



## CLINICAL "SNIPPETS"

**Willingness to perform mouth-to-mouth ventilation by health care providers: A survey.**

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**Overview:** During cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), mouth-to-mouth ventilation (MTM) is only effective if rescuers are willing to perform it.

**Conclusions:** HIV infection is not the only condition for which rescuers hesitate to perform MTM. Bag-valve-mask devices for mechanical ventilation should be available in all locations where health care workers may be called upon to resuscitate apneic patients making the decision to perform MTM moot.