

Nursing Service Guidelines Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU)

Title: **EMERGENCY CONDITIONS**

Responsibility: PACU Registered Nurse (RN)

Purpose of Guidelines: To establish a protocol for the management of emergency conditions

Procedure:

1. Airway Obstruction:
 - a. Reposition the head
 - b. Apply jaw thrusts and/or chin lift
 - c. Suction as needed
 - d. Notify anesthesiologist
2. Cardiac/Respiratory deterioration or arrest
 - a. Press Red Stat Button for the anesthesiologist:
 - ❖ In PACU - on the south wall.
 - ❖ In POH – stat button is to the left of the west double doors.
 - b. Code cart and Defibrillator to bedside.
 - c. Initiate CPR
 - d. Assist with code.
3. Malignant Hyperthermia
 - a. Press Red Stat Button for anesthesiologist.
 - b. Obtain the Malignant Hyperthermia Cart:
 - ❖ Main OR: in the hallway between OR rooms #5 & #6
 - ❖ George Isaac: in the hallway across from OR room #3
 - c. Institute Malignant Hyperthermia Protocol located on top of MH cart

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