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- c) regulating operation of the medical devices and environmental conditions within the housing in response to monitored life support conditions of the patient;
 - d) monitoring a body temperature of the patient, said step of monitoring the body temperature comprising at least one of:
 - i) monitoring a body temperature of the patient via a rectal temperature probe;
 - ii) monitoring the body temperature of the patient via an infrared eardrum temperature sensor;
 - iii) monitoring the body temperature of the patient via an auxiliary temperature sensor;
 - iv) monitoring the body temperature of the patient via an intra-esophageal temperature sensor; and
 - v) controlling the body temperature of the patient; and
 - e) controlling the body temperature of the patient.
9. A method for transporting a patient while providing life support therefor, the method comprising the steps of:
- a) controlling an environment within a transportable housing configured to receive and support the patient;

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- b) providing a plurality of medical devices within the housing to facilitate resuscitation and stabilization of the patient; and
- c) regulating operation of the medical devices and environmental conditions within the housing in response to monitored life support conditions of the patient;
- d) receiving medical data from a medical data storage device via a medical data reader, wherein said medical storage device is selected from the group consisting of:
 - i) a dog tag having medical data stored therein;
 - ii) an identification card having medical data stored therein; and
 - iii) a storage device implanted beneath a patient's skin said control circuit being operative to regulate operation of the medical devices in response to the received medical data.

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