



Rapid Response Teams in the Rehabilitation Setting

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What is a Rapid Response Team (RRT)?

- A multidisciplinary team of trained clinicians (RN, RT & physicians) who respond to a change in a patient's medical condition within the inpatient rehabilitation setting

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History of the RRT

- Started in the 1990's, but became more common throughout the early 2000's
- Now they are standard of care within most short-term acute care hospitals (STACHs)

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Purpose of the RRT

Collaborate

Assess patients

Diagnose

or initiate appropriate diagnostic tests

Implement treatment

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Benefits of the RRT

- Prevent transfer to a higher level of care
- Prevent cardiorespiratory arrest in a patient with rapidly declining medical status

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Implementing a RRT in Your Hospital



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Protocols

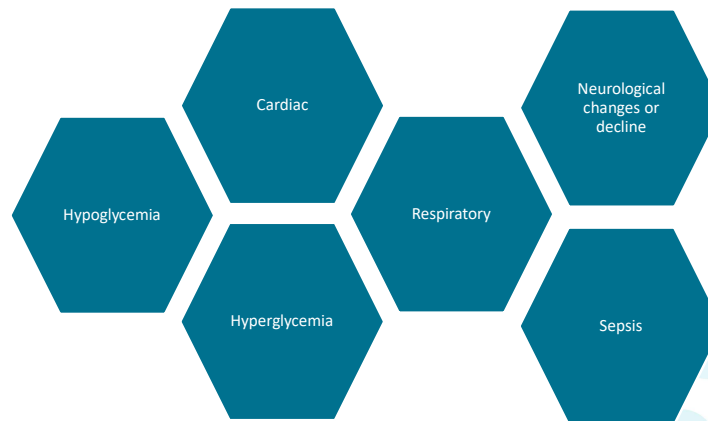
- The use of standardized protocols or orders likely requires additional approval as outlined in your organization's approval process. This may include: the Medical Executive Committee, Governing Board, or other approval process that your organization utilizes

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Protocol Suggestions



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Success Stories

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Questions

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