

St. Joseph's Care Group
St Joseph's Heritage
63 Carrie Street
Thunder Bay, Ontario
Long Term Care Facility

CODE BLUE: CARDIAC ARREST / MEDICAL EMERGENCY PLAN

Code Blue - Is the designated code word to clearly communicate to all staff that a cardiac arrest and/or a medical emergency is in progress.

WHEN THE EMERGENCY OCCURS

1. Recognize the problem and call for help. If in doubt, call the Code Blue in order to get the help you need.
2. Call the Front Desk by dialling **0** to announce "**Code Blue and the exact location of the emergency**".

RESPONSIBILITY OF REGISTERED NURSE BETHAMMI

1. Respond immediately to the location
2. Don appropriate personal protective equipment.
3. Rapid assessment of resident to confirm an arrested state (i.e. establish unresponsiveness, absence of pulse, absence of respirations).
4. Confirm wishes of resident/substitute decision-maker regarding resuscitation.
 - a. If resident is a DNAR in the medical chart, Do Not call Ambulance (*Follow procedures to the DNAR*).
5. Assign a staff to call Front Desk by pressing 0 and advise them to announce "**Code Blue at Bethammi - location within the building**".
6. Ensure 911 has been called
7. Initiate Basic Life Support (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation); use Ambu bag for ventilation.
8. Continue Basic Life Support until:
 - a. resident responds, or
 - b. transfer of care to the Paramedics
9. Provide information - staff member having witnessed the arrest, remain with the resident until arrival of Paramedic.
10. Complete transfer sheet (Registered Nurse/ Registered Practical Nurse for Bethammi Nursing Unit).

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11. When sufficient personnel are at the scene (nurses/paramedics), notify Front Desk by dialing 0 to announce Code Blue Bethammi "All Clear"
12. Complete the Emergency Code Audit form and forward it to Health & Safety Services. Form is available from the SJCG iNtranet under Emergency information.

DIABETES HEALTH

Code Blue - is the designated code word to clearly communicate to all staff that a Cardiac Arrest for an adult is in progress

WHEN THE EMERGENCY OCCURS

Recognize the problem and call for help. If in doubt, call the Code Blue in order to get the help you need.

RESPONSIBILITY OF DIABETES HEALTH STAFF

1. Announce "**Code Blue**" by dialing [REDACTED] on your overhead page within your program area.
2. Don appropriate personal protective equipment.
3. Rapid assessment of client to confirm an arrested state (i.e. establish unresponsiveness, absence of pulse, absence of respirations).
4. Call **9-911** from your program area about the Code Blue in Diabetes Health, St Joseph's Heritage, 63 Carrie Street & the exact location of the office. Advise them that we need an ambulance. They may ask that you remain on the line to answer specific questions from the dispatcher.
5. Designate a staff to call [REDACTED] or report to the Front Desk of the Heritage. Advise them of the emergency situation and direct the paramedics to the Diabetes Health Office upon their arrival.
6. Initiate Basic Life Support procedures. Follow the A.B.C. (Airway, Breathing, and Circulation) Procedure.
7. Continue Basic Life Support procedures until the arrival of the Paramedics.
8. Provide information: staff member having witnessed the arrest, remain with the client until arrival of the paramedics
9. When paramedics leave, press [REDACTED] to announce "**Code Blue in Diabetes Health All Clear**".
10. Notify front desk to announce "**Code Blue All Clear**".
11. Complete the Emergency Code Audit form and forward it to Health & Safety Services. Form is available from the SJCG iNtranet under Emergency Information.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF FRONT DESK (SECURITY: 2300-0800 HRS)

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1. Announce on the overhead page “**Code Blue and the Location of the emergency**” 3 times in a clear distinct voice
2. Ensure 911 has been called.
3. Direct the paramedics upon their arrival.
4. Announce “**Code Blue All Clear**” 3 times on the overhead page when directed to do so.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF ALL STAFF

1. Staff who are absent from their area, where the emergency occurred, must return to the program/unit immediately to assist other residents.
2. Staff must clear room of ambulatory residents, extra furniture and equipment to make room for emergency responders.
3. Do not use the elevators.

Note:

A public AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is located in the main lobby of St. Joseph’s Heritage for public use.

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