


Name of Policy: <u>Code Blue Emergency Cart Responsibility</u> Policy Number: 3364-136-01-17 Department: Pulmonary Services Approving Officer: Senior Hospital Administrator Responsible Agent: Director, Pulmonary Services Scope: The University of Toledo Medical Center Pulmonary Services Department	 Effective Date: 08/16/2023 Initial Effective Date: May 1, 1987
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(A) Policy Statement

The Department of Respiratory Care's responsibility for Code Blue emergency carts and Broselow pediatric carts will be in accordance with the procedure outlined below.

Drug stock and the locking of all code carts will be the responsibility of the Pharmacy Department.

Code cart supplies will be the responsibility of Central Services.

Broselow cart supplies will be the responsibility of Respiratory Care. Locking of Broselow carts will be the responsibility of Respiratory Care.

Nursing personnel will be responsible for daily defibrillator and oxygen cylinder contents checks for the code cart(s) located on their unit.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To assure provision of the safe and efficient stocking, inventory, and maintenance of emergency Code Blue carts.

(C) Procedure

Each departmental responsibility will be in accordance with the guidelines as follows:

I. Restocking a used Code Cart:

- a. Replace used cart with reserve cart from the RC department. Therapist must ensure the cart has a backboard and an oxygen tank, with an appropriate psi of oxygen.
- b. Prior to returning the used code cart to Pharmacy, the RT will obtain a Pharmacy Code Cart Charging Form and place a patient sticker in the designated space. This form should include date, code cart number, room number of the Code Blue, and be left in the code cart.
- c. The external surfaces of the code cart will be wiped down with appropriate disinfection disposable wipes after use.
- d. The RT will take the used cart to Pharmacy. Pharmacy will remove the drug tray and take the cart to Central Service.

NOTE: In the event the external surface of the cart has been contaminated with blood

and/or body fluids, RT will clean and disinfect all surfaces with appropriate disinfection disposable wipes before delivering it to Pharmacy. If blood and/or body fluid is found within any of the cart drawers, RT will discard any contaminated supplies, wipe down the inside of the affected drawer(s) with appropriate disinfection disposable wipes as appropriate. If the code cart has been in the room of a diagnosed C. Diff patient, the entire exterior of the code cart will be wiped down with Bleach Germicidal wipes. Once the code cart has been thoroughly cleaned/disinfected it is to be delivered to Pharmacy.

- e. After restocking the supplies from Central Service, CS personnel will return the cart to Pharmacy. Pharmacy will resupply the drug stock, check drawer 2, and will be responsible for locking the cart.
- f. Pharmacy may page the Respiratory Care Charge Therapist, beeper 218-4573, to pick up the restocked code cart; it is important (for space purposes in Pharmacy) to pick up the restocked cart in a timely manner. (Pharmacy may also bring the re-stocked and locked cart to Respiratory themselves).
- g. RT will pick up the cart from Pharmacy and return the cart to the Respiratory Care department. The cart must be locked, if it is not, ask the Pharmacy personnel to do so or the cart will not be removed from Pharmacy.

II. Routine Checks:

- a. All Code Carts will be regularly checked by the responsible department/unit as outlined in Hospital Policy #3364-100-45-10 “Code Blue Carts (Contents & Locations)”.
- b. All in-house patient care areas have wall mounted ambu boxes. It is each patient care units’ responsibility to see that these boxes are checked daily for presence of contents: Ambu, flowmeter, cannula and a non-rebreather mask.
- c. Oxygen tank pressure should be recorded in psi measurement.
- d. Code Cart checks will be recorded on the Code Cart rounds sheet (located in the code cart / defibrillator book found on each code cart).
- e. Broselow carts are located in ED, PACU, George Isaac Center, , 6B and Medical Pavilion. An additional cart is kept in the Respiratory Department. They are checked daily for lock integrity and the lock number is documented.

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