

Practice Alert

ALL PATIENTS

CODE BLUE PRIOR TO CODE TEAM ARRIVAL

- Charge nurse on each inpatient unit designates two first responders for a code that may happen during that shift.
- First responders will each have a bag easily accessible with gown, gloves, eye protection, and appropriate N-95 mask.
- When a code is called, while first responders don PPE, all staff may help prior to chest compressions by:
 - Placing the crash cart outside the patient's door in hallway
 - Placing AED on bed, connecting the AED pads, & turn on
 - Placing backboard under patient
 - Placing a surgical mask on patient
- Once first responders have PPE in place, all others leave the room and close the door. Staff guard door to ensure only those in gown, gloves, eye protection, and N-95/CAPR enter room.
 - One first responder begins chest compressions
 - Other first responder removes surgical mask and places ambu bag on patient, providing 15L blow-by oxygen
 - Ambu bag: Head tilt/chin lift, good seal, NO BAGGING!!!
- For added protection, responders may place plastic drape from chest up to use as a barrier from aerosolized particles.
- Code team arrives, HEPA filter/PEEP valve added to bag mask, bagging may begin ONLY if all present are wearing PPE.