

CLINICAL "SNIPPETS"

"Cardiac arrests in skilled nursing facilities: Continuing room for improvement?"

Shah M, Fairbanks R, Lerner E:

Journal of the American Medical Directors Association . 7(6):350-354, 2006

Overview: This paper examined cardiac arrests of patients in skilled nursing facilities (SNF) and compared them to those in the community.

Conclusion: SNF patients suffering cardiac arrest often did not receive CPR or defibrillation while awaiting EMS arrival. SNF patients have a very low survival rate, similar to the community in which they live.