



ACFASP Answers

Question:

Should an AED be used on an infant in cardiac arrest?

Answer:

Automated external defibrillators (AEDs) are appropriate for use on anyone in cardiac arrest, regardless of age, including children as young as newborns. When available, rescuers should use pediatric settings or pads when treating children and infants. If pediatric equipment is not available, rescuers may use AEDs configured for adult victims. The use of an automated external defibrillator should be used along with high quality CPR.

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