

# Guideline for Code Blue and Rapid Response in Dowling Hall, Medical Pavilion, and 2<sup>nd</sup> – Second Floor Hospital Clinics

**Purpose:** This guideline outlines the procedures for Code Blue or Rapid Response in Dowling Hall, Medical Pavilion, Heart and Vascular clinics and the outpatient clinics on the second floor of the hospital building.

**Related Policies:** 3364-100-45-06 Code Blue Policy and Procedure

**Accountability:** The staff within the Medical Pavilion, the Basement and First Floor of Dowling Hall, Cardiopulmonary Rehab, and 2<sup>nd</sup> – Second floor hospital outpatient clinics.

## Definitions:

### Code Blue

- Patient not breathing
- Heart is NOT beating
- Patient is unresponsive

### Rapid Response

- Low blood pressure
- Respiratory distress
- Abnormal heart rate
- New seizures
- Acute bleeding
- Change in consciousness
- You feel uncomfortable with the patient's condition

## Procedure:

- 1. Staff are to dial 77 and inform the operator that an Outpatient RRT team or Outpatient Code Blue team is needed.**
  - You must provide the patient/visitor location (example-Dowling Hall basement, Physical Medicine and Rehab Clinic, room 40.)
- 2. If the Code Blue or Rapid Response is in the Dowling Hall Basement**
  - Staff from the department will help direct the responding team to the location with one staff member at the top of the stairs and one staff member in the area by the bottom of the stairs. Other staff should direct the responding team to the patient.
  - During a Code Blue, staff from Physical Therapy will bring the code cart to the patient location.
  - A stretcher from Pain area is available to transport patient.
- 3. If the Code Blue or Rapid Response is on the 1<sup>st</sup>- First floor of Medical Pavilion, Ortho, Interventional Pain, and Cardiac Rehab**
  - Staff from the department will help direct the responding team to the location with one staff member in the MP Lobby to direct the responding team to the location. Other staff should direct the responding team to the patient.
  - During a Code Blue, staff from the department will bring the code cart to the patient. Carts are available in Ortho Radiology Hallway, Interventional Pain Procedural Hall, and Cardiac Rehab location.

**4. If the Code Blue or Rapid Response is in the hospital 2<sup>nd</sup> – Second floor clinics**

- Staff from the department will help direct the responding team to the location with one staff member in the waiting room hallway and another outside the surgery family waiting room to direct the responding team to the location. Other staff should direct the responding team to the patient.

**5. If the Code Blue or Rapid Response is in the Heart and Vascular clinics**

- Staff from the department will help direct the responding team to the location with one staff member in the waiting room hallway and another outside the lobby outpatient lab to direct the responding team to the location. Other staff should direct the responding team to the patient.