

Major Hospital A Major Health Partner	CPR Competency Requirements for the Medical Staff and Non-Physician Practitioners MS-15
Does this policy meet a regulatory requirement? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Formulated by: Administration Approved by: Medical Executive Staff, Board of Directors Effective Date: 06/25/2013

**PURPOSE:**     **To ensure that physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners with demonstrated CPR competence will be present any time a patient may require Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation in our facility.**

**GUIDELINE STATEMENTS:**

1. It is the policy of Major Hospital that in every case where a person is found without respiration or heartbeat a physician or non-physician practitioner qualified to administer CPR will be available to render that care.
2. Members of the Medical Staff and Non-Physician practitioners who have direct patient care contact, from time to time encounter a patient in cardiac arrest or near cardiac arrest. The nature of medicine is such that certain specialties such as Anesthesiology, Emergency Medicine, and Critical Care more commonly encounter cardiac or near cardiac arrests.
3. We have Emergency Medicine physicians present at all times in the Emergency Department at Major Hospital. If these physicians are not Board Certified/Board Eligible in Emergency Medicine, they are required to maintain current BLS certification. Emergency Department physicians should respond to all Code Blues when available (situations requiring CPR) that occur in Major Hospital's main facility. It is our position, along with the American College of Emergency Physicians, that Emergency Medicine physicians maintaining an active practice in their field of specialty along with current board certification/board eligibility is adequate demonstration of ongoing competency to deliver CPR.
4. Should a Code Blue occur in the operating rooms at Major Hospital, the Anesthesiologist are required to attend the Code Blue. Anesthesiologists demonstrate their competency in CPR by sustaining an active practice in their field of specialty and by the very nature of the specialty.
5. All Major Hospital Hospitalists are required to attend all Code Blues if they are within Major Hospital's main facility. CPR competency is demonstrated by maintaining current BLS certification.
6. All Major Hospital Pediatricians are required to attend pediatric and neonatal codes if the pediatricians are within the facility. CPR competency is demonstrated by maintaining current BLS certification.
7. Many of our other physicians and Non-Physician practitioners maintain competence in CPR, but this is not a requirement. When present, any attending physician with CPR training and demonstrated competence may perform CPR and related resuscitation activities in conjunction with those qualified physicians listed above. In any case, the presence of a qualified physician is assured. In every case, ongoing peer review and performance improvement is mandated.

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