Rapid Response Teams

Rapid Response Team for the Children's Hospital of San Antonio

The Rapid Response Team (RRT) is composed of a Hospitalist, PICU RN and Respiratory Therapist.

To Activate the RRT

It is utilized for the hospital building only and activated by calling 404545 from any in-house phone and telling the answering personnel to activate the Rapid Response Team and give the floor and room number.

Criteria for Activation of the RRT for Pediatric Patients

The nurse uses the Pediatric Advanced Warming Score (AWS) in determining the appropriateness for activating the RRT (see full information in The Children's Hospital of San Antonio policy (CH-NU-00-09)

Criteria for Activation for the RRT for Patient's in Women's Services at the Children's Hospital of San Antonio

- Staff member worried about any change in the patient's condition
- Heart rate less than 40 beats per minute or greater than 130 beats per minute
- Respiratory rate less than 8 or greater than 30 per minutes with patient symptomatic
- Systolic B/P less than 90mm/Hg or greater than 200mm/Hg
- Decrease in 02 saturation less than 90% despite oxygen therapy in progress
- Change in level of consciousness

See also the Children's Hospital of San Antonio policy CH-NU-00-09 for full policy information and treatment protocols.

Rapid Response Team for CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Westover Hills, Medical Center, New Braunfels and San Marcos

The Rapid response Team (RRT) is composed of a Critical Care/ED RN and a Respiratory Therapist. The RRT may be activated by personnel in any inpatient or outpatient unit or ancillary area.

To Activate the RRT

Call 4-8888 at CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Westover Hills and Medical Center Hospitals

Call 3-8888 at CHRISTUS Santa Rosa New Braunfels Hospital

Call 320-3199 at CHRISTUS Santa Rosa San Marcos Hospital

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- Decrease in 02 saturation less than 90% despite oxygen therapy in progress
- Decrease in urine output of less than 50ml/hr. over 4 hrs.
- Chest pain
- Change in level of consciousness/acute seizure activity

When the RRT Arrives

- Use SBAR for communicating appropriate information to them
- Have the patient's chart, medication administration record and current documentation immediately available

See also CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Health System policy CO-NU-00-55 for additional details