



AUSTRALIAN RESUSCITATION COUNCIL

GUIDELINE 1.1

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE AUSTRALIAN RESUSCITATION COUNCIL

PREAMBLE

A need for uniformity and standardisation of resuscitation techniques was expressed by participants from ambulance and community organisations at public seminars conducted by the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons from 1968-74.

In February 1976, a voluntary coordinating body known as the Australian Resuscitation Council was established.

DEFINITION OF RESUSCITATION

In this context, resuscitation is defined as the preservation or restoration of life by the establishment and/or maintenance of airway, breathing and circulation, and related emergency care.

AIMS

The aims are to:

1. foster and co-ordinate the practice and teaching of resuscitation.
2. promote uniformity and standardisation of resuscitation techniques.
3. act as a voluntary co-ordinating body.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives are to:

1. provide a forum for discussion of all aspects of resuscitation.
2. foster interest in, and promulgate information regarding resuscitation.
3. gather and collate scientific information regarding resuscitation techniques; to recommend a modification of those techniques where appropriate on the basis of such information.
4. promote simplicity and uniformity in techniques and terminology regarding resuscitation.
5. provide an advisory and resource service regarding techniques, teaching methods and teaching aids.
6. foster research into methods of teaching and practice of resuscitation.
7. encourage the development of standards for training.
8. establish regular communications with other bodies with similar objectives, both in Australia and overseas.
9. consider and advise on the means of preventing circumstances in which resuscitation may become necessary.
10. do all such acts and things as are incidental, or subsidiary to all or any of the above objectives.