

# Challenges for recognising and responding to patient deterioration

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# Overview

- Historic Studies on SAEs
- Competing aims for hospitals
- Changing profile of the hospital
- The gap between skill and demand for ward staff
- Deskillling vs re-skilling
- Important steps in the recognition and response to deterioration
- Strategies to address deterioration (pre-emptive + reactive)
- The ACSQHC consensus statement
- Where to from here ?

## Historic studies on serious adverse events

- Serious adverse events are common in hospitalized patients
  - Australia<sup>1</sup>
  - New Zealand<sup>2</sup>
  - USA<sup>3</sup>
  - Canada<sup>4</sup>

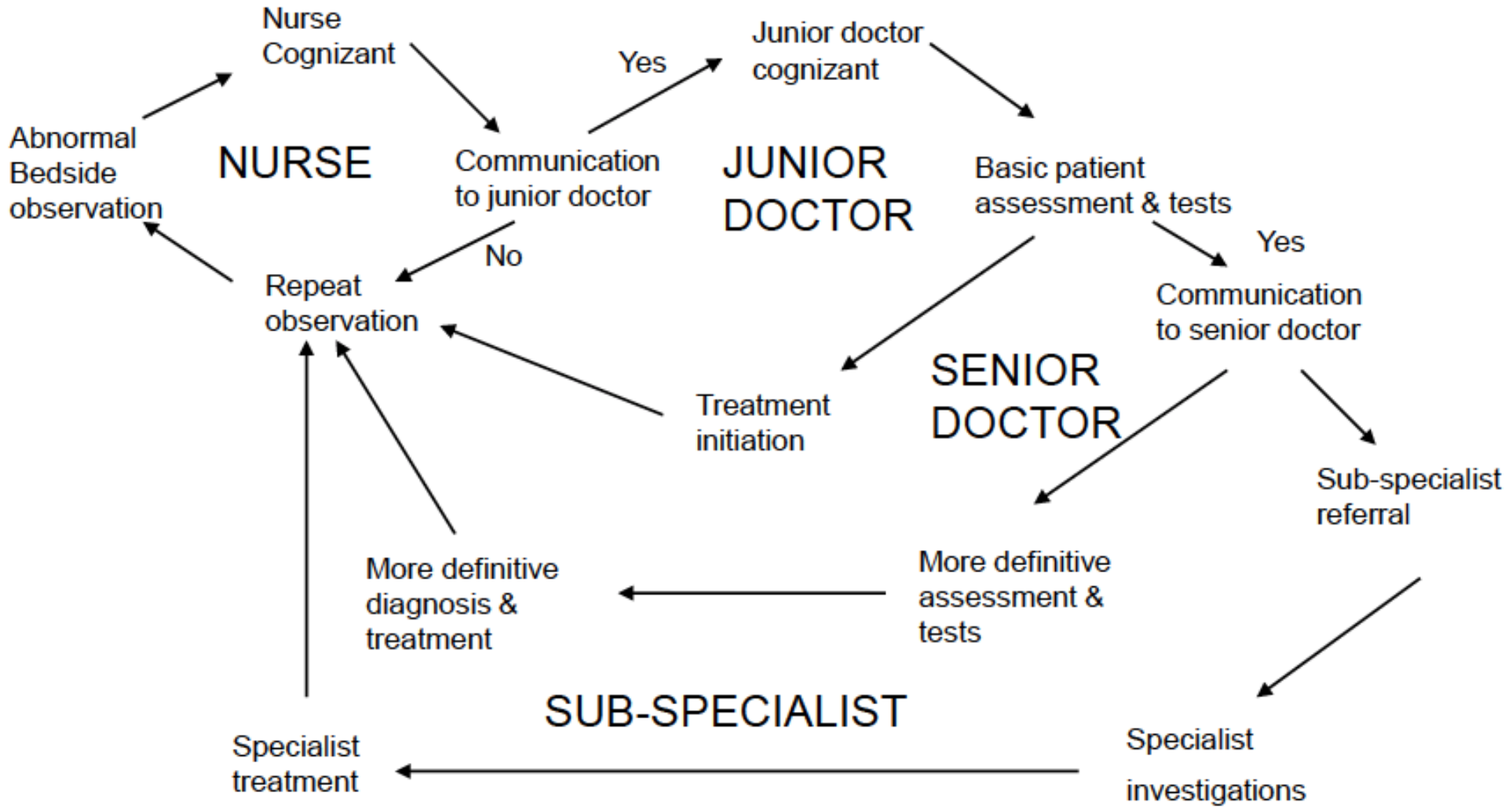
Adverse events  $\cong$  10% admissions

# Are there warning signs

- Serious adverse events were preceded by signs of instability in up to 80% for 6-8hr

– Schein etal	Chest 1990	USA
– Buist etal	MJA 1999	Aus
– Hodgets etal	Resuscitation 2002	UK
– Nurmi etal	Act Anaes Scan 2005	Fin
– Bell etal	Resuscitation 2006	Swe

# Clinical futile cycles (Buist, BMJ 2007)



# Competing aims for the hospital

- Deliver safe + effective care
  - Good outcomes (cure / response)
  - Low rates complications
- Ensure patient access
  - Emergency
  - Elective
- Reduce length of stay
- Keep within budget
- Provide safe, challenging & rewarding conditions for staff

- Staff training
  - JMOs change rotations every 12-14 weeks
  - The start of the year effect
  - Taking staff off-line for protected training
- Research

# Changing profile of the hospital

	2000	2018
<b>DOSA</b>	Just coming in	The norm
<b>SAEC</b>	No	Yes
<b>Surgery centre</b>	No	13,000 low-medium risk cases
<b>HITH</b>	Just coming in	Often used
<b>Length of stay / case-mix funding</b>	Long = 20 days major surgery	Progressively shorter
<b>Anaesthetic technique and patient exclusion</b>	Patients declined surgery	Anaesthetist can get anybody through
<b>Endoscopic surgery + interventional radiology</b>	Just evolving	Well established
<b>Societal expectations – patient and clinician</b>	LOMT Not treating was acceptable	Much more complex and invasive procedures done
<b>HMO hours</b>	Long – including 14 hr shifts (see consequences of Rx)	? shorter
<b>Major focus for HMOs</b>	Diagnosis and Rx	Flow and administrative work
<b>Apprenticeship model</b>	Yes	??



# The gap between skill and demand

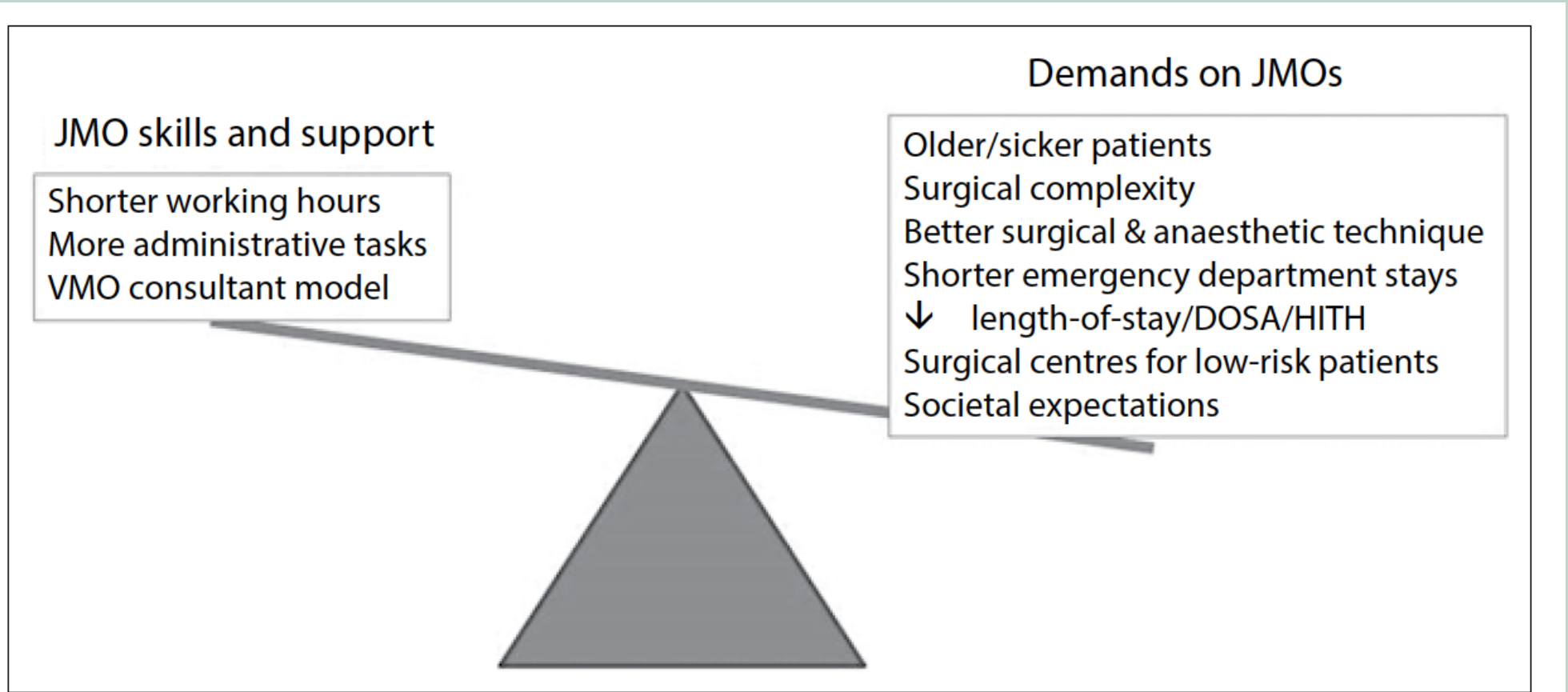
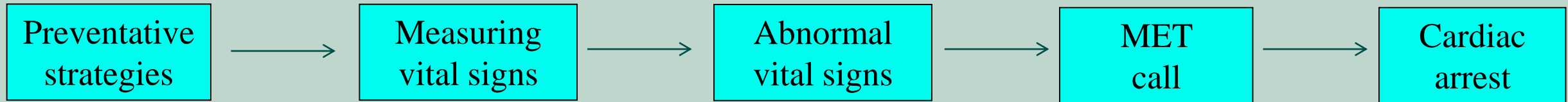


Figure 1: Imbalance between junior medical officer (JMO) skills and supports and the demands placed on them. VMO=visiting medical officer, DOSA=day of surgery admission, HITH=hospital in the home.

# Deskilling vs re-skilling

- In the past
  - Clinical assessment, paper based documentation
  - Longer working hours
- Presently
  - More emphasis on flow + length of stay
  - Negotiating multiple IT platforms
  - Getting and chasing investigations / referrals
- How is the day 1 intern de-skilled ??

# Steps in managing deteriorating patients



## Prevention

- ICU liaison nurses
- Peri-op medicine
- HDU / ICU
- HDU-recovery
- Patient cohorting
- Rounding
- Research / audit (Ortho + surgery)
- Goals of care

## Detection / recognition

- Taking vital signs
- Escalation policy

## Response

- Urgent clinical review process
- Response by parent unit

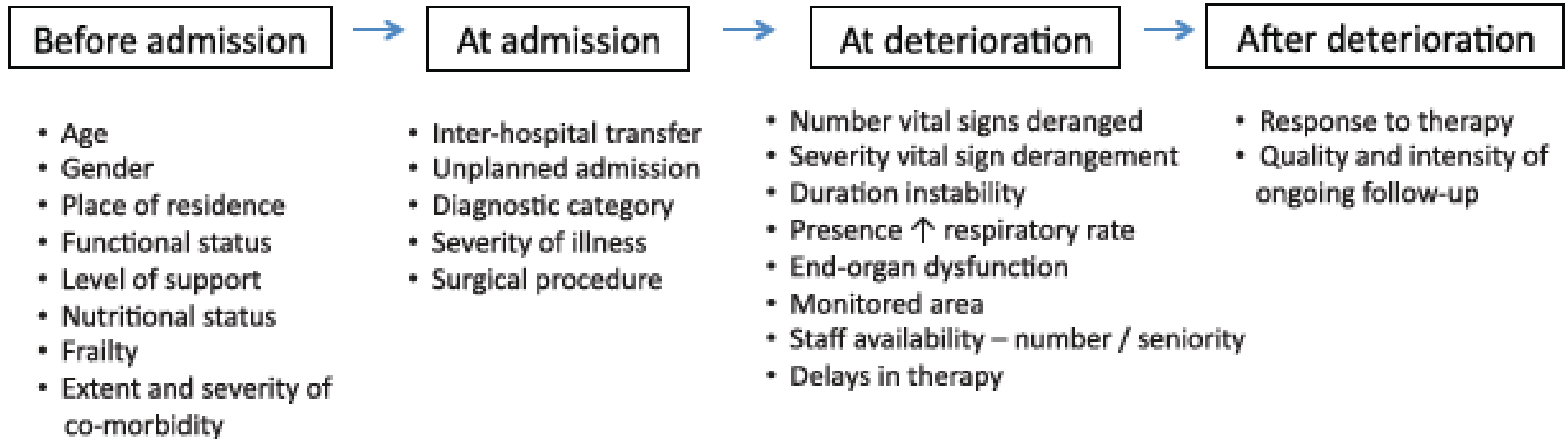
## Response

- Rapid Response Team

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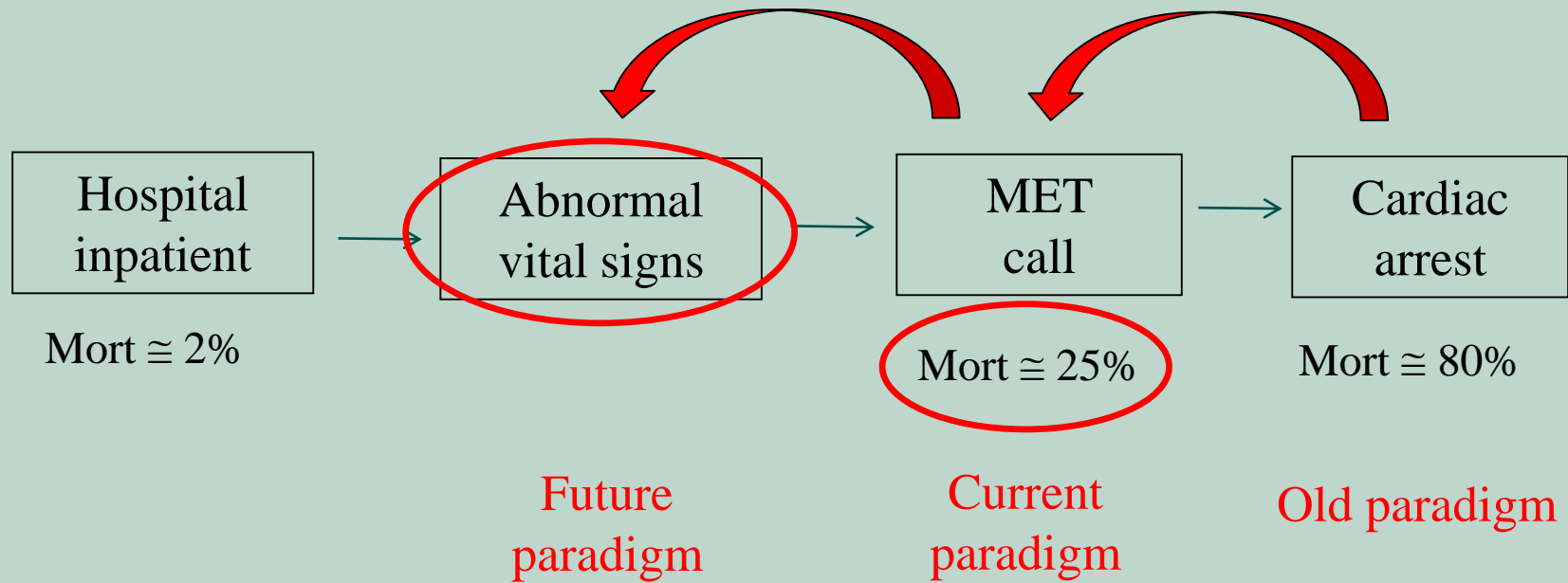
- Respond Blue

# Risk factors for adverse events already known



**Fig. 1.** Model for sequentially stratifying risk of deteriorating patients during hospitalisation.

# Need to develop preventative strategies



# Intensive Care Liaison nurses

- Highly variable design, training, nature of service
- Systematic + integrative reviews
  - Reduced delay in patient discharge <sup>1,2</sup>
  - Effective discharge planning <sup>1</sup>
  - Improved in-hospital mortality <sup>1,2</sup>
  - Reduced ICU re-admission <sup>2</sup>
  - Reduced Adverse events <sup>2</sup>

- What do ICU LNs do ?
  - 3799 patients in 2 hospitals
  - 1330 screen and no intervention
  - 978 one review / 1491 multiple reviews

Task	Number (%)
Critical care follow up	1734 (45.6)
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Abnormal Physiology	188 (4.9)
Part of RRT	914 (24.1)
Follow-up RRT patient	294 (7.7)
Tracheostomy round	15 (0.4)
TPN roud	39 (1.0)
IV line review	24 (0.6)
Other	181 (4.8)

# Peri-operative medicine

- Acute pain services
- Ortho-geriatric services
- Cardiology / cardiac surgery
- Most major private medical surgical cases
  
- ANZCS peri-operative medicine SIG



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This year's meeting is in association with the Australian and New Zealand Society for Geriatric Medicine (ANZGM) and the Internal Medicine Society of Australia and New Zealand (IMSANZ). The meeting will explore different ways of assessing perioperative risk in a wide variety of patient populations, and equip you with knowledge to help manage at-risk patients within your own clinical environment.

The program showcases a fantastic line up of international and national speakers including the following:

- Professor Carol Peden
- Professor BobbieJean Sweitzer
- Professor Sunil Sahai
- Associate Professor Ruth Hubbard
- Professor David Story
- Professor David A Scott
- Professor Michael Cox
- Professor Imogen Mitchell
- Professor Bernhard Riedel
- Professor Charlie Corke

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# Nurse rounding

- Systematic review – 16 studies
  - Variable frequency (hourly, 2-hr, etc) – precluded quantitative analysis
  - Improved patient perceptions of nurses responsiveness
  - Reduced falls
  - Reduced nurse buzzing

# Advance care planning and goals of care

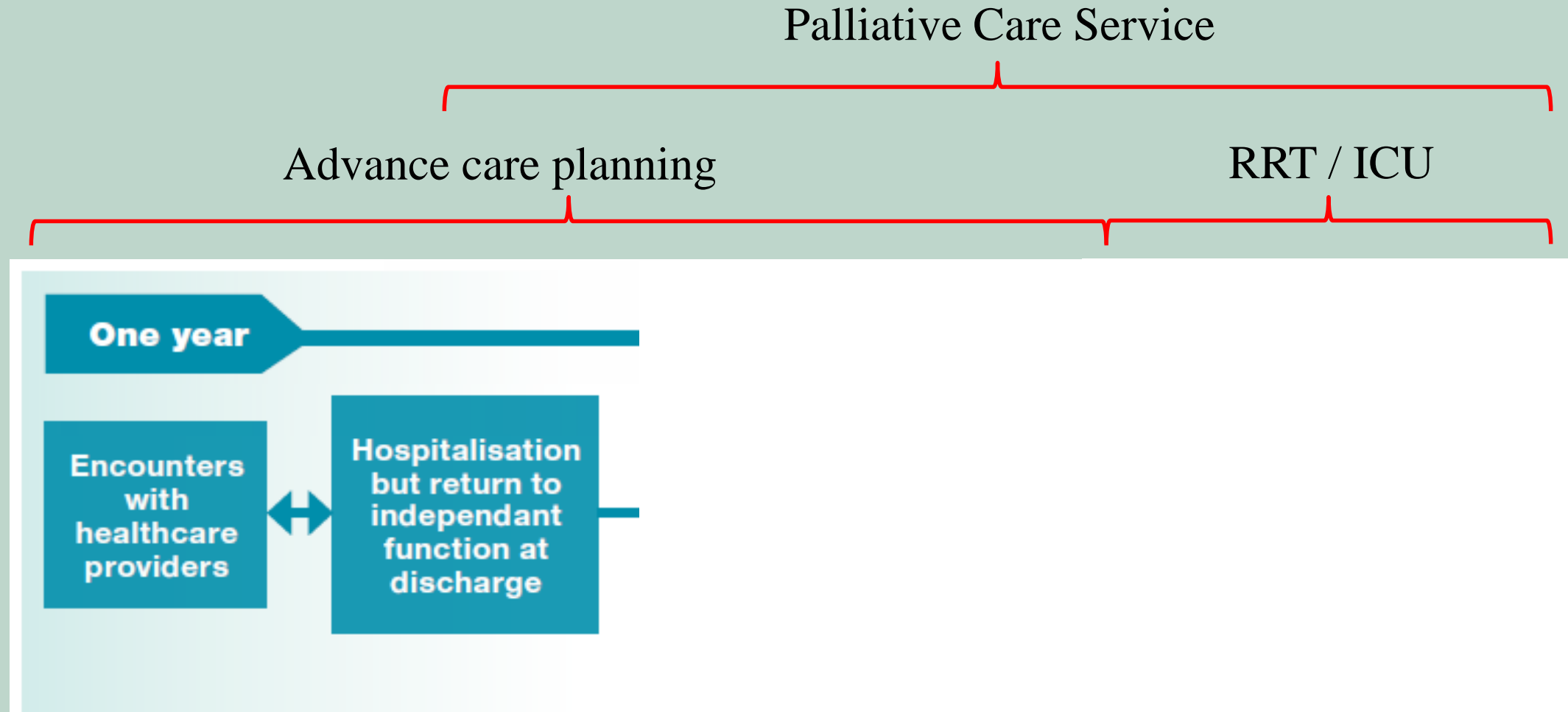
- 309 patients aged  $\geq 80$  yo
- RCT to receive advance care planning or not
- 84% expressed choices / appointed surrogate
  - End of life wishes more likely to be known
  - Family members had less stress, anxiety and depression

**The impact of advance care planning on end of life care in elderly patients: randomised controlled trial**

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# Phase of end of life care



# ACQSHC consensus statement – deteriorating patients

- **A. Clinical processes**

- Measurement and recording of observations
- Escalation protocols
- Rapid response systems
- Communication processes

- **B. Organizational pre-requisites**

- Organizational supports
- Education
- Evaluation and monitoring
- Use of new technology



# Hospital escalation policy

ESCALATE

Vital signs are in the Medical Emergency “purple zone” of the Observation chart:

- Alert Nurse in-charge.
- **Activate “Site Specific Medical Emergency Response.”**
- Stay with patient and repeat a full set of vital signs while awaiting the patient review.
- Ensure that parent unit (Cover AH) has been notified and reviews patient within 30 mins of the call.
- Document event and outcome.
- Check resuscitation plan.
- Ensure Next of Kin has been informed.



If “Medical Emergency Response” has not occurred within 10mins:

- Alert Nurse in-charge.
- Re-call your Site Specific Medical Emergency Response.
- Page members of the parent unit.
- Stay with patient and repeat vital signs while awaiting the patient review.

Vital signs are in the Urgent Clinical Review “orange zone” of the Observation chart or you are concerned about the patient:

- Alert Nurse in-charge, senior nurse reviews.
- Once confirmed:  
**Activate an “Urgent Clinical Review.”**
  - Contact Parent Unit HMO (Cover AH).
  - Give handover based on ISBAR format.
  - Arrange time frame for review (within 30 mins).
  - Continue frequent vital signs.
  - Document event including assessment, changes and outcome.



If “Urgent Clinical Review” has not occurred within 30 mins or no response:

- Notify the Nurse in-charge.
- Escalate the call by contacting both the HMO and Registrar.
- If surgical staff in theatre – ring theatre ext 5265 and state “Urgent clinical review needed” so that nursing and clerical staff understand reason for your call.
- Repeat a full set of vital signs every 15 mins while awaiting the patient review. Activate your “Site Specific Medical Emergency Response” if patient deteriorates according to criteria.

RESPOND

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If no response to the escalation call within 5 mins:

- Call a Respond Blue Upgrade.
- Re-page all members of the parent unit.
- Submit a Riskman of the incident.

Do not stop until you actually speak to a medical staff member. (Just leaving a message is inadequate).

**“Review” has not occurred within a further 10mins or no response:**

- Escalate the call by contacting the Consultant.

**No response from any member of parent unit and the patient still requires review.**

- Contact the Head of Unit.
- Continue repeating a full set of vital signs every 15mins while awaiting the patient review.
- Activate your “Site Specific Medical Emergency Response” if patient deteriorates to criteria.
- Submit a Riskman of the incident

# Expected response

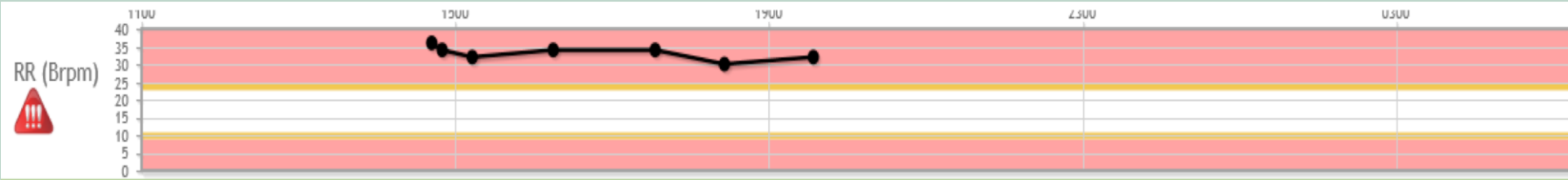
Emergency Call	
<b>Response Criteria</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Any observation is in a purple area</li><li>• Airway threat</li><li>• Respiratory or cardiac arrest</li><li>• Sudden fall in level of consciousness</li><li>• New drop in O<sub>2</sub> saturation &lt; 90%</li><li>• Seizure</li><li>• You are worried about the patient but they do not fit the above criteria</li></ul>	<b>Actions Required</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Place Emergency call</li><li>• Registrar to review patient within 10 minutes</li><li>• Registrar to ensure Consultant is notified</li></ul>

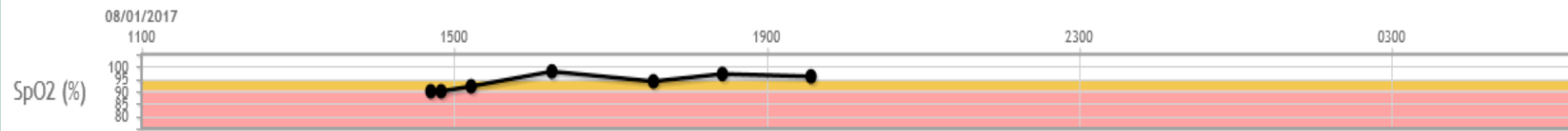
Clinical Review	
<b>Response Criteria</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Any observation is in an orange area</li><li>• New or unrelenting chest pain</li><li>• New or unrelenting shortness of breath</li><li>• Increased or unexpected fluid or blood loss</li><li>• You are worried about the patient but they do not fit the above criteria</li></ul>	<b>Actions Required</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Registrar to review patient within 30 minutes</li><li>• Request review, and note on the back of this form</li><li>• Registrar to ensure consultant is notified</li><li>• Ward doctor to attend</li></ul>



# Urgent clinical review and ORC



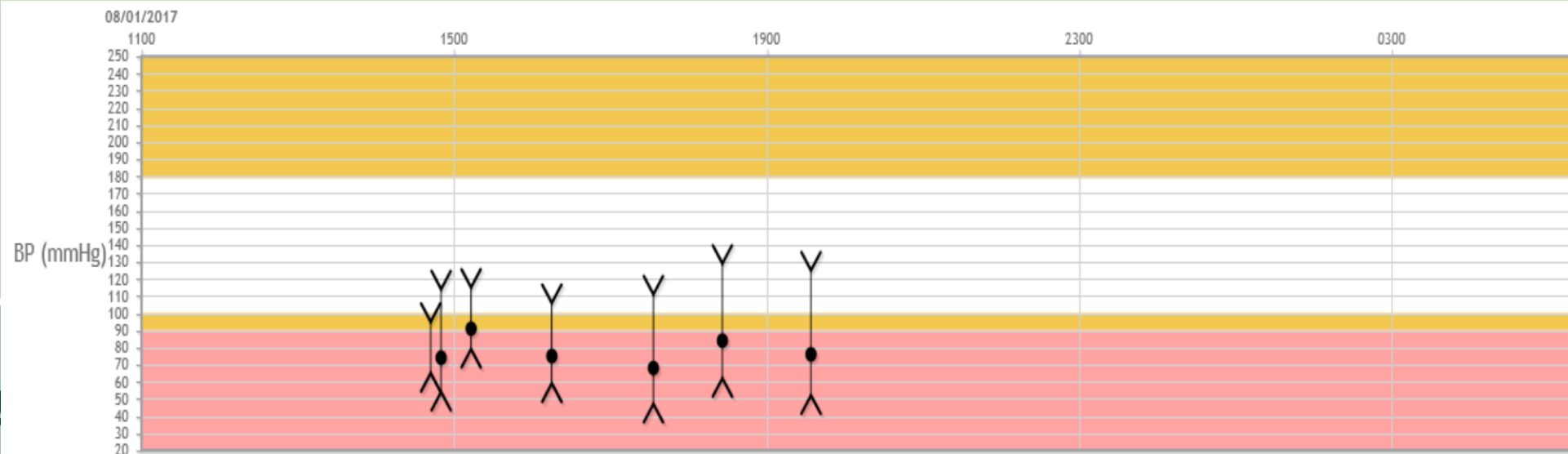
SpO2 + Add



Oxygen + Add

08/01/2017		1100	1500	1900	2300	0300
L/min or %			2 L/min [4]	2 L/min		
Device		Room air	Nasal cannula [4]	Nasal cannula		

Blood Pressure (SBP is the trigger) + Add



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# The Medical Emergency Team

**AIRWAY**

- Obstructed airway
- Noisy breathing or stridor
- Problem with a tracheostomy tube

**BREATHING**

- Any difficulty breathing
- Breathing <8 breaths a minute
- Breathing >25 breaths a minute
- Oxygen saturation  $\leq 90\%$ , despite high-flow oxygen

**IF PATIENT IS NOT BREATHING, CALL A CODE BLUE**

**CIRCULATION**

- Pulse <40 beats a minute
- Pulse >120 beats a minute
- Low blood pressure (systolic <90 mm Hg)
- Urine output <50 ml over 4 hours

**IF PATIENT HAS NO PULSE, CALL A CODE BLUE**

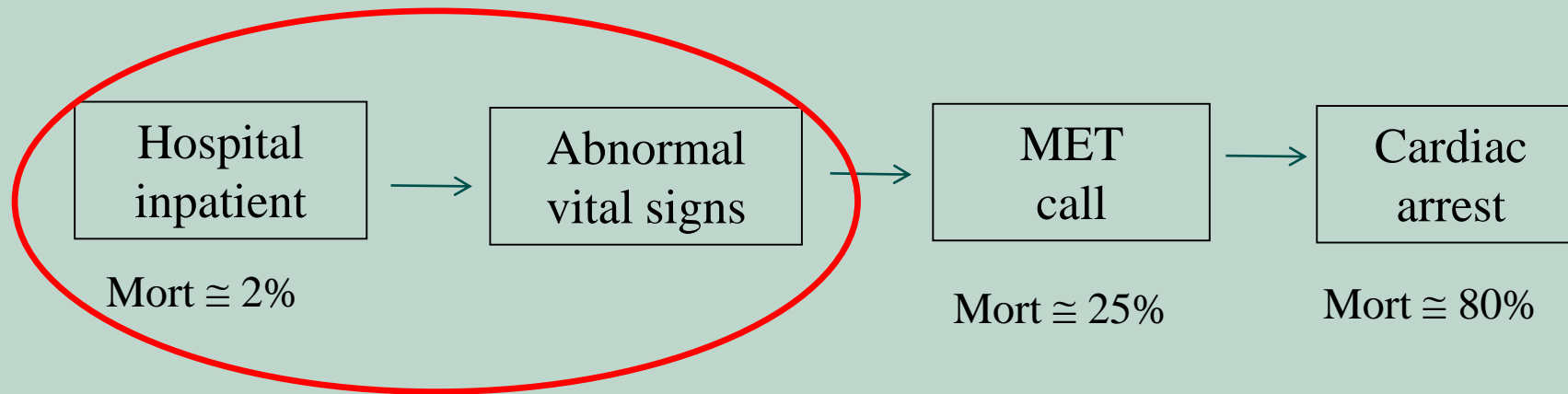
**CONSCIOUS STATE**

- Sudden change in conscious state
- Patient cannot be roused

## Evidence for RRS effectiveness


- 3 meta-analysis show reduction IHCA's
  - Maharaj 2015
    - RR 0.65 (95 % CI 0.61–0.70) for adults
    - RR 0.64 (95 % CI 0.55–0.74) for paediatrics
  - Winters 2013
    - RR 0.66 (95 % CI 0.54–0.80) for adults
    - RR 0.62 (95 % CI 0.46–0.84) for paediatrics
  - Chan PS 2010
    - RR 0.66 (95 % CI 0.54–0.80) for adults
- One meta-analysis shows decreased hospital mortality

# Future directions



# Next steps

- Automated vital sign monitoring

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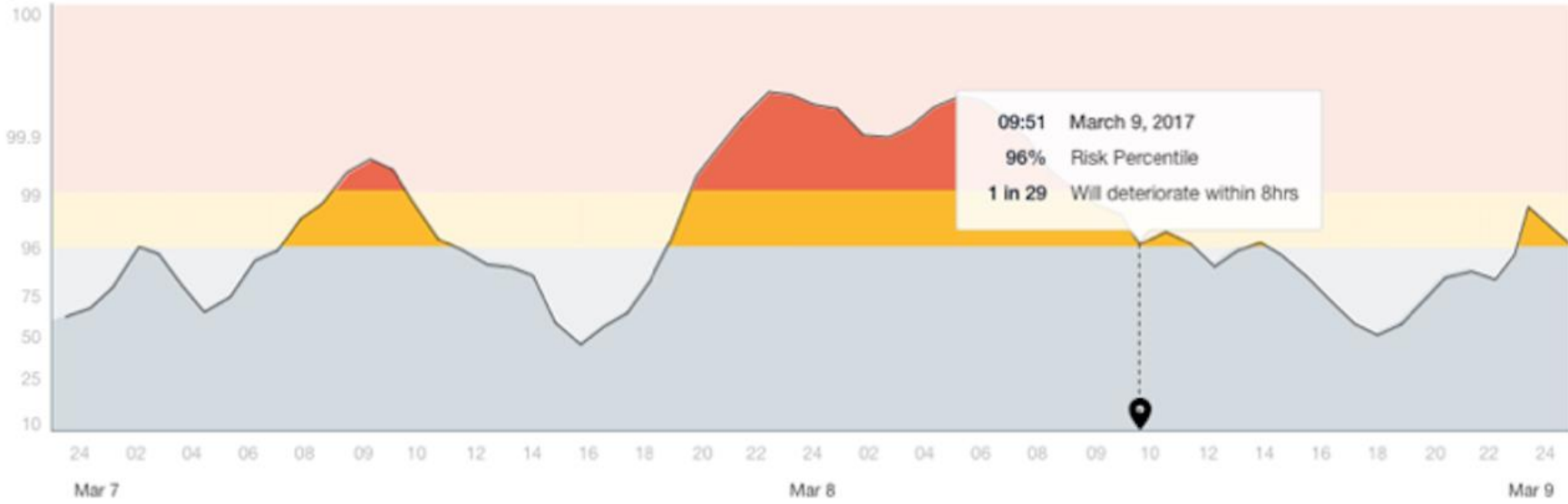
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eCART Trend

12 hrs 24 hrs **48 hrs** 72 hrs 1 week



**Recommended for Moderate Risk**

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Disposition

RRT following

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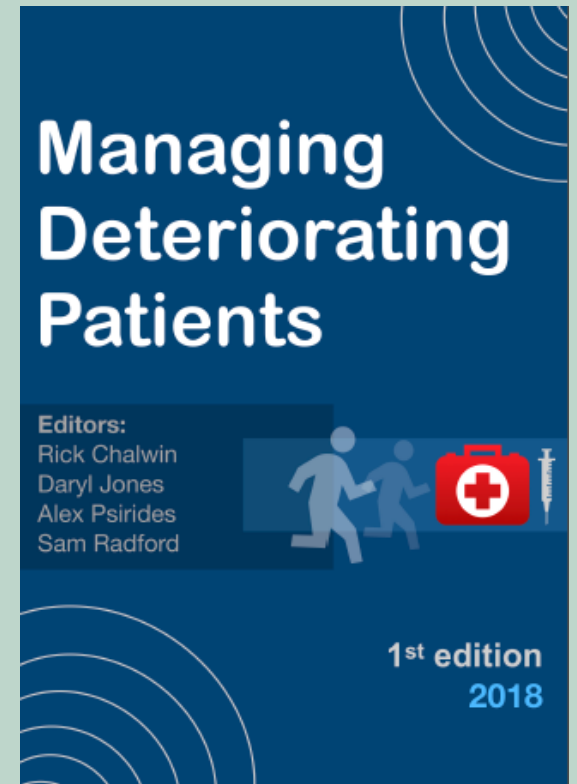
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Components	15 hours ago
Risk score	96
Temperature (°C)	36.6
Heart Rate (beats/min)	H 110
Systolic blood pressure (mmHg)	122
Diastolic blood pressure (mmHg)	H 79
Respirations (/min)	19
Oxygen Saturation (%)	L 86%
Responds to	Alert
White blood cells (K/ $\mu$ L)	H 13.3
Hemoglobin (g/dL)	H 10.2
Platelets (K/ $\mu$ L)	172
Sodium (mEq/L)	H 148
Potassium (mEq/L)	4.1
Carbon dioxide (mEq/L)	23
Chloride (mEq/L)	H 116
BUN (mg/dL)	H 27
Creatinine (mg/dL)	H 1.2
Glucose (mg/dL)	H 136
Calcium (mg/L)	9.4
Total protein (mg/dL)	7.5
Albumin (g/dL)	3.6
Total bilirubin (mg/dL)	0.9
AST (U/L)	H 41
Alk Phos (U/L)	108

# Training of JMOs

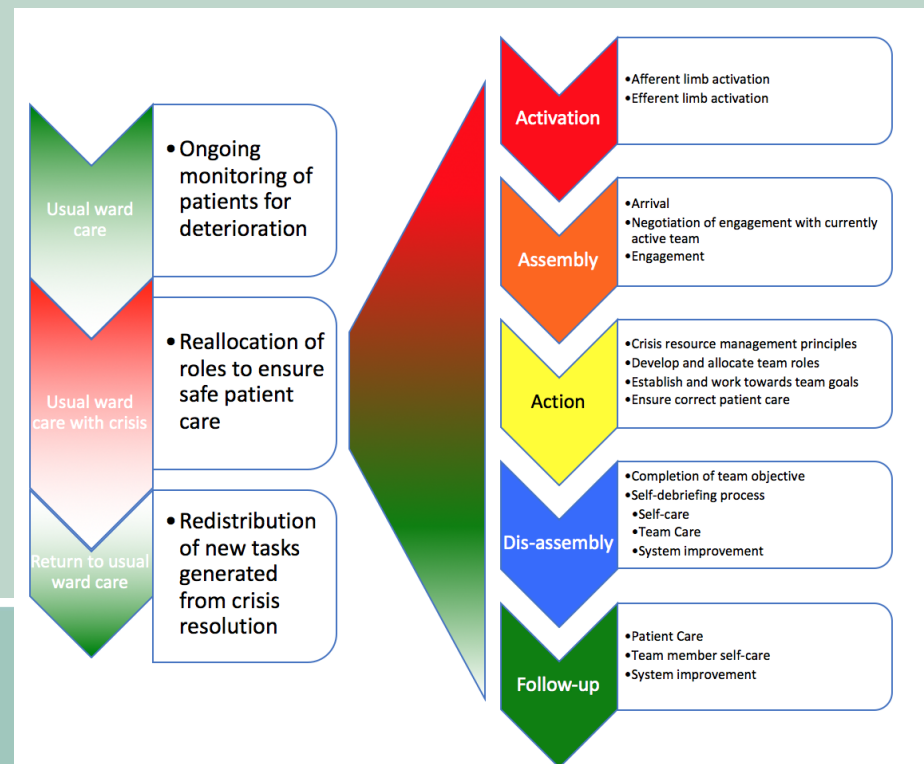
- RRT/MET introduced because of deficit of JMOs
- We have made their job more challenging
- Need to train JMOs
- Needs to start at Uni
  - Sam Radford – rotate with MET
  - Charles Gomersall – BASIC
  - [rrthandbook.org](http://rrthandbook.org)





# Austin ICU MET-Sim program 2018

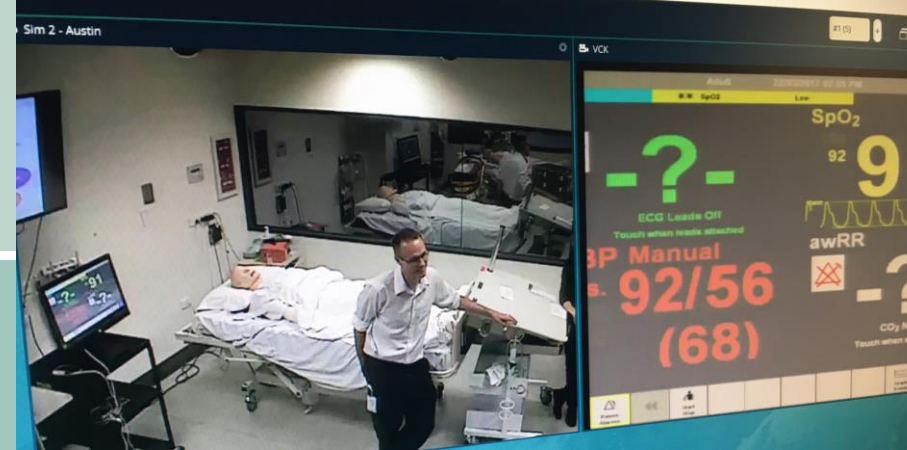
- 2018 format developed from monthly ICU registrar simulation program
- 2 MET interprofessional 3 hour simulation-based education per 6 month roster cycle
  - Aligned to 6 monthly ICU registrar rotations of new staff
  - Includes beginning, intermediate and advanced MET nursing team
- Interprofessional faculty who plan and coordinate program improvement process since 2016 inception, based on contemporary literature





# Austin ICU MET-Sim program

- **MET Sim 1 (Feb/Aug)**
  - MET trolley and MET role orientation
  - Common MET syndromes
  - Overview of MET system above the team working at the clinical interface
- **MET Sim 2 (Mar/Sep)**
  - End-of-Life care
  - MDTM discussions
  - Advanced Care Planning
  - Sepsis
- Each session has a focus on
  - teamwork within aspects of the MET timeline
  - team roles and goals
  - current issues in MET system, based on MET data



# ANZICS RRT – team training DVD



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### RECORDED PRESENTATIONS ANZICS SAFETY & QUALITY CONFERENCE 2015

1. HOW I MANAGE A RRT CALL – ALEX PSIRIDES
2. HOW I MANAGE A RRT CALL FOR A PATIENT WITH RESPIRATORY DISTRESS – SAM RADFORD
3. HOW I MANAGE A RRT CALL FOR A PATIENT WITH HYPOTENSION – RUSSELL LAVER
4. THE CONCEPT OF ROLES AND GOALS – DARYL JONES
5. HOW TO RUN TEAM TRAINING SAFELY – PETRA BIERER
6. CENTRALISED TEAM TRAINING – RICK CHALWIN
7. TEAM TRAINING ON A BUDGET – SAM RADFORD

### VIDEOS OF SIMULATED RRT CALLS

8. INTUBATION – SAM RADFORD
9. SHOCK STATE – ALEX PSIRIDES

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10. MANAGING A MET CALL
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12. MET: HYPOTENSION
13. MET: HYPOXIA – DYSPNOEA
14. MET: OLIGURIA
15. MET: ALTERED CONSCIOUS STATE
16. ABBREVIATED ASSESSMENT SHEET FOR MET FEEDBACK
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# Summary

- Hospital profile has changed profoundly over last 20 years
- Role of ward doctors nurses also changed
- Important pre-emptive approaches include:
  - Nurse rounding
  - ICU liaison nurses
- RRS implementation associated with reductions in cardiac arrests
- However patients reviewed by MET are at-risk
- Pre-MET interventions are needed
  - Medical co-management of high risk surgical patients
  - Advance care planning and setting goals of care
- Role of monitoring needs to be tested