## Code Cart Checklist (Non-ICU)

Patient Care Unit:
Month/Year:


* Signature indicates that Code Cart was checked according to MAS Policy 95-1
(see reverse of checklist for guidelines)
For additional forms, please access: NIH Medical Records Site


## Guidelines for Code Cart Checks

1. Code Carts are the responsibility of the Patient Care Unit/Clinic staff to maintain and resupply following use.
2. By signing the daily check column, you are attesting that all items under the daily code cart checks have been addressed.
3. If cart is opened or found unsecured, cart contents must be completely inventoried and any missing items replaced before relocking cart. Document lock number on Code Cart Check List - NIH-1355 with comment about reason for lock change.
4. Carts are checked:

- Daily: on all patient care units, during clinic hours in the ambulatory care areas, and in diagnostic labs or suites when the areas are to be used for procedures.


## Daily Code Cart Checks

## All Code Carts - Check the following daily:

1. Oxygen tank - replace tank if gauge reads $<1000 \mathrm{psi}$ or $<1 / 2$ full
2. Portable suction machine with Yankauer, suction tubing and canister place.
a. Check adequacy of suction when machine unplugged: turn on, confirm green light on, \& suction present.
b. Machine is fully charged, and plugged into electrical outlet.
3. Cardiac arrest board on back of cart.
4. Cart lock intact and correct lock number recorded on Code Cart Checklist, NIH-1355.
5. Code Cart Contents: Check expiration date of "Code Cart Label" affixed to cart near lock. Replace any expired items.
6. Clipboard with Emergency Response Record (NIH-2253), Code Cart Checklist (NIH-1355), and appropriate BLS or ACLS Code Cart Inventory List.
7. Pediatric Emergency Drug Sheets (PEDS) present on all ACLS carts and BLS carts on pediatric units.
8. Presence of medium gloves and needle box (top of cart (BLS) or side of cart (ACLS)).

## Additionally, for ACLS Carts (blue cart) only:

1. Check top of cart for presence of:
a. Quick Combo pads - adult \& pediatric
b. extra roll defibrillator ECG paper
c. CG electrodes
d. defibrillation gel
e. defibrillation paddles.
2. Medication tray - check expiration dates on "Code Cart Label", call pharmacy to arrange replacement if expired.
3. Defibrillators:
a. Inspect physical condition of defibrillator; look for cleanliness, cracks or damage.
b. Check power cable and accessory cables (ECG, SPO2, and Quick Combo therapy cables) for broken, loose, or worn parts. Ensure connected.
c. LIFEPAK 20: Self-test is done daily at 3am. Check printout for successful self-test, place initials on strip and in the appropriate column on the checklist.
d. LIFEPAK 12: (Code Team, ICU, DASS, PVCS) Perform manual user test daily with unit unplugged from electrical outlet. Verify success, place initials on printout and in the appropriate column on the checklist.
e. Defibrillator and suction machine should be plugged into a red electrical outlet if possible.

## Weekly Code Cart Checks

ACLS Carts with LIFEPAK 20 only: Perform user test weekly with unit unplugged from electrical outlet.

## Monthly Code Cart Checks

1. All Carts: Open cart and inventory all contents (use appropriate code cart inventory list). Replace any missing or expired items. Replace lock and affix yellow label with date of next item to expire near locking mechanism and date/initials of person performing the check. Record lock change and new lock number on Code Cart Checklist as comment.
2. ACLS Carts only: Check all laryngoscope handles and blades in intubation roll. Replace any weak batteries, bulbs or items not functioning properly.
