

Emergency Conditions & Basic Staff Response

PROBLEM	DESCRIPTION	INITIAL RESPONSE	SECONDARY RESPONSE	FOLLOW-UP
Cardiac Arrest CODE BLUE	Person in cardiopulmonary arrest.	Assess need, call for help and initiate CPR.	VCMC Campus - Dial 7-6666 SPH Campus – Dial 7-8666 Outside Clinics – Dial 911 Report Code Blue, Unit/room, Adult or Child Crash Cart.	Assess and complete report of incident.
Fire CODE RED	Fire, smoke or smell of something burning.	VCMC Campus -- Dial 7-6666 SPH Campus -- Dial 7-8666 Outside Clinics -- Dial 911 Give floor #, location, building # and room number. Rescue anyone in danger Activate alarm Close doors and 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.
Patient Trauma / Ambulance CODE YELLOW	Arrival of trauma victim. MCI (3-8 patients) Tier 1 (highest acuity) Tier 2 (moderate acuity)	ER and Staff prepare for patient arrival.	Respond per Code Yellow protocol (<i>Nursing Procedure Manual</i>).	Report pertinent information to the Nursing Supervisor.
Infant Abduction CODE PINK	An infant under age one is missing or is known to have been kidnapped.	Go to closest exit, watch for person with a large package or infant not being escorted by a known nurse in uniform.	Verify infant identity (wrist name tag) or see contents of package. Get description of adult, direction of travel.	Immediately report information on suspect to Security and Nursing Supervisor.
Child Abduction CODE PURPLE	A child aged 1 – 12 is missing or is known to have been kidnapped.	Go to closest exit, watch for anyone exhibiting unusual behavior.	Verify child's identity (wrist name tag). Get description of adult, direction of travel.	Immediately report information on suspect to Security and Nursing Supervisor.
Security Situation CODE GRAY	Any escalating or potentially violent behavior.	Clear the area to avoid others becoming involved.	Report incident information to Security and Supervisor.	Complete report of incident.
Weapon or Hostage Situation CODE SILVER	A person is brandishing a weapon and/or has taken hostage(s) within the hospital or its property.	Call 911 immediately, then call Security: VCMC Campus -- Dial 7-6666 SPH Campus -- Dial 7-8666 Then Notify Paging -- (#76075)	Close the immediate area and initiate hospital lockdown. Seek cover/protection and warn others.	Assess and complete report of incident.
Hazardous Material Spill or Release CODE ORANGE Radioactive / Major Incident	Incidental Spill: Small spill presenting NO hazard to trained staff or environment. ----- Emergency/Major Spill: Spill presenting hazard to people/environment or effects are unknown.	Trainer/User clean up spill. Use appropriate protective equipment/decontamination materials. ----- Isolate the spill area (evacuate). Deny entry to others. Notify your Supervisor.	Appropriately dispose of materials. ----- Seek/coordinate medical treatment of decontaminated victim.	Complete report of incident. ----- Complete report of incident.
Disaster CODE TRIAGE Level 1 (9-20 pts) Level 2 (21+ pts)	Emergency Situation presenting hazard to employee/environment and interrupts normal service.	Report to department to receive specific duty. If required, initiate your department Call-Back list.	Appropriately carry out your assignment. Seek/ coordinate medical treatment of victims.	Assess and complete report of incident.
Rapid Response (VCMC/SPH)	Deteriorating patient status or failure to respond to treatment.	Assess & treat life threats - ABC's Dial emergency code #/report: VCMC Campus -- Dial 7-6666 SPH Campus -- Dial 7-8666	Maintain ABC's, assure IV access, bring code cart, chart.	Assess & complete report of incident – Rapid Response form
Earthquake	Significant shaking of building.	Duck and Cover. Protect self/head, get under table, away from objects like to fall.	Triage yourself, survey damage, take appropriate defensive action.	Report damage/problems to Department Supervisor.
Evacuation CODE ZERO	Remaining in area may be hazardous to life, health or safety.	Administrator will notify all in area of need to evacuate. Evacuate ambulatory, wheelchair, then bed ridden; records if safety permits.	Report to designated assembly area and account for all persons who were in previous area.	Report evacuation status to Supervisor. Identify any missing personnel.

