



Code Blue

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## Cardiac Arrest/Medical Emergency – Adult

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## **INTRODUCTION**

A **Code Blue** (cardiac arrest/medical emergency - adult) is initiated when a suspected cardiac arrest has occurred.

## **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL STAFF**

- Upon finding any unresponsive individual, notify medical personnel (physician/nurse) immediately.
- Stay with the individual and initiate basic life support, if trained.
- Non-medical personnel are to assist until medical personnel arrive.
- All staff must sign the Emergency Code Participation Record for any Code (drill or actual).

## **INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **Nurse**

- Confirm cardiac arrest/medical emergency + DNR status
- Ensure ACLS guidelines are being followed.
- Ensure that switchboard has been notified to announce Code Blue.
- Bring Crash Cart.
- Maintain order.
- Initiate **Code Blue** as per nursing policies and procedures.
- Complete a formal [Codes Evaluation Form](#) and forward to the Manager of Support Services (administration).

### **Switchboard**

When notified of a **CODE BLUE**, announce the following over the PA system:

**Attention please, attention please**

**Code Blue – specific area**

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Example:

**Attention please, attention please**

**Code Blue – Room 303 LTC**

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