



NAPA COUNTY EMS AGENCY

Pit Crew CPR

OPTIMAL TEAM (PIT CREW) ROLES

PIT CREW

(P1) Compression Leader: (ALS or BLS)

- ✓ If BLS, operates AED
- ✓ Assists with CPR / performs compressions as needed
- ✓ Assists with setup (mechanical compression device and other devices)

(P2) Airway Leader: (Usually ALS)

- ✓ Assists with setup (mechanical compression device and other devices)
- ✓ Performs appropriate airway techniques/procedures.
- ✓ Supervises airway decisions and ensure utilization of confirmatory adjuncts
- ✓ Utilize waveform capnography throughout resuscitative efforts
- ✓ Defibrillates if medication leader not available
- ✓ Defer advanced airway insertion rather than interrupt chest compressions. Use ET or SGA as indicated.
- ✓ Avoid hyperventilation.
- ✓ Communicates with law/family as needed

(P3) Team Assistant: (ALS or BLS)

- ✓ Serves as assistant to compression leader
- ✓ Performs compressions as needed
- ✓ Assists airway leader

(P4) Medication Leader: (Always ALS)

- ✓ Defibrillates
- ✓ Initiates IV/IO (IO preferred)
- ✓ Administers (or supervises) medications
- ✓ Tracks and notifies team of all monitor changes
- ✓ Sets up/monitor mechanical CPR device
- ✓ Communicates with family/law as needed
- ✓ Terminates resuscitative efforts (with pit crew leader)

(P5) Pit Crew Leader: (ALS or BLS)

- ✓ Responsible for overall conduct of resuscitation / team leader
- ✓ Assigns roles
- ✓ Monitors time intervals (2 min. CPR, drug intervals, etc.)
- ✓ Assures consistent and high quality COMPRESSIONS/CPR
- ✓ Assures use of proper equipment and adjuncts, e.g., waveform capnography
- ✓ Supervises and assigns crowd control as appropriate
- ✓ Serves as scribe (field notes) if resources allow
- ✓ Supervises DNR/POLST issues

(P6) CPR Leader (optional): (ALS or BLS)

- ✓ Supervises and performs CPR (with team leader)
- ✓ Performs compressions as needed
- ✓ Assists with equipment/medication setup
- ✓ Assists in all patient treatment decisions