

Adult Code Team Activation Criteria

**IF THE PATIENT MEETS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA,*
CLINICAL STAFF SHOULD CALL A CODE – x2323**

Respiratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rate <8 or >36 • New onset difficulty breathing • New pulse oximeter reading less than 85% for more than 5 minutes that is not easily corrected with oxygen administration (unless patient known to have chronic hypoxemia)
Heart Rate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <40 or >140 <u>with symptoms</u> or any rate >160
Blood Pressure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <80 or >200 systolic or >110 diastolic <u>with symptoms</u>
Acute Neurological change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acute loss of consciousness. • New onset lethargy or narcosis without immediate response • Seizure (outside of seizure monitoring unit) • Sudden loss of movement (or weakness) of face, arm or leg; sudden loss of speech
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chest pain unresponsive to nitroglycerine or doctor unavailable • Color change (of patient or extremity): pale, dusky, gray or blue • Unexplained agitation more than 10 minutes • Suicide attempt • Uncontrolled bleeding • A new critical lab value that the available clinical staff are not able to address in a timely fashion • The nurse or other clinician is very worried about the patient <p>*criteria based on DeVita et. al. Qual Saf Hlth Care 2004; 13; 251-254 and Buist et. al. BMJ 2002; 324: 387-390.</p>

DO NOT WAIT UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE!