



Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Policy

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I. Purpose and Applicability

This policy provides guidelines on the use of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) located on the Universities at Shady Grove campus. It applies to all students, faculty, and staff.

II. Definitions

- A. *AED*: Automated External Defibrillator
- B. *Sudden Cardiac Arrest*: when the heart's electrical system malfunctions and the heart itself stops beating.
- C. *Defibrillation*: an electrical shock that re-starts the heart. A machine called a defibrillator administers the shock.

III. Policy Statement

The only effective treatment for Sudden Cardiac Arrest is early defibrillation. On-site personnel can operate defibrillators with minimal training.

AEDs designed for use by the public pose little risk of liability to those who use them for providing emergency medical assistance. These devices are unlikely to cause harm since they are designed not to work when a heartbeat is already present. Under the "Good Samaritan Law," MD Code Annotated Courts and Judicial Proceedings 5-603, members of the general public are not civilly liable for any act or omission in providing assistance or medical aid to a victim at the scene of an emergency, as long as the aid is rendered in a "reasonably prudent manner," is done without the expectation of a fee or other compensation, and care is relinquished to a certified first responder when they arrive.

- A. An AED will be stored and secured in a wall mounted cabinet at the following locations:

Building I: There is an AED in a wall mounted cabinet at the security desk and an additional AED on each floor.

Building II: There is an AED in a wall mounted cabinet next to security desk.

Building III (Camille Kendall Academic Center): There is an AED in a wall mounted cabinet at the security desk and an additional AED mounted outside the Recreation Center.

Building IV (Biomedical Science and Engineering Building): There is an AED in a wall mounted cabinet on each floor, including the AED at the security desk.

- B. Each AED will be marked with an identifiable number and its proper location.
- C. Included with each AED will be two (2) sets of defibrillator chest pads, cables, and one extra battery set – if the AED uses replaceable batteries other than long life lithium

batteries. Also included will be a compact first responder kit containing a double-sided safety razor, EMT scissors, CPR mask, and disposable gloves.

D. An AED manual will be kept at the Public Safety Office.

IV. Revision History

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April 2009	Initial Policy Creation	J. Brandt
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