



CODE PINK- INFANT RESPIRATORY/CARDIAC ARREST



PREAMBLE:

Definition and Overview

A “Code Pink” is the standardized signal used to indicate an acute medical emergency for an infant who is less than 28 days old in any area of the hospital.

Planning Consideration

- Ensure all staff is aware of their role in a code pink situation.
- Personal protective equipment including mask, eye protection, gloves and gown must be worn for all Code Pink based on a risk assessment.
- N95 Masks, eye protection, gowns and gloves for resuscitation beyond the immediate postpartum period (e.g. Babies returning to hospital for care)
- Any patient or visitor found unresponsive within Almonte General Hospital (AGH) will be resuscitated as per this policy.
- Any visitor found unresponsive in Fairview Manor (FVM), outside the buildings or in the parking lot will have CPR initiated, if appropriate and 911 called to transport the patient to AGH Emergency Department.

PROCEDURE

The code pink team will include:

- If on Obstetrical Unit – Obstetrical Nurse(s), M & S Nurse, ED nurse and the emergency physician.
- If on the Medical Surgical Unit, ED or in a public area - the first responder, an RN/RPN on the unit, an OBS nurse, ED nurse and the emergency physician.

Other staff may be asked to relieve for CPR if trained, act as a runner for supplies or provide support to family or other staff.

Responsibilities of Code Pink Team (if on OBS Unit)

- 1) The first responder is the staff member who discovers a choking/unresponsive infant or is attending a delivery of an infant not vigorous at birth.

They will:

- Move the infant to a place that has proper equipment such as suction and bag and mask for ventilation (infant warmer in delivery room/ OR /nursery)
- Perform neonatal resuscitation as per the NRP guidelines
- Call for help from the other nurse(s) on the unit

- 2) The second responder should be another nurse/physician who is certified in Neonatal resuscitation.

They will:

- Call for help – page Code Pink – dial 60 (or 60# from a wireless phone) and state “code pink OBS room _____ (nursery or OR)” the nursery) x 3.
- Bring code pink cart to the room where the code pink is
- Continue as per the NRP guidelines

3) The third responder should be a nurse/physician who is certified in Neonatal resuscitation

They will:

- Continue assisting with NRP as per algorithm
- Start documentation on code pink form/vital record

4) The fourth responder will be a staff member trained in NRP/BLS

They will:

- Document on code pink form/vital record
- Continue assisting with NRP as per algorithm

Responsibilities of Code Pink Team (if on Medical surgical unit, ED or public area)

1) The first responder is the staff member who discovers a choking/unresponsive infant less than 28 days old.

They will:

- Verify unresponsiveness, absence of respirations or absence of pulse
- Administer assistance to the level of their expertise and start CPR if trained
- Move the infant to a place that has proper equipment such as suction and bag and mask for ventilation (pt. room. on med/surg, resuscitation bed in the ED)
- Perform neonatal resuscitation as per the NRP guidelines
- Call for help from the other nurse(s) on the unit

2) The second responder should be a staff member trained in NRP/BLS. They will:

- Call Code Pink overhead if no one else is available. On the nearest AGH telephone dial 60 (or 60# on a wireless phone) call Code Pink with the exact location three times.
- Bring the Code Pink cart to the Code location if on second floor, bring pediatric cart from the ED if on the first floor.
- The first two tasks may be delegated to another responder
- Monitor and assist with CPR if required
- Ensure there is a patent intravenous IV and start a 2nd IV if able
- Assign tasks as needed - i.e. recorder, family support and individual privacy, obtain equipment or clear items out of the way
- Other staff present will assist as required and as directed by the first responder.

NOTE: Do not hesitate – if you suspect a pediatric or newborn medical emergency - page CODE PINK