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 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
   b. Obtain the Malignant Hyperthermia Cart:
      - Main OR: in the hallway between OR rooms #5 & #6
      - George Isaac: in the hallway next to OR room #3
   c. Institute Malignant Hyperthermia Protocol located on top of MH cart

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