

## MEDICAL CARDIAC ARREST

### UNIVERSAL ALGORITHM

- Scene Safety
- PPE
- ABCs
- Ventilate patient with BVM and supplemental oxygen

- Do not delay initiation of CPR
- Follow current CPR guidelines
- Apply AED if indicated
- Obtain medical history and gather medications if possible
- Obtain event history
  - Down time prior to CPR initiation
  - Total down time including CPR

### Special Considerations

- Cold water drowning and hypothermia patients should have resuscitation performed even with extended down times
- Refer to Policy 116 for consideration of withholding/terminating resuscitation efforts