



# Office of Disaster Preparedness

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## The UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

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### The University Hospital Office of Disaster Preparedness (ODP)

#### CODE RED FIRE ALARM

Do you know what to do when the hospital fire alarm sounds? When the hospital has a fire alarm ALL staff, visitors and patients are to remain in the unit/department that they are on when the alarm starts. **DURING ANY FIRE ALARM, NO ONE SHOULD WALK THROUGH HALLWAYS OR ANY UNIT.**

The hospital is equipped with smoke and fire compartments the doors that close within the hallways during a fire alarm. These doors provide a separation from your area with the fire/smoke area. If you open the doors it will create a "vacuum effect" and pull the fire/smoke into your unit and defeat the purpose of the fire/smoke door intent.

Each unit/department has a fire warden and all staff, patients and visitors are to follow the directions of the fire wardens during any fire alarm activation.

Refer to the Emergency Operations Plan and the Emergency Response Guide for further information.

#### YOUR SAFETY

Some key information to remain safe while on the Newark Campus include:

- Walking in a group (if possible).
- If you are leaving alone, you can contact Public Safety 2-4491 for an escort
- If you see something suspicious contact Public Safety immediately by dialing 222
- When locking your car, make sure you hide your GPS and other items.
- Register your email and cell phone for alerts through My.UMDNJ.edu and go to Emergency Notification Registration.

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#### Special points of interest:

- All departments have received the updates to the Emergency Operations Plan (orange binder)
- Are you and your family prepared to deal with a disaster at home? If not, go to [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) for some helpful information
- Need training? Call us at 2-4668

### Evacuation equipment

There is evacuation equipment located throughout the hospital. The evacuation equipment includes Stryker Evacuation Chairs as well as Med Sleds. The chairs are presently located on G, H and I level and the sleds are located in D, E, F, G, H and I level. All evacuation equipment is located by the patient elevators.

The evacuation equipment is attached to an alarm system that will sound an audible alarm to alert others that an emergency has occurred and assistance is needed.

For additional information on the evacuation equipment, you can visit UHNet (PATIENT/STAFF EDUCATION section) as well as contact the Office of Disaster Preparedness. Additional evacuation equipment will be arriving in the near future.



## Coming Soon

### UH SAFETY FAIR:

- October 3-9, 2010
- Various UMDNJ departments providing safety training
- Several educational booths will be present
- Test your CPR skills
- Use a fire extinguisher
- Practice with the evacuation equipment
- Public Safety demonstrations
- Infection Control information
- Joint Commission Jeopardy
- Schedule to follow

### Fire Extinguisher Training:

UH will have additional fire extinguisher training (live fire) on the following dates:

August 26th 1130a-100p  
UH cafeteria Patio

August 31 1230p-200p  
MSB NJDS Plaza

Come and use a real fire extinguisher to put out a real fire. These 10 minutes could SAVE YOUR LIFE.

### Incident Command Courses:

UH will host advanced level ICS training in September and October of 2010. If you are interested in attending, contact the Office of Disaster Preparedness.

## NEW ITEMS

### Crisis Response Team:

UH has implemented the Crisis Response Team (UH Policy 831-200-487). The purpose of this team is to ensure patient safety and to prevent or minimize violence and reduce the adverse consequences in UH.

A healthcare provider can activate the team by calling Public Safety at 222 and requesting the Crisis Response Team. A specialized team will respond to support the primary care team with the patient.

This team will respond to patient events within UH and other UH specific areas.

## Emergency Operations Plan—Test your knowledge

For answers please see the yellow box on the lower right side of this page.

1. Can you walk through the hallways on I level if the Code Red is announced on C-Level?
2. Where is my emergency disaster cabinet?
3. Where can I find the Medical Gas shut off valves for my area?
4. Where is the closest fire extinguisher location to my work area?
5. How often do I have to take the Environment of Care training?

## "Fail to plan, and plan to fail"

6. What is the hospital's Disaster/Inclement Weather hotline number?
7. What does Code Triage in the ED-Level II mean?
8. What does Code Triage to the Command Post mean?
9. What number can I call to contact Clinical Engineering?
10. What is a Code Red?

Remember those fire safety acronyms!

### P-A-S-S

Pull—Aim—Squeeze—Sweep



### RACE

Rescue—Alarm—Contain—Extinguish/Evacuate



## Hospital Decontamination Team—Members needed!

Ever wanted to help when disaster strikes? Sitting home wanting to do something to help your fellow man?...then...

### JOIN THE DECON TEAM!!!

The Decon Team is comprised of various UH employees, from nurses to physical plant, from EMS to patient transport.

Decon team members respond from work or home to provide decontamination

services to affected patients.

How do I get on the Decon team?

Adam Perper, MS NREMT-P is the Decon team leader. Adam can be reached at: 2-4668 or perperas@umdnj.edu. Interested applicants will be provided a list of requirements.



Answers to questions above

1. NO—ALL units/department are to remain where they are until ALL CLER is announced.
2. All departments have one—contact your manager to ensure you know the location.
3. Noted within your Department Specific Disaster Plan
4. Noted within your BDDP
5. Annually
6. 973-972-0000
7. External Disaster—Level II
8. Internal Disaster
9. 2-6661
10. Fire Alarm within UH