

## **PAD FAQs**

### **Where should AEDs be placed?**

Studies have shown a higher incidence in certain locations. Some of the typical locations include: airports, community/senior citizen centers, dialysis centers, transportation terminals, golf courses, health centers/gyms, jails, large industrial sites, large shopping malls, nursing homes, private businesses, sport/event complexes, and cardiology, internal and family medicine practices and urgent care centers.

### **How many AEDs do I need at my worksite?**

The placement of AEDS is usually determined by the size of your facility. Often one AED is enough, but if your facility is spread out or on several floors of a building, more than one may be recommended.

### **How can I get an AED and what does training involve?**

AEDs can be purchased through one of several vendors. A vendor list can be found at [URL hotlink]. Training typically involves a course in CPR, the use of barrier devices in CPR, the use of an AED, and how to recognize the signs of four major emergencies. A list of known trainers can be accessed at [URL hotlink]

### **Am I legally liable for using an AED?**

The Good Samaritan Law of January 1, 2000 and another in January 1, 2003 give critical protection to the owner of an AED and those trained to use it. There are no reported instances of lay users or their employers being sued for the use of an AED. Rather, all PAD cases in courts revolve around the failure to have or use an AED.

### **Is there funding available to help offset the cost of a PAD program?**

Funds are available through many sources. If outside funding is desired, check the links at PAD/AED Links [URL hotlinks] for possible funding channels and assistance in applying for a grant.

### **Why can't I just buy an AED unit and keep it at my company worksite?**

AEDs are regulated by the FDA and require medical oversight.

### **Why must there be oversight by a medical doctor?**

An AED is a medical device authored by the FDA and must be prescribed by an MD. The MD will also provide oversight according to their role of support identified at [URL hotlink].

### **Why do I notify the county when a PAD program is implemented?**

When an AED is placed, the site information needs to be given to the Alameda County EMS office. This information in turn is passed to local Fire Department and used to update their 911 / Emergency Medical Dispatch database. When a 911 call is placed from that site, EMS dispatchers and responders are aware of the AED onsite.