MET Call and Code Blue



Digital Health Quick Reference Guide

IMPORTANT NOTE: If clinically indicated, do not wait for an EMR Red Alert before calling for assistance.

In a <u>Code Blue</u> medications, infusions and investigations can be prescribed/requested via paper forms if required urgently.

In a MET Call it is expected that medications, infusions and investigations will be ordered on EMR.



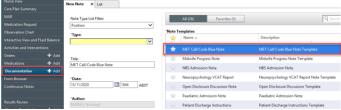
Documentation

1. Rapid Response Record Powerform - ICU Liaison Nurse

Following a MET Call, the ICU liaison nurse will complete the Rapid Response Record Powerform. This is located at the bottom of the Observation Chart page.



- 2. Progress Note Documentation Medical Officer
 - a) Select Documentation +Add and select the MET Call/Code Blue Note template to complete any further documentation.
 - b) Click Sign/Submit, then change the Title (e.g. "Code Blue – Registrar") and click Sign



Medication & Infusion Orders

Following a Code Blue, it is the responsibility of the Team Leader, the Scribe, and the Clinician who administered any medications/infusions to confirm with each other what was administered during the code, including doses and administration times.

1. The **Team Leader (Medical Officer)** will then place a one-off order for each medication and infusion that was administered.



IIIII Medication Administration

- 2. The Clinician who administered them will then sign off each medication/infusion using the correct administration times (retrospective documentation):
 - a) Document medication & infusion administration via the Medication Administration Wizard (MAW)
 - b) Check the medication and/or infusion order and select the Result section to open the MAW administration window





c) Modify the *Performed date / time



d) Add Comment 'Code Blue' and click OK.



e) Refresh the **MAR** and review documentation.



Refer to the following QRG's if required:

Infusions - Commencing a Bag By Bag Infusion - Nursing/Midwifery

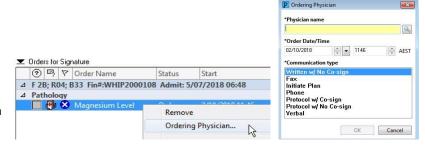
Infusions - Commencing a Truly Continuous Infusion - Nursing/Midwifery

Infusions - Commencing Intermittent Infusion - Nursing/Midwifery

NB: It is crucial that ALL medications and infusions that were given during the Code are **ORDERED** and **MARKED AS ADMINISTERED** on EMR to avoid double dosing.

Pathology and Radiology

- a) Paper request forms for pathology and radiology will be accepted during Code Blue situations if there is a clinical urgency. The results will still be available to view on EMR.
- b) Alternatively, nursing staff are able to place orders on EMR on a doctor's behalf by right-clicking on the order, selecting "Ordering Physician" and then entering the doctor's name:
- The doctor will later be able to co-sign these orders. This will not delay the investigations.



Modified Calling Criteria

Following a **MET Call** or a **Code Blue**, doctors must remember to **review** and, if appropriate, **modify** the calling criteria via the **ACC/Vary Freq** button on the **Observation Chart**.

Refer to the following QRG: Observations - Altering Calling Criteria - Acute & Chronic

