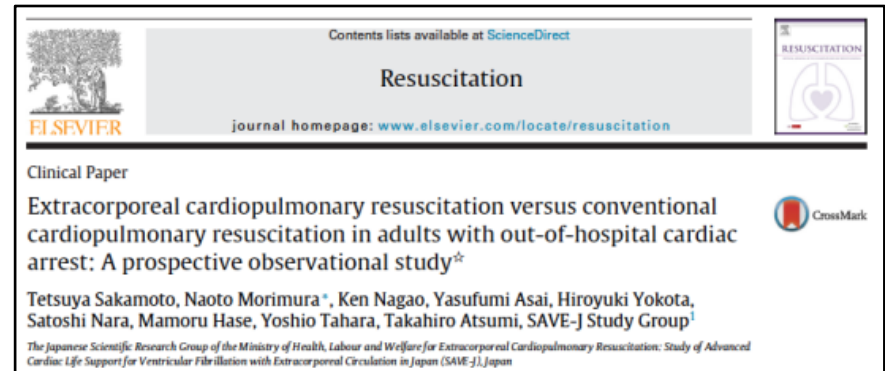
- Survivors 28% out-of-hospital cardiac arrest
- Non-survivors 57% out-of-hospital cardiac arrest

Kagawa E, Circulation. 2012 Sep 25;126(13):1605-13

# Outcomes

## Out-of-hospital cardiac arrest

- 3 year prospective study
- 26 hospitals ECPR  
20 hospitals non-ECPR
- VF/VT initial ECG, 20–70 years
- Hospital arrival within 45min after EMS call



Sakamoto T, Resuscitation. 2014 Jun;85(6):762-8.

# Outcomes

## Out-of-hospital cardiac arrest

	ECPR	non-ECPR
Number of patients	260	194
Time from EMS call to arrival	29min	30min
CPC 1 or 2 at 6 months	12.4%	3.1%

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# Outcomes

## CHEER trial

- Prospective study
- Age 18–65 years
- Cardiac arrest of cardiac origin
- Initial rhythm ventricular fibrillation
- CPR > 30min
- 26 patients, 11 OHCA, 15 IHCA



Stub D, Resuscitation. 2015 Jan;86:88-94

# Outcomes

## CHEER trial

- Mechanical chest compression (Autopulse®)
- 2 liter ice-cold saline
- Transfer to the ED, immediate ECMO
- Cardiac arrest to ECMO 56min (40–85min)
- Arrival to ECMO flow 20min (15–30min)
- Weaning from ECMO 54%
- Hospital discharge 54%(IHCA 60%,OHCA 45%)
- CPC 1 of survivors: 100%

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# Patient selection

## Accidental Hypothermia

ECPR associated with 6.6-fold survival

## Intoxication

Beta-blockers

Calcium-antagonists

Antiarrhythmics

Tricyclic antidepressants

Benzodiazepines

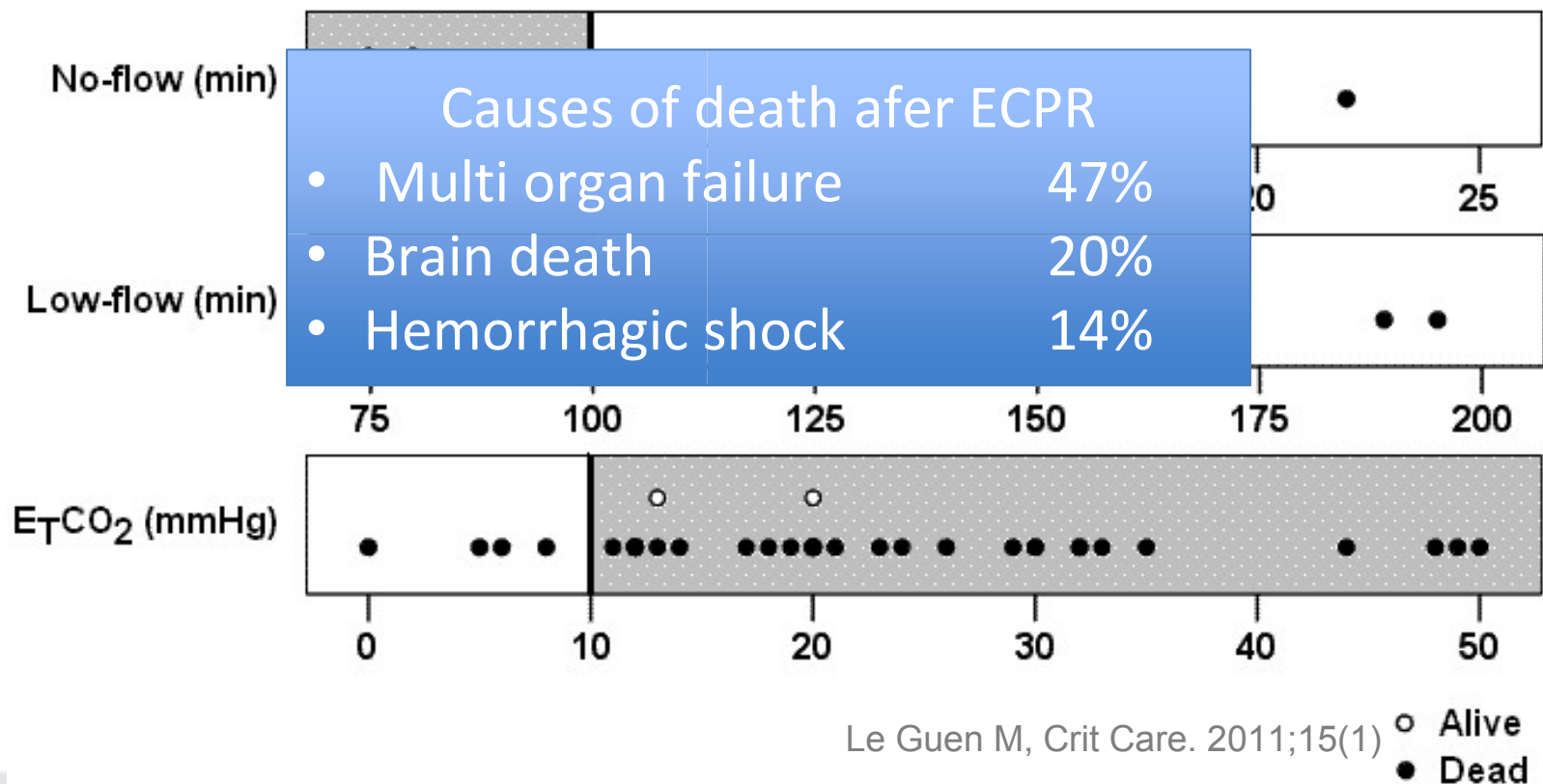
Case reports with  
good outcome



# Prognostic factors

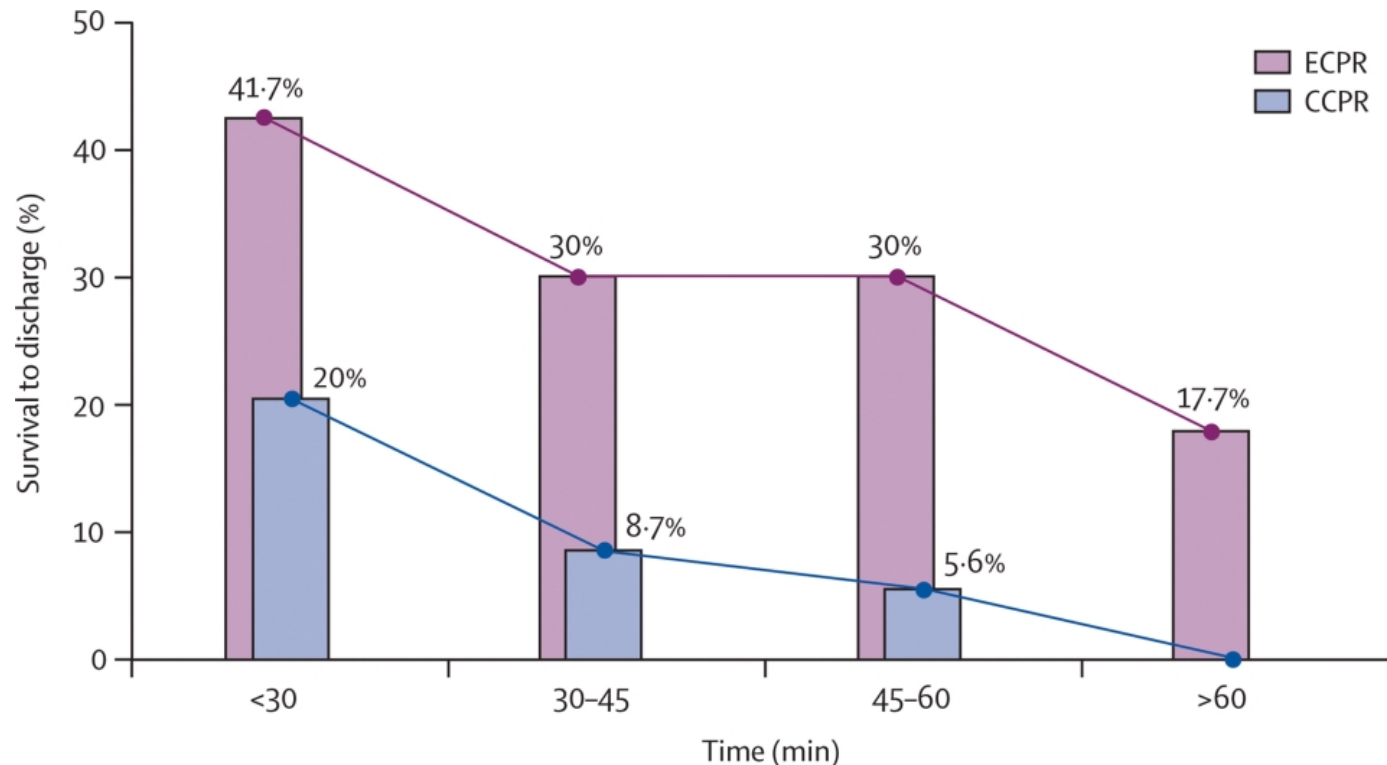
## No flow time

51 consecutive patients  
witnessed OHCA, 2 survivors



# Prognostic factors

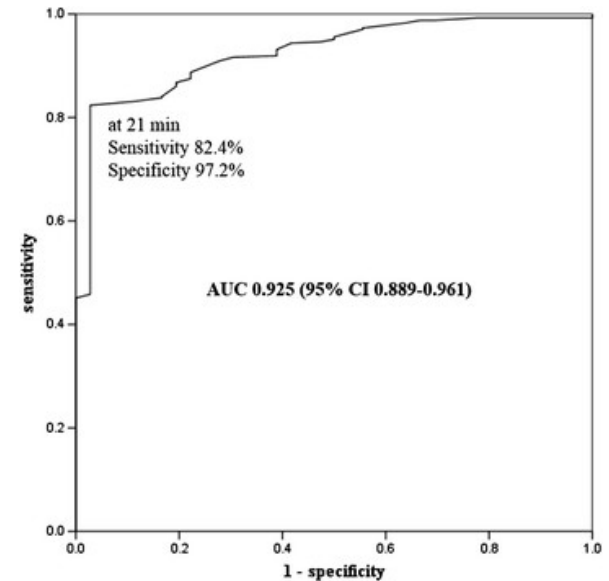
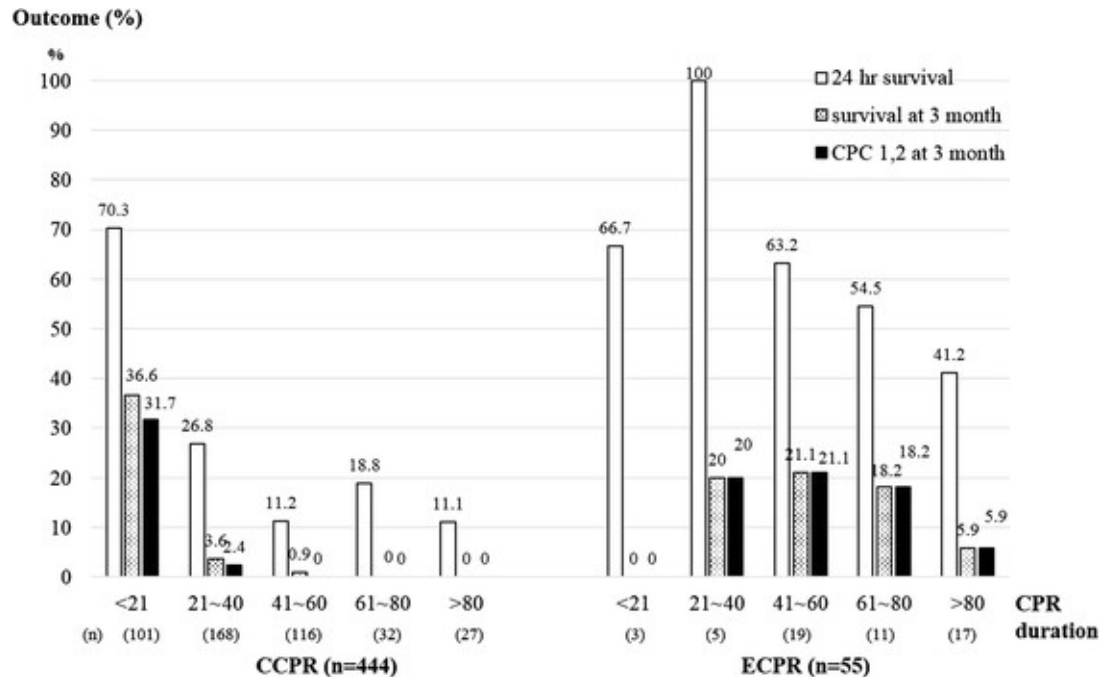
## Time until ECMO-flow



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# Prognostic factors

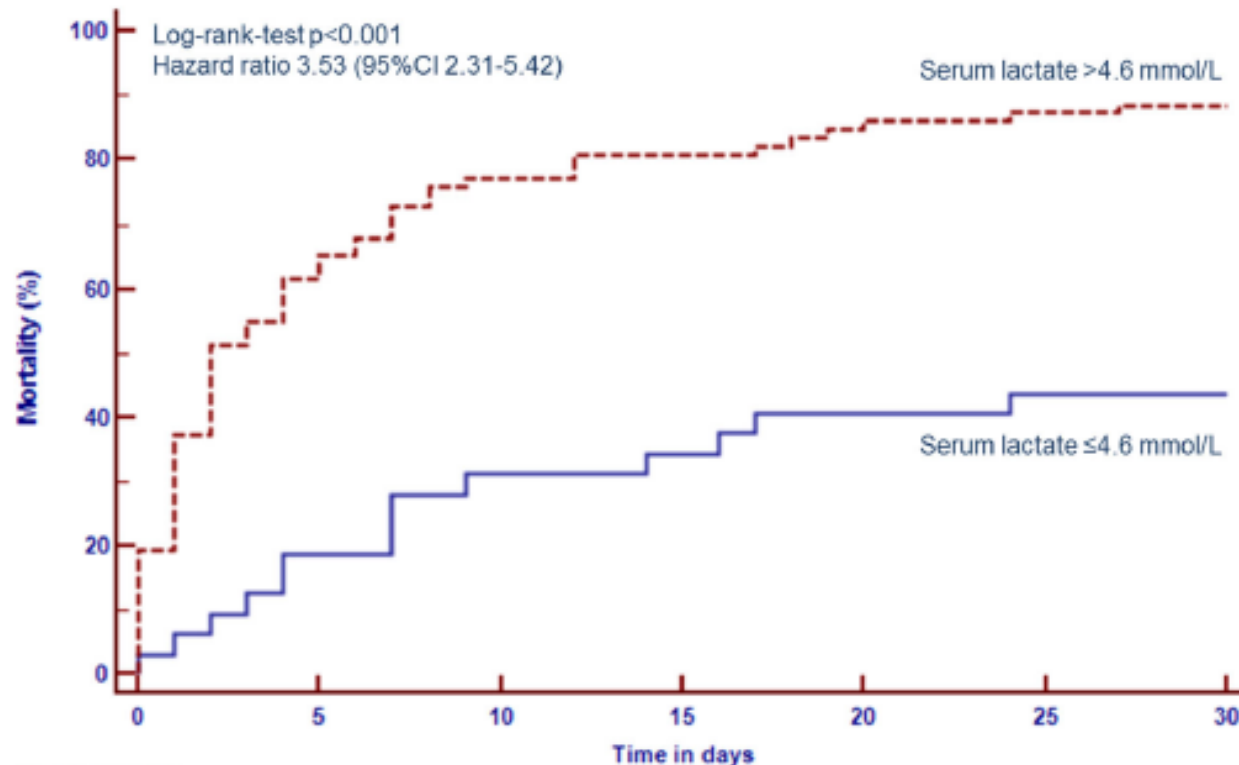
## Time of CPR



Kim SJ, Crit Care. 2014 Sep 26;18(5):535

# Prognostic factors

## Serum lactate



117 patients: multivariate analysis only serum lactate

Jung C, Clin Res Cardiol. 2015 Aug 25.

# Prognostic factors

- No flow time
- VF/VT at initial ECG
- Cardiac origin
- Signs of live  
movement, respiration, pupillary response
- Time to ECMO flow  
no differences IHCA/OHCA when adjusted for time
- $E_T\text{CO}_2 > 10$  mmHg
- Lactate levels

# Cannulation

- Surgeon
- Emergency physician
- Cardiologist
- Intensivist

Percutaneous

Open

Mixed

Arterial 15–19F

Venous 19–21F



# Cannulation Technique

## Percutaneous

- Seldinger technique
- Ultrasound or fluoroscopy to locate wire in V. cava inf. and Ao. desc.
- Risk of failure
- Distal limb perfusion catheter

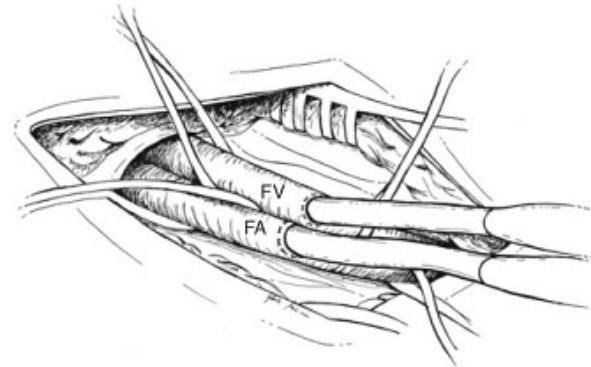




# Cannulation Technique

## Open

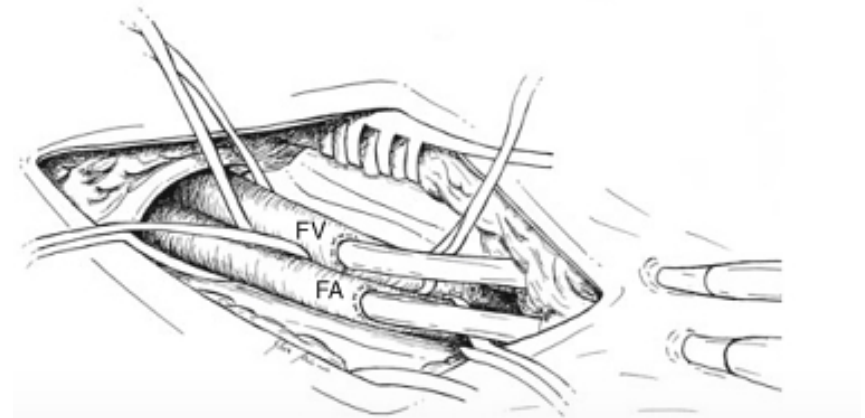
- Needs a Surgeon
- Time consuming
- Not for out of hospital ECMO
- Lowest risk of failure



# Cannulation Technique

## Mixed

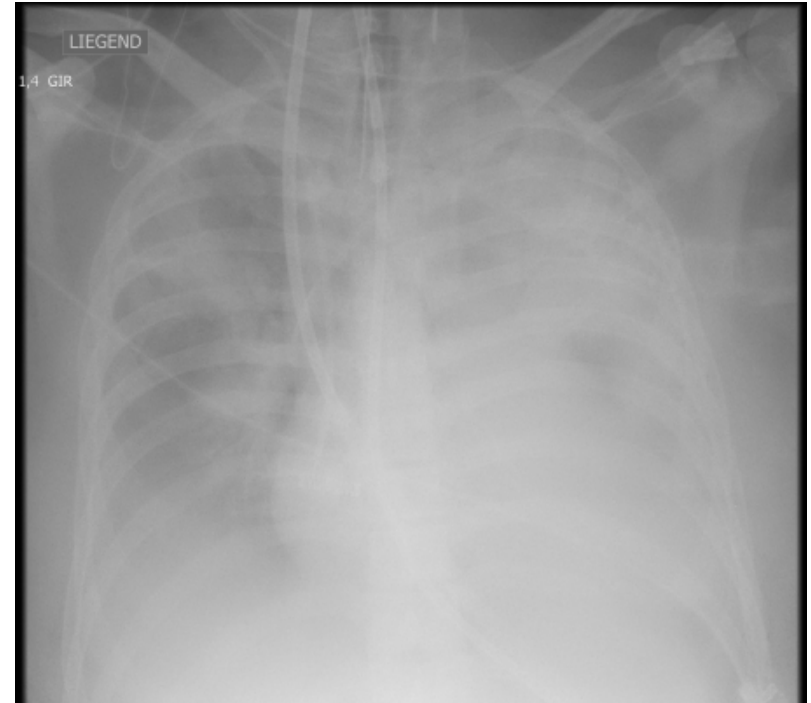
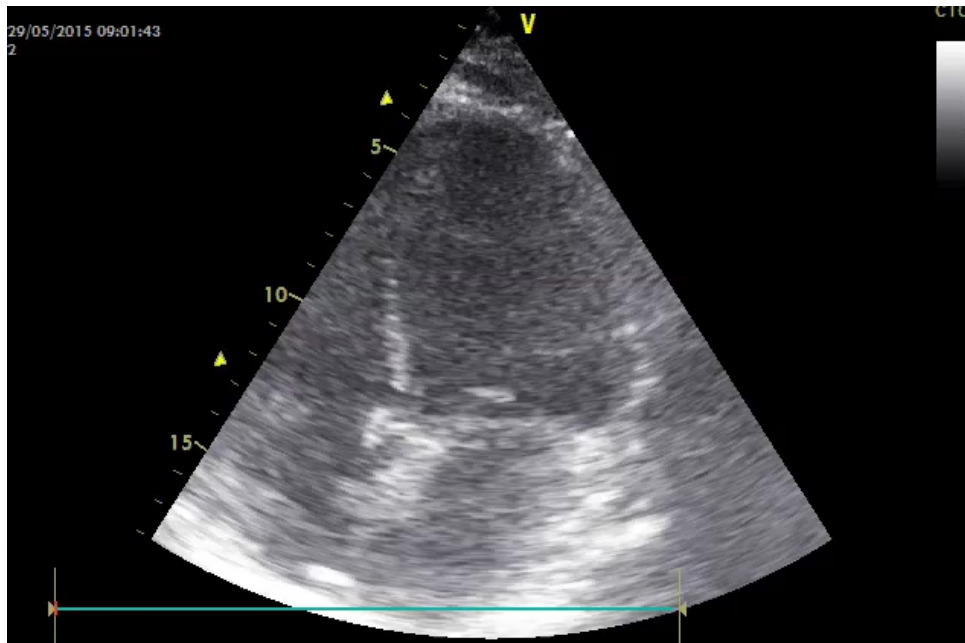
- Incision in the groin
- Insertion of guidewire, dilator and cannula under vision with Seldinger
- Increased bleeding
- Best for out-of-hospital ECMO



# Post-resuscitation care

- MAP 60–70 mmHg
- Normoxia, normocapnia
- Ice-cold saline for volume loading and mild hypothermia
- Immediate coronary angiography or CT scan for pulmonary embolism

# Post-resuscitation care no flow – pulmonary oedema



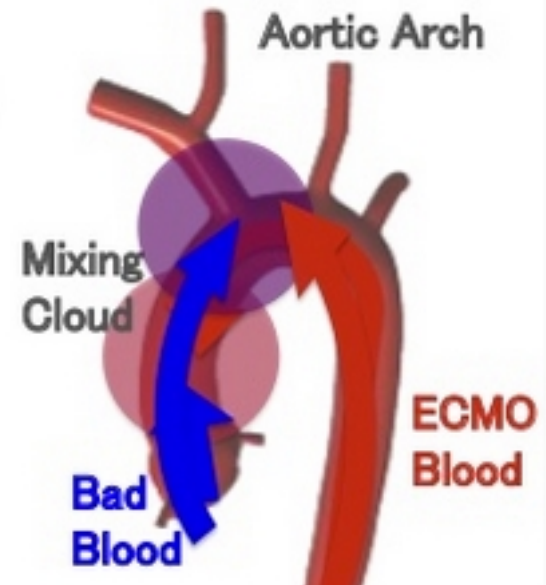
## 24 hours after ECMO

# Post-resuscitation care

## no flow – watershed phenomenon



No contrast  
in coronaries  
and Ao. ascendens

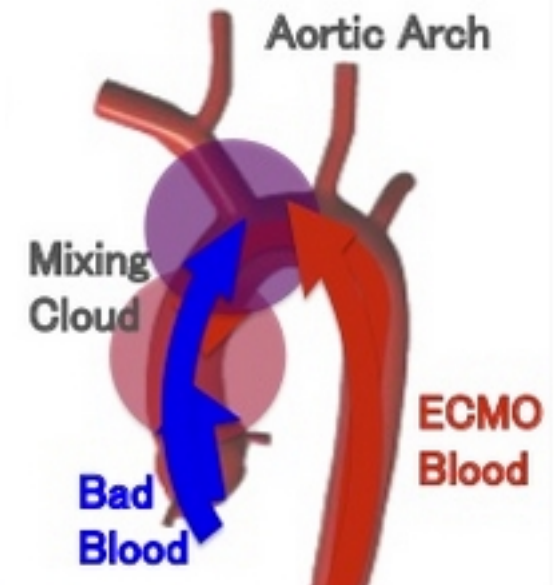


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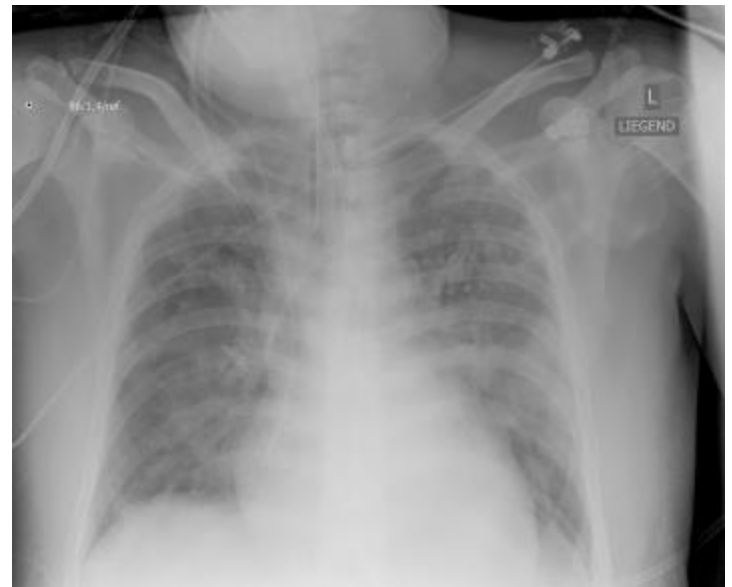
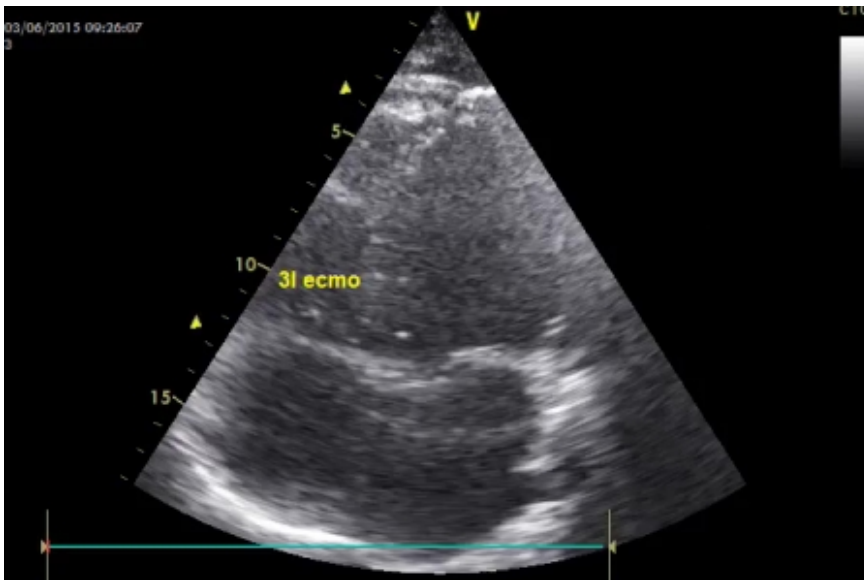
## no flow – myocardial ischemia

- Decrease afterload as much as possible  
low ECMO flow  
MAP 60–70 mmHg
- Use inotropic agents  
dobutamine, levosimendan
- Increase  $\text{FiO}_2$  and PEEP  
at respirator



# Post-resuscitation care

## no flow – pulmonary oedema

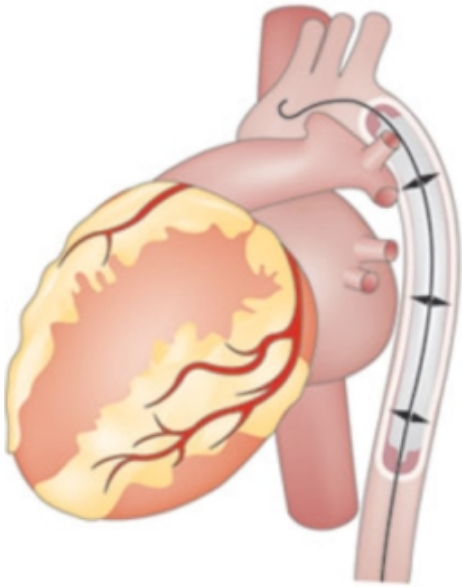


4 days after ECMO

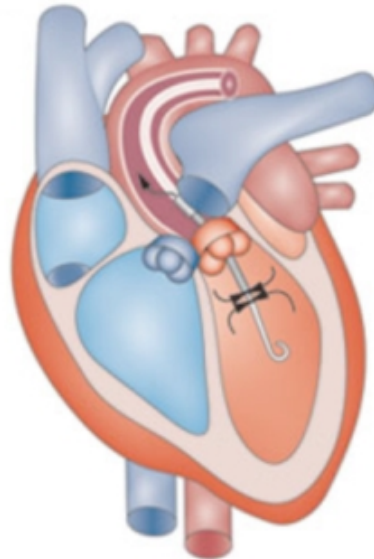


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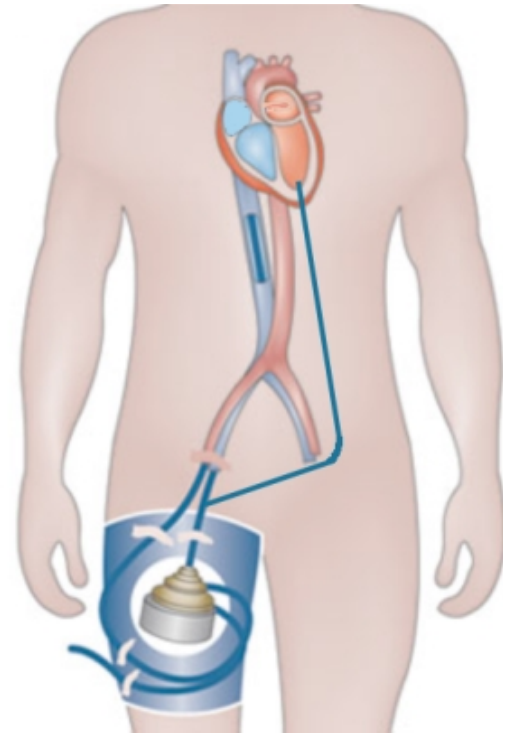
## no flow – pulmonary oedema



IABP



Impella

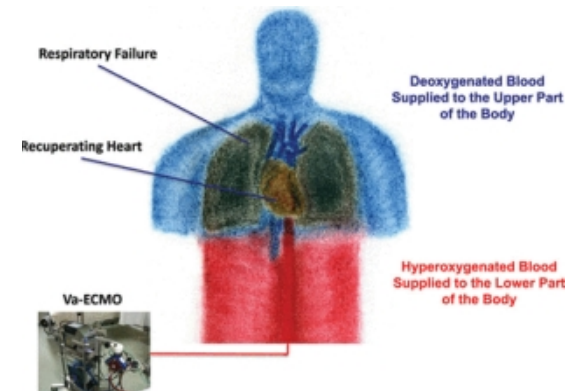


LV-vent

# Complications

## Acute setting

- Wrong cannulation  
venous–venous or arterial–arterial
- Bleeding
- Accidental decannulation
- „Harlequin” syndrome



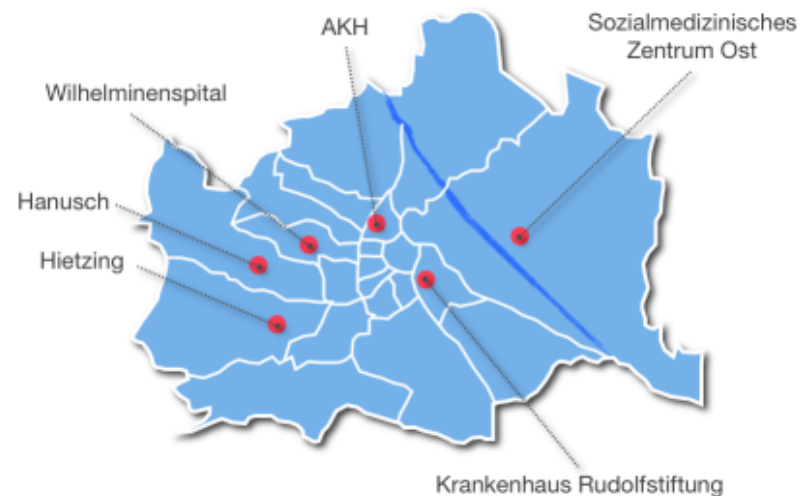
# Complications in the ICU

- renal failure requiring haemofiltration  
52%
- bacterial pneumonia 33%
- any bleeding 33%
- sepsis 26%
- haemolysis 18%
- central nervous system complications 15%
- liver dysfunction  
16%
- leg ischaemia 10%
- venous thrombosis 10%
- gastrointestinal bleeding 7%
- aspiration pneumonia  
5%
- disseminated intravascular coagulation 5%

# Patient selection

## Load & Go Criteria Vienna

- Age < 75 years
- Witnessed OHCA
- Basic life support
- Ventricular fibrillation/ventricular tachycardia
- No ROSC within 15 min of advanced-life-support



Poppe M, Resuscitation 91 (2015) 131–136

# Patient selection

## Load & Go Criteria Vienna

Population 1.8 Million

VICAR Study:

August 1, 2013 to July 31, 2014



	Total	ROSC at the scene	Ongoing CPR on transport	Died on the scene	p value
Count (%)	864 (100)	257 (29.7)	96 (11.1)	511 (59.1)	
load&go criteria, <i>n</i> (%)					
VF/VT	215 (24.9)	118 (45.9)	37 (38.5)	60 (11.7)	<0.001
Basic life support	514 (59.5)	169 (65.8)	69 (71.9)	276 (54.0)	<0.001
Witnessed collapse	482 (55.8)	172 (66.9)	68 (70.8)	242 (47.4)	<0.001
Age <75 year	574 (66.4)	198 (77.0)	72 (75.0)	304 (59.5)	<0.001
CPR >15 min of ALS	400 (46.3)	94 (36.6)	–	306 (59.9)	<0.001
All “load&go” criteria fulfilled, <i>n</i> (%)	55 (6.4)	17 (6.6)	16 (16.7)	22 (4.3)	<0.001

# Summary

- Only small non-randomized studies
- Survival in ECPR ranges from 4% to 54%
- Decision for ECMO after 15–20 min
- ECMO should start within 60 min
- Need for efficient ECMO rescue teams for IHCA and OHCA

# Thank you!



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