CODE CRIMSON for LIFE THREATENING HAEMORRHAGE

Definition: A patient with acute life threatening haemorrhage requiring IMMEDIATE LIFE SAVING SURGERY
Examples: Major trauma victim, ruptured aortic aneurysm, massive hematemesis, other major haemorrhage

Code Crimson Activated in by:
1. Most Senior Doctor
2. Surgical Registrar OR Surgeon
3. MET leader
4. Obstetric Registrar / Consultant

N.B. Code Crimson can Only be overturned after Review by the General Surgeon on-call.

Switch board notify:
- Blood Bank
- General Surgeon (on call)

Blood Bank once notified:
Urgently prepare group specific blood and send to OR as soon as ready

“Code Crimson go to Operating Theatre”
- OT Coordinator
  (Contact EDSS on 42766 if theatre unavailable)
  - Surgical Registrar
  - Anaesthetic Registrar
  - ICU Registrar
  - APN - Surgery
  - Radiographer (for CXR & pelvic XR
  - AHNM
  - Bed Manager
  - ED/ICU Social Worker
  - OT NUM
  - A&R NUM

Staff notify
Switch board
(Ext 5555)

Switch board activate Code Crimson

Urgently send blood for cross matching to Blood Bank

Aim to take patient to OT immediately.
** If OT unavailable OT Co-ordinator must phone EDSS immediately

Acute anaesthetic assessment

OT staff immediately prepare for impending surgery, eg laparotomy, thoracotomy

Patient taken into OT on arrival to begin surgery

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