Effective Compressions, Good Blood Flow Lead to Lifesaving CPR

Effective chest compressions deliver vital oxygen to the brain and can prime the heart for a successful shock. Maintaining sufficient coronary perfusion pressure during cardiac arrest improves the likelihood of return of spontaneous circulation (ROSC).

However, as any rescuer or caregiver knows, performing manual CPR according to current AHA guidelines is difficult and tiring. In fact, many organizations have added extra staff to cardiac arrest calls to switch out rescuers performing compressions.

The LUCAS Chest Compression System is designed to deliver uninterrupted compressions at a consistent rate and depth to facilitate ROSC. It delivers automated compressions from first response in the field to ambulance transport and throughout the hospital. LUCAS facilitates consistent blood flow from the moment it is turned on, helping to improve a patient’s chance for a successful outcome.
Increasing opportunities for improved outcomes

Effective, consistent and uninterrupted compressions according to current AHA guidelines
LUCAS is a portable, easy-to-use device that delivers automated, guidelines-consistent chest compressions to improve blood flow in victims of cardiac arrest. LUCAS performs at a rate of 100 compressions per minute with a depth of 1.5 to 2 inches. It also allows for complete chest wall recoil after each compression and provides a 50% duty cycle—equal compression and relaxation time for the chest wall.

Maintain good blood flow
Several studies show the effectiveness of manual chest compressions can drop rapidly—often after only one minute—due to rescuer fatigue. With LUCAS, automated compressions are delivered consistently and continuously, helping to maintain good circulation to the patient during transport and throughout the hospital.

Increasing operational effectiveness

Easy to use and efficient to own
LUCAS is lightweight, comes in a backpack and can be applied quickly to a patient, interrupting manual compressions for less than 20 seconds. It’s simple to apply whether the patient is on the ground, on a bed or on a stretcher in the ambulance. Your purchase includes a unique, multi-year service offering, keeping any maintenance expenses to a minimum.

Keep personnel safe during CPR
Whether you are delivering chest compressions in the back of an ambulance or in an emergency department, LUCAS can help keep responders safe. In a mobile environment, rescuers can be safely seat-belted in the back of an ambulance while LUCAS delivers compressions. In a hospital environment, LUCAS may help decrease occurrences of back injuries sustained while delivering CPR, as rescuers will no longer have to deliver prolonged CPR on a bed.

In a study found in Resuscitation, of 205 respondents, over 80% experienced back discomfort; 56% felt the discomfort was related to the duration of CPR. 20% suffered back injury or prolapsed disc; 40% considered their back injury related to/aggravated by CPR.

A tireless lifesaver

When Leon Schmidt, 68, suffered a massive cardiac arrest, it was LUCAS that kept him alive. “As soon as the paramedics arrived, they had Leon on the LUCAS,” recalls Gayle Schmidt, Leon’s wife. Later, Gayle was told that patients who experience the same type of cardiac arrest as her husband have only a three percent survival rate.

“If it wasn’t for the LUCAS,” she insists, “Leon wouldn’t be with us today.”

Results like this are encouraging to Charles Lick, MD, medical director for Allina Medical Transportation and Emergency Department director for Buffalo Hospital.

“In 2005, the AHA determined that we need to focus on performing better chest compressions to move the blood around and keep the organs working. We know that CPR is difficult to do well. People slow down. They don’t always do it appropriately—even professional rescuers. A machine doesn’t get tired; it is consistent, and consistency is key,” he explained.

All Allina Medical Transportation ambulances are equipped with the lifesaving devices. And now Buffalo Hospital has added a LUCAS device to its Emergency Department.

“Someone who has suffered a sudden cardiac arrest in the field has a good chance of suffering another one as we work on them in the Emergency Department,” Lick said.

“The LUCAS is as valuable here as it is in the field.” Lick predicts that in the coming months, LUCAS will help more patients like Schmidt get on with their lives. “I’m convinced we can do much better CPR with LUCAS than we can with human intervention.”

— To read other stories about LUCAS in action, go to www.physio-control.com/LUCAS
Improving operations in the field

Chiefs, training officers and medics are always looking for ways to maximize their resources while improving response in the field. Having LUCAS at your side during a cardiac emergency allows you to reduce the number of EMTs or firefighters to assist with CPR. This lessens chaos on the scene and frees up equipment and staff to go on to other emergencies.

When the cardiac arrest victim is ready for transport, LUCAS moves with the patient from the emergency scene to the ambulance. LUCAS provides continuous, effective compressions, helping to maintain good circulation in the patient while medics remain seat-belted for better safety in a mobile environment.

CPR is difficult to do well. Manual CPR training can help and it’s expensive and cumbersome to schedule and track. LUCAS is simple and easy to use with minimal training, keeping the cost of ownership low.

A vital tool for the clinically progressive agency

Medical directors know the value of quality CPR in achieving optimal clinical outcomes. With LUCAS, you can be confident that chest compressions are delivered according to the guidelines. By ensuring compressions continue uninterrupted at a consistent depth to facilitate ROSC, your teams are able to help patients to be more viable candidates for recovery.

LUCAS can be part of a clinically progressive resuscitation program. It works in tandem with cooling therapies or impedance threshold devices for a comprehensive approach to patient resuscitation.

In a recent survey, nearly 25% of ambulance officers suffered back injury, and as many as 62% of these reported that the cause of the injury was related to CPR delivery.

Provide continuous care in the emergency department

For an emergency department or nurse manager, LUCAS is a vital tool in the treatment of cardiac arrest patients. LUCAS delivers effective, consistent, uninterrupted chest compressions and can help effectively manage the code scene while helping the patient to maintain good circulation. Emergency department staff, relieved of the need to perform manual compressions, can more efficiently assess the patient's condition and determine the best treatment plan. This can reduce crowding and chaos in the emergency department, which can help to maintain calm and focus amongst the staff, and potentially free up resources for use in other emergencies.

Using LUCAS in the emergency department can help maintain coronary perfusion pressure without interruption which is crucial to improving patient outcomes.

Keep up the pressure in the cath lab

In the event of cardiac arrest due to refractory ventricular fibrillation or a nonshockable rhythm, LUCAS enables the intervention to continue by providing consistent, guidelines-quality chest compressions, which facilitates blood circulation to supply oxygen to vital organs. In addition, LUCAS creates a less stressful environment that enables quality decision making and keeps staff safely out of the x-ray field.

LUCAS is mainly radio translucent, except for the hood and piston, enabling you to capture most fluoroscopy projections without removing LUCAS. The following fluoroscopy projections can be captured in monoplane while LUCAS is attached to the patient: LAO Cranial/Caudal Oblique; RAO Cranial/Caudal Oblique; Straight Caudal; Straight Lateral; and Straight Cranial.
Your choice of two models:

Battery Powered

Air Powered
LUCAS 2 model shown
Inclusive service package helps lower the cost of ownership

The LUCAS Chest Compression System is delivered ready for immediate use. The Silver Extended Service Plan provides two years of coverage after the end of the manufacturer’s one-year warranty, for a total of three years of support. The Silver Extended Service Plan is included with the purchase of the LUCAS Chest Compression System.

An upgrade to the Gold Extended Service Plan provides enhanced services such as scheduled performance inspections, loaner equipment, extended coverage for parts and labor, and replacement of unserviceable equipment.

LUCAS is maintained by the same Physio-Control service team that has been a part of our company’s framework since 1972. Our service representatives have an average tenure of over 12 years and log an average of 1,600 field hours each year. With Physio-Control on your side, your equipment is backed by stellar support, so you get maximum life and use from your investment.

“If I had one arm, and could only grab one thing to take into the house, it would be LUCAS.”
- Paramedic and Field Supervisor, Cypress Creek
**Specifications**

**LUCAS 1**

**CHEST COMPRESSION SYSTEM**

**COMPRESSIONS**
- Compression Frequency: 100 compressions per minute
- Compression Depth: 2 inches (5 cm)
- Compression/Decompression Duty Cycle: 50%

**Patients Eligible for Treatment:**
- Sternal height of 7.5 – 11.9 inches (19 – 30.3 cm)
- Maximum sternum width of 17.7 inches (45 cm)

**OPERATION**
- Operation: Fully pneumatic (compressed air)
- Power Source:
  - Breathing air from portable compressed air cylinder
  - Air outlet in hospital/ambulance with nominal supply pressure within 46–87 psi (3.17 – 6 bar)
- Air Consumption: 1.84 ft³ per minute (52 L/minute)
- Operating Temperature: 41 to 104°F (5 to 40°C)
- Storage Temperature: -22 to 140°F (-30 to 60°C)

**PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS**
- Height (stowed in backpack): 25.6 inches (65 cm)
- Width (stowed in backpack): 13 inches (33 cm)
- Depth (stowed in backpack): 9.8 inches (25 cm)
- Air hose length: 10.8 feet (3.3 meters)
- Weight (unit only): 13.9 lbs (6.3 kg)
- Weight (backpack and included accessories): 5 lbs (2.27 kg)

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**LUCAS 2**

**CHEST COMPRESSION SYSTEM**

**COMPRESSIONS**
- Compression Frequency: 100 ± 5 compressions per minute
- Compression Depth: 1.5 to 2 inches (4-5 cm)
- Compression/Decompression Duty Cycle: 50 ± 5%

**Patients Eligible for Treatment:**
- Sternal height of 6.7 – 11.9 inches (17 – 30.3 cm)
- Maximum chest width: 17.7 inches (45 cm)

The use of LUCAS is not restricted by patient weight

**OPERATION**
- Operation: Electrical
- Power Source: Battery — Rechargeable Lithium-ion Polymer (LiPo)
  - Size: 5.1 x 3.5 x 2.2 inches (13.0 x 8.8 x 5.7 cm)
  - Weight: 1.3 lbs (0.6 kg)
  - Capacity: 3300 mAh (typical), 86 Wh
  - Battery voltage: 25.9 V
  - Run time: 45 minutes (typical)
  - Maximum battery charge time: Less than 4 hours at room temperature (72°F/ 22°C)
  - Required interval for replacement of battery: Recommendation to replace battery every 3 years or after 200 uses

**Battery Environmental Specifications**
- Operating temperature: 32°F to 104°F / 0°C to +40°C
- Charge temperature: 41°F to 95°F / 5°C to +35°C
- Storage temperature: 32°F to 104°F/ 0°C to 40°C for <6 months
- IP Classification: IP44

**PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS**
- Height (stowed in backpack): 25.6 inches (65 cm)
- Width (stowed in backpack): 13 inches (33 cm)
- Depth (stowed in backpack): 9.8 inches (25 cm)
- Weight (including battery): 17.2 lbs (7.8 kg)

All specifications are at 20-25°C unless otherwise stated. Technical data are subject to change without prior notice.
LIFEPAK® Defibrillators/Monitors

LIFEPAK 15 Monitor/Defibrillator
The LIFEPAK 15 monitor/defibrillator is the new standard in emergency care for ALS teams who want the most clinically innovative, operationally innovative and LIFEPAK TOUGH™ device available today. The 15 integrates Masimo Rainbow SET® technology that monitors SpO₂, Carbon Monoxide and Methemoglobin, includes a metronome to guide CPR compressions and ventilations and provides an option to escalate energy to 360J. An entirely new platform, the 15 is powered by Lithium-ion battery technology, incorporates the SunVue™ display screen for viewability in bright sunlight, and data connectivity to easily and securely collect and send patient information. Similar form factor and user interface with the LIFEPAK 12 defibrillator/monitor will ease transition and training costs.

LIFEPAK 12 Defibrillator/Monitor
Over 80,000 LIFEPAK 12 defibrillator/monitors are in use today—on rescue rigs and in hospitals worldwide. Feedback from this global community keeps us innovating—adding features to help you in your lifesaving work. The LIFEPAK 12 defibrillator/monitor packs multi-parameter therapeutic and diagnostic functions into a rugged, portable device. Use a tool that can tackle today’s patient care needs and adapt to tomorrow’s challenges.

Experience the legendary quality that has made LIFEPAK products and services the clear favorite around the world.
LIFEPAK 20e Defibrillator/Monitor
Building on the design of its predecessor, the LIFEPAK 20e defibrillator/monitor is compact, lightweight and easy to rush to the scene or use during transport. The 20e is highly intuitive to use, putting early, effective defibrillation into the hands of first responders. The 20e skillfully combines AED function with manual capability so that ACLS-trained clinicians can quickly and easily deliver advanced diagnostic and therapeutic care. Clinically advanced and packed with power, the 20e uses Lithium-ion battery technology that provides extended operating time for transporting patients from one area of the hospital to another and includes ADAPTIV™ biphasic technology up to 360 joules.

LIFEPAK 1000 Defibrillator
The 1000 is a powerful and compact device designed to treat cardiac arrest patients and provide continuous cardiac monitoring capabilities. Built-in flexibility allows the 1000 to be programmed for use by first responders or professionals and enables care providers to change protocols as standards of care evolve. A large, intuitive screen displays graphics and ECG readings that are clear and easy to read from a distance. The most rugged defibrillator in the LIFEPAK fleet, you can carry the 1000 with confidence into the harshest environments.

LIFEPAK CR® Plus Automated External Defibrillator
Designed for minimally trained rescuers in commercial and public settings, the CR Plus guides the rescuer step by step with calm, clear voice prompts. Simple to use, it is built with the same advanced defibrillation technology used by EMS and hospital personnel.

LIFENET® System
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The LIFENET System provides EMS and hospital care teams with reliable, quick access to clinical information helping to improve patient care flow and operational efficiency. The LIFENET System provides customers with a reliable and secure web-based platform linking care teams with critical information for emergent patient data and post-event review. From providing an advanced alert of an incoming patient, to reviewing post event data, to tracking assets, the LIFENET System is the most comprehensive system on the market today.
For more than 50 years, Physio-Control, maker of the renowned LIFEPAK defibrillators, has been developing technologies and designing devices that are legendary among first response professionals, clinical care providers and the community.

REFERENCES


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