

THE MEDICAL PRACTICE AT 48 WIMPOLE STREET

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RESUSITATION POLICY

- In the event of a patient being collapsed - unresponsive to questioning and shaking
- Shout loudly “possible cardiac arrest assistance now please”
- If no doctor on site call 999
- Institute basic life support techniques according to wall charts in treatment room
- If doctor on site act according to their instructions
- Resuscitation team
 - Doctor
 - Practice manager
 - Practice administrator
- Doctor to take charge
- Establish whether patient is breathing and has a palpable cardiac output or not. The doctor in charge will make the decision as to what is right for the patient, not family (unless the patient is a child) or friends, but the patient’s wishes will be taken into account if they are able to communicate them to the doctor or a member of the team or have previously done so
- Protect airway
- Practice manager to bring oxygen cylinder and emergency drugs to site of collapsed patient
- Give oxygen via face mask
- Follow guidelines for respiratory / cardiopulmonary arrest
- Practice administrator to call 999
- Doctor to establish venous access
- Practice administrator to note time of onset of collapse and maintain timed record of sequential actions and any drugs administered
- Any living will or advance directive will be adhered to. If there is a Do Not Attempt to Resuscitate clause then the patient will be given the best possible care without CPR. The patient can change their mind at any time about the decision made in the living will.