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Since 1995, Tennessee Hospital Association's [Agenda 21 Internship Program](#) has operated with the mission of matching graduate students from minority and underrepresented groups in healthcare administration with hospital executives for summer internships in hospitals across the state. Sariah Harris, an intern in the 28th class of the program and an MPH student at Meharry Medical College, interned at Sumner Regional Medical Center in Gallatin, TN.

One of Sariah's projects consisted of increasing efficiency in response flow to code crimson. 'Code crimson' is a term that has commonly been used by hospital-based teams managing patients with life-threatening hemorrhage. Sariah created a flow chart to demonstrate which hospital staff should respond to a code crimson and their role in the emergency. She evaluated staff that showed up to codes and monitored what they did to contribute to a successful outcome. She completed research on the code and different response models to assist her in creating one unique to Sumner Regional.

The most difficult part of the project, according to Sariah, was attempting to predict and prepare for every scenario that may occur in a code crimson. Sariah included back up hospital personnel in her flow chart to mitigate this issue.



I learned that responsive, dedicated hospital leadership can change the outcome of a hospital emergency."

Sariah hopes the project has a positive impact on the hospital and that departments adopt her emergency response flow chart, making it unique to their department or code.



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