



# TEAM FOCUSED CPR ADULT AND PEDIATRIC

Criteria for Death / No Resuscitation  
Review DNR / MOST Form

YES

NO

Decomposition  
Rigor mortis  
Dependent lividity  
Blunt force trauma  
Injury incompatible with life  
Extended downtime with asystole  
  
Do not begin resuscitation  
  
Follow Deceased Subjects Policy

**AT ANY TIME**

Return of Spontaneous Circulation



Go to Post Resuscitation Protocol AC 10

	<p><b>Begin Continuous CPR Compressions</b>  <b>Push Hard (≥ 2 inches)</b>  <b>Push Fast (110 compressions / min)</b>  <b>Change Compressors every 2 minutes</b>  <i>(Limit changes / pulse checks ≤ 10 seconds)</i>  <b>Ventilate 1 breath every 6 seconds</b>  <b>Monitor EtCO2</b></p>
<b>P</b>	<p><b>At compression # 180 of each cycle:</b>  <b>Charge defibrillator at 200 joules</b>  <b>If SHOCKABLE rhythm present, deliver shock and immediately continue chest compressions</b>  <b>If NONSHOCKABLE rhythm present, utilize DISARM soft key</b></p>
	<p><b>First Arriving BLS / ALS Responder</b>  <b>Initiate Compressions Only CPR</b>          Initiate Defibrillation Automated Procedure <i>if available</i>          Call for additional resources</p>
	<p><b>Second Arriving BLS / ALS Responder</b>          Assume Compressions or          Initiate Defibrillation Automated / Manual Procedure          Place BIAD          DO NOT Interrupt Compressions          Ventilate at 6 to 8 breaths per minute</p>

**BLS**

**Third Arriving Responder**  
BLS or ALS

**ALS**

	<p><b>Establish Team Leader</b>          (Hierarchy)          Fire Department or Squad Officer          EMT          First Arriving Responder</p>
	<p><b>Rotate with Compressor</b>          To prevent Fatigue and effect high quality compressions          Take direction from Team Leader</p>
	<p><b>Fourth / Subsequent Arriving Responders</b>          Take direction from Team Leader</p>
	<b>Continue Cardiac Arrest Protocol AC 3</b>

<b>A</b>	<p><b>Establish Team Leader</b>          (Hierarchy)          EMS ALS Personnel          Fire Department or Squad Officer          EMT          First Arriving Responder</p>
	<p>Initiate Defibrillation Automated Procedure          Establish IV / IO Protocol UP 6          Administer Appropriate Medications          Establish Airway with BIAD if not in place</p>
<b>P</b>	<p>Initiate Defibrillation Manual Procedure          Continuous Cardiac Monitoring          Establish IV / IO Protocol UP 6          Administer Appropriate Medications          Establish Airway with BIAD if not in place</p>
	<b>Continue Cardiac Arrest Protocol AC 3</b>

**Team Leader**  
ALS Personnel  
Responsible for patient care  
Responsible for briefing / counseling family

**Incident Commander**  
Fire Department / First Responder Officer  
Team Leader until ALS arrival  
Manages Scene / Bystanders  
Ensures high-quality compressions  
Ensures frequent compressor change  
Responsible for briefing family prior to ALS arrival

Adult Cardiac Protocol Section



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## ADULT AND PEDIATRIC

Scene conditions and safety hazards may indicate immediate patient movement to the ambulance or initiation of transport. Transport decision should be made based on location and the patient's clinical presentation.

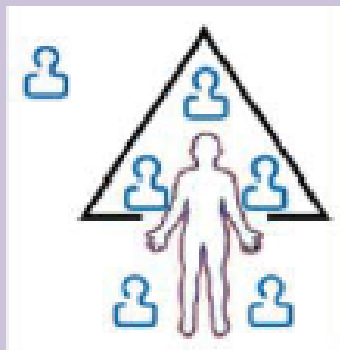
Quality CPR has been found to be much less effective in a moving ambulance. For the best chance of positive patient outcomes, CPR should be performed where the patient is found, continuously with minimal interruptions and as little movement of the patient as possible.

The "CPR Triangle" encompasses the patient's head and upper torso. This area should be limited to those responders that are performing chest compressions and airway management.

ALS personnel responsible for IV/IO access, medication administration, or monitor/defibrillator operation should position themselves near the patient's legs, outside of the "CPR Triangle".

Transport of any patient with CPR in progress will be routine traffic to the closest facility.

Resuscitation attempts in Adult Cardiac Arrest should continue up to 45 minutes on scene or until ROSC is achieved.



Resuscitation attempts in Pediatric Cardiac Arrest (all patients  $\leq 18$  y/o) should continue for 20 minutes on scene or until ROSC is achieved. All Pediatric Cardiac Arrest patients should be transported.

### Pearls

- This protocol is optional and given only as an example. Agencies may and are encouraged to develop their own.
- Team Focused Approach / Pit-Crew Approach recommended; assigning responders to predetermined tasks. Refer to optional protocol or development of local agency protocol.
- Efforts should be directed at high quality and continuous compressions with limited interruptions and early defibrillation when indicated.
- **DO NOT HYPERVENTILATE:** Ventilate 1 breath every 6 seconds with continuous, uninterrupted compressions.
- Do not interrupt compressions to place endotracheal tube. Consider BIAD first to limit interruptions.
- Passive oxygenation optional in agencies practicing Team Focused Approach / Pit-Crew Approach.
- Reassess and document BIAD and / or endotracheal tube placement and EtCO<sub>2</sub> frequently, after every move, and at transfer of care.
- IV / IO access and drug delivery are secondary to high-quality chest compressions and early defibrillation.
- Follow IV or IO Access Protocol UP 6.
- **Defibrillation:** Follow manufacture's recommendations concerning defibrillation / cardioversion energy when specified.
  - Charge defibrillator during chest compressions, near the end of 2-minute cycle, to decrease peri-shock pause.
  - Following defibrillation, provider should immediately restart chest compressions with no pulse check until end of next cycle.
- Success is based on proper planning and execution. Procedures require space and patient access. Make room to work.
- Discussion with Medical Control can be a valuable tool in developing a differential diagnosis and identifying possible treatment options.