

Internal Medical Emergency Response Plan (MERP)

Sample Template

Tailor the internal MERP to the AED program site environment and the AED device used in the program.

1. Assess the scene for safety before approaching the victim.
2. Assess the victim for unresponsiveness.
3. Assess airway, breathing and circulation.
*If there are no signs of circulation (normal breathing, coughing or movement), call for or get the AED and call 9-1-1.**
4. Perform CPR until the defibrillator arrives.
5. Turn on the AED.
6. Stop CPR.
7. Apply pads to the patient's bare chest.
Identify specific instructions for the AED device.
Include attaching the electrodes to the unit, if applicable, and properly placing the pads.**
8. Make sure that no one is touching the patient.
9. Follow the AED's voice and/or screen prompts** until EMS arrives.

- a. Outline the voice prompts that will be heard and/or screen prompts that will be displayed while the AED is analyzing. **Also include actions required by the rescuer.****
- b. Outline the voice prompts that will be heard and/or screen prompts that will be displayed when a shockable rhythm is advised. **Also include actions required by the rescuer.****

— The analyze-and-shock sequence will be repeated for a total of 3 times as long as a shockable rhythm is still assessed.

— Outline the voice prompts that will be heard and/or screen prompts that will be displayed after the third shock.

Also include actions required by the rescuer.**

— Begin 1 minute of CPR, if indicated.

— If more shocks are advised, repeat the procedure as outlined above.

- c. If at any time the rhythm is interpreted as "non-shockable," the following will be heard: **Outline the voice prompts that will be heard and/or screen prompts that will be displayed.**** Begin CPR.

10. Transfer the victim to the EMS upon arrival.
*Outline specific procedures for transfer.**

11. Data transfer: *Outline how to transfer the data recorded by the AED.** Fill out an event summary form. **Specify who receives the data output.****

** Items in italics are site-specific variables.*

**** Items in bold are device-specific variables.**