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<b>TITLE: CRASH CART BOX—INSPECTION</b>				
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**PURPOSE:**

This policy describes the measures taken during the nursing unit inspections to ensure that crash cart boxes in the nursing units have current medications.

**POLICY:**

The Pharmacy shall inspect all crash cart boxes that have been placed in each nursing unit throughout the hospital for the expiration date during the monthly inspection.

**PROCEDURE:**

- A. During the monthly nursing unit inspections, a pharmacist shall inspect the crash cart box assigned to the nursing station.
- B. The pharmacist shall check that the crash cart box is sealed and bears an expiration date that has not been reached as yet.
- C. The pharmacist shall check the expiration date, quantities, and accuracy of all drugs contained in the crash cart box after the box had been assembled and before the box is sealed. Therefore, a check of each drug contained in the crash cart box is not required when conducting a monthly Nursing unit inspection.
- D. If the expiration date is approaching before the next Nursing unit inspection, the pharmacist shall replace the soon-to-expire box with a new box. **Any box expiring within one month of the inspection date shall be removed by a pharmacist and replaced with a box with longer dating.**