

# FULL CODE

## WHAT IS FULL CODE?

If you are admitted to the hospital, a doctor will ask you what you would want your medical team to do if your heart and lungs stop working. **Full Code** tells your health care team that cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) can be used during your care. CPR is a way for the health care team to try to restart the heart and lungs if they stop.

*If you do not want CPR, talk to your health care team to review how to change the code status.*



## WHY WOULD I CHOOSE FULL CODE?

1. If life support is being used for a short time until the body can work on its own
2. If cancer or illness is treatable and the benefits of treatment outweigh the risks
3. If CPR may revive the heart and lungs during a medical event to give the health care team time to treat the main illness

### CPR ACTIONS MAY INCLUDE:

- Chest compressions
- Mask with a bag and valve to pump air
- Emergency medicines
- Breathing tube and machine
- Giving the heart an electric shock

## YOUR MEDICAL TEAM CAN HELP

Partner with your health care team to see what this choice would mean for you. Your health care team can share the benefits and risks of each option with you. Ask questions and use the information to make the decision that is best for you.