

**EMERGENCY SITUATION  
Code Roles**

This list pertains to any Code Blue at LPCH

Expectation: Every member of the team will introduce themselves and their role

**Code blue management:**

Documentation: Resuscitation Record

Code Record

Quantros Report

<b>First Responder</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call for help – 211</li> <li>• Start ABC's until help arrives</li> </ul>
<b>Bedside RN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide history using SBAR communication (Situation, Background, Assessment, Recommendation)</li> <li>• Stay at bedside</li> </ul>
<b>Event Manager (Charge Nurse)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure providers assume pre-assigned roles and that the team knows who is responsible for what role</li> <li>• Once roles are established, ensure management of the rest of the unit</li> </ul>
<b>Team Leader</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clearly identify self as the code leader</li> <li>• Communicate with the event manager and recorder</li> <li>• Ensure assignment of specific tasks to code team members (assigns tasks to code team members)</li> <li>• Direct overall resuscitative effort</li> <li>• Ensure optimal airway management *(if the team leader is the most experienced, he/she will take over the airway and assign a new team leader)</li> <li>• Issues all medical and resuscitative orders (including resuscitation meds)</li> </ul>
<b>Recorder</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicate with the Team Leader throughout code which interventions have been done (must be experienced RN who can anticipate code needs)</li> <li>• Maintain an accurate written record of the timing of all interventions</li> <li>• Working knowledge of standard PALS algorithms</li> <li>• Hand code sheet to the Pharmacist</li> </ul>
<b>Runner</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure availability of work space for pharmacist</li> <li>• Receive instruction from ICU RN or MD</li> <li>• Clearly states "I am getting..." (closed loop communication)</li> </ul>
<b>Respiratory (Airway)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manage the airway as directed by the Code Team Leader</li> <li>• Perform bag mask ventilation</li> <li>• Prepare and assists with intubation</li> <li>• Confirm ETT placement</li> <li>• Secure ETT</li> </ul>
<b>Vascular Access or Compressor (ICU RN/MD)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bring IStat</li> <li>• Assist with airway and intubation</li> <li>• Insert NG/OG tube</li> <li>• Obtain labs</li> <li>• Communicate patient data and completed interventions to Recorder</li> </ul>
<b>Code Cart RN/MD</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distribute code cart supplies</li> <li>• Operate monitor/defibrillator</li> </ul>
<b>Nursing Supervisor</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manage crowd control with security</li> <li>• Communicate with family</li> <li>• Notify Social Worker, Chaplain, Interpreter</li> <li>• Coordinate patient transfer with patient placement and team leader</li> </ul>
<b>Security</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct code team members to code location</li> <li>• Assist with crowd control</li> <li>• Obtain AED and Code Cart during lobby codes</li> </ul>
<b>USA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be attentive to the situation and make calls and pages as directed</li> <li>• Take direction from the Event Manager</li> </ul>

Emergency Situation – Code Roles

Lucile Packard Children's Hospital

Heart Center/CVICU

Lori Bizzel, RN – Author

Alice Rich, RN ([arich@lpch.org](mailto:arich@lpch.org)) – Recommender and Maintainer

3/09 last update