NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSPITALS

Standardized Emergency Codes
Specify Location

Title	Emergency Code	Description
Missing Patient/Person	**Amber**	*Specify Infant, Child or Adult*. Provide coordinated efforts among departments in locating a missing person and outline steps to be taken in the event of an actual or suspected abduction on the grounds of the hospital.
Fire	**Red**	In the event of a fire or suspected fire, those in danger must be alerted and rescued while appropriate steps are taken to ensure the safety and evacuation of all others while notifying those necessary.
Cardiac Arrest/Medical Emergency	**Blue**	In the event of a medical emergency, appropriate staff will respond within the hospital and on the grounds of the campus to ensure patient / staff safety and recovery.
Hostage Situation/Person with a Weapon	**Silver**	Alert staff of the dangerous situation while keeping a safe distance and preventing others from entering the area.
Violent/Combative Patient	**Grey**	Alert staff to ensure adequate internal response and external support to manage situation.
Hazardous Materials Release/Spill	**Orange**	Alert staff of immediate danger and secure the substance release if possible, while alerting all the appropriate authorities of the spill so it can be mitigated as quickly and safely as possible.
Bomb Threat	**Black**	Alert staff of a suspected bomb threat.
Surge Capacity	**Purple**	Alert all appropriate personnel to assist in patient flow activities.
Internal situation	**White - Internal**	Activation of the emergency operations plan for an internal event.
External situation	**White - External**	Activation of the emergency operations plan for an external event in order to continue patient care while addressing the needs of the community.

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