



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

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 these 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. Nor do they work on inanimate objects. Rescue workers in Maryland receive protection under the "Good Samaritan Law," MD Code Annotated Courts and Judicial Proceedings 5-603, which in part:

- Provides immunity for rescuers.
 - Provides immunity for acquirers and enablers, except trainees.
 - Encourages CPR/AED training.
- A. An AED will be stored and secured on a wall mounted box at each of the security desks in Buildings I, II, the Camille Kendall Academic Center (SG3), and on every floor of the Biomedical Science and Engineering Building (SG4).
 - B. A fourth AED will be mounted outside the Recreation Center in Building III. This AED will be kept in a wall mounted box with audible alarm.
 - C. Each AED will be marked with an identifiable number and its proper location.
 - D. Included with each AED will be two (2) sets of defibrillator chest pads, disposable gloves, cables, one extra battery set – if the AED uses replaceable batteries other than long life lithium batteries – and the AED report form.
 - E. An AED manual with all applicable forms, including this policy, will be kept at each of the security desks and the Recreation Center desk.