

**HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER  
CARDIOPULMONARY  
AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)**

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**SCOPE**

All members of the Cardiopulmonary Department

**PURPOSE**

To provide a fast response to victims of Code Helps at Hackettstown Regional Medical Center in the West Wing Lobby, Front Lobby, Cafeteria, and hospital grounds.

The AED's at Hackettstown Regional Medical Center are located in the West Wing Lobby and the Front Lobby. An AED is only to be attached to a victim who is pulseless and breathless.

The AED will analyze the victim's heart rhythm and advise the operator if a shockable rhythm is detected. If a shockable rhythm is detected, the AED will charge to the appropriate energy level and advise the operator to deliver a shock.

**Responsibilities:**

1. The Respiratory Care Practitioner is responsible for bringing the AED to all Code Helps in the West Wing Lobby, Front Lobby, Cafeteria, and hospital grounds.
2. When the Code Help is completed, if the AED has been used, the Respiratory Care Practitioner needs to replace the AED electrodes and make sure there are 2 sets of electrodes.
3. An AED check list will be maintained in the Cardio-Pulmonary department and weekly checks will be documented on it.