

CPR Policy and Procedure for Respiratory Therapy

Policy: To provide ventilation and circulation artificially when the patient is unable to sustain adequate ventilation and/or circulation without assistance. CPR will only be performed by staff certified by the American Heart or American Red Cross Association.

Procedure:

1. Responds quickly to announced cardiopulmonary arrest/rapid response code alert.
2. Upon arrival, uses gloves and other PPE equipment as indicated.
3. Assess patient condition and determine appropriate response and required actions according to facility policy.
4. Selects equipment from crash cart and verifies proper equipment function.
5. Connects manual resuscitator to oxygen source.
6. Positions patient appropriately.
7. Ventilates patient.
8. Continues to ventilate manually as appropriate until spontaneous ventilation returns or mechanical ventilation is started or paramedics arrive to take over or CPR is discontinued.
9. Documents accordingly in patient chart.
10. Replace all used respiratory equipment and supplies with new supplies. Replace E cylinder if less than half full.