

The White Death

An aerial photograph of a winter landscape in the Engadin region. The scene is dominated by a range of rugged, snow-covered mountains under a clear blue sky. In the foreground, a dark blue lake is nestled in a valley, surrounded by snow-dusted evergreen forests. The lighting suggests a bright, sunny day, with long shadows cast across the snow.

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What you will know in 10' is...



- Where and what the KSGR is
- What KSGR do for avalanche victims
- What the literature say
- Conclusions

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- Tertiary Care Hospital (350 beds) in an alpine area (~17000 emergency admissions/y)
- Level 1 Trauma Centre (~120-130 admission/y with ISS>15, Whole Body CT- Scan)
- Interdisciplinary ICU (11-beds, ~ 1200 admissions/y)



REVIEW

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Accidental hypothermia—an update

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IKAR-Medcom 2012 (Brugger et al.)

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European Resuscitation Council Guidelines for Resuscitation 2015
Section 4. Cardiac arrest in special circumstances

Avalanche

The diagram is set against a background of a snowy mountain slope under a blue sky. At the top, a large blue rounded rectangle contains the word 'Avalanche'. Three large blue arrows point downwards from this box to three smaller blue rounded rectangles: 'Trauma', 'Burial', and 'Low T°'. From each of these three boxes, a smaller blue arrow points down to a light grey rounded rectangle: 'Lethal Injuries', 'Asphyxia', and 'Hypothermia'. In the background, two skiers are visible on the slope to the right.

Trauma

Burial

Low T°

Lethal Injuries

Asphyxia

Hypothermia

2012: «The House Recipe»

(Revised in 2017)

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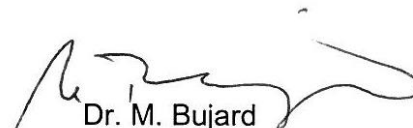
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Behandlungsprotokoll Lawinenopfer


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6.2 Therapie und Überwachung der Hypothermie-Patienten

Stadium	Core T°	Behandlung	Wo
		passive und/oder aktive	Bei T° > 34° und keine
			ungspflichtige
			en Abteilung sonst IPS
			tion, kardiale
			ng auf IPS
			(ECMO/ECC) wenn
			stabilität
			orhythmus



thie begünstigt, scheint
gativen Einfluss auf das
1°C führt zu einer
erinnungsfaktoren sehr

on bei hypothermen

-Unfall

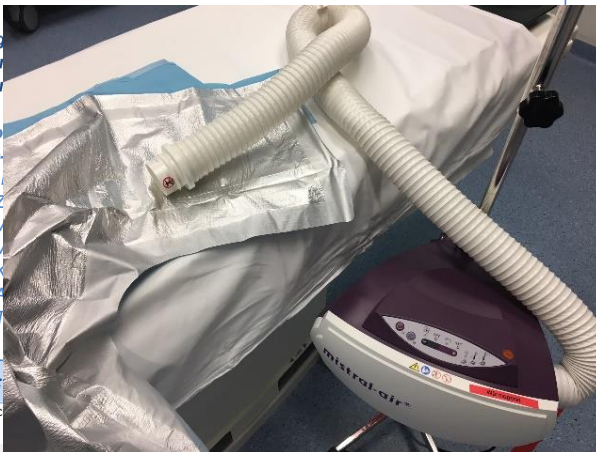
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- > Schockraum
- > Schockraum

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- o Trauma
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- T

Oberstes Ziel:

Checkliste 1 *nach Möglich



Checkliste Vorbereitung Schockraum

- > **Pflege-Team:** Raumtemperatur erhöhen, warme Decken und warme Infusionen im Wärmeschrank überprüfen, Warmluftgebläse vorbereiten und CT Tisch mit



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IPS konsiliarisch

hütung und Befreiung des

Schockraum

na KSGR (Evaluation

Röntgen Thorax, Becken,

osophagal oder via

hermie")

rad II möglich

Checkliste 3 ROSC= Return of spontaneous Circulation (nach Herzkreislaufstillstand)

Algorithmus CPR bei Lawinenopfer

→ Tödliche oder lebensbedrohliche Verletzungen:

ja → REA-Abbruch

nein



→ REA bis Kern-T° und Serum-Kalium bekannt

Kern T° >28° → schlechte Prognose



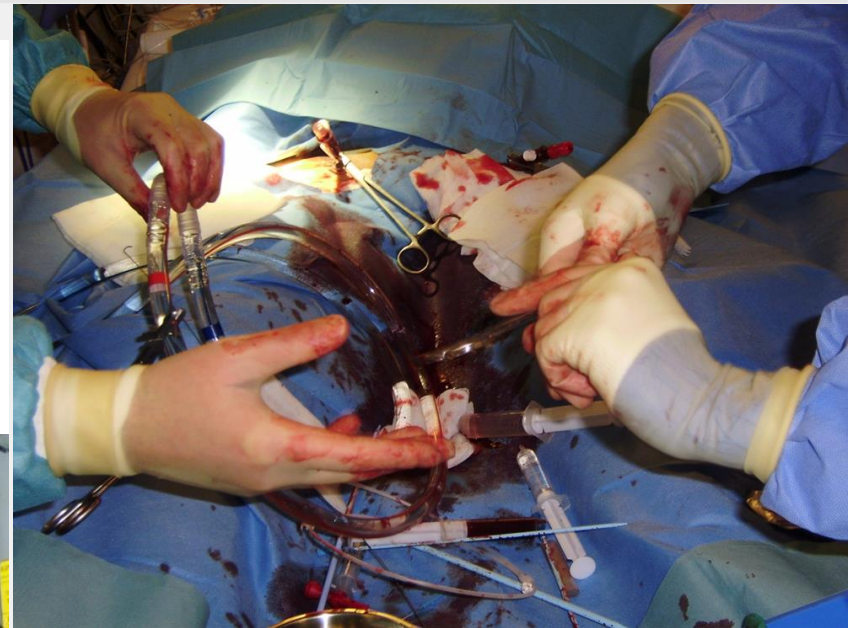
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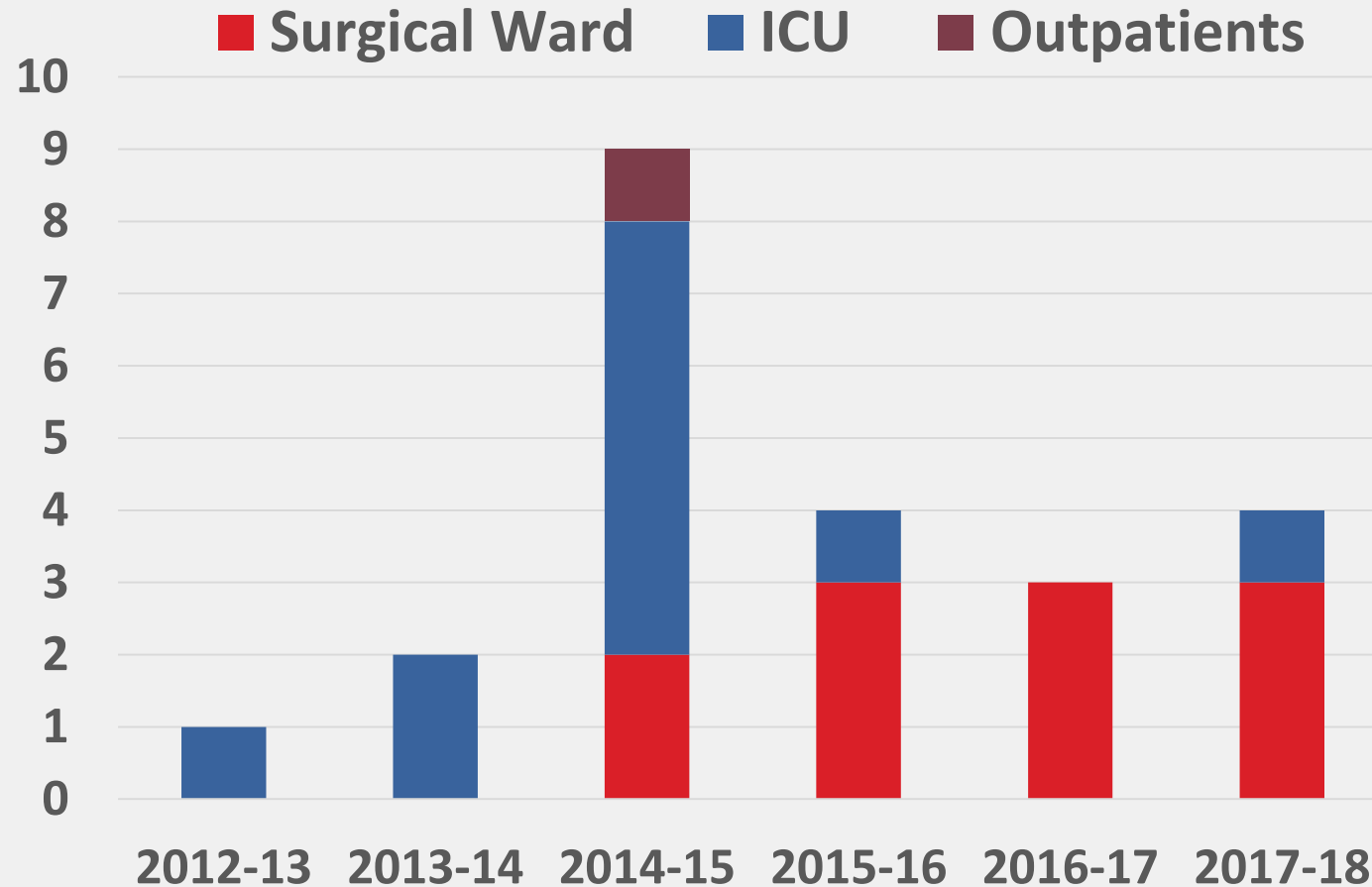
ECC

- CHUV 021 314 11 11
- Unispital Genf 022 372 3311
- Cardiocentro Lugano 091 805 31 11
- Kantonsspital St. Gallen medizinische IPS (nur ECMO, kein ECC) 071 494 11 11

Beachte: Anschluss an ECMO/Transport muss an 1414 (Rega) gemeldet werden.



Avalanche Victims 2012-18



■ ICU Survivors

■ ICU, non Survivors

Outcome of avalanche victims with out-of-hospital cardiac arrest

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Retrospektive Analyse OHCA 200-2013 Tyrolean Alps, 55 victims; Resuscitation 2015

Non-survivors with ROSC after a duration of burial <35 Min

Table 3
Patient characteristics of non-survivors ($n = 4$) with restoration of spontaneous circulation after short duration of burial (up to 35 min).

Patient	Duration of burial (min)	ROSC after	GCS	SBP* (mmHg)	CT* (°C)	pH*	Lactate* (mmol L ⁻¹)	Total body CT scan*	Outcome	Cause of death
Female, 41 years [#]	15	ALS	3	90	27	nd	nd	Brain oedema	Died after 5 days	Brain injury
Male, 49 years [#]	20	ALS	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	Died after 1 day	Brain injury
Male, 35 years	20	ALS	3	80	25	6.84	14.3	No pathological findings	Died after 9 days	Brain injury
Male, 26 years	30	ALS	3	140	30	6.60	21.2	Brain oedema	Died after 7 days**	Brain death

Value of pH and Lactat ?

No victim survived after a duration of burial >35 Min

→ all had **pH <7.0** and **Lactate >10 mmol/l**)

Non Survivors ICU 2012-18

Age (Year)	Burial Time	CPR (min)	T° (Bladder)	ISS	pH	Lactate mmol/l	Coagulation Disorders
1965	> 35'	20	30.2	38	6.60	13.0	y
1964		15	30.0	38	6.55	17.0	y
1960		7	33.1	34	6.97	13.9	n
1982		17	29.4	41	6.91	13.5	Y
1973*		60	32.5	-	6.59	21.0	y
1941	< 35'	40	30.0	43	7.08	11.0	y

*Potassium > 8 mmol/l

Clinical paper

Survival after avalanche-induced cardiac arrest[☆]



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Retrospective observational Study, OHCA, 1994-2013 Northern French Alps, 48 Patients
CA on scene. **Resuscitation 2014**

**Normal blood coagulation on admission:
→ favourable Outcome?**

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Original Contribution

Serum potassium concentration predicts brain hypoxia on CT after avalanche-induced cardiac arrest



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Retrospective study, 2002-2014, French Alps, 19 victims (8 CA, 11 ROSC)
American Journal of Emergency Medicine 2016

Serum Potassium > 4.35 mmol/l

→ Predicts Anoxia in Brain CT Scan



Conclusions

- No ECLS needed in the past 6 years
- Value of potassium to predict outcome?
- Low pH and high lactate are common in non survivors (**Acidosis**)
- Coagulation test to predict outcome?
(**Coagulopathy**)

(Lethal Triad of Trauma)



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