POLICY STATEMENT:

This policy shall provide guidelines for the appropriate management of cardiac/respiratory arrest (code blue) or other medically emergent situations in the TTUHSC ambulatory clinics.

SCOPE:

This policy applies to all TTUHSC ambulatory clinic operations conducted through its Schools.

PROCEDURE:

1. In the event of a cardio-pulmonary arrest or other life-threatening emergency, the clinical personnel should:
   a. Initiate CPR and/or appropriate emergency treatment (A-B-C’s) or as ordered by the physician. A quick determination regarding the existence of a OOH-DNR order should be made prior to beginning CPR.
   b. Call 9-911 to activate EMS.
   c. Designate a person to obtain needed supplies or equipment, if available, such as a crash cart, oxygen or AED. See Ambulatory Clinic Policy 2.03, Emergency Equipment.
   d. An additional person should be designated to record interventions and patient assessments. See attachment 2.02.A, Cardiopulmonary Arrest Flowsheet.
   e. Notify the Texas Tech Police, where available, and the department receptionist of medically emergent situation so that guides may be posted to direct the EMS to the patient.
   f. Upon arrival, assist the EMS team as needed prepare the patient for transport to the nearest Emergency Department.
   g. An occurrence report should be completed as required by Ambulatory Clinic Policy 8.02, Occurrence Reporting.

2. Minor medical emergencies not requiring resuscitation or EMS may be treated by medical personnel within the TTUHSC clinics at the discretion of the physician and consent of the patient.

3. This policy is consistent with HSC OP 75.08, Cardio-Pulmonary or other Emergency Medical Response (Code Blue) for non-clinic emergencies.

CERTIFICATION:

This policy was approved by the Council of Deans at its meeting on January 27, 2011.

ATTACHMENT:

2.02.A – Cardiopulmonary Arrest Flow Sheet