

# Rapid Response Team

*Information for you and members of your care circle*

## Rapid Response Team

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:**