

RAPID RESPONSE TEAM

Rapid Response is our mechanism for obtaining immediate care for a patient with change in condition.

Process for Rapid Response:

- Dial 222 from any hospital phone.
- State “Rapid Response” and your location
- Operator will overhead page “Rapid Response” and location

Rapid Response Responders

- Critical Care Charge Nurse
- Respiratory Therapist

Reasons to alert a Physician

- Acute change in heart rate, respiratory rate; Systolic Blood Pressure, Oxygen Saturation/Requirement
- Significant increase in FiO₂ requirement.
- Acute change in mental status (delirium, confusion)
- Acute significant bleeding.
- Acute change in Blood Glucose-symptomatic hypo/hyperglycemia.
- New, repeated, or prolonged seizures
- Failure to respond to treatment for an acute problem/system
- **Rapid Response is available for patients/families to call for help**
- Acute stroke symptoms

Staff members / nurses / family members should never be discouraged from calling a Rapid Response.

A Stroke Alert will be called if appropriate by the Rapid Response Team.
Rapid Response Evaluation is to be completed and reviewed.