It Takes a System to Save a Victim in King County, Seattle, Washington

BRIEF BACKGROUND
To increase survival from out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA) and to ensure high quality patient care, King County EMS tracks several performance measures designed for continuous quality improvement. Selected 2018 performance measures are highlighted below.

STEPS TAKEN
The infographic below summarizes 2018 cardiac arrest survival rates (Utstein definition) for King County Washington Emergency Medical Services. This information is included in our annual report and provided to elected officials and all EMS agencies. It is also posted on the King County EMS website. https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/emergency-medical-services/reports.aspx

OUTLOOK
We believe such vital information is important to share with the community and elected officials on an annual basis. It is our way of being accountable to the community we serve and to the elected officials who help support the system.

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