Administrative Policies and Procedures

**Originating Venue:** Medication Management  
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**Title:** Emergency Crash Carts  
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**Policy:**

- Emergency care will be rendered using PMG's emergency equipment and medication, and “911” will be called to assist in the emergency care of the patient and to transfer the patient, if necessary to a hospital.

- Emergency drugs and supplies, for use in medical emergencies only, shall be immediately available at each operative or procedural area. Emergency drugs for resuscitation shall be located in the emergency crash carts. Other emergency drugs shall be available in auxiliary emergency medication boxes. Emergency medications contained in the crash carts and auxiliary emergency medication boxes will be provided in the most ready-to-administer form available, in appropriate doses and in patient unit doses when possible.

- The emergency drug supply will remain inside the cart/drug box, sealed, at all times when not in use. The seals will be broken only when an emergency situation arises. The contents shall be listed in a log on top of the cart and shall include the earliest expiration date of any drugs within the tray.

- After an emergency the carts will be restocked with all the medications and the cart will be re-sealed.

- Patient care staff are responsible for checking and documentation of the integrity of all equipment on top of the cart. Defibrillators will be discharged on battery to verify defibrillator battery is charging.

- There will be periodic staff in-service training, in order to insure that all staff have current competence in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

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