Clinical question.

In adult patients with ROSC after cardiac arrest (prehospital or in-hospital) (P), does the use of a controlled oxygenation strategy (including specific oxygenation goal) (I) as opposed to standard care (C), improve outcome (O) (eg. survival)?

Is this question addressing an intervention/therapy, prognosis or diagnosis? Intervention and prognosis

State if this is a proposed new topic or revision of existing worksheet: new topic

Conflict of interest specific to this question

Do any of the authors listed above have conflict of interest disclosures relevant to this worksheet?

no

Search strategy (including electronic databases searched).

Search strategy for ILCOR

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PubMed

I= oxygen
P= cardiac arrest
C= standard care
O= survival/ quality


2. Search heart arrest and neonatal and room air

3. heart arrest neonatal and oxygen

Revised search strategy

Animal studies included

Neonatal excluded unless the study was to assess outcome data or biochemical /tissue data from targetted therapy

Search strategy became on Pub med:

Search strategy pub med

I= controlled oxygen strategy
P= cardiac arrest
C= standard Care
O= outcome

SEARCH

Heart arrest = 35465
Sudden cardiac arrest= 17339
Cardiopulmonary resuscitation = 10957
Oxygen inhalation therapy = 19839
Search 1 or 2 or 3 and oxygen inhalation therapy = 110
Review abstracts of the 110 = 11 selected
From 11 on article expanded to related articles = Kuisma/boyd = 284 articles
Abstracts of these reviewed 14 items from this list
Hyperoxic resuscitation = 80 articles
Abstracts reviewed from this = 17 articles
Normoxic resuscitation = 61 articles abstracts reviewed = 18
Collections of 14+18+17+11 articles merged so as to remove duplication and 20 articles remained that fitted criteria.
Search widened
Oximetry = 11382
Cardiac arrest = 39804
Heart arrest = 34465
Neurological outcome = 18547 Cardiac arrest = 39804 Heart arrest = 34465 Neurological outcome = 18547
terms combined = 7 articles
Abstracts reviewed = 1 Balan IS, Fiskum G, Hazelton J, Cotto-Cumba C, Rosenthal RE.
Related articles = 101 of which abstract review resulted in 11 articles
Combining the collections 20 from the earlier search and 11 from this and removing duplication resulted in 27 articles for review.
The search was repeated as at 03/09/2009
There were no additional articles fulfilling the previously submitted criteria
When the exclusion criteria were applied there were 11 articles left for review.

EMBASE
'arterial oxygen tension'/exp OR 'oxygen blood level'/exp OR 'oxygen breathing' and 'heart arrest'/exp

COCHRANE
cardiac arrest):ti,ab,kw
(neonatal):ti,ab,kw 5002

#5 MeSH descriptor Oxygen explode all trees with qualifiers: TH,AB,AB 0
#6 MeSH descriptor Heart Arrest explode all trees
#7 MeSH descriptor Infant, Newborn explode all trees 9980
14 MeSH descriptor Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation explode all trees 314
State inclusion and exclusion criteria

Inclusion:
- All ages
- All adult studies included
- Animal studies included if the model was of cardiac arrest

Exclusion:
- Non human-animal studies included on the revised proposal
- Traumatic brain injury and the effect of oxygen strategy
- Neonatal resuscitation not for cardiac arrest
- CPR ventilation to compression strategy with no oxygen strategy after ROSC
- Review articles
- Studies comparing hyperbaric oxygen with 100% oxygen
- Studies showing biochemical outcomes only
- Studies presented as abstracts only
- Studies presented at meetings and forums but not published
- Studies that did not answer the question comparing oxygen strategies and outcome

Number of articles/sources meeting criteria for further review:

11 pub med/Cochrane embase
Summary of evidence

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Evidence Supporting Clinical Question

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Richards, E. 2006 E

A = Return of spontaneous circulation  C = Survival to hospital discharge  E = Other endpoint
B = Survival of event  D = Intact neurological survival

*Italics = Animal studies*
### Evidence Neutral to Clinical question

| Good | Fair | Poor | Lipinski 1999 BDE  
Zwymer 1995ABE* |
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*compared normoxia to hypoxia  
**compared 30% Oxygen with 100% oxygen

### Evidence Opposing Clinical Question

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REVIEWER’S FINAL COMMENTS AND ASSESSMENT OF BENEFIT / RISK:

There is only one LOE1 randomized prospective clinical trial (Kuisma, 2006, 199) which compared ventilation with 30% oxygen or 100% oxygen for the first 60 minutes after ROSC. No statistical difference was detected in serum biomarkers of acute brain injury, survival to hospital discharge, or the percent of patients with good neurological outcome (CPC 1 or 2) at hospital discharge. However, this study was not adequately powered to detect important differences in survival and CPC at hospital discharge. It must be noted that a significant number of the patients (5 of the 14 in the 30% group) required an FIO2 in excess of 30% to maintain arterial oxygen saturations in excess of 95%.

Six studies LOE5 studies (Marsala, 1992, 121; Zwemer, 1994, 159; Liu, 1998, 1679; Vereczki 2006, 821;) support the hypothesis that 100% oxygen can produce a worse outcome than room air. These showed biochemical and worse functional outcome before or at 24 hours in animal cardiac arrest models when 100% oxygen is compared with room air post ROSC. None of these studies offer any data post the very early period. These studies did not titrate the FIO2 to a measured Oximetry end-point.

One LOE5 animal cardiac arrest study addressed issue of the titration of the FIO2 to an Oximetry endpoint: (Balan 2006, 3008) demonstrated that ventilation with 100% oxygen (generating PaO2 > 350 mm Hg) during the first 15 to 60 minutes after ROSC caused neurodegeneration and worse function neurological outcome when compared to FiO2 titrated to an arterial pulse Oximetry reading between 94% and 96%. This study too is limited by the lack of outcome data post 24 hours.

Only one study examines outcomes at 72 hours. This was a neutral LOE5 animal study (Lipinski, 1999, 221) and did not detect any difference in outcomes at 72 hours when animals were ventilated with 100% oxygen or room air during CPR and for the first hour after ROSC. There are no studies comparing outcomes post 24 hours with 100% oxygen and an FIO2 targeted to an Oximetry end point.

Hypoxic resuscitation in animals has been studied. LOE5 (Zwemer 1995 225) failed to show any difference in outcome when comparing 2 levels of hypoxic FiO2 (0.085 and 0.12) with normoxic resuscitation when given for the intra and early (15 mins) post ROSC period. The study could not demonstrate a significant difference in neurological assessment scores at 72 hours or survival. The study also failed to show a significant difference in the serum biomarkers of oxidant injury.

My conclusion is the Data does not show that there is any evidence against the use of oxygen concentrations of <100% in the immediate ROSC period, at both 24 hours and 72 hours in animals. However there is no data showing a benefit at 72 hours from a restrictive approach. Given that there is no demonstrated adverse outcome with a restrictive approach and data suggesting there may be a benefit (at least at 24 hours) a properly powered prospective randomized trial is needed to clarify whether titration of Oxygen to arterial saturations in the immediate post ROSC period alters survival from cardiac arrest in a meaningful way is needed.

Acknowledgements:

References:

1.
Author: Balan, I. S.; Fiskum, G.; Hazleton, J.; Cotto-Cumba, C.; Rosenthal, R. E.
Year: 2006
Title: Oximetry-guided reoxygenation improves neurological outcome after experimental cardiac arrest
Journal: Stroke
Volume: 37
Issue: 12
Pages: 3008-13
Date: Dec
Short Title: Oximetry-guided reoxygenation improves neurological outcome after experimental cardiac arrest
GOOD QUALITY STUDY- comparing neurological deficit score and histologic CA1 pyramidal neuron degradation NORMOXIA PRODUCED SIG BETTER BP AND NEUROLOGICAL OUTCOME

2.
Author: Kuisma, M.; Boyd, J.; Voipio, V.; Alaspaa, A.; Roine, R. O.; Rosenberg, P.
Year: 2006
Title: Comparison of 30 and the 100% inspired oxygen concentrations during early post-resuscitation period: a randomised controlled pilot study
Journal: Resuscitation
Volume: 69
Issue: 2
Pages: 199-206
Date: May
Short Title: Comparison of 30 and the 100% inspired oxygen concentrations during early post-resuscitation period: a randomised controlled pilot study
ISSN: 0300-9572 (Print)
Accession Number: 16500018
COI: statement in paper declaring no COI
Notes: LOE= 1 BUT PILOT STUDY ONLY.
QUALITY = poor
ASSIGNMENT = RANDOMIZED
LIST CONCEALED
ALL PATIENTS ACCOUNTED FOR BUT NO BLINDING
TREATMENT WAS NOT EQUAL- MORE THROMBOLYSIS IN THE 30% GROUP
THE NSE LEVELS WERE HIGHER IN THE 100% GROUP ONLY WHEN NO THERAPEUTIC HYPOThERMIA USED.
THE STUDY WAS NOT POWERED FOR SURVIVAL, ONLY INCLUDED VF ARREST, WITNESSED

3.
Author: Lipinski, C. A.; Hicks, S. D.; Callaway, C. W.
Year: 1999
Title: Normoxic ventilation during resuscitation and outcome from asphyxial cardiac arrest in rats
Journal: Resuscitation
Volume: 42
Issue: 3
Pages: 221-9
Date: Nov
Short Title: Normoxic ventilation during resuscitation and outcome from asphyxial cardiac arrest in rats
Notes: **LOE=5**
**quality = fair no sham group no blinding no randomization**
**the study is neutral to the question posed by ILCOR – showing no histological difference in hippocampal damage, nor any behavioural advantage with targeted FIO2**

4. **Author:** Liu, Y.; Rosenthal, R. E.; Haywood, Y.; Miljkovic-Lolic, M.; Vanderhoek, J. Y.; Fiskum, G.
**Year:** 1998
**Title:** Normoxic ventilation after cardiac arrest reduces oxidation of brain lipids and improves neurological outcome
**Journal:** Stroke
**Volume:** 29
**Issue:** 8
**Pages:** 1679-86
**Date:** Aug
**Short Title:** Normoxic ventilation after cardiac arrest reduces oxidation of brain lipids and improves neurological outcome
**ISSN:** 0039-2499 (Print)
**Accession Number:** 9707212
**COI:** no statement

Notes: **LOE=5 quality = poor no sham group no blinding no randomization**
**animals ventilated with 100% oxygen for 1 hour after a 10 minute cardiac arrest had a poorer neurologic defecit score at 24 hours post arrest.**

5. **Author:** Marsala, J.; Marsala, M.; Vanicky, I.; Galik, J.; Orendacova, J.
**Year:** 1992
**Title:** Post cardiac arrest hyperoxic resuscitation enhances neuronal vulnerability of the respiratory rhythm generator and some brainstem and spinal cord neuronal pools in the dog
**Journal:** Neurosci Lett
**Volume:** 146
**Issue:** 2
**Pages:** 121-4
**Date:** Nov 9
**Short Title:** Post cardiac arrest hyperoxic resuscitation enhances neuronal vulnerability of the respiratory rhythm generator and some brainstem and spinal cord neuronal pools in the dog
**ISSN:** 0304-3940 (Print)
**Accession Number:** 1491777
**COI:** no statement

Notes: **LOE=5 quality = fair no blinding no randomization**
**The authors report at 4 separate neurological regions and find that 100% oxygen statistically increases the number of dying neurons if used for 1 hour post 15 minutes of cardiac arrest.**
6. **Author:** Michael Smith, J.; Roberts, W. H.; Miller, J. D.; Hasselfeld, K. A.; Pat Hendy, M.  
**Year:** 2006  
**Title:** Controlled cardiac reoxygenation does not improve myocardial function following global myocardial ischemia  
**Journal:** Int J Surg  
**Volume:** 4  
**Issue:** 3  
**Pages:** 153-9  
**Short Title:** Controlled cardiac reoxygenation does not improve myocardial function following global myocardial ischemia  
**ISSN:** 1743-9159 (Electronic)  
**Accession Number:** 17462339  
**COI:** no statement  
**Grant:** Medical Education And Research Fund Of The Good Samaratin Hospital

**Notes:** LOE=5 quality = poor no sham group no blinding no randomization and the model was of bypass not cardiac arrest and ROSC. Neutral to the Question  
The authors could not find any statistical difference in outcome between normoxia and reperfusion via an incremental controlled increase of PaO2 from 40mm to 110 mmHg over 15 minutes.

7. **Author:** Richards, E. M.; Fiskum, G.; Rosenthal, R. E.; Hopkins, I.; McKenna, M. C.  
**Year:** 2007  
**Title:** Hyperoxic reperfusion after global ischemia decreases hippocampal energy metabolism  
**Journal:** Stroke  
**Volume:** 38  
**Issue:** 5  
**Pages:** 1578-84  
**Date:** May  
**Short Title:** Hyperoxic reperfusion after global ischemia decreases hippocampal energy metabolism  
**ISSN:** 1524-4628 (Electronic)  
**Accession Number:** 17413048  
**COI:** no statement

**Notes:** LOE=5 quality = fair no blinding no randomization  
The study compares the changes at the hippocampus and cerebral cortex in animals after 10 minutes of cardiac arrest followed by resuscitation with 100% FIO2 or normoxic Fio2 21-30%  
The study showed the hippocampus was significantly more sensitive to hyperoxia.

8. **Author:** Richards, E. M.; Rosenthal, R. E.; Kristian, T.; Fiskum, G.  
**Year:** 2006  
**Title:** Postischemic hyperoxia reduces hippocampal pyruvate dehydrogenase activity  
**Journal:** Free Radic Biol Med  
**Volume:** 40
The study compares the enzyme levels at the hippocampus and cerebral cortex in animals after 10 minutes of cardiac arrest followed by resuscitation with 100% FIO2 or normoxic Fio2 21-30%. The study showed that the hippocampus was significantly more sensitive to hyperoxia compared to the cortex. The normoxic group failed to show any difference between the cortex and hippocampus.

9.

Author: Vereczki, V.; Martin, E.; Rosenthal, R. E.; Hof, P. R.; Hoffman, G. E.; Fiskum, G.
Year: 2006
Title: Normoxic resuscitation after cardiac arrest protects against hippocampal oxidative stress, metabolic dysfunction, and neuronal death
Journal: J Cereb Blood Flow Metab
Volume: 26
Issue: 6
Pages: 821-35
Date: Jun
Short Title: Normoxic resuscitation after cardiac arrest protects against hippocampal oxidative stress, metabolic dysfunction, and neuronal death
ISSN: 0271-678X (Print)
Accession Number: 16251887
Grant: NIH grants NS34152 and NS49425 to G Fiscum and AHA grant 0215331 to E Martin
COI: no statement

Notes: LOE=5 quality = fair no blinding no randomization – supportive evidence
The study showed a non significant trend towards increased CA1 pyrimadal neuron degeneration at 24 hours post 10 minutes asphyxia and 1 hour of either 100% FIO2 or 21% fio2 after ROSC.

Author: Zwemer, C. F.; Whitesall, S. E.; D'Alecy, L. G.
Year: 1994
Title: Cardiopulmonary-cerebral resuscitation with 100% oxygen exacerbates neurological dysfunction following nine minutes of normothermic cardiac arrest in dogs
Journal: Resuscitation
Volume: 27
Issue: 2
Pages: 159-70
Cardiopulmonary-cerebral resuscitation with 100% oxygen exacerbates neurological dysfunction following nine minutes of normothermic cardiac arrest in dogs

The neurological deficit at 12 and 24 hours post ROSC in the 100% fio2 treated dogs was significantly worse than those treated with room air FIO2 21%.

The pretreatment with an anti-oxidant agent prior to the induced cardiac arrest in the hyperoxic group produced outcomes no different from the normoxic group.

Hypoxic cardiopulmonary-cerebral resuscitation fails to improve neurological outcome following cardiac arrest in dogs

No difference in neurological deficit score was observed at 24 hours.

The study was underpowered to demonstrate neurological deficits and survival.

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