## Mission Hospital- Process for notifying operator to call a Code Blue in an inpatient room

The Code Blue button located in patient rooms on all Nursing Units notify the operator to call a Code Blue (Mission Hospital only).

- ☐ If a patient is found unresponsive in a inpatient area, the Code Blue button should be activated immediately.
- □ A notification is sent directly to the PBX Operator Code Blue Console when the Code Blue Button is pushed in the patient room. Any caregiver can press this button.
  - Always listen for the Code Blue to be called overhead. If a Code Blue is not called within <u>one minute</u>, call the PBX Operator to activate a Code Blue.
- Departments that do not call a Code Blue Overhead are exempt and will need to follow the current internal Code Blue Notification process i.e. ED, ORs, NICU, PICU, etc.

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## Wound of the Week (wow!): What is it?



### **Extravasation with wound**

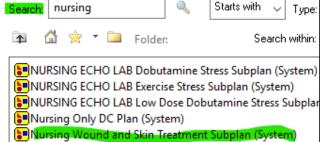
AKA IV infiltrate

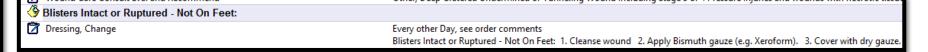
- Follow Wound and Skin Subplan
  - Blisters Intact or Ruptured-Not on Feet:
    - Xeroform with cover dressing



Wound Care Consult







### **Use of Sterile Ultrasound Gel**

- Always use single-use, sterile ultrasound gel for:
  - Percutaneous Procedures:
    - Central & peripheral IV line placement
    - Amniocentesis
    - Paracentesis
    - Tissue biopsy
    - Surgical procedures
  - Non-intact skin (e.g., wounds, abrasions)
  - Fresh surgical sites



- Do NOT Use Nonsterile Gel (bottled ultrasound gel)
  - Never use nonsterile bottled ultrasound gel for procedures involving skin puncture or surgical sites.
  - o Do not use nonsterile ultrasound gel for pre-procedure visualization
- Best Practice
  - Always use single-use packets of sterile ultrasound gel
  - Use sterile probe covers whenever feasible
  - Check expiration dates and packaging integrity
- Why It Matters
  - Outbreak Alert: Burkholderia stabilis infections have been linked to contaminated nonsterile, multiuse ultrasound gel.
  - These infections can be serious and preventable with proper gel selection and usage.







# Important Update: Ativan Shortage and Versed Guidelines



Due to a nationwide shortage of IV lorazepam (Ativan) (2 mg/mL) vials, we are implementing the following temporary guidelines to ensure appropriate medication use and patient safety:

- Lorazepam Restriction: IV lorazepam use is now restricted to ED, ICU, and Pediatric patients only for the treatment of seizures.
- Midazolam (Versed) Substitution:
  - Non-ICU Areas (IV Push): IV push midazolam (2 mg/2 mL) is approved for use in non-ICU areas with a maximum dose of 2 mg per administration. Exceptions are made only for comfort care or intubated patients awaiting transfer.
  - 2. Midazolam IV Push Frequency: Do not administer IV push midazolam (2 mg/2 mL) more frequently than every 4 hours (Q4H) from the previous dose due to delayed accumulation.
  - Acute Agitation: For acute agitation, the recommended route and dosing is 2 mg IM Q4H PRN. IV push midazolam for acute agitation is prohibited. IV midazolam's is not effective for agitation management due to rapid onset and shorter duration of action, compared to IV lorazepam.
- > IM Midazolam for Seizures: IM midazolam (5 mg/mL) is appropriate for PRN seizure management:
  - 1. Patients weighing ≤ 40 kg: 5 mg IM, ONCE.
  - 2. Patients weighing > 40 kg: 10 mg IM, ONCE.
- Midazolam 5 mg/mL Storage: Due to supply volume, the 5 mg/mL midazolam product is stocked in only one Pyxis per unit. Please use the "Global Find" function on your station to locate it.



- Patient Monitoring & Communication: Given the delayed accumulation of midazolam, more frequent patient assessments and direct provider communication are essential. For all PRN seizure IM midazolam doses (which are ONCE), a provider assessment is required for any subsequent dosing.
- Patient Transfers (ED/ICU): For patients transferring from the ED or ICU to a lower level of care, all IV lorazepam orders must be discontinued and adjusted to midazolam. Please collaborate with the provider to address this during the transfer process.

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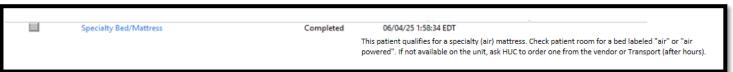


#### **Baxter Pump Updates-Updated Pushed 7/29/25**

- Last Tuesday, July 29, 2025, an important update was released for Baxter IV Pumps to address various issues.
- If a Baxter pump was plugged in, it should have automatically downloaded the new library and prompted the nurse to "accept" it.
- Confirm that each pump has been updated to version "Cerner-IO NCDV 2023 v1 Version 33" before patient use.
- Please contact BioMed for pumps that are not connecting to the wireless network and/or are not taking the updates.

### Order comment for Specialty Bed/Mattress Update: Go-live 7/28/25

- Order Comment Current state "Contact vendor to obtain Specialty Bed (generated from specialty bed screening form)"
- ➤ Order Comment Future state "This patient qualifies for a specialty (air) mattress. Check patient room for a bed labeled "air" or "air powered". If not available on the unit, ask HUC to order one from the vendor or Transport (after hours).



Reminder-Do not Delay Transfers while waiting on a specialty bed or mattress







### **TapNGo Reminders**

To help keep patient data secure and your workflow smooth, remember these TapNGo best practices:

- Always badge out when leaving your workstation. It protects patient information and speeds up reconnection time.
- ➤ Reconnects take 15–30 seconds we're continuously working to make that even faster.
- Your apps travel with you: When you badge back in, your session picks up where you left off.
- > After 5 minutes of inactivity, your session will auto-lock. Just badge back in to resume.

Thank you for helping us safeguard patient data and enhance care through smart use of technology.