

Medical Emergency
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PURPOSE

1. To ensure that all necessary steps are followed in the event that a resident, staff, volunteer or visitor find themselves in medical distress.

INITIATING THE CODE BLUE

1. As soon as it has been discovered that a person is in medical distress, the Charge Nurse must be notified immediately.
2. The Charge Nurse will take control of the situation.

PROCEDURE

1. The Charge Nurse will assess the person for injury and the ability to breathe.
2. If it's a resident, the Charge Nurse will direct another Nurse to check the resident's chart for resuscitation efforts.
3. If required, the Charge Nurse will direct a staff member to retrieve the defibrillator, while commencing CPR.
4. The defibrillator is located:
 - **The Lodge:** outside Pine Lane Entrance
 - **The Villa:** first floor, main entrance
 - **The Manor:** first floor in the lobby by the elevators
5. The Charge nurse will direct a person to call "9-1-1" and to meet the first responders at the Front Entrance.
6. The Charge Nurse will ensure that the resident's family members are contacted and transfer documents are prepared.
7. If the medical event occurs to staff, volunteers or visitors the Charge Nurse will endeavour to locate and notify next of kin.