

## ***El Paso - 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 in the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center of El Paso (TTUHSC-El Paso) ambulatory clinics.

### **Scope and Distribution:**

This policy applies to all TTUHSC-EP ambulatory clinic operations.

### **Procedure:**

1. In the event of a cardio-pulmonary arrest or other life-threatening emergency, the clinical personnel should:
  - a. Initiate CPR and/or appropriate emergency treatment (A-B-C's) or as ordered by the physician. A quick determination regarding the existence of an OOH-DNR order should be made prior to beginning CPR.
  - b. Call 911 to activate EMS.
  - c. Designate a person to obtain needed supplies or equipment, if available, such as a crash cart, oxygen or AED.
  - d. An additional person should be designated to record interventions and patient assessments. See attachment 2.7A, Cardiopulmonary Arrest Flow sheet.
  - e. Notify the Texas Tech Police and the department receptionist of medically emergent situation so that guides may be posted to direct the EMS to the patient.
  - f. Upon arrival, assist the EMS team as needed prepare the patient for transport to the nearest Emergency Department.
  - g. An occurrence report should be completed as required by Policy EP 8.2, Occurrence Reporting
2. Minor medical emergencies not requiring resuscitation or EMS may be treated by medical personnel within the TTUHSC-El Paso clinics at the discretion of the physician and consent of the patient.
3. This policy is consistent with HSC OP 75.08, Cardio-Pulmonary or other Emergency Medical Response for non-clinic emergencies.

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