

## Procedure for LIFEPAK CR<sup>®</sup> Plus, LIFEPAK EXPRESS<sup>®</sup> and LIFEPAK<sup>®</sup> 500 Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)

This sample AED procedure is intended as an example and is not intended as medical or legal advice. Permission is granted to reproduce this sample AED procedure for the purpose of using it as a starting point towards the creation of a formal AED procedure. Before preparing and implementing any AED procedure, ensure it fully complies with the directions of your medical advisor, applicable laws, regulations, corporate policies and manufacturer's operating instructions.

**NOTE:** If AED is not immediately available, perform CPR until AED arrives on the scene.

The AED is for use by individuals trained in CPR/AED.

### Medical Emergency Response Team (MERT) Member

1. Assess scene for safety.
2. Determine unresponsiveness.
3. Activate system: Dial # \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Assess patient:
  - a. Open airway
  - b. Check for breathing—if not breathing normally, give two breaths. Observe universal precautions using gloves and ventilation mask, if available. If breathing normally, place in the recovery position and monitor breathing closely.
  - c. If not breathing normally, apply AED immediately. If AED is not immediately available, begin chest compressions and breathing (CPR) until AED arrives.
5. Turn ON AED.
6. Apply electrode pads to victim's bare chest, according to diagram on back of electrodes
  - a. Shave or clip chest hair if it is so excessive it prevents a good seal between electrode pads and skin.
  - b. Wipe chest clean and dry if victim's chest is dirty or wet.
  - c. Peel electrode pads, one at a time, from the backing or liner.
  - d. Press electrode pads firmly to skin.

**NOTE:** If victim is less than 8 years old or under 25kg (55 lbs), remove preconnected adult defibrillation electrodes, connect the Infant/Child Reduced Energy Defibrillation Electrodes to the AED and proceed with steps 6b, 6c and 6d. Do not delay therapy to determine precise age or weight of child. If in doubt, defibrillate with preconnected defibrillation electrodes. LIFEPAK 500 AEDs must be biphasic models with pink connector.

7. Follow AED visual and voice prompts.

**NOTE:** If the AED is a fully automatic unit, the shock occurs without the rescuer pushing the shock button.
8. Refrain from using portable radios or cell phones within four feet of victim while AED is evaluating heart rhythm.
9. If patient recovers consciousness and starts moving, place the patient in the recovery position and leave the AED attached.

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**AFTER USE:**

- AED data will be downloaded within 24 hours (weekdays) with copies sent to: EMS, authorizing physician and environmental health department.
- The AED will be wiped clean according to policy. Electrodes must be replaced and reconnected to device and contents of attached resuscitation kit must be replaced if used.

Authorizing Physician Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print or type name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration number: \_\_\_\_\_ This authorization expires: \_\_\_\_\_



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