**Emergency Code Calls**

**CODE BLUE**

Heart or Respiration Stops

An adult, child, or infant’s heart has stopped or they are not breathing

**CODE RED**

Fire

1. Seeing smoke or fire
2. Smelling smoke or other burning material
3. Feeling unusual heat on wall, door or other surface
4. Told by someone of a fire

**CODE ORANGE**

Hazardous Spill

1. A hazardous material spill or release
2. Unsafe exposure to spill

**CODE SILVER**

Weapon or Hostage Situation

1. At risk or confronted by person with weapon
2. Hostage situation

(A weapon is anything that can cause bodily harm or injury)

**INTERNAL TRIAGE**

Internal Emergency

Internal emergency in multiple departments, including:
- Bomb or bomb threat
- Computer network down
- Major plumbing problems
- Power or telephone outage

**EXTERNAL TRIAGE**

External Disaster

External emergencies impacting hospital, including:
- Mass casualties
- Severe weather
- Massive power outages
- Nuclear, biological, and chemical accidents

**CODE GRAY**

Combative Person

Combative or abusive behavior by patients, families, visitors, staff or physicians

(If a weapon is involved “CODE SILVER” should be called)

**AMBER ALERT**

Infant/Child Abduction

An infant or child is missing or abducted

**CODE CLEAR**

Announced when emergency is over

**RAPID RESPONSE TEAM**

Medical Team Needed at Bedside

A patient’s medical condition is declining and needs an emergency medical team at the bedside

(Prior to heart or respiration stopping)

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