

HARBOR-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY CODES

POLICY NO. 404C

PURPOSE:

To enhance the safety of workforce members, patients, and visitors across the enterprise by facilitating appropriate response to specific emergencies through code uniformity.

SCOPE:

This policy applies to all patient care facilities within the Department of Health Services.

DEFINITION:

Emergency: Unanticipated circumstances that can be life-threatening or cause significant harm to workforce members, patients, and visitors requiring immediate attention.

POLICY:

Harbor-UCLA Medical Center will ensure the following standardized emergency codes shall be used for paging over the public address system and/or other appropriate means of communication at patient care facilities within the Department of Health Services:

- CODE ASSIST for urgent medical assistance to outpatients, visitors, and staff. Ext. 112
- CODE BLUE for adult medical emergency. Ext. 112
- CODE GOLD for mental health/behavioral response. Ext. 111
- CODE GRAY for a combative person. Ext. 64450
- CODE GREEN for patient elopement. Ext. 64450
- CODE ORANGE for a hazardous material spill/release. Ext. 111 and Ext. 67700
- CODE PINK for infant (0-12 months) abduction. Ext. 111 and Ext. 64450
- CODE PURPLE for child (over 12 months – 17 years) abduction. Ext. 111 and Ext. 64450
- CODE RAPID RESPONSE for urgent medical attention to inpatients. Ext. 111
- CODE RED for fire. Ext. 113
- CODE SILVER for a person with a weapon and/or active shooter and/or hostage situation. Ext. 111

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/1/15


SUPERSEDES:


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REVIEWED COMMITTEE: Environment of Care Committee

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- **CODE TRIAGE ALERT** for potential disaster. Requires Administrative authorization to activate.
- **CODE TRIAGE EXTERNAL** for external disaster. Requires Administrative authorization to activate.
- **CODE TRIAGE INTERNAL** for internal disaster. Requires Administrative authorization to activate.
- **CODE WHITE** for pediatric medical emergency. Ext. 112
- **CODE YELLOW** for bomb threat. Ext. 111
- **UTILITY SYSTEM FAILURE** – Basic staff response

Badge cards containing the Emergency Codes will be distributed to workforce members by the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, Human Resources Department.

REFERENCE:

County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services Policy #905.000, Emergency Codes