



Preface

This supplement of *Resuscitation* contains the European Resuscitation Council (ERC) Guidelines for Resuscitation 2005. It is derived from the 2005 International Consensus Conference on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care Science with Treatment Recommendations produced by the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR) published simultaneously in an issue of *Resuscitation*.

The European representatives at that Conference, held in Dallas in January 2005, more than pulled their weight in the process of producing the Consensus on Science conclusions arising as a result of presentations and debate. Their names are listed at the end of this Foreword, and the resuscitation community in Europe and beyond is most grateful to them for their talent, dedication and selfless hard work. In addition, they, and many others from Europe, also produced worksheets addressing the evidence for and against every conceivable detail of resuscitation theory and practice.

The ERC Guidelines contain recommendations that, by consensus of the European representatives, are suitable for European practice in the light of today's conclusions agreed in the Consensus on Science. As with the Consensus on Science document, they represent an enormous amount of work by many people who have worked against the clock to produce the Guidelines for Europe. Each section of the Guidelines has been masterminded and coordinated by the leaders of the ERC working groups and areas of special interest.

Such ventures do not happen without leadership, and we are grateful to Vinay Nadkarni, Bill Montgomery, Peter Morley, Mary Fran Hazinski, Arno Zaritsky, and Jerry Nolan for guiding the Consensus on Science process through to completion. It would not be invidious to single out Jerry Nolan, the ILCOR

co-chairman, for thanks and praise. He is universally respected and popular, and has proved to be a wonderful ambassador for Europe. His scientific credibility and understanding are beyond doubt and his integrity, dedication, sheer hard work, patience and meticulous attention to detail and sensitivities have won the admiration of all. He has led the Consensus on Science process on our behalf, and has been the lead co-ordinator in producing the European Guidelines.

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