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| **Responding to Dr. Blue (code)** |
| **Purpose** | To instruct laboratory staff in responding to a Dr. Blue |
| **Policy Statements** | This applies to all core laboratory staff. |
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| **Materials** | **Supplies** | **Equipment** |
|  | Fully stocked phlebotomy cart | Glucometer |
| **Procedure** | All core laboratory staff are responsible for responding to a Dr. Blue (code blue, codes). Dr. Blue’s are generally called for respiratory arrest or cardiac arrest, however they are used any time a patient, visitor or hospital staff member needs immediate care and is in a life threatening situation. |
|  | **Step** | **Action** | **Related Document** |
|  | 1 | The lab is notified by pager (located in processing), and/or overhead announcement. One person from the lab must respond immediately upon activation. |  |
|  | 2 | The lab staff responding to the Dr. Blue should take a fully stocked phlebotomy tray, glucometer and collection manager device with associated printer to the specified location. This will be on the Dr. Blue pager and/or announced overhead. |  |
|  | 3 | Once at the specified location, remain out of the way unless called upon. |  |
|  | 4 | Labs may or may not be requested. This will be determined by the provider running the code. Depending on the situation, either an RN or lab staff may collect labs. |  |
|  | 5 | Ensure that all specimens are labeled completely and correctly. If the specimens were collected by anyone other than lab staff, ensure that THEY have labeled all specimens. Lab staff should not be labeling specimens that they have not personally collected or identified that patient.  |  |
|  | 6 | A point of care glucose may be requested. | [Nova StatStrip Glucose Meter](http://khan.childrensmn.org/references/labpoct/test/nova-stat-strip-hospital-glucose-meter.pdf) |
|  | 7 | The person responding to the Dr. Blue should personally deliver specimens to the lab and announce the specimens are from the Dr. Blue. |  |
|  | 8 | Core lab staff will process Dr. Blue specimens ahead of all other samples. |  |
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| **Historical Record** | **Version** | **Written/Revised by** | **Effective Date** | **Summary of Revisions** |
| 1 | Daniel Shaw | 6/2010 | Initial Version |
| 2 | Daniel Shaw | 6/2013 | Added appendix C |
| 3 | Daniel Shaw | 6/2017 | Removed appendix C, added bringing collection managerdevice |
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