

**PEORIA AREA EMS SYSTEM  
PREHOSPITAL CARE MANUAL**

**Transition of AED Care  
Procedure**

It is recognized that early defibrillation is a very important treatment for the cardiac arrest patient. A smooth transition of care between providers is both encouraged & expected and is essential for optimum patient care.

1. Arriving EMS personnel should ask for a quick report from the AED user and perform a rapid assessment.
2. AED personnel can be utilized to provide defibrillation during the arrest. However, if the manual mode is activated, ILS/ALS personnel must then operate the defibrillator. *Arriving EMS personnel are encouraged to utilize AED responders for efficiency in coordinating patient care.*
3. Situations when the AED may need to be removed immediately (and ALS monitor applied) include: patients needing transcutaneous pacing, patients needing synchronized cardioversion or in the event a spontaneous pulse returns.
4. When changing to manual defibrillation, attach cables to the patient prior to disconnecting the AED.