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Crash Cart Daily Inspection Sop Template

Operational Scope: This standard operating procedure establishes mandatory daily verification protocols for emergency crash carts across all clinical units. The objective is to mitigate patient mortality risks by ensuring immediate device readiness and unbroken supply chain integrity in compliance with healthcare accreditation standards.

MANDATORY PPE:	Nitrile Medical Examination Gloves (ASTM D6319), Fluid-Resistant Procedural Mask with Eye Shield, Disposable Isolation Gown, Hand Sanitizer (Alcohol-based min. 70%)
PREREQUISITES:	Verify cart is in its designated, unobstructed primary location. | Inspect the physical environment for tripping hazards or blocked access routes.

SECTION 1: EXTERIOR INTEGRITY & LOCKING MECHANISM

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
1	**Cart Exterior & Wheels**	Surface is clean, sanitized, and free of physical damage; caster wheels swivel freely and braking mechanism locks securely.	**Warning**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
2	**Tamper-Evident Lock Seal**	Locking mechanism is fully intact with an approved tamper-evident security seal; seal serial number matches the daily log sheet.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
3	**External Defibrillator / Monitor Unit**	Device powers on successfully, screen is free of error codes, self-test indicator displays a green check or pass signal.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
4	**Defibrillator Pads & Electrodes**	Adult and pediatric multifunction pads are present, unopened, within the manufacturer expiration date, and connected to the monitor.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**

SECTION 2: AIRWAY MANAGEMENT & SUCTION EQUIPMENT

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
5	**Suction Unit & Canister**	Suction machine powers on, achieves target vacuum pressure within 10 seconds, and disposable collection canister is securely attached.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
6	**Suction Tubing & Catheters**	Yankauer suction handle and connecting tubing are clean, sterile, unwrapped, and positioned for immediate use.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
7	**Bag-Valve-Mask (BVM) Resuscitators**	Adult and pediatric silicone BVM bags are clean, fully assembled, functional, and connected to an operational oxygen source.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
8	**Airway Appendages & Laryngoscope**	Laryngoscope handle illuminates brightly with secure bulb/blade attachment; assorted blade sizes (Miller/Macintosh) and endotracheal tubes present.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**

SECTION 3: EMERGENCY MEDICATIONS & IV ACCESS

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
9	**Emergency Medication Drawer**	All first-line ACLS medications (e.g., Epinephrine, Atropine, Amiodarone) are present in correct par levels and verified unexpired.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
10	**IV Start Kits & Fluids**	IV administration sets, extension tubing, catheters (various gauges), flush syringes, and normal saline bags are unexpired and sterile.	**Warning**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**

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