



*Ambulatory Clinic Policy and Procedure*

Title: <b>MEDICAL EMERGENCIES IN CLINICAL AREAS</b>	Policy Number: <b>EP 2.7</b>
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**Policy Statement:**

This policy shall provide guidelines for the appropriate management of cardiac/respiratory arrest or other medically emergent situations at a BLS level in the Texas Tech Physicians of El Paso (TTP-EP) ambulatory clinics.

**Scope and Distribution:**

This policy applies to all Texas Tech Physicians of El Paso clinics.

**Procedure:**

1. In the event of a cardio-pulmonary arrest or other life-threatening emergency, the clinical personnel should:
  - a. Initiate Basic Life Support and/or appropriate emergency treatment (A-B-C's) or as ordered by the physician.
  - b. Call 911 to activate EMS.
  - c. Designate a person to obtain needed supplies or equipment and another to record interventions and patient assessments to eventually document them in the EMR.
  - d. Notify the Texas Tech Police to direct the EMS to the patient.
  - e. Assist the EMS team to prepare the patient for transport to the nearest emergency department.
  - f. An occurrence report should be completed as required by policy EP 8.4, Occurrence Reporting.
  
2. Minor medical emergencies not requiring immediate referral to the Emergency Department may be treated by medical personnel within the Texas Tech Physicians of El Paso clinics at the discretion of the physician and consent of the patient.

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