

Diamond Peak Ski Patrol

Medical Treatment Protocol

Chest pain/Difficult Breathing

There are numerous potential causes for chest pain or difficulty breathing. Among them are:

- Myocardial infarction (MI)
- Angina pectoris
- Pulmonary embolism
- Altitude sickness
- Emphysema
- Spontaneous pneumothorax
- Pneumo/hemothorax

Because of the potential critical nature of a patient complaining of chest pain or difficulty breathing, all patients should be treated with extreme care. Diamond Peak has three (3) automatic electronic defibrillators (AED's) on the Hill. One is at the Base First Aid room; the other two are at Penthouse and Eagle's Nest. A patroller, authorized by Diamond Peak to operate an AED, should respond with the AED to all patients complaining of chest pain or difficult breathing.

Treatment

- Primary and secondary patient assessment
- Position of comfort
- Oxygen
- AED
- Paramedics called initially
- Transport

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