

Rapid response teams as a patient safety practice for failure to rescue.

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[Rapid response teams](#) (RRTs) are intended to quickly identify clinical deterioration and prevent intensive care unit transfer, [cardiac arrest](#), or death. This article summarizes the evidence included in the AHRQ [Making Healthcare Safer III](#) report about the use of RRTs to decrease [failure to rescue](#). Although utilization is widespread, the authors conclude that definitive evidence that RRTs are associated with reduced rates of failure to rescue is inconclusive. The authors note that evidence does support that RRTs are associated with reduced secondary outcomes, such as ICU transfer rate and cardiac arrest.