

CLINICAL "SNIPPETS"

Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest in South Asian and White populations in London: database evaluation of characteristics and outcome.

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Overview: To compare out of hospital cardiac arrest (OOHCA) characteristics in White and South Asian populations within Greater London.

Conclusions: The quality of care provided was comparable between White and South Asian populations. The data support the emerging view that South Asians' high mortality from CHD reflects higher incidence rather than higher case fatality. South Asian had OOHCA at a significantly younger age. The study demonstrates the importance of ethnic coding within the emergency services.