



# Olive View-UCLA Medical Center Standardized Healthcare Emergency Codes

STAFF TRAINING PRESENTATION

# Background

- ▶ In 1999, hospital shooting with 3 employees dead!
  - ▶ Code Gray was paged because a code didn't exist for a person with a weapon.
  - ▶ Staff ran to the incident without knowing the danger!
- ▶ The Hospital Association of Southern California (HASC) initiated a project to standardize emergency codes.
- ▶ Today, these codes are used throughout the US and even internationally!

# Purpose



- ▶ In general, the codes are based on a color-coded system, with some clarifying information to aid in response.
- ▶ Hospital emergency codes are used to alert staff in a myriad of emergency situations.
- ▶ They are designed to convey essential information as quickly, and with as little confusion as possible whilst also remaining discrete in order to keep both patients and visitors calm.

# DHS Hospital Emergency Codes

- ▶ Code Assist
- ▶ Code Blue
- ▶ Code Gold
- ▶ Code Gray
- ▶ Code Green
- ▶ Code Orange
- ▶ Code Pink
- ▶ Code Purple
- ▶ Code Rapid Response
- ▶ Code Red
- ▶ Code Silver
- ▶ Code Triage: Alert
- ▶ Code Triage: Internal
- ▶ Code Triage: External
- ▶ Code White
- ▶ Code Yellow

# Code Assist

- ▶ Purpose: To provide an appropriate response for urgent medical assistance to outpatients, visitors, and staff.
- ▶ Dial: x114

# Code Blue

## Medical Emergency

- ▶ Purpose: To provide an appropriate response to a suspected or eminent cardiopulmonary arrest or a medical emergency for an adult patient.
- ▶ Dial: x114

# Code Gold

## Behavioral Response

- ▶ Purpose: To provide an appropriate response to violent or self-destructive behavior that is displayed by patients in the emergency room and/or inpatient units.
- ▶ Dial: x111

# Code Gray Combative Person

- ▶ To provide an appropriate response to situations involving a combative or potentially combative person(s).
- ▶ Dial: x111



# Code Green

## Patient Elopement

- ▶ Purpose: To provide an appropriate response in the event of a missing / eloping patient who is determined to be a danger to themselves or is identified as a safety risk.
- ▶ Dial: x111

# Code Orange

## Hazardous Material Spill/Release

- ▶ Purpose: To provide an appropriate response to an actual or suspected hazardous material spill or release in a manner that is safe for staff, patients and visitors.
- ▶ Dial: x111

# Code Pink

## Infant Abduction

- ▶ Purpose: To provide an appropriate response in the event of the abduction, or attempted abduction of an infant from the facility.
- ▶ Dial: x111

# Code Purple Child Abduction

- ▶ Purpose: To provide an appropriate response in the event of the abduction, or attempted abduction of a child from the facility.
- ▶ Dial: x111

# Code Rapid Response

- ▶ Purpose: To provide an appropriate response for urgent medical attention to inpatients.
- ▶ Dial: x114

# Code Red Fire

- ▶ Purpose: To provide an appropriate response in the event of an actual or suspected fire in order to protect life, property and vital services.
- ▶ Dial: x113
- ▶ Emergency Fire Procedure: **S.A.F.E.**
- ▶ Fire Extinguisher Procedure: **P.A.S.S.**

# Code White

## Medical Emergency - Pediatric

- ▶ Purpose: To provide an appropriate response to a suspected or eminent cardiopulmonary arrest or a medical emergency for a pediatric patient.
- ▶ Dial: x114

# Code Yellow Bomb Threat

- ▶ Purpose: To provide an appropriate response in the event of a bomb threat or the discovery of a suspicious device.
- ▶ Dial: x111



# Code Silver

## Person with Weapon / Hostage

- ▶ Purpose: To provide an appropriate response in the event of an incident involving a person with a weapon or who has taken hostages within the facility (includes an “active shooter” incident).
- ▶ Dial: x111

# Code Triage: Alert Potential Emergency

- ▶ Purpose: To inform appropriate staff that an incident (“all hazards”) has occurred, or may occur, that could potentially disrupt the normal operation of the facility.

# Code Triage: Internal Internal Emergency

- ▶ Purpose: To activate the organization's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) in response to an event that has occurred within the facility.

# Code Triage: External External Emergency

- ▶ Purpose: To activate the organization's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) in response to an event that has occurred outside the facility that has, or is likely to disrupt the facility's normal operations.

# How to activate a code...

Call Hospital Operator:

- ▶ FIRE EMERGENCY: Dial ext. 113
- ▶ MEDICAL EMERGENCY: Dial ext. 114
- ▶ NON-MEDICAL EMERGENCY: Dial ext. 111

# References

- ▶ Hospital Policy #79
- ▶ Re-Orientation Study Guide
- ▶ Emergency Code Quick Guide
- ▶ Employee Badge Role Cards

# Summary



- ▶ Do I know the emergency codes and their definitions?
- ▶ Do I know what number to dial and when it is appropriate to call each emergency code?
- ▶ Do I know my roles and responsibilities for each emergency code?

# Questions or Concerns



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## Emergency Management Organization Chart 2021

