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Question: 3 min chest compressions before first rhythm analysis compared to immediate rhythm analysis for adults in cardiac arrest in any setting

Settings:

Bibliography (systematic reviews):

Quality assessment							No of patients		Effect		Quality	Importance
No of studies	Study design	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	3 min chest compressions before first rhythm analysis	immediate rhythm analysis	Relative (95% CI)	Absolute (95% CI)		
Favorable neurologic outcome at hospital discharge (assessed with: mRS 0-3)												
1	randomised trials	serious <u>2</u> <u>3</u> <u>4</u>	not serious	very serious <u>1</u>	not serious	all plausible residual confounding would reduce the demonstrated effect	273/4643 (5.9%)	310/5290 (5.9%)	OR 1 (0.85 to 1.19)	0 fewer per 1000 (from 8 fewer to 10 more)	⊕⊕○○ LOW	CRITICAL
Survival to hospital discharge												
1	randomised trials	serious <u>2</u> <u>3</u> <u>4</u>	not serious	very serious <u>1</u>	not serious	all plausible residual confounding would reduce the demonstrated effect	372/4643 (8.0%)	427/5290 (8.1%)	OR 0.99 (0.86 to 1.15)	1 fewer per 1000 (from 11 fewer to 11 more)	⊕⊕○○ LOW	CRITICAL
ROSC on ED arrival												
1	randomised trials	serious <u>2</u> <u>3</u> <u>4</u>	not serious	very serious <u>1</u>	not serious	all plausible residual confounding would reduce the demonstrated effect	1218/4643 (26.2%)	1352/5290 (25.6%)	OR 1.04 (0.95 to 1.13)	8 more per 1000 (from 10 fewer to 24 more)	⊕⊕○○ LOW	IMPORTANT

MD – mean difference, RR – relative risk

- Examines only initial rhythm analysis; all downstream care and loop durations are identical between groups
- Not blinded
- Unclear allocation concealment
- Unclear if assessors were blinded