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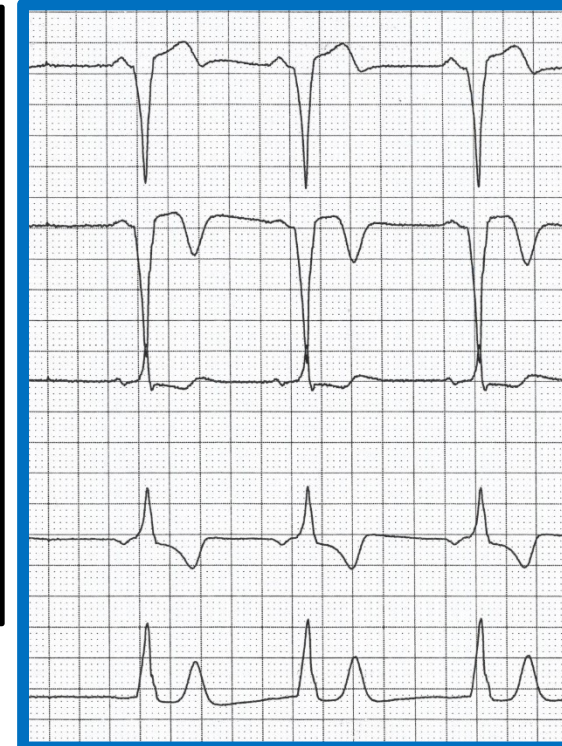
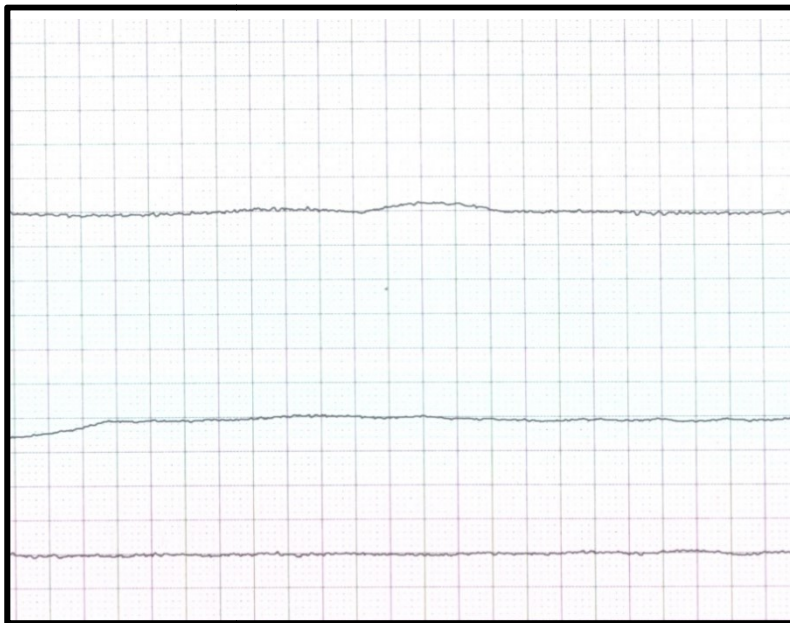
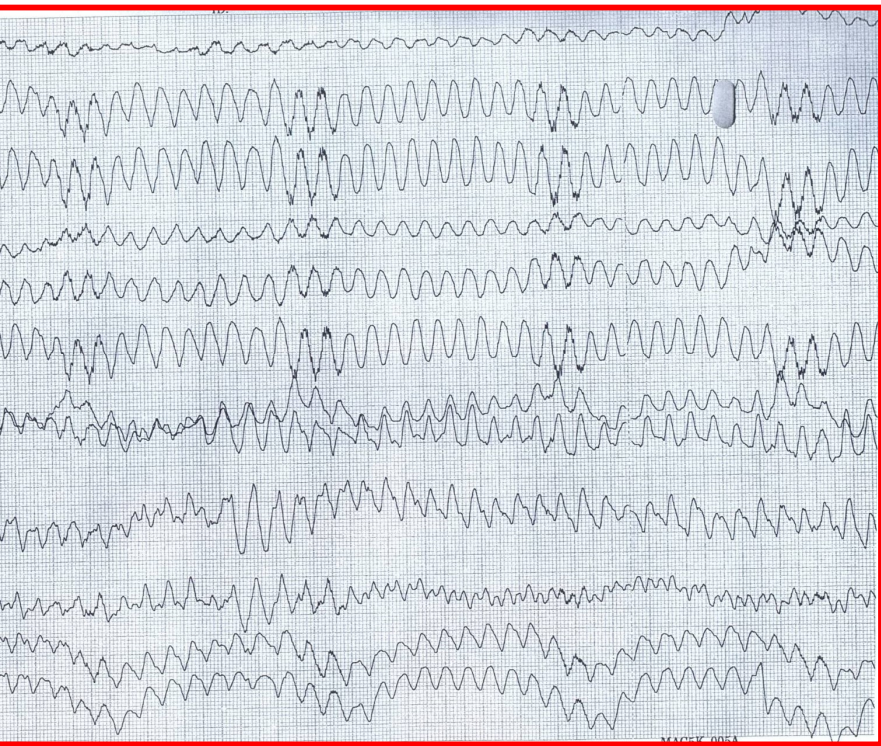
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**CARDIAC RHYTHM CONVERSIONS AND  
THE OUTCOME IN REFRACTORY OHCA.  
COMPARISON OF EXTRACORPOREAL  
VS. CONVENTIONAL CPR**

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# Shockable and Non-shockable rhythms



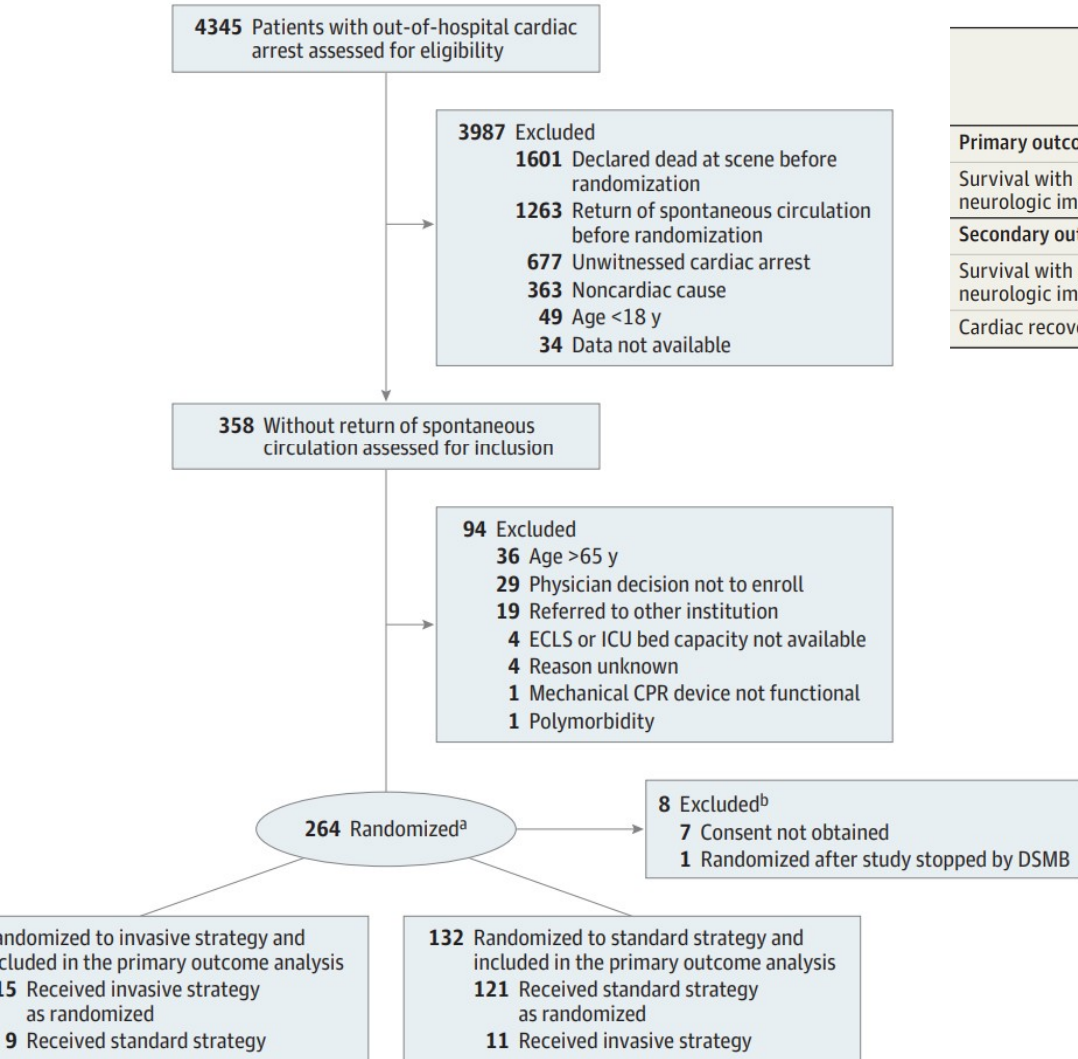
# **Introduction**

# **Outcomes and Initial Heart Rhythm**

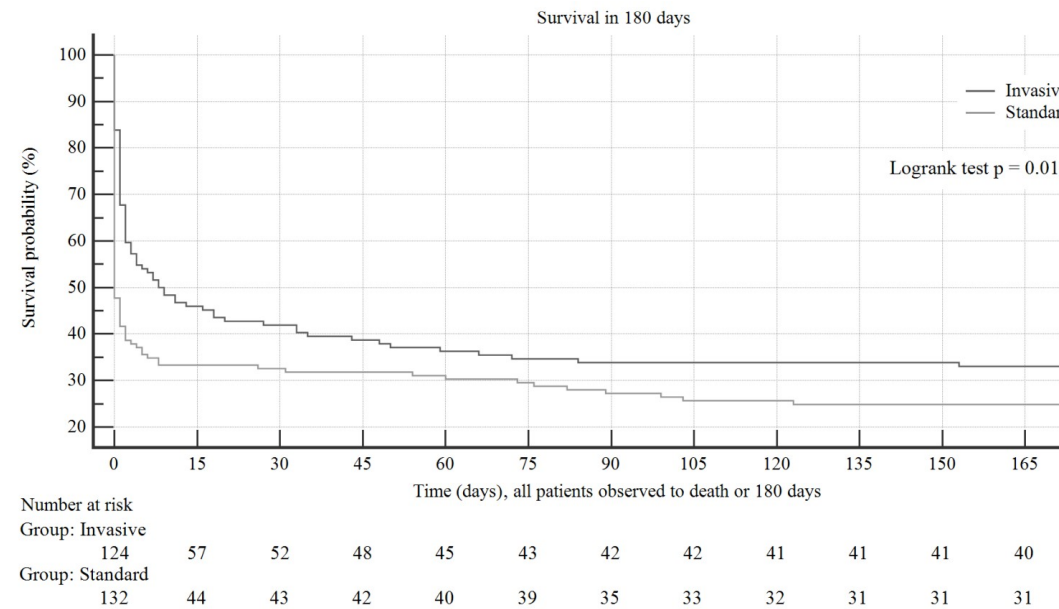
Post-hoc analysis of Prague OHCA trial

# Prague OHCA trial

## Factory Out-of-hospital Cardiac Arrest Standard vs. Invasive approach



	No. (%)		Absolute difference, % (95% CI)
	Invasive strategy (n = 124)	Standard strategy (n = 132)	
<b>Primary outcome</b>			
Survival with minimal or no neurologic impairment at 180 d <sup>a</sup>	39 (31.5)	29 (22.0)	9.5 (-1.3 to 20.1)
<b>Secondary outcomes</b>			
Survival with minimal or no neurologic impairment at 30 d <sup>a</sup>	38 (30.6)	24 (18.2)	12.4 (1.9 to 22.7)
Cardiac recovery at 30 d <sup>b</sup>	54 (43.5)	45 (34.1)	9.4 (-2.5 to 21)



## Baseline clinical and demographical data

rhythm	VF (n = 156)	PEA (n = 45)	Asystole (n = 55)	P
Age (years)	56 (45-64)	62 (54; 66)	58 (47; 69)	0.07
Gender (Male)	141 (90 %)	31 (69 %)	40 (73 %)	0.0003
Under CPR	154 (99 %)	44 (98 %)	54 (98 %)	0.89
Resuscitator assisted CPR	133 (85 %)	24 (53 %)	46 (84 %)	<0.000
Randomized to				
Standard	84 (54 %)	24 (53 %)	24 (44 %)	0.41
Resuscitative	72 (46 %)	21 (47 %)	31 (56 %)	
Duration of CPR (time to ROSC or ECLS) (min)	54 (33; 69)	50 (42; 68)	56 (37; 67)	0.62
In-hospital death	33 (21 %)	20 (44 %)	22 (40 %)	0.0015
Admission to hospital	20/33 (61 %)	12/20 (60 %)	14/22 (64 %)	0.009
Admission within 1 hour of admission	13/33 (39 %)	8/20 (40 %)	8/22 (36 %)	0.15
ICD implanted	57 (37 %)	17 (38 %)	18 (33 %)	0.85
Laboratory values on admission				
Glucose (mmol/L)	7.00 (6.87-7.17)	6.85 (6.75; 6.97)	6.85 (6.77; 6.99)	<0.000
Cholesterol (mmol/L)	10.7 (7.8-13.8)	13.1 (11.1; 17.0)	13.9 (8.9; 18.0)	0.001
Causes of cardiac arrest (including autopsy findings)				
Acute coronary syndrome	89 (57 %)	15 (33 %)	23 (42 %)	<0.000
Chronic coronary artery disease	29 (19 %)	1 (2 %)	2 (4 %)	
Pulmonary embolism	1 (1 %)	15 (33 %)	8 (15 %)	
Chronic heart failure	8 (5 %)	2 (4 %)	4 (7 %)	
Cardiomyopathy	7 (5 %)	1 (2 %)	1 (2 %)	
Unknown	6 (4 %)	3 (7 %)	6 (11 %)	

# Primary and secondary endpoints

Initial rhythm	INVASIVE			STANDARD / CONVENTIONAL		
	Shockable (N = 72)	Non-shockable (N = 52)	P	Shockable (N = 84)	Non-shockable (N = 48)	P
<b>Primary outcome</b>						
<b>Survival with CPC at 180 days</b>						
<b>1 or 2</b>	35 (49 %)	4 (8 %)	<0.001	28 (33 %)	1 (2 %)	<0.001
<b>≥3</b>	37 (51 %)	48 (92 %)		56 (67 %)	47 (98 %)	
<b>Secondary outcomes</b>						
<b>Cardiac recovery at 30 days</b>						
<b>Yes</b>	43 (60 %)	11 (21 %)	<0.001	41 (49 %)	4 (8 %)	<0.001
<b>No</b>	29 (40 %)	41 (79 %)		43 (51 %)	44 (92 %)	
<b>Neuro recovery at 30d days</b>						
<b>Yes</b>	34 (47 %)	4 (8 %)	<0.001	24 (29 %)	0 (0 %)	<0.001
<b>No</b>	38 (53 %)	48 (92 %)		60 (71 %)	48 (100 %)	

**Heart rhythm could change.**

## **Prognostic Impact of Heart Rhythm Conversions**

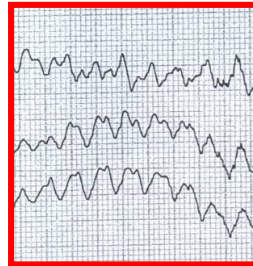
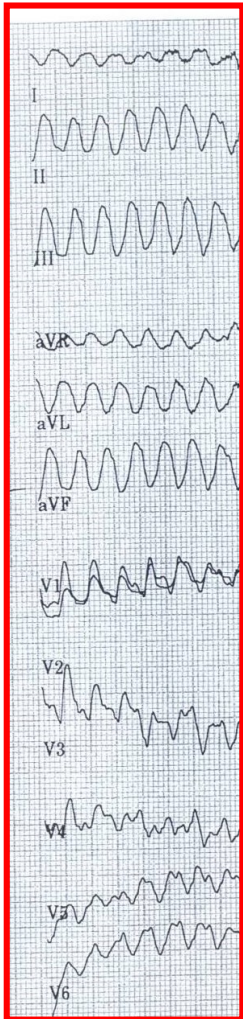
Shockable → Non-shockable

Non-shockable → Shockable

# Shockable → Non-shockable Rhythm

## Prague OHCA trial data

Ventricular fibrillation  
(n = 156)



Last rhythm VF

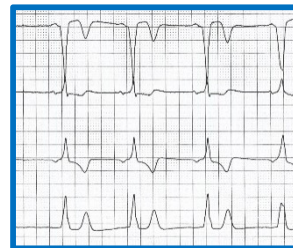
Outcome  
CPC 1,2

13/41 (32 %)



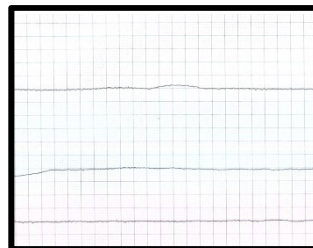
ROSC on  
admission

45/69 (65 %)



Pulseless  
electrical  
activity on  
admission

5/22 (23 %)



Asystole on  
admission

0/24 (0 %)



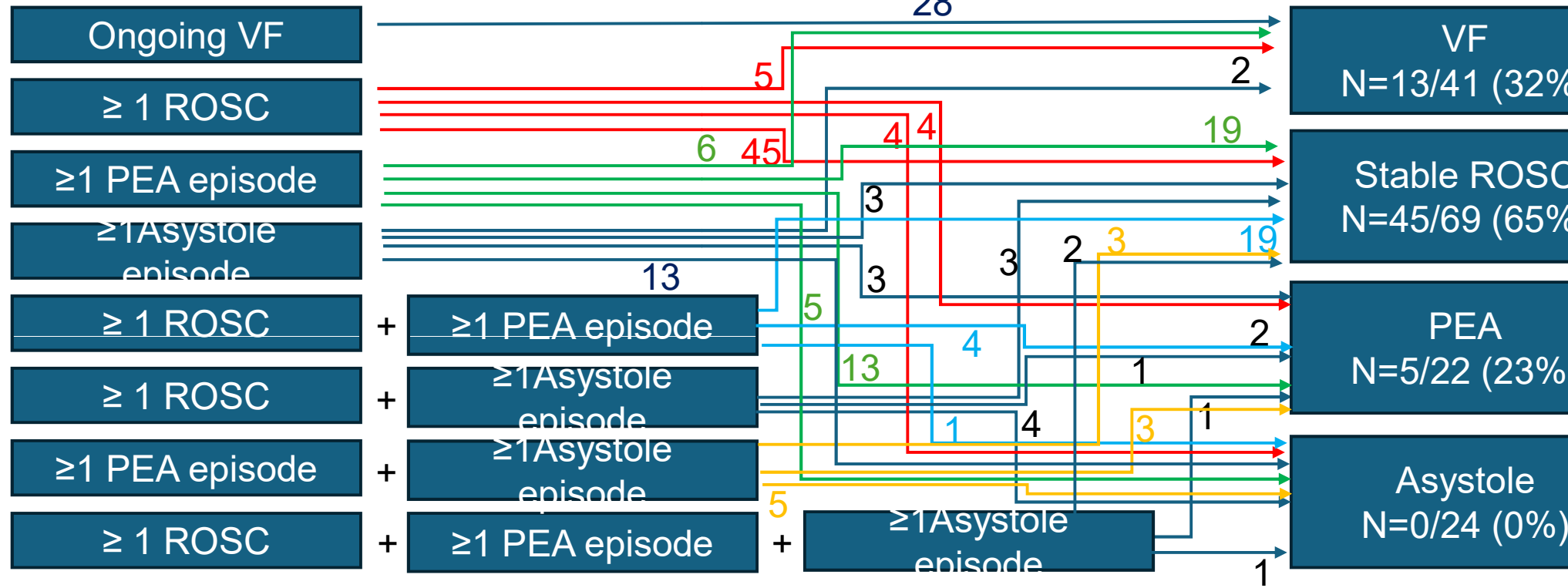
Initial rhythm

Intermittent rhythm scenario

Final Rhythm

VF  
156

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Surviving with CPC

# Shockable → Non-shockable Rhythm

The role of treatment strategy Invasive / ECPR vs. Standard / Conventional

Treatment arm	Intention to treat			As treated		
	Invasive (N = 72)	Standard (N = 84)	P	Invasive (N = 80)	Standard (N = 76)	
<b>Ongoing VF (all other rhythms excluded)</b>	7/20 (35 %)	1/8 (13 %)	0.48	8/22 (36 %)	0/6 (0 %)	0
<b>VF + ROSC anytime (non-shockable intermittent rhythms included)</b>	26/34 (76 %)	24/50 (48 %)	0.02	27/36 (75 %)	23/48 (48 %)	0
<b>VF + ROSC anytime (non-shockable intermittent rhythms excluded)</b>	18/20 (86 %)	17/29 (59 %)	0.03	19/21 (91 %)	16/28 (57 %)	0
<b>VF → last rhythm ROSC (non-shockable intermittent rhythms excluded)</b>	15/16 (94 %)	17/28 (61 %)	0.04	16/17 (94 %)	16/27 (59 %)	0
<b>VF + PEA anytime (asystole excluded)</b>	7/16 (44 %)	8/24 (33 %)	0.74	9/19 (47 %)	6/21 (29 %)	0
<b>VF + last rhythm PEA (asystole excluded)</b>	3/6 (50 %)	1/11 (9 %)	0.2	4/8 (50 %)	0/9 (0 %)	0
<b>VF + asystole anytime (PEA included)</b>	3/16 (19 %)	2/23 (9 %)	0.65	4/18 (22 %)	1/21 (5 %)	0
<b>VF + last rhythm asystole (PEA included)</b>	0/7 (0 %)	0/17 (0 %)	x	0/7 (0 %)	0/17 (0 %)	0

**CPC 1, 2 / all patients**

# Non-shockable Rhythms

## Prague OHCA trial data

Initial rhythm	PEA (n = 45)	Asystole (n = 55)	p
No rhythm change	15 (33 %)	17 (31 %)	NS
Rhythm change	30 (67 %)	38 (69 %)	
→ Intermittent Rhythm			
ROSC	11 (24 %)	4 (7 %)	0.008
Asystole*	2 (4 %)	38 (100 %)	
VF	8 (18 %)	13 (24 %)	
PEA*	30 (100 %)	2 (4 %)	
→ Last Rhythm			
ROSC	6 (13 %)	16 (29 %)	0.0002
Asystole	12 (27 %)	29 (53 %)	
VF	5 (11 %)	2 (4 %)	
PEA	23 (51 %)	8 (15 %)	

Out of all non-shockable patients, CPC 1, 2 was achieved in 5 cases.

# Non-shockable Rhythms

## Prague OHCA trial data

Patient No	1	2	3	4	5
Age (years)	35	45	66	58	68
Gender	Male	Female	Male	Male	Male
Under CPR	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Time from collapse to EMS (min)	4	Collapse after EMS arrival		10	9
Randomized to	Invasive	Invasive	Invasive	Invasive	Standard
Time of CPR	50	34	49	49	28
Initial rhythm	PEA	PEA	PEA	Asystole	Asystole
Rhythm profile	PEA →VF →PEA →ROSC	PEA →ROSC	PEA → <b>ECLS</b>	Asystole →VF →ROSC	Asystole →ROSC →BRADY →ROSC
Obtained ROSC on admission	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Time to hospital admission (min)	45	34	39	63	61
ICD implanted	No	No	Yes	No	No
Cause of cardiac arrest (including autopsy findings)	Cardiomyopathy	Pulmonary embolism	Most likely myocardial infarction	Chronic heart failure	Aortic valve stenosis

# Prognostic Role of Rhythms – Cox Regression Analyses

## Parameters available during CPR

Covariate	All patients (n = 256)			Shockable rhythms only (n = 156)		
	HR	95% CI	P	HR	95% CI	P
Age $\geq$ 65 years	1.09	0.79-1.5	0.61	1.18	0.73-1.9	0.5
Female = woman	0.92	0.64-1.34	0.68	0.38	0.16-0.88	0.02
Publicly assisted bystander CPR = yes	0.91	0.64-1.28	0.58	1.15	0.66-2.0	0.63
ROSC anytime = yes	0.39	0.28-0.53	<0.0001	0.31	0.2-0.5	<0.0001
Arrested anytime = yes	2.43	1.79-3.3	<0.0001	2.38	1.51-3.76	0.0002

## Parameters available after initial in-hospital evaluation

Covariate	All patients (n = 142)			Shockable rhythms only (n = 68)		
	HR	95% CI	P	HR	95% CI	P
Age $\geq$ 65 years	0.94	0.64-1.37	0.76	1.09	0.63-1.88	0.76
Female = woman	1.19	0.77-1.86	0.43	0.59	0.23-1.49	0.26
Publicly assisted bystander CPR = yes	0.84	0.57-1.23	0.37	0.91	0.49-1.66	0.75
Length of CPR >45 min = yes	1.85	1.11-3.08	0.02	3.9	1.9-8.0	0.0002
Acute coronary syndrome = yes	0.92	0.66-1.3	0.65	1.3	0.79-2.16	0.31
ROSC on admission = yes	0.55	0.32-0.93	0.02	0.87	0.45-1.69	0.68
Arrested on admission = yes	2.37	1.53-3.69	0.0001	3.44	1.76-6.74	0.0003

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The **post-initial rhythm profile** could more precisely identify an outcome in refractory OHCA patients.

**Deterioration of the initial shockable rhythm to asystole** has a poor prognosis, even when ECPR is readily available.

An **ECPR-based approach** seems **beneficial** in patients with **ongoing VF** and **regular electrical activity**.

An **initial non-shockable rhythm** has an inauspicious prognosis, and a conversion to a shockable rhythm does not seem to improve outcomes.

**Thank you!**