

# Cardio Pulmonary Cerebral Resuscitation-Updated Overview 2022

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## ABSTRACT

CPR, or cardiopulmonary resuscitation, is a fundamental skill that is required of all medical, nursing, and allied health professionals. The need of the hour is for people working in medical science to constantly update their knowledge and skills because medical science is constantly and rapidly changing. The review of this article mainly concentrates on both out-of-hospital and in-hospital cardiac arrests as well as the obstacles encountered by medical rescue personnel in our country. It seeks to explain and explore the principles of resuscitation and perfect an opted guidelines for present scenario.

## Keywords

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## Introduction

The past and present decades most common cause of death worldwide is cardiac arrest, also known as sudden cardiac death. In the United States alone, around 3.5 lakhs patients scramble cardiac arrest each and every year. It has been increasing drastically beyond the expectation in USA as well as developing countries. About 6K-7K peoples were die each year in India due to cardiac arrest, with 85% of the particular deaths occurring outside of hospitals<sup>1,2</sup>. Only one in ten people forced to the hospital, and others casualty were dies on the spot or before reaching to the emergency medical services and multispeciality hospitals. So, the Sudden cardiac arrest fatality can be reduced by up to 50-60% with proper emergency care, on-site resuscitation, prompt referral, with equipped BLS and ongoing assessment and care.

## History

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) acknowledges precise to Dr. Peter Safar, an Austrian-American anesthesiologist of Czech descent. Dr. Peter & James Elam, they are planned the initial steps about CPR is easy-to-remember A-B-C steps, with A representing airway, B exhibiting the breathing, and C representing chest compressions. An experiment on paralyzed volunteers were demonstrated this through a series of this study.<sup>3</sup> This A-B-C system for CPR training was later adopted by the American Heart Association (AHA), which accept and intended to established standards guidelines at CPR in 1973.<sup>4</sup> By the 1980s, automated external defibrillators (AEDs) has been introduced added a standard format and a D for defibrillator had included in the ABC resuscitation. Dr Peter wrote the book "ABC on Resuscitation" in 1957. Most of the world's resuscitation councils are represented by the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR), represented in the year of 1992. To consistently review and update these guidelines, it collects, deliberation, and debates the scientific evidence generated. The Indian Resuscitation Council (IRC), an initiated, accepted and adopted this guideline Indian Association of Anesthesiologists (ISA), has set its inventor on advancing the correct and accurate training and edu-

cation of patients in resuscitation. The residents and therapeutic professionals.<sup>6</sup> In 2020, ILCOR were following these guidelines in 192 countries around the world through its Associate Member Council.

## Resuscitation

Rescue breathing and chest compressions were included in CPR. Chest compressions keep oxygen-high blood flowing until the person's cardiac function and breathing are re-established. The manual delivers of rescue breathing to promote oxygen to the person's lungs. The entire algorithmic resuscitation procedure is commonly referred to as "Basic life support." BLS & ACLS two distinct and ongoing forms of life support, are frequently narrated. ACLS involves resuscitation by skilled personnel frequently with latest medical aid, whereas basic life support involves resuscitation at the scene without any latest aids, gadgets, or medicines by very minimally trained personnel. Both are AHA-patented courses that are followed worldwide with only minor tweaks or endorsements from the respective resuscitation councils. In India, the terms for BLS and ACLS, which were both created and endorsed by the IRC, are basic cardiopulmonary life support (BLS) and comprehensive cardiovascular life support (CCLS).

## Cardiac arrest means?

The sudden cessation of heart function is known as cardiac arrest. Electrical impulses in the heart that are too fast or too messed usually cause it to end abruptly. Myocardial infarction is the main cause of cardiac arrest. The terms "cardiac arrest," which is caused by disruption of electrical impulses, and "heart attack," which is lack of blood supply to the heart, are frequently misunderstood by laypeople. As a result, the distinction between the two must be made abundantly clear during training. Notably, lack of blood supply to heart origin is the leading cause of cardiac arrest.

The current American Heart Association (AHA) updated guidelines is an interesting to note that the has removed the requirement for lay rescuers to perform a mandatory pulse check in order to determine cardiac arrest and instead advises them to initiate CPR is required in all cases of suspected sudden cardiac arrest when a person collapses suddenly, either he/she is not breathing at all or breathing abnormally. This indicates that the person is in the sudden cardiac arrest. Gasping breathing are examples of abnormal

breathing. Despite the fact that lay rescuers are unable to accurately determine whether a victim has a pulse, Recent information recommends that the chance of injury to a victim who receives chest compressions when they are not in cardiac arrest is extremely minimal.<sup>7</sup> A victim with no pulse who is not administrated cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) has a remarkably higher risk of dying than any unintended damage from improper chest compressions. The IRC strategies, on the other hand, have always proposed that lay rescuers begin CPR when a person becomes suddenly unresponsive with irregular breathing or without any breathing efforts. This is a noticeable improvement because, prior to the year 2020, laypeople were always needed to check for the carotid pulse for no more than 10 seconds to determine cardiac arrest.<sup>7</sup> The capacity to recognize cardiac arrest and initiate resuscitation at the scene. The most essential link in the survival chain in all IRC guidelines for laypeople suffering cardiac arrest outside of hospitals.<sup>2</sup> In fact, even if one of the connectivity fails, the chances of survival decline by 10%. **Figure 1** displays the survival chains for both out-of-hospital and in-hospital cardiac arrest, according to the AHA. The focus of continuous CPR is clearly on the victim's immediate recognition and early transfer.

For lay rescuers trying to respond to the out-of-hospital cardiac arrests, the COLS practice guidelines all suggest early rapid recognition, early CPR, and early transfer. Airway, breathing, and circulation (ABC) was the order of resuscitation in traditional CPR, but Circulation, Airway, and Breathing (CAB) has recently taken its place.<sup>8</sup> Similarly, the American Heart Association (AHA) believes that compression-only CPR is just as suitable as full CPR.<sup>9</sup> Compression-only CPR is relatively simple and can be performed successfully by a layperson or lay rescuer. In reality, one would not even require official CPR training to properly understand how it is undertaken. COLS is a modified and standardized Indian form of hands-only CPR that is suggested & supported by the AHA.

The COLS sequence uses by determining the identity of the victim and the safety of the scene. If a person collapses suddenly, becomes unresponsive with ambiguous or no breathing, and does not respond to any kind of stimuli, a lay rescuer should immediately begin delivering chest compressions after notifying to the emergency medical response team or calling up for assistance. This is illustrated by a step-by-step tech-



Figure : 1

nique for a single rescuer and two rescuers. The COLS protocol for non-medical CPR for out-of-hospital cardiac arrest is portrayed in **Figure 2**.<sup>3</sup>



Figure 2

During CPR, both hands should be compressed in a deliberate rhythm on the bottom half of the sternum, typically 2 finger breadths above the xiphisternum, or centre of the chest. While performing chest compressions, the rescuer's palms should be interlocked, and the heel of the powerful (dominant) hand's palm should be used to initiate the chest compressions. During compression, keep the elbows locked and straight. He or she should count to 101, 102, 103, and so on, loudly to maintain the same rate and intensity of chest compressions. Chest compressions should be done at a speed and intensity of 120 compressions per minute and at a depth of at least 5 cm, but no more than 2.5 inches. The rescuer might also allow the victim's chest to fully recoil between compressions without lifting his hands from the victim's chest or leaning on the victim's chest. There should be as slight interruptions as possible during chest compressions. If the rescuer is alone, the chest compression should be completed five times for a total of 30 compressions. As there are many rescuers, they should keep switch-

ing roles and responsibilities every five cycles until signs of spontaneous circulation return or medical assistance comes. When two rescuers are present, the second provider encourages to administer high quality CPR, first to press hard and promptly. **Figure:3** In order to improve neurological status results and survival chances, COLS seeks to deliver continuous, uninterrupted chest compressions.<sup>10</sup>

High-quality CPR consists of the following:

- 1) To ensure that at least 100 chest compressions are done fast and forcefully at a rate of 120 per minute.
- 2) To ensure deep enough chest compressions (at least 6 millimeters deep).
- 3) Allowing complete chest recoil between compressions and trying to minimise interruption during compressions. CPR should be aborted once the patient exhibits indication of returning to spontaneous circulation, such as becoming consciously aware and acknowledging instructions, begin to breathe on their own, or relocating all of their limbs.

CPR should not be performed if the venue of the incident is unsafe, such as on a highway with big vehicles, at the scene of a fire, or other similar locations. In such cases, CPR should be performed once the person has been shifted to a safe location. CPR is not performed if there are apparent indicators of death, such as rigor mortis. For laypeople who watch an adult suddenly collapse, compression-only CPR or hands-only CPR is the ideal method. When the victim collapses in front of the rescuer during a witnessed cardiac arrest, CPR is most effective. CPR is delivered in such

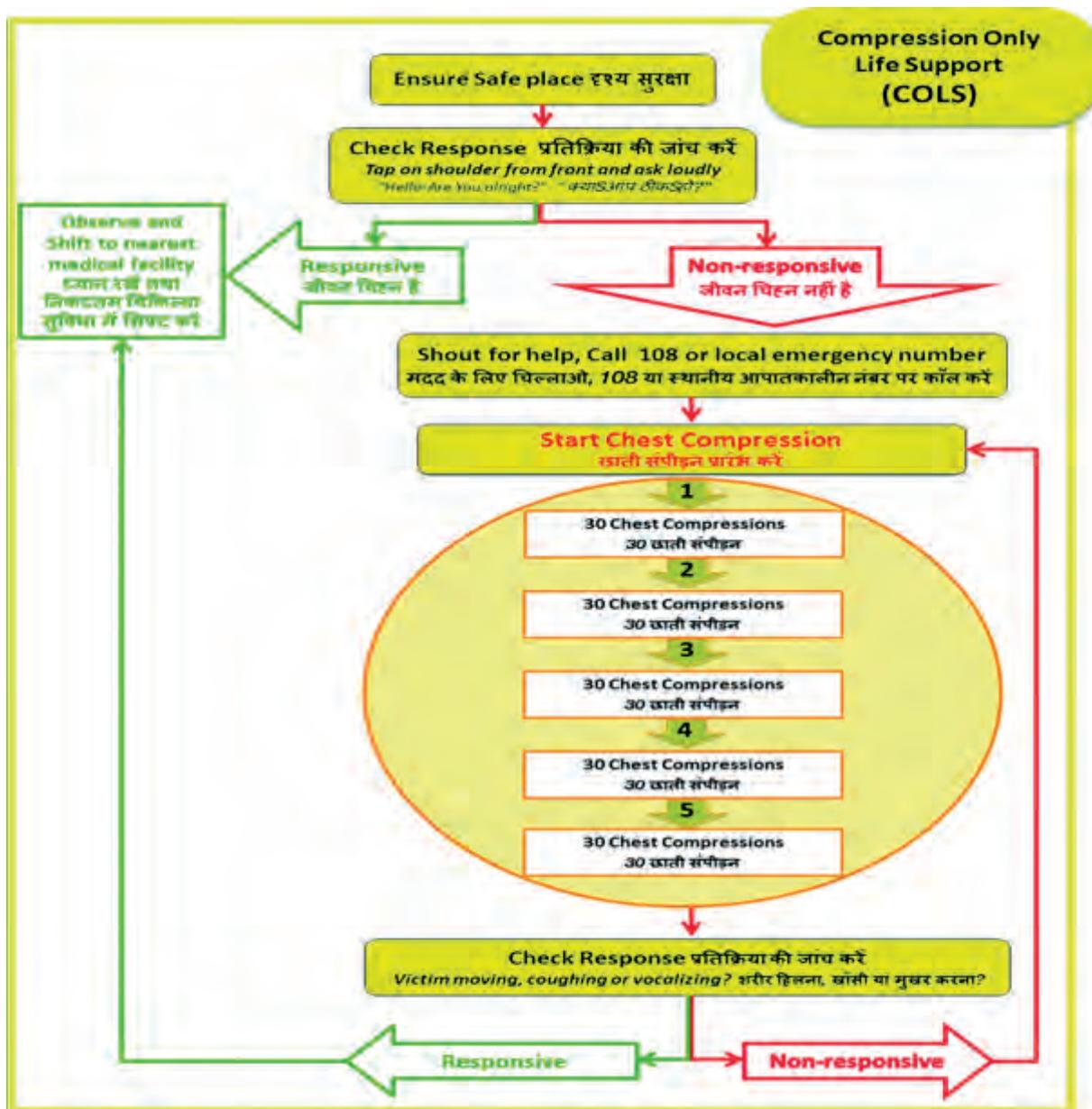


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instances until help comes and the patient is brought to a hospital<sub>2</sub>.

Because India is such a densely populated country, it is particularly desired to have rules generated throughout that are suited to the confined facilities available. When the victim's identity is unclear, mouth-to-mouth breathing is generally avoided for resuscitation. CPR training is invisible to the significantly majority of Indians. Because of this restraint and the benefits of compression-only CPR, the COLS algorithm has been proposed for lay personnel.<sub>2</sub> The IRC guidelines also include a focused algorithm for medical professionals who deliver basic life support in scenarios of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest.<sub>11</sub> When allied health care professionals or trained paramedical employees arrive on the scene, they should utilize

the BCLS algorithm for CPR for cardiac arrest victims outside of hospitals.<sub>11</sub> It is fairly comparable to the AHA's recommended BLS method.

As a result, the BCLS survival link chain now includes early defibrillation. However, COLS alone would be sufficient for instructing the vast majority of the general target population because the rapid and timely availability of an AED at the site is still highly controversial in our nation. **Figure:4**

Additionally, two recovery breaths can be used for every thirty chest compressions. After the chest compression has starts, rescue breaths must be delivered mouth-to-mouth ventilation, mouth-to-mask, or via a bag-mask-valve (BMV) equipment. Following the head tilt-chin lift method and Jaw thrust maneuvers, a breath should be given over the course of one sec-



Figure : 4

ond, with the jaw thrust being the only preference for suspected spinal cord injuries. Since this technique is only implied to be used by healthcare professionals, mouth-to-mask or rescue breathing with the BMV device is recommended, with the correct holding of the mask over the nose and mouth using the C-E clamp technique. **Figure:5**



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The BCLS algorithm is illustrated in **Figure 6**. In BCLS, the rescuer simultaneously checks for breathing and a pulse. The pulse in either carotid should be examined for no more than 10 seconds. During this time, he should also keep an eye on the chest for breathing movements. A cardiac arrest is indicated by the absence of a pulse and irregular breathing, such as gasping or excruciating breaths. Focusing on these assessments, the accompanying are three potential clinical scenarios:

1. Normal breathing with carotid pulse present:

The suspect is placed in the recovery position and his situation is checked by every 2 minutes or less. He should be managed in accordance with established appropriate the stated in the algorithm, based on observations from repeated assessments. Following the successful completion of these steps, the rescuer should wait for the emergency medical response team to arrive before transferring the person to the most appropriate, nearby medical centre. **Figure:7**

2. No breathing or abnormal breathing with carotid pulse present:

The individual is in respiratory arrest and deserves more attention with rescue breathing. With the assistance of a BMV device, normal tidal volume breaths should be assessed over a period of 1 second, every 5 seconds at a speed of 12 breaths/min. A noticeable chest rises or heave is thought to indicate adequate ventilation. The victim should be acknowledged for pulse every 2 minutes or sooner, and the requisite actions should be taken in consistent with the algorithm. The victim should then be taken to the nearest appropriate facility quickly as possible.

3. Abnormal or no breathing without a definite carotid pulse noted:

The affected person is in cardiac arrest and requires high-quality CPR with 30:2 chest compression and rescue breaths. The chest compression technique is exactly equivalent to that described above for COLS. If there is more than one responder, the rescuer performing chest compressions and the one delivering rescue breaths must switch roles and interchange every five sets of CPR (five cycles of 30 chest compressions and 2 breaths) in order to provide effective chest compressions and avoid fatigue. Following the conclusion, the of the five sets of CPR, the victim should be evaluated by monitoring his or her pulse. During this process, you may encounter the following situations:

I. Pulse Present: Confirm that breath becomes present. If not present, take a breath every 5 seconds and evaluate in 2 minutes. Re-evaluate the victim every two minutes if there is breath present, up until the victim is transferred to the nearest medical facility.

II. Pulse Absent: Perform another five rounds of CPR while rechecking the carotid pulse. Obviously, it depends on whether the pulse is present or not, repeat the procedure. If an AED or defibrillator is available, it is advised to undertake rhythm analysis rather than a pulse check after five rounds of CPR until the spontaneous circulation has been restored.

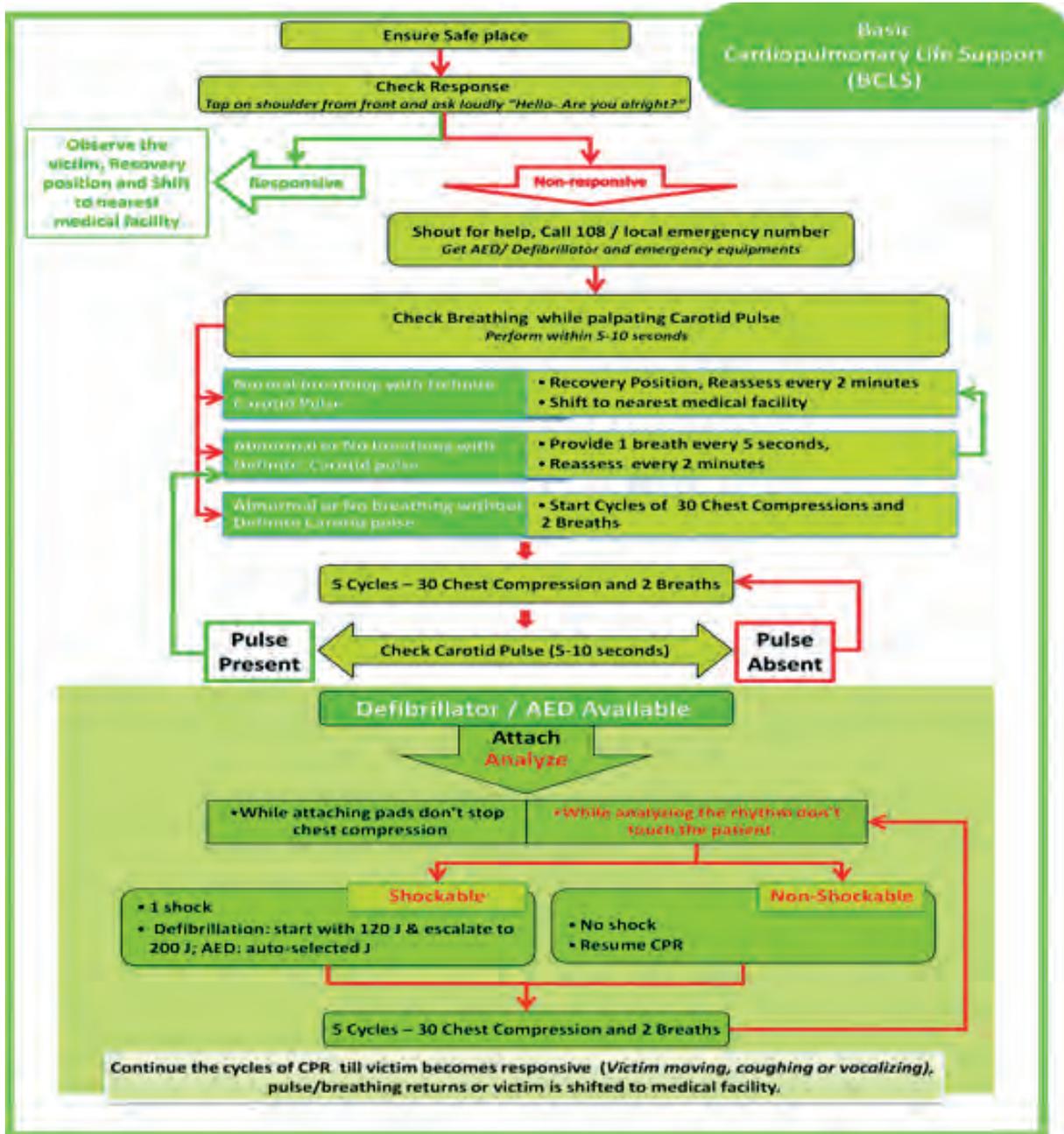


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Figure 7

### Early defibrillation

Defibrillation needs to be performed as soon as possible, especially if sudden cardiac arrest has been established. An expert rescuer should use an AED or

manual defibrillator to produce handle the defibrillation shock. Defibrillation should begin as soon as the medical team delivers the AED if one is unreachable. High-quality CPR should continue till then. Regard-

less of the CPR cycle's state, the first shock should be given as soon as possible. After that, depending on the rhythm displayed on the defibrillator monitor, the defibrillation should be continued if absolutely required.

### Automated external defibrillator (AED)

If an AED is available and can be retrieved, it should be used right away.

1. Turn on the AED
2. now. Follow the instructions spoken
3. The chest compressions should continue uninterrupted as you attach the AED pads.
4. The need for an electric shock will be determined by the AED's rhythm analysis
5. During rhythm analysis
6. avoid touching the victim. If the AED
7. prompts you, administer an electric shock. After administering the shock, resume CPR, beginning with chest compressions. **Figure:8**



Figure : 8

Defibrillator The following are the steps for using a manual defibrillator:

- 1) Turn on the defibrillator;
- 2) Connect the defibrillator's electrocardiogram (ECG) leads or keep the paddles on the chest (one at the apex of the heart on the left side, the other below the clavicle, on the right side, along the mid-clavicular line).
- 3) Perform CPR while the lead is attached;
- 4) Examine the rhythm. During the rhythm analysis, do not touch the victim.
- 5) Charge the defibrillator with 200 J if the rhythm is shockable (ventricular fibrillation or pulseless ventricular tachycardia). Keep doing chest compressions while charging. Make sure that no part of the rescuer's body touches the victim or his or her bed before administering the shock. Start CPR with chest compressions after the shock is given.
- 6) Continue CPR if the rhythm is non-shockable (asystole and pulseless electrical activity; PEA).

Depending on whether the defibrillator is monophasic or biphasic, the shock energy should be 200 J or 360 J. If the defibrillator's monophasic or biphasic essence is uncertain, the maximum shock energy that can be delivered should be chosen. **Figure:9**

### Recovery position

If transient circulation and normal breathing resume, the individual should be placed in the left- or right-lateral recovery position until help arrives. This

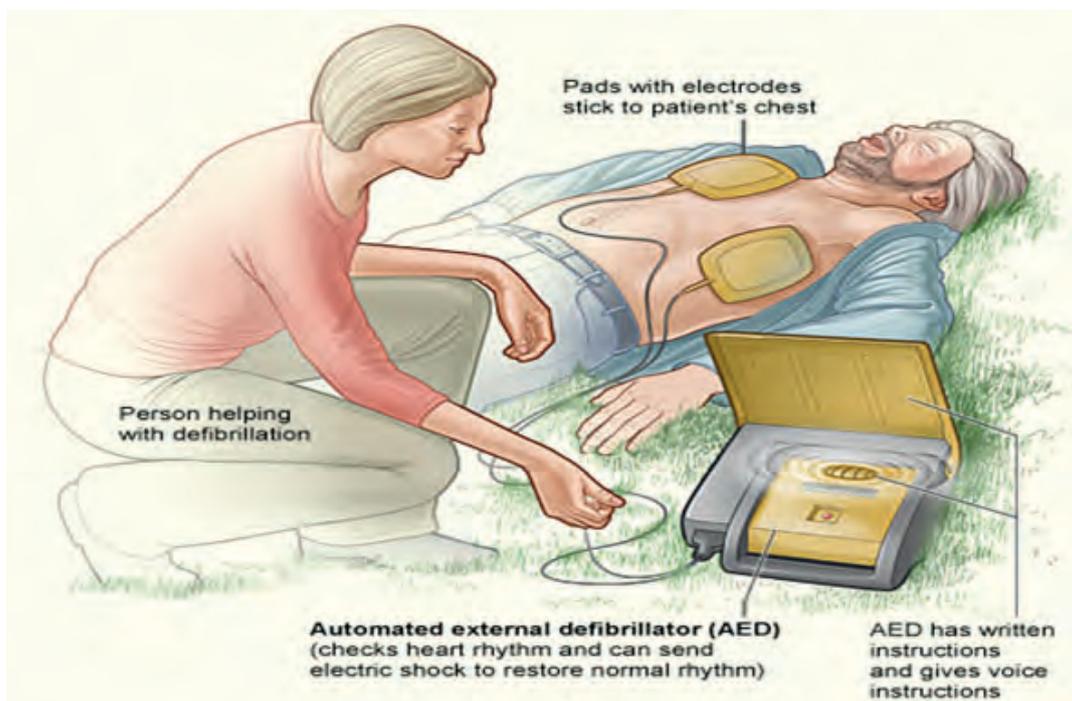


Figure 9

expanding airway patency and allows for the drainage of oral secretions. Every two minutes, or earlier if required, he or she should be re-evaluated.

## Transfer

The victim should be transferred as soon as feasible to the adjacent appropriate organization since they require decisive advanced medical care as well as monitoring of the underlying cause of the cardiac arrest. The algorithm's establishment of a defibrillator is unique and adapted to the Indian environment, where AEDs are exceptionally rare.

## COLS/ACLS

A meticulous strategies are required for the best possible outcome in the hospital management of a patient who has suffered a cardiopulmonary arrest. The AHA's ACLS algorithm, shown below, is nearly equivalent to the CCLS algorithm, which is a simpler algorithm-based method for cardiac arrest victims inside the hospital until ROSC (return of spontaneous circulation).<sup>2</sup> The person monitoring the patient collapse in the CCLS for in-hospital cardiac arrest should activate Code Blue or call the local rapid response team (RRT) in accordance with the institutional protocol. Each hospital should be given a Code Blue speed dial number, which should be prominently displayed everywhere. The Code Blue team or RRT must be formed using the duty roster, and their contact information must be made readily available. Following the authentication of Code Blue, the pulse and breathing should be monitored simultaneously. Chest movements during this time should be monitored for breathing. It takes 5 to 10 seconds to check the carotid pulse. A cardiac arrest is indicated by the absence of a carotid pulse and by abnormal breathing, such as gasping or excruciating breaths. If there is any uncertainty regarding the patient's pulse or breathing, cardiac arrest is assumed, and high-quality CPR must begin immediately. Rescue breathing and chest compressions are used, as was previously mentioned. Without regard to breathing, continuous chest compressions should be given at a pace of 120 compressions per minute, and one breath should be given every six seconds at a rate of 10 breaths per minute (there is no need to maintain a compressions-to-ventilation ratio). Similar to BCLS, two rescuers should alternate positions every two minutes to ensure high-quality CPR. Chest compressions should never be postponed if advanced airway insertion or endotracheal intubation are necessary. **Figure:10**

If the victim is carrying a cardiac monitor, defibrillator pads, or other similar devices, the rhythm should be examined on the monitor rather than by taking the victim's pulse. A pulse check may still be required in some circumstances, such as to confirm a regular rhythm without a pulse (Pulseless Electrical Activity) and to distinguish between Ventricular Tachycardia with and without a pulse. Defibrillation needs to be given as quickly as feasible when a patient has a sudden cardiac arrest that is seen. **Figure:11**

Having access to the venous system If breathing and chest compressions persist, venous access must be obtained quickly. The peripheral vein is the most typical route. Intra-osseous access was one of the most favoured choices when IV access was unavailable.<sup>7</sup> If the patient is already intubated, the current recommendations still advocate the endotracheal approach. Airway administration If the appropriate skill is available, a definitive airway can be provided via an endotracheal tube. The intravenous dose should be 2-2.5 times higher than the intratracheal dose, which should be diluted to 10 mL. Supraglottic airway devices (SADs) should be used if endotracheal intubation doesn't seem to be a possibility.<sup>12</sup> End-tidal capnography (ETCO<sub>2</sub>) should be utilized to verify that SADs were properly positioned. However, if the BMV is at its best, chest compressions must continue without interruption, and final airway securing must be postponed until trained aid is available.

## Antiarrhythmics:

Once the vascular access is established, an adrenaline bolus (1 mg) should be given for all rhythms. Repeat this procedure every three to five minutes. The management of adrenaline should begin immediately.<sup>8</sup> The peripheral venous access must be flushed with 20 milliliters of normal saline before administering any drugs. The limb should also be raised for 10 seconds after injection to help it enter the central circulation. After three rounds of CPR, amiodarone 300 mg intravenously should be slowly delivered if arrhythmias still exist. Amiodarone 150 mg intravenously must be given if the arrhythmia persists. Lignocaine can be used as a substitute if amiodarone is unavailable or contra indicated.

## Assessment and treatment of the reversible causes

The suitable investigations should be recommended after evaluating the patient's medical history, physical assessment, and medical records for any

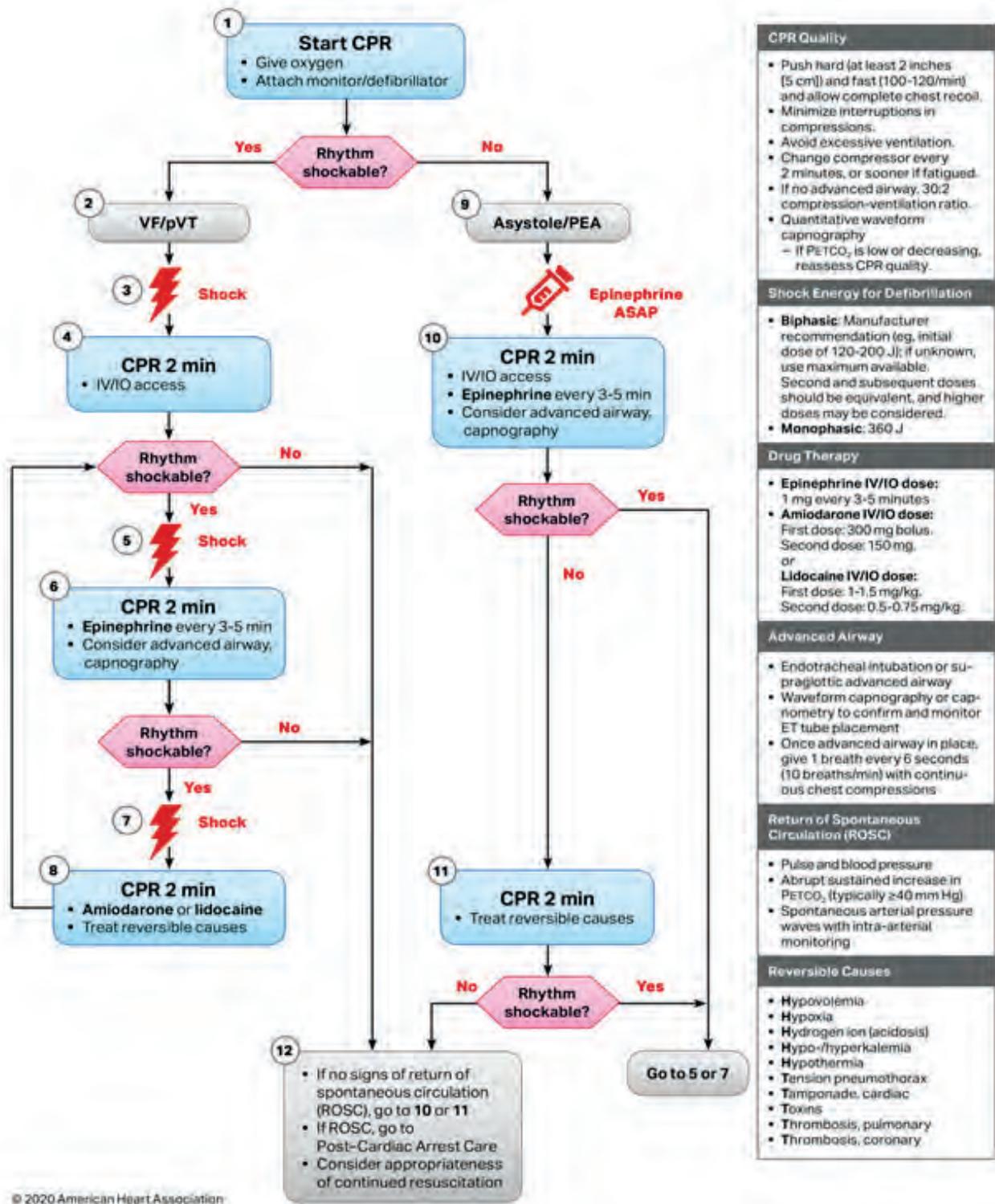


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anticipated underlying causes of the cardiac arrest. It must be highlighted, nevertheless, that throughout this process, chest compressions and other resuscitation techniques cannot be stopped. The most common reversible causes of cardiac arrest are generally 5 Hs and 5 Ts, which include myocardial infarction, hypovolemia, hypoxia, hyper- or hypokalemia, tension pneumothorax, cardiac tamponade, medication

toxicity, and pulmonary embolism. sometimes referred to as H<sup>+</sup> ion acidosis. Also referred to as H<sup>+</sup> ion acidosis. They must be addressed largely during blood testing and clinical exams. Transfer Following a successful resuscitation, the patient should be sent to a high dependency unit or a critical care unit for final advanced medical procedure and post-resuscitation care.

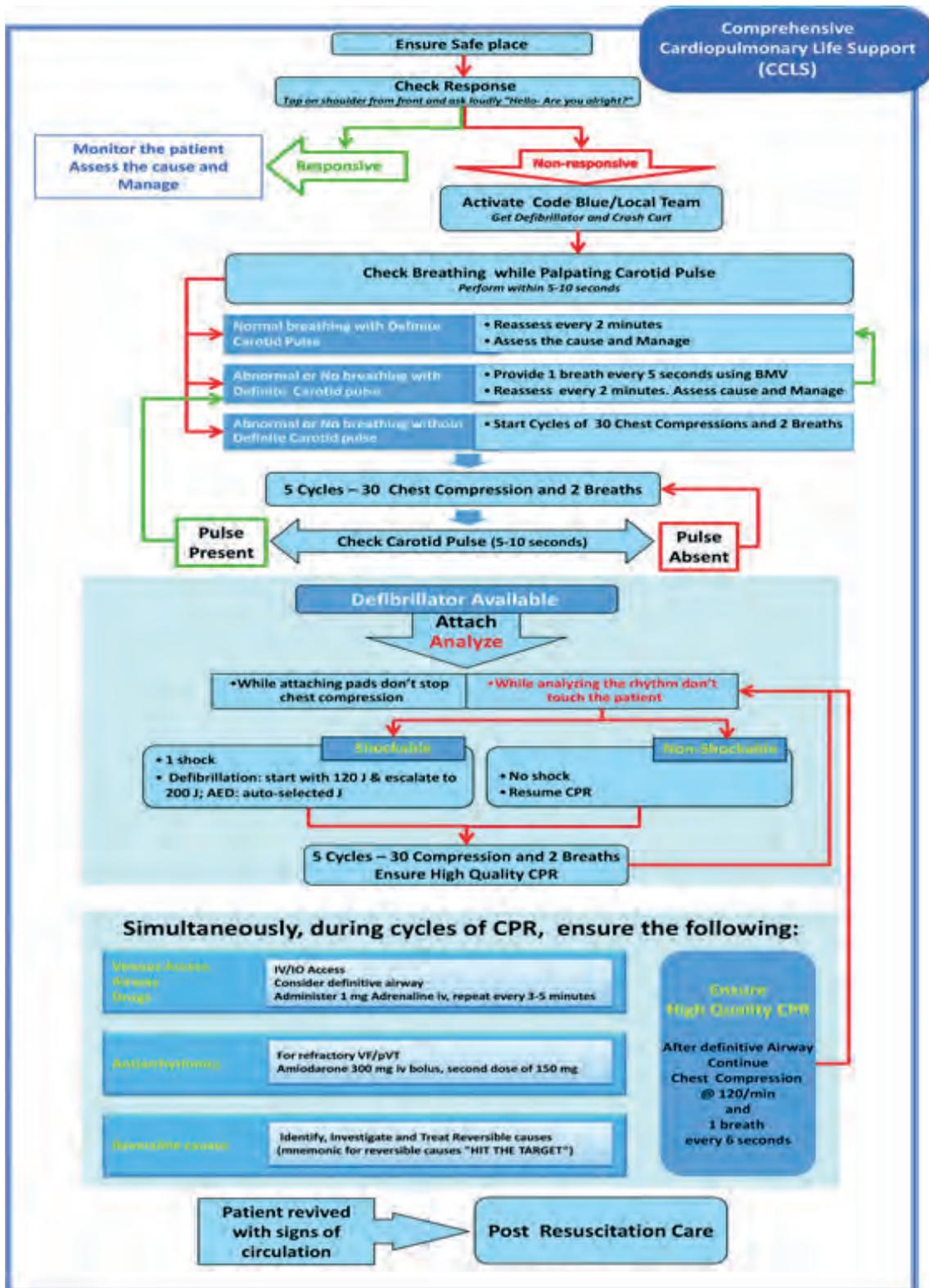


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### Care after resuscitation Following ROSC,

A distinct unit needs to provide certain patient with specialized care. Not only is it vital to ensure to oxygenation and perfusion during this period, but it's also vital to treat the cardiac arrest's recommended to investigate once more. To keep normocarbica, the fraction of inspired oxygen (FiO2) should be decreased as

quickly as feasible to values that are tolerable. Expert advice is crucial when deciding if coronary procedures are mandatory. A mean arterial pressure of greater than 65 millimetres should be maintained for optimum organ perfusion. Targeted temperature control should be utilized to keep the temperature below 36 degrees Celsius if the patient doesn't awaken after be-

ing revived. 8,12 In conclusion, both within and outside of a hospital, the care of patients who have had a cardiopulmonary arrest requires timely identification as well as high-quality resuscitation, including defibrillation whenever it is practicable to do so. If the resuscitation algorithm was followed, the overall result would be better. As of right now, compression-only CPR is advised, along with timely referral or transfer. The mortality rate can be decreased by up to 40% while still doing resuscitation if the cardiac arrest's cause is simultaneously found and treated, along with providing the necessary post-resuscitation treatment.

## Conclusion

Early identification and high-quality resuscitation, including defibrillation, if possible, are required for the care of patients with cardiopulmonary arrest both within and outside the hospital. Following increase the total resuscitation algorithms would result. For lay rescuers, current recommendations and guidelines urge compression-only CPR and prompt referral or transfer. Simultaneous detection and correction of the aetiology of the cardiac arrest, as well as adequate post-resuscitation treatment, can cut mortality by up to 40%.<sup>13</sup>

## Conflicts of Interest

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