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Rapid Response Team

Focus: Patients and Their Families are Members of the Rapid Response Team

By June 1, 2007 TAMC will begin informing patients at admission about the Rapid Response Team. Patients will be given a brochure explaining the purpose of the RRT and how to activate the RRT. The brochure tells the patient that TAMC implemented the RRT as a means to address patient concerns.

The brochure lists RRT criteria for the patient. The patients are informed that they can request the RRT by asking a Staff Member to call the RRT. All Staff Members are required to call the RRT if a patient makes a request.

TAMC Teamwork

Many thanks and best wishes to the patients and their families who have benefited from the RRT. Many thanks to the ICU Nurses, Respiratory Therapists, and ICU physicians. You provide excellent medical treatment. Many thanks to all the Staff Members who use the RRT criteria and activate the RRT. Your alertness makes the RRT a success.

Many thanks to TAMC leadership for your ongoing commitment. Your support makes the program possible. The program is a community success.

Patient Stories

Reviewed by Dr. Eric Crawley

RAPID RESPONSE TEAM: TOPIC AT THE ASIA- PACIFIC MILITARY MEDICAL CONFERENCE

Dr. Eric A. Crawley, MD, LTC, Medical Director of Critical Care Services, will be presenting the RRT at the Asia-Pacific Military Medical Conference (APMMC) during the week of April 16-20th. He will be speaking to medical providers from the Asia-Pacific region. His presentation will provide research supporting the need for an RRT, planning and implementation, case examples, TAMC's data supporting the RRT, and the How-To's of starting an RRT.

“We are really pleased with the results of our Rapid Response Team. “

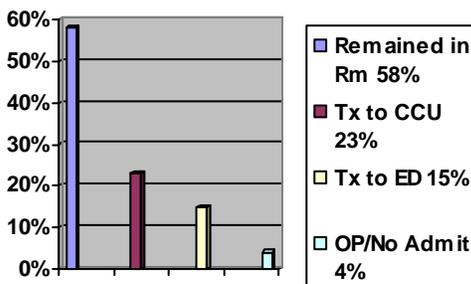
Case Example:

- Last week a 35 year old woman diagnosed with a massive Pulmonary Embolism on the ward.
- Rapid Response Team sped the evaluation and transfer to Critical Care Services.
- Lytic therapy was started for this young woman.

Case Example:

- Young woman s/p TAH for peripartum bleeding - develops hypotension on ward, staff activates RRT
- OB team at bedside
- RRT expedites ICU transfer leading to successful management of post operative bleeding
- OB retained control and RRT facilitated stabilization and a rapid seamless transfer
- RRT provided bedside testing allowing for expedited hemoglobin measurement

“Traditionally in our institution, there would have been delays in the evaluation, treatment and transfer of the patients. Staff satisfaction in all areas is extremely positive.”



RRT Data Results

The RRT data results are in for March 2007. During March, the RRT was activated 26 times. Of the calls, 31% were in 5C2 and 19% in 6C2. 30.5% were from other wards. And 19.5% were from outpatient clinics: Allergy, Dialysis, Neurology, and Family Medicine clinics.

Please see the graph that shows percentages for patient dispositions.

At least 20 calls per month are anticipated.