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Note From the Writing Group: Throughout this article, the reader will notice combinations of superscripted letters and numbers (eg, “Initial RecognitionBLS-003A, BLS-003B”). These callouts are hyperlinked to evidence-based worksheets, which were used in the development of this article. An appendix of worksheets, applicable to this article, is located at the end of the text. The worksheets are available in PDF format and are open access.

The 2010 international evidence evaluation process addressed many questions related to the performance of basic life support. These have been grouped into the following categories: (1) epidemiology and recognition of cardiac arrest, (2) chest compressions, (3) airway and ventilation, (4) compression-ventilation sequence, (5) special circumstances, (6) emergency medical services (EMS) system, and (7) risks to the victim. Defibrillation is discussed separately in Part 6 because it is both a basic and an advanced life support skill. In the following summary, each question specific to the population, intervention, control group, and outcome (PICO Question) is listed with the consensus on science and treatment recommendation.

There have been several important advances in the science of resuscitation since the last ILCOR review in 2005. Not all topics reviewed in 2005 were reviewed in 2010. When evaluating the published science, evidence reviewers considered studies with adult and pediatric victims of cardiac arrest published or accepted for publication in peer-reviewed journals. However, the treatment recommendations in this chapter generally are limited to treatment of adult victims of cardiac arrest. Please see Part 10: “Pediatric Basic and Advanced Life Support” for information on basic life support for pediatric cardiac arrest victims. The following is a summary of the most important evidence-based recommendations for the performance of basic life support in adults:

- Rescuers should begin CPR if the victim is unresponsive and not breathing (ignoring occasional gasps). Gasping should not prevent initiation of CPR because gasping is not normal breathing, and gasping is a sign of cardiac arrest.
- Following initial assessment, rescuers may begin CPR with chest compressions rather than opening the airway and delivering rescue breathing.
- All rescuers, trained or not, should provide chest compressions to victims of cardiac arrest.
- A strong emphasis on delivering high-quality chest compressions remains essential: rescuers should push hard to a depth of at least 2 inches (or 5 cm) at a rate of at least 100 compressions per minute, allow full chest recoil, and minimize interruptions in chest compressions.
- Rescuers trained to provide ventilations use a compression-ventilation ratio of 30:2.
- For untrained rescuers, EMS dispatchers should provide telephone instruction in chest compression–only CPR.

Epidemiology and Recognition of Cardiac Arrest

Millions of people die prematurely every year from sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) worldwide, often associated with coronary heart disease. The following section summarizes the burden, risk factors, and potential interventions to reduce the risk.

Epidemiology

IncidenceBLS-014B

What is the incidence, prevalence, and etiology of cardiopulmonary arrest in-hospital and out-of-hospital?

Consensus on Science

Measuring the global incidence of cardiac arrest is challenging, because there are many different definitions of patient...
populations. The Table lists the average crude incidence per 100 000 population reported for adult cases of cardiac arrest and cases of all ages (children and adults). The number of studies included is shown for each category.1–22

There are no significant differences in the incidence of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA) or the incidence of patients in whom resuscitation was attempted with all causes of arrest when comparing Europe, North America, Asia, and Australia. The incidence of patients with OHCA considered for resuscitation is lower in Asia (55 per year per 100,000 population) than in Europe (86), North America (94), and Australia (113). The incidence of patients in OHCA with presumed cardiac cause in whom resuscitation was attempted is higher in North America (58 per year per 100,000 population) than in the other three continents (35 in Europe, 32 in Asia, and 44 in Australia).

For in-hospital cardiac arrest, there are more limited incidence data.23

**Recognition of Cardiac Arrest**

Early recognition is a key step in the initiation of early treatment of cardiac arrest and relies on using the most accurate method of determining cardiac arrest.

**Initial Recognition**

In adults and children who are unresponsive (out-of-hospital and in-hospital), are there any specific factors (or clinical decision rules) as opposed to standard assessment that increase the likelihood of diagnosing cardiac arrest (as opposed to nonarrest conditions, such as postseizure, hypoglycemia or intoxication)?

**Consensus on Science**

**Pulse Check**

There are no studies assessing the accuracy of checking the pulse to detect human cardiac arrest. There have been 9 LOE D5 studies demonstrating that both lay rescuers24–26 and healthcare providers27–32 have difficulty mastering the pulse check and remembering how to perform it. Three LOE D5 studies support the ability of healthcare providers to perform the pulse check; 2 evaluated the direct ear-to-chest method in infants,33,34 and the third supported an alternative technique for the carotid pulse check when tested by dental students on healthy volunteers.35 In 1 LOE D5 study,36 the technique of simultaneous pulse check and breathing check by professional rescuers increased the diagnostic accuracy.

Two LOE D5 studies32,37 conducted in infants and children with nonpulsatile circulation during extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) demonstrated that doctors and nurses in a pediatric tertiary care institution, when blinded to whether the child was receiving ECMO support or not, commonly assessed pulse status inaccurately and often took longer than 10 seconds. In these pediatric studies, healthcare professionals were able to accurately detect a pulse by palpation only 80% of the time. They mistakenly perceived a pulse when it was nonexistent 14% to 24% of the time and failed to detect a pulse when present in 21% to 36% of the assessments. Although some of the children in this study were pulseless, all children had circulation (ie, none were in cardiac arrest), so other signs typically associated with pulseless arrest (delayed capillary refill, poor color) were absent in this population.

**Breathing Assessment**

Several studies have shown that lay rescuers do not easily master the techniques of breathing assessment, and they are often unable to recognize agonal gasps (LOE D525,26,38,39). There is a high incidence of agonal gasps after cardiac arrest (LOE D440–43), and EMS dispatchers have difficulty in diagnosing agonal gasping.40

Several strategies for teaching students how to differentiate agonal gasps from normal breathing have been evaluated. In 1 LOE D5 study,44 teaching recognition of agonal gasps using a video clip improved the accuracy of lay rescuers in recognizing cardiac arrest. Another study (LOE D545) demonstrated that detection of true cardiac arrest cases improved after introduction of the question “Is he breathing regularly?” in a seizure complaint question sequence used by EMS dispatchers.

**Signs of Circulation**

In the past, students were taught to recognize cardiac arrest by looking for the absence of signs of circulation, such as movement. No studies were found that measured the sensitivity and specificity of that approach for diagnosing cardiac

### Table. Global Incidence of Cardiac Arrest per 100,000 Population

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arrest. An LOE D4 study\textsuperscript{46} showed that CPR guidance by EMS dispatchers was impeded by callers mentioning “signs of life.”

Treatment Recommendation
It is reasonable that lay rescuers and healthcare professionals use the combination of unresponsiveness and absent or abnormal breathing to identify cardiac arrest. Palpation of the pulse as the sole indicator of the presence or absence of cardiac arrest is unreliable. Agonal gasps are common during cardiac arrest and should not be considered normal breathing. The general public and EMS dispatchers should be taught how to recognize agonal gasps as a sign of cardiac arrest.

Etiology of Cardiac Arrest\textsuperscript{BLS-050A, BLS-050B}
In adults and children with presumed cardiac arrest (out-of-hospital and in-hospital), are there any factors/characteristics that increase the likelihood of differentiating between an SCA (ie, VF or pulseless ventricular tachycardia [VT]) and other etiologies (eg, drowning, acute airway obstruction)?

Consensus on Science
In 1 registry study (LOE 2\textsuperscript{27}), cardiac arrest was more likely to be due to a cardiac cause in victims above the age of 35 years and to a noncardiac cause up to the age of 35 years. Two other registry studies (LOE 3\textsuperscript{48,49}) do not demonstrate diagnostically useful cutoff ages. An additional registry study (LOE 2\textsuperscript{50}) demonstrated that 83\% of cardiac arrests under the age of 19 years are of noncardiac origin. One prospective study (LOE 2\textsuperscript{51}) and 1 retrospective study (LOE 3\textsuperscript{52}) showed that identification of the cause of cardiac arrest by healthcare providers can be inaccurate, leading to an underestimation of noncardiac etiology cardiac arrest, in particular, failure to diagnose exsanguination. Additional studies in children are summarized in Part 10: “Pediatric Basic and Advanced Life Support.”

Treatment Recommendation
For lay rescuers there is insufficient evidence to recommend any diagnostically reliable method to differentiate SCA of cardiac origin from one of noncardiac origin. Except in cases of obvious external causes of cardiac arrest (eg, gunshot wound, drowning), professional rescuers should rely on rhythm analysis from cardiac monitors or AEDs and other diagnostic tests to determine the cause of cardiac arrest.

Check for Circulation During BLS\textsuperscript{BLS-008B}
In adults and children with cardiac arrest (out-of-hospital and in-hospital), does the interruption of CPR to check circulation, as opposed to no interruption of CPR, improve outcome (eg, ROSC, survival)?

Consensus on Science
A study in manikins (LOE D5\textsuperscript{50}) confirmed a low ability (<50\%) of EMS providers to correctly identify the presence of a carotid pulse as an indication to stop further chest compressions. A palpable pulse is usually absent immediately after defibrillation during OHCA (LOE 5\textsuperscript{53,54}). AED algorithms that recommend that rescuers check for a pulse immediately after a shock delivery are not useful and will lead to delay in resumption of chest compressions following shock delivery (LOE 5\textsuperscript{53–55}). Three LOE D5 studies show that measurement of thoracic impedance through the AED electrode pads may be an indicator of return of circulation.\textsuperscript{56–58}

One LOE D5 study in adults\textsuperscript{27} and 2 LOE D5 studies in children with nonpulsatile circulation\textsuperscript{42,37} showed that blinded healthcare providers commonly made inaccurate assessments of the presence or absence of a pulse and often took much longer than 10 seconds. Another study (LOE D5\textsuperscript{59}) showed that accurately determining the presence of a pulse took more than 10 seconds in 95\% of cases.

Treatment Recommendation
For lay rescuers, interrupting chest compressions to perform a pulse check is not recommended. For healthcare professionals, it is reasonable to check a pulse if an organized rhythm is visible on the monitor at the next rhythm check.

Epidemiology and Recognition Knowledge Gaps
How accurately do rescuers identify cardiac arrest outside of the hospital? Is advanced technology useful to assist with diagnosing cardiac arrest? Which specific factors improve diagnostic accuracy? What is the accuracy of the pulse check performed by healthcare professionals in cardiac arrest patients? Is there an association between the time required to successfully detect a suspected cardiac arrest victim’s pulse and resuscitation outcome? Is there a difference in outcome when the decision to start CPR is based on the absence of consciousness and normal breathing as opposed to absence of a pulse?

Chest Compressions
Several components of chest compressions can alter effectiveness: hand position, position of the rescuer, position of the victim, and depth and rate of compression and decompression. Evidence for these techniques was reviewed in an attempt to define the optimal compression method.

Chest Compression Technique
Actual Hand Position During Compressions\textsuperscript{BLS-032A, BLS-032B}
In adults and children with cardiac arrest (out-of-hospital and in-hospital), does the use of any specific placement of hands for external chest compressions compared with standard care (eg, “lower half of the victim’s sternum”) improve outcome (eg, ROSC, survival)?

Method to Locate Hand Position\textsuperscript{BLS-033A}
In rescuers performing CPR on adults or children with cardiac arrest (out-of-hospital and in-hospital), does the use of any specific method for locating the recommended hand position compared with standard care (eg, “placement of the rescuer’s hands in the middle of the chest”) improve outcome (eg, time to commence CPR, decreased hands-off time, ROSC, survival)?
Consensus on Science
No randomized controlled human trials support use of an alternative to the hand position recommended in 2005 (“The rescuer should compress the lower half of the victim’s sternum”) when performing external chest compressions for adults or children in cardiac arrest.

In 1 study of CT scans, the internipple line was 3 cm superior to the lower third of the sternum (LOE 569). One LOE 5 study61 of adult surgical patients demonstrated that if the rescuer’s hands are placed on the inter nipple line, hand deviation to or beyond the xiphisternum occurs in nearly half the cases, sometimes into the epigastrium.

During transesophageal echocardiography of humans receiving chest compressions with placement of the hands on the lower half of the sternum, the area of maximal compression was most often over the base of the left ventricle and the aortic root, a location that potentially impedes forward flow of blood (LOE 4).62

In 4 LOE 5 adult manikin studies63–66 locating the recommended hand position for chest compression using the instruction “place hands in center of the chest” resulted in a significant reduction in hands-off time and no significant reduction in accuracy compared with locating the rib margins and xiphisternum. One LOE 5 adult manikin study67 showed a similar reduction in hands-off time but also loss of hand placement accuracy. In a single LOE 5 study using a template of an infant,68 placing the fingers in the recommended position on the chest (below the internipple line) resulted in placement of fingers over the xiphisternum and abdomen.

Treatment Recommendation
For adults receiving chest compressions, it is reasonable for rescuers to place their hands on the lower half of the sternum. It is reasonable to teach this location in a simplified way, such as, “Place the heel of your hand in the center of the chest with the other hand on top.” This instruction should be accompanied by a demonstration of placing the hands on the lower half of the sternum. Use of the internipple line as a landmark for hand placement is not reliable.

Chest Compression RateBLS-034A, BLS-034B
In adults and children with cardiac arrest (out-of-hospital and in-hospital), does the use of any specific rate for external chest compressions compared with standard care (ie, approximately 100/min) improve outcome (eg, ROSC, survival)?

Consensus on Science
The number of chest compressions during a certain period (eg, 1 minute) given to cardiac arrest patients is determined by 2 factors: the time interval between compressions (ie, the compression rate) and the duration of any interruptions in compressions. One LOE 4 study of in-hospital cardiac arrest patients69 showed that chest compression rates >80/min were associated with ROSC. An observational study of 506 patients with out-of-hospital cardiac arrest showed improved survival to hospital discharge with increasing chest compression fraction (CCF, ie, proportion of total resuscitation time during which compressions are delivered), and best results when a CCF >0.60 was achieved. With compression rates between 100 and 127 per minute, this CCF corresponded with >60 chest compressions delivered in each minute. However, there was not an association between compression rate and survival (LOE 470).

Treatment Recommendation
It is reasonable to teach this location in a simplified way, such as, “Place the heel of your hand in the center of the chest with the other hand on top.” This instruction should be accompanied by a demonstration of placing the hands on the lower half of the sternum. Use of the internipple line as a landmark for hand placement is not reliable.

Chest Compression DepthBLS-006A, BLS-006B
In adults and children with cardiac arrest (out-of-hospital and in-hospital), does any specific compression depth, as opposed to standard care (ie, depth specified in treatment algorithm), improve outcome (eg, ROSC, survival)?

Consensus on Science
Three adult human LOE 4 studies71–73 showed that the measured compression depth during adult human resuscitation is often less than 4 cm (1.5 inches). No human studies directly compared the effectiveness of a compression depth of 4 to 5 cm (1.5 to 2 inches) with alternative compression depths.

One adult human LOE 4 case series,74 2 adult human studies with retrospective control groups (LOE 375,76), and 1 LOE 5 study77 suggest that compressions of 5 cm (2 inches) or more may improve the success of defibrillation and ROSC. These findings are supported by 3 swine studies (LOE 578–80) showing improved survival with deeper compression depths and 1 adult human study (LOE 481) showing that improved force on the chest produced a linear increase in systolic blood pressure. However, 1 swine study (LOE 582) reported no improvement of myocardial blood flow with increased compression depth from 4 cm to 5 cm, although coronary perfusion pressure (CPP) improved from 7 to 14 mm Hg.

Treatment Recommendation
It is reasonable to compress the sternum at least 2 inches/5 cm for all adult cardiac arrest victims. There is insufficient evidence to recommend a specific upper limit for chest compression depth.

Chest DecompressionBLS-045A
In adults and children with cardiac arrest (out-of-hospital and in-hospital), does optimizing chest wall recoil during CPR, compared with standard care, improve outcome (eg, ROSC, survival)?

Consensus on Science
There are no human studies specifically evaluating ROSC or survival to hospital discharge with or without complete chest wall recoil during CPR. One LOE 4 out-of-hospital case series83 documented a 46% incidence of incomplete chest recoil by professional rescuers using the CPR technique.
recommended in 2000, and 2 in-hospital pediatric case series demonstrated a 23% incidence of incomplete recoil that was more common just after switching providers of chest compressions (LOE 490,491). Another LOE 4 study96 electronically recorded chest recoil during in-hospital pediatric cardiac arrests and found that leaning on the chest occurred in half of all chest compressions. Animal studies (LOE 587,88) demonstrate significant reductions in mean arterial pressure, coronary perfusion pressure, cardiac output, and myocardial blood flow with only small amounts of incomplete chest recoil. Chest recoil can be increased significantly with simple techniques; for example, lifting the heel of the hand slightly but completely off the chest during CPR improved chest recoil in a manikin model. However, these alternative techniques may also reduce compression depth (LOE 583,89).

**Treatment Recommendation**

While allowing complete recoil of the chest after each compression may improve circulation, there is insufficient evidence to determine the optimal method to achieve the goal without compromising other aspects of chest compression technique.

**Firm Surface for Chest Compressions**

For adults or children in cardiac arrest on a bed (out-of-hospital and in-hospital), does the performance of CPR on a hard surface like a backboard or deflatable mattress, compared with performance of CPR on a regular mattress, improve outcome (eg, ROSC, survival)?

**Consensus on Science**

One case series (LOE 490) and 4 manikin studies (LOE 591-94) demonstrated that chest compressions performed on a bed are often too shallow. However, the case series (LOE 490) and 1 of the manikin studies (LOE 594) found that accelerometer-based CPR feedback devices failed to correct for compression of the underlying mattress, so it overestimated actual compression depth and may have contributed to delivery of shallow chest compressions. Two studies using manikins weighted to 70 kg (LOE 594,95) suggested that adequate compressions can be performed on a bed if the immediate feedback mechanism measures actual chest compression, regardless of the presence or absence of a backboard. No studies have examined the risks or benefits of moving the patient from a bed to the floor to perform CPR.

No studies in humans have evaluated the risks or benefits of placing a backboard beneath a patient during CPR. Manikin studies (LOE 594,96,97) suggested that placing a backboard may improve compression depth by a few millimeters. One manikin study (LOE 598) showed that deflating a special mattress improved compression efficiency, but another manikin study (LOE 593) failed to demonstrate any benefit from deflating an air-filled mattress.

**Treatment Recommendation**

The precordial thump should not be used for unwitnessed out-of-hospital cardiac arrest. The precordial thump may be considered for patients with monitored, unstable ventricular tachycardia if a defibrillator is not immediately available. There is insufficient evidence to recommend for or against the use of the precordial thump for witnessed onset of asystole.

**Feedback for Chest Compression Quality**

In adults and children in cardiac arrest (out-of-hospital and in-hospital), does the use of feedback regarding the mechanics of CPR quality (eg, rate and depth of compressions and/or ventilations), compared with no feedback, improve any outcomes (eg, ROSC, survival)?

**Consensus on Science**

Chest compression frequency, rate, and depth provided by lay responders (LOE 490), hospital teams (LOE 491), and EMS personnel (LOE 493,100) were insufficient when compared with recommended methods. Ventilation rates higher than recommended during CPR will impede venous return (LOE 5).101

CPR feedback/prompt devices may improve several discrete measures (ventilation rate, end-tidal CO2, and compression rate, depth, and chest recoil) that have been linked with CPR quality. Eleven studies investigated the effect of giving real-time CPR performance feedback to rescuers during actual cardiac arrest events in both in-hospital and out-of-hospital settings. Two studies in adults (LOE 2102,103) and 1 study in children (LOE 2104) showed improved end-tidal CO2 measurements and consistent chest compression rates when feedback was provided from audio prompts (metronomes or sirens).

In 4 LOE 3 studies75,86,105,106 and 2 LOE 4 studies,76,107 real-time feedback from force transducers and accelerometer devices was useful in improving CPR quality metrics, including compression depth, rate, and complete chest recoil. Two manikin studies (LOE 590,94) demonstrated the potential for overestimating compression depth when using an accelerometer chest compression feedback device if compressions are performed (with or without a backboard) on a soft surface. No studies to date have demonstrated a significant improvement in long-term survival related to the use of CPR feedback/prompt devices during actual cardiac arrest events (LOE 375).

In 1 retrospective analysis of cardiac arrest records and 1 report of 2 cases (LOE 4108,109), changes in transthoracic impedance were potentially useful to measure ventilation rate and detect esophageal intubation. In a case series (LOE 4110), capnography and chest-wall impedance algorithms were inaccurate for determining ventilation rate.

**Treatment Recommendation**

It is reasonable for providers and EMS agencies to monitor and improve CPR quality, ensuring adherence to recommended compression rate and depth and ventilation rates. Real-time chest compression-sensing and feedback/prompt technology (ie, visual and auditory prompting devices) may be useful adjuncts during resuscitation efforts. However, rescuers should be aware of the potential overestimation of compression depth when the victim is on a soft surface.
Alternative Compression Techniques

“Cough” CPR
In adult cardiac arrest (out-of-hospital and in-hospital), does the use of alternative methods of manual CPR (e.g., cough CPR, precordial thump, fist pacing), compared with standard CPR, improve any outcomes (e.g., ROSC, survival)?

Consensus on Science
A few case reports (LOE 4111–118) documented limited benefit of cough CPR during the initial seconds to minutes of cardiac arrest in patients who remained conscious in a controlled, monitored setting of electrophysiology testing with patient instruction prior to the onset of anticipated cardiac arrest.

Treatment Recommendation
Use of cough CPR may be considered only for patients maintaining consciousness during the initial seconds to minutes of VF or pulseless VT cardiac arrest in a witnessed, monitored, hospital setting (such as a cardiac catheterization laboratory).

Precordial Thump
In adult cardiac arrest (out-of-hospital and in-hospital), does the use of alternative methods of manual CPR (e.g., cough CPR, precordial thump, fist pacing), compared with standard CPR, improve any outcomes (e.g., ROSC, survival)?

Consensus on Science
In 5 prospective case series of out-of-hospital (LOE 4119–123) and 2 series (LOE 4120,121) of in-hospital VF cardiac arrest, healthcare provider administration of the precordial thump did not result in ROSC.

In 3 prospective case series of VT in the electrophysiology laboratory (LOE 4120,124,125), administration of the precordial thump by experienced cardiologists was of limited use (1.3% ROSC). When events occurred outside of the electrophysiology laboratory, in 6 case series of in- and out-of-hospital VT (LOE 4121–123,126–128), the precordial thump was followed by ROSC in 19% of patients. Rhythm deterioration following precordial thump occurred in 3% of patients and was observed predominantly in patients with prolonged ischemia or digitalis-induced toxicity.

In 3 case series of asystolic arrest (LOE 4119,122,129), the precordial thump, but not fist pacing, was sometimes successful in promoting ROSC when administered by healthcare providers to patients with witnessed asystole (some clearly p-wave asystolic arrest) for OHCA and in-hospital cardiac arrest.

Two case series (LOE 4123,130) and a case report (LOE 5131) documented the potential for complications from use of the precordial thump, including sternal fracture, osteomyelitis, stroke, and rhythm deterioration in adults and children.

Treatment Recommendation
The precordial thump is ineffective for VF, and it should not be used for unwitnessed OHCA. The precordial thump may be considered for patients with monitored, unstable VT if a defibrillator is not immediately available. There is insufficient evidence to recommend for or against the use of the precordial thump for witnessed onset of asystole caused by atrioventricular conduction disturbance.

Fist Pacing
In adult cardiac arrest (out-of-hospital and in-hospital), does the use of alternative methods of manual CPR (e.g., cough CPR, precordial thump, fist pacing), compared with standard CPR, improve any outcomes (e.g., ROSC, survival)?

Consensus on Science
There is little evidence supporting fist or percussion pacing in cardiac arrest, particularly when the effect of the maneuver cannot be confirmed by continuous electrocardiographic (ECG) monitoring and assessment of a pulse. Evidence consists of 6 single-patient case reports (LOE 4132–137) and a moderate-sized case series (LOE 4138) with mixed asystole and bradycardia.

Treatment Recommendation
For patients in cardiac arrest, percussion (fist) pacing is not recommended.

Chest Compression Technique Knowledge Gaps
What is the optimal hand position for maximizing cardiac output? How well is the simple method of teaching hand placement retained? Does a chest compression rate faster than 100/min increase long-term survival from cardiac arrest? What is the minimum number or count of chest compressions to be delivered each minute to enhance survival? What is the relationship between chest compression rate and depth? Does a chest compression depth greater than 5 cm improve survival? What is the chest compression depth beyond which complications increase? What is the optimal technique to facilitate complete chest recoil and maximize survival? When does use of CPR feedback/prompt devices translate to improvements in survival?

Airway and Ventilation
The best method of obtaining an open airway and the optimum frequency and volume of artificial ventilation were reviewed.

Airway

Opening the Airway
In adults and children with cardiac arrest (out-of-hospital and in-hospital), does the provision of airway maneuvers by bystanders, as opposed to no such maneuvers, improve outcome (e.g., ROSC, survival)?

Consensus on Science
Evidence from a case series of drowning victims (LOE 4139) and 6 prospective clinical studies in patients under anesthesia that evaluated clinical (LOE 5140,142) or radiological (LOE
Evidence for the safest, most effective, and simplest methods was sought.

In adults and children with FBAO (out-of-hospital and in-hospital), does the provision of abdominal thrusts, and/or back slaps, and/or chest thrusts, compared with no action, improve outcome (eg, clearance of obstruction, ROSC, survival)?

Consensus on Science
Case series and case reports have documented successful relief of FBAO in conscious victims with the use of back blows (LOE 4161–162), abdominal thrusts (LOE 4161–165), and chest thrusts (LOE 4161; LOE 5166). More than 1 technique was occasionally required to relieve the obstruction.

Thirty-two case reports have documented life-threatening complications associated with the use of abdominal thrusts.160,167 One randomized trial of maneuvers to clear the airway in cadavers (LOE 5168) and 2 prospective studies in anesthetized volunteers (LOE 5166,169) showed that higher airway pressures could be generated by using the chest thrust rather than the abdominal thrust. In a few case reports, a finger sweep was effective for relieving FBAO in unconscious adults and children aged >1 year (LOE 4161,162,170). Case reports documented harm to the victims or biting of the rescuer’s finger with finger sweeps (LOE 4165,171 and LOE 5155,156,173).

Treatment Recommendation
Chest thrusts, back blows, or abdominal thrusts are effective for relieving FBAO in conscious adults and children >1 year of age. These techniques should be applied in rapid sequence until the obstruction is relieved. More than 1 technique may be needed; there is insufficient evidence to determine which should be used first. The finger sweep may be used in the unconscious patient with an obstructed airway if solid material is visible in the airway. At this time, there is insufficient evidence for a treatment recommendation specific for an obese or pregnant patient with FBAO.

Ventilation
Tidal Volumes and Ventilation Rates
In adults in cardiac arrest (out-of-hospital and in-hospital) who are NOT intubated, does providing ventilation with a 1-second inspiratory time and tidal volume of about 600 mL compared with other inspiratory times and tidal volumes improve any outcomes (including ventilation, oxygenation)?

Consensus on Science
In 3 human studies (LOE 5174–176), tidal volumes of 600 mL using room air were sufficient to maintain oxygenation and normocarbia in apneic patients. When tidal volumes less than 500 mL were used, supplementary oxygen was needed to achieve satisfactory oxygenation. Three studies of mechanical models (LOE 5177–179) found no clinically important difference in tidal volumes when a 1- or 2-second inspiratory time was used. In 1 human study with 8 subjects (LOE 4180), expired air resuscitation using tidal volumes of 500 to 600 mL led to hypoxia and hypercarbia.
Treatment Recommendation
For mouth-to-mouth ventilation for adult victims using exhaled air or bag-mask ventilation with room air or oxygen, it is reasonable to give each breath within a 1-second inspiratory time and with an approximate volume of 600 mL to achieve chest rise. It is reasonable to use the same initial tidal volume and rate in patients regardless of the cause of the cardiac arrest.

Airway and Ventilation Knowledge Gaps
What is the effectiveness of airway maneuvers by bystanders during standard and chest compression–only CPR? What is the optimal ventilation tidal volume in cardiac arrest patients?

Compression-Ventilation Sequence
In the basic life support/CPR sequence for the lone rescuer, the choice is between starting with airway and breathing (ventilation) or starting with chest compressions. Because of the importance of initiating chest compressions as soon as possible, the need for initial breaths is questioned.

Starting CPR
In adults and children in cardiac arrest (out-of-hospital and in-hospital), does the use of compressions first (30 compressions then 2 breaths) compared with standard care (2 breaths and then 30 compressions) improve outcome (eg, ROSC, survival)?

Consensus on Science
There is no published human or animal evidence to determine whether starting CPR in adults or children with 30 compressions rather than 2 ventilations leads to improved outcomes.

Evidence from 1 observational, adult manikin LOE 5 study181 shows that starting with 30 compressions rather than 2 ventilations leads to a shorter delay to first compression.

Treatment Recommendation
For treatment of adult victims of cardiac arrest, starting CPR with chest compressions rather than ventilations may be considered.

Effect of Interruptions on Delivery of Chest Compressions
Interruptions to chest compressions during CPR must be minimized. Legitimate reasons for the interruption of CPR include the need to ventilate, the need to assess the rhythm or to assess ROSC, and the need to defibrillate.

Interruption of Compressions for Post-Shock Rhythm Analysis
• In patients with VF, will the resumption of chest compressions, compared with delayed initiation for rhythm analysis, result in better outcomes?182
• In adults and children with cardiac arrest (out-of-hospital and in-hospital), does the minimization of hands-off time for rhythm analysis, including frequency and duration of checks, as opposed to standard care (according to treatment algorithm) improve outcome (eg, ROSC, survival)?

Consensus on Science
In 2 observational studies (LOE 471,73) and secondary analyses of 2 randomized trials (LOE 513,182), interruptions of chest compressions were common. Interruption of CPR was associated with a decreased probability of conversion of VF to another rhythm (LOE 5182).

In 2 case series (LOE 473,54), a palpable pulse was rarely present immediately after defibrillation, suggesting that a pulse check after a shock is not useful and delays the resumption of chest compressions. However, in 1 randomized study (LOE 1183), immediate resumption of chest compressions after defibrillation was associated with earlier VF recurrence when compared to a pulse check prior to resumption of CPR; there was no difference in cumulative incidence of VF 60 seconds after the shock.

Five animal studies (LOE 5184–188) and 1 human study (LOE 5182) confirmed that more interruption of chest compressions during CPR reduced ROSC and survival. In 2 adult out-of-hospital witnessed VF studies (LOE 321,55) and 3 animal studies (LOE 5185,188,189), immediate resumption of chest compressions after defibrillation was associated with better survival rates and/or survival with favorable neurological outcome compared with immediate rhythm analysis and delayed resumption of chest compression. Another LOE 1 randomized study190 of an AED protocol based on the 2005 Guidelines,160,167 which included CPR during charging and immediate resumption of chest compressions after shock delivery, did not show significantly improved survival to admission or to discharge.

There is no evidence for or against immediate resumption of chest compressions in adults with VF of short duration.

Treatment Recommendations
Rescuers should minimize interruptions of chest compressions during the entire resuscitation attempt.

Use of Filtering Devices for Rhythm Analysis During CPR
In adults and children with cardiac arrest (out-of-hospital and in-hospital), does the analysis of cardiac rhythm during chest compressions compared with standard care (analysis of cardiac rhythm during pauses in chest compressions) optimize the time of appropriate chest compression by avoiding unnecessary interruptions and unnecessary prolongations?

Consensus on Science
In 6 LOE 5 studies191–196 using human-derived ECG recordings with actual or simulated CPR artifacts and 1 LOE 5 study in a swine model of VF,197 the use of computerized algorithms that removed compression artifacts from the ECG during CPR reduced the accuracy of rhythm analysis relative to rhythm analysis during pauses. Sensitivity was between 90% and 98%, which would cause inappropriate prolongations in chest compression for shockable rhythms in up to 1 out of 10 patients. Specificity was between 80% and 89%, which could result in inappropriate interruptions in chest compression for...
Treatment Recommendations

There is insufficient evidence to support or refute the use of artifact-filtering algorithms for analysis of ECG rhythm during CPR.

Compression-Ventilation Ratio During CPR

Any recommendation for a specific CPR compression-ventilation ratio represents a compromise between the need to generate blood flow and the need to supply oxygen to the lungs and remove carbon dioxide (CO₂) from the blood. At the same time, any such ratio must be taught to would-be rescuers, so the effect of the compression-ventilation ratio on skills acquisition and retention must be considered.

In adults and children in cardiac arrest (out-of-hospital and in-hospital), does the use of an alternative compression-ventilation ratio, compared with standard care (30:2 compression to ventilation ratio), improve outcome (eg, ROSC, survival)?

Consensus on Science

Evidence from 6 human studies (LOE 3¹⁴, 2¹⁹, 199; LOE 4⁷⁰; LOE 5⁸) in adults and 23 additional studies (LOE 5: animal, manikin, and computer models) provides conflicting information about the optimal compression-ventilation ratio to maximize ROSC and survival to hospital discharge when CPR is administered by lay rescuers or by professional rescuers to patients with cardiac arrest in any setting.

In 2005, a single compression-ventilation ratio of 30:2 for the lone rescuer of an infant, child, or adult victim was recommended. After implementation of this new guideline, 2 studies (LOE 3²¹, 199) showed improvement of survival compared to survival with use of the previous 15:2 compression-ventilation ratio. However, other studies (LOE 3¹⁴, 198, 2⁰²) failed to show any beneficial effect of the new guidelines on survival, although the potential contribution of each change in the guidelines could not be assessed.

Animal studies (LOE 5) showed improved survival with a compression-ventilation ratio above 30:2. However, a compression-ventilation ratio of more than 100:2 was associated with a low ROSC rate and reduced arterial partial pressure of oxygen. The mathematical studies (LOE 5) suggested that the optimal compression-ventilation ratio was near 30:2 for healthcare professionals and near 60:2 for lay rescuer or was a function of body weight in children.

Other theoretical studies have recommended ratios of 15:2 or 50:5, around 20:1. Manikin studies (all LOE 5) showed that CPR performance, quality, and rescuer’s fatigue were not significantly different with differing compression-ventilation ratios, while others showed mixed results among various compression-ventilation ratios from 5:1 to 60:2.

Treatment Recommendation

A compression-ventilation ratio of 30:2 is reasonable for an adult victim of cardiac arrest whose airway is not secured.

Chest Compression–Only CPR

Any recommendation regarding the use of compression-only CPR versus standard CPR is dependent not only on the skill level and ability of the provider (eg, untrained layperson, trained layperson, professional rescuer) but also on the patient (eg, age and etiology of arrest) and the situation (eg, number of providers, phases of prehospital care).

- In adults in cardiac arrest, does the calling of EMS and the provision of chest compressions (without ventilation) by trained laypersons or professionals compared with calling EMS only improve survival to hospital discharge?

- In adults in cardiac arrest, does the provision of chest compressions (without ventilation) by bystanders, both trained and untrained, compared with chest compressions plus mouth-to-mouth breathing, improve survival to hospital discharge?

- In adults in cardiac arrest, does provision of chest compressions (without ventilation) by EMS, compared to chest compressions plus ventilations, improve survival to hospital discharge?

Consensus on Science

There are no human studies that have compared compression-only CPR with standard CPR using a 3:2 ratio of compressions to ventilations. Multiple mathematical and educational studies (LOE 5: animal, manikin, and computer models) provide conflicting information about the optimal compression-ventilation ratio to maximize ROSC and survival to hospital discharge when CPR is administered by lay rescuers or by professional rescuers to patients with cardiac arrest in any setting.

Evidence from 1 interventional human trial (LOE 1²³⁷) and 8 observational studies (LOE 2¹⁵, 1₉₉, 2³₈–2₄⁴; LOE 3²⁴⁵) documented consistent improvement in survival to hospital discharge when compression-only CPR compared with no CPR is administered by untrained or trained bystanders to adults with an out-of-hospital witnessed cardiac arrest.

Four human studies (LOE 2¹⁵₇, 1₅₈; LOE 3²₄₃) demonstrated that provision of continuous chest compressions by trained professional (EMS) providers led to an improvement in survival to hospital discharge compared to standard CPR. Lower methodological rigor limits the ability to determine whether those improvements in survival were attributable to the provision of continuous chest compressions without pauses for ventilation or to other factors.

However, 3 additional studies (LOE 1²₄⁴; LOE 2²₄₅; LOE 5²⁰⁶) failed to consistently show improvement in survival to hospital discharge when compression-only CPR compared with conventional CPR was administered by professionals to adult patients with an OHCA.

Evidence from 1 large pediatric prospective observational investigation showed that children in cardiac arrest of noncardiac etiology (asphyxial arrest) had higher 30-day survival with more favorable neurological outcome if they received standard bystander CPR (chest compressions...
with rescue breathing) compared with chest compression-only CPR. Standard CPR and chest compression-only CPR were similarly effective and better than no bystander CPR for pediatric cardiac arrest from cardiac causes. Of note, the same study showed that more than 50% of children with OHCA did not receive any bystander CPR. Compression-only CPR was as ineffective as no CPR in the small number of infants and children with asphyxial arrest.

**Treatment Recommendation**
All rescuers should perform chest compressions for all patients in cardiac arrest. Chest compressions alone are recommended for untrained laypersons responding to cardiac arrest victims. Performing chest compressions alone is reasonable for trained laypersons if they are incapable of delivering airway and breathing maneuvers to cardiac arrest victims. The provision of chest compressions with ventilations is reasonable for trained laypersons who are capable of giving CPR with ventilations to cardiac arrest victims.

Professional rescuers should provide chest compressions with ventilations for cardiac arrest victims. There is insufficient evidence to support or refute the provision of chest compressions plus airway opening and oxygen insufflation by professional rescuers during the first few minutes of resuscitation from cardiac arrest.

**Chest Compression Knowledge Gaps**
What is the optimal duration of CPR following administration of a defibrillation shock prior to rechecking the patient? Can ECG rhythm analysis during chest compressions be incorporated into resuscitation algorithms? Should the compression to ventilation ratio vary according to the victim’s age or arrest etiology? What is the effect of compression-only CPR by bystander training on the overall survival of OHCA in the community compared to standard CPR training? What is the effect of compression-only CPR training on the willingness of bystanders to perform CPR compared to standard CPR training? Does EMS provision of chest compressions plus airway opening and oxygen insufflation improve long-term survival of cardiac arrest when compared with high-quality CPR using a 30:2 compression to ventilation ratio?

**Consensus on Science**
No human studies have evaluated the relative benefits of strategies for positioning adults and children with cardiac arrest and suspected major injury. Head position is an important factor affecting airway patency (LOE 5248), and it is more difficult to check for breathing with the victim in a face-down position. Checking for breathing by lay and professional rescuers is often inaccurate when done within the recommended 10 seconds (LOE 51839). A longer time to check for breathing will delay CPR and may compromise outcome.

**Treatment Recommendation**
It is reasonable to roll a face-down, unresponsive victim into the supine position to assess breathing and initiate resuscitation. Concern for protecting the neck should not hinder the evaluation process or delay life-saving procedures.

**Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems**
The call to EMS dispatchers for help is generally the first action when a collapsed victim is found. Recognition of cardiac arrest as the cause of the collapse is rarely simple and requires the dispatcher to elicit critical information from the caller. Failure to recognize the true cause of the collapse precludes the use of bystander CPR and telephone instructions and may also delay the arrival of appropriate help. Not recognizing a cardiac arrest occurs in up to 50% of cases and is associated with lower survival.249

**Dispatcher Recognition of Cardiac Arrest**
In adults and children with OHCA does the description of any specific symptoms to the dispatcher compared with the absence of any specific description improve accuracy of the diagnosis of cardiac arrest?

**Consensus on Science**
One before-and-after trial (LOE D3250) demonstrated a significant increase from 15% to 50% in cardiac arrest recognition after the implementation of a protocol requiring that EMS dispatchers assess absence of consciousness and quality of breathing (normal/not normal). Many descriptive studies (LOE D446,251–259) using a similar protocol to identify cardiac arrest report a sensitivity on the order of 70%, ranging from 38%255 to 97%,259 and a high specificity ranging from 95%254 to 99%.256

One case-control trial (LOE D3249), 1 before-and-after trial (LOE D343), and 4 observational studies (LOE D441,42,260,261) describe agonal gasps or abnormal breathing as a significant barrier to cardiac arrest recognition by emergency medical dispatchers. Two before-and-after trials (LOE D3262,263) improved the recognition of abnormal breathing using education or counting of breaths. Information spontaneously provided by the caller about the quality of breathing and other information such as facial color or describing the victim as “dead” can aid in identifying cardiac arrest cases (LOE D3249,262,263).

One descriptive study (LOE D4264) suggests that in cases where the victim’s problem is “unknown” to the EMS...
dispatcher, inquiring about the victim’s level of activity (standing, sitting, moving, or talking) helps to identify cases who are not in cardiac arrest. Two descriptive studies (LOE D4261,265) suggest that confirming the absence of a past medical history of seizure may increase the likelihood of recognizing cardiac arrest among victims presenting with seizure activity. A case-control study (LOE D345) suggests that asking about regularity of breathing may help to recognize cardiac arrest among callers reporting seizure activity.

**Treatment Recommendation**
EMS dispatchers should inquire about a victim’s absence of consciousness and quality of breathing (normal/not normal) when attempting to identify cardiac arrest victims. If the victim is unresponsive, it is reasonable to assume that the victim is in cardiac arrest when callers report that breathing is not normal. Dispatchers should be specifically educated about identification of abnormal breathing in order to improve cardiac arrest recognition. The correct identification of cardiac arrest may be increased by careful attention to the caller’s spontaneous comments and by focused questions about seizures.

**Dispatcher Instruction in CPR**
In adults and children with cardiac arrest (out-of-hospital and in-hospital), does the provision of dispatch CPR instructions, as opposed to no instructions, improve outcome (eg, ROSC, survival)?

**Consensus on Science**
Three studies (LOE 2249,258,266) provide evidence that dispatcher telephone CPR instructions may improve survival from OHCA. In 3 randomized trials (LOE 1237–237b), compression-only dispatcher telephone CPR instruction produced survival to discharge at least equivalent to compression plus ventilation dispatcher telephone CPR instruction. Five additional simulation studies (LOE 5269–272,267,268) demonstrated that simplified chest compression–only telephone instructions in CPR reduce barriers to achieving reasonable-quality bystander CPR.

In 4 simulation studies (LOE 5269–272), video-enabled cell phone delivery of visual CPR instructions enhanced performance of CPR. However, in another simulation study (LOE 5277), simplified CPR instructions did not improve performance of bystander CPR by elderly rescuers.

**Treatment Recommendation**
Bystanders who call their local emergency response number should receive initial instructions on performing CPR. Dispatchers should assertively provide compression-only CPR instructions to untrained rescuers for adults with suspected OHCA without any delay. If dispatchers suspect asphyxial arrest, it is reasonable to provide instructions on rescue breathing followed by chest compressions. When performing quality improvement efforts, it is reasonable to assess the accuracy and timeliness of dispatcher recognition of cardiac arrest and the delivery of CPR instructions.

**Risks to Victim**
Many rescuers are concerned that delivering chest compressions to a victim who is not in cardiac arrest will lead to serious complications, and thus, they do not initiate CPR for some victims of cardiac arrest.

**Risks for the Victim**
In adults and children who are NOT in cardiac arrest, how often does provision of chest compressions from lay rescuers lead to harm (eg, rib fracture)?

**Consensus on Science**
There are no data to suggest that the performance of CPR by bystanders leads to more complications than CPR performed by professional rescuers. One LOE 4 study documented no difference in the incidence of injuries on chest radiograph for arrest victims with and without bystander CPR. One LOE 5 study documented a higher rate of complications among inpatient arrest victims treated by less-experienced (non-ICU) rescuers. Four LOE 5 study documents bystander CPR-related injuries in individual cases. Only 1 of these patients was a patient who was not in cardiac arrest.

Two LOE 4 studies reported that serious complications among nonarrest patients receiving dispatch-assisted bystander CPR occurred infrequently. Of 247 nonarrest patients with complete follow-up who received chest compressions from a bystander, 12% experienced discomfort; only 5 (2%) suffered a fracture; and no patients suffered visceral organ injury.

**Treatment Recommendation**
In individuals with presumed cardiac arrest, bystander CPR rarely leads to serious harm in victims who are eventually found not to be in cardiac arrest; and therefore, bystander CPR should be assertively encouraged.

**2005 Topics Not Reviewed in 2010**
The following topics were included in 2005, but not in this document: devices for airway positioning, duty cycle, CPR in prone position, leg-foot chest compressions, mouth-to-nose ventilation, mouth-to-tracheal stoma ventilation, recovery position, airway opening, CPR for drowning victim in water, removing drowning victim from water, and improving EMS response interval. The reader is referred to the 2005 publication for the reviews.

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**BLS BLS-003A** In adult and pediatric patients with presumed cardiac arrest (prehospital or in-hospital) (P), are there any factors (e.g. on clinical exam) (I) as opposed to standard care (C), that increase the likelihood of diagnosing cardiac arrest (as opposed to non-arrest conditions (eg post-seizure, hypoglycemia, intoxication) (O))?    
Differentiation of cardiac arrest from other causes of unresponsiveness    
Koenraad Monsieurs http://circ.ahajournals.org/site/C2010/BLS-003A.pdf

**BLS BLS-003B** In adult and pediatric patients with presumed cardiac arrest (prehospital or in-hospital) (P), are there any factors (e.g. on clinical exam) (I) as opposed to standard care (C), that increase the likelihood of diagnosing cardiac arrest (as opposed to non-arrest conditions (eg post-seizure, hypoglycemia, intoxication) (O))?    
Differentiation of cardiac arrest from other causes of unresponsiveness    
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**BLS BLS-004B** In adult and pediatric patients with out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (including residential settings) (P), does implementation of a public access AED program (I) as opposed to traditional EMS response (C), improve successful outcomes (O) (eg. ROSC, survival)?    
Public access AED programs    
E. Brooke Lerner http://circ.ahajournals.org/site/C2010/BLS-004B.pdf

**BLS BLS-006A** In adult and pediatric patients with cardiac arrest (out-of-hospital and in-hospital) (P), does any specific compression depth (I) as opposed to standard care (ie. depth specified in treatment algorithm) (C), improve outcome (O) (eg. ROSC, survival)?    
Compression depth    
Ahamed H. Idris http://circ.ahajournals.org/site/C2010/BLS-006A.pdf

**BLS BLS-006B** In adult and pediatric patients with cardiac arrest (out-of-hospital and in-hospital) (P), does any specific compression depth (I) as opposed to standard care (ie. depth specified in treatment algorithm) (C), improve outcome (O) (eg. ROSC, survival)?    
Compression depth    
Koenraad Monsieurs http://circ.ahajournals.org/site/C2010/BLS-006B.pdf

**BLS BLS-007B** In adult and pediatric patients with cardiac arrest (out-of-hospital and in-hospital) and suspected major injury (P), does any different strategy regarding positioning (eg. leiming the victim in the position they are found) (I) as opposed to standard care (ie. positioning the victim on his or her back) (C), improve outcome (O) (eg. ROSC, survival)?    
Positioning of victim with traumatic cardiac arrest    
Keichi Tanaka http://circ.ahajournals.org/site/C2010/BLS-007B.pdf

**BLS BLS-008B** In adult and pediatric patients with cardiac arrest (out-of-hospital and in-hospital) (P), does the interruption of CPR to check circulation (I) as opposed to no interruption of CPR (C), improve outcome (O) (eg. ROSC, survival)?    
Pulse check (risk benefit interruption of CPR)    
Peter Fenici, Ian Jacobs, Andrea Scapigliati http://circ.ahajournals.org/site/C2010/BLS-008B.pdf

**BLS BLS-009A** In adult and pediatric patients with cardiac arrest (out-of-hospital and in-hospital) and receiving chest compression only CPR (P), does the addition of any passive ventilation technique (eg positioning the body, opening the airway, passive oxygen administration) (I) as opposed to no addition (C), improve outcome (O) (eg. ROSC, survival)?    
Passive ventilation techniques    
Douglas Kupas http://circ.ahajournals.org/site/C2010/BLS-009A.pdf

**BLS BLS-010A** In adult and pediatric patients with cardiac arrest (out-of-hospital and in-hospital) (P), does the provision of dispatch CPR instructions (I) as opposed to no instructions (C), improve outcome (O) (eg. ROSC, survival)?    
Dispatch CPR instructions    
James V. Dunford http://circ.ahajournals.org/site/C2010/BLS-010A.pdf

**BLS BLS-010B** In adult and pediatric patients with cardiac arrest (out-of-hospital and in-hospital) (P), does the provision of dispatch CPR instructions (I) as opposed to no instructions (C), improve outcome (O) (eg. ROSC, survival)?    
Dispatch CPR instructions    
Misael Castrén http://circ.ahajournals.org/site/C2010/BLS-010B.pdf

**BLS BLS-011A** In adult and pediatric patients with cardiac arrest (out-of-hospital and in-hospital) (P), does the provision of airway maneuvers by bystanders (I) as opposed to no such maneuvers (C), improve outcome (O) (eg. ROSC, survival)?    
Airway maneuvers in bystander CPR    
Robert A. Swor http://circ.ahajournals.org/site/C2010/BLS-011A.pdf

**BLS BLS-011B** In adult and pediatric patients with cardiac arrest (out-of-hospital and in-hospital) (P), does the provision of airway maneuvers by bystanders (I) as opposed to no such maneuvers (C), improve outcome (O) (eg. ROSC, survival)?    
Airway maneuvers in bystander CPR    
Sung Phil Chung http://circ.ahajournals.org/site/C2010/BLS-011B.pdf

**BLS BLS-013A** In adult and pediatric patients with foreign body airway obstruction (out-of-hospital and in-hospital) (P), does the provision of abdominal thrusts, and/or back steps, and/or chest thrusts, compared with no action (C), improve outcome (O) (eg. clearance of obstruction, ROSC, survival)?    
Choking treatment    

**BLS BLS-014B** What is the incidence, prevalence, etiology of cardiopulmonary arrest in-hospital and out-of-hospital?    
Incidence and etiology cardiac arrest    
Jocelyn Berdowski http://circ.ahajournals.org/site/C2010/BLS-014B.pdf

**BLS BLS-017A** In adult and pediatric patients in cardiac arrest (prehospital [IHCA], in-hospital [IHCA]) (P), does the use of alternative methods of manual CPR (eg. cough CPR, precordial thump, fist-pacing) (I) compared with standard CPR (C), improve any outcomes (eg. ROSC, survival) (O)?    
Alternative methods of CPR    
Tom P. Auderheide http://circ.ahajournals.org/site/C2010/BLS-017A.pdf

**BLS BLS-017B** In adult and pediatric patients in cardiac arrest (prehospital [IHCA], in-hospital [IHCA]) (P), does the use of alternative methods of manual CPR (eg. cough CPR, precordial thump, fist-pacing) (I) compared with standard CPR (C), improve any outcomes (eg. ROSC, survival) (O)?    
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**BLS BLS-017C** In adult cardiac arrest (prehospital [IHCA], in-hospital [IHCA]) (P), does the use of alternative methods of manual CPR (eg. cough CPR, precordial thump, fist-pacing) (I) compared with standard CPR (C), improve any outcomes (eg. ROSC, survival) (O)?    
Alternative methods of CPR    
Peter Kohl, Tommaso Pelletti http://circ.ahajournals.org/site/C2010/BLS-017C.pdf

**BLS BLS-020A** In adult and pediatric patients in cardiac arrest (prehospital [IHCA], in-hospital [IHCA]) (P), does the use of feedback regarding the mechanics of CPR quality (e.g. rate and depth of compressions and/or ventilations) (I) compared with no feedback (C), improve any outcomes (eg. ROSC, survival) (O)?    
Feedback for CPR quality    
Diana Cave http://circ.ahajournals.org/site/C2010/BLS-020A.pdf

**BLS BLS-020B** In adult and pediatric patients in cardiac arrest (prehospital [IHCA], in-hospital [IHCA]) (P), does the use of feedback regarding the mechanics of CPR quality (e.g. rate and depth of compressions and/or ventilations) (I) compared with no feedback (C), improve any outcomes (eg. ROSC, survival) (O)?    
Feedback for CPR quality    
Peter T. Morley http://circ.ahajournals.org/site/C2010/BLS-020B.pdf

**BLS BLS-022A** In adult and pediatric patients with cardiac arrest (prehospital or in-hospital) (P), does the minimization of hands off time after defibrillation for rhythm check (I) as opposed to standard care (according to treatment algorithm) (C), improve outcome (O) (eg. ROSC, survival)?    
Rhythm check (risk benefit interruption of CPR)    
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