"Automated External Defibrillator (AED)"

Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) kills over 350,000 people in the US annually. After the onset of SCA, a person’s chance of survival decreases approximately 10% for each minute without intervention. The first 4-5 minutes offer the greatest opportunity to revive a person. Recent advances in AED technology have improved availability, affordability and ease of operation.

BEST PRACTICES

- The first response must always be to call 911
- All personnel designated to use an AED must be properly trained
- An AED rescue kit should include items necessary to conduct CPR and control blood borne pathogens (i.e. CPR barrier mask, gloves, scissors, antiseptic wipes, etc)
- AED rescue kit placement must be readily accessible
- AEDs must be maintained and used in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations
- AEDs are only one part of a good emergency response program

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