

CLINICAL "SNIPPETS"

Frequency of skeletal chest injuries associated with cardiopulmonary resuscitation: forensic autopsy.

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Overview: Fractured ribs and sternum are frequent complications of thoracic compression during CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) in adults. This study was conducted to determine the incidence of rib and sternal fractures after conventional closed-chest compression in the treatment of cardiac arrest.

Conclusion: This study shows a low incidence of rib and sternal fracture after closed-chest compression in the treatment of cardiac arrest in forensic autopsy cases.