

CLINICAL "SNIPPETS"

Vigilance, awareness and a phone line: 20 years of expediting CPR for enhancing survival after out-of-hospital cardiac arrest The 'SHL'-Telemedicine experience in Israel.

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Overview: A previous report called for more frequent and more promptly initiated CPR and shorter time to arrival of paramedic care to improve survival. This study reports on cardiac arrest victims who underwent CPR by SHL-Telemedicine mobile intensive care units (MICUs) personnel or under their instructions.

Conclusions: 'SHL'-Telemedicine's policy of bi-monthly contact with its subscribers led to heightened awareness of warning signs and need for rapid summoning of medical assistance in the setting of out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrest.