

CHAPTER 7

EMERGENCY SITUATIONS



OBJECTIVES:

- Describe the role of the NA in an emergency
- Explain how to observe the condition of an unconscious patient for ABCs and describe the basic procedures for CPR
- Explain common causes of choking and symptoms of partial and complete airway obstruction
- Apply the procedures for clearing an obstructed airway
- Describe the most common causes of seizures and the two major types of seizures
- List what the NA should do to help if a seizure occurs
- Explain how the NA can help a patient who has fallen

Key Terms

- Artificial Breathing
- Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)
- Cardiac Arrest
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
- Chest Compressions
- Finger Sweep
- Grand Mal Seizure
- Heimlich Maneuver
- Petit Mal Seizure
- Respiratory Arrest
- Seizure
- Shock



The Nursing Assistant's Role

- **May be the first on the Scene**
- **Be Prepared to Act**
- **Know How to Summon Help**
- **Protect the Patient and Yourself**



Life-threatening Situations

- Choking
- No Breathing or No Pulse
- Heavy Bleeding/shock
- Poisoning



Seizures

GRAND MAL (TONIC-CLONIC)

Loss of consciousness, jerking movements

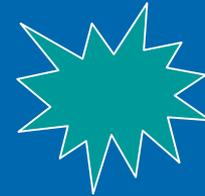
➤ PETIT MAL (ABSENCE)

- Loses contact with surrounding 30" or so
Blank stare



What To Do

- Call for medical help
- Stay with patient
- Protect from injury
- Do not restrain or put anything in mouth
- Make patient comfortable, stay calm
- Turn to side to prevent choking
- Report incident: duration of seizure
- Allow patient rest



Life-Threatening Situations

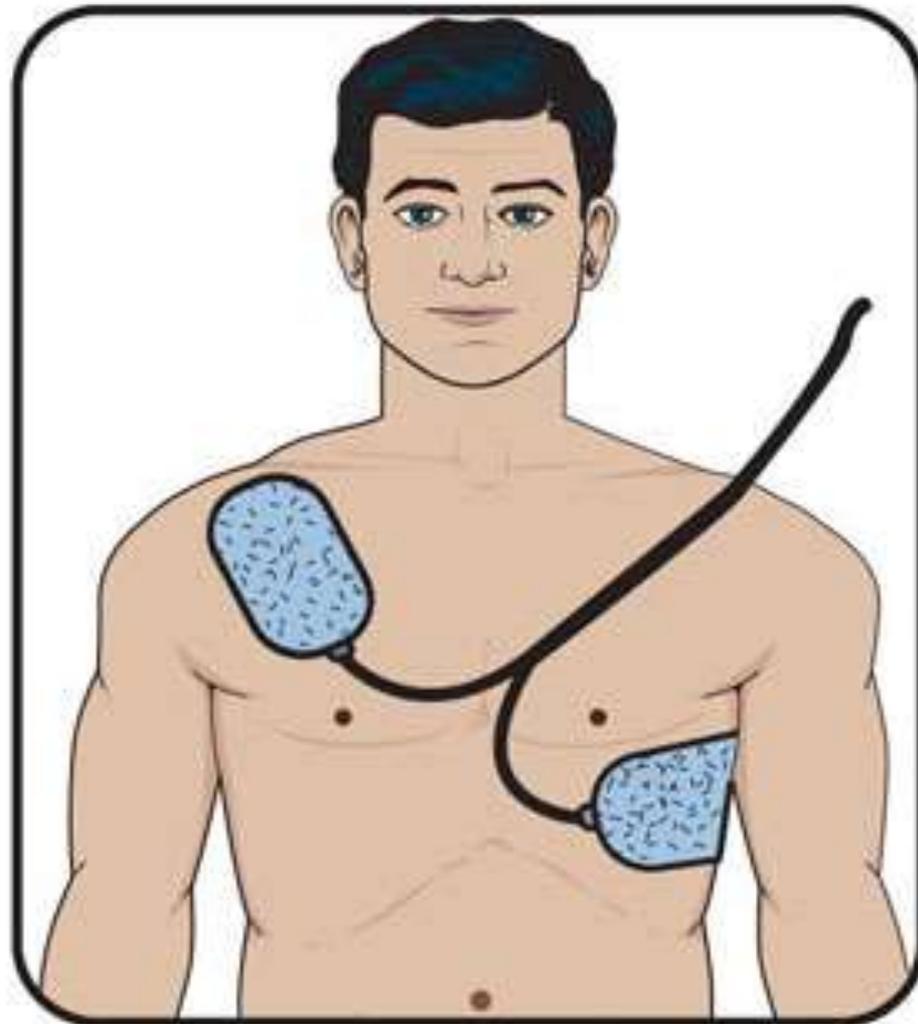
- **Assess the Problem**
- **Call or Send for Help**
- **Remain Calm**
- **Know Your Limitations**
- **Assist Medical Personnel**



ABC's of Cardio-Pulmonary

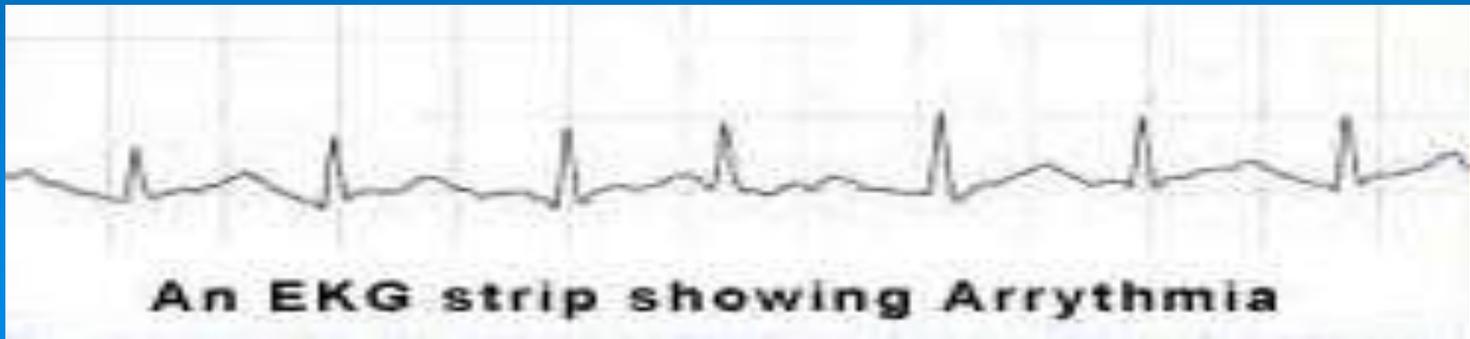
- Resuscitation (CPR)
- Airway is Checked and Cleared
- Breathing (Get Air into Lungs)
- Circulation (Move Oxygen/Blood in Body)





Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)

- **Analyzes Heart Rhythm**
- **Delivers Shock**
- **Recommended when no Pulse Present**
- **Operator Responds to Voice Prompts**



Ventricular Fibrillation



JUL-04 LEAD II SIZE 1.0 HR= 102



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