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Emergency planning for sudden cardiac events in North Carolina high schools.

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Overview: This study evaluates the state of emergency planning for sudden cardiac arrest in North Carolina high schools, primarily focusing on the existence and characteristics of written plans and the presence of automated external defibrillators (AEDs).

Conclusions: The majority of responding schools possessed both an EAP and an AED and reported that they met several current recommended guidelines for emergency preparedness for SCA. These results for are similar to reports from other states. Significant room for improvement exists, however, as the number of schools without an EAP or AED is still relatively large and some important components of emergency planning are lacking in the EAPs.