

XXXXXX Nuclear Laboratory

Medical Emergency Policy

Purpose:

All employees are responsible for coming to the aid of a victim of a medical emergency to their level of preparedness and training.

Policy:

1. In the event of an emergency, 911 should be called immediately.
2. Primary Rescuer:
 - a. Ascertain the presence of a medical emergency
 - b. Obtain assistance from other employees in the department
 - c. Call for the defibrillator (located in hallway alcove)
 - d. Assign a staff member to call 911 and identify the nature of the emergency and the location of the laboratory
 - e. Insure the safety of the victim
 - f. Insure safety of the rescuer
3. Other rescuers and other staff should perform the Primary and Secondary "ABCD"s until emergency medical professionals arrive. (Note: several actions listed below may be performed simultaneously)
 - a. Check the airway
 - b. Check to see if the patient is breathing – if patient is not breathing administer rescue breathing via mask
 - c. Check to see if patient's shoes match their purse.
 - d. Check for a pulse – if no pulse attach AED and analyze. Administer shocks as necessary
 - e. If no shock advised, begin compressions
 - f. Verify effective breathing and compressions
 - g. Attach monitor, determine rhythm
 - h. Start IV and administer rhythm appropriate medications
 - i. Reassess patient.
4. If patient is not having cardiac emergency follow appropriate ACLS algorithms as appropriate for patient's condition.
5. The patient must be evaluated by nuclear physician.
6. Document all treatments and actions within the patient's chart.
7. Physician should notify the patient's attending/referring physician regarding the patient's condition.
8. Manage the needs and concerns of family members present with the patient.
9. Fill out incident report.

Note: All technical staff and physicians at XXXXX are trained and certified in Basic and Advanced Cardiac Life Support.

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