

RESUSCITATION POLICY

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Resuscitation in Special Circumstances

In some situations, modified clinical procedures are required to the standard RCUK guidelines. In many cases specialist clinical protocols exist and should be followed (e.g. traumatic cardiac arrest in ED, cardiac arrest in the cardiac catheter lab, obstetric cardiac arrest). Clinical experts in these areas will direct the emergency team as appropriate.

Manual handling

In situations where the collapsed patient is on the floor, in a chair or in a restricted / confined space great care must be taken to protect the welfare of all present. Recommendations and advice on the manual handling of patients in emergency situations are detailed in the trust manual handling guidelines. Further guidance can be found from the Resuscitation Council (UK).

Cross Infection

In all cases, rescuer safety is paramount. Appropriate personal protective equipment must be worn even in emergency situations (available locally, in emergency bags and on emergency trolleys).