Emergency Department
Start of Shift Checklist

☐ Airway box/supplies at hand. Equipment verified and tested.
☐ Video laryngoscope tested. All commonly used blades ready.
☐ Bag valve mask ready at all resuscitation beds. PEEP valves stocked.
☐ Suction tested and ready at all beds.
☐ Ventilators working with clean tubing at all resuscitation beds.
☐ Noninvasive ventilation masks stocked in small, medium, large sizes.
☐ Capnography tested and ready at all resuscitation beds.
☐ LMA's available in sizes 3 and 4.
☐ Intraosseous drill powered and working. Needles available in 15, 25 and 45mm sizes.
☐ 3-lumen central lines stocked.
☐ Introducer central lines stocked.
☐ Ultrasound ready and tested, all probes functioning and clean, stocked with gel, cleaner, and towels.
☐ Resuscitation/arrest medications stocked: epinephrine, D50, atropine, calcium, sodium bicarbonate, naloxone.
☐ Antidotes stocked: lipid emulsion, hydroxocobalamin, digibind, hypertonic saline.
☐ Pacemaker magnet located.
☐ Intubation checklist at hand.

☐ Ready to perform cricothyrotomy: scalpel, bougie, 6.0 ETT or alternate surgical airway kit.
☐ Ready to defibrillate: defibrillator functioning at every bed. Pads or paddles/gel ready.
☐ Ready to pace transcutaneously: pacer pads and pacemaker leads.
☐ Ready to pace transvenously: pulse generator and transvenous pacer kit.
☐ Ready to perform thoracotomy: surgical instrument tray, rib spreaders, and sternum cutter.
☐ Ready to perform thoracostomy: thoracostomy trays, chest tubes, drainage system.
☐ Ready to resuscitate a child: pediatric resuscitation chart (e.g. Broselow tape) and sized equipment.
☐ Ready to manage major bleeding: tourniquet, pelvic binder, posterior epistaxis balloon.

☐ Do you know the names of everyone in your zone? (nurses, techs, clerks, students) Do they know your name?
☐ Do you know how to immediately summon hospital security?
☐ Do you know where to find, gloves, gown, and mask with eye protection? N95 masks?
☐ Do you know how to decontaminate a patient?
☐ Do you have a plan for the dangerously agitated patient? (personnel, chemical & physical restraints)
☐ Do you know how to activate your massive transfusion protocol? Is your transfuser/warming device ready?
☐ Do you know how to initiate noninvasive ventilation?
☐ Do you know how to use your defibrillator to defibrillate, cardiovert, and pace?
☐ Do you know the effect of the magnet on a pacemaker/AICD? When to use it?
☐ Do you know how to activate the STEMI, stroke, and trauma consultant alerts?
☐ Do you know where to find your institutional protocols for sepsis, STEMI, stroke, post-arrest hypothermia?
☐ Do you have a plan for severe anaphylaxis? Do you know epinephrine dosing?
☐ Do you have a plan for severe asthma and acute pulmonary edema?
☐ Do you have a plan for status epilepticus?
☐ Do you have a plan for emergency delivery? Do you know how to summon OB/pediatrics/neonatology?
☐ Do you have a plan for emergency cooling and warming? Is the relevant equipment located and ready?