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**Specific Care Question:** Are there any adopted standards for how soon patients should be placed on Extracorporeal Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (ECPR) once on-call staff has been contacted?

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**Extracorporeal cardiopulmonary resuscitation** ECPR is a method of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) that passes the patient’s blood through an external device, in a process to oxygenate the blood supply.

**Summary:** No recommendation can be made on how soon a patient should be placed on ECPR once on-call staff has been contacted as the literature search did not identify published standards that specifically answered the question.

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**Studies not included in this review with rationale for exclusion:**

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