

HIGH DESERT HEALTH SYSTEM AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER

SUBJECT: II-129 CODE BLUE	POLICY #: 1056
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PURPOSE: To provide an organized, planned approach for responding to patients requiring cardiopulmonary resuscitation in the Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC).

POLICY: All direct caregivers in the ASC shall maintain a current BLS certification. All CRNA in the ASC are ACLS and PALS certified

The team responding to the Code Blue will consist of the RN caring for the patient, Anesthesiologist, CRNA or other staff who are ACLS/PALS certified, the surgeon and ASC Nursing Director or Supervisor.

PROCEDURE:

I. CALLING AND CONDUCTING A CODE

A. First Responder:

1. Code Blue In The OR

The first responder will activate the Code Blue by pressing the "CODE" button in the operating room. The audible signal in the OR corridor and the intercom console in ASC scheduling office are activated. ASC scheduling office will overhead announce the OR room where the Code was called by **dialing 89333**, announcing the page, pushing # and hanging up. The RN Circulator makes the announcement if not immediately done by scheduling staff.

2. Code Blue in the PACU or POHA

The first responder will activate the Code Blue by pressing the "CODE" button by the patient's bed/gurney. The PACU, POHA and ASC scheduling office intercom consoles are activated and an audible signal is produced. ASC scheduling office will overhead announce the exact location of the Code by **dialing 89333**, announcing the page, pushing # and hanging POHA or PACU nurse makes the announcement if not immediately done by scheduling staff.

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- B. If indicated, call 911 by using the red phone.
- C. The second responder will bring the Crash Cart with defibrillator to the patient's bedside (or appropriate OR). The patient will be connected to a cardiac monitor (if not already on).
- D. The team responding and any other available ASC staff, will respond to the location of the emergency upon announcement of the Code. The anesthesiologist, ACLS certified surgeon or CRNA will conduct the code giving orders in accordance with the American Heart Association (AHA) ACLS recommendations.
- E. CPR shall continue until:
 - 1. The patient is successfully resuscitated
 - 2. The physician in charge orders CPR to be discontinued, or
 - 3. The patient is transported to the nearest hospital by 911 emergency personnel.
- F. The successfully resuscitated patient will be referred to paramedics via 911 for transport to appropriate facility.

II. **DOCUMENTATION:**

- A. The Code Blue record, located on the crash cart, is to be accurately completed at the time of the occurrence by the licensed nurse. The provider will sign the Code Blue record, once completed, thus authorizing the administration of medications and other treatments, as well as authenticating all verbal orders. The Code Blue record is to be completed with full documentation of:
 - 1. Date
 - 2. Type of arrest
 - 3. Time code started
 - 4. Time code discontinued
 - 5. Outcome of code
 - 6. Code team members
 - 7. IV's, type, site, solutions, and who initiated the IV.

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8. Presence of pacemaker and type (if applicable).
9. Airway management.
10. Vital signs (if unobtainable, indicate attempts and time).
11. Rhythm (additional comments and rhythm strips may be attached to progress notes).
12. Defibrillation (frequency and joules)
13. Medications given including time, dose, and route.
14. Document any intervention outcomes.
15. Physician signature for orders.
16. Recorder's signature.
17. Patient Identification label.

B. A Safety Intelligence (SI) report will be entered by nursing staff.

C. CODE BLUE record to be scanned into the patient's permanent record.

III. REPLACEMENT OF CART:

After each use of an emergency cart or whenever an item has reached its expiration date, the cart will be sent to Central Service (CS) for replacement.

- A. Once a Code Blue has been terminated or completed, the nursing staff will remove and dispose of any used or soiled single-use products, drugs, sharps, and will call the CS to advise that the cart is ready for pick-up/exchange. Nursing will clean defibrillator exterior.
- B. Central Service Technician (CST) will clean and restock the cart per list of contents.
- C. Once the supplies have been replaced, Pharmacist is notified to restock the pharmaceuticals. The Pharmacy will replace the drug tray and lock the drug tray drawer separately from the supply drawers of the crash cart according to Pharmacy policy and procedures. The Pharmacy will call the CS when the cart is complete.
- D. The CST will deliver the stocked and locked cart to the appropriate area in the ASC.

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- E. If an item on the crash carts has expired the above procedure will be followed to clean and restock the cart.

ATTACHMENT:

Code Blue Record

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