

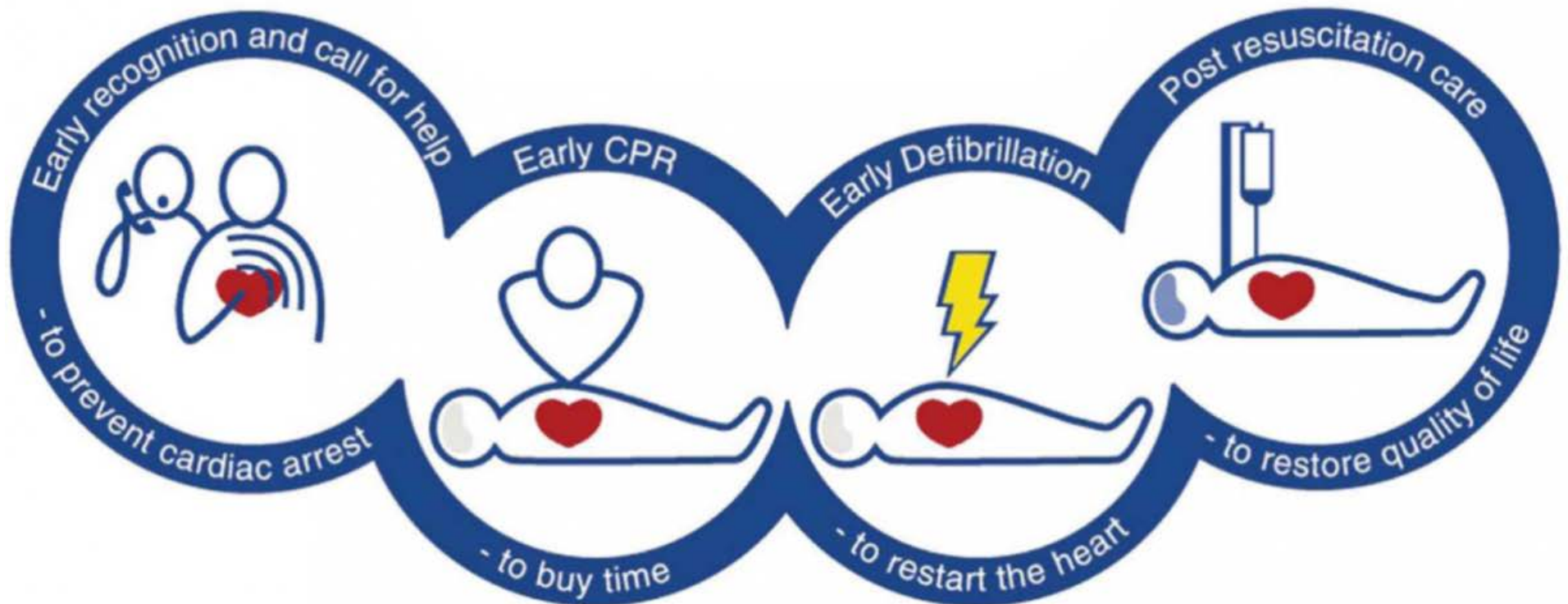
# CPR

Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation

# CPR

- = sequence of immediate actions to sustain flow of oxygenated blood
- unconsciousness and not breathing normally > start CPR !
- vital functions
  - breathing
  - circulation
  - consciousness

# Chain of life



# History

- Peter Safar (1923 - 2003)
  - experiments on volunteers, arteficial breathing
- Kouwenhoven et al
  - chest compressions in dogs > palpation pulse on carotid arteries
- 1960
  - Safar introduced first basic rules for CPR

- BLS Basic Life Support
  - no equipment available
  - everybody
  - bystander x trained bystander
  - AED
- ALS Advanced Life Support
  - medical professionals
  - with equipments (drugs, monitoring, tracheal tube,...)

# When to start CPR ?

- patient unconscious and not breathing normally
  - do NOT palpate pulse
- **GASPING IS NOT A NORMAL BREATHING**

# CPR termination

- ROSC (Return Of Spontaneous Circulation)
- handover to medical team
- exhaustion of rescuers

# Do not start CPR

- danger for you and your colleagues
- sings od death
- catastrophic trauma (decapitation)
- death penalty



# AED

- Automated External Defibrillator

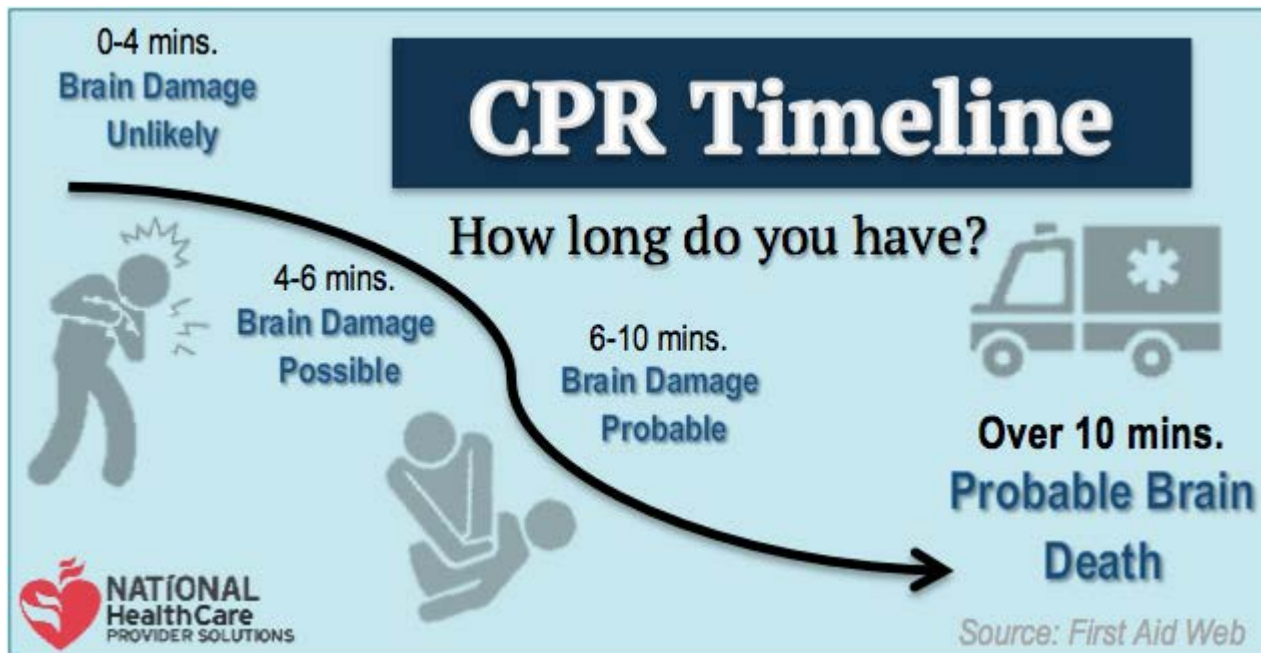
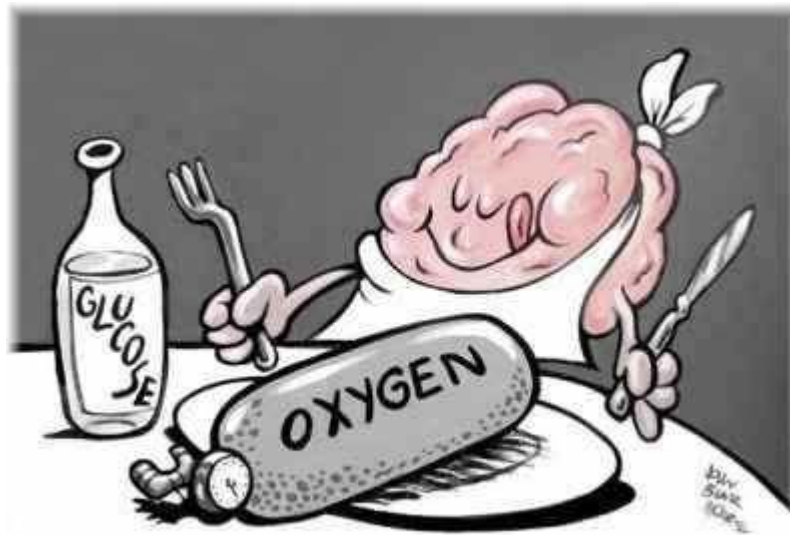


# AED

- Automated External Defibrillator
- mostly cardiac arrest
- early availability AED, time to first shock
- if appropriate > deliver shock

# Patophysiology SCA

- SCA = Sudden Cardiac Arrest
- after 15 seconds SCA unconsciousness
- till 1 min gasping
- 4 – 5 min – brain cells are death



# Causes SCA

- cardiac
  - non cardiac
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- SHOCKABLE
  - NON-SHOCKABLE

# Cardiac causes

- majority cases in adults
- children < 15 %
- CAD (Coronary Artery Disease - atherosclerosis)
- 80-90% Vfib / pVT
- some oxygen remains in body
- call first

# Non cardiac causes SCA

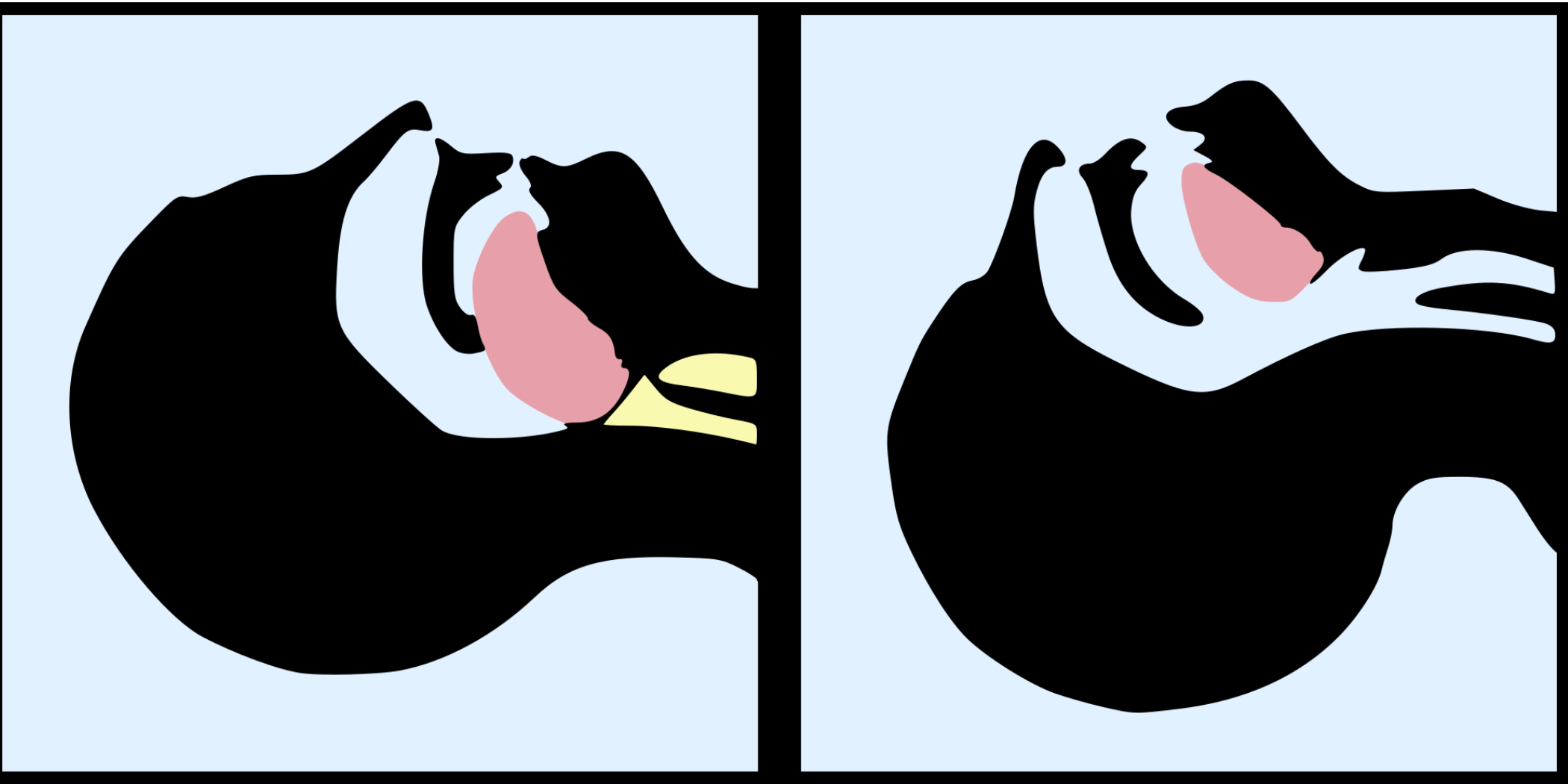
- majority in childhood – 85 – 93 %
- adults < 20 %
- choking, drowning, bleeding,
- all oxygen consumed
- call fast

# ABC approach

- A – Airway
- B – Breathing
- C – Circulation + AED

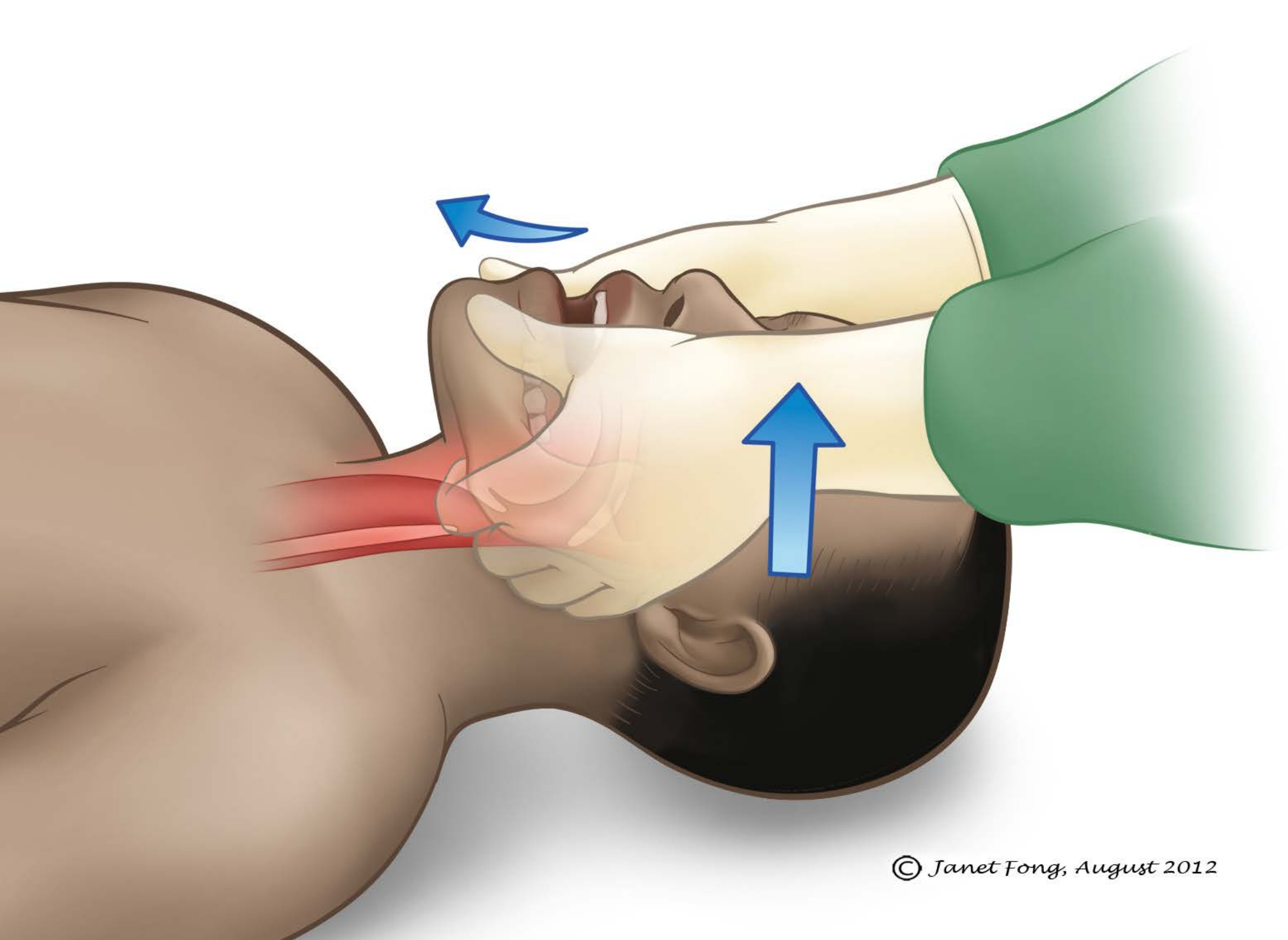


# Airways - DC



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- head tilt, chin lift
- jaw thrust



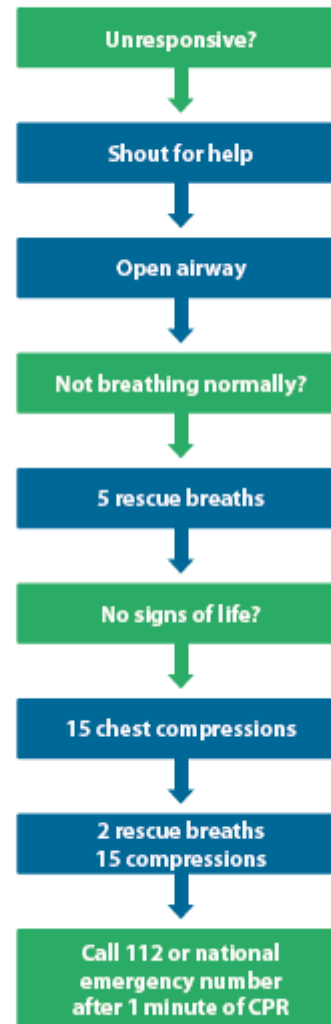
# CPR children

- majority – asphyxia
  - choking, drowning, inflammation,...
- call fast
- reversion of hypoxia
- age borders not clear
- newborn x child x older child

# CPR children

- start with 5 breaths (airways opened)
- basic rule 15 : 2
- AED – children pads
- 1 min cpr before calling EMS
- newborn 3:1

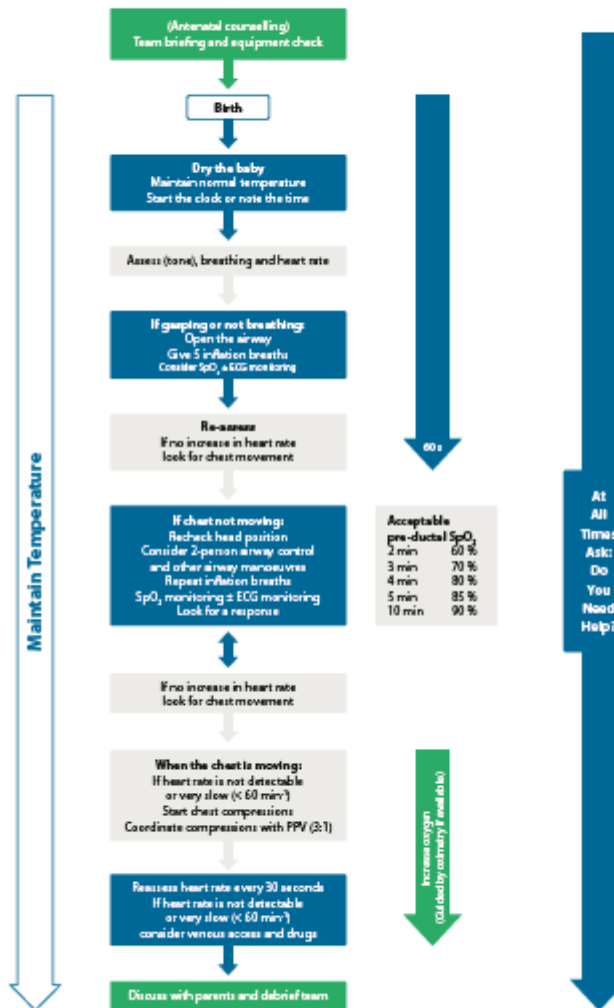
## Paediatric Basic Life Support





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## Newborn Life Support



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SEQUENCE /	Technical description
Action	
<b>SAFETY</b>	
Make sure you, the victim and any bystanders are safe	
<b>RESPONSE</b>	
Check the victim for a response	 <p>Gently shake his shoulders and ask loudly: "Are you all right?"</p> <p>If he responds leave him in the position in which you find him, provided there is no further danger; try to find out what is wrong with him and get help if needed; reassess him regularly</p>
<b>AIRWAY</b>	
Open the airway	 <p>Turn the victim onto his back if necessary</p> <p>Place your hand on his forehead and gently tilt his head back; with your fingertips under the point of the victim's chin, lift the chin to open the airway</p>
<b>BREATHING</b>	
Look, listen and feel for normal breathing	 <p>In the first few minutes after cardiac arrest, a victim may be barely breathing, or taking infrequent, slow and noisy gasps.</p> <p>Do not confuse this with normal breathing. Look, listen and feel for <b>no more</b> than 10 seconds to determine whether the victim is breathing normally.</p> <p>If you have any doubt whether breathing is normal, act as if it is they are not breathing normally and prepare to start CPR</p>
<b>UNRESPONSIVE AND NOT BREATHING NORMALLY</b>	
Alert emergency services	 <p>Ask a helper to call the emergency services (112) if possible otherwise call them yourself</p> <p>Stay with the victim when making the call if possible</p> <p>Activate speaker function on phone to aid communication with dispatcher</p>

Image of Fig. 1.4



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**SEND FOR AED**

**Send someone to get  
AED**



Ask someone to call for an AED on phone to aid communication with dispatcher

Send someone to find and bring an AED if available.  
If you are on your own, do not leave the victim, start CPR

**Fig. 1.4.** Step by step sequence of actions for use by the BLS/AED trained provider to treat the adult cardiac arrest victim.

## CIRCULATION

### Start chest compressions



Kneel by the side of the victim

Place the heel of one hand in the centre of the victim's chest; (which is the lower half of the victim's breastbone (sternum))



Place the heel of your other hand on top of the first hand

Interlock the fingers of your hands and ensure that pressure is not applied over the victim's ribs

Keep your arms straight

Do not apply any pressure over the upper abdomen or the bottom end of the bony sternum (breastbone)



Position yourself vertically above the victim's chest and press down on the sternum at least 5 cm but not more than 6 cm.

Image of Fig. 1.4  
 Release all the pressure on the chest without losing contact between your hands and the sternum

Repeat at a rate of 100–120 min<sup>-1</sup>

**IF TRAINED AND ABLE**

**Combine chest  
compressions with  
rescue breaths**



After 30 compressions open the airway again using head tilt and chin lift

Pinch the soft part of the nose closed, using the index finger and thumb of your hand on the forehead

Allow the mouth to open, but maintain chin lift

Take a normal breath and place your lips around his mouth, making sure that you have a good seal

Blow steadily into the mouth while watching for the chest to rise, taking about 1 second as in normal breathing; this is an effective rescue breath

Maintaining head tilt and chin lift, take your mouth away from the victim and watch for the chest to fall as air comes out

Take another normal breath and blow into the victim's mouth once more to achieve a total of two effective rescue breaths. Do not interrupt compressions by more than 10 seconds to deliver two breaths. Then return your hands without delay to the correct position on the sternum and give a further 30 chest compressions

**Fig. 1.4.** (Continued )

**IF UNTRAINED OR  
UNABLE TO DO  
RESCUE BREATHS**

Continue compression  
only CPR



Continue with chest compressions and rescue breaths  
in a ratio of 30:2

Give chest compressions only CPR (continuous  
compressions at a rate of 100–120 min<sup>-1</sup>)

**WHEN AED ARRIVES**

Switch on the AED and  
attach the electrode  
pads



As soon as the AED arrives:

Switch on the AED and attach the electrode pads on  
the victim's bare chest

If more than one rescuer is present, CPR should be  
continued while electrode pads are being attached to  
the chest

Follow the  
spoken/visual  
directions



Ensure that nobody is touching the victim while the  
AED is analysing the rhythm

If a shock is indicated,  
**deliver shock**

Image of Fig. 1.4



Ensure that nobody is touching the victim

Push shock button as directed (fully automatic AEDs  
will deliver the shock automatically)

Immediately restart CPR 30:2

Continue as directed by the voice / visual prompts

If no shock is indicated,  
continue CPR



Immediately resume CPR. Continue as directed by the  
voice/visual prompts

Fig 1.4. (Continued)

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**IF NO AED IS  
AVAILABLE CONTINUE  
CPR**

Continue CPR



Do not interrupt resuscitation until:

- a health professional tells you to stop
- the victim is definitely waking "up", moving, opening eyes and breathing normally
- you become exhausted

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**IF UNRESPONSIVE BUT  
BREATHING  
NORMALLY**

If you are certain the victim is breathing normally but is still unresponsive, place in the recovery position (see First aid chapter).



It is rare for CPR alone to restart the heart. Unless you are certain the person has recovered continue CPR

Signs the victim has recovered

- waking up
- moving
- opens eyes
- normal breathing

Be prepared to restart CPR immediately if patient deteriorates

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KEEP  
CALM

AND DO CPR WITH  
GOOD CHEST  
COMPRESSION