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Rapid Response Team (RRT) policy updates

Key Changes:

1. **Response time** is now **15 minutes**. While the team may be there more quickly than this, use the 15 minute time frame to determine whether to call an RRT or Dr. Blue. If you need help now or in less than 15 min., call a Dr. Blue.
2. **Documentation**
 - a. **Nurses** (Requesting and Responding) document in the RRT IView band. If you do not have the RRT band in your IView, click [here](#) to view instructions on how to include this band.
 - i. **Patient's nurse:** Situation, arrival time, VS & PEWS
 - ii. **PICU nurse:** Assessment & Summary
 - b. **RT's** document in Respiratory Care Assess & Treatment band
 - c. **Physician team leader** documents in RRT consult note
3. **Criteria** for calling a RRT include "any time critical care resources are needed at the bedside providing a 'second set of eyes'". *Children's supports having a high tolerance for re-evaluation of children who are at risk for deterioration.*

Remember, **no call is a bad call.**

See the following general reminders about the RRT policy and process.

Rapid Response Team Update 2013

- The Rapid Response Team (RRT) policy was just updated. Here are some highlights:
 - Remember – No call is a bad call!
- When to call?
 - Increasing PEWS score unresponsive to current treatments that occur in the timeframe of an hour
 - When there are worrisome changes in VS or in assessment parameters
 - When you have a concern that something is not right
 - Parent concern/request
 - Any time critical care resources are needed at the bedside – provides “another set of eyes”
- Parents often know when their child is not doing well
 - Explain RRT process to families upon admission
 - Point out the RRT Poster
- Remember, the RRT is a consult team. If you need someone in less than 15 minutes – call a Dr. Blue!
- Documentation – these are our sickest children on the floors and SSU. Set your IView band to be ready to document the RRT:
 - Pt’s nurse: Situation, arrival time, VS & PEWS
 - PICU nurse: Assessment & Summary
 - Hospitalist/Intensivist – RRT Consult note

Is your child’s medical condition **suddenly** getting worse?

¿Se está deteriorando **repentinamente** la condición de su hijo?

1. Get a nurse or doctor.

llame a la enfermera o al médico.

2. If you are still worried, call the Rapid Response Team at **2-3535 (room phone) or 952-931-3535.**

Si sigue preocupado, llame usted mismo al Rapid Response Team (equipo de respuesta rápida) al **2-3535 (si utiliza el teléfono del cuarto) o al 952-931-3535** y diga el nombre y número de cuarto del niño.

The Rapid Response Team is a medical emergency team that will arrive in about 15 minutes.

El equipo de respuesta rápida está formado por personal médico de urgencias, que llegará en unos 15 minutos.

