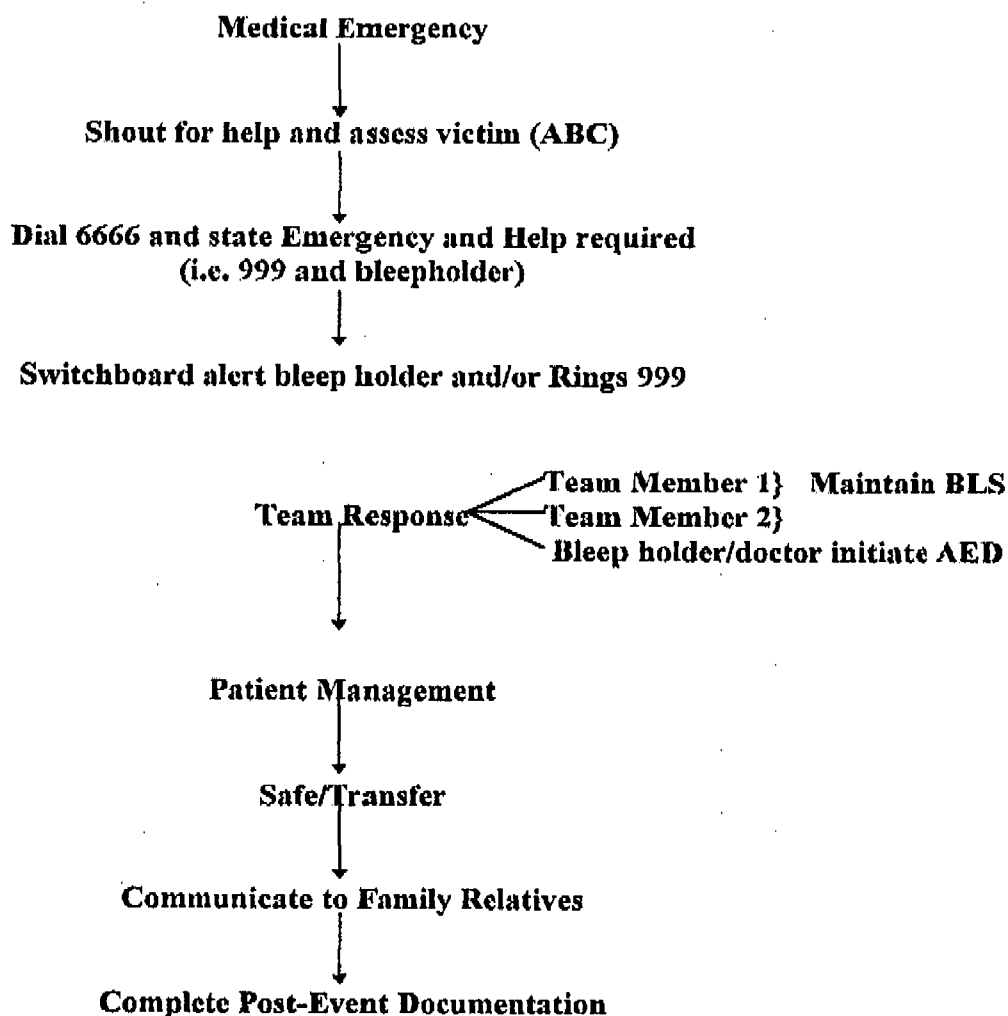




Procedure for the Initial Management of Medical Emergencies in GWMH

Procedural Flowchart



Definitions

A medical Emergency is a sudden deterioration in a persons physical function which requires any aspect of Basic Life Support (BLS).

Basic Life Support (BLS) includes calling for help, assessment of the victim (Airway, Breathing, Circulation) and management of victim, at all times maintaining a safe environment for rescuer and victim.

Roles and Responsibilities

Member of staff discovering the Medical Emergency

- 1 Shout for help
- 2 Assess victim's Airway, Breathing, Circulation
- 3 If no help comes, leave victim and use phone (Dial 6666)
- 4 Return to victim and maintain patient safety using BLS until directed otherwise.

Location of Automatic External Defibrillators

Daedalus
Dryad
Sultan

Team Response

Team Member 1

- i) Initial assessment of patient (ABC)
- ii) Initiate and maintain BLS

Team Member 2

- i) Maintain BLS under the direction of team member 1 if required.

Bleep Holder/Doctor

- i) Bring AED and initiate in a pulseless patient
- ii) Co-ordinate team on arrival/contact Porters
- iii) Identify runner
- iv) Contact relatives/carers
- v) Lead post event reflection.

Recommendations for Initial Response Equipment

Laerdal pocket mask with oxygen inlet and one-way valve.

3 pairs of gloves

AED and pads

Razor

Large clothes cutting scissors

2 alcowipes

(suggested this be kept in rucksack for easy transport)

Easily identifiable areas for access to oxygen and suction within vicinity. (This will need to be done locally)

(Review of Equipment Feb. 2001)

Recommendation for Educational Needs

BLS training yearly

BLS and AED training every six months for team leaders

Familiarisation with local procedure

Familiarisation with Trust Resuscitation Policy and Resuscitation Status Policy

Recommendations for Post Event Actions

- 1 Informing relevant people i.e. relatives
- 2 Risk Event Report
- 3 Clinical notes as appropriate
- 4 Basic Life Support Audit Form (if an Arrest)
- 5 Debriefing of team