



Celebrating 25+ Years



As a founding member council dedicated to the mission of ILCOR, AHA is committed to **Continuous Evidence Evaluation and a Focused Guidelines Update** each year to ensure we **enact the most current practices.**

OUR SHARED GOALS

In 1992, ILCOR was founded as a liaison between principal resuscitation organizations worldwide, to –

- provide a forum for discussion and for coordination of all aspects of cardiopulmonary and cerebral resuscitation,
- foster scientific research in areas of resuscitation where there is a lack of data or where there is controversy and to
- disseminate information on training and education in resuscitation.

In 1999, the AHA hosted the first ILCOR conference to evaluate resuscitation science and develop common, global resuscitation guidelines.

ILCOR consists today of these seven membership councils, with representatives from:

- American Heart Association (AHA)
- Australian and New Zealand Committee on Resuscitation (ANZCOR)
- European Resuscitation Council (ERC)
- Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada (HSFC)
- Inter American Heart Foundation (IAHF)
- Resuscitation Council of Asia (RCA)
- Resuscitation Councils of Southern Africa (RCSA)

OUR SHARED IMPACT

Since 2000, ILCOR has met twice each year, usually alternating between a venue in the United States and a location elsewhere in the world. Resuscitation experts from the ILCOR member councils analyze, discuss and debate current resuscitation research in these in-person meetings, and during conference calls and in webinar sessions over the course of the year. The process includes structured evidence evaluation, analysis, and cataloging of the literature, and produces hundreds of scientific evidence reviews across hundreds of resuscitation and ECC topics.

To date, these ILCOR member councils have evaluated and reported their International Consensus on CPR and ECC Science with Treatment Recommendations (CoSTR) in 5-year cycles. Currently, both ILCOR and AHA are moving toward a Continuous Evidence Evaluation process with an annual update to allow the rigor of a comprehensive review and expert consensus while ensuring the most current practices are enacted.



“The AHA and ILCOR have a shared goal of increasing cardiac arrest survival rates. Their focus on Continuous Evidence Evaluation and Annual Focused Updates

will undoubtedly improve clinical practices and resuscitation quality and position clinicians, such as myself, to incorporate the most current and relevant resuscitation principles and contribute to achieving this goal.”

Karl B. Kern, MD – ECC Committee Chairman

AHA is the leader for Guidelines for CPR and ECC in North America

Upon completion of the Consensus Statement (CoSTR), it is the responsibility of the seven member councils of ILCOR to draft evidenced-based guidelines. AHA’s renowned scientific and clinical experts, serving in the AHA ECC Writing Groups, draft the AHA Guidelines for CPR and ECC. Their expert recommendations are based on ILCOR’s CoSTR with consideration of clinical efficacy, ease of implementation, and local systems factors.

AHA’s immersion in ILCOR’s process and Continuous Evidence Examination ensures the validity and reliability of the evidence-based science in our Guidelines and every solution we create. Healthcare accrediting and governing bodies rely on the American Heart Association to set the standards for resuscitation quality in the United States.