

CLINICAL "SNIPPETS"

"Inter-rater reliability and comfort in the application of a basic life support termination of resuscitation clinical prediction rule for out of hospital cardiac arrest."

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Overview: This follow-up study on "Terminating Resuscitation in Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest" measured whether or not the paramedic and the EMT applied the terminating resuscitation protocol correctly, how comfortable they were in its conclusion, and how well they agreed on its recommendation to terminate resuscitation.

Conclusions: Paramedics and EMTs applied the rule with equal perfection and were in agreement 88% of the time. When both the paramedic and the EMT applied the rule correctly, they were significantly more likely to feel completely comfortable with its recommendations than when it was not.