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Additional information gives us a ton of knowledge to help us process a call. Understanding the “why” behind some of the information will help get a clearer picture about the information that was put in additional information the first place. We are going to do just that with Brock's Law.

Brock's Law
The presence of an AED does not ensure its use—the EMD does.



Brock's law is located under Protocol 9: Cardiac or Respiratory Arrest/Death in additional information. It states “The presence of an AED does not ensure its use-the EMD does.” This law was created in Protocol due to a young man named Brock Ruether, who was a 16-year-old male who collapsed and passed away during a



volleyball game. They determine this was caused from sudden cardiac arrest (SCA). There was an AED laying on the floor right next to him that was never used. Protocol instructions at the time did not instruct further AED instructions after having someone retrieve it. Studies have shown that if someone receives an AED shock immediately it increases the chance of survival immensely. Protocol now has steps to ensure the use of the AED. These are the following steps:



After sending your ECHO level response a key questions will instruct "If there is a defibrillator (AED) available, send someone to get it now, and tell me when you have it." This is important to select the correct answer if an AED **is** available.



Once you get to PAIs, then you will see panel Z3 (AED on Scene?) depending on the answer you selected in key questions to check the status of where the defibrillator is located. On this panel you will need to answer "Yes" or "No" to "Is the defibrillator there right now?"





If you select "No" then you will see Panel Z3a (Get AED). Keep in mind if the AED is still not on scene you would select "Perform CPR" and then it will start down the CPR pathway. While on Panel C11 (Compressions 1st) you will have the option to "Return to AED Cycle" once the AED arrives. This will give you the step by step instructions on how to use the AED.





If you select "Yes" on Panel Z3 (AED on Scene?) for "Is the defibrillator there right now?" then you will see Panel Z4 (Place AED). This will proceed on how to remove the patient's clothing to make sure that the patient's chest is bare and ready the machine. This will continue to give step by step instructions on how to use the AED.

A screenshot of a dispatch software interface. At the top, there is a row of icons including a plus sign, a minus sign, a document, a target, a double-headed arrow, a lightbulb, a speech bubble, a radiation symbol, a recycling symbol, a shield with a checkmark, a skull and crossbones, a question mark, a heart, a download arrow, a person, a speech bubble, "ASA", a red circle, and a red arrow. Below the icons, the time "6:54 :16" is displayed on the left, and a search bar contains the text "9: Cardiac or Respiratory Arrest / Death". To the right of the search bar is a logo and the text "9-E-1". Below this is a navigation bar with buttons for "Entry", "KQ", "PDI/CEI", "DLS", and "Summary". A highlighted cyan bar shows "Z4 - Place AED" and "AED: Yes Sent At pt. Started Used". Below the bar, the instruction reads: "Put the defibrillator on the floor next to his head, on the side closest to you."

Sources:

Project Brock (<https://projectbrock.com>)

YouTube Project Brock- A Mother's Story (<https://youtu.be/Z06uw9XPJi8>)



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