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Early defibrillation: a key for successful outcome of in-hospital cardiac arrest.

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Overview: The objectives of this study were to determine 1) the rate of delayed defibrillation and 2) the importance of early defibrillation in patients with cardiac arrest who need defibrillation in a large tertiary care hospital.

Conclusion: Among in-hospital patients with cardiac arrest and who needed defibrillation, early defibrillation is the major key to a successful outcome.