OPERATIONAL DEFINITION
MEASUREMENT: Codes outside the ICU

I. Description and Rationale
This measure answers the question: Are we recognizing and acting upon the patient conditions that indicate a potential or imminent code, and moving such patients to an ICU? This measure is the number of code alerts requiring chest compressions or assisted ventilation that occur outside the Critical Care Areas per 1000 hospital patient days. Hospital Patient days exclude PICU, CICU, RCNIC and College Hill patients.

II. Population Definition (Inclusions/Exclusions)
All Inpatients (including Short Stays)

III. Data Source(s)
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IV. Sampling and Data Collection Plan
All patients admitted to the hospital as inpatients or short stay patients are included.

V. Calculation
Numerator: Number of code alerts requiring chest compressions or assisted ventilation that occur outside the Critical Care Areas
Denominator: Number of hospital patient days. Hospital Patient days will exclude PICU, CICU, RCNIC and College Hill patients.
This is reported as a rate per 1000 patient days ((numerator/denominator)*1000)

VI. Analysis Plan and Frequency of Reporting
Data is collected and reported quarterly. A run chart is available.

VII. Reporting Venues
Results are reported via PMRS

IX. Experts/Resources

X. Revision History

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