


Name of Policy:	Management of Emergency and Critically Ill Patients	 Effective Date: 4/22/2010 Initial Effective Date: 7/11/1977
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Department:	Radiation Oncology	
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Scope:	Radiation Oncology	
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(A) Policy Statement


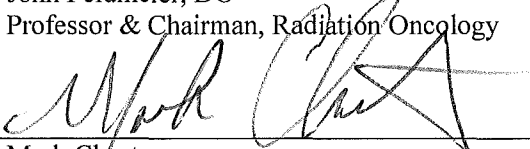
The Department of Radiation Oncology shall maintain ancillary equipment and supplies necessary to support the needs of the critically ill and/or emergency patients. The Department shall also work expeditiously in providing the necessary diagnostic and/or therapeutic procedures for these patients with the Radiation Oncologist present.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To handle the critically ill and/or emergency patient effectively, efficiently and safely, thereby minimizing further trauma to these patients.

(C) Procedure

1. Request sufficient staff accompany patient when radiation treatment is requested.
2. All treatment rooms will have oxygen and suction set up at all times.
3. Patient will only be left unattended during actual treatment.
4. A code cart will be located at the CT scanner entrance located in the department, for rapid deployment when necessary.
5. The Radiation Oncologist will assess patient condition along with the nurse and if code is to be called The Nurse will call 77.

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