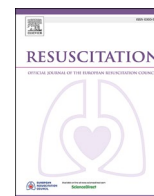




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Editorial

Resuscitation registries – Worldwide initiatives to deliver data for saving more life after cardiac arrest



In the special issue of Resuscitation Plus on resuscitation registries, we were able to publish a pleasingly high number of articles. It became clear that colleagues around the world are active in this field and are making important scientific contributions.

The presentation of the various registries, their data dictionaries and their reported epidemiological and clinical outcome options emphasises the importance that such registries have gained in the scientific community. In addition to well-known clinical studies, registries contribute to a further important gain in knowledge in the field of resuscitation. The European guidelines on resuscitation, therefore, consistently include a separate chapter on epidemiology and will also be included in the upcoming guidelines in 2025.

We cannot improve what we do not measure. In line with this mantra of the Resuscitation Academy,¹ globally established resuscitation registries provide participating emergency services with valuable information and identify potential for improvement.

The Resuscitation Academy describes the need for resuscitation registers as step one and defines this as low-hanging fruit.¹ It is undisputed that even these low-hanging fruits do not grow and flourish on their own but require intensive care. The energy required for this is definitely well-invested.

The latest update of the Utstein Recommendations for OHCA reporting has recently been published.² In this important milestone paper, the special conditions in low-resource settings are addressed, and the data sets are sharpened, particularly regarding the different types of first responders and the description of the circumstances of OHCA. The aim of the current Utstein update is to create the basis for the comparability of healthcare data.

For the users, the work of collecting the necessary data remains the same. The effort is important, and thanks are due to all emergency services and hospitals for their daily work. It seems certain to all registry operators that this effort is worthwhile and that the findings from the resuscitation registries will have a positive effect on daily care and the

optimisation of patient outcomes.

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