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To provide a policy outlining the College's requirements regarding the use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for all members who perform Intravenous Infusion Therapy.

Definitions	Automated External Defibrillator (AED)	An AED is a device that is used to get a heart back to its natural rhythms by delivering an electrical shock to the heart during a cardiac arrest.
	Member	As defined in s. 1(1) of the <i>Health Professions Procedural Code</i> means a member of the College of Naturopaths of Ontario who holds a General Certificate of Registration and has met the Standard of Practice to perform IVIT.
	Standard of practice to perform Intravenous Infusion Therapy	As defined in s 5(5) of the Controlled Acts Regulation under the <i>Naturopathy Act, 2007</i> . A member may only administer a substance by intravenous injection if he or she has successfully completed a course on administering a substance by intravenous injection that is approved by the Council and an examination on administering a substance by intravenous injection that is administered or approved by the Council, in addition to having successfully completed a course on prescribing that has been approved by the Council and an examination on prescribing that is administered or approved by the Council.
Policy	General	Every member who performs Intravenous Infusion Therapy must ensure before doing so, that the premise where IVIT will be performed has a AED located on site in a readily accessible location.
Related Procedures	Signage	Notices are posted and readily visible in common areas, indicating an AED is on site.
	Training	All staff, clinical and administrative, is to be trained as to the proper use of the AED.
	Maintenance	The AED is to be maintained and checked regularly, in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations, for expiration date of AED pads and battery power level, and that all manufacturer recommended supplies are fully stocked.

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Logbook

Every premise shall have a logbook for staff to record the date and nature of service or maintenance on the AED. This logbook is to be maintained for a minimum of five years.

Reporting Use of AED

If following the use of an AED on a patient, a referral of the patient is made to emergency services, a report is required to be made to the College within 24 hours of the occurrence or of learning of the occurrence. In the event the patient is not referred to emergency services, the use of the AED as an unscheduled treatment must be made in the annual reporting of adverse events to the College.

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