

## Orientation to the Emergency Color Codes, Edmonton Clinic

### Code Blue (cardiac/respiratory arrest)

#### EC Main Building Clinic Spaces with an Emergency Cart

The first responder will in order of priority:

1. Determine responsiveness
2. Call for "Help"
3. Activate Nurse Call
4. Commence BLS.

The second responder will in order of priority:

1. Call for "Help"
2. Dial 9-9-1-1 or 9-1-1 to activate EMS, indicating Code Blue Edmonton Clinic, Level and room number.
3. Call Security at 7-8437 indicating Edmonton Clinic Code Blue, Level and room number
4. Retrieve the closest emergency cart and place towel on floor outside of room
5. Provide BLS.

AHS Protective Services will:

1. Obtain and hold staff/service elevator to Level 1 of EC
2. Escort EMS to appropriate location.

#### Process for Code Blue in Areas without an Emergency Cart

The first responder will in order of priority:

1. Determine responsiveness
2. Call for "Help"
3. Retrieve closest AED
4. Dial 9-9-1-1 or 9-1-1 to activate EMS, indicating Code Blue Edmonton Clinic, Level and location
5. Commence BLS.

The second responder will in order of priority:

1. Call for "Help"
2. Ensure 9-9-1-1 or 9-1-1 activated
3. Dial 33# indicating Edmonton Clinic Code Blue, level and location
4. Retrieve the closest emergency cart if possible.
5. Provide BLS.

✚ Switchboard staff will call Code Blue on EC Fire paging system ONLY. No notifications to the WMC or Stollery Cardiac Arrest Teams will be made. Switchboard will call Protective Services indicating Code Blue, including location.

- Registered Respiratory Therapist will respond to 33# and provide BLS assistance.
- AHS Protective Services will respond and (1) call and hold staff/service elevator to Level 1, and (3) escort EMS to location.

#### EC – WMC Tunnel

✚ WMC and Stollery Cardiac Arrest Teams (adult and pediatric) will respond to Code Blues only in the WMC-EC tunnel.

✚ An automatic external defibrillator (AED) is found at the entrance to the tunnel in EC corridor 0X.101. There are no emergency baskets within or near the tunnel on WMC or EC side.

To report Code Blue the responder in order of priority will:

1. Staffs will locate the nearest blue help phone and activate the phone by depressing the red button. Staffs will indicate (1) adult or pediatric Code Blue, (2) location of the Code Blue as "Edmonton Clinic Tunnel", and (3) return to the patient to perform BLS.
2. Control Centre staff will notify switchboard WMC-EC tunnel Code Blue, by calling 33#.
3. Switchboard staff will activate Code Blue by (1) paging on the WMC system "Edmonton Clinic Tunnel Code Blue" and location, (2) activating appropriate beeper (adult or pediatric) with text of "EC Tunnel" and location (e.g. EC Tunnel, 2).
4. AHS Protective Services and appropriate Cardiac Arrest Team will respond to the Code Blue and provide care according to Policy #1.3.2 Code Blue – Code Team Response

#### EC Parkade

To report code blue the responder in the order of priority will:

1. Locate a blue help phone and depress the red button, indicating location of the code blue.
2. Return to the patient and commence BLS without obtaining any emergency cart or AED.
3. Control centre staff will (1) connect with AHS Protective Services and (2) place the 9-911 call indicating the location in the Parkade.

AHS Protective Services will proceed to EC Parkade and (1) call and hold parkade elevators to Level 1 of the parkade to enable EMS access to the required level, (2) provide access to the parkade for EMS, (3) direct EMS to the parkade elevator lobby 1F.115, and (4) escort EMS staff to location of Code Blue

**Code Red (fire)** - Follow the standard REACT procedure that is including activation of the fire alarm by calling 66#. Fire Alarm system will do an overhead page. If fire condition occurs, air handlers will shut down and staff is to follow evacuation procedure.

**Code White (aggressive behavior), Code Purple (hostage)** - Follow the same procedure as used in WMC. Remain calm and maintain a safe distance from the aggressor. Call 10# for Protective Services and follow instruction from your supervisor and Protective Services.

**Code Black (bomb threat/suspicious package)** - Follow the same procedure as used in WMC. Remain calm, listen, ask questions, and collect information from the caller about the bomb. Complete the Bomb Threat Check List (see Bomb Threat section of your Emergency Response Manual). Call 10# for Protective Services. If you receive a suspicious package, do not touch it. Call 10#.

**Code Orange (Mass Casualty Incident)** - Wait for instruction from your supervisor. Return to your work area if you are away in the building. Do not call the Emergency Department for information or go there to offer your Help. You may be contacted for assistance.

**Code Grey (Shelter in place/air exclusion)** - This is an incident where outside air may become hazardous and may enter the building through air handling units. Close doors and windows. Advise patients and visitors to stay indoors. Staff in Facility Maintenance and Engineering will assess the situation and may initiate control measures, including shutdown of the air handlers and any related exhaust and closing of loading doors.

**Code Brown (spill of hazardous substances)** – Follow the same procedure as used in WMC. Isolate the area, notify person in charge, call 10# to notify Protective Services and if applicable, your Safety Officer. Provide first aid and wear gloves if required. Consult MSDS. Follow your own procedure to do initial clean up; call Environmental Services for final clean up. If a spill is a radiological substance, call AHS Radiation Safety Officer at 780-432-8421 for clean up assistance.

**Code Yellow (missing patient)** - Inform person in charge, search your area, and call 10# for Protective Services as in same procedure used in WMC. If the patient is considered high-risk (i.e., suicidal, threatening harm to others, a child, or a person with fragile medical condition), notify the attending/covering physician immediately.

**Code Green (evacuation)** Follow the same procedure as used in WMC. First, evacuate away from an area of immediate danger at your unit/area; second, evacuate from your unit/area to a safe zone on the same floor; third, evacuate from your floor to another floor; fourth, evacuate from the building to an external location.

For detailed information, consult your own site Emergency Response Manual or online at:

[http://www.intranet2.capitalhealth.ca/uah%2Dlearningcentre/Manuals/05b\\_Manager\\_Disaster\\_Manual.htm](http://www.intranet2.capitalhealth.ca/uah%2Dlearningcentre/Manuals/05b_Manager_Disaster_Manual.htm)

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