Standardized Emergency Codes

Code	Definition and Announcement
Blue	**Cardiac or respiratory arrest** "Code Blue (Adult, Maternity, Neonate, Pediatric, or VA.D.) - *location*"
Gray	**Combative Person** "Code Gray - *location*"
Orange	**Hazardous Material Spill** "Code Orange - Hazardous Materials Spill/Release - *location*"
Pink	**Infant Missing or Abducted (up to the age of 2)** "Code Pink last seen - *location* [insert description, age, gender, race, clothing, and description of individual that may be with, if available.]"
Purple	**Child/Adult Missing or Abducted (over age 2)** "Code Purple (child or adult) - last seen - *location and description*."
Red	**Fire** "Code Red - *location*"
Silver	**Person with a Non-Firearm Weapon or Hostage Situation** "Code Silver - *location*. A security threat exists at location. All persons should immediately move away from that location if it is safe to do so. If it is not safe to move away, seek shelter or remain in a room with the door closed until an all clear has been announced."
Silver - Active Shooter	"Code Silver - active shooter - *location*. A security threat involving a firearm exists at location. All persons should immediately move away from that location if it is safe to do so. If it is not safe to move away, seek shelter or remain in a room with the door closed until an all clear has been announced."
Lime	**Electronic Health Record is down** "Code Lime - initiate (EPIC, PACS, other) downtime procedures."
Sepsis	**Patient is in septic shock and needs emergent attention** "Code Sepsis - *location*."
Yellow	**Bomb Threat / Suspicious Device** "Code Yellow - *location*."
Triage, Internal/External, Alert/Activate	**Disaster/MCI/Patient Surge event. Activate Emergency Operations. Plan for internal or external incident.** "Code Triage Internal/External - Alert - *describe situation*." OR "Code Triage Internal/External -Activate - *describe situation*. The emergency operations plan has been activated." When applicable, the following should be added to the announcement: "Incident management team members should proceed to the location for a briefing." * NOTE: Plain language should be used to describe the situation.

Code Team

The Code Team will respond to all patient medical emergencies in the main hospital and will respond to non-patient emergencies only if requested Code Blue (5-5555) is called. The Code Team is multi-disciplinary, made up of ICU ~~physicians~~ *providers*, nurses, respiratory therapists, security and a Nursing Supervisor.

Code Blue or Other Medical Emergency

If you witness a patient, visitor or staff member who is in cardiac and/or respiratory distress, or having a medical emergency, immediately seek medical-nursing assistance by calling for help—and by dialing 5-5555 from a hospital phone.

Patient care areas should also use the Code Blue alarm system and alert the hospital operator by dialing 5-5555.

For other types of urgent medical situations (Rapid Response) and non-medical emergencies (Code Red, Code Gray, etc.), dial 4-4444 from an in-house phone and provide the nature of the emergency, and your name and location.

Outside of the Hospital

For patient and non-patient emergencies in 1912 or Monteagle Buildings, **call 911.**

[handwritten margin notes:] Medical Office Building; 2 PAC; 1 CAC

Staff response to a Code Purple announcement:

Immediately stop all non-critical work and proceed to your department's pre-assigned area(s) to observe stairwell doors, elevator areas and exit doors. If outside of your department, monitor the nearest exit. Continue monitoring until "Code Purple—All Clear" is announced.

Identify anyone matching the description of the missing child/adult and call the emergency number.

Respectfully engage anyone who is carrying a child or may be concealing a small child. Explain the situation and request to inspect small objects.

Identify anyone in obvious distress (struggling, needing assistance, appearing lost/confused, etc.) and call emergency number.

If the suspect flees, do not forcibly restrain them. If safe to do so, follow them, taking note of their appearance, what they are wearing and how they exited the building.

If the suspect abductor reaches the parking lot and attempts to leave by car, take note of the vehicle's make, model, color and license plate.

Medical Alerts

Alerts	Definition and Telephone Operator Announcement
C-Section	A pregnant patient needs an emergent C-Section "Medical Alert: C-Section - *location*"
ECMO	A patient needs an emergent extracorporeal life support "Medical Alert: ECMO (infant, child, or adult) - *location*"
Imminent Delivery	A pregnant patient in advanced stages of labor cannot be transported to the Labor & Delivery Unit prior to delivery and needs emergent attention "Medical Alert: Imminent Delivery - *location*"
Massive Blood	A patient emergently needs a massive blood transfusion "Medical Alert: Massive Blood Transfusion - *location*"
Rapid Response	A patient with early signs of clinical deterioration needs emergent attention to prevent respiratory or cardiac arrest "Medical Alert Rapid Response - *location and description.*"
Sepsis	A patient has severe sepsis and needs urgent attention "Medical Alert: Sepsis - *location*"
STEMI	A patient with myocardial infarction and ECG evidence of ST elevation needs emergent percutaneous coronary intervention "Medical Alert: STEMI - *location*"