

Crash Cart Exchange Program



Process For Exchange

Nursing Responsibilities Post Event (or if expired contents)

- ◆ At UH –as soon as possible call distribution
- ◆ At WCH-call house manager to get a replacement crash cart

Before Exchanging Cart

- ◆ Remove drug tray and send to pharmacy for replacement (opened or expired tray)
- ◆ Remove Supplies from the Outside of Cart- defibrillator, clip board, ACLS/PALS algorithm cards, external pacer/ hands off defib cable, checklists, code blue documentation records, lead II placement diagrams, and any unique unit items
- ◆ Send (as a set)- used laryngoscope or used McGill forceps to sterile processing
- ◆ Clean outside of cart post event

Upon Receipt of New Cart

- ◆ Place outside contents i.e. defibrillator ACLS/PALS cards
- ◆ Replace new (sealed) drug tray into top space on cart and apply lock, document lock number and expiration date on daily checklist
- ◆ Note expiration date on lock applied by distribution and document on daily checklist



Crash Carts contents are standardized and are not to be altered

After hour exchanges at WCH-
HM will use the log sheet located in distribution to enter the cart number and which area the replacement cart is going

Daily checks include checking expiration dates for drug tray and cart supplies

The cart may be opened at any time for teaching purposes. The responsible nurse will check contents and re-lock the cart. Document the new lock number and date opened on the daily checklist

CED has training carts available for use

