A patient decompensates (i.e. needs a higher level of care, has an acute change in status, or you don’t know what to do)

Stabilize the patient and notify the patient’s attending

If you are an intern – get your resident involved immediately. If you are a resident – get help!

At LBJ:  
1. Call the patient’s attending  
2. Call the MICU resident – if the resident is unavailable:  
3. Call the MICU fellow – if the fellow is unavailable:  
4. Call the MICU attending on-call  
5. You can always involve the in-house hospitalist if you need assistance

At MHH:  
1. Call the patient’s attending  
2. Call the MICU/CCU resident – if unavailable:  
3. Call the MICU/CCU fellow – if unavailable:  
4. Call the MICU attending/CCU attending on-call  
5. You can always involve the in-house hospitalist if you need assistance

If you need subspecialty assistance to manage the patient ➔ Page the on-call fellow pager – if you don’t get a response, page the on-call attending pager – if you don’t get a response, page the on-call chief resident and/or the patient’s attending

**Key Points:**
1. Notify the patient’s attending any time a patient dies, or requires escalation of care! Keep paging if you don’t get a response!
2. If you need help – keep going until you get it - don’t be afraid to page the attendings if you’re not getting a response from a fellow or resident!

**Helpful Resources at Any Time:**
If you don’t know what to do or need guidance of any kind: Chief Resident on-call: 713-605-8989 (Pager # 22001)
If you can’t figure out who’s on call for a subspecialty service (attending or fellow):  
[http://www.uth.tmc.edu/schools/med/imed/residency/call-schedule.html](http://www.uth.tmc.edu/schools/med/imed/residency/call-schedule.html) ➔ click on the appropriate month then the appropriate subspecialty link ➔ this website is up-to-date with the daily call schedules of each subspecialty
Page Operators: 713-704-4284 (Hermann) or 713-566-5526 (LBJ)