

A wide-angle photograph of the WakeMed Health & Hospitals main building at dusk. The building is a large, modern structure with multiple wings and a central tower. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, with scattered clouds. The foreground shows a wide, empty road with some light trails from vehicles. The overall scene is well-lit by the building's lights and the ambient light of the twilight.

# **WakeMed Health & Hospitals**

## **Mild Induced Hypothermia Program**

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Raleigh, North Carolina

## Historical Perspectives

- October 5, 2006, WakeMed participated in community-wide efforts to coordinate field-to-hospital use of Induced Hypothermia therapy for select cardiac arrest patients.
- WakeMed was one of the first health systems in the country to work in conjunction with Wake County EMS to implement the change in the standard of care consistent with recommendations from the AHA. (Class I, LOE-B)

# The Field

- S/P cardiac arrest patient meets criteria for cooling.
  - Non-traumatic arrest.
  - ROSC, GCS  $<8$  and no purposeful movement.
  - Time to initiate therapy less than 6 hours.
- Cold saline administered IV.
- Patient transported to E.D.



# The Emergency Department

- Placement of special central venous catheter by ED physician.
- Initiation of catheter-based cooling therapy.
- Bed procurement in the intensive care unit.



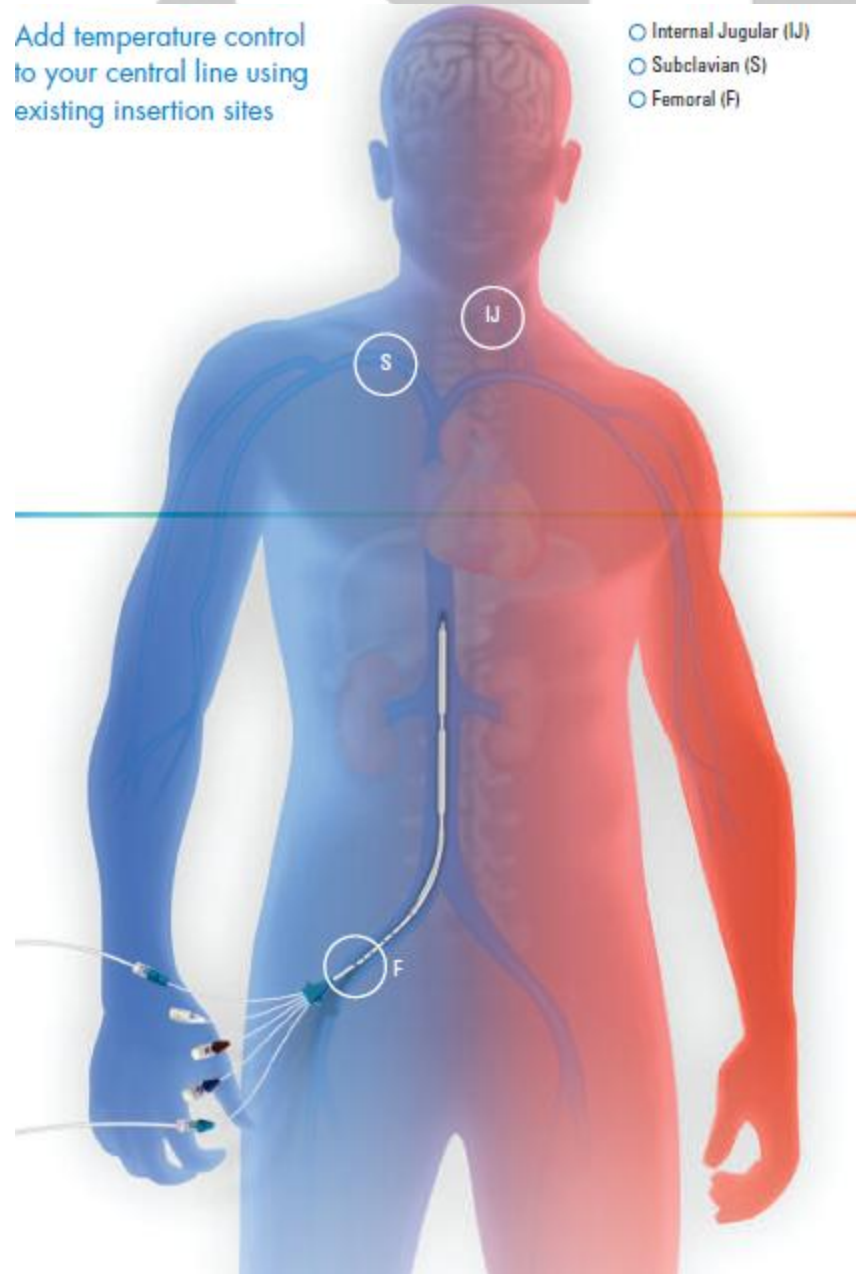


# Equipment



*ZOLL's IVTM offers superior clinical efficiency over external methods in reaching and maintaining target temperature.<sup>1,2,4</sup>*

Add temperature control to your central line using existing insertion sites



# Intensive Care Unit

- Cooling phase (33°C) consists of 24-hours of circulating iced saline via central venous catheter balloons.
- Warming phase consists of 24 hours of controlled (6-8hrs) re-warming to 36°.
- Intensive assessment/management of VS, mechanical ventilation, fluid volume, analgesia, shivering, sedation, electrolytes, etc.



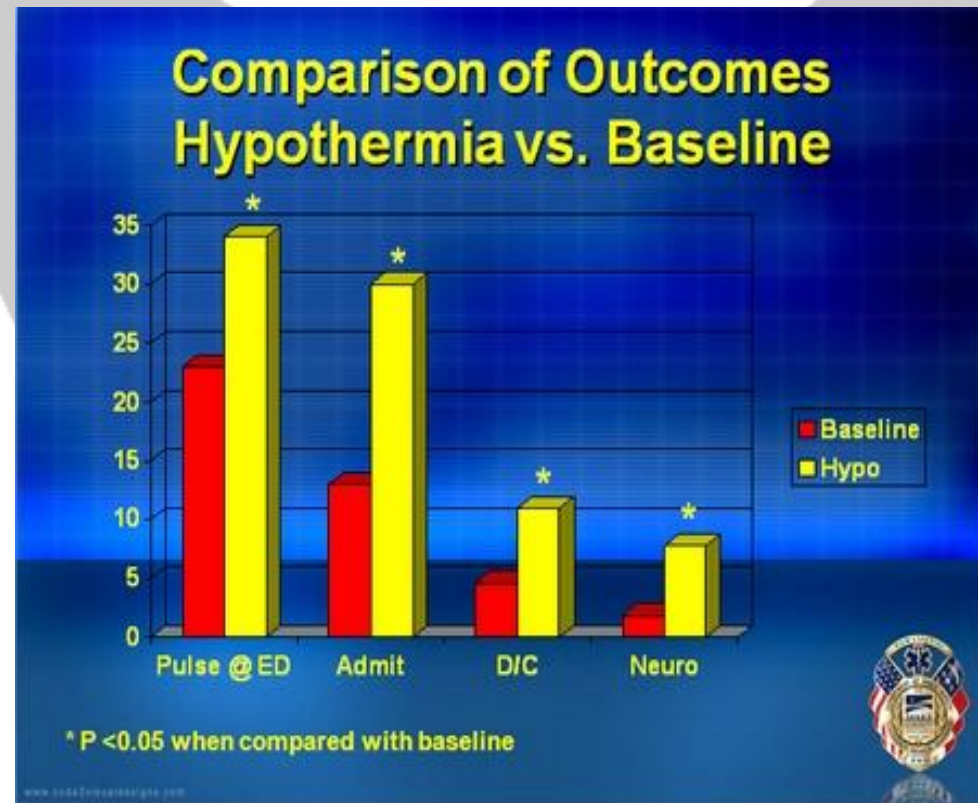
# Case Study

- Summer 2007, cardiac arrest from cardiac embolus.
- Early CPR, 911, AED, 20-minute downtime
- Induced hypothermia therapy
- 1-month hospital/rehab stay



# Outcomes (Wake County EMS)

- Nationally-recognized cardiac arrest save rate.
- Implementation of the pioneering ICE (induced hypothermia by EMS) protocol for cardiac arrest patients.





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