

Health Bulletin

Surviving Sudden Cardiac Arrest

(NAPSA)—A new type of CPR device used by paramedics and hospitals is helping increase the odds of someone surviving sudden cardiac arrest, the top killer in the U.S. and worldwide.

This machine, called the AutoPulse™, is made by the Massachusetts-based ZOLL Medical Corporation. It is expected to help revolutionize the way cardiac arrest victims are treated.



Paramedics and hospitals have a new and effective way to treat cardiac arrest victims.

The FDA-approved device consists of a backboard and a simple band that fastens across the victim's chest. The device compresses the entire chest in a unique, "hands-free" manner. It circulates more blood more effectively than traditional CPR.

Stephen Knight, M.D., an emergency physician, used the device on a patient who he thought would otherwise not have recovered. "This patient has essentially end-stage heart disease, and to have him respond to any intervention, especially without the use of medication, is very unusual—a remarkable event bordering on a miracle."

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