

CLINICAL "SNIPPETS"

CPR training and CPR performance: do CPR-trained bystanders perform CPR?

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Overview: To determine factors associated with cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) provision and CPR performance by CPR-trained bystanders.

Conclusion: A minority of CPR-trained bystanders performed CPR. CPR provision was more common in CPR-trained bystanders with more than a high-school education and when CPR training had been within five years. Mouth-to-mouth contact and infectious-disease risk were not the reasons that bystanders cited for not doing CPR.