

USE OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR

Perry Public Schools will follow the American Heart Association guidelines for automatic external defibrillator (AED) use and storage. Responders' use of the AED should not replace the care provided by emergency medical services (EMS), but is meant to provide a lifesaving bridge during the first few critical minutes it takes for advanced life support providers to arrive.

The AEDs are to be located in all district sites so that any victim may be reached in three minutes or less.

Roles and Responsibilities

The AED coordinator will be the secondary school nurse [WHO IS THE APPROPRIATE PERSON?] who will serve as the primary liaison between the local EMS and the AED program. The coordinator will be responsible for purchasing equipment and supplies, organizing training programs, forwarding incident data to the local EMS, and holding post-event debriefing sessions for employees involved.

Designated district employees authorized to utilize the AED are specific employees trained and certified to use an AED in a sudden cardiac arrest emergency. These employees will attend an American Heart Association CPR training session which will include AED training and designated employees will be recertified every two years. Designated employees will also be required to have a one hour annual AED update via online training.

Procedure

When an apneic, pulseless victim is discovered, activate the emergency response plan by following the guidelines set by the American Heart Association. This district will follow the American Heart Association AED treatment algorithm. The school principal will notify the secondary or elementary school nurse of the use of the AED. An accident report form will be used to document an event and to document the practice drills.

Maintenance

The district will follow the manufacturer's suggested guidelines for maintenance of the AED. AED coordinators will perform annual maintenance checks on all AED's in the district.

A designated employee at each site will:

1. Daily verify the unit's readiness for use.
2. Notify the AED coordinator if there is any indication the unit is not ready for use.