

CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION

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Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)

CPR is two basic life support skills put together, artificial respiration and artificial circulation. Artificial respiration provides oxygen to the lungs. Artificial circulation causes the blood pick up oxygen from the lungs and to flow through the body in order to deliver it to vital organs. The purpose of CPR is to circulate oxygenated blood to the brain and other organs until either the pulse returns or medical help takes over.

The CPR **sequence** follows from the scene survey and is the major component of the primary survey from Emergency Scene Management.

1. When you find an unresponsive casualty send for help (scene survey)
2. Start the primary survey by opening the airway and checking for breathing. Give two breaths if there is no breathing (AR rescue sequence)
3. Check for signs of circulation, begin CPR