



Code Blue Policy

Code Blue is defined as any patient, staff member or visitor developing significant cardiac/respiratory dysfunction or an arrest while on the premises at one of the surgical centers.

An announcement "Code Blue" will be made with the location of the emergency via the telephone intercom system. If the emergency occurs in Phase II recovery, clinical staff may sound the alarm system located in that area.

Personnel who must respond to Code include:

- **Clinical Manager or designate**
- **All available physicians**
- **All available nursing personnel**

Emergency Coverage Staffing Standards:

- **From time IV is started in first surgical patient until the time the last surgical patient leaves the building, an anesthesiologist will be present on premises.**

Responsibility for managing codes will be assumed by individual who has highest level of training according to the following order of priority:

- **An anesthesiologist**
- **Other available physician**
- **An ACLS certified individual**
- **BLS/CPR certified registered nurse.**

If no physician is available at the time of an emergency, the individual managing the code will decide when 911 will be called.

If anesthesiology is managing the code, the decision to call 911 will be left to their clinical judgment.