CARE OF PATIENT POLICY & PROCEDURES

Policy Number: 4.74

Subject: CPR Cart

Purpose: To ensure availability of the medications, supplies and equipment necessary to care for a patient during a cardiac arrest, respiratory arrest or other medical emergency

Policy: Central Iowa Healthcare (CIH) recognizes it’s responsibility to provide life-saving BLS/ACLS care in the event of a medical emergency. The necessary supplies will be maintained in CPR carts in designated areas throughout the hospital.

Procedure: When a patient or visitor is experiencing a cardiac or respiratory arrest a BLS trained rescuer will activate the Code Blue team, initiate CPR and delegate another staff member to retrieve the closest CPR Cart.

A. CART LOCATIONS:
   - Emergency Department (2)
   - Intensive Care Department
   - Inpatient Diagnostic Imaging
   - Inpatient Surgical Services
   - Outpatient Surgical Services Campus
   - Outpatient Diagnostic Imaging
   - Women’s Care Center
   - Medical-Surgical Department
   - Cath Lab Recovery
   - Cardiac Rehab

   BRASLOW CART LOCATIONS:
   - Emergency Department
   - Intensive Care Department
   - Med-Surg/Pediatric Department
   - Outpatient Surgical Services

B. EQUIPMENT:
   The cart is the responsibility of the unit where it is located. The cart is checked every shift to ensure the lock is intact and the defibrillator is functioning. Carts are checked after each use, and monthly for outdates. Departments that are not open 24hrs a day / 7 days a week will be checked every working day. Cart medications, supplies and equipment are standardized for all locations. Malfunctioning, missing or damaged equipment must be immediately reported to the department director or house supervisor for replacement.

   Clinical Engineering/Facilities Management is responsible for defibrillator safety, equipment repair, and planned maintenance.
Supply Chain/Storeroom is responsible for maintaining cart supplies and restocking CPR cart drawer bins 3 and 4 after use.

Pharmacy is responsible for replacing and locking medication drawers after use and monthly checks for medication outdates.

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