Monterey County EMS System Policy



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CARDIAC ARREST-VENTRICULAR FIBRILLATION/PULSELESS VENTRICULAR TACHYCARDIA

BLS CARE

Routine Medical Care

Consider and treat potential causes of the patient's condition.

Apply AED immediately when available. Continue chest compressions during application of the AED pads.

Continue CPR for two minutes even if shock is delivered.

AED rhythm check and assess for spontaneous circulation

Continue resuscitation efforts if no return of spontaneous circulation.

If return of spontaneous circulation, treat the patient based on condition.

Consider transport after 20 minutes if no return of circulation.

ALS CARE

Continue CPR for two-minute intervals. Consider transport after 20 minutes of CPR if no return of circulation.

If return of spontaneous circulation or change in rhythm, use appropriate protocol to treat patient based on condition.

