
Diagnostic Services – Department of Radiology – Diagnostic Division

SUBJECT/TITLE: CODE BLUE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR RADIOLOGY STAFF

PURPOSE: To identify Radiology staff responsibilities during a **CODE BLUE**

POLICY Department of Radiology response to a **CODE BLUE**

PROCEDURE:

- Dial #199** and give the following information:
 - Identify yourself**
Announce Adult or pediatric Code Blue
Location- specify unit, building, including room number - Be sure to stress RADIOLOGY first
Do not hang up the phone until the operator has verified that all the information has been obtained
Example: A. Your Name
B. Adult Code Blue.
C. Radiology CT 3537 John Colloton
- Do an “ALL CALL” (#000)** on the intercom stating the location of the Code Blue. **Repeat three times:**
Example: “Code Blue Chest 1. Code Blue Chest 1. Code Blue Chest 1”
- The air phone in Nuclear Medicine does not carry it’s pages over to Diagnostic Radiology (#51 or #000 pages). If they call you via the phone in need of help for a code, please announce the code to the department in the previously stated manner.
- Ensure basic life support measures have been instituted.
- Inform the receptionist’s** area that a Code Blue has been called and where it is.
- Move crash cart into room.**
- Contact the radiologists on that service** to inform them of the Code Blue.
For 2nd/3rd shift or weekends, page the On-call-Radiologist via Page 131-3205.

8. **Remove any unnecessary items from room** to facilitate operation of code (eg: chairs, tables). Ask all unnecessary personnel to clear the room.
9. **If an inpatient, notify the floor of the patient status.**
10. **Verify advanced directives in EPIC.**
11. **If family members are in the department** during the code, make all efforts to provide them with privacy and reassurance. Let the code team know if the family is near. The physicians should speak to the family, if feasible.
12. **Staff not directly involved with patient should be stationed in halls to direct Code Blue Teams** to the area or room. The supervisor or his designee from each area will report to the following areas to aid in traffic control:
 - 3-JCP: CT/INR – H Elevator (CT/INR Reception Area)
 Pediatrics – By G Elevator (Peds Entrance)
 General – By EE Elevator (Entrance by EE Elevator)
 - By fluoroscopy Prep Room in west hallway
 Main Reception (Transaide if available) – by Main Entrance
 - 3-RCP By Colloton Atrium between E and F Elevators
 By 3 RCP entrance to exam rooms
 - LL-JPP By I and J Elevators - Outside exam room where code is occurring
 - MRI: By F Elevator (entrance to MRI)
13. **Be available at the door to assist.** Examples of items that might be needed:
 - Trash can with red liner
 - Linen hamper with water soluble bags
14. **If requested, take blood gases to Critical Care Lab – 5JPP.** A requisition should be completed with the phone number of the nearest phone.
15. After the Code is over the drug tray (red) located on the top of the Crash Cart, must be taken to the Pharmacy for exchange, the used crash cart should be exchanged for a new one by taking the used one to stores. Instructions for exchanging the crash cart are on top of the cart under the defibrillator. Be sure to remove the defibrillator, the test load, the red bag, the oxygen tank, and the clipboard before taking the cart down to stores. These items will need to be placed on the new cart once it is placed in the work area. The contents of the new crash cart need to be checked by two staff members upon arrival and then re-locked and sealed.
16. **Crash Cart Locations:**
 - Fluoro Work Area (Room 3441 northeast corner)
 - Pediatric Radiology by Clean Utility Room(west end work hallway 3527Z)
 - Linen Closet by CT Room 2 (Room 3534, door in outside corridor)

Interventional and Neuroradiology Work Area
LL JPP Musculoskeletal – use Orthopaedic Cast Room's
LL – Magnetic Resonance – MRI Patient Prep Area 0451 JCP by 3T
ETC CT – Room 1012-1

All have defibrillators except Pediatric Radiology