

## CODE BLUE – MEDICAL EMERGENCY

Anyone discovering a medical emergency should follow the steps below. This may include obvious emergencies such as cardiac arrest, stroke, loss of consciousness, etc. A medical emergency may also include any situation that has resulted in or may result in compromised airway, circulation, or breathing.

#	Task Description	Responsibility
1	Contact Registration Desk or other emergency number as required to report emergency	All Employees
2	Inform Registration Clerk/Emergency Dispatcher whether the code is a <b>pediatric</b> or <b>medical</b> emergency where applicable	All Employees
3	Announce the code blue via paging system where applicable	Registration clerk
4	Call EMS and request assistance where required	All Employees
5	Utilize AED if available	All Employees
6	Provide help to the client at the level of your training until EMS or Code Blue response team arrives. This may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check for unresponsiveness</li> <li>• <b>If an advanced care plan level is not available</b> and the client is not breathing, initiate CPR</li> </ul>	All Employees
7	Respond with resuscitation equipment where available	Nursing Employees
8	Continue with CPR until EMS/Code Blue team arrives (as applicable)	All Employees
9	Control visitor flow to and from the area	Manager (or designate)
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inform the client's next of kin of the current situation</li> <li>• Decide on family involvement in the incident</li> <li>• Make arrangements for Clergy to be available at the family's request</li> </ul>	Manager (or designate)
11	An occurrence report is completed when the code response is not executed as designed, regardless of client outcome. For example, this includes but is not limited to issues such as an equipment malfunction, medication error, communication issues, lack of staff or procedures not followed.	Manager (or designate)
12	Complete <a href="#">Code Blue Post Resuscitation Debrief/Evaluation Record Form #: NHR_0278</a>	Manager (or designate)

### Additional Information

Refer to the Northern Health Region Policy and Procedure Manual for additional information on:

- [AD-01-135 Occurrence Reporting and Management](#)
- [Code Blue Post Resuscitation Debrief/Evaluation Record Form #: NHR\\_0278](#)
- [CPS-05-40 Adult/Pediatric Acute Care Code Blue Team Resuscitation](#)

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