Name of Policy:	**Respiratory Care Communications via Ascom Phone System and Hospital Beeper System**	
Policy Number:	3364-136-01-03	
Department:	Respiratory Care	
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Responsible Agent:	Director, Respiratory Care	
Scope:	The University of Toledo Medical Center Respiratory Care Department	**Effective Date:** December 1, 2019 Initial Effective Date: July 1, 1979

_____ New policy proposal	X Minor/technical revision of existing policy
_____ Major revision of existing policy	_____ Reaffirmation of existing policy

(A) Policy Statement

To contact Respiratory Care staff for clinical therapy issues regarding Respiratory Care, all staff are advised to use the Ascom phone system. The Rapid Response Therapist, Charge Therapist and Director communication remains via pagers.

Respiratory Care response to Code Blue will be in accordance with Hospital Policy 3364-100-45-6 and 3364-100-45-7.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To provide and facilitate access to the Director, the designated Charge Therapist and Respiratory Care Practitioners for routine respiratory care calls, STAT calls, Emergency Department calls and Rapid Response Team calls.

(C) Contact Information

1. **Respiratory Care Director:** Pager: 419-218-4574

2. **Respiratory Care Shift Supervisor:** Ascom phone: 419- 383-2552

3. **Respiratory Care Charge Therapist:** Pager: 419-218-4573
(The Charge Therapist or designee is also notified of Trauma Alert, Code Blue and Code Surgery C, Rapid Response, Stroke Alert, and transportation of high risk respiratory patients for testing and procedures).

4. **Rapid Response Team:** Pager: 419-218-4553
Operator calls pager/text page to specific room.

5. Ascom phone system

ED: 383-1341
3AB: 383-1389
3CD: 383-1343
MICU: 383-1342, 383-1359
4ABCD: 383-1344
5ABCD: 383-1345
6ABCD and PACU: 383-1346

Approved by:		**Review/Revision Date:**
/s/ Michael J. Taylor Director, Respiratory Care	Date	07/24/1998 06/04/1999 06/11/2001 05/28/2003 05/09/2006 03/28/2007 03/04/2008 03/09/2011 08/16/2012 03/01/2016 12/01/2019
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