

Guideline for Code Blue in Dowling Hall and Medical Pavilion

Purpose: This guideline outlines the procedures for Code Blue in Dowling Hall and Medical Pavilion.

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

Accountability: The staff within the first floor Medical Pavilion, the Basement and First Floor of Dowling Hall (including Outpatient OT/PT), Ortho Clinic and 3rd floor Cardiac Rehab at the University of Toledo Medical Center (UTMC)

Procedure:

1. **Staff are to dial 77 and announce Code Blue**

- Anytime we have a trauma sustained from a severe fall, seizures, rapidly deteriorating or actual coding and needs immediate medical attention for our patients/visitors in Dowling Hall/Med Pavilion building.
- You must state code blue and provide the patient/visitor location (example-Dowling Hall basement Physical Med and Rehab room 40).

2. **If Code Blue in Basement-**

- Staff from the department will help direct the code team to the location. 1-at the top of the stairs and 1-in the area by the bottom of the stairs. Once in location other staff should direct code team to patient.
- Staff from Physical Therapy will bring the code cart to the patient location.
- Stretcher from Pain area is available to transport patient.

3. **If Code Blue 1st floor of Med Pavilion, Ortho and Cardiac Rehab-**

- Staff from the patient location to obtain nearest code cart. Staff from the department will need to be in the MP Lobby to direct code team to location. Designate staff in the department to direct code team to the patient.
- Code carts are available in Ortho Radiology Hallway, Interventional Pain Procedural Hall, and Cardiac Rehab location

4. **Safety Net-**

- The employee who discovers the event or is first to the scene has an obligation to begin the Incident Report through Safety Net
- An event or incident is reportable when it is not consistent with the routine care of a patient or any circumstance that threaten the physical safety and well-being of the patient/visitor or staff.
- If a patient falls during their physical therapy treatment, this does not constitute a Safety Net event if a fall is a potential expectancy. Therapist to document fall in patient progress note.
- No Safety Net report for Code Blue unless something unanticipated occurred. Safety Net is used to monitor for unsafe conditions.

5. **Other:**

- If a patient/visitor falls and appears minor in nature assist into a wheelchair/stretcher, wheel the patient to our ER for evaluation. If the patient refuses ER treatment document into Safety Net. Patient/visitor falls need to have the incident entered into Safety Net. Make sure to obtain full name and incident information.

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