

DEFINITIONS

- a. Automated External Defibrillator or “AED” means an external defibrillator that after user activation is capable of cardiac rhythm analysis and will charge and deliver a shock, either automatically or by user interaction, after electronically detecting and assessing ventricular fibrillation or rapid ventricular tachycardia.
- b. Lay Rescuer means any person, not otherwise licensed or certified to use the AED, who has met AED training standards as outlined by the American Red Cross.
- c. AED Coordinator is the individual identified by the facility director/principal who has certain responsibilities delegated to him or her from the Medical Director.
- d. AED service provider means any agency, business, organization or individual who purchases an AED for use in a medical emergency involving an unconscious, person who is not breathing. This definition does not apply to individuals who have been prescribed an AED by a physician for use on a specifically identified individual.
- e. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation or “CPR” means a basic emergency procedure for life support, consisting of artificial respiration, manual external cardiac massage and maneuvers for relief of foreign body airway obstruction.
- f. Case reviews are a continuing education program conducted by the Medical Director or his designee in which patient care is reviewed. Pre-hospital care, in hospital care and patient outcomes are discussed.
- g. Critical Incident Response Plan means a written Internal Emergency Response Plan of action which utilizes responders within a facility to activate the “9-1-1” emergency system, and which provides for the access, coordination and management of immediate medical care to seriously ill or injured individuals.
- h. Medical Control is the communication of medical direction by the Medical Director to any authorized individual.
- i. Medical Protocols are the specific care protocols for the authorized individuals using an AED.
- j. Professional BCLS is Basic Cardiac Life Support training for health care providers that includes one and two person CPR.
- k. Response Time is the time from time of dispatch to arrival at scene by emergency personnel.
- l. Survival is discharge from the hospital with or without neurological deficit.

Resource Links

1. American Heart Association – AED Implementation Guide:
<http://www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=3027225>
2. American Heart Association – Circulation Journal “Cardiac Arrest in Schools”
September 18, 2007:
<http://circ.ahajournals.org/cgi/content/full/116/12/1374>
3. Washington State Department of Health “Public Access Defibrillation Guide”:
<http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/emstrauma/download/padguide.pdf>
4. Sudden Cardiac Arrest Association “Saving Lives in Schools and Sports” publication:
http://www.theheart.org/documents/satellite_programs/arrhythmia-ep/925629/pdf/SCAA_Saving_Lives.pdf