

**ILCOR SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY STATEMENT PROPOSAL**

**1. Proposed Manuscript Title**

KIDS SAVE LIVES – ILCOR position statement on school children education in CPR

**2. Environmental Scan**

* *What other papers are already available on same/ similar topic area*

[KIDS SAVE LIVES BRAZIL: A successful pilot program to implement CPR at primary and high schools in Brazil resulting in a state law for a training CPR week.](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/31121207)

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["Kids Save Lives": Educating Schoolchildren in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Is a Civic Duty That Needs Support for Implementation.](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/28292747)

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[Resuscitation Training for Schoolchildren Worldwide: Kids Save Lives.](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/28181935)

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* Previous systematic reviews: NONE
* *What ILCOR and member council guidelines will be cross-referenced? ALL*

**3. Need for the Paper -** Please provide a subject summary (delete yellow text when actioned). How will the paper support ILCOR’s mission, vision and values?

Sudden out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA) with unsuccessful cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is the third leading cause of death in industrialized nations. After OHCA, the overall survival rates are 2–10%. In Europe and in the US together, 700,000 people die of OHCA every year. The same applies to other industrialized regions of the world. Many of these lives could be saved if more lay people provided immediate CPR. Emergency medical services (EMS) response times can be several (6–12) minutes or even longer. Unfortunately, following cardiac arrest, the brain starts to die after only 3–5 min without blood ﬂow.

Up to 70% of OHCA are witnessed by family members, friends and other bystanders. Thus, the potentially lethal gap in time before EMS personnel reach the patient can be successfully bridged by laypeople. During the ﬁrst minutes after OHCA in adults there is still oxygen in the blood and lungs, and immediate bystander chest compressions can save hundreds of thousands of lives each year. Effective CPR is quite easy – laypeople are very unlikely to cause harm by attempting CPR. Bystander CPR increases the patient’s chances of survival two- to four-fold. However, bystander CPR rates are 60–80% in only a very few countries; in most countries the rate is far below 20%.

Mandatory nationwide training of school children has the highest impact for improving the bystander CPR rate. This appears to be the most successful way to reach the entire population. The highest bystander CPR rates are in some Scandinavian countries where education of school children in CPR has been mandatory for decades, and this concept is starting to spread.

In support, the World Health Organization (WHO) has endorsed the “Kids Save Lives” Statement in 2015, a joint statement from the European Resuscitation Council (ERC), the European Patient Safety Foundation (EPSF), the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR) and the World Federation of Societies of Anesthesiologists (WFSA). This statement recommends two hours of CPR training annually from the age of 12 years in all schools worldwide. At this age, children are more responsive to instructions and they learn more easily to help others. Starting at a young age also means that CPR is like swimming or riding a bike: children will not forget how to save a life. Healthcare professionals, teachers trained to teach CPR and others can successfully teach school children, and all can serve as multipliers. CPR knowledge and skills can be spread further by asking children to teach their family and friends.

With the “Kids Save Lives” initiative, we can help to improve the survival rate of people with OHCA by the factor of two- to fourfold. We can easily save 300,000 additional lives worldwide every year, nearly a thousand every day, and nearly one life every minute.

**4. Audience -** Intended audience (e.g.: healthcare professionals, lay, policy makers, outside societies)

All – healthcare professionals, lay people, schoolchildren, teachers, students policy makers, outside societies

**5. Lay Summary** - Write a lay summary of 200 words or less (include clinical relevance)

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**6. Implications** – Will there be implications in this guideline/statement for public health and/or are there recommendations that will change the practice of clinicians? If so, please summarize.

Huge implications on public health, since lay resuscitation is the key factor for good survival following sudden cardiac arrest.

**7. Proposed Writing Group** – 8-10 members in total. Provide full name, institution, and email address for each proposed member. Please consider ILCOR’s values of collaboration and diversity when making nominations.

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\*\*All ILCOR member councils will be invited to nominate a writing group member if proposal is accepted\*\*

**8. Timetable for Completion of Paper** – 6-9 months to time of peer review

**Months 0-1: Literature search**

**Months 1-3: Discussion of content, goals, key statements**

**Months 3-6: Writing up the Statement**

**Months 6-9: Final Statement for approval**