

# Knowledge Transfer from Space Medicine to Global Health on Earth



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# Spacecraft/Space Station and Spacesuit Environments

**Mercury, Gemini and Apollo Projects:** pressure 5 psi / 100% O<sub>2</sub>

- cabin size and design of the life support system

**Skylab Project:** pressure 5 psi / 70% O<sub>2</sub> and 30% N<sub>2</sub>

- safety and risk of lung atelectasia



**Space Shuttle Program/ISS:** pressure 14.7 psi (1 ATM, 760 mmHg), 20% O<sub>2</sub> and 80% N<sub>2</sub>

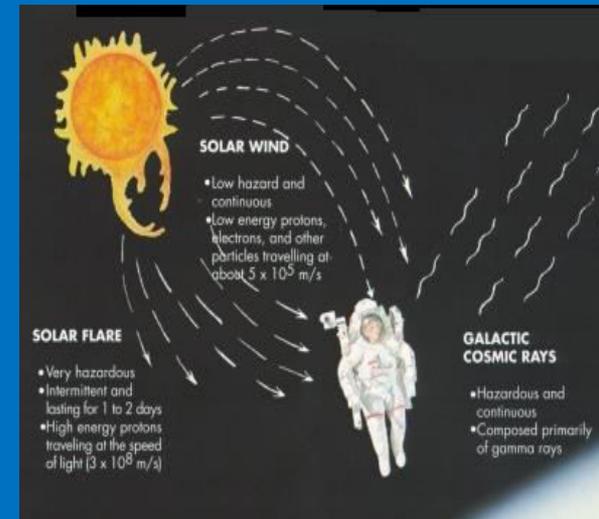


# Space environment – Space Missions (LEO)

## Microgravity



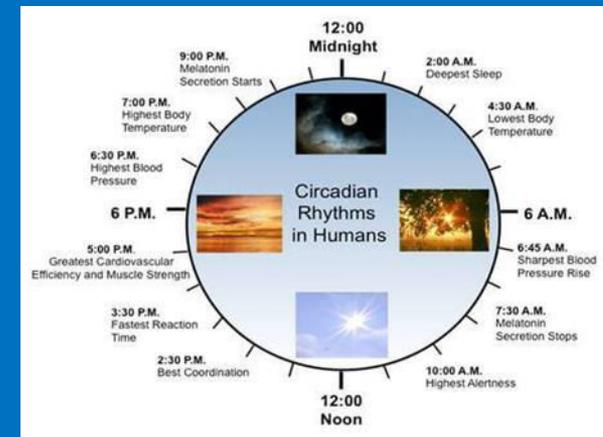
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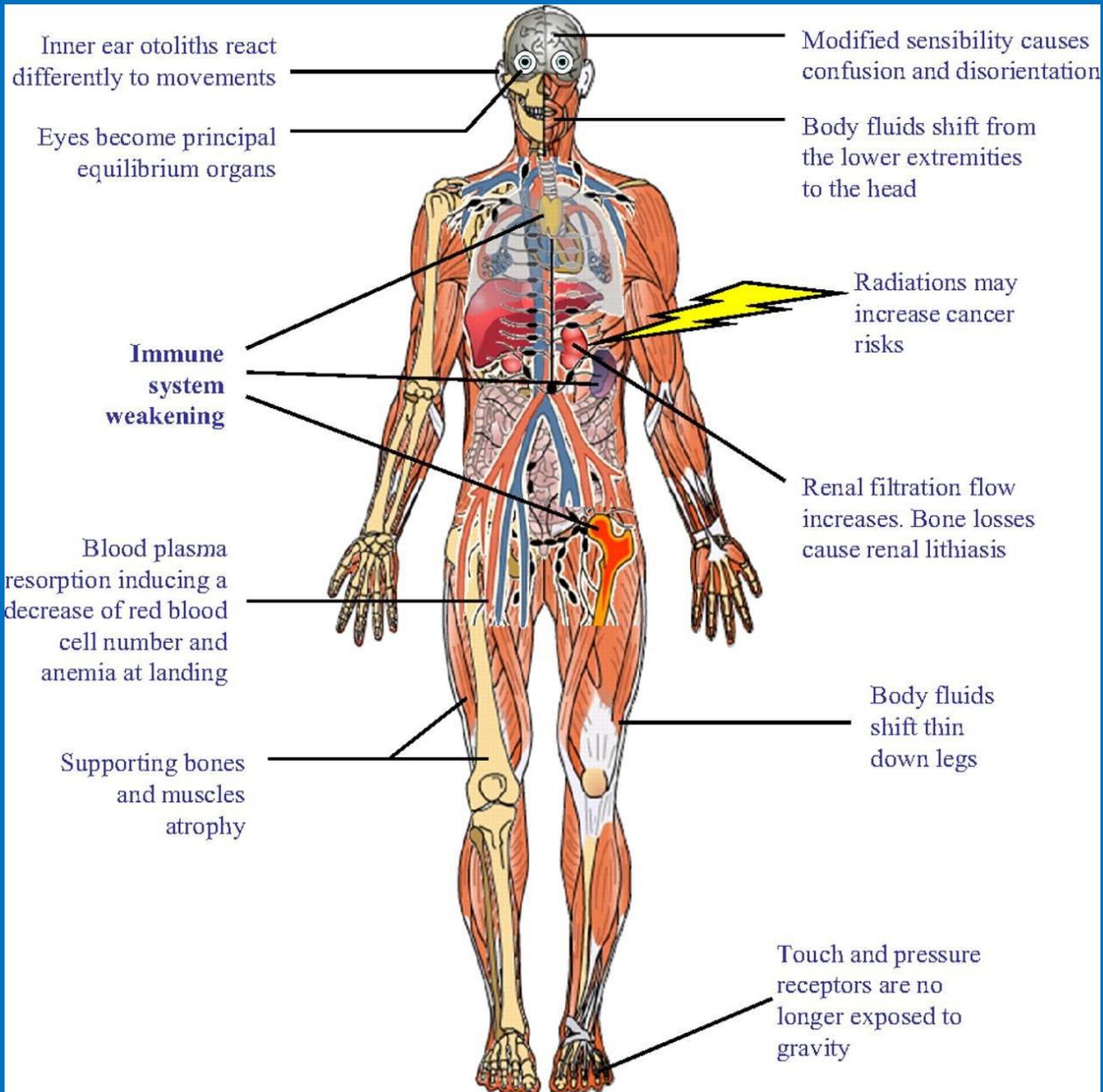


## The Human Mind in Space



## Circadian Rhythm





# Knowledge, Products, Methods, Techniques, Processes



**Transfer!**



# NASA SPINOFF



**+40 years!!!!**



**Health and Medicine**

Transportation

Public Safety

Consumer Goods

Energy and Environment

Information Technology

Industrial Productivity

# Telemedicine & eHealth

Human Psychology, Physiology & Medicine

Development of Medical Equipment & Devices

Software, XAI, VR, AR & Health applications

Disease Investigation & Treatment

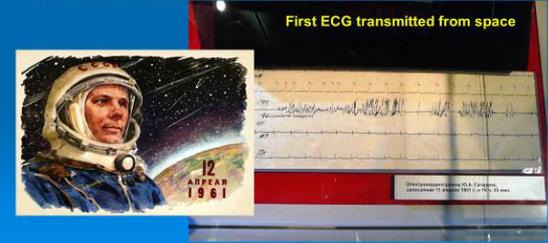
Exercise & Space Countermeasures

Genetics & Aging

Robotics, Robonauts & Robots as Doctors

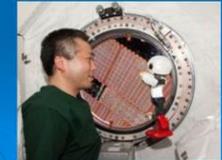


Einthoven – ECG transmission on Earth (1860-1927)  
First time an ECG transmitted over telephone lines. - telecardiology/teleECG - 7 Feb 1906



Robonauts

Robots as doctors



## Countermeasures to Microgravity Exercise on ISS

Strength



Advanced Resistive Exercise Device

ARED

Locomotion



Treadmill Exercise Device

T2

Endurance



Cycle Ergometer with Vibration Isolations and Stabilization Syst.

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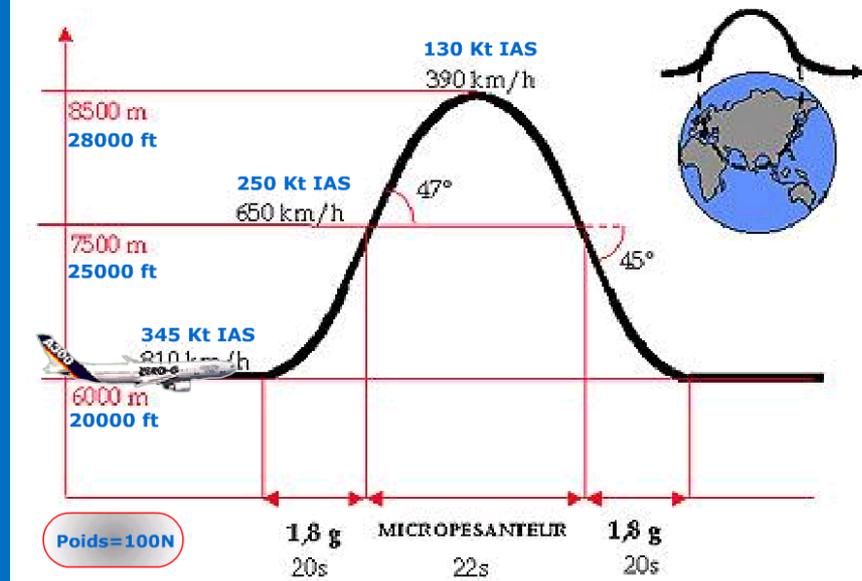
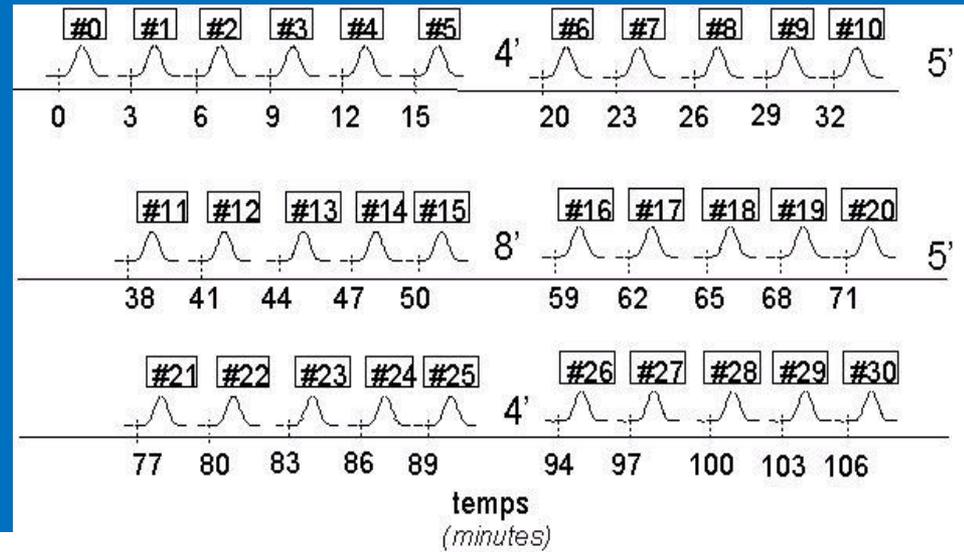
## Physiological Sensors



Kinetic Sensors



# Parabolic flights – 20 seconds of microG



ESA 29th Parabolic Flight Campaign, Bordeaux, France, Nov - 2000

# CPR in MicroG: 3 methods

Tests in parabolic flights



Hand stand



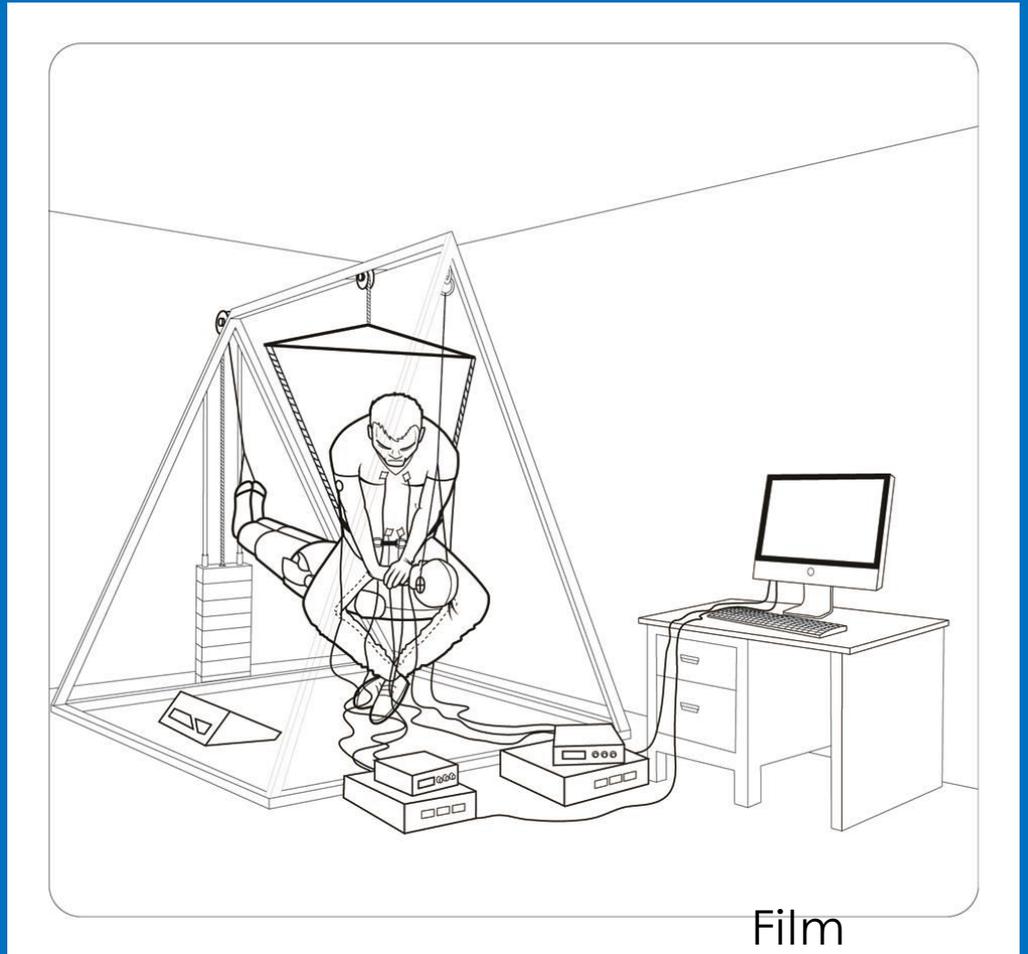
Reverse bear hug



Evetts-Russomano

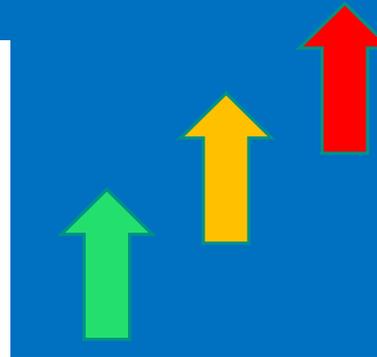
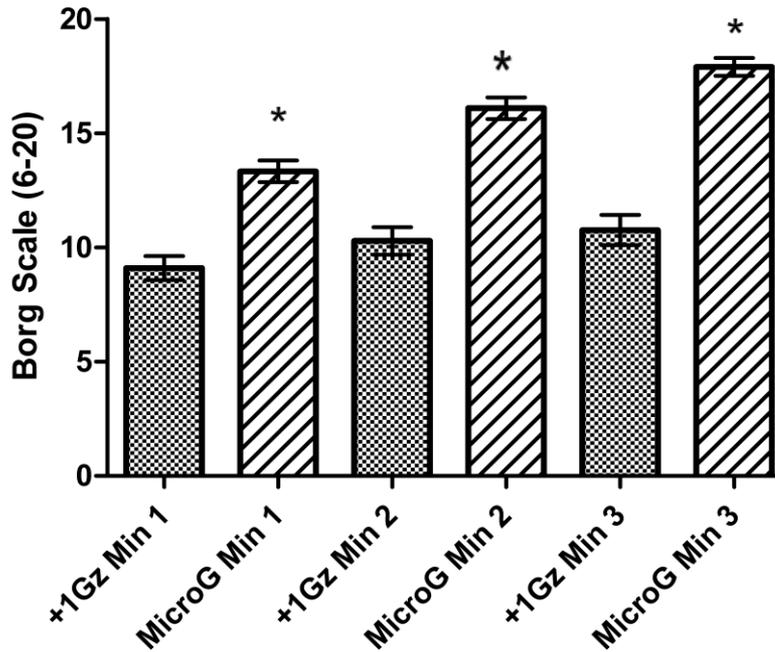


## Evetts-Russomano MicroG CPR Method



# Evetts-Russomano CPR Method – physically demanding

Rate of Perceived Exertion

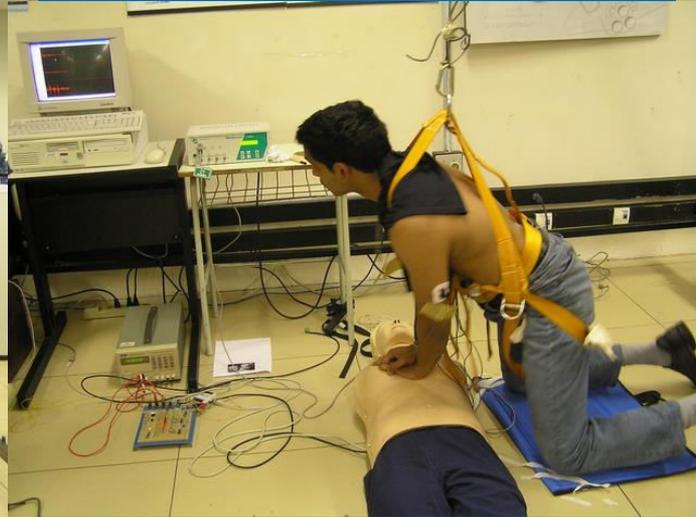


Mean ± SD \* p < 0.001  
MicroG vs 1G

	Time (minutes)		
	1	2	3
<b>+1Gz</b>			
Chest compression			
Depth (mm)	48.6 ± 0.48	48.4 ± 0.46	47.5 ± 0.40
Rate (compression. min <sup>-1</sup> )	103.7 ± 0.25	103.3 ± 0.24	102.2 ± 0.37
Messages per set (n)	30.3 ± 0.10	30.5 ± 0.14	31.1 ± 0.11
Borg Scale (6-20)	9.1 ± 0.53	10.3 ± 0.60	10.8 ± 0.66
Arm Flexion (°)			
Right	1.19 ± 0.20	1.23 ± 0.19	1.33 ± 0.22
Left	1.62 ± 0.19	1.47 ± 0.23	1.52 ± 0.22
Heart Rate (bpm)	110.9 ± 2.73	112.2 ± 3.57	114.8 ± 3.91
<b>MicroG</b>			
Chest compression			
Depth (mm)	45.7 ± 0.53*	43.0 ± 1.14**	41.4 ± 1.26**
Rate (compression. min <sup>-1</sup> )	104.5 ± 1.13	105.2 ± 0.99*	102.4 ± 1.43
Messages per set (n)	30.2 ± 0.32	30.2 ± 0.36	30.1 ± 0.54
Borg Scale	13.3 ± 0.47**	16.1 ± 0.47**	17.9 ± 0.40**
Arm Flexion (°)			
Right	11.4 ± 1.85**	11.3 ± 1.86**	12.3 ± 1.76**
Left	14.6 ± 1.99**	14.8 ± 2.07**	14.7 ± 1.85**
Heart Rate (bpm)	153.9 ± 3.48**	168.2 ± 3.18**	174.5 ± 2.79**

\*Significantly different to +1Gz control at p<0.05, paired sample t-test  
 \*\*Significantly different to +1Gz control at p<0.001, paired sample t-test

# CPR in HypoG Simulation



[Movie](#)

# CPR in Simulated HypoG – Female Data

n = 10

Female	Control		Planet X		Mars		Moon	
	1G	9.81m/s.s	0.7G	6.8m/s.s	0.38G	3.71m/s.s	0.16G	1.62m/s.s
	Mean	(±SD)	Mean	(±SD)	Mean	(±SD)	Mean	(±SD)
Mean DCC (mm)	44.6	2.2	42.0	4.5	36.2	5.8	31.1	6.4
Mean FCC (crp/min)	105.1	2.3	104.8	5.1	94.3	23.5	99.2	11.7
Angle Variation (°)	4.9	1.0	8.9	5.0	18.6	9.8	20.7	11.8
Load Variation (Kg)	0.0	0.0	13.4	2.0	20.4	3.7	23.6	6.3



# CPR in Simulated HypoG – Male Data

**n = 10**

Male	Control		Planet X		Mars		Moon	
	1G	9.81m/s.s	0.7G	6.8m/s.s	0.38G	3.71m/s.s	0.16G	1.62m/s.s
	Mean	(±SD)	Mean	(±SD)	Mean	(±SD)	Mean	(±SD)
Mean DCC (mm)	47.3	0.8	45.8	2.1	45.3	1.4	44.6	1.2
Mean FCC (crp/min)	105.3	3.1	103.8	6.0	105.6	4.6	105.9	7.1
Angle Variation (°)	4.2	1.7	4.8	2.3	11.3	4.5	15.0	5.6
Load Variation (Kg)	0.0	0.0	13.1	5.0	25.0	9.9	30.9	5.3



# A Preliminary Comparison Between Methods of Performing External Chest Compressions During Microgravity Simulation

MEHDI KORDI<sup>1,2</sup>, RICARDO B. CARDOSO<sup>1</sup>,  
AND THAIS RUSSOMANO<sup>1,2</sup>

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A comparison between the 2010 and 2005 basic life support guidelines during simulated hypogravity and microgravity



**Extreme Physiology  
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**A new method for the performance of external chest compressions during hypogravity simulation**

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# Extraterrestrial CPR and Its Applications in Terrestrial Medicine

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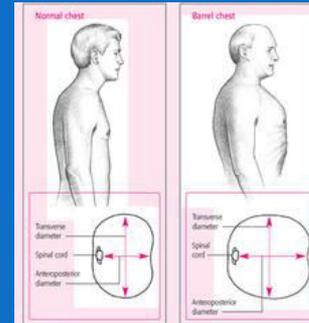


# Spin-offs from Extraterrestrial CPR

- Small rescuer /weaker (child, female, old...) and a big patient



- Increased chest stiffness (diseases)



- Increased chest diameter (diseases, natural shape)

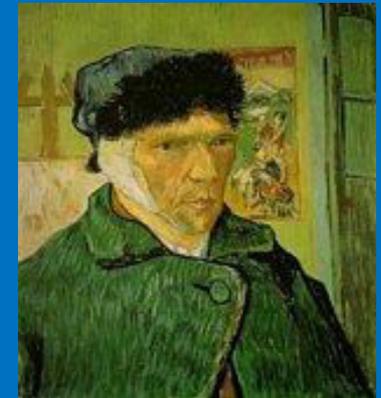


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# Van Gogh Project



Characteristic	Radial Artery Sample	Hyperemic Earlobe Sample
Discomfort	Painful	Pain Free
Potential Complications	Hematoma Hemorrhage Infection Wrist pain	Hemorrhage Cutaneous infection
Ease of Use	Requires trained medical personnel	Performed by non-medical personnel.
Potential Usage	Hospitals research	Hospitals, Private Clinics, Rural Centers, Aero medical Transport, ISS, Other space missions



# Earlobe Arterialized Blood Collector (EABC)



PCT/BR2007/000157 (18/06/2007) / US12/665,433 (18/12/2009)  
- USA/ EP07719325.8 (08/01/2010) – Europe

The **Earlobe Arterialized Blood Collector (EABC)** was developed to enable collection of arterialized blood from the earlobe of astronauts by non-medically trained personnel, whilst minimizing risks of environmental contamination, infection and pain.

# Method of Blood Collection with EABC



**1. Arterialization**



**2. Cleaning**

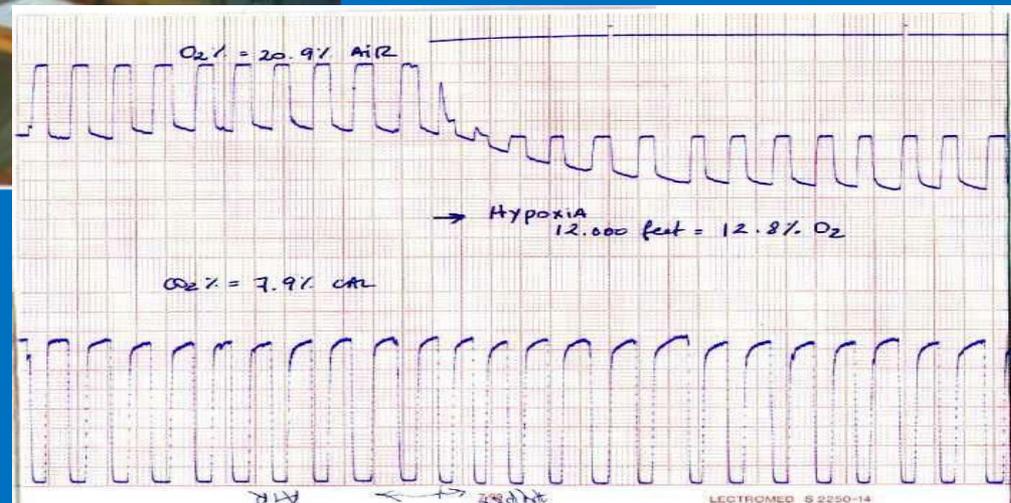


**3. Collection**



**4. Analysis**

Volunteers had samples from the radial artery and the earlobe arterialized blood collected simultaneously, after being in the HDT position and breathing for 15 min a 12.8% O<sub>2</sub> in N<sub>2</sub>



# Blood Collection

## EABC vs Blood from the arterial side of the fistula



EABC



Fistula

# Selected Publications - EABC

## A Device for Sampling Arterialized Earlobe Blood in Austere Environments

THAIS RUSSOMANO, SIMON N. EVETTS, JOAO CASTRO, MARLISE A. DOS SANTOS, JORGE GAVILLON, DARIO F. G. AZEVEDO, JOHN WHITTLE, EDWARD COATS, AND JOHN ERNSTING

*Aviation, Space, and Environmental Medicine* • Vol. 77, No. 4 • April 2006

## Assessment of an Earlobe Arterialized Blood Collector in Microgravity

T. RUSSOMANO<sup>1,2</sup>, J. WHITTLE<sup>2</sup>, G. EVETTS<sup>2</sup>, E. COATS<sup>2</sup>, M. VIAN<sup>1</sup>, R. CARDOSO<sup>1</sup>, G. DALMARCO<sup>1</sup>, R. CAMBRAIA<sup>1</sup>, AND F. FALCAO<sup>1</sup>

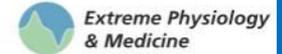
*Aviation, Space, and Environmental Medicine* • Vol. 80, No. 11 • November 2009

## Clinical Validation of the Earlobe Arterialized Blood Collector

FELIPE FALCÃO AND THAIS RUSSOMANO

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Vaquer et al. *Extreme Physiology & Medicine* (2015) 4:5  
DOI 10.1186/s13728-015-0025-x



RESEARCH

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## Operational evaluation of the earlobe arterialized blood collector in critically ill patients

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### Abstract

**Background:** The new Earlobe Arterialized Blood Collector (EABC<sup>®</sup>) is a minimally invasive prototype system able to perform capillary blood collection from the earlobe (EL) with minimal training and risk. This system could improve medical emergency management in extreme environments. Consequently, a prospective validation study was designed to evaluate operational performance of the EABC<sup>®</sup> in a cohort of critically ill patients.

**Methods:** Arterialized capillary blood was sampled from the EL of 55 invasively ventilated patients using the EABC<sup>®</sup> following a validated procedure. Operational characteristics such as the number of cuts and cartridges required, sampling failure/success ratio, bleeding complications, storage requirements and other auxiliary aspects were recorded. Result turnaround laboratory times (TAT) were compared with published references.

Vaquer et al. *Annals of Intensive Care* 2014, 4:11  
<http://www.annalsofintensivecare.com/content/4/1/11>

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RESEARCH

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## Earlobe arterialized capillary blood gas analysis in the intensive care unit: a pilot study

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