**CODE BLUE RESPONSE TEAM ROLES**

**CODE LEADER:** PICU/ES/PEDS Attending or PGY – 3

Responsibilities:
- Identifies self upon arrival
- Directs all code blue activities, assigns all roles
- Gives orders for medications, fluids, procedures
- Supervises procedures/interventions
- Interprets EKG tracings
- Assigns someone to obtain patient history and background information
- Decides when to cease resuscitation activities (pronounces death, if applicable)
- Gives name to Nurse Recorder
- Signs Code Blue Flow sheet
- Meets with family
- Assures notification of Medical Examiner
- Assures notification of Primary and/or Referring Physician

Position: Foot of patient’s bed

**RESIDENT – PL2:** Designated second year resident

Responsibilities:
- Identifies self upon arrival
- Initiates medical care as directed by code leader
- Obtains IV access (within 90 seconds) or Intraosseous access (if no IV ≥ 90 seconds)
- Administers IV medications/fluid bolus; draws labs
- Defibrillation/cardioversion
- Gives name to Nurse Recorder

Position: Patient’s mid-chest region, same side as Medication Nurse/Code Blue cart

**RESIDENT – PL1 or designee**

Designated first year resident. If one not available, the code leader assigns this to extra staff.

Responsibilities:
- Identifies self upon arrival
- Provides chest compressions and verifies effectiveness
- Assures Cardiac backboard is in place
- If services not required, stands over to the side and awaits directions from code leader
- Gives name to Nurse Recorder

Position: Patient’s mid-chest region, same side as Bedside Nurse

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**PEDIATRIC CONSULTANT:** PL-3, PICU/ES/Peds Attending

Responsibilities:
- Identifies self upon arrival
- Provides Pediatric consultation (advises code leader)
- Available for any code blue role
- Gives name to Nurse Recorder

Position: Proximal to code leader

**ANESTHESIA:** Anesthesia attending or resident

Responsibilities:
- Identifies self upon arrival
- Directs airway management and Oxygen therapy in consultation with code leader
- Performs intubation in consultation with code leader
- Assures airway secured
- Gives name to Nurse Recorder

Position: Head of patient’s bed

**RESPIRATORY THERAPIST:** Designated RT

Responsibilities:
- Identifies self upon arrival
- Provides airway management
- Assists Anesthesia with airway management and Oxygen therapy
- Provides Bag/Valve/Mask ventilation
- Brings I-STAT
- Secures ET tube, gives info to nurse recorder
- Procures ventilator
- May assist with drawing ABGs
- Gives name to Nurse Recorder

Position: Head of patient’s bed
**NURSE RECORDER:** Patient’s Primary Nurse

Responsibilities:
- Identifies self upon arrival
- Initiates BLS as needed, activates Code Blue Response Team
- Gives history of events preceding the code blue
- Records all code events once team arrives
- Records vital signs and assessments every 5 minutes
- Completes Resuscitation Flow sheet form
- Signs signature on the Resuscitation Flow sheet
- Records name on Resuscitation Flow sheet

Position: Foot of patient’s bed

**BEDSIDE NURSE:** PICU/Transport Nurse

Responsibilities:
- Identifies self upon arrival
- Brings monitor/defibrillator/pacer
- Assists with (peripheral) IV access, IV fluid and medication administration
- Obtains vital signs and rhythm strips every 5 minutes, verbalizes information to Nurse Recorder
- Attaches monitor leads and multi-function electrodes
- Assists with procedures
- Inserts Nasal Gastric/Oral Gastric Tube and Urinary Foley Catheter
- Assures Cardiac backboard is in place
- Gives name to Nurse Recorder

Position: Patient’s mid-chest region, opposite side Medication Nurse/Code Blue cart

**MEDICATION NURSE:** PICU/Transport Nurse

Responsibilities:
- Identifies self upon arrival
- Brings the PICU emergency bag
- Manages the code blue cart
- Draws up and labels medications and flushes
- Hands off medications as directed by the code leader, identifying the name of medication, etc.
- Accesses equipment from the code blue cart as applicable (i.e. airway equipment, IV supplies, NG tube, lab tubes, etc.)
- Gives name to Nurse Recorder

Position: At the Code Blue Cart

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**STANDBY NURSE:** Unit/Area Staff Nurse

Responsibilities:
- Identifies self upon arrival
- Brings the Code Blue Cart
- Assists with initial response, assists with BLS
- Assists medication nurse with drawing up meds, flushes, obtaining supplies
- Follows direction of Code Leader
- Gives name to Nurse Recorder

Position: At the Code Blue Cart

**NURSING SUPERVISOR:** Designated supervisor at the time of code blue activation

Responsibilities:
- Identifies self upon arrival
- Maintains crowd control and access of code blue team
- Ensures all code blue team members are present
- Contacts the Special Services as is necessary (lab, X-ray, Social Work, more staff)
- Assures that the family is attended
- Becomes the Nurse Recorder until help arrives
- Gives name to the Nurse Recorder

Position: At the Code Blue Cart

**SECURITY:** Designated security personnel at the time of code blue activation

Responsibilities:
- Identifies self upon arrival
- Maintains crowd control and access of code blue team
- Assists the physician/nurse supervisor to dismiss personnel from the area as appropriate
- Directs code blue team members to the medical emergency
- Communicates with the Command Center via two-way radio
- Assists and/or escorts code blue team members to the medical emergency as is necessary (i.e. sub-floor spaces, construction areas, parking lots)
- Informs the Command Center of the need for additional personnel, identifying the personnel by position description
- Assists with obtaining and delivering CODE carts to all areas WITHOUT a CODE BLUE cart (i.e. MRI, ACC/Red Module)
- Cancels the CODE BLUE if instructed to do so by the Physician Director/Nursing Supervisor of the CODE BLUE team. The Security personnel are the only persons who may cancel a CODE BLUE
- Requests additional equipment from the appropriate department if applicable
- Gives name to the Nurse Recorder

Position: Near the entrance to the medical emergency area

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SPECIAL SERVICES: Designated personnel at the time of the code blue activation
Surgical Consultant
Medical Laboratory/Blood Bank Personnel
Social Work
Clergy
Radiology Personnel
Pharmacist/Pharmacy Personnel

Responsibilities:
- Identifies self upon arrival
- Follows directions from the Code Leader and Nursing Supervisor
- Gives name to the Nurse Recorder

Position: Near entrance to the medical emergency area
PEDIATRIC CODE BLUE ROLES DIAGRAM

RESP. THERAPY
ANESTHESIA

RESIDENT - PL1
Provides chest compressions

BEDSIDE NURSE
(PICU/Transport)
Assists w/procedures and meds

HEAD OF BED

RESIDENT - PL2
Performs procedures and assists w/meds

CODE BLUE CART

MEDICATION NURSE
(PICU/Transport)
Manages Code Blue Cart, and draws up meds, etc.

NURSING SUPERVISOR
Provides crowd control, attends the family, liaison for special services

CODE LEADER
(PICU/ES/PEDS
Attending or PGY-3)
Directs Code Blue activities

NURSE RECORDER
Initiates BLS, activates Code Blue Team, records events and assessments

SECURITY
Assists w/crowd control, directs team to code site, brings code cart to the emerg. pm

SPECIAL SERVICES "ad hoc"
- Surgical Consultant
- Laboratory Services/Blood Bank
- Social Work
- Radiology, Radiology Tech
- Pharmacist

Pediatric Code Blue Team Diagram
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Supersedes FL+PEDCODE 9/16/94
Cardiac Board  
O₂ Tank with Regulator/Flowmeter & Wrench  
Resuscitation Record  
Emergency Medication Reference Doses  
Suction Machine (Laerdale)  
1 Yankeur Suction Catheter  
Defibrillator/Monitor  
1 Adult Ambu  
1 Pediatric Ambu  
Face masks – 1 each size 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6  
Conductive gel – 2  
Electrodes – Adult/Pediatric  
Disposable gloves

**Drawer #1 MEDICATIONS**

Epinephrine 1:10,000 Bristojects – 2  
Epinephrine 1:1000 1 mg/ml – 1 (30 ml vial)  
25% Dextrose Inj. Bristojects – 2  
Sodium bicarbonate 8.4% - 2  
Adenosine 6 mg/2 ml – 1  
Atropine Sulfate Bristojects – 1 mg/10ml – 2  
Atropine Sulfate 1 mg/ml – 2  
Calcium gluconate – 2  
Phenobarbital 130 mg/ml – 4  
Phosphenytoin – 250 mg/5 ml – 4  
Dobutamine 250 mg/20ml – 2  
Bretylium 50 mg/ml – 2  
Isoproterenol 1 mg/5 cc – 2  
Furosemide 10 mg/ml – 2  
Naloxone 0.4 mg/ml  
10 ml multidose vial – 1  
Flumazenil 0.1 mg/ml – 1  
Glucagon 1 mg (1 unit)  
Lidocaine 1 mg/ml – 1  
Vecuronium 1 mg/ml – 1  
Sterile water 10 ml – 1  
Heparin Flush 10 u/ml 5 ml vial – 2  
Sodium chloride for injection – 6  
Alcohol wipes  
Needles  18 g – (1-1/2) – 12  
21 g – (1-1/2) – 12  
1 ml TB syringes – 12  
5 ml syringes – 4  
10 ml syringes – 4  
3 ml syringes – 6  
0 ml syringes (luer lock) – 1

**Drawer #2 IV SUPPLIES**

IV catheters – 24 g – 4  
22 g – 4  
20 g – 4  
18 g – 4  
Butterfly for blood drawing 23 & 25 g – 2 each  
Intraosseous Needles – 2  
Alcohol wipes  
Betadine wipes  
Tourniquet  
Tape – clear 1", adhesive 1”  
Venigard – 2  
Scissors – 1  
Davon clamp – 1  
T-connectors – 4  
Stopcocks – 2  
500 ml 0.9% NaCl – 3  
IV Labels  
Buretrol – 2  
Solution set – 10 drops – 1  
4 x 4s – 6

**Drawer #3 AIRWAY/VENTILATION**

#14 suction catheters – 3  
#12 suction catheters – 3  
#10 suction catheters – 3  
#8 suction catheters – 3  
#6-1/2 suction catheters – 3  
#5 suction catheters – 3  
Rusch/Gurdel 000, 00, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6  
Red rubber #14, 16, 18, 20, 22  
Sherwood/Argyle #24, 26, 28, 30, 32  
NSS bullets – 6  
O₂ Tubing  
Adult O₂ mask with tubing – 1  
Small adult O₂ mask with tubing  
Pediatric O₂ mask with tubing – 1

**Drawer #4**

Calculator  
Paper  
Code Sheets  
Precalculated drug sheets  
Infusion work sheets  
Chemstrips, lancets, cotton balls  
Central Line Kits  
3 Fr, 8 cm single lumen  
5 Fr, 8 cm double lumen  
.018 guidewire 30 cm – 2
CODE CART EQUIPMENT (Continued)

Drawer #5  INTUBATION
   #8 endotubes with cuff – 2
   #7.5 endotubes with cuff – 2
   #7 endotubes – 2
   #6.5 endotubes – 2
   #6 endotubes – 2
   #5.5 endotubes – 2
   #5 endotubes – 2
   #4.5 endotubes – 2
   #4 endotubes – 2

Bottom Drawer  MISCELLANEOUS
   O2 tubing – 1
   Adult O2 mask with tubing – 1
   Small adult O2 mask with tubing – 1
   Pediatric O2 mask with tubing – 1
   ABG syringes – 3
   Lab tubes with slips
      Red top – 2
      Lavender – 1
      Green top – 2
   *Sphygmanomanometer with adult and child cuff
   Sterile gloves – sizes 7, 8 (1 each)
   Surgical face masks – 1 box
   Protective goggles – 2
   Betadine solution – 1 bottle
   Arm boards – small, medium, large
   Disposable needle container
   60 ml catheter tip syringe – 2
   Salem Sump Tubes – 2 each
      10 Fr, 12 Fr, 14 Fr
   Feeding Tube 8 Fr – 2
   Central Line Kits
      3 Fr, 8 cm single lumen
      5 Fr, 8 cm double lumen
      .018 guidewire 30 cm – 2
   Ivion tubing – 1

Bottom Drawer or in Treatment Room
   Cast Saw
   Woofers
   Spreaders

*Only on carts located in:  Sports Medicine
                      MRI
                      Medical Imaging Department
                      Occupational/Physical Therapy
                      Clinical Laboratory
                      Dental Clinic
                      Pulmonary Function Laboratory

Refrigerator Drugs (only in patient care areas)
   Succinylocholine 20 mg/1 ml – 1

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