

Code Blue Role Review

Watch the assigned videos and make notes on the following roles during a code scenario.

Team Leader/Charge Nurse:

A strong team leader is needed to organize the group, delegate tasks, and monitor team members' performance.

Scribe (documentation):

The scribe is responsible for recording code events, providing updates of medications administered, indicating the time to switch chest compressors and when a rhythm check is needed, and summarizing code events when requested.

Compressor:

This team member performs effective cardiac chest compressions, allowing the chest to recoil. The AHA recommends that chest compressors rotate every five cycles. 30 compressions to 2 breaths.

Medications:

This team member is in charge of placing an IV line and having medications prepared before the next administration dose. They need to know their ACLS and be able to anticipate which medications may be given next. They also should know exactly where the medications are located in the crash cart.

Airway management:

This team member ensures that the patient's air-way is maintained, delivers ventilation using a bag-valve-mask device, and provides advanced airway placement when needed.

GoFor/Rover:

This team member runs errands for needed supplies, maintains crowd control, and provides support for the family and other patients in the area if necessary.

What did you notice that was efficient/well done in the videos?

The team communicated together and worked well with one another. They were comfortable with their assigned roles and didn't do something they were uncomfortable doing.

What did you notice that could be improved in the videos?

The videos typically seem too perfect to me. In a perfect world, I don't think a real code would run that smooth but it is nice to think so. They didn't consider small, rural hospitals with less staff in the room.