**ESCALATION PROTOCOL**

**(For Monitor Techs and individuals providing coverage)**

* + Call a **Rapid Response** for **lethal arrhythmias** (e.g., Ventricular Tachycardia, Asystole, Severe Bradycardia HR < 50, Ventricular Fibrillation)
	+ Loss of signal / Patient off telemetry / Leads off / etc.:
		- A) **Immediately** notify the primary RN
		- B) If not resolved **within 2 min.,** notify the **Charge Nurse**
		- C) If not resolved **within 2 min.,** notify the Unit Director or **Nursing Supervisor**
		- D) If unresolved **within 1 minute,** call a **Rapid Response**
	+ Record all calls and/or contact through iMobile on the Monitor Tech Worksheet

**Centralized Continuous Monitoring of Telemetry Patients**

**Nurses – Please Review!**

* Please verify your patient’s rhythm on admission, at the beginning of your shift, and when changes in rhythm occur.
* Please ensure the Monitor Techs are notified when your patients are off telemetry, change rooms, take a shower, etc.
* Please notify the Monitor Techs and verify that your patient is on the monitor upon return from procedures, tests, showers, etc.
* Charge nurses – please ensure the telemetry boxes are validated (TTX box number, room, bed) at beginning of the shift and fax to the MTR.
* **Escalation Policy (the Monitor Techs are required to follow the escalation protocol) when patients are off telemetry:**
	+ **Immediately notify the primary RN**
	+ **If not resolved within 2 minutes, notify the charge nurse**
	+ **If not resolved within 2 minutes, notify the Nursing Supervisor or Director**
	+ **If not resolved within 1 minute, call a Rapid Response**

Thank you!

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