

# **CODE PINK**

**(Cardiac Arrest/Medical Emergency –  
Infant/Child)**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

A **Code Pink** (cardiac arrest/medical emergency – infant/child) is initiated when a suspected cardiac arrest has occurred with a child.

## **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL STAFF**

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

## **INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES:**

### **Charge Nurse/Designate**

- Confirm cardiac arrest/medical emergency.
- Notify switchboard to make the announcement.
- Ensure PALS guidelines are followed.
- Maintain order.
- Complete a formal [Codes Evaluation Form](#) and forward to the Manager of Support Services (administration).

### **Switchboard**

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

**Attention please, attention please**  
**Code Pink – specific area**  
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Example:

**Attention please, attention please**  
**Code Pink – Room 303 LTC**  
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