

Using a Defibrillator

An automatic external defibrillator (AED) will measure a patient's heart rhythm to determine whether it has a 'shockable rhythm'. If the device thinks it can make a difference, it will advise a shock, shock the patient, then give CPR instructions. This will repeat in a cycle roughly every 2 minutes. If the heart does not have a shockable rhythm, it will give audible CPR instructions only.

