

WEST MICHIGAN REGIONAL PROTOCOL

PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATOR UTILIZATION POLICY

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Purpose: To provide a standard for first response agencies arriving to find a Public Access Defibrillator in use for cardiac arrest patients.

I. Definitions:

A. Public Access Defibrillator- any defibrillator that is available on location for use by the public, security personnel or designated in-house response personnel.

II. Procedure:

- A. When MFR's arrive at a patient that has had a PAD placed:
- a. Determine if the defibrillator shocked the patient prior to your arrival.
 - b. Verify that the patient is in cardiac arrest and verify proper placement of the pads.
 - i. If the patient is conscious, leave the pads in place and turn the AED off.
 - ii. If the patient is unconscious but has signs of life, leave the AED in place and turned on. Continue with assessment of ABC's.
 - iii. If no pulses are present and the patient is taking agonal breaths, OR if the patient has no signs of life, press "Analyze".
 - c. The PAD AED should be left in place and utilized as long as it is functioning properly and there is someone familiar with the operation of that particular unit.**
 - d. If the PAD AED is not functioning properly the PAD AED should be removed and the MFR AED placed and utilized.
 - e. It is both acceptable and appropriate to utilize persons that are trained in the use of that particular unit, just as it is appropriate to utilize trained bystanders for CPR. The decision to utilize bystanders is left to the duty crew treating the patient.
- B. Continue with the resuscitation as indicated in the Cardiac Arrest Protocol.

NOTE: Do not delay defibrillation, or AED cycles, to change from one AED to another.

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