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Cardiopulmonary resuscitation – How can we improve

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Abstract

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation was first successfully done by Dr. Peter Safar at Baltimore City Hospital (now Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center). Since the 1960's, massive educational efforts have been instituted by a variety of organizations to increase awareness and to define the essential components of basic and advanced life saving skills. Yet, survival rates remain poor for out of hospital cardiopulmonary arrests and are location dependent within hospitals. The field of medicine has advanced markedly over the past five decades, but cardiopulmonary resuscitation appears stagnant. Why? How can we improve survival from cardiopulmonary resuscitation?

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