CAR Diopulmonary Resuscitation FORM

PURPOSE:

To facilitate accurate and complete documentation of code occurrences and action taken.

To provide a record for review and evaluation of CPR & Advanced Life Support measures.

POLICY:

1. The Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation form (SN 1036) shall be initiated by a registered nurse, or their designee, during each code.

2. All drugs administered during a code shall be documented, by the recorder, in the spaces provided at the time of administration.

3. All other resuscitative measures shall be documented as they occur in the spaces provided at the time of occurrence. Sections of the code sheet that do not apply shall be marked N/A.

4. Copies of the Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (SN 1036) form shall be kept on the Crash Cart for ready use.

5. The completed Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation form shall be stamped with the patient’s addressograph card and the white (top) copy placed with the chart as a permanent part of the patient’s medical record. Signatures of the recorder and the physician in charge are required for completion of the form. Physician’s signature affirms that all documented interventions were ordered.

6. Resuscitative measures shall be immediately critiqued by the attending MD or RN with appropriate documentation recorded in the space provided on the back of the hard copy. NOTE: Separate the hard copy from the original (chart copy) before completing critique.
7. Staff shall complete a Variance Report for problematic codes (equipment not available, personnel not responding, etc.). Refer to Hospital Policy # 2.2 Variance Reporting/Sentinel Events for further information.

8. The hard copy of the **Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation** (SN 1036) form shall be sent to Hospital Quality Management for collection of Performance Improvement data. Hospital Quality Management:

   A. Refers to issues identified via the CPR Form to the appropriate Supervisor/Administrator for corrective action, and  

   B. Reports code findings to Hospital Quality Management quarterly via Nursing Performance Improvement.

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Administrator

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Date

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