



UPHS to Standardize **Non-Clinical Emergency Codes**

Starts Sunday, March 1



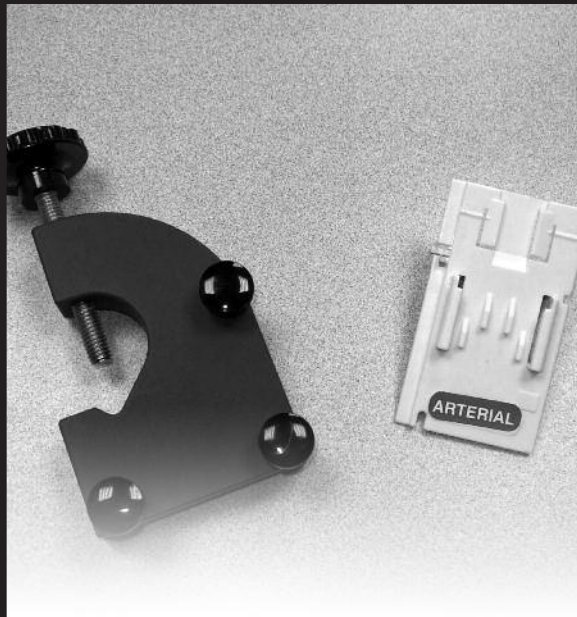
Currently each UPHS hospital uses different code phrases or words for overhead announcements whenever certain non-clinical events occur or are drilled. For example, the overhead announcement for a fire alarm at HUP is “Operation Red”; at PAH it is “Condition Red”; at PPMC it is “Plan B” and at Penn Medicine at Rittenhouse it is “Code Red”.

Because many staff have responsibilities throughout the Health System, Safety Management identified the need to develop standardized terms for these non-clinical emergency events and began working with Security, Physical Plant and other departments to accomplish this. Starting Sunday, March 1, UPHS will implement the following designations for non-clinical emergency codes across the Health System:

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TYPE OF EVENT	UPHS CODE DESIGNATION
Fire Alarm	Code Red
Fire Alarm – All Clear	Code Red – All Clear
Infant Abduction	Code Amber
Bomb Threat	Code Black
Shelter in Place	Code Yellow
Workplace Violence / Security Issue	Code Grey
Lockdown	Facility Lockdown (plain text – no code)
Internal Emergency	Internal Emergency w/location (plain text – no code)
External Emergency	External Emergency (plain text – no code)
Access Emergency	Access Emergency (plain text – no code)

Help Collect Manifolds and Clamps for Reprocessing



Manifolds and Clamps, pictured here, are important patient-related medical equipment items. Manifolds keep IV lines separate and labeled between the IV pump and the patient. Clamps attach to IV poles and hold the manifolds in place. Several manifolds are often used with one clamp. Most clamps and manifolds are set up for the patients exiting the Operating Rooms and stay with the patients until they arrive on the inpatient units for the remainder of their care.

The manifolds and clamps are somewhat small and easily lost or are accidentally disposed of. However they are vital to patient care and the cost adds up. Clamps are \$16.95 each and manifolds are \$62.40 per case of 30.

When clamps and manifolds arrive on your unit and your patient no longer requires them, or if you find any unused on your unit, please bring them to your Soiled Utility Room for collection by Distribution Services for reprocessing and reuse. Thanks!

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The Call Center will use these new code terms to announce the event whenever they occur at all of the hospitals within UPHS. There will be no practice announcements as part of this change.

ID badge-sized cards will be available from the Security office, the Safety office and at the ID photo centers at each hospital. These cards contain the standardized code designations on one side and the entity specific emergency numbers on the reverse side. These cards will be available to employees during the last week of February.

Please contact any member of the Safety Management or Security team if you have any questions regarding the upcoming code standardization.