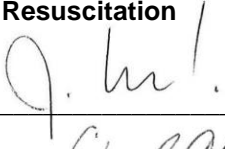



Leamington Mennonite Home  
Long Term Care

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

<b>CATEGORY:</b> Nursing	<b>SUBJECT:</b> Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation	<b>SECTION:</b> C
<b>DATE:</b> February 1999	<b>Administrator:</b> <u></u>	<b>POLICY:</b> 1
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**CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION**

**POLICY:**

It is important to have a clear understanding of when and how to initiate CPR in our Home. Registered Staff are required to be certified and trained in Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS). It is an expectation that all other LMH staff are educated and trained in Basic CPR.

**PROCEDURE:**

CPR is initiated for an actual cardiac arrest in the absence of a DNR order or in the absence of an expressed wish not to be resuscitated. The arrest should have been witnessed by a reliable observer or have occurred within minutes of when the resident was last seen functioning normally.

If CPR is initiated a Registered Staff member will delegate another staff member to call 911. The BCLS trained staff on duty can provide CPR until the Paramedics have arrived and they take over.

Staff should always initiate BCLS for visitors, staff and volunteers.

A CPR disposable mask and gloves will be kept on each unit inside the fire extinguisher compartment across from the Nurse's station. A disposable mask should be used at all times, using universal precautions.

CPR should not be initiated if there is not a DNR order on the resident's chart (see Personal Care Decision Form) and under the following circumstances:

- Resident receiving palliative care and have chosen comfort care.
- Unwitnessed collapse.
- Residents who, due to active disease process, untreatable malignancy or end stage neurological disorder, and would not benefit from CPR.