

# Survival Outcomes of In-Hospital Cardiac Arrest in Pediatric Patients in the United States

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# Abstract

We report on in-hospital cardiac arrest outcomes in the United States. The data were obtained from the National (Nationwide) Inpatient Sample datasets for the years 2000–2017, which includes data from participating hospitals in 47 US states and the District of Columbia. We included pediatric patients (< 18 years of age) with cardiac arrest and we excluded patients with no cardiopulmonary resuscitation during the hospitalization. Primary outcome of the study was in-hospital mortality after cardiac arrest. A multivariable logistic regression was performed to identify factors associated with survival. A total of 20,654 patients were identified, 8226 (39.82%) patients survived to discharge. The median length of stay and cost of hospitalization were significantly higher in the survivors vs. Non-survivors (LOS 18 days vs. 1 day, and cost \$187,434 vs. \$45,811, respectively,  $p < 0.001$ ). In a multivariable model, patients admitted to teaching hospitals, elective admissions and those admitted on weekdays had higher survival (aOR=1.19, CI: 1.06–1.33, aOR=2.65, CI: 2.37–2.97 and aOR=1.17, CI: 1.07–1.27, respectively). Acute renal failure was associated with decrease in survival (aOR=0.66, CI: 0.60–0.73). There was no difference in mortality between patients with Extracorporeal CardioPulmonary Resuscitation (E-CPR) and those with conventional CardioPulmonary Resuscitation. E-CPR patients were likely to have congenital heart surgery (51.0% vs. 20.8%). In conclusion, we highlighted the survival predictors in these events, which can guide future studies aimed at improving outcomes in pediatric cardiac arrest.

## What Is Known

- In-hospital cardiac arrest occurs in 2-6% of pediatric intensive care admissions.
- Cardiac arrests had a significant impact on hospital resources and a significantly high mortality

## What Is New

- Factors associated with higher survival rates in patients with cardiac arrest: admission to teaching hospitals, elective admissions and week-day admissions. Acute renal failure was associated with decrease in survival.
- The use of rescue extracorporeal cardiopulmonary resuscitation in refractory cardiac arrest has increased by three folds over the last two decades.

## Introduction

The annual frequency of pediatric cardiac arrest in the United States is estimated to be 15,200 cases (1). Despite a half-century of pediatric-specific resuscitation guidelines being available and published regularly by the American Heart Association, the morbidity and mortality associated with these events and their burden on the hospital resources remain tremendous (2, 3). Therefore, the need to analyze and gain knowledge from these events at institutional and national levels becomes paramount to improving pediatric cardiac arrest outcomes. A decade ago, the American Heart Association set an impact goal to increase survival by two folds by 2020. Studies of pediatric in-hospital cardiac arrest were mainly based

on retrospective single-institution studies, and very few large-scale multicenter studies reported the outcomes and predictors for survival in pediatric in-hospital cardiac arrest (2–6). There is a knowledge gap in defining which patients are at risk for developing cardiac arrest. Much remains unknown about the characteristics of the subgroup that received Extracorporeal CardioPulmonary Resuscitation (ECPR). To fill these pediatric knowledge gaps, we utilized an extensive national database that spans over two decades and analyzed the data of more than twenty thousand patients with pediatric in-hospital cardiac arrest. Our objective is to identify and assess the factors associated with survival to hospital discharge, including patients who received ECPR. We hypothesized that utilizing an extensive national database with a wide range of practice variations would allow us to evaluate in-hospital cardiac arrests' national outcomes and determine the trends of extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) utilization and its outcomes.

## Methods

The data were obtained from the National (Nationwide) Inpatient Sample, part of the Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP), sponsored by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. This is the largest publicly available all-payer inpatient care database in the United States, containing data from more than seven million hospital stays each year (7). The National Inpatient Sample database randomly samples 20% of the discharges from participating hospitals in 47 US states and the District of Columbia. The sampling method provides a geographically distributed sample that represents all inpatient admissions in the nation. The use of data from approved public datasets is not considered human subject research; the study was granted exempt status from the Cleveland Clinic Institutional Review Board.

The study population was identified using the International Classification of Diseases, Ninth and Tenth Revisions, Clinical Modification (ICD-9&10-CM). Data were queried from the years 2000–2017. Pediatric patients ( $\leq 18$  years of age) who had cardiac arrest during their in-hospital stay between January 1, 2000, and December 31, 2017, were included. Cardiac arrest was defined as a primary or secondary diagnosis of cardiac arrest (ICD codes 427.5, I46.2, I46.8, I46.9) or ventricular fibrillation (ICD codes 427.41, I49.01). To distinguish between in-hospital and out-of-hospital CA, we excluded patients with no cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) procedure during the hospitalization. Patients were divided into two groups, survivors and non-survivors. We collected patient demographics, hospital-level data (location of the hospital, type of hospital, bed size of the hospital, the region of the hospital), type of admission (elective or non-elective), and day of admission (weekday versus weekend).

Outcomes measured were in-hospital mortality, length of hospital stay (LOS), and cost of hospitalization. Medical cardiac conditions compiled into one category included myocarditis, pulmonary heart disease, heart failure, acute myocardial infarction, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, cardiogenic shock, cardiac tamponade, Marfan syndrome, and coronary artery anomalies. The arrhythmias group included heart block, sinus node dysfunction, long QT dysfunction, Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome, and conduction disorders. To identify patients with congenital heart surgery, we used ICD-9 and ICD-10 procedural codes

for congenital heart surgery operations, patients were included in the congenital heart disease (CHD) group if they received the procedure during the hospitalization. We also examined survival of inpatient cardiac arrest in the CHD group over the years of the study.

We also included secondary analysis of the use of ECMO at the time of CPR. For this analysis, patients were divided into two groups, CPR with ECMO (ECPR) and CPR without ECMO. For the multivariable regression analysis, we first compiled a list of clinically important potential predictors of in-hospital survival after cardiac arrest, which included both patient and hospital characteristics as demographics, clinical diagnoses, ECMO utilization and hospital teaching status. A univariate analysis was initially performed, after that, variables with significance ( $p < 0.2$ ) were incorporated in a multivariable analysis using a logistic regression model. Because of the limited information we can gather from this database, this study did not have details about the location and duration of cardiopulmonary resuscitation provided, medications administered during CPR and hemodynamic data.

## Statistical Analysis

Continuous variables were described using median and interquartile range (IQR). Categorical variables were described using frequencies and percentages. Demographics, clinical characteristics, and outcomes were compared using Mann-Whitney U test for continuous variables and Chi-square or Fisher's exact tests for categorical variables. The non-parametric Jonckheere-Terpstra test was used to study the trends of in-hospital cardiac arrest survival, ECPR, and survival in congenital heart disease surgical patients with in-hospital cardiac arrest. Statistical significance was set at  $p < 0.05$ . The analysis was performed by SPSS software, version 25 (SPSS Inc., Chicago, IL) was used for statistical analysis.

## Results

### Characteristics of the study population (Supplemental Table 1):

A total of 20,654 pediatric cases with in-hospital cardiac arrest were identified. Of those, 8226 (39.82%) patients survived. Patients were mostly males (11,366, 55.1%) and white (7738, 42.7%). Infants (7861, 38.1%) were the most common age group in the study followed by toddlers (4891, 23.7%), adolescents (4862, 23.5%), and school age children (3040, 14.7%). Most of the cases were admitted non-electively (17,006, 87.2%) versus 2493 elective admissions (12.8%). Cases were mainly admitted to hospitals: with large bed sizes (10,941, 67.2%), that are mainly urban teaching hospitals (14,319, 88%) with a large percentage of these hospitals located in the southern region of the US (6350, 38.9%).

### Outcomes of survivors versus non-survivors (Table 1):

Table 1  
Outcomes of survivors versus non-survivors.

Characteristic	Survivors (n = 8226)	Non-survivors (n = 12,428)	OR (95% CI)	P
Age, years <sup>a</sup>	1 (0–8)	3 (0–14)		< 0.001
Length of stay, days <sup>a</sup>	18 (7–38)	1 (0–5)		< 0.001
Cost of hospitalization, \$ <sup>a</sup>	187,434 (71,802–403,950)	45,811 (20,376–118,048)		< 0.001
<b>Respiratory:</b>				
Asthma	634 (7.7)	740 (6.0)	1.32 (1.18–1.47)	< 0.001
Pneumonia - Aspiration pneumonitis	2435 (29.6)	1818 (14.6)	2.45 (2.29–2.63)	< 0.001
Respiratory failure	5153 (62.6)	6184 (49.8)	1.69 (1.60–1.79)	< 0.001
<b>Cardiac:</b>				
Congenital heart diseases	2518 (30.6)	2290 (18.4)	1.95 (1.83–2.08)	< 0.001
Cardiomyopathy	573 (7.0)	521 (4.2)	1.71 (1.51–1.93)	< 0.001
Medical cardiac conditions	2852 (34.7)	2751 (22.1)	1.87 (1.75–1.99)	< 0.001
Arrhythmias	466 (5.7)	449 (3.6)	1.60 (1.40–1.83)	< 0.001
<b>CNS:</b>				
Anoxic brain damage	1184 (14.4)	2957 (23.8)	0.54 (0.50–0.58)	< 0.001
Brain death	0 (0.0)	755 (6.1)		
Seizure	1078 (13.1)	1231 (9.9)	1.37 (1.26–1.50)	< 0.001
Stroke - Intracranial hemorrhage	575 (7.0)	627 (5.0)	1.41 (1.26–1.59)	< 0.001
<b>Other:</b>				

Data are expressed in frequency (%); Chi-square or Fisher's exact tests were used for analysis except with data <sup>a</sup> that expressed in median (interquartile range); Mann-Whitney U test was used for analysis.

Characteristic	Survivors (n = 8226)	Non-survivors (n = 12,428)	OR (95% CI)	P
Septicemia	1573 (19.1)	2329 (18.7)	1.03 (0.96–1.10)	0.492
Fluid and electrolytes disorders	4122 (50.1)	6094 (49.0)	1.04 (0.99–1.10)	0.132
Acute renal failure	1169 (14.2)	2274 (18.3)	0.74 (0.69–0.80)	< 0.001
<b>In-Hospital Interventions:</b>				
Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO)	673 (8.2)	997 (8.0)	1.02 (0.92–1.13)	0.681
Hemodialysis	219 (2.7)	396 (3.2)	0.83 (0.70–0.98)	0.033
Heart transplantation	90 (1.1)	15 (0.1)	9.15 (5.30–15.82)	< 0.001
Data are expressed in frequency (%); Chi-square or Fisher's exact tests were used for analysis except with data <sup>a</sup> that expressed in median (interquartile range); Mann-Whitney U test was used for analysis.				

The median LOS and the median cost of hospitalization were significantly higher in the survivor group compared to the non-survivor group (LOS 18 days vs. 1 day, and cost \$187,434 vs. \$45,811, respectively,  $p < 0.001$ ). The following were present more frequently in the survivor group versus the non survivors, respiratory complications as asthma (survivors 7.7% vs. non survivors 6%, OR = 1.32; 95% CI: 1.18–1.47;  $p < 0.001$ ), pneumonia (survivors 29.6% vs. non survivors 14.6%, OR = 2.45; 95% CI: 2.29–2.63;  $p < 0.001$ ), and respiratory failure (survivors 62.6% vs. non survivors 49.8%, OR = 1.69; 95% CI: 1.60–1.79;  $p < 0.001$ ) as well as congenital heart diseases (survivors 30.6% vs. non survivors 18.4%, OR = 1.95; 95% CI: 1.83–2.08;  $p < 0.001$ ). Anoxic brain damage was less likely to be found in the survivors group compared to non survivors (14.4% vs. 23.8%, OR = 0.54; 95% CI: 0.50–0.58;  $p < 0.001$ ).

## Regression analysis for predictors of survival (Table 2):

Table 2  
Multivariable Regression analysis for predictors of survival.

Characteristic	Univariate analysis		Multivariate analysis	
	OR (95% CI)	<i>P</i>	aOR (95% CI)	<i>p</i>
Age (infants)	1.71 (1.62–1.81)	< 0.001	1.41 (1.30–1.53)	< 0.001
Sex (male)	0.97 (0.92–1.03)	0.362		
Race (White)	1.07 (1.00–1.13)	0.038	1.14 (1.06–1.23)	< 0.001
Teaching hospital	1.29 (1.17–1.42)	< 0.001	1.19 (1.06–1.33)	0.003
Admission day (weekday)	1.34 (1.26–1.43)	< 0.001	1.17 (1.07–1.27)	< 0.001
Elective admission	2.49 (2.29–2.72)	< 0.001	2.65 (2.37–2.97)	< 0.001
Asthma	1.32 (1.18–1.47)	< 0.001	1.25 (1.09–1.43)	0.001
Pneumonia/Aspiration pneumonitis	2.45 (2.29–2.63)	< 0.001	2.84 (2.60–3.09)	< 0.001
CHD	1.95 (1.83–2.08)	< 0.001	1.59 (1.45–1.74)	< 0.001
Cardiomyopathy	1.71 (1.51–1.93)	< 0.001	1.94 (1.66–2.28)	< 0.001
Arrhythmia	1.60 (1.40–1.83)	< 0.001	1.31 (1.11–1.55)	0.002
Stroke/Intracranial hemorrhage	1.41 (1.26–1.59)	< 0.001	1.40 (1.21–1.62)	< 0.001
Septicemia	1.03 (0.96–1.10)	0.487		
Acute renal failure	0.74 (0.69–0.80)	< 0.001	0.66 (0.60–0.73)	< 0.001
ECPR	1.02 (0.92–1.13)	0.679		

A univariate analysis followed by a multivariable regression analysis were performed to further analyze the dynamics between survival predictors. The following patient characteristics were found to be associated with higher survival rates: age < 1 year (aOR = 1.43), White race (aOR = 1.14), asthma diagnosis (aOR = 1.25), pneumonia (aOR = 2.84), patients with congenital heart disease (aOR = 1.59), cardiomyopathy (aOR = 1.94) and arrhythmias (aOR = 1.3). Acute renal failure was associated with decrease in survival ( aOR = 0.66). Patients admitted to teaching hospitals, elective admissions and those admitted on a weekday have better survival (aOR = 1.19, aOR = 2.65 and aOR = 1.17, respectively)

### **Outcomes of CPR with ECMO (ECPR) versus CPR without ECMO (Table 3):**

Table 3  
Outcomes of CPR with ECMO (ECPR) versus CPR without ECMO.

Characteristics	CPR with ECMO (ECPR) (n = 1670)	CPR without ECMO (n = 18,984)	OR (95% CI)	P
Infants	776 (46.5)	7085 (37.3)	1.46 (1.32–1.61)	< 0.001
Sex (male)	864 (51.7)	10,502 (55.3)	0.87 (0.78–0.96)	0.004
Race (White)	665 (45.5)	7073 (42.5)	1.13 (1.02–1.26)	0.025
Mortality	997 (59.7)	11,431 (60.2)	0.98 (0.88–1.08)	0.681
Length of stay, days <sup>a</sup>	14 (3–38)	4 (1–18)		< 0.001
Cost of hospitalization, \$ <sup>a</sup>	327,515 (159,980–719,969)	66,681 (25,279–196,291)		< 0.001
<b>Respiratory:</b>				
Asthma	110 (6.6)	1263 (6.7)	0.99 (0.81–1.21)	0.917
Pneumonia - Aspiration pneumonitis	362 (21.7)	3892 (20.5)	1.07 (0.95–1.21)	0.255
Respiratory failure	1054 (63.1)	10,283 (54.2)	1.44 (1.31–1.61)	< 0.001
<b>Cardiac:</b>				
Congenital heart diseases	852 (51.0)	3956 (20.8)	3.96 (3.57–4.38)	< 0.001
Cardiomyopathy	239 (14.3)	855 (4.5)	3.54 (3.04–4.13)	< 0.001
Medical cardiac conditions	1035 (62.0)	4568 (24.1)	5.14 (4.64–5.71)	< 0.001
Arrhythmias	180 (10.8)	735 (3.9)	3.00 (2.53–3.56)	< 0.001
<b>CNS:</b>				
Anoxic brain damage	301 (18.0)	3840 (20.2)	0.87 (0.76–0.99)	0.031

Data are expressed in frequency (%); Chi-square or Fisher's exact tests were used for analysis except with data <sup>a</sup> that expressed in median (interquartile range); Mann-Whitney U test was used for analysis.

Characteristics	CPR with ECMO (ECPR) (n = 1670)	CPR without ECMO (n = 18,984)	OR (95% CI)	P
Brain death	50 (3.0)	705 (3.7)	0.80 (0.60–1.07)	0.156
Seizure	215 (12.9)	2093 (11.0)	1.19 (1.03–1.39)	0.021
Stroke - Intracranial hemorrhage	351 (21.0)	851 (4.5)	5.67 (4.95–6.50)	< 0.001
<b>Other:</b>				
Septicemia	360 (21.6)	3542 (18.7)	1.20 (1.06–1.35)	0.004
Fluid and electrolytes disorders	1012 (60.6)	9205 (48.5)	1.63 (1.48–1.81)	< 0.001
Acute renal failure	642 (38.4)	2801 (14.8)	3.61 (3.24–4.01)	< 0.001
<b>In-Hospital Interventions:</b>				
Hemodialysis	179 (10.7)	436 (2.3)	5.11 (4.26–6.13)	< 0.001
Heart transplantation	56 (3.4)	50 (0.3)	13.14 (8.9–19.30)	< 0.001
Data are expressed in frequency (%); Chi-square or Fisher's exact tests were used for analysis except with data <sup>a</sup> that expressed in median (interquartile range); Mann-Whitney U test was used for analysis.				

Despite having no statistically significant difference in mortality between patients with ECPR and those with CPR without ECMO (59.7% vs. 60.2%, OR = 0.98; 95% CI: 0.88–1.08;  $p < 0.681$ ), patients with ECPR had longer median LOS (14 days vs. 4 days;  $p < 0.001$ ) and a much higher median cost of hospitalization (\$327,515 vs. \$66,681,  $p < 0.001$ ). ECPR patients were also likely to have congenital heart diseases (51.0% vs. 20.8%, OR = 3.96; 95% CI: 3.57–4.38;  $p < 0.001$ ), cardiomyopathy (14.3% vs. 4.5%, OR = 3.54; 95% CI: 3.04–4.13;  $p < 0.001$ ), stroke (21.0% vs. 4.5%, OR = 5.67; 95% CI: 4.95–6.50;  $p < 0.001$ ). Patient who underwent ECPR were more likely to have cardiac interventions like cardiac catheterization (20.2% vs. 4.9%, OR = 4.97; 95% CI: 4.33–5.69;  $p < 0.681$ ) and heart transplantation (3.4% vs. 0.3%, OR = 13.14; 95% CI: 8.9–19.30;  $p < 0.001$ ).

Throughout the years of the study, there were significant trends of increasing survival after in-hospital cardiac arrest and an increased trend of utilizing ECPR (Std. J-T Statistic = 3.184, and Std. J-T Statistic = 3.371, respectively,  $p = 0.001$ ) (Figs. 1 and 2). Additionally, the group with CHD had a sharp rise in survival rates throughout the years of the study (Fig. 3).

## Discussion

In-hospital pediatric cardiac arrest occurs in 2–6% of pediatric intensive care admissions (8–10). Despite the significant improvement in resuscitation science and practice over the last two decades (11), cardiac arrests had a significant impact on hospital resources and a significantly high mortality rate. This study is the largest study to date of pediatric in-hospital cardiac arrest outcomes. We reported that survival to discharge in pediatric in-hospital cardiac arrest was 39.8% and there was a steady increase in patients' survival between 2000 and 2017. Patient characteristics associated with survival were age (< 1 year) and a White race. Patients admitted to teaching hospitals, elective admissions, and weekday admissions (Monday to Friday) were also associated with higher survival rates. The patient diagnoses associated with the highest survival rates were pneumonia, congenital heart disease, and cardiomyopathy. Acute renal failure was associated with a significant negative impact on survival.

Recent studies demonstrate that post-cardiac-arrest survival rates have improved from 14% in 2000 to 37% in 2017 (3). This improvement in survival may be attributed to earlier recognition and management of at-risk patients, greater emphasis on quality of resuscitation (e.g., high-quality chest compressions with minimal interruptions, use of ECPR and post-resuscitation bundle care (e.g., multidisciplinary care) (12–16). The reported survival to hospital discharge for pediatric in-hospital cardiac arrest over the 18 years of the study is 39.8%. This rate is inversely related to age groups; the younger the age group, the better the survival rate. Infants had a survival rate of 47.5% versus the adolescent age group, who had a survival rate of 26.89%. This almost two-fold difference in survival is likely multifactorial. The underlying disease differs between the infants and the adolescent group. Survival to hospital discharge was relatively high in patients with congenital heart disease (52.37%). This group comprised one-quarter of the study population. A large proportion of the infants had congenital heart surgery; perioperative surgical patients are usually cared for in highly monitored intensive care settings. They likely had an arterial line for monitoring and central venous access and are likely to be monitored on cardiac telemetry. The cardiac arrest in this patient population is usually triggered by hypotension or arrhythmia. These events are likely to be diagnosed and treated promptly in a highly monitored setting. Once immediate interventions are undertaken, the patients are likely to have a return of spontaneous circulation. Aside from the congenital heart patients, many of the infant age group also had a respiratory triggered cardiac arrest. Infants have a minimal respiratory reserve, and they have intense vagal stimulation in response to hypoxia, while their response to profound hypoxia is manifested by bradycardia and asystole. These events could quickly resolve with prompt initiation of cardiopulmonary resuscitation and assisted ventilation (17). A study by Bernes and colleagues found that respiratory induced cardiac arrest had a higher probability of survival if a return of spontaneous circulation occurred in the first few minutes of CPR; after the first 10 minutes of CPR, the probability of survival decreased sharply to very low levels (18). The probability of survival depends mostly on the etiology of cardiac arrest in pediatric patients (19). This study reported a steady increase in patients' survival with in-hospital cardiac arrest between 2000 and 2017 (survival rate was 30% in 2000 and 44% in 2017). Holmberg and colleagues' recent study examined the survival trends after pediatric in-hospital cardiac arrest in the United States between 2000 and 2018. The survival trend for pulseless cardiac arrest increased from 19% in 2000 to 38% in 2018. This improvement in survival could

be related to enhanced critical care staffing, with the majority of intensive care units implementing a 24-hour in-hospital pediatric critical care attending physician presence (14). Similar to previous reports, we found that In-hospital cardiac arrest occurring during weekends were associated with worse outcomes (20–22). The implementation of early warning systems on the pediatric floors leads to the early transfer of hemodynamically unstable patients to intensive care units; over the last decade, there was a decrease in in-hospital cardiac arrest frequency outside of the intensive care unit (16). In this study, we reported that the use of rescue extracorporeal cardiopulmonary resuscitation in refractory cardiac arrest has increased by three folds over the last two decades. More than 50% of the ECPR was performed in patients with CHD. Previous studies showed that the use of ECPR is associated with improved survival and neurological outcomes in in-hospital pediatric cardiac arrest (13). In the most recent years of our study, ECPR was utilized in 12% of the patients. In total, 1670 patients with in-hospital cardiac arrest had received ECMO support. Mortality in patients receiving ECPR is still high (59.7%). ECMO was used as a rescue therapy to return spontaneous circulation in patients who likely had a prolonged refractory cardiac arrest. There were 673 patients (3.26%) whose survival was salvaged with utilization of ECPR; this could be a contributing factor to the improved overall survival we see over the years of the study. A study by Barbaro evaluated the use of ECPR in infants and children between 2009 and 2015 using the Extracorporeal Life Support Organization (ELSO) registry (12); there was a 63.8% increase in the number of ECPR throughout the study period. Another study by Bambea using Get With The Guidelines®-Resuscitation registry evaluated 593 ECPR cases linked to the ELSO registry (23). Mortality in the ECPR group in Bambea's study was 59.4%; these results are very similar to the mortality we reported in our study's ECPR group (59.7%). Patients who failed to have ROSC are likely to be placed on ECMO. We reported an ECPR rate of 17.7% in patients with congenital heart surgery, other had reported similar rates. (24)

Limitations: This study's findings should be interpreted with some caution as some limitations are inherent to studies using administrative databases. We used ICD-9 and ICD-10 codes to identify diagnoses and procedures. The database does not include details about the location and duration of cardiopulmonary resuscitation provided (medications administered, duration of CPR, hemodynamic data, the success of reperfusion therapy). The study could not identify patients with a single cardiac arrest event versus multiple events during the same hospitalization. This study lacks data on the neurological function and cerebral performance category at discharge, and the results were limited to inpatient outcomes and lacked longer-term follow-up information.

## Conclusion

We reported national outcomes of in-hospital pediatric cardiac arrest, and we highlighted the predictors of survival in these events. The results of this study can guide developing future studies aimed at improving outcomes in pediatric cardiac arrest.

## Abbreviations

ECPR: Extracorporeal CardioPulmonary Resuscitation.

ECMO: ExtraCorporeal Membrane Oxygenation.

HCUP: Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project.

ICD-9-CM: International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification.

ICD-10-CM: International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification.

CPR: CardioPulmonary Resuscitation.

LOS: Length Of hospital Stay.

CHD: Congenital Heart Disease.

IQR: InterQuartile Range.

ELSO: Extracorporeal Life Support Organization

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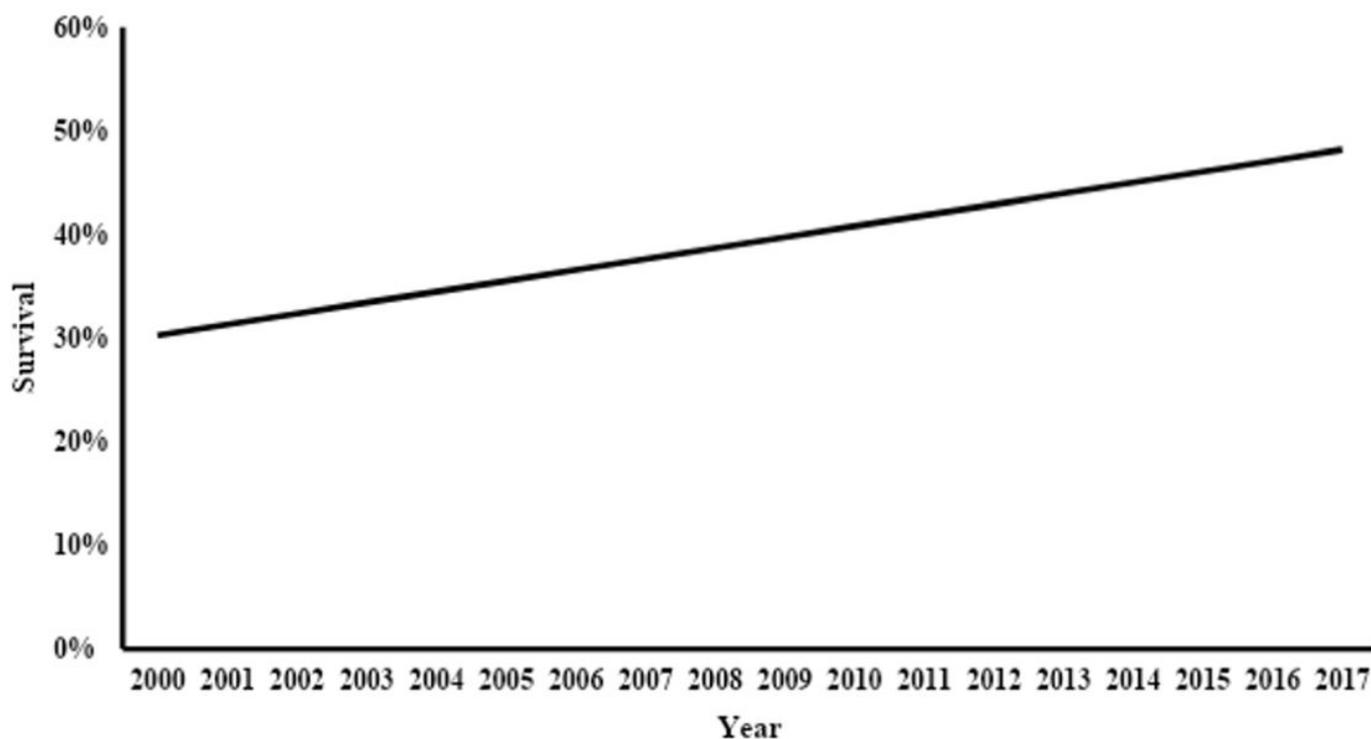


Figure 1

Trend of survival after in-hospital cardiac arrest over the years.

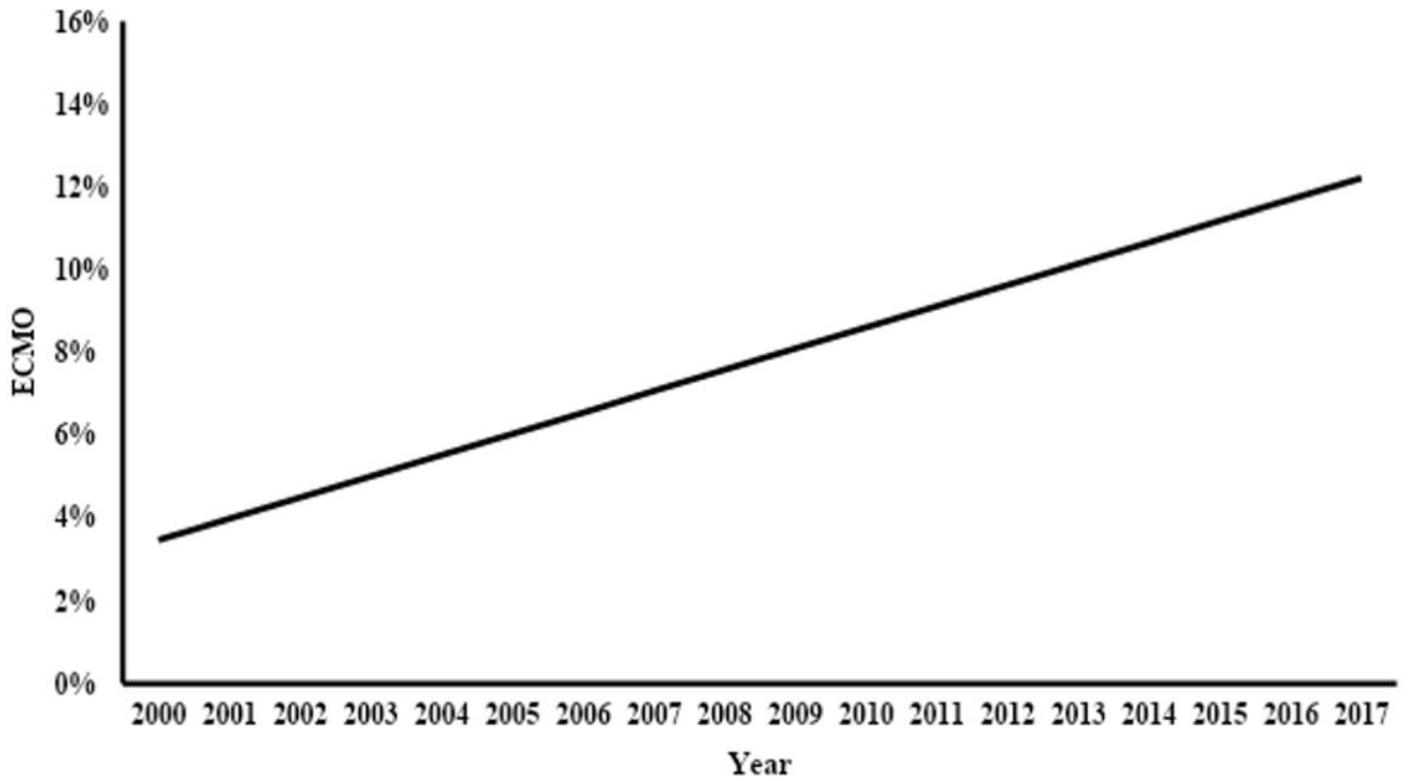
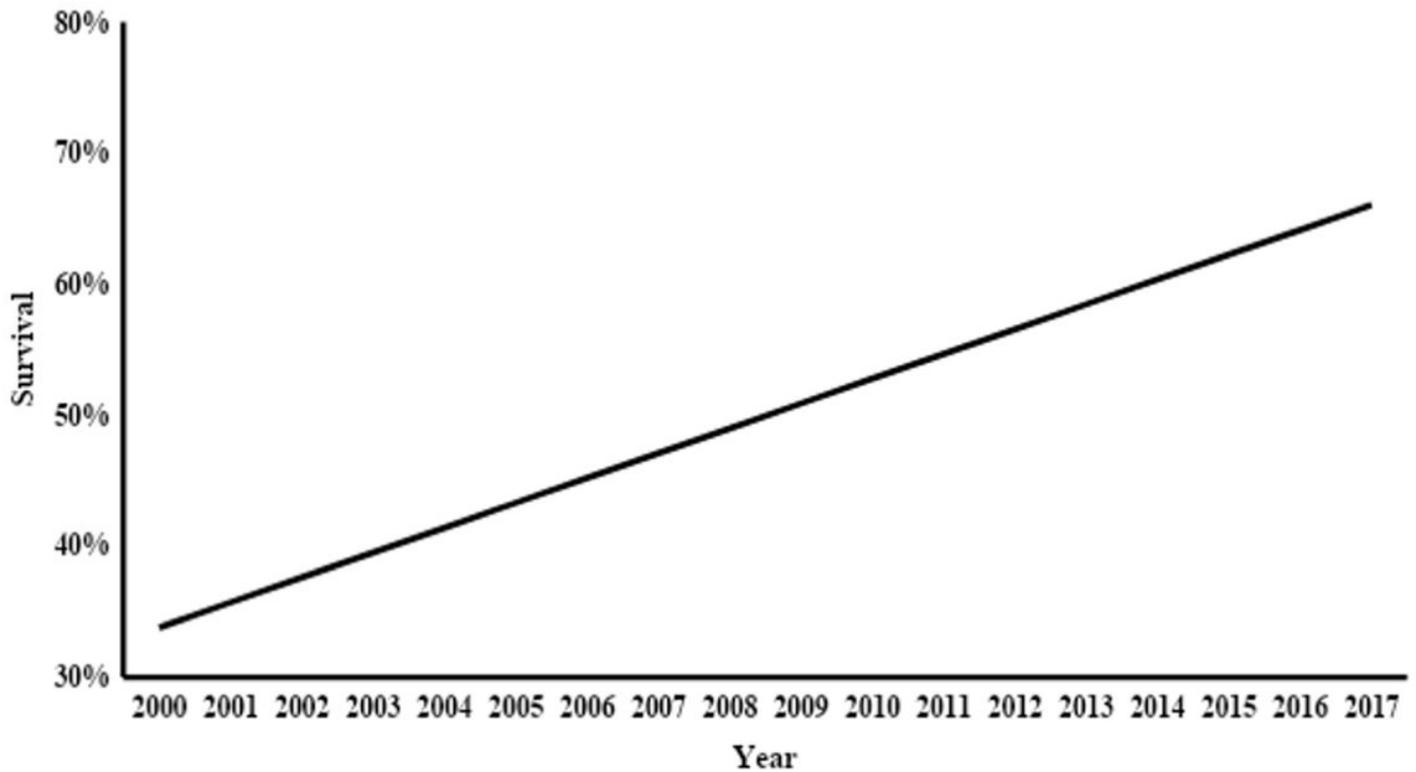


Figure 2

Trend of Extracorporeal CardioPulmonary Resuscitation (ECMO-CPR ) over the years.



## Figure 3

Trend of survival after in-hospital cardiac arrest in pediatric patients with congenital heart disease

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