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THE BIRTH PLACE

Infant Codes in the Birth Place

Purpose:

To ensure quick response of appropriately trained personnel to resuscitate the neonate.

Procedure:

1. If an infant requires resuscitative measures the Emergency Event Team should be activated.
2. The obstetrician or anesthesiologist should act as physician in charge of the code until arrival of the pediatrician. Notify the pediatrician to come if not present. Anesthesia should be notified if not present. Notify the Administrative Nurse Supervisor. Notify the respiratory therapist.
3. The emergency cart from the Nursery should be taken to the Emergency Event.
 - a) Emergency drugs for Nursery area and for the M Room areas are in the Nursery crash cart and emergency drugs for the Observation area are in the C/S Room infant crash cart.
 - b) See **Appendix A: NURSERY EMERGENCY DRUGS**
4. Parents will be notified and updated of the change in the infant's condition as soon as possible.
5. In the situation where a baby codes and a physician or CRNA is not present, an "Infant Code" will be called by dialing #51 and stating "Medical Alert Infant Code Blue" and location 3 times. The operator should repeat "Medical Alert Infant Code Blue" and location 3 times.
6. Those responding to the code should include:
 - Pediatrician
 - ER Physician
 - CRNA or Anesthesiologist
 - Administrative Nurse Supervisor
 - Respiratory Therapist
7. Notify pediatrician as soon as possible after the code begins.

The content of this policy and procedure serves as guidance to the delivery of quality patient care. Care providers are expected to exercise critical thinking and situational awareness skills and, in specific situations, to take such action as is necessary for the delivery of quality patient care.

Appendix A:

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NURSERY EMERGENCY DRUGS**

Location: 1- First Drawer Emergency Cart in Special Care Nursery.
 2- First Drawer in Neonatal Emergency Cart in the Birth Place OR.
 3- Nursery Transfer Box.

<i>Par Level</i>	<i>Expiration Dates</i>		
<i>Infant Emergency Kit:</i>	<i>SCN</i>	<i>BP OR</i>	<i>Nursery Transfer Bag</i>
<i>(2) Normal Saline for injection 10ml syringe</i>			
<i>(2) Epinephrine 1mg/10ml (0.1mg/ml) 10 ml syringe</i>			
<i>(3) Sodium Bicarbonate 4.2%, 10 ml syringe</i>			
<i>2 - NS 50 mL Bag</i>			
<i>1 - D5W 250 mL</i>			
<i>1 - D10W 250 mL</i>			
<i>1 – Burette Set</i>			
	<i>Lock #</i>		
	<i>Earliest Exp. Date</i>		