

Prehospital Management Models in Europe: Tips and Tricks « *Scoop and Run* » or « *Stay and Play* » Pros and Cons



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What is the objective of EMS ?

1. Maximize survival **Life-threatening injuries**
2. Minimize impairment **disabling injuries**
3. Minimize **pain and psychological** suffering



GEOGRAPHICAL

ALARM system
Communication



POPULATION

QUALITY of
Hospitals ED

RISK

FINANCIAL, POLITICAL

EMS

Prehospital Care

Varies from country to country

Transport

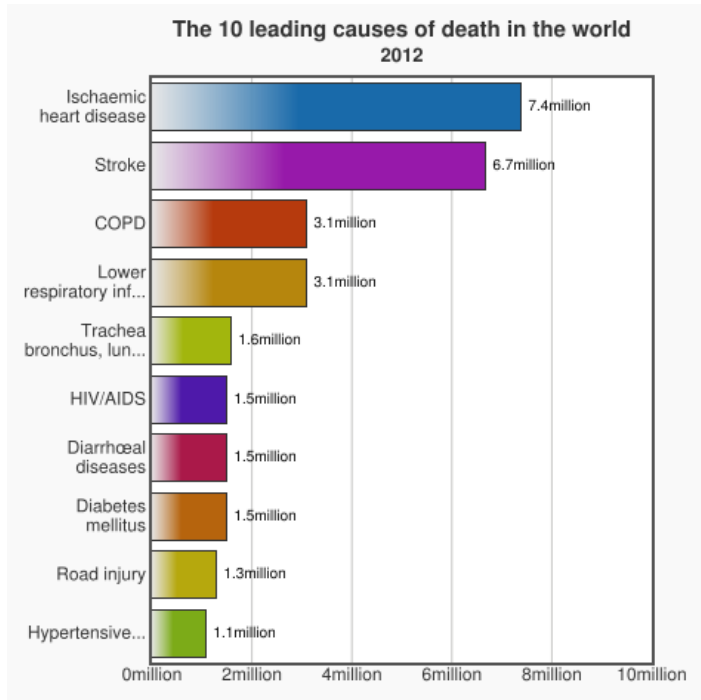
BLS : assure patient's vital functions
ALS : paramedics,nurses,physicians, EP

Emergency Department

If the prehospital EMS is poor,
the quality of ED needs to be high



Globalization need for EMS

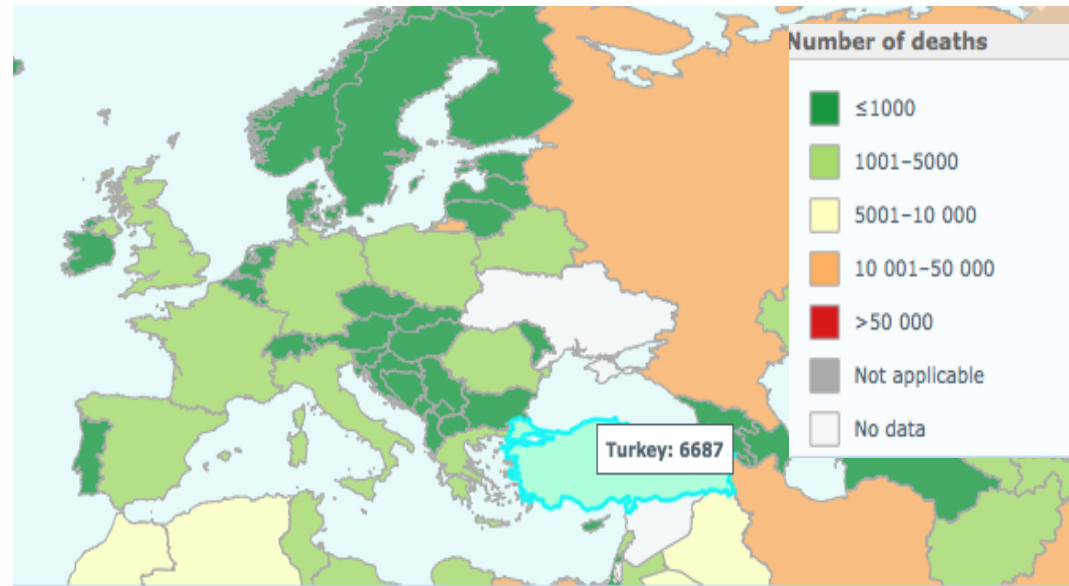


Deaths /year

17.5 M /CV diseases

7.4 M / heart failure

6.7 M /stroke.



Deaths / Road traffic injuries/year

China > 261,000

India 207,000

Nigeria 35,000

US 34,000

Russia 27,000

Turkey 6687



The 2 General Types of EMS Systems



"Anglo-American" system	"Franco-German" system
<i>"Scoop and Run"</i>	<i>"Stay and Play"</i>
paramedics	physicians
BLS ambulances	MICU ambulances HEMS
Patients delivered to hospital-based	Patients delivered directly to inpatient services
<i>"Bring the patient to the doctor"</i>	<i>"Bring the doctor to the patient"</i>
May just transfer problems to the nearest hospital ?	May take more time on-the-scene ? Cost +++



The worse situation :
« *Stay and Pray* »

"Scoop and Run" EMS System



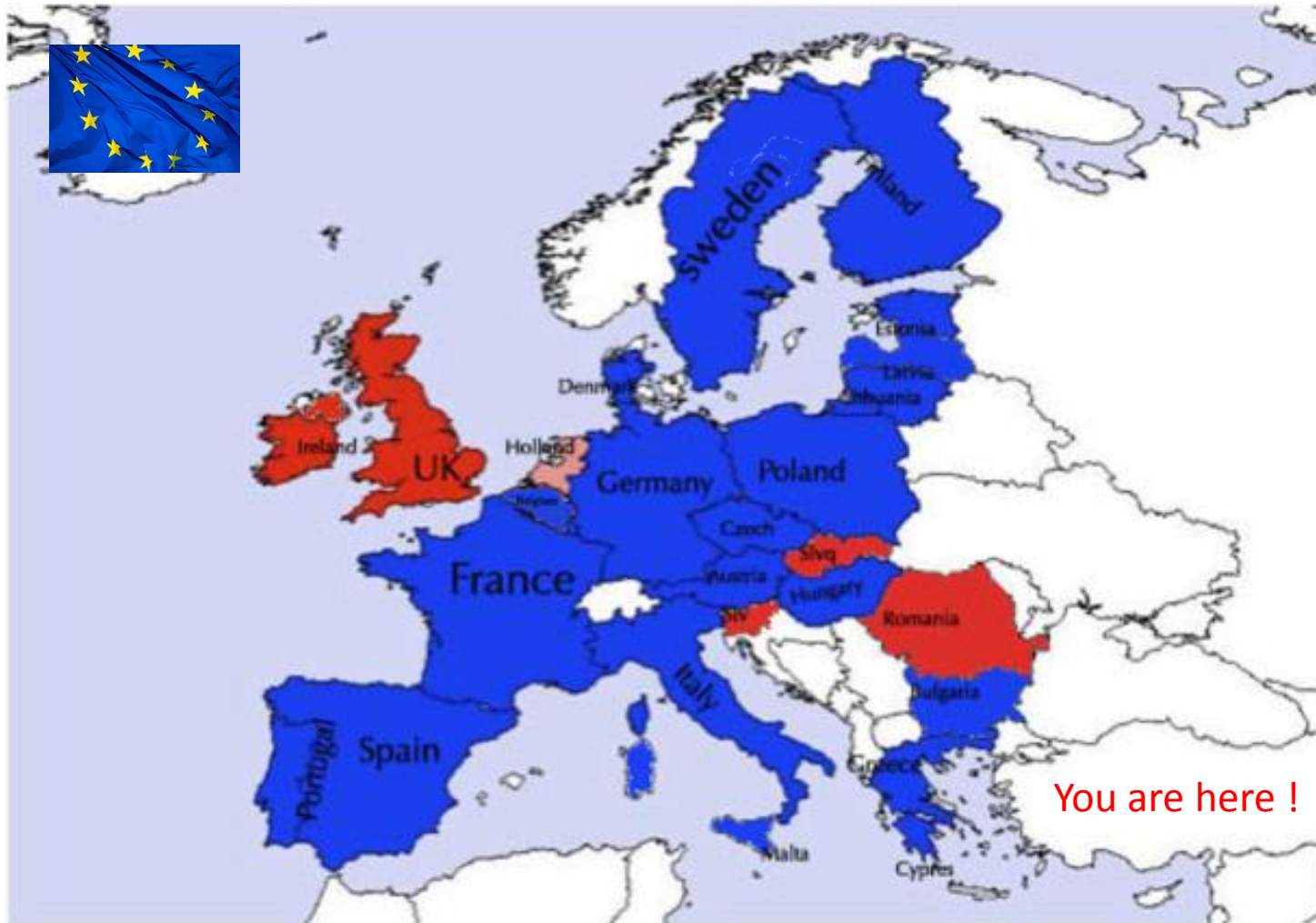
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Prehospital Care “*stay and play*”



models in Europe : Franco-German (60 %) vs Anglo American (30 %)

BLS



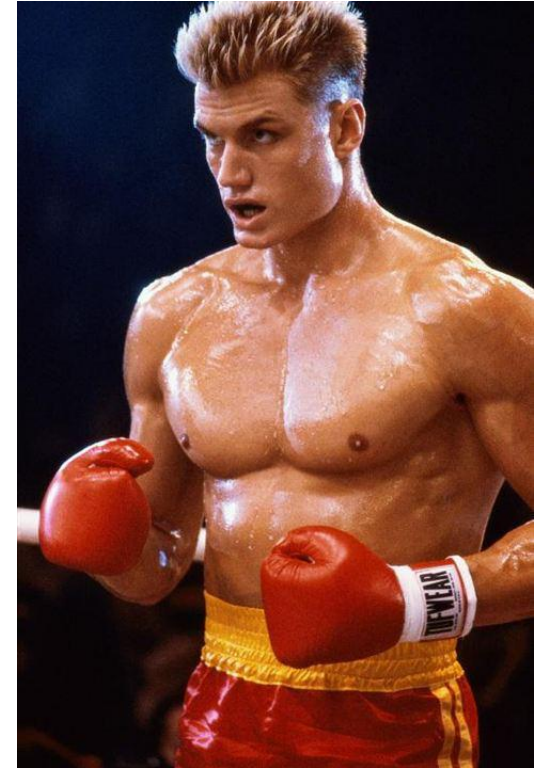
- non-invasive life-saving procedures
- CPR + AED
- bleeding control
- splinting broken bones
- basic airway management
- administration of medications



ALS



- invasive life-saving procedures
- All BLS procedures +
- advanced airway management
- IV infusions and medications
- synchronized cardioversion
- ECG interpretation
- High quality hospital level procedures
- provided by physicians, paramedics or specially trained professionals





« *scoop and run* »

patient transported to a high
level hospital ASAP



“*stay and play*”

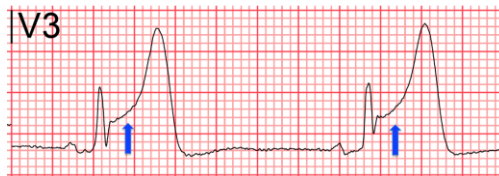
the patient stabilized on site before
transportation



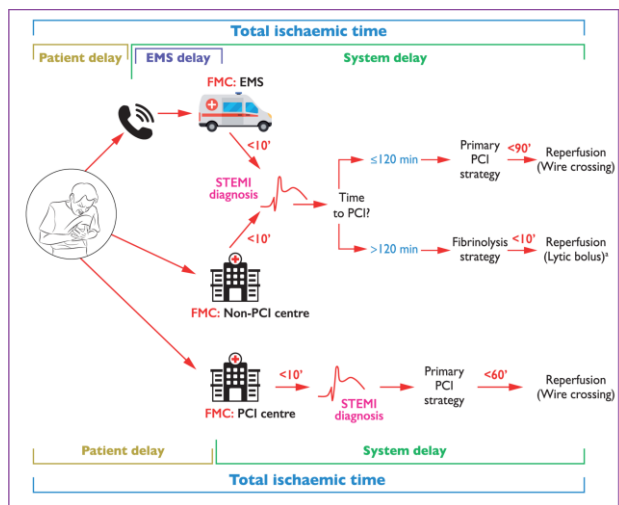
Prehospital thrombolysis for myocardial infarction



BLS



ALS



Mellado Vergel et al. 2005
Spain
retrospective cardiac infarct, PHT
PHT n = 152 (ALS), hospital thrombolysis (BLS) n = 829

ALS-PARAMEDIC
BLS-EMT
ALS GA, BLS GA

30 days mortality
ALS 5,9%, BLS 26,6% (p = 0,066)
ALS (PHT) showed a trend to lower mortality

Björklund et al. Sweden, 2006
prospective prehospital thrombolysis
ALS n = 1690
BLS n = 3685
comparison between PHT entered in ambulance and thrombolysis in hospital

ALS-PARAMEDIC
BLS-EMT, GA in both groups

mortality: ALS 5,4%, BLS 8,3
p < 0,001. ALS 0,71 (0,55-0,92) (1 year mortality);
ALS 0,79 (0,61-1,03) 30 day mortality
ALS showed lower mortality

Respiratory distress



BLS



ALS



Stiell et al.
2007
Canada

prospective before-after
dyspnoea, ALS n = 4218, BLS n
= 3920

BLS-EMT, ALS-
PARAMEDIC
ALS GA, BLS GA

ALS 11,3%
BLS 13,1% (p = 0,01)

lower mortality in ALS

Bjerre et al.
2002
Denmark

chronic pulmonary disease
ALS n = 67, BLS n = 72

ALS-PHYSICIAN, BLS-
EMT
ALS GA, BLS GA

mortality: ALS 15%, BLS
24%

ALS-PHYSICIAN better survival
than BLS-EMT

Status Epilepticus



BLS



ALS



Allredge et al, California, U.S.A., 1995

retrospective chart review. children with status epilepticus, ALS n = 19 (treatment on site) BLS n = 26 (treatment in a hospital)

ALS-PARAMEDIC, GA BLS-EMT, GA prehospital diazepam therapy (given rectally or intravenously)

duration of status epilepticus ALS 32 min, BLS 60 min ($p = 0,007$) repeated cramps ALS 56%, BLS 85% ($p = 0,045$), mortality 0%

favours ALS.

Adams et al.1996 Illinois, U.S.A.

retrospective study. declined level of (epilepsy, hypoglycaemia, stroke). ALS n = 113, BLS n = 90

ALS-paramedic, GA BLS-EMT, GA

mortality ALS 6%, n = 7 BLS 2%, n = 2

no difference between the groups

Prehospital Stroke Management



Call F.A.S.T

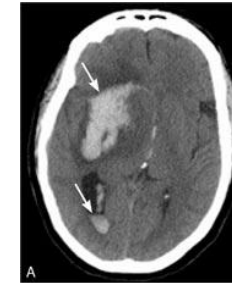
911
Dispatch

90 sec

< 8 mn

EMS transport
to Stroke Unit

Triage



15%

85 %



Golden Hour : 3 h

Travel time is equivalent to STEMI

Cardiac arrest



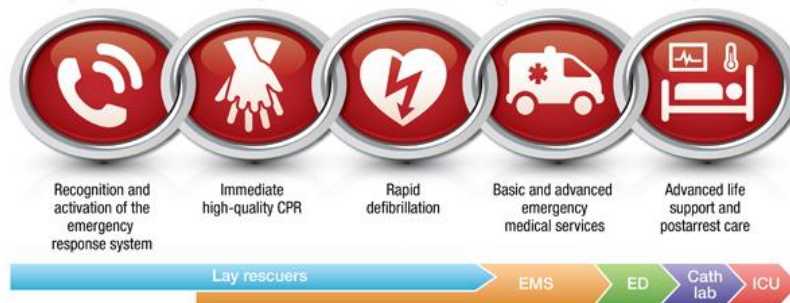
BLS



ALS



out-of hospital
ECMO



Stiell et al.
2004
Canada

before-after -design
cardiac arrest
ALS n = 4247
BLS n = 1391

ALS-PARAMEDIC
BLS-EMT
ALS GA, BLS GA

mortality
ALS 95,0%
BLS 94,9% (p = 0,83)
no adjustment
No difference in QoL or
cerebral performance

No difference in mortality.

Woodall et al.
2007
Australia

retrospective
cardiac arrest
ALS n = 1687
BLS n = 1288

ALS-PARAMEDIC
BLS-EMT
ALS GA, BLS GA

mortality: ALS 93,3%, BLS 95,3%; probability for
survival in all patients
BLS = 1, ALS = 1,43
(1,02-1,99)

lower mortality ALS

Penetrating trauma, TBI, Multiple Blunt Trauma



BLS



ALS



Owen et al.
1999
Texas, U.S.A.

retrospective TRISS
trauma patients, comparison
between helicopter and GA,
ALS-PARAMEDIC (GA) n = 687
ALS-PARAMEDIC (helicopter) n
= 105

ALS-PARAMEDIC (GA)
ALS-PARAMEDIC, ALS-N
(helicopter)
ALS-PARAMEDIC (GA)
ALS-PARAMEDIC, ALS-N
(helicopter)

mortality: 14,3%, 6,0%
TRISS: GA predicted 39
deaths, actually 41,
helicopter: predicted 16
deaths, actually 15

no difference between groups

Davis et al.
2005
California, U.S.
A.

retrospective epidemiological
study
brain injury
ALS-helicopter n = 3017
ALS- GA n = 7295

Helicopter manned by
paramedic, physician or
nurse,
ambulances manned by
paramedics
ALS helicopter, ALS GA

mortality: ALS helicopter
25,2%
ALS ground ambulance
25,3%
Adjusted OR 1,90 (1,60-
2,25)
mortality of patients
intubated on site: ALS-
helicopter 42,5%
ALS-GA 43,1%, OR 1,42
(1,13-1,78)

ALS + helicopter + intubation
on site better than ALS +GA +
intubation in hospital

Di Bartolomeo
et al. 2005
Italy

prospective
traumatic cardiac arrest
(blunt trauma)
ALS n = 56, BLS n = 73

ALS-PHYSICIAN
BLS-EMT+BLS-nurse
ALS helicopter, BLS GA

ALS 96,5%
only two patients
survived
BLS 100%, NS

no difference between ALS and
BLS groups.
prognosis still very poor

Damage Control Ground Zero

- Compression / clamp / tourniquet / hemostatic dressings
- 1 peripheral IV access or IO
- Fluid loading First
- Catecholamine if BP < 60 mmHg
- Tranexamic acid 1g IVL
- Chest decompression
- Tracheal RSI
- Prevention of hypothermia



Hospital admission < 30 minutes

CON

Distances ?

- For short distances (10-km) + **injuries**, no evidence favouring ALS
- ALS associated with a 1% increase mortality.



PRO

- For longer distance, ALS HEMS seems to be effective, but expensive



CON

Cons

- **No evidence** supporting ALS early CPR + defibrillation essential
- evidence does not support ALS for all injuries
- ALS is **not** > BLS for all injuries
- ALS treatment by a paramedic can even be harmful



Review

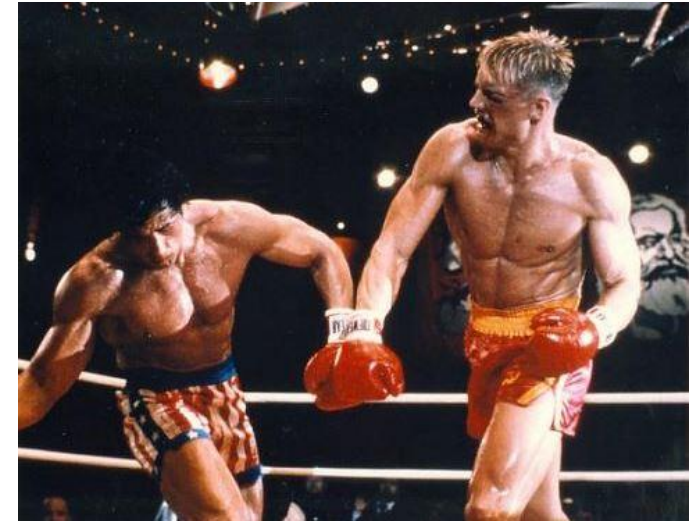
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PRO

Pros ALS (*Stay and Play*)

- Life threatening injuries
- endotracheal intubation, prehospital thrombolysis STEMI, cardioversion
- Long transport time
- Clinical decision
- Damage control resuscitation



Review

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PRO

Summarize

CON



- ALS and BLS units provide the same levels of care
- Strategy depends on
 - nature of the emergency
 - available services
 - possibilities for starting the treatment
- All hospitals can not give all treatments 24h/day
- Treatment delays are caused by
 - distances
 - Hospital's care level

“*scoop and run*” or “*stay and play*”

It's not the problem...

- Reflect the tactics and strategy of EMS
- Depends on many parameters
- No place for improvisation
- *ALS-level scoop and run* tactics if out-of-hospital treatment is not possible



« *stay and play* » + « *scoop and run* »
« *stay load and go* »





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