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### CPREzy break through in Holland

NedCert, the only certification body authorised by the Dutch Accreditation Council for issuing certificates of competence in accordance with ISO/IEC 17024:2003 for First Aid, Basic Life Support and AED use, have announced that they have now authorised the use of the CPREzy in examinations of an individual's competency in delivering good quality chest compressions as a part of CPR. Furthermore NedCert anticipate that students will want to practice with the CPREzy prior to the exam.

This is very significant as it recognises the over-riding importance of delivering effective chest compressions, even if the rescuer has used a mechanical aid. The CPREzy requires very little training and has the added benefit that, if used in CPR training courses, it helps CPR practitioners remember their skills, even if the CPREzy is not to hand at the critical moment.

There are around 250,000 heart attacks every year in the UK alone, about half of these are actual cardiac arrests. This is a significant step forward as the current level of CPR skills is woeful, indeed less than 5% of cardiac arrest victims survive and often this is due to no, or poor, CPR at the time of collapse. It is hoped that through the European Co-operation for Accreditation (EA) and the Multi-Lateral Agreement (MLA) this policy will spread throughout the EU.

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