

# CARDIAC ARREST STANDING ORDER

Initiate immediate and supportive care:

- CPR
- Establish airway
- Oxygen to keep O2 sat > 90%
- Determine cardiac rhythm

Use standing order on **ALL** patients greater than 8 years of age.

Standing order should not be used on patients:

- Less than 8 years of age
- With profound hypothermia
- Involved in a traumatic event
- Meeting DOA criteria:
  - Decapitated*
  - Burned beyond recognition*
  - Decomposed*
  - VALID Prehospital Advanced Directive*

Patient meets **ANY** exclusion criteria

Contact medical direction,  
**IMMEDIATELY**

Patient meets inclusion criteria.  
Assess rhythm

If presenting rhythm:  
Vfib/Pulseless VT/PEA  
initiate ACLS or other  
approved resuscitative  
measures and prepare  
for transport.\*

If presenting rhythm:  
Asystole – initiate ACLS  
or other approved  
resuscitative measures  
and if no response after  
20 min. or 3 rounds of  
drugs

Contact medical direction.

\*Transport to a Cardiac  
Arrest Center per SAEMS  
Cardiac Arrest Center  
Triage Protocol