

As a student at OSMH, you may encounter an emergency code at the hospital. Each emergency code is listed on the back of your OSMH ID badge. In the event of an emergency, report to your preceptor or clinical leaders for guidance. Please call ext. 3333 If you are first on the scene where a code needs to be called.

CONTROL PERSON: A Control Person is to be established in every department at the commencement of every shift. On clinical units, the control person is the Team Lead or Charge Person. The Control Person is to take responsibility for activities during the code.

The following is a list of all Emergency Codes, a description and your actions you are required to follow as a student:

Code Red – Fire	
<i>Description:</i>	A fire or fire drill is in progress.
<i>Actions for Students:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you discover a fire please use the fire pull station and call 3333 and alert others in the area Remove yourself and others around from immediate danger Follow the instructions from the Control Person
Code Green – Evacuation	
<i>Description:</i>	Evacuation is imminent. There are 3 stages of an evacuation: Stage 1 (Horizontal Evacuation): Movement of persons from wing/floor to the nearest exit/separation on the same level. Stage 2 (Vertical Evacuation): Movement of persons from successive levels to a safe floor at least 2 levels below, Stage 3 (Total Evacuation): Movement of persons to evacuate either a specific wing or total hospital as directed by overhead announcements
<i>Actions for Students:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow the direction of the Control Person A student may be requested to perform duties assigned by the Control Person (i.e., patient transfer, carry information to a safe designated area, staff schedules, patient information).
Code Black – Bomb Threat	
<i>Description:</i>	Emergency response to a bomb threat or suspicious package
<i>Actions for Students:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you see a package or other article that is suspicious – DO NOT TOUCH. Retreat away from the package. Contact the person in charge immediately i.e., charge nurse, manager or designate. A student may be requested to deliver or pick up information to/from the Incident Command Centre
Code Brown – Hazardous Material Spill	
<i>Description:</i>	An emergency response to a hazardous spill or leak, such as a chemical spill or gas leak. There are 3 levels of spills: 1) Level 1 – Cleaned up by staff in the unit / department the spill occurred 2) Level 2 – Cannot be contained by the unit / department; requires Spill Response team 3) Level 3 – Requires External Resource(s).
<i>Actions for Students:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow the direction of the manager/designate based on spill level.
Code Blue - Cardiac/Respiratory Arrest	
<i>Description:</i>	Indicates an adult patient 18+ experiencing cardiopulmonary arrest, impending arrest, hemodynamically unstable (unless patient's plan of treatment indicates NO CPR)
<i>Actions for Students:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow the direction of the Control Person
Code Pink - Neonatal Resuscitation	
<i>Description:</i>	Any newborn experiencing a cardiac or respiratory arrest or impending arrest - Including, but not limited to: apnea or bradycardia; unresponsive to stimulation; ineffective respiration/gasping; central cyanosis; shock/poor perfusion)
<i>Actions for Students:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A student has no role in a Code Pink Follow the direction of the Control Person

Code OB - Emergency During Birth	
<i>Description:</i>	Obstetrical patient needs immediate or urgent care where additional resources are needed
<i>Actions for Students:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A student has no role in a Code OB May be requested to assist moving equipment i.e. wheelchairs in the hall to make way for the Code Team.
Code Yellow – Missing Adult 18+ Patient	
<i>Description:</i>	Indicates a missing patient, visitor, or other person
<i>Actions for Students:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A student may be requested to take information to or from the Command Centre (Muskoka Room - EJW R1902) May be assigned by the Control Person to obtain a description of the patient to enable participation in finding the patient.
Code Amber – Missing Child	
<i>Description:</i>	Indicates a missing or abducted infant or child
<i>Actions for Students:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A student may be requested to take information to or from the Command Centre (Muskoka Room - EJW R1902) May be assigned by the Control Person to obtain a description of the patient to enable participation in finding the patient.
Code White – Violent Patient	
<i>Description:</i>	Indicates a violent or aggressive person is present. It's used when a patient, visitor, staff member, or physician is in danger from someone else's behavior.
<i>Actions for Students:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a student becomes aware that a situation is escalating, retreat to a safe distance/area and inform the Control Person
Code Purple - Hostage	
<i>Description:</i>	Emergency response to a potential or actual hostage situation
<i>Actions for Students:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A student should retreat to a safe distance/area and follow departmental protocol
Code Grey – Loss of Infrastructure and/or Information Technology	
<i>Description:</i>	Indicate a significant infrastructure failure or loss, such as a failure of power, water, heating, or communications.
<i>Actions for Students:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow the direction of the Control Person
Code Orange – External Disaster	
<i>Description:</i>	Emergency response to an influx of patients putting the hospital resources under pressure. This could be due to an external disaster, such as a fire, explosion, toxic spill, or motor vehicle accident
<i>Actions for Students:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow the direction of the Control Person The student may be requested by the Control Person to assist with preparations for the disaster i.e. obtaining extra wheelchairs/stretchers, photocopying, obtaining supplies from another area
Code Silver - Weapon	
<i>Description:</i>	Indicates an active attacker with a weapon on the premises.
<i>Actions for Students:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A student should retreat to a safe distance/area and follow departmental protocol Follow the direction of the Control Person