



Pro/Con Debate: Ramp Up/Ramp Down

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The Rapid Response Team

- ...is a team of clinicians who bring critical care expertise to the bedside (or wherever it is needed)
- Goal
 - Prevent deaths in patients who are failing outside intensive care settings by implementing rapid response teams (RRTs)

What is the Role of the Team?

- Assess
- Stabilize
- Assist with communication
- Educate and support
- Assist with transfer, if necessary

Key Factors

- Availability
- Accessibility
- Ability
- Identify the “Need for Speed” (Stroke Team, Early Sepsis Identification, AMI)

Rapid Response Team Considerations

- Engage senior leadership support
- Determine the best structure for the team
- Provide education and training
- Establish criteria and mechanism for calling
- Establish structured documentation tool
- Establish feedback mechanisms
- Measure effectiveness

“It’s All About Relationships”

- Design processes to “put people together”
- Foster the relationships
 - Tell the stories, emphasizing each persons contribution
 - Find ways to get people together
- Confidence in clinical decisions
- Rapport with Physician
- Rapport with the patient and family



Questions?

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