

**HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
LABORATORY POLICY MANUAL
CODE RESPONSE**

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PURPOSE: To establish a STAT response procedure for potential phlebotomy services upon a cardiac arrest code announcement.

POLICY: When **CODE BLUE** (CODE WHITE for Pediatric, **CODE PINK** for neonate) is paged, the laboratory will respond to the floor immediately. If the code is in the West Wing Medical Plaza (MOB2), staff from there will respond. If the code is in the hospital proper, staff from the laboratory will respond. The phlebotomist will draw any stat work that is requested. If no lab work is needed, they will return to the department. For **CODE STROKE**, if the patient is in the ED, they will call the lab if they need a phlebotomist. Generally, they will send the properly labeled tubes in the pneumatic tube labeled with a **CODE STROKE** sticker. For an Inpatient, phlebotomy will respond to the floor for the **CODE STROKE**. Log all **CODE STROKES** on the clipboard in specimen processing for tracking. For all other CODES, staff will adhere to AD 50.