

# Cardiocerebral Resuscitation Standing Order

## ALS/BLS

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Use standing order on **ALL** patients 8 years of age or greater who appear to be the victims of sudden cardiac arrest/death.

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Standing order should not be used on patients:

- Less than 8 years of age - See [Pediatric Cardiac Arrest S.O.](#)
- Meeting SAEMS [Dead on Scene SO](#) criteria
- Involved in a traumatic or submersion (near-drowning) event,  
OR
- where evidence of primary respiratory arrest is present as in drug overdose or Asphyxia, follow AHA resuscitation guidelines.

Patient meets **ANY** exclusion criteria

Begin appropriate resuscitative efforts.  
Contact Medical Direction Authority or implement appropriate standing order.

Patient meets inclusion criteria and is pulseless

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Initiate immediate supportive care:

- CCR: 200 forceful, *uninterrupted* chest compressions\* (One Cycle)
- establish airway with OPA/NPA
- apply NRB with 100% high flow O<sub>2</sub>

\* If adequate bystander compressions are being provided, apply pads *without interrupting compressions*, analyze rhythm.

- With **Severe Hypothermia** (below 86°F / 30°C) use caution, consider [Hypothermia Standing Order](#) or contact Medical Direction

**VF/PULSELESS VT:\*\* or AED recommends shock**

1. Complete a total of three (3) cycles of CCR, Defibrillate between each compression cycle.

**ALS**

**\*\*Administer IV/IO Epi as early as possible and with each cycle *without interrupting compression cycles.***

**PEA/ Asystole:\*\* or AED recommends no shock**

1. Complete a total of three (3) cycles of CCR analyzing rhythm between each compression cycle.

**ALS**

**\*\*Administer IV/IO Epi as early as possible with each cycle *without interrupting compression cycles.***

After third CCR Cycle, follow standard ACLS/BLS guidelines or other approved resuscitative measures. Consider [Airway Management Procedure Protocol](#).

Transport to closest appropriate facility or;  
If ROSC, transfer to CRC per SAEMS CRC Triage Protocol

If no response after 20 min. or 3 rounds of drugs:

- Contact Medical Direction Authority
- Consider termination of efforts.

[Cardiac Receiving Center \(CRC\) Triage](#)