In the half-century since cardiopulmonary resuscitation was devised, it has evolved from an experimental procedure designed to rescue near-drowning and near-electrocution victims to an ubiquitous intervention that has altered our view of death, dying and the limits of medical care.

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