

# Pediatric Rapid Response Team



*Need a Helping Hand?*

*Call Us, We'll Be There*

*Starts August 1, 2007*

## *An initiative to provide a safer pediatric patient environment*

TAMC developed and implemented the Adult Rapid Response Team in November 2006. Due to the success of this program, the initiative has been expanded to include the pediatric population. If at anytime a patient experiences call criteria, the bedside caregiver will be required to activate the Pediatric Rapid Response Team. This team carries a pager and will respond within 5 minutes to a call. The team is comprised of a Senior Pediatric Resident, a PICU nurse, a Respiratory Therapist, and a Staff Pediatrician. These individuals are briefed by the personnel at the bedside and formulate an action plan. They fully assess the patient and implement standing protocols. A plan of care will be outlined, implemented, and a decision will be made to treat in place or move to a higher level of care. The attending physician team will be notified by either the bedside nurse or the PRRT personnel and briefed on the findings. The goal of this program is to provide an outlet for the bedside staff to get help quickly when they are concerned or recognize a change in vital signs. At no time will the team circumvent the patient's attending physician team. The PRRT serves only as an advocate for the patient and the bedside staff. The goal of this program is to improve patient outcomes by early recognition of patient rescue conditions.



## **Guidelines for Calling the Rapid Response Team:**

- The PRRT has text pagers
- Staff members: Dial the pager or use TAMC web homepage – RRT Group Pagers
- Enter phone number (all team will receive the page)
- Team member will return call within five minutes
- Please keep the phone line free

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