

CLINICAL "SNIPPETS"

Effect of Hypothermia Therapy After Outpatient Cardiac Arrest Due to Ventricular Fibrillation.

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Overview: The positive effect of hypothermia therapy on patients who have suffered from cardiac arrest. Salvaging patients from circulatory collapse is a pivotal task, but it is unclear whether additional hypothermia can practically contribute to an improvement in the neurological outcome.

Conclusions: Hypothermia therapy is very useful for treating patients who have had an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest; it should be induced rapidly and smoothly.