

Leamington Mennonite Home
Long Term Care

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

CATEGORY: Code Blue - Medical Emergency	SUBJECT: Medical Emergency	SECTION: H POLICY: 1
DATE: June 27, 2022	Administrator's Signature: 	

MEDICAL EMERGENCY

POLICY:

In the event of a life-threatening medical emergency affecting any individual(s) onsite i.e. cardiac arrest, respiratory issue, choking, etc., Code Blue will be called to alert staff and prompt an appropriate response in accordance with the Home's Code Blue Emergency Plan.

PROCEDURE:

Upon discovering a medical emergency, staff will:

- 1) Shout to nearby staff "Code Blue" and as applicable pull call bell and phone the floor Nurse.

The floor Nurse in charge:

- 1) Respond to site.
- 2) Direct a staff to call 911 for an ambulance and notify POA.
- 3) Direct appropriate resuscitation procedures until arrival of paramedics.
 - a. In the event of a cardiac arrest or other sudden medical emergency for someone other than a resident, remember the basic CPR principles.
 - b. For residents, confirm DNR order/status to find out if resident requires CPR or not.
- 4) Continue resuscitation procedures or comfort measures as applicable until arrival of 911.

The floor Nurse will:

- 1) Complete transfer forms (as applicable) and give ambulance attendants (paramedics).
- 2) Notify POA of transfer to hospital.
- 3) Ensure all resuscitation equipment is replenished and cleaned following the emergency.

All staff will:

- 1) Keep nearby residents and visitors away from the scene and help maintain calm.

NOTE: Choking incidents will be treated as a medical emergency and the use of Code Blue emergency procedures will apply.