

ARREST registry: Amsterdam resuscitation studies

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Plain English summary of protocol

Background and study aims

Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) is a serious medical condition in which the heart suddenly stops beating. It is commonly caused by cardiac arrhythmia (heart rhythm disorder) and is the most common cause of death in the developed world. These heart rhythm disorders are caused by complex interactions between various factors such as inherited factors, lifestyle factors and environmental factors. A SCA is lethal within minutes if left untreated, in particular, rapid defibrillation (a shock to the chest to get the heart pumping again) and resuscitation are crucial to increase chances of survival. This, along with prevention strategies are the best ways for preventing death from SCA. The difficulty with these strategies lies in the fact that SCA generally occurs unexpectedly and out-of-hospital. Because of this, it is usually very difficult to obtain clear information about all the factors that have caused the SCA in that particular person. The ARREST registry is designed to resolve these difficulties by improving understanding of the causes of SCA in the community and by evaluating the most effective treatments of SCA. To achieve this aim, the ARREST registry includes all out-of-hospital SCA cases in a particular region of the Netherlands, collecting information of the factors that may underlie SCA occurrence, along with detailed data on the ways in which resuscitation was performed. The aim of this study is to evaluate the ARREST registry and its use in understanding the causes of SCA and the best treatments.

Who can participate?

All individuals in the ARREST region (North-Holland province of the Netherlands) who suffer out-of-hospital SCA.

What does the study involve?

Information about sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) patients is collected from the emergency medical services, hospital, general practitioner, public pharmacy, and public registries; DNA is collected from residual material taken for the sake of patient care (e.g., blood samples). Patients are enrolled in this study when they suffer SCA. They cannot provide informed consent prior to enrolment, because occurrence of SCA is presently unpredictable. Informed consent can also not be obtained during SCA, because SCA is a medical emergency, in which the patients are unconscious. Therefore, informed consent can only be obtained afterwards. Survivors of SCA are therefore contacted after they have recovered sufficiently to have regained their ability to make

an informed decision to provide written consent to participate in this study. If they decide not to participate, the patient is withdrawn from the study and DNA samples will be destroyed.

What are the possible benefits and risks of participating?

A possible benefit is that this study improves the ability to prevent SCA (SCA victims are at increased risk of suffering SCA again), and to develop more effective treatments for out-of-hospital SCA. There are no risks involved with participating.

Where is the study run from

Department of Cardiology, Heart Center, Academic Medical Center (Netherlands)

When is study starting and how long is it expected to run for?

June 2005 to December 2031

Who is funding the study?

1. European Commission: Horizon 2020 (Belgium)
2. Netherlands CardioVascular Research Initiative (Netherlands)
3. Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (Netherlands)
4. Dutch Medicines Evaluation Board (Netherlands)
5. Dutch Heart Foundation (Netherlands)
6. Zoll Medical (Netherlands)
7. Cardiac Science (USA)
8. ZonMW (Netherlands)
9. Laerdal Foundation (Netherlands)

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Additional identifiers

Protocol serial number

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Study information

Scientific Title

ARREST registry: AmsteRdam REsuscitation STudies

Acronym

ARREST

Study objectives

1. Sudden cardiac arrest may be prevented by understanding the interactions between the underlying causative factors
2. Sudden cardiac arrest may be better treated by designing more effective out-of-hospital treatment strategies

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

1. Medical Ethics Committee Academic Medical Center Amsterdam, 28/03/2007, ref: 07.17.0430
2. Biobank Ethics Committee Academic Medical Center Amsterdam, 27/03/2016, ref: 2015_125

Primary study design

Observational

Study design

Observational prospective cohort study

Study type(s)

Other

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Out-of-hospital cardiac arrest

Interventions

No interventions will be conducted specifically for the sake of this study. Data of the sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) patients will be collected from the emergency medical services, hospital, general practitioner, public pharmacy, and public registries; DNA will be collected from residual material taken for the sake of patient care (e.g., blood samples).

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Intervention Type

Other

Primary outcome(s)

1. Causes of SCA are measured by studying genetic material, medication history from the patient's pharmacist, medical data retrieved from the patient's general practitioner and/or treating hospital and (social) environmental data retrieved from the national statistics agency.
2. Survival after out-of-hospital SCA, measured at hospital discharge using hospital records, and 30-day survival using basic civic registry

Key secondary outcome(s)

Quality of life after surviving SCA is measured using score on Cerebral Performance Category at hospital discharge.

Completion date

01/01/2031

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

All patients who suffer out-of-hospital cardiac arrest in the ARREST study region

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

All

Sex

All

Key exclusion criteria

There are no exclusion criteria

Date of first enrolment

01/06/2005

Date of final enrolment

01/01/2030

Locations

Countries of recruitment

Netherlands

Study participating centre

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Sponsor information

Organisation

Academic Medical Center (AMC)

ROR

<https://ror.org/03t4gr691>

Funder(s)

Funder type

Government

Funder Name

European Commission: Horizon 2020

Funder Name

Netherlands CardioVascular Research Initiative: The Dutch Heart Foundation, Dutch Federation of University Medical Centres, the Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development, and the Royal Netherlands Academy of Sciences (PREDICT project)

Funder Name

Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO)

Funder Name

Dutch Medicines Evaluation Board (MEB/CBG)

Funder Name

BBMRI-NL

Funder Name

Dutch Heart Foundation

Funder Name

Physio-Control Inc

Funder Name

Zoll Medical

Funder Name

Cardiac Science

Funder Name

ZonMW

Funder Name

Laerdal Foundation

Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

Not expected to be available, because of privacy considerations: risk of exposing patient identifying information. Data are held at Academic Medical Center, Amsterdam.

IPD sharing plan summary

Not expected to be made available

Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
Protocol article	protocol	06/08/2014	14/08/2019	Yes	No