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# Pan Asian Resuscitation Outcomes Study: Celebrating 15 Years

# 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of PAROS

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- Dr Sang Do Shin and I had proposed the PAROS idea in 2009 (concept was born in a Korean restaurant in Washington DC over Soju).
- The first PAROS concept paper - April 2009.
- CARES-PAROS collaboration was agreed on at NAEMSP Jan 2010
- Our first EXCO meeting was in Daegu Korea, April 14 2010
- First PAROS Open Meeting was in Singapore 9 June 2010



# Objectives of PAROS

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- In 2010, **Pan Asian Resuscitation Outcomes Study (PAROS)** Clinical Research Network (CRN) was established in collaboration with Japan, Singapore, South Korea, Malaysia, Taiwan, Thailand, and UAE-Dubai.
- This CRN aims to report the out-of-hospital cardiac arrests (OHCA) events and provide a better understanding of OHCA trends in Asia
- Led to starting the Pan Asian Trauma Outcomes Study (PATOS), Asian Association for EMS (AAEMS) and collaboration with the Global Resuscitation Alliance (GRA)

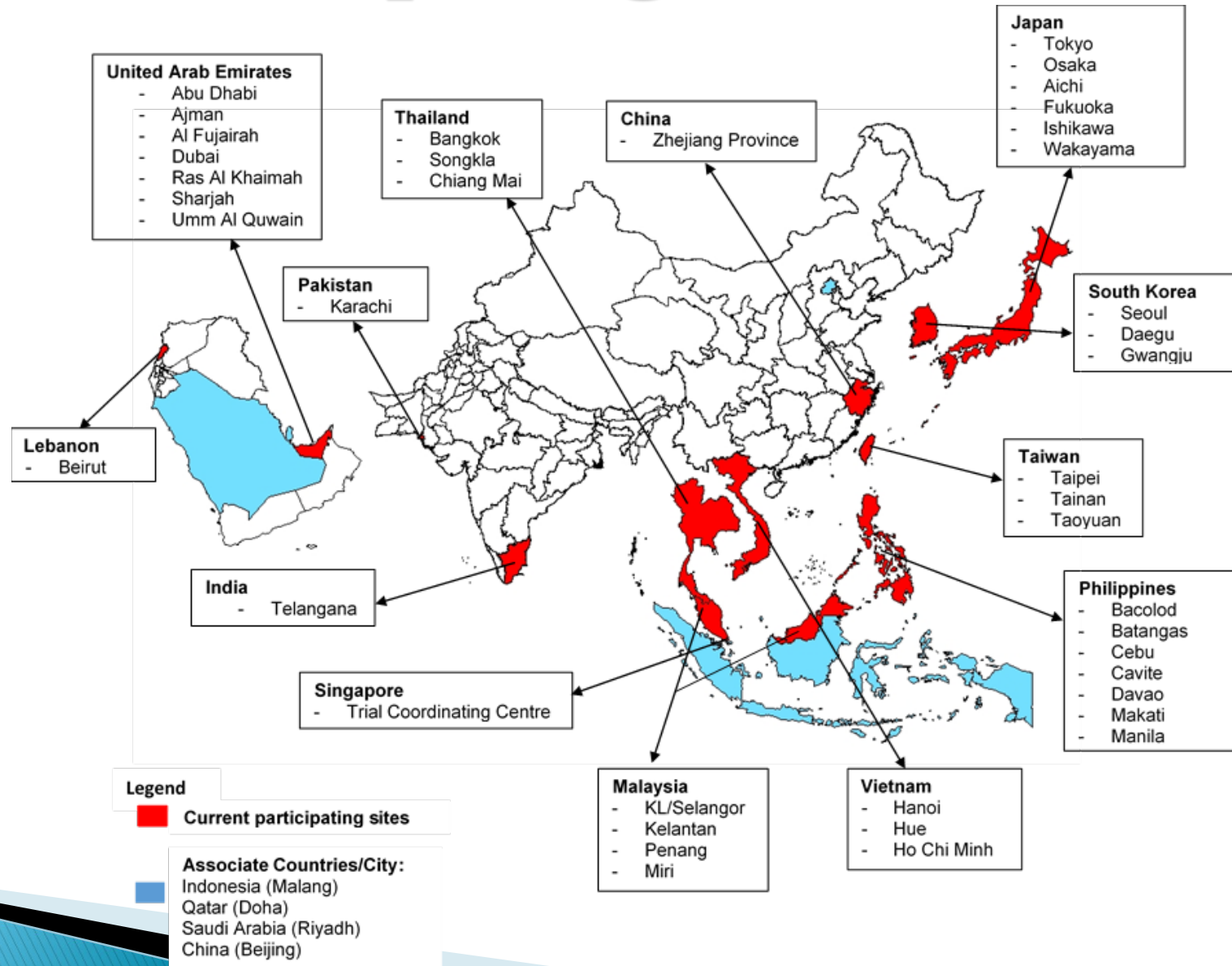


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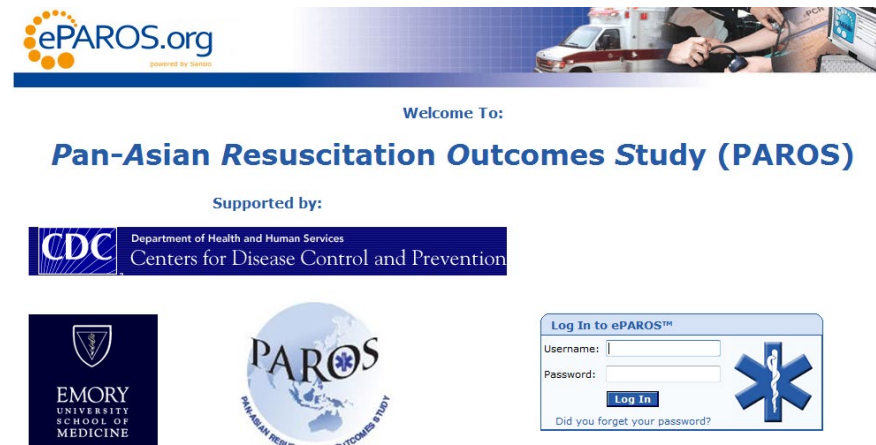
# Participating Countries



# Methods of Data Contribution

There are two main methods of contributing data to PAROS CRN:

- (i) Direct entry online via the online data capture system online training is conducted by the trial coordinating centre;
- (ii) Export field entry which uses exported data from participating sites to auto-populate the PAROS registry.





# <http://www.scri.edu.sg/crn/pan-asian-resuscitation-outcomes-study-paros-clinical-research-network-crn/about-paros/>

## NETWORKS

- Overview
- Asian Thoracic Oncology Research Group (ATORG)
- Asia-Pacific Hepatocellular Carcinoma (AHCC) Trials Group
- Family Medicine Research Network (FMRN)
- Metabolic Research Network
- ▾ **Pan-Asian Resuscitation Outcomes Study (PAROS) Clinical Research Network (CRN)**
  - **About PAROS**
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## About PAROS



The PAROS CRN is a collaborative research group formed in 2010 by dedicated Pre-hospital and Emergency Care (PEC) providers conducting PEC research in the Asia-Pacific region. It promotes collaboration by bringing together like-minded individuals to share experiences and develop joint initiatives for the betterment of PEC.

Currently, research into PEC in the Asia-Pacific region is largely inadequate and poorly coordinated owing to the marked variations in Emergency Medical Services (EMS) systems and outcomes reporting. With PEC conditions such as Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest (OHCA) being one of the leading causes of death worldwide, the dearth in the understanding of trends and research in PEC underscores the urgent need for more collaborative research and good-quality intervention trials in PEC.

PAROS CRN endeavours to improve outcomes from PEC across the Asia-Pacific region through the creation of a platform to support and stimulate research into effective strategies to improve survival in PEC. The ability to reach out to countries across the Asia-Pacific region means that the Network can adopt a multi-pronged strategy that targets key stakeholders such as the community, EMS and the hospitals in its vision to improve PEC outcomes. By offering practical ways of monitoring and meaningful measurement of PEC outcomes, PAROS CRN has an enormous potential to contribute significantly to PEC research, regardless of whether they are epidemiological studies or clinical trials. As a first step, PAROS CRN has identified OHCA as one of its main thrusts. The Network will gather valuable information on OHCA and deepen the understanding of the EMS systems in the region to devise strategies that improve survival. An IRB master template of an OHCA study initiated by A/Prof Marcus Ong can be found [here](#).

## Mission

To improve outcomes from Pre-hospital and Emergency Care across the Asia-Pacific region by promoting high quality research into resuscitation

## Vision

Improving outcomes from Pre-hospital and Emergency Care across the Asia-Pacific region

## Value to Singapore and the Region

PAROS CRN endeavours to answer important questions for the development and revisions of Pre-hospital and Emergency Care (PEC) policies. This research has a major social value as it aims to improve outcomes from

## Accomplishments so far...

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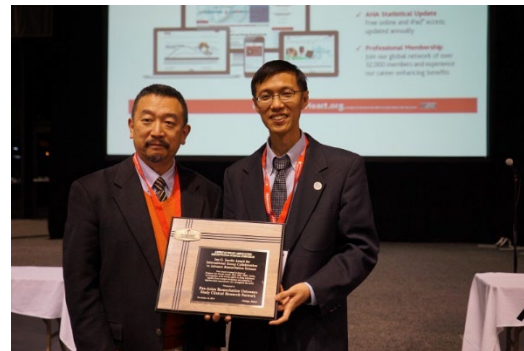
1. 316,170 cases enrolled in the PAROS registry
2. 16 countries contributing data
3. >60 papers published as a group, in journals such as Lancet, Circulation, Resuscitation, Prehospital Emergency Care, etc.
4. Ian G. Jacobs Award for International Group Collaboration to Advance Resuscitation Science, Chicago, Illinois (AHA): PAROS
5. Improvement in survival for OHCA seen across many PAROS countries
6. Expanded into Trauma, Stroke and Heat Stroke initiatives



# AHA ReSS International Group Collaboration to Advance Resuscitation



Collaborators from Malaysia, Taiwan, Korea, and Japan attending the award ceremony



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# **PAROS PHASE 1**

*Determining the Cost-Effectiveness of Strategies  
to Improve Survival from Out-Of-Hospital Cardiac  
Arrest*

# PAROS Phase 1

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- A prospective, international, multi-center cohort study of OHCA across the Asia-Pacific.
- Provides a model for population based data collection which can aid quality improvement to increase survival
- Provides a baseline to measure the effect of subsequent interventions such dispatcher-assisted CPR and Public Access Defibrillation in this region.



# Publications

Resuscitation 96 (2015) 100–108



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## Resuscitation

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### Clinical Paper

## Outcomes for out-of-hospital cardiac arrests across 7 countries in Asia: The Pan Asian Resuscitation Outcomes Study (PAROS)<sup>☆</sup>

Marcus Eng Hock Ong<sup>a,b,\*</sup>, Sang Do Shin<sup>c</sup>, Nurun Nisa Amatullah De Souza<sup>d,n</sup>, Hideharu Tanaka<sup>e</sup>, Tatsuya Nishiuchi<sup>f</sup>, Kyoung Jun Song<sup>c</sup>, Patrick Chow-In Ko<sup>g</sup>, Benjamin Sieu-Hon Leong<sup>i</sup>, Nalinas Khunkhlai<sup>j</sup>, Ghulam Yasin Naroo<sup>k</sup>, Abdul Karim Sarah<sup>l</sup>, Yih Yng Ng<sup>m</sup>, Wen Yun Li<sup>n</sup>, Matthew Huei-Ming Ma<sup>o</sup>, for the PAROS Clinical Research Network<sup>q</sup>

Journal of the Formosan Medical Association (2016) 115, 628–638



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journal homepage: [www.jfma-online.com](http://www.jfma-online.com)



### ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Variation of current protocols for managing out-of-hospital cardiac arrest in prehospital settings among Asian countries

Chih-Hao Lin<sup>a,\*</sup>, Yih Yng Ng<sup>b</sup>, Wen-Chu Chiang<sup>c</sup>, Sarah Abdul Karim<sup>d</sup>, Sang Do Shin<sup>e</sup>, Hideharu Tanaka<sup>f</sup>, Tatsuya Nishiuchi<sup>g</sup>, Kentaro Kajino<sup>h</sup>, Nalinas Khunkhlai<sup>i</sup>, Matthew Huei-Ming Ma<sup>c</sup>, Marcus Eng Hock Ong<sup>j</sup>



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Official Journal of the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine

## Pan-Asian Resuscitation Outcomes Study (PAROS): Rationale, Methodology, and Implementation

Marcus Eng Hock Ong, MBBS, MPH, Sang Do Shin, MD, PhD, Hideharu Tanaka, MD, Matthew Huei-Ming Ma, MD, PhD, Pairoj Khruengkarnchana, MD, Nik Hisamuddin, NAR, MBChB, MMED, Ridvan Atilla, MD, Paul Middleton, MBBS, Kentaro Kajino, MD, PhD, Benjamin Sieu-Hon Leong, MBBS, FRCS Ed (A&E), and Muhammad Naeem Khan, MBBS, MSc

### Abstract

Disease-based registries can form the basis of comparative research to improve and inform policy for optimizing outcomes, for example, in out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA). Such registries are often lacking in resource-limited countries and settings. Anecdotally, survival rates for OHCA in Asia are low compared to those in North America or Europe, and a regional registry is needed. The Pan-Asian Resuscitation Outcomes Study (PAROS) network of hospitals was established in 2009 as an international, multicenter prospective registry of OHCA across the Asia-Pacific region to date representing a population

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES/ORIGINAL RESEARCH

## Modifiable Factors Associated With Survival After Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest in the Pan-Asian Resuscitation Outcomes Study

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**Study objective:** The study aims to identify modifiable factors associated with improved out-of-hospital cardiac arrest survival among communities in the Pan-Asian Resuscitation Outcomes Study (PAROS) Clinical Research Network: Japan, Singapore, South Korea, Malaysia, Taiwan, Thailand, and the United Arab Emirates (Dubai).

**Methods:** This was a prospective, international, multicenter cohort study of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest in the Asia-Pacific. Arrests caused by trauma, patients who were not transported by emergency medical services (EMS), and pediatric out-of-hospital cardiac arrest cases (<18 years) were excluded from the analysis. Modifiable out-of-hospital factors (bystander cardiopulmonary resuscitation [CPR] and defibrillation, out-of-hospital defibrillation, advanced airway, and drug administration) were compared for all out-of-hospital cardiac arrest patients presenting to EMS and participating hospitals. The primary outcome measure was survival to hospital discharge or 30 days of hospitalization (if not discharged). We used multilevel mixed-effects logistic regression models to identify factors independently associated with out-of-hospital cardiac arrest survival, accounting for clustering within each community.

**Results:** Of 66,780 out-of-hospital cardiac arrest cases reported between January 2009 and December 2012, we included 56,765 in the analysis. In the adjusted model, modifiable factors associated with improved out-of-hospital cardiac arrest outcomes included bystander CPR (odds ratio [OR] 1.43; 95% confidence interval [CI] 1.31 to 1.55), response time less than or equal to 8 minutes (OR 1.52; 95% CI 1.35 to 1.71), and out-of-hospital defibrillation (OR 2.31; 95% CI 1.96 to 2.72). Out-of-hospital advanced airway (OR 0.73; 95% CI 0.67 to 0.80) was negatively associated with out-of-hospital cardiac arrest survival.

**Conclusion:** In the PAROS cohort, bystander CPR, out-of-hospital defibrillation, and response time less than or equal to 8 minutes were positively associated with increased out-of-hospital cardiac arrest survival, whereas out-of-hospital advanced airway was associated with decreased out-of-hospital cardiac arrest survival. Developing EMS systems should focus on basic life support interventions in out-of-hospital cardiac arrest resuscitation. [Ann Emerg Med. 2017;■:1–10.]

Please see page XX for the Editor's Capsule Summary of this article.





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# **PAROS PHASE 2**

*International Multi-Center Controlled Trial of  
Dispatcher-Assisted Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation  
Intervention Package*



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# Resuscitation

journal homepage: [www.elsevier.com/locate/resuscitation](http://www.elsevier.com/locate/resuscitation)

## Clinical paper

# International multi-center real world implementation trial to increase out-of-hospital cardiac arrest survival with a dispatcher-assisted cardio-pulmonary resuscitation package (Pan-Asian resuscitation outcomes study phase 2)



Marcus Eng Hock Ong<sup>a,b,\*</sup>, Sang Do Shin<sup>c,d</sup>, Patrick Chow-In Ko<sup>e</sup>, Xinyi Lin<sup>f,g</sup>, Matthew Huei-Ming Ma<sup>h</sup>, Hyun Wook Ryoo<sup>i</sup>, Kwanhathai Darin Wong<sup>j</sup>, Jirapong Supasaowapak<sup>k</sup>, Chih-Hao Lin<sup>l</sup>, Chan-Wei Kuo<sup>m</sup>, Ramana Rao<sup>n</sup>, Wenwei Cai<sup>o</sup>, Faith Joan Gaerlan<sup>p</sup>, Munawar Khursheed<sup>q</sup>, Do Ngoc Son<sup>r</sup>, Karim Sarah<sup>s</sup>, Mazen El Sayed<sup>t,u</sup>, Saad Al Qahtani<sup>v,w</sup>, Hideharu Tanaka<sup>x</sup>

Resuscitation. 2022 Feb;171:80-89. doi:10.1016/j.resuscitation.2021.12.032.

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# Dispatcher Course for Telephone CPR

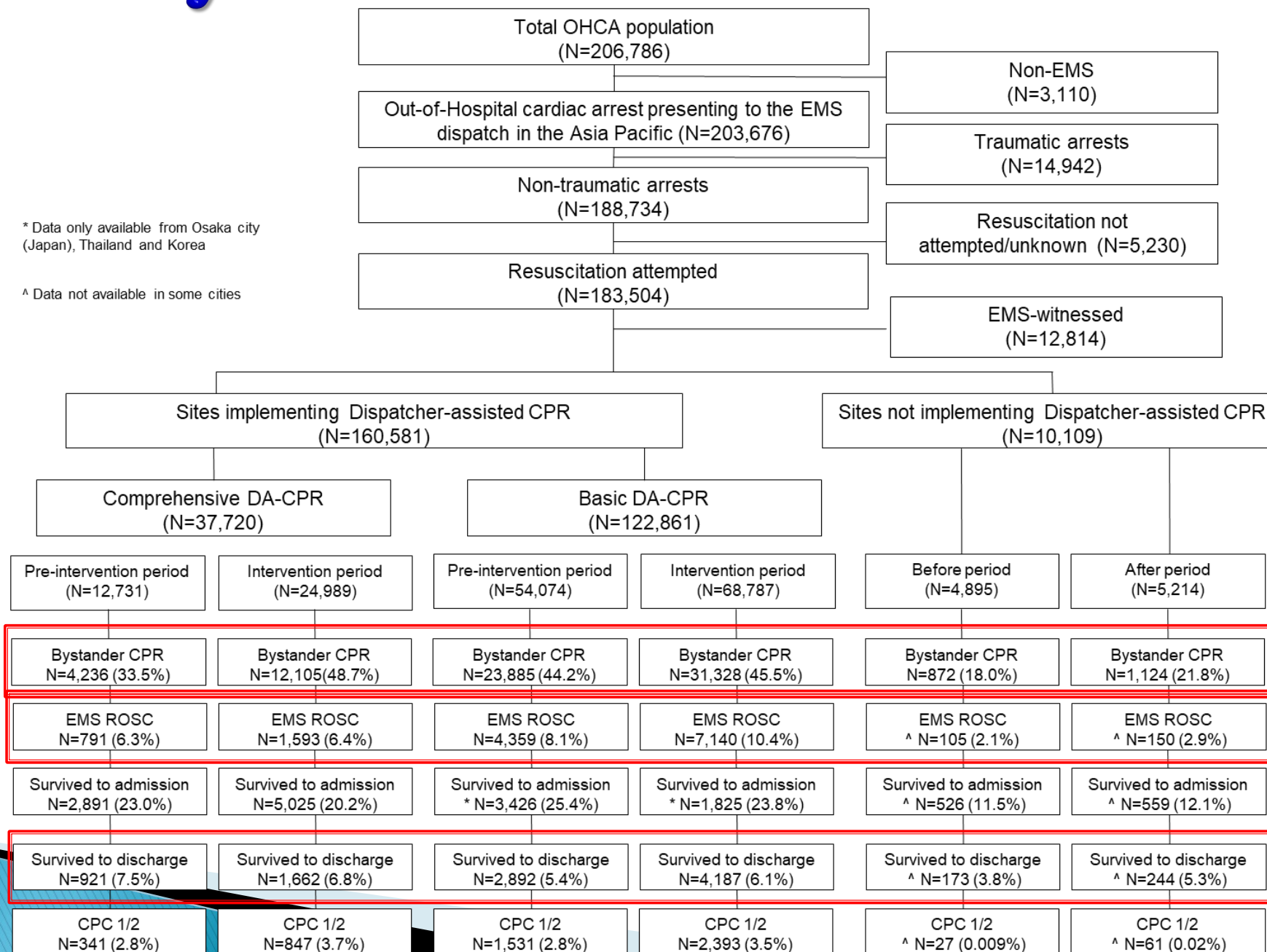




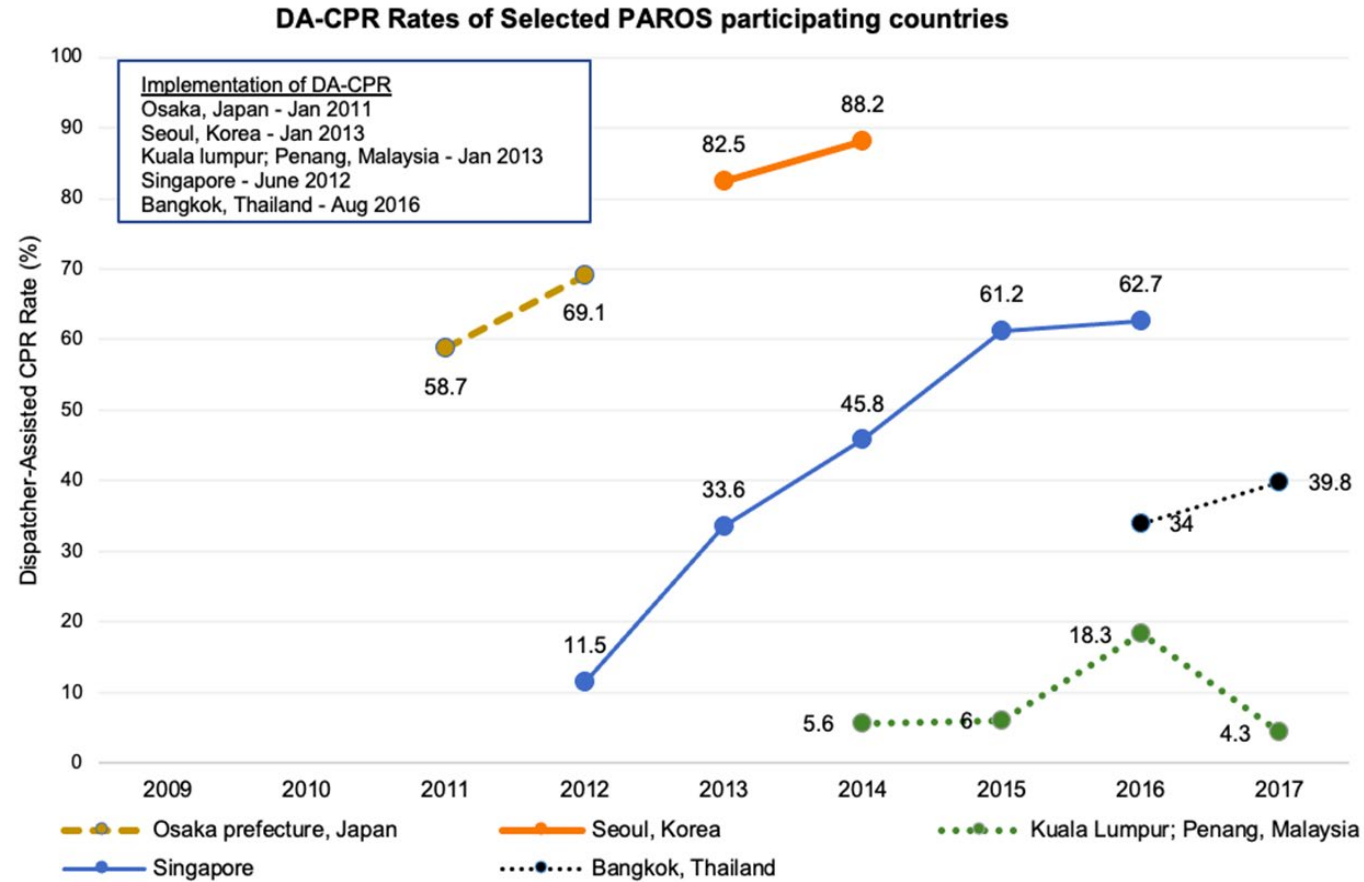
# Study results

\* Data only available from Osaka city (Japan), Thailand and Korea

^ Data not available in some cities



# PAROS Research - Phase 2



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# **PAROS PHASE 3**

*Improving Outcomes For Out-of-hospital Cardiac  
Arrest Through A National, Living, Learning,  
Prehospital Emergency Care Laboratory*

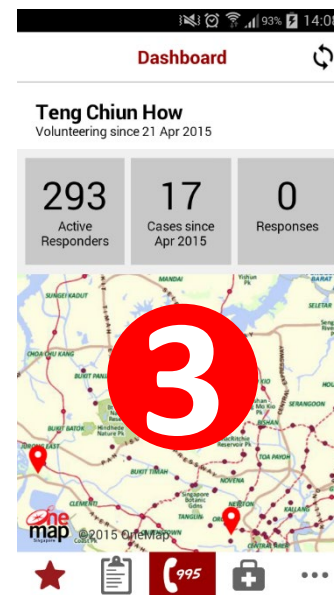


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Dial 995 and send  
your geo-location  
at the same time



Know where  
the nearest  
AED is  
located



Sign up as a  
volunteer  
responder





# PAROS Phase 3 - SG

- Develop and evaluate the effectiveness of a **bundle of ambulance based interventions** which include:



High performance team CPR



Impedance Threshold Device



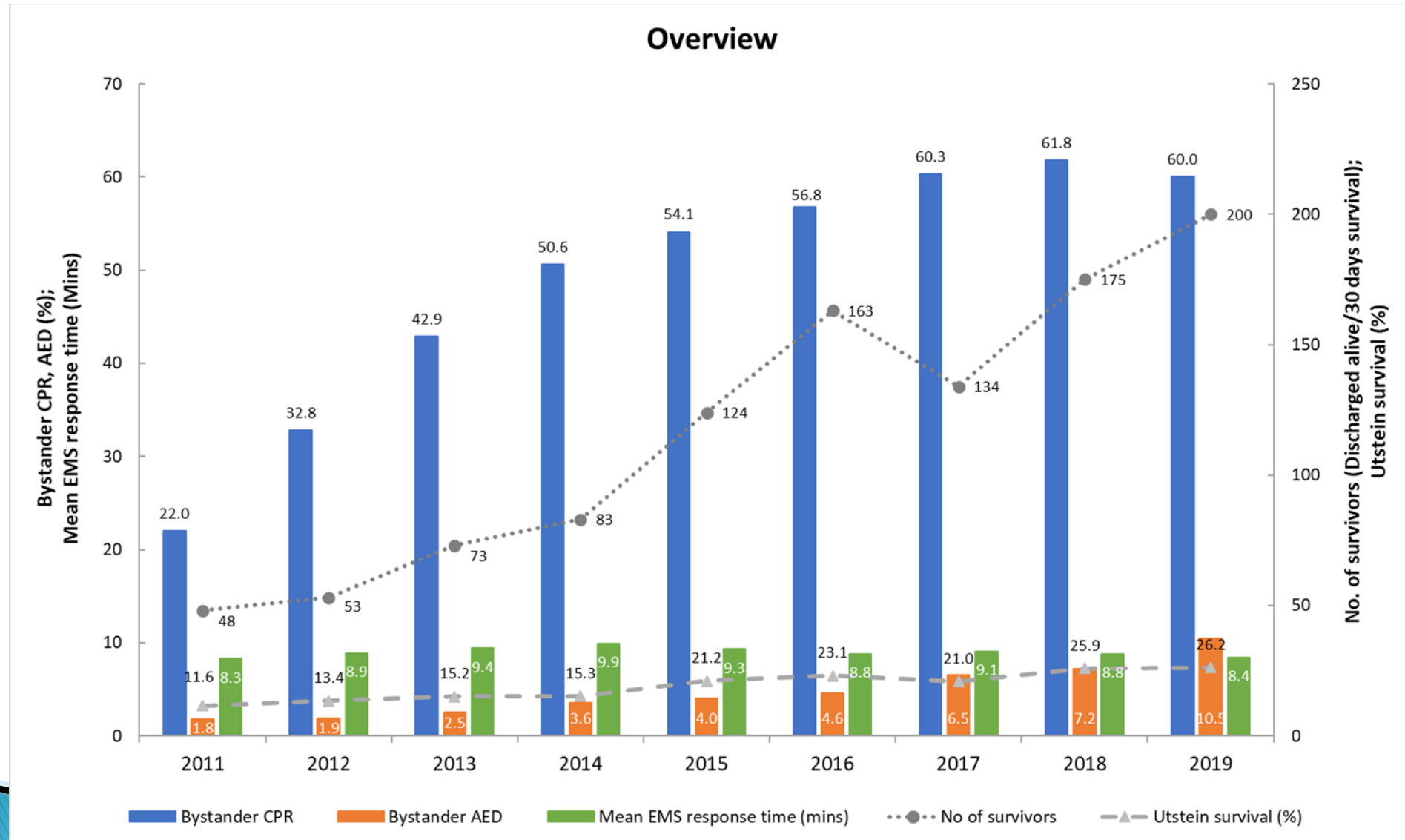
Manual defibrillation by  
intermediate life-  
support providers



intravenous  
amiodarone

- We aim to increase pre-hospital ROSC rate from 5% currently, to 10% and survival to discharge rate by 5% compared to control sites through these interventions.

# Singapore Progress: 2011 - 2019



Community



# PAROS Phase 4 - SG

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Future-Ready  
Interventions for  
Survival after Cardiac  
Arrest (FRISCA): From  
Quantity to Quality  
Survivorship



Vision  
Enable OHCA patients  
to survive with good  
neurological function,  
leading normal/ near-  
normal, productive life

Ambulance

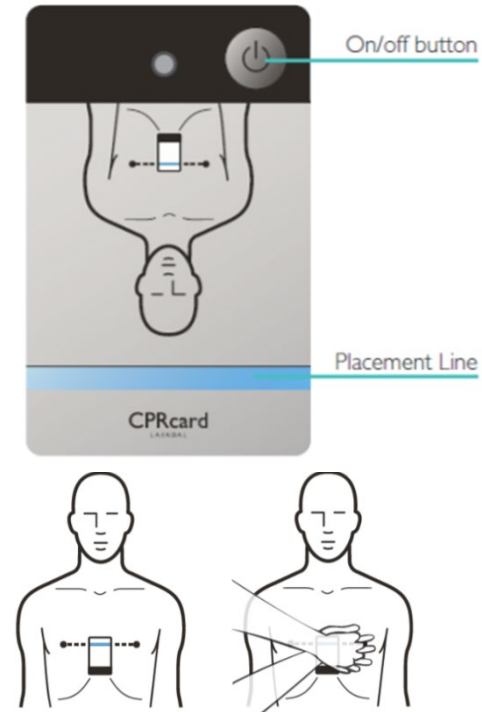


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# The CPRcard™

- Personal credit card size device
- Assists with land-marking
- Provides visual rate and depth range of compressions
- Collects data re: quality of chest compressions

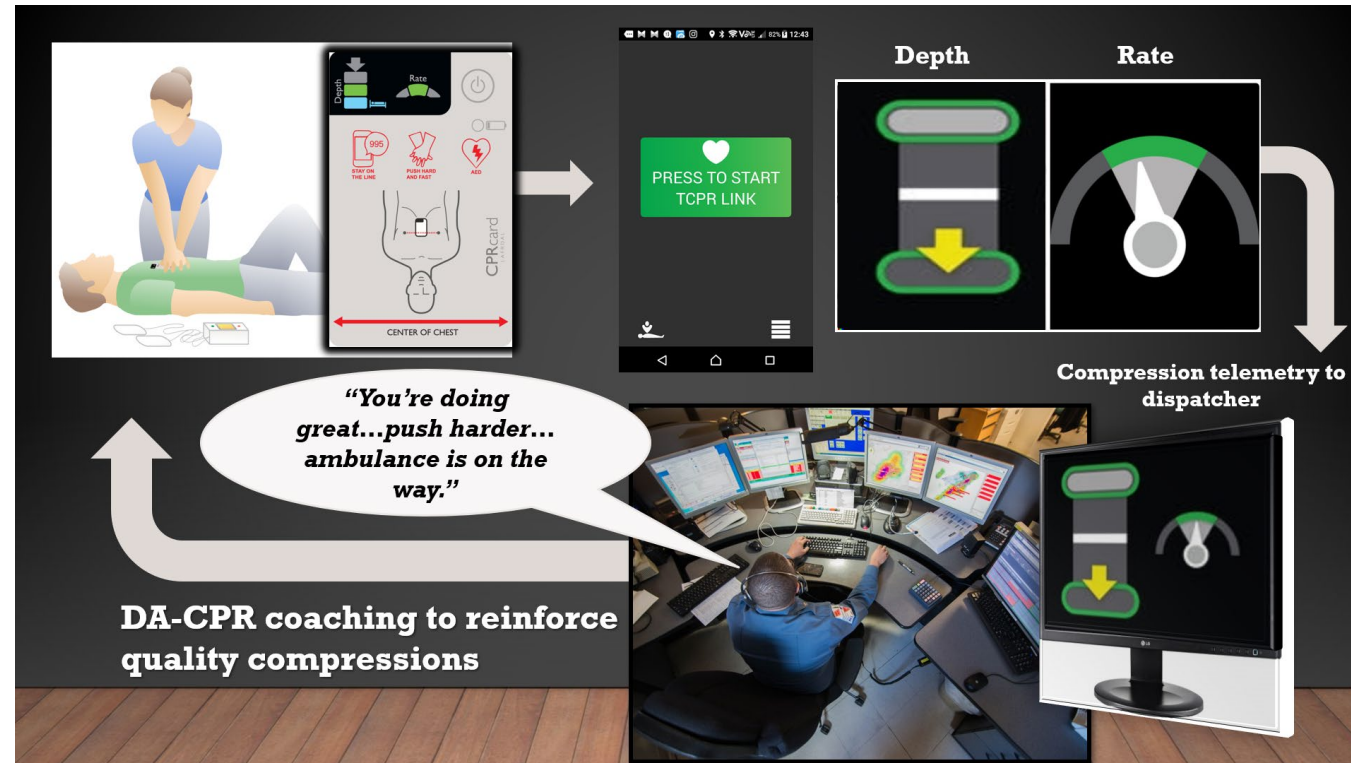






## Theme 2: Future Ready SMART Community interventions

### Integrated MyResponder / CPR Card





## Cardiac Arrest Survivors' Club



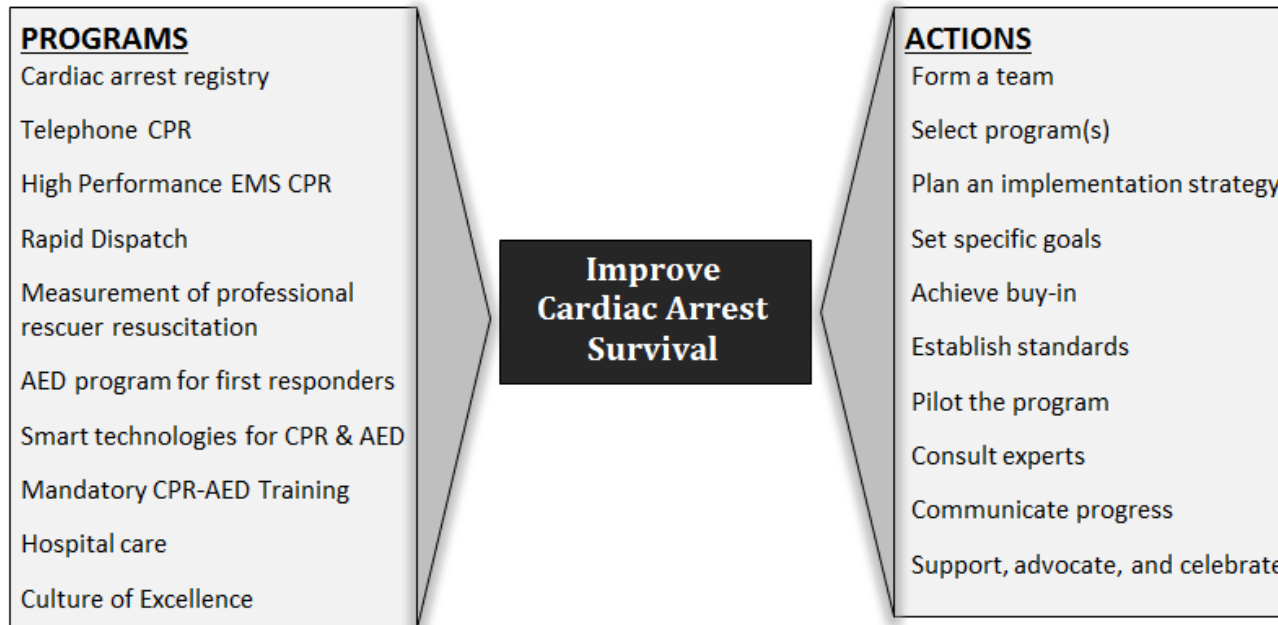
The Sudden Cardiac Arrest Survivor Club met for the first time on Saturday, 18 Mar 2023 at our Bishan premise. The Club is a new collaborative endeavour among the Unit for Pre-Hospital Emergency Care (UPEC), Singapore Heart Foundation, [Duke-NUS Medical School](#), [SingHealth](#) and the [Singapore Civil Defence Force](#).

The nine cardiac arrest survivors exchanged stories of their survival experience and enjoyed a short tour of our Heart Wellness Centre and lunch. Cheers to being a peer support network for fellow survivors in Singapore to not only survive, but thrive!



## Ongoing PAROS Research

- Resuscitation Academy (RA) 10-Step Implementations in the Pan-Asian Resuscitation Outcomes Study (PAROS) group





# Systems Assessment Tool for Developing EMS Systems



## Key Preliminary Studies

Utstein recommendations for emergency stroke care  
*Int Journal of Stroke* 2020

GRA consensus for developing emergency care systems: reducing perinatal mortality  
*Resuscitation* 2018

GRA Utstein recommendations for developing systems of care  
*Resuscitation* 2018

Evaluating capacity in Eswatini using the WHO Heat tool  
*BMC Emergency Medicine* 2020

## Laerdal Program Grant

Aim 1: Explore areas for developing PEC systems in SE Asia

Aim 2: Determine 10 key elements specific to cardiovascular emergencies, trauma and perinatal mortality for developing PEC systems

Aim 3: Pilot a system assessment tool for developing PECs in select SE Asian countries.

## Future grant applications

Larger project evaluating this system evaluation tool on a broader scale



**Laerdal Foundation**  
helping save lives

# Resuscitation Academy Asia: Training Programme for Implementation of the PEC Systems Assessment Tool

TEMASEK  
FOUNDATION





# Resuscitation Academy

## Philippines workshop (26 – 27 April 2023 )



### 26 – 29 July 2023 (Lombok, Indonesia)

- RA Workshop
- EMS Medical Directors Workshop

### 18 – 19 Dec 2023 (Bangkok, Thailand)

- RA Workshop

### 5-8 June 2024 Malaysia RA Workshop



# Resuscitation Academy China : July 2024

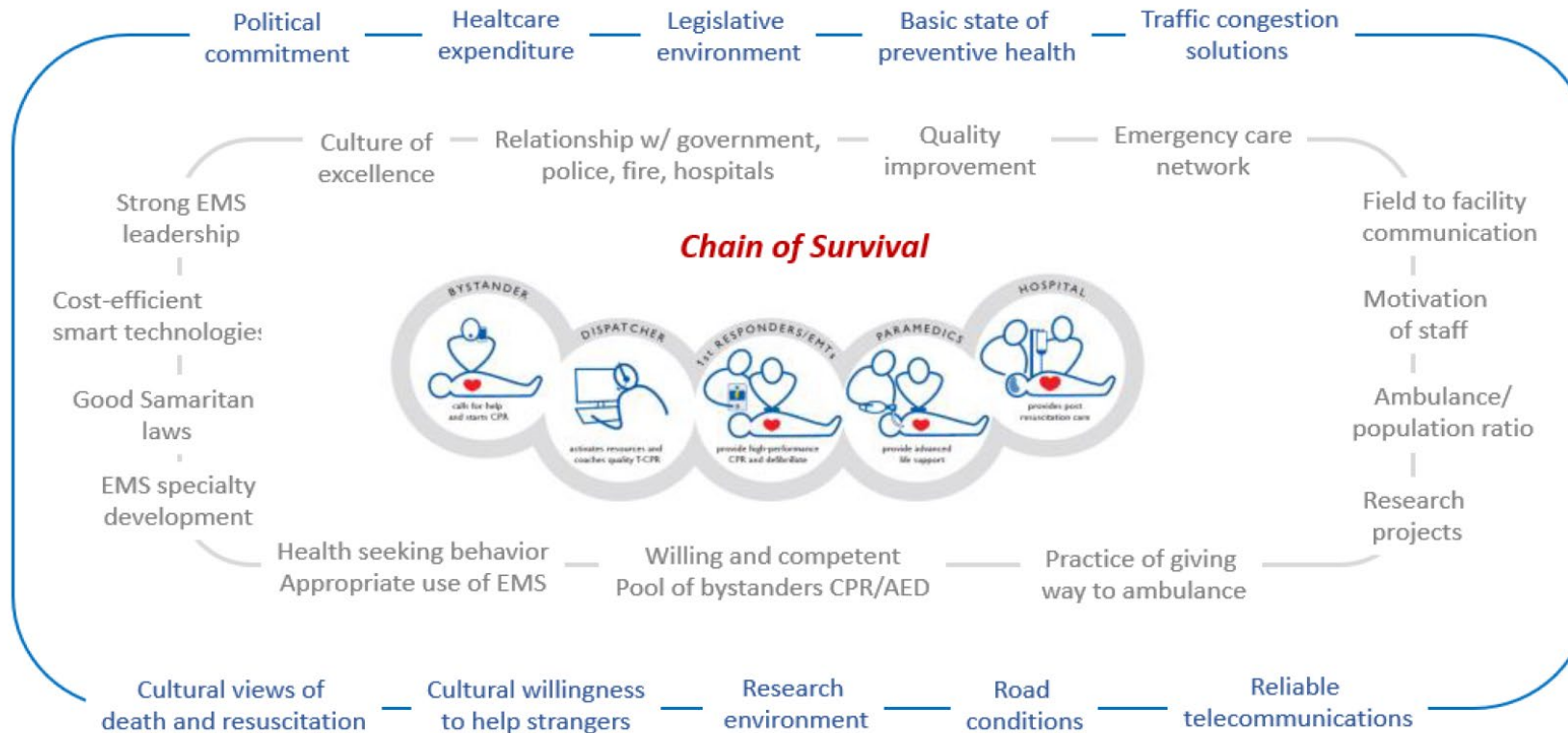




# Conceptual Framework Presented at WHO (Resuscitation 2018)

## *Frame of Survival*

*for improving OHCA outcomes in developing EMS systems*



# Pre-hospital Emergency Care Systems Evaluation Toolkit

- Allow PEC system in its early stages to benchmark and monitor their progress over time with the overall goal of achieving a quality PEC system that can reduce morbidity and mortality from time sensitive conditions.

## FGDs

Explore potential elements, barriers, facilitators, and performance indicators for PEC systems in LMICs in Asia

## Delphi Consensus & NGT

Determine core elements for PEC system

Determine indicators to measure elements

## Resuscitation Academy

Pilot toolkit in 5 Southeast Asian countries in conjunction with RA

## Tool Evaluation

Assess acceptability, self-efficacy, usability, and change in outcome measurement over a year.

# Benefits of PAROS

- ◉ Model for feasibility, implementation, cost-effectiveness and replication of system level intervention for OHCA
- ◉ Inform policy plans to improve pre-hospital emergency care
- ◉ Strengthen emergency treatment capability and research infrastructure
- ◉ Platform for low-cost community centered research
- ◉ Leading international research center and collaboration
- ◉ Robust scientific evidence



# Questions?





# CALL FOR USE CASES: EM-RADAR

*Submit your Research Proposals!*

Write to [emed.acp@singhealth.com.sg](mailto:emed.acp@singhealth.com.sg) for the Data Request Application form

SingHealth Emergency Medicine Real-world Anonymised DATA Repository (EM-RADAR)

## **Data Scope**

- Phase 1: SGH and SKH ED data
- Period: 1 June 2016 - 31 December 2022

## **Timeline**

- Call for proposals are open!
- Data access on ODySSEy begins: Q2/Q3 2025  
(after necessary approvals)

## **Selected teams will access**

- 27 ED Datasets for SGH (De-identified) and/or
- 26 ED Datasets for SKH (De-identified)
- Comprehensive and robust ED Data: Include demographics, clinical information, lab results, outcome data etc

