

CLINICAL "SNIPPETS"

Frequent and rare complications of resuscitation attempts.

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Overview: Resuscitation attempts are essential for survival, but can damage the patient and thus contain a significant violation risk of both medical and forensic relevance for the patient and the physician.

Conclusion: When differentiating between frequent and rare complications of CPR, the risk of iatrogenic CPR-related trauma is even present when adequate execution of CPR measures are employed and should not be used to question the employment of such proven medical techniques.