

CARDIAC ARREST – NON-TRAUMATIC (A02)

	F	E	O	P	D
ASSESSMENT	X	X	X	X	
HP-CPR: including AED. When available and appropriate, use mechanical compression device or switch CPR providers every 2 minutes. Avoid interruption.	X	X	X	X	
BLS AIRWAY: okay if airway patent. Support ventilations with appropriate airway adjuncts. Ventilate with 100% oxygen.	X	X	X	X	
OXYGEN: ventilate with 100% oxygen.	X	X	X	X	
ECG MONITOR: lead placement may be delegated. Treat as indicated.				X	
PULSE OXIMETRY: apply and monitor.		X	X	X	
ADVANCED AIRWAY: consider SGA.				X	
CAPNOGRAPHY: apply and monitor.				X	
VASCULAR ACCESS: IV/IO, rate as indicated.				X	
EPINEPHRINE: 1 mg (10 mL) 1:10,000 (0.1 mg/mL) IV/IO push. Repeat every 3 – 5 minutes.				X	
VENTRICULAR FIBRILLATION - PULSELESS VENTRICULAR TACHYCARDIA					
DEFIBRILLATE: 200 J (Biphasic) (AED only for F and EMT). Reanalyze rhythm every 2 minutes.	X	X	X	X	
AMIODARONE: 300 mg IV/IO over 1–2 minutes, followed by 20 mL NS. Repeat once in 5 minutes at 150 mg IV/IO followed by 20 mL NS.				X	
LIDOCAINE: Consider if V-fib/V-Tach refractory to amiodarone. 1.5 mg/kg IV/IO push. Repeat at 0.75 mg/kg every 5-10 minutes, up to a maximum of 3 mg/kg total.				X	
MAGNESIUM SULFATE: For Torsade de Pointes 2 gm, diluted with NS to a volume of 10 mL over 5 minutes IV/IO.				X	
PULSELESS ELECTRICAL ACTIVITY/ASYSTOLE CONSIDER					
SODIUM BICARBONATE: 1 mEq/kg IV/IO for known or suspected hyperkalemia (renal patients) or tricyclic antidepressant overdose.				X	
CALCIUM CHLORIDE: 1000 mg (10 mL of 10% sol.) IV/IO for known or suspected hyperkalemia (renal patients). Note: Use with caution in patients on digoxin.				X	
CONSIDER					
TEST FOR GLUCOSE		X	X	X	
D10: infuse 100 mL IV/IO if blood glucose < 70 mg/dL. Recheck blood glucose 10-minutes post infusion. If blood glucose < 70 mg/dL infuse remaining 150mL.				X	
NALOXONE: one spray pre-packaged IN (typically 2 – 4 mg) for respiratory depression. If opioid overdose is suspected, repeat every 2 – 3 minutes in alternating nostrils, to a total of 12 mg. Consider alternate cause of obtundation/respiratory depression if ineffective.		X	X	X	
NALOXONE: 0.4 – 2 mg IV/IO/IM (if opioid use is suspected).				X	
IF NO ROSC					
**TERMINATION of RESUSCITATION: 1: If EMS did not witness cardiac arrest and 2. No shockable rhythm and 3. No ROSC after 20 minutes of BLS and/or ALS resuscitation	X	X	X	X	

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ADULT TREATMENT GUIDELINES**CARDIAC**

IF ROSC	F	E	O	P	D
*12 LEAD ECG				X	
ADVANCED AIRWAY: if ROSC achieved and no SGA in place, consider ETI.				X	
PULSE OXIMTRY: target pulse oximetry to $\geq 92-98\%$.				X	
CAPNOGRAPHY: ventilation should start at 10/minute and titrate target ETCO ₂ of 35 – 45 mmHg.				X	
ANTIARRHYTHMIC: if Amiodarone or Lidocaine used to achieve ROSC, consider amiodarone or lidocaine drip for persistent dysrhythmia. • AMIODARONE: 1 mg/minute • LIDOCAINE: 1 – 4 mg/minute				X	
PUSH DOSE EPINEPHRINE: for hypotension – titrate to SBP ≥ 90 • Mix 1 mL of Epi 1:10,000 (0.1mg/mL) with 9 mL of NS = concentration of 1:100,000 (0.01 mg/mL) • Label syringe “epinephrine 10 mcg/mL” • 0.5 – 1 mL (5 – 10 mcg) IVP every 1 – 5 minutes If SBP does not stabilize ≥ 90 after two doses, consider epinephrine drip. Refer to Epinephrine Drip Chart (TCEMSA Rx Guidelines)				X	

****Refer to Policy #570.20, Determination of Death in the Prehospital Setting**
Reference: 10/17/2022 EMS Termination Of Resuscitation And Pronouncement of Death - StatPearls - NCBI Bookshelf (nih.gov)
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK541113/>

***If 12 Lead ECG interprets an S-T Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI), refer to Policy 531.20 for patient destination.**

CONSIDER CAUSES

- Hypovolemia - volume infusion, 2 liters followed by 250 mL boluses as indicated.
- Cardiac tamponade - volume infusion, 2 liters followed by 250 mL boluses as indicated.
- Hypoxia - provide ventilation. Check for reversible cause of hypoventilation.
- Tension pneumothorax - refer to TENSION PNEUMOTHORAX A13.
- Hypothermia - refer to HYPOTHERMIA A61.
- Drug Overdose - refer to POISONING A50.

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