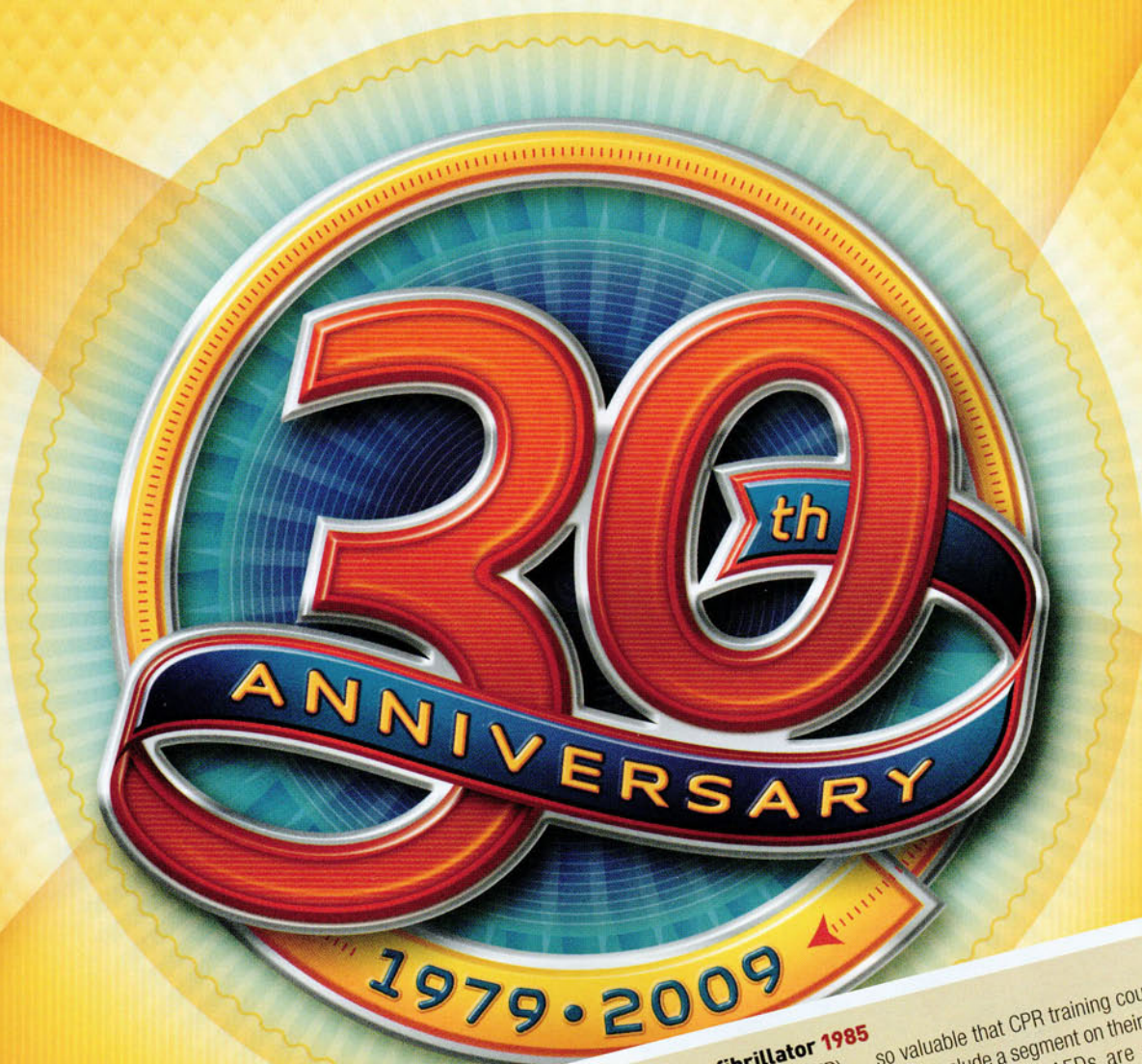


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Automated External Defibrillator 1985

The automated external defibrillator (AED) has been instrumental in saving lives since it was first developed in 1985. Studies have shown that early defibrillation with an AED can dramatically increase survival rates—up to 70%. The device, which uses electricity to stop cardiac arrhythmia and help the heart reestablish a solid rhythm, has become

so valuable that CPR training courses often include a segment on their use. These days, AEDs are ubiquitous: commercial aircrafts as well as police, fire, and EMT vehicles usually carry them. FDA approved the first home-use AED in 2004.



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