


# CCHE-57357 -Policy and Procedure

 <p>مؤسسة مستشفى سرطان الأطفال - مصر Children's Cancer Hospital Foundation - Egypt</p>		<b>Policy Name:</b> <b>Emergency Drugs and the Pharmacy's Emergency Responsibilities</b>	
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## 1.0 Change of policy

### 1.1 No changes

## 2.0 Purpose

**2.1** To promptly and efficiently provide a Crush cart with supplies and equipment necessary for providing advanced life support to pediatric patients.

**2.2** To secure the medications after the cart is opened at completion of a code blue until medications can be replaced, restocked and secured with new plastic lock.

## 3.0 Policy

### 3.1 Policy statement

3.1.1 Emergency medications are available, uniformly stored, monitored, and secure when stored out of the pharmacy

3.1.2 It the policy of CCHE to ensure that the Emergency medication is promptly and efficiently supplied.

### 3.2 Scope

3.2.1 All patients' care areas that have crash carts and emergency kits.

### 3.3 Responsibilities

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- 3.3.1 It is the assigned nurse in Charge responsibility to check (Defibrillators check list, defibrillator charged, oxygen cylinder-full, I.V pole and sharps containers present or not) daily and to document the check on the appropriate log.
- 3.3.2 Round pharmacist's responsibility to check for medication integrity of the Cart weakly and to document the check on the appropriate log.
- 3.3.3 Audit team will check Cart for integrity and expiration dates monthly using the unit inspection report

#### 4.0 Definitions /abbreviations:

- 4.1 CCHE: Children Cancer Hospital – 57357 Egypt
- 4.2 CPID: Continuous Performance Improvement Department
- 4.3 MMU: Medication Management & Use
- 4.4 MMS: Medication Management & Safety

#### 5.0 Procedure:

- 5.1 Pharmacy, code blue committee and In - Patient Care Practices Committee will review the uniformly contents of the cart annually and will update if needed.
- 5.2 Each unit with a Crash cart will perform daily integrity checks of the supplies and equipment and ensure that the plastic lock is in place.
- 5.3 Each Nursing unit director or her designee is responsible to perform an inventory check on the supplies and equipment of the cart daily or upon opening of the cart for any reason.
- 5.4 Any items close to expiring (during 3 month) will report that to main stores to replace it according to its availability
- 5.5 Documentation of items present and expiration date will be maintained on the Pediatric Crash log.
- 5.6 The completed log will be maintained on the unit.
- 5.7 Always crash cart must be closed and opened only during the code blue.
- 5.8 Nursing staff is responsible for checking the cart's content on daily basis.
- 5.9 Every week the crash cart will be opened by the nursing staff and check defibrillator device and test it, Instruments count, Medication count, labeling and expire dates and Supply count and its expired date.
- 5.10 After finishing the code blue, crash cart will be complete immediately and locked (maximum period to complete the cart and lock is two hours) and the same in damaged medications.
- 5.11 There is emergency kit stored at nurse floor stock in all inpatients & outpatient's area & are regularly checked by nurse staff
- 5.12 Emergency drug dispensed from floor stock according to verbal order policy

#### 6.0 References:

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6.1 N/A

## 7.0 Appendices

### 7.1 Forms

7.1.1 N/A

### 7.2 Related Policy(S)

7.2.1 Medication Management Program

### 7.3 Related Standards:

7.3.1 Joint Commission Accreditation Standards – MMU Chapter. (MMU.3.1)

7.3.2 GAHAR Standards MMS. 05

### 7.4 Attachments

7.4.1 Crash cart medication list