Code Blue
(Cardiac Arrest)

Code Pink
(Cardiac Arrest – Infant/Child)
Code Blue

• This Code is used the event of a recognized cardiac arrest/medical emergency in an adult patient/visitor.

Code Pink

• This Code is used in the event of a recognized cardiac arrest/medical emergency in a pediatric patient/visitor (pediatric is defined as any child weighing 0-80 lbs, (0 – 36 kg), including newborns).

• Note, there is no Code Pink protocol in the Penetanguishene site. At the Penetanguishene site, **immediately call 9-911.**
Code Blue & Code Pink

Upon identification of a cardio respiratory emergency the first available staff member will delegate someone to notify Switchboard/Emergency Registration (Dial 5555) to announce location of Code Blue or Code Pink over the PA system.

• All staff shall return to their units upon hearing CODE BLUE or CODE PINK.

• The Code Blue Team or Code Pink Team immediately responds and assumes the roles designated in the Code Manual.

• When a Code Blue or a Code Pink is called, appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) MUST be worn. Masks, face shields and other PPE are stored on the crash cart.
**Midland Site**

**Code Blue**

**Level II - Non-Nursing Areas**
- Emergency will bring their crash cart to Diagnostic Imaging.
- 2 East will bring their crash cart to all other non-nursing areas.

**Level I**
- I.C.U. staff will bring the crash cart from the ambulatory care department (Code for entry 135135*), to all areas on Level I.

**Emergency Department**
- Will bring the Broselow Cart to the Code

**Code Pink**

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Midland Site
Code Blue & Code Pink Procedure

**Discovery Person**

- Call **CODE BLUE** or **CODE PINK** from the nearest phone (Dial 5555). Switchboard to announce exact location overhead – Code Blue or Code Pink, Site, unit/department and room number, 3 times. In off hours, all calls are directed to the Emergency Registration Clerk.
- Begin CPR and continue until relieved (2 minutes per provider).
- Secondary person will bring crash cart if available in area.
- Secondary person will initiate documentation.

**NOTE:** If Discovery Person is not CPR certified – **DO NOT** begin CPR. Call for help immediately.
Midland Site
Code Blue & Code Pink Procedure

Staff assigned to patient
• Identify self on arrival and role.
• Return to area immediately and provide patient history and report.
• Ensure call to Most Responsible Physician (MRP).

Emergency Physician
• Identify self and role upon arrival.
• Obtain report from assigned staff.
• Lead resuscitation.
• Direct care of the patient until Most Responsible Physician (MRP) arrives and care is assumed by MRP.
• Verbal handover to transfer care.

Most Responsible Physician (MRP) / GP On-call
• Once verbal transfer of care has occurred, MRP can assume control.
• 2300 – 0700 hours – if the MRP is not available, contact the GP On-call
Midland Site

Code Blue & Code Pink Procedure

**Intensive Care Unit Nurse**

NOTE: If arrest is on Level I, obtain Crash Cart from Ambulatory Care Department hallway (entry code 135135*)

**Code Blue**

- Identify self on arrival and role.
- Attach cardiac monitor, and pads as required.
- Defibrillate when required.
- Administer life-saving medication.
- Direct team members as needed.

**Code Pink**

- Identify self on arrival and role.
- Attach cardiac monitor, and pads as required.
- Monitor effectiveness of compressions, alternate for compressions.
- Check brachial pulse and pupils.
- Assist with ventilation / intubation when RRT not available.
Midland Site
Code Blue & Code Pink Procedure

Emergency Nurse

**Code Blue**
- Identify self on arrival and role.
- Initiate I.V. of Saline or as directed (x2 sites).
- Monitor effectiveness of compressions, alternate for compressions.
- Check carotid pulse and pupils.
- Assist with ventilation / intubation when RRT not available.

**Code Pink**
- Identify self on arrival and role.
- Bring Broselow Cart to Code Pink.
- Measure child’s length with Broselow tape.
- Initiate I.V. of Saline or as directed (x2 sites).
- Defibrillate when required.
- Administer life-saving medication.
- Direct team members as needed.
Midland Site
Code Blue & Code Pink Procedure

**Recorder** (Unit Manager, Hospital Supervisor, Team Leader, or delegate)
- Identify self on arrival and role.
- Provide support and guidance for nursing personnel.
- Ensure MRP has been notified.
- Appoint someone to notify Chaplain and family.
- Control crowd, remove unnecessary personnel/equipment.

**Respiratory Therapy** (weekdays- 0830h- 1630h)
- Identify self on arrival and role.
- Set up Oxygen and suction
- Provide assisted ventilation.
- Assist with intubation.
- Monitor and assist with airway management.
- Set up mechanical ventilation when required.
- Draw ABG's as requested.
Midland Site
Code Blue & Code Pink Procedure

Lab Technician

**Code Blue**
- Identify self on arrival and role.
- Bring ECG machine to department.
- Enquire if your presence is required.
- If required, collects samples and expedite sample to the Lab for STAT testing.

**Code Pink**
- Identify self on arrival and role.
- Collect samples if required and expedite samples to the lab for STAT testing as ordered.
- Be prepared to obtain ECG machine and bring to location.
Midland Site
Code Blue & Code Pink Procedure

Security
• Assist with crowd control.

All Unit Staff
• Return to the Unit when they hear a Code Blue or Code Pink in their department.
• Assist by keeping congestion around the code area down.
• Monitor the other patients on the unit if not participating in code.
Penetanguishene Site
Code Blue Procedure

**Discovery Person**

- Dial 9-911.
- Call the **CODE BLUE** from the nearest phone (#5555). State: “Code Blue, Penetanguishene Site, Unit/Department”. Switchboard makes an overhead announcement. In off hours, all calls are directed to the Emergency Registration Clerk.
- Begin CPR and continue for 2 minutes or as directed by Automated External Defibrillation (A.E.D.)
- **If Discovery Person is not CPR certified – DO NOT begin CPR. Call for help immediately.**
- **Note:** It is recommended that CPR be performed for 2 minutes per provider if relief staff is available.
Penetanguishene Site
Code Blue Procedure

Secondary Person (Dialysis Staff Person)

- Bring Automated External Defibrillator (A.E.D.) & Crash Box
  - Crash Box contents are:
    - Ambu-bag Resuscitation Device with mask and alternate airway connector
    - Oral airway sizes 9/10 (orange/green)
    - Oxygen setup including tubing with connector & mask
    - Suction setup including canister, liner, tubing & suction catheters
    - Cardiac board

- Apply A.E.D. pads and start device.
- Follow directions per A.E.D.
Penetanguishene Site
Code Blue Procedure

The Team Leader or Charge Nurse of the unit/department

- Co-ordinate the Code Blue and transfer of the patient to Midland Site Emergency Department via ambulance. The following will be delegated to staff as appropriate:
  a) Insert airway and start ventilation via Ambu-bag
  b) Document code on C.P.R. / A.E.D / Medical Emergency Record.
  c) Set up oxygen and suction equipment.
  d) Assign someone to monitor patients on the unit if not participating in the code.
  e) Inform Most Responsible Physician (MRP) of Code Blue.
  f) Assign someone to notify family and Chaplain.
  g) Control crowd, remove unnecessary personnel.
  h) Clear unnecessary equipment from area.
  i) After patient transfer; FAX patient information to Midland Emergency Department (705-526-3448) including C.P.R./A.E.D./Medical Emergency Record, MARs and History and Physical Note. Await call from Midland ED if more information is required.

- Responsible for completing the Code Debriefing Report

One person from the Finance Department
- Respond as the runner-go-to person.
After the Code Blue or Code Pink is over

• Notify Manager or Hospital Supervisor if after hours.
• Complete Code Debriefing Report and forward to Manager.
• Complete the Code Blue/Code Pink/Medical Emergency Record (Midland site) or the C.P.R. / A.E.D. / Medical Emergency Record (Penetang site) and place in the patient chart. Provide a copy with the Code Debriefing Report.
After the Code Blue or Code Pink is over

Code Blue

Midland site:
• Ensure the crash cart is restocked and exchanged with a replacement cart.

Penetanguishene site:
• Ensure the crash box is restocked and replacement is placed in A.E.D.

Code Pink

Midland Site:
• Ensure the crash cart is restocked and exchanged with a replacement cart.
• Ensure the Broselow Cart is restocked.
Code Blue and Code Pink Policies & Procedures

The Code Blue Policies & Procedures and the Code Pink Policies & Procedures can be accessed from:

- The NSHA Shared drive\NSHA Policies\Emergency Plans\Codes\Code Blue or Code Pink
- The GBGH Intranet, under GBGH Emergency Plans