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CODE PURPLE

Hostage Taking

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INTRODUCTION

A **Code Purple** (hostage taking) is initiated to support an immediate response where a hostage is taken.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL STAFF

- **Do not enter area where situation is unfolding.**

It is the responsibility of all staff to:

- Upon hearing **Code Purple** announcement, at any time, return to your department, if safe to do so.
- Remain calm and avoid any aggressive behaviour in order to reduce the level of agitation.
- Remain alert for opportunities to ensure safety of all occupants.
- Account for staff and patients and wait for further instructions (i.e.: Code Green).
- Prevent unauthorized people from entering the area/building.
- All participants must sign the Emergency Code Participation Record for any Code (drill or actual).
- Participate in the debriefing session as required.

CODE PURPLE PROCEDURE

- Notify switchboard to announce a **Code Purple** over the PA system.
- Call 9-1-1.
- Secure the area by instructing all visitors, patients/residents and others to leave the area immediately.
- Remove all stimulus (music, air handlers, monitors, wifi, etc.).
- Communicate all pertinent information to the appropriate personnel.
- Debriefing session will be held following the completion of **Code Purple**.

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

SWITCHBOARD

- When notified of a **CODE PURPLE** situation, announce the following over the PA system:

Attention please, attention please	*Example:*
Code Purple – general area	*Attention please, attention please*
Code Purple – general area	*Code Purple – LTC*
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	Code Purple – LTC

- When directed by the Incident Manager, announce the following over the PA system:
  Attention please, attention please
  Code Purple all clear
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INCIDENT MANAGER (Charge Nurse, Admin on Call or Assigned Delegate)

The most appropriate staff member available will assume the role of **Incident Manager.**

- Immediately evacuate patients/visitors/personnel from area of danger, if safe to do so.
- Call 9-1-1- immediately and request the OPP.
- The Code Purple Leader is to contact administration on-call (i.e.: initiate the IMS as required).
- Provide leadership through direction and guidance to staff during Code Purple.
- Facilitate a debriefing session to evaluate the incident.
- Complete a formal Codes Evaluation Form and forward to the Manager of Support Services (administration).