

<b>Name of Policy:</b>	<u>Disaster-Code Yellow</u>	
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<b>Department:</b>	Pulmonary Services	
<b>Approving Officer:</b>	Senior Hospital Administrator	
<b>Responsible Agent:</b>	Director, Pulmonary Services	
<b>Scope:</b>	The University of Toledo Medical Center Pulmonary Services Department	
<input type="checkbox"/> New policy proposal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor/technical revision of existing policy		<b>Effective Date: 08/14/2023</b> Initial Effective Date: April 10, 1981
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**(A) Policy Statement**

The Respiratory Care Department will provide the personnel and equipment needed to provide emergency respiratory care during a disaster procedure, in accordance with EP-08-001, of the Hospital Safety and Health program. In the event of a Code Orange, EP-08-003 (Emergency Management of Hazardous Chemical, Biological and Radioactive Contamination Cases within the Emergency Department), the Respiratory Care staff does not respond, until the cases are decontaminated. At that time, a Code Yellow is called with subsequent reaction by the department.

**(B) Purpose of Policy**

To provide a comprehensive and workable system in which to deal with a disaster at the University of Toledo Medical Center and to ensure optimal delivery of emergency respiratory care to as many patients as possible

**(C) Procedure**

The procedure for a Disaster/Code Yellow will be in accordance with the Hospital Disaster Procedure. Respiratory Care personnel will respond to the appropriate areas with the necessary equipment.

I. Notification

A. The Hospital Operator, after being notified by the appropriate Administrator of the disaster phase, will activate the emergency tone device on the overhead system and make the announcement.

B. The Manager, Charge Therapist or designated practitioner, will be assigned to notify staff members not on duty, by telephone.

**C. The Director, Manager and/or Charge Therapist will be paged to report to the Incident Command Center, Medical Component in the Department of Surgery Conference Room 2107 Dowling Hall to receive incident information, share information about department function, staff and equipment, receive Cardiopulmonary Unit Leader vest and instructions.**

II. Staff Assignments

A. All available staff members will report to the department immediately for assignments from the Director and/or Manager or Charge Therapist.

B. Assignments will be based upon clinical need and available staffing. The Director and/or Manager or Charge Therapist will also assure that all members of the department reporting have appropriate hospital identification.

C. Therapists will be assigned to areas of: Emergency department, PACU, clinics, in-house care and elsewhere depending upon clinical need.

D. Staff assigned to ICU units must stay in those areas unless assignment is changed by the Director and/or Manager or Charge Therapist

III. Equipment and Supplies:

A. Respiratory Care personnel will ensure that emergency equipment is available, including: E-cylinders, oxygen delivery devices, intubation equipment, manual and mechanical ventilators, and any other necessary respiratory equipment. Upon determining that appropriate equipment is available, the therapist will report to their assigned area with necessary equipment.

<p><b>Approved by:</b></p> <p><u>/s/</u> <u>8/11/2023</u>                  Michael Taylor                  Director, Pulmonary Services                  Date</p> <p><u>/s/</u> <u>8/15/2023</u>                  Shahnaz Rehman, M.D.                  Medical Director                  Date</p> <p><u>/s/</u> <u>8/14/2023</u>                  Russell Smith                  Senior Hospital Administrator                  Date</p> <p><i>Review/Revision Completed By:                  Director, Pulmonary Services</i></p>	<p><b>Review/Revision Date:</b>                  03/03/1989                  01/28/1990                  09/26/1990                  04/01/1992                  03/18/1993                  03/12/1996                  07/30/1998                  08/27/1999                  06/25/2001                  08/05/2002                  05/12/2005                  07/19/2005                  01/15/2008                  02/14/2011                  08/01/2012                  12/01/2015                  04/02/2019                  08/14/2023</p> <p><b>Next Review Date: 08/14/2026</b></p>
<p><b>Policies Superseded by This Policy:</b></p>	

*It is the responsibility of the reader to verify with the responsible agent that this is the most current version of the policy.*