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Calling Hospital Codes for Research:

Emergency codes for research are to be announced using the overhead paging system as outlined in the hospital’s “*Emergency Procedures Manual*”. When calling a code, dial KHSC-KGH Site ext. 4444 and speak with one of the switchboard operators. Indicate your name and title, the code (i.e. CODE RED) and your location in the hospital (i.e. Connell 4, Room 2-4-005). A list of codes is below:

KHSC CODES

CODE RED: Fire
CODE GREEN: Evacuation
CODE ORANGE: External Disaster
CODE YELLOW: Missing Person
CODE AMBER: Missing Abducted Child Infant
CODE 11: Inmate Escape
CODE BLACK: Bomb Threat/Suspicious Package
CODE BROWN: Hazardous Spills
CODE GREY: External Air Exclusion & Severe Weather
CODE 99: Medical Emergency
CODE BLUE: Adult Cardiac Arrest
CODE PINK: Paediatric Cardiac Arrest
CODE WHITE: Violent/Behavioral Situation
CODE PURPLE: Hostage Situation
CODE SILVER: Lockdown for Active Shooter/Dangerous Weapon Situation
Contingency Plans: Loss of Power, Loss of Potable Water, Loss of Communications, Loss of Information Technology, Loss of Heat & Steam, Flood Contingency, or Loss of Medical Gases

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CODE 99: MEDICAL EMERGENCY

CODE 99 is to be used if one of your research participants is in need of emergent medical attention inside KHSC-KGH Site, other than due to cardiac arrest. If the research participant is talking, call “CODE 99”. If the research participant is not talking, call “CODE BLUE”. If your research participant is outside of the hospital (i.e. on the sidewalk), you need to call “911”.

Dial KHSC-KGH Site ext. 4444 and speak with one of the switchboard operators. Indicate your name and title, CODE 99, and your location in the hospital (i.e. Connell 4, Room 2-4-005).

For CODE 99, KHSC-KGH Site’s RACE team will arrive with the crash cart and assume command. Ensure your research participant is comfortable until help arrives. If your research participant goes into cardiac arrest, follow the Code Blue or Code Pink action plan below.

CODE BLUE OR CODE PINK: CARDIAC ARREST

CODE BLUE is to be called when an adult research participant is suffering from a cardiac arrest. CODE PINK is to be called when an infant or child research participant is suffering from a cardiac arrest. A cardiac arrest is defined when a person is not breathing or when a pulse cannot be felt. Remember your three C’s: Call for help, start cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), and get the crash Cart.

Dial KHSC-KGH Site ext. ext. 4444 and speak with one of the switchboard operators. Indicate your name and title, CODE BLUE or CODE PINK, and your location in the hospital (i.e. Connell 4, Room 2-4-005).

If you are trained, start CPR. Remember your ABC’s: airway, breathing, and circulation.

Send someone to grab the crash cart and return with it to your location. The cardiac arrest team arriving will need the crash cart. For research labs located in a clinical area, you need to grab the crash cart on the floor which is usually next to a nurse’s station. For research labs located in a non-clinical area, you need to grab the automatic defibrillator on a hallway wall closest to your location. If it recommended that researchers, research staff, students, and trainees familiarize themselves as to the location of the closest crash cart or defibrillator to their research location within KHSC-KGH Site in case of a future emergency.