



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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