8.10 Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)

8.10.1 The decision to purchase and deploy AEDs is at the discretion of each Major Academic Unit (MAU) within the UA system.

8.10.2 AED use must conform to the hierarchy of emergency use:

- First, calling 911 dispatch immediately
- Administration of CPR, if available, must not be delayed by attempts to locate an AED.
- Use of an AED as early as possible.

8.10.3 Considerations for the purchase of AEDs

8.10.3.1 Initial purchase cost.
8.10.3.2 Consistency in manufacturer and model of AEDs at each location.
8.10.3.3 Initial installation and awareness communications costs.
8.10.3.4 Availability of equipment, service, parts, and technical support especially at remote campus locations.
8.10.3.5 Ongoing communication and training costs.
8.10.3.6 Recordkeeping, training, maintenance, incidents, and investigation costs.
8.10.3.7 Service and maintenance costs.

8.10.4 Communications and Training

8.10.4.1 Each AED deployed campus will develop an awareness program to communicate the deployment of the AEDs, their location, and how AED use is incorporated into other campus emergency planning.
8.10.4.2 Recent advancements in AED technology have enabled AEDs to be operated with little or no prior training. The decision to conduct training on the use of AEDs shall be at the MAU level.

8.10.5 Reporting and Records. Each campus that deploys AEDs shall establish and maintain a reporting system to:

8.10.5.1 Document and communicate each incident requiring AED deployment;
8.10.5.2 Ensure the incidents are investigated; and
8.10.5.3 Review the AED incident. Was it functioning properly? Was it used correctly?

8.10.6 Service, Maintenance, and Inspection – AEDs must be serviced, maintained, and inspected in accordance with the manufacturer’s specifications.

8.10.7 Security – Consideration must be given to securing AEDs in such a way as to minimize risk of machine theft while also allowing immediate access to the AED when required.