

ANESTHESIA ASSISTANT CRISIS RESPONSE PROCEDURE FOR BC CANCER – KELOWNA

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

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BC CANCER		

Introduction

- BC Cancer Kelowna contracts Anesthesia and Anesthesia Assistant services for the Brachytherapy surgical program two days per week from the Kelowna General Hospital (KGH) in the Interior Health Authority.
- Anesthesia Assistants (AA's) manage the emergency airway cart, set up and maintain the anesthesia machine and stock the anesthesia cart. As well, they respond to operating room crises as required.

Focus

- Procedure for accessing AA's from KGH to assist BC Cancer Kelowna staff in the Brachytherapy suite in the event of a crisis.

Health Organization Site Applicability

- This procedure applies to Brachytherapy staff at BC Cancer Kelowna and the anesthetist and 'Main OR AA' from KGH.

Directives

- This procedure applies to all staff at BC Cancer who participate in the care of brachytherapy patients

Procedure

In the event of an anesthesia crisis in the BC Cancer – Kelowna OR:

1. BC Cancer Brachytherapy team member will call 88-1700 and ask for the 'Main OR AA' on the Vocera personal call-system system at KGH.
 - If the Vocera call is not immediately answered, the BC Cancer Kelowna staff will attempt this call one more time.
 - If the call is not answered a second time, the BC Cancer Kelowna staff member will call 88-1700 and ask for the 'OR PCC'.
2. When the BC Cancer staff member is able to reach the anesthesia assistant or the OR PCC, they will be specific in their requests.
 - For a Malignant Hyperthermia crisis, BC Cancer staff to ask for the 'Main OR AA to come immediately and bring the i-Stat with 2 CG8 cartridges'.
 - For any other crisis, the BC Cancer staff to ask for the AA to:
 - Come now
 - Bring _____
 - For _____ (specific crisis)
 - As per Dr. _____

Documentation

- Nursing staff will document on the individual patient record about how, who, why and when they called for AA support and what the reason for the call was. They will also document when the AA arrives in the BC Cancer Brachytherapy OR or procedure room.

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