LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER - SHREVEPORT

CODE 99 RESUSCITATION TEAM

Purpose:

To administer Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)/Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) to individuals who have experienced a cardiopulmonary arrest.

Policy:

1. The Code 99 Resuscitation Team shall include a qualified representative from Internal Medicine, Surgery, Anesthesiology, Respiratory Therapy, Blood Gas, Critical Care Nursing, EKG Technician and two interns from the medicine service. Pharmacy shall assist when staffing permits. Other individuals whose services are needed may be called upon to assist by any member of the Code Team.

2. The Code 99 Team shall be “on call” for twenty-four (24) hours a day, every day. Each team member shall carry, for a designated period of time, during his/her period of duty, a designated code beeper. Length of duty shall be determined by individual departments and/or services.

3. Staff shall call 55007 to access the code team. Staff shall inform the switchboard operator which code team is required (adult or pediatric) and the location of the code (floor, room & bed number).

4. The switchboard operator, following notification of a Code, beeps the Code 99 Team and other necessary personnel. In the event of a second code, while the other is still in progress, the operator shall beep the code team and the code director shall determine the appropriate disposition and assignment of personnel to assist.

5. Registered Nurses assigned to the Code 99 Team shall have a current Advanced Cardiac Life Support/Pediatric Advanced Life Support card.
6. The **Code 99 Team** shall be responsible for:
   
a. Responding immediately to all code 99’s.

b. Conducting the code according to current Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) or Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) protocols.

c. Recording any pertinent data on the patient’s record.

7. The Code 99 Team Director shall document a code note for placement in the patient’s medical record.

8. The nursing unit, clinic, and/or department on which the Code 99 occurs, shall be responsible for initiating Basic Life Support (BLS) until the **Code 99 Team** can respond.

9. The Charge RN/Designee in the patient care area on which the Code 99 occurs shall be responsible for:
   
a. Overseeing traffic control on the unit.

b. Ensuring that emergency equipment is brought to the bedside.

c. Delegating duties to appropriate personnel to ensure the unit’s continued function.

d. Serving as the recorder for the resuscitation efforts or delegating an appropriate person to do so.

e. Documenting and completing the Code 99 record.

f. Contacting the admitting office (5082) if the patient needs to be transferred to a critical care bed.

g. Evaluating the situation to see if additional personnel are needed to ensure that the Patient Care Area continues to function.

10. The patient’s primary physician shall be responsible for:
    
a. Making arrangements for an ICU bed if needed.

b. Informing the patient’s family of the situation.

c. Completing the medical record if the patient expires, noting the events leading up to the patient’s death, cause of death, date and
time of death, coroner’s case, autopsy requested, and physician signature.

11. The nurse member of the Code 99 team is responsible for managing the crash cart during the code and administering the drugs when the M.D. is unable to do so.

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Administrator

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Date

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