

Emergency Conditions & Basic Staff Response

Ventura County Medical Center/Santa Paula Hospital

VCMC Dial 7-6666

SPH Dial 7-8666

PROBLEM	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSE		
Code Red	Experiencing a fire, smoke or smell of something burning.	Call paging with building, location floor & room # of "Code Red". Rescue anyone in danger Activate alarm Close doors & windows Extinguish fire (if safe)	Use an extinguisher to put out fire (If safe). Pull the pin Aim hose at base of fire Squeeze the handle Sweep side to side	Evacuate if appropriate.
Code Stroke	Person with sudden stroke symptoms onset. (Face drooping, arm weakness, difficulty speaking)	Assess need, call for help. Call paging with location of "Code Stroke".		
Code Blue	Person 18 & older with cardiopulmonary arrest.	Assess need, call for help & initiate CPR, bring crash cart. Call paging with location of "Code Blue".		
Code White	Person under 18 with cardiopulmonary arrest.	Assess need, call for help & initiate CPR, bring crash cart. Call paging with location of "Code White".		
Rapid Response	Deteriorating patient status or failure to respond to treatment.	Assess & treat life threats - ABC's. Call paging with location of "Rapid Response". Maintain ABC's, assure IV access & bring crash cart.		
Code Sepsis	Patients with a positive sepsis screen with initial hypotension criteria and/or a lactate ≥ 4.0 mmol/L.	Call paging with location of "Code Sepsis".		
Code Maternity	OB hemorrhage.	Call paging with location of "Code Maternity". Nursing Supervisor to call OR team.		
Code Yellow	Trauma victim(s) MCI (3-8 patients) Tier 1 (highest acuity) Tier 2 (moderate acuity) Tier 3 (low acuity)	ER Staff prepare for patient arrival. Respond per VCMC Trauma Response Plan. Report pertinent information to the Nursing Supervisor.		
Code Pink	Infant abduction under age one missing or reported kidnapped.	Call paging with location of "Code Pink". Go to the closest exit and watch for a person with a large package or an infant escorted by a person without a VCMC/SPH badge. Verify infant identity (wristband) or see contents of package. Immediately report suspect description and direction of travel to security & nursing supervisor.		
Code Purple	Child Abduction age 1-12, missing or reported kidnapped.	Call paging with location of "Code Purple". Go to closest exit, watch for anyone exhibiting unusual behavior. Verify child's identity (wrist band). Immediately report suspect description and direction of travel to security & nursing supervisor.		
Code Gray	Security situation of an escalating/potentially violent behavior.	Clear the area to avoid others becoming involved. Call paging with location of "Code Gray".		
Code Green	At risk patient elopement	All employees are to cover all exits & ask question of any patient in hospital attire. Call paging with location of "Code Green".		
Code Violet	Irate visitor in behavioral health (IPU) lobby only.	IPU operator to announce internal code. All available staff to report to location.		
Code Orange	Hazardous Material Spill or Release-Incidental Spill: a small spill presenting NO hazard to trained staff or environment.	Call paging with location of "Code Orange". Trainer/User clean up spill. Use appropriate protective equipment/decontamination materials. Appropriately dispose of materials.		
	Radioactive / Major Incident Emergency/Major Spill: a spill that presents hazard to people&/or an environment or effects are unknown.	Isolate the spill area (evacuate). Deny entry to others. Notify your supervisor. Seek/coordinate medical treatment of decontaminated victim.		
Code Triage Disaster	Level 1 (9-20 Pts) Level 2 (21+ Pts) Emergency Situation presenting hazard to employee or environment & interrupts normal service.	Report to department to receive specific duty. If required, initiate your department's Callback list. Appropriately carry out your assignment. Seek/ coordinate medical treatment of victims.		
Code Zero	Evacuation of areas that may be hazardous to life, health, or safety.	Administrator will notify all in area of need to evacuate. Evacuate ambulatory, wheelchair, & then bed ridden patients. Report to designated assembly area. Account for all who were in the area previous.		
Code Silver	A person is brandishing a weapon and/or has taken a hostage(s) within the hospital or its property.	Immediately call 911 & then call paging with # of suspects, physical descriptions, and type of weapon & location of "Code Silver". Close the immediate area & initiate hospital lockdown. Seek cover/protection & warn others.		
Code Black Active Shooter	Person actively shooting a weapon.	Escape the area if safe to do so, call 911, & then call paging stating there is an active shooter with their last known location, and location of "Code Black". If unable to escape, find shelter, barricade doors, silence cell phones, & turn off lights.		
Lock Down	Civil disturbance; weapon or chemical spill on campus	Monitor all entry and exits; ensure no one enters or exits the building.		