

# Hospital Emergency Code Standardization Survey

## *Summary of Other Emergency Codes Used by California Hospitals*

**CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION**

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# SECTION I: Statewide Results

## **FIRE**

Other codes used in California hospitals to alert fire (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code Firestone	1

## **MEDICAL EMERGENCY - ADULT**

Other codes used in California hospitals to alert medical emergencies (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code White	1

## **MEDICAL EMERGENCY - PEDIATRIC**

Other codes used in California hospitals to alert pediatric medical emergencies (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code Blue	30
Code Blue - Pediatric	17
Code Pink	18
Pediatric Code Blue	4
Code Blue PALS	2
Code Brat	1
Code Pedi	1
Code Pink - Neonate Arrest	1
Infant Code Blue	1
PALS Code Blue	1

**INFANT ABDUCTION**

Other codes used in California hospitals to alert infant abductions (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code Secure	10
Code Purple	6
Code Adam	5
Code Green	4
Code Baby Security	3
Code Lindbergh	2
Code Rainbow	2
Code Adam Infant	1
Code Alpha	1
Code Stork	1
Code A	1

**CHILD ABDUCTION**

Other codes used in California hospitals to alert child abductions (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code Pink	21
Code Secure	8
Code Adam	6
Code Green	3
Code Pediatric Security	3
Code Pink (+age)	2
Code Rainbow	2
Code A	1
Code Lindbergh	1
Code Pink (up to age 17)	1
Code Pink, Pediatric	1
Code Purple with age & description	1
Code Stork	1

## **BOMB THREAT**

Other codes used in California hospitals to alert bomb threat (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code 10	7
Code Orange	6
Code Black	4
Code Hazel	4
Code Gray	2
Code B	1
Code Silver - Active Threat	1
Code Triage	1
Code White	1
Gray level B	1
Plain Language	1
Security Alert	1

## **COMBATIVE PERSON**

Other codes used in California hospitals to alert of situations involving a combative person (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code Green	7
Code 55	2
Dr. Strong	2
Code Assist	1
Code Gray	1
Code Immediate	1
Code MAB	1
Code Purple	1
Code Security Alert	1
Code Silver	1
Code Staff Stat	1
Code Support Team	1
Code White	1
Code Yellow	1
Dr Strong, Code Gray is when a weapon is involved	1
Dr. Duber	1
Mr. Strong or Mr. Strong 911 if there is a weapon involved	1

## **PERSON WITH A WEAPON and/or ACTIVE SHOOTER and/or HOSTAGE SITUATION**

Other codes used in California hospitals to alert of person with a weapon or hostage situation (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code Black	3
Code Gray	3
Plain Language	3
Code Yellow	2
Code Gray - Level 2	1
Code Gray Adam	1
Code Silver for a person with a weapon, Code Black Active Shooter	1

## **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SPILL**

Other codes used in California hospitals to alert of hazardous material spills (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code Yellow	12
Code Triage	2
Code White	2
Code 99 (stay away)	1
Code Black	1
Code Brown	1
Code Green	1
HICS Activation - Hazmat Incident	1
ICS has been activated, refer to the intranet for more information	1

**PATIENT ELOPEMENT**

Other codes used in California hospitals to alert of patient elopement (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code Purple	7
Code Adam	5
Code Elopement	2
Code Gold	2
Code Gray	2
Code Purple-Adult	2
Plain Language	2
Code Amber	1
Code AWOL	1
Code Gray - Elopement	1
Code Green-Security	1
Code Pink	1
Code Purple Missing Adult	1
Code Rainbow	1
Code White	1
Ecoe	1
Overhead Page for Security	1

**EMERGENCY ALERT**

Other codes used in California hospitals to report an emergency alert (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code Orange	15
Code Triage Internal or External	5
Code Triage	3
Code Green	2
Code Orange Alert	2
Code Alpha	1
Code Brown	1
Code D	1
Code HICS	1
ICS has been activated, refer to the intranet for more information	1
Code Blue	1

## INTERNAL EMERGENCY

Other codes used in California hospitals to report internal emergencies (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code Orange	13
Code Triage	8
Code Orange Internal	6
Code Green	2
Code Blue	1
Code Bravo for Utilities, Code Alpha for everything else	1
Code Brown	1
Code Campus	1
Code D	1
Code HICS	1
Emergency Code Internal	1
HICS Activation	1
ICS has been activated, refer to the intranet for further information	1

## EXTERNAL EMERGENCY

Other codes used in California hospitals to report external emergencies (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code Orange	12
Code Triage	12
Code Orange - External	5
Code Triage for internal and external	3
Code Green	2
Code Alpha	1
Code Black	1
Code Brown	1
Code HICS	1
Code Orange External	1
Code Triage Alert and then Code Triage Activate	1
Code Triage Levels 1-4	1
Emergency Code External	1
HICS Activation	1
ICS has been activated, refer to the intranet for further information	1
Med Alert	1



**SECTION II:**  
**Hospital Association  
of Southern California (HASC)**

# Hospital Association of Southern California

## **FIRE**

Other codes used in California hospitals to alert fire (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
<i>none</i>	

## **MEDICAL EMERGENCY - ADULT**

Other codes used in California hospitals to alert medical emergencies (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code White	1

## **MEDICAL EMERGENCY - PEDIATRIC**

Other codes used in California hospitals to alert pediatric medical emergencies (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code Blue	11
Code Blue - Pediatric	9
Code Blue PALS	2
Code Pedi	1
Code Pink	6
Code Pink - Neonate Arrest	1
Infant Code Blue	1

## **INFANT ABDUCTION**

Other codes used in California hospitals to alert infant abductions (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code Secure	10
Code Alpha	1
Code Purple	1
Code Stork	1

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## CHILD ABDUCTION

Other codes used in California hospitals to alert child abductions (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code Pink	9
Code Secure	8
Code Pink (+age)	1
Code Stork	1

## BOMB THREAT

Other codes used in California hospitals to alert bomb threat (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code Orange	2
Code Gray	1
Code Black	1
Code Triage	1

## COMBATIVE PERSON

Other codes used in California hospitals to alert of situations involving a combative person (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code Green	3
Code Immediate	1
Code Purple	1
Dr. Duber	1

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### PERSON WITH A WEAPON and/or ACTIVE SHOOTER and/or HOSTAGE SITUATION

Other codes used in California hospitals to alert of person with a weapon or hostage situation (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code Gray Adam	1
Code Silver (Weapon), Code Black (Shooter)	1

### HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SPILL

Other codes used in California hospitals to alert of hazardous material spills (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code Black	1
Code Yellow	1
Code Triage	1

### PATIENT ELOPEMENT

Other codes used in California hospitals to alert of patient elopement (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code Purple	4
Plain Language	2
Code AWOL	1
Code Elopement	1
Code Gold	1
Code Gray	1
Code Pink	1
Overhead Page for Security	1

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## EMERGENCY ALERT

Other codes used in California hospitals to report an emergency alert (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code Orange	7
Code Triage Internal/External	3
Code Orange Alert	2
Code Triage	2
Code Blue	1
Code Green	1
Code HICS	1

## INTERNAL EMERGENCY

Other codes used in California hospitals to report internal emergencies (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code Orange	9
Code Triage	3
Code Orange Internal	2
Code HICS	1
Code Triage Levels 1-4	1
Code Blue	1

## EXTERNAL EMERGENCY

Other codes used in California hospitals to report external emergencies (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code Orange	9
Code Orange External	3
Code Triage	4
Code HICS	1
Code Triage Levels 1-4	1

**SECTION III:**

**Hospital Council  
of Northern and Central California**

# Hospital Council of Northern and Central California

## **FIRE**

Other codes used in California hospitals to alert fire (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Dr. Firestone	1

## **MEDICAL EMERGENCY - ADULT**

Other codes used in California hospitals to alert medical emergencies (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
<i>none</i>	

## **MEDICAL EMERGENCY - PEDIATRIC**

Other codes used in California hospitals to alert pediatric medical emergencies (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code Blue	19
Code Pink	12
Code Blue - Pediatric	8
Pediatric Code Blue	4
Code Brat	1
PALS Code Blue	1

## **INFANT ABDUCTION**

Other codes used in California hospitals to alert infant abductions (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code Green	4
Code Purple	4
Code Baby Security	3
Code Rainbow	2
Code A	1
Code Lindbergh	1

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## CHILD ABDUCTION

Other codes used in California hospitals to alert child abductions  
(shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code Pink	13
Code Green	3
Code Pediatric Security	3
Code Rainbow	2
Code A	1
Code Lindbergh	1
Code Pink (+age)	1
Code Pink, Pediatric	1
Code Purple (+age, description)	1

## BOMB THREAT

Other codes used in California hospitals to alert bomb threat  
(shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code Hazel	4
Code Black	3
Code Orange	3
Code 10	2
Code B	1
Code Gray	1
Code Gray Level B	1
Code White	1
Plain Language	1
Security Alert	1



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## COMBATIVE PERSON

Other codes used in California hospitals to alert of situations involving a combative person (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code Green	2
Code 88	1
Code Assist	1
Code Gray	1
Code MAB	1
Code Silver	1
Code Staff Stat	1
Dr. Strong, Code Gray is when a weapon is involved	1
Dr. Strong	1
Mr. Strong or Mr. Strong 911 if there is a weapon involved	1
Security Alert	1
Support Team	1

## PERSON WITH A WEAPON and/or ACTIVE SHOOTER and/or HOSTAGE SITUATION

Other codes used in California hospitals to alert of person with a weapon or hostage situation (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code Gray	2
Code Gray - Level 2	1
Code Yellow	1
Plain Language	1

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## HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SPILL

Other codes used in California hospitals to alert of hazardous material spills (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code Yellow	10
Code White	2
Code Brown	1
Code Green	1
Code Triage	1
HICS Activation – HazMat Incident	1
ICS has been activated, refer to the intranet for more information	1

## PATIENT ELOPEMENT

Other codes used in California hospitals to alert of patient elopement (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code Purple	4
Code AWOL	1
Code Elopement	1
Code Gold	1
Code Gray	1
Code Pink	1
Overhead Page for Security	1
Patient Elopement	1
Plain Language	1

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## EMERGENCY ALERT

Other codes used in California hospitals to report an emergency alert (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code Orange	5
Code Triage	2
Code Brown	1
Code Alpha	1
Code D	1
Code Green	1
ICS has been activated, refer to the intranet for more information	1

## INTERNAL EMERGENCY

Other codes used in California hospitals to report internal emergencies (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code Triage	7
Code Orange Internal	3
Code Green	2
Code Orange	2
Code Bravo (Utilities), Code Alpha for everything else	1
Code Brown	1
Code Campus	1
Code D	1
Code Triage Alert then Code Triage Activate	1
HICS Activation	1
ICS has been activated, refer to the intranet for further information	1

# Hospital Council of Northern and Central California

## EXTERNAL EMERGENCY

Other codes used in California hospitals to report external emergencies (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code Triage	8
Code Green	2
Code Orange	2
Code Orange External	3
Code Brown	1
Code Alpha	1
Code Triage Alert and then Code Triage Activate	1
HICS Activation	1
ICS has been activated, refer to the intranet for further information	1
Med Alert	1

**SECTION IV:**

**Hospital Association  
of San Diego and Imperial Counties**

# Hospital Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties

## **FIRE**

Other codes used in California hospitals to alert fire (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
<i>none</i>	

## **MEDICAL EMERGENCY - ADULT**

Other codes used in California hospitals to alert medical emergencies (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
<i>none</i>	

## **MEDICAL EMERGENCY - PEDIATRIC**

Other codes used in California hospitals to alert pediatric medical emergencies (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code Pink	8

## **INFANT ABDUCTION**

Other codes used in California hospitals to alert infant abductions (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code Adam	5
Code Adam Infant	1
Code Lindberg	1
Code Purple	1

# Hospital Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties

## **CHILD ABDUCTION**

Other codes used in California hospitals to alert child abductions (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code Adam	6

## **BOMB THREAT**

Other codes used in California hospitals to alert bomb threat (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code 10	5
Code Orange	1
Code Silver - Active Threat	1

## **COMBATIVE PERSON**

Other codes used in California hospitals to alert of situations involving a combative person (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code 55	3
Code Green	2
Code White	1
Code Yellow	1
Dr. Strong	1

## **PERSON WITH A WEAPON and/or ACTIVE SHOOTER and/or HOSTAGE SITUATION**

Other codes used in California hospitals to alert of person with a weapon or hostage situation (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code Black	3
Plain Language	2
Code Yellow	1
Code Gray	1

# Hospital Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties

## HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SPILL

Other codes used in California hospitals to alert of hazardous material spills (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code 99 (stay away)	1
Code Yellow	1

## PATIENT ELOPEMENT

Other codes used in California hospitals to alert of patient elopement (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code Adam	3
Code White	1
Ecoe	1

## EMERGENCY ALERT

Other codes used in California hospitals to report an emergency alert (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code Orange	1
Emergency Code Internal or External	1

## INTERNAL EMERGENCY

Other codes used in California hospitals to report internal emergencies (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code Orange	2
Code Orange Internal	1
Code Triage	1
Emergency Code Internal	1



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## EXTERNAL EMERGENCY

Other codes used in California hospitals to report external emergencies (shown by count of hospitals using each code):

<b>Other Code Used</b>	<b>Count</b>
Code Triage	2
Code Orange	1
Emergency Code External	1