

## Discovery of risk factors for Sudden Cardiac Arrest in (pre)diabetes

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#### Introduction

- Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) causes 50% of cardiovascular mortality / 20% total mortality
- ±20% survival (the Netherlands)
- Risk for SCA mostly unknown
- Earlier recognition needed timely medical care / preventative strategies
- Type 2 diabetes patients have a 2-3 fold increased risk of SCA + extensive GP files

# **Project 1: ESCAPE-NET**

- EU Horizon 2020
- Consortium

Aim

- Improve knowledge on determinants and mechanisms for the occurrence of sudden cardiac arrest (SCA)
- 2. Improve our capacities to increase survival on a EU scale







## **Project 2: RESCUED**

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Aims

- 1. To discover clinical predictors of SCA in DM through systematic studies of dedicated SCA and DM cohorts and GP files (data-mining);
- 2. To discover (molecular) mechanisms that underlie SCA risk in DM (genetics / metabolomics);
- 3. To recognize DM patients at increased risk sooner through the design of a risk score (using results from aims 1 and 2).





### Ongoing / planned research

Ongoing:

- HbA1c SCA in general population;
- Previous heart disease / treatment by cardiologist and cause of SCA in the general population and type 2 diabetes patients;
- Cumulative Comorbidity Index and risk of shockable initial rhythm.

Planned:

- Data-mining in GP files case control study in type 2 diabetes patients.
- Circadian / septadian rhythm of SCA in type 2 diabetes patients.





#### Thanks for your attention!



