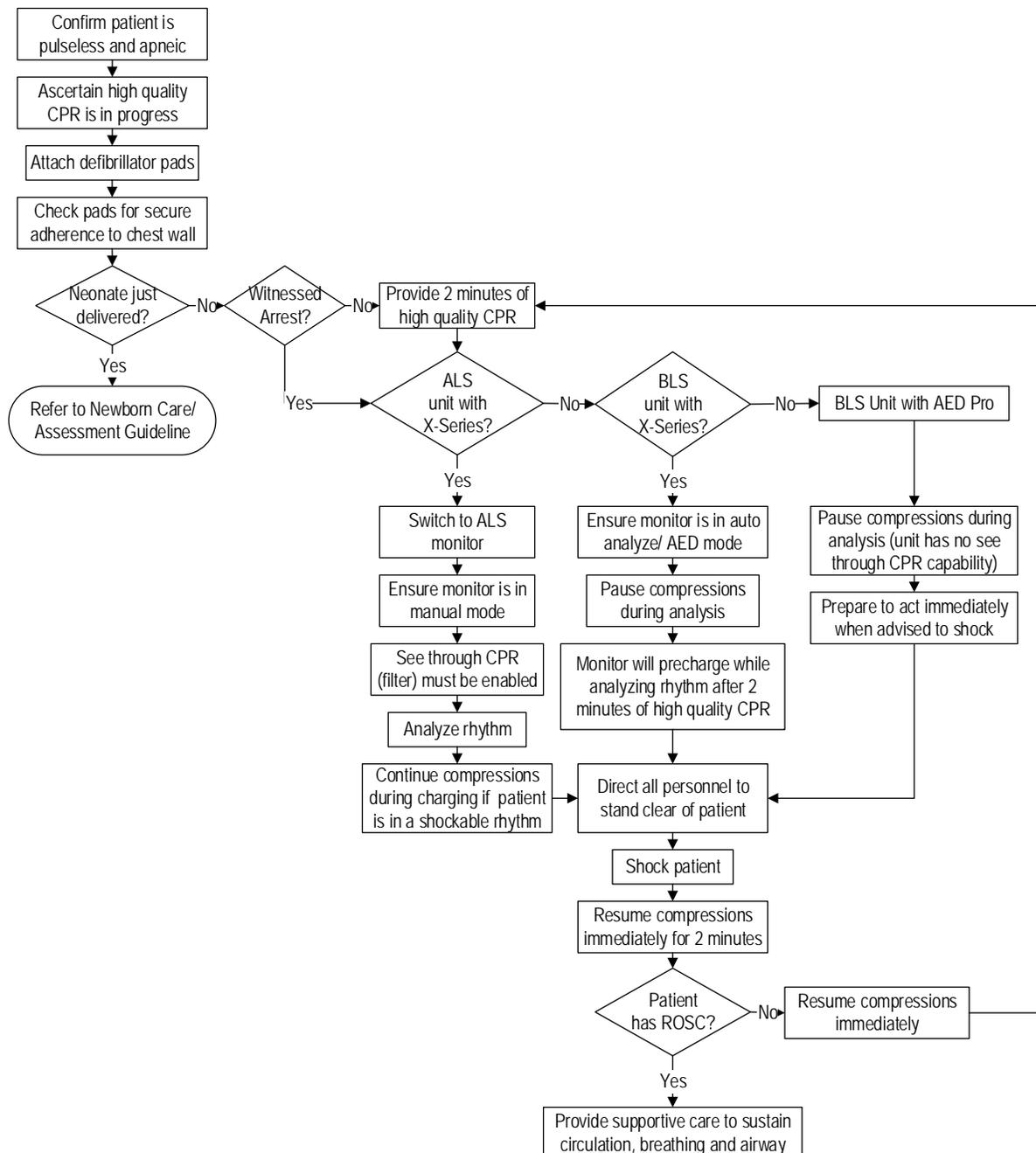


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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS  
PRACTICAL SKILL  
DEFIBRILLATION**

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<b>Purpose:</b> To simultaneously depolarize the myocardial cells to terminate ventricular fibrillation or ventricular tachycardia		<b>Indications:</b> Patient presents pulseless and apneic in ventricular fibrillation or ventricular tachycardia	
<b>Advantages:</b> Termination of VF or VT in the pulseless, apneic patient	<b>Disadvantages:</b> Electrical current causes some injury to myocardium	<b>Complications:</b> Poor interface between chest wall and pads can cause burns	<b>Contraindications:</b> Any patient with pulses Valid DNR orders Conditions incompatible with life



**NOTES:**

- Rescue mode is not to be used on the X-Series
- Do not apply defibrillator pads over a pacemaker or automatic implanted cardiac defibrillator (AICD).
- Remove Nitropatch or Nitropaste before attaching defibrillator pads.
- Do not defibrillate when conditions exist for electrical conductivity (wet environment, etc.).