COMPETENCY AND SKILLS OF NURSES IN OUT-OF-HOSPITAL CPR.

ABSTRACT

In the out—of-hospital setting, the factor "time" is crucial to the success of CPR. All links in the "chain of survival" must be made quickly and efficiently. Witnesses play an essential role, performing early cardiac massage and alerting emergency services, which require access to the patient as soon as possible.

Nursing is a key element in out-of-hospital emergency, and to provide high quality assistance must have the training, experience and technical expertise necessary to do so, without forgetting aspects such as human values.

A properly trained, experienced and skilled nursing, coupled with proper telephone communication with the medical coordinator responsible, can get a healthcare resource where, in the absence of medical staff, the nursing is the primarily responsible, offering high quality health care.

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