Emergency Preparedness Manual

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<th>Code Pink (neonatal emergency) Policy &amp; Procedure</th>
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**Purpose:**
To provide a collaborative, coordinated team response for actual or impending respiratory and/or cardiac arrests and medical emergencies in neonates up to 1 month of age. Code Blue-Paediatric will be used for patients from 1 month to under 18 years.

**Standards:**
1. There is 24 hour coverage and standardized patient care for actual or impending respiratory and/or cardiac arrests and medical emergencies.
2. All health care providers participating in a Code Pink will function under the Neonatal Resuscitation Provider (NRP) guidelines for newborns and Paediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) for babies beyond the initial newborn admission.
3. Appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will be worn for Code Pink as dictated by clinical situation (known infection of exposure to infectious organisms).

**Education:**
4. All nurses working on the Obstetrics unit and all Registered Respiratory Therapists are required to have and maintain NRP certification.
5. All Paediatricians/Physicians taking Paediatric on-call responsibility are required to have and maintain NRP certification.

**Preparedness:**
6. Code Pink Response is available 24 hours per day every day.
7. The Code Pink cart, located in the Nursery, will be checked monthly and sealed and dated when check complete. Contents as per Appendix A Code Pink Crash Cart Contents.
8. The Code Blue Paediatric cart will have neonatal resuscitation equipment in the pink drawer.
9. Each radiant warmer will be stocked with equipment immediately required for resuscitation including:
   a. a sealed airway box
   b. Stethoscope
   c. Pulse oximeter
   d. Self inflating bag
   e. Flow inflating bag
   f. Suction ready to use
   g. Oxygen and medical air sources from wall and tank.
   h. Medications needed per NRP

**Abbreviations**
ED: Emergency Department  
NRP: Neonatal Resuscitation Provider  
PACU: Post Anesthetic Care Unit  
LDRP: Labour, Delivery, Recovery, Post-Partum
PROCEDURES:

Activating a Code Pink:
1. Push Code Pink buttons in
   - each LDRP on OBS
   - at the nursing station on OBS
   - in the nursery
   - in the ED trauma room and nursing station
   - in the PACU
   - Paediatrics Nursing Desk
2. Where there are no Code Pink buttons, Code Pink will be activated by calling 5555 and stating “Code Pink” plus location
3. Overhead paging will announce Code Pink followed by the location 3 times.
4. If a concurrent Code Pink Neonate or a Code Blue Paediatric is called, it will be announced as “Second Code Pink” or “Second Code Blue Paediatric” followed by the location.

Response to a Code:
1. Roles and responsibilities in managing a Code Pink are detailed in the Code Pink – Roles (below)
2. Upon hearing a Code Pink announced OBS staff not on the unit will return immediately.

Code Pink – Neonate Response Summary

Code Pink – Team Members:
- Paediatric On Call Physician (to be paged STAT by switchboard immediately following announcement of Code Pink)
- RT
- Anaesthetist on-call
- ED physician
- Paediatrics nurse if safe to leave patients
- ED nurse if safe to leave department
- ICU nurse if safe to leave department
- Portable X-ray Technologist on stand by.
- Lab technologist on stand by

Code Pink – Roles
Roles must be clarified as responders enter room. Physician to direct Code procedures, assist in/perform procedures only as needed in order to maintain focus and flow of resuscitation. All responders to clarify as needed, provide suggestions and COMMUNICATE clearly.

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<td>Airway if no RT Assist RT, circulation if no second nurse</td>
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Completion of a Code:
1. When a Code Pink – Neonate is completed, Switchboard will be notified by dialing “0”. An overhead announcement, “Code Pink location – all clear” 3 times to alert hospital staff the code is completed.
2. If Code Pink was initiated in error, (false alarm activated) Switchboard will be notified and will announce “Cancel Code Pink” 3 times.

Documentation:
1. The Code Pink record must be completed throughout the duration of the resuscitation. This record must be signed by the Physician-in-Charge and the person responsible for documentation and placed in the Health Record.
2. All participants’ full names and titles must be listed on the record.
3. The Physician-in-Charge is to document a brief summary of the Code Pink events in the Progress Notes. The primary Nurse is to document a Focus Note to detail the events before and after the Code Pink.

Related Documents:
Code Blue
Code Blue - Paediatric

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