

PROTOCOL FOR: Code Blue: MRI: Evacuation Procedures for

POLICY: All Code Blue events occurring in the MRI suite will be attended by the Emergency Department staff.

IMPLEMENTATION

- PROCESS:
1. When cardiopulmonary arrest occurs, the technologist present in the scanning room dials "7777" to report the Code Blue and immediately removes the patient from the magnet and disconnects the capaction.
 2. The technologist removes the patient from the scanning room by placing him/her on a back board (located in the scanning room) and transfers the patient to the MRI stretcher.
 3. An airway will be established and external chest compression may begin in the scanning room. Assistance from the first responding members of the Code Blue Team or Emergency Department may be required.
 4. The staff of the MRI Suite will supply a cart containing a defibrillator, portable suction, and oxygen.
 5. The Emergency Department "super gurney" cart will be transported from ED to the MRI suite by the ED Staff and or transport aide. (Gurney in ED foyer & equipment on cart Room 4.)
 6. Resuscitation will continue either in the hallway outside MRI or in the Emergency Department as deemed appropriate by the Code Blue Team coordinator.

Be aware that:

1. Magnetic fields may damage mechanical watches, cameras, credit and bank cards and magnetic tapes and disks.
2. No one is to enter with a cardiac pacemaker, brain clip (aneurysm clip), metal fragments in the eyes, cochlea or stapes implant.

DOCUMENTATION: Complete CPR report as per Departmental Documentation Guidelines.

APPROVAL: Emergency Department Standards Committee
Emergency Department Advisory Committee
Nursing Standards Committee

CREDENTIALS: RN

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