

Malignant Hyperthermia - Are You Ready?

3 hour program - times decided by facility & presenter

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Target Audience: All staff who work in surgery departments and post anesthesia care

units: CRNAs, RNs, techs, assistants. Also any house supervisors, hospitalists.

Program Description: This program is done on-site. First, an up-to-date presentation is given, explaining the condition and its treatment; then a real time Malignant Hyperthermia drill is performed using real equipment & meds. Debriefing after the drill will include suggestions for improvement. Although MH is a rare occurrence, it can be deadly. After this program, staff will feel more confident if this emergency arises.

Program Objectives: Participants will learn to:

- 1. Verbalize basic pathophysiology of Malignant Hyperthermia
- 2. Recognize signs and symptoms of Malignant Hyperthermia
- 3. List treatments necessary in this emergency
- 4. Participate in a Malignant Hyperthermia drill
- 5. Understand importance of the facility's preparedness for Malignant Hyperthermia

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