# **Volunteer Manual**







# Welcome to Dignity Health, YRMC!

On behalf of the staff, I'd like to welcome you to the Volunteer Services Department of Dignity Health, Yavapai Regional Medical Center (YRMC). I hope that you will find your volunteer service rewarding.

Dignity Health, YRMC is dedicated to providing high-quality inpatient and outpatient care for the people we serve. An understanding of Dignity Health, YRMC, as well as its services, creates a true ambassador of goodwill in the community. I hope you will find that your own appreciation of Dignity Health, YRMC and the standards of care Dignity Health, YRMC provides will grow with your service as a volunteer.

As part of the Dignity Health, YRMC Volunteer Services Department, you are a member of a group of individuals concerned with patient care and community relations and you may be the first Dignity Health, YRMC representative people will meet. Unfamiliar surroundings and stress can produce confusion for patients and their visitors. Each volunteer, therefore, is expected to exercise care, consideration and courtesy in dealing with patients, visitors and employees.

Some volunteers have direct contact with patients while others may work behind the scenes. Whatever the assignment, our volunteers' efforts improve Dignity Health, YRMC's customer service and lighten the load for employees, making it possible for increased care and assistance available for patients.

Thank you for your willingness to partner with us by contributing your time and talents. Again, welcome to our program. I look forward to working with you!

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# About This Manual

This manual is provided to help you become more familiar with Dignity Health, Yavapai Regional Medical Center (YRMC), the services it offers, the general policies under which it operates and its philosophy of patient care. It covers many of the questions you may have about being a Dignity Health, YRMC volunteer. For any questions that are not addressed in the manual, please stop by or call the Volunteer Services Department at:

West Campus, Prescott (928) 771-5678



East Campus, Prescott Valley (928) 442-8678



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# **General Information**

# **About Dignity Health, Yavapai Regional Medical Center (YRMC).**

YRMC was incorporated in 1942. What started as a simple community hospital in the old Jefferson School building on Marina Street is today a state-of-theart healthcare system with two acute care hospitals, a network of primary and specialty care clinics, outpatient health and wellness centers, cardiac diagnostic centers and outpatient medical imaging centers. Together, Dignity Health, YRMC's network of services provides medical care and wellness resources to a geographic area encompassing 5,500 square miles and covering the communities of Prescott, Prescott Valley, Chino Valley, Dewey, Humboldt, Mayer, Paulden, Bagdad, Yarnell, Kirkland, Skull Valley and Crown King.

As the region's leading not-for-profit healthcare provider, Dignity Health, YRMC is guided by a community-based board of trustees, a values-based team of experienced administrators and hundreds of physicians in multiple specialties who form the Dignity Health, YRMG Medical Staff. Complementing this outstanding leadership are the skills, training and competence of professional nurses, therapists, technicians, support personnel and generous volunteers. Dignity Health, YRMC is a full service, not-for-profit community health system that relies solely on patient revenue and community support for its funding. We are proud of

the fact that no property taxes have ever been levied to fund Dignity Health, Yavapai Regional Medical Center programs or to pay for capital improvements.

# **Our Mission**

CommonSpirit Health, we make the healing presence of God known in our world by improving the health of the people we serve, especially those who are vulnerable, while we advance social justice for all.

# **Our Vision**

A healthier future for all – inspired by faith, driven by innovation, and powered by our humanity

# **Our Values**

# Compassion

Care with listening, empathy and love. Accompany and comfort those in need of healing.

# Inclusion

Celebrate each person's gifts and voice. Respect the dignity of all.

# Integrity

Inspire trust through honesty.

Demonstrate courage in the face of inequity.

### Excellence

Serve with fullest passion, creativity, and stewardship.

Exceed expectations of others and ourselves.

### Collaboration

Commit to the power of working together. Build and nurture meaningful relationships.

# Enhancing Customer Service, 10/5 Rule

**10 Feet:** Connecting by smiling, nodding, showing positive body language

**5 Feet:** Verbally acknowledge by saying, "Hello, good morning. May I assist you with something?"

# **AIDET**

# **Acknowledge & Introduce:**

Focus on the "A" and "I" to show courtesy and respect to people.

# **Duration & Explanation**

Focus on the "D" and "E" to keep people informed. Explain in detail what you are doing and how long it will take.

### Thank You

Focus on the "T" to show appreciation for the patient choosing our organization.

# Hello

Humankindness: Create a warm welcome

**Eye Contact:** Connect and engage

**Listen:** Understand immediate needs

Learn: Clarify and/or seek to understand

**Offer Assistance:** Guide rather than point

# Dignity Health, YRMC Outreach Services

Dignity Health, YRMC offers outreach services and is committed to providing a comprehensive continuum of care with a focus on prevention and wellness. For a complete list of areas that Dignity Health, YRMC supports, visit www.DignityHealth.org /YRMC or ask the Volunteer Services staff.

Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain love for one another.

—Erma Bombeck

# Volunteering at Dignity Health, YRMC

# **Volunteer Services Department Mission Statement**

The Volunteer Services Department of Dignity Health, YRMC was established to develop and maintain an efficient and compassionate staff of volunteers who offer an extra dimension of care and service to patients, empathy for families and visitors and supportive services for Dignity Health, YRMC's employees, while providing meaningful service opportunities for our volunteers.

# **Volunteer Services Office Hours**

The Volunteer Services office on each campus is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and other times by appointment. Call (928) 771-5678 (West Campus) and (928) 442-8683 (East Campus). Voice mail is operational 24 hours a day.

# **Training and Development**

The Volunteer Services Department is responsible for providing initial orientation and ongoing training as needed. Each service area will also have a mandatory annual meeting with its volunteers to review service descriptions and competencies. Volunteers who have served for one year are required to complete the mandatory training sessions each year.

# **Volunteer Advisory Committee**

The Volunteer Advisory Committee is comprised of volunteer chairs in most service areas, the Human Resources Director and the Volunteer Services staff. The committee meets periodically to develop policy for the department and to provide leadership guidance to the chairs and feedback to the Volunteer Services staff. The committee is also the voting arm of the department and provides input on relevant department issues. All volunteers are welcome to attend the meetings and meeting minutes are available.

# **Volunteer Complementary Therapies**

The following areas of service are offered in addition to departmental volunteering opportunities.

# **Music Program**

The healing power of music is noted throughout history. Played softly, live music is a calming experience that often promotes peaceful and relaxed feelings. Soothing music is known to have a healthful effect on respiration, pulse rate, temperature and pain responses.

Volunteer musicians, playing music appropriate for every patient in all areas of the hospital, provide the soothing sounds of acoustic music free of charge in the lobby areas or at a patient's bedside, not as a concert, but as a service to our patients.

# PAWS (Pets Are Warm Support) Visitation Program

The medical community is increasingly aware of the soothing and therapeutic effects that animals can have on people. Clinical studies show that animals may

lower blood pressure, reduce anxiety levels and contribute to better healing. In acutecare settings, bedside visits by a pet can calm and comfort patients.

The PAWS program offers patients a bedside visit from a well-trained and caring dog with the approval of the patient and the patient's caregiver. Dignity Health, YRMC is affiliated with Pet Partners, a nationwide nonprofit organization dedicated to providing public education and linking thousands of member pets to people who are ill, disabled or have emotional needs. Pet Partner evaluators test each animal to ensure that its health, skills and aptitude meet rigorous standards.

# **Chaplain Services**

In a spirit of loving concern, spiritual aid and comfort are offered to all Dignity Health, YRMC patients, their families and to hospital personnel according to their beliefs and desire without violating the individual's religious tradition. Our chaplains are experienced in caring ministry to offer support through listening and thoughtful discussion. They complement the Dignity Health, YRMC healing team that meets the total-care needs of patients and their families. A Chaplain of the Day is available for emergencies and special requests on a 24-hour basis. Counseling, prayer and sacramental services are available by individual request.

The chapels on both hospital campuses are located near the main entrances. Religious and devotional literature and scriptures are available in the Chaplain Services offices on request.

# **Dignity Health, YRMC Newsletter**

"The Pulse" is the volunteer newsletter published quarterly and is sent via e-mail for those with e-mail addresses and available for pickup at all kiosk locations for those who don't. Reader contributions for this publication are welcome.

# **Volunteer Rights**

As a Dignity Health, YRMC volunteer, you have the right to:

- A written job description.
- An interview with the staff supervisor before assignment.
- Training and supervision.
- Assignment in an area of interest.
- Transfer from one department to another if and when an opening exists.
- Share your feelings and concerns with administrative personnel

If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else.

— Booker T. Washington

# **Volunteer Responsibilities**

Confidentiality: Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

Volunteers are obligated to maintain complete confidentiality of information in order to protect patients, families and Dignity Health, YRMC employees from improper disclosure of confidential information. This includes ALL information regardless of source, including patient charts, computer records, financial reports, personnel files, spoken word, other records or comments overheard.

As you begin volunteering at Dignity
Health, YRMC, you will be asked to sign
a statement regarding confidentiality.
Patient privacy is not just a moral and
ethical issue—it could be a legal issue as
well. Be sure you understand the following
responsibilities regarding confidentiality of
patient information:

- 1. Confidentiality is of utmost importance.

  Do not give out ANY information regarding patients; this includes volunteers and employees who may be hospitalized.
- 2. Never repeat any information of a professional or personal nature seen or heard in the course of duty.
- 3. Do not read correspondence, charts or patient records that are not related to your service tasks.
- 4. Do not give any information to any patient about themselves. Refer the patient to the appropriate staff person.
- 5. Do not express opinions or offer advice concerning physicians, diagnoses or medical care to patients, staff, other volunteers or outsiders.

- 6. Do not give or ask for personal medical advice.
- 7. Consider all information seen and heard as confidential. If someone asks for information regarding a patient or any clinical personnel, direct them to the appropriate staff member and feel free to simply say "I don't know" or "That information is not available to me."
- 8. Do not discuss any patient information in elevators, cafeteria lines and other public areas.
- 9. Do not leave patient information visible on your desk or at your work area.
- All documents with any patient information must be shredded.
   Do not throw away in the regular trash. Shred containers are located throughout the facility.

These responsibilities are particularly important when patient information pertains to a friend or an acquaintance. While often difficult to follow, the regulations direct you not to repeat what you see or hear while you are volunteering.

A violation of this standard or inappropriate dissemination will be considered a breach of the Dignity Health, YRMC Code of Ethics and will be cause for immediate review. The volunteer may be suspended or dismissed if confidentiality is not maintained. A breach of confidentiality may also result in legal or financial repercussions.

# **Customer Service and Patient Satisfaction**

We rely on our volunteers to assist staff to ensure patients have the best experience possible.

- 1. Be friendly, courteous, patient and compassionate.
- 2. Make eye contact and greet everyone you encounter with a warm smile and "hello."
- 3. Escort patients and visitors to their destination instead of giving directions.
- 4. Never leave a patient or visitor without an answer, inquire with staff who can answer their question.
- 5. Help keep the hospital quiet; a quiet environment promotes healing and shows respect to our patients and visitors.
- 6. Help keep the facilities clean; notify housekeeping of needs.

# **General Guidelines for Volunteers**

- 1. Be dependable and committed. The Volunteer Services Department has an obligation to cover the services it offers. Dignity Health, YRMC depends on volunteers being on duty as scheduled.
- 2. Arrive on time and allow enough time to sign in and proceed to your area.
- 3. Begin your shift by reviewing the communication book in your area of service.
- 4. Keep your personal belongings out of public view.
- 5. Dignity Health, YRMC promotes a tobacco free facility. Smoking (including e-cigarettes) is not permitted

- anywhere on the premises or in parking lots; additionally, you and your clothing cannot smell of tobacco. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs may be consumed before coming on duty.
- 6. Gum chewing while on duty is not permitted.
- 7. Eat your meals in the cafeteria either before or after your shift (no eating at your work area). You may, however, have a covered beverage in your area.
- 8. Keep your work area neat and clean at all times.
- 9. Talking and texting on your cell phone while you are volunteering is discouraged. Should you need to make or take a call, step away from your volunteer area. It does not look professional to be talking or texting on your cell phone in your service areas.
- 10. Don't criticize what you don't understand; there may be a reason. Please ask for clarification about policies that you question.
- 11. While we all have our own opinions, when we are talking with patients or visitors, we are speaking for Dignity Health, YRMC. Please refrain from discussing controversial subjects while volunteering.

Always be aware of how you are being perceived by others. Be the kind of volunteer that you would like to meet if you were a patient or visitor here!

# **Volunteer Benefits**

Personal satisfaction is probably the most important "reward" that you receive as a volunteer at Dignity Health, YRMC. There are additional benefits as follows:

Cafeteria: When volunteering, you are entitled to one free meal each day that you volunteer. You must show your badge to the cashier at the checkout in order to receive your meal free of charge. Please do not use this privilege to take additional meals home for later consumption or to obtain meals for friends, relatives or anyone else who is not a Dignity Health, YRMC volunteer. Coffee, hot tea or iced tea are free while volunteering, you will also need to inform the cashier. Beverages from Starbucks are not included as a benefit.

# **Pendleton Centers for Health and Fitness:**

Dignity Health, YRMC volunteers are entitled to use the Pendleton Center at a discounted price. The adult fitness program is monitored by health professionals and offers access to state-of-the art exercise equipment. Volunteers may use either location.

**Social Events:** Volunteers are included in various employee events such as the Spring BBQ lunch and the annual holiday meal in December. In addition, the Volunteer Services Department holds an annual luncheon during National Volunteer Week to honor all Dignity Health, YRMC volunteers.

**Recognition Awards:** As you complete your volunteer hours, you will receive recognition awards. Pins and bars are awarded in various increments as you reach new levels of achievement. Pins are also awarded for years of service.

# **Shifts**

Most service areas have four-hour shifts, beginning at 8:00 a.m., 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m., but times may vary.

### **Attendance**

The Volunteer Services Department requires a minimum of a six month or a 100-hour commitment. Dignity Health, YRMC relies on you to report as scheduled. However, do not come in if you are ill or if weather creates hazardous driving conditions. Instead, please notify your chairperson or the Volunteer Services Department office. Generally, if schools are closed because of inclement weather, we consider the Volunteer Services Department closed as well and do not expect volunteers to report for service.

# **Holidays**

The Volunteer Services office is closed on the holidays listed below. Volunteers may choose to work their regular shift if it falls on a holiday or to take it off.

- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King Jr
- Memorial Day
- Fourth of July
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving and the day after
- Christmas Day

# **Absences**

If you need to take time off for any extended period, please contact the Volunteer Services staff to discuss your schedule. Efforts will be made to return you to your prior position, but positions cannot be guaranteed depending on your area of service and substitute availability.

# **Substitutes**

Finding a substitute will depend on where you are volunteering. For some areas, you will be given a list of people who are willing to substitute, and you should call one of them to take your place. Another option would be to contact your volunteer chairperson. For positions without substitutes or a chairperson, please call the Volunteer Services staff to report that you won't be coming in; service will not be provided for that shift.

# Signing In and Out

Please sign in and out at the computer kiosks. Hours are recorded for recognition and insurance purposes and are included in the tabulation of hours provided each year to the Dignity Health, YRMC Board of Trustees. In addition, when you sign in you verify that you are on site; if there is an emergency or we need to reach you immediately, we can only locate you if you have signed in. PLEASE be sure to sign in and out every time you are here for your shifts, meetings and other mandatory volunteer requirements.

# **Dress Code**

As representatives of the organization, volunteers are responsible for presenting a professional image to our patients,

visitors and staff. Dignity Health, YRMC has specific dress code expectations for its volunteers:

- · Always report in uniform.
- Make sure your uniform is neat and clean, including your shoes.
- Wear your identification badge on the upper portion of your body while volunteering.
- Tattoos must be of an appropriate and non-offensive nature if visible to patients and visitors.
- No visible body piercings are allowed other than earrings. Gauged ears are not allowed.
- Hair must be neat, clean and appropriately styled. Facial hair should be short and neatly groomed.
- Practice good personal hygiene. Clean nails, hair and breath make an ideal healthcare representative.
- Dignity Health, YRMC has a "No-Scent Policy." Because patients, visitors and employees may be sensitive to odors, no perfumes, colognes or scented lotions should be worn while volunteering.

What volunteers bring is the human touch, the individual, caring approach that no government program, however well-meaning and well-executed, can deliver.

—Edward James Olmos

# **Uniforms**

Uniform shirts are provided free of charge. White, khaki or black slacks with soft soled, closed-toe shoes complete the uniform requirements.

**Exceptions:** During Rodeo week, Halloween week, and the month of December, it is acceptable to wear attire that is in good taste and appropriate to the season or event. Additional exceptions throughout the year are posted in the newsletter. Please use good judgment and do not wear anything that would interfere with the performance of your duties or would be inappropriate for a medical setting.

# **Parking**

If you are physically able, please park in the employee designated areas. We prefer to keep the first parking tiers available for our patients and visitors. For our evening volunteers, feel free to park near the front area of the parking lots. At no time should a volunteer park in the doctors' parking lot, which is clearly labeled.

# **Tuberculosis (TB) Testing**

New volunteers are required to get a series of two TB tests. You may begin your training / volunteering after your 1st test has been completed and read. The 2nd TB test must be administered in 7-21 days or longer, after the 1st test is read. For anyone who is a reactor to the TB vaccine: Validation of the reaction status is required along with a form signed by the volunteer.

# **Complaints and Concerns**

Complaints and concerns are handled in a specific way. All efforts are made to deal with the concern at the lowest level and proceed up the chain of command.

If you are the recipient of someone's venting, do not take it personally. Be careful not to become involved in the issue. Remain calm and objective and direct the person to the appropriate staff member.

Please remember that while you are volunteering you are part of the Dignity Health, YRMC staff and must be discreet and tactful. Voicing your opinions on medical personnel, politics, religion or other sensitive issues is not allowed.

# Wheel/Staxi Chair Transport of Patients

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** ONLY volunteers who receive specific training in wheel/staxi chair use and safety may transport patients by wheel/staxi chair. Due to liability issues, volunteers are not allowed to assist anyone into or out of a wheel/staxi chair. This is done only by trained Dignity Health, YRMC clinical staff.

As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands — one for helping yourself, the other for helping others.

— Audrey Hepburn

# **Services Volunteers May Not Provide**

- 1. Any medical tasks ordinarily performed by Dignity Health, YRMC staff.
- 2. Feeding patients.
- 3. Administration of medication.
- 4. Assisting patient in/out of bed, wheel/ staxi chair, or car.
- 5. Opinions/advice on personal affairs, medical treatment, choice of physicians or referral of services.

# **Telephone Etiquette**

It is important that our patients, visitors and general callers do not become confused about which hospital campus they have reached. Volunteers should answer the telephone by clarifying their specific campus and department and then provide their name. For example: "East Campus, Information Desk, this is Mary." Never give anyone the home phone number of an employee or volunteer.

# **Media Communication Awareness**

In accordance with Dignity Health, YRMC's Coordination of Information to the Media policy, volunteers must not speak to the media on the medical center's behalf. Direct all media inquiries that request a company response or statements to Community Outreach. Please keep this in mind if you engage in social media as well. Our policy dictates that you maintain the confidentiality of Dignity Health, YRMC proprietary information. Express only your personal opinions.

# **Elevator Etiquette**

- Do not discuss patient information in the elevator.
- When patients are in the elevator, wait for the next empty elevator.
- If a staff member is transporting a
   patient to another floor, politely request
   visitors to wait for another elevator.

# **Printed Handouts**

No personal handouts (business cards, flyers, etc.) or any religious materials are permitted to be given out by any volunteers.

# Resignation

It is your responsibility to notify and turn in your badge to the Volunteer Services Department staff if you decide to stop volunteering.

# **Termination**

Volunteers are representatives of Dignity Health, YRMC. Everything a volunteer says and does here reflects on our organization. Therefore, volunteers will be terminated for the following infractions (this list is not all-inclusive):

- 1. Breach of confidentiality.
- 2. Harassment of patient, visitor, volunteer or staff.
- 3. Reporting for duty under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- 4. Inability to perform volunteer requirements.
- 5. Inability to follow volunteer and Dignity Health, YRMC guidelines / policies.
- 6. Excessive absences.
- 7. Rudeness, bossiness, complaining or other inappropriate behavior.

# Dignity Health, YRMC Policies & Procedures

# **Harassment**

Harassment is conduct that has the effect of substantially interfering with a person's performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment, and as defined in state and federal law. Harassment may be willful and intentional, verbal, written or physical conduct by employees, supervisors, physicians, volunteers, vendors and visitors that would be deemed offensive by a reasonable person. Harassment may include actions or statements, expressed or implied, impacting conditions of volunteering. Sexual harassment may be any unwelcomed sexual advance, request for sexual favors or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature. An activity may be considered harassment if either of the following conditions exists in the above definitions:

- 1. The offender is told or knows that the activity is unwelcomed, offensive or creates a hostile environment.
- 2. The event or action is sufficiently severe or intense to be considered abuse by a reasonable person.

Volunteers should report any instances of harassment or abuse to the Volunteer Services office. The office will then report the incident to the Director of Human Resources for investigation.

# **Translation Services for Non-English Speakers**

Interpretation phones are available for translation services.

Translation services may only be provided by individuals who are approved by Dignity Health, YRMC.

# Communicating with the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Auxiliary aids or interpretive services are available to ensure effective communication. Volunteers may contact Security to obtain the appropriate assistive device.

We are all responsible to ensure that our patients and visitors understand what we are talking about.

# **Infection Control**

Good hand hygiene is the first step in controlling the spread of infection. Remember to wash your hands frequently for a minimum of 20 seconds each time. Use alcohol hand gel if you don't have access to soap and water (gel dispensers are located throughout the hospital).

- 1. It is especially important to wash your hands or use sanitizing gel before and after entering a patient's room or after any patient contact.
- 2. Remember to wash after rubbing your eyes, sneezing or blowing your nose.
- 3. Use only hospital-approved lotions—do not bring any lotions from home.
- 4. Wear gloves if delivering specimens or washing beds or wheelchairs. The disinfectant wipes contain strong chemicals and gloves should be worn to protect your skin. Gel your hands after you remove your gloves.
- 5. Do not enter rooms where isolation signs are posted.

# White Rose Symbol

A laminated sign of a white rose is placed on patient door frames or on the glass door in ICU/CVICU/MCU if the patient is nearing the end of life. We want to be sensitive to the needs of the patient and family members; therefore, unless directed by staff, volunteers do not enter these rooms, except for volunteer chaplains.

# **Quiet Time**

To encourage rest and relaxation for our patients, we observe Quiet Time on the patient floors from 2:00–4:00 p.m. daily. The lights are dimmed and we curtail visiting in these areas during this time.

# Dignity Health, YRMC as a Safe Haven

In accordance with Arizona state law, Dignity Health, YRMC will provide a "safe haven" for newborns when a parent voluntarily wants to surrender a newborn infant. If you are approached, please encourage the parent to wait until a staff member can be located.

# **Lost and Found**

If someone mistakenly leaves an item in the hospital, turn it in to the Environmental Services Department (EVS), which manages a lost-and-found service. Leave a note for the volunteers covering the next shift so they will be aware that the item was found and taken to EVS.

# **Dignity Health, YRMC Concern Line**

The purpose of the Concern Line is to help employees, volunteers or other individuals with questions, concerns and complaints that have not been addressed through other resolution procedures. Calls are directed to Dignity Health, YRMC's voice-mail system and the Corporate Compliance Officer or designee has access to messages (callers can leave anonymous messages if desired). The Concern Line number is (928) 771-5532.

# Dignity Health, YRMC Safety and Security

# **General Safety Procedures**

In case of an emergency, dial 222 from any in-house telephone. State your name and inform the operator which campus you are calling from, the physical location of the code and the nature of the emergency so that the proper code can be called. Safety is everyone's responsibility. Be aware of the various safety procedures at the hospital.

# **Personal Safety Tips**

- 1. Do not lift items that weigh over 20 pounds.
- 2. Please safeguard personal belongings brought to the Medical Center or used during your volunteer assignment. It is recommended that volunteers only bring the minimal items needed to conduct daily activities. Check with your chairperson regarding the availability of storage for safekeeping personal belongings.
- 3. Report unsafe conditions to your department supervisor.
- 4. If your shift requires you to work after dusk, feel free to request a security guard to escort you to your car.
- 5. When leaving the building, be aware of your surroundings. If you are not comfortable, return to the building and ask for an escort.
- 6. Always lock your vehicle.

# Dignity Health, YRMC Emergency Codes

Important: Codes are listed on a safety-code card worn behind your badge.

- Codes are announced in the hospital via an overhead speaker.
- Do not go to the area of the code unless asked by someone in authority.
- Avoid using the elevators.
- All the stairwells and elevators at the hospital are numbered. It is important to know the physical locations and numbers of stairwells and elevators in the area in which you work. Volunteers should also become familiar with the various locations of fire pull alarms, extinguishers and fire exits. If you are in a corridor, stay close to the wall so you are not in the way of equipment or personnel responding to the call.

The codes and response actions are as follows:

# REMEMBER R.A.C.E.E.:

**Rescue** Immediate lifesaving. Close that door!

**Alarm** Pull the alarm and notify the switchboard (dial 222).

**Confine** Close doors and windows to prevent the spread of fire and smoke.

**Extinguish** Know where fire extinguishers are located and how to use them.

**Evacuate** Use the stairs and leave the building.

# FIRE EXTINGUISHERS— REMEMBER P.A.S.S.:

P Pull

A Aim

**S** Squeeze

**S** Sweep

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# CODE 9

Unusual odor in the area Engineering personnel respond.



# **CODE RED**

Fire is discovered or the fire alarm is pulled. Dignity Health, YRMC staff are first to respond. Never shout "Fire"—use "Code Red."



# **CODE GRAY**

Violent Individual



# **CODE SILVER**

Violent Individual with a Weapon



# **CODE YELLOW**

Bomb Threat



# **CODE ORANGE**

HazMat Spill Dignity Health, YRMC Security responds.



# **CODE BLUE**

Cardiac Arrest



# **RAPID RESPONSE**

Medical situation requiring ICU nurse and Respiratory



# **CODE PINK**

Infant/Child Abduction During a Code Pink, staff will follow specific guidelines. Volunteers are asked to report any suspicious activity directly to Dignity Health, YRMC Security.



### **CODE PURPLE**

Patient or family-initiated emergency



# TRAUMA ALERT

Specific trauma situation as defined by Emergency Department staff Appropriate team responds



There are different levels of disaster, from the less serious where available staff handles the situation, to one where additional employees and volunteers will be called to help. Each department has specific functions and duties assigned to it during a Triage Internal or Triage External.

During an actual disaster or a disaster drill, hospital doors are locked. To gain entry, you must have your badge and/or know the password, which is the current month.

# **Hazardous Materials**

A Safety Data Sheet (SDS) must be available on any product used in the hospital. A SDS sheet will list information about a particular product, including such things as hazard identification, first-aid measures, handling, storage and disposal. SDS information is available on the Dignity Health, YRMC Intranet under "Safety and Security."

Do not bring any cleaning products, lotions or other products to the hospital.

# **Accident/Incident Reports**

Report all accidents or injuries to the Volunteer Services Department. If you require treatment, the department has an insurance policy. Please obtain paperwork from Volunteer Services personnel as soon as possible to ensure the correct information is promptly submitted.

# In Closing...

# Volunteers Are the Heart of Dignity Health, YRMC

As you can see, volunteers are vital to our organization's success. We appreciate the expertise that you bring to Dignity Health, YRMC as well as your willingness to serve. You make it possible to collectively do the things that are not feasible for us to do alone. You are united with us for a shared cause, exemplifying the spirit of cooperation. We honor the journey that led you to engage in volunteer service at Dignity Health, YRMC and extend to you our sincere appreciation.

Again, we welcome you to Dignity Health, YRMC!

# **Volunteer Services**

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