STANDING ORDER

CARDIAC ARREST

I. Clinical Presentation

A. Signs and Symptoms: Inmate complains of chest pain, pressure, squeezing, heaviness in chest that will not go away. Pain is constant and is worse with exertion. If chest pain does not go away in 10 minutes, call EMTs. Pulse is rapid or slow and irregular, breathing is rapid and shallow, inmate may be diaphoretic, and skin will be pale or bluish. Cardiac collapse occurs.

II. Treatment

- A. Call EMTs.
- B. Have AED ready.
- C. Assist inmate to recumbent position.
- D. Assess airway, breathing and circulation. Record vital signs on Emergency Record.