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Crash Cart Daily Inspection Inspection Checklist

Operational Scope: This document establishes the mandatory daily verification protocol for emergency crash carts in healthcare facilities. Its objective is to ensure immediate readiness for life-saving interventions and full compliance with patient safety standards.

MANDATORY PPE:	Nitrile Gloves (ASTM D6319), Disposable Isolation Gown, Safety Glasses with Side Shields, Fluid-Resistant Procedural Mask
PREREQUISITES:	Verify cart is in its designated, unobstructed location | Inspect tamper-evident lock integrity against the daily log sheet

EXTERNAL SECURITY & PHYSICAL CONDITION

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
1	**Tamper-Evident Seal**	Seal is intact, uncompromised, and the serial number matches the daily log sheet entry.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
2	**Cart Exterior & Wheels**	Cart housing is clean, drawers slide smoothly, and swivel casters lock and roll freely without debris.	**Warning**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
3	**Suction Unit Functionality**	Suction machine powers on, tests tubing occlusion, and achieves appropriate negative pressure within 10 seconds.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A

AIRWAY & RESPIRATORY MANAGEMENT

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
4	**Oxygen Cylinder Supply**	Main oxygen tank secure gauge reads at or above 1,500 PSI; backup portable cylinder is present and full.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
5	**Bag-Valve-Mask (BVM) Resuscitators**	Adult and pediatric BVMs are present, clean, sealed, and fully operational with intact masks.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
6	**Laryngoscope Blades & Handles**	Handles secure functioning batteries; blades (Mac/Miller sizes) click securely and illuminate brightly.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
7	**Endotracheal Tubes & Accessories**	Assorted ET tubes, stylets, and syringe for cuff inflation are present and within expiration dates.	**Standard**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A

DEFIBRILLATION & EMERGENCY MEDICATIONS

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
8	**Defibrillator / Monitor Unit**	Unit performs self-test successfully, displays green readiness indicator, and pads/paper are unexpired.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
9	**Emergency Medications Drawer**	All ACLS first-line drugs (Epinephrine, Amiodarone, Atropine, etc.) are present and verified via external seal log.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
10	**IV Start Kits & Fluids**	IV catheters, extension sets, normal saline flush syringes, and primary infusion bags are unexpired and sterile.	**Warning**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A

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