

## ISOLATION CODE BLUE MEDICATION PACK

**Summary:** The Isolation Code Blue Medication Pack is to be used **FIRST** when responding to a Code Blue in an isolation room, including COVID-19 patients. The Crash Cart will remain outside of the isolation room.

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Isolation Code Blue Medication Pack is to assure critical, emergent medications are available in the patient room as part of the initial code blue response while supporting the infection control practice of keeping the Crash Cart outside of the isolation room.

### **Description:**

- Available in:
  - Designated ED, TRU and OR Pyxis machines
  - Crash Cart Medication Trays
    - Adult & Pediatric Broselow Carts
    - Configured from contents already in the Crash Cart Medication Trays.
    - Complete contents of crash cart medication tray have **NOT** changed; they have just been rearranged.
    - Will be available in all crash cart trays
    - Started with Crash Carts in 5<sup>th</sup> floor Sky Tower and the ED & TRU
- Medications included:
  - Epinephrine 1 mg Inj X 3
  - Sodium bicarbonate 50 mEq Inj X 2
  - Atropine 1 mg Inj X 1
  - Dextrose 50% 50 mL Inj X 1
  - Calcium chloride 1 g Inj X 1
  - Lidocaine 100 mg Inj X 1
  - Normal Saline 10 mL flushes x 10 (*second phase*)
- **ISOLATION patients:**
  - Initially TAKE ONLY this med pack into isolation room
  - Do NOT take the entire med tray into isolation room
  - Med tray to remain outside isolation room with crash cart
  - Additional meds may be passed into anteroom
- **NON-ISOLATION patients:** May also use these meds

### **Disinfecting and Returning Isolation Code Blue Med Pack AFTER Code Blue Response:**

- A. Isolation code blue med pack enters the isolation room and is **NOT** opened:
  1. The isolation code med pack is thoroughly wiped down with germicidal disposable wipes in the anteroom.
    - a. If no ante-room, the bag will be wiped down once with germicidal disposable wipes within the room then handed out and wiped down again with germicidal disposable wipes.
  2. Disinfected Isolation code med pack is returned to the crash cart medication tray.
  3. The patient identification sticker is added to the code tray inventory sheet.
  4. The normal crash cart exchange process is followed.
  5. Inpatient pharmacy technicians do a secondary sterilization wipe down of all code tray contents after a 3 day quarantine.

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- B. Isolation code med pack enters the isolation room and is OPENED.
  - 1. Medications NOT used in intact packaging are sealed in NEW bag provided in the crash cart.
  - 2. Nurse disinfects the new sealed bag with germicidal disposable wipes in the anteroom.
    - a. If no ante-room, the bag will be wiped down once with germicidal disposable wipes within the room then handed out and wiped down again with germicidal disposable wipes.
  - 3. Sealed, disinfected bag is placed back in crash cart medication tray.
  - 4. The patient identification sticker is added to the code tray inventory sheet.
  - 5. Used or damaged medications or those no longer in intact packaging shall be discarded appropriately.
  - 6. The normal crash cart exchange process is followed.
  - 7. Inpatient pharmacy technicians do a secondary sterilization wipe down of all code tray contents after a 3 day quarantine