

Post-cardiac arrest syndrome

Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) is one of the leading causes of mortality and morbidity in the United States, and survivors are frequently left with severe disability. Of the 10% successfully resuscitated from SCA, only around 10% of these live with a favorable neurologic outcome. Survivors of SCA commonly develop **post-cardiac arrest syndrome** (PCAS). PCAS is composed of neurologic, myocardial, and systemic injury related to inadequate perfusion and ischemia-reperfusion injury with free radical formation and an inflammatory cascade. While **targeted temperature management** is the cornerstone of therapy, other **intensive care unit**-based management strategies include **monitoring** and treatment of **seizures**, **cerebral edema**, and increased **intracranial pressure**, as well as prevention of further neurologic injury ¹⁾.

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