

Code Cart use involving COVID 19 PUI or Confirmed Positive Patients
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Code Carts are not to be brought into the patient's room

- Code Cart to remain in the hallway with a designated “clean” team member to pull and pass meds into the room when necessary
 - Make all attempts to prevent cross contamination when passing meds between the “clean” team member and the “contaminated” team member

Each code cart in the COVID patient areas will have a separate **COVID CODE BLUE BOX**

Boxes will be located on top of the code carts

- **The Boxes will each contain:**
 - 2 Amps of Epinephrine
 - 1 Amp of Calcium Chloride
 - 1 Amp of Sodium Bicarbonate
 - 1 Amp of Lidocaine (**use in place of Amiodarone bolus**)
 - Saline Flushes x 4
- Meds in the box will be heat sealed so they can be disinfected with Oxivir or equivalent in the event they are brought into the room, but not used
 - Make sure to wipe down unused contents contained in plastic
 - Wipe down the entire box prior to leaving the room
 - **Call Pharmacy at 72880 to provide replacement and retrieve used box**
- If only the COVID box is used, still chart on the resuscitation flowsheet and provide carbon copy to pharmacy tech with used box and place other copy in pt. chart

In the event a Code Cart is brought in to a PUI or COVID Positive room:

- After the completion of the event, clean/disinfect the cart externally with Oxivir, including Defibrillator
 - **Any drawers that items were used from (external plastic seal is perforated):**
 - Place entire tray inside of a biohazard bag, seal and label “Needs to be quarantined” with Date and Unit on the top of the bag
 - For a medication related drawers-**please call pharmacy at 72880** and a pharmacy tech will retrieve the quarantined tray
 - For a non-medication related drawers alert CSR when they come to retrieve the code cart and provide them with the quarantined tray
- Do not reinsert quarantined tray into drawer**
- With Oxivir or equivalent, wipe down the inside of the drawer

- **If the plastic seal was not perforated:**
 - Wipe down entire tray, the inside of the drawer and then place cleaned tray back into appropriate cleaned drawer
- **Opened drawers containing non-plastic wrapped items (i.e. bottom equipment drawer):**
 - Any item with a paper backing/cardboard box cannot be wiped down and needs to be disposed of in room (i.e. syringes, needles, etc.)
 - With Oxivir or equivalent, wipe down the inside of the drawer
 - If item is wrapped in plastic, wipe down with Oxivir and place back in cleaned drawer
- **Remove cleaned code cart from the room and place in the hallway**
 - When CSR comes to collect the cart, please tell them that the cart was in COVID isolation room and that it was disinfected with Oxivir
 - Provide them with any bagged non-pharmacy items for quarantine
- **Locations for quarantine code cart items:**
 - Any non-pharmacy related items will be quarantined in the CSR Decontamination room for **FIVE** Days
 - Pharmacy related items will be quarantined in the pharmacy closet for **FIVE** Days

The paper resuscitation flowsheet needs to remain outside of the room at all times

Paper cannot be wiped down-please chart on a separate paper and then transcribe to appropriate resuscitation flowsheet