Title: Anesthesia STAT

Policy #: CP-55

Purpose: To ensure an emergency response from the Anesthesia and Respiratory Therapy teams for patients in respiratory distress and possibly in need of an emergent intubation or other airway support in monitored critical care (ICU, Cardiac Catheterization Lab, and Emergency Department) settings only.

Policy Statement:
The Anesthesia STAT page is intended to summon the Anesthesia and Respiratory Therapy providers in the hospital for a patient requiring emergent airway support. The criteria for activating the Anesthesiology providers include patients in critical care areas only (including those in the cardiac catheterization lab & emergency department) who may require emergent endotracheal intubation or other airway support.

Procedure(s) for Implementation:
Activation:
To request the Anesthesia Team

1. Call Operator Services at 2-1212 and identify that you are requesting the Anesthesia STAT.
   - Be prepared to provide the following information:
     a. Location
     b. East or West Campus
     c. Your Name
     d. Your call back Number

Response:
Anesthesia staff covering the operating rooms, obstetric floor and the surgical intensive care units will receive a specific “Anesthesia STAT” page via the code paging system. The Respiratory Therapist covering the “Charge” pager will also receive a specific “Anesthesia STAT” page via the code paging system. Identical systems are in place on both the East and West campus that will summon the Anesthesia and Respiratory Therapy staff for the appropriate campus. Available anesthesia and Respiratory Therapy providers on the appropriate campus will immediately respond to the monitored critical care location for airway management. If an attending anesthesia provider is unable to respond due to a concurrent emergency in their clinical location, they should call the call-back number to inform the medical providers at the critical care location. If no anesthesia provider is able to respond, the medical providers at the critical care location should manage the airway according to ACLS protocol until an anesthesia provider is available.

*For any patient in the non-ICU/Cardiac Catheterization Lab/Emergency Department setting who is requiring an emergent airway support or intubation, a CODE BLUE response should be activated.*
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