

# Emergency Codes

## All codes activated by dialing “2121” from any phone

### **CODE BROWN** – Extreme Weather

All employees and physicians must show hospital identification to enter the building and then report to the personnel pool; family members may be provided ID bracelets.

Physician’s Role:

1. Discharge eligible patients prior to event if possible.
2. Cancel surgeries if notified.
3. Be available to assist.

### **CODE ORANGE** – HazMat/Bio Terrorism

In the event of an external situation involving contamination of victims with hazardous materials such as biological agents, chemicals, radioactive material or toxic waste. CRMC will prepare to receive victims and set up a decontamination area.

Physician’s Role:

1. Be available in ED to assist.

### **CODE GREEN** – Disaster Plan/Multiple Casualty

This code is called when a disaster involves multiple victims at one time. Examples include a plane crash or multiple car accident.

Physician’s Role:

1. Report to Labor Pool if available to assist.

### **CODE RED**- Fire procedure:

**R** - Rescue the patient

**A** - Pull the Alarm

**C** - Contain the fire

**E** - Extinguish the fire

Fire extinguisher:

**P** - Pass

**A** - Aim at base of fire

**S** - Squeeze the handle to discharge

**S** - Sweep side to side

Wait for the “all clear” to be announced before passing through closed doors.

Physician’s Role in addition to above:

1. Know where fire alarms are located.
2. Know where fire extinguishers are located.

### **CODE PINK**– Infant / child abduction

Be observant of suspicious activity. Hospital staff follows procedures in a suspected infant abduction. You may be asked to remain in the hospital until police arrive. The OB/Nursery units will be locked down.

Physician’s Role:

1. Head to exit or stairwell and ask to look in bags of anyone leaving the hospital.
2. Do not attempt to detain a suspicious person. Call security at 2121.

**CODE BLACK** – Bomb threat.

Hospital staff follows procedures to safeguard patients and assist in identifying suspicious objects or conditions. Wait for “all clear” to be announced.

Physician’s Role:

1. Do not touch packages.
2. Do not use electronic devices. *You should turn off your pager, cell phone, or any electronic devices.*
3. Notify security of suspicious packages. Call 2121.

**CODE GREY** – Security Emergency/Violent Situation

This can be any situation in which the possible safety or the safety of a patient, family member, visitor or anyone in the area is threatened. No specific role for physicians.

**CODE WHITE** – Hostage/Weapon situation

Any situation where an individual is being held against his/her will by a perpetrator with a weapon

Physician’s Role:

1. If you are a witness to the event, pay attention to details and call 2121.
2. Do not respond to the area when Code White is called.

**CODE 500** – Emergency Room Staffing need

A sudden influx of unanticipated patients in the Emergency Department/Staffing Need.

Physician’s Role:

1. Be available in ED to assist.

**CODE BLUE** – Cardiac/Respiratory arrest

Dial “2121” and report the code to the operator and the exact location.

**CODE SILVER** - Active Shooter/ Hostage

Dial “2121” and report the code to the operator and the exact location.

**CODE STROKE** – Stroke-like symptoms. Activated by a physician or other licensed healthcare provider for any patient under their care presenting with a change in neurological status. The onset of symptoms must be determined to be less than 3 hours from time of code stroke activation.