

Emergencies/ Urgent Response

Code Blue

- Patient Emergency
 - Call 555
 - Initiate BLS according to American Heart Guidelines: ABC's of CPR
 - Obtain Crash Cart
 - Defibrillator Policy/ Checking & Unit Competencies
 - Code Team
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Rapid Response Team (RRT)

- ❑ Responds to any staff nurse who has a concern about a patient's condition
 - ❑ Determine Patient Status
 - ❑ Call RRT as needed: use pager and enter room number of patient
 - ❑ There are no false alarms; staff will be commended for activating the RRT
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Pain Management

- The 5th Vital Sign
 - Assessment
 - Use appropriate Pain Scales
 - Reassessment
 - Documentation: Include actions taken
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Critical Lab Values

- Write it Down
 - Read it Back
 - Notify Physician
 - Use Documentation form
 - Include actions taken
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Documentation

- Document when you do it
 - Complete documentation including:
Admission Database, Care plans, Flow sheets, Discharge Forms
 - Date & time all entries
 - Print your name under your Signature print if not Legible
 - Never chart before you done it. It is fraudulent i.e. do not document the check off on a patient in restraints until you have done it.
 - FACT
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