

Critical care teamwork in the future: the role of TeamSTEPPS in the COVID-19 pandemic and implications for the future.

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The COVID-19 pandemic dramatically changed healthcare delivery and impacted the ways healthcare [teams](#) function. Using interprofessional focus groups, this study explored the perspectives of medical intensive care unit (MICU) team members on the role of [TeamSTEPPS](#)® during the first year of the [COVID-19 pandemic](#). Participants discussed how TeamSTEPPS® impacted teamwork and communication through [shared mental models](#), trust, role definition, and effective briefing/debriefing and transitions of care strategies. Participants also identified several challenges to TeamSTEPPS® implementation related to the MICU environment, the ongoing pandemic, power dynamics, and patient acuity.