

RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES FOR THE SCOPE OF AED TRAINING OF SITE SPECIFIC PERSONNEL

Although high quality specific training of appropriate personnel best ensures the successful use of an automated external defibrillator, the intention of Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) is simply to make it widely available. There have been numerous examples of untrained citizens successfully operating the device that reflect the simplicity and safety of its use. Specific responsibility for the training and operation of AEDs should be established wherever resources permit. However, widespread awareness level training that briefly identifies the indications for use of the device and its location should not be impeded by the desire for a more formal system of response.

GENERAL TRAINING GUIDELINES:

1. All employees should receive awareness level training that describes the location of the AED(s), their purpose, how to initiate the delivery of the AED by trained personnel, and the importance of simultaneously contacting 911.
2. A specific employee category(s) should be trained in the operation of the AED and tasked with the delivery of the device to the patient. Personnel currently required to be certified in First Aid may well be an appropriate group to focus on for initial AED training. Whatever group is targeted for this training should be selected on factors including the following:
 - ✓ The employee category should demonstrate a willingness to undertake initial training as well as periodic refresher training regarding AED operations
 - ✓ The employee category should be onsite the greatest amount of time during hours when the need for an AED is most likely.
 - ✓ The employee category should be familiar with the physical plant and how most rapidly to access various locations.
 - ✓ The employee category should be accessible via cell phone, pager, or similar communication devices as well as have access for outgoing communications to ensure the timeliness of a 911 response.