

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Recently in the emergency department: chest x-ray of a repeatedly resuscitated object



“Kelly Laerdal”, age unknown, but repeatedly resuscitated, was scheduled for a chest x-ray to investigate the metallic contents of the thorax, with the aim of understanding why resuscitation manikins might differ in their susceptibility to electromagnetic interference in electrocardiogram recording.¹

Besides some minor electronic components, the image shows a prominent cardiac massage pressure point, gives a hint of shoulder joint junctions, and shows exactly where the auscultation regions (covered by loudspeakers) are located — a “must know” for every advanced cardiac life support student.

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