

Reversing Sudden Unexpected Death (Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest)

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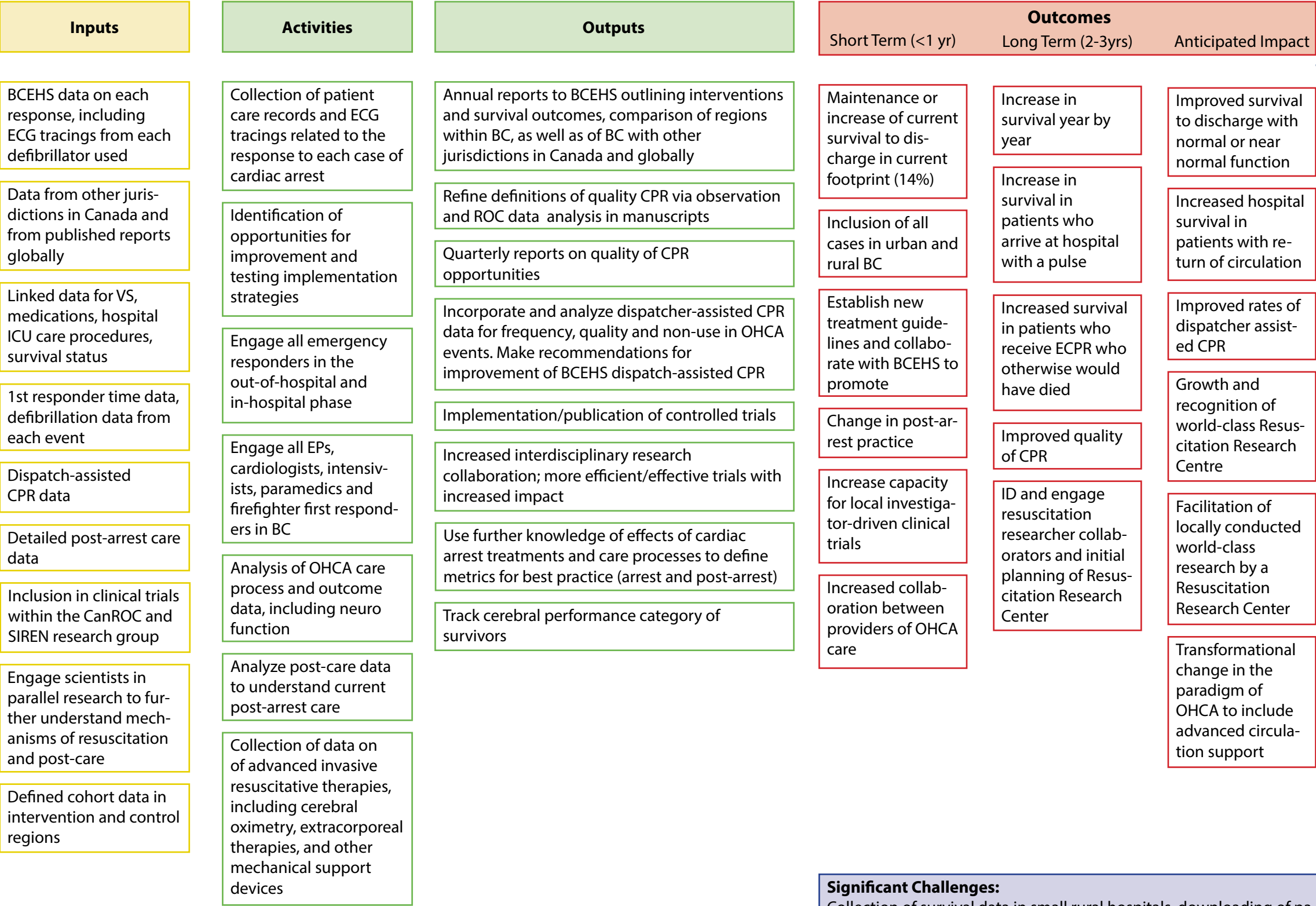
Situation:
Sudden out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA) afflicts 3,000 people/year in BC. Survival to discharge in medium and large BC cities doubled from 2006 to 2014. This can be further improved. BC is one of 3 primary research sites in the newly funded Canadian Resuscitation Outcomes Consortium (CanROC) and will play a leadership role in planning and executing research in resuscitation.

Vision:
The best survival rates in the world for out-of-hospital sudden unexpected death.

Stakeholders:
Cardiac arrest victims and families; BCEHS executive, call takers, dispatchers, paramedics, 1st responders; Municipal Agencies; PHSA Cardiac Services; PHC Resuscitation Research Group, UBC DEM, FOM and CHEOS; Cardiac Outcomes Group; HSF-BCY; ICRH; Defibrillator Manufacturers; SPOR SU; emergency physicians, intensivists, cardiologists, cardiac surgeons; BC Health Authorities; CanROC

Priority Goals:

- Establish a BC OHCA Registry within the CanROC registry infrastructure.
- Broaden registry to include all events in BC.
- Link registry with outcome data in cardiac interventions, VS, ICU database, pharmanet and MSP.
- Complete extra-corporeal CPR study and expand the capability to other regions, if positive.
- Establish a Resuscitation Research Centre in BC.



Significant Challenges:

Collection of survival data in small rural hospitals, downloading of patient care records and ECGs from virtually all cases, changing behaviour in paramedics and 1st responders when necessary, ensuring paramedics and 1st responders follow research protocols without deviating, engaging other scientists from cardiology, intensive care and basics science in investigation.