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Crash Carts

Purpose:

To assure availability of all drugs, equipment, and supplies necessary to initiate advanced life-support measures and assure uniformity of emergency carts in Radiology.

Policy:

1. Crash carts shall be provided on an “exchange basis” by Central Medical Supply (CMS) to all patient care areas to initiate emergency life-support measures.
2. CMS shall be responsible for:
 - a. Delivering a restocked crash cart to the unit immediately upon verification of need.
 - b. Verifying contents of cart with **licensed personnel** in patient care area.
 - c. Co-signing CMS crash cart log noting number and expiration date.
 - d. Placing numbered lock on cart and writing earliest expiration date on lock.
 - e. Verifying the presence and expiration date of all items on carts at least every three months.
3. Designated Licensed personnel in the patient care area shall be responsible for:
 - a. Notifying **CMS and Pharmacy** after the crash cart has been used or lock has been broken.
 - b. Verifying contents of new crash cart with CMS personnel.
 - c. Co-signing CMS crash cart log.
 - d. Checking external contents of cart.
4. Pharmacy shall be responsible for maintaining the red drug drawer on all crash carts. The earliest expiration date of any medication shall be documented on the front lid of the drawer.
5. **Adult Crash Carts (Blue)** are maintained in these locations within the department.
 - a. X-ray Room #9 (D2-8)
 - b. ACC Radiology (DX, US, BI)
 - c. Nuclear Medicine

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- d. Interventional Radiology
 - e. Radiation Oncology
 - f. CT ER
 - g. CT 2nd floor
 - h. CT FWCC
 - i. MRI
6. The fourth drawer of each adult crash cart (BLUE) shall only contain supplies and equipment to initiate pediatric life-support measures. Upon initiation of pediatric life-support measures CMS shall be notified to deliver a pediatric crash cart (RED) to the patient care area.
- a. The crash cart lock shall be checked and verification appropriately documented once every 24 hours.
 - b. The defibrillator and cardiac monitor shall be checked and appropriately documented for workability on both battery and electrical current once every 24 hours.
 - c. All external contents of cart shall be checked and verification documented once every 24 hours.
7. Pediatric Crash Carts (RED)—are maintained in these locations:
- a. X-ray Room #8 (D2-11)
 - b. CT ER
8. The **defibrillator and cardiac monitor** located on the **Adult Crash Cart** shall be relocated and used in the initiation of **Pediatric life-support measures**. Pediatric defibrillator paddles are located on the top of Adult Crash Cart adjacent to the defibrillator. The availability of the pediatric paddles shall be verified once every 24 hours.
9. All crash carts will be checked as per the following:
- a. The functionality of the defibrillator and cardiac monitor shall be checked and appropriately documented for performance on both battery and electrical current once every 24 hours. The defibrillator will remain plugged into an electrical outlet at all times, except during battery testing.

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The Biomedical Department will be contacted immediately when a defibrillator problem is detected.

- b. All external contents of cart shall be checked and verification documented every 24 hours.
- c. For areas that do not operate seven days a week it must be documented in log that the area was closed.

10. Crash carts will be kept locked at all times when not in use. A **Variance Report** shall be completed after any **unauthorized** entry into the cart or when routine supplies are missing from the cart. CMS shall be notified so that the cart may be exchanged.

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