

GENERAL MEDICAL 3.0

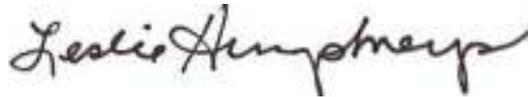
Emergency Preparedness – 3.4

Patient-Centered Emergencies – 3.4.a

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POLICY

All public health staff must be prepared to respond to patient-centered emergencies. Public Health Nursing (PHN) protocols will be readily available and followed in an emergency.

APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to all staff providing and/or supporting clinical services in public health regardless of the service delivery setting, such as local health department, regional office, home or school.

PURPOSE

To direct public health staff response in patient-centered emergencies.

PROCEDURE

Regional Medical Directors will be responsible for ensuring that every Local Health Department and Regional Office staff is informed of emergency procedures and trained to manage patient-centered emergencies. The PHN protocols will be followed when responding to patient-centered emergencies. All licensed staff will maintain current certification in an approved cardiopulmonary resuscitation course (CPR) to include Automated External Defibrillator (AED) training. Other health department staff will receive instruction in CPR as determined by each Regional Medical Director.

A patient-centered emergency drill will be conducted annually and a Drill Check Sheet will be used for evaluation of effectiveness. Note: An actual event cannot be substituted as a drill.

A patient-centered emergency will be documented on the patient record and an Incident-Accident report completed.

REFERENCE DOCUMENT

Public Health Nursing Protocols

OFFICE OF PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY

Office of the Medical Director, Division of Community Health Services, (615) 253-3407