Code Cart Checklist (Non-ICU)	Patient Care Unit:	Month/Year:
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DAY	TIME	LOCK #	SIGNATURE	Comments	Daily Defibrillator Self/ User Check Pass?	* <u>ALL Code Carts</u> :
1					Yes <u>No</u>	Monthly: (Last week)
2					Yes No	Cart inventoried and expirations replaced:
3					Yes No	
4					Yes No	Date: Initials:
5					Yes <u>No</u>	
6					Yes No	ACLE Carte Only
7					Yes No	ACLS Carts Only
8					Yes No	Monthly: (Last week)
9					Yes No	Intubation Roll
10					Yes No	Checked:
11					Yes No	Date:
12					Yes No	Initials:
13					Yes No	Weekly Check:
14					Yes No	• If LIFEPAK 20: User
15					Yes No	Test performed weekly:
16					Yes No	1 <sup>st</sup> Week:
17					Yes No	Date:
18					Yes <u>No</u>	Initials:
19					Yes <u>No</u>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week:
20					Yes No	Date:
21					Yes <u>No</u>	Initials:
22					Yes No	<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Week</u> :
23					Yes No	Date:
24					Yes <u>No</u>	Initials:
25					Yes <u>No</u>	<u>4<sup>th</sup> Week</u> :
26					Yes <u>No</u>	Date:
27					Yes No	Initials:
28					Yes No	<u>5<sup>th</sup> Week</u> :
29					Yes No	Date:
30					Yes No	Initials:
31					Yes No	]

\* Signature indicates that Code Cart was checked according to MAS Policy 95-1

(see reverse of checklist for guidelines)

### **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 psi or < ½ 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. <u>LIFEPAK 20</u>: 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. <u>LIFEPAK 12</u>: (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. <u>All Carts</u>: 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. <u>ACLS Carts only</u>: Check all laryngoscope handles and blades in intubation roll. Replace any weak batteries, bulbs or items not functioning properly.