

Cool it! Using Therapeutic hypothermia in trauma situations

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Are you considering the implementation of a therapeutic hypothermia program for survivors of cardiac arrest in your emergency department? Is there one already in place that is meeting resistance or functioning sub-optimally? If you answer yes to one of these questions, this ACEP session may be well suited to your needs. Induced hypothermia appears to be one of the most beneficial therapies we can offer to comatose survivors of cardiac arrest. However, rather than focusing on the evidence which supports the effectiveness of this intervention, this course will focus on how to successfully introduce therapeutic hypothermia into the ED setting. Using an interactive, workshop-based format, experts in the field of therapeutic hypothermia and knowledge translation will lead participants in a discussion that will highlight barriers, facilitators and practical considerations for the use of hypothermia after cardiac arrest. Participants will be able to share their experiences and draw from lessons learned at other institutions. The session will showcase innovative approaches and resources that support evidence uptake in this domain as well as introduce concepts that can be applied to the implementation of other promising procedures/therapies.

This course is limited to 36 participants.

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