

West Michigan Regional MCC

System Protocol

Public Access Defibrillator Policy

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Purpose: To provide a standard for first response agencies arriving to find a Public Access Defibrillator (PAD) in use for cardiac arrest patients.

Adopting MCAs will have an "X" under their MCA name. If no "X" is present, the MCA has not approved or adopted the protocol.

Allegan	Barry	Clare	Ionia	Isabella	Kent	Mason
X			X		X	X
Montcalm	Muskegon	N. Central	Newaygo	Oceana	Ottawa	
X	X	X	X	X	X	

- I. **Definitions:**
Public Access Defibrillator- any defibrillator that is available on location for use by the public, security personnel or designated in-house response personnel.
- II. **Procedure:**
 - A. When MFR's arrive at a patient that has had a PAD placed:
 1. Determine if the defibrillator shocked the patient prior to your arrival.
 2. Verify that the patient is in cardiac arrest and verify proper placement of the pads.
 - a. If the patient is conscious, leave the pads in place and turn the AED off.
 - b. If the patient is unconscious but has signs of life, leave the AED in place and turned on. Continue with assessment of CAB's.
 - c. If no pulses are present and the patient is taking agonal breaths, OR if the patient has no signs of life, press "Analyze".
 3. **The PAD AED should be left in place and utilized if it is functioning properly and there is someone familiar with the operation of that particular unit.**
 4. If the PAD AED is not functioning properly the PAD AED should be removed and the MFR AED placed and utilized.
 5. It is both acceptable and appropriate to utilize persons that are trained in the use of that particular unit, just as it is appropriate to utilize trained bystanders for CPR. The decision to utilize bystanders is left to the duty crew treating the patient.
 - B. Continue with the resuscitation as indicated in the Cardiac Arrest Protocol.
 - C. Once available, the ALS monitor defibrillator should replace the AED.

NOTE: Do not delay defibrillation, or AED cycles, to change from one AED to another.