

# 2020 Plain Language Medical Codes for Conversion Communication and Education Plan



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## Why Change Codes?

- Conversion to plain language emergency codes is a national recommendation to reduce confusion
- Endorsed by Connecticut Hospital Association and the Hospital Association of Rhode Island
- Reduces confusion and anxiety created by color codes
- Ensures the most accurate and actionable information possible
- Medical codes will be standardized across YNHHS, just as Facility and Security codes were standardized in May 2019

## Medical Codes

**Notes:** The current codes are based on resource availability and process. Not all delivery networks are using current codes identified. The Delivery Network column represents the locations that will utilize the new codes.

**Key:** BH (Bridgeport Hospital), GH (Greenwich Hospital), LM (Lawrence + Memorial Hospital), SRC (Saint Raphael Campus), WH (Westerly Hospital), YSC (York Street Campus).

Alert / Condition	Current Terminology	New Plain Language Code	Delivery Network	
Cardiac/Respiratory Arrest, Compromise of an Adult	Code Blue	Medical Alert + <b>Adult Medical Emergency</b> + Location	ALL	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Obstetrical and newborn response for imminent births OR births occurring outside of the traditional obstetrical unit</li> <li>- Obstetrical and newborn response for pregnant women, 16 weeks or greater involved in a trauma with admission to the Emergency Department</li> </ul>	Code Pink	Medical Alert + <b>Maternal and Newborn Alert</b> + Location	BH, SRC, YSC	
Cardiac/Respiratory Arrest, Compromise of Pediatric Individual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Code White</li> <li>- Code Blue</li> <li>- Broselow</li> </ul>	Medical Alert + <b>Pediatric Medical Emergency</b> + Location	ALL	
Bridgeport Hospital	Sudden Change in Condition/Deterioration of a Patient	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adult Rapid Response Team</li> <li>- Rapid Response Team</li> <li>- RRT</li> <li>- REV</li> <li>- CODE RRT</li> </ul>	Medical Alert + <b>Rapid Response Team (Indicate if Pediatric)</b> + Location	ALL
	Respiratory Arrest, Compromise of an Adult	Respiratory Alert	Medical Alert + <b>Respiratory Alert</b> + Location	<b>BH:</b> MICU, SICU, BU, CVL
	Adult Patient: Anticipated Difficult Intubation/ Surgical Airway with Airway Compromise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- TAART: Threatened Adult Airway Response Team</li> <li>- Surgical Airway</li> <li>- Acute Airway Response</li> </ul>	Medical Alert + <b>Adult Threatened Airway Response Team</b> + Location	BH, GH, YSC
	Stroke	Stroke Code	Medical Alert + <b>Stroke Code</b> + Location	ALL

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Cardiac/Respiratory Arrest, Compromise of an Adult	Code Blue	Medical Alert + <b>Adult Medical Emergency</b> + Location	ALL
Cardiac/Respiratory Arrest, Compromise of Pediatric Individual	- Code White - Code Blue - Broselow	Medical Alert + <b>Pediatric Medical Emergency</b> + Location	ALL
Sudden Change in Condition/Deterioration of a Patient	- Adult Rapid Response Team - Rapid Response Team - RRT - REV - CODE RRT	Medical Alert + <b>Rapid Response Team (Indicate if Pediatric)</b> + Location	ALL
Adult Patient: Anticipated Difficult Intubation/ Surgical Airway with Airway Compromise	- TAART: Threatened Adult Airway Response Team - Surgical Airway - Acute Airway Response	Medical Alert + <b>Adult Threatened Airway Response Team</b> + Location	BH, GH, YSC
STEMI/MI	- Code PCI - MI Alert	Medical Alert + <b>Cath Lab Alert</b> + Location	GH, LM, WH
Stroke	Stroke Code	Medical Alert + <b>Stroke Code</b> + Location	ALL
Trauma	Trauma Alert	Medical Alert + <b>Full Trauma</b> + Location Medical Alert + <b>Modified Trauma</b> + Location	GH, LM, WH, YSC

Cardiac/Respiratory Arrest, Compromise of an Adult	Code Blue	Medical Alert + <b>Adult Medical Emergency</b> + Location	ALL
Cardiac/Respiratory Arrest, Compromise of Pediatric Individual	- Code White - Code Blue - Broselow	Medical Alert + <b>Pediatric Medical Emergency</b> + Location	ALL
Sudden Change in Condition/Deterioration of a Patient	- Adult Rapid Response Team - Rapid Response Team - RRT - REV - CODE RRT	Medical Alert + <b>Rapid Response Team (Indicate if Pediatric)</b> + Location	ALL
STEMI/MI	- Code PCI - MI Alert	Medical Alert + <b>Cath Lab Alert</b> + Location	GH, LM, WH
Stroke	Stroke Code	Medical Alert + <b>Stroke Code</b> + Location	ALL
Trauma	Trauma Alert	Medical Alert + <b>Full Trauma</b> + Location Medical Alert + <b>Modified Trauma</b> + Location	GH, LM, WH, YSC

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Cardiac/Respiratory Arrest, Compromise of an Adult	Code Blue	Medical Alert + <b>Adult Medical Emergency</b> + Location	ALL
Cardiac/Respiratory Arrest, Compromise of Pediatric Individual	- Code White - Code Blue - Broselow	Medical Alert + <b>Pediatric Medical Emergency</b> + Location	ALL
Sudden Change in Condition/Deterioration of a Patient	- Adult Rapid Response Team - Rapid Response Team - RRT - REV - CODE RRT	Medical Alert + <b>Rapid Response Team (Indicate if Pediatric)</b> + Location	ALL
STEMI/MI	- Code PCI - MI Alert	Medical Alert + <b>Cath Lab Alert</b> + Location	GH, LM, WH
Stroke	Stroke Code	Medical Alert + <b>Stroke Code</b> + Location	ALL
Malignant Hyperthermia Emergency	Code Blue Malignant Hyperthermia Emergency	Medical Alert + <b>Malignant Hyperthermia Emergency</b> + Location	WH
Trauma	Trauma Alert	Medical Alert + <b>Full Trauma</b> + Location Medical Alert + <b>Modified Trauma</b> + Location	GH, LM, WH, YSC

Westerly Hospital

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Cardiac/Respiratory Arrest, Compromise of an Adult	Code Blue	Medical Alert + <b>Adult Medical Emergency</b> + Location	ALL
- Obstetrical and newborn response for imminent births OR births occurring outside of the traditional obstetrical unit - Obstetrical and newborn response for pregnant women, 16 weeks or greater involved in a trauma with admission to the Emergency Department	Code Pink	Medical Alert + <b>Maternal and Newborn Alert</b> + Location	BH, SRC, YSC
Cardiac/Respiratory Arrest, Compromise of Pediatric Individual	- Code White - Code Blue - Broselow	Medical Alert + <b>Pediatric Medical Emergency</b> + Location	ALL
Sudden Change in Condition/Deterioration of a Patient	- Adult Rapid Response Team - Rapid Response Team - RRT - REV - CODE RRT	Medical Alert + <b>Rapid Response Team (Indicate if Pediatric)</b> + Location	ALL
Adult Patient: Anticipated Difficult Intubation/ Surgical Airway with Airway Compromise	- TAART: Threatened Adult Airway Response Team - Surgical Airway - Acute Airway Response	Medical Alert + <b>Adult Threatened Airway Response Team</b> + Location	BH, GH, YSC
Pediatric Patient: Anticipated Difficult Intubation/ Surgical Airway with Airway Compromise	pTART: Pediatric Threatened Airway Response Team	Medical Alert + <b>Pediatric Threatened Airway Response Team</b> + Location	YSC
Stroke	Stroke Code	Medical Alert + <b>Stroke Code</b> + Location	ALL
Anesthesia	Anesthesia STAT	Medical Alert + <b>Anesthesia STAT</b> + Location	SRC, YSC
Trauma	Trauma Alert	Medical Alert + <b>Full Trauma</b> + Location Medical Alert + <b>Modified Trauma</b> + Location	GH, LM, WH, YSC
Surgical Response	Surgical Response Team	Medical Alert + <b>Surgical Response Team</b> + Location	SRC
“Crash”/Emergent C-Section at SRC Requiring Anesthesia Response	Code 1-2-3	Medical Alert + <b>Anesthesia STAT</b> + Location	SRC



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