



Lindsey Lodge Hospice and Healthcare

DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) POLICY

Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Policy

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to provide information regarding the use of a Lifepak CR Plus semi-automatic AED.

Location:

The AED is located outside the main lounge just off the main reception.

Use of the AED:

The AED is to be applied to a person who is not responding, not breathing or not breathing normally (under 10 breaths a minute) and has no signs of circulation, coughing or movement.

Maintenance:

The Senior Nurse in IPU is responsible for maintaining the AED in a state of readiness and complete documentation. This will be part of the weekly checking of the resuscitation trolley located within the IPU treatment room.

Maintaining Readiness:

The AED will be checked for readiness after each use and at least once every 7 days if it has not been used in the preceding 7 days.

Checks will include the following:

- Assure that the OK is visible in the readiness display.
- Check the expiration date on the electrode packet visible through the clear window. If the date has passed, replace.
- Check the cabinet alarm is in working order, if not replace battery.

Training:

The Clinical trainer will ensure that there is a mechanism to assure continued competency of the authorised individuals trained to use the AED.

A refresher in-house will be provided on an annual basis for all trained AED users. This will take place during their annual Mandatory Training session.

Quick Reference Sheet:

Trouble shooter information regarding the symbols on the AED is attached to the rear of the cabinet. All other information is explained in the AED manual situated in IPU treatment room on the trolley. A spare set of electrodes and battery stick are kept within the cabinet.

REFERENCES: Lives: Information				
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