

Seattle, King County Reports 18.5% Increase in Cardiac Arrests from Pre-Pandemic Years

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I did my internal medicine residency at the University of Washington in Seattle. In the 1980's it was the most competitive internal medicine training program in the country as more medical students ranked it #1 on their list than all others. One great privilege of the program was to work with the Seattle King County elite "MEDIC ONE" paramedic units which led the way on out-of-hospital resuscitation research. The Seattle King County cardiac arrest statistics are among the most accurate in the United States.

It is well known that COVID-19 vaccine myocarditis is asymptomatic in about half of victims and that cardiac arrest is a common initial presentation even years after injection. [Hulscher et al](#) have shown when autopsies are performed in the vaccinated, suspected myocarditis is confirmed to be the cause of death. Sadly, in these cases there is no chance for antecedent screening, detection, or management.

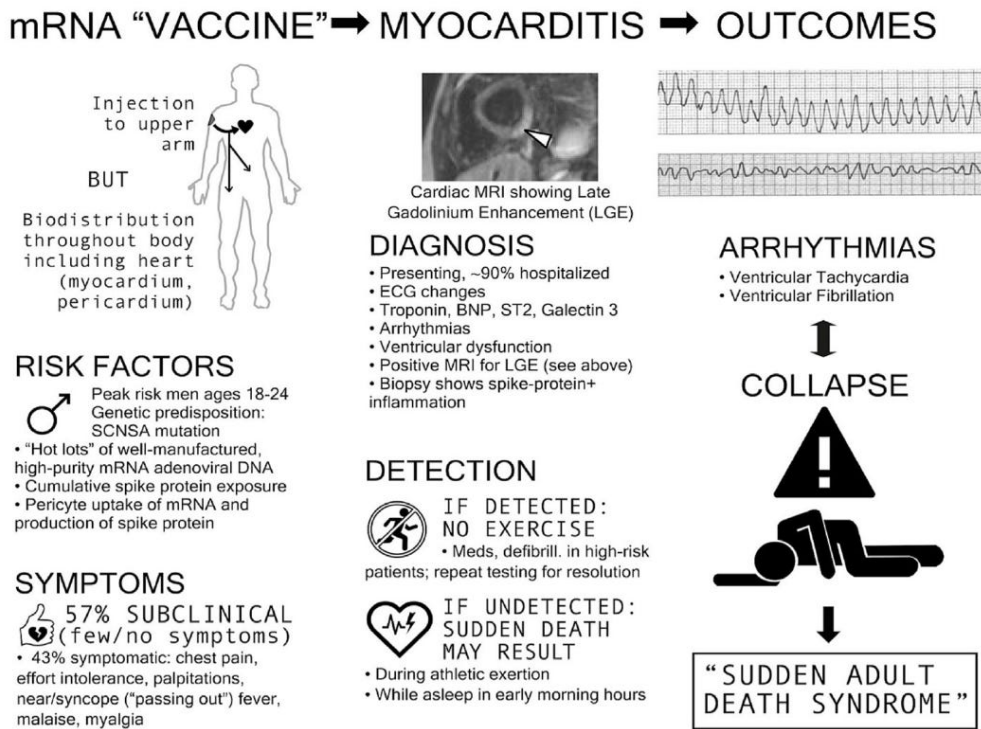
Autopsy findings in cases of fatal COVID-19 vaccine-induced myocarditis

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Figure 6 COVID-19 vaccine-induced myocarditis characteristics.



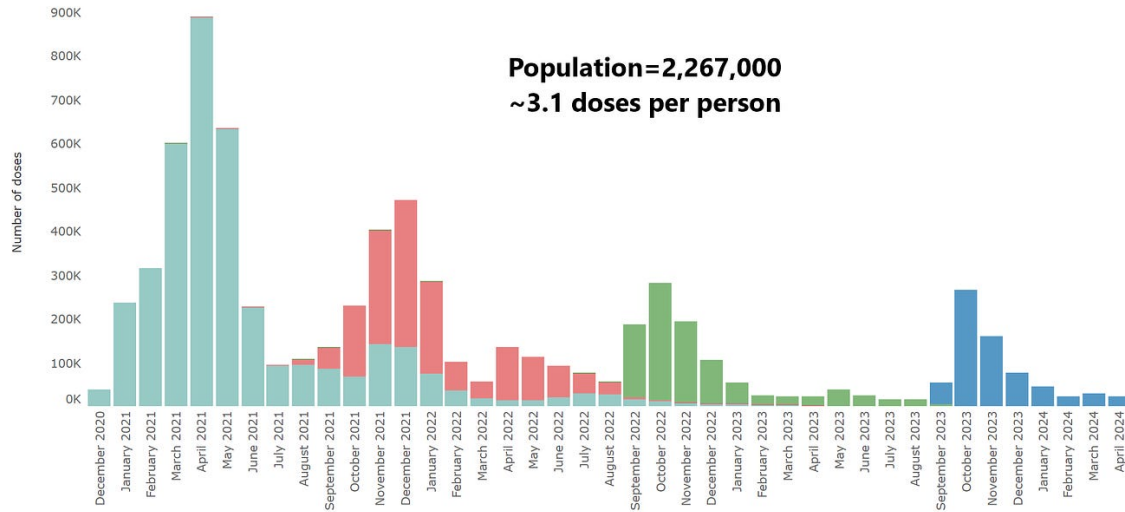
[King County](#) has reported very high COVID-19 vaccination rates with administration of 6.96 million doses in a population of 2.27 million residents. This equates to 3.1 doses per person.

Total vaccine doses administered to King County residents

6,956,285
total doses of any COVID-19
vaccine administered
to King County residents
as of 5/3/2024

Original vaccine series doses	3,846,439
Original booster doses	1,515,524
2022-2023 bivalent vaccine doses	922,101
2023-2024 updated vaccine doses	672,221

Monthly doses administered to King County residents



The year-end [Public Health Seattle and King County Annual 2023 Emergency Medical Services Division Report](#) discloses the full year ending 2022 since it takes time to gather outcomes through hospitalization. As you can see there has been an alarming 18.5% increase in the rates of out of hospital cardiac arrest from pre-pandemic years. The big jump up occurred in 2021 with rollout of mass, indiscriminate COVID-19 vaccination. Among these cases who get the best EMS care in the world, there is only a 16% survival rate.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

TO THE KING COUNTY COUNCIL

2022: 18.5% Increase
from pre-pandemic
years

Overall number of cardiac arrests for which ALS resuscitation efforts were attempted for patients two (2) years or older with no advance directives to limit care:

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Cardiac Arrests	1,298	1,308	1,350	1,499	1,598

2022 Highlight: Overall survival to hospital discharge based on arrest before or after arrival of EMS personnel and initially monitored cardiac arrest rhythm:

Initial Cardiac Arrest Rhythm	Patients Treated	Patients Survived to Hospital Discharge	Percent Survived
Arrest Before Arrival of EMS	1,378	224	16%
Ventricular Fibrillation/ Pulseless Ventricular Tachycardia (VF/pVT)	288	114	40%
Asystole	703	13	2%
Pulseless Electrical Activity (PEA)	263	54	21%
Not Shockable, unknown if PEA or asystole	83	11	13%
Pulses on First Check	38	32	84%
Paced	3	0	0%
Unknown	0	0	N/A
Arrest After Arrival of EMS	220	64	29%
Ventricular Fibrillation/ Pulseless Ventricular Tachycardia (VF/pVT)	37	25	68%
Asystole	41	7	17%
Pulseless Electrical Activity (PEA)	132	30	23%
Not Shockable, unknown if PEA or asystole	5	1	20%
Pulse on First Check	3	1	33%
Paced	1	0	0%
Unknown	1	0	0%
Total	1,598	288	18%

2020-2025 STRATEGIC INITIATIVES



These data are a call for among other strategic initiatives, to immediately merge the vaccine administration records with cardiac arrest data and investigate patterns by time and cumulative doses received.

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