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Westerly Public Schools Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

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Purpose

An automated external defibrillator (AED) is used to treat victims who experience sudden cardiac arrest. The AED will analyze the heart rhythm and advise the operator if a shockable rhythm is detected. If a shockable rhythm is detected, the AED will charge to the appropriate energy level and advise the operator to deliver a shock.

The medical advisor to the Westerly Public Schools AED program shall be the school physician. School Nurse Teachers shall be responsible for the daily maintenance of the AEDs inside and outside their assigned schools. Volunteer Responders can assist in emergencies but must only participate to the extent allowed by their training and experience. Volunteer responders may have adequate training to administer first aid, CPR and use the AEDs deployed throughout the Westerly Public Schools.

Location of AEDs within the Westerly Public Schools

One AED in each building shall be located near the main office.

Equipment

All equipment and accessories necessary for support of medical emergency response shall be maintained in a state of readiness. Specific maintenance requirements include:

The School Nurse Teacher shall conduct monthly inspections of each automated external defibrillator located within his/her assigned building. Record of inspections must be kept. The monthly inspections shall include the following:

1. AED battery status
2. AED operation and status
3. Pad expiration dates will be checked

Medical Emergency Response

Use of the AED is authorized for emergency response personnel trained in CPR and use of the AED.

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After Use:

- AED should be cleaned down after use following bloodborne pathogen guidelines for cleaning medical equipment.
- Both the QUICK-PAK electrode and the CHARGE-PAK battery charger must be replaced after every use.
- Contents of attached resuscitation kit must be replaced if used.
- All uses of a school AED are to be reported to the school physician. A detailed report will be written including why the AED was accessed, person using the AED, an outcome of the incident. This report will be written by the person who used the AED and forwarded to the school physician.

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