ACCESS Praxis: Should All VF Cases Go to the Cath Lab?

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DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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The Twin Cities Experience in resuscitated VF/VT patients going early to the CCL

MRC data
### Early angiography and survival

![Diagram showing weighted hazard effects model of relationship between acute coronary angiography and survival after OHCA.](image)

**Fig. 2.** Weighted hazard effects model of the relationship between acute coronary angiography and survival after OHCA.
Early angiography and neurological outcomes

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<th>Study or Subgroup</th>
<th>Acute angiography Events</th>
<th>Acute angiography Total</th>
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<td>126</td>
<td>198</td>
<td>79</td>
<td>162</td>
<td>13.1%</td>
<td>1.84 [1.20, 2.81]</td>
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<td>Grasner 2011</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>154</td>
<td>57</td>
<td>430</td>
<td>13.1%</td>
<td>7.07 [4.64, 10.78]</td>
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<td>Hollenbeck 2013</td>
<td>74</td>
<td>122</td>
<td>65</td>
<td>147</td>
<td>12.5%</td>
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<td>Mooney 2011</td>
<td>61</td>
<td>101</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>39</td>
<td>9.8%</td>
<td>3.43 [1.56, 7.55]</td>
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<td>Nanjayya 2012</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>35</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>35</td>
<td>8.1%</td>
<td>1.45 [0.54, 3.89]</td>
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<td>Nielsen 2009</td>
<td>278</td>
<td>479</td>
<td>169</td>
<td>507</td>
<td>14.4%</td>
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<td>Reynolds 2009</td>
<td>33</td>
<td>63</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>33</td>
<td>9.2%</td>
<td>0.81 [0.35, 1.89]</td>
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<td>48</td>
<td>61</td>
<td>138</td>
<td>179</td>
<td>10.5%</td>
<td>1.10 [0.54, 2.22]</td>
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<td>Tomte 2011</td>
<td>75</td>
<td>145</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>29</td>
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<td>2.38 [1.02, 5.58]</td>
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<td><strong>Total (95% CI)</strong></td>
<td><strong>1358</strong></td>
<td><strong>1561</strong></td>
<td><strong>100.0%</strong></td>
<td><strong>2.20 [1.46, 3.32]</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total events</strong></td>
<td>789</td>
<td>559</td>
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Heterogeneity: Tau² = 0.29; Chi² = 40.71, df = 8 (P < 0.00001); I² = 80%
Test for overall effect: Z = 3.75 (P = 0.0002)

Fig. 3. Weighted hazard effects model of the relationship between acute coronary angiography and good neurological outcome after OHCA.

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ACCESS Trial Premise

• Patients who have a VF/VT arrest and have ROSC, even without a STEMI, have significant CAD that needs emergent remediation.
• That neurologic, cardiac function, AND patient long term outcomes would be better the sooner they went to the cath lab.
• The “shocky” patients that the Interventional Cardiologists feel are “too sick” to go to the cath lab (makes their numbers look bad!), actually need to go emergently!
• Interventional Cardiologists had two hours from EMS/ED notification to decide to take these patients to the cath lab, and total of six hours to get them there and work their magic.
• Exclusion Criteria: Age > 75 years < 18 years, DNR/DNI , Obvious Trauma, Known Terminal Disease, Active Hemorrhage (any cause)
Initial Rhythm
VF/VT witnessed/unwitnessed

ROSC: YES
Get an ECG

STEMI

Follow STEMI protocol

No STEMI

Exclusion Criteria:
Age > 75 years < 18 years
DNR/DNI
Obvious Trauma
Known Terminal Disease
Hemorrhage (any cause)

Yes
Follow current agency protocol

No
Transport to participating hospital

Call in to the ED and announce:
“Resuscitated VF/VT Cardiac Arrest Protocol en route”

Participating hospitals:
All metro PCI centers.
Early Access to the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory for Patients Resuscitated From Cardiac Arrest Due to a Shockable Rhythm: The Minnesota Resuscitation Consortium Twin Cities Unified Protocol

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Background—In 2013 the Minnesota Resuscitation Consortium developed an organized approach for the management of patients resuscitated from shockable rhythms to gain early access to the cardiac catheterization laboratory (CCL) in the metro area of Minneapolis-St. Paul.

Methods and Results—Eleven hospitals with 24/7 percutaneous coronary intervention capabilities agreed to provide early (within 6 hours of arrival at the Emergency Department) access to the CCL with the intention to perform coronary revascularization for outpatients who were successfully resuscitated from ventricular fibrillation/ventricular tachycardia arrest. Other inclusion criteria were age >18 and <76 and presumed cardiac etiology. Patients with other etiologies, known do not resuscitate/do not intubate, noncardiac etiology, significant bleeding, and terminal disease were excluded. The primary outcome was survival to hospital discharge with favorable neurological outcome. Patients (315 out of 331) who were resuscitated from VT/VF and transferred alive to the Emergency Department had complete medical records. Of those, 231 (73.3%) were taken to the CCL per the Minnesota Resuscitation Consortium protocol while 84 (26.6%) were not taken to the CCL (protocol deviations). Overall, 197 (63%) patients survived to hospital discharge with good neurological outcome (cerebral performance category of 1 or 2). Of the patients who followed the Minnesota Resuscitation Consortium protocol, 121 (52%) underwent percutaneous coronary intervention, and 15 (7%) underwent coronary artery bypass graft. In this group, 151 (65%) survived with good neurological outcome, whereas in the group that did not follow the Minnesota Resuscitation Consortium protocol, 46 (65%) survived with good neurological outcome (adjusted odds ratio: 1.99; [1.07–3.72], P=0.03).

Conclusions—Early access to the CCL after cardiac arrest due to a shockable rhythm in a selected group of patients is feasible in a large metropolitan area in the United States and is associated with a 65% survival rate to hospital discharge with a good neurological outcome. (J Am Heart Assoc. 2016;5:e002670 doi: 10.1161/JAHA.115.002670)
Protocol penetration in the Twin Cities:
313/370 (85%) patients got early access to the cath lab after resuscitated VF/VT

Of the patients with early access to the cath lab:
- 235/313 (75%) were discharged alive
- 222/235 (95%) had CPC 1 and 2
- 147/313 (46%) had PCI
- 5% had CABG and 38% had ICD placed

Patient that did not get access to the cath lab:
- 24/56 (42%) were discharged alive
- 19/24 (79%) had CPC 1 and 2
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<th>Access to Cath Lab within 6 hours N=237</th>
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<td>109 (62%)</td>
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<td>170 (74%)</td>
<td>57 (68%)</td>
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<td>1.60 (0.83, 3.08)</td>
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<td>99 (65%)</td>
<td>63 (64%)</td>
<td>36 (65%)</td>
<td>0.95 (0.48, 1.90)</td>
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<td>95 (73%)</td>
<td>50 (68%)</td>
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<td>125 (62%)</td>
<td>86 (66%)</td>
<td>39 (53%)</td>
<td>1.70 (0.95, 3.06)</td>
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<td>2.77 (1.31, 5.85)</td>
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Conclusions

• Early access to the cardiac catheterization for resuscitated patients from VF/VT is feasible, can be organized in a large metro area with close communication and collaboration of EMS directors and cath lab directors.

• Expected survival for this population is >75% and >95% are neurologically intact. Long term outcomes are stable as Sideris (et al) have shown.

• PCI is expected in about 50% of the patients and a smaller proportion will undergo CABG.

• Patients that do no get access to the cath lab have a poor outcome with expected survival of ~40%.
ACCESS TRIAL

• Nationwide NIH funded trial based on the original MRC initiative.
• Aim is to evaluate on a large scale the results of the original trial.
• Scheduled to start in January 2018.

February 6, 2017
ACCESS Trial Investigators,
The purpose of this communication is to update you on progress with the ACCESS Trial start-up.

NIH has now established a DSMB. Their first meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2107. At that time, the DSMB will either accept the protocol as written or request revisions. If revisions are required, we will expedite completion of those revisions.

As soon as a DSMB-approved protocol is available, IRB submission can occur. We are expecting the EFIC process and IRB approval in its entirety to take approximately 9 months. Our goal is to enroll by January of 2018, we believe this is a very feasible timeline. We are planning a study investigator and research coordinator training in-service to occur in Minneapolis, MN (with Webinar participation for those who cannot attend in-person) sometime in the fall of 2017 and will provide more information as soon as it’s available.

NIH has strongly recommended investigators use a central IRB process for the ACCESS Trial. The AAHRPP-approved Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) IRB has been selected to lead this process. Participation in the ACCESS Trial central IRB process is voluntary. The MCW IRB is extremely flexible in accommodating the level of your IRB’s interest and degree of participation (or partial participation), particularly with respect to the EPIC process. The MCW IRB is contacting ACCESS Trial IRBs now. If you have not done so, please forward the name of your IRB representative and complete contact information to: 1) Tom Auferheide (tauferh@mcw.edu), and 2) Emily Caldwell (caldw075@umn.edu) so that the MCW IRB can initiate a discussion prior to your ACCESS Trial IRB submission.

We expect developments to occur rapidly as soon as the DSMB-approved protocol is available. Start-up packets will be sent out as soon as we have an approved protocol. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us. We look forward to initiating the start-up process for the ACCESS Trial within the next few months!

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