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1. Overview:
  - a. Devices take 2 – 5 seconds to recognize rhythm.
  - b. Touching the patient when the AICD fires may cause a mild "tingling" shock, although there is no danger of the rescuer's rhythm being affected.
  - c. Always check the patient's pulse after each set of defibrillations.
2. Defibrillation of the patient with an AICD:
  - a. Place paddles/quick pads in standard position.
  - b. Use the standard energy settings.
3. QA Point:
  - a. If repetitive shocks are ineffective change pad placement