

Chapter 27 Lesson 2: CPR and First Aid for Shock and Choking

Introduction:

Some medical emergencies, such as cardiac arrest, pose an immediate threat to the victim's life. In this lesson, you learned about the chain of survival that can save a victim's life in this kind of situation. The American Heart Association Web site has more in-depth information about the chain of survival and the part you can play in it.

Links to Explore:

The Links in the Chain of Survival

<http://www.americanheart.org/presenter.ihtml?identifier=3012016>

Directions:

- Click on the link and read the fact sheet about the Chain of Survival.
 - Answer these questions:
1. The Chain of Survival was developed to treat victims of sudden cardiac arrest. Who else can benefit from the chain?
 2. When you call 911, the dispatcher will initially ask you a series of questions. What additional information should you give them?
 3. What does CPR do?
 4. If a 911 dispatcher is giving you voice directions on how to care for a victim while you wait for emergency personnel to arrive, and the victim vomits or another unexpected complication arises, what should you do?
 5. Who should hang up first—the 911 dispatcher or you?
 6. Who provides advanced care for the victim?

Answers:

1. All unresponsive victims
2. None
3. It keeps oxygenated blood flowing to the brain and heart until defibrillation or other advanced care can restore normal heart action.
4. Tell the dispatcher.
5. The 911 dispatcher
6. Highly trained EMS personnel called paramedics

Additional Links to Explore:

Use the links below to gather additional information on the activity topic. When appropriate, have students extend their research to include important concepts contained in these Web sites.

National Center for Early Defibrillation

<http://www.early-defib.org/>

American Red Cross—Chain of Survival

<http://www.redcross.org/services/hss/tips/healthtips/cardiacchain.html>