CODE BLUE RESPONSE

**Description**
Code Blue is activated for a Medical Emergency, being any incident in which trained staff are required to respond to a medical emergency, which is beyond the normal routine of the facility.

**Procedure Applies To**
All staff who work at Upper Murray Health & Community Services.

**Purpose and Scope**
Upper Murray Health & Community Service staff will respond to Code Blue emergencies in a timely and coordinated manner with a successful outcome.

**Definitions & Abbreviations**

**Procedure Standards**

### Resuscitation Team Members
- Nurse in charge
- Registered Nurses/Enrolled Nurse x 3 if possible

### Roles
- Nurse in charge: coordinator of code, airway management
- Registered Nurse (ALS accredited): defib, drugs
- Registered Nurse/Enrolled Nurse: Scribe
- Registered Nurse/Enrolled Nurse: Scout

Staff member originating code to stay with patient and call for help.

**Start Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation**

**Raise Alarm**
- In hours ring switch 63200L State Code Blue - Clearly state Code Blue and location
- Switch operator will go to the EWIS Panel and turn on the public address system and clearly announce that there is a Code Blue and the location
- Out of hours nursing staff will ring the medical officer on call
Outside of hospital building call for help and ring 000. **Commence CPR.**

**Responsibilities**

**Coordinator:**
- Coordinate event
- Maintain airway
- In hours organise for alarm to be raised
- After hours organise nurse/personal care worker/hospitality staff to call Medical Officer on call

**Defib Nurse**
- Take crash trolley to Code Blue if the event has occurred away from HDU
- **Do not** take the crash cart out of main hospital building
- Attach defib pads and commence monitoring
- Resuscitation according to ALS

**Scribe**
- To provide accurate documentation of events of Code from commencement to completion

**Scout**
- Obtain any extra equipment required in a timely manner
- Ensure a staff member is with the family/relative/witness as required
- Participate in the Code Blue event as directed by the coordinator

**Legislation, Acts & Standards**
- QICSA Standard Reference: 2.2, 2.5, 3.1
- NSQHS Standard Reference: 9

**Key Aligned Documents**

**References**
- Australian Resuscitation Guidelines 2012
- Emergency Response Team- (Respond Blue): Kyabram & District Health Service

**Governance**

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Cardio-Pulmonary Arrest Flow Chart

Basic Life Support is commenced as soon as possible by the first person on the scene.

Call for HELP without leaving the person

Second person initiates Code Blue and ensures emergency equipment is brought to the scene.

- During hours rings switch 6300: State Code Blue - state room/ place where Code Blue is taking place
- Switch operator is to call medical officer on call directly in his room and relay information concerning Code blue
  - Out of hours ring medical officer on call
  - Outside of hospital building call for help and ring 000.

Transport to urgent care when stable