Foreword

The Resuscitation Council (UK) is a registered charity formed in August 1981 by a group of medical practitioners from a variety of specialities who shared an interest in resuscitation. The objectives of the Council are:

- To produce guidelines for resuscitation procedures.
- To publish national standards for resuscitation and provide guidance on how they can be achieved.
- To promote the teaching of resuscitation in accordance with the established guidelines.
- To study and improve resuscitation teaching techniques.
- To encourage and fund research in resuscitation.
- To foster good working relations between all organisations involved in resuscitation.
- To design and publish training materials for high-quality resuscitation courses.
- To provide administrative support for resuscitation training courses.

Several members of the Executive Committee of the Resuscitation Council (UK) contribute to the activities of the European Resuscitation Council and the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation; these bodies are responsible for training, research, and guideline setting worldwide.
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