

## CLINICAL "SNIPPETS"

### **Dispatcher assessments for agonal breathing improve detection of cardiac arrest.**

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**Overview:** To determine if a new protocol can increase the detection of agonal respirations by emergency medical dispatchers and thus the presence of cardiac arrest.

**Conclusions:** Introduction of a new 9-1-1 dispatcher assessment protocol to assess for the presence of agonal respirations can significantly increase the detection cardiac arrest over the telephone.