

## CLINICAL "SNIPPETS"

### **Epidemiologic study of in-hospital cardiopulmonary resuscitation in the elderly.**

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**Overview:** It is unknown whether the rate of survival after in-hospital cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is improving and which characteristics of patients and hospitals predict survival.

**Conclusions:** Survival after in-hospital CPR did not improve from 1992 through 2005. The proportion of in-hospital deaths preceded by CPR increased, whereas the proportion of survivors discharged home after undergoing CPR decreased. Black race was associated with higher rates of CPR but lower rates of survival after CPR. 2009 Massachusetts Medical Society