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Crash Cart Daily Inspection Safety Audit Checklist

Operational Scope: This audit protocol establishes mandatory daily verification standards for emergency crash carts to guarantee immediate operational readiness during cardiac and medical emergencies. Compliance mitigates liability and fulfills hospital accreditation mandates for emergency life-support equipment availability.

MANDATORY PPE:	Nitrile Examination Gloves (ASTM D6319), Fluid-Resistant Procedural Mask, Safety Glasses with Side Shields, Disposable Isolation Gown
PREREQUISITES:	Verify cart is in its designated, unobstructed hallway or room location. | Ensure inspection pen, tamper-evident seals, and logging clipboard are readily available.

EXTERNAL SECURITY & TAMPER-EVIDENT SEAL INSPECTION

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
1	**Locking Mechanism & Tamper-Evident Seal**	Locking mechanism is intact and the numbered tamper-evident security seal matches the daily log sheet serial number exactly.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
2	**Cart Exterior & Mobility**	All four caster wheels roll smoothly and swivel freely; wheel locks engage and disengage securely without binding.	**Warning**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
3	**External Oxygen Cylinder Mount**	E-cylinder is securely strapped to the side bracket, pressure gauge reads at or above 1,500 PSI, and a non-rebreather mask is attached.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A

AIRWAY, DEFIBRILLATOR, AND CARDIAC EQUIPMENT AUDIT

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
4	**Defibrillator / Monitor Unit**	Device powers on successfully, self-test indicator displays a passing status symbol, and paper roll is adequately stocked.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
5	**Defibrillator Pads & Electrodes**	Both adult and pediatric multifunction pads/electrodes are unexpired, packaging is completely sealed, and spare cables are connected.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
6	**Suction Unit (Portable/Wall)**	Suction machine turns on, generates strong negative pressure quickly, and collection canister/tubing is clean and intact.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
7	**Airway Management Drawer**	Ambu bag (BVM) is functional, laryngoscope handle and blades (sizes 1-4) illuminate brightly when attached, and extra batteries are present.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A

EMERGENCY MEDICATIONS & IV SUPPLIES VERIFICATION

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
8	**Medication Drawer Integrity**	All ACLS emergency medications (Epinephrine, Amiodarone, Atropine, etc.) are present, arranged correctly, and none exhibit signs of tampering.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
9	**Medication Expiration Dates**	Shortest expiration date across all drawer medications is recorded and is at least 30 days beyond the current audit date.	**Warning**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
10	**IV Access & Infusion Supplies**	IV catheters, extension sets, normal saline flush syringes, and tourniquets are fully stocked and unexpired.	**Standard**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A

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