

MSH Emergency Department

MSH ED Code Team Process

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Description of Process: The goal of this document is to standardize the ED Code Team response.

ED Code Team members:

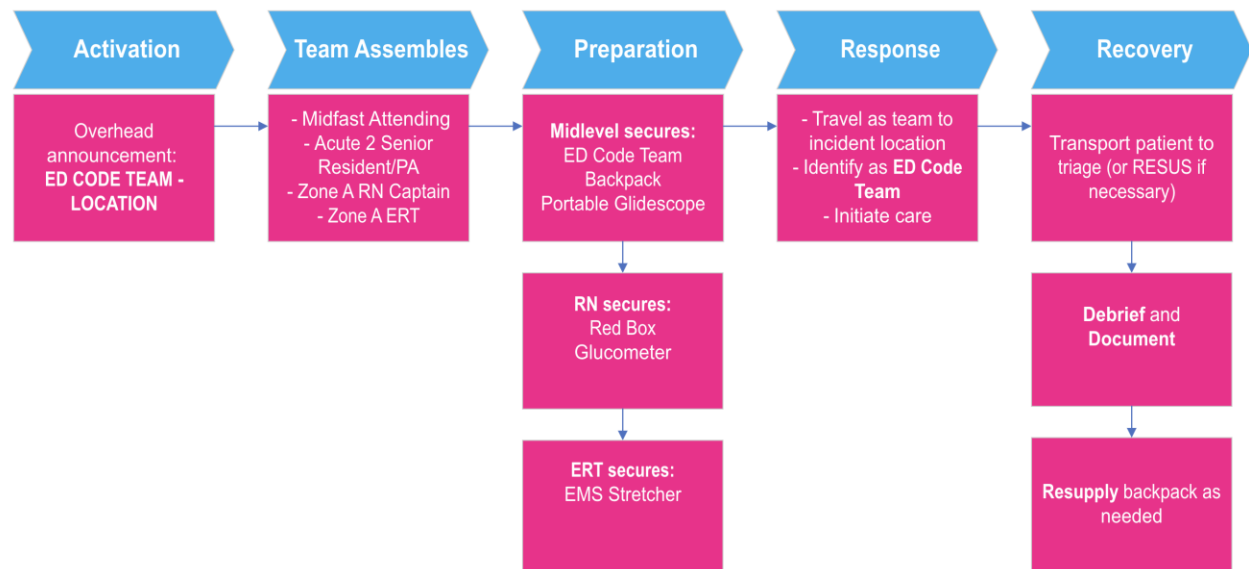
ATTENDING: Mid Fast attending (7-3, 3-11, 11-7 shift) **OR** Pediatrics attending **AND**

MIDLEVEL: Acute 2 senior resident **OR** most senior PA on Acute 2 (Tues PM/Wed AM ONLY) **AND**

NURSE: PITT RN Captain **AND**

ER TECH: PITT ERT 1

Process Overview:



Detailed Process:

**At the beginning of shift, Senior resident/PA to check all supplies ready and team huddle complete*

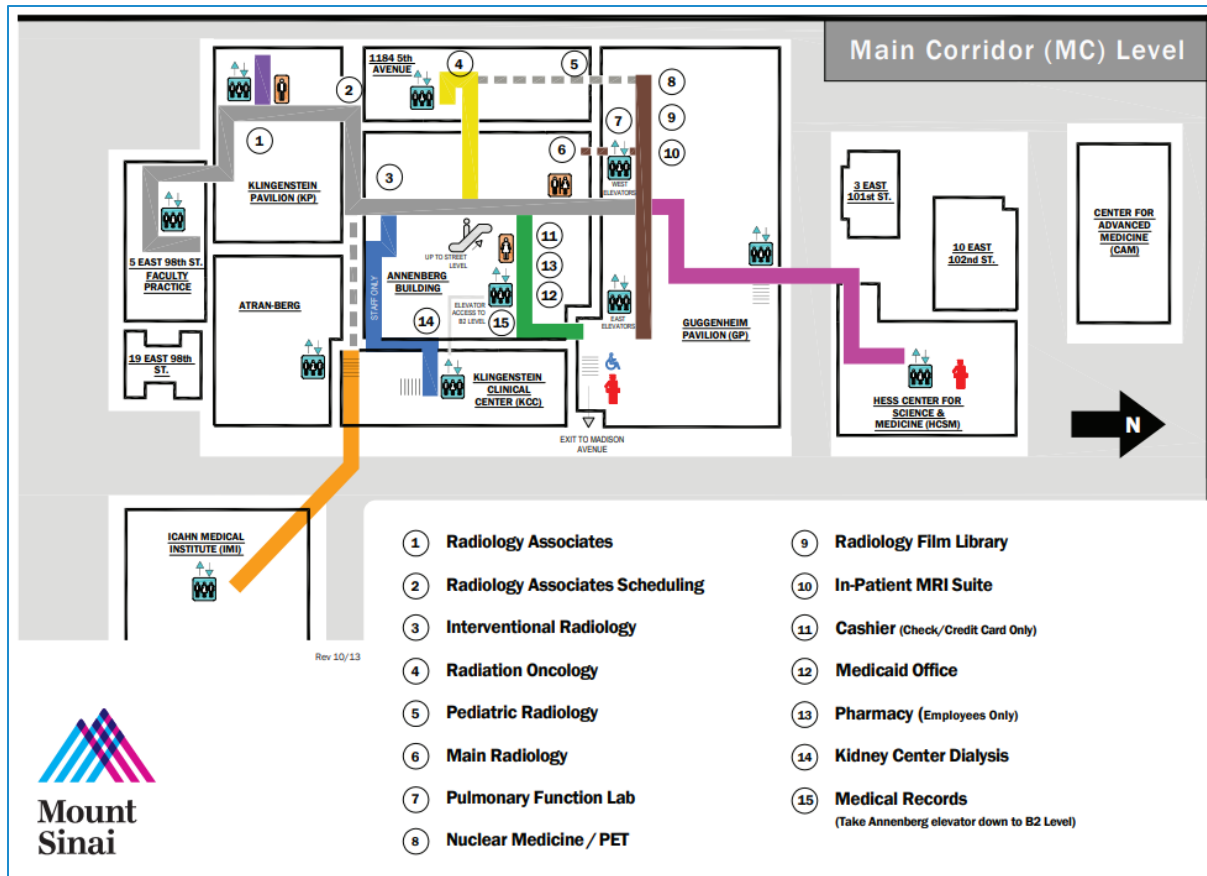
1. **Operator** receives call for "ED CODE TEAM – LOCATION"
 - a. **Operator** announces on hospital paging system: "ED CODE TEAM – LOCATION"
 - b. **Operator** calls ED and relays message to **BA**
 - c. **BA** announces locally overhead: "ED CODE TEAM - LOCATION¹"
 - d. **Telcomm** emails **ED Leadership team** details of code location

2. **Senior Resident/PA** secures ED CODE TEAM BACKPACK², BVM, and portable glidescope
3. **RN** secures RED BOX of medications and GLUCOMETER
4. **ERT** secures EMS STRETCHER located in Zone B alcove
5. **ED Code Team** proceeds to security desk outside Acute 2 immediately and proceeds as a team to incident location
6. On arrival, establish arrival of ED Code Team and assume care using ED CODE TEAM BACKPACK and on-site CODE CART and AED, as needed
7. **ERT arrives with EMS stretcher**
 - a. If needed, use backboard from CODE CART to help transport patient
8. Patient disposition
 - a. If patient is an ED patient or visitor, patient will return to ED
 - b. For all other patients, please refer to **Decompensation/Code Guidelines for Observation and Admitted Patients** which can be found in Epic Documents and escalate to ANM/Physician AOC if any issues
9. **ED Code Team** huddles for debrief led by **Senior resident/PA**
 - a. Notify **ED Physician Admin on Call** in real time of any issues
10. **Midlevel provider** fills out progress note using smart phrase **.EDCODETEAM³**
 - a. If patient is not registered, no documentation needed
 - b. Attending cosigns with critical care time as appropriate
11. **Midlevel provider** returns ED CODE TEAM BACKPACK to closet in RESUS
 - a. If items used, **midlevel** disposes of items in used pack, places used pack in used pack shelf for restocking, and replaces with new pack from backup supply in closet to restock backpack
 - b. **ED Operations team** rounds daily to assure enough backup packets available and not expired
 - c. **ED Operations team** checks backpack bimonthly to assure no packets in backpack have expiring items
12. **ED Leadership team** receives monthly report of ED Code Team activations for monthly review

¹[Per Hospital Policy GPP-215:](#)

ED Code Team or Pediatric Hospital Code Team is the primary responder to:

- All areas of the first floor lobbies and halls of Guggenheim, Annenberg, Atrium, KCC, Klingenstein Pavilion, and 1184 5th Avenue
- All areas of B1 (MC) level including halls and public areas
- All areas of B2 (SC) Level
- All areas of B3 Level of Atran Building
- Annenberg Floors 9 and above, including the Levy Library
- Annenberg Floors 1-3, 5
- Hess Building (if activated by RESQ team after initial assessment complete)



²[ED Code Team Backpack contents: located in cabinet in Zone B Alcove](#)

ED CODE TEAM BACKPACK EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST			
AIRWAY	Qty	ACCESS - IO	Qty
Glidescope MAC 3 blade	1	IO gun	1
Glidescope MAC 4 blade	1	IO needle (pink)	2
Direct laryngoscopy MAC 3	1	IO needle (blue)	2
LMA size 4.5	1	IO needle (yellow)	2
ETT size 6.5	1	Saline flushes	5
ETT size 7.0	1	PPE	
ETT size 7.5	1	Gloves - L	5
Stylet (standard)	1	Gloves - M	5
10 cc Syringe	2	Gloves - S	5
Bougie	1	Face mask with eye shield	5
ETCO2 colorimetric detector	1	VITALS	
Lubricating jelly	2	Manual BP cuff	1
ACCESS - IV		Pulse oximeter	1
IV start kit	2	OTHER	
18G angiocath	3	C-collar	1
20G angiocath	3	Ambu bag	1
22G angiocath	3	Tube tamer	1
Saline flushes	5	This checklist for restocking	1

ED ADULT CODE BACKPACK



BACKPACK



CONTENTS OF BACKPACK



EXTRA PACKETS FOR RESTOCK



STORAGE BIN FOR EMPTY PACKETS

³Smart Phrase: .EDCODETEAM

ED CODE TEAM RESPONSE NOTE

PATIENT'S NAME: @NAME@

MRN #: @MRN@

DATE: @DATE@

TIME CALLED: ***

ED Code Team Leader: ***

Level of Training: ***

PATIENT LOCATION: ***

NOTIFICATION:

ED Code team activated: {yes no:11203::"Yes"}

Primary team notified (if applicable): {yes no:11203::"Yes"}

Cardiac Arrest: {yes no:11203::"Yes"}

Brief Narrative of events: ***

If CARDIAC ARREST, please fill out the following (if no cardiac arrest, please delete this section):

Pulse present at ED Code Team arrival: {yes no:11203}

Was the arrest witnessed: {yes no:11203}

Was patient monitored at arrest onset?(cardiac or pulse oximetry): {yes no:11203::"Yes"}

Were chest compressions initiated?: {yes no:11203} Compression Initiated Time: ***

CIRCULATION:

Rhythm at onset: ***

Shock delivered: {yes no:11203}

External pacemaker utilized: {yes no:11203}

Medication delivery access (eg, IV, IO): ***

AIRWAY/VENTILATION:

Breathing at onset: ***

Airway management required? {yes no:11203}

Intubation/airway method: ***

Number of attempts?: ***

ETT confirmation method : ***

Who performed intubation: ***

OUTCOME:

Reason code ended: ***

Disposition: ***

Suspected etiology of arrest: ***

Time resuscitation ended: ***

Total duration of code: ***

Family Notified: {yes no:11203::"Yes"}

Provider Name: @ME@