<u>Approximate*</u> Elapsed	Myocardial Ischemia / Cardiac Arrest Scenario	Malignant Hyperthermia Scenario
Time (min)		
Prior to start time	Primary anesthesiologist enters case (gastrectomy for	Primary anesthesiologist enters case (knee arthroscopy, healthy patient,
	cancer, patient has history of stable angina and	succinylcholine used for relaxation for intubation, isoflurane in use for maintenance
	hypertension)	of anesthesia)
PHASE 1		
0 - 5	Quiescent period	Quiescent period
5 - 15	Patient responds to surgical stimulus:	HR slowly increases (to approx 100 - 120)
	Hypertension, increased HR	Hypertension
	Progressive ST depression (to -2 mm)	Surgeon makes side-comment on rigidity of leg
	Occasional PVCs	VCO2 increases approximately 2-3 fold (at typical initial MV, ETCO2 would be 80
	Frequent PVCs	mm Hg)
	Runs of VTach	Temperature slowly increases (from approximately 36° C to 42°C)
		Frequent PVCs begin
15	Ventricular Fibrillation (regardless of prior antiarrhythmic	(Typically): Diagnosis of malignant hyperthermia made
	or antianginal therapy)	
PHASE 2		
15 - 30	Ventricular Fibrillation continues until:	Typically:
	CPR performed satisfactorily	Treatment of malignant hyperthermia with:
	Epinephrine administered	Hyperventilation, 100% FiO2,
	Defibrillation	termination of isoflurane
		Dantrolene
		Cooling Measures
15 - 30	Post-resuscitation state:	Dantrolene: Begins to reverse all
	Hypotension	abnormalities
	Tachycardia or bradycardia	Cooling: Blunts temperature rise
	Continued ectopy	Lidocaine: Eliminates PVCs

<sup>\*</sup> Scenarios did not follow an exact clock, but did follow these outlines. Times given are approximate and are typical for an average simulation run.

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