

# **Chest Compression Only CPR**

***Save your Breath...  
Save a Life***



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# Sudden Cardiac Arrest — Any Age, Anybody



**Chris Miller, at age 15**, Erika Yee, a band mate who learned compression-only CPR in Girl Scout Camp, saves his life.



**Russell Vossbrink, at age 36**, a crime lab investigator is saved by a co-worker.



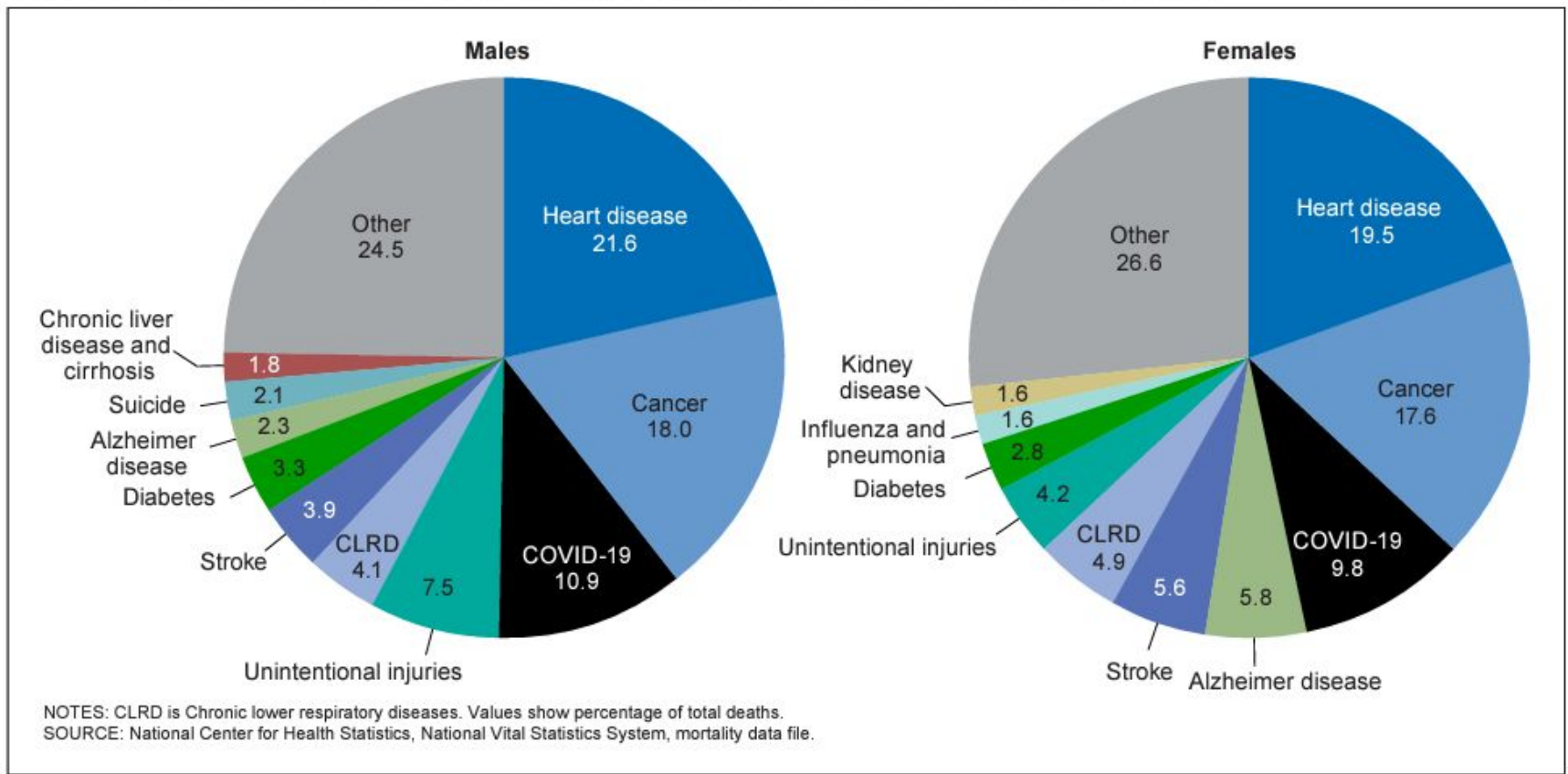
**Rafael "Ralphie" Rendon, at age 14**, collapsed during high school football practice. A volunteer coach responded.



**Brian Duffield, at age 41**, collapsed after a swimming workout. A paramedic was nearby.

# Causes of Death (U.S.)

Figure 1. Percent distribution of the 10 leading causes of death, by sex: United States, 2020



# Sudden Cardiac Arrest (U.S.)

- Every year >356,000 people have a cardiac arrest outside of a hospital.
  - 72.1% occur in a home or residence
  - Approximately 90% will not survive
- In 2022, 40% of OHCA patients received bystander CPR. A public AED was used in 11.3% of cases.
- There are large variations across the U.S. in hospital discharge and survival with functional recovery, which is partially due to the rates of layperson CPR and AED use. In 2022, 9.3% of adult OHCA patients survived to hospital discharge. 7.5% of adult OHCA patients had good functional status at hospital discharge.

**2024 Heart Disease and Stroke Statistics: A Report of US and Global Data From the American Heart Association.**

**Circulation** Volume 149, Issue 8, 20 February 2024; Pages e347-e913 <https://doi.org/10.1161/CIR.0000000000001209>

# Heart Attack vs Cardiac Arrest

## Heart Attack :

- Blockage in coronary artery
- Person usually **conscious**
- Upper body discomfort or pain

## Cardiac Arrest:

- Heart stops
- Person is **unconscious**
- Often no previous symptoms
- Person may be gasping or not be breathing at all

**Often a cardiac arrest occurs due to a heart attack. Call 911**

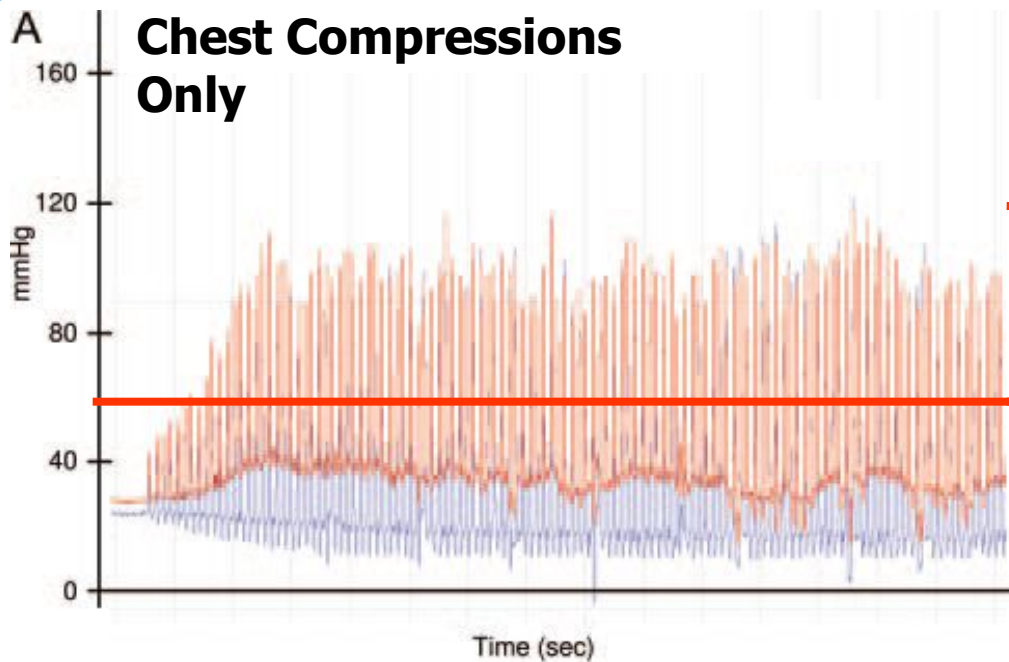
# What is Chest Compression Only CPR?

- Compressions only for cardiac arrest without providing rescue breathing.
- For non-healthcare providers, or healthcare providers who are off duty without special equipment.
- In many cases of out of hospital cardiac arrest, immediate oxygen is not helpful and could be harmful.

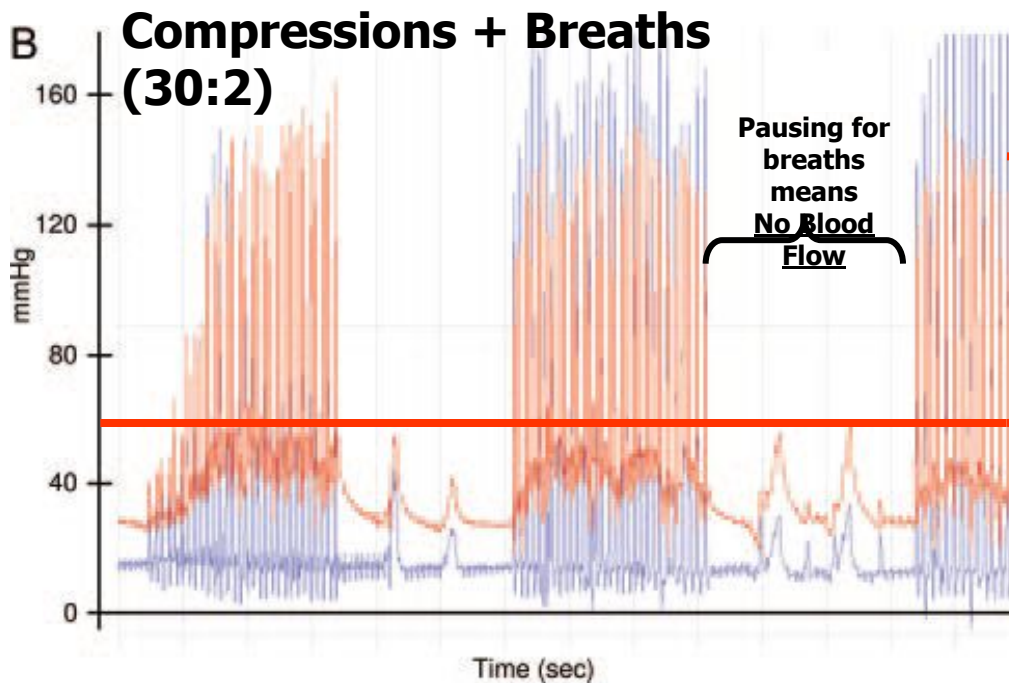
# Why isn't Rescue Breathing Necessary?

## **During Most Cardiac Arrest:**

- Lungs are full of air
- Blood is full of oxygen
- Circulating the oxygenated blood is the key



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# *Why* Chest Compression Only CPR?

- It saves more lives
- Dramatically better than doing nothing.
- It takes 4-8 minutes for trained responders to get to a patient's side. Brain damage can already be starting.

# What Stops People from Doing CPR?

**Fear /  
Concern**  
Mouth-to-Mouth

Harming the Person

Legal Consequences

Won't Perform Properly

Physically Unable

**Solution**  
Chest Compressions Only

Better than dead

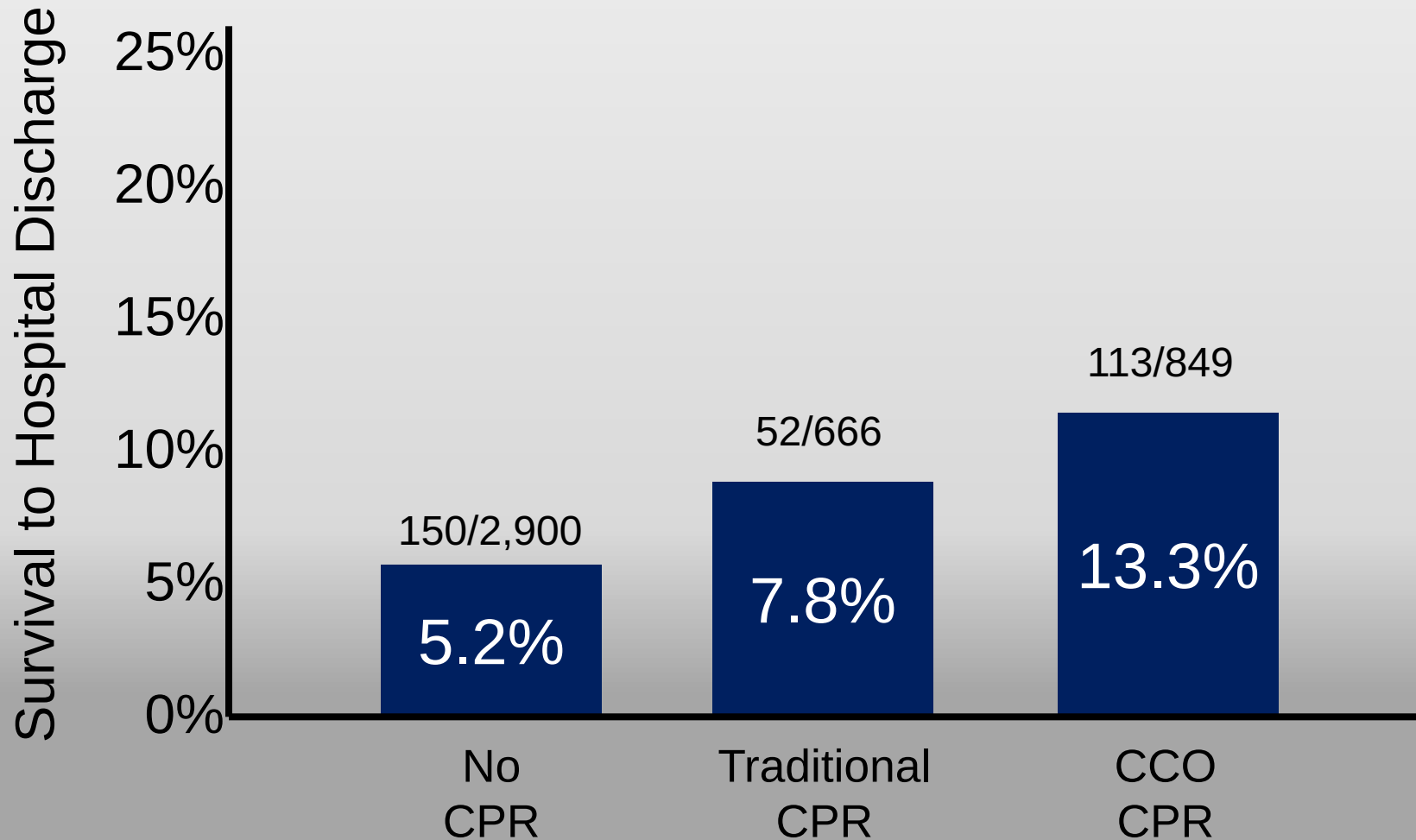
Good Samaritan Law

Easier to Do

Do Your Best / Call For Help

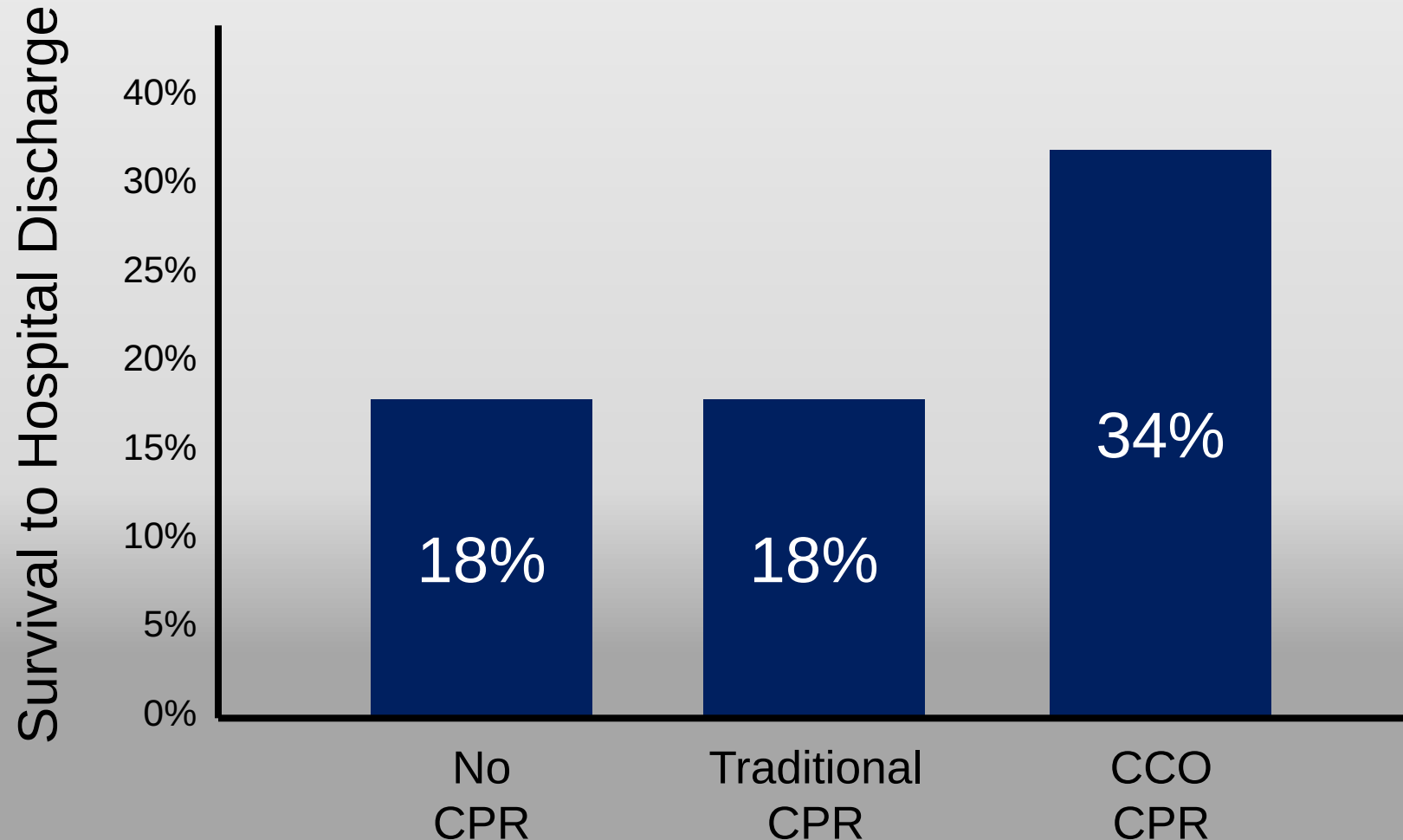
# Bystander CPR in Arizona

## All out-of-hospital cardiac arrests



Rates are for all cardiac arrests; from Bobrow, et al. JAMA October 2010

# Bystander CPR in Arizona Witnessed Cardiac Arrest



Rates are for ventricular fibrillation; from Bobrow, et al. JAMA October 2010

# When to use Chest Compression Only CPR?

- Someone who unexpectedly collapses and is unresponsive.
- This includes almost all cardiac arrest victims

**When in doubt, do compressions!!**

# When to use Chest Compression with Rescue Breathing

- If the rescuer is trained to provide rescue breathing with CPR and has the appropriate equipment and personal protective equipment.

**AND**

- The victim who has suffered a cardiac arrest due to lack of oxygen
  - Drowning
  - Choking
  - Drug overdoses – victim stops breathing and goes into cardiac arrest
  - Children (less than 8) assumed to have stopped breathing, causing cardiac arrest.

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# What to do:



## Check

**Shake & Shout**

**Are they breathing normally?**



## Call 911

**Send Someone for an A.E.D. (if available)**

**Dispatcher can often help coach CPR**



## Compress

**at 100-120 Per Minute**

# What to do:

**The first step is to check to see if the patient is conscious and breathing normally**

# Are They Conscious?

- Yell at the victim, tap or shake to try and get a response.
- If the patient is not conscious or is semi-conscious then move on to check for normal breathing.

# Are They Breathing?

- “Breathing normally” means appearing to breath normally or talk.
- The victim can be short of breath, but if they are still talking they don’t immediately need chest compressions
- Agonal, really slow, or gasping is the same as no breathing.

**So if the victim is not conscious and not breathing normally or is gasping, immediately begin chest compressions**

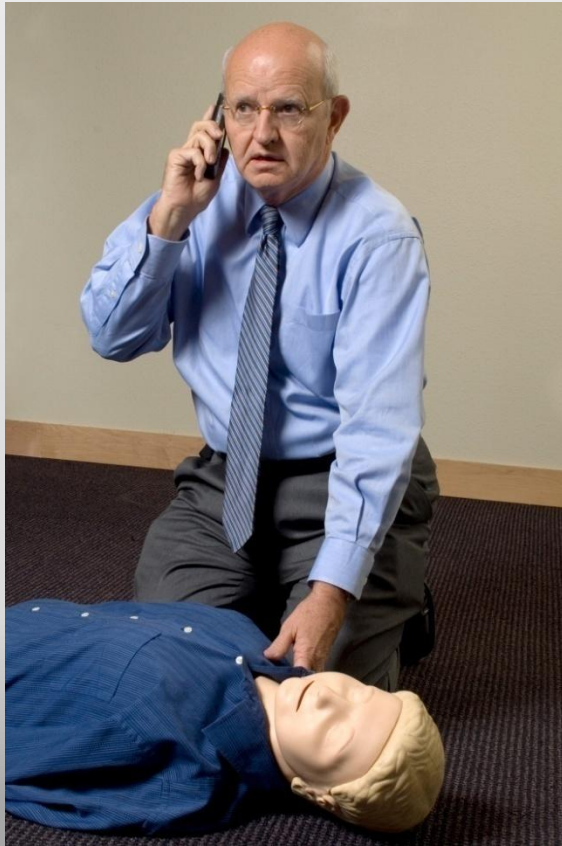
# Are They Breathing?

- Gasping is a sign of cardiac arrest
- Majority of people with cardiac arrest gasp
- Can be a sign of minimal, but adequate blood flow to the brain.
- **DO NOT** stop chest compressions if they gasp

## How to Do Chest Compression Only CPR

- Hand position – heel of the hand in the center of the chest on the breastbone, with the other hand on top
- Body position – knees next to the victim and shoulders over hands.
- Push hard and fast
- Switch rescuers every 1-2 minutes – you can coach someone else how to do this.

# How to Do Chest Compression Only CPR



**Call for  
help**



**Push down  
hard**



**Take all  
your weight  
off**

# Chest Compression Rate & Depth

**100-120**

Compressions per Minute

**2-2.4 in.**

in depth

- This is the optimal chest compression rate and depth – but is hard to achieve without special equipment.
- Err on the side of too deep and take all your weight off the chest with each compression.

# Things to remember

- Push deep and come up all the way.
  - Err on the side of too deep
- Keep a beat
  - There are a bunch of songs
  - Use a metronome – there's an app for that
- Don't worry about hurting the patient
  - Ribs may break – Keep going!
  - The patient may make funny sounds – Keep going!

# **Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs)**

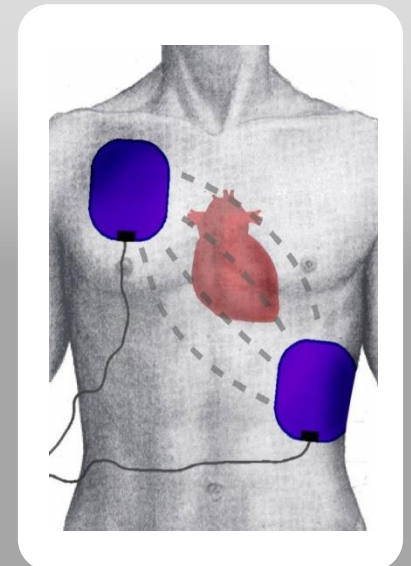
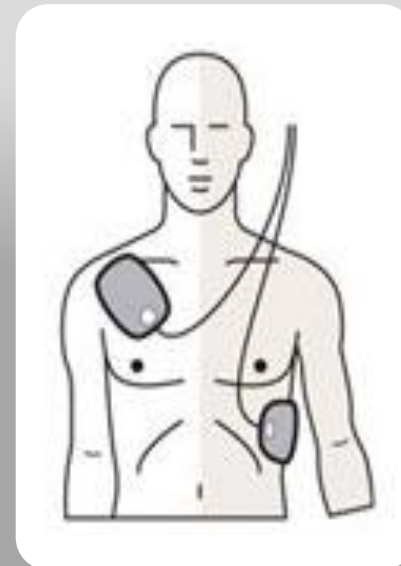
# AEDs

They may look different, but they all function the **Same!**

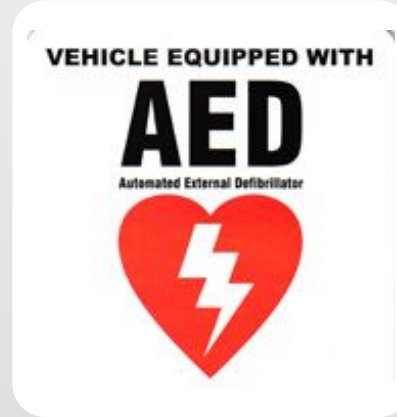


## Open and Follow Instructions

- Turn AED ON
- Apply Pads to Bare Chest
- Plug in Pads (*if necessary*)
- Analyze Patient (*CLEAR!*)
- Push Shock to defibrillate, if directed (*CLEAR!*)
- **Immediately resume CPR**



# The Universal Symbol



- Safe
- Easy
- Voice Prompted

# Thank You

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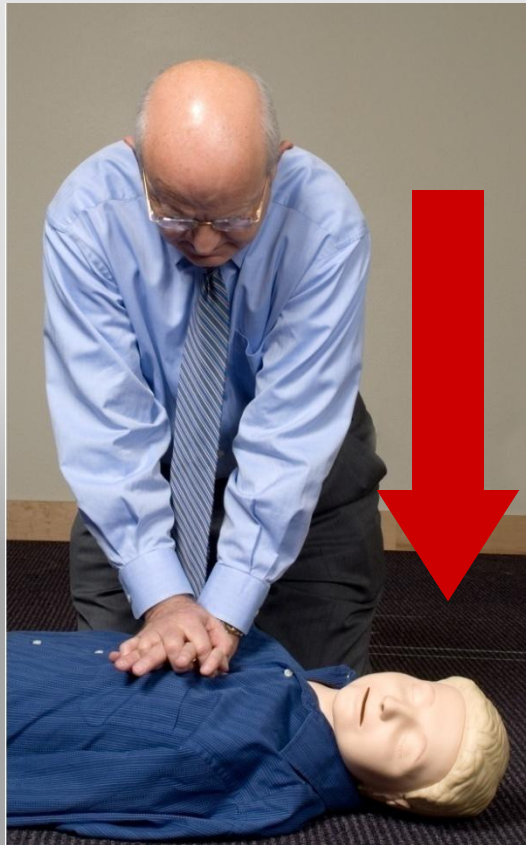
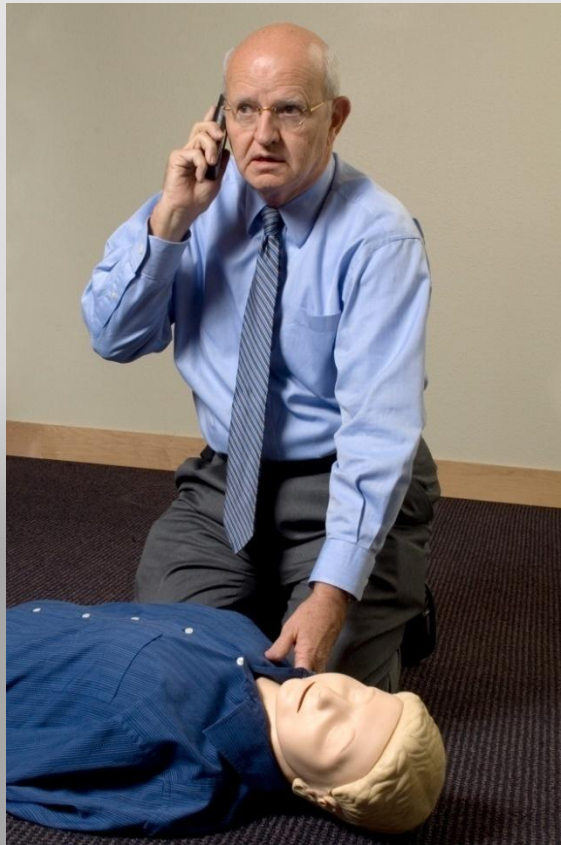
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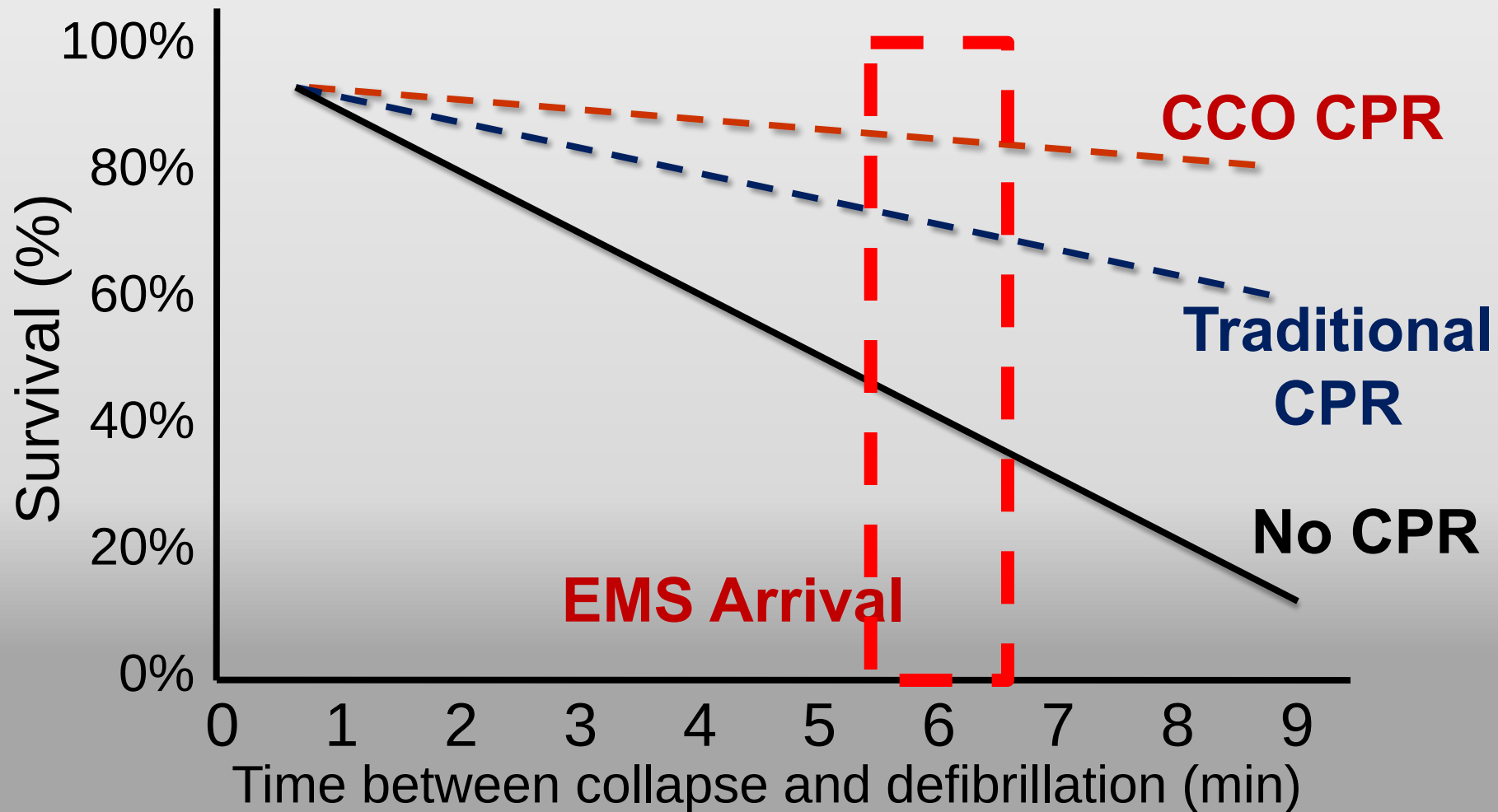
With the victim on the floor:

1. Kneel beside them
2. Place one hand on top of the other
3. Lock your elbows
4. Aim for the middle of the chest (on the sternum between the nipples)
5. Push hard and fast (try for 100/min.)
6. Take turns with another person when tired.

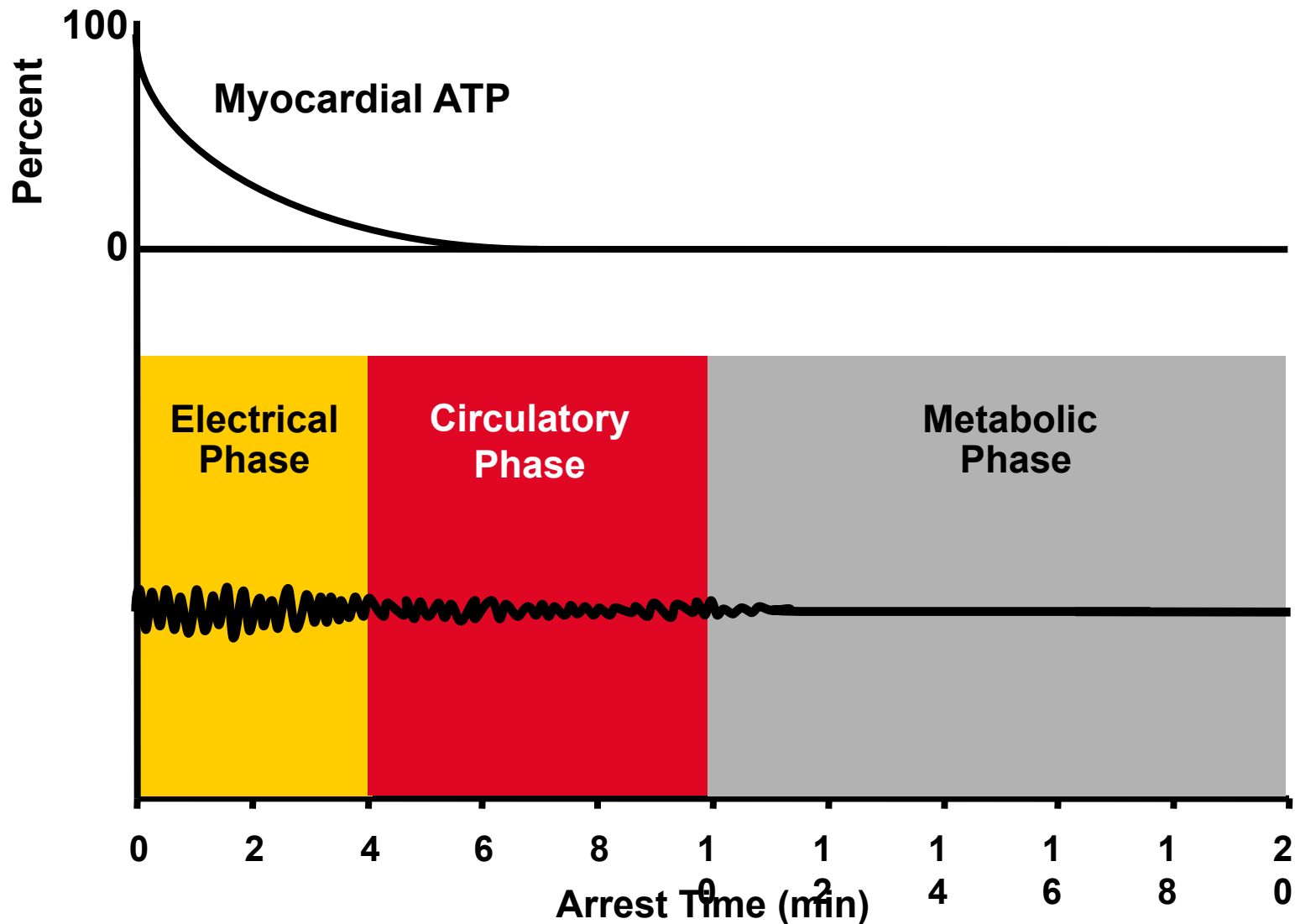


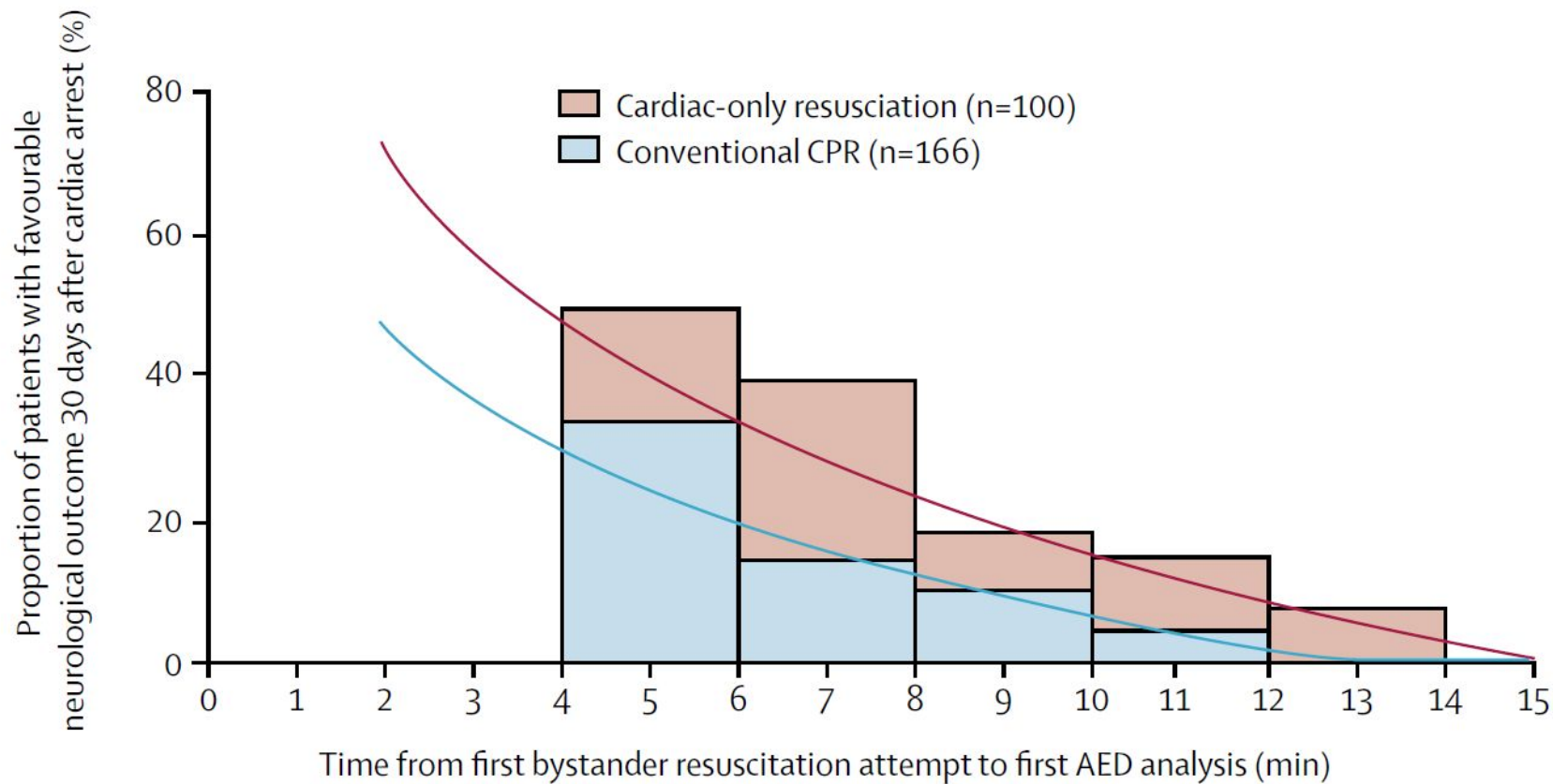
# Appendix

# Bystander CCO CPR Improves Chance of Survival from Cardiac Arrest



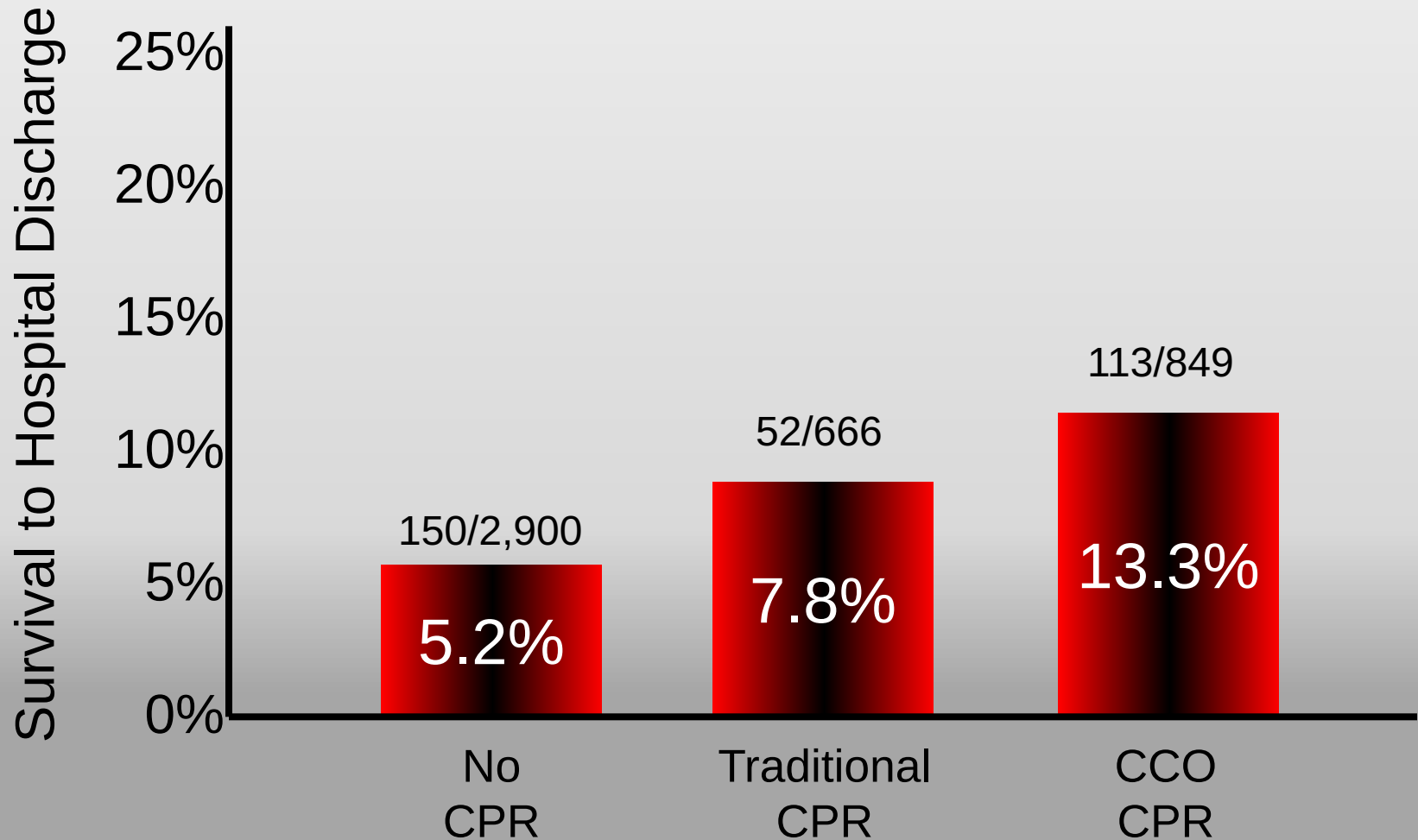
# Three-Phase Model of Resuscitation





# Bystander CPR in Arizona (2005 to 2010)

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- **FAST** for Stroke if people ask about stroke
- **F**ace – Does one side droop? Smile?
- **A**rms – Raise arms? Is one weak or numb?
- **S**peech – Slurred? Repeat a simple sentence?
- **T**ime – Have symptoms? Call 911! Get to hospital immediately!