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CPR Enhancer Saves Lives

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INDIANAPOLIS -- A new device is helping paramedics save the lives of cardiac arrest victims. The device, called, ResQPOD, enhances traditional CPR treatment because it enhances circulation, [6News' Stacia Matthews](#) reported.

Dick and Elaine Fontaine have been married for 50 years. A month before they celebrated their golden anniversary, Dick had a heart attack. "All of a sudden, Dick's head went down on my shoulder and he was blue. I stood up and screamed, 'Someone call 911,'" Elaine said.

Within minutes, help arrived and paramedics administered CPR for 45 minutes. Elaine was told her husband might now wake up. Days later, Dick opened his eyes -- his mind sharp. During CPR, medics used ResQPOD, a technology that helps get blood flowing again.

"They told me it was something new," Dick said.

Respiratory therapist Mike Salyers said he was so impressed with ResQPOD that he made sure all St. Francis Hospital locations were equipped with them. "It doubles the blood flow to the vital organs, and it increases the blood flow to the brain by 50 percent, which is really paramount for maintaining cognitability ... once the patient recovers," Salyers said.

The American Heart Association highly recommends ResQPOD to increase resuscitation rates during CPR.

Ambulances in Wayne and Warren Township in Marion County are also equipped with ResQPOD.

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