

Rapid Response Team

Information for you and members of your care circle

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A rapid response team is a health care team trained to help if you get sicker. The team is available to help **before** you have a medical emergency.

Members of the team can include:

- doctors
- nurses
- specialists.

They will let your primary care provider know what is happening during your hospital stay.

What the Team Does

Team members take quick action when something goes wrong. They can suggest lab tests, X-rays, medicines or even moving you to the Intensive Care Unit.

Warning Signs

Problems can happen at any time during your hospital stay: after surgery, during tests, during recovery or side effects from new medicines.

Signs you are getting sicker include:

- changes in your heart rate or breathing
- drop in blood pressure
- changes in how much you urinate
- confusion or other thinking changes
- something that does not seem right.



Rapid response teams include nurses, doctors and other specialty team members.

What Members of Your Care Circle Can Do

Members of your care circle (family members or friends) can:

- watch for warning signs or changes in your health
- ask the nurse to call the rapid response team if you have warning signs.

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Name:

Unit:

Room number: