

CLINICAL "SNIPPETS"

Socio-economic status influences bystander CPR and survival rates for out-of-hospital cardiac arrest victims.

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Overview: While lower socioeconomic status is associated with lower level of education and increased incidence of cardiovascular diseases, the impact of socioeconomic status on out-of-hospital cardiac arrest outcomes is unclear.

Conclusions: This study showed an association between socioeconomic status and survival from cardiac arrest. It also showed an association with bystander CPR. Targeting CPR training among lower socioeconomic groups is suggested.