Emergency Crash Cart Checklist (2010)

		YES	NO
1.	Are the emergency crash cart(s) and emergency bag(s) conveniently located near the emergency treatment area(s), treatment room(s) for allergy injections or treadmill stress testing area(s)?		
2.	Do the emergency crash cart(s) and emergency bag(s) have an inventory of the medications, equipment and IV fluids that is kept with the cart(s) or in the emergency bag(s)?		
3.	Is there an inventory of medications, equipment and IV fluids listed by the contents of each draw in the cart(s)?		
4.	Does the inventory of medications and IV fluids contain the name of the drug, strength of the drug, the amount of drugs and the expiration date?		
5.	Is the inventory checked monthly to account for all medications and IV fluids and to check their expiration dates?		
6.	Are expired medications replaced prior to the expiration date?		
7.	Is inventoried equipment checked monthly, i.e. do laryngoscope batteries working?		
8.	Is the medication and equipment inventory documentation updated when changes are made to the emergency cart(s) or bag(s)?		
9.	Is the emergency crash cart(s) locked or have an integrity seal?		
10.	When the lock is opened or seal broken is the reason for opening the cart documented including the date, time, individual's initials and new lock or seal number?		
11.	Is the lock number or integrity seal number documented?		
12.	Is the defibrillator checked daily?		
13.	Is the defibrillator check documented daily?		
14.	Is the written print out of the joules discharged verified with the digital read out on the monitor?		
15.	Is there regularly scheduled maintenance program for the defibrillator in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations?		
16.	Are all maintenance records maintained in a file that is kept with the emergency crash cart?		
17.	Does the routine maintenance include a dated, written record of the actual 200 J, 300 J and 360 J discharge?		
18.	Is staff trained in ACLS?		
19.	Is a copy of the ACLS certification record maintained in the credentials files?		

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20.	Are the emergency crash cart(s) and bag(s) accessible only to individuals with current ACLS?		
21.	Are all oxygen tanks secured to the crash cart, wall or in portable stands?		
22.	Is the oxygen tank pressure or level of all oxygen tanks checked on a weekly basis?		
23.	Does the check documentation include the date, the pressure or level of oxygen in the tank, and staff initials?		
24.	Are all tanks serviced on a regular basis?		
25.	Is service documented?		
26.	Are quarterly code drills conducted for staff?		
27.	Are drills evaluated and documented?		
28.	Are the drill participants provided with performance feedback?		
29.	Are actual emergency responses evaluated?		
30.	Are lessons learned from an emergency response discussed openly with staff?		
31.	Are process improvement plans implemented to improve the emergency response process?		