

TeamSTEPPS: Strategies and Tools to Enhance Performance and Patient Safety.

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Effective [teamwork](#) plays an essential role in providing safe patient care. The Team Strategies and Tools to Enhance Performance and Patient Safety (TeamSTEPPS) program was developed initially in collaboration by the United States Department of Defense and AHRQ in order to support effective communication and teamwork in health care. The 3.0 version of the widely implemented program is organized around 5 key strategies: patient focus, integrated platform, modular course design, active adult learning and emergent team challenges and opportunities. It provides new tools to measure its [impact](#), supports increased emphasis on the role of patients in teams, and includes a new pocket guide. A PSNet WebM&M [commentary](#) discussed how improved teamwork and shared decision-making might have prevented a missed diagnosis of sepsis that lead to the death of a patient.