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Comparison of ST elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) : mobile intensive care unit (MICU) immediately after emergency call or after first aid assessment



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Background and objective: Any patient with suspicious chest pain has to immediately call the emergency medical dispatch center to any suspicious chest pain. As part of a risk of ST elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI), regulator doctor decided to send a mobile intensive care unit (MICU) immediately after emergency call or after first aid assessment (FAA).

Primary outcome : Compare the characteristics of STEMI between when MICU is immediately triggered after emergency call (EC group) or after first aid assessment (FAA group).

Methods: Data derived from a prospective register including STEMI having primary percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI), managed by 6 medical care intensive units (MCIU), from 2003 to 2014.

Results: 1310 STEMI were included, 67% in EC group. The only significant difference between the 2 populations is when the caller is a healthcare professional (p<0,05). Chest pain – catheterization laboratory (cath-lab) delay and mortality do not show significant difference.

Discussion : The regulator doctor’s decision is influenced when the call is made by a health care professional, contrary to history and cardiovascular risk factors.

However it does not increase the risk for patients in terms of management delay and survival

	EC group	FAA		
Effectif	882 (67,4%)	428 (32,7%)	p	
Median age [Q1;Q3]	61 [51;72]	59 [50;71]	0,36	
Man (%)	717 (81,5%)	333 (78%)	0,14	
Call 15/112/911 by patient n (%)	691 (81,1%)	370 (90%)	<0,05	
Call to 15/112/911 by practitioner n (%)	161 (18,9%)	41 (9,9%)		
Personal coronary heart disease	160 (26,4%)	82 (24,9%)	0,63	p (Chi2)
Familial coronary heart disease	138 (22,7%)	75 (22,8%)	0,98	
smoking	346 (57%)	205 (62,3%)	0,12	
Diabetes	101 (16,6%)	68 (20,7%)	0,13	
High blood pressure	269 (44,3%)	133 (40,3%)	0,25	
Dyslipidemia	215 (35,4%)	123 (37,4%)	0,55	
Overweight	181 (29,8%)	93 (28,3%)	0,62	
No antecedent	29 (4,8%)	24 (7,2%)	0,11	
Prehospital mortality	2 (0,2%)	0	0,32	
Hospital mortality	53 (6,4%)	18 (4,4%)	0,15	
Median delay pain to call 15/112/991	58 [22;152]	49 [19;152]	0,25	p (Wilcoxon)
Median delay call 15/112/991 to MCIU first contact	16 [11;21]	32 [23;45]	<0,05	
Median delay MCIU first contact to hospital arrival	54 [45;65]	50 [44;60]	<0,05	
Median delay pain to hospital arrival	135 [96;230]	145 [105;240]	0,15	

Characteristics of STEMI