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SBAR for Crash Cart Stools

S- Currently each crash cart has a stool beside it for chest compressions during a code if needed. The stools are easily lost as they are not attached to the crash cart, therefore staff tends to get in the bed with the patient to do compressions while another staff member searches for the stool.

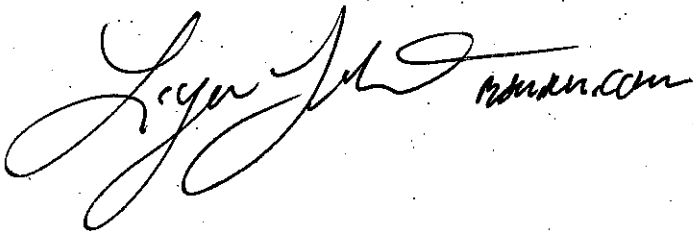
B- It has become second nature for staff members to place their knees on the patient's bed while doing chest compressions to ensure adequate compressions while waiting for the stool to be found. Since the stool gets misplaced easily this takes a coworker away from the bedside to find the stool during a critical time when their help could be used in other ways.

A- Coworkers being in the bed with the patient can increase the risk for needlestick injuries, exposure to bodily fluids and other work related injuries. While the risk is only for a small amount of time while a stool is waiting to be found, the risk is still present. Having a coworker search for a stool during a code also takes away from other patient care. There tends to be many people in one room while a patient is coding so extra staff always needs to be available to watch other patients during the event.

R- The ICU unit based council has piloted and recommends a small collapsible stool to be hung on the crash cart beside the ambu-bag. This ensures that the stool is placed in the room and is easily seen and available for coworkers. Infection prevention has been consulted due to the stool being close to medication and respiratory equipment. Marcie stated that since the stools would be sent down to central and cleaned after each use the placement is fine. The stool that we chose holds up to 700 pounds for the safety of our coworkers.

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