

TRIPLER ARMY MEDICAL CENTER

**Some is not a number
Soon is not a time**

On November 1, 2006 Tripler Army Medical Center joined a national patient safety effort and implemented a Rapid Response Team.

100k Lives Campaign

The 100,000 Lives Campaign is a national initiative of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement to engage more than 2,600 U.S. hospitals in a commitment to implement changes in care that have been proven to prevent avoidable deaths. The goal of the Campaign was to save 100,000 lives between January 2005 and July 2006, and every year thereafter. By July 2006, the goal was exceeded. Information is available on the web at <http://www.ihl.org/IHI/Programs/Campaign/>.



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Help Save a Life

*R*apid
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**A Patient Safety Service for
Patients and Family Members**

How Patients and Family Members Use the Rapid Response Team



What is the Rapid Response Team?

●The purpose of the **Rapid Response Team** is to help **before** there is a health crisis.

●*This team is available to all patients while in Tripler Army Medical Center 24-hours a day, 7 days a week. The team responds within minutes of being paged.*

●The team is a group of Critical Care health providers who are trained to help when there are signs that a patient is getting much sicker.

●The team may suggest lab tests, x-rays, treatments or even moving the patient to a higher level of care unit.

●The team talks about care with the patient's doctor. These actions can help patients get better and live longer.

How to Call:

●*Ask any Staff Member to call the Rapid Response Team* when there are warning signs that the patient is getting much sicker and you have concerns about the patient's care. All Staff Members are required to call the Team if requested.

●If you have any questions during your time in the health center, please ask for the unit's Supervising Nurse who will be happy to answer your questions.

Warning Signs that a patient is getting much sicker:

●When something just does not look or seem right with the patient

●Changes in breathing or difficulty breathing

●Confusion or thinking changes: does not recognize family and friends, or does not know where they are

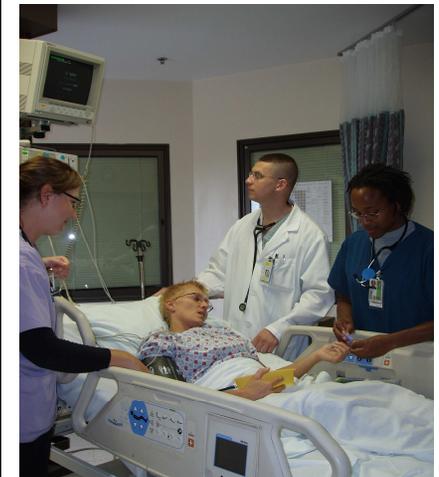
●A drop in blood pressure (it gets much lower)

●Changes in urinary output (much more or much less urine)

Who is on the Rapid Response Team?

- Critical Care Nurse
- Respiratory Therapist
- Critical Care Doctor

The Rapid Response Team in Action



We hope that you never need to use the Rapid Response Team, however, Tripler Army Medical Center is committed to providing programs for patient safety and quality care.