

Overview of Nurse-Initiated Emergency Cardiac Care

Nurses working in Areas without Cardiac Monitoring/Manual Defibrillator or Emergency Cardiac Drugs

NO Doctor or Nurse Practitioner present



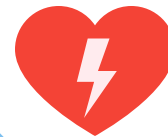
Get help

- Activate emergency response
- Notify MD/NP as soon as possible



CPR

- Consider patient's Advance Directives
- Follow HSF BLS guidelines
- Continue until MD/NP discontinues or physically unable to continue



AED

- Turn AED on
- Follow the voice prompts
- Retrieve rhythm strip from AED when available



Communicate

- Document assessments, interventions and patient responses
- Debrief with team
- Inform and support patient and family



For full text refer to Emergency Cardiac Care Decision Support Tool #1

For more, refer to the Heart and Stroke Foundation CPR guidelines

Please refer to agency-specific guidelines

