

# Emergency Conditions & Basic Staff Response

## Ventura County Medical Center/Santa Paula Hospital

PROBLEM	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSE		FOLLOW-UP
<b>Code Red</b>	Experiencing a fire, smoke or smell of something burning.	Call paging with building, location floor & room # of "Code Red". <b>Rescue anyone in danger</b> <b>Activate alarm</b> <b>Close doors &amp; windows</b> <b>Extinguish fire (if safe)</b>	Use an extinguisher to put out fire (If safe). <b>Pull the pin</b> <b>Aim hose at base of fire</b> <b>Squeeze the handle</b> <b>Sweep side to side</b>	Evacuate if appropriate.
<b>Code Stroke</b>	Person with sudden stroke symptoms onset.	Assess need, call for help. Call paging with location of "Code Stroke". <b>VCMC -- Dial 7-6666</b> <b>SPH -- Dial 7-8666</b>		
<b>Code Blue</b>	Person 18 & older cardiopulmonary arrest.	Assess need, call for help & initiate CPR, bring crash cart. Call paging with location of "Code Blue". <b>VCMC -- Dial 7-6666</b> <b>SPH -- Dial 7-8666</b>		Complete Cardiopulmonary form & notification form.
<b>Code White</b>	Person under 18 cardiopulmonary arrest.	Assess need, call for help & initiate CPR, bring crash cart. Call paging with location of "Code White". <b>VCMC -- Dial 7-6666</b> <b>SPH -- Dial 7-8666</b>		Complete Cardiopulmonary form & notification form.
<b>Rapid Response</b>	Deteriorating patient status or failure to respond to treatment.	Asses & treat life threats - ABC's. Call paging with location of "Rapid Response". <b>VCMC -- Dial 7-6666</b> <b>SPH -- Dial 7-8666</b> Maintain ABC's, assure IV access & bring crash cart.		Complete Rapid Response form & notification form
<b>Code Maternity</b>	OB hemorrhage.	Call paging with location of "Code Maternity". Nursing Supervisor to call OR team. <b>VCMC -- Dial 7-6666</b> <b>SPH -- Dial 7-8666</b>		Complete notification form.
<b>Code Yellow</b>	Trauma victim(s) MCI (3-8 patients) Tier 1 (highest acuity) Tier 2 (moderate acuity) Tier 3 (low acuity)	ER & Staff prepare for patient arrival. Respond per VCMC Trauma Response Plan.		Report pertinent information to the Nursing Supervisor.
<b>Code Pink</b>	Infant abduction under age one missing or reported kidnapped.	Call paging with location of "Code Pink". <b>VCMC -- Dial 7-6666</b> <b>SPH -- Dial 7-8666</b> Go to the closest exit and watch for a person with a large package or an infant escorted by a person without a VCMC/SPH badge. Verify infant identity (wrist band) or see contents of package.		Immediately report suspect description and direction of travel to security & nursing supervisor.
<b>Code Purple</b>	Child Abduction age 1-12, missing or reported kidnapped.	Call paging with location of "Code Purple". <b>VCMC -- Dial 7-6666</b> <b>SPH -- Dial 7-8666</b> Go to closest exit, watch for anyone exhibiting unusual behavior. Verify child's identity (wrist band).		Immediately report suspect description and direction of travel to security & nursing supervisor.
<b>Code Gray</b>	Security situation of an escalating/potentially violent behavior.	Clear the area to avoid others becoming involved. Call paging with location of "Code Gray". <b>VCMC -- Dial 7-6666</b> <b>SPH -- Dial 7-8666</b>		Complete notification form.
<b>Code Green</b>	At risk patient elopement	All employees are to cover all exits & ask question of any patient in hospital attire. Call paging with location of "Code Green". <b>VCMC -- Dial 7-6666</b> <b>SPH -- Dial 7-8666</b>		Complete notification form.
<b>Code Violet</b>	Irate visitor in behavioral health (IPU) lobby only.	IPU operator to announce internal code. All available staff to report to location.		Complete notification form as needed.
<b>Code Orange</b>	<b>Hazardous Material Spill or Release-Incidental Spill:</b> a small spill presenting NO hazard to trained staff or environment.	Call paging with location of "Code Orange". <b>VCMC -- Dial 7-6666</b> <b>SPH -- Dial 7-8666</b> Trainer/User clean up spill. Use appropriate protective equipment/decontamination materials. Appropriately dispose of materials.		Complete notification form.
	<b>Radioactive / Major Incident Emergency/Major Spill:</b> a spill presenting hazard to people/environment or effects are unknown.	<b>Isolate</b> the spill area (evacuate). <b>Deny entry</b> to others. <b>Notify</b> your supervisor. Seek/coordinate medical treatment of decontaminated victim.		Complete notification form.
<b>Code Triage Disaster</b>	<b>Level 1 (9-20 Pts)</b> <b>Level 2 (21+ Pts)</b> Emergency Situation presenting hazard to employee or environment & interrupts normal service.	Report to department to receive specific duty. If required, initiate your departments Call-Back list. Appropriately carry out your assignment. Seek/ coordinate medical treatment of victims.		
<b>Code Zero</b>	Evacuation of areas that may be hazardous to life, health, or safety.	Administrator will notify all in area of need to evacuate. Evacuate ambulatory, wheelchair, & then bed ridden patients. Report to designated assembly area.		Account for all who were in the area previous.
<b>Code Silver</b>	A person is brandishing a weapon and/or has taken a hostage(s) within the hospital or its property.	Immediately call <b>911</b> & then call paging with # of suspects, physical descriptions, and type of weapon & location of "Code Silver". Close the immediate area & initiate hospital lockdown. Seek cover/protection & warn others. <b>VCMC -- Dial 7-6666</b> <b>SPH -- Dial 7-8666</b>		Complete notification form.
<b>Code Black Active Shooter</b>	Person actively shooting a weapon.	Escape the area if safe to do so, call 911, & then call paging stating there is an active shooter with their last known location, and location of "Code Black". <b>VCMC -- Dial 7-6666</b> <b>SPH -- Dial 7-8666</b>		If unable to escape, find shelter, barricade doors, silence cell phones, & turn off lights.